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**2004-2014
10 ans de calcul haute
performance à Airbus**

Enseignements et perspectives

Airbus

- A world leading aircraft manufacturer
Customer focus, commercial know-how, technological leadership, manufacturing efficiency
- A world wide presence with strong European roots
Subsidiaries in United States, China, Japan, India and in the Middle East



A350XWB : entering in service this fall

				
A320 Family This eco-efficient product line, including the A318, A319, A320 and A321, cover the 100-220 seat market	A330 Family The highly-successful and versatile widebody A330 Family conducts a variety of operations around the world	A340 Family The four members of the A340 Family can carry from 260 to 400 passengers on the world's longest routes	A350 XWB The brand new, state-of-the-art, A350 XWB address the needs of the 270 to 350-seat market	A380 The efficient A380 double-deck jetliner is a game changer that has become the new icon in aviation

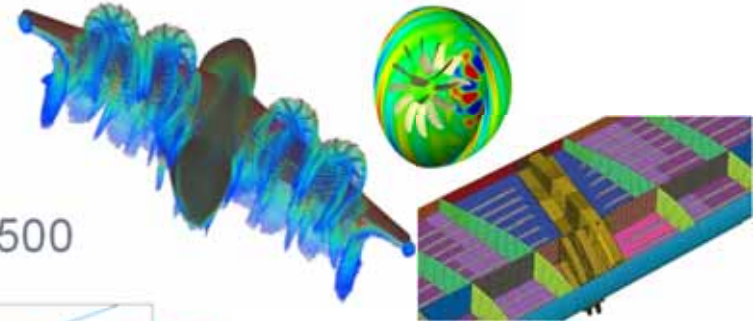
Airbus	May 2014
Total orders	14018
Total deliveries	8504
In operation	7824

HPC (High Performance Computing) at Airbus

HPC as a service



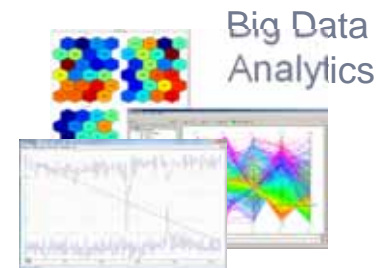
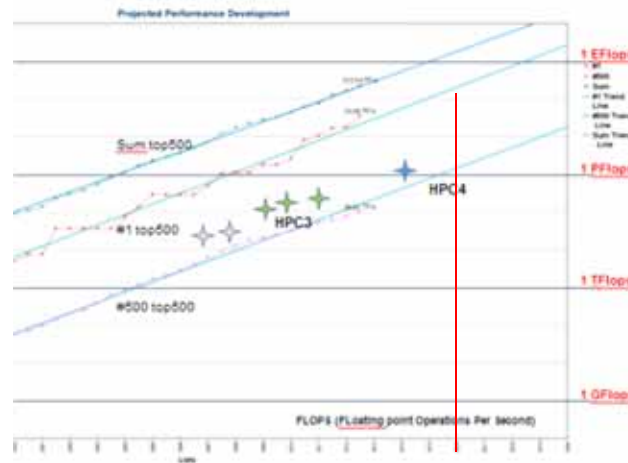
Scientific simulation



Hybrid cloud



Within Top500



10 years of High Performance Computing : Lessons learnt & perspectives



- Infrastructure
- Applications
- Usage

Vector computers → Scalar clusters → ?

Infrastructure (1/2) | Applications | Usage

2004

- Internal assembly of proprietary hardware
- Computing centers with specific infrastructure layout
- Limited specific needs for electrical power

2014

- Integrated HPC means rented as a service, long term internal assets / short term external CPU hours
- Hybrid cloud linking HPC means & customers
- Electrical power needed for a POD is ~ 0,5 MW

Performance Optimized Datacenter (POD)



HPC4 root \$	
> Location :	Toulouse, Hamburg
> Containers :	3 PODs
> Servers :	2 320
> Cores :	55 680
> Memory :	270 TB
> Local Storage :	1 500 TB
> Shared Midterm Storage :	750 TB
> Shared Computing Storage :	1 800 TB
> Energy Efficiency	PUE < 1.2

Super computer in a container

Outsourced service

Energy Efficiency (PUE 1.25)

990 TFlops though 55680 cores / 385 TB Memory

1,8 TB Scratch & 500 TB Mid-Term Storage

Infrastructure (2/2) | Applications | Usage

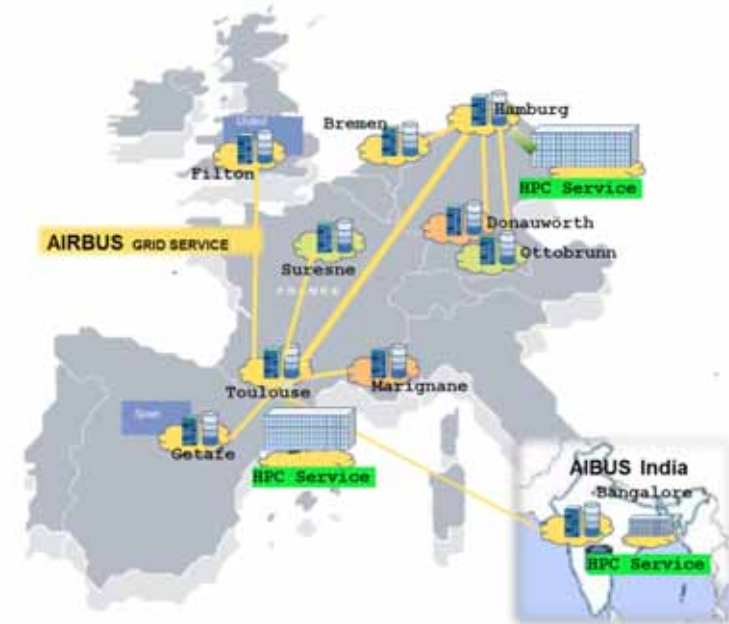
2004

- Execution centric operations (select your CPU)
- Batch queuing (CPU fair share)
- Local computing centers setup & execution instructions
- No data management

2014

- Data centric operations (keep operations within POD)
- Grid computing optimize CPU, data access, licences...
- All scientific computing means on the same cloud
- Virtualization: homogeneous execution model to support
- Support for efficient HPC data management

Grid computing



Infrastructure | Applications | Usage

- More energy efficiency (e.g. GPU, Manycore...)
- More configurable nodes (CPU/Memory/Communication balance)
- Smaller & embarked capable units

- Service centered operations on fully virtualized infrastructure
- Integrated & efficient HPC data management (e.g. meta-data warehousing)
- Mutualized infrastructure between HPC & BigData (e.g. meta-scheduling analytics)

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integration & usability will matter for aeronautic !**

Infrastructure | Applications (1/2) | Usage

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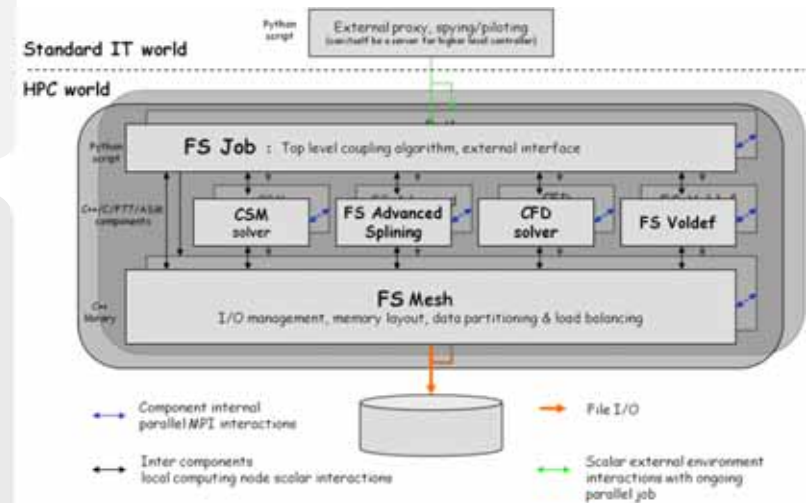
- Monolithic solvers per discipline, limited code re-use
- Execution pattern is computing center dependant
- Job handle one run of the solver

2014

- Multi-disciplinary components dynamically coupled
- Internal standard for code re-use (I/O, mesh handling...)
- Standard execution pattern on virtualized infrastructure
- Job launch parallel server providing solver service
- Meta-scheduling several jobs on same processors

Modularity in HPC applications

(e.g. FlowSimulator open-source solution)



FS : Flow-Simulator
 CFD : Computational Fluid Dynamics
 CSM: Computational Solid Mechanics

Infrastructure | Applications (2/2) | Usage

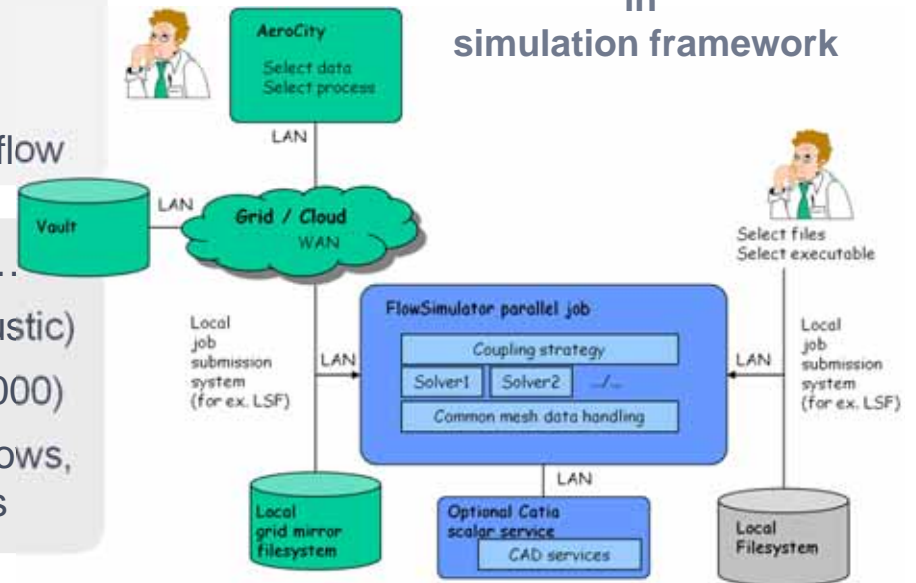
2004

- Mostly aerodynamic simulations
- Mono-disciplinary & static
- One job uses significant part of HPC means
- Many manual interventions in HPC simulation workflow

2014

- Aerodynamic, stress, electromagnetism, accoustic...
- Unsteady & multi-disciplinary (e.g. aero-vibro-accoustic)
- One job use small part of HPC means (e.g. 100/10000)
- Robustness improvement of HPC simulation workflows, now automated & embedded in more complex ones

Integration in simulation framework



LAN: Local Area Network
 WAN : Wide Aera Network
 CAD : Computer Aided Design

Infrastructure | **Applications** | Usage

- Higher level common standard libraries as building blocks for solvers :
I/O, mesh handling, communication with outer world...
- Software ecosystem convergence : Grid ↔ Cloud and HPC ↔ BigData
- Integration in dynamic simulations of systems
- Integration of HPC aspects in commercial simulation frameworks
with improved process & data management capabilities (e.g. self-enriching surrogates)

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Infrastructure | Applications | Usage (1/2)

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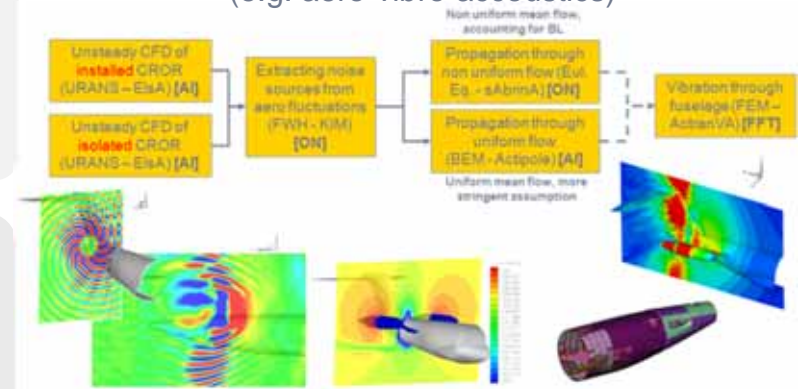
- Capability to predict trend
- Support to design evaluation

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- Capability to predict absolute value in several areas
- Production of design characterization data
- Optimization & Sensitivities (full end-to-end adjoint)
- Multi-level / multi-disciplinary optimization

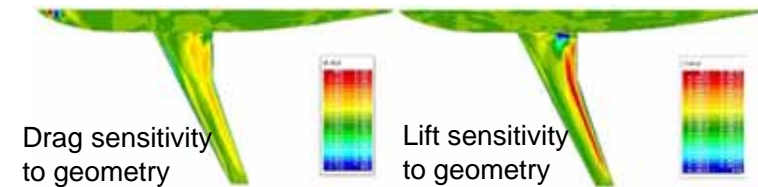
Multi-disciplinary applications

(e.g. aero-vibro-acoustics)



Advanced optimization & sensitivities

(e.g. full end to end aero CFD chain adjoint)



Infrastructure | Applications | Usage (2/2)

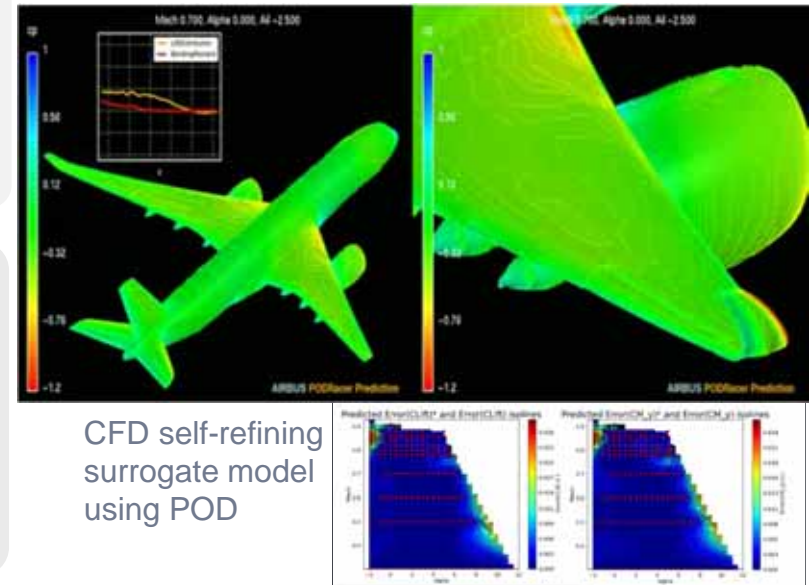
2004

- Usage by specialists
- HPC steps separated from global process
- HPC results thoroughly reviewed before being used

2014

- Usage by large number of engineers
- HPC transparently embedded in process
- Joint extended enterprise simulations with big partners

HPC transparent usage



CFD : Computational Fluid Dynamics
 POD : Principal Orthogonal Decomposition

Infrastructure | Applications | Usage

- Capability to predict absolute value in all the flight domain
- Interactive HPC evaluation in the loop of normal simulations
- Applied mathematics progress matching HPC improvements

- Usage by anyone from any environment, clarification of issue tracking
- Generalization of HPC to Small & Medium Enterprises sub-contractors
- Integrated early HPC co-simulations to support integrated design

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Embark today all yesterday actors of HPC is not enough
We need also today the actors we want on board tomorrow



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