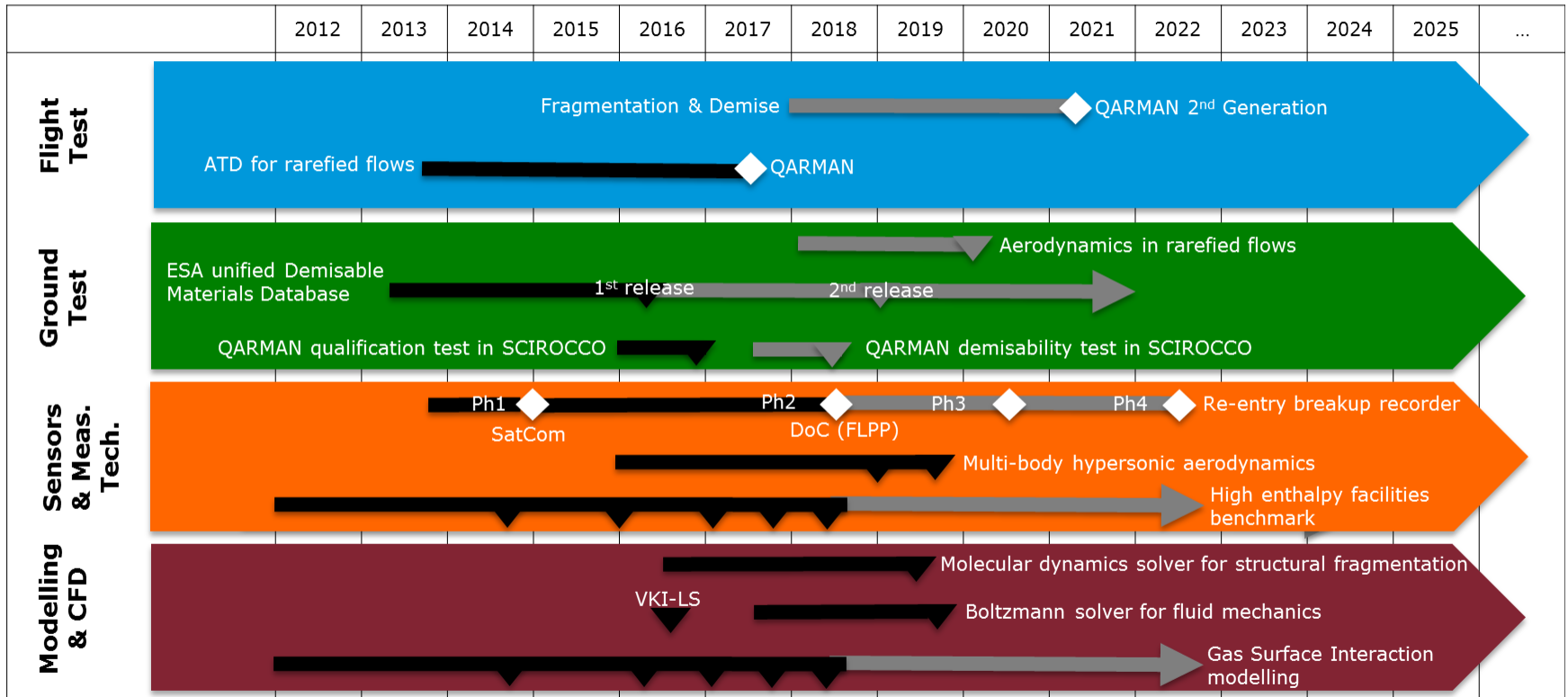


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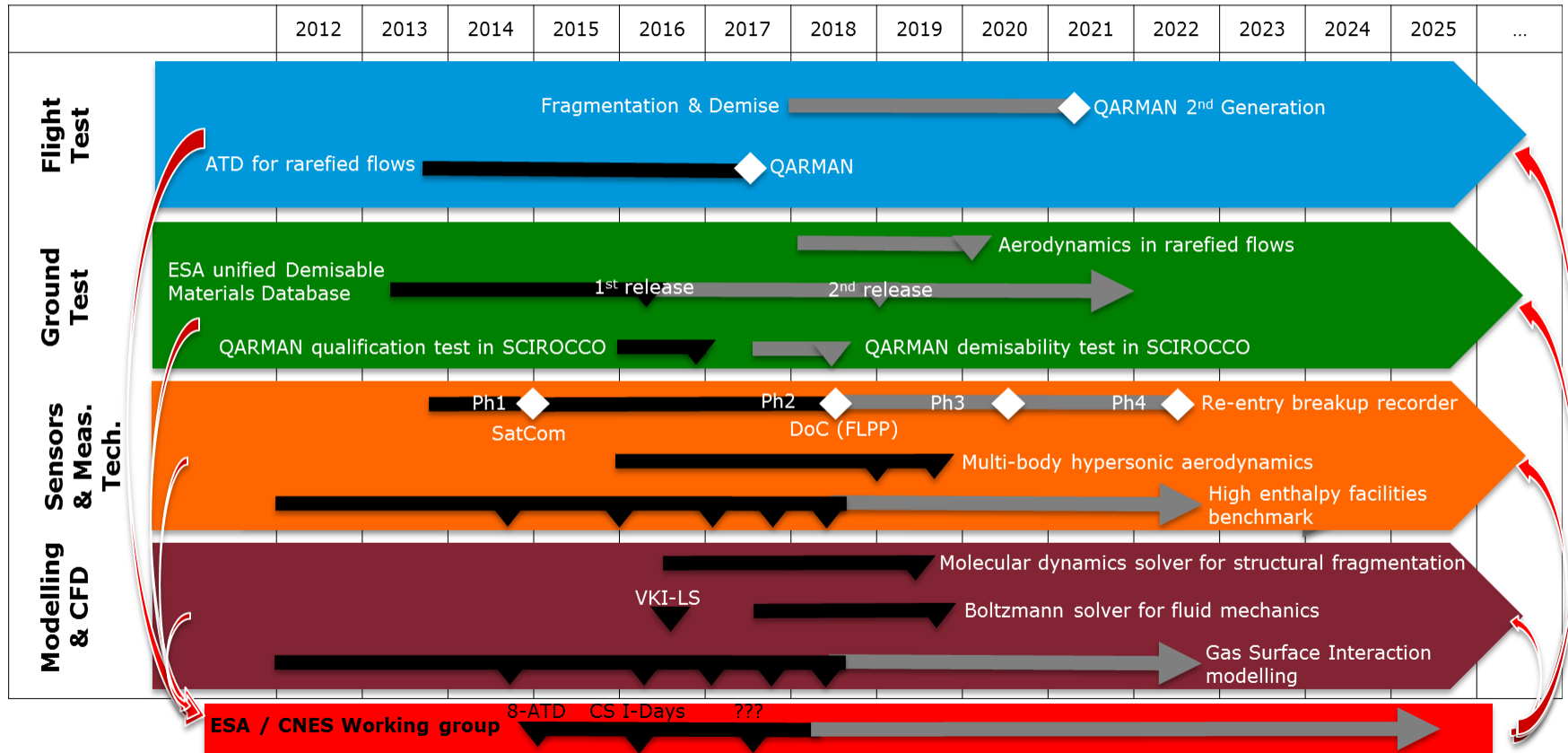


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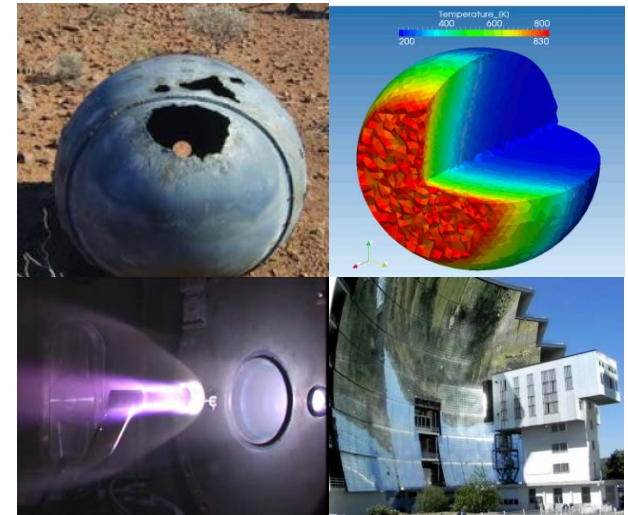
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# The ATD<sup>3</sup> (AeroThermoDynamic for Design for Demise) Workshop

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- I. Context: why ATD<sup>3</sup>?
- II. Aerothermodynamics: why, how
- III. Workshop presentation
  - Objectives
  - Structure and organization
  - Interests
  - Test cases & previous work
  - Future work
- IV. Introduction of the round table discussion

## Legislation /regulation:

- ❑ **Risk mitigation** : Requirements on Space Debris Mitigation for ESA Projects. APPLICABILITY : This document shall be applicable to all ESA space systems orbiting the Earth, or re-entering the Earth's atmosphere (since 2008)
  
- ❑ **Risk assessment** : The new French law on Space Operations (2008) enforces the assessment of risks (The maximum allowable probability to have at least one victim) for every mission to be launched / operated from French territory
  - ✓ in case of a launch failure
  - ✓ in case of an atmospheric re-entry (controlled and uncontrolled)



## Implications for the Space Agencies & industry to be compliant with regulations

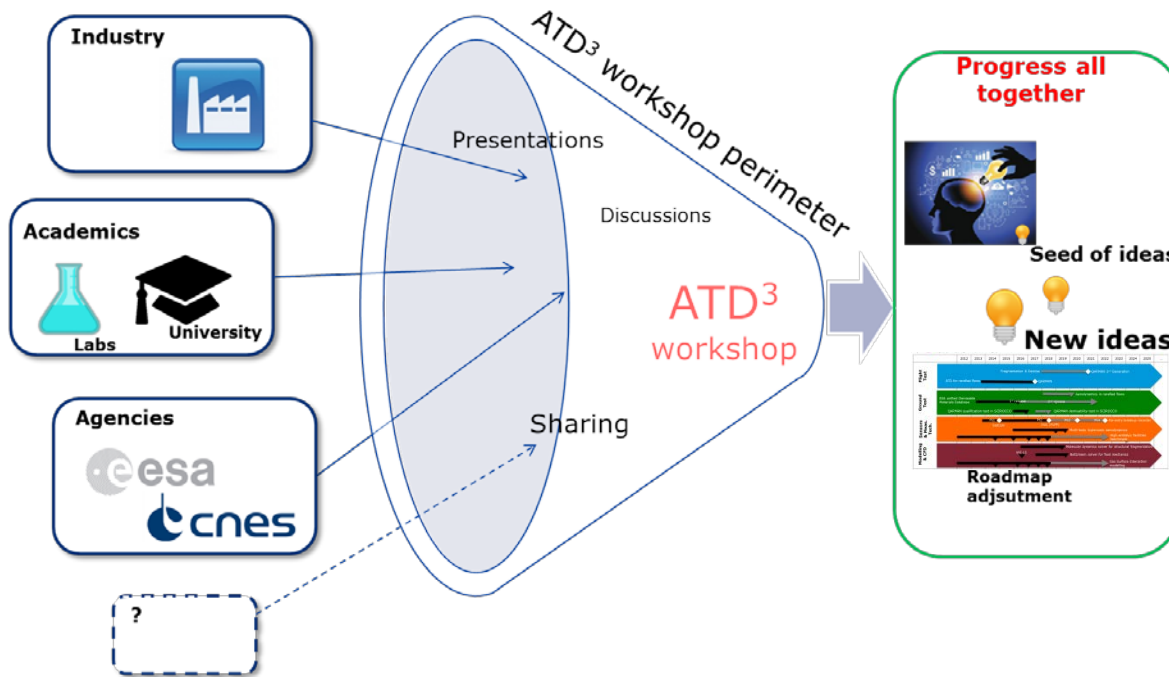
- ❑ Avoid debris generation
- ❑ D4D → **Aerothermodynamics is a key discipline to be investigated**

# The ATD<sup>3</sup> (AeroThermoDynamic for Design for Demise) Workshop

According to this, **ESA & CNES** agree to initiate the **ATD<sup>3</sup>** (AeroThermoDynamics for Design for Demise) Workshop

Every 2 years a regular European forum aiming to:

- Exchange between different communities
- Progress all together in the scope of design for demise (from the ATD point of view)



# Overview of the re-entry process (an aerothermodynamics point of view)

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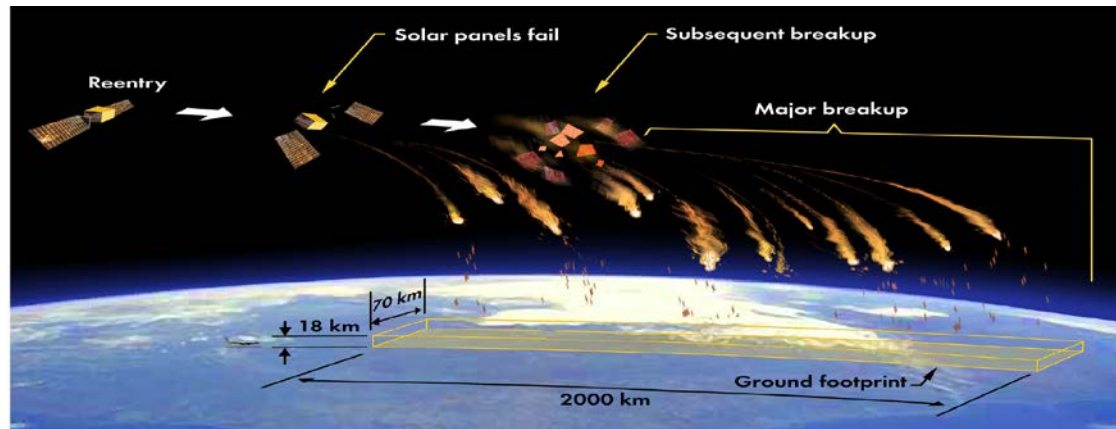
Structural mechanics

Mass loss (e.g. ablation, demise)

Explosion

Chemical reactions

Flight mechanics



Ionisation

Heat exchange

- convection
- diffusion
- radiation

Free molecular, transitional continuum regimes

Fluid structure interaction

Hypersonic supersonic and subsonic aerothermodynamics

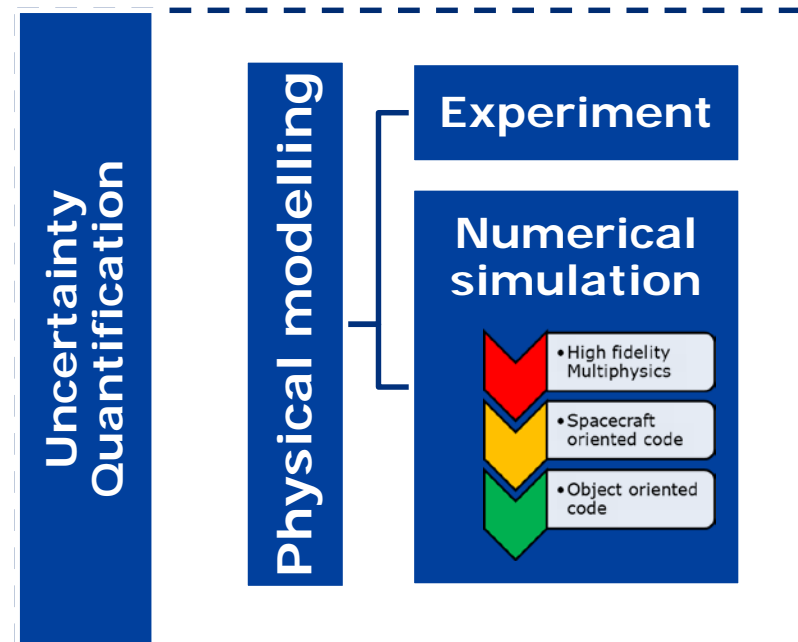
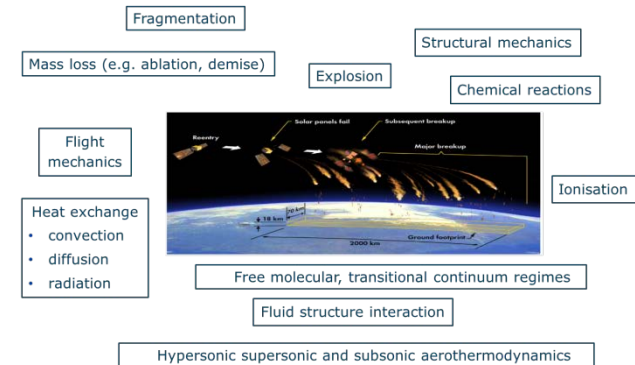
# Aerothermodynamics : Why & How

## Why

In order to assess the risks associated with spacecraft re-entry that should comply with the space law regulations, a better understanding of the aerothermodynamics processes involved is necessary.

## How

- ❑ Numerical tools, from low fidelity to high fidelity
- ❑ Ground facilities and measurement techniques
- ❑ Physical modelling
- ❑ Material properties (inputs for simulations)
- ❑ UQ (Uncertainty Quantification) and verification & validation process





# Numerical approach

## Simulation Chain

**High fidelity code**

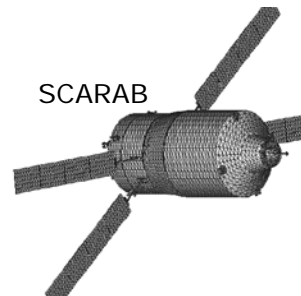
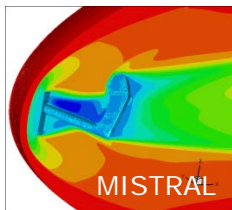
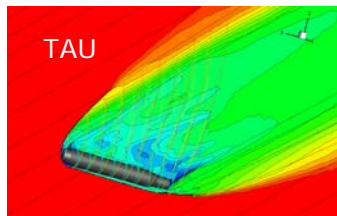
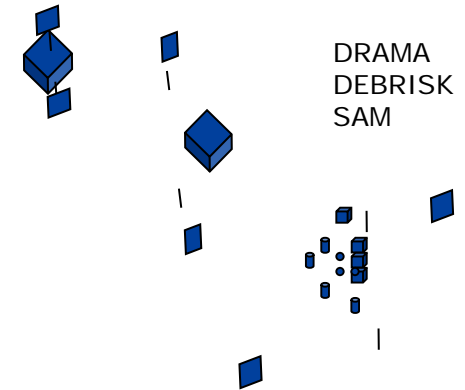
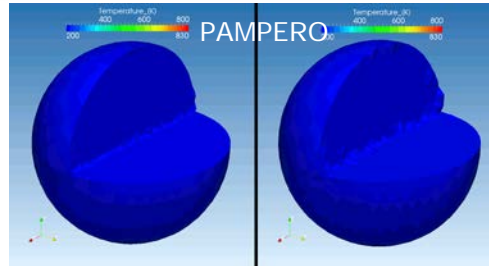
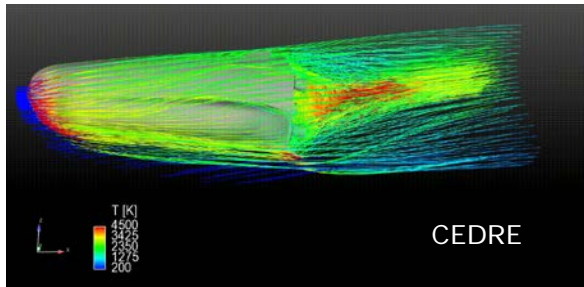
**Spacecraft oriented code**

**Object oriented code**

Accuracy

Cost

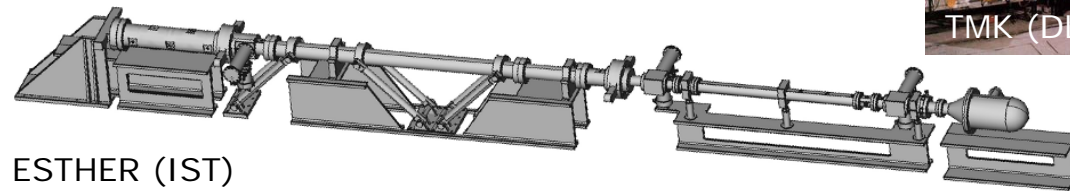
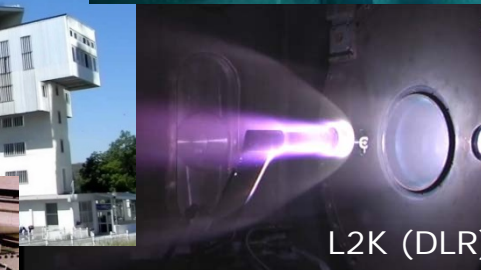
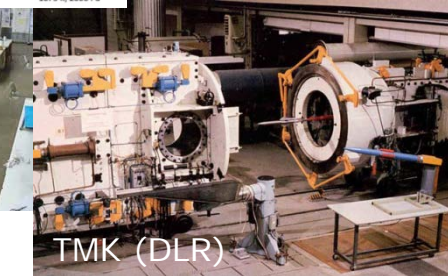
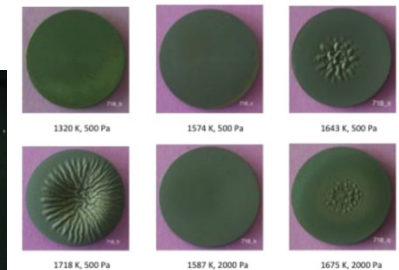
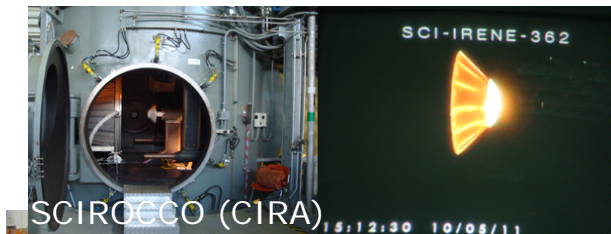
Validation



# Experimental approach 1/2

## Experiments for the validation of model & codes

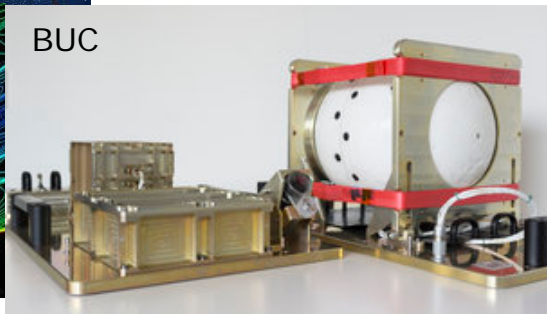
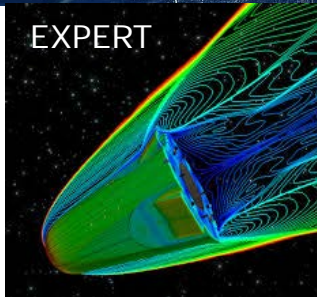
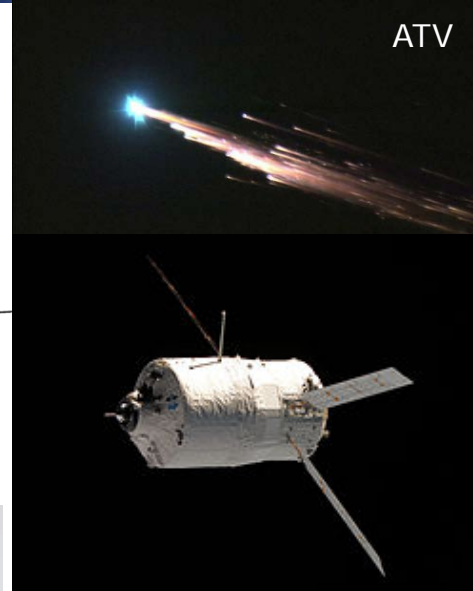
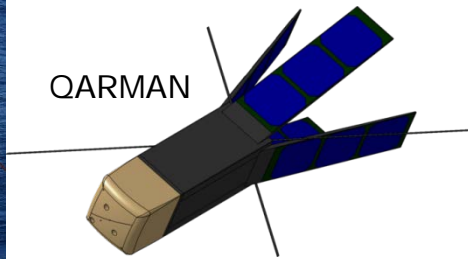
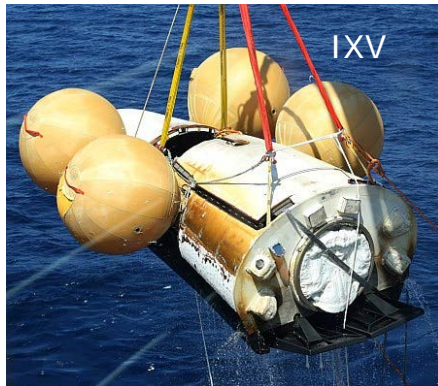
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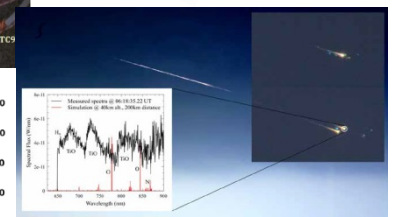
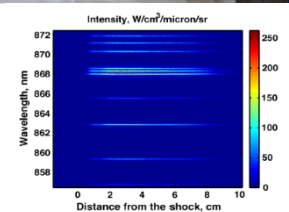
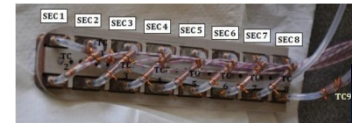
- ✓ Wind tunnels (different regimes) for aerodynamic load
- ✓ Plasma wind tunnels (arc-jet, inductively-coupled plasma WT) for heat load
- ✓ Shock tunnel (plasma radiation of high speed)
- ✓ Material characterization

# Experimental approach 2/2

## □ Flight (experiments)



## □ The measurement techniques in aggressive environment (plasma, high temperature, pressure gradient...)

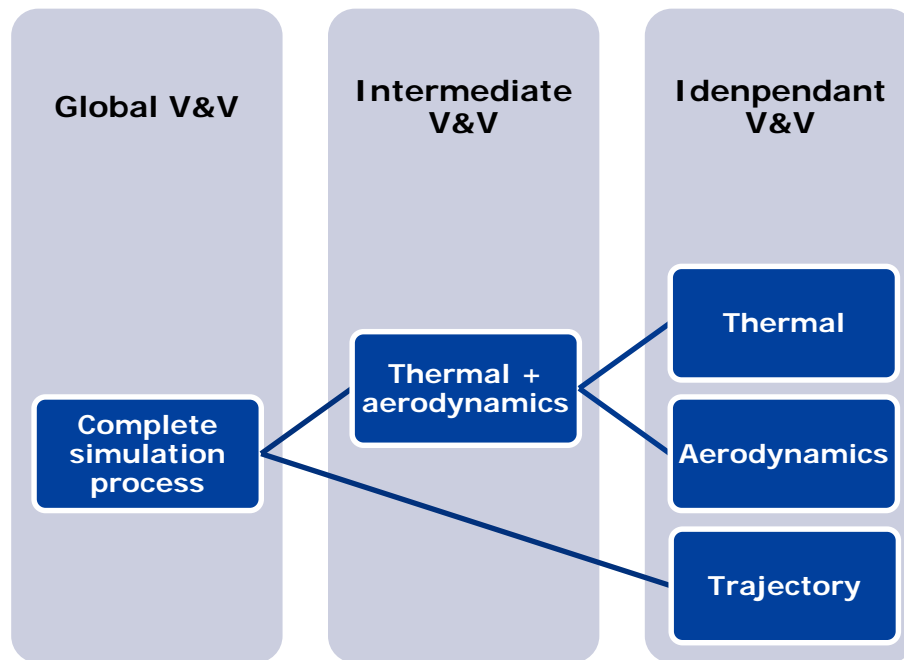


# An incremental verification and validation approach

## Verification & Validation process

The multidisciplinary aspect and the complexity of the process make the validation and verification a very challenging task

### Example



### How

#### Verification

- Benchmark with codes of same complexity.
- Comparison with theory.

#### Validation

- Comparison with flights and experiments.
- Comparison between codes
  - of same complexity,
  - of higher accuracy & complexity.

# ATD<sup>3</sup> Workshop objectives/scope

The **ATD<sup>3</sup>** (**A**ero**T**hermo**D**ynamic for **D**esign for **D**emise) **Workshop** is a regular forum at European level for:

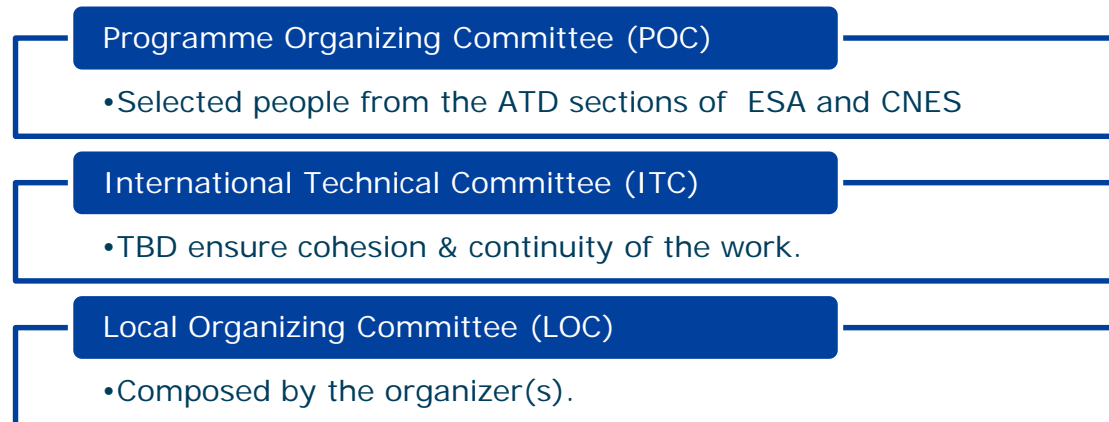
- ❑ technology and scientific discussion on:
  - ✓ Physical modelling
  - ✓ Aerothermodynamics tools
  - ✓ Experimental capabilities / results
  - ✓ Measurement techniques
  - ✓ Material properties/characterization
  - ✓ Validation and verification
  - ✓ Uncertainties quantification
- ❑ collection and dissemination information
- ❑ planning (roadmap definition and coordination)

**The ultimate goal is to contribute to reduce the risk of casualties from (un)controlled re-entry reducing the amount of debris surviving re-entry.**

# The organization

- ❑ The Workshop is co-organized by ESA-CNES with the support of the whole community
- ❑ The Workshop is organized every 2 year in a different location in Europe
  - to be combined every 4 year with Aerothermodynamics symposium
  - the first edition will be in 2017

- ❑ Three committees:



- ❑ A dedicated working group will be created to prepare the workshop (convenes few times each year)
  - Dedicated website and/or share point (TBD)
  - No fees are foreseen

# Foreseen interests

## □ For agencies :

- Get inputs from the community to adjust their roadmaps.
- Disseminate R&D results.
- Get comments, ideas, exchange information
- ...

## □ For academics & industry :

- Benchmarking (numerical and experimental) activities
- Inject new proposals/highlight gaps (new area of research)
- Increase the D4D know-how to face Agencies regulations
- Access to the presentations of some agencies activities
- Networking
- ...

**Exchange, discuss, improve and progress all together**

# Test Cases & previous work

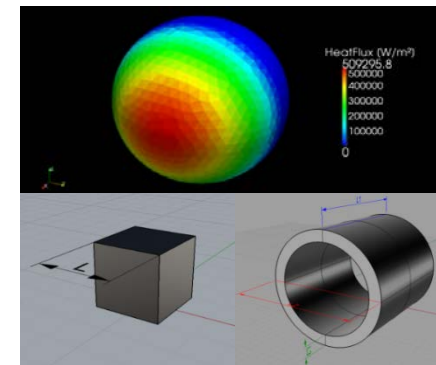
## Test cases

- ❑ In the frame of the workshop, a limited number of test cases will be validated with respect to efficiency and accuracy of different methods.
- ❑ Experimental activities (when feasible and affordable) will be used to compare facilities performance and generate results to validate computations.

## Previous work

In the SCDW few numerical test cases were defined with different level of complexity:

- ✓ Aerodynamic models validation: Hollow Cylinder, box to study the heat fluxes and aerodynamic coefficients for a fixed re-entry condition
- ✓ Thermodynamic models validation: 1, 2D test case to study the thermal evolutions for imposed heat fluxes
- ✓ Integration simulation: Sphere (different masses and material) to compare between different codes the complete process of entry



**SCDW**



# Potential future (new) activities

**Objectives** : Address more complex numerical test cases, other physics and new experimental activities.

## Subjects of interest

- More complex geometries
- Free molecular and transitional regime
- Fragmentation, ablation phenomena
- Shock-shock interaction, wake effects
- Experimental capabilities / measurement technique
- Inputs for simulation codes:
  - ✓ Characterization of material
  - ✓ Chemistry, plasma, etc...
- Development/improvement of physical modelling

## How

- Discussion/interaction among experts
- Benchmarking activities (numerical and experimental)
- Thesis, Post-doc
- Dissemination of results

**To be  
discussed with  
the working  
group  
attendances**

# The round table



**The round table with all the European actors is dedicated to**

- ❑ Introduction: the Workshop/Working group
- ❑ Consolidation of the Workshop objectives
- ❑ Supporting the definition of the Technical Committee
- ❑ Discussion and definition of the test cases: previous work and ideas for the future
- ❑ Initial organization of the first edition in 2017 (call for candidates).
- ❑ AOB (collection of data, storage...)

**WORKSHOP**

**ATD workshop on Reentry simulation and testing**

**09:30 - 12:00 Erasmus building - NA213**