

## **SUPRA – Simulation of UPset Recovery in Aviation**

### **Project Overview**

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# SUPRA project



**Funding scheme:** Collaborative Research  
**EU Call:** AAT-2008-RTD-1  
**THEME:** AERONAUTICS & AIR TRANSPORT  
**AREA:** Aircraft Safety

## Objectives:

- Reduce aircraft accident rate with 80%
- Improve elimination of, and recovery from human error

# SUPRA project



## Consortium

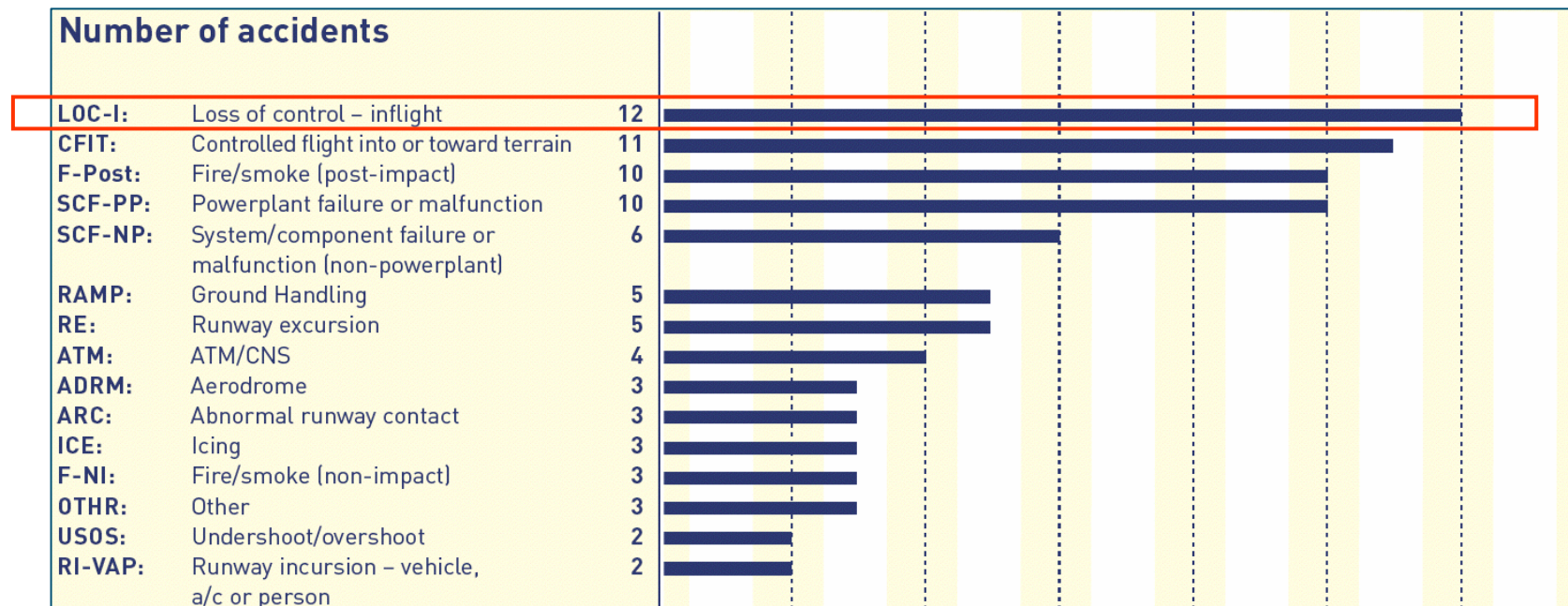
No.	Participant organization name	Country
1	TNO	Netherlands
2	NLR (National Aerospace Laboratory)	Netherlands
3	AMST Systemtechnik	Austria
4	BR&TE (Boeing Research & Technology Europe)	Spain
5	GFRI (Gromov Flight Research Institute)	Russia
6	TsAGI (Central Aerohydrodynamic Institute)	Russia
7	Dinamika	Russia
8	De Montfort University	United Kingdom
9	Max Planck Institute for Cybernetics	Germany

- Budget 4.9M€
- September 2009 –2012

# Upset Recovery

## The problem

- Loss-of-Control (LOC-I) leading cause of fatal accidents
- Unsuccessful upset recovery often contributing factor



# Upset Recovery



## The problem

- LOC-I accidents in Russian states:
  - 1994: A-310 (stall, upset, spatial disorientation)
  - 1995: Tu-154 (upset, spatial disorientation)
  - 2000: Yak-40 (stall at takeoff)
  - 2001: Tu-154M (stall at approach for landing)
  - 2002: Il-86 (upset, stall after takeoff)
  - 2005: An-24 (stall at approach for landing)
  - 2006: A-320 (spatial disorientation, upset)
  - 2006: Tu-154M (deep stall)
- Russian Center for Upset and Stall Training (Interstate Aviation Committee)



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# Upset Recovery



## The problem

- Airline pilots trained to *avoid* upset situations
- Recognized need for (simulator) training
- Simulator training cost-effective and safe

## However, current FFS inadequate:

- Aerodynamic models
- Motion envelope (in particular G-load)

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## Main objective

- To develop advanced flight simulator technologies for teaching airline pilots to detect and recover from upset conditions

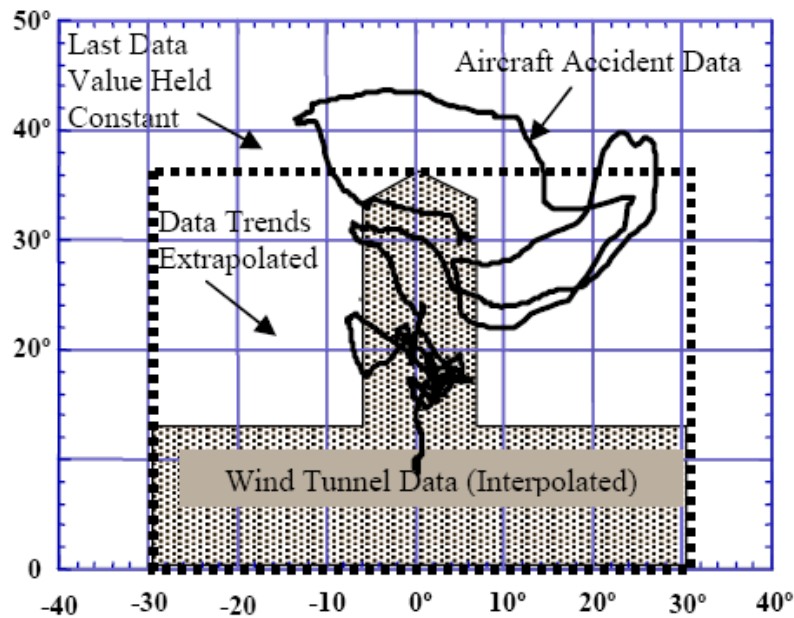
## Research activities

- Definition of relevant upset conditions
- Aerodynamic modeling
- Pilot perception modeling
- Motion cueing algorithms
- Final experimental evaluation

# Aerodynamic modeling

## Baseline aerodynamic models

- Limited to standard flight envelope



(Cunningham et al. 2005)



# Aerodynamic modeling

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## Required extensions

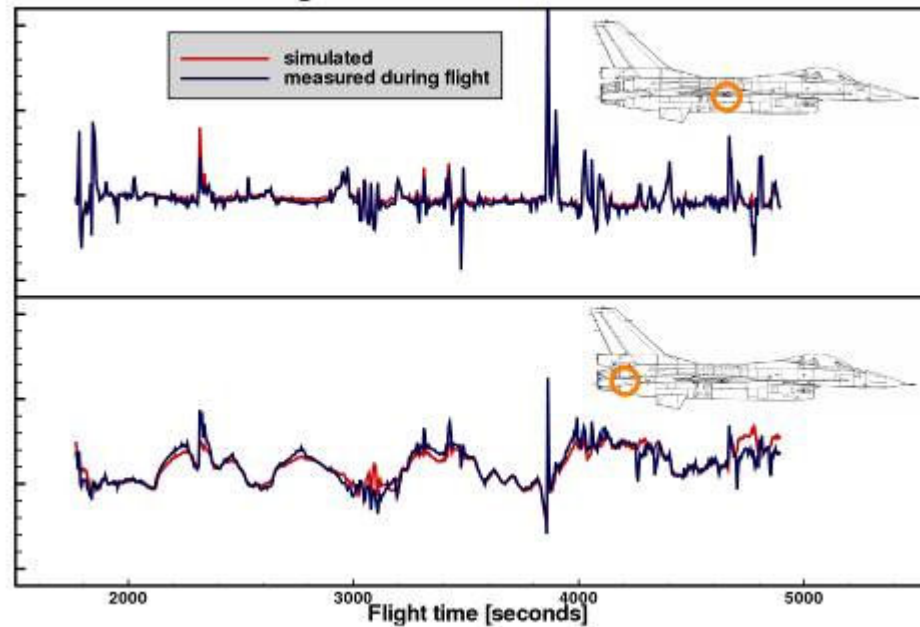
- Non-linear aerodynamics at high AoA, angular rates
- High load deformations at high incidence
- Dynamic hysteresis
- Validation versus dynamic wind tunnel and flight tests

# Aerodynamic modeling

## Computational Fluid Dynamics

- Unsteady non-linear aerodynamics
- Load deformations

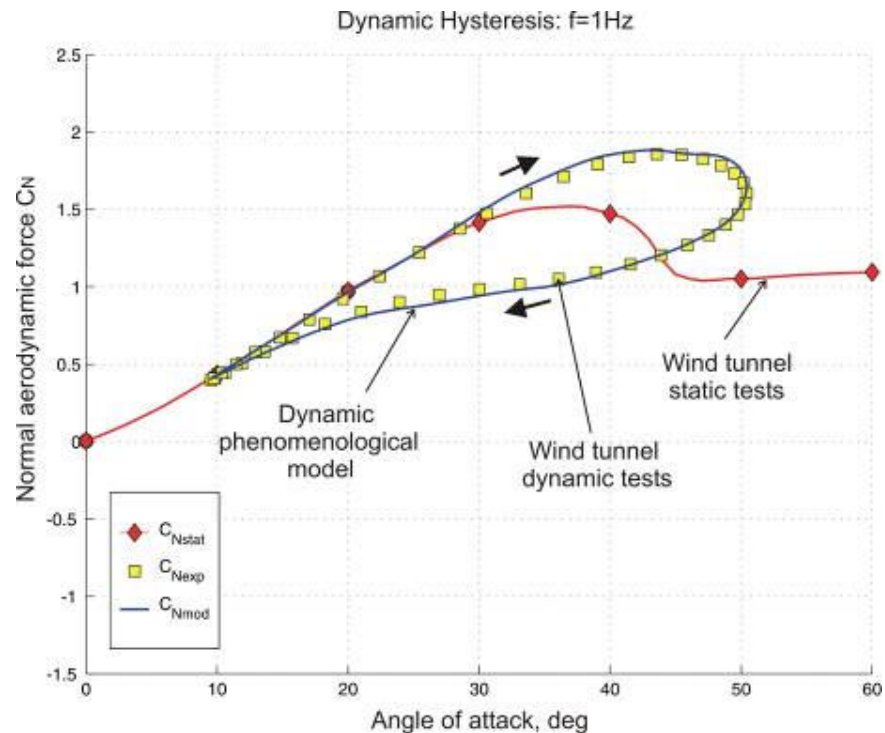
stress relative to level-flight



# Aerodynamic modeling

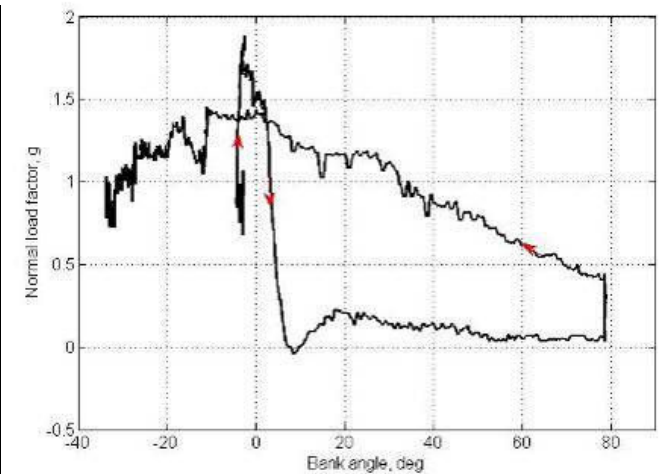
## Phenomenological modeling

- Captures dynamic hysteresis
- Consistent with flight dynamics equations



# Flight tests

- Instrumented TU-154
- High AoA, spin & stall, maximum loading
- To validate extended aerodynamic models
- To determine recovery procedures



# SUPRA Research simulators

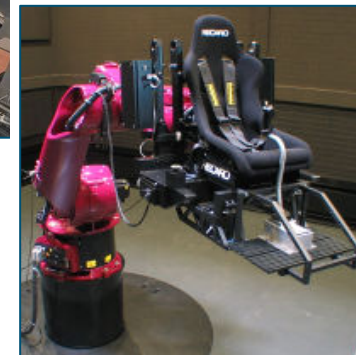
## Hexapod-based FFS

- GRACE (NLR)
- PSPK-102 (TsAGI)



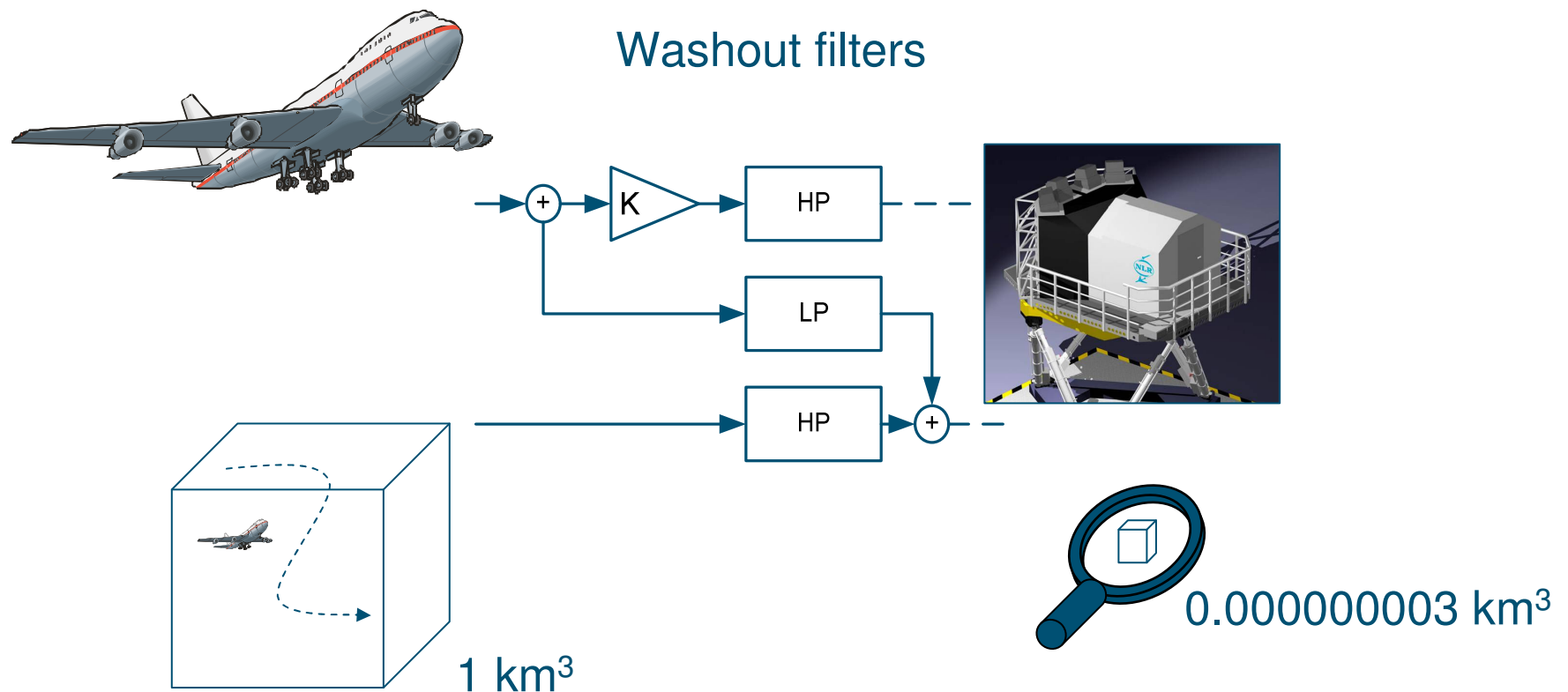
## New-generation motion platforms

- DESDEMONA (TNO)
- Kuka (Max Planck)



# Motion cueing

- Mathematical filters that confine the motion space of the simulator, while still providing the *relevant* motion cues



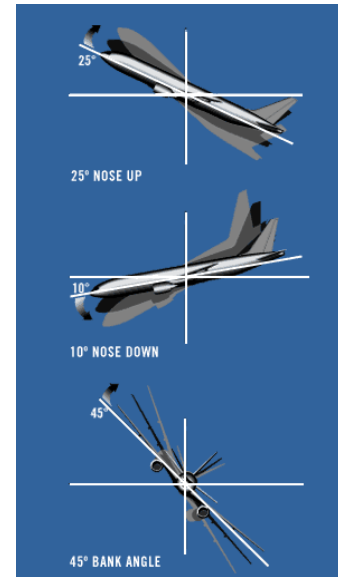
# Motion cueing

## Classical washout filters

- Linear transfer functions
- Optimized for normal flight envelope

## Advanced motion filters (TNO, NLR, TsAGI):

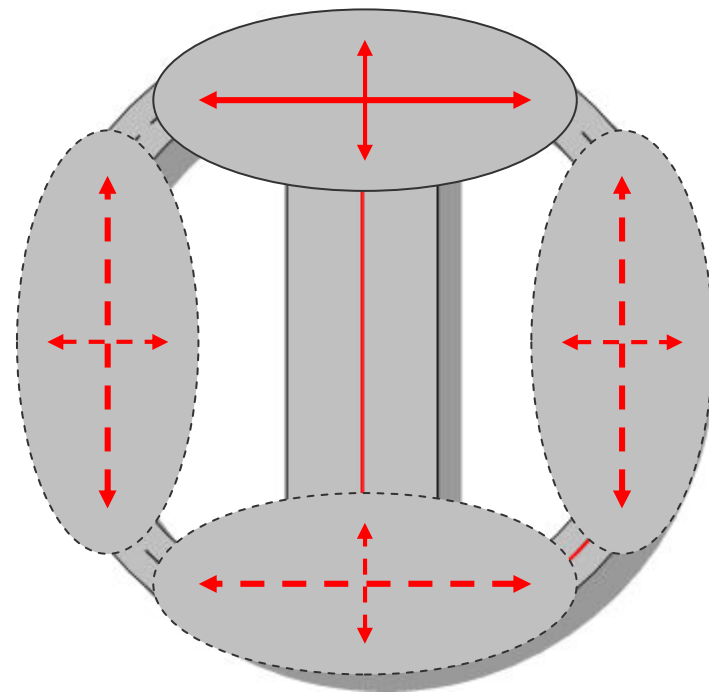
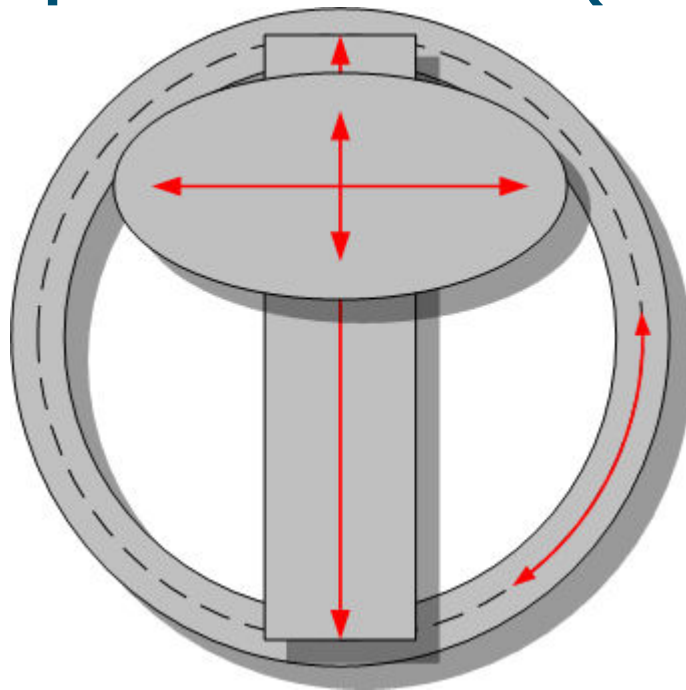
- Extreme attitudes
- High angular rates
- G-cueing



# Motion cueing

New motion cueing strategies

- **Hexapod emulation (4x2x2m)**
- **Spherical washout ( $\infty$  x2x2m)**



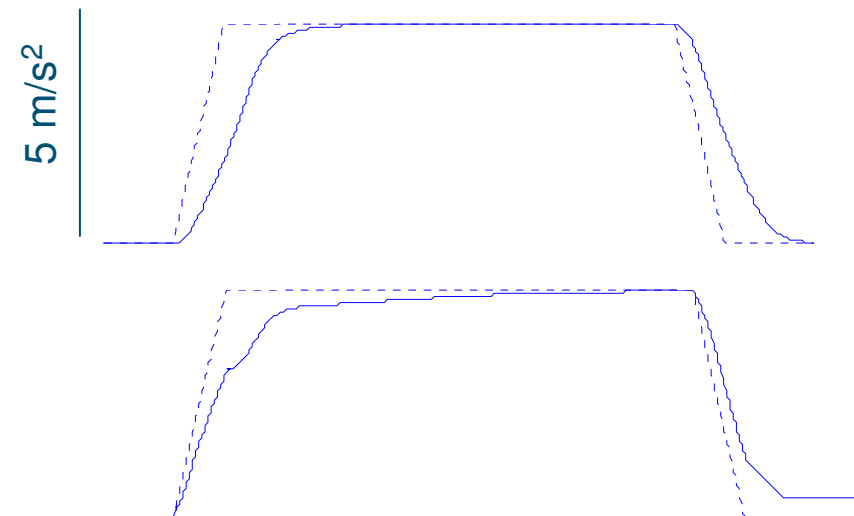
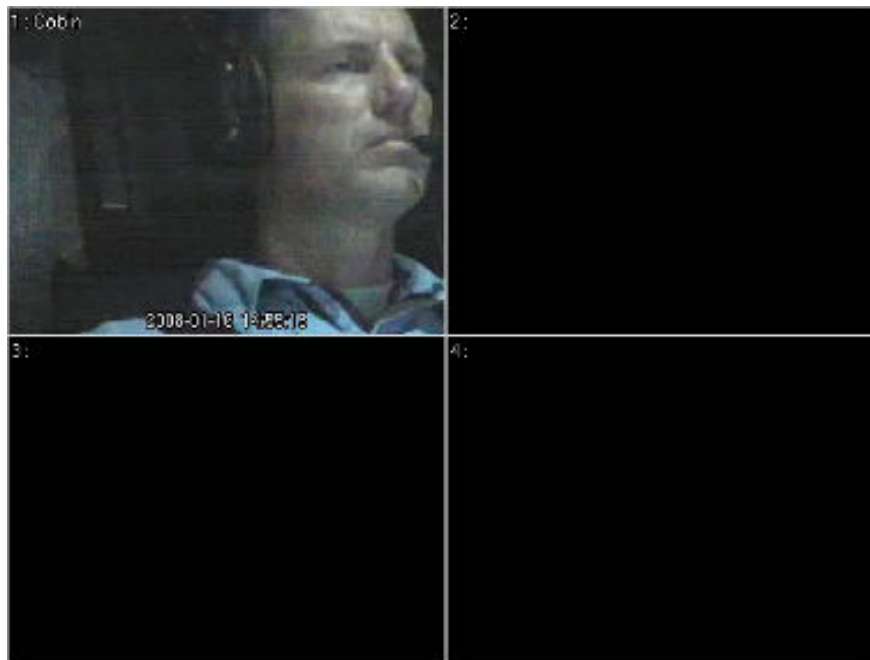


# Motion cueing

## New motion cueing strategies

### ● G-cueing

- Currently being developed for F-16 (and SUPRA)
- Smart use of extra DoF's (e.g. extra Heave onset)

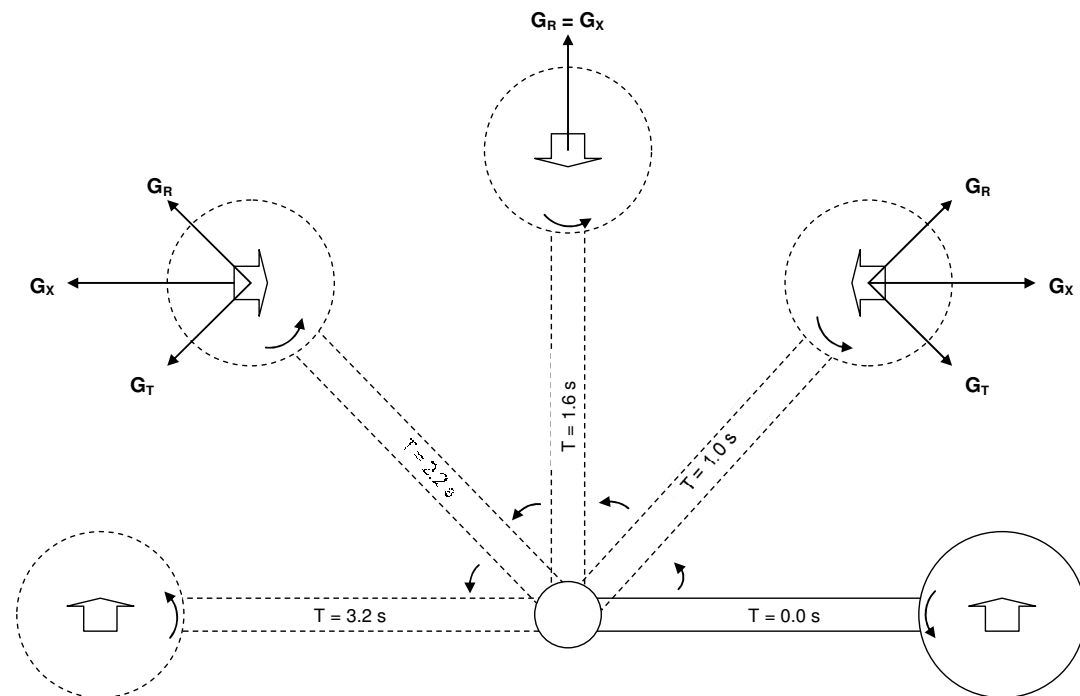




# Motion perception modeling

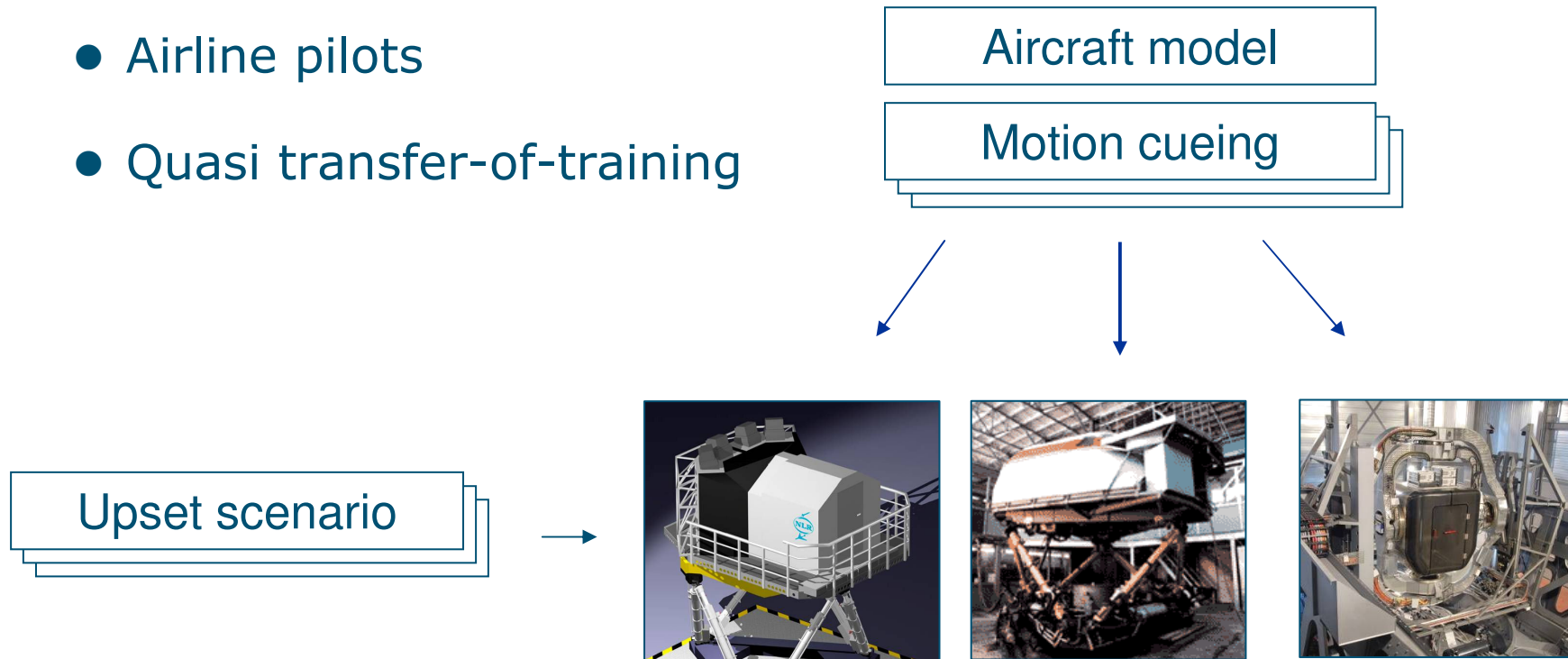
## Research issues

- Motion perception under G-load
- Detection thresholds and tolerances
  - False cues (e.g. Coriolis stimulation)



# Experimental validation

- Experimental test pilots
- Airline pilots
- Quasi transfer-of-training



# End result



## Efficacy of different simulator configurations for upset recovery

- Hexapod
- DESDEMONA

## Recommendations

- Upset recovery procedures
- Aerodynamic model extensions
- Motion cueing requirements

# SUPRA Expert Group



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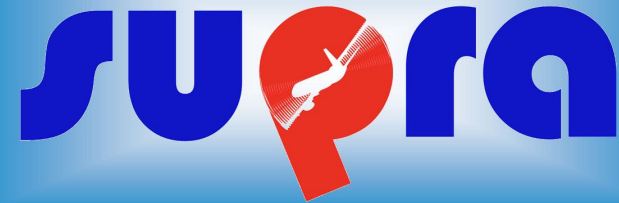
# Conclusion



## The SUPRA project:

- Integrative approach to stretch the envelope of ground-based simulators for upset recovery
- Unique expertise and facilities

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