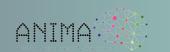


## The use of auralization and visualization tools to engage the airport community

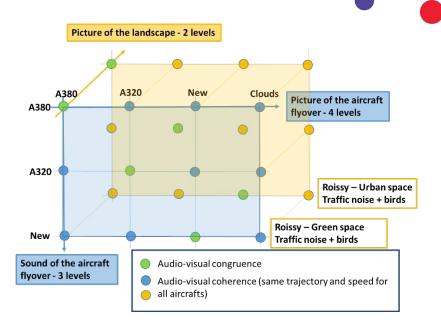
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### Laboratory experiment





- Do people recognize the congruent aircraft and sounds?
- Are people influenced by the landscape?
- Do people prefer to see or not the sound source (behind clouds)?
- Are people sensitive to the novelty?

Is the tool of enough quality to ensure realism and immersion?





## Design of experiment

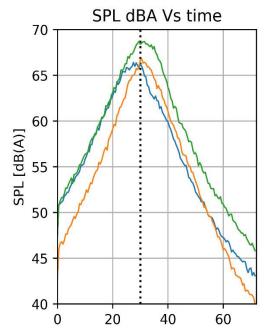
#### Aircraft Architectures



#### Aircraft Sounds

	Max [dB]	LAeq [dB(A)]
A320neo	72.1	59.6
BOLT	71.3	60,0
A380	76.1	62.4

— Bolt — A320neo
— A380 .... max



#### Landscape











#### **Protocol**

#### 1. Panel:

- 30 participants aged 18-30
- 30 participants aged 30-50

#### 2. Experimental design:

- 12 Audio visual stimuli x 2 Landscapes
- 4 subjective questions
- 1 final questionnaire assessing:
  - Personal variables (QoL, Noise sensitivity, gender, etc.)
  - VR experiment assessment (audio and video quality, sensation of presence in the virtual environment, audio visual realism, control)

#### 3. Hardware setup:

Virtual Reality device: Oculus Rift

Headset: Sennheiser HD650







## Subjective questionnaire



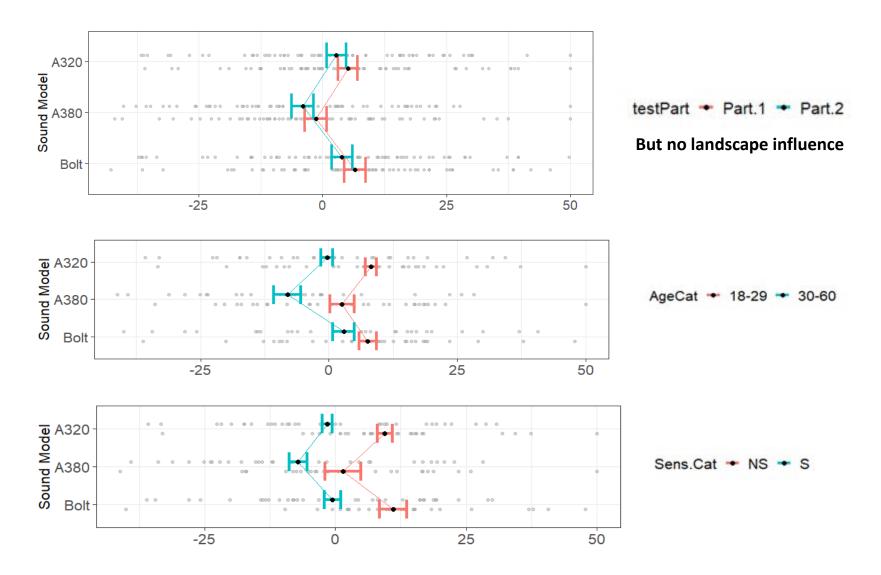


- (1) Overall, does this situation seem more or less Unpleasant/Unbearable ..... Pleasant/ Bearable?
- (2) Does the association of sound with visual seem more or less Unrealistic/Non credible/Incoherent ..... Realistic/Credible/Coherent?
- (3) Is the sound of this aircraft more or less Unpleasant/Unbearable ..... Pleasant/Bearable?
- (4) Does the noise level of this aircraft seem more or less Strong/Loud ..... Weak/Quiet?



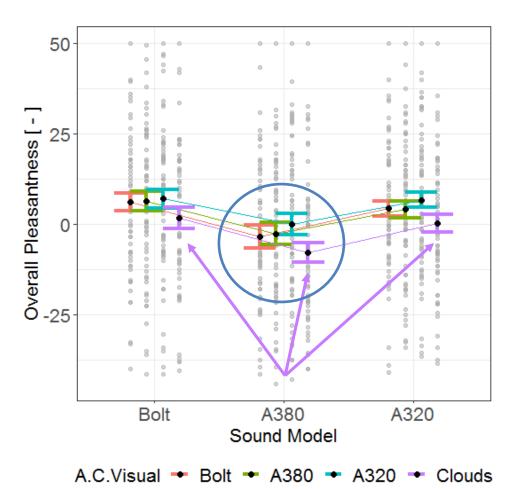


## **Overall Pleasantness**





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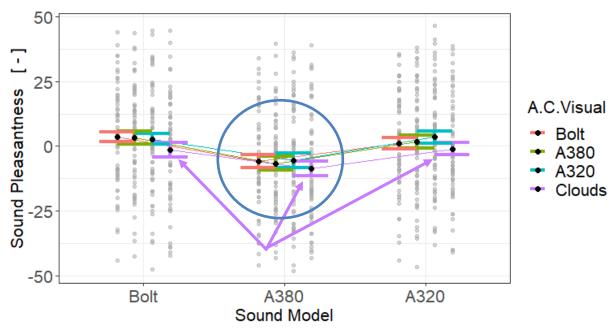


- Large dispersion among participants
- A380 sound creates less overall pleasantness
- Clouds generate less overall pleasantness
- Audio influence (2%)
- Visual influence (1%)
- Audition is twice more important than vision for the overall pleasantness





## + Sound Pleasantness / - Loudness



- Large dispersion among participants
- The BOLT is louder behind the clouds

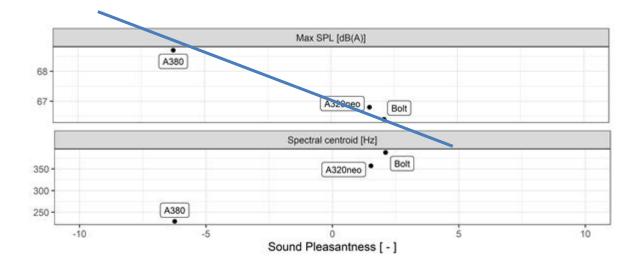
- Audio influence (3%)
- Visual influence (0.5%)

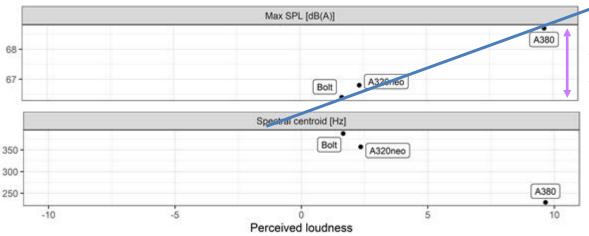
	BOLT	A320neo	A380
Leq [dB(A)]	60.0	59.6	62.4
Loudness [sone]	20.6	19.4	23.1
Max SPL (@30sec) [dB(A)]	66.4	66.8	68.7

 Audition is 6 times more important than vision for sound pleasantness



## Sound pleasantness / Perceived loudness



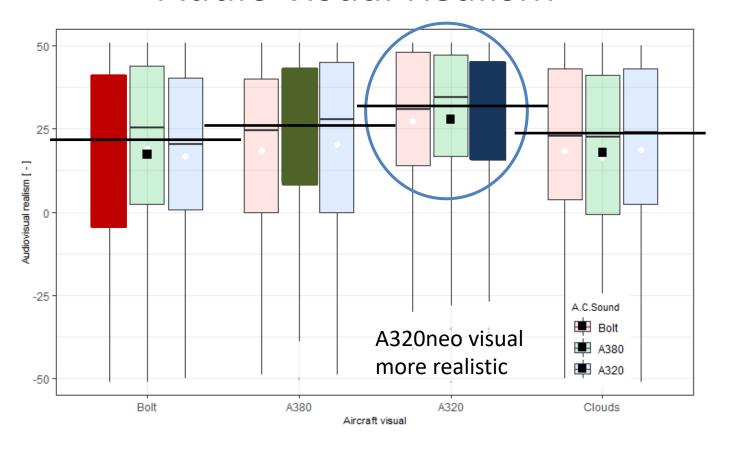


 $\Delta$ Lmax = 68.7 - 66.4 = 2.3 dB(A)  $\Delta$ LAeq = 62.4 - 59.6 = 2.8 dB(A)

- People are able to perceive a variation of less than 3 dB(A) for a non stationary sound



#### Audio visual Realism



No effect of sound auralizations to assess realism

No congurence effect

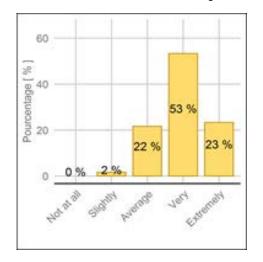


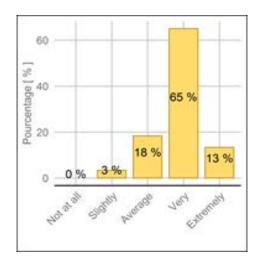


## Final questionnaire

#### Audio realism

How realistic was what you HEARD in the virtual world?





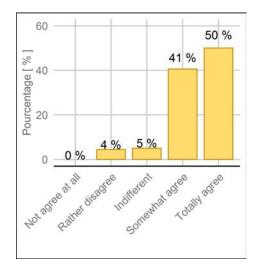
#### Visual realism

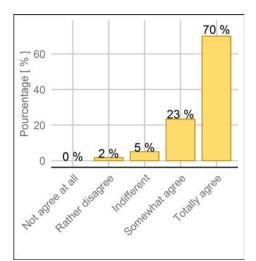
How realistic was what you SEEN in the virtual world?

#### **Immersion**

I felt surrounded by the environment;

I felt like I was physically present in the environment;





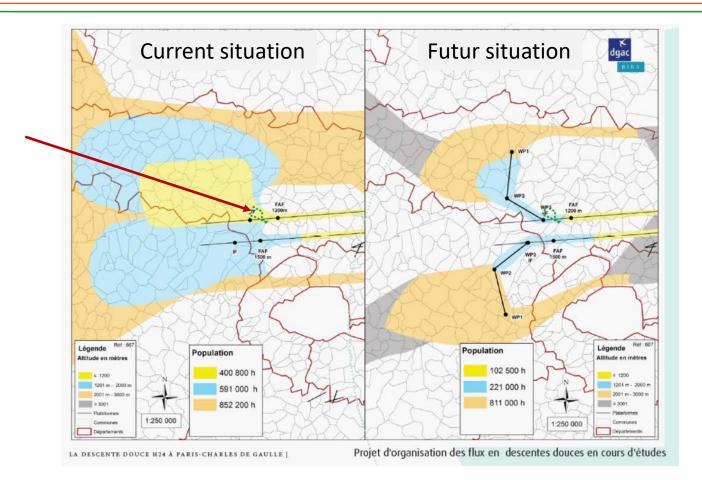
#### Control

I felt that the environment was reacting correctly to the actions I was performing.

## Conclusion: the VR can be used with community



## In situ experiment: Beauchamp 24km of Roissy



Presentation of change with official documents
Stepped Descent versus Continuous Descent Operations







# VR contribution for understanding the change

Amélioration possible : Rendre compte de cette différence pour les avions plus anciens

moins agressif au niveau sonore, différence de timbre

Rendre compte de l'effet de reprise de gaz à l'IF

Would be better to have also old aircraft that are the most annoying ones in the simulation

judicieux parceque parmis les moins bruyants

> Better to understand differences (even in timbre and duration) which are quite small

Choix de l'A350 ne parait pas le plus

Cannot present change in number of flyovers

Very good realism with car passby in the background





Gains du projet final

avec la VR



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