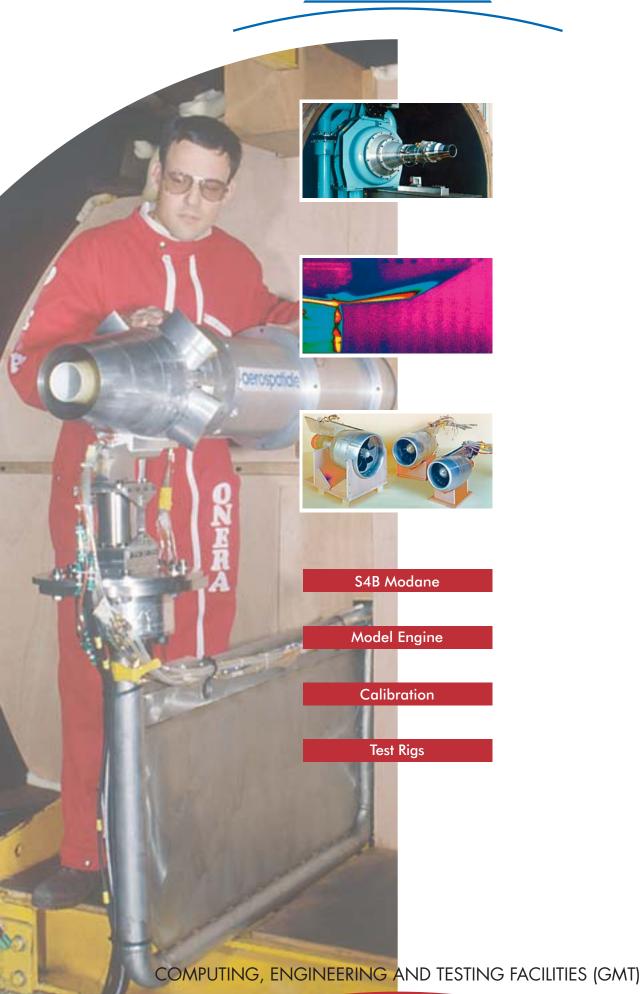
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## TPS and nozzle mass flow

#### and thrust measurements

Vacuum chamber allowing model engine calibration, without external flow, at wind tunnel

test conditions.



Test in S4B facility (M840122)

#### S4B vacuum tank

- Cylindrical sealed vessel, diameter 2.5 m, length 15 m.
- Fed by compressed air:
  - two pressure levels, 9 bar and 64 bar;
  - dry and clean air (12 µm mesh filtering, less than 5 mg of water per kg of dry air) with temperature controlled;
  - air storage: 9,500 m<sup>3</sup> at 9 bar and 109 m<sup>3</sup> at 270 bar.
- Vacuum connection:
- internal absolute pressure

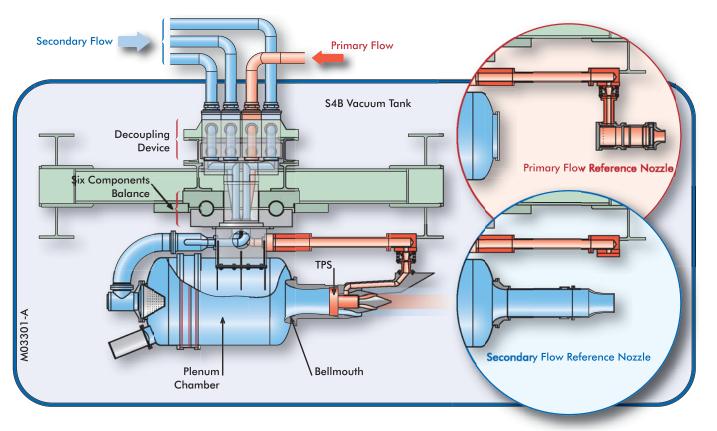
level from 15 mbar to atmosphere;

- connection pipes (diameter up to 1,200 mm) toward vacuum tanks with adaptable volume between 1,000 and 8,000 m<sup>3</sup>;
- possible vacuum setting by ejector effect (Bertin ejector or using the tested nozzle itself).

#### **TPS calibration test rigs**

#### Mounting

- Test rigs for nozzle calibration or Turbine Power Simulator (TPS) calibration are mounted inside the S4B vacuum vessel.
- Two TPS test rigs are usable for the 100 mm to 254 mm diameter turbofan simulator range.
- The model engine is fitted on a bellmouth to the plenum chamber (see figure below).



### The test techniques

Characteristics of the two rigs					
Rig (nominal ø)	Mass Flo Primary Jet		Tempéra Primary Jet	ture (°C) Fan Jet	Thrust (N)
4"	< 1.6	< 2.8	< 60	< 30	< 3,300
9"	< 4	< 10	< 80	< 30	< 5,000

- Mass flow control and temperature control of the two jets.
- Separate control of the pressure upstream of the fan, of the model engine RPM and of the nozzle exit pressure.

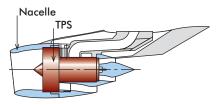
## The measurements

- Data acquisition system with 64 analog channels: steady measurement rate up to 25 Hz per channel with a 14 bits + sign A/D converter.
- Unsteady measurements: rate up to 20 kHz per channel.
- Pressure measurement by individual transducers or by PSI® electro pressure scanner.
- Temperature measurement by thermocouples, by PT100 probes or infrared thermography.
- Force measurement by ONERA six components balances (decoupling device for air flow crossing through).
- Sonic throat mass flowmeters for the primary and fan jets.
- On line data processing and data display on the spot in the facility (screens, editions, graphs, CD-Rom, DVD).

- Fan speed pressure < S4B vessel pressure + 1,5 bar.
- Test rigs checking using reference nozzles.
- Jet thrust vector measurement (module and angularity).



The 4" test rig (M880018)



Nacelle-TPS mounting sketch (M980107)

• Accuracy:

the uncertainties in the 4" test rig with the Ø 100 mm reference nozzle are (from 41 test campaigns between 1987 and 2003),

- flow coefficient: ± 0,1 % in 86 % of the test cases,

- thrust coefficient: ± 0,15 % in 81 % of the test cases.
- Laser velocimetry on request.
- Data transfer to the customer computers by intranet, internet, ISDN...



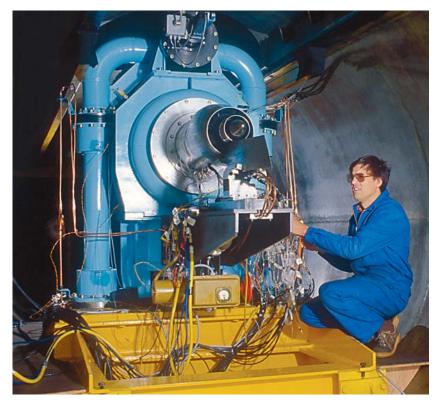
Engine models with Turbine Powered Simulators (M920291)

## The typical tests

- Nozzle thrust tests with altitude simulation.
- Direct or reverse jet model engine calibration, with simulation of the wind tunnel test conditions.
- Through Flow Nacelles calibrations.
- Thrust reversers calibrations and jet angularities.

## The assistance

- Assistance by ONERA specialists may be provided for aerodynamics, model design and manufacture, acoustics, unsteady system measurement, optics, etc.
- On the spot assistance (mechanical design office, workshop, instrument and balance lab., model dimensions measuring shop, computer).



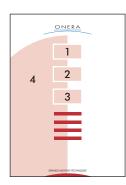
TPS sur le banc 9" dans le caisson S4B (M840120).

# Warranted absolute confidentiality

Numerous test runs for foreign customers.

#### Quality management

The Quality System concerning the engineering of test facilities and the design and performance of tests is certified to NF EN ISO 9001-V2000 by BVQI.



#### First page pictures

- 1 Reference nozzle (M920422).
- 2 Infrared flow visualization on the rear part of a mast.
- Engine models with Turbine Powered Simulators (M980058).
- 4 Reverse jet calibration, 7" TPS (M902358).

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