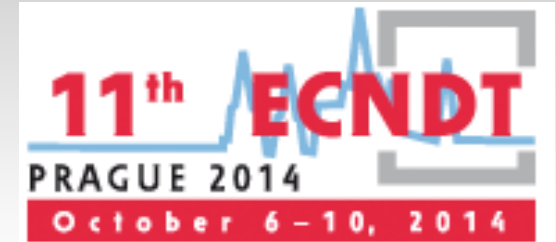


# Working Group COFREND « Eddy Current NDT modeling »

## Benchmarks for validating and improving simulation codes acceptance



**cofrend**

French Society for NDT

Fabrice FOUCHER - *EXTENDE*

Léa MAURICE – *EDF CEIDRE*

Thierry SOLLIER - *Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire*

Christophe REBOUD - *CEA, LIST, DISC*

François DENEUVILLE - *Vallourec Research Center France*

Adrien TRILLON - *Vallourec Research Center France*

Pierre THOMAS - *EDF R&D*

# Why using modeling in NDT ?

## | Help for inspection planning and probe design

- Time and costs savings: less prototypes
- Improved performance and confirm defect characterization
- Help with the introduction of innovation
- Check inspection limitations: Help in designing components

## | Expertise

- Comparison between experimental data and simulation
- Better understanding of physical phenomena

## | Support qualification documentation

- Fast and easy parametric studies

## | Visual support during bid proposals & technical discussions with the different interlocutors

- Illustrate to convince

## | Training

# Simulation Tools for Eddy Current

## Simulation tools

Numerical  
Finite  
Elements

Semi-  
analytical

### *Examples of software:*

➤ **Code\_Carmel3D**

(current version 2.4.0), developed by LAMEL : collaborative lab between EDF R&D and L2EP (Lille University).

➤ **Flux3D**

(current version 11.2), developed by CEDRAT and G2ELAB (Grenoble University)

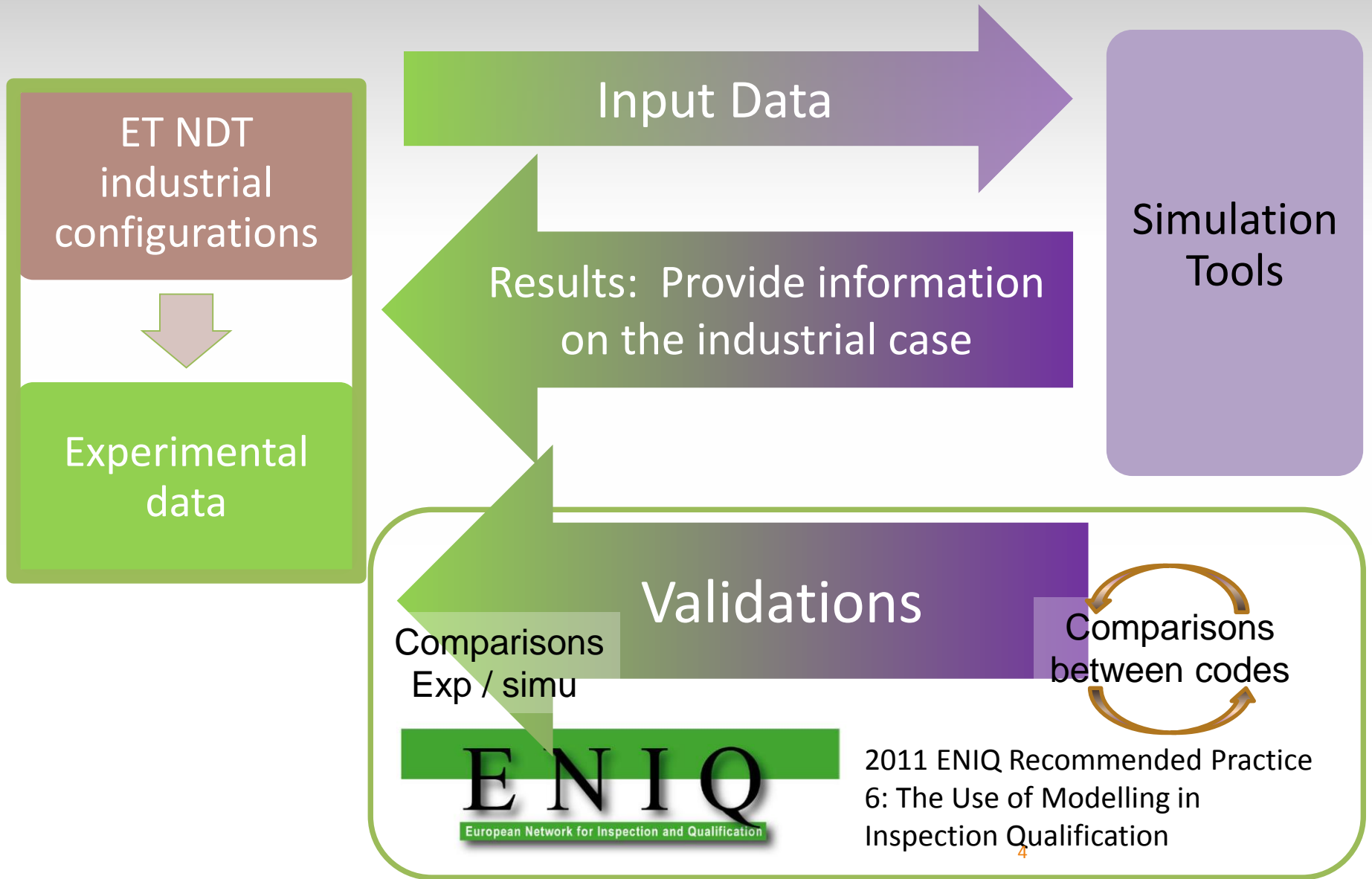
➤ **Comsol Multiphysics**

Eddy Current module of **CIVA platform**, developed by CEA & distributed by EXTENDE

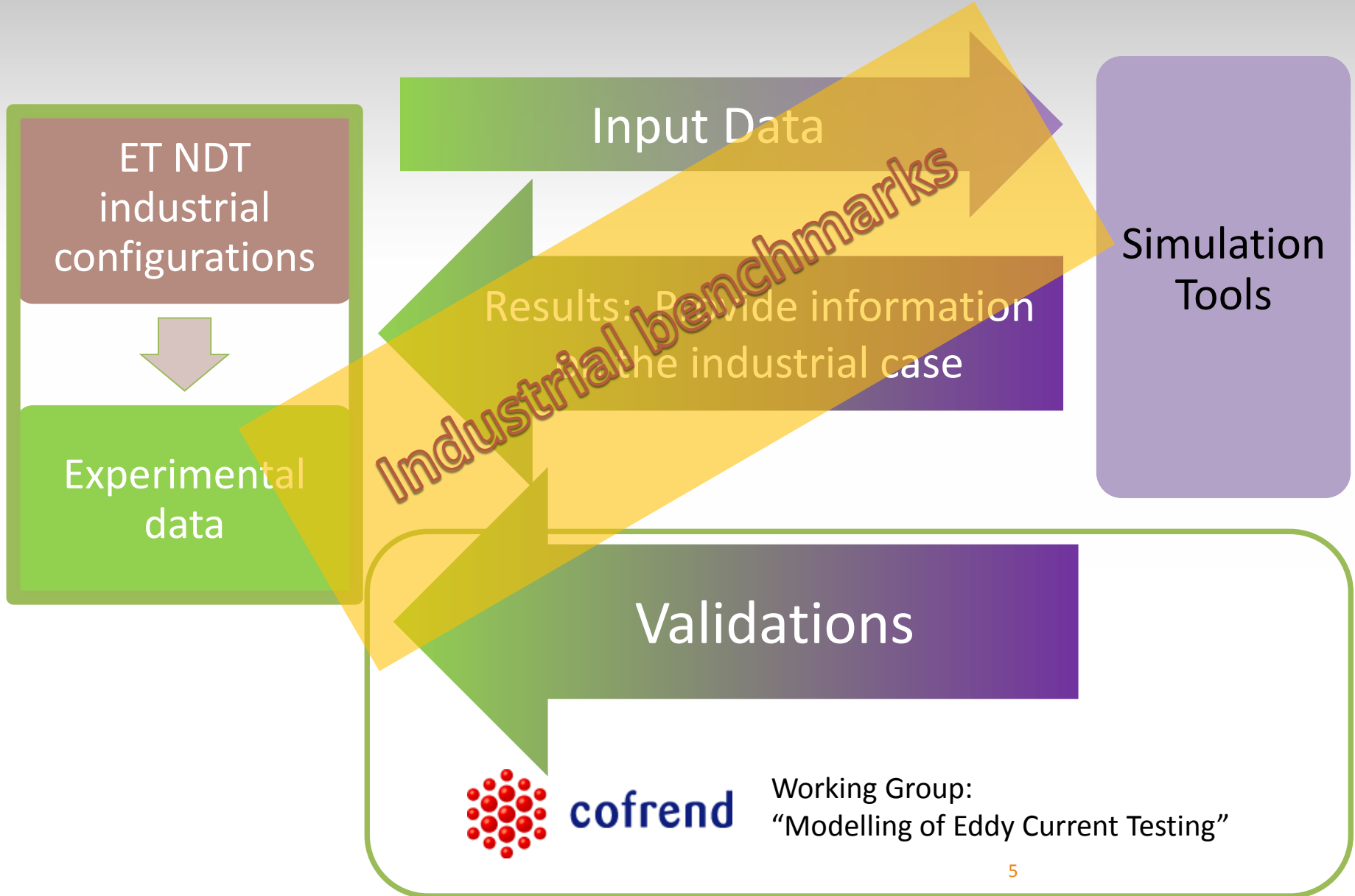
Allow to cover a wide scope of configurations

More restricted capacities but generally faster and easier to use for non specialists of modeling

# Use of simulation in NDE



# Use of simulation in NDE



# WG « Modelling of Eddy Current Testing »



Members of the group:

➤ Industrial end-users :

VALLOUREC, EDF, AREVA, SNECMA, DASSAULT AVIATION, AIRBUS GROUP,

➤ Research centers: IRSN (in support to French Safety Authorities), CEA, Supélec/CNRS (L2S, LGEP), IREENA

➤ Engineering & Consulting : EXTENDE

➤ NDE system manufacturers: ALPHATEST SYSTEMES

➤ 3 meeting per year with 8 to 13 participants

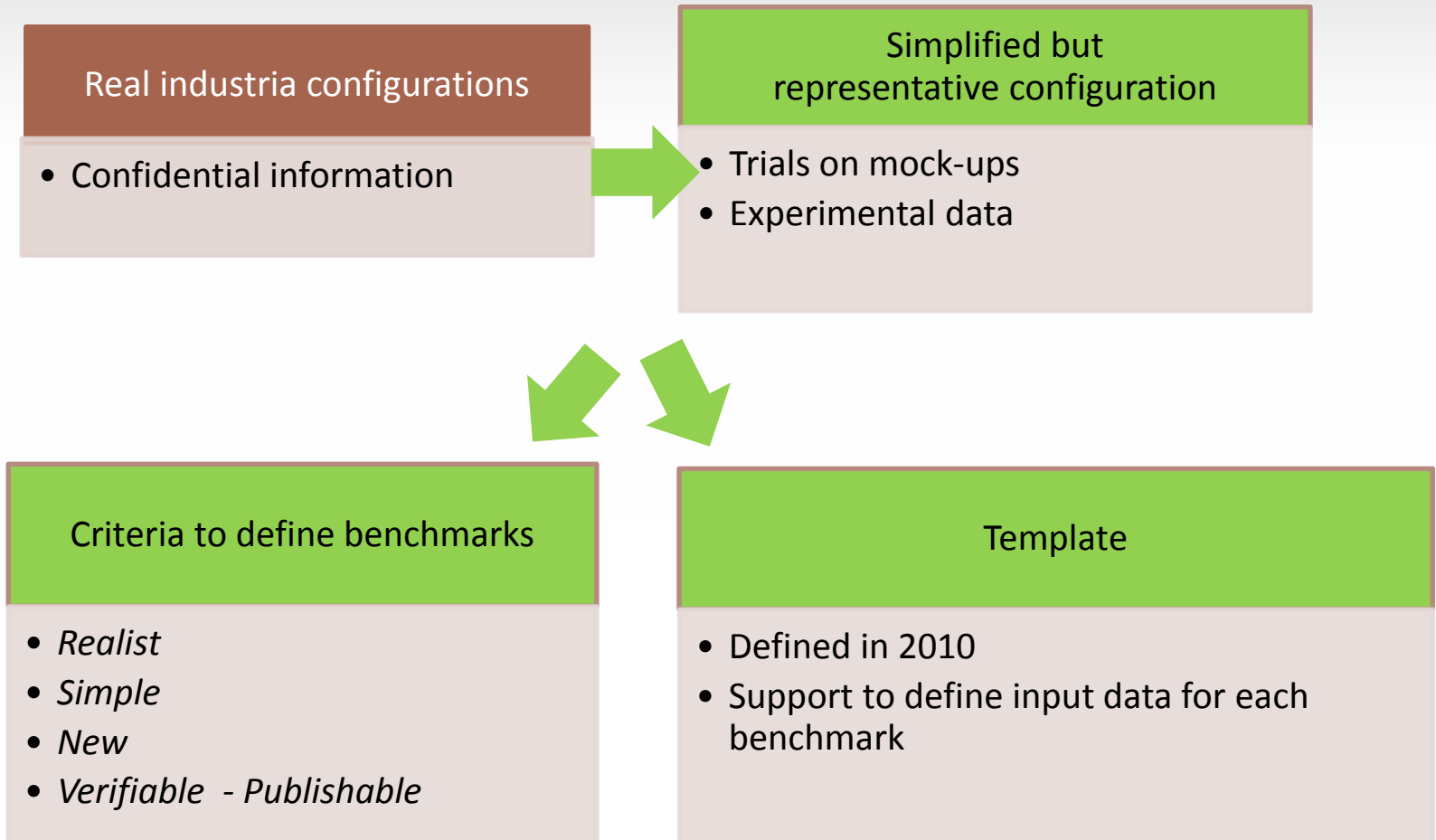
## Missions of the WG

- Define test cases, provide experimental data and simulation results
- Inform the NDE community of simulation software capabilities

<http://www.cofrend.com/contrôles-non-destructifs/methodes-de-contrôle/courant-foucault-et/gt-modelisation/>

# Missions of the WG

- Define test cases, provide experimental data and simulation results
- Inform the NDE community of simulation software capabilities

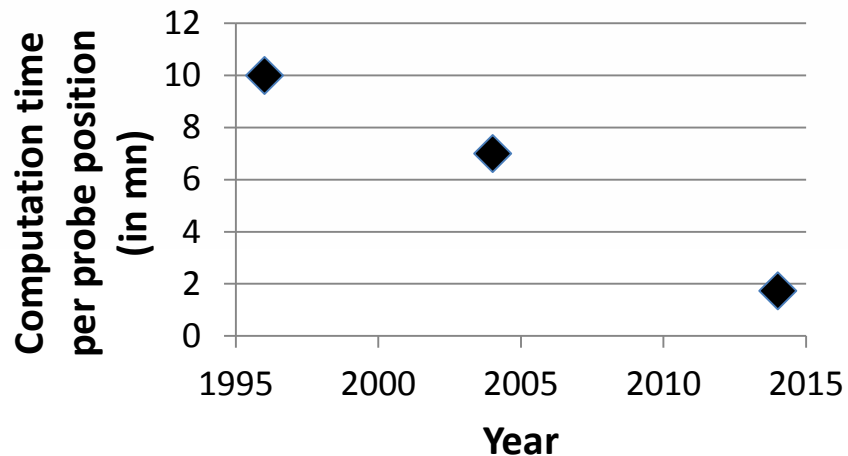


# Missions of the WG

- Define test cases, provide experimental data and simulation results
- **Inform the NDE community of simulation software capabilities**

## Evaluation criteria of simulation tools for the user:

- The variety of configurations that can be solved,
- The accuracy of results on these configurations,
- The computation times,
- The user interface (GUI) and the necessary numerical expertise required to obtain a good result
- The support service and the evolution of the tool with new releases



*Example of calculation time evolution for the benchmark « TEAM workshop 8 » by Finite Element Software*

Computation time

Discretisation  
(ability to mesh finely a configuration for FEM software)  
Variety of configurations

## More & more capabilities

→ To answer more complex questions



**Working Group COFREND :  
“Modelling of Eddy Current Testing”**

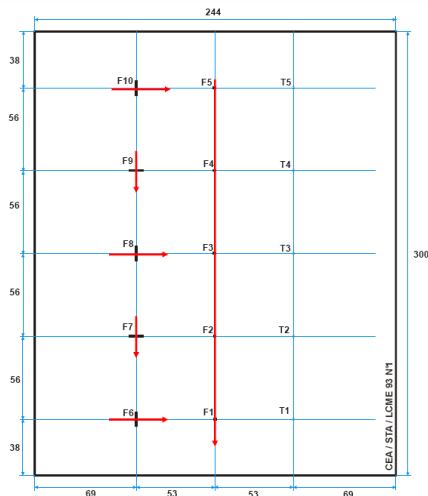


# **PRESENTATION OF BENCHMARKS**

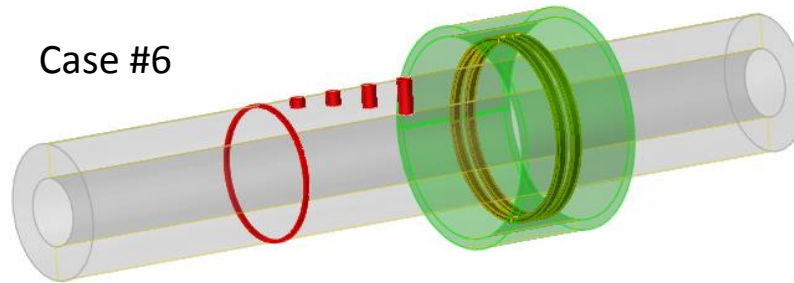
# TEST CASES

- ❑ Case #2 (EDF - CEA LIST) : *Through wall notches in amagnetic conductive slabs*
- ❑ Case #6 (Vallourec, CEA LIST) : *Encircling coils testing on stainless steel tubes*
- ❑ Case #7 (CEA, SNECMA) : *Model of fatigue cracks by very small flaws in nickel alloy component.*
- ❑ Case #8 (CEA LIST) : *Remote Field Testing*
- ❑ Case #9 (CEA LIST, WMU) : *Bilayer plate with fastener hole*
- ❑ Case #10 (In progress): *multilayers with varying electromagnetic properties*

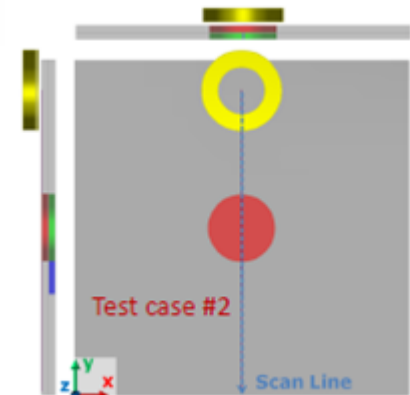
Case # 2



Case #6

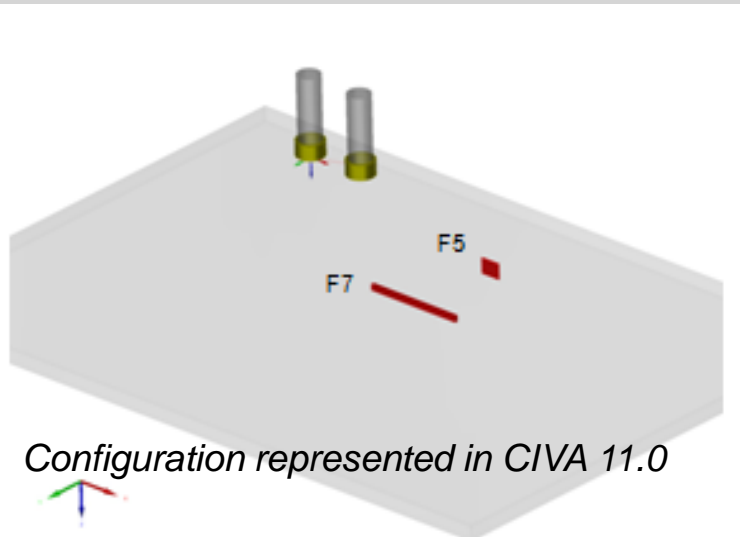


Case #8



Case #9

# Test case #2 (EDF - CEA LIST) : Through wall notches in inconel plates



Configuration represented in CIVA 11.0

Inspired from nuclear field  
(Heat exchangers in INCONEL 600)

## Input data:

Inconel 600 plate, thickness 1,55mm.

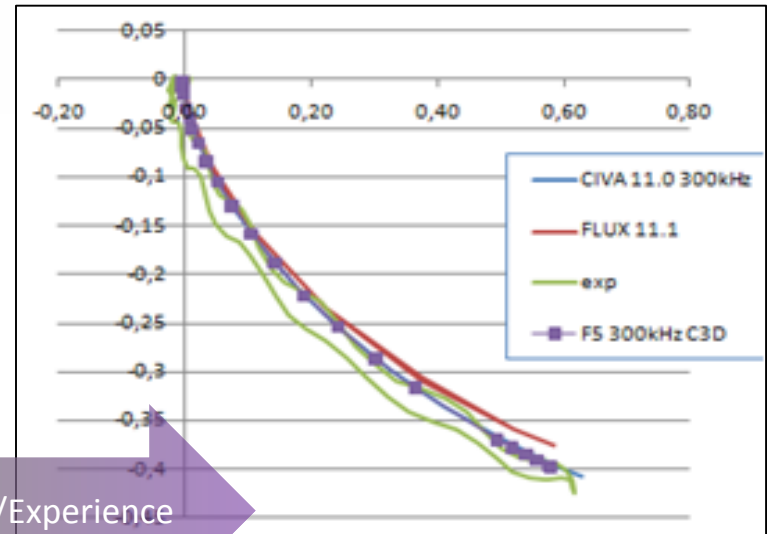
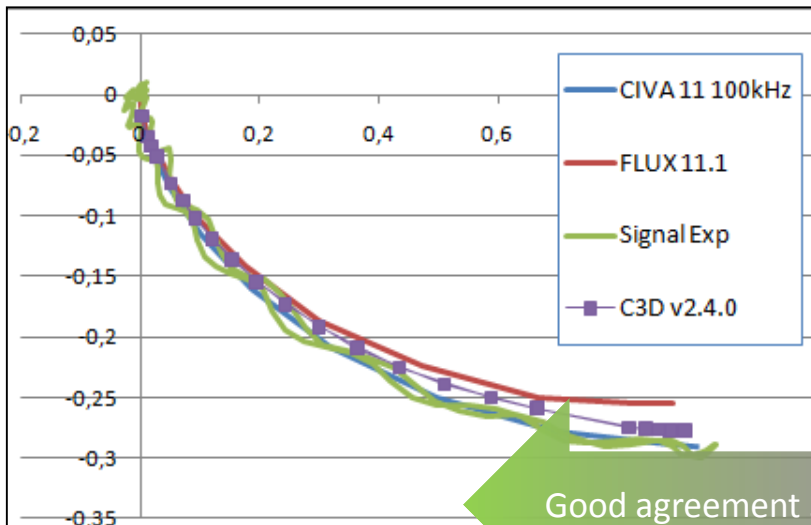
Calibration Flaw F7 (10 mm x 0,3 mm x 40%)

Target Flaw F5 (2mm\*0.1mm\*100%)

Reflexion mode transducer (100kHz & 300kHz)

*(Benchmark also defined with absolute mode single coil, communications in pas conferences)*

## Results obtained on flaw F5 at 100kHz (left) and 300 kHz (right) :



Good agreement Simulation/Experience



# Test case #6 (VALLOUREC)

On line Inspection  
Stainless Steel tubes TP304L

## Input data:

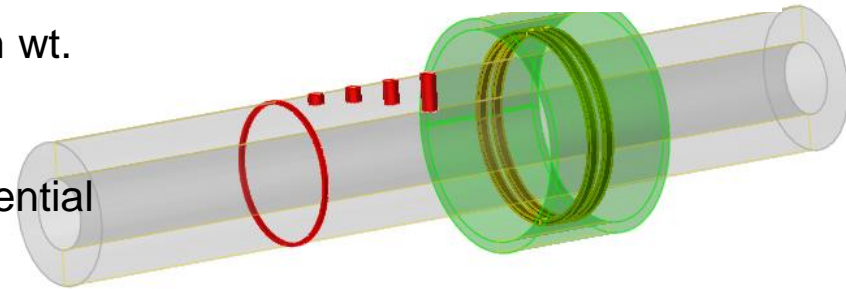
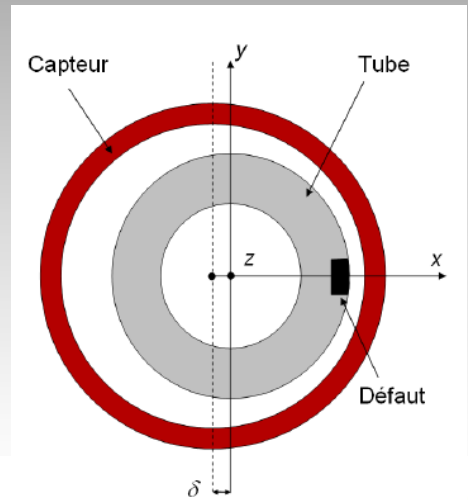
Tube stainless steel 304 (1,43MS/m), 32mm OD\*8mm wt.

FBH  $\varnothing$  3,5 mm with depths 2mm,3mm, 5mm

& TWH (100%)

Encircling coils : 1 transmitter and 2 receivers in differential

mode, frequencies: 3,50 & 100kHz



## Results obtained on TWH (calibrated on FBH 3mm depth):

	Ampl. (V)	Diff. Ampl.	Phase (deg.)	Diff. Phase
Experiment	0,98	<i>Ref.</i>	84,5	<i>Ref.</i>
CIVA 11.0	0,99	0%	84,7	-0,2
FLUX11.1	0,98	0%	86,6	-2,1

	Ampl. (V)	Diff. Ampl.	Phase (deg.)	Diff. Phase
CIVA 11.0	1,88		90,2	
FLUX11.1	1,91	1,8%	93,2	3

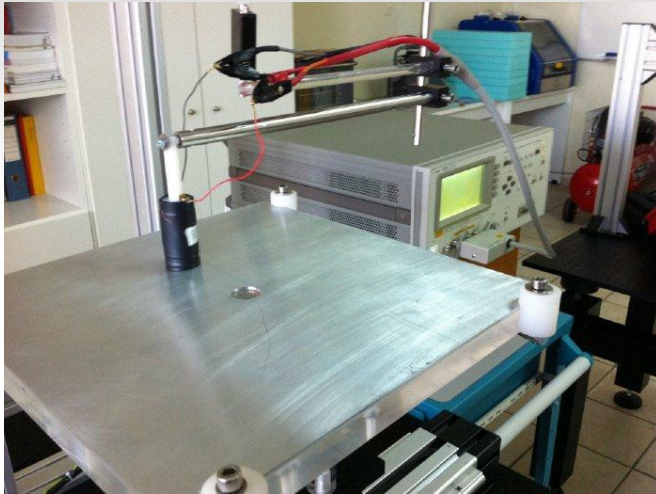
Centered

Off-centered (2mm off centering)

# Test case #9

Aerospace configuration : Fastener hole insp.

(CEA LIST, Western Macedonia Univ.)



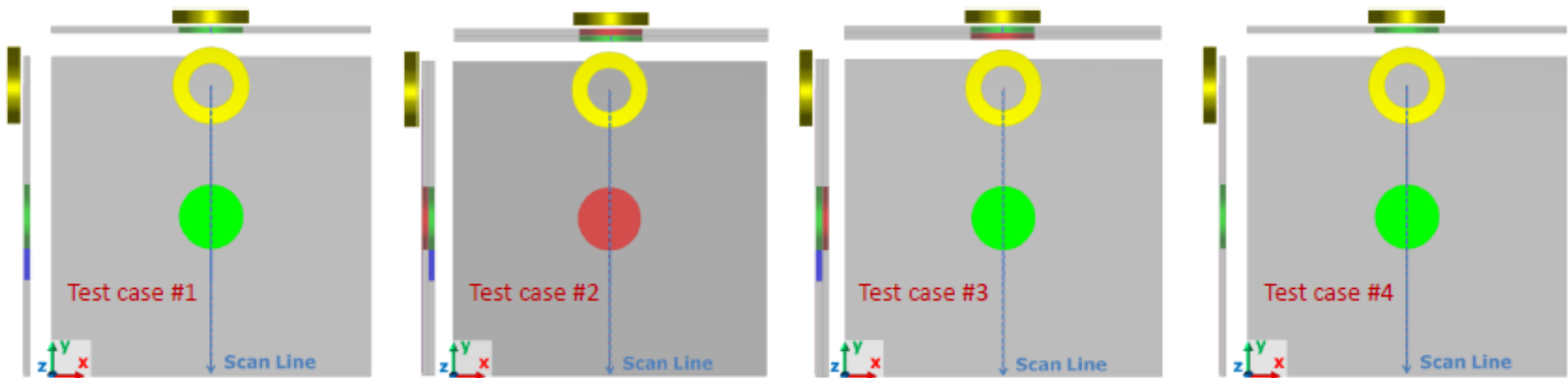
## Input data:

Aluminium plate (17,4MS/m). Simplified version: Wide bore (10mm).

Sensor : Single coil, absolute mode, 1kHz & 5kHz

4 configurations:

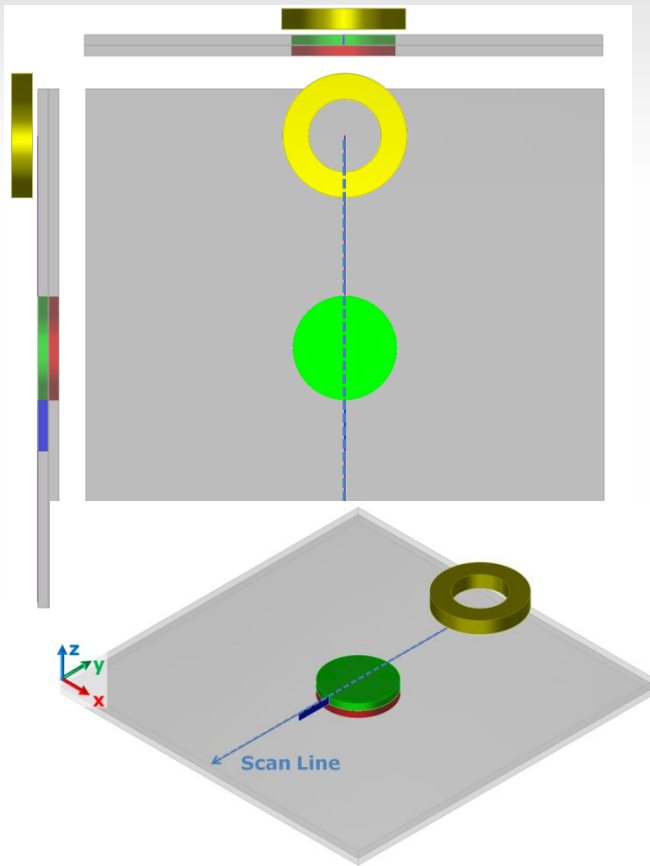
- ✓ #1: One layer with Through Wall notch (9,8mm\*0,236 mm)
- ✓ #2: Two layers (interlayer gap 70  $\mu$ m) with notch on the lower layer
- ✓ #3: Two layers with notch on the upper layer
- ✓ #4: One layer, free flaw



# Test case #9

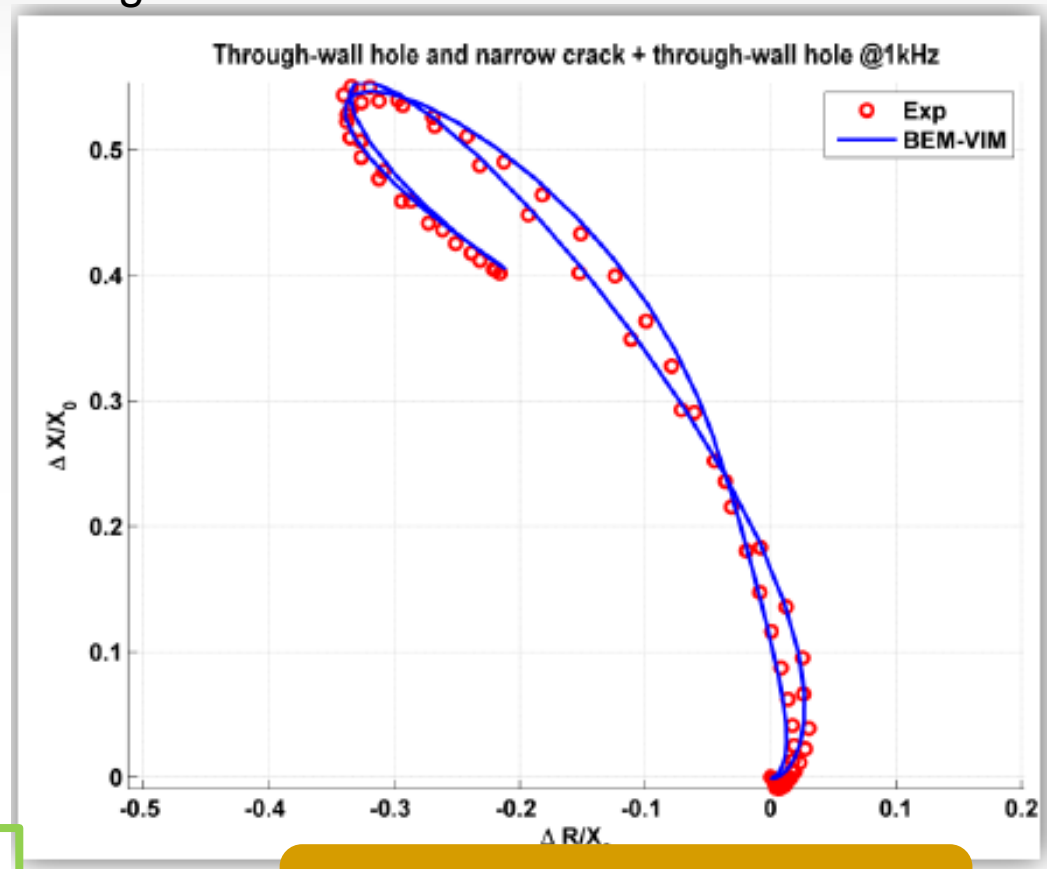
Aerospace configuration : Fastener hole insp.

(CEA LIST, Western Macedonia Univ.)



## Impedance plane results:

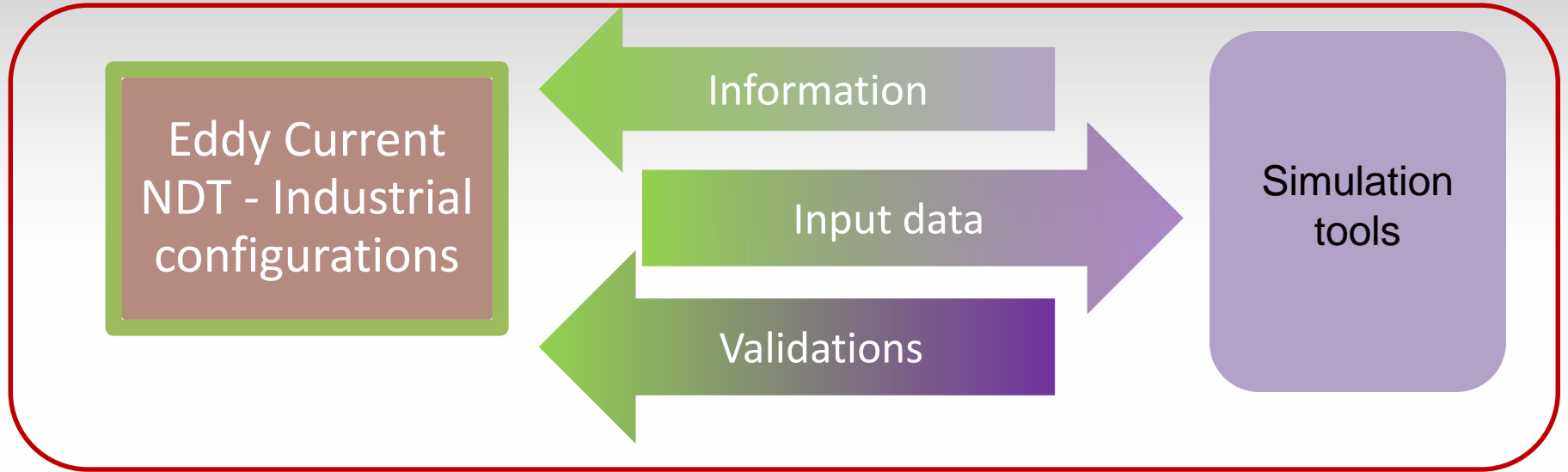
Simulation with CIVA11 & experimental data, configuration #2 à 1kHz



Results from other codes waited for 2014

Presented at QNDE 2013

# Conclusion



## WG COFREND « Modeling of Eddy Current Testing »

Various industrial sectors

**5 Test-cases defined,**  
solved or to be solved  
by simulation codes  
**1 Test-case to be  
defined soon**

More to come:

<http://www.cofrend.com/contrôles-non-destructifs/methodes-de-contrôle/courant-foucault-et/qt-modelisation>

New subjects, new participants, new codes, ....

Working Group COFREND :  cofrend  
“Modelling of Eddy Current Testing”

*<http://www.cofrend.com/contrôles-non-destructifs/methodes-de-contrôle/courant-foucault-et/gt-modelisation/>*

# Thanks for your attention !

