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# **Limites et perspectives des modèles de propagation acoustique**

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- Societal background:

- **INSEE (2002): 54% of the french population is annoyed by noise**

*from: Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie (ADEME)*

- **IFEN (2007): money that is spent to reduce noise increase of 6.2% each year since 1990, of which the half is due to transportation noise**

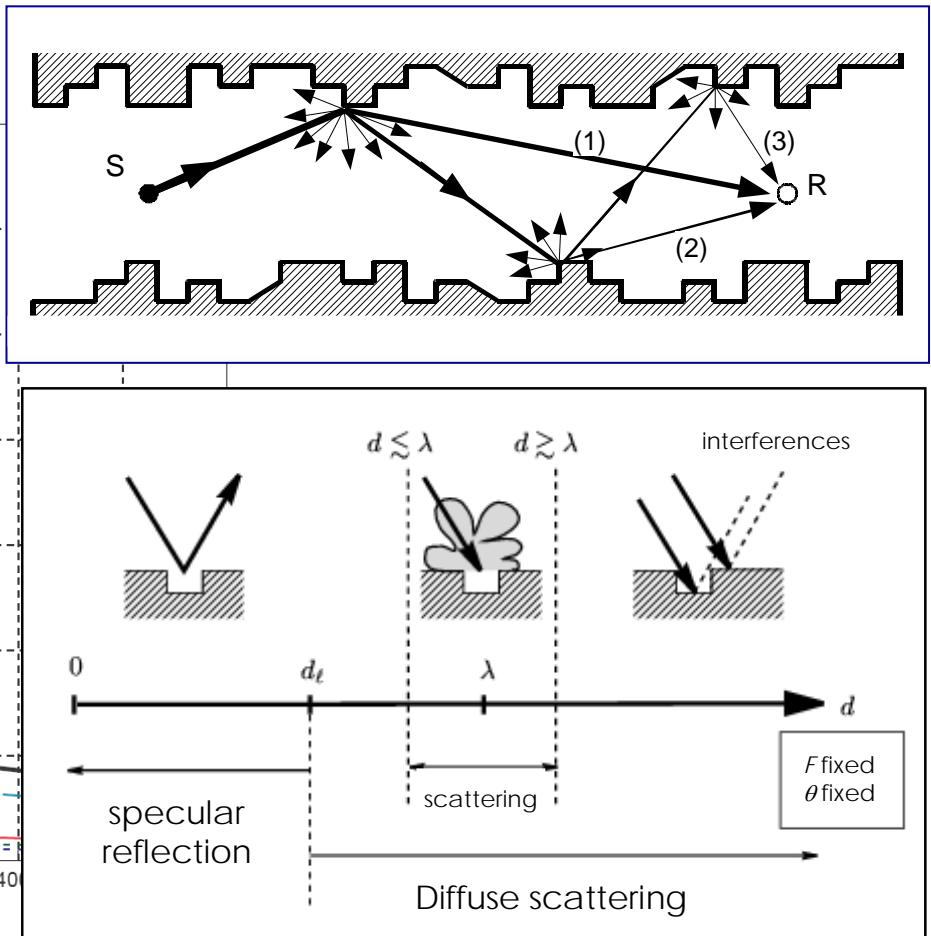
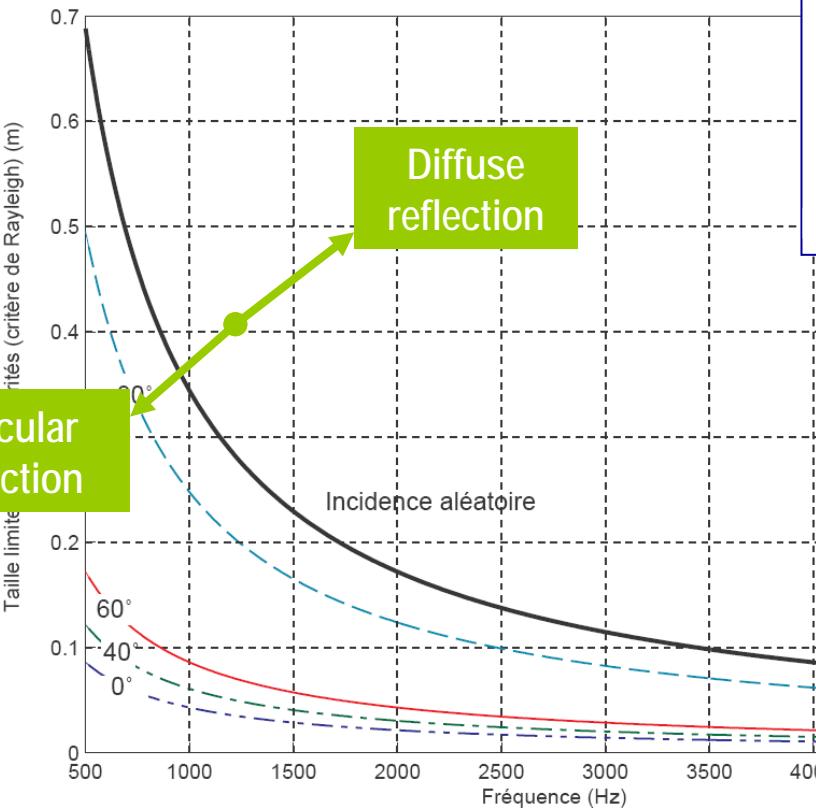
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- Regulation background:
  - France: « Noise » law (Loi « Bruit ») n° 92-1444 (december 31, 1992) regulating sound emission and noise levels
  - European directive 2002/49/CE (June 25, 2002) on strategic noise mapping
  - French method NMPB 2008 (NF S 31-133) on the calculation of outdoor sound propagation

- Physical phenomena of sound propagation:
    - Direct field ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
    - Specular reflection ★ ★ ★ ★
    - Diffuse reflection ★ could be, but not really done
    - Scattering ★ ★ ★ building edges
    - Geometrical dispersion ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
    - Atmospheric absorption ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
    - Ground effect ★ ★ homogeneous ground or 1 discontinuity
    - Meteorological ★ celerity gradient for open field (not urban)

- Physical phenomena of sound propagation:
  - Diffuse reflection by building façades
  - Diffusion by fitting objects in streets
  - Specific meteorological effects in urban areas
  - Interferential effects in streets

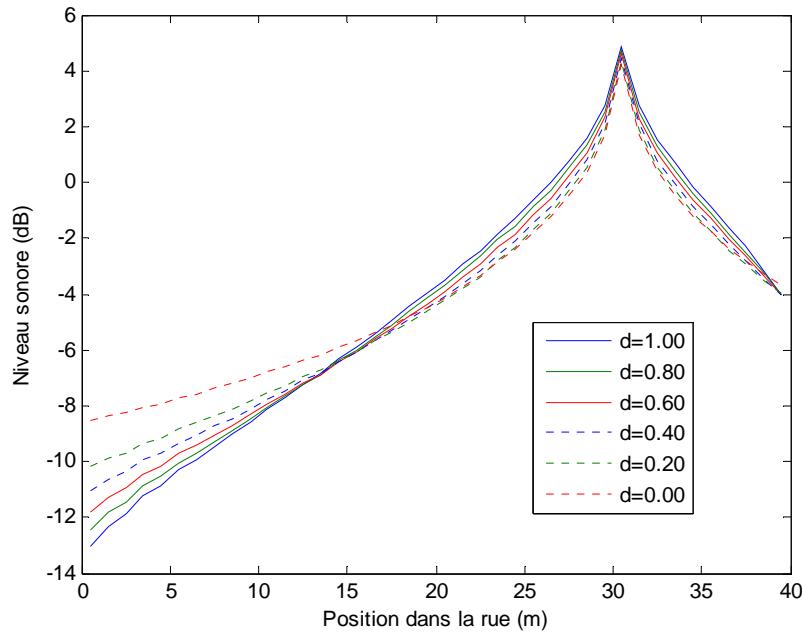
# Diffuse reflection by building façades



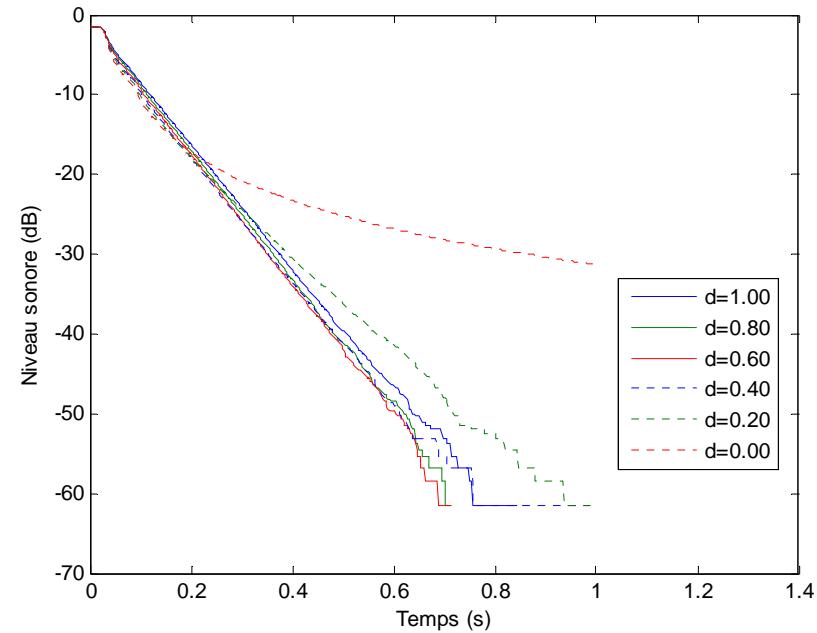
# Sound propagation in a street (40m long x 8m width x 8m high)

with partially diffusely reflecting boundaries: from 100% (diffuse, d=1) to 0% (specular, d=0)

Sound attenuation dB=f(position in the street)



Sound decay dB=f(time)

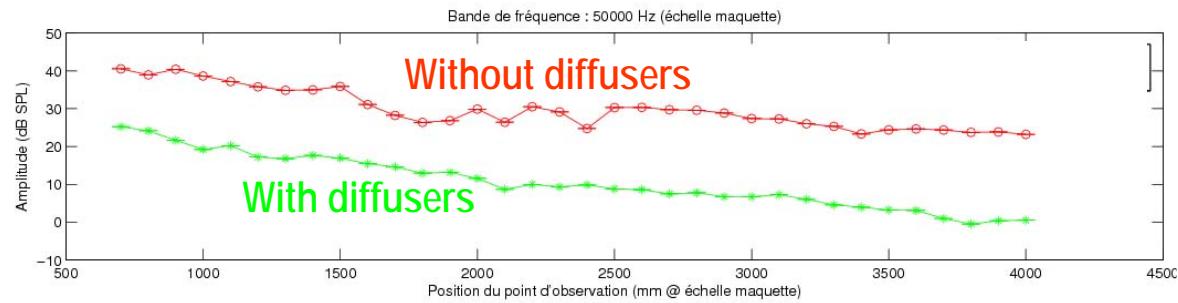


# 1/10 Scale model measurements (4m long x 0.4m width x 0.7m high)

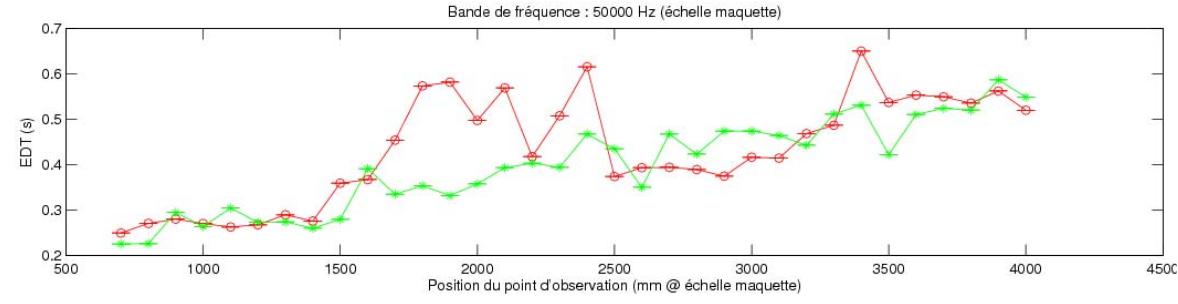
with (30% of the façade area) and without acoustic diffusers (5000Hz FS)



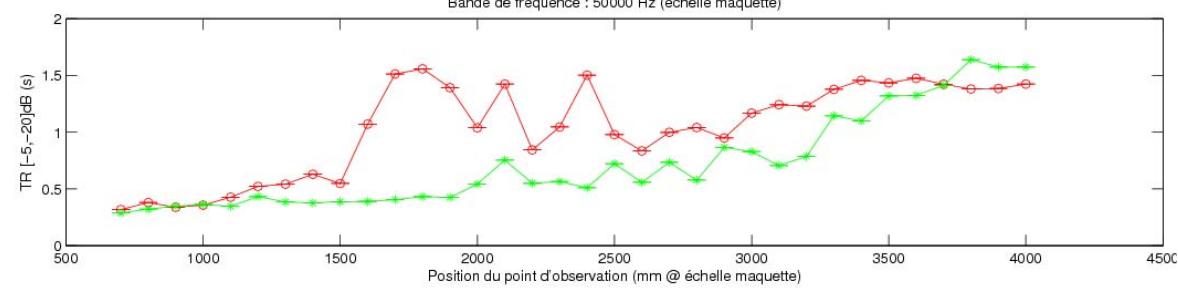
SL (dB)



EDT (s)



RT15 (s)

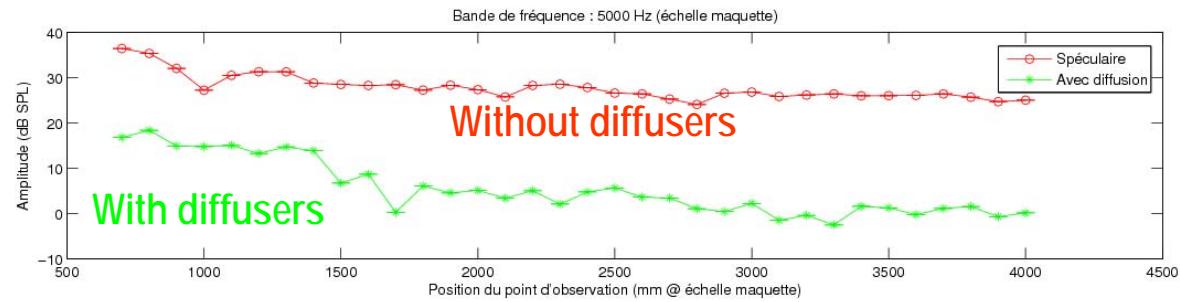


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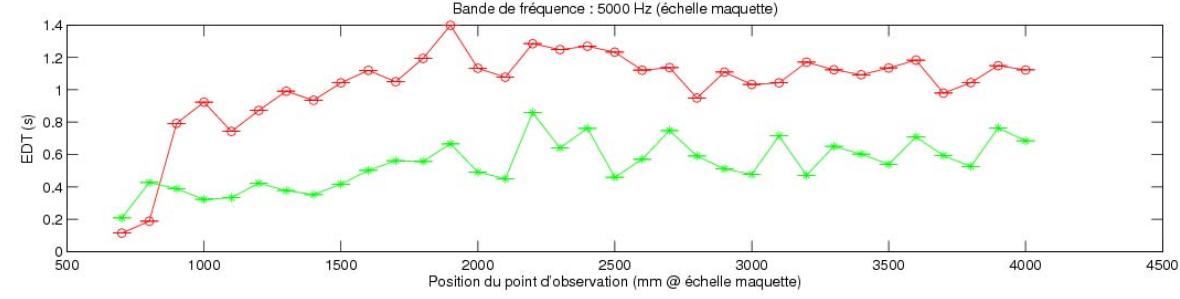
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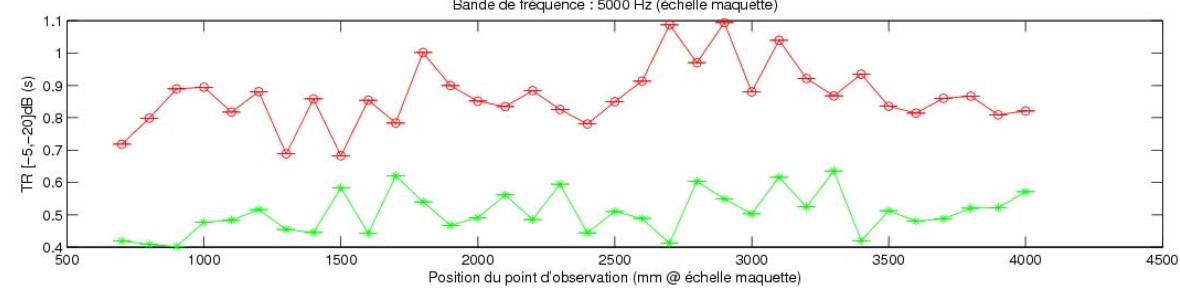
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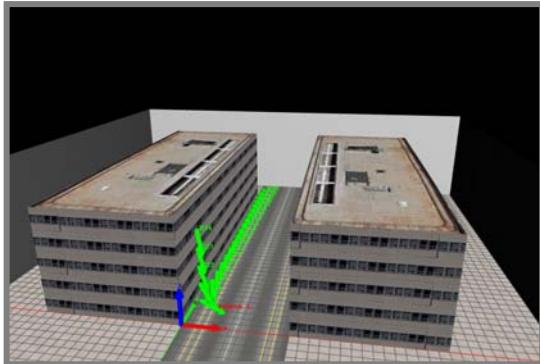
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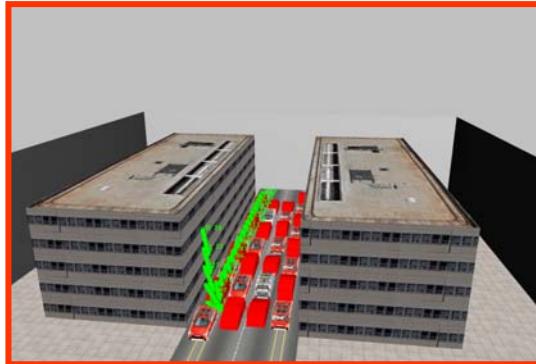
# Diffusion by fitting objects in streets

## Diffusion by fitting objects

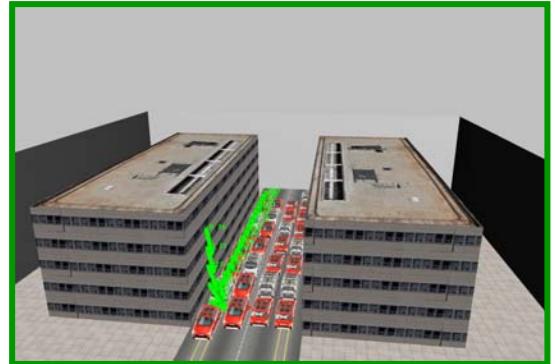
Empty street: reference



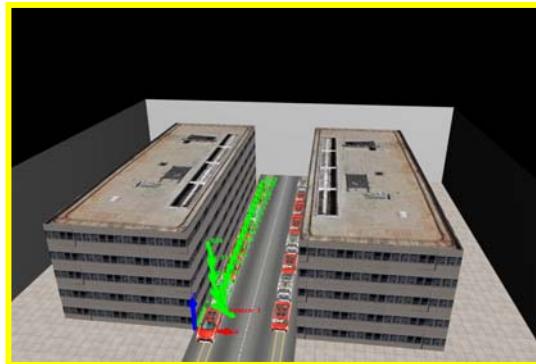
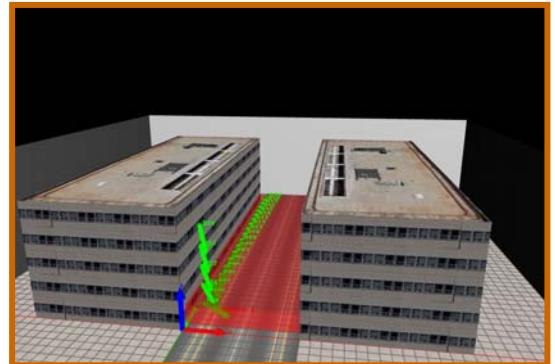
Fitting: 14 cars



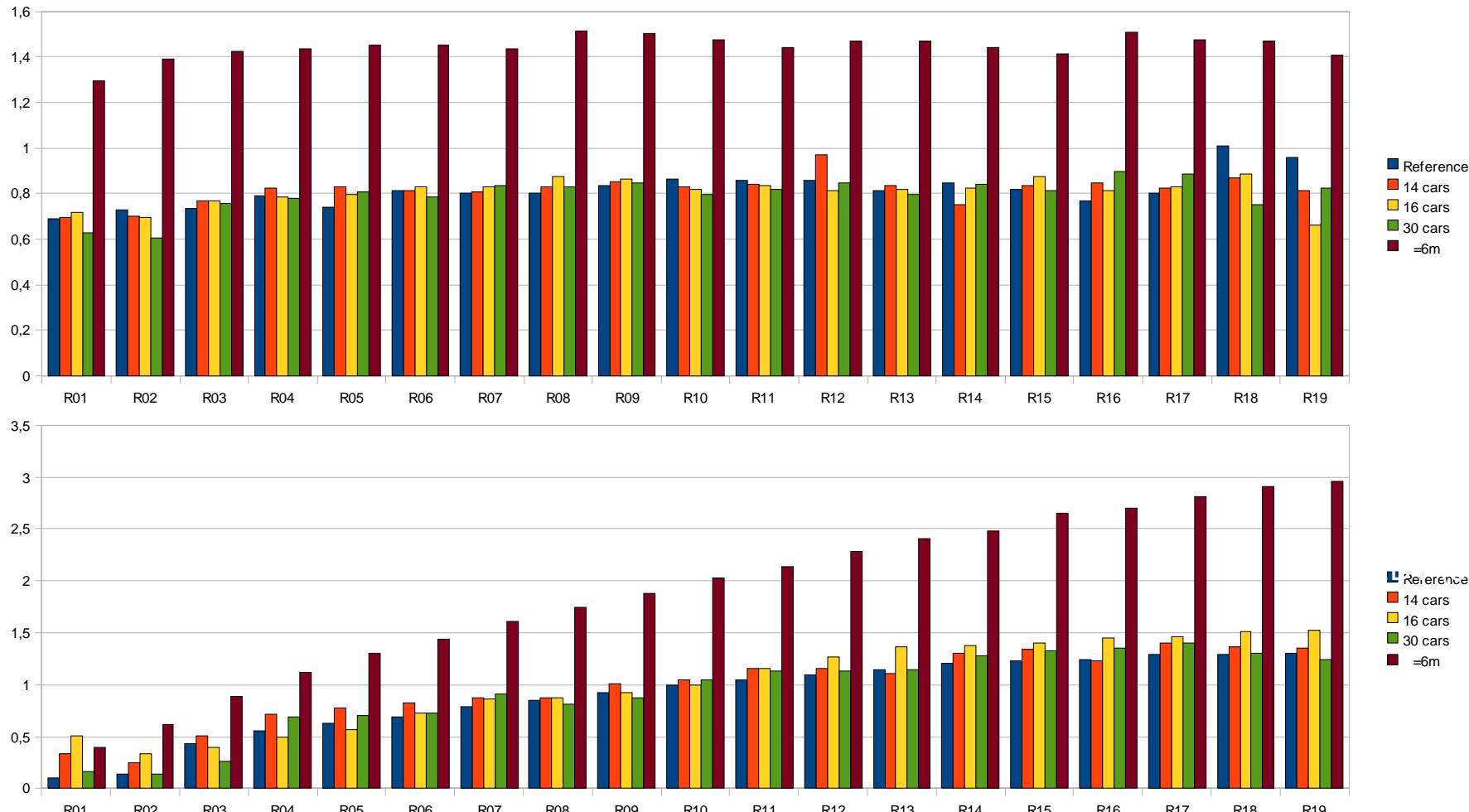
Fitting: 30 cars

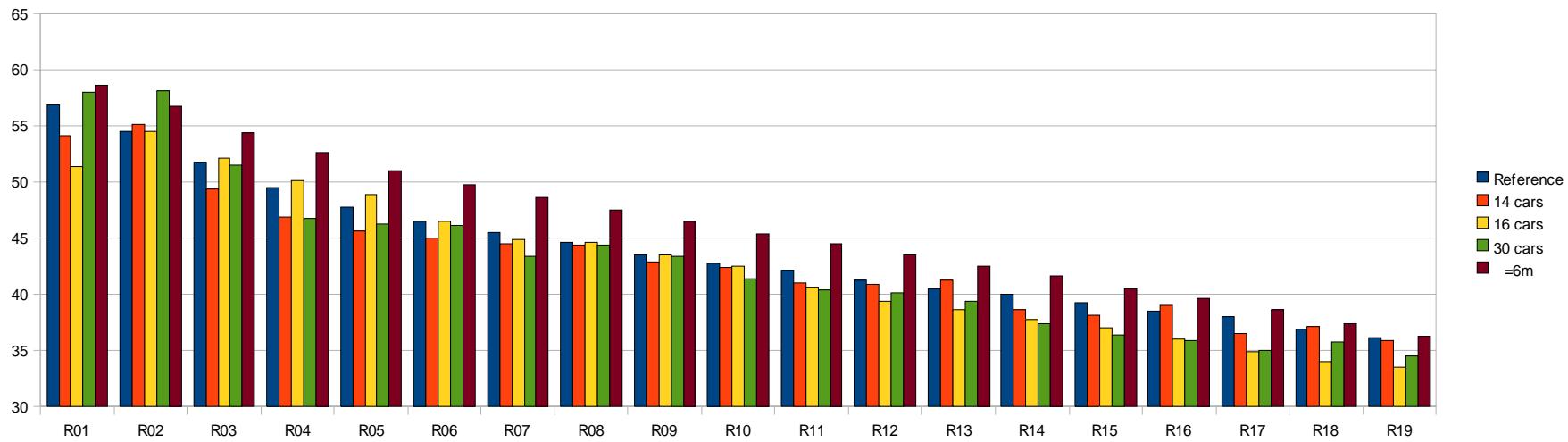


Fitting: 16 cars

Statistical fitting ( $\lambda=6m, \alpha=0$ )

## Diffusion by fitting objects





## Conclusions:

- small effect for fitting objects with specular reflection (local effect?)
- important effect of statistical diffusion (increase of SL, RT, EDT)
- need more detailed studies (OPALHA project in progress)

# Specific meteorological effects in urban areas

- Meteorological effect in streets?

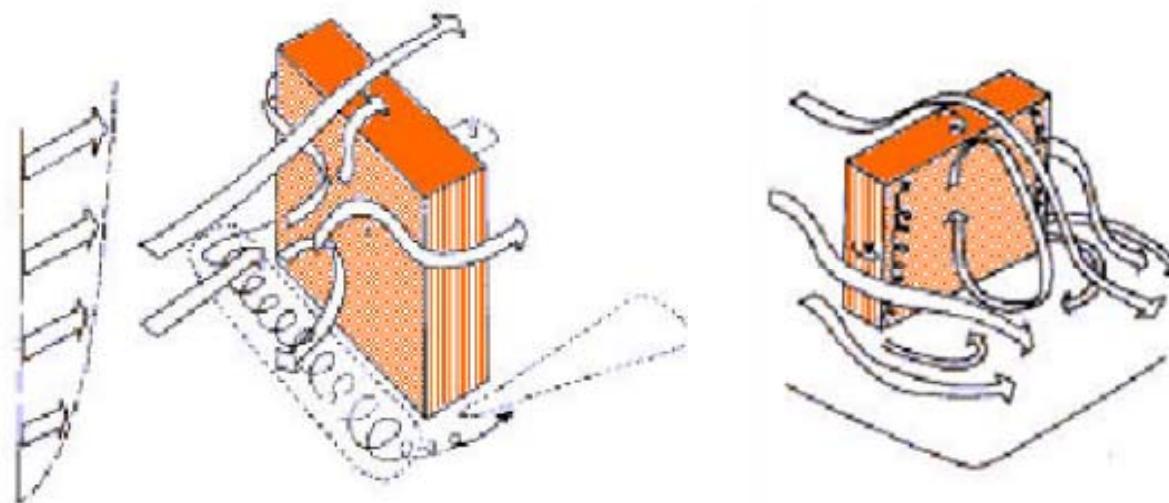
- Thermal effects:

- Heat turbulences
    - Celerity gradient : vertical and transversal

- Aerodynamic effects:

- Wind: « canyon » effect
    - Turbulences around buildings

Ögren and Forssén (2004)  
Renterghem *et al.* (2004)  
Heimann (2007)



Effects (in french) :

- de coin
- de tourbillon amont
- de sillage
- de rouleau aval
- de trou
- de barre
- de liaison
- Wise
- Venturi
- de canalisation
- de maille (ou de cour)

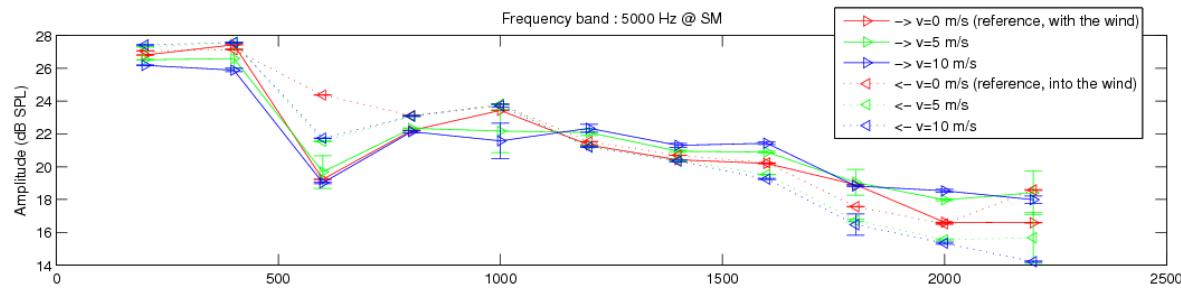
# 1/20 Scale model measurements (EM2PAU project)

## (2.4m long x 0.35m width x 0.52m high)

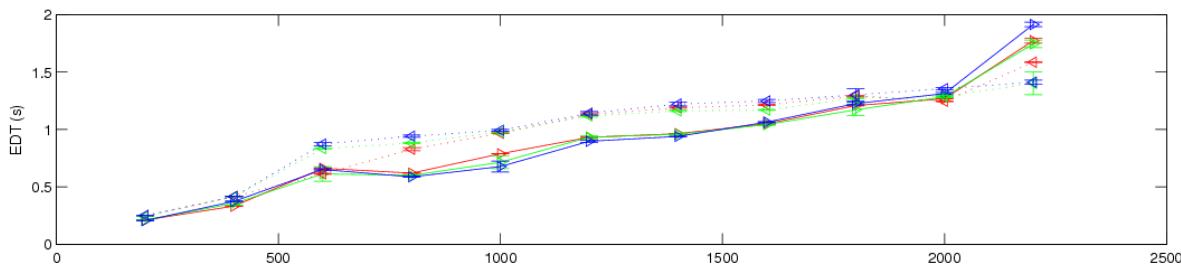
500Hz FS



SL (dB)

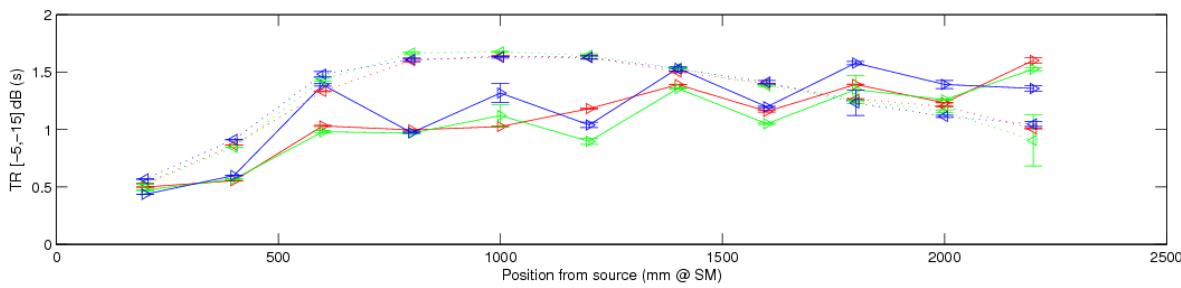


EDT (s)

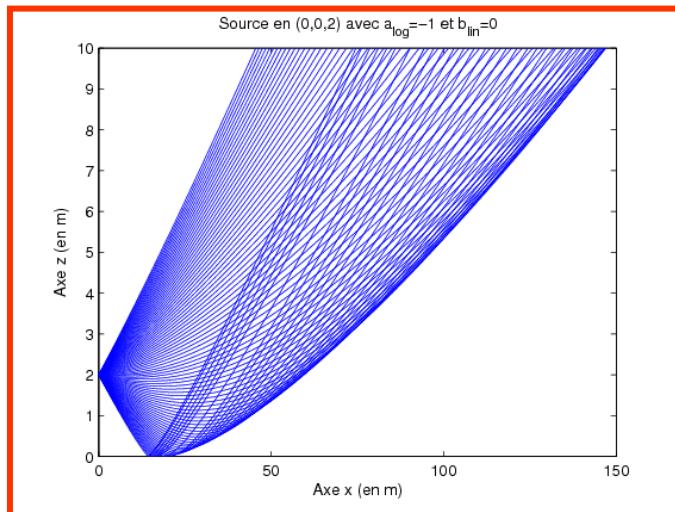


Measurements in a PIV.  
Collaboration with the  
LMF (ECN)

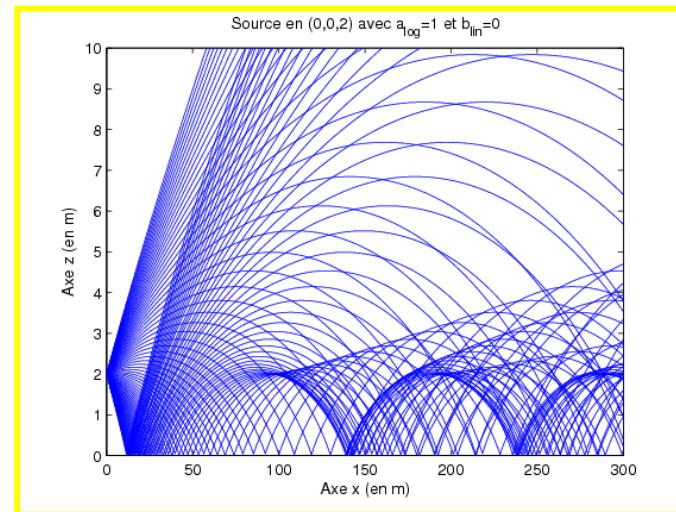
RT10 (s)



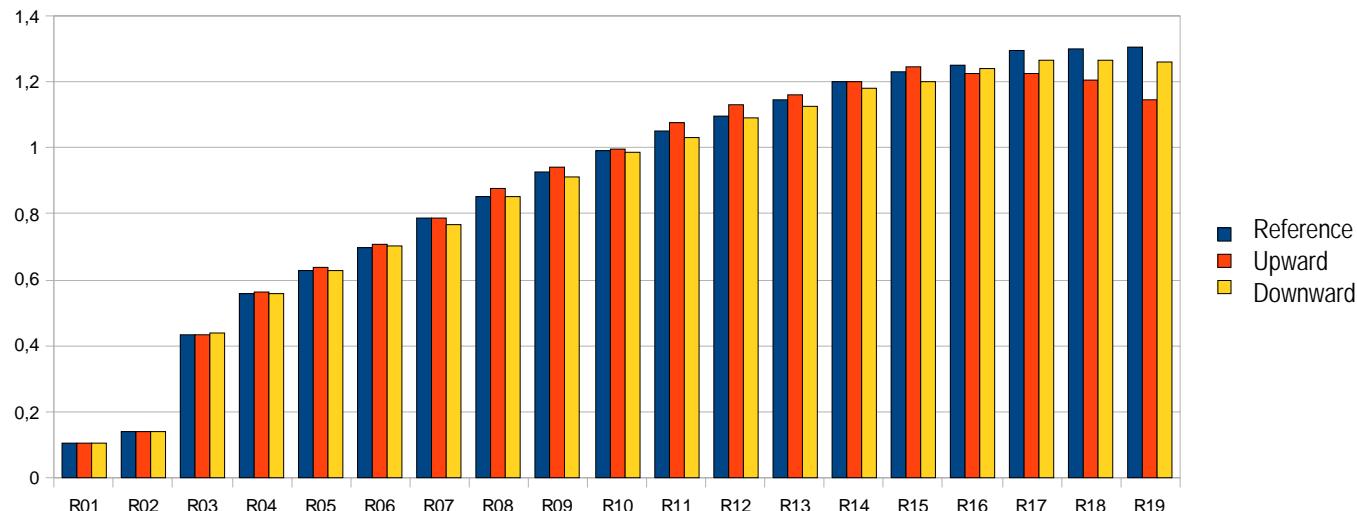
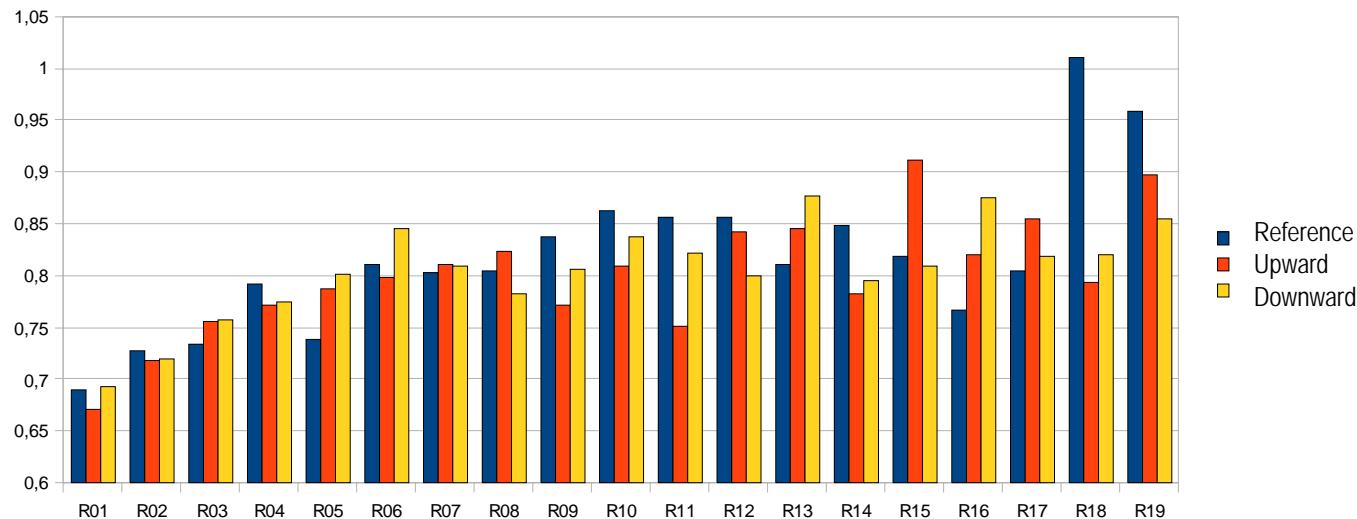
**« Upward » configuration:  
Celerity gradient log-lin  
Particles path curved to the sky**

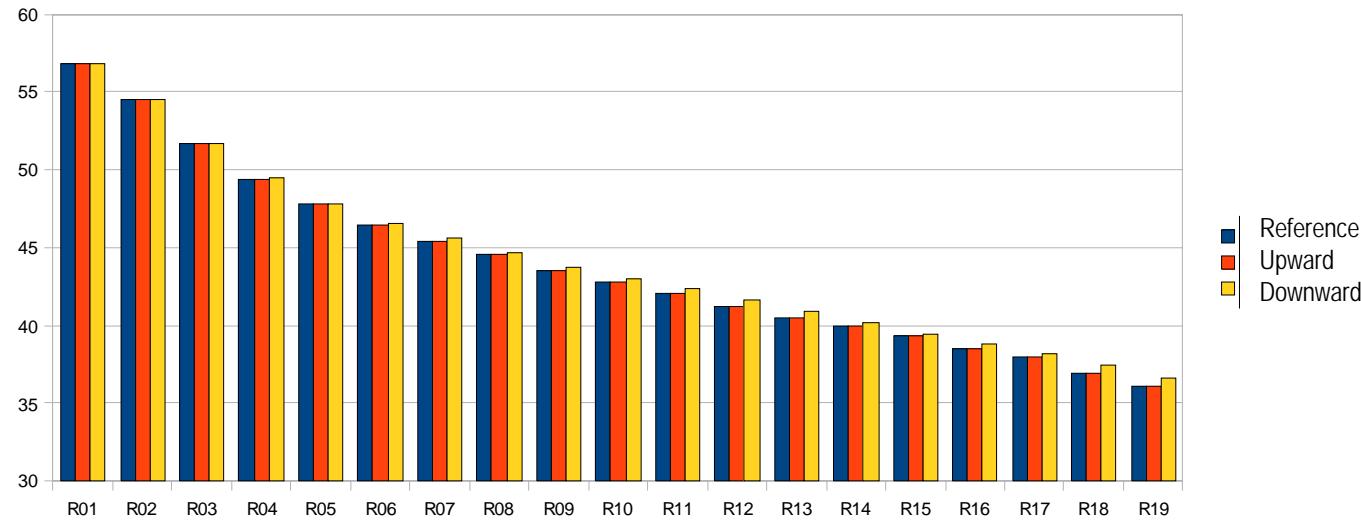


**« Downward » configuration:  
Celerity gradient log-lin  
Particles path curved to the ground**



## Meteorological effects





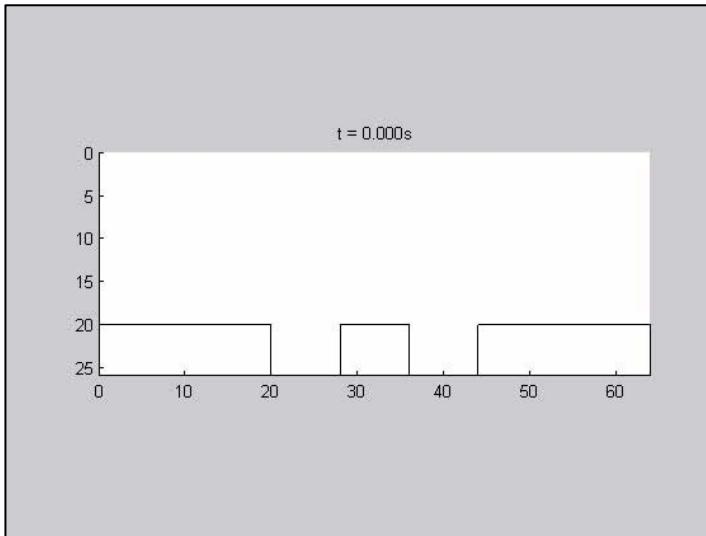
## Conclusions:

- not visible on SL; small effect on RT (10%), but arbitrary hypothesis...
- need more experimental and numerical studies (EM2PAU project in progress)

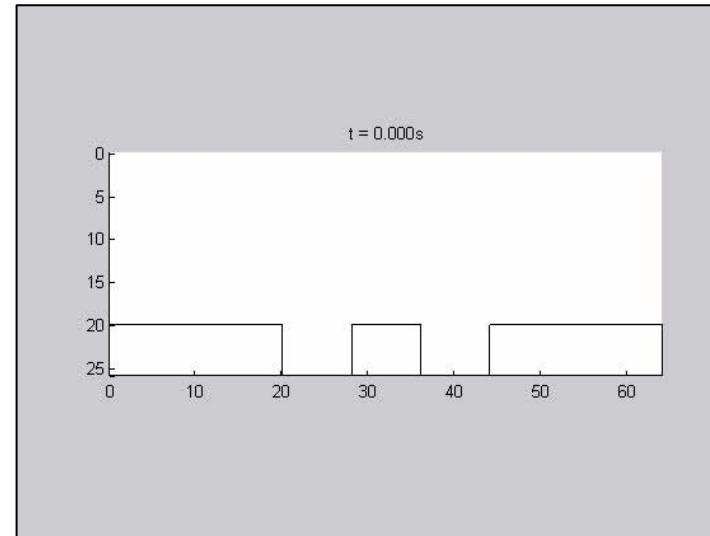
# Interferential effects in street

- Effects of:
    - Roof impedance
    - Facade impedance
- ★ never taken into account
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What is the real effect? Illustration (TLM simulation, 100Hz)



Façades with perfect reflection



Façades with porous material

- Physical phenomena of sound propagation:
  - **Diffuse reflection by building façades**
    - Numerical simulations: real effect
    - Measurements: real effect
  - **Diffusion by fitting objects**
    - Numerical simulations: not pertinent (OPALHA Project...)
    - Measurements: OPALHA Project...
  - **Meteorological effects**
    - Numerical simulations: not pertinent (arbitrary simulation)
    - Measurements: not pertinent (EM2PAU project...)
  - **Interferential effects in streets**
    - Numerical simulations: pertinent (VegDUD Project...)