Complex Aero Engine Intake Aerodynamics





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- □ Flow velocity measurements
 - AIP time averaged and unsteady flow analysis
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Centre for Propulsion Engineering – Experimental aerodynamics – Complex aero engine intakes



- □ Future air vehicles importance of engine system integration.
- Compact configurations sufficient operability margin.
- Advanced civil configurations partially embedded engines.







- Complex engine installations and intakes.
- Distorted, unsteady flow fields presented to aero-engine.
- 8x5 pressure rake can't measure that!







Rationale and current challenges



- \Box Co-rotating swirl + pressure distortion \rightarrow Surge margin loss.
- □ Counter-rotating swirl + pressure distortion \rightarrow Dramatic surge margin loss.
- □ Need for synchronous assessments of pressure and swirl distortion.
- □ No swirl data exist to support the understanding of swirl characteristics.

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inception?

PIV?



Complex intake facility -Rig layout





Experimental facility & methods Rig layout





Experimental facility & methods Rig layout





Low offset S-duct Inlet diameter = 121 mm Area ratio = 1.52 Offset to Inlet Diameter ratio = 1.34

- □ Suck-down configuration.
- Maximum Mach number at the S-duct inlet ~ 0.8
- Circular working section diameter = 150 mm.



Glass wall thickness = 5 mm.

□ Capability to generate additional, prescribed distortion at the S-duct inlet.



□ 3C-2D PIV at a cross flow plane.

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□ S-PIV plane at 0.25D_{out} i.e. 37 mm downstream of S-duct exit.

Experimental facility & methods

- Dual cavity pulsed Nd:YAG laser 200 mJ/pulse acquisition rate 7.5Hz
- □ 2x TSI PowerView Plus cameras at 4MP (2048 x 2048 px).
- □ 45° off-axis arrangement.
- □ Field of view = 150 mm
- Upstream measurement plane at 0.9Di

Experimental facility & methods Instrumentation setup



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Experimental facility & methods SPIV workflow



Illumination



- □ TSI Insight4G.
- □ 1,000 images per dataset.
- □ Image pre-filtering.
- □ Five plane calibration with 3rd order polynomials.
- □ Recursive Nyquist processing \rightarrow 64x64/32x32 with 50% window overlap.
- □ Final spatial resolution 1.2 x 1.2 mm i.e. 0.8% $D_{out} \rightarrow$ 9,000 velocity vectors per plane.



3 component velocity field







Experimental facility & methods Case matrix



		Inlet Mach	Inlet Re _p
D _i D _i 	D _i = 121.6 mm		U
	$A_{out} / A_{in} = 1.52$	0.27	5.9e+5
	H / D _i = 1.34	0.45	9.9e+5
	L/D _i = 5.0	0.6	13.2e+5
D _i C	D _i = 121.6 mm		
	$A_{out} / A_{in} = 1.52$	0.27	6.01e+5
	H / D _i = 2.44	0.45	10.05e+5
	L / D _i = 4.95	0.6	13.8e+5



AIP flow analysis Time averaged out of plane velocity



- □ Expected low velocity region.
- □ More pronounced at HO.
- □ Stronger secondary flows.
- Upstream movement of centreline separation point.
- Loss migrates to a more central location at the HO Sduct.
- □ Affects distortion descriptors.
- □ Top separation captured.
- Weak effect of Mach / Re.

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AIP flow analysis Unsteady out of plane velocity



- □ At the LO max unsteadiness co-located with max loss.
- Unsteadiness reduces close to the wall.
- \Box < 5% across the rest of the AIP ~10% at the top loss region. \Box
- U Weak effect of Mach.

- \Box More extensive at HO higher peak values ~20%.
- □ More central position associated with main loss zone.
 - **Spanwise position affects turbomachinery performance.**
- □ No region of low unsteadiness.



AIP flow analysis Unsteady radial velocity



- At the LO max unsteadiness at the lower AIP part.
- □ At the HO higher unsteadiness closer to the AIP center.
- □ Mach number doubles the highly unsteady regions in both cases.

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 $\sigma_{u\theta} / W_{ref}$

0.18

0.155

0.13

0.105

0.08

0.055

0.03

0.005

AIP flow analysis Unsteady circumferential velocity



- At the LO max unsteadiness close to the max loss region.
- Greater radial position than unsteady out of plane velocity.
- Distinct high and low unsteadiness regions.
- □ Distribution unaffected by Mach number levels increase.
- □ At the HO similar topology higher levels.
- □ Contrast with out of plane velocity unsteadiness.
- Modest effect of Mach number.

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AIP flow analysis Time averaged radial Reynolds stress



- □ HO shows a vertical oscillatory pattern.
- **□** Extends across top and bottom parts.
- Associated with the shedding of the separated flow within the duct.
- □ Inlet Mach does not affect the topology.
- Slight increase at the unsteadiness and extent of the unsteady regions.



AIP flow analysis Time averaged swirl angle





- Localised at the LO.
- Restricted at the bottom part of AIP.
- High swirl angle levels at the HO – covering ~40% of the AIP.
- □ Similar levels in both cases.



AIP flow analysis Unsteady swirl angle



- □ Substantial swirl angle variations for both cases.
- At LO more localised unsteady swirl mainly dictated by the unsteady circumferential velocity.
- **Ο** More extended regions at HO aligned with highly unsteady regions of w and $u\theta$.

~37 mm

σ_a [deg]

15

12.5

10

7.5

5

2.5

 Both out of plane and circumferential components contribute equally.

AIP flow analysis Instantaneous velocity and swirl







AIP flow analysis Instantaneous velocity and swirl



Very challenging for an 8x5 rake !!!





AIP flow analysis Time averaged vorticity



- Highest levels at bottom part of the AIP.
- At LO vortex centers are further apart and at a lower position.
- Peak vorticity does not coincide with peak out of plane velocity unsteadiness regions.
- Not necessarily associated with separation point.



Flow distortion metrics SAE Swirl intensity



Flow distortion metrics SC60





Flow distortion metrics SI - SC60 maps





- □ Assessment of dynamic distortion
- □ Synchronous field data -enables statistics of field descriptor
- Development of new descriptors

Flow distortion metrics SI - SC60 maps





Flow distortion metrics SAE Swirl pairs





$$SP(i) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{m} SS_{i,k}^{+} \cdot \theta_{i,k}^{+} + \sum_{k}^{m} |SS_{i,k}^{-}| \cdot \theta_{i,k}^{-}}{2 \cdot Max \{ SS_{i,k}^{+} \cdot \theta_{i,k}^{+}, |SS_{i,k}^{-} \cdot \theta_{i,k}^{-}| \}_{k=1,...,m}}$$

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Flow distortion metrics SAE Swirl directivity



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Flow distortion metrics SAE SD - SP maps



M_{in} = 0.6



1.5

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Wrap up

- □ S-PIV at the cross flow plane at the exit of complex aero engine intakes was enabled and distorted flows were successfully measured.
- ❑ Achieved spatial resolution: 0.8% of the AIP diameter → 9,000 3C velocity vectors across the AIP. Step change compared to the 40 point measurements across the AIP.
- □ Unsteady, time averaged and statistical analysis for two S-duct configurations.
- □ High offset S-duct generates around 80% more distorted and more unsteady flow with higher levels of swirl angle. This is also reflected in the distortion descriptors.
- □ Mach number has only a modest effect on the AIP flow topology as well in descriptor distribution in both configurations → Distortion performance dominated mainly by S-Duct offset.
- □ Distortion cloud maps allowed the inspection of swirl descriptor distributions in time → Identification of extreme events with potential impact on the downstream compression system.
- □ Key step forward in unlocking complex duct aerodynamics.



Numerical capabilities / DDES / POD



CFD vs experiments I



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CFD vs experiments II



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Coherent structure identification via POD – First Switching Mode (FSM)





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Coherent structure identification via POD – Second Switching Mode (SSM)



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Coherent structure identification via POD – First Vertical Mode (FVM)





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Coherent structure identification via POD – Second Vertical Mode (SVM)





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Swirl switching originates from separation region



Streamwise velocity Lateral velocity 1.06 St=0.53 PSD of a_{FSM} First AIP Switching Mode Φ^u_{FSM} -2.5 Φ^{w}_{FSM} 2.5 0 0 1 8.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 St 1.06 St=0.53 PSD of a_{SSM} AIP Second switching mode Φ^{w}_{SSM} Φ^u_{SSM} -2.5 2.5 0 0 1 8.0 1.0 1.5 2.0 0.5

0.0

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DDES data only

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Shear layer unsteadiness





What about inlet pressure distortion ?



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Pressure field from PIV data?

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 Can PIV data be further exploited to determine pressure fields and total pressure distortion metrics ???

2. Planar, tomographic, low bandwidth or time-resolved PIV ???

3. Boundary conditions ???

Pressure derivation from velocity data methods



- □ Velocity field → Pressure field → Mechanical loads (usually measured separately)
- Synchronous estimation of flow kinetics, kinematics and load information
- □ Time-averaged or time-resolved mode
- Reduce instrumentation needs in wind tunnel tests



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van Oudheusden et al, 2007

 $\nabla \mathbf{p} = \left[\begin{array}{c} \rho\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u\right) + \mu \nabla^2 u \\ \varphi \\ \text{Source} \\ \text{Temporal variation} \\ \text{Viscous diffusion} \\ \text{Convection} \\ \text{Viscous diffusion} \\ \text{Viscous diffusi} \\ \text{Viscous diffusion} \\ \text{$

Momentum equation:



Pressure derivation from velocity

Momentum equation:



Pressure derivation from velocity data - Methods



Direct Spatial Integration of momentum equation (DSI):

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = -\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{u_\theta^2}{r} + u_z \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} = -\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial t} + u_{r}\frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial r} + \frac{u_{\theta}}{r}\frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_{\theta}u_{r}}{r} + u_{z}\frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial z} \right)$$

with

$$\rho_{i,j} = \frac{r_{i,j}}{Rt}$$
$$t = t_0 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_{i,j}^2}{c_p}$$

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Numerical method as in *Baur et al.*, 1999

Poisson Pressure Equation (PPE):

$$\nabla^2 p = -\rho \nabla \cdot \left[\frac{du}{dt} + u \cdot \nabla u \right] = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial z^2} = = -\rho \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial r \partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 u_\theta}{\partial \theta \partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z} \right] - \rho \left[\left(\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + 2 \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial z} + \left(\frac{u_r}{r} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} + 2 \frac{u_r}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

Numerical method as in
Anderson, 1995

- □ Impact of flow density
- □ Impact of out-of-plane velocity gradients
- Impact of temporal velocity gradients
- □ Impact of boundary condition

Pressure derivation from velocity data – Boundary conditions



DSI



□ Static pressure along outer boundary



Static pressure along outer boundary
Divergence of static pressure along virtual boundary

Agenda





METHOD VERIFICATION

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S-duct configuration & verification data

L <	>		Inlet Mach	Inlet Re _D
	D _i = 121.6 mm	0.27	6.01e+5	
	A_{out} / A_{in} = 1.52	0.45	10.05e+5	
•••		H/D = 2.44	0.6	13.8e+5
	117 D _i - 2.44		Presented here	
		L / D _i = 4.95		

Computational methods:

- 1. RANS with $k-\omega$ SST
- 2. Delayed Detached Eddy Simulations with $\Delta t=6 \ \mu s \ or \ \Delta t/t_c = 0.00175$
- 3. Velocity field extracted from CFD mapped onto a uniform 50 x 180 points polar grid
- 4. 200 boundary points equi-spaced circumferentially

...further details on CFD methods in MacManus et al, AIAA-2015-3304

Time averaged pressure reconstruction— Direct Spatial Integration (DSI)





Time averaged pressure reconstruction— Poisson Pressure Equation (PPE)





Time averaged pressure reconstruction



	DENSITY	$\left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial u_i}\right)$	<i>Ix10³</i>	Ix10 ³
	DENSITY	$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial z}\right)$	M _{in} =0.6	Min=0.27
DSI	variable	on	6.7	6.4
	variable	off	15	16
	constant	on	6.8	6.5
	constant	off	15	17
PPE	variable	on	5.3	5.5
	variable	off	5.6	6.5
	constant	on	5	5.5
	constant	off	4.8	6.5

Method accuracy index:



- DSI accuracy affected by out-of-plane velocity terms
- Density has no major impact
- □ PPE provides slightly better reconstruction accuracy
- □ PPE accuracy constant regardless of density of out-of-plane velocity gradients treatment
- Both methods allow reasonably accurate derivation of pressure fields from steady, planar, 3C velocity data

Unsteady pressure reconstruction– Direct Spatial Integration (DSI)





 \Box Delayed Detached Eddy Simulations (k- ω SST)

- \Box $\Delta t=6 \ \mu s \ or \ \Delta t/t_c = 0.00175$
- **Convective time** $t_c = 3.41 \text{ ms}$
- **Δ** Solution saved every 3 timesteps or 18 µs

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Unsteady pressure reconstruction-**Direct Spatial Integration (DSI)**



Highly distorted, unsymmetrical instantaneous flow fields

DSI robust and accurate enough to reconstruct pressure fields (departure ±1.5%)

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Unsteady pressure reconstruction– Direct Spatial Integration (DSI)



Total pressure distortion descriptors





8 x 5 ring and rake AIP discretisation

Total pressure distortion descriptor reconstruction – Time averaged descriptor accuracy











- □ DSI DC60 influenced by treatment of density and out-of-plane velocity terms
- Lower discrepancies in PR/RDI/CDI
- PPE consistently under-predicts all descriptors by appr. 8%
- PPE less susceptible to density and out-of-plane terms treatment

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Total pressure distortion descriptor reconstruction with DSI – Unsteady descriptor accuracy





Total pressure distortion descriptor reconstruction with DSI – Unsteady descriptor accuracy





Impact of boundary condition – Steady BC / steady DSI reconstruction



Steady DSI reconstruction with $\rho = var$ and $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial z}$ ON



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Impact of boundary condition – Unsteady BC / unsteady DSI reconstruction



Unsteady DSI reconstruction with
$$\rho = var$$
, $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial z}$ ON and $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}$ ON



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Impact of boundary condition – Steady BC / unsteady DSI reconstruction

Unsteady DSI reconstruction with
$$\rho = var$$
, $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial z}$ ON and $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}$ ON



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Wrap up

- 1. Pressure fields at the exit plane of complex intakes reconstructed from velocimetry data
- 2. Synchronous coupling of swirl and total pressure distortion metrics with high spatial resolution
- 3. Less intrusive instrumentation
- 4. <u>Time-average</u> reconstruction:
 - o DSI functional susceptible to density and out-of-plane velocity gradient treatment
 - PPE functional better accuracy less influenced by density and out-of-plane velocity gradient treatment
 - Max calculated uncertainty appr. -19% (DSI reconstructed DC60 from planar velocity data and constant density)
- 5. <u>Unsteady</u> reconstruction:
 - o DSI functional
 - <15% uncertainty for PR/CDI/RDI appr. 30% uncertainty in DC60
 - PPE more worked needed!
- 6. Impact of <u>boundary conditions:</u>
 - DC60 primarily affected by nature and resolution of static pressure distribution along the boundary
 - Low impact of number & nature of boundary points on PR/CDI/RDI reconstruction
 - Potential to reconstruct unsteady distortion metrics with a low resolution, steady BC



In conclusion...

✓ S-PIV provides a step change in measurement capability

 Velocimetry data can be further exploited in conjunction with Hi-Fi numerical methods

...even to reconstruct flow properties (pressure fields)

 \checkmark Advanced processing methods are very powerful if used wisely



Recent papers on the topic

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