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EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF BOUNDARY LAYER INGESTION ON TURBO-FAN NOISE GENERATION

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Impact of boundary layer ingestion on aeroengine fans





Fan blade experiences varying incident flow, leading to e.g.

- reduced fan efficiency
- blade vibrations of low orders
- transient structural loads
- additional noise sources



DLR project AGATA^{3S} (2017-2022)



Modelling of aircraft and engine test cases

Experiments under realistic conditions



- Institute of Propulsion Technology
 Engine Acoustics (Berlin), Fan and Compressor (Cologne),
 Engine (Cologne), Engine Measurement Systems (Cologne)
- Institute of Aeroelasticity Aeroelasticity of Turbomachinery (Göttingen)

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- Institute of Structures and Design Design and Manufacture Technologies (Stuttgart)
- Institute of Aerodynamics and Flow Technology Transport Aircraft (Braunschweig), Technical Acoustics (Braunschweig)

Derivation of representative BLI test cases





Test bench and Fan rig





Multi-stage 2-shaft compressor test bench M2VP at DLR Cologne

carbon composite blades fan diameter 1 m blade numbers 10/12 PR @ ADP 1.3 mass flow@ADP 159 kg/s

Development of inflow distortion device (IFD)



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TEST CAMPAIGN 2022

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Multi-disciplinary test campaign May-June 2022





Aerodynamics

- total pressure rakes, total temperature rakes, boundaray layer rakes
- 5-hole probes,
- instationary pressure sensors
- hotwire anemometry
- particle image velocimetry (PIV)

Aeroelastics, Structure

- Image Pattern Correlation
 Technique
- DMS, BSSM

Acoustics

• microphone arrays

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Multi-disciplinary test campaign May-June 2022





Stereo PIV of mean flow



Optical measurement of blade displacements and deformations





Measurement of total pressure distribution of fan inflow







inflow distortion device

fan

Hotwire measurements upstream / interstage / downstream of fan







inflow distortion device

fan

Acoustic measurements upstream / downstream of fan







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SOME RESULTS

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Selected fan operating points with BLI





acoustic relevant OP

ZH = Zaun-Höhe = fence height

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Goal: Assess BLI impact on four fan noise components



f in Hz

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Noise components separated by cyclostationary analysis N=85, AL, distortion fence 120 mm





rotor 2 blade tones @ $f = h_2 B_2 f_{rot2}$ rotor 1 x rotor 2 interaction tones $@ f = h_1 B_1 f_{rot1} + h_2 B_2 f_{rot2}$

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Noise components separated by cyclostationary analysis N=85, AL, distortion fence 120 mm





BLI impact on blade tones rotor 1 and rotor 2





main noise generating mechanisms

- Steady blade forces in uniform steady flow
 → acoustically <u>cut-off</u> at subsonic operation
- (buzz saw tones at supersonic fan operation)

- Unsteady blade forces due to interaction with non-uniform steady flow
- (modification of buzz saw noise sources at super sonic fan operation)

Blade tones of rotor 1 and rotor 2 N=85, AL, without distortion fence





rotor 1 blade tones @ $f = h_1 B_1 f_{rot1}$

rotor 2 blade tones @ $f = h_2 B_2 f_{rot2}$

Blade tones of rotor 1 and rotor 2 N=85, AL, with distortion fence 120 mm





rotor 1 blade tones @ $f = h_1 B_1 f_{rot1}$

rotor 2 blade tones @ $f = h_2 B_2 f_{rot2}$

engine order harmonics due to blade deformations caused by BLI?

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BLI impact on blade tones rotor 1 and rotor 2 N=85, AL



strong aerodynamic excitation at low orders

interaction BLI / rotor 2 is subordinate

Inflow distortion decomposed into circumferential modes







Relation of aerodynamic and acoustic modes N=85, AL, 1BPF1







- level increases of aerodynamic and acoustic modes correlate
- asymmetrical mode excitation due to alignment of the dipole sources
- resonance and propagation effects to be considered

Relation of aerodynamic and acoustic modes N=85, AL, 2BPF1



$$m_{acoustic} = h_1 B_1 + m_{aero}$$



Relation of aerodynamic and acoustic modes N=85, AL, hBPF1





BLI impact on rotor 1/rotor 2 interaction tones





main noise generating mechanisms

- interaction rotor 1 wakes / rotor 2
- interaction potential fields rotor 1 / rotor 2
- → interaction modes according to Tyler&Sofrin

$$m = h_1 B_1 - h_2 B_2$$

- rotor 1 wakes vary during rotation
- potential fields of rotor blades vary during rotation
- → generation of modes adjacent to Tyler&Sofrin modes

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Separation of rotor 1/rotor 2 interaction tones N=85, AL, no distortion fence



BLI impact on rotor 1/rotor 2 interaction tones N=85, AL



azimuthal modes in ring A1



- BLI modifies blade wake and potential field
- · blade deformations may have an impact
- propagation effects to be considered

BLI impact on rotor-incoherent noise sources





main noise generating mechanisms

turbulence interaction

- inflow \rightarrow rotors
- rotor 1 wakes \rightarrow rotor 2
- rotor blade tip vortices → rotor 2

- modification of aforementioned mechanisms
- BLI → rotor 1 and rotor 2

Separation of rotor incoherent signal components N=85, AL, distortion fence 120 mm



BLI impact on rotor-incoherent noise sources N=85, AL

HW1 Turbulence intensity, filtered in axial direction **CRISP E3** 14 N= 65; WL= AL ZH=0 N= 65; WL= AL ZH=120, Phi126 12 N= 85; WL= AL ZH=0 Turbulenc intensity in % N= 85; WL= AL ZH=120, Phi=126 N= 85; WL= AL ZH=70, Phi=126 10 6 2 0 50 100 150 200 250 300 0 Immersion depth in mm

average signal mic ring A1



Relation to turbulence length scales N=85, AL





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Overview of main measured test points average autopower spectra



Conclusion



- Comprehensive data base of tests under realistic engine conditions available
 - Aerodynamics, acoustics, blade deformations & vibrations
- Significant BLI effects on fan aeroacoustics measured
 - strong excitation of rotor 1 tones (isolated from other stage interactions)
 - modification of blade wake and potential field interaction of rotor 1 and rotor 2
 - rotor-incoherent excitation correlates well with turbulence intensity and length scales

Outlook / Ideas for further studies

- Paper at the AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference 2024 in Rome
- Radial mode analysis under consideration of boundary layer profile
- Validation of fan noise prediction methods

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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Fan map



BLI impact on mean flow profile in fan inlet N=85, AL



