Simulation of Boundary Layer Ingestion Fan Noise for NOVA Aircraft Configuration

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Background and motivation

- UHBR engines on next generation aircraft → Address increasingly stringent aviation regulations for pollution and noise impact
 - Enhanced propulsion efficiency and lower noise emissions
 - Integration challenges and special designs required
- Four different NOVA (Nextgen Onera Versatile Aircraft) aircraft geometries investigated at Onera with focus on engine integration options*



Background and motivation

- Boundary Layer Ingestion (BLI) configuration benefits
 - Mass and drag penalty reduction
 - Jet and wake losses reduction

Potential fuel burn reduction

- Many implications have to be addressed before deriving the associated benefits: effects of inlet flow distortion on engine efficiency, operability, aeromechanics and aeroacoustics
- Research goals:
 - To perform the first CFD/CAA simulation of a full aircraft+BLI fan stage system
 - To address BLI installation effects on fan noise for a NOVA BLI-like configuration



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Numerical method

- SIMULIA PowerFLOW solver*:
 - Lattice-Boltzmann method for subsonic/supersonic flows
 - Solves the fully explicit, transient and compressible LBE
 - Sliding mesh (LRF) for rotating geometries
 - Hybrid solver: D3Q39 model inside LRF, D3Q19 model outside LRF
 - LBM-VLES turbulence model
 - Large-eddies are resolved ("coherent" statistically anisotropic eddies)
 - Small eddies (statistically universal) are modeled with an extended RNG k-ε model
 - Swirl term used to switch from modeled to resolved eddies
 - Extended turbulent wall model to account for favorable/adverse pressure gradients





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Fan stage geometry

- Modified version of "Low-Noise" NASA/SDT*
 - Original geometry fully scaled to match NOVA fan diameter (2.15 m)
 - Original nacelle axial length increased to match NOVA BLI intake-fan distance (2.35 m)





Fan stage integration into NOVA fuselage

Engine integration on NOVA lifting fuselage (courtesy of ONERA)



Simulated cases

 Isolated NASA/SDT with modified nacelle



 Installed NASA/SDT with modified nacelle into NOVA fuselage geometry



Mach	Mach Tip	Pressure	Temperature	AoA	Glide angle	Tilt angle	Toe angle
0.25	1.0038	ISA at	1000 ft	4°	6°	1°	2.5°



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Computational setup

- Symmetry plane (at fuselage centerline)
- FWH permeable approach for far-field noise
- 16 Variable Resolution (VR) regions (medium grid resolution)
 - VR16: tip gap
 - VR15: leading/trailing edges of fan/OGV and nacelle lip
 - VR14: fan/OGV
 - VR13: bypass channel, nacelle and s-duct walls
 - VR12: FWH permeable surface
 - VR11-VR0: fuselage offsets and boxes up to domain boundaries
- Fan geometry rotated through LRF **TUDelft** *Gonzalez-Martino et al., "Fan Tona



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Flow installation effects

- Instatanoeus flow on a plane normal to the fuselage
 - Higher flow acceleration at intake lip
 - Adverse pressure gradient induced flow separation on intake wall
 - Adverse pressure gradient induced flow separation on s-duct surface
 - Different fan wake/OGV interaction



Flow installation effects



Fan blade sectional air-loads Negative Cx as the

- Local flow velocity IJ Phase-locked $c_x \tilde{U}^2$ at three fan blade span-wise locations a∞ Freestream speed of sound
- Inboard: low-frequency unsteadiness \rightarrow mean flow distortion
- Outboard: high-frequency unsteadiness and lower mean value \rightarrow turbulence ingestion

meaning of thrust



Far-field noise directivity - Arc 0°

PSD on 10 m radius arc centered around the fan center





Directivity Map - Arc 0 deg



Far-field noise directivity - Arc 45°

PSD on 10 m radius arc centered around the fan center



Directivity Map - Arc 45 deg



Arc 45°

Far-field noise directivity - Arc 90°

PSD on 10 m radius arc centered around the fan center



Directivity Map - Arc 90 deg



Arc 90°

Far-field noise – Mic at 20°/Arc 45°

PSD for directivity angle of 20° on Arc at 45°



Arc 45°

Directivity Map - Arc 45 deg



Far-field noise – Mic at 90°/Arc 45°

PSD for directivity angle of 90° on Arc at 45°





Directivity Map - Arc 45 deg



Far-field noise – Mic at 160°/Arc 45°

PSD for directivity angle of 160° on Arc at 45°



Directivity Map - Arc 45 deg



Arc 45°

Band-pass filtered pressure around BPF1

- CFD computed pressure waves around BPF1
 - Isolated engine: low/high pressure areas extending upstream from each fan blade and co-rotating with fan propagate mainly upstream in the sideline direction
 - BLI engine: highly irregular pressure waves pattern propagating mainly upstream in the axial direction and downstream in the sideline direction



PNL on-the-ground

• Perceived Noise Level vs time during a takeoff fight path



Takeoff flight path

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Conclusions and future outlooks

- LBM solver Simulia PowerFLOW used to address fan noise implications of NOVA BLI engine configuration
- Aerodynamic installation effects:
 - Flow distortion and non-uniformity \rightarrow low-frequency air-loads variation
 - Separation on intake and s-duct walls \rightarrow high-frequency air-loads variation
- Aeroacoustic installation effects:
 - Increase of noise sources intensity, but different propagation behavior
 - Isolated engine: noise radiated mainly upstream in the sideline direction
 - BLI engine: noise radiated mainly upstream in the axial direction and downstream in the sideline direction
- As future outlooks:
 - Analysis of boundary layer/fan interaction mechanisms
 - Analysis of fan wake/OGV interaction mechanisms

Thank you for your attention!

