Aerodynamics of hypervelocity bodies Milestone 4, Final meeting

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Agenda

- 9.45 10.00: Overview of the GSTP activity
- 10.00 10.20: Automation of the VKI Longshot wind tunnel
- 10.20 10.40: Lagrangian modeling of the wind tunnel
- 10.40 11.00: State-of-the-art flow characterization
- 11.00 11.20: Design/testing of a Mach 14 contoured nozzle
- 11.20 11.40: Design/testing of a 6-components aerodynamic balance
- 11.40 12.00: Conclusions and outlook
- 12.00 13.30: Discussions
- 13.30: adjourn

Project overview, task division



Project overview, details on task 2





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Project overview, details on task 3



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Project overview, details on task 4



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- Automation of the wind tunnel
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Purposes of an automation system for the Longshot

Objectives

- Reduce manual interaction
- Automate full test procedures ("before", "during" and "after" a run)
- O Automate individual procedures (vacuum phases, leak test...)
- Increase system awareness (add diagnostics + feedback to operator)
- Gain efficiency (towards two tests per day)
- Improve test-to-test repeatability
- Introduce emergency procedures for enhanced safety



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Main characteristics of the automation system

- Automat: CompactRIO technology
- Language: Labview + FPGA
- 1 control station + 2 remote displays
- Interpretation of Sequential Function Charts
- Robust emergency procedures (hard coded)
- For safety: Watchdog, UPS...





User interface, Labview



- 2 levels of accreditation: operator / administrator
- 3 modes of operation: real / simulation / manual
- Real time display, on 3 computers ۰
- Automation logs saved for each experiment

Enhanced safety procedures

What if...?

- power cut
- loss of pressurized air
- loss of cooling system
- crash of control system
- early start of the piston
- piston cannot be released
- use of toxic gases
- pressure leak through the piston
- overpressure

Ο ...

Check-lists introduced



+ Emergency buttons available throughout the lab in case of emergency

Visual summary







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Visual summary







Automation facts

Some numbers...

- 225 channels (sensors and actuators)
- over $4 \,\mathrm{km}$ of electrical cabling (+ from US to European standard)
- over $50 \,\mathrm{m}$ of high-pressure tubing
- 37 new high pressure valves
- 13 pressure sensors
- 4 flow switches
- 1 temperature sensor

Summary

Current status

- Automation system is operational \checkmark
- Optimization phase completed
- Over 60 automated Longshot runs already achieved, many more to go!
- \rightarrow Longshot operation is safer \checkmark , easier \checkmark , faster \checkmark , more repeatable \checkmark



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Purposes of the numerical modeling

Objectives

- Simulate the Longshot compression process numerically
 - Accurately
 - Efficiently: using a simplified quasi-1D geometry
- Obtermine sensitivity to initial flow conditions
- O Determine operational maps
- Evaluate safety margins
 - pressure along tube
 - minimum distance left in front of piston before collision
- Predict Longshot operation using new conditions
- Open new perspectives: operate the tunnel with additional test gases

Description of the Longshot compression process



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Simplification of the geometry for numerical investigations





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Numerical tool: L1d2

Solver developed by P. Jacobs (Uni. Queensland)

- Quasi-one-dimensional Lagrangian solver
- Second-order accuracy in both space and time
- Robust shock-capturing scheme
- Open source

Successfully applied to different tunnels

- T4 free-piston shock tunnel (Jacobs, 1994)
- HEG free-piston shock tunnel (Jacobs, 2005)
- T2 free-piston shock tunnel (McGilvray, 2013)



Modeling approach

Decomposition of the problem

- Initial part of the compression

 → definition of relevant physical models:

 chambrage, equation of state, viscous effects, bore friction...
- In all part of the compression
- Use of the numerical model to determine operational maps



Space-time diagram, Perfect gas



Space-time diagram, improvements with a Real gas



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Space-time diagram: improvements with viscous effects



Experimental validation



Measurements along driven tube

Fast-response high-pressure Kistler sensors used to identify:

- Shock waves
- Reflected shock waves
- Piston passage in front of port



Transient pressure along the tube with/without check valves



Prediction of reservoir pressure



Losses through check valves

- <u>Viscous losses</u> modeled but not sufficient
- <u>Minor losses</u> need to be introduced to account for rapid changes of tube cross sections



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Flow through the check valves



Check valves closure and decay rates



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Animation of the Longshot compression process

1-dimensional Lagrangian simulation of the Longshot compression process Pressure contours (log-scale)
Sensitivities to initial flow conditions

Perturbation of the initial flow conditions...

... and quantification of the influence on the reservoir flow conditions

	Peak pressure <i>p</i> 0	Peak temperature T_0
Reference case	$242.52\mathrm{MPa}$	2215.8 K
$\begin{array}{l} p_{\rm driver} = 37.95 {\rm MPa} (+10\%) \\ p_{\rm driven} = 258.94 {\rm kPa} (+10\%) \\ m_{\rm piston} = 3.5365 {\rm kg} (+10\%) \end{array}$	> +3.7% > -6.4% > +11.3%	∕ +2.8% ∖ -6.4% ∕ +3.5%
$T_{ m driver} = 330 { m K} (+10\%) \ T_{ m driven} = 322.3 { m K} (+10\%)$		/ +5.4% / +7.6%

Longshot operational map and prediction accuracy



Summary and perspectives

VKI Longshot modeling using L1d solver (VKI customized)

- Whole Longshot compression process modeled
 - ${\, {\scriptstyle {\rm L}}}$ Accounts for chambrage, real gas effects & viscous effects
 - $\, \, \sqcup \, \,$ Bore friction negligible
 - $\, {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle \mathsf{i}}}}$ Simplified check valves modeling
- Predictions validated with reference experimental data

Main achievements

- $\checkmark\,$ Sensitivities to initial flow conditions determined
- \checkmark Operational maps determined
- \checkmark New insight, improved understanding of the facility
- $\checkmark\,$ Safer operation whenever using new operating conditions

Perspectives

- Extend modeling to the following nozzle
- Use different gases...

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Framework

The need for accurate free-stream flow quantities

Similarity parameters with flight conditions

- Free-stream Mach number
- Free-stream Reynolds number

$$M_{\infty} = \frac{u_{\infty}}{\sqrt{\gamma r T_{\infty}}}$$
$$Re_{\infty, L} = \frac{\rho_{\infty} u_{\infty} L}{\mu_{\infty}}$$

Non-dimensionalization of experimental data

- Wall pressure coefficient
- Wall heat transfer coefficient
- Aerodynamic coefficients

$$C_{p} = \frac{\frac{p_{w} - p_{\infty}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}u_{\infty}^{2}}}{\frac{\dot{q}_{w}}{\rho_{\infty}u_{\infty}(h_{aw} - h_{w})}}$$
$$St = \frac{\dot{q}_{w}}{\frac{\dot{q}_{w}}{\rho_{\infty}u_{\infty}(h_{aw} - h_{w})}}$$
$$C_{L} = \frac{L}{\frac{1}{2}\rho_{\infty}u_{\infty}^{2}S}$$

Purposes of the flow characterization

Objectives

- Establish new theoretical methods for free-stream rebuilding
- ② Develop new flow characterization probes
- Obtermine free-stream flow properties
- Validate predictions with independent measurement techniques
- Quantify uncertainties on free-stream flow properties

The regular flow characterization approach, its drawbacks



Drawbacks

- Requires elaborated equations of state
- Subject to severe assumptions (ideal nozzle expansion)
- Calorically perfect gas in the stagnation point region

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The improved flow characterization approach, its advantages



Advantages

- No need for elaborated equations of state
- No assumptions about the nozzle flow
- Rigorously solves shock conservation equations, including high-temperature effects

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Intrusive probes

Existing probes, optimized designs





Pitot pressure probe

- Slender head design \Box minimizes influence of flow pollutants on measurements
- Minimized internal cavity \rightarrow optimizes response time
- Sensor offset from probe axis
 - \vdash Better protection of the sensor

Stagnation point heat flux probe

- Smaller diameter
 - \downarrow larger heat flux
 - \vdash enhanced sensitivity
- Plain thermocouple + Chromel insert
 - \downarrow 1D heat flux ensured through

the probe

New probes for free-stream static pressure measurements

Challenges

- Low static pressures: $< 1000 \, \mathrm{Pa}$
- Short test times: $20 \, \mathrm{ms}$
- Transient variations during a test



New probes for free-stream static pressure measurements



Characteristics of the probes

- Embedded instrumentation \rightarrow optimizes response time
- Absolute pressure measurement → accurate even at low pressure
- Contoured nosetip \rightarrow minimizes influence on measurements
- Shallow opening angle \rightarrow avoids upstream influence of flow separation
- 3 instrumented locations along large probe \rightarrow quantify viscous effects
- 4 taps for each location \rightarrow reduces influences to flow misalignment

Static pressure measurements appear robust



Static pressure measurements appear robust



<u>Viscous effects</u>: weak influence along small and large probes

Instrumentation: different pressure sensors do not reveal any bias

<u>Angle of attack</u> of the probe: negligible influence for $\alpha < 0.33\,^\circ$

Probing hole geometries (straight or chamfered): negligible influence



Weak viscous effects along the probe



Comparing measurements against theory





Failure of the nozzle method:

- Underpredict p_{∞}
- Underpredict T_{∞}
- Overpredict M_∞ and ${
 m Re}_\infty$

Predictions from free-stream method:

✓ Validated by independent measurement techniques

Validating free-stream Mach number using schlieren

Comparison between experiments and numerics

• Experimental flow visualization (Schlieren)



Summary

Longshot free-stream flow characterization

- 3 probes: Pitot, stagnation point heat flux, free-stream static pressure
- Free-stream rebuilding method:

 - └→ accounts for high temperature effects (vibrational excitation)
 - $\, {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle \leftarrow}}}$ applicable to other test gases
 - \rightarrow potentially applicable to other hypersonic facilities

Cross-checks on free-stream flow properties:

- \checkmark Free-stream Mach number \rightarrow using Schlieren flow visualization
- \checkmark Free-stream static temperature \rightarrow via flow condensation experiments
- ✓ Free-stream Reynolds number)
- \checkmark Free-stream velocity

→ via BLT investigations

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Purposes of the activity

ESA requirements

• Bring back the Longshot wind tunnel with Mach 14 capabilities

Objectives

- Implement a methodology to design axisymmetric contoured nozzles
- Account for real gas effects
- Identify optimum nozzle design (parametric studies)
- Manufacture the nozzle, instrument it
- **1** Run experiments and characterize the hypersonic flow

New tool: code for axisymmetric hypersonic nozzle design

Main features of the code

- Handles Perfect gas/Real gas (via tabulated EoS) \checkmark
- Designs subsonic contour \checkmark
- Designs transonic contour \checkmark
- Designs supersonic/hypersonic contours (method of characteristics) \checkmark
- Corrects for viscous effects \checkmark
- $\bullet\,$ Optimizes nozzle length for maximum core flow diameter $\checkmark\,$
- Exports inviscid meshes towards numerical solvers \checkmark
- Includes graphical output \checkmark
- Accepts scripts for parametric studies \checkmark

Performances

• 1 design (using fine meshes) $< 1 \min$

Nozzle design, illustration step by step

Inviscid nozzle design using the method of characteristics

New Longshot Mach 14 nozzle

- Gas is pure nitrogen + follows a real gas equation of state (dense gas effects and high-temperature effects are accounted for)
- 6th order polynomial for the convergent (reservoir volume matches existing configurations)
- Parabolic arc for the transonic region
- 5th order velocity/Mach number polynomials along segments IE and BC, method of characteristics used to infer the corresponding contour

Improvement with respect to earlier design

- $\mathbf{0}$ \checkmark No more discontinuities on the first derivative of the contour
- **2** \checkmark Better transonic design: coherent with Hall's theory
- \bigcirc \checkmark Longer segment AJ: avoids coalescence of compression waves
- \checkmark Second order accuracy on the method of characteristics

Definition of the design Mach number



Identification of optimum design: parametric studies



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Summary of the design parameters

The following initial conditions for the Longshot tunnel:

- driver tube pressure: $p_{driver} = 345 \times 10^5 \, \mathrm{Pa}$
- driven tube pressure: $p_{driven} = 1.586 \times 10^5 \, \mathrm{Pa}$
- piston mass: $m_{piston} = 2.5 \, \text{kg}$

... compress the test gas up to the following reservoir flow conditions:

- $\bullet\,$ stagnation pressure: $166\,\mathrm{MPa}$
- stagnation temperature: 2400 K

... which enable to reach Mach 14 in a condensation free environment.

Numerical simulations



Technical drawings



Nozzle manufacturing



Nozzle throat: Titanium-Zirconium-Molybdenum alloy (TZM) Other pieces: either <u>Steel 36NiCrMo16</u> (close to the throat), or <u>Alu 5083</u> (for the downstream sections)

Nozzle installation



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Overall nozzle length: } 4.06\,{\rm m} \\ \mbox{Exit diameter: } 541\,{\rm mm} \\ \mbox{Total weight: } \approx 600\,{\rm kg} \end{array}$



Measurements along the new nozzle



Flow uniformity across the new nozzle



Free-stream Mach number



Longshot operational map



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Objectives

Objective: enable aerodynamic measurements on reentry capsules

- Range definition for the 6 components balance
- 2 Design of the balance
- Sumerical calibration of the balance
- Real calibration of the balance
- Test in the Longshot tunnel

Definition of the range for the balance

Apollo	CD	1.6
	CL	0.6
	Су	0.25
	Cmy	0.1
	Cmx	0.02
	Cmz	0.03

Expert	CD	0.4	
	CL	0.25	@10deg
	Cmy	0.08	@8 deg
	Cmx		



	From database	safety factor	Design range	
Fx	1800	1.5	2700	Ν
Fy	450	1.5	700	Ν
Fz	700	1.5	1050	Ν
Mx	3	1.5	4.5	Nm
My	15	1.5	22.5	Nm
Mz	15	1.5	22.5	Nm



Balance design

Design of the balance

Characteristics

- 6 components
- Small size: 40 imes 40 imes 24 mm^3
- Model interface with angular positioning
- Sting interface with angular positioning
- Cables are passing inside the sting



Balance design

Finite element method



The finite element method was used for:

- Optimization of the geometry
- Location of the strain gauges
- Virtual calibration
- Limitation of the interferences

Virtual calibration

Finite element method is used to compute the stresses at the strain gauge locations for pure forces and moments

σFx		265.9	0	-0.5	-1	3.4	0.5		Fx
σFy		0.15	312.9	-0.1	8	-0.04	-154.7		Fy
σFz	=	0.3	0.1	259.4	23.1	160.2	0.07	*	Fz
σMx		-0.05	2.24	1.25	174.16	0.3	-1.94		Mx
σΜγ		-0.3	-0.1	2.3	-43.3	265	0.13		My
σMz		0	-3.3	-0.2	53.7	0.1	268.1		Mz

Inverted matrix allows to find the forces and moments from the stresses

Fx		10.15401	-0.00530	-0.01953	0.00309	0.01217	-0.00070		σFx
Fy		-0.00017	3.38164	0.00611	-0.04297	-0.00582	0.05024		σFy
Fz	=	0.00805	0.00648	4.07517	-0.02916	-0.04013	0.00898	*	σFz
Mx		0.00004	-0.00324	-0.00494	0.02585	0.00427	-0.00522		σMx
My		-0.00119	-0.00007	-0.05264	0.00023	0.08521	-0.00012		σΜγ
Mz		-0.00016	0.04160	-0.00010	0.00040	0.00004	0.08417		σMz

Real calibration





View from the back

View from the top

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Longshot tests



3 Longshot tests performed at Mach 14

- Balance installed at CG (58% from the nose)
- 6 accelerometers in the model
- 2 accelerometers on the sting
- Model made of resin by 3D printing
- Pressure transducer at nose tip

Longshot tests

Comparison with data from HyFIE





Summary

- Balance was successfully designed, build and instrumented
- Numerical calibration shows good behavior
- Real calibration confirms the good behavior
- Application of an impulse force can be measured with a good accuracy
- Tests were performed. Results are very close to the reference

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Summary

General summary

3 main axes of investigations:

1. Hardware / wind tunnel development (wind tunnel automation, design new hypersonic nozzle...)

2. Measurement techniques and methodologies (new flow diagnostic techniques, new aerodynamic balance...)

3. Numerical support, data processing, Uncertainty Quantification (wind tunnel modeling, modeling of nozzle flow expansion, free-stream rebuilding...)



General summary

The greatest Longshot adventure ever written...

- 21 Technical Notes
 - L→ TN3200, TN3300 & TN5000 uploaded
- over 1400 pages
- over 900 figures
- over 250 equations
- over 50 tables



General summary

Main achievements

- ✓ Highest Mach/Reynolds numbers achievable across Europe
- \checkmark Modernized wind tunnel for improved safety, efficiency, repeatability
- ✓ Well-characterized free-stream environment
- $\checkmark\,$ New numerical tools to plan future investigations
- ✓ Hypersonic VKI expertise strengthened

→ **Ready to support future missions** from the European Space Agency











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Future and perspectives

Suggestions

- Aerothermodynamics of reentry vehicles, space debris, rockets...
- Reach higher Reynolds, higher enthalpies in the Longshot
- Use different test gases (Mars, Venus, Ice giants...)

 \rightarrow What else do you have in mind?



List of publications 1/2

Contributions to books

- G. Grossir & Z. Ilich "Numerical modeling of the VKI Longshot compression process", VKI Lecture Series 2018/19 [1]
- G. Grossir & B. Dias "Flow characterization of the VKI Longshot wind tunnel", VKI Lecture Series 2018/19 [2]

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- G. Grossir, B. Van Hove, S. Paris, P. Rambaud & O. Chazot "Free-stream static pressure measurements in the Longshot hypersonic wind tunnel and sensitivity analysis" Experiments in Fluids, 2016, 57, 1-13 [3]
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- Z. Ilich, G. Grossir & O. Chazot "Evaluation of the stagnation-point velocity gradient in low-enthalpy hypersonic flows" AIAA paper 2017-3984 [6]
- Z. Ilich, G. Grossir, S. Paris & O. Chazot "Experimental investigations of the VKI Longshot gun tunnel compression process" EUCASS 2017 [7]
- G. Grossir, Z. Ilich & O. Chazot "Modeling of the VKI Longshot gun tunnel compression process using a quasi-1D approach" AIAA paper 2017-3985 [8]

Technical reports

- T. Wammen "Investigating a Photonic Doppler Velocimeter to characterize the Longshot hypersonic wind tunnel piston trajectory", VKI TN 219, 2018 [9]
- T. Wammen "Investigating high driven gas temperatures in the VKI Longshot hypersonic wind tunnel", VKI TN 220, 2018 [10]
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