

# Principle And Practice Of Hotwire Anemometry In Turbomachinery Applications



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# Introduction



### Advantages of Hot wire Anemometry

Ideal tool for Measurement of Perturbation Quantities in Time Domain

- High Frequency Response (~ 10<sup>2</sup> kHz) → Accurately follow transients
- Wide Velocity Range
- High Accuracy / High Signal to Noise Ratio
- Signal Analysis: Output is continuous analogue signal
  - → Both Time and Frequency Domain analysis is possible

#### **Challenges of Hot-wire in Turbomachinery Flows:**

- Transonic Multi-Dimensional Flow with Large Independent Fluctuating Components
  - HW Data Reduction for Compressible Subsonic / Transonic Flow (0.4<M<1.2) problematic
- Flow phenomena generating instantaneous fluctuations of density, velocity, temperature and angle is coupled but not necessarily correlated.
  - Wire Voltage (V)  $\rightarrow$  Function of Density ( $\rho$ ), Velocity (V), Temperature ( $T_o$ ) and Angle ( $\phi$ )
- High Speed → High Frequency Response Needed
  - Thinner Wires, Higher Wire Temperature needed (Reliability issues)

# **Objectives**



### **Development and Validation of X-Hotwire Methodology for Turbomachinery flows:**

Experimental Technique Development Requirements:

- Practical : Absent of Closed Loop Wind Tunnels Varying Each Flow Quantity Independently
- Reliable / Repeatable → Precise & Accurate Results
- Applicable in Wide range of Flow Conditions (from Subsonic to Transonic)
- Intuitive: Based on Scientific Concepts, not Empirical Collapse of Data

→ Limitations and Capabilities Well Known

Validation and Exemplary Implementation

• 2-D Fluctuation Measurements in Compressible Subsonic / Transonic Flow regimes

Downstream of a Gas Turbine Fan

• Instantaneous Mass Flow, Velocity, Density, Pressure are Measured

# **Constant Temperature Hotwire Anemometry**







Bridge Voltage is Sensitive to Variations in Velocity, but also:

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 $E_{b}^{2}(V)$ 

a. Total Temperature

8

b. Density

7

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$$E = f(\rho, U, T_0, \phi)$$

-30

Flew Angle

30

80

60

-80

-80

12

c. Flow angle

# **Conventional Methodology**

#### Sensitivity analysis:

$$\begin{split} \frac{e'}{\overline{E}} &= S_{\rho} \frac{\rho'}{\overline{\rho}} + S_{u} \frac{u'}{\overline{U}} + S_{T_{0}} \frac{T_{0}'}{\overline{T_{0}}} + S_{\phi} \phi' \\ S_{\rho}(\rho, U, T_{0}, \phi) &= \frac{\partial log E}{\partial log \rho} \Big|_{U=const., T_{0}=const., \phi=const.} \\ S_{u}(\rho, U, T_{0}, \phi) &= \frac{\partial log E}{\partial log U} \Big|_{\rho=const., T_{0}=const., \phi=const.} \\ S_{T_{0}}(\rho, U, T_{0}, \phi) &= \frac{\partial log E}{\partial log T_{0}} \Big|_{\rho=const., U=const., \phi=const.} \\ S_{\phi}(\rho, U, T_{0}, \phi) &= \frac{\partial log E}{\partial \phi} \Big|_{\rho=const., U=const., T_{0}=const.} \end{split}$$

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In supersonic flow 
$$S_{\rho} = S_u$$
;

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e'}{\overline{E}} = S_{\rho} \frac{\rho u'}{\rho U} + S_{T_0} \frac{I_0'}{\overline{T_0}} + S_{\phi} \phi'$$



- Parameterizing one parameter at a time while others remain constant
  - → Impractical → Non-Physical (Purely Empirical) → Not Reliable

### **Dimensional Analysis**



Dimensional Analysis of Thin Heated Wires:

$$Nu = f(Re, Pr, M, Gr, \tau, \frac{l}{d}, \phi) \quad \tau = \underbrace{T_w - \eta T_0}_{T_0} \qquad \eta = f(Re, M, \phi)$$
(\eta = Recovery factor)

High speed air flow for a given probe at constant overheating:

**Pr**, l/d and **T** are constant and negligible natural convection (if  $Gr < Re^3$ )

$$Nu = f(Re, M, \phi)$$



# **Non-Dimensional Methodology**



$$Nu = f(Re, M, \phi)$$



$$Nu_{corr}(Re) = \frac{Nu(Re, M)}{\varphi(Re, M)}$$

Where;

$$\varphi(Re, M) = 1 + A(M) \left[ 1.834 - 1.634 \left( \frac{Re^{1.109}}{2.765 + Re^{1.109}} \right) \right]$$
$$x \left[ 1 + \left( 0.3 - \frac{0.0650}{M^{1.670}} \right) \left( \frac{Re}{4 + Re} \right) \right]$$

 $Nu_{corr} = f(Re, \phi)$ 

$$A(M) = \frac{0.6039}{M} + 0.5701 \left[ \left( \frac{M^{1.222}}{1 + M^{1.222}} \right)^{1.569} - 1 \right]$$



# **Required Calibration Facility**

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The calibration setup schematic view:



11<sup>th</sup> Israeli Symposium on **Jet Engines and Gas Wire Temperature Calculation Turbines, October 2012 Technion**, Israel Technion For Ma<0.1 and given  $\phi \rightarrow Nu = f(Re)$  $Nu = \frac{h \, d_w}{k}$ h =Least Square Fit of Wire Temperature as Free Parameter 000 20 60  $\approx$ 0 0.95 50 0  $T_{w}(K)$ 15 0.9 [s/m] 0 0 500 450 55  $\bigcirc$ Re10 = 0.9998830  $\bigcirc$ 20 5 4 5 7 65 70 75 80 6 85  $E_b^2[V^2]$ Nu  $T_{\theta}$ 300 330 K 290 310 320

✓ Correct T<sub>wire</sub> Collapses Population of Re-Nu Data onto Single Curve

### **Mass Flux Calibration**





# **Angular Calibration**





Re<sub>eff</sub>: Same Nu if the probe was aligned at the reference position



$$\frac{Re_{eff1} = Re \ f_1(\phi)}{Re_{eff2} = Re \ f_2(\phi)} \right\} \frac{Re_{eff1}}{Re_{eff2}} = \frac{f_1(\phi)}{f_2(\phi)} \implies \phi \implies Re$$





- Mass flux uncertainty is 1.8 % (95% confidence level)
- Flow angle uncertainty is 1.1 degrees (95% confidence level)

 $A_{w} = \partial log R_{w} / \partial log I$ 

# Sensitivity Analysis



$$\frac{e'}{\overline{E}} = S_{\rho} \frac{\rho'}{\overline{\rho}} + S_{u} \frac{u'}{\overline{U}} + S_{\phi} \phi'$$

Logarithmic differentiation of Nu gives:

 $m_t = (\partial \log \mu / \partial \log T_0)$ 



 $\Delta [S_{\rho}/S_{u}]$  with  $\Delta \tau$  is limited to 8 %  $\rightarrow$  [] ill-conditioned  $\rightarrow \Delta [S_{\rho}/S_{u}]$  with  $\Delta d_{wire}$ = 5µm to 9 µm up to 20 %

#### ✓ Instantaneous Density AND Velocity Fluctuations can be Computed

# Why Should You Care?





# **Exemplary Analysis**





# This is not CFD!!!!

#### Possible to Calculate:

- Mass flux
- Angle
- VelocityDensity
- P<sub>o</sub>

- Independent Fluctuation of Each Component +
- Blade to Blade Variation
- of Each Component

### Data Useful in:

- Time/Frequency Domain Analysis
- CFD Validation Test-Aided Design
- Performance Characterization
- Length/Time Scale Identification
- Effects of Manufacturing Tolerance
- Noise Spectra

### Separation of $\rho$ and U



The Perturbation Quantities in a Real Gas Turbine Fan



For The First Time: Instantaneous Velocity & Density in Compressible Flows



### **Demonstrated Novel High Speed Cross-Hotwire Operation Scheme:**

- Practical
  - Nondimensional Parameters (Re, Nu, Ma) and widely accepted correlations are used
  - No need for closed loop wind tunnels
  - Effort equivalent to that of operation in isothermal low speed flows
- Accurate
  - Instantaneous mass flux and flow angle can be determined within 1.8% and 1.1° uncertainty (95% confidence level)
- > Valid over a wide range of Reynolds and Mach numbers (Subsonic + Transonic)
  - Calibrations obtained in cold jet (e.g.  $T_0$ =290K) are valid at measurement environments (e.g. Gas turbine fan where  $T_0$ =335K).
- > Instantaneous density and velocity fluctuations can be independently computed
- > Application is demonstrated by measurements conducted in gas turbine fan

# **Associated Publication**



Cukurel, B., Acarer, S., Arts T., "A Novel Perspective to High Speed Cross-Hotwire Calibration Methodology", *Experiments in Fluids,* Vol. 53, pp. 1073-1085, 2012.