

PIV/Phased Array/Far-field Noise Measurements of a Low-Noise Top-Mounted Propulsion Installation for a Supersonic Airliner

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- From low-boom concept to low-noise concept.
- No longer an optimized low-boom design after propulsion mod, but a demonstration piece for major change in architecture for landing/take-off noise.
- Key noise reduction concept: Source relocation and shielding



NASA/Lockheed LM1044 Low-Boom Concept



NASA LM1044/TMP Quiet Top Mounted Propulsion Concept



Conventional nozzles, underbody installation





Noise sources

Conventional nozzles Conventional installation —*Too loud for commercial airports.*

Conventional nozzles, top-mounted installation--shielding





Modified nozzles, underbody installation





Nozzle Modifications + Shielding







From Concept to Test Article



Test articles – Nozzles



- Nozzles
 - Inverted velocity nozzle with 180° tertiary stream





Test articles – Planform



Test instrumentation





Stereo PIV





PIV measurement locations



- Axial locations measured relative to baseline primary nozzle exit.
- Visual blockage (lightsheet, one or both cameras) significant near nozzle.



Effect of chevrons on mean velocity—isolated nozzle





Effect of chevrons on TKE—isolated nozzle



Impact of chevrons near nozzle



• Chevrons produce convoluted shear layers with enhanced TKE





TKE anisotropy with chevrons

- In fully developed turbulence, $\frac{\langle u'u'\rangle}{\langle v'v'\rangle + \langle w'w'\rangle} \cong 1$. $\therefore \frac{\langle u'u'\rangle}{TKE} = 1$. Near chevrons $\frac{\langle u'u'\rangle}{TKE} \cong 0.8$
- TKE produced by chevrons has strong transverse component; more efficient acoustically?



Effect of pylon standoff—TKE





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Comparison of chevron placements – TKE

• Chevrons on Primary-Flight side most effective at reducing peak TKE.



PIV Summary

- Peak TKE for IVP baseline nozzle scales similarly to static single-stream jets using U_{mix} for high-speed velocity and flight speed as low-speed velocity.
- Chevrons increase the cross-stream components of TKE, potentially changing sound source directivity.
- Chevrons did not substantially shorten jet plume.
- Chevrons did increase TKE near the chevrons, redistribute TKE further downstream.
- Chevrons on one side of nozzle lowered TKE on that side, increased it on other.
- Installation had little impact on jet plume!



Translating Phased Array





Planform rotated so array is "below" the model

Array mounted on rotating mast

Translating Phased Array









Registration – Noise Source

- Impinging jet noise source supplied by shop air
- 250 mm downstream of the nozzle plug
- Impinging flows generate a loud broadband noise source with well known location



Registration – Free-stream M 0.2



No Free-Stream Flow

- Mapped to parallel image plane
- Source accurately located

Mach 0.2 Free-Stream Flow

- Mapped to parallel image plane
- Source offset downstream





Registration Map Displacement – Free-stream M 0.2





Beamform Map Displacement



Beamform Map Displacement







Simple Jet Flow Beamforming

• Primary flow nozzle operating at Mach 0.98

Jet Nozzle

- No free-stream flow
- Array at 90°
- 2 main source regions are visible
 - "plume"
 - "nozzle-locked"



Single-Stream Jet Flow Beamforming



- Primary flow nozzle operating at Mach 0.98
- No free-stream flow
- 4 Polar angles
- 2 sources visible from upstream angle but become visually inseparable from downstream angles



Impact of Chevrons





Planform Effects



- Primary Mach 1.05, Tertiary Mach 0.95, freestream Mach 0.3
- Planform effectively blocks the nozzle-locked source but the plume source is mostly unmitigated
- Trailing edge noise visible at 5 kHz



Planform Effects

- Primary Mach 1.05, Tertiary Mach 0.95, freestream Mach 0.3
- Chevrons installed between primary and tertiary stream
- Plume source is moved upstream and more effectively shielded by the planform









Phased Array Conclusions

- The **Translating Phased Array** allows for **different perspectives** during an experimental run, increasing the breadth of information that can be extracted from beamforming on jet plume noise sources.
- The jet plume with center-body has **2 primary sources**, one locked to the **jet center-body** and one downstream in the **jet plume**.
- The model planform **does not have acoustic leakage** around the upstream end and so is simulating the full aircraft body acoustically.
- Acoustic shielding by an aircraft planform can substantially alter the peak noise source levels observed, particularly for sideline angles.
- The use of chevrons at various locations on the nozzle lip can be used to shift the downstream source further upstream, increasing the portion of the source that is effectively shielded by the aircraft planform, reducing noise directed toward observers on the ground below.



Far-Field Acoustics



Far-field observer angles

- Fixed overhead polar arc, $45^{\circ} 160^{\circ}$ from flight axis; r/De = 93
- Rotating nozzle, planform
 - Flyover and sideline certification observers
 - Measure asymmetry of noise from isolated nozzle





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Interpreting noise spectral directivity

- Spectral directivity = Power Spectral Density of noise
 - PSD(dB)100 90 80 70 100 90 PSD (dB)150 90 Polar angle 2 3 Log(Hz) 60
 - PSD(freq, polar angle)

Interpreting noise spectral directivity



- EPNL is integral of Annoyance(Freq,Time)
- Annoyance is acoustic spectral directivity weighted by human frequency response.
- Two peaks dominate Annoyance, are key to impacting EPNL.



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Results-Symmetry of isolated, baseline nozzle

- Noise shown on two sides of nozzle.
- Noise is nearly symmetric except for slight asymmetry of broadband shock noise at NPR=2



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Results—Symmetry of isolated, chevron nozzle



Chevrons on Primary-Flight nozzle lip

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Results-Symmetry of isolated, chevron nozzle

- Similar asymmetry-due to plug shielding/reflecting, not tertiary stream
- Chevron noise can be 'shielded' by plug!



Results—Installed baseline nozzle



- Noise reduction from top-mounted installation, baseline nozzle
- Planform yields 2-3.5dB reduction under aircraft, 1-2.5dB at sideline observer



Results—Installed chevron nozzles



• More shielding benefit (**up to 5EPNdB**) achieved with chevrons applied.





Far-Field Acoustics Summary

- Up to **5 EPNdB suppression** documented combining enhanced mixing and shielding.
- Suppression targeted at key angle/frequencies to maximize impact on EPNL
 - Low-frequency, aft-angle reduction can be achieved by enhanced mixing.
 - High-frequency, broadside noise of enhanced mixing can be shielded by airframe.
- High-frequency noise of chevrons can also be shielded/reflected by plug.

Baseline nozzle, isolated





Chevron nozzle, isolated





Baseline nozzle, installed





Chevron nozzle, installed





Far-Field Acoustics Visual Summary



• To lower EPNL—reducing peaks in annoyance with chevrons and installation



Summary



- Concept of **source relocation and shielding** of exhaust noise demonstrated experimentally.
- Balancing enhanced mixing and shielding requires prediction of source distributions and complicated Green's functions.
- Top-mount installation can offer **fan** noise reduction as well.
- Aerodynamically, mixing devices must be optimized for thrust, and top-mounting is inherently poor.
- Top-mounted propulsion is advantageous for low sonic boom.
- Fast, accurate prediction of noise is the key to successful design.

Questions

