Research in the INNOVAIR turbomachinery cluster

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More power-less weight-close to physical limits



Designed and tested in the VITAL EU project Power 5 MW (6500hp) Diameter 400 mm Flow 20 kg/s

Tip speed 500 m/s Supersonic flow



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Aircraft Engines

A wide variety of operating conditions, and long service life

- Analysis methods with high confidence to support operations and customers
- > Robustness in design/re-design/manufacturing
- > Design capabilities, in a complex product
- > Innovation capabilities





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Turbomachinery Cluster

A mix of research organizations, people and projects working to improve the efficiency of turbomachines.



.... long term partnerships improving effectiveness of research

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ROKS – Robust design of ccompressor blades

Chalmers and GKN

An essential goal of design is robustness

- > Balancing efficiency and stablity
- Allowing for imperfections in geometry
 - Roughness
 - Clearances
- > Understanding modelling variability
- Contributing efficient methods for shaping airfoils, using part industrial methods







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IDA – Integrated Duct Aerodynamics

Chalmers and GKN

Drawing on results and collaborations from LEMCOTEC, targeting closer UK collaboration

- Increase the fidelity of CFD, exploiting and developing CFD capabilities at Chalmers
- Collaborate around unique experimental resources ing the UK
- Support the next generation IC frame development in Clean Sky 2.







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MOTSTRÖM- Drag reduction

KTH, Chalmers and GKN

Drag reduction by control of transition

- Aerodesigns from GKN ensuring realistic component conditions
- -Large scale low speed Controlled environment in KTH MWL tunnel for properly scaled OGV component 800 mm
- Full scale low speed turbine/OGV test at Chalmers entering rotor wakes in the transition scenario

Couples to other projects by modelling, and by giving possibility to understand technology effects





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Aeromechanics, TurboVib, ARIAS

KTH and GKN

With a heritage from TurboPower, closely collaborating with with Siemens NFFP, FUTURE

-TUD, CTA test data along with detailed geometry direcly applicable to validation

-Expensive tests with equipment not available in Sweden

- Aiming at continuation into H2020, with KTH





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VINK – Virtuell INtegrerad Kompressor

Heart of the cluster

The turbomachine is the best mechanical and aerodynamic design utilizing optimal material and manufacturing choices. Research improving one will affect the others.

- Provide a relevant context platform for all research disciplines, a notional engine framework less restricted by IP requirements
- We often learn context from work meetings, listening more than in regular presentations on what are already expert in
- Finding new research angles for publication

RÔM

H2020 proposals Faust etc.

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Turbomachinery Cluster / VINK

What does the notional engine framework give

- > Boundary conditions traded across the project,
- Conditions for advanced material dependent on temperatures and loads
- Improved structural solutions, for weight but also control of gaps and clearances
- Robustness to environmental, operational or manufacturing variation
- > Integration of new functionality





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Innovative evolution – example



Weight 158 kg Power 155 kW U@T/O= 312 m/s

Challenges: Electric engineering Cooling, Heat transfer/ heat management Integration





A bigger research puzzle



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