IMPACT STUDIES ON RIGID AND COMPLIANT TARGETS INCLUDING THE FIRST SIMULATION MODEL OF THE BIOFIDELIC BIRD

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Motivation

Real bird strike happens in aircraft operation but artificial birds...

- allow <u>representative</u> and <u>repetitive</u> impact testing
- can serve as a replacement of real bird testing
- can avoid animal tests

Artificial bird = a dummy bird, only used once









- Real bird is not required by EASA CS-25/27/29.631 and CS-E.800 but if artificial bird applied evidence on <u>representativeness</u> is needed.
- Repeatability is the key for the artificial bird application.
- <u>R&R</u> together are the key for acceptance of any artificial bird, e. g. the DLR reinforced artificial bird (DLRRAB) [2,3] or the artificial biofidelic bird CTS Alpha [4].
- Ethics an acceptable artificial bird can reduce animal experiments

State of the Art – Where are we?



- Various artificial bird recipes available but
 - not consistently tested over various load cases
 - variability not stated against real birds
 - not accepted as replacement for real birds in certification testing



Source: Clean Sky 2 HFLC Impact Demonstrator A3 bird strike tested with #DLRRAB with 3.6 kg at 135 m/s [1]

Acceptance of Artificial Bird as MoC Measured Evidence

- Accepted approaches for artificial birds not given.
- International committee SAE G-28.
- Acceptance as authorities & industry involved.
- Building block of highspeed impact dynamic tests.
- Compare artificial to real.
- Standards development within SAE G-28, e. g. normal impact testing method [5]





Force Footprint Load Measurement on Rigid Target



Normal impact testing and simulation often used to compare and calibrate virtual models



Source: Pressure sensor measurement in Wilbeck 1978 [6]



Source: Hopkinson bar measurement in Pereira et al. 2023 [7]



Source: Ritt S A and Schlie D. Comparative Studies of Bird Strike by Dummy Tests and Simulations. 2022. [8]



Component

Source: Ritt S A and Vinot M. Design concepts for stabiliser leading edges with HLFC technology and bird strike resilience. 2021. [9]

Force and Deformation Footprint Compliant Target - AS7371 Development



Basic Ideas

Reference stabiliser spar height: 150 mm Leading edge radius: approx. 85 mm



Source: DLR

Reference stabiliser spar height: 250 mm Leading edge radius approx. 125 mm



Source: DLR

- Generalised stabiliser leading edge
- Bird "catching" vs. splitting driven by ratio of bird to leading edge size

Force and Deformation Footprint Compliant Target - AS7371 Hemispherical Leading Edge



- Test setup developed at DLR for
 - Generalised leading edges
 - Design verification leading edges
- Applied in tests with two load cases
 - 1.8 kg at 90 to 135 m/s [EASA CS-25, FAR25]
 - 3.6 kg at 110 to 165 m/s [FAR25]



Force and Deformation Footprint Compliant Target - AS7371 Hemispherical Leading Edge



CTS ALPHA - Biofidelic bird, 1.8 kg @ 110 m/s



Force and Deformation Footprint Compliant Target - AS7371 Hemispherical Leading Edge



DLRRAB – Reinforced Artificial Bird, 1.8 kg @ 135 m/s



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Force and <u>Deformation</u> Footprint Compliant Target - AS7371 Hemispherical Leading Edge



Measurements after impact testing



Numerical Models of Artificial Birds DLRRAB and first ALPHA Simulation Model

- Loadcase
 - 1.8 kg
 - 90 m/s
- Bird model
 - SPH with EWVT applied to particle modelling [10]
- Target
 - Rigid measurement device

During impact phase





- Loadcase
 - 1.8 kg
 - 110 m/s
- Bird model
 - SPH with EWVT applied to particle modelling [10]
- Target
 - Compliant generic leading edge

During impact phase Just prior to impact



The Future of Bird Strike Analysis





- Correlated physical and simulation models of artificial birds
- Apply, measure and simulate artificial bird on all aeronautical applications
- Global availability of an acceptable artificial bird

Thank you for your attention!

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