

AirTN-NextGen Workshop on Virtual testing, towards virtual certification



Ola Isaksson, Professor¹

Senior Specialist in Product Development GKN Aerospace Engine Systems Trollhättan, Sweden Ola.isaksson@gknaerospace.com

¹Professor in Product and Production Development Chalmers university, Gothenburg, Sweden





Outline

About GKN Aerospace "Enabling Technologies" Verification and Validation Towards Virtual Certification? Summary and message



Widest capabilities of any Tier 1

AEROSTRUCTURES

ENGINE SYSTEMS

- Fuselage, wing, nacelle & pylon
- Inflight opening doors and empennage
- - Static & rotating structures
 - Titanium engine inlet parts



SPECIALPRODUCTS

- > Transparencies
- Ice protection systems
- Lightweight missile canisters





 Electrical Wiring Interconnection Systems (EWIS) for aircraft and aircraft engines



LANDING GEAR

- Helicopter landing gear
- Composite load carrying landing gear components (drag brace)



GLOBAL SERVICES

Availability services, MRO, conversion and completion for mature and legacy aircraft





Outline

About GKN Aerospace

"Enabling Technologies"

Verification and Validation

- **Towards Virtual Certification?**
- Summary and message



Value generated once technology is in use

Innovative air transport products..

..enabled via innovative systems







Need for new technologies

Innovative systems



..enabled by innovative technologies

Example – Rotating Frames for the Open Rotor Example – Light Weight Composite Designs





Materials and manufacturing

Example: Additive metal manufacturing

Benfeits

- More efficient utilization of materials (Buy to fly ratio)
- Enable new designs
- Radically new production and manufacturing



Credit: ARCAM



Credit: The Welding Institute

Need

- Understand physics identify criteria
- Model phenomena
- Find limits and boundaries
- New design, inspection and repair technologies



Enabling materials and manufacturing

Example: Increased use of Composite Technologies



Radical reduction in weight Require new design solutions Radically new production and manucacturing

Hybrid design – Mid Frame demonstrated VITAL



Simultaneous advancements

Installation, use, loads, constraints in flight change.



Characteristics of new materials, component design and manfacturing solutions change.

Require "Rotating Frames"

Flight Cycles Energy use Thermal conditions Mechanical conditions Aerodynamic conditions Etc.

Material Characteristics Product and Production – dependent properties



Rotating Frames in Clean Sky – SAGE 2









About GKN Aerospace "Enabling Technologies" Verification and Validation Towards Virtual Certification? Summary and message



A note on verification and validation





Challenge #1 – Verification through demonstration programs – application in Business Applications

Need to understand <u>range of validity</u> - and ensure re-applicability in commercial development



- "Bandwidth" of technologies
- Robustness and resilience





Traditional requirements may be insufficient, new failure modes need to be understood, engineerd and validated



- Material Manufacturing Design : Concurrently designed
- Understanding underlying physics
- Inspection
- Multi-dimensional Environmental parameters



Good Design Practice – Separate Functionality- Modularize Optimization - Maximize use of resources

- E.g. Topology optimization
- Mixed Domain solutions (Mechanical, Electrical, Cyberphysical,..) as Integrated Sensor Technologies



A tension between optimal product- and optimal platformconfigurations





Challenges

Range of Validity for new technologies? Robusness of design solutions? Validity of requirements? Attractiveness of opportunities







About GKN Aerospace "Enabling Technologies" Verification and Validation Towards Virtual Certification? Summary



Opportunities with Virtual Verification and Validation





Opportunities with Virtual Verification and Validation





Possibility to Explore Behavior of

Pre conditions for Virtual Verificaton and Validation

Validity of behavioural models and methods

-> Underlying phenomena must be understood

- identify criteria and influencal factors

Ability to generate alternatives and variation

Possibility to control verification dimensions

-> To allow exploration of bandwith

-> Enable controlled experimentation



An Example



Scenario:

Next generation engine display an increased thermal load on engine components

The Ability to design, experiment and trade new architectures from a thermal behavioural view is currently developed in TOICA.

Expect to deliver CAPABILITIES for Virtual Design and Verification





A Rear Engine Case







Pre-condition



There is physically verified baseline

Virtual Experimentation of

- Alternative arrangement/size and technologies
- Evaluate structural, aerothermal and produceability, integrity and behaviour
- Include uncertainty in thermal loads



Automation enable physical simulation exploration





Multi Dimensional Evaluation



Variables and response – post processing simulation results



Virtual evaluation of distortions and induced stress during manufacturing







Example on Produceability

Accessability of Welding Manufacturing Equipment

J.Landahl, Chalmers







Trend of stronger coupling/depedency on Product Design Parameters and Manufacturing Parameters

- > Technologies need to be certified in a product context

Trend in system optimization and increased integration

- -> Drive the need to explore robustness of designs
- -> Increasingly sensitivity to multi-disciplinary, coupled effects

Advancements in ICT (Virtual modeling and simulation) create opportunities -> Enable and Require Virtual Design of Experiments

Virtual Certification?

- In short term strengthen the ability to certify a range of applicability
- Still require fundamental understanding of physics





Virtual Design – exploring the allowable design space in many dimensions

Automation of Engineering Activities -> >95% lead time reduction

- But automation used to understand robustness and assess uncertainty!

Value of Physical testing as means to validate virtual methods increase





About GKN Aerospace "Enabling Technologies" Verification and Validation Towards Virtual Certification? Summary and Message





Virtual Verification methods are becoming powerful to explore behaviour > Methods used critically subject to validity

Physical Verification <-> Method Validation

The path *towards* Virtual Certification require

> Significant effort to bridge "cupon" level to "full system" context

> Open / common effort to establish criteria and procedure for (virtual) cerfification

> Shift from certifying results to certifying process





Ola.isaksson@gknaerospace.com

THANK YOU



GKN AEROSPACE