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Modèles de source étendue pour la propagation à grande distance du bruit des éoliennes

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Motivation

Wind

Need for accurate wind turbine noise predictions at long ranges

120

240

270

Model predictions of Zhu et al. (2005)

- spectra and directivity
- amplitude modulation
- meteorological effects



Wind turbine noise measurement (Smith *et al.* (2012) - www.dickbowdler.co.uk)

Need accurate models for the aeroacoustic sources and the atmospheric propagation effects

80.

100

200m

330

21

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Wagner (1996)

Results of Yuan Tian PhD (2016) - Tian and Cotté (Acta Acustica 2016)



 $U_{ref} = 8 \,\mathrm{m/s}$



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Outline of the presentation

GOAL

Propose methods to couple or chain an aeroacoustic source model based on Amiet's theory and a parabolic equation code for wind turbine long range propagation in an inhomogeneous atmosphere

- Description of the models and of the coupling/chaining methods
- Validation of the methods in homogeneous conditions
- Results in a neutrally stratified atmosphere
- Some perspectives

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Wind turbine propagation effects

Assumptions :

- flat and homogeneous ground
- wake effect neglected
- simple wind speed and temperature profiles from Monin-Obukhov similarity theory for a neutral atmosphere :

$$ar{u}(z) = rac{u_*}{\kappa} \ln\left(rac{z}{z_0}
ight)$$

 $ar{T}(z) = T_0 + lpha_0 z \quad ext{with} \quad lpha_0 pprox -0.01 ext{ K/m}$

Effective sound speed approximation

$$C_{eff}(z) = c(z) + U(z)\cos \tau = \sqrt{\gamma rT(z)} + U(z)\cos \tau$$





Acoustic propagation in the parabolic approximation

• axisymmetric approximation of the inhomogeneous Helmholtz equation with $n(z) = c_0/c_{eff}(z)$:

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^2} + k_0^2 n(z)^2\right)\right] q_c = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad q_c = p_c \sqrt{x}$$



• decoupling waves propagating towards +x and -x:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \gamma i \mathcal{Q}\right) q_{\gamma} = 0$$
 with $\mathcal{Q} = \left(n(z)^2 + \frac{1}{k_0^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial z^2}\right)^{1/2}$

- approximation of operator Q : use the Split-Step Padé (N,N) method of Collins (1993) to increase the angular validity and Δx
 - $\Rightarrow \Delta x \leq 2\lambda$ with Split-Step Padé (2,2) method



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- angle-dependent sound power level L_W(f, β) obtained from Amiet model
- relative SPL ΔL(f) obtained from a set of PE calculations at N_h different heights
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Pressure maps in a neutral atmosphere

Difference between extended source model (method 1) and point source approximation for $\tau = 180^{\circ}$ (upward-refraction conditions)





Solid lines : method 1 Dashed lines : point source approximation Crosses : method 2 with 10 heights Crosses : method 2 with 19 heights



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Contribution of TEN and TIN in a neutral atmosphere



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