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## 11 **Abstract**

12 Blade disk rotor system is a typical structure of industrial equipments such as aeroengines and  
13 gas turbines. The research on the response characteristics and mechanism of the system under  
14 the coupling effects of aerodynamic force and blade crack is of great significance to the  
15 interpretation of vibration phenomena and diagnosis of faults. From the numerical solution  
16 based response characteristic analysis to the kinematics and dynamics based essential response  
17 mechanism revealing, from the model based special case study to the Number Theory based  
18 general law establishing, in this paper, the response mechanism of blade disk rotor system  
19 under the coupling effects of crack and aerodynamic force is studied comprehensively and  
20 deeply. Firstly, a simplified dynamic model of typical blade disk rotor system is constructed  
21 by using the classical continuous parameter modeling method. Based on the dynamic model,  
22 for two structural forms of moving and stationary blades, the typical characteristics of vibration  
23 response under the actions of aerodynamic force and blade crack are analyzed by means of  
24 numerical solution. Then, from the perspective of kinematics and dynamics, the internal  
25 mechanism between the vibration responses and the excitations are revealed. Finally, based on  
26 Number Theory, the response characteristics and mechanism of typical structures are  
27 summarized, and the general laws of responses with general structural forms are established.

## 28 **Introduction**

29 The mechanism of vibration response characteristics and fault characteristics is the key  
30 priori information for equipment vibration phenomenon analysis, health assessment and fault  
31 diagnosis. Therefore, the revelation of vibration response mechanism has been a basic scientific  
32 problem that experts have been committed to solving for a long time. After continuous research,  
33 scholars have comprehensively and accurately revealed the vibration characteristics and  
34 response mechanism of key parts such as shafts, bearings and gears, etc.

35 The vibration characteristics of amplitude and phase are used to detect the unbalance of  
36 the rotor system [1]. According to the characteristics and mechanism of the rotor unbalance, in

37 order to suppress the rotor vibration caused by the unbalance, an active control method using  
38 a magnetic actuator is proposed [2]. Xie [3, 4] discovered a new modulation frequency  
39 characteristic under the disturbance state of the cracked rotor system, and explained the  
40 modulation mechanism. The instantaneous whirling speed of is defined, and its response  
41 mechanism is revealed. Through dynamic analysis and experimental research, the mechanism  
42 of torsional vibration characteristics of cracked and non cracked rotor systems is discussed [5].  
43 Li [6] used the zero stress intensity factor method to solve the stiffness of the rotor system with  
44 slant cracks, and studied the effects of fractional order, speed and crack depth on the dynamic  
45 characteristics of the rotor system. The rotating orbit, time domain response and spectrum are  
46 obtained to show the phenomenon of superharmonic resonance in the hollow shaft cracked  
47 rotor system [7]. Cao [8] discussed the contact characteristics between a roller and race ways  
48 and the changes of roller rotation angular speed. Xiang [9] proposed a nonlinear dynamic  
49 model of bearing based on collision system to simulate the vibration characteristics of different  
50 fault types. Guo [10] proposed a new dynamic model and studied the double pulse behavior  
51 and mechanism of bearing raceway surface spallation. Bachar [11] studied the influence of  
52 working conditions and surface roughness on the vibration characteristics of spur gear  
53 transmission, and studied the detection ability of single tooth surface fault. Chen [12] analyzed  
54 the changes of dynamic response in time domain and frequency domain for different wear  
55 degrees at tooth surface. Yang [13] revealed the variation law of time-varying meshing stiffness,  
56 the time history and frequency spectrum of vibration signal under chipping damage. Cao [14]  
57 discussed the effects of external load and damping parameters on frequency response and force  
58 response curve by using the equivalent nonlinear model of nonlinear beam truss.

59 The above research of mechanism revealing has significantly promoted the mastery of the  
60 vibration law of key parts. Based on this, many reliable and accurate fault diagnosis methods  
61 have been established, which has important theoretical significance and economic value.

62 The blade disk rotor system is different from the above typical parts, which is composed  
63 of shaft, disk and multiple blades. Scholars have studied the vibration characteristics and  
64 mechanism from the aspects of single blade, blade-disk system, blade-disk-rotor system,  
65 respectively.

66 Wu [15] indicated that when the excitation frequency changes from 0 to the first resonance  
67 frequency of a cracked beam, the crack breathing frequency increases linearly, and the crack  
68 breathing frequency changes nonlinearly with the further increase of the excitation frequency.  
69 Yang [16,17] found that severe cracks are expected to seriously reduce the stiffness of rotating  
70 blades and significantly reduce the resonance frequency. Li [18] investigated of the effects of  
71 thickness-taper ratio, pre-twist angle, rotational speed, and connection stiffness on blades  
72 modal characteristics. Zi [19] indicated that the complexity of natural frequency and forced  
73 response depends on the length and relative position of cracks. When cracks or detuning occur  
74 in the impeller, the response amplitude of the blade fluctuates periodically with the number of  
75 blades. Joachim [20] evaluated the effect of small detuning on the vibration amplitude of a 2D  
76 blade disk. Heydari [21] studied the effects of blade stagger angle and pretwist angle on shaft  
77 bending and blade bending coupling vibration. Jin [22] revealed the nonlinear vibration  
78 characteristics caused by blade-casing rubbings of a real dual rotor aeroengine. Ma [23, 24]  
79 showed that the original hardening type nonlinearity may be enhanced or transformed into  
80 softening type due to the nonlinear stiffness of the bearing and the rubbing dynamic responses  
81 of shaft-blisk-casing system at different speeds, disc imbalance, disc position and speed are

82 solved. Liu [25] studied the dynamic behavior of casing acceleration of the whole aeroengine  
83 from the aspect of blade-casing rubbing fault diagnosis. Wei [26] showed that under the  
84 excitation of blade loss load, the transient response of the system has obvious impact  
85 characteristics, and the stiffness and damping of the rear bearing of the fan have a significant  
86 impact on the transient response. Zhao [27, 28] used the elastic supported coupling finite  
87 element model to study the rubbing of the mistuned blade disk system with variable thickness  
88 blades, and showed that the cracks significantly exacerbated the vibration of the blades. A large  
89 number of research results have been obtained in the characteristic analysis of blade disk rotor  
90 system. However, the current research shows that different structures have different  
91 characteristics, the universality law has not been established, and the deeper mechanical  
92 essence mechanism between characteristics and excitation is not clear.

93 It is of great significance and great challenge to analyze the essential mechanism and  
94 establish the general law of response characteristics of the bladed disk rotor system under  
95 typical excitation. In this paper, some of the work will be carried out tentatively, and only the  
96 response mechanism and law of circularly symmetric bladed disk rotor system (Structural  
97 detuning is not considered) under the coupling effects of aerodynamic force and crack will be  
98 studied.

99 This paper is arranged as follows. A simplified dynamic model of typical blade disk rotor  
100 system is constructed in Section 2 to provide the basis for response characteristic analysis. The  
101 typical characteristics of vibration response under aerodynamic load and blade crack for two  
102 structural forms are analyzed in Section 3. Finally, Section 4, the response characteristics and  
103 mechanism of typical structures are summarized, and general laws with general structural  
104 forms are obtained. The conclusions are drawn in Section 5.

## 105 **1. Vibration model of blade disk rotor system**

106 This paper focuses on the response characteristics and response mechanism of the blade  
107 disk rotor system excited by the aerodynamic force between the moving and stationary blades  
108 and the stiffness parametric excitation of the blade cracks. Therefore, the model construction  
109 in this section adopts the common and classical continuous parameter modeling method to  
110 establish a simplified vibration model of single-stage blade disk rotor system. The aerodynamic  
111 excitation between moving and stationary blades is simulated by typical traveling waves, and  
112 the stiffness parameter excitation of crack is simulated by the stiffness breathing function  
113 published in our last paper.

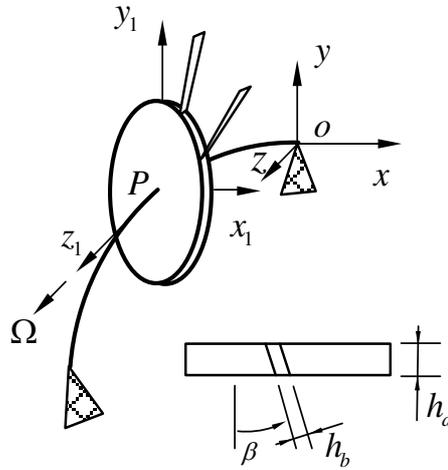
### 114 **1.1 Modeling of normal system**

115 Continuous parameter modeling method has been a common and mature modeling  
116 method, which has been widely used by scholars [25, 29, 30]. Based on this method, we have  
117 established the vibration model of a single-stage and a three-stage blade disk rotor system in  
118 our recent publications [31, 32]. Therefore, for the simplified model of single-stage blade disk  
119 rotor system required in this paper, we will not give the proof of the formula in detail, but only  
120 introduce the basic process of modeling.

121 **1.1.1 Geometric model**

122 The schematic diagram of blade disk shaft system is shown in Figure 1, containing a  
 123 bending and torsional shaft, one disk, and some flexible blades fixed onto the outer edge of the  
 124 disk with a setting angle  $\beta$ .  $Oxyz$  denotes the global coordinate,  $Px_1y_1z_1$  is the rotating  
 125 coordinate attached to the disk with a rotational speed  $\Omega$ .  $h_d$  and  $h_b$  are the thickness of disk and  
 126 blade respectively.

127 Under the condition of small deformation, the motion of the blade-disk-shaft system can  
 128 be decomposed on three planes ( $oxy$ ,  $ozx$ ,  $ozy$ ), as shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3. The  
 129 decomposed view in  $ozy$  plane is similar to Figure 2 and is omitted here. The thick line  
 130 represents the rigid body displacement of the component, and the dashed line represents the  
 131 elastic deformations of the components.

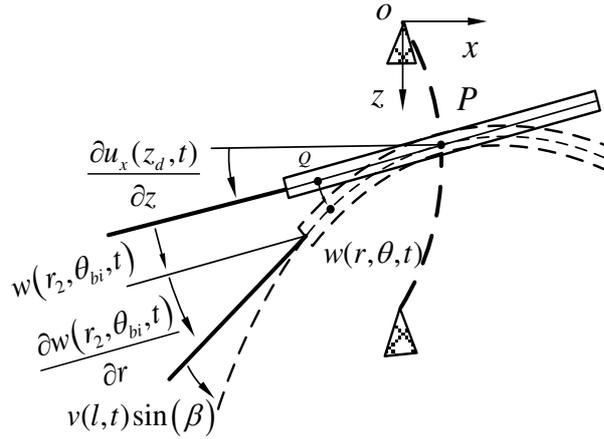


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Figure 1: Schematic diagram of multistage bladed disk rotor system.

134 Figure 2 is the schematic diagram of the motion decomposition in  $ozx$  plane.  $Q$  is an  
 135 arbitrary micro-unit in the disk.  $w(r, \theta, t)$  represents the deflection corresponding to position  
 136  $(r, \theta)$ , and  $(r, \theta)$  is the local polar coordinate system fixed in the disk.  $u_x(z, t)$  denotes the  
 137 deflection of the shaft in x-direction.  $\frac{\partial u_x(z_d, t)}{\partial z}$  is the swing angle of cross-section of the shaft  
 138 at  $z_d$ .  $w(r_2, \theta_{bi}, t)$  is the deflection corresponding to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  blade, where  $r_2$  presents the  
 139 external diameter of the disk and  $\theta_{bi}$  presents the reference angle of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  blade.  $\frac{\partial w(r_2, \theta_{bi}, t)}{\partial r}$   
 140 is the dip angle corresponding to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  blade.  $v(l, t) \sin(\beta)$  denotes the out-plane deflection  
 141 of blades.



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Figure 2: Decomposition of motion in  $ozx$  plane.

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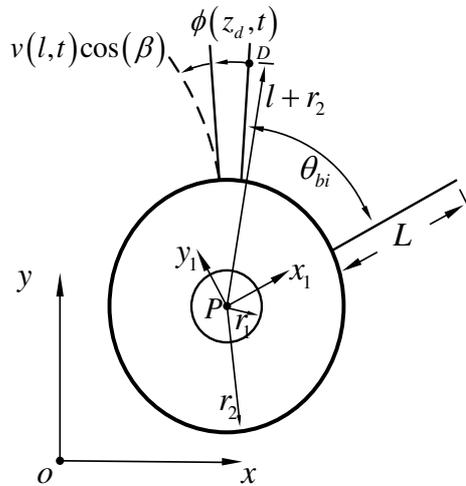
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Figure 3 is the schematic diagram of the decomposition of motion in  $oxy$  plane.  $D$  is an arbitrary micro-unit in the blade and its distance from the root of the blade is  $l$ .  $L$  is the length of the blade. The direction of the  $x_1$ -axis is coincident with the spanwise direction of the reference blade (the first blade).  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the inner diameter and outer diameter of the disk respectively.  $\phi(z_d, t)$  denotes the torsional displacement of shaft.  $v(l, t) \cos(\beta)$  denotes the in-plane deflection of blade.



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Figure 3: Decomposition of motion in  $oxy$  plane.

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According to the above motion decompositions and coordinate system settings, during the rotation of the shaft and the elastic vibrations of structures, the coordinates of arbitrary micro-unit in the shaft with respect to the fixed coordinate system are  $u = (u_x(z), u_y(z), z)$ . The coordinates of arbitrary micro-unit Q in the disk with respect to the fixed coordinate system are  $(x_Q, y_Q, z_Q)$ . The coordinates of arbitrary micro-unit D in the blade with respect to the fixed coordinate system are  $(x_D, y_D, z_D)$ .

### 158 1.1.2 Energy equations

159 The expression of velocity is then obtained by derivation of the time variant coordinates  
 160 (displacements). Considering the translational motion and the rotation around the z-axis, the  
 161 total kinetic energy of the shaft can be obtained by integrating the kinetic energy of the micro-  
 162 unit along the shaft:

$$163 \quad T_s = \frac{1}{2} \rho_s A_s \int_0^s (\dot{u}_x^2 + \dot{u}_y^2) dz + \frac{1}{2} \rho_s I_{sp} \int_0^s (\Omega + \dot{\phi})^2 dz \quad (1)$$

164 where  $S$  is the length of shaft,  $\rho_s$  denotes the density,  $A_s$  is the area of shaft cross section,  $I_{sp}$  is  
 165 the polar moment of inertia and  $I_{sp} = \int_{A_s} r^2 dA = \frac{\pi}{2} r_s^4$ .

166 the total potential energy of shaft can be given as follows [33,34]:

$$167 \quad U_s = \frac{1}{2} EI_{sx} \int_0^s \left( \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} \right)^2 \right) dz + \frac{1}{2} G_s I_{sp} \int_0^s \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 dz \quad (2)$$

168 where  $E_s$  and  $G_s$  are Young's modulus and shear modulus, respectively.  $I_{sx}$  is the area moment  
 169 of inertia on the  $x_1$ -axis and  $I_{sx} = \int_{A_s} y^2 dA = \frac{\pi}{4} r_s^4$ .

170 In this paper, the disk is assumed to be a rigid body without considering its elastic  
 171 deformation. so the disk cannot be treated as particles. The translational and rotational kinetic  
 172 energy of the disk is:

$$173 \quad T_d = \frac{1}{2} \rho_d h_d \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \int_0^{2\pi} (\dot{x}_D^2 + \dot{y}_D^2 + \dot{\phi}_D^2) r dr d\theta \quad (3)$$

174 In the same way, the kinetic energy associated with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  blade can be obtained as follows:

$$175 \quad T_{bi} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_b A_b \int_0^L (\dot{x}_B^2 + \dot{y}_B^2 + \dot{\phi}_B^2) dl \quad (4)$$

176 Where  $A_b$  is the area of blade cross section, and the total kinetic energy of the disk is:

177 The bending and centrifugal potential energy of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  blade can be given as follows [33]

$$178 \quad U_{bi} = \frac{1}{2} EI \int_0^L \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_i(l, t)}{\partial r^2} \right)^2 dl \quad (5)$$

### 179 1.1.3 Assumed modes

180 The assumed mode method is adopted to discretize the continuous system. The  
 181 displacements of shaft can be expressed as following:

$$182 \quad u_x(z, t) = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{q}_x = \mathbf{q}_x^T \mathbf{U} \quad (6)$$

$$183 \quad u_y(z, t) = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{q}_y = \mathbf{q}_y^T \mathbf{U} \quad (7)$$

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$$\phi(z, t) = \mathbf{\Phi}^T \mathbf{q}_\phi = \mathbf{q}_\phi^T \mathbf{\Phi} \quad (8)$$

185 where  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{\Phi}$  denotes the assumed modal matrix,  $\mathbf{q}_x$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_y$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_\phi$  denote the generalized  
186 coordinate associated with the shaft,

187 In the similar way, the displacements of blades can be expressed as follows

188 
$$v(l, t) = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{q}_v = \mathbf{q}_v^T \mathbf{V} \quad (9)$$

189 where  $\mathbf{V}$  denotes the assumed modal matrix associated with the blade,  $\mathbf{q}_v$  denote the  
190 generalized coordinate of the blade.

### 191 1.1.4 Discrete vibration equation

192 Substitution of the above equations into the energy expressions and employment of the  
193 Lagrange equations yields the following discretized equations of motion in matrix notation  
194 as

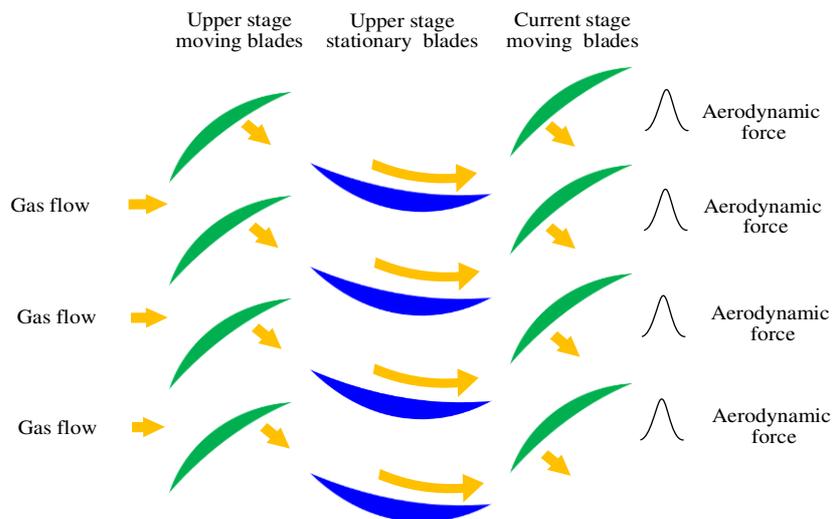
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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}} = \mathbf{Q} \quad (10)$$

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$$L = T - U = T_s - U_s + \sum_{j=1}^n T_{dj} + T_{Bj} - U_{Bj} \quad (11)$$

197 where  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  denotes the generalized coordinate matrix,  $\mathbf{Q}$  is the generalized force matrix  
198 corresponding to the generalized coordinates. The discretized equations of motion in matrix  
199 notation can be given as:

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$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\boldsymbol{\eta}} + \mathbf{C} \dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}} + \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{Q} \quad (12)$$

## 201 1.2 Modeling of aerodynamic force



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203 Figure 4: Schematic diagram of aerodynamic force between moving blade and stationary blade

204 The working mode of the blade disk rotor system is compressed gas or driven by gas. As  
 205 shown in Figure 4, according to the working principle of the blade disk rotor system, each time  
 206 the moving blade passes through a stationary blade, it will be coupled with the gas flow through  
 207 the upper stationary blade, to form a pulse aerodynamic force on the moving blade.

208 Based on the principle of Fourier decomposition, the pulse signal can be decomposed into  
 209 the superposition of sinusoidal signals with the pulse frequency as the fundamental frequency.  
 210 Therefore, the aerodynamic force on the moving blades  $v_i$  caused by the gas of the upper  
 211 stationary blade can be qualitatively modelled as:

$$212 \quad f_{v_i}(l, t) = p_0 + \sum_{K_j=1}^{K_j} p_{K_j} \sin(K_j N_s \Omega t + \varphi_i) \quad (13)$$

213 where:  $p_0$  — Constant component;  $p_{K_j}$  — components of the  $K_j$ -th frequency;  $K_j$  —  
 214 Order of frequency and  $K_j=1,2,3,4$ ;  $\varphi_i$  — Initial phase of the  $i$ -th blade;  $N_s \Omega$  — fundamental  
 215 frequency of pulse;  $N_s$  — Number of stationary blades.

### 216 1.3 Modeling of blade crack's stiffness parameters excitation

217 Under the action of centrifugal stress caused by rotation and bending vibration caused by  
 218 aerodynamic force, breathing effects appear on the contact surface of crack as shown in

219 Figure 5, so as to change the stiffness of the cracked blade transiently. Therefore, the  
 220 stiffness parameter excitation arises in the system.

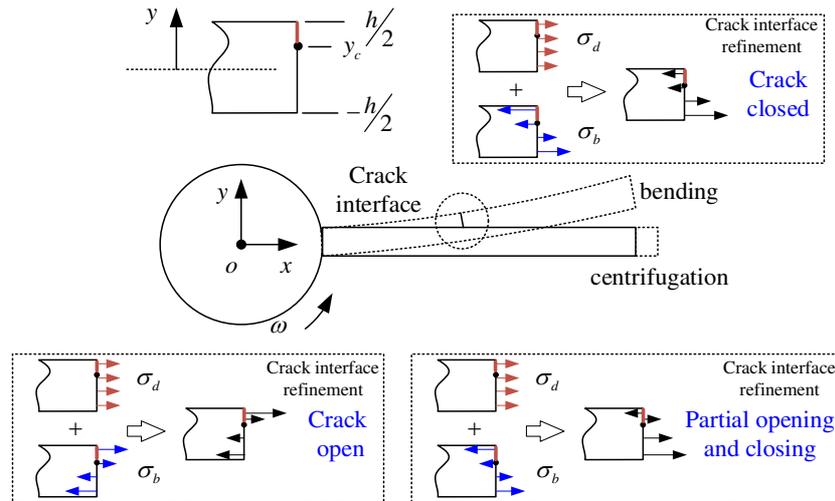
221 The method adopted to model the cracked blade is from our recent publication [35]. In  
 222 the modeling of the cracked blade, the released energy associated with the crack is considered  
 223 as follows:

$$224 \quad U_c = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(EI)^2}{K_{crack}} \boldsymbol{\eta}^T \mathbf{V}(l_c) \mathbf{V}(l_c)^T \boldsymbol{\eta} \quad (14)$$

225 where  $K_{crack}$  is the breathing stiffness of the crack, depending on the vibration response  
 226 (bending stress  $\sigma_b$ ) and the centrifugal effect (centrifugal stress  $\sigma_d$ ). The breathing function  
 227 is:

$$228 \quad K_{crack} = k_c \times \begin{cases} \infty & \sigma_b \geq \sigma_d / \gamma_c \\ \left( \frac{h/2 - y_c}{y_0 - y_c} \right)^3 & \sigma_d / \left( \frac{h}{4} + \frac{y_c}{2} \right) < \sigma_b < \sigma_d / \gamma_c \\ 1 & \sigma_b \leq \sigma_d / \left( \frac{h}{4} + \frac{y_c}{2} \right) \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

229 where  $k_c$  is the stiffness of the open crack, and  $k_c = \frac{EI}{6(1 - \mu^2)hQ(\gamma)}$ ,  $\gamma$  denotes the relative crack  
 230 depth [36]



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Figure 5: Schematic diagram of crack breathing in rotating blade.

## 233 2. Numerical analysis of response characteristics

234 Based on the dynamic model, special case studies for two structural forms of moving and  
 235 stationary blades are explored by numerical solution, to intuitively present the expression of  
 236 typical response characteristics under aerodynamic force and crack stiffness parameter  
 237 excitations.

### 238 2.1 Response characteristics of Synchronous excitation

239 In the typical simplified system with five stationary blades ( $N_s=5$ ) and five moving blades  
 240 ( $N_d=5$ ), the five moving blades excited by the aerodynamic force synchronously (Synchronous  
 241 excitation).

242 This paper focuses on the qualitative study of the characteristics and mechanism under  
 243 aerodynamic load and crack excitation. Therefore, only the frequency components of  
 244 transverse vibration and torsional vibration are compared and analyzed.

245 Considering the inevitable eccentricity of the system, the load forms studied in this section  
 246 include: eccentricity (Ecce), aerodynamic force (AeroF), crack and aerodynamic force  
 247 (Crack+AeroF), crack, eccentricity and aerodynamic force (Crack+Ecce+AeroF).

#### 248 2.1.1 Transverse vibration response

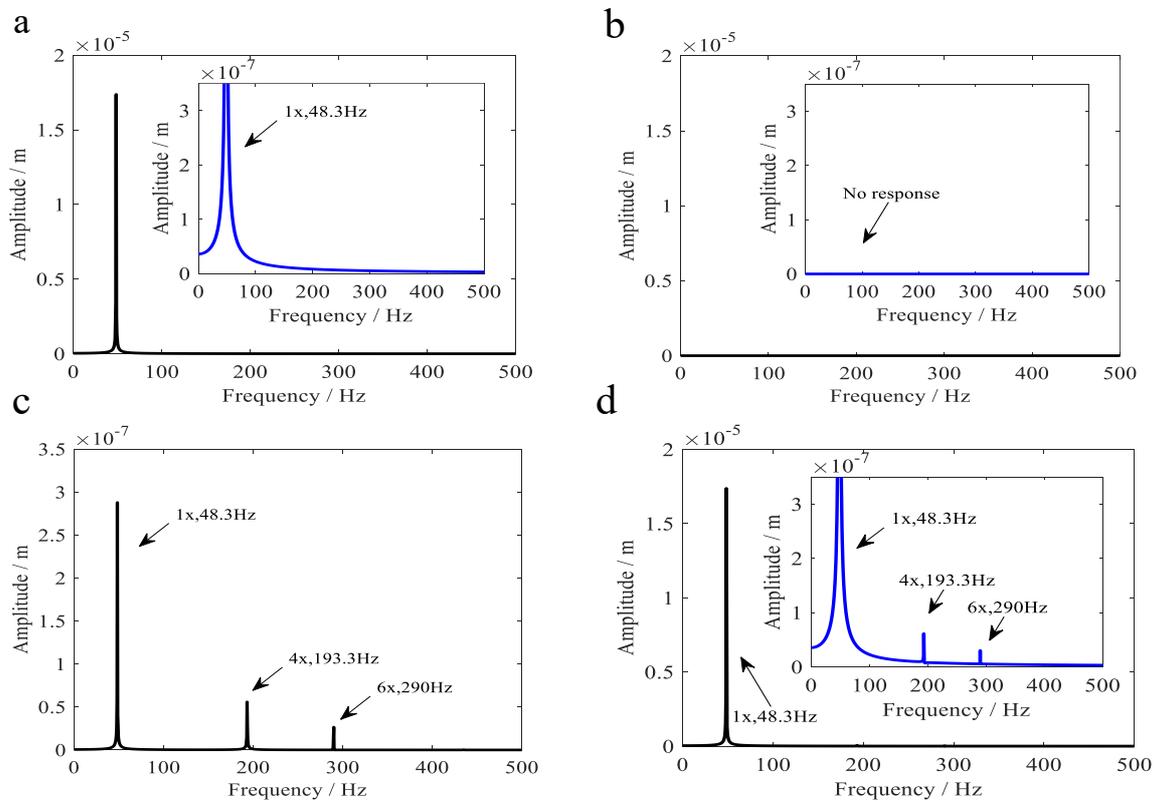
249 Figure 6 shows the frequency spectrums of the transverse vibration responses. In this case,  
 250 the rotation speed is 2900RPM, the corresponding rotation frequency  $\omega = 48.3\text{Hz}$  (1x).

251 As shown in Figure 6 (a), the eccentricity will lead to the rapid increase of the amplitude  
 252 corresponding to 1x frequency component in the transverse vibration response.

253 As can be seen in Figure 6 (b), when the system only under the exciting of aerodynamic  
 254 force, without eccentricity and crack excitations, the amplitude of transverse vibration  
 255 response is zero, indicating that the resultant force of each aerodynamic forces on transverse vibration  
 256 is zero.

257 Under the excitation of aerodynamic force, each blade has bending vibration. Due to the  
 258 breathing effect of cracks, the bending vibration of the cracked blade is different from that of  
 259 other blades, resulting in the mistuning of the vibration coupling effect of the blades on the  
 260 shaft. As shown in Figure 6 (c), under the coupling action of the crack and aerodynamic force,  
 261 the amplitude of frequency components such as  $1x = 48 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $4x = 194 \text{ Hz}$  and  $6x = 291 \text{ Hz}$   
 262 increases, where  $1x$  is rotation frequency  $\omega$ ,  $4x$  is  $(N_b+1)\omega$ ,  $6x$  is  $(N_b-1)\omega$ , and  $N_b=5$ .

263 In transverse vibration, the eccentricity often dominates the vibration response, the  
 264 amplitude of  $1x$  frequency is very large, the response characteristics under the coupling of crack  
 265 and aerodynamic force are easy to be submerged, as shown in Figure 6 (d). However,  
 266 qualitatively, the characteristics caused by the coupling of crack and aerodynamic force are  
 267 different from that of the eccentricity.



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269 Figure 6: Spectrums of transverse vibration response ( $N_s=N_d=5$ ). (a) Ecce. (b) AeroF. (c) Crack+AeroF. (d)

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Crack+Ecce+AeroF.

### 271 2.1.2 Torsional vibration response

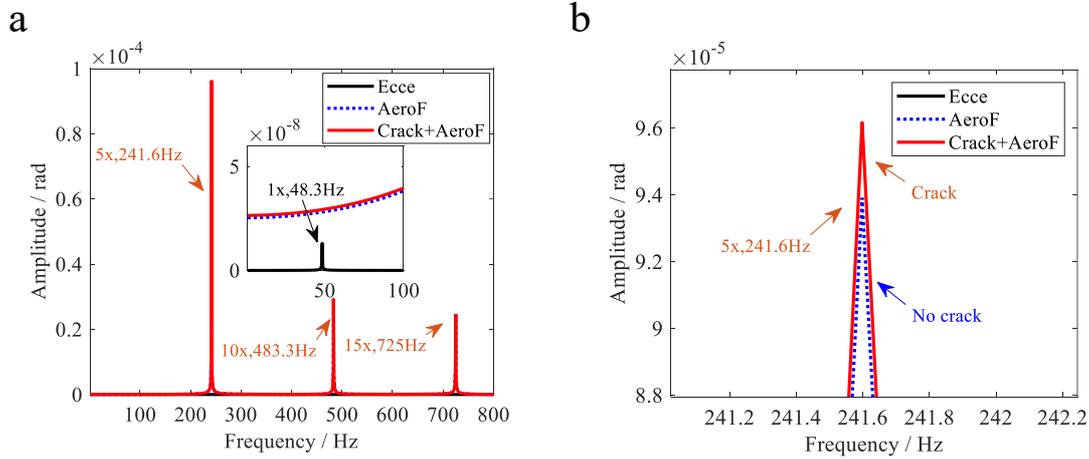
272 Figure 7 shows the frequency spectrums of the torsional vibration responses.

273 As can be seen in Figure 7, in this case, the amplitude of torsional vibration caused by  
 274 bending-torsion coupling effects is very small, and it is difficult to identify the frequency  
 275 components of coupled torsional vibration caused by eccentricity in the spectrum of torsional  
 276 vibration response.

277 As shown in Figure 7, under the excitation of aerodynamic force, the amplitude of  
 278 frequency components such as  $5x=241.7\text{Hz}$ ,  $10x=483.3\text{Hz}$  and  $15x=725\text{Hz}$  increases, where

279  $5x$  is  $N_b \omega$ ,  $10x$  is  $2N_b \omega$  and  $15x$  is  $3N_b \omega$ .

280 In this structural form with five stationary blades and five moving blades, the fundamental  
 281 frequencies of normal and cracked blades are  $5x$ . The crack leads to the increase of the  
 282 amplitude of  $5x$  frequency component in the torsional vibration response, as shown in Figure  
 283 7.



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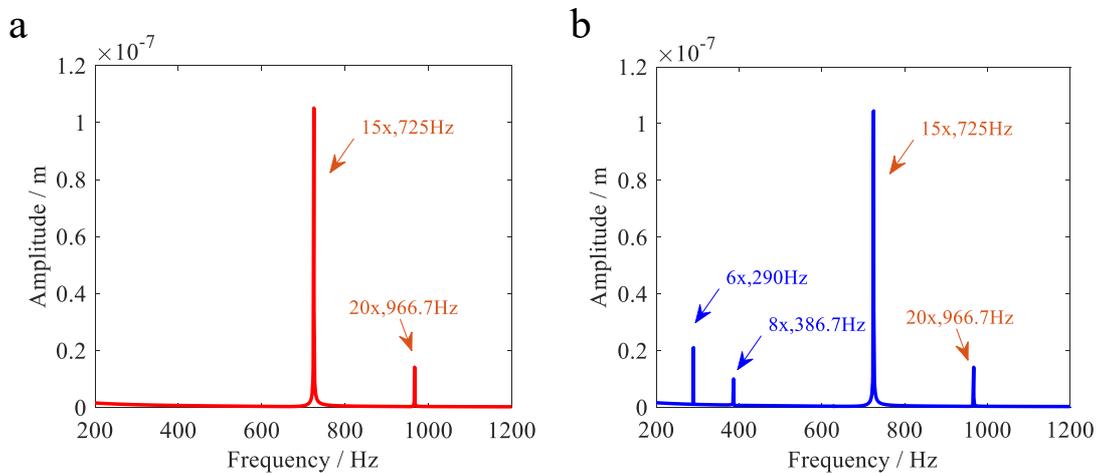
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Figure 7: Spectrums of torsional vibration response. ( $N_s=N_d=5$ ). (a) AeroF. (b) Crack+AeroF.

## 286 2.2 Response characteristics of Asynchronous excitation

287 In the typical simplified system with seven stationary blades ( $N_s=7$ ) and five moving  
 288 blades ( $N_d=5$ ), the five moving blades excited by the aerodynamic force asynchronously  
 289 (Asynchronous excitation), that is, each moving blade is excited by the aerodynamic force with  
 290 phase lag.

291 The transverse vibration responses under asynchronous excitation are shown in Figure 8.  
 292 There are  $15x$  and  $20x$  frequencies in both normal and cracked systems under aerodynamic  
 293 force. When there is a crack in the blade,  $6x$  and  $8x$  frequency components appear in the  
 294 response spectrum, but there is no such frequency component in the normal system.

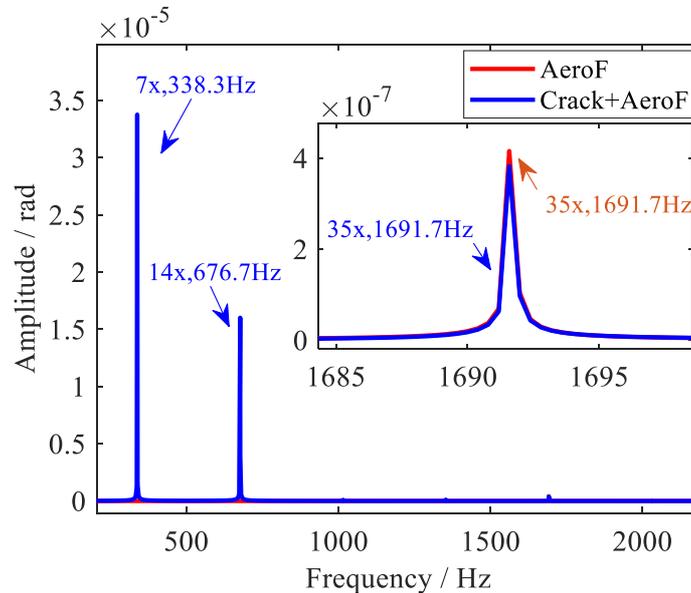


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Figure 8: Spectrums of transverse vibration responses ( $N_s=7, N_d=5$ ). (a) AeroF. (b) Crack+AeroF.

297 The torsional vibration responses are shown in Figure 9. It can be seen from the figure  
 298 that under the coupling action of aerodynamic force and crack, there are 35x frequency  
 299 components in both cracked and normal systems, indicating that the response of this frequency  
 300 component is caused by aerodynamic force. However, the frequency components such as 7x  
 301 and 14x appear in the cracked system, but not in the normal system. Therefore, this frequency  
 302 components are caused by the stiffness parameter excitation of the crack.



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 304 Figure 9: Spectrums of torsional vibration responses ( $N_s=7, N_d=5$ ).

305 To sum up, the special case studies based on the dynamic model shows that under  
 306 asynchronous excitation, the aerodynamic force leads to 15x and 20x frequency components  
 307 in the transverse vibration response and 35x ( $N_s \times N_d \omega$ ) frequency component in the torsional  
 308 vibration response. The stiffness parameter excitation of blade crack leads to frequency  
 309 components such as 6x ( $(N_s - 1)\omega$ ) and 8x ( $(N_s + 1)\omega$ ) in transverse vibration response and 7x  
 310 ( $N_s \omega$ ) and 14x ( $2N_s \omega$ ) in torsional vibration response. The mechanism will be deduced in  
 311 detail in Section 4.

### 312 3. Mechanism revealing and law exploring of vibration response

313 The above model based special case studies expounds the basic response characteristics  
 314 of aerodynamic force and crack excitation. At the same time, it also shows that the structural  
 315 form will significantly affect the response characteristics.

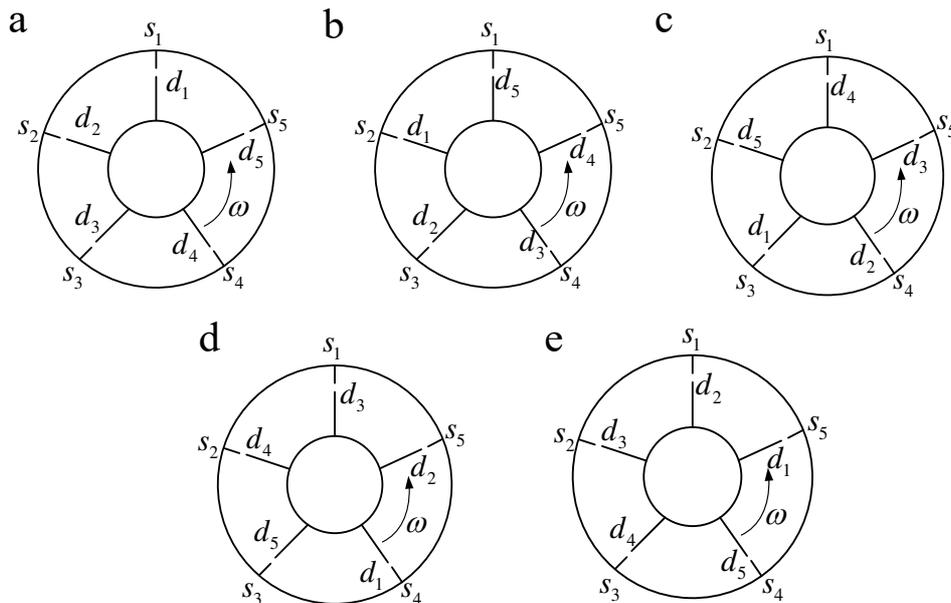
316 In this section, from the perspective of kinematics and dynamics, the internal response  
 317 mechanism of synchronous excitation and asynchronous excitation are revealed firstly, and  
 318 based on Number Theory, the general law of response characteristics of non coprime forms  
 319 (synchronous excitation) and coprime forms (asynchronous excitation) are obtained.

#### 320 3.1 Response Mechanism under Synchronous excitation

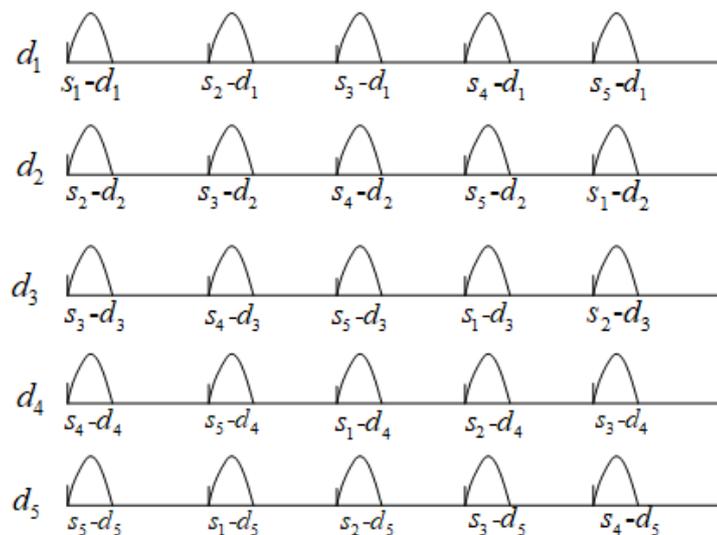
321 Figure 10 is the position relationship of moving and stationary blades during one rotation

322 cycle ( $N_s=5, N_d=5$ ). In the figure,  $s_i$  ( $i=1,2,3,4,5$ ) are the positions of stationary blades and  $d_i$   
 323 ( $i=1,2,3,4,5$ ) are the positions of moving blades.

324 Figure 11 is the excitation diagram of each moving blade during one rotation cycle,  $s_i-d_j$   
 325 represents the aerodynamic excitation of the  $j$ -th moving blade at the  $i$ -th stationary blade.  
 326 When the numbers of moving and stationary blades are five, during one rotation cycle, due to  
 327 the airflow at the upper stationary blades, each moving blade is excited by aerodynamic forces  
 328 at five stationary blades successively, that means the fundamental frequency is  $N_s\omega$ , and the  
 329 five moving blades are excited synchronously.



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 331 Figure 10: The position relationship of moving and stationary blades during one rotation cycle..(a) 0/5 cycle. (b)  
 332 1/5 cycle. (c) 2/5 cycle. (d) 3/5 cycle. (e) 4/5 cycle.



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 334 Figure 11: Excitation diagram of each moving blade during one rotation cycle.

### 335 3.1.1 Torsional vibration

336 In the ideal and circularly symmetric blade disk rotor system, the excitation of the

337 torsional vibration of the shaft is the superposition of the excitation torque of each moving  
 338 blade with the same amplitude, frequency and phase. Therefore, the torsional vibration of the  
 339 shaft is also equivalent to being excited by a excitation with the fundamental frequency  $N_s \omega$  ,  
 340 as shown in Figure 12.

341 This is the mechanism why aerodynamic force causes  $N_s \omega$  ,  $2N_s \omega$  and  $3N_s \omega$  frequency  
 342 components in torsional vibration response (shown in Figure 7).



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Figure 12: Torsional excitation diagram of shafting during one rotation cycle.

### 345 3.1.2 Transverse vibration

346 The excitation of transverse vibration is the superposition of the transverse components  
 347 of the excitation of each moving blade. Because the moving blades are circularly symmetrical,  
 348 the excitation amplitude  $A$  of each blade ( $i=1,2,\dots,N_d$ ) is equal for the ideal system. Therefore,  
 349 the excitation of transverse vibration is the superposition of sinusoidal components with  
 350 uniform phase lag  $(2\pi/N_d)i$  , which is satisfied :

$$351 \quad A \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} \sin \left( \omega t + \frac{2\pi}{N_d} i \right) = 0 \quad (15)$$

352 This is the mechanism why the transverse vibration response amplitude is zero (shown in  
 353 Figure 6), when under aerodynamic excitation but without crack and eccentric excitation.

354 When a blade has cracks, its coupling excitation effect on the shafting is different from  
 355 that of other blades. Therefore, equation (15) is no longer equal to zeros, that is, the  
 356 superposition of transverse excitation components of each moving blade is no longer zeros.

357 The mistuning excitation of a blade caused by crack can be qualitatively expressed in the  
 358 same form as the blade vibration  $A \sin(K_j N_s \omega t) + C$  . Moreover, since the cracked blade rotates  
 359 with the rotating shaft, the transverse component of its mistuning excitation changes with the  
 360 rotating frequency, which can be expressed as

$$361 \quad f_c = \sin(\omega t) \left( A \sin(K_j N_s \omega t) + C \right) \quad (16)$$

362 At this time, the transverse vibration has excitation with frequency components  $\omega$  and  
 363  $(K_j N_s \pm 1)\omega$  , etc.

364 This is the mechanism why the amplitudes of frequency component such as  $1x$  ,  $(N_b - 1)\omega$   
 365  $= 4x$  , and  $(N_b + 1)\omega = 6x$  increase in transverse vibration under the coupling action of the crack  
 366 and aerodynamic force, shown in Figure 6.

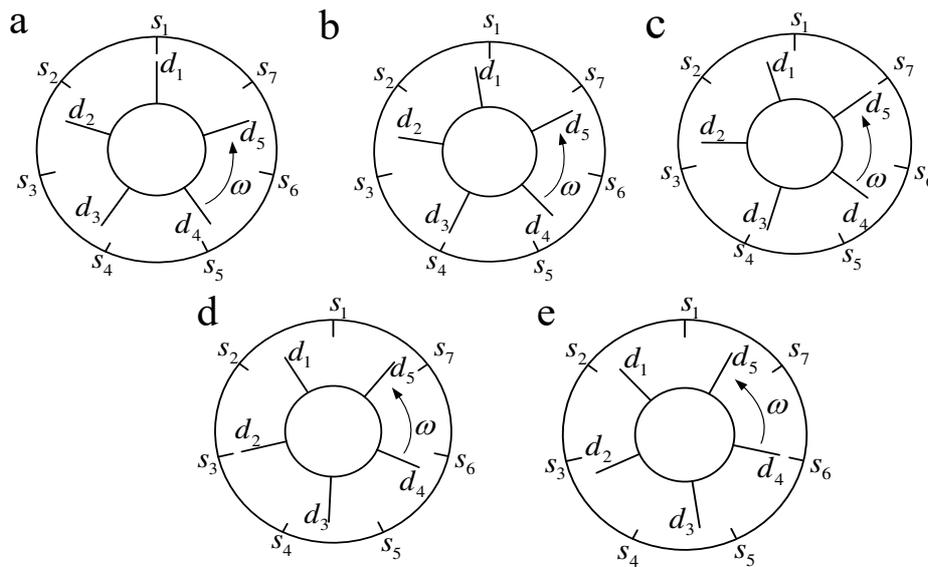
### 367 3.2 Response Mechanism under Asynchronous excitation

368 This section will study another special case, the response mechanism with seven  
 369 stationary blades and five moving blades. At this time, each moving blade is excited by  
 370 aerodynamic load asynchronously ( $N_s=7$ ,  $N_d=5$ ).

371 Figure 13 is the position relationship of moving and stationary blades during  $1/N_s$  rotation  
 372 cycle. In the figure,  $s_i$  ( $i=1,2,3,4,5,6,7$ ) are the positions of stationary blades and  $d_i$  ( $i=1,2,3,4,5$ )  
 373 are the positions of moving blades. As can be seen in **Error! Reference source not found.**,  
 374 during  $1/N_s$  rotation cycle, each moving blade is excited once in turn. Moreover, the excitation  
 375 order of the moving blade is  $d_1 \rightarrow d_3 \rightarrow d_5 \rightarrow d_2 \rightarrow d_4$  ((a)->(b)->(c)->(d)->(e)) and its phase lag is  
 376  $(|1/N_s - 1/N_d|)2\pi$ , that is  $2\pi/35$ .

377 Figure 14 is the excitation diagram of each moving blade during one rotation cycle,  $s_i-d_j$   
 378 represents the aerodynamic excitation of the  $j$ -th moving blade at the  $i$ -th stationary blade. It  
 379 can be seen from the figure that each moving blade is excited  $N_s$  times in one rotation cycle,  
 380 and the phase lag of each excitation is  $2\pi/N_s$ .

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383 Figure 13: The position relationship of moving and stationary blades during  $1/N_s$  rotation cycle. (a)  $d_1$  forced: 0/35  
 384 cycle. (b)  $d_3$  forced: 1/35 cycle. (c)  $d_5$  forced: 2/35 cycle. (d)  $d_2$  forced: 3/35 cycle. (e)  $d_4$  forced: 4/35 cycle.

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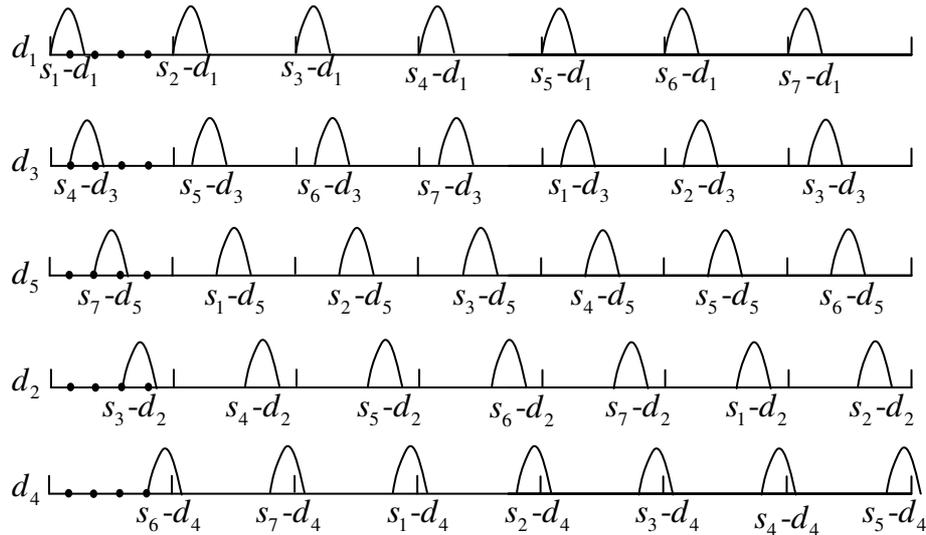


Figure 14: Excitation diagram of each moving blade during one rotation cycle.

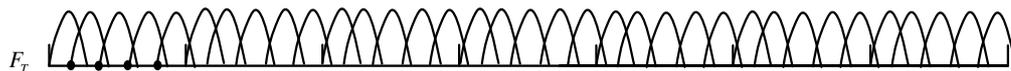
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### 388 3.2.1 Torsional vibration

389 The excitation transmitted from blade aerodynamic load to torsional vibration is the  
390 superposition of aerodynamic pulses with phase lag of each blade, and its schematic diagram  
391 is shown in Figure 15. Therefore, the shaft torsional vibration is qualitatively excited by a load  
392 with a fundamental frequency  $N_s \times N_d$ .

393 Because the lag interval of each pulse can not make each pulse completely independent,  
394 but there is an overlapping area between pulses. Therefore, after the superposition of the pulses,  
395 the excitation pulsation amplitude decreases and the mean value increases,

396 Therefore, under the excitation of aerodynamic force, there are components with small  
397 amplitude and fundamental frequency of  $N_s \times N_d$  in the torsional vibration response. That is the  
398 35x frequency components shown in Figure 9.



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Figure 15: Torsional excitation diagram of shafting during one rotation cycle.

401 When there is a crack on a blade, the torsional vibration excitation of the cracked blade to  
402 the shaft is not consistent with other normal blades, and there is an additional excitation  
403 component in torsional vibration caused by the crack mistuning, with the blade vibration  
404 frequency  $N_s \omega$  as the fundamental frequency. Therefore, under the coupling action of crack  
405 and aerodynamic force, 7x and 14x frequency components appear in the torsional vibration  
406 response, as shown in Figure 9.

### 407 3.2.2 Transverse vibration

408 The aerodynamic force of each blade will cause excitation on the shaft. It can be seen  
409 from Figure 14, the shaft is excited  $N_s \times N_d$  times in a rotation cycle, that is, the frequency of  
410 excitation is  $N_s \times N_d \omega$ . With the rotation of the shaft and the change of the excitation position,  
411 the transverse component of excitation changes periodically.

412 As can be seen from **Error! Reference source not found.**, the first excitation is that the  
 413 moving blade  $d_1$  excited by aerodynamic force at  $s_1$  (**Error! Reference source not found.**(a)),  
 414 and the second excitation is that the moving blade  $d_3$  excited by aerodynamic force at  $s_4$  (**Error!**  
 415 **Reference source not found.**(b)). In this process, the shaft rotates by  $\frac{2\pi}{N_s N_d}$  radian and the  
 416 excitation position of the aerodynamic load rotates by  $\frac{3}{N_s} 2\pi$  radians (from  $s_1$  to  $s_4$ ). The  
 417 position change laws of the subsequent excitation are the same.

418 Therefore, in this structural form, the change frequency of the excitation position has the  
 419 following relationship with the shaft rotation frequency

$$420 \left( \frac{3}{N_s} 2\pi \right) / \frac{2\pi}{N_s N_d} = 3N_d \quad (16)$$

421 It shows that the transverse component of aerodynamic force changes with frequency  
 422  $3N_d \omega$ . Therefore, the transverse component of the aerodynamic force can be qualitatively  
 423 expressed as

$$424 f_a = A \sin(3N_d \omega t) (\sin(N_s \times N_d \omega t) + C) \quad (17)$$

425 By expanding the above formula, it can be seen that the frequency components of transverse  
 426 excitation are  $3N_d \omega$ ,  $(N_s \pm 3) \times N_d \omega$ , etc.

427 This is the mechanism why the amplitudes of frequency component such as  $3N_d \omega = 15x$   
 428 and  $(N_s - 3) \times N_d \omega = 20x$  increase in transverse vibration under aerodynamic force, shown in  
 429 Figure 8.

430 When there is a crack in a blade, the frequency component of the additional excitation  
 431 caused by the crack mistuning is the blade vibration frequency  $KN_s \omega$ , and the of transverse  
 432 component on the shaft changes with the frequency  $\omega$ . Therefore, the transverse component  
 433 caused by crack mistuning can be expressed as  $A \sin(\omega t) (\sin(KN_s \omega t) + C)$ .

434 This is the mechanism why the amplitudes of frequency component such as  $(N_s - 1) \omega$   
 435  $= 6x$ , and  $(N_s + 1) \omega = 8x$  increase in transverse vibration under the coupling action of the crack  
 436 and aerodynamic force, shown in Figure 8.

### 437 3.3 General law of different structural forms

438 The special case studies of two typical structural forms show that the response  
 439 characteristics of aerodynamic force and crack mistuning and the mechanism of exciting are  
 440 significantly different under different structural forms. Go a step further, this section will  
 441 establish the response law of general structural form based on Number theory.

442 The structural forms can be divided into two categories: the first category, the numbers of

443 moving blades and stationary blades are **coprime**, that is, there is no common divisor other  
 444 than 1; the second category, the numbers of moving blades and stationary blades are **non**  
 445 **coprime**, that is, there is a common divisor other than 1.

### 446 **3.3.1 Coprime structural form**

447 For a system where the number of moving and stationary blades are coprime, no more  
 448 than one moving blade is excited by aerodynamic force at any time, and the excitation of each  
 449 moving blade has phase lag, i.e. asynchronous excitation, such as the typical special case in  
 450 Section 3.2 and Section 4.2, where  $N_s = 7$ ,  $N_d = 5$ .

451 When  $N_s$  and  $N_d$  are coprime, The general response law can be revealed by

#### 452 **Bézout's identity**

453 *If, the integers  $a$  and  $b$  have the greatest common factor  $d$ ,*

454 *Then, there must be integers  $i$  and  $j$ , to make  $ai+bj=d$ .*

455 According to the above theorem, when  $N_s$  and  $N_d$  are coprime, their greatest common  
 456 factor  $d=1$ . Therefore, there must be integers  $i$  and  $j$  to make  $N_d j+N_s i = 1$ . Considering that  $i$   
 457 is an arbitrary integer, there must also be an integer  $i$ , to make  $N_d j-N_s i = 1$ .

458 Divide  $N_d N_s$  on both sides of the above formula, and get

$$459 \quad \frac{j}{N_s} - \frac{i}{N_d} = \frac{1}{N_d N_s} \quad (18)$$

460 and,

$$461 \quad \frac{j}{N_s} = \frac{i}{N_d} + \frac{1}{N_d N_s} \quad (19)$$

462 Multiply  $2\pi$  on both sides, and get

$$463 \quad \frac{j}{N_s} 2\pi = \frac{i}{N_d} 2\pi + \frac{1}{N_d N_s} 2\pi \quad (20)$$

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465 The above formula shows that, when  $N_s$  and  $N_d$  are coprime and the serial number of the  
 466 coincident moving and stationary blades is set to 0, the angle difference between the  $i$ -th  
 467 moving blade and the  $j$ -th stationary blade is  $\frac{1}{N_d N_s} 2\pi$ .

468 Therefore, during the rotation of the shaft, the next  $i$ -th moving blade can coincide with  
 469 the next  $j$ -th stationary blade passing through  $\frac{1}{N_d N_s} 2\pi$  radian and be excited by aerodynamic  
 470 force.

471 In this process, the shaft rotates by  $\frac{2\pi}{N_s N_d}$  radian and the excitation position of the  
 472 aerodynamic load rotates by  $\frac{j}{N_s} 2\pi$  radians. Therefore, the change frequency of the excitation  
 473 position has the following relationship with the shaft rotation frequency

$$474 \left( \frac{j}{N_s} 2\pi \right) / \left( \frac{1}{N_d N_s} 2\pi \right) = N_d j \quad (21)$$

475 It shows that the transverse component of aerodynamic force changes with frequency  
 476  $N_d j \omega$ . Therefore, the transverse component of the aerodynamic force can be qualitatively  
 477 expressed as

$$478 f_a = A \sin(N_d j \omega t) (\sin(N_s N_d \omega t) + C) \quad (22)$$

479 The excitation transmitted from blade aerodynamic force to torsional vibration is the  
 480 superposition of aerodynamic pulses with phase lag of each blade. Therefore, the shaft torsional  
 481 vibration is qualitatively excited by a load with a fundamental frequency  $N_s \times N_d$ . Therefore,  
 482 the excitation of torsional vibration can be qualitatively expressed as  $A \sin(N_s N_d \omega t) + C$ .

483 Specifically, in Section 4.2, when  $N_s=7$  and  $N_d=5$ , there are  $j=3$  and  $i=2$ , marking

$$484 \frac{3}{N_s} 2\pi = \frac{2}{N_d} 2\pi + \frac{1}{N_d N_s} 2\pi \quad (23)$$

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486 Therefore, in **Error! Reference source not found.**, the next excitation positions are the next  
 487 2-th moving blades ( $d_1 \rightarrow d_3 \rightarrow d_5 \rightarrow d_2 \rightarrow d_4$ ) passing through the next 3-th stationary blades  
 488 ( $s_1 \rightarrow s_4 \rightarrow s_7 \rightarrow s_3 \rightarrow s_6$ ).

### 489 3.3.2 Non coprime structural form

490 For a system where the number of moving and stationary blades are coprime, that is, there  
 491 is a maximum common divisor  $m$  ( $m \neq 1$ ) between  $N_s$  and  $N_d$ . The results show that at any  
 492 excitation position, there is a group of circularly symmetrical moving blades with a number of  
 493  $m$ , which are synchronously excited by aerodynamic force.

494 According to equation (15), the resultant force of the transverse components of a group of  
 495 cyclic symmetry blades under synchronous excitation is zero. Therefore, under the excitation  
 496 of aerodynamic force, the response amplitude of non coprime ideal system is zero.

497 Since the  $m$  moving blades are excited at the same time, the torsional excitation of the  $m$   
 498 blades are superimposed to form a whole excitation. Therefore, in one rotation cycle, the  
 499 torsional excitation frequency is  $N_s N_d \omega / m$ . Therefore, torsional excitation can be  
 500 qualitatively expressed as:

$$501 F_T = A \sin((N_s N_d \omega / m) t) + C \quad (24)$$

### 502 3.3.3 Crack characteristics

503 When there is a crack in a blade, the frequency component of the additional excitation  
 504 caused by the crack mistuning is the blade vibration frequency  $KN_s\omega$ . Therefore, the  
 505 additional excitation component in torsional vibration caused by the crack mistuning can be  
 506 expressed as  $\sin(KN_s\omega t) + C$ . Considering that the transverse component of the excitation of  
 507 the cracked moving blade changes with the frequency  $\omega$ , the transverse component caused by  
 508 crack mistuning can be expressed as  $A\sin(\omega t)(\sin(KN_s\omega t) + C)$ .

## 509 Conclusions

510 From the numerical solution based response characteristic analysis to the kinematics and  
 511 dynamics based essential response mechanism revealing, from the model based special case  
 512 study to the Number Theory based general law establishing, the response mechanism of blade  
 513 disk rotor system under the coupling effects of crack and aerodynamic force is studied  
 514 comprehensively and deeply. The conclusions are as follows:

515 (1) For a system in which the numbers of moving blades and stationary blades are coprime,  
 516 the moving blades are asynchronously excited by the aerodynamic force at each stationary  
 517 blade, successively. The general form of excitation for lateral vibration by aerodynamic load  
 518 is  $A\sin(N_d j\omega t)(\sin(N_s N_d \omega t) + C)$  and the general form of excitation for torsional vibration by  
 519 aerodynamic load is  $A\sin(N_s N_d \omega t) + C$ .

520 (2) For a system in which the numbers of moving blades and stationary blades are non  
 521 coprime (the common divisor is  $m$ ), there are  $m$  moving blades with cyclic symmetrical  
 522 distribution excited by aerodynamic force. The excitation superposition result of transverse  
 523 components of these  $m$  blades is zero. Therefore, there is no excitation in lateral vibration. The  
 524 general form of excitation for torsional vibration by aerodynamic load is  
 525  $A\sin((N_s N_d \omega / m)t) + C$ .

526 (3) When there is a crack in a moving blade, the vibration response of the cracked blade  
 527 under aerodynamic load is different from that of other blades, and the stiffness parameter  
 528 excitation of the crack appears. Therefore, the cracked blade will causes new excitation into  
 529 the torsional vibration and transverse vibration of the system. In torsional vibraton, the  
 530 amplitudes corresponding to frequency components  $K_j N_s \omega$  are increased. In the lateral  
 531 vibration, new modulation components are produced with the blade vibration frequency as the  
 532 carrier and the rotation frequency as the modulation source  $A\sin(\omega t)(\sin(K_j N_s \omega t) + C)$ .

533 (4) At present, this study only focus on the ideal and circularly symmetric blade disk rotor  
 534 system, and the inevitable random mistuning is not considered. The complex coupling  
 535 characteristics and mechanism between mistuned moving blade, mistuned static blade and  
 536 inherent eccentricity will be discussed in the next paper.

## 537 **Data Availability**

538 All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article.

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540 The authors declare that we have no conflicts of interests about the publication of this paper.

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