Perception-Influenced Acoustic Design of Novel Air Vehicles and Their Operations

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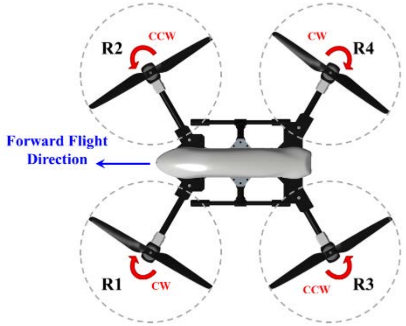

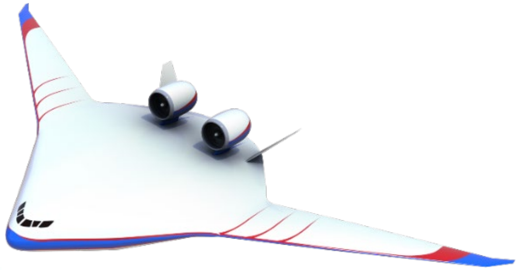

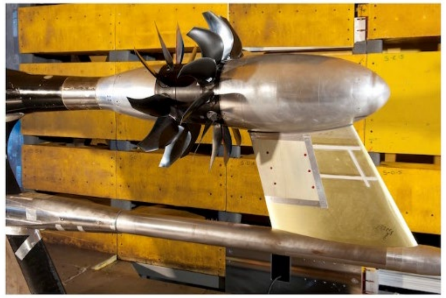

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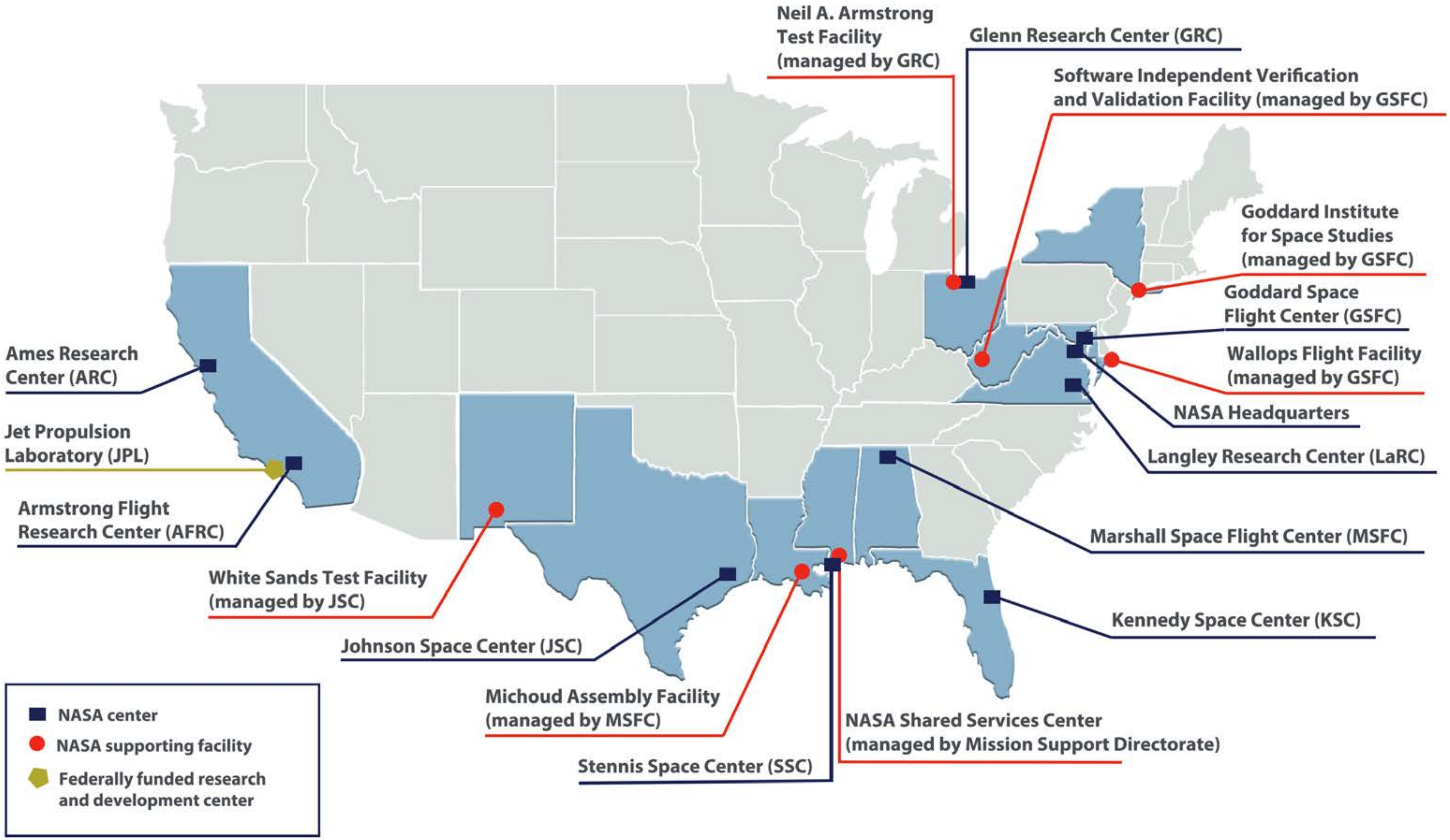
What is NASA?

- **NASA is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, an agency of the United States Federal Government**
  - Established in 1958 by the National Aeronautics and Space Act
  - Replaced its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), est. 1915.

- **NASA conducts its work in five principal organizations, called mission directorates:**
  - Aeronautics Research: conducts research to advance the safety, capacity, and efficiency of the air transportation system, reduce emissions, and sustain U.S. technological leadership in the aviation industry.
  - Exploration Systems Development: defines and manages the systems development for programs critical to the Artemis lunar exploration initiatives.
  - Science: conducts scientific exploration enabled by observatories that view Earth from space, observe, and visit other bodies in the solar system, and gaze out into the galaxy and beyond.
  - Space Operations: focuses on launch and space operations, including launch services, space communications and navigation, and eventually, sustaining operations on and around the Moon.
  - Space Technology: invests in transformational technologies that help offset future mission risk, reduce cost, advance capabilities that enable NASA's missions, and support space industry growth and high-quality job creation.

NASA Centers and Facilities



NASA Aeronautics – Vision for Aviation in the 21st Century

ARMD continues to evolve and execute the Aeronautics Strategy *https://www.nasa.gov/aeroresearch/strategy*

6 Strategic Thrusts

- Safe, Efficient Growth in Global Operations
- Safe, Quiet, and Affordable Vertical Lift Air Vehicles
- Innovation in Commercial Supersonic Aircraft
- In-Time System-Wide Safety Assurance
- Ultra-Efficient Subsonic Transports
- Assured Autonomy for Aviation Transformation

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- Concluding Remarks

Background

- Human response to aircraft community noise is a complex perception phenomenon that is a function of both acoustic and non-acoustic factors.
- The aircraft vehicle design process requires a multidisciplinary approach to achieve a set of design goals that typically include performance, emissions, fuel/energy consumption, and noise.
  - Noise goals usually specified in terms of certification metrics, which may not fully reflect acoustic factors related to human response, nor are intended to reflect non-acoustic factors.
- ICAO noise certification requirements are part of a balanced approach which strives to manage aircraft noise "in the most cost-effective manner."

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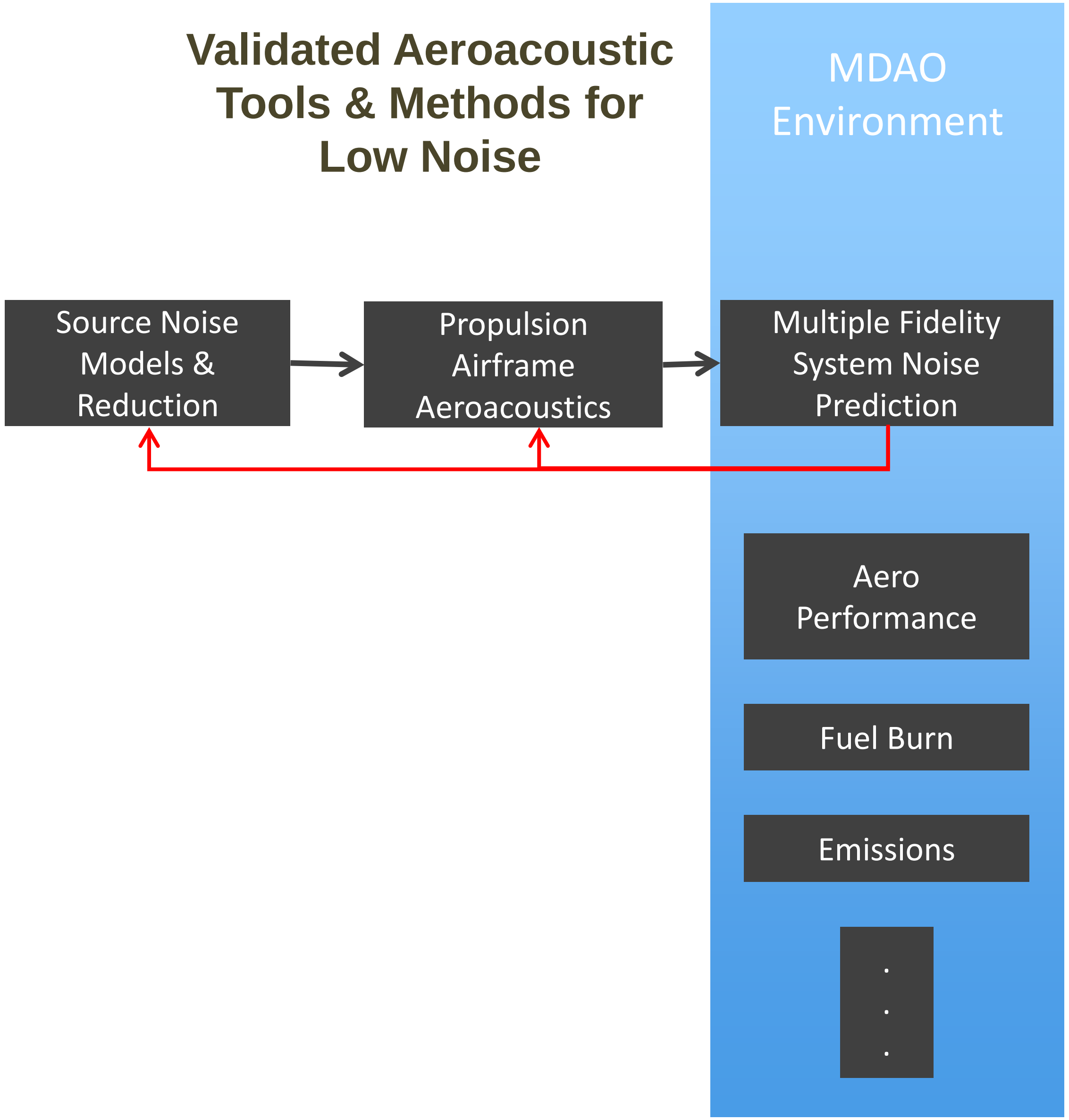
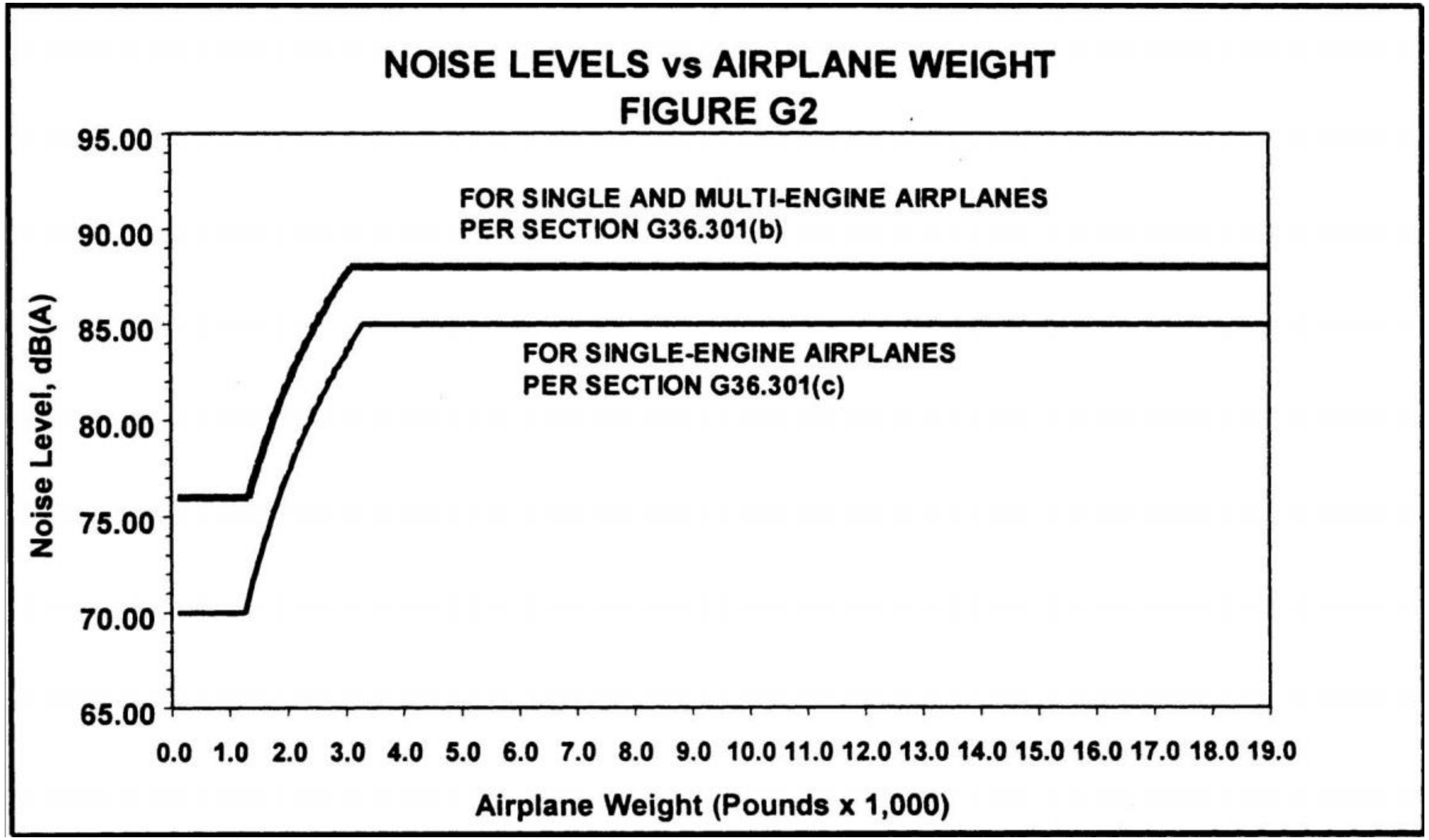
Metrics-Driven Design Process for Noise



Propeller-Driven Aircraft
(ICAO Chapter 10, FAR 36 Appendix G)

Takeoff Noise Limits for Single and Multi-Engine Airplanes



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Optimized Acoustic Design

Measured
Background
Predictions

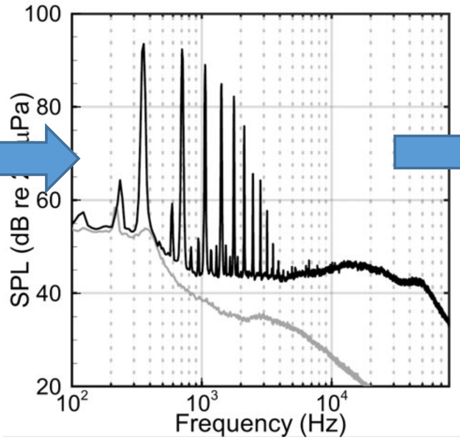
Baseline Geometry

$$\phi = \mathrm{TAN}^{-1}\left(\frac{P}{\pi D}\frac{R}{r}\right)$$

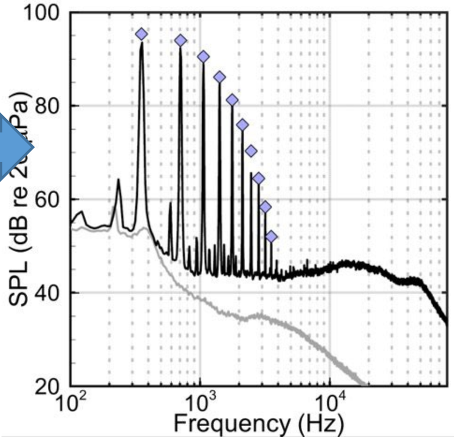
Parameter	Value
c, in. (mm)	1.5 (38.1)
P, in. (mm)	16.0 (406.4)
D_p, in. (mm)	24.0 (609.6)

Baseline Tunnel Entry

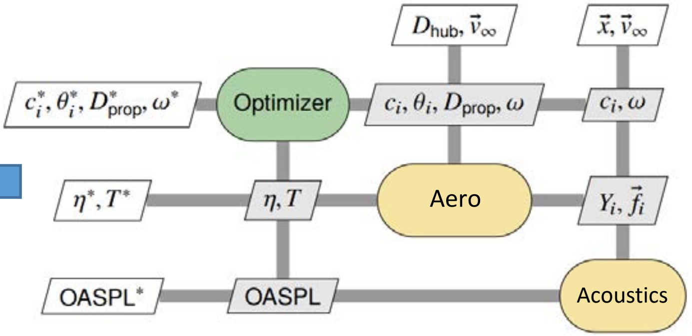
Baseline Data



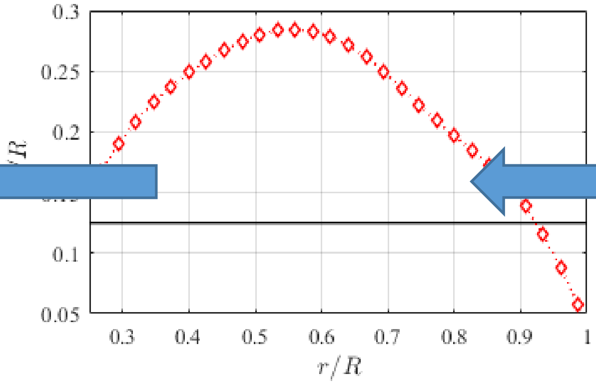
Analysis Using Optimization Tools



Design Optimization

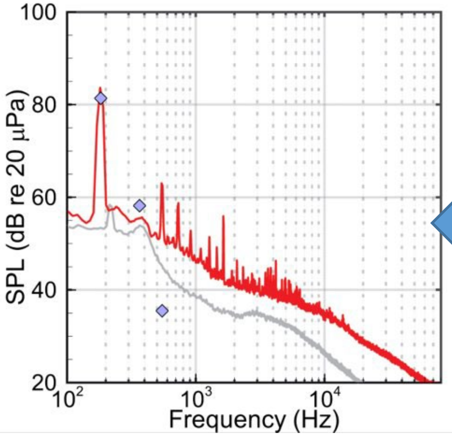


Optimized Geometry



Optimization Tunnel Entry

Validation Data



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Defining a Pareto Front

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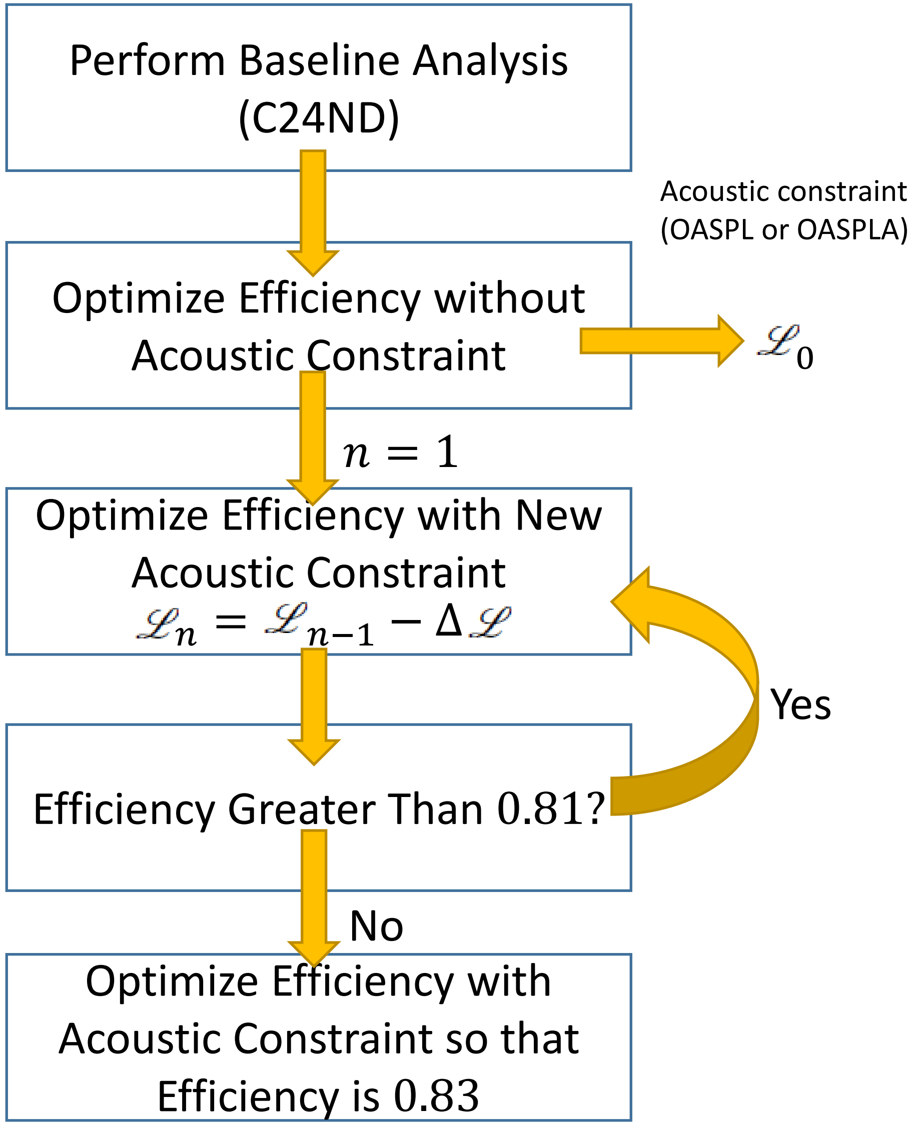

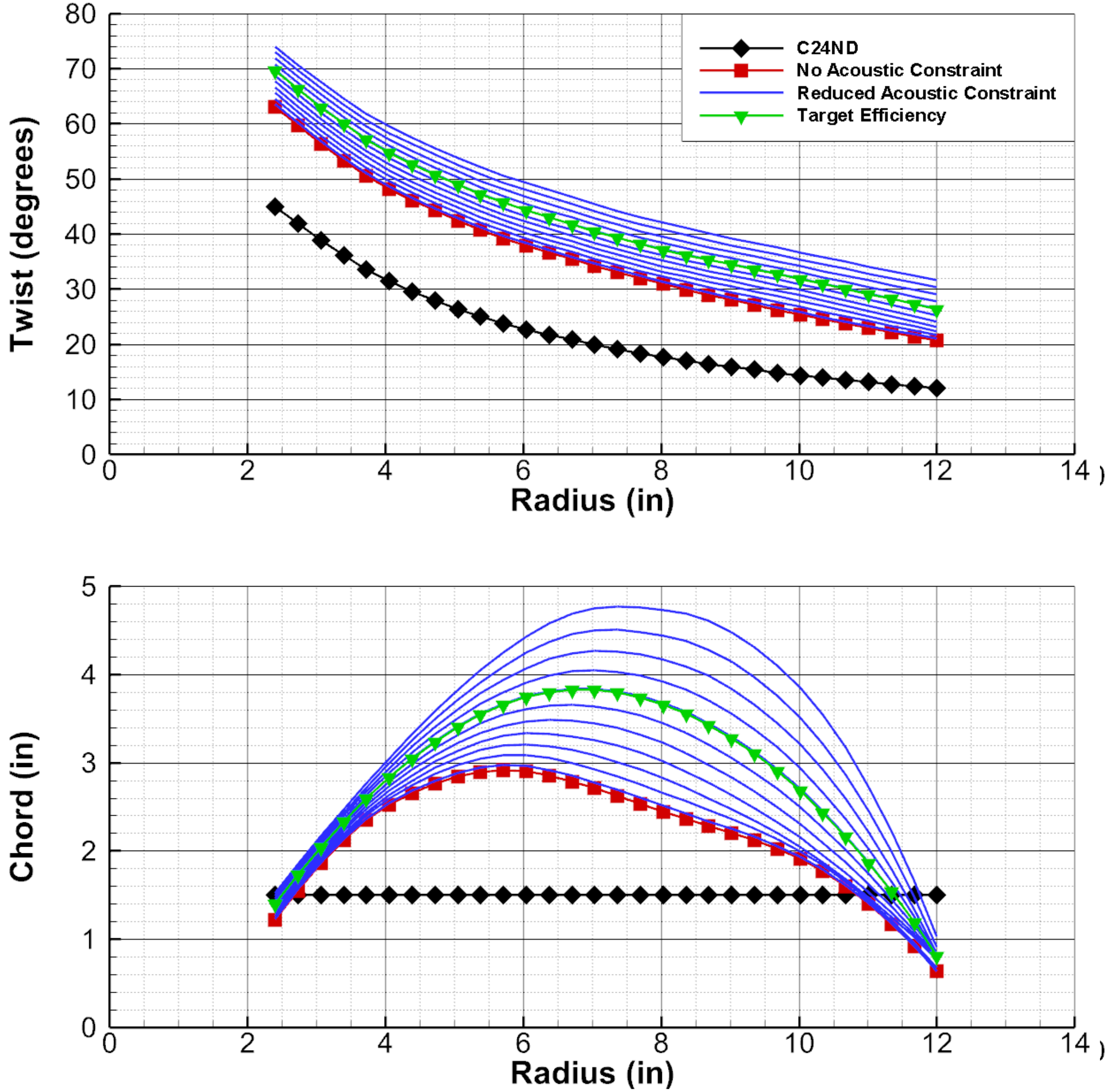

In-Plane, Unweighted

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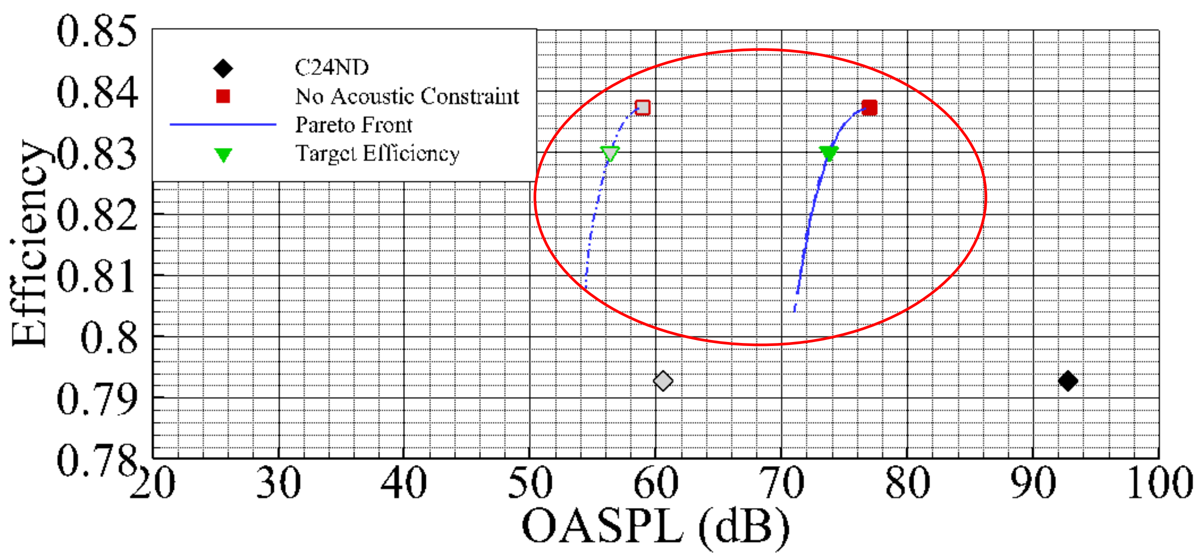

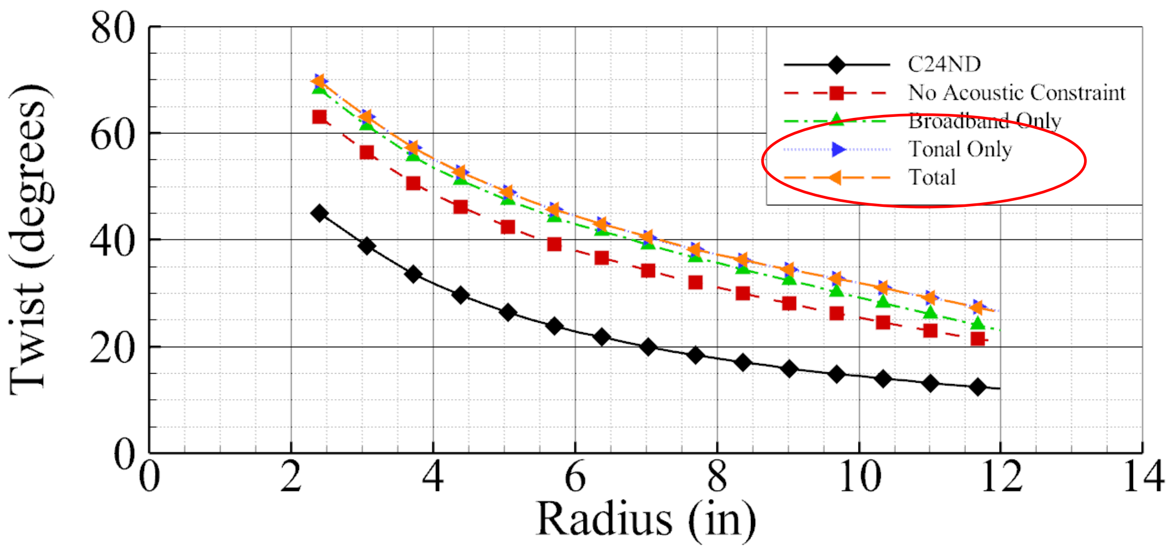

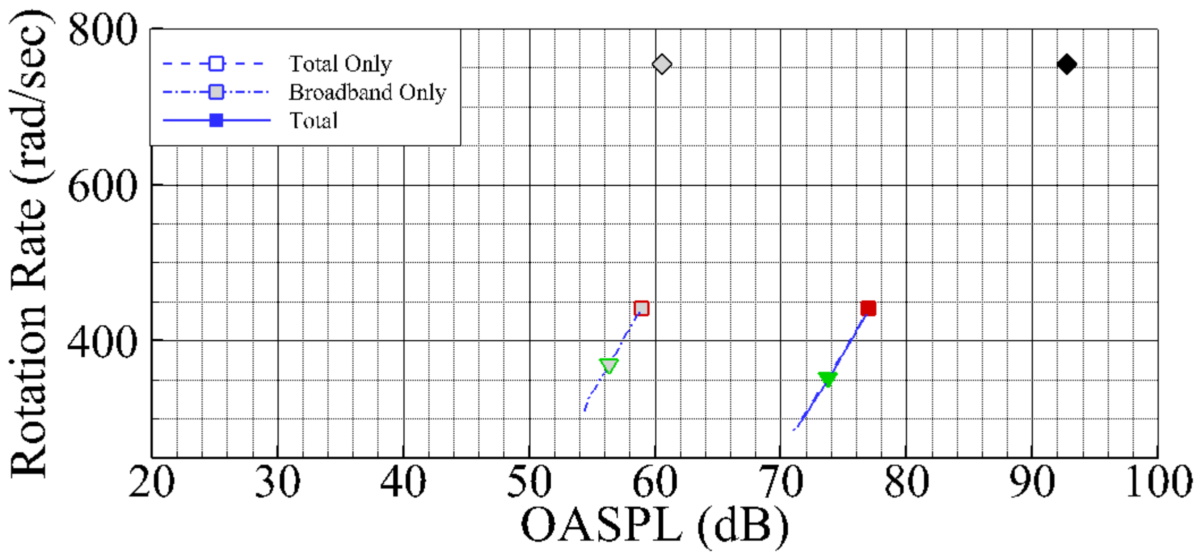

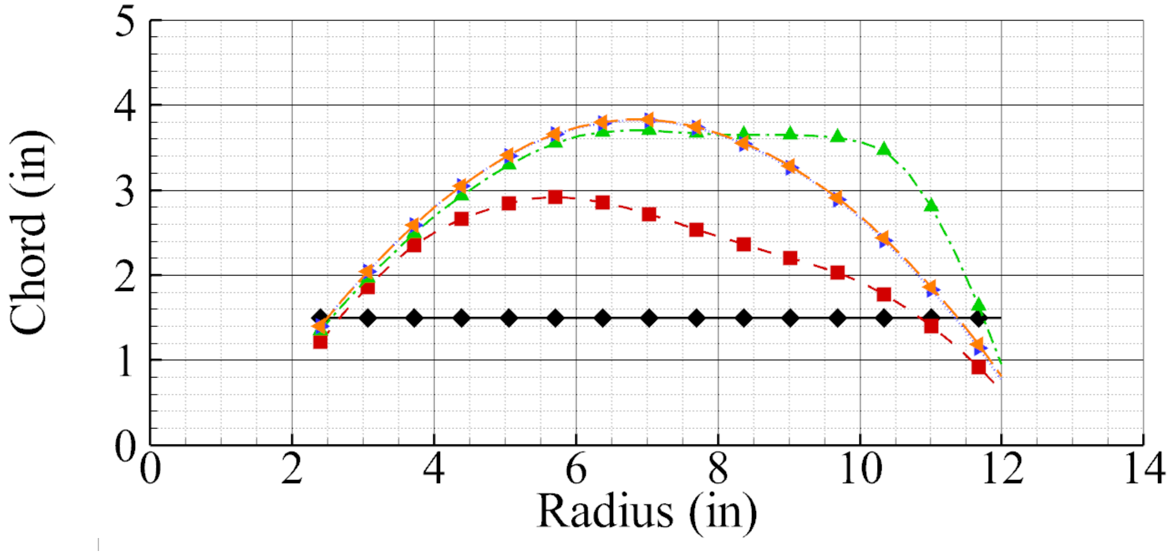

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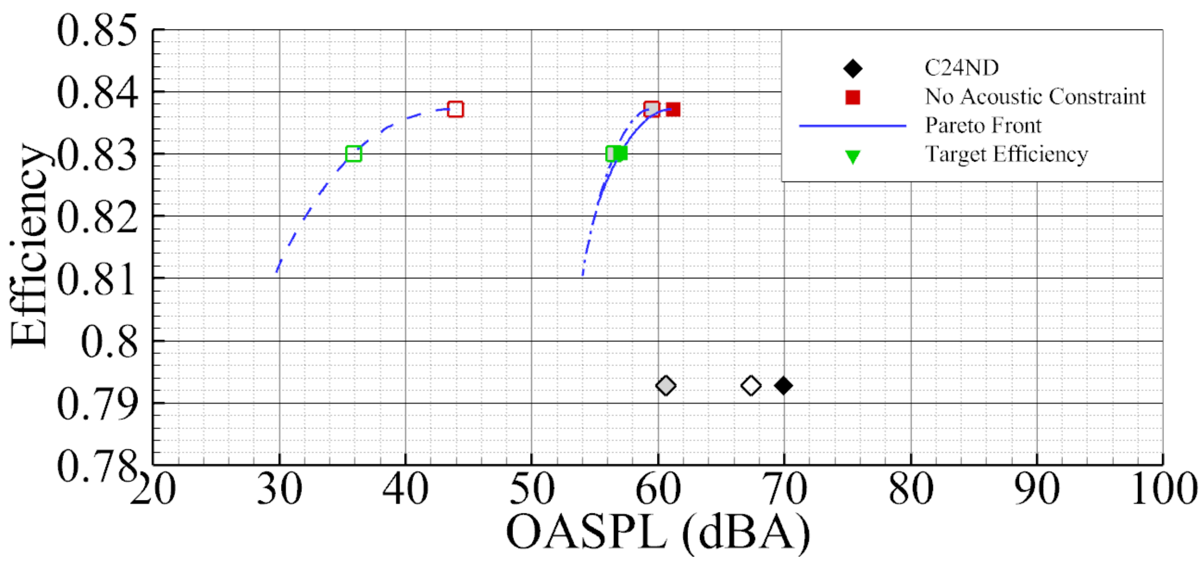

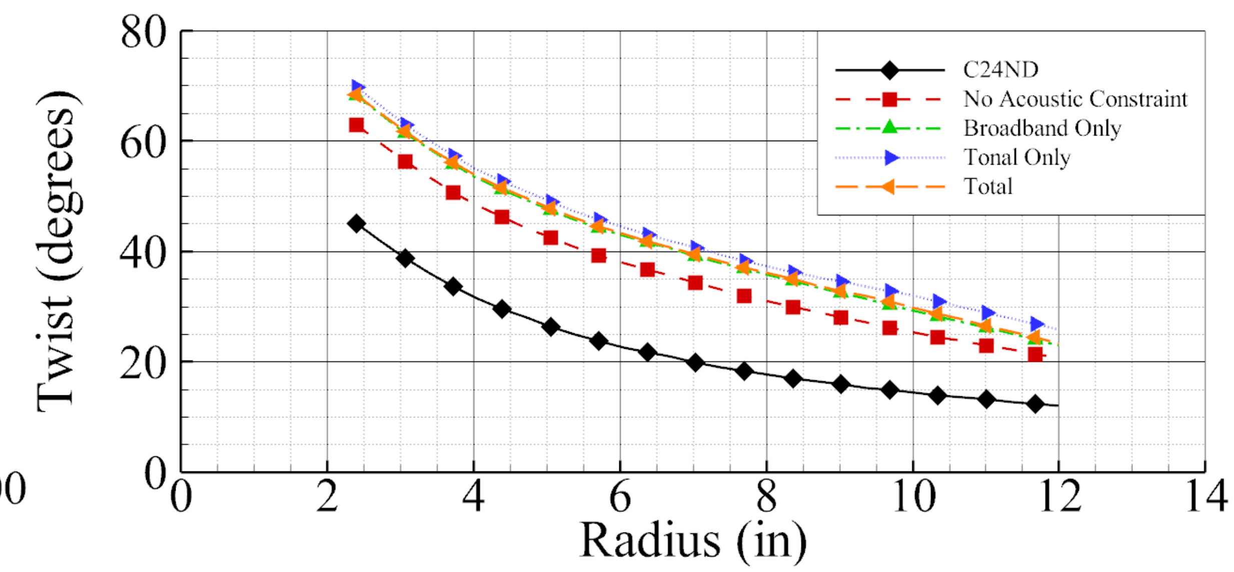

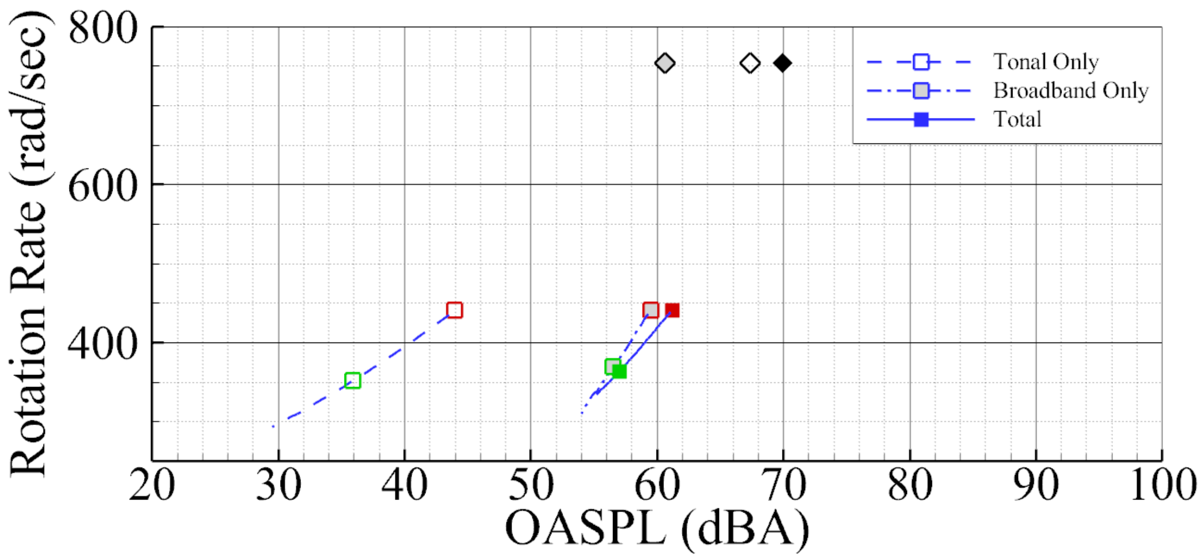

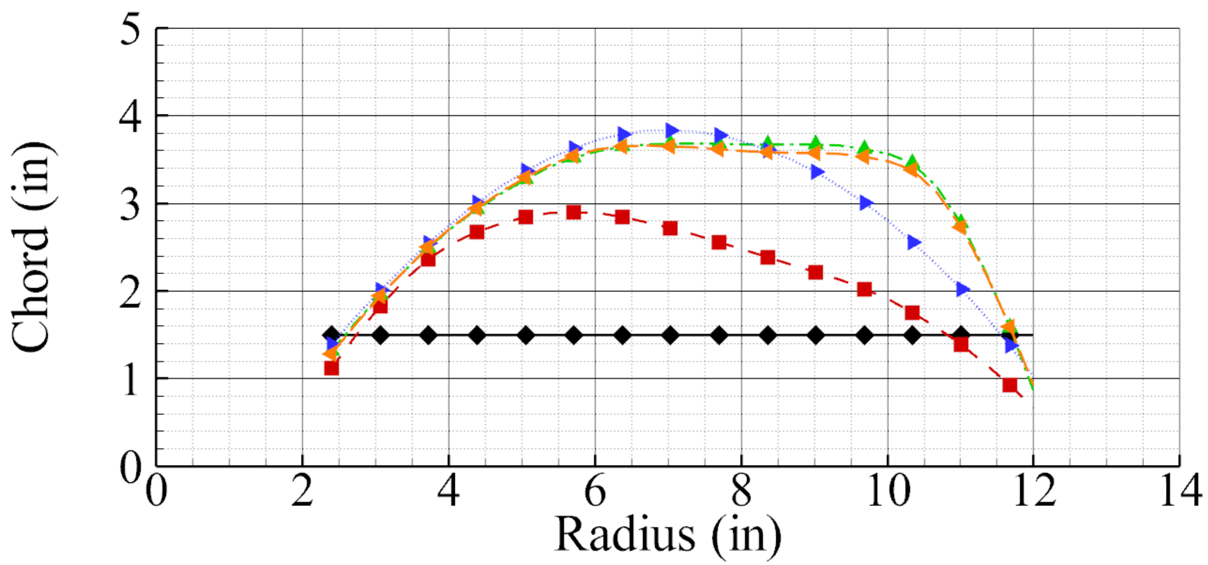

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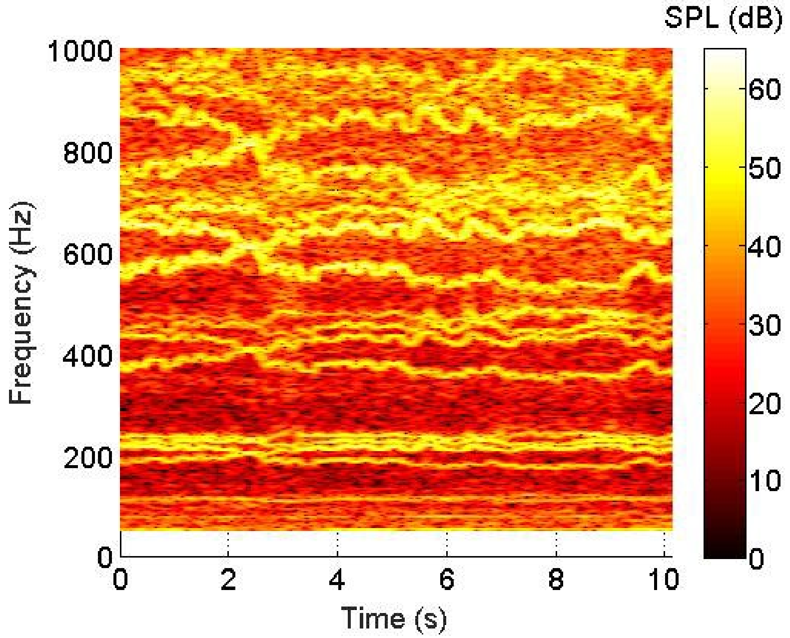
How well do certification metrics reflect human response to this system?



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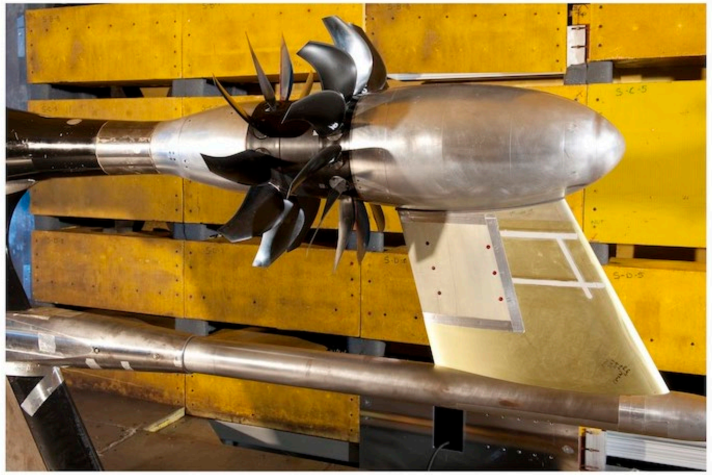
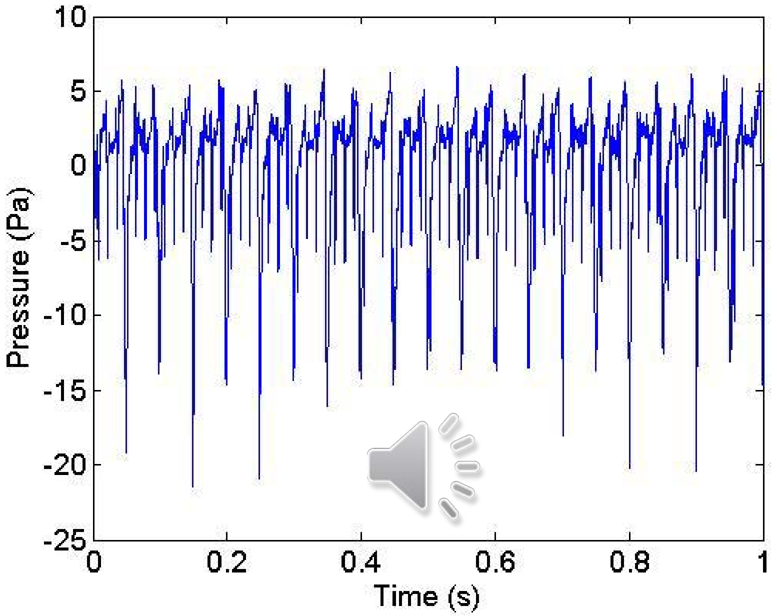
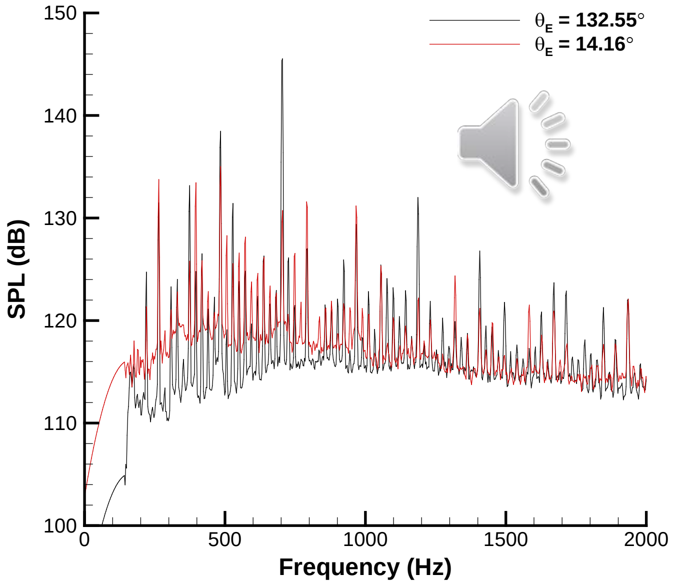






An Axiom

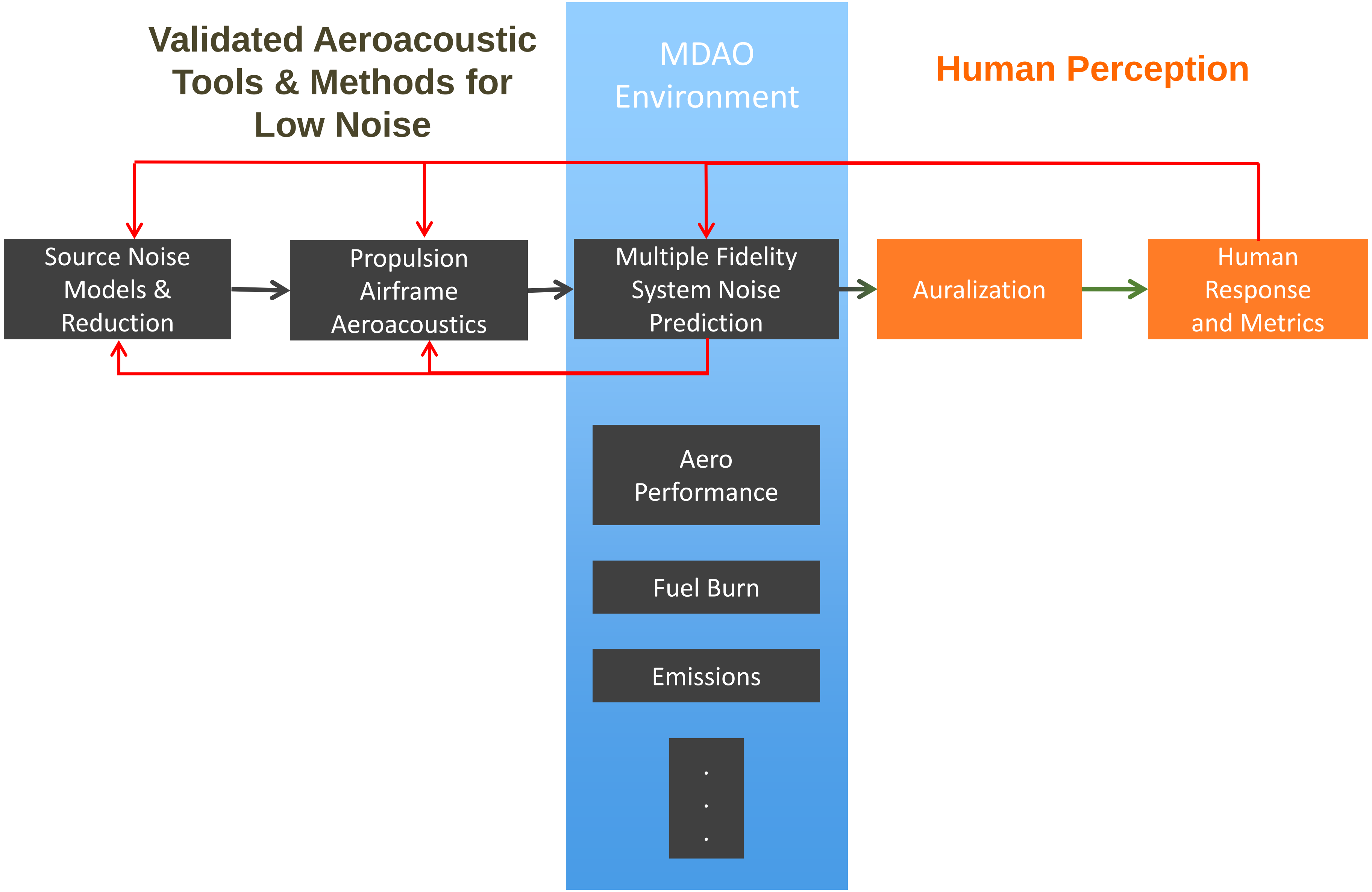
Given that aircraft noise design will continue to be based solely on acoustical factors for the foreseeable future, and

given that current certification requirements are not focused on achieving low-annoyance designs, then

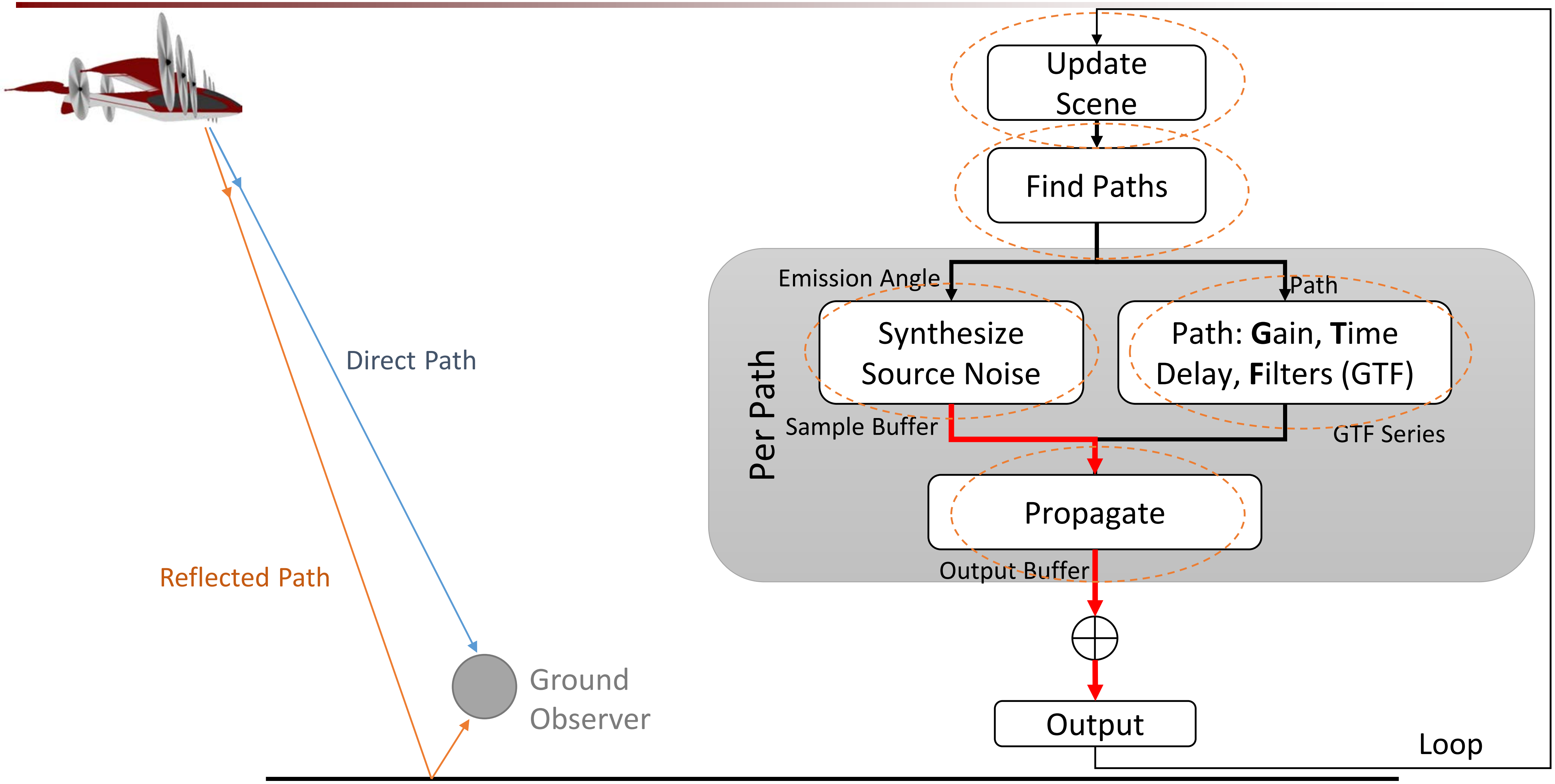
it should be possible to achieve reduced community noise impact by simultaneously meeting noise certification and other design requirements, <u>as well as</u> other acoustic requirements(s), which directly address human response.

We refer to this as Perception-Influenced acoustic Design (PID).

Perception-Influenced Acoustic Design



Auralization: Standard Flyover Use Case



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NAF and Advanced Plugin Library

NAF (https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-18541-1)
NAF APL (https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-19278-1)

Programs
- NAFSNAP: Source Noise and Propagation
- NAFExample
- ANOPP2 Interface Examples
  - Quickstart-modified
  - F1A Synthesis

Path Finder / Traverser
- Straight Line
- Receiver-based

Directivity Loaders
- NetCDF
- TXT (ASCII)
- Plot3D

Synth / Component
- Directivity Loader
- Restart Component
- 1/3 Octave Band
- Narrowband
- Modulated 1/3 OB
- Pure Tone
- Periodic
- Multiple Pure Tone
- F1A Synthesis
- Wave File
- Random

Ground Reflection
- Infinitely Hard Ground
- Delany-Bazley Impedance model

Other
- Postprocessors
  - ANOPP2 Metrics
  - Psychoacoustic Analysis
  - Normalization
- Preprocessor
  - F1A Synth
- Trajectory
  - CSV file - track
  - Higher-order motion file

Atmosphere
- Parameter definitions
  - Uniform
  - Isothermal
  - Lapse
  - Balloon File
- Absorption Standard
  - ANSI
  - SAE ARP 866A

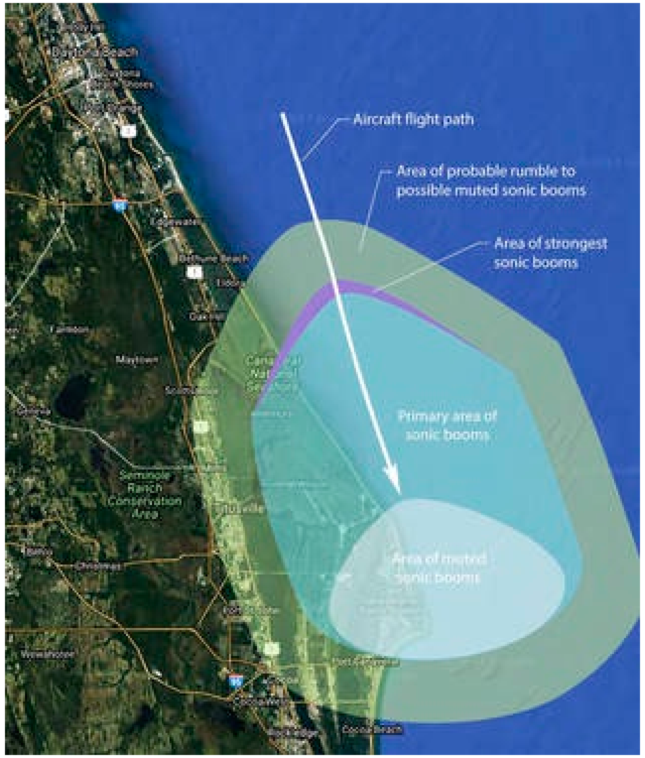
NAF Psychoacoustic Analysis Library now includes sensitivities for loudness and sharpness SQ metrics.

PCBoom and Its Uses

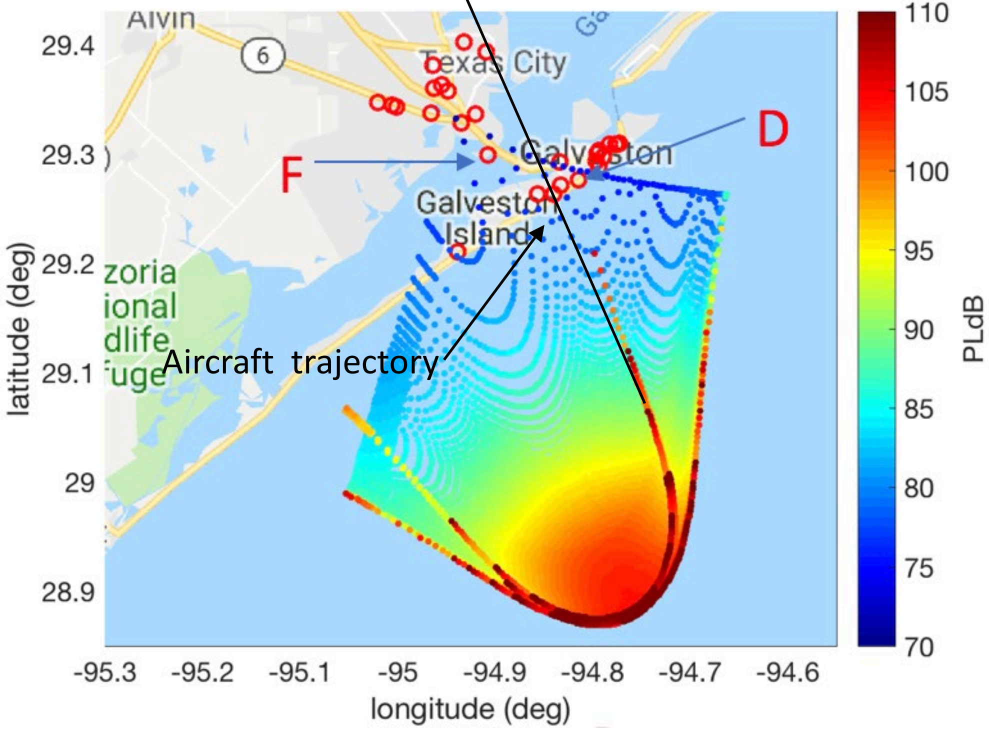
PCBoom 7.3.0 (https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-19926-1)

PCBoom is a suite of sonic boom propagation programs for predicting sonic boom waveforms distorted by propagation and atmospheric effects.

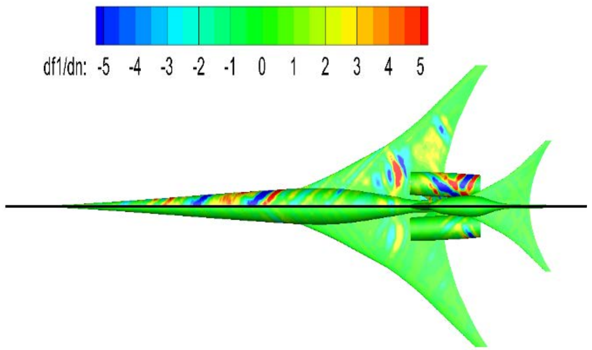
1. Aircraft trajectories for supersonic waypoint flight planning



2. Post-flight sonic boom data analyses (aircraft acoustic and tool validation)



3. Sonic boom minimization through aircraft design



4. Assessment of noise from space vehicle reentry

Figure 6. Starship Sonic Boom Levels for Reentry/Landing at LC-39A

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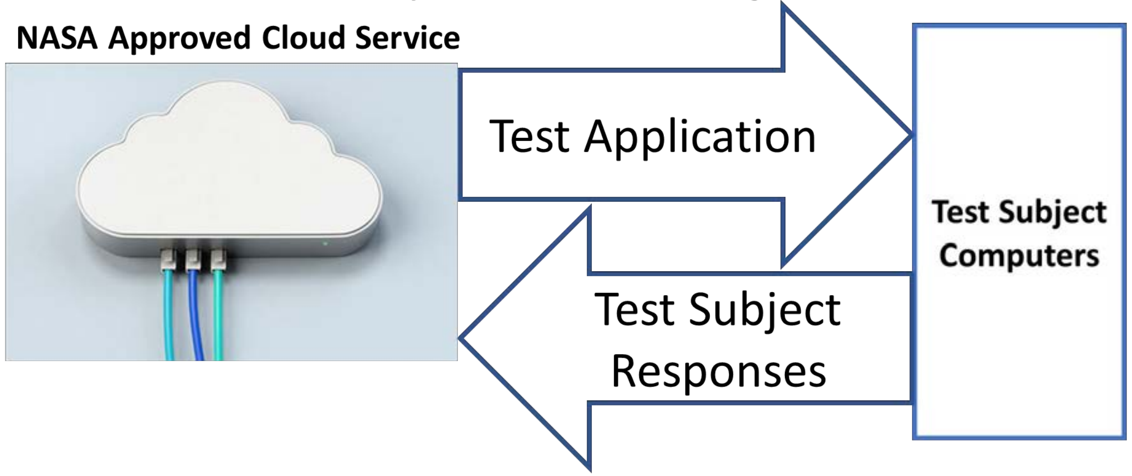
NASA Langley Psychoacoustic Testing Capabilities

Exterior Effects Room (EER)

Interior Effects Room (IER)

Remote Psychoacoustic Testing Platform



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Overcoming the barrier to overland flight

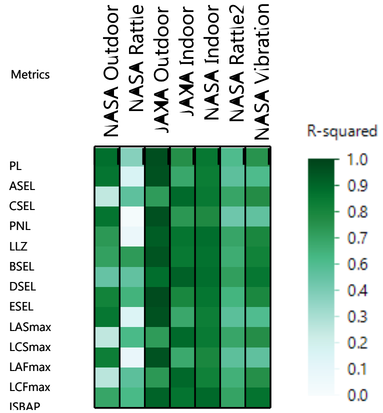
Support development of en route certification standards based on acceptable sound levels

- **New environmental standards are needed to open the market to supersonic flight**
- **An en route noise standard is the biggest challenge**
  - Requires proof of new design approaches
  - Must replace current prohibitions
  - No relevant data exists to define limits
  - Standard must be accepted internationally

Image Credit: Lockheed Martin

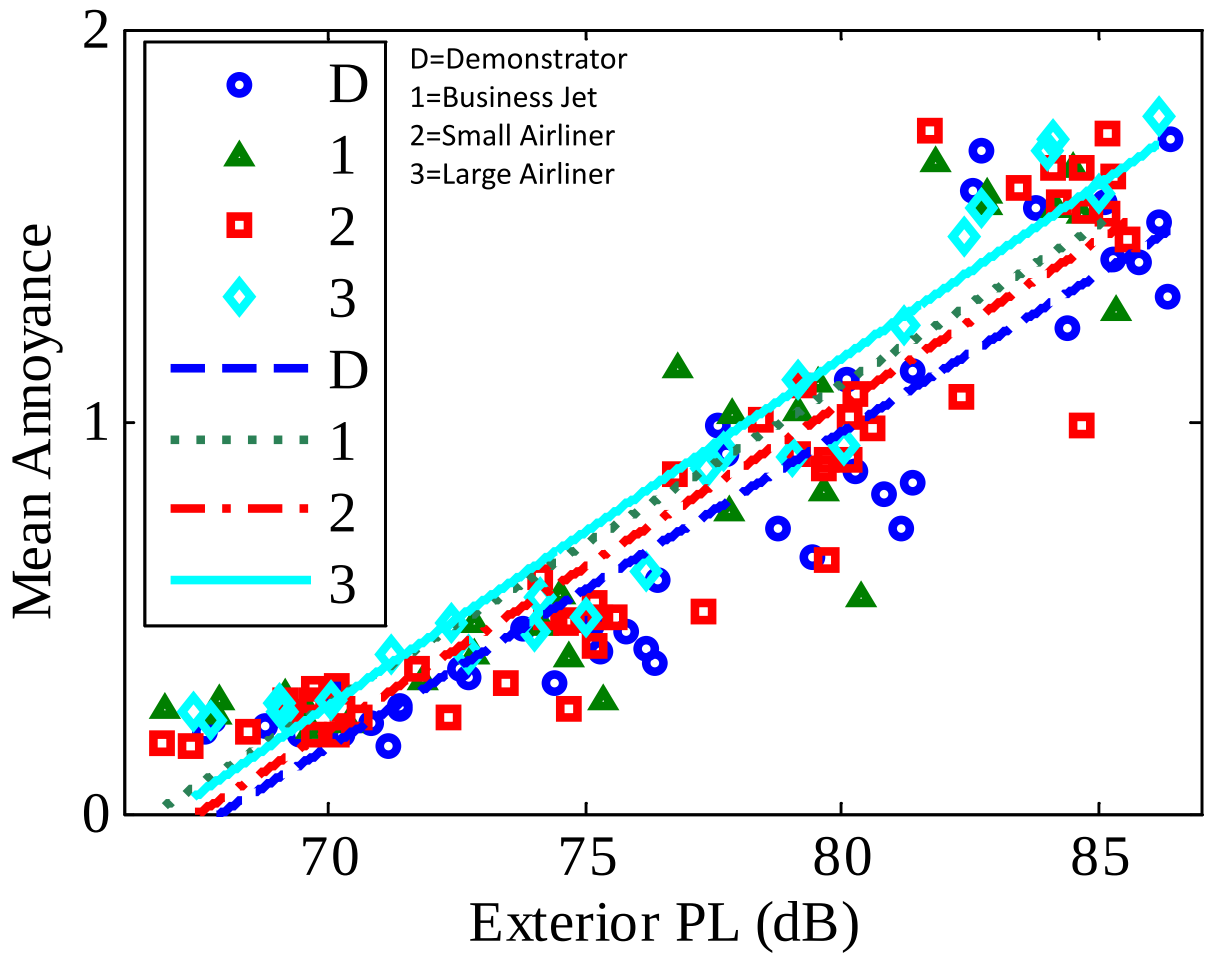
X-59 Contributions from Langley IER

Downselection of noise metrics
for aircraft noise certification



Role of vibration and rattle in annoyance

Confirm traceability of annoyance response to X-59 signature



Quesst Mission Overview

Phase 1: X-59 Aircraft Development

- Detailed design
- Fabrication, integration, ground test
- Checkout flights
- Subsonic envelope expansion
- Supersonic envelope expansion

Phase 2: Acoustic Validation

- In-flight and ground measurements
- Validation of X-59 signature and prediction tools
- Development of acoustic prediction tools for Phase 3

Phase 3: Community Response

- Ground measurements in communities
- Community response surveys
- Multiple campaigns across U.S.
- Data analysis and database delivery

NASA LaRC Acoustics has a technical role supporting planning and measurements for phase 2 and a lead role in planning and execution of data collection for phase 3.

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Supersonics – Takeoff Noise

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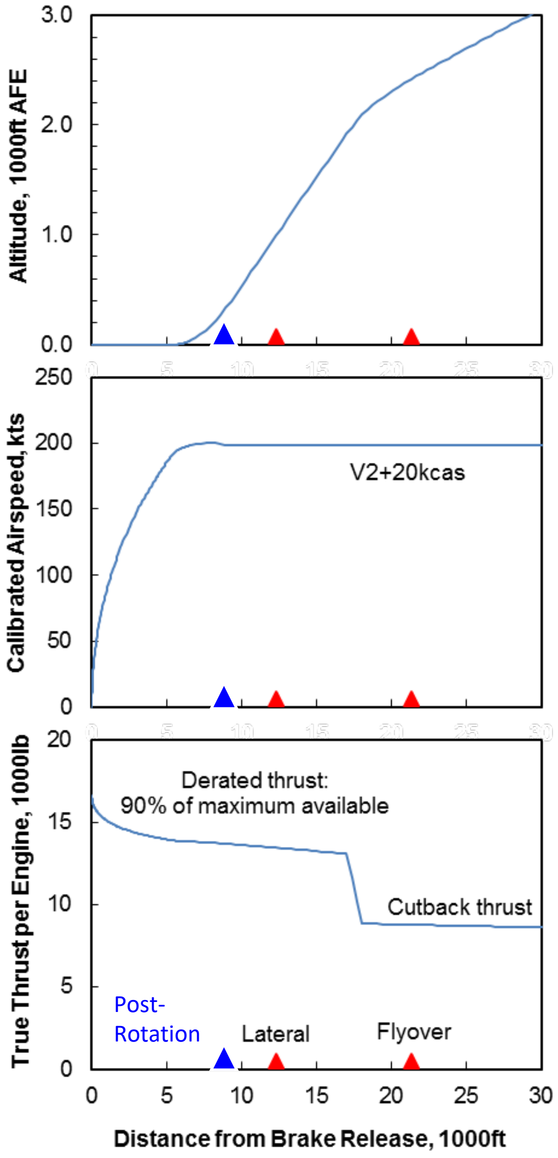
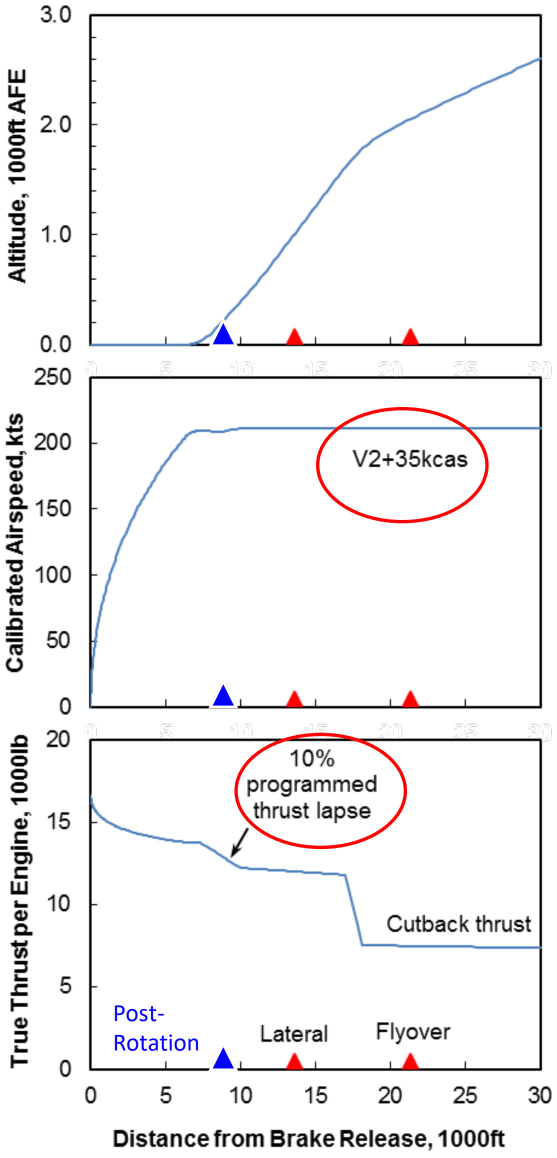
Standard takeoff reference procedure

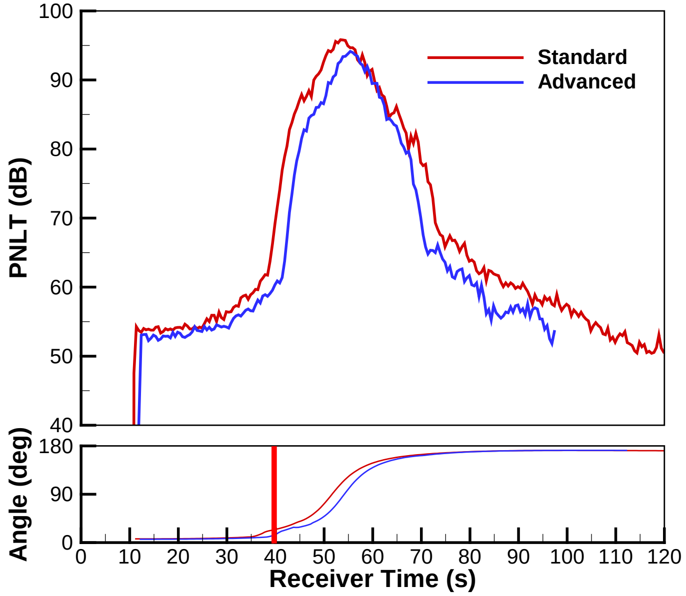




Advanced takeoff procedure uses:

- Higher-speed climbout
- Programmed thrust lapse

Standard vs Advanced Takeoff Procedures

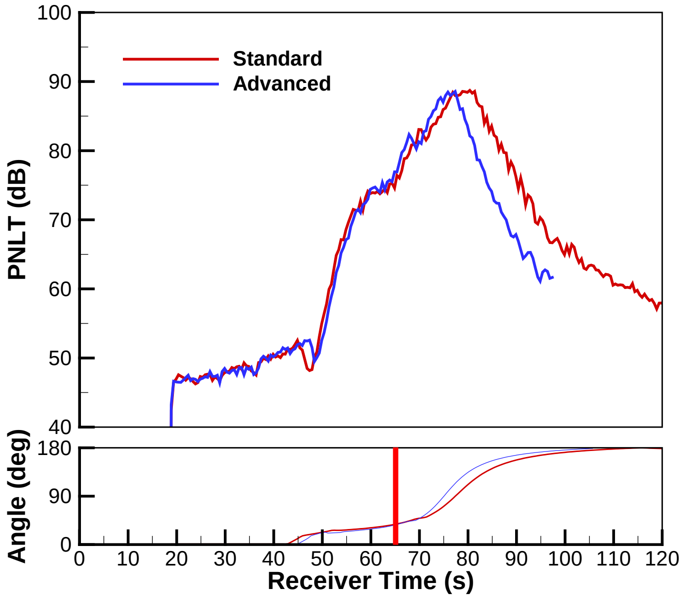


Lateral

Std

Adv

Std/Adv

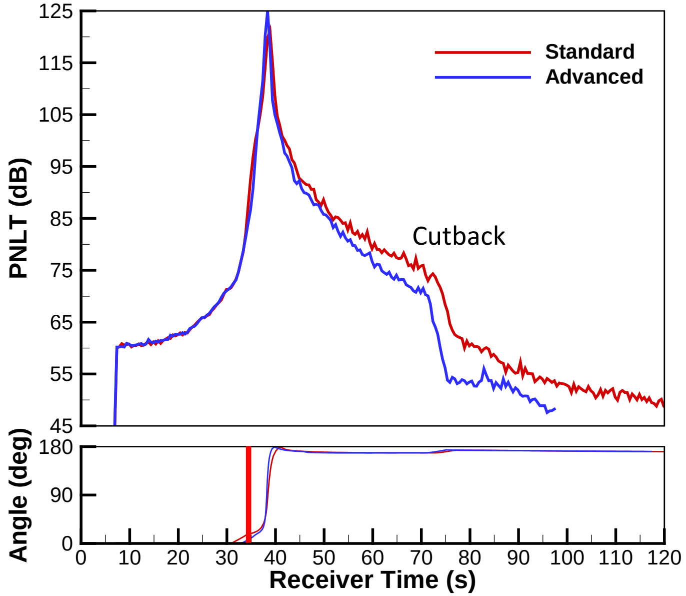


Flyover

Std

Adv

Adv/Std



Post-Rotation

Std

Adv

Measurement Point	Standard / Advanced		
	$PNLT_{max}$ (dB)	Duration (s)	EPNL (dB)
Lateral	95.7 / 94.1	17.0 / 15.5	95.0 / 92.9
Flyover	88.2 / 87.6	21.5 / 17.5	88.6 / 87.1
Post-Rotation	122.4 / 127.1	1.8 / 0.9	111.5 / 113.3

Noise at certification points goes down while noise at other points (post-rotation and in the community) may go up.

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Contrarotating Open Rotor Propulsors

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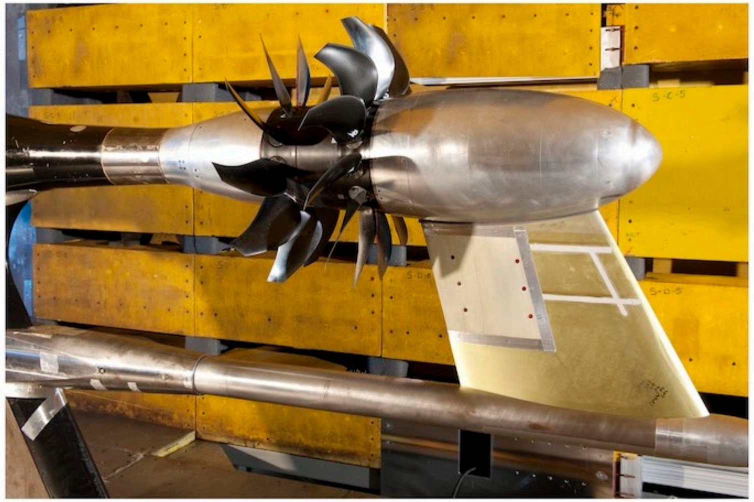
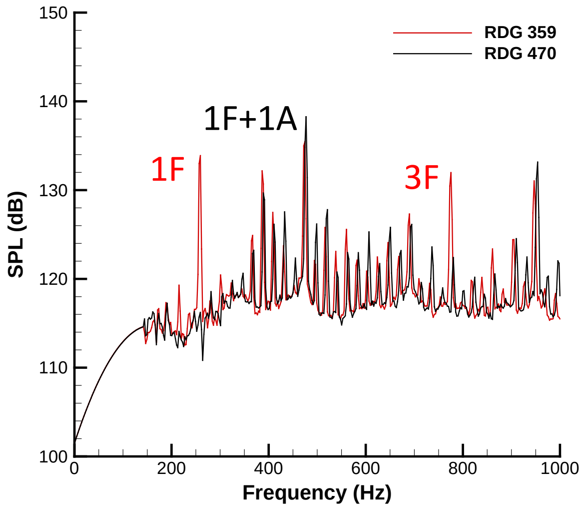
Isolated open rotor (RDG 470)

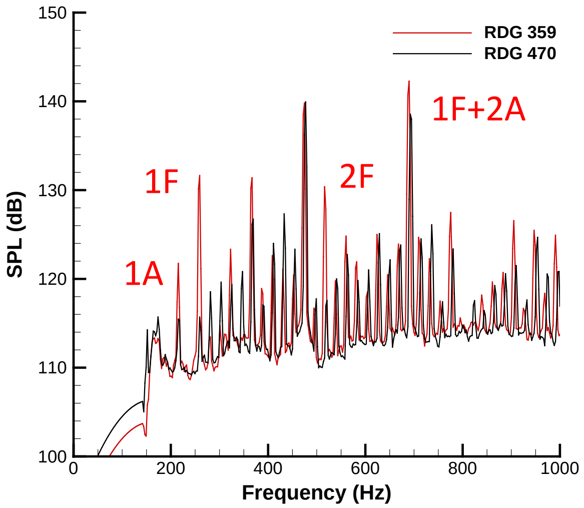
Open rotor with pylon (RDG 359)

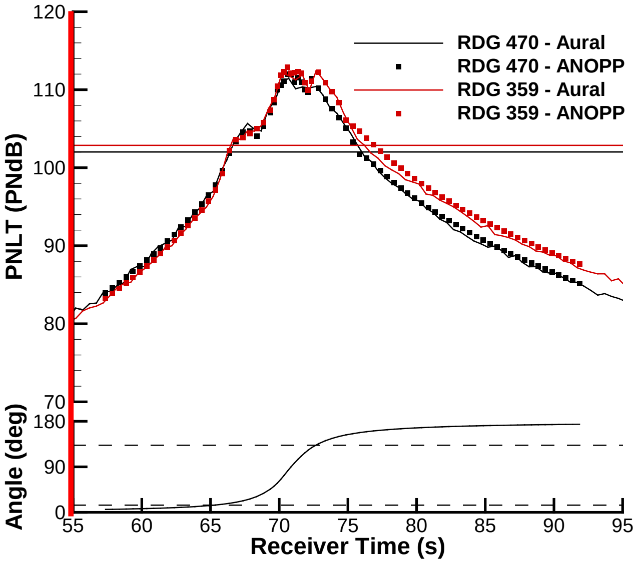


Forward Emission Angle



Aft Emission Angle





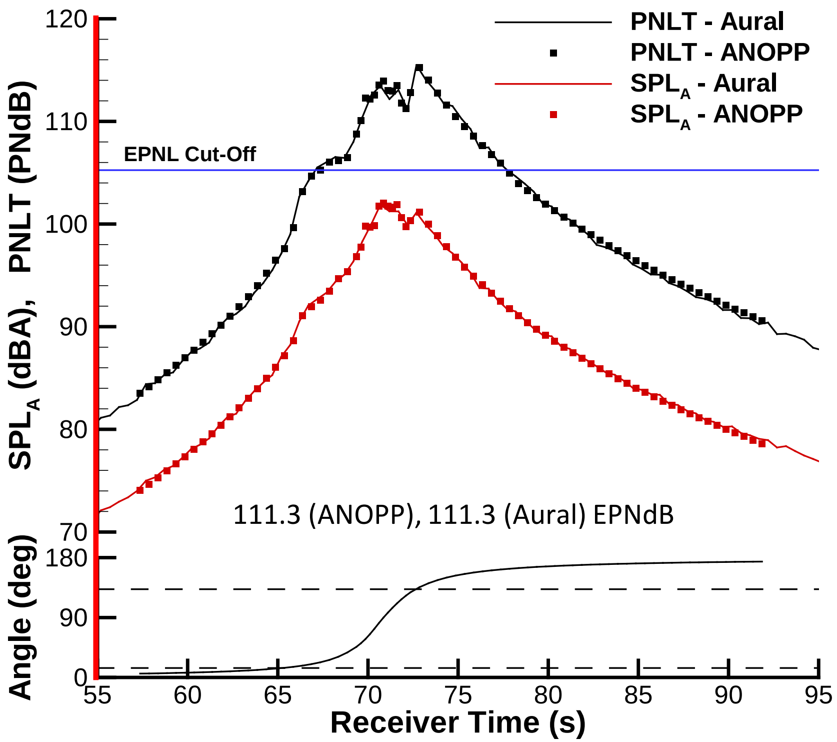
PNLT for two flyovers

108.1 (ANOPP), 108.0 (Aural) EPNdB

109.3 (ANOPP), 109.0 (Aural) EPNdB

Contrarotating Open Rotor – Effect of Blade Set

Historical Blade Set



A-weighted SPL & PNLT
(flush receiver)

Gen-2 Blade Set

100.5 (ANOPP), 100.2 (Aural) EPNdB – Flush
97.6 (ANOPP), 97.5 (Aural) EPNdB – Elevated

Solo
(flush receiver)

Interleaved
with RDG 361
(flush receiver)

Solo
(elevated receiver)

Interleaved
with RDG 361
(elevated receiver)

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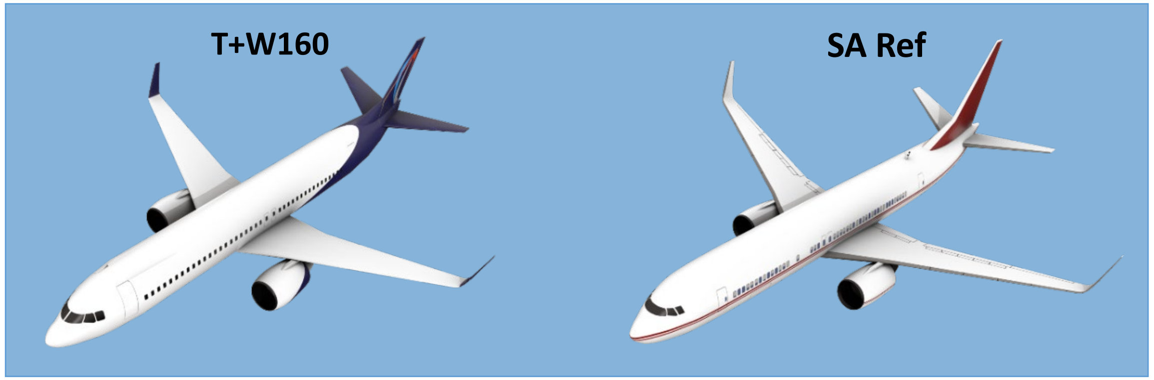
Selected N+2 and Reference Aircraft

Rizzi, Burley, Thomas, "Auralization of NASA N+2 Aircraft Concepts from System Noise Predictions," 22nd AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conf., AIAA 2016-2906, Lyon, 2016, https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2016-2906.

- Single-Aisle Class
  (160 PAX, 2875 nm)
  - N+2 T&W Configuration
    - UHBR GTF
  - Ref T&W Configuration
    - 737-800, CFM56-like



- Large Twin-Aisle Class
  (301 PAX, 7500 nm)
  - T&W Configuration
    - UHBR direct drive
    - UHBR GTF
  - HWB Configuration
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  - MFN Configuration
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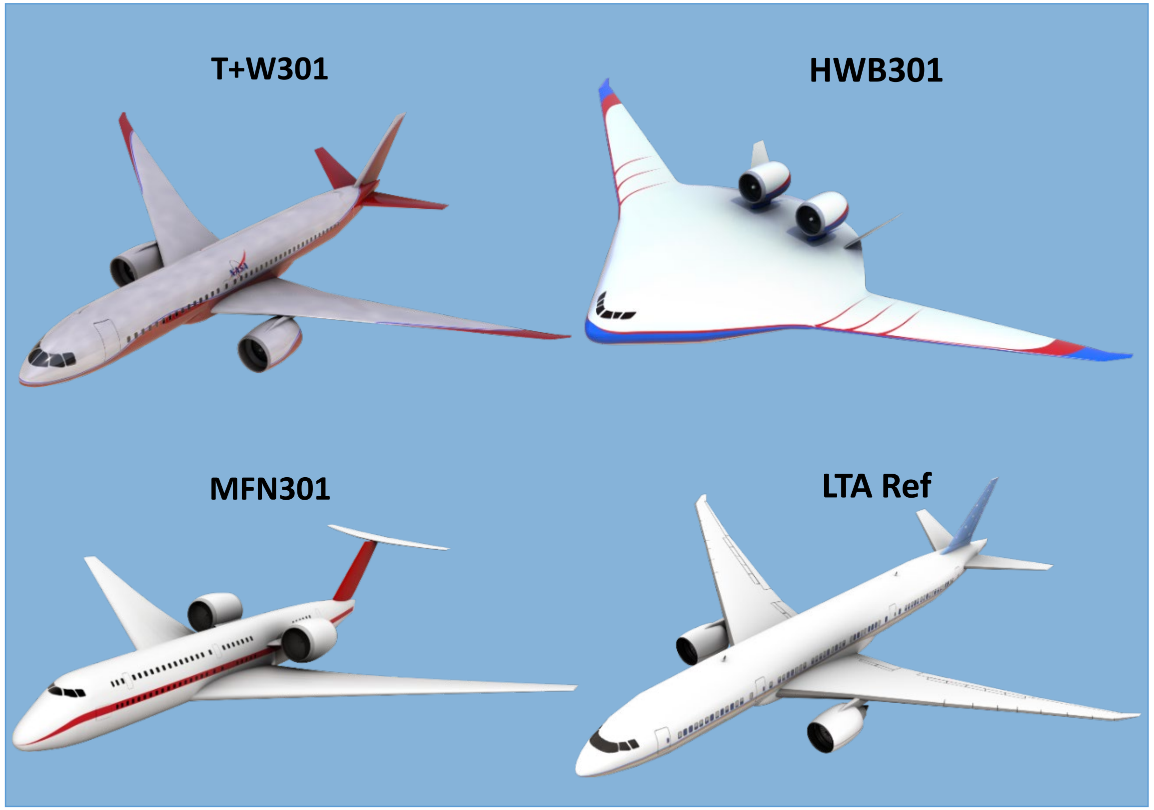
  - Ref T&W Configuration
    - 777-200LR, GE90-110B- like

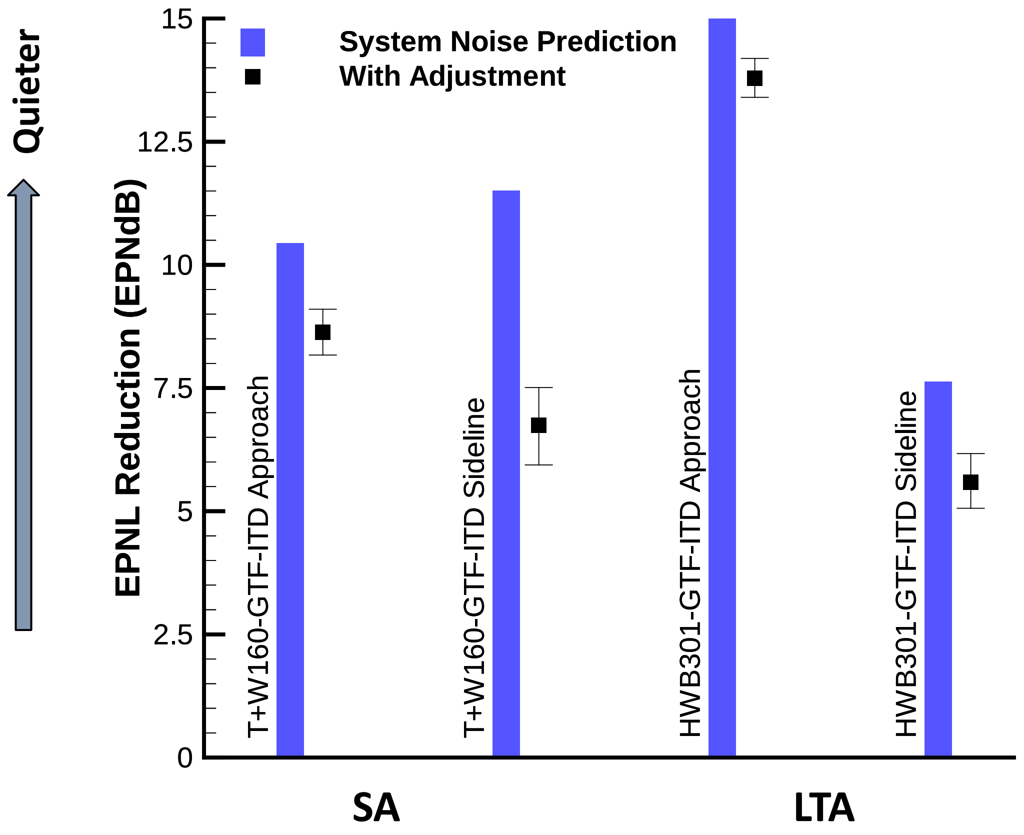


Example – LTA reference & HWB301-GTF-ITD (Sideline)

Psychoacoustic Test Results

Rizzi, Christian, "A psychoacoustic evaluation of noise signatures from advanced civil transport aircraft," 22nd AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conf., AIAA 2016-2907, Lyon, 2016, https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2016-2907.

Comparison of EPNL reduction



Psychoacoustics Test Results

- Calculated EPNL significantly overestimates perceived differences
  - Large twin aisle HWB: 1.2 dB (approach) and 2 dB (sideline).
  - Single aisle T&W: 1.8 dB (approach) and 4.8 dB (sideline).
- Differences at each cert. point are on the order of cumulative differences of 1-2 EPNdB noise reduction associated with soft vane, partial main gear fairing, and MDOF liners.

Even for N+2 aircraft that sound similar to today's reference aircraft, there is a significant component of annoyance that is not captured by PNLT & EPNL.

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Urban Air Mobility

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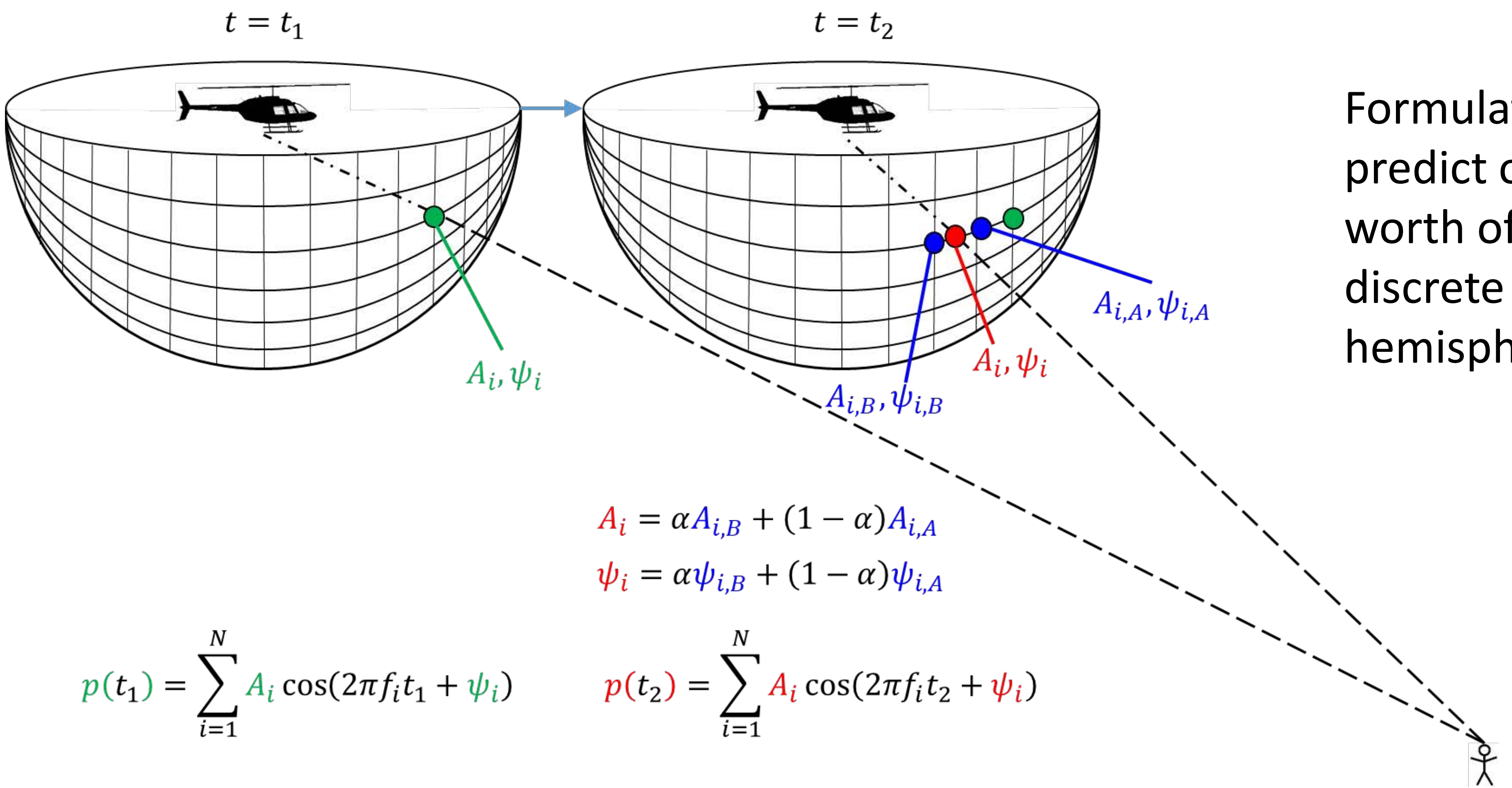
Additive Synthesis of Loading and Thickness Noise



$$A_i = \alpha A_{i,B} + (1-\alpha) A_{i,A}$$

$$\psi_i = \alpha \psi_{i,B} + (1-\alpha) \psi_{i,A}$$

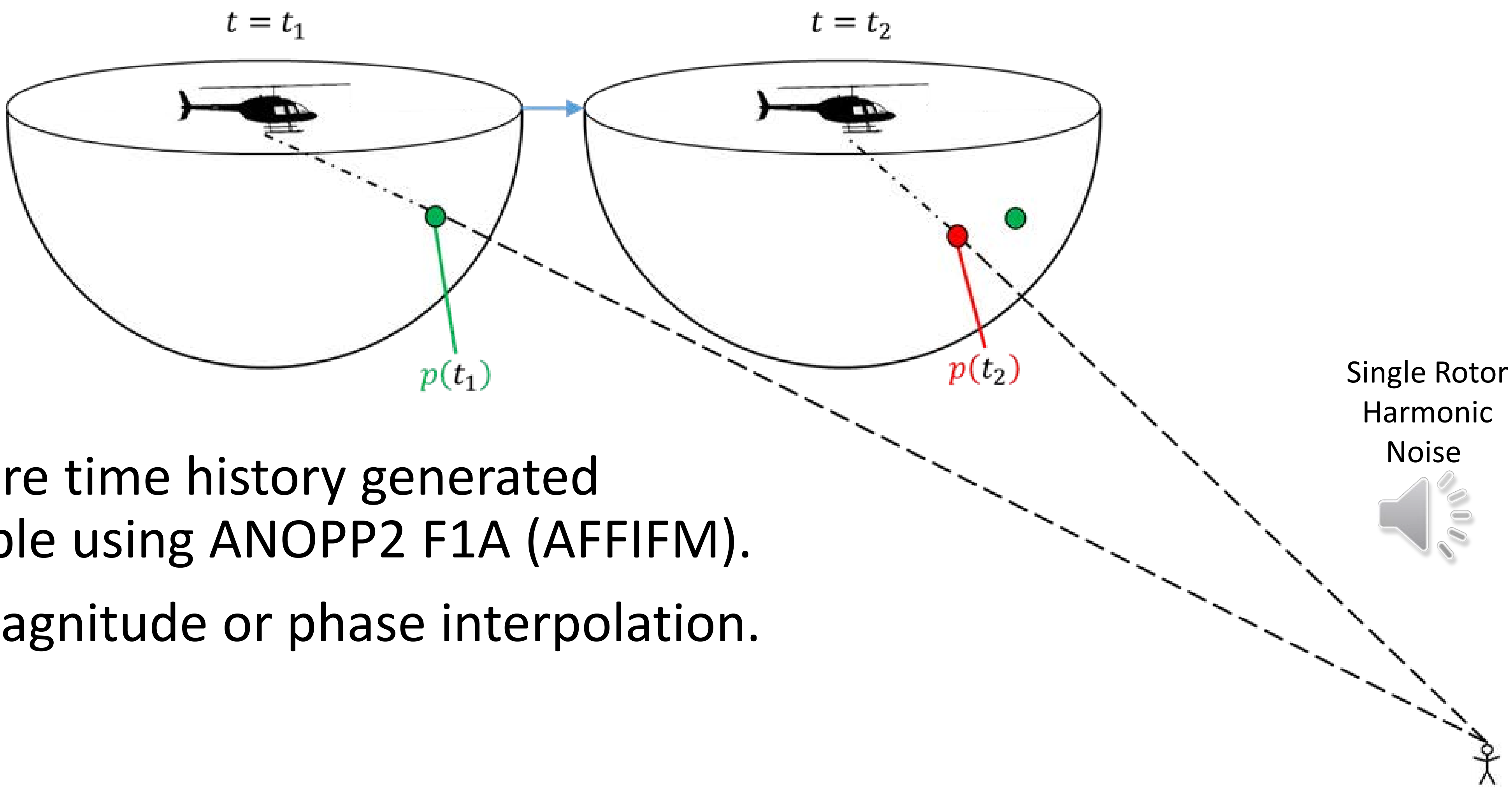
$$p(t_1) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i \cos(2\pi f_i t_1 + \psi_i) \qquad p(t_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i \cos(2\pi f_i t_2 + \psi_i)$$

Formulation 1A (F1A) used to predict one blade passage worth of sound pressures at discrete set of points on hemisphere

Interpolation of magnitude and phase over discrete set of source noise predictions may introduce audible artifacts for additive synthesis.

F1A Synthesis

Krishnamurthy, Tuttle, Rizzi, "A Synthesis Plug-in for Steady and Unsteady Loading and Thickness Noise Auralization," 26th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, AIAA-2020-2597, Virtual Meeting, 2020, https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/10.2514/6.2020-2597.



Single Rotor Harmonic Noise

- Acoustic pressure time history generated sample by sample using ANOPP2 F1A (AFFIFM).
- No harmonic magnitude or phase interpolation.

Can be applied to steady and unsteady periodic and unsteady aperiodic sound synthesis.

NAF F1A Synthesis Plugin

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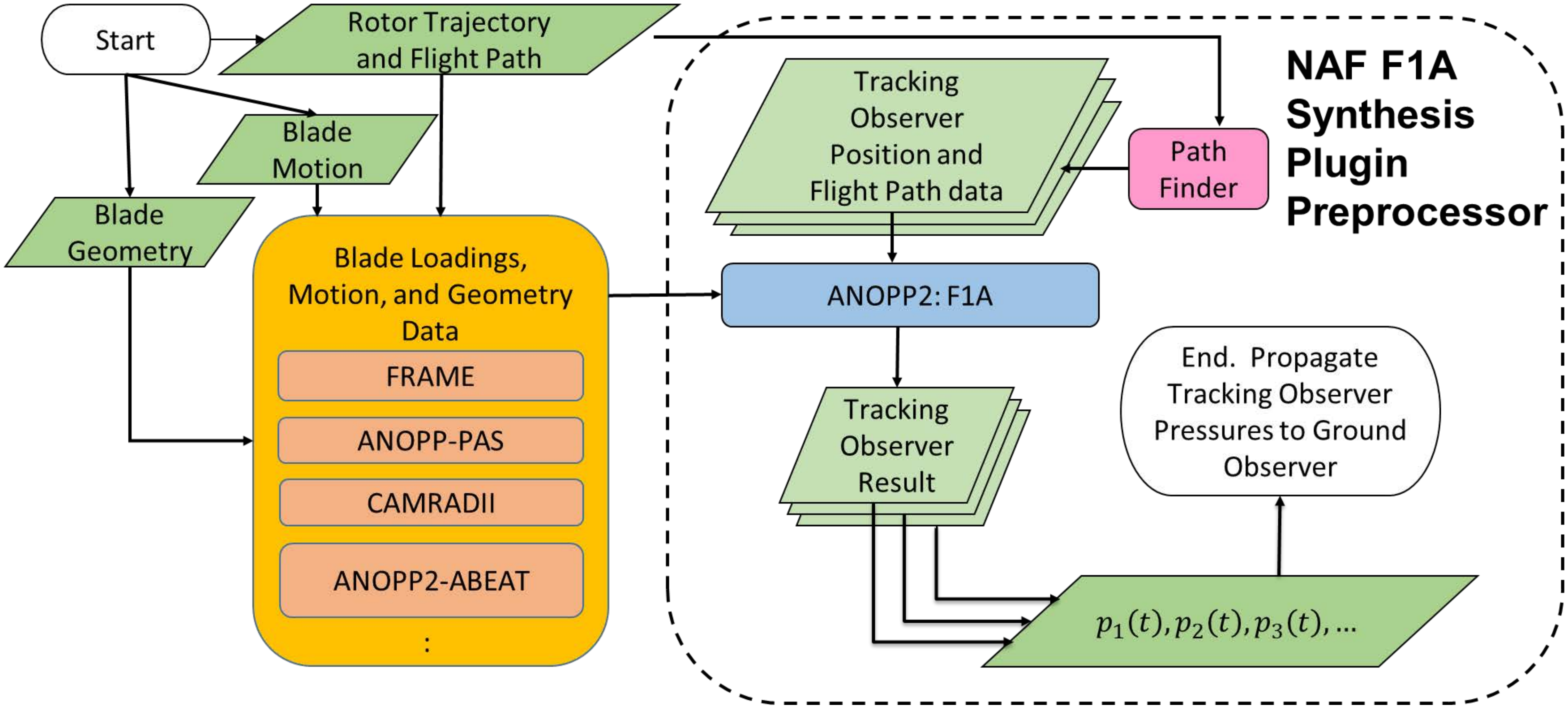

Modulated Broadband Noise

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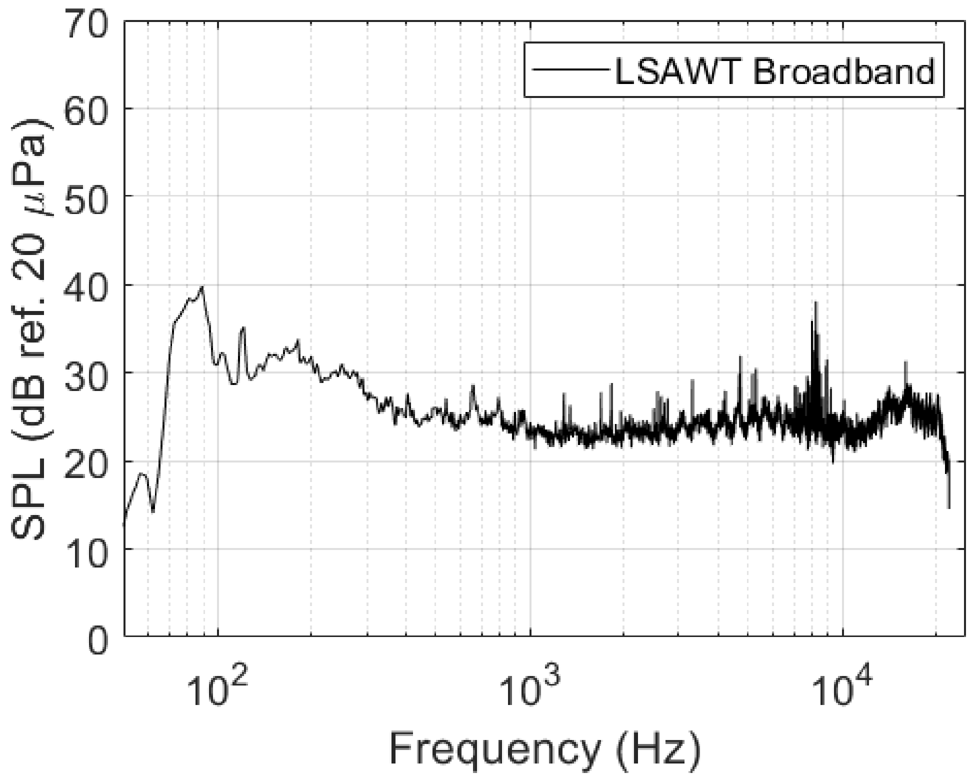
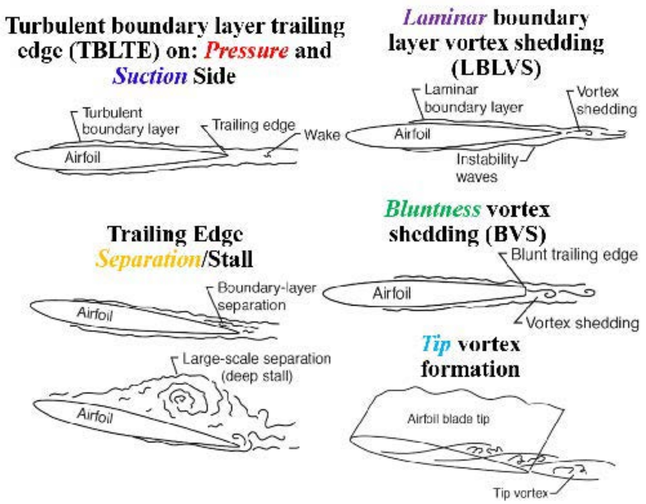


Synthesis

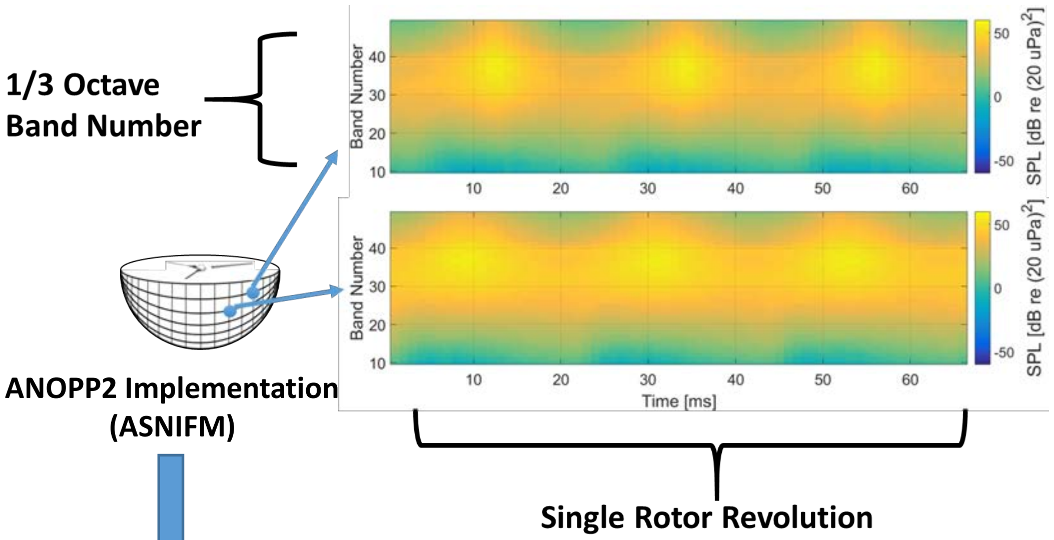
LSAWT

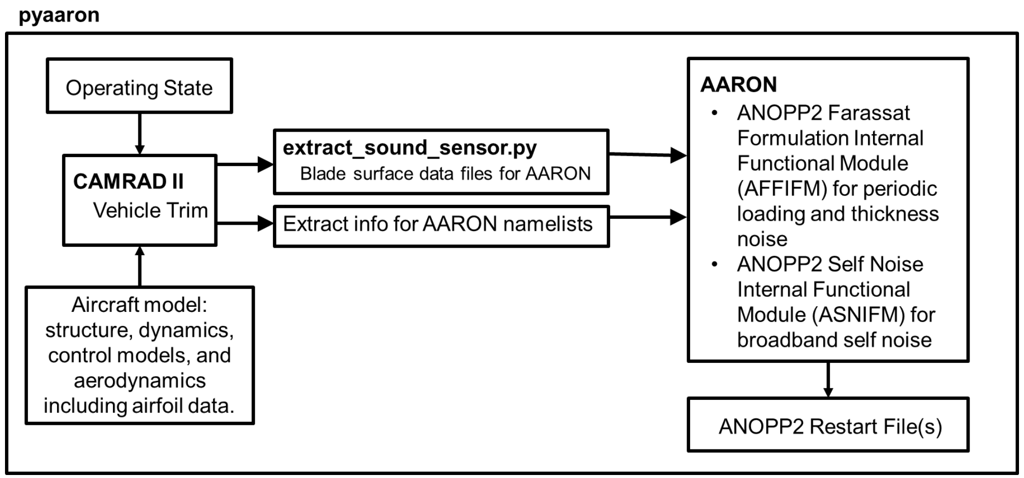
Modulations (at BPF) in tunnel data not captured in time-averaged SPL data.

ANOPP2 and AARON Development & Lab Validation



Brooks, Pope, Marcolini, "Airfoil Self-Noise and Prediction," NASA-RP-1218, 1989, https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/19890016302.





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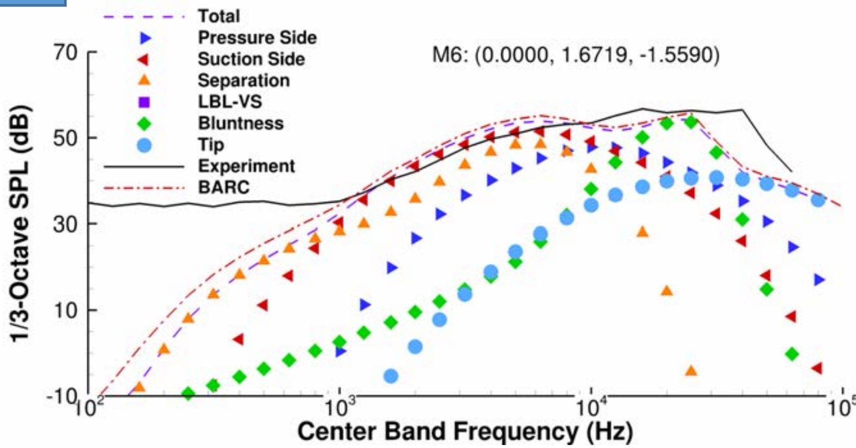
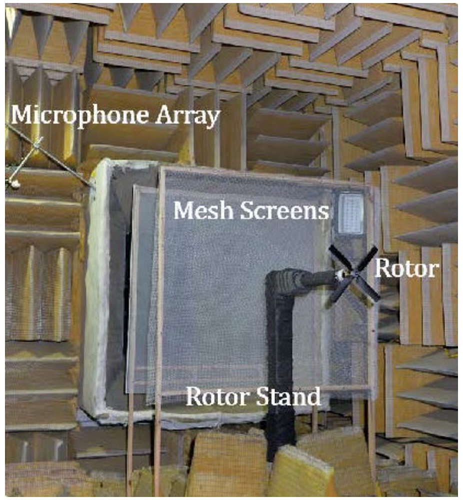
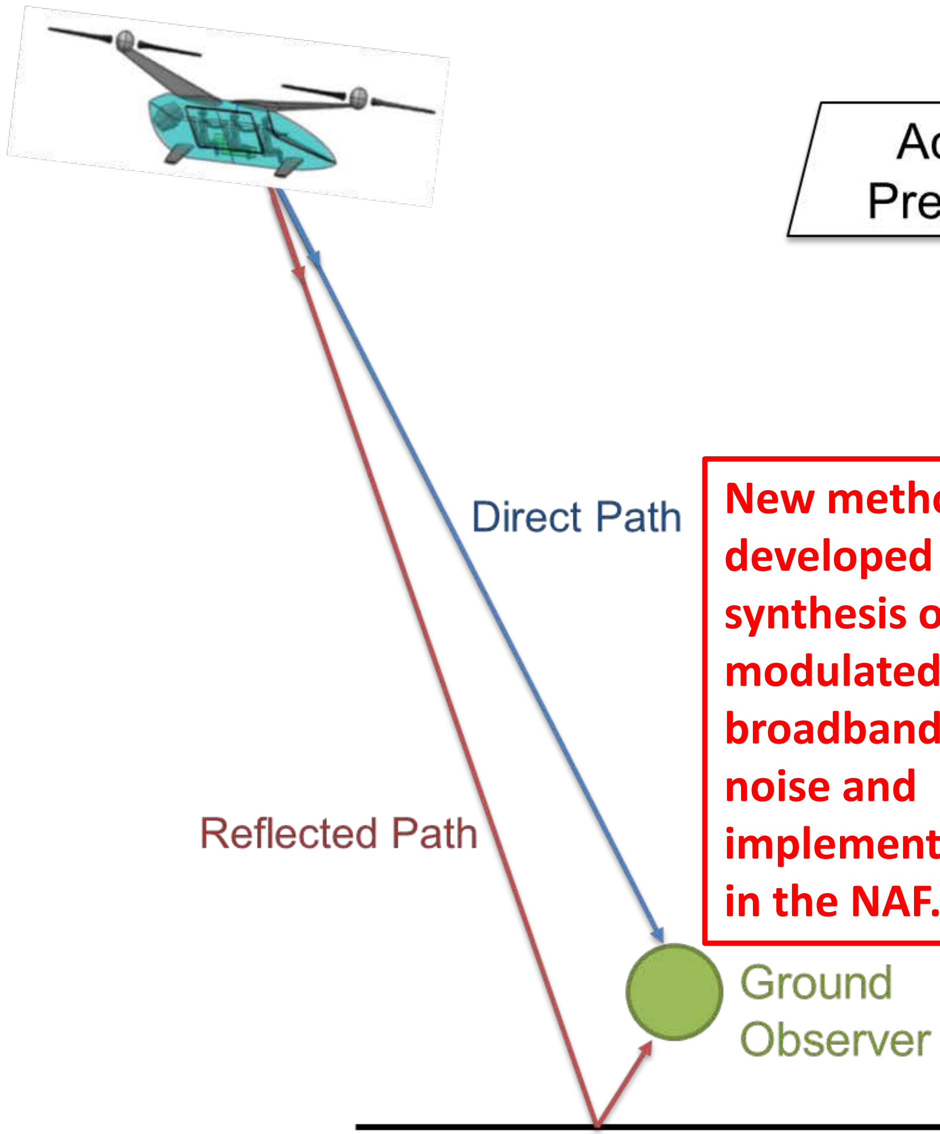




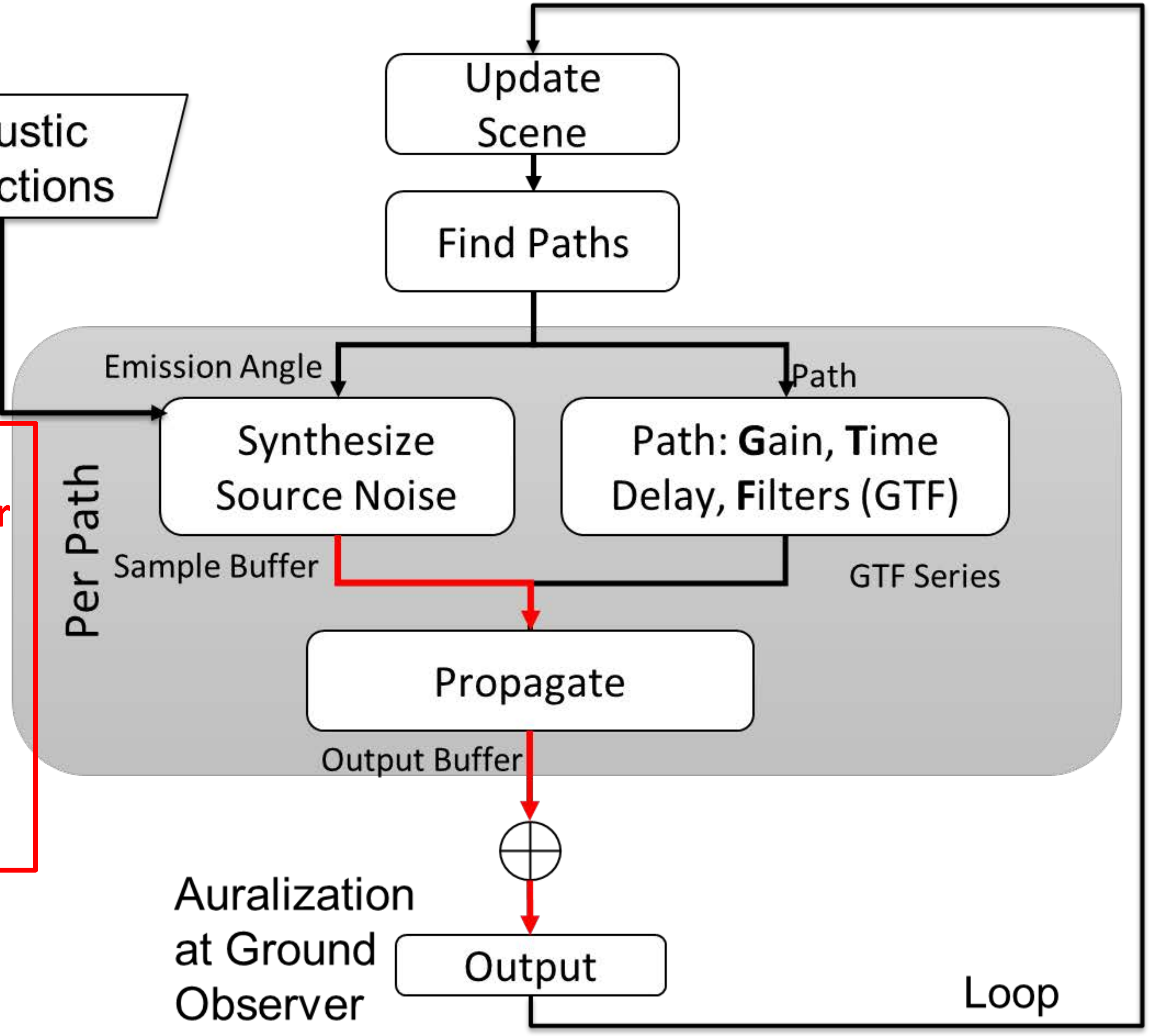
Pettingill, Zawodny, Thurman, Lopes, "Acoustic and Performance Characteristics of an Ideally Twisted Rotor in Hover," 2021 AIAA SciTech Forum, AIAA 2021-1928, Virtual Meeting, 2021, https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2021-1928.

NAF Modulated Broadband Plugin

Krishnamurthy, Aumann, Rizzi, "A Synthesis Plugin for Auralization of Rotor Self Noise," 27th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, AIAA 2021-2211, Virtual Meeting, 2021, https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2021-2211.



New method developed for synthesis of modulated broadband noise and implemented in the NAF.



Quadrotor Flyover

Single Rotor Self Noise

Psychoacoustic Studies Utilizing Auralizations

- Test of UAM Sound Quality (completed July 2022)
  - Objective: Investigate how annoyance varies with sound quality.
  - Generated test stimuli spanning a range of loudness, sharpness, tonality, fluctuation strength, and impulsiveness.

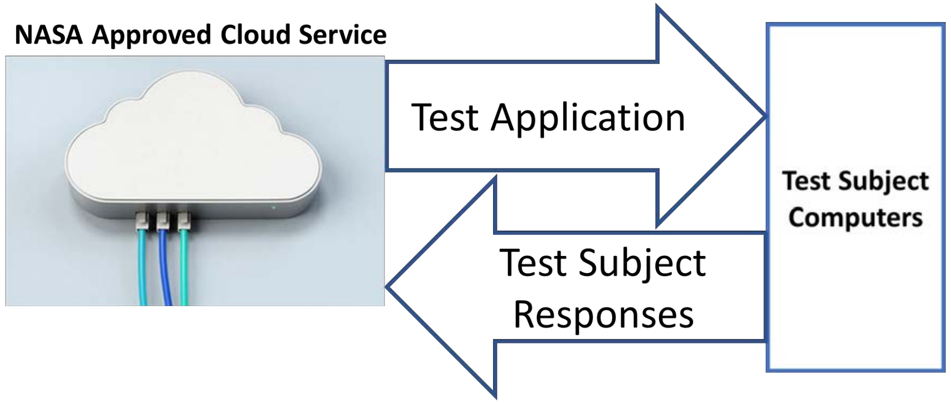
- Test of Noise and Numbers (completed January 2023)
  - Objective: Investigate how annoyance varies with number of operations, spacing between operations, and makeup of the fleet.
  - To be presented at NASA Acoustics Technical Working Group mtg., Fall 2023

- Test of Detection, Noticeability, and Annoyance (Sept 2023)
  - Objective: Investigate how annoyance varies in presence of masking noise.

- Cooperative Human Response Study
  - Objectives: Verify consistency of remote test platform with prior lab results, determine effects of contextual cues, determine response differences by geographic region (Oct 2022).
  - Objectives: : Focus on UAM sounds using anonymized recordings and auralizations to determine differences in annoyance between aircraft, operations, and situational factors. (2024).

Exterior Effects Room (EER)

Remote Psychoacoustic Testing Platform



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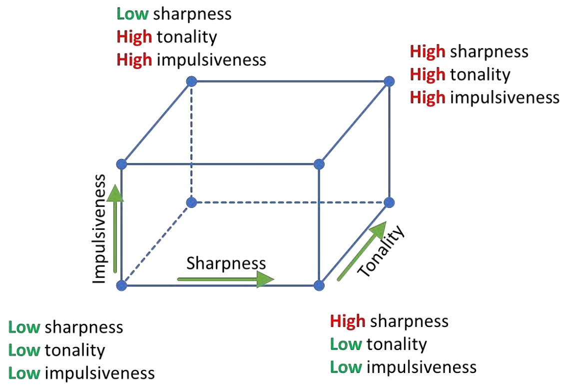
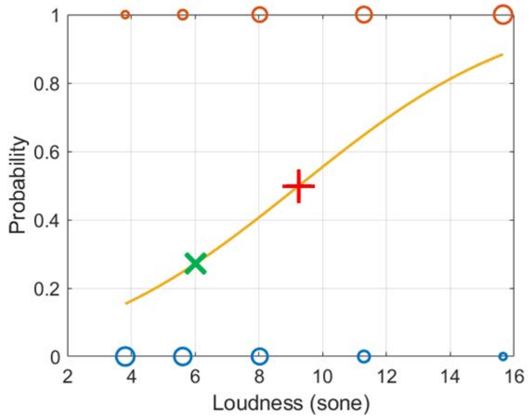
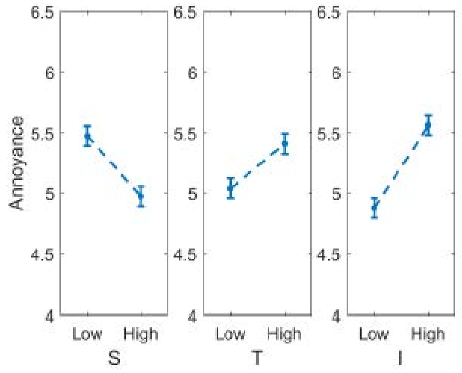
Test of UAM Sound Quality (TuSQ)



- Baseline auralizations of level cruise and descent manipulated to provide range of SQ attributes.



- Difference in loudness 3 sones (~6 dB) at equal annoyance point +
- UAM sounds more annoying than ref. sound when presented at same level x

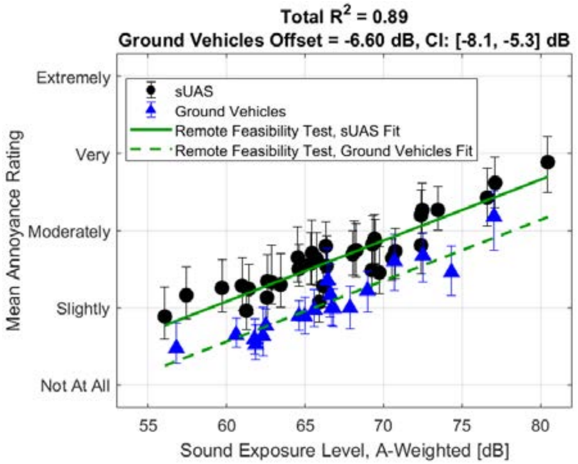


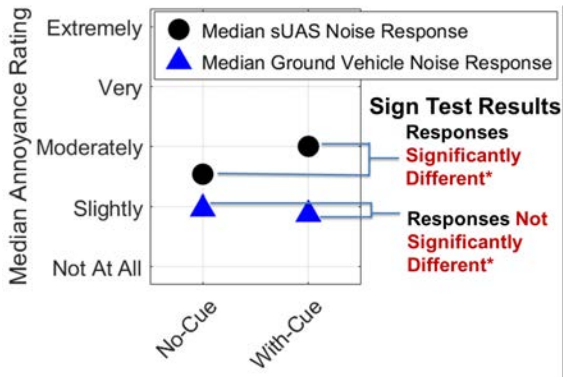
- Tonality, impulsiveness and roughness: positive correlation with annoyance.
- Sharpness: negative correlation with annoyance (at low levels)

Boucher, Rafaelof, Begault, Christian, Krishnamurthy, Rizzi, “A Psychoacoustic Test for Urban Air Mobility Vehicle Sound Quality,” SAE TP 2023-01-1107, 2023, https://doi.org/10.4271/2023-01-1107.

Cooperative Human Response Study (Feasibility)

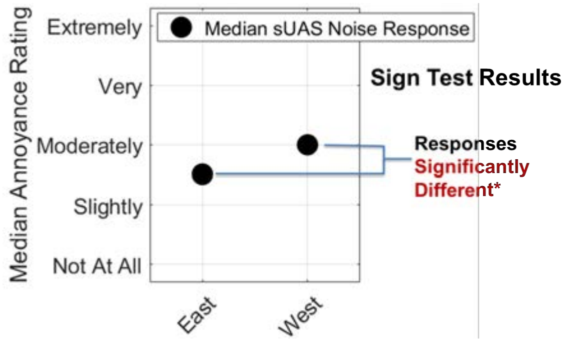
- Replicated previous in-person test but found larger annoyance diff. between sUAS and ground vehicles.





- Contextual cue affected annoyance to sUAS but not ground vehicle noise.

- Detected annoyance response differs between two geographically distinct subject groups.



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- Design of novel aircraft to simultaneously meet noise certification requirements and achieve desired noise attributes made possible through a perception-influenced design approach.

- Application of PID to development of low-noise operations has great future potential, especially when operations are not concentrated around an airport.

- PID is still in its infancy. It will take further development of tools and methods and successful demonstration of the approach in real-world applications before PID is widely adopted by industry.

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Selected media files are available for download at:

https://stabserv.larc.nasa.gov/flyover/

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