



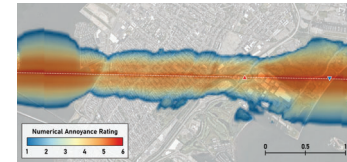
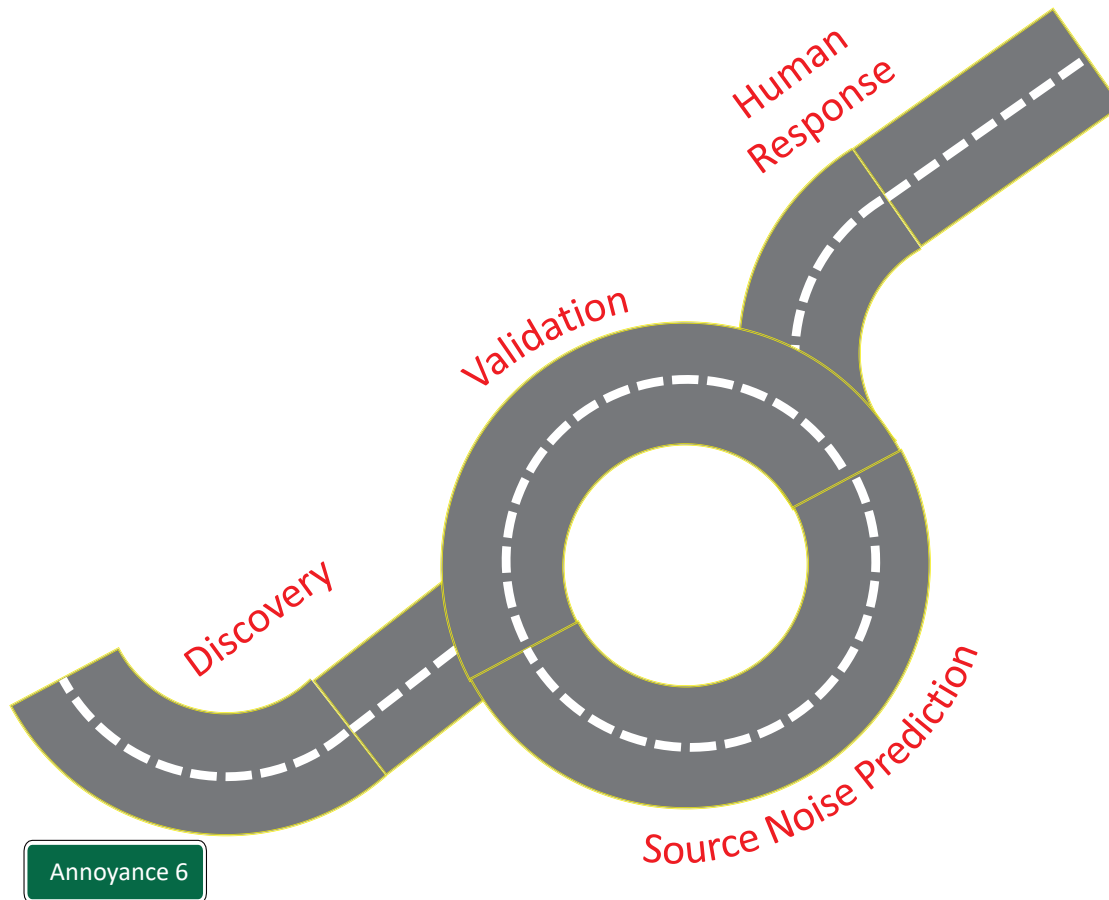
The Road to Annoyance

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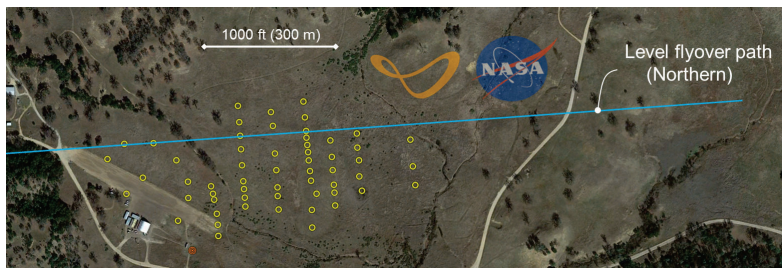
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Why Not Just Build an Annoyance Model from Sound Jury Data?



Joby Aviation preproduction prototype vehicle (Source: NASA and Joby Aviation)



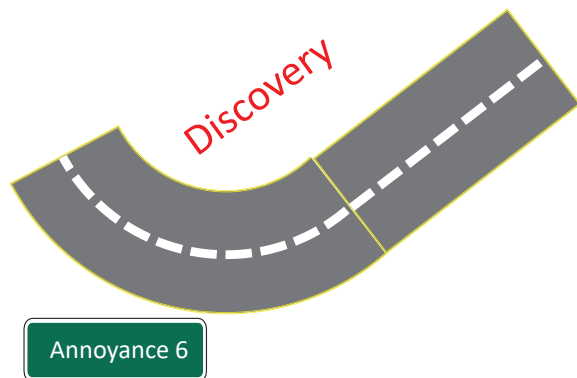
Pascioni, Watts, Houston, Lind, Stephenson, and Bain, "Acoustic Flight Test of the Joby Aviation Advanced Air Mobility Prototype Vehicle," 28th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, AIAA-2022-3036, Southampton, UK, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2022-3036>.

- Sound jury tests often used to assess human response, but
 - Sound at observer unsteady due to source and propagation
 - Exact reproduction is not possible



Watts, Conner, Smith, "Joint Eglin Acoustic Week III Data Report," NASA/TM-2010-216206, 2010, <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/20100012762>.

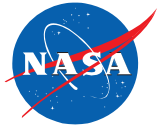
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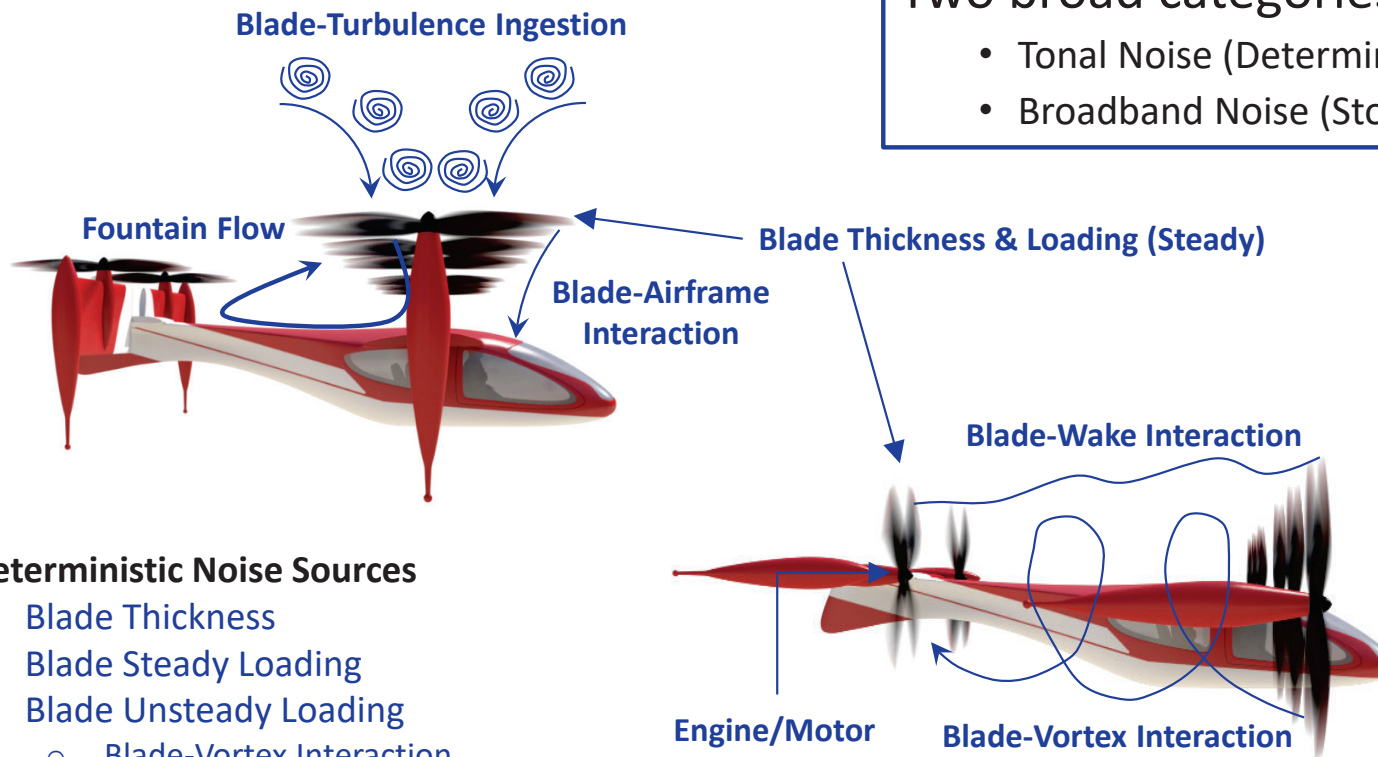


eVTOL Noise Sources



Two broad categories:

- Tonal Noise (Deterministic)
- Broadband Noise (Stochastic)



Deterministic Noise Sources

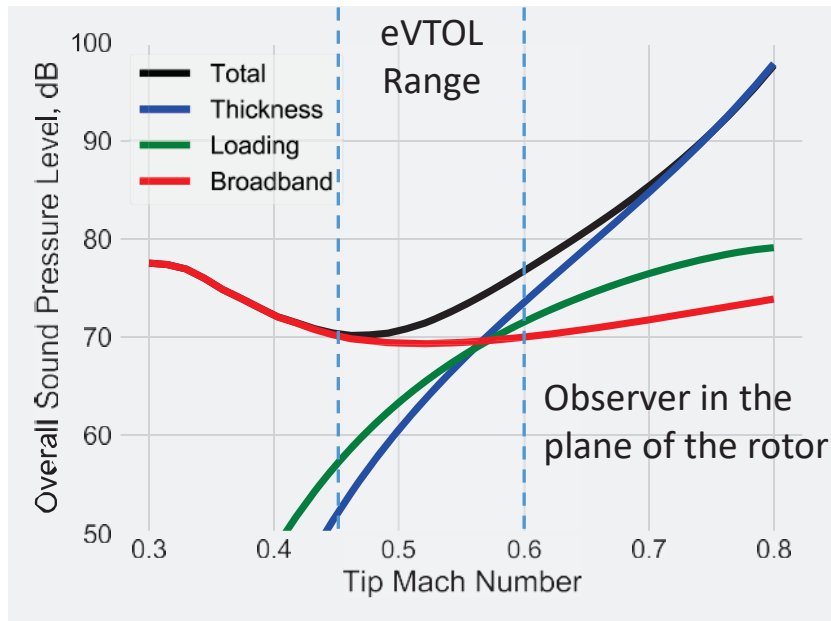
- Blade Thickness
- Blade Steady Loading
- Blade Unsteady Loading
 - Blade-Vortex Interaction
 - Blade-Airframe Interaction
- Engine/Motor

Stochastic Noise Sources

- Blade Self-Noise
- Blade-Wake Interaction
- Blade-Turbulence Interaction



The Importance of Broadband Noise for eVTOL



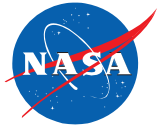
Variation in noise with tip Mach number[†]

- This figure does not directly reflect human response.
- The importance of broadband noise remains for other observers but the relative contribution of thickness and loading noise changes.

[†] Greenwood, Brentner, Rau, and Gan, "Challenges and Opportunities for Low Noise Electric Aircraft," *International Journal of Aeroacoustics*, Vol. 21, No. 5-7, pp. 315-381, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1475472X221107377>.



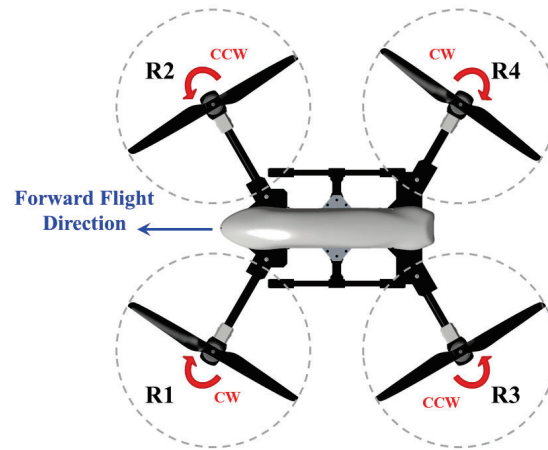
Experimental Observations from sUAS



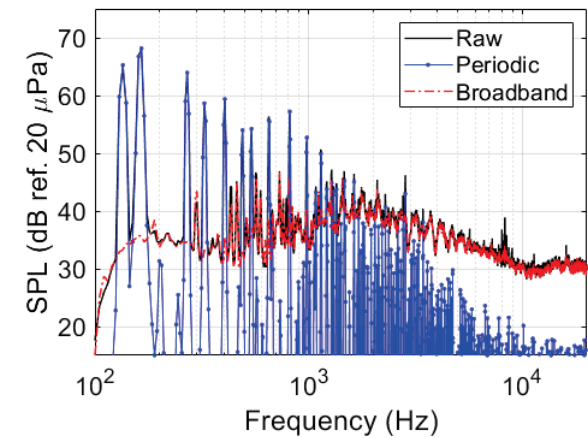
SUI Endurance



Fixed-Pitch Blades



Source Separation



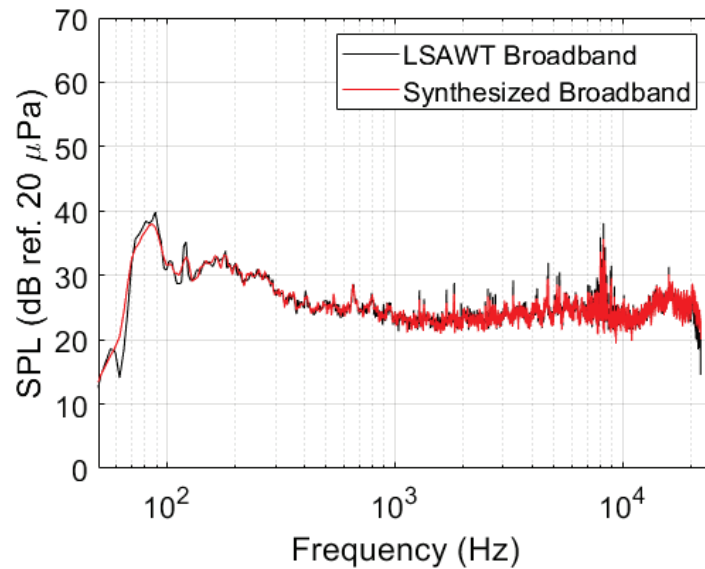
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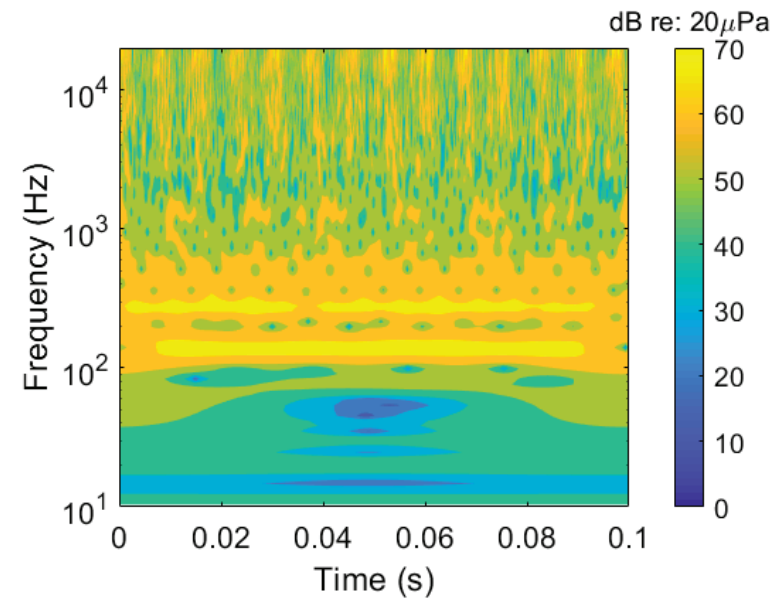
Broadband Noise Synthesis



Synth. (64.2 dB)



LSAWT (64.9 dB)



We address the lack of modulation in the synthesized broadband noise later in this presentation.

Rizzi, Zawodny, and Pettingill, "On the use of Acoustic Wind Tunnel Data for the Simulation of sUAS Flyover Noise," 25th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, AIAA 2019-2630, Delft, The Netherlands, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2019-2630>.



Experimental Observations from Helicopters



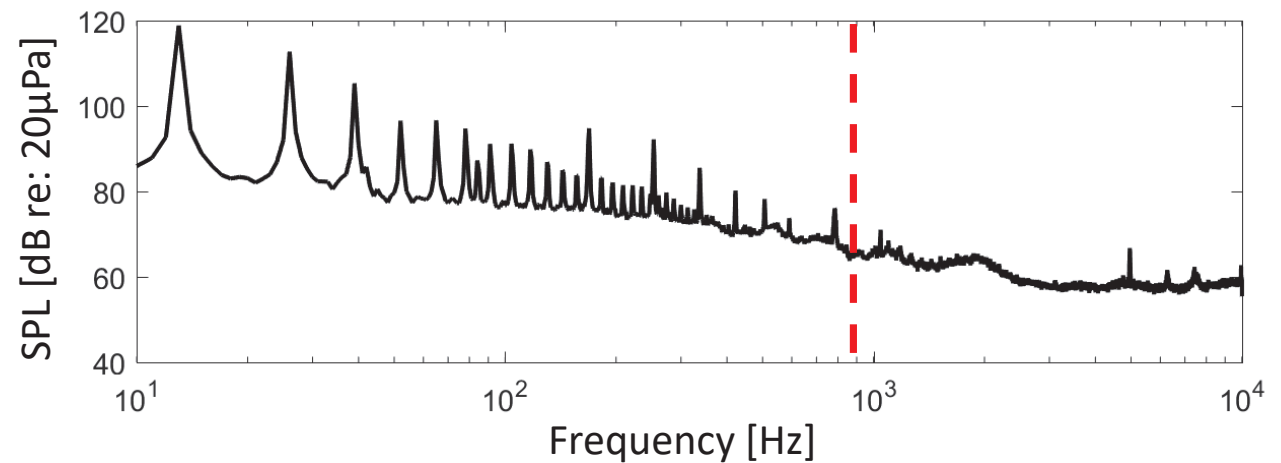
Bell 206B



"The modulation is important subjectively, because the continuously changing character of the sound renders it more noticeable, and thus both more irritating and more detectable."

Lowson, "Thoughts on Broad Band Noise Radiation by a Helicopter," Wyle Laboratories Report WR 68-20, 1968.

Time-Averaged Spectrum (Mic A3)



Recording



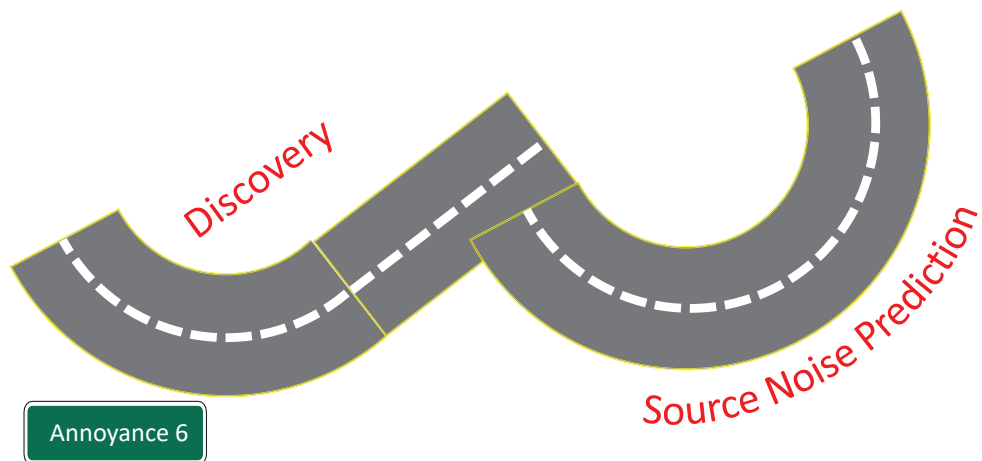
Low-Pass



High-Pass

Christian, Caston, and Greenwood, "Regarding the Perceptual Significance and Characterization of Broadband Components of Helicopter Source Noise," Vertical Flight Society 75th Annual Forum, Philadelphia, PA, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.4050/F-0075-2019-14449>.

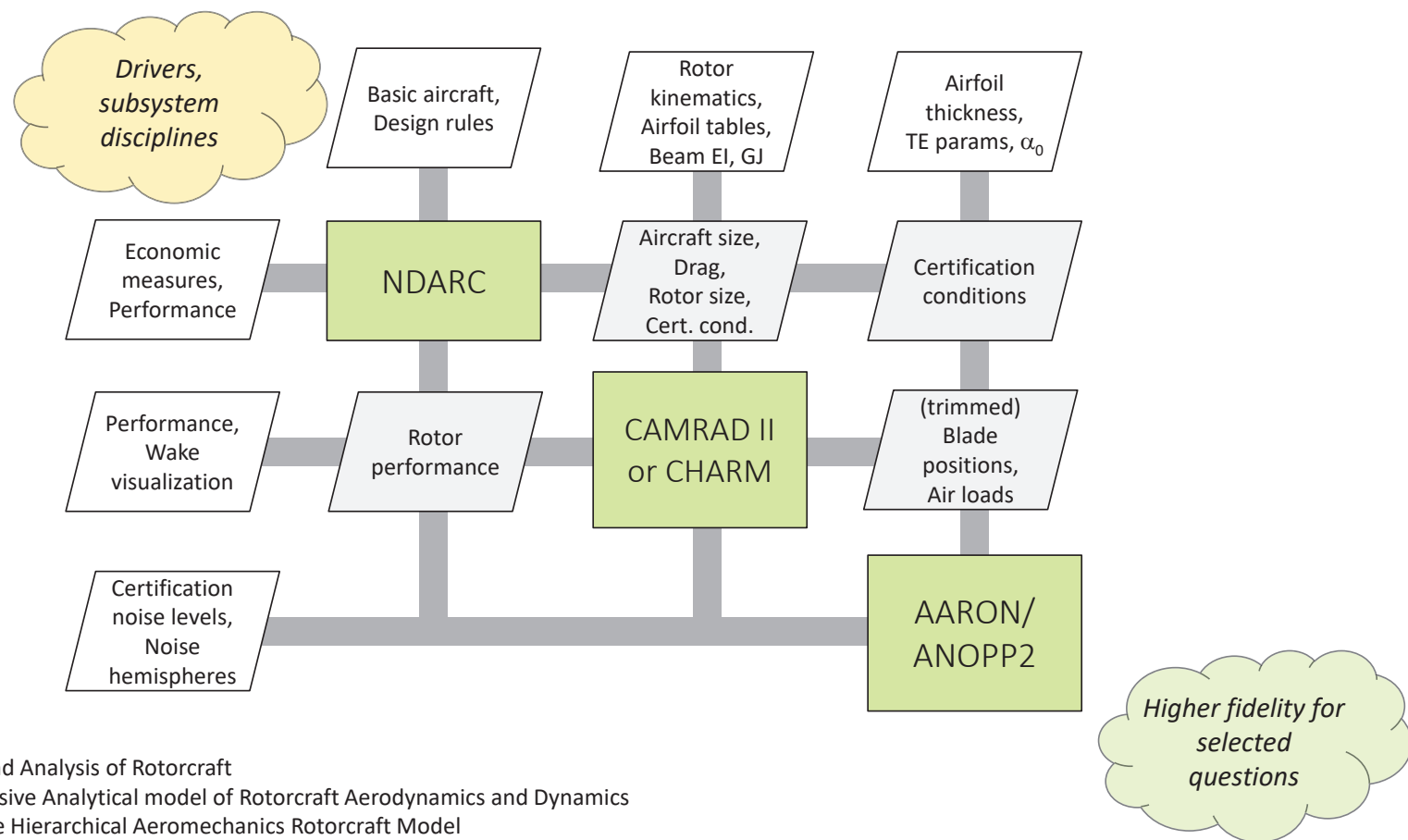
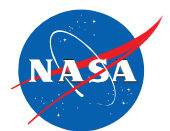
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NASA Toolchain for Analysis of Noise and Performance of eVTOL Vehicles



NDARC: NASA Design and Analysis of Rotorcraft
CAMRAD II: Comprehensive Analytical model of Rotorcraft Aerodynamics and Dynamics
CHARM: Comprehensive Hierarchical Aeromechanics Rotorcraft Model
ANOPP2: NASA 2nd Generation Aircraft Noise Prediction Program
AARON: ANOPP2 Aeroacoustic Rotor Noise Tool



RVLT Concept Vehicles



Quadrotor[†]

- All-electric variant
- (4) 3-bladed rotors
- 2934 kg (6469 lb.) GTOW
- V_{\max} 109 KTAS



Lift Plus Cruise[†]

- Turboelectric variant
- (8) 2-bladed lifting rotors
- 3-bladed pusher propeller
- 2678 kg (5903 lb.) GTOW
- V_{\max} 123 KTAS

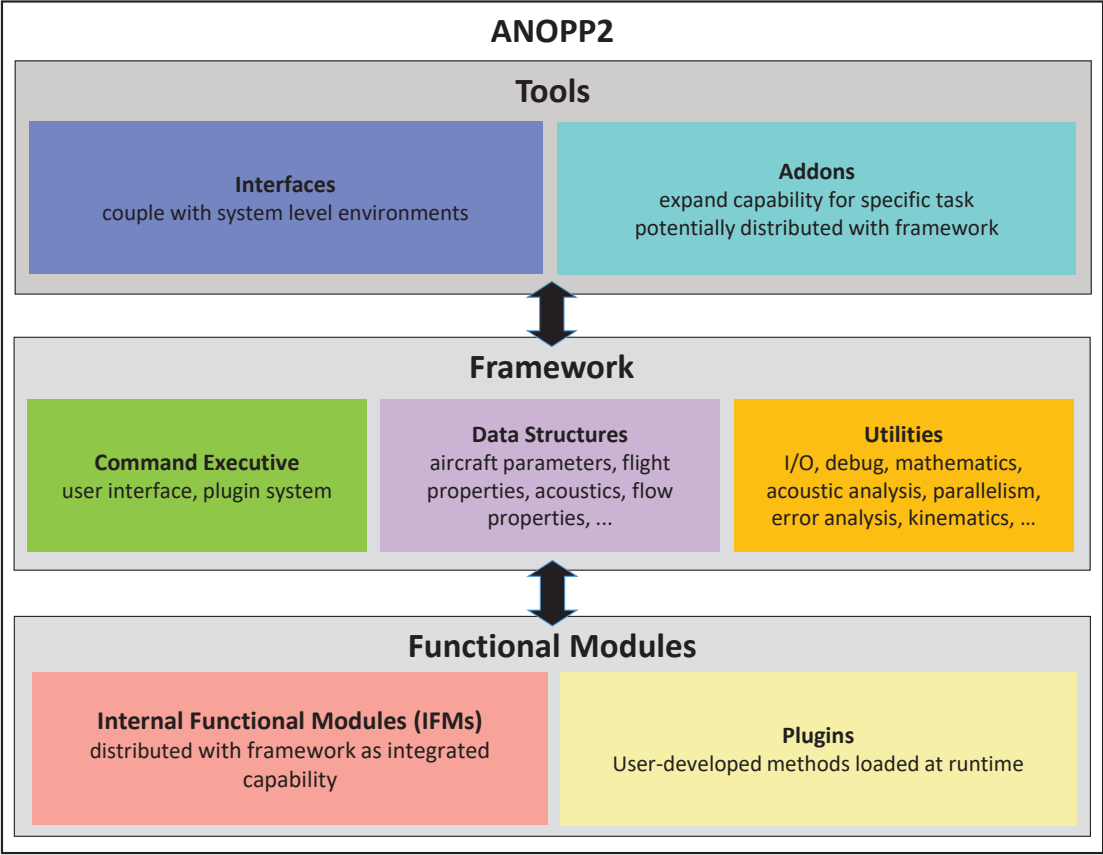
- Both vehicles sized for 544 kg (1200 lb.) payload (up to six passengers) executing a representative mission profile.[‡]

[†] Silva, Johnson, Solis, Patterson, and Antcliff, "VTOL Urban Air Mobility Concept Vehicles for Technology Development," 2018 AIAA Aviation Forum, Atlanta, GA, AIAA-2018-3847, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2018-3847>.

[‡] Patterson, Antcliff, and Kohlman, "A Proposed Approach to Studying Urban Air Mobility Missions Including an Initial Exploration of Mission Requirements," AHS International 74th Annual Forum, Phoenix, AZ, 2018, <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/20190000991>.



Aircraft Noise Prediction Program 2 (ANOPP2)



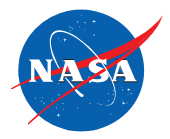
ANOPP2 Distribution
Framework
IFMs
Tools

Separate Distributions
Plugins
Tools

Lopes and Burley, "ANOPP2 User's Manual: Version 1.2," NASA/TM-2016-219342, 2016, <https://ntrs.nasa.gov/citations/20160014858>.



AF1AIFM Tonal Noise Prediction

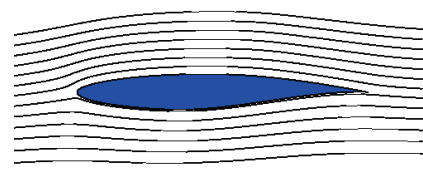


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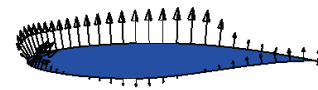
- Rearrangement of Navier-Stokes equations into an inhomogeneous wave equation

$$\square^2 p' = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\rho_0 v_n \delta(f)] - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [p n_i \delta(f)] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} [H(f) T_{ij}]$$

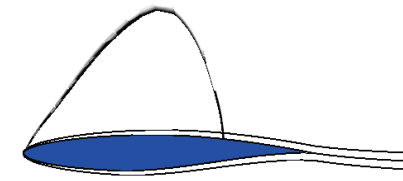
Thickness
Fluid
Displacement



Loading
Accelerating
Force Distribution



Quadrupole
Volume Sources

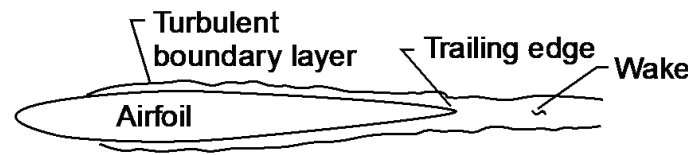


Brentner and Farassat, "Modeling Aerodynamically Generated Sound of Helicopter Rotors," *Progress in Aerospace Sciences*, Vol. 39, No. 2-3, pp. 83–120, 2003, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0376-0421\(02\)00068-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0376-0421(02)00068-4).

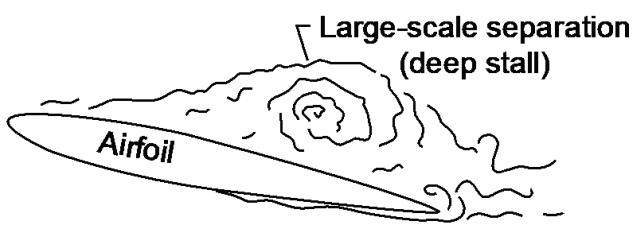
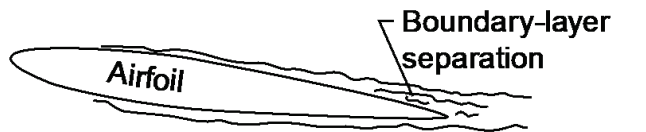


ASNIFM Broadband Self Noise Prediction

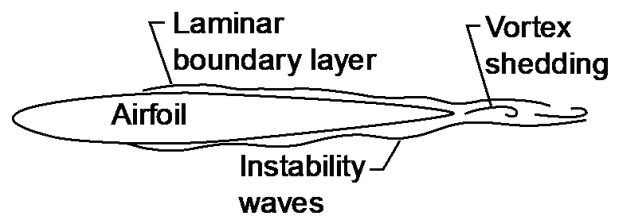
Annoyance 4



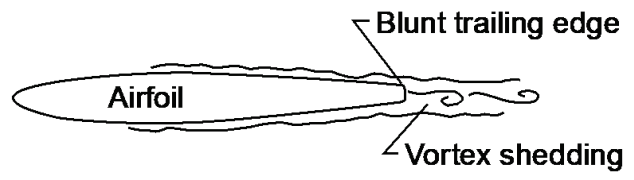
Turbulent boundary layer - trailing edge (TBL-TE) noise



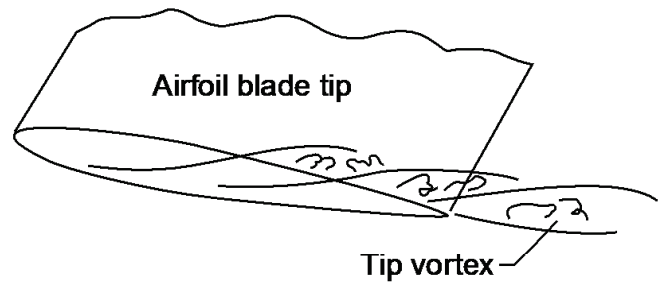
Angle dependence for TBL-TE noise



Laminar-boundary-layer-vortex shedding (LBL-VS) noise



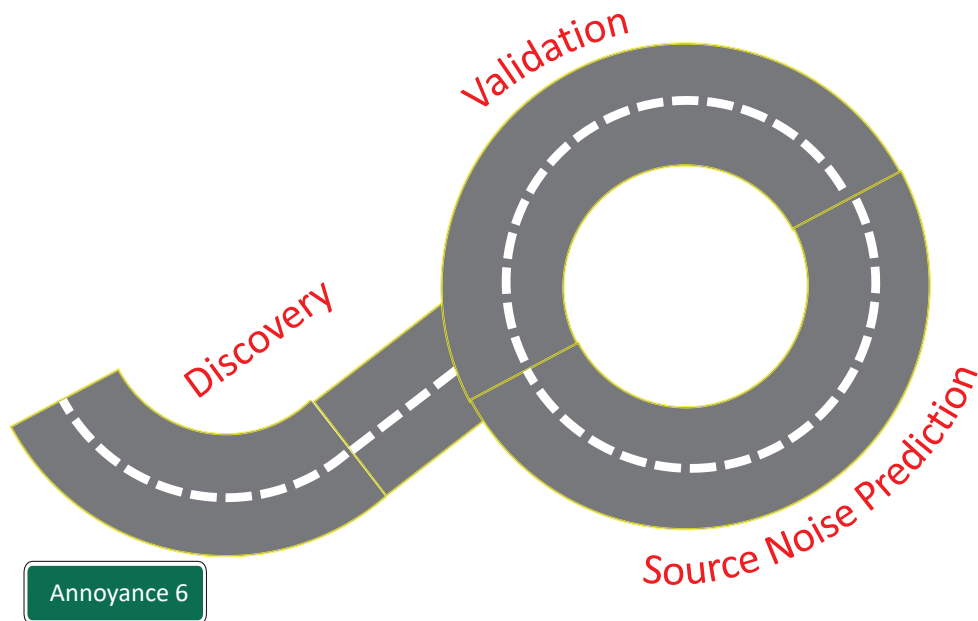
Bluntness vortex shedding (BVS)



Tip noise

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

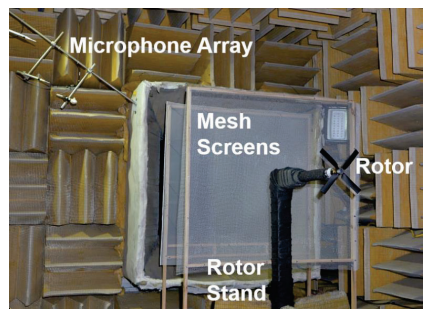
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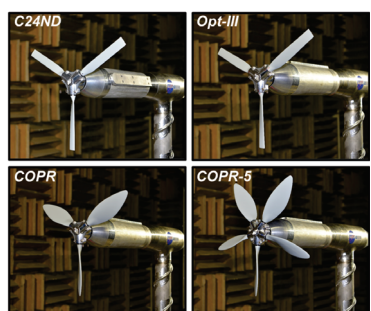
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Experimental Databases for Model Validation

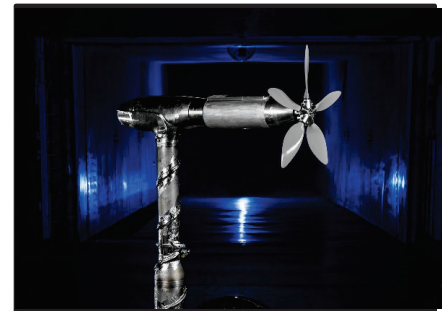
- Isolated propellers and rotors



Ideally Twisted Rotor (SHAC)
AIAA-2021-1928

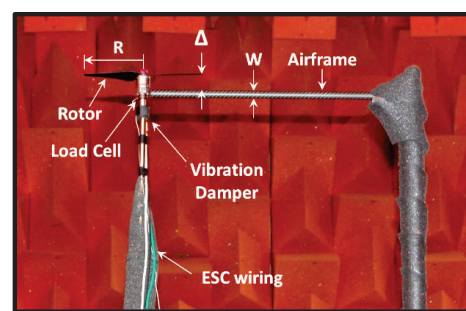


Optimized Proprotor (LSAWT)
NASA-TM-20220015637



Tilting Proprotor (14'x22')
Aero Performance - VFS 79-2023-0140
Acoustic Test – 2025

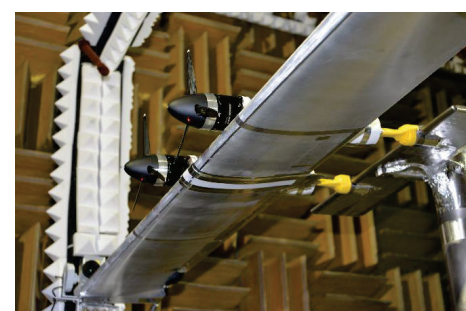
- Installed propellers and rotors



Rotor-Airframe Interaction (SALT)
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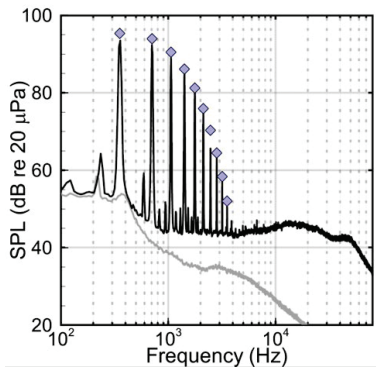
Aero & Acoustic Rotorprop Test (40'x80')
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Tractor Configuration (LSAWT)
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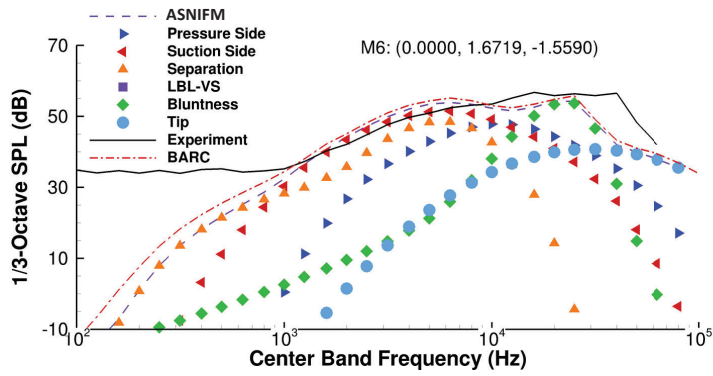
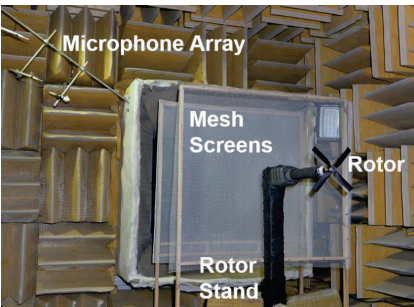
Validation of Tonal and Broadband Noise Prediction

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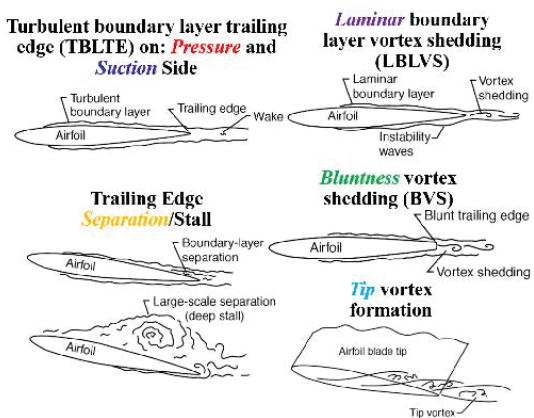


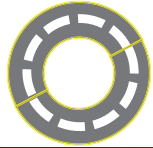
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Broadband



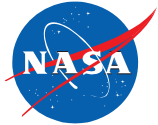
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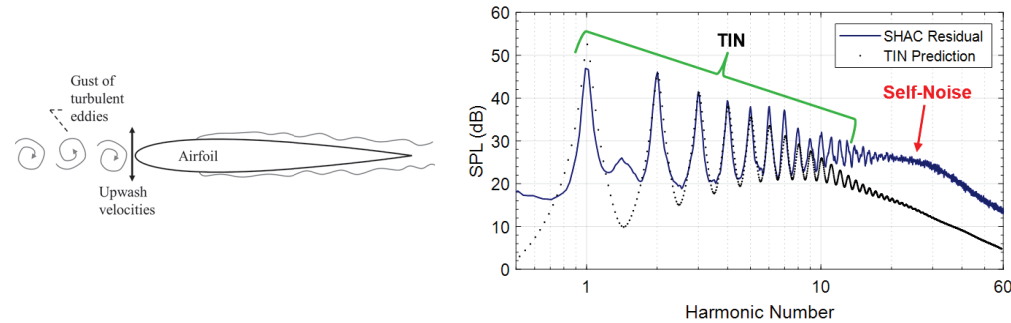


Source Noise Prediction and Validation

Recent and On-Going Research

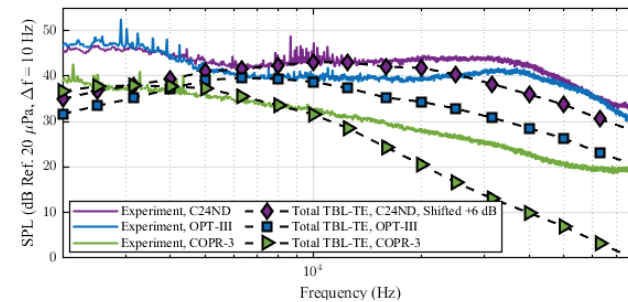


Amiet's Turbulence Ingestion Noise (TIN)



Zawodny and Lopes, "Reviving Amiet's Model for Noise Produced by Turbulent Flow Into a Rotor," *Spring 2025 NASA Acoustics Technical Working Group*, 2025. (Available upon request)

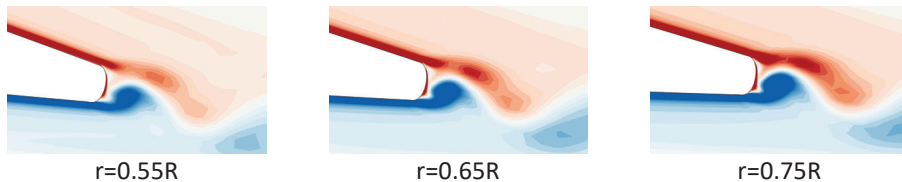
Turbulent Boundary Layer Trailing Edge (TBL-TE) Noise



Possible dependency of TE δ^* on Mach number indicates need for further development of BPM TBL-TE model.

Blake, Thurman, Zawodny, and Lopes, "Broadband Predictions of Optimized Proprotors in Axial Flight," *2023 AIAA Aviation Forum*, AIAA-2023-4183, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2023-4183>.

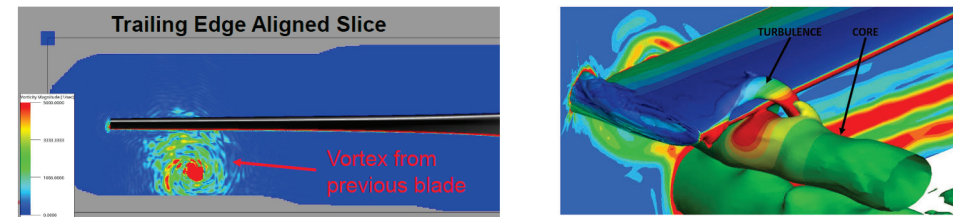
Bluntness Vortex Shedding (BVS) Noise



Spanwise vorticity contours at the trailing edge using 2-D hybrid RANS/LES airfoil simulation.

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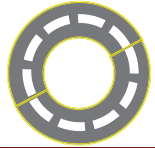
Blade-Wake Interaction (BWI) Noise



BWI and BWI-amplified BVS noise found significant (+7 dB) for small hovering rotors.

Thurman, "Broadband Noise Prediction for Advanced Air Mobility: A Computationalist Perspective," *Politecnico di Milano, Aerospace Science and Technology Department PhDAER Seminar*, Milan, Italy, 2025.

Won and Lee, "Effect of Trailing-Edge Vortex Shedding on Rotor Noise Using High-Fidelity Numerical Simulations," *2025 AIAA Aviation Forum*, AIAA-2025-3366, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2025-3366>.



Installed Propellers:

Prop-to-Wing Interactions

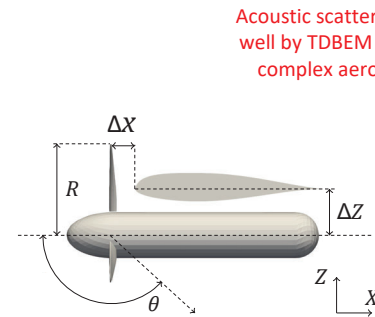
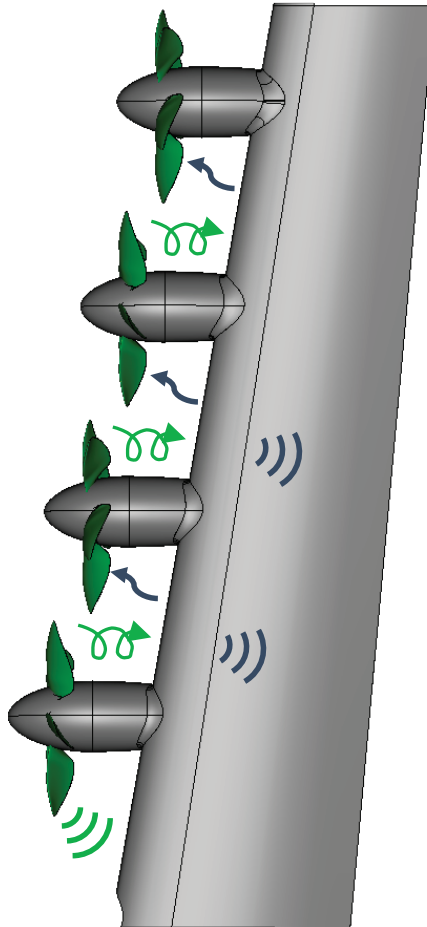
- Scattering/shielding of propeller acoustic source (source directivity important)



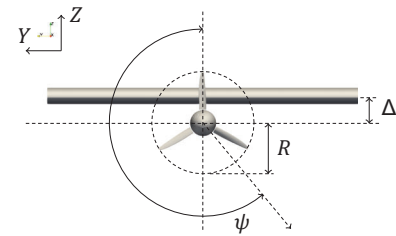
- Effects of wing flow field on propeller blade loading may result in modification of resultant propeller source



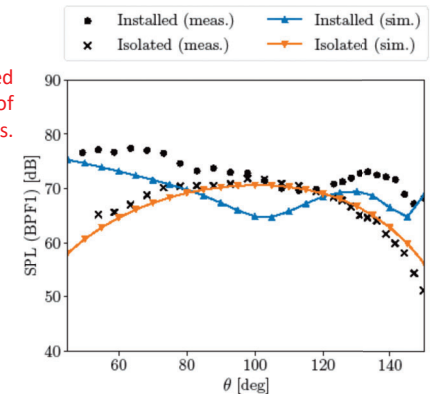
- Propeller wake impinging on aircraft surfaces may affect aerodynamic performance and produce additional noise sources



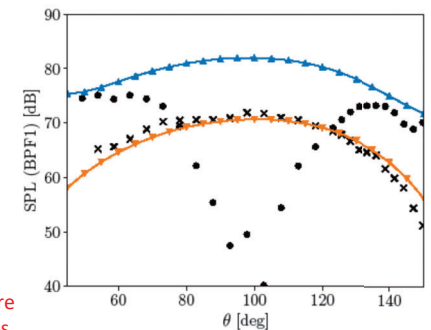
Acoustic scattering predicted well by TDBEM in absence of complex aero interactions.



Aero method must capture additional noise sources, but TDBEM still captures scattered field.

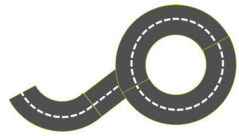


$$\frac{\Delta X}{R} = 0.25, \quad \frac{\Delta Z}{R} = 0.5$$



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Groom, Zhou, and Lopes, "Numerical Investigation of Propeller-Wing Interaction Noise with Scattering and Shielding," 2025 AIAA Aviation Forum, AIAA-2025-3369, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2025-3369>.



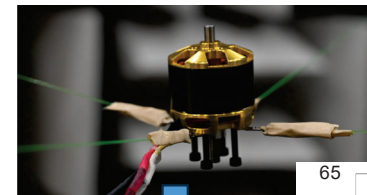
Discovery, Source Noise Prediction, and Validation

Electric Motor Noise Measurement and Modeling

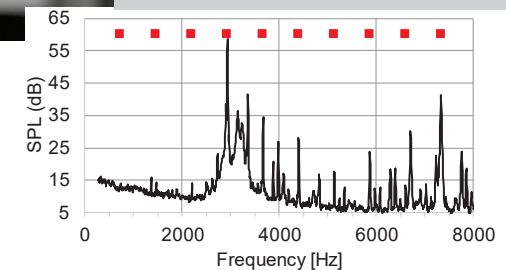


Full scale Moog S-250 measurements[†]

- Ground run-up with and without rotors
- Hover – 15' and 60'



1 – 4 kW outrunner
motor laboratory
acoustic testing



Model[‡] predicts motor tones
from simple high-level motor
parameters

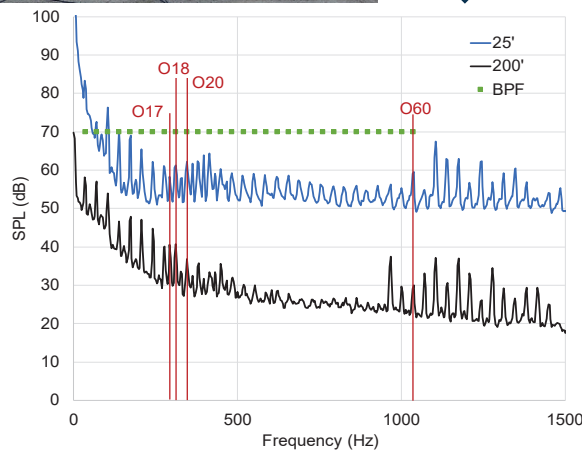
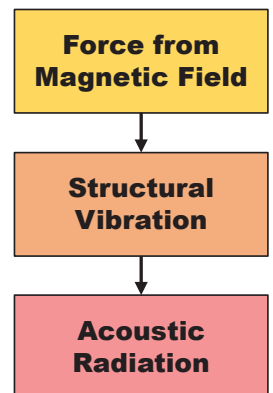
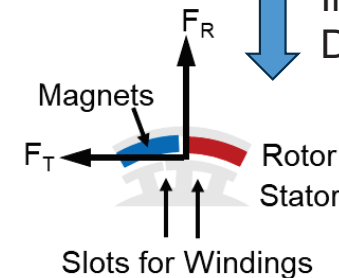
- Diameter
 - Power
 - Motor windings, etc.
- Suitable for trade studies &
extendable to larger motors.

Motivates
Development



Acoustic prediction tool
development models
three subcomponents

Informs Model
Development



Some evidence of electric motor noise
at O17-20 in ground run-up spectra

[†]Henderson, et al., "Acoustic Measurements for the Moog S-250 Vehicle in Hover," 30th AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference, AIAA-2024-3275, Rome, IT, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2024-3275>.

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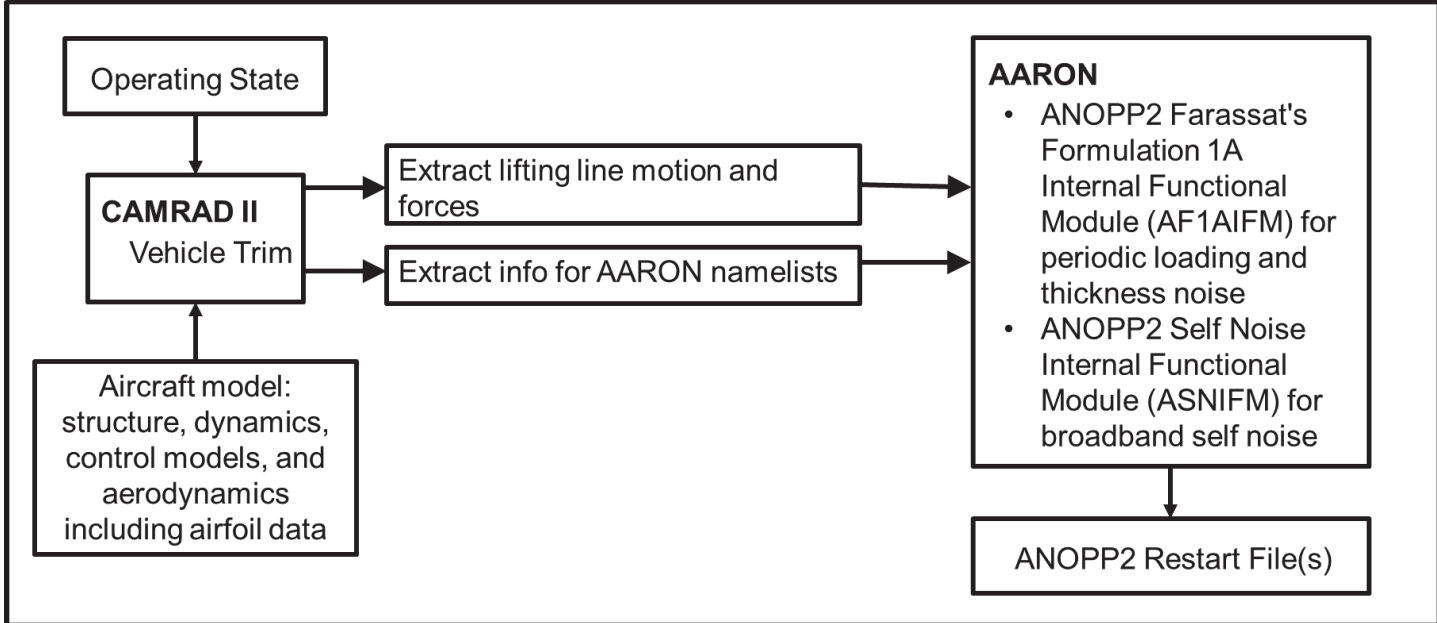
Mid-Fidelity Source Noise Prediction



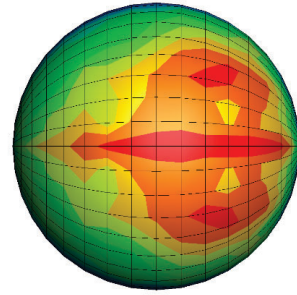
- Noise prediction method development, implementation, and validation efforts continue.
- The computational framework allows the human response effort to make use of the best available validated noise prediction methods at various points in time.



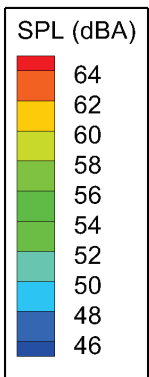
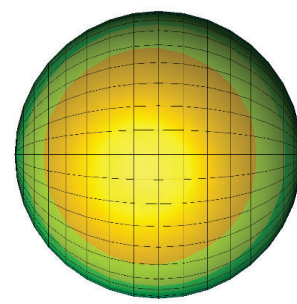
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Loading and Thickness Noise



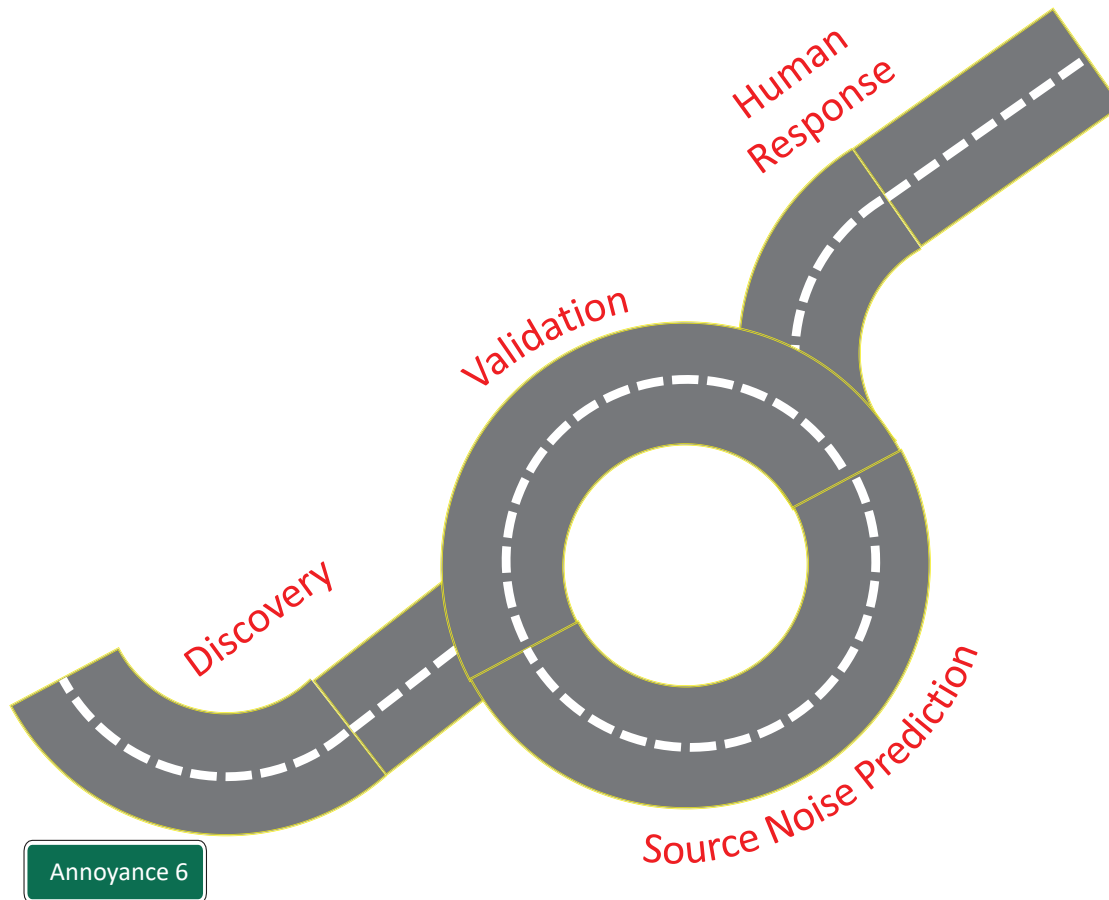
Broadband Self Noise



- Quadrotor was trimmed utilizing collective pitch control and constant RPM. The same trim mode was used for all speeds.
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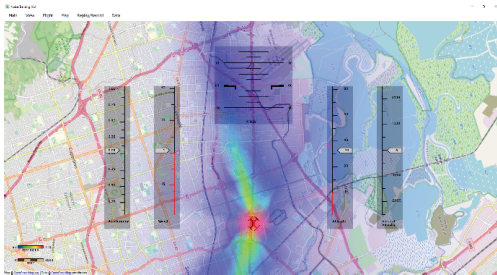
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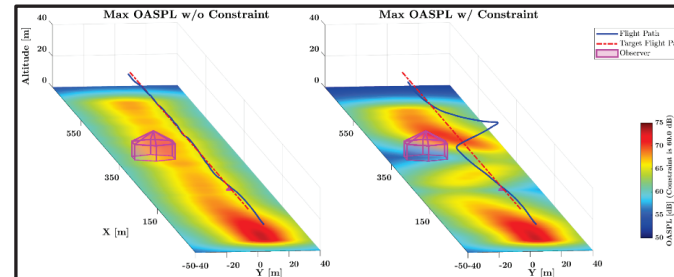


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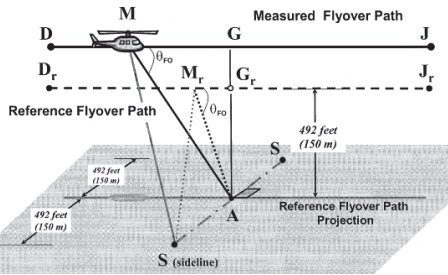


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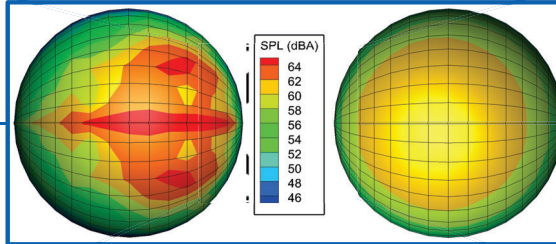


Acoustically Aware Flight Control

Noise Certification Analyses



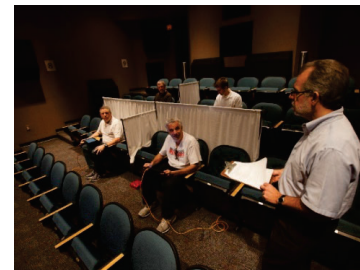
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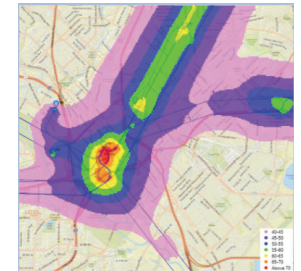
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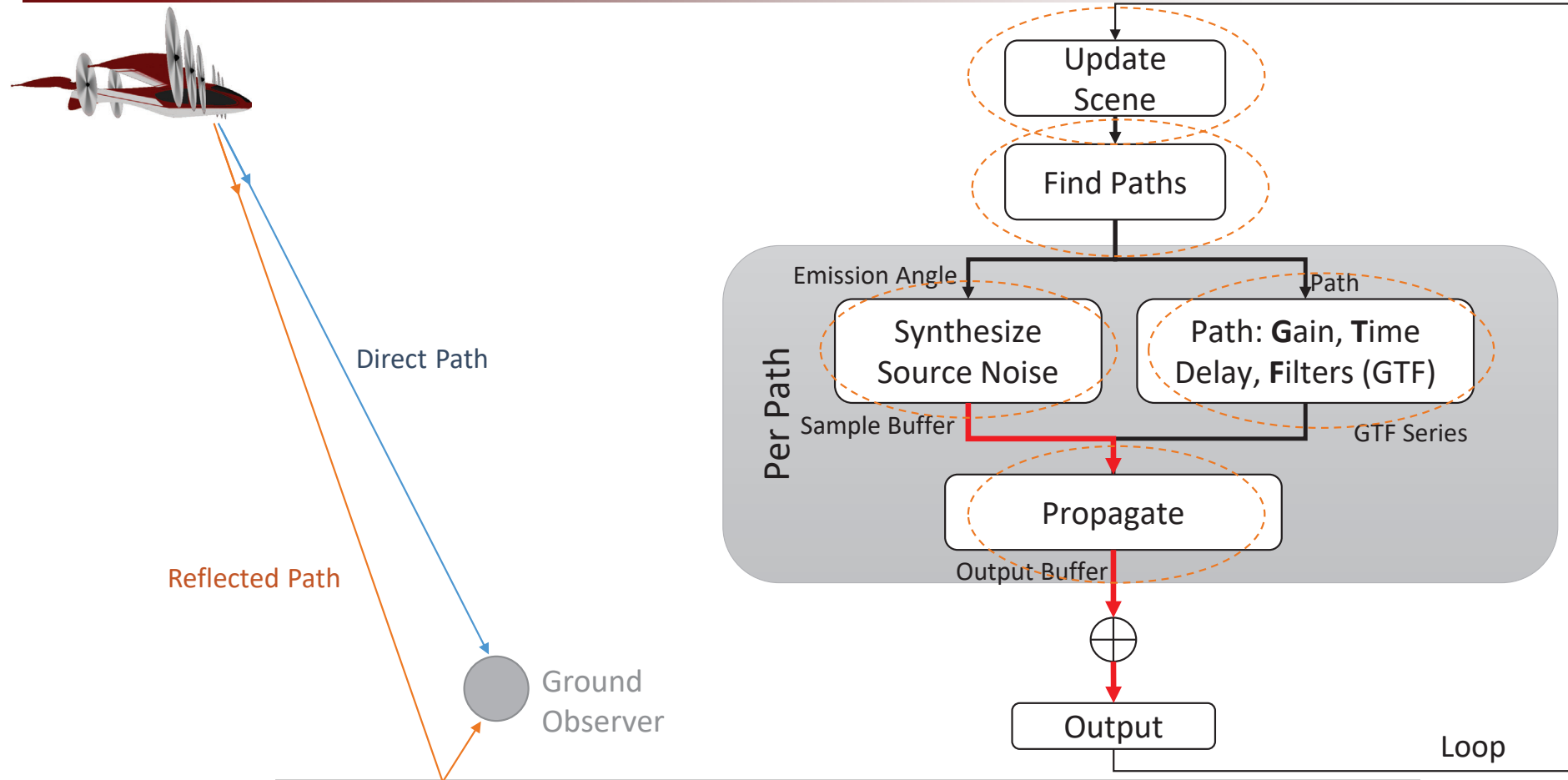
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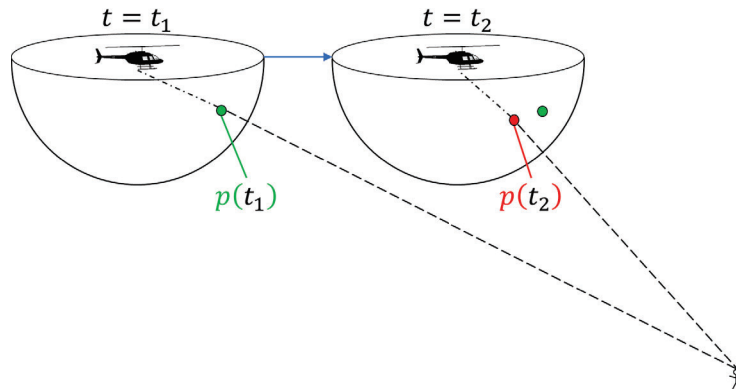
Operational Fleet Noise Assessments



Annoyance 4



Synthesis of Loading and Thickness Noise using ANOPP2 Farassat's Formulation 1A Internal Functional Module (AF1AIFM)



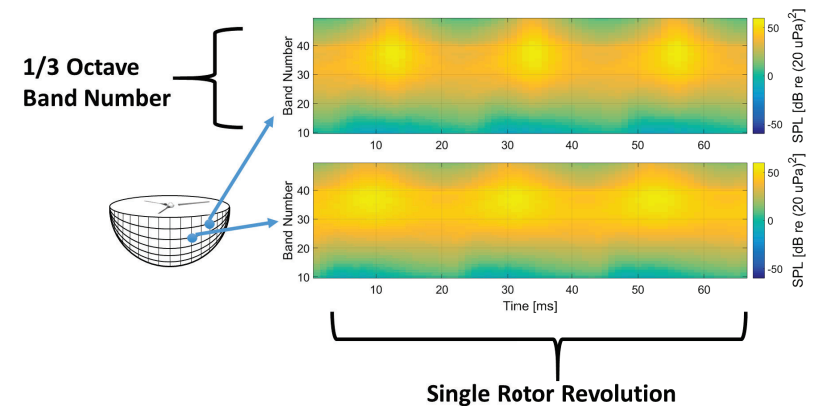
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Level Flyover

Self Noise Sound Pressure Predictions from ANOPP2 Self Noise Internal Functional Module (ASNIFM)



1.8mm TE



7.2mm TE

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- Test of UAM Sound Quality – TuSQ (Aug 2022)[†]
 - Objective: Investigate how annoyance varies with sound quality.
 - Approach: Manipulated baseline auralizations to vary SQ attributes.
 - Main Findings:
 - UAM sounds judged more annoying than a reference sound presented at the same loudness level. Loudness not only factor affecting annoyance.
 - Positive correlation of tonality, impulsiveness, and roughness with annoyance.
- Test of Noise and Numbers – NaN (January 2023)[‡]
 - Objective: Investigate how annoyance varies with number of operations.
 - Approach: Present flyover auralizations from 0.5 to 8 ops/min at 3 Leq levels
 - Main Findings:
 - Mean annoyance ratings for frequent discrete sounds (< 2 ops/min) differed from those for constant sounds (≥ 2 ops/min).
 - Annoyance to frequent discrete sounds grows faster with increasing number than for constant sounds (3 dB/doubling).
- Test of Detection, Noticeability, and Annoyance – DNA (Oct 2023)^{*}
 - Objective: Investigate how annoyance varies in presence of masking noise.
 - Approach: Measure d' and equal annoyance points for UAM-like tone complex and UAM-like broadband signal in presence of a broadband masker.
 - Main Finding: Most test subjects' annoyance responses were reduced by the presence of masking noise.

Exterior Effects Room (EER)

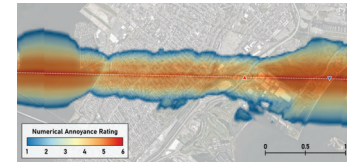
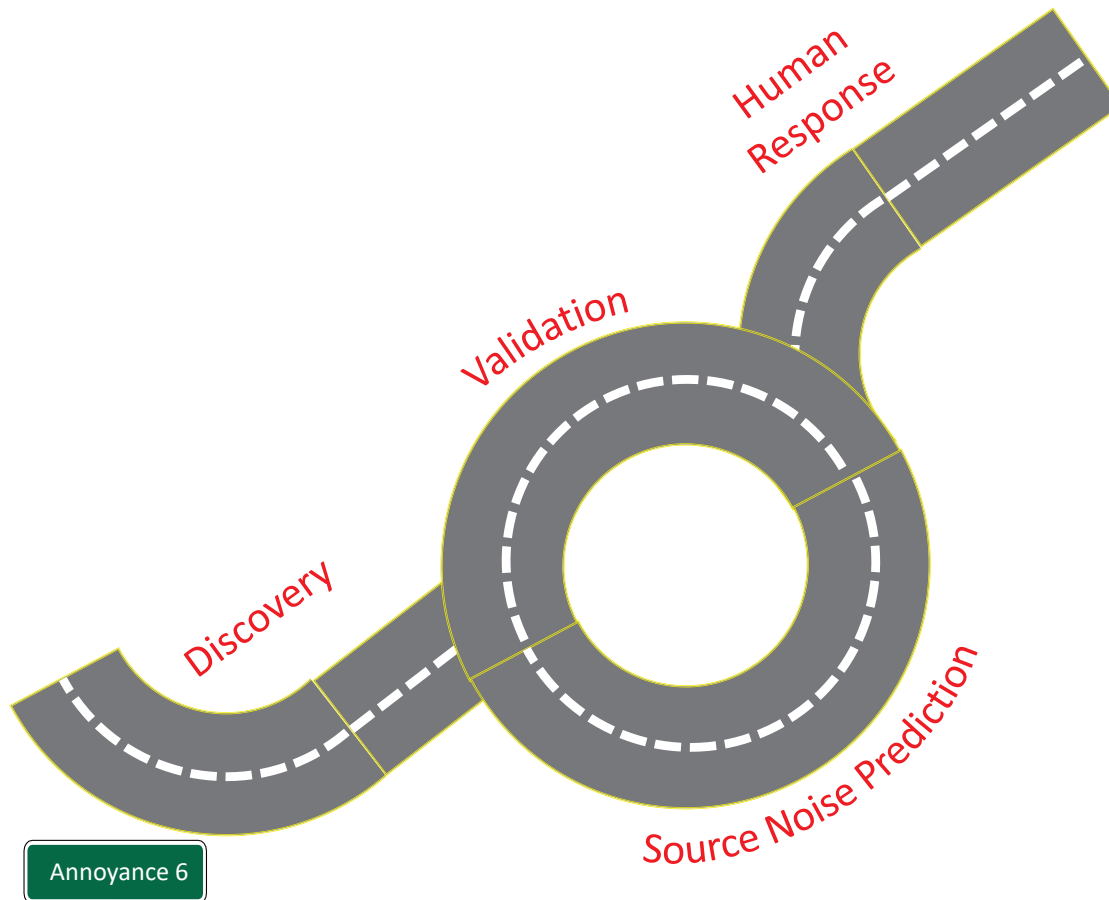


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Initial UAM Noise Annoyance Model



Annoyance Model

Loudness

Sound Quality Adjustment[†]

Ambient Noise Discount[‡]

$$AM = N \cdot \left[1 + \sqrt{w_{FR}^2 + w_S^2 + w_T^2} \right] \cdot 2^{(w_D/10)}$$

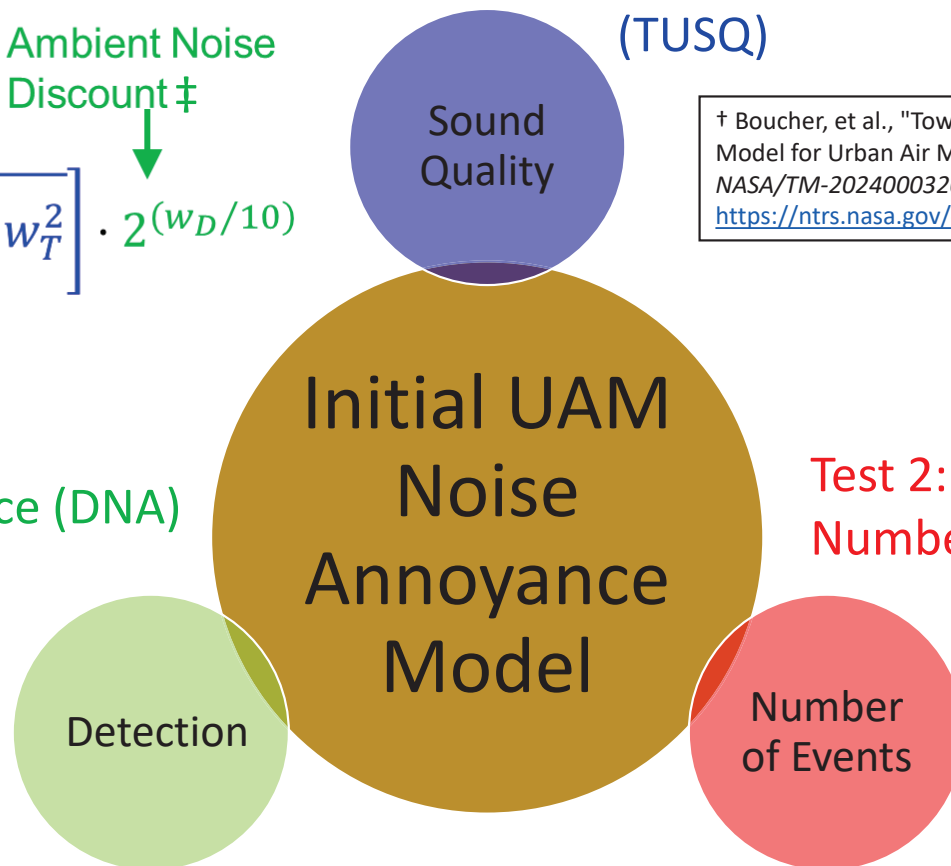
Test 1: Test of UAM Sound Quality (TUSQ)

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Test 3: Test of Detection, Noticeability, and Annoyance (DNA)

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Test 2: Test of Noise and Numbers (NaN)

- Desired behaviors
 - Effect of ambient noise on annoyance not strong if signal \gg ambient.
 - Reduction in annoyance to the signal if signal at least partially masked by ambient.

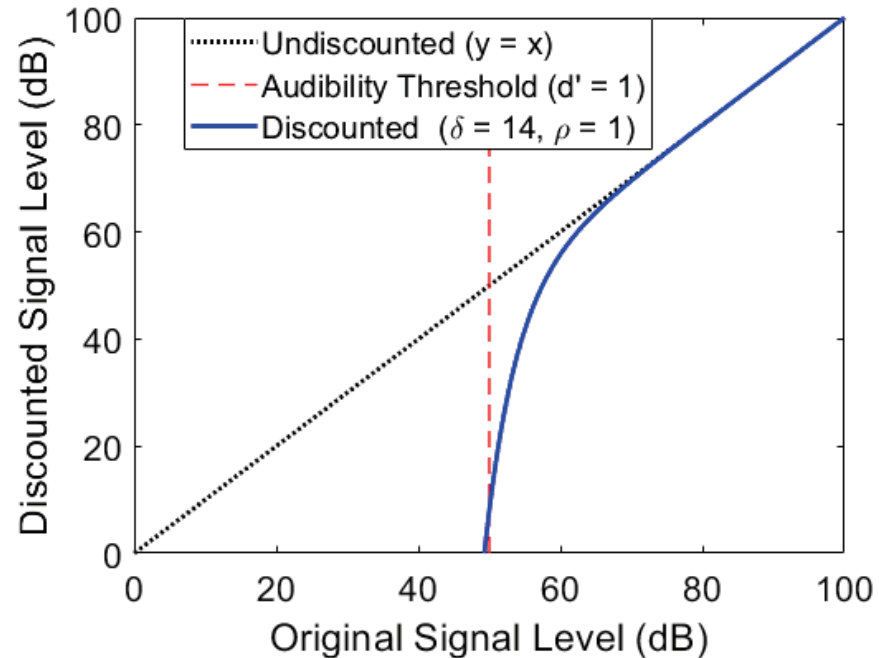
Discounting model

$$L_{i,t}|_{Disc} = L_{i,t} - \frac{\alpha}{\left(\frac{d'_{i,t}}{\delta}\right)^\rho} \quad d'_{i,t} = \mathbb{D}_i \cdot \frac{s_{i,t}}{n_{i,t} + e_i}$$

$L_{i,t}$: signal spectrogram

$d'_{i,t}$: detectability index spectrogram

α, δ, ρ : parameters from human response testing





Modeled Masking Noise



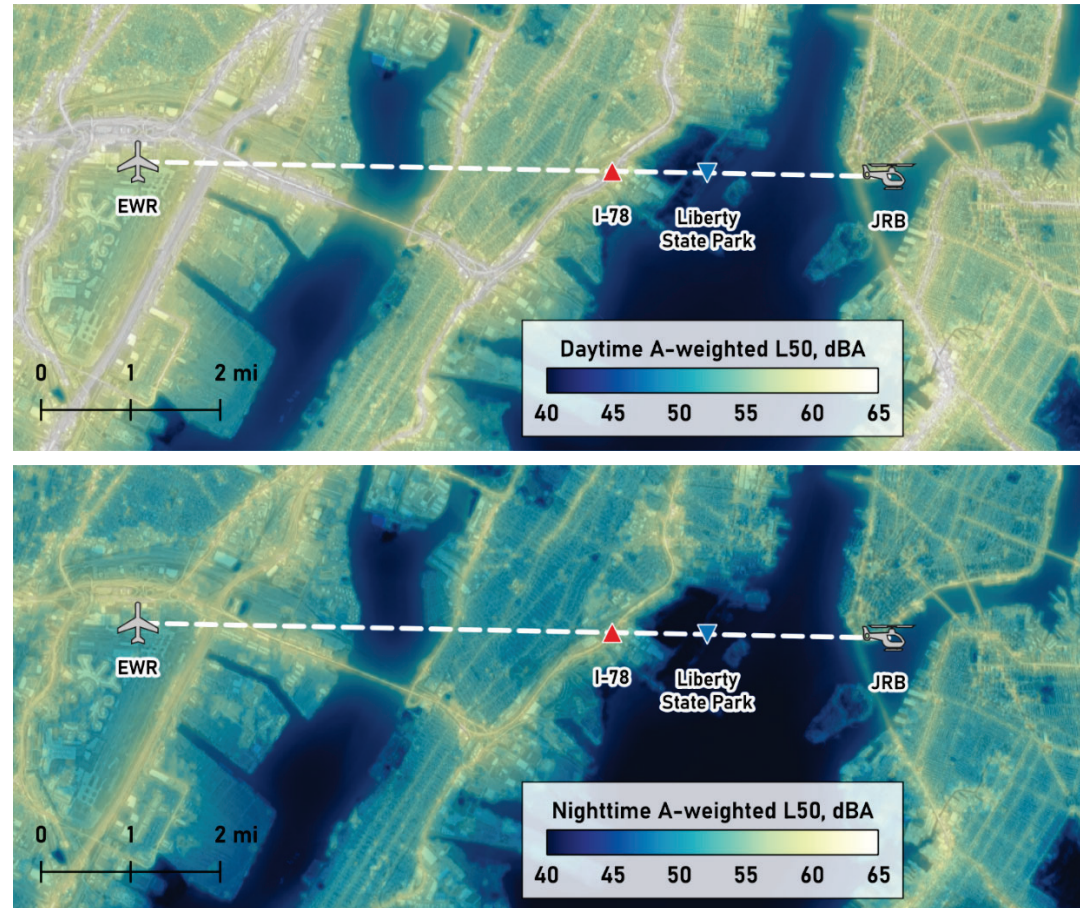
BRRC AMBIENT Model

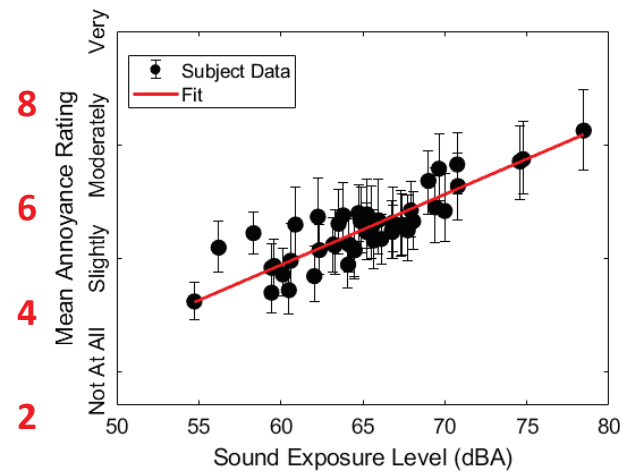
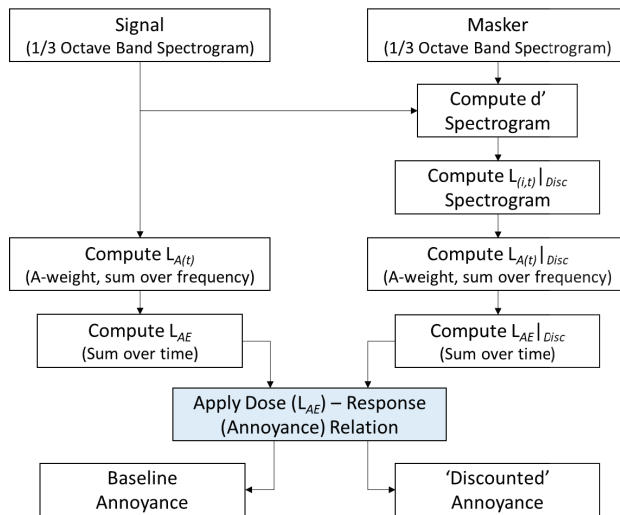
- A physics-informed machine learning (ML) model of ambient soundscapes.
 - Model composed of anthropogenic, biological, and geophysical sounds.
 - Generates spatially, temporally, spectrally varying maps.

Ambient level = f (geospatial features, physics-based noise)

- f determined by fitting ensemble of ML regression models at locations where geospatial features, predicted traffic noise, and ambient levels are known.
- Geospatial features at 30 m resolution include population density, land cover, topography, climate.
- Physics-based noise includes road traffic noise, but not (currently) aviation noise.

Day/Night Median Noise Levels





- Single-event relationship between annoyance and L_{AE} for small UAS is a surrogate for UAM-specific relation.
- The road ahead addresses work toward a UAM-specific relation.

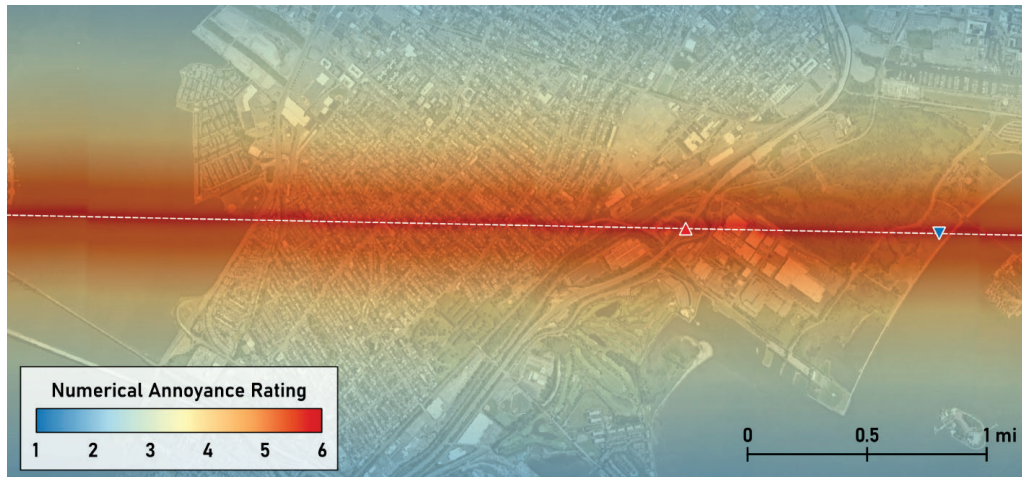
$$\text{sUAS Annoyance} = 0.125 L_{AE} - 3.61$$

Christian and Cabell, "Initial Investigation into the Psychoacoustic Properties of Small Unmanned Aerial System Noise," *23rd AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference*, AIAA-2017-4051, Denver, CO, 2017, <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2017-4051>.

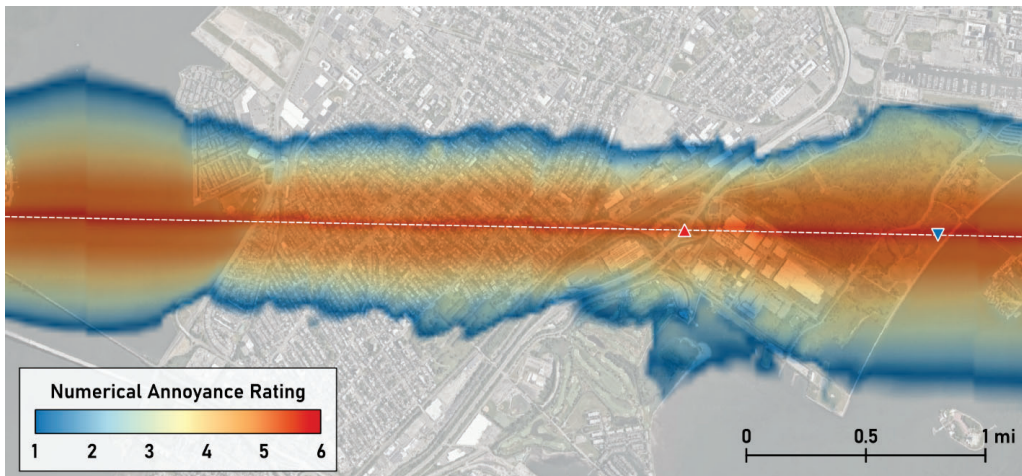
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Annoyance Maps

Baseline



Nighttime



- Baseline annoyance does not vary with position along the track but uniformly reduces from “Moderate” (6) below track to “Not at all” (2) with distance.
- Daytime annoyance slightly reduced below track and significantly reduced elsewhere except near LSP.
- Nighttime annoyance shows less reduction than daytime.

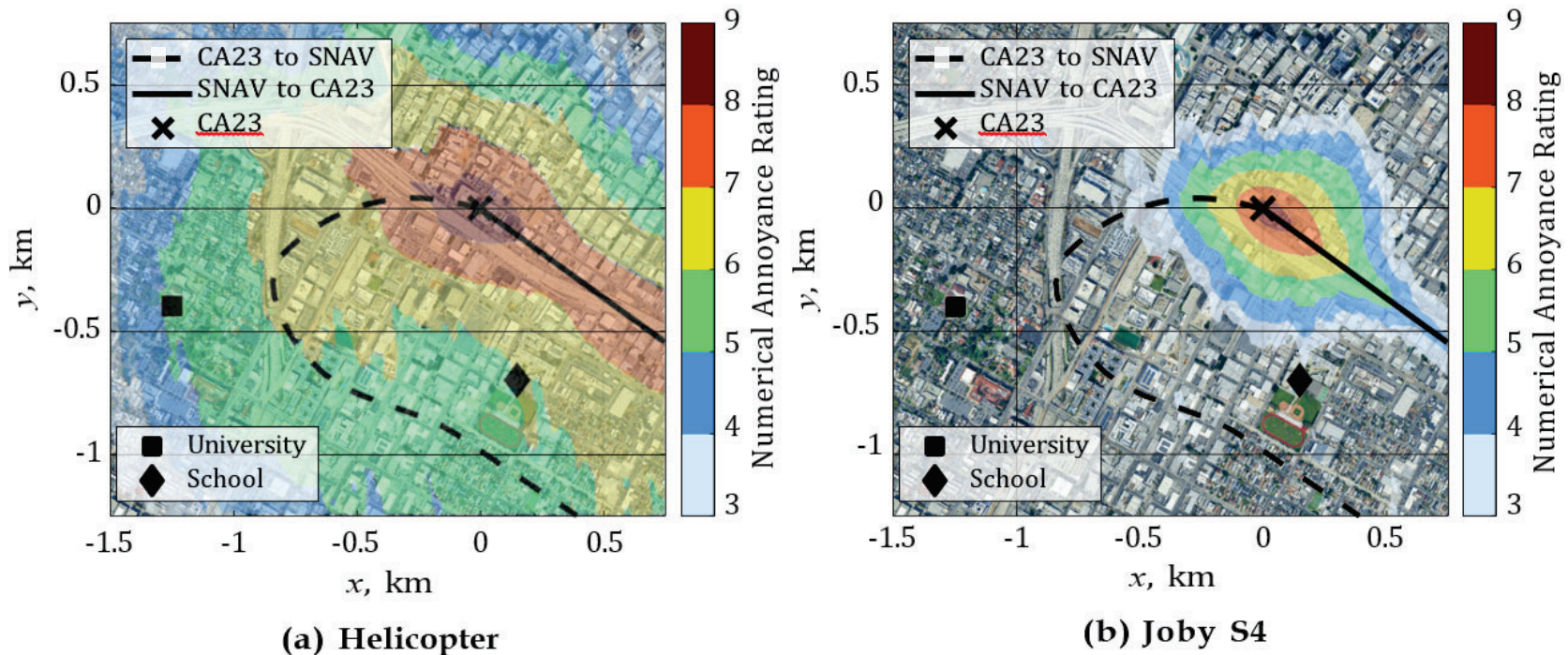


Fig. 14 Annoyance rating of one round-trip flight.

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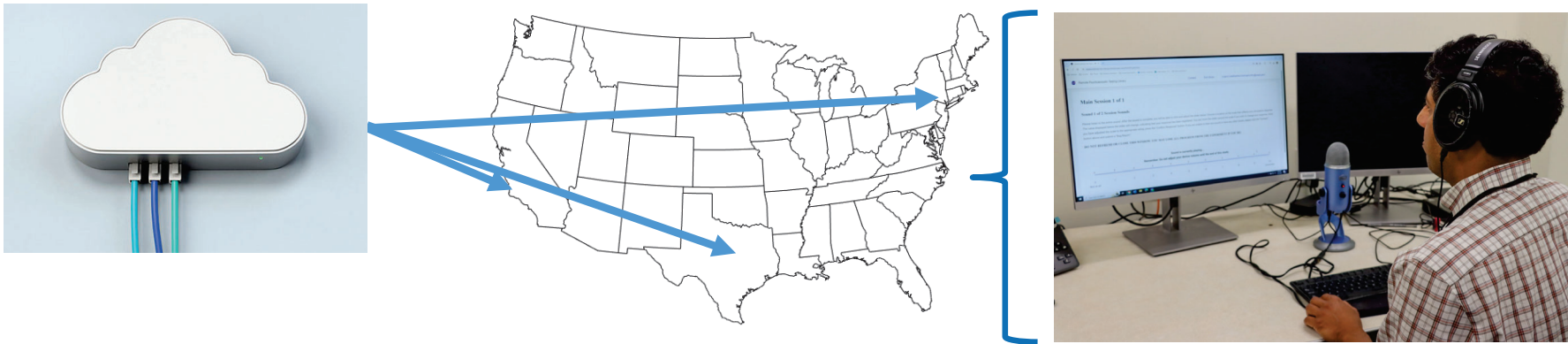
The Road Ahead

Laboratory Testing	EXIT 2025
Community Surveys	EXIT ~2030

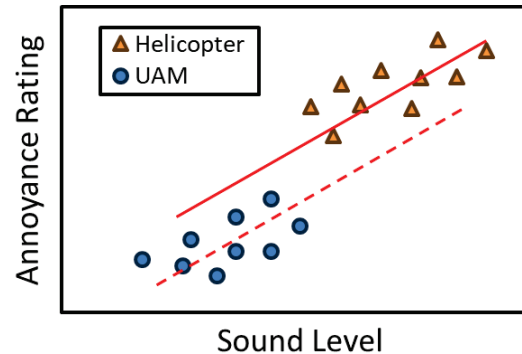
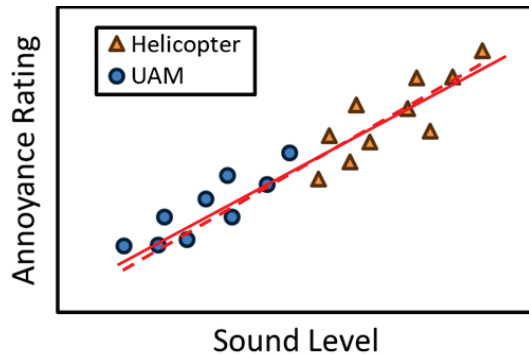
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The Road Ahead – Laboratory Testing

- Varied AAM Noise and Geographic Area Response Difference (VANGARD) Online Test: Response to variety of single-event UAM flight operations



- Helicopter and UAM Laboratory Comparison (HULC) EER Test



Data from VANGARD and HULC tests will be used to form a single-event dose-response relation specific to UAM.

The Road Ahead – Community Surveys



Objective

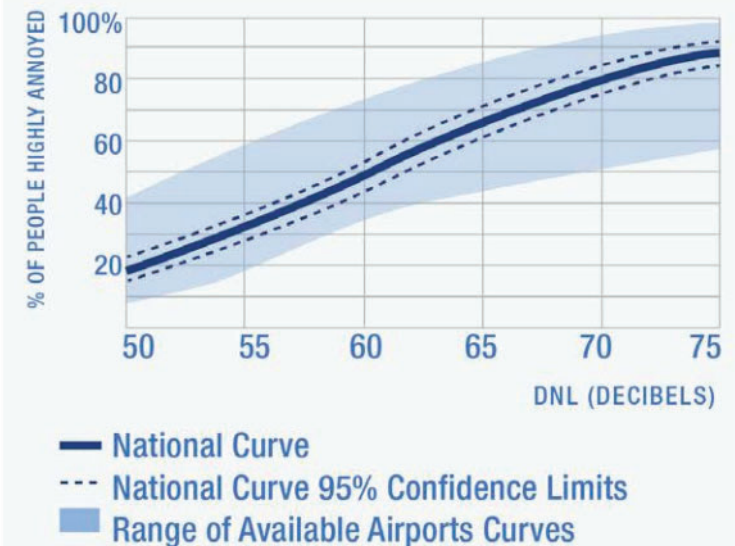
- Develop a nationally representative long-term exposure-response relationship for UAM aircraft in relation to existing aircraft noise.

Approach

- Conduct an observational study like the FAA Neighborhood Environmental Survey[†] (NES) using certificated vehicles flying over populations for long periods of time.
 - The survey(s) would be FAA-led with NASA in a support role.

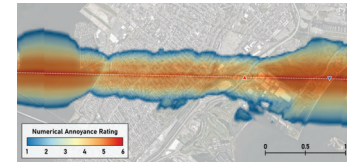
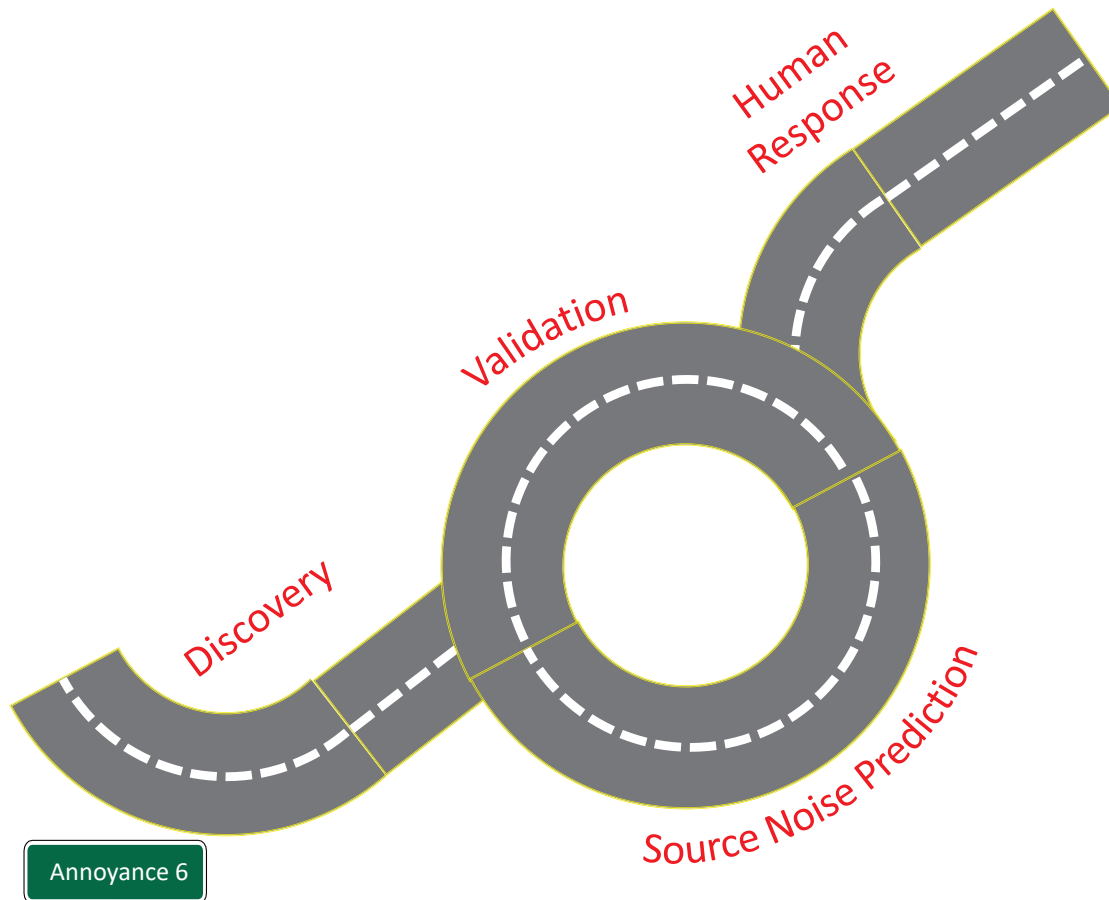
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NATIONAL CURVE



Long-term exposure-response curve establishes the relationship between exposure and annoyance for the existing fleet.

Summary



- The Road to Annoyance was paved over the course of many years through the dedicated and sustained efforts of a multi-disciplinary team of subject-matter experts.
- This effort demonstrates that the whole is, indeed, greater than the sum of its parts.

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