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Designing Urban Air Mobility for Low Noise

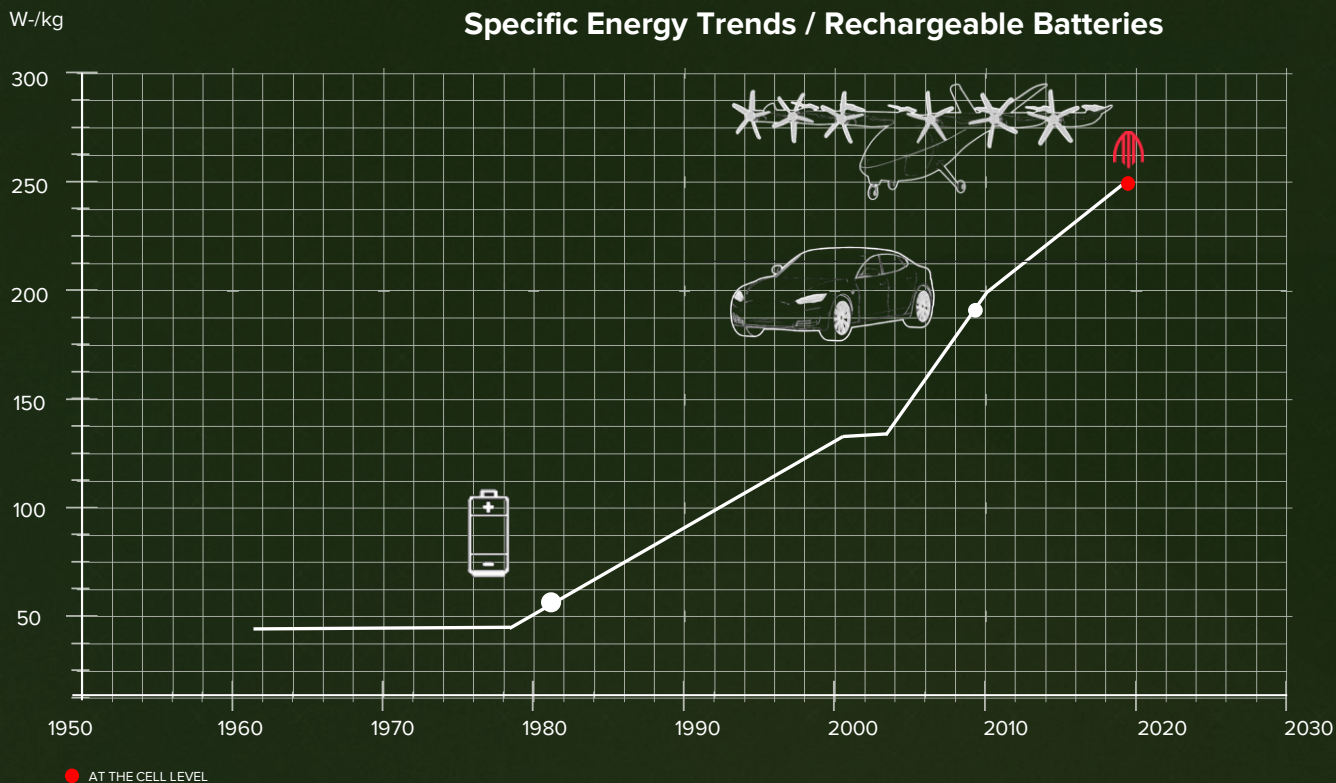


WHO WE ARE

- Archer is manufacturing a safe, sustainable, low noise, all-electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft with the goal of being first to market in 2025

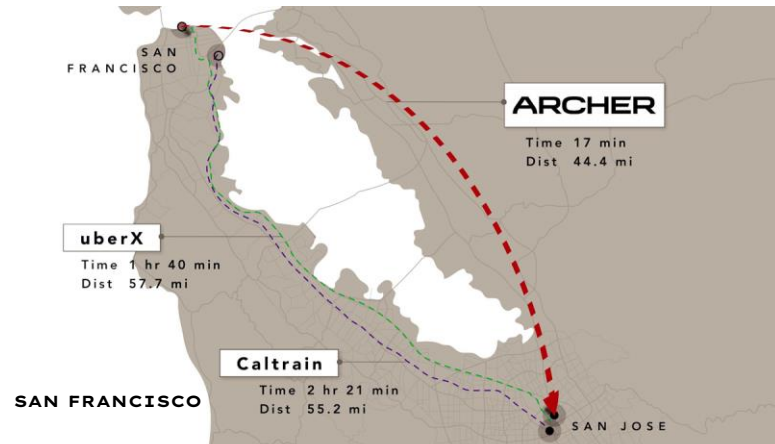


Electrification Technology Has Advanced Significantly



Archer UAM

- UAM includes moving people less than 100 miles in city centers and beyond
- Early launch markets will focus on highly congested cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami
- Early launch routes will be “trunk” routes from airport to city center as there is known demand and strong willingness to pay with a focus on launching these routes in collaboration with partners like United, Delta, Southwest
- Will follow on with “branch” routes to broader locations
- The first phase of UAM go to market is expected to rely on existing and retrofitted infrastructure
- As UAM scales, Archer expects to collaborate with aligned development partners to build high throughput vertiports



Aircraft Overview

ELECTRIC VERTICAL TAKE-OFF AND LANDING

PERFORMANCE

- **Range:** up to 100 miles, optimized for 20-50 mile rapid back-to-back trips with minimal charge time
- **Speed:** up to 150 MPH
- **Payload:** industry leading 1,000 lbs, pilot + 4 passengers

ADVANTAGES

- **Safety:** will be certified at levels similar to today's commercial airliners (no single points of failure)
- **Noise:** 100x quieter than a helicopter
- **Cost:** approximately 1/3 of cost to manufacture and operate than a traditional helicopter



· Vehicle Design

MIDNIGHT

Design Factors

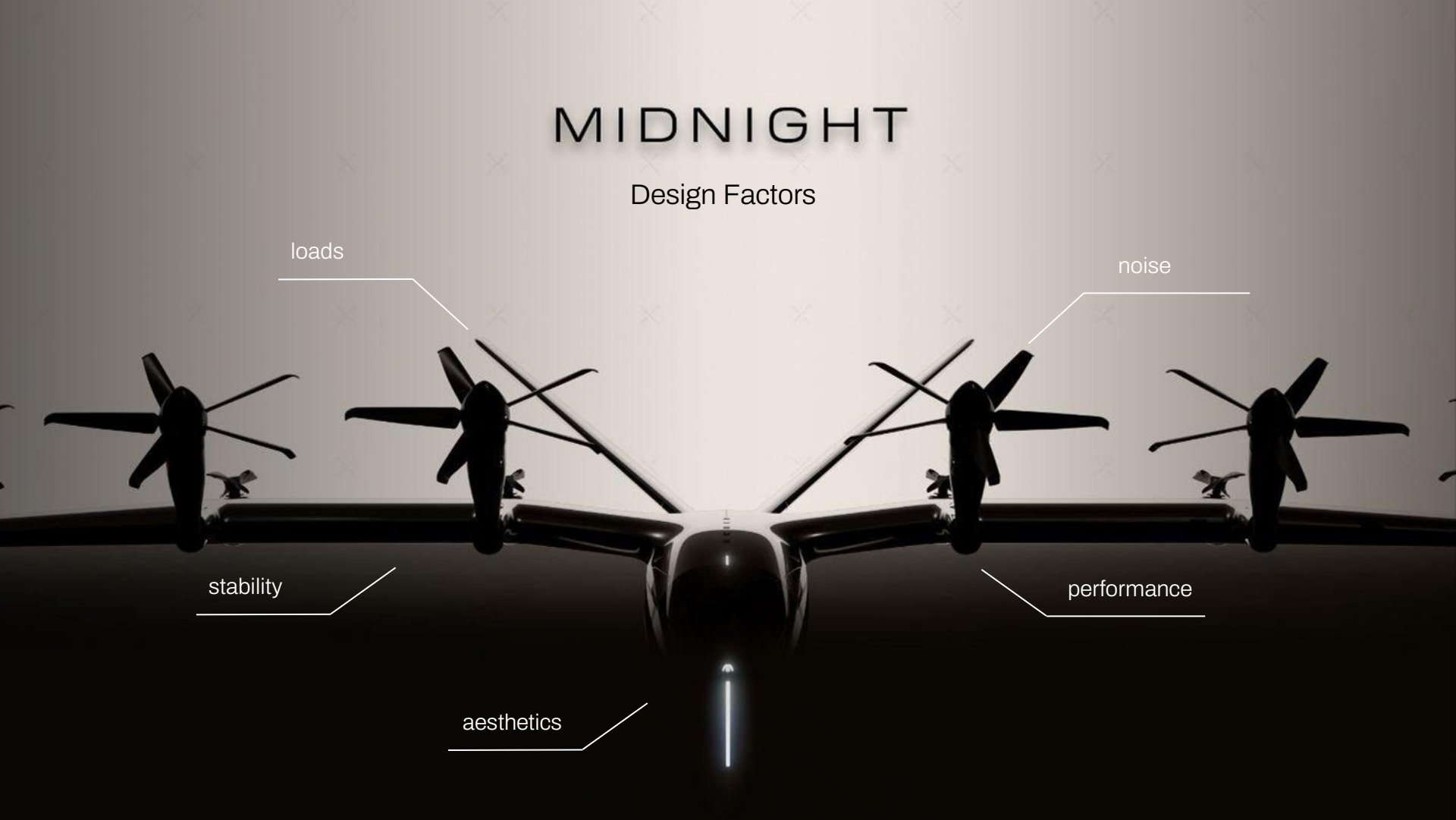
loads

noise

stability

performance

aesthetics

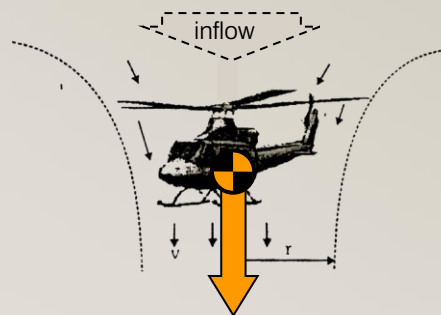


- Is thrust-borne flight more efficient than wing-borne?

Power to fly \propto

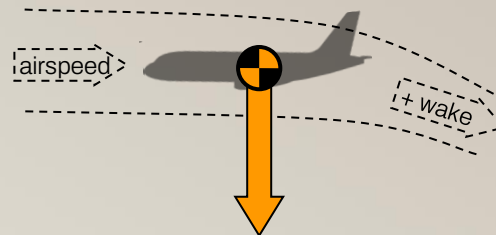
$$M^2 / \dot{m}$$

$$\dot{m}V^2$$



Large acceleration
Small mass of air

The power required to hover is commonly referred to as **ideal power**



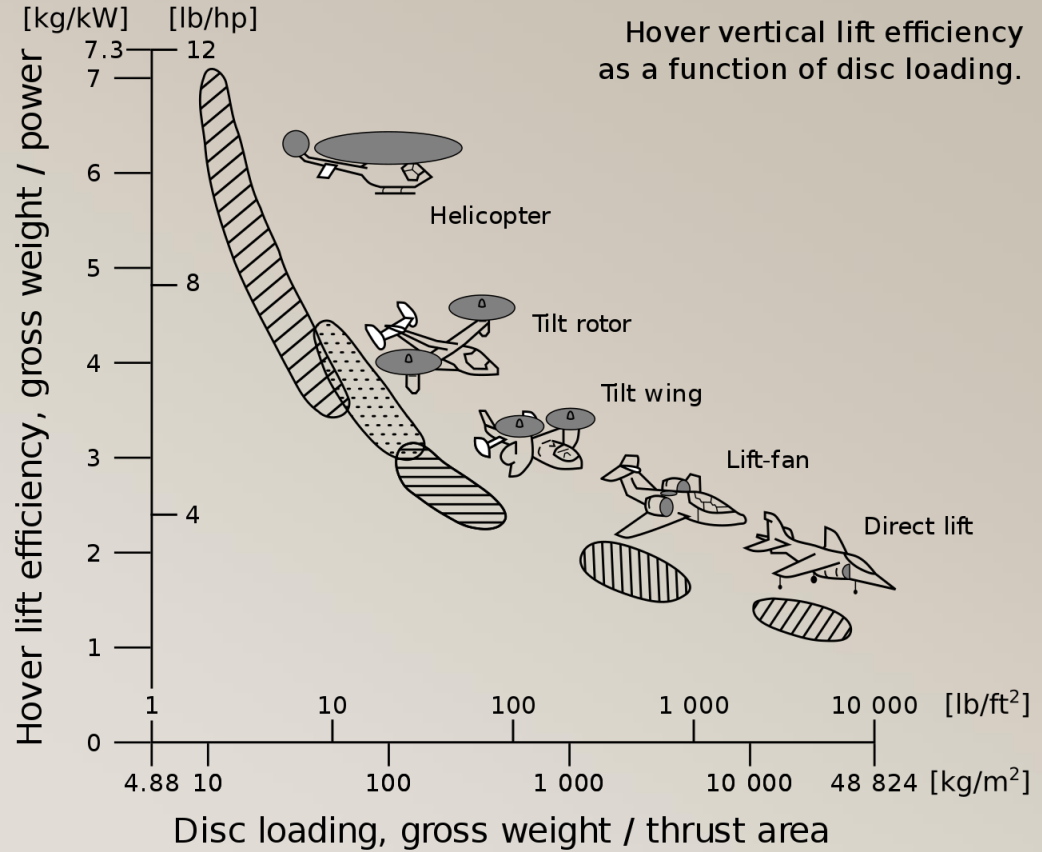
Small acceleration
Large mass of air

The power required to cruise is commonly referred to as **induced drag**

▸ Hover Ideal Power

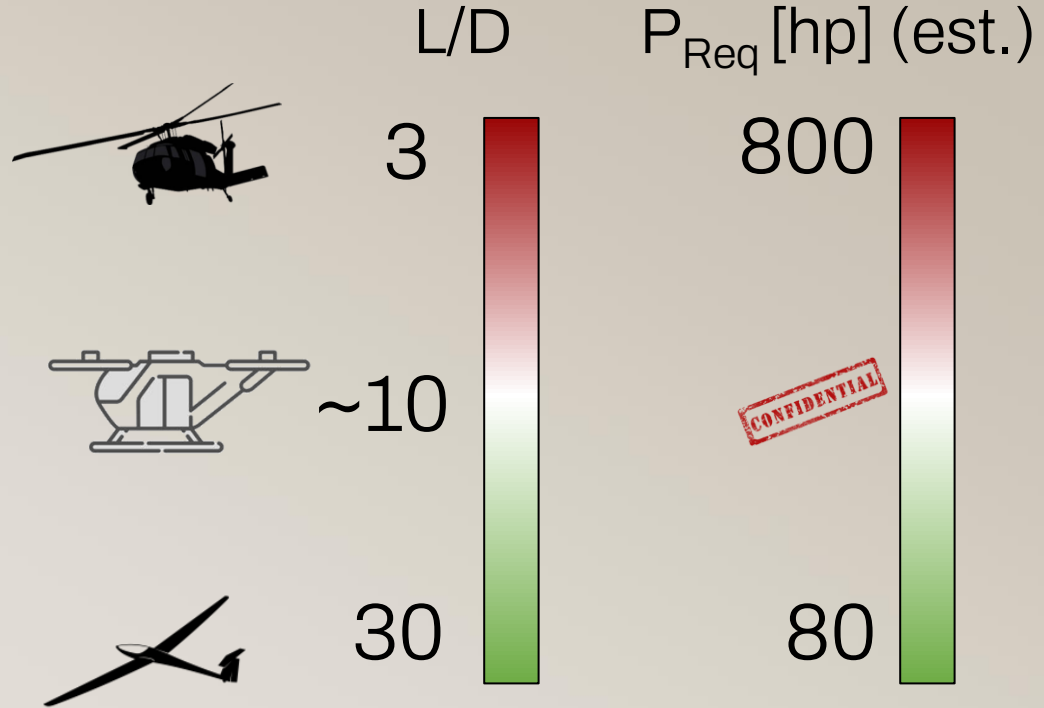
$$M \sqrt{\frac{M}{2\rho A}}$$

$$A = N_r \pi R^2$$



▸ Cruise Ideal Power

$$M \frac{V}{L/D}$$

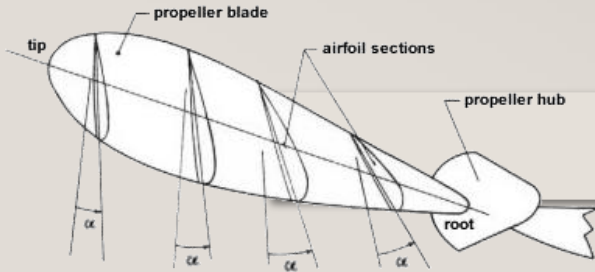


Propeller Blade Design

▸ Aerodynamic design

- Meet thrust level
- Max RPM
- Stall margin

operational constraints



geometric constraints

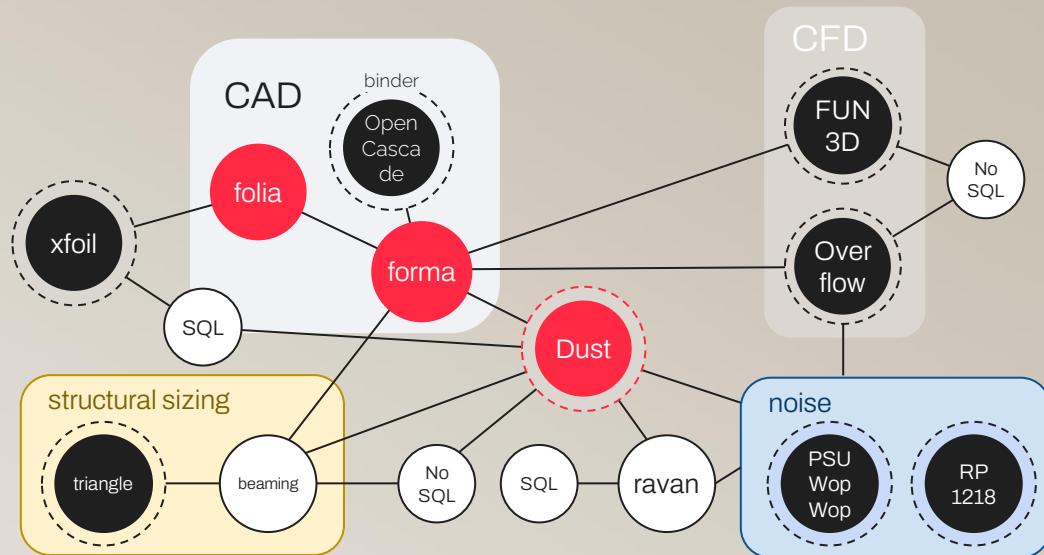
- Radius
- Inboard cutoff
- Root thickness

- Minimize power
- Minimize noise
- Minimize weight



Design Tools

Archer's aero and acoustics teams have built a modular framework to support multidisciplinary prediction.



Structural sizing

- Beam model for loads
- Sectional sizing based on sizing loads
- Mass estimation
- Natural frequency estimation

Noise prediction

- Loose coupling with flow solvers
- PSU-WOPWOP for **tonal**
- RP-1218 for **broadband**

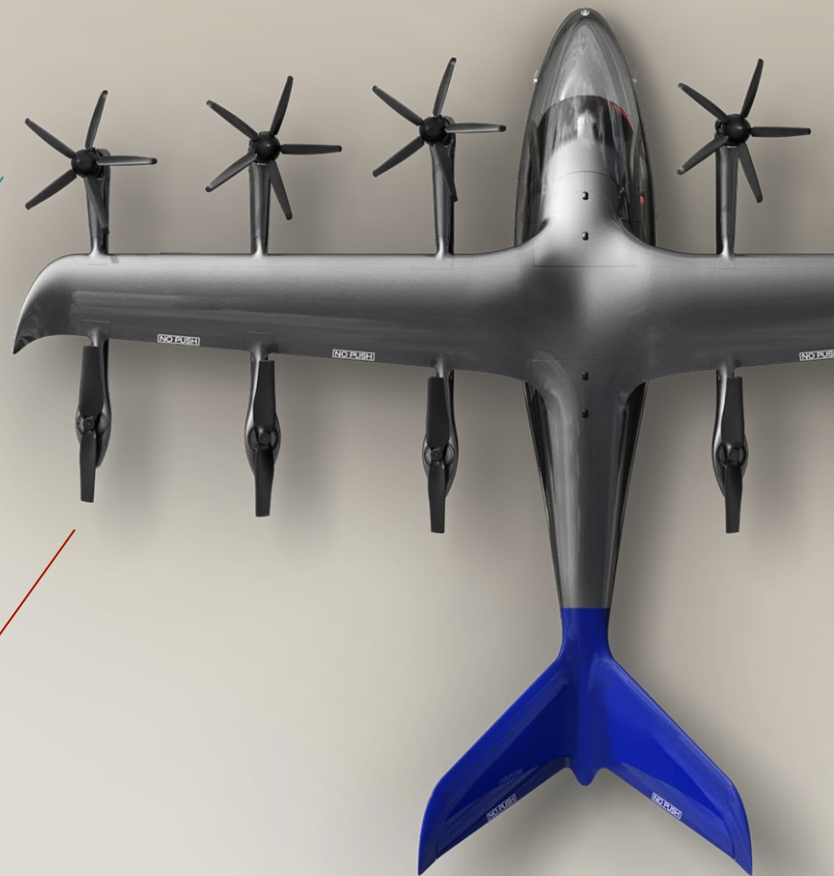
Midnight's Propellers

Variable RPM
Variable pitch
Tilting between hover and cruise
Relatively complex

Tilter

Lifter

Variable RPM
Fixed pitch
Stopped in cruise
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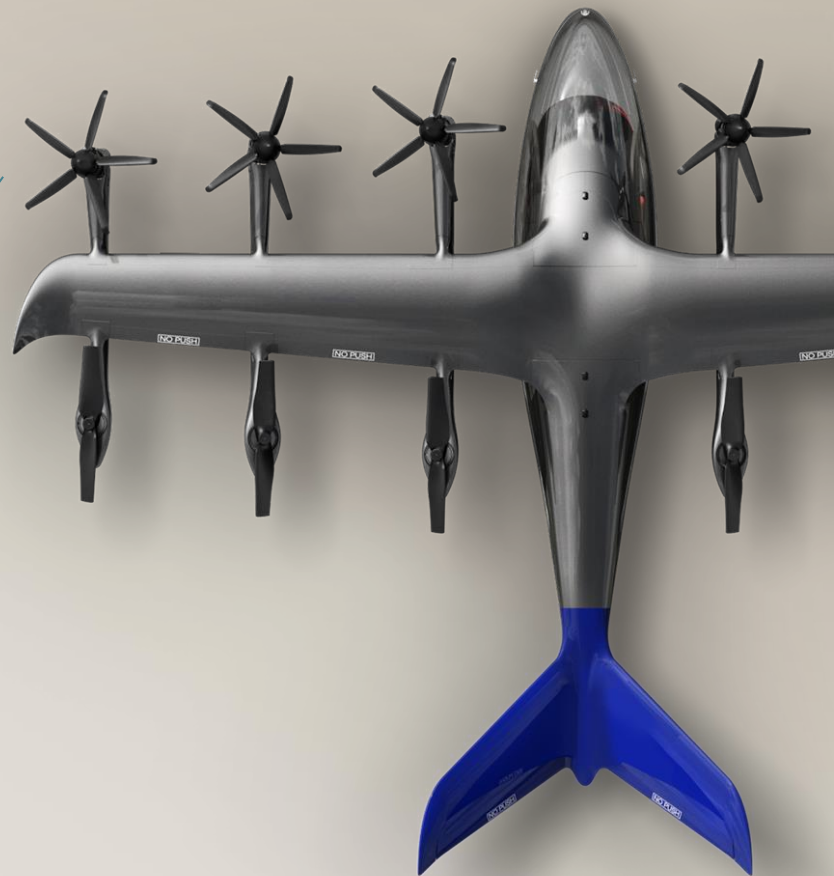
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Tilter

Acoustic considerations:

- Low tip speed in hover
- Low advance ratio in transition + cruise
- No edgewise cruise
- Minimize boom + wing interaction
- Minimize blade wake + vortex interaction
- Balance tonal & broadband components



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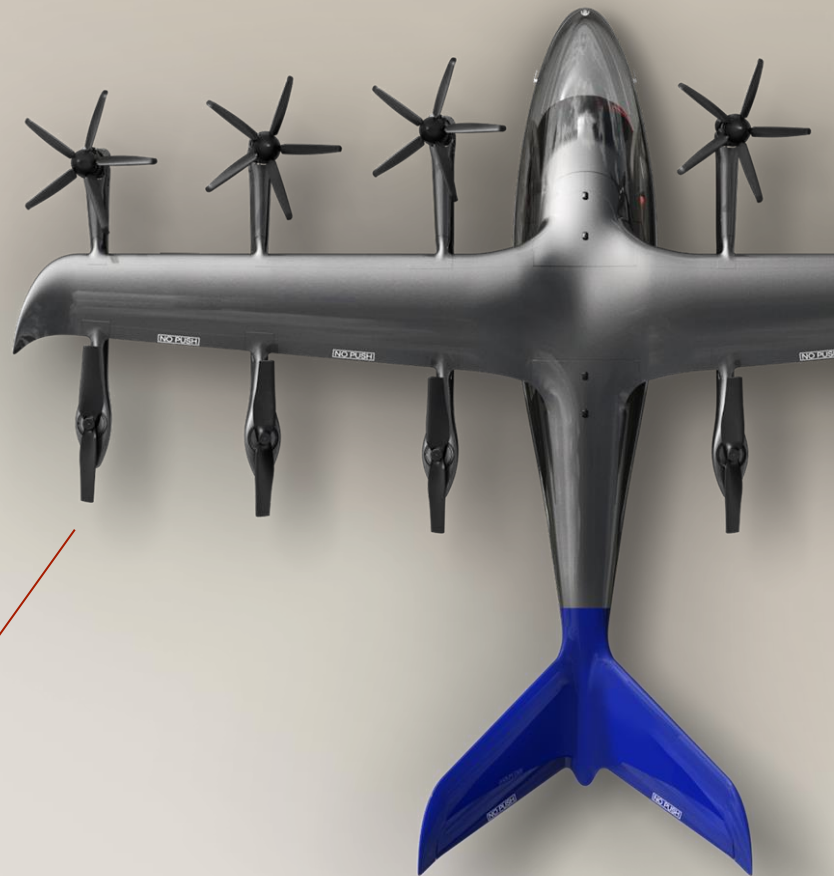
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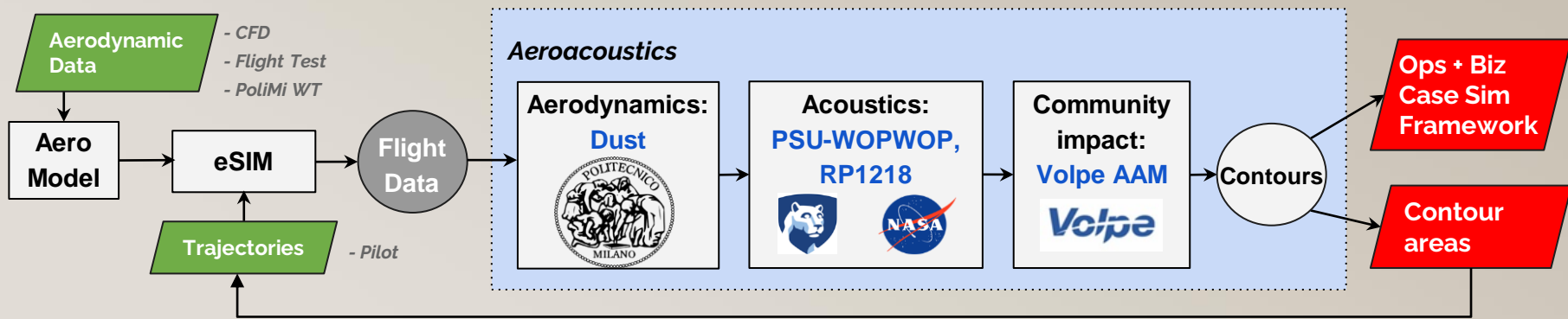
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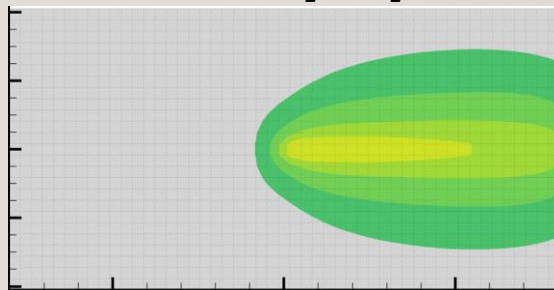


Community Noise

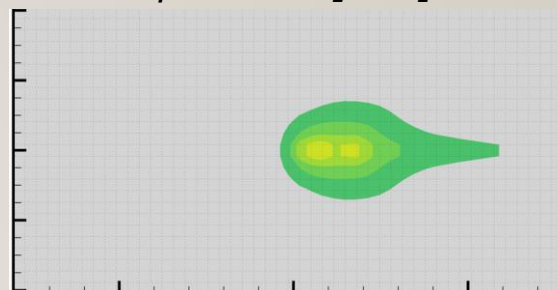
Reduce community impact by optimizing trajectories.



Baseline [SEL]



Optimized [SEL]



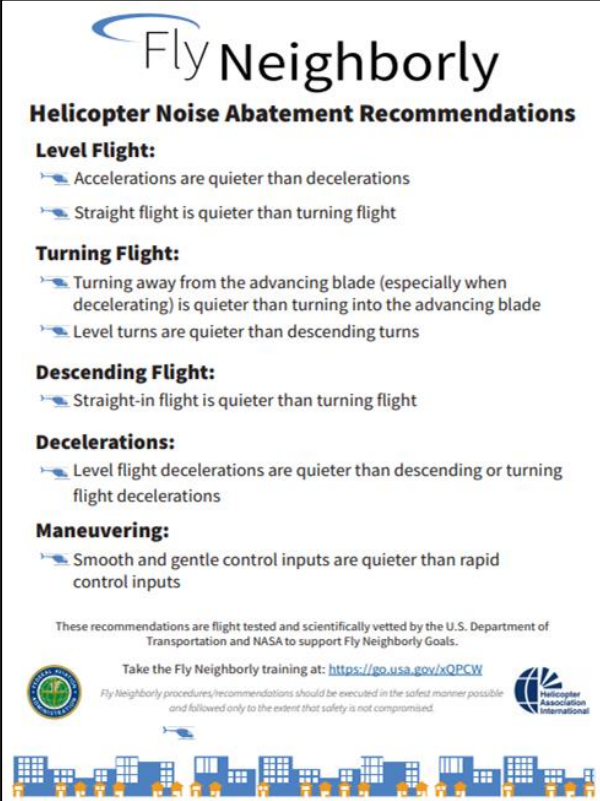
▸ Noise Abatement Still Applies

In general, electric cars are very quiet.

But Teslas make a lot more noise in *Plaid Mode*.

Noise abatement is an important part of pilot training.

Fly Neighborly!



Fly Neighborly

Helicopter Noise Abatement Recommendations

Level Flight:

- Accelerations are quieter than decelerations
- Straight flight is quieter than turning flight

Turning Flight:

- Turning away from the advancing blade (especially when decelerating) is quieter than turning into the advancing blade
- Level turns are quieter than descending turns

Descending Flight:

- Straight-in flight is quieter than turning flight

Decelerations:

- Level flight decelerations are quieter than descending or turning flight decelerations




Maneuvering:

- Smooth and gentle control inputs are quieter than rapid control inputs

These recommendations are flight tested and scientifically vetted by the U.S. Department of Transportation and NASA to support Fly Neighborly Goals.

Take the Fly Neighborly training at: <https://go.usa.gov/xQPCW>

Fly Neighborly procedures/recommendations should be executed in the safest manner possible and followed only to the extent that safety is not compromised.





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Thank You

