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# Abstract

This document summarizes the core functions and interrelationships of the eVTOL Technical-Economical Operations (TEO) Framework. An interactive optimization framework for future eVTOL Operations Planning, Economical & Environmental Analysis and Technology refinement. Document Version: v010924

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# Glossary

 $Limit_{\bf certification}$  Limiting Certification Mass (kg). 7

 $M_{\mathbf{battery}}$  Battery Mass (kg). 7

 $M_{\text{lug}}$  Single Luggage Mass (kg). 8

 $M_{\mathbf{pax}}$  Passenger Mass (kg). 8

 $M_{empty}$  Aircraft Empty Mass (kg). 7

 $M_{payload}$  Payload Mass (kg). 7

 $n_{\mathbf{seats}}$  Number of seats available (-). 8

**LF** Load Factor (-). 8

MTOM Maximum Take-Off Mass (kg). 7

 ${f TAS}$  True Airspeed. 2

# 1 Mission Profile & Operation Parameters

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• The simulation assumes a zero-credit descent, the cruise phase proceeds until overhead of the destination where the reserve would begin or the hover landing begins.

The flight profile in this framework accounts for a standard eVTOL mission for urban air mobility [1] and regional air mobility. Fig. 1 illustrates the segments of the eVTOL mission, Table 1 is describing each segment.

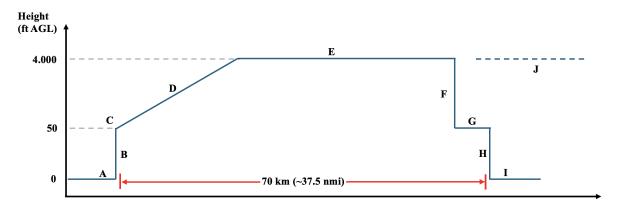


Figure 1: Sizing mission profile.

Segment	Description
A	Take-off
В	Vertical climb to 50ft (30s hover)
$^{\mathrm{C}}$	Transition
D	Climb
${f E}$	Cruise at 4.000ft
$\mathbf{F}$	No credit descent
G	Transition
Н	Vertical descent from 50ft (30s hover)
I	Landing
J	30 min reserve

Table 1: Sizing mission segments.

# 1.1 Operating Speeds

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The optimization framework presented does not consider wind.
- However, during climb and cruise phase, wind can be integrated by adding the average tailwind to the speed and subtracting the average headwind from the airspeed.
- The required climb speed  $V_{climb}$  and cruise speed  $V_{cruise}$  are computed according to the standard lift equation, depending on the aircraft mass MTOM, air density  $\rho$ , lift coefficient  $C_L$  and wing area S, see eq. 76 and 71 respectively.

True Airspeed (TAS) is the calibrated airspeed (CAS) corrected for altitude and non-standard temperature, representing the speed of the aircraft relative to the surrounding airmass [2]. TAS is used to calculate the power required for each flight phase. Within this model, the decisive speeds are the horizontal cruise speed  $V_{cruise}$  and the horizontal climb speed  $V_{climb}$  as described in eq. 76 and 71 respectively. The vertical climb speed, named rate of climb (ROC), which is used for energy requirement modeling during climb phase, is computed below, using  $\alpha_{cimb}$  (see Chapter 3), assuming zero wind:

$$ROC = tan(\alpha_{climb}) \cdot V_{climb} \tag{1}$$

As consideration: in low energy segments, namely reserve or holding flight, the loiter speed can be used as defined by Ref. [1].

$$V_{loiter} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} V_{cruise} [\text{kts}]$$
 (2)

When accounting for wind, the TAS is summed up with wind speed (head/tail wind), resulting in aircraft ground speed (GS). In this model we can assume adjustable direct head- or tailwind in cruise phase as well as climb phase. If taken into account, the headwind on a route can be considered as a margin factor on the speed over ground (i.e. relevant for the time calculation and the aerodynamic model).

# 1.2 Altitude Settings

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The initial and final mission altitude  $h_{takeoff-landing}$  above mean sea level is assumed to be 0m.
- Final hover height  $h_{hover}$  is assumed to be 50ft (15.25m) above ground level, according Ref. [3].
- Cruise altitude is assumed for 1,000ft (304.7m), covering EASA minimum safe altitude above congested and rural areas.
- To simulate other altitudes, these can simply be adjusted in the framework. The change in air density with altitude is taken into account via the atmospheric model.

Within this framework, there are three altitude to consider:

$$h_{hover} = \text{hover height [ft] } AGL$$
 (3)

$$h_{cruise} = \text{cruise height [ft] } AGL$$
 (4)

$$h_{takeoff-landing} = \text{initial altitude [ft] } AMSL$$
 (5)

Eq. 3 is the initial hover height above ground level at which transition occurs, it is assumed to be 100 ft AGL according Ref. [3]. Eq. 4 illustrates the cruise altitude above ground level. Eq. 5 is referred to the initial take-off and landing altitude, above mean sea level. These height setting does influence the air density within the atmospheric model, see Chapter 3.3.

#### 1.3 Distances

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The presented eVTOL optimization uses a constant circuitry ratio  $\Omega$  of 1 due to simplicity and improved comparability.
- For further analysis, the author's determined circuitry ratios for eVTOL from Table 2 can be used, which are based on flight planning taking into account the airspace and flight procedures.
- The circuitry ratios  $\Omega$  of the means of transport used in the transport type comparison are shown in Table 3 and are widely based on own computations.

The direct air distance  $D_{direct}$  from a starting point to end point is the only distance to externally set within this framework.  $D_{direct}$  can be influenced by the circuitry ratio, which is developed separately. By selecting the desired operational mode, the model will adapt the setting for the trip ground distance in eq. 6

$$D_{tripground} = D_{direct} * \Omega [km]$$
 (6)

where  $\Omega$  is the circuitry ratio, defined by:

$$\Omega = f(D_{direct}, OperatingMode) \tag{7}$$

 $\Omega$  varies, depending on IFR, VFR or no selected specific type of operation, for which it is 1.

	<35km	<120km	>120km
VFR uncontrolled	1,09	1,04	1,04
VFR controlled	1,40	1,05	1,05
IFR	2,98	1,64	1,05
Direct Air Distance	1,00	1,00	1,00

Table 2: Circuity Ratios for eVTOL Operations

The respected travel segment times and distances within the trip are computed with the equations below (using SI-units):

$$t_{climb} = \frac{h_{cruise} - h_{hover}}{ROC} \tag{8}$$

$$D_{climb} = V_{climb} * t_{climb} [km]$$
(9)

and

$$D_{cruise} = D_{tripground} - D_{climb} \tag{10}$$

$$t_{cruise} = \frac{D_{cruise}}{V_{cruise}} \tag{11}$$

The total time for one trip is then calculated by adding up:

$$t_{trip} = t_{hover_{TO}} + t_{climb} + t_{cruise} + t_{hover_{LDG}} + t_{holding}$$
 (12)

where it can be assumed that  $t_{hover} = t_{hover_{TO}} + t_{hover_{LDG}} = 60 seconds$ , and  $t_{holding}$  be set as required.

	Distance	Ratio	Source
Cars	up to 180km	1.30	computed
Cars	above 180km	1.20	computed
Train	all	1.20	computed
Airplane	all	1.05	Ref. [4]
Bicycle	all	1.28	computed
Bus	up to 100km	1.60	computed
Bus	above 100km	1.25	computed

Table 3: Circuity Ratios for Different Modes of Transport

# 1.4 Operations Model

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The following operational assumptions are made within the provided simulation.
- The assumptions can be adjusted according individual operational aspects.
- The provided operational framework evaluates the implementation of batteryswapping technology. The baseline scenario provides, build-in batteries that need stationary recharge before flight.
- The eVTOL operates within a daily operation window, defined by a fixed value of  $T_D$  (hours).
- Within this operation window the eVTOL can perform flights, characterized by travel time  $t_{trip}$  and battery depth-of-discharge (DOD), defined in chapter (4.3).
- The time between each flight is defined as the turnaround-time  $T_T$ . This time accounts for battery recharging as well as passenger/freight swap, but within the model only battery recharging is considered.
- Time for battery recharge is defined by the charging rate  $C_{rate_{charge}}$ , defined in chapter (4.3).

$$T_T = \frac{1}{C_{rate_{charge}}} \cdot DoD = \frac{1}{C_{rate_{charge}}} \cdot \frac{E_{trip}}{E_{Battery}}$$
 (13)

with:

$$DoD = \frac{E_{trip}}{E_{Battery}} \tag{14}$$

The Total Cycle Time Factor (CT), measures the efficiency of transportation operations. It reflects the ratio of non-productive turnaround time to productive trip time, with the "+1"

accounting for the complete cycle. A lower value indicates higher operational efficiency by minimizing turnaround time relative to trip time. It is defined by:

$$CT = \frac{T_T}{t_{trip}} + 1 \tag{15}$$

Fig. (2) depicts an operational framework for eVTOL vehicles, based on Uber Elevate requirements, Ref. [5]. It includes:

- Annual Operation Days  $(n_{wd})$ : 260 days/year.
- Daily Operation Window  $(T_D)$ : 8 hours/day.
- Turnaround Time  $(T_T)$ : Function of C-rate and Depth of Discharge (DoD).
- Trip Time  $(T_{trip})$ : Depends on vehicle speed (V), trip distance  $(D_{trip})$ , and hover time  $(t_{hover})$ .

The framework calculates the number of flight cycles and total flight hours within these constraints. Operational parameters like annual-trip-time ratio, annual flight hours, daily flight hours and flight cycles are defined below:

# Operation Framework

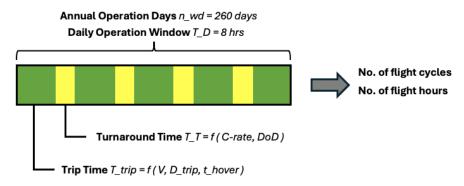


Figure 2: Operations Window.

•  $\lambda_{trip} =$ annual-trip-time ratio, defined by equation 16 and 21:

$$\lambda_{trip} = \frac{t_{trip}}{FH_{annual}} \tag{16}$$

•  $FH_{annual}$  (hours) = annual operating flight hours of one eVTOL, defined by equation 17 and 20:

$$FH_{annual} = t_{trip} \cdot FC_{annual} = t_{trip} \cdot n_{WD} \cdot FC_{day} \tag{17}$$

•  $FC_{annual}$  (-) = annual operating flight cycles of one eVTOL, defined by:

$$FC_{annual} = n_{WD} \cdot FC_{day} = n_{WD} \cdot \frac{T_D}{t_{trin} \cdot CT}$$
(18)

•  $n_{WD}$  (-) = number of operating days per year, set to 260, Ref. [6].

•  $FC_{day}$  (-) = daily operating flight cycles of one eVTOL, defined by:

$$FC_{day} = \frac{T_D}{t_{trip} \cdot CT} \tag{19}$$

$$FH_{annual} = n_{WD} \cdot \frac{T_D}{CT} \tag{20}$$

and

$$\lambda_{trip} = \frac{1}{FC_{annual}} = \frac{t_{trip} \cdot CT}{n_{WD} \cdot T_D}$$
 (21)

# 2 Aircraft Mass Budget

# 2.1 Maximum Take-Off Mass

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Due to the preliminary design nature of the optimisation, MTOM should be treated as a first estimate.
- The proposed design optimization allows a deviation by 2% of eq. 22.

The total mass of an eVTOL aircraft can be generally described by (expressed in kg):

$$MTOM = M_{payload} + M_{empty} + M_{battery} \le Limit_{certification}$$
 (22)

with MTOM being the maximum take-off mass,  $M_{payload}$  the payload mass,  $M_{empty}$  the empty mass, and  $M_{battery}$  the battery mass. According EASA's latest certification specifications for eVTOL, Ref. [3], the maximum certifiable weight is limited to  $Limit_{certification} = 5.700kg$ .

# 2.2 Battery Mass

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Battery Mass accounts for design mission energy requirements, as sum of reserve and trip energy. Reserve energy can be adjusted by the user by selecting reserve time, which is assumed to be 30min in cruise power.
- 20% of unusable battery capacity in terms of state of charge ceiling and floor are considered (see Chapter 4.3).
- The end-of-life battery status is considered, defined by 80% of begin-of-life condition (see Chapter 4.3).

Historically,  $M_{battery}$  would be considered as part of  $M_{empty}$ , but for enormous impact of  $M_{battery}$  on MTOM, it is considered separately.  $M_{battery}$  can be calculated by eq. 23, considering the design mission energy needs and battery energy desnity  $\rho_{bat}$  in Wh/kg. The factor of 0.64 accounts for unusable battery energy (see Chapter 4.3).

$$M_{battery} = \frac{E_{useable}}{e_{usable}} = \frac{E_{trip} + E_{res}}{0.64 \cdot \rho_{bat}} [kg]$$
 (23)

# 2.3 Payload

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Payload is defined by load factor, number of passengers and their average mass.
- Within this framework a constant payload and a load factor of 1 is considered, according equation 25.

 $M_{payload}$  should count for an average passenger weight  $M_{pax}$  and luggage weight per passenger  $M_{lug}$ . The mean Passenger and Luggage weights for commercial air transportation are assumed  $M_{pax}$ =82.2kg and  $M_{lug}$ =16kg [7].  $n_{seats}$  is the maximum seat capacity of the aircraft. LF is the load factor of the aircraft.

$$M_{payload} = (M_{pax} + M_{lug}) \cdot N_{seats} \cdot LF [kg]$$
 (24)

In a fully loaded 4-seater eVTOL this results in:

$$M_{payload} = (82.2 + 16) \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \,[\text{kg}] = 392.8 \,[\text{kg}]$$
 (25)

# 2.4 Empty Mass Method 1

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- This method is used within the presented optimization.
- Statistical methods highly depend on used data set for model fit. The provided methods are based on general aviation aircraft.
- The provided equations are highly unit sensitive. Use the provided conversion table to transfer metric units into imperial units, insert the imperial units into the models and re-transfer the results from pounds to kilogram.
- Wihtin this framework, statistical mass estimations according Raymer [8] and Nicolai [9] are averaged.

The empty mass in this method is defined as:

$$M_{empty} = M_{wing} + M_{rotor} + M_{motor} + M_{fuselage} + M_{systems} + M_{furnish} + M_{crew}$$
 (26)

Where crew mass  $M_{crew}$  is based on average masses for single pilot operation [7]. Within this method, the values in Table 4 are used for unit conversion.

Unit	Metric	Imperial	
Weight	1 kg	2.20462 lb	
Length	1 m	3.28084 ft	
Area	$1 \mathrm{m}^2$	$10.7639 \text{ ft}^2$	
Speed	1 m/s	1.94384 kt	

Table 4: Conversions from Metric to Imperial Units

# 2.4.1 Wing Mass

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Within optimization model, rectangular wing with NACA2412 airfoil is assumed, taper ratio  $\lambda$  is assumed 1 and sweep angle  $\Lambda_{c/4}$  to be 0°.
- Airfoil data for NACA0012 is provided in Chapter 3 and can be adjusted in the provided optimization code.
- Thickness to chord t/c ratio is assumed for 0.12 (NACA2412).
- Maximum level airspeed  $V_H$  is assumed to equal  $V_{cruise}$ .
- The calculation of the wing mass is based solely on statistical mass estimation, based on historical aircraft data from general aviation. Detailed structural and geometric characteristics of the wings are NOT taken into account. The integration of an FEM model, for example, for a more accurate calculation of the wing mass, taking into account more precise wing design parameters, has the potential to significantly complement the proposed model in future work.

## Raymer:

$$M_{W_R} = 0.036 \cdot S_W^{0.758} W_{FW}^{-0.0035} \left( \frac{AR_W}{\cos^2 \Lambda_{C/4}} \right)^{0.6} q^{0.006} \lambda^{0.04} \left( \frac{100 \cdot t/c}{\cos \Lambda_{C/4}} \right)^{-0.3} (n_z W_O)^{0.49}$$
 (27)

## Nicolai:

$$M_{W_N} = 96.948 \cdot \left(\frac{n_z W_O}{10^5}\right)^{0.65} \left(\frac{AR_W}{\cos^2 \Lambda_{C/4}}\right)^{0.57} \left(\frac{S_W}{100}\right)^{0.61} \left(\frac{1+\lambda}{2(t/c)}\right)^{0.36} \left(\sqrt{1+\frac{V_H}{500}}\right)^{0.993}$$
(28)

In the given equations:

- $M_W$  is the predicted weight of the wing in pounds-force (lbf).
- $S_W$  is the trapezoidal wing area in square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>).
- $W_{FW}$  is the weight of fuel in the wing in pounds (lbs) (if  $W_{FW} = 0$ , then let  $W_{FW}^{0.0035} = 1$ ).
- $\bullet$  AR denotes the Aspect Ratio of the wing, HT, or VT, as per the appropriate subscripts.
- $\Lambda_{C/4}$  is the wing sweep at 25% Mean Geometric Chord (MGC).
- q represents the dynamic pressure at cruise.
- $\lambda$  is the wing taper ratio.
- t/c refers to the wing thickness to chord ratio.
- $n_z$  is the ultimate load factor.
- $W_0$  is the design gross weight in pounds (lbs).
- $V_H$  is the maximum level airspeed at Sea Level (S-L) in Knots Equivalent Airspeed (KEAS).

Resulting in:

$$M_{wing} = \frac{M_{W_R} + M_{W_N}}{2} \tag{29}$$

#### 2.4.2 Rotor Mass

The rotor weight model from [10], which deals with UAM, was adopted and adapted for passenger transporting EVTOL using a correction factor. The average weight and radius of a series of MT propellers from table 5 was used as a reference to identify a matchpoint where the radius of 1.1m hits 18.0kg. In addition the model was damped by adjusting the potency of the disproportionality to moderate the exponential increase in rotor weight with rotor size.

$$M_R = k_{rotor} \cdot \left[ n_h \cdot \left( 0.7484 \cdot R_{\text{hover}}^{1.2} - 0.0403 \cdot R_{\text{hover}} \right) + n_c \cdot \left( 0.7484 \cdot R_{\text{cruise}}^{1.2} - 0.0403 \cdot R_{\text{cruise}} \right) \right]$$
(30)

where  $n_h$  and  $n_c$  are the number of rotors in the hover configuration and cruise configuration, respectively. During climb, the cruise propeller is used.  $R_i$  represents the radius of each propeller, with i indicating either the hover or cruise configuration.

Type	MT-11	MT-15	MTV-21	MTV-17	MTV-20	Average
D [cm]	190	260	203	190	210	
r [cm]	95	130	101.5	95	105	1.1
M [kg]	16	25	12	16	21	18
Source	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15]	

Table 5: Technical Data for MT Propellers

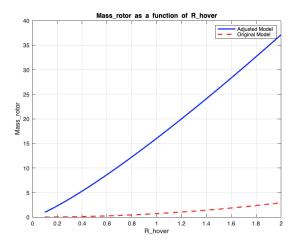


Figure 3: Rotor mass model.

#### 2.4.3 Landing Gear Mass

#### **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• The provided equations are highly unit sensitive. Use the provided conversion table to transfer metric units into imperial units, insert the imperial units into the models and re-transfer the results from pounds to kilogram.

The Landing gear mass is computed by averaging statistical models. Raymer provides to equations, one for main landing gear and one for nose landing gear. Nicolai provides a model for the entire landing gear. The landing gear weight is driven by total aircraft mass MTOM and length of the gear struts  $L_m$  and  $L_n$ , summarized as  $L_i$ .  $L_i$  is defined by the cruise propeller radius  $R_{prop_{cruise}}$  and the minimum propeller clearance of 7 inches (0.1778m) as required by EASA, Ref. [16], and FAA, Ref. [17].

# Raymer:

$$W_{MLG_R} = 0.095 \cdot (n_l \cdot W_l)^{0.768} \left(\frac{L_m}{12}\right)^{0.409}$$
(31)

$$M_{NLG_R} = 0.125 \cdot (n_l W_l)^{0.566} \left(\frac{L_n}{12}\right)^{0.845}$$
(32)

where:

- $W_{\rm MLG}$  = predicted weight of the main landing gear in lbf
- $W_{\rm NLG}$  = predicted weight of the nose landing gear in lbf
- $n_l$  = ultimate landing load factor (set to  $1.5 \cdot 2.5 = 3.75$ , with 2.5 as maximum load factor 1.5 as safety factor).
- $L_m = \text{length of the main landing gear strut in inches}$
- $W_l$  = design landing weight in lbf
- $L_n$  = length of the nose landing gear strut in inches

## Nicolai:

$$M_{MNLG_N} = 0.054 \cdot (n_l W_l)^{0.684} \left(\frac{L_m}{12}\right)^{0.601}$$
(33)

where:

- $n_l$  = ultimate landing load factor
- $W_l = \text{design landing weight in lbf}$
- $L_m$  = length of the main landing gear strut in inches
- $W_{\text{MNLG}}$  = predicted weight of the entire landing gear in lbf

Resulting in:

$$M_{gear} = \frac{M_{MLG_R} + M_{NLG_R} + M_{MNLG_N}}{2} \tag{34}$$

# 2.4.4 Motor Mass

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• The motor mass model, based on Ref. [18], is valid for the power range from 10 kW to 260 kW per motor.

The model is based on Ref. [18] and solely depends on the number of motors, which is set to the number of rotors, aligning with the power architecture of the eVTOL shown in Fig. (4).

$$M_{motor} = n_h \cdot 0.6756 \left( \frac{p_{\text{hover}}}{n_{p_{\text{hover}}} \cdot 745.7} \right)^{0.783} + n_c \cdot 0.6756 \left( \frac{p_{\text{climb}}}{n_{p_{\text{horizontal}}} \cdot 745.7} \right)^{0.783}$$
(35)

where P is the power, which can be input directly in watts, and the output is the weight in kilograms (kg).  $n_h$  and  $n_c$  are the number of rotors in the hover configuration and cruise configuration, respectively.

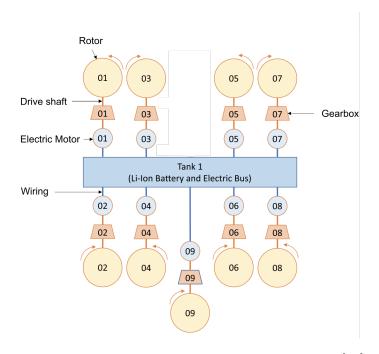


Figure 4: Motor architecture concept, from Ref. [19].

#### 2.4.5 Fuselage Mass

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The provided equations are highly unit sensitive. Use the provided conversion table to transfer metric units into imperial units, insert the imperial units into the models and re-transfer the results from pounds to kilogram.
- The calculation of the fuselage mass is based on statistical mass estimation methods. The structural and geometric properties of the stringers, frames and skins are NOT taken into account. Consideration of the structural calculation may contribute to a significant future extension of the model.

The fuselage mass accounts for the structural mass of the frames, stringer, and skin of the main fuselage.

#### Raymer:

$$W_{\text{FUS}} = 0.052 \cdot S_{\text{FUS}}^{0.086} \cdot (n_z W_0)^{0.177} l_{\text{HT}}^{-0.051} \left(\frac{l_{\text{FS}}}{d_{\text{FS}}}\right)^{-0.072} q^{0.241} + 11.9 \cdot (V_P \Delta P)^{0.271}$$
(36)

Nicolai:

$$W_{\text{FUS}} = 200 \left[ \left( \frac{n_z W_0}{10^5} \right)^{0.286} \left( \frac{l_F}{10} \right)^{0.857} \left( \frac{w_F + d_F}{10} \right) \left( \frac{V_H}{100} \right)^{0.338} \right]^{1.1}$$
 (37)

where:

•  $W_{\rm FUS}$  = predicted weight of the fuselage in lbf

- $S_{\text{FUS}}$  = fuselage wetted area in ft<sup>2</sup>
- $l_{\rm FS} = {\rm length}$  of fuselage structure (forward bulkhead to aft frame) in ft
- $d_{\rm FS}={
  m depth}$  of fuse lage structure in ft
- $V_P$  = volume of pressurized cabin section in ft<sup>3</sup>
- $\Delta P = \text{cabin pressure differential, in psi (typically 8 psi)}$
- $l_F$  = fuselage length in ft
- $w_F$  = fuselage max width in ft
- $d_F$  = fuselage max depth in ft
- $l_{\rm HT} = {\rm length}$  of fuselage structure (not explicitly listed in the overview, but assumed from context)
- $n_z$  = ultimate load factor
- $W_0 = \text{design gross weight in lbf}$
- q = dynamic pressure at cruise
- $V_H$  = maximum level airspeed at Sea Level (S-L) in Knots Equivalent Airspeed (KEAS)

# 2.4.6 Systems Mass

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• The provided equations are highly unit sensitive. Use the provided conversion table to transfer metric units into imperial units, insert the imperial units into the models and re-transfer the results from pounds to kilogram.

The systems mass accounts for the flight control system and avionics. We assume it also covers air conditioning, lights and other non-flying electronics.

# Raymer:

$$M_{system_R} = 0.053 \cdot l_{FS}^{1.536} \cdot b^{0.371} \cdot \left( n_z W_0 \cdot 10^{-4} \right)^{0.80}$$
 (38)

Nicolai:

$$M_{system_N} = 1.08W_0^{0.7} (39)$$

where:

- $W_{\rm CTRL}$  = predicted weight of the flight control system in lbf
- $l_{\rm FS} = {\rm length}$  of fuselage structure in ft
- b = wingspan in ft
- $n_z$  = ultimate load factor
- $W_0 = \text{design gross weight in lbf}$

Resulting in:

$$M_{system} = \frac{M_{system_R} + M_{system_N}}{2} \tag{40}$$

#### 2.4.7 Furnish Mass

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• The provided equations are highly unit sensitive. Use the provided conversion table to transfer metric units into imperial units, insert the imperial units into the models and re-transfer the results from pounds to kilogram.

The furnish mass accounts for interior of the eVTOL, like seating and other travel-experience related equipment like entertaiment.

# Raymer:

$$M_{furn_R} = 0.0582W_0 - 65 \tag{41}$$

Nicolai:

$$M_{furn_N} = 34.5 N_{\text{CREW}} q_H^{0.25}$$
 (42)

where:

- $W_{\text{FURN}}$  = predicted weight of furnishings in lbf
- $W_0 = \text{design gross weight (maximum take-off mass, MTOM)}$  in lbf
- $N_{\text{CREW}} = \text{number of crew}$
- $q_H$  = dynamic pressure at max level airspeed, in lbf/ft<sup>2</sup>

Resulting in:

$$M_{furnish} = \frac{M_{furn_R} + M_{furn_N}}{2} \tag{43}$$

# 2.5 Empty Mass Method 2

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- This method is identical to Empty Mass Method 1, despite only the Raymer or Nicolai Method is used, so no average is taken.
- This method is prone to under- and over estimation of component mass, as it highly dependent on used data sets for statistical method fit.

# 2.6 Empty Mass Method 3

#### **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• This method is based on models used for the calculation of UAVs and on estimates by the author, but provides a simpler but possibly less accurate estimate of the eVTOL empty weight.

The empty weight in this model is defined as:

$$M_{empty} = M_{wing} + M_{rotor} + M_{motor} + M_{other} \tag{44}$$

The wing (eq. 45) and rotor (eq. 46) mass models are adapted from RR Martins [10]. The motor mass model (eq. ??) is the same in method 1. S being the wing reference area in  $m^2$ ,  $N_P$  the number of propellers and R the rotor diameter in m for hover and cruise configuration:

$$M_{winq} = -0.0802 + 2.2854 \cdot S \tag{45}$$

$$M_{rotor} = \sum_{i} N_{P_i} \cdot (0.7484 \cdot R_i^2 - 0.0403 \cdot R_i)$$
 (46)

 $M_{other}$  is assumed fix, accounting for fuse lage, avionics, wiring, interior, empennage and painting. It is estimated by subtracting the wing, rotor, and motor weight using the above models, from the Tecnam P2006T's total empty weight of 819kg Ref. [20], which is a similar in-size aircraft to future eVTOL. For the Tecnam P2006T following is assumed Ref. [20]: s = 11.4m ,  $A_{wing} = 14.8m^2$ , 2 propellers,  $R_{prop} = 0.9m$ . This results in a fixed other empty weight of:

$$M_{other} = 668kg (47)$$

which aligns with estimations from Ref. [21] for eVTOL empty mass.

# 3 Aerodynamic Model

In this model we use a simplified aerodynamic lift and drag model to calculate lift coefficient  $C_L$  and drag coefficient  $C_D$  of the eVTOL wing, based on Ref. [22] and Ref. [23]. The airfoil data is taken from Ref. [24, 25] at Re = 200,000.

# 3.1 Lift Model

Within this framework only the pre-stall aerodynamics are considered. A linear pre-stall lift curve is assumed with a stall angle of attack at 15°. According [23], the finite-wing-lift-curve slope  $\alpha_{wing}$  is described by:

$$\alpha_{wing} = \frac{\alpha_{airfoil}}{1 + \frac{\alpha_{airfoil}}{\pi \cdot AR \cdot e}} \tag{48}$$

where AR is the wing aspect ratio, e is the oswald span efficiency, set to 0.8, and  $\alpha_{airfoil}$  is the airfoil-lift-curve slope. During the development of this model there are two airfoil profiles in consideration. Based on Ref. [23] and in the interest of simplicity the symmetric NACA 0012 profile (0% camber, 12% max thickness at 30% chord, Ref. [23]) can be used. To simulate an airfoil with camber, the NACA 2412 (can be used as it provides more lift at lower angle of attacks compared to the NACA 0012 (2% max camber at 40% chord, 12% max thickness at 30% chord, Ref. [23]) making it more efficient in urban and regional air mobility. For detailed airfoil info see Appendix A. The finite-wing lift coefficient can be written as:

$$C_L = \frac{\alpha_{airfoil}}{1 + \frac{\alpha_{airfoil}}{m \cdot AB \cdot e}} \cdot \alpha + C_{L_0} = \alpha_{wing} \cdot \alpha + C_{L_0}$$

$$\tag{49}$$

where  $C_{L_0}$  is the lift coefficient at zero angle of attack (equals 0 for NACA 0012) and  $\alpha$  is the angle of attack. The slope of the lift coefficient of the airfoil NACA 0012 and NACA 2412 are computed with linear regression using the data from Table 12 and 13 in the Appendix. The airfoils can be described as followed:

NACA0012: 
$$C_L = 5.4225(1/rad) \cdot \alpha(rad)$$
 (50)

NACA2412: 
$$C_L = 4.0923(1/rad) \cdot \alpha(rad) + 0.415$$
 (51)

This results in total lift, where  $\rho$  is the air density (modelled with the atmospheric model, see Chapter 3.3), V is the aircraft's true air speed, S is the wings reference area:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V^2 \cdot S \cdot C_L = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V^2 \cdot S \cdot \left( \frac{\alpha_{airfoil}}{1 + \frac{\alpha_{airfoil}}{\pi \cdot AR \cdot e}} \cdot \alpha + C_{L_0} \right)$$
 (52)

# 3.2 Drag Model

The model used is based on the lifting line theroy [23] and assumes finite-wing-drag coefficient as composition of induced drag  $C_{D_i}$  and parasite drag  $C_{D_{min}}$ :

$$C_{D_{min}} = C_{D_{min}} + C_{D_i} \tag{53}$$

with

$$C_{D_i} = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \cdot AR \cdot e} \tag{54}$$

and  $C_{D_{min}} = 0.0397$  based on the approach by Ref. [22] and the wind-tunnel experiments of Ref.[26], accounting for additional drag of the lifting rotors of a lift+cruise configuration. Resulting in following drag model:

$$C_{D_{min}} = 0.0397 + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \cdot AR \cdot e} \tag{55}$$

and total drag:

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V^2 \cdot S \cdot C_D = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V^2 \cdot S \cdot \left( 0.0397 + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \cdot AR \cdot e} \right)$$
 (56)

The resulting lift and drag coefficient models are shown in Fig. 5. Within the model, a constant angle of attack during climb  $\alpha_{climb} = 8^{\circ}$  and  $\alpha_{climb} = 3^{\circ}$  (subject to change).

# 3.3 Atmospheric Model

Based on [27], the model of the international standard atmosphere (ISA) is implemented in the aerodynamic model, influencing the air density at selected heights. The air density  $\rho$  is described as a function of height, where  $\rho_{MSL}$  is the standard air density at mean sea level,  $\rho_{takeoff-landing}$  is the air density at the takeoff- and landing site altitude  $h_{takeoff-laning}$ , measured AMSL (above mean sea level),  $\rho_{cruise}$  is the air density at cruise altitude  $H_{cruise}$ , measured AGL (above ground level), such that  $h_{cruise} + h_{takeoff-laning}$  give the cruise altitude AMSL.  $\rho_{climb}$  is the air density at average climb altitude and which is assumed as the mean of  $h_{cruise}$  plus  $h_{takeoff-laning}$ . The calculated densities are in  $\frac{kg}{m^3}$ .

$$\rho_{MSL} = 1.225 \left[ \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right] \tag{57}$$

and

$$\rho_{takeoff-landing} = \rho_{MSL} \left( 1 - 22.558 \times 10^{-6} \times h_{takeoff-landing} \right)^{4.2559}$$
 (58)

and

$$\rho_{cruise} = \rho_{MSL} \left( 1 - 22.558 \times 10^{-6} \times \left( h_{cruise} + h_{takeoff-landing} \right) \right)^{4.2559}$$
 (59)

and

$$\rho_{Climb} = \rho_{MSL} \left( 1 - 22.558 \times 10^{-6} \times \left( h_{cruise} / 2 + h_{takeoff-landing} \right) \right)^{4.2559}$$
 (60)

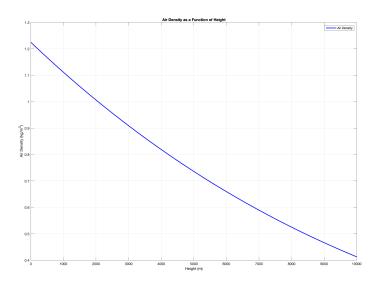


Figure 6: Air density as function of height.

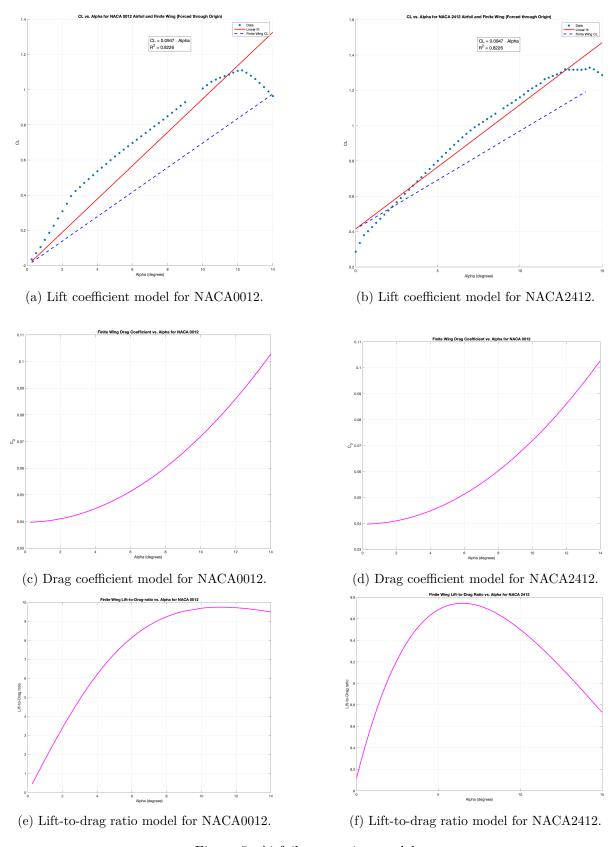


Figure 5: Airfoils regression models.

# 4 Power and Energy Model

## 4.1 Aircraft Efficiencies

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• The provided framework assumes fix system efficiencies. These can be changed as required for customised simulations.

Item	$\mathbf{Symbol}$	Value	Source
Electric Efficiency	$\eta_e$	0.9	[1]
Hover Propulsive Efficiency	$\eta_{hp}$	0.7	[6]
Propulsive Efficiency	$\eta_p$	0.85	[1]
Hover System Efficiency	$\eta_h = \eta_e \cdot \eta_{hp}$	0.63	[6]
Overall System Efficiency	$\eta_c = \eta_p \cdot \eta_e$	0.77	[6]

Table 6: System efficiencies.

# 4.2 Momentum Theory Power Model

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The power modelling within the provided framework is based on propeller momentum theory, using flight equilibrium relationships in hover, climb and cruise flight. For improved rotor dynamics accuracy, one should enhance this model using Blade Element Momentum Theory.
- Steady, unaccelerated flight (forces equilibrium) in each flight phase is assumed.
- For simulation, number of propeller in climb/cruise configuration is assumed to be 1. The number of vertical lift propeller is assumed to be 8.

# 4.2.1 Hover Power Required:

Power requirements in hover flight account for steady hover, where thrust and aircraft mass are balanced and power is needed to overcome propeller induced velocity, as illustrated in Fig. (7):

$$T_{required_{hover}} = MTOM \cdot g \tag{61}$$

resulting in a power requirement of:

$$P_{required_{hover}} = \frac{T_{total} \cdot v_i}{\eta_h} = \frac{MTOM \cdot g}{\eta_h} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{2 \cdot \rho}}$$
 (62)

•  $v_i(m/s^2)$  = propeller induced velocity, defined by:

$$v_i = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{2 \cdot \rho}} \tag{63}$$

- $\rho$   $(kg/m^2)$  = air density in hover, defined by eq. 58.
- $\sigma$   $(N/m^2)$  = propeller disk loading, defined by:

$$\sigma = \frac{T_{prop}}{A_{prop}} = \frac{T_{prop}}{\pi \cdot R_{prop}^2} \tag{64}$$

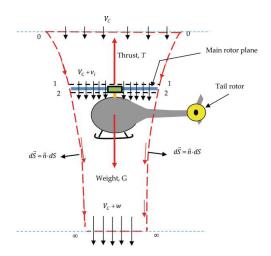


Figure 7: Forces in Hover, from Ref. [28].

# 4.2.2 Climb Power Required:

Power required in climb is defined by:

$$P_{climb} = P_{req_{flight}} + P_{ind_{prop}} = \frac{T_{req_{climb}} \cdot V_{climb}}{\eta_c} + \frac{T_{prop_{climb}} \cdot v_i}{\eta_c} \cdot n_{prop}$$
 (65)

•  $P_{req_{flight}}$  (W) = power required to maintain flight, defined by:

$$P_{req_{flight}} = \frac{T_{req_{climb}} \cdot V_{climb}}{\eta_c} \tag{66}$$

•  $T_{req_{climb}}$  (N) = thrust required in climb, illustrated in Fig. (8) and defined by:

$$T_{required_{climb}} = D_{climb} + MTOM \cdot sin(\theta)$$
 (67)

- $D_{climb}$  (N) = aircraft drag in climb flight (eq. (56)), using  $V_{climb}$  (eq. (71)) and  $\alpha_{climb}$ .
- MTOM (kg) = max. take-off mass (eq. (22)).
- $\theta$  (°) = climb angle, assumed to be equal to angle of attack in climb  $\alpha_{climb}$ .
- $P_{ind_{porp}}$  (W) = propeller induced power required, defined by:

$$P_{ind_{prop}} = \frac{T_{prop_{climb}} \cdot v_i}{\eta_c} \cdot n_{prop} \tag{68}$$

- $T_{prop_{climb}}$  (N) =  $T_{req_{climb}}/n_{prop}$  = thrust required per propeller.
- $n_{prop}$  (-) = number of propeller.
- $v_i$  (m/s) = propeller induced velocity, defined by equation (63)

The horizontal speed during climb phase (Climb Speed), accounting for climb angle  $\theta = \alpha_{climb}$ , assuming zero wind, is defined by:

Climb Condition: 
$$MTOM \cdot g \cdot cos(\theta) = L = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_{climb}^2 \cdot S \cdot C_{L_{climb}}$$
 (69)

Resulting in the trivial conditions during climb flight:

Mass Condition: 
$$MTOM = \frac{1}{2 \cdot g \cdot cos(\theta)} \cdot \rho \cdot V_{climb}^2 \cdot S \cdot C_{L_{climb}}$$
 (70)

and,

Climb Speed Condition: 
$$V_{climb} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot MTOM \cdot g \cdot cos(\theta)}{\rho \cdot S \cdot C_{L_{climb}}}}$$
 (71)

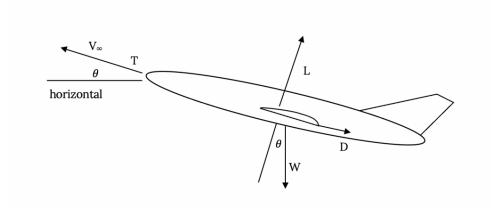


Figure 8: Forces in Climb, from Ref. [29].

#### 4.2.3 Cruise Power Required:

Power required to maintain steady cruise flight is similar derived as cruise power, defined by:

$$P_{cruise} = P_{req_{flight}} + P_{ind_{prop}} = \frac{T_{req_{cruise}} \cdot V_{cruise}}{\eta_c} + \frac{T_{prop_{cruise}} \cdot v_i}{\eta_c} \cdot n_{prop}$$
 (72)

•  $T_{req_{cruise}}$  (N) = thrust required in cruise, illustrated in Fig. (9) and defined by:

$$T_{required_{cruise}} = D_{cruise} \tag{73}$$

•  $D_{climb}$  (N) = aircraft drag in cruise flight (eq. (56)), using  $V_{cruise}$  (eq. (76))

During horizontal, unaccelerated flight, the cruise speed is defined by:

Cruise Condition: 
$$MTOM \cdot g = L = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V_{cruise}^2 \cdot S \cdot C_{L_{cruise}}$$
 (74)

Resulting in the trivial conditions during cruise flight:

Mass Condition: 
$$MTOM = \frac{1}{2 \cdot g} \cdot \rho \cdot V_{cruise}^2 \cdot S \cdot C_{L_{cruise}}$$
 (75)

and,

Cruise Speed Condition: 
$$V_{cruise} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot MTOM \cdot g}{\rho \cdot S \cdot C_{L_{cruise}}}}$$
 (76)

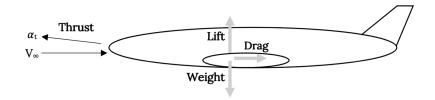


Figure 9: Static Force Balance in Straight and Level Flight, from Ref. [29].

# 4.3 Energy Requirements

The required energy (Wh) in each flight phase can be computed using the relationship:

$$E_i = \sum_i P_i \cdot t_i \tag{77}$$

The specific battery energy can be calculated when dividing the energy by battery mass:

$$e_i = \frac{E_i}{M_{bat}} \tag{78}$$

•  $M_{bat}$  (kg) = battery mass, defined by eq. (23), with:

$$E_{useable} = E_{trip} + E_{reserve} \tag{79}$$

- $E_{trip}$  (Wh) = sum of energy required in hover, climb and cruise, using eq. (77).
- $E_{reserve}$  (Wh) = energy required in reserve flight, accounting for 30 min for VFR and 45min for IFR flight with cruise power according FAA.

Within this model the end-of-life battery status is considered, which is set to 80% of BOL (begin-of-life) capacity:

$$e_{BAT_{EOL}} = 0.8 \cdot \rho_{bat} \tag{80}$$

The battery ceiling is set as 90% SOC and the floor as 10% SOC, making these portions unusable for trips [6]. Resulting in usable specific energy:

$$e_{\text{usable}} = 0.8 \cdot e_{BAT_{EOL}} = 0.64 \cdot \rho_{bat} = e_{trip_{design}} + e_{reserve}$$
 (81)

or expressed as the battery specific energy budget for the trip:

$$e_{trip_{design}} = 0.64 \cdot \rho_{bat} - e_{reserve} \tag{82}$$

or

$$e_{trip} < 0.64 \cdot \rho_{bat} - e_{reserve}$$
 (83)

$$1.5623 \cdot (e_{trip} + e_{reserve}) \le \rho_{bat} \tag{84}$$

Resulting in total battery energy storage capacity of:

$$E_{Bat_{total}} = \rho_{bat} \cdot M_{bat} \tag{85}$$

# 4.4 Battery Degradation Model

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Within the provided framework, two methods are proposed to account for degrading battery energy storage capacity over operation time.
- Method 1 encounters an self-developed empirical model to connect battery cycle life with depth-of-discharge (DoD), and C-rate during charge and discharge. This method is used within the provided simulations.
- **Method 2** is derived using a fixed degradation (Ref. [30]) factor at 1C discharge rate and is not accounting for DoD and charging rate.
- It must be mentioned that the simulation results of the battery consumption (numbers of the batteries) depend very much on the battery degradation model used. A reasonable enhancement of the model could be the integration of a more accurate and efficient battery degradation model in future work.

#### 4.4.1 Method 1

This section provides a brief overview of the empirical model developed to estimate the cycle life of a battery as a function of Depth of Discharge (DoD), charging C-rate, and discharging C-rate. The model is based on data DoD and cycle-life data of Ref. [31] and [32], interpolated for accuracy, and adjusted for harsh environmental conditions such as those encountered in eVTOL operations.

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Data Adjustment: The provided cycle life data was reduced by a factor of 4 to simulate the more extreme conditions expected in eVTOL applications and account for degradation down to 80% of begin-of-life (BOL) capacity.
- Interpolation: A piecewise linear interpolation was used to fit the DoD data. This approach ensures that the model captures the observed trend accurately. The data was segmented at DoD = 0.8. Separate linear fits were applied to the segments below and above this threshold.
- Empirical Formula: The provided model incorporates the effects of DoD, charging C-rate, and discharging C-rate, as a result of interpolation and estimation. Further research required to capture more accurate models for battery degradation of eVTOL.

The empirical model for cycle life  $N_{\text{cycles}}$  as function of DoD is illustrated in Fig. (10) and defined as:

$$N_{\text{cycles}}(\text{DoD}) = \begin{cases} a_1 \cdot \text{DoD} + b_1, & \text{for DoD} \le 0.8 \\ a_2 \cdot \text{DoD} + b_2, & \text{for DoD} > 0.8 \end{cases}$$

• The 'pchip' (Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolating Polynomial) method is used for smooth interpolation of the given data points, and basic linear fitting ('polyfit') is applied to derive the segmented linear model.

In this model, a DoD over 80% is avoided according to Ref. [6], therefore the model is reduced to:

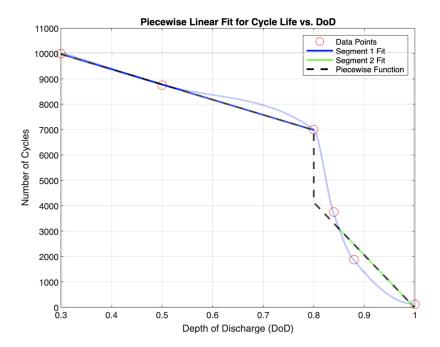


Figure 10: Interpolated Curve for Cycle Life vs. DoD

$$N_{cycles}(\text{DoD}) = a_1 \cdot DoD + b_1 \tag{86}$$

This is further adjusted by the following, assuming that the charge rates are linked to the cycles via a power ratio:

$$N_{\text{cycles}} = N_{\text{cycles}}(\text{DoD}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\text{C-rate}_{\text{discharge}}^c}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{0.5}{\text{C-rate}_{\text{charge}}^d}\right)$$

Where:

- $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2$  are the fitted parameters for the piecewise linear segments.
- c = 1.1 and d = 1.2 are empirically estimated coefficients that account for the effects of discharging and charging rates, respectively.
- Fitted Parameters:

For DoD 
$$\leq 0.8 : a_1 = -5986.8421, b_1 = 11776.3158$$

For DoD 
$$> 0.8$$
:  $a_2 = -20793.2692$ ,  $b_2 = 20769.2307$ 

This results in the following used equation:

$$N_{\text{cycles}} = (-5986.8421 \cdot DoD + 11776.3158) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\text{C-rate}_{\text{discharge}}^{1.1}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{0.5}{\text{C-rate}_{\text{charge}}^{1.2}}\right)$$
(87)

With:

- Discharge Rate:  $C rate_{discharge} = \frac{C_{\text{rate\_hover}} \cdot t_{\text{hover}} + C_{\text{rate\_climb}} \cdot t_{\text{cl}} + C_{\text{rate\_cruise}} \cdot t_{\text{cr}}}{t_{\text{tot}}}$ : Average C-rate across the different phases of flight.
- $C_{\text{rate\_hover}} = \frac{P_{\text{ower}_{\text{hover}}}}{E_{\text{battery}}}$ : C-rate during hover, defined as the ratio of hover power to total battery energy.

- $C_{\text{rate\_climb}} = \frac{P_{\text{ower}_{\text{climb}}}}{E_{\text{battery}}}$ : C-rate during climb, defined as the ratio of climb power to total battery energy.
- $C_{\text{rate\_cruise}} = \frac{P_{\text{ower}_{\text{cruise}}}}{E_{\text{battery}}}$ : C-rate during cruise, defined as the ratio of cruise power to total battery energy.
- $E_{\text{battery}} = \rho_{\text{bat}} \cdot m_{\text{bat}}$ : Total energy capacity of the battery in Wh.
- Charge Rate:  $C-rate_{charge}$  is assumed to be a design variable within the framework, so set fixed and changed as required.
- **DoD:**  $DOD = \frac{E_{trip}}{E_{Battery}}$ , ratio of energy used to total stored energy.

The resulted battery cycle-life envelope is illustrated in Fig. (11) for a constant  $C-rate_{charge}$  of 2C. The empirical model developed provides a first estimation of battery cycle life across different DoD and C-rate conditions, based on battery data. The piecewise linear approach effectively captures the sharp decrease in cycle life observed at higher DoD levels.

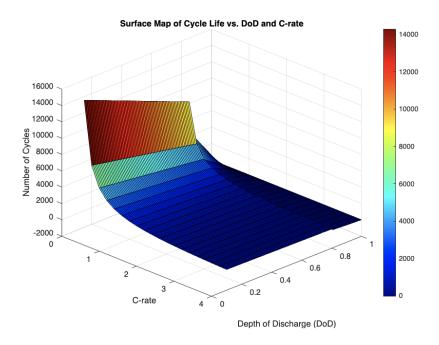


Figure 11: Piecewise Linear Fit for Cycle Life vs. DoD

# 4.4.2 Method 2

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

• This method delivers a simpler and static approach for battery cycle-life estimation, making the model less dynamic.

From Ref. [30] the average degradation of the battery per charging cycle is  $Q_{cycle} = 0.048\%$ . Assuming an allowed degradation of D = 20%, the number of life cycles for the eVTOL is:

$$N_{cycles} = \frac{D}{Q} = \frac{20}{0.048} = 416.67 \tag{88}$$

# 5 Constraining Models

# 5.1 Wing-Rotor Geometry Constraint

The lifting rotor radius tends to reach the upper limit during optimization design because a lower disk loading reduces power consumption [22]. A geometry constraint is implemented to prevent interferences between the lifting rotors, their attachment to the wings and minimum distances between the lifting rotors and between the lifting rotors and the fuselage (d), where the fuselage width is w. d is set fix to 0.0125m, as required by EASA, Ref. [16]. This condition applies to both the rotor radii  $R_{prop_{hover}}$  and the span b. Eq. 89 and 90 are based on an lift plus cruise condition with 8 lifting rotors, as used in the demonstrated framework. Eq. 91 illustrates this approach for an undefined number of lifting rotors, but only considers  $n_{lifter} \geq 4$  and  $n_{lifter} \in 4\mathbb{Z}$  Fig. 12 illustrates this restriction.

Wingspan Condition: 
$$\frac{b}{2} \ge (3 \cdot R_{prop_{hover}} + 2 \cdot d + \frac{w}{2})$$
 (89)

resulting in minimum wing span  $b_{min}$ ,

$$b_{min} = 2 \cdot (3 \cdot R_{prop_{hover}} + 2 \cdot d + \frac{w}{2}) \tag{90}$$

or for undefined number of rotors:

$$b_{min} = 2 \cdot \left( \left( \frac{1}{4} \cdot n_{lifter} \cdot 2 \cdot R_{prop_{hover}} - R_{prop_{hover}} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \cdot n_{lifter} \cdot d + \frac{w}{2} \right)$$
(91)

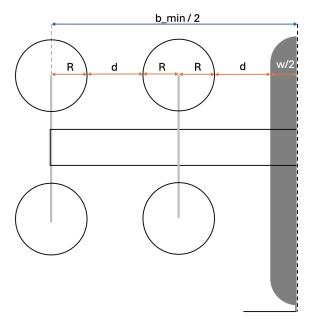


Figure 12: Geometry constraint on minimal wing span, lifting rotor and fuselage interference

## 5.2 Vertiport Constraint

Since the construction of new vertiports involves considerable financial investment and in many cases complex authorization procedures, a successful initial eVTOL operation can be planned on the basis of a design that meets the requirements of existing heliports. According an author-led expert interview with the helipad data provider "Helipaddy", the average D-value for existing helipads, potentially be used for UAM-operations, can be assumed for 15m. Therefore, this is

assumed to be the maximum dimension of the EVTOL to maximize the likelihood of successful integration into existing air traffic infrastructure. This constraint is expressed in the following equations, where  $R_{prop_{hover}}$  is the lifting rotor radius, d is the distance between lifting rotors and fuselage, w is the width of the fuselage, b is the eVTOL wing span:

Vertiport Constraint: 
$$18 \ge 2 \cdot (2 \cdot d + 4 \cdot R_{prop_{hover}} + \frac{w}{2})$$
 (92)

Vertiport Constraint: 
$$15 \ge b$$
 (93)

Within the demonstrated framework it is assumed that d=0.2m and w=1.5m. Fig. (13) illustrates the D-value, defined by EASA, Ref. [33], as the minimum space needed for an eVTOL to land, taxi, and park. If an eVTOL's D-value exceeds the as average assumed 15m, it may not fit within existing heliports, necessitating larger or specially designed vertiports. This will impacts the design and adaptability of vertiport infrastructure.

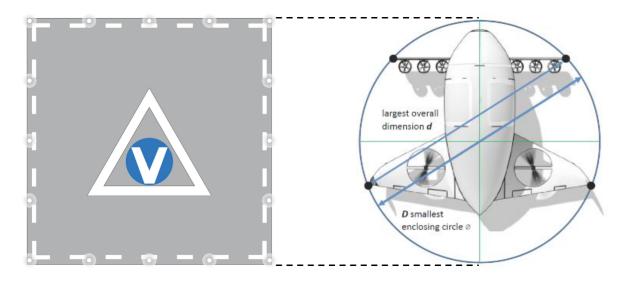


Figure 13: D-value for Vertiports, from Ref. [33].

# 6 Operational Cost Model

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The total operating cost model is structured according the ATA-67 Formula for Direct Operating cost, Ref. [34].
- The sub-assumptions are based on highly variable operational assumptions in real world applications, which can be adjusted depending on the operational business.

# 6.1 Total Operating Cost

The total operating costs of an aircraft per trip are divided into Cash Operating Cost (COC), Cost of Ownership (COO) and Indirect Operating Cost (IOC), according Ref. [34]:

$$TOC = COC + COO + IOC (94)$$

Each cost element is further subdivided into its components, as shown in figure 14, in order to obtain as detailed a picture as possible of the cost structure of an eVTOL. The cost calculation is based on the fact that the flight hour is the only value-adding activity of an operator. Therefore, all costs associated with flight operations must be allocated to the flight hour. The sum of COC and COO is also regarded as Direct Operating Cost (DOC), similar to variable costs, and IOC as fixed costs.

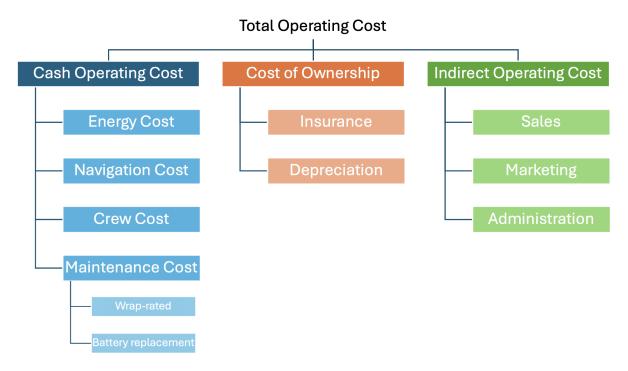


Figure 14: Total operating cost structure.

## 6.2 Cash Operating Cost

Cash operating costs in aviation, akin to variable costs, encompass immediate, out-of-pocket expenses. In this model, they are considered on a trip base and include energy cost  $C_E$ , maintenance cost  $C_M$ , crew cost  $C_C$ , and navigation cost  $C_N$ :

$$COO = C_E + C_M + C_C + C_N \tag{95}$$

# 6.2.1 Energy Cost

# **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The framework assumes the energy price and electricity  $CO_2$  emissions of Germany, accounting  $0.096 \notin \text{kWh}$  and  $0.3784 \text{ kg-}CO_2/\text{kWh}$  respectively.
- A dataset for energy prices and  $CO_2$  emissions is provided on the authors GitHub and can be used for geographic specific analysis.

Energy cost, comparable to fuel cost of combustion-engine aircraft, are defined by the simple relationship:

$$C_E = E_{trin} \cdot P_{energy} \tag{96}$$

with trip energy  $E_{trip}$  (kWh) and current energy price  $P_{energy}$  ( $\mbox{\&}/\mbox{kWh}$ ).  $E_{trip}$  is the used energy amount of the trip flown, and is direct related to power requirements in each flight phase and flight time, thus to mission profile design (velocity, altitude etc.). It is considered, that  $P_{energy}$  can vary depending on procedures for generation of electricity, differing in geographical regions, countries and energy policy.

#### 6.2.2 Maintenance Cost

#### **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The computation of this model is based on several static operational assumptions that can significantly influence the potential result.
- $t_{trip}$  in this section is considered in hours.

The maintenance costs,  $C_M$ , are defined by:

$$C_M = C_{M_{WB}} + C_{M_B} \tag{97}$$

with  $C_{M_{WR}}$  are the wrap-rated maintenance costs:

$$C_{M_{WR}} = MF \cdot MWR \cdot t_{trip} = 0.6 \cdot 55 \cdot t_{trip} = 33 \cdot t_{trip}$$
(98)

- MF (-) = maintenance man-hours per flight hour ratio, assumed as 0.6, Ref. [1].
- MWR ( $\notin$ /hr) = maintenance wrap-rate, assumed fix at 55 $\notin$ , Ref. [1].
- $t_{trip}$  (hr) = trip duration of the considered flight, see eq. 12.

 $C_{M_B}$  is considered as **battery replacement cost**, defined by:

$$C_{M_B} = n_{Bat} \cdot P_{Bat_s} \cdot E_{BAT_{total}} \cdot \lambda_{trip} \tag{99}$$

- $E_{BAT_{total}}$  (kWh) = total energy storage capacity of the eVTOL-installed battery, defined by eq. (85) in chapter 4.3.
- $P_{bat_s}$  (€/kWh) = energy specific battery acquisition cost. According to [30], the Tesla Model S battery cost was estimated at 155 €/kWh in 2020 and 55 €/kWh in 2030, with current costs ranging from 108 €/kWh to 142 €/kWh. Future eVTOL batteries will likely have higher capacities, requiring special attention, as battery costs can significantly impact the total cost.

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The following trivial assumption applies: Travelling a design trip distance corresponds to discharging one battery charge. In other words, the battery of the eVTOL is designed in such a way that it is sufficient to cover the design trip distance, after which it must be recharged to cover the same distance again. The discharge in the design trip distance does not mean a complete battery discharge, as unusable energy and reserves are also taken into account.
- It is assumed that the reserve is not used, but is considered as energy reserve in battery design.
- When considering the cycle life of the battery, it is assumed that the eVTOL flies the design distance on every flight.
- $n_{Bat}$  (-) = number of required batteries per year. This is highly dependent on the specific battery characteristics and discharge rates. A model for battery cycle-life is proposed and derived in the following:

$$n_{Bat} = \frac{CC_{req_{eVTOL}}}{N_{cucles}} \tag{100}$$

•  $CC_{req_{eVTOL}}$  (-) = annually required charging cycles of the eVTOL, defined by:

$$CC_{req} = \frac{FC_{annual}}{FC_{Bat}} = n_{WD} \cdot \frac{T_D}{t_{trip} \cdot DH} \cdot \frac{SE_{trip}}{SE_{trip_{design}}}$$
(101)

•  $FC_{Bat}$  (-) = number of flight cycles that can be flown with one battery charge, corresponds to the ratio of design trip specific energy available  $SE_{trip_{design}}$  to flown trip energy  $SE_{trip}$ , where  $SE_{trip_{design}}$  is defined by equation 82 in chapter 4.3:

$$FC_{Bat} = \frac{SE_{trip_{design}}}{SE_{trip}} = \frac{E_{trip_{design}}}{E_{trip}}$$
 (102)

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The charge cycle amount of Li-Ion batteries for EV applications is dependent on the allowed end-of-life losses, set to 20% (equals 80% of begin-of-life battery capacity), and average discharge rate  $(C_{rate})$ .
- Within the provided framework we establish an empirical model to estimate the battery cycle life according equation (??).
- As alternate approach, one can consider a constant charging loss rate *Loss*<sub>charge</sub> of 0.048% according Ref. [30].
- $N_{cycles}$  (-) = number of life cycles available per battery, based on the average C-rate  $C_{rate_{vaerage}}$ , depth-of-discharge (DoD) and chraging rate, until 20% degradation relative to begin-of-life (BOL) condition is met.  $CC_{avlb_{Bat}}$  is determined empirical within this framework, based on eq. (87) in chapter (4.3).

$$n_{bat_{req}} = \frac{1}{N_{cycles}} \cdot \frac{n_{WD} \cdot T_D}{t_{trip} \cdot DH} \cdot \frac{e_{\text{trip}}}{e_{\text{tripm}}}$$
(103)

• Substituting eq: (21) and eq. (103) in eq. (99) yields the battery replacement cost function, delivering €/trip:

$$C_{M_B} = \frac{1}{N_{cycles}} \cdot P_{Bat_s} \cdot E_{BAT_{total}} \cdot \frac{e_{\text{trip}}}{e_{\text{tripm}}}$$
 (104)

## 6.2.3 Navigation Cost

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The framework proposes two navigation cost computation methods, both based on german air traffic control charge authority (DFS), Ref. [35].
- The proposed simulation uses Method 1 with eq. (105) to map the navigation fees as accurately as possible.
- Eq. (108) is proposed to use to count for uncertainities in airport charges, as they can differ dependent on aircraft characterisites, averaging the navigation fees for all eVTOL aircraft and making them soley trip distance dependent.

**Method 1:** In this model the navigation charges for terminal services  $C_{TS}$  and en-route services  $C_{ER}$  of DFS [35] are considered.

$$C_N = C_{TS} + C_{ER} \tag{105}$$

with

$$C_{TS} = \left(\frac{MTOM}{1000 \cdot 50}\right)^{0.7} \cdot unitrate \tag{106}$$

and

$$C_{ER} = \left(\frac{MTOM}{1000 \cdot 50}\right)^{0.5} \cdot \frac{D_{trip}}{100} \cdot unitrate \tag{107}$$

Method 2: Actually, there will be additional airport specific landing and take-off charges in real-world operation. As these can differ significantly depending on region of operation, the DFS charges can be considered for the maximum MTOM certifiable of 5.700kg accroding EASA SC-VTOL Ref. [3] and a unit rate of 80.14€ (2024) [35] to simplify the model, resulting in total navigation charges for one trip:

$$C_N = 17.526 + 0.2706 \cdot D_{trip} \tag{108}$$

#### 6.2.4 Crew Cost

#### **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- There are two proposed crew cost model methods. Method 1 in eq. (110) is used within the demonstrated analysis.
- Method2, eq. (112), is more simplified and not accounts for bunker based pilots.

Method 1: The crew cost per trip is defined by:

$$C_C = C_{Crew} + C_{Cabin} (109)$$

Due to the predicted nature of operation for eVTOL, no cabin crew will be considered in this model, reducing eq. 109 to:

$$C_C = C_{Crew} = S_P \cdot n_{pilot} \cdot \lambda_{trip} = S_P \cdot \frac{t_{trip} \cdot CT}{U_{pilot} \cdot n_{AC}}$$
(110)

- $S_P$  ( $\notin$ /year) = annually eVTOL pilot salary. Assumed to equal helicopter pilot salary of  $80.850 \notin$  per year in 2024 in Germany, Ref. [36].
- $\lambda_{trip}$  (-) = annual-trip-time ratio, as defined by equation 16 and 21.
- $n_{pilot}$  (-) = number of pilots needed to operate the eVTOL over the year.

$$n_{pilot} = n_{WD} \cdot \frac{T_D}{U_{pilot} \cdot n_{AC}} \tag{111}$$

- $U_{pilot}$  (hrs) = annually utilization of one pilot, assuming 2.000 hours per pilot per year.
- $n_{AC}$  (-) = number of aircraft controlled by one pilot/operator. For pilot on-board assume  $n_{AC} = 1$ . For bunker-based pilot operation assume  $n_{AC}$  up to 8.

Method 2: An alternate and simplified model for crew cost would assume as fixed hourly salary of 39€ [36], resulting in:

$$C_{Crew} = 39 \cdot \frac{t_{trip}}{N_{AC}} \tag{112}$$

#### 6.3 Cost of Ownership

#### **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Accounting for costs of annual depreciation and aircraft insurance, distributed on the flight hour.
- Annual depreciation directly depends on eVTOL acquisition cost. The eVTOL acquisition cost is derived using the empty mass specific price, Ref. [6].
- The estimated values can differ from real world negotiated aircraft purchase prices. Further research is required at a time more data on eVTOL prices is available.
- For the annuity, fixed financial assumptions are made.

This model covers the cost of ownership in aircraft, considering depreciation  $C_{dep}$  and insurance  $C_{ins}$ , including the financial loss from the aircraft's decreasing value over time and the regular payments for coverage against potential damages or liabilities:

$$COO = C_{dep} + C_{ins} = j \cdot P_{S_{empty}} \cdot M_{empty} \cdot \frac{t_{trip} \cdot CT}{n_{WD} \cdot T_D} + x_{ins} \cdot COC$$
 (113)

•  $C_{dep}$  ( $\in$ ) = depreciation cost, defined by:

$$C_{dep} = DEP_a \cdot \lambda_{trip} = DEP_a \cdot \frac{t_{trip} \cdot CT}{n_{WD} \cdot T_D} = j \cdot P_{S_{empty}} \cdot M_{empty} \cdot \frac{t_{trip} \cdot CT}{n_{WD} \cdot T_D}$$
(114)

where  $DEP_a$  is the annual depreciation costs [37], defined by:

$$DEP_a = TDA \cdot \frac{i \cdot (1 - RV) \cdot (1 + i)^n}{(1 + i)^n - 1} = j \cdot TDA = j \cdot P_{Sempty} \cdot M_{empty}$$
 (115)

- TDA ( $\in$ ) =  $P_{S_{empty}} \cdot M_{empty}$  = total depreciation amount, assumed to be equal to the acquisition price of an eVTOL. According [38], considering a cummulative order value of  $\in$ 7.4bn for 2.770 vehicles of EVE Air Mobility eVTOL's, the average investment was  $\in$ 2.8m. In this model we assume a relationship between the empty weight  $M_{empty}$  (eq. 44 in chapter 2) and eVTOL acquisition costs in line with Ref. [6], with an specific cost factor of  $P_{s_{empty}}$ =1.436,5  $\in$ / $kg_{empty}$  per kg empty weight.
- j (-) = annuity factor. Annual fraction of the total depreciation amount (TDA). Considering the made assumptions, this is set within the model for j = 0.0796.
- i (%) = interest rate percentage, set to 3%.
- RV (%) = percentage residual value of investment, set to 5%.
- n (years) = annuity number of years, set to 15 years.
- $C_{ins}$  ( $\in$ ) = **insurance cost**, defined by:

$$C_{ins} = x_{ins} \cdot COC \tag{116}$$

•  $x_{ins}$  (%) = insurance factor. Assumed fix at 6%, Ref.[30].

#### **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- Within the provided simulation, following is assumed:
- j = 0.0796
- $x_{ins} = 0.06$
- $P_{S_{empty}} = 1.436,5 \in /\text{kg}$
- Resulting in a cost of ownership model of:

$$COO = C_{dep} + C_{ins} = 114.345 \cdot M_{empty} \cdot t_{trip} \cdot 4.61538 \cdot 10^{-4} + 0.06 \cdot COC$$
 (117)

## 6.4 Indirect Operating Cost

Indirect operating costs for aircraft include expenses such as reservation and sales expenses, advertising and publicity, and general and administrative costs, which are necessary for the overall support and management of aviation operations but not directly tied to flight activities. In this model it is assumed, that these costs can be derived as fraction of the DOC [39]:

$$IOC = C_{I_{RS}} + C_{I_{AP}} + C_{I_{GA}} = (x_{IRS} + x_{IAP} + x_{IGA}) \cdot DOC$$
 (118)

• DOC ( $\in$ ) = COC + COO = direct operating cost, sum of cash operating cost (COO) and cost of ownership (COO).

- $C_{I_{RS}}$  ( $\mathfrak{E}$ ) = reservation and sales expanses (14% of DOC)
  - $-x_{IRS}$  (%) = reservation & sales factor.
- $C_{I_{AP}}$  ( $\mathfrak{C}$ ) = advertising and publicity costs (2% of DOC)
  - $-x_{IAP}$  (%) = advertising & publicity factor.
- $C_{i_{GA}}$  ( $\mathfrak{C}$ ) = general and administrative costs (6% of DOC)
  - $-x_{IGA}$  (%) = general & administration factor.

## **Assumptions and Limitations:**

- The provided framework assumes the following, Ref. [39]:
- $x_{IRS} = 14\%$
- $x_{IAP} = 2\%$
- $x_{IGA} = 6 \%$

$$COO = (0.14 + 0.02 + 0.06) \cdot DOC = 0.22 \cdot (COC + COO)$$
 (119)

#### 6.5 Sepcific Cost

Using specific total operating costs, so TOC per trip divided by kilometers and seats (eq. 120) or adjusted by load factor, the passenger specific operating costs (eq. 121), allows for a more precise comparison of cost efficiency across different routes and aircraft, reflecting both operational and market performance.

$$TOC_s = \frac{COC + COO + IOC}{N_s \cdot D_{trip}} = \frac{TOC}{N_s \cdot D_{trip}} (eur/skm)$$
 (120)

$$TOC_{s}p = \frac{COC + COO + IOC}{N_{s} \cdot LF \cdot D_{trip}} = \frac{TOC}{N_{s} \cdot LF \cdot D_{trip}} (eur/skm)$$
 (121)

- $N_s$  is the number of seats of the aircraft
- LF is the load factor during the journey

Taking eq. 121 per trip we can consider this as the break-even ticket price for one seat for one trip, which a flight operator must charge in order to avoid losses:

$$TOC_{P_{trip}} = \frac{TOC}{N_s \cdot LF} (eur) \tag{122}$$

#### 6.6 Revenue Model

This eVTOL revenue and profit model is designed to simulate the profitability and economic incentives for future eVTOL operators. The revenue (Rev) generated from a single flight is calculated as the product of the trip distance  $(d_{\text{trip}})$  and a fixed trip rate (fare) based on London ground taxi services, Ref. [40], assumed to be £1.70, which is approximately £1.98 as of August 2024.:

$$Rev = fare \cdot d_{trip}$$

The profit from each flight  $(Profit_{flight})$  is then computed by subtracting the total operating cost (TOC) from the revenue:

$$Profit_{flight} = Rev - TOC$$

To determine the annual profit  $(Profit_{annual})$ , the profit per flight is multiplied by the annual number of flight cycles  $(FC_{annual})$ :

$$Profit_{\text{annual}} = (Rev - TOC) \cdot FC_{\text{annual}}$$

This model enables the assessment of the financial viability of eVTOL operations by evaluating revenue potential and operational costs across different trip scenarios.

The author is aware that the real-world revenue for an eVTOL trip would include an additional VAT, as in Germany approx. 19% VAT. However, as this may vary by region, it is not taken into account in this model.

# 7 Model Parameters

The following table summarizes the applied fixed parameters.

Item	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
acceleration due to gravity	g	9.81	$m/s^2$	-
take-off/landing height AMSL	$h_{ m tofldg}$	0	m	-
hover height AGL	$h_{ m hover}$	15.24	m	[41]
cruise height AGL	$h_{ m cruise}$	1219.2	m	[41]
air density at MSL	$ ho_{ m msl}$	1.225	${\rm kg/m^3}$	-

Table 7: Environmental Parameters

Item	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
wing angle of attack in cruise	$\alpha_{\mathrm{deg\_cruise}}$	3	degree	-
wing angle of attack in climb	$\alpha_{ m deg\_climb}$	8	degree	-
max wing angle of attack	$\alpha_{\mathrm{deg\_max}}$	15	degree	[10]

Table 8: Aerodynamic Parameters

Item	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
mass per passenger	$M_{\rm pax}$	82	kg	[7]
mass per luggage	$M_{ m lug}$	16	kg	[7]
EASA standard crew weight	$m_{ m crew}$	96.5	kg	[7]
Battery Density	$ ho_{ m bat}$	300/400	Wh/kg	[5]
Discharge C-rate	$C_{ m charge}$	1 a 4	1/h	[6]
Electric Efficiency	$\eta_{ m e}$	0.9	-	[1]
Horizontal propulsive effi-	$\eta_{ m p}$	0.85	-	[1]
ciency				
Hover propulsion efficiency	$\eta_{ m hp}$	0.7	-	[1]

Table 9: Various Operational Parameters

Item	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
Number of seats	$N_{ m s}$	4	-	-
Mass specific aircraft acquisi-	$P_{\rm s\_empty}$	1436.5	€/kg	[6]
tion price				
Number of working days per	$N_{ m wd}$	260	days	[5]
year				
Daily hourly flight window	$T_{ m D}$	8	hours	[5]
Energy price	$P_{\mathrm{e}}$	0.096668	€/kWh	[42]
Battery replacement price	$P_{\mathrm{bat\_s}}$	115	€/kWh	[30]
VFR reserve time	$t_{ m res}$	1800	seconds	[43]
Hover time	$t_{ m hover}$	60	seconds	[41]
Annual salary for one pilot	$S_{ m P}$	45400	€	[36]
Number of aircraft controlled	$N_{ m AC}$	1	-	[1]
by one pilot				
Annual pilot utilization	$U_{ m pilot}$	7200000	seconds	[5]
Battery life cycle global	$GWP_{\mathrm{battery}}$	124.5	kg	[44]
warming impact			CO2e/kWh	
Electricity generation GWP	$GWP_{\mathrm{energy}}$	0.37896	kg	[42]
for battery charging			CO2/kWh	
Load factor	LF	0.67	-	[5]
Fare per km per passenger	$fare_{\mathrm{km}}$	1.98	€/km	[40]

Table 10: Economic Assumptions

Item	Symbol	Value	Unit	Source
time weighting factor	$time_{\mathrm{weight}}$	0.333	-	-
CO2 weighting factor	$co2_{\text{weight}}$	0.333	-	-
costs weighting factor	$costs_{weight}$	0.333	-	-

Table 11: Transportation Mode Comparison Figure of Merit Weighting

# 8 Multiobjective Optimization MATLAB Code Documentation

## General Assumptions and Limitations:

- Transitional eVTOL: The provided Framework is designed for transition-capable electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft. Thus, multicopter are not directly covered within the framework.
- Vectored Thrust: The models used within this framework mapping the behaviour of lift+cruise eVTOL configuration. For the purpose to simulate for vectored-thrust vehicle, an additional transitional-power consumption and transition-mechanics weight estimation model should be integrated.
- Baseline: Using the baseline scenario (K10), the max. design range is determined at 120km. Above 120km, the optimization does not deliver results as constraints can't be met.

#### 8.1 Code Overview

#### 8.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this optimization code is to design and optimize an electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. The main goal is to find the optimal design variables that minimize both the trip energy and trip time. The optimization framework employs a multi-objective genetic algorithm to balance these objectives while satisfying various constraints related to aero-dynamic performance, mass, and geometric limitations. The optimization problem is illustrated in Fig. 15 using extended design structure matrix (xdsm):

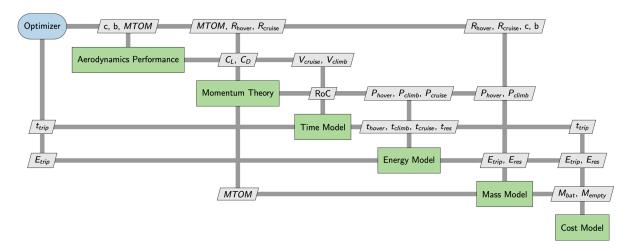


Figure 15: XDSM for initial optimization problem

#### 8.1.2 General Code Structure

The code consists of several main components. The workflow is illustrated in Fig. 16:

- 1. **Optimization Execution Code:** This is the main script that sets up and runs the optimization process using the gamultiobj function.
- 2. **Fixed Parameters Setting:** A function (getFixedParameters) that defines and returns a set of fixed parameters used throughout the optimization process.
- 3. Multi-Objective Function: A function (multiObjectiveFunction) that defines the objectives to be minimized (trip energy and trip time).
- 4. **Nonlinear Constraints Function:** A function (nonlinearConstraints) that defines the constraints that must be satisfied during the optimization.

### 8.2 Optimization Execution Code

#### 8.2.1 Clearing the Workspace and Importing Necessary Functions:

**Purpose:** The clc command clears the Command Window, and clear removes all variables, globals, functions, and MEX links from the workspace, ensuring that any previous data or functions do not interfere with the current execution. This is crucial for avoiding unexpected behavior due to residual variables or states from previous runs. The addpath commands add directories to the MATLAB search path, allowing the functions and scripts within those directories to be accessible. This is essential for modular code organization, where different functionalities (e.g., aerodynamics model, power model) are separated into different files.

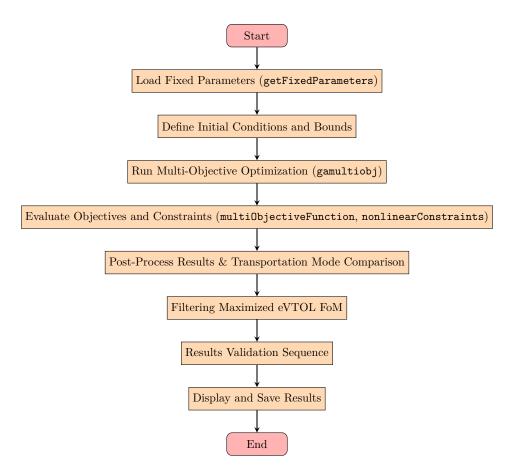


Figure 16: Workflow Diagram of the Optimization Code

```
clc;
clear;
% Importing the model functions
addpath('/Users/johannes/Dropbox/Mein Mac (Johanness MacBook Pro
    (2))/Documents/MATLAB/Master_Project/MDO_MOO_Model_v100724/');
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   Ownership and IOC');
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    (2))/Documents/MATLAB/Master_Project/Model_Functions/Cost_Model/Total
   Operating Costs');
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    (2))/Documents/MATLAB/Master_Project/Model_Functions/BEM_Model');
```

#### 8.2.2 Loading Fixed Parameters:

Loading Fixed Parameters: The function getFixedParameters defines and returns a set of fixed parameters that are used throughout the optimization process. These parameters include physical constants, mission profile settings, aerodynamic parameters, and efficiencies. The function in described in detail in chapter 8.3.

```
Load fixed parameters
params = getFixedParameters();
```

Listing 1: Loading fixed parameters

#### 8.2.3 Initial Guesses for Design Variables:

Initial Guesses for Design Variables: This section of the code sets initial guesses for the design variables and calculates initial estimates for various component weights of the aircraft. These initial values are used to start the optimization process. By estimating the weights of various components and calculating the initial MTOM, the code provides a starting point that helps guide the optimization algorithm towards feasible and efficient aircraft designs. These initial estimates ensure that the algorithm does not start from unrealistic values, thereby improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the optimization process.

```
% Pre-calculate initial weights
  c_initial = 1.5; % Initial guess for chord length
  b_initial = 15;  % Initial guess for wingspan
  num_props_hover_initial = 8;
  num_props_cruise_initial = 1;
  R_prop_hover_initial = 1.5;
  R_prop_cruise_initial = 1.5;
  m_wing_initial = M_wing(c_initial, b_initial);
10 m_rotor_initial = M_rotor(num_props_hover_initial, num_props_cruise_initial,
     R_prop_hover_initial, R_prop_cruise_initial);
11 m_motor_initial = M_motor(100000, 100000); % power values for initialization
12 m_crew = 82.5 + 14; % EASA standard crew weight
13 m_other = 668; % fuselage weight, and others (seats etc.). from tecnam P2006T
14
  m_empty_initial = m_wing_initial + m_rotor_initial + m_motor_initial + m_crew
     + m_other;
16 m_bat_initial = M_bat(params.rho_bat, 100000, 50000); % Example energy values
     for initialization
  m_pay = M_pay(params.N_s, params.M_pax, params.M_lug);
17
18
  MTOM_lower_bound = m_empty_initial + m_pay + m_bat_initial;
```

#### 8.2.4 Defining Bounds:

Bounds for Each Design Variable: These bounds define the allowable range for each design variable (e.g., cruise speed, climb speed, propeller radii, chord length, wingspan). The optimization algorithm will search within these ranges for the optimal values. Bounds ensure that the algorithm only explores feasible and physically meaningful regions of the design space, preventing it from considering unrealistic or impractical designs.

```
% Define the bounds of the optimized design variables
bounds = [500, 5700; % MTOM

1, 2; % R_cruise

1, 2; % R_hover
```

```
5 8, 40;]; % b
```

Listing 2: Defining the bounds of the optimized design variables

## 8.2.5 Genetic Algorithm Options:

Genetic Algorithm Options: The PopulationSize is set to 100, meaning each generation of the genetic algorithm will consist of 100 individuals. A larger population size allows for a more diverse search of the design space, which can lead to better optimization results. However, this also increases the computational cost. The Display option is set to 'iter', which controls the level of output displayed during the optimization. Setting it to 'iter' means that information will be displayed at each iteration of the algorithm, allowing the user to monitor the progress of the optimization. The optimoptions function is used to create and configure optimization options for various solvers in MATLAB. In this case, the solver is gamultiobj, which stands for Genetic Algorithm Multi-Objective. The genetic algorithm is chosen for its ability to handle complex, multi-modal, and non-differentiable objective functions, making it suitable for multi-objective optimization problems where multiple conflicting objectives need to be optimized simultaneously.

```
GA options using ga for multiobjective options = optimoptions('gamultiobj', 'PopulationSize', 100, 'Display', 'iter');
```

Listing 3: GA options using ga for multiobjective optimization

**Executing the Genetic Algorithm:** The gamultiobj function is used to perform multiobjective optimization using a genetic algorithm. This function is particularly useful for problems where there are multiple objectives to be optimized simultaneously, and it returns a set of optimal solutions known as the Pareto front.

```
% Run the multi-objective GA
[x, fval, exitFlag, output, population, scores] =
   gamultiobj(@(x)multiObjectiveFunction(x, params), 5, [], [], [],
   bounds(:,1), bounds(:,2), @(x)nonlinearConstraints(x, params), options);
```

In this command:

- The function multiObjectiveFunction(x, params) calculates the objectives to be minimized, based on the design variables x and fixed parameters params.
- The number 6 indicates the number of design variables to be optimized.
- The bounds for the design variables are specified by bounds(:,1) and bounds(:,2), which define the lower and upper bounds, respectively.
- The function nonlinearConstraints(x, params) ensures that the design variables meet all specified constraints.
- The options configured earlier are applied to the genetic algorithm.

The outputs of this command include:

- x: The optimized design variables.
- fval: The objective function values corresponding to the optimized design variables.
- exitFlag: An integer identifying the reason the algorithm terminated.

- output: A structure containing information about the optimization process.
- population: The final population of the genetic algorithm.
- scores: The objective function values for the final population.

By using optimoptions and gamultiobj, we can effectively configure and execute a multiobjective genetic algorithm to explore and optimize the design space, ultimately finding a set of optimal solutions that balance multiple conflicting objectives.

## 8.2.6 Capturing and Storing Results:

Capturing and Storing Results: Display the optimization results, including the optimal design variables and the corresponding objective values.

```
1 % Display results
2 disp('Optimized Design Variables (x):');
3 disp(x);
4 disp('Objective Values:');
5 disp(fval);
```

## 8.2.7 Post-Processing

**Purpose:** Once the optimization process is complete, the post-processing step recalculates more detailed parameters for each optimized solution. This includes economic modeling based on optimization results, along with figure of merit computation and post-processing of other relevant parameters like component weights, power requirements, energy consumption, and costs.

- Verification and Validation: The detailed recalculations ensure that the optimized solutions are feasible and adhere to all physical and operational constraints. This step verifies the initial results provided by the optimization.
- **Detailed Analysis:** Provides a more comprehensive understanding of each solution, allowing for a deeper analysis of trade-offs and performance metrics.
- **Final Selection:** Helps in selecting the most suitable design solutions by comparing additional criteria not directly used in the optimization process.

```
function results = processOptimizationResults(x, fval, params,
      set_trip_distance)
      results = [];
2
3
      for i = 1:size(x, 1)
          MTOM = x(i, 1);
          R_prop_cruise = x(i, 2);
5
          R_prop_hover = x(i, 3);
6
          c = x(i, 4);
          b = x(i, 5);
8
          % rho_bat = x(i, 6);
9
10
          % Use the fixed parameters
11
          alpha_deg_cruise = params.alpha_deg_cruise;
12
          alpha_deg_climb = params.alpha_deg_climb;
13
          num_props_cruise = params.num_props_cruise;
          num_props_hover = params.num_props_hover;
          g = params.g;
16
```

```
rho_hover = params.rho_hover;
18
          rho = params.rho;
          rho_msl = params.rho_msl;
19
          rho_climb = params.rho_climb;
20
          h_hover = params.h_hover;
21
          h_cruise = params.h_cruise;
22
          N_s = params.N_s;
23
          M_pax = params.M_pax;
24
25
          M_lug = params.M_lug;
26
          P_s_empty = params.P_s_empty;
27
          N_{wd} = params.N_{wd};
28
          T_D = params.T_D;
          N_df = params.N_df;
29
          P_e = params.P_e;
30
          P_bat_s = params.P_bat_s;
31
          t_res = params.t_res;
32
          t_hover = params.t_hover;
33
          D_trip = set_trip_distance;
34
          eta_h = params.eta_h;
35
          eta_c = params.eta_c;
36
          m_crew = params.m_crew;
          time_weight = params.time_weight;
38
          co2_weight = params.co2_weight;
39
40
          energy_weight = params.energy_weight;
          costs_weight = params.costs_weight;
41
42
          l_fus_m = params.l_fus_m;
          r_fus_m = params.r_fus_m;
43
          rho_bat = params.rho_bat;
44
          C_charge = params.C_charge;
45
          U_pilot = params.U_pilot;
46
          N_AC = params.N_AC;
47
          T_D = params.T_D;
48
          S_P = params.S_P;
49
          GWP_battery = params.GWP_battery;
50
          GWP_energy = params.GWP_energy;
51
          LF = params.LF;
52
          fare_km = params.fare_km;
53
54
          % Disciplinary Analysis
55
56
          % Aerodynamic Processing
57
          c_l_cruise = Lift_Coefficient(alpha_deg_cruise, c, b);
          c_l_climb = Lift_Coefficient(alpha_deg_climb, c, b);
          c_d_cruise = Drag_Coefficient(c_l_cruise, c, b);
60
          c_d_climb = Drag_Coefficient(c_l_climb, c, b);
61
          V_cruise = sqrt(2*MTOM*g/(c_l_cruise*c*b*rho));
62
          V_climb = sqrt(2*MTOM*g/(c_l_climb*c*b*rho));
63
          drag_cruise = Drag(rho, V_cruise, c, b, c_d_cruise);
64
          roc = ROC(alpha_deg_climb, V_climb);
65
66
          AR = b / c; % aspect ratio
67
          WL = MTOM / (b * c); % wing loading in kg / m^2
68
          DL = MTOM / (num_props_hover * pi()*R_prop_hover^2); % disk loading in
69
              kg/m<sup>2</sup>
          LDcruise = c_l_cruise / c_d_cruise; % LD ratio in cruise
70
          LDclimb = c_l_climb / c_d_climb; % LD ratio in climb
71
72
          % Power Processing (via Momentum Theory)
73
          Power_hover = Power_Hover_MT(MTOM, rho_hover, R_prop_hover,
74
              num_props_hover, eta_h);
75
          Power_climb = Power_Climb_MT(MTOM, rho_climb, c, b, V_climb, roc,
              c_d_climb, R_prop_cruise, num_props_cruise, eta_c, alpha_deg_climb);
          Power_cruise = Power_Cruise_MT(MTOM, rho, drag_cruise, V_cruise,
```

```
R_prop_cruise, num_props_cruise, eta_c, 0);
77
           \mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}} 
 Time and distance processing
78
           t_cl = t_climb(h_cruise, h_hover, roc);
79
           d_cl = D_climb(V_climb, t_cl);
80
           d_cru = D_cruise(D_trip, d_cl, 0);
81
           t_cr = t_cruise(d_cru, V_cruise);
82
83
           t_tot = t_cl + t_hover + 0 + t_cr;
84
85
           % Energy processing
86
           e_hvr = E_hover(Power_hover, t_hover);
           e_cl = E_climb(Power_climb, t_cl);
87
88
           e_cru = E_cruise(Power_cruise, t_cr);
           e_trip = E_trip(e_hvr, e_cl, e_cru, 0);
89
           e_res = E_res(Power_cruise, t_res);
90
91
92
93
           % Mass processing
           m_furnish = M_furnish(MTOM, V_cruise, rho);
94
           m_gear = M_gear(MTOM, R_prop_cruise, r_fus_m);
95
           m_fuselage = M_fuselage(l_fus_m, r_fus_m, MTOM, rho, rho_msl,
               V_cruise);
           m_system = M_system(l_fus_m, b, MTOM);
97
98
           m_bat = M_bat(rho_bat, e_trip, e_res);
99
           m_motor = M_motor(R_prop_hover, Power_hover, R_prop_cruise,
               Power_climb);
           m_wing = M_wing(c, b, V_cruise, rho, MTOM);
100
           m_pay = M_pay (N_s, M_pax, M_lug);
101
           m_rotor = M_rotor(num_props_hover, num_props_cruise, R_prop_hover,
102
               R_prop_cruise);
           m_empty = m_wing + m_motor + m_rotor + m_crew + m_furnish + m_fuselage
               + m_system + m_gear;
           omega_empty = m_empty / MTOM;
104
105
           e_tot = E_tot(rho_bat, m_bat); % total battery energy
106
           e_tripm = E_trip_max(rho_bat, m_bat, e_res); % max trip energy
107
108
109
           % Battery and Operations Design Module
110
111
           E_battery = rho_bat * m_bat; % total energy capcity of the battery in
112
           C_rate_hover = Power_hover / E_battery;
113
           C_rate_climb = Power_climb / E_battery;
114
           C_rate_cruise = Power_cruise / E_battery;
115
           C_rate_average = (C_rate_hover * t_hover + C_rate_climb * t_cl +
116
               C_rate_cruise * t_cr) / t_tot; % c-rate discharge
           DOD = e_trip / E_battery; % depth of discharge
117
118
           T_T = 1 / C_charge * DOD * 3600; % [seconds] turnaround time
119
           DH = T_T / t_tot + 1; % deadhead ratio
120
121
           n_cycles = N_cycles(DOD, C_rate_average, C_charge); % battery usage
               cycles, before replacement (degradation to 80% BOL)
           n_bat_req = 1/n_cycles * N_wd * T_D / (t_tot*DH) * e_trip / e_tripm; %
123
               number of batteries required to fullfill number of flight; 416.67
124
           FC_d = T_D / (t_tot * DH); % daly flight cycles
125
           FC_a = N_wd * FC_d; % flight cycles flown per year
126
           FH_d = FC_d * t_tot / 3600; % daily flight hours
127
           FH_a = FC_a * t_tot / 3600; % annual flight hours
128
           P_bat_single = P_bat_s * e_tot/1000; % single battery price
129
           P_bat_annual = n_bat_req * P_bat_single; % yearly battery price
```

```
131
132
133
            % --> Cost processing
134
135
            % Cash Operating Costs
136
            c_e = C_E(e_trip, P_e);
137
            c_n = C_N(MTOM, D_{trip});
138
139
            c_cob = C_Cob(N_wd, T_D, U_pilot, N_AC, t_tot, DH, S_P);
140
            c_mwr = C_Mwr(t_tot);
141
            %supplementary energy processing
142
            c_mb = C_MB(P_bat_s, e_tot, n_bat_req, t_tot, DH, T_D, N_wd);
143
            c_m = C_M(c_mwr, c_mb);
144
            coc = COC(c_e, c_m, c_n, c_{cob});
145
146
            % Cost of Wwnership & Indirect Operating Costs
147
            coo = COO(coc, omega_empty, MTOM, P_s_empty, N_wd, T_D, t_tot, DH);
148
            ioc = IOC(coc, omega_empty, MTOM, P_s_empty, N_wd, T_D, t_tot, DH);
149
150
            % Total Operating Costs
151
            toc = TOC(coc, coo, ioc);
152
153
            toc_s = TOC_s(toc, N_s, D_trip);
154
155
            % Economics & Environment
156
157
            GWP_flight = GWP_cycle(E_battery, n_bat_req, FC_a, e_trip,
158
                GWP_battery, GWP_energy);
            GWP_annual = GWP_flight * FC_a;
159
            GWP_energy_fraction = (e_trip/1000 * GWP_energy) / GWP_flight;
161
162
163
            \label{eq:convergence} \texttt{revenue} \; = \; \texttt{fare\_km} \; * \; \texttt{D\_trip} \; * \; \texttt{N\_s} \; * \; \texttt{LF}; \; \% \; \texttt{estimated} \; \texttt{revenue} \; \texttt{per} \; \texttt{trip} \; \texttt{in}
164
            ticket_price_pax = revenue / (N_s*LF); % estimated ticket price in
165
            Profit_flight = (revenue-toc); % profit per flight in
166
            Profit_annual = (revenue-toc) * FC_a; % annual profit in
167
168
169
            %%% Efficiency Metrices
170
            DOC = coc + coo; %
                                   - direct operating cost per flight
171
172
            ECE = DOC / (e_trip/1000); %
                                                 /kWh - Energy Cost Efficiency
173
            BCE = c_mb / (e_trip/1000); %
                                                  /kWh - Battery Cost Efficienty
174
            RpK = revenue / D_trip; % revenue per km ratio
175
            PR = Profit_flight / toc; % profit ratio
176
177
            EpK = e_{trip}/1000 / D_{trip}; % kWh/km
178
            GWPpK = GWP_flight / D_trip; % kg CO2e / km
179
            CEE = GWP_flight / (e_trip/1000); % Carbon Efficiency of Energy (CEE)
180
181
            AC_cost = m_empty * P_s_empty; % aircraft acquisition cost
182
183
            CSI = DOC * GWP_flight / D_trip; % Combined Sustainability Index
184
185
            COI = (toc * GWP_flight) / (D_trip * Profit_annual/1000); % combined
186
                operation index
187
188
189
            % -> Transportation Mode Comparison processing
190
```

```
191
           % Calculate eVTOL specific parameters
192
           time_requirement = t_tot/60; % trip time in min
           eVTOL_CO2_kg_skm = e_trip / 1000 / 4 / D_trip * 0.378; % kg CO2 per
193
               seat km
           eVTOL_energy_consumption = e_trip / 4 / D_trip; % Wh/km
194
           eVTOL_costs_eur_skm = toc_s; % EUR/seat km
195
196
           % Transportation mode comparison data
197
198
           modes = {'Airplane', 'Gasonline Vehicle (1)', 'Diesel Vehicle (1)', ...
199
                     'Electric Vehicle (1)', 'Gasonline Vehicle (5)', 'Diesel
                         Vehicle (5)', ...
                     'Public Bus (100%)', 'Electric Vehicle (5)', 'Train (100%)',
200
                     'Bicycle', 'Airplane (79.6%)', 'Diesel Vehicle (1.3)', ...
201
                     'Electric Vehicle (1.3)', 'Gasonline Vehicle (1.3)', ...
202
                     'Public Bus (60%)', 'Train (50%)', 'eVTOL'};
203
204
205
           C02_{kg_skm} = [0.198, 0.157, 0.128, 0.065, 0.031, 0.026, 0.013, 0.013,
               0.007, 0.000, ...
                          0.249, 0.099, 0.050, 0.120, 0.022, 0.012,
206
                              eVTOL_CO2_kg_skm];
           energy_consumption = [216.06, 632.40, 480.00, 172.70, 126.48, 96.00,
207
               49.42, 34.54, 57.02, -111.11, ...
                                   340.99, 369.23, 132.85, 486.46, 82.84, 114.04,
208
                                       eVTOL_energy_consumption];
           costs_eur_skm = [0.46, 0.117, 0.083, 0.105, 0.023, 0.017, 0.060,
209
               0.021, 0.200, -0.491, ...
                             0.579, 0.064, 0.081, 0.090, 0.104, 0.402,
210
                                 eVTOL_costs_eur_skm];
211
           velocities = struct('Cars_up_to_60km', 60.00, ...
212
                                 'Cars_above_60km', 85.00, ...
213
                                 'Airplane_below_400km', 74.00, ...
214
                                 'Airplane_above_400km', 151.00, ...
215
                                 'Bicycle', 18.80, ...
216
                                 'Public_Bus_up_to_60km', 39.70, ...
217
                                 'Public_Bus_above_60km', 64.00, ...
218
                                 'Train_up_to_60km', 49.10, ...
219
                                 'Train_above_60km', 99.00);
220
221
           circuity_ratios = struct('Cars_up_to_180km', 1.30, ...
                                      'Cars_above_180km', 1.20, ...
223
                                      'Train_all', 1.20, ...
224
                                      'Airplane_all', 1.05, ...
225
                                      'Bicycle_all', 1.28, ...
226
                                      'Bus_up_to_100km', 1.60, ...
227
                                      'Bus_above_100km', 1.25);
228
229
           adjusted_trip_distance = zeros(size(modes));
230
231
           for j = 1:length(modes)
               mode = modes{j};
               if contains (mode, 'Gasonline Vehicle') || contains (mode, 'Diesel
233
                   Vehicle') || contains(mode, 'Electric Vehicle')
234
                    if D_trip <= 180</pre>
                        adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip *
235
                            circuity_ratios.Cars_up_to_180km;
                    else
236
                        adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip *
237
                            circuity_ratios.Cars_above_180km;
238
239
               elseif contains(mode, 'Airplane')
240
                    adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip *
                        circuity_ratios.Airplane_all;
```

```
241
                               elseif strcmp(mode, 'Bicycle')
                                        adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip *
242
                                                circuity_ratios.Bicycle_all;
                                elseif contains(mode, 'Public Bus')
243
                                        if D_trip <= 100</pre>
244
                                                adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip *
245
                                                        circuity_ratios.Bus_up_to_100km;
                                        else
246
247
                                                 adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip *
                                                        circuity_ratios.Bus_above_100km;
248
                                        end
                               elseif contains(mode, 'Train')
249
                                        adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip * circuity_ratios.Train_all;
250
                                elseif strcmp(mode, 'eVTOL')
251
                                        \mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny '}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny eVTOL}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny does}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny not}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny have}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{\tiny a}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny circuity}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny ratio}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny adjustment}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny adjustment}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny circuity}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny ratio}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny adjustment}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny circuity}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny circuit
252
                                        adjusted_trip_distance(j) = D_trip;
253
                                end
254
255
                       end
256
                       CO2_total = CO2_kg_skm .* adjusted_trip_distance;
257
                       energy_total = energy_consumption .* adjusted_trip_distance;
258
                       costs_total = costs_eur_skm .* adjusted_trip_distance;
259
260
                       C02_total(end) = eVTOL_C02_kg_skm * adjusted_trip_distance(end);
261
                       energy_total(end) = eVTOL_energy_consumption *
262
                               adjusted_trip_distance(end);
                       costs_total(end) = eVTOL_costs_eur_skm * adjusted_trip_distance(end);
263
264
                       % Determine time demand based on average velocity and adjusted trip
265
                              distance
                       time_demand = zeros(size(modes));
266
                       for j = 1:length(modes)
267
                               mode = modes{j};
268
                               if contains(mode, 'Gasonline Vehicle') || contains(mode, 'Diesel
269
                                       Vehicle') || contains(mode, 'Electric Vehicle')
                                        if D_trip <= 60</pre>
270
                                                 time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
271
                                                        velocities.Cars_up_to_60km * 60; % converting hours to
                                                        minutes
272
                                        else
                                                 time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
                                                        velocities.Cars_above_60km * 60; % converting hours to
                                                        minutes
274
                                        end
                               elseif contains(mode, 'Airplane')
275
                                        if D_trip <= 400</pre>
276
                                                 time_demand(j) = (adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
277
                                                        velocities.Airplane_below_400km * 60) + 120; %
                                                        converting hours to minutes and adding 2h airport time
278
                                        else
                                                 time_demand(j) = (adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
                                                        velocities.Airplane_above_400km * 60) + 120; %
                                                        converting hours to minutes and adding 2h airport time
                                        end
280
                               elseif strcmp(mode, 'Bicycle')
281
                                        time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
282
                                                velocities.Bicycle * 60; % converting hours to minutes
                               elseif contains(mode, 'Public Bus')
283
                                        if D_trip <= 60</pre>
284
285
                                                time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
                                                        velocities.Public_Bus_up_to_60km * 60; % converting
                                                        hours to minutes
286
                                        else
```

```
287
                         time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
                             velocities.Public_Bus_above_60km * 60; % converting
                            hours to minutes
                    end
288
                elseif contains(mode, 'Train')
289
                    if D_trip <= 60</pre>
290
                         time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
291
                             velocities.Train_up_to_60km * 60; % converting hours to
292
                    else
293
                         time_demand(j) = adjusted_trip_distance(j) /
                            velocities.Train_above_60km * 60; % converting hours to
                            minutes
                    end
294
                elseif strcmp(mode, 'eVTOL')
295
                    % Using eVTOL velocity
296
                    time_demand(j) = time_requirement; % converting hours to
297
                        minutes
                end
298
            end
299
300
           % Calculate ratings between 1 and 10 for each mode
301
           calculate_rating = Q(x, X_min, X_max) (1 * (x - X_min) - 10 * (x -
302
               X_max)) / (X_max - X_min);
303
           time_rating = calculate_rating(time_demand, min(time_demand),
304
               max(time_demand));
           co2_rating = calculate_rating(CO2_total, min(CO2_total),
305
               max(CO2_total));
            energy_rating = calculate_rating(energy_total, min(energy_total),
306
               max(energy_total));
            costs_rating = calculate_rating(costs_total, min(costs_total),
307
               max(costs_total));
308
           % Calculate the Figure of Merit (FoM) for each mode
309
           FoM = (time_weight * time_rating') + ...
310
            (co2_weight * co2_rating') + ...
311
            (energy_weight * energy_rating') + ...
312
           (costs_weight * costs_rating');
313
314
           \% Store the FoM for the eVTOL
315
           eVTOL_FoM = FoM(end);
316
317
           % Append the results
318
           results = [results; fval(i, :), x(i, :), rho_bat, V_cruise, V_climb,
319
               Power_hover, Power_climb, Power_cruise, E_battery/1000, EpK,
               m_empty, m_pay, m_bat, m_motor, m_rotor, m_wing, m_gear, m_furnish,
                \verb|m_fuselage|, \verb|m_system|, c_l_cruise|, c_l_climb|, c_d_cruise|, c_d_climb|, \\
               LDcruise, LDclimb, roc*196.85, AR, WL, DL, toc_s, toc, DOC, coc,
               c_e, c_m, c_mwr, c_mb, c_n, c_cob, coo, ioc, AC_cost, ECE, BCE,
               n_bat_req, n_cycles, DOD, C_rate_hover, C_rate_climb,
               C_{\text{rate\_cruise}}, C_{\text{rate\_average}}, C_{\text{charge}}, T_{\text{-}}T, DH, P_{\text{-}}bat_{\text{-}}single,
               P_bat_annual, GWP_flight, GWP_annual, GWPpK, CEE,
               GWP_energy_fraction, CSI, COI, FC_a, FC_d, FH_a, FH_d,
               Profit_annual, Profit_flight, PR, RpK, ticket_price_pax, d_cru,
               d_cl, eVTOL_FoM];
       end
320
  end
321
```

Listing 4: Processing optimization results

#### 8.2.8 Results and Pareto-Front

After the optimization and post-processing steps, the results are organized and analyzed using a structured approach. This involves defining the names of the objectives, design variables, and calculated values, creating a table for the results, sorting the table, and visualizing the Pareto front. **Defining Names** 

- A table is created for the results with custom names assigned to each column for clarity.
- The table is sorted by the first objective function, which is 'Trip Energy', to prioritize solutions based on energy efficiency.
- A Pareto front is plotted to visualize the trade-off between 'Trip Energy' and 'Trip Time'.
- The x-axis represents 'Trip Energy' (Wh), and the y-axis represents 'Trip Time' (minutes).
- The plot helps in identifying the optimal solutions that balance both objectives effectively.
- The sorted results table is saved to an Excel file for further analysis and record-keeping.

```
% Defining the names of the objectives, design variables, and calculated values
  objectiveNames = {'Trip_Energy [Wh]', 'Trip_Time [sec]'};
  designVarNames = {'MTOM [kg]', 'R_cruise [m]', 'R_hover [m]', 'chord [m]',
      'wingspan_b [m]'};
  [kWh]', 'EpK [kWh/km]', 'm_empty [kg]', 'm_pay [kg]', 'm_bat [kg]',
      'm_motor [kg]', 'm_rotor [kg]', 'm_wing [kg]', 'm_gear [kg]', 'm_furnish
      [kg]', 'm_fuselage [kg]', 'm_system [kg]', 'c_l_cruise [-]', 'c_l_climb
      [-]', 'c_d_cruise [-]', 'c_d_climb [-]', 'LD_cruise [-]', 'LD_climb [-]',
      'ROC [ft/min]', 'Aspect Ratio [-]', 'Wing Loading [kg/m^2]', 'Disk Loading
      [kg/m^2]', 'TOC_skm [ /skm]', 'TOC [ ]', 'DOC [ 'C_energy [ ]', 'C_m [ ]', 'C_mwr [ ]', 'C_mb [
                                                                 ]', 'COC [
                 ]', 'COO [ ]', 'IOC [
                                              ]', 'AC_cost_unit [
                                                                        ]', 'ECE
          /kWh]', 'BCE [ /kWh]', 'n_bat_req_a [-]', 'n_bat_cycles [-]', 'DOD
      [%/100]', 'C_rate_hover [1/h]', 'C_rate_climb [1/h]', 'C_rate_cruise [1/h]', 'C_rate_average [1/h]', 'C_charge [1/h]', 'T_T [sec]', 'DH [-]',
      'P_bat_single [ ]', 'P_bat_annual [ ]', 'GWP_flight [CO2e kg]',
      'GWP_annual [CO2e kg]', 'GWPpK [CO2e kg/km]', 'CEE [CO2e kg/kWh]',
      'GWP_trip_energy_fraction [-]', 'CSI [ *kgCO2e/km]', 'COI [-]', 'FC_a [-]', 'FC_d [-]', 'FH_d [hrs]', 'Profit_annual [ ]', 'Profit_flight [ ]', 'PR [-]', 'RpK [ /km]', 'ticket_price_pax [
      'd_cru [m]', 'd_cl [m]', 'eVTOL_FoM [-]'};
  % Creating a table for the results with custom names
  resultsTable = array2table(results, 'VariableNames', [objectiveNames,
      designVarNames, calculatedVarNames]);
  % Sorting the table by the first objective function (change the index to sort
      by a different objective)
  sortedResultsTable = sortrows(resultsTable, 'Trip_Energy [Wh]');
11
12
13 % to display the sorted table
14 disp('Sorted Results Table:');
15 disp(sortedResultsTable);
17 % Plotting the Pareto front
18 figure;
19 scatter(fval(:, 1), fval(:, 2)/60, 'filled');
20 title('Pareto Front');
```

```
21 xlabel('Trip Energy (Wh)');
22 ylabel('Trip time (minutes)');
23 grid on;
```

Listing 5: Defining objectives, design variables, and calculated values; creating and sorting results table; plotting the Pareto front

## 8.3 Fixed Parameters Settings

**Purpose and Importance:** The fixed parameters are crucial for the optimization process as they provide constant values that define the environmental settings, mission profile, and vehicle characteristics. These parameters ensure consistency and reliability in the simulation and optimization models by providing baseline values for calculations. **Detailed Parameter List:** 

#### • Standard Environmental Settings:

```
- params.g = 9.81; - Acceleration due to gravity in m/s^2.
```

#### • Mission Profile Settings:

```
- params.h_hover = 30.5; - Hover height in meters Above Ground Level (AGL).
```

```
- params.h_cruise = 304.7; - Cruise height in meters AGL.
```

#### • Atmospheric Model:

```
- rho_msl = 1.225; - Air density at mean sea level in kg/m^3.
```

```
- params.rho_hover = rho_tofldg; - Air density at take-off and landing height.
```

```
- params.rho = rho_cruise; - Air density at cruise height.
```

#### • Aerodynamic Parameters:

```
- params.alpha_deg_cruise = 3; - Wing angle of attack in cruise in degrees.
```

```
- params.alpha_deg_climb = 8; - Wing angle of attack in climb in degrees.
```

## • eVTOL Configuration:

```
- params.num_props_cruise = 1; - Number of propellers in cruise configuration.
```

```
- params.num_props_hover = 8; - Number of propellers in hover configuration.
```

## • Operational Parameters:

```
- params.N_s = 4; - Number of seats.
```

```
- params.M_pax = 82; - Mass per passenger in kg.
```

```
- params.M_lug = 16; - Mass per luggage in kg.
```

- params.P\_s\_empty = 1436.5; - Cost per kg of empty mass in euros.

```
- params.N_wd = 260; - Number of working days per year.
```

- params.N\_df = 6; - Number of daily flights.

- params.P\_e = 0.09; - Cost per kWh of electricity in euros.

```
- params.P_bat_s = 115; - Specific price of battery in euros per kWh.
```

- params.t\_res = 60 \* 30; - 30 minutes reserve time for VFR according to FAA in seconds.

<sup>-</sup> params.rho\_climb = rho\_climb; - Air density during climb.

```
params.t_hover = 60; - Example hover time in seconds.
params.D_trip = 50; - Example trip distance in km.
```

#### • Efficiencies:

```
params.eta_e = 0.9; - Electric efficiency.
params.eta_p = 0.85; - Horizontal propulsive efficiency.
params.eta_hp = 0.7; - Hover propulsion efficiency.
params.eta_h = params.eta_hp * params.eta_e; - Combined hover efficiency.
params.eta_c = params.eta_p * params.eta_e; - Combined cruise efficiency.
```

### • Battery Parameters:

- params.rho\_bat = 300; - Battery energy density in Wh/kg.

Parameter Initialization Function: The function getFixedParameters initializes and returns a structured array params containing all fixed parameters used in the optimization process. These parameters include environmental settings, mission profiles, aerodynamic properties, eVTOL configuration, operational parameters, and efficiencies. By centralizing these constants, the function ensures consistency and simplifies modifications for future adjustments.

```
function params = getFixedParameters()
      % Fixed parameters as derived and defined in the model documentation
3
      addpath('/Users/johannes/Dropbox/Mein Mac (Johanness MacBook Pro
          (2))/Documents/MATLAB/Master_Project/MDO_MOO_Model_v100724/');
      % Standard Environmental Settings
5
      params.g = 9.81; % Acceleration due to gravity in m/s^2
6
7
      % Model Flight Height Settings
8
      params.h_tofldg = 0; % [m], take-off and landing height AMSL, (above mean
9
          sea level)
      params.h_hover = 15.24; % [m] 30.5m = 100ft, 15.24m = 50ft, Hover height
10
         AGL, (above ground level)
      params.h_cruise = 1219.2; \% [m], 304.7m = 1000ft, Cruise height AGL (above
          ground level), 1219.2m = 4000ft
12
      % Atmospheric Model
13
      rho_msl = 1.225; % [kg/m^3], air density at main sea level (MSL)
14
      rho_tofldg = rho_msl*(1-22.558*10^(-6)*params.h_tofldg)^4.2559; %
15
          [kg/m^3], air density at take-off and landing area
      rho_cruise = rho_msl*(1-22.558*10^(-6)*(params.h_cruise +
16
         params.h_tofldg))^4.2559; % [kg/m^3], air density at cruise height
      rho_climb = rho_msl*(1-22.558*10^(-6)*(params.h_cruise/2 +
17
         params.h_tofldg))^4.2559; % [kg/m^3], assumed air density during climb
      params.rho_hover = rho_tofldg;
18
19
      params.rho = rho_cruise;
20
      params.rho_climb = rho_climb;
21
      params.rho_msl = rho_msl;
22
      % Aerodynamic Paramaters
23
      params.alpha_deg_cruise = 3; % wing angle of attack in cruise [-]
24
      params.alpha_deg_climb = 8; % wing angle of attack in climb [-]
25
      params.alpha_deg_max = 15; % max wing angle of attack pre stall [-]
26
      % Design: Number of Props in eVTOL Configuration
      params.num_props_cruise = 1; % number of props in cruise (horizontal
29
          flight) configuration -
      params.num_props_hover = 8; % number of prop in hover (vertical flight)
30
          configuration -
```

```
params.d_tip = 0.025; % [m] % spacing between rotors and fuselage
31
      params.w_fuselage = 1.5; % [m] width of fuselage
32
      params.l_fus_m = 6; % assuming 9m for fuselage length (= aircraft length)
33
          [see Tecnam P2006T]
      params.r_fus_m = 0.75; % assuming 1.5m for cabin width [see Tecnam P2006T]
34
35
      % Mass assumptions
36
37
      params.M_pax = 82; % [kg], Mass per passenger
38
      params.M_lug = 16; % [kg], Mass per luggage
      params.m_crew = 82.5 + 14; % [kg], EASA standard crew weight
39
      params.m_other = 668; % [kg], fuselage weight, and others (seats etc.).
          from tecnam P2006T
      params.m_motor_initial = 500; % [kg], initial guess for motor mass
41
      params.m_bat_initial = 200; % [kg], initial guess for battery mass
42
43
      % Battery assumptions
44
      params.rho_bat = 400; % [Wh/kg] fixed assumption on battery density
45
          (400Wh/kg acc. Uber Eleveate requirement)
      params.C_charge =1; % [1/h] C-rate (discharge rate of battery)
46
47
48
49
      % Economic assumptions
50
      params.N_s = 4; % Number of seats
51
      params.P_s_empty = 1436.5; % [ /kg of M_empty], weight specific aircraft
          acquisition price
      params.N_wd = 260; % [days], Number of working days per year, based on
52
          uber
      params.N_df = 6; % [-], Number of daily flights
53
      params.P_e = 0.096668; % [ /kWh], energy price
params.P_bat_s = 115; % [ /kWh], energy capacity specific battery
54
55
          replacement price
      params.t_res = 60 * 30; % [seconds], 30min reserve for VFR acc. FAA
56
      params.t_hover = 60; % [seconds], hover time in seconds
      params.T_D = 8*60*60; % assuming a fixed operation window of 8hours daily,
          based on uber
      params.S_P = 45400; % [ ] annual salary for one pilot, based on Uber
59
      params.N\_AC = 1; \% [-] number of aircraft controlled by one pilot (>1,
60
          bunker based operation)
      params.U_pilot = 2000*60*60; %[sec] annual pilot utilization in seconds
61
          (2000hrs)
      params.GWP_battery = 124.5, % [kg CO2e/kWh] LIB NMC battery life cycle
62
          global warming impact
      params.GWP_energy = 0.37896; %[kg CO2/kWh] electricty generation GWP for
63
          battery charging
      params.LF = 0.67; % load factor, based on uber
64
      params.fare_km = 1.98; % euro per km per passenger, based on london taxi
65
          day fare
66
67
68
      % Efficiencies
69
      params.eta_e = 0.9; % electric efficiency
70
      params.eta_p = 0.85; % horizontal propulsive efficiency
71
      params.eta_hp = 0.7; % hover propulsion efficiency
72
      params.eta_h = params.eta_hp * params.eta_e; % Hover efficiency
73
      params.eta_c = params.eta_p * params.eta_e; % horizontal flight efficiency
74
75
      % Transportation Mode Comparison Figure of Merit Weighting
76
77
      params.time_weight = 0.333;
78
      params.co2_weight = 0.333;
79
      params.energy_weight = 0;
80
      params.costs_weight = 0.333;
```

```
82
83 end
```

Listing 6: Defining fixed parameters in the model

## 8.4 Multi-Objective Function

Objective Function Overview: The multi-objective function plays a crucial role in the optimization process by evaluating the performance of design solutions based on multiple criteria. In this context, the primary objectives being optimized are trip energy and trip time. The function aims to minimize both of these objectives, guiding the optimization algorithm towards the most efficient and effective designs. The multiObjectiveFunction is implemented to extract and utilize design variables for detailed performance calculations. By systematically analyzing these variables and their interactions, the multiObjectiveFunction ensures that the optimization algorithm can identify design solutions that minimize both trip energy and trip time, leading to efficient and viable aircraft designs.

```
function f = multiObjectiveFunction(x, params, set_trip_distance)
      % Extracting design variables
3
      MTOM = x(1);
      R_prop_cruise = x(2);
5
      R_prop_hover = x(3);
6
      c = x(4);
      b = x(5);
      % Using the fixed parameters
10
           alpha_deg_cruise = params.alpha_deg_cruise;
           alpha_deg_climb = params.alpha_deg_climb;
11
           num_props_cruise = params.num_props_cruise;
12
           num_props_hover = params.num_props_hover;
13
           g = params.g;
14
           rho_hover = params.rho_hover;
15
           rho = params.rho;
16
           rho_msl = params.rho_msl;
17
18
           rho_climb = params.rho_climb;
19
           h_hover = params.h_hover;
20
           h_cruise = params.h_cruise;
21
           N_s = params.N_s;
22
           M_pax = params.M_pax;
           M_lug = params.M_lug;
23
           P_s_empty = params.P_s_empty;
24
           N_wd = params.N_wd;
25
           T_D = params.T_D;
26
           N_df = params.N_df;
27
           P_e = params.P_e;
28
           P_bat_s = params.P_bat_s;
29
           t_res = params.t_res;
30
           t_hover = params.t_hover;
31
32
           D_trip = set_trip_distance;
33
           eta_h = params.eta_h;
34
           eta_c = params.eta_c;
           m_crew = params.m_crew;
35
           time_weight = params.time_weight;
36
           co2_weight = params.co2_weight;
37
           energy_weight = params.energy_weight;
38
           costs_weight = params.costs_weight;
39
           l_fus_m = params.l_fus_m;
40
           r_fus_m = params.r_fus_m;
41
           rho_bat = params.rho_bat;
42
43
44
```

```
45
      % Aerodynamic & Performance Processing
      c_l_cruise = Lift_Coefficient(alpha_deg_cruise, c, b);
46
      c_l_climb = Lift_Coefficient(alpha_deg_climb, c, b);
47
      c_d_cruise = Drag_Coefficient(c_l_cruise, c, b);
48
      c_d_climb = Drag_Coefficient(c_l_climb, c, b);
49
50
      V_cruise = sqrt(2*MTOM*g/(c_l_cruise*c*b*rho));
      V_climb = sqrt(2*MTOM*g/(c_l_climb*c*b*rho));
51
52
      drag_cruise = Drag(rho, V_cruise, c, b, c_d_cruise);
53
      roc = ROC(alpha_deg_climb, V_climb);
54
55
      % Power Processing (via Momentum Theory)
      Power_hover = Power_Hover_MT(MTOM, rho_hover, R_prop_hover,
56
          num_props_hover, eta_h);
      Power_climb = Power_Climb_MT(MTOM, rho_climb, c, b, V_climb, roc,
57
          c_d_climb, R_prop_cruise, num_props_cruise, eta_c, alpha_deg_climb);
      Power_cruise = Power_Cruise_MT(MTOM, rho, drag_cruise, V_cruise,
58
          R_prop_cruise, num_props_cruise, eta_c, 0);
59
      % Time and distance Processing
60
      t_cl = t_climb(h_cruise, h_hover, roc);
61
62
      d_cl = D_climb(V_climb, t_cl);
63
      d_cru = D_cruise(D_trip, d_cl, 0);
64
      t_cr = t_cruise(d_cru, V_cruise);
65
      t_tot = (t_cl + t_hover + t_cr);
66
67
      % Energy processing
      e_hvr = E_hover(Power_hover, t_hover);
68
69
      e_cl = E_climb(Power_climb, t_cl);
70
      e_cru = E_cruise(Power_cruise, t_cr);
      e_trip = E_trip(e_hvr, e_cl, e_cru, 0);
71
72
73
      % Define objective functions
      f = [e_trip, t_tot]; % Minimizing energy trip and trip time
74
75
  end
```

Listing 7: Multi-objective function for optimization

#### 8.5 Nonlinear Constraints Function

Constraints are essential in the optimization process as they ensure that the solutions generated by the optimization algorithm adhere to physical, operational, and regulatory limits. These constraints help in maintaining the feasibility and practicality of the design solutions. The nonlinearConstraints function is implemented to enforce various constraints on the design variables during the optimization. The specific constraints applied include aerodynamic, geometric, and regulatory constraints, each ensuring the design remains within permissible bounds. The function interacts with design variables by extracting them and using them in conjunction with fixed parameters to compute the constraints.

```
function [c, ceq] = nonlinearConstraints(x, params, set_trip_distance)
      % Extract design variables
3
      MTOM = x(1);
      R_prop_cruise = x(2);
4
      R_prop_hover = x(3);
5
6
      c = x(4);
7
      b = x(5);
      % rho_bat = x(6);
8
10
      % Use the fixed parameters
11
      alpha_deg_cruise = params.alpha_deg_cruise;
      alpha_deg_climb = params.alpha_deg_climb;
```

```
num_props_cruise = params.num_props_cruise;
14
15
      num_props_hover = params.num_props_hover;
16
      g = params.g;
      rho = params.rho;
17
      rho_msl = params.rho_msl;
18
      rho_hover = params.rho_hover;
19
      rho_climb = params.rho_climb;
20
21
      h_hover = params.h_hover;
22
      h_cruise = params.h_cruise;
23
      N_s = params.N_s;
24
      M_pax = params.M_pax;
25
      M_lug = params.M_lug;
      t_res = params.t_res;
26
      t_hover = params.t_hover;
27
      D_trip = set_trip_distance;
28
      eta_h = params.eta_h;
29
      eta_c = params.eta_c;
30
      m_crew = params.m_crew;
31
      d_tip = params.d_tip;
32
      w_fuselage = params.w_fuselage;
33
      l_fus_m = params.l_fus_m;
35
      r_fus_m = params.r_fus_m;
36
      rho_bat = params.rho_bat;
37
38
      % --> Disciplinary Analysis:
39
40
      % Aerodynamic Processing
41
      c_l_cruise = Lift_Coefficient(alpha_deg_cruise, c, b);
42
      c_l_climb = Lift_Coefficient(alpha_deg_climb, c, b);
43
      c_d_cruise = Drag_Coefficient(c_l_cruise, c, b);
44
      c_d_climb = Drag_Coefficient(c_l_climb, c, b);
45
      V_cruise = sqrt(2*MTOM*g/(c_l_cruise*c*b*rho));
46
      V_climb = sqrt(2*MTOM*g/(c_l_climb*c*b*rho));
47
      drag_cruise = Drag(rho, V_cruise, c, b, c_d_cruise);
48
      roc = ROC(alpha_deg_climb, V_climb);
49
50
      % Power Processing (via Momentum Theory)
51
      Power_hover = Power_Hover_MT(MTOM, rho_hover, R_prop_hover,
52
          num_props_hover, eta_h);
      Power_climb = Power_Climb_MT(MTOM, rho_climb, c, b, V_climb, roc,
53
          c_d_climb, R_prop_cruise, num_props_cruise, eta_c, alpha_deg_climb);
      Power_cruise = Power_Cruise_MT(MTOM, rho, drag_cruise, V_cruise,
          R_prop_cruise, num_props_cruise, eta_c, 0);
55
      \mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}} 
 Time and distance processing
56
      t_cl = t_climb(h_cruise, h_hover, roc);
57
      d_cl = D_climb(V_climb, t_cl);
58
      d_cru = D_cruise(D_trip, d_cl, 0);
59
60
      t_cr = t_cruise(d_cru, V_cruise);
61
62
      % Energy processing
63
      e_hvr = E_hover(Power_hover, t_hover);
64
      e_cl = E_climb(Power_climb, t_cl);
65
      e_cru = E_cruise(Power_cruise, t_cr);
66
      e_trip = E_trip(e_hvr, e_cl, e_cru, 0);
67
      e_res = E_res(Power_cruise, t_res);
68
69
70
      % Mass processing
71
      m_furnish = M_furnish(MTOM, V_cruise, rho);
72
      m_gear = M_gear(MTOM, R_prop_cruise, r_fus_m);
      m_fuselage = M_fuselage(1_fus_m, r_fus_m, MTOM, rho, rho_msl, V_cruise);
```

```
74
      m_system = M_system(l_fus_m, b, MTOM);
      m_bat = M_bat(rho_bat, e_trip, e_res);
75
      m_motor = M_motor(R_prop_hover, Power_hover, R_prop_cruise, Power_climb);
76
      m_wing = M_wing(c, b, V_cruise, rho, MTOM);
77
      m_pay = M_pay (N_s, M_pax, M_lug);
78
      m_rotor = M_rotor(num_props_hover, num_props_cruise, R_prop_hover,
79
          R_prop_cruise);
      m_empty = m_wing + m_motor + m_rotor + m_crew + m_furnish + m_fuselage +
80
          m_system + m_gear;
      % -> Constraint Definition:
83
84
85
      geometry_constraint = 2 * (num_props_hover / 4 * 2 * R_prop_hover * 3/4 +
86
          2 * d_tip + w_fuselage / 2) - b; % constraint on lifting rotor and
          fuselage distance
87
      vertiport_constraint1 = 2 * (2 * d_tip + 4 * R_prop_hover + w_fuselage /
          2) - 15; % 15 m vertiport constraint (according to EASA PTS VTP) with
          10% margin
      vertiport_constraint2 = b - 15; %15 m vertiport constraint (according to
          EASA PTS VTP) with 10% margin
89
      tolerance_percentage = 0.025; % 11% Tolerance
90
      tolerance_value = tolerance_percentage * MTOM;
      MTOM_constraint2 = abs(MTOM - (m_bat + m_empty + m_pay)) - tolerance_value;
91
      wing = b/c - 15;
92
93
      ceq = [];
94
      c = [ % insert scenario constraints here
95
           geometry_constraint;
96
97
           MTOM_constraint2];
  end
```

Listing 8: Nonlinear constraints function for optimization

## 8.6 Conclusion and Recommendations

The provided MATLAB code facilitates a multi-objective optimization framework for the design of an eVTOL aircraft. The main components and flow of the code are as follows:

#### • Initialization:

- Clear the workspace and import necessary model functions.
- Load fixed parameters using the getFixedParameters function.

## • Pre-calculation of Initial Weights:

- Make initial guesses for design variables such as chord length, wingspan, and propeller radii.
- Calculate initial component weights to provide a starting point for further iterations.

## • Defining Optimization Bounds:

- Specify bounds for the design variables to guide the optimization process within realistic and feasible ranges.

#### • Multi-Objective Optimization:

 Utilize a genetic algorithm (gamultiobj) to optimize two main objectives: trip energy and trip time. - The multiObjectiveFunction evaluates each candidate solution based on detailed aerodynamic, mass, power, and energy calculations.

#### • Nonlinear Constraints:

 The nonlinearConstraints function ensures that all design solutions adhere to physical, geometric, and regulatory constraints, maintaining feasibility and compliance with standards.

## • Post-Processing:

- Recalculate the MTOM and other parameters for each optimized solution.
- Organize the results into a table, sort, and visualize to highlight the trade-offs between objectives.

#### • Results Presentation:

- Display final results, including detailed metrics and visualizations such as the Pareto front
- Save results to an Excel file for further analysis and decision-making.

## Recommendations for Future Use

### • Enhancement of Objective Functions:

 Incorporate more detailed and diverse objective functions to capture additional performance metrics and improve the robustness of the optimization.

#### • Integration of More Constraints:

 Add more constraints related to safety, environmental impact, and operational limits to further refine the design space and ensure compliance with a broader range of requirements.

## • Optimization Algorithms:

 Explore the use of other optimization algorithms, such as particle swarm optimization or differential evolution, to compare performance and potentially achieve better solutions.

#### • Modularization and Code Efficiency:

- Refactor the code into more modular functions to enhance readability and maintainability.
- Focus on optimizing the computational efficiency of the calculations, especially for large-scale problems.

## • Validation and Testing:

- Implement rigorous validation and testing of the models and optimization results against real-world data and scenarios to ensure accuracy and reliability.

#### • User Interface and Automation:

- Develop a user-friendly interface to facilitate easier input of parameters and viewing of results.
- Automate the process to allow for seamless execution and analysis, particularly for iterative design processes.

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# A Appendix

## A.1 Airfoil Data

NACA 0012 Data according [24].

$\alpha$	$C_L$	$C_D$	$C_{Dp}$	$C_M$	Top_Xtr	Bot_Xtr
0.000	0.0000	0.01020	0.00520	0.0000	0.9046	0.9047
0.250	0.0350	0.01022	0.00521	-0.0004	0.8886	0.9182
0.500	0.0700	0.01025	0.00522	-0.0009	0.8696	0.9304
$0.750 \\ 1.000$	$0.1048 \\ 0.1454$	$0.01028 \\ 0.01034$	$0.00521 \\ 0.00519$	-0.0015 -0.0033	$0.8482 \\ 0.8255$	$0.9424 \\ 0.9510$
1.250	0.1454	0.01034	0.00518	-0.0054	0.7978	0.9593
1.500	0.2255	0.01048	0.00517	-0.0072	0.7684	0.9686
1.750	0.2684	0.01056	0.00512	-0.0100	0.7357	0.9756
2.000	0.3085	0.01066	0.00509	-0.0122	0.7012	0.9843
2.250	0.3513	0.01075	0.00504	-0.0152	0.6637	0.9915
2.500	0.3942	0.01085	0.00497	-0.0183	0.6249	0.9979
$\frac{2.750}{3.000}$	$0.4235 \\ 0.4462$	$0.01094 \\ 0.01104$	$0.00492 \\ 0.00489$	-0.0188 -0.0180	$0.5886 \\ 0.5545$	1.0000 1.0000
$\frac{3.000}{3.250}$	0.4462	0.01104	0.00489	-0.0172	0.5202	1.0000
3.500	0.4915	0.011134	0.00492	-0.0163	0.4857	1.0000
3.750	0.5138	0.01153	0.00498	-0.0155	0.4509	1.0000
4.000	0.5357	0.01176	0.00507	-0.0145	0.4160	1.0000
4.250	0.5571	0.01203	0.00521	-0.0134	0.3810	1.0000
4.500	0.5782	0.01234	0.00536	-0.0123	0.3456	1.0000
4.750	0.5990	0.01268	0.00556	-0.0111	0.3101	1.0000
$\frac{5.000}{5.250}$	$0.6195 \\ 0.6395$	$0.01306 \\ 0.01350$	$0.00580 \\ 0.00609$	-0.0099 -0.0086	$0.2744 \\ 0.2398$	1.0000 1.0000
5.500	0.6591	0.01330	0.00643	-0.0072	0.2077	1.0000
5.750	0.6784	0.01455	0.00683	-0.0058	0.1796	1.0000
6.000	0.6971	0.01516	0.00729	-0.0043	0.1563	1.0000
6.250	0.7161	0.01577	0.00781	-0.0028	0.1374	1.0000
6.500	0.7351	0.01641	0.00837	-0.0013	0.1223	1.0000
6.750	0.7535	0.01712	0.00900	0.0003	0.1104	1.0000
$\frac{7.000}{7.250}$	$0.7725 \\ 0.7919$	$0.01776 \\ 0.01844$	$0.00961 \\ 0.01031$	$0.0018 \\ 0.0033$	$0.1005 \\ 0.0925$	1.0000 1.0000
7.500	0.8096	0.01844	0.01031	0.0033	0.0923	1.0000
7.750	0.8300	0.01995	0.01114	0.0062	0.0799	1.0000
8 000	0.8481	0.02112	0.01285	0.0077	0.0749	1.0000
8.250 8.500	0.8690	0.02173	0.01362	0.0089	0.0707	1.0000
8.500	0.8890	0.02251	0.01438	0.0101	0.0667	1.0000
8.750	0.9087	0.02387	0.01574	0.0112	0.0635	1.0000
$9.000 \\ 10.000$	$0.9291 \\ 1.0067$	$0.02472 \\ 0.02966$	$0.01674 \\ 0.02206$	$0.0124 \\ 0.0168$	$0.0604 \\ 0.0511$	1.0000 1.0000
10.250	1.0251	0.02966	0.02323	0.0108	$0.0311 \\ 0.0492$	1.0000
10.500	1.0445	0.03262	0.02503	0.0185	0.0474	1.0000
10.750	1.0571	0.03445	0.02718	0.0203	0.0462	1.0000
11.000	1.0681	0.03636	0.02942	0.0222	0.0451	1.0000
$11.250 \\ 11.500$	1.0773	0.03842	0.03177	0.0241	0.0441	1.0000
11.500	1.0860	0.04035	0.03390	0.0258	0.0430	1.0000
$\frac{11.750}{12.000}$	1.0969 1.1068	$0.04194 \\ 0.04366$	$0.03558 \\ 0.03735$	$0.0272 \\ 0.0286$	$0.0419 \\ 0.0410$	1.0000 1.0000
12.250	1.1101	0.04300 $0.04727$	0.03733	0.0298	0.0410	1.0000
12.500	1.0959	0.04960	0.04372	0.0334	0.0399	1.0000
12.750	1.0790	0.05258	0.04700	0.0360	0.0397	1.0000
13.000	1.0599	0.05626	0.05095	0.0372	0.0396	1.0000
13.250	1.0385	0.06069	0.05564	0.0369	0.0396	1.0000
13.500	1.0150	$0.06603 \\ 0.07237$	0.06120	0.0352	0.0396	1.0000
$13.750 \\ 14.000$	$0.9898 \\ 0.9632$	0.07237	$0.06774 \\ 0.07532$	$0.0319 \\ 0.0275$	$0.0398 \\ 0.0399$	1.0000 1.0000
14.000	0.3032	0.01910	0.07332	0.0213	0.0399	1.0000

Table 12: XFOIL Calculated Polar for NACA 0012 Airfoil

NACA 2412 Data according [25].

$\alpha$	$C_L$	$C_D$	$C_{Dp}$	$C_M$	$_{\rm Top\_Xtr}$	Bot_Xtr
0.000	0.2860	0.01001	0.00485	-0.0608	0.8392	0.9789
0.250	0.3359	0.00994	0.00469	-0.0650	0.8247	0.9917
0.500	0.3796	0.00985	0.00451	-0.0682	0.8082	1.0000
0.750	0.4025	0.00981	0.00436	-0.0672	0.7901	1.0000
1.000	0.4257	0.00980	0.00424	-0.0662	0.7719	1.0000
$\frac{1.250}{1.500}$	0.4491	0.00982	0.00415	-0.0652	0.7537	1.0000
1.500	0.4727	0.00988	0.00410	-0.0642	0.7356	1.0000
1.750	0.4959	0.00996	0.00409	-0.0631	0.7163	1.0000
2.000	0.5193	0.01005	0.00410	-0.0621	0.6973	1.0000
2.250	0.5428	0.01017	0.00413	-0.0611	0.6786	1.0000
$\frac{2.500}{2.750}$	0.5663	0.01030	0.00417	-0.0601	0.6604	1.0000
2.750	0.5899	0.01045	0.00424	-0.0592	0.6427	1.0000
3.000	0.6136	0.01062	0.00432	-0.0582	0.6255	1.0000
3.250	0.6373	0.01080	0.00443	-0.0572	0.6088	1.0000
3.500	0.6610	0.01099	0.00456	-0.0563	0.5924	1.0000
3.750	0.6847	0.01119	0.00470	-0.0554	0.5757	1.0000
4.000	0.7080	0.01141	0.00483	-0.0543	0.5577	1.0000
4.250	0.7311	$0.01161 \\ 0.01182$	0.00498	-0.0533	0.5375	1.0000
$\frac{4.500}{4.750}$	$0.7543 \\ 0.7778$		0.00515	-0.0522	0.5178	1.0000
5.000	0.8010	$0.01205 \\ 0.01229$	$0.00534 \\ 0.00554$	-0.0513 -0.0503	$0.4995 \\ 0.4800$	$\frac{1.0000}{1.0000}$
$\frac{5.000}{5.250}$	0.8238	0.01229	0.00554 $0.00572$	-0.0303	$0.4500 \\ 0.4589$	1.0000
5.500	0.8465	0.01230	0.00593	-0.0482	0.4349	1.0000
5.750	0.8687	0.01309	0.00616	-0.0471	0.4343 $0.4112$	1.0000
6.000	0.8911	0.01338	0.00642	-0.0461	0.3854	1.0000
6.250	0.9129	0.01373	0.00670	-0.0450	0.3582	1.0000
$\frac{6.250}{6.500}$	0.9339	0.01415	0.00702	-0.0438	0.3278	1.0000
6.750	0.9541	0.01465	0.00740	-0.0425	0.2937	1.0000
7.000	0.9731	0.01526	0.00785	-0.0411	0.2573	1.0000
7.250	0.9908	0.01600	0.00841	-0.0396	0.2186	1.0000
7.500	1.0067	0.01693	0.00909	-0.0378	0.1782	1.0000
$7.500 \\ 7.750$	1.0218	0.01795	0.00991	-0.0360	0.1446	1.0000
8.000	1.0370	0.01896	0.01076	-0.0341	0.1225	1.0000
8.250 8.500	1.0523	0.01995	0.01166	-0.0323	0.1086	1.0000
8.500	1.0679	0.02091	0.01261	-0.0305	0.0995	1.0000
9.000	1.0982	0.02292	0.01462	-0.0268	0.0875	1.0000
9.250	1.1137	0.02387	0.01556	-0.0251	0.0830	1.0000
9.500	1.1282	0.02523	0.01687	-0.0234	0.0794	1.0000
9.750	1.1448	0.02608	0.01784	-0.0218	0.0764	1.0000
10.000	1.1606	0.02701	0.01883	-0.0201	0.0733	1.0000
$\frac{10.250}{10.500}$	$1.1764 \\ 1.1960$	$0.02814 \\ 0.02971$	$0.01993 \\ 0.02152$	-0.0187 -0.0179	$0.0705 \\ 0.0678$	$\frac{1.0000}{1.0000}$
10.500	1.2108	0.03066	0.02152	-0.0179	0.0656	1.0000
11.000	1.2253	0.03000	0.02203	-0.0102	0.0632	1.0000
11.250	1.2401	0.03283	0.02494	-0.0132	0.0610	1.0000
11.500	1.2632	0.03501	0.02707	-0.0132	0.0582	1.0000
11.750	1.2711	0.03605	0.02834	-0.0109	0.0568	1.0000
12.000	1.2809	0.03736	0.02983	-0.0090	0.0549	1.0000
12.250	1.2900	0.03870	0.03129	-0.0072	0.0530	1.0000
12.500	1.3004	0.04002	0.03266	-0.0058	0.0513	1.0000
12.750	1.3189	0.04267	0.03530	-0.0055	0.0491	1.0000
13.000	1.3172	0.04432	0.03723	-0.0029	0.0482	1.0000
13.250	1.3163	0.04631	0.03947	-0.0008	0.0469	1.0000
$\frac{13.500}{13.750}$	1.3164	0.04839	0.04175	0.0008	0.0456	1.0000
13.750	1.3172	0.05044	0.04393	0.0021	0.0443	1.0000
14.000	1.3198	0.05245	0.04601	0.0031	0.0432	1.0000
14.250	1.3283	0.05480	0.04836	0.0038	0.0419	1.0000
14.500	1.3192	0.05878	0.05258	0.0048	0.0411	1.0000
$14.750 \\ 15.000$	$1.3035 \\ 1.2862$	$0.06249 \\ 0.06682$	$0.05658 \\ 0.06119$	$0.0053 \\ 0.0051$	$0.0407 \\ 0.0403$	$\frac{1.0000}{1.0000}$
15.000	1.2002	0.00062	0.00119	0.0051	0.0403	1.0000

Table 13: XFOIL Calculated Polar for NACA 2412 Airfoil