

# Multidisciplinary Adjoint-based Design Optimization Techniques for Helicopter Rotors

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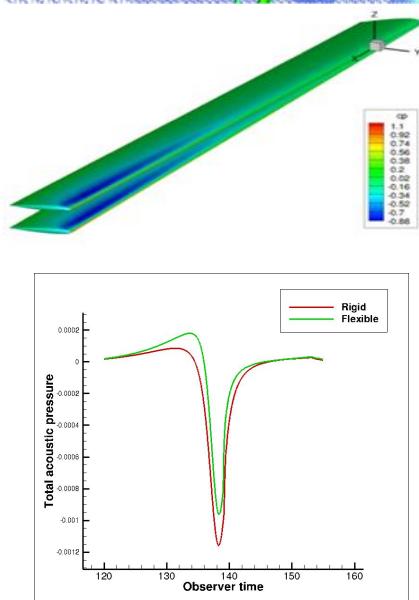
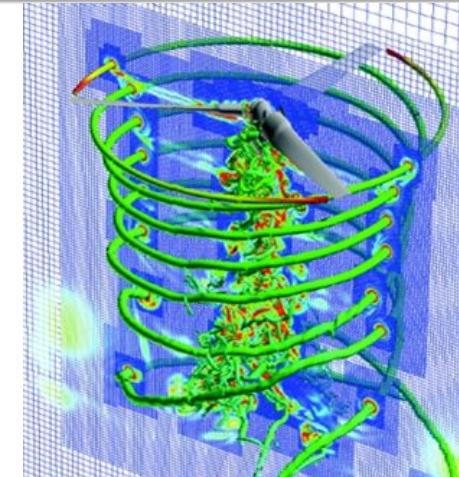
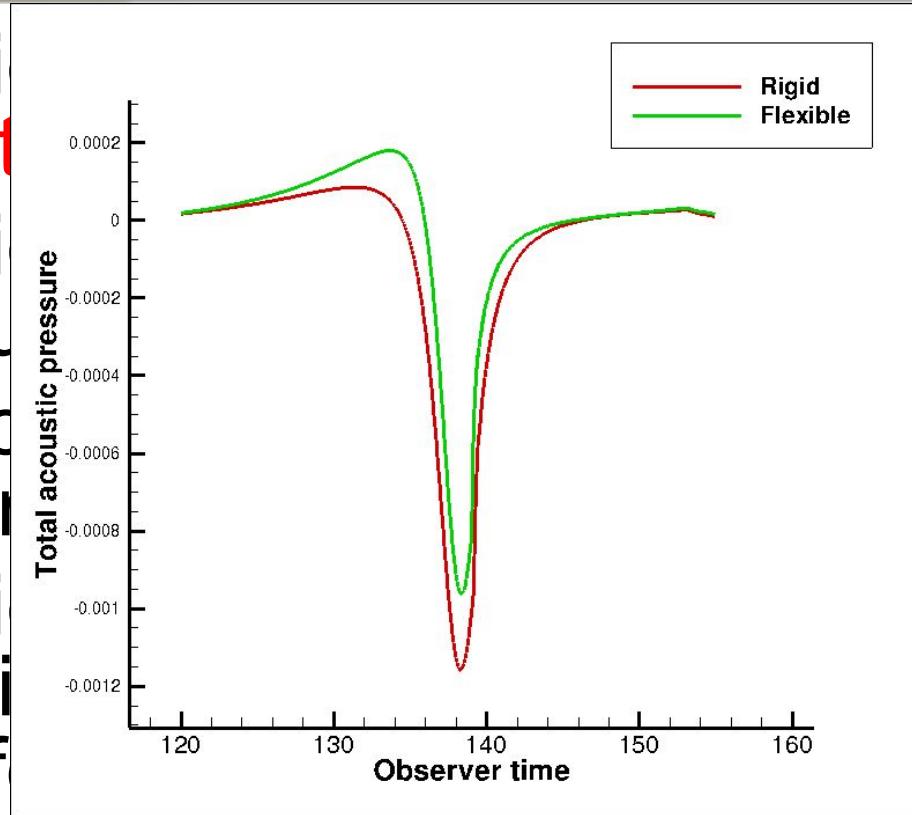
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# Introduction

- Helicopter noise reduction
- Helicopter blade optimization
- Adjoint optimization
- Helicopter noise minimization performance
- Need for flexible *aero-acoustic* coupled adjoint optimization
  - Blade flexibility affects noise signature





# Motivation & Objective

- Limited high-fidelity **multidisciplinary** optimization
  - Aerodynamics, structural mechanics, aeroacoustics
- Objective
  - Enable blade shape (and other) optimization to minimize far-field acoustic signature
  - Develop coupled near-field/far-field acoustic analysis and sensitivity capability for flexible rotors
  - Use to perform time-dependent optimization for far-field acoustic objectives
  - Demonstrate multidisciplinary capability
    - Combine aeroelastic and aeroacoustic adjoint



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# Aerodynamic Solver

## NSU3D

- 3D unstructured finite-volume RANS solver.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> –order accurate in space and time.
  - Fully implicit discretization solved using Newton's method at each time-step
- Central differencing with Matrix dissipation.
- One equation Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model.
- Deforming mesh capability.
  - Linear elasticity model to propagate surface deformations to interior (cyclic pitching/design changes/structural deformations).
- MPI parallelization with proven scalability up to 30,000 processors.



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# Structural Analysis: Beam Model

- Hodges-Dowell type finite element based solver
- 15 degrees of freedom (flap, lag, axial and torsion)

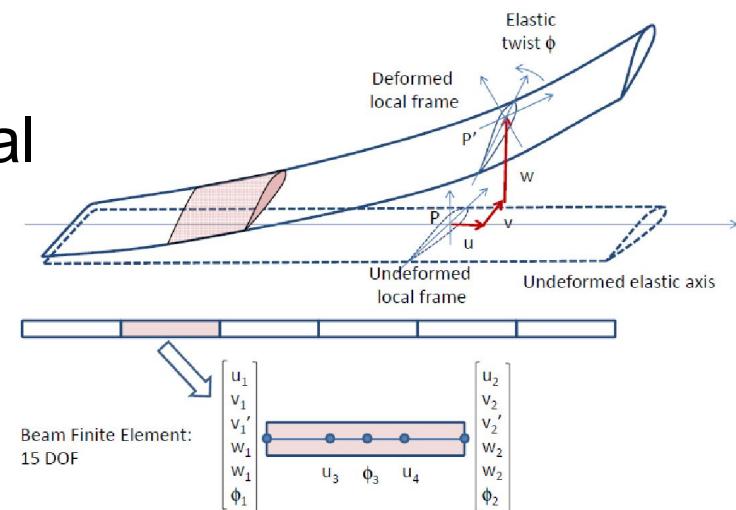
• First order system:

where,  $\mathbf{J} = [\mathbf{I}] \dot{\mathbf{Q}} + [\mathbf{A}] \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{F} = 0$

$$\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}]^T$$

- $\mathbf{J}$  = Residual of structural equation
- $\mathbf{q}$  = blade dof (flap, slope etc)
- $\mathbf{F}$  = beam forcing

**Beam FEM model**



Comparison of Hart-II Natural Frequencies

Modes	Present Model	UMARc	DLR
Flap 1	1.104	1.112	1.125
Flap 2	2.802	2.843	2.835
Flap 3	5.010	5.189	5.168
Torsion 1	3.878	3.844	3.845



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# Acoustic propagation: FW-H

FW-H:

- Farassat's Formulation 1A
- Source-time dominant algorithm.
- Linear pressure interpolation at the observer.
- Quadrupole term neglected.
- Use aeroelastically converged flow and mesh data

$$U_i = \left(1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_o}\right) v_i + \frac{\rho u_i}{\rho_o}$$

$$L_i = p' n_j + \rho u_i (u_n - v_n)$$

$$U_n = U_i n_i$$

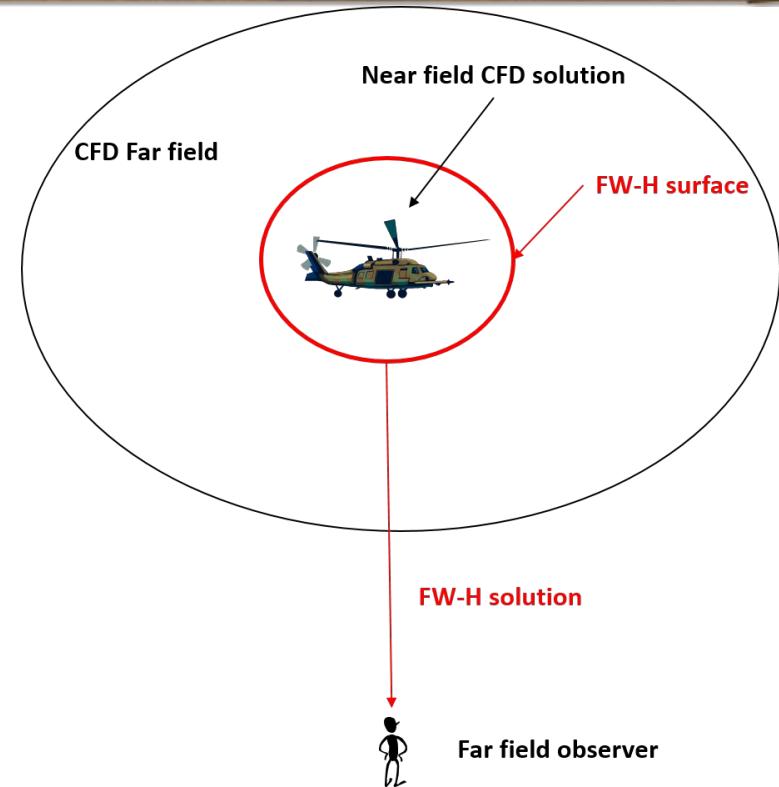
$$M_r = M_i r_i$$

$$L_r = L_i r_i$$

$$L_M = L_i M_i$$

$$K = r \dot{M}_r + c_o (M_r - M^2)$$

$$4\pi p'_L = \frac{1}{c_o} \int_{f=0} \left[ \frac{\dot{L}_r}{r(1-M_r)^2} \right]_{ret} dS + \int_{f=0} \left[ \frac{L_r - L_M}{r^2(1-M_r)^2} \right]_{ret} dS + \frac{1}{c_o} \int_{f=0} \left[ \frac{L_r K}{r^2(1-M_r)^3} \right]_{ret} dS$$

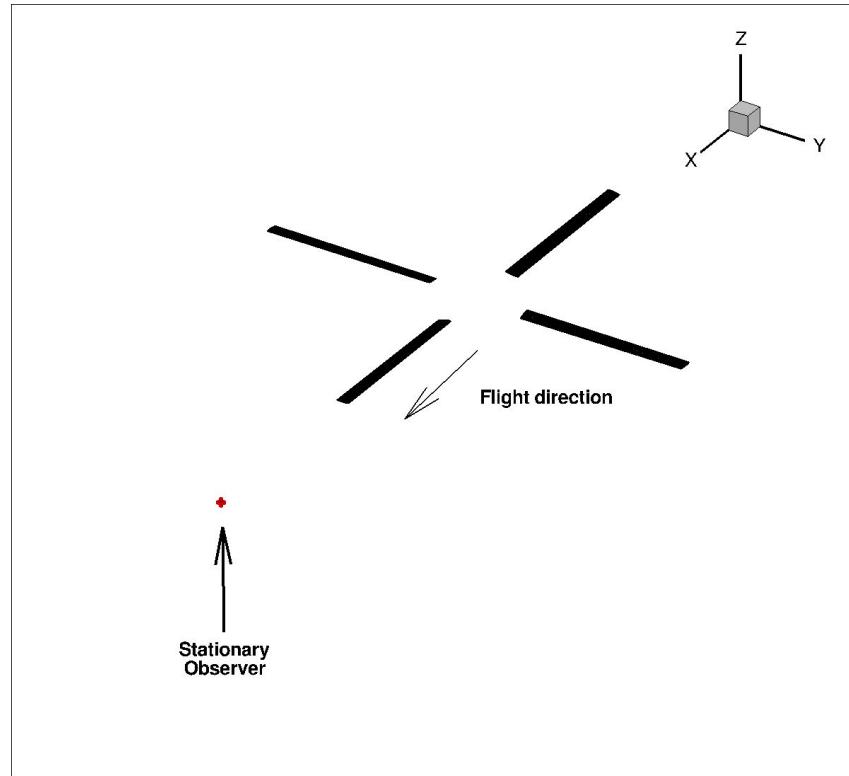


$$4\pi p'(\mathbf{y}, t) = 4\pi p'_T(\mathbf{y}, t) + 4\pi p'_L(\mathbf{y}, t)$$

$$4\pi p'_T(\mathbf{y}, t) = \int_{f=0} \left[ \frac{\rho_o (\dot{U}_n + U_n)}{r(1-M_r)^2} \right]_{ret} dS + \int_{f=0} \left[ \frac{\rho_o U_n K}{r^2(1-M_r)^3} \right]_{ret} dS$$



# Acoustic Problem setup



Flexible Hart-II rotor in trimmed forward flight.

$$M_{\infty} = 0.095 - M_{tip} = 0.638$$

Stationary observer in the plane of the rotor  $2R$  from rotor hub  $\psi = 180\text{deg}$ .

Solid wall acoustic integration – Blade surface is acoustic surface 11

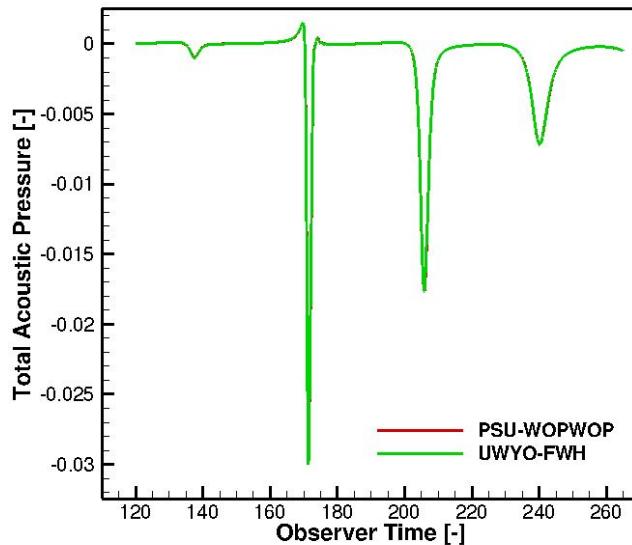


# FW-H validation

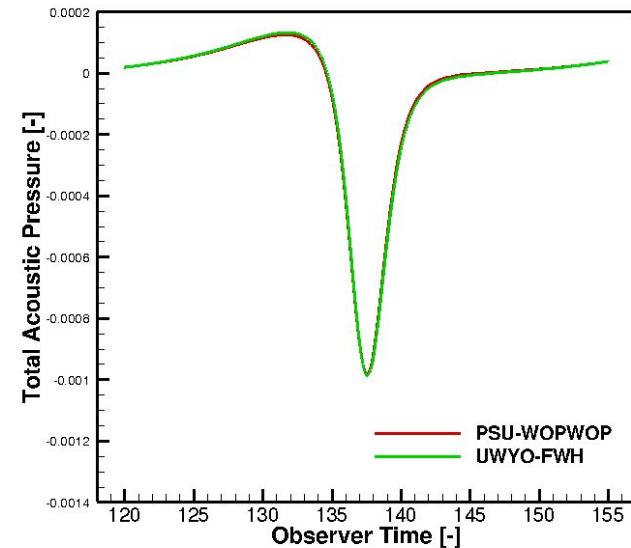
RANS based NSU3D CFD code provides input to FW-H acoustic propagation module.

Validation against legacy **PSU-WOPWOP** FW-H code

Observer time history



Optimization window



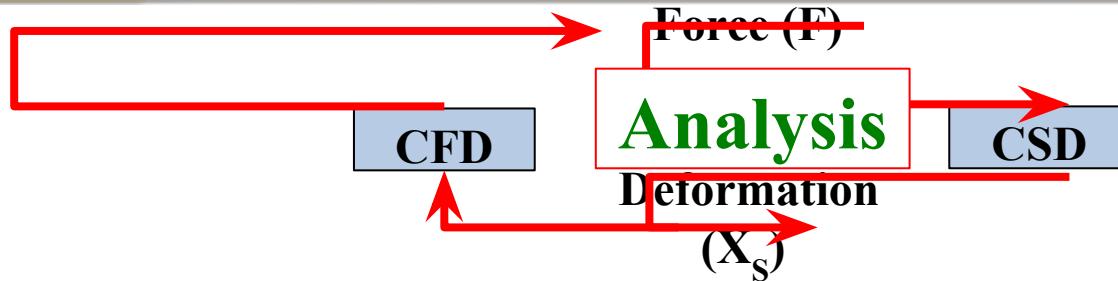


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# Fully coupled aerostructural analysis



Mesh deformation

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{S}^\theta(\mathbf{x}_{s\theta}, \mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_\theta, \mathbf{x}_{s\theta}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{D})) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{S}^\Psi(\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_\theta) = \mathbf{0}$$

CFD

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}_p) = \mathbf{0}$$

Interpolation

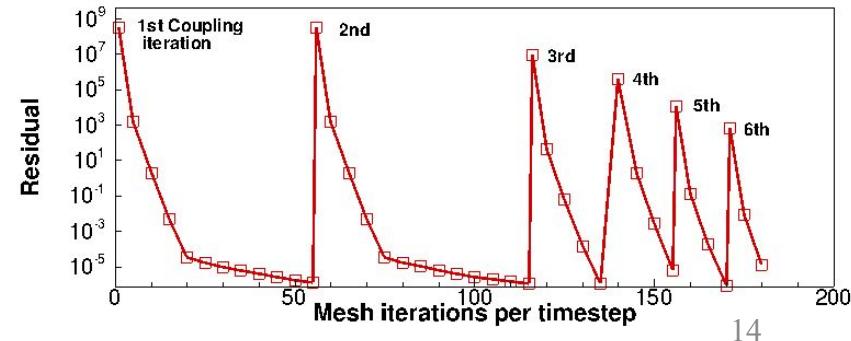
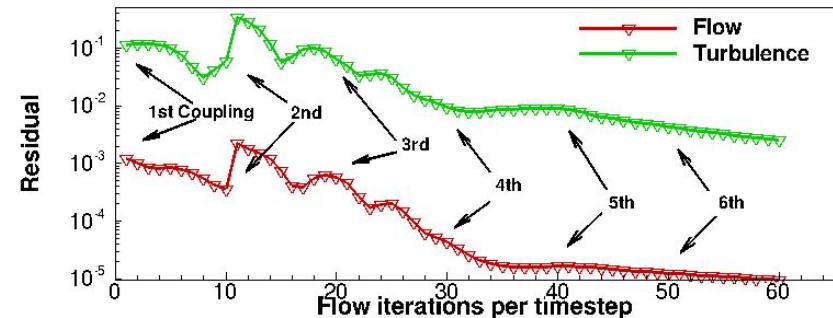
$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{u})) = \mathbf{0}$$

CSD

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}_B) = \mathbf{0}$$

Interpolation

$$\mathbf{S}'(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{0}$$





# Fully coupled aerostructural sensitivity: Tangent

- Time-dependent objective function:

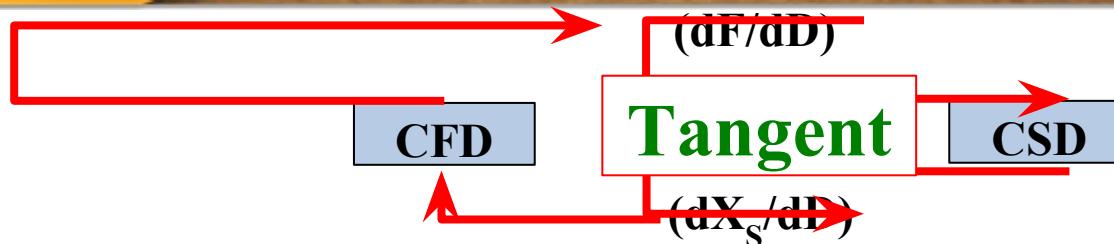
$$L = L(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{D}), \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{D}))$$

- General expression for forward linearization of objective function w.r.t design variables:

$$\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{d\mathbf{D}} \\ \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{d\mathbf{D}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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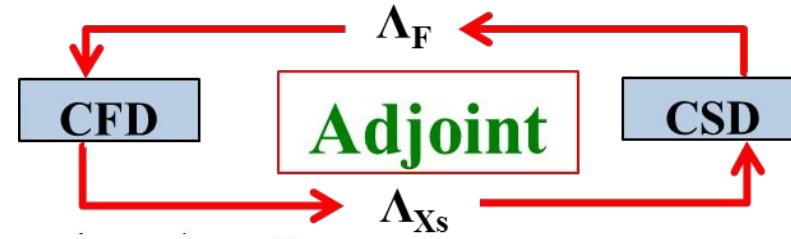
$$\begin{bmatrix} \partial G \\ \vdots \\ \partial S^\theta \\ \partial G_\theta \\ \partial S^\Psi \\ \partial R \\ \partial S \\ \partial J \\ \partial S' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx}{dD} \\ \frac{dx_{s\theta}}{dD} \\ \frac{dx_\theta}{dD} \\ \frac{dx_p}{dD} \\ \frac{du}{dD} \\ \frac{dF_b}{dD} \\ \frac{dQ}{dD} \\ \frac{dx_s}{dD} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, D) &= 0 \\ S^\theta(x_{s\theta}, x_s, D) &= 0 \\ G(x_\theta, x_{s\theta}(Q, D)) &= 0 \\ S^\Psi(x_p, x_\theta) &= 0 \\ R(u, x_p) &= 0 \\ S(F_B, Q, F(x_p, u)) &= 0 \\ J(Q, F_B) &= 0 \\ S'(x_s, Q) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From constraint integration  
to be satisfied at  
every timestep  
Equations  
Adapted from sys10m



# Fully coupled aerostructural sensitivity: Adjoint



$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^\theta^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^\theta^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s\theta}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s\theta}} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\theta} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^\psi}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\theta} & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^\psi}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\psi} & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}^T}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}'^T}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Lambda_{\mathbf{x}_s} \\ \Lambda_{\mathbf{u}} \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \\ 0 & \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}^\theta^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}_s} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Backward integration  
in time

$$\frac{dL^T}{d\mathbf{D}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}^T}{\partial \mathbf{D}} & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Lambda_{\mathbf{x}} \\ \Lambda_{\mathbf{u}} \end{array} \right]$$

dependent  
on  $L$

Independent of  $\mathbf{D}$

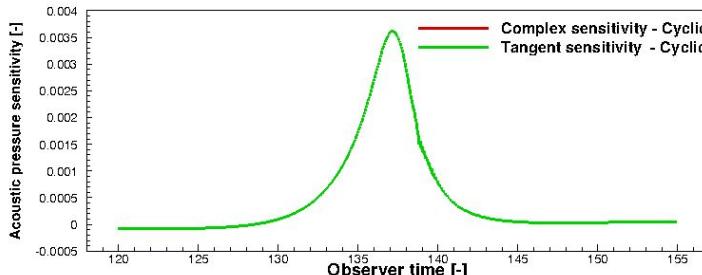
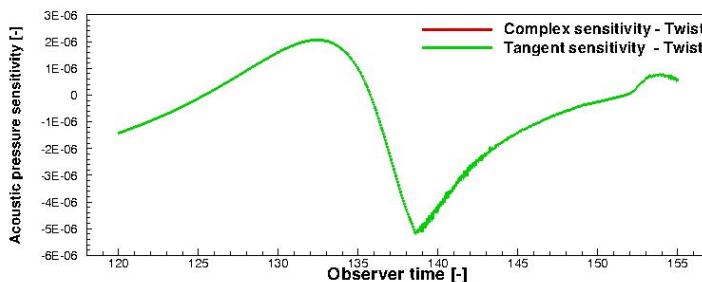


# Acoustic sensitivity: verification

**Tangent sensitivity:** Tangent NSU3D solver provides forward aeroelastic flow and mesh sensitivity to tangent FW-H integration

**Adjoint sensitivity:** Adjoint FW-H code provides reverse sensitivity to NSU3D adjoint solver to perform aeroelastic backward time integration

Acoustic sensitivity  
time history



Agreement to 9 significant figures with  
complex step method

	Sensitivity (twist)
Complex	1.46204808801E-06
Tangent	1.46204806875E-06
Adjoint	1.46204808794E-06

	Sensitivity (cyclic)
Complex	-4.269878110954E-04
Tangent	-4.269878110962E-04
Adjoint	-4.269878110854E-04



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    - Aeroacoustic optimization
    - Acoustically constrained torque minimization
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    - Trim optimization
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# Optimization Problems – HART-II

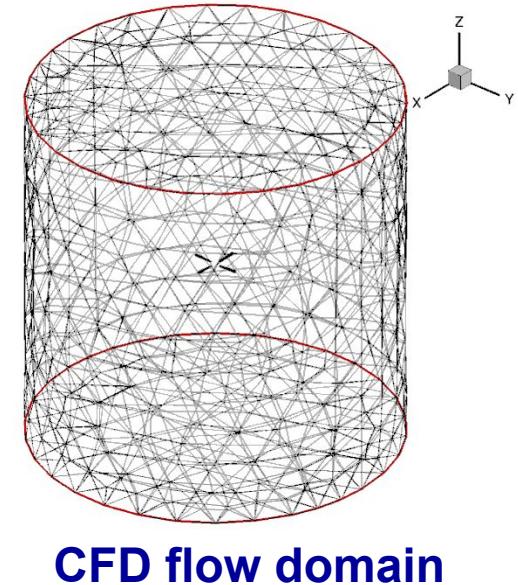
**Objective:** Minimize acoustic signature of HART-II rotor in trimmed forward flight.

- Initial design: baseline HART-II rotor in trimmed forward flight
  - Initial trim formulated as separate optimization problem
- Aeroacoustic optimization
- Torque optimization with acoustic constraint
- SNOPT constrained optimizer
  - Enforces constraints directly
  - Requires adjoint calculation for each objective/constraint
- Optimization cost: 96 hours wall-clock time on 1024 cores
- 650Gb disk storage

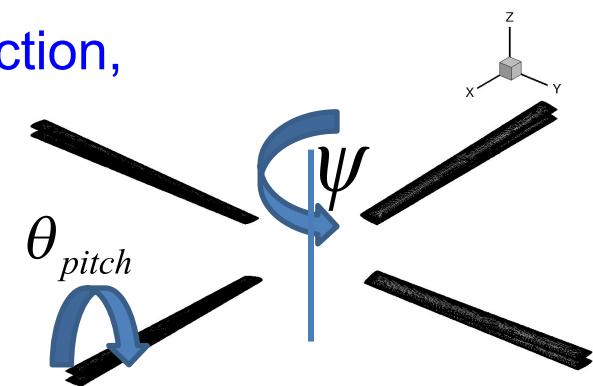


# HART-II rotor in Forward Flight

- 4 bladed Hart-II rotor in forward flight:
  - $M_{tip} = 0.64$ ; 1040 RPM;  $\mu=0.15$  ( $M_\infty \sim 0.1$ );  $\alpha=5.4^\circ$
- CFD/CSD specifications:
  - 2.32 million grid nodes (prisms, pyramids, tets)
  - 20 beam elements per blade
  - 2 rotor revs,  $\Delta t=2^\circ$ 
    - 6 coupling iterations per timestep
  - Objective/constraints accumulated over second rotor revolution
- Design variables
  - 10 Hicks-Henne bump functions per blade section, 9 blade sections (90). Root and tip twist.
  - Control Inputs:
    - Collective ( $\theta_O$ ) and Cyclics ( $\theta_{1c}, \theta_{1s}$ )
$$\theta_{pitch} = \theta_O + \theta_{1c} \cos \psi + \theta_{1s} \sin \psi$$
  - 95 design parameters total



CFD flow domain





# Optimization Problems – HART-II

Trim  
optimization

$\min L_{THRUST}$   
subject to  
 $L_{LATERAL} = 0$   
w.r.t.  $\mathbf{D}_{pitch}$

Aeroacoustic  
optimization

$\min p'_{RMS}$   
subject to  
 $L_{THRUST} = 0$   
 $L_{LATERAL} = 0$   
w.r.t.  $\mathbf{D}$

Acoustically  
constrained  
Torque optimization

$\min L_{TORQUE}$   
subject to  
 $L_{THRUST} = 0$   
 $L_{LATERAL} = 0$   
 $p'_{RMS} = p'_{RMS_{TARGET}}$   
w.r.t.  $\mathbf{D}$



# Optimization Problems – HART-II

**Acoustic  
objective/constraint**

$$p'_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{sample}} p'^2(\mathbf{D})}{N_{sample}}}$$

$p'_{RMS_{TARGET}}$  yields 2dB OSPL reduction

**Aerodynamic  
constraints**

$$L_{THRUST} = \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (C_T^i - C_{T_{AVERAGE}}^i) \right)^2$$

$$L_{LATERAL} = \frac{1}{N} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^N C_{M_x}^i \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^N C_{M_y}^i \right)^2 \right]$$

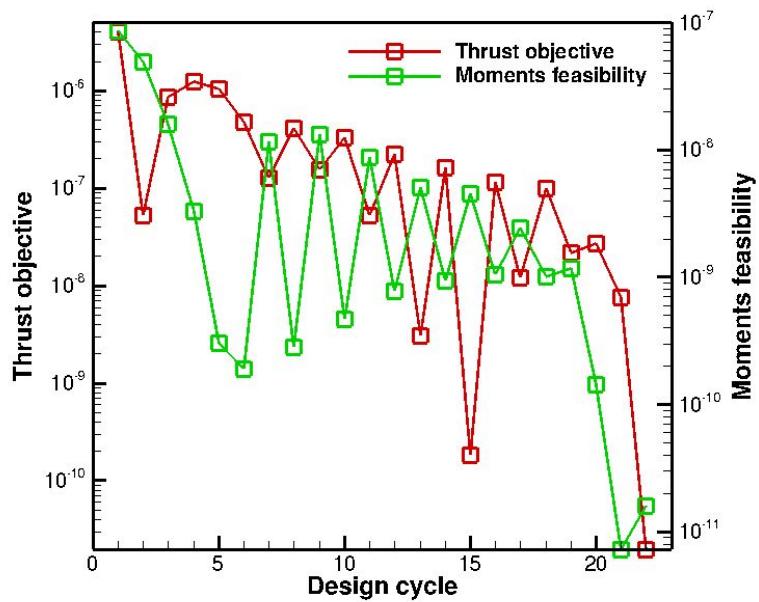
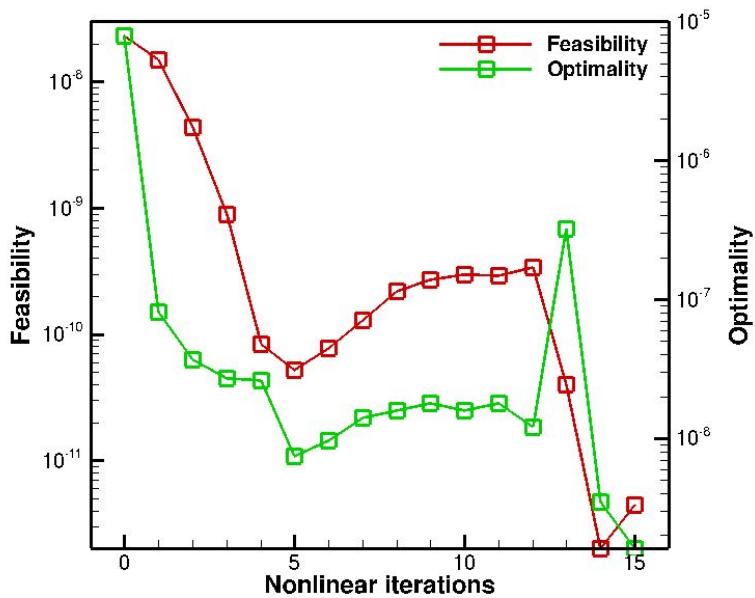
$$L_{TORQUE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (C_Q^i)^2$$

$$C_{T_{AVERAGE}}^i = 0.0044$$



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## Trim optimization



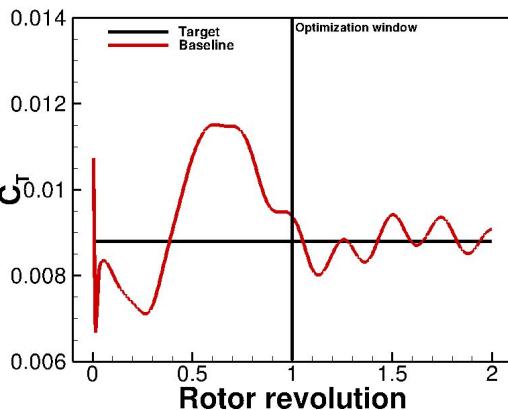
- ✓ Convergence in 15 non linear iterations
- ✓ Only 3 design variables: 1 collective, 2 cyclics



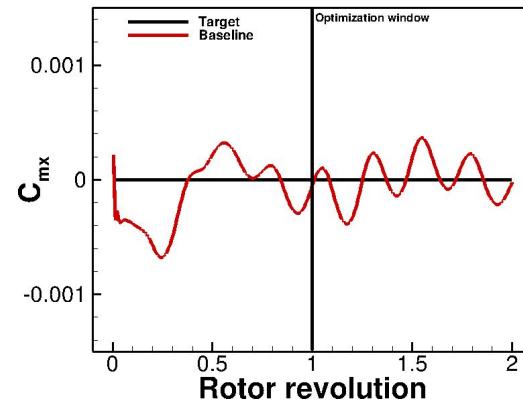
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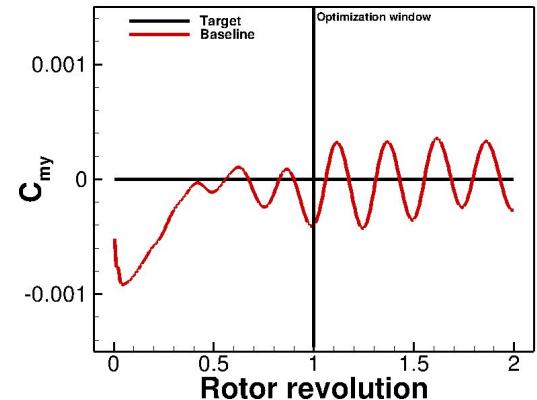
Thrust



Rolling moment



Pitching moment

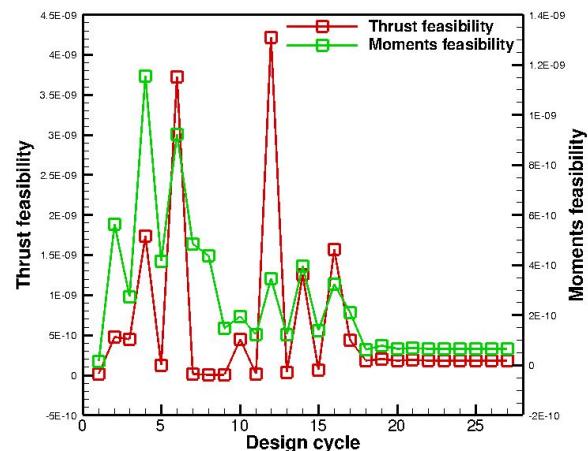
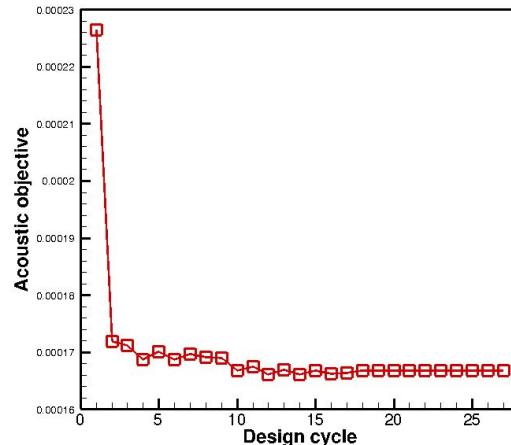
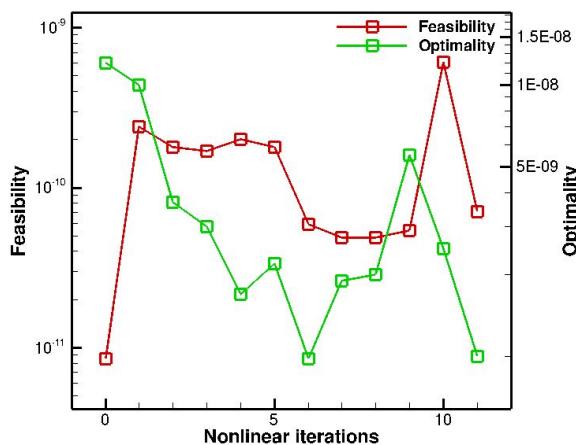


- ✓ Average thrust equals target thrust
- ✓ Zero average lateral moments



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## Aeroacoustic optimization



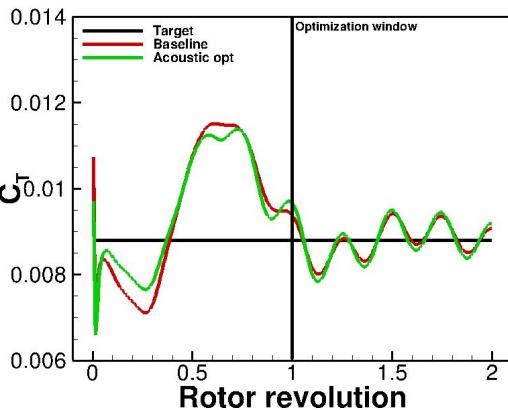
- ✓ Single objective, 2 constraints: 3adjoints
- ✓ 95 design variables
- ✓ Convergence in 11 non linear iterations
- ✓ Baseline OSPL reduced 2.6dB



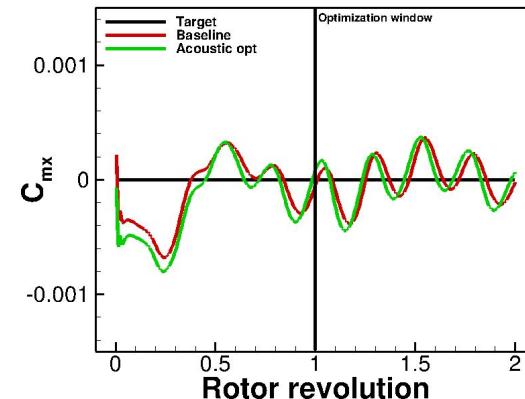
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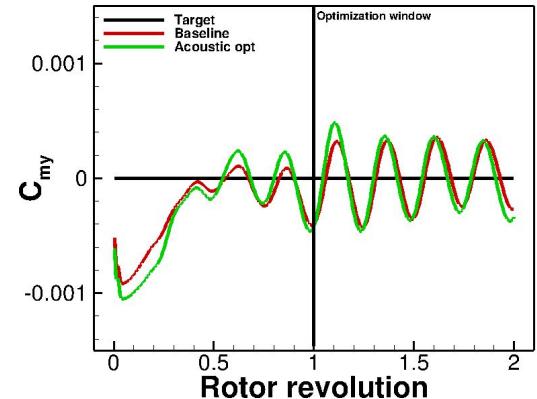
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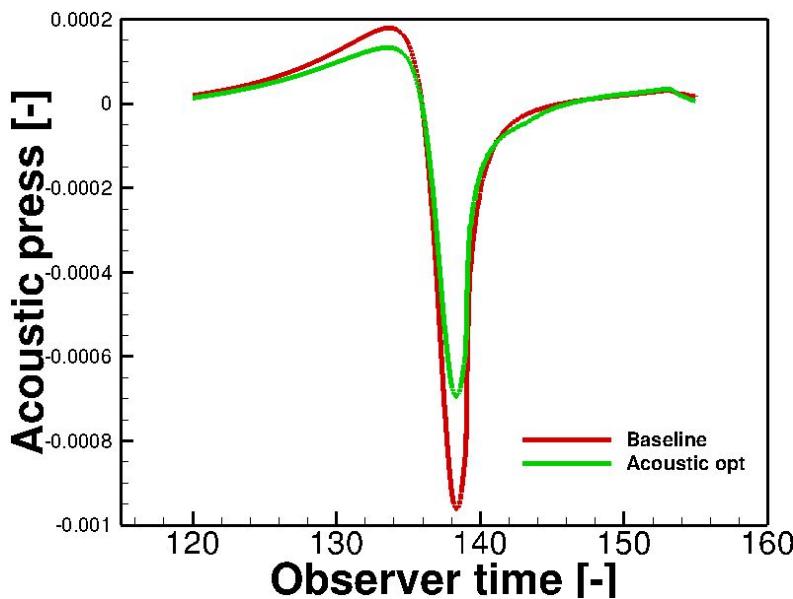
- ✓ Average thrust equals target thrust
- ✓ Zero average lateral moments
- ✓ Trimmed optimal design



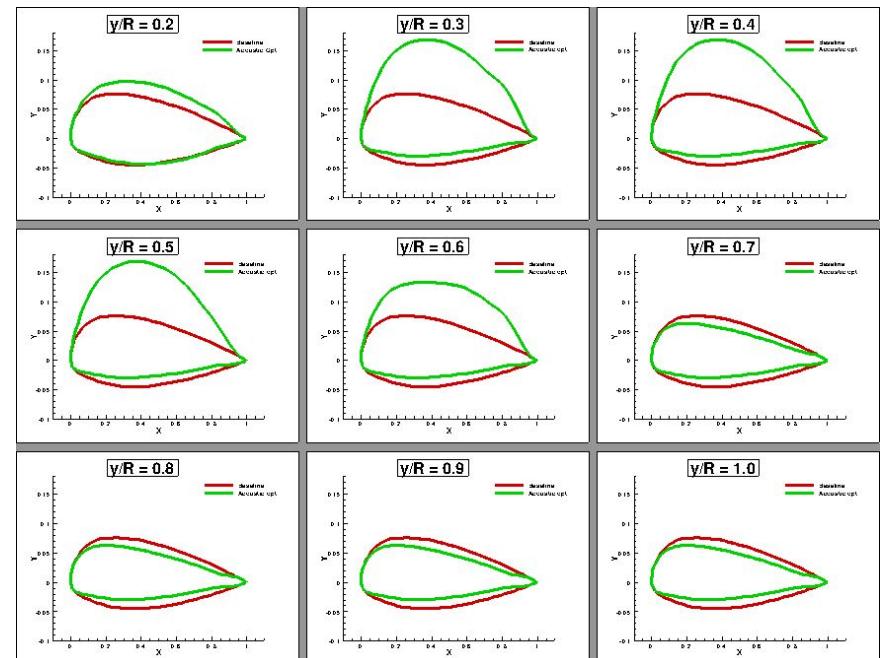
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## Aeroacoustic optimization

Acoustic pressure time history



Optimized blade shapes

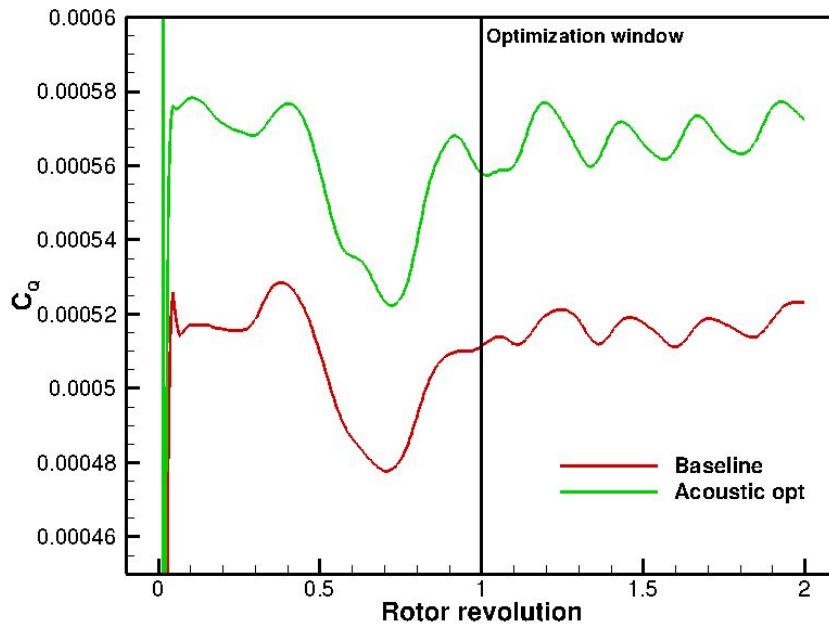




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## Aeroacoustic optimization

Torque time history

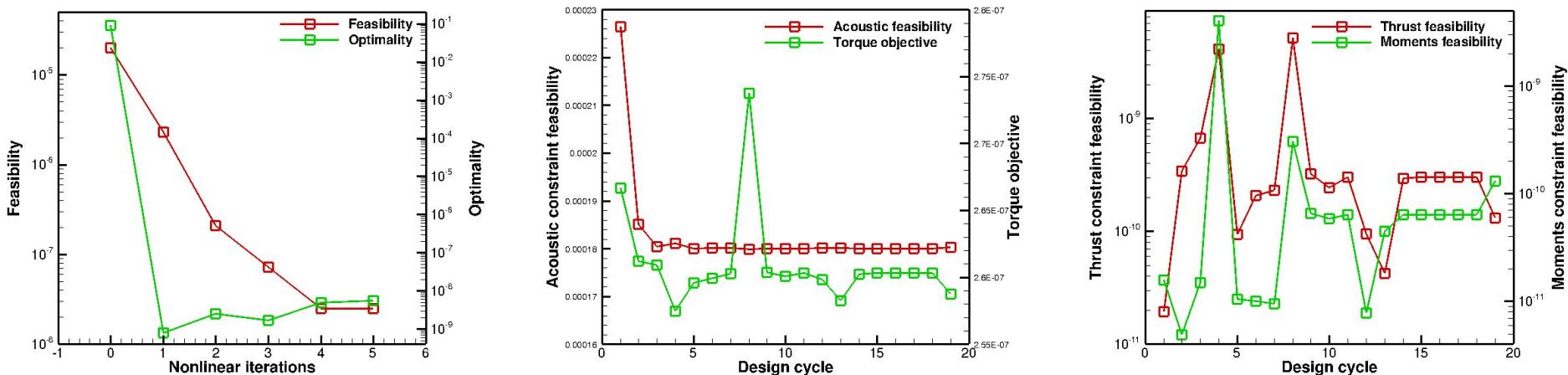


Noise reduction at  
observer achieved  
with strong  
performance  
penalty



# Optimization Problems – HART-II

## Acoustically constrained torque minimization



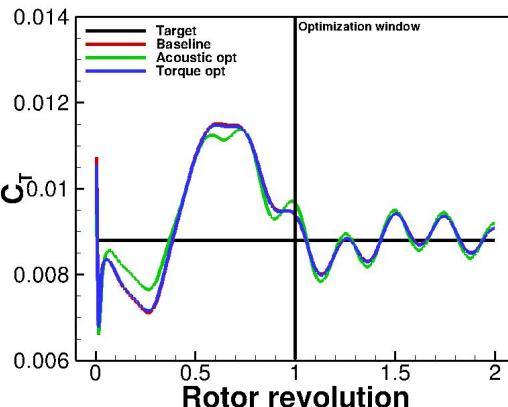
- ✓ 1 objective, 3 constraints: 4 adjoints
- ✓ 95 design variables
- ✓ Convergence in 5 non linear iterations
- ✓ **2.5% torque reduction and 2dB OSPL quieter rotor**



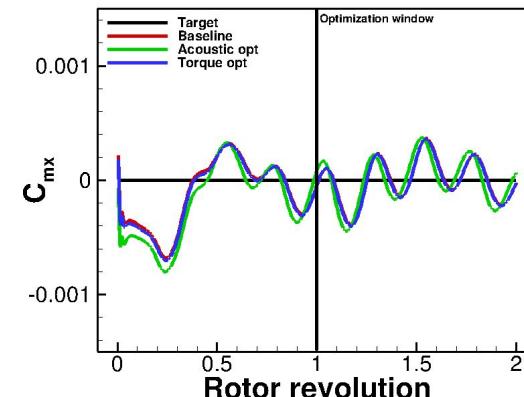
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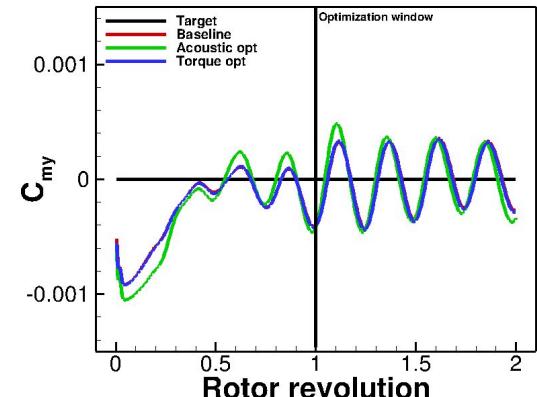
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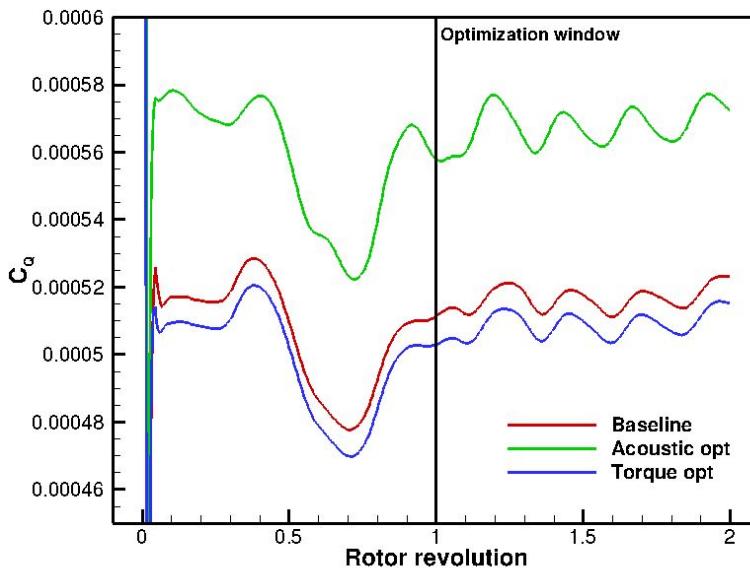
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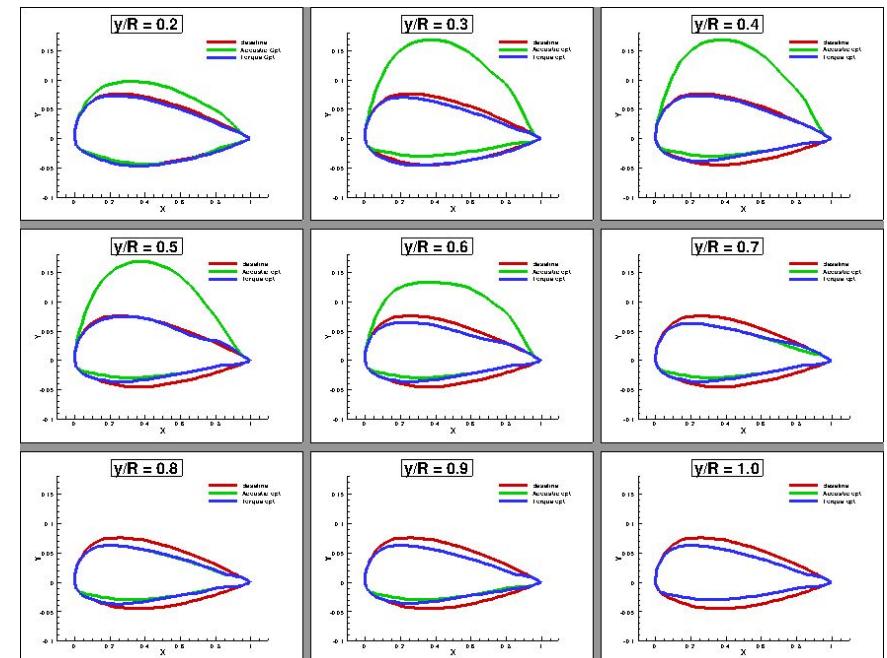
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## Acoustically constrained torque minimization

Torque time history



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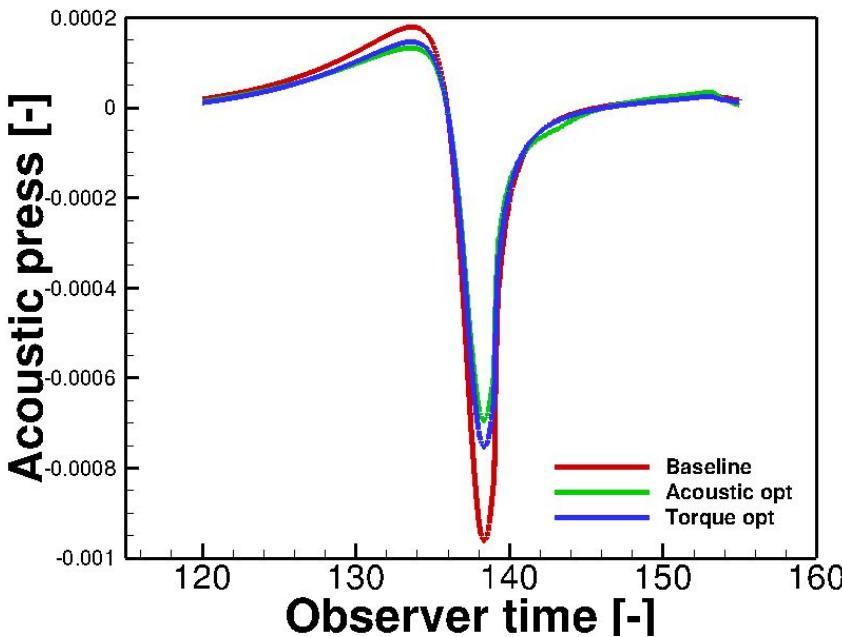




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## Acoustically constrained torque minimization

Acoustic pressure time history



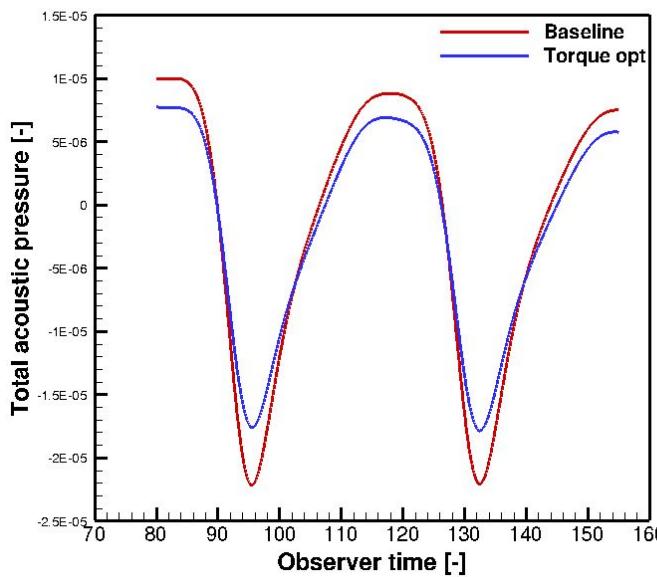
- **Acoustic constraint results in rotor 2dB OSPL quieter than baseline**
- **Noise minimized at different observer locations too**



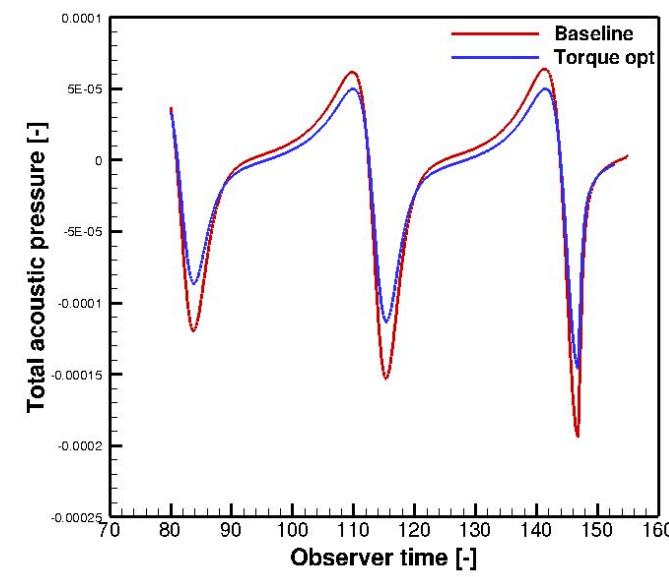
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## Acoustically constrained torque minimization

Acoustic pressure time history  
 $\psi = 135 \text{ deg}$



Acoustic pressure time history  
 $\psi = 315 \text{ deg}$

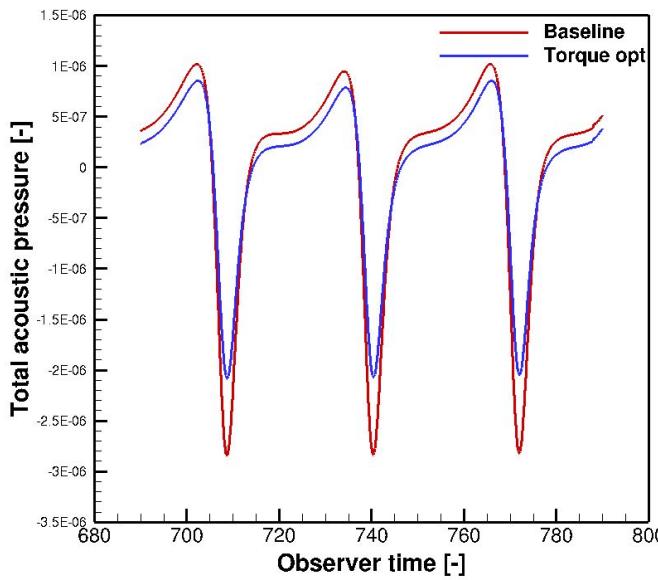




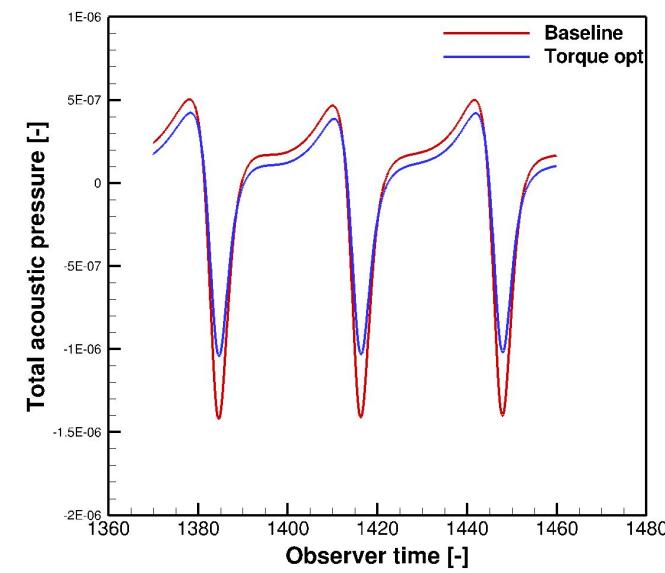
# Optimization Problems – HART-II

## Acoustically constrained torque minimization

Acoustic pressure time history  
50R



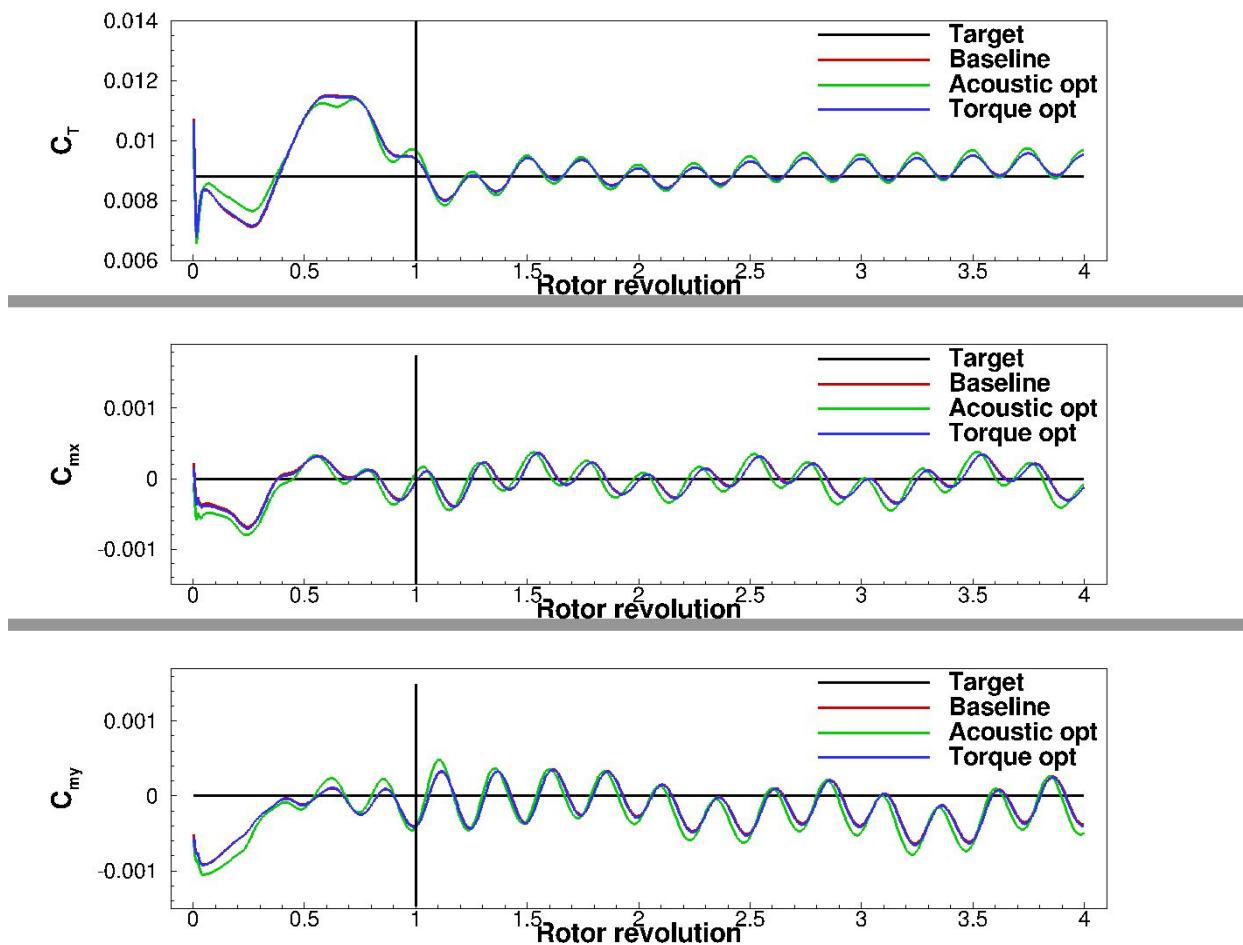
Acoustic pressure time history  
100R





# Optimization Problems – HART-II

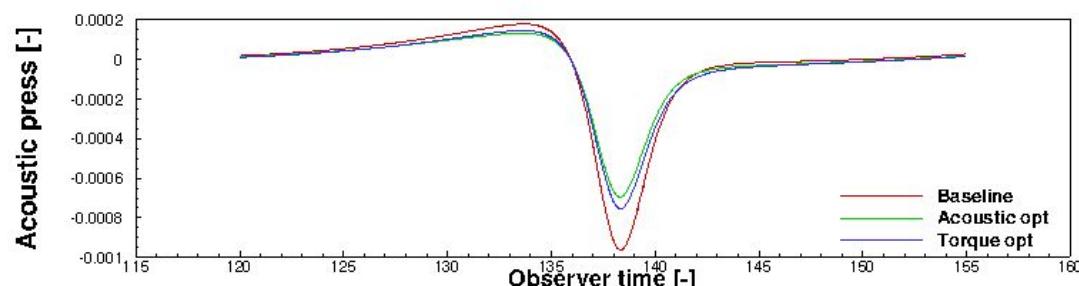
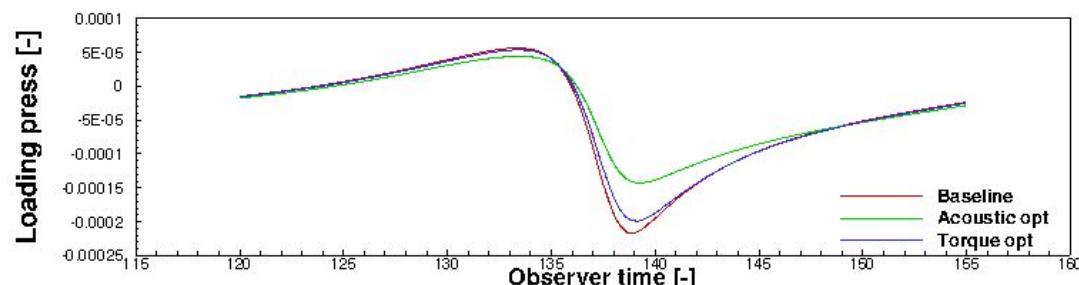
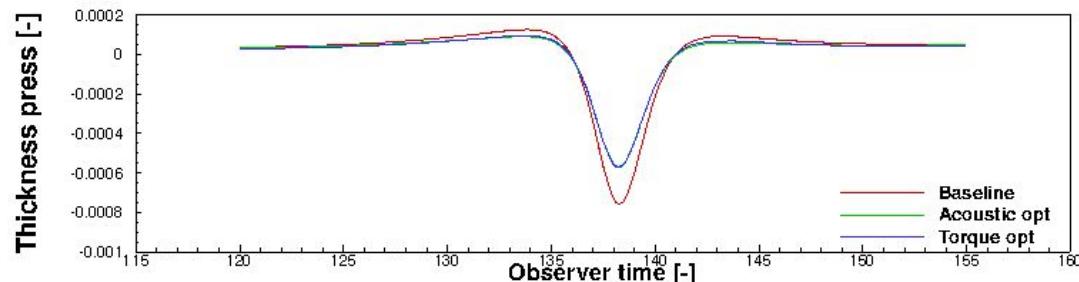
## Investigation over multiple rotor revolutions





# Optimization Problems – HART-II

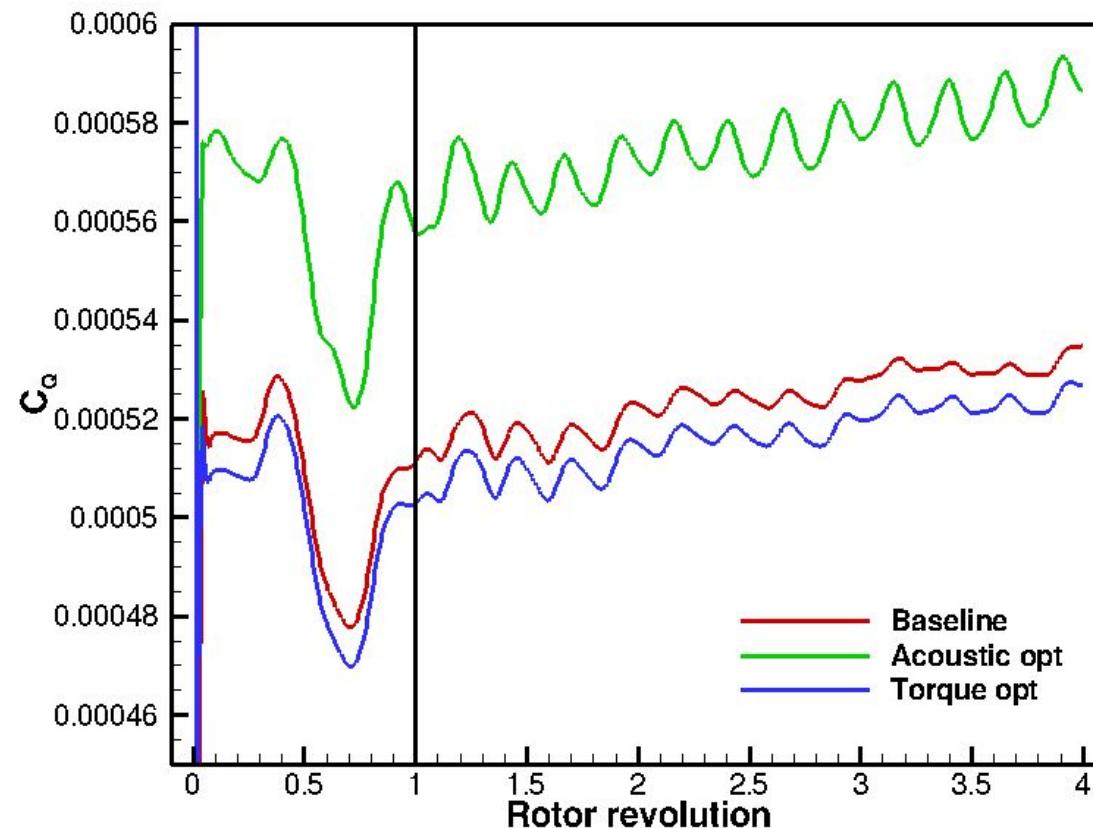
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# Optimization problems

Investigation over multiple rotor revolutions





# Optimization Problems – UH60

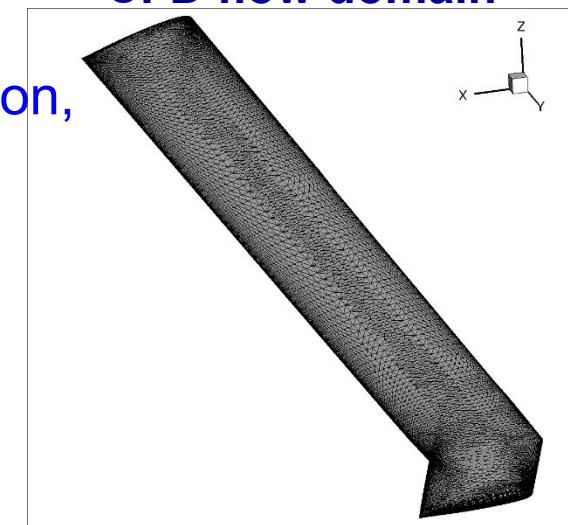
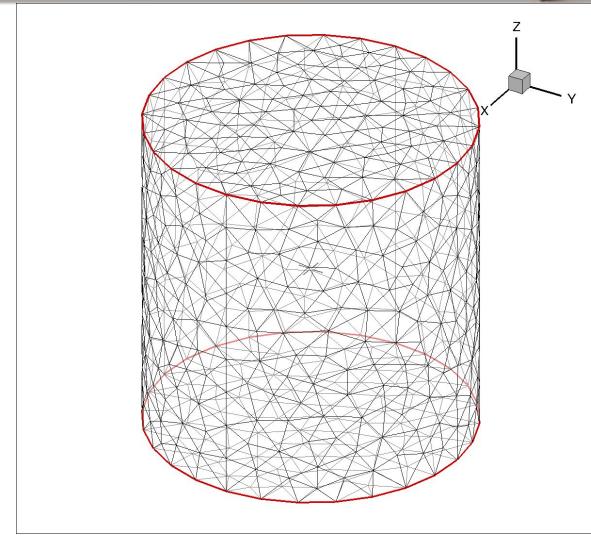
**Objective:** Minimize acoustic signature of rigid UH60 rotor in trimmed forward flight.

- Initial design: baseline UH60 rotor in trimmed forward flight
  - Initial trim formulated as separate optimization problem
- Aeroacoustic optimization (Wind tunnel formulation)
- SNOPT optimizer
  - Penalty function approach
  - Requires retrim after convergence
- Optimization cost: 66 hours wall-clock time on 3008 cores
- 2Tb disk storage



# UH60 rotor in Forward Flight

- 4 bladed UH60 rotor in forward flight (flight counter 8534)
  - $M_{tip} = 0.64$ ; 258 RPM;  $\mu=0.368$  ( $M_\infty \sim 0.236$ );  
 $\alpha=7.3^\circ$
- CFD specifications:
  - 5.1 million grid nodes (prisms, pyramids, tets)
  - 2 rotor revs,  $\Delta t=2^\circ$
  - Objective/constraints accumulated over second rotor revolution
- Design variables
  - 10 Hicks-Henne bump functions per blade section, 11 blade sections. 11 twist spanwise sections. Taper, sweep and droop of tip section.
  - Control Inputs:
    - Collective ( $\theta_O$ ) and Cyclics ( $\theta_{1c}, \theta_{1s}$ )
  - 127 design parameters total





# Optimization Problems – UH60

Trim  
optimization

$$\min L_{THRUST}$$

subject to

$$L_{LATERAL} = 0$$

w.r.t.  $\mathbf{D}_{pitch}$

Aeroacoustic  
optimization

$$\min L_{UNC}$$

w.r.t.  $\mathbf{D}$

$$L_{UNC} = L_{FWH} + 10L_{THRUST} + 100L_{LATERAL}$$



# Optimization Problems – UH60

**Acoustic objective**

**Aerodynamic constraints**

$$L_{THRUST} = \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (C_T^i - C_{T_{AVERAGE}}^i) \right)^2$$

$$p'_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{sample}} p'^2(\mathbf{D})}{N_{sample}}}$$

$$L_{LATERAL} = \frac{1}{N} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (C_{M_x}^i - C_{M_x-average}^i) \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^N (C_{M_y}^i - C_{M_y-average}^i) \right)^2 \right]$$

**Flight counter 8534**

$$C_{T_{AVERAGE}} = 0.0067$$

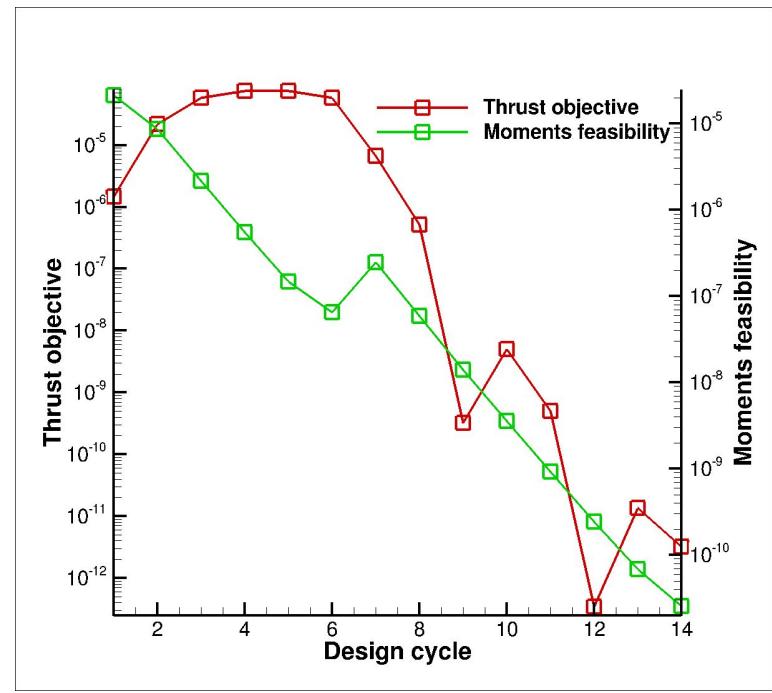
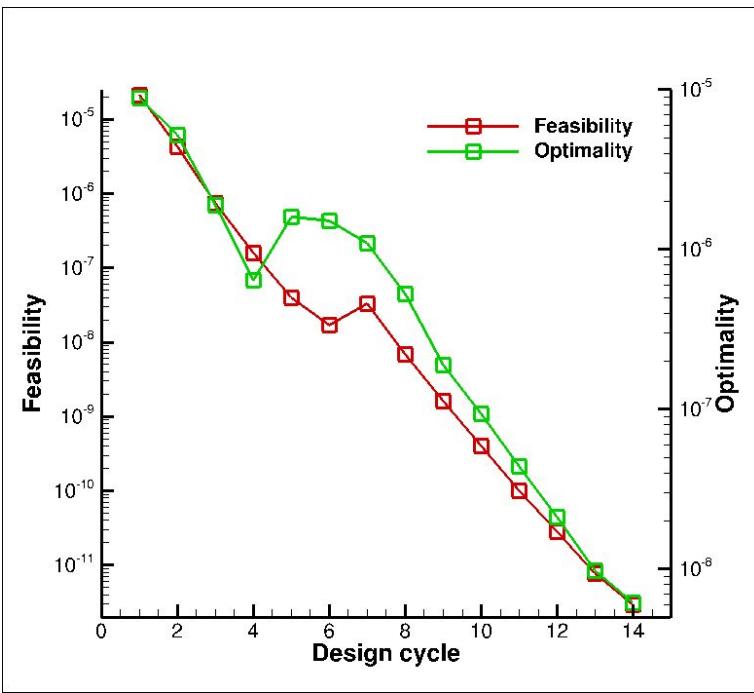
$$C_{M_x-AVERAGE} = 8.0535E - 5$$

$$C_{M_y-AVERAGE} = -7.5640E - 5$$



# Optimization Problems – UH60

## Trim optimization

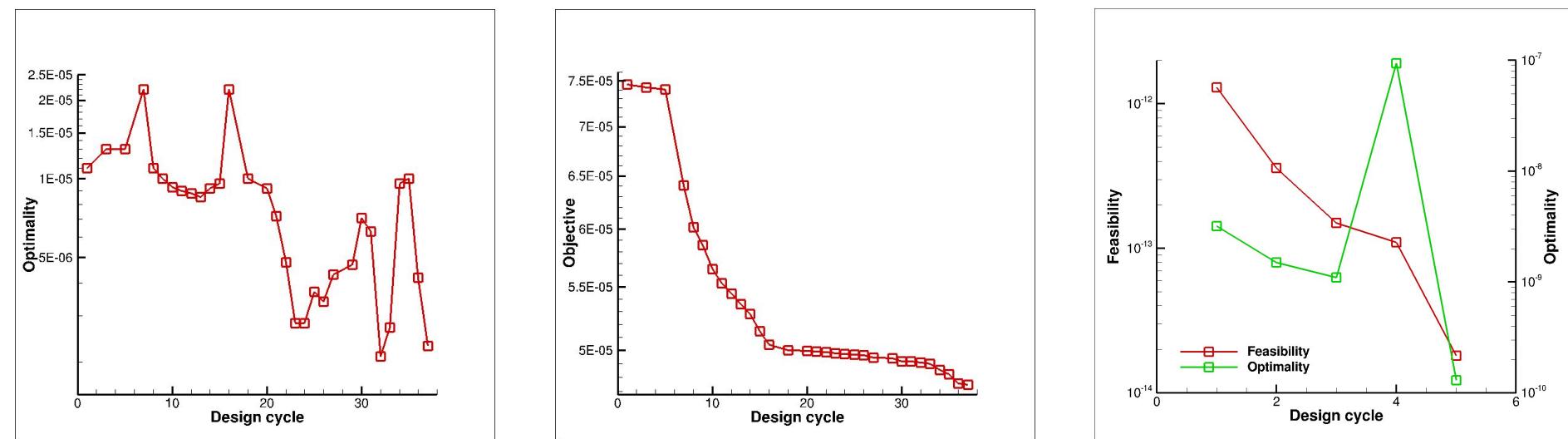


- ✓ Convergence in 14 non linear iterations
- ✓ Only 3 design variables: 1 collective, 2 cyclics



# Optimization Problems – UH60

## Unconstrained optimization: Penalty function + retrim

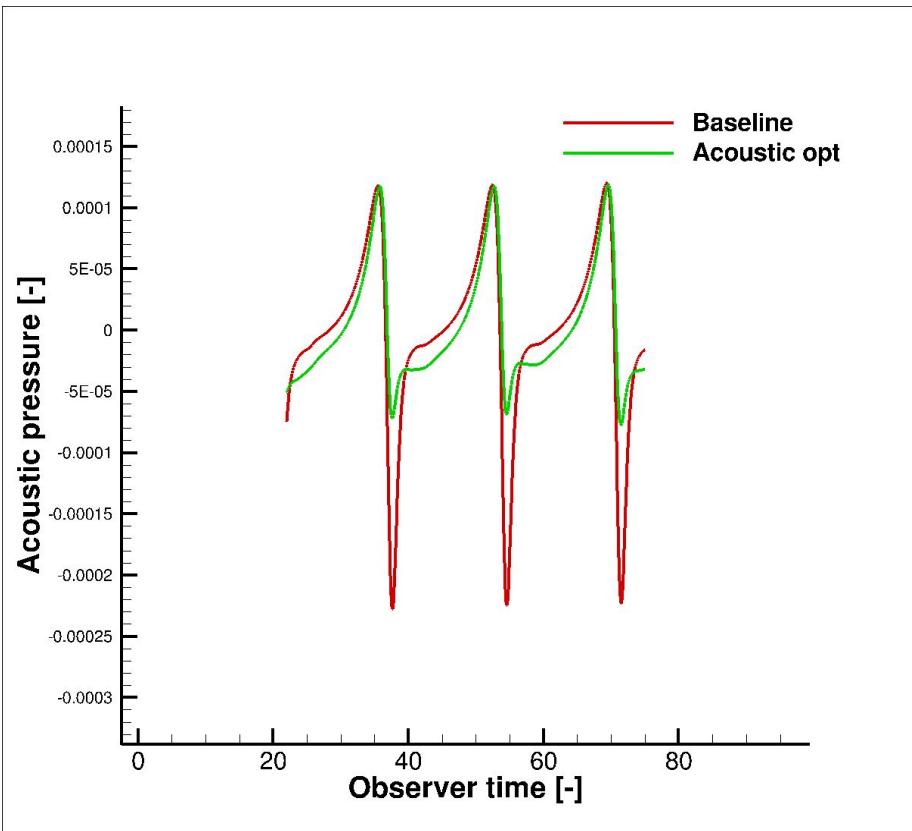


- ✓ Penalty function approach: 1 adjoint
- ✓ 127 design variables
- ✓ Requires final retrim
- ✓ 3.9dB OSPL quieter rotor after retrim

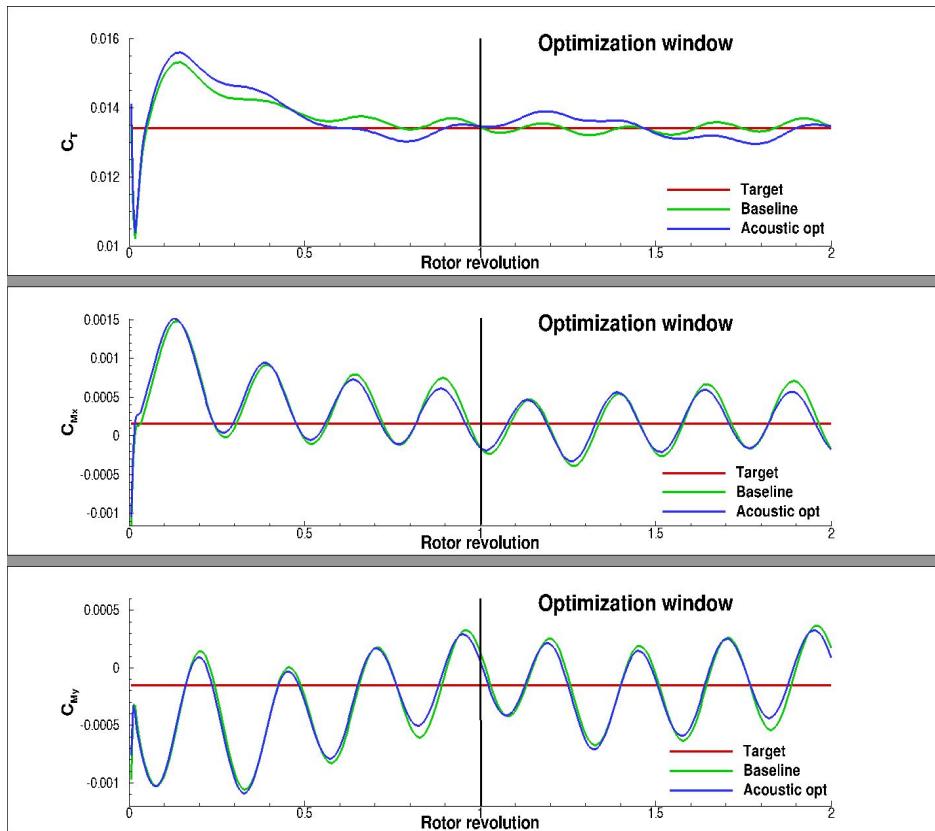


# Optimization Problems – UH60

3.9dB OSPL quieter rotor



Final retrim



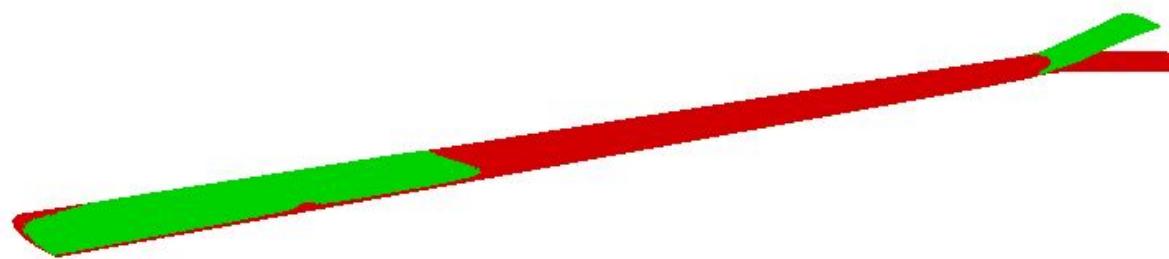
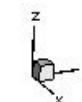


# Optimization Problems – UH60

Blade top view



Blade 3D view





# Conclusions

- Time dependent high-fidelity 3D multidisciplinary suite implemented and verified
  - Aerodynamics, structural mechanics, aeroacoustics
- Time dependent multidisciplinary tangent and adjoint sensitivity verified on HART-II rotor in trimmed forward flight.
- Multidisciplinary adjoint formulation used to **optimize** flexible HART-II and rigid UH60 noise signature.



# Original contribution

- Development of a 3D coupled aeroacoustic adjoint for rotorcraft problems
  - Rigid rotor (AIAA Scitech 2016,2017)
  - Flexible rotor (AHS 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Forum, May 2016)
- Enable high-fidelity gradient-based aeroacoustic optimization for rotorcraft problem



# Future Work

- Finer meshes/multiple rotor revolutions
- Higher fidelity structural model
- Nonlinear flow effects in noise prediction
  - Quadrupole term
- Existence of multiple local minima
  - Hybrid global/local optimization  
(Gradient enhanced Kriging/Response Surface Models)
- Multipoint design optimization
  - Hover & Forward flight



# Future Work



- Linear systems with multiple right hand sides
  - Multiple adjoints / Hessian computation
- Newton's method for optimization problems
- Partial convergence



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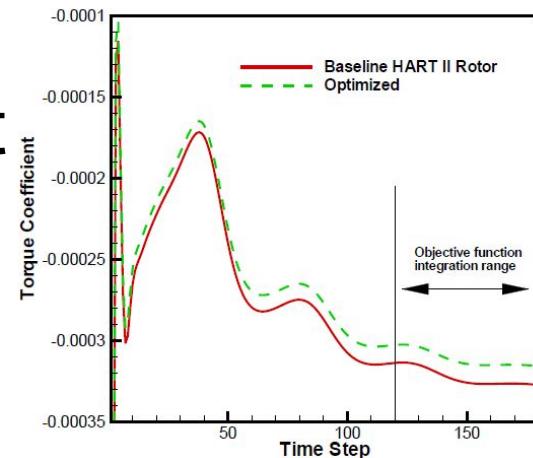


# Questions?

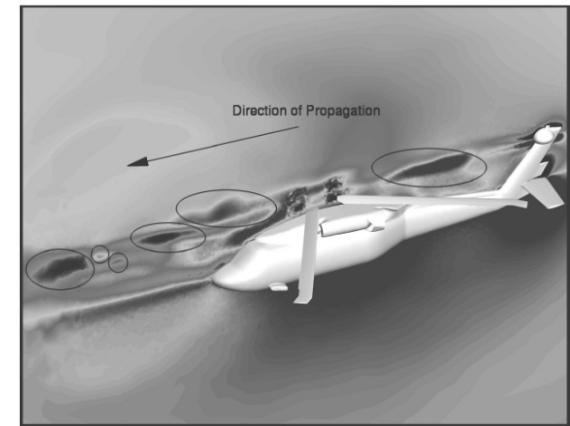


# Background

- Adjoint optimization:  
computational cost independent  
of number of design variables
  - Steady: fixed wing shape optimizations
  - Unsteady: Mavriplis, Mani, Nielsen
  - Aeroacoustic: Rumpfkeil, Economou, Fabiano
  - Helicopter blade design
    - Hover: Mani et. al, Lee et. al
    - Forward flight: Nielsen et al, Choi et al, Alonso et al, Mishra et al.



Mani et. al (AIAA 2013)

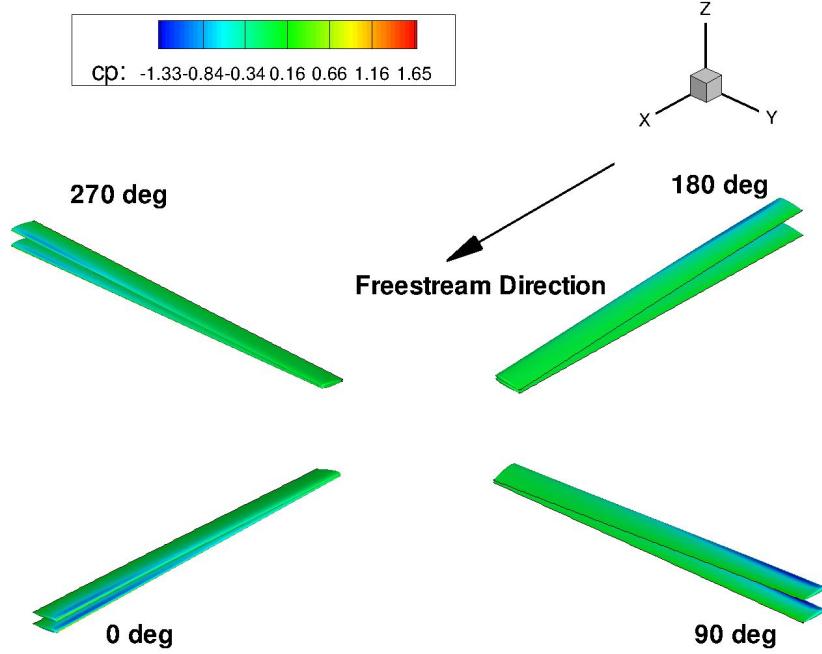
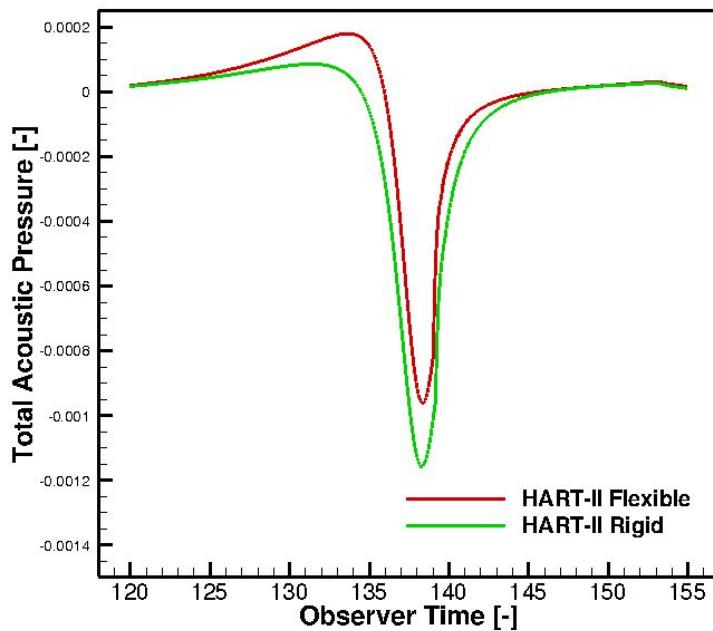


Nielsen et. al (AIAA 2012)



# Acoustic problem

## Comparison of rigid and flexible rotor noise signature





# Acoustic Sensitivity: Tangent

- Acoustic pressure @ far field observer:

$$p'(\mathbf{y}, t, \mathbf{D}) = \text{FWH}(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{D}), \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{D}))$$

- Forward sensitivity of acoustic pressure:

$$\frac{dp(\mathbf{y}, t, \mathbf{D})}{dD} = \sum_n \frac{\partial \text{FWH}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\text{FWH}}^n} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\text{FWH}}^n}{\partial D} + \frac{\partial \text{FWH}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{\text{FWH}}^n} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_{\text{FWH}}^n}{\partial D}$$

- Time-integrated acoustic objective function (RMS acoustic pressure):

$$L_{\text{FWH}} = p'_{\text{RMS}}$$

- Forward sensitivity of time-integrated objective function:

$$\frac{dL_{\text{FWH}}}{dD} = \frac{\partial p'_{\text{RMS}}}{\partial p'} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial D} = \frac{\partial p'_{\text{RMS}}}{\partial p'} \left[ \sum_n \frac{\partial \text{FWH}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\text{FWH}}^n} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\text{FWH}}^n}{\partial D} + \frac{\partial \text{FWH}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{\text{FWH}}^n} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_{\text{FWH}}^n}{\partial D} \right]_{55}$$



# Acoustic Sensitivity: Adjoint

- Acoustic pressure @ far field observer:

$$p'(\mathbf{y}, t, \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{FWH}(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{D}), \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{D}))$$

- Adjoint sensitivity of acoustic pressure:

$$\frac{dp(\mathbf{y}, t, \mathbf{D})^T}{dD} = \sum_n \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{FWH}}^n}{\partial D}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{FWH}^T}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{FWH}}^n} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{FWH}}^n}{\partial D}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{FWH}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{FWH}}^n}$$

- Time-integrated acoustic objective function (RMS acoustic pressure):

$$L_{FWH} = p'_{RMS}$$

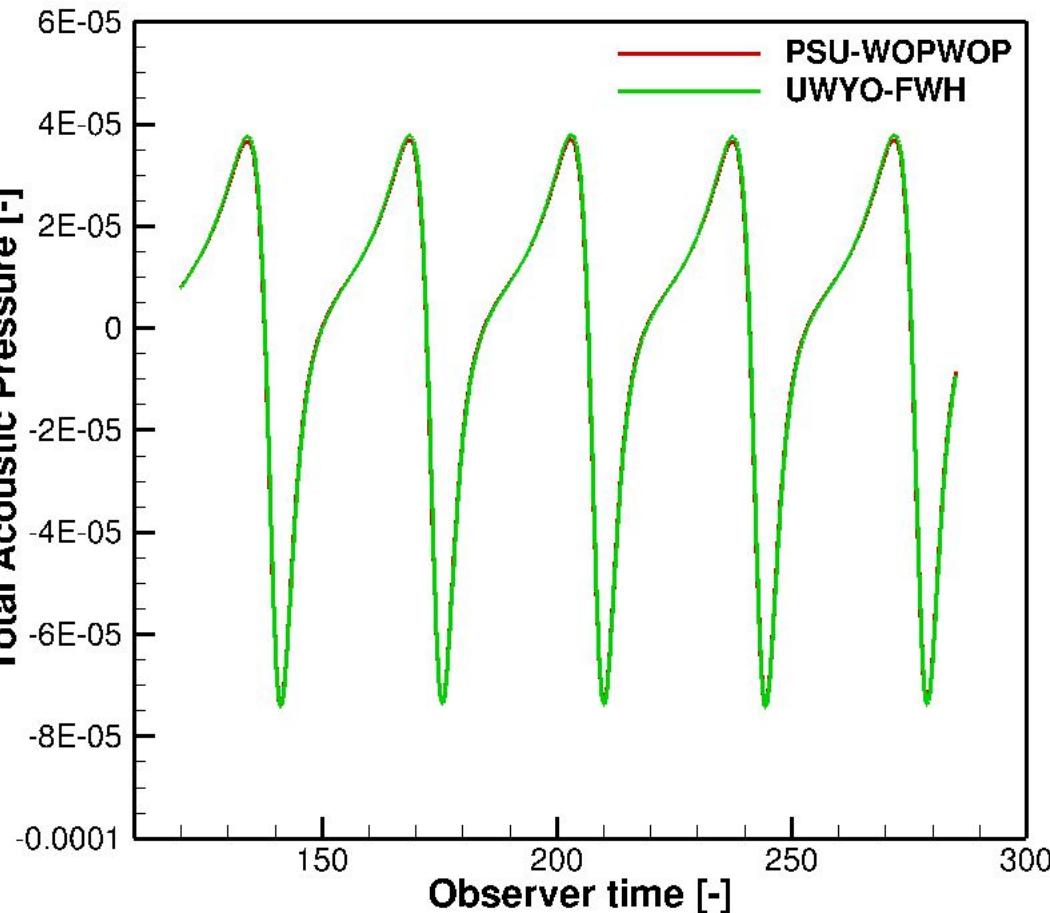
- Adjoint sensitivity of time-integrated objective function:

$$\frac{dL_{FWH}}{dD}^T = \frac{\partial p}{\partial D}^T \frac{\partial p'_{RMS}}{\partial p}^T = \sum_n \frac{\partial U^n}{\partial D}^T \frac{\partial L_{FWH}^T}{\partial U^n} + \frac{\partial x^n}{\partial D}^T \frac{\partial L_{FWH}^T}{\partial x^n}$$



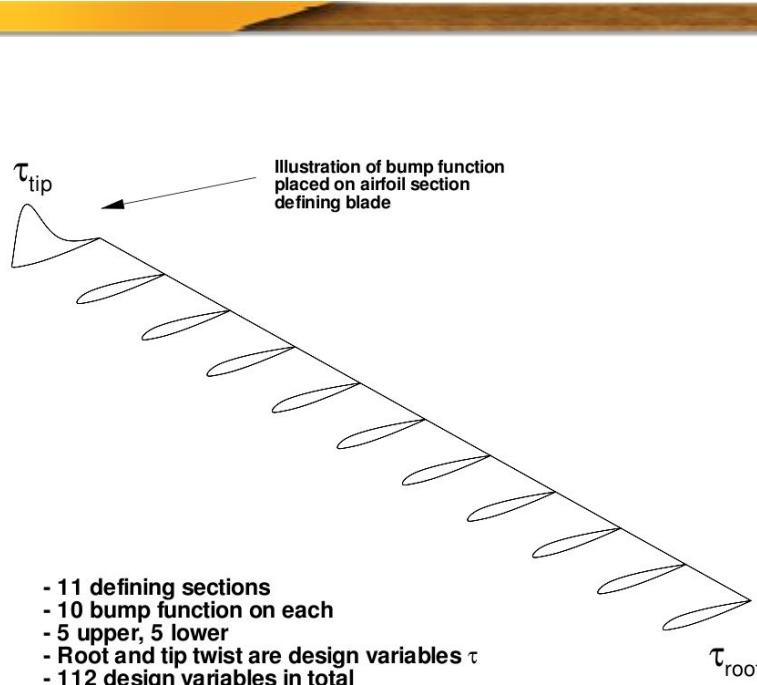
# Future Work

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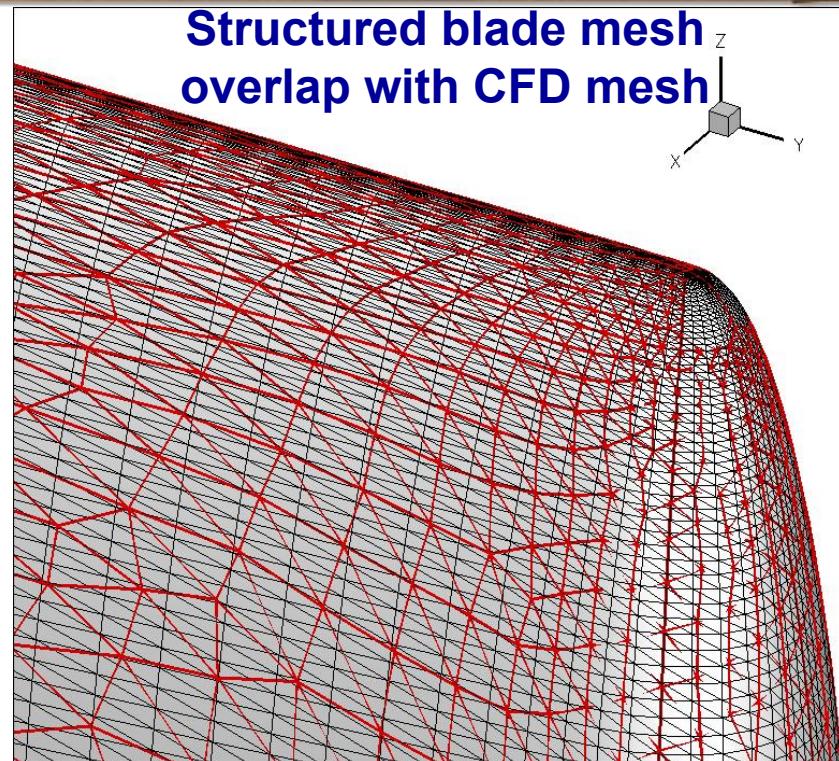




# Blade Geometry Parametrization



## Hicks-Henne bump functions



- Master blade shape defined by Hicks-Henne bump functions and twist
  - Defined by high-resolution structured mesh (in black)
  - Shape changes interpolated onto unstructured CFD surface mesh
- 95 design parameters
  - 10 Hicks-Henne bump functions per blade section, 9 blade sections (90)
  - Twist at blade root and tip (2) and 3 pitch parameters