

HELICOPTERS

Rotorcraft Low Noise Procedures Design

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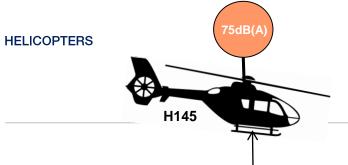
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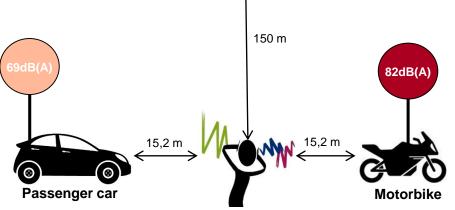






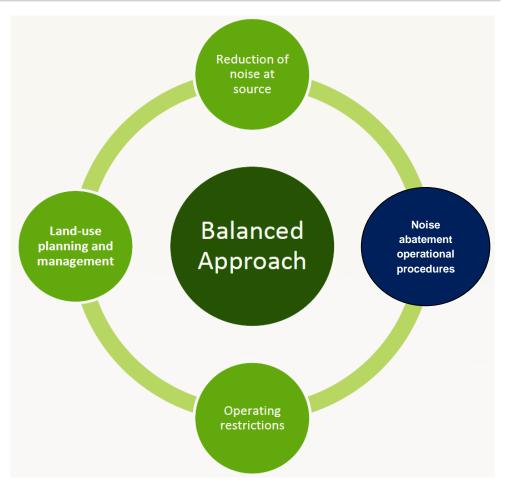








Noise is one of the main brake to operations in sensitive areas and UAM development



Noise Mitigation by a balanced approach (source: ICAO DOC 9829)





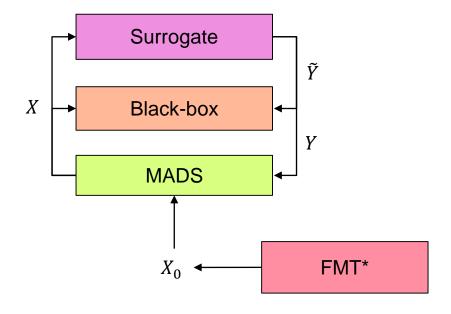


Objective

Design a rotorcraft trajectory with a minimal noise impact → Trajectory Optimization

Noise computed through external software → Black-box Optimization

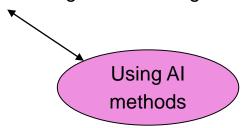
Proposed methodology



Blackbox Optimization Algorithm: MADS (Mesh-Adaptive Direct Search) [1] through NOMAD software [2].

Enhanced with:

- Appropriate initial solution X₀ (FMT* [3])
- Proposed surrogate models
 - Physics-based surrogates
 - Machine learning-based surrogate

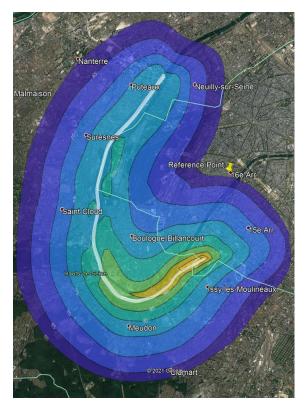




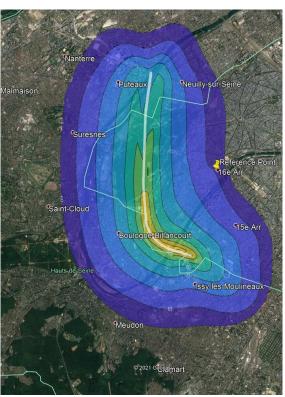


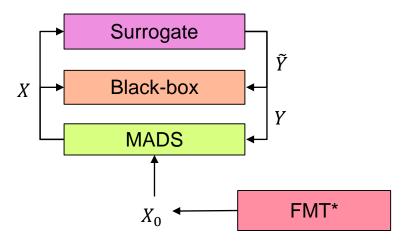


Results



Reference





Optimum

 Proposed algorithmic scheme relying on surrogates provides:

- Good quality solutions
- Computing time reduction (up to 30%)







Conferences & Publications

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