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I. Overview







- Korea Government have launched several national program in last 5 years.
 - In civil field : eVTOL Aircraft System Technology Development, unmanned eVTOL for AAM
 - In military field : Light Armed Helicopter, Marine Attack Helicopter, Unmanned VTOL for Observation and Delivery Service
- Industry, Institute and University have worked together to reach the national R&D target for the future market according to each capability
 - Industry : System Integration and Hardware Development
 - Institute : Core Technologies Research & Development
 - University : Basic Technologies Research & Development
- Next Slides shows the each activities of University, Industry and Institutes related to VTOL Technologies





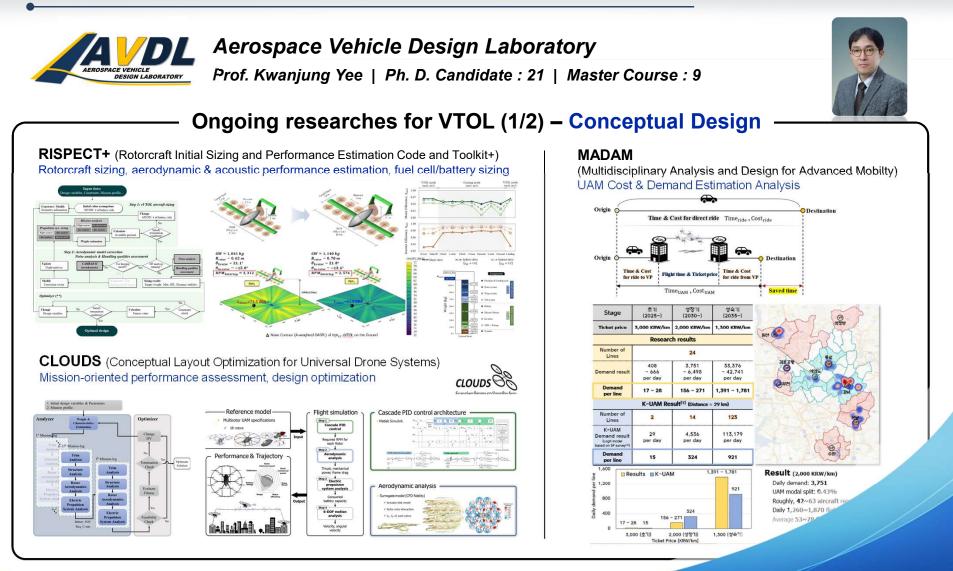
II. Universities





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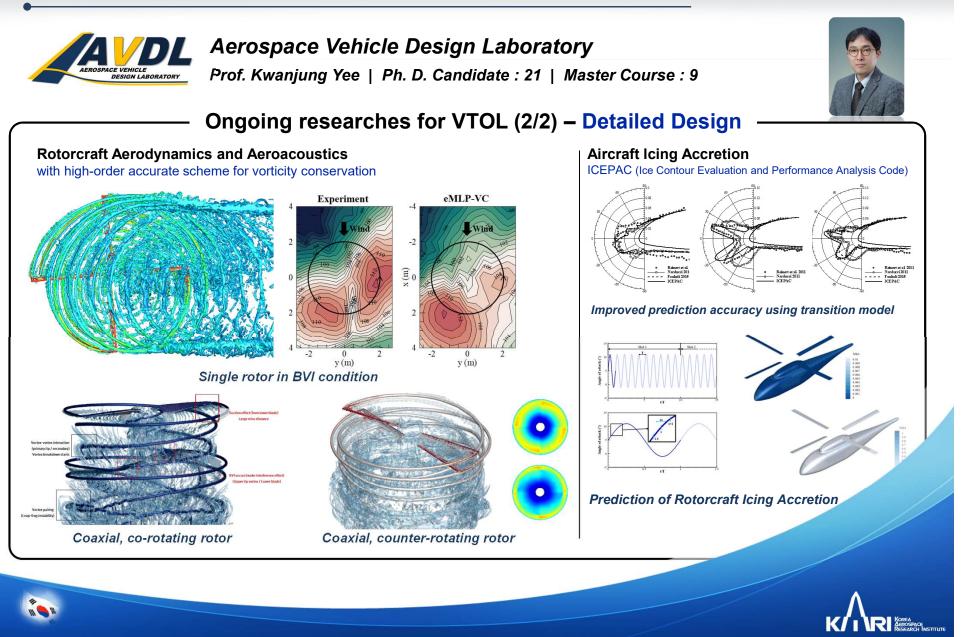






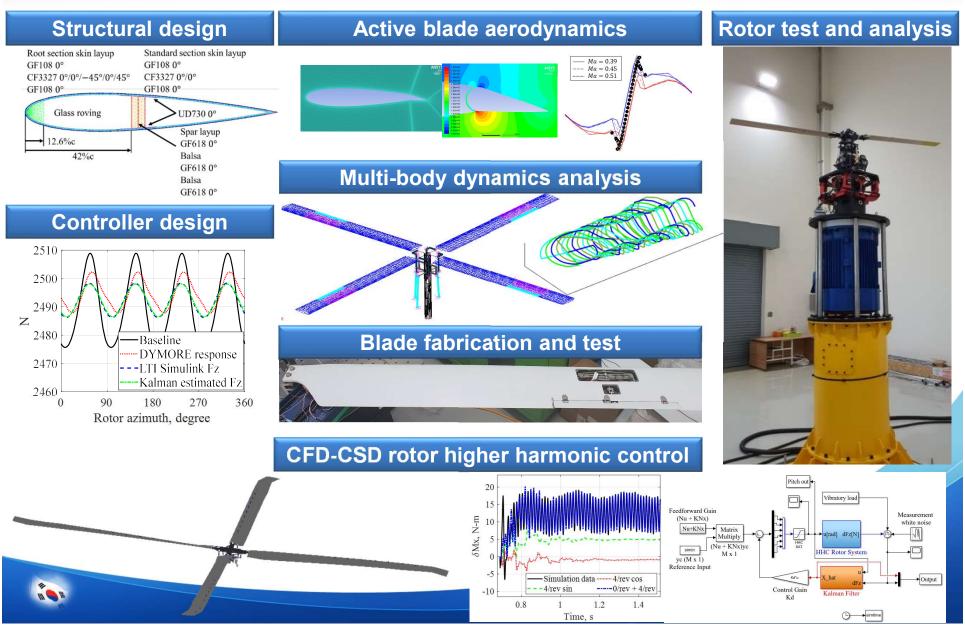
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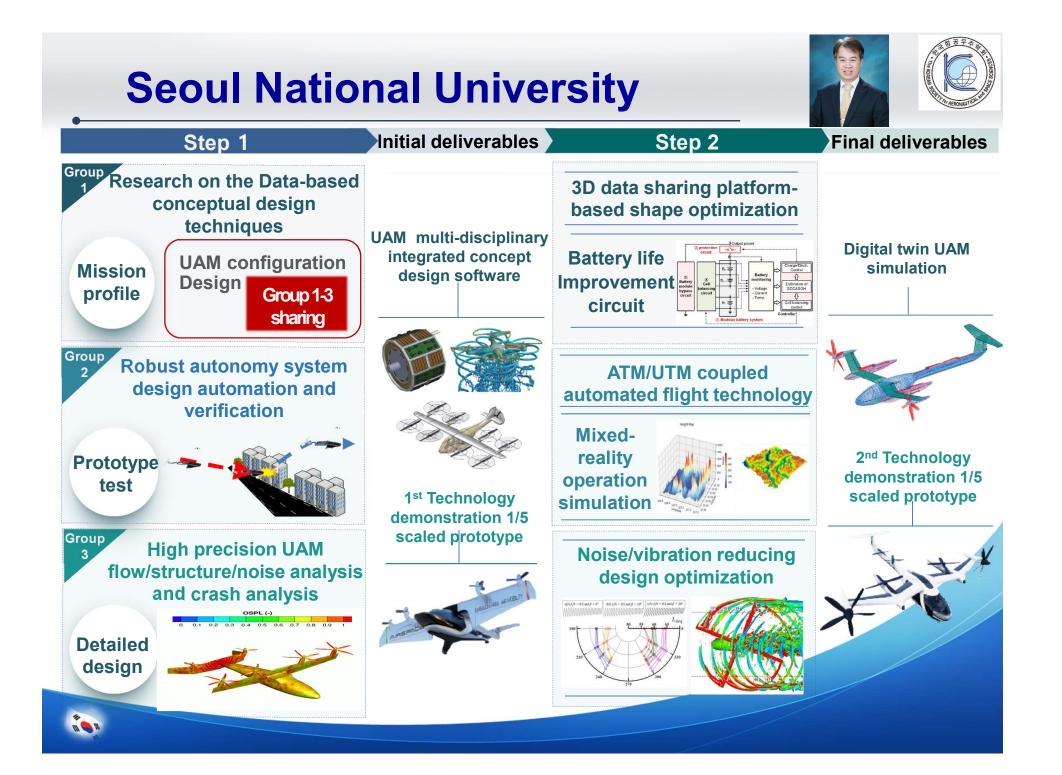




Seoul National University







Konkuk University



Air-to-Ground

Spline-RRT*-smart Algorithm on 3D Map

HETLAS : Component-Model based Helicopter Trim, Linearization, and Simulation Program

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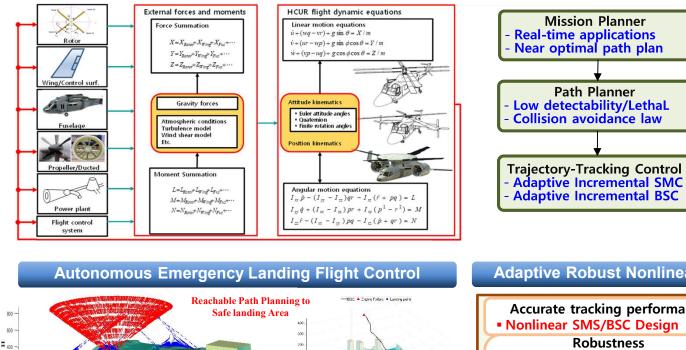
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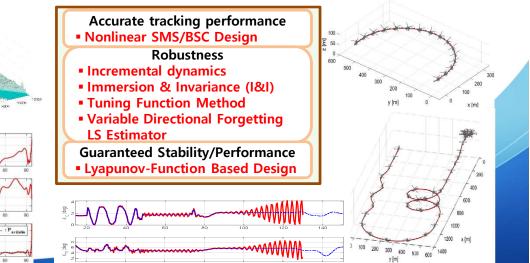
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Autonomous Rotorcraft Flight Control for Offensive and Defensive Tactical Missions





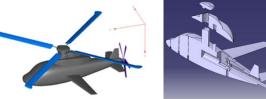


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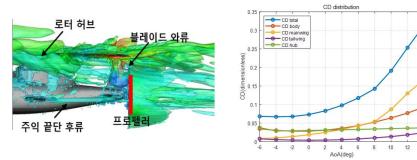


HCUR: Fugelage Drag Prediction

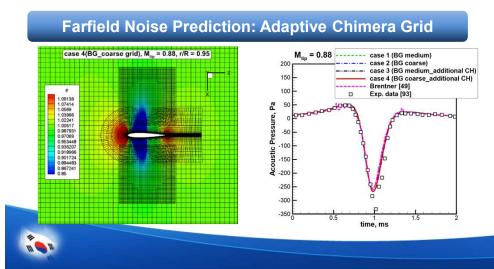




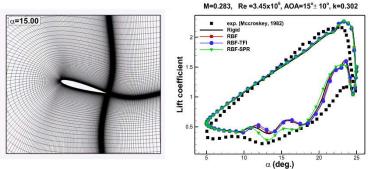
▲ Wind tunnel experiments for HCUR scaled model



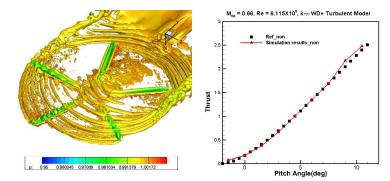
▲ CFD analysis & drag coefficient of each part with A.o.A.



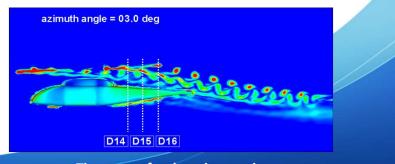
Rotorcraft CFD Development



▲ Dynamic stall prediction by using RBF-based grid deformation



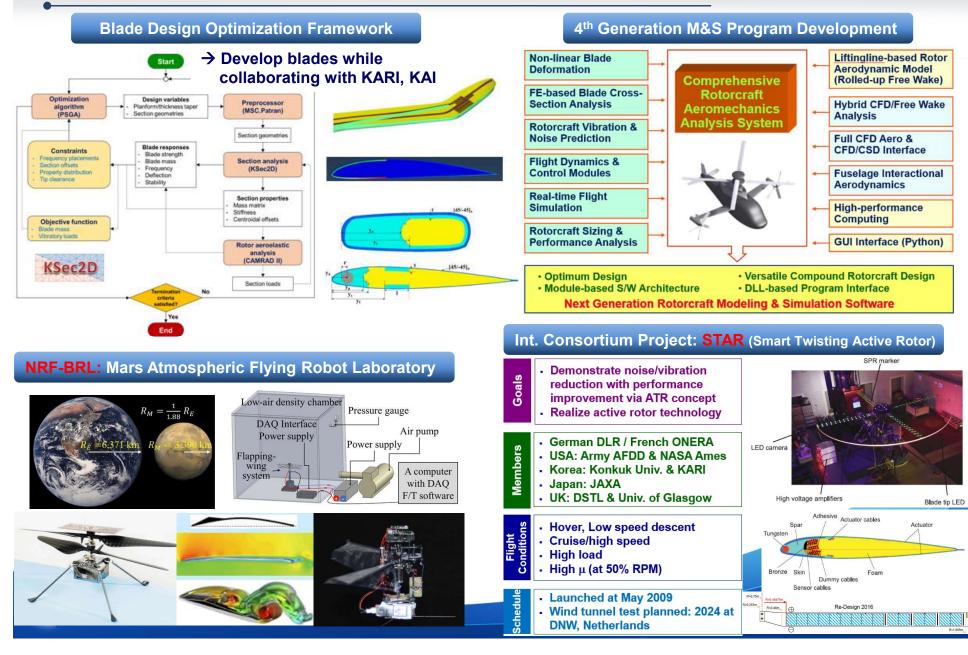
▲ LCH 5-bladed rotor in forward flight (left) & thrust in hover



▲ Tip vortex-fuselage interaction

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Pusan National University

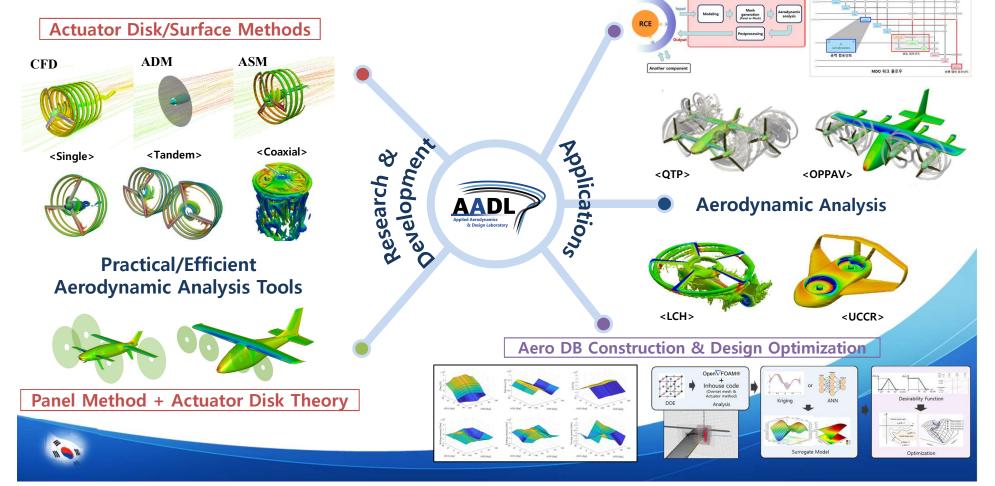


Professor : Donghun Park & Sejong Oh (Emeritus prof.)

MDO Framework Implementation

* Applied Aerodynamics and Design Lab. (AADL)

- Development of practical & efficient aerodynamic analysis tools (ADM / ASM / Panel)
- Implementation of aerodynamic tools for MDO framework
- Multi-fidelity based aero DB construction and design optimization

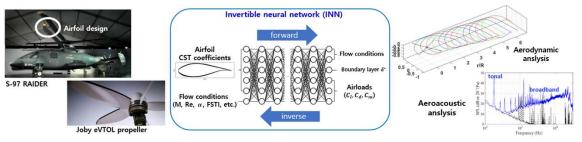


Pusan National University



Assistant professor : Yong Su Jung

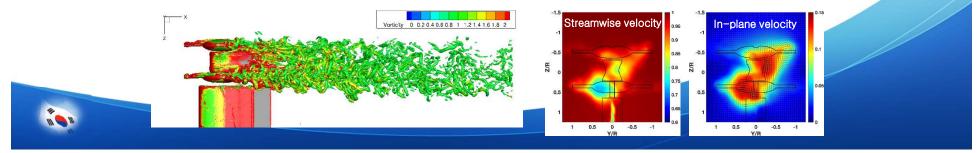
- Computational Aerodynamics and Rotorcraft Lab (CARL)
 - CFD Trained Invertible Neural Networks and Machine Learning for Rotor Blade Airfoil Design (2022~2024)
 - Development of forward and inverse machine learning models that are trained using RANS simulations



- Line-based Unstructured Grid CFD Techniques for Rotorcraft Applications
- Automated mesh refinement capability for 2-D Hamiltonian solver [2022~2024]
- Improvements on a laminar-turbulent boundary layer transition model

Interactional Aerodynamic/Aeroacoustics for Advanced Rotorcraft Configurations

- Coaxial rotor hub flow simulations using hybrid RANS-LES
- Aeroacoustic simulations for a wingtip-mounted propeller



Chungnam National University





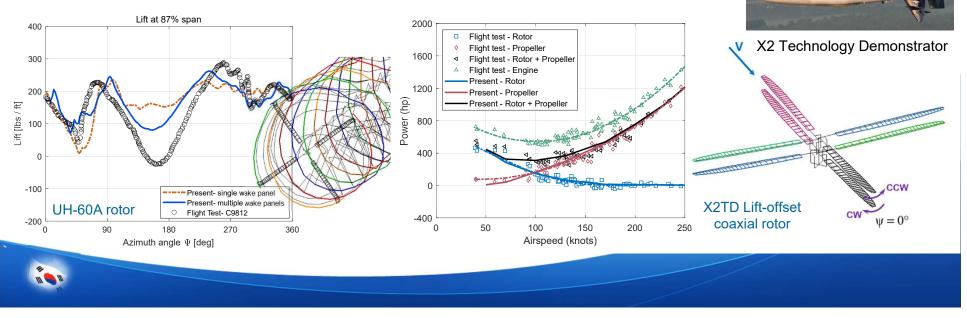
Professor Jae-Sang Park

- Ph.D from School of Mechanical and Aerospace Eng., Seoul National University, 2006
- Professor in Dept. of Aerospace Eng., Chungnam National University, 2013 ~ Present
- Research interests : Rotor aeromechanics analyses, Active vibration controls,

Conceptual design

Rotor aeromechanics analyses

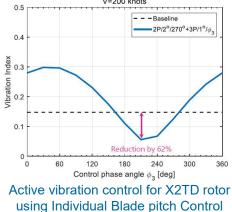
- Rotorcraft comprehensive analysis tools : CAMRAD II and DYMORE II
- Conventional helicopters, Lift-offset compound helicopters, Tiltrotor aircraft



Chungnam National University

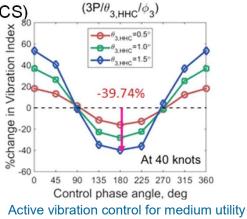


- Active rotor vibration controls using Individual Blade pitch Control (IBC) or Higher Harmonic pitch Control (HHC)
- Active airframe vibration controls using Active Vibration Control System (AVCS) V=200 knots

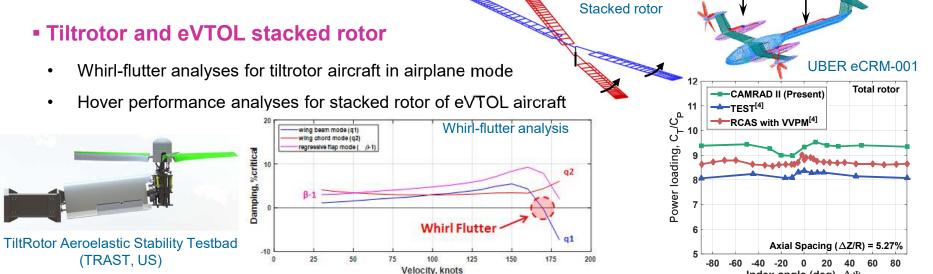




Active vibration control system (AVCS) for smallscaled compound helicopter model



helicopter using Higher Harmonic pitch Control

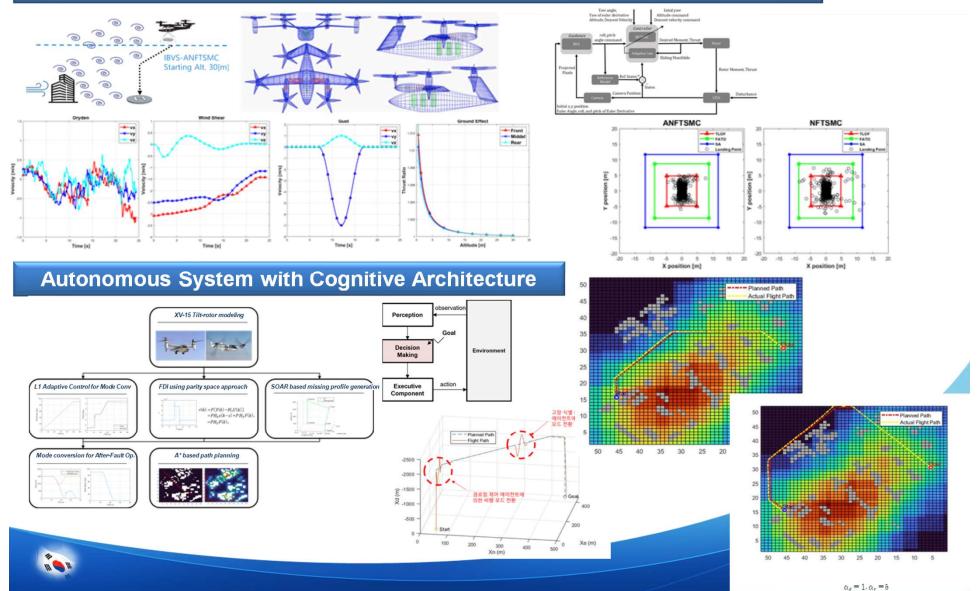


60 Index angle (deg), $\Delta \Psi$

Inha University



Vision-Based Automatic Landing System for UAM Considering Building Wind



GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology)



Dynamic Stall Control

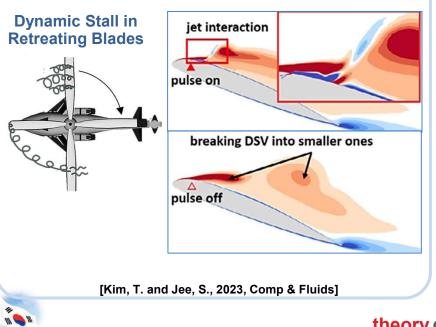
Dynamic stall control with impulsive jets

Impulsive jet

- Sonic jet for 1 msec
- Generated from combustion-powered actuation
- Breaking DSV into smaller vortices

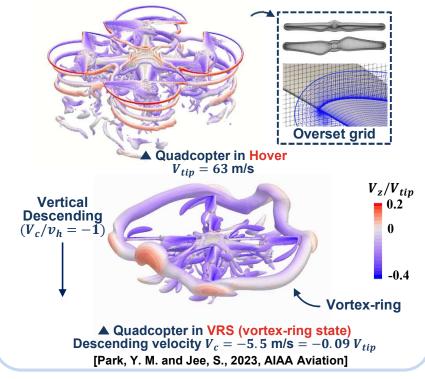
Control benefits

- Moment peak (negative) reduction by 70%
- Lift enhancement by 20%



Multi-Copter Aerodynamics

- Full Navier-Stokes Solver with overset grid
- OpenFOAM with SA-RC RANS
- CFD is validated for a hovering quadcopter
- VRS : vortex-ring state
- Must-to-avoid condition in descending
- Well captured in current CFD

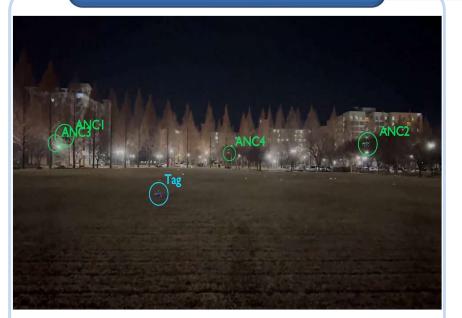


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GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology)



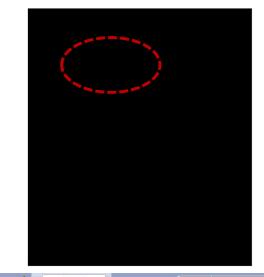
Multi-UAV Control

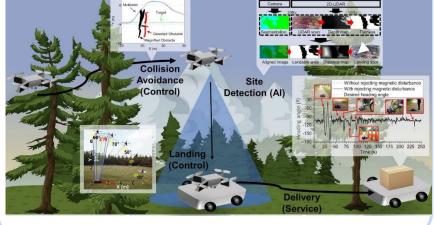


▲ Multi-UAV Control with UWB

- NO GPS for tagged UAV
- Positioning through RF-based UWB (ultra-wide band) with autonomous anchored UAVs
- Decentralized position control with stable inter-vehicle communication

Collision Avoidance Control





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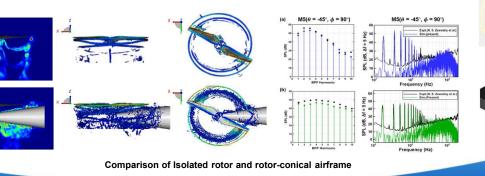
Gyeongsang National University (1 / 2)

✤ Biography

- > Hakjin Lee, Ph.D. (hlee@gnu.ac.kr)
 - Assistant Professor, School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Gyeongsang National University
 - Director, Rotorcraft Aerodynamics and Noise Simulation (RANS) Lab.
- Education
 - Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), 2019
 - M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), 2014
 - B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Korea Aerospace University, 2012
- Research Interests
 - Rotor Aerodynamic, Aeroacousitcs
 - Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), Computational Aeroacoustics (CAA), Vortex Methods
 - Rotorcraft, Helicopter, Urban Air Mobility (UAM), Drone, Wind Turbine

✤ Research topic I

- > Aeroacoustic analysis of urban air mobility
 - Investigate the interactional aerodynamics and aeroacoustics of UAM
 - Simulate the co-axial multi-rotor eVTOL vehicle in ground effects









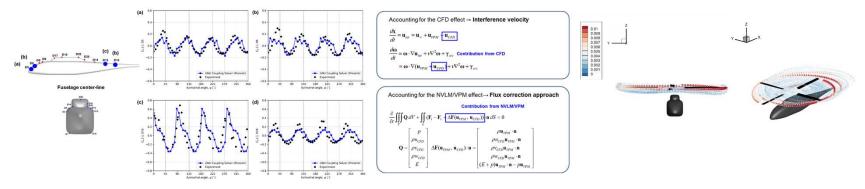


Gyeongsang National University (2 / 2)



* Research topic II

- > Comprehensive analysis of rotorcraft
 - Hybrid Lagrangian-Eulerian approach for simulating the complex rotorcraft
 - Provide an efficient and accurate aerodynamic analysis solution, which supports the aeroacoustic design of rotorcraft



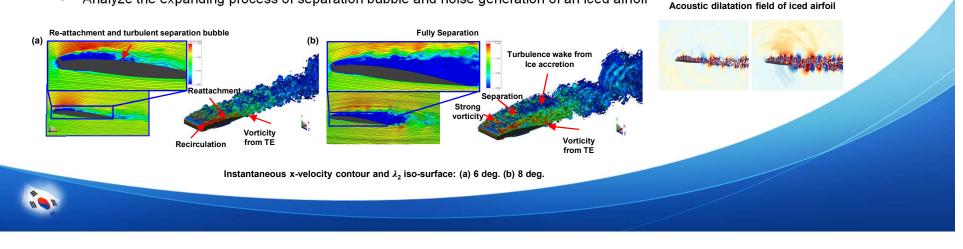


NVLM/VPM/CFD simulation of complete rotorcraft

* Research topic III

> Flow physics and aeroacoustics of iced airfoil and rotor blade

• Analyze the expanding process of separation bubble and noise generation of an iced airfoil



Hanseo University



Research Area: Aerodynamics

- Development of a mid-fidelity aerodynamic solver based on vortex methods
- High-fidelity CFD computation for rotorcrafts

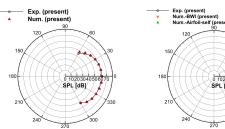


CFD computation for a tandem UAM helicopter

Research Area: Aeroacoustics •

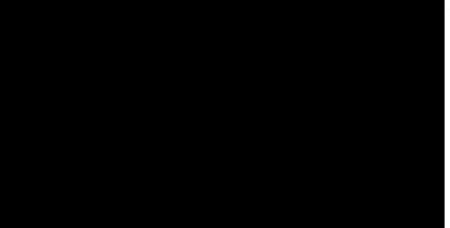
- Development of a noise-prediction code for rotorcrafts (tonal/broadband/body-scattering)
- Development of a community noise assessment code





SPL [dB]

Rotor noise prediction for a 3-bladed UAV rotor



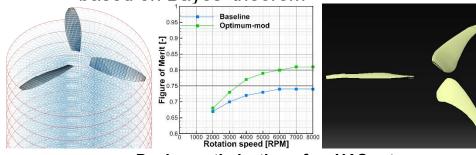


Hanseo University



Research Area: Design Optimization

- Development of machine-/deep-learning based surrogate models
- Aleatory/epistemic uncertainty quantification based on Bayes' theorem

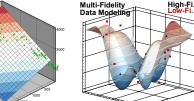


Design optimization of a sUAS rotor

Research Area: System Design

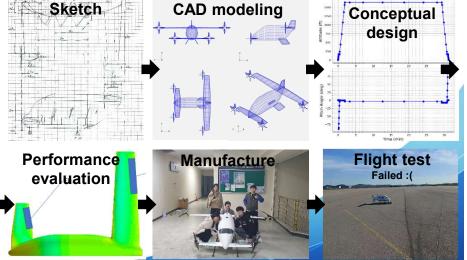
- Data modelling of aircraft performances for conceptual designs
- Conceptual design of aircrafts
- Manufacture and flight test of designed aircrafts





Data modelling for small-scale UAM vehicles



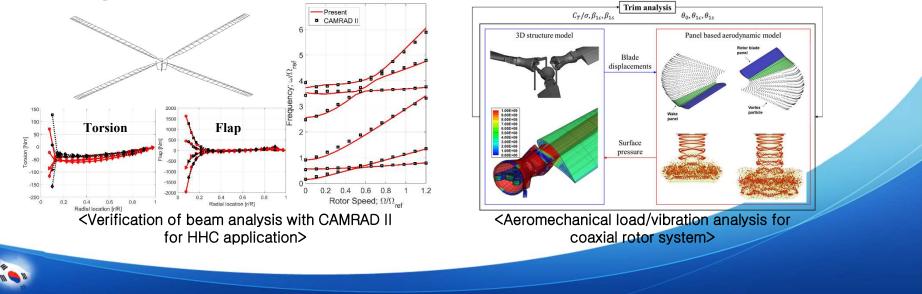


Design, manufacture, and flight test of a tilt-rotor UAM vehicle

Jeonbuk National University



- Development of Vibration Source Active Control Device SW for Medium Helicopter Vibration Reduction (2022~2024)
 - Nonlinear beam analysis coupled with aerodynamic model
 - Load analysis and verification with CAMRAD II
- Development of rigid coaxial rotor system design/manufacturing technology (2022~2026)
 - High-precision rotor structural dynamics via 3D FEM and coupling with aerodynamic model





III. Industries





Korea Aerospace Industries



A Professional Integrated Development for Rotary Wing



- "The Excellent Mission Profiler
- Specification
- Dimensions : $3.0m \times 19.0m \times 5.0m$
- Power Plant : 1,855 shp × 2
- Max, Speed : 145 kt
- 18 passengers
- State-of-the-art Equipment
- Excellent performance in various terrains, harsh conditions both day/night and any adverse weather conditions



Police/Medical/Etc. Helicopter

"Contribution to Safety"

- Derivatives Expanding Domestic and International Civil and Parapublic based on KUH–1.
- Various missions like search and rescue, patient transportation and fire-fighting.



Light Armed/Civil Helicopter

"Enhancement of the Armed Forces"

- Specification
- Dimensions : 3.9m × 14.3m × 4.3m
- Power Plant : 1,032 shp × 2
- 2 passengers
- LAH aims to develop an advanced armed helicopter suitable for modern battlefields.
- Equipped with modern avionics, weapons(Turret Gun, AGM, Rocket), fire-control systems.

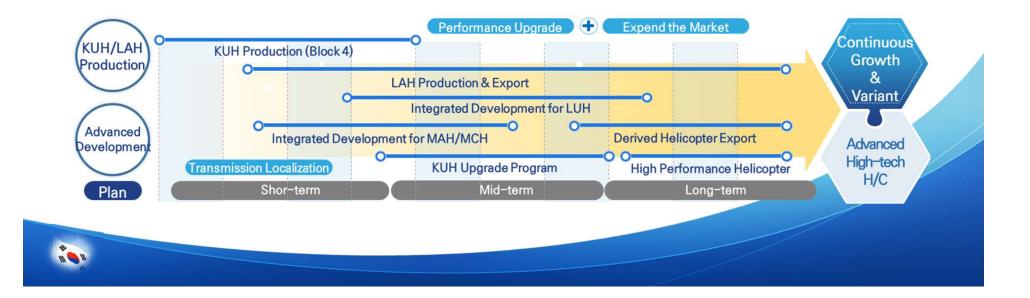


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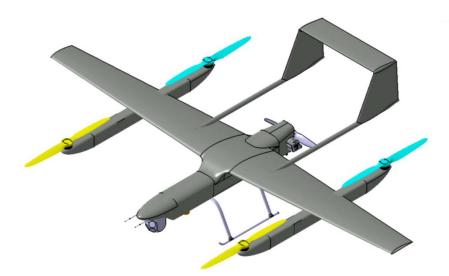
Focal Strategy Programs





Korean Air





Target Gross Weight	000 kg
Target Payload	00 kg
Overall Length	4 m
Prop Radius	1.5 m
Endurance	0 hrs
Max Speed	190 km/h

Program Overview

- KAL R&D program (Model Name : KUS-VS)
- 2021. 1 ~ 2023. 8 (32 months)

KUS-VS Characteristics

- VTOL UAV for military propose
- Electric & ICE Hybrid propulsion system
- Long Range EO/IR/LRF Camera payload
- Rapid deploy and ground transportation
- STANAG 4586 Interoperability
- Military Airworthiness Ready

Program Milestone

- '21.1Q : Scale model flight
- '21.2Q : Electric proplusion system test
- '22.4Q : New OML release
- '23.3Q : Design complete

Korean Air





Gross Weight	000 kg
Payload	00 kg
Overall Length	6.4 m
Main Rotor Diameter	7.2 m
Max Endurance	0 hrs
Cruise Speed	100 km/h

Program Overview

- Government R&D program
 (Model Name : KUS-VM)
- 2023. 8 ~ 2028. 7 (60 months)

✤ KUS-VM Characteristics

- VTOL UAV for Navy and Marine Corps
- Long Range EO/IR and SAR/ISAR payload
- Autonomous take-off and landing on Destroyer class ship
- Military Airworthiness Ready
- Program Milestone
 - '23.3Q : Program start
 - '24.4Q : CDR
 - '25.4Q : Aircraft Roll out
 - '28.2Q : System development Complete



Overview

Development of MTOW 200kg Multi-purpose Unmanned Helicopter(Cargo/ISR)

Program Type	Civil-Military Technology Development	Period	'17.12 ~ '21.11
Prime Company	Sung-woo Eng.	Budget	13,000,000 USD
Contractor	ADD ICMTC (Institute of Civil Military Technology Cooperation)		



- '17.12 : Agreement and Program Start
- '18.04 : SRR (System Requirement Review)
- '18.11 : PDR (Preliminary Design Review)
- '19.02 : CDR (Critical Design Review)
- '19.10 : TRR#1 (Test Readiness Review)
- '20.02 : FFRR (First Flight Readiness Review)
- '20.06 : TRR#2 (Test Readiness Review)
- '21.11 : The program ends





Features

- MTOW : 200kg+ (Payload : Max. 60kg)
- Max. Speed : 150km/h+
- Operational Altitude : 3km+
- Endurance(Payload) : 6hrs(25kg) / 3hrs(60kg)
- Operational Range : 50km+
- Payload : EO/IR

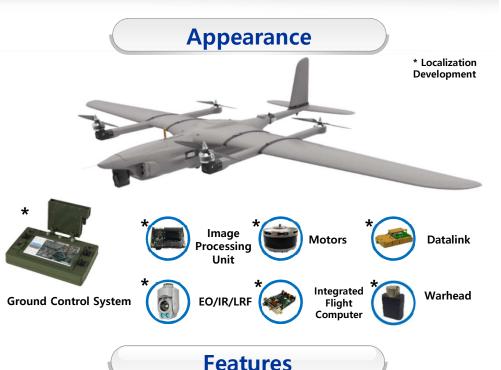




Overview

Development of a Army Small UAV System for Reconnaissance and Attack

Program Type	Rapid Demonstration Acquisition Project	Period	'20.12 ~ '22.0 9
Prime Company	LIGNex1	Budget	3,900,000 USD
Contractor	DAPA (Defense Acquisition Program Administration)		





- '20.12 : Contract
- '21.11 : Delivery Completed(ROKA, 18ea)
- '22.09 : ROKA Demonstration Support Report Submitted
- Loitering munition for BN reconnaissance & attack missions
- Operational Range : 8km+, Altitude : 300m+, Time : 30min+
- Flight Speed : 90km/h, Impact Speed : 140km/h
- MTOW : 15.0kg
- IPX3 waterproof, Anti Jamming, KCMVP Communication Security





Overview

Hybrid Engine based Payload 40kg Multi-copter Cargo Drone Development for Civil-Military dual use

Program Type	Civil-Military Dual-use Technology Development	Period	′20.11 ~ ′23.11
Prime Company	LIGNex1	Budget	4,600,000 USD
Contractor	ADD ICMTC (Institute of Civil Military Technology Cooperation)		

Progress

- '20.11 : Commencement of the agreement
- '20.12 : Kick-Off Meeting
- '21.09 : PDR(Preliminary Design Review)
- '22.05 : CDR(Critical Design Review)
- '23.04 : TRR(Test Readiness Review)
- '23.06 : FFRR(First Flight Readiness Review)
- '23.10 : Final Evaluation
- '23.11 : The program ends





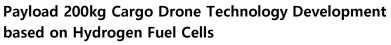
Features

- Maximum Payload Weight : 40kg+
- Operational Range : 10km+
- Operational Time : 60min+
- Operational Altitude : 400m+
- Maximum Flight Speed : 50km/h+
- Powertrain : Engine Battery Hybrid



Overview

Appearance



Program Type	National R&D Program (MOTIE)	Period	′21.06 ~ ′25.12
Prime Company	LIGNex1	Budget	36,000,000 USD
Contractor	Korea Evaluation Institute of Industrial Technology(KEIT)		

Progress

- '21.06 : Agreement
- '21.07 : Kick Off Meeting
- '21.10 : SRR/SFR(System Requirement/Functional Review)
- '22.11 : PDR(Preliminary Design Review)
- '23.09 : CDR(Critical Design Review)
- '23.12 : Mid-Term Evaluation
- '25.01 : FFRR(First Flight Readiness Review)
- '25.09 : Final Evaluation
- '25.12 : The program ends

Features

- Maximum Payload Weight : 200kg+
- Operational Range : 50km+
- Operational Time : 1hrs+
- Maximum Flight Speed : 100km/h+
- Powertrain: "Hydrogen fuel + Battery" Hybrid



Hanwha Systems



* Overair Butterfly

Redefining air transportation.

One milestone at time.

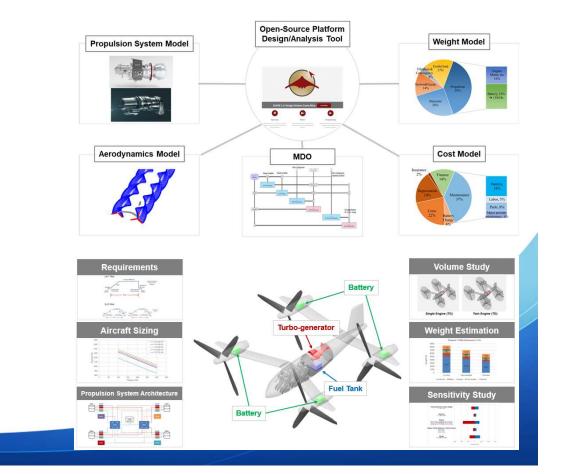
- Capacity: 1 pilot + 5 pax
- Rotor system: 4 tilt rotors with individual blade control (IBC) system

overair

- Full-scale propulsion system test program completed in Fall 2022

Advanced Research on Hybrid–Electric VTOL Aircraft

 Feasibility study on gas turbine hybridelectric VTOL aircraft



Hanwha Systems



- Flight Control System of **Optionally Piloted PAV (OPPAV)**
- OPPAV Flight Control System Dev. **Project** (Apr. 2019 – Dec. 2023)
- Work scope: _
 - FLCC SW(OFP) Design and Implementation
 - **OPPAV HILS Configuration Setup**
 - FCS System Integration Test (HILS & RIG)
 - **OPPAV** Ground/Flight Test





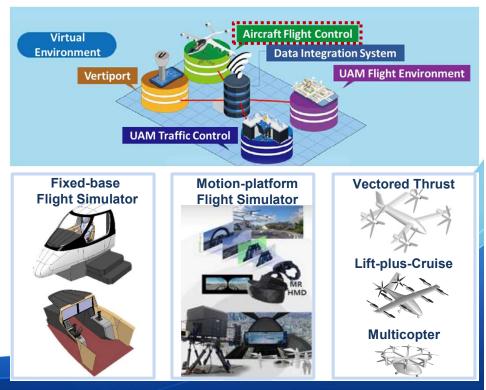
FLCC HILS Set-up and Tes

OPPAV Ground/Flight Test



eVTOL Aircraft Flight Simulator

- UAM VIPP (Virtual Integrated Operation) Platform) Project (Apr. 2022 - Dec. 2025)
- Work scope:
 - Development of fixed-base and motionplatform flight training devices for three different types of eVTOL aircrafts







IV. Institutes





Korea Aerospace Research Institute



1.0PPAV

2.High-Speed Rotor System

3.30kW-H₂ Fuel Cell Unmanned Helicopter

4.Low Noise Prop-Rotor for UAM eVTOL



1. OPPAV(Optionally Piloted Personal Air Vehicle) eVTOL

- Optionally piloted eVTOL technology demonstrator is being developed (2019~2023)
 - One seater class. (Vc > 200kph, Range > 60km)
 - 8 electric motors, full electric using Li-Ion, 4 tilt props and 4 fixed lift props
 - Airworthiness standard draft is being developed in parallel
 - Wind tunnel testing is completed, the first flight is planned in Jan-2023



<Wind Tunnel Test of OPPAV Scaled Powered Model in KARI– LSWT>



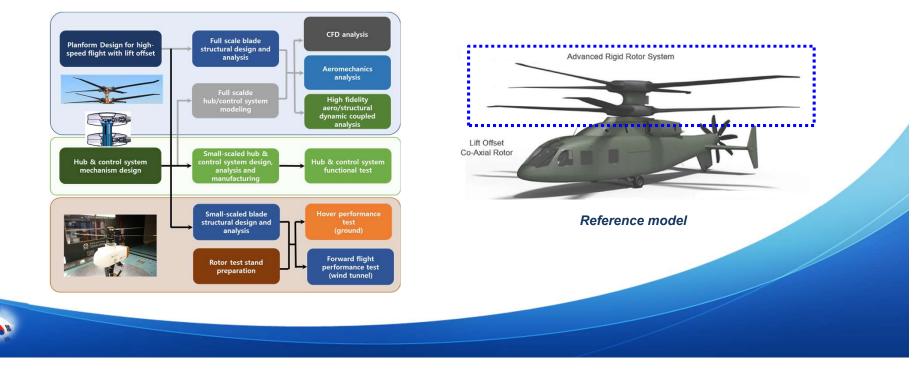
<KARI OPPAV Concept>



2. Rotor System for High-Speed Forward Flight



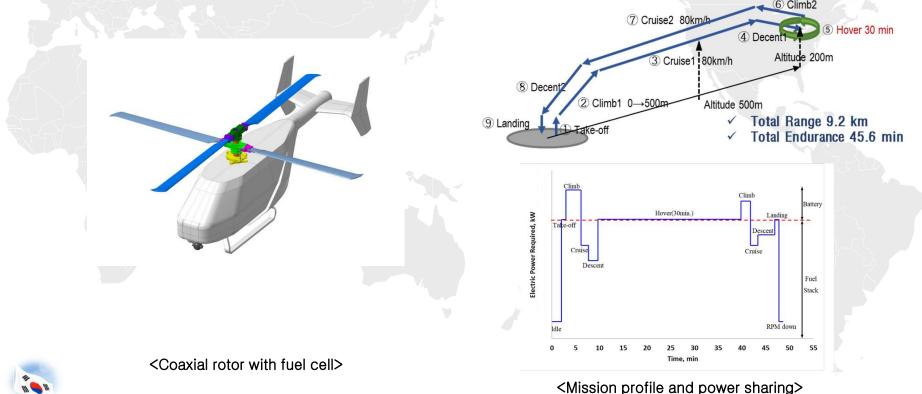
- Rigid Coaxial Rotor System Development for High Speed Long Range Utility Helicopter
 - . 2022. 12. \sim 2026.12 (Defense Acquisition Program Administration)
 - . Airspeed > 000 knot, High efficiency (FM > 0.00, L/D_e > 00)
 - Design and analysis of low drag rigid coaxial rotor planform with lift offset
 - Rigid composite blade design and analysis
 - Efficient hub control system design and analysis
 - Small-scaled model design, analysis, fabrication and ground & wind tunnel test



3. 30kW-H₂ Fuel Cell Unmanned Helicopter



- Net power 30kW class fuel cell power pack system for a unmanned helicopter with 200kg class maximum takeoff weight (2021~2025)
 - Rotor type : 2 bladed-coaxial rotors with 2.18m of rotor radius
 - Rotor RPM : 580RPM
 - Weight : 250kg
 - Propulsion system : Electric motor powered by primary fuel cell and battery

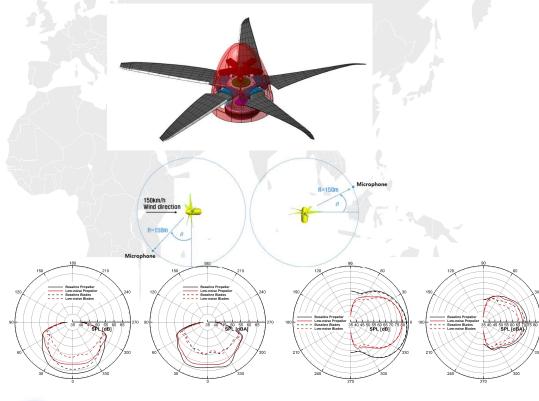


4. Low Noise Prop-Rotor for UAM eVTOL



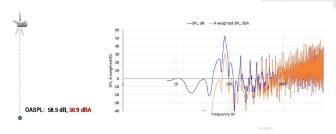
Low noise prop rotor (2020~2023)

- Five bladed prop rotor with 1.3 meter of radius
- Maximum thrust 500kgf per prop rotor for Five seater class UAM
- Noise level 64dBA away from 150meter in forward flight
- Figure of Merit 0.7 above











<Analysis of noise level in forward flight and hover>

<Noise level measurement of prop rotor>



V. Conclusion





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- In Civil Side, eVTOL Aircraft System Technologies were focused on AAM(UAM, RAM) Application
 - Passenger Drone, Parcel Delivery Service, etc
 - KARI, Hanwha Systems, Hyundai Motors, KAI, Vessel Aerospace, etc.
- In Military Side(Manned) VTOL System Technologies have been focused on Army's Light Armed Helicopter and Marine Attack Helicopter
 - LAH Helicopter Production Start(2023~)
 - Marine Attack Helicopter Development Start (2022~)
 - KAI
- In Military Side(Unmanned) VTOL System Technologies have been focused on Army's Observation and Scout, Delivery Service
 - KAI, KAL, LIG Nex1, Hanwha Systems, Vessel Aerospace





Thank you!

