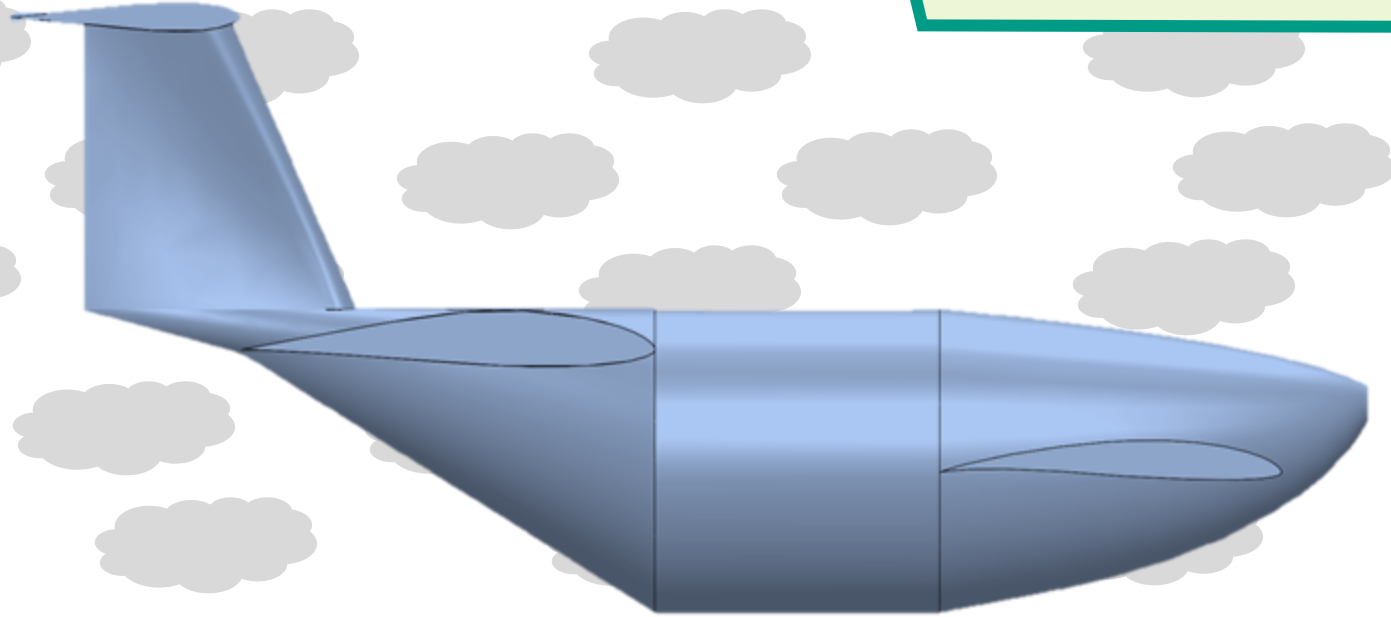


# Technical Presentation



# Team Introductions

## Aerodynamics & Propulsion Team

**Sasindu Pinto:**  
Project /Aeronautics/Propulsion Engineer



**Noah Wright:**  
Aerodynamics Engineer



**Michenell Louis-Charles:**  
Thermal Fluids Engineer/Financial Chair



**Cameron Riley:**  
Materials/Hardware Engineer



**Adrian Moya:**  
Systems/Hardware Engineer



**Lauren Chin**

**Lift and Control Surface  
Engineer/Meeting Coordinator**



**Joseph Figari**

**Fuselage and Payload  
Engineer/Financial Chair**



**Jacob Pifer**

**Project Engineer (Geometrics)  
and Manufacturing Engineer**



# Sponsor and Advisors



Florida Space Grant Consortium:  
Funding Sponsor



Seminole RC Club -  
Tallahassee:  
Equipment/Personnel  
Sponsor



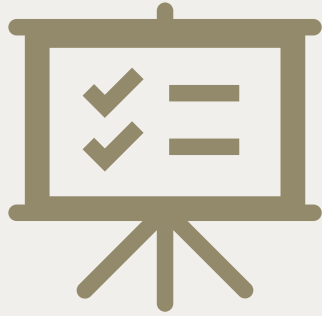
Dr. Chiang Shih:  
Professor & AME  
Center Director Advisor



Dr. Simone Hrada:  
Professor &  
Undergraduate Advising  
Coordinator

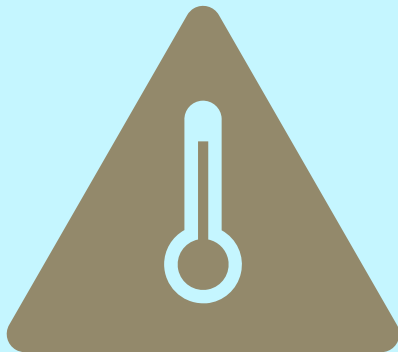
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# Team Objective



The objective is to design a 3-D printed plane that takes off, completes the flight path, and lands safely while carrying a payload.

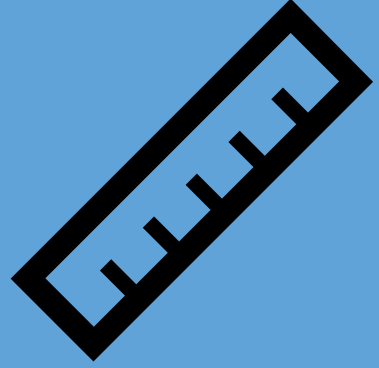
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## Key Goals and Assumptions

- Achieve lift
- Maintain stability in air
- Printing error tolerance 0.02 in
- Weighs less than 15 lbs
- Will be flown in atmospheric conditions at sea level

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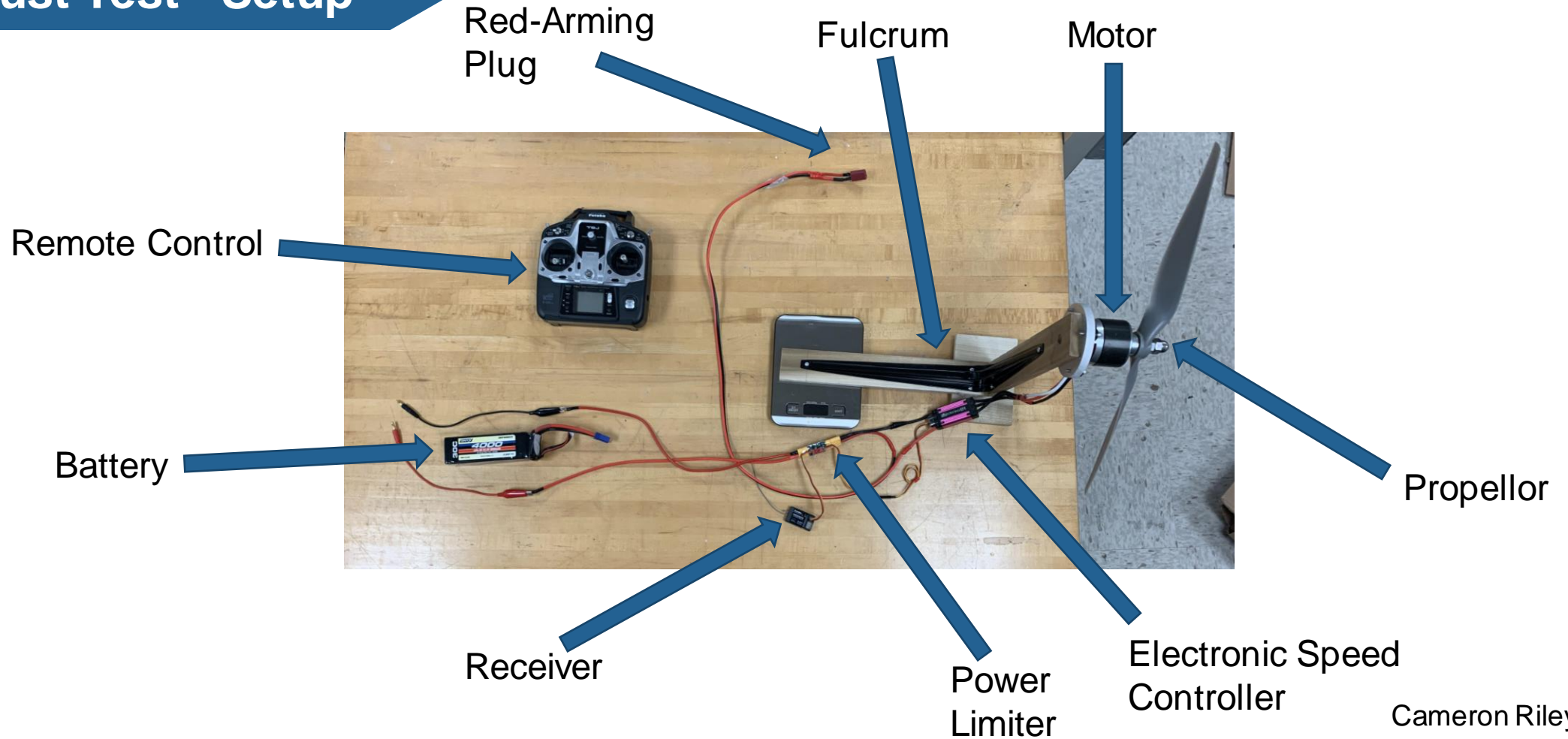
# Design Process





# Design Process

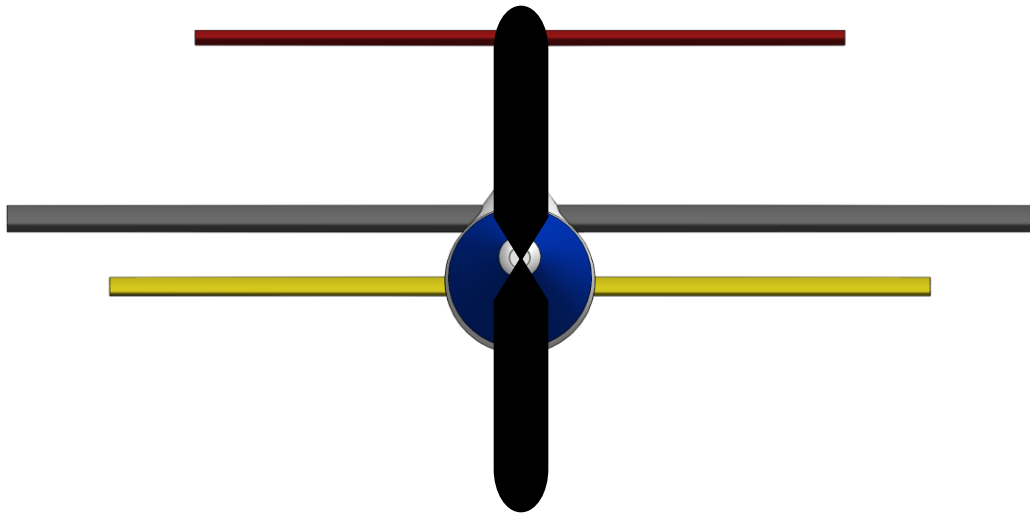
## Thrust Test - Setup



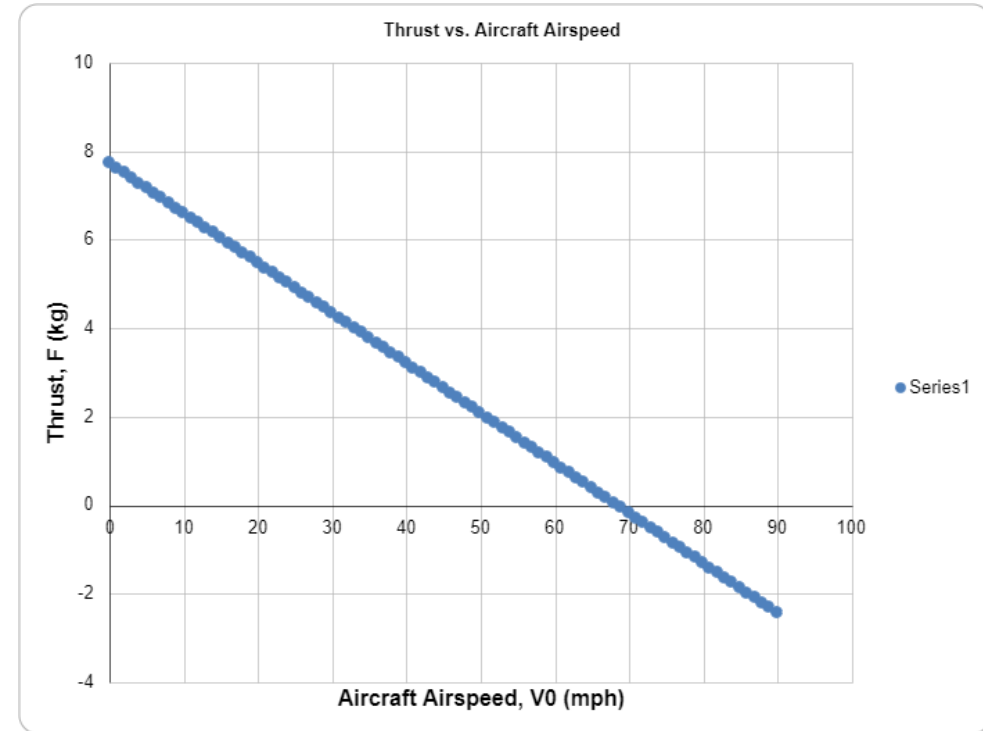


# Design Process

## Thrust Test



Experimental Thrust ~ 222 lbf

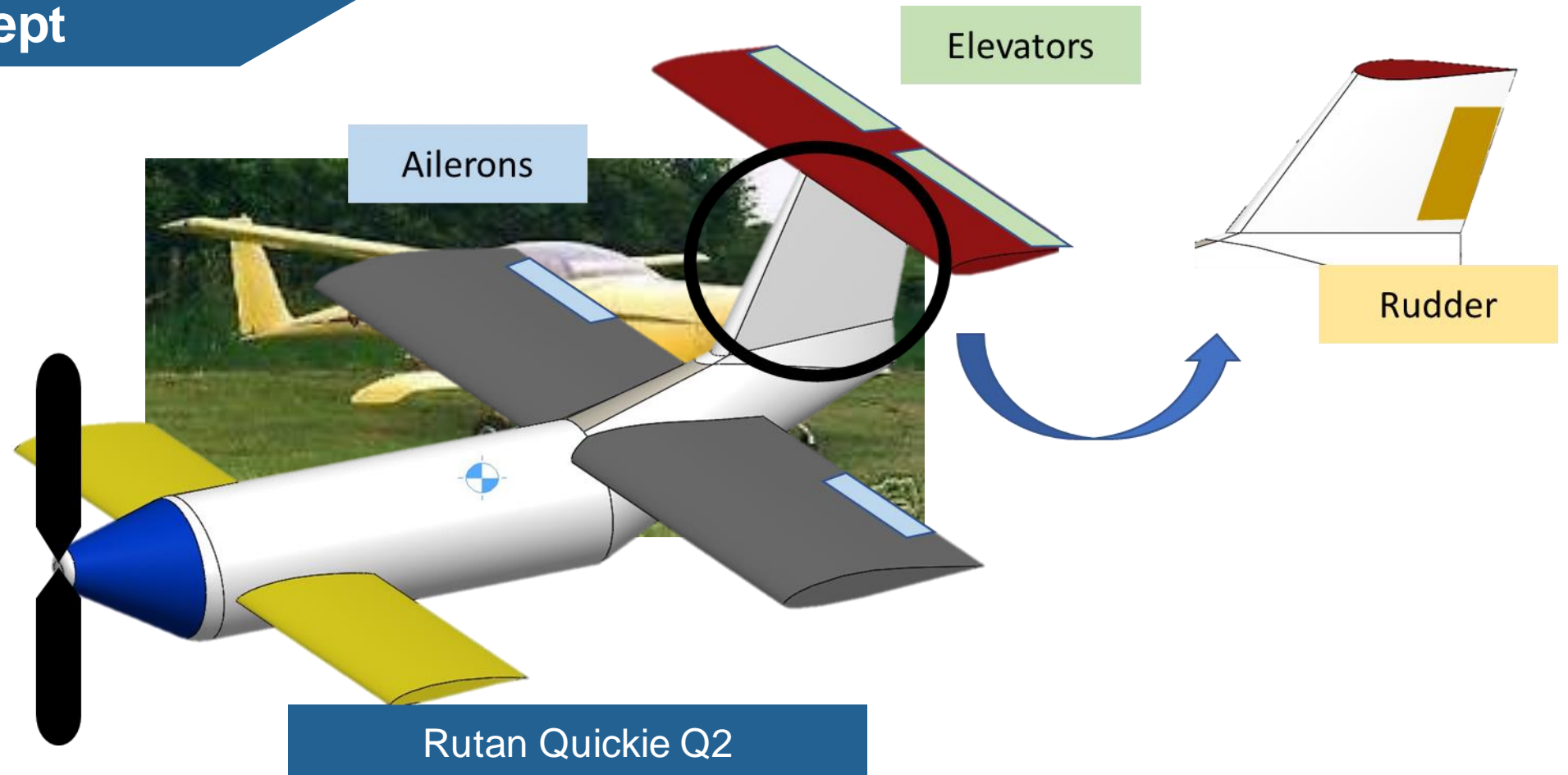


Calculated Static Thrust ~ 167 lbf

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# Design Process

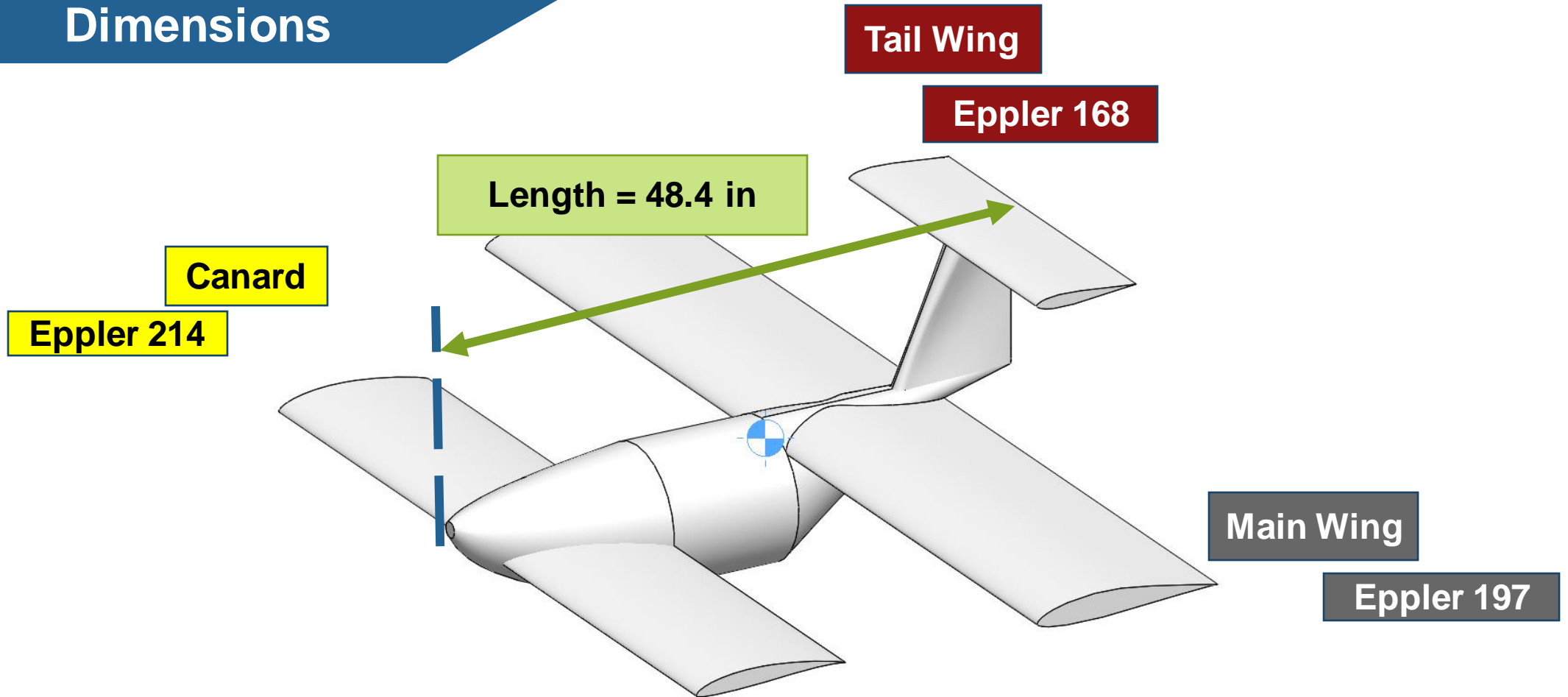
## Concept



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# Design Process

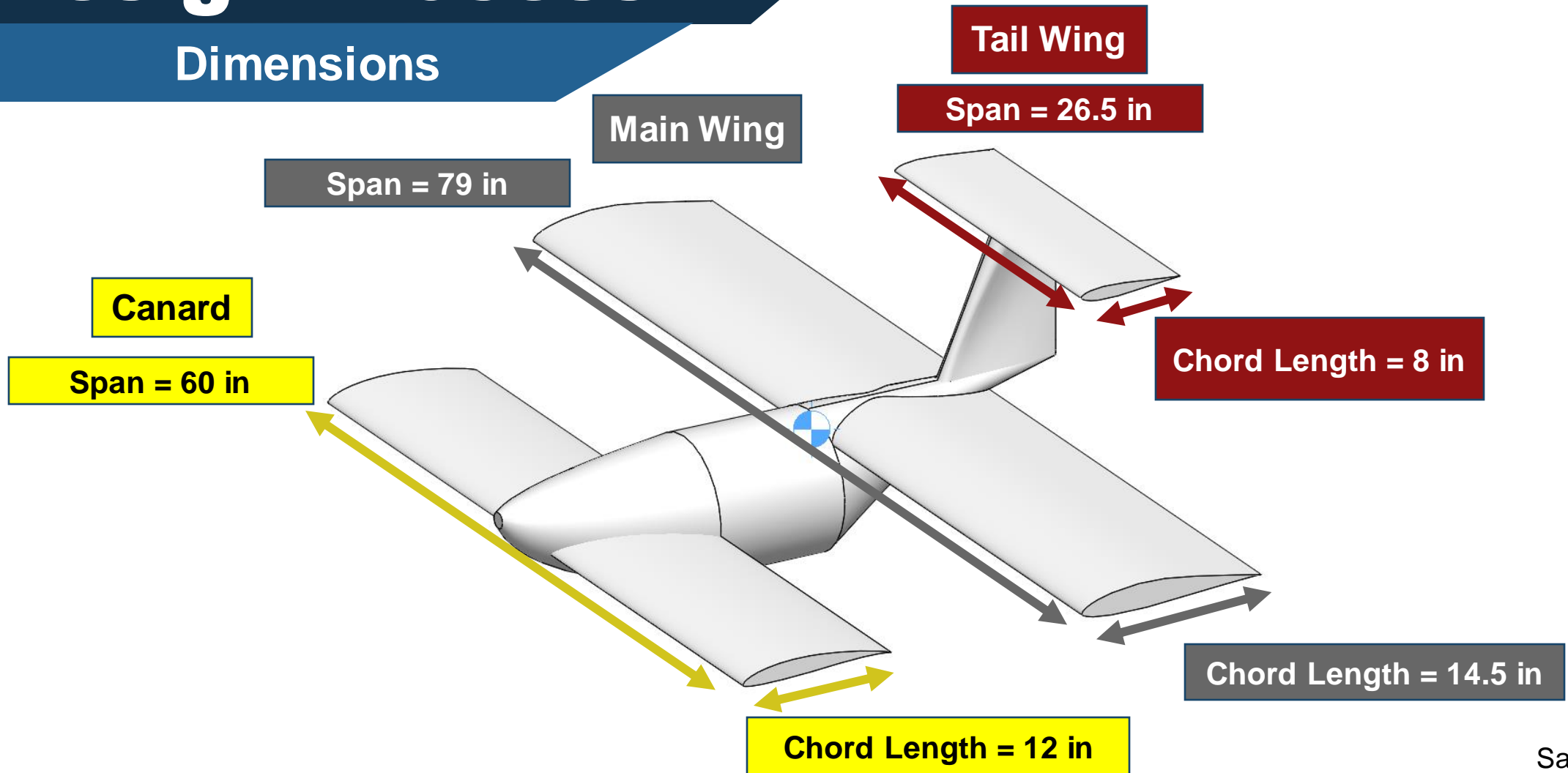
## Dimensions



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# Design Process

## Dimensions



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# Design Process

## Comparison

Main Wing

Tail Wing

Canard

21.54 in

1.125in

CG location doesn't change with cargo

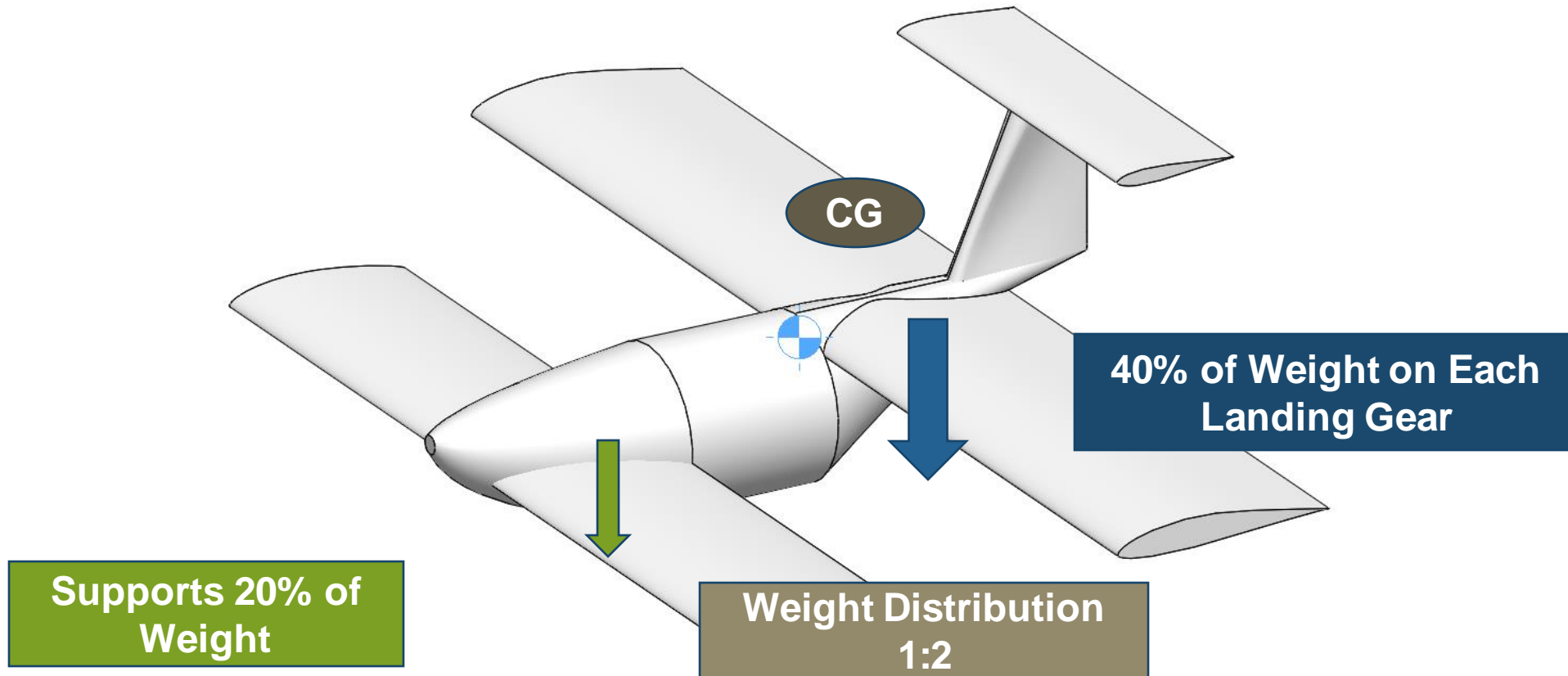
Weight Without Cargo ~ 12 lbs.

Weight With Cargo ~ 14 lbs.

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# Design Process

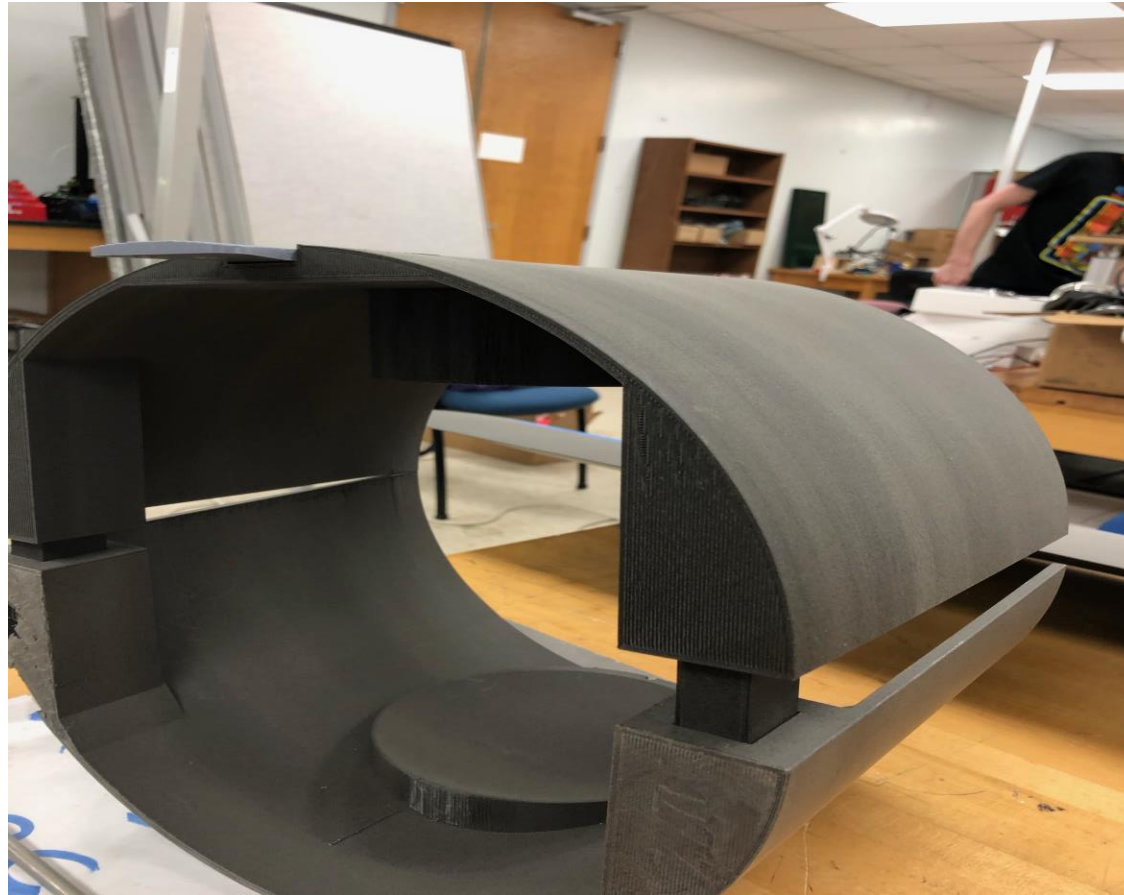
## Landing Gear Weight Distribution



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# Design Process

## Cargo Hatch

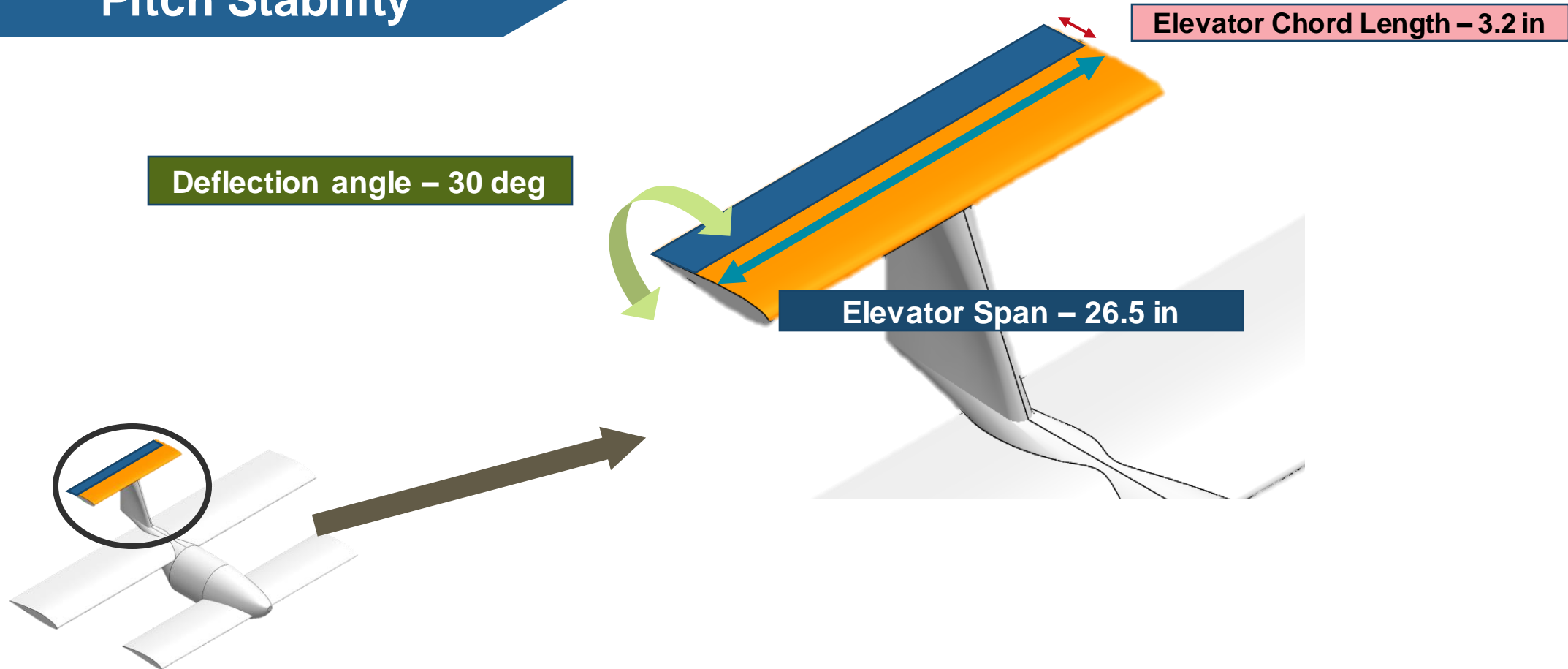


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# Design Process

## Pitch Stability

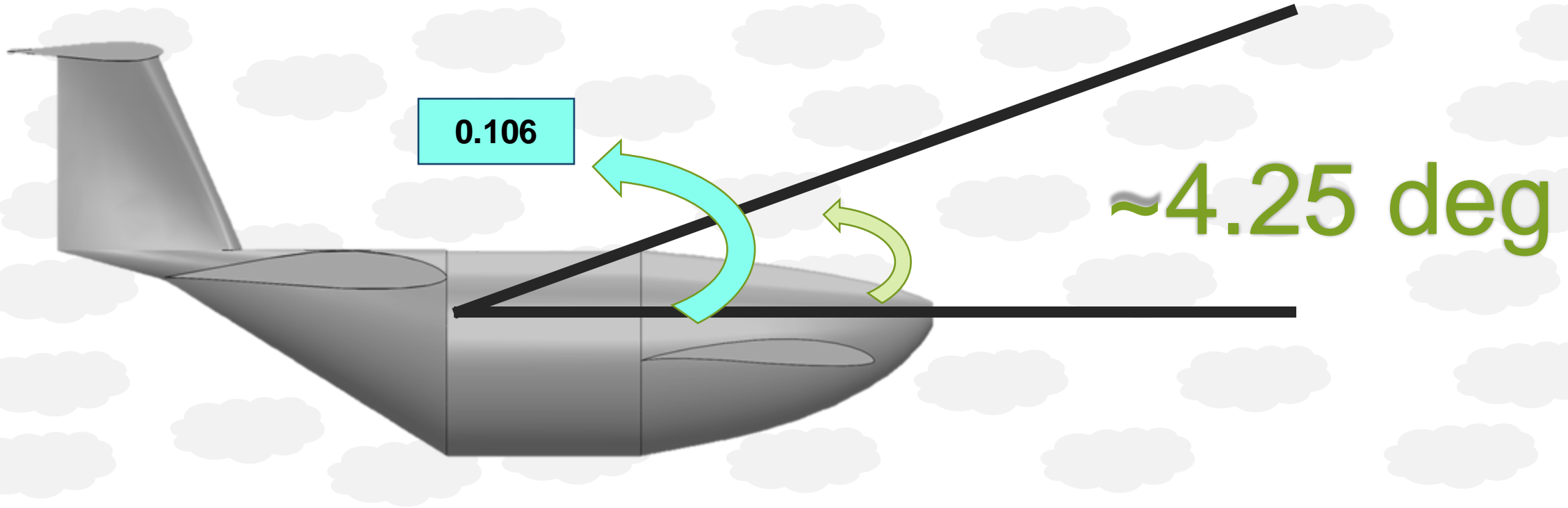


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# Design Process

Pitch Stability

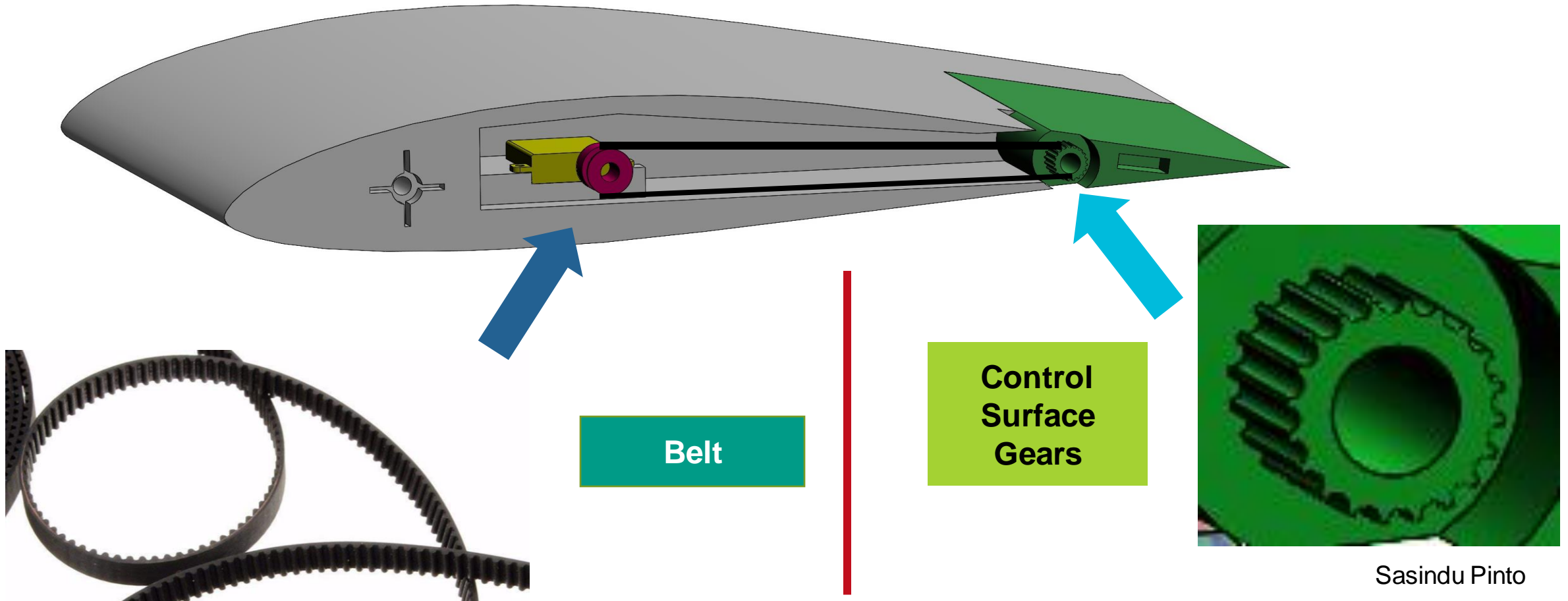
Equilibrium Angle of Attack



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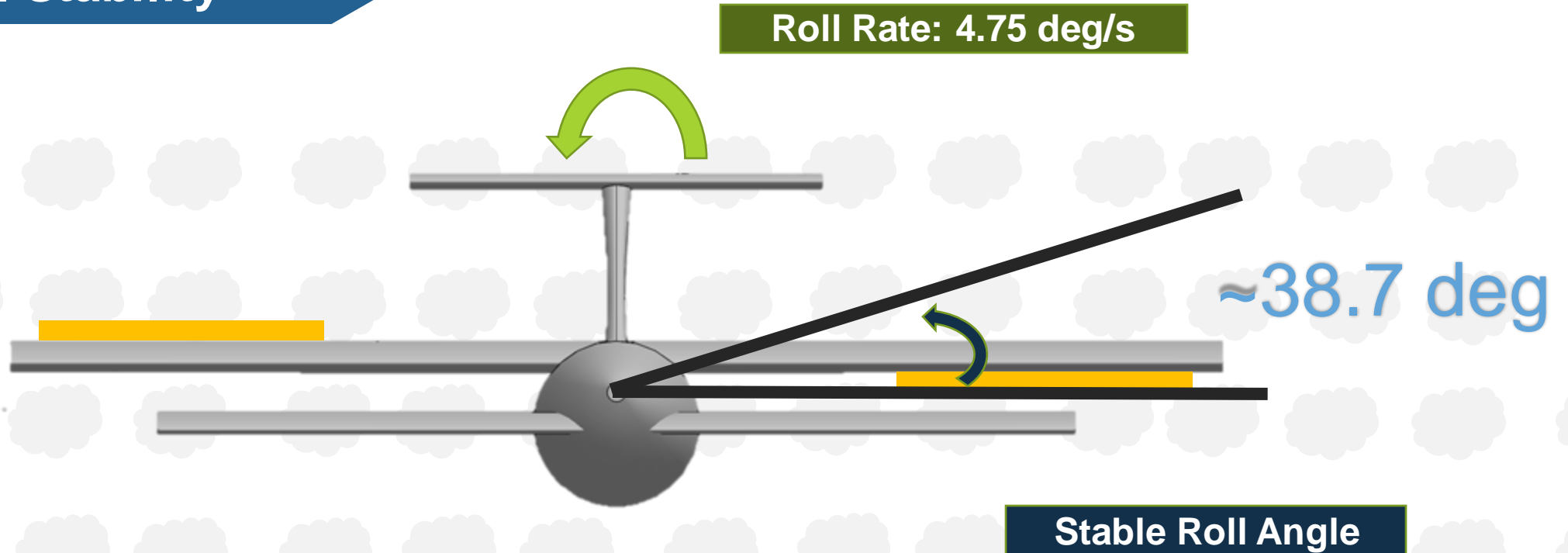
# Design Process

## Control Surface Motion



# Design Process

## Roll Stability



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# Design Process

## Yaw Stability

Landing Angle:  
49.16 deg

~49.16  
deg

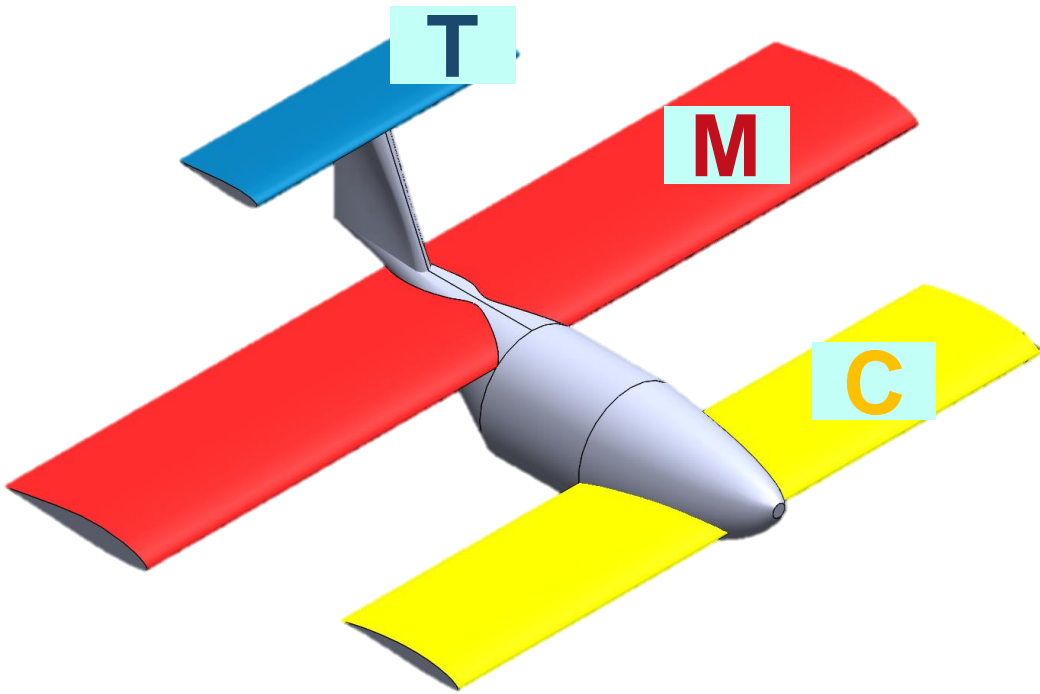
30 mph Cross  
Wind

Rudder Deflection –  
12.1 deg

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# Design Process

## Xfoil Analysis



Canard Stall



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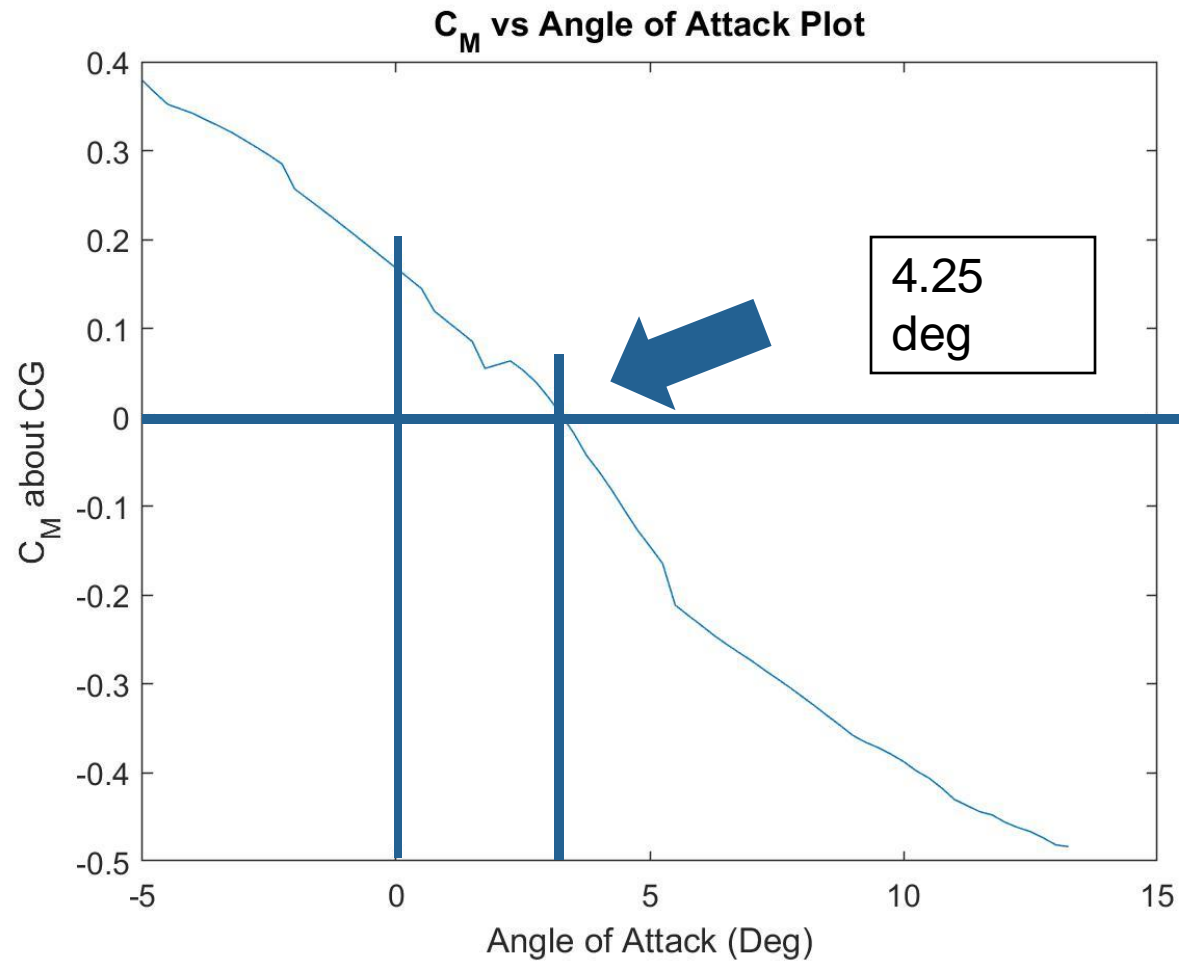
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# Design Process

## Stability Plot



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# Material Selection



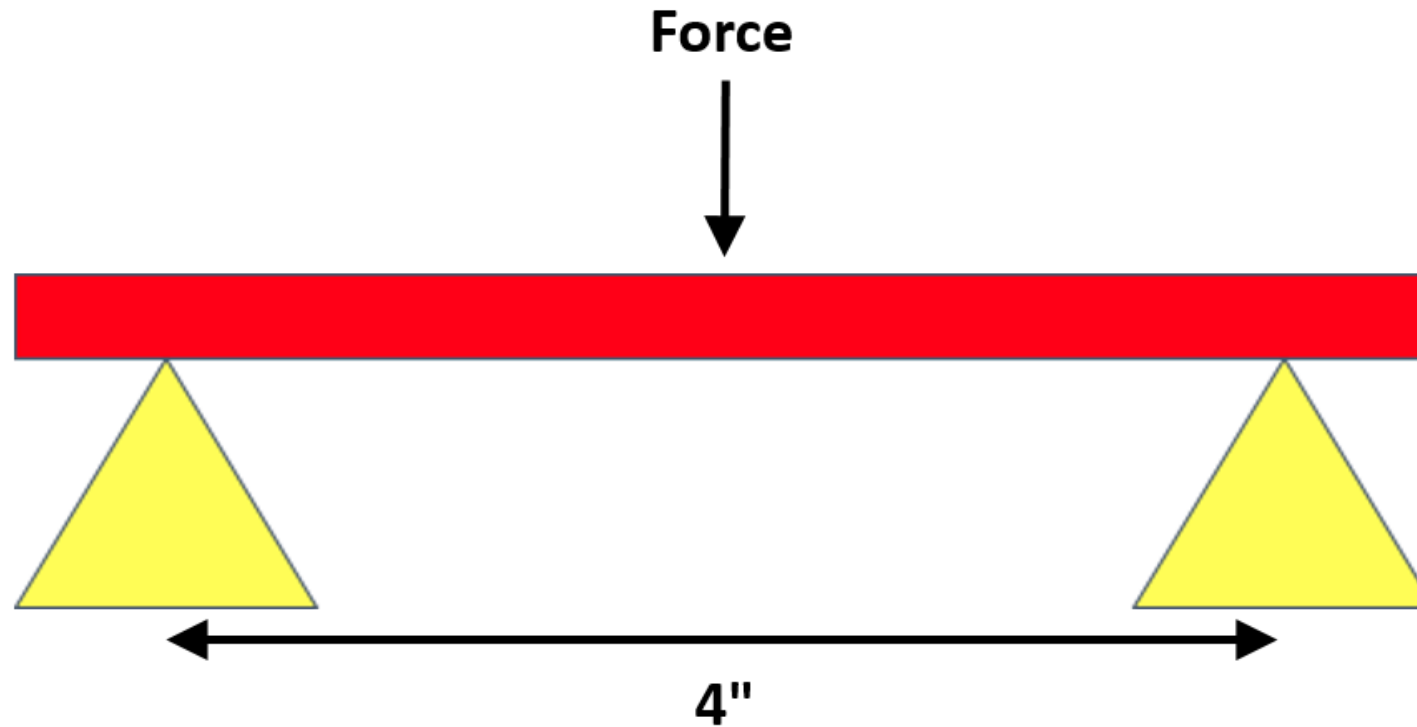
# Material Selection

- House of Quality found weight to be the most important design factor
- Two possible filaments could be used within project budget and competition materials rules
  - PLA
  - LW – PLA
- Torsion and bending tests done to compare strengths



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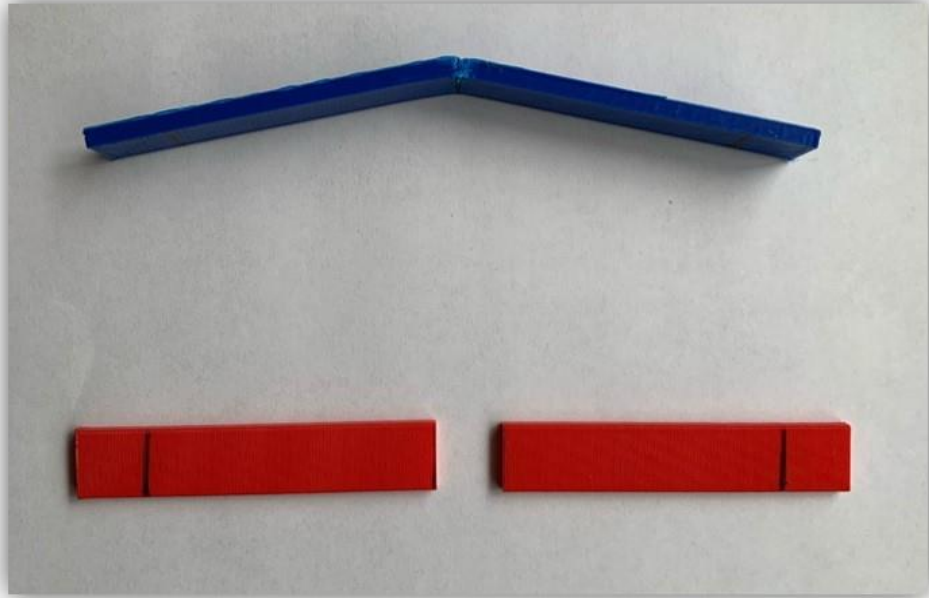
# Three-Point Bending Test



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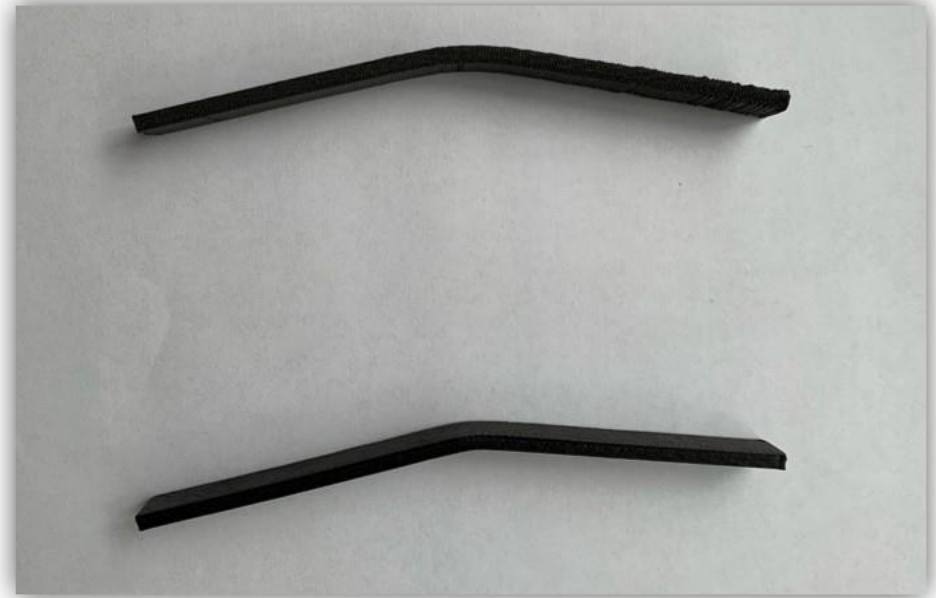
# Three-Point Bending Test

**PLA**



**Stress parallel to printing direction: 8,350 psi**  
**Stress perpendicular to printing direction: 3,360 psi**

**LW-PLA**



**Stress parallel to printing direction: 6,120 psi**  
**Stress perpendicular to printing direction: 3,380 psi**

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# Torsion Test



- ✦ Tinius – Olsen Machine used to collect data
- ✦ Same types of samples used

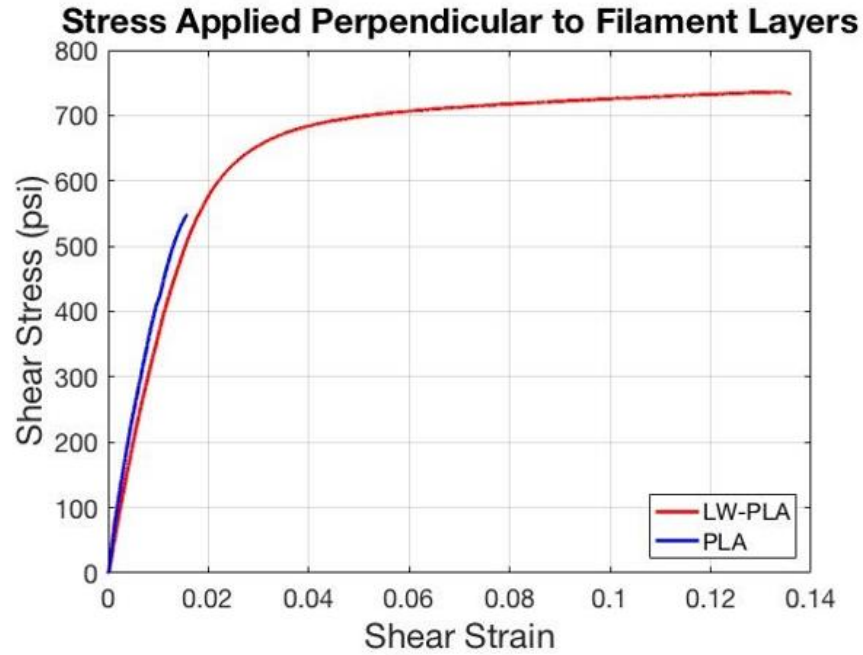
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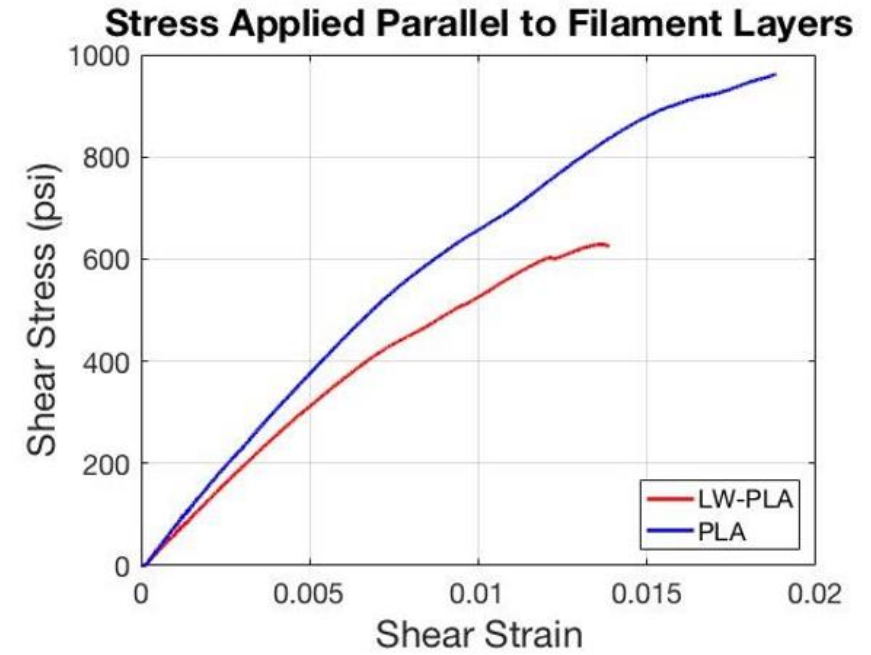


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# Torsion Test



**PLA failure stress: 412 psi**  
**LW-PLA failure stress: 552 psi**



**PLA failure stress: 721 psi**  
**LW-PLA failure stress: 471 psi**

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# Validation and Electronics

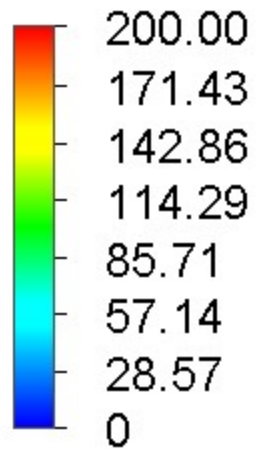


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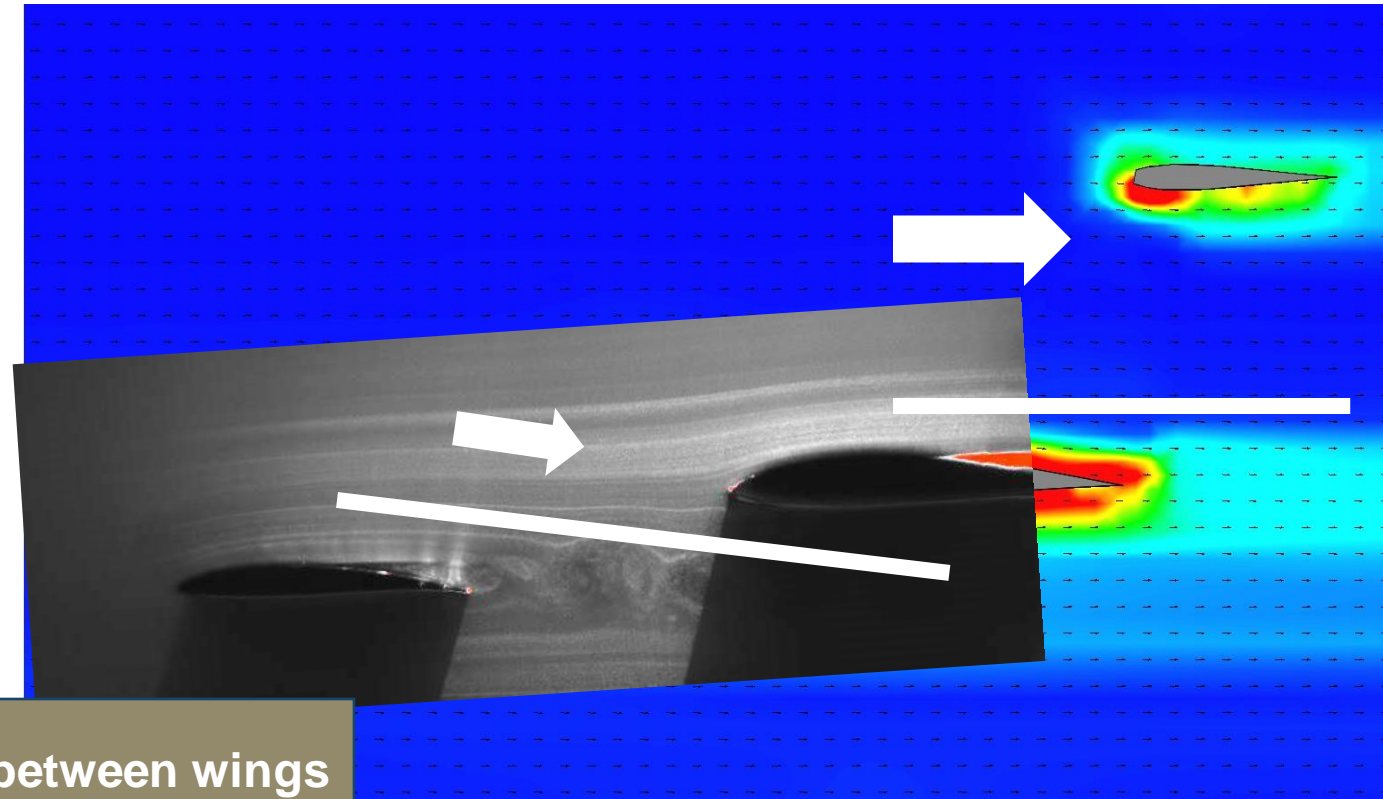
Air Flow – 0 deg AoA

CFD

Wind Tunnel Test



Vorticity [1/s]



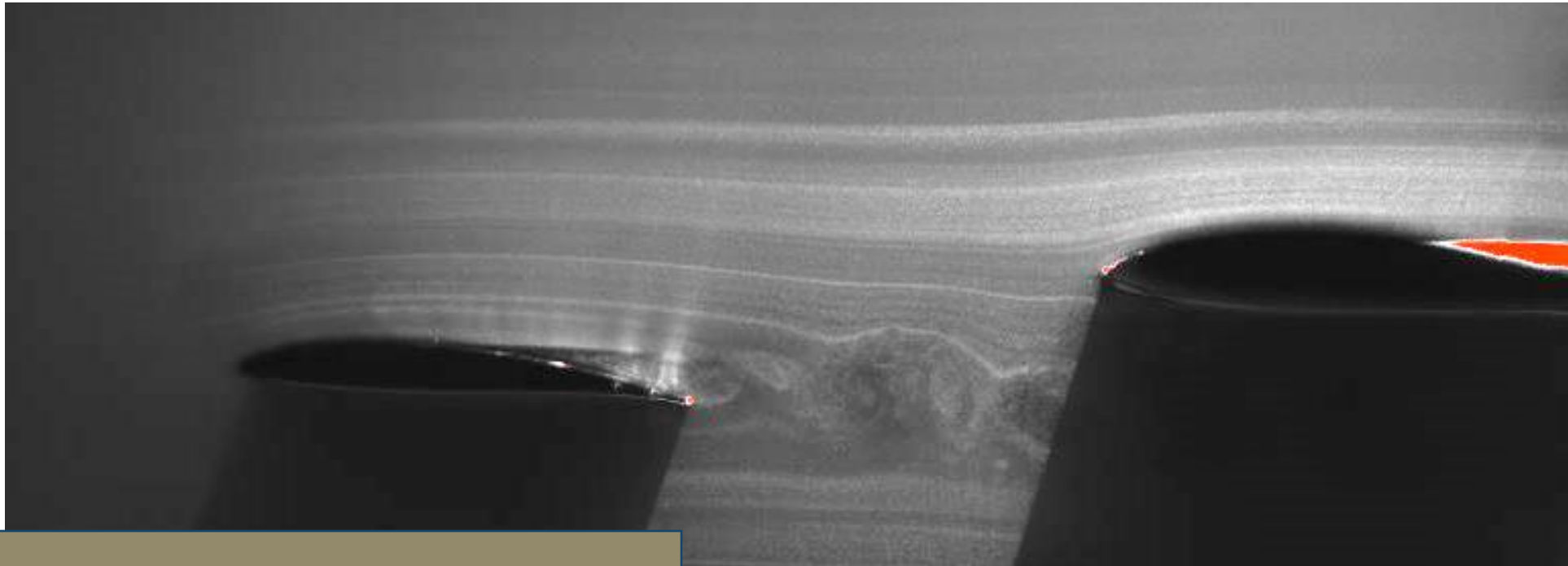
Negligible wake effects between wings

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# Validation and Electronics

Air Flow – 0 deg AoA

Wind Tunnel Test



Negligible wake effects between wings

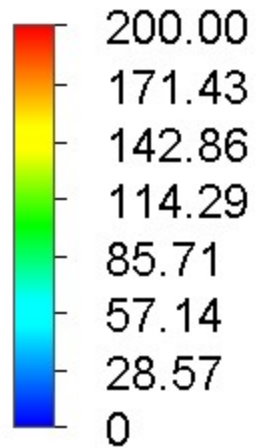
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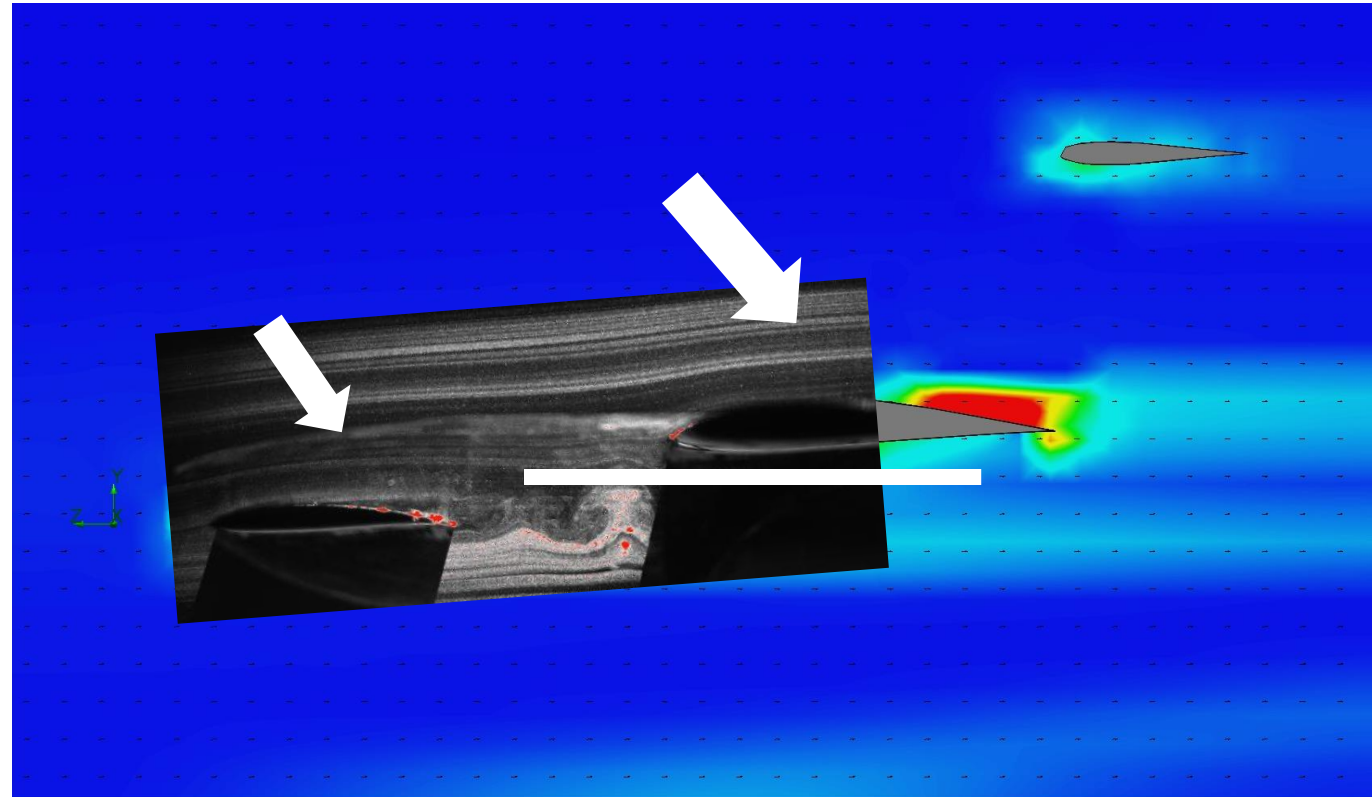
Air Flow—5 deg AoA

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Wind Tunnel Test



Vorticity [1/s]



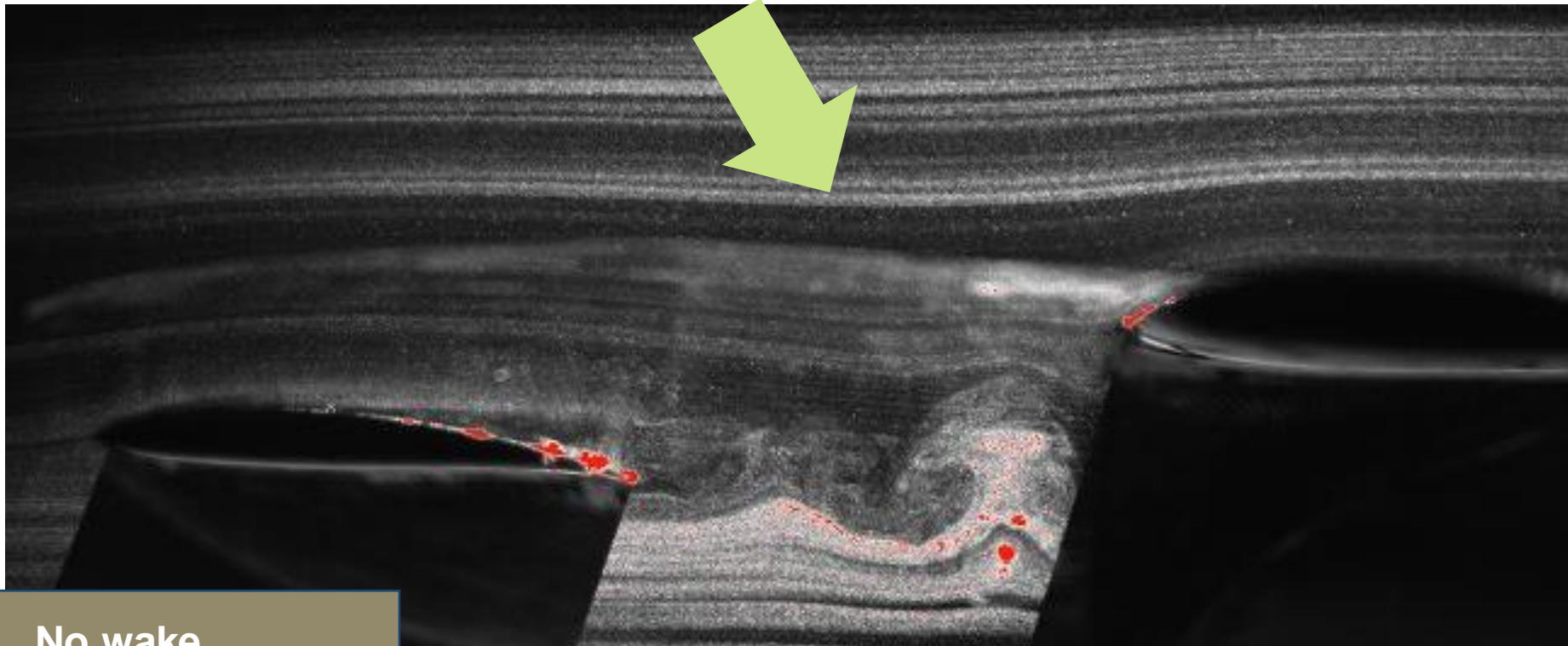
Flow Attached & No Wake

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# Validation and Electronics

Air Flow—5 deg AoA

Wind Tunnel Test



No wake

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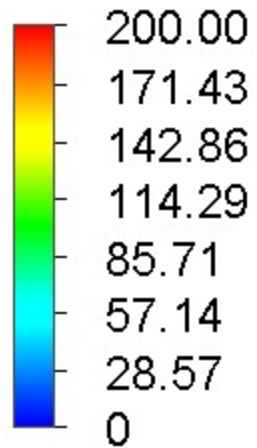


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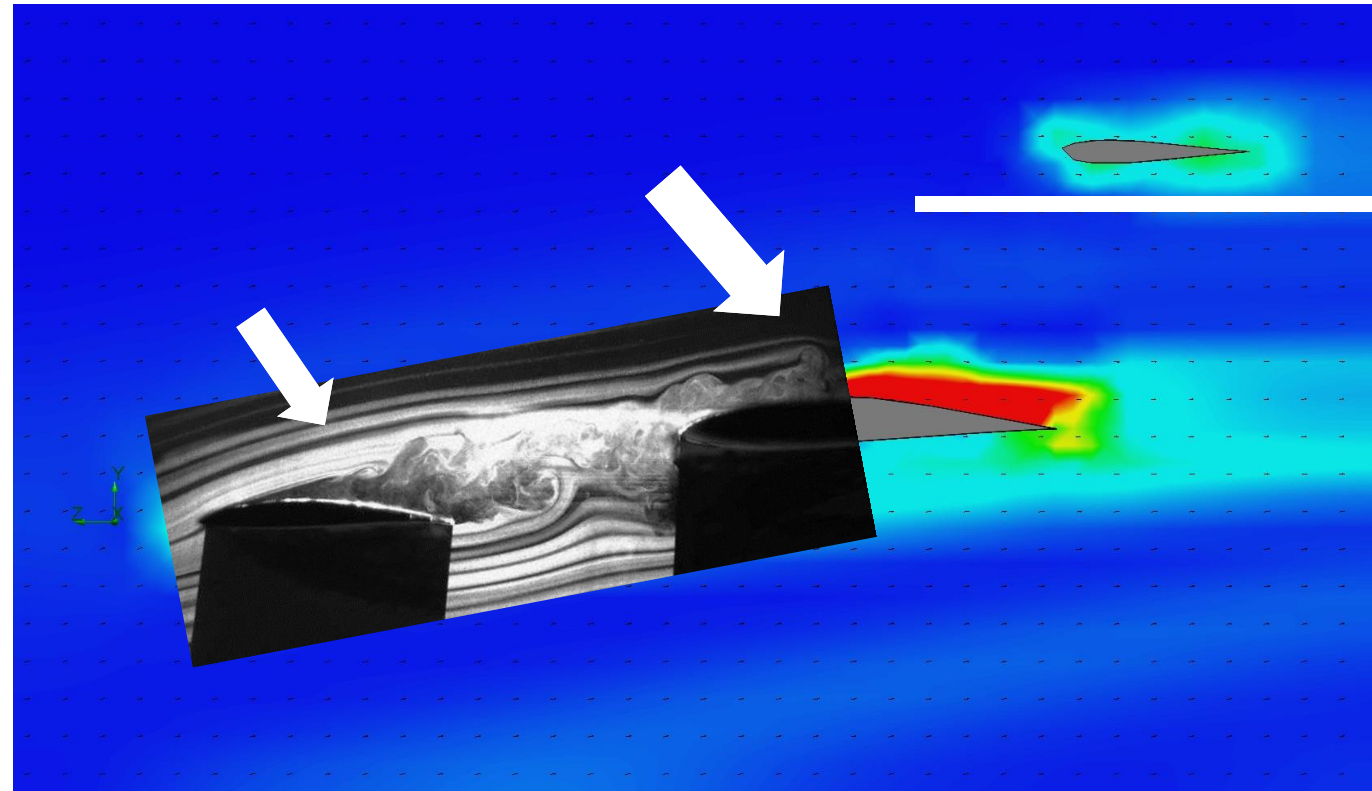
Air Flow – 12 deg AoA

CFD

Wind Tunnel Test



Vorticity [1/s]



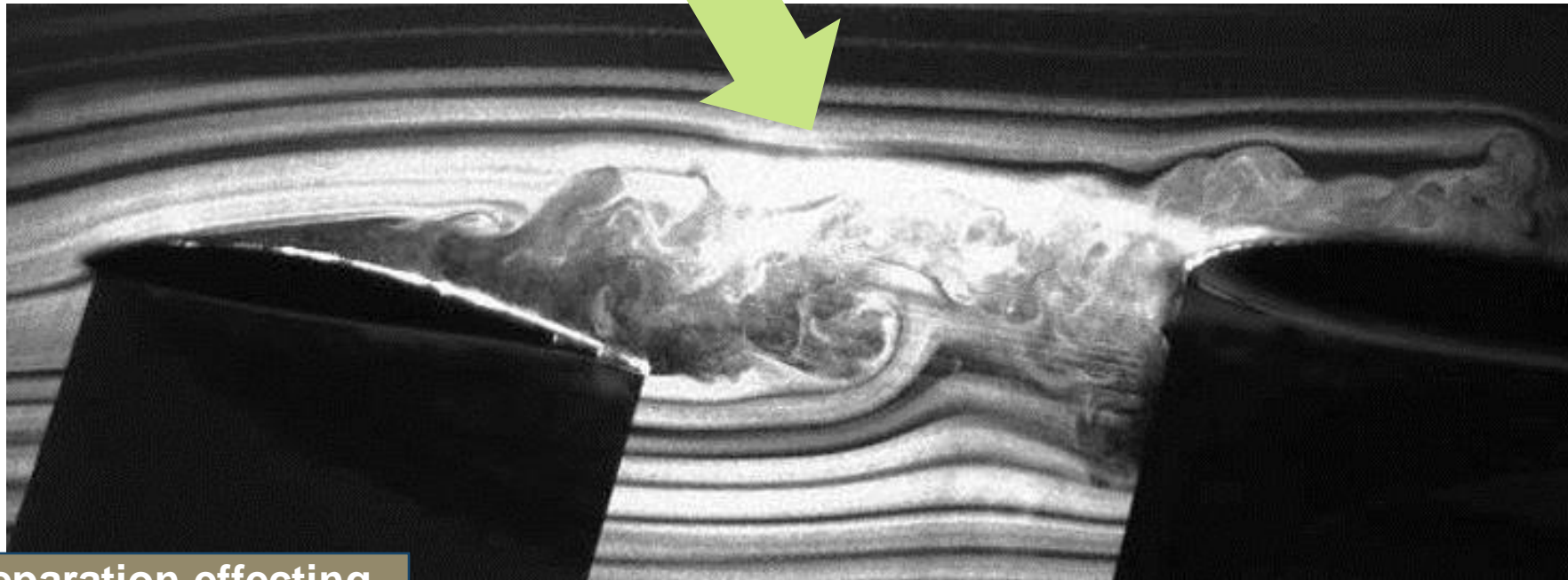
Flow not attached to the wings - Stall

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# Validation and Electronics

Air Flow – 12 deg AoA

Wind Tunnel Test



Flow separation effecting the main wing

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# Validation and Electronics

## Controller Setup

Throttle (up/down)  
Yaw (left/right)

Thrust-cut Button



Pitch (up/down)  
Roll (left/right)

Programming the transmitter settings to  
favor our plane

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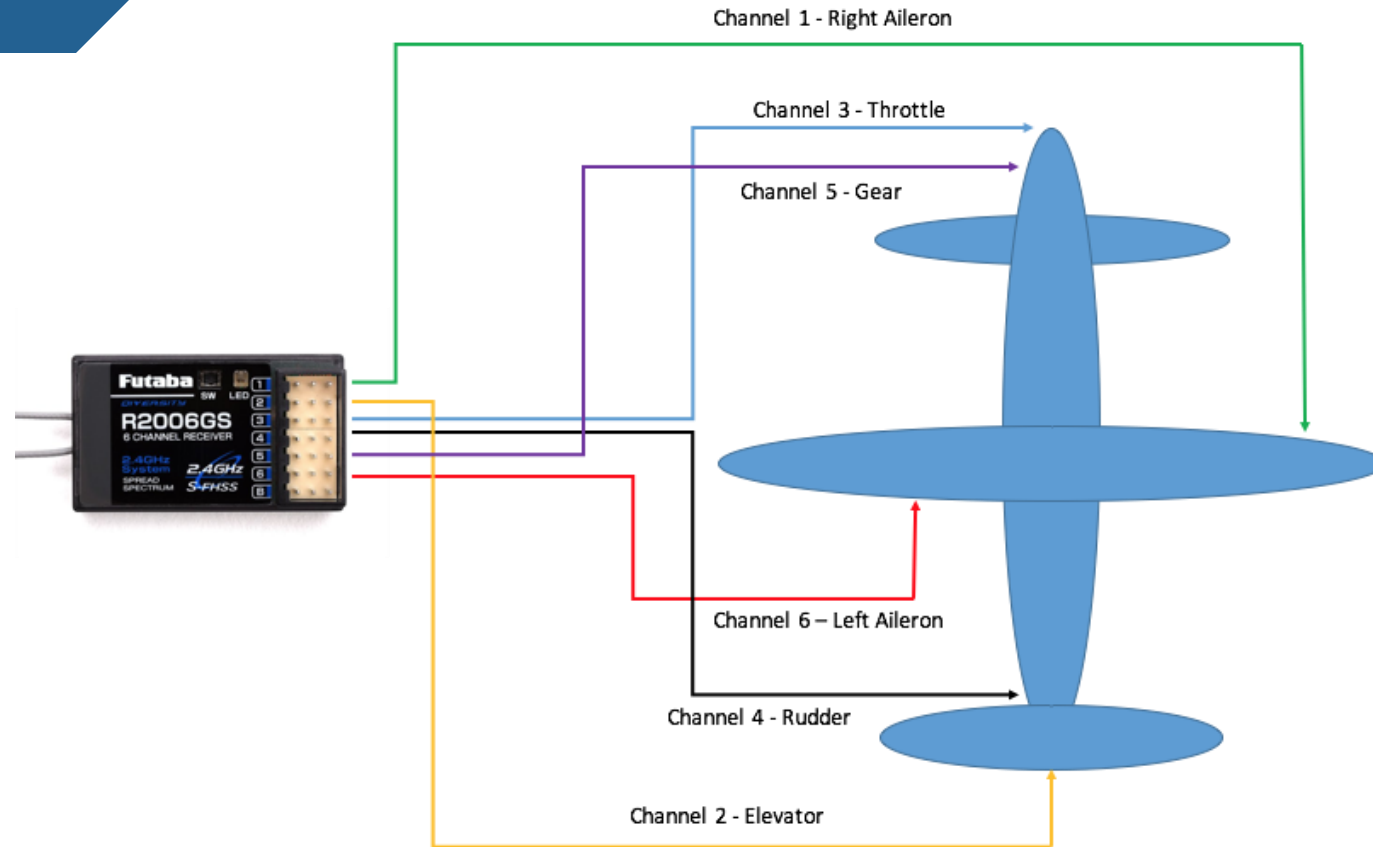


# Validation and Electronics

## Wiring

Method of splicing wires

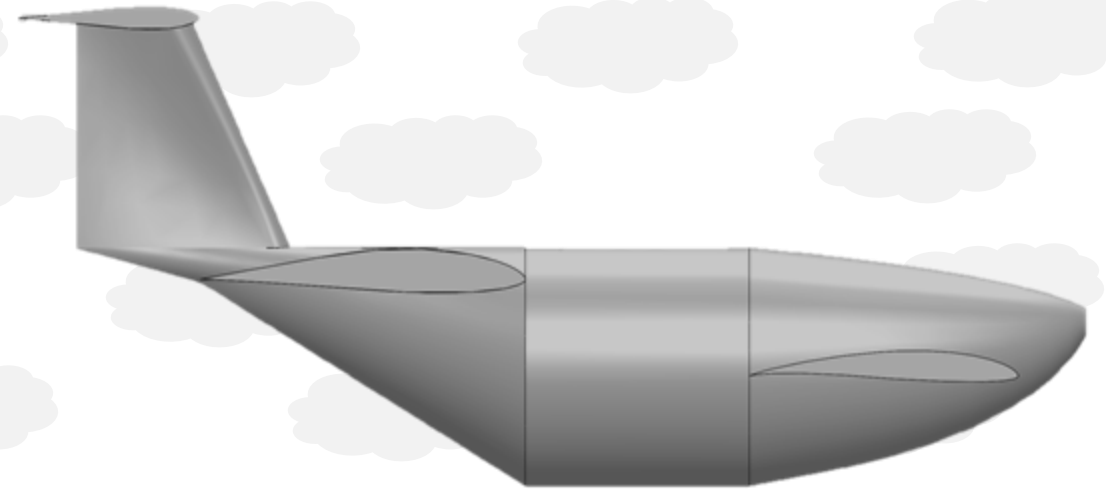
Servo Extension Wires



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# Summary

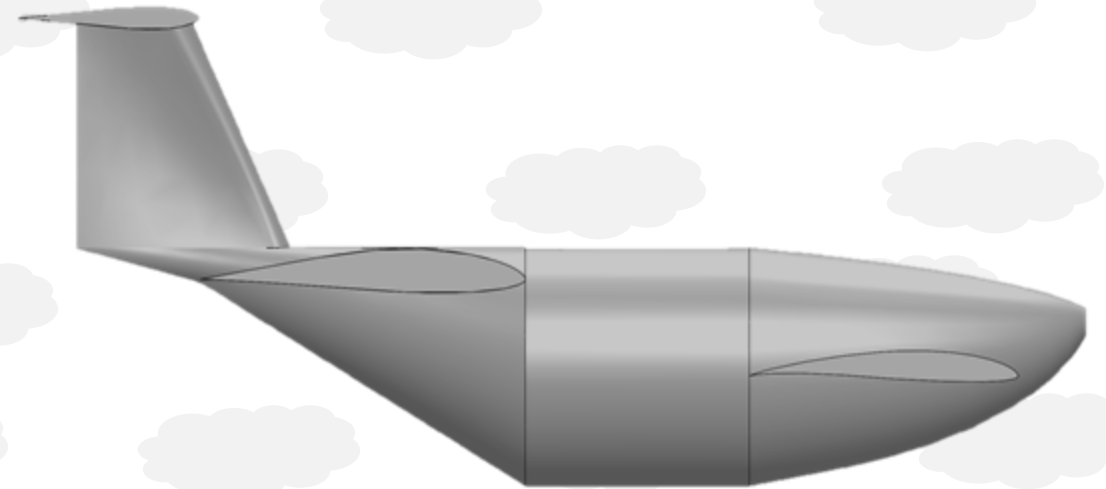
- ✦ **A Canard Design is possible**
  - ✦ **Tail wing needed for this layout**
- ✦ **Cargo bay between 2 major wings makes the plane stable**
- ✦ **Battery and cargo plate locations are adjustable to alter CG position**
- ✦ **Gear/belt mechanism used to operate control surfaces**



Cameron Riley

# Summary

- ✈ LW-PLA & PLA used in making the plane
- ✈ Landing gear set up meets the weight distribution guidelines
- ✈ We are working to do a test flight with the Seminole RC Club



Jacob Pifer

# LinkedIn Information

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# Backup Slides



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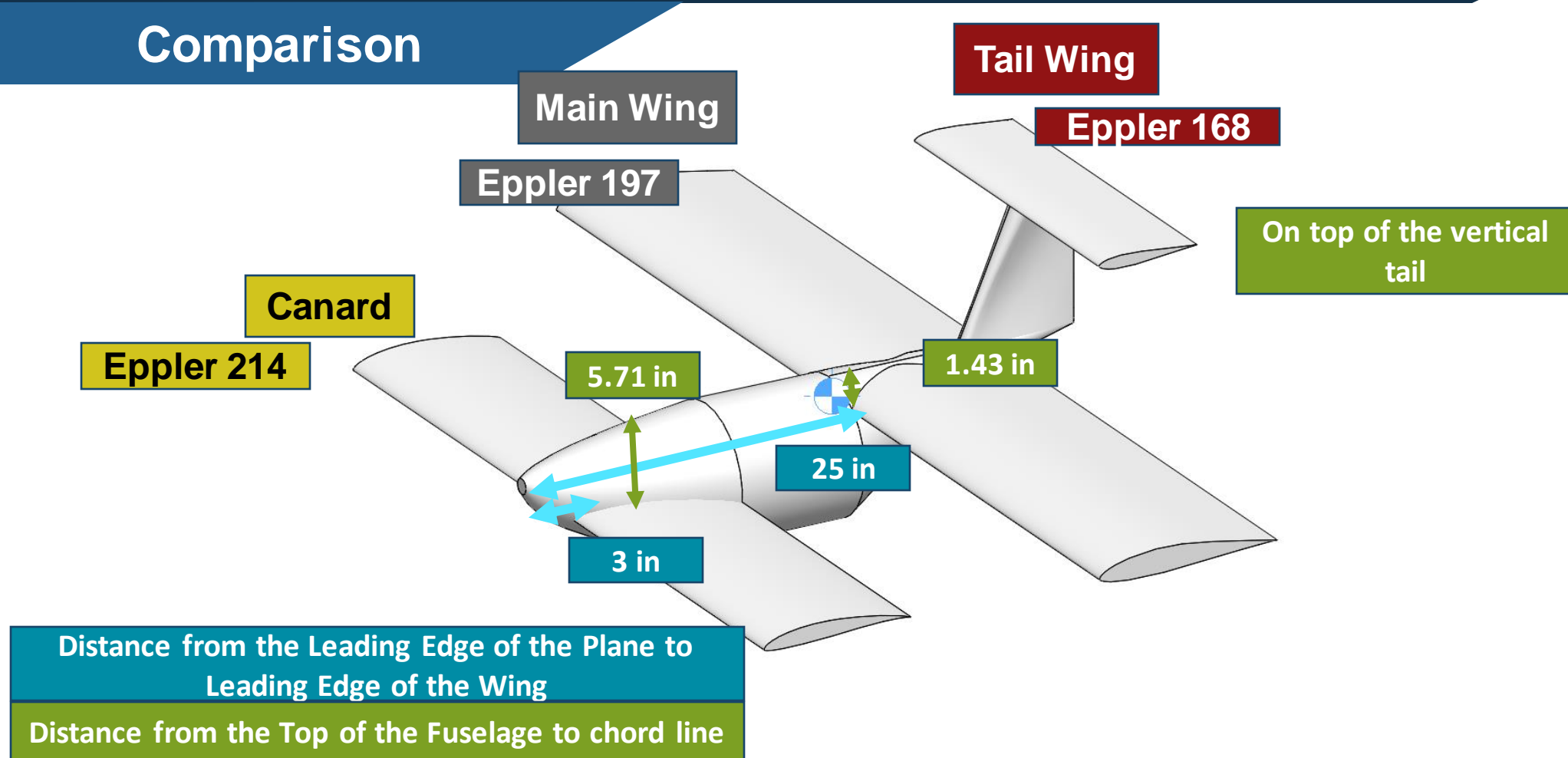
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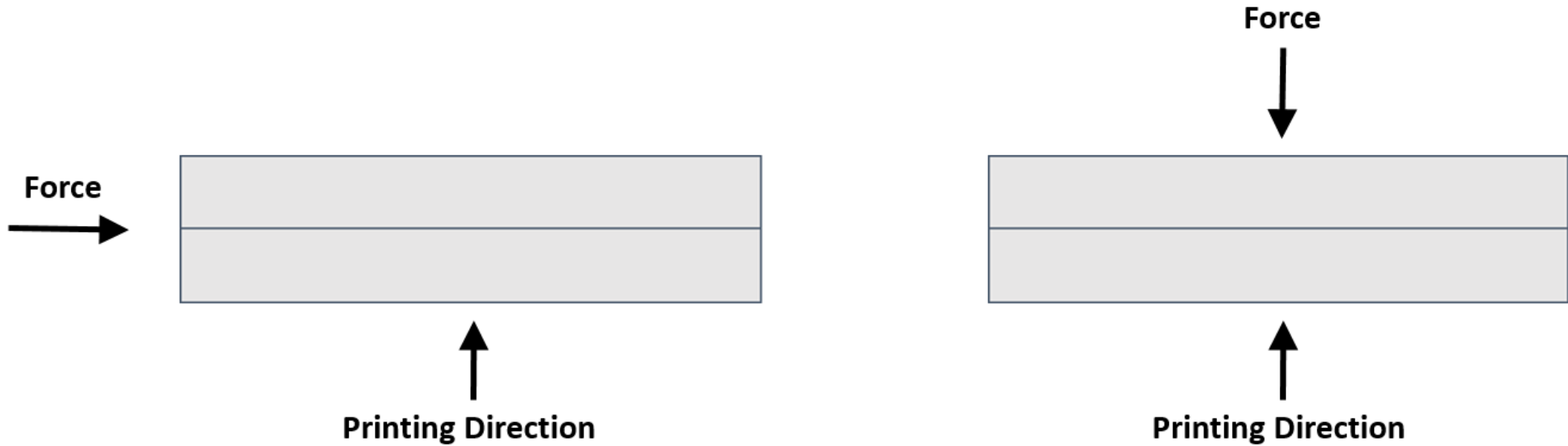
# Redesigned Plane Analysis

## Comparison



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# Stress & Printing Direction



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# Design Process

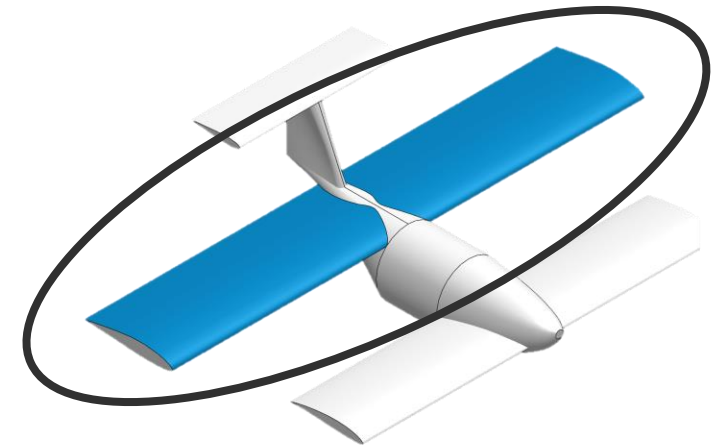
## Roll Stability

Distance to Fuselage – 15.25 in

Downward Deflection Angle – 8 deg

Upward Deflection Angle – 20 deg

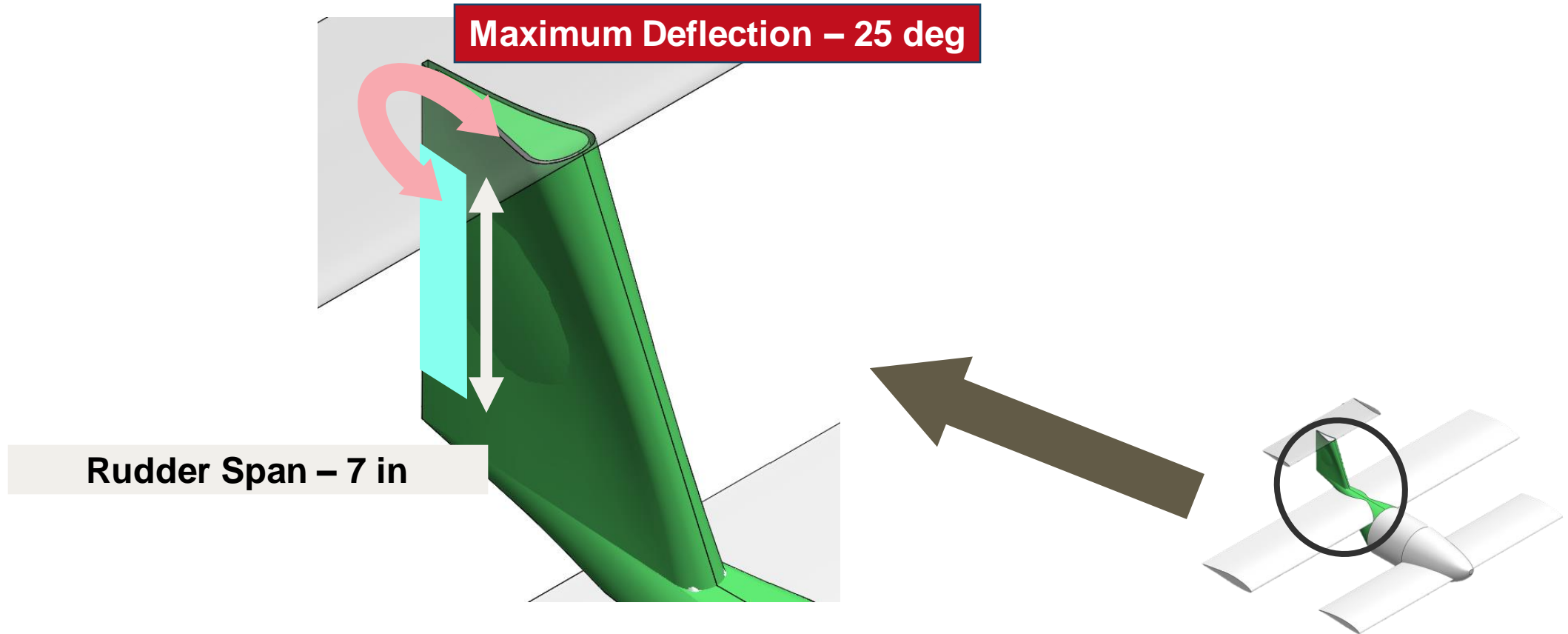
Differential Setting : 2.5:1



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# Design Process

## Yaw Stability



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# Validation and Electronics

## Wind Tunnel Test – Smoke Test



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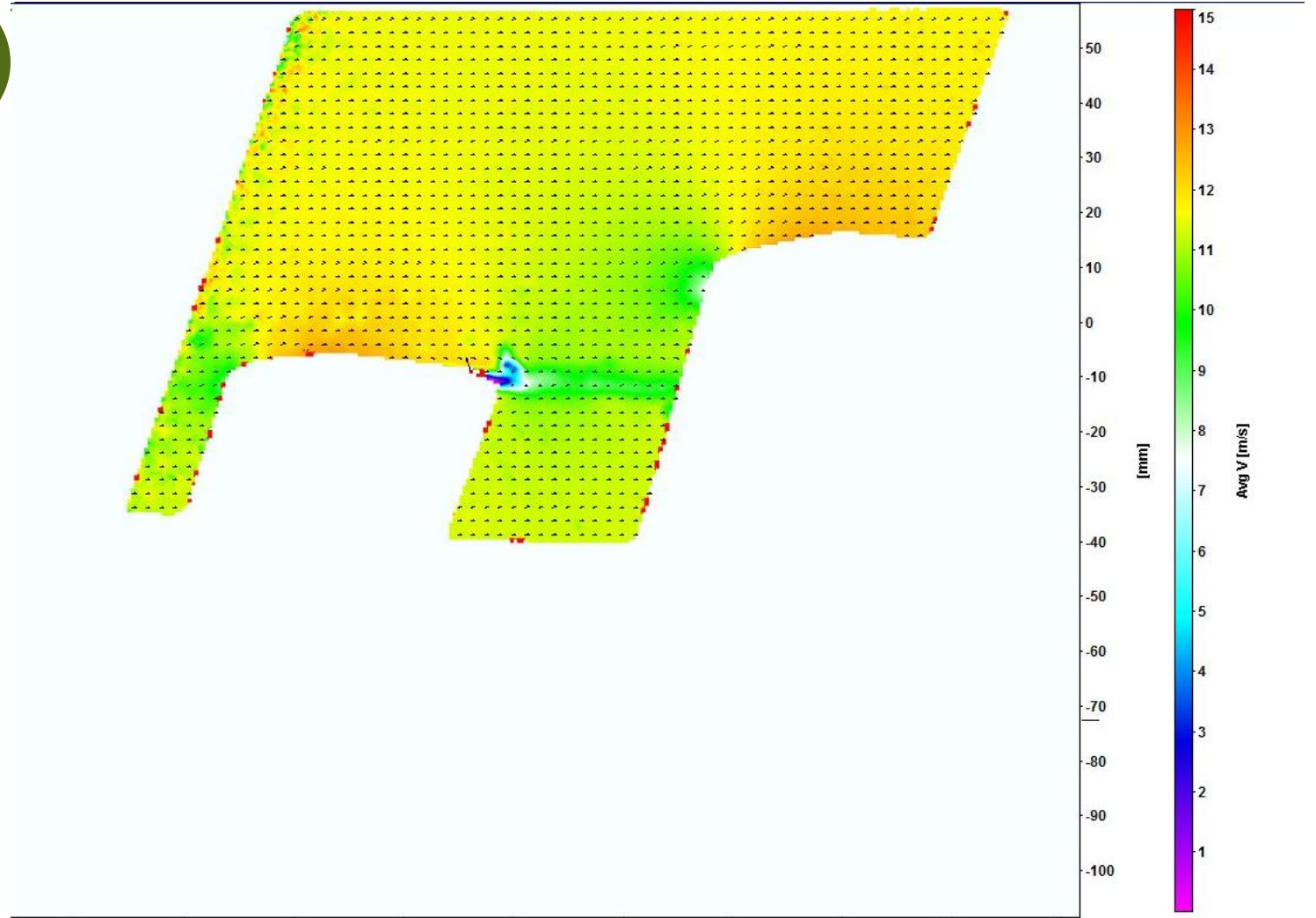
# PIV Analysis

Wind Tunnel Test – PIV Test Video

**Photosensitive Video**

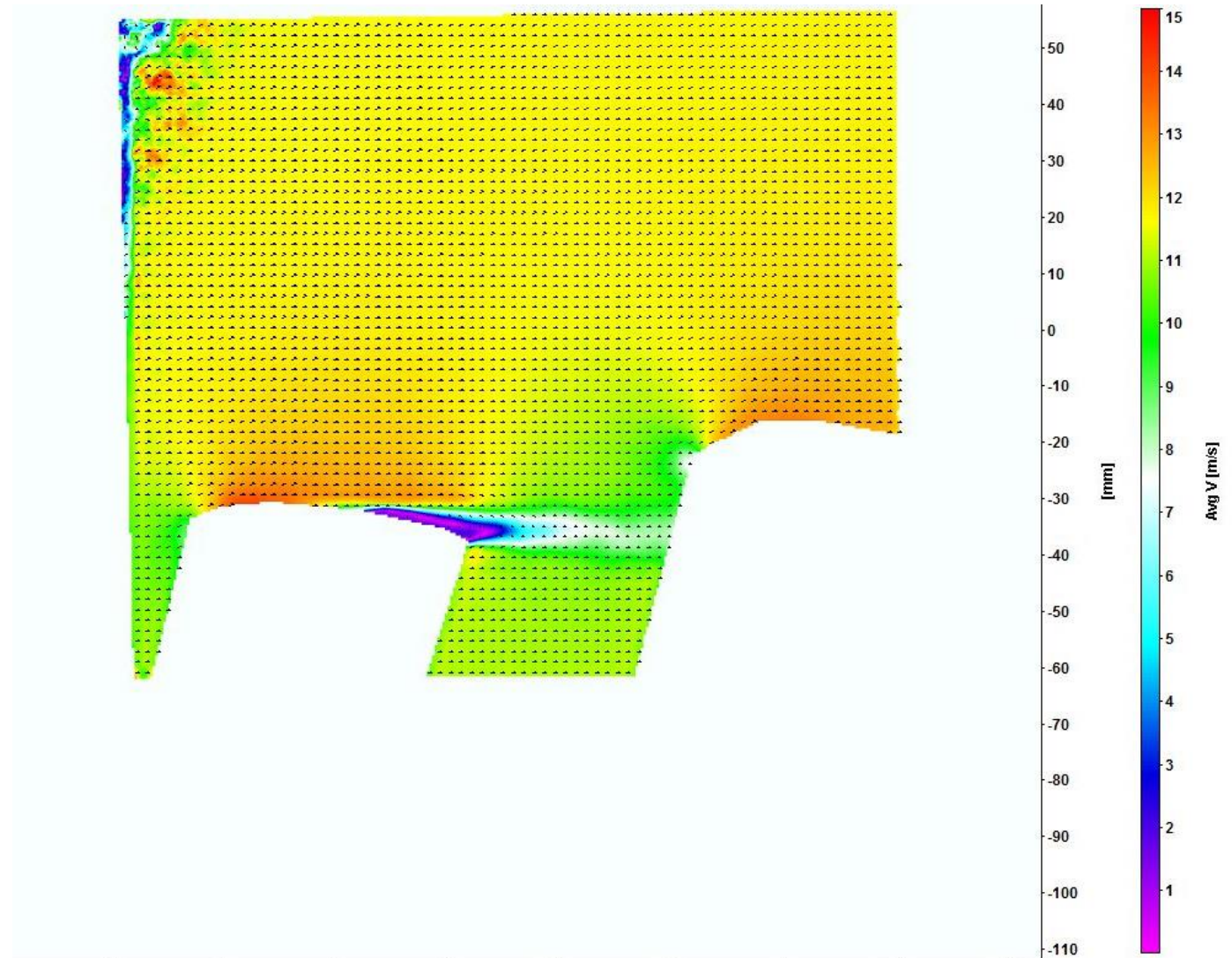
# PIV Test

Wind Tunnel Test – PIV 0 deg



# PIV Test

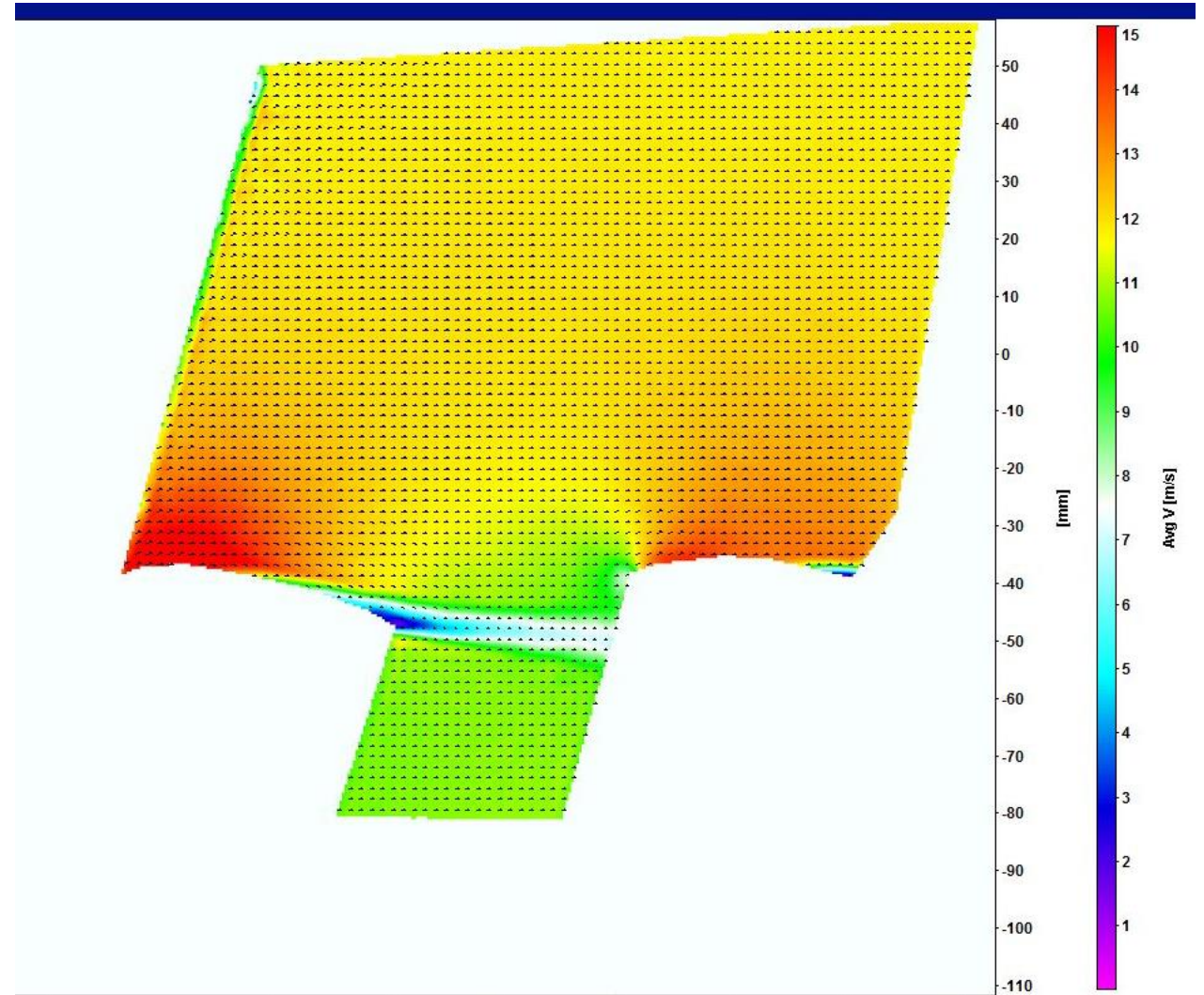
Wind Tunnel Test – PIV 5 deg





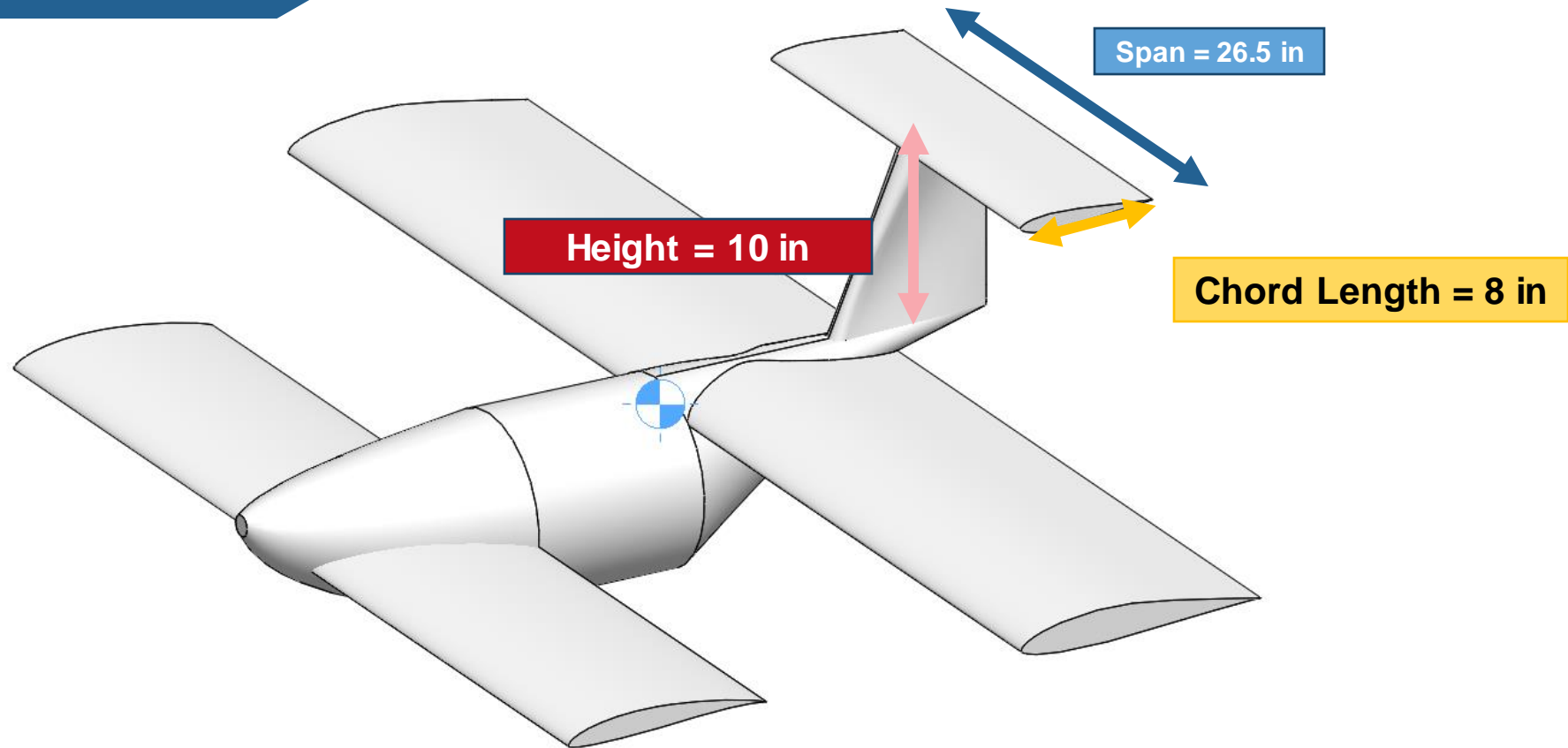
# PIV Test

Wind Tunnel Test – PIV 12 deg



# Design Process

## Comparison

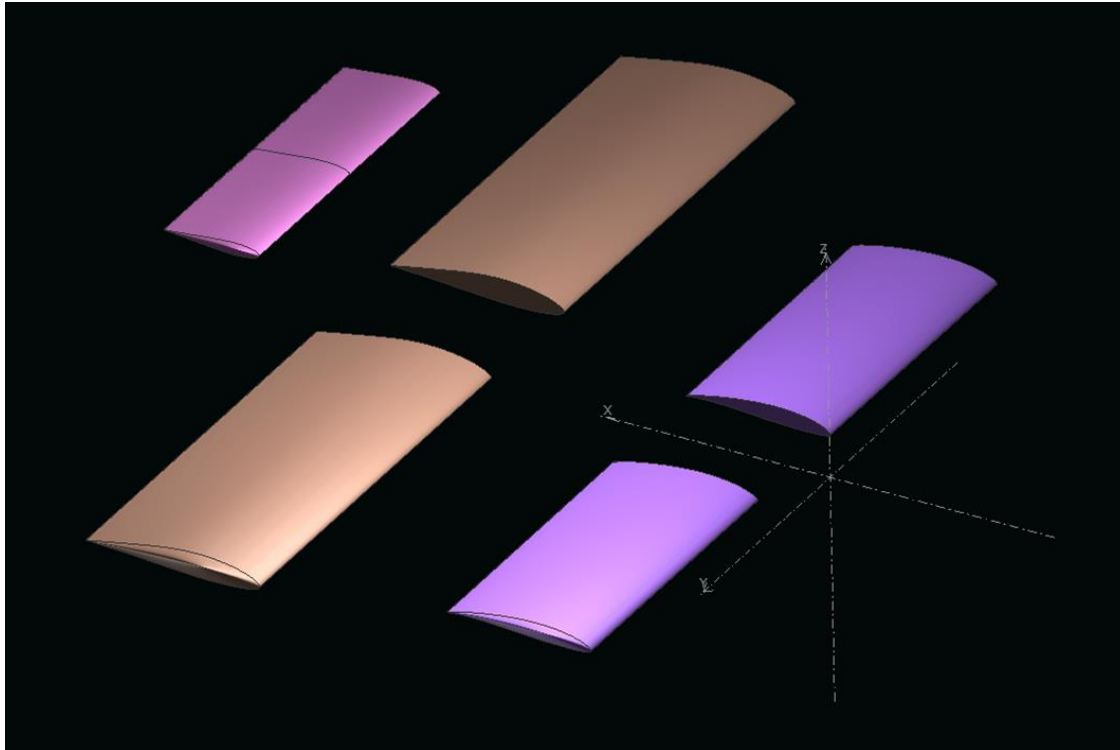


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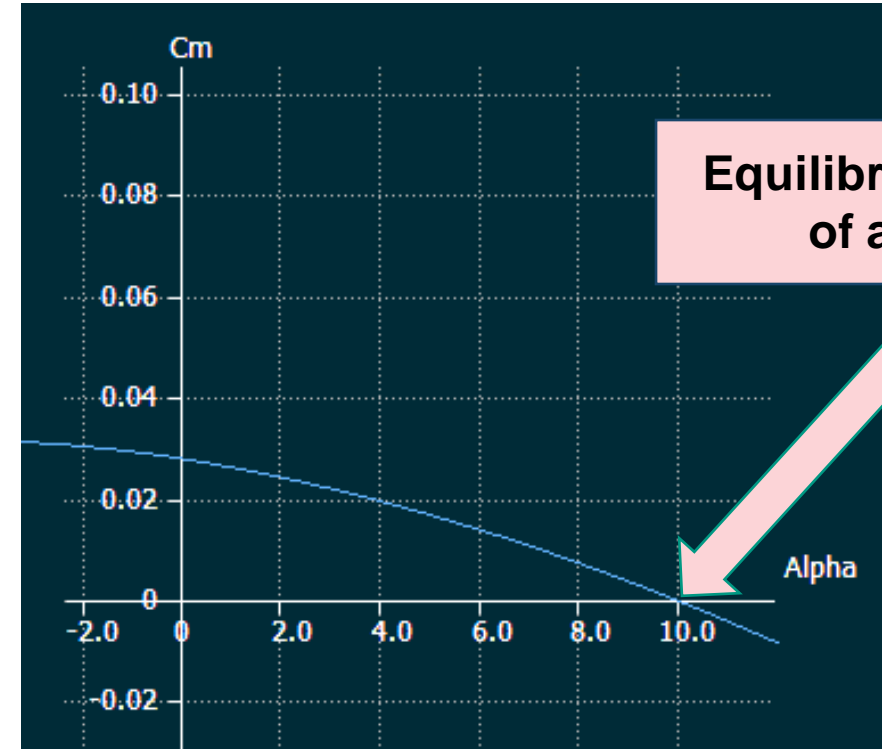


# Design Process

## XFLR5 Analysis



Current Wing Layout in XFLR5

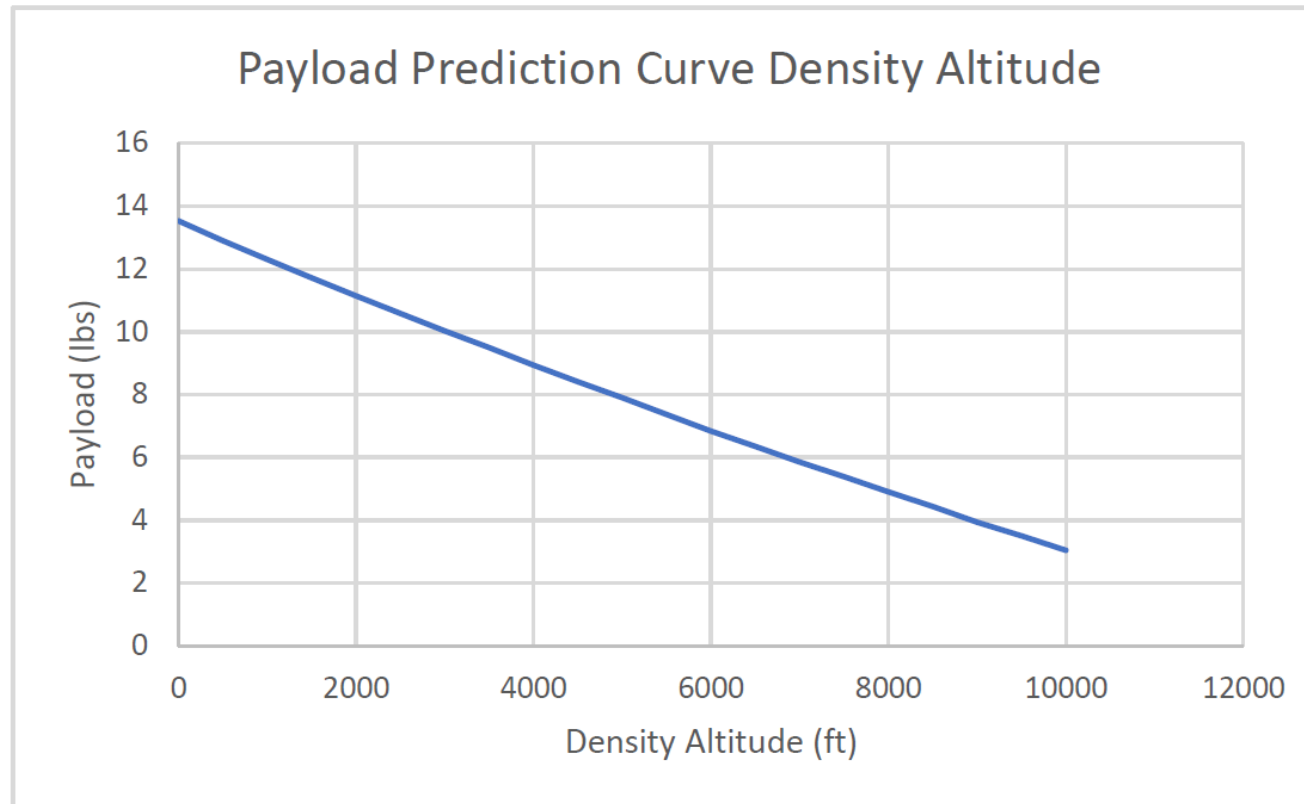


Coefficient of Moment Plot

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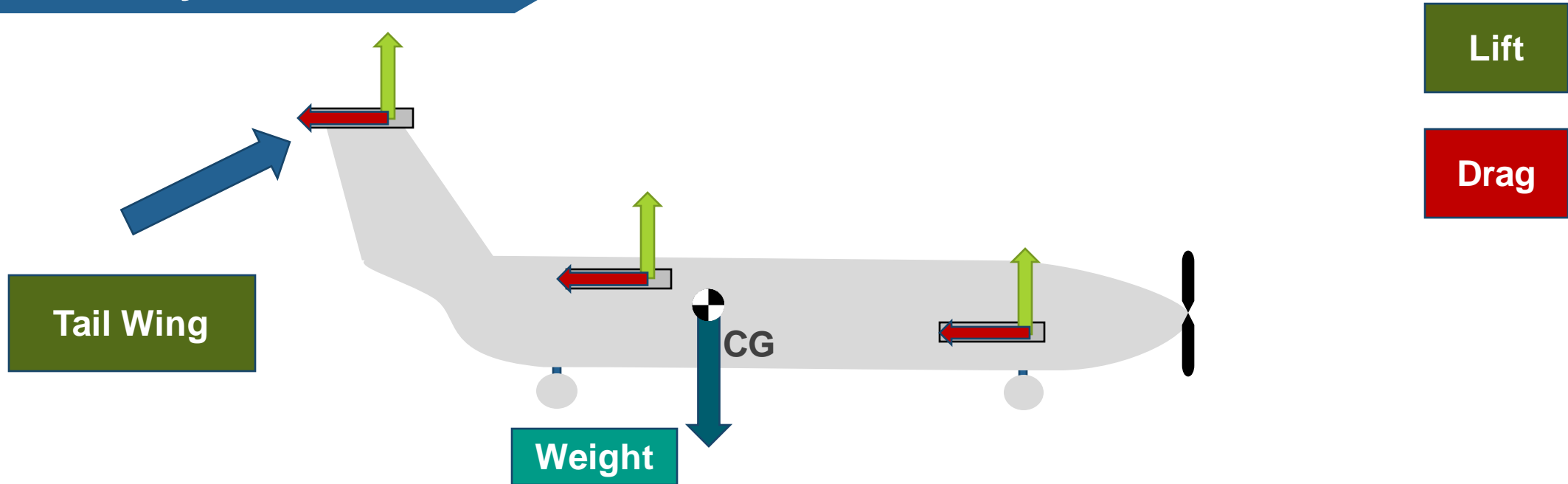
# Payload Prediction

Assuming Constant Temperature



# Stability

## Stability Plot – No Tail



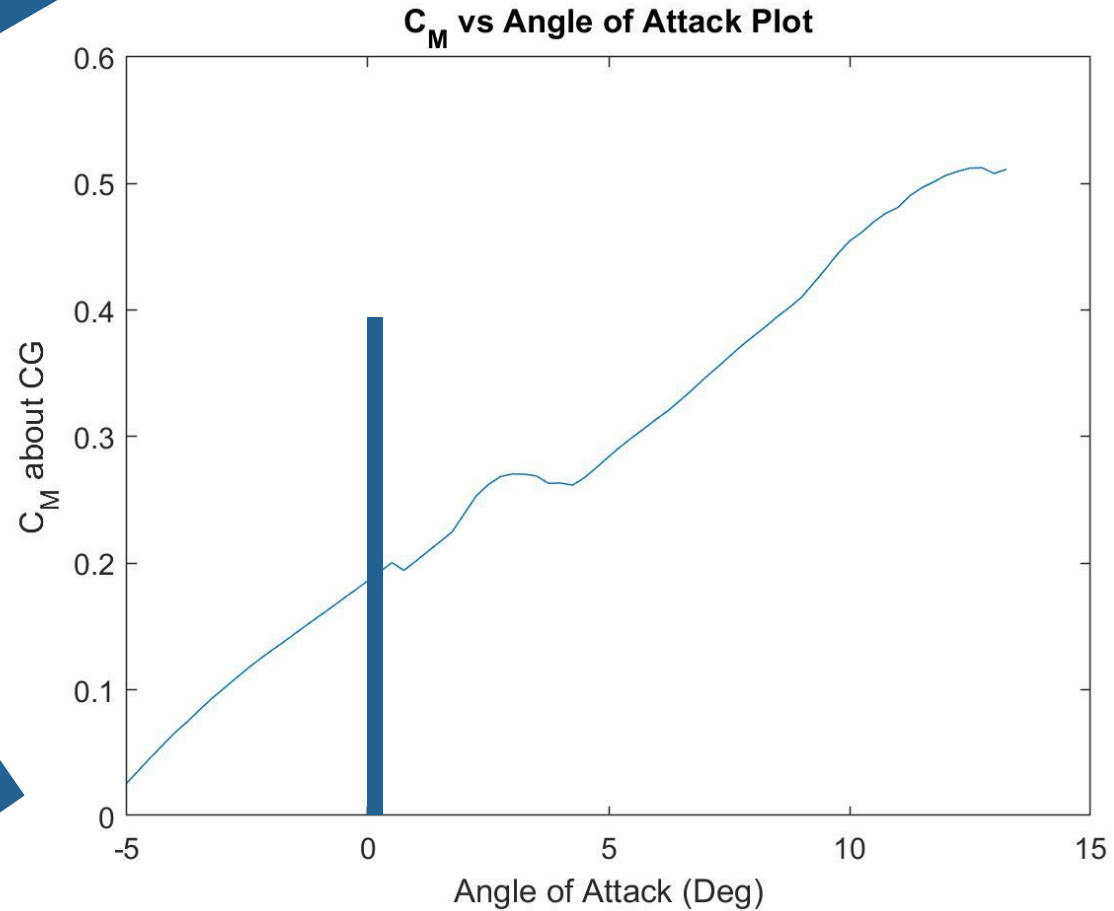
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%Moment about CG
M_CG=L_c*x_c + L_c.*(alphaR).*y_c - D_c*y_c + D_c.*(alphaR).*x_c - L_a*x_a - L_a.*alphaR.*y_a...
+ D_a*y_a - D_a.*alphaR.*x_a - L_t*x_t - L_t.*alphaR.*y_t + D_t*y_t-D_t.*alphaR.*x_t...
+ M_AC_C + M_AC_M + M_AC_T;

%Coefficient of Moment about CG
C_M_CG = M_CG./(q*S_aft*Chord_aft);
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# Stability

## Stability Plot – No Tail

No positive  
Equilibrium



# Stability

## Neutral Point

