

Critical Design Review

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REVIEW - CUSTOMER SPECIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- Man-portable UAV
- Over the hill / Urban surveillance
- Fast field deployment
- Endurance: 30 min
- Simple to operated by one man
- Real time video camera
- Quiet
- Portable Ground Control System (PGCS)
- Fully automated flight (including take-off and landing)

REVIEW- CONCEPTUAL APPROACH SELECTION

SELECTION No launcher Single **Vertical** small size UAV operator takeoff and landing. Automated Unskilled flight, Safe operator Fully takeoff/landing automated flight. Simplicity of No parachute and/or airbag recovery Ability to fly as a fixed wing Over aircraft. line of sight Fixed wing capabilities Separate propulsion No tilted rotors, **INNOVATION** systems to avoid as students complicated **Cavitis**

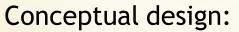
Closing

mechanism

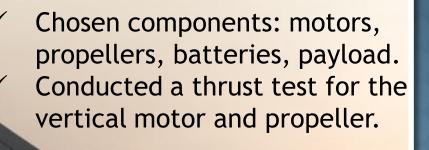
control system

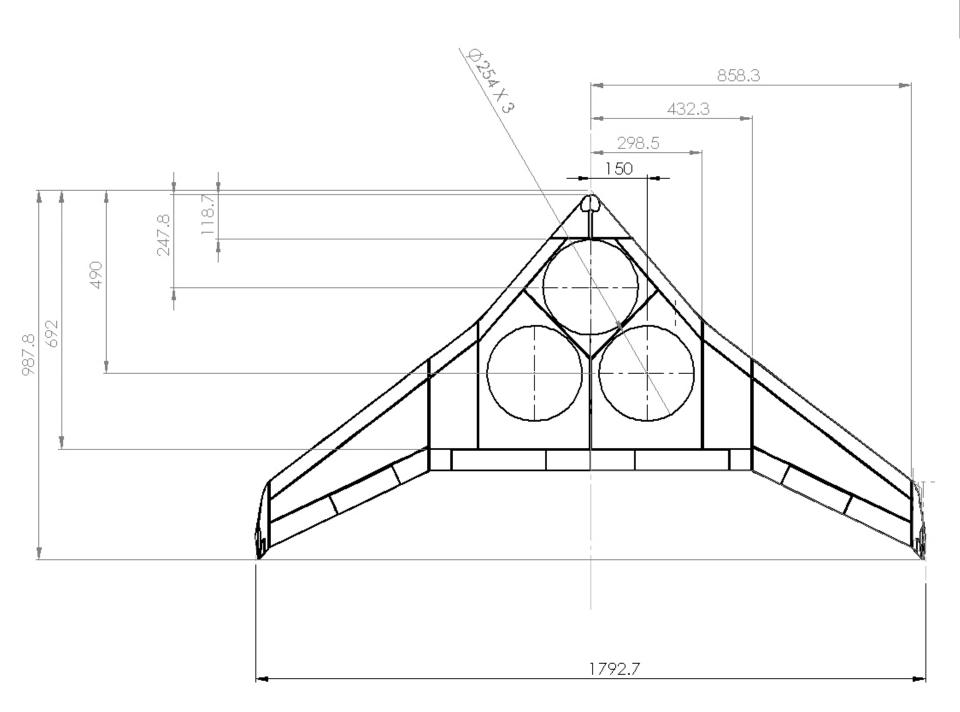
project

REVIEW



- ✓ Flying wing
- ✓ 3 Vertical takeoff and landing motors
- ✓ One horizontal motor.



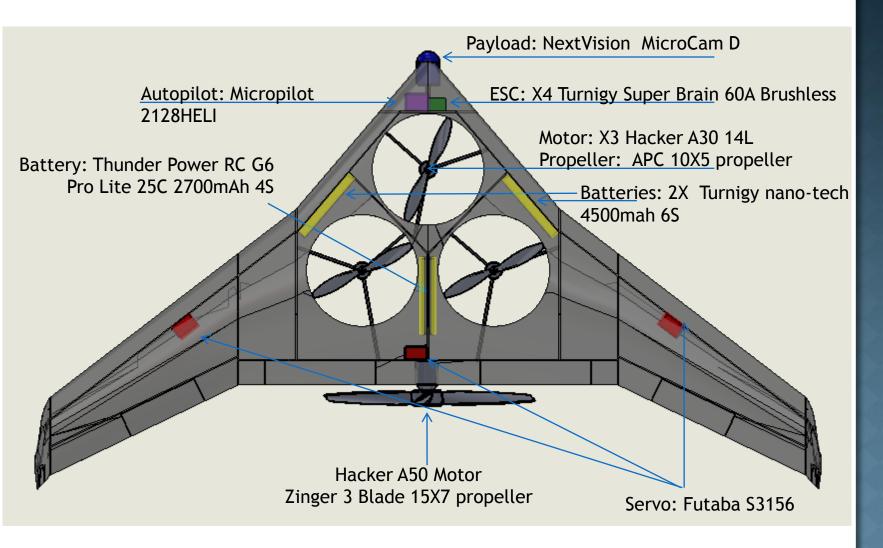


SYSTEMS/COMPONENTS INSTALLATION ARRANGEMENT

• Components:

- 1 payload
- 3 'Vertical' motors
- 1 'Horizontal' motor
- 4 electronic speed controllers
- 3 Batteries
- 1 Autopilot
- Installation principles:
 - Weight and balance Keep CG. In place.
 - Accessibility maintenance.

INSTALLATION SKETCH



SPLIT LIPO BATTERY

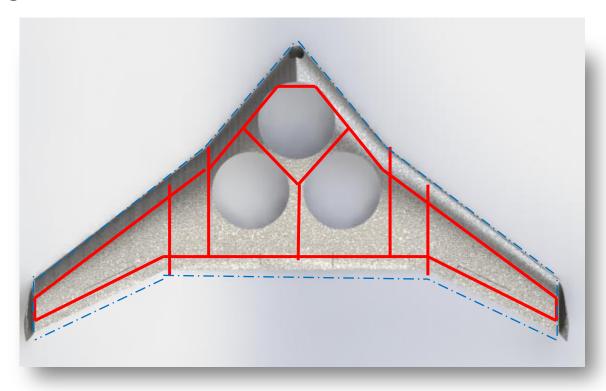






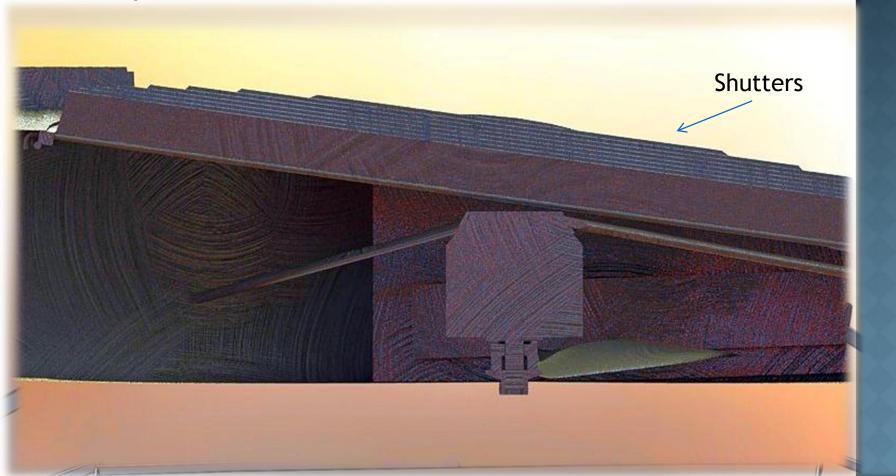
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF WING STRUCTURE

- Leading edge spars.
- Trailing edge spars.
- Ribs.
- Mid fuselage reinforcement.



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF WING STRUCTURE

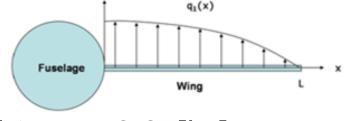
- Motor mount structure:
 - Upside down vertical motors



OUTER WING DESIGN

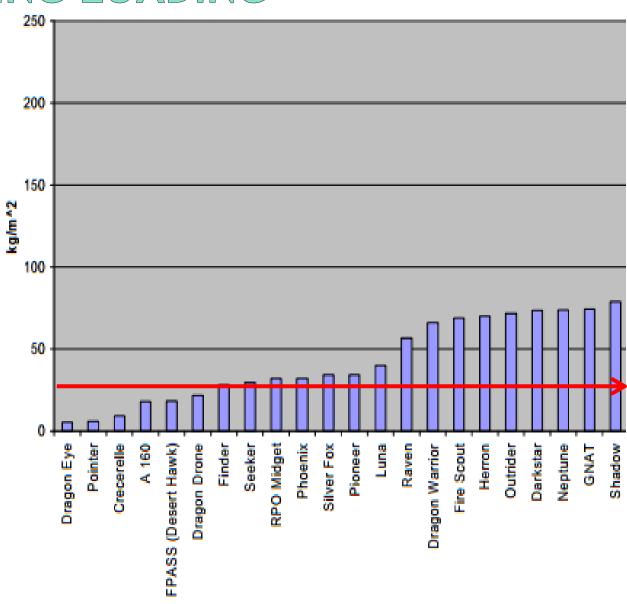


- Work under bending load.
- Wing area is 0.09[m²]



- The 0.45[m] span wing is subject to 2.25[kg] force.
- Wing load is 25[Kg/m²].
- Under 3.8G (Normal category) the wing load equals to 95[Kg/m²].

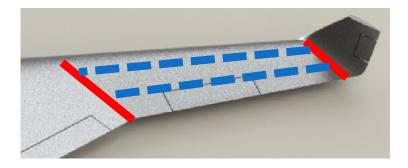
WING LOADING



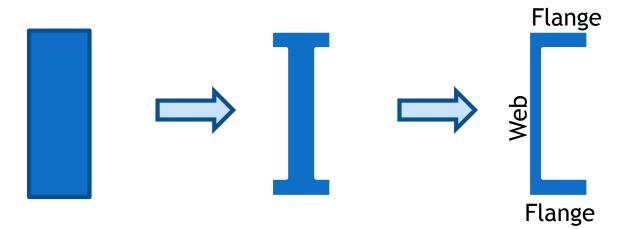
• 2 Spars: One main spar and one trailing edge spar.



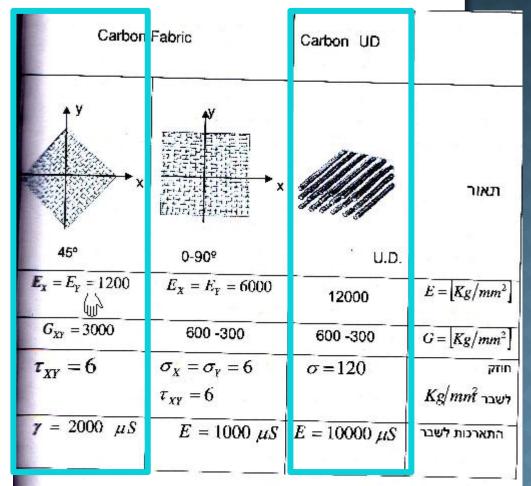
Tip and root ribs



Main spar cross-section:



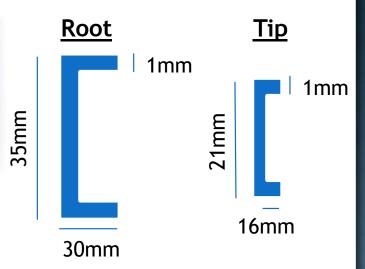
- Web and flange material
 - Carbon Fabric (45deg)
- Flange support
 - Carbon unidirectional (UD)



SPAR DIMENSIONS

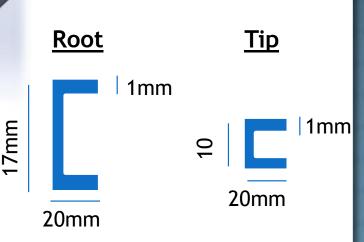
• Main spar:

- Web height forced by
- wing geometry
- Flange Width-Calculated by bending load analysis under the assumption of constant thickness of 1mm

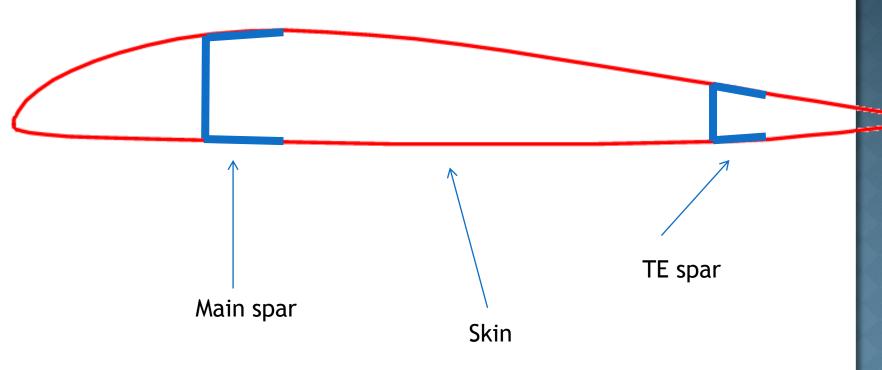


• Trailing edge spar:

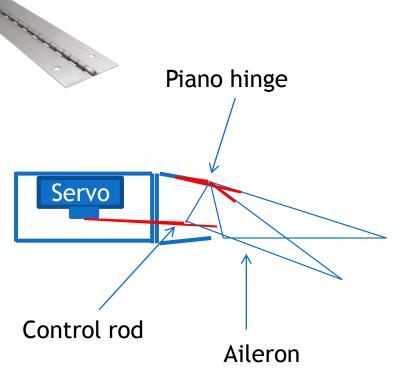
- Web height forced by wing geometry
- Flange Width- Designed for smooth operation of the aileron control system

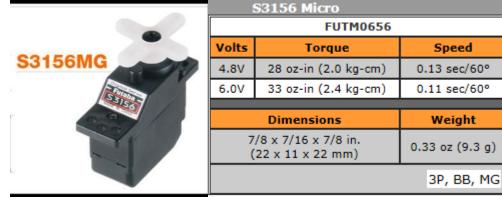


- Main spar at 25% chord.
- Trailing edge spar parallel to the ailerons hinges line.



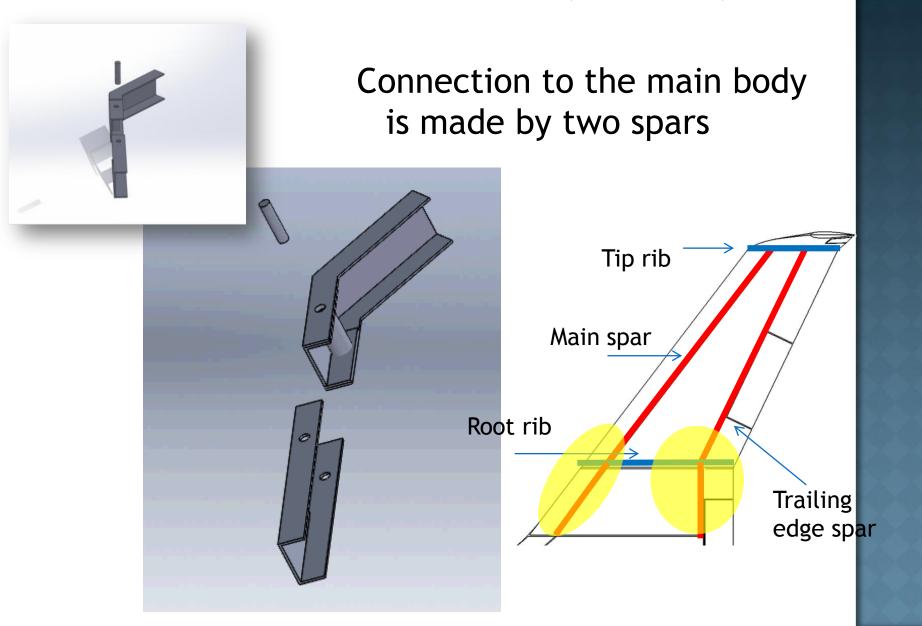
 To minimize drag, ailerons control system is located inside the wing.



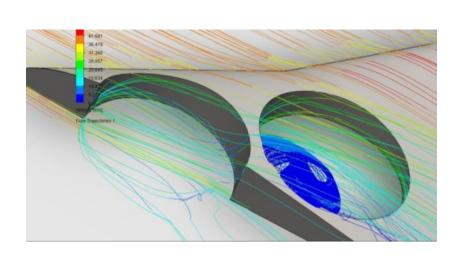


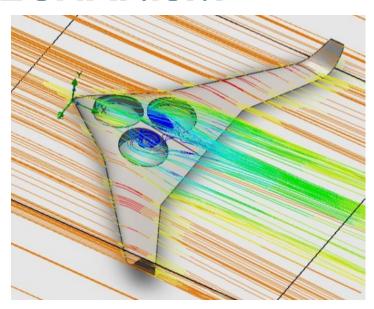
- Enough torque for our use
- Small weight
- Reliability

- Root and tip ribs
 - EPPLER 334 airfoil shaped
 - Tip is made of 1mm carbon fabric
 - Holes for electrical wires
 - Connection to the winglets
 - Root is made of 3mm carbon fabric
 - Holes for electrical wires
 - Supports the outer wing spars

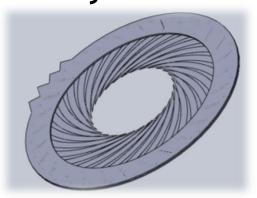


DETAIL DESIGN OF ROTORS CAVITY CLOSING MECHANISM

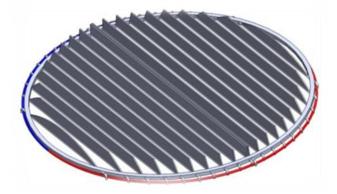




• Iris system:



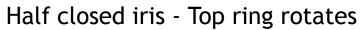
Shutters system:

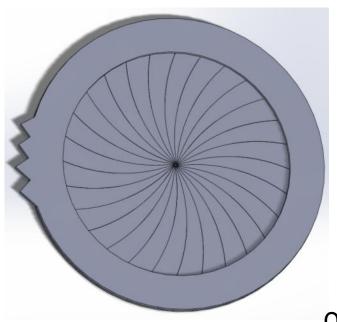


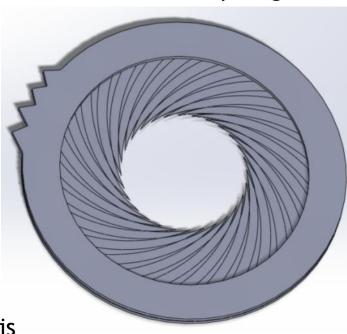
IRIS MECHANISM



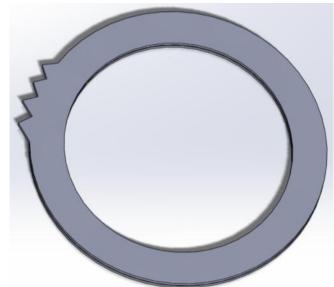
Closed iris





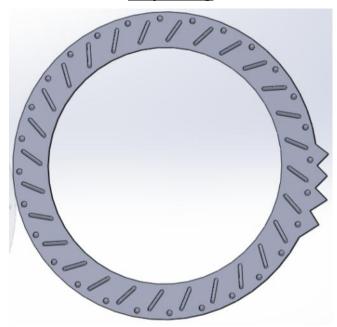


Opened iris

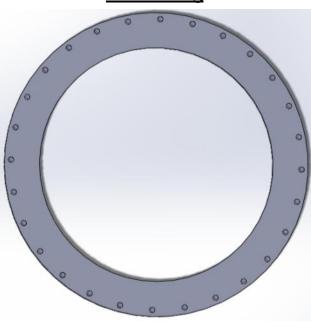


IRIS COMPONENTS

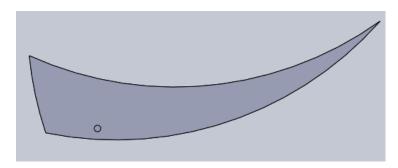
Top ring

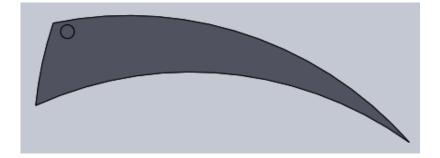


Base ring

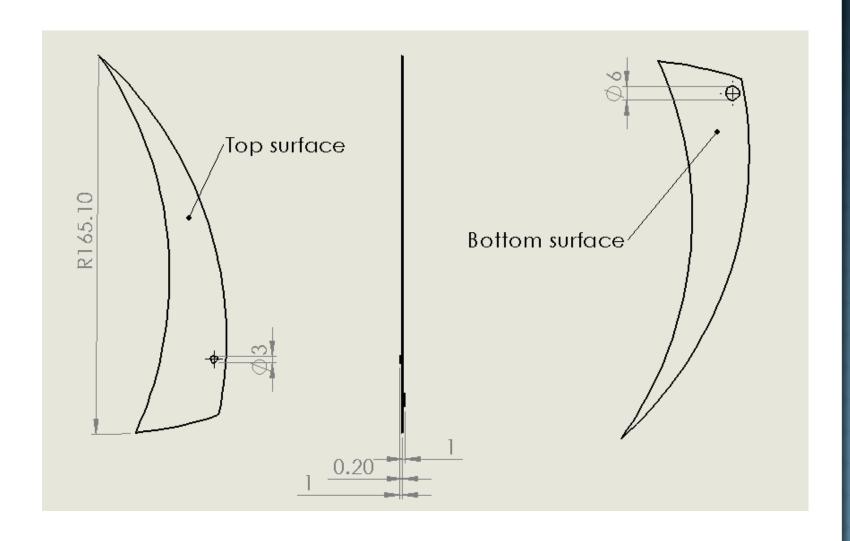


Iris segments - top and bottom view





IRIS SEGMENTS



IRIS COVER DETAILED DESIGN

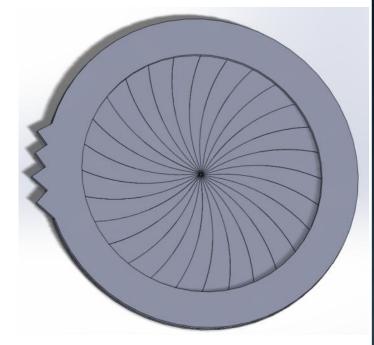
• Dimensions:

- Rings:
 - Inner dimension 10"
 - Outer dimension 13"
 - Thickness 2mm

Segments:

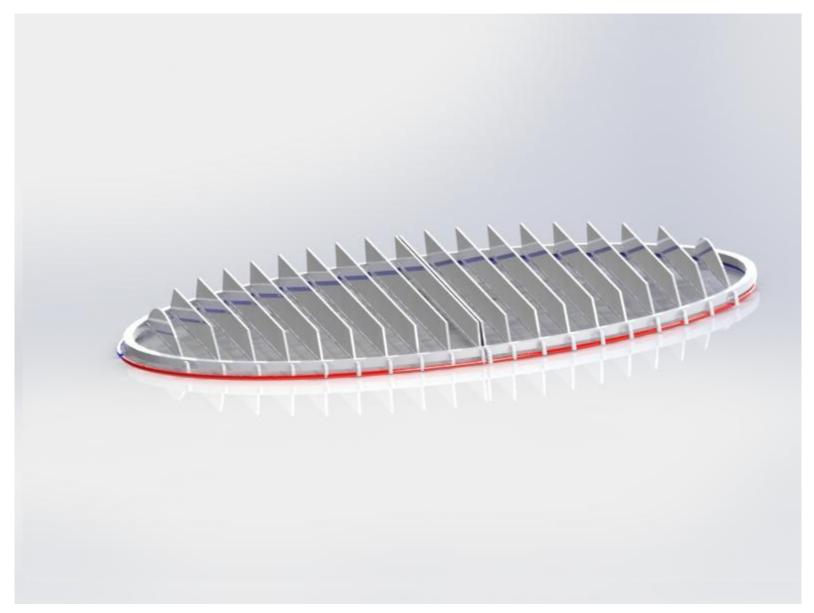
- Thickness 0.2mm each
- Total thickness 1mm
- 28 segments

(5 segments overlapping with 0.5 degrees angle)



Total thickness - 5mm Max diameter - 13"

SHUTTERS MECHANISM

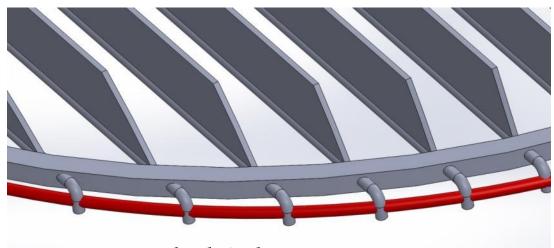


SHUTTERS COVER DETAILED DESIGN

• Dimensions:

- Ring:
 - Inner ring diameter 10"
 - Outer ring diameter 10.4"
 - Thickness 5mm

- Shutters:
 - Height 3mm
 - Thickness 1mm
- Cable:
 - diameter 2mm

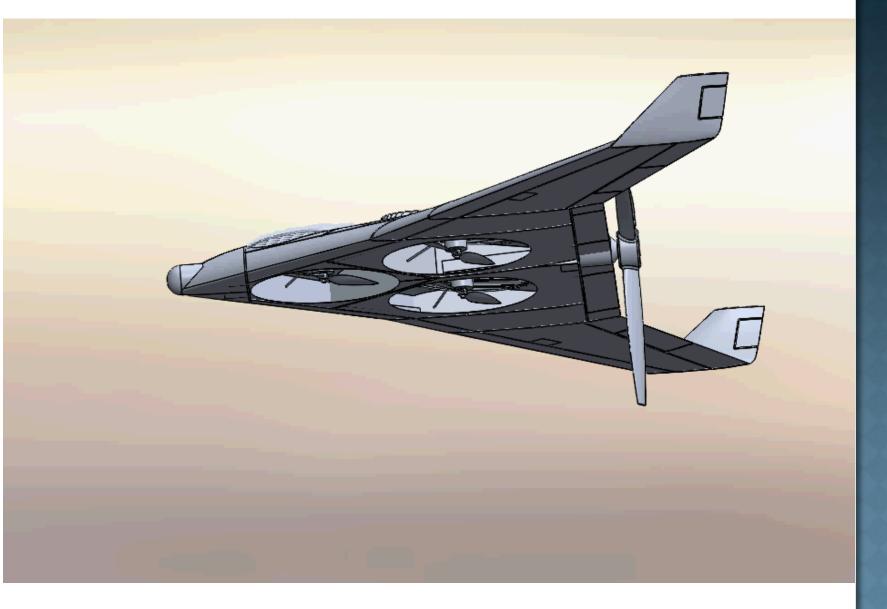


Total thickness - 5mm Max diameter - 10.4"

COMPARISON

	Iris	Shutters
Mechanism	Simple	Simple
Max. diameter	13"	10.4"
Max. thickness	5mm	5mm
Flow interruption	None	During vertical flight
Effect on curved outer contour	Distinguished step	Minimal step

FLIGHT PATTERN

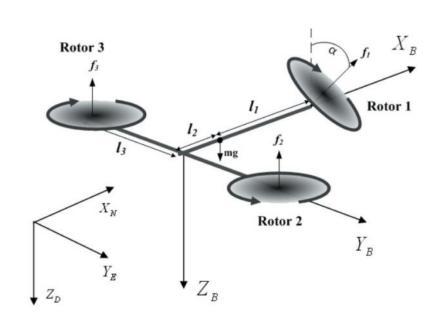


MODELING OF TRI ROTOR UAV

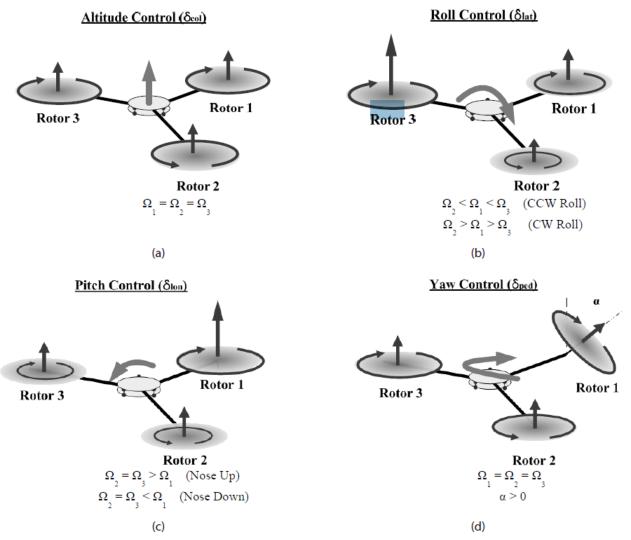
- The basic Tri Rotor UAV configuration:
 - Two parallel rotors with opposite rotation
 - Single tilted rotor
- Tilt angle α enables 3 degrees of freedom motion
- Force and moment equations:

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f_1 \sin \alpha \\ -f_2 - f_3 - f_1 \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{M} = \begin{bmatrix} -l_3 (f_2 - f_3) \\ -l_2 (f_2 + f_3) + l_1 f_1 \cos \alpha \\ l_1 f_1 \sin \alpha - \tau_1 \cos \alpha + \tau_2 - \tau_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



- 4 motion controls for the model
- \odot Available by change in α or angular velocity Ω :



[1] Dynamic Modeling and Stabilization Techniques for Tri-Rotor Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Only altitude control - same motor's plane •

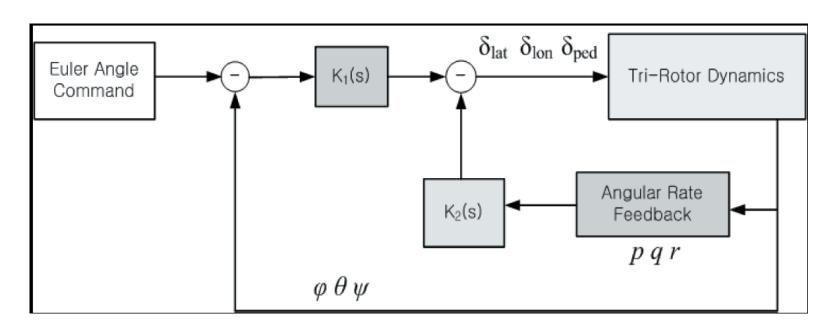
• Movement equation:

$$m\ddot{z} = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 - mg$$

Where $f_i = k_t \cdot \Omega_i^2$

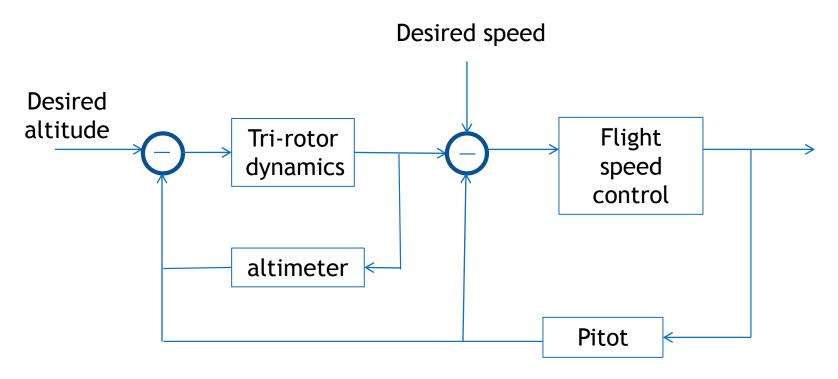
 k_t - thrust coefficient of the rotor.

BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR ATTITUDE HOLD AUTOPILOT



- Inner loop angular-rate feedback
- Outer-loop attitude feedback

TRANSITION DIAGRAM



- Reaching desired altitude horizontal motor powers up.
- Reaching desired flight speed ---> vertical motors shut down.
- Shutters parallel with horizontal motors.

LINEAR MODEL OF THE LATERAL DYNAMICS

- Equations for transmission equation.
- Tunnel test did not yield all the required parameters.
- Need more experiments.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\beta} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_v & 0 & -1 & g/U_0 \\ L_{\beta}^{'} & L_p^{'} & L_r^{'} & 0 \\ N_{\beta}^{'} & N_p^{'} & N_r^{'} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \beta \\ p \\ r \\ \phi \end{cases}$$

$$+ egin{bmatrix} Y^*_{\delta_a} & Y^*_{\delta_r} \ L^{'}_{\delta_a} & L^{'}_{\delta_r} \ N^{'}_{\delta_a} & N^{'}_{\delta_r} \ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} \delta_a \ \delta_r \end{bmatrix} - egin{bmatrix} Y_v \ L^{'}_{eta} \ N^{'}_{eta} \ 0 \end{bmatrix} eta_g$$

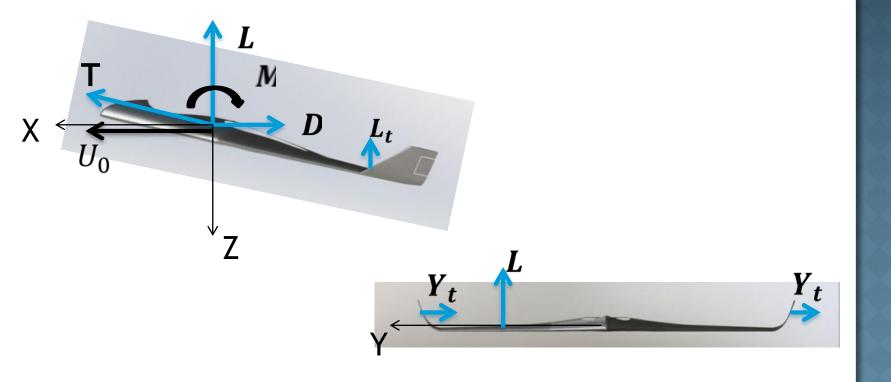
$$\dot{\psi} = r$$

$$\dot{y} = U_0(\beta + \psi)$$

$$a_{y_{cg}}^{meas} = U_0(\dot{\beta} + r) - g\phi$$

LINEAR MODEL OF LONGITUDINAL DYNAMICS

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} \\ \dot{w} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} X_u & X_w & 0 & -g \\ Z_u & Z_w & U_0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}_u & \bar{M}_w & \bar{M}_q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} u \\ w \\ q \\ \theta \end{cases} + \begin{bmatrix} X_{\delta_e} & T_{\delta_T} \\ Z_{\delta_e} & 0 \\ \bar{M}_{\delta_e} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \delta_e \\ \delta_T \end{cases} - \begin{bmatrix} X_u & X_w \\ Z_u & Z_w \\ \bar{M}_u & \bar{M}_w \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} u_g \\ w_g \end{cases}$$

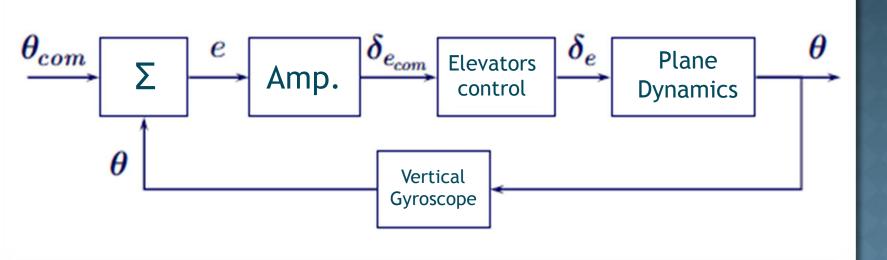


AERONAUTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR FLIGHT CONTROL

- Inertial Sensors:
 - Linear and angular accelerometers.
 - Gyroscopes
- Air Data Sensors
 - Flow direction (α,β).
 - Flight speed sensor (Pitot)
 - Altimeter
- Optic sensors, GPS, etc.
- All Included in our controller Micropilot 2128HELI

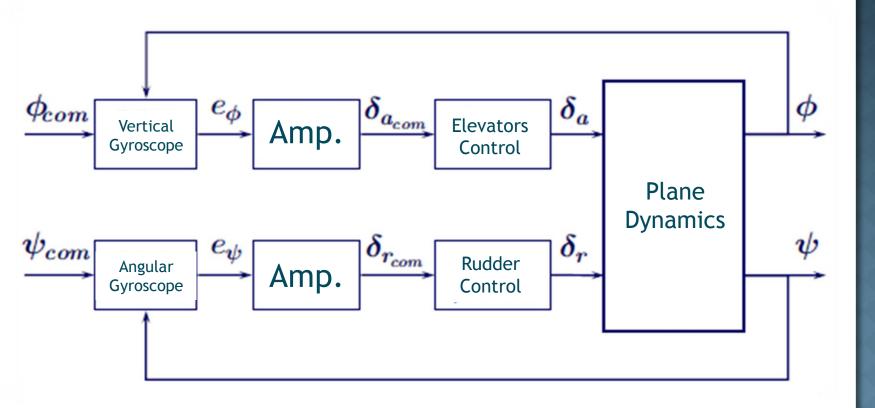
PITCH ANGLE CONTROL DIAGRAM

• Basic block diagram for pitch angle control:



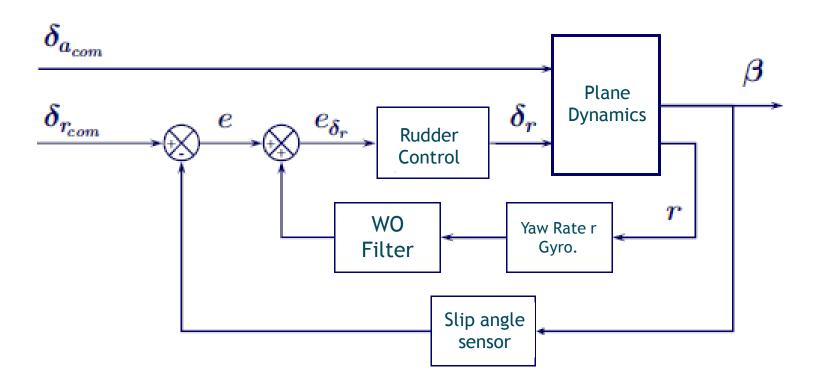
AUTOMATED LATERAL FLIGHT

Basic diagram - Automated pilot:



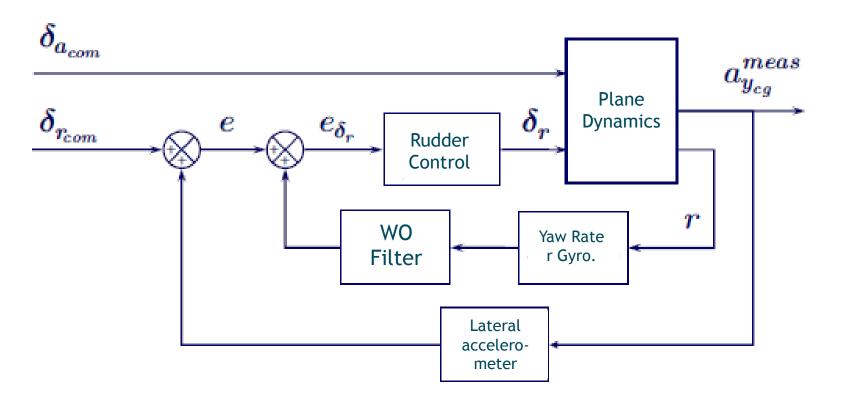
TURN COORDINATION

B control with angle feedback:



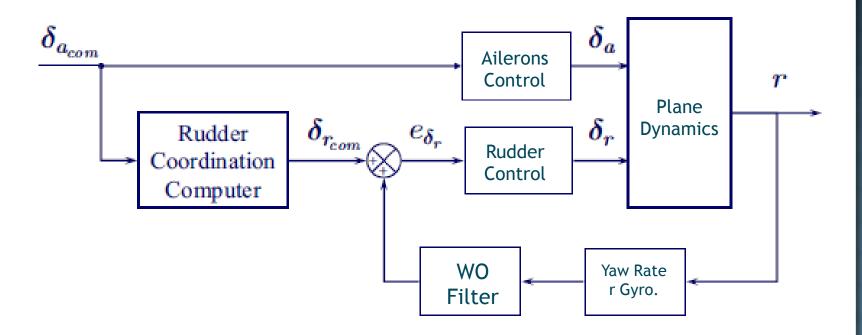
TURN COORDINATION

α control with lateral acceleration feedback:



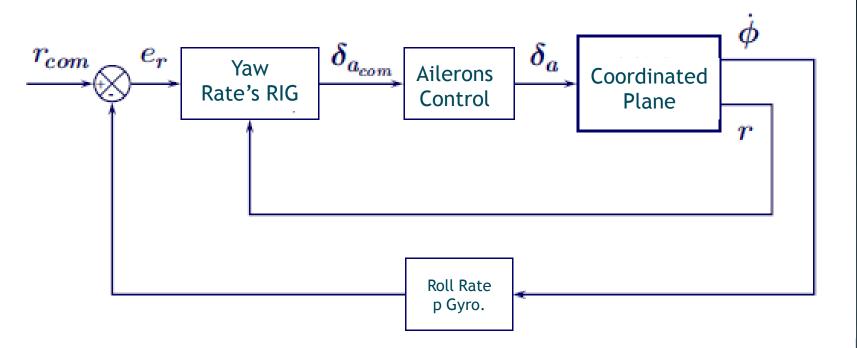
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Rudder Control:



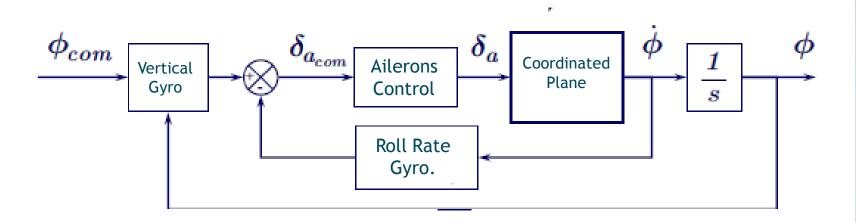
YAW RATE CONTROL

Basic diagram - Yaw rate control in a coordinated plane:

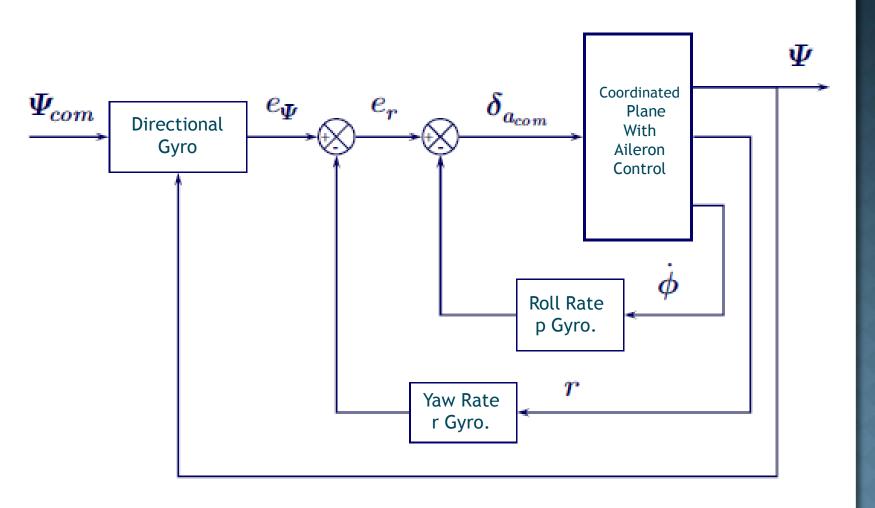


ROLL ANGLE CONTROL

Basic diagram - Roll angle control in a coordinated plane:



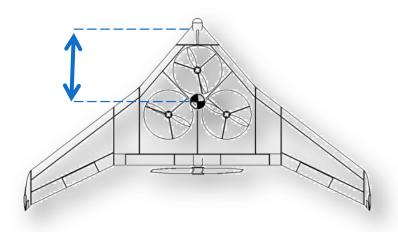
FLIGHT DIRECTION CONTROL



FINALIZED WEIGHT AND BALANCE ANALYSIS

*Reference datum - Payload

MTOW 4.5Kg CG @ 390mm



Station	Weight [Kg]	Arm [m]	Moment [Kg*m]
Fuselage	1.1	0.822	0.653
Motor V1	0.143	0.26	0.039
Motor V2	0.143	0.55	0.083
Motor V3	0.143	0.55	0.083
Motor H4	0.43	0.77	0.331
Battery 1	0.67	0.1	0.053
Battery 2	0.67	0.1	0.053
Battery 3	0.72	0.387	0.108
Controller 1	0.03	0.107	0.003
Controller 2	0.03	0.326	0.01
Controller 3	0.03	0.326	0.01
Controller 4	0.03	0.654	0.02
EL Servo	0.011	0.73	0.018
AL Servo	0.011	0.73	0.018
RU Servo 1	0.011	0.817	0.02
RU Servo 2	0.011	0.817	0.02
Tx\Rx	0.024	0.109	0.005
Payload	0.099	0	0
Contingency	0.194	0	0

CENTER OF GRAVITY LOCATION

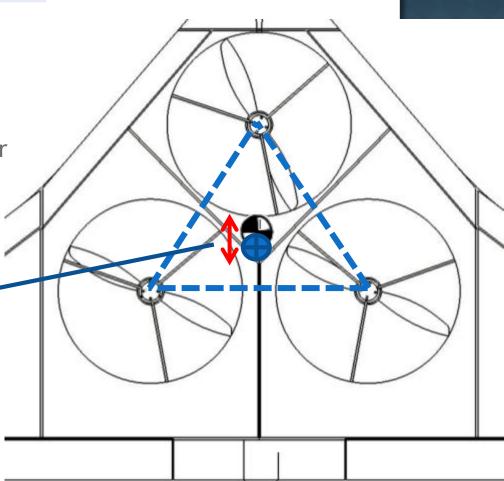
Location	Distance from reference datum [mm]		
Center of mass	390mm		
Aerodynamic center	391.5mm		

• Improving stability margin:

Move front motor and hole forward

 Using control system for non-even power settings for forward and rear motors.

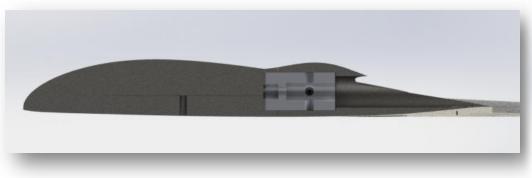
Stability margin 0.3%

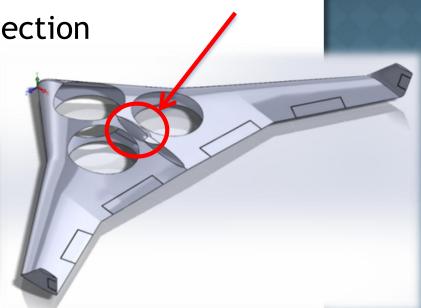


PREPARATIONS FOR WIND TUNNEL TEST

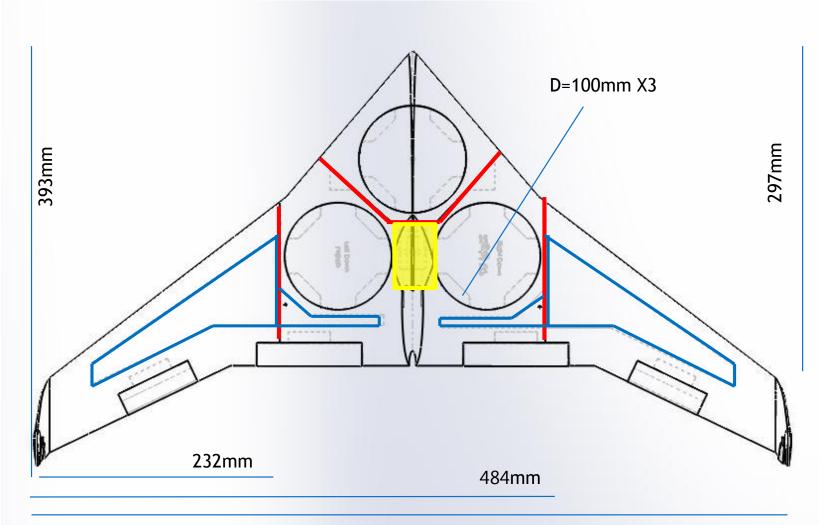
- Wind tunnel limitations: Blockage percentage 4%
- Scale: 1:2.5
- Modification Connection to balancer
- 3D Printing of the fuselage and wings
- Split the model into 4 main parts



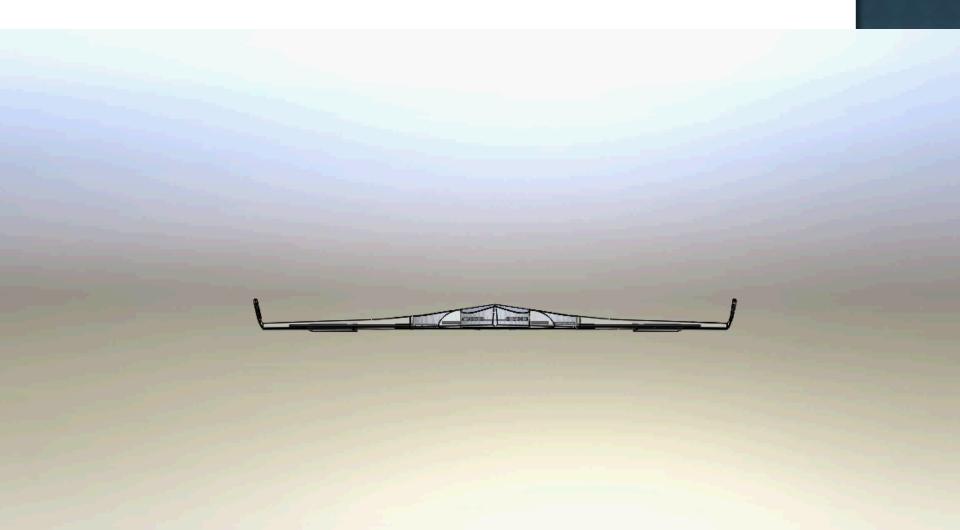




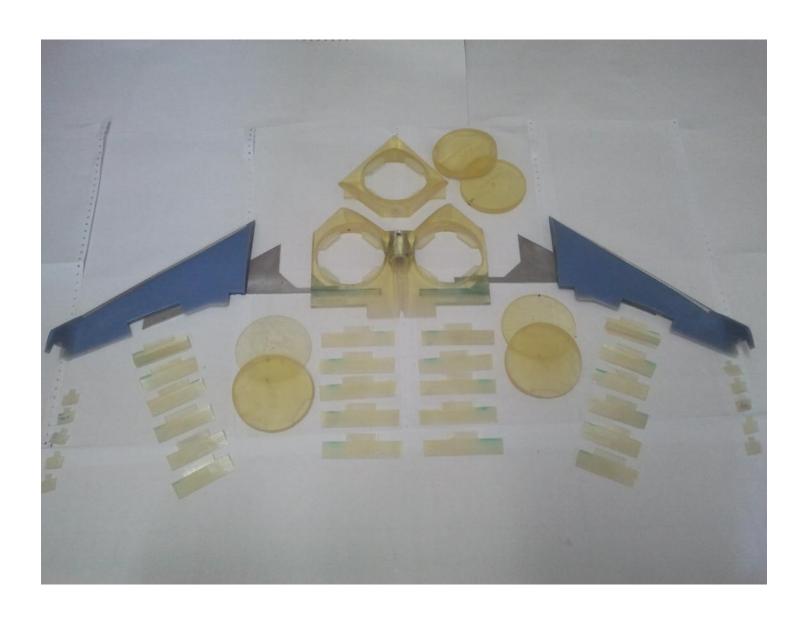
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WIND TUNNEL MODEL - 3D ANIMATION



WIND TUNNEL MODEL

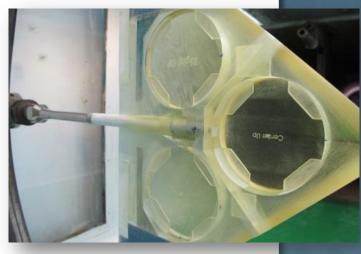


WIND TUNNEL TEST

- Calibration run
- Clean aircraft configuration:
 - Change elevators
 - Change ailerons including split aileron
 - Change rudders
- Top covers only configuration:
 - Change elevators
 - Change ailerons
 - Change rudders
- No covers configuration:
 - Change elevators
 - Change ailerons
 - Change rudders







WIND TUNNEL TEST PLAN

Priority	Rudders	Elevators	Ailerons	Motor covers	Pitch Plane - α range	Air speed (m/s)	Test No.
1	0	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-	30	1
1	0	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-	40	2
1	0	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-	50	3
1	0	0	7.5-+	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		4
1	0	0	15-+	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		5
1	0	7.5-	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		6
1	0	15-	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		7
1	0	7.5+	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		8
1	0	15+	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-	optimal speed	9
1	5-	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		10
1	10-	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		11
1	5+	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		12
1	10+	0	0	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		13
1	0	0	split aileron	top+bottom	15+ - 5-		14
1	0	0	7.5-+	top only	15+ - 5-		15
1	0	0	15-+	top only	15+ - 5-		16
0	0	7.5-	0	top only	15+ - 5-		17
0	0	15-	0	top only	15+ - 5-	optimal speed	18
1	0	7.5+	0	top only	15+ - 5-		19
1	0	15+	0	top only	15+ - 5-		20
0	5-	0	0	top only	15+ - 5-		21
0	10-	0	0	top only	15+ - 5-		22
1	5+	0	0	top only	15+ - 5-		23
1	10+	0	0	top only	15+ - 5-		24
1	0	0	split aileron	top only	15+ - 5-		25

WIND TUNNEL TEST PLAN

1	0	0	7.5-+	none	15+ - 5-		26
1	0	0	15-+	none	15+ - 5-		27
0	0	7.5-	0	none	15+ - 5-		28
0	0	15-	0	none	15+ - 5-		29
1	0	7.5+	0	none	15+ - 5-		30
1	0	15+	0	none	15+ - 5-	optimal speed	31
0	5-	0	0	none	15+ - 5-		32
0	10-	0	0	none	15+ - 5-		33
1	5+	0	0	none	15+ - 5-		34
1	10+	0	0	none	15+ - 5-		35
1	0	0	split aileron	none	15+ - 5-		36
Preference	Rudders	Elevators	Ailerons	Motor covers	Yaw Plane - B range	Air speed (m/s)	Test No.
1	0	0	0	top+bottom	10+ - 10-	optimal speed	37
1	0	0	split aileron	top+bottom	10+ - 10-	optimat speed	38
1	5-	0	0	top+bottom	10+ - 10-		39
1	10-	0	0	top+bottom	10+ - 10-	optimal speed	40
1	5+ 0		0	top+bottom	10+ - 10-	optimat speed	41
1	10+	0	0	top+bottom	10+ - 10-		42
0	5-	0	0	top only	10+ - 10-		43
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1	10+	0	0	top only	10+ - 10-		46
0	5-	0	0	none	10+ - 10-		47
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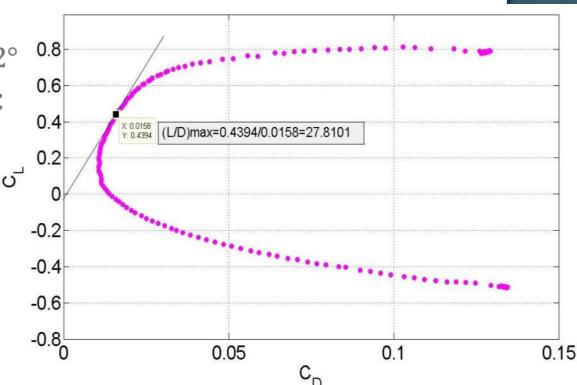
WIND TUNNEL VIDEO

FIRST RUN- VERIFYING AND CALIBRATING:

- \odot Running at V= $35^m/_s$, straight and level flight:
 - Expected values:
 - Stall at $\alpha = 13^{\circ}$
 - (L/D)max = 20.36

• Results:

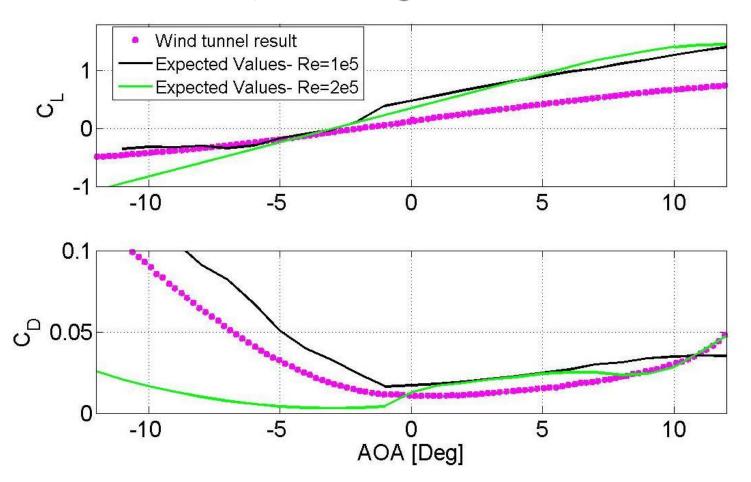
- Vibration at $\alpha > 12^{\circ}$
- (L/D)max = 27.81:



• More results:

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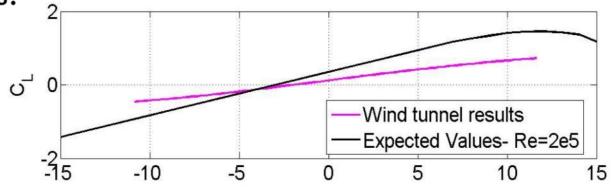
• Lift and drag coefficients matches predicted results for $Re = 1 \cdot 10^5$, actual flight Re is $2 \cdot 10^5$:

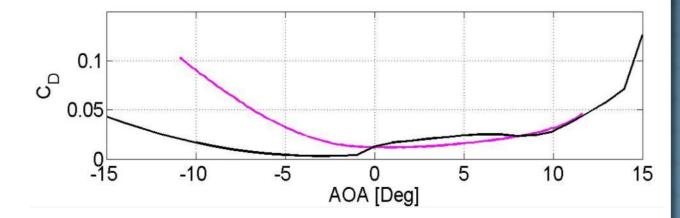


CALIBRATION:

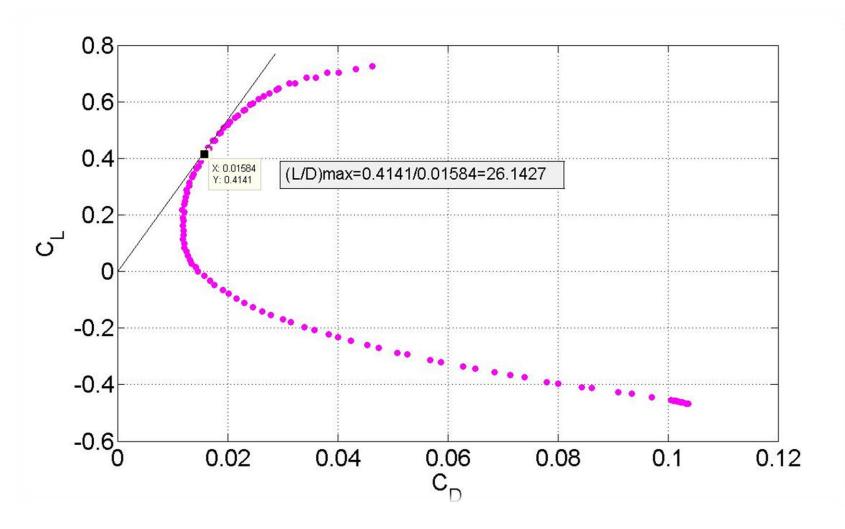
- Minimum air speed value is $V = 45 \, m/_s$, In order to simulate real flight conditions ($Re = 2 \cdot 10^5$).
- Beyond $45 \, ^m/_s$ the model is in danger! Tunnel air speed was set at $45 \, ^m/_s$.

• New results:





• New (L/D)max=26.14:

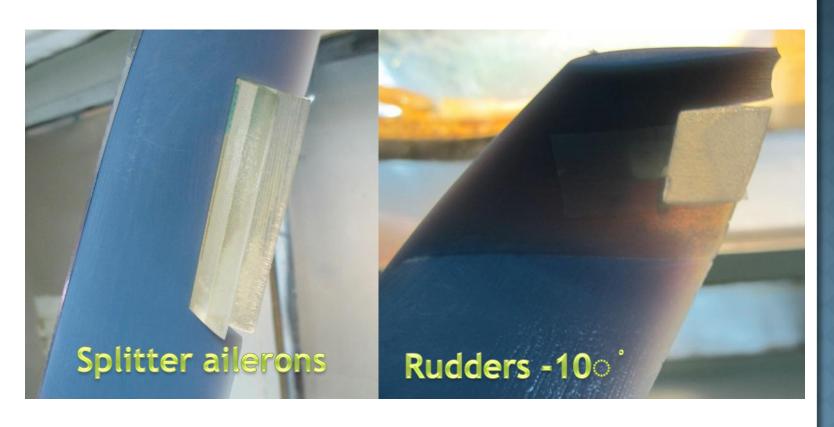


MID-CONCLUSIONS:

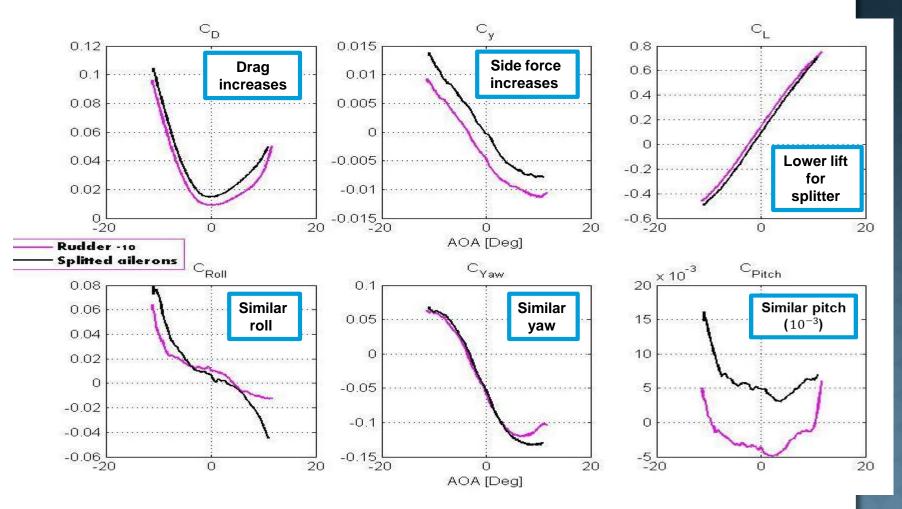
- In order to simulate real flight conditions:
 - Speed range $45 \, m/_s 67 \, m/_s$
- To ensure the safety of the model:
 - AOA range $(-10^{\circ}) \div (+10^{\circ})$
 - Speed was set to $45 \, m/_s$

SPLITTER OR RUDDERS?

- Two options were investigated for better yaws
 - Rudders at (-10°)
 - Splitter ailerons

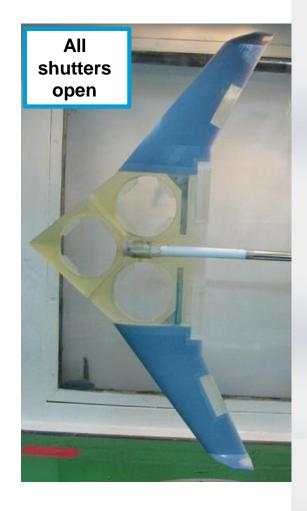


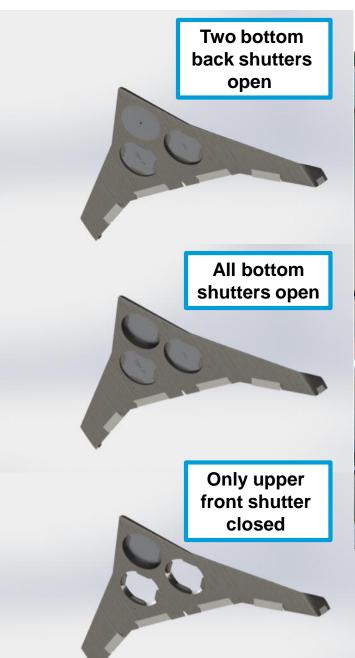
SPLITTER OR RUDDERS?



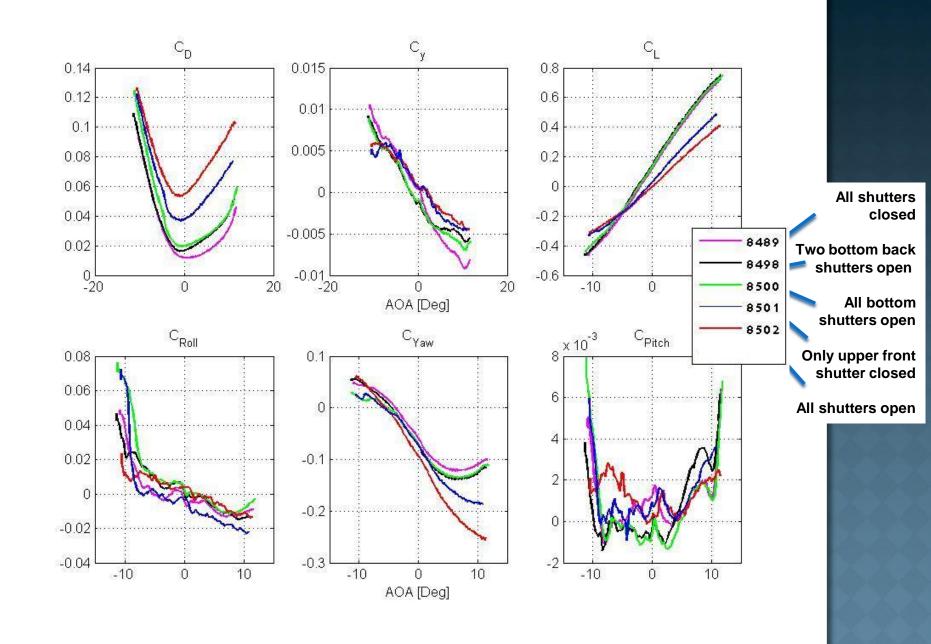
Using the splitter ailerons leaded to similar yaw, with great loses.

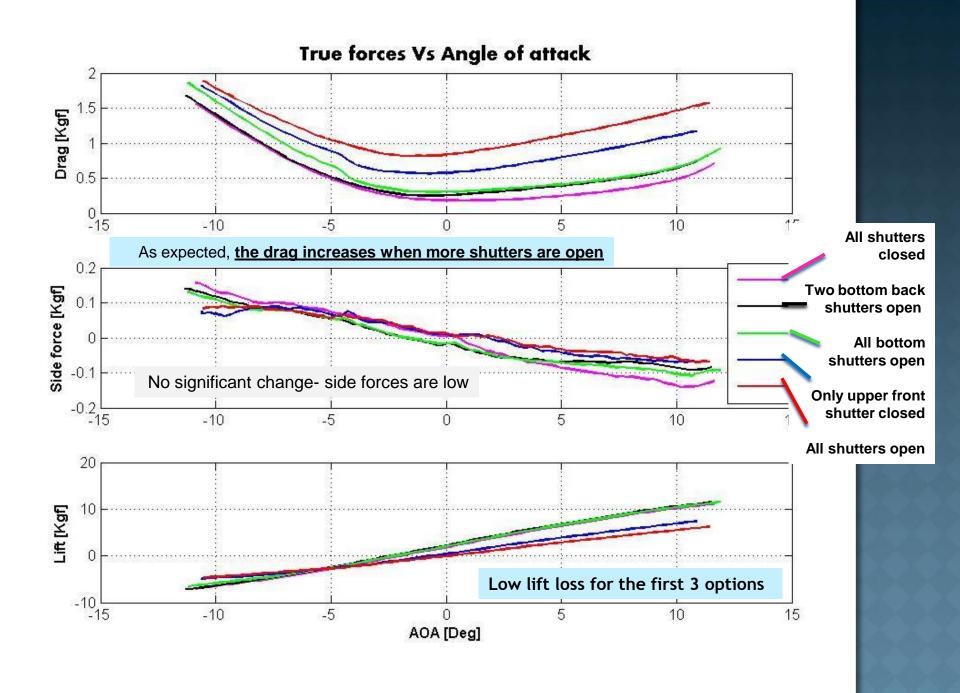
The conclusion- during the actual flight, the rudders will be in use.







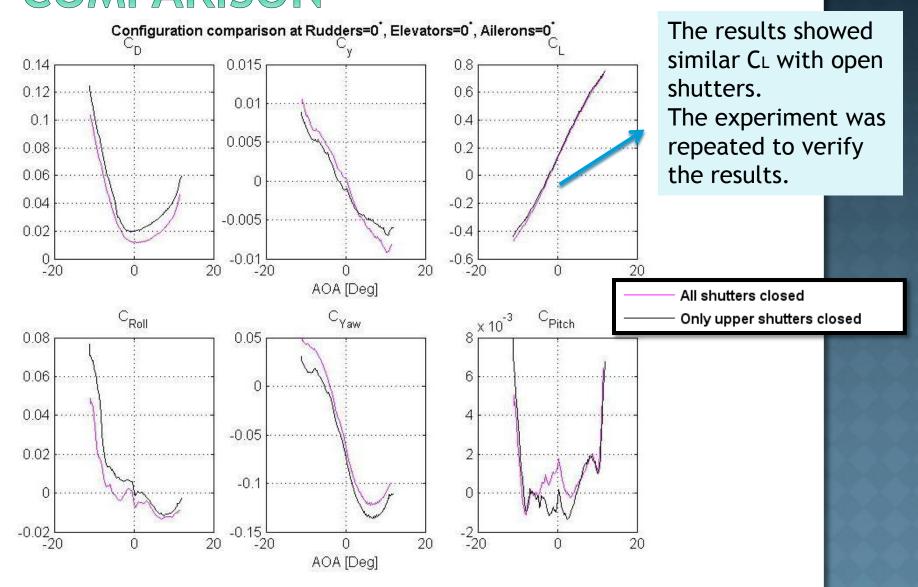


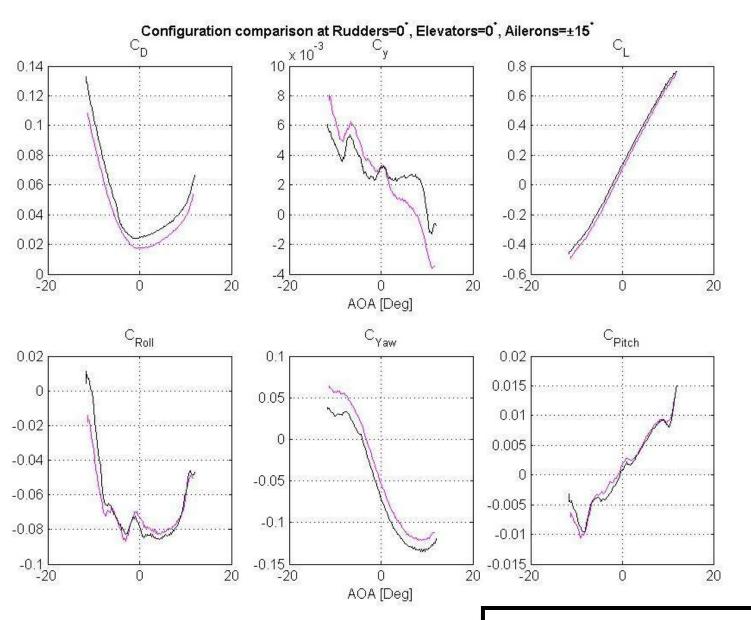


MORE MID-CONCLUSIONS

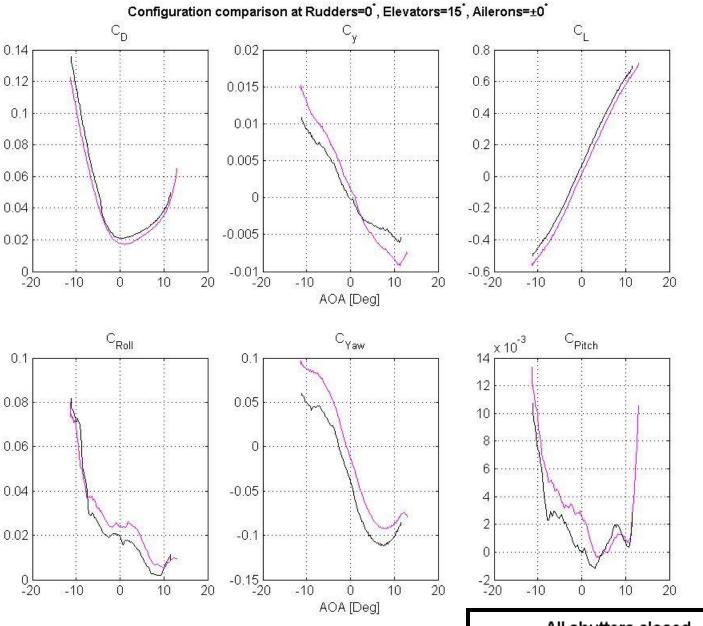
- Some of the shutters can stay open during the horizontal flight
- Two main options:
 - All bottom shutters remains open
 - Only two bottom back shutters open
 - The difference between the two is not significant
 - -> The option of bottom shutters open was chosen
- And now:
 - Confirming this choice by:
 - Comparing the configurations at maneuvering
 - Calculating the loses of range and endurance

DIFFERENT MANEUVERS COMPARISON

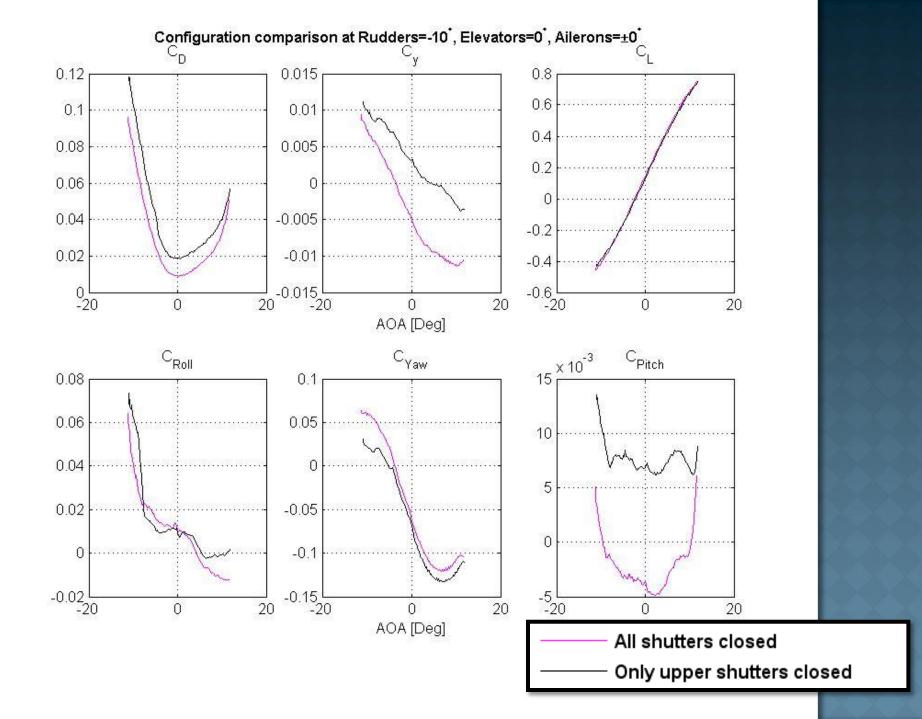




All shutters closed
Only upper shutters closed



All shutters closed
 Only upper shutters closed

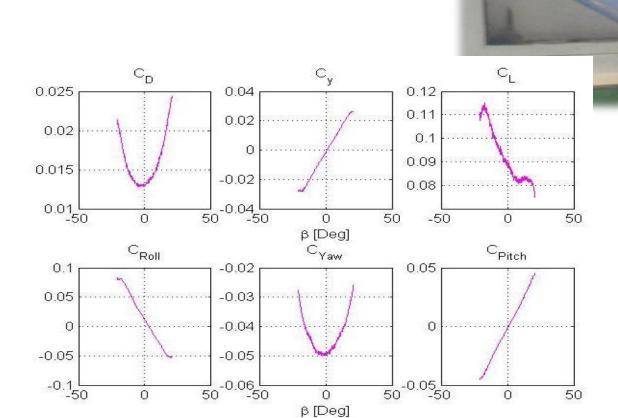


SECOND SET - CHANGING SLIP ANGLE

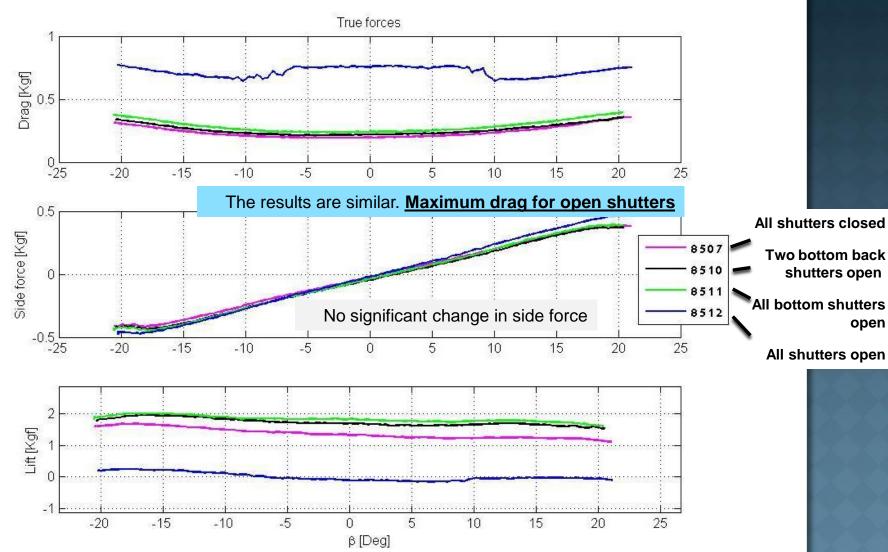
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Calibration run

• Level flight, slip angle $\beta=(-20^\circ) \div (+20^\circ)$

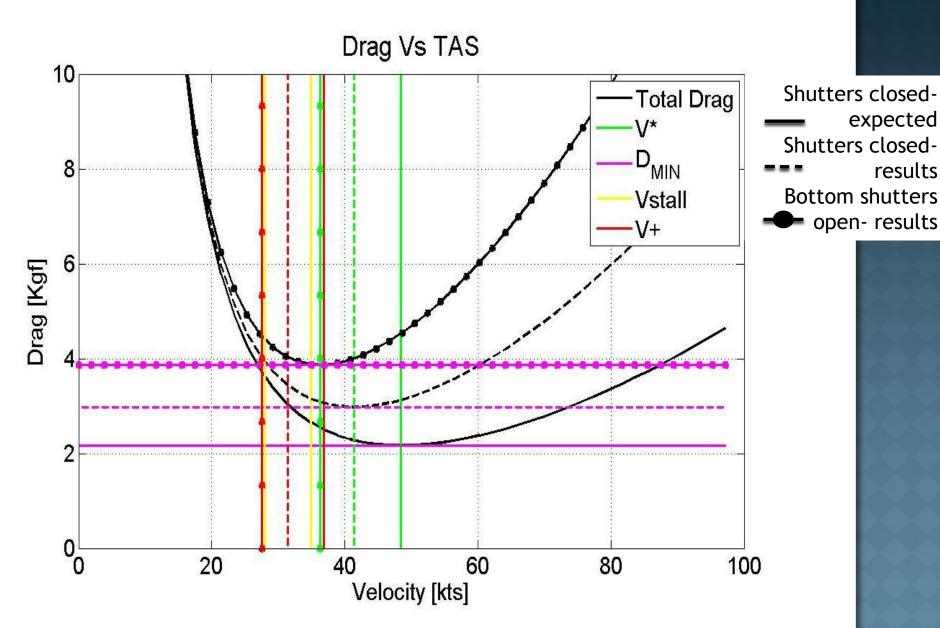


CONFIGURATION COMPARISON



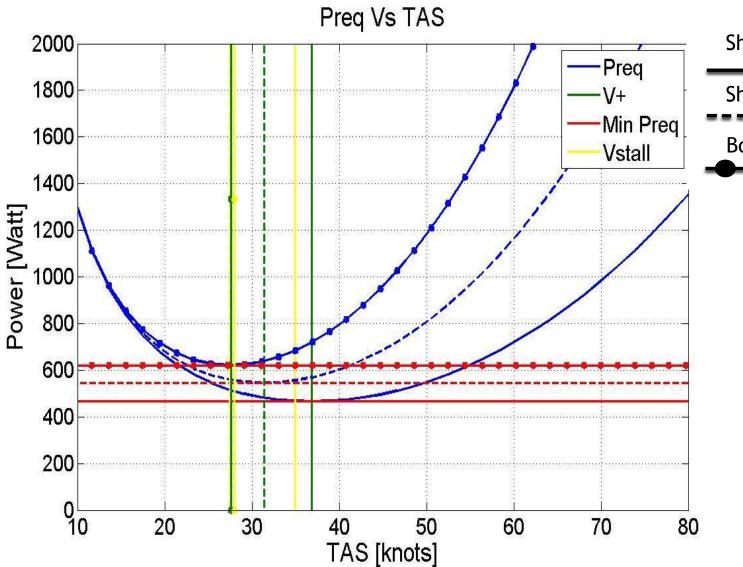
The lift decreases as the shutters open

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON



results

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON



Shutters closedexpected
Shutters closedresults
Bottom shutters
open- results

ENDURANCE AND RANGE RESULTS

		Analysis results The sults of		Experimental Results- Bottom Shutters Open	
Stalling Speed	[Kts]	34.95	27.55	28.02	
Minimum Drag	[Kgf]	2.17	2.97	3.86	
At Speed Of	[Kts]	48.46	41.35	36.3	
Minimum Required Power	[Watt]	465.24	545.2	621.05	
At Speed Of	[Kts]	36.82	31.42	27.58	
<u>Maximum</u> <u>Cruise Range</u>	[Km]	22.7	19.4	18.5 @30kts	

COEFFICIENTS FROM THE EXPERIMENT

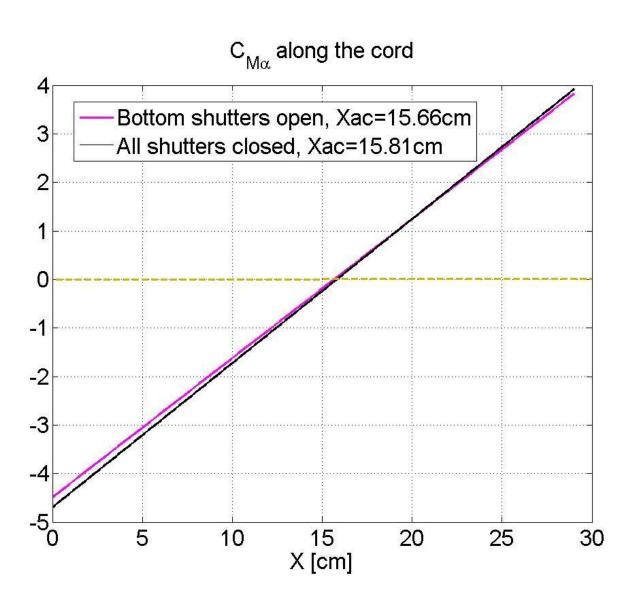
$$C_{L_0} = 0.138$$

$$C_{D_0} = 0.0197$$

$$\bullet Y'_{\beta} = 0.0237 [^{Kgf}/_{deg}]$$

$$\bullet L'_{\beta} = -0.006 [^{Kgf}/_{deg}]$$

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WIND TUNNEL TEST - CONCLUSIONS

- Rudders were chosen for yaw control after a comparison to the splitter aileron version.
- The forces and moments differences of the configurations were examined while changing the angle of attack.
 - The UAV cannot fly without motor covers.
 - Bottom shutters open the results showed similar lift with greater drag
 - Bottom shutters open will lead to decreasing the UAV's range by 5% (1Km)
- The aerodynamics mentioned were examined for different maneuvering performances
- Main conclusion-

There is no need for bottom covers →no need for extra mechanism

SUMMARY

Systems/Components Installation Arrangement



Conceptual Design of Wing Structure



Detail Design of Outer Wing Segment



Detail Design of Rotors Cavity Closing Mechanism



Finalize Weight and Balance Analysis



Finalize Aircraft Performance Analysis



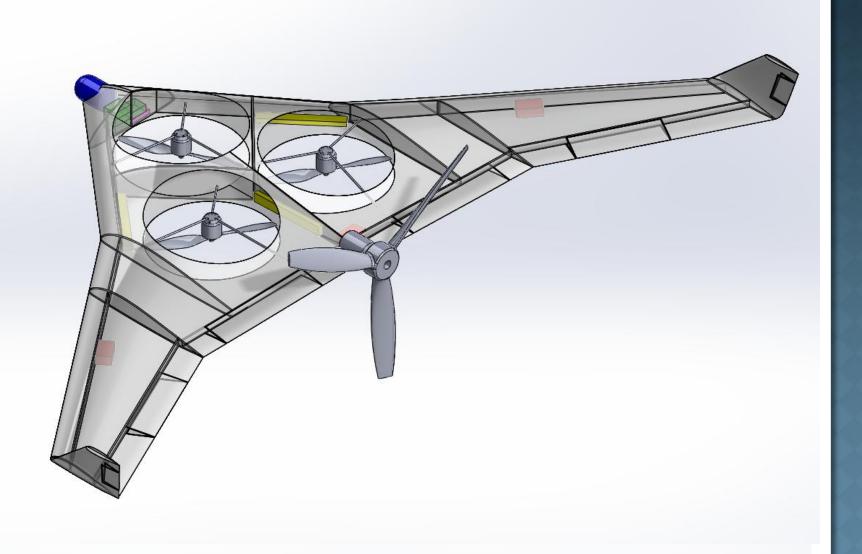
Flight Control System Design



Wind tunnel Test and Test Results Evaluation



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