

# Team 508 SAE Aero Design: Geometric Integration EML 4551C



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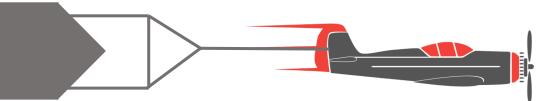


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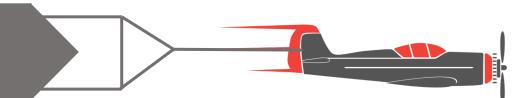
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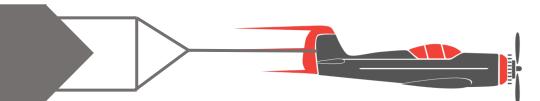


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## **Project Objective**



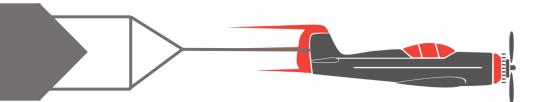
The objective of this project is to design and manufacture a 3D printed remote control airplane within the rules of the SAE Aero Design Competition

It will be able to take off, complete the needed flight path, and land while carrying the required cargo





## **Project Brief Summary**



Competing in the Regular Class SAE Aero Design Competition

Plane is being built through additive manufacturing

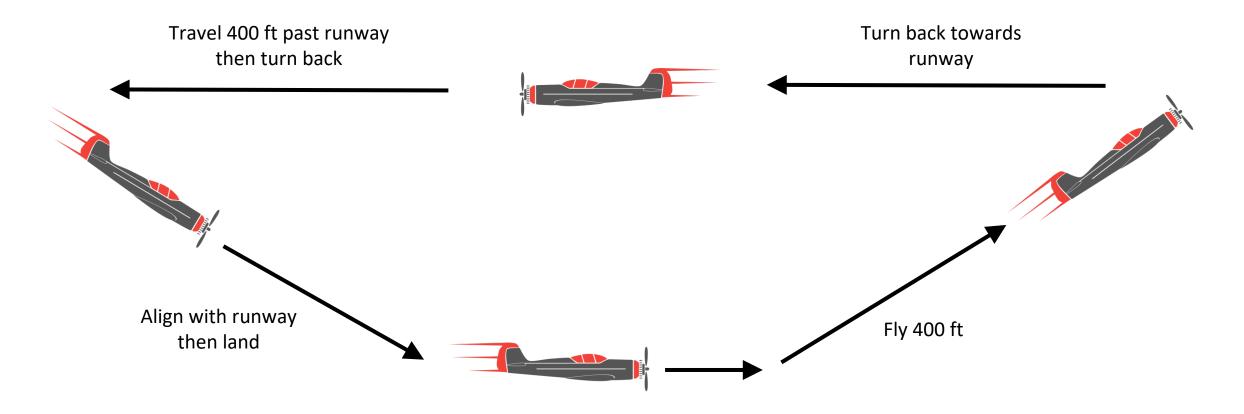
Team 508 is overseeing the geometric design of the plane





## **Project Brief Summary**







### **Targets & Metrics**



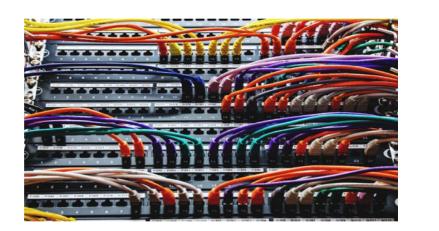
- The SAE Competition Rulebook was used as a minimum guide in creating the targets and metrics
- Suggestions from Dr. McConomy were also used
- Our main goal is to design the most innovative plane at the competition

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## **Critical Targets**

- Plane weighs less than 55 pounds
  - Ue lighter printer filament
  - Reduce amount of wiring in the plane
  - Reduce amount of screws and fasteners used on the plane





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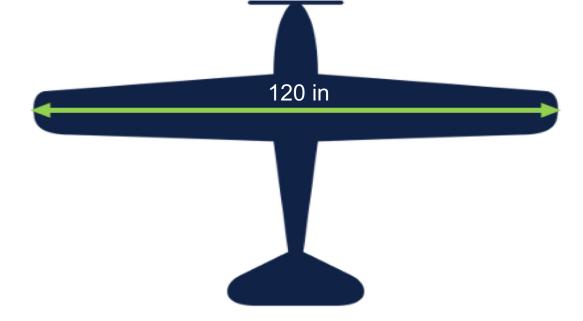
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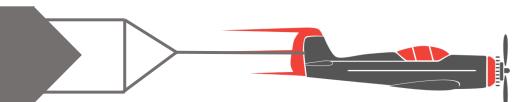
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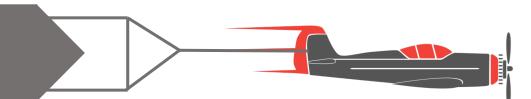
### **Critical Targets**

- The wingspan can not be greater than 120 inches
  - o Limited chord length
  - Aiming for 80 inch wingspan

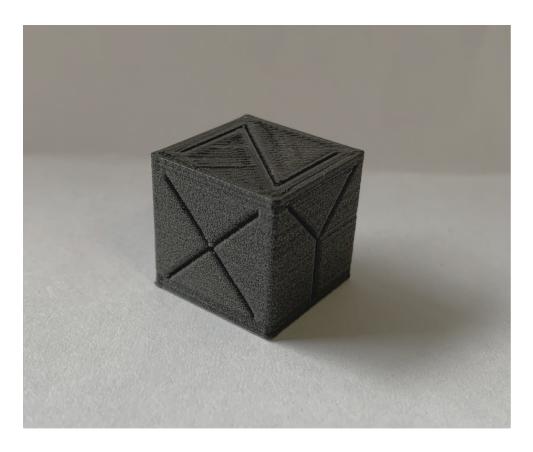




## **Critical Targets**



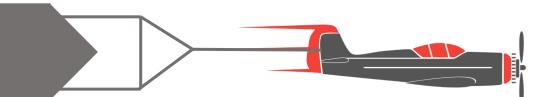
- The printing error will be ± 0.02 inches
  - Printing error can be measured using calibration cube



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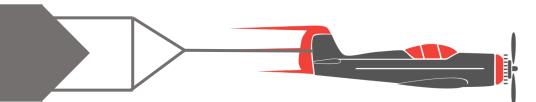
## **Critical Targets**



- Landing gear can absorb a force of at least 22.8 lbf
  - Landing speed must be 1.3x the stall speed
  - Landing approach angle must be 15°

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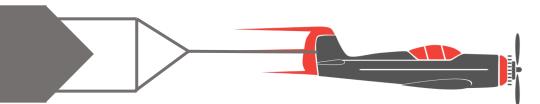




#### **Traditional Tail**







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T-Tail







#### **Traditional Tail**



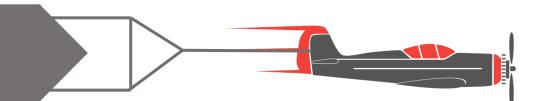
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Wingless Tail





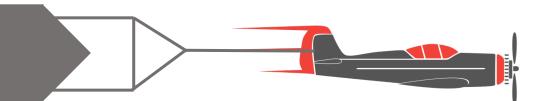


#### **Pulling Propeller**

#### **Pushing Propeller**



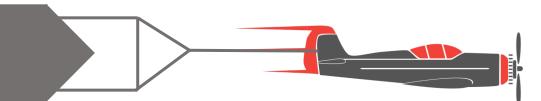




#### Rectangular





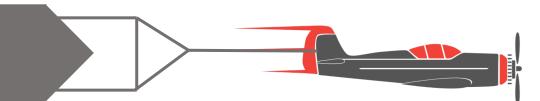


#### Rectangular



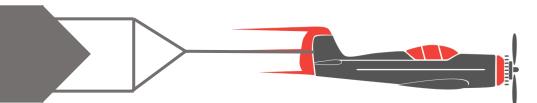
#### Elliptical





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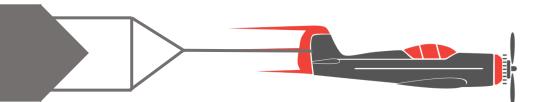
#### Swept Back





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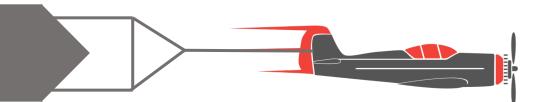




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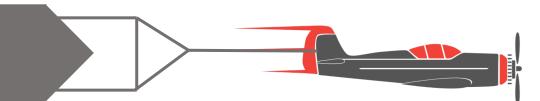




#### **Flying Boat**







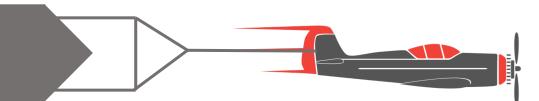
#### **Flying Boat**

#### Subsonic









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#### Subsonic

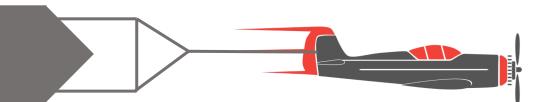
#### Boom





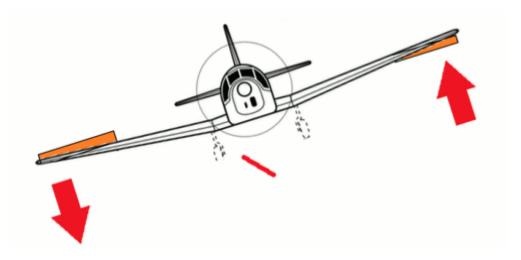






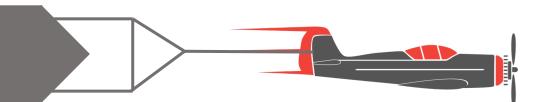
#### • Ailerons

- Controls rotation about roll axis
- Trailing edge of each wing
- Typically 15-25% of total wing area



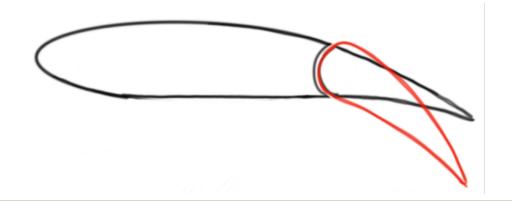






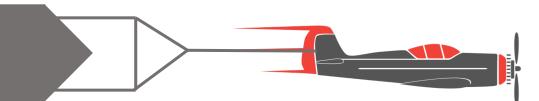
#### • Flaps

- Adjusts lift produced by wings
- o Reduces stall speed
- Trailing edge of each wing
- Typically 40% of total wingspan



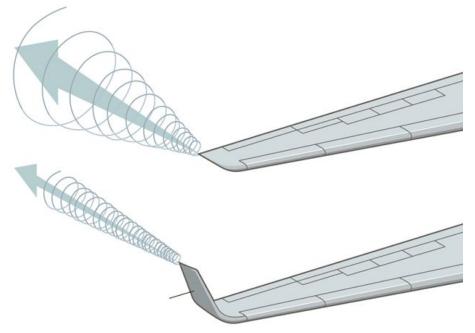


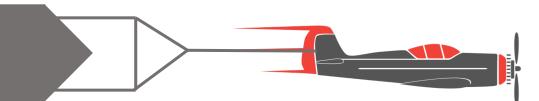




- Grantz Winglets
  - Reduces vortices produced by wings
  - Reduces overall drag of aircraft





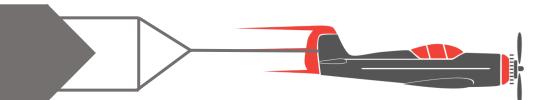


### Tail Dragger







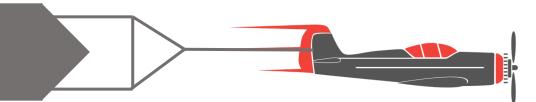


#### Tricycle

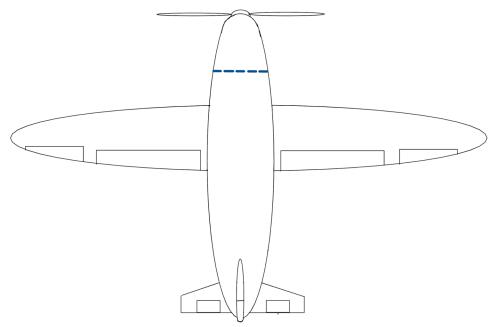




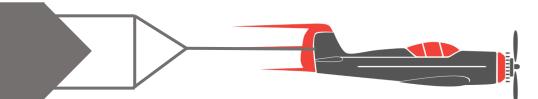


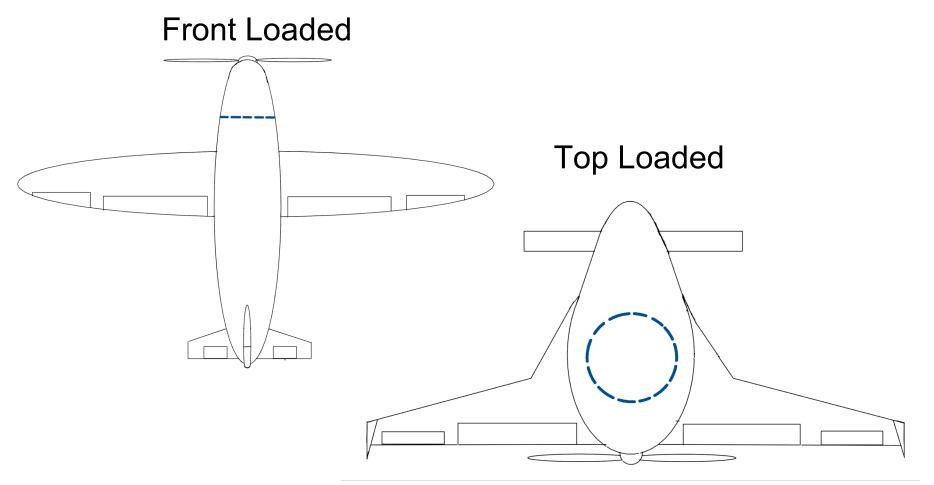


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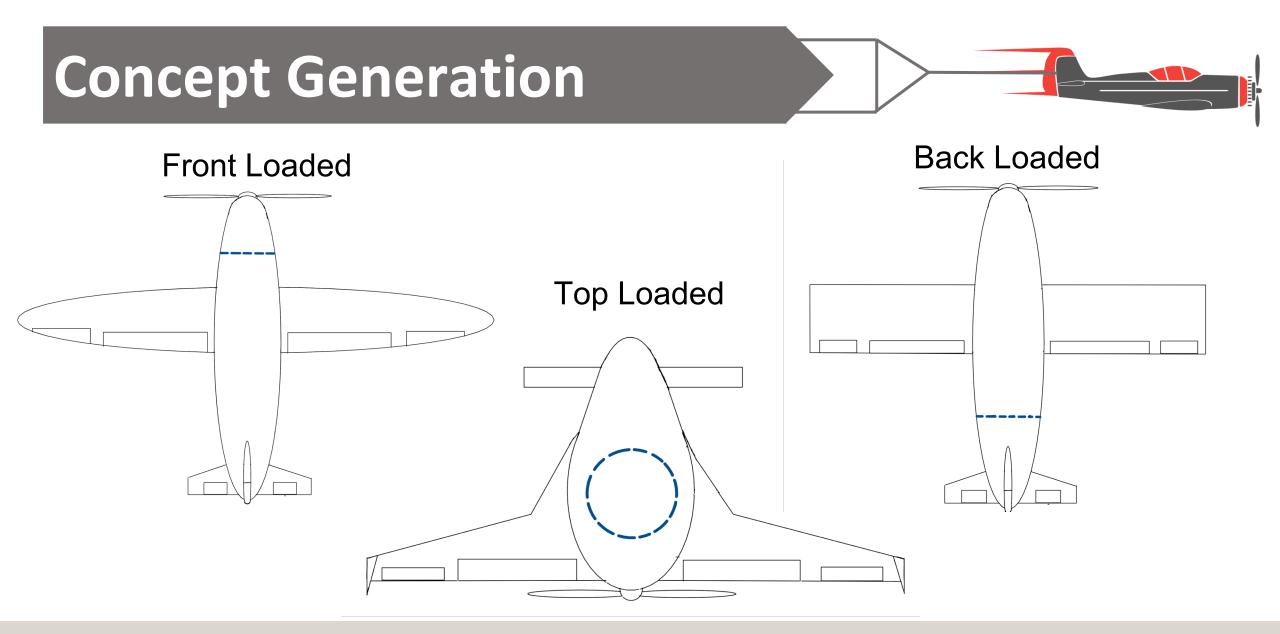


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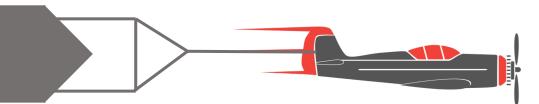
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## **Material Testing**

Two possible printing filaments were chosen

#### PLA (Polylactic Acid)

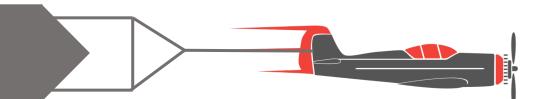
- o Prints accurately
- o Easy to get
- Heavy in regards to building aircraft
- LW-PLA (Light Weight Polylactic Acid)
  - Foaming action makes reduces density and weight
  - Harder to buy
  - Warping more likely than with normal PLA







## **Material Testing**



- Two main stresses the plane must endure
  - Flexural stress
  - Torsional stress
- Stresses measured in two ways
  - $\circ$  Three point bending test
  - Tinius-Olsen torsion testing machine
- Specimens of each material needed to be tested to compare their stress behavior



### **Three Point Bending Test**

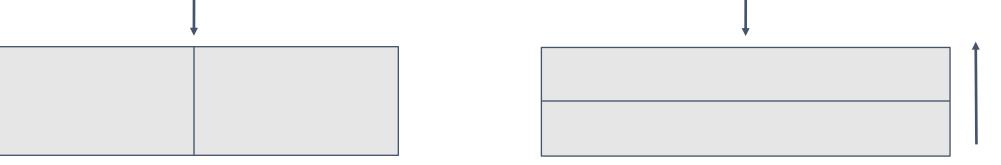
- ASTM D790 is the standard testing procedure
- Requires a 1/8" x 1/2" x 5" specimen
- Two specimens of each material were used
  - One printed "vertically" and one "horizontally"
  - Same print settings used for all samples
  - Printing direction is crucial when applying stress

**Three Point Bending Test** 

Force

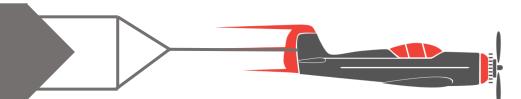


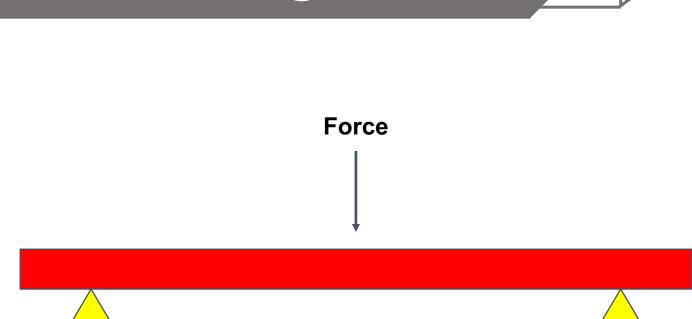
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Printing Direction







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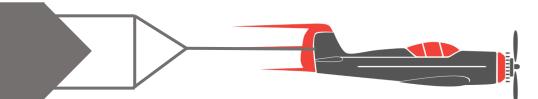
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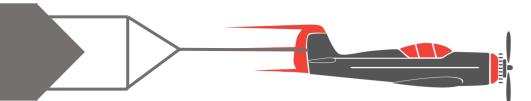
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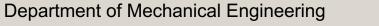


- Force is applied until failure occurs
  - $\circ$  Fracture
  - Enough plastic deformation for specimen to slip from blocks
- Fracture stress is calculated with the formula:

$$\sigma = \frac{3FL}{2wh^2}$$

## **Three Point Bending Test**







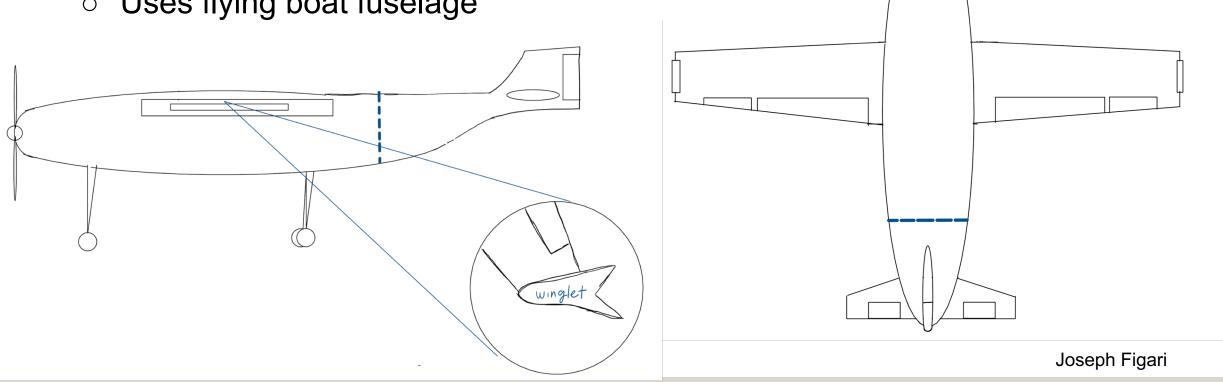


- House of quality chart shows the planes weight is the most important factor to our team
- Came up with 8 concepts for our final design
  - Collaborated with team 507 to come up with concepts

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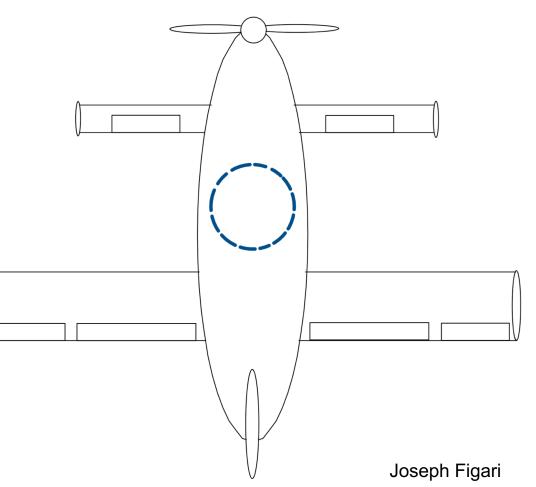
- Concept 1 is our groups first high fidelity concept
  - Includes ailerons and flaps
  - Uses flying boat fuselage





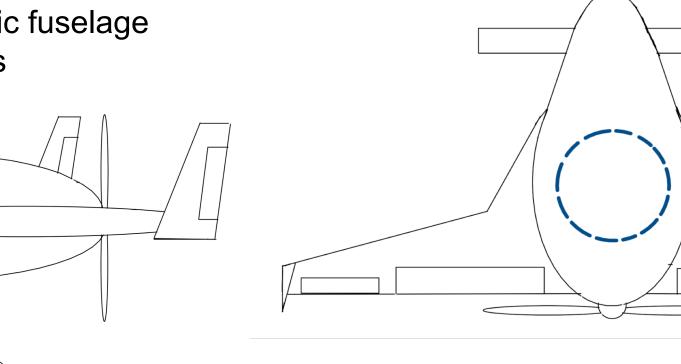
- Concept 3 was the last high fidelity concept
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Includes flaps and ailerons  $\,$
  - $\circ~$  Uses flying boat fuselage
  - Uses canards





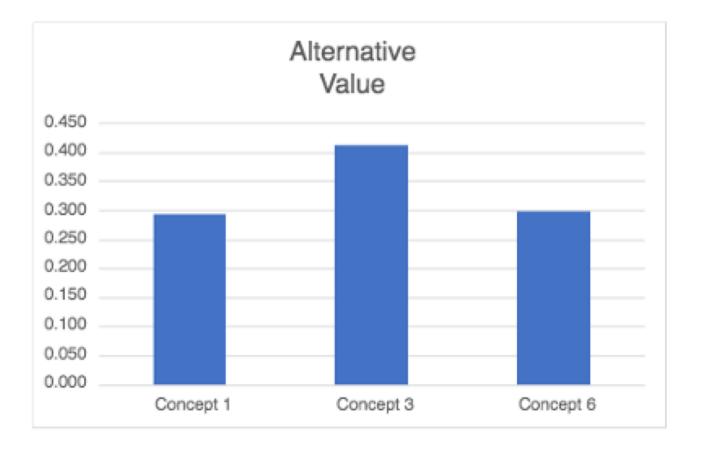


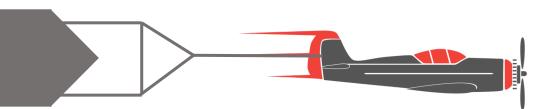
- Concept 6 was our third medium fidelity concept
  - $\circ~$  Includes flaps and ailerons
  - $\circ$  Uses subsonic fuselage
  - Uses canards



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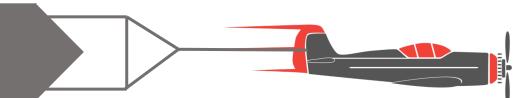
- Group decides concept 3 is the design to go forward with
- Concept 3 meets most of the criteria we deem important

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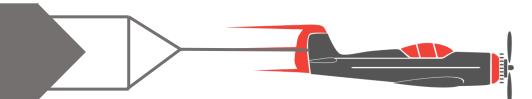


## **Future Work**





# Key Takeaways





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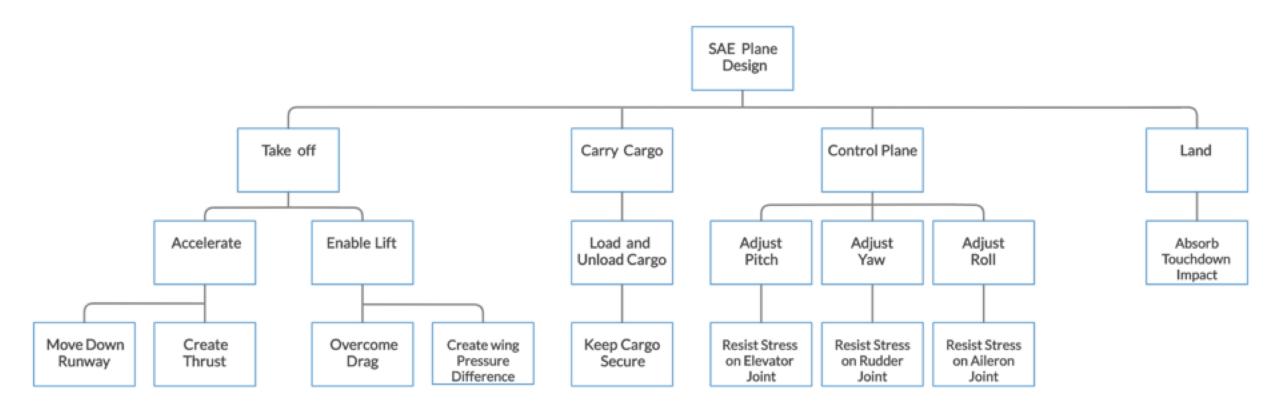
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# **Backup Slides**



## **Functional Decomposition**





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### **Pairwise Chart**

|  | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|--|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-------|
| 1. Material                                  | -  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1     |
| 2. Stability                                 | 1  | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 6     |
| 3. CG in front of CP                         | 1  | 1 | I | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 10    |
| 4. Meet takeoff/landing requirements         | 1  | 1 | 0 | I | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 7     |
| 5. Wingspan meets restrictions               | 1  | 1 | 0 | 0 | I | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 7     |
| 6. Sufficient Power                          | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5     |
| 7. Maneuverability                           | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | I | 0 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 4     |
| 8. Light Weight                              | 0  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | I | 1 | 1  | 0  | 1  | 6     |
| 9. Touch-down Impact                         | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2     |
| 10. Ground Controls                          | 1  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -  | 1  | 1  | 7     |
| 11. Carry the Minimum Cargo Load<br>Required | 1  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0  | -  | 1  | 8     |
| 12. Easy to Load/Unload                      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | -  | 1     |
| Total  | 10 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 4  | 3  | 10 | -     |

Pairwise Chart: Concepts 3 and 12 were chosen as most important



## Pugh Chart 1

|                                |                           |   |      |   | Con    | cepts | ; |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|------|---|--------|-------|---|---|---|
|                                |                           | ] | High | l | Medium |       |   |   |   |
| Selection<br>Criteria          | 2020 Competition<br>Entry | 1 | 2    | 3 | 4      | 5     | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Lift                           |                           | + | +    | + | -      | I     | + | • | - |
| Thrust                         |                           | S | S    | S | S      | S     | S | S | S |
| Control<br>Surface<br>Movement | DATUM                     | + | +    | + | +      | S     | + | S | s |
| Weight                         |                           | - | S    | I | -      | I     | S | I | S |
| Joint<br>Strength              |                           | + | +    | + | +      | +     | + | + | + |
| # of pluses                    |                           | 3 | 3    | 3 | 2      | 1     | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| # of S's                       |                           | 1 | 2    | 1 | 1      | 2     | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| # of Minuses                   |                           | 1 | 0    | 1 | 2      | 2     | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Pugh Chart 1: Concept 2 was chosen as new datum



## Pugh Chart 2

|                             |           |    | Con | icepts |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----|-----|--------|
|                             |           | Hi | gh  | Medium |
| Selection Criteria          | Concept 2 | 1  | 3   | 6      |
| Lift                        |           | -  | +   | -      |
| Thrust                      |           | S  | S   | S      |
| Control Surface<br>Movement | Datum     | +  | +   | +      |
| Weight                      |           | -  | -   | -      |
| Joint Strength              |           | S  | S   | S      |
| # of pluses                 |           | 1  | 2   | 1      |
| # of S's                    |           | 2  | 2   | 2      |
| # of Minuses                |           | 2  | 1   | 2      |

Pugh Chart 2: Concept 3 chosen as final design



## House of Quality

| Units   |                             | lkf   | lbf  | lkf    | degrees                | ft/s        | ft/s^2       | degrees                     | seconds                    | lbs.   | ft/s^2       | psi            | psi                  |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|------|--------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Customer<br>Requirements                        | Importance<br>Weight Factor | Lift  | Drag | Thrust | Max Angle of<br>Attack | Stall Speed | Acceleration | Control Surface<br>Movement | Loading/<br>Unloading Time | Weight | Deceleration | Joint Strength | Material<br>Strength |
| 1. Material                                     | 1                           |       | 1    |        |                        |             |              |                             |                            | 9      |              | 9              | 9                    |
| 2. Stability                                    | 6                           | 9     | 3    | 3      |                        |             |              | 9                           |                            |        |              |                |                      |
| 3. CG in front of<br>CP                         | 10                          | 9     | 3    | 9      | 9                      | 9           |              | 9                           |                            | 3      |              |                |                      |
| 4. Meet<br>takeoff/landing<br>requirements      | 7                           | 9     | 3    | 9      |                        |             | 9            |                             |                            |        | 9            |                |                      |
| 5. Wingspan<br>meets<br>restrictions            | 7                           | 9     | 3    |        | 3                      | 3           |              | 1                           |                            |        |              | 3              | 3                    |
| 6. Sufficient<br>Power                          | 5                           | 1     | 1    | 3      |                        |             | 3            | 3                           |                            | 1      | 1            |                |                      |
| 7.<br>Maneuverability                           | 4                           |       |      |        | 3                      | 3           |              | 9                           |                            | 3      |              | 3              | 1                    |
| 8. Light Weight                                 | 6                           | 3     |      | 3      |                        |             | 3            |                             |                            | 9      | 3            |                |                      |
| 9. Touch-down<br>Impact                         | 2                           |       |      |        |                        |             |              | 3                           |                            | 3      | 9            | 9              | 9                    |
| 10. Ground<br>Controls                          | 7                           |       |      |        |                        |             |              | 1                           |                            |        |              |                |                      |
| 11. Carry the<br>Minimum Cargo<br>Load Required | 8                           | 9     |      | 3      |                        |             | 3            |                             | 9                          | 9      | 3            | 9              | 9                    |
| 12. Easy to<br>Load/Unload                      | 1                           |       |      |        |                        |             |              |                             | 9                          | 3      |              | 3              |                      |
| Raw Score                                       |                             | 365   | 96   | 228    | 123                    | 123         | 120          | 215                         | 81                         | 191    | 128          | 135            | 124                  |
| Relative Weight %                               |                             | 18.92 | 4.98 | 11.82  | 6.38                   | 6.38        | 6.22         | 11.15                       | 4.20                       | 9.90   | 6.64         | 7.00           | 6.43                 |
| Rank Order                                      |                             | 1     | 11   | 2      | 6                      | 6           | 10           | 3                           | 12                         | 4      | 8            | 5              | 9                    |



### **AHP Criteria Weights & Consistency**

|                             | Lift | Thrust | Control Surface<br>Movement | Weight | Joint Strength |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Lift                        | 1.00 | 0.33   | 3.00                        | 9.00   | 9.00           |
| Thrust                      | 3.00 | 1.00   | 3.00                        | 9.00   | 9.00           |
| Control Surface<br>Movement | 0.33 | 0.33   | 1.00                        | 5.00   | 3.00           |
| Weight                      | 0.11 | 0.11   | 0.20                        | 1.00   | 0.11           |
| Joint Strength              | 0.11 | 0.11   | 0.33                        | 9.00   | 1.00           |
| Sum                         | 4.56 | 1.89   | 7.53                        | 33.00  | 22.11          |

| λ           | CI          | CR          |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average     | Consistency | Consistency |
| Consistency | Index       | Ratio       |
| 6.053       | 0.027       | 0.051       |



### Lift Matrix

| {Ws}=[C]{W}<br>Weighted Sum<br>Vector | {W}<br>Criteria<br>Weights | Con={Ws}/{W}<br>Consistency<br>Vector |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.731                                 | 0.243                      | 3.005                                 |
| 2.015                                 | 0.669                      | 3.014                                 |
| 0.265                                 | 0.088                      | 3.002                                 |

| λ           | CI          | CR          |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average     | Consistency | Consistency |
| Consistency | Index       | Ratio       |
| 3.00703     | 0.00352     |             |

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### **Thrust Matrix**

| {Ws}=[C]{W}<br>Weighted Sum<br>Vector | {W}<br>Criteria<br>Weights | Con={Ws}/{W}<br>Consistency<br>Vector |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.000                                 | 0.333                      | 3.000                                 |
| 1.000                                 | 0.333                      | 3.000                                 |
| 1.000                                 | 0.333                      | 3.000                                 |

| λ           | CI          | CR          |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average     | Consistency | Consistency |
| Consistency | Index       | Ratio       |
| 3.00000     | 0.00000     |             |

#### **Control Matrix**

| {Ws}=[C]{W}<br>Weighted Sum<br>Vector | {W}<br>Criteria<br>Weights | Con={Ws}/{W}<br>Consistency<br>Vector |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.697                                 | 0.236                      | 2.959                                 |
| 0.320                                 | 0.110                      | 2.898                                 |
| 1.912                                 | 0.654                      | 2.924                                 |

| λ           | CI          | CR          |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average     | Consistency | Consistency |
| Consistency | Index       | Ratio       |
| 2.92716     | -0.03642    | -0.07004    |

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### Weight Matrix

| {Ws}=[C]{W}<br>Weighted Sum<br>Vector | {W}<br>Criteria<br>Weights | Con={Ws}/{W}<br>Consistency<br>Vector |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.790                                 | 0.260                      | 3.033                                 |
| 1.946                                 | 0.633                      | 3.072                                 |
| 0.320                                 | 0.106                      | 3.011                                 |

| λ           | CI          | CR          |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average     | Consistency | Consistency |
| Consistency | Index       | Ratio       |
| 3.03871     | 0.01936     |             |



### Joint Strength Matrix

| {Ws}=[C]{W}<br>Weighted Sum<br>Vector | {W}<br>Criteria<br>Weights | Con={Ws}/{W}<br>Consistency<br>Vector |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.000                                 | 0.333                      | 3.000                                 |
| 1.000                                 | 0.333                      | 3.000                                 |
| 1.000                                 | 0.333                      | 3.000                                 |

| λ           | CI          | CR          |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average     | Consistency | Consistency |
| Consistency | Index       | Ratio       |
| 3.00000     | 0.00000     | 0.00000     |

### **Final Rating Matrix**

| Selection Criteria          | Concept 1 | Concept 3 | Concept 6 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Lift                        | 0.243     | 0.669     | 0.088     |
| Thrust                      | 0.333     | 0.333     | 0.333     |
| Control Surface<br>Movement | 0.236     | 0.110     | 0.654     |
| Weight                      | 0.260     | 0.633     | 0.106     |
| Joint Strength              | 0.333     | 0.333     | 0.333     |

| Concept   | Alternative Value |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Concept 1 | 0.292             |
| Concept 3 | 0.411             |
| Concept 6 | 0.297             |

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