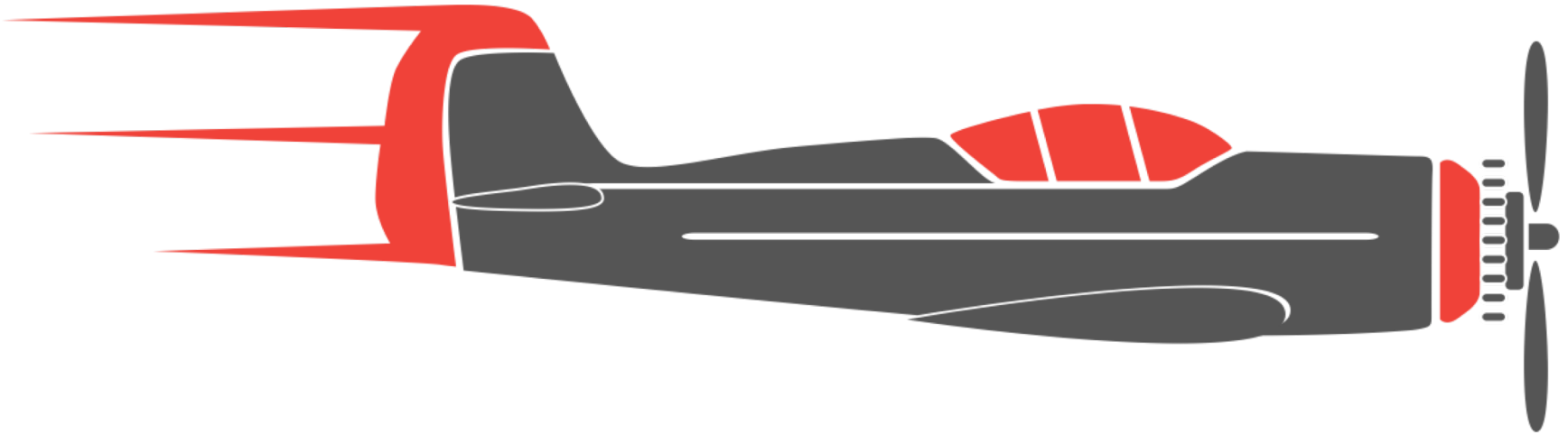

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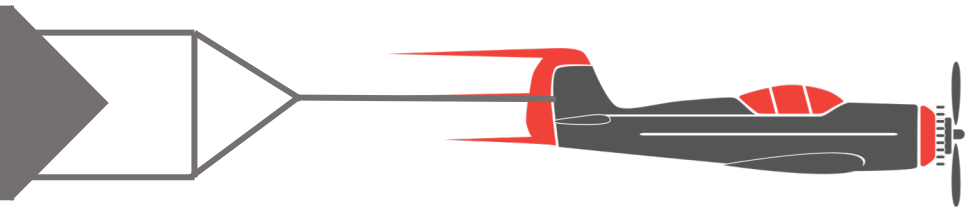
Project Objective



- 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

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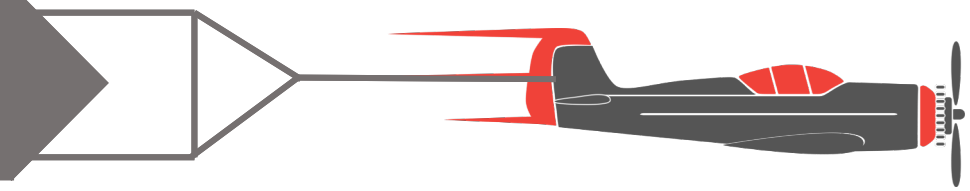
Project Brief Summary



- The plane will not be flown at the competition
- Team is still a part of the competition
- Plane will still be built within competition rules
- Test flight will be done in Tallahassee with Seminole RC Club

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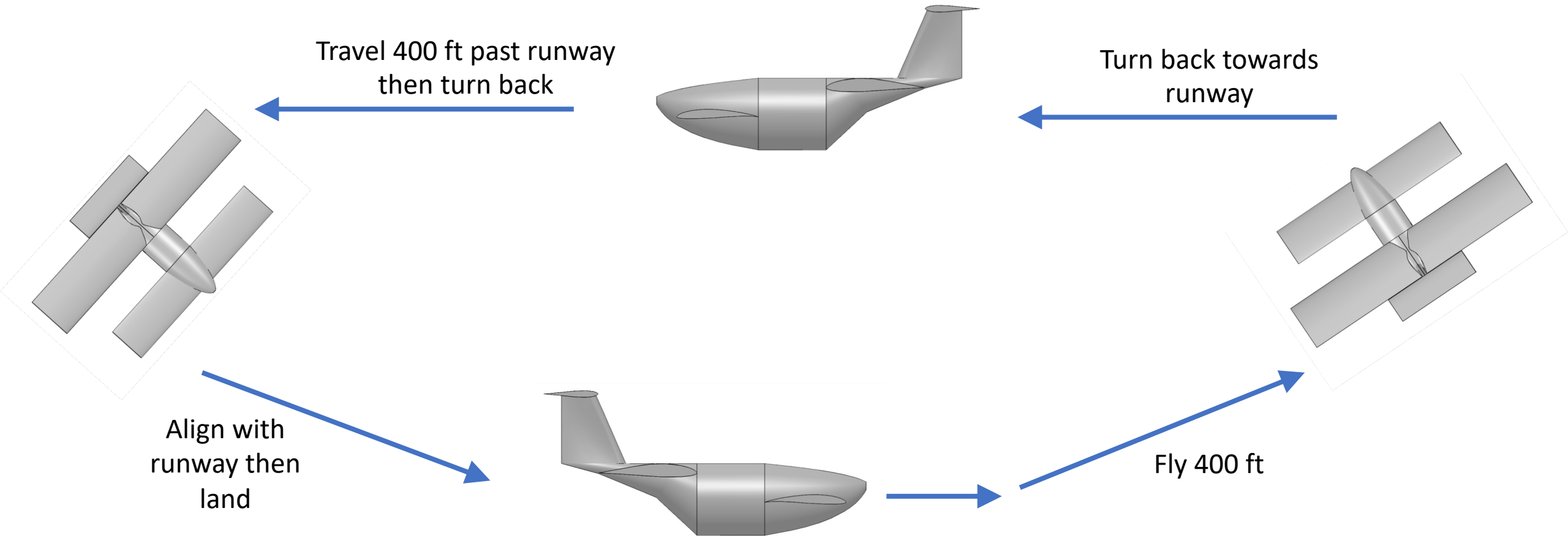

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Material Selection

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

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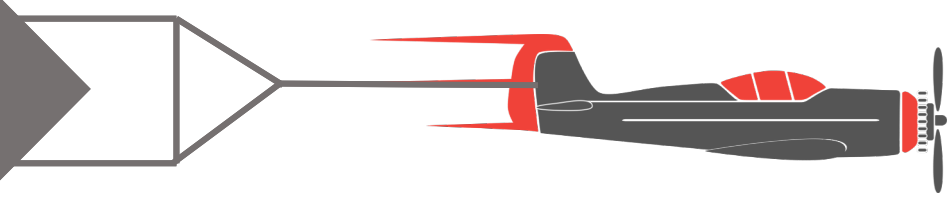
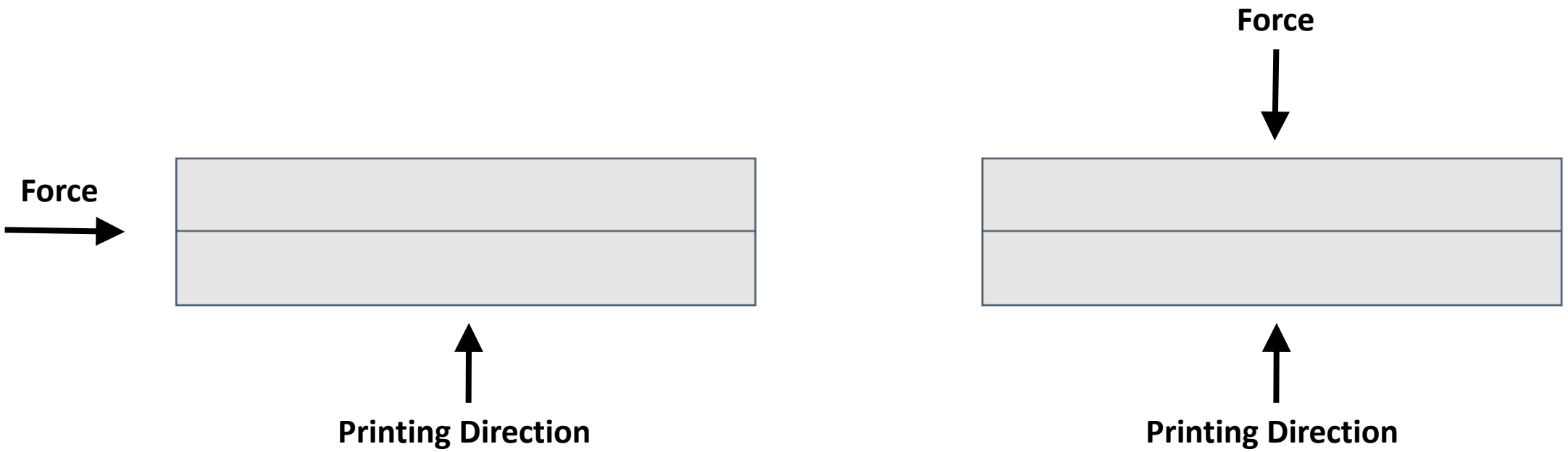
Force & Printing Direction





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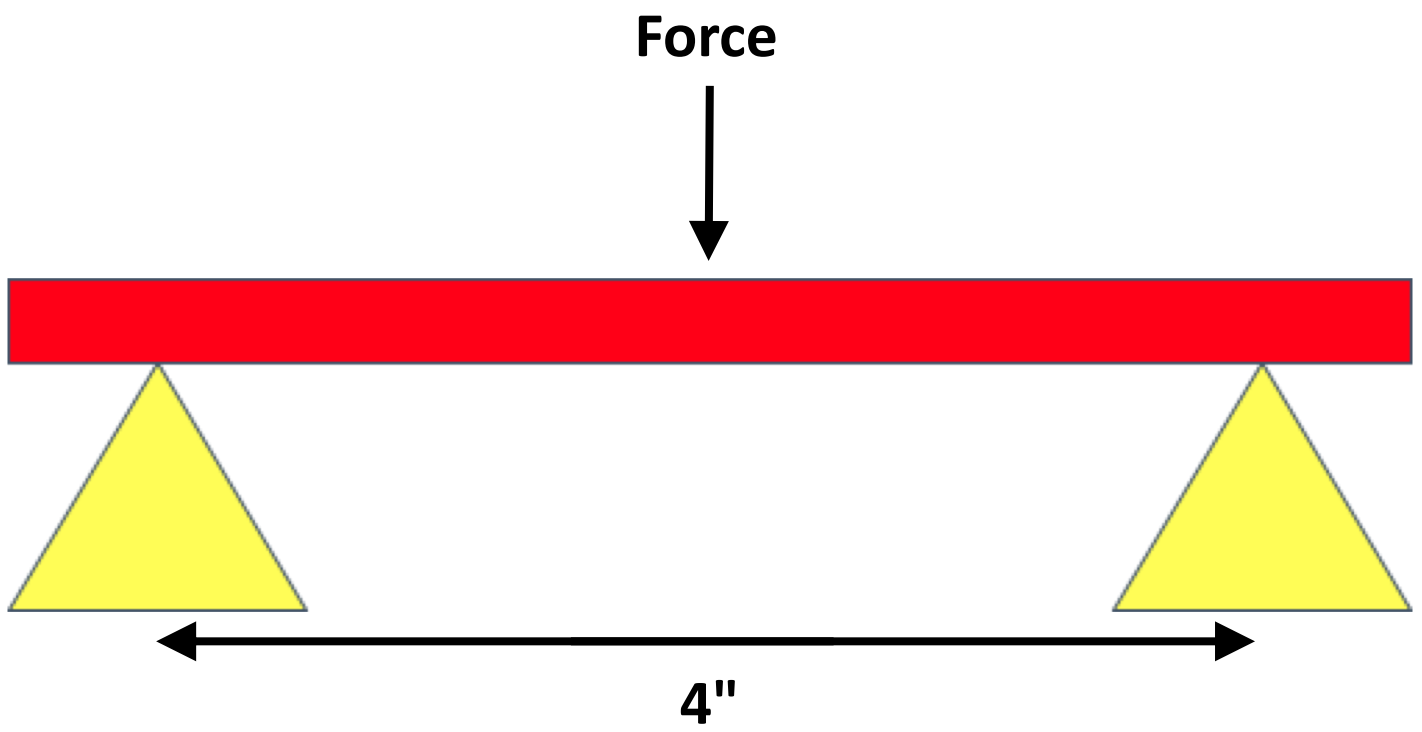

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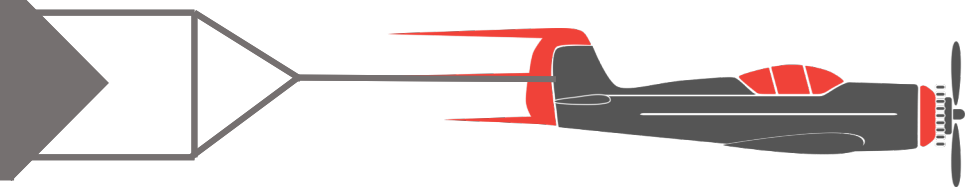

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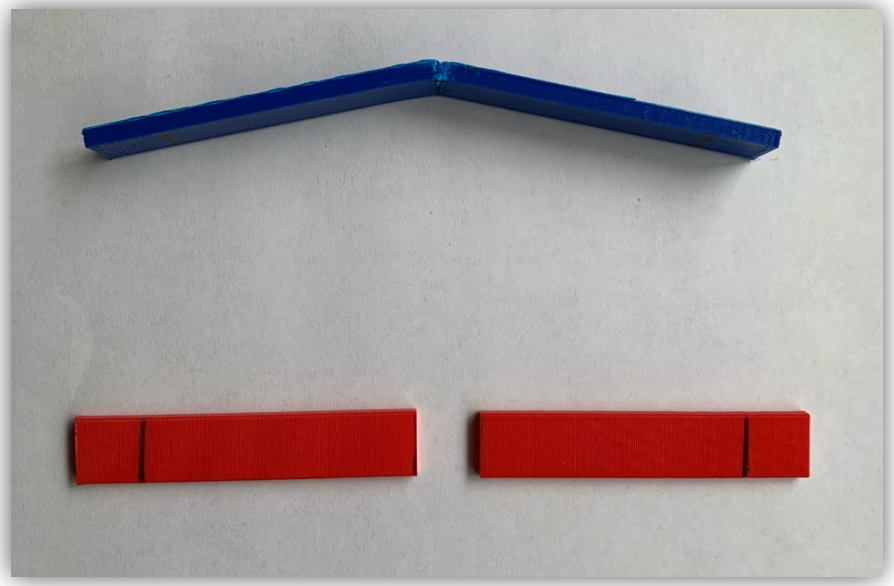
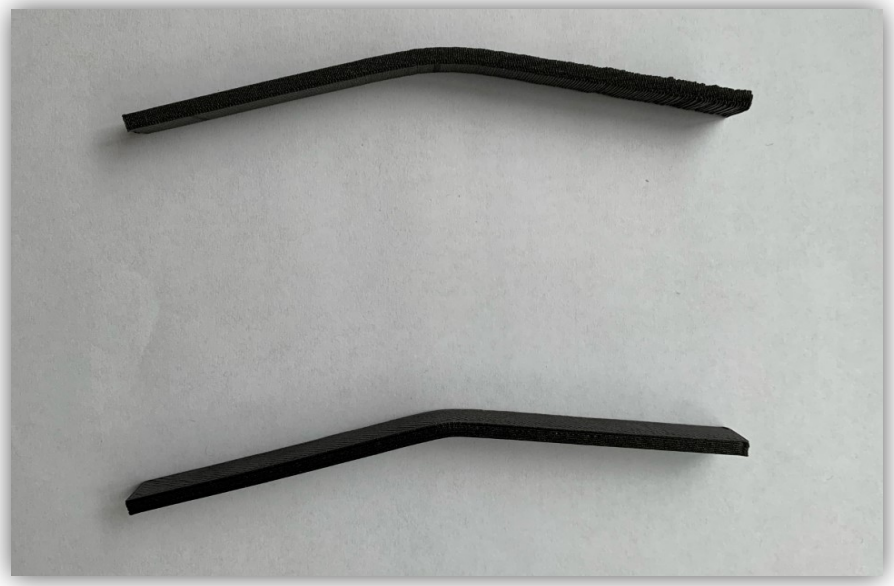


Stress parallel to printing direction: 8,350 psi
Stress perpendicular to printing direction: 3,360 psi

LW-PLA



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

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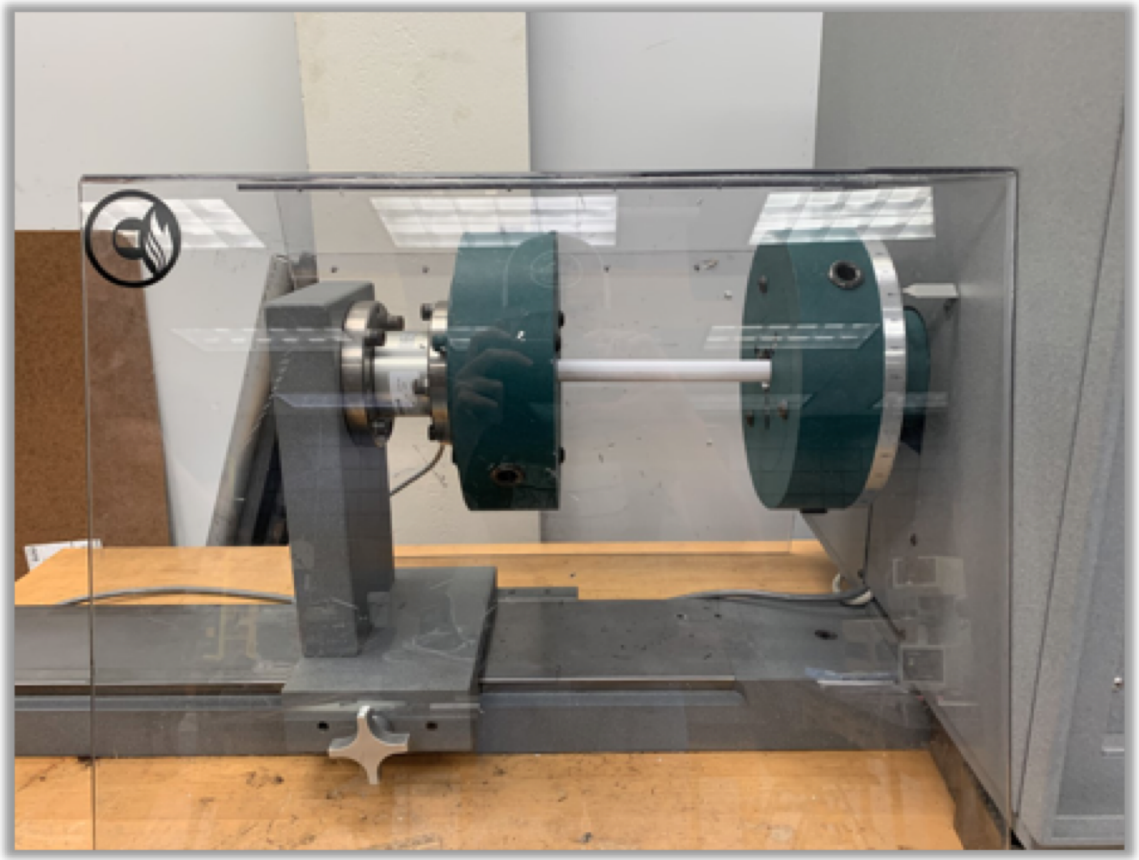
Torsion Test



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

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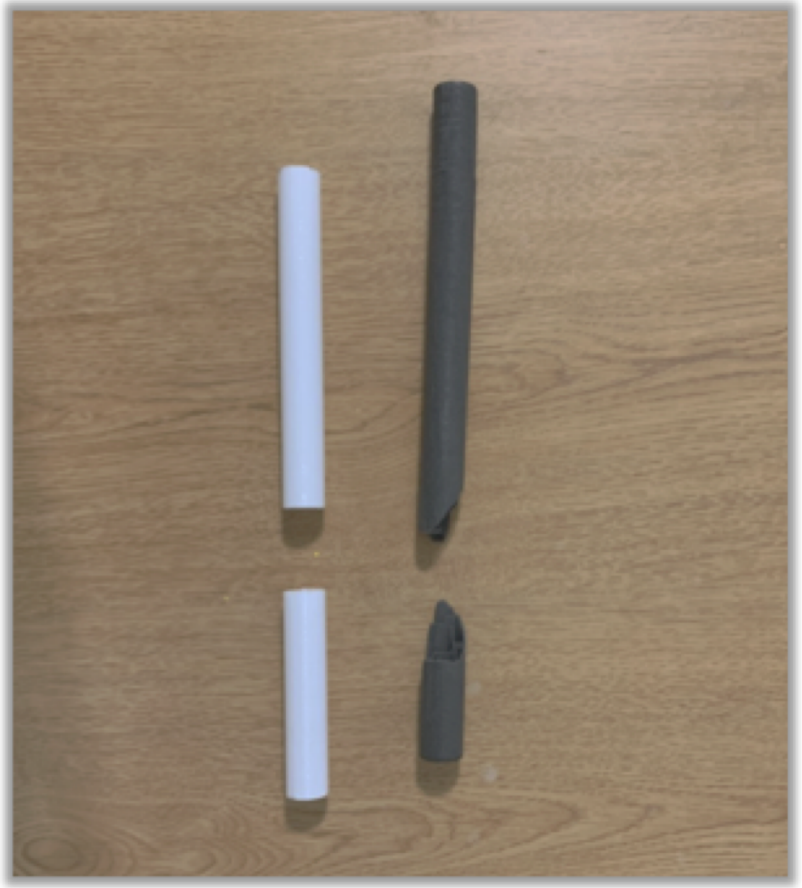

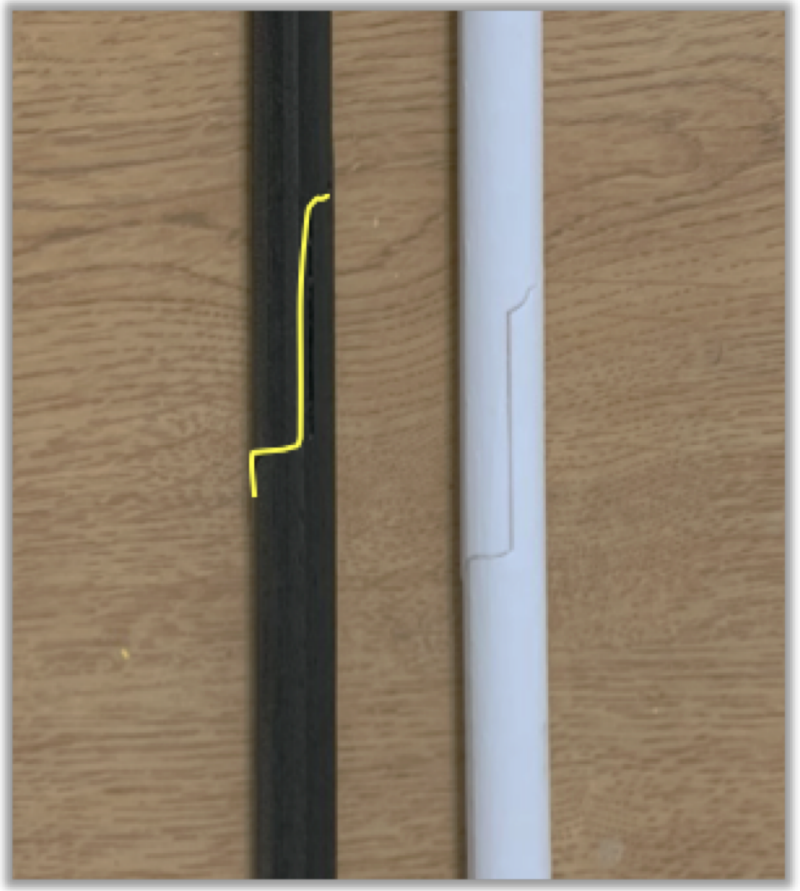

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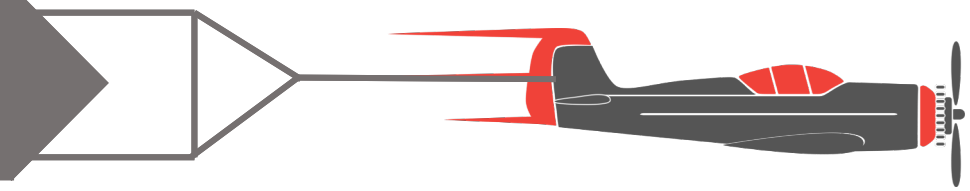
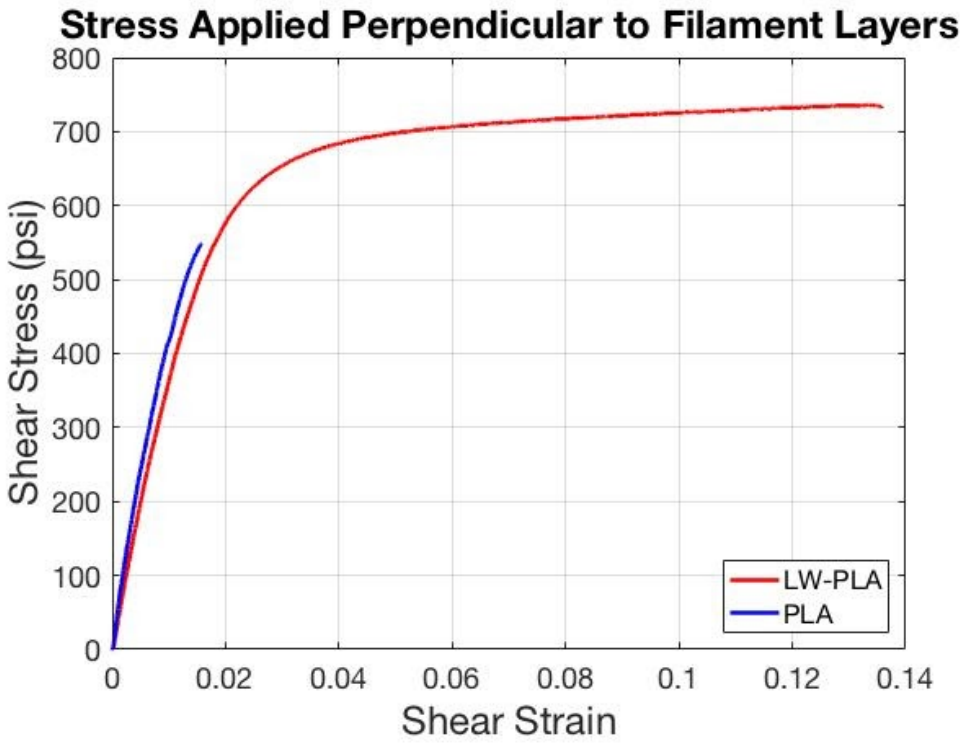
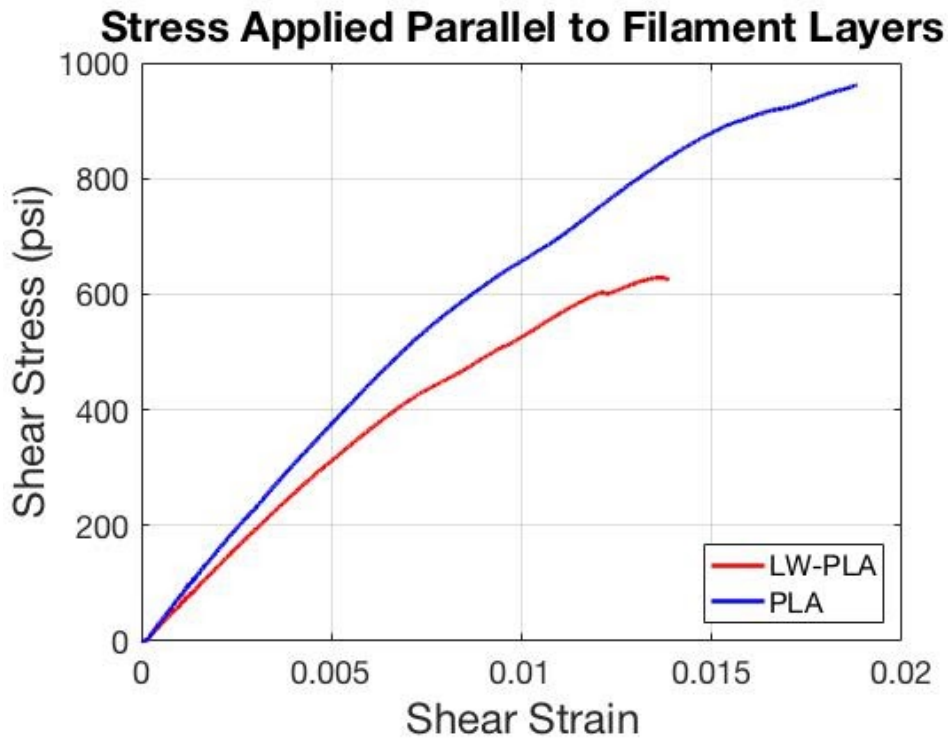




PLA failure stress: 412 psi

LW-PLA failure stress: 552 psi



PLA failure stress: 721 psi

LW-PLA failure stress: 471 psi

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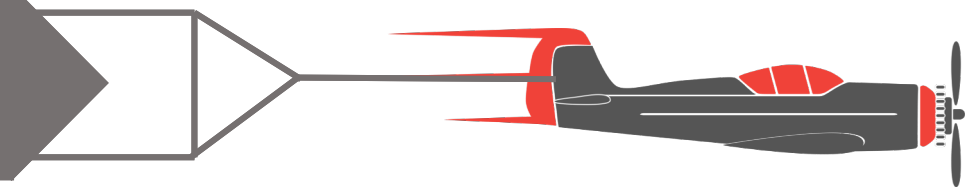
Printers



- Lulzbot TAZ printers are the main printers used
  - Design Lab has two and the Innovation Hub has one
- Any PLA parts will be printed at the Innovation Hub
  - Small parts that DREMEL printers can make
- Cura-lulzbot used to queue prints
  - Helps in estimating print time, material used, and needed printing orientations

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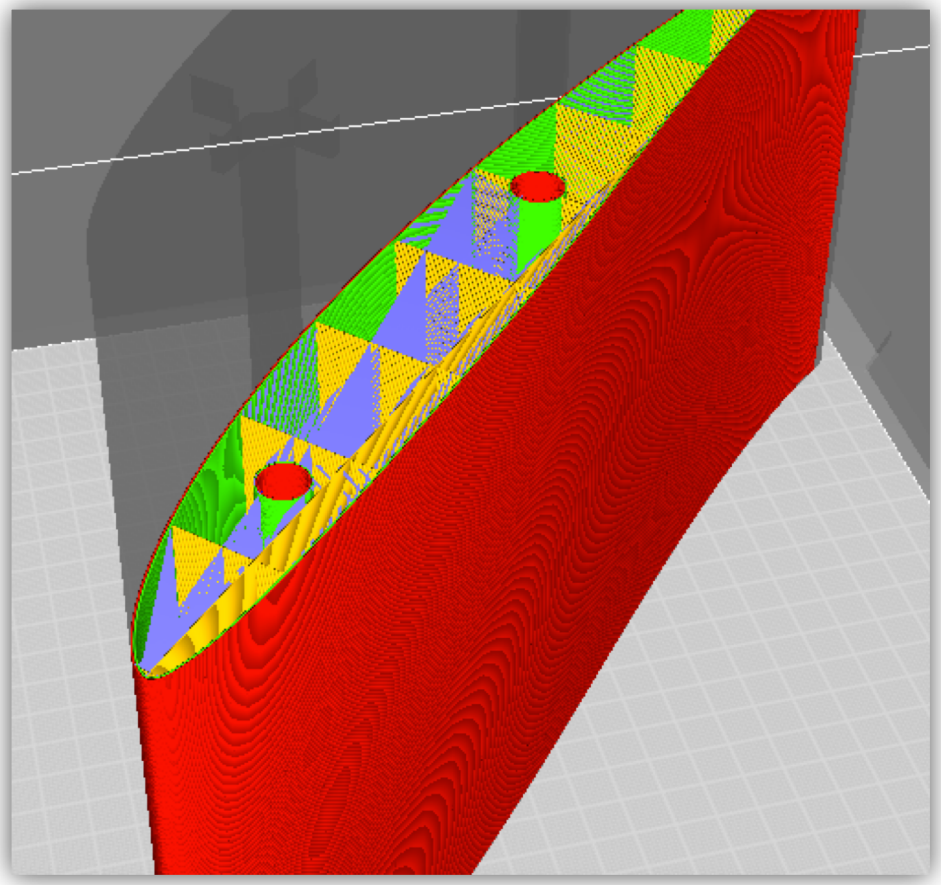
Printing Parts



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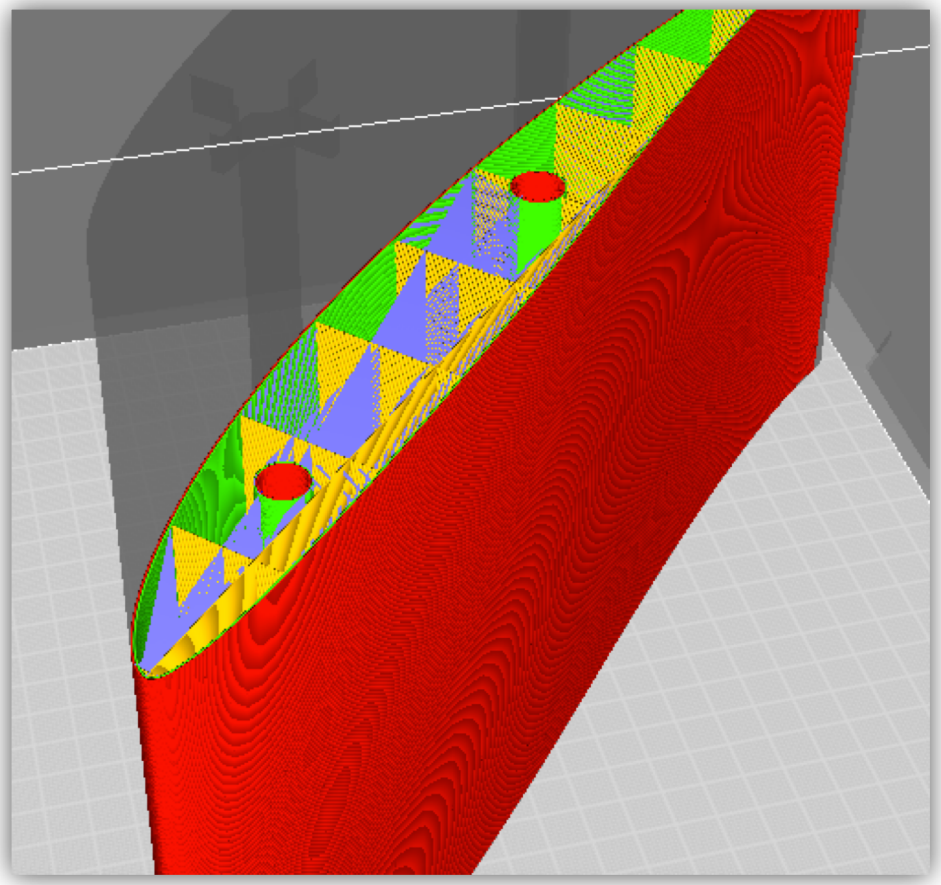

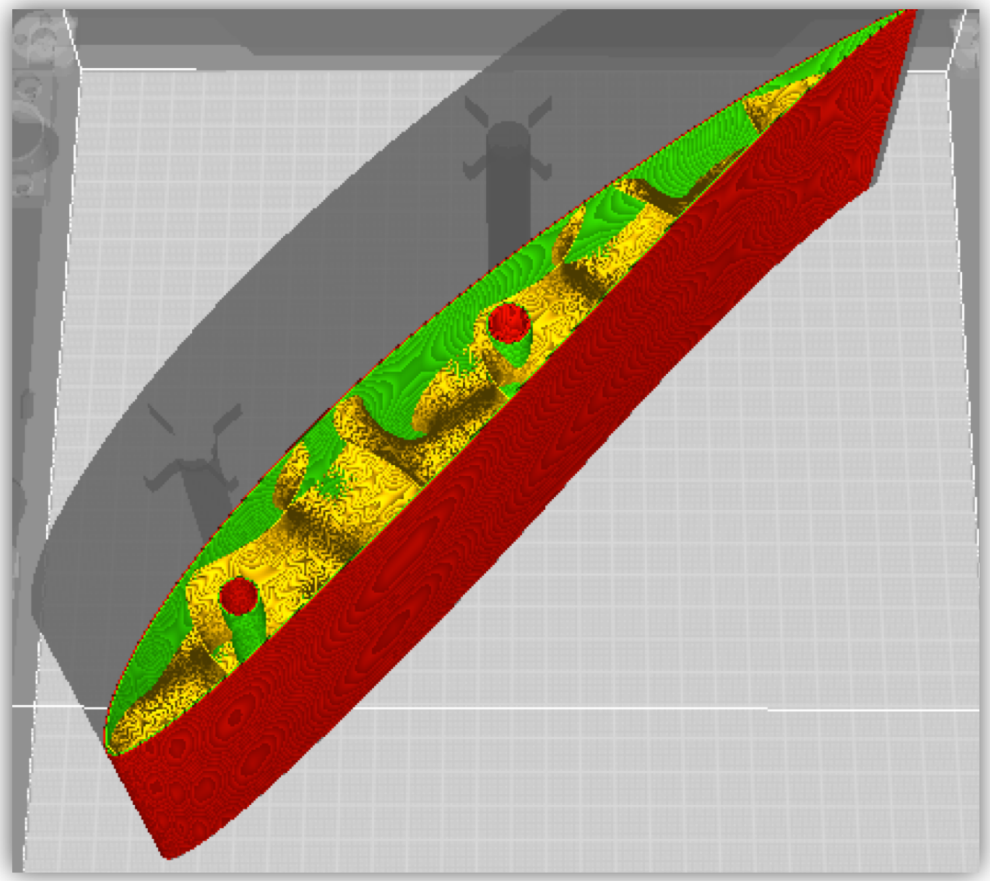

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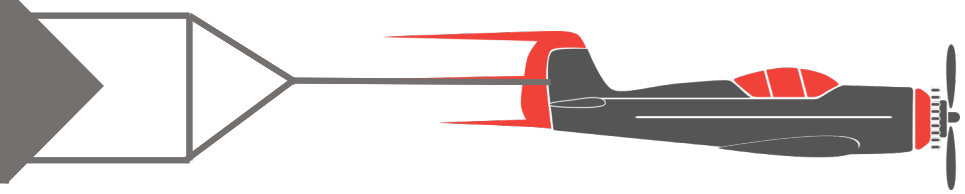

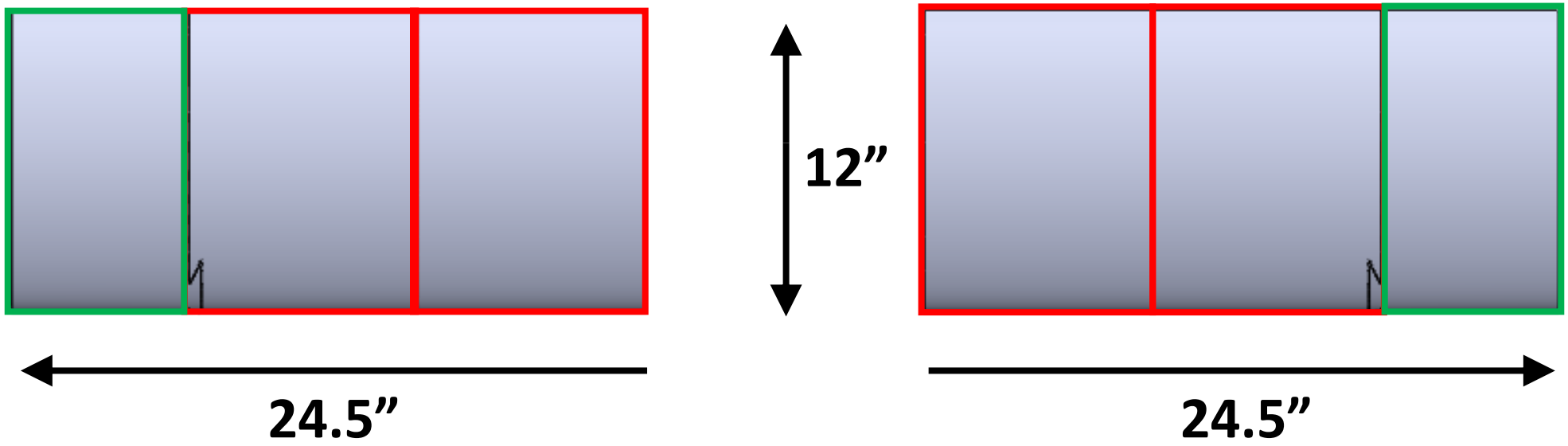

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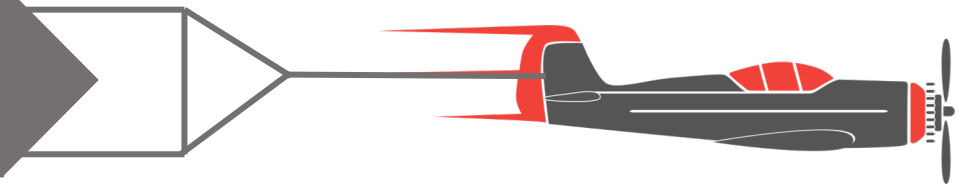
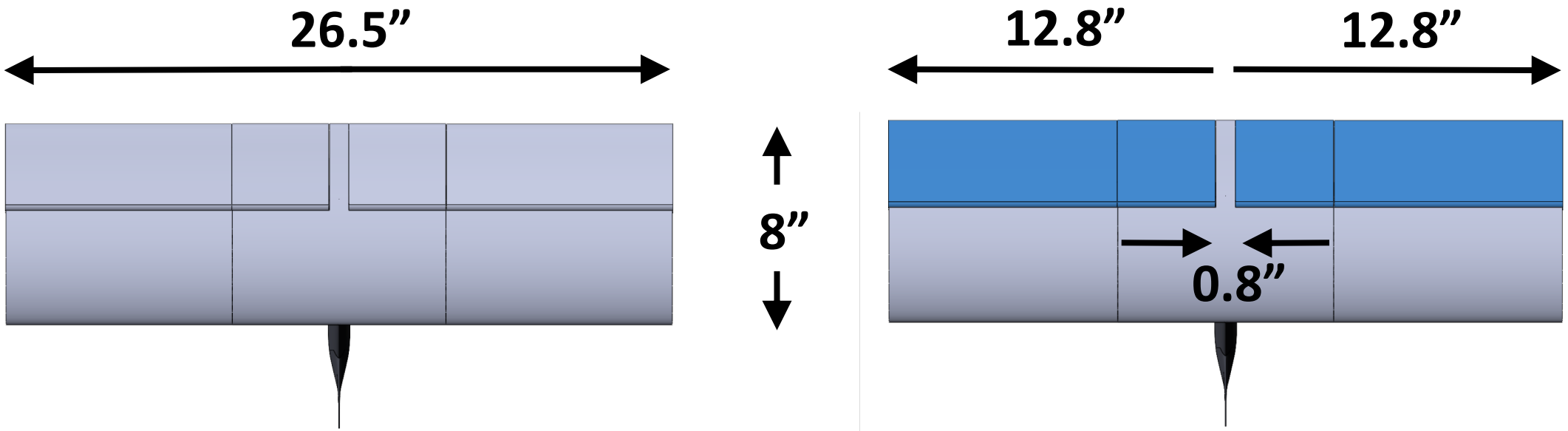
Horizontal Tail





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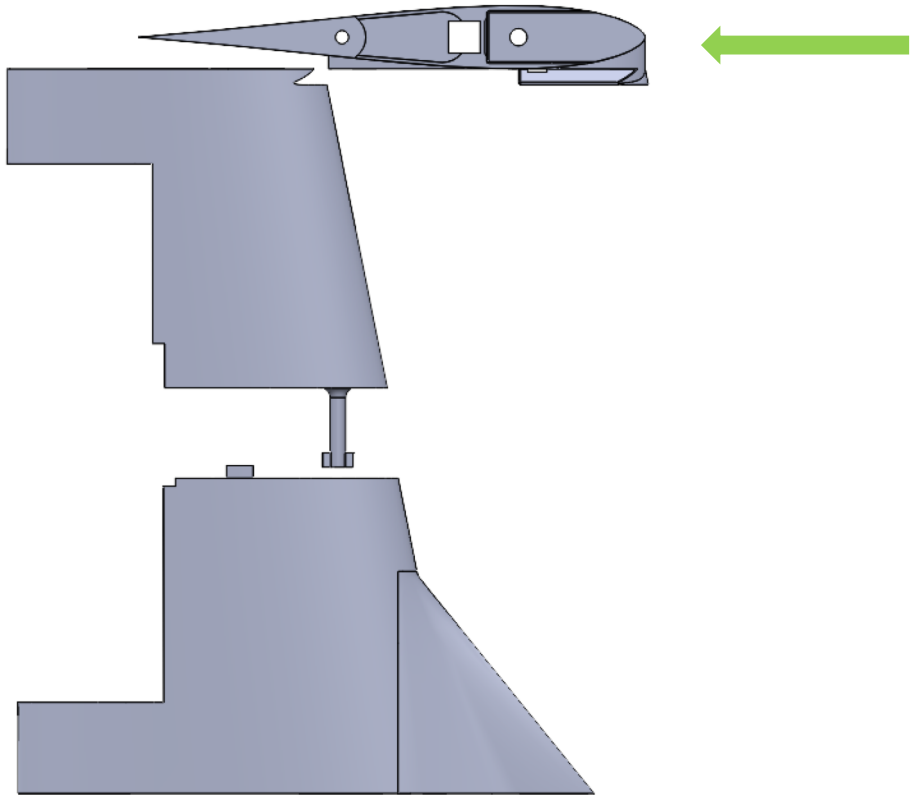

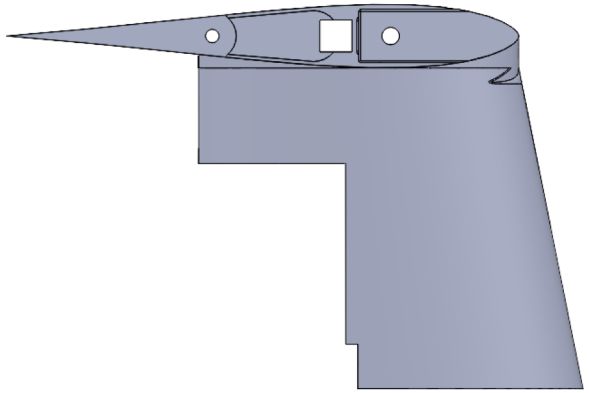

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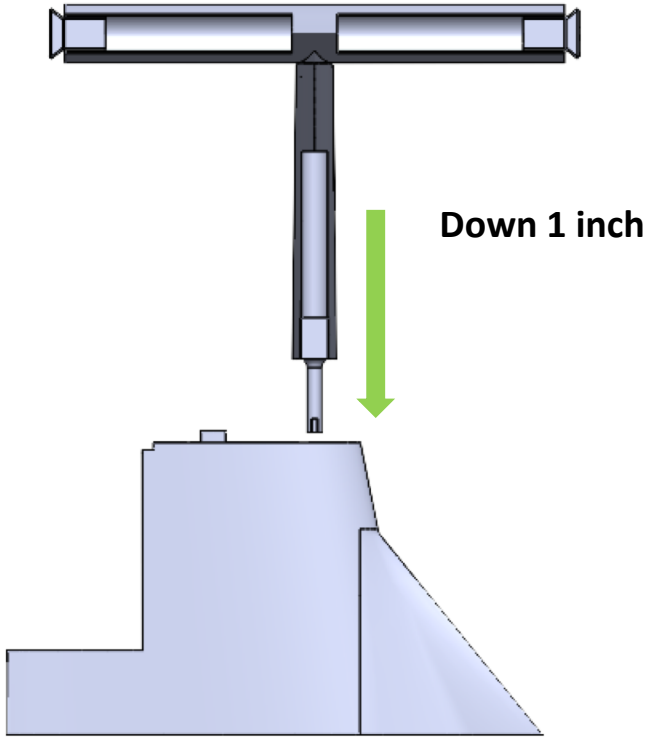

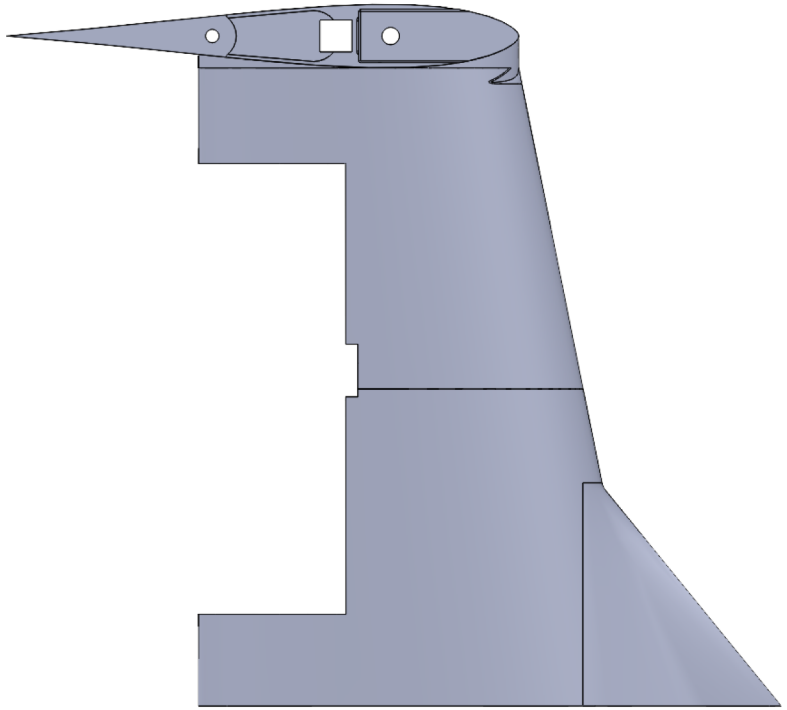

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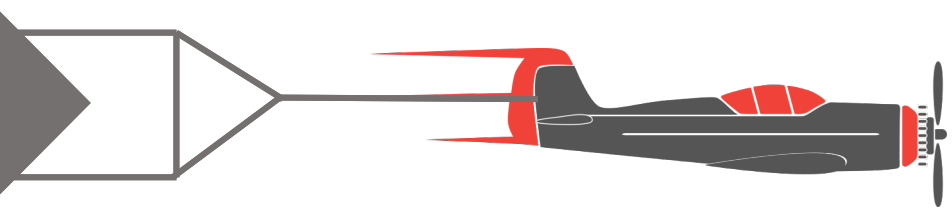

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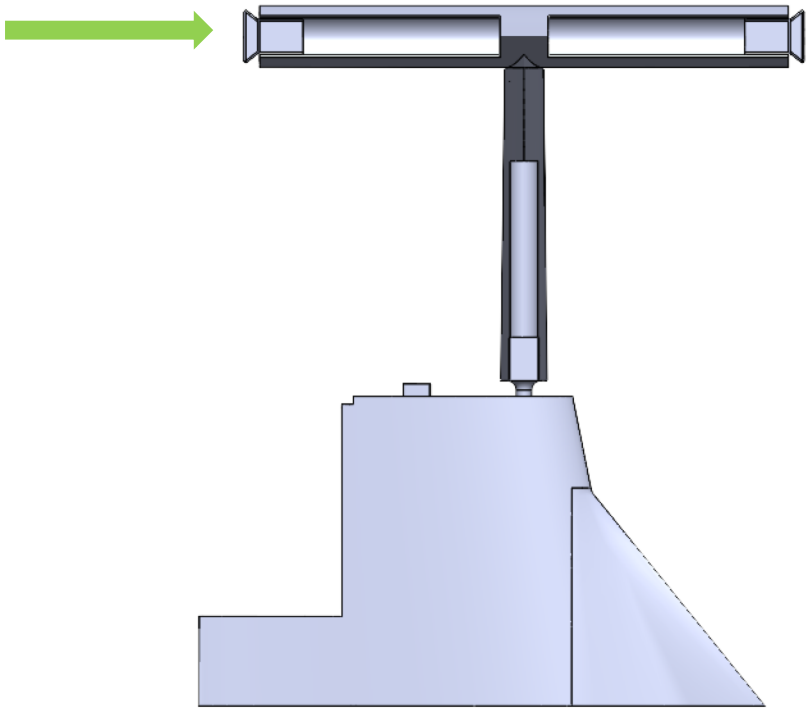

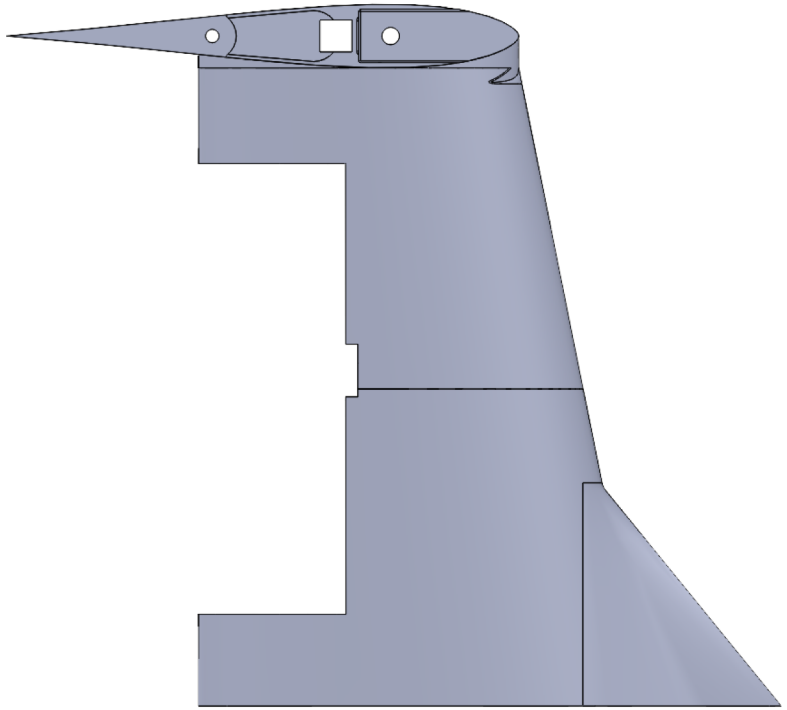

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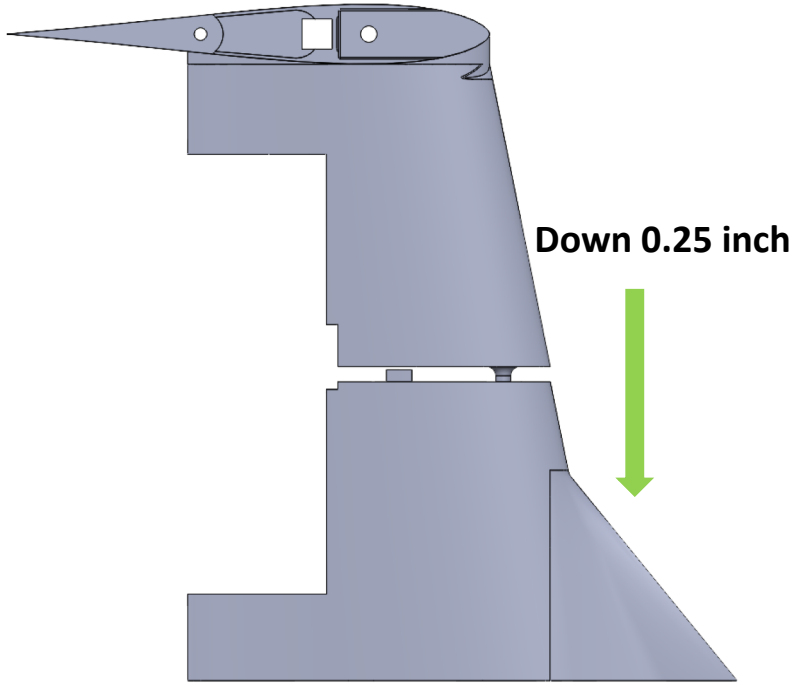

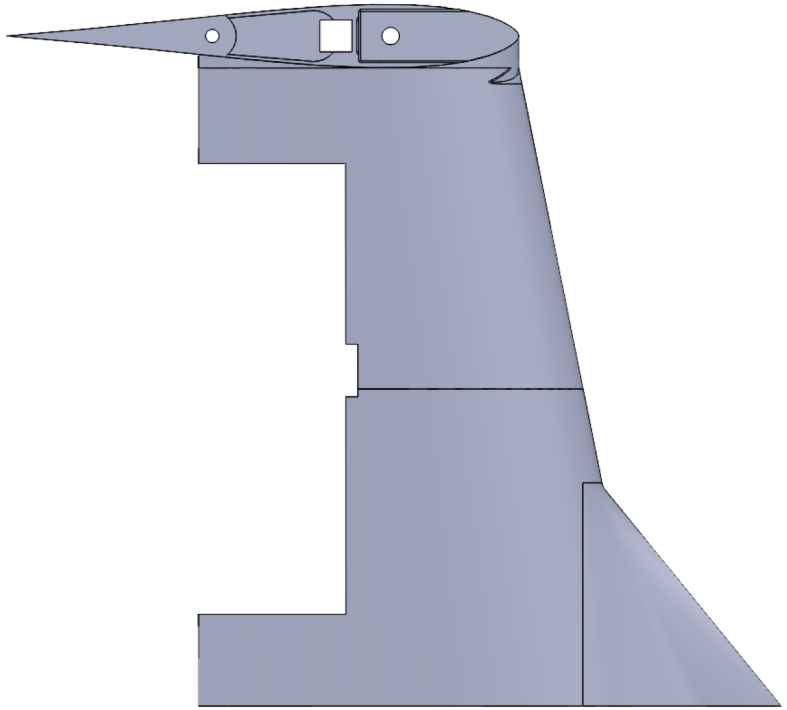

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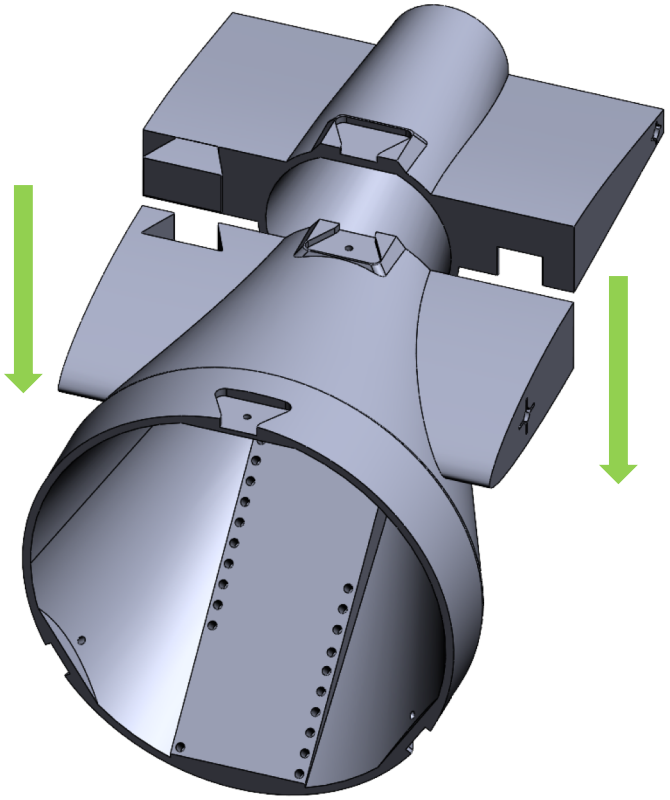

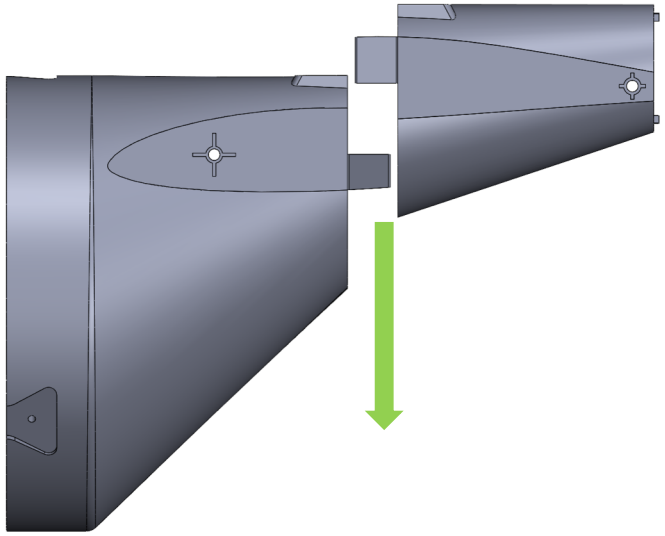

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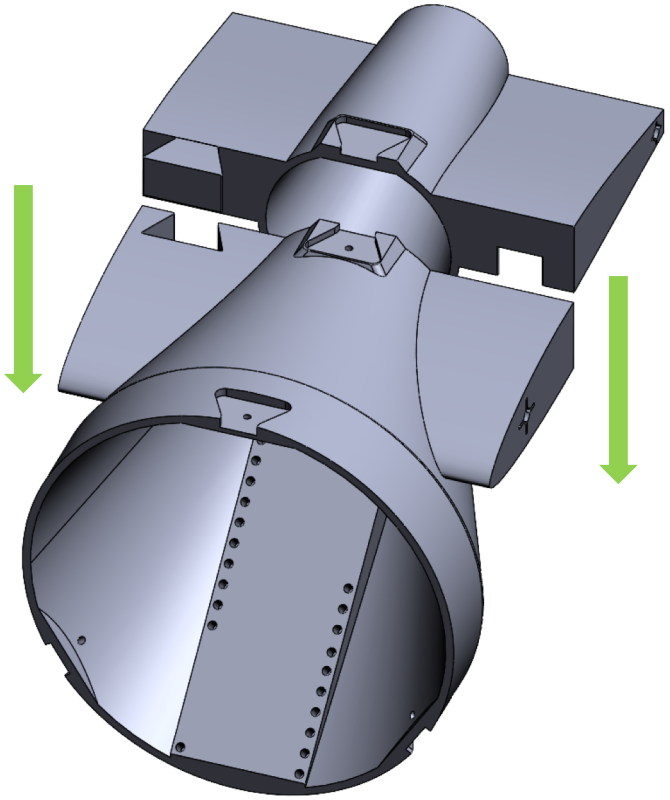

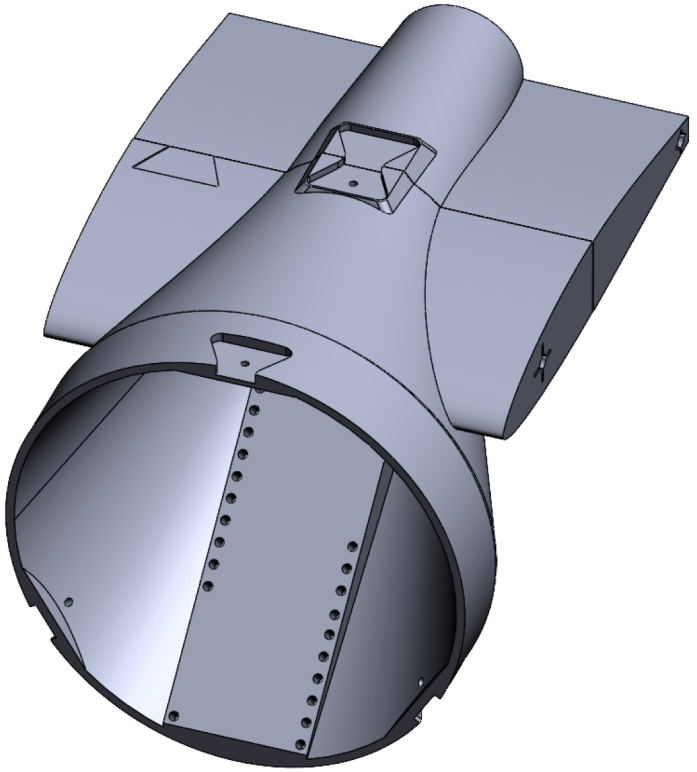

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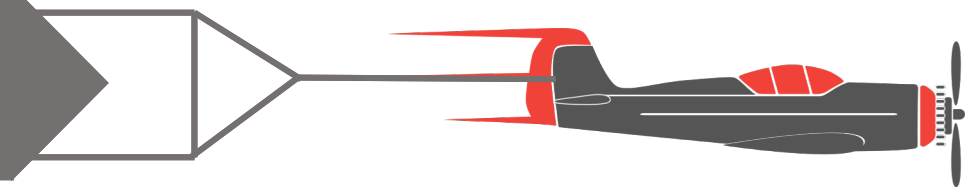

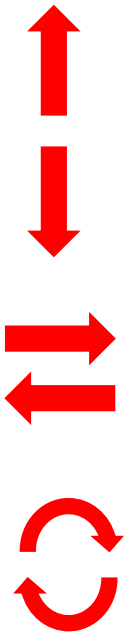

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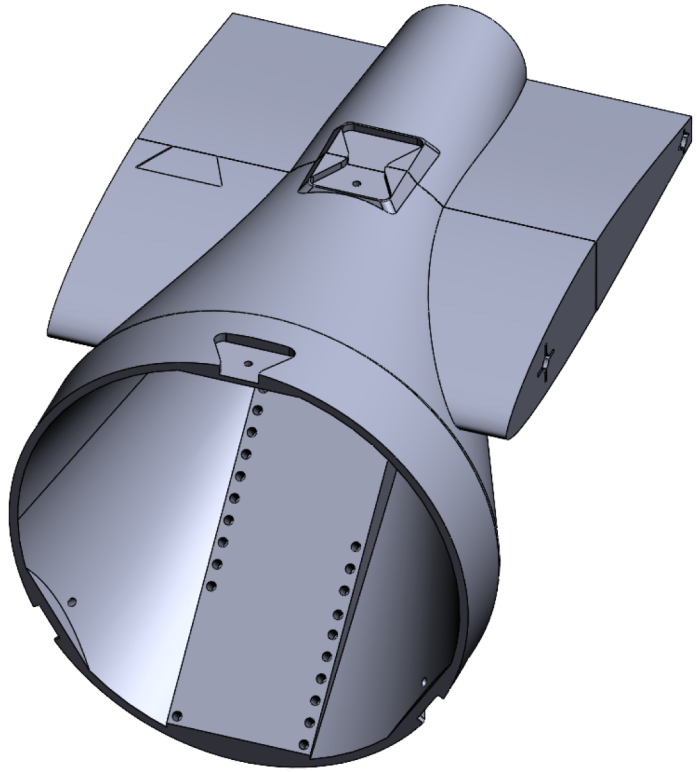

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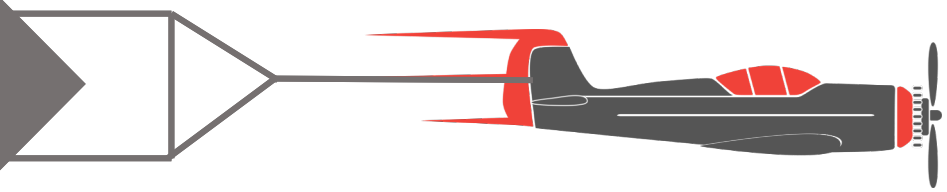

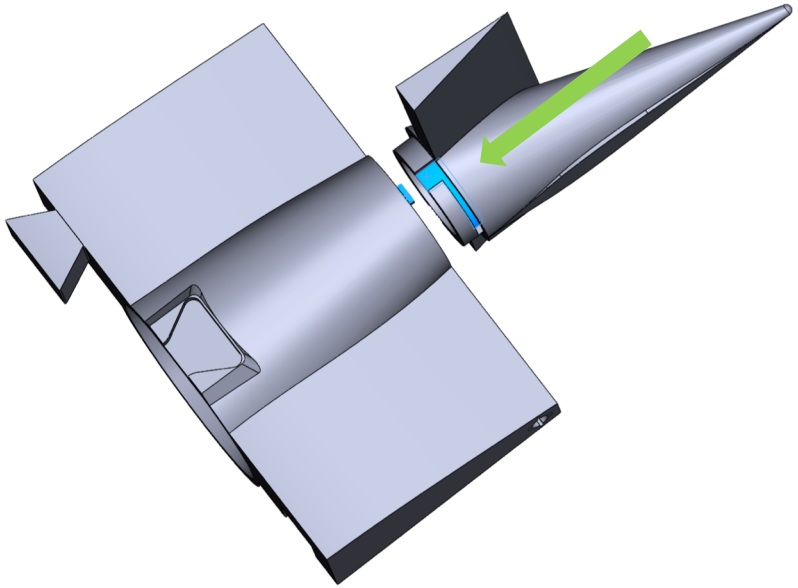

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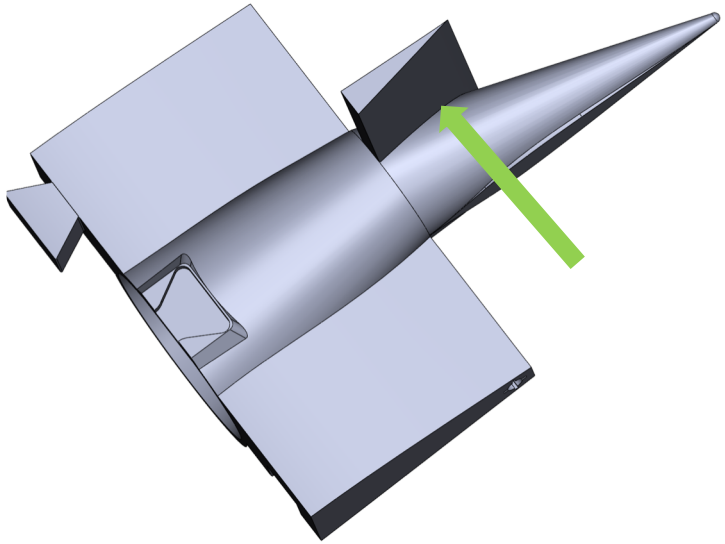

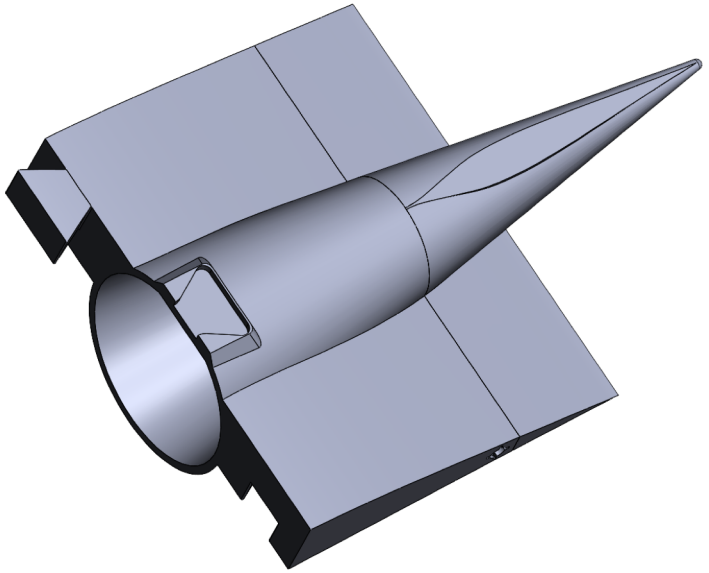

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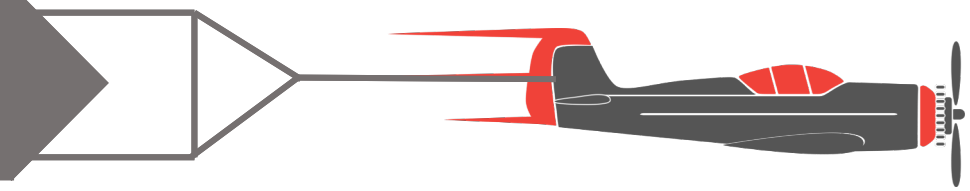

- We used a slide in male/female end technique for our cargo hold so that we can take off the top 2 bowties and take off the top of the plane to load the cargo
- We used a similar method connecting the fuselage of the plane to the T-tail

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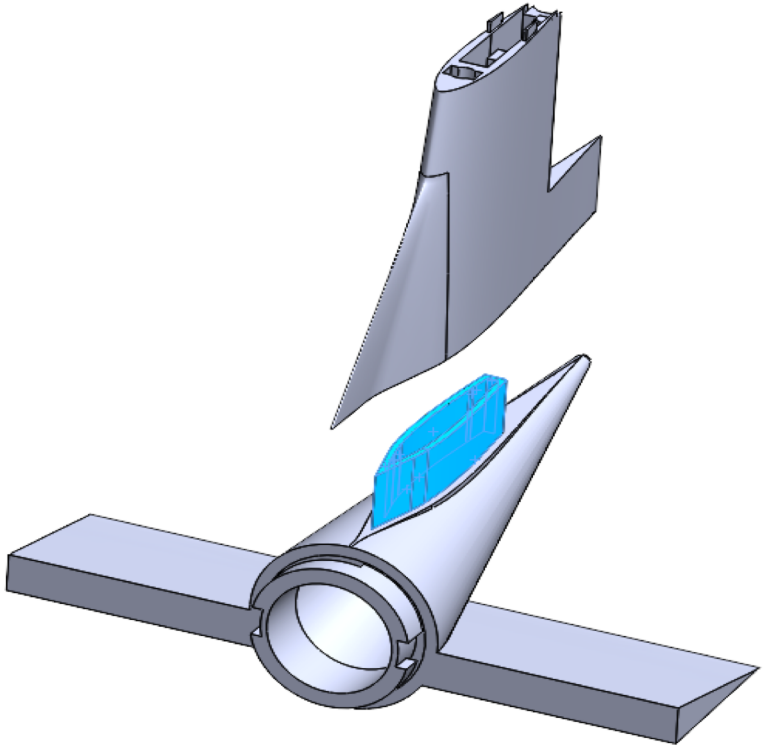
Fuselage Connections



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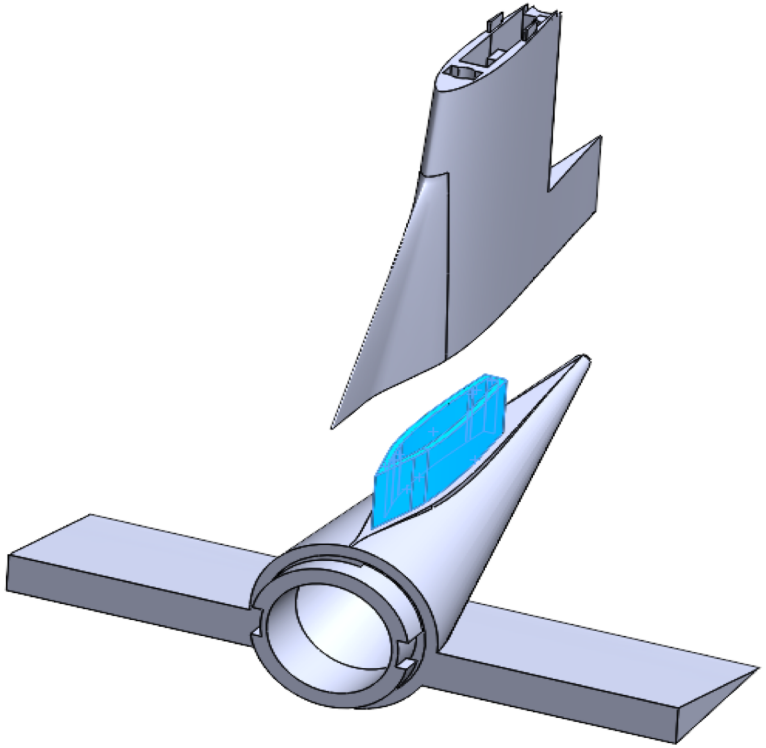

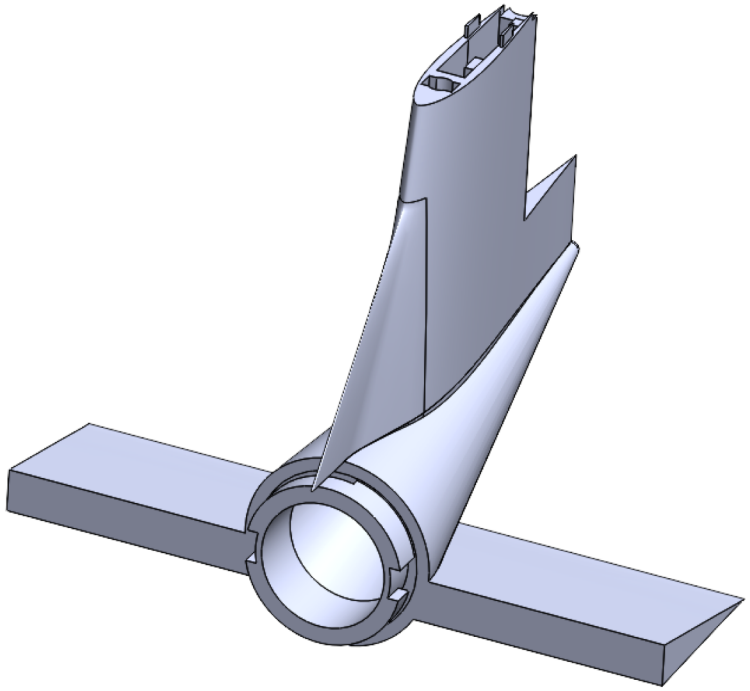

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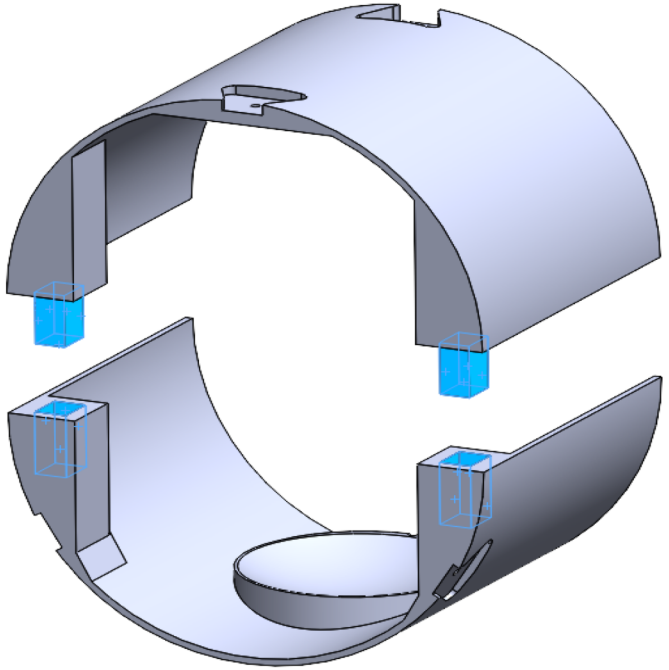

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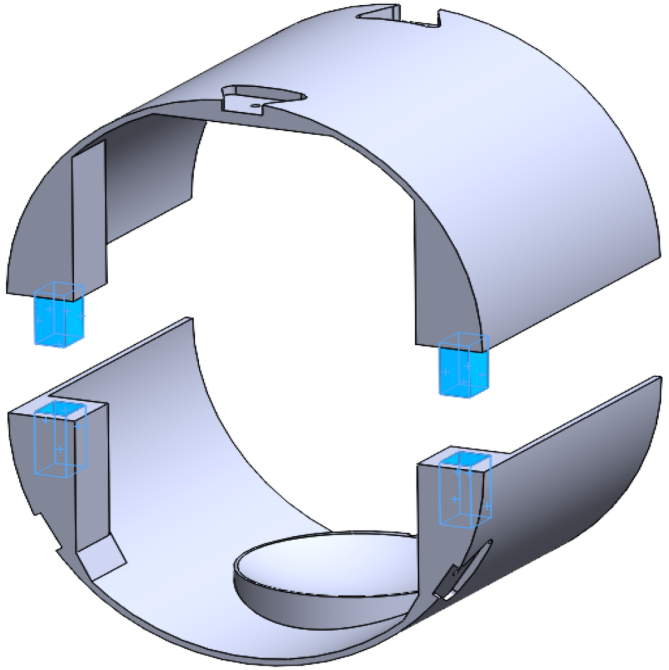

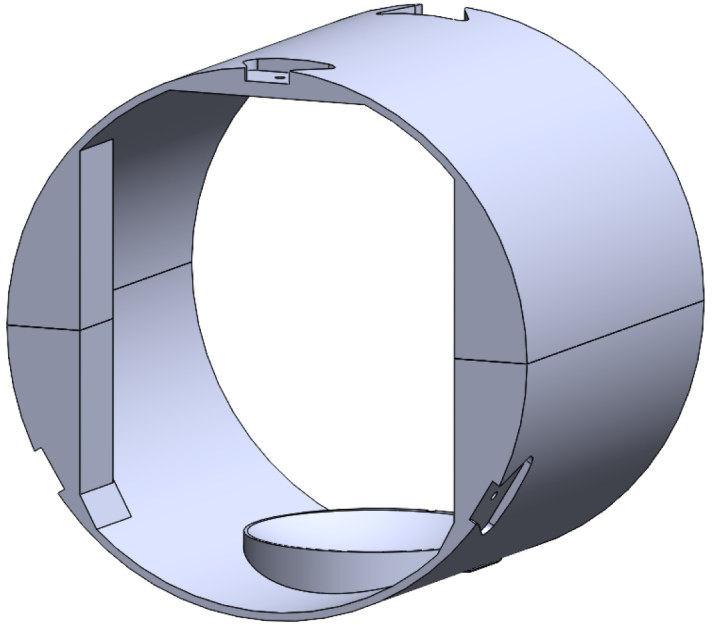

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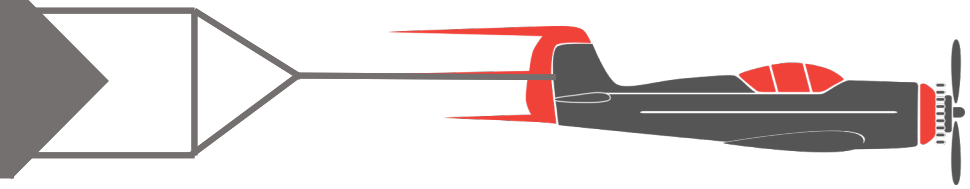

- We utilized 2 main connection methods when securing the fuselage
- The dove tail connection method was used to connect the tail parts of the fuselage together
- The bow ties were used throughout the whole fuselage to connect different sections of the fuselage

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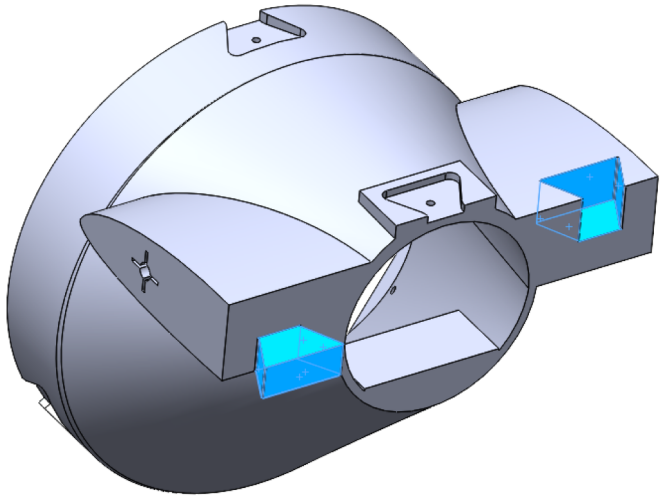

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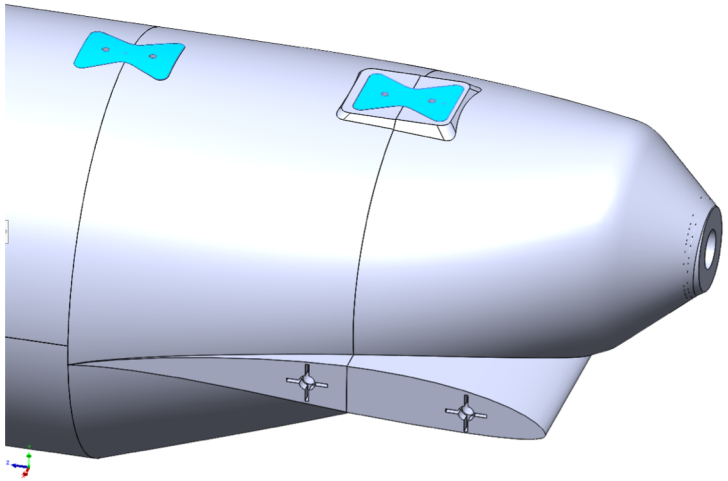

Bowtie Connection

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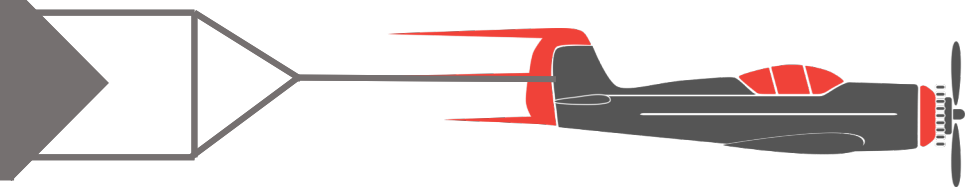

- Due to a wrong density value in our original CAD, we had to redesign our plane
- Plane came out 14 pounds heavier than expected
- Weight was cut by reducing the length of fuselage and reducing the size of the tail

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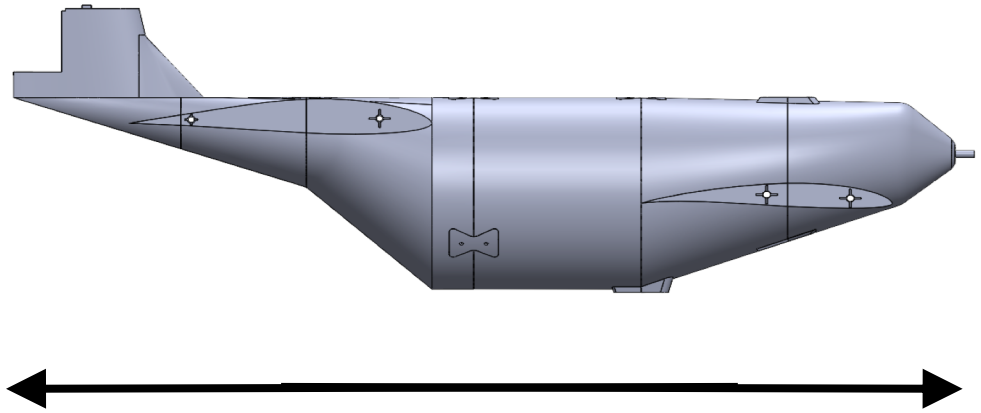
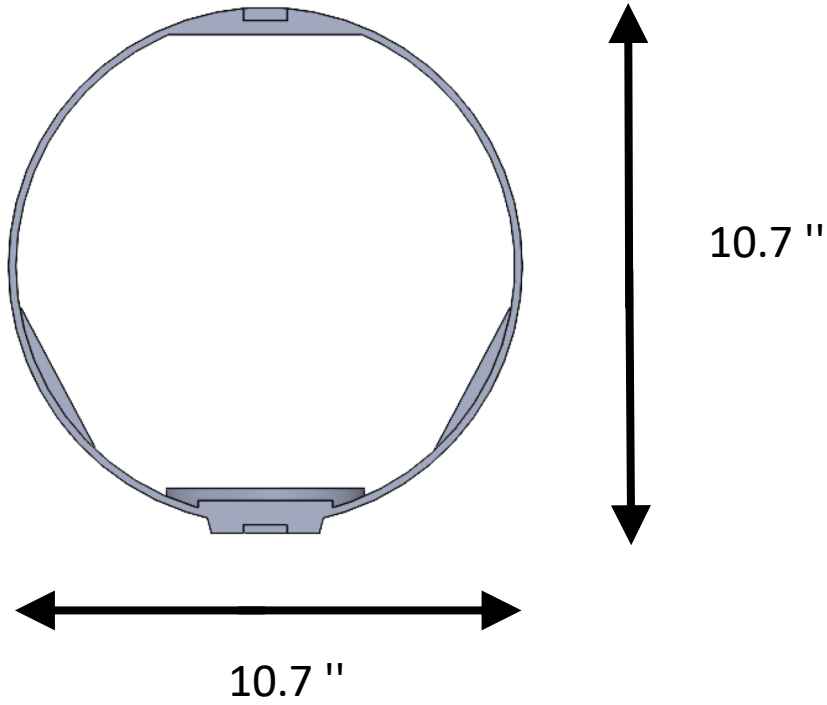
Fuselage Specifications





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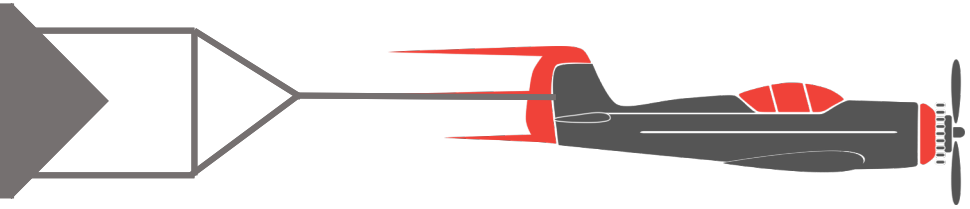
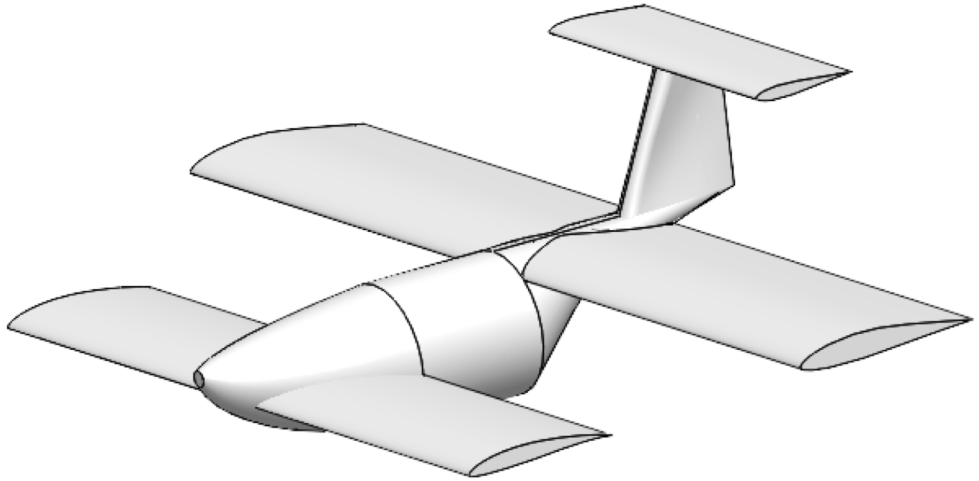


- Our plane is predicted to weigh 14.62 lbs
- This is lighter than our original plane which was predicted to weigh 28 pounds



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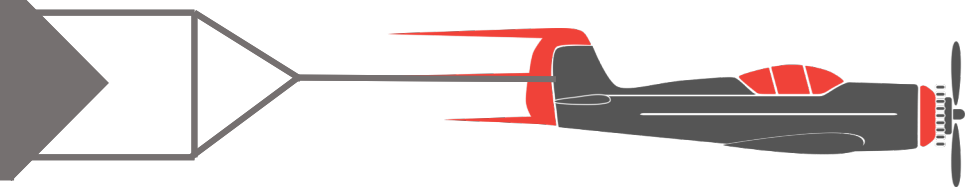

- We had to place our required cargo at 2 different points to balance the center of gravity
- The soccer ball will be placed 18 inches from the leading edge which puts it in the 3rd section of the fuselage
- The box weight sits at the beginning of the tail piece of the fuselage
  - We included multiple points where the box weight can be secured for flexibility

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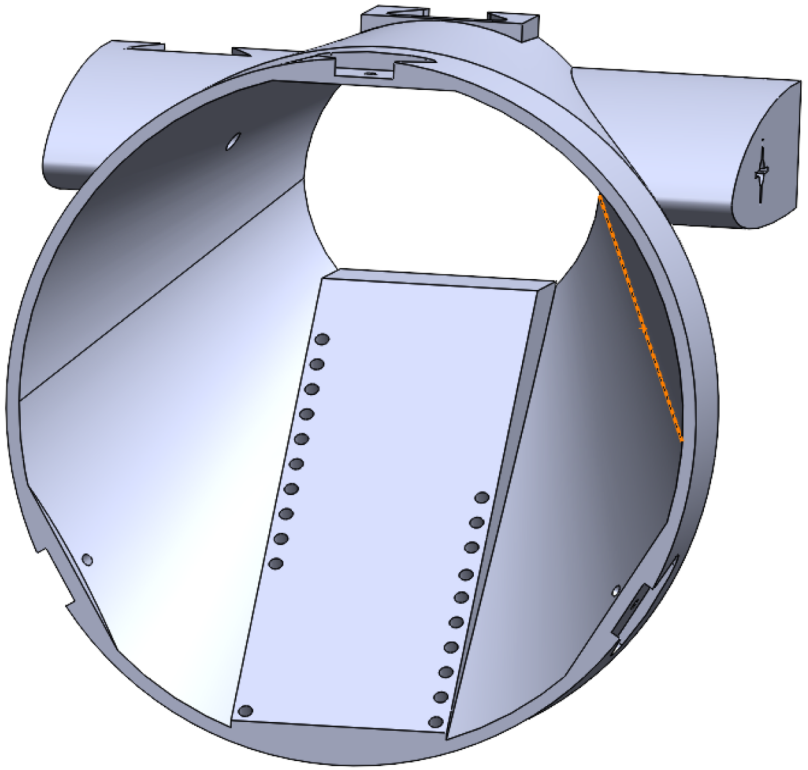

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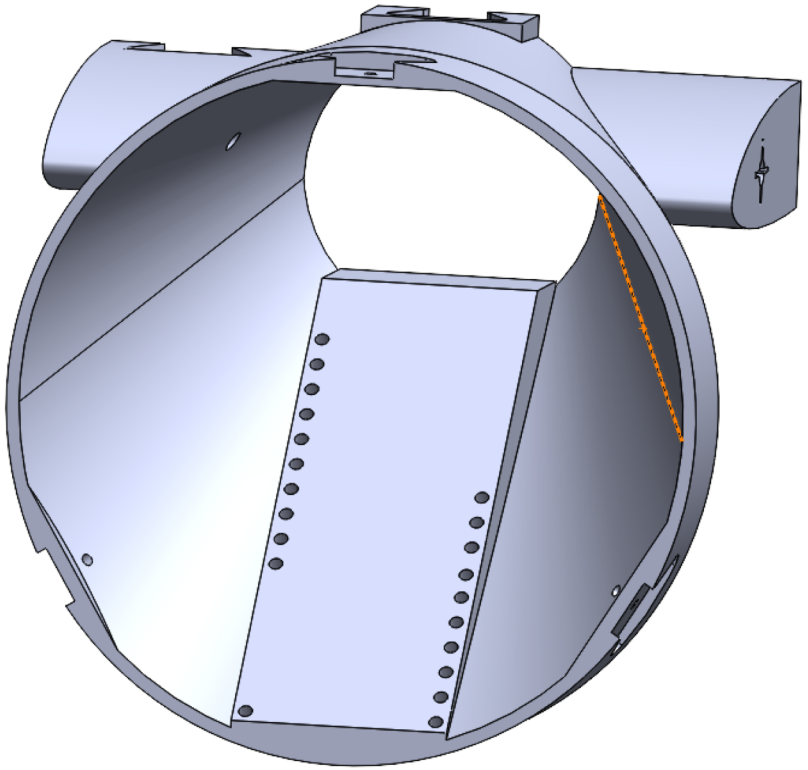

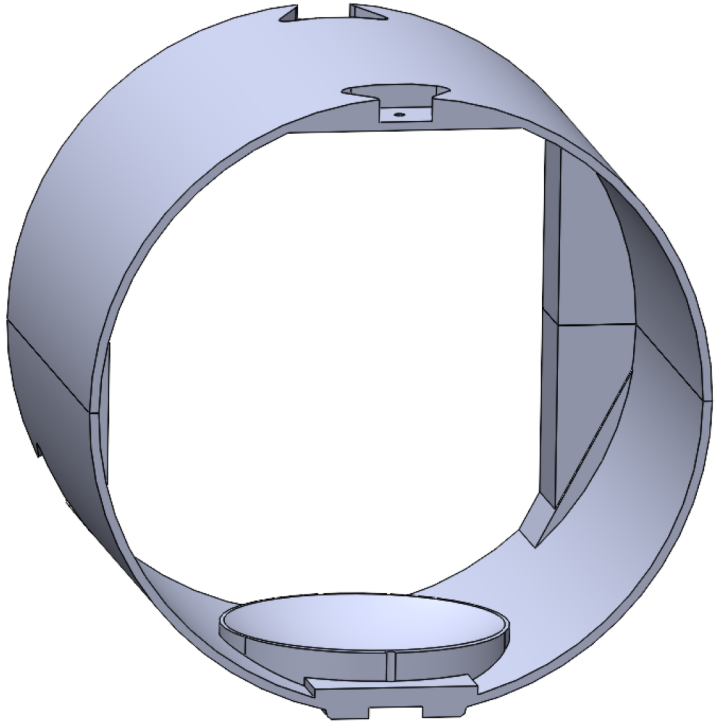

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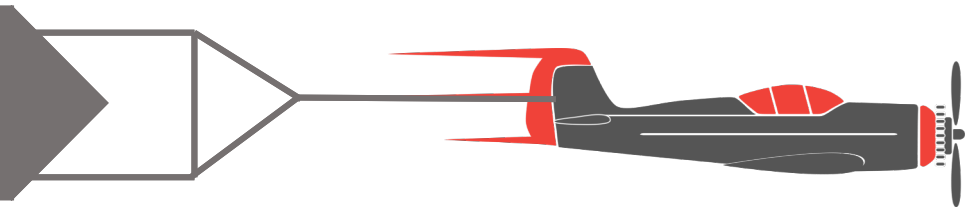
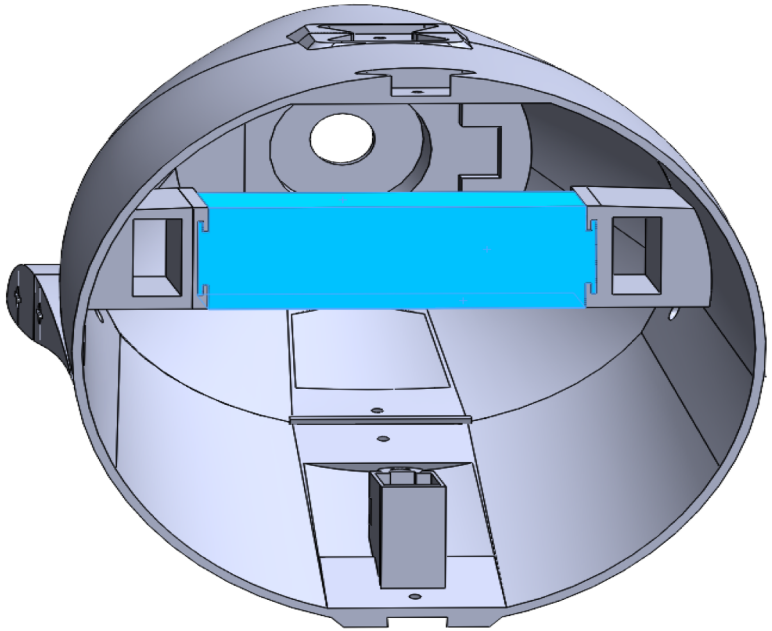
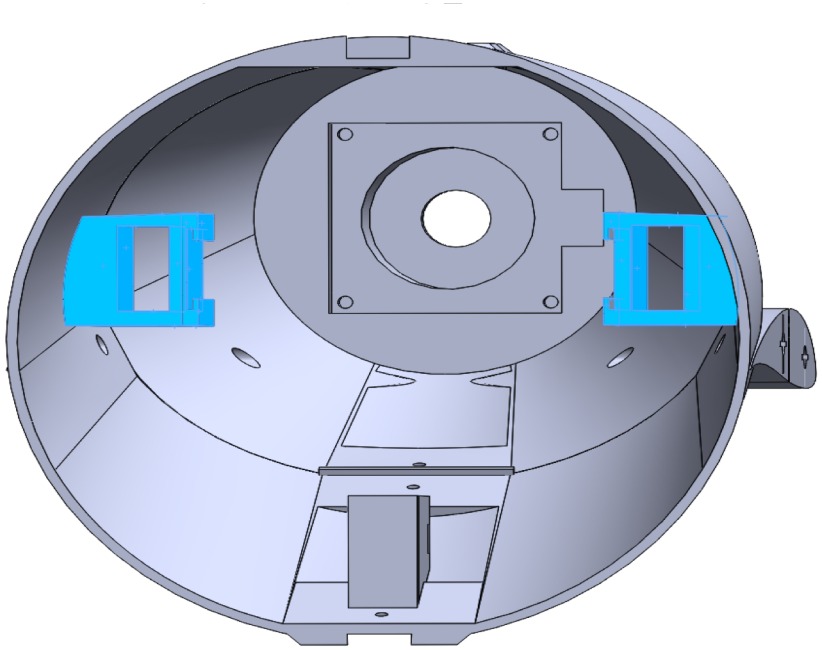


- We placed our battery in the nose of the plane as Seminole RC club informed us its more efficient for the motor to be closer to the battery





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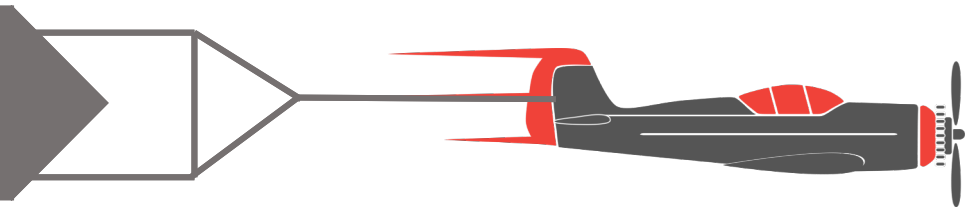
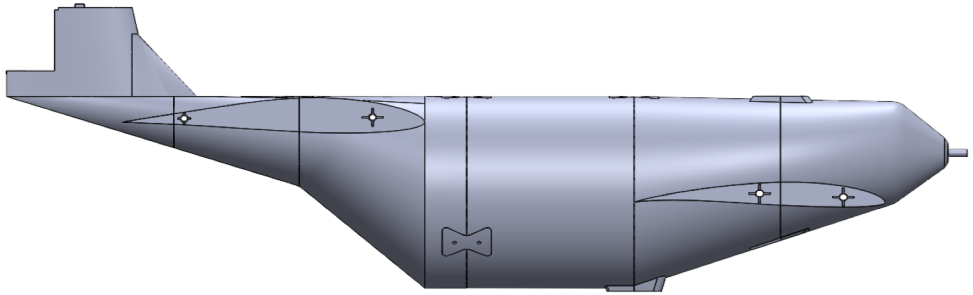
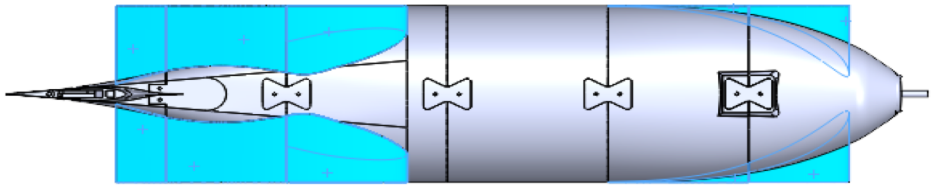
Connecting Wings



- The fuselage of the plane and the wings were connected through the 2 spars running through each wing
- We extruded the matching airfoil out of the plane to match the diameter of the fuselage





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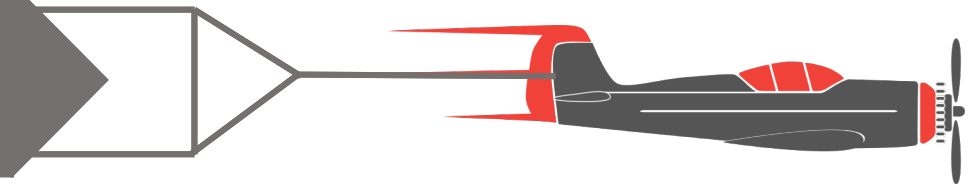

- Seminole RC gave recommendations on designing the landing gear
- Back wheels should be set 20 inches apart
- Propellor should have a 2 – 5 inch ground clearance
- This will help in stabilizing the plane during take-off

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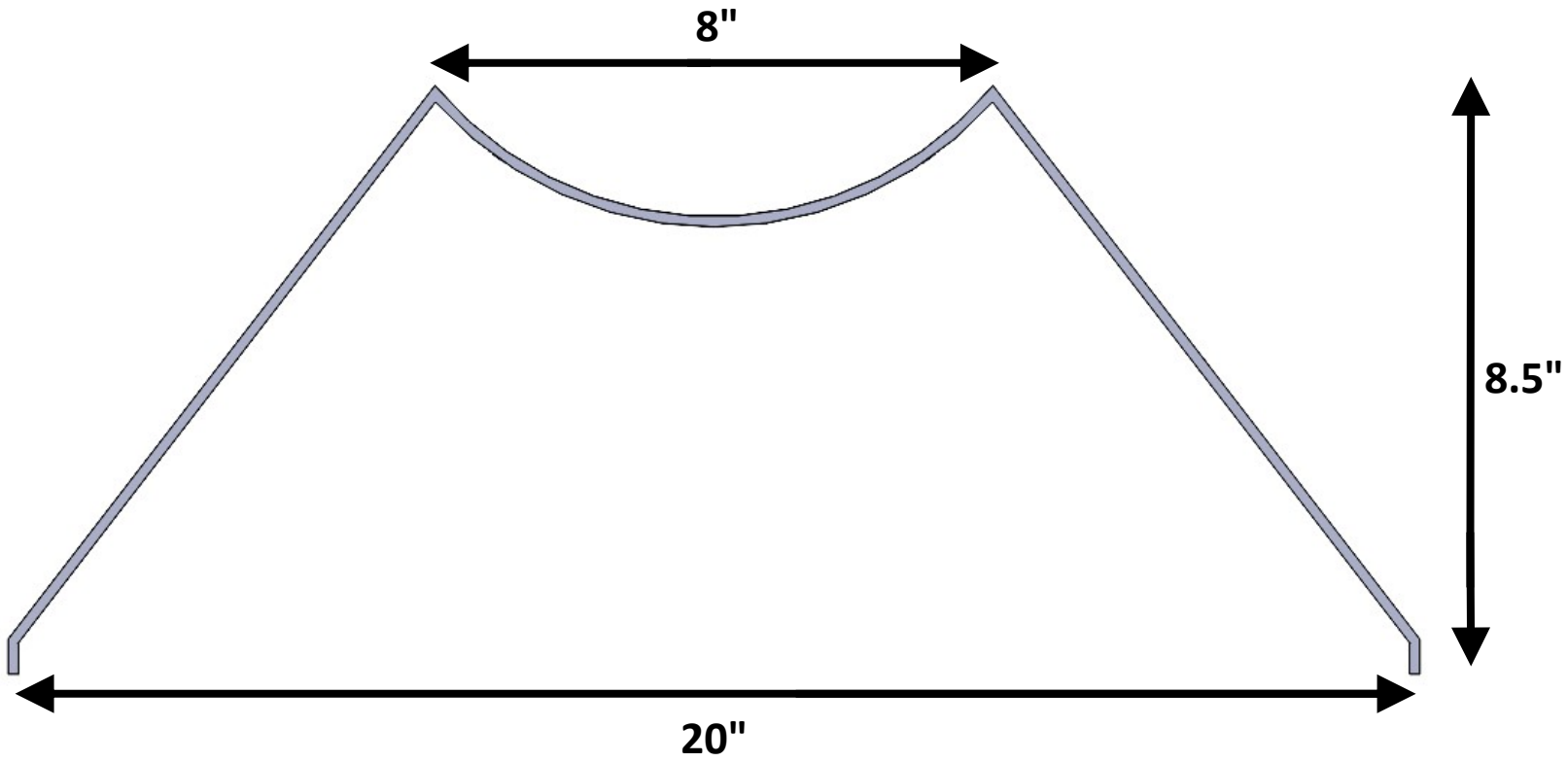

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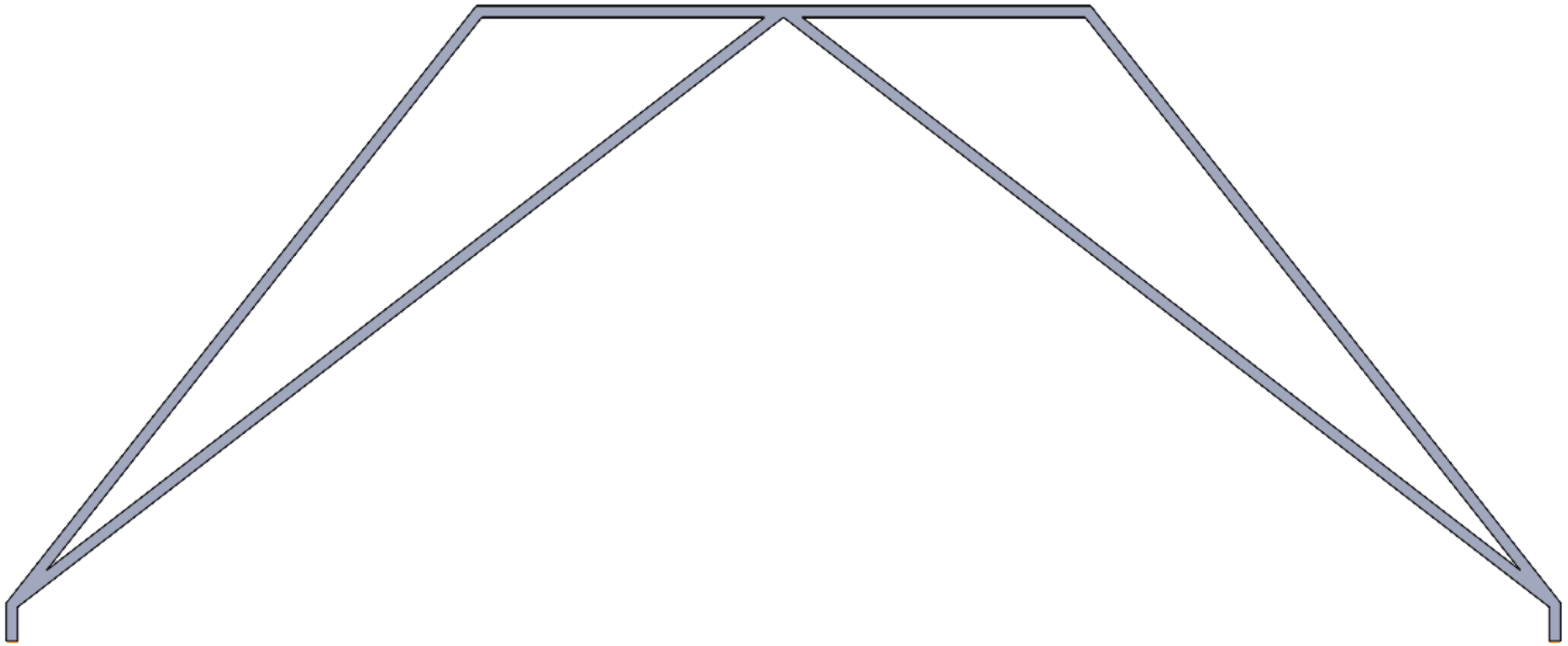

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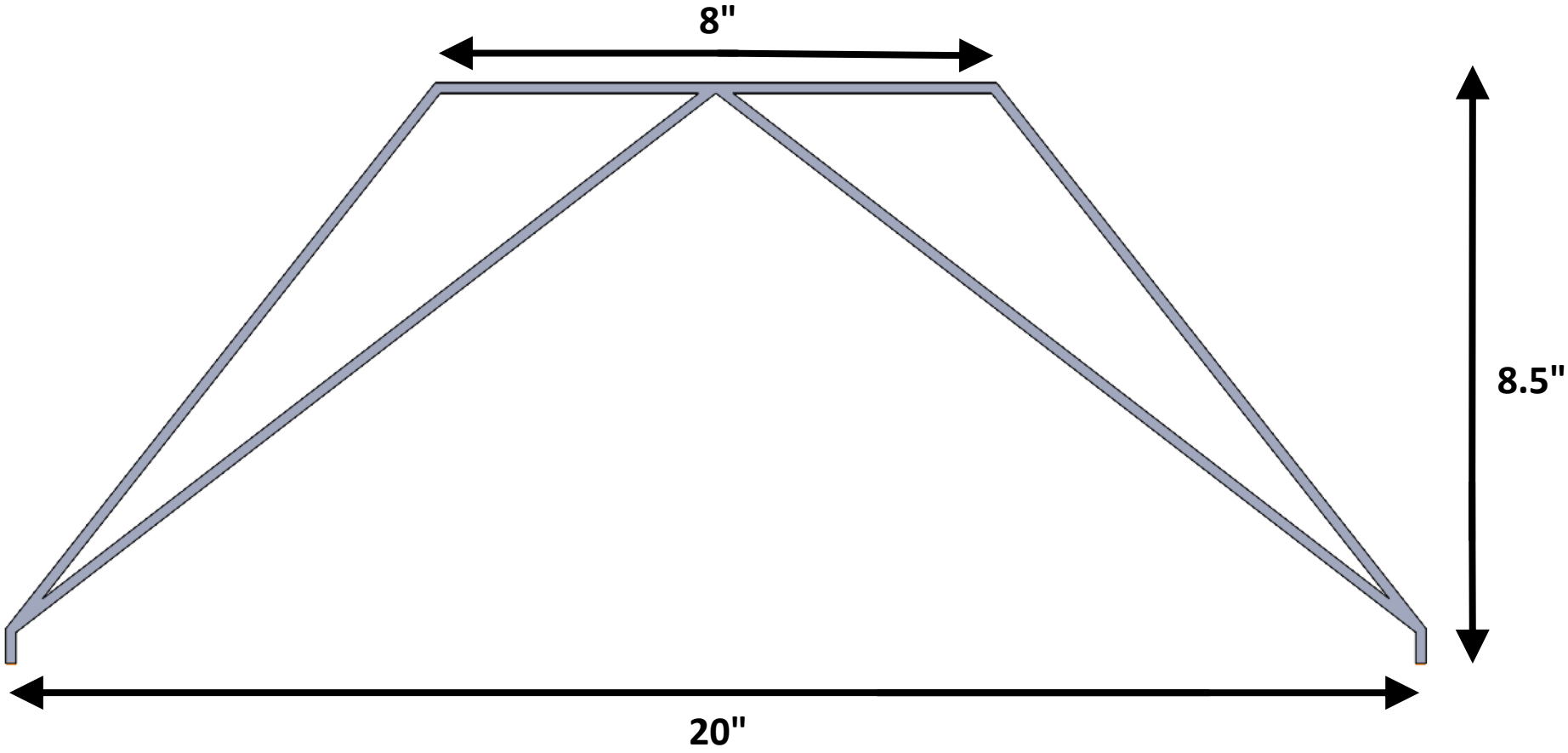

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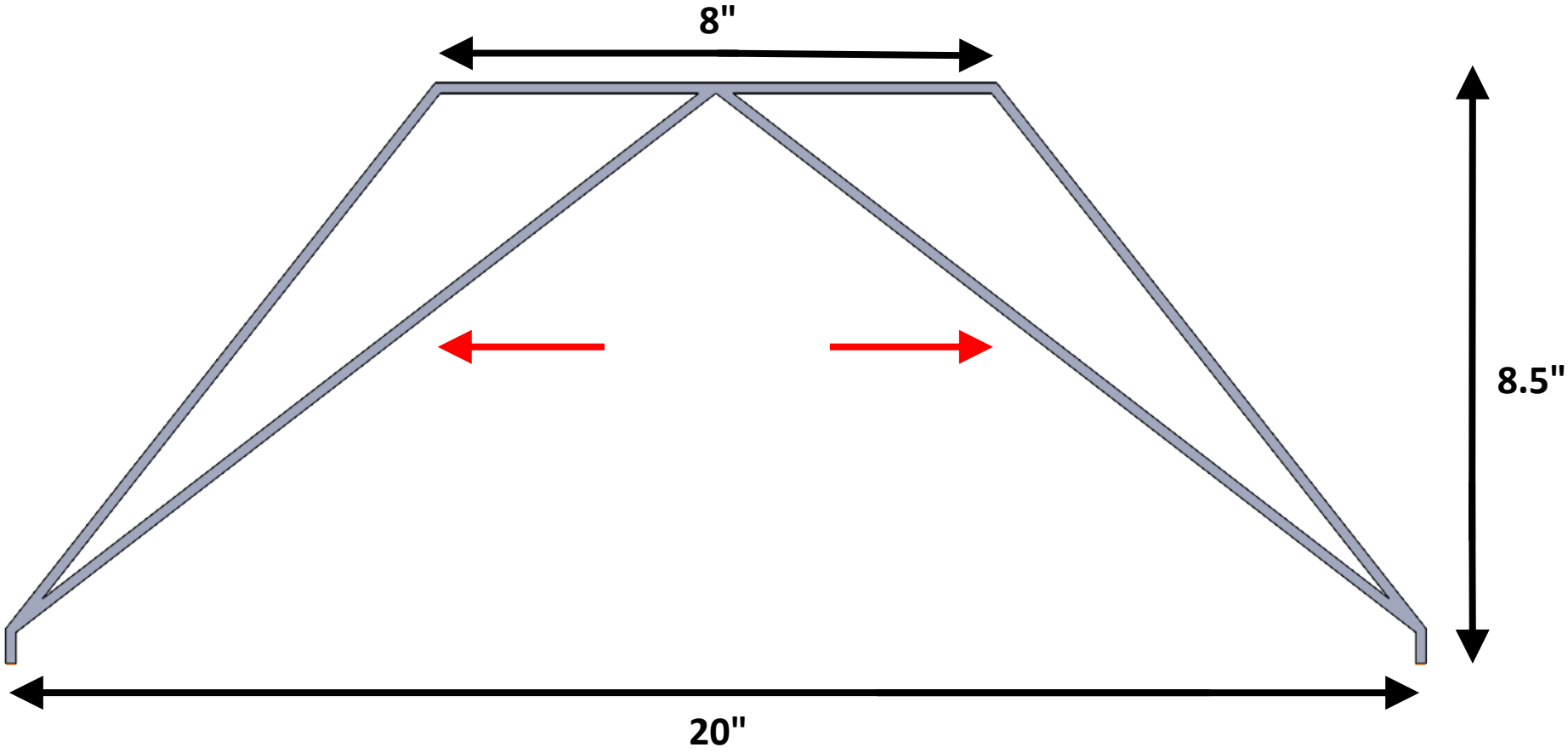

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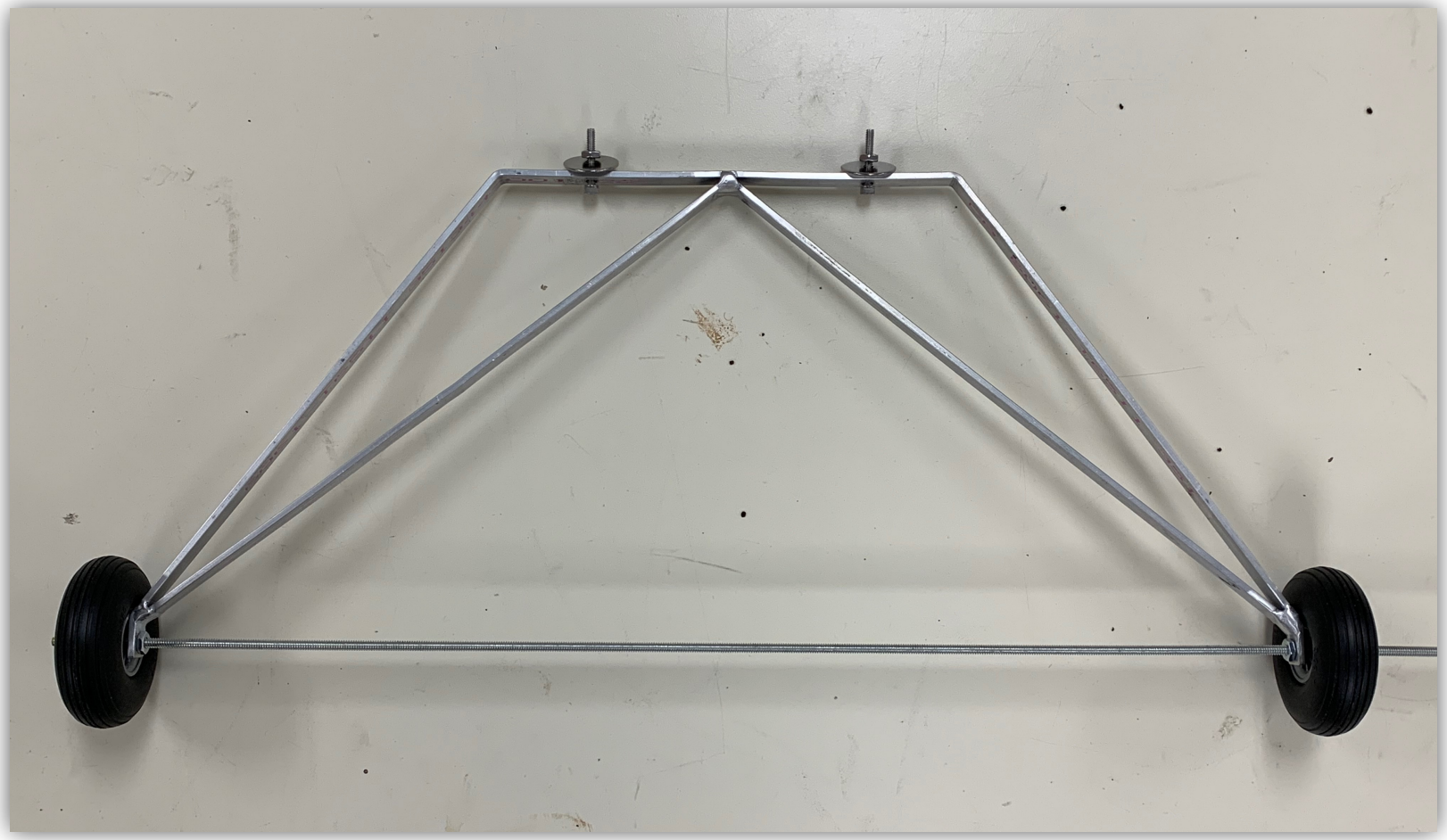

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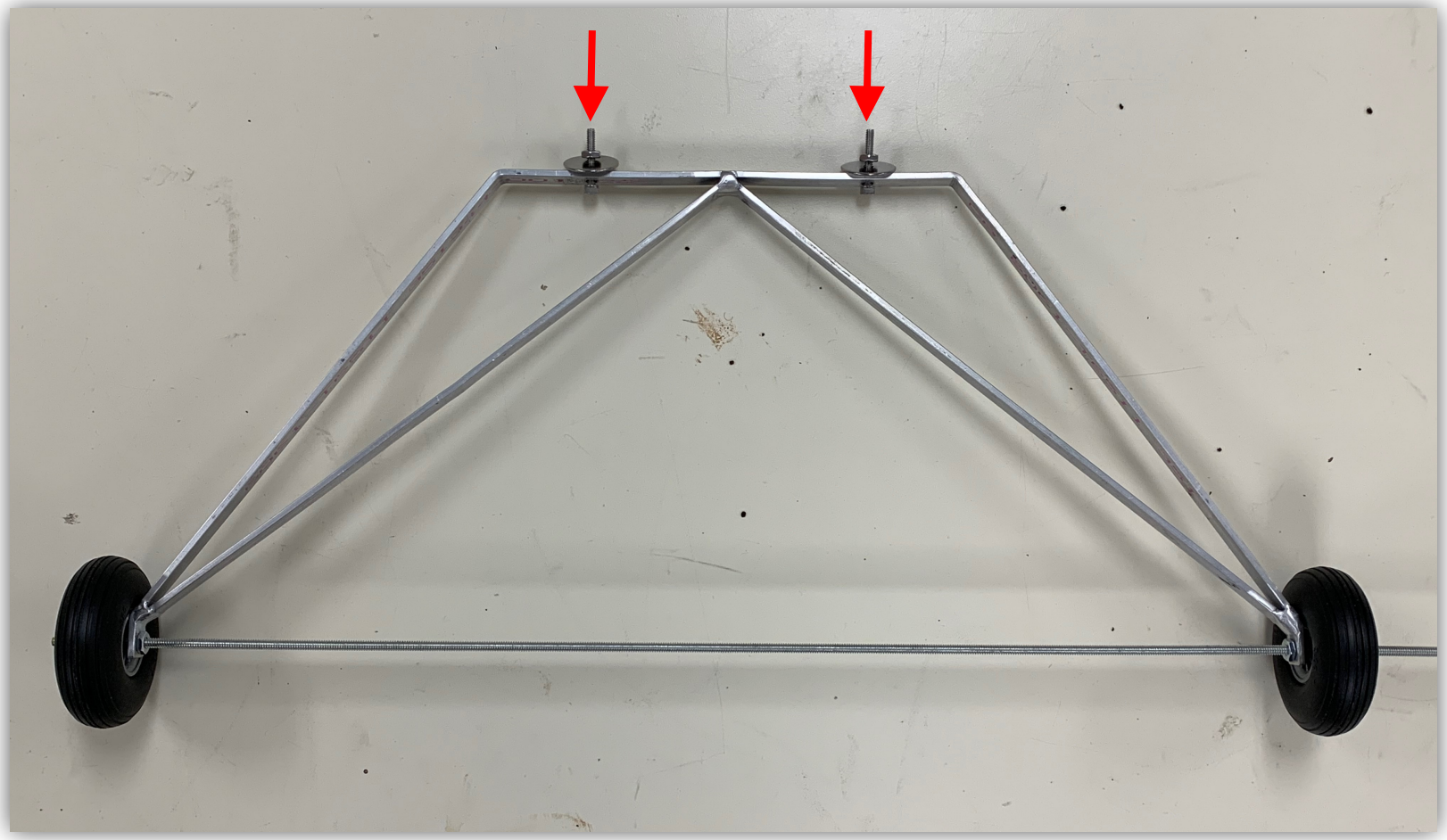

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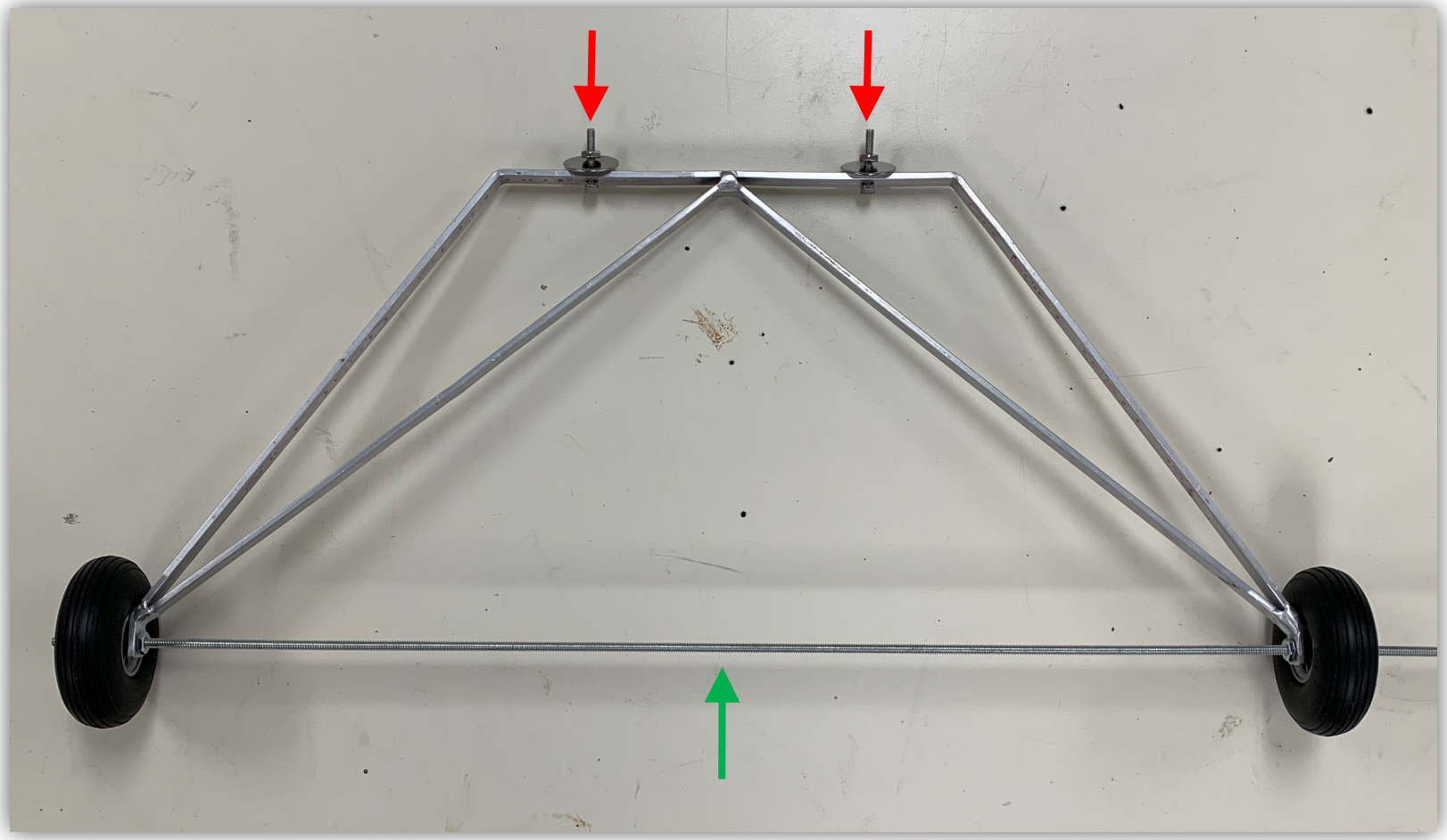

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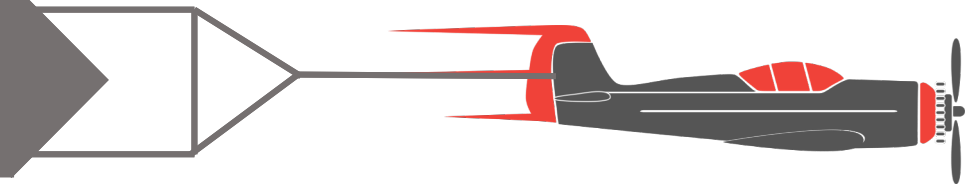

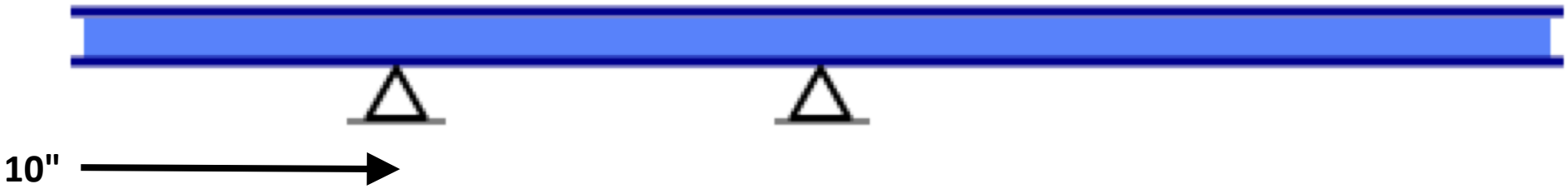

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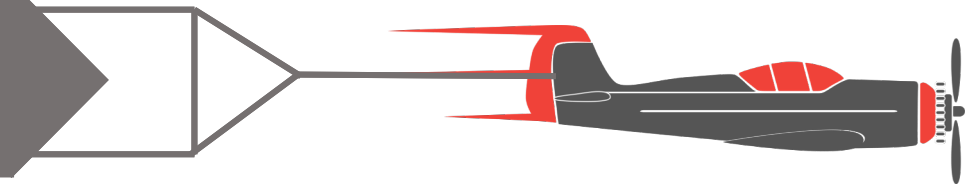

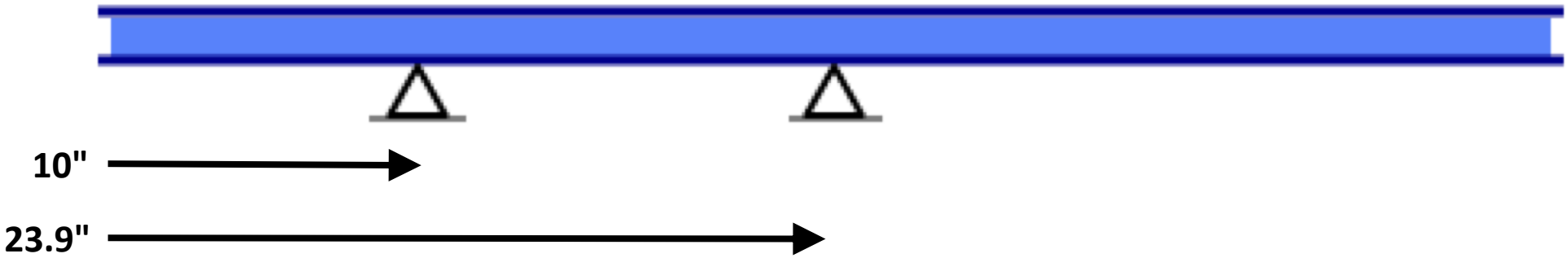

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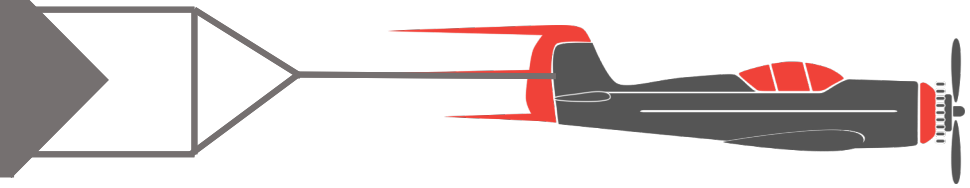

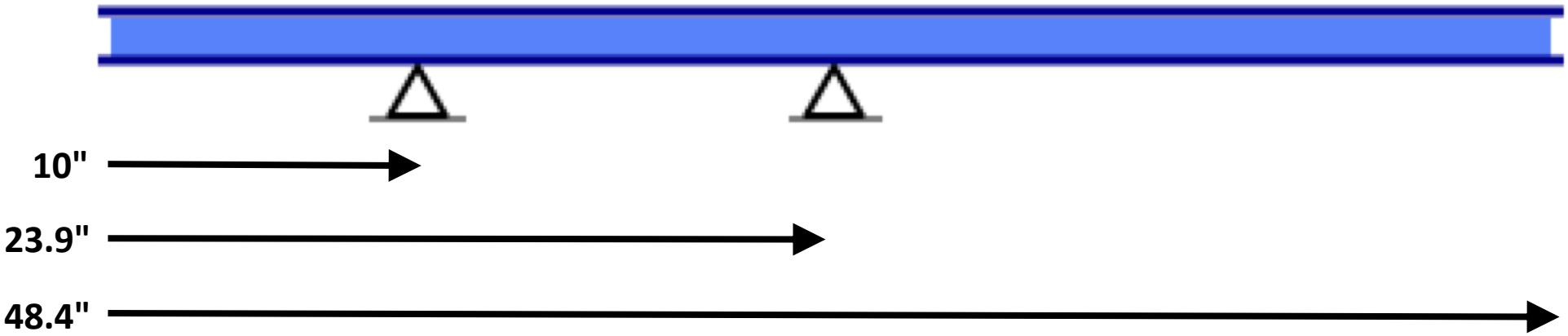

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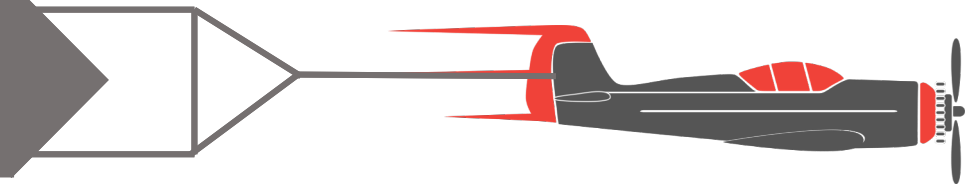

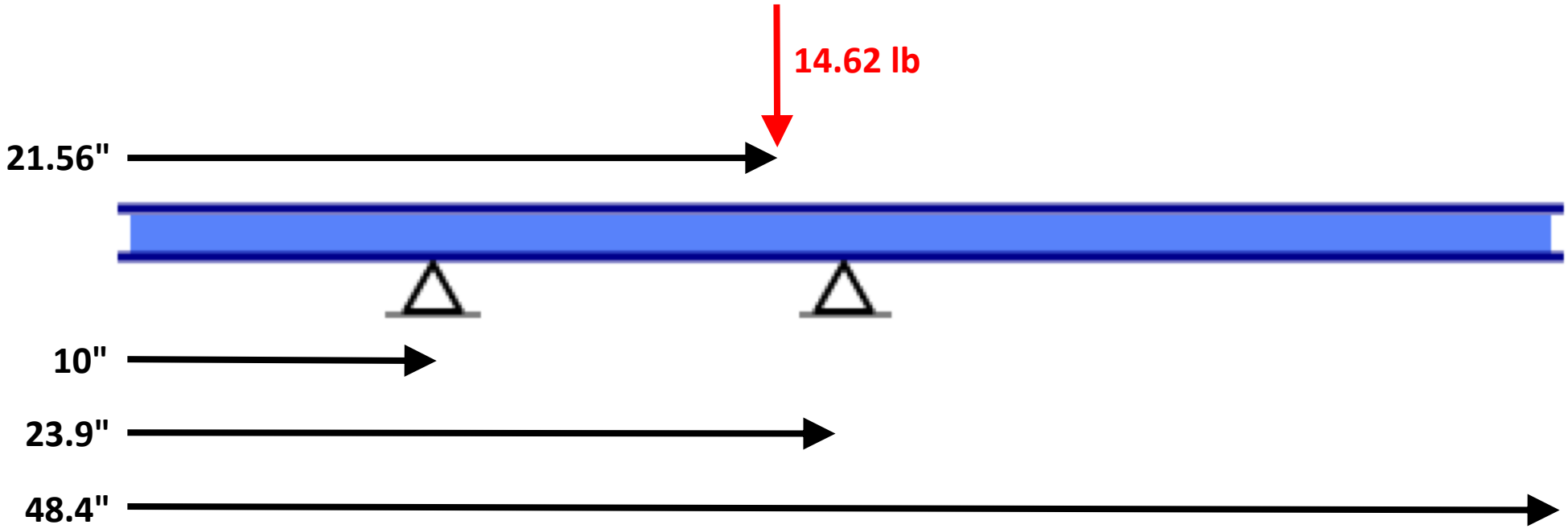

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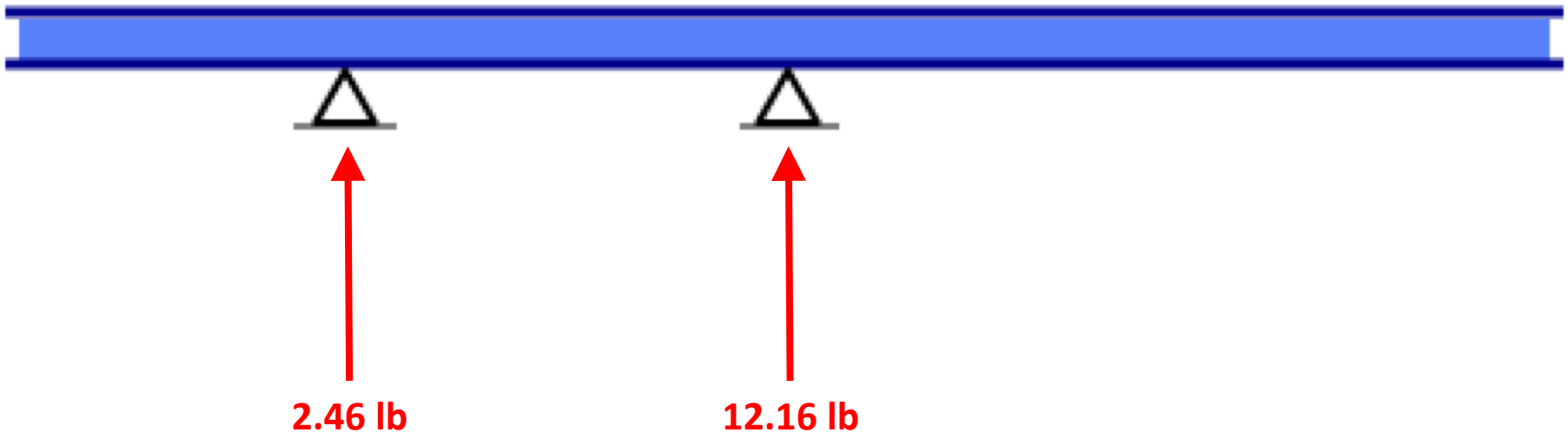

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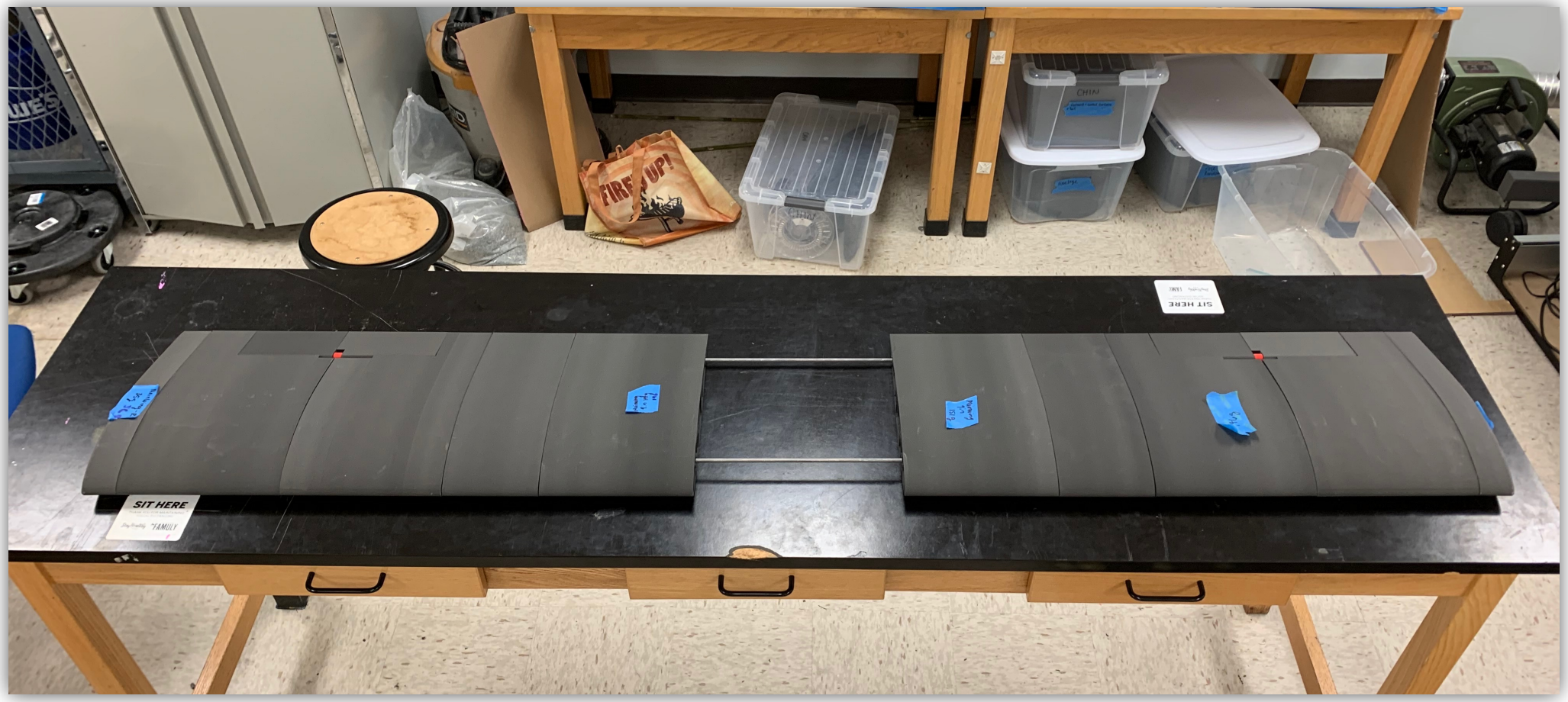

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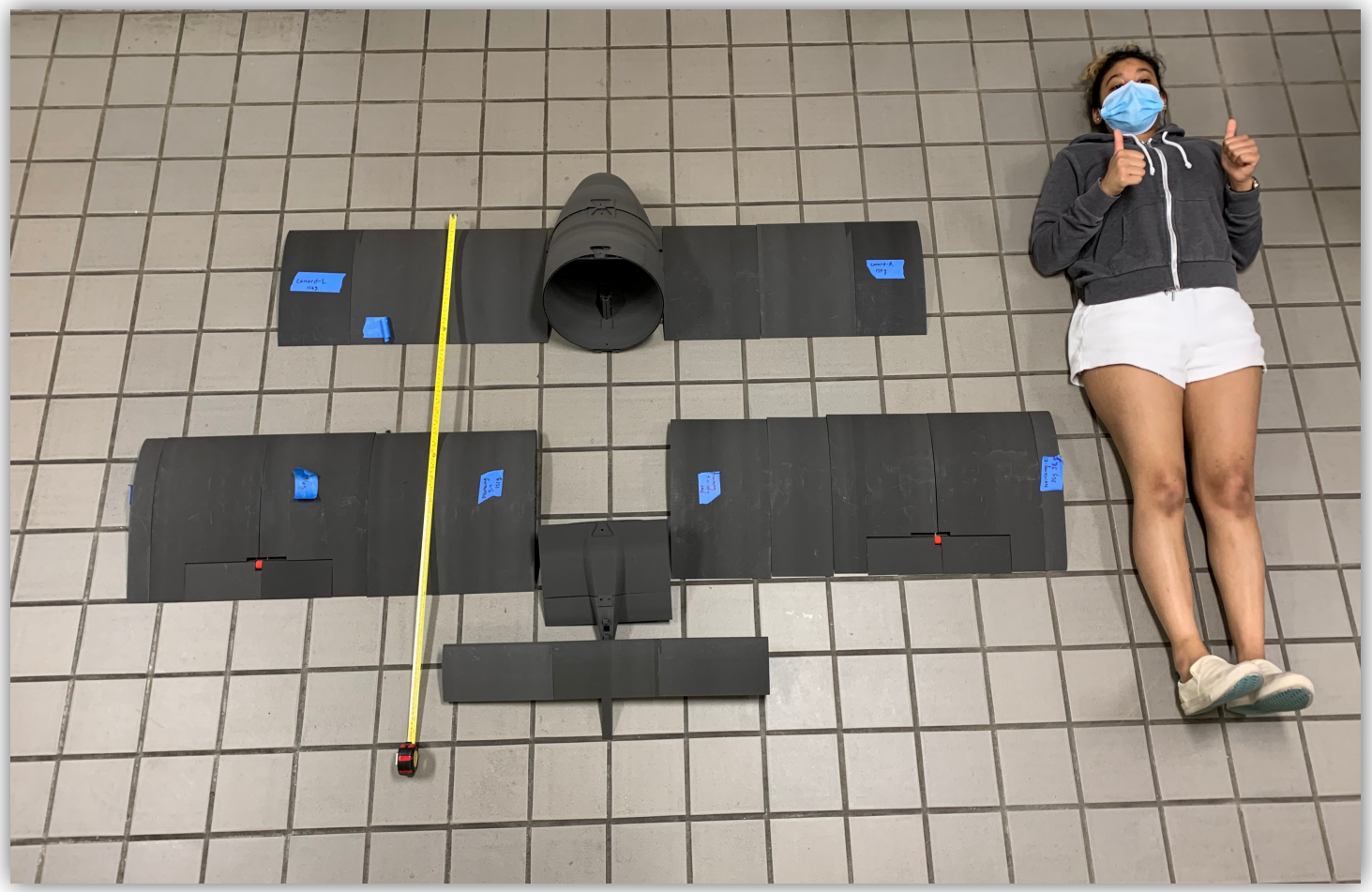

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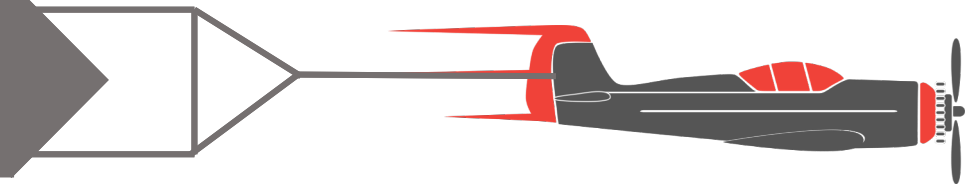
Future Work



- Finish printing the fuselage
- Assemble and wire the plane
- Set a date and fill out needed paperwork for the test flight

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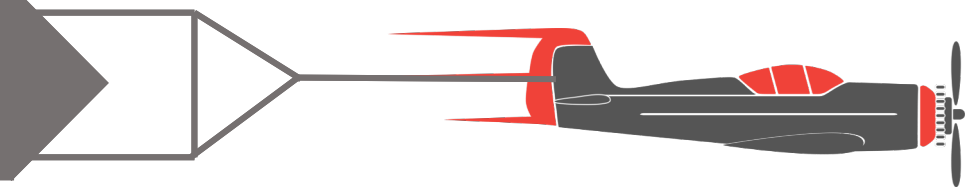
Key Takeaways



- LW-PLA was chosen using material tests
- All parts must be made with printing in mind
- Fuselage design allows cargo to be moved to help change CG
- Both sections of the landing gear are holding the recommended weight
- We are working with Seminole RC to conduct a test flight

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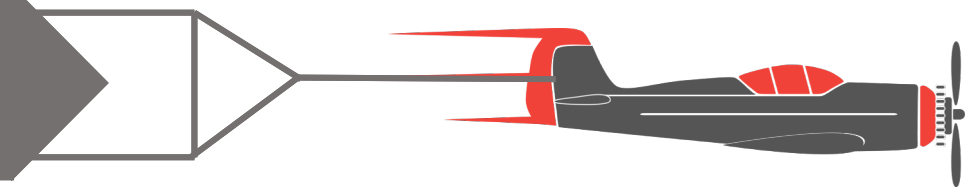
Lessons Learned



- Have printers up and running early
- Complete **all of** the CAD before printing begins
- Finish the plane in time for a test flight before competition
- Establish a professional relationships with the Innovation Hub and the Seminole RC Club

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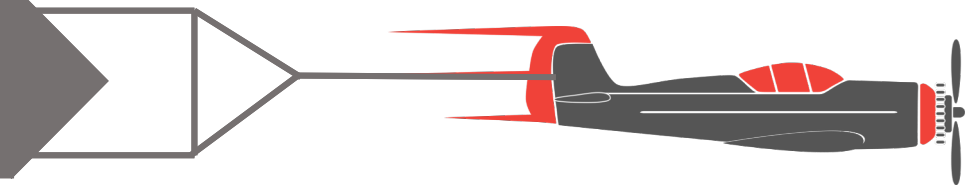

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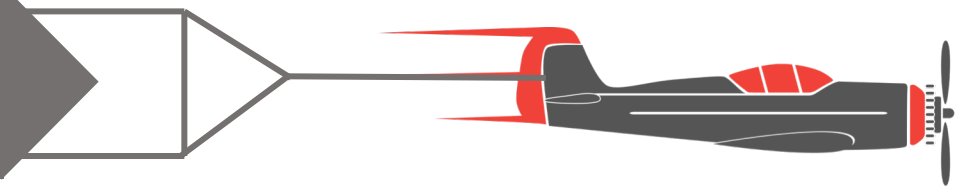
Back-Up Slides



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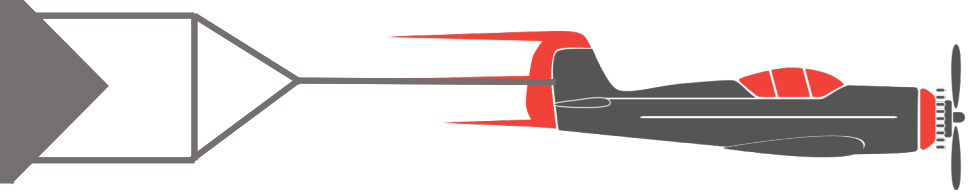
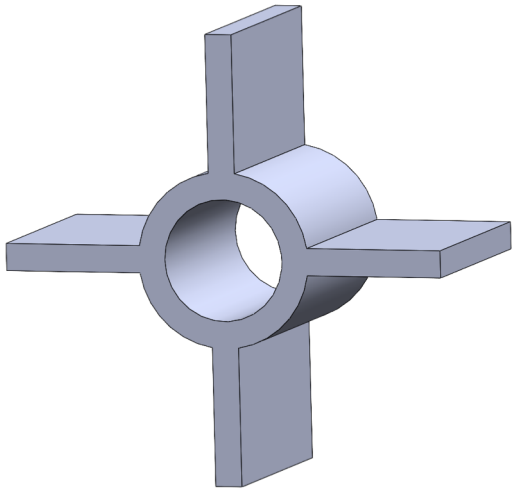
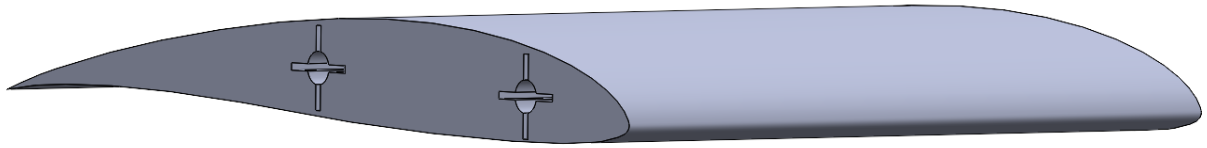
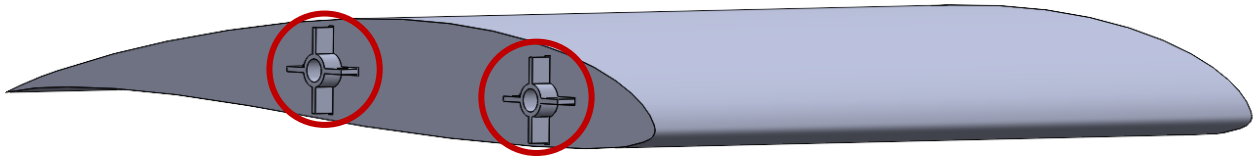


- Plane uses spars to assemble the wings
- Each wing set has two spars
- Small crosses are also used to help lock the wings together
- Ends of the spars are threaded so screws can be used to secure the parts







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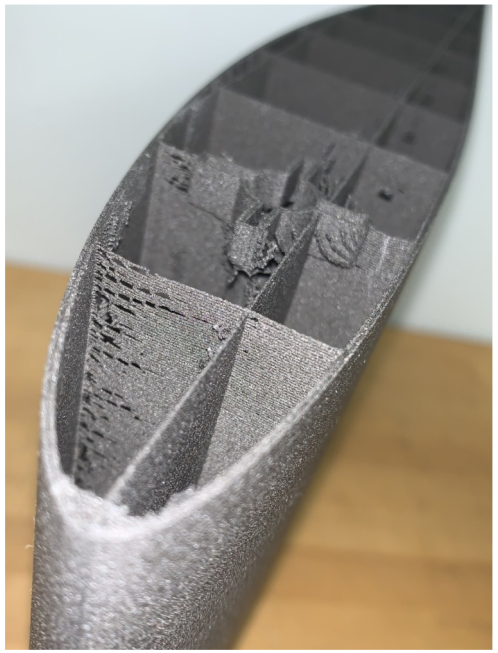
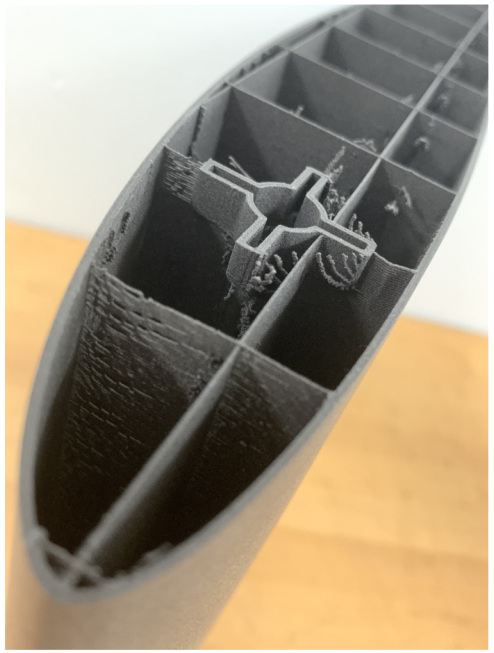

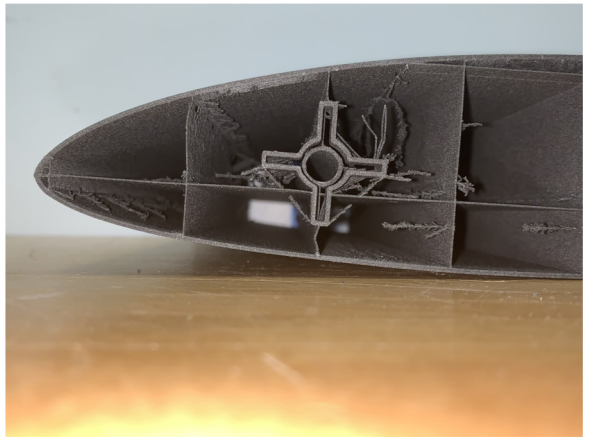

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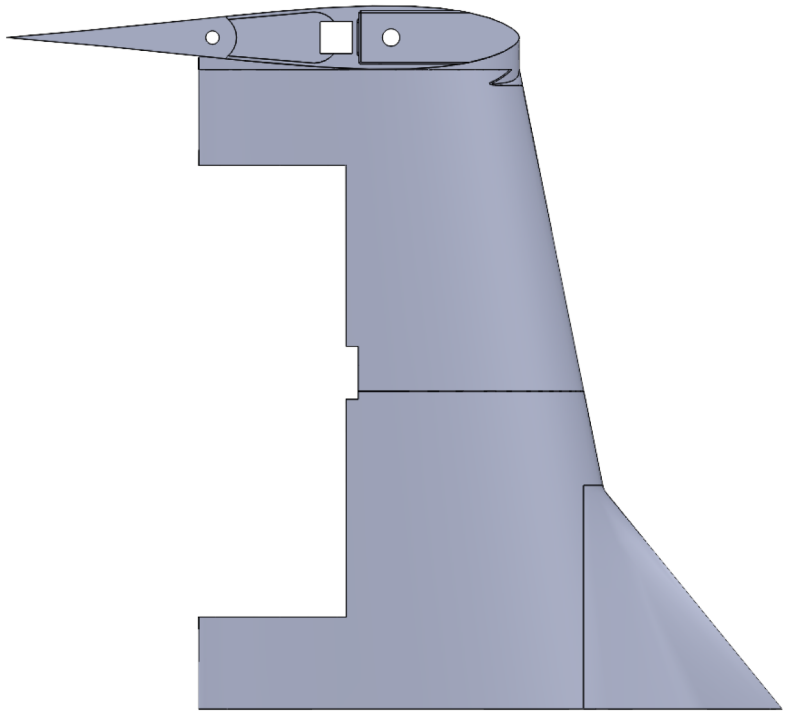

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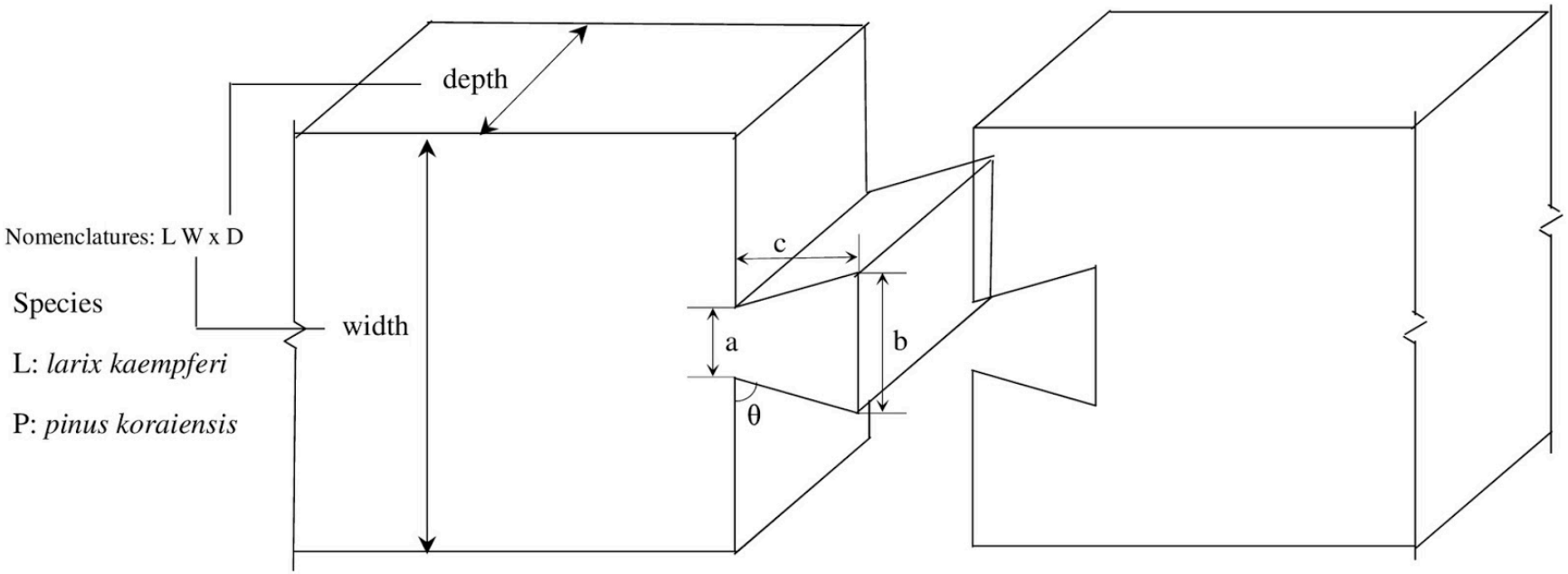

- The Dove Tail Connection
  - Consists of a male and female part
  - Prevents movement perpendicular to the connection
  - Prevents rotational movement

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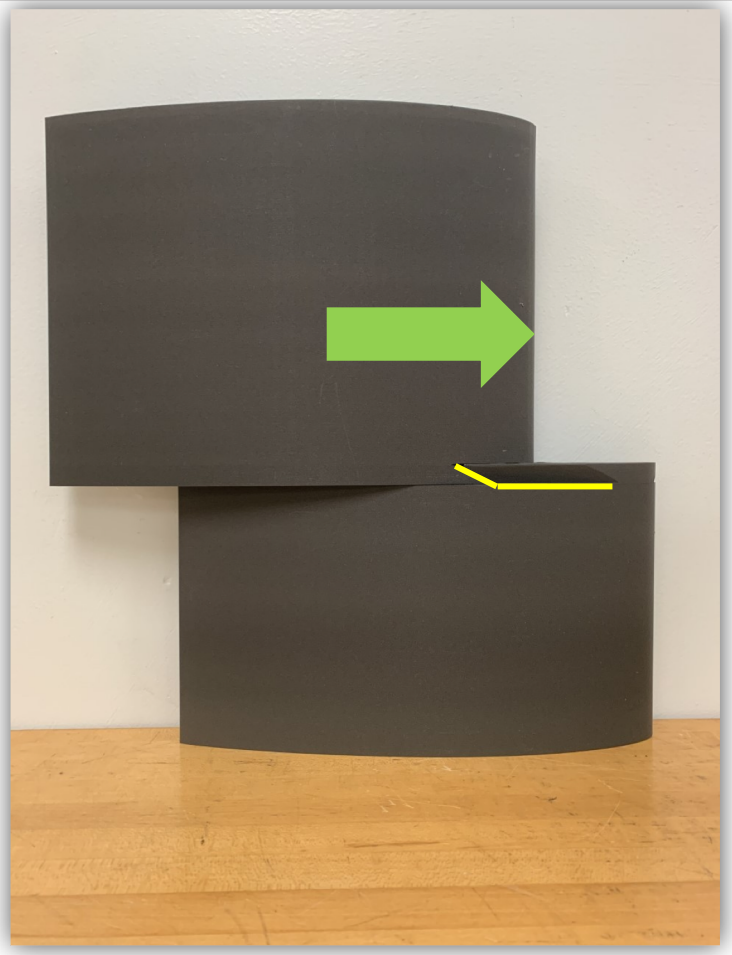
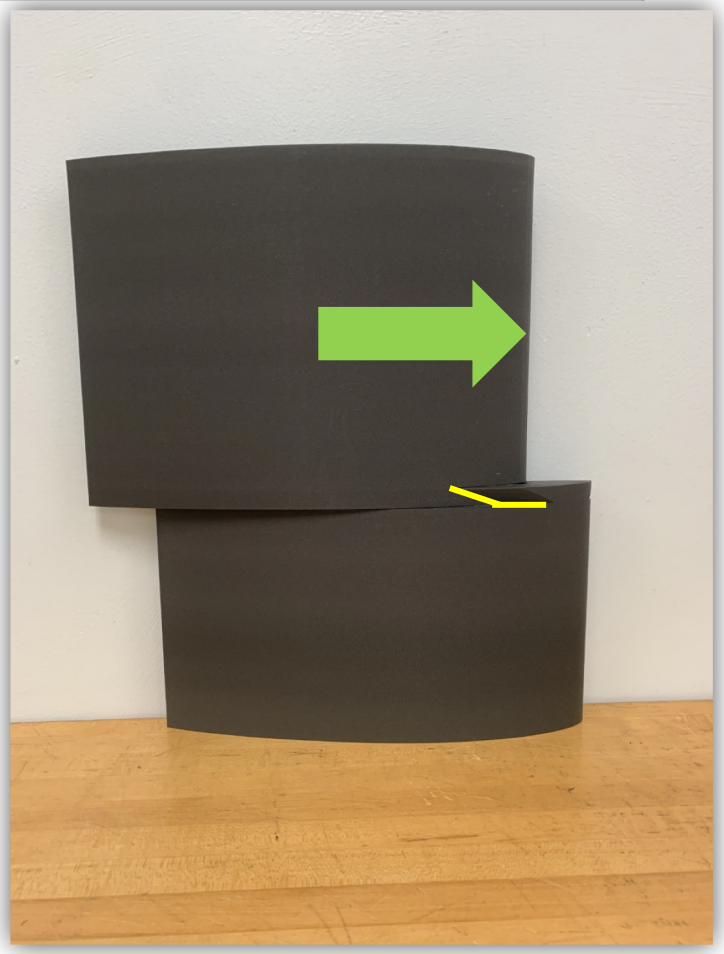
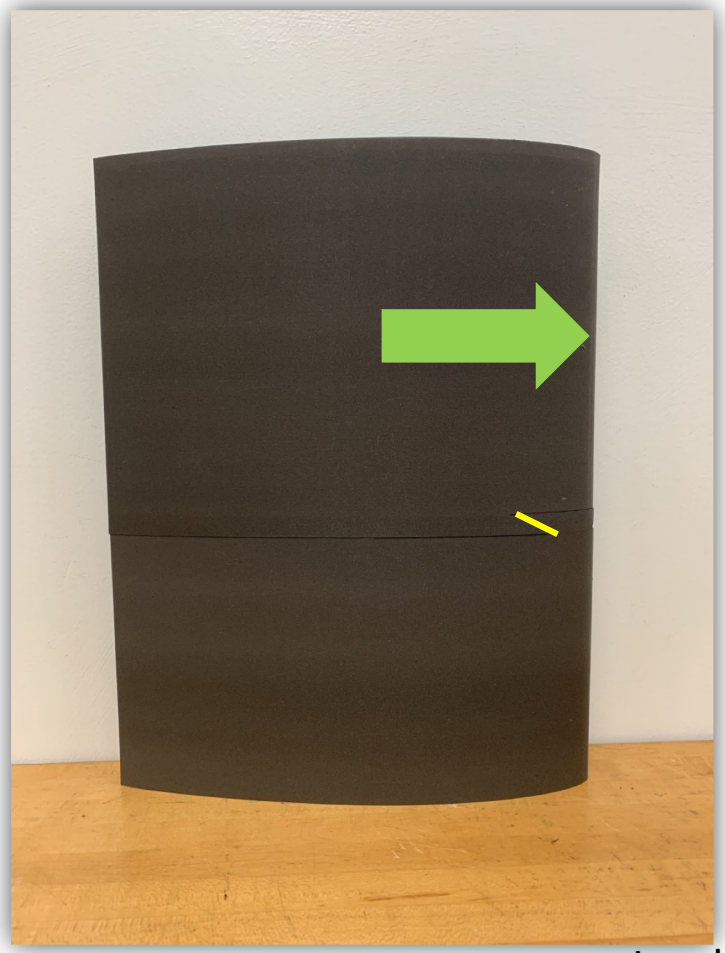
Canard Assembly







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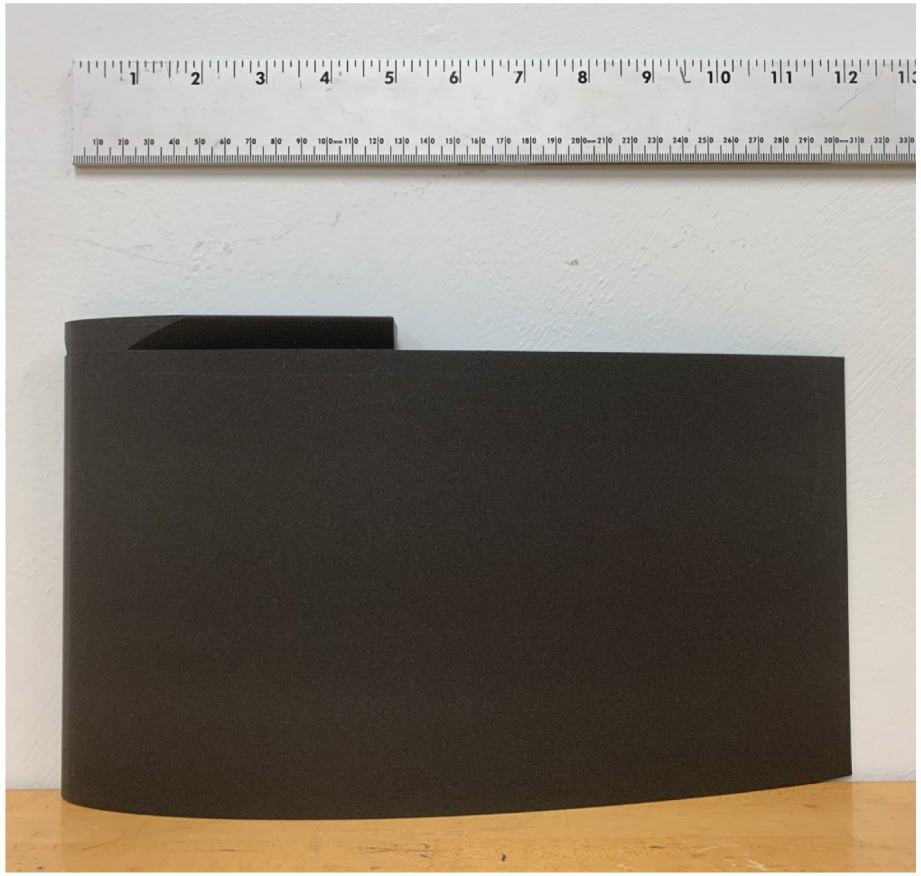

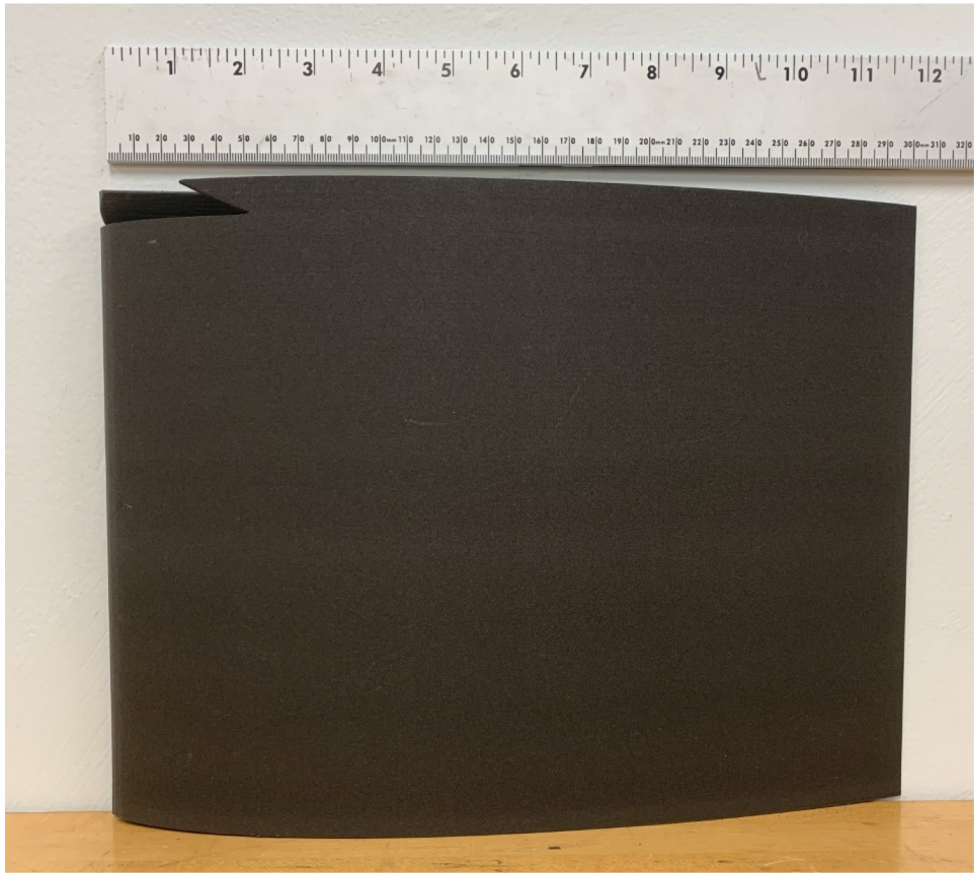

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- Dimensions:
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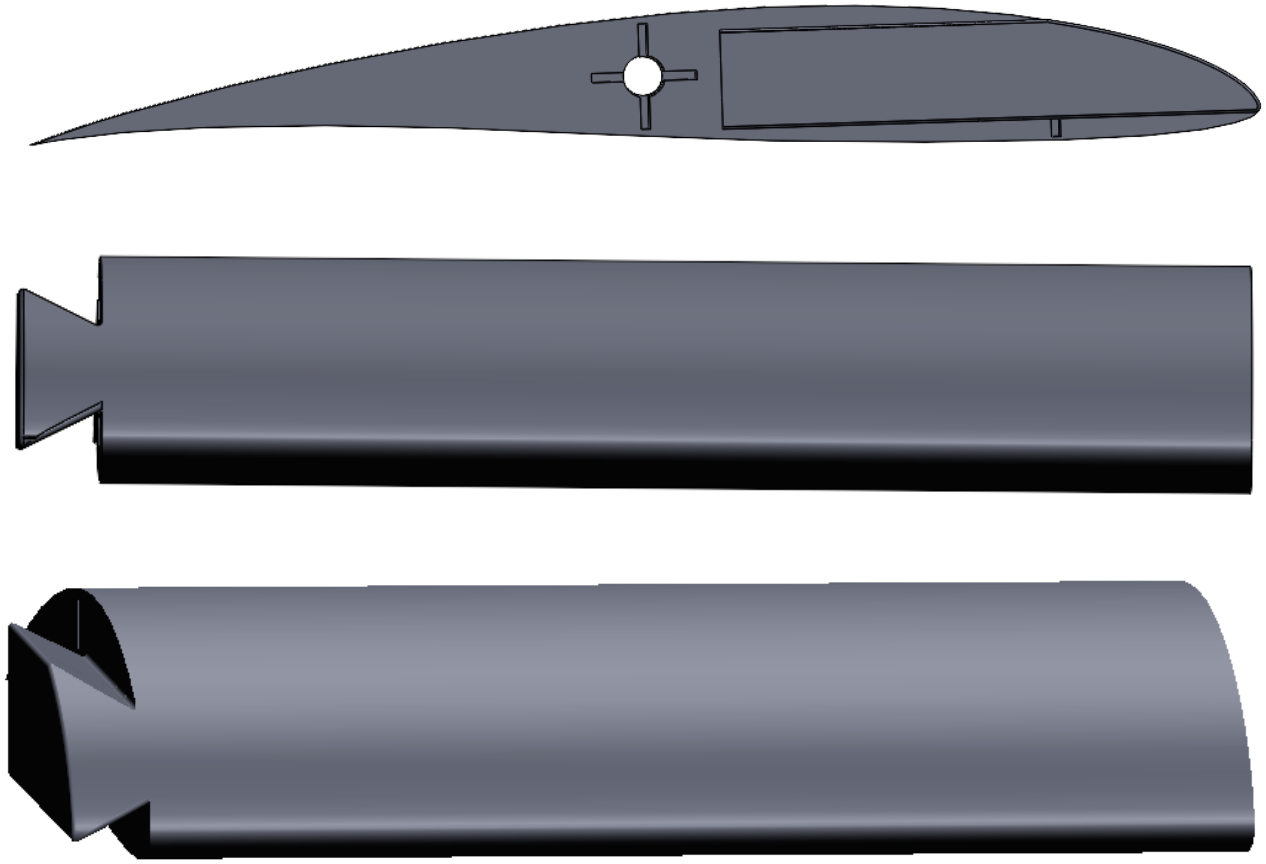
  - Length: 5.25 inches

- Characteristics
  - Follows curvature of the airfoil
  - Edges are rounded



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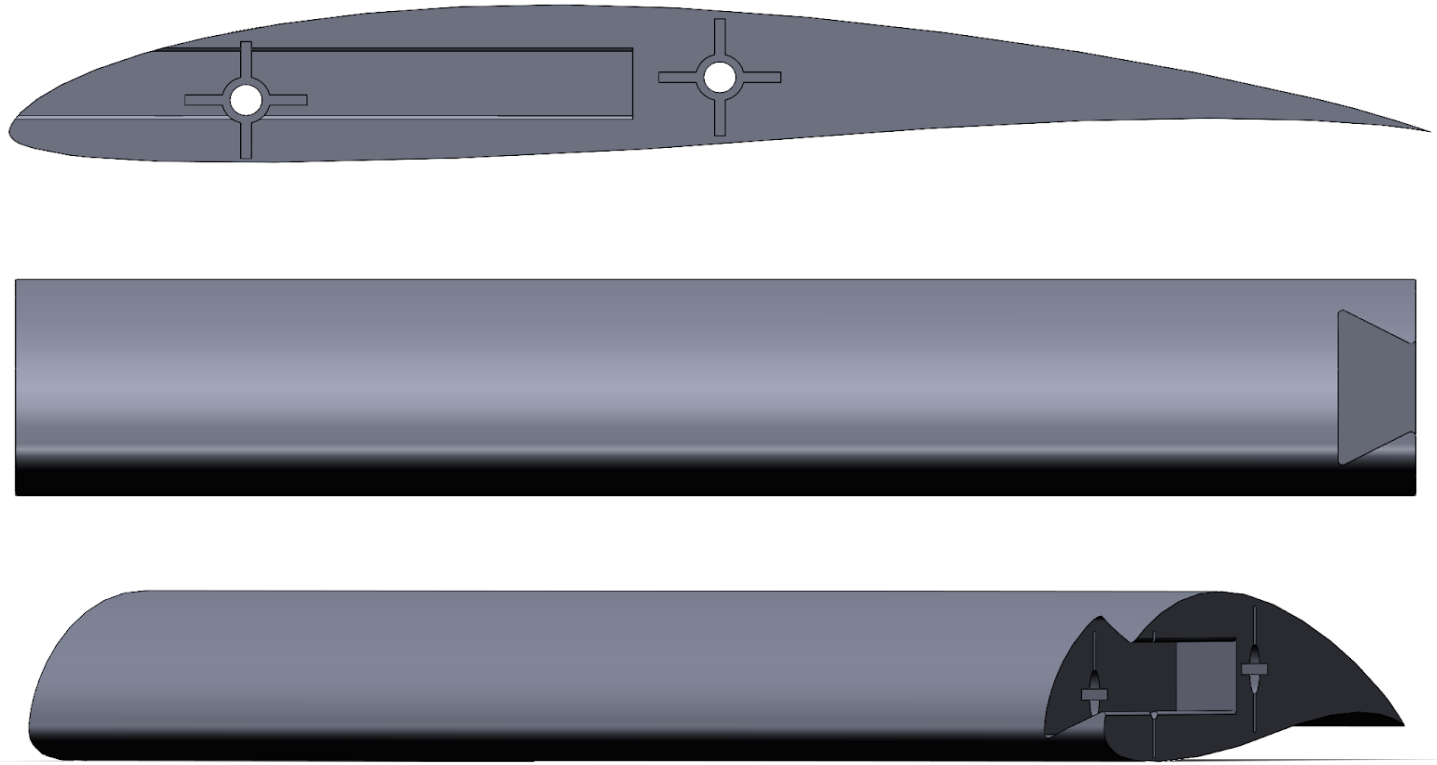

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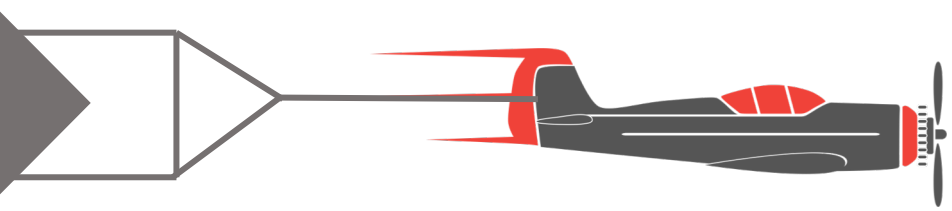

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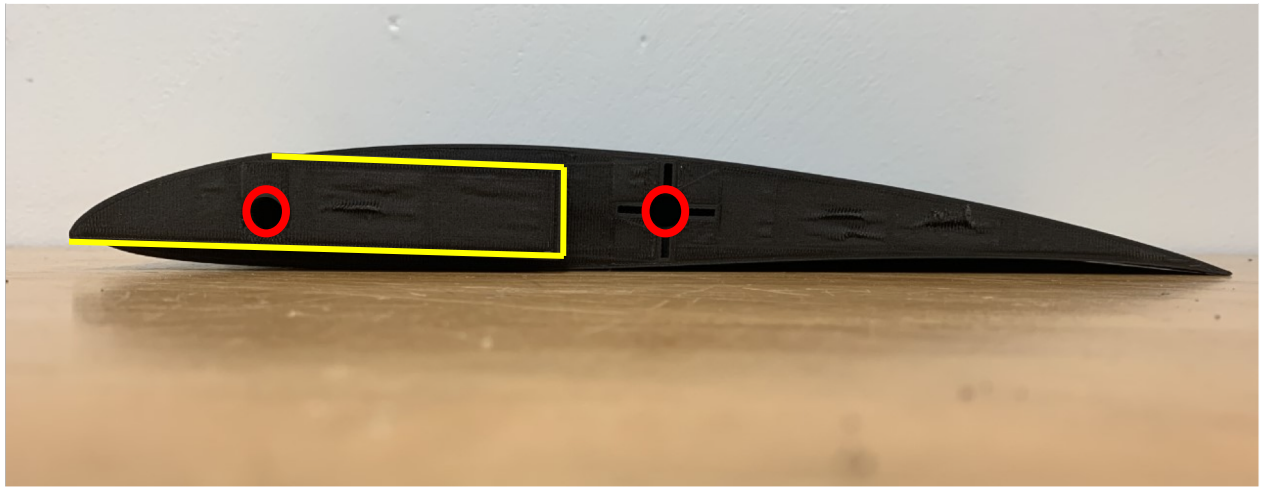

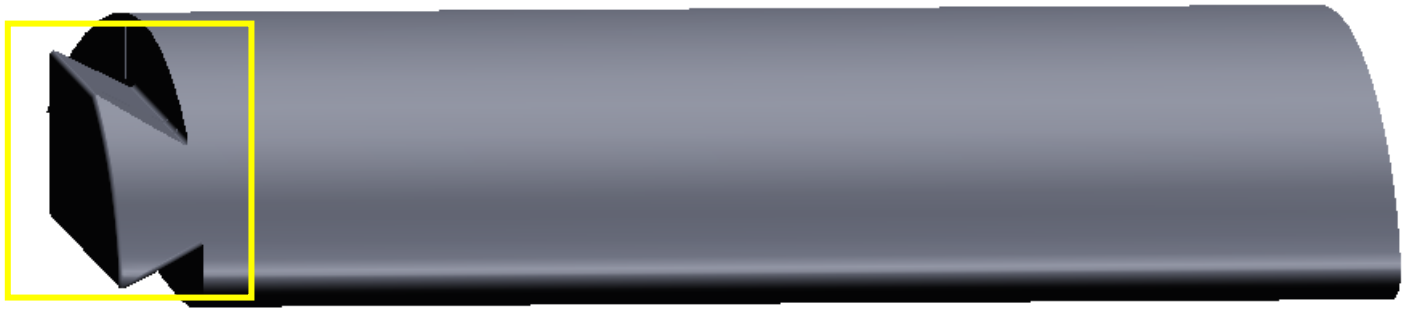

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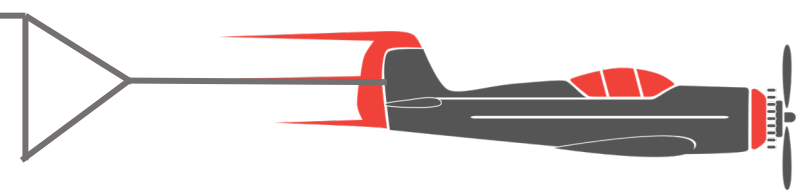

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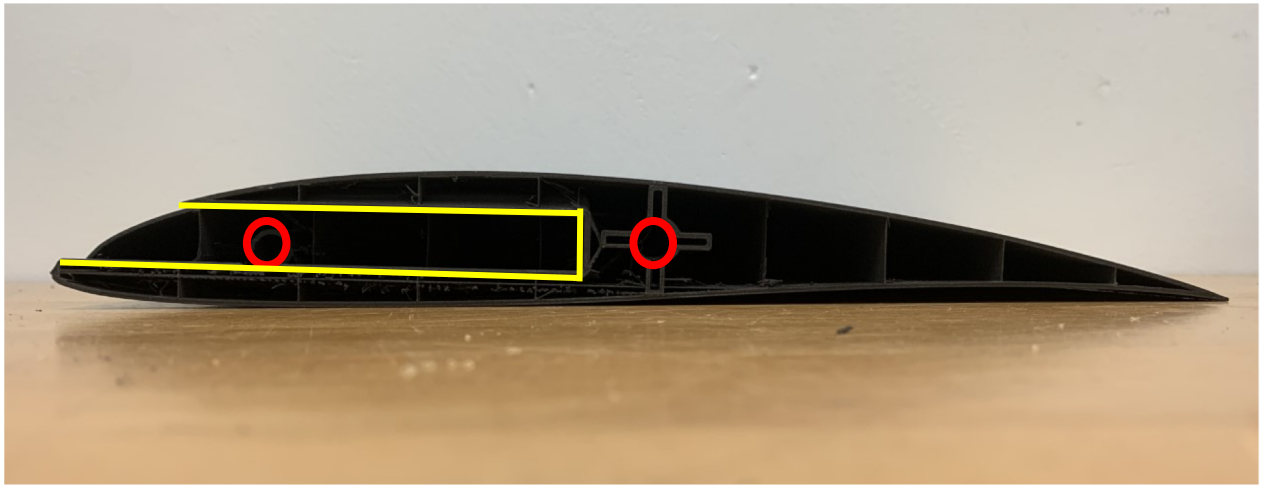

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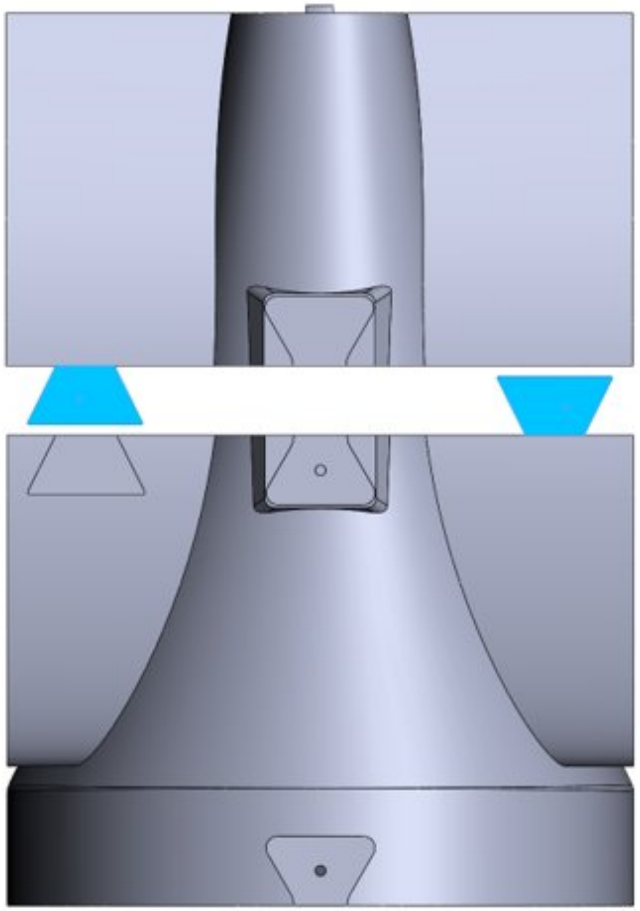

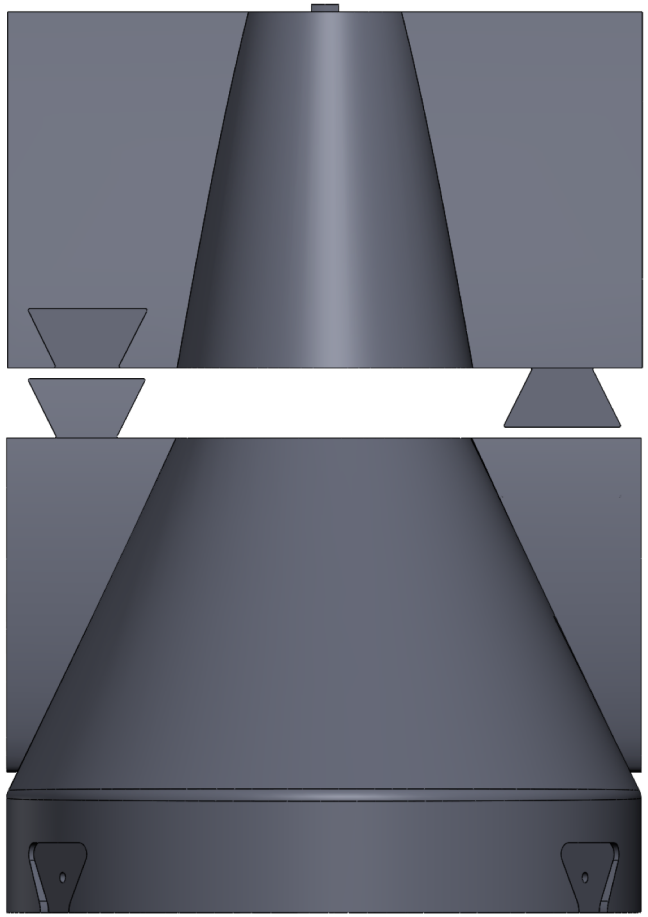

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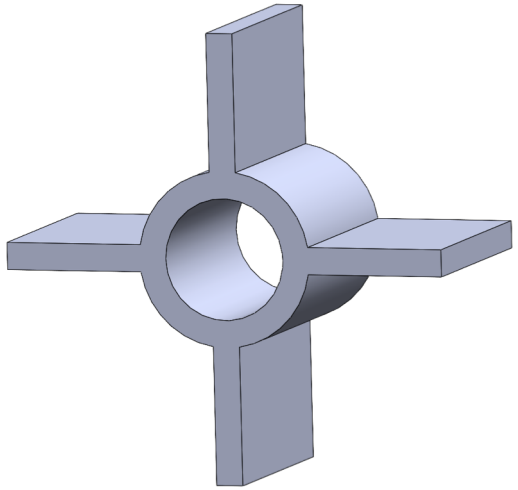

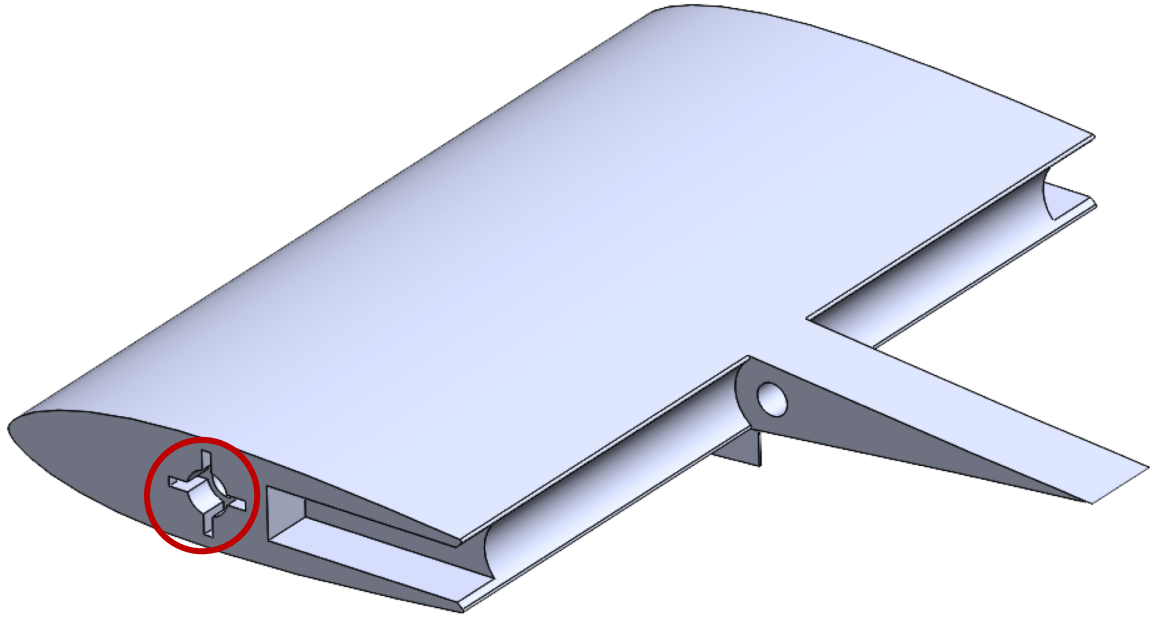

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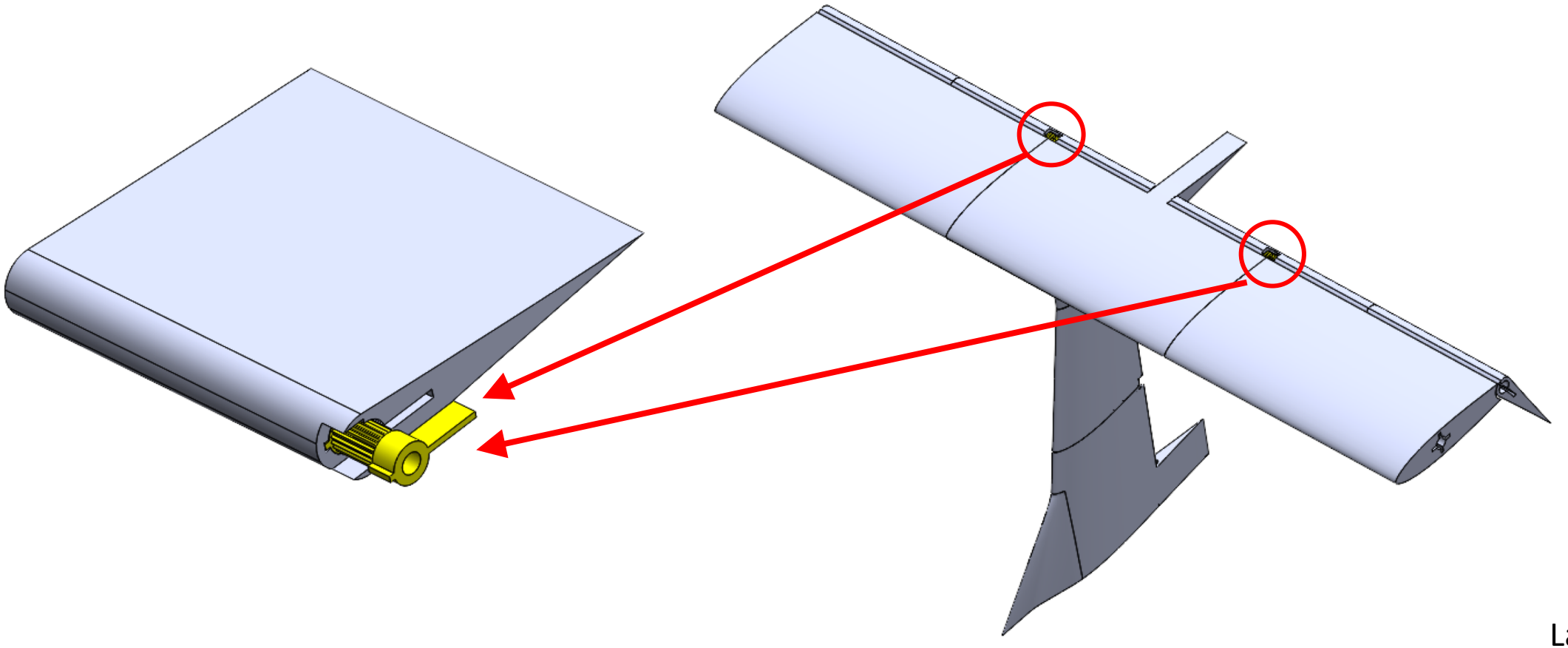

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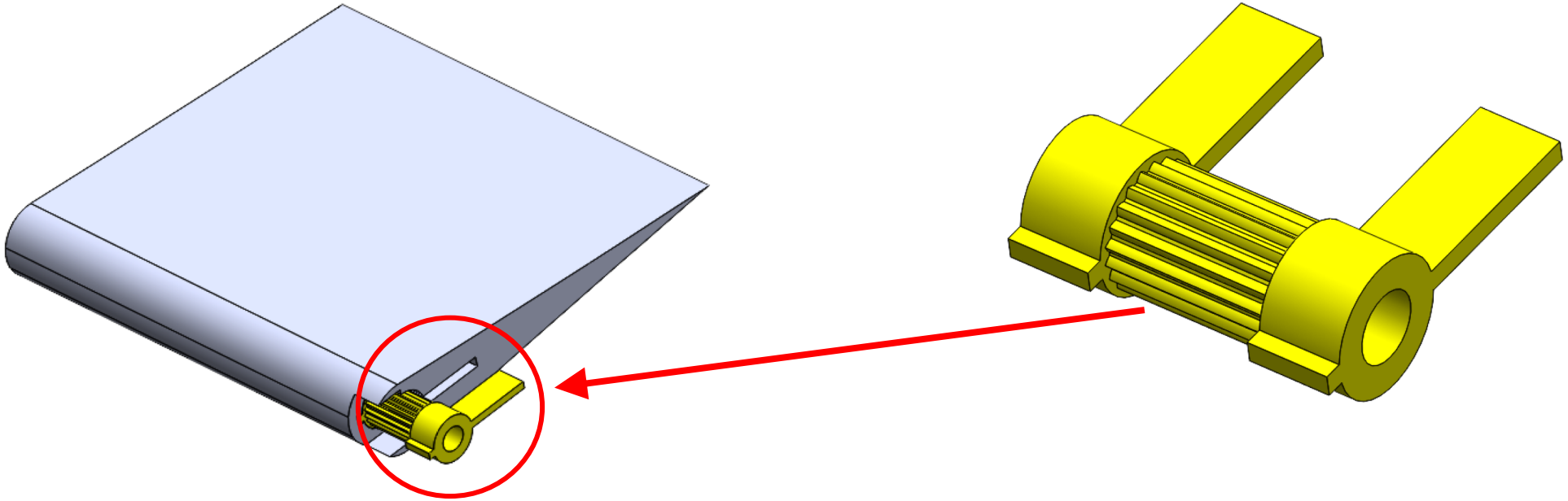

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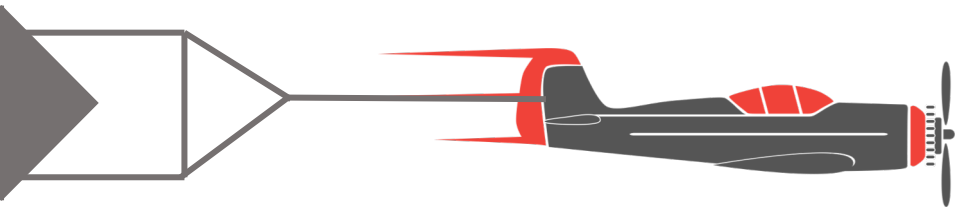

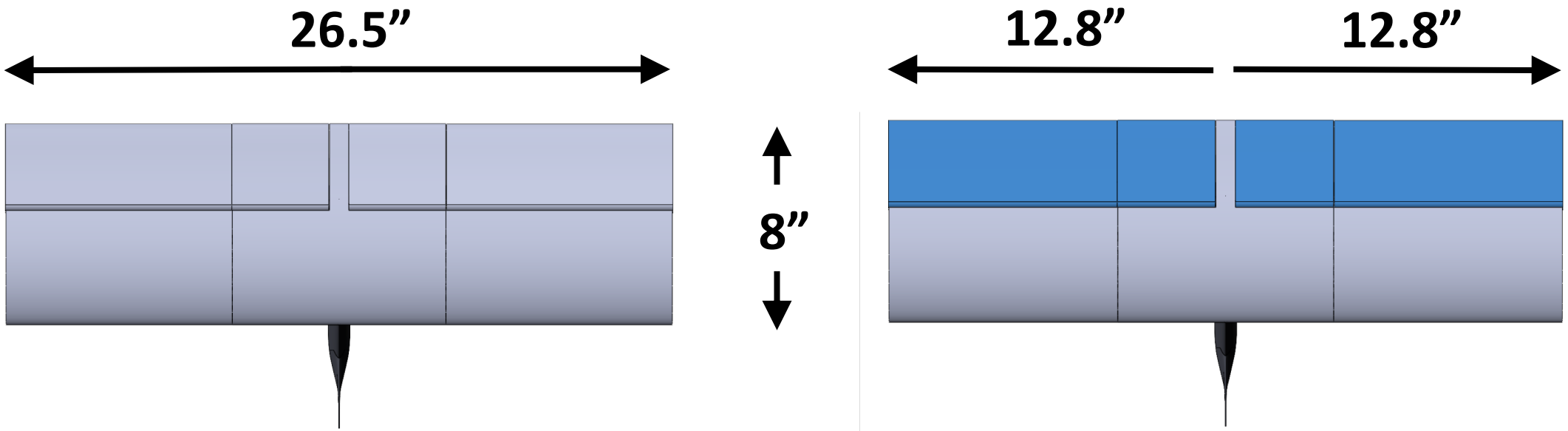

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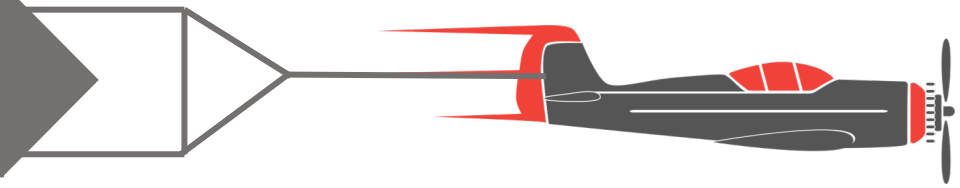

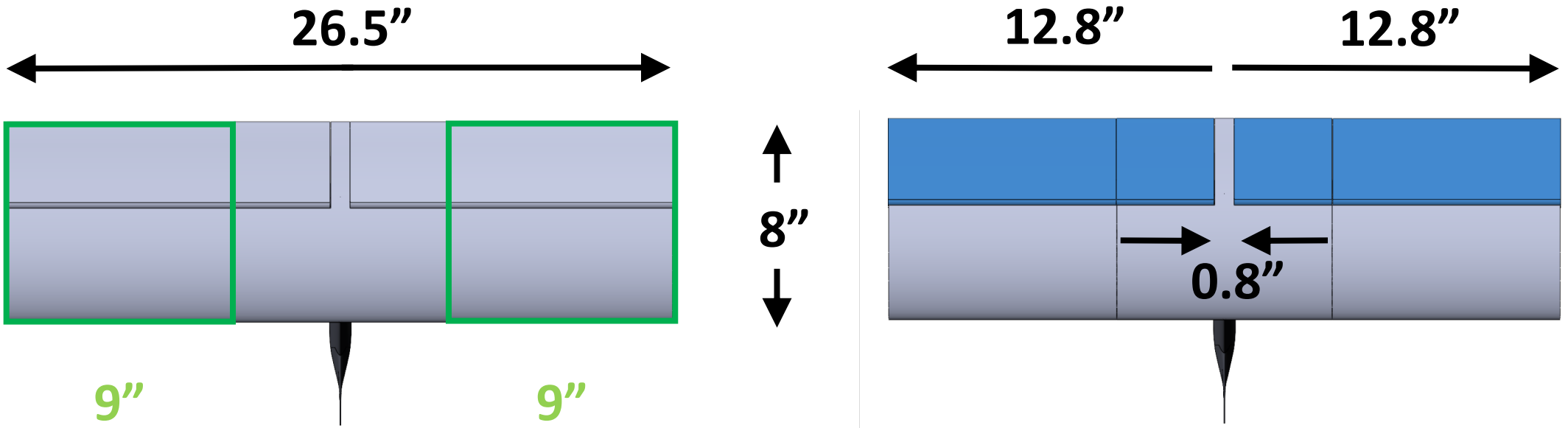

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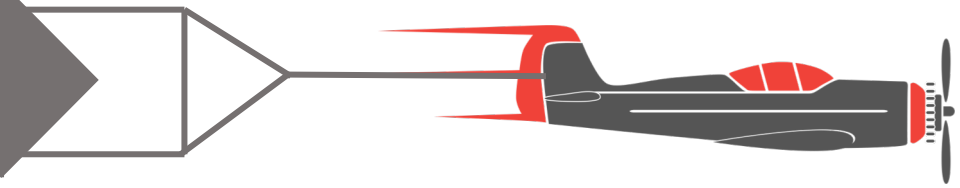

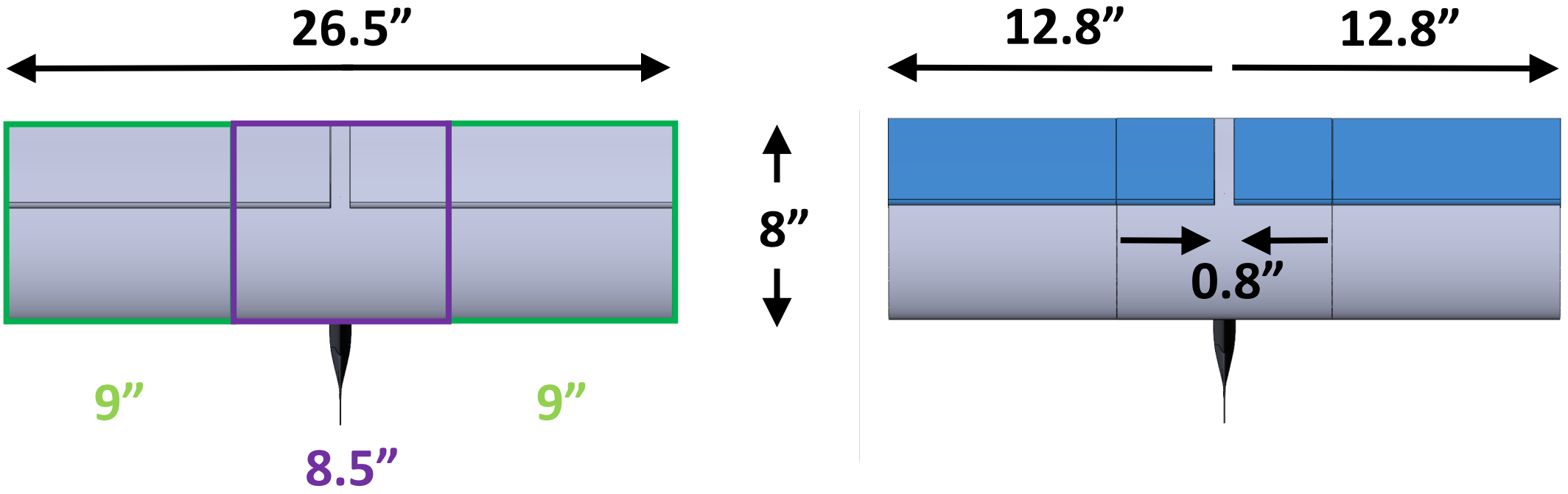

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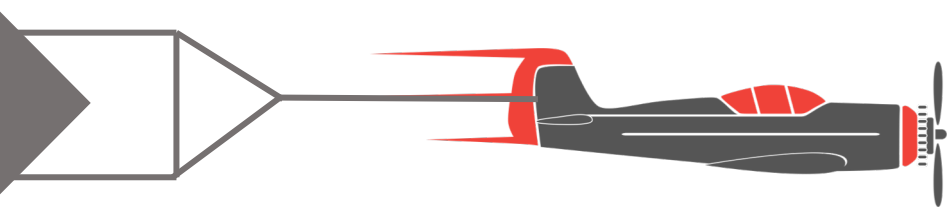

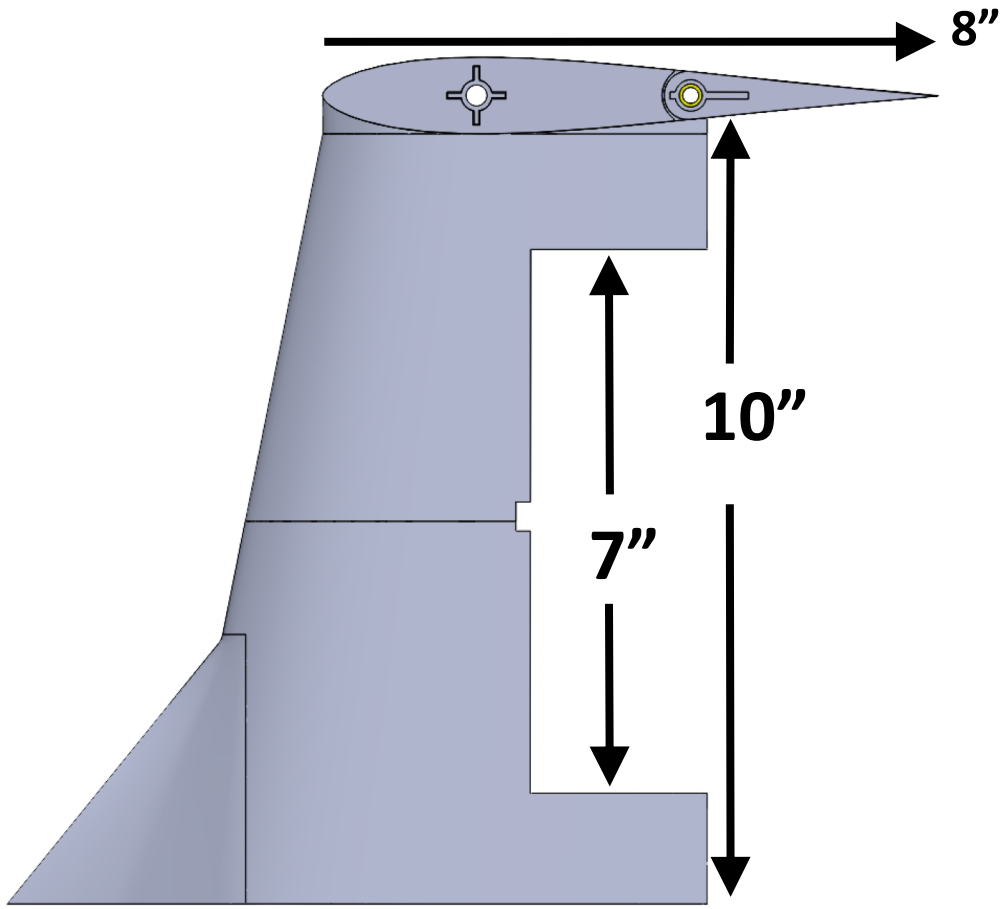

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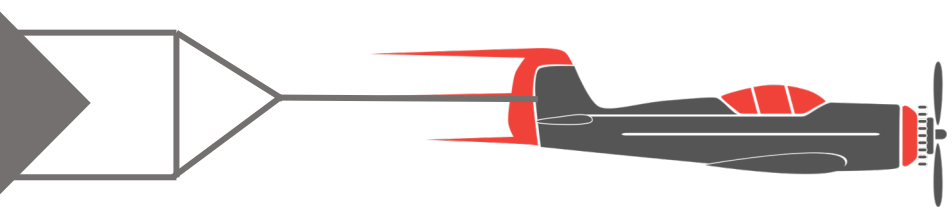

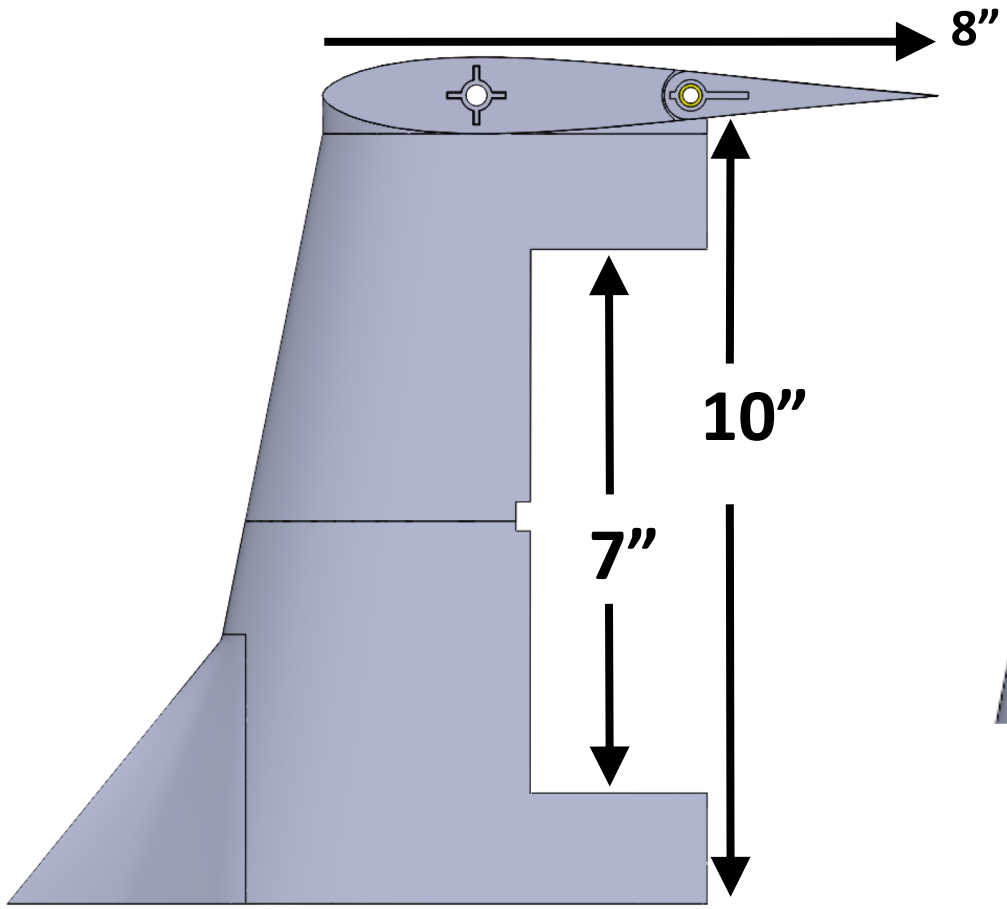

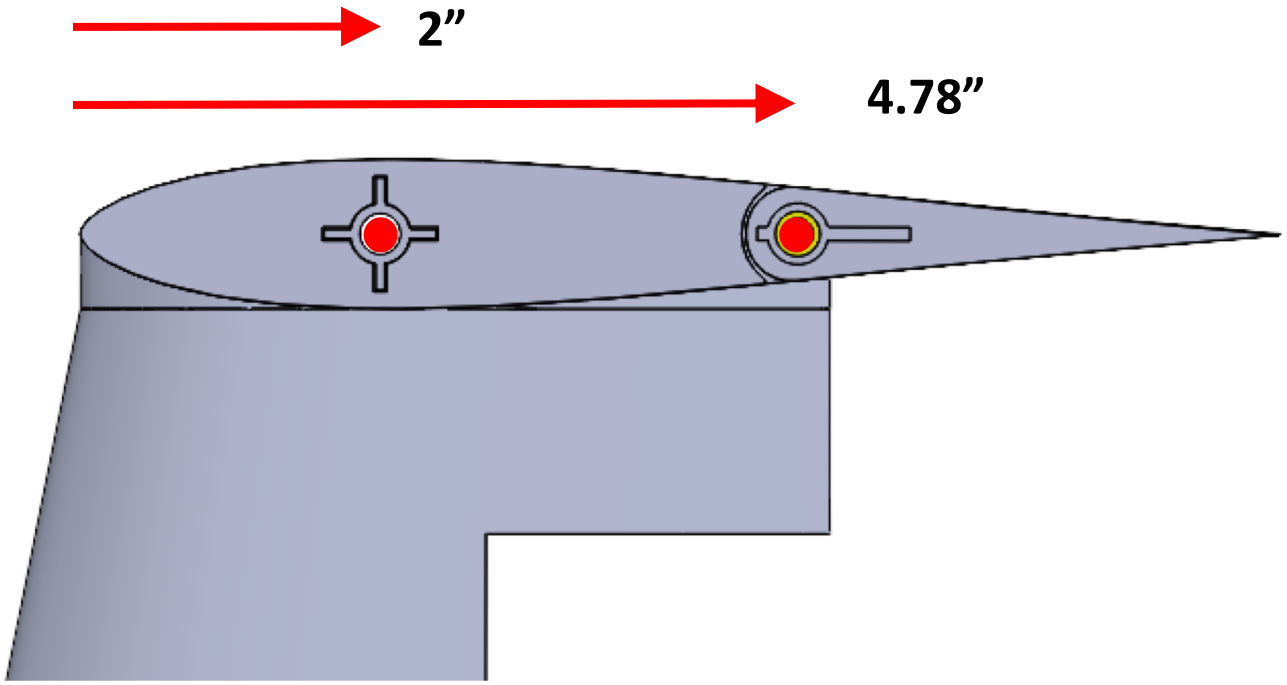

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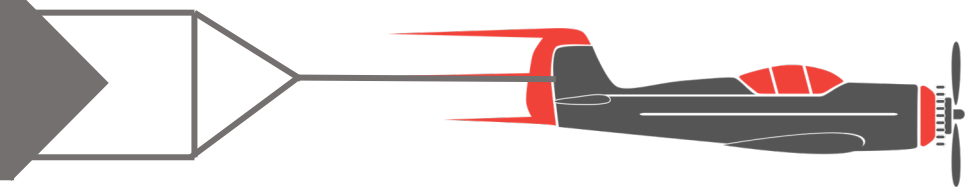

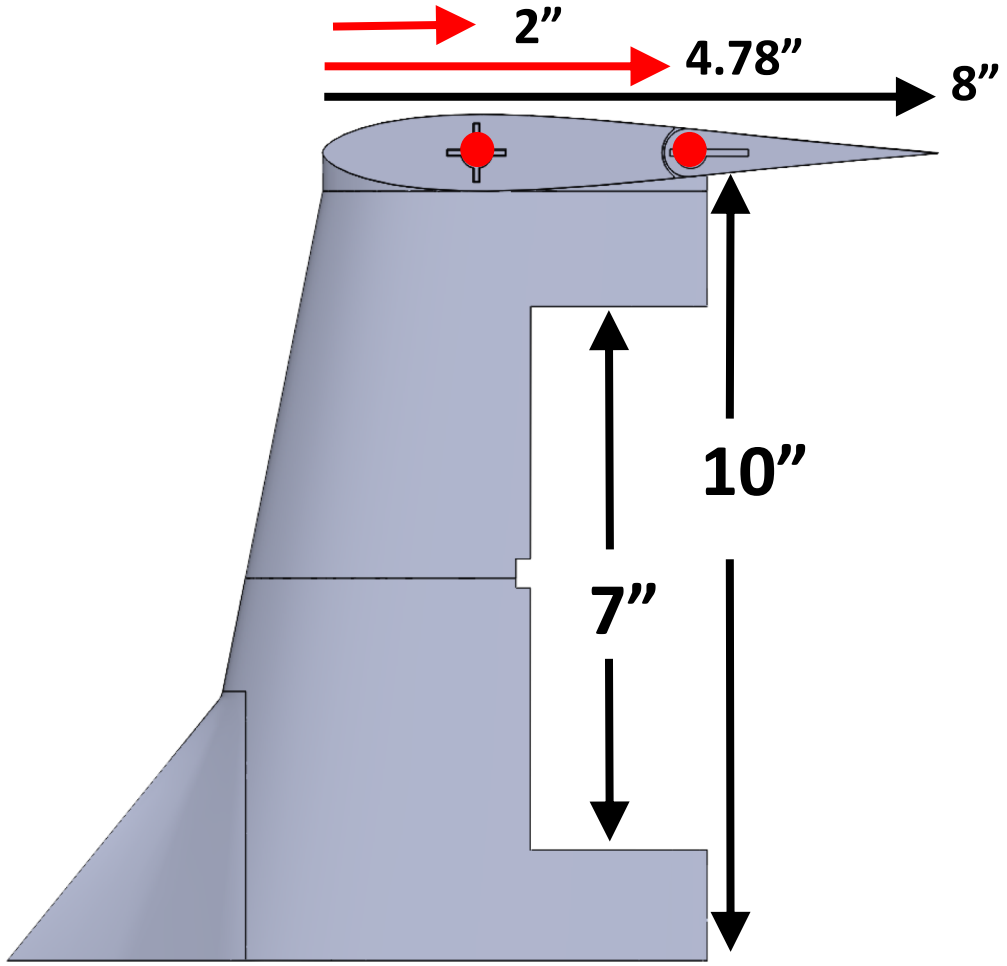

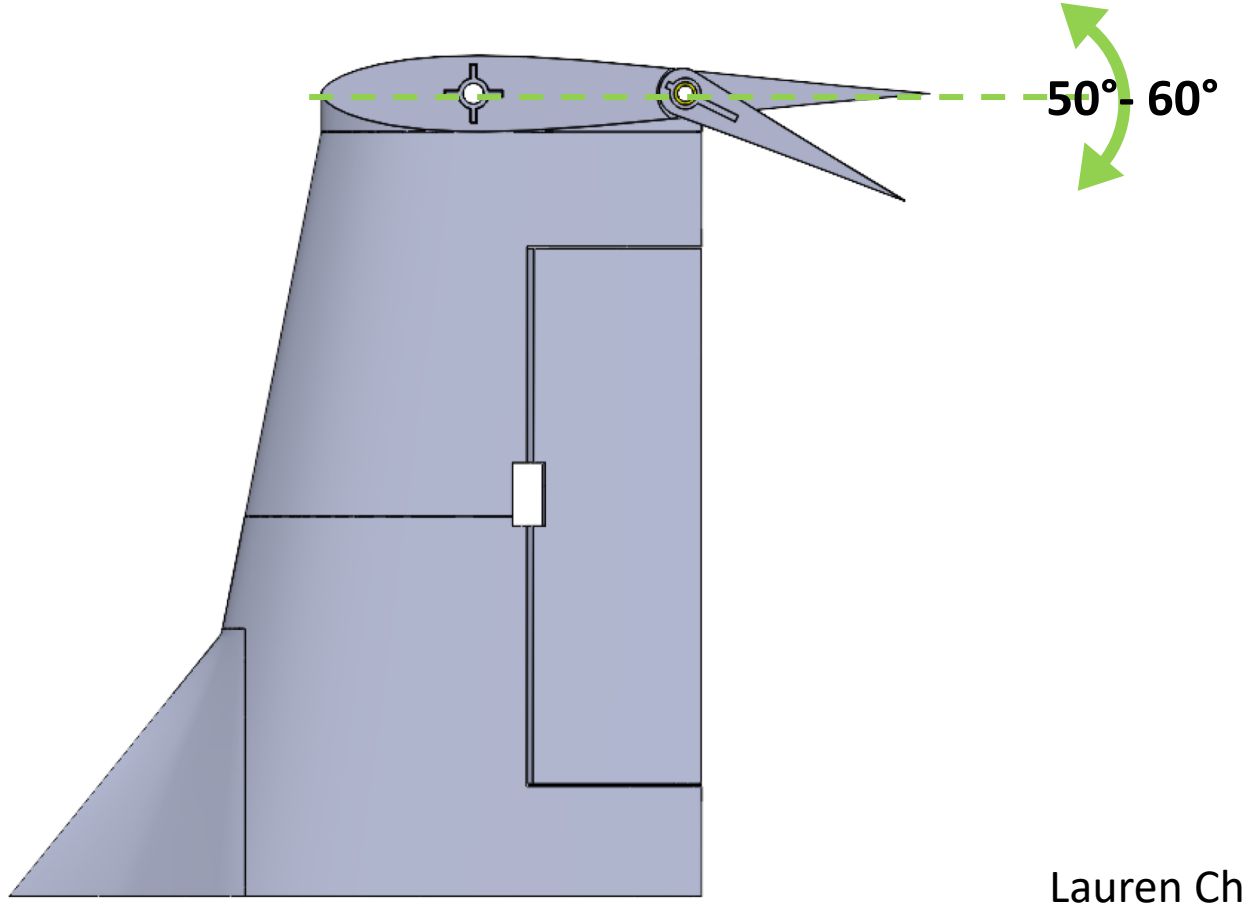

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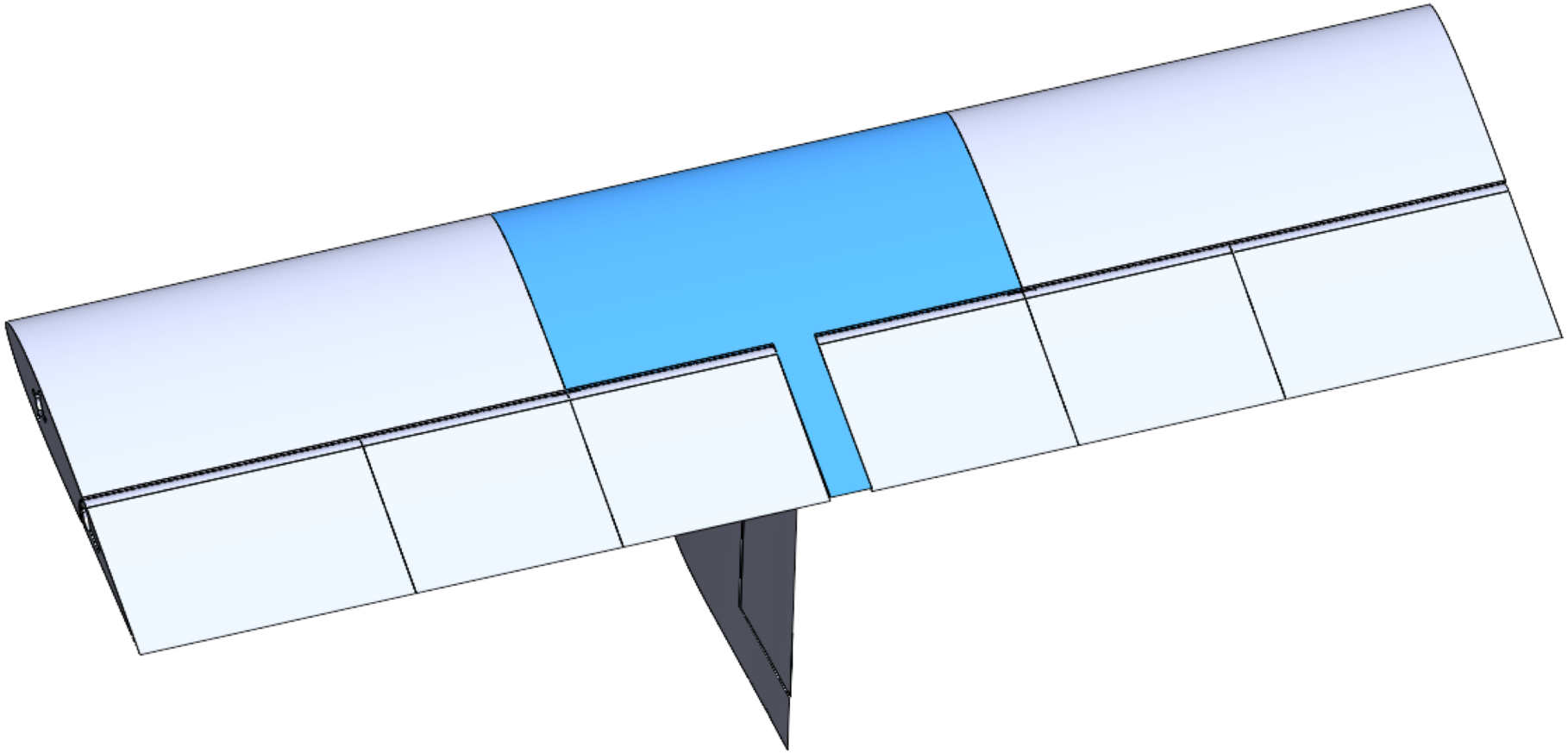

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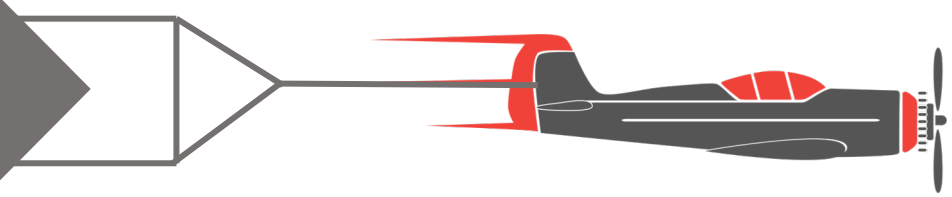

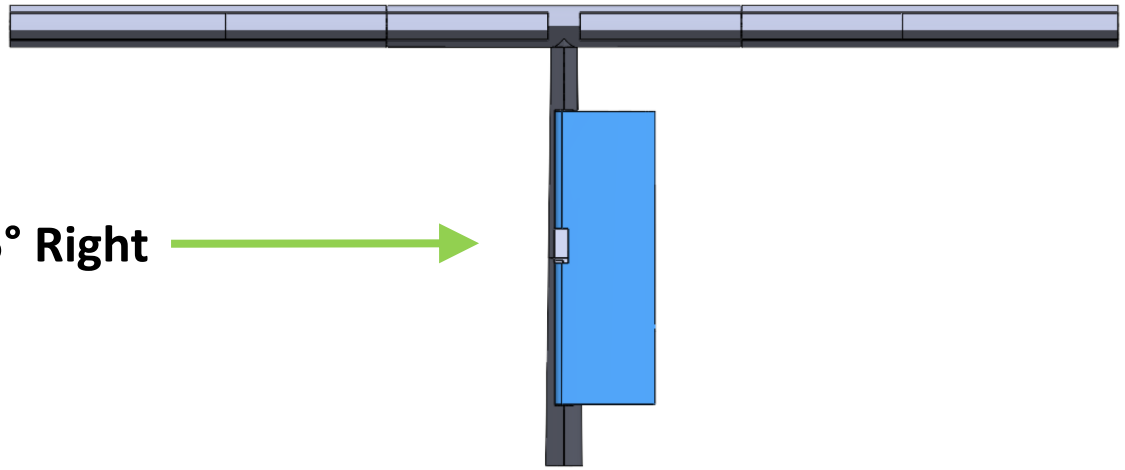

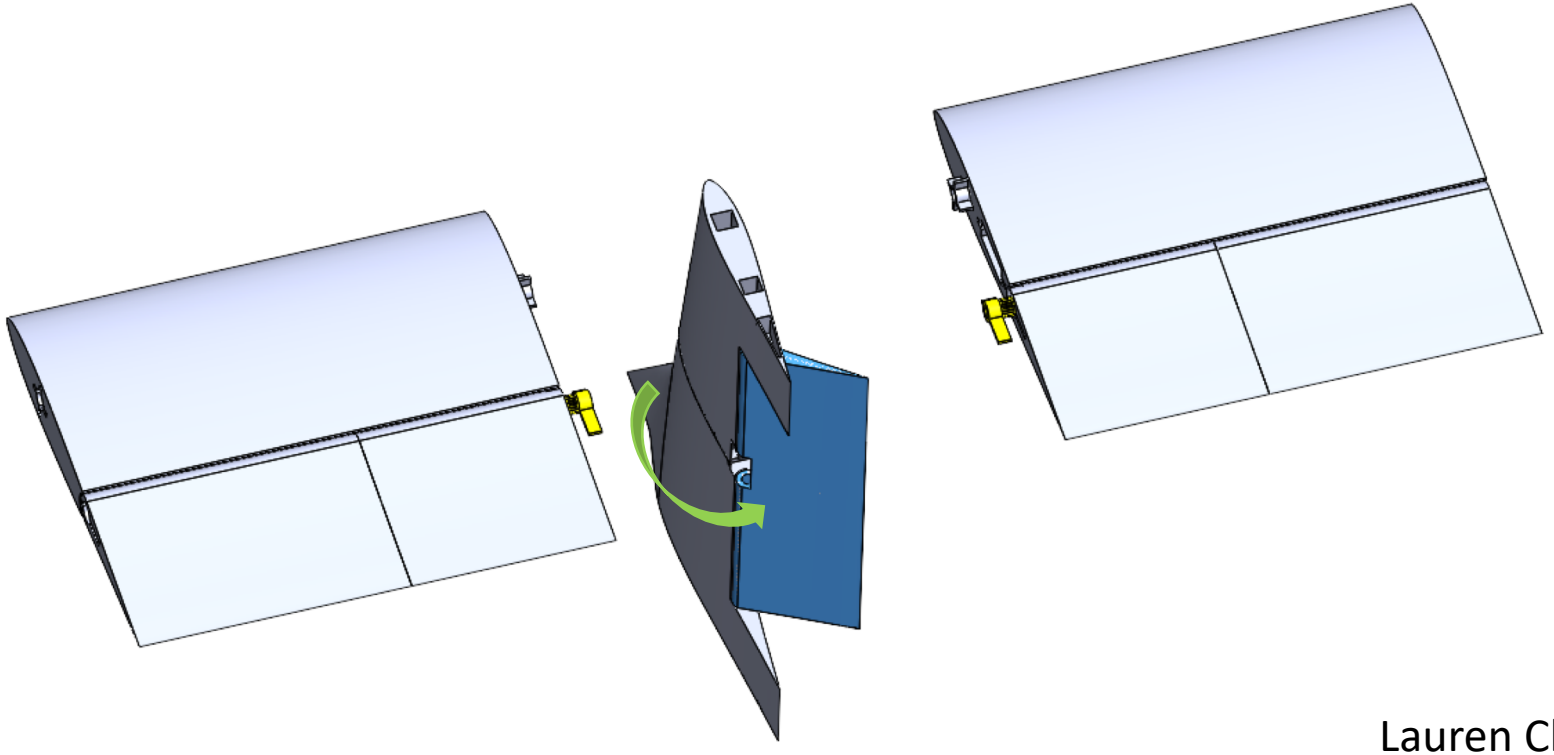

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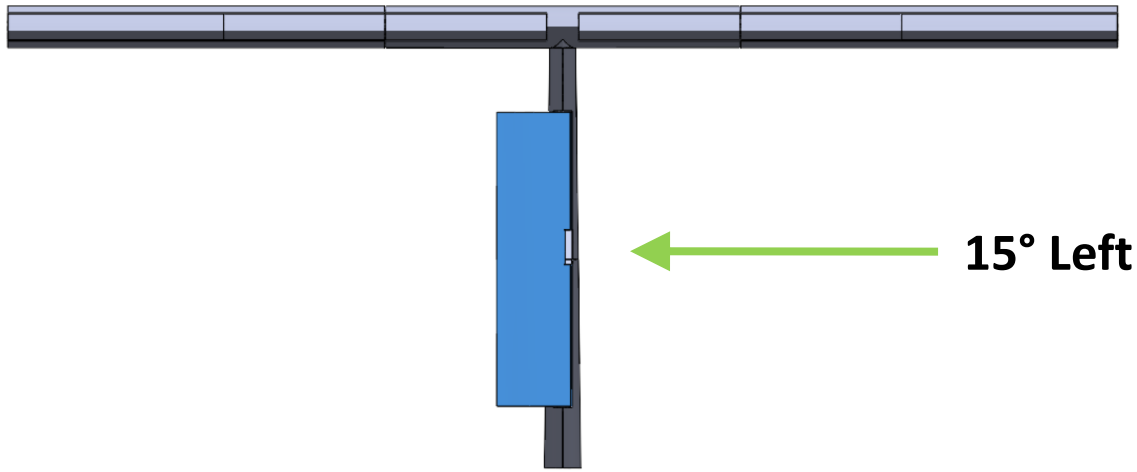

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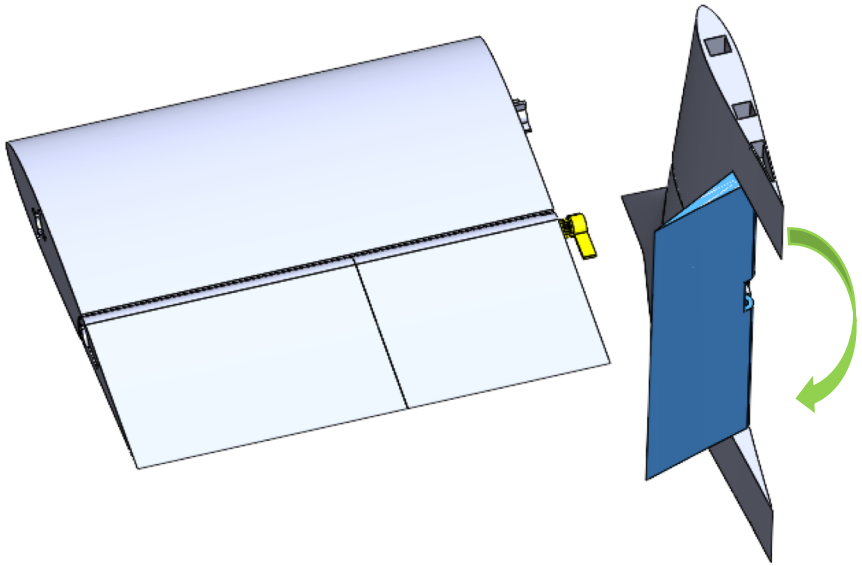

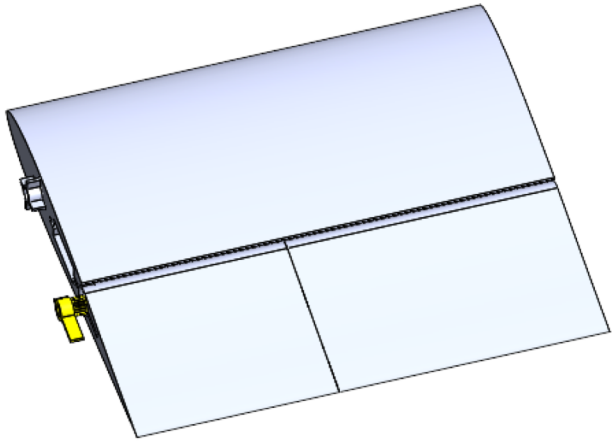

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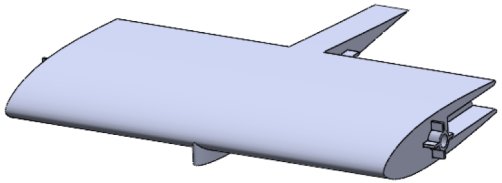

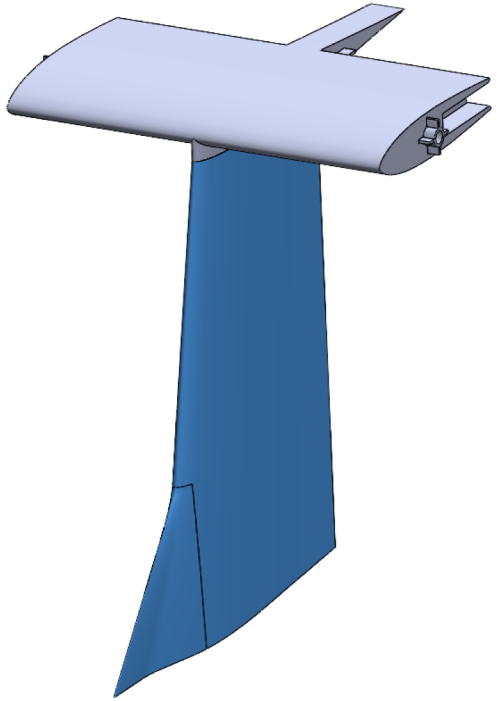

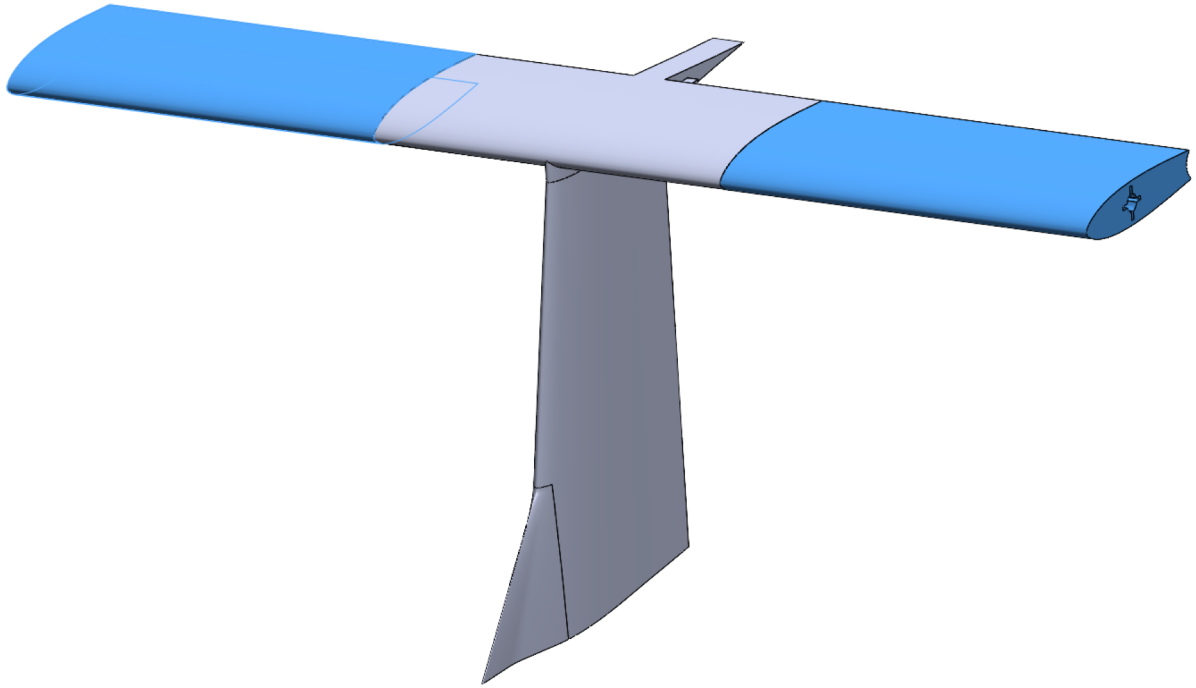

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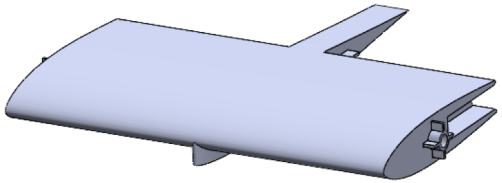

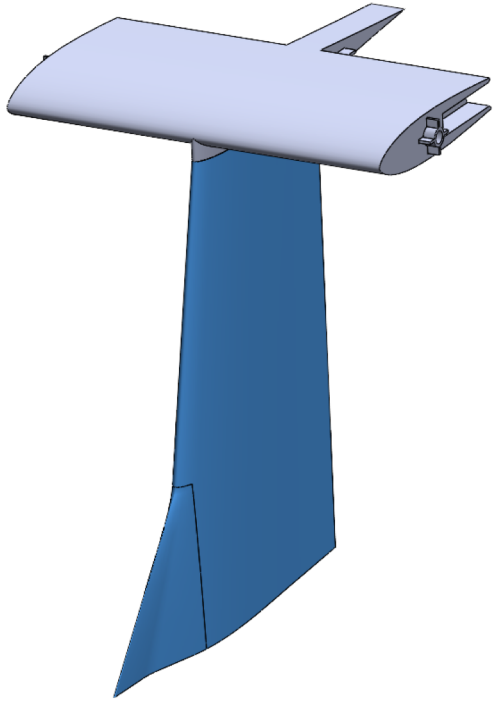

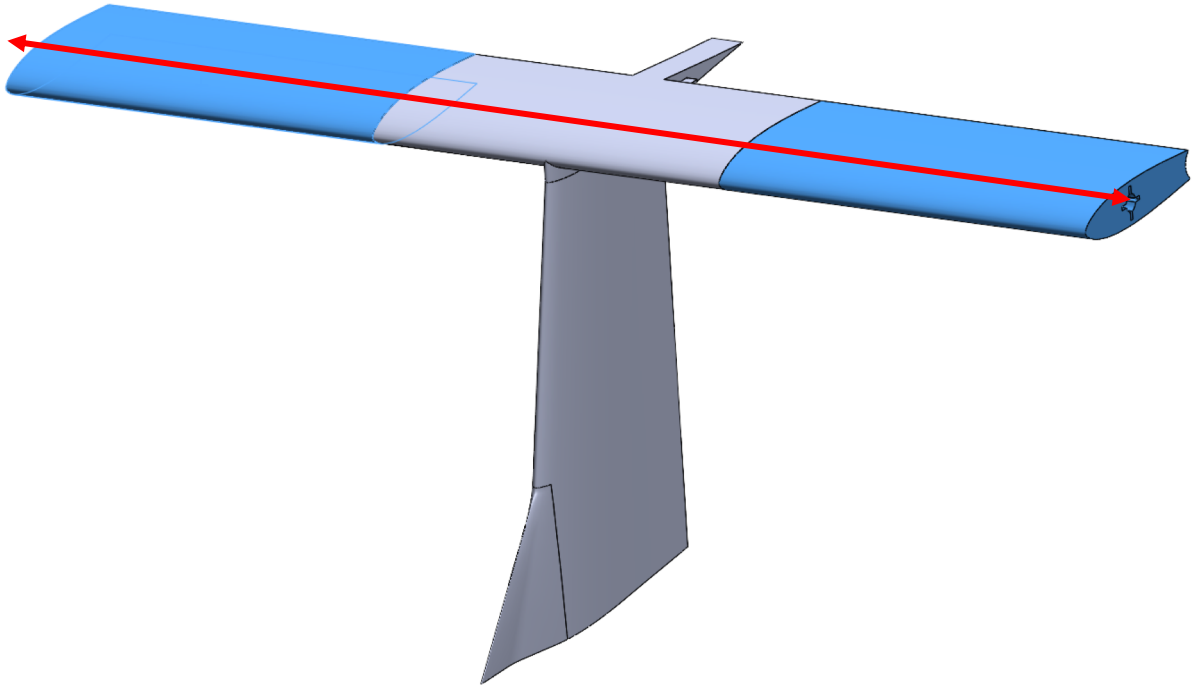

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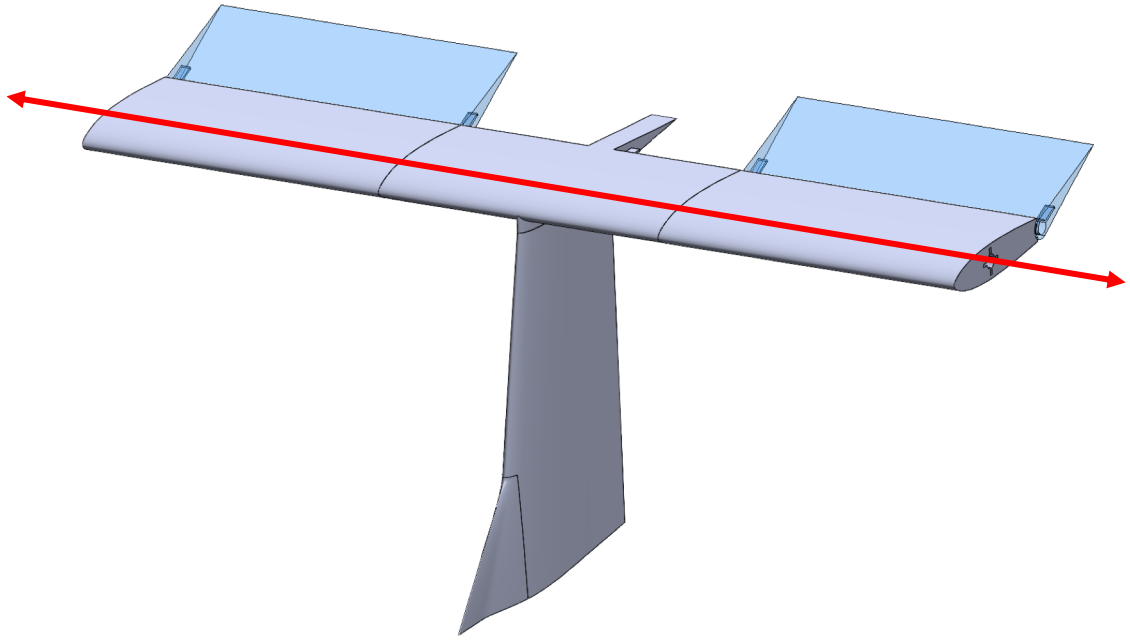

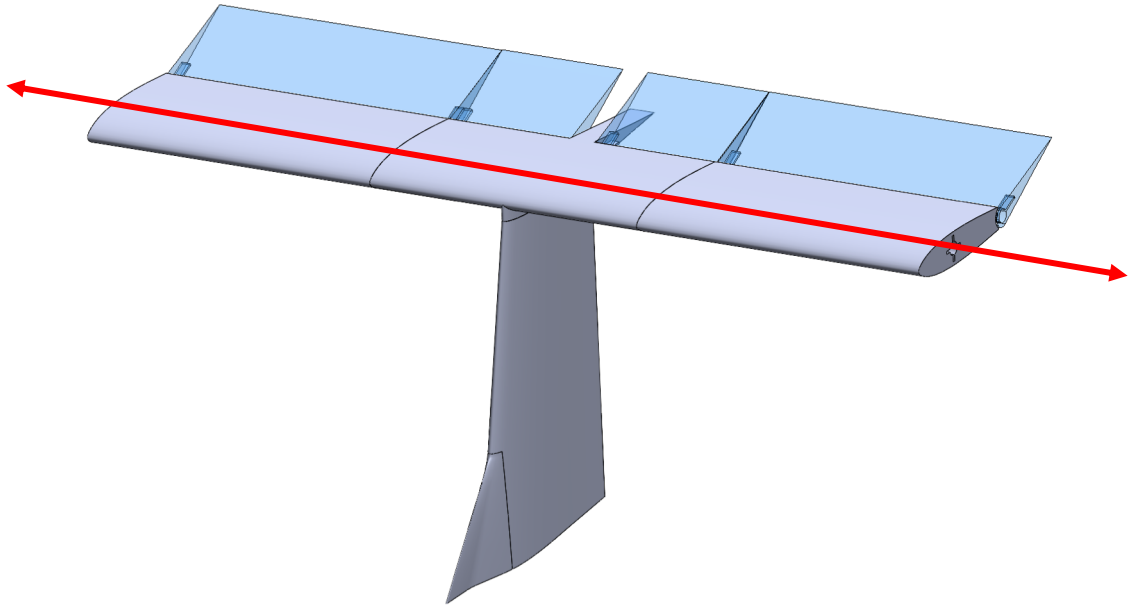

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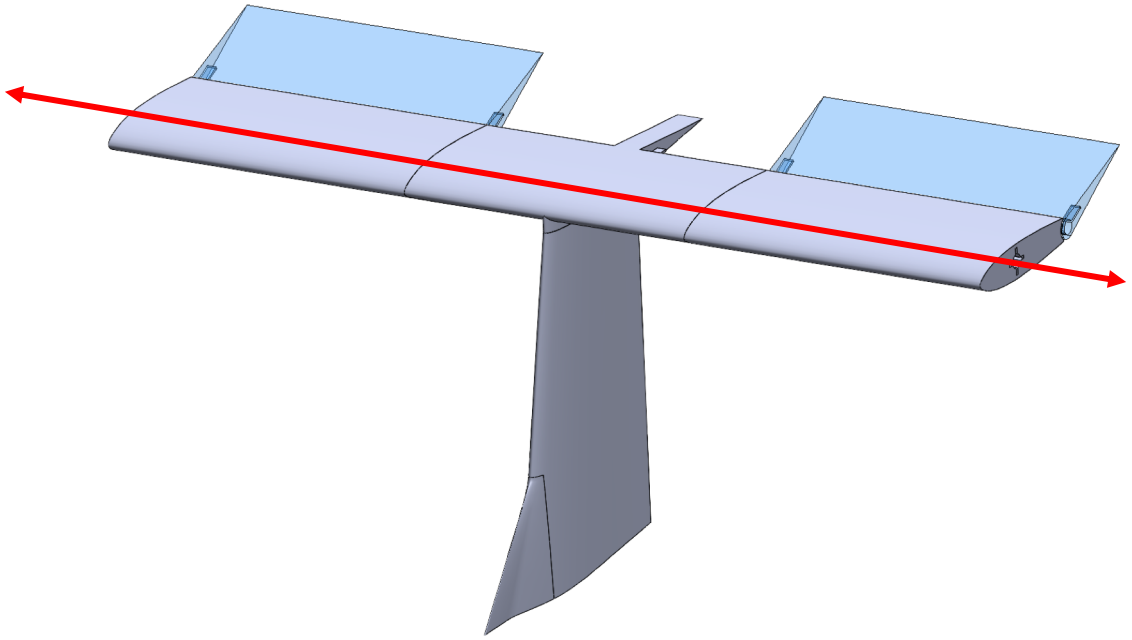

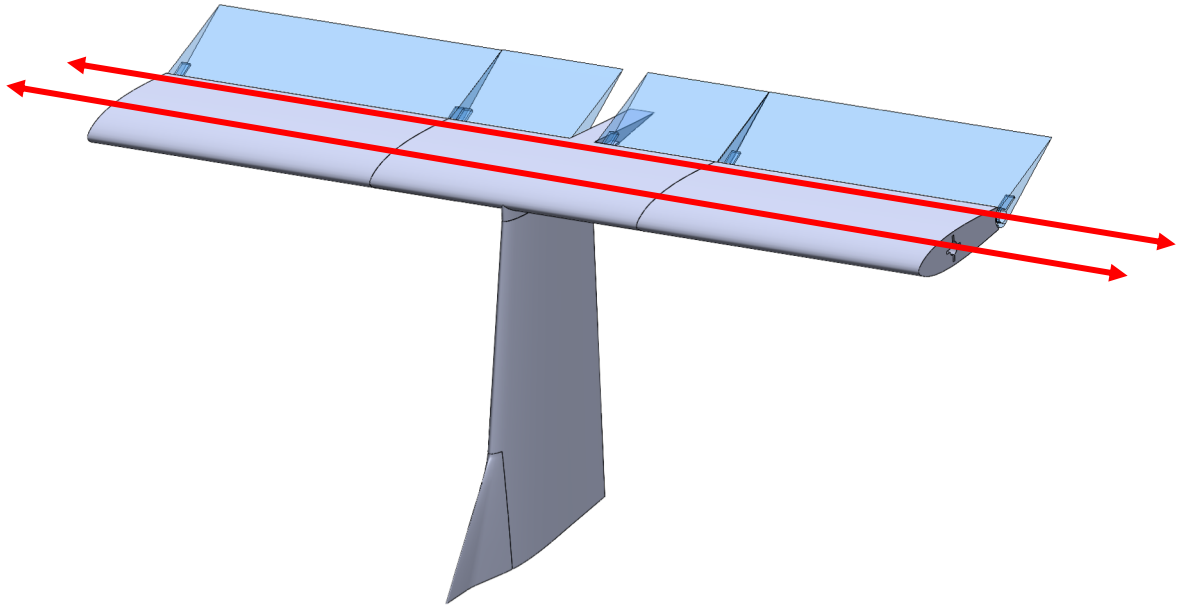

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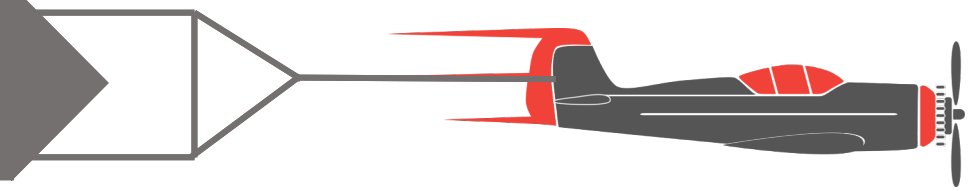

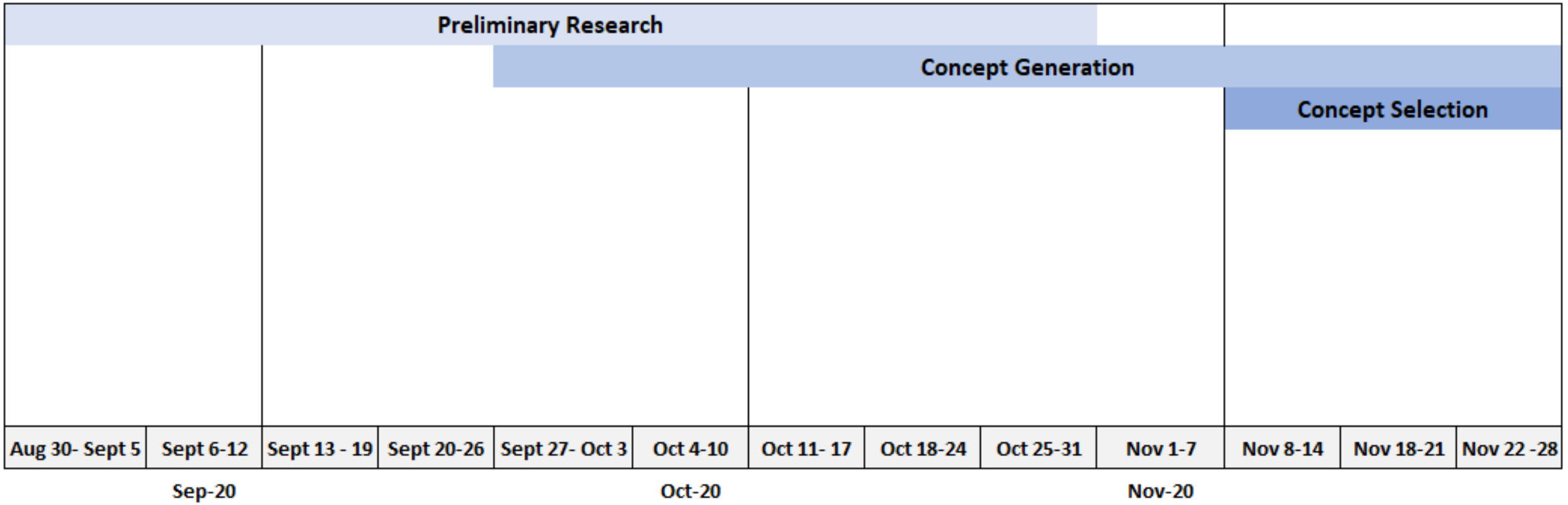

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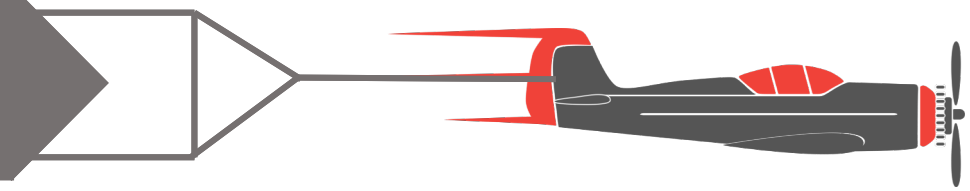

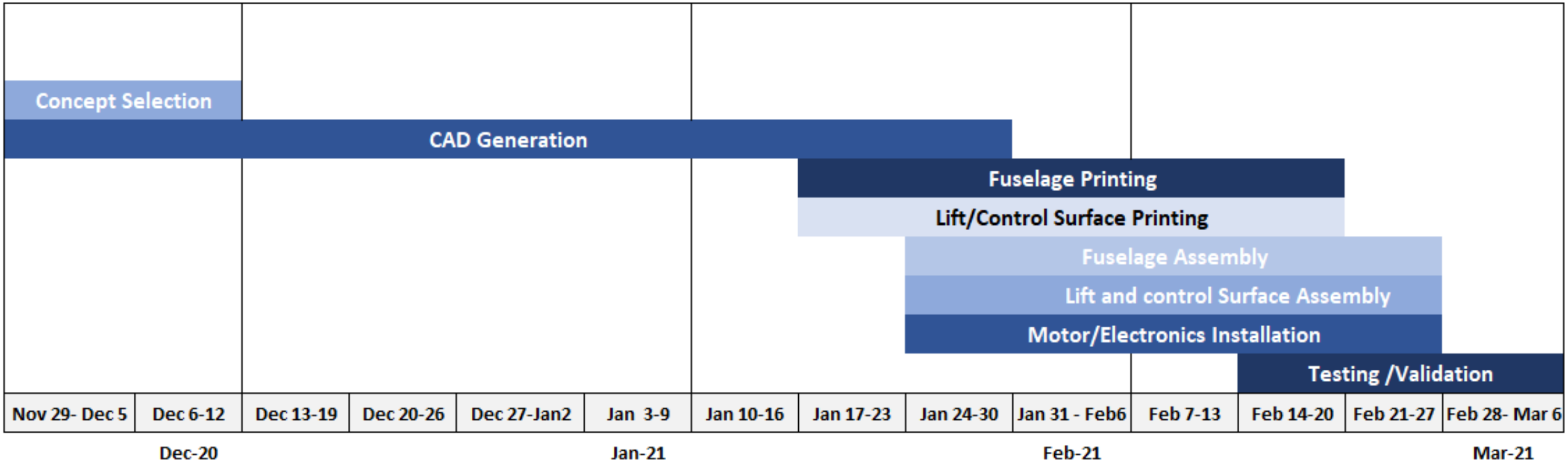

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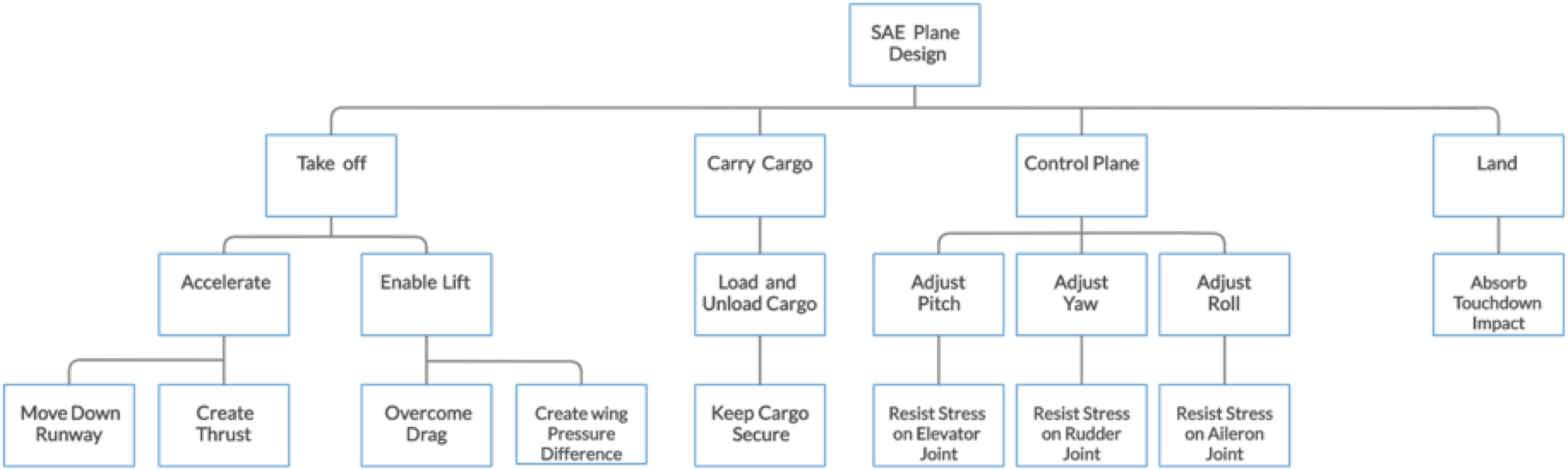
Functional Decomposition



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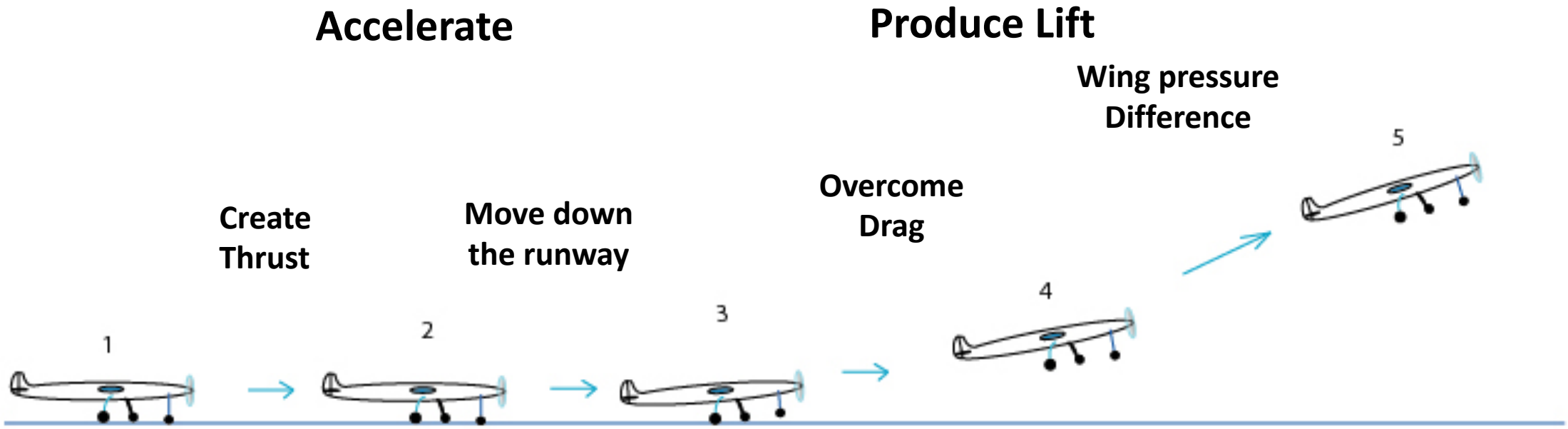
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Produce Lift
Wing pressure
Difference
Overcome
Drag
Create
Thrust
Move down
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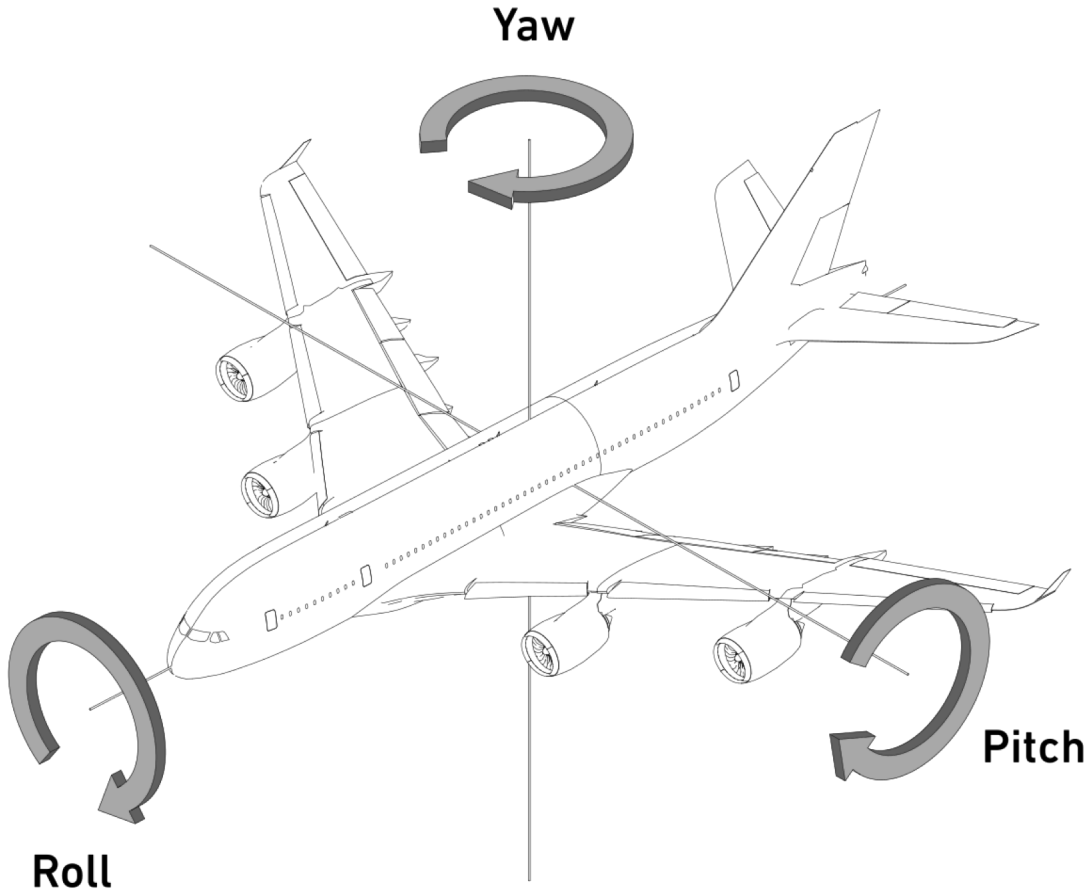
Control Plane



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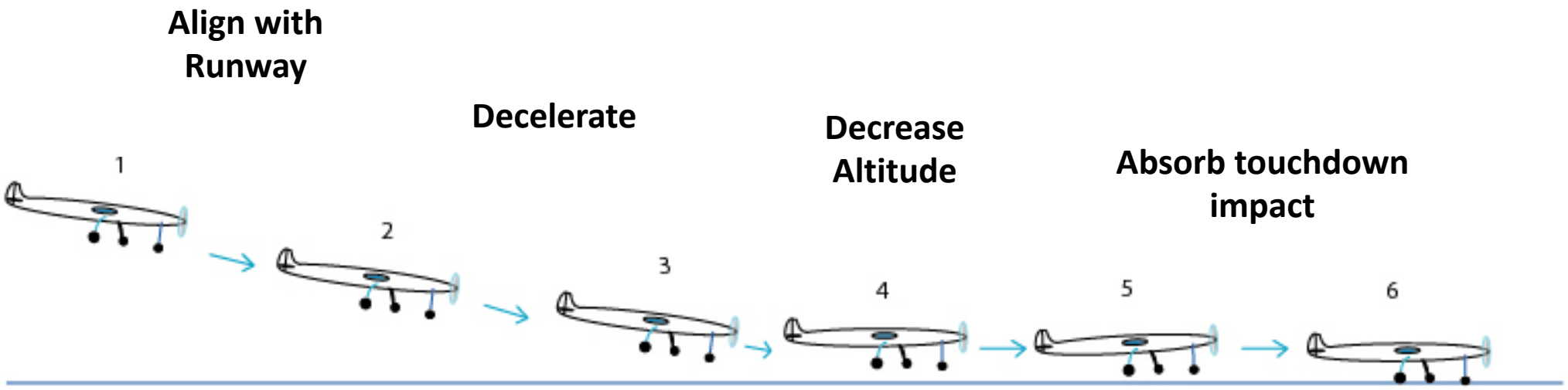
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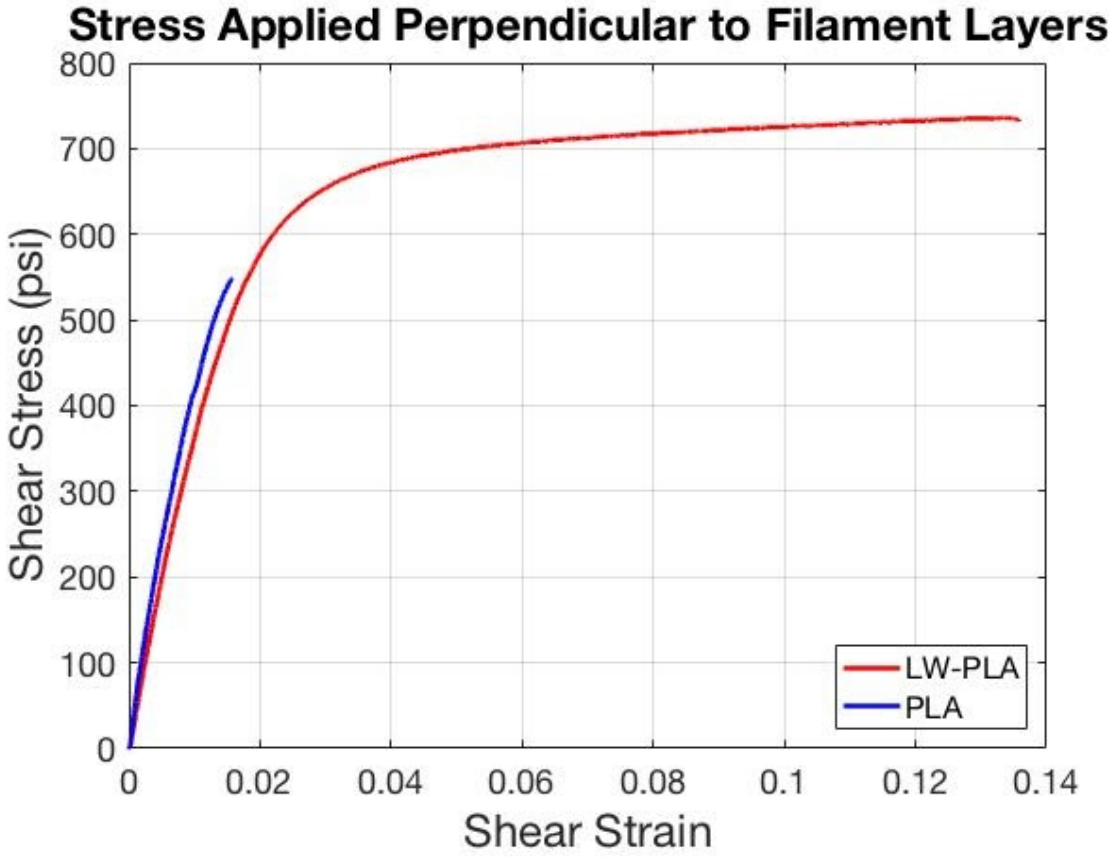

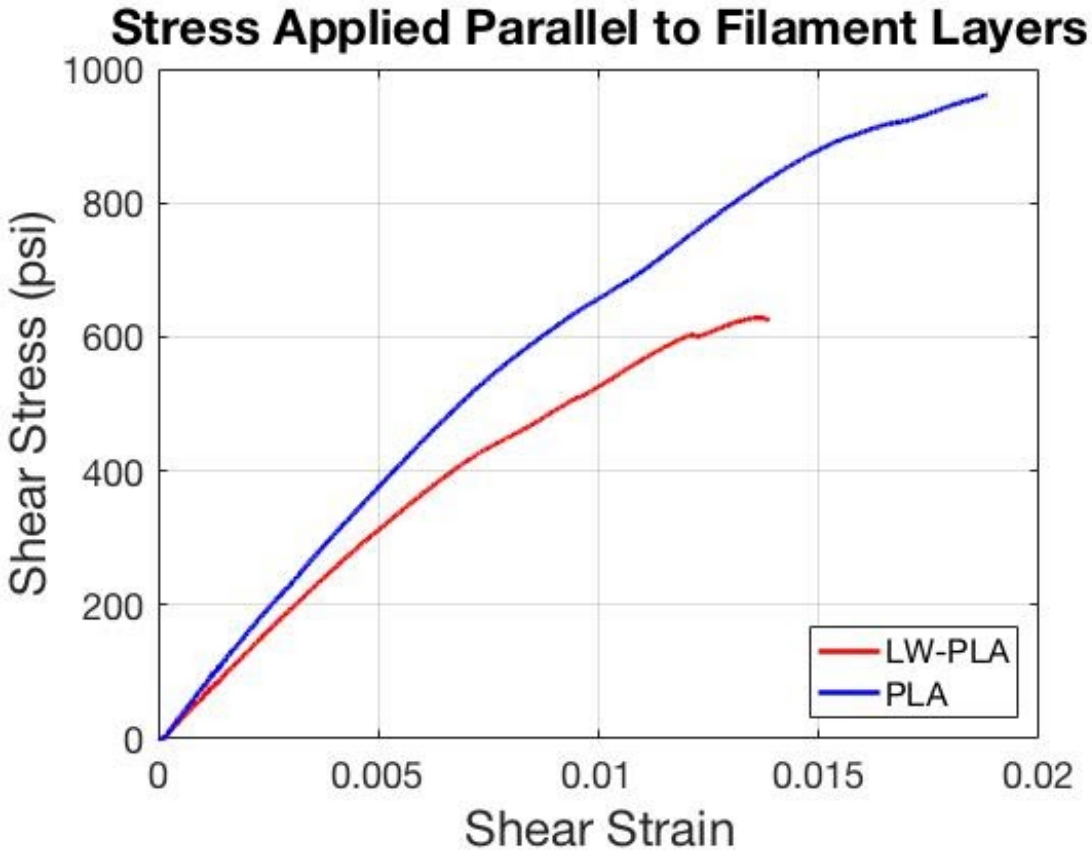

PLA failure stress: 412 psi
LW-PLA failure stress: 552 psi

PLA failure stress: 721 psi
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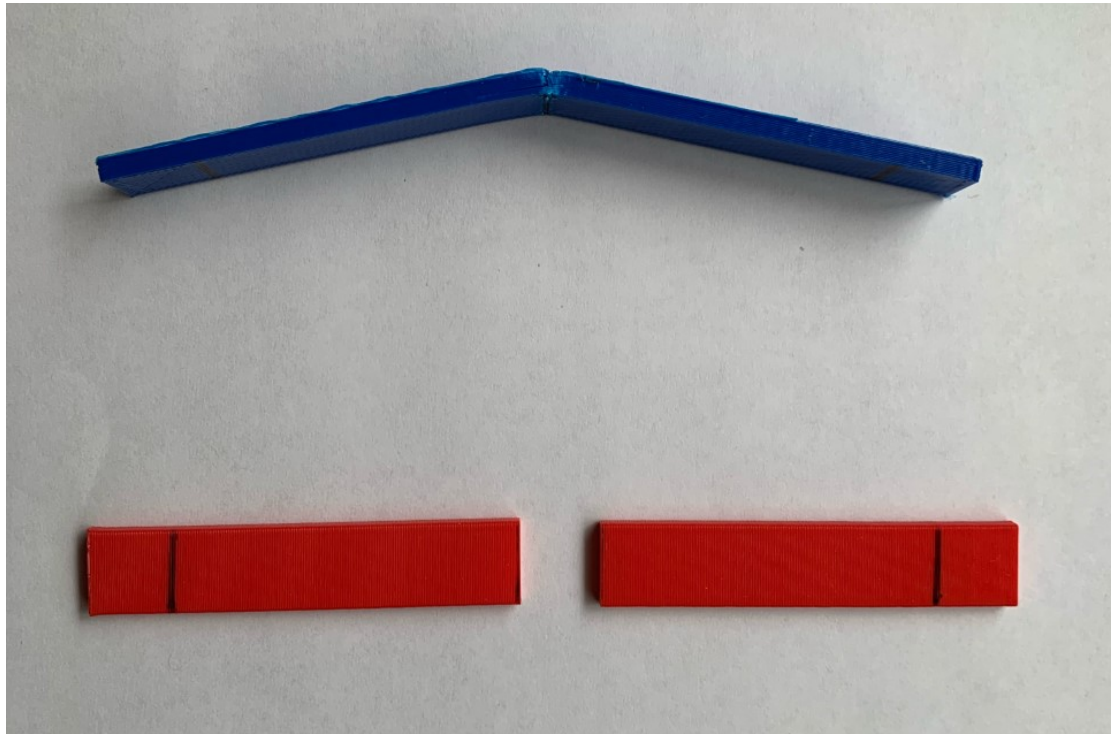

Stress perpendicular to printing direction: 3,360 psi
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LW-PLA

Stress perpendicular to layering direction: 3,380 psi
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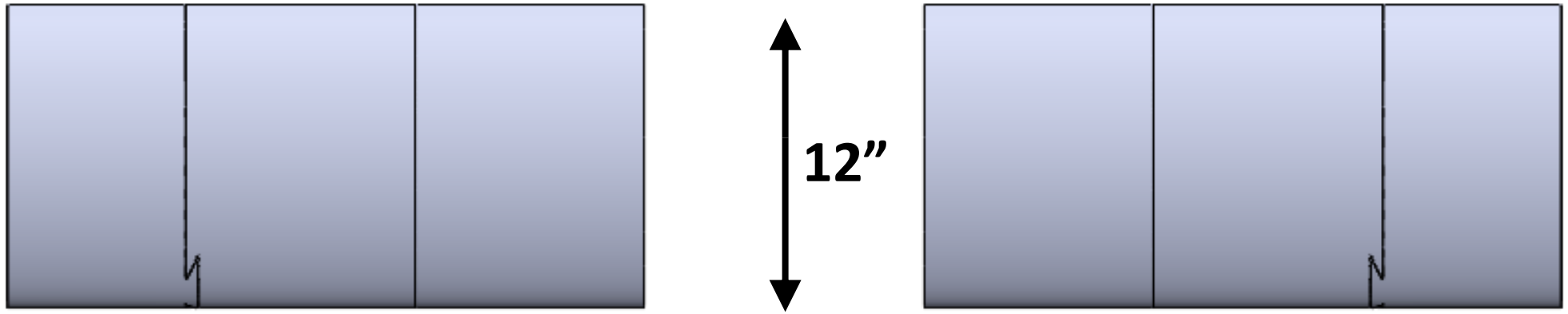
Canard Dimensions



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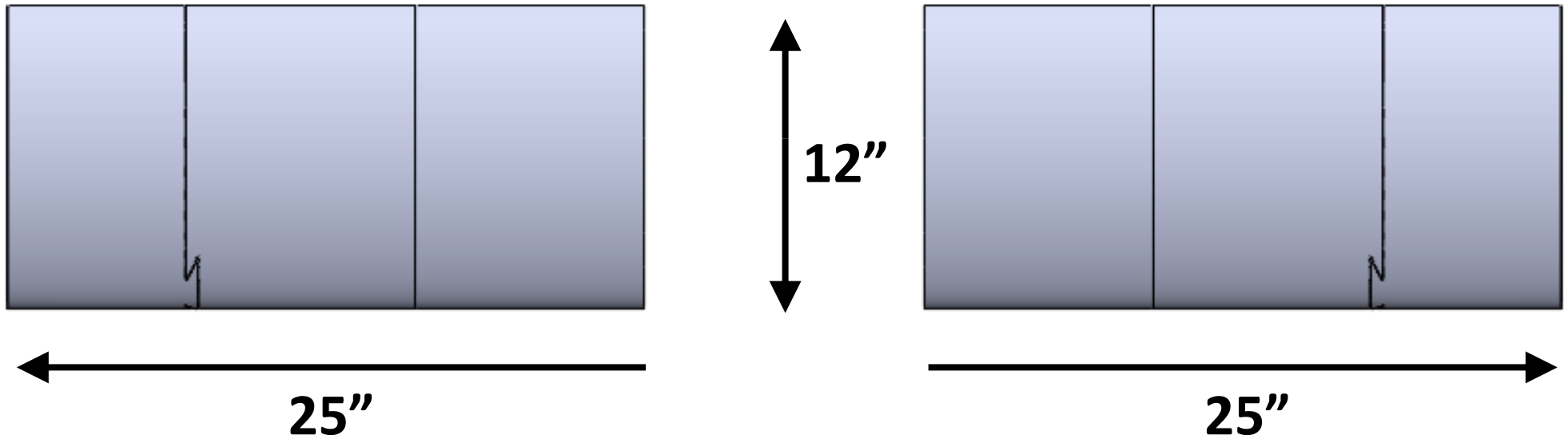

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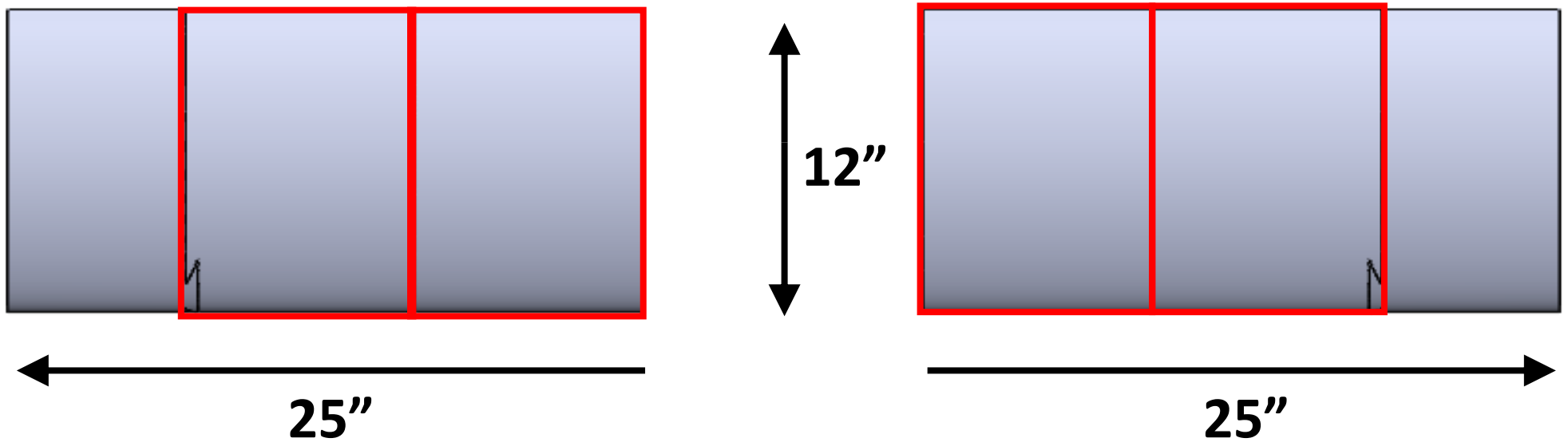

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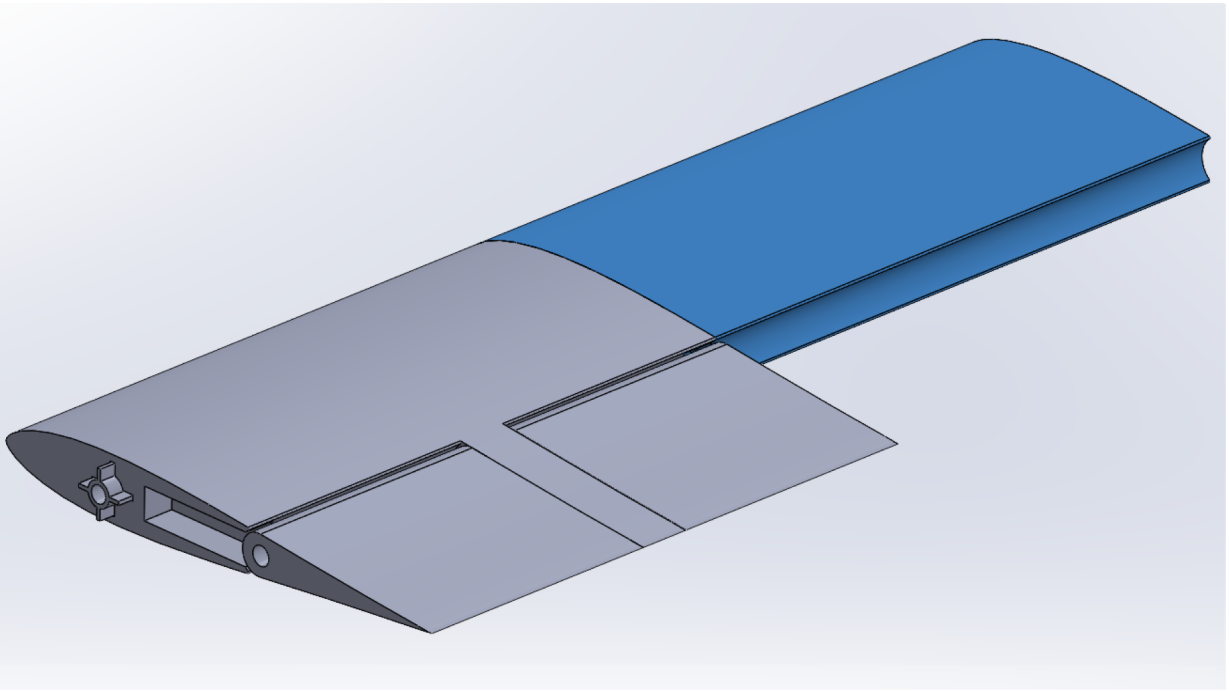

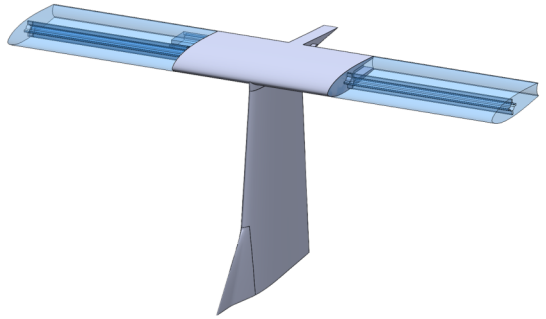
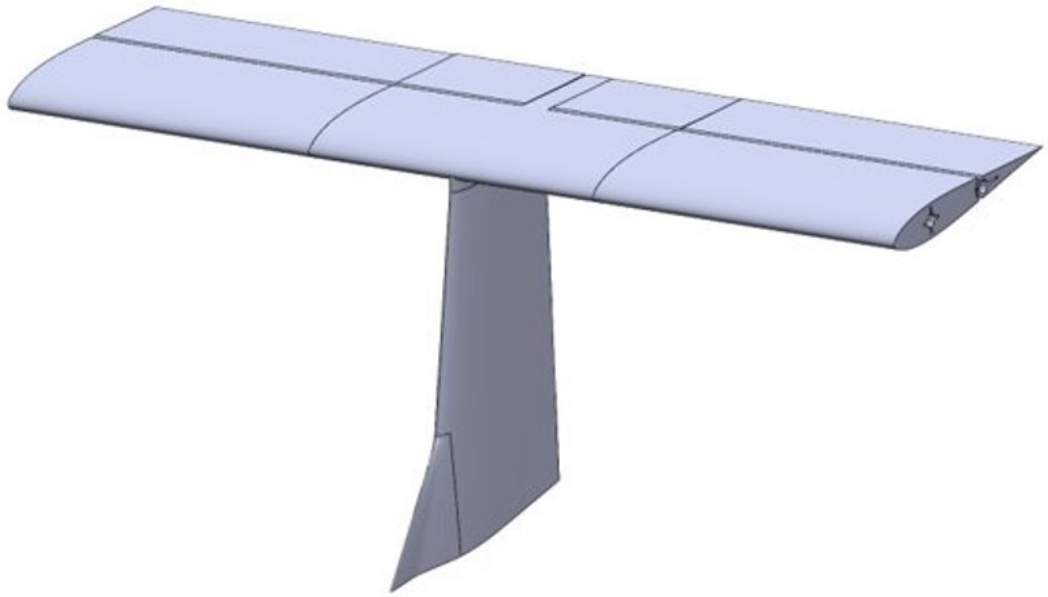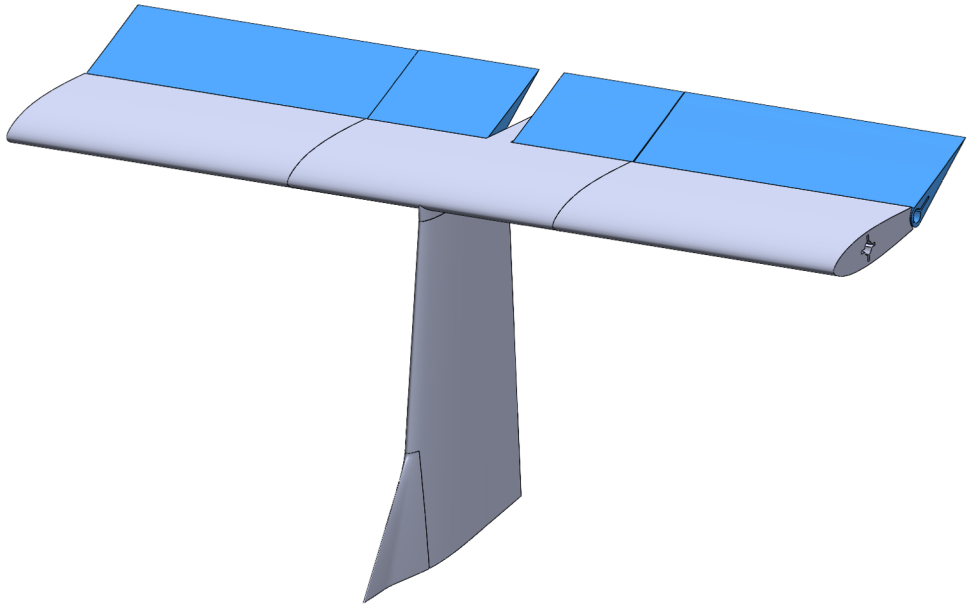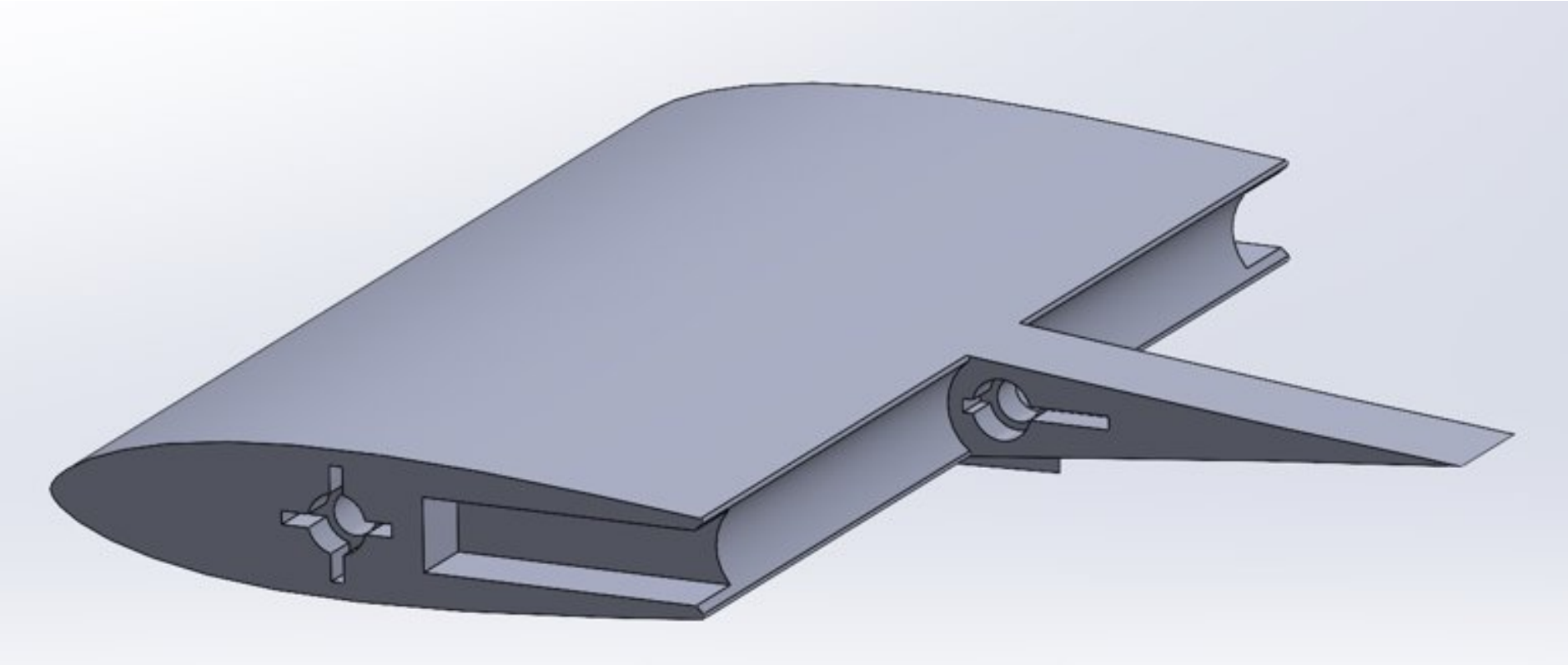
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