



# **Air Vehicle Design**

**AOE 4065 – 4066**

## ***III. Air Vehicle Design Fundamentals***

### **Course Module A10**

#### **Preliminary Design: *Refine & Validate Baseline Design***

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## Capstone Air Vehicle Design (AVD) Course Modules (CMs)

### Overview of AVD Courses

#### I. Foundational Elements

- F1. Design: *An Engineering Discipline*
- F2. Systems and Systems Thinking
- F3. Basics of Systems Engineering
- F4. Decision Making with Ethics and Integrity

#### II. Air Vehicle Design Fundamentals

- A1. Purpose & Process

##### Conceptual Design

- A2. Understand the Problem
- A3. Solve the Problem
- A4. Initial Sizing: *Takeoff Weight Estimation*
- A5. Initial Sizing: *Wing Loading and Thrust Loading Estimation*
- A6. Cost Considerations
- A7. Concept to Configuration: *Key Considerations*
- A7A. Configuration Layout: *Drawings & Loft*

##### Conceptual & Preliminary Design

- A8. Trade Studies
- A9. Use of Software Tools
- A10. Preliminary Design: *Baseline Design Refinement & Validation*

#### III. Project Management Topics

- P1. Basics of Project Management and Project Planning
- P2. Project Organization
- P3. Roles & Responsibilities of Team Members
- P4. Project Execution: *Teamwork for Success*
- P5. Project Risk Management
- P6. Delivering Effective Oral Presentations
- P7. Writing Effective Design Reports

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## **CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT**

***CMs only introduce key topics and highlight some important concepts and ideas...but without sufficient detail.***

***We must use lots of Reference Material\* to add the necessary details!***

***(\*see Appendix in the Overview CM)***

## **A10. Preliminary Design: Refine & Validate Baseline Design**

**A10.1 General Remarks**

**A10.2 Integrated System**

**A10.3 Aerodynamics**

**A10.4 Aeropropulsion Integration**

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**A10.6 Structures & Materials**

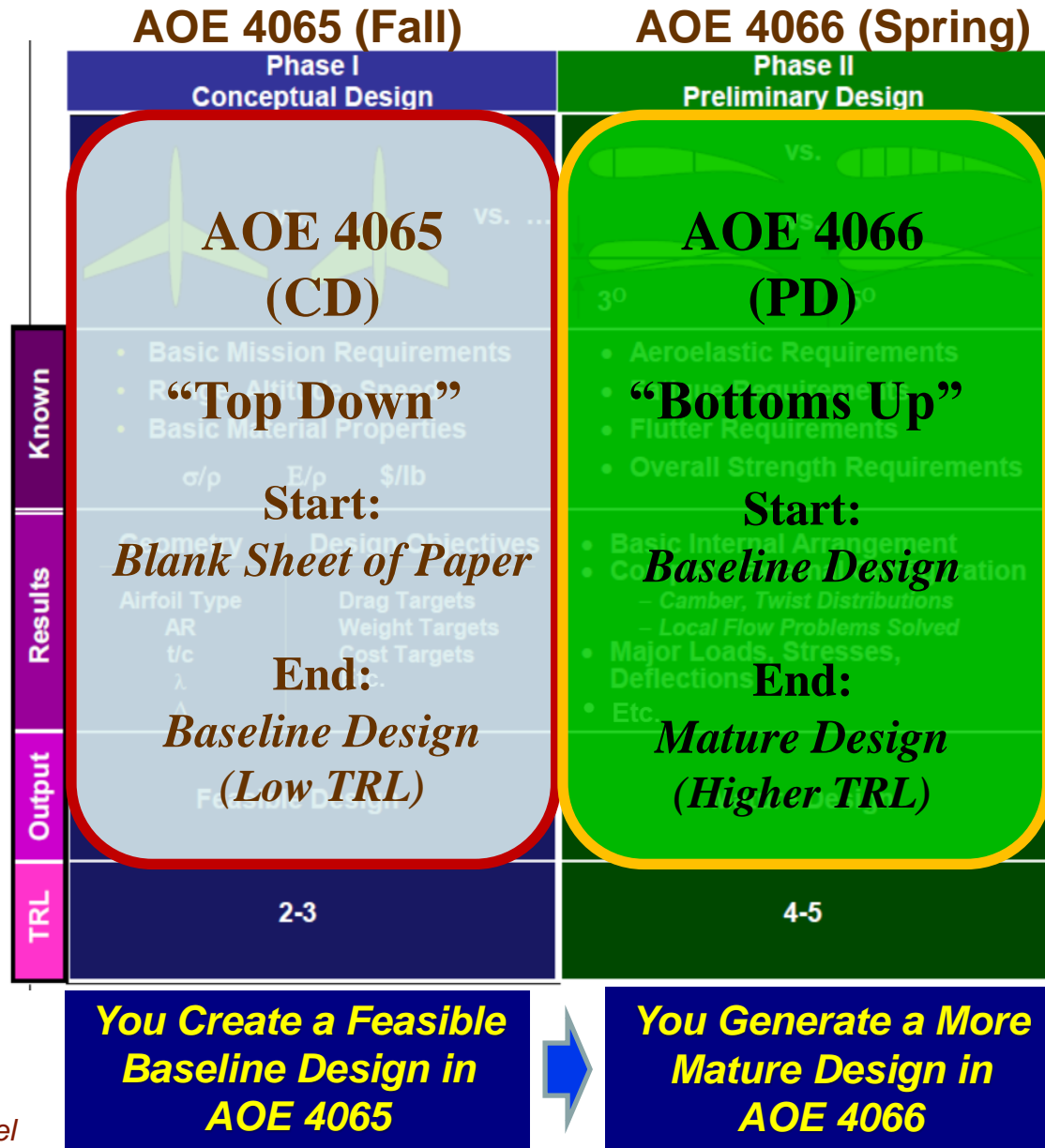
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# Preliminary Design (PD) Builds Upon the Outcome of Conceptual Design (CD)



TRL: Technology Readiness Level

## The First Day!

### Request for Proposal

#### High Capacity Short Range Transport Aircraft

#### Background

As the world economy has advanced, the world has access to commercial air travel. A recurring problem that arises with this increase in air travel is the congestion of major commercial airports. For example, congestion at airports such as John F Kennedy International (JFK) and LAX result in delays, not enough flights to meet demand, and passengers needing to fly to smaller satellite airports. As many of the major world economies such as China and India mature, this problem will only become worse.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the design of an aircraft that addresses this market problem. Specifically, a high capacity, short range transport aircraft designed to alleviate airport congestion, without the size and cost that comes with long range capability. This aircraft will have an entry into service (EIS) of 2029, with a maximum capacity of 400 in a dual class configuration, and 3,500 nautical miles of range.

This aircraft should be designed to best serve the market stipulated in the first paragraph. Historical trends of key airplane characteristics are not appropriate for the non-standard combination of requirements in this design range.

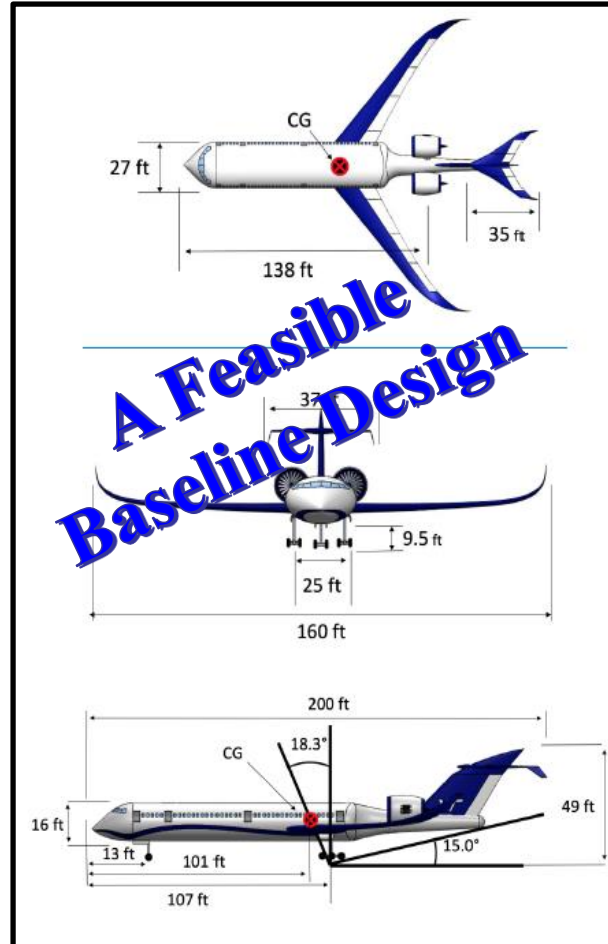
The aircraft is to be designed to meet all the requirements in General Requirements and the requirements in Mission Requirements. The objectives for designer optimization are listed in Design Objectives.

Requirements (M) = Mandatory Requirement (T) = Tradable requirement

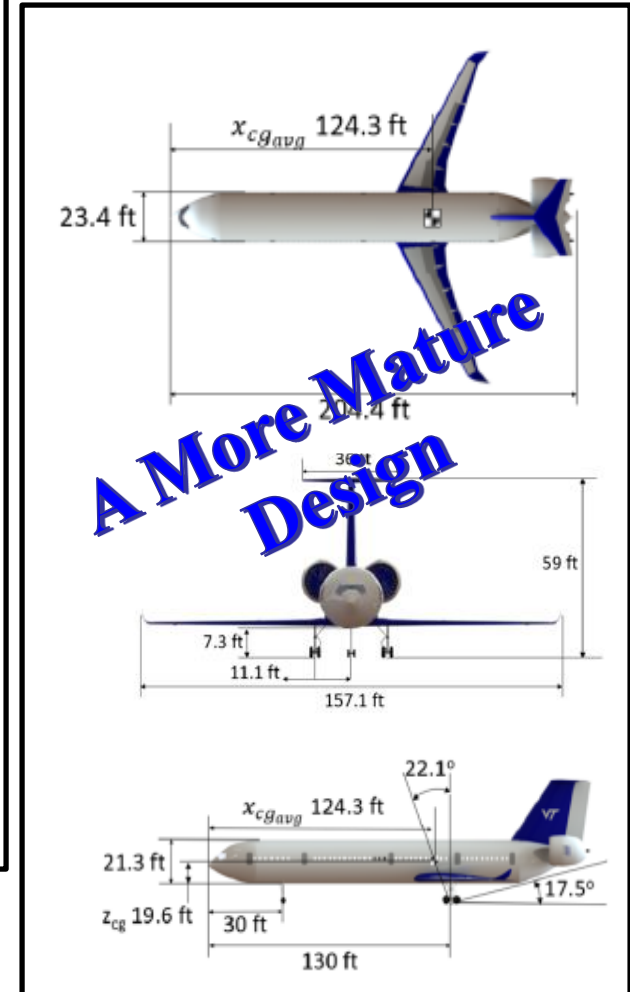
#### General Requirements

- (M) Capable of taking off and landing from runways (asphalt or concrete)
- (M) Capable of VFR and IFR flight with an autopilot
- (M) Capable of flight in known icing conditions
- (M) Meets applicable certification rules in FAA 14 CFR Part 25
  - All missions below assume reserves and equipment required to meet applicable FARs
- (M) Engine/propulsion system assumptions documented
  - Use of engine(s) that will be in service by 2029

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# Baseline Design: *Recap*

We *estimated* values of parameters for the Baseline Design or the Preferred System Concept based on many *simplifying assumptions*

- **Initial  $W_{TO}$  Sizing**
  - **Empty Weight:** Historical trends for our class of aircraft
  - **Fuel Weight:** Assumed/estimated values of several parameters
    - $AR$ ,  $(L/D)_{max}$  or  $C_{D0}$
    - Cruise and/or loiter speed,  $V_{cr}$  or  $V_{lo}$ ; altitude,  $h_{cr}$  or  $h_{lo}$ ; and  $tsfc$  or  $bsfc$  for the cruise or loiter mission phases
- **Initial  $(W/S)_{TO}$  and  $(T/W)_{TO}$  Estimation**
  - **Feasible Design Space (or Domain):** Used approximate form of vehicle performance equations to define a Design Space
  - Selected more parameters, such as,  $C_{Lmax}$ ,  $V_{TO}$ ,  $ROC$ , etc.
- **Empennage Sizing**
  - Used empirical values of Tail Volume Coefficients
- **Component Weights & System Cost**
  - Used parametric and empirical relationships
- **Etc., Etc.**

**Baseline Design Has Low Level of Maturity (TRL ~ 2-3)**



# Baseline Design Needs *Refinement & Validation*

- **Validate all assumptions and parameter values used to create your feasible Baseline Design**
  - *If the assumptions turn out to be flawed or the parameter values wrong, you may not necessarily have a feasible design, do you?*
- **Tweak the design to conform to the *validated* parameters while constantly making sure that the design is feasible**
- **Develop a project plan that integrates inputs from all sub-teams and disciplines**
  - Each sub-team should prepare a list questions that need to be answered. For example,
    - What assumptions/ parameters need to be validated? *These lead to tasks*
    - How do we validate? *Defines scope of a task based on desired output*
    - When do we need to complete each task? *Defines schedule and milestones*
    - Who else needs the results? *Defines dependencies for scheduling tasks*
  - Each sub-team should prepare a Gantt chart for their own tasks; all sub-team charts then roll up into full project level Gantt chart

***Refined Design Has Higher Level of Maturity (TRL ~ 4-5)***

# Validation Example 1

## Empty Weight

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#### Initial Sizing

$$\text{TOGW} = \text{Empty Weight}$$

+ Fuel Weight

+ Fixed (Payload)  
Weight



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**Empty Weight =  $\sum$  Component Weights**

- ✓ Airframe Structure: *wing, fuselage, tail, landing gear,...*
- ✓ Propulsion: *engine, inlet, fuel system, engine controls, and thrust reversers*
- ✓ Control system: *hydraulic, pneumatic, actuators, ...*
- ✓ Instruments
- ✓ Electrical system
- ✓ Furnishings
- ✓ Avionics
- ✓ Air-conditioning and anti-icing
- ✓ Other: *drag chutes, etc.*

“Bottoms up”

Analysis of the baseline

design to validate estimated

empty weight

“Top down”  
Estimation of TOGW  
and its constituents  
including empty weight



**Get precise estimates of CG  
and Moments of Inertia based  
on component locations**

**Change in CG affects  
all subteams!!**

- Known weights
- Direct weight estimates
- Statistical weight estimates

## In case you missed it...

*“...estimation of the aircraft empty weight is the weakest part of the conceptual design process and it has tremendous leverage on the aircraft takeoff weight. It is almost impossible to estimate the empty weight of something that has not been built...However, it is important to press on or aircraft will never be designed.”*

*-- Lee Nicolai*

**That is why we start with a “Top Down” approach and end with “Bottoms up”.**

*Source: Chapter 5, Ref. 1, (Nicolai & Carichner);*

# Validation Example 2

## Aerodynamics

### Aerodynamics subteam should review their R&Rs, and any project data deliverables in the RFP

- Identify all parameters that need to be validated and approaches
- Let us consider one of the parameters,  $C_{D0}$ 
  - Do we need to validate the assumed value of  $C_{D0}$ ?
    - ✓ Yes!
  - How will we validate  $C_{D0}$ ?
    - ✓ Use analysis and testing methods
    - ✓ Research relevant reference material for applicable methods
      - Options include (a) Drag Build-up method which sums up individual component parasitic drag values to estimate aircraft zero-lift drag; or (b) computational methods, such as, FRICTION or VSPAero or some other code to analyze the baseline design; or...
    - ✓ Select some or all methods based on available resources and constraints!
- Investigate other parameters, such as,  $AR$ ,  $S_{ref}$ ,  $(L/D)_{max}$ ,  $C_{Lmax}$ , etc.

# Engineers Should Use/Choose Validation Approach Wisely

***“Just because you can doesn’t mean you should.”***

## 1. Understand Customer’s Problem

- Develop a *comprehensive* understanding of the scope of customer needs (potential impact of solution, desired level of accuracy, type and amount of data, etc.) and constraints (cost and schedule)

## 2. Devise a Practical Approach to Solving the Problem

- Examine available computational simulation codes for solving your problem with *effectiveness* as the key measure of merit
- Choose a code based on your understanding of the problem [the type, amount and quality of aerodynamic data required to meet customer needs subject to the specified constraints]

## 3. Deliver a *Best Solution* that Adds Value

- Provide a solution that *best* meets customer needs while satisfying all constraints

***Don’t Use a Hammer When You Need a Screwdriver!***

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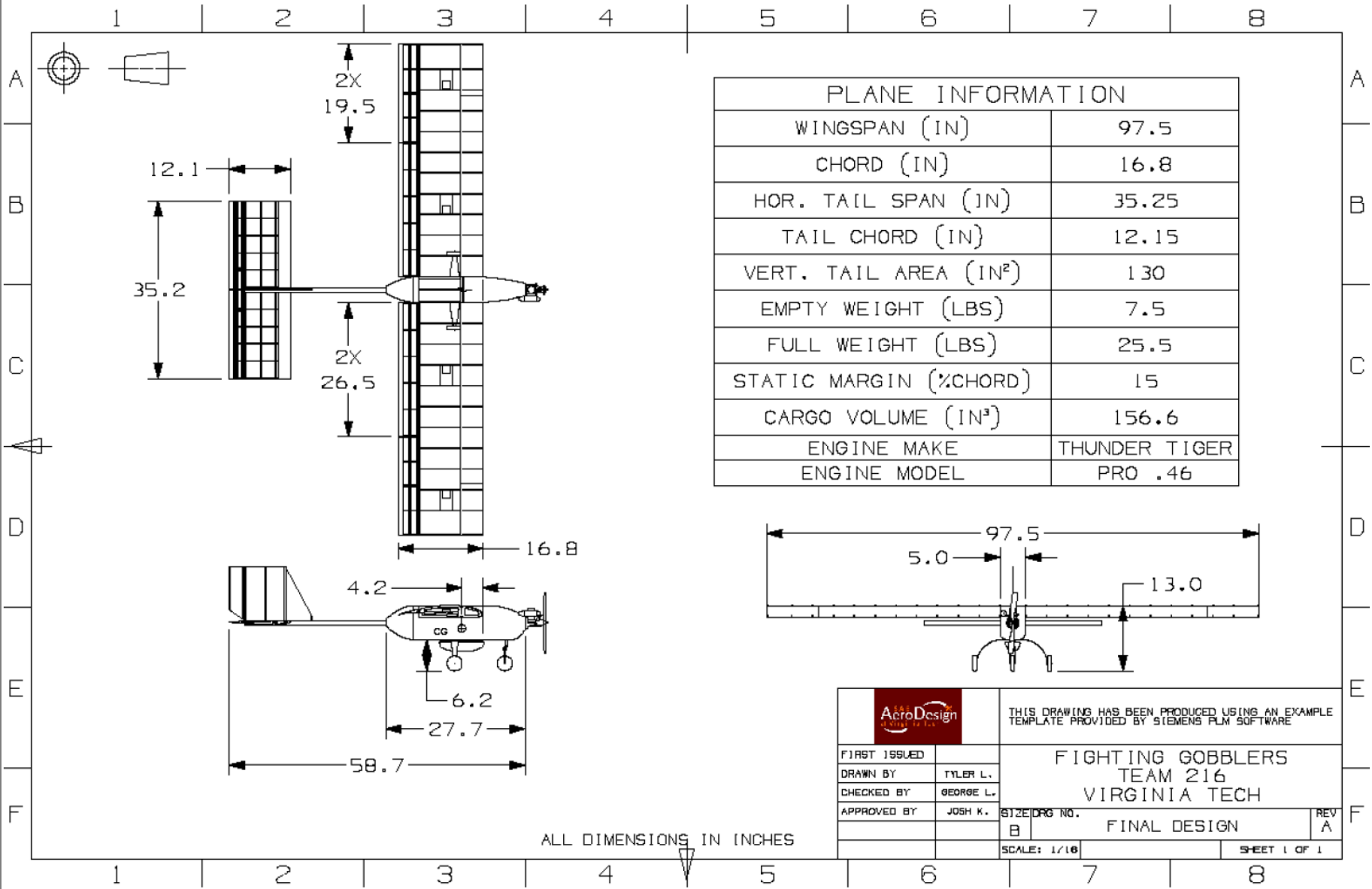
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## ***A10.2 Configuration Layout and Loft***

**Configuration Layout and Loft subteam members should review their R&Rs, and any project data deliverables in the RFP**

# Three-view Drawing of RC Airplane: A Good Example Using SAE Specs



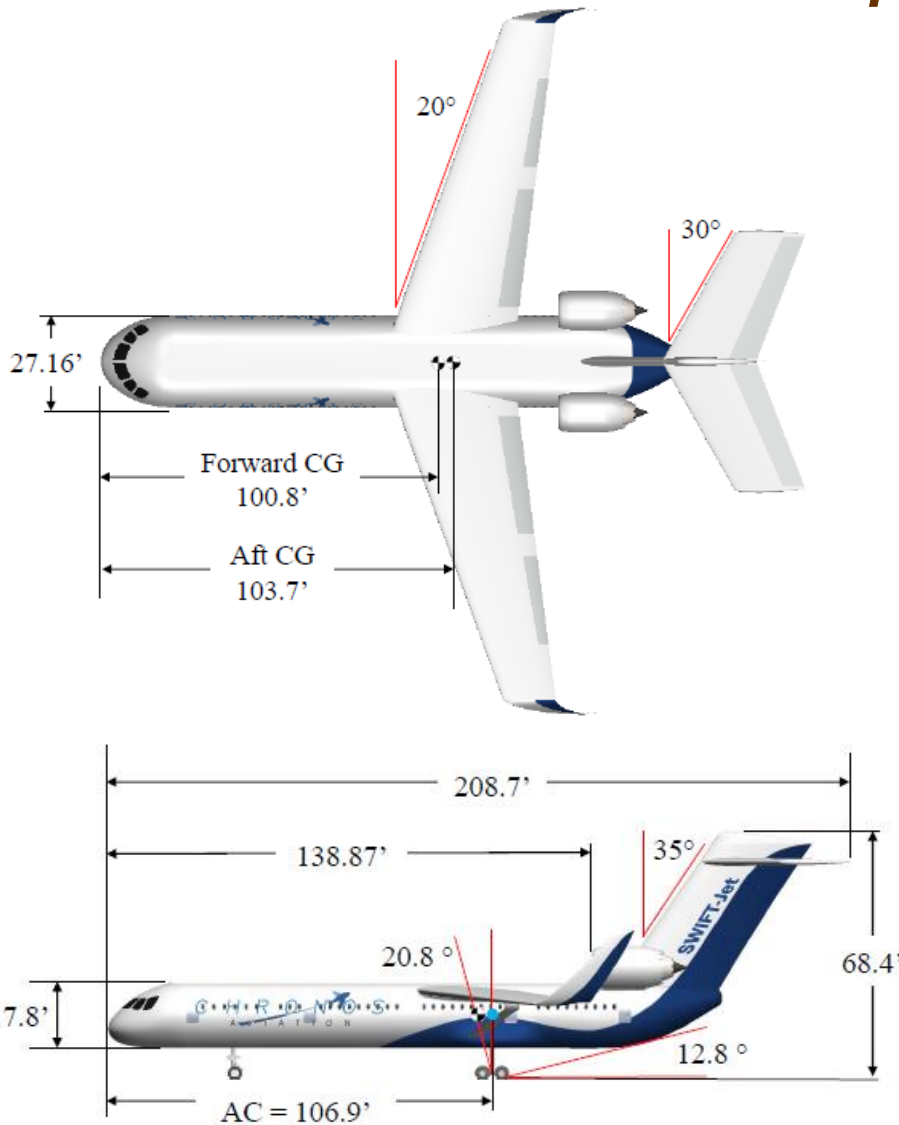
PLANE INFORMATION	
WINGSPAN (IN)	97.5
CHORD (IN)	16.8
HOR. TAIL SPAN (IN)	35.25
TAIL CHORD (IN)	12.15
VERT. TAIL AREA (IN <sup>2</sup> )	130
EMPTY WEIGHT (LBS)	7.5
FULL WEIGHT (LBS)	25.5
STATIC MARGIN (%CHORD)	15
CARGO VOLUME (IN <sup>3</sup> )	156.6
ENGINE MAKE	THUNDER TIGER
ENGINE MODEL	PRO .46

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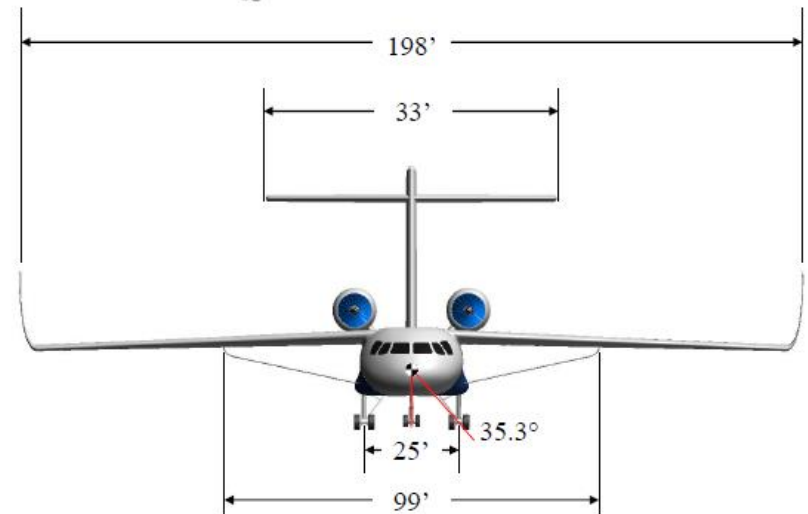
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# Final Configuration Layout: A Transport Aircraft Example



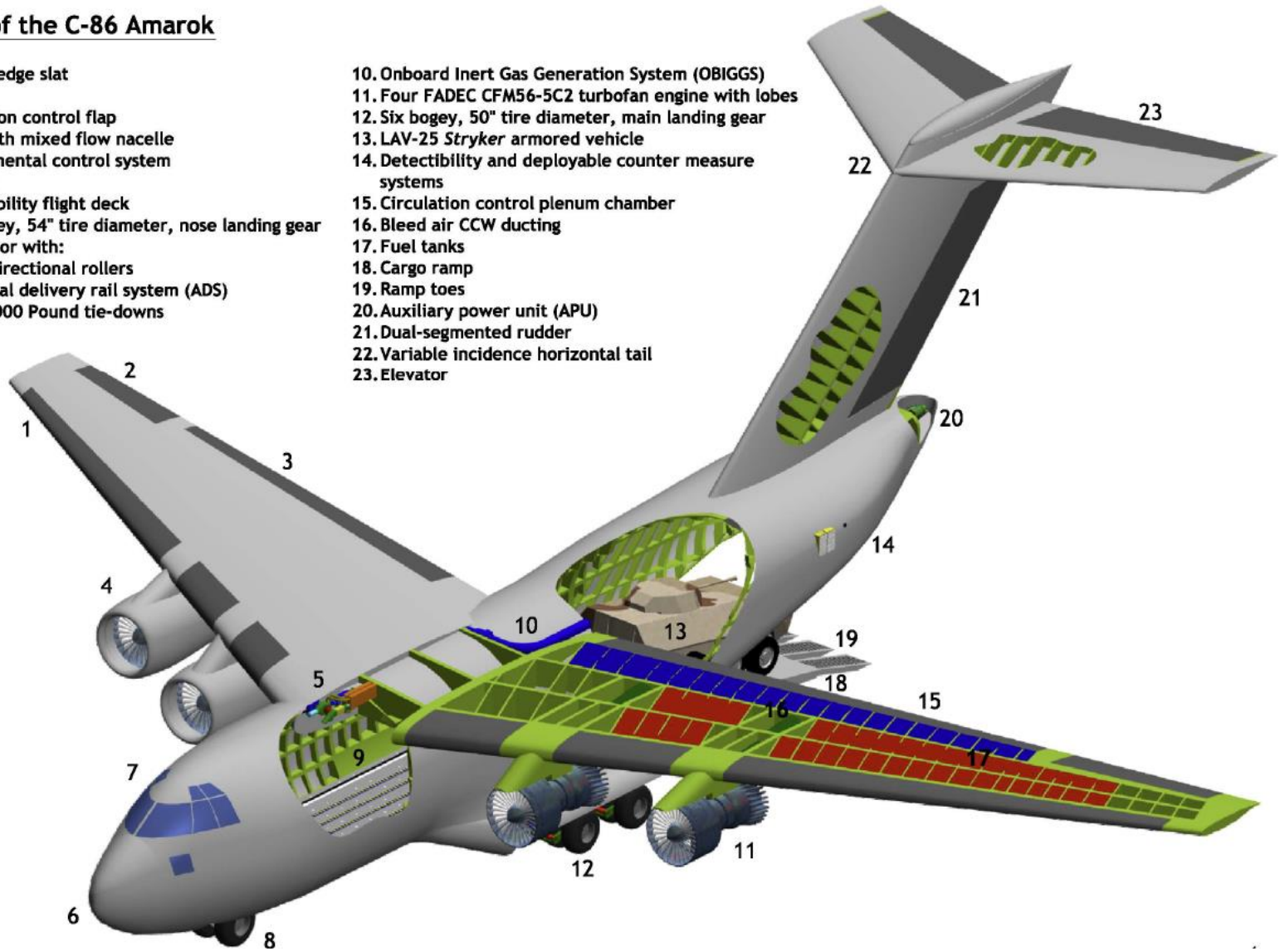
Aircraft Specifications	
Max. TOGW (lbs)	453,156
Seat Capacity	400
Design Range (nm)	3,500
Max. Climb Rate (fpm)	5,500
Cruise Mach No.	0.78
Cruise Altitude (ft)	40,000
Service Ceiling (ft)	43,500



# An Example to Emulate: *Cal Poly SLO Student Team Project*

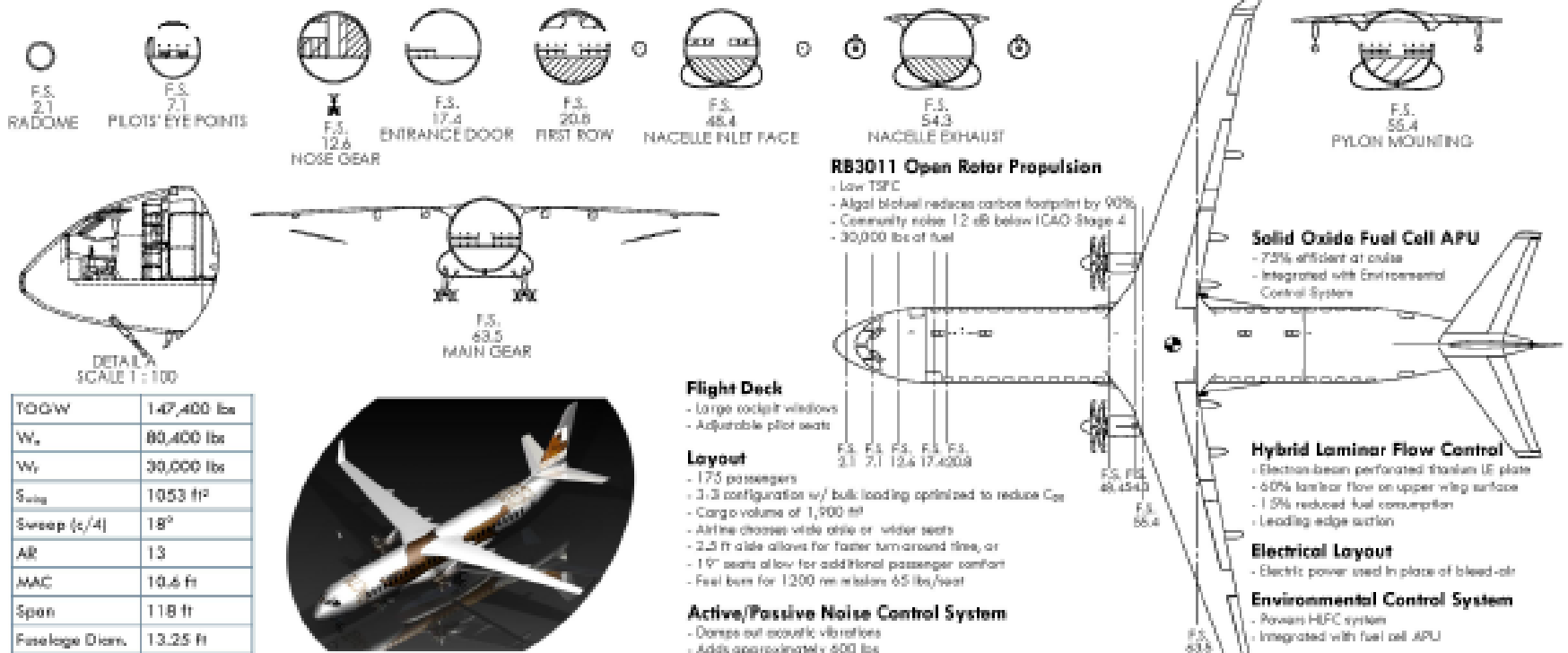
## Cut-Away View of the C-86 Amarok

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leading edge slat</li> <li>2. Aileron</li> <li>3. Circulation control flap</li> <li>4. Full length mixed flow nacelle</li> <li>5. Environmental control system</li> <li>6. Radome</li> <li>7. High visibility flight deck</li> <li>8. Two bogey, 54" tire diameter, nose landing gear</li> <li>9. Cargo floor with:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.1. Bi-directional rollers</li> <li>9.2. Aerial delivery rail system (ADS)</li> <li>9.3. 25,000 Pound tie-downs</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Onboard Inert Gas Generation System (OBIGGS)</li> <li>11. Four FADEC CFM56-5C2 turbofan engine with lobes</li> <li>12. Six bogey, 50" tire diameter, main landing gear</li> <li>13. LAV-25 <i>Stryker</i> armored vehicle</li> <li>14. Detectability and deployable counter measure systems</li> <li>15. Circulation control plenum chamber</li> <li>16. Bleed air CCW ducting</li> <li>17. Fuel tanks</li> <li>18. Cargo ramp</li> <li>19. Ramp toes</li> <li>20. Auxiliary power unit (APU)</li> <li>21. Dual-segmented rudder</li> <li>22. Variable incidence horizontal tail</li> <li>23. Elevator</li> </ol> |
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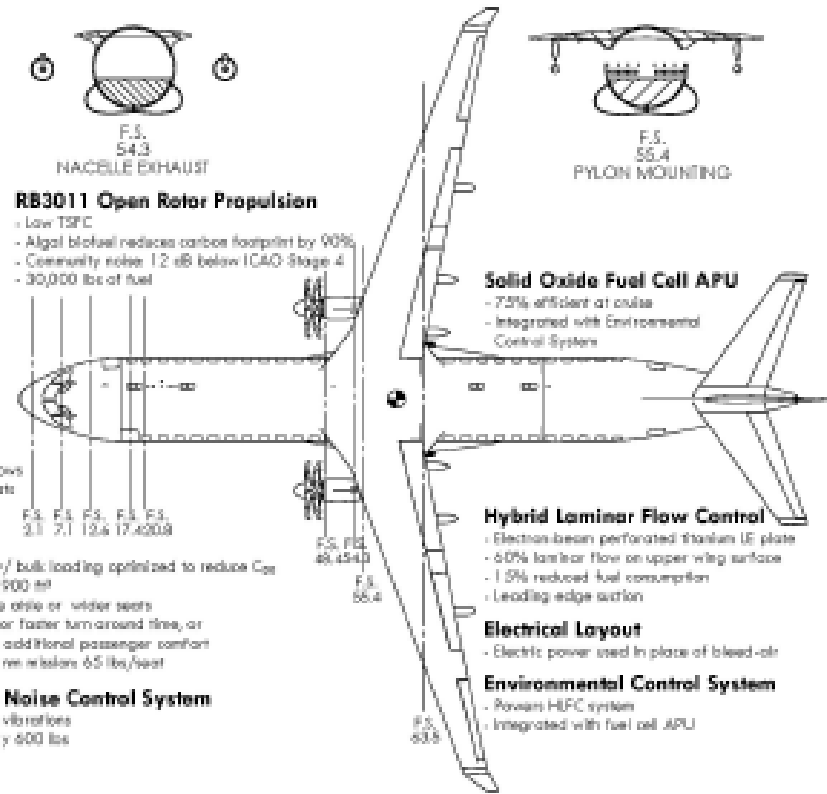


Source: 2007 AIAA Undergrad Team Competition Winner, Cal Poly, SLO

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TOW	147,400 lbs
$W_w$	80,400 lbs
$W_f$	30,000 lbs
$S_{wing}$	1053 ft <sup>2</sup>
Sweep $(c/4)$	18°
AR	13
MAC	10.6 ft
Span	118 ft
Fuselage Diam.	13.25 ft

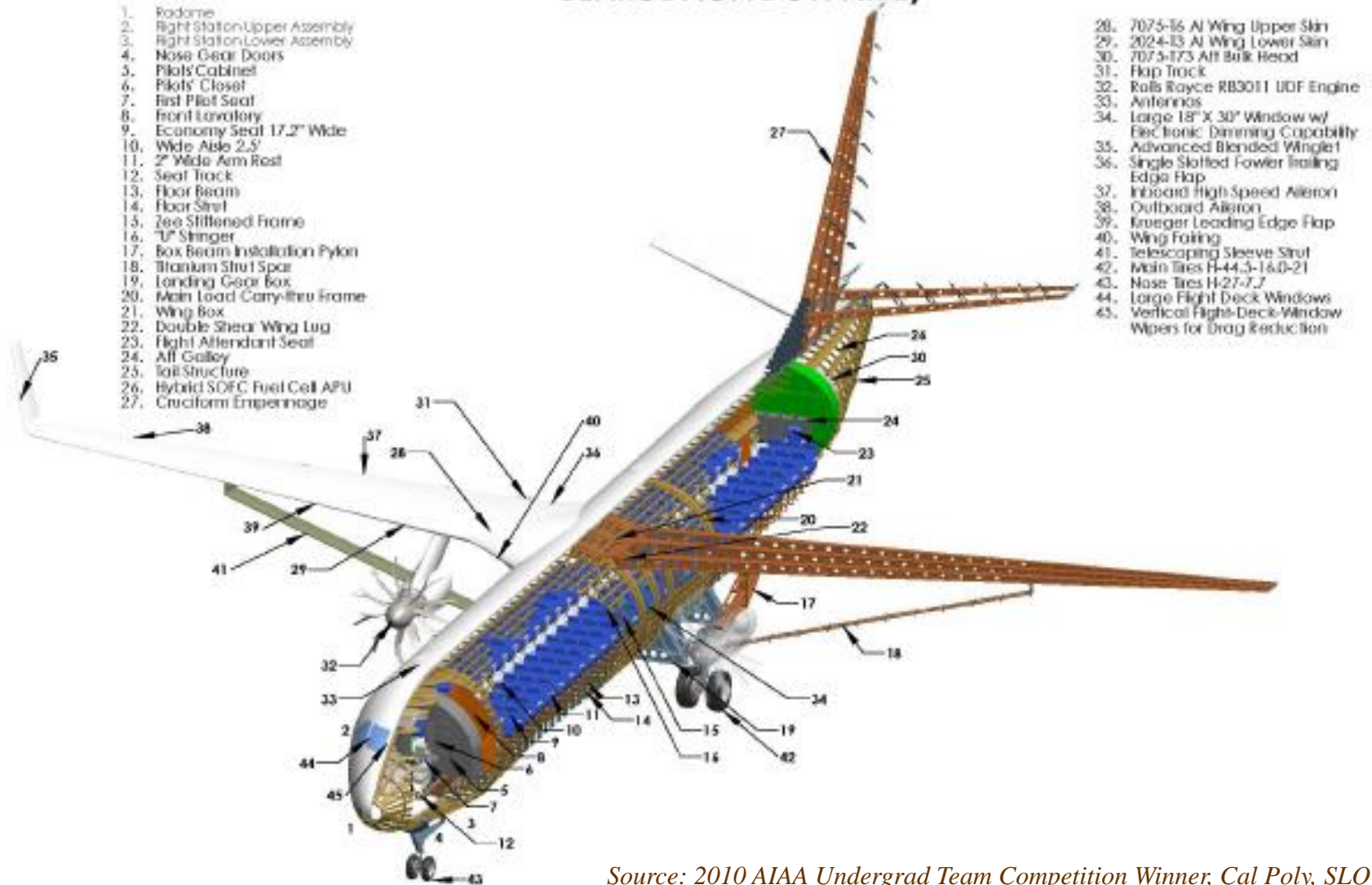


Source: 2010 AIAA Undergrad Team Competition Winner, Cal Poly, SLO

# Aircraft Structure & Systems Layout

## Student Design Project Example to Emulate

### BEARODACTYL Cut Away



Source: 2010 AIAA Undergrad Team Competition Winner, Cal Poly, SLO



# Configuration Layout and Loft

## Recommended Reading for Topics in Configuration Layout and Loft

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>Configuration Layout and Loft</u></b>	
Configuration Layout and Loft	Chapter 7, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Aircraft Design Aid and Layout Guide	All chapters, Kirschbaum with Mason, Ref. AVD 6

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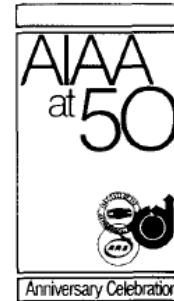
# Role of Aerodynamicist

- **AIAA-82-0315: An Excellent Reference**
  - 40 years “new”
  - Highly relevant—just replace “Tactical-Missile” with Aircraft!
  - A copy is in the *Aerodynamics* subfolder on Canvas
  - *Aerodynamicists help ensure that aircraft delivers targeted flight performance. Period.*

**AIAA-82-0315**

**The Changing Role of the Aerodynamicist in Tactical-Missile Design**

D.R. Carlson, Hughes Aircraft Co.,  
Canoga Park, CA



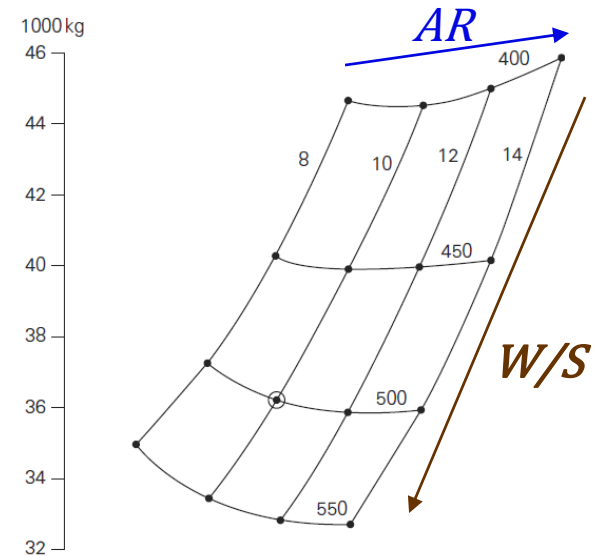
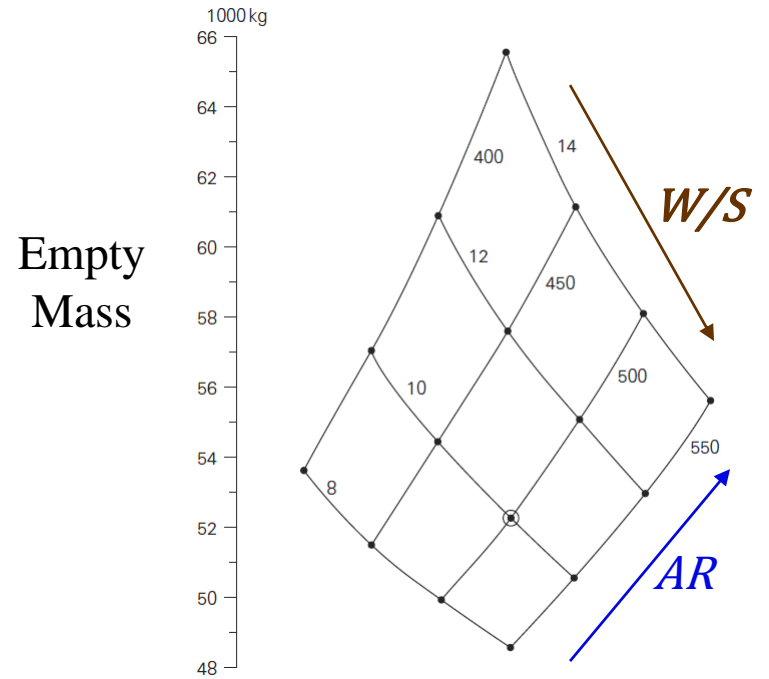
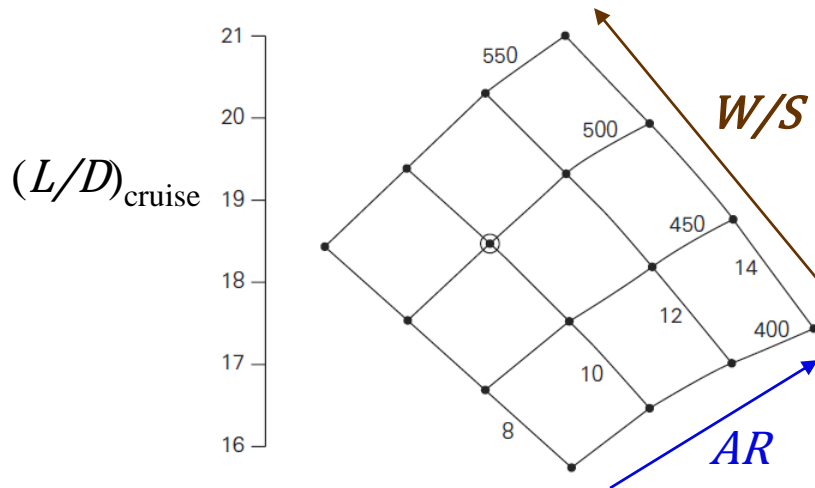
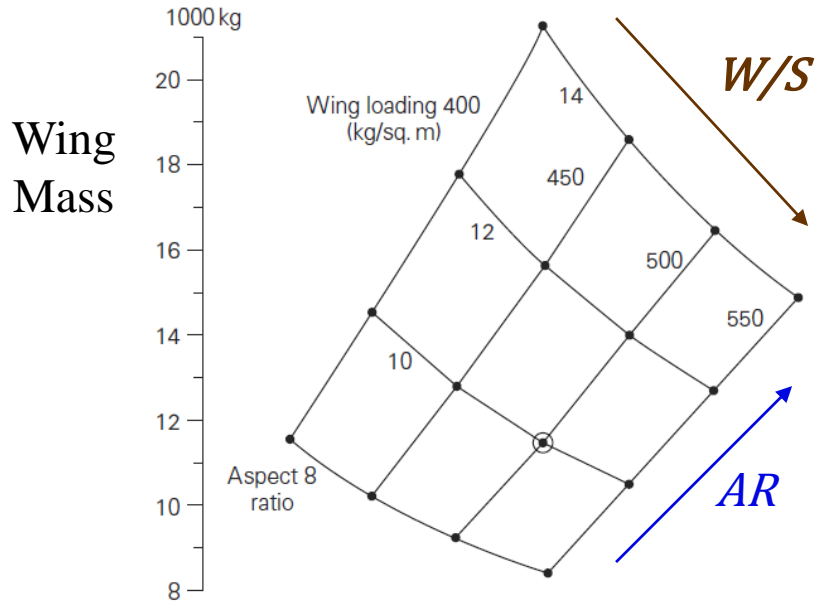
**AIAA 20th Aerospace  
Sciences Meeting**

January 11-14, 1982/Orlando, Florida

***“They own OML (Outer Mold Line)” – Lee Nicolai***

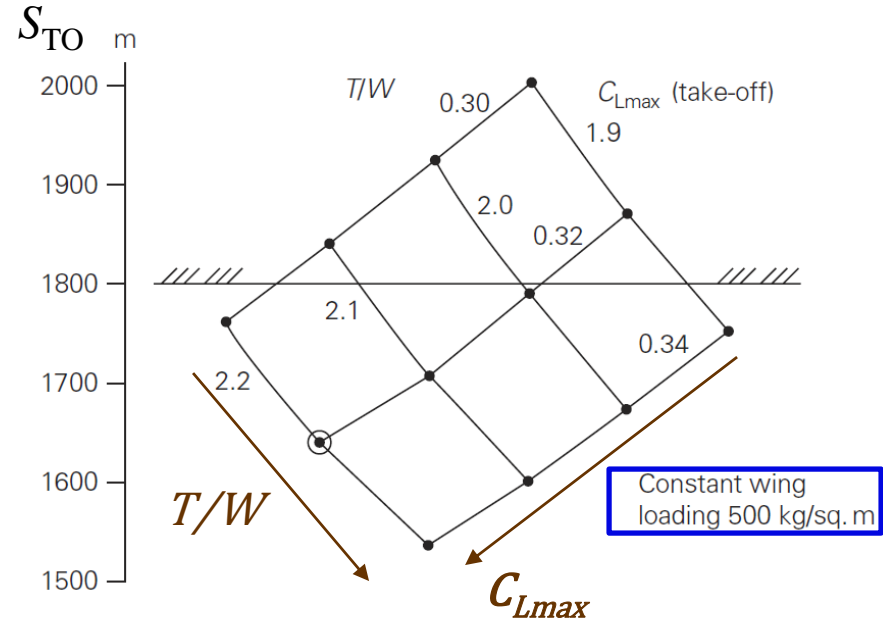
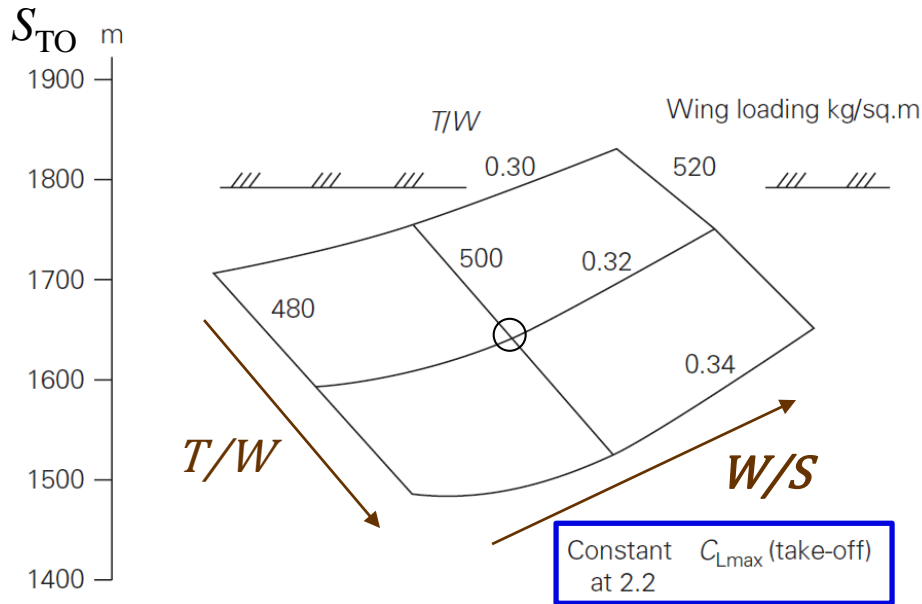


- Wing Geometry ( $AR$  and  $S$  or  $W/S$ )

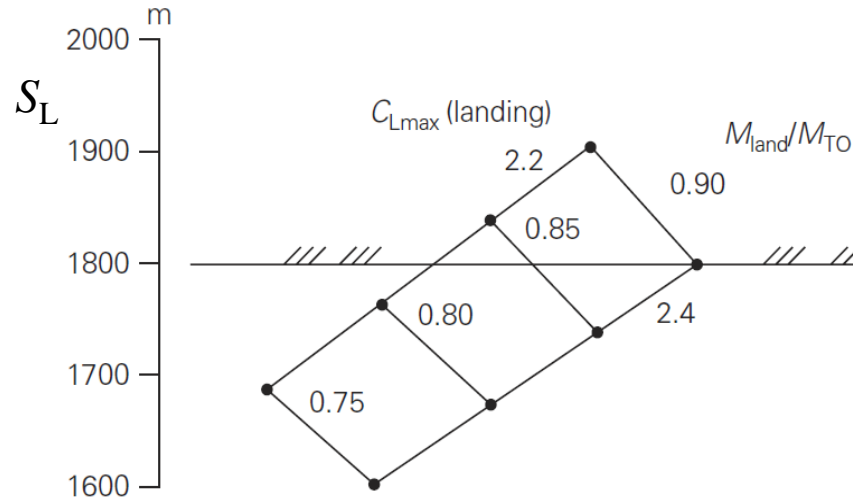


# Trade Studies

## • Take-off Parameters



## • Landing Parameters



# Aerodynamic Coefficients

- Estimate Key Non-dimensional Parameters

### Forces

$$C_L = L/qS_{ref}$$

$$C_D = D/qS_{ref}$$

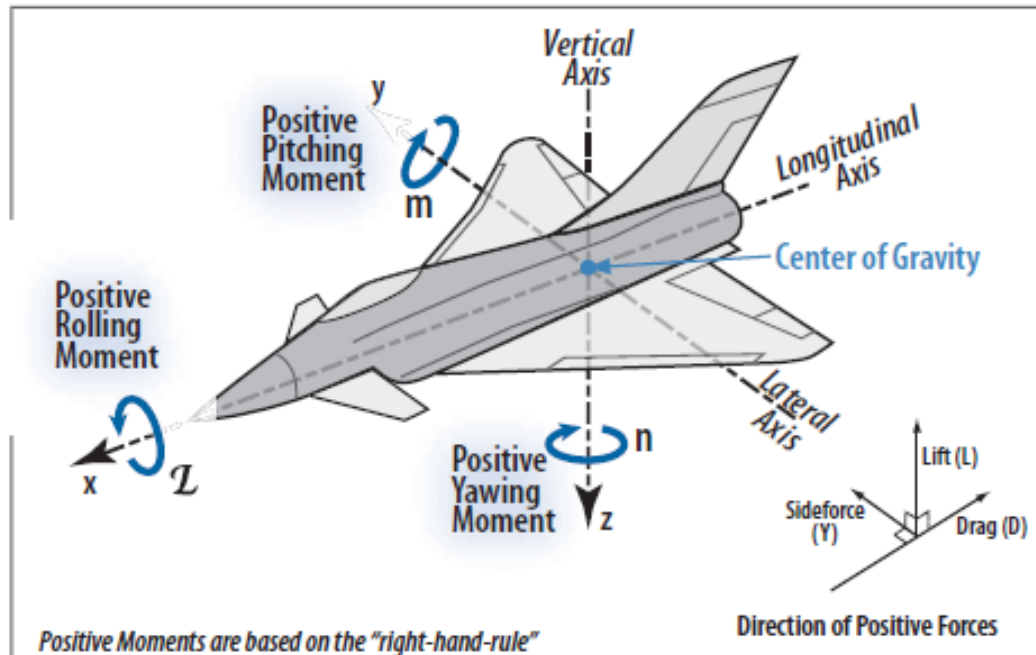
$$C_Y = Y/qS_{ref}$$

### Moments

$$C_m = m/qS_{ref}\bar{c}$$

$$C_l = \mathcal{L}/qS_{ref}b$$

$$C_n = n/qS_{ref}b$$



### Derivatives

$$C_{L\alpha} = \Delta C_L / \Delta \alpha$$

$$C_{m\alpha} = \Delta C_m / \Delta \alpha$$

$$C_{n\beta} = \Delta C_n / \Delta \beta$$

$$C_{\ell\beta} = \Delta C_{\ell} / \Delta \beta$$

$$C_{y\beta} = \Delta C_y / \Delta \beta$$

### Effectiveness

$$C_{m\delta e} = \Delta C_m / \Delta e_{lev}$$

$$C_{\ell\delta a} = \Delta C_{\ell} / \Delta a_{ileron}$$

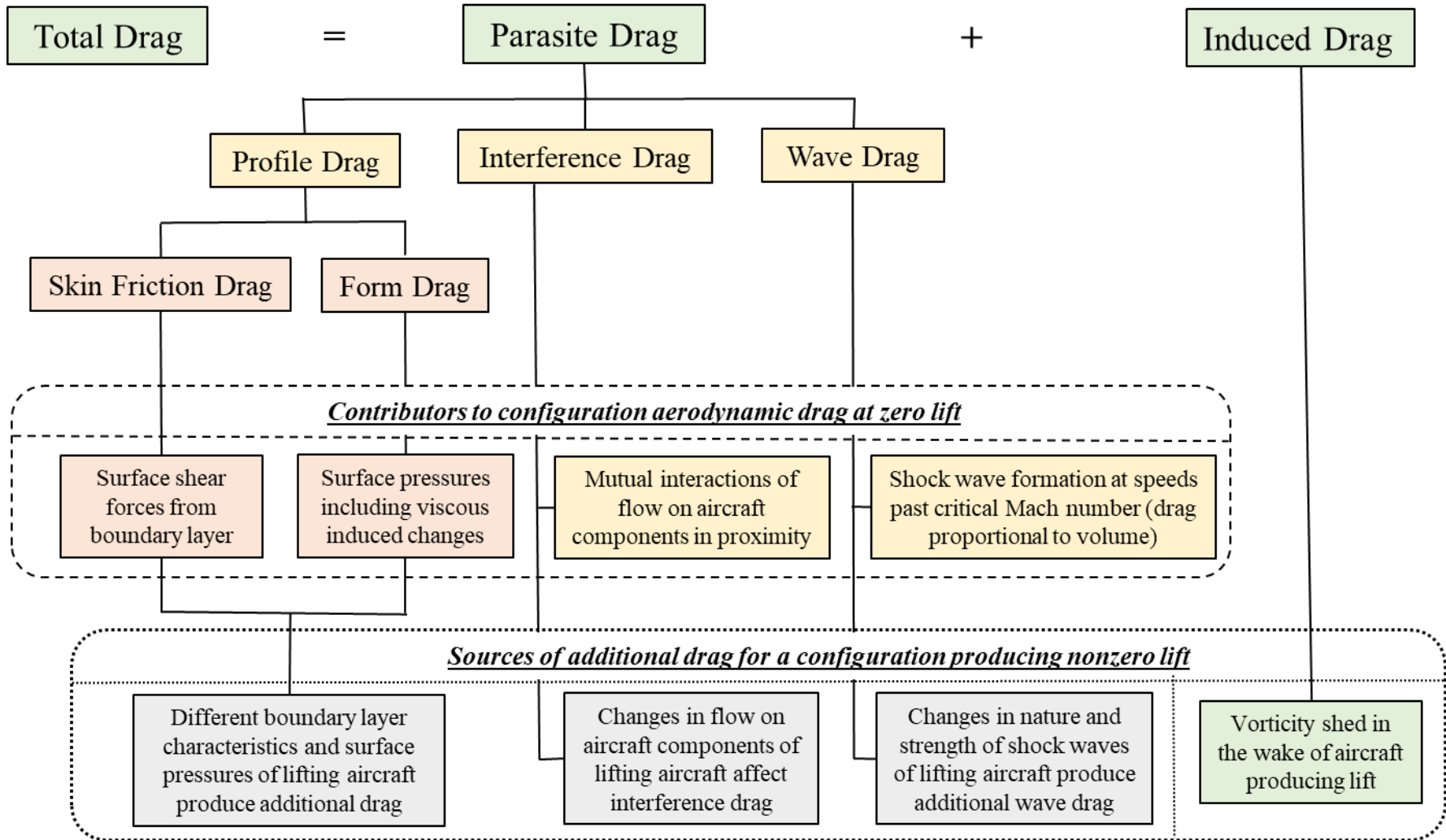
$$C_{n\delta r} = \Delta C_n / \Delta r_{udder}$$

$$q = \text{Dynamic Pressure} = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$$

Reference Areas and Lengths Are Just That — *References*

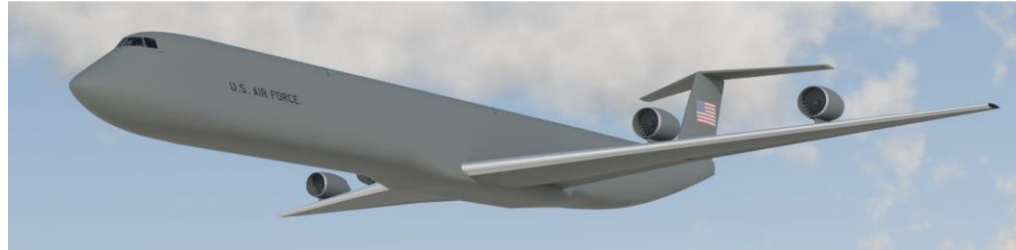
- Accurate  $C_L$  estimation is relatively easy;  $C_D$  and  $C_m$  not so!

# Broad Categorization of Configuration Aerodynamic Drag



# Zero-lift Drag Build-up

## Example: Atlas



Zero Lift Drag Build-up On Aircraft	
Component	CD0
Main Wing	0.00507
Body	0.00855
Vertical Tail	0.00065
Horizontal Tail	0.00095
All Engines	0.00164
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0.01686</b>
<b>Initial Sizing:</b>	<b>0.017</b>

Source: 2023-24 AIAA Heavy Lift Mobility Platform: VT Aero Sub-team Lead: Durgin)

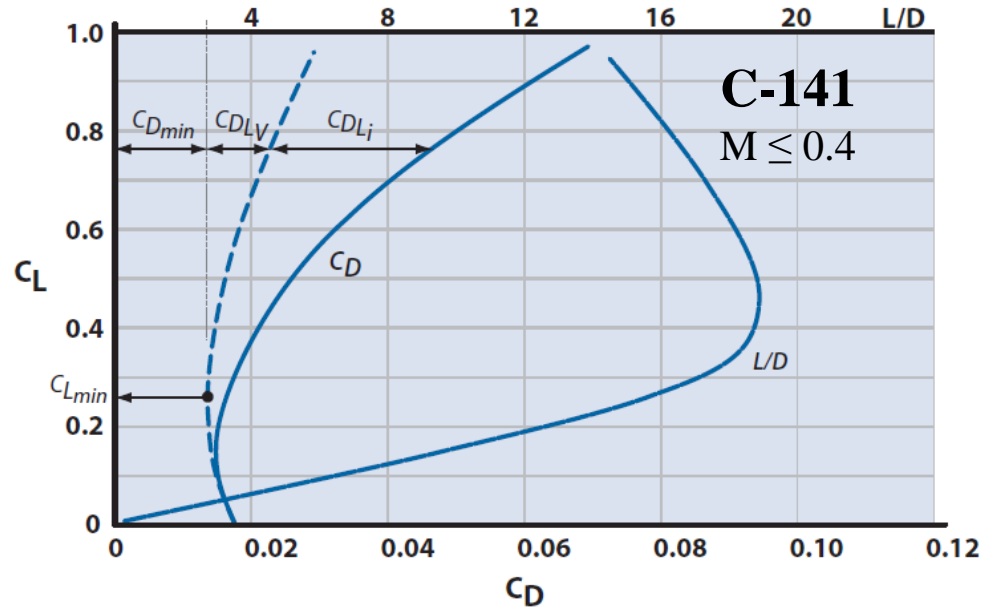
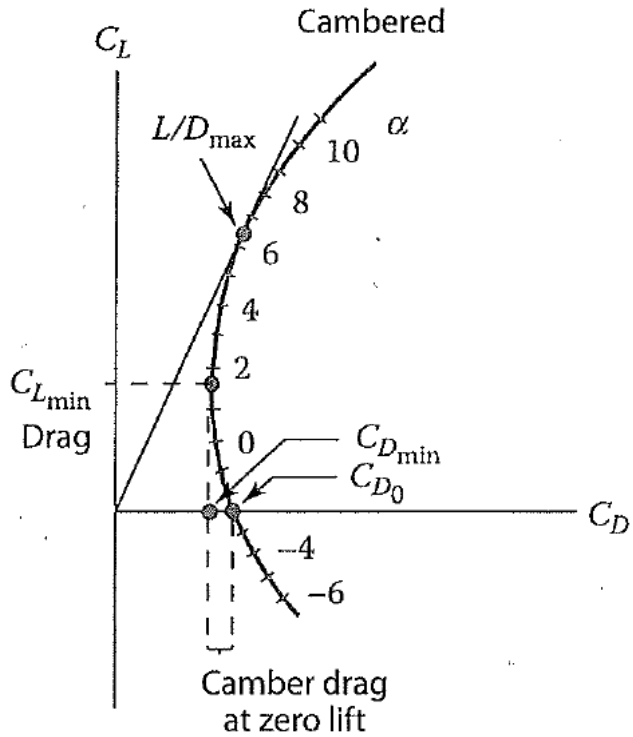
# Drag Polars

## Cambered Wings

$$C_D = C_{D_{min}} + K''(C_L - C_{L_{min}})^2 + K' C_L^2$$

$$K'' = \Delta(C_d - C_{d_{min}}) / \Delta(C_l - C_{l_{min}})^2$$

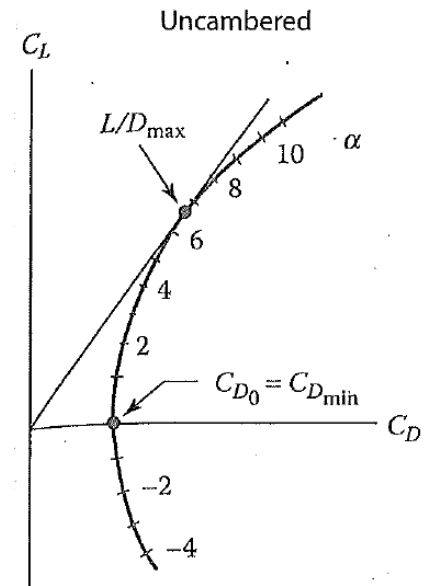
$$K' = 1/\pi AR e$$



## Uncambered Wings

$$C_D = C_{D_0} + KC_L^2$$

$$C_{D_0} = C_{D_{min}}$$



## Recommended Reading for Topics in Aerodynamics

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>Aerodynamics</u></b>	
Review of Practical Aerodynamics	Chapter 2, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Selecting the Planform and Airfoil Selection	Chapter 7, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
High-Lift Devices	Chapter 9, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD1
Estimating Wing-Body Aerodynamics	Chapter 13, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Aerodynamics	Chapter 12, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2 in PR
Wing Design	Chapter 5, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
The Anatomy of the Wing	Chapter 9, Gudmundsson, AVD 4
Aircraft Drag Analysis	Chapter 15, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Aircraft Drag	Chapter 9, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
<i>Aircraft Drag and Wing Design</i>	<i>See Aerodynamics folder in Supplemental Reference Material folder on course site</i>

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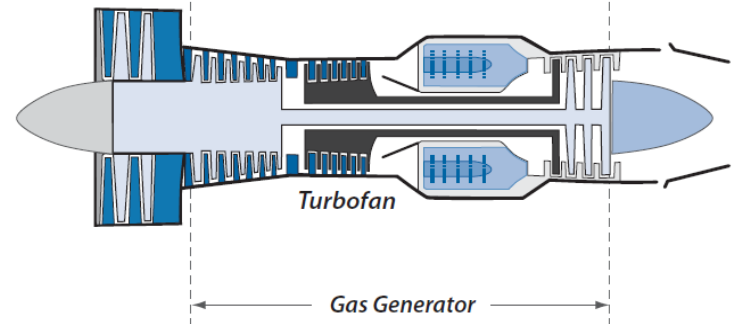
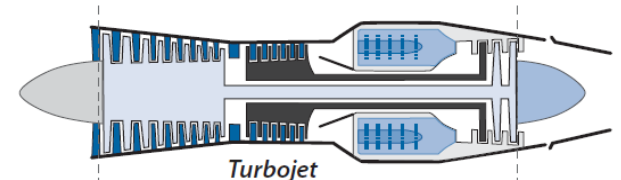
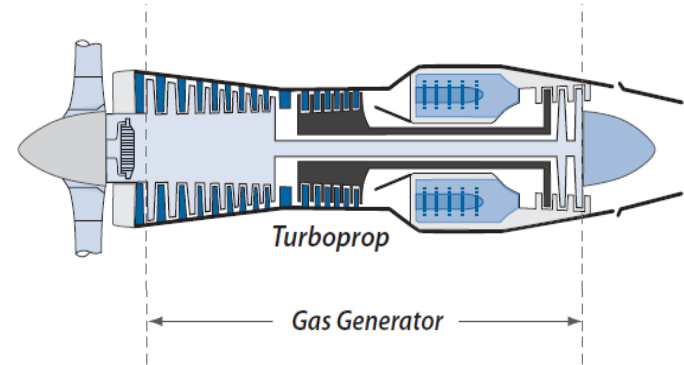
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# Propulsion System Types

- Two main options to produce forward thrust

## 1. Propellers

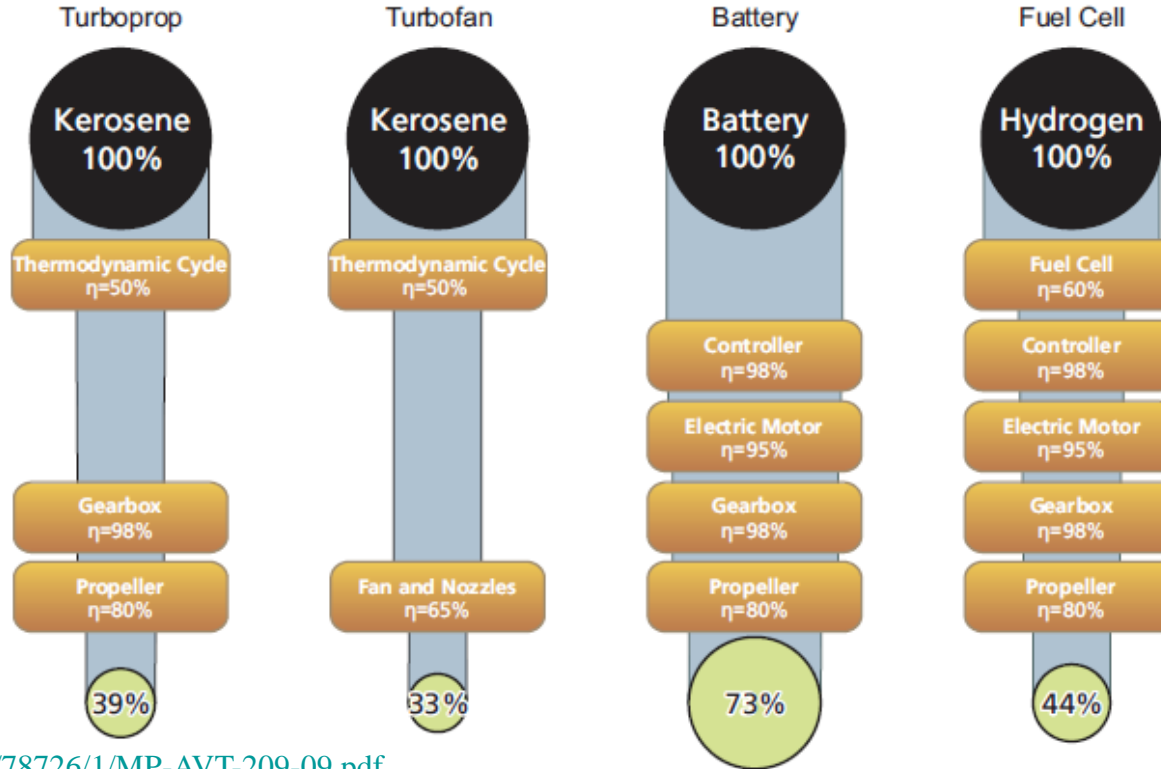
- Powered by reciprocating piston engines, gas turbines (turboprops), or electric motors
- Keeping tip speed less than sonic restricts practical use to flight speeds  $< 500$  kt



## 2. Jet Engines

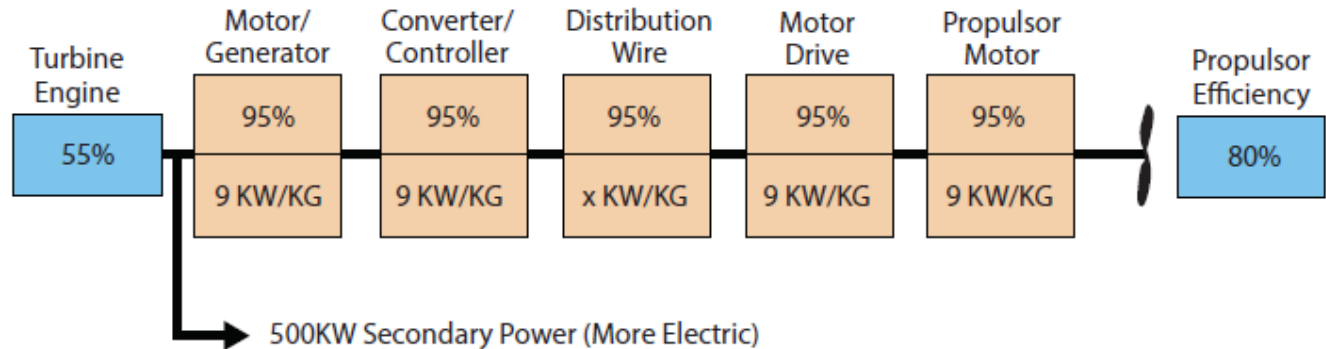
- Variants include turbojets; afterburning turbojets; and turbofans
- Can operate supersonically to Mach 3.5

# Onboard Propulsive Efficiency Chains



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**Turboelectric**  
(component efficiency and specific power)



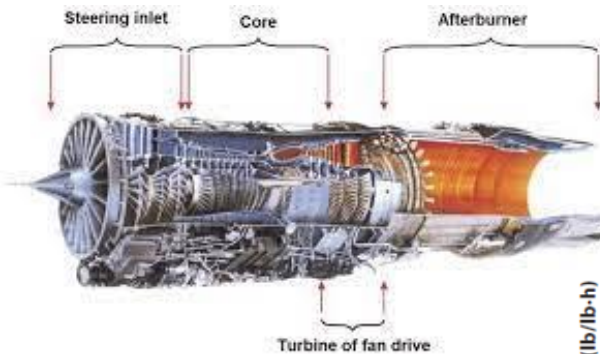
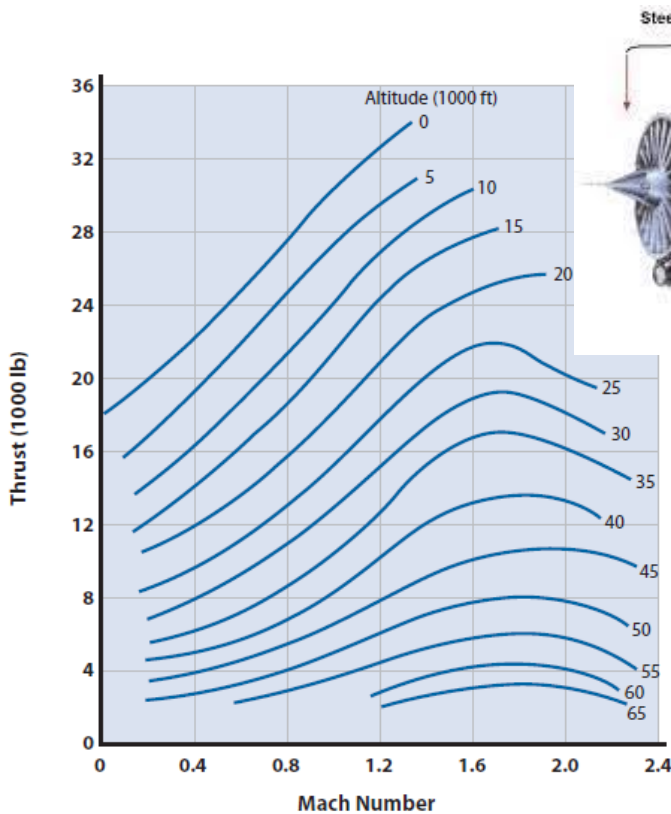
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# Turbine Engine Selection Considerations

- **Choose a suitable engine that can supply the required thrust**
- **Realistic propulsion expectations are essential**
  - New engines built from scratch are VERY (VERY, VERY, VERY) expensive
    - Deciding to use a ‘rubber’ engine should take this real cost into account
  - Much of your load is fuel, so you better know how your engine will perform to justify fuel load
  - Real engines have real dimensions, (dry) weights, mass flow rates, inlet and exhaust flow effects, and noise
  - **Use extensive engine databases** for availability, performance, cost, etc.
- **Sometimes new airframes do require new engines to meet stringent efficiency and emissions requirements**
  - New technologies enable engines with (i) lean combustion for low Nox; (ii) high-temperature turbine materials for efficiency; (iii) transonic compressor/turbine designs; (iv) noise reducing inlets and exhausts

# Turbine Engine Performance Modeling

Aircraft designers in industry obtain “Engine Decks” built by engine manufacturers that provide engine performance data (thrust, fuel flow, mass flow, pressures and temperatures at specified stations) for a wide range of Mach numbers and altitudes in the flight envelope, sorted by throttle setting



Pratt & Whitney  
F100-PW229

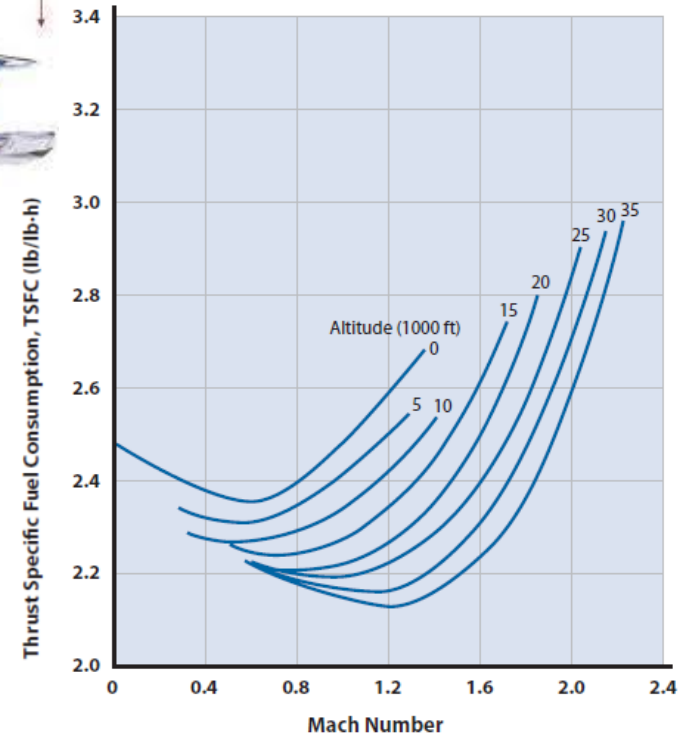


Figure 14.8a F-100 installed thrust, maximum afterburning.

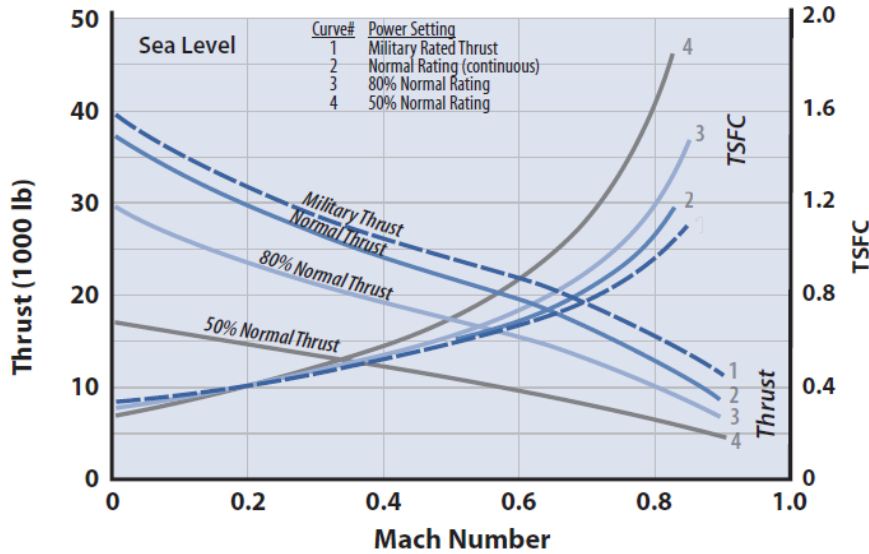
Figure 14.8b F-100 TSFC for maximum afterburning (low altitudes).

**“Engine Decks”--the best performance model!**

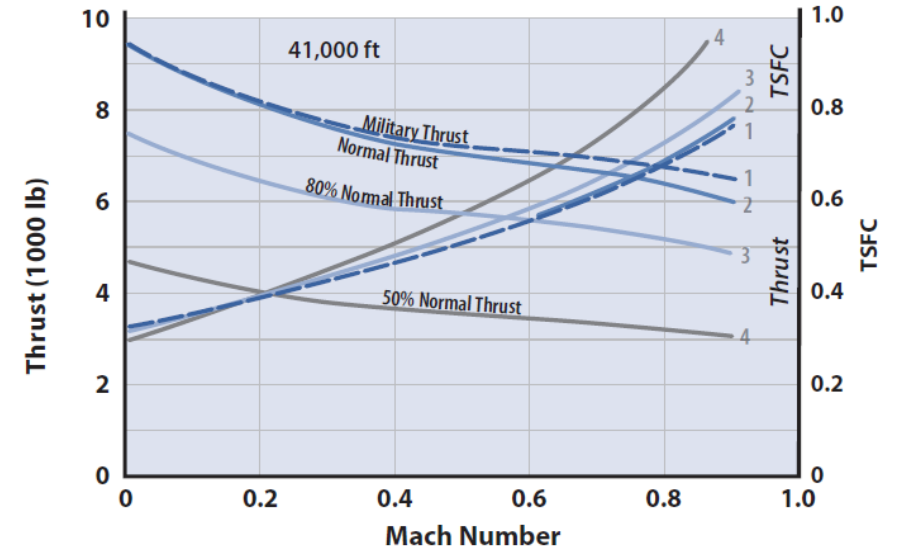
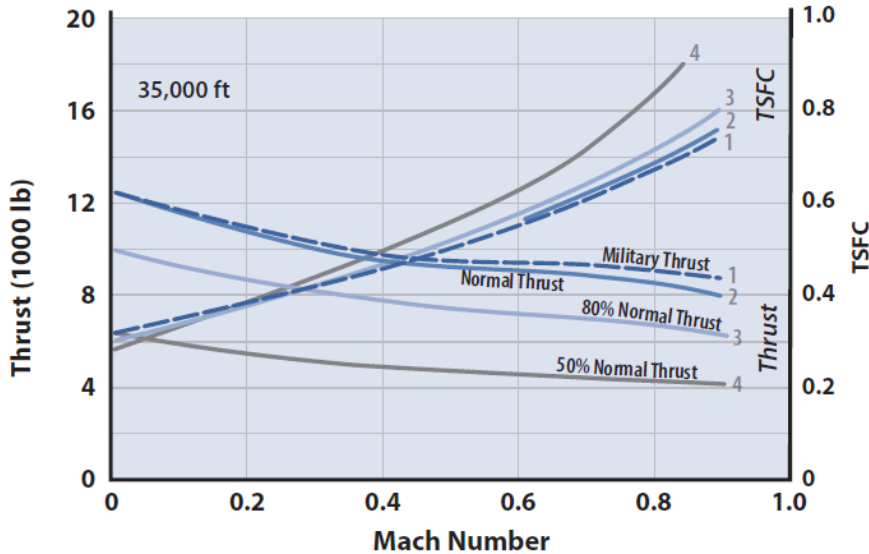
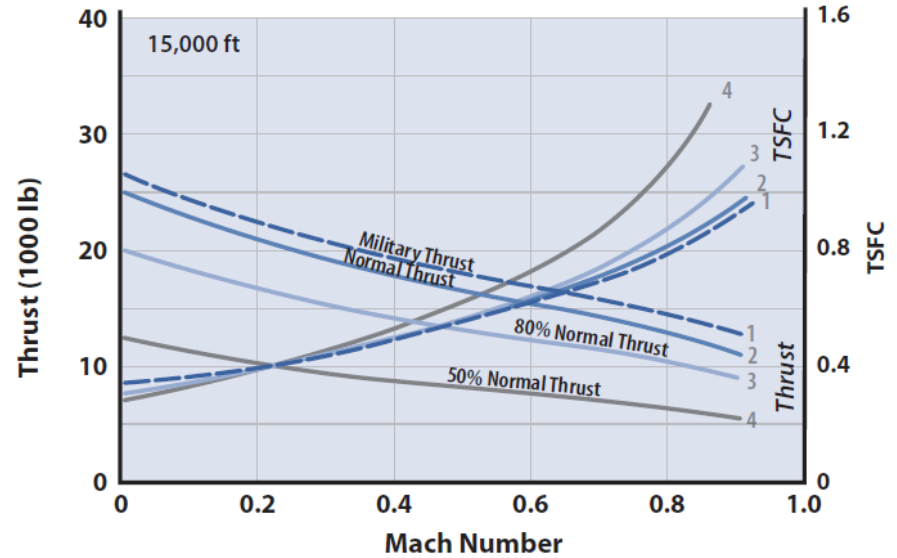


# Turbine Engine Performance Modeling

## Partial-power Performance Model

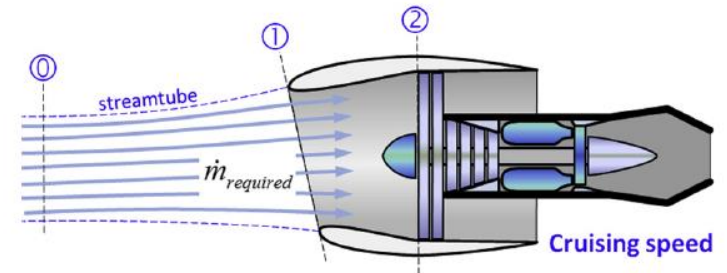
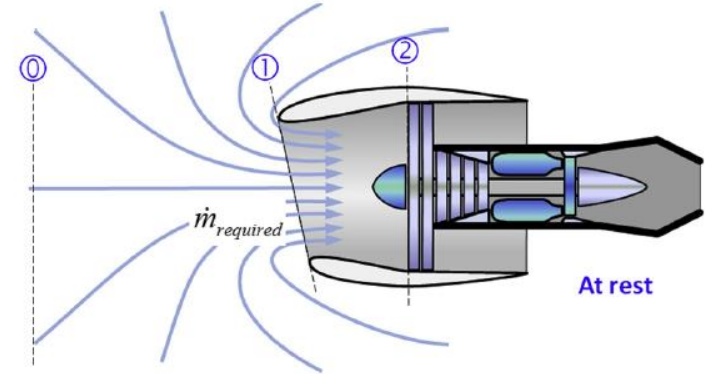
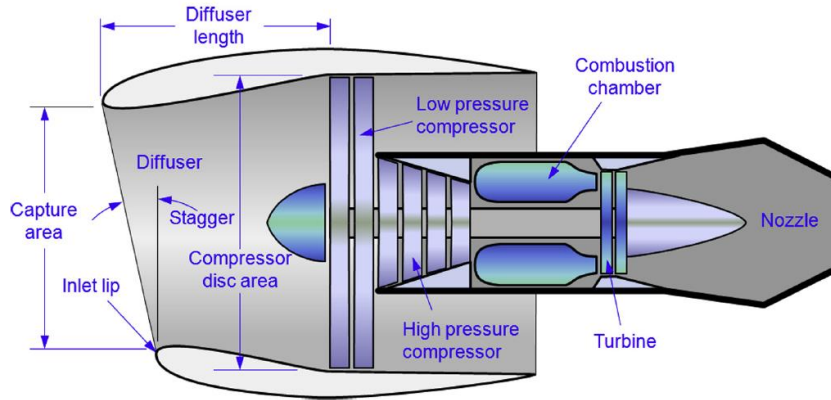


## General Electric TF-39-GE-1



# Turbine Engine Inlets

- **Purpose: To slow down oncoming air to speeds suitable for combustion**
  - Typical target Mach number is 0.4 to 0.6 at the compressor face



- **Design Criteria**

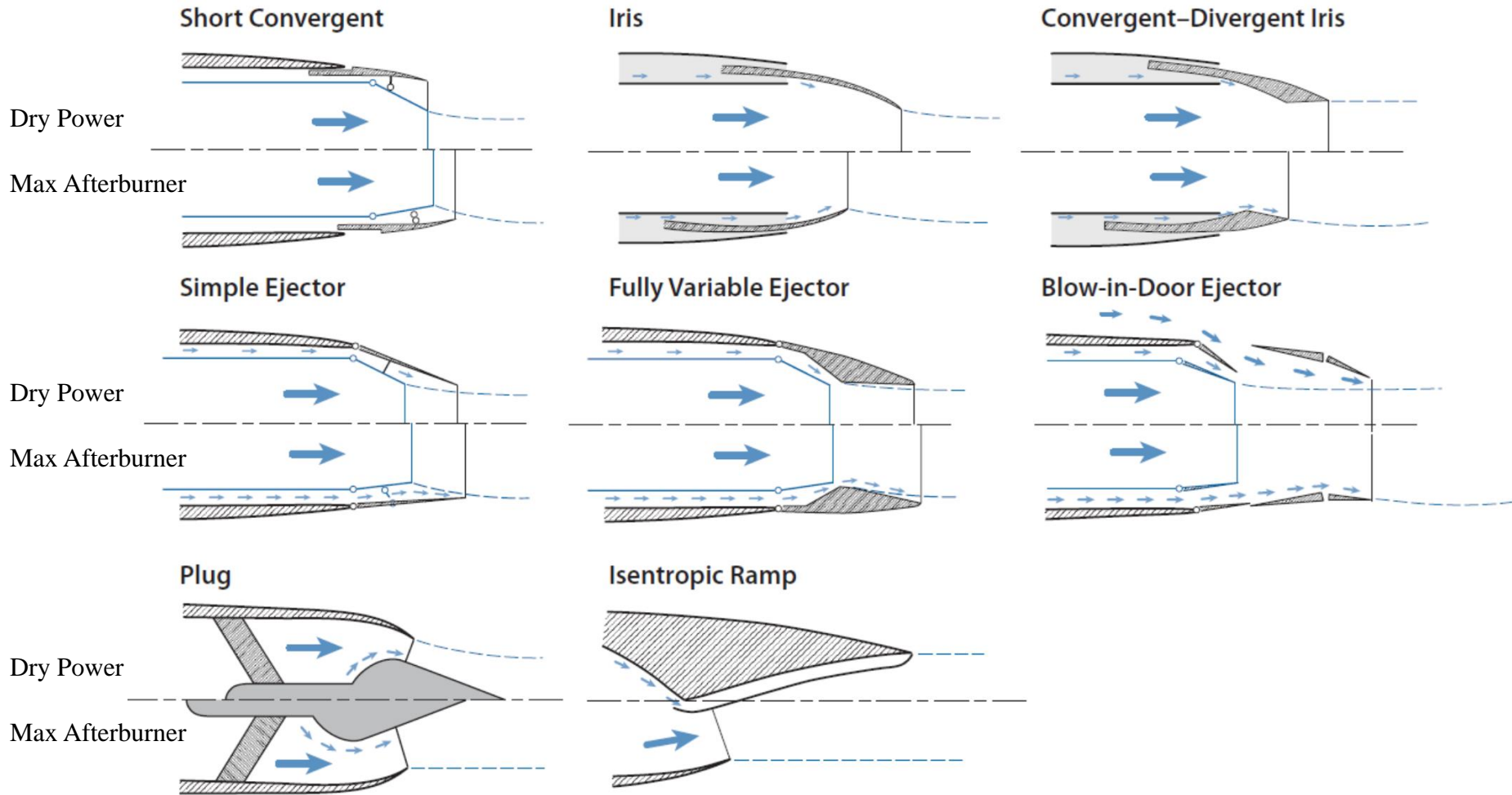
- Deliver engine air with minimum distortion
- Maximize pressure recovery
- Minimize spillage drag throughout the flight regime
- Minimize losses due to flow separation

***Installed Performance Greatly Depends Upon Inlet Design***

- Strongly recommend looking at Sect. 10.3, Ch. 10, PS 1 (Mattingly) and Sect. 7.3.4, Ch. 7, AVD 4 (Gudmundsson)

# Turbine Engine Nozzles

- Typical Nozzle Types

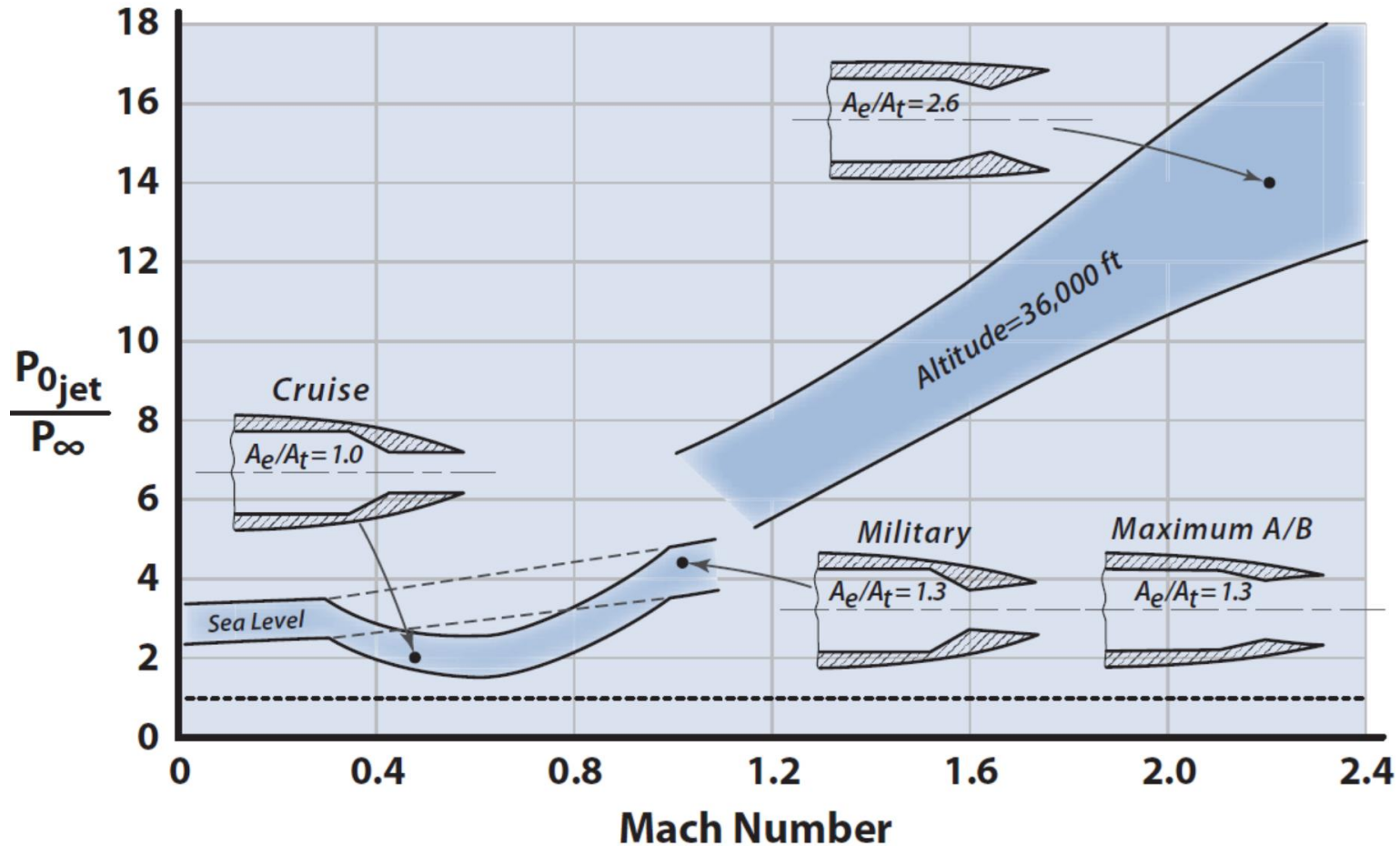


**Figure 16.10** Typical nozzle concepts for afterburning engines (upper half of each sketch denotes dry power; lower half is maximum afterburning) [5].



# Turbine Engine Nozzles

- Required Nozzle Geometry Variation During Flight

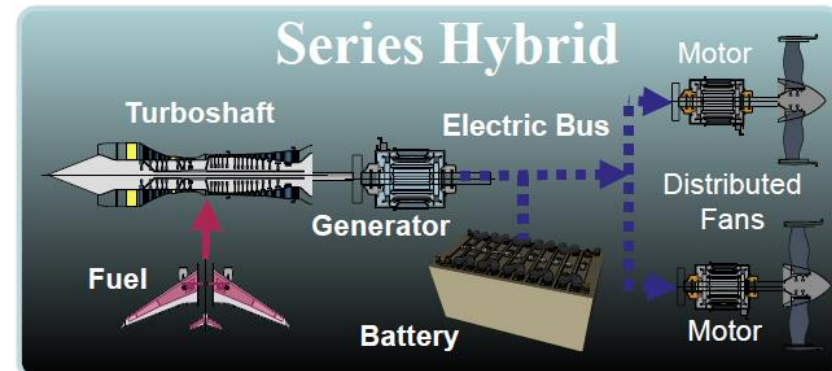
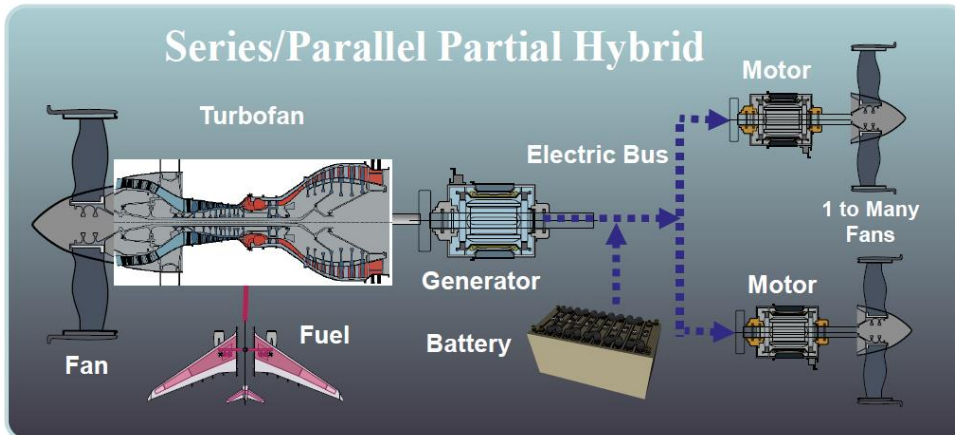
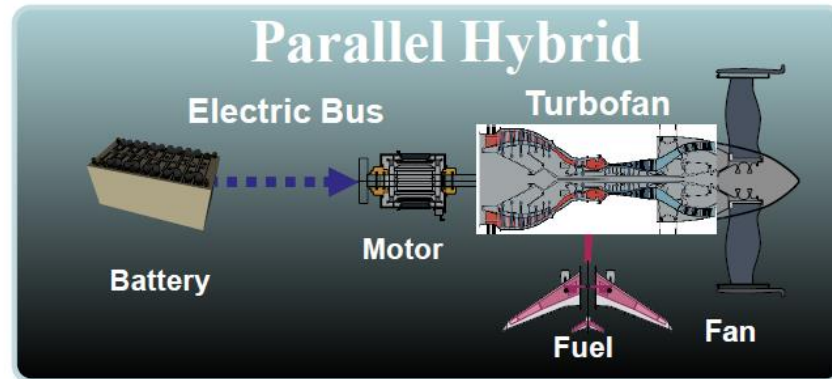
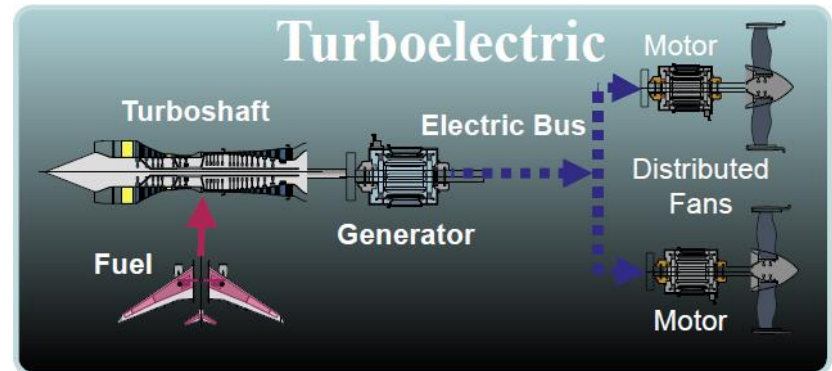


- Make sure to account for engine installation losses (See Ch. 16 in AVD 1, and also look at AVD 2)

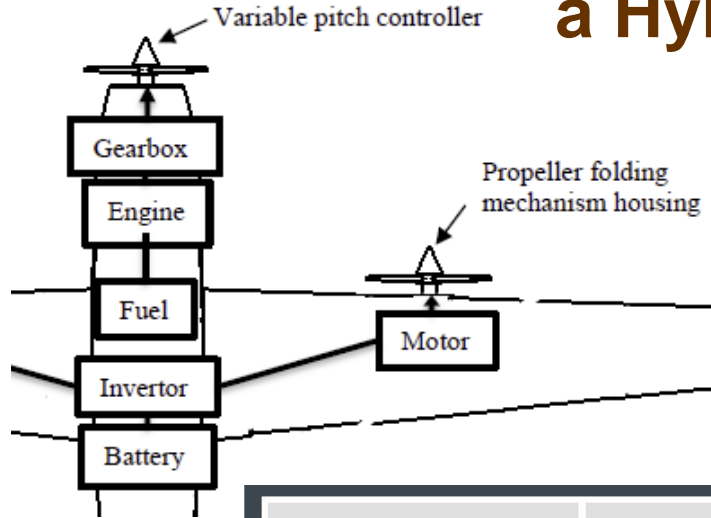
# Hybrid-Electric Power Train Options

- **Powered by both Batteries (Electrical Energy) and Fossil Fuel**

- Several options for integrating fossil-fuel engines with electric motors
- All reduce emissions and fuel burn
- Potential reduction in total energy consumption and total energy cost:
  - ✓ Jet-A: ~\$5 per gallon
  - ✓ Electricity: ~\$1.2 per equivalent gallon

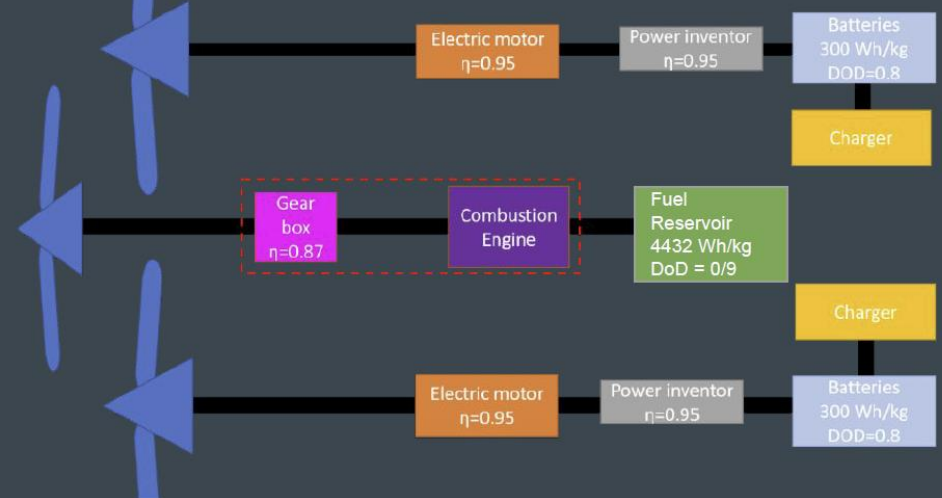


# Propulsive Efficiency of a Hybrid Electric (HE) System



Component	Efficiency
Charger	85%
Battery FOS	80%
Power inverter	95%
Motor	95%
Fuel	90%
Gearbox/Clutch	87%
Propeller	70-85%

**Overall propulsive efficiency is 72%**



# Electric Motors

- **Simple and Reliable (design life of 30,000 hrs. when operated at ~60% rated power)**
- **Typical specific power: 3 to 5 hp/lb**

**Table 14.2** Electric Aircraft System Data (2010)

Characteristic	Electric Motor	Solar Cell	Fuel Cell	Batteries
Specific energy (kW·h/lb)	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	NA	0.89 <sup>b,c</sup>	0.27 <sup>c,d</sup>
Design life	30,000 h	<sup>e</sup>	NA	300 <sup>f</sup>
Efficiency (%) <sup>g</sup>	97	28	55	90
Installed weight (lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )	NA	0.1	NA	NA

<sup>a</sup>Weight includes motor, controller, and propeller. Increase weight by 25% for installation.

<sup>b</sup>H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> regenerative fuel cell using proton exchange membrane technology.

<sup>c</sup>Specific power based on discharge time.

<sup>d</sup>Li-S batteries are projected to increase to 0.336 kWh/lb by 2015.

<sup>e</sup>Solar cells degrade about 1.5% of power output per year.

<sup>f</sup>300 full-depth discharges in 2010. Decreasing the discharge to 50% would increase number of recharges to approximately 1000.

<sup>g</sup>Efficiency is energy out per energy in. Solar cell efficiency is projected to increase to 32% and fuel cell efficiency to 65% by 2015.

Source: Ref. AVD 1 (Nicolai & Carichner)

# Battery Characteristics

Battery Type	Theoretical Specific Energy, W-hr/kg	Practical Specific Energy, W-hr/kg	Specific Power, W/kg	Cell Voltage, V
Lead acid (Pb/acid)	170	30–50	180	1.2
Nickel cadmium (NiCd)	240	60	150	1.2
Nickel metal hydride (NiMH)	470	23–85	200–400	0.94–1.2
Lithium ion (Li-Ion)	700	100–135	250–340	3.6
Lithium polymer (Li-Po)	735	50.7–220	200–1900	3.7
Lithium sulfur (LiS)	2550	350	600–700	2.5

# Battery Specific Energy & Density

	Chemistry	Typical Values		Name	Notes
		(Wh/kg)	(Wh/L)		
old	Lead-acid	45	100	Lead acid	automotive
	Alkaline	100	300	Alkaline	flashlights
Nickel	NiFe	25	30	Nickel Iron	locomotives, mining
	NiCd	60	150	Nickel Cadmium	classic "NiCad"
	NiH	75	60	Nickel, Hydrogen	space probes
	NiMH	90	300	Nickel Metal Hydride	replaced NiCad
	NiZn	100	280	Nickel Zinc	automobile, electronics
Li-ion <sup>1</sup>	Li-ion	100–265	250–700	Lithium Ion	generic term
	Li-ion Polymer	100–265	250–730	Lithium Polymer	polymer electrolyte
	LiCoO2	200	—	Lithium Cobalt Oxide	handheld electronics
	LiFePO4	120	170	Lithium Iron Phosphate	tools, vehicles
	LiMn2O4	150	—	Lithium Manganese Oxide	laptops, medical equip
	LiNiMnCoO2	260	500	Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide (NMC)	aircraft, road vehicles
	LIS	400	250	Lithium Sulfur	aircraft, road vehicles
	LIS (2020)	500	1000	Licerion <sup>2</sup> (LIS)	aircraft, road vehicles
	Li titanate	90	170	Lithium Titanate	high power/low energy
	Li-air	600	200	Lithium-Air	experimental
misc	Na-ion	150	50	Sodium Ion	laptops, bikes
	Molten salt	220	290	Molten salt	
	Silver Zinc	200	700	Silver Zinc	laptops, hearing aids
Comparisons	Wood	4500	3600	Wood	it floats
	Coal	8000	10000	Coal	it smells
	Jet Fuel	11000	10000	Jet Fuel	love that smell
	Gasoline	12000	9000	Gasoline	too expensive
	LH2	39406	2790	Liquid Hydrogen	too cold
	Uranium	2.2E + 10	4.3E + 11	Uranium	too scary
	Antimatter (e <sup>-2</sup> )	9.0E + 10		Antimatter	beam me up

<sup>1</sup> Lithium-ion is a generic term for various batteries in which lithium ions move to the positive electrode during discharge.

<sup>2</sup> Licerion is Scion Power's trade name for its patented rechargeable lithium sulfur battery planned to enter production in late 2018.

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# Propeller Performance

(Sect. 14.3 and 14.4, Ch. 14, AVD 4 Gudmundsson)

**Propeller performance characterized by propeller efficiency and several coefficients:**

Power coefficient:

$$C_P = \frac{P}{\rho n^3 D^5} = \frac{550 \times P_{BHP}}{\rho \left(\frac{RPM}{60}\right)^3 D^5}$$

Thrust coefficient:

$$C_T = \frac{T}{\rho n^2 D^4} = \frac{3600 \cdot T}{\rho \cdot RPM^2 D^4}$$

Torque coefficient:

$$C_Q = \frac{Q}{\rho n^2 D^5} = \frac{3600 \cdot Q}{\rho \cdot RPM^2 \cdot D^5} = \frac{C_P}{2\pi}$$

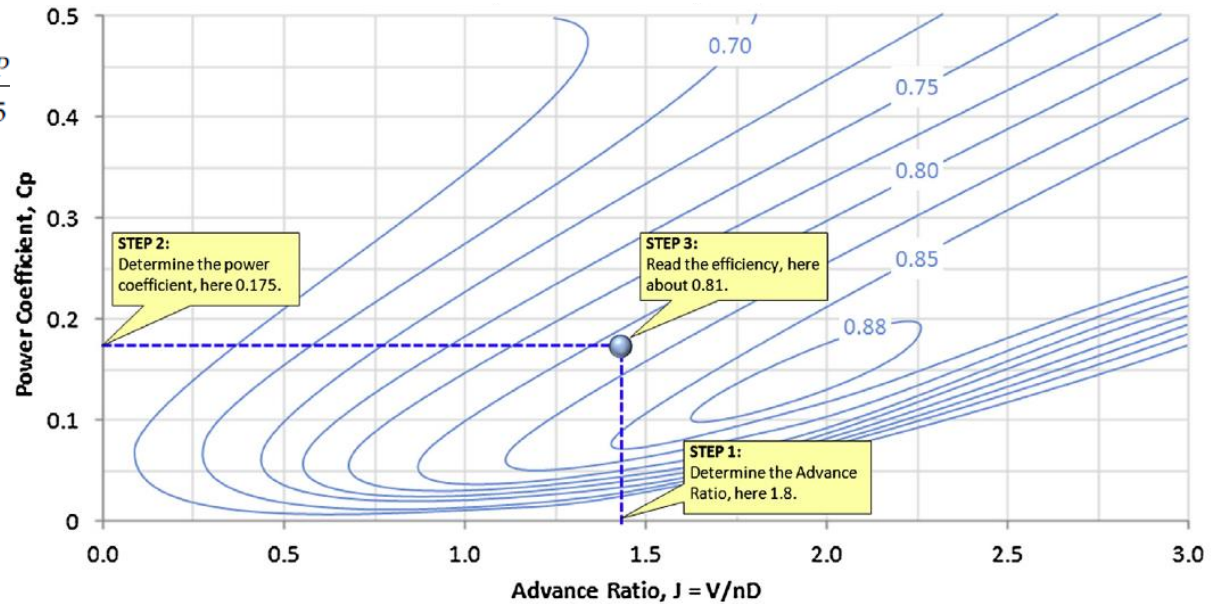
Power-Torque relation:

$$C_Q = \frac{Q}{\rho n^2 D^5} = \frac{C_P}{2\pi} = \frac{P / \rho n^3 D^5}{2\pi} \Rightarrow P = 2\pi n Q$$

Sample Propeller Efficiency Map

Propeller efficiency:

$$\eta_p = \frac{TV}{P} = \frac{TV}{550BHP} = J \frac{C_T}{C_P}$$



Advance ratio:

$$J = \frac{V_0}{nD} = \frac{60 \cdot V_0}{RPM \cdot D}$$

**Note: See CM A7 for Generic Propeller Maps**

# AeroPropulsion Integration

## Recommended Reading for Topics in AeroPropulsion Integration

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>AeroPropulsion Integration</u></b>	
Propulsion System Fundamentals	Chapter 14, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Turbine Engine Inlet Design	Chapter 15, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Corrections for Turbine Engine Installation	Chapter 16, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Propeller Propulsion Systems	Chapter 17, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Propulsion System Thrust Sizing	Chapter 18, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Propulsion	Chapter 13, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Propulsion and Fuel System Integration	Chapter 10, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Propulsion System Design	Chapter 8, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
Selecting the Power Plant	Chapter 7, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
The Anatomy of the Propeller	Chapter 14, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Aircraft Power Plant and Integration	Chapter 10, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
<i>DEP, Hybrid Electric, Propellers and Open Rotors</i>	<i>See API folder in Supplemental Reference Material folder on course site</i>



## **A10. Preliminary Design: Refine & Validate Baseline Design**

A10.1 General Remarks

A10.2 Configuration Layout and Loft

A10.3 Aerodynamics

A10.4 Aeropropulsion Integration

**A10.5 Vehicle Performance**

A10.6 Structures & Materials

A10.7 Subsystems

A10.8 Stability & Control

A10.9 Weights (Mass Properties) & Balance

A10.10 Cost & Manufacturing

## ***A10.5 Vehicle Performance***

**Vehicle Performance subteam members should review their R&Rs, and any project data deliverables in the RFP**

# Importance of the Role of Vehicle Performance Team

- **Predict flight performance for all segments of the mission using appropriate analyses and simulations**
- **If actual flight performance differs from predictions, adverse project risks include:**
  - **Loss of Credibility**
    - “Cannot Deliver What Was Promised”
  - **Potential for Schedule Slip and Additional Cost**
    - Flight Test “Surprises” → Schedule Slips and Additional Costs due to Design Modifications
  - **Dissatisfied Customer**
    - Do Not Like Out-of-Spec Product or Late Delivery or Increased Cost

***Mitigate Risk Through Design, Analysis, and Test***

# Flight Performance: *Take-off*

$$V_{TO} = 1.2 V_{stall} = 1.2 \sqrt{\frac{W_{TO}}{S_{ref}} \frac{2}{\rho C_{L_{max}}}}$$

$$S_G = \frac{1.44 (W/S_{ref})_{TO}}{g \rho C_{L_{max}} \left[ (T/W) - (D/W) - \mu (1 - L/W) \right]}$$

$$D = (0.5) \rho V^2 S_{ref} \left[ C_{D0} + \Delta C_{D_{flap}} + \Delta C_{D_{gear}} + K C_{LG}^2 \right]$$

$$L = (0.5) \rho V^2 S_{ref} C_{LG}$$

$$V = 0.707 V_{TO}$$

$$S_R = 2V_{TO}$$

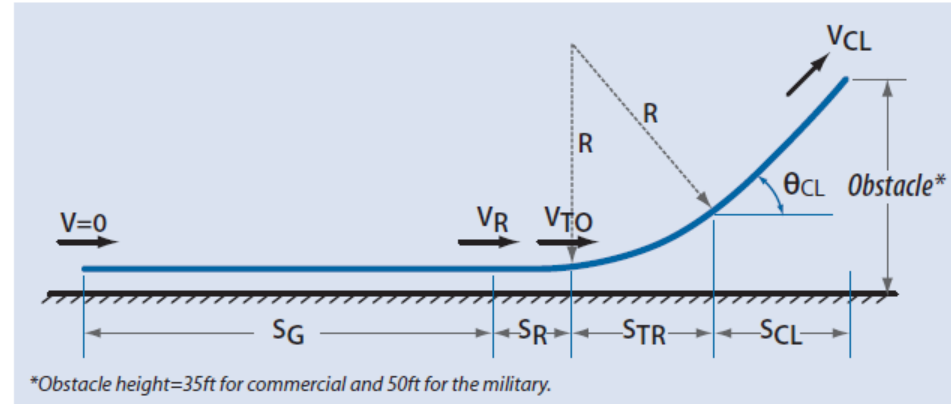
$$S_{TR} = R \sin \theta_{CL}$$

$$R = \frac{V_{TO}^2}{0.15 g}$$

$$\text{Rate of climb} = V_{TO} \sin \theta_{CL}$$

$$S_{CL} = \frac{50 - h_{TR}}{\tan \theta_{CL}}$$

*Assumption: unaccelerated climb*



Type of Surface	Brakes Off, Average Ground Resistance Coefficient	Brakes Fully Applied, Average Wheel-Braking Coefficient
Concrete or macadam	0.015–0.04	0.3–0.6
Hard turf	0.05	0.4
Firm and dry dirt	0.04	0.30
Soft turf	0.07	0.5
Wet concrete	0.05	0.2
Wet grass	0.10	0.2
Snow- or ice-covered field	0.01	0.07–0.10

**See Sect. 10.3, Ch. 10, AVD 1, for more details and recommended values of parameters**

# Flight Performance: *BFL*

## 1. BFL Estimation\*

$$BFL = \frac{0.863}{1 + 2.3G} \left( \frac{W/S}{\rho g C_{L_{climb}}} + h_{obstacle} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T_{av}/W - U} + 2.7 \right) + \left( \frac{655}{\sqrt{\rho/\rho_{SL}}} \right)$$

Jet:

$$T_{av} = 0.75 T_{\text{takeoff static}} \left[ \frac{5 + BPR}{4 + BPR} \right]$$

Prop:

$$T_{av} = 5.75 \text{ bhp} \left[ \frac{(\rho/\rho_{SL}) N_e D_p^2}{\text{bhp}} \right]^{1/3}$$

BFL = balanced field length (ft)

$$G = \gamma_{climb} - \gamma_{min}$$

$\gamma_{climb}$  = arcsine  $[(T-D)/W]$ , 1 - engine-out, climb speed

$\gamma_{min}$  = 0.024 2-engine; 0.027 3-engine; 0.030 4-engine

$C_{L_{climb}}$  =  $C_L$  at climb speed (1.2  $V_{stall}$ )

$h_{obstacle}$  = 35 ft commercial, 50 ft military

$U$  = 0.01  $C_{L_{max}}$  + 0.02 for flaps in takeoff position

BPR = bypass ratio

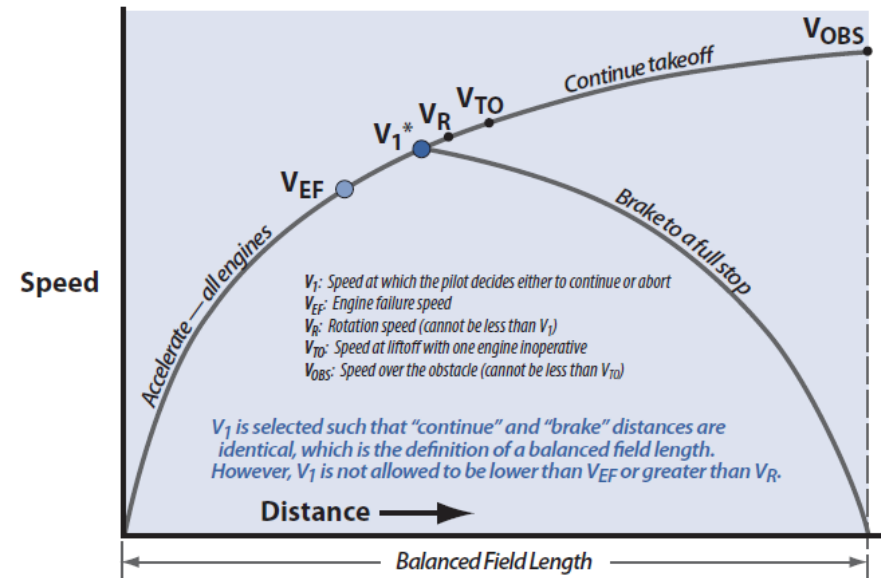
bhp = engine brake horsepower

$N_e$  = number of engines

$D_p$  = propeller diameter (ft)

## 2. More Accurate BFL Estimation\*\*

- Assume failure recognition speed  $V_{EF}$
- Calculate LAB: accelerate to  $V_{EF}$ , free roll for 3 sec., brake to full stop
- Calculate LAC: accelerate to  $V_{EF}$ , continue OEI takeoff over 35 ft. obstacle
- Estimate refusal speed,  $V_{EF}$ , when LAB = LAC



\*See Sect. 17.8, Ch. 17, AVD 2

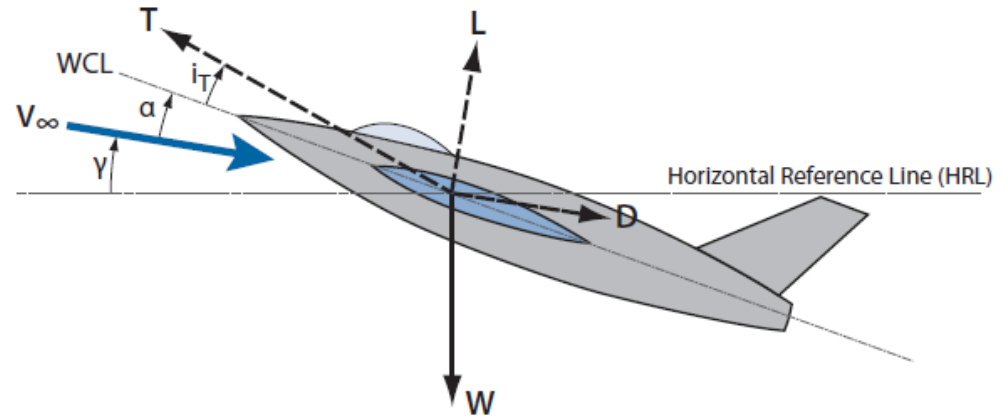
\*\*See Sect. 10.6, Ch. 10, AVD 1

# Flight Performance: *Climb*

- **Rate of Climb (ROC)**

$$V \sin \gamma = \frac{P_S}{1 + (V/g)(dV/dh)}$$

$$P_S = \frac{dh_e}{dt} = \frac{V [T \cos(\alpha + i_T) - D]}{W}$$



- **Constant Speed Climb**

$$V \sin \gamma = \frac{V [T \cos(\alpha + i_T) - D]}{W}$$

- **Best ROC (maximum vertical velocity)** *Assumption: all angles are small*

- **Jet aircraft**

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{W/S}{3\rho C_{D_0}} \left[ T/W + \sqrt{(T/W)^2 + 12C_{D_0}K} \right]}$$

- **Propeller aircraft**

$$V = V_{\min PR} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S}} \sqrt{\frac{K}{3C_{D_0}}}$$

- **Best Angle of Climb (maximum  $\gamma$ )**

- **Jet aircraft**

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S}} \sqrt{\frac{K}{C_{D_0}}}$$

- **Propeller aircraft**

- 85-90% of best ROC speed is a good estimate

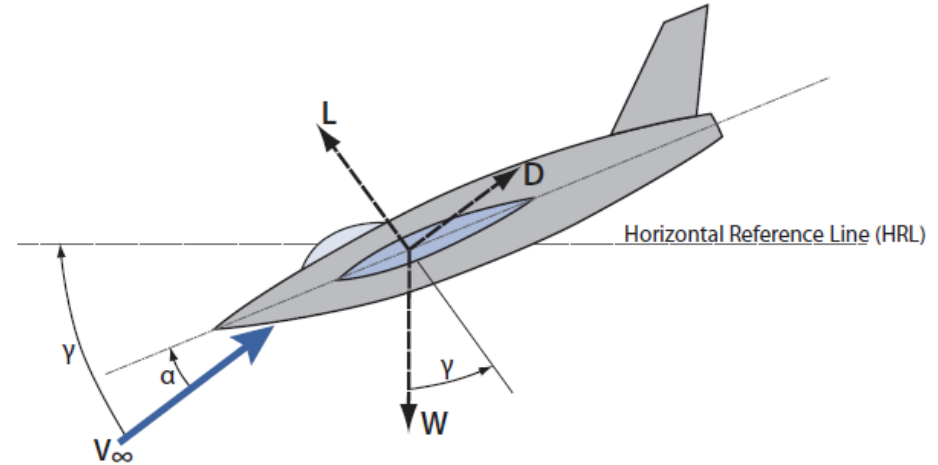
See Ch. 3, AVD 1, and Ch. 17, AVD 2 for more details

# Flight Performance: *Descent*

- **Gliding Flight ( $T = 0$ )**

$$\gamma = \arcsin(-D/W)$$

$$\gamma = \arcsin(-D/L)$$



- **Maximum Range (*minimum  $\gamma$* ,**

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S}} \sqrt{\frac{K}{C_{D0}}}$$

- **Maximum Endurance (minimum rate of descent, ROD)**

$$V_{\text{RODmin}} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S}} \sqrt{\frac{K}{3C_{D0}}}$$

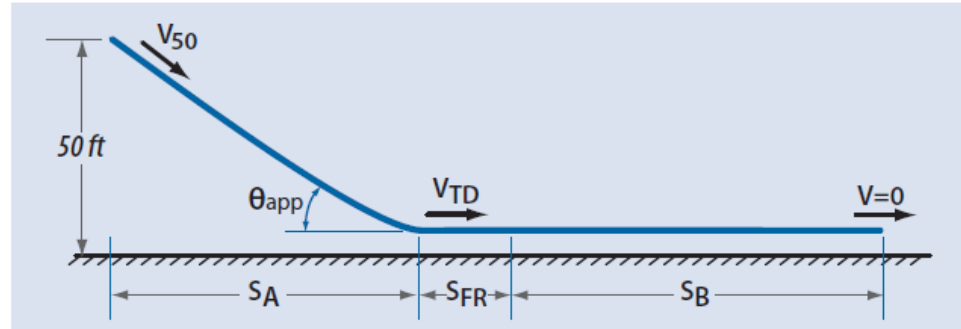
**See Ch.3, AVD 1 (Nicolai & Carichner), for more details**

# Flight Performance: *Landing*

$$S_A = \frac{L}{D} \left[ \frac{V_{50}^2 - V_{TD}^2}{2g} + 50 \right]$$

$$V_{50} = 1.3 V_S \quad V_{TD} = 1.15 V_S$$

$L = W_L =$  aircraft weight with 1/2 fuel remaining



$$C_{L_{land}} = C_{L_{max}} \text{ for flaps in landing configuration} \quad C_D = C_{D0} + KC_{L_{max}}^2 + \Delta C_{D_{flaps}} + \Delta C_{D_{gear}}$$

$$S_A = 50 / \tan \theta_{app}, \quad \theta_{app} = \text{approach glide slope (3 deg for typical CTOL, 7 deg for STOL)}$$

$$S_{FR} = 3V_{TD}$$

$$S_B = \frac{W_L}{g\mu\rho S_{ref} [(C_D/\mu) - C_{LG}]} \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{S_{ref}}{W_L} \left( \frac{C_D}{\mu} - C_{LG} \right) V_{TD}^2 \right]$$

$$C_D = C_{D0} + KC_{LG}^2 + \Delta C_{D_{flaps}} + \Delta C_{D_{gear}} + \Delta C_{D_{misc}} + \Delta C_{D_{spoilers}}$$

Assumptions:

*Neglect reverse thrust*

*Zero forward thrust*

Type of Surface	Brakes Off, Average Ground Resistance Coefficient	Brakes Fully Applied, Average Wheel-Braking Coefficient
Concrete or macadam	0.015–0.04	0.3–0.6
Hard turf	0.05	0.4
Firm and dry dirt	0.04	0.30
Soft turf	0.07	0.5
Wet concrete	0.05	0.2
Wet grass	0.10	0.2
Snow- or ice-covered field	0.01	0.07–0.10

**See Section 10.4, AVD 1, for more details and recommended values of parameters**



# Flight Performance: *Cruise & Loiter*

- **Level unaccelerated flight of symmetric aircraft with uncambered wing**

$$W \approx L = C_L qS$$

$$T \approx D = (C_{D0} + KC_L^2)qS$$

$$\frac{T}{W} = \frac{1}{L/D} = \frac{qC_{D0}}{(W/S)} + \left(\frac{W}{S}\right) \frac{K}{q}$$

- **Required Thrust and Power**

$$T_R = D = C_{D0}qS + KW^2/qS$$

$$P_R = DV = T_R V = (C_{D0} + KC_L^2) \frac{W}{C_L} \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho C_L S}}$$

- **Range**

$$R = \frac{V}{C} \frac{L}{D} \ln \left[ \frac{W_i}{W_f} \right]$$

- **Endurance**

$$E = \frac{L}{D} \frac{1}{C} \ln \left[ \frac{W_i}{W_f} \right]$$

- **Jet aircraft**

- **Most Efficient cruise** occurs near  
 $L/D = 0.943 (L/D)_{max}$  (*constant throttle*)  
 $L/D = 0.866 (L/D)_{max}$  (*constant altitude*)
- **Most Efficient loiter** occurs near  
 $L/D \sim (L/D)_{max}$  (*minimum thrust*)

- **Propeller aircraft**

- **Most Efficient cruise** occurs near  
 $L/D = (L/D)_{max}$  (*minimum thrust*)
- **Most Efficient loiter** occurs near  
 $L/D = 0.866 (L/D)_{max}$  (*minimum power*)

# Flight Performance: *Cruise & Loiter*

- Max Loiter (Jets) and Max Range (Propellers)

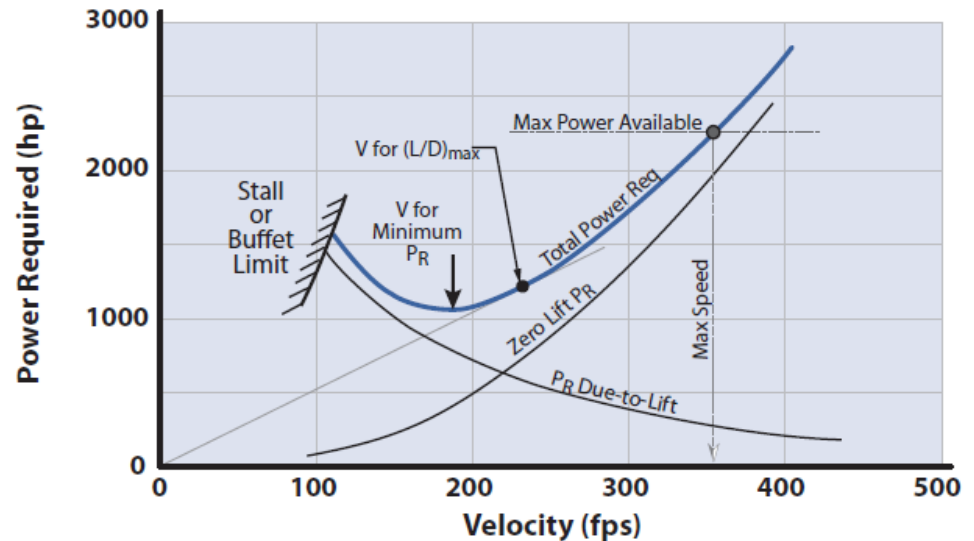
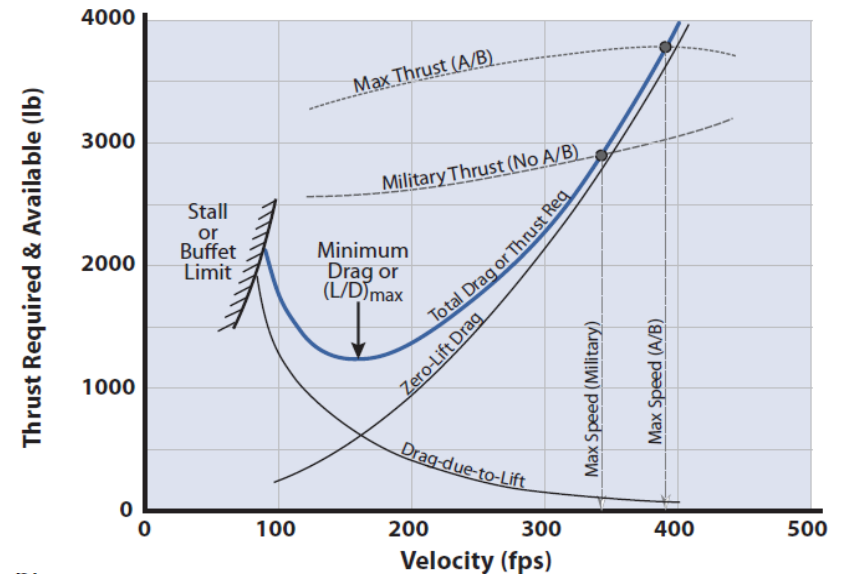
$$V_{(L/D)_{\max}} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho C_{L_{\text{opt}}} S}} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S} \sqrt{\frac{K}{C_{D0}}}}$$

- Max Range Speed (Jets)

$$V_{\text{best range}} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S} \sqrt{\frac{3K}{C_{D0}}}}$$

- Max Loiter (Propellers)

$$V_{\min PR} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S} \sqrt{\frac{K}{3C_{D0}}}}$$



# Vehicle Performance

## Recommended Reading for Topics in Vehicle Performance

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>Vehicle Performance</u></b>	
Aircraft Performance Methods	Chapter 3, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Takeoff and Landing Analysis	Chapter 10, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Performance and Flight Mechanics	Chapter 17, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Performance (GA Aircraft)	Chapters 16 thru 22, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Aircraft Performance	Chapter 13, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
Aircraft Flight Performance	Chapters 1 thru 16, Filippone, Ref. FM 4
Aircraft Noise and Emissions	Chapters 17 thru 23, Filippone, Ref. FM 4
<i>Performance</i>	<i>See Performance folder for misc documents in Supplemental Reference Material on course site</i>

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## **10.6 Structures & Materials**

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# Structural Design Criteria

- Use relevant FAR or MIL-A-8860 series of documents for structural design criteria

- **V-n diagram is the starting point!**

- Speed  $V_e$  is always written in knots as

KEAS given by  $V_e = \sqrt{\sigma} V_t$

$\sigma = \rho_{alt}/\rho_{SL}$  (air density ratio)       $V_t =$  true airspeed

- $n_z$  ranges from +3 to -1 for transport-type and +7.5 to -3 for fighter-type aircraft

- Gust load factors estimated using  $n = 1 \pm \frac{K_g C_{L\alpha} U_e V_e}{498 W/S}$

where

$C_{L\alpha}$  = lift curve slope (per radian) for the complete airplane

$U_e$  = equivalent gust velocity (ft/s)

$V_e$  = equivalent airspeed (KEAS)

$W/S$  = wing loading (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

$K_g$  = gust alleviation factor =  $0.88\mu/(5.3 + \mu)$  (subsonic aircraft)

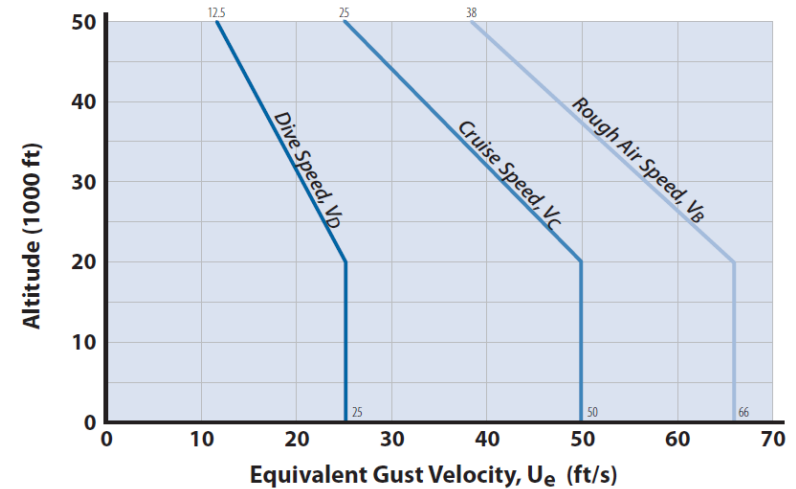
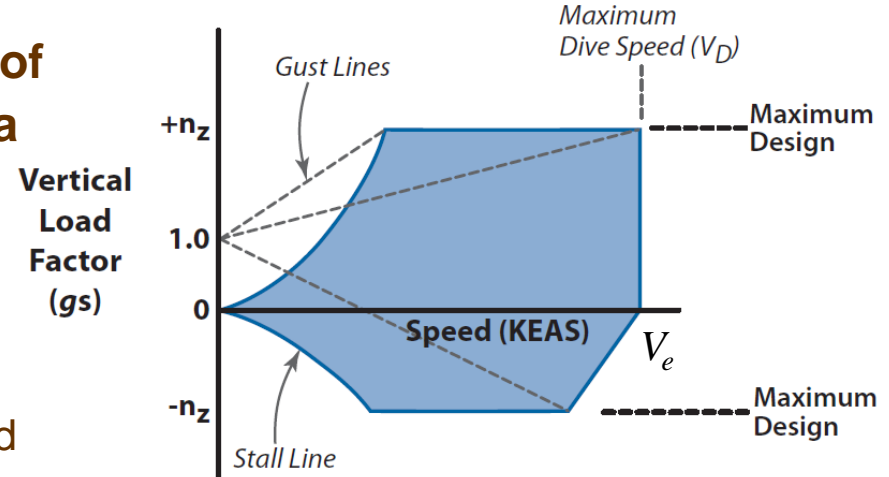
$\mu = (2 W/S)/(\rho \bar{c} C_{L\alpha} g)$

$\rho$  = air density (slug/ft<sup>3</sup>)

$\bar{c}$  = mean aerodynamic chord (ft)

$C_{L\alpha}$  = lift curve slope (per radian)

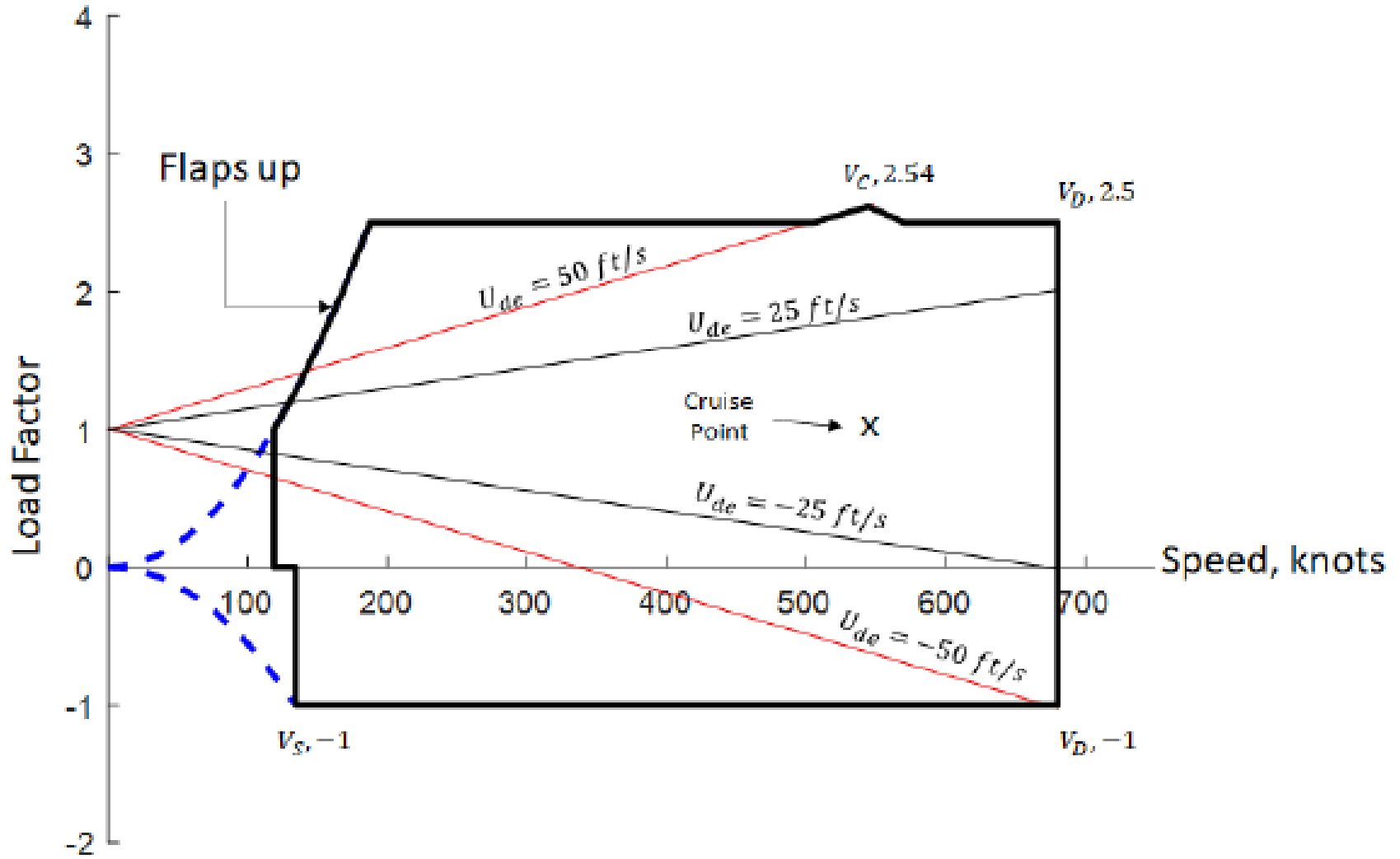
$g$  = acceleration due to gravity (ft/s<sup>2</sup>)



- **Loads Engineers develop a set of external loads (aerodynamic and inertia loads) that a 'lightest weight' structure must withstand without failing**

# Typical V-n Diagram

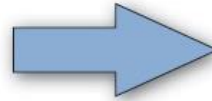
## Student Design Team Example



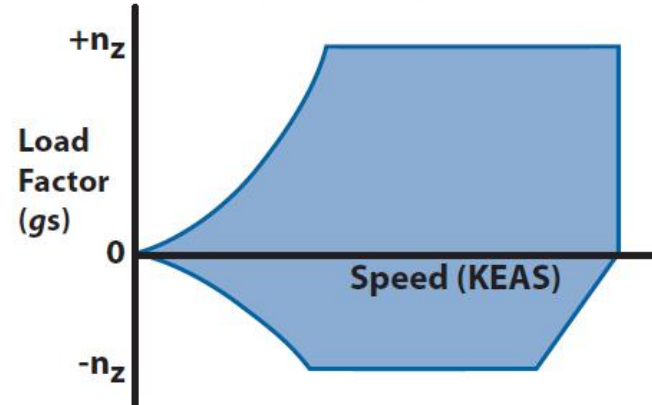
Source: 2020 AIAA Undergrad Team Aircraft Design, Virginia Tech

# External Loads Development Process

## Structural Design Criteria

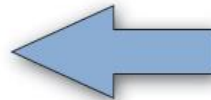
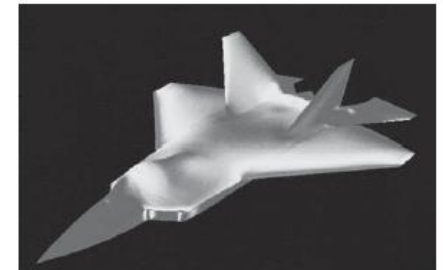


## Design Envelope

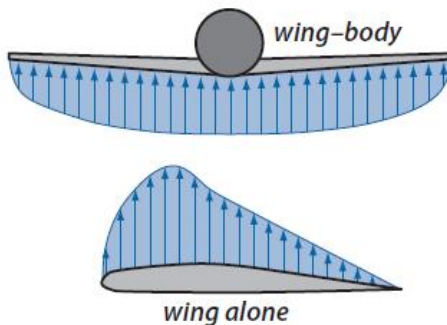


## Analytical Tools

Wind Tunnel Testing  
Potential Flow Codes  
Navier-Stokes Codes



## Airload Distributions





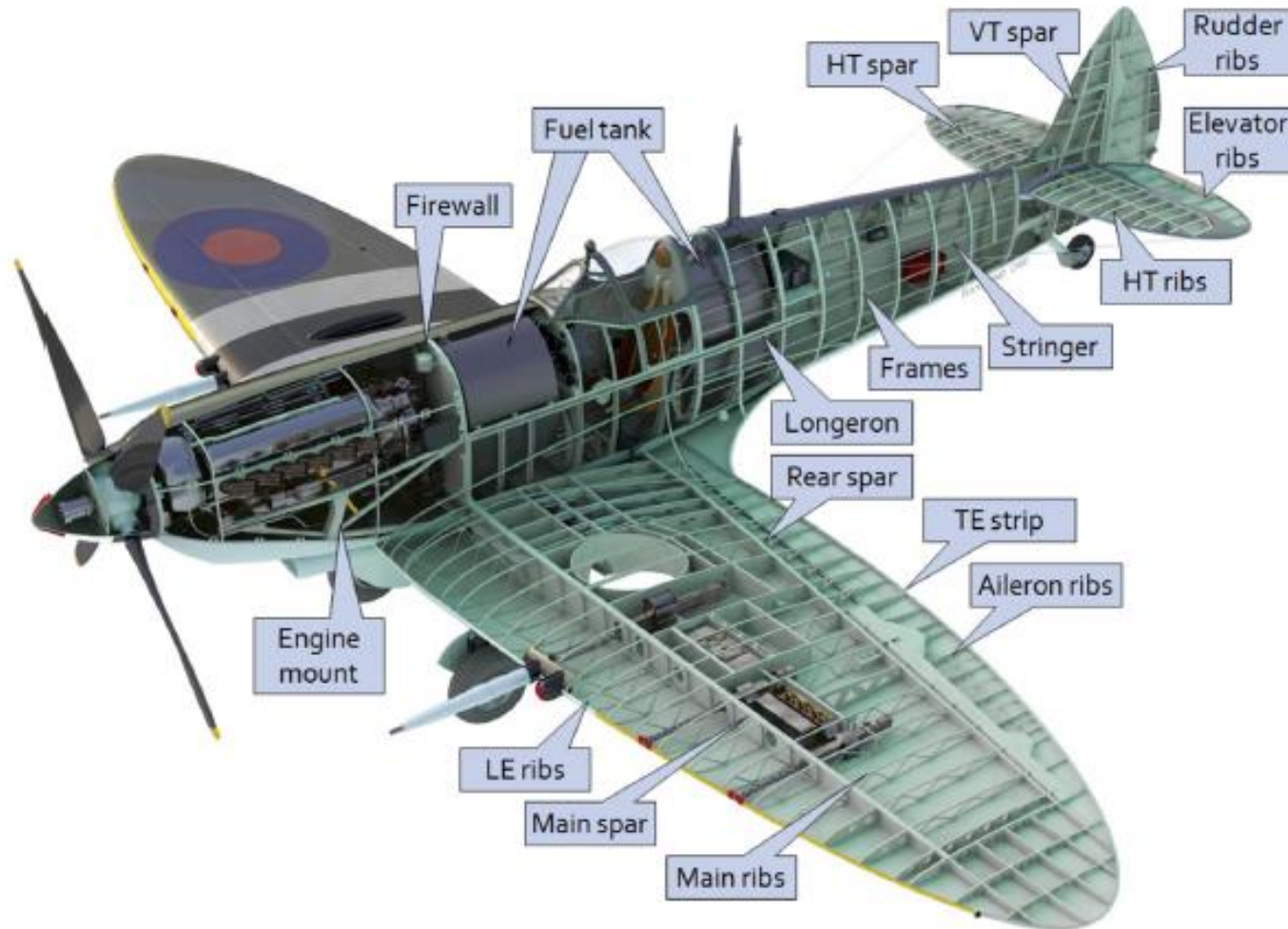


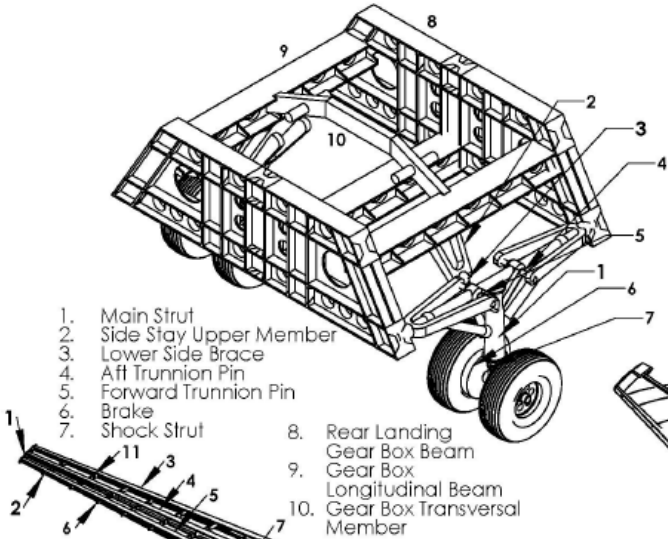
FIGURE 5-15 A cutaway of the Supermarine Spitfire, showing important elements of its aluminum construction. (Courtesy of Raymond Ore, [www.raymondore.co.uk](http://www.raymondore.co.uk))

# Aircraft Structural Layout Example

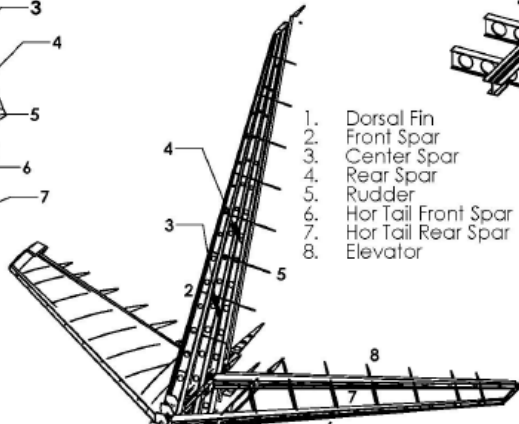
## Student Design Team Example to Emulate

### AIRCRAFT STRUCTURE DETAILS

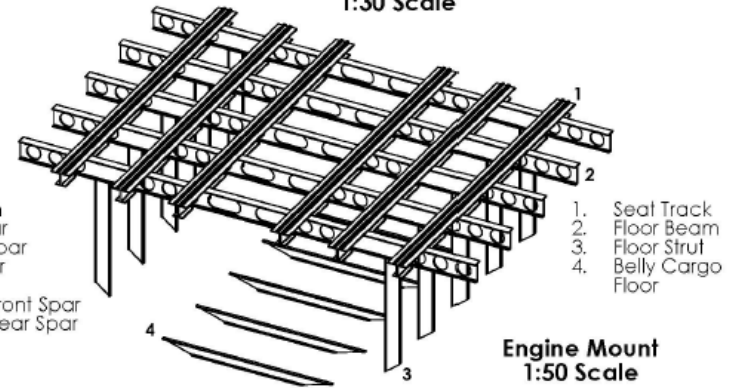
**Main Landing Gear Structure**  
 1:50 Scale



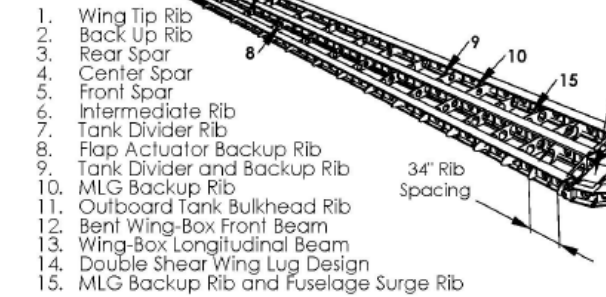
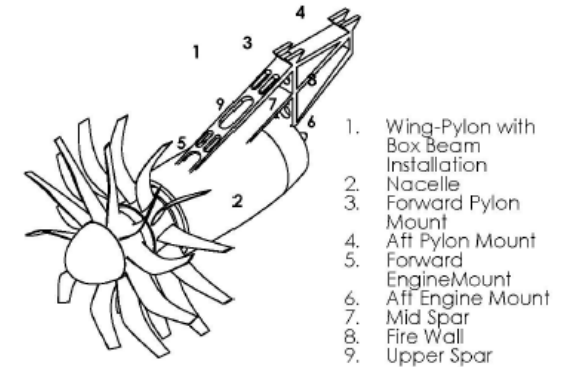
**Empennage Structure**  
 1:90 Scale



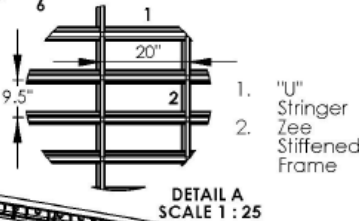
**Floor Structure**  
 1:30 Scale



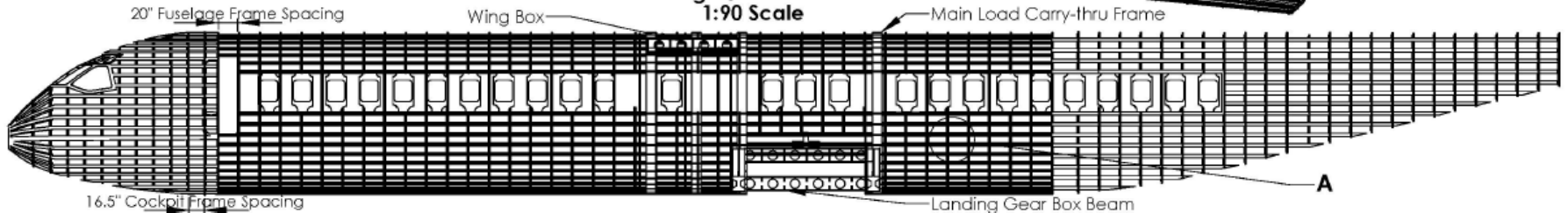
**Engine Mount**  
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**Wing Box Structure**  
 1:90 Scale



**Fuselage Structure Detail**  
 1:90 Scale



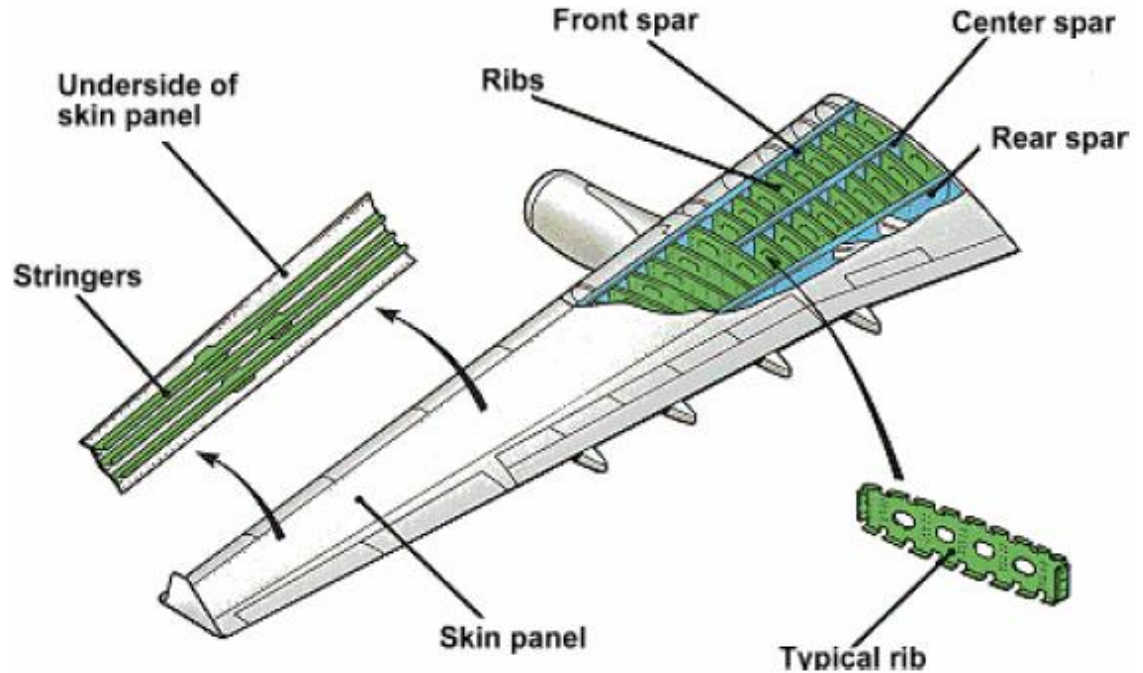
# Typical Wing Box: Structural Components

A wing box is made of three structural members: wing skin, spars, and ribs.

**Wing skin** panels are located on the top and bottom of the wings. Skin can aid in the reaction of bending moments, but it primarily carries shear loading.

**Spars** are members that run along the span of the wing and react carry bending and shear loads from lift.

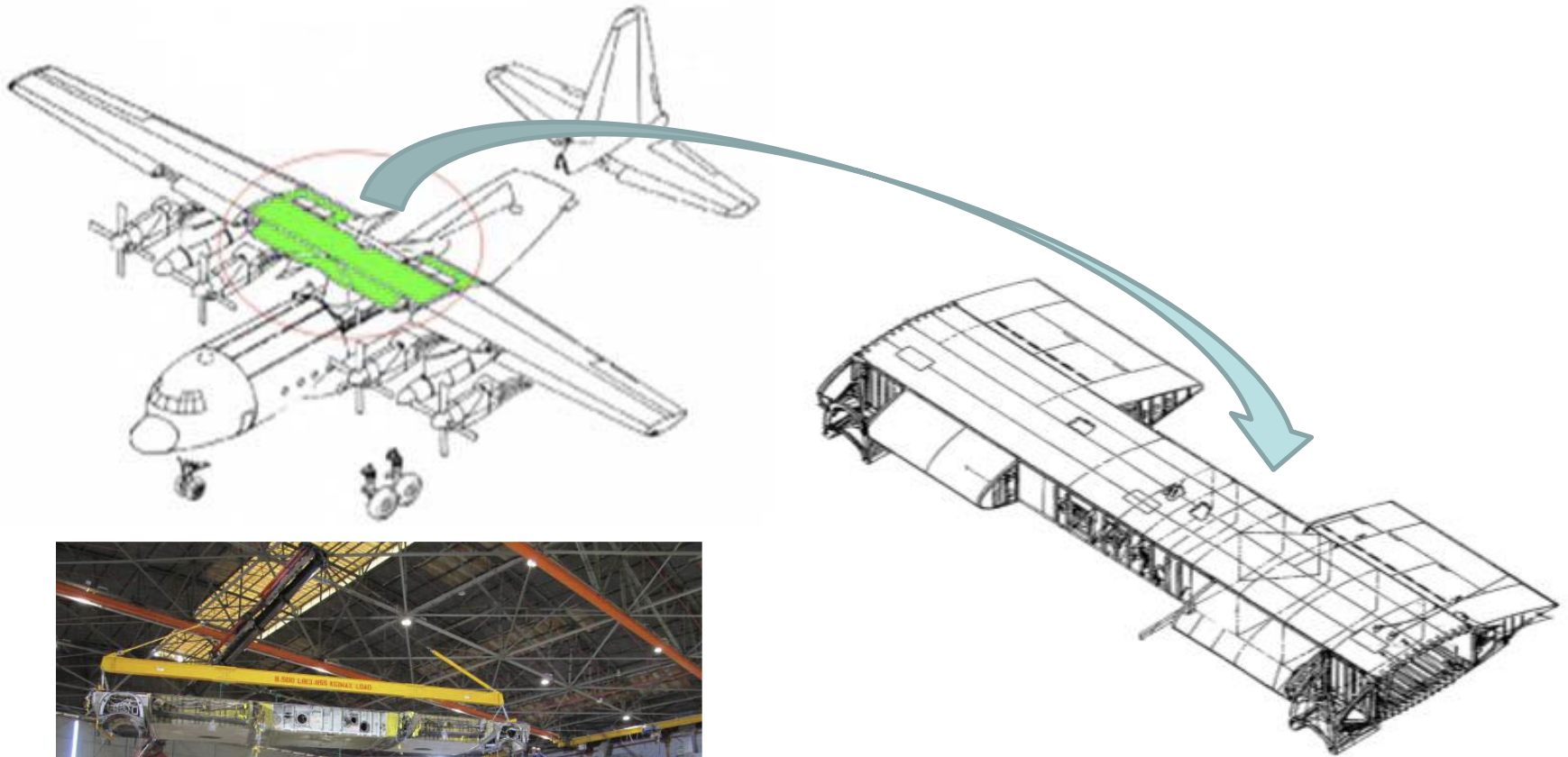
**Ribs** run across the spars and they give form to the wing covers as well as prevent buckling of the wing covers.



*Source:*

*Arevalo, PT, "Design Optimization of a Composite Wing Box for a High-Altitude Long-Endurance Aircraft," Ph.D. Thesis, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida, May 2014*

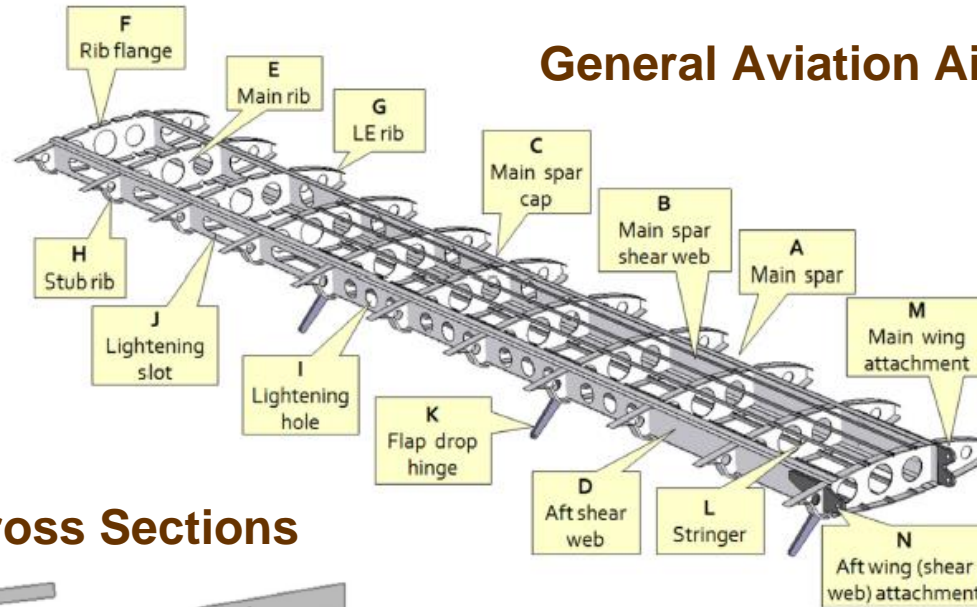
# C-130 Center Wing Box



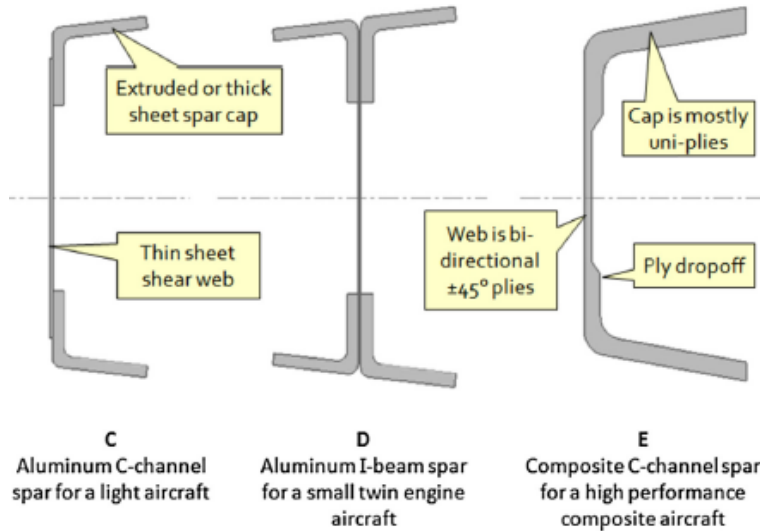
Source: Strul, E., "IAI C-130 Life Extension Program CWB Replacement," C-130 Hercules Operators Council, 2013

# Typical Wing Structural Layout

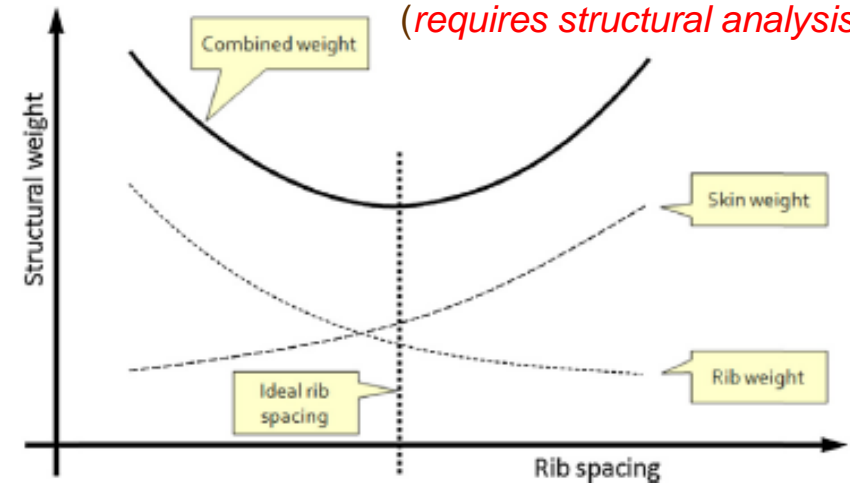
## General Aviation Aircraft Example



## Main Spar Cross Sections



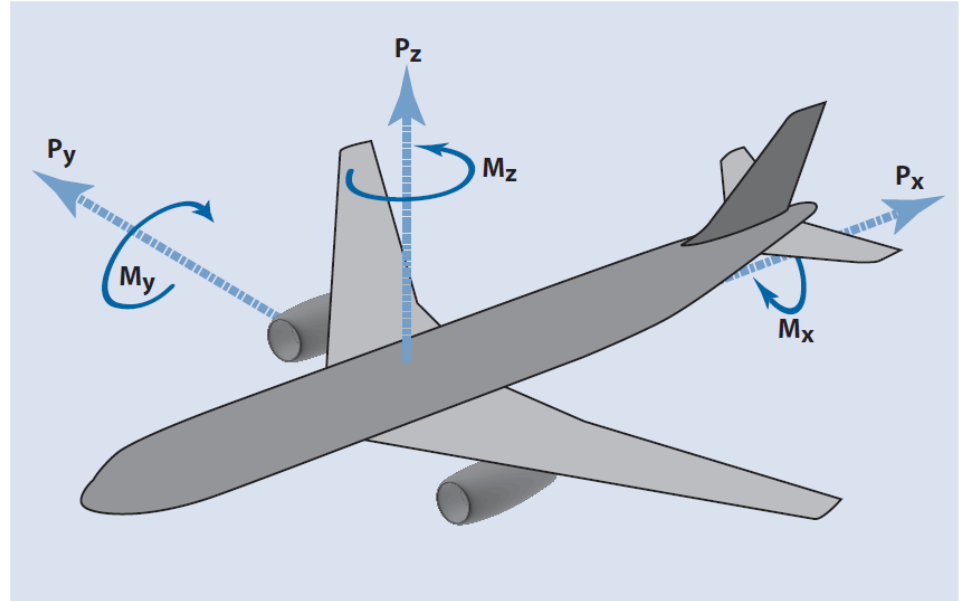
## Rib Spacing Criterion *(requires structural analysis)*



**Refine/validate Structural Layout Through Analyses**

# Structural Design Rules of Thumb

1. Keep load paths simple and direct
2. All six components of structural loading must be considered
3. A statically determinate structure is usually preferred for minimum weight (Fail safe requirements might dictate a statically indeterminate design)
4. Each structural component should serve multiple functions
5. Subsystems integration requirements must be considered early

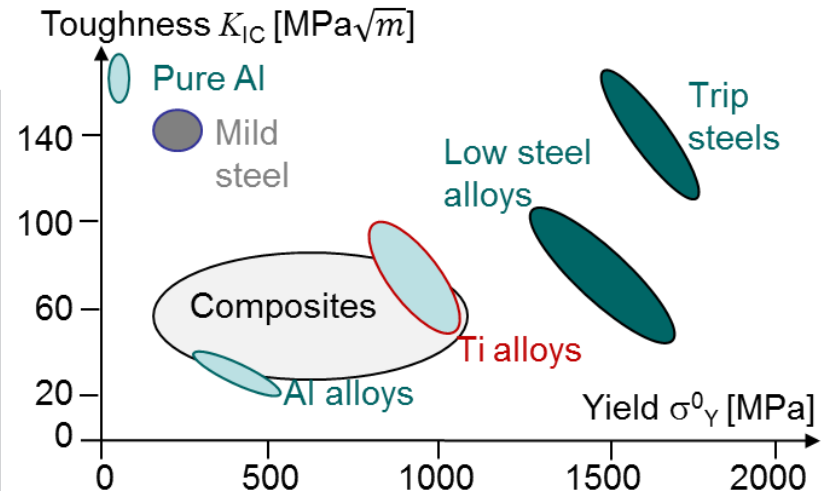


# Materials Selection

- One of the most important decisions with far-reaching implications for vehicle weight, performance, manufacturing schedule, reliability, maintainability, and cost
- Key parameters to consider in selecting airframe materials include:
  - specific strength—*ultimate tension strength ( $F_{tu}$ ) divided by material density*
  - specific stiffness—*Young’s modulus ( $E$ ) divided by density*
  - operational environment—for example temperature range, humidity, etc.
  - fracture toughness ( $K_{IC}$ )—*inherent capability to resist crack growth*
  - manufacturability—*ability to fabricate an end product using standard tools and methods*
  - minimum gage limitations—*minimum thickness to which material can be produced*
  - availability—*long lead times from several months to well over a year*

Table 19.2 Comparison of Material Specific Properties and Maximum Use Temperatures

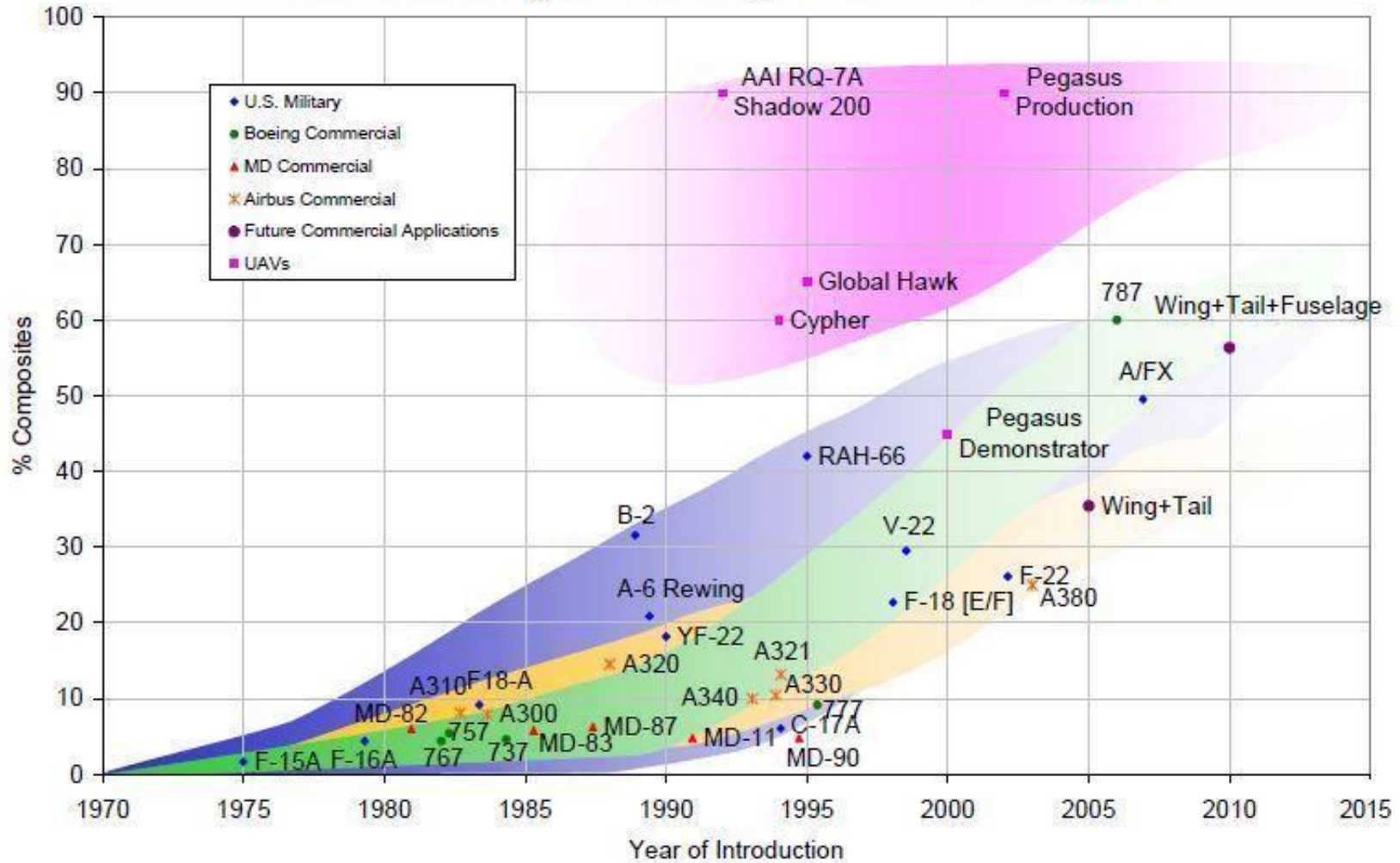
Material	Density (lb/in. <sup>3</sup> )	Specific Ultimate Tension Strength at 70°F (ksi/lb.in. <sup>3</sup> )	Specific Stiffness at 70°F (msi/lb.in. <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum Usage Temperature (°F)
Composite	0.057	368 (quasi-iso layup) 1105 (all 0° layup)	61 (quasi-iso layup) 368 (all 0° layup)	~275
Aluminum (2024)	0.100	630	105	~300
Aluminum (7050)	0.102	745	101	~300
Titanium (6Al-4V)	0.160	812	100	~700
Carbon steel (4130)	0.283	336	102	~800
Stainless steel (301 Full Hard)	0.286	646	91	~1000
Inconel (718 STA)	0.297	606	99	~1200



[http://www.ltas-cm3.ulg.ac.be/FractureMechanics/index.php?p=overview\\_P4](http://www.ltas-cm3.ulg.ac.be/FractureMechanics/index.php?p=overview_P4)

# Aerospace Advanced Composite Usage

## Structural Weight Consisting of Advanced Composites



Source: Arris Composites, Inc.  
 (Alex Huckstepp, LinkedIn post, July 2020)



# Structures & Materials

## Recommended Reading for Topics in Structures & Materials

Topic	Recommended References
<b>Structures &amp; Materials</b>	
Structures and Materials	Chapter 19, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Structures and Loads	Chapter 15, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Aircraft Structural Layout	Chapter 5, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Aircraft Loads	Chapter 5, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
Airframe Structural Design	Book by Michael C.Y. Niu, Ref. STR 1
Composite Airframe	Book by Michael C.Y. Niu, Ref. STR 2
<i>Structural Sizing</i>	<i>See Structures folder in Supplemental Reference Material on course site</i>

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## ***10.7 Subsystems***

**Subsystems subteam members should review their R&Rs, and any project data deliverables in the RFP**

- **Typical Air Vehicles Subsystems**
  - Landing Gear
  - Crew station requirements and cockpit layout
  - Avionics system
  - Flight control system and actuators
  - Passenger and cargo arrangement (volume and weight)
  - Weapons system if appropriate
  - Environmental Control System (ECS)
  - Thermal Management System
  - Fuel system
  - De-icing system
  - ...
- **In Conceptual Design phase:**
  - Focus on relevant technology developments and current systems used
  - Concentrate on **SWaP**, i.e., size (volume), weight, and power requirements
- **In Preliminary Design phase:**
  - Select specific systems with *actual* SWaP values

**The following slides show examples of subsystems integration—many from previous years’ student design reports—to illustrate the nature of deliverables expected of the Air Vehicle Subsystems team at the end of the project.**

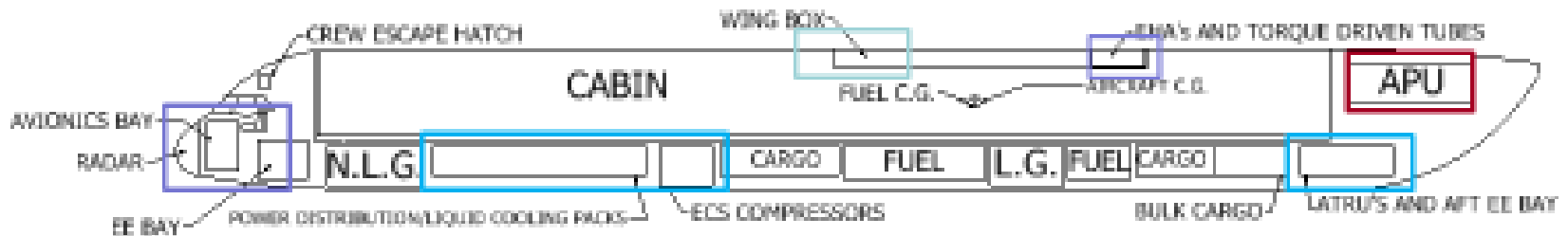
# More Electric Aircraft Subsystems

## Electrification of Subsystems

- Eliminates heavy, bleed-air architecture
- 2x250 kVA generators per engine with variable frequency generation

## Ice-Protection Systems:

- WIPS: Electro-Mechanical Expulsion de-icing
- CIPS: bleed-air provides ~60% system weight reduction



## Flight Control System:

- Duplex FBW system with conventional control and yoke feedback.

## ECS and Power Dist.:

- Electric, adjustable A/C
- Liquid cooling for primary panels

## APS5000 450 kVA APU:

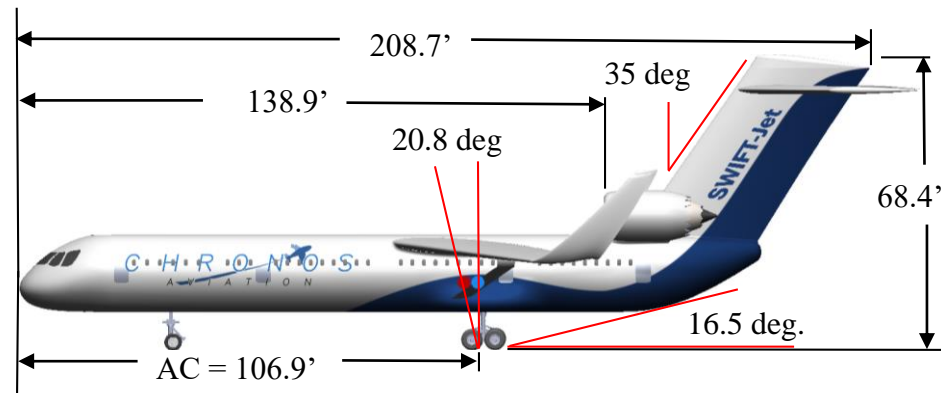
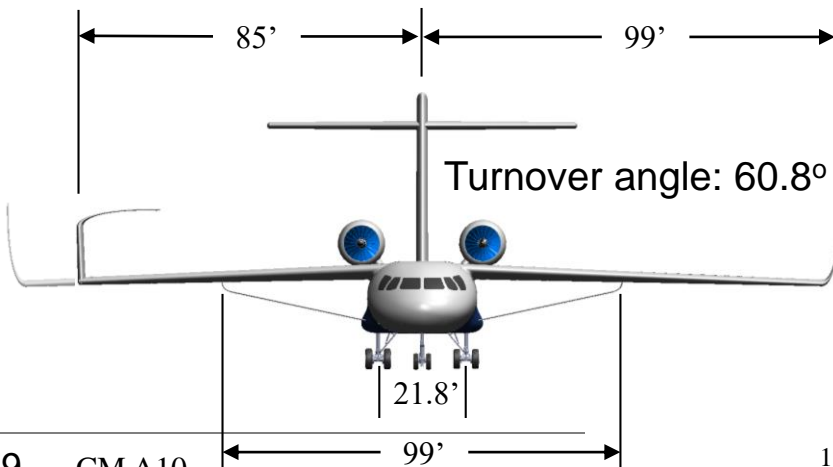
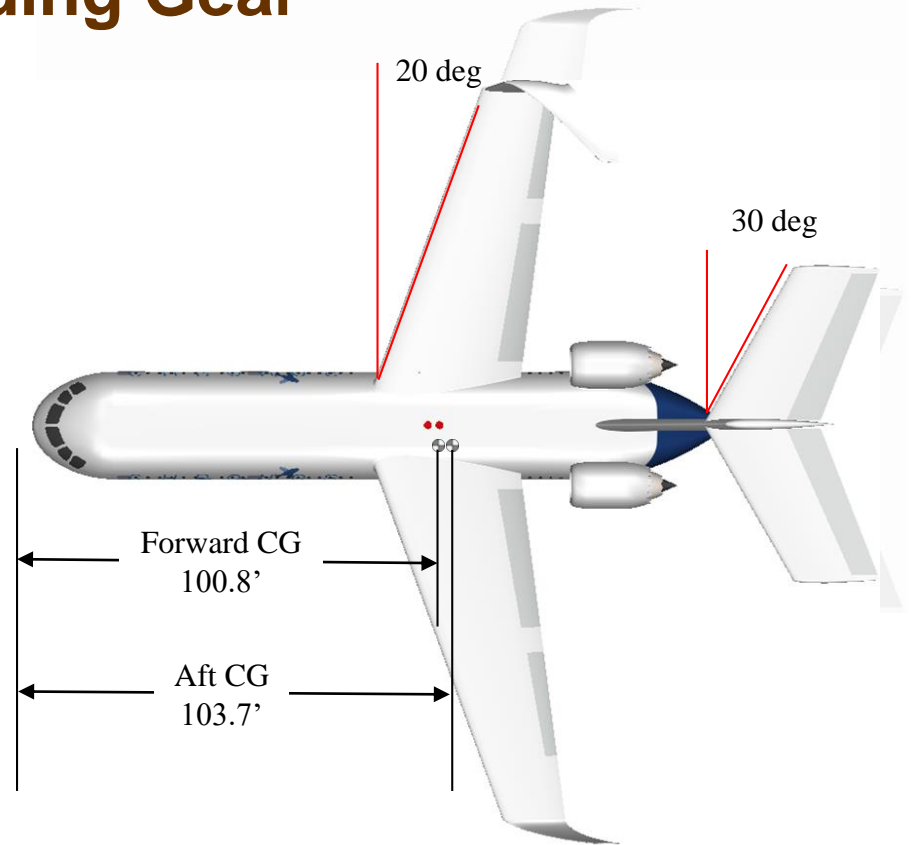
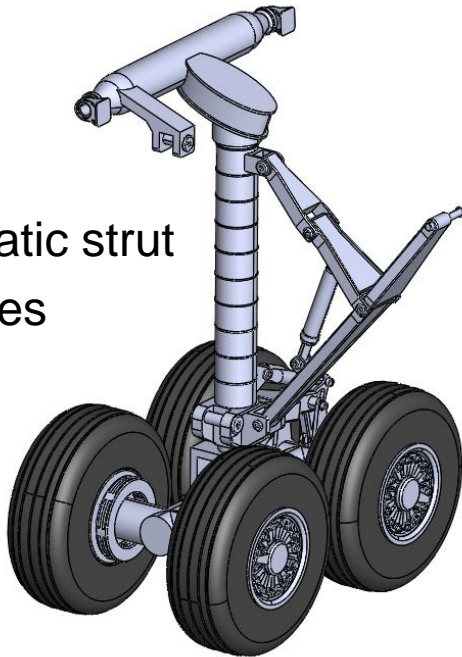
- Lowest emissions and noise levels available

**Electric subsystems will reduce maintenance, and fuel consumption by 3%**

# Landing Gear

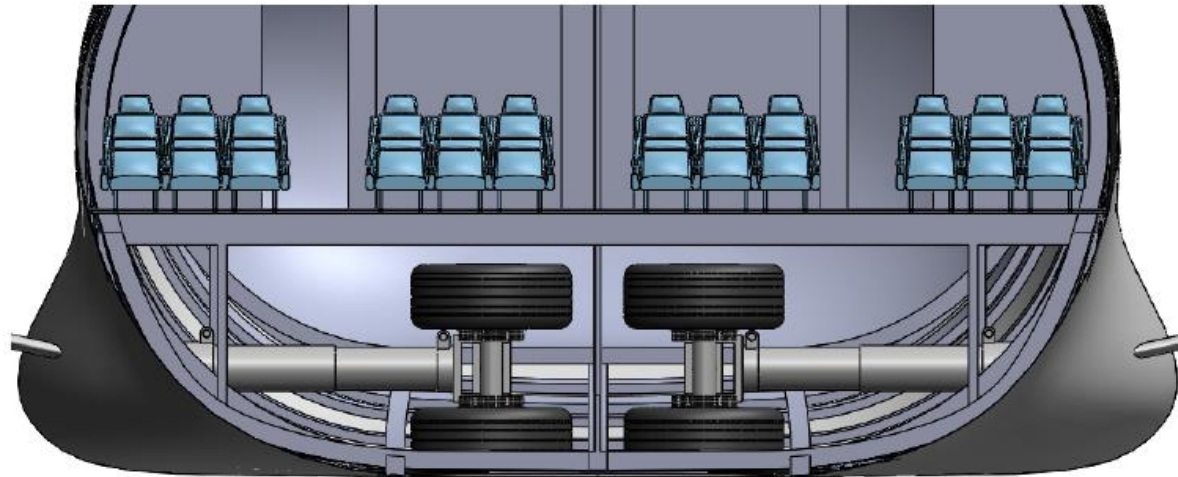
## Landing Gear

- Oleo pneumatic strut
- Carbon brakes
- Radial tires



# Landing Gear

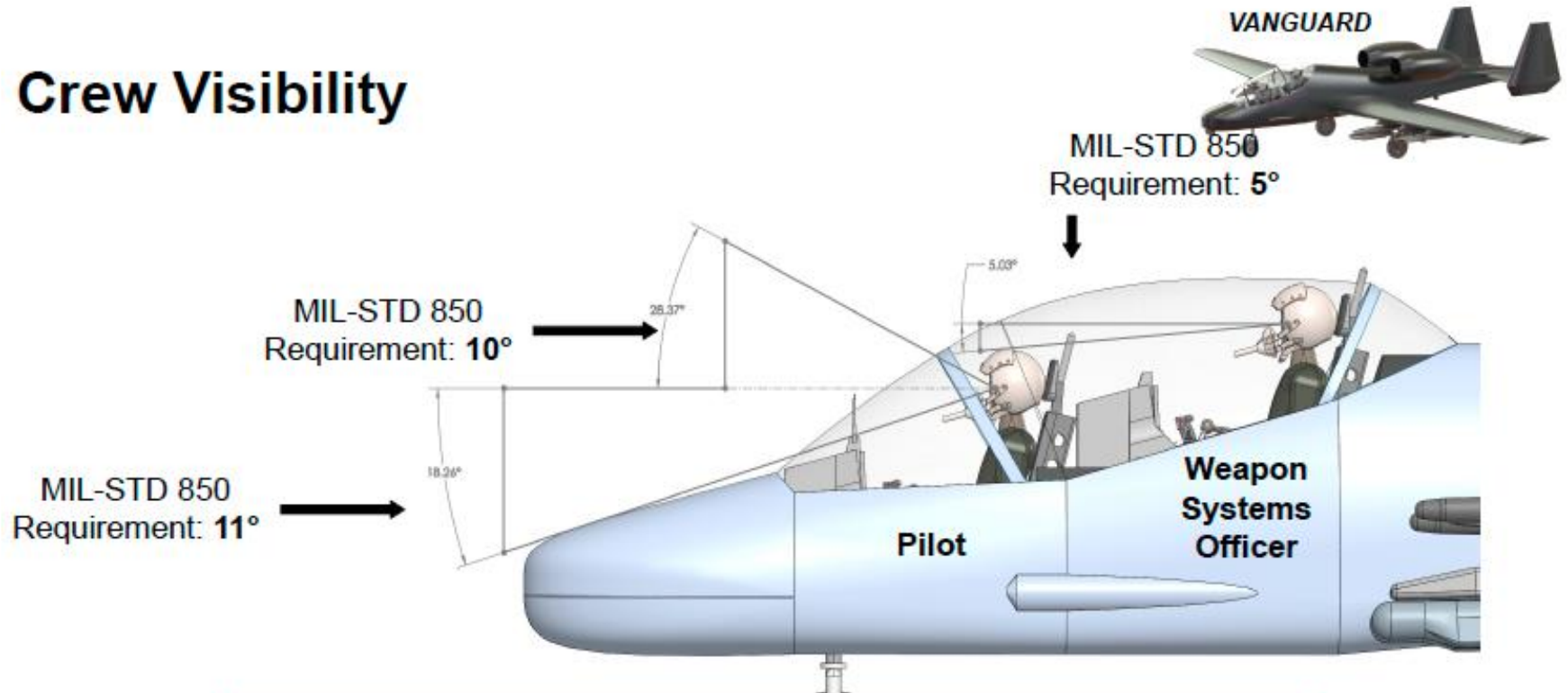
Integration Criteria	Requirement	SWIFT-Jet
Take-Off Clearance( $\alpha_C$ )	$\alpha_C \geq \alpha_{TO} = 9^\circ$	12.8°
Steering Controllability	$\frac{B_{m_{min}}}{B} \geq 5\% \ \& \ \frac{B_{m_{max}}}{B} \leq 20\%$	5.3% & 9.2%
Tip Back( $\alpha_{tb}$ )	$\alpha_{tb} \geq \alpha_{TO} + 5^\circ = 14.2^\circ$	20.8°
Overturn( $\Phi_{OT}$ )	$\Phi_{OT} \geq 25^\circ$	31.7°





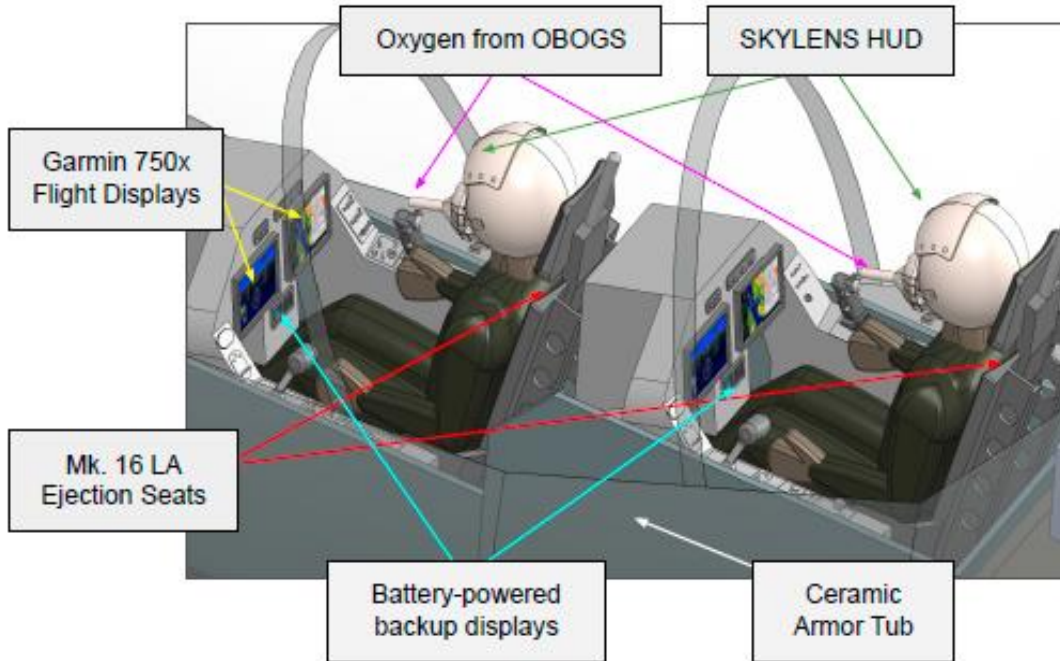
# Crew Station

## Crew Visibility

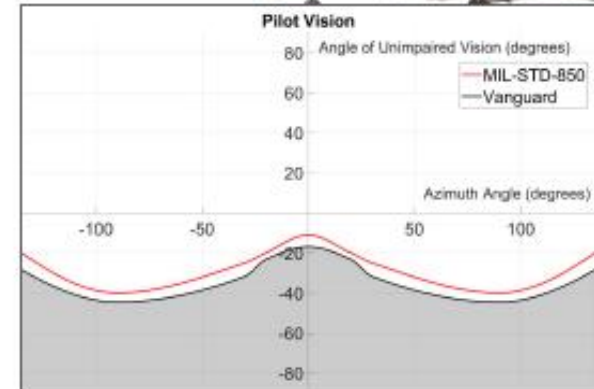


***Pilot visibility meets or exceeds MIL-STD-850 requirements***

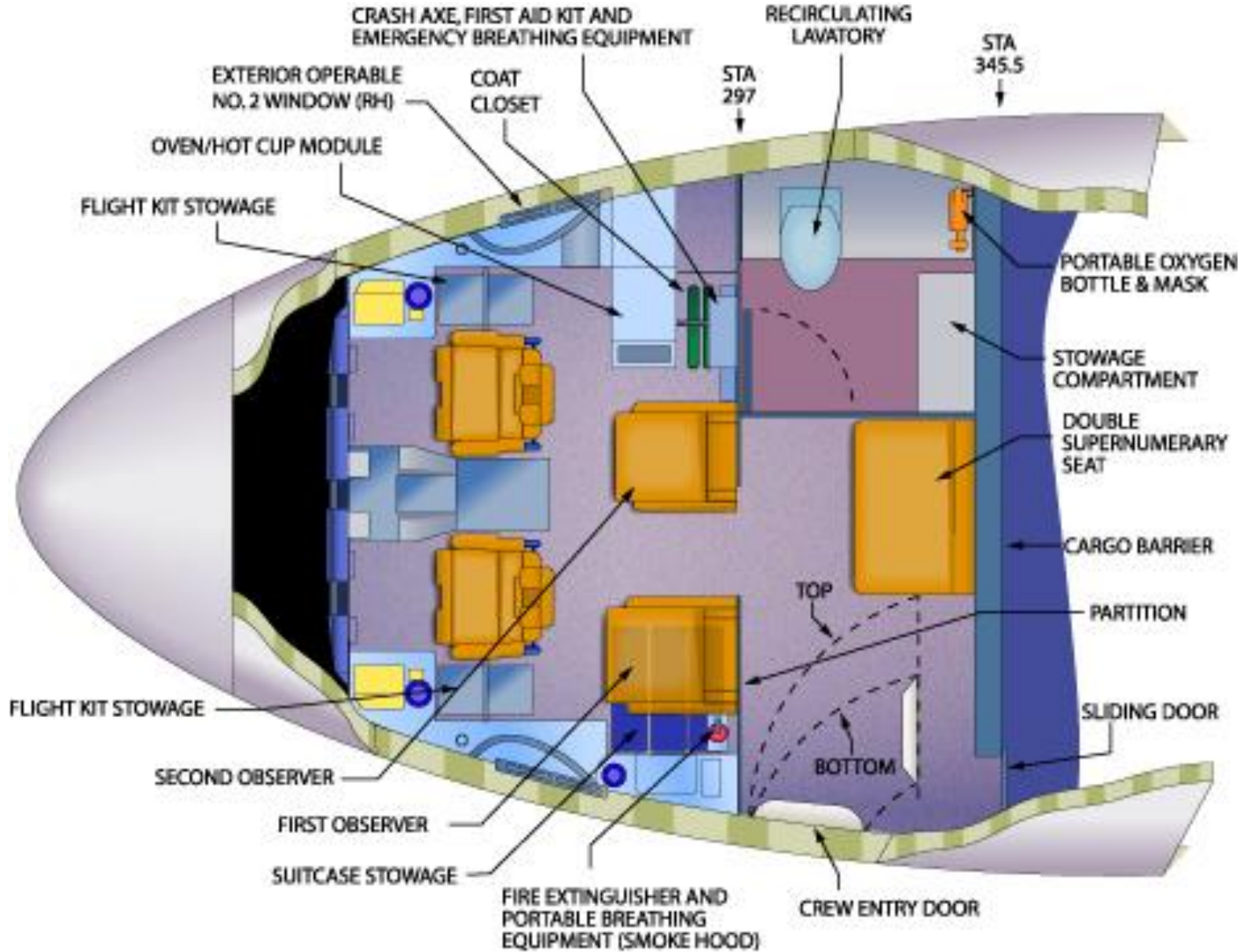
## Crew Station & Pilot Vision



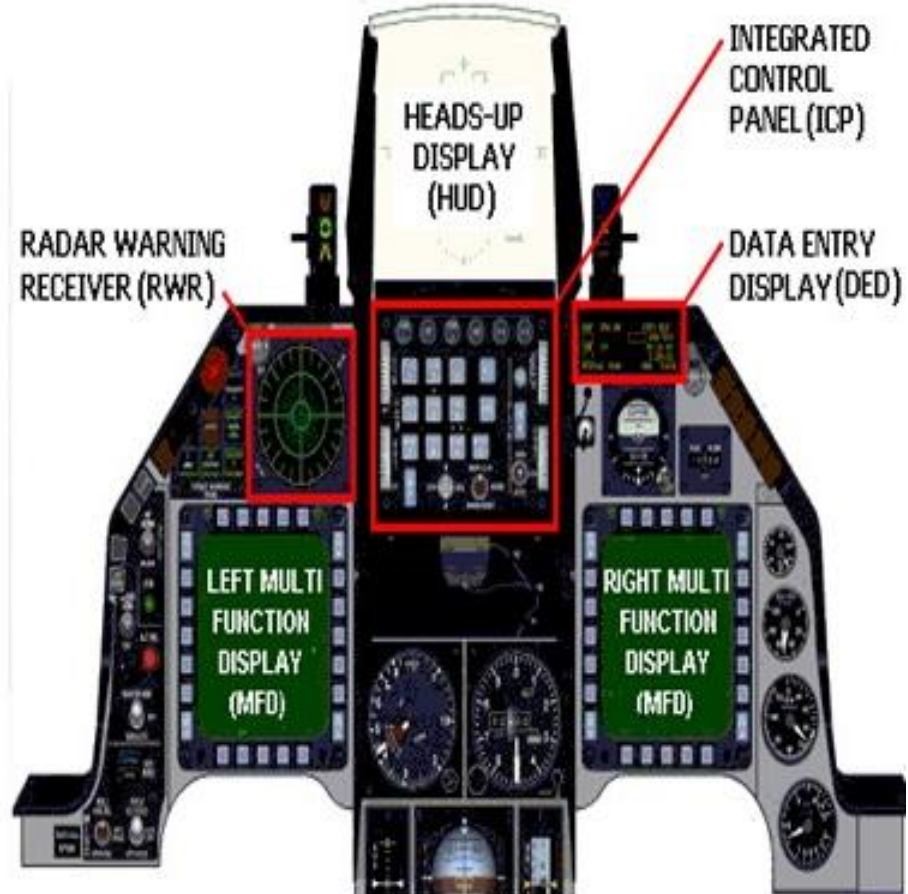
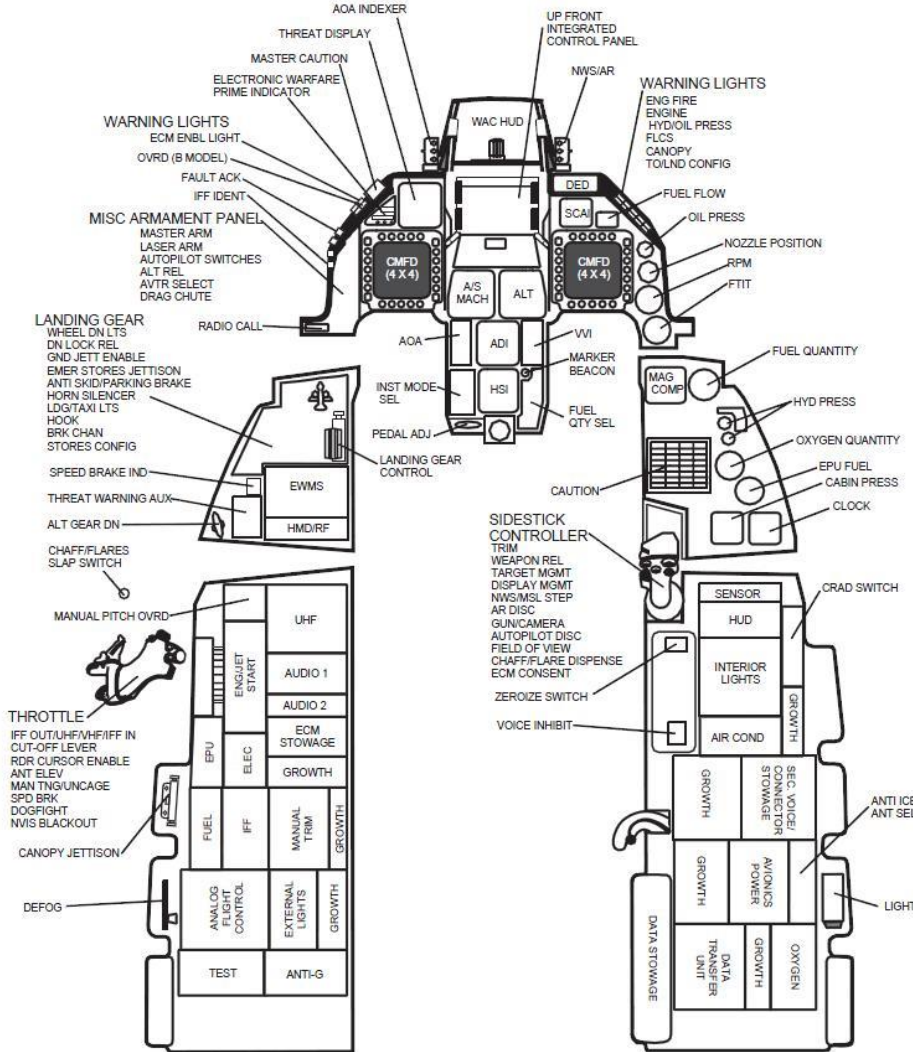
**Crew operates in state-of-the-art, redundant systems - implemented considering ergonomics and protection**



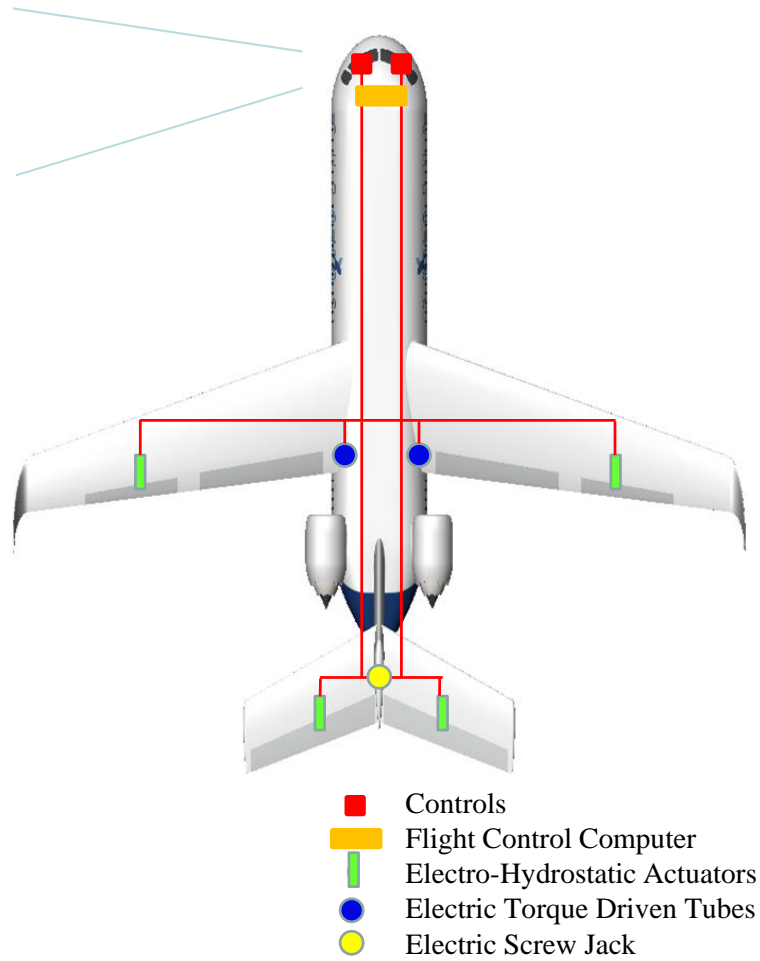
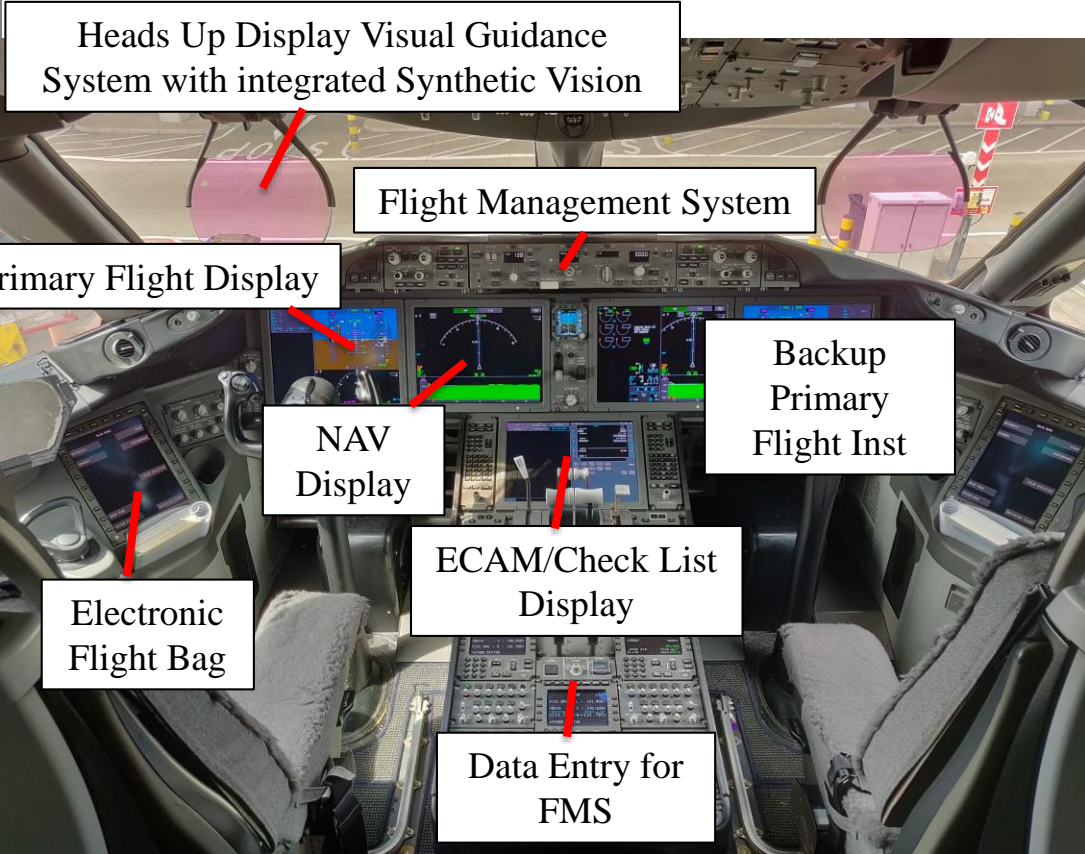
# B757-300 Cockpit Plan



# F-16 Cockpit: Avionics Layout

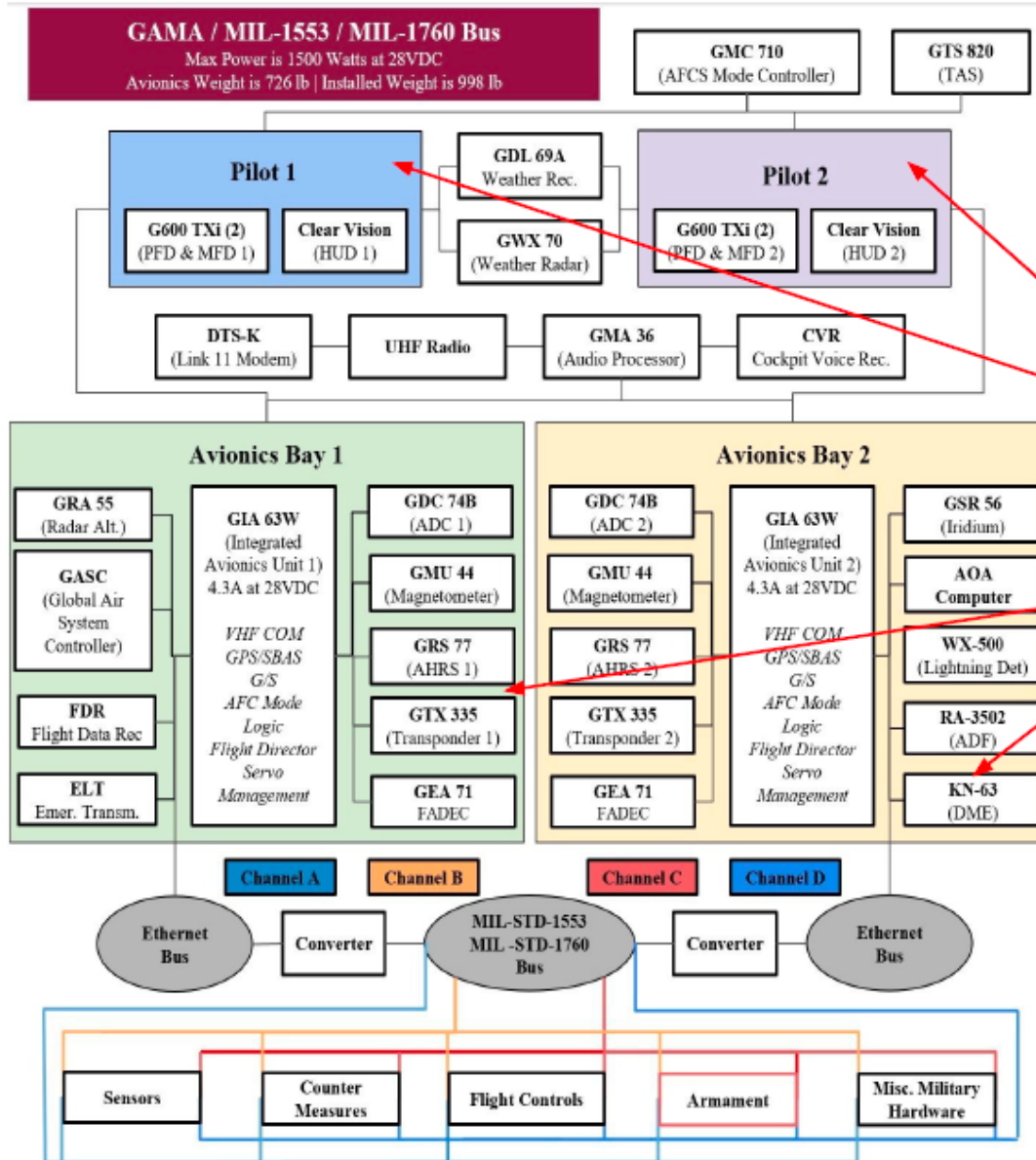


# Flight Crew Interface/Control



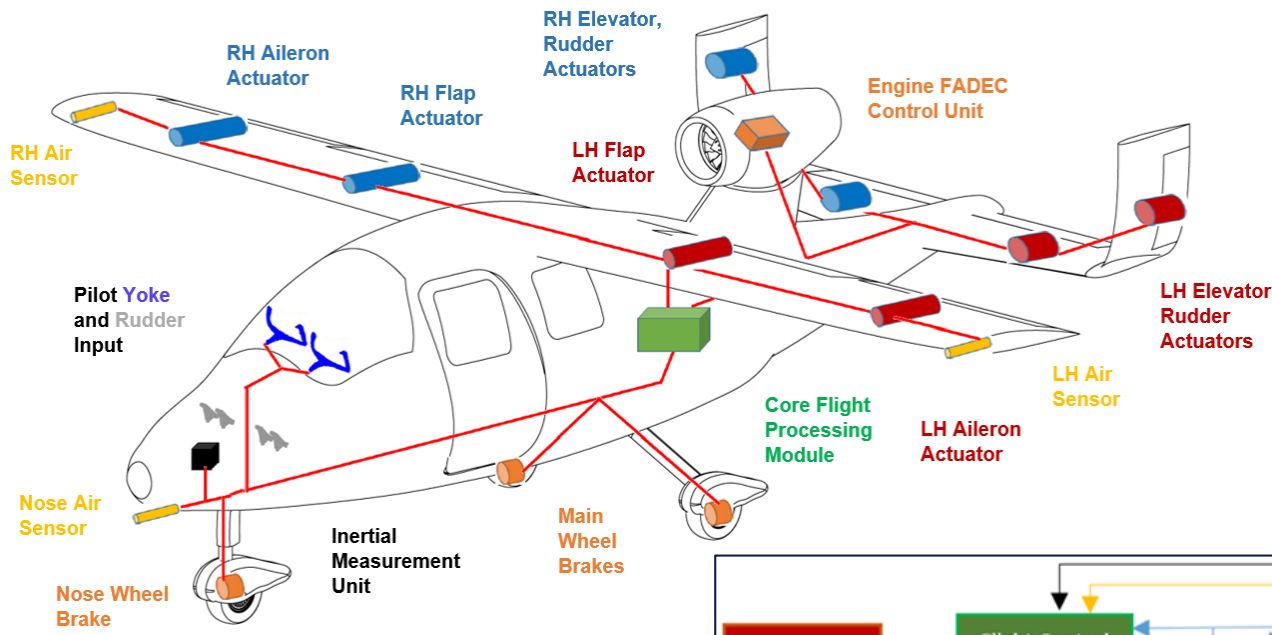
**FBW and control systems reduce workload and increase efficiency**

# Garmin G-3000 Avionics Architecture



**Redundant Architecture**

## Flight Control System: Fly-By-Wire

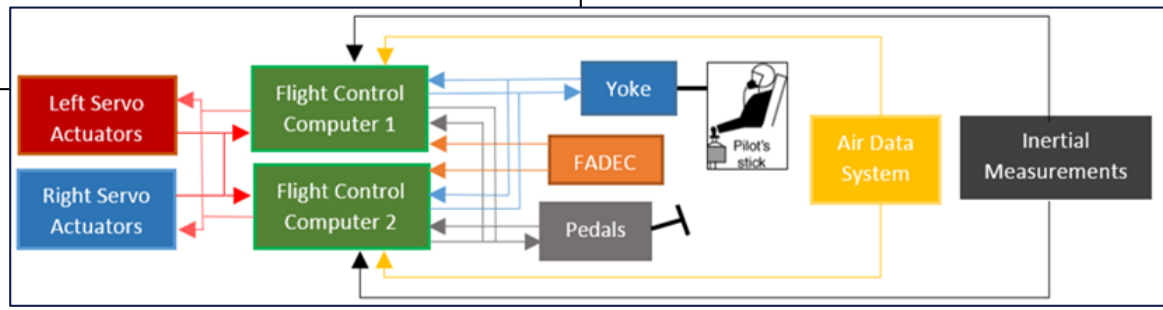


From 2012: "Diamond plans to bring FBW in as an option under \$100,000, but it might **cost as much as \$150,000**. If it's accepted by the market in volume, the price would come down." - AVWeb

### Computers Have Multiple Control Law Choices:

1. Novice
2. Standard
3. Advanced

[20] Design Based on SAFAR



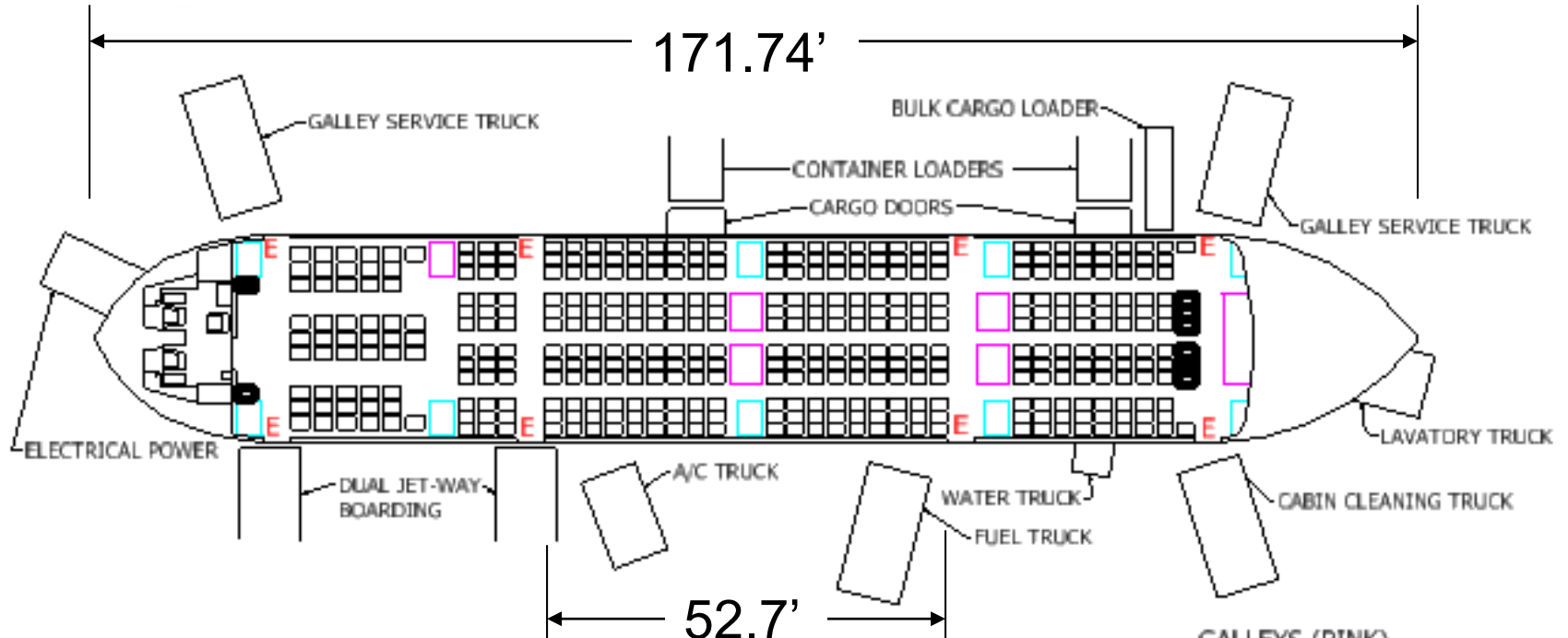
# Key Components of Fly-By-Wire System

Fly By Wire System	Power Demand (Watts)	Weight (lbs)
Rockwell-Collins Flight Computer	175	14
(8x) Moog 863 Rotary Servo Actuators (+/- 45 deg @ 150 in-lb torque)	16	14.4
iMAR Inertial Measurement Sensor	35	18.7
Septino GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System)	6	2.2
(3x) Simtec ADS-7 Heated Air Pitots	120	13.2
FJ33 Engine FADEC	200	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>73.5</b>





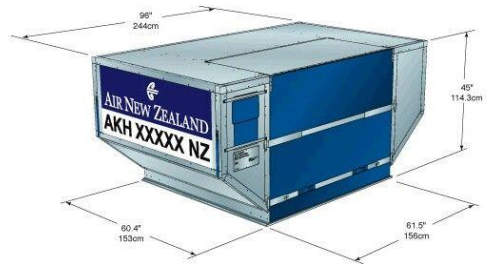
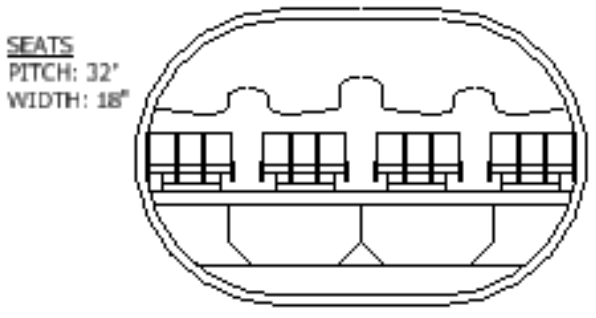
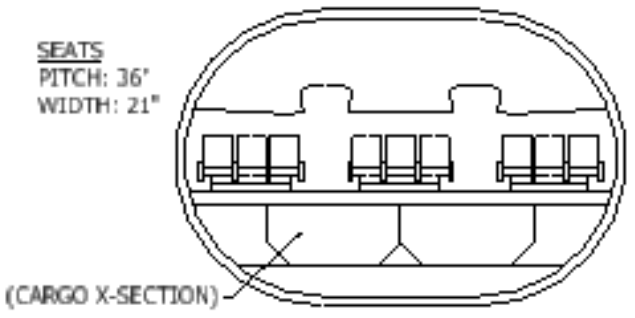
# Gate Integration & Cabin Layout



- GALLEYS (PINK)
- LAVATORIES (BLUE)
- FLIGHT ATT. SEATS (BLACK)

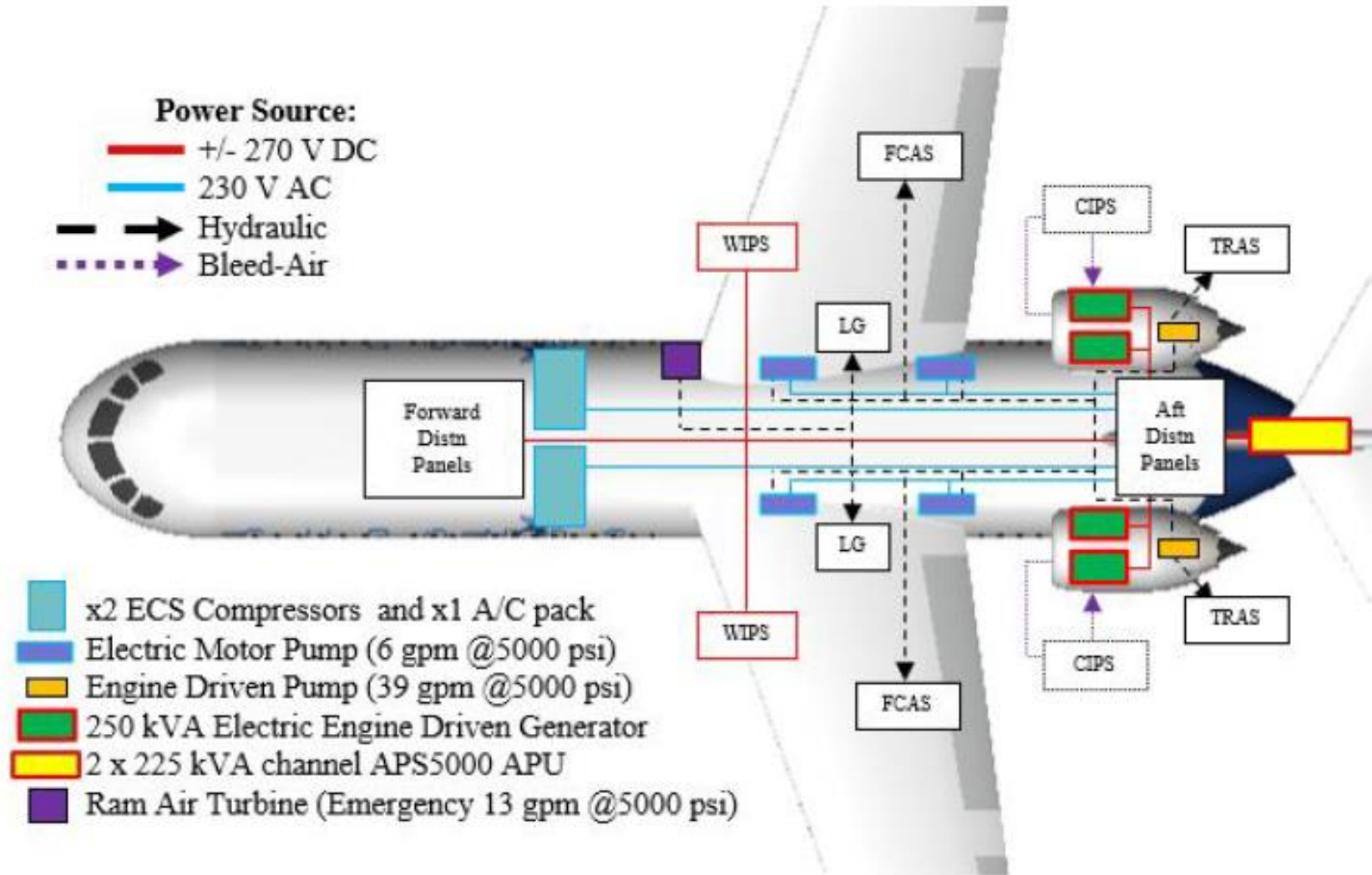
## BUSINESS CLASS

## ECONOMY CLASS



**SWIFT-Jet seamlessly integrates within existing infrastructure to solve worldwide airport congestion**

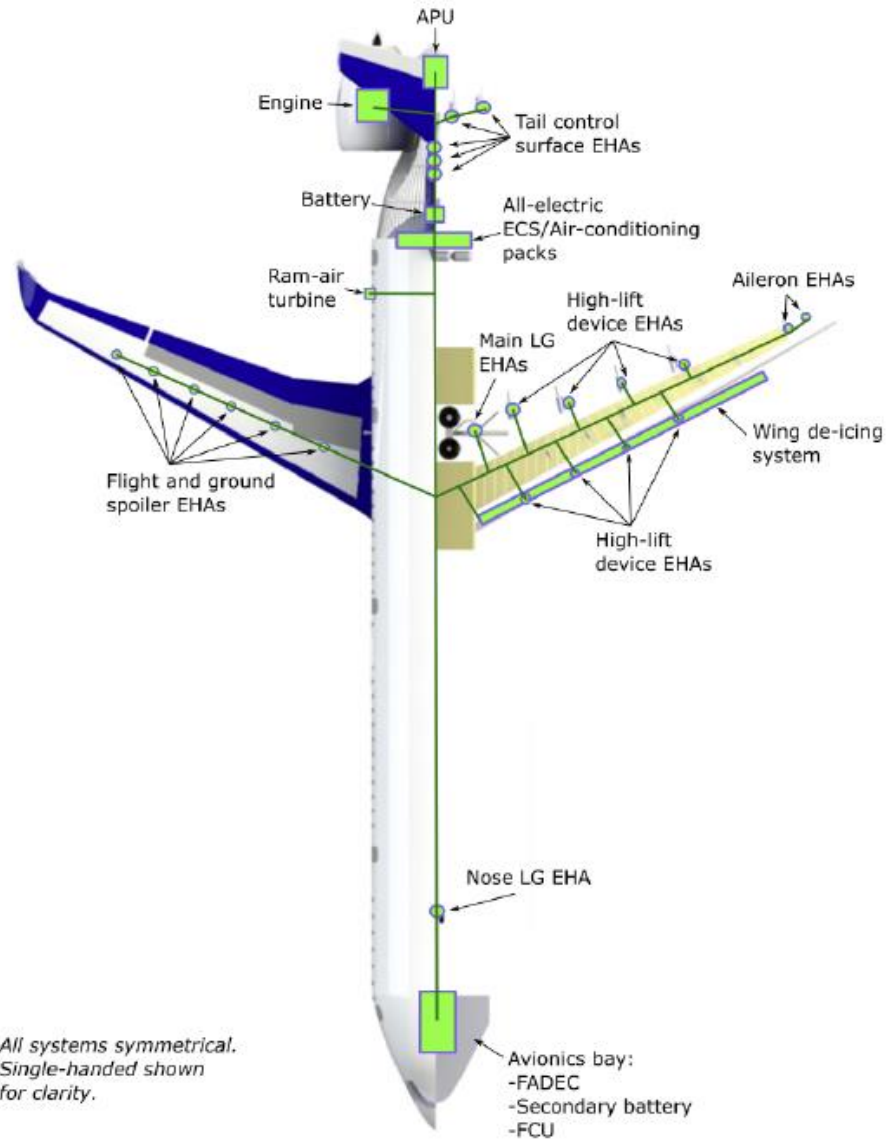
# Electric Power Generation & Distribution to Major Subsystems



CIPS – Cowl Ice Protection System  
 TRAS – Thrust Reverser Actuation System

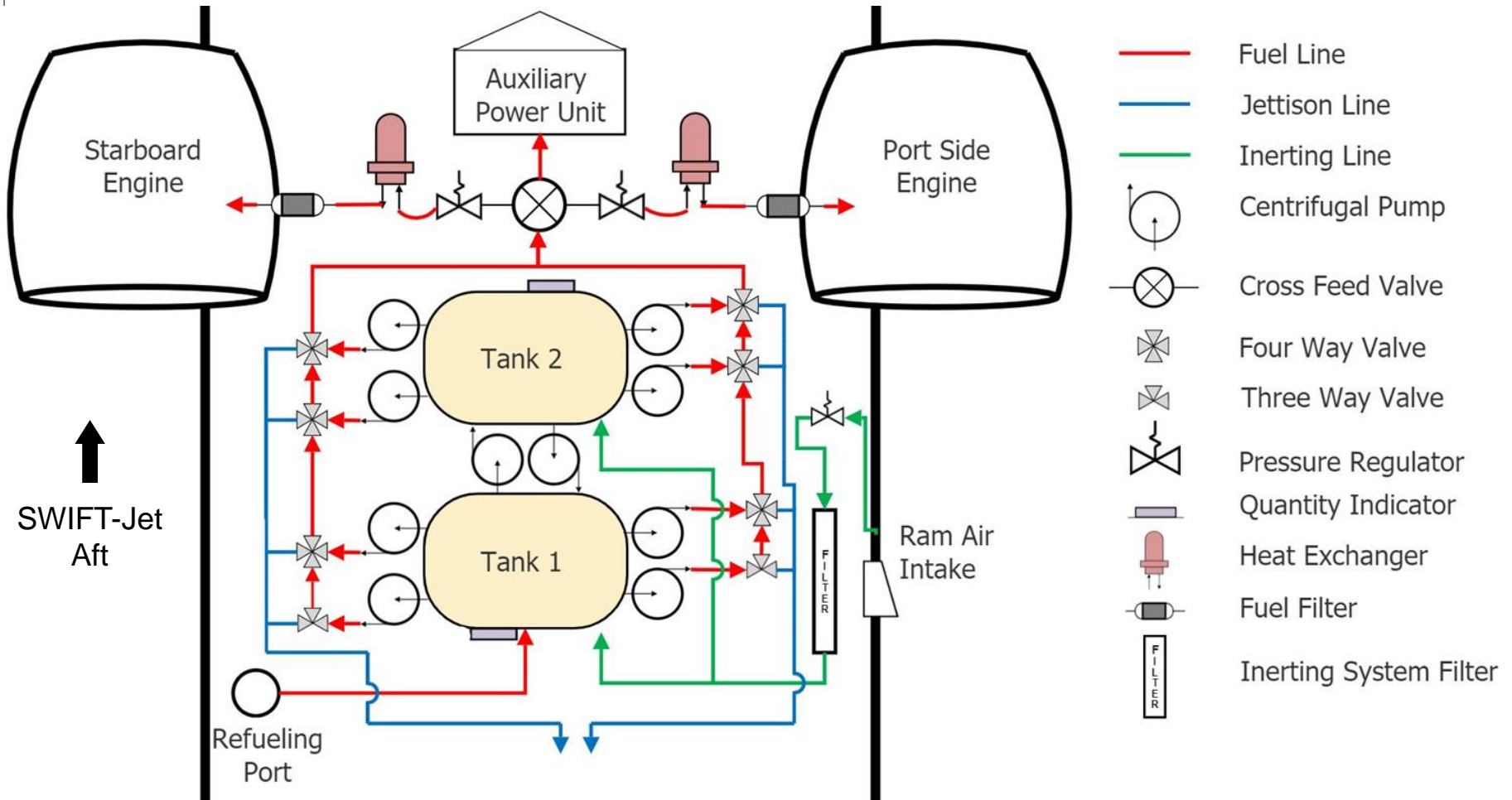
FCAS – Flight Control Actuation System  
 WIPS – Wing Ice Protection System

# Electric & Hydraulic Systems Integration



*All systems symmetrical.  
 Single-handed shown  
 for clarity.*

# Fuel System Architecture



**The fuel system will ensure both engines receive the necessary amount of fuel to produce the required thrust throughout the flight envelope**

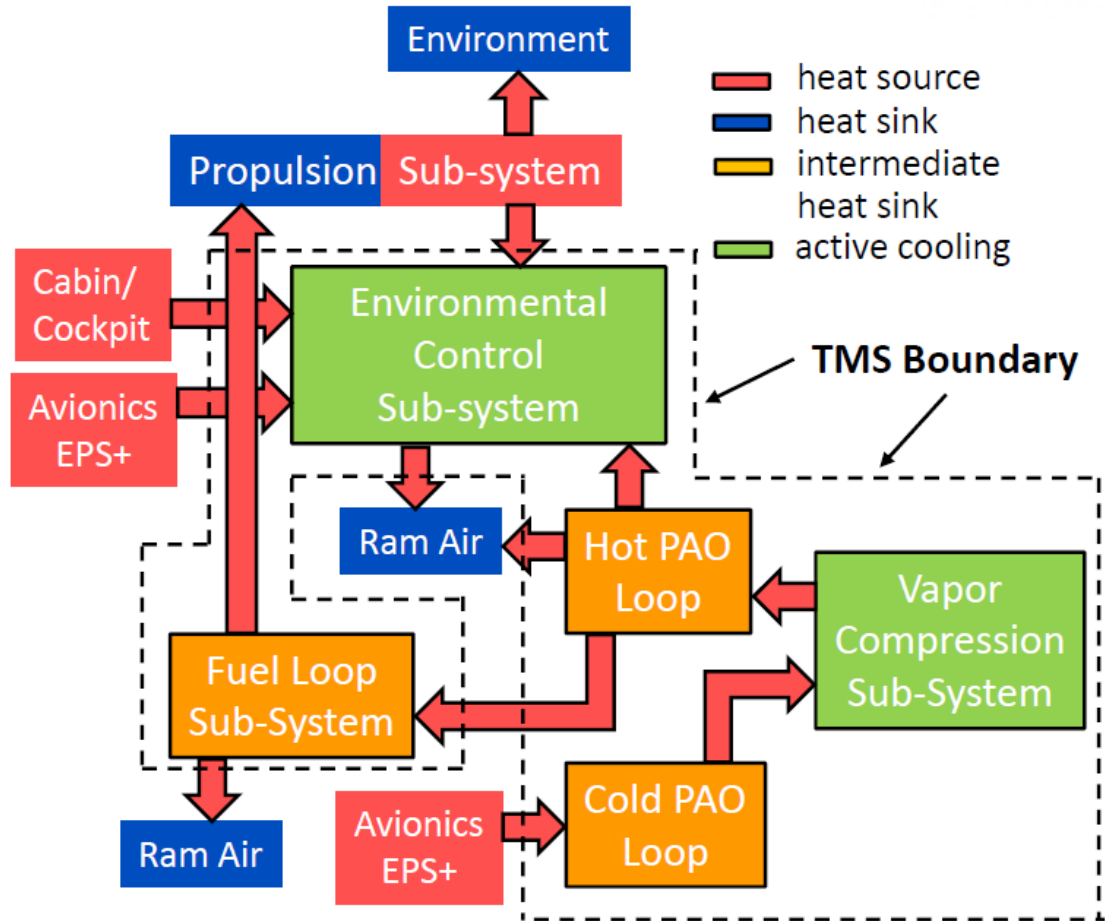
# A Typical Aircraft Thermal Management System (TMS)

- **Numerous heat sources**

- Cabin/cockpit
- Air-cooled avionics
- Liquid-cooled avionics
- Engine
- EPS+ (generators, motors, pumps, compressors, e-actuators, power network, controllers, etc.)

- **Few heat sinks**

- Ram air
- Engine
- Environment



PAO: polyalphaolefin

***TMS detailed design usually deferred to later stages of the Design Cycle***

# Air Vehicle Subsystems

## Recommended Reading for Topics in Air Vehicle Subsystems

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>Air Vehicle Subsystems</u></b>	
Crew Station, Passengers, and Payload	Chapters 9 & 11, Raymer, Ref. AVD 1
Fuselage Design	Chapter 7, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
Systems Architectures	Chapter 5, Moir & Seabridge, Ref. AS 1
Aircraft Systems Examples	Chapter 10, Moir & Seabridge, Ref. AS 1
Power Systems Issues	Chapter 11, Moir & Seabridge, Ref. AS 1
Key Characteristics of Aircraft Systems	Chapter 12, Moir & Seabridge, Ref. AS 1
Aircraft Subsystems Integration	Book by Moir and Seabridge, Ref. AS 2
Civil Avionics Systems	Book by Moir and Seabridge, Ref. AS 3
Military Avionics Systems	Book by Moir and Seabridge, Ref. AS 4
Undercarriage	Chapter 7, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
Landing Gear and Subsystems	Chapter 11, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Landing Gear Design	Chapter 9, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
The Anatomy of the Landing Gear	Chapter 13, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Aircraft Landing Gear Design	Book by Currey, Ref. AS 5
<i>Fuselage, Fuel Systems and Landing Gear</i>	<i>See Subsystems folder in Supplemental Reference Material folder on course site</i>

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## ***A10.8 Stability & Control***

**Stability & Control (S&C) subteam members should review their R&Rs, and any project data deliverables in the RFP**



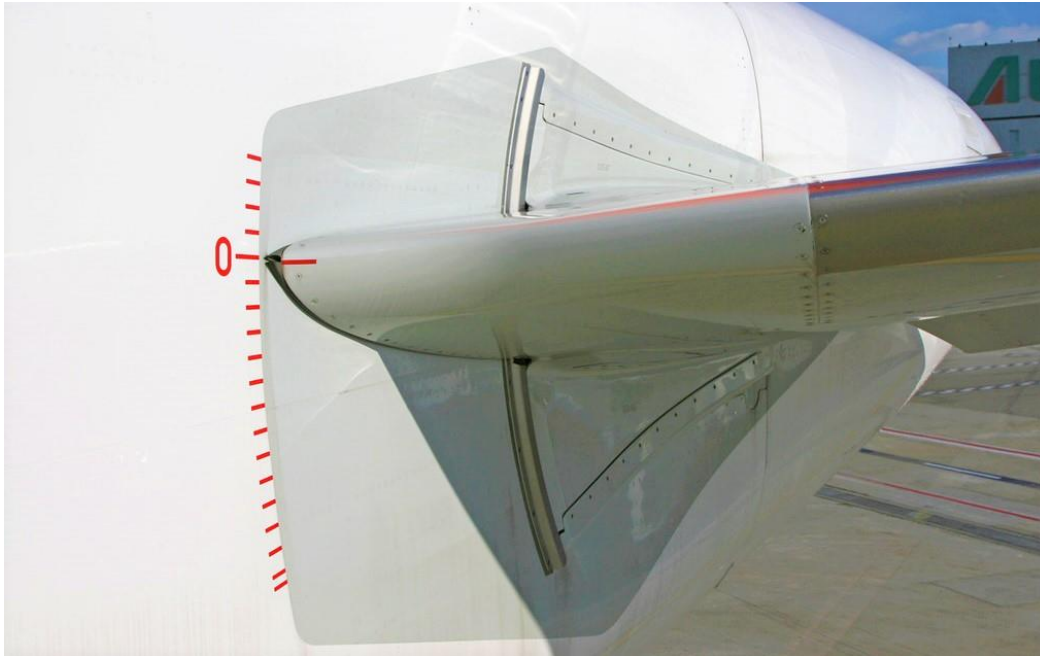
# Provide Evidence that the Design Meets S&C Requirements

- FAR Requirements on Stability are comparatively vague by design
- MIL-F-8785C provides more useful numbers for requirements
  - Based on aircraft class (Transport, Fighter) and Flight Phase
- Roll Control in time to certain bank angle (Dependent on class)
- Pitch Control in takeoff rotation at Stall Speed in 3-5s at specified angular rate

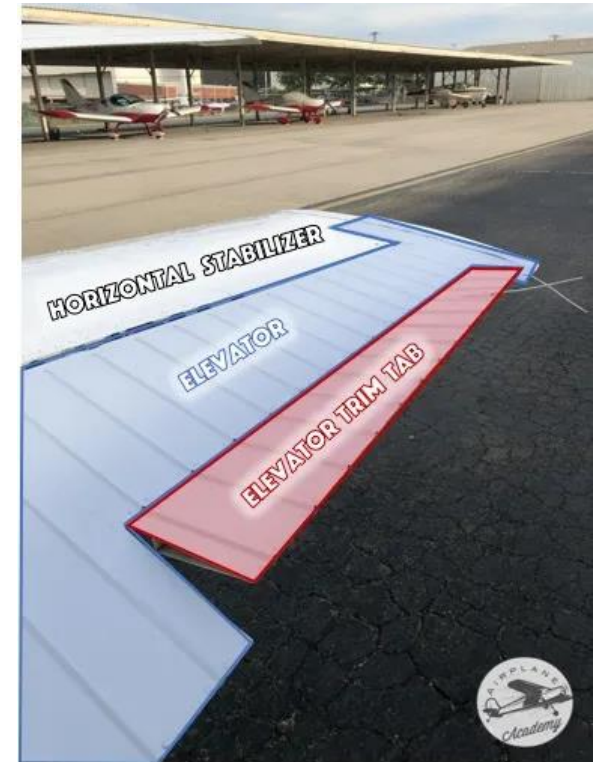
Dynamic Mode	MIL Stability Requirement
Phugoid	$\zeta_{ph} \geq 0.04$
Short Period	$0.3 \geq \zeta_{sp} \leq 2.0$
Roll Subsidence	$T_R \leq 1.4$
Spiral	$T_{2s} \geq 20$
Dutch Roll	$\zeta_d \geq 0.08$

# Aircraft Trim vs Control

- Separate systems for each or a single system that provides both?
  - Adjustable elevators, flaps, trim tabs
  - Define their respective regimes and ensure compatibility

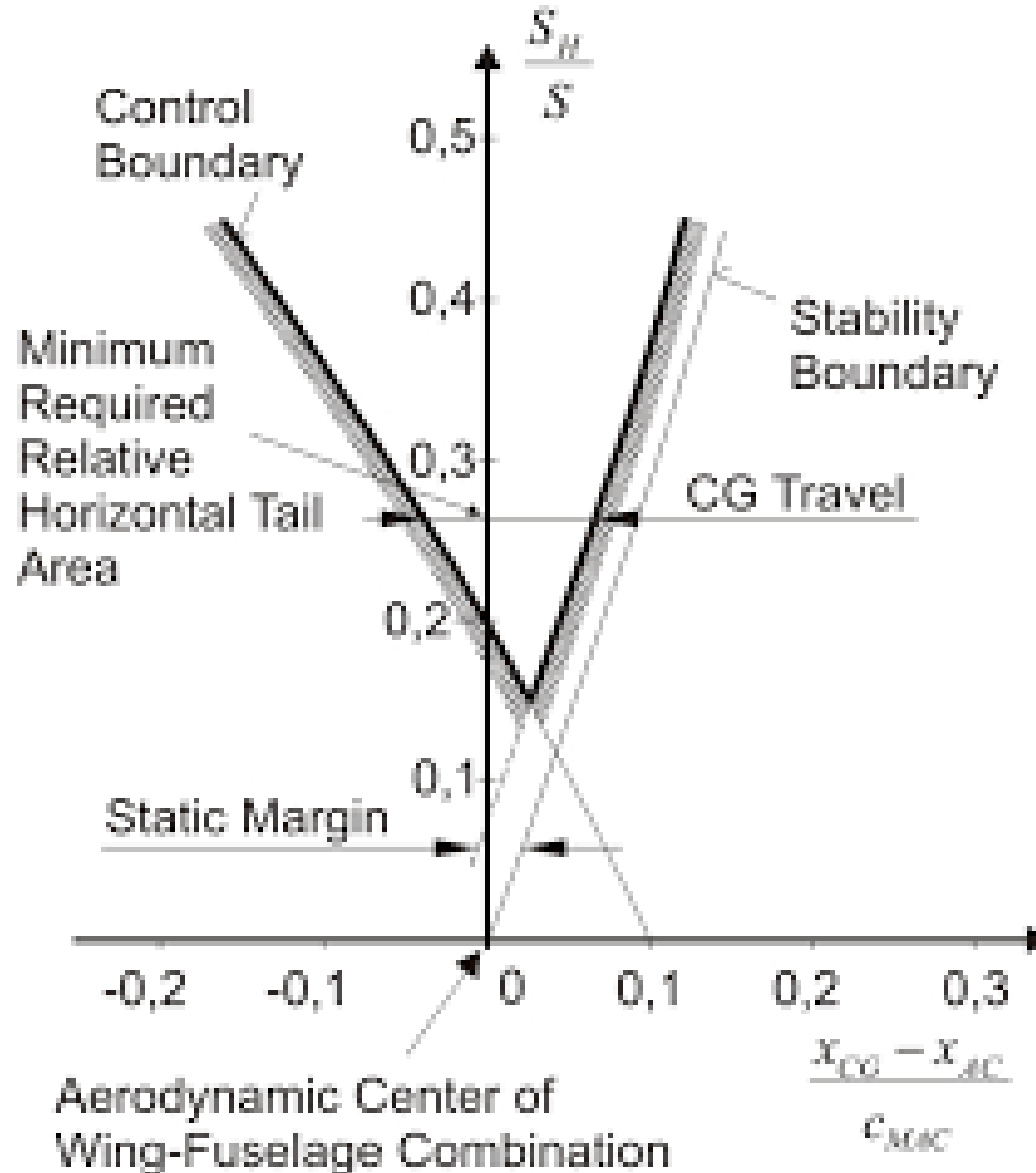


<https://f1360aero.com/detail/aircraft-pitch-trim-system-how-does-a-stab-trim-or-trimmable-horizontal-stabilizer-work/276>



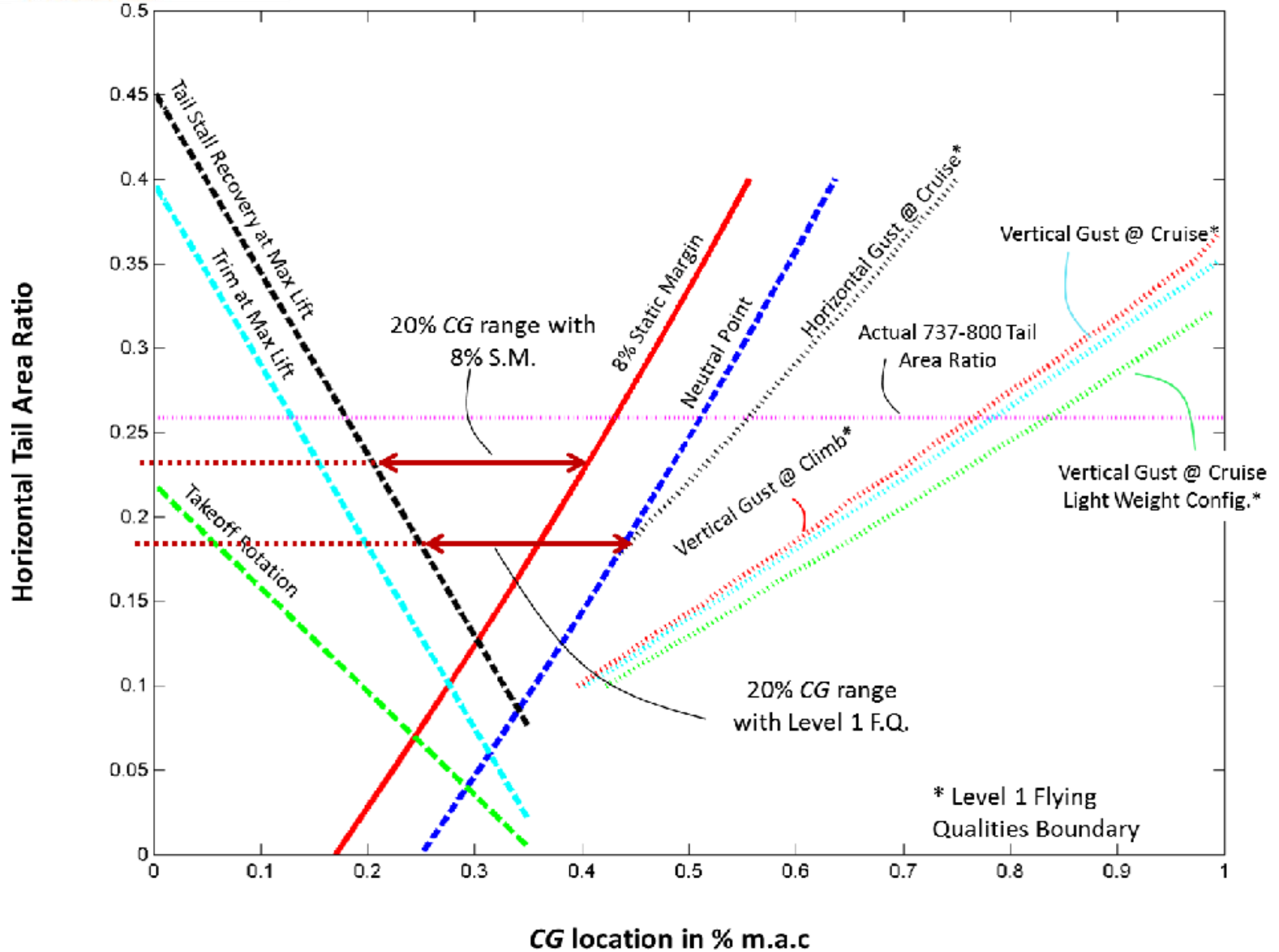
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# Scissor Plot (X-plot) Example



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# Stability & Control

## Recommended Reading for Topics in S&C

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>Stability &amp; Control</u></b>	
Static Stability and Control	Chapter 21, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Trim Drag and Maneuvering Flight	Chapter 22, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Control Surface Sizing Criteria	Chapter 23, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Stability, Control, and Handling Qualities	Chapter 16, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
The Anatomy of the Tail	Chapter 11, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Tail Design	Chapter 6, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
Design of Control Surfaces	Chapter 12, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
Stability Considerations Affecting Aircraft Configuration	Chapter 12, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
<i>Boeing S&amp;C Course Notes and Empennage Design</i>	<i>See Stability &amp; Control folder in Supplemental Reference Material on course site</i>

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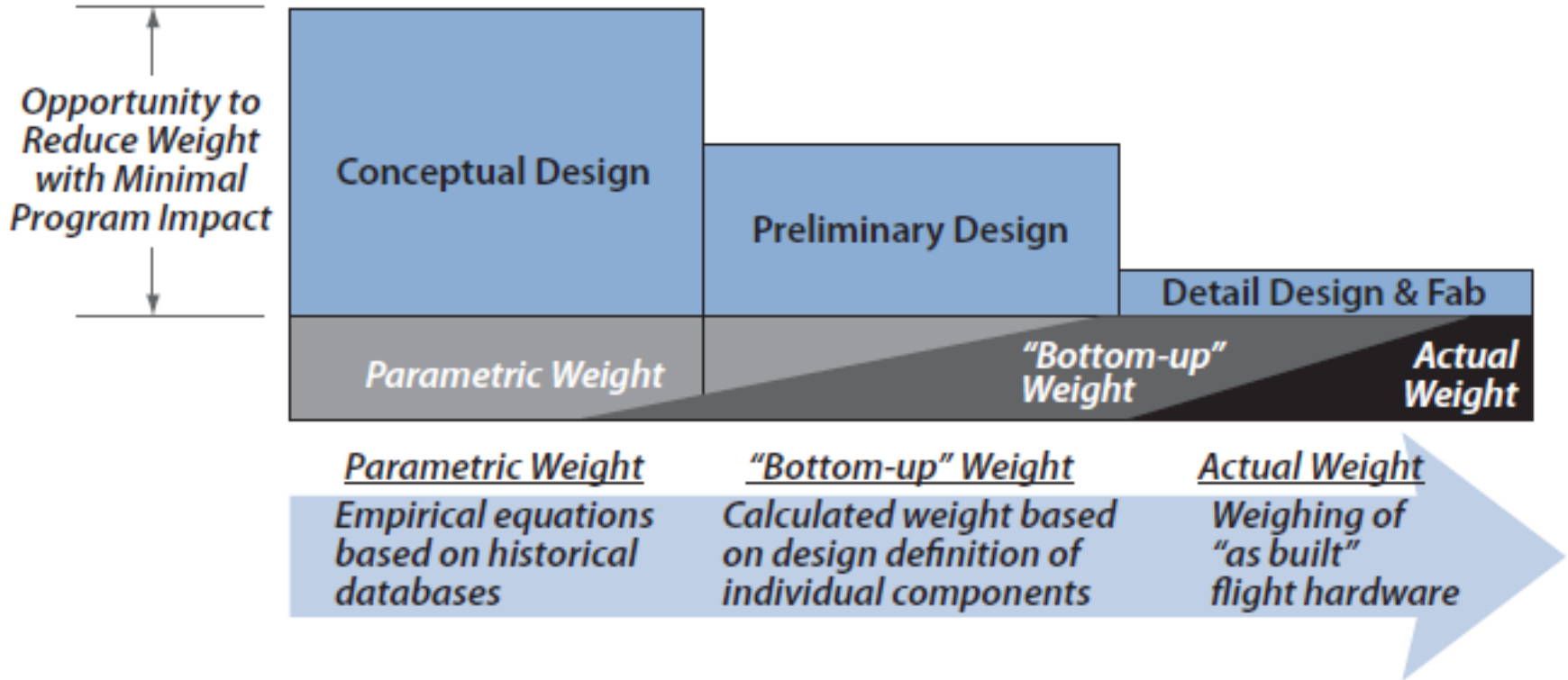
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## ***A10.8 Weights (Mass Properties) & Balance***

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# Weight Estimation Methods







# Final "Weight Statement"

Table 1. ACSYNT'S DATABASE PROVIDED A BOEING 737-300 WEIGHT STATEM

Item	Weight	Weight
Airframe Structure		36,392. lbs
Wing	11,837.	
Fuselage	14,325.	
Horizontal Tail	1,737.	
Vertical Tail	1,092.	
Nacelles	1,997.	
Landing Gear	5,494.	
Nose	1,830.	
Main	3,664.	
Propulsion		9,693.
Engines	8,460.	
Fuel System	705.	
Thrust Reversers	532.	
Fixed Equipment		23,216.
Hydraulics & Pneumatics	592.	
Electrical	4,042.	
Avionics	2,362.	
Instrumentation	780.	
De-Icing & Air Conditioning	1,546.	
Auxiliary Power System	877.	
Furnishings & Equipment	11,523.	
Seats & Lavatories	6,160.	
Galleys	1,820.	
Miscellaneous Cockpit Furnishings	234.	
Cabin Furnishings	2,581.	
Cabin Emergency Equipment	378.	
Cargo Handling	350.	
Flight Controls	1,599.	
Empty Weight		69,301. lbs
Operating Items	3,305.	
Flight Crew	340.	
Crew Baggage & Provisions	175.	
Flight Attendants	520.	
Unusable Fuel & Oil	310.	
Passenger Service	1,960.	
Cargo Containers	0.	
Operating Weight Empty		72,606.
Fuel	37,205.	
Payload	28,000.	
Passengers	23,800.	
Baggage	4,200.	
Cargo	0.	
TakeOff Gross Weight		137,811. lbs

Empty Weight

Operating  
Empty  
Weight

Operating Empty Weight

Fuel Weight

Payload Weight

Takeoff Gross Weight

# Weight & Moment Summary

Table 20.1 Weight and Moment Summary

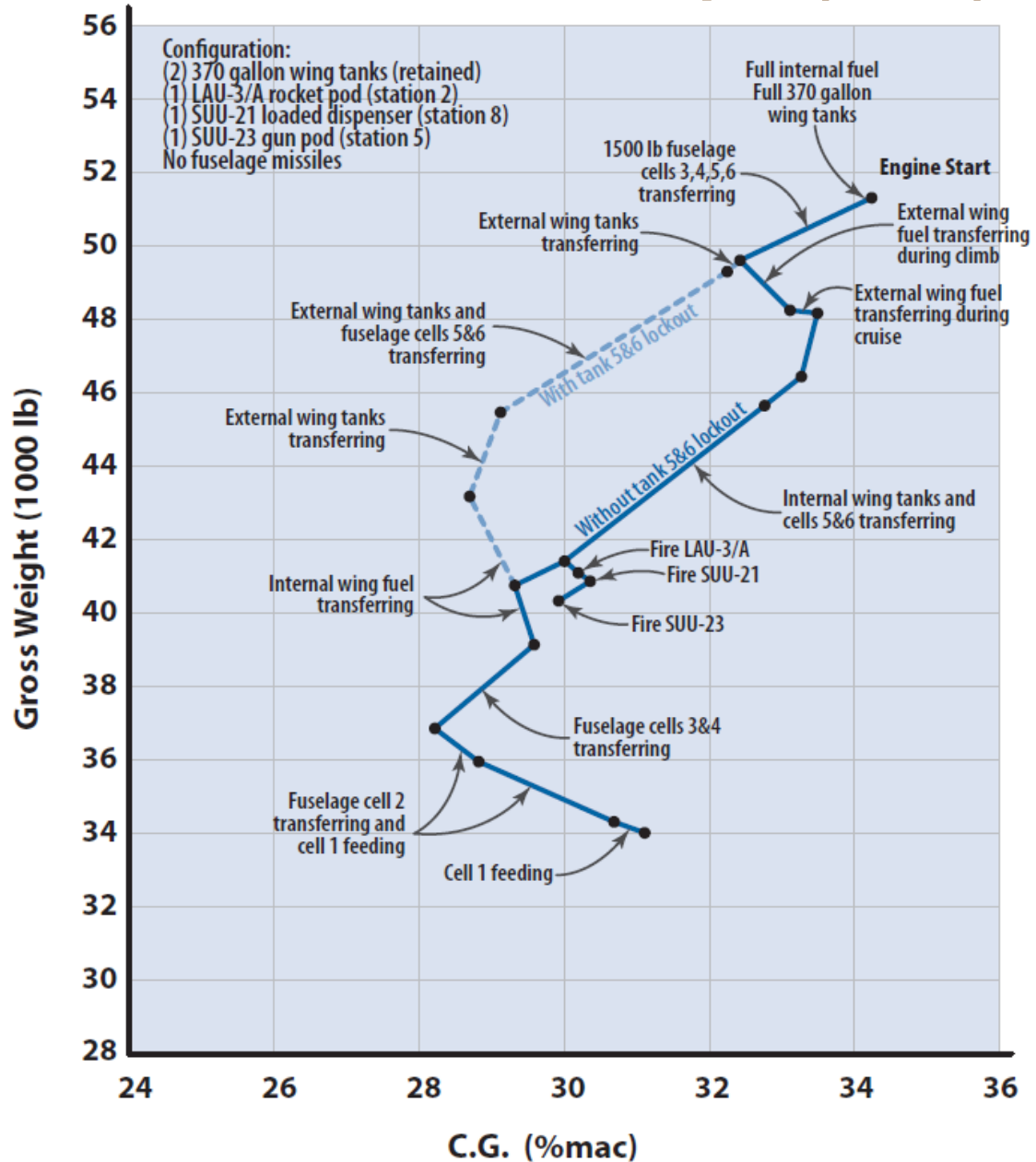
Component	Weight (lb)	Distance from Aircraft Nose (ft)	Moment (ft-lb)
Fuselage			
Wing			
Main gear			
Vertical tail			
Horizontal tail			
etc.			
	$\Sigma Wt$	Total moment =	$\Sigma M$

$$X_{c.g.} = \text{Total Moment} / \Sigma Wt$$

- **C.G. location reported as distance from the nose and % MAC**
- **Determine C.G. location for full and empty aircraft and report as most forward and most aft locations**

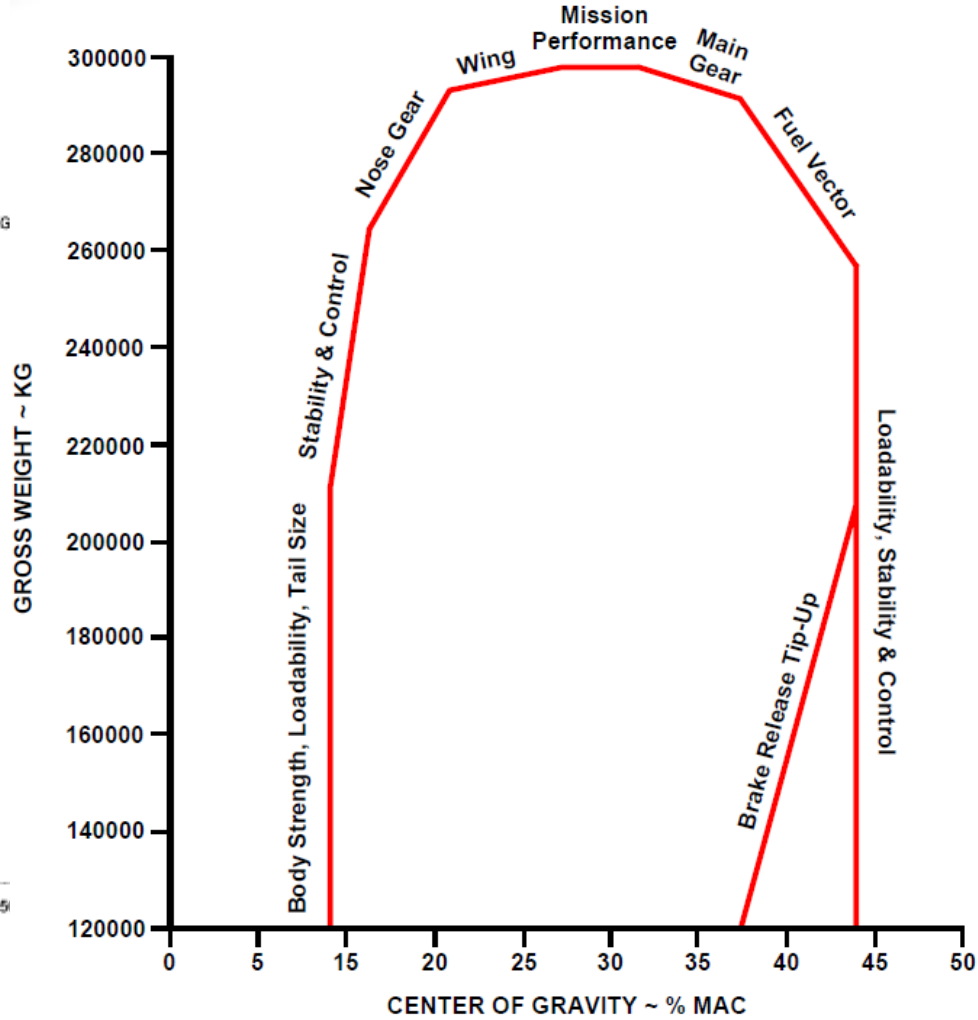
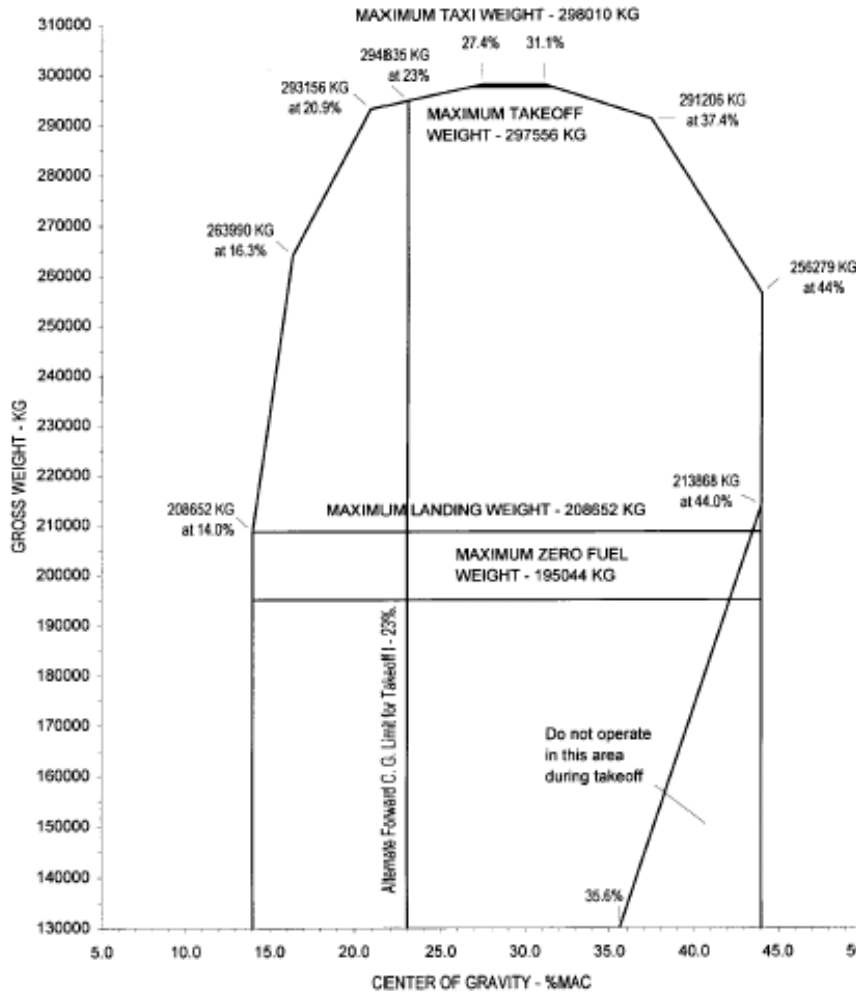
Source: Chapter 20, AVD 1 (Nicolai & Carichner)

# C.G. Travel Example (F-4D)





# Boeing 777 C.G. Limits



# Weights & Balance

## Recommended Reading for Topics in Weights & Balance

Topic	Recommended References
<b><u>Weights &amp; Balance</u></b>	
Refined Weight Estimate	Chapter 20, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. AVD 1
Weights	Chapter 15, Raymer, Ref. AVD 2
Weight Control and Balance	Chapter 16, Niu, Ref. AS 1
Aircraft Weight and Center of Gravity Estimation	Chapter 8, Kundu, Ref. AVD 8
Aircraft Weight Analysis	Chapter 6, Gudmundsson, Ref. AVD 4
Weight of Components	Chapter 10, Sadraey, Ref. AVD 5
Aircraft Weight Distribution	Chapter 11, Sadraey, Ref. 9 in PR
<i>CG Limits and Weights &amp; Balance</i>	<i>See Weights &amp; Balance folder in Supplemental Reference Material on course site</i>

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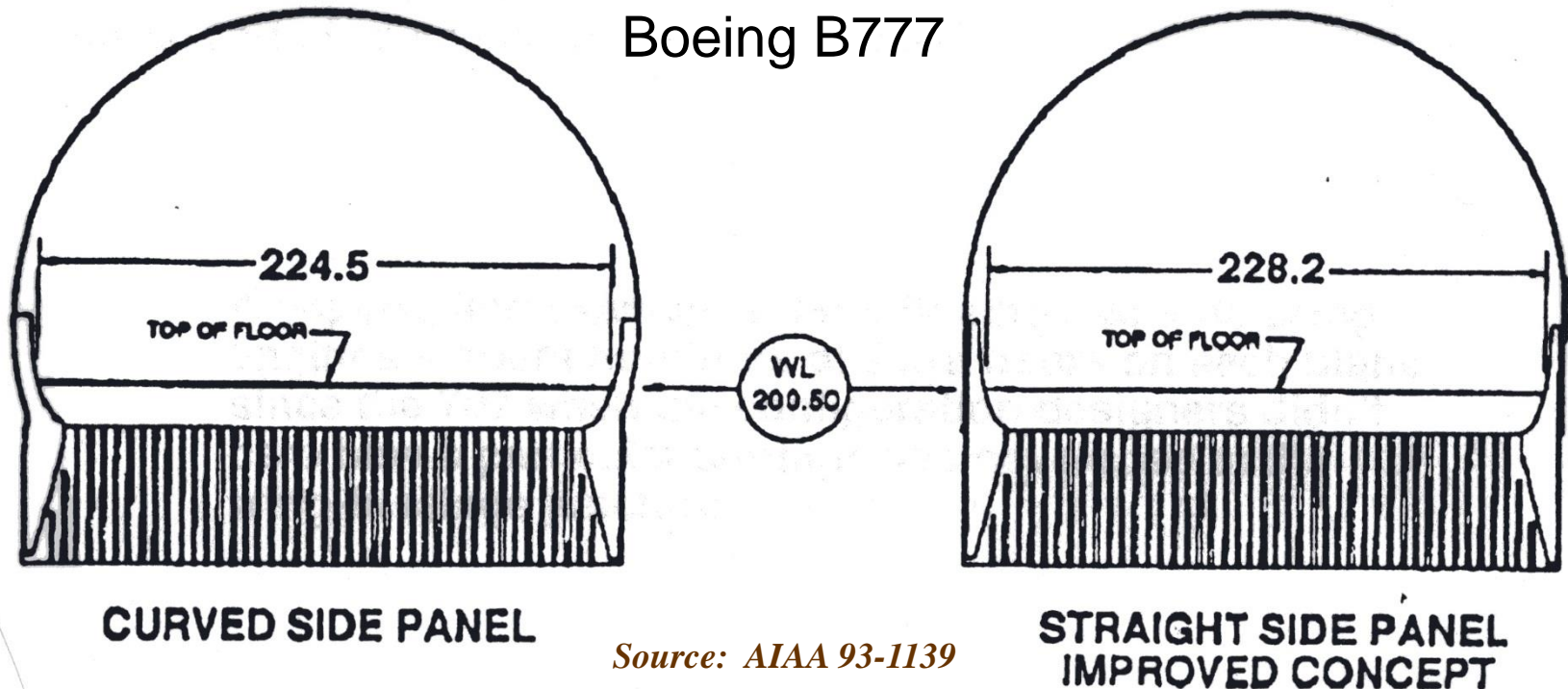


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# Cost & Manufacturing

- **Cost estimation: The Critical Area—Start Early!**
  - *All Team members should factor in cost considerations of their assigned area into every decision*
  - *See CM A6*
- **Manufacturing planning**





# Cost & Manufacturing

## Recommended Reading for Topics in Cost & Manufacturing

Topic	Recommended References
<b>Cost &amp; Manufacturing</b>	
Life Cycle Cost	Chapter 24, Nicolai & Carichner, Ref. 1 in PR
Cost Analysis	Chapter 18, Raymer, Ref. 2 in PR
Aircraft Cost Analysis	Chapter 2, Gudmundsson, Ref. 10 in PR
Aircraft Cost Considerations	Chapter 16, Kundu, Ref. 8 in PR
Design for Manufacturing	Chapter 2, Niu, Ref. 24 in PR
Composite Manufacturing	Chapters 3 & 4, Niu, Ref. 25 in PR
Aircraft Manufacturing Considerations	Chapter 17, Kundu, Ref. 8 in PR
<i>Cost Estimation &amp; Manufacturing Considerations</i>	<i>See Cost and Manufacturing folders in Supplemental Reference Material on course site</i>