# Assembly Avengers

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### **Problem Statement**

- Aircrafts spend too much time at the gate
  - The average US domestic flight is delayed 14 min
  - A recent 5% spike has pushed the cost of jet fuel to over \$6.21/gal
  - The average operating cost for a plane is \$100.80 per minute on the ground
  - Delays cause an estimated \$23 billion loss each year in the industry
- Continued growth in air travel is challenging baggage infrastructure in airports
  - 6.3 Million bags are lost or mishandled yearly
- The aviation industry is trending towards single pilot cockpits
  - A single pilot cockpit would require the workload of a pilot to decrease significantly, starting with the rigorous calculations and analysis performed before flights

Therefore we ask: "How can we automate luggage handling operations with a robotic solution in order to streamline services at the gate and decrease delay times improving overall airport efficiency?"

# Lug Bot (Automated Luggage

Automated Luggage
Handler

**Improving At-The-Gate efficiency For Faster Flight** 



# The LugBot Experience





# **Baggage Handling and Organization**

#### Check-In

Bags are weighed and tagged at check-in

#### Luggage Stacking

Proprietary
software
calculates
appropriate bag
stacks and
generates grids

#### Bags Delivered to Gate

Bags are brought to a conveyor leading to aircraft luggage bays

### LugBot Distributes

LugBot uses the grids to stack luggage strategically inside the aircraft

#### **Summary**

Summary of weight totals and distribution sent to the pilots



# Supporting Infrastructure & User Friendly Design

#### Infrastructure

- LugBot charges just like a Roomba
- Strategic charging stations in luggage sorting areas already in airport terminals

#### **Easy to Use Design**

- Grab and go design with grab handles built in
- Lightweight aluminum infrastructure allows LugBot to weigh less than the average suitcase







A Closer Look at LugBot's Capabilities





# Logistics



- Bag Identification and Tagging
- Bag Dimensions
- Item Weight

#### Integration

- Integrate with existing luggage systems in airports
- Utilize machine learning to constantly improve efficiency and stacking



#### **System Logging**

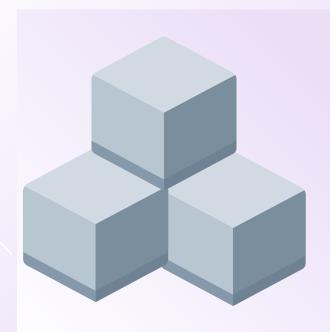
- Logs every stage from check-in to baggage claim
- Error logging and analysis to quickly alter potential failure points

#### **Reporting Tools**

- Real time reporting
- Integrates with existing apps such as ForeFlight and Garmin Pilot

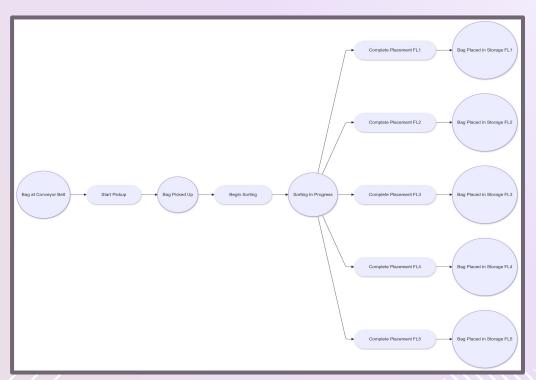


## **Tetris-Like Stacking**



- Like the game of tetris where your goal is to fill rows without gaps.
- Each compartment is treated like a grid divided into cells (Ex: F1, A1, B1)
- Calculates available space using dimensions of bags in compartments.
- Uses proven pattern algorithms similar to the Honeywell Palletizer





#### **Petri-Net theory**

**Bag Representation**: Each bag is represented as a token in the "Luggage arrives" place.

Classification and Routing: Transitions direct bags to specific compartments and locations based on weight capacity and slotting requirements.

**Weight Tracking**: Tokens in "Weight available" monitor the remaining capacity in each compartment.

**Dynamic Updates**: Transitions adjust weight tokens after each bag is loaded.

**Efficiency and Safety**: Ensures efficient distribution of bags, prevents overloading, and maintains balance.

**Operational Benefits**: Enhances safety, efficiency, and balance in loading operations.



# Hardware Capabilities





### **The Lugbot Operation**



#### **CLEVER GEOMETRY**

Sleek ramped front end allows for easy pickup and placement





#### **CALCULATIONS**

Efficiently utilizes limited space inside an aircraft with sorting algorithms

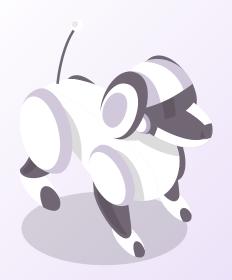


#### **POWERTRAIN**

Independent hydraulic pistons ensure smooth lift and drop off



# LugBot's Technical Capabilities

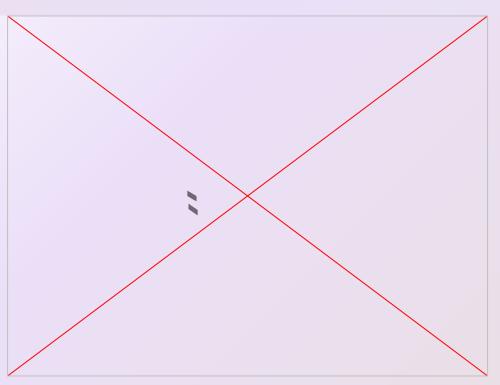


- High torque motors
- Independent hydraulic pistons rated at 30lbs each
- Built in Bag-Tag scanners
- Onboard low profile scale for accurate weight
- Speed, Proximity, & liDAR sensors for awareness and collision avoidance

Built in cloud communication allows for minimal on-board computing power maximizing power efficiency









# Why LugBot Works









**Trend in Aviation**: Industry is moving towards single-pilot operated aircraft

#### **How Lugbot can help:**

- Weight Reporting: Generates real-time weight and distribution reports.
- Pilot Support: Provides instant visibility of weight and balance data for the pilot.
- Efficiency: Streamlines the pre-flight process, improving overall operational speed and accuracy.
- Allows for less tasks to be performed by a pilot



# **Human vs LugBot**



#### Humans

- 3 handlers per bay
- 6 handlers per gate
- \$80,000 expenditure /employee
- Random bag placement



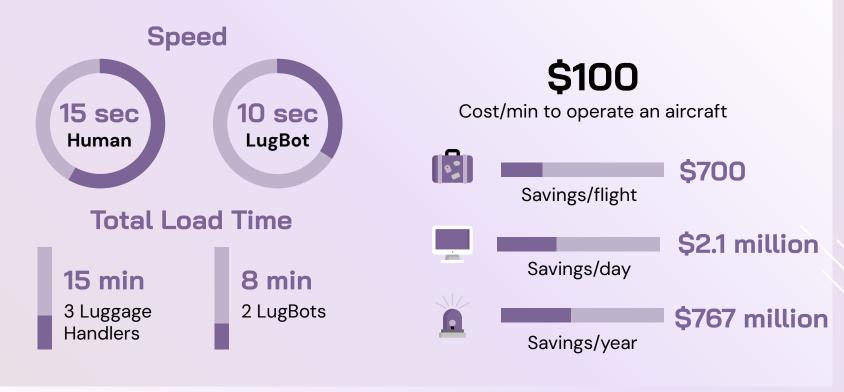
#### LugBots

- 2 Bots, 1 Operator
  - Half the time
  - Strategic bag placement and cataloging

An airline like southwest operating 30 gates per major airport/hub can save \$50 million annually on salary alone



# **How LugBot Stacks Up to Competition**





# Potential Partnership



### **Potential Partners**





















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