

# Aircraft Design Project

## Urban Air Mobility (UAM)

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# Design Point/MTOW/Wing & tail design

## Objectives



### Iterate over mass\_analysis and design\_space\_analysis

Explore your design space by modifying important variables in your JSON file:

- Payload/structural mass
- Energy density of batteries
- Velocities
- Radius of rotor blades
- Wing span
- Segment altitudes



### Select airfoils for wing, horizontal and vertical stabilizers; refined wing design

- Wing airfoil selection: follow the process described in the “Lecture 7 – Airfoil Selection (Annotated Notes)”
- Vertical/horizontal stabilizers: select appropriate volume coefficients

# Wing & tail design

## MATLAB implementation

You will be modifying the following variables of the JSON file:

```
{
  "name": "Main Wing",
  "type": "wing.main",
  "interf_factor": 1.0,
  "aspect_ratio": 7.0,
  "mean_chord": 2.3,
  "oswald_efficiency": 0.85,
  "airfoil": {
    "type": "naca0012",
    "tc_max": 0.15,
    "xc_max": 0.3,
    "lift_slope_coefficient": 6.2,
    "cl_max": 2.0
  },
  "sweep_le": 10.0,
  "sweep_c4": 15.0,
  "sweep_tc_max": 20.0,
  "mass": 200
},
```

```
{
  "name": "Horizontal Tail",
  "type": "wing.htail",
  "interf_factor": 1.0,
  "aspect_ratio": 5.0,
  "mean_chord": 0.5,
  "oswald_efficiency": 0.85,
  "airfoil": {
    "type": "naca0012",
    "tc_max": 0.15,
    "xc_max": 0.3,
    "lift_slope_coefficient": 6.2,
    "cl_max": 2.0
  },
  "sweep_le": 10.0,
  "sweep_c4": 15.0,
  "sweep_tc_max": 20.0,
  "mass": 50
},
```

```
{
  "name": "Vertical Tail",
  "type": "wing.vtail",
  "interf_factor": 1.0,
  "aspect_ratio": 5.0,
  "mean_chord": 1.0,
  "oswald_efficiency": 0.85,
  "airfoil": {
    "type": "naca0012",
    "tc_max": 0.15,
    "xc_max": 0.3,
    "lift_slope_coefficient": 6.2,
    "cl_max": 2.0
  },
  "sweep_le": 10.0,
  "sweep_c4": 15.0,
  "sweep_tc_max": 20.0,
  "mass": 50
},
```

You will be running the following MATLAB function:

```
data.vehicle = aero_analysis(data.mission, data.vehicle);
```

Your output will consist of:

- Total  $C_{L\alpha}$  for each segment due to all lifting surfaces,
- Total  $C_{D0}$  for each segment due to all aircraft components.

data.vehicle.segments{5, 1}	
Field	Value
name	'E'
base_drag_coefficient	0.0425
lift_slope_coefficient	12.5911

Perform, at least, one iteration using the new geometry by running *mass\_analysis* and *design\_space\_analysis*.