



# DESIGN BUILD FLY

Preliminary Design Review

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# OVERVIEW

Missions Overview

Score Optimization

Trade Studies

Design

Aerodynamics

Propulsion

Outreach

Conclusion



# MISSIONS

2014 - 2015

3 MISSIONS 2 AIRCRAFT | BONUS MISSION

# MISSIONS

2014 - 2015

Manufacturing Support Aircraft  
Arrival Flight

Manufacturing Support Aircraft  
Delivery Flight

Production Aircraft  
Flight

Ground Mission  
(bonus)

# MISSIONS

## DEFINITIONS

# MISSIONS

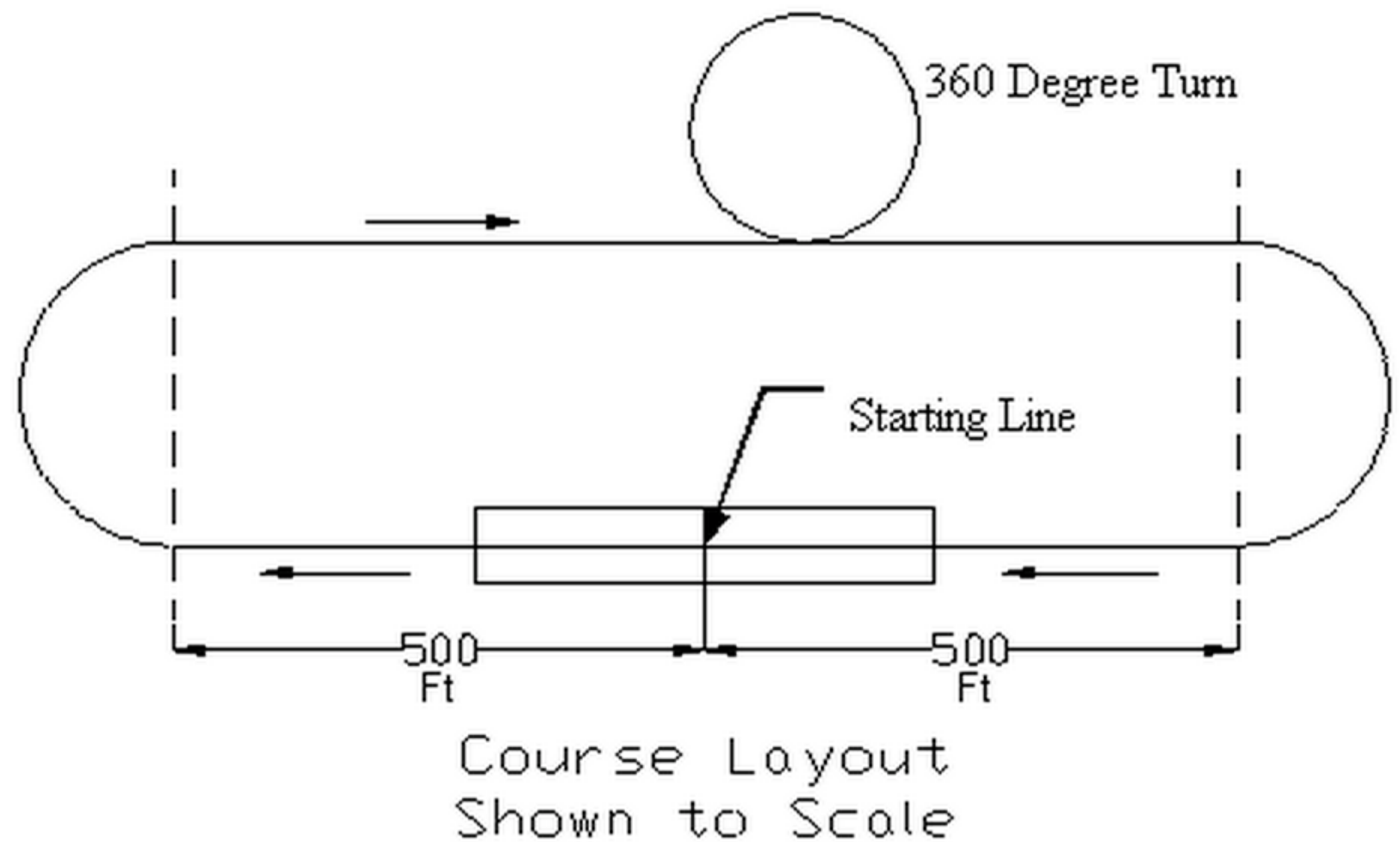
## DEFINITIONS

## Subassemblies

# Manufacturing Aircraft

## Production Aircraft

*1 Lap*





# MISSIONS

## MISSION I REQUIREMENTS

- The manufacturing support aircraft shall take off within 100ft.
- The aircraft shall be unloaded
- The aircraft shall fly three laps within 5 minutes
- The aircraft shall complete a successful landing

MF1 = 2.0 (Complete)

MF1 = 0.1 (Incomplete)

# MISSIONS

## MISSION II REQUIREMENTS

- The Manufacturing aircraft shall takeoff, fly one lap and land with each subassembly of the production aircraft
- After each lap, the aircraft shall taxi to the payload change area
- The aircraft shall fly each subassembly of the production aircraft.
- The aircraft shall fly all subassemblies within 10 minutes
- The aircraft shall complete a successful landing for every landing

MF2 = 4.0 Aircraft flies all subassemblies within the time

MF2 = 2.0 Aircraft successfully flies some, but not all subassemblies

MF2 = 0.1 Aircraft does not complete a successful flight



# MISSIONS

## MISSION III REQUIREMENTS

- The production aircraft shall fly a full 32 oz. Gatorade internally
- The production aircraft shall takeoff within 100 ft.
- The aircraft shall fly 3 laps within 5 minutes
- The aircraft shall complete a successful landing

PF = 2.0 (Aircraft completes all laps within the time period)

PF = 1.0 (Aircraft does not complete required number of laps or goes over time)

PF = 0.1 (Aircraft does not complete a successful flight)

# MISSIONS

## BONUS MISSION REQUIREMENTS

- After completing the full mission 2 requirements, all production aircraft subassemblies shall be brought to the designated area
- The production aircraft shall be constructed from its subassemblies within 2 minutes
- The completed aircraft shall pass the wing tip lift test and the controls systems check

Bonus = 2.0 (Aircraft built within time limit and passes tests)

Bonus = 0 (Aircraft does not meet bonus mission requirements)

# SCORING

$$Score = \frac{Written * Mission_{Total}}{RAC}$$

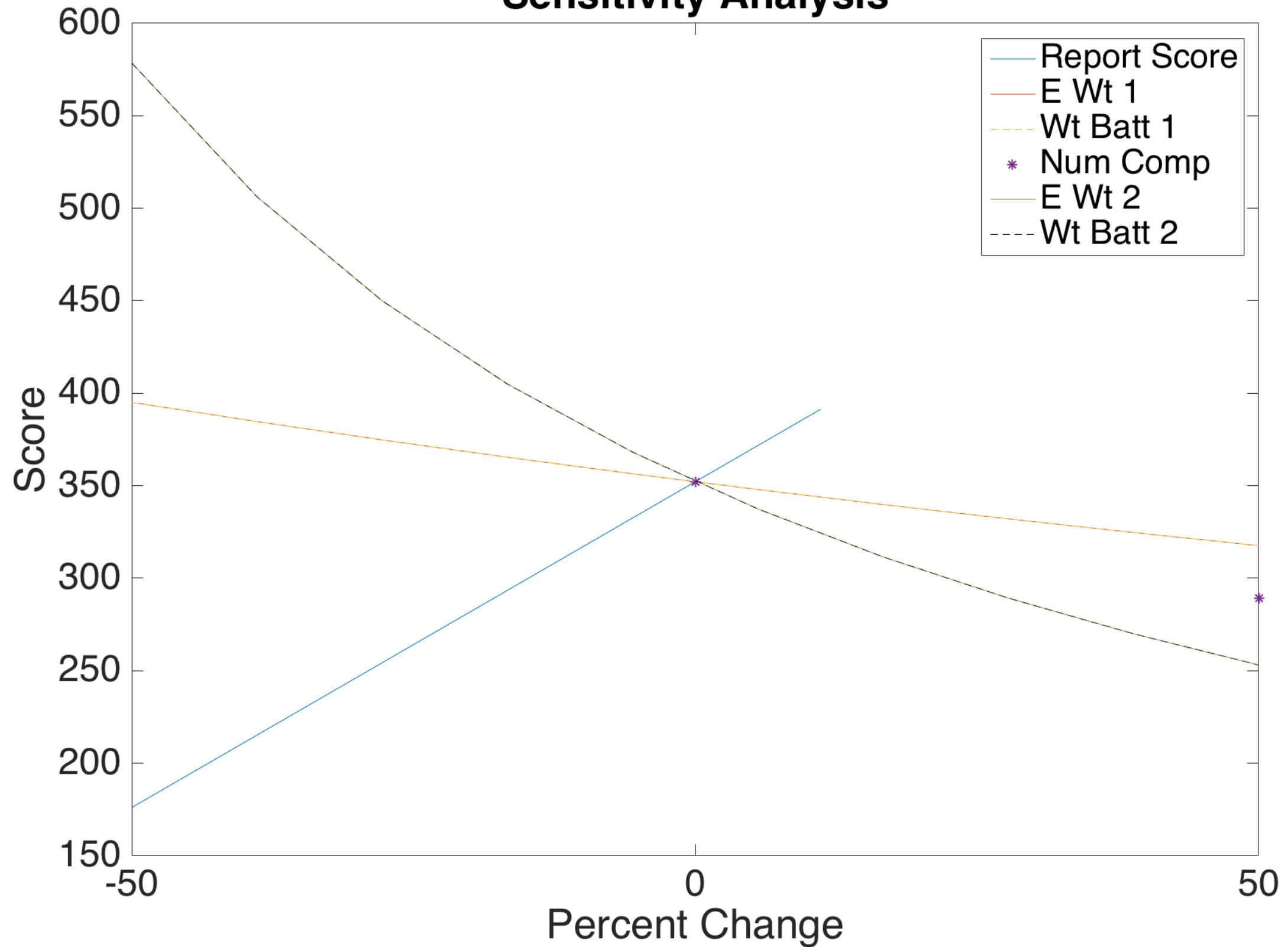
$$RAC = EW1 * Wt_{Battery1} * N_{Components} + EW2 * Wt_{Battery2}$$

$$Mission_{Total} = MF1 * MF2 * PF + Bonus$$



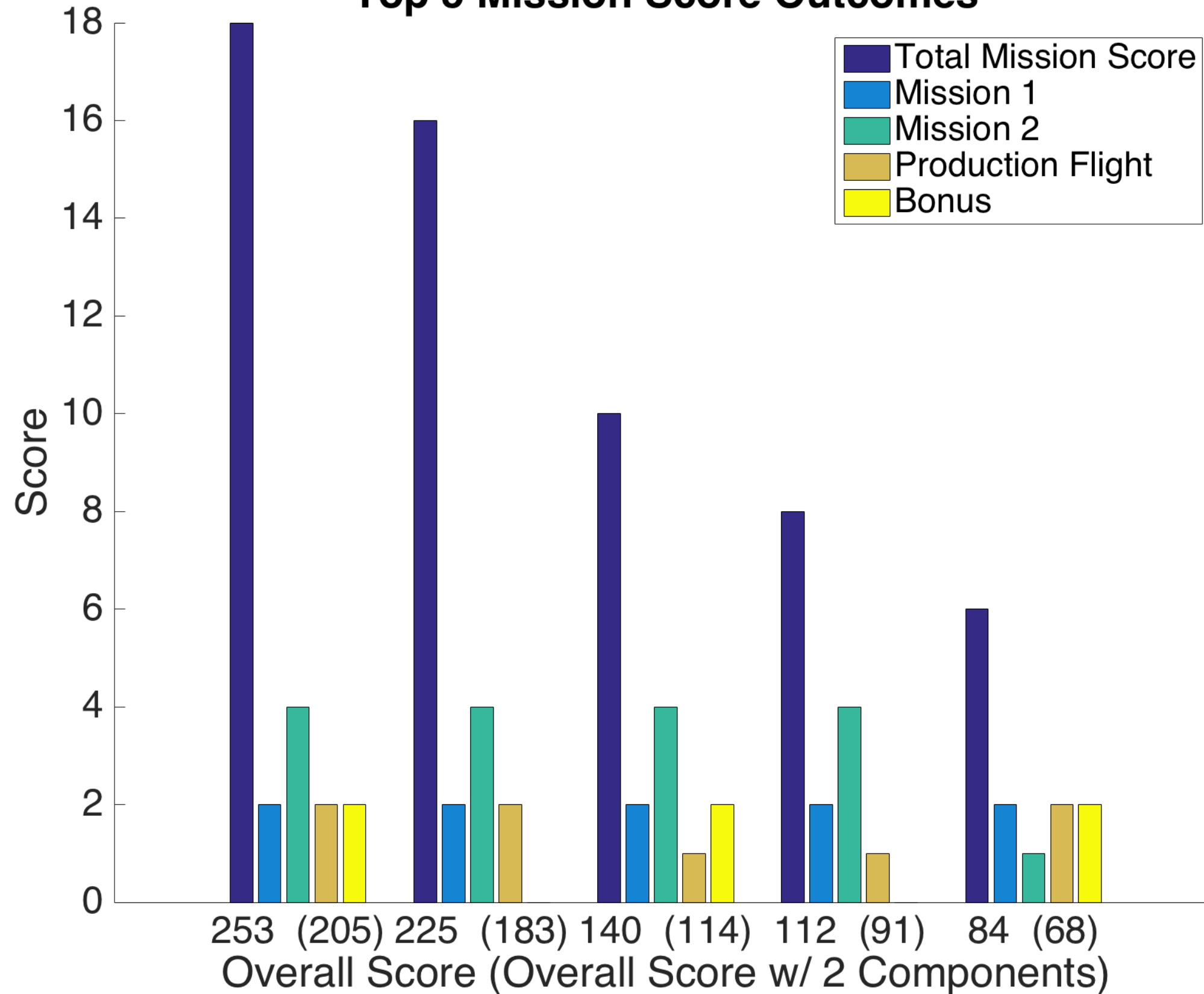
# SCORING

## Sensitivity Analysis



# SCORING

## Top 5 Mission Score Outcomes



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## TRADE STUDIES

Parameter ▼	Lift-to-Drag Ratio ▼	Payload Suitability ▼	Empty Weight ▼
Configurations \ Parameter Weight	0.2	0.25	0.1
Conventional	4	5	3
Blended Fuselage	4	3	4
Flying wing	5	1	5
Box wing	5	5	2
Delta Wing	3	5	3
Pod (last year)	2	4	4

Parameter ▼	Ease of Manufacturing/Heritage ▼	Control Authority ▼	Ease of Taking Apart ▼	Overall Score ▼
Configurations \ Parameter Weight	0.05	0.2	0.4	1.2
Conventional	3	5	2	4.3
Blended Fuselage	3	3	4	4.3
Flying wing	2	2	4	3.85
Box wing	3	4	1	3.8
Delta Wing	2	3	3	4.05
Pod (last year)	2	2	3.5	3.7



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## TRADE STUDIES

Paramter ▾	Weight ▾	Interference ▾	Stability ▾
Configurations \ Parameter Weight	0.3	0.3	0.4
Conventional	3	3	4
T-Tail	3	3	4
H-Tail	3	4	4
V-Tail	4	4	4
NO tail	5	5	1

Paramter ▾	Volume Efficiency ▾	Drag ▾	Overall Score ▾
Configurations \ Parameter Weight	0.4	0.3	1.7
Conventional	2	3	5.1
T-Tail	2	3	5.1
H-Tail	3	4	4.5
V-Tail	4	4	6.8
NO tail	5	5	6.9

# MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

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Flying wing	2	2	1	3.3
Box wing	4	4	4	4
Delta Wing	3	3	2	3.35
Pod	3	4	3	3.35

# MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

## TRADE STUDIES

Tail Selection				
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Configurations \ Parameter Weight	0.4	0.3	0.3	1
Conventional	4	4	4	4
T-Tail	3	3	4	3.3
H-Tail	3	3	3	3
V-Tail	4	3	4	3.7
Canard	4	4	4	4
tail less	5	3	5	4.4



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## Objectives

### Volume Efficiency

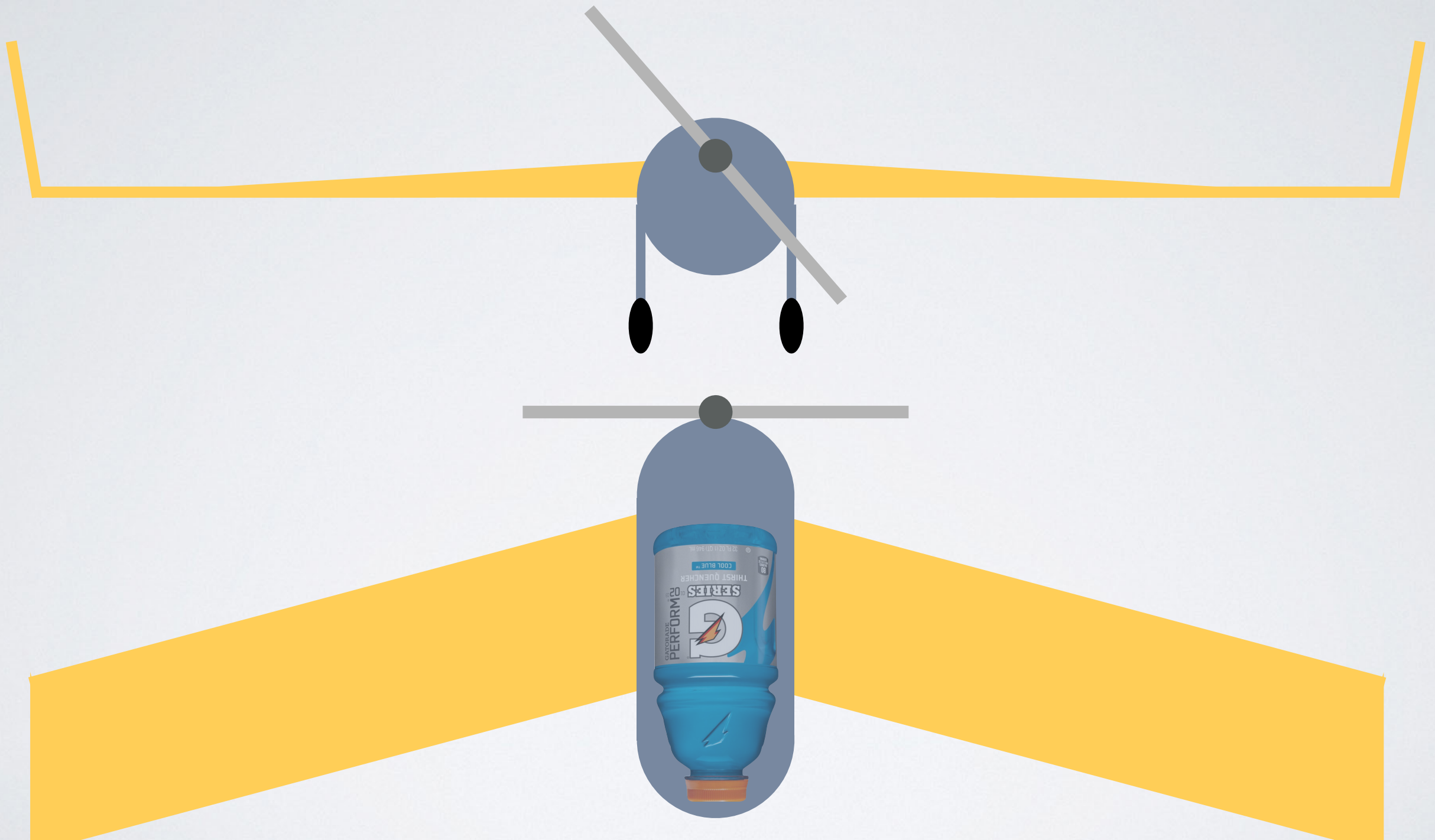
- Payload Accommodation
- Propulsion Hardware Accommodation
- Landing Gear
- Universal Structural Hub

### Lightweight & Rigid Construction

- Universal Structural Hub

# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## CONFIGURATION

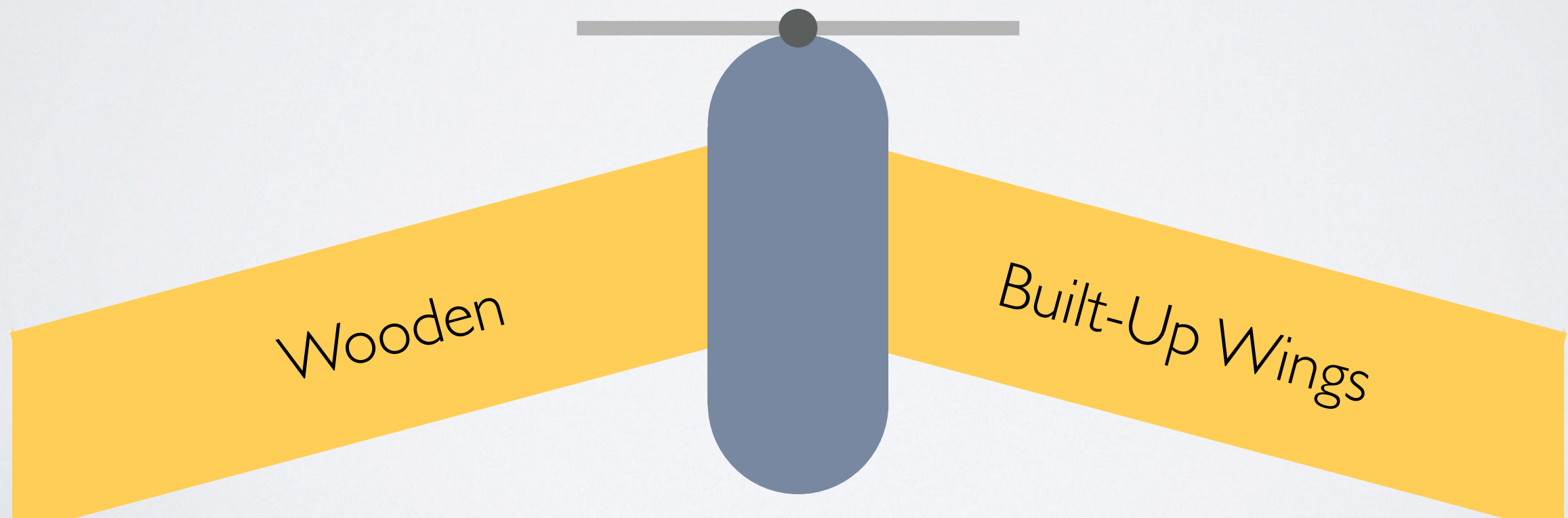


# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## MATERIALS

Carbon Fiber  
Monocoque Fuselage

Single Rigid  
Body





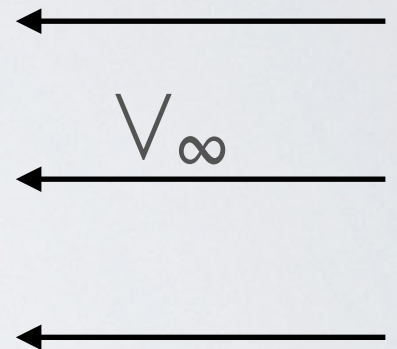
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## PAYLOAD ORIENTATION

Backwards



Forwards



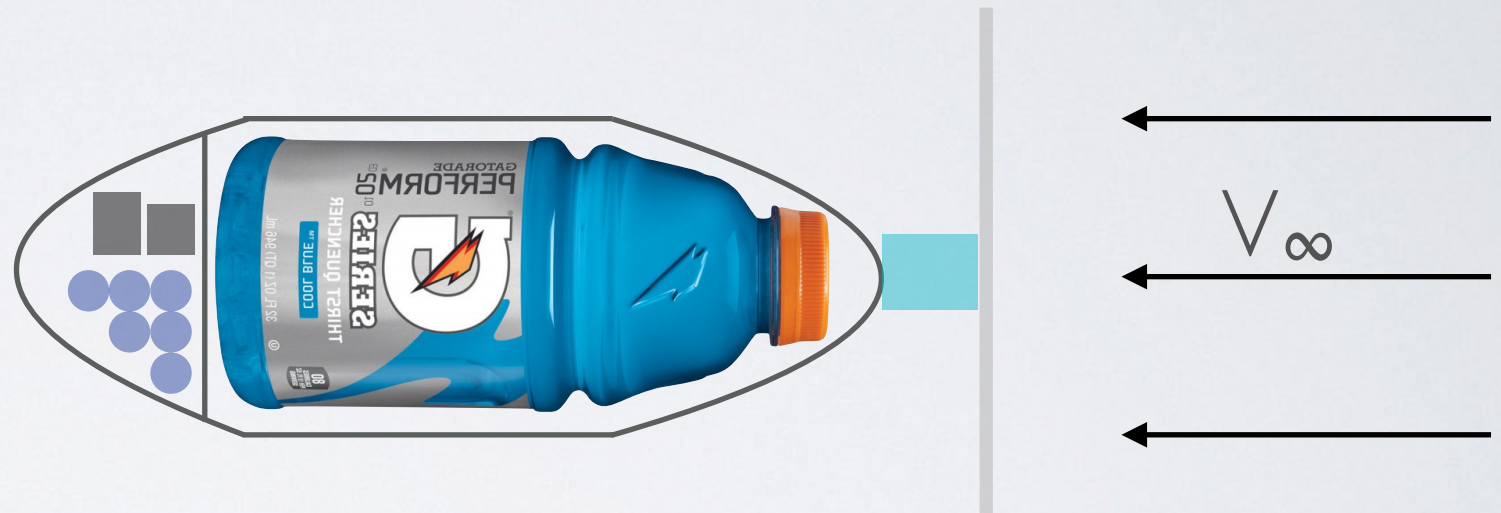
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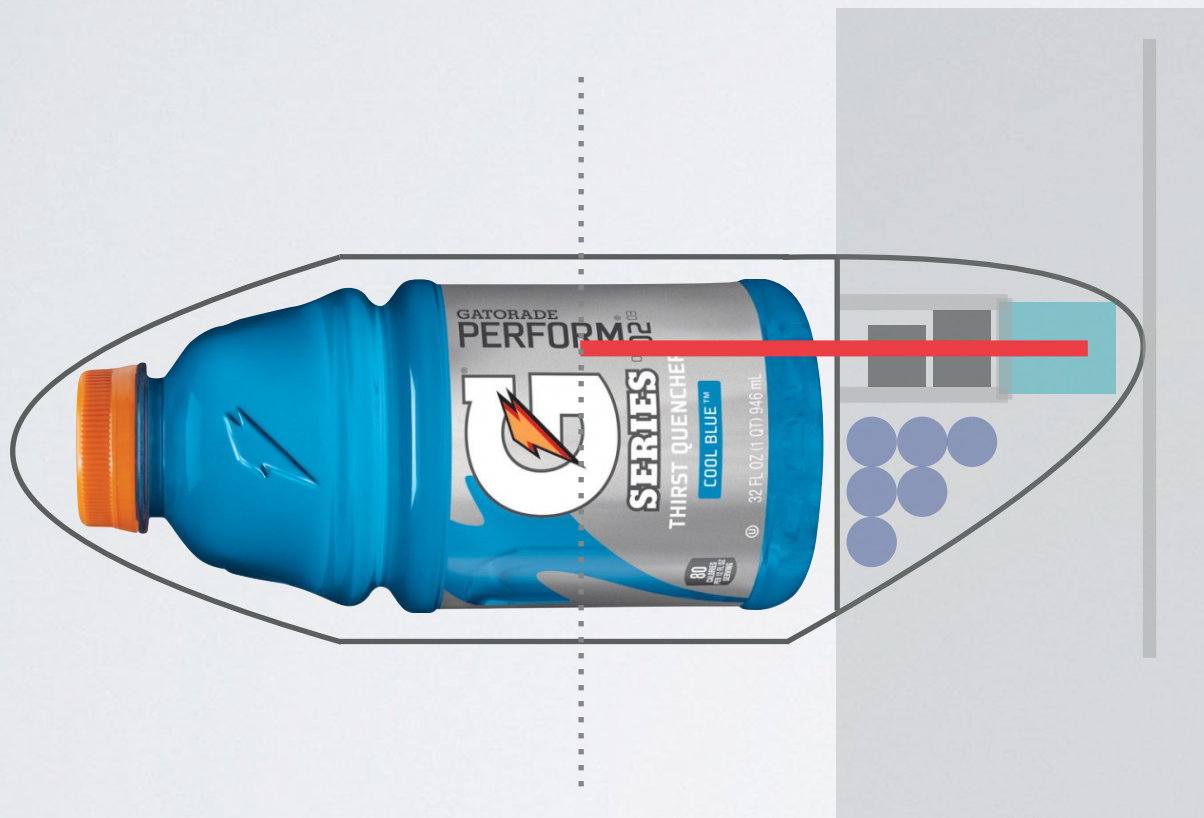
- Additional Prop Clearance
- Easier to load/unload
- Less Load-Bearing Structure
- CG ?



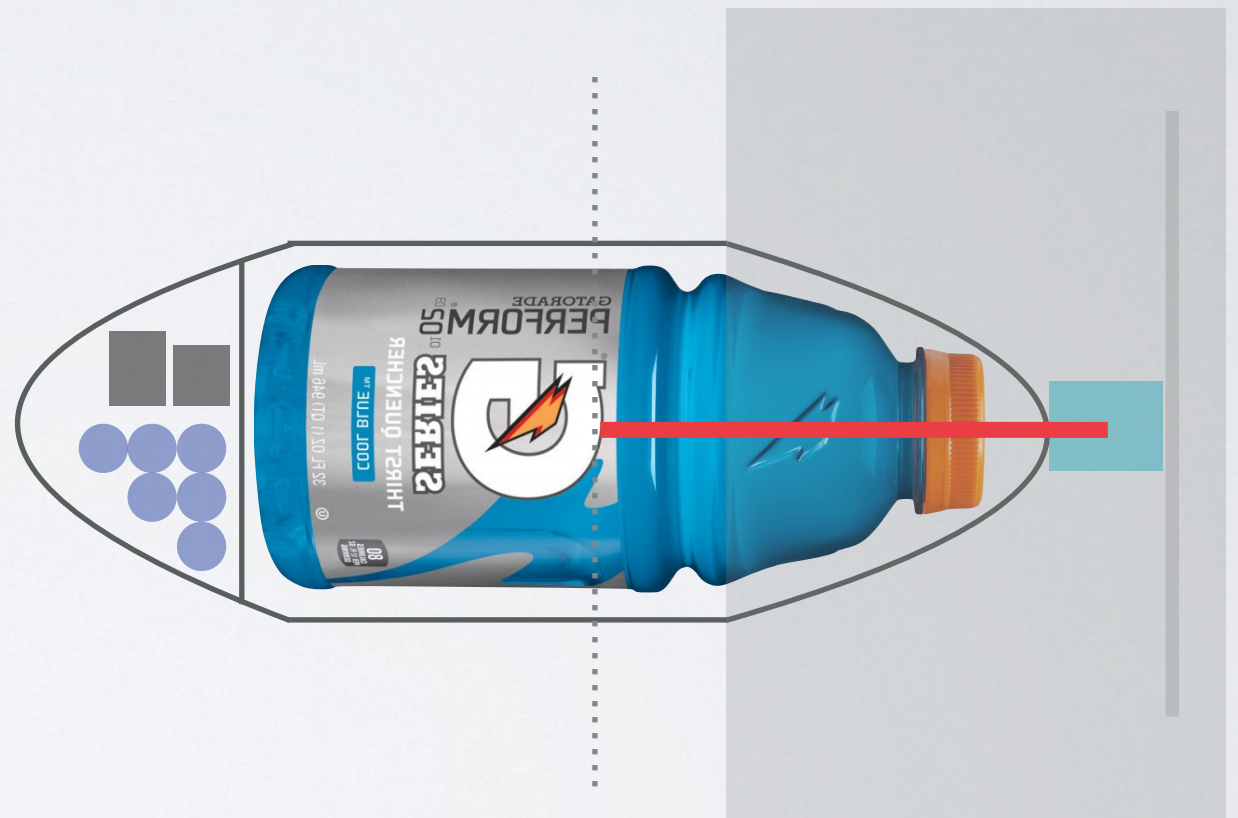
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CG

Backwards



Forwards



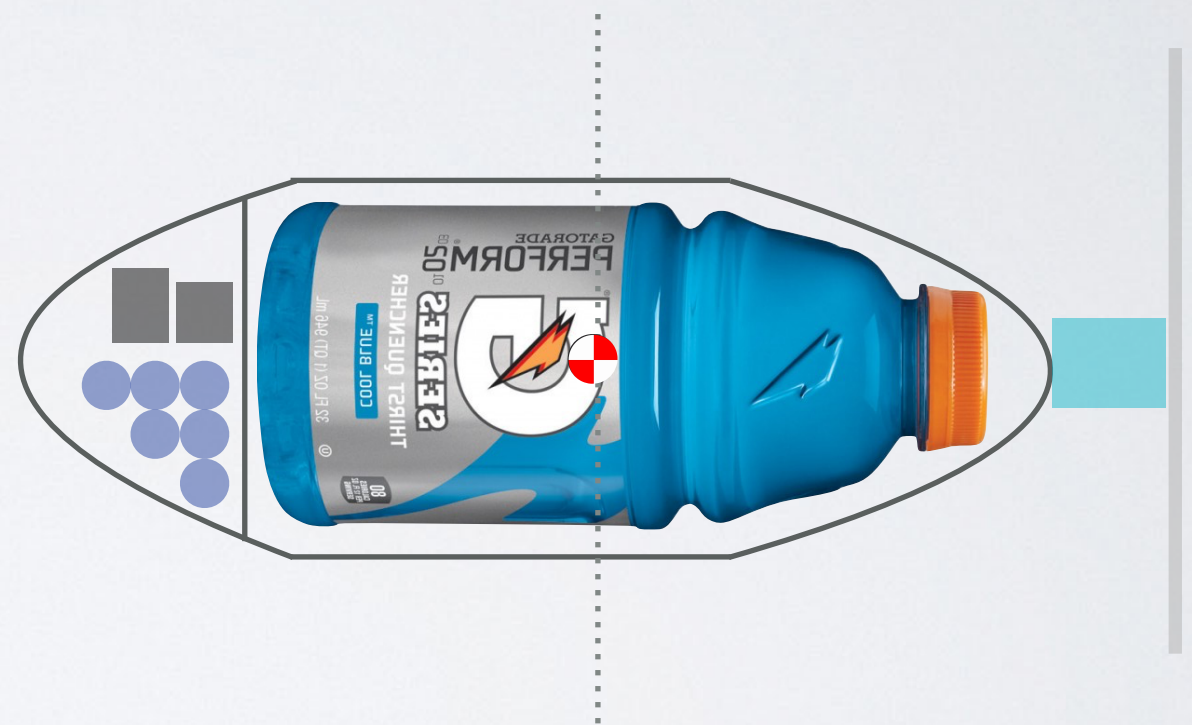
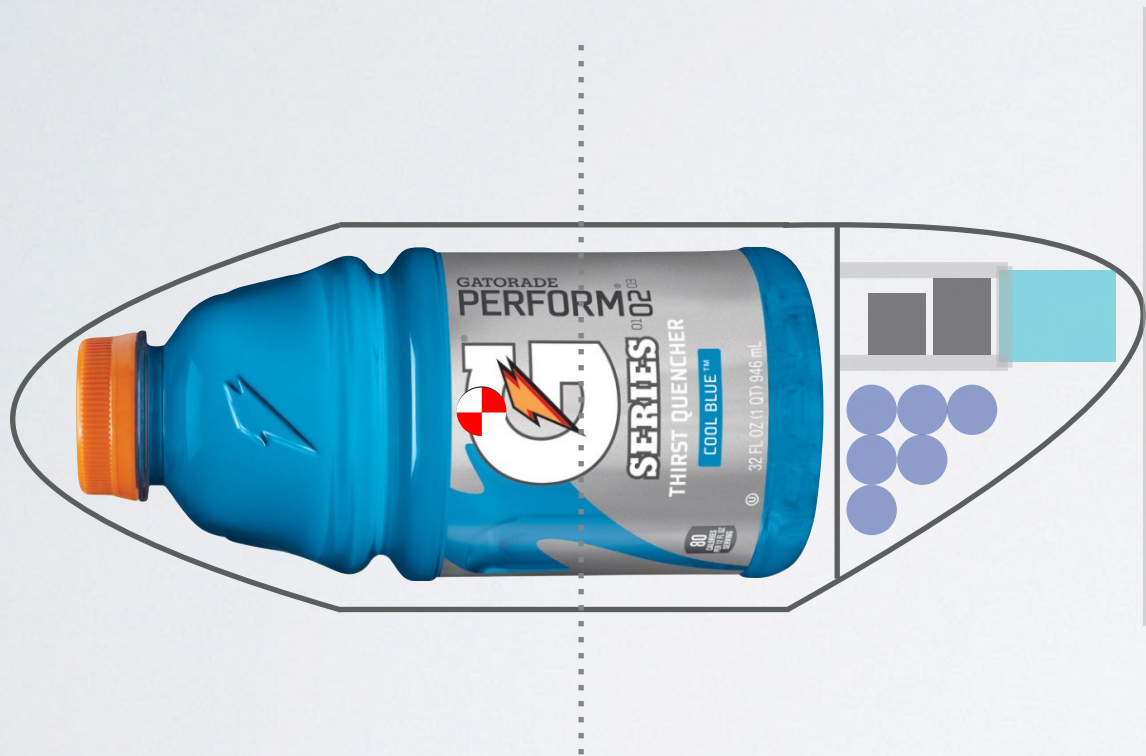
Slightly shorter moment arm  
from geometric center  
to motor

# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

CG

Backwards

Forwards



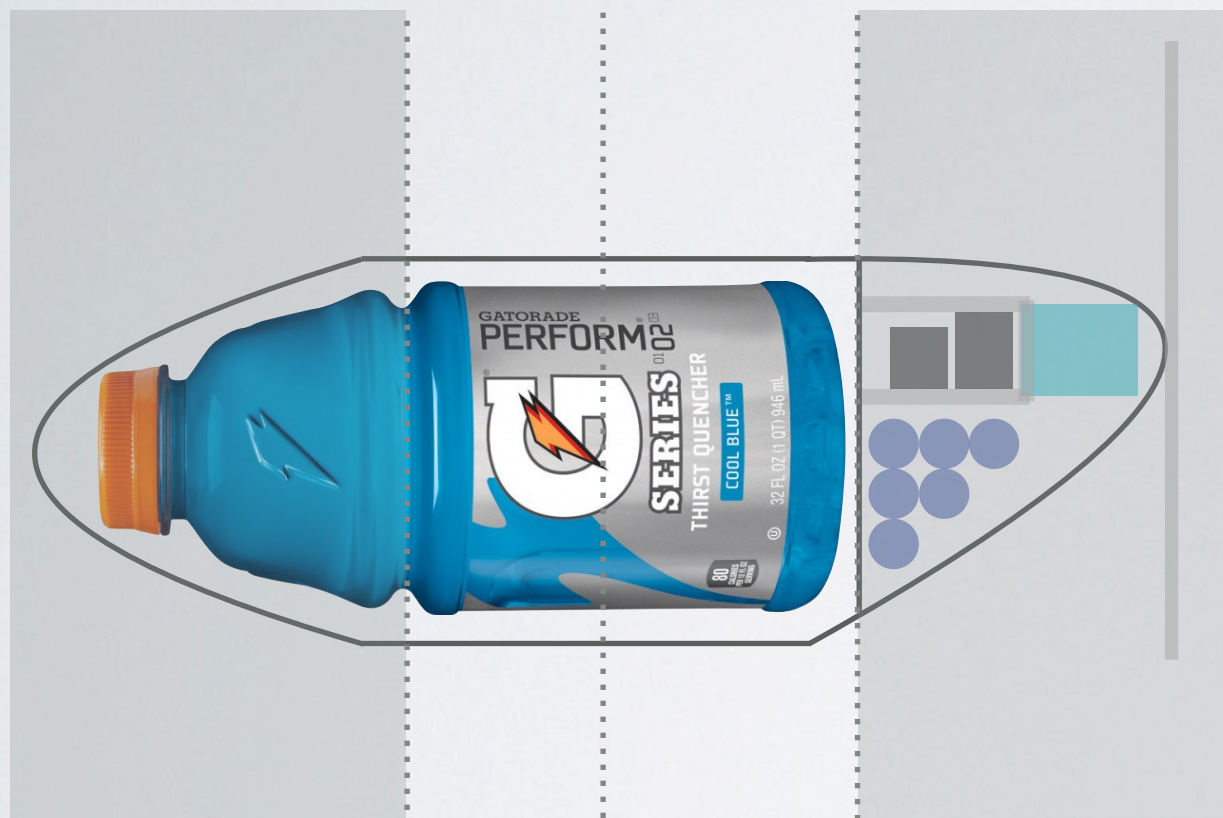
Gatorade CG Back



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

CG

Backwards

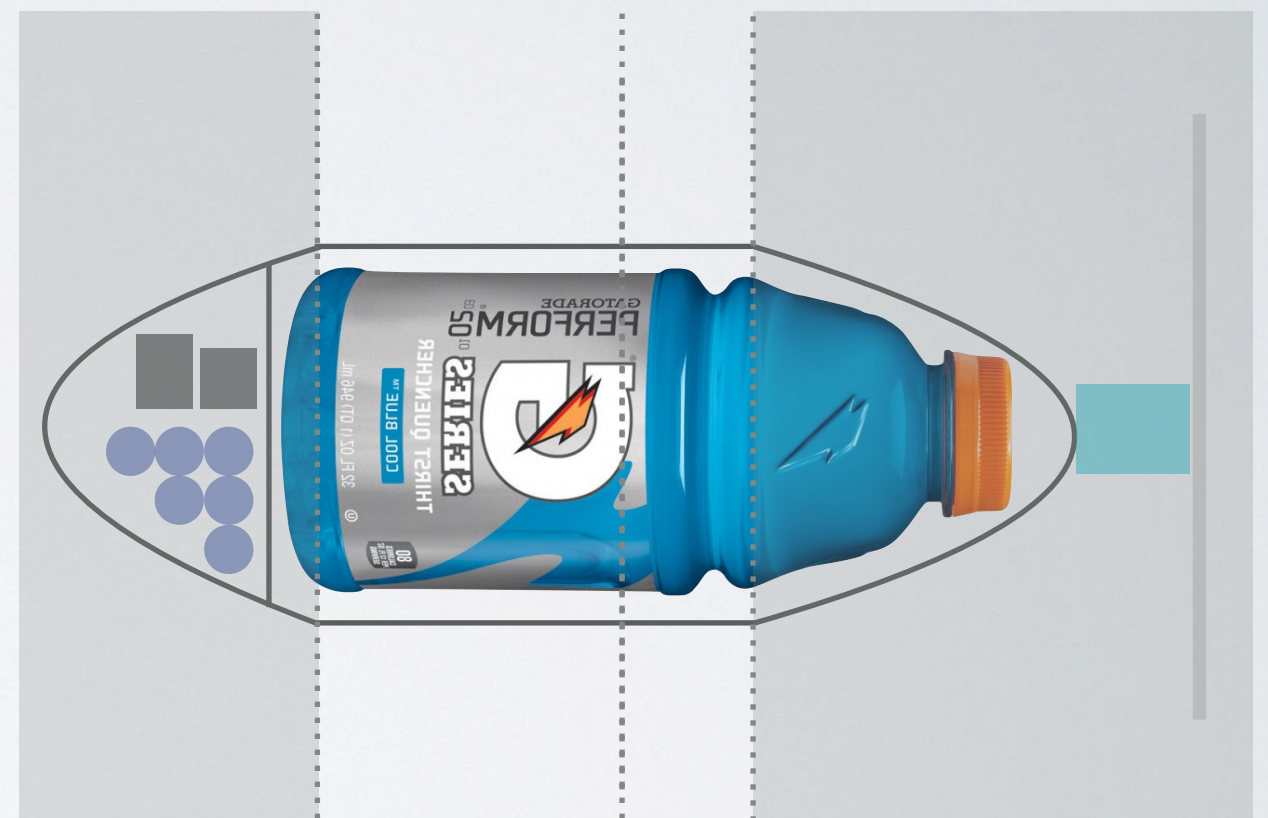


$\approx 0.66$  lb.

$\approx 1.75$  lb.

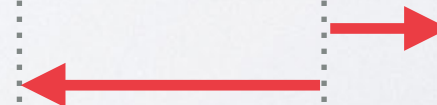


Forwards



$\approx 1$  lb.

$\approx 1.4$  lb.



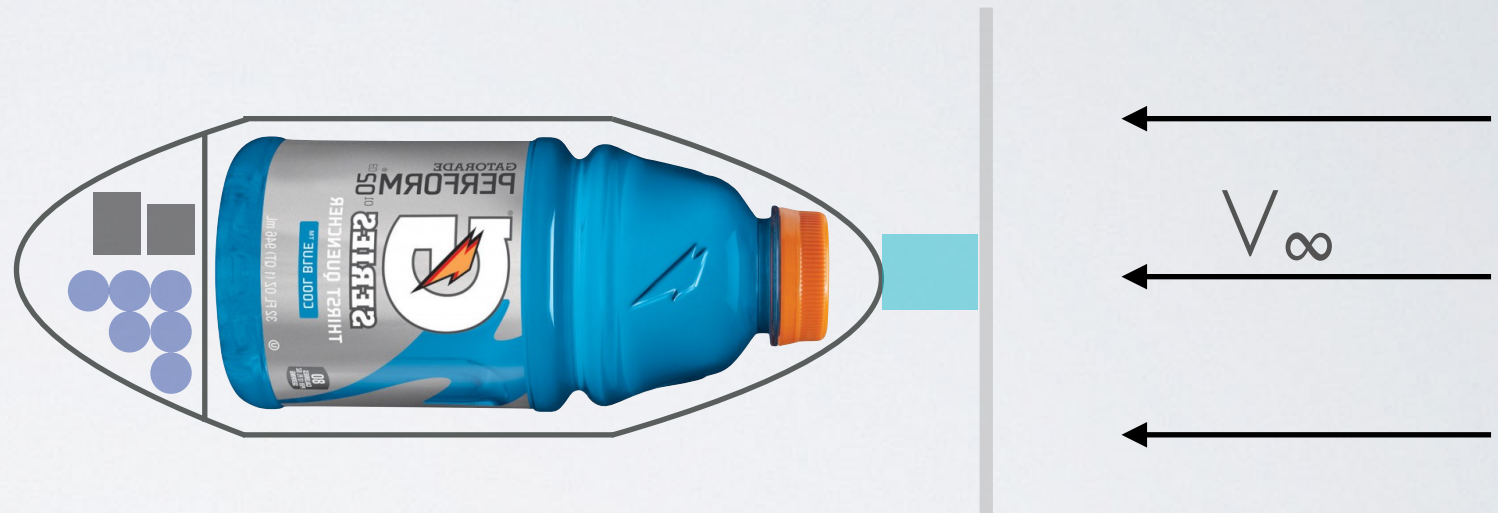
# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## PAYLOAD ORIENTATION

Backwards



Forwards



- Additional Prop Clearance
- Easier to load/unload
- Less Load-Bearing Structure
- **Unknown CG Difference**



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## BASIC LAYOUT

Side View



Space Efficient

Aerodynamic Shape

Limited Structure

Easily Optimize Nosecone Volume

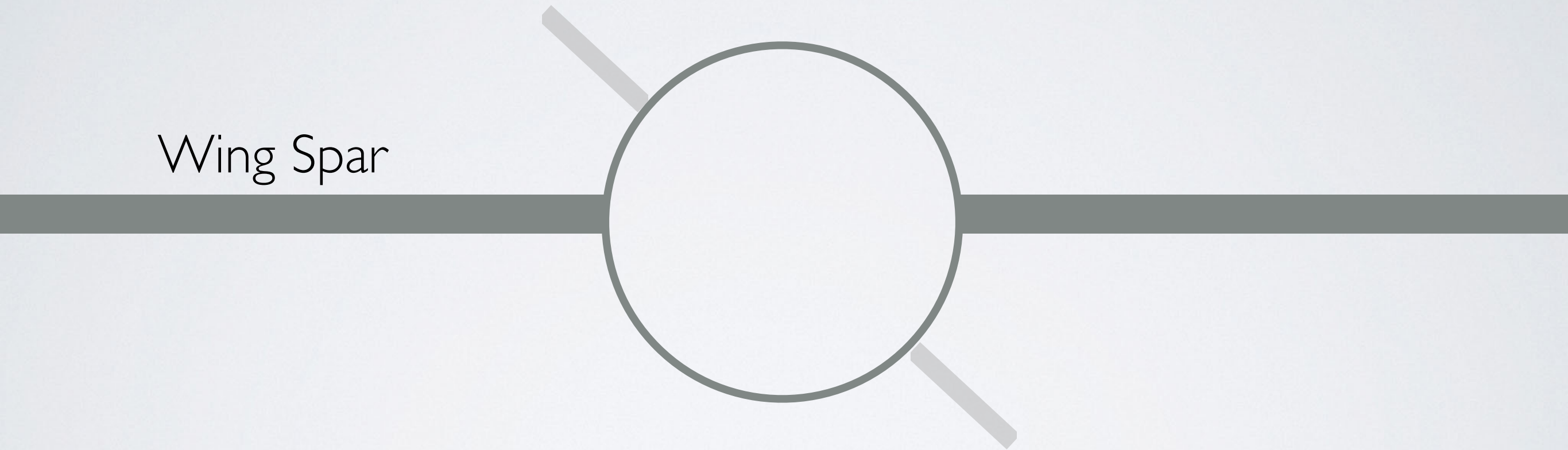
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## BASIC LAYOUT

Back View

Wing Spar

Rigid Carbon Fiber Tube to  
Support Wing Loading

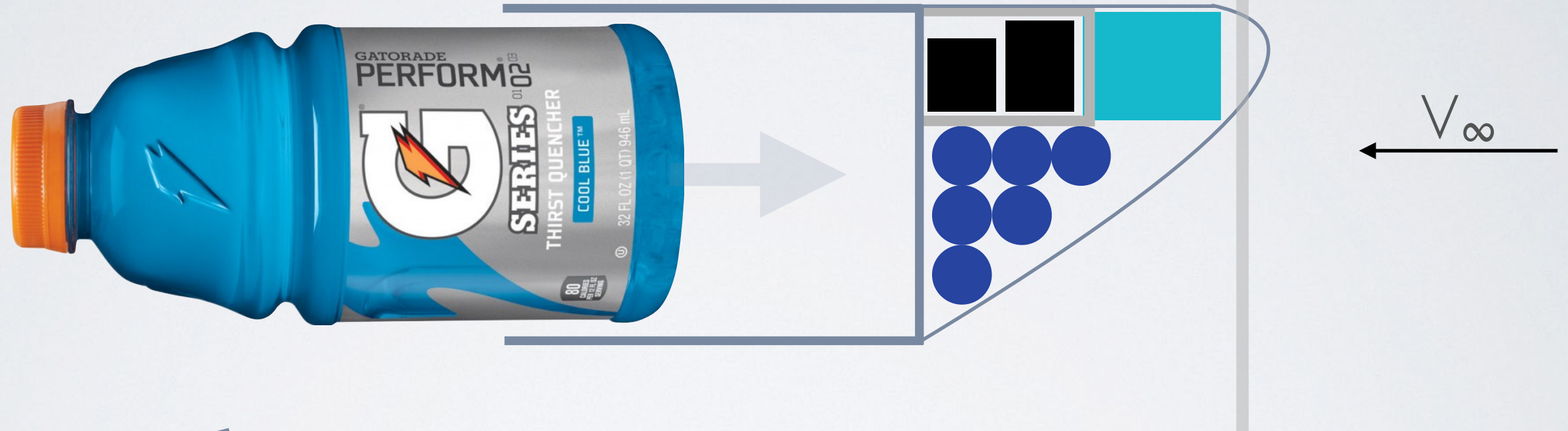




# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

LOADING

Side View



Removable Tail Cone

# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## LANDING GEAR



4 Wheel Layout

Easily Varied Landing  
Gear Height





# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## CONCERNS

CG Location → Tipping Backwards

Close Set Wheels → Tipping Side to Side



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## CONCERNS

Tipping Backwards → Move Propulsion Forward

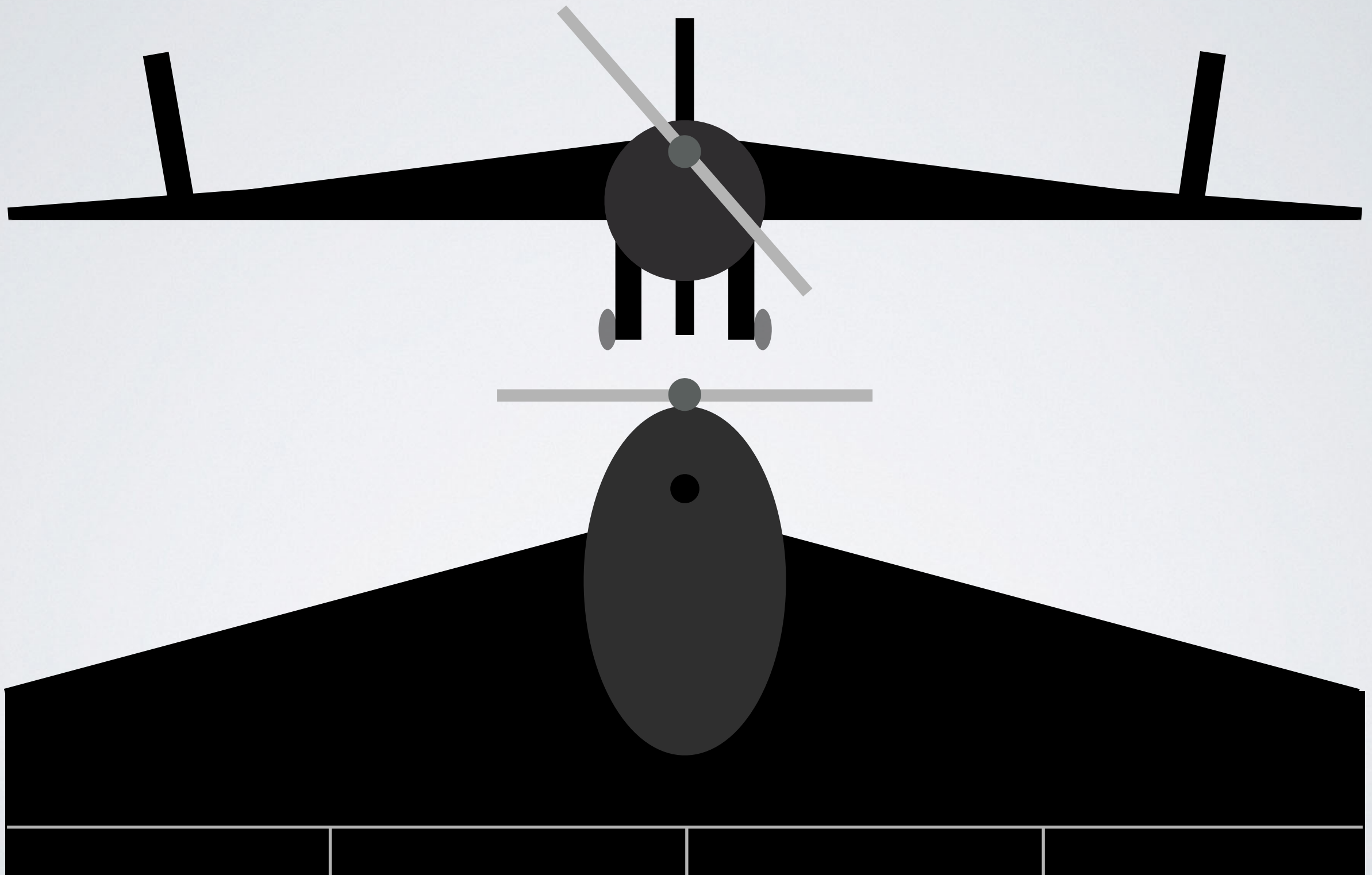
Tipping Side to Side → Wing Tip Skids





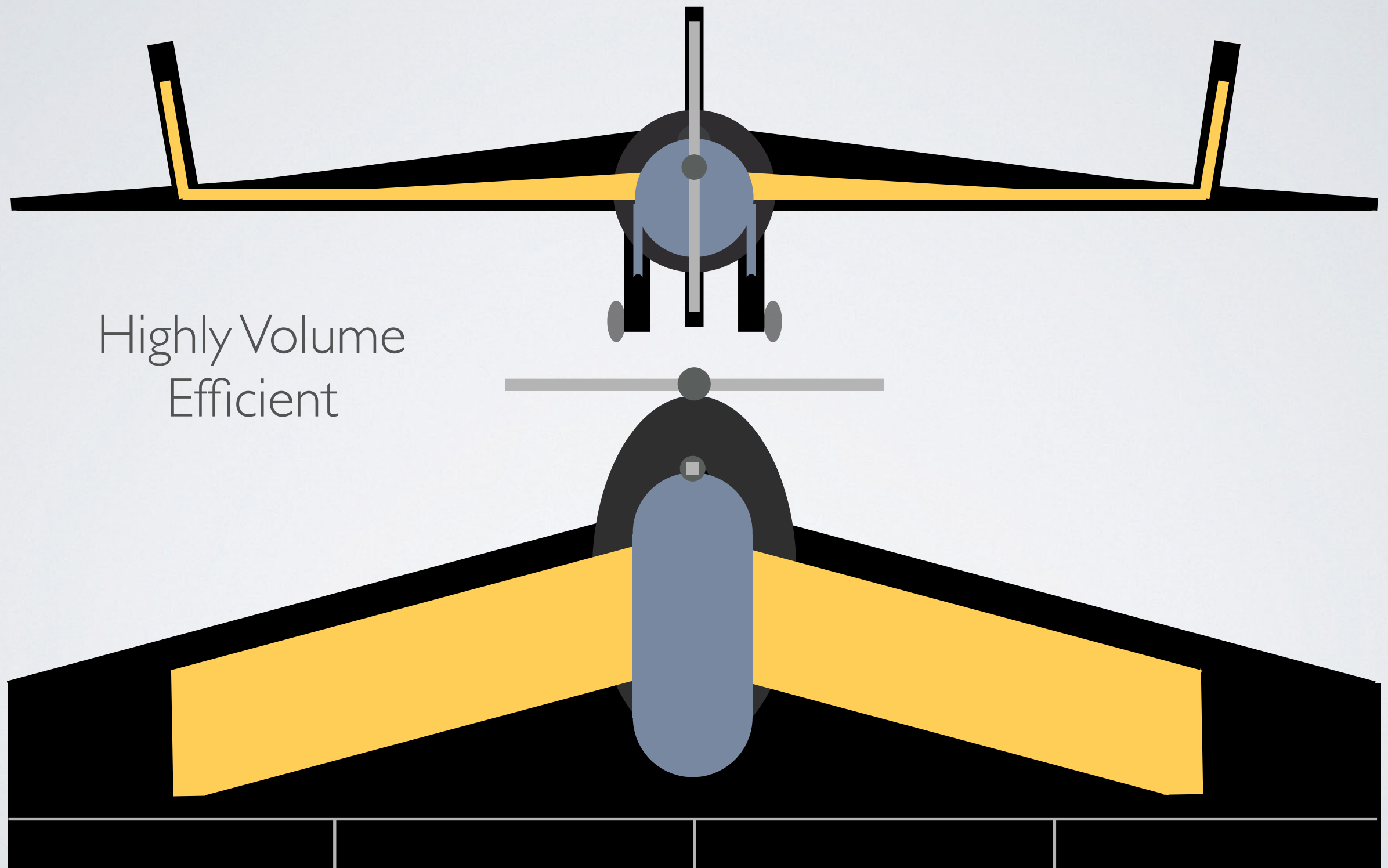
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CONFIGURATION



# MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

## PAYLOAD ACCOMMODATION

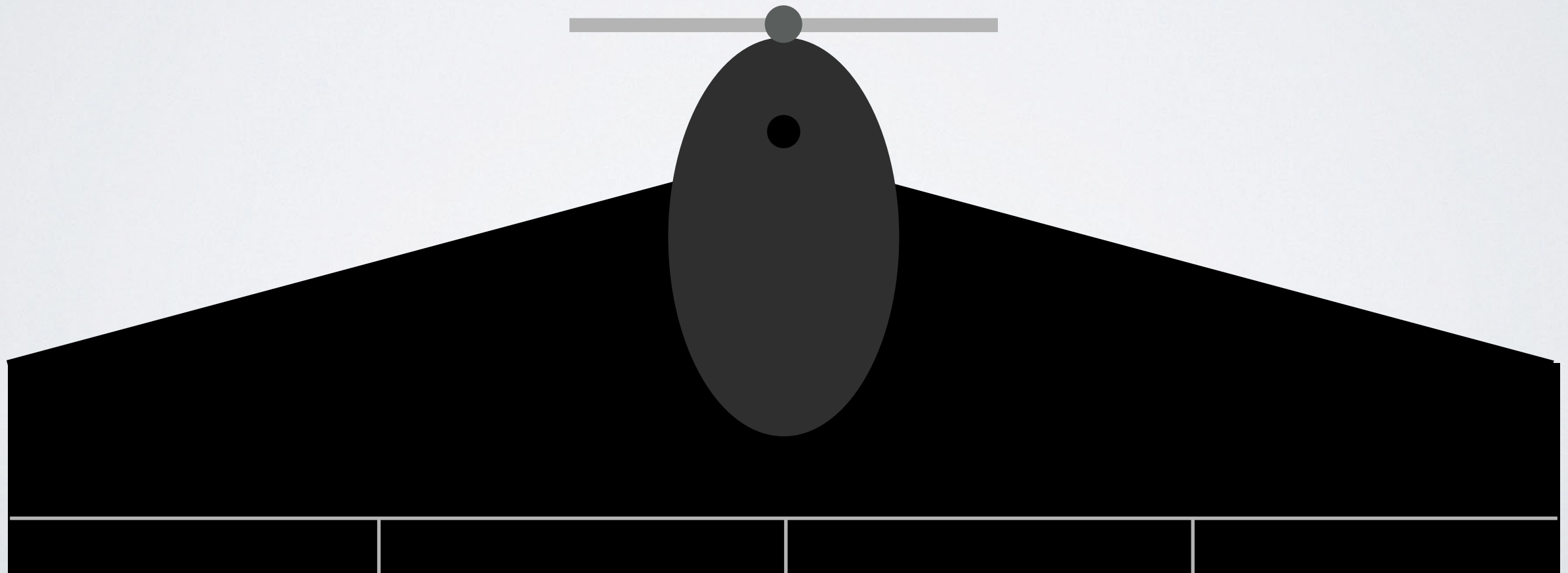


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## CONFIGURATION

Entirely Carbon  
Fiber Monocoque

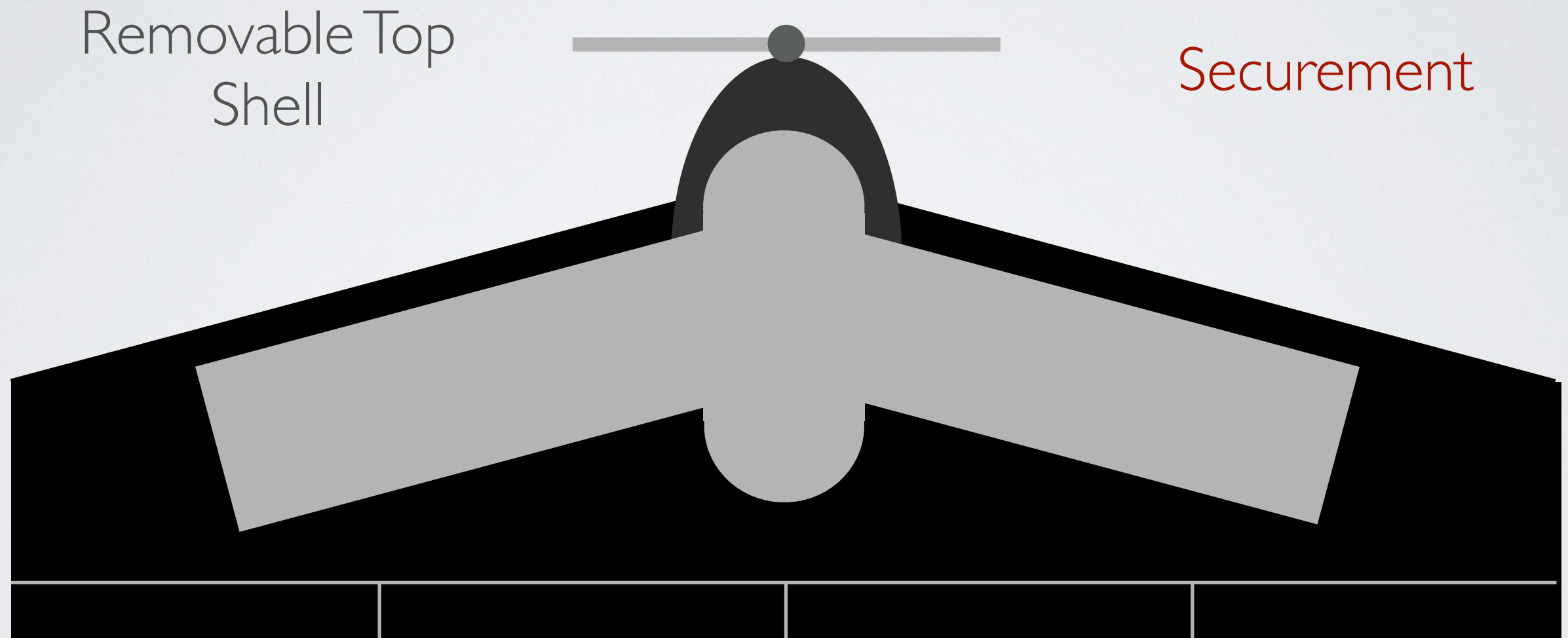
Accurate  
Shell Fitting





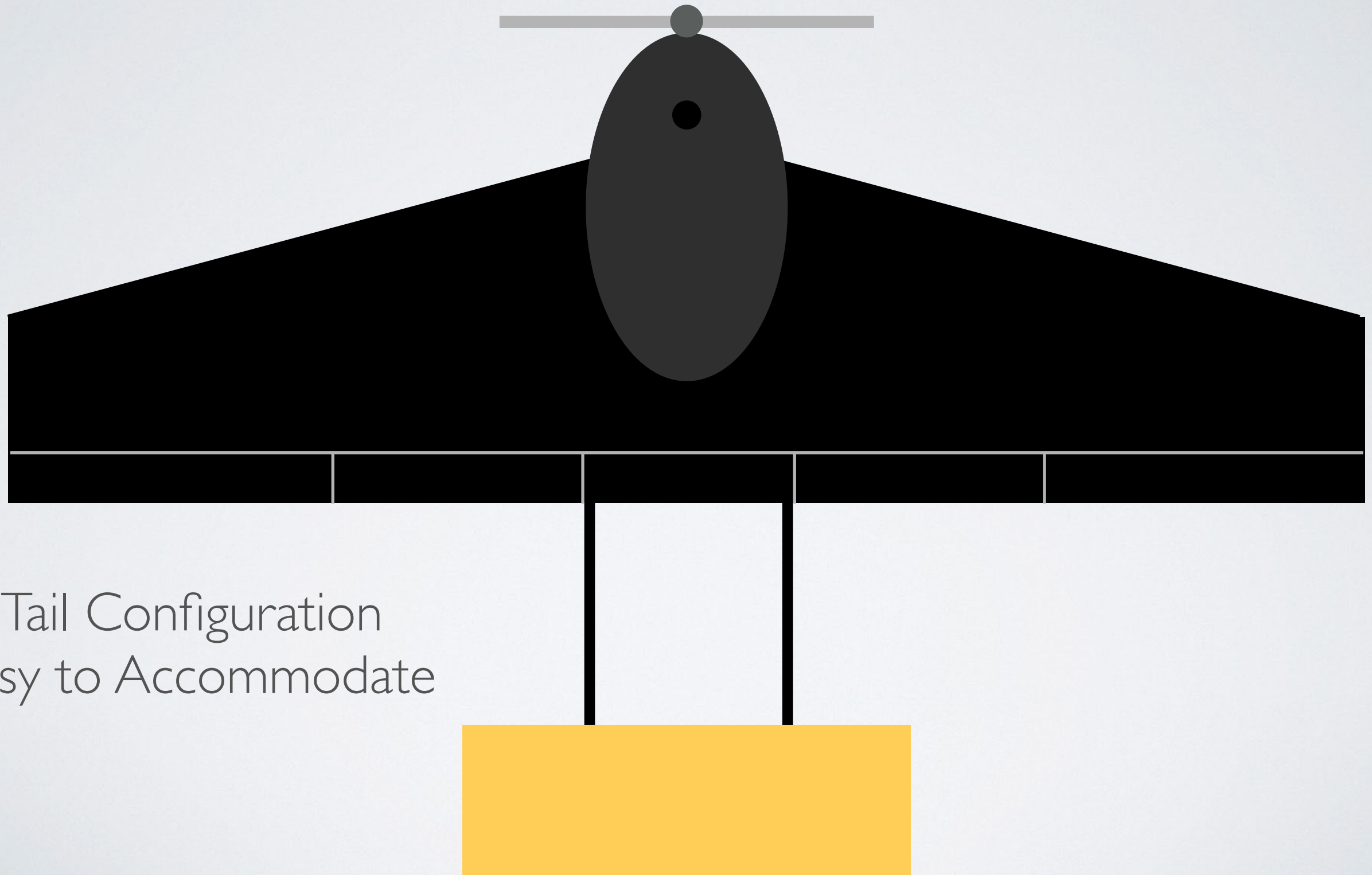
# MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

LOADING / UNLOADING



# MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

TAIL



Tail Configuration  
Easy to Accommodate

# AERODYNAMICS

## OVERVIEW

- Choose an Airfoil
  - Based on relative sizing to other airfoils
- Determine Wing Planform Size
  - Based on relative weights



# AIRFOIL SELECTION

PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

High Lift

Small Wing Span

High  $C_{L,MAX}$

Small  $C_M$

# AIRFOIL

## ASSUMPTIONS

- Based on general equations that govern TW,PW, wing loading
- Used constraints for competition
- Average Cruise Velocity of 50 [ft/s]
- Max Load Factor of 2.5 [G's]
- $e = 0.8$

# TOP AIRFOILS

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

AR = 4

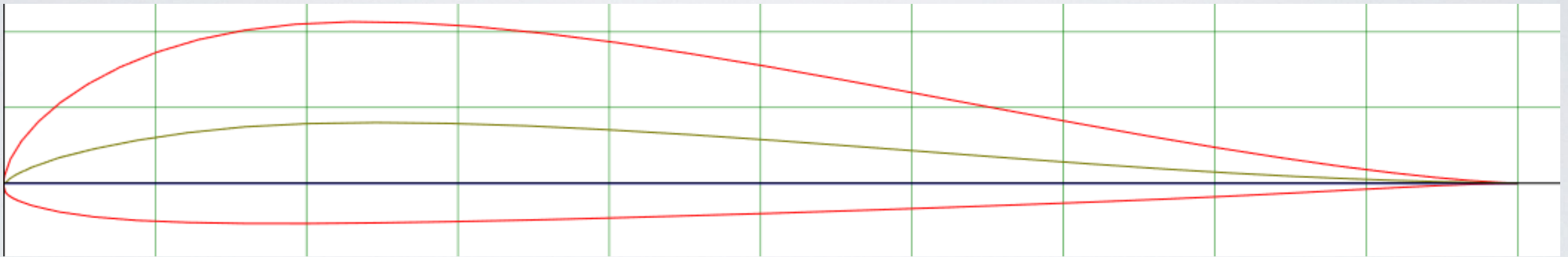
Airfoil Name	$C_{L, \text{Max}}$	$C_{M \alpha = 0}$	Power Required [W]
MH82	1.63	-0.02	209
GOE 528	1.65	-0.12	250
S7055	1.20	-0.07	176



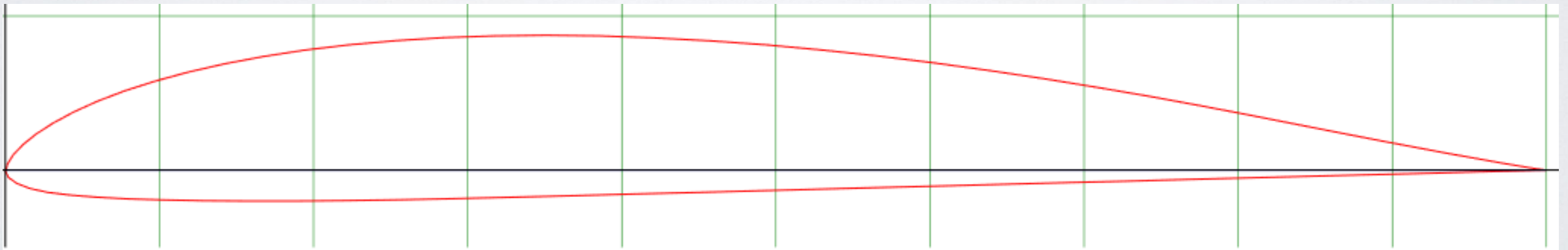
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PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

MH82



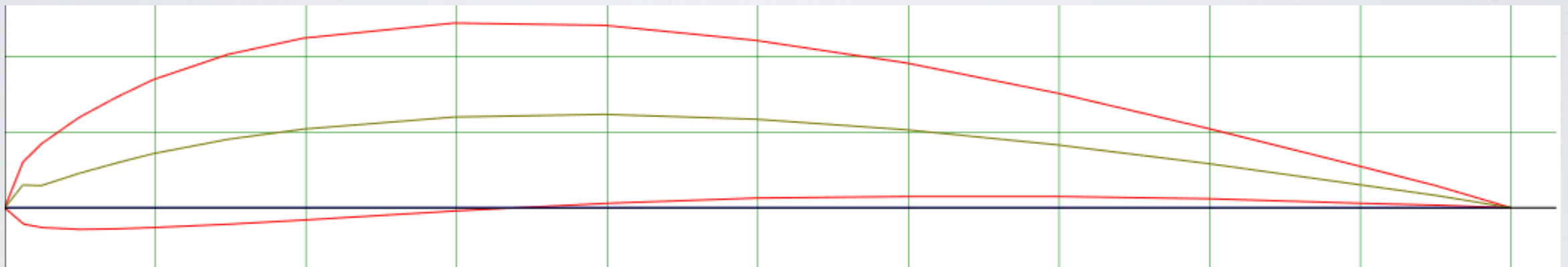
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# TOP AIRFOILS

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

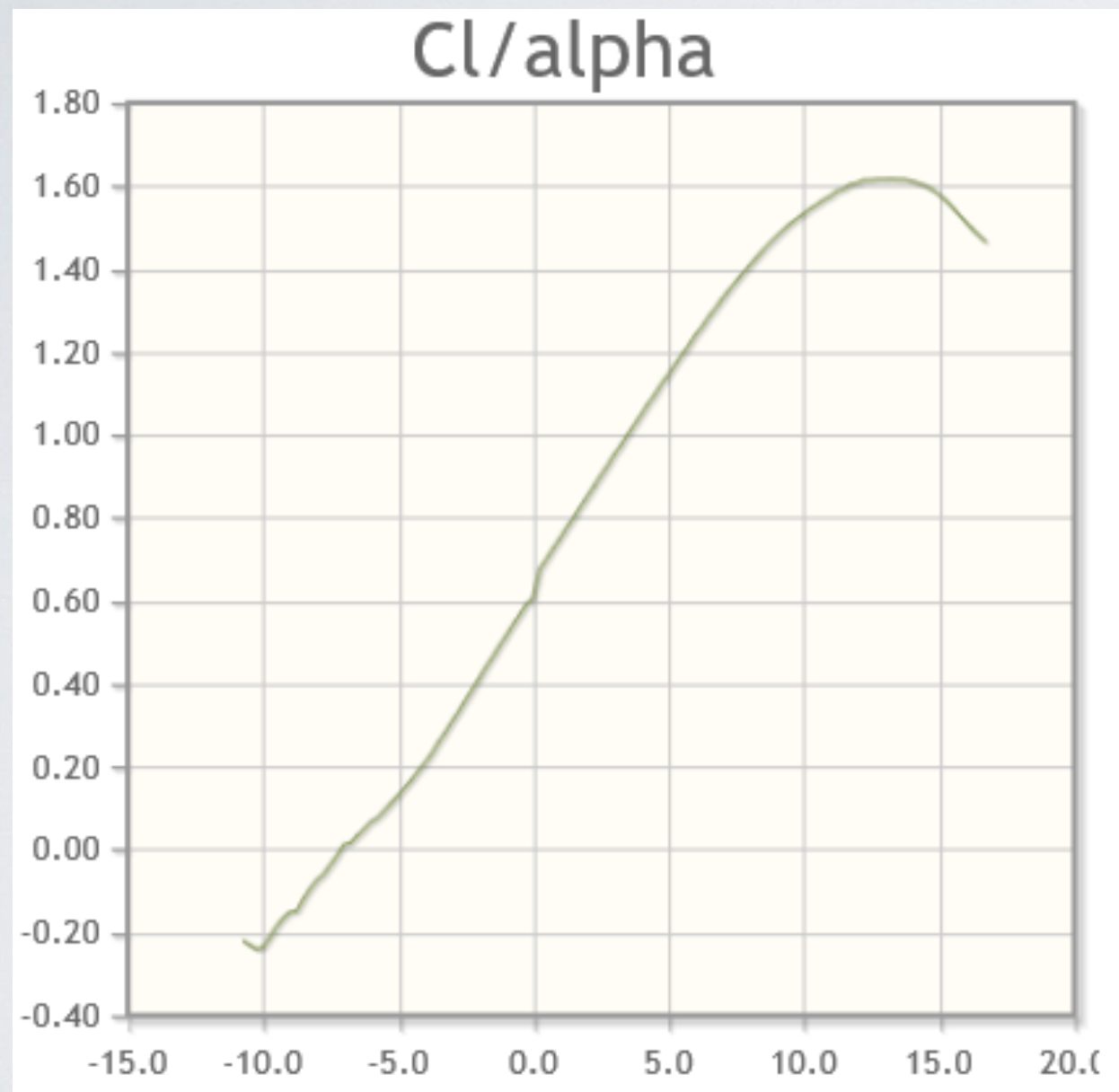
GOE 528



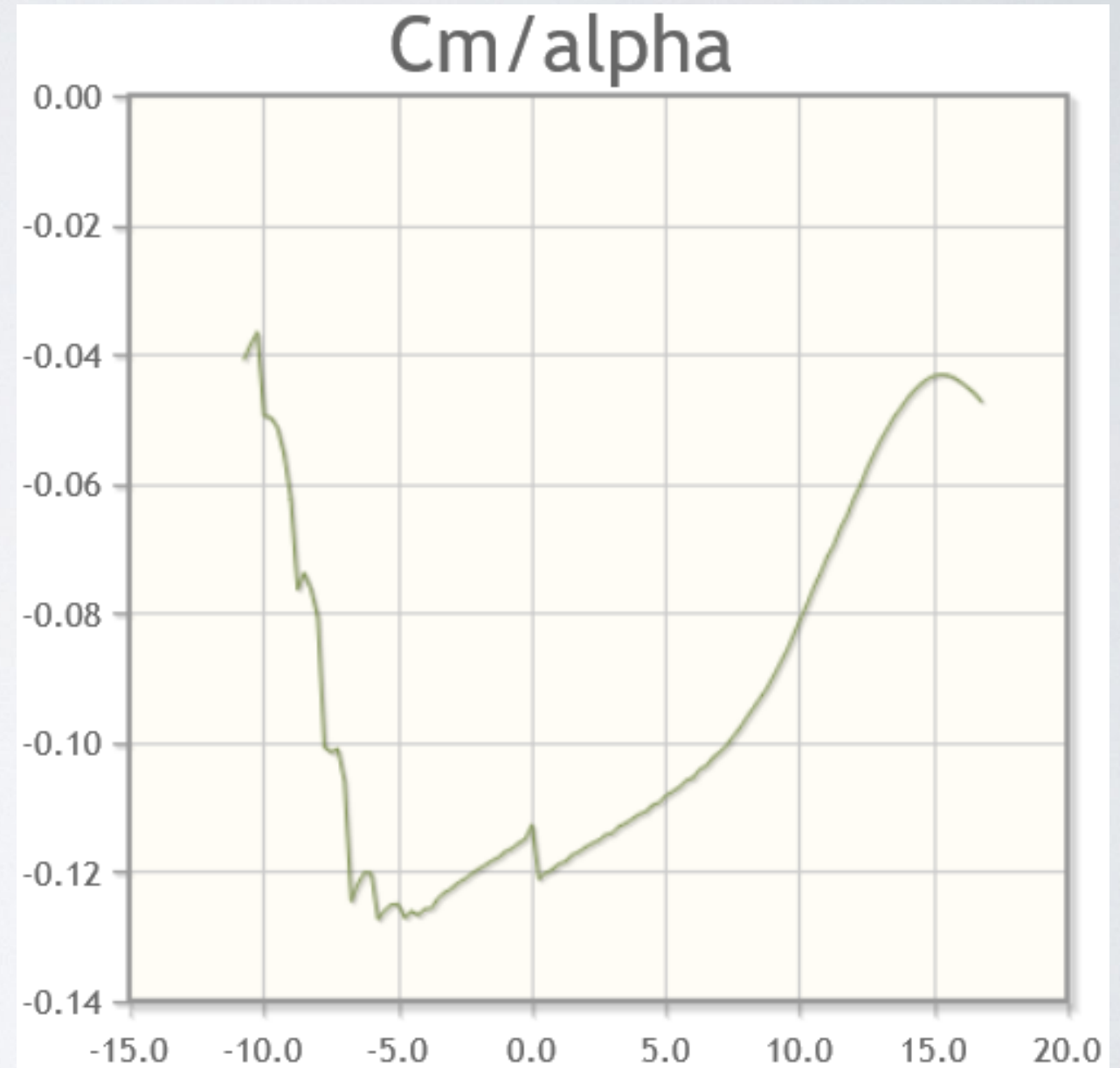
- Max Thickness: 12.5%
- No Thin Leading Edge
  - Easy to Manufacture
  - Durable
- Higher Power Requirement
  - Higher CM
  - Less stability

# PARAMETERS

GOE 528



- Lift Advantage
- Minimal Flow Separation
- Linear curve



- Moment
- Fairly Linear curve in Operating  $\alpha$
- Slightly Higher CM



# AIRFOIL SELECTION

MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

Requires Thick Airfoil  
at Root

High  $C_L$

Low  $C_M$

High Lift-to-Drag

# TOP AIRFOILS

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

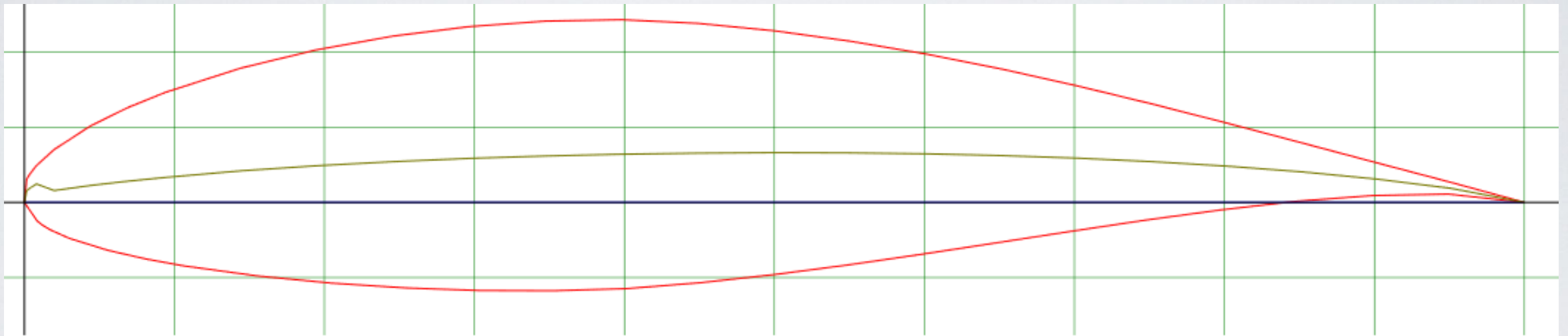
AR = 8

Airfoil	$C_{L, MAX}$	$C_{M \alpha = 0}$	Power Required [W]
naca 2414	1.54	-0.05	220
naca643618	1.40	-0.11	220
e560	1.72	-0.15	215

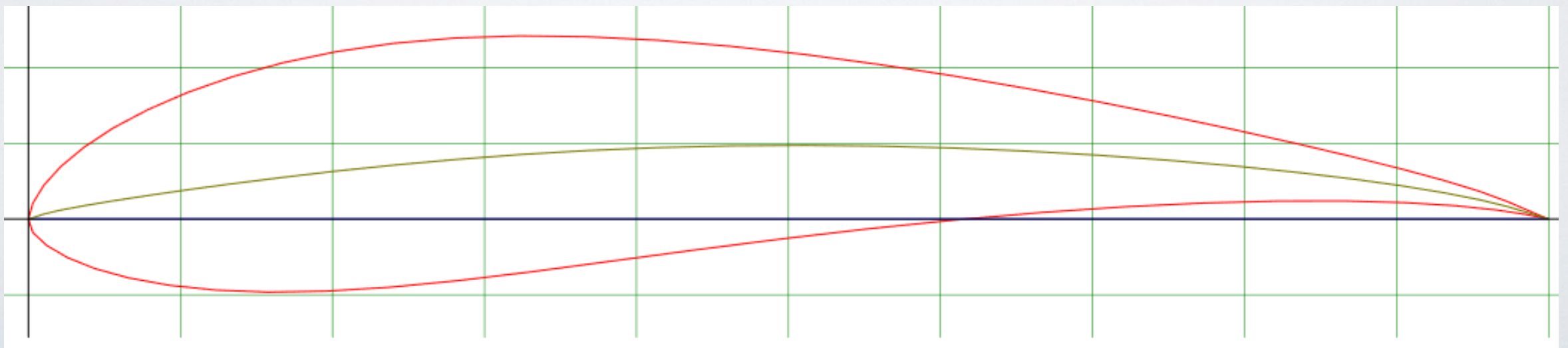
# TOP AIRFOILS

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

NACA 643618



E560

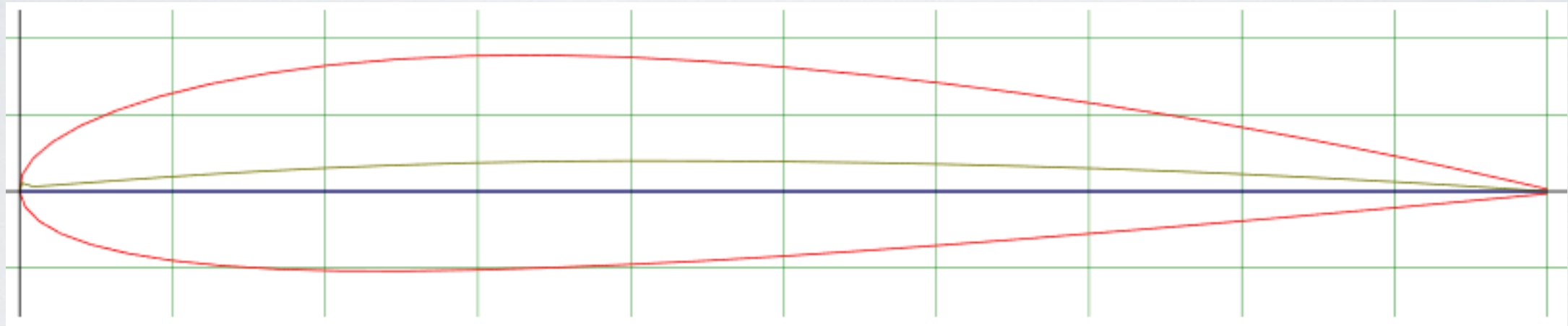




# TOP AIRFOILS

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

NACA 2414



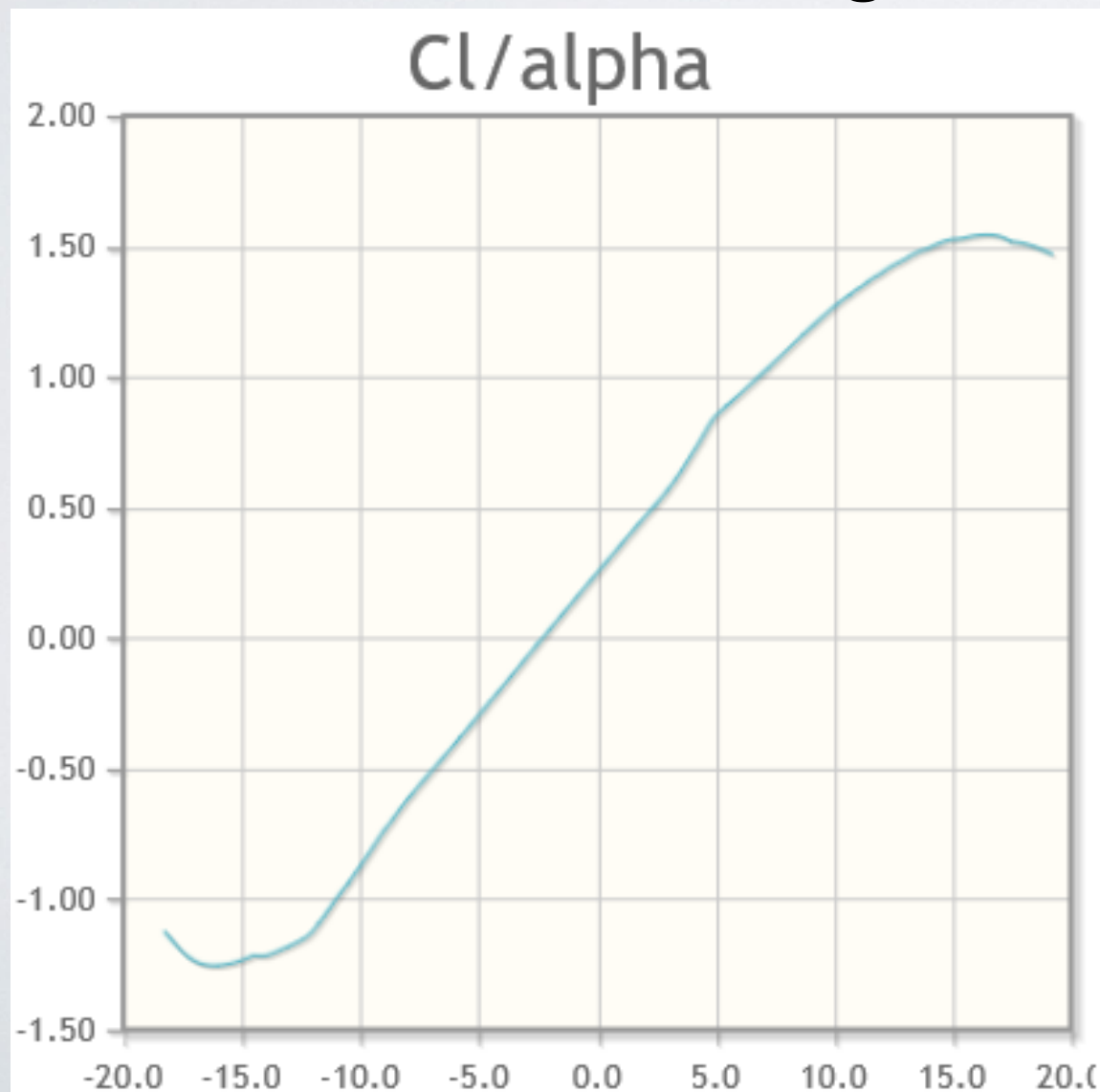
- Small CM
- 14% thickness
- Fairly constant thickness

# PARAMETERS

NACA 2414

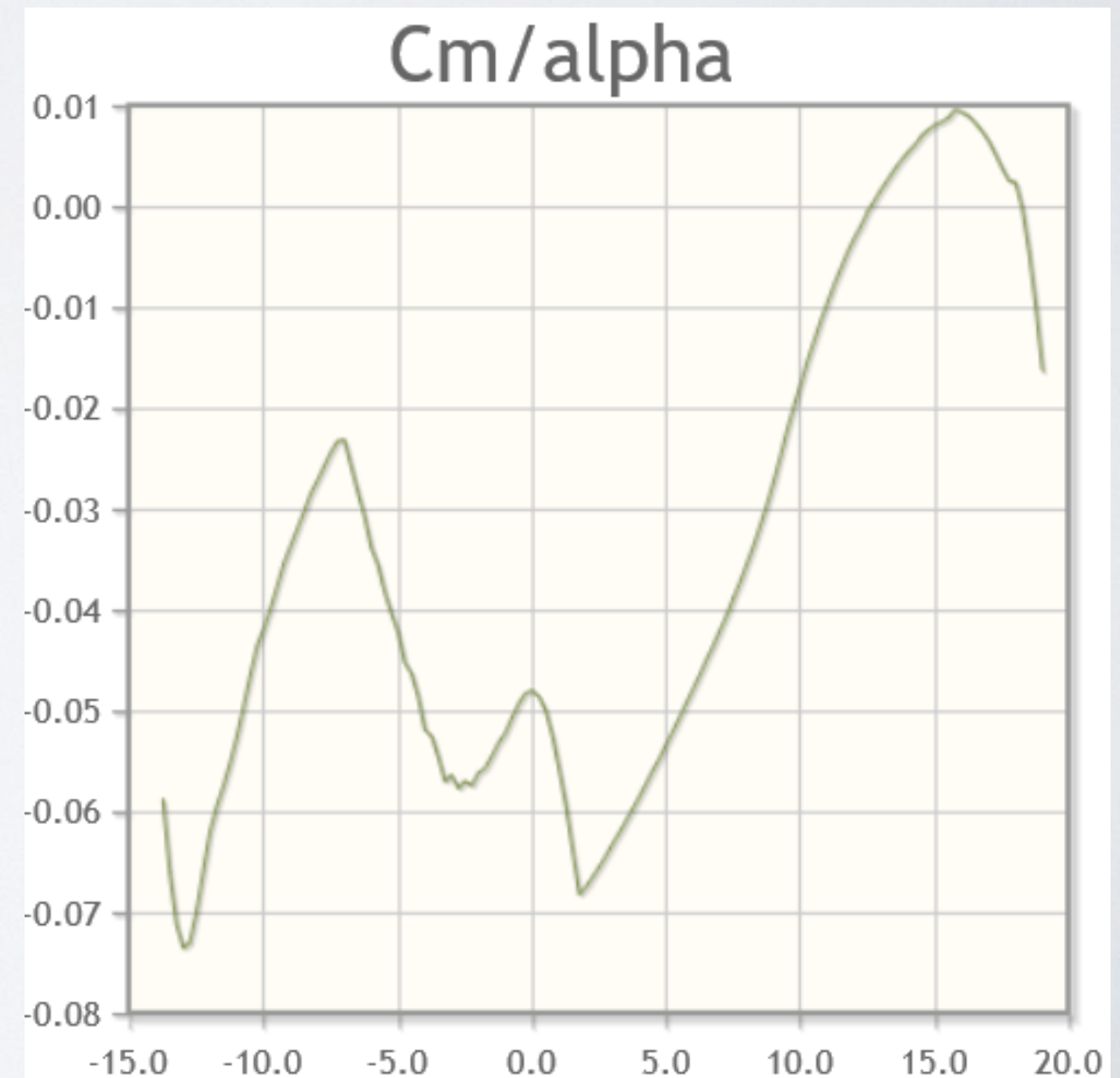
## Lift

- Minimal Flow Separation
- Wide  $\alpha$
- Conventional Landing Gear



## Moment

- Linear Operational Area
  - Moment Change at  $\alpha \approx 2$
- Tail



# METHODOLOGY

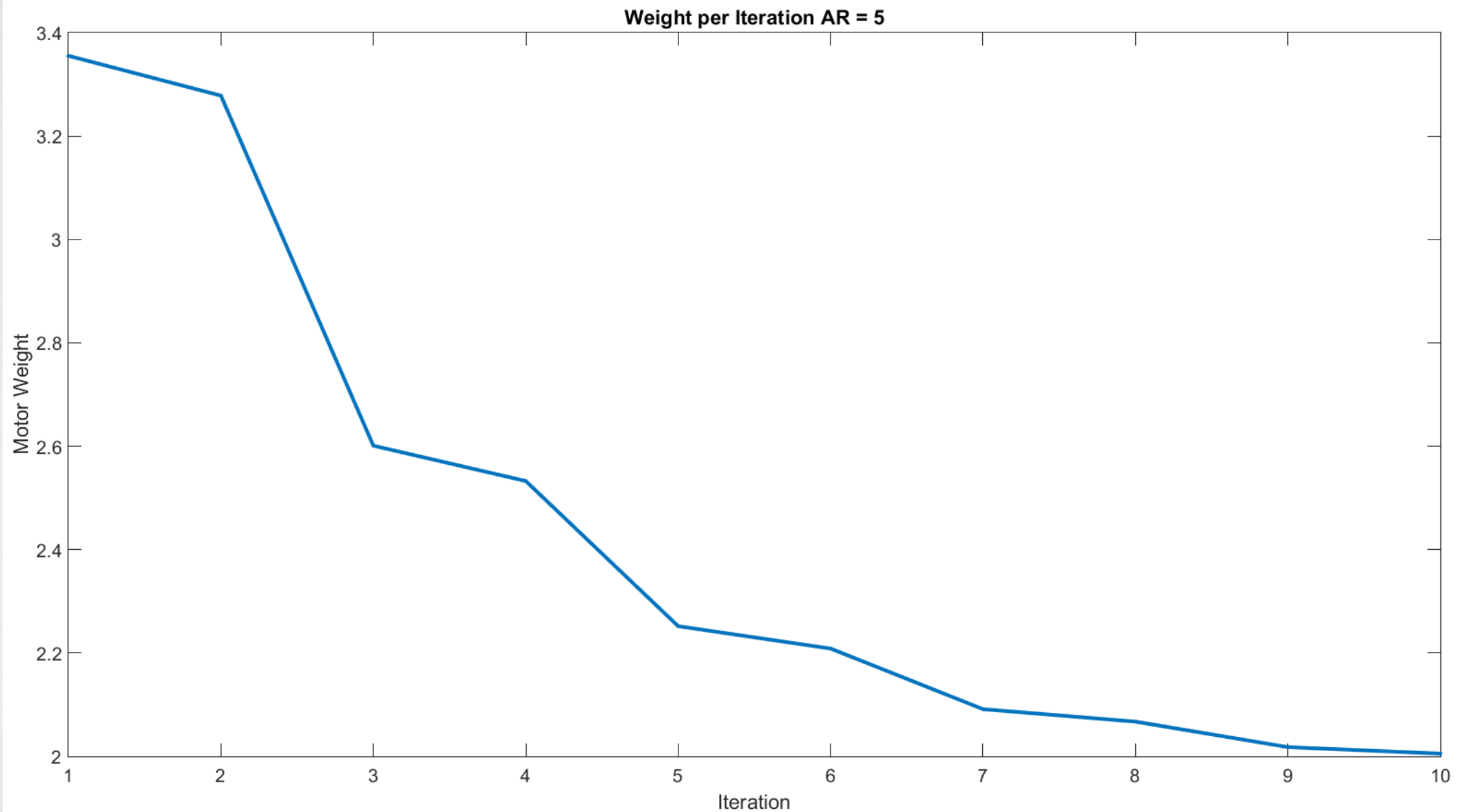
## EMPTY WEIGHT

- Picked an Aspect Ratio from older DBF Planes
- Picked an initial empty weight
- Iterated through to determine planform area  $\Rightarrow$  PReq
- Iterated through to determine weight of Propulsion
  - Relative Error  $\leq 1\%$



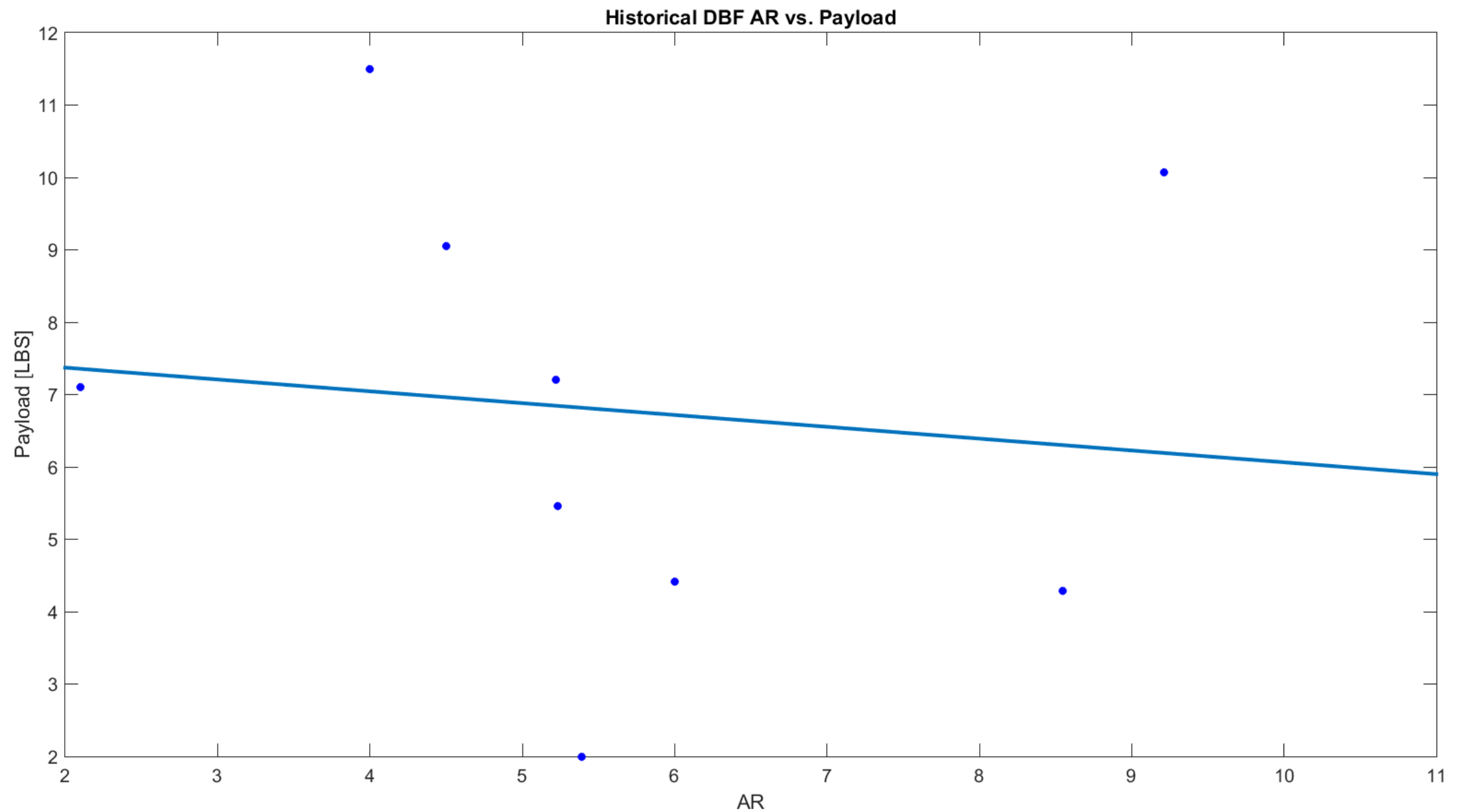
# METHODOLOGY

## RELATIVE ERROR



# PLANFORM

## DETERMINATION



# PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

## ASSUMPTIONS

Use 3K Carbon Fiber for Fuselage

Wing Weight Function of  $S_{REQ}$

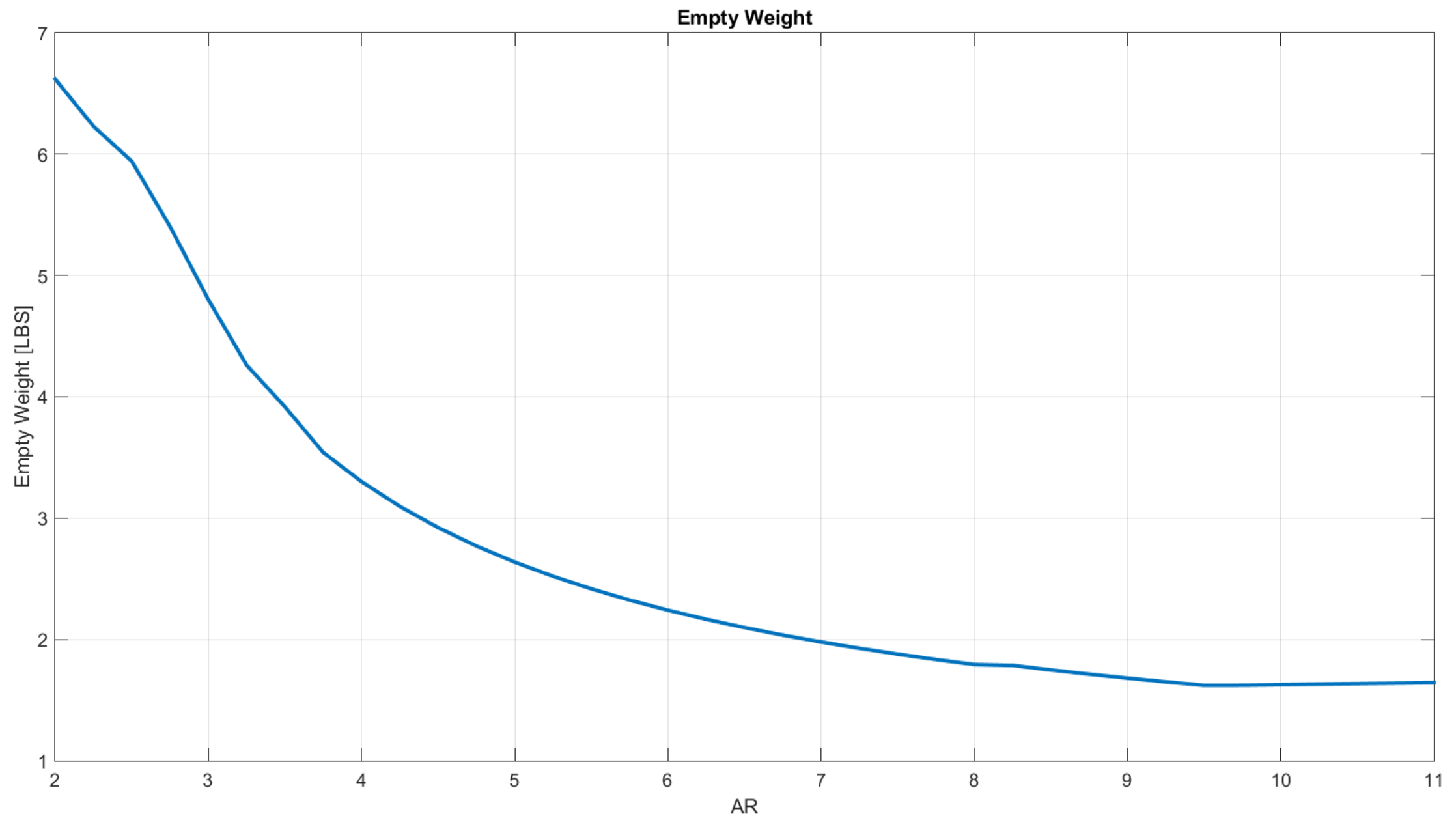
$$W_{PROPULSION} = P_{REQ} \times 3 \frac{\text{grams}}{\text{Watt}}$$

Cruise Velocity 50 ft/sec



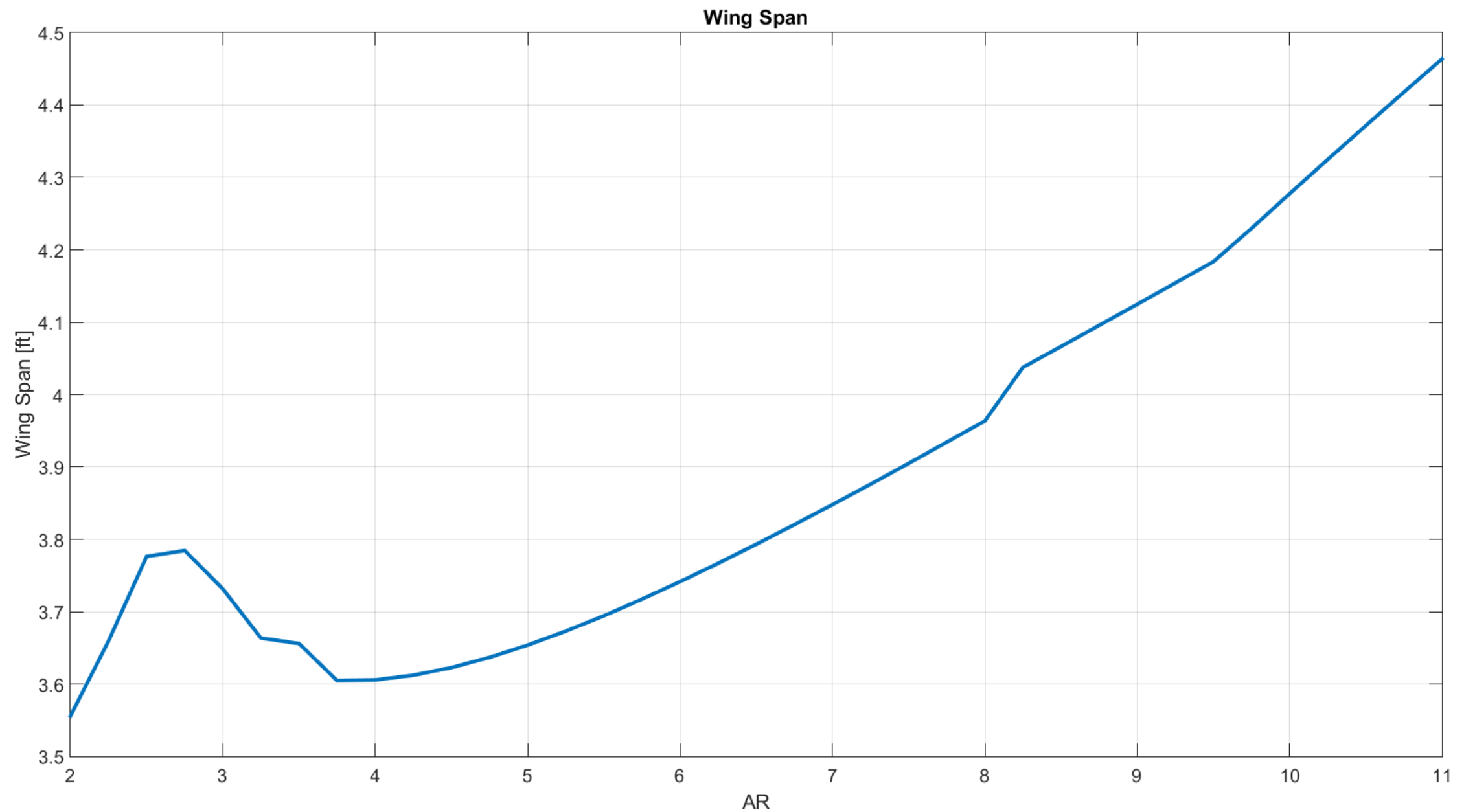
# RESULTS

## EMPTY WEIGHT



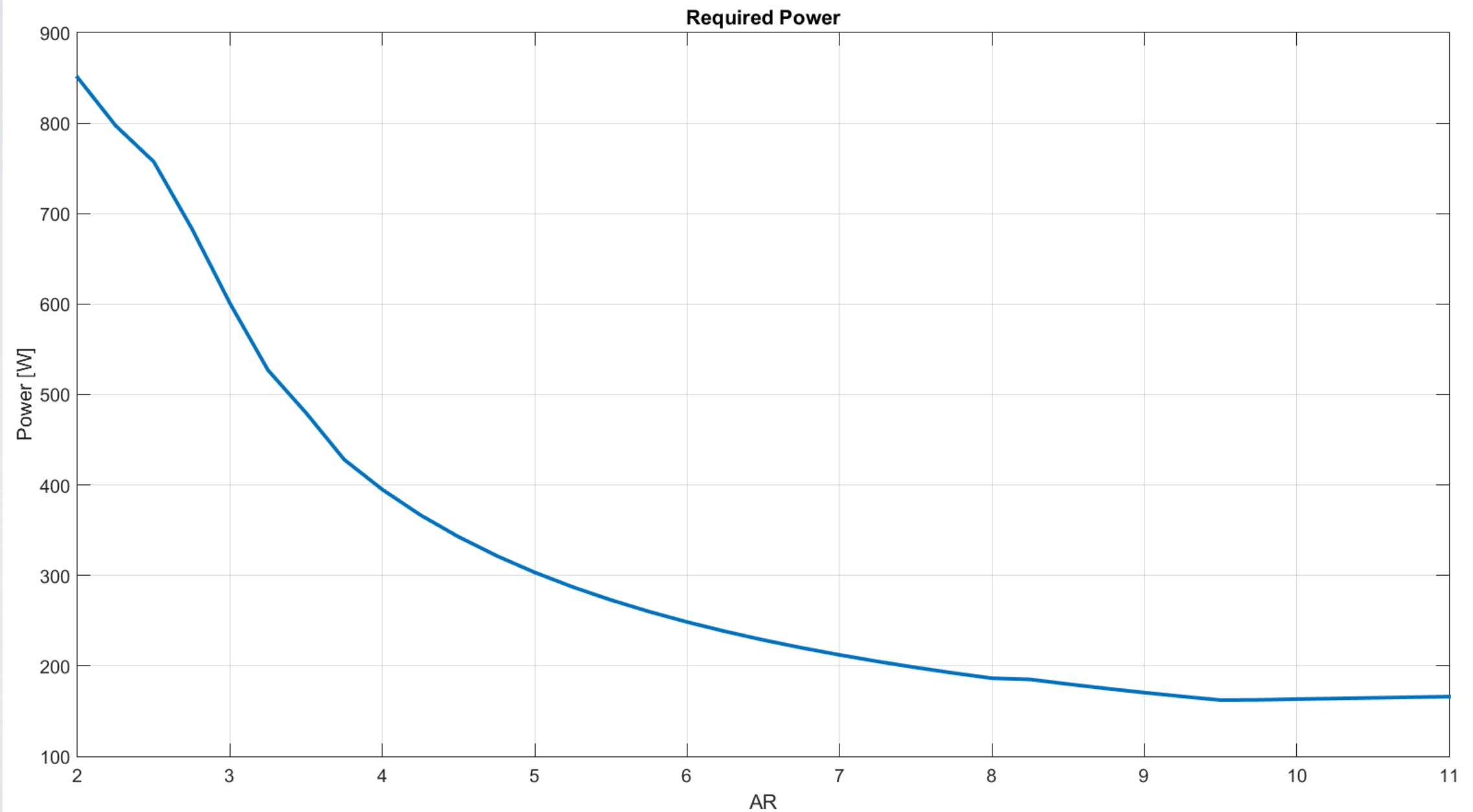
# RESULTS

## WING SPAN



# RESULTS

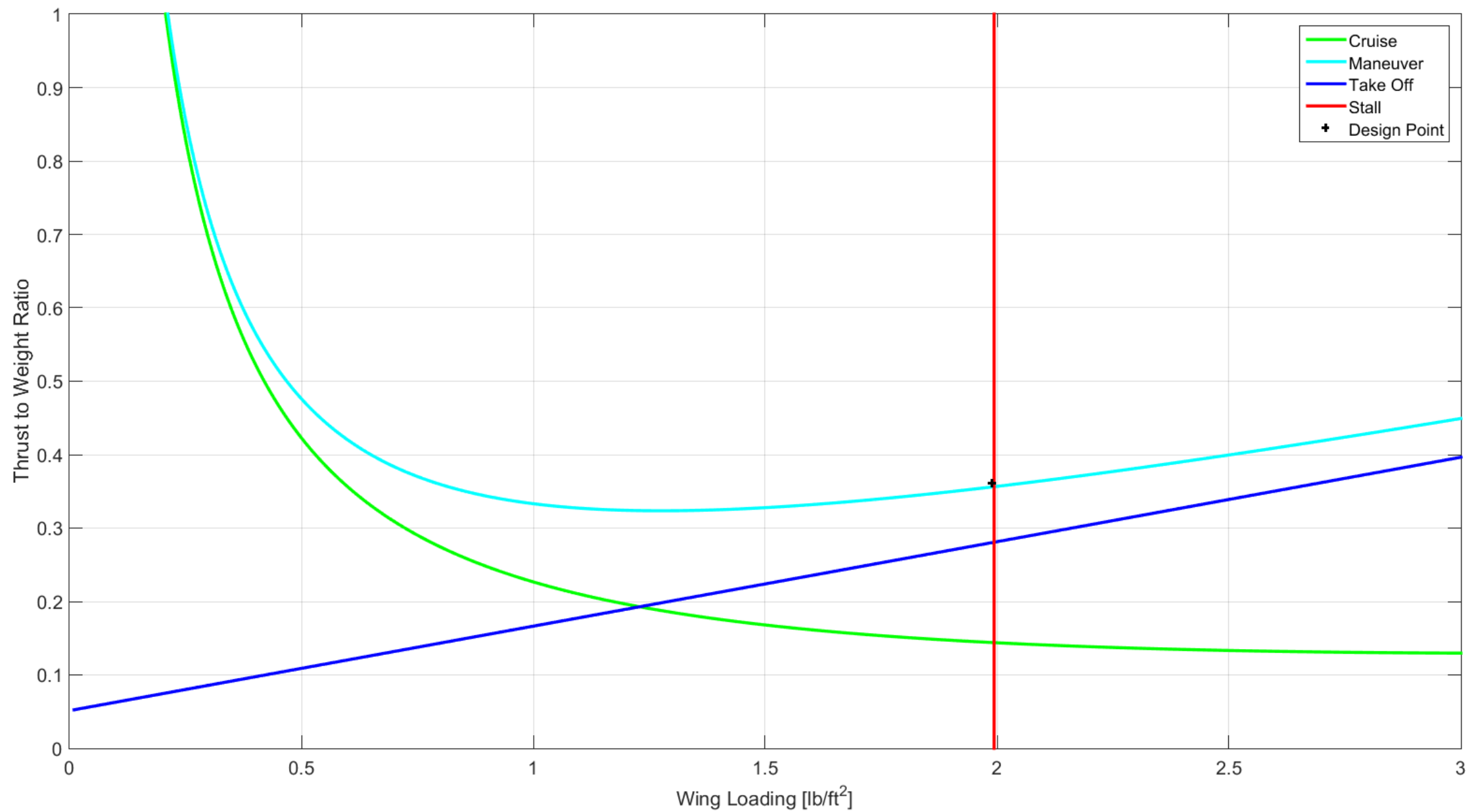
## REQUIRED POWER





# RESULTS

## PERFORMANCE CONSTRAINT



# SIZING

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

Empty Weight	1.979 [LBS]
Payload	2.2 [LBS]
Power Required	212.18 [W]
Planform Area	2.115 [ft <sup>2</sup> ]
Wing Span	3.848 [ft]
Propulsion Weight	1.4 [LBS]

# MANUFACTURE AIRCRAFT

## ASSUMPTIONS

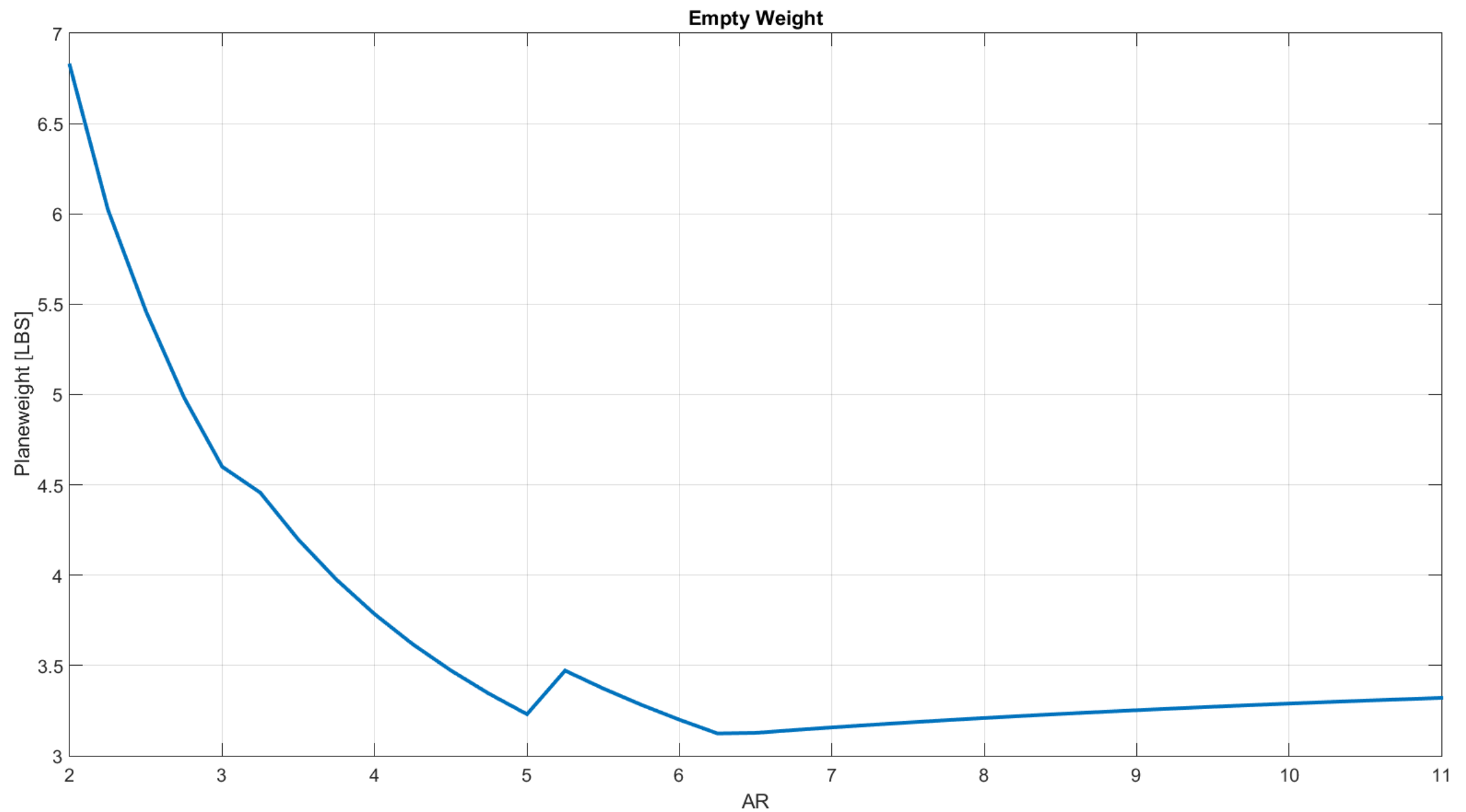
3K Carbon Fiber for fuselage

4 layers 3k Carbon Fiber



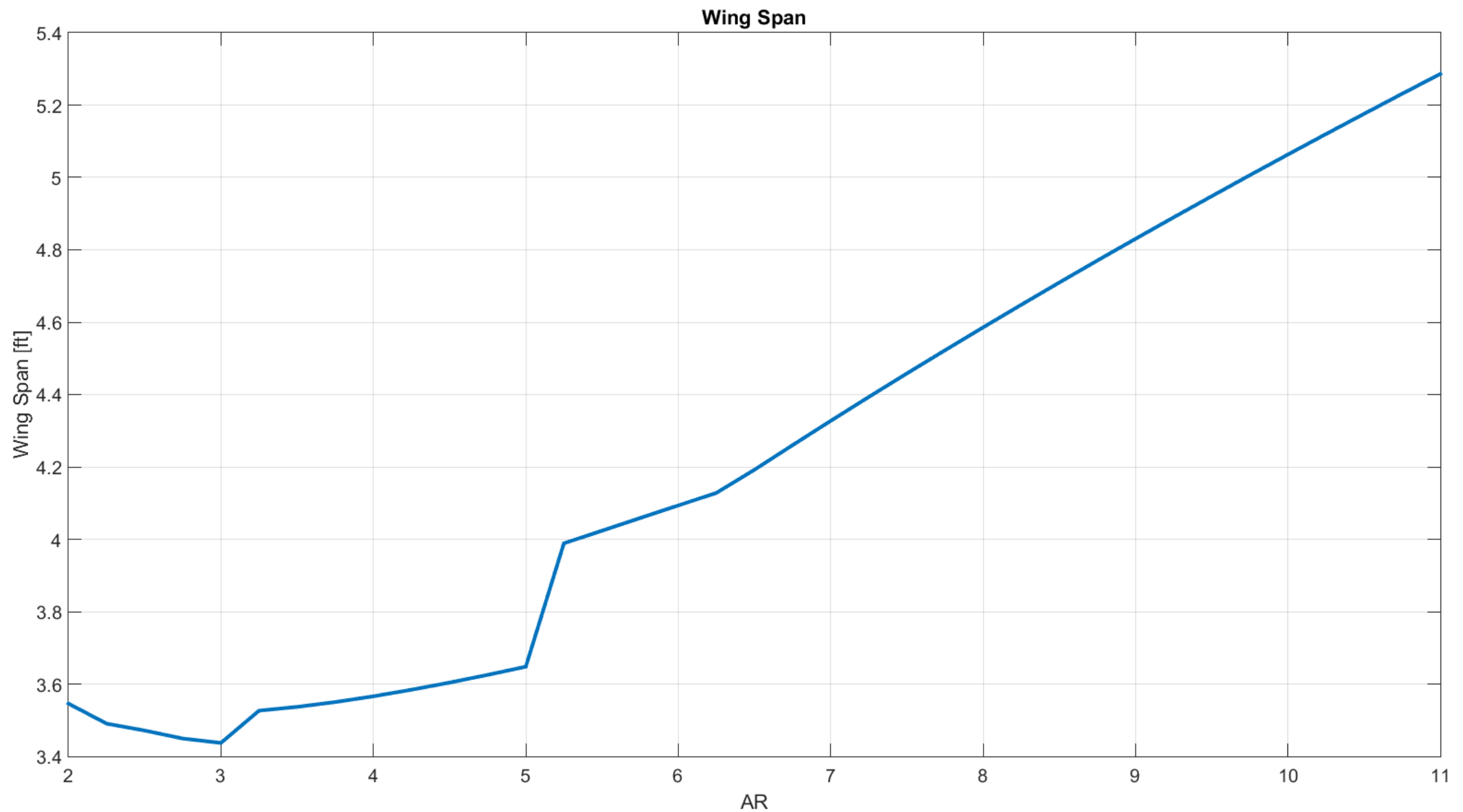
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## EMPTY WEIGHT



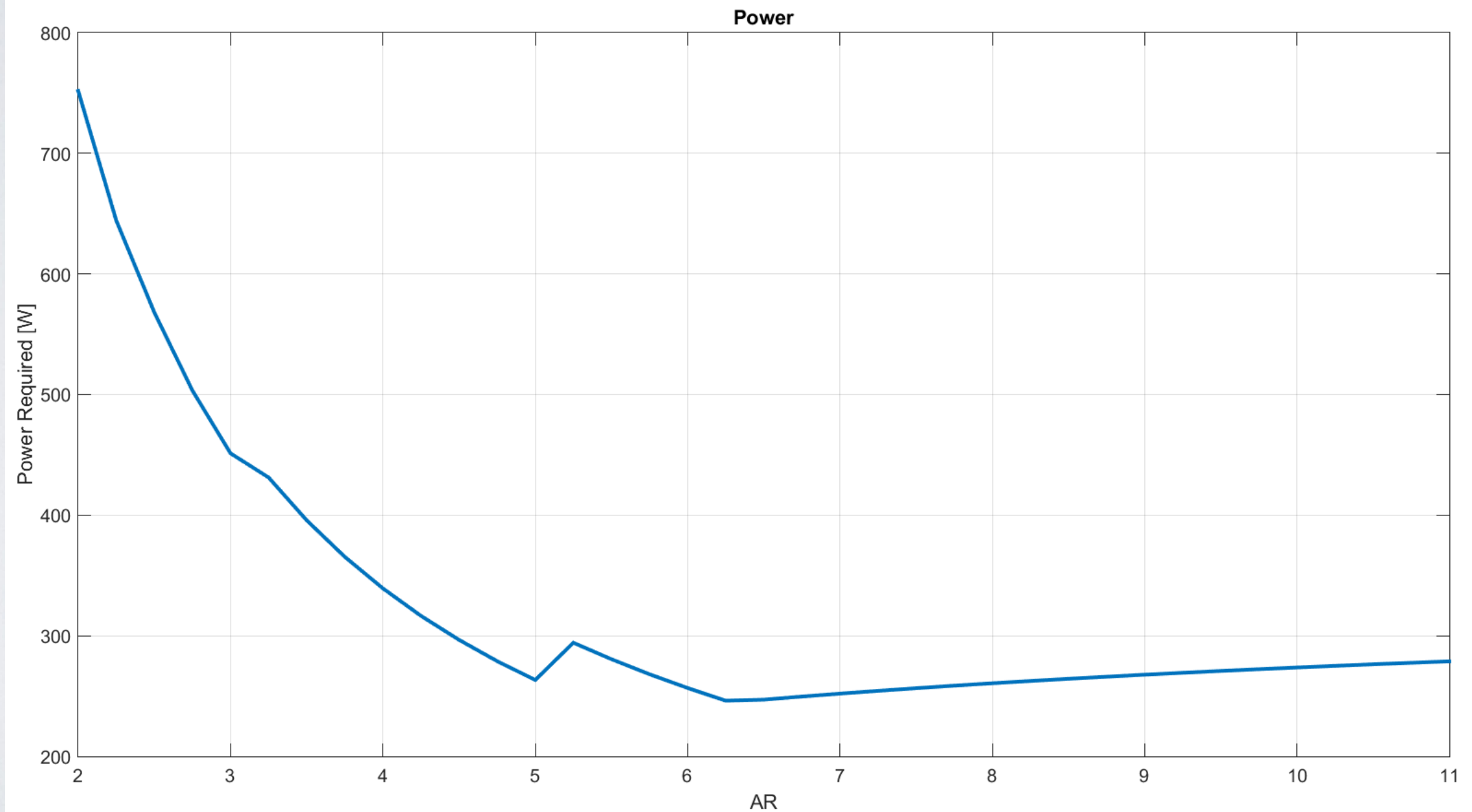
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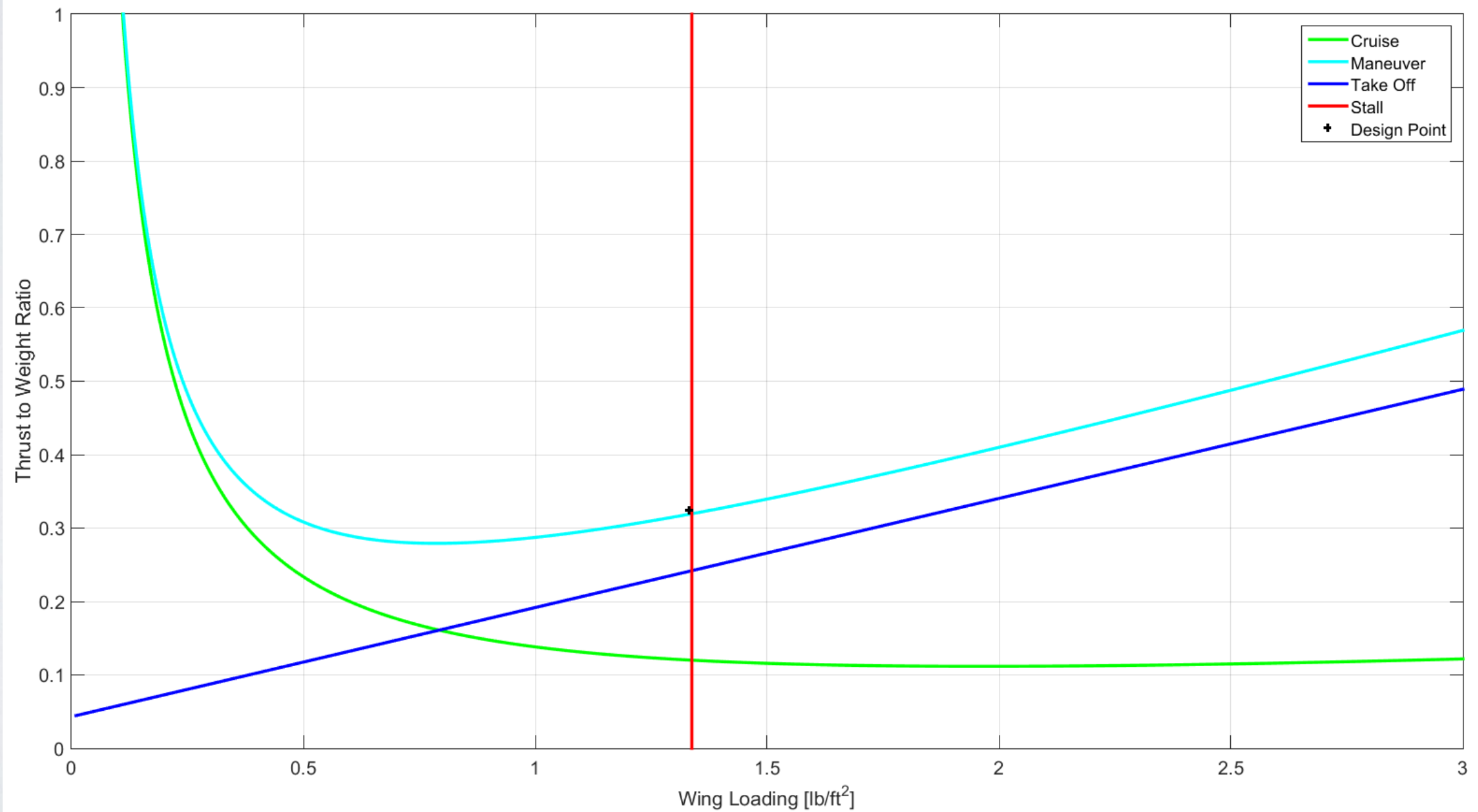
## REQUIRED POWER





# RESULTS

## PERFORMANCE CONSTRAINT



# SIZING

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

Empty Weight	3.200 [LBS]
Payload Weight	1.319 [LBS]
Power Required	256.70 [W]
Planform Area	2.79 [ft <sup>2</sup> ]
Wing Span	4.09 [ft]
Propulsion Weight	1.70 [LBS]

# PROPULSIONS

## OVERVIEW

### Responsibilities:

- Propeller
  - Can create enough thrust (high d), to complete the mission, while also creating enough speed (high pitch) to get off the ground in 100ft and complete the missions in time
- Motor
  - Provide the power required while also minimizing weight
- Electronic Speed Controller
  - Able to handle the amperage draw from the batteries
- Batteries configuration
  - Provide necessary voltage, while minimizing weight
- Optimize design such that weight is minimized
- Test and implement the best design



# CONFIGURATION

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

Single, two bladed, pull prop

Mission Driver	Weight	Tractor	2 Prop	Pusher
Weight	.4	5	1	5
Effect on landing gear	.3	4	3	2
Effective Thrust	.3	4	5	3
Total	1	4.4	2.8	3.5

# PROPELLER SIZING

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

MISSION 3: Production aircraft flies 3 laps with a 32 oz Gatorade bottle in under 5 mins

Design drivers and ranges of solutions provided at right

Through static testing of various prop and motor configurations it will be possible to determine the optimal propeller size for Mission 3

Parameter	Design Criteria	Range of Choices
Diameter	Larger in order to have enough thrust to lift a heavy payload, but smaller for optimal fitting in manufacturing aircraft	11-14 in
Pitch	Higher in order to meet takeoff field length, but smaller such that there will be sufficient thrust to carry a heavy payload	7-8
Material	Durable, lightweight	Plastic

# MOTOR

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

Motor Properties	Optimized Mission 3 Values
KV (rpm/min)	Lower, between 500-700
Power Required	155.9 W, 265 used for calculation (SF of 1.7)
Weight	Light as possible (Will depend on brand and appropriate KV value)

**Brands:** Scorpion, T-Motors, O.S., Hyperion

**ecalculator.ch:** An online calculator that takes (number of motors, weight of the plane, wing area, and flight altitude specs, number of batteries, weight of ) as inputs and outputs a list of motors that can meet the mission specs



# BATTERIES

## PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT

Property	Values
Power	212 W, 360 used for calculation (SF of 1.7)
Number of Cells	10 12
Weight of Cells* (2/3A NiMH)	.55 lb .66 lb
Current Draw	30 A 25 A
Capacity Needed	2505 mAh 2087 mAh

Will test the effectiveness of each battery configuration using static tests. Fewer cells result in less weight which positively affects the score, but the increased current draw may negatively affect the batteries long term.

\*<http://www.batteryspace.com/batteryknowledge.aspx>

# CONFIGURATION

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

Design Driver	Weight	Tractor	Double Prop	Pusher
Effect on landing gear	.2	3	3	3
Propulsion system weight	.4	5	2	5
Effective thrust	.4	3	5	2
Total	1	3.8	3.4	3.4

Double prop seriously considered, however single prop is more efficient as the weight of the entire propulsion system will be less, fewer manufacturing constraints

# PROPELLER SIZING

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT MISSION I

Parameter	Design Criteria	Range of Choices
Diameter	Moderately large, will need enough thrust to complete takeoff req, but want more speed efficient to meet 5 min limit	11-13 in
Pitch	Higher in order to complete the mission in the time allotted	8-10
Material	Durable, lightweight	Plastic

MISSION I: Complete 3 laps with no payload in 5 mins



# PROPELLER SIZING

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT MISSION II

Parameter	Design Criteria	Range of Choices
Diameter	Large, but able to complete takeoff requirement. Not as concerned with speed this round, 1 subassembly	12-14 in
Pitch	High enough to get off the ground quick enough, but generally lower such that there is enough thrust to carry the payload	7-10
Material	Durable, lightweight	Plastic

MISSION 2: Carry the production aircraft as a payload. 10 minute limit to do one lap with each of the sub-assemblies

# MOTOR

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT

Motor Properties	Optimized Mission 3 Values
KV (rpm/min)	Low, between 400-700
Power Required	Approximately 436-450 W, used for calculation (SF of 1.7)
Weight	Light as possible (Will depend on brand and appropriate KV value)

Inquiry submitted regarding having two different motors for missions one and two, for now assuming that it must remain the same for both(last year's rules).

Considering brands: Scorpion, T-motors, O.S motors, Hyperion

# BATTERIES

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Do not have a required power for this mission available at this time

Once required power is calculated, will assume that the plane is operating for 5 mins (max time for this mission) and will size batteries accordingly

From here a motor can be selected based on wattage requirements



# BATTERIES

## MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT MISSION II

Property	Values
Power	256 W, 436 W used for calculation (SF of 1.7)
Number of Cells	10 12
Weight of Cells* (2/3A NiMH)	.55 lb .66 lb
Current Draw	36.4 A 30.3 A
Capacity Needed	1818 mAh 1515 mAh

# ESC

- Will be one of the last considerations in the propulsion system
- Must be able to handle the current drawn from the battery, want to minimize weight as much as possible

# NEXT STEPS

## PROPULSION

- Motor selection
- Purchasing batteries (unique configurations), motors, and props
- Static tests, determining optimal combination



# OUTREACH



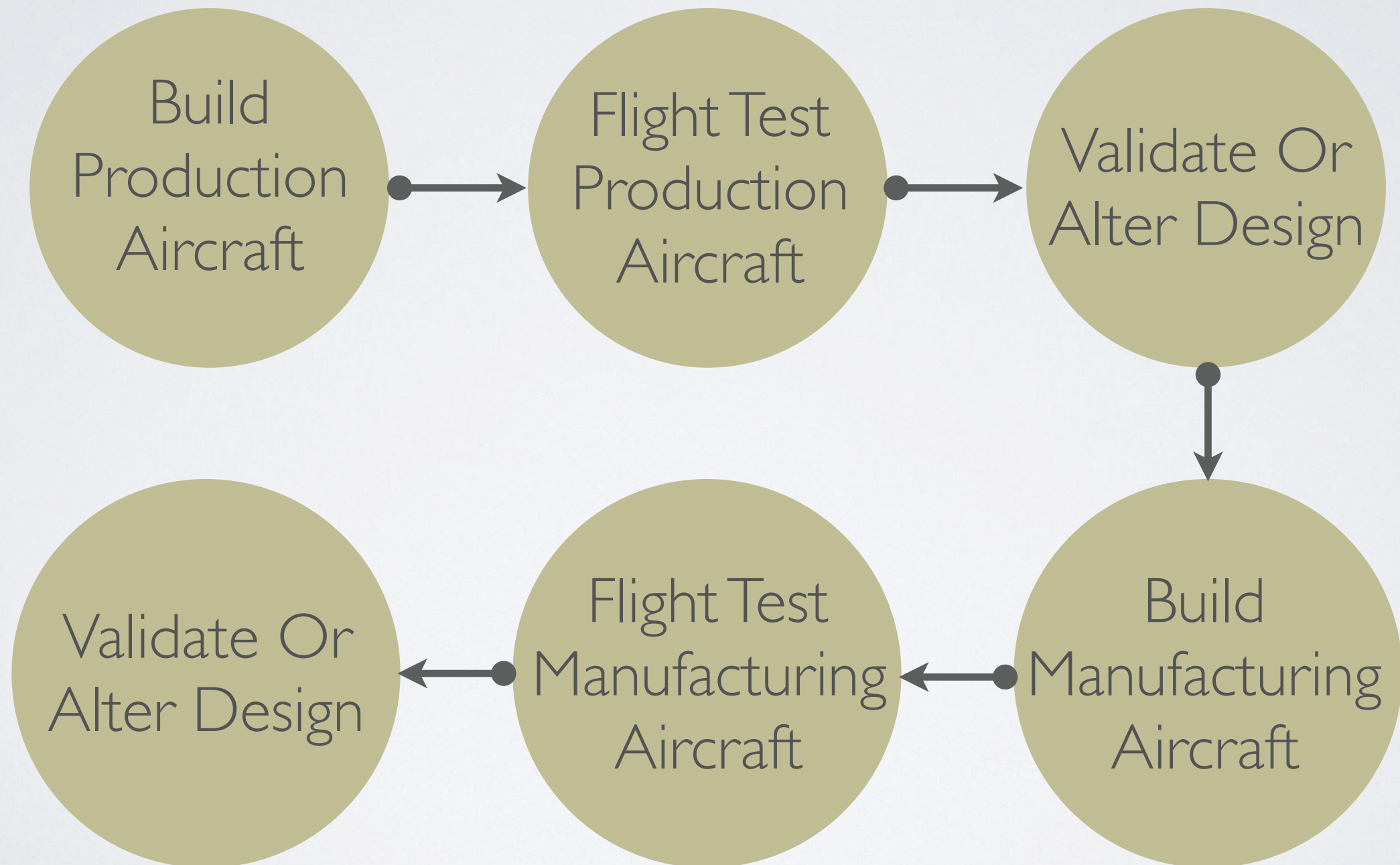
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# CONSTRUCTION

## APPROACH



# THANK YOU

