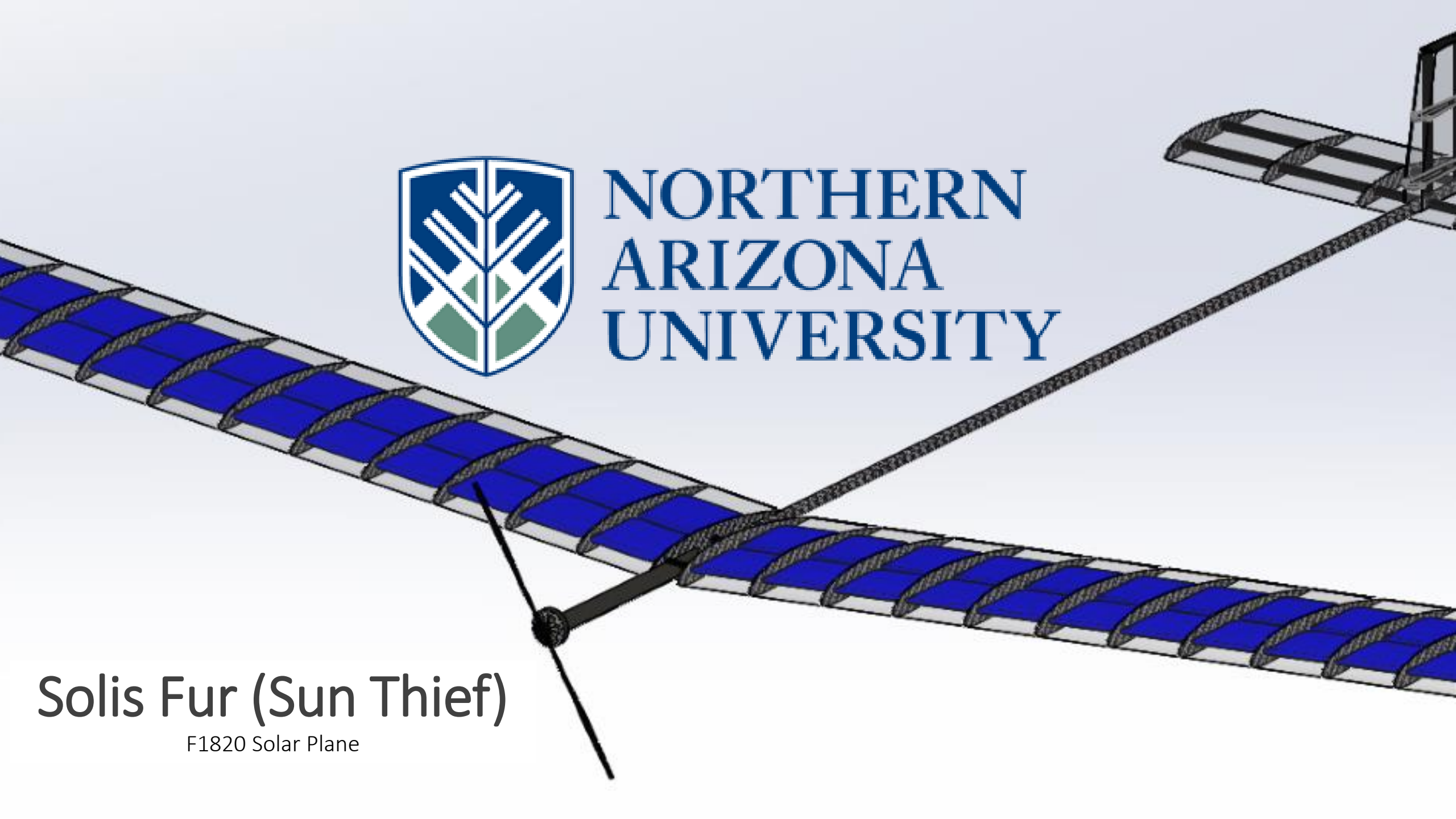




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# Solis Fur (Sun Thief)

F1820 Solar Plane

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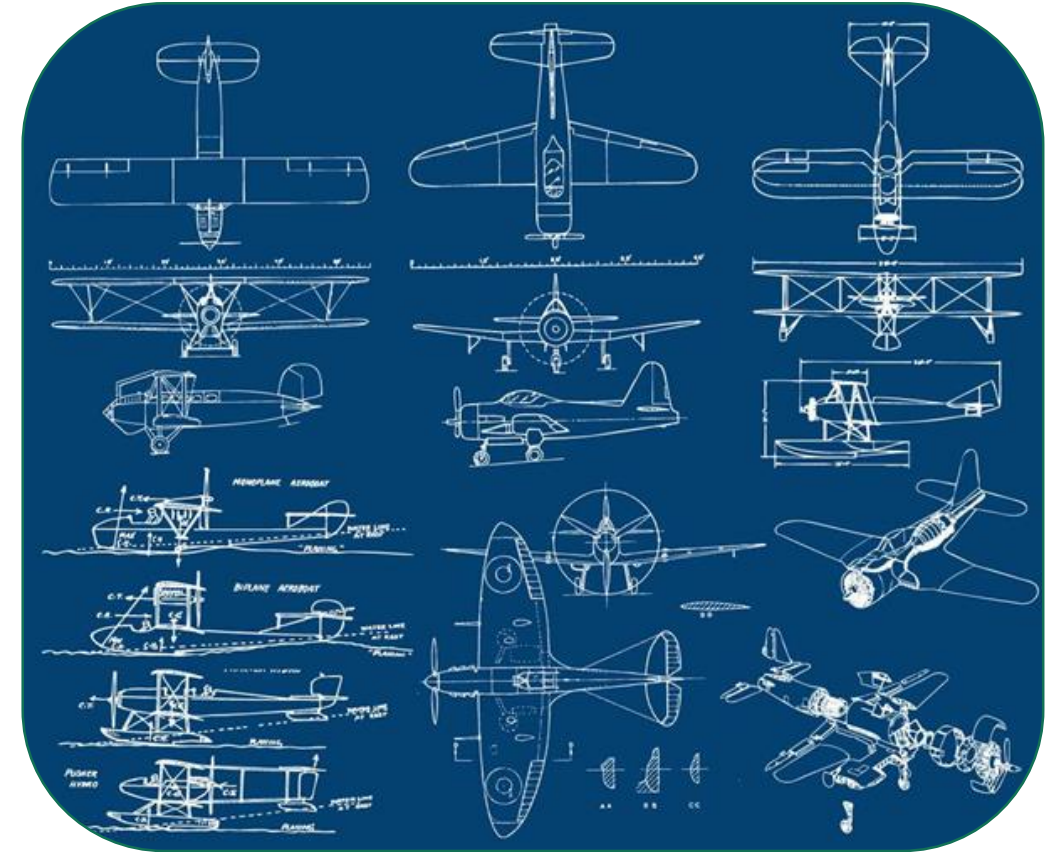


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# Project Concept

Explore the use of engineering principles to design and build a solar powered RC aircraft capable of sustaining indefinite flight while the sun is out.



Plane Schematic [8]



# Project Sponsor / Customer



## David Trevas, PhD

- Provided customer requirements.
- Crucial inputter in design requirements.

## Sponsors

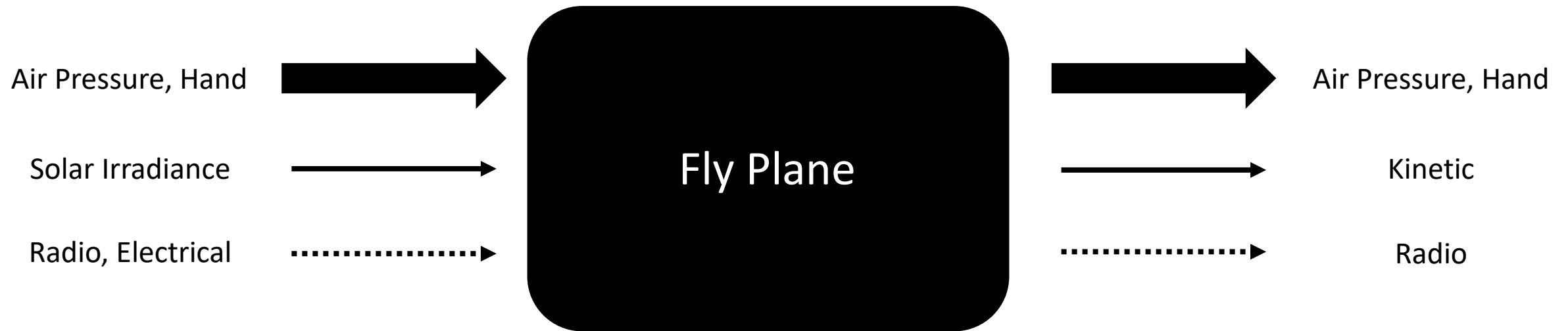
- Novakinetics AeroSystems
- Prometheus Solar
- Flagstaff Flyers

## Why is this important?

- Teaches students to use engineering principles in a real life application.
- Allows the use of renewable energy to power an RC plane.

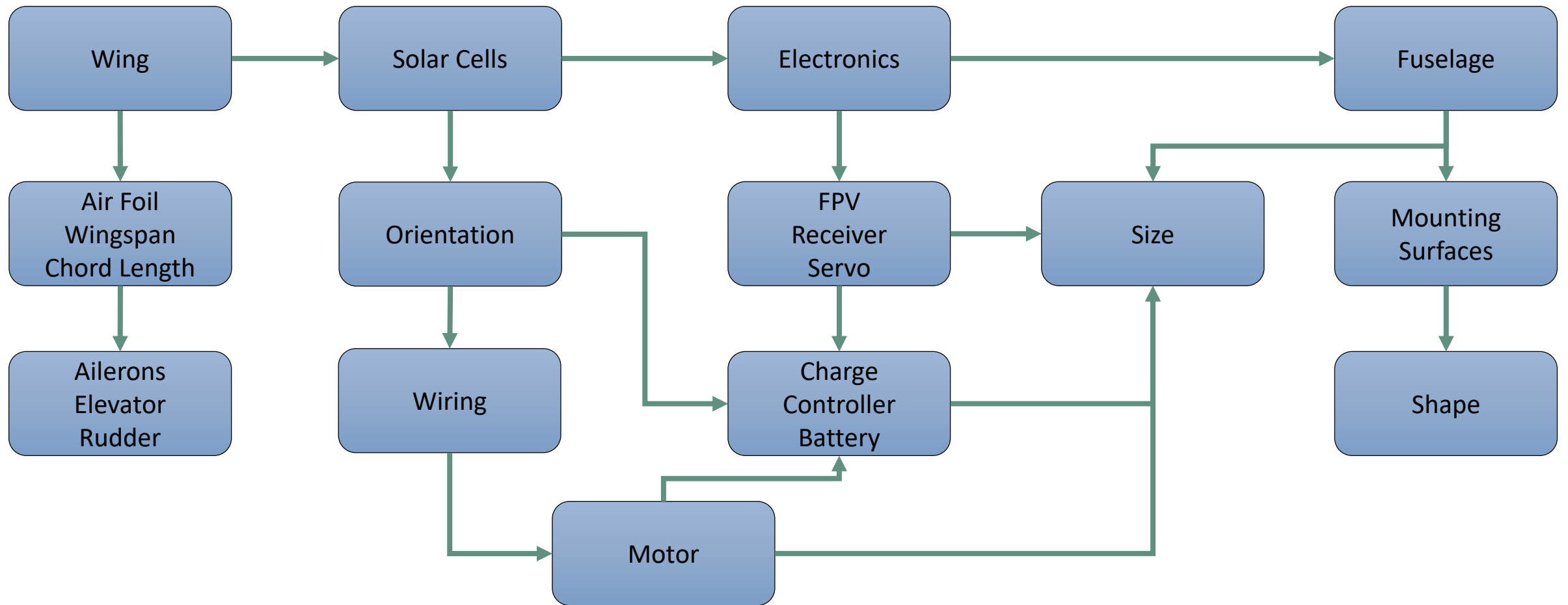


# Black Box Model

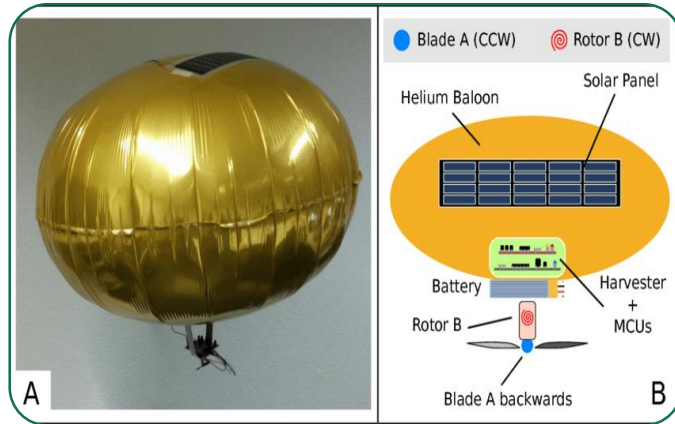




# Decomposition Model



# Aircraft Selection



## Solar Blimp

### Advantages:

Positive Buoyancy

Simplified Electronics

### Disadvantages:

Control

Surface Area (Power)



## Solar Quadcopter

### Advantages:

Vertical Takeoff

Maneuverability

### Disadvantages:

Surface Area

Complex Design



## Solar Delta-Wing Plane

### Advantages:

Surface Area

Manufacturable

(Styrofoam)

### Disadvantages:

Increase Drag

Size Constraints

# Aircraft Selection



## Glider

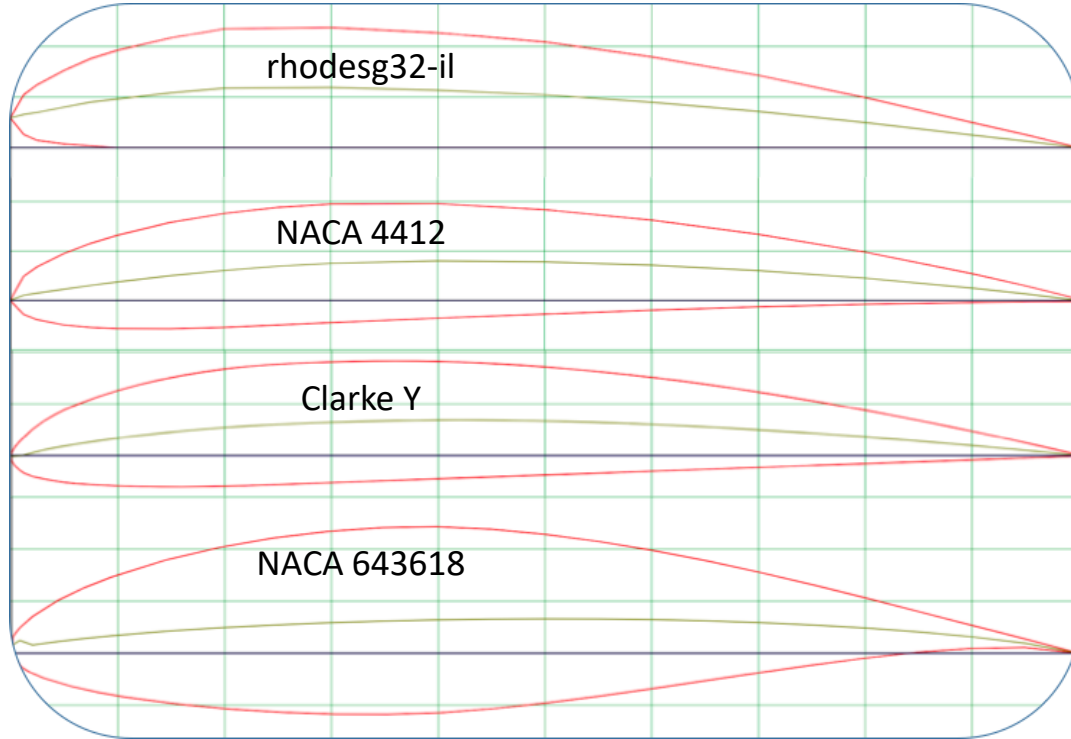
Advantages:  
Low Drag  
High Efficiency

Disadvantages:  
Low Maneuverability  
Fragile





# Airfoil Selection

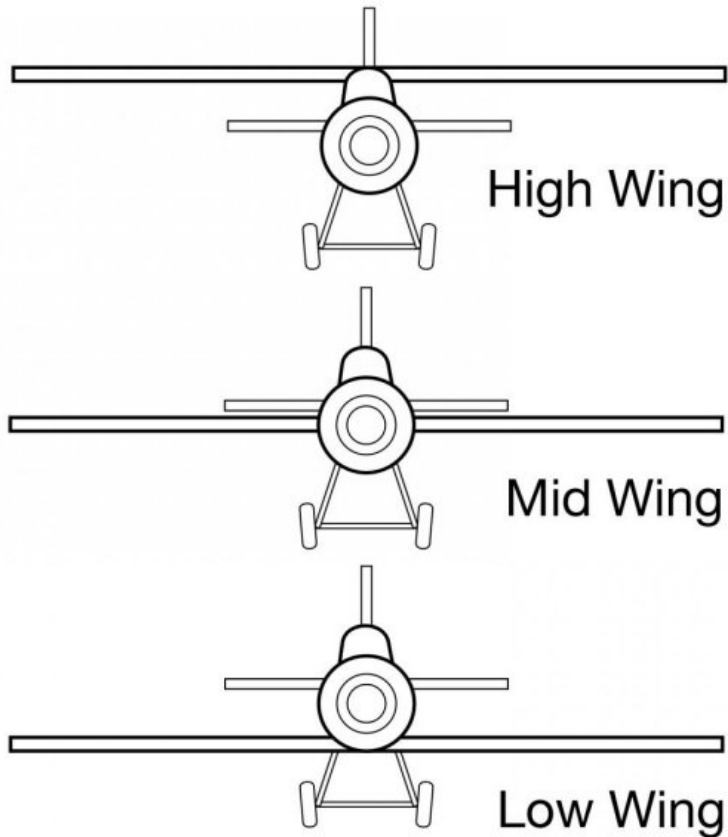


Airfoil Pugh Chart								
Criteria	Weight	4412 (Datum)	rhodesg32-il		Clark Y		NACA 643618	
Max Lift	2	D	-	-2	-	-2	-	-2
Lift $\alpha = 0$	2	D	+	2	-	-2	-	-2
Max Drag (Aerodynamic)	1	D	-	-1	-	-1	-	-1
Induced Drag	1	D	+	1	+	1	+	1
Total Wing Drag	2	D	-	-2	-	-2	-	-2
Ease of manufacturing	2	D	+	2	-	-2	-	-2
Inferred	Sum	0	0	0	-4	-8	-4	-8
	Rank	2	1		3		3	

Reasons for selected weights	
2	Critical to flight
1	Infuential but not critical



# Wing Location Selection



Wing Location Pugh Chart						
Criteria	Weight	Mid (Datum)	Upper		Lower	
Weight	2	D	1	2	1	2
Lift	2	D	1	2	1	2
Stall Speed	2	D	1	2	-1	-2
Stability	1	D	1	1	-1	-1
Frontal Area	1	D	-1	-1	1	1
Drag	1	D	0	0	1	1
Pitch Moment	1	D	1	1	-1	-1
Cost	1	D	1	1	1	1
Ease of manufacturing	1	D	1	1	1	1
Versatility	1	D	1	1	1	1
Inferred	Sum	0	7	10	4	5
Does not pertain to project	Rank	3	1		2	



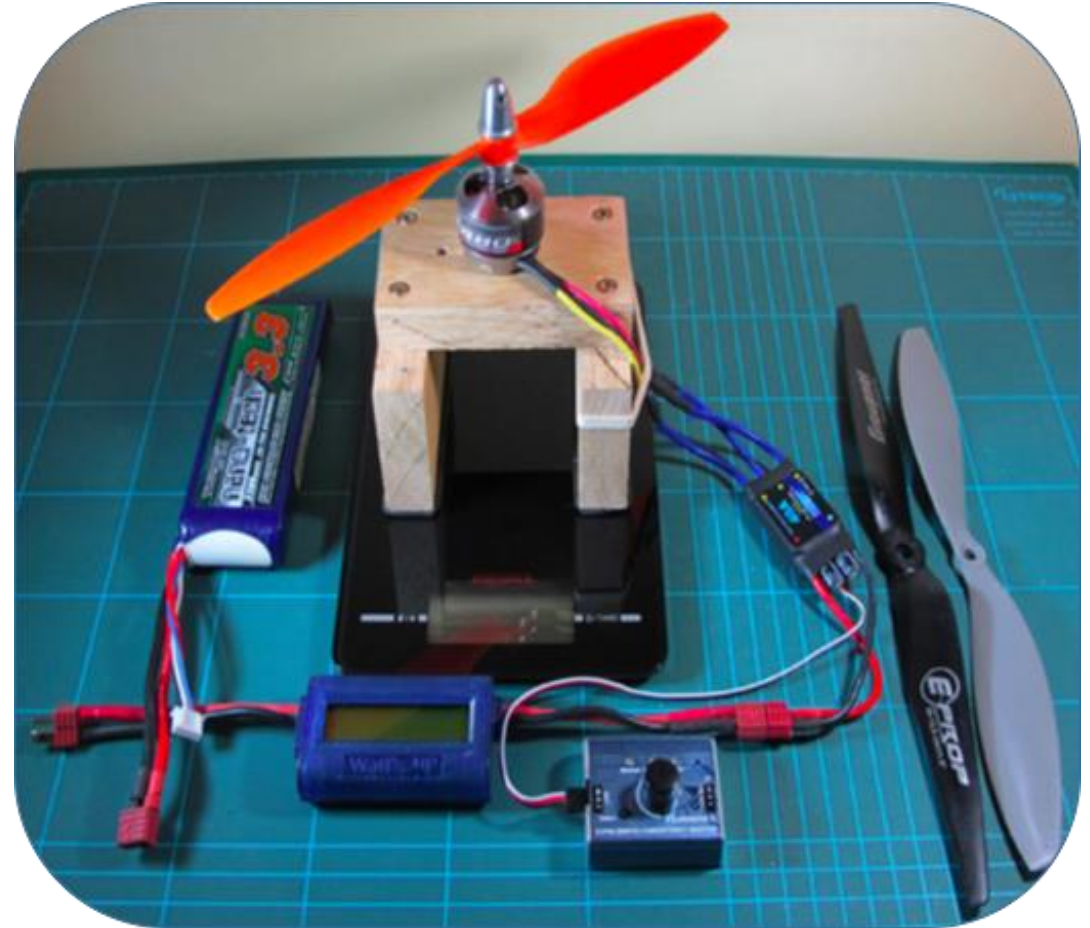
# Proposed Testing

## Solar Panels:

- Analyze solar output
- Helps quantify available power
- Help determine the correct panel orientation

## Motors/Propellers:

- Helps determine thrust capabilities
- Helps determine cruise speed
- Optimize propeller : motor size



# Component Selection

## Components:

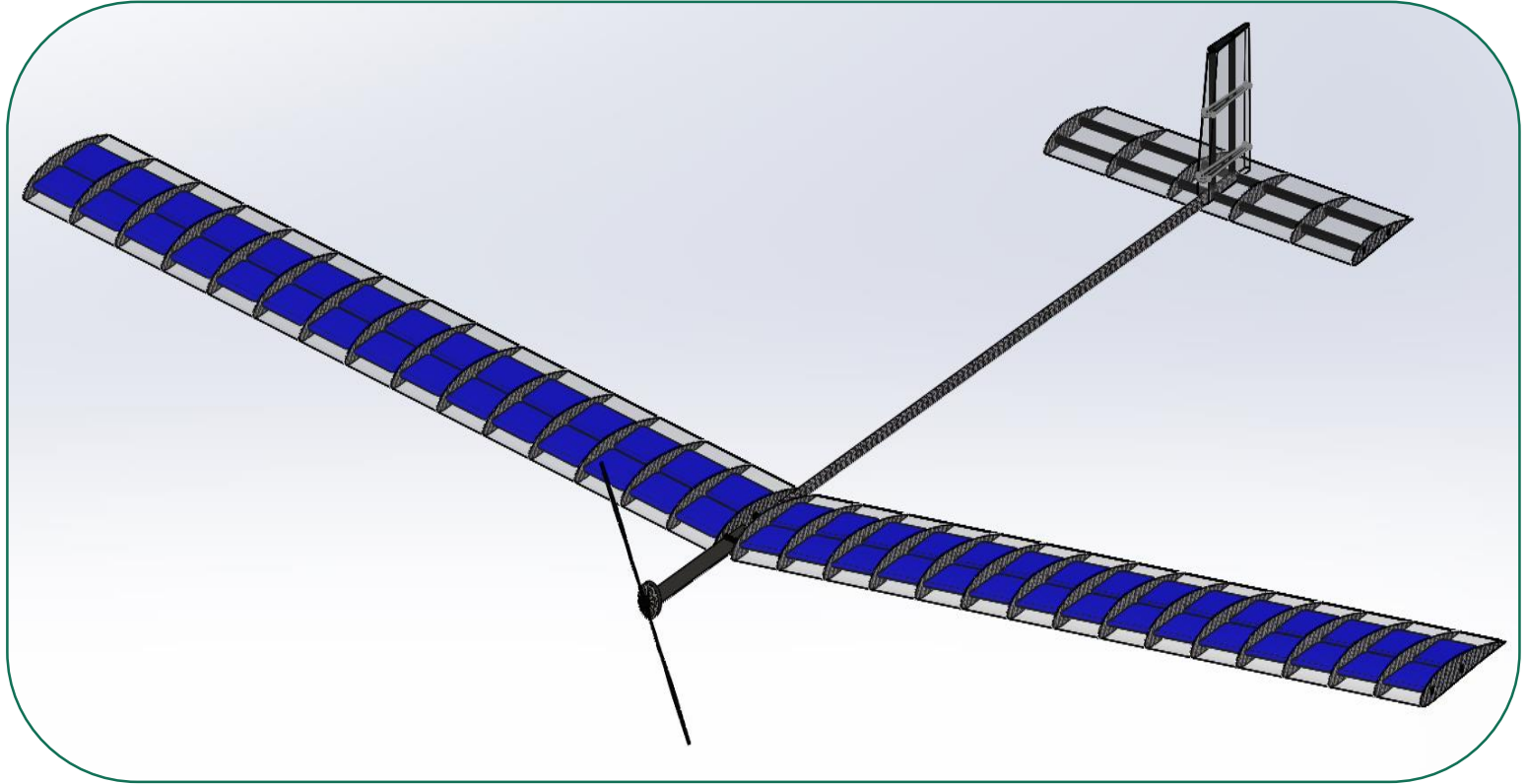
- Motor
- Prop Size
- Speed Controller
- Electrical Layout



# Proposed Design

## Specifications:

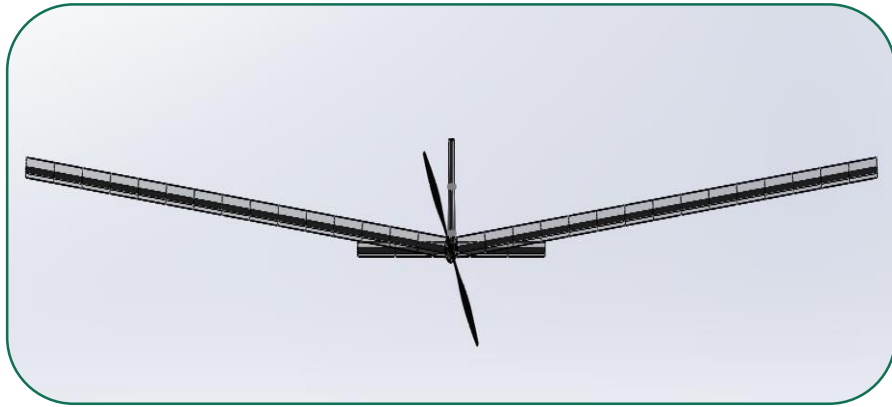
- Wing span: 13.25ft
- Weight: <8lbs
- Number of solar cells: 60
- Flight duration: Indefinite



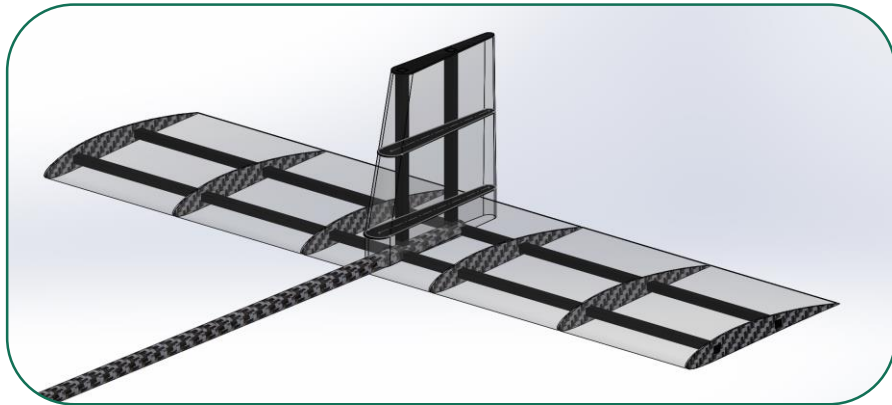
SolidWorks Rendering of Proposed Plane



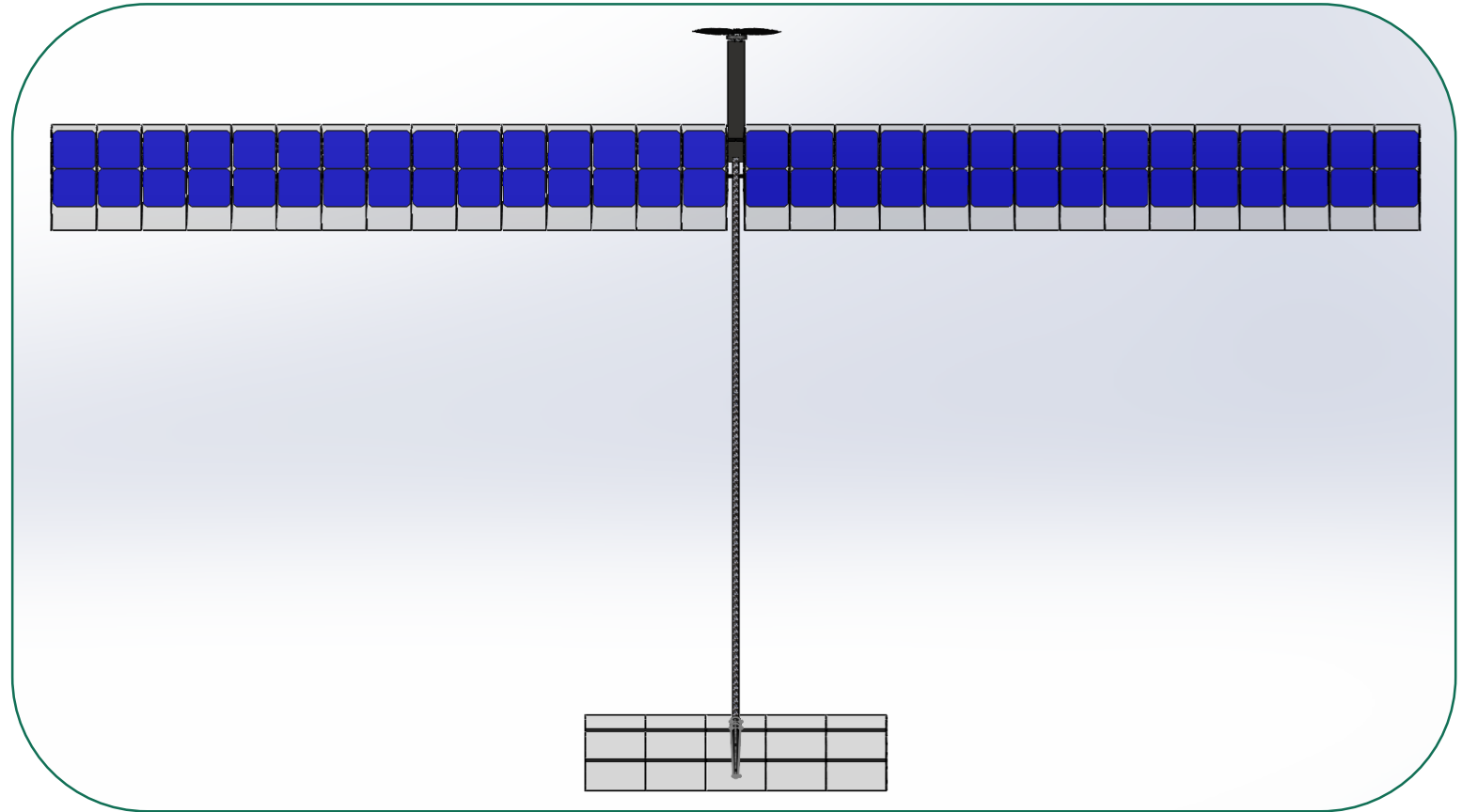
# Proposed Design



5 degree Dihedral



Proposed Tail



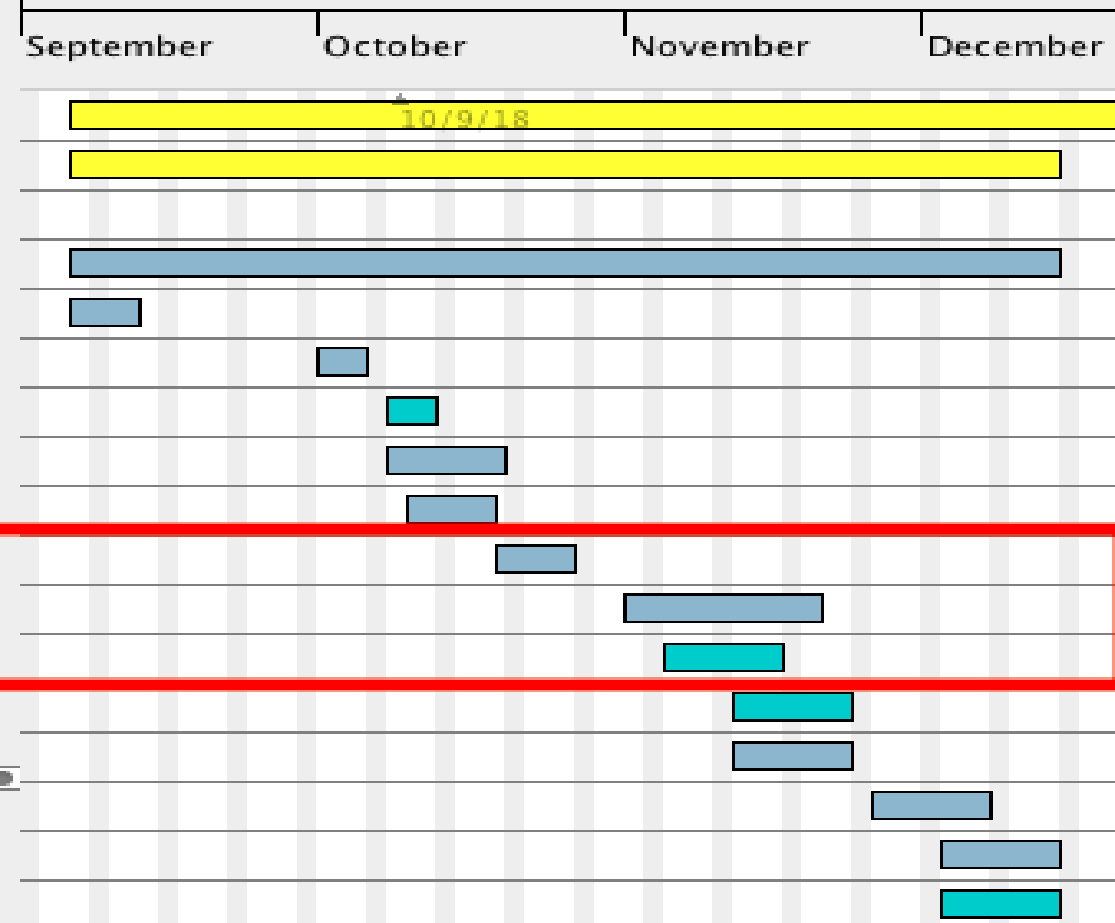
Top View

# Schedule



Name	Begin date	End date
• Research	9/6/18	5/10/19
• Design	9/6/18	12/14/18
• Build	1/15/19	5/10/19
• Meet the TA	9/6/18	12/14/18
• Team Charter	9/6/18	9/12/18
• Website Check 1	10/1/18	10/5/18
• Peer Evaluation 1	10/8/18	10/12/18
• Analysis Memo	10/8/18	10/19/18
• Website Check 2	10/10/18	10/18/18
• Preliminary Report	10/19/18	10/26/18
• Test Motors and Panels	11/1/18	11/20/18
• Analytical Report	11/5/18	11/16/18
• Peer Evaluation 2	11/12/18	11/23/18
• Final Report	11/12/18	11/23/18
• Prototype, BOM, Cad	11/26/18	12/7/18
• Website Check 3	12/3/18	12/14/18
• Peer Evaluation 3	12/3/18	12/14/18

2018



# Budget

- Total budget - \$2500
- Recently purchased
  - Controller - \$235
  - Solar Cells - \$360
  - Solar cell connectors - \$20
- Remaining Budget - \$1885



	Price	Quantity	Units	Cost	Price per unit	Weight per unit	Units	Total Weight	Weight (lbs)
<b>Plane Components</b>									
C60 Solar panels	\$360.00	1	80	\$360.00	\$4.50	10	grams	800	1.76
Sunpower dog bone connector	\$9.99	2	100	\$19.98	\$0.20			0	0.00
Carbon Tail tubing (0.793 x 72in)	\$225	1	1	\$224.99	\$224.99	1.02	lbs	1.02	1.02
Carbon Wing struts (0.38 x 72in)	\$70	4	4	\$279.96	\$69.99	131.5	grams	526	1.16
Carbon Sheets (200x300x2mm)	\$20	10	10	\$198.60	\$19.86	97	grams	970	2.14
Clear UltraCote	\$29	3	3	\$87.00	\$29.00	36.61821	grams	109.85463	0.24
OS 10 motor	\$89	1	1	\$89.00	\$89.00	102	grams	102	0.22
Zeee 3S Lipo Battery 11.1V 50C 5200mAh	\$37	1	1	\$36.99	\$36.99	11.6	oz	11.6	0.73
Place holder (Servos)									
Tunigy Speed Controller	\$96	1	1	\$96.00	\$96.00	60	grams	60	0.13
Place holder (Propeller)									
Place holder (Tail wing?)									
<b>Ground Equipment</b>									
FrSky Taranis X9D Transmitter	\$234	1	1	\$234.00	\$234.00			0	0
FrSky Taranis Compatible Receiver X8R 8-	\$35	1	1	\$34.50	\$34.50			0	0
FrSky X4RSB 3/16CH Telemetry Receiver	\$32	1	1	\$31.99	\$31.99			0	0
Connex ProSight HD Vision Pack	\$399	1	1	\$399.00	\$399.00	66	grams	66	0.15
Zeee 3S Lipo Battery 11.1V 50C 5200mAh	\$37	1	1	\$36.99	\$36.99	11.6	oz	11.6	0.73
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,129.00</b>				<b>Total Weight</b>	<b>8.28</b>



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# Questions?

