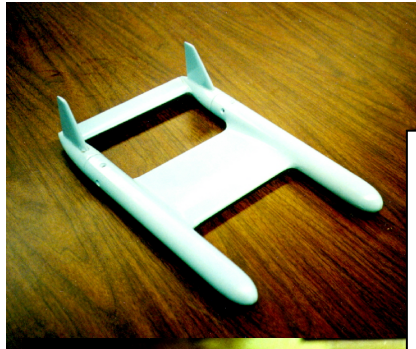
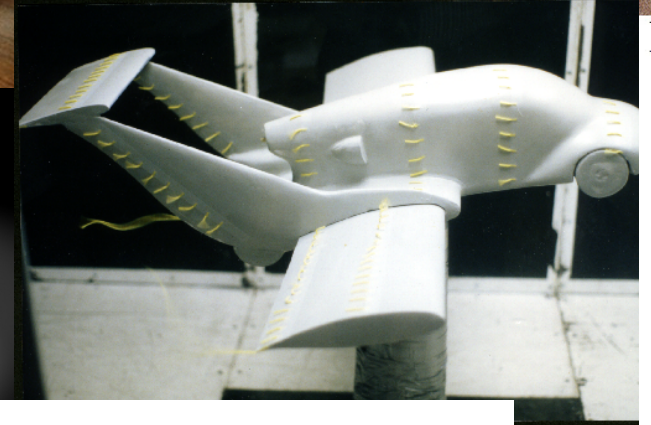
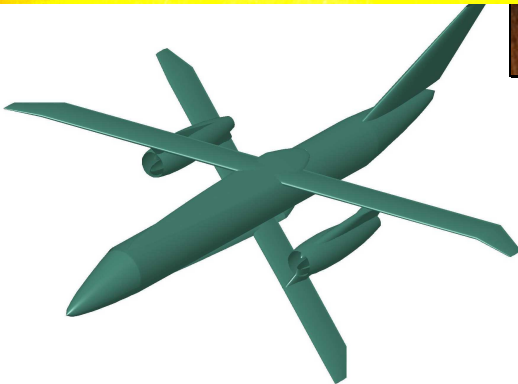
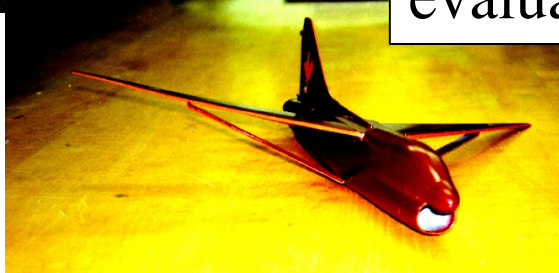
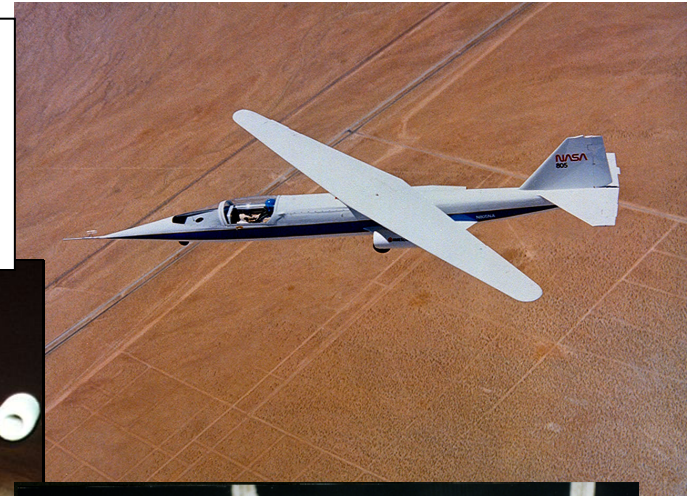


# “Typical” advanced concepts that show up on Mason’s desk



These configurations all  
deserve a decent aero  
evaluation - can “we” do it?



What are the fundamental supporting physics  
concepts for these ideas?

# AIAA Aerospace Sciences Mtg, Orlando, 2010

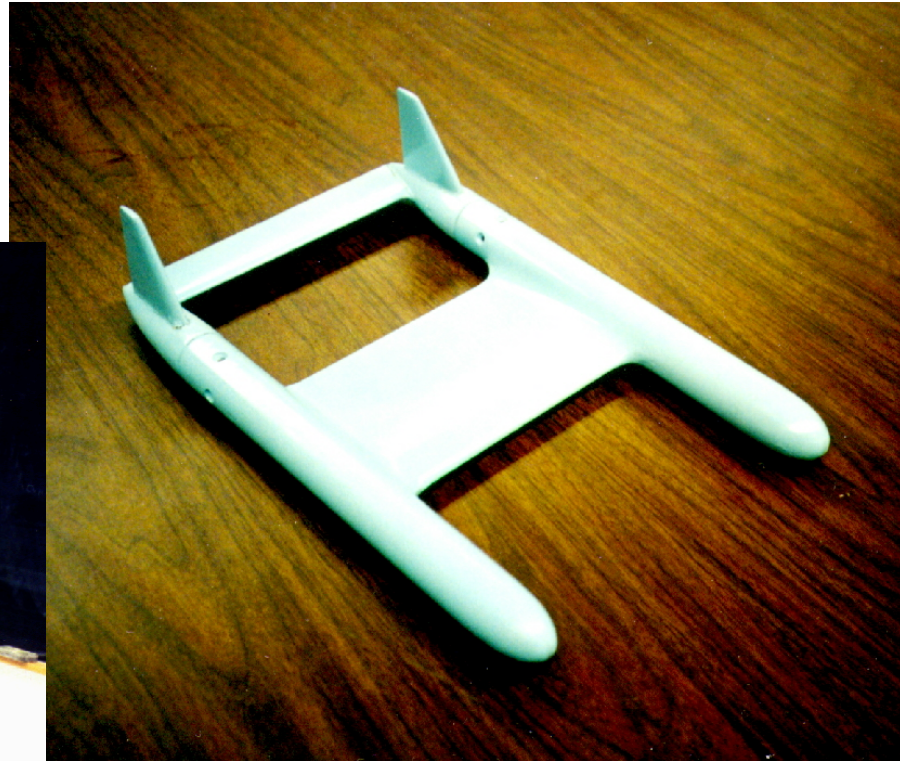
examples  
of topics  
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Aircraft  
Design  
and Fluid  
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## APPLIED AERODYNAMICS

7-APA-1	Aerodynamic-Structural Dynamics Interaction
8-APA-2	Airfoil/Wing/Configuration Aerodynamics
9-APA-3	Low Speed, Low Reynolds Number Aerodynamics
45-APA-4	Applied CFD in Engineering
46-APA-5	Unsteady Aerodynamics I
47-APA-6	Vortical/Vortex Flows
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81-APA-9	Unsteady Aerodynamics II
113-APA-10	Propeller/Rotorcraft Aerodynamics
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115-APA-12	Wind Tunnel and Flight Testing Aerodynamics
149-APA-13	Active Flow Control II
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152-APA-16	Unsteady Aerodynamics III
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# The “Inboard Wing”



Samantha is now at HondaJet

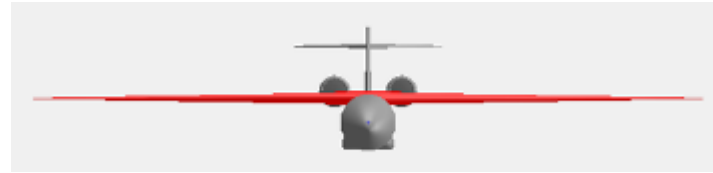
# The Strut Braced Wing



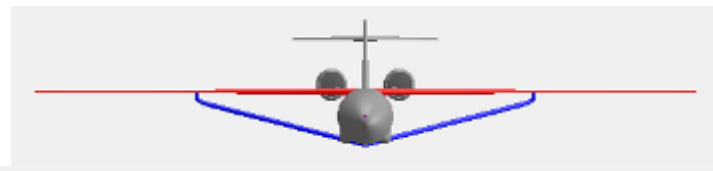
A rewinged A-7 design by a 1999-2000 Senior Design Team

# Still Under Study: Dec. 08 NASA Review

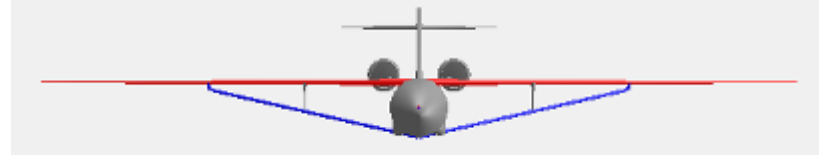
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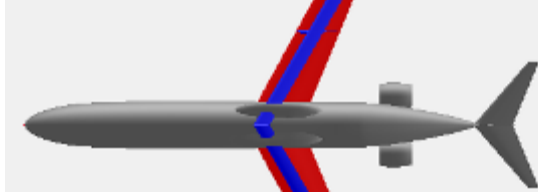
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TOGW=541.7[klb]  
 $W_F=176.8$ [klb]  
L/D=27.2  
 $\Lambda_{0.5}=25$ [deg]

SBW



$b/2=128$ [ft]  
TOGW=473.4[klb]  
 $W_F=148.9$ [klb]  
L/D=29.3  
 $\Lambda_{0.5}=22$ [deg]

Jury TBW



$b/2=141$ [ft]  
TOGW=467.3[klb]  
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# Aviation Week Daily Updates: Jan 12, 2015

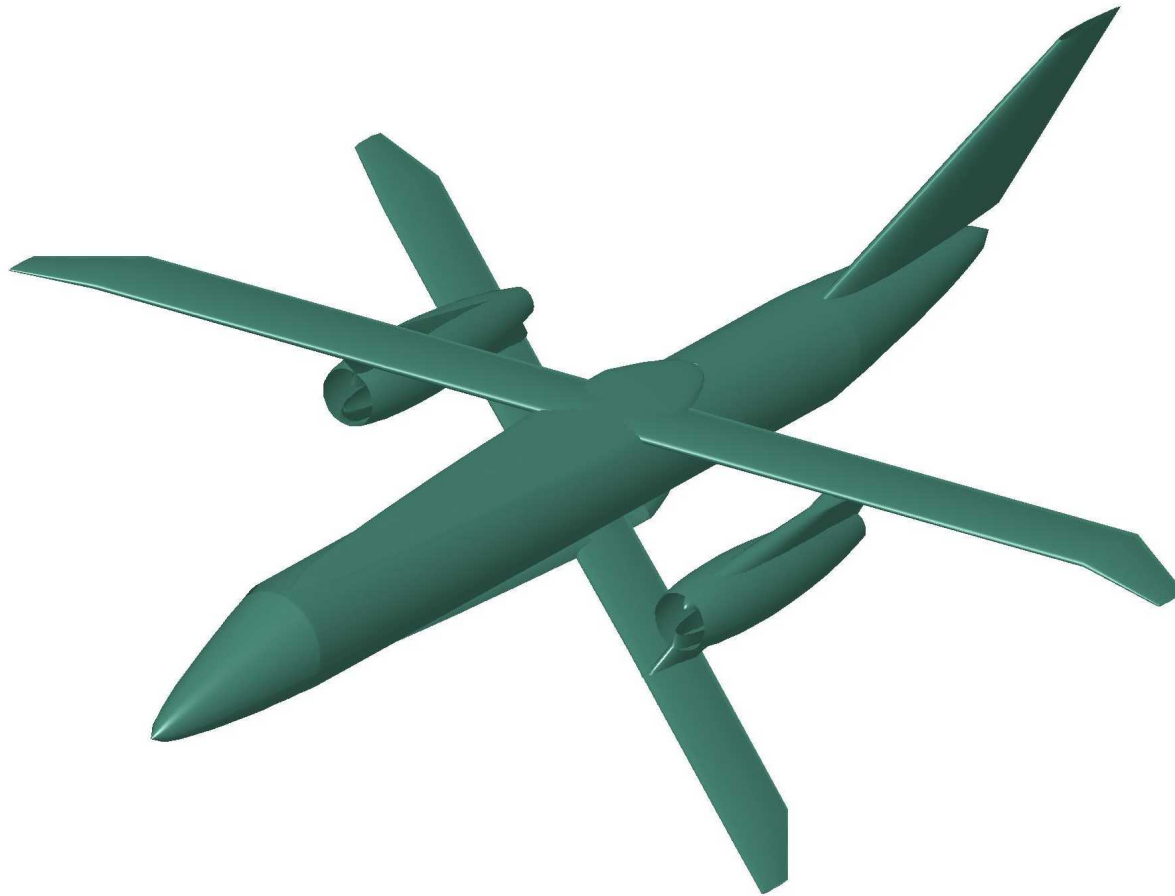
## **Truss-Braced Wing Shows Promise In Boeing And NASA Tests**

After wind-tunnel tests showed that the flutter weight penalty of a long-span, low-drag truss-braced wing (TBW) is small enough to make the configuration feasible for future energy-saving airliners, NASA and Boeing are planning additional tests to assess the design's aerodynamic performance. Aeroelastic analysis of the TBW design was conducted under Phase 2 of Boeing Research & Technologies' (BR&T) NASA-funded Subsonic Ultra Green Aircraft Research (Sugar) program to ...

# Prof. Schetz Imagineering

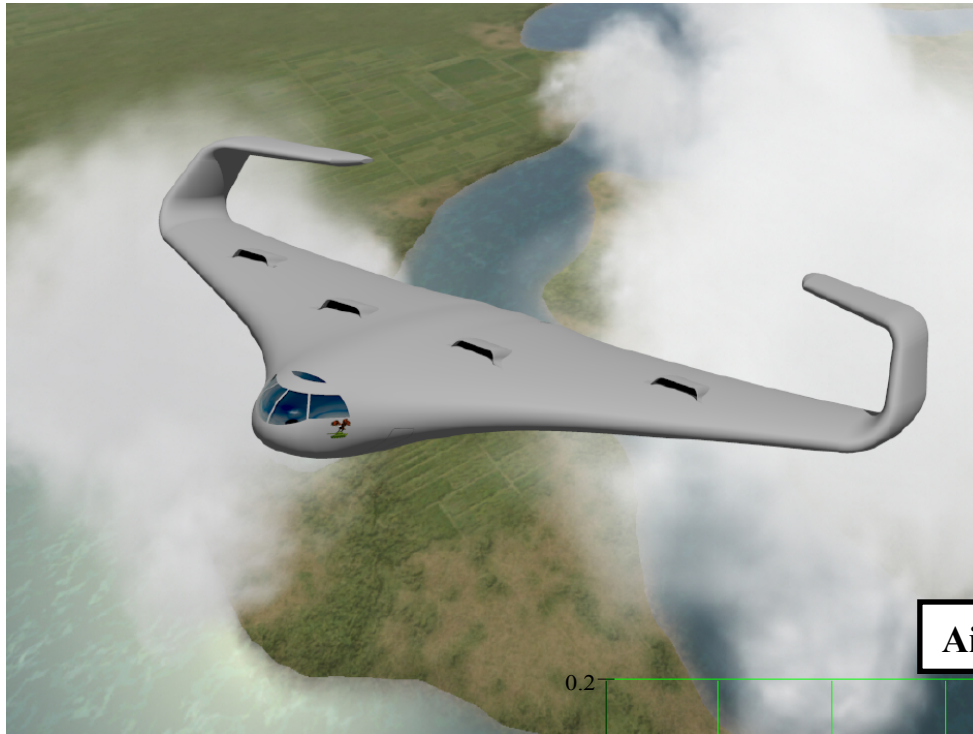


# Askin Isikveren's X-Wing





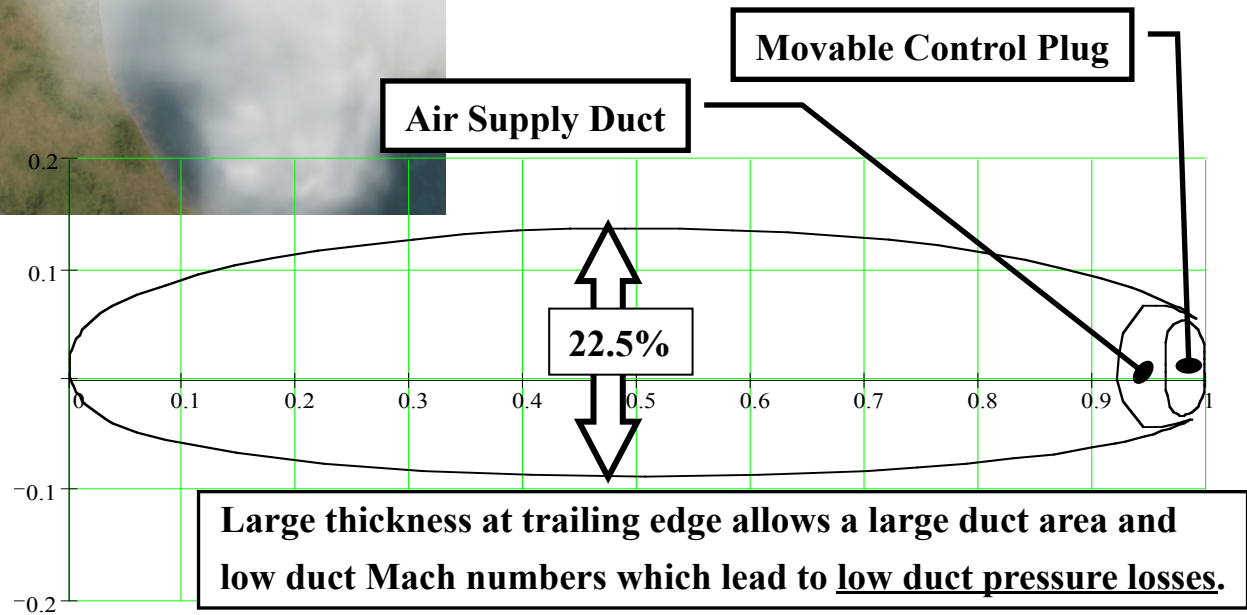
# C-wing blended wing body w/distributed propulsion (Jim Snyder)



## C-130 Replacement?

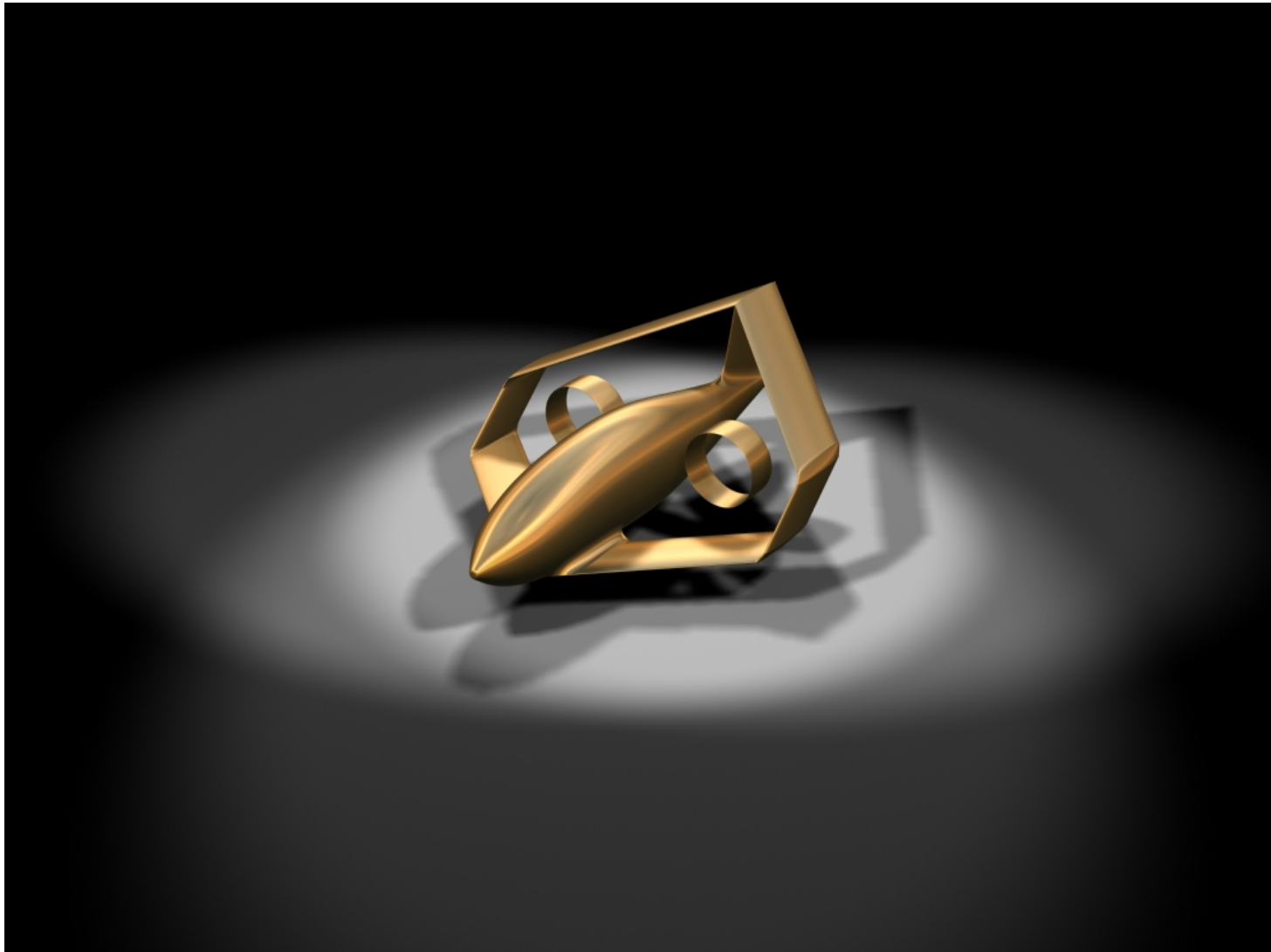
Thick blown airfoils

Current Air Force Study!

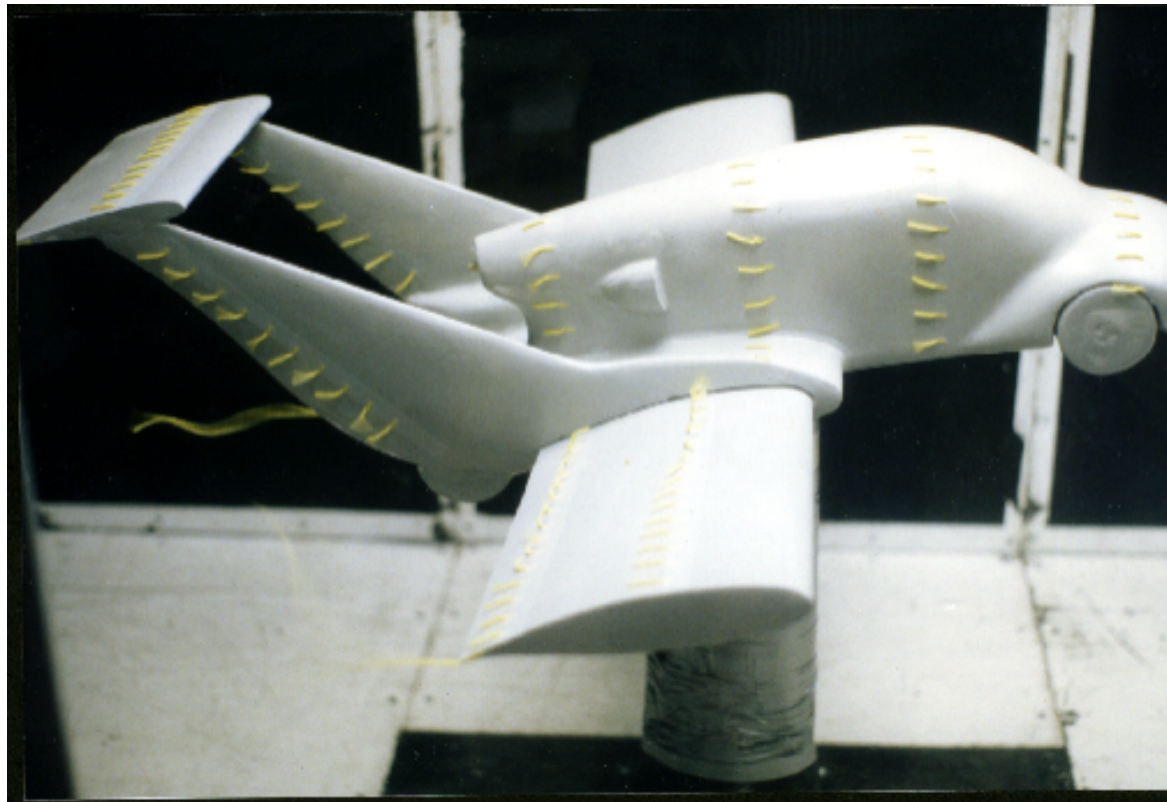


# Ikelos

- joint VT-LU design concept -



The Flying Car!  
- by a VT senior design team -



**Terrafugia flew their's March 5, 2009!**

One never knows what's going  
to show up!

The stealthy “bird of prey” from McDonnell Douglas



Note inlet location

# One that went away



Boeing investigated a near-Sonic Cruiser ( $M = 0.98$ )  
- over the period from 1999 - 2002 -

**This technology used in Dreamliner – flew Dec. 15, 2009**

Who would have thought?



# Launched From



and



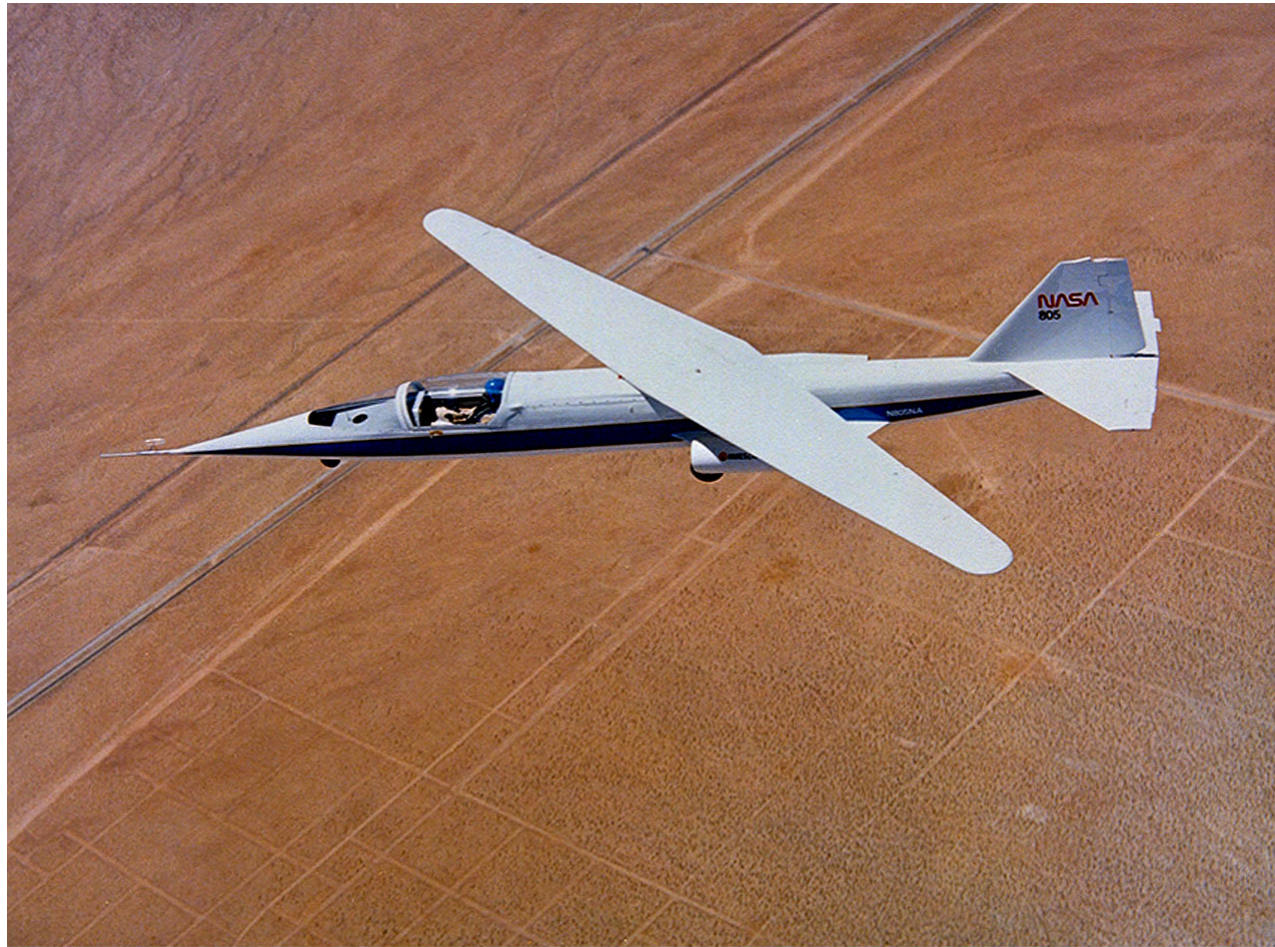
**Supersonic Flight and 68,000 ft. Dec. 17, 2003**  
**Won the X-Prize in 2004**

**White Knight Two - 1st Flight Dec. 23, 2008**



# RT Jones' Oblique Wing

- an important concept for supersonic flight -



Dryden Flight Research Center ECN-13302B Photographed 1980  
AD-1



DARPA worked on "Switchblade"

# Hope for Low-Sonic Boom Noise Flight

A modified F-5E  
demonstrated a low-noise  
boom on Aug. 27, 2003

So-called “boom shaping”  
can be used to reduce the  
part of the boom that hits  
the ground.

NASA Press Release,  
Sept. 4, 2003



NASA Dryden Flight Research Center Photo Collection

<http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/Gallery/Photo/index.html>

NASA Photo: EC03-0210-1 Date: August 2, 2003 Photo By: Carla Thomas

Northrop-Grumman Corporation's modified U.S. Navy F-5E Shaped Sonic Boom Demonstration (SSBD) aircraft.

# Or, the Quiet Spike!



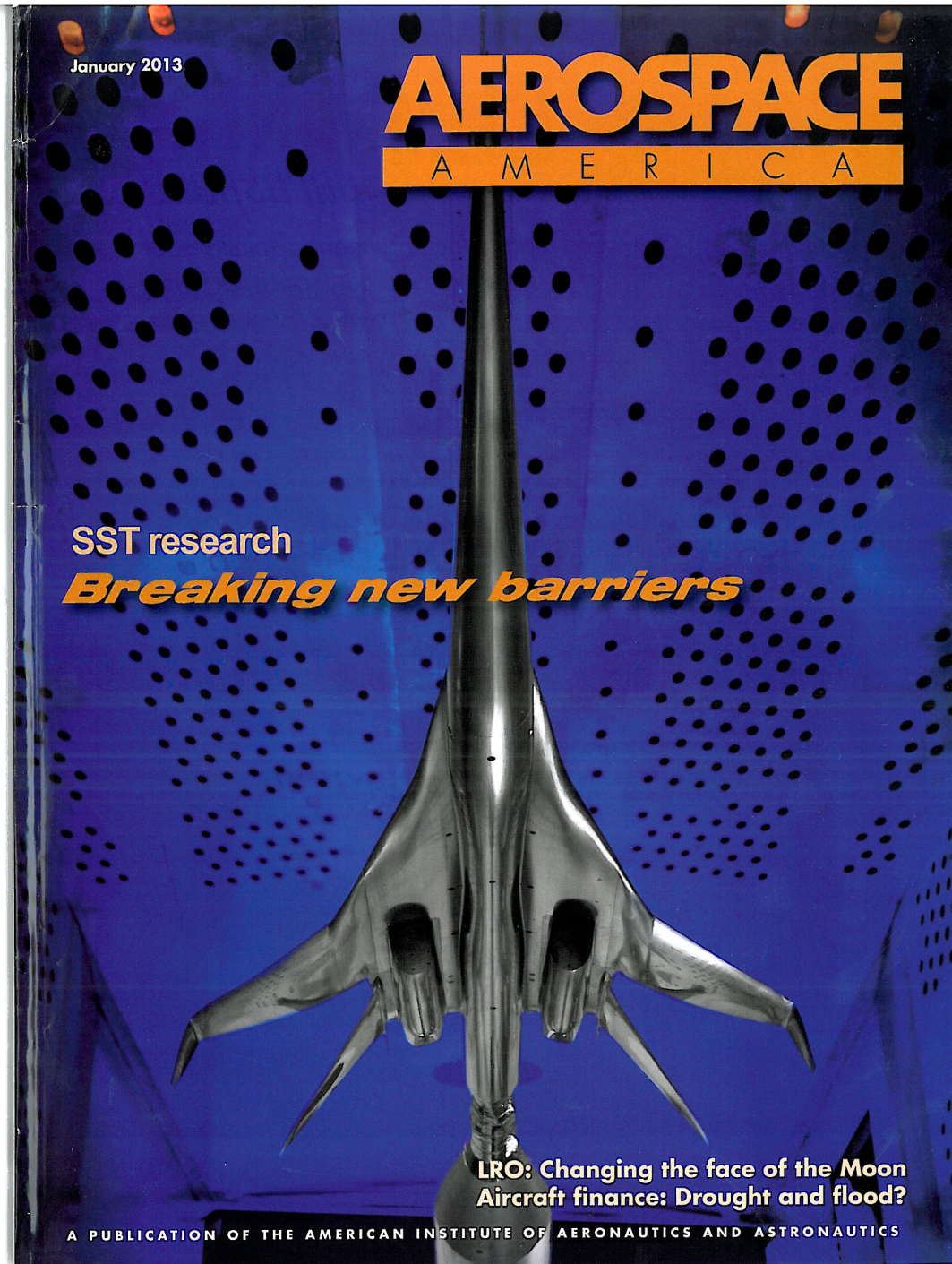
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NASA Photo: ED06-0187-18 Date: October 3, 2006 Photo By: Jim Ross

NASA F-15B #836 in flight with Quiet Spike attached.

**Gulstream is thinking about doing this: X-54A next!**

# NASA Keeps Working

January  
2013



A supersonic business jet by Aerion  
*now partnered with Airbus*  
*and with a 3<sup>rd</sup> engine*



# Hypersonics Lives!



Dryden Flight Research Center ED98-44824-1  
X-43/Hyper-X aircraft. NASA/Dryden Illustration by Steve Lighthill



Now working on the scramjet waverider X-51!

# The Cormorant - from a submarine

January 2007

Innovation  
from the  
Skunk  
Works for  
DARPA



# And Cars too!



Advanced Airfoils,  
and a  
Gruney Flap!



# UAVs - a major part of the future



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<http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/gallery/photo/index.html>  
NASA Photo: ED02-0161-2 Date: June 24, 2002 Photo by: Nick Galante

Pathfinder-Plus flight in Hawaii

# And finally, Micro UAVs!

*Black Widow*

*AeroVironment, Inc.*

- 6-inch span fixed-wing aircraft
- Live video downlink
- Portable launch/control box
- Pneumatic launcher
- 60 gram mass
- 22-minute endurance
- Estimated 10 km range
- Electric propulsion



## *Achievements*

- World MAV endurance record of 22 minutes
- Smallest video camera ever flown on a UAV: 2 grams
- Smallest live video downlink ever flown on a UAV
- World's smallest, lightest multi-function, fully proportional radio control system: 3 grams
- First aircraft to be flown "heads-down" indoors

**Joel Grasmeyer, MS VT 1998 - team member!**

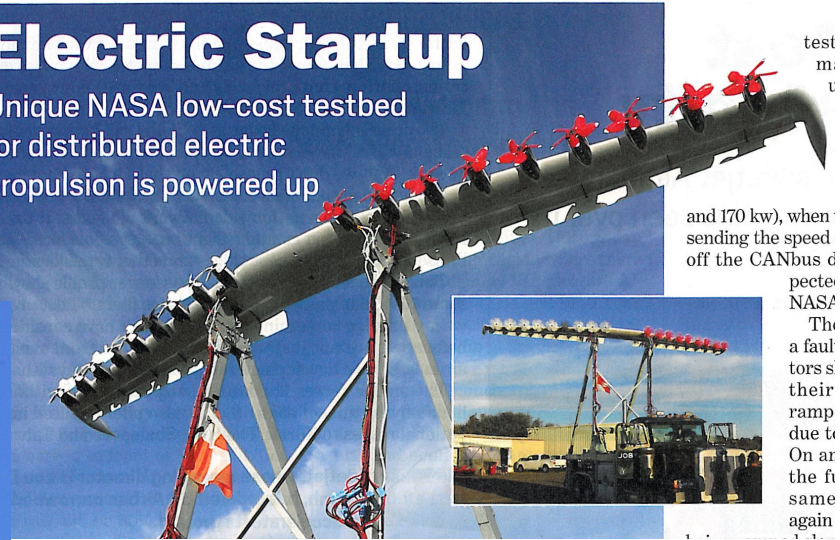
# Now, Distributed Propulsion

Aerospace America, December 2014



## Electric Startup

Unique NASA low-cost testbed for distributed electric propulsion is powered up



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AvWk, Dec 1/8, 2014

# Be Prepared

## Think Fundamentals

- You never know what might happen