



MINI BEE

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# Mini-Bee

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Hybrid Octocopter, Beginning of TRL2  
(Technology concept and/or application formulated)

# Agenda

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# Mini-Bee : 2PAX VIP VTOL



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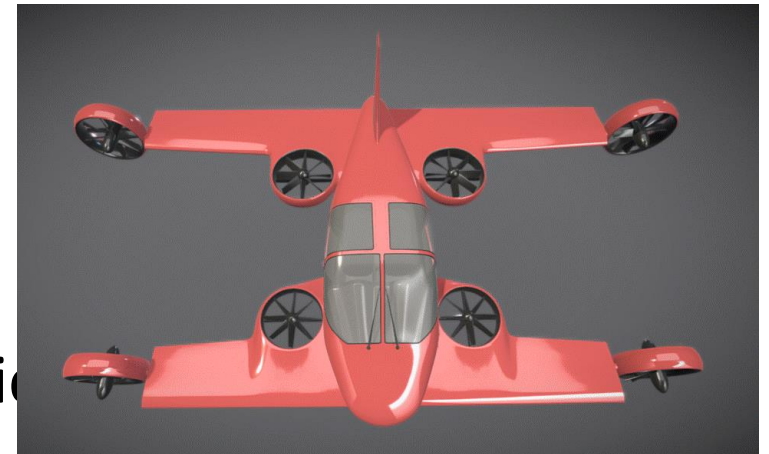
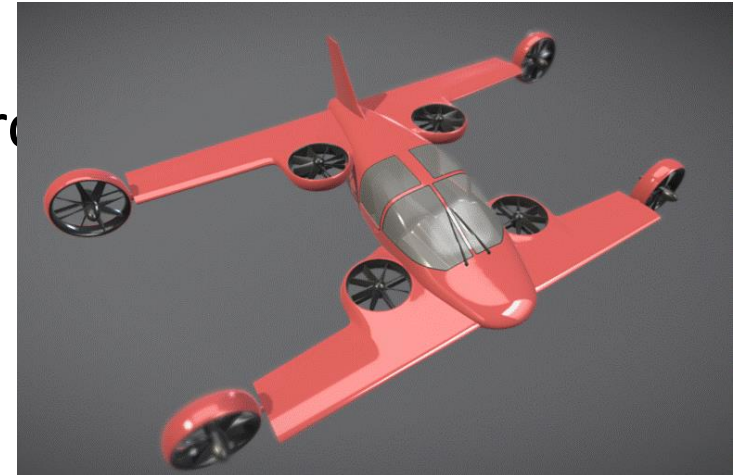
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# Mini-Bee description

- Project state : beginning of TRL2
  - Electric octocopter : 4 vertical + 4 tilt rotors
  - Hybrid energy : fuel + batteries
  - 2 seats, VIP configuration
- Characteristics :
  - VTOL capacity, short wings, 1.2 ton
  - Range 600km, max speed 300km/h
  - Electric controls and engines
- Goals and market
  - VIP, Air Ambulance, Individual Air Vehicle
  - Estimated price 1m€ (for VIP)



# Architecture

External tilt  
quadcopter

Central vertical  
quadcopter

Rear electric  
generator

Gullwing  
doors

Fuel  
generators

Battery kits

Tailwheel-type  
landing gear

Low noise nacelle

Retractable front  
landing gear

3D printed  
metallic  
structure

Biplane

Electric flight  
controls



# Technical description

## Aircraft characteristics

2 seats, VTOL, Short wing for cruise flight  
MTOW 1200 kg, Range 800km , Cruise speed 220 km/h  
Wing surface 15m<sup>2</sup>, no control surface

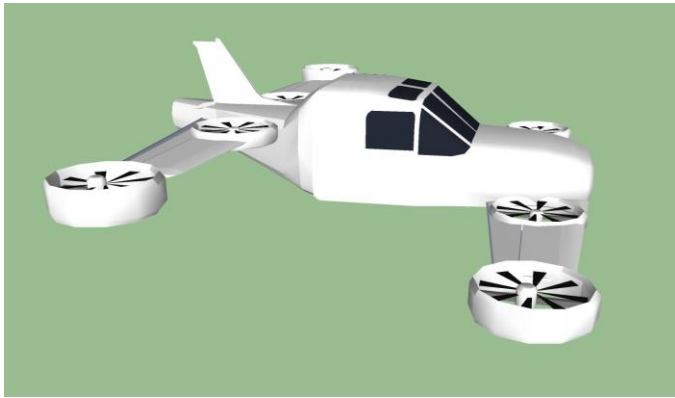
## Engines

Central vertical quadcopter + External tilt quadcopter  
4 hybrid fuel generator for central quad copter  
4 electric engines for external tilt quadcopter  
Electronic control of engines power and tilt angles

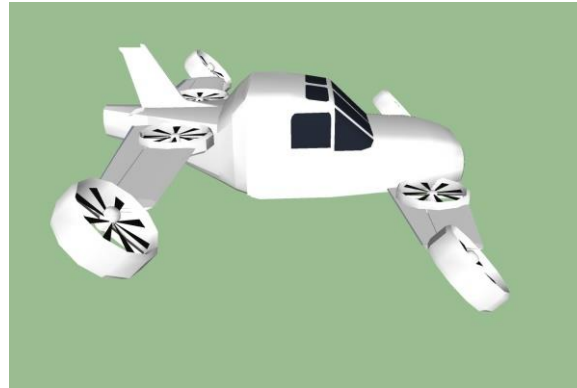
## Cockpit interface

« Car like » pilot interface : Steering wheel, foot pedals, central screen

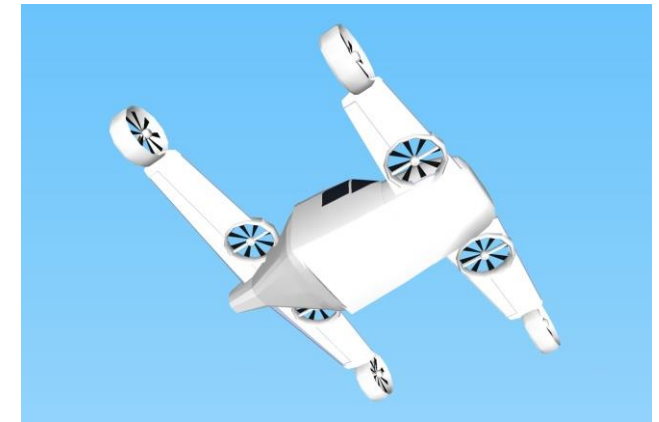
# Take-off and flight transition



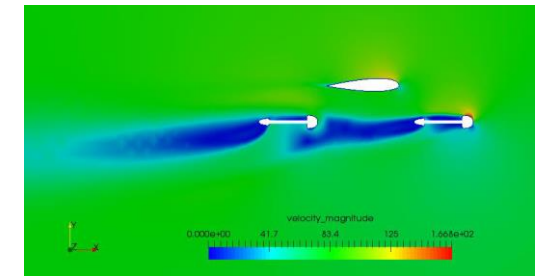
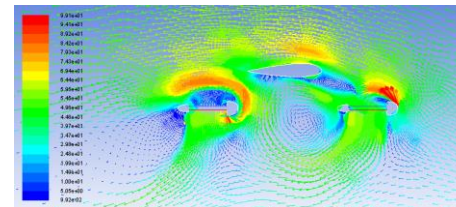
Vertical take-off



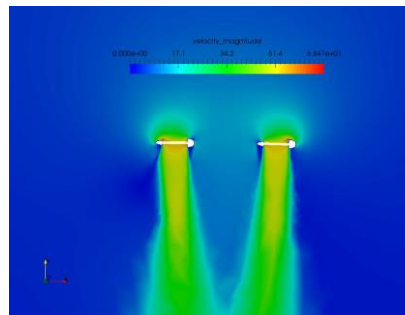
Tilt transition



Cruise flight



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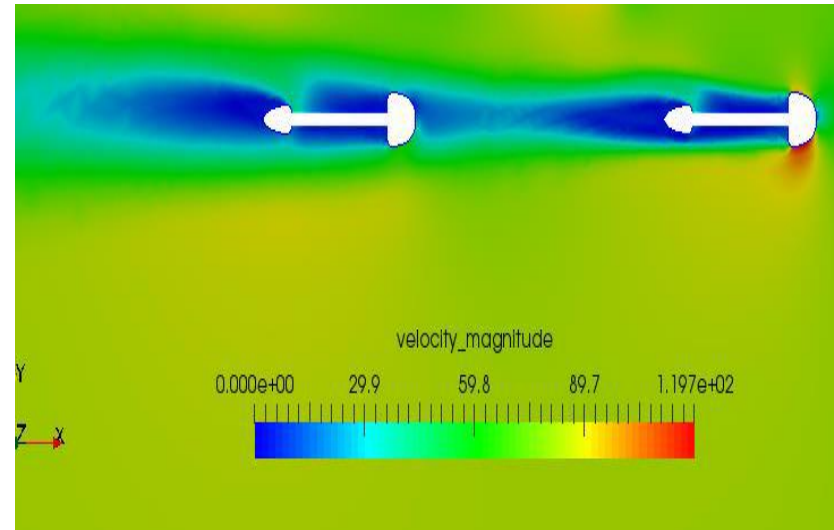


# Take-off and tilt transition



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# Cruise flight



# Technical data

MTOW : 1200 kg

- Structure : 320kg
- Fuselage : 80kg
- Payload : 220 kg (2 PAX)
- Systems : 125 kg
- Engines : 240 kg (4 \* Hybrid 160kg + 4 Electric 80kg)
- Batteries : 80kg
- Fuel : 140kg

Target for TRL3 : MTOW 1000 kg

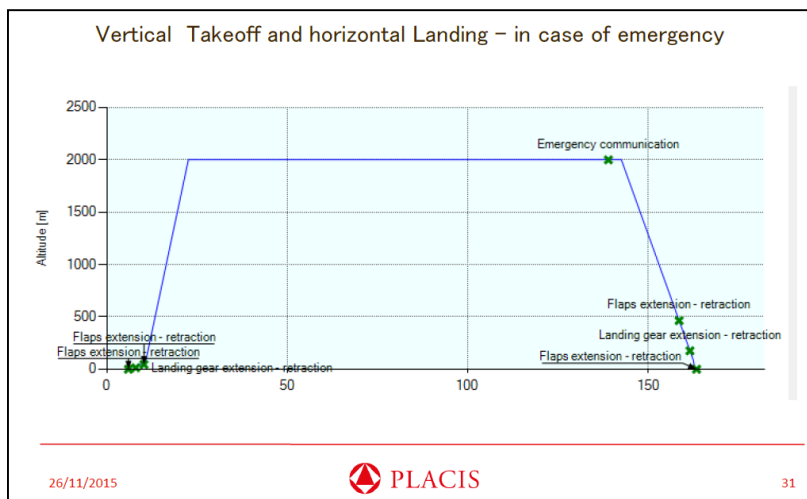
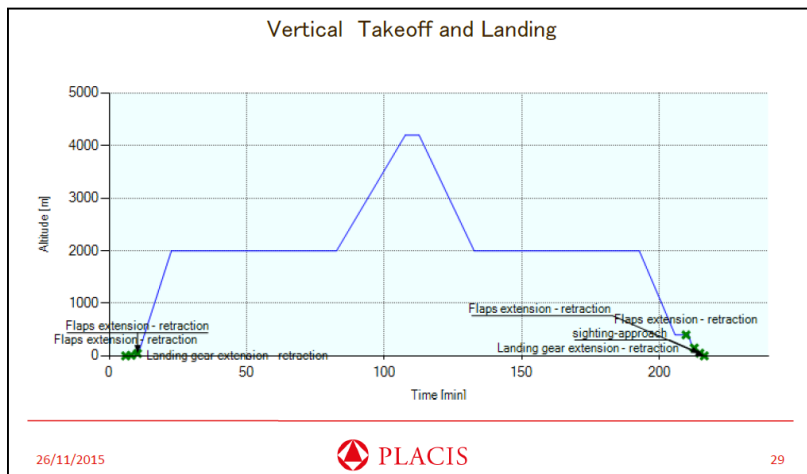
# Costs

Total costs : 700k€

- System : 200k€
- Fuselage : 150k€
- Wing : 100k€
- Engines : 100k€
- Landing gear : 50k€
- Interior : 50k€
- Other : 50k€



# Mission profile



Phase	Duration		Altitude (start)	Altitude (end)	Speed	Climb rate	Specific Consumption
	hour	Min	m	m	km/h	m/s	lb/Hp/h
Engine start-up	0	0,3	0	0	0	0	0
Taxi out	0	4,5	0	0	60,0001	0	0,44
Flaps extension - retraction	Start time	60	-	-	-	-	-
Vertical Take off	0	0,8	0	45	0	0,9375	0,46
Landing gear extension - retraction	Start time	25	-	-	-	-	-
Rotors orientation	0	2	45	45	100,0001	0	0,45
Flaps extension - retraction	Start time	85	-	-	-	-	-
Climb	0	12	45	2000	200,0002	2,7153	0,45
1° cruise	1	0	2000	2000	299,9999	0	0,4299
obstacle deviation (climb)	0	25	2000	4200	249,9998	1,4667	0,45
Mini-cruise	0	5	4200	4200	249,9998	0	0,44
obstacle deviation (scent)	0	20	4200	2000	270	-1,8333	0,435
2° cruise	1	0	2000	2000	300	0	0,4299
Descent	0	13	2000	400	240	-2,0513	0,435
Holding	0	5	400	400	200	0	0,4331
Flaps extension - retraction	Start time	80	-	-	-	-	-
2° rotors orientation	0	1	400	200	100	-3,3333	0,45
Vertical Landing	0	4	200	0	20	-0,8333	0,447
Landing gear extension - retraction	Start time	25	-	-	-	-	-
sighting-approach	Start time	75	-	-	-	-	-
Taxi in	0	2	0	0	60	0	0,44
Flaps extension - retraction	Start time	30	-	-	-	-	-
Engine shutdown	0	0,2	0	0	0	0	0

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# Engines for vertical rotor

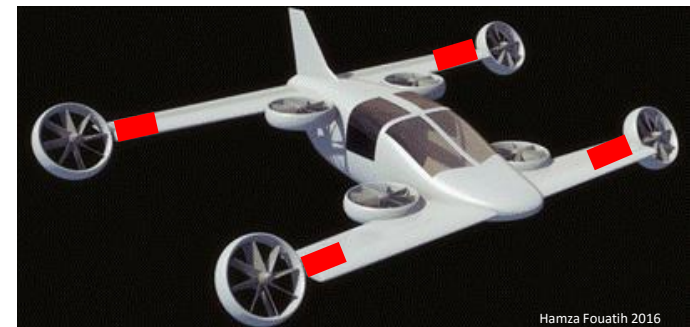
Equipement proposed : 4 electric engines Yuneec Power Drive 40

		Yuneec Power Drive 40 [11]
Dimensions	Length	163 mm
	Width	240 mm
	Height	240 mm
Weight		19 kg
Power		40 kW at 2400 rpm
Power to weight ratio		2,1 kW/kg



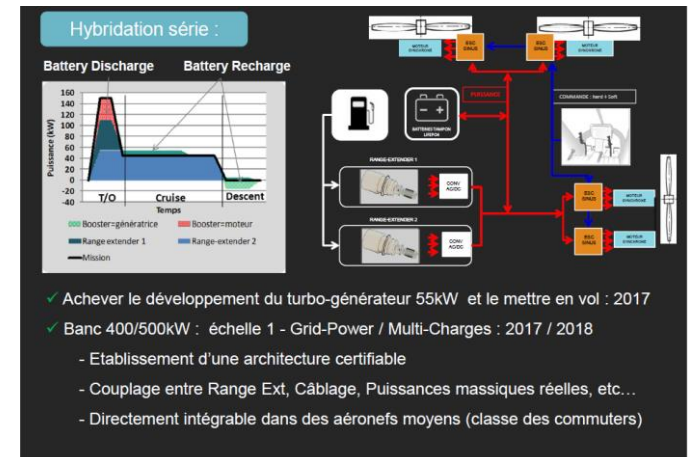
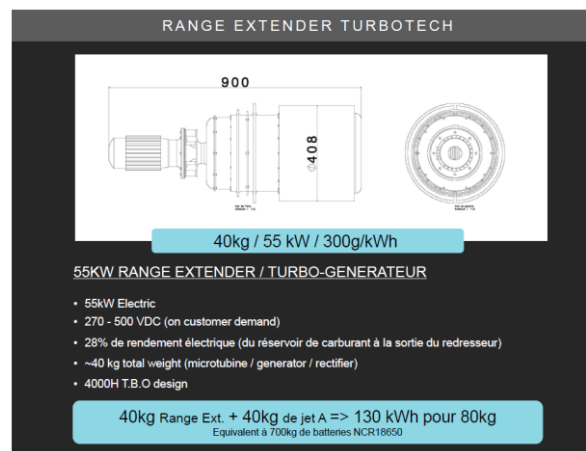
## Power 160 kW

- provided by 80kg of batteries (at 150kW/kg) during take-off
- and by fuel generator during cruise flight

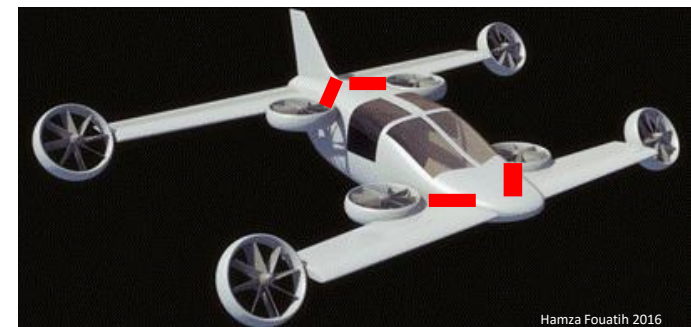


# Electric generator for vertical quadcopter

Equipement proposed : 4 Turbotech 55kW for central quad copter



Fuel energy : 220 kW for take-off  
and low speed flight



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# SWOT analysis

## Strengths

- VTOL capacities
- Speed of an aircraft
- Double quadcopter back-up in case of engine failure
- Fuel energy range

## Weakness

- New configuration
- Project at low TRL
- Aerodynamic and light weight structure
- Propulsion and energy storage
- Project implementation
- Project funding

## Opportunities

- Cost reduction :
  - Overall flight cost reduction compared to helicopter
  - Low purchasing & maintenance cost of engines
- New design space: tilt, octocopter
  - Weight / VTOL
- Project investment

## Threats

- All electric helicopter
- All electric aircraft
- Tilt rotor (bi and quadri)
- Hybrid energy



# Partners for R&D

Project coordinator



TRL1 Basic Definition



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TRL2 Detailed Definition



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In launch



# Project history

TRL0 Project  
Launch (2015)



Studies  
2015/2016



TRL1 Basic  
Definition (2016)



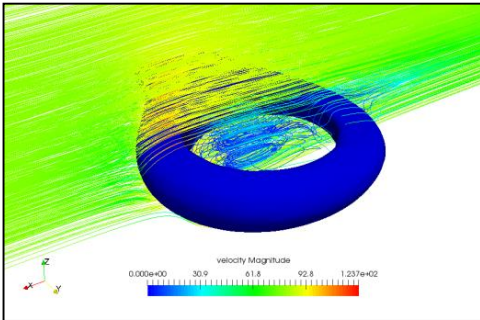
TRL2 Concept (2016)



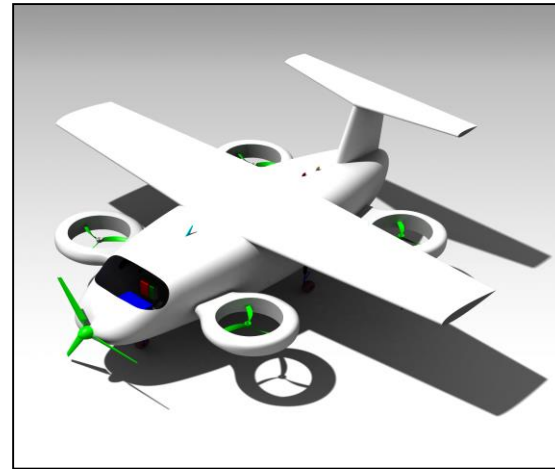
# TRL1 project tasks



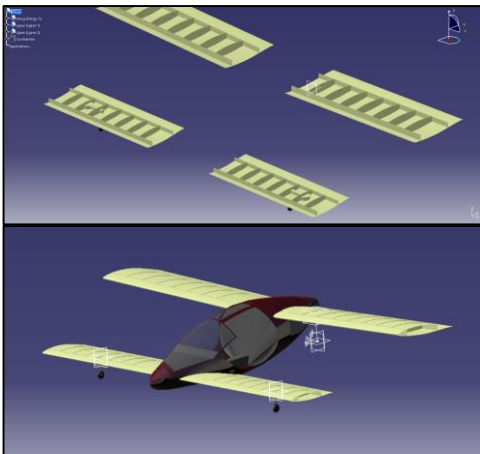
Polito 2015



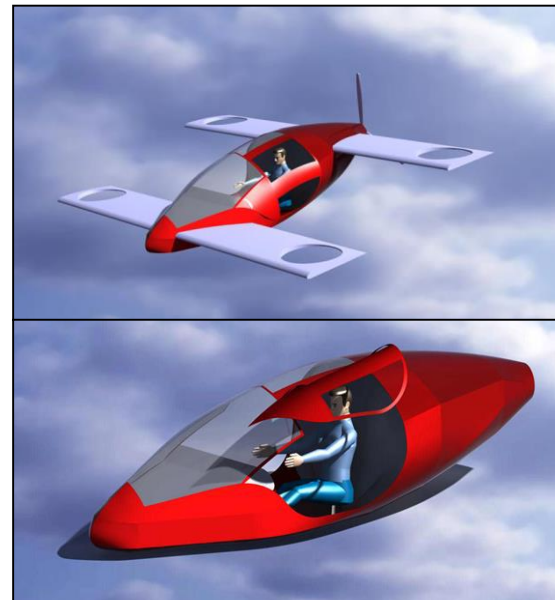
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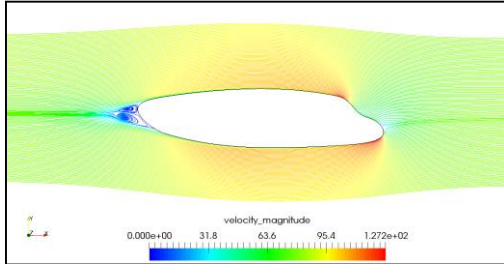


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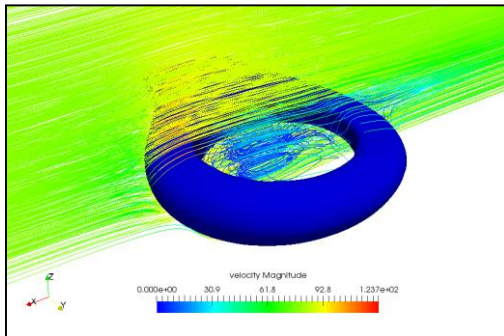


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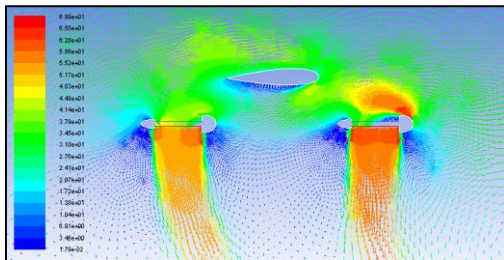
# Aerodynamic studies



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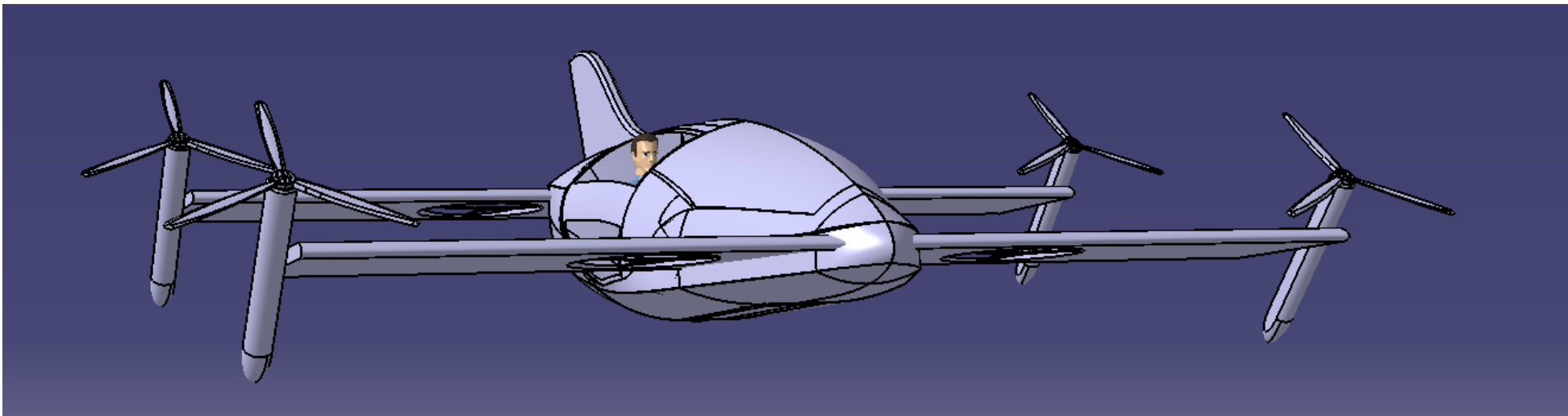
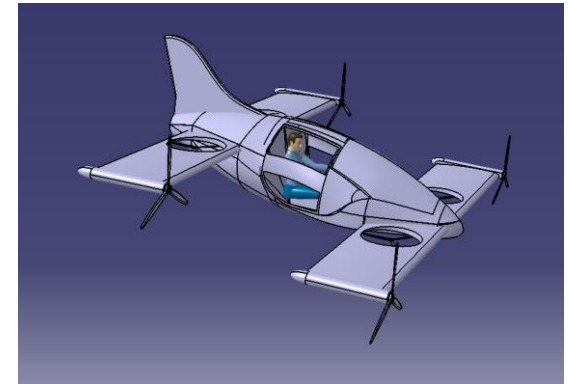
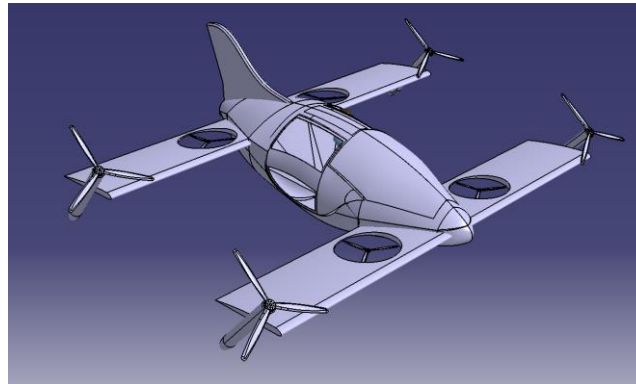
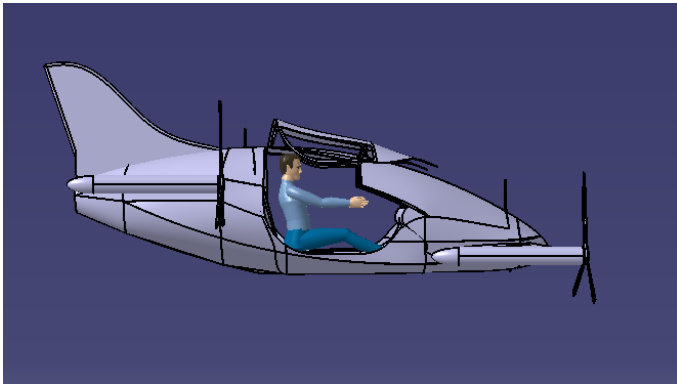
Rotor shape optimization  
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Vertical rotor air flow studies  
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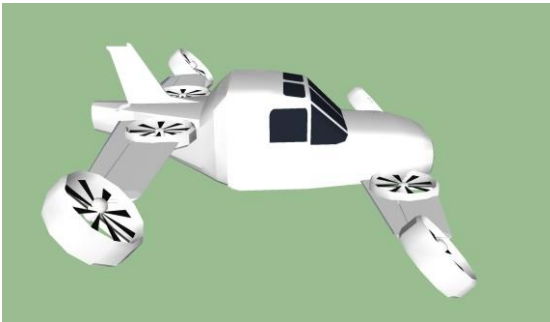


# Configuration at end of TRL1



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# Mini-Bee project for TRL2



**Mini-Bee** (at end of TRL1)  
2 PAX VIP  
Electric Octocopter  
Tilt quadcopter & vertical quadcopter  
Hybrid energy : batteries & fuel



# Overall main beeplane Project partners

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Coordinator :



Institution & financial partners :



Universities :



Design:



# Actions for Mini-Bee TRL2 Project

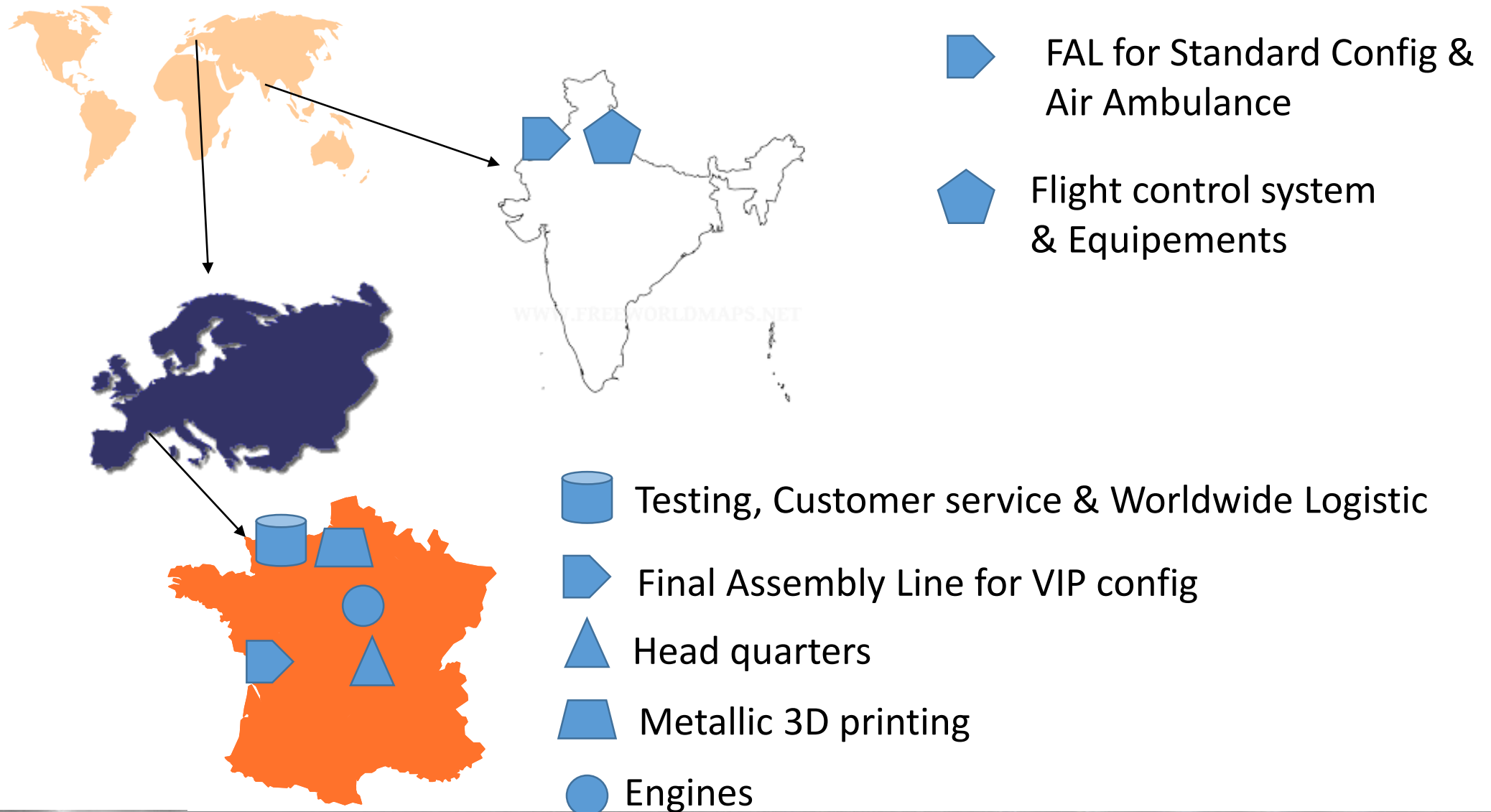
- Launch Mini-Bee TRL2 project :
  - Assess detailed technical configuration
  - Evaluate market opportunities, production and flight costs
  - Define partnership for TRL2 and TRL3
  - Draw project financial path
  - Investigate for lovemoney phase



# Partners to be defined

	World	France	India
Project sponsors	★	★	★
Electronics and equipment integration			★
Aircraft flight management control		★	★
Cockpit interface and project integration		★	
Structure metallic 3D printer		★	★
Aircraft manufacturer		★	★
Luxury firm for VIP configuration		★	
VIP end users	★	★	★
Air Ambulance end user	★		★

# Targeted Industrial Scheme



# Financial project path

TRL	Statut	Début	Fin	Montant estimé (k€)
0	Terminé	2014	2015	20
1	Terminé	2015	2016	50
2	En cours	2016	2017	200
3		2017	2019	2 000
4				5 000
5				10 000
6				15 000
7				20 000
8				25 000
9				25 000

Estimated overall project 100m€

# Annexes

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## Individual Air Vehicules



# State of the art

**Cessna Skylane**



- Height: 2,84 m
- Wingspan: 10,97 m
- Length: 8,84 m
- Max Take-Off Weight: 1406 Kg
- Power: 230 hp
- Engine: lycoming IO-540-AB-1A5
- Maximum speed: 269 Km/h
- Range: 1695 Km
- Price: 277 300 \$

**Robinson R44**



- Height: 3,3 m
- Rotor diameter: 10,1 m
- Length: 11,7 m
- Max Take-Off Weight: 1089 Kg
- Power: 248 hp
- Engine: lycoming IO-540-AE1A5
- Maximum speed: 240 Km/h
- Range: 560 Km
- Price: 456 000 \$

**Cessna TTX**



- Height: 2,74 m
- Wingspan: 10,97 m
- Length: 7,68 m
- Max Take-Off Weight: 1633 Kg
- Power: 310 hp
- Engine: turbo TSIO-550-c
- Maximum Speed: 435 Km/h
- Range: 2315 Km
- Price: 733 950 \$

**Agusta Westland AW609**



- Height: 5,1-6,6 m
- Wingspan: 11,7 m
- Length: 13,3 m
- Max Take-Off Weight: 7200 Kg
- Power: 1900 hp
- Engine: Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6C-67A
- Maximum speed: 616 Km/h
- Range: 1390 Km
- Price: 10 000 000 \$

**Aeromobil 3.0**



- Height: 1,50 m
- Wingspan: 8,32 m
- Length: 6 m
- Power: 81 hp
- Engine: rotax 912
- Maximum speed: 200 Km/h
- Range: 700 Km

# Other innovative projects



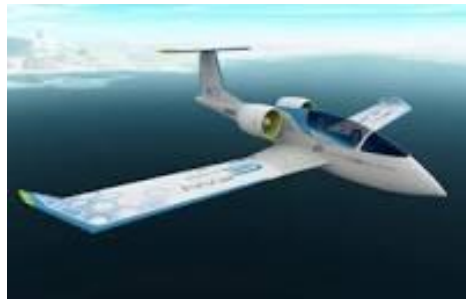
SoloTrek/Springtail



<http://www.trekaero.com/>



Trifan 600 XTI aircraft



Airbus E-fan (all electric)



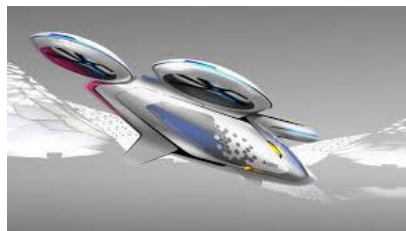
E-volo



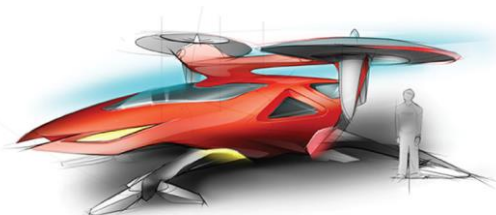
eHang (fin 2015)



Xplorair (2016)



Airbus (2016)



Boeing (2016)



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