



MINI BEE

PERSONAL AIRCRAFT

Mini-Bee

2PAX VTOL Hybrid Octocopter

Annexes



Mini-Bee : 2PAX VTOL Hybrid



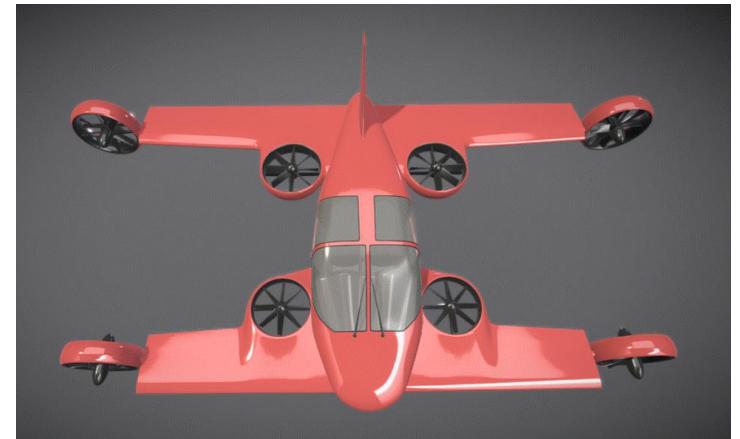
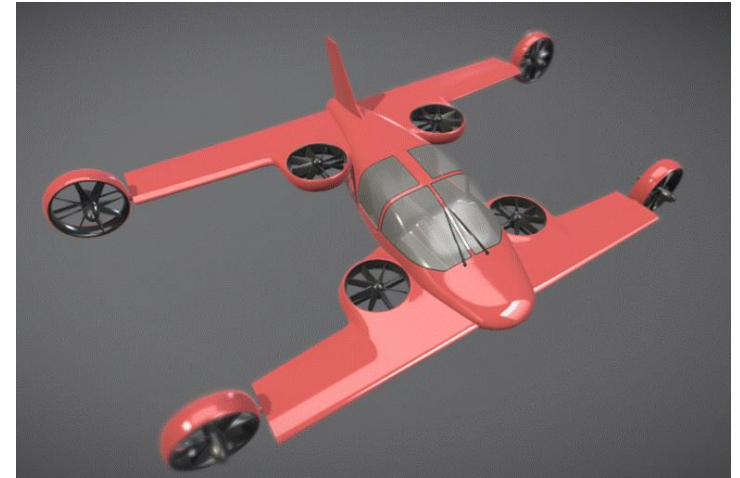
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MINIBEE

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Mini-Bee description

- Project state : TRL2
 - Electric octocopter : 4 vertical + 4 tilt
 - Hybrid energy : fuel + batteries
 - 2-3 seats
- Characteristics :
 - VTOL capacity, short wings, 1.2 ton
 - Range 600km, max speed 300km/h
 - Electric controls and engines
- Goals and market
 - VIP, Taxi, Air Ambulance
 - Estimated price 1m€ (0,7 to 2m€)



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 to 3 seats, VTOL, Short wing for cruise flight
MTOW 1200 kg, Range 600km , Cruise speed 220 km/h
Wing surface 15m², no control surface

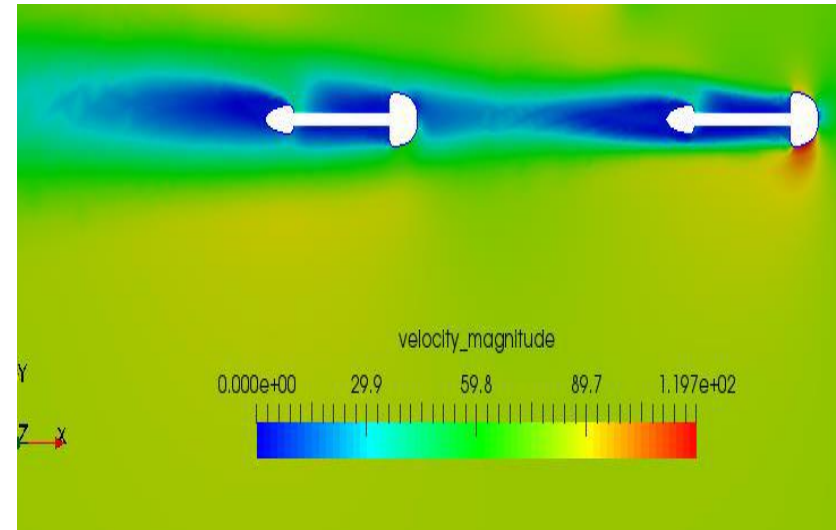
Engines

8 electric engines : Central vertical quadcopter + External tilt quadcopter
4 fuel generators + Batteries
Electronic control of engines power and tilt angles

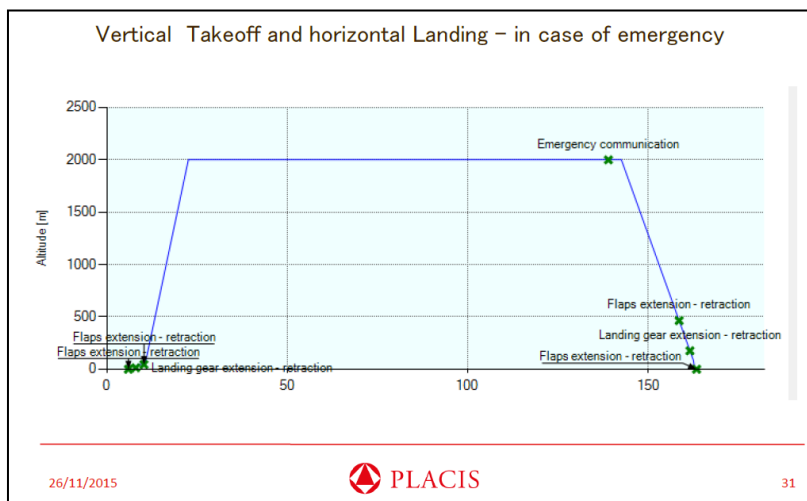
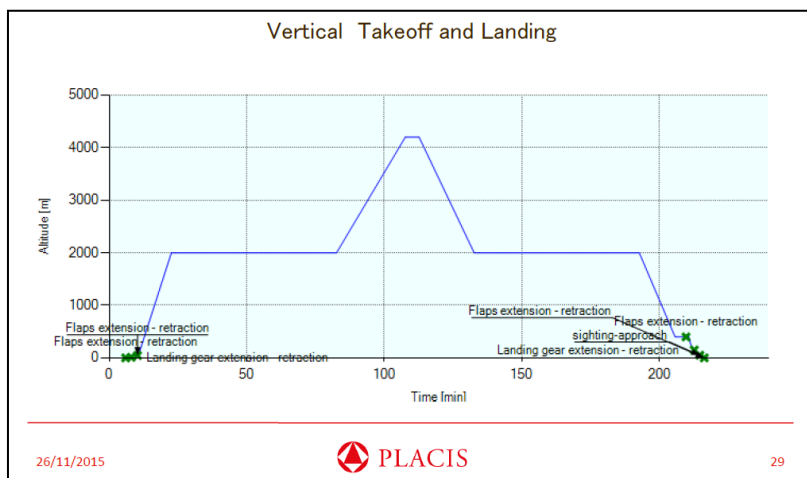
Cockpit interface

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

Cruise flight



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

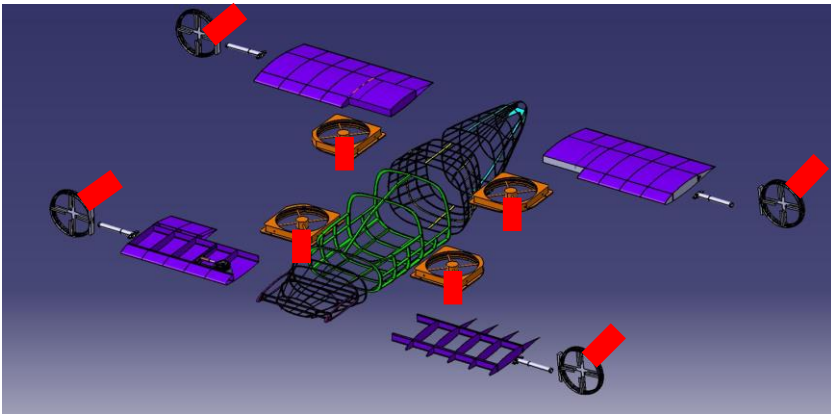
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8 Electric Engines

Equipement proposed : 8 electric engines 55k (50kg)



55kW special designed engines (12kg/engine)
Or 8 engines Yuneec Power Drive 60kW

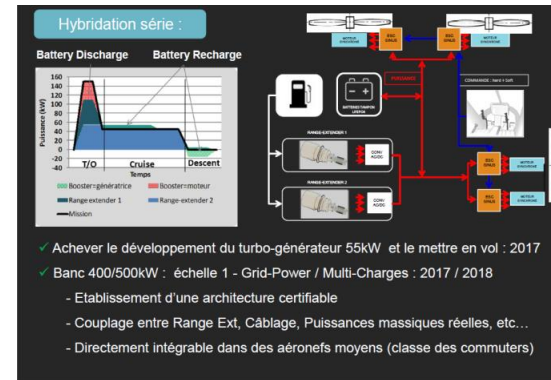
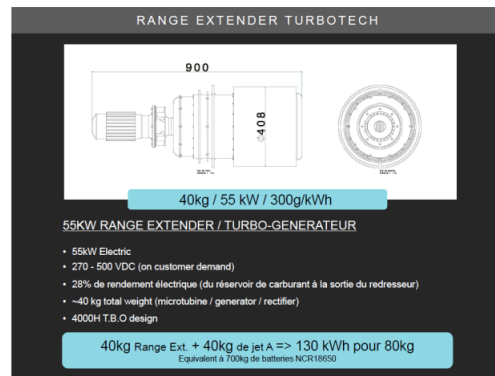
Power needed 220 kW
Installed power 440kW

provided by

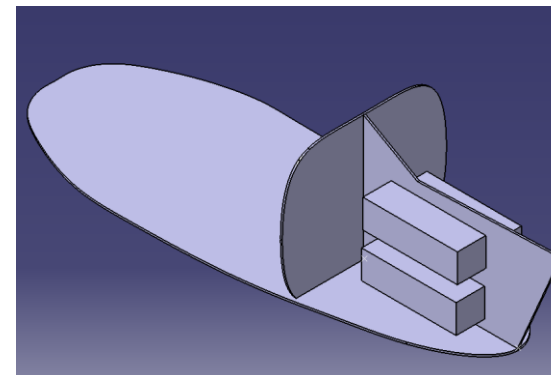
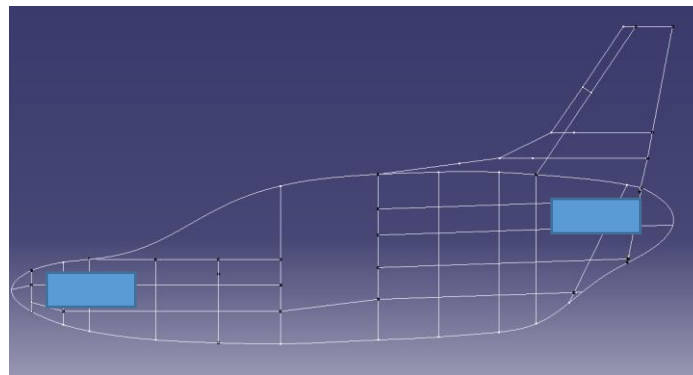
- 90kg of batteries during take-off and vertical flight
- 4 fuel generators during cruise flight

4 Electric fuel generator + Batteries

Equipement proposed : 4 Turbotech 55kW (160kg) 



Batteries : 1800 NCR 180650 in 10C (90kg) 



Data

MTOW : 1200 kg

- Structure : 310kg
- Fuselage : 80kg
- Payload : 220 kg (2 PAX)
- Systems : 125 kg
- Engines : 240 kg
- Batteries : 90kg
- Fuel : 140kg

Target for TRL3 : MTOW 1000 kg

Total costs : **700k€**

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

Target for standard configuration :
Price = 700k€

SWOT analysis

Strengths

- VTOL capacities
- Speed of an aircraft
- Double quadcopter back-up in case of engine failure
- Fuel energy range
- Aircraft Design and configuration
- Lesser open source collaborative project

Weakness

- New configuration
- Project at low TRL
- Aerodynamic and leight 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 helicopters and VTOL vehicules
- All electric aircrafts
- Drones
- Tilt rotor
- Hybrid energy
- Others innovative projects

Partners for R&D

Project coordinator



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TRL2 Detailed Definition



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In process



TRL1 Basic Definition



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Project history

TRL0 Project Launch (2015)



Studies 2015/2016



TRL1 Basic Definition (2016)



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TRL2 Concept (2016) in Process

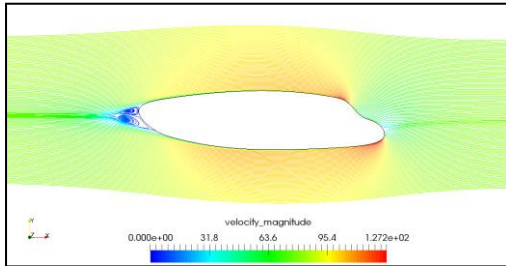


2016/2017

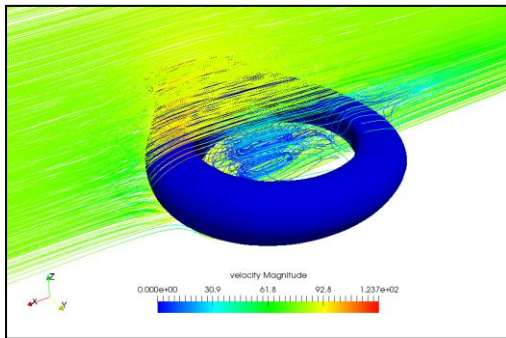


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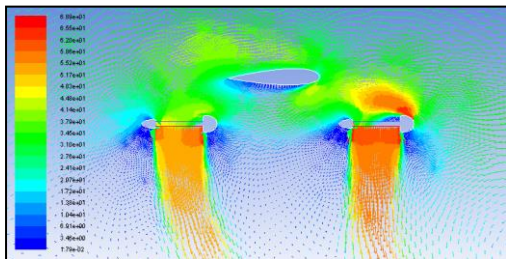
Aerodynamic studies



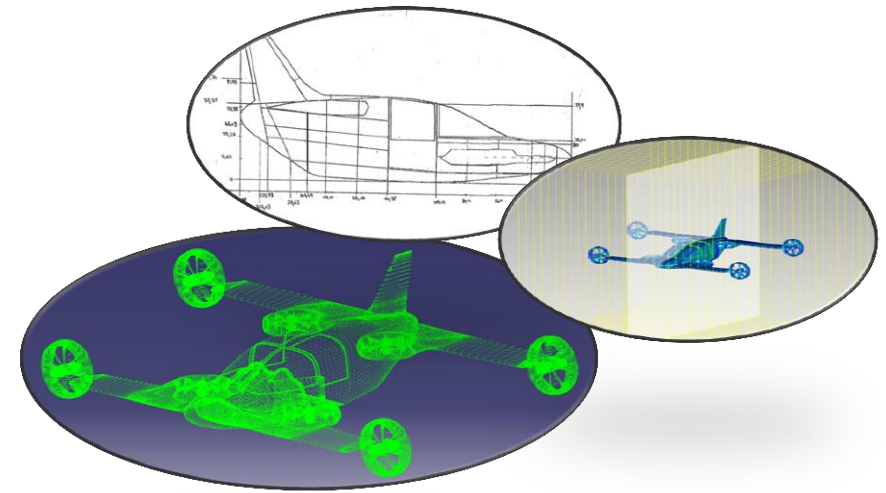
Cockpit shape optimization
Supmeca 2016



Rotor shape optimization
Supmeca 2016



Vertical rotor air flow studies
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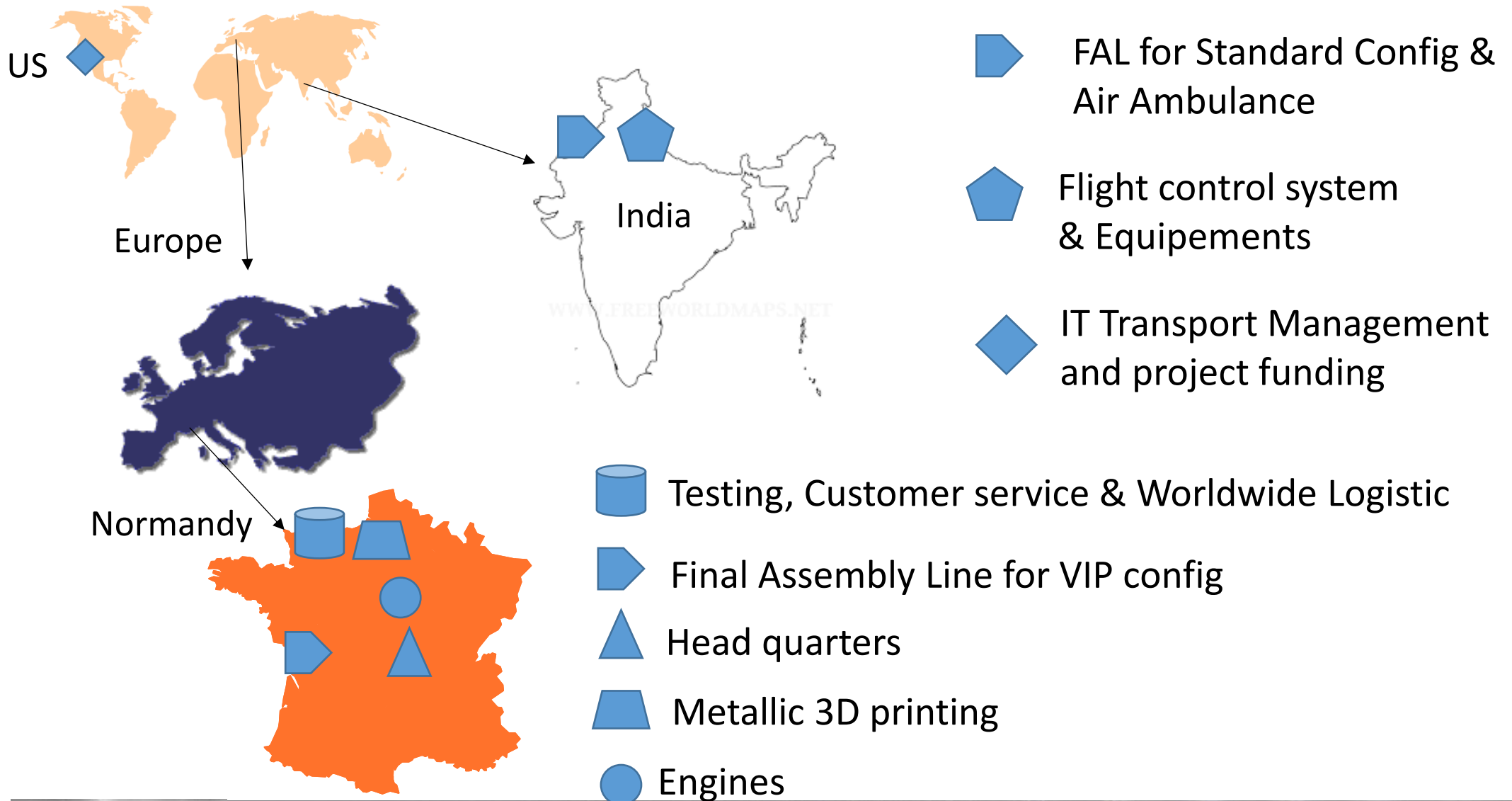


Numerical studies
Supmeca, end of 2016

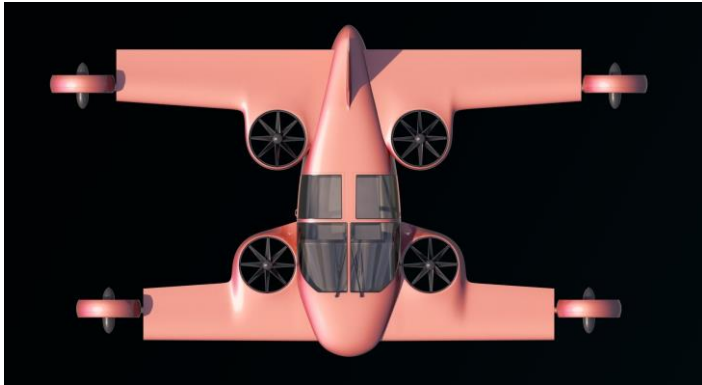
Partners to be defined

	World	France	Asia	US
Project sponsors & finance		★	☆	★
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 Schem



Mini-Bee project for TRL2



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Mini-Bee (at end of TRL1)

2 PAX VIP

Electric Octocopter

Tilt quadcopter & vertical quadcopter

Hybrid energy : batteries & fuel



Estaca Laval 2016

Take-off and tilt transition

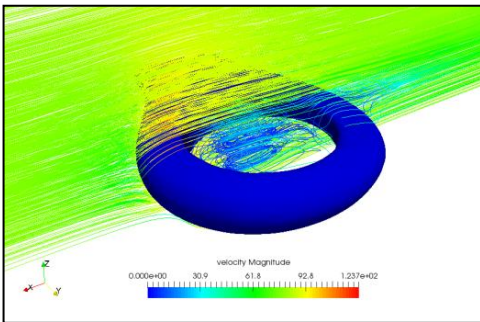


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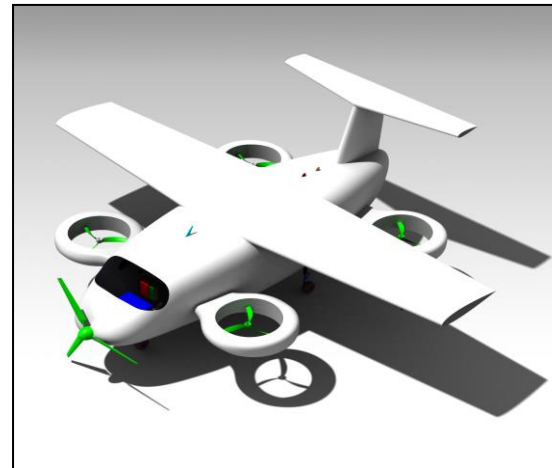
TRL1 project tasks (2015/2016)



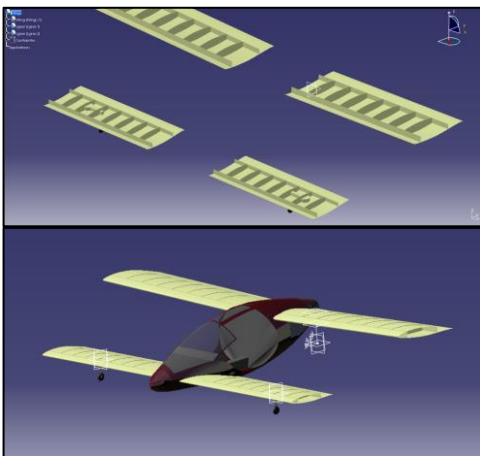
Polito 2015



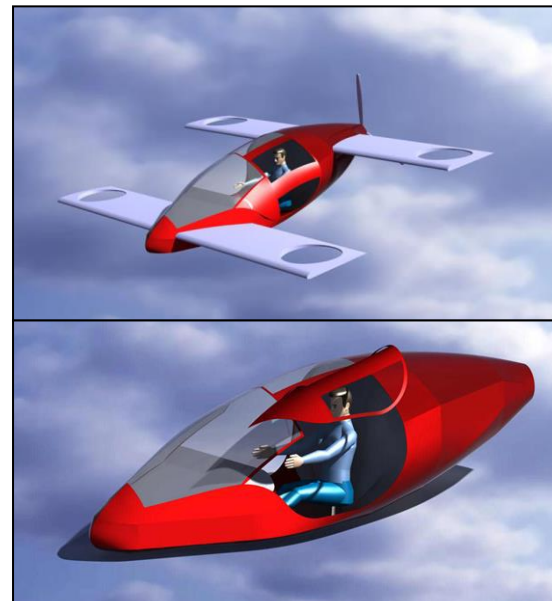
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2016



Supmeca & Polito
2016 (Placis)



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2016 group1



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2016 group2