

# A R E S ASPECT-RATIO REDESIGN OF EAGLE OWL FOR STORMCHASING

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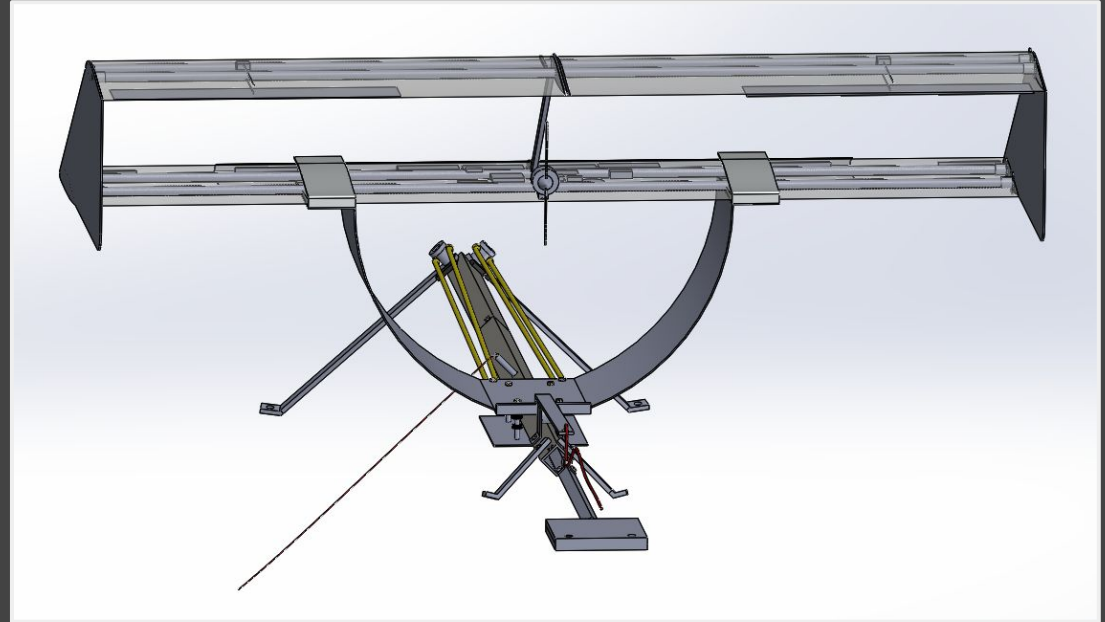
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# Agenda

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- Takeoff Status
- Project Budget
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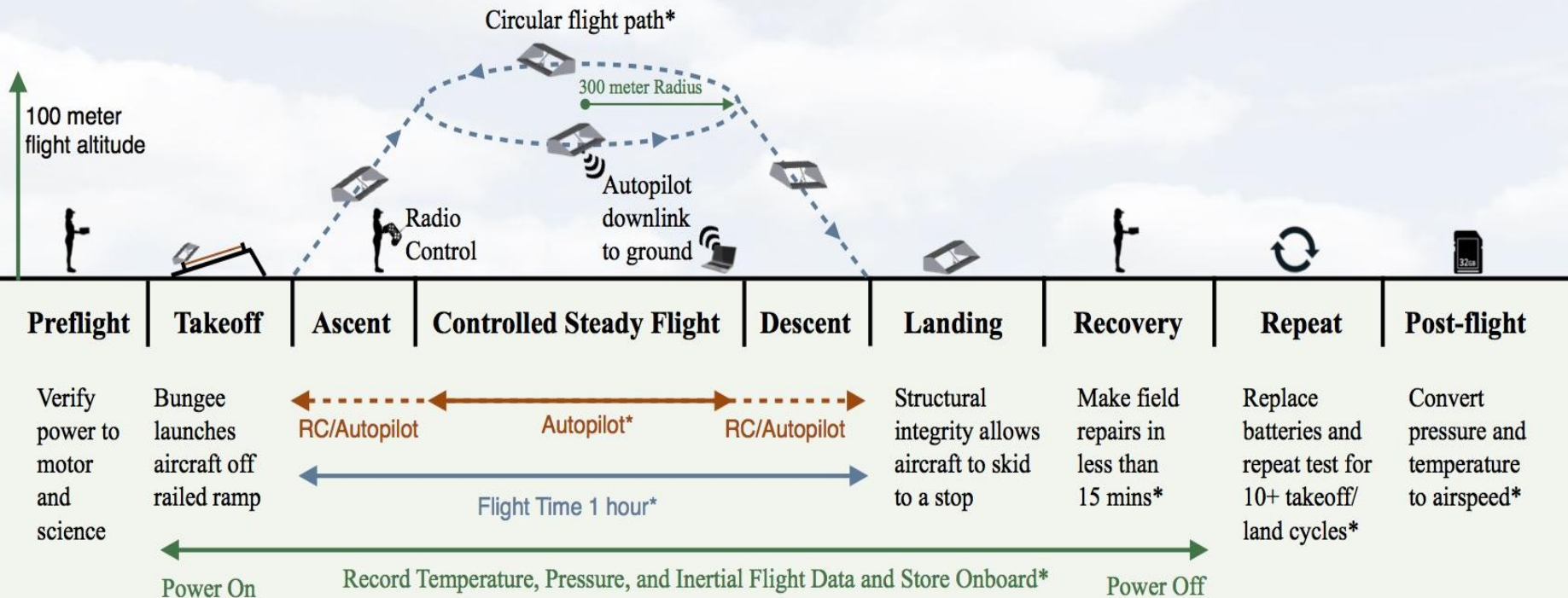


# PROJECT OVERVIEW



- **Aspect-ratio Redesign of Eagle-owl for Stormchasing (ARES)** will build upon the previous Eagle Owl project by designing, building, and testing a box-wing unmanned aircraft with a flush airdata sensing system (FADS) to measure relative wind velocity with the objective of creating a high endurance system that can eventually fly into extreme weather conditions.
- The ARES rendition of Eagle Owl will increase the aspect ratio, add an hour of endurance, integrate an autopilot, pressure sensors, and a temperature sensor which are incorporated in the FADS system, all within the wings of the aircraft.

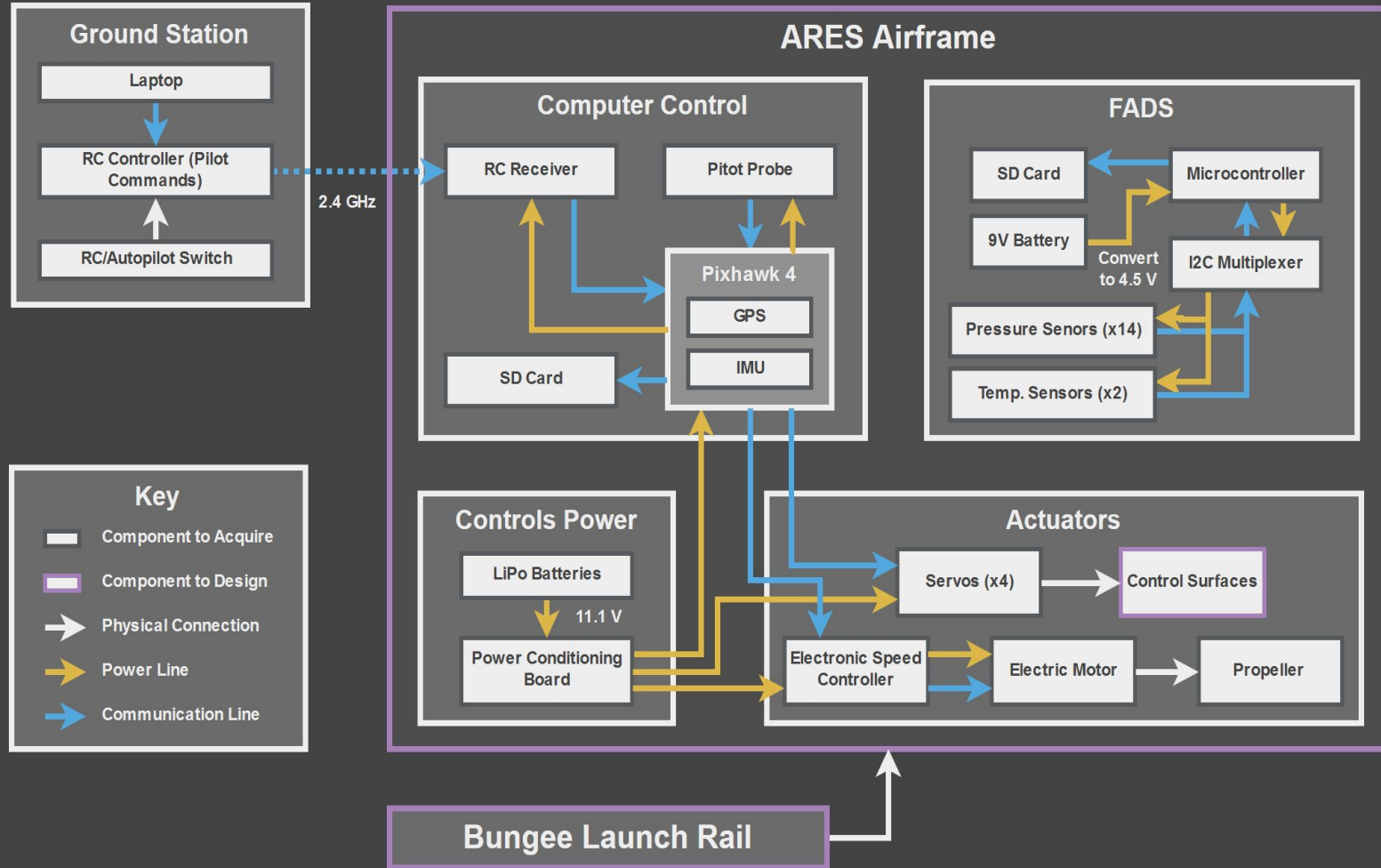




Location: Boulder Aeromodeling Society Airfield or CU Boulder South Campus

\*customer defined

# FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



# BASELINE DESIGN REVIEW



Coefficient	Value
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$(L/D)_{\text{cruise}}$	13.8
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$C_{L,\text{max}}$	0.809
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$\alpha_{\text{cruise}}$	5.20 deg
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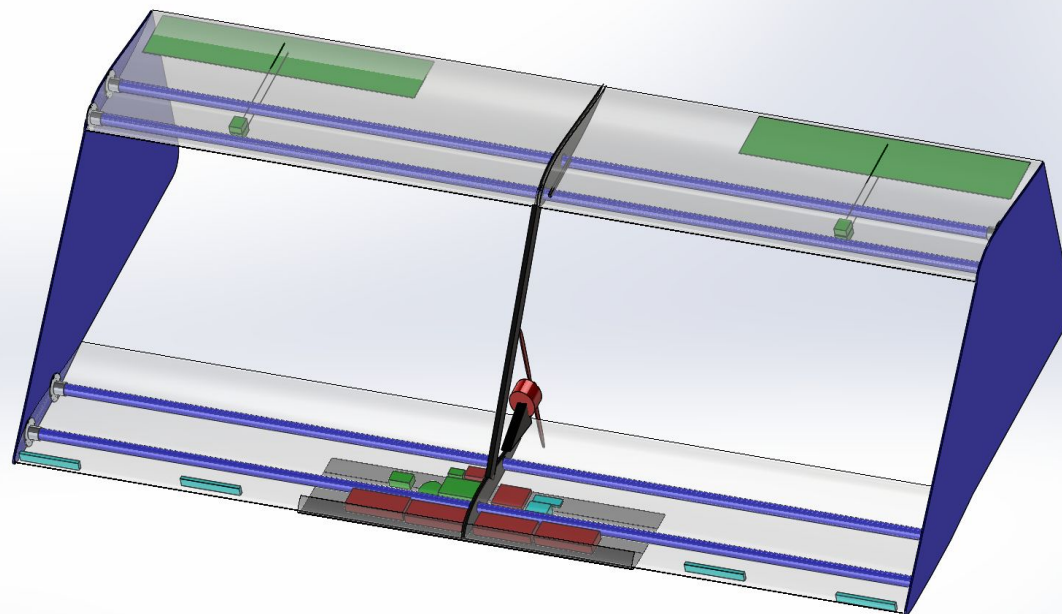
$V_{\text{cruise}}$	11.1 m/s
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$\alpha_{\text{stall}}$	13.9 deg
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$V_{\text{stall}}$	8.36 m/s
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Endurance	80 min
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Mass	4 kg
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Structure

Control

Propulsion

Science

# LEVELS OF SUCCESS



## Data Capture

## Landing

## Navigation & Control

## Flight

<b>Level 1</b>	FADS system integrated and recording continuous pressure data while powered. Record continuous local temperature and inertial measurements to onboard storage while powered	Airframe can survive a simulated landing cycle outside of flight test	Control surfaces are actuated in response to RC input and autopilot feedback loop; autopilot verified by feeding in test data on ground	Provide flight models and simulations to show that the design can complete design objectives
<b>Level 2</b>	Level 2 objectives are the same as Level 1 objectives	Landing method allows for consecutive takeoff and landing cycles with only power replacement/recharge	Autopilot achieved with ability to maneuver the aircraft in a 600m diameter circle while staying within visual sight	Takeoff with no damage to sensors, structure, or operators. Achieve steady, level flight with no more than 3m divergences
<b>Level 3</b>	Calibrate FADS system such that if the data is converted to aircraft-relative wind velocity it will be to within 1 m/s and 1° of accuracy	Consecutive takeoff and landing cycles occur a minimum of 10 times	Full flight with takeoff and landing achieved with autopilot	Flight endurance is 1 or more hours with all systems powered

# CRITICAL PROJECT ELEMENTS



CPE	Description
<b>Aircraft Manufacturing</b>	Construction of the aircraft is integral to the project's success. With no aircraft, nearly all project objectives are not met.
<b>Avionics and Science</b>	ARES must have an avionics system on board to achieve its power needs for all other CPEs. The FADS system must be integrated into this system as well to measure and record data.
<b>Autopilot and Control</b>	The autopilot and control CPE is driven by the need to maintain stability and must achieve an automated, large diameter circular flight.
Propulsion	To maintain flight, the ARES aircraft must have an on board propulsion system. This must be able to provide enough thrust efficiently enough to achieve a 1 hour flight time.
Takeoff	The aircraft must be able to take off successfully in order to achieve any of its other top level successes. Without this, the project risks not meeting several requirements.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



	Status	Hours	Comment
<b>Airframe</b>	On Schedule (After Adjustments)	17/269	- Ship & Lead times delayed schedule - Adjustments kept us on track
<b>Avionics</b>	On Schedule	107/241	- Software production, board production, and initial testing in progress
<b>Takeoff</b>	Ahead of Schedule	70/133	- Entire system nearly complete - Allows for more time to test

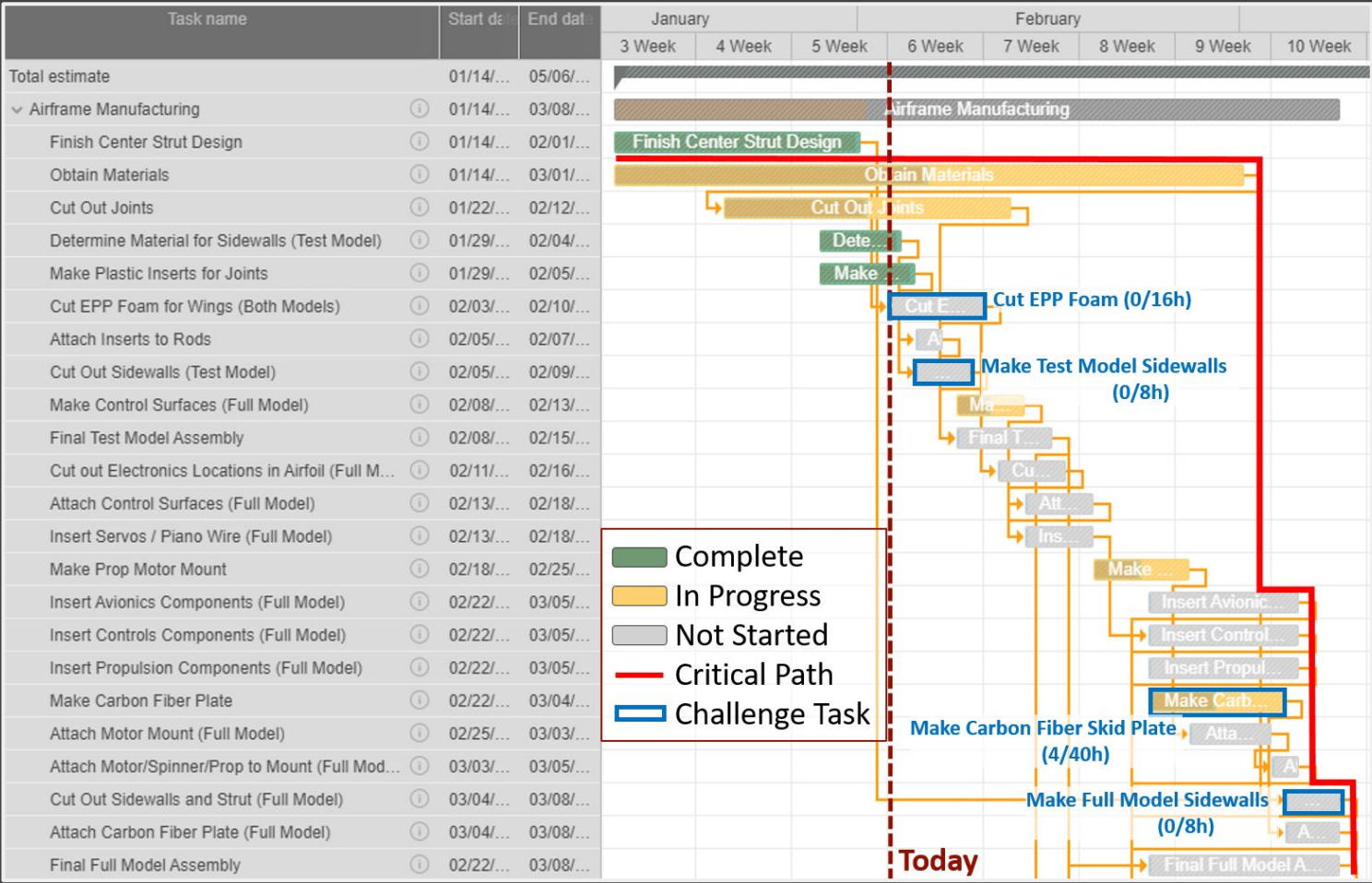
## Budget

- We bought enough material for **3 airframes**
- We have **\$575** left
- Applying for money from College of Engineering & Aero dept for AIAA travel



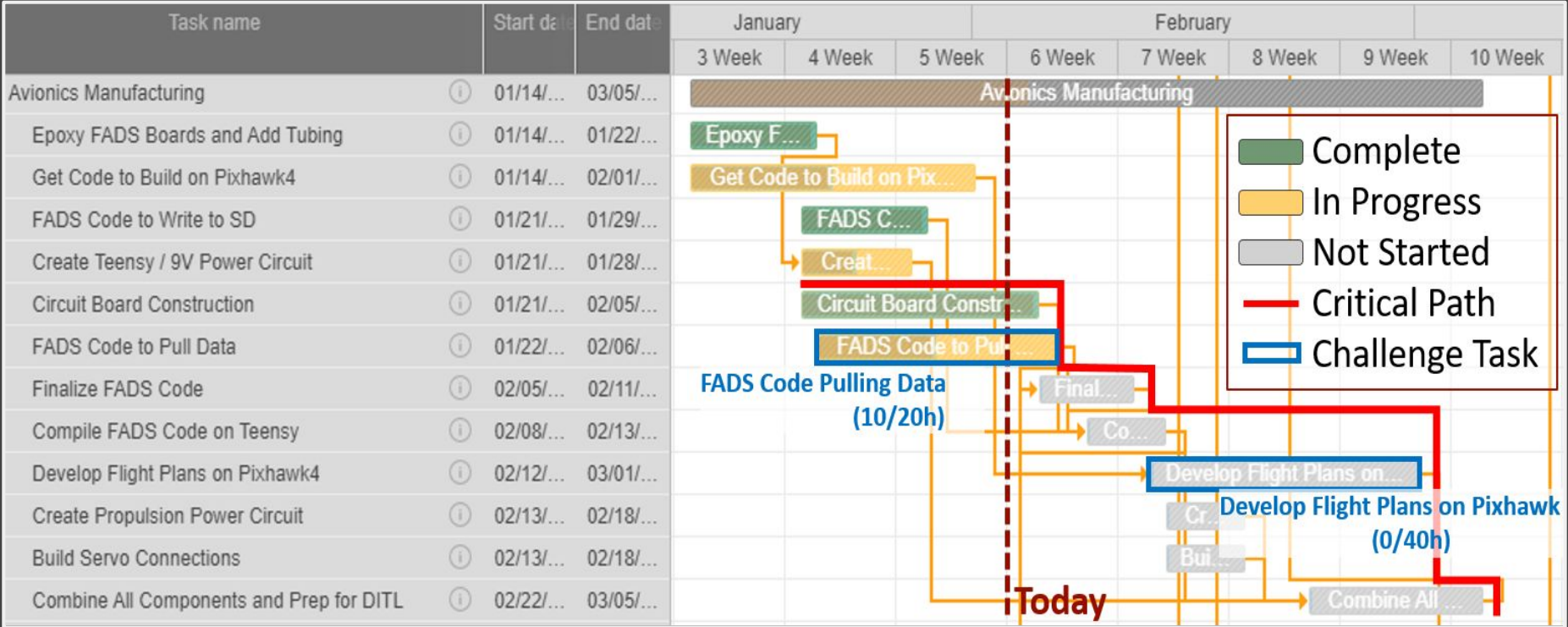
# SCHEDULING

# AIRFRAME SCHEDULE

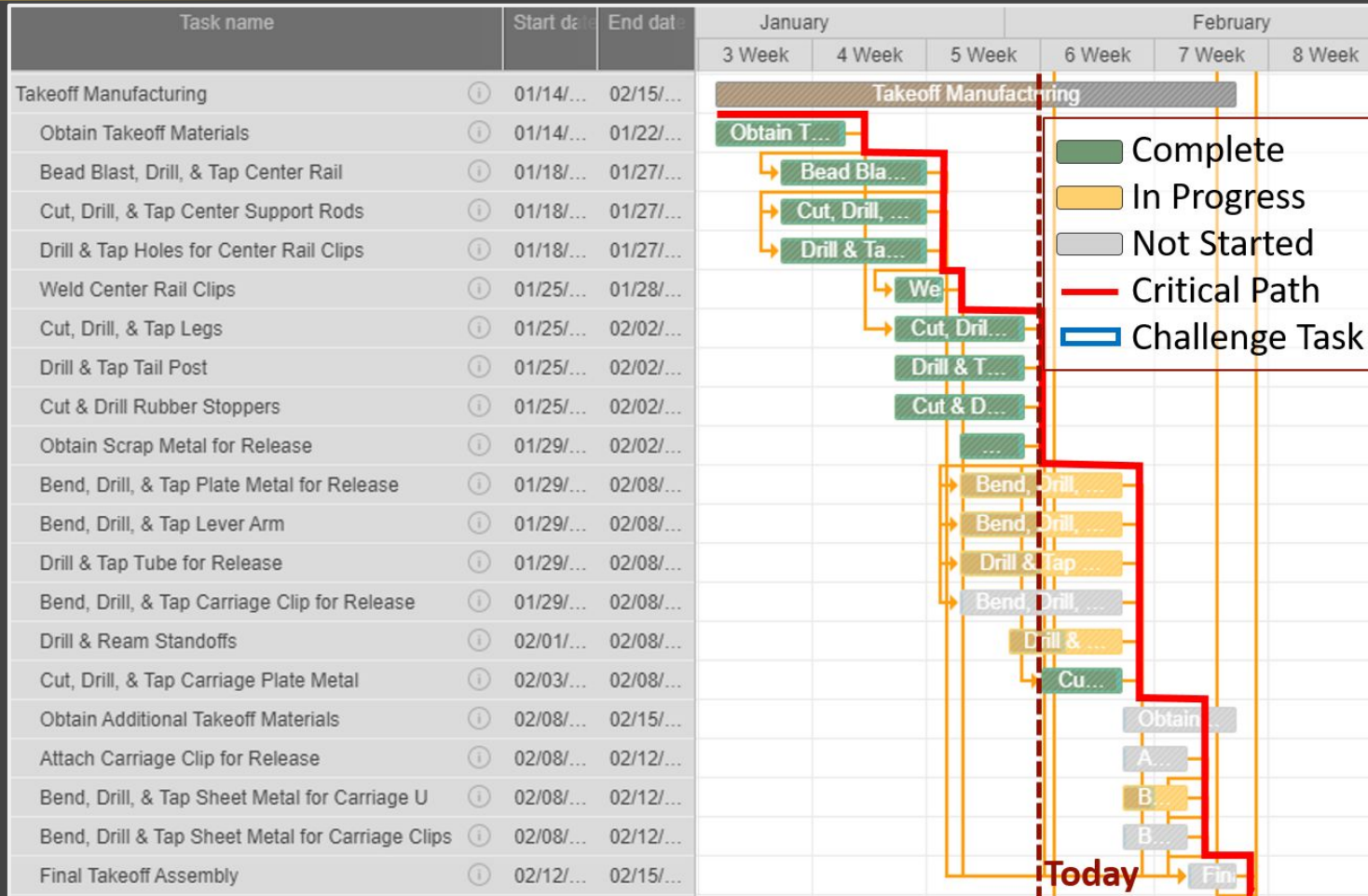




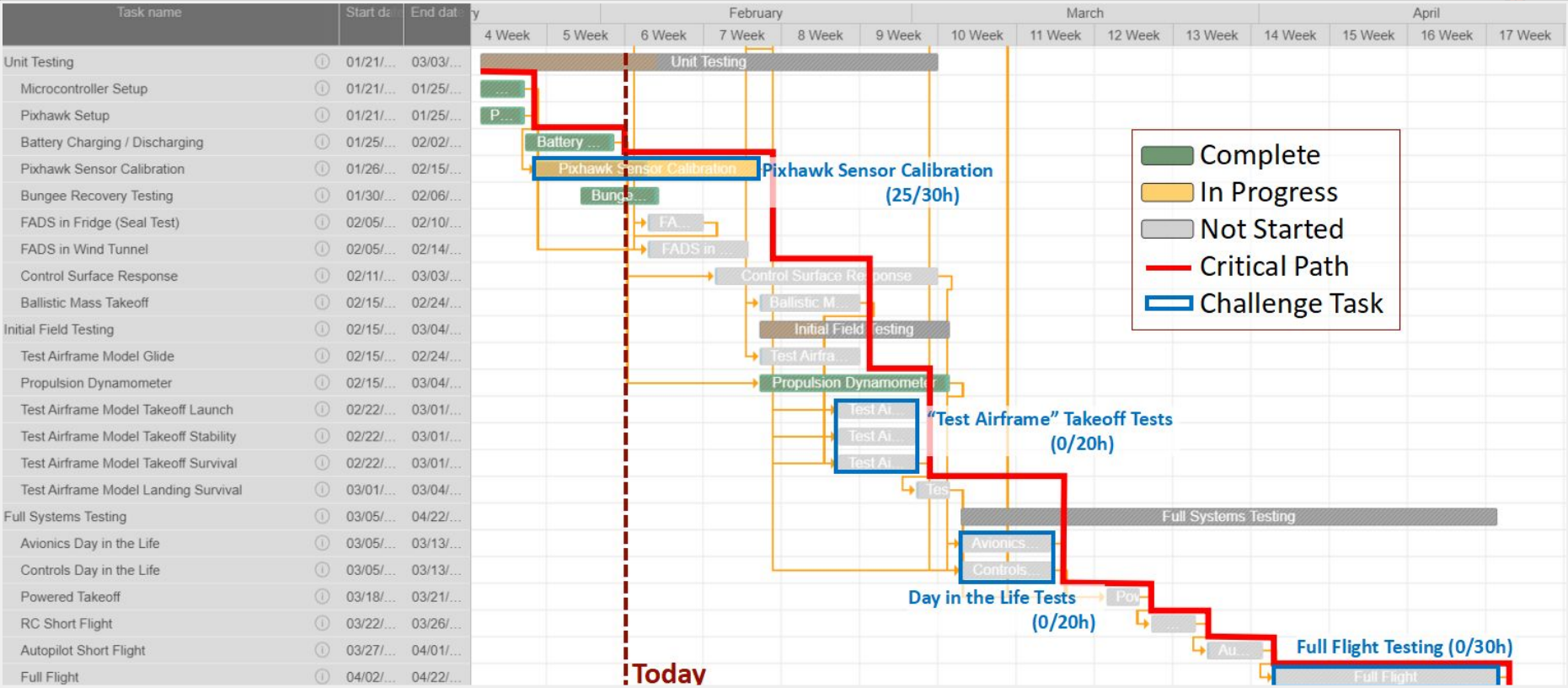
# AVIONICS SCHEDULE



# TAKEOFF SCHEDULE






# TESTING SCHEDULE



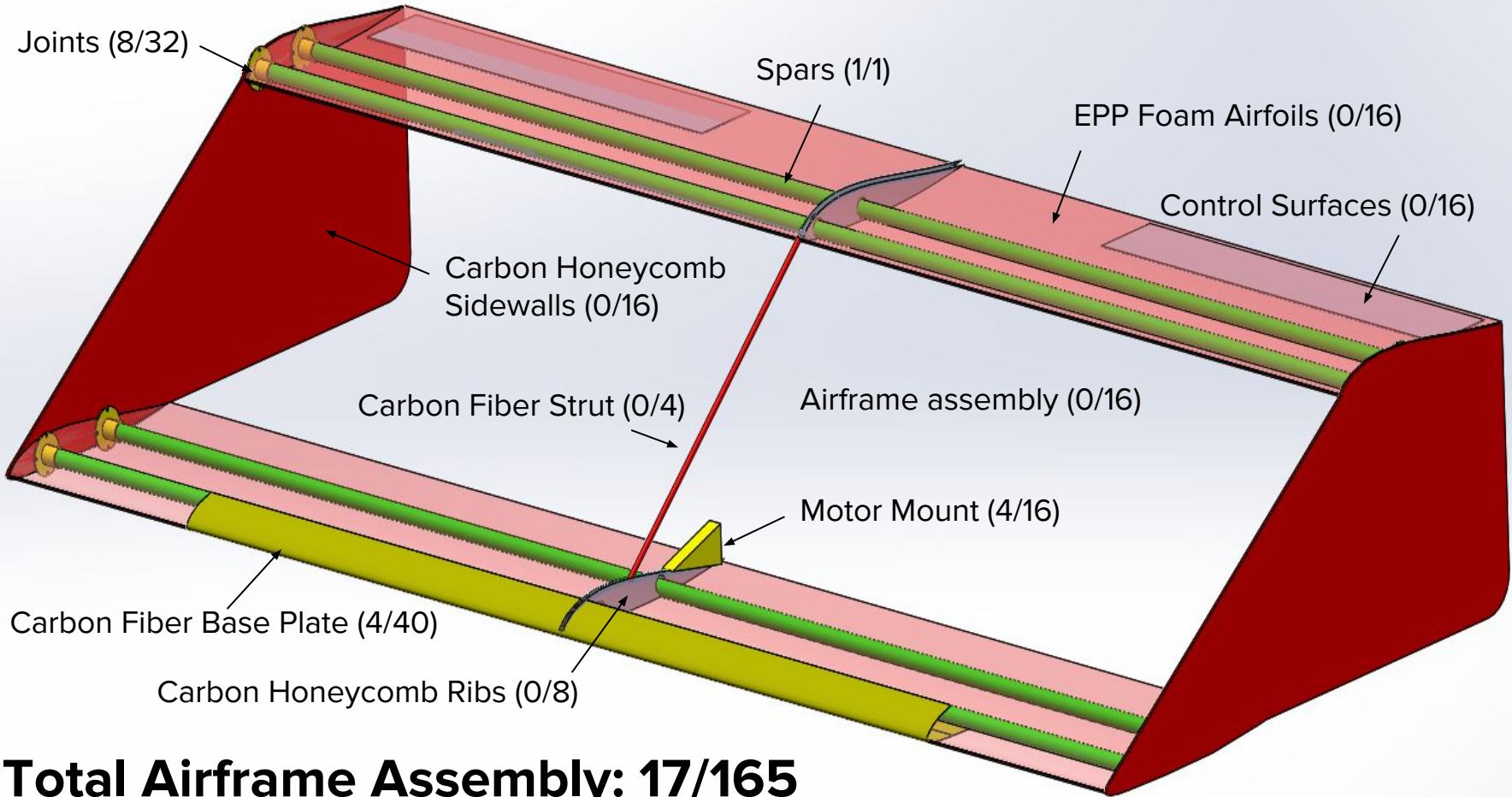
# AIRFRAME STATUS

## Legend

-  Complete
-  In Progress
-  Has not been started (but still on schedule)

# AIRFRAME OVERVIEW

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



**Total Airframe Assembly: 17/165**

# AIRFRAME FLOWCHART

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



## Manufacturing

Cut spars to length (1/1)

Cut out joints (8/32)

Cut foam for wings (0/16)

Cut sidewalls & ribs (0/24)

Build carbon fiber plate (4/40)

Make strut and attachment (0/4)

Make prop motor mount (4/16)

Build control surfaces (0/16)

Cut into foam for electronics (0/12)

Reused

Reused

Assemble test  
model (0/16)

Assemble Full  
ARES (0/16)

Integrate: Avionics,  
Controls, Propulsion (0/6)

Total: 17/269

## Testing

Takeoff test  
(0/20)

Systems testing  
(0/20)

Full ARES flight  
test (0/30)






# AIRFRAME CHALLENGES



- Carbon Honeycomb
  - Honeycomb on back order from US company so had to order from China
  - Happy Chinese New Year! Business shuts down production for 2 weeks - delayed honeycomb shipment
  - Expected delivery by 3/1
- Off-ramp: Use alternate material (corrugated plastic) for takeoff testing
- EPP Foam
  - Tracking number puts it in New York
  - Expected delivery by 2/8
- Back up: Borrow from Dr. Lawrence until delivery (trade foam for foam)

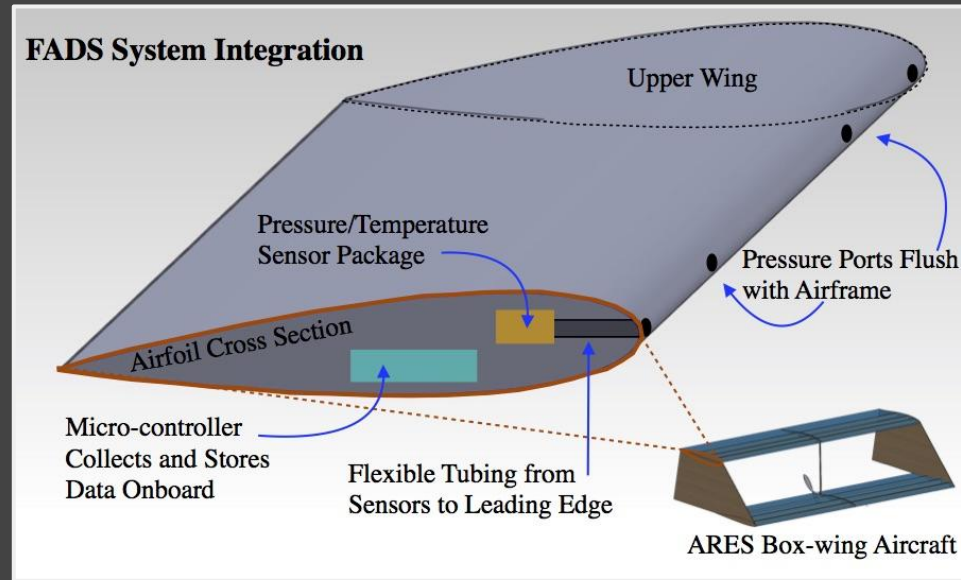
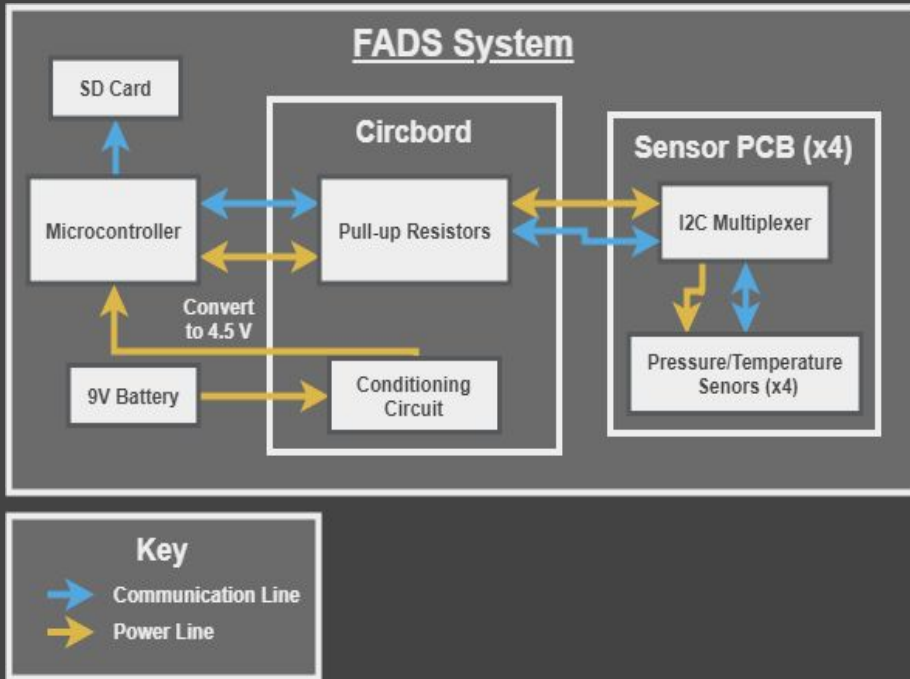
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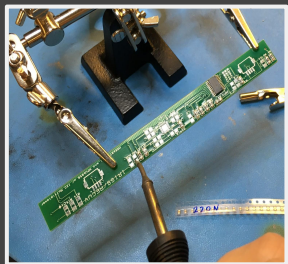
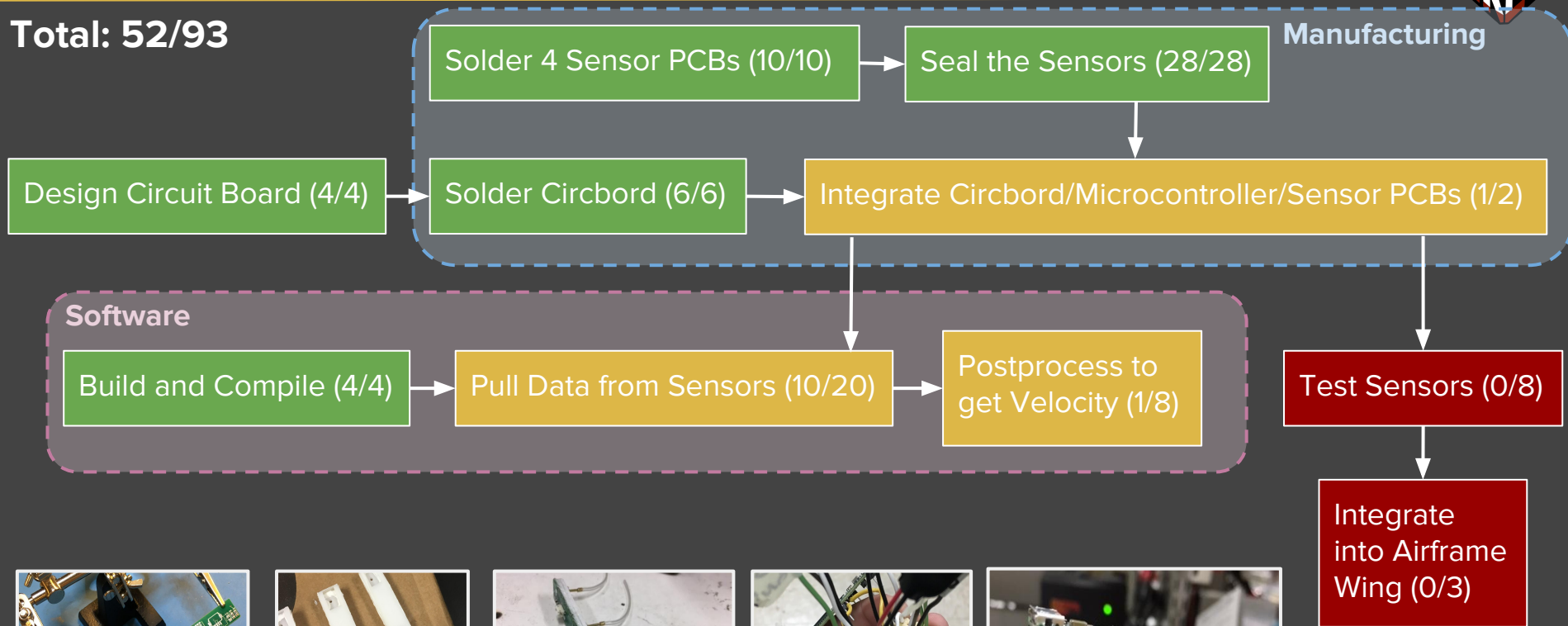


# FADS FLOWCHART

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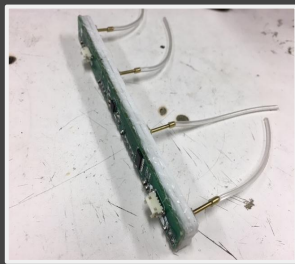
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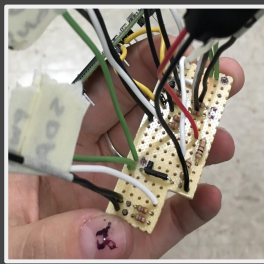
Solder Sensor PCB



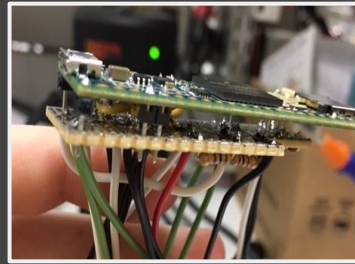
Seal the Sensors



Sensor PCB



Circbord



Circbord/Microcontroller

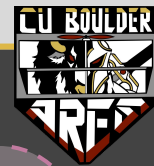
# FADS CHALLENGES



- Design of new FADS Circbord
  - Change was made due to required pull-up resistors
  - Forced Circbord design for connections
  - Additional 10 man-hours
  - No additional budget cost
- FADS data challenges
  - Pulling data has proved harder than we expected
  - Expecting 10 hours longer than prior expectations
  - No additional budget cost

# CONTROLS FLOWCHART

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



## Manufacturing

Connect: (4/4)

- Pixhawk
- Power Management Board
- RC Receiver
- Servos
- GPS
- Pitot Probe
- BEC

Build Controls Mockup (7/9)

Construct Actual Surfaces (0/16)

## Software

Pair RC Receiver & Controller (4/4)

Upload Firmware to Pixhawk (3/3)

Build Custom Airframe into Firmware  
for Split Elevon Mixing (2/12)

Calibrate GPS,  
Magnetometer,  
IMU, ESC (8/12)

Configure/Test  
Autopilot (0/50)

Tune Mixed Servo Control (1/5)

Full RC Test (0/3)

Pitot Tube Test (0/5)

## Component Testing

Integrate System into Airframe (0/5)

**Total: 29/118**

# CONTROLS CHALLENGES



- Software
  - Calibration of compass took longer than expected; issue now resolved
    - Added 6 hours
  - No additional budget cost
- Manufacturing
  - Trailing edge very thin, gets hard to cut with foam cutter
  - Multiple practice cuts completed to try different parameters
    - Increased kerf buffer distance on certain sections
    - Going to turn off heated wire on backtracking sections
    - Balsa sandwiching
  - Servo push rods acquired were too flimsy, purchased stronger ones
- None of the above items have pushed our schedule back

# PROPULSION FLOWCHART

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)

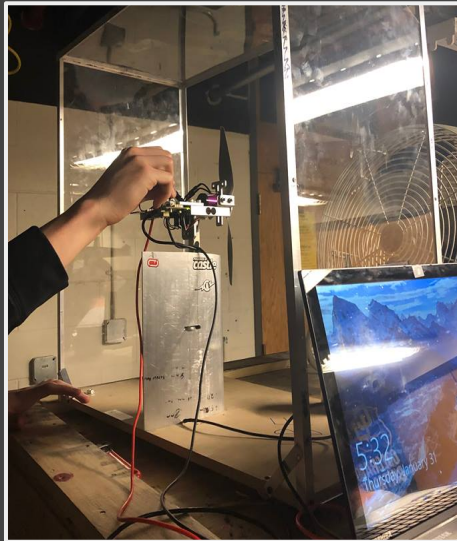


## Manufacturing

Connect Propeller, Spinner and Motor (2/2)

Connect 4 Batteries in Parallel (1/1)

Integrate with Electronic Speed Controller and Batteries (5/5)



Dynamometer Testing



Propeller/Spinner/Motor

## Component Testing

Motor Dynamometer Test (10/10)




Battery Test (8/8)

Integrate with Airframe Mount (0/2)

**Total: 26/28**

# TAKEOFF STATUS

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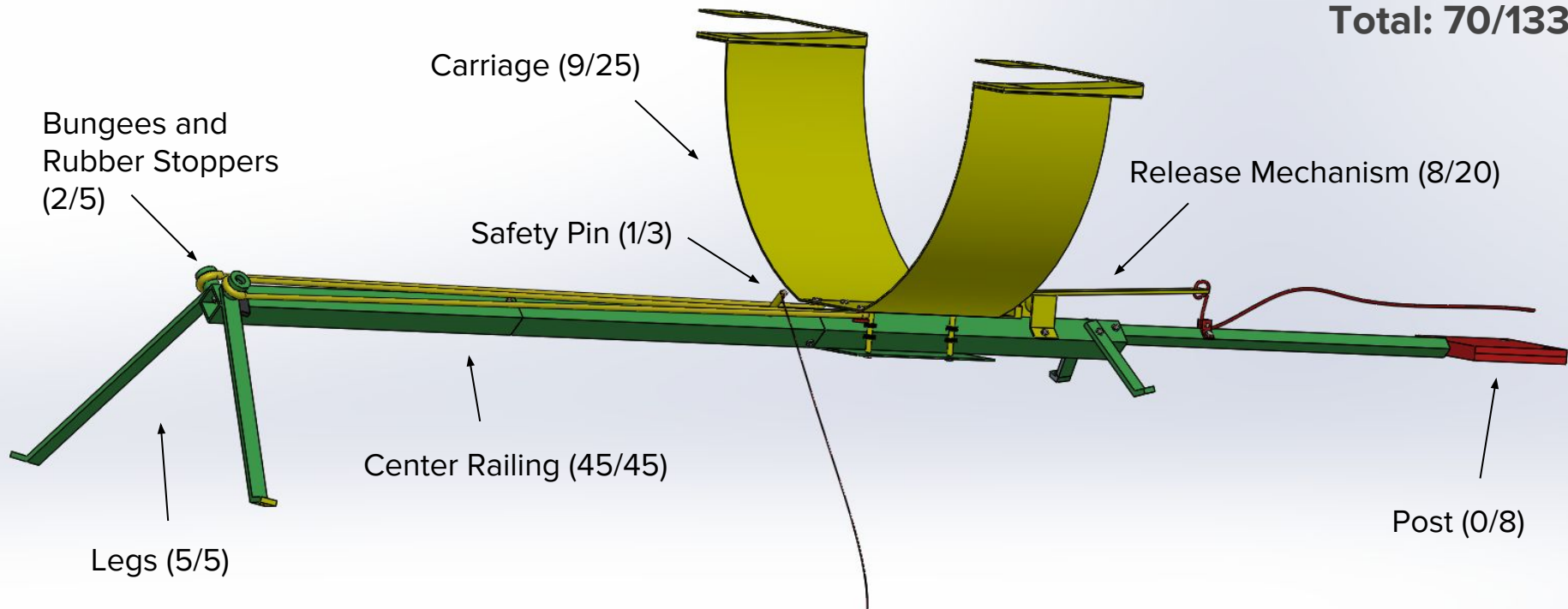
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# TAKEOFF SCHEMATIC

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



**Total: 70/133**





# TAKEOFF FLOWCHART

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



## Manufacturing

Inner Rails (12/12)

Center Rail (25/25)

Clamps (8/8)

Release mechanism (8/20)

Carriage Plates (5/5)

U- Carriage (2/10)

Clips (2/10)

Legs (5/5)

Stake Plate (0/4)

Stakes (0/4)

Attach Bungees and Rubber Stoppers (2/5)

Safety Pin (1/3)

Assemble Full  
Takeoff System  
(0/2)

## Testing

Bungee Test (3/3)

Takeoff test  
(0/20)

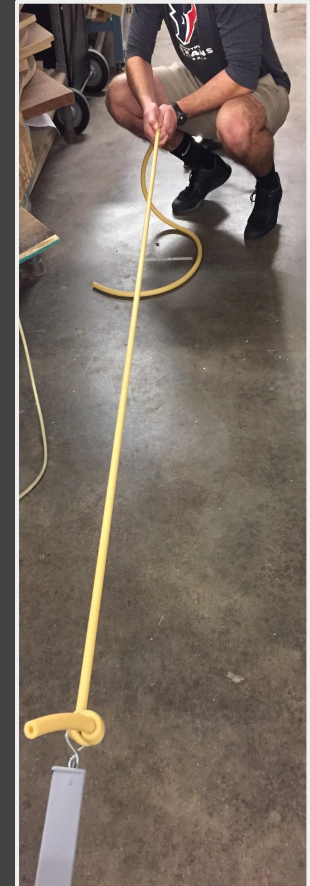
Launch ARES

**Total: 73/136**

# TAKEOFF CHALLENGES



- Bungees
  - Current design: 4 segments of silicon tubing (budget/size decision)
    - Change from KBand Victory Ropes
    - Required displacement of 2m and force of 400 N still met
  - Heritage on X8 Skywalker Launcher
  - Load testing performed; no degradation in bungees after 100 tests



# PROJECT BUDGET

# ORDERS AND DELIVERIES



Company	Subsystem	Cost	Delivery Status
Sparkfun	Avionics	\$62.42	Delivered
Venom	Propulsion	\$383.92	Delivered
Hacker/Graupner	Propulsion	\$270.12	Delivered
Amazon	All	\$190.03	Delivered
Drotek	Controls	\$124.50	Delivered
Horizon/Holybro/F3a	Controls	\$493.91	Delivered
McMaster Carr	Takeoff	\$617.68	Delivered
Rockwest/ACP	Airframe	\$660.80	Delivered
Tower Foam	Airframe	\$306.10	Shipped
CA Composites	Airframe	\$1000	In Production

\*All parts have been ordered.

\*We bought enough material for 3 airframes

## Tower Foam

- Scheduled for delivery on 2/8/19

## CA Composites

-Expected delivery 3/5/19

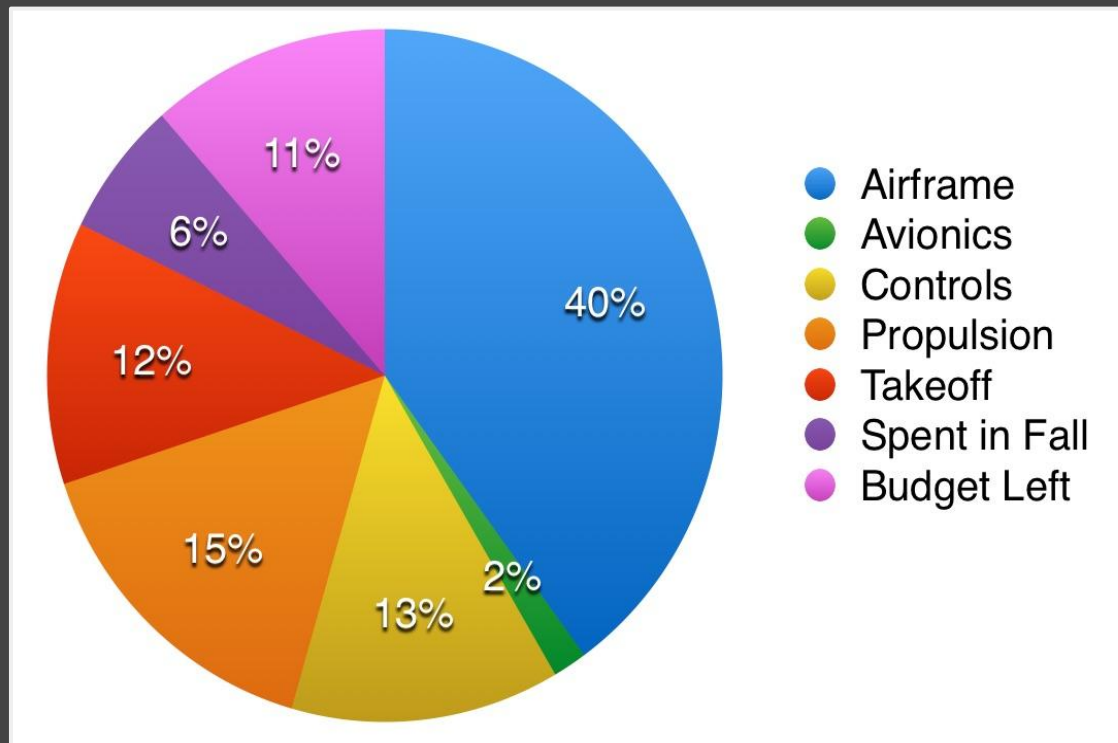
-Back-up: Use alternate material (foam board) for the launch test

# BUDGET



Subsystem	Spent
Airframe	\$1996.90
Avionics	\$81.42
Controls	\$643.41
Propulsion	\$774.04
Takeoff	\$612.68
Spent in Fall	\$316.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4424.47</b>

**Left: \$575.53**



**\*Note:** During manufacturing we discovered we needed a few more parts so we have spent \$156.56 more than we predicted last semester.

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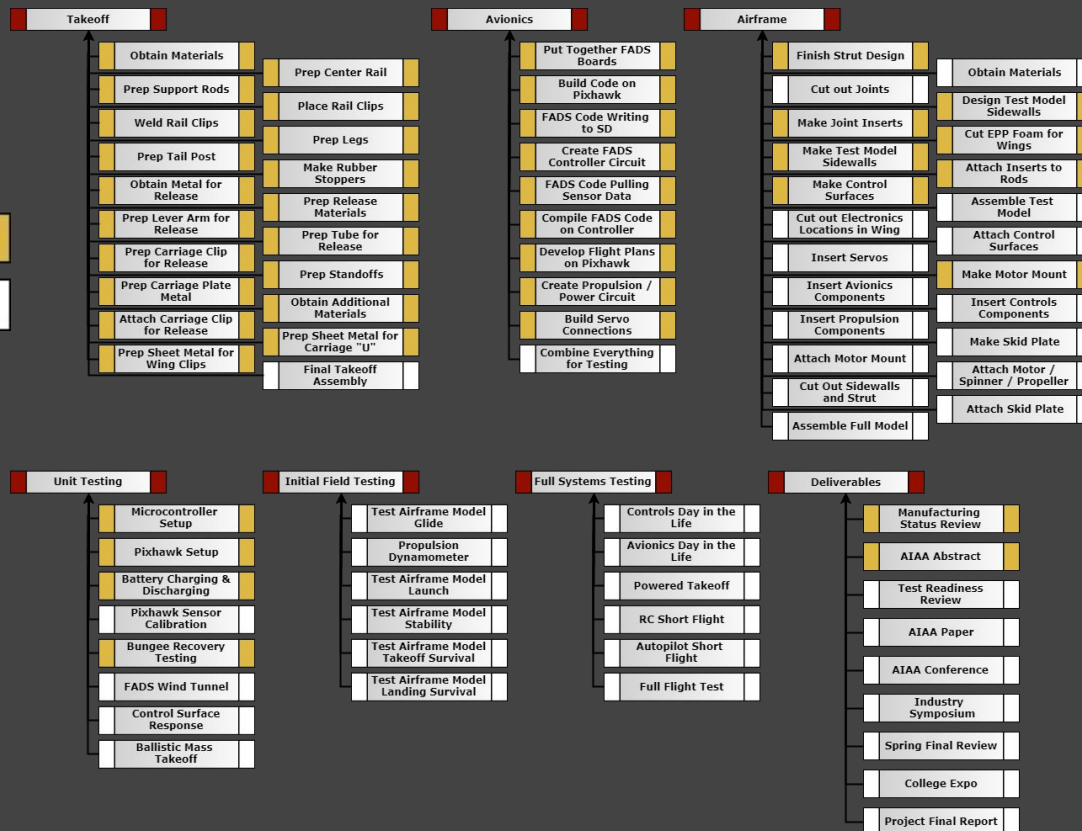
# QUESTIONS?





# BACKUP SLIDES

# WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE



# Challenges (So Far and Forseen)



- Airframe
  - Delay on Foam delivery
  - Delay on Honeycomb delivery
- Avionics:
  - Pull-up resistor requirements
    - Forced 4 day delay on microcontroller testing
  - Battery discharging and charging tests
  - Embedded software communication
- Takeoff
  - Bungee Performance
  - Release Mechanism

# AIRFRAME BACKUP

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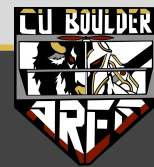


In Progress



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# FRAMES (Spars, Joints, Strut)



## ■ Spars

- Arrived
- Cut to length

## ■ Joints

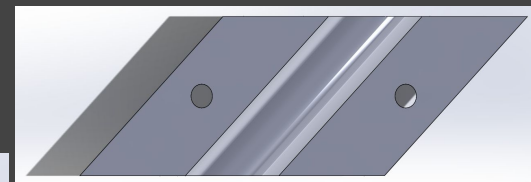
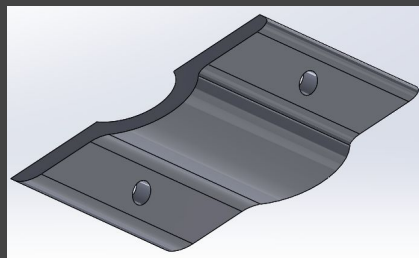
- Material procured
- In process of manufacturing

## ■ Carbon fiber rod

- Bracket attachment
  - Carbon Fiber 3D Print

## • Assembly

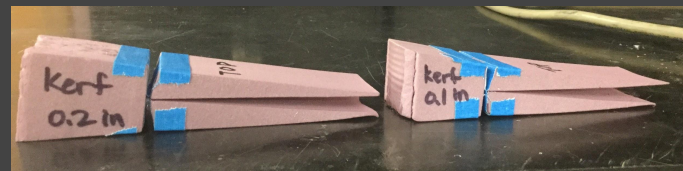
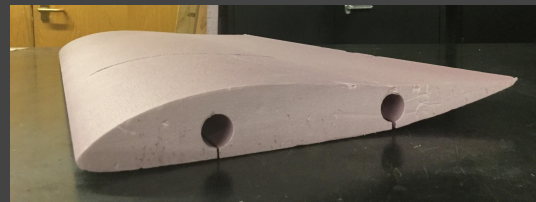
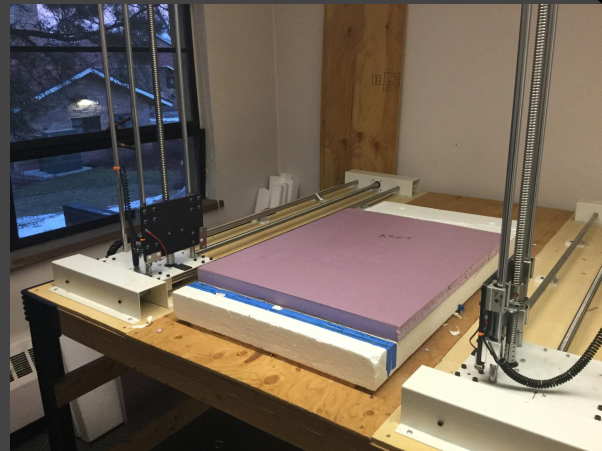
- Nuts, bolts
- EPP foam wings



# 4-AXIS FOAM CUTTER



- Foam Cutting Practice
  - Learned how to use the foam cutter
- Prototype: Aerodynamic Model
  - Use Pink foam to build an aerodynamic model (No avionics mounted)
- Control Surface Design
  - Manufacturability constraint on the foam cutter (Hinge design is done)
- EPP Foam Cutting
  - EPP foam not yet arrived (on a ship)

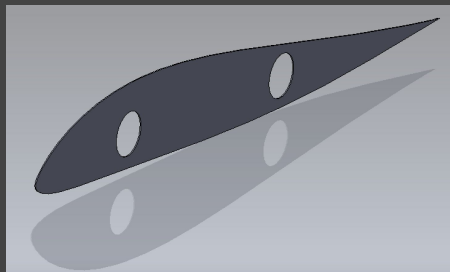
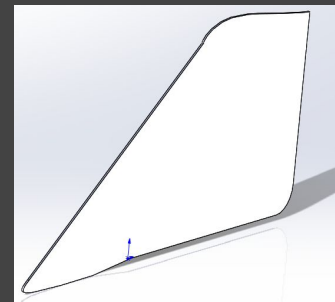


# SIDE PANELS/RIBS



## ❑ Carbon Honeycomb not shipped - (Not Yet Arrived)

- expected arrival on March 1st (happy Chinese New Year!)
- Plan: Use alternate material (corrugated plastic panels, poster board) as approximation for launch/ aerodynamic testing
- Cannibalize SCUA for ribs
- Off ramp - use alternate material (aluminium, foam core composite) on final project



Material Sample

# AIRFRAME FLOWCHART

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



## Manufacturing

Make carbon  
fiber plate (4/40)

Make prop motor  
mount (4/16)

Cut into airfoil for  
electronics (0/12)

Make control  
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Make strut and  
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[honeycomb &  
plastic] (0/24)

Cut out joints  
[reused] (8/32)

Cut foam [EPP &  
pink] for wings  
(0/16)

Some Components  
Reused

Full ARES  
assembly (0/16)

Integrate: Avionics,  
Controls, Propulsion (0/6)

## Testing

Test model  
assembly (0/16)

Takeoff test  
(0/20)

Systems testing  
(0/20)

Full flight test  
(0/30)

**Total: 17/269**



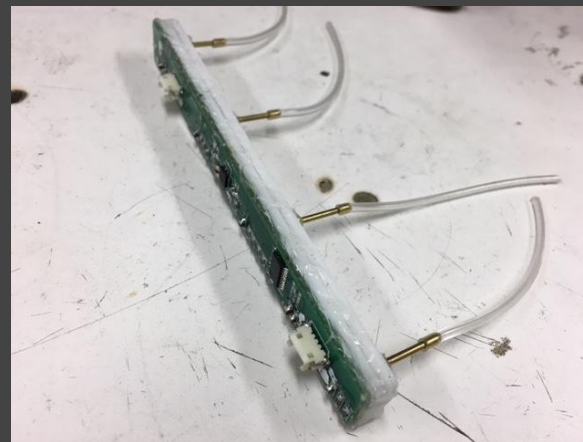
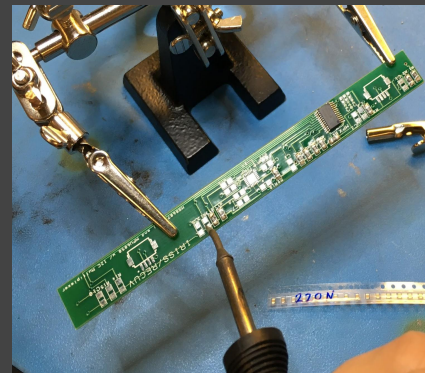


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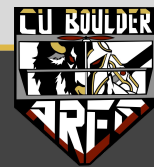
# FADS BOARD DESIGN



- Surface mount FADS PCBs
  - Capacitors and resistors
  - Multiplexers and headers
- Epoxy PCBs
  - Acrylic layers
  - PCB to acrylic
- Create brass/tubing/board connection
  - Cut brass tubing to length
  - Glue brass fittings to acrylic
  - Cut and insert tubing to brass
- Test voltages to assure connections

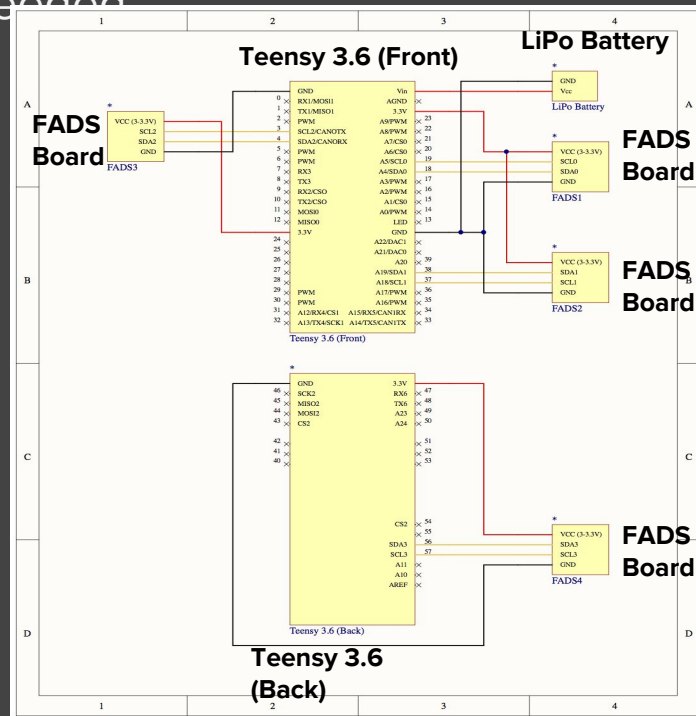
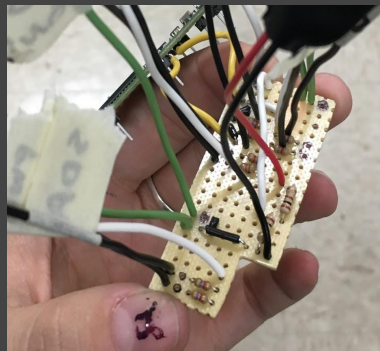
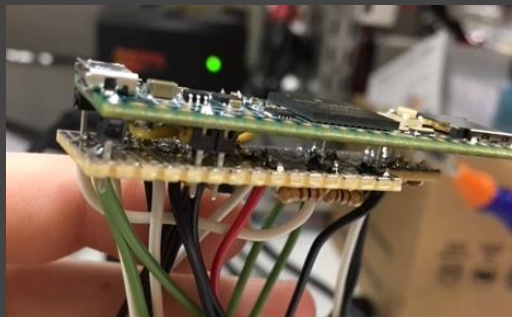


# TEENSY/FADS CIRCUIT BOARD



**Design Change:** learned that pull-up resistors were needed

- Design new circuit board
- Procure vector board, resistors, and wire
- Cut circuit board to size
- Solder components
- Test power conditioning circuit
- Solder microcontroller headers to board



# FADS EMBEDDED SOFTWARE



- Build integrated development environment (IDE)
- Build and compile code on microcontroller
- Blink program
- Scan for I2c address
  - Multiplexer and P/T sensors
- Send command register for P/T
- - Decimal values (**Challenge step**)
- Write data to SD card
- - P/T and real time clock (RTC) data
- Produce code for 4 boards
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The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE with the 'I2CScanner' sketch loaded. The code in the main editor is as follows:

```
void setup()
{
  Wire.begin();

  Serial.begin(9600);
  while (!Serial); // Leonardo: wait for serial monitor
  Serial.println("\nI2C Scanner");
}

void loop()
{
  byte error, address;
  int nDevices;

  Serial.println("Scanning...");

  nDevices = 0;
  for (int i = 1; i < 255; i++)
  {
    Wire.beginTransmission(i);
    if (Wire.endTransmission() == 0)
    {
      Serial.print("I2C device found at address 0x");
      Serial.print(i, HEX);
      Serial.println(" !");
      nDevices++;
    }
  }
  if (nDevices == 0)
    Serial.println("No I2C devices found. :(");
  delay(5000);
}
```

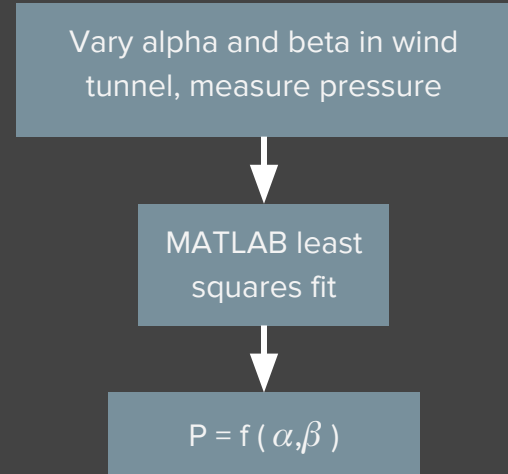
The serial monitor on the right shows the output of the sketch, displaying "I2C device found at address 0x75 !" multiple times. The status bar at the bottom indicates "14 Arduino/Genuino Uno on COM8" and "0 items".

# FADS POST-PROCESSING

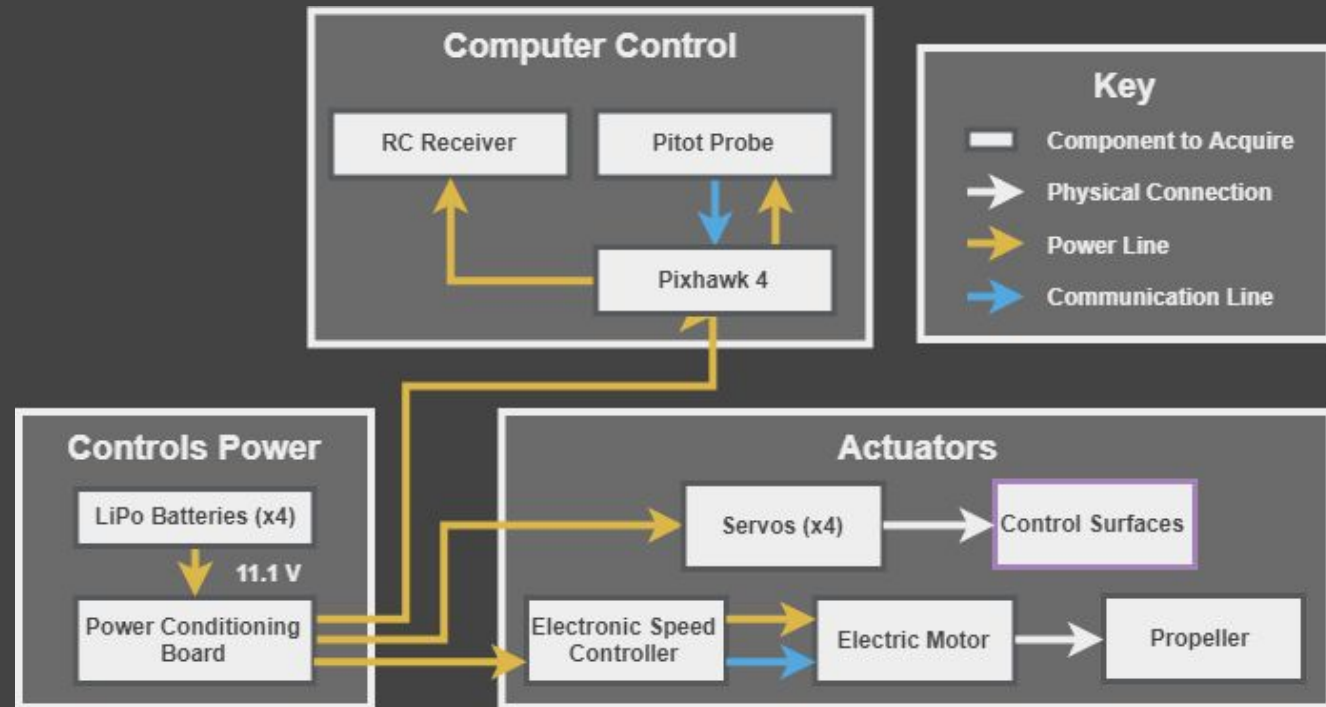


- Calculate velocity from pressure function
- Convert decimal to P/T function
  - Pressure in Pa, Temperature in Kelvin
- Parse output file from embedded software
  - Read in data from SD
  - Iterate through above functions
- Compare pitot probe to FADS output
  - Read in pitot probe data
  - Compare with a mean square error
- Create pressure as a function of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  curve
  - Fit measured  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  values
  -

```
% This function takes in stagnation and static pressure, mean sea level
% density and boulder density, and temperature. It gives the indicated
% airspeed, the true airspeed and the associated error.
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function [P_stag, P_static, rho, rho_0, T] = ARES_CalcTAS(TAS, IAS)
R = 287; % J/KgK
IAS = sqrt(2*(P_stag - P_static)/rho_0);
TAS = IAS*sqrt((rho_0*P_stag)/(R*T));
error = TAS*.003;
end
```



# CONTROLS/PROPULSION SCHEMATIC

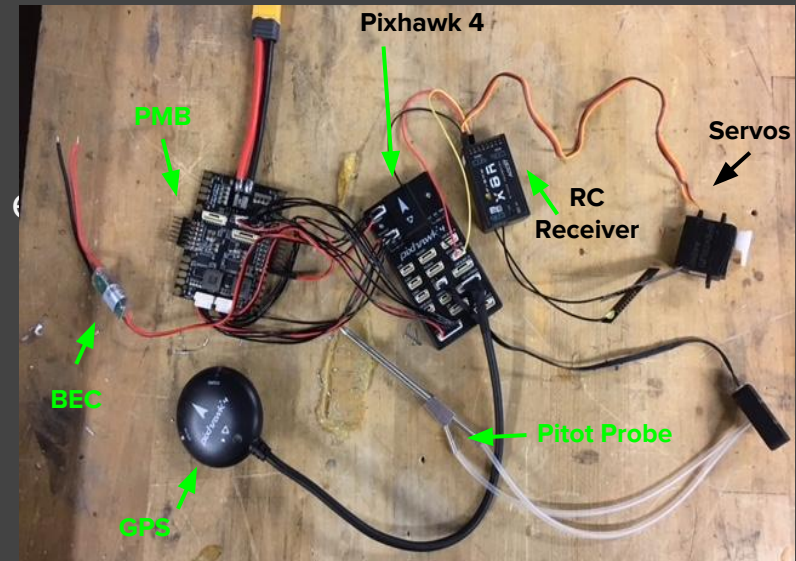
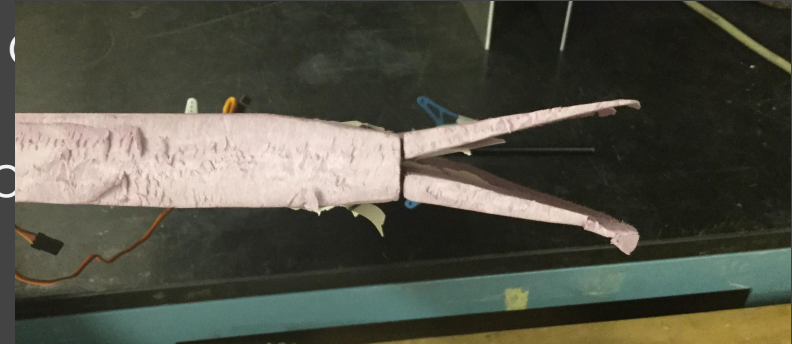




# CONTROLS AVIONICS



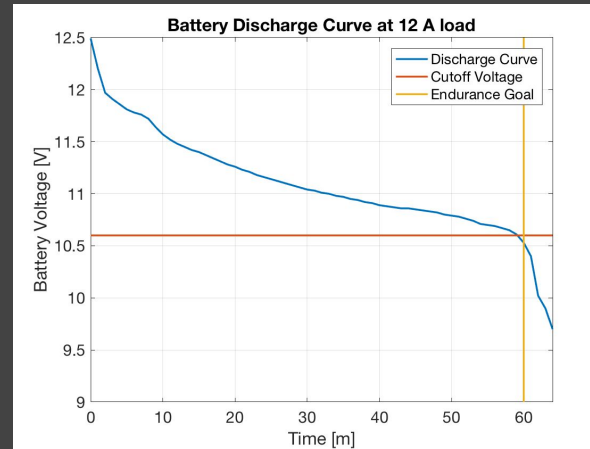
- Firmware uploading to Pixhawk board from C
- Pixhawk wiring mostly complete
- Successful pairing between receiver and RC
- Sensor calibration almost done
- Powered with LiPo battery connection
- Post-flight log files received
- Wind tunnel test for pitot tube
- Integrate ESC/Motor
- Custom airframe built into firmware for split e
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# Testing



- ☒ Data recording and storage
- ☐ Fridge testing (sensor accuracy)
- ☐ Wind tunnel testing
  - ☐ Pressure data comparison
  - ☐ Pressure-velocity comparison
- ☒ Battery discharging and charging
- ☒ Dynamometer testing
- ☒ Servo perturbation testing





# Propulsion Status



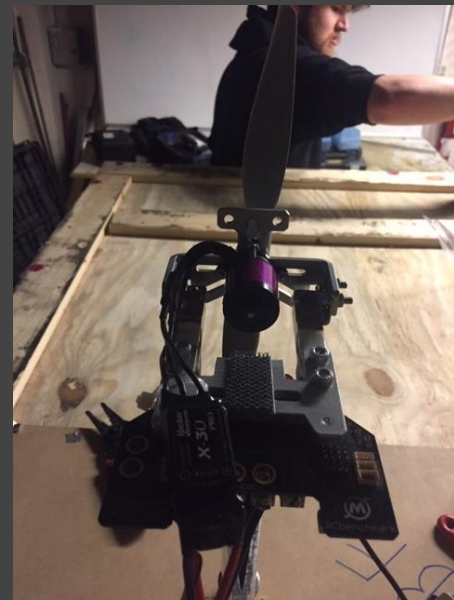
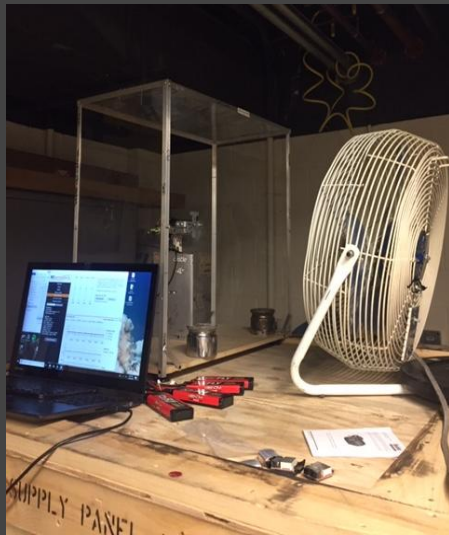
- Propulsion mounting structure will be recycled from heritage design (SCUA)
  - Already manufactured
  - Will be cut out from SCUA and simply glued to ARES' center ribbing
  - Current mount doesn't fit our motor - will make aluminum adapter



# Propulsion Status



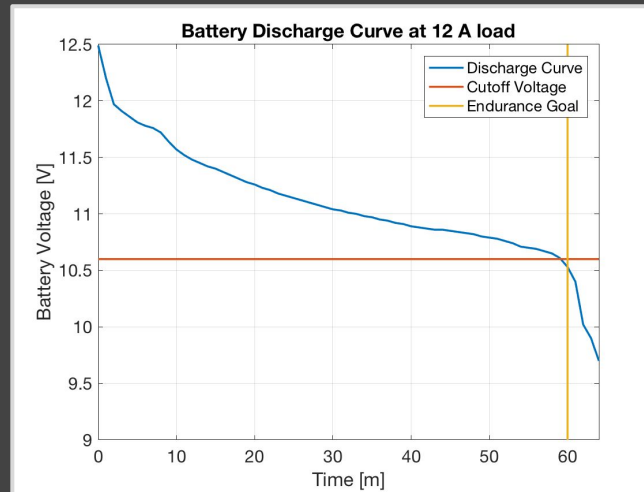
- Propulsion system has been completely configured and tested
  - Motor is compatible with ESC, batteries, wiring, etc.
- No further manufacturing required for propulsion - in very good standing
- DR 1.2.1 has been met



# Battery Discharge Testing



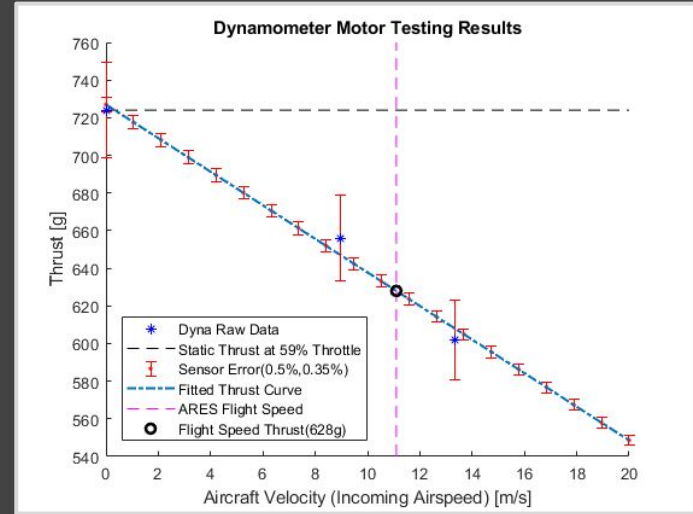
- Ran test with charged batteries to ensure endurance requirement ( $V_i = 4.24\text{v}$ )
- Prop ran for over an hour successfully with 550-720g thrust range
- At the hour mark, changed the thrust output to see its effect on the battery
- FR 1.0 has been met
- Level 1 success criteria conditionally is met



# Dynamometer Testing



- Used DBF Dynamometer (0.5% Error)
  - Tested motor for:
    - max thrust output
    - Expected flight thrust output
    - Startup throttle system response
    - Response to incoming wind at varying speeds

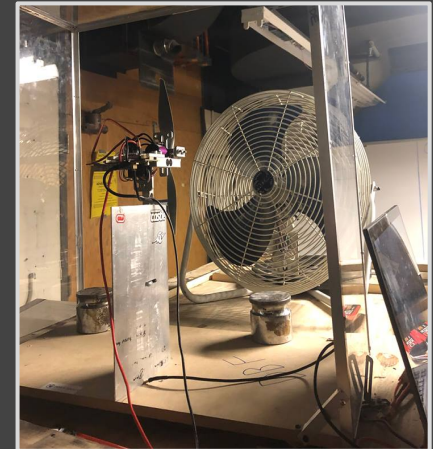


Throttle Effects on Thrust

Throttle	Thrust	RPM
100%	1140g	9234
59%	724g	7941
9%	32g	294

Incoming Wind Speed Effects on Thrust at 59% Throttle

Wind Speed	Thrust	RPM
0m/s	724g	7941
8.98m/s	656g	7483
13.32m/s	602g	7096

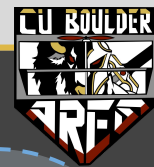




# TAKEOFF BACKUP

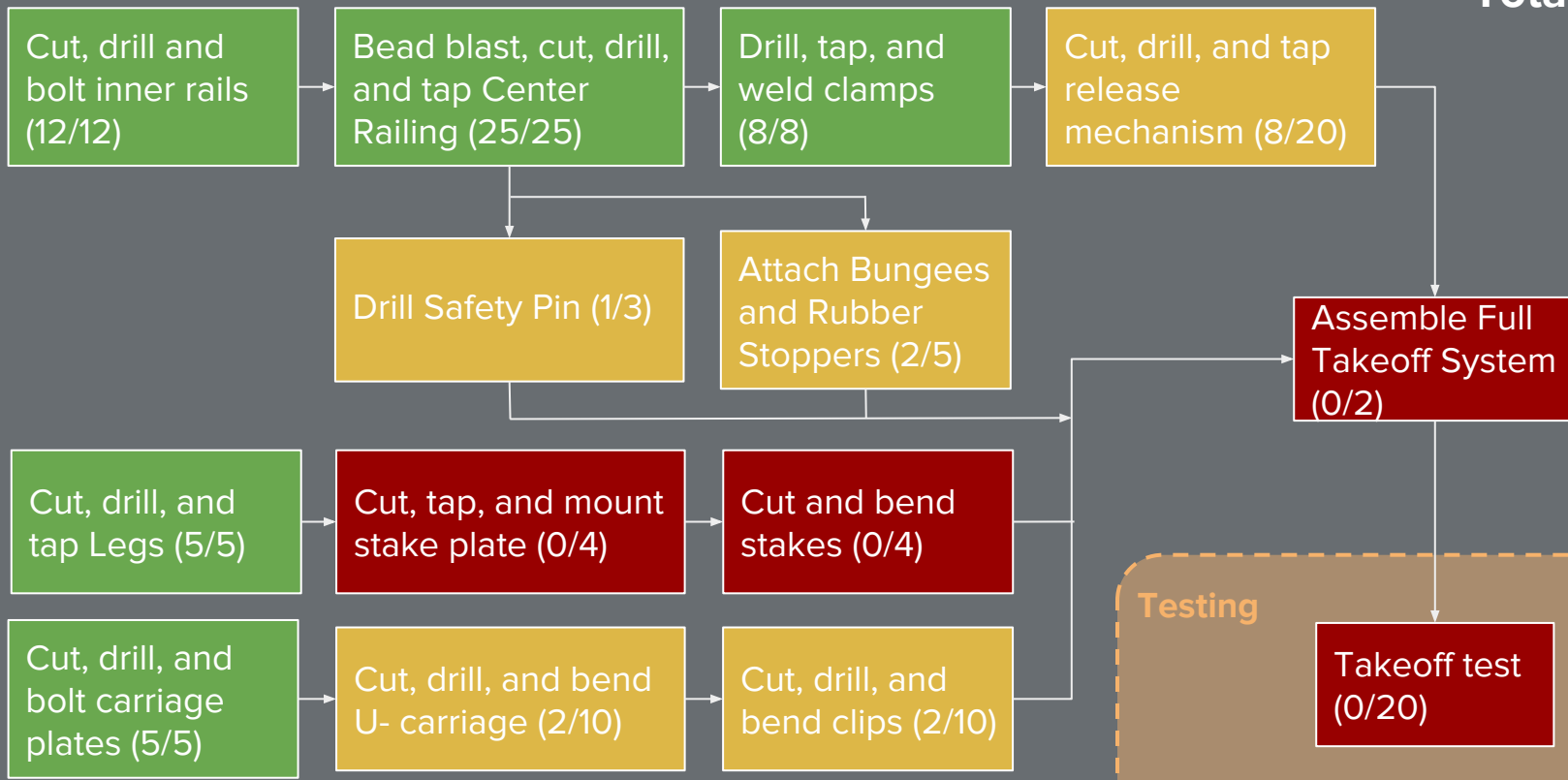
# TAKEOFF FLOWCHART

\*MAN-HOURS  
(Complete/Total)



## Manufacturing

Total: 70/133



## Testing










Takeoff test  
(0/20)



# TAKEOFF SYSTEM











## Center Rail Status

-  Bead blast steel beams
-  Drill holes for legs, support rods, clips, tail post
-  Weld center rail clips
-  Cut and drill legs
-  Drill and tap tail post
-  Cut and drill rubber stoppers
-  Drill Safety Pin Hole
-  Drill Release mechanism holes
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# TAKEOFF SYSTEM



## Carriage Status

-  Cut and drill carriage plate metal
-  Attach carriage clip for release mechanism
-  Cut and drill spacers
-  Cut metal for carriage U
-  Cut metal for carriage clips
-  Bend/roll U and clips
-  Cut all - thread
- 



# TAKEOFF SYSTEM



## Release Mechanism Status:



Obtain material for release mechanism



Drill and tap L - brackets (if needed)



Drill and tap lever arm



Drill and tap tube for release

# TAKEOFF SYSTEM



## Bungee Status:

- KBand Victory Ropes have been replaced
- Current design is using silicon tubing (budget/size decision)
  - Required displacement of 2m and force of 400 N still met
  - Heritage on X8 Skywalker Launcher
  - Load testing???

## To - Do Material Procurement:

- Rebar
- Flight string
- Screws/bolts (to reimburse machine shop)
- L - brackets

# TAKEOFF SYSTEM



## Summary:

- Center rail
- Legs and Posts
- Release Mechanism
- Carriage
- Safety Pin

## Current Challenges

- Bungee performance
- Release mechanism

## To-Do:

- Material procurement
  - Rebar
  - Flight string
  - Screws/bolts (to reimburse machine shop)
  - L - brackets
- Finish 'in progress' components