

16.810

# Engineering Design and Rapid Prototyping

## Lecture 1

# Introduction to Design

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# 16.810 Happy New Year 2007 !

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We won't be designing White Knight or SpaceShipOne this IAP, but ...

You will learn about “the design process” and fundamental building blocks of any complex (aerospace) system

- *“The scientist seeks to understand what is; the engineer seeks to create what never was”*
  - -Von Karman

# 16.810 Outline

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- Organization of 16.810
  - Motivation, Learning Objectives, Activities
- (Re-) Introduction to Design
  - Examples, Requirements, Design Processes (Waterfall vs. Spiral), Basic Steps
- “Design Challenge” - Team Assignments
  - Previous Years (2004, 2005)
  - This Year: MITSET (30 min), VDS (30 min)
  - Deliverables Checklist, Team Assignments
- Facilities Tour

## Organization of 16.810

# 16.810 Expectations

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- 6 unit course (3-3-0) – 7+1 sessions
  - TR1-5 in 33-218 , must attend all sessions or get permission of instructors to be absent
  - This is for-credit, no formal “problem sets”, but expect a set of deliverables (see √-list)
  - Have fun, but also take it seriously
  - The course is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year “prototype” itself and we are hoping for your feedback & contributions
  - Officially register under 16.810 (Jan 2007) on WEBSIS

# History of this Course

- December 2002** Undergraduate Survey in Aero/Astro Department.  
Students expressed wish for CAD/CAE/CAM experience.
- April 4, 2003** Submission of proposal to Teaching and Education  
Enhancement Program ("MIT Class Funds")
- May 6, 2003** Award Letter received from Dean for Undergraduate  
Education (\$17.5k)
- June 5, 2003** Kickoff Meeting
- Sept 18, 2003** Approved by the AA undergraduate committee (6 units)
- Fall 2003** Preparation
- Jan 5, 2004** First Class (Topic: Bicycle Frame Design)
- Fall 2004** Preparation
- Jan 4, 2005** Second Class (Topic: Race Car Wing Design)
- Jan 2007** Third Class → Focus on helping student projects

see: <http://ocw.mit.edu>

**A 2001 survey of undergraduate students  
(Aero/Astro) – in conjunction with new Dept. head  
search**

- There is a perceived lack of understanding and training in modern design methods using state-of-the-art CAD/CAE/CAM technology and design optimization.
- Individual students have suggested the addition of a short and intense course of rapid prototyping, combined with design optimization.

# Boeing List of “Desired Attributes of an Engineer”

- **A good understanding of engineering science fundamentals**
  - Mathematics (including statistics)
  - Physical and life sciences
  - Information technology (far more than “computer literacy”)
- **A good understanding of design and manufacturing processes (i.e. understands engineering)**
- **A multi-disciplinary, systems perspective**
- **A basic understanding of the context in which engineering is practiced**
  - Economics (including business practice)
  - History
  - The environment
  - Customer and societal needs
- **Good communication skills**
  - Written
  - Oral
  - Graphic
  - Listening
- **High ethical standards**
- **An ability to think both critically and creatively - independently and cooperatively**
- **Flexibility. The ability and self-confidence to adapt to rapid or major change**
- **Curiosity and a desire to learn for life**
- **A profound understanding of the importance of teamwork.**

• *This is a list, begun in 1994, of basic durable attributes into which can be mapped specific skills reflecting the diversity of the overall engineering environment in which we in professional practice operate.*

• *This current version of the list can be viewed on the Boeing web site as a basic message to those seeking advice from the company on the topic. Its contents are also included for the most part in ABET EC 2000.*

# An engineer should be able to ...

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- Determine quickly how things work
  - Determine what customers want
  - Create a concept
  - Use abstractions/math models to improve a concept
  - Build or create a prototype version
  - Quantitatively and robustly test a prototype to improve concept and to predict
  - Determine whether customer value and enterprise value are aligned (business sense)
  - Communicate all of the above to various audiences
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- Much of this requires “domain-specific knowledge” and experience
  - Several require systems thinking and statistical thinking
  - All require teamwork, leadership, and societal awareness

Slide from Prof. Chris Magee

**Develop a holistic view and initial competency in engineering design by applying a combination of human creativity and modern computational tools to the synthesis of a simple component or system.**

**“Holistic View”** - of the whole. Think about:  
- requirements,  
design, manufacturing,  
testing, cost ...

**“Competency”** - can not only talk about it or do calculations, but actually carry out the process end-to-end

**“Engineering Design”**  
- what you will likely do after MIT

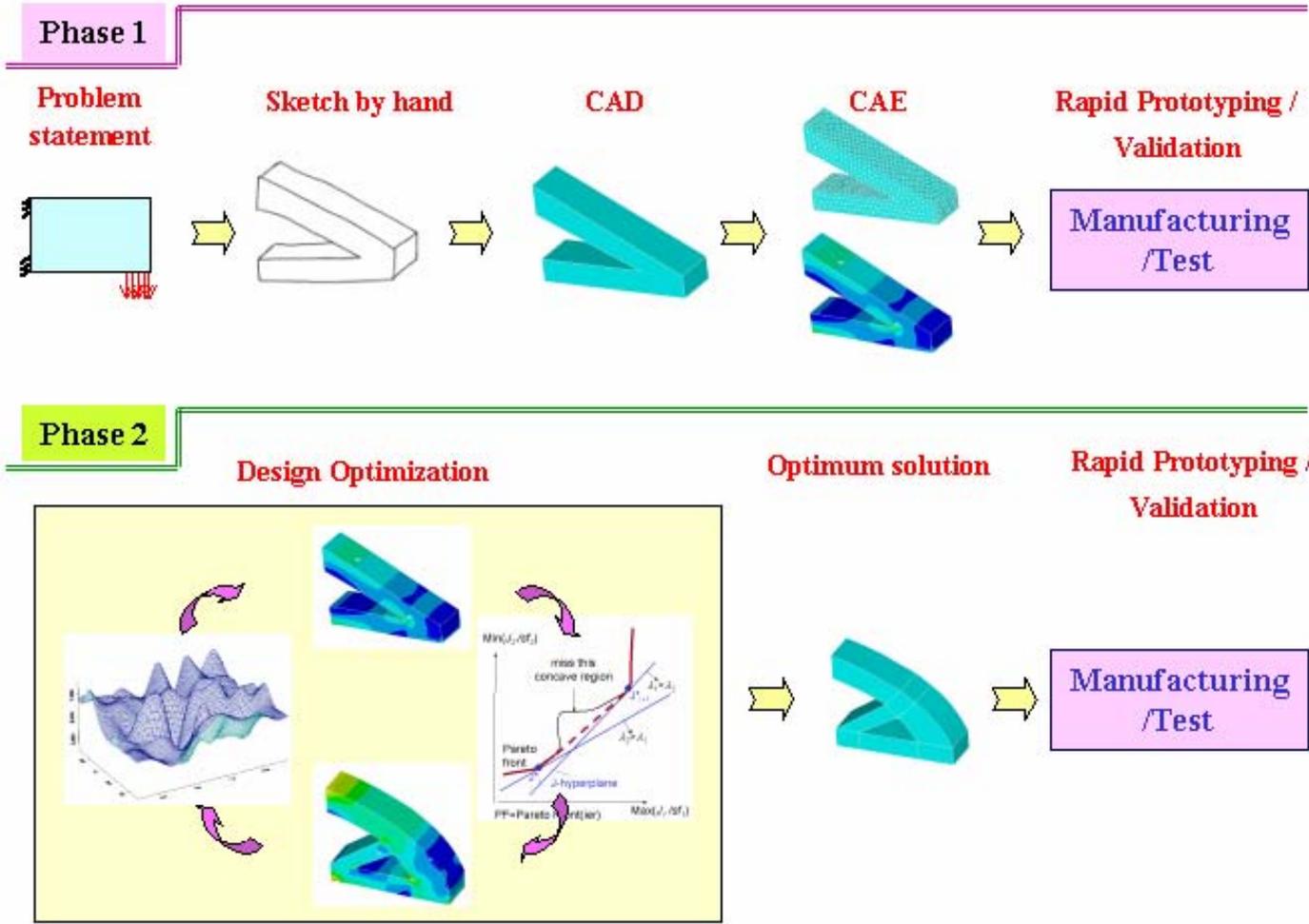
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**“Rapid Prototyping”** - a hot concept in industry today.

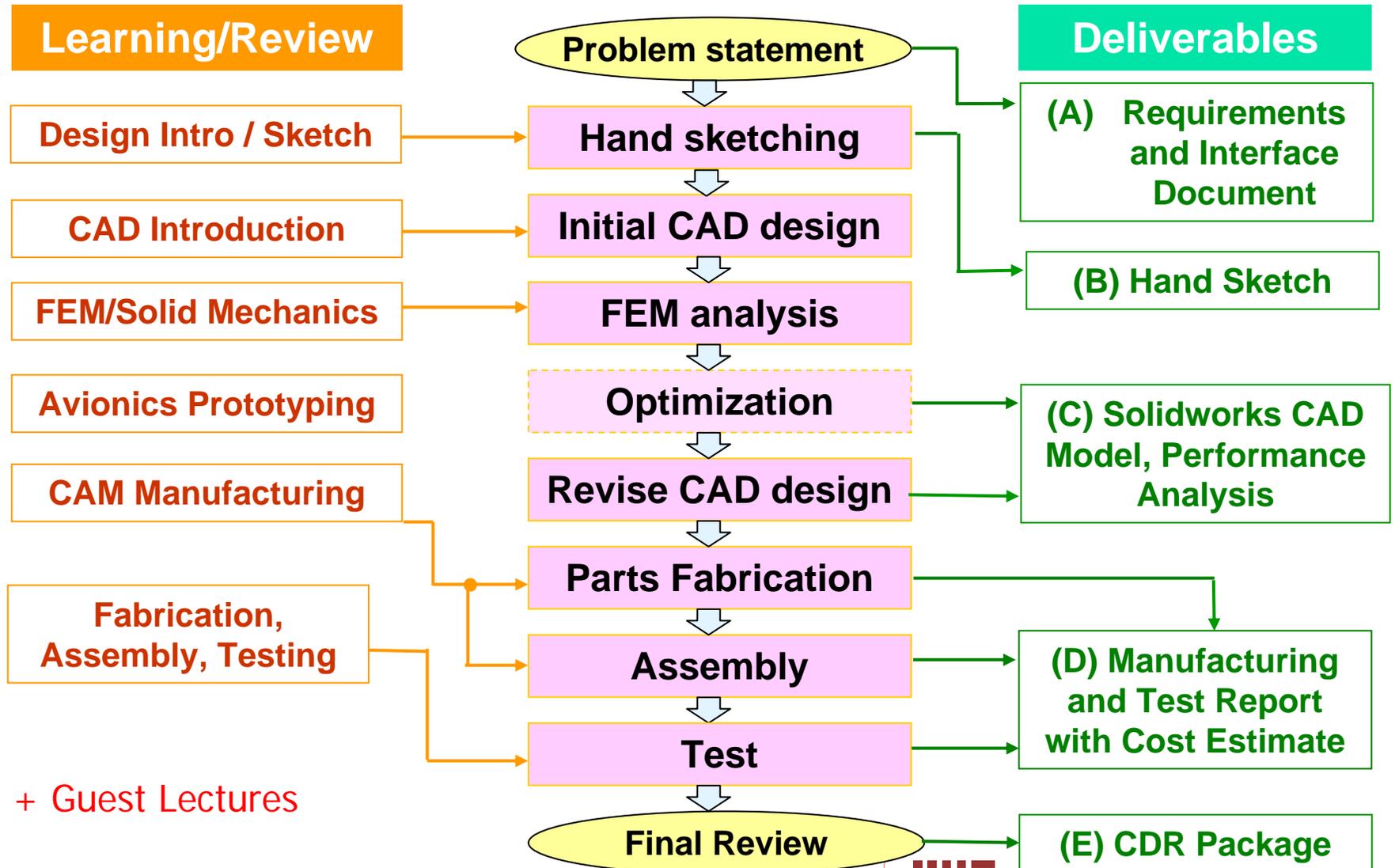
**“Human Creativity and Computational Tools”**: design is a constant inter-play of synthesis and analysis

**“Components / Systems”**: part of all aerospace systems, But must be “easy” to implement in a short time

# Course Concept



# Course Flow Diagram (2007)



**At the end of this class you should be able to ...**

- (1) Carry out a systematic design process from conception through design/implementation/verification of a simple component or system.**
- (2) Quantify the predictive accuracy of CAE versus actual test results.**
- (3) Explain the relative improvement that computer optimization can yield relative to an initial, manual solution.**
- (4) Discuss the complementary capabilities and limitations of the human mind and the digital computer (synthesis versus analysis).**

# 16.810 Grading

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- Letter Grading A-F \*see checklist
- Composition
  - Design Deliverables\* 70%
    - Requirements Document, Sketch, CAD Model & Analysis, Test & Mfg Report, Final Review Slides
  - Final Product 20%
    - Requirements Compliance
    - "Quality"
  - Active Class Participation 10%
    - Attendance, Ask Questions, Contribute Suggestions, Fill in Surveys

# (Re-)Introduction to Design

Improved time-to-climb  
Performance of F/A-18 in  
Air-to-Air configuration by ~ 20%

Development  
of Swiss F/A-18 Low Drag  
Pylon (LDP) 1994-1996

“design” –  
*to create, fashion, execute,  
or construct according to plan*

Merriam-Webster

# 16.810 Design and Objective Space

## Design Space

### Design Variables

Wing Area

31.5 [in<sup>2</sup>]

Aspect Ratio

6.2

Dihedral Angle

0 [deg]

Remember Unified ...?



### Fixed Parameters

- air density
- properties of balsa wood

## Objective Space

### Performance

Time-of-Flight

5.35 sec

Distance

Ca. 90ft

### Cost

Assembly Time

87 min

Material Cost

\$ 4.50

# Basic Design Steps

1. Define Requirements
2. Create/Choose Concept
3. Perform Design
4. Analyze System
5. Build Prototype
6. Test Prototype
7. Accept Final Design



“flying wing”



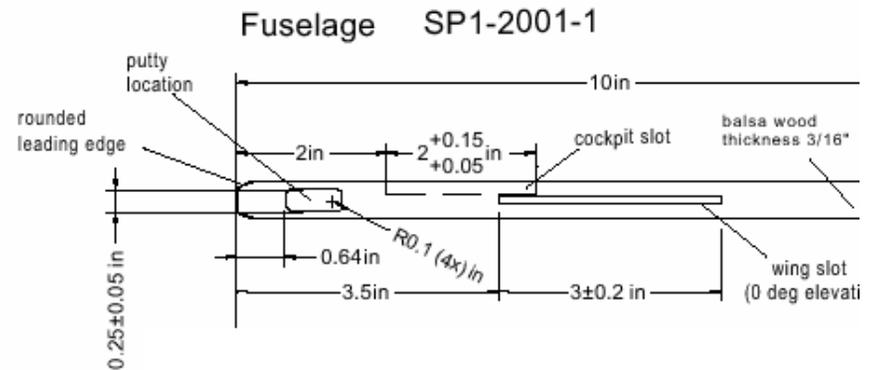
“monoplane”



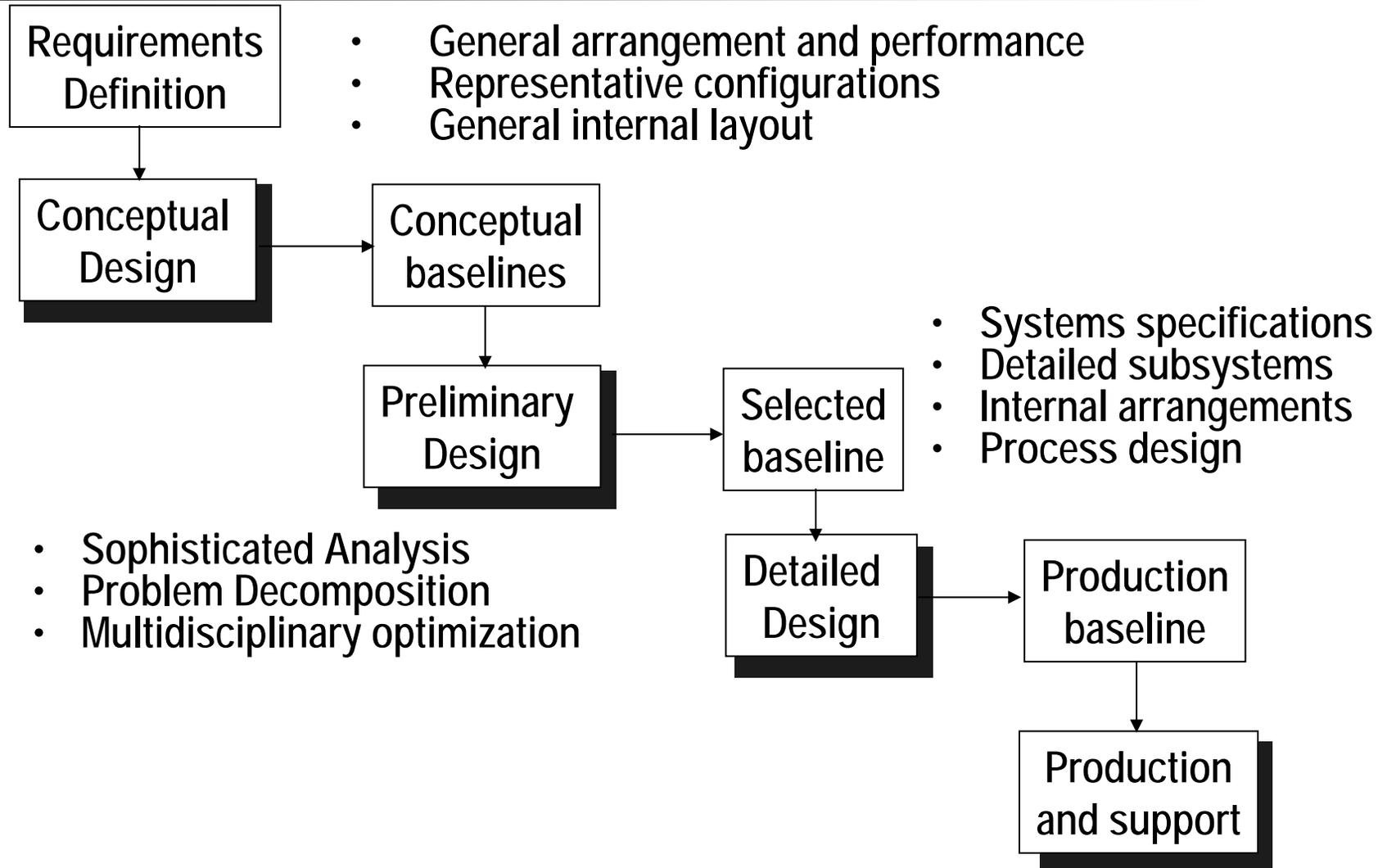
“biplane”



“delta dart”



# Typical Design Phases



# Phased vs. Spiral PD Processes

Phased, Staged, or Waterfall PD Process  
(dominant for over 30 years)



Spiral PD Process

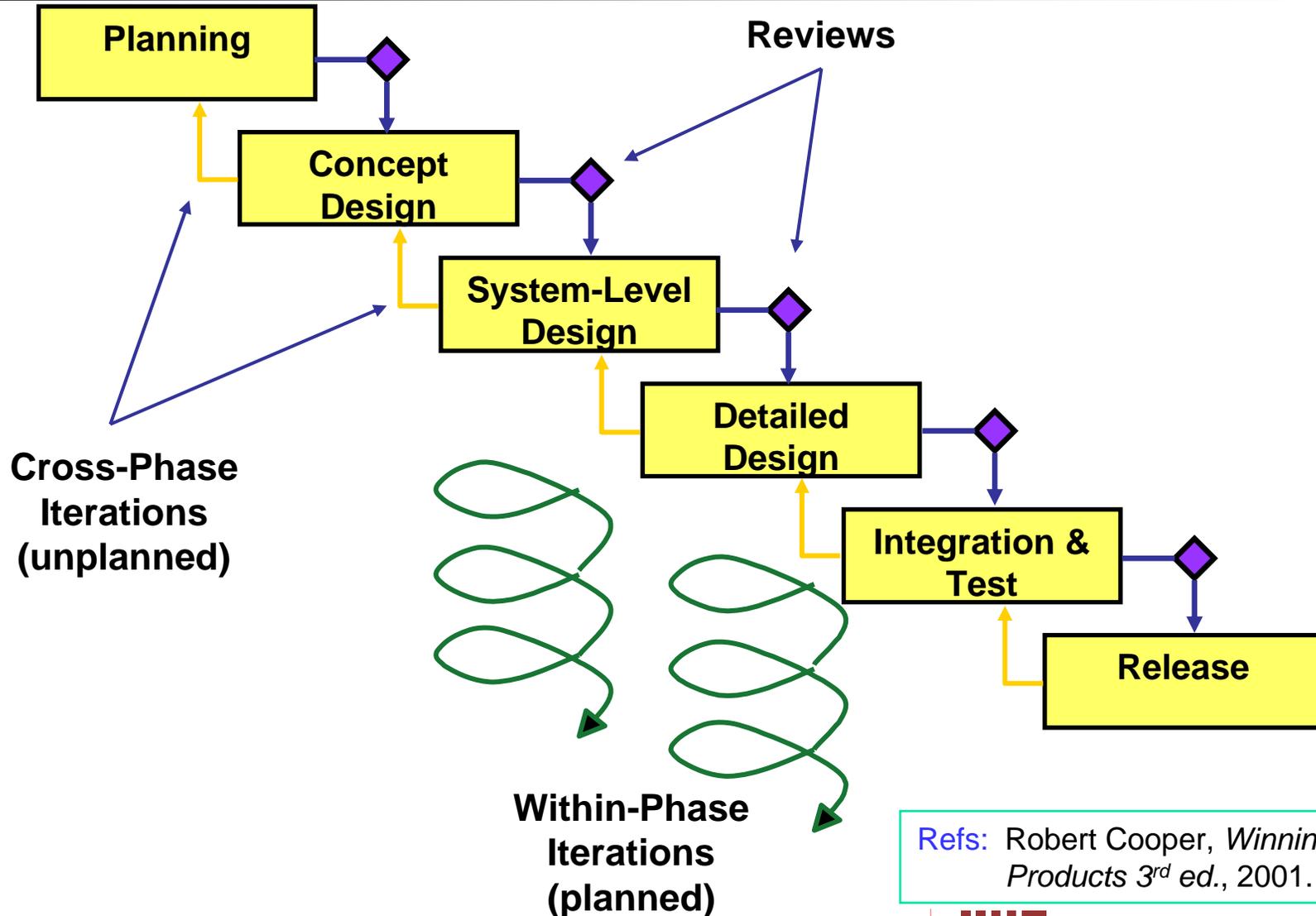
(primarily used in software development)



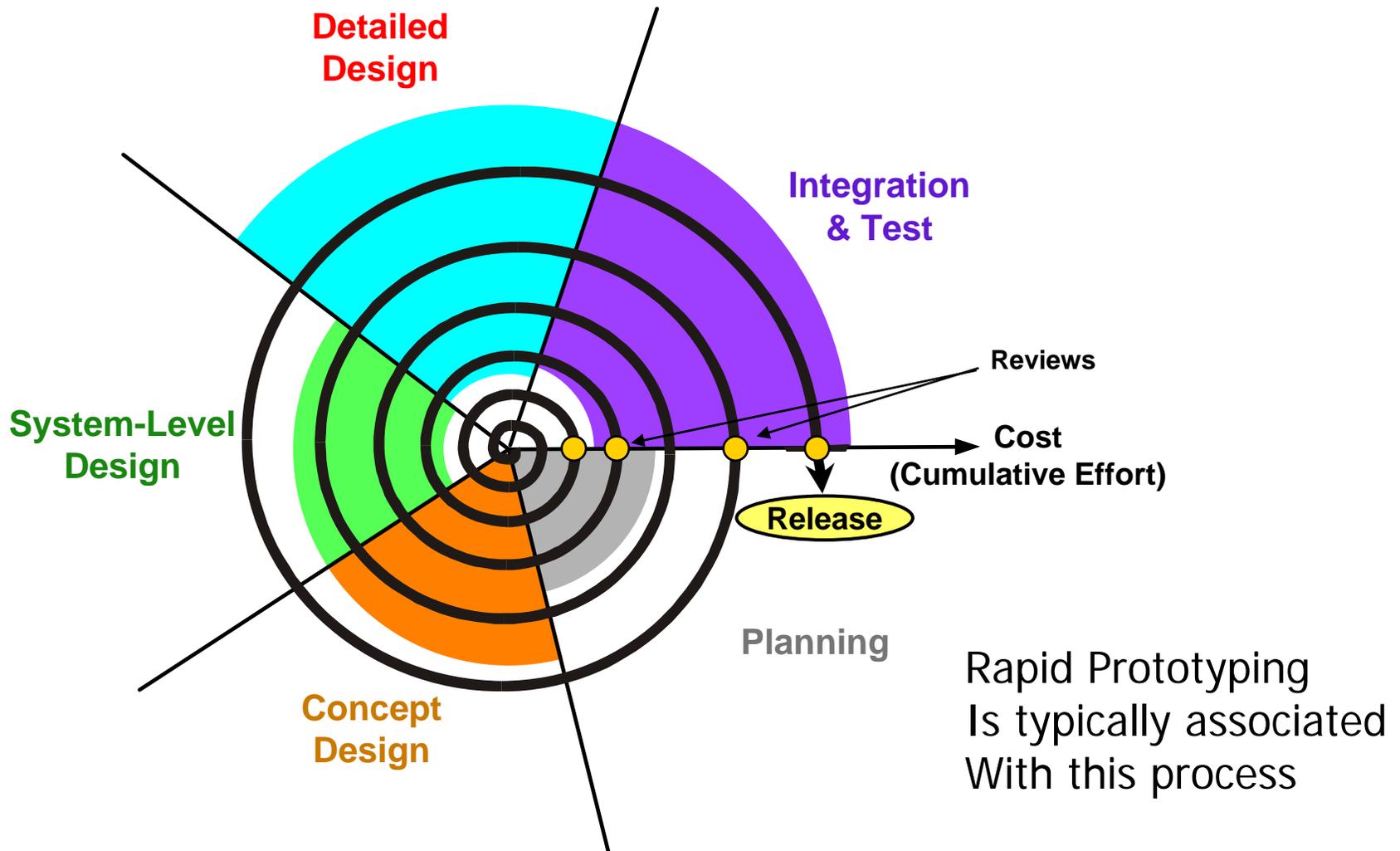
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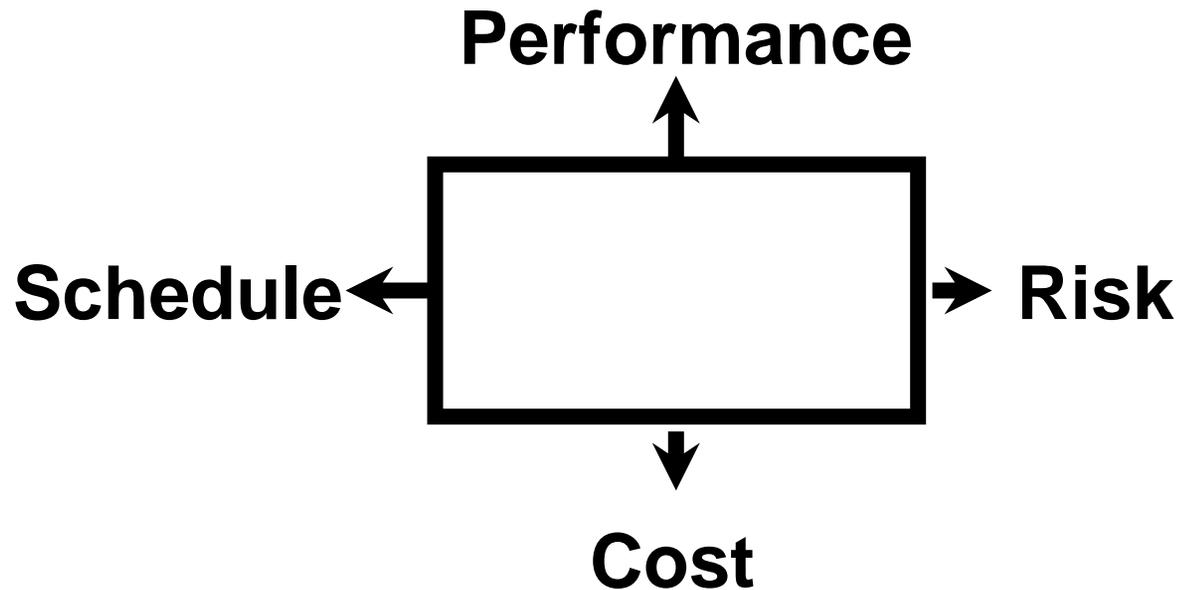
- How many spirals should be planned?
- Which phases should be in each spiral?
- When to conduct gate reviews?

# Stage Gate PD Process



# Spiral PD Process





- Performance - ability to do primary mission
- Cost - development, operation life cycle cost
- Schedule - time to first unit, production rate
- Risk - of technical and or financial failure

Ref: Maier, Rechtin, "The Art of Systems Architecting"

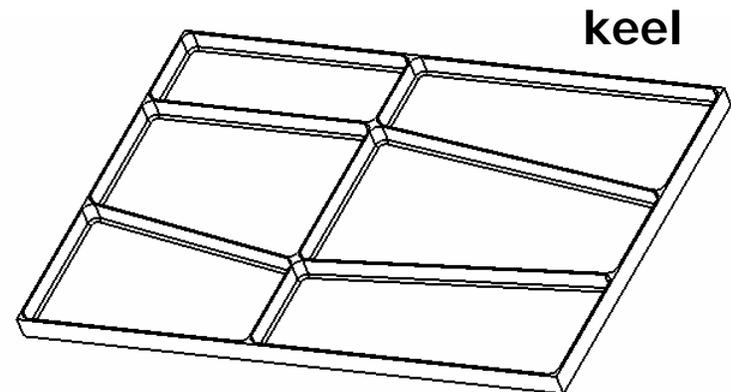
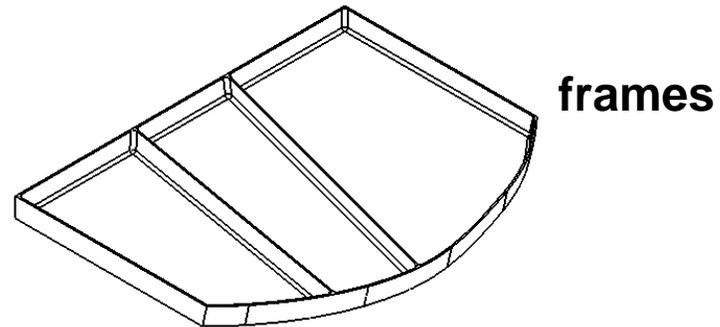
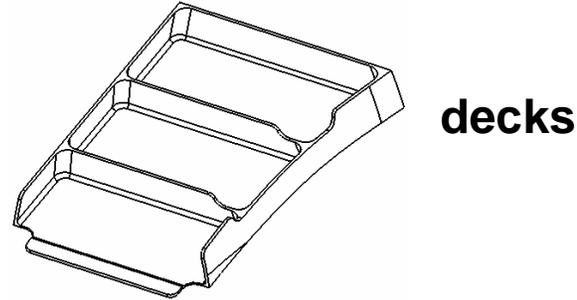
# 16.810 Key Differences in PDP's

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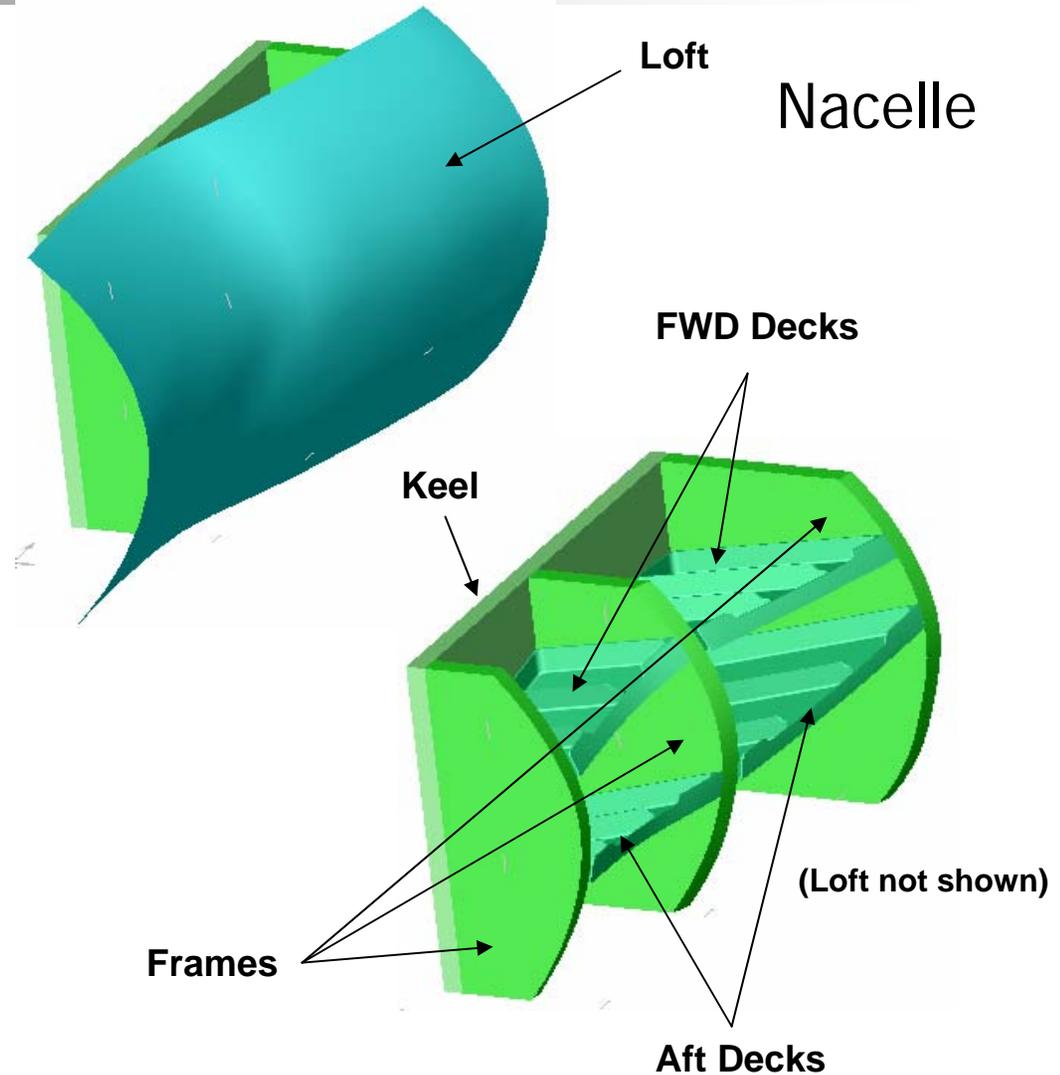
- Number of phases (often a superficial difference)
- Phase exit criteria (and degree of formality)
- Requirement “enforcement”
- Reviews
- Prototyping
- Testing and Validation
- Timing for committing capital
- Degree of “customer” selling and interference
- Degree of explicit/implicit iteration (waterfall or not)
- Timing of supplier involvement

# Hierarchy I: Parts Level

- deck components
  - Ribbed-bulkheads
  - Approximate dimensions
    - 250mm x 350mm x 30mm
    - Wall thickness = 2.54mm
- frame components
  - Ribbed-bulkheads
  - Approximate dimensions
    - 430mm x 150mm x 25.4mm
    - Wall thickness = 2mm
- keel
  - Ribbed-bulkhead
  - Approximate dimensions
    - 430mm x 660mm x 25.4mm
    - Wall thickness = 2.54mm



- Boeing (sample) parts
  - A/C structural assembly
    - 2 decks
    - 3 frames
    - Keel
  - Loft included to show interface/stayout zone to A/C
  - All Boeing parts in Catia file format
    - Files imported into SolidWorks by converting to IGES format



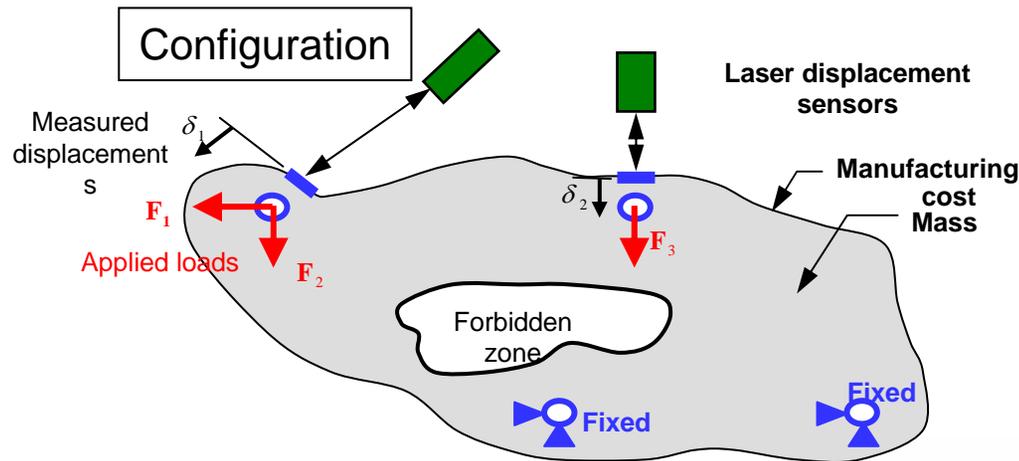
Assume 7-tree

$$\#levels = \left\lceil \frac{\log(\# parts)}{\log(7)} \right\rceil$$

How many levels in drawing tree?

		~ #parts	#levels	
■ Screwdriver	(B&D)	3	1	simple
■ Roller Blades	(Bauer)	30	2	
■ Inkjet Printer	(HP)	300	3	
■ Copy Machine	(Xerox)	2,000	4	
■ Automobile	(GM)	10,000	5	
■ Airliner	(Boeing)	100,000	6	

# “Design Challenge” and Team Assignments



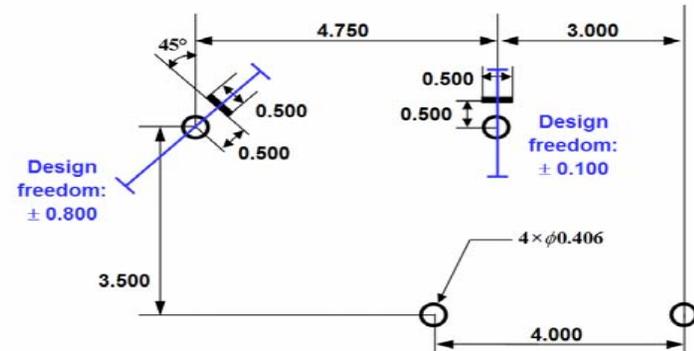
Model Bicycle Frame on 2-D plate

Material: Al 6061-T6

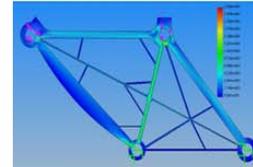
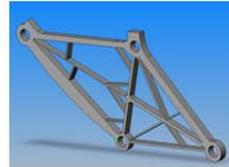
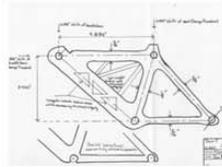
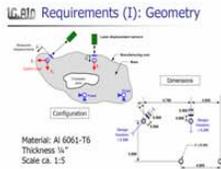
Thickness  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Scale ca. 1:5

Dimensions



## Phase 1



Problem Statement



Sketch



CAD Model



CAE



Rapid Prototyping  
Validation



## Phase 2

Design Optimization (Trimming!)



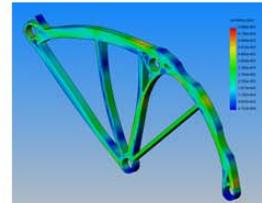
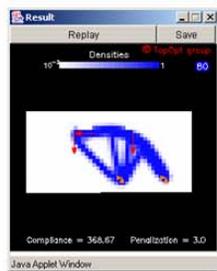
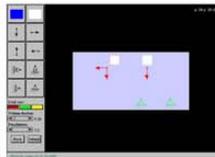
CAD Model V2



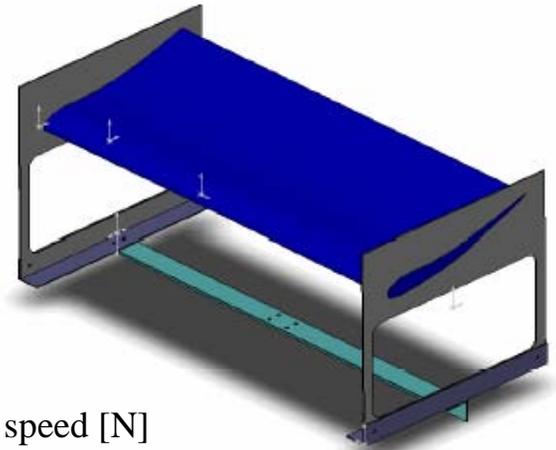
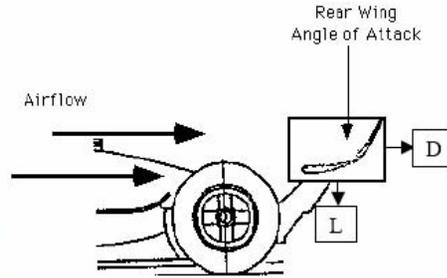
CAE V2



Rapid Prototyping V2  
Validation V2



# 16.810 Project Description – IAP 2005



*maximize* [  $F = L - 3*D - 5*W$  ]

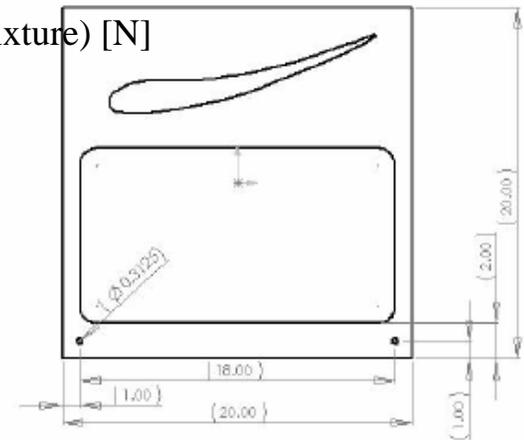
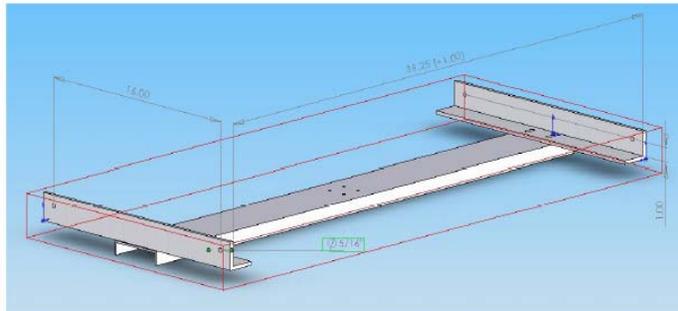
Where:

L = measured downforce (negative lift) at specified speed [N]

D = measured drag at specified speed [N]

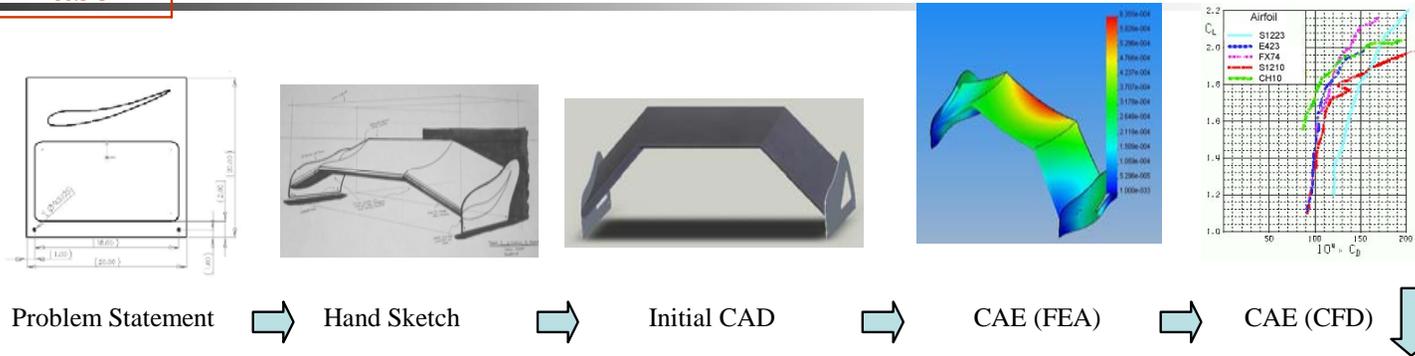
W = total weight of the assembly (not including test fixture) [N]

The nominal speed is 60 mph

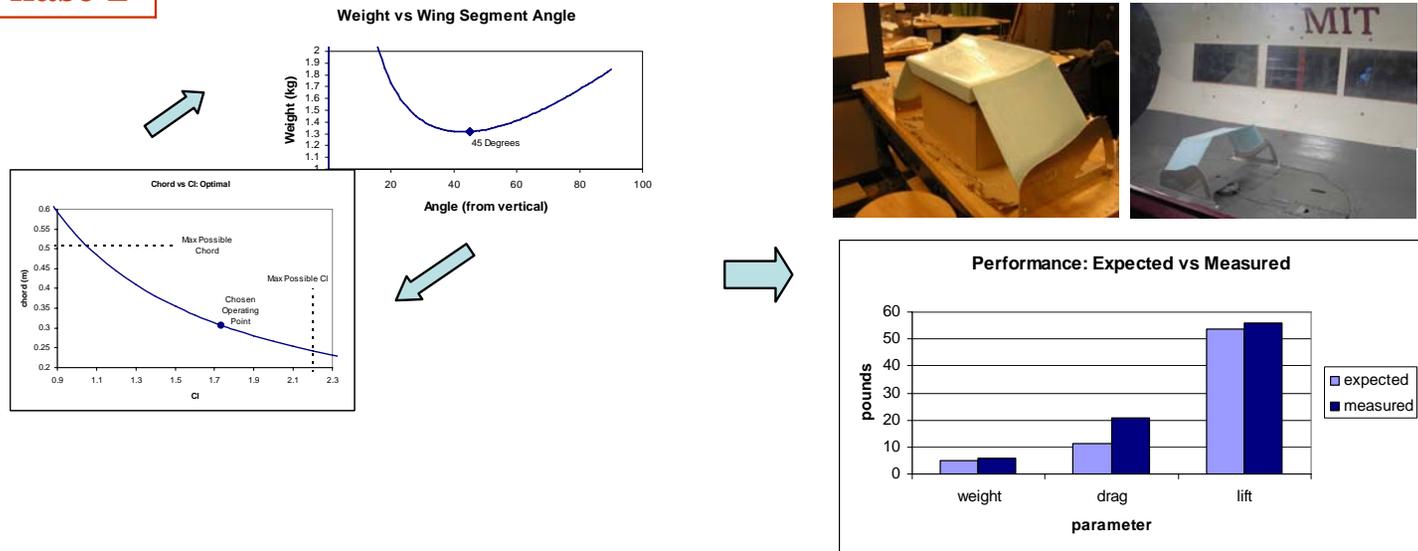


# 16.810 Project Deliverables – IAP 2005

## Phase 1

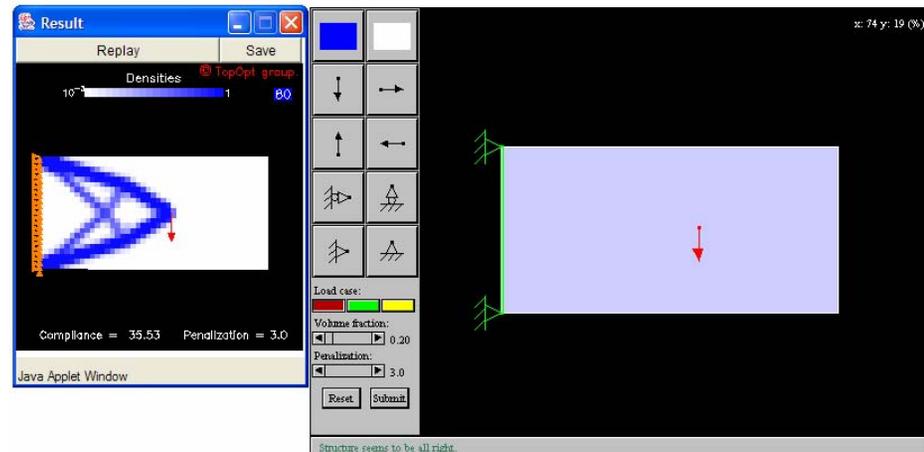
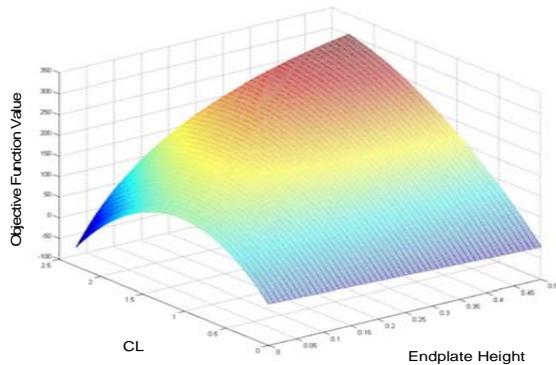
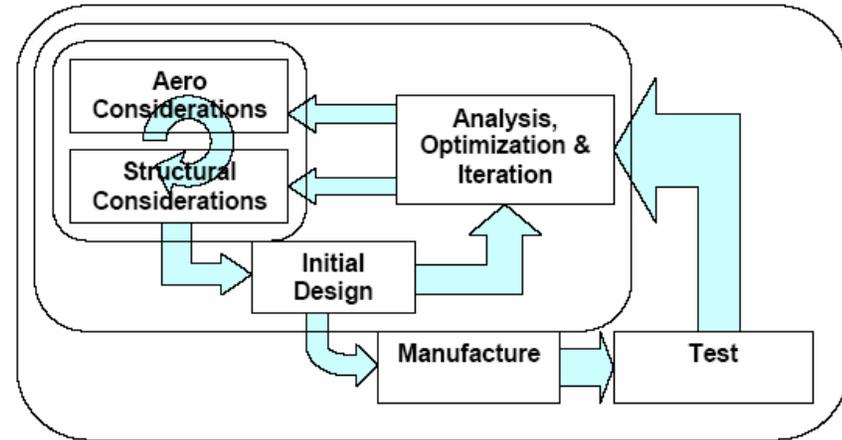


## Phase 2



- Manual Iteration
  - Design loops (Spiral method)
- Software

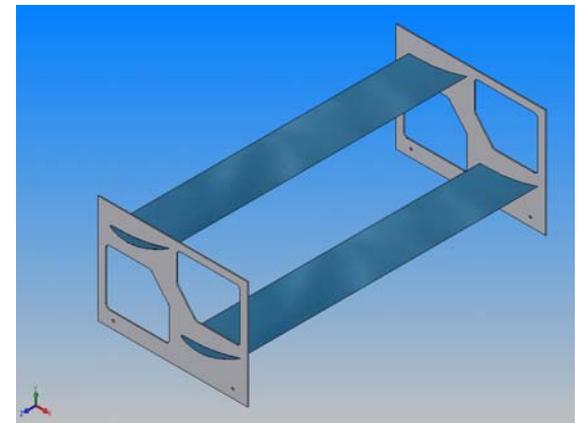
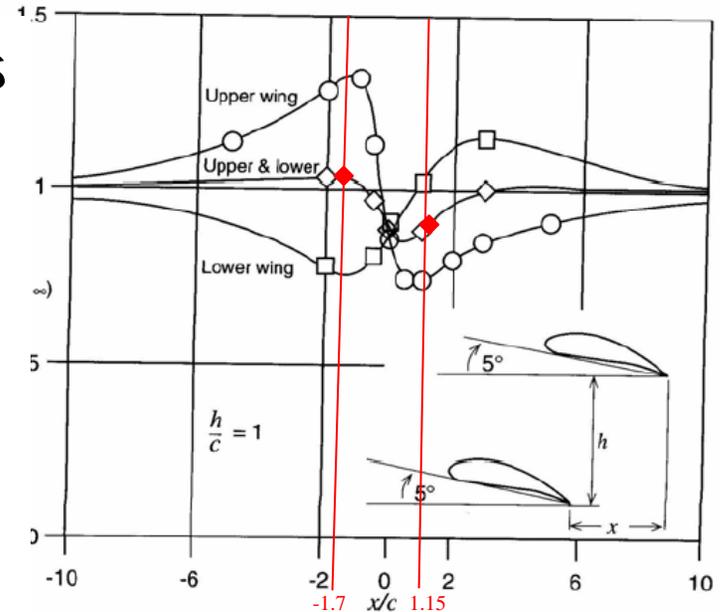
Example Project Design Loops



# 16.810 Learning from Mistakes

- Carrying out a full lifecycle creates memorable learning experiences
- Don't prevent students from making mistakes
- Example: bi-wing configuration
- Excerpt from Student Reflective Memo:

"I learned the value of constantly checking simulations against reality .... My rear-wing design used a biplane setup, ...due to a huge oversight, the wings were actually arranged in an incorrect orientation which incurred a large drop in down force. ....**This experience taught me a great lesson – always triple check your assumptions against your design. I spent hours and hours optimizing a design that was never constructed, simply because I was told to assume that the down force bonus would be experienced. I never bothered to verify this myself, and this disconnection had dire consequences.**"



- **Focused on Student-Driven Teams**
  - VDS Vehicle Design Summit
  - MITSET Space Elevator Team
- **Define/pick the current baseline configuration**
- **Create a performance model of the baseline configuration**
  - VDS: miles-per-gallon [mpg]
  - MITSET: time-to-climb [sec]
- **Pick 4-5 most critical components and subsystems based on performance sensitivity**
- **IAP 2007**
  - assign 2-3 students per component/subsystem in the 1<sup>st</sup> session of IAP
  - design/redesign those components during weeks 2-3
  - manufacture and reintegrate during week 4
  - CDR at the end of IAP 2007 – look at performance improvement

# 16.810 Team Presentations (30 min each)

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- MIT Space Elevator Team (MITSET)

NASA Centennial Challenge  
Power Beaming

- Vehicle Design Summit (VDS)

Assisted Human Power Vehicle (AHPV)

Image: VDS 1.0 – Summer 2006



## Facilities Tour

# Facilities Tour

## \* Design Studio (33-218)

- 14 networked CAD/CAE workstations that are used for complex systems design and optimization.



### \* Software to be used:

- Xfoil
- Solidworks
- Cosmos
- Altium
- Omax
- Matlab

## \* Machine Shop

-Water Jet cutter, Wing cutter



## \* Wind Tunnel

-Subsonic aerodynamic testing



MIT Wright Brother's  
Wind Tunnel, see  
<http://web.mit.edu/aeroastro/www/labs/WBWT/>

# 16.810 Next Steps

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- Form a Team
  - Pick MITSET or VDS
  - Pick a component/subsystem
  - Give your team a distinctive name
- Study the following
  - 16.810 documents: schedule, deliverables checklist, project description, Register on WEBSIS if not already done
- Get username and passwd on AA-Design LAN
- Complete Attendance Sheet
- Prepare for Thursday's lecture:
  - Look at CAD/CAE/CAM manual (Sample Part)
  - Go through step-by-step
  - Signup for a machine shop slot for Waterjet Manufacturing (OMAX)