



Mono Tiltrotor (MTR) Project

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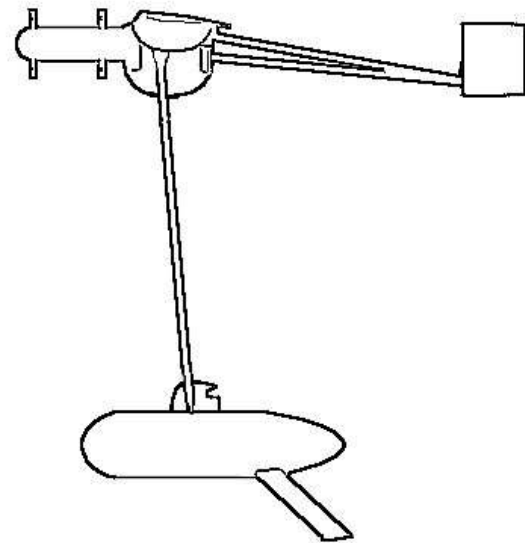
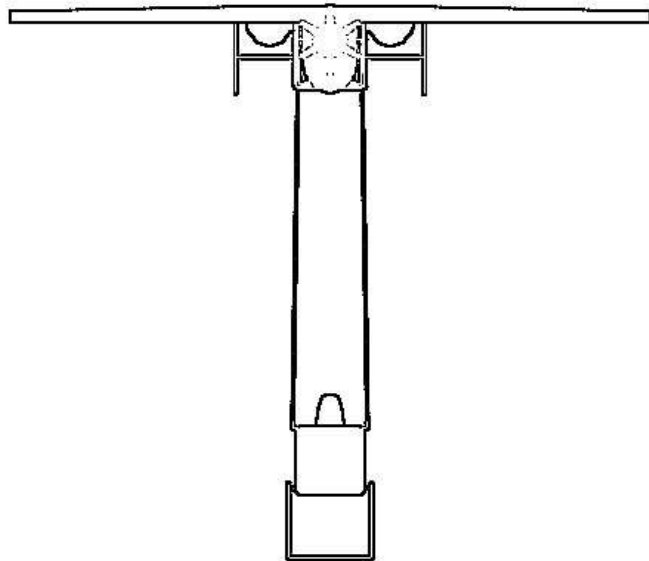
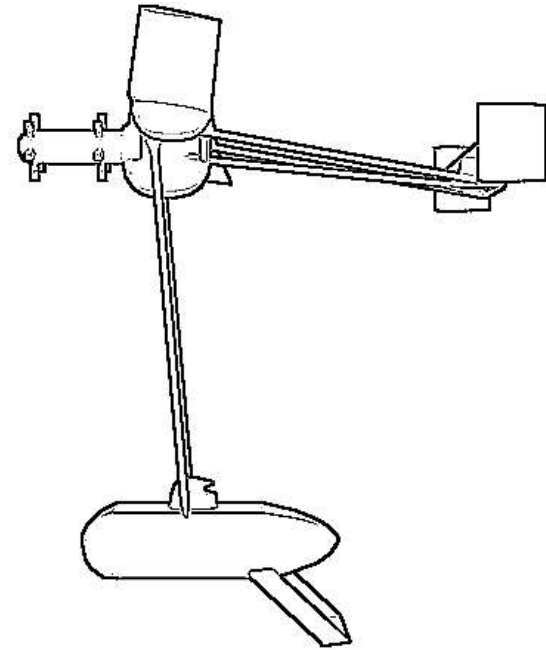
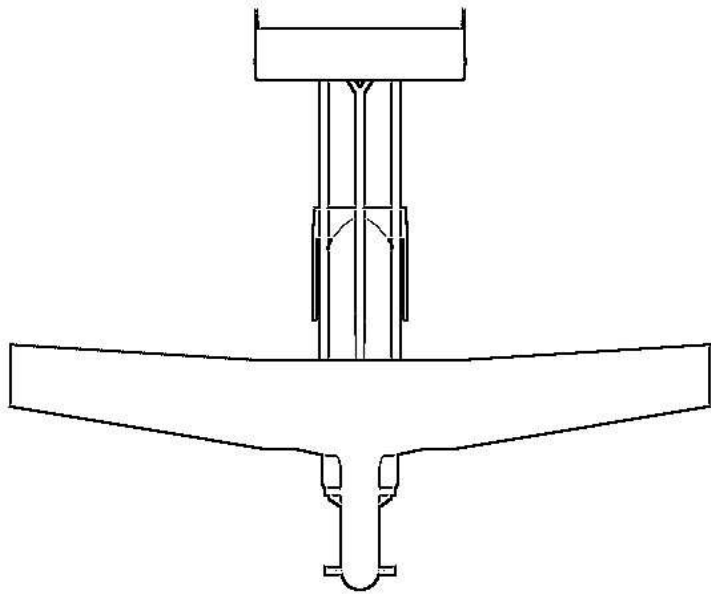
Agenda



- MTR project overview
- Motivation for wind tunnel testing
- Technical challenges
- Research goals
- System modeling and analysis
- Seabasing application of technology



MTR 3-View Illustrations





MTR Project Description



- **Objective:** validate MTR architecture for emerging joint service needs and programs
- **Approach:**
 - 1) Wind tunnel test & analysis at small scale (400# GW)
 - 2) Preliminary design at representative scale (5.5 ton GW)
 - 3) Preliminary analysis at large scale (59 ton GW)
- **Goals:**
 - 1) Prove kinematics/aerodynamics of folding structure
 - 2) Reduce to practice at scale suitable for 40'x80' wind tunnel
 - 3) Identify necessary technical differences at large scale
- **Payoff:** affirmatively answer outstanding questions regarding stability, control, loads, and handling qualities



Motivation



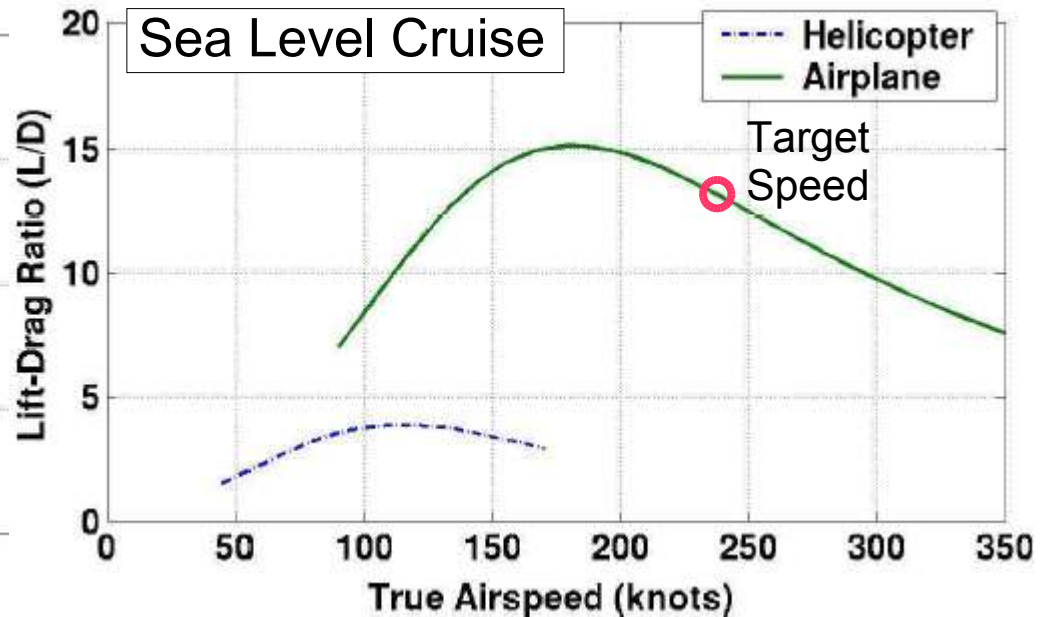
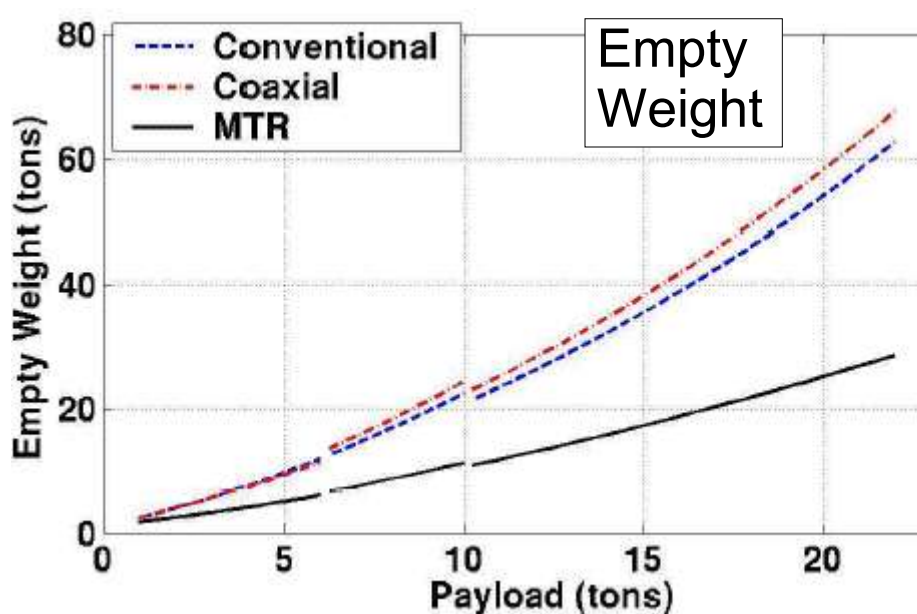
Concept analysis finds 1/3 empty weight, 1/3 fuel compared to legacy helicopters at similar component technology level...

Max. Range is related to:

- empty weight fraction (W_{EMPTY}/GW)
- aerodynamic efficiency (L/D)
- propulsive efficiency (e)

<u>Est.</u>	<u>Calc.</u>	<u>Method</u>
--	43%	Parametric
10	11+	Coefficient
60%	60-80%	BEMT/FVW

...for aircraft having a range of 1000nm (2 ton -- 20 ton load)





Specific Motivation

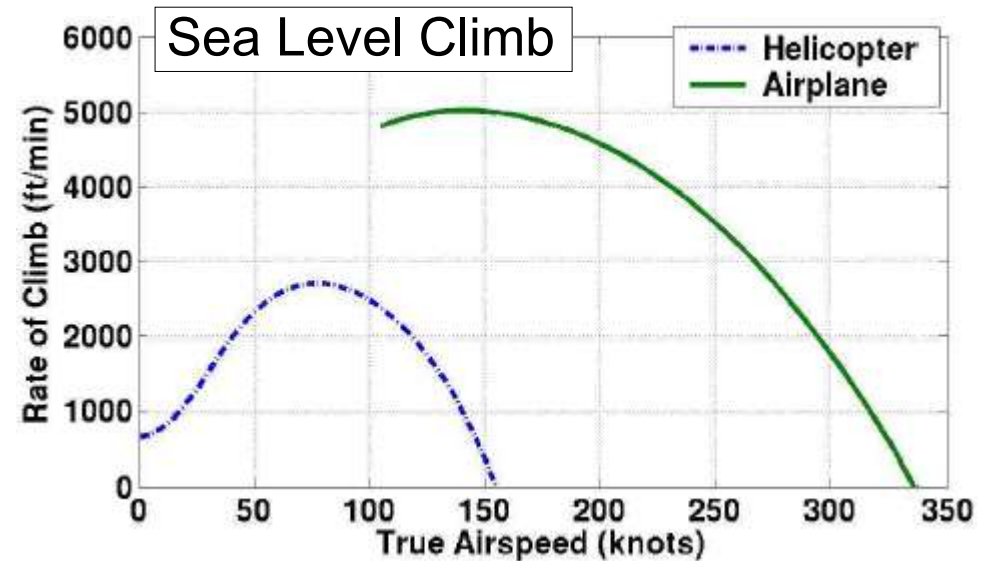
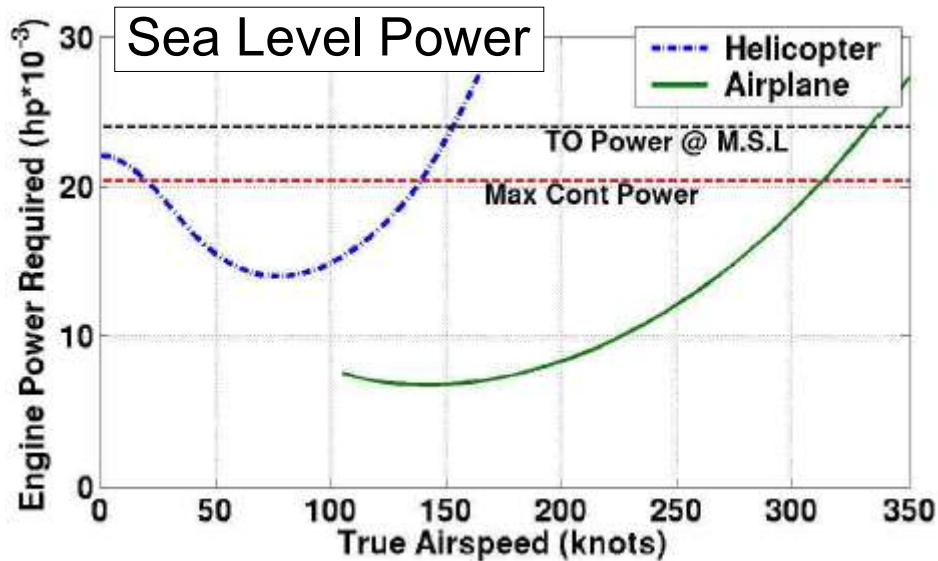


Refined design & analysis for 20 ton load / 1000 nm range vehicle:

	Heli	Convert	Airplane
Speed (kts)	0	120	260
Altitude (ft)	SL	SL	20K
Loading (psf)	12	12/98	98
L/D	-	4/8	14

25K Service
26K Absolute

20 ton load + 12 ton fuel + 27 ton structure = 59 ton gross
79 ft rotor : 95 ft wingspan : 24,600 BHP (4 x AE1107C)





Top 3 Promising Innovations



1) Offset pivot, folding wing panel (“morphing”)

- › Implemented in TBF-1 Avenger, with hydraulic actuation
- › c.p. is in front of hinge line; positive AoA lifts wing panel
- › Need to demonstrate having mostly aerodynamic actuation

2) Tilting coaxial rotor

- › Implemented in Ka-50 Hokum, as an aerobatic helicopter
- › Potential stability improvements over conventional tiltrotor
- › Need to assess dynamics of conversion and maneuver

3) Pitch axis suspended load

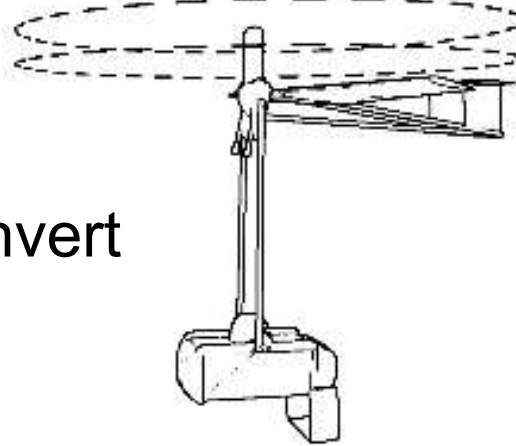
- › Implemented using fixed wing, hoverbatic, R/C airplane
- › Load stabilizes conversion between hover and cruise
- › Need to demonstrate at a useful scale with useful load



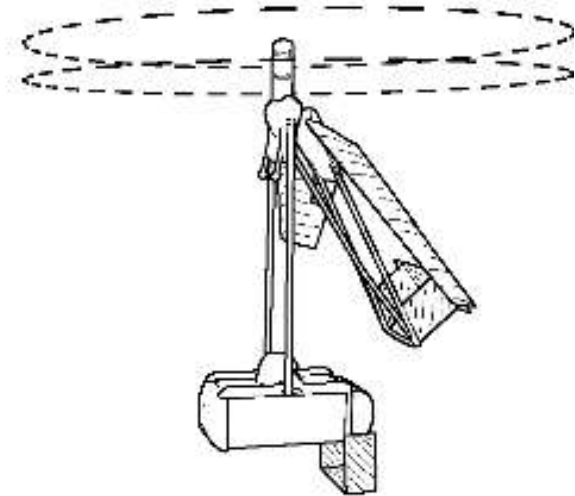
System Architecture Illustrations



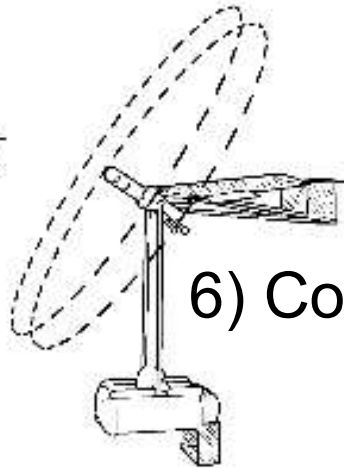
5) Heli-cruise



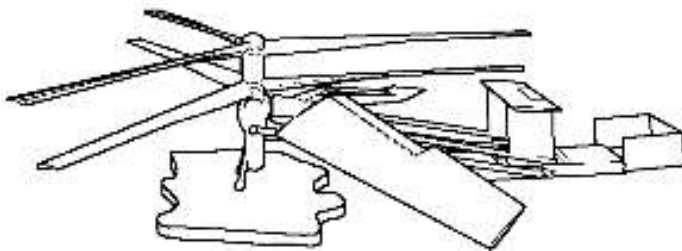
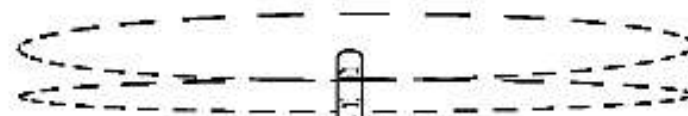
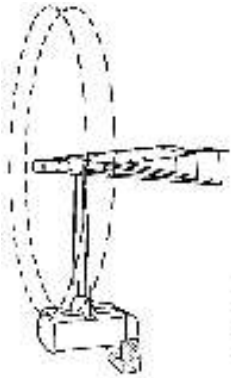
4) Actuate Wing/Tail



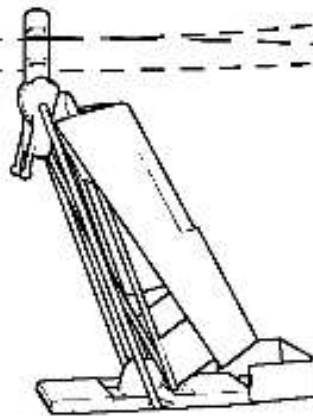
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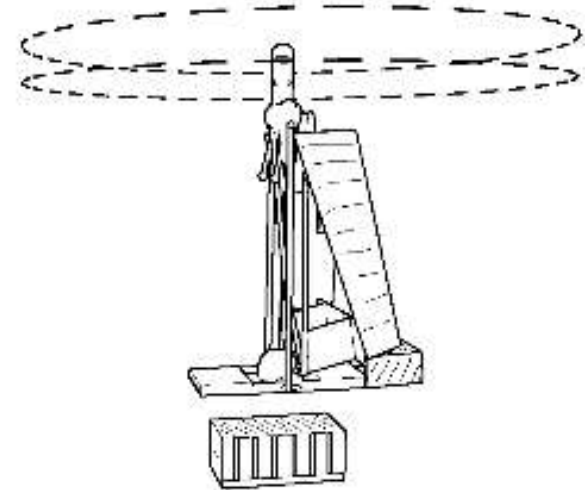
7) Airplane Cruise



1) At Rest



2) Take-off



3) Hover



Aerodynamic Challenges



1) Wing panel & tailboom deployment in rotor wake

- › Schedule tail position to maintain positive AoA on wing panels
- › Guide wing panels by having ailerons in free stream
- › Isolate rolling moments to the wing panels themselves
- Do kinematic/aerodynamic analysis and wind tunnel testing

2) Coaxial hover/propulsive efficiency

- › Low disk loading hover, and much lower disk loading in cruise
- Analyze using BEMT, vortex theory, CFD.

3) Flat plate equivalent drag and cruise L/D

- › Assess/minimize drag of unconventional design
- Validate analysis through wind tunnel testing



Aeroelastic Challenges



1) Wing panel & tailboom deployment in rotor wake

- Dynamics of pivotally suspended wing panel in turbulent wake
- Tail buffet excitation of wing panel and rotor dynamics
- Test for suitable tailboom actuation schedule

2) Coaxial inter-rotor spacing

- Hub spacing for tip clearance increases vehicle weight/size
- Tip clearance during maneuvers needs to be characterized
- Do comprehensive analysis using CAMRAD II and DYMORE
- Consider active control for tip clearance in larger configurations

3) Suspended load stability & control

- Provision for automatic yaw alignment in forward flight
- Translate control laws from c.p./c.g. to an operator at the load
- Assess control laws using comprehensive aeroelastic analyses



Performance Goals / Requirements



1) Parametric Research Model (PRM)

- Prove viability of wing/tail kinematics/aerodynamics
- Establish scalable design rules for wing/tail kinematics
- Baseline passive forces and moments

2) Preliminary Design of Scaled Demonstrator (SD)

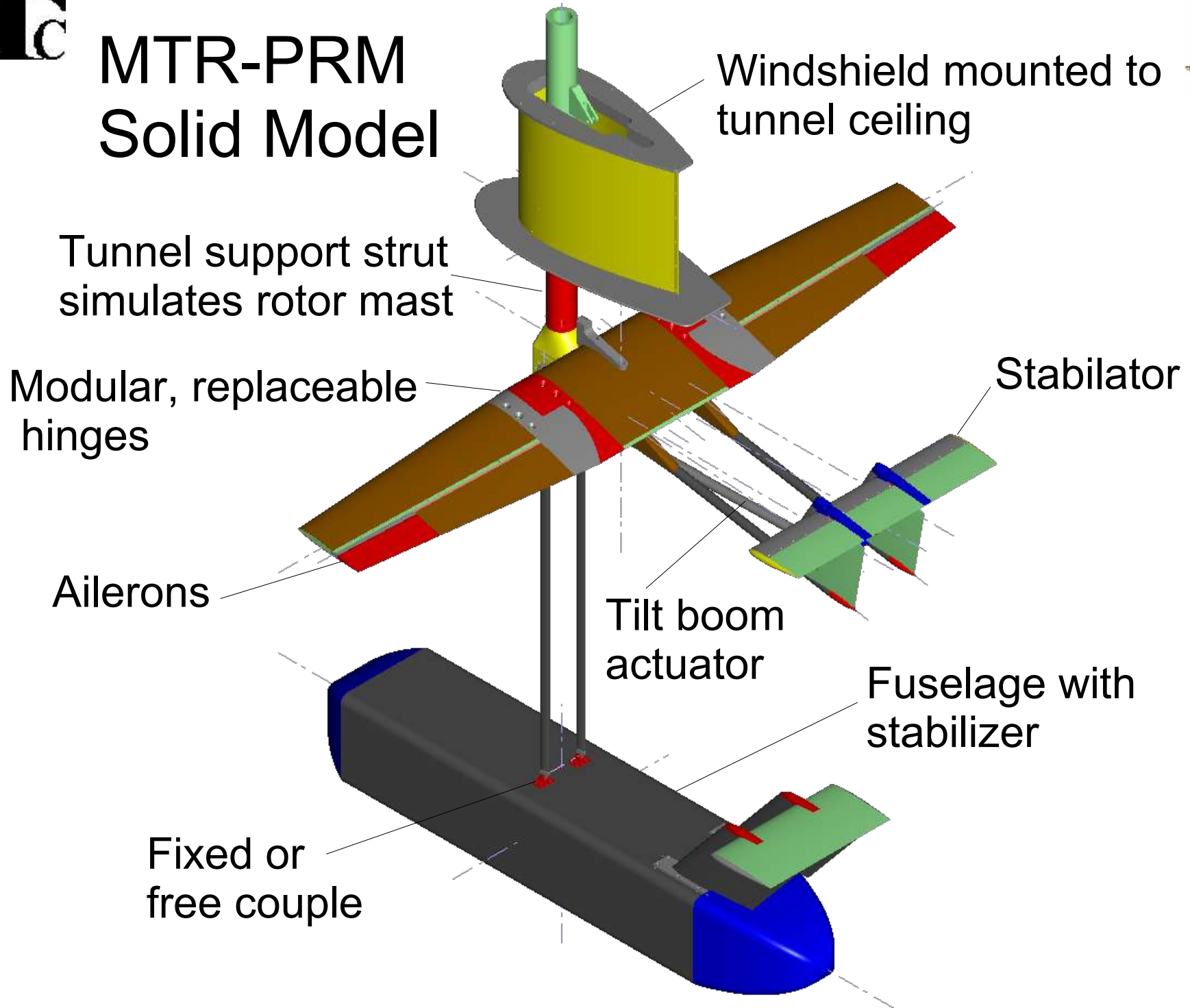
- Reduce invention to a practical & representative design
- 2 ton, 54"x44"x42" H containerized load => 5.5 ton GW
- 700 nm range with 200 kt cruise at 20,000 ft
- Testable within the Ames 40' x 80' wind tunnel

3) Preliminary Analysis of Heavy Lift (HL) rotor & controls

- Same analysis as for SD, but at 59 ton gross weight
- Identify technical differences from SD baseline



MTR-PRM Solid Model





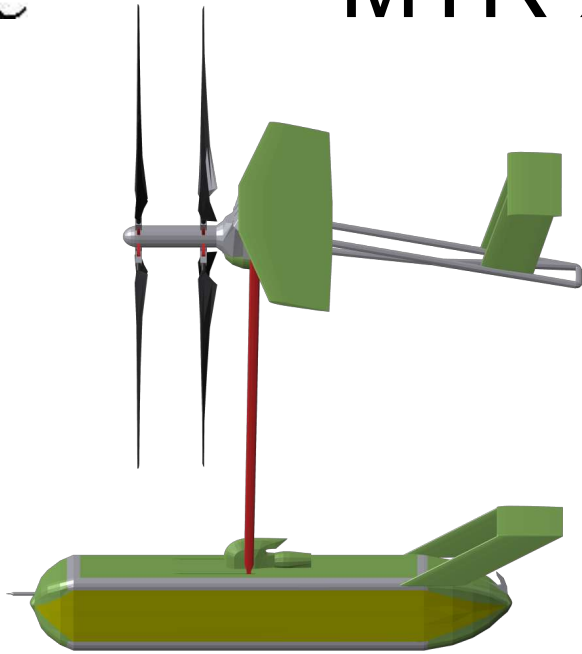
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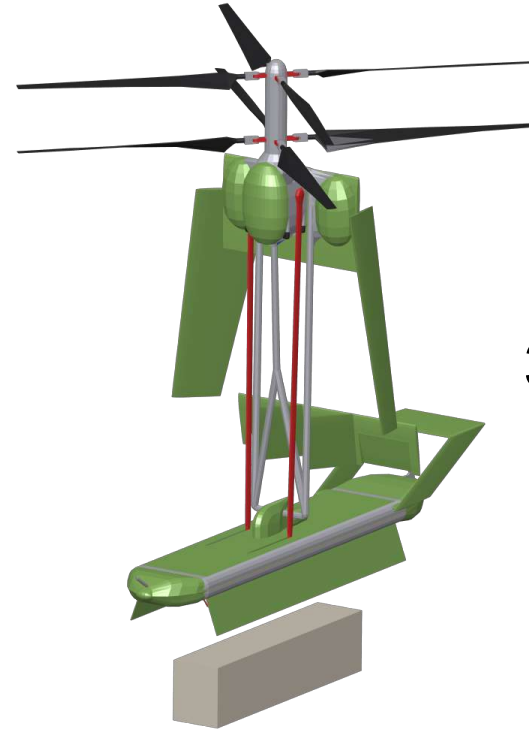
- Contracted FY05 Work
 - Design, build, test, and analyze unpowered Parametric Research Model (PRM)
 - Design and analysis of Scaled Demonstrator (SD)
 - Preliminary design of rotor, hub, & controls
 - Conceptual design of all other components
 - Analysis of Heavy Lift (HL) rotor, hub & controls
- Next steps
 - PRM: add powered rotor and test all flight modes
 - SD:
 - Detailed design and manufacture of XVU2 prototype
 - Test in Ames 40'x80' wind tunnel
 - Free flight ACTD for ammunition logistics
 - HL: transition to Joint Heavy Lift Program Office



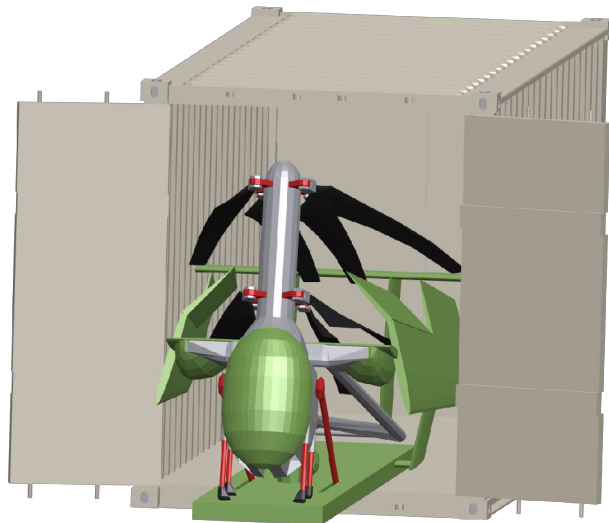
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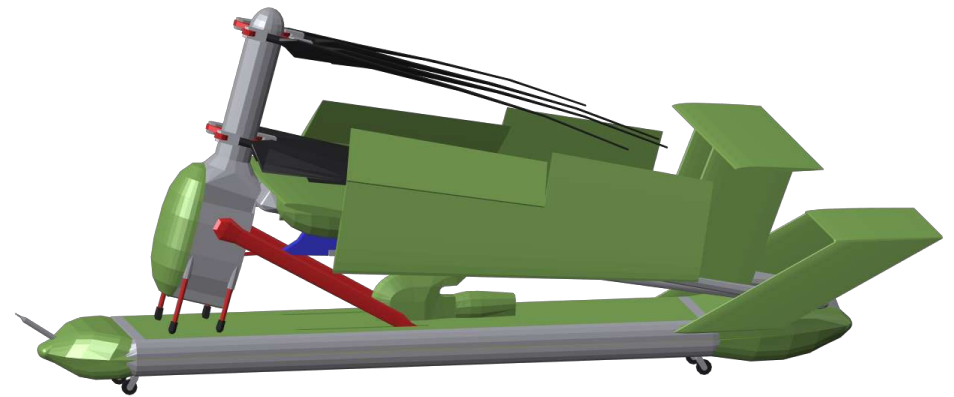
Cruise at
240 kts



Capture
3000 lbs
Load



Stow in 20ft ISO container



Collapse and Fold



Baldwin Technology Company Team

Research & Test:	UMd Rotorcraft Center
Comprehensive Analysis:	Army Research Labs – VTD
Design & Build:	Eagle Aviation Tech Inc (Hampton, VA)
Operational Concepts:	Whitney, Bradley & Brown (WBB)
Unique Skills:	Key Industry Consultants



MTR schedule of contracted work



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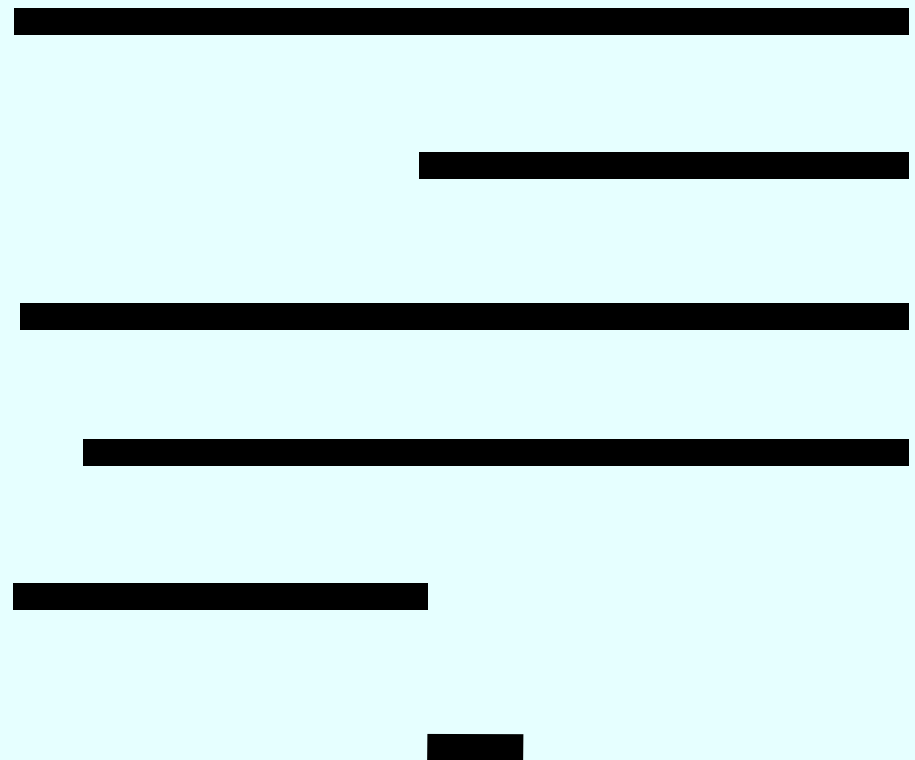
Major Task Groups:

- › Aerodynamic Research
- › HL Preliminary Analysis
- › SD Comprehensive Analysis
- › SD Preliminary Design
- › PRM Analysis & Manufacture
- › PRM Wind Tunnel Test

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Report



102 discrete subtasks organized to level 5 WBS