

# Computational Aircraft Prototype Syntheses



## Training Session 1

### CAPS Geometry

ESP v1.26

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## session01/f118-A.csm

# F-118A Boxster

# wing design parameters

```

DESPMTR  wing:area      4240  # area
DESPMTR  wing:aspect    9.00  # aspect ratio
DESPMTR  wing:thick     0.10  # thickness ratio
DESPMTR  wing:xroot     54.0  # xloc at root LE
DESPMTR  wing:zroot     -5.0  # zloc at root LE

```

# horizontal tail design parameters

```

DESPMTR  htail:area      1210  # htail area
DESPMTR  htail:aspect    4.15  # htail aspect ratio
DESPMTR  htail:thick     0.08  # htail thickness
DESPMTR  htail:xroot     145   # xloc of root LE
DESPMTR  htail:zroot     5     # zloc of root LE

```

# vertical tail design parameters

```

CFGPMTR  nrow            1
DIMENSION vtail nrow 6
DESPMTR  vtail           "610; \ # 1 vtail area
                        1.80; \ # 2 vtail aspect ratio
                        0.08; \ # 3 vtail thickness
                        150; \ # 4 xloc of root LE
                        0; \ # 5 yloc of root LE
                        9"  # 6 zloc of root LE

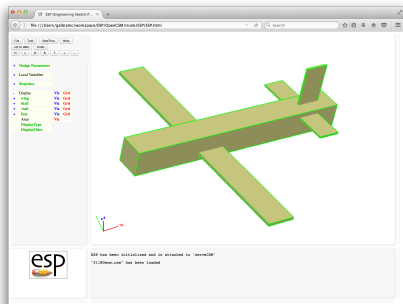
```

# fuselage design parameters

```

DESPMTR  fuse:length     180   # fuselage length
DESPMTR  fuse:width      20    # width of fuselage
DESPMTR  fuse:height     20    # height of mid fuselage

```



## session01/f118-A.csm

```

#-----
# set available output parameters
OUTPMTR wing:wet
OUTPMTR wing:volume

DIMENSION htail:prop 2 1
OUTPMTR htail:prop

DIMENSION vtail:prop 2 1
OUTPMTR vtail:prop

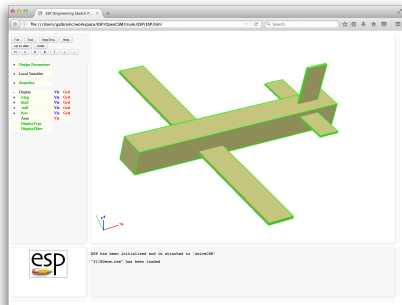
OUTPMTR fuse:wet
OUTPMTR fuse:volume

#=====
# Wing
SET wing:span sqrt(wing:aspect*wing:area)
SET wing:chord wing:area/wing:span

BOX wing:xroot -wing:span/2 wing:zroot wing:chord wing:span wing:chord*wing:thick
SELECT body
ATTRIBUTE _name $Wing

SET wing:wet @area
SET wing:volume @volume

```



- pyCAPS.Problem provides the context for a CAPS session
  - Multiple pyCAPS.Problems may be instantiated, but cannot interact
- `problemName` is a directory name for analysis/restart files
- `outLevel` sets verbosity (0-off, 1-default, 2-debug)

session01/1\_f118\_Geom.py

```
#-----#  
  
# Import pyCAPS module  
import pyCAPS  
  
#-----#  
  
# Load geometry [.csm] file  
# This parses the csm file, but does not build geometry  
filename = "f118-A.csm"  
print ('\n==> Loading geometry from file "' + filename + '"...')  
capsProblem = pyCAPS.Problem(problemName = "design_f118",  
                             capsFile = filename,  
                             outLevel = 1)
```

- Problem.geometry is a pyCAPS.ProblemGeometry class instance
- Visualize with ESP using capsProblem.geometry.view
  - Geometry is built just-in-time

session01/1\_f118\_Geom.py

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```
# capsProblem.geometry is a class representing bodies on the stack
# Build and view the geometry with ESP
print ('\n==> Bulding and viewing geometry...')
capsProblem.geometry.view()
```

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- DESPMTR  $\leftrightarrow$  geometry.despmtr Sequence
  - Sequence of ValueIn Objects
  - Keys correspond to DESPMTR names in csm file
  - Iterate despmtr.keys(), despmtr.values(), despmtr.items()
- CFGPMTR  $\leftrightarrow$  geometry.cfgpmtr Sequence
- CONPMTR  $\leftrightarrow$  geometry.conpmtr Sequence

session01/f118-A.csm

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```
# fuselage design parameters
DESPMTR  fuse:length  180  # fuselage length
DESPMTR  fuse:width   20   # width of fuselage
DESPMTR  fuse:height  20   # height of mid fuselage
```

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session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

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```
# Create an alias to geometry
f118 = capsProblem.geometry

# geometry.despmtr is a Sequence of ValueIn Objects of all DESPMTR defined in the csm file
# Set wide fuselage "fuse:width"
f118.despmtr["fuse:width"].value = 60
```

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- DESPMTR  $\leftrightarrow$  geometry.despmtr Sequence

session01/f118-A.csm

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```
# horizontal tail design parameters
DESPMTR   htail:area      1210   # htail area
DESPMTR   htail:aspect    4.15   # htail aspect ratio
DESPMTR   htail:thick     0.08   # htail thickness
DESPMTR   htail:xroot     145    # xloc of root LE
DESPMTR   htail:zroot     5      # zloc of root LE
```

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session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

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```
# Double the htail:area
htail_area = f118.despmtr["htail:area"].value
f118.despmtr["htail:area"].value = htail_area*2

print ("--> old htail:area = ", htail_area)
print ("--> new htail:area = ", f118.despmtr["htail:area"].value)
```

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- Modifying DIMENSIONed DESPMTR
  - Modify copy of array values

session01/f118-A.csm

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```
# vertical tail design parameters
CFGPMTR      nrow          1
DIMENSION vtail nrow 6
DESPMTR      vtail          "610; \ # 1 vtail area
                             1.80; \ # 2 vtail aspect ratio
                             0.08; \ # 3 vtail thickness
                             150; \ # 4 xloc of root LE
                             0; \ # 5 yloc of root LE
                             9"  # 6 zloc of root LE
```

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session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

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```
# Double the vtail area in an array
vtail = f118.despmtr["vtail"].value
vtail[0] *= 2
f118.despmtr["vtail"].value = vtail
```

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- Swapping parameter values

session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

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```
htail_area = f118.despmtr["htail:area"].value
wing_area  = f118.despmtr["wing:area"].value

# Swap "wing:area" and "htail:area"
f118.despmtr["htail:area"].value = wing_area
f118.despmtr["wing:area"].value  = htail_area/2
```

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- Create a 2nd vertical tail

session01/f118-A.csm

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```
CFGPMTR      nrow          1
DIMENSION vtail nrow 6
DESPMTR      vtail
              "610; \ # 1 vtail area
              1.80; \ # 2 vtail aspect ratio
              0.08; \ # 3 vtail thickness
              150; \ # 4 xloc of root LE
              0; \ # 5 yloc of root LE
              9" # 6 zloc of root LE
```

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```
PATBEG i vtail.nrow
SET      vtail:span      sqrt(vtail[i,1]*vtail[i,2])
SET      vtail:chord      vtail[i,1]/vtail:span
SET      vtail:thick      vtail:chord*vtail[i,3]

BOX      vtail[i,4]      vtail[i,5]-vtail:thick/2      vtail[i,6]      vtail:chord      vtail:thick      vtail:span
```

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session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

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```
# Make a 2nd vertical tail
vtail = [vtail[:,vtail[:,0]]
f118.cfgpmtr["nrow"].value = 2
vtail[0][4] = -f118.despmtr["fuse:width"].value/2*0.8
vtail[1][4] = f118.despmtr["fuse:width"].value/2*0.8
f118.despmtr["vtail"].value = vtail

# create a matrix
# change the CSM matrix size
# spanwise tail positions
```

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- Display all design parameters

session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

```
# Display all design parameters
print ('\n==> All design parameters')
for key in f118.despmtr.keys():
    print ('--> {:<12}'.format(key), '=', f118.despmtr[key].value)
```

- Modified geometry is saved with geometry.save
  - Available extensions: .egads .stp .step .igs .iges .brep

## session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

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```
# Build and view the geometry with ESP
print ('\n==> Bulding and viewing Wide Body geometry...')
f118.view()
```

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## session01/3\_f118\_Save.py

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```
# Build and save geometry
print ('\n==> Bulding and saving Wide Body geometry...')
f118.save("3_f118_Save_Wide.egads")
```

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- View geometry with:
  - serveESP 3\_f118\_Save\_Wide.egads
  - serveESP 3\_f118\_Save\_Canard.egads

- Value Objects have several methods
- 90% of usage is modifying `.value` property
- Sequence of Value Objects provides shortcut to `.value` property

## session01/f118-A.csm

```
# vertical tail design parameters
CFGPMTR      nrow          1
DIMENSION    vtail nrow 6
DESPMTR      vtail
              "610; \ # 1 vtail area
              1.80; \ # 2 vtail aspect ratio
              0.08; \ # 3 vtail thickness
              150; \ # 4 xloc of root LE
              0; \ # 5 yloc of root LE
              9" # 6 zloc of root LE
```

## session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py

```
# Double the vtail area in an array
vtail = f118.despmtr["vtail"].value
vtail[0] *= 2
f118.despmtr["vtail"].value = vtail
```

## session01/4\_f118\_Shortcut.py

```
# Double the "vtail" area in an array
vtail = f118.despmtr.vtail
vtail[0] *= 2
f118.despmtr.vtail = vtail
```



- Value Objects have several methods
- 90% of usage is modifying .value property
- Colons in OpenCSM names create “groups” in ESP UI
- pyCAPS Value Object Sequence is “grouped”

## session01/f118-A.csm

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```
# fuselage design parameters
DESPMTR  fuse:length      180  # fuselage length
DESPMTR  fuse:width       20   # width of fuselage
DESPMTR  fuse:height      20   # height of mid fuselage
```

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## session01/4\_f118\_Shortcut.py

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```
# Set wide fuselage "fuse:width" via shortcuts
f118.despmtr["fuse:width"].value = 60
f118.despmtr.fuse.width = 60
f118.despmtr["fuse"].width = 60
f118.despmtr["fuse"]["width"].value = 60

# Double the "htail:area"
htail_area = f118.despmtr["htail"].area
f118.despmtr["htail"].area = htail_area*2
```

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```
# Display grouped design parameters
print ('\n==> Grouped parameters')
for group in ["fuse", "wing", "htail"]:
    print ('-->', group)
    for key in f118.despmtr[group].keys():
        print ('    {:<12}'.format(group+"."+key),
              ' ', f118.despmtr[group][key].value)
```

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- Geometry parameters are saved with geometry.writeParameters and geometry.readParameters

## session01/5\_f118\_writeParameters.py

```
f118.despmtr["htail:area"].value = htail_area*2

# Double the vtail area in an array
vtail = f118.despmtr["vtail"].value
vtail[0] *= 2
f118.despmtr["vtail"].value = vtail

# Write geometry parameters
paramFile = "f118_4.params"
print ('\n==> Saving parameters to "' + paramFile + '"...')
f118.writeParameters(paramFile)

print ('\n==> Loading 2nd geometry from file "' + filename + '"...')
capsProblem2 = pyCAPS.Problem(problemName = "design_f118",
                              capsFile = filename,
                              phaseName = "4_writeParameters_2",
                              outLevel = 0)

# Read back in the parameters
print ('\n==> Reading parameters from "' + paramFile + '"...')
capsProblem2.geometry.readParameters(paramFile)
```

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- OUTPMTR accessed with geometry.outpmtr Sequence of ValueOut Objects

session01/f118-A.csm

```
#-----  
# set available output parameters  
OUTPMTR wing:wet  
OUTPMTR wing:volume  
  
BOX wing:xroot -wing:span/2 wing:zroot wing:chord wing:span wing:chord*wing:thick  
SELECT body  
  ATTRIBUTE _name $Wing  
  
SET wing:wet @area  
SET wing:volume @volume
```

session01/6\_f118\_OUTPMTR.py

```
# Create an alias to geometry  
f118 = capsProblem.geometry  
  
# Build and print OUTPMTRs  
print ("--> wing:wet      =", f118.outpmtr["wing:wet"].value )  
print ("--> wing:volume    =", f118.outpmtr.wing.volume )
```

- OUTPMTR can be DIMENSIONed array/matrix

session01/f118-A.csm

```
DIMENSION htail:prop 2 1
OUTPMTR   htail:prop
```

```
BOX htail:xroot -htail:span/2 htail:zroot htail:chord htail:span htail:chord*htail:thick
SELECT body
ATTRIBUTE _name $Htail
```

```
SET htail:prop[1] @area
SET htail:prop[2] @volume
```

session01/6\_f118\_OUTPMTR.py

```
# Accessing DIMENSIONed OUTPMTR
htail_prop = f118.outpmtr["htail"].prop
print ("--> htail:prop[0] =", htail_prop[0] )
print ("--> htail:prop[1] =", htail_prop[1] )
```

- None returned for any OUTPMTR not SET

session01/f118-A.csm

```
DIMENSION vtail:prop 2 1
OUTPMTR vtail:prop
```

```
OUTPMTR fuse:wet
OUTPMTR fuse:volume
```

```
SET vtail:prop[1] vtail:prop[1]+@area
# vtail:prop[2] is not set
```

```
# fuse:wet and fuse:volume not set
```

session01/6\_f118\_OUTPMTR.py

```
# Accessing OUTPMTR that has not been set
print ("--> vtail:prop      =", f118.outpmtr["vtail:prop"].value )
print ()
print ("--> fuse:wet        =", f118.outpmtr["fuse:wet"].value )
print ("--> fuse:volume     =", f118.outpmtr.fuse.volume )
```

- Accessing non-OUTPMTR raises KeyError/AttributeError

session01/f118-A.csm

---

```
#-----  
# set available output parameters  
OUTPMTR wing:wet  
OUTPMTR wing:volume  
  
DIMENSION htail:prop 2 1  
OUTPMTR htail:prop  
  
DIMENSION vtail:prop 2 1  
OUTPMTR vtail:prop  
  
OUTPMTR fuse:wet  
OUTPMTR fuse:volume  
  
#=====  
# Wing  
SET wing:span sqrt(wing:aspect*wing:area)
```

---

session01/6\_f118\_OUTPMTR.py

---

```
# Attempt to get a SET value not defined as OUTPMTR (raises KeyError/AttributeError)  
print ("--> wing:span      =", f118.outpmtr.wing.span )
```

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## Fix f118-A.csm

- SET fuse:wet and fuse:volume in session01/f118-A.csm
- Add wing:span as OUTPMTR in session01/f118-A.csm
- Rerun session01/6\_f118\_OUTPMTR.py

## Custom f118-A.csm

- Customize the f118-A.csm with geometry.despmtr
  - Start from a copy of session01/2\_f118\_DESPMTR.py