



## CASSIO Project

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VOLTAERO 

# VoltAero: A unique expertise in electric aircraft



When it comes to defining and developing electric aircraft, VoltAero's founders have one statement: **“Been there, done that!”** > **10 July 2015: E-Fan's all-electric flight across the English Channel, from Lydd, England to Calais, France**

- **The equivalent of nearly 50 years of combined experience in developing electric aircraft**
- **We have experienced thousands of battery charging cycles**
- **We've built and flown 2 electric aircrafts, with 1 more in flight development today**

# The VoltAero Cassio aircraft

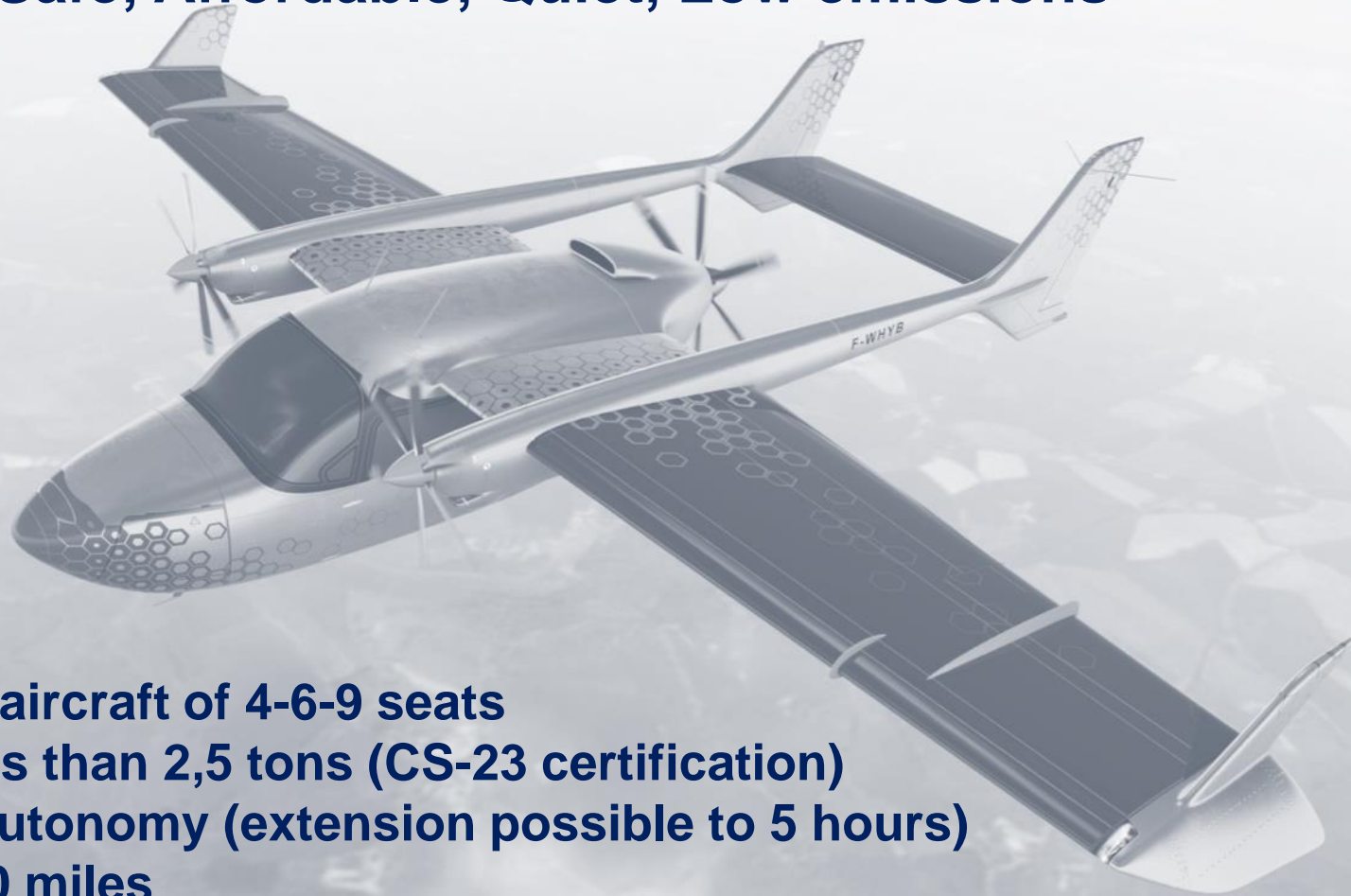






# Cassio Key Product Characteristics

**Safe, Affordable, Quiet, Low emissions**



- **Commercial aircraft of 4-6-9 seats**
- **MTOW of less than 2,5 tons (CS-23 certification)**
- **3.5 hour of autonomy (extension possible to 5 hours)**
- **Range of 800 miles**
- **Take-off/ landing distance less than 1800 feet**
- **Lightweight Materials for fuselage**

# Cassio Key Performance Characteristics

- 600 kilowatt of power ( > 800 Hp)
- 200 knots cruise speed (360 km/h)
- 20% lower emissions than competitors in full hybrid mode



- Unique patented series/parallel hybrid design: from full electric to full rechargeable hybrid, depending on the customer mission profile and requirement
- Dual source of power that will provide customers with an unmatched safety !
- Low noise ( - 4 DBA as compared to competition) during operations and No noise during Taxi operations (no turning propellers)
- Low cost of ownership

# Objectives

## Technical objectives

- Development of the hybrid electric aircraft – CASSIO - with 4-, 6- and 9-seat capacity for the general aviation market that will improve on conventional fuel-powered vehicles in operating costs, emissions, and noise; and will enhance regional mobility by providing scheduled and on-demand air services from smaller airports.
- Extension of hybrid-electric propulsion expertise of Voltaero into development of powertrains for other commercial applications (helicopters, UAVs)

## Commercial objectives

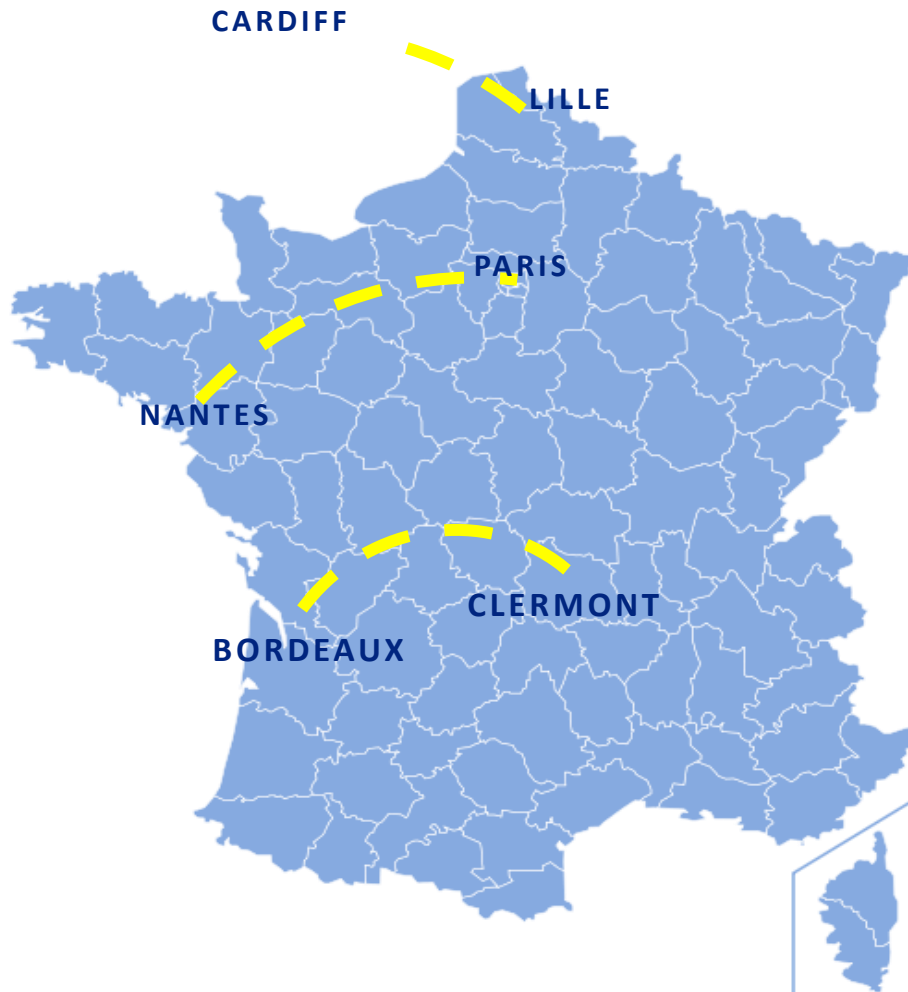
- Serial production of CASSIO aircraft by the end of 2022
- Ramp-up to steady production rate of 150 Planes/year by 2024
- Target market: global general aviation - regional commercial, thin-haul operations, cargo, point-to-point, private and business aviation
- Very competitive aircraft: **Total Cost of Ownership and operating costs for the customer are lower than current competition**

## **Market Segments/ Customers**

- **Pilots Training / Flight schools**
- **Regional Commuting / Small regional operators**
- **Tourism / Charter and travel operators**
- **Cargo / Regional cargo operators**
- **Social Services / Medevac**



# Underserviced Regional Routes Samples (France)



- East-West travel links in France are not optimally covered, as compared to North-South
- CASSIO aircraft can offer significant advantages in terms of time savings and cost-per-passenger
- On these types of routes CASSIO will effectively compete with train and automotive transportation, as well as aviation.

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## An Airplane “à la carte!”

Cassio is a modular concept that will offer multiple configurations for customers, based on varying mission profiles:

**Short Take  
off/ Landing  
(STOL)**

**RANGE:**  
0 – 200 km

**PROPULSION:**  
**Pure electric**  
**330KW of available**  
**power**

**Regional  
Short Haul**

**RANGE:**  
200 – 600 km

**PROPULSION:**  
**Mild hybrid / Range**  
**extender**  
**480 KW of available**  
**Power**

**Regional  
Medium Haul**

**RANGE:**  
600 – 1200 km

**PROPULSION:**  
**Heavy hybrid**  
**600 KW of Available**  
**Power**

## Cassio Modes of Operation

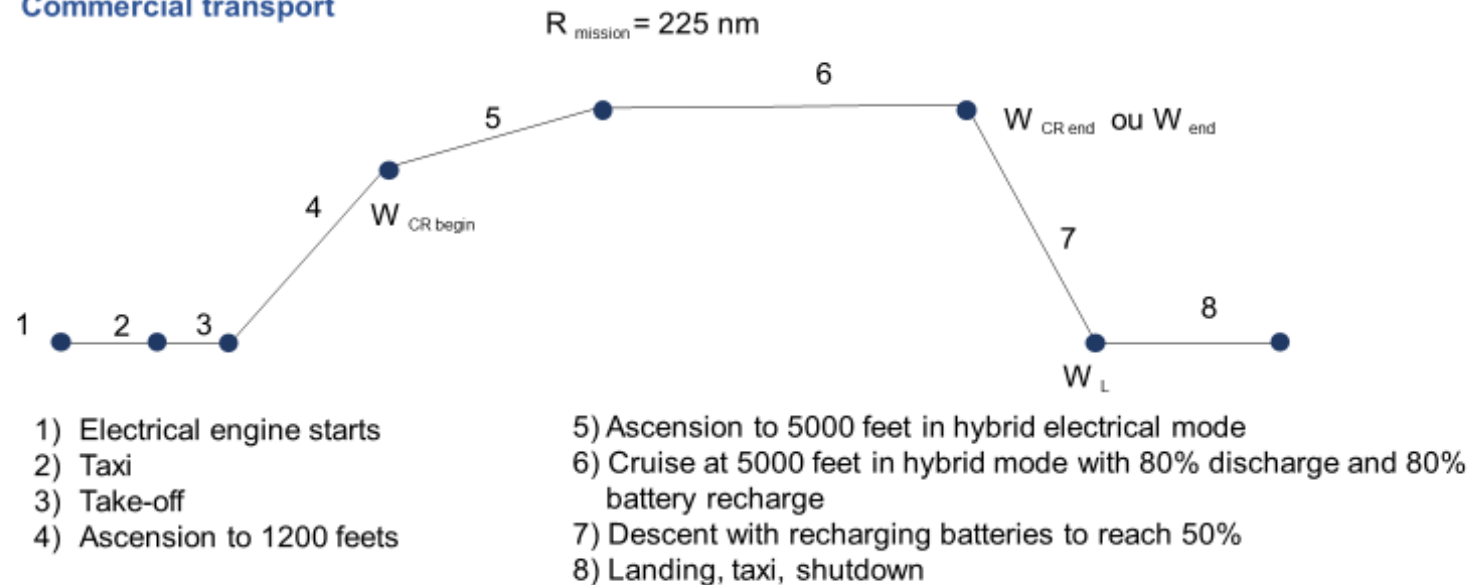
The hybrid-electric propulsion system is used for the different phases of flight

- For taxi, an electric-powered landing gear wheel
- Power from the electric motor-driven propellers for takeoff and landing
  - Low-noise operations at airports
  - High energy efficiency
- Thermal engine turns the rear “pusher” propeller at cruise and also drives the associated electric motor as a generator to recharge the aircraft’s batteries

# Sample Mission Profile

## Electric Hybrid Engine Mission Profile

Commercial transport

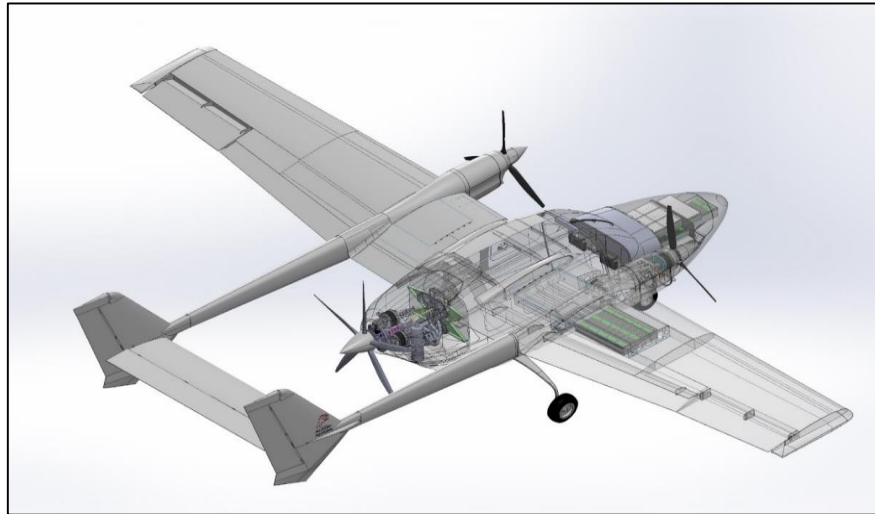


- Hybrid flight allows to save up to 20% fossil fuel with a battery SOC remaining 82%, allowing new electrical takeoffs in the same configurations.
- This is in spite of an additional weight of around 400 kilos related to the battery packs and electric motors and distribution

# The “POWER TO FLY SAFELY!”

The VoltAero Cassio aircraft will be highly efficient and safe to operate

- Two electric motors that drive propellers in the tractor (“puller”) position, installed on the wings
- A combined “power module” installed in the aft fuselage
  - Electric motor and thermal engine, which share the same shaft to a pusher propeller (series and parallel hybrid)
  - This will allow independent modes of operations: in case one source of energy fails, the other can bring the passengers safely to ground





# Future Cassio cognitive Glass cockpit.



- Development of a cognitive cockpit in order to facilitate the pilot workload.
- The right information at the right time!
- The pilot is in full control

# Test Aircraft Flight progress



# Phase 1: Cassio 1 Demonstrator

## Up-to-date: Configuration V2 integration in progress



- Objective: to test in flight the whole electrical circuits of the wings from the battery packs to the electrical motors and the propellers
- Test flights: test of electric circuits in flight (cruise, climbing and take-off phases) benefiting from 2 original thermal engines for safety, flights scheduled for the end of November (one month flight tests planned depending on weather conditions)



*Demonstrator F-WOLT V2.Integration in progress*



# Phase 1: Cassio 1 Demonstrator

## Configurations already tested in flight:



-Cassio 1 behaviour and performances with structural modifications (wing pylons and aerodynamic fairing), new digital cockpit



*Aerodynamic characterization of wing pylon careenage*



*Wing Pylon Integration*



*New digital cockpit*

Number of flights performed:	22
Total flight duration:	12h55

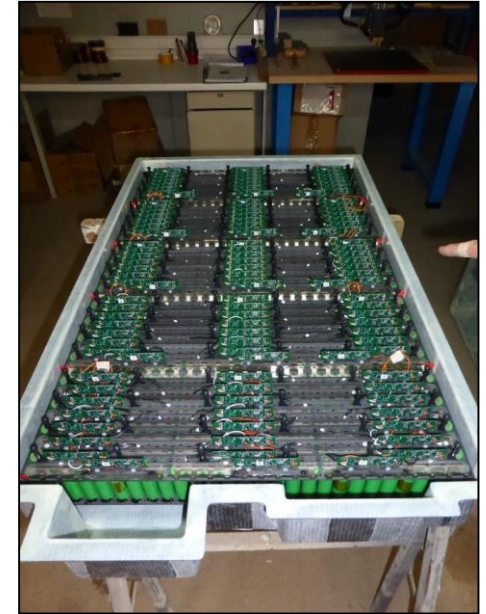
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## Battery Pack validated:

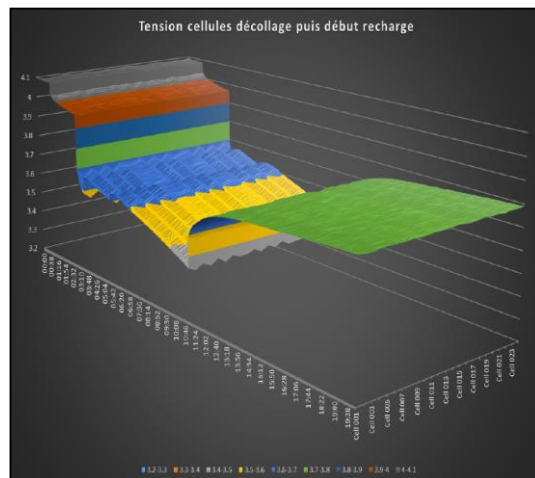


### Battery Module & Battery Packs (x5)

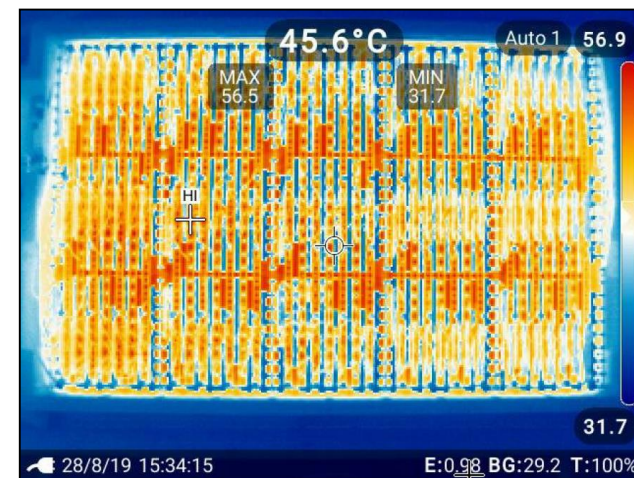
- Complete in House design
- Prototype built based on our past experiences . Safety is key !



*First battery back integrated*



*Cell Voltage Evolution*



*Thermal distribution visualized  
with thermal camera*

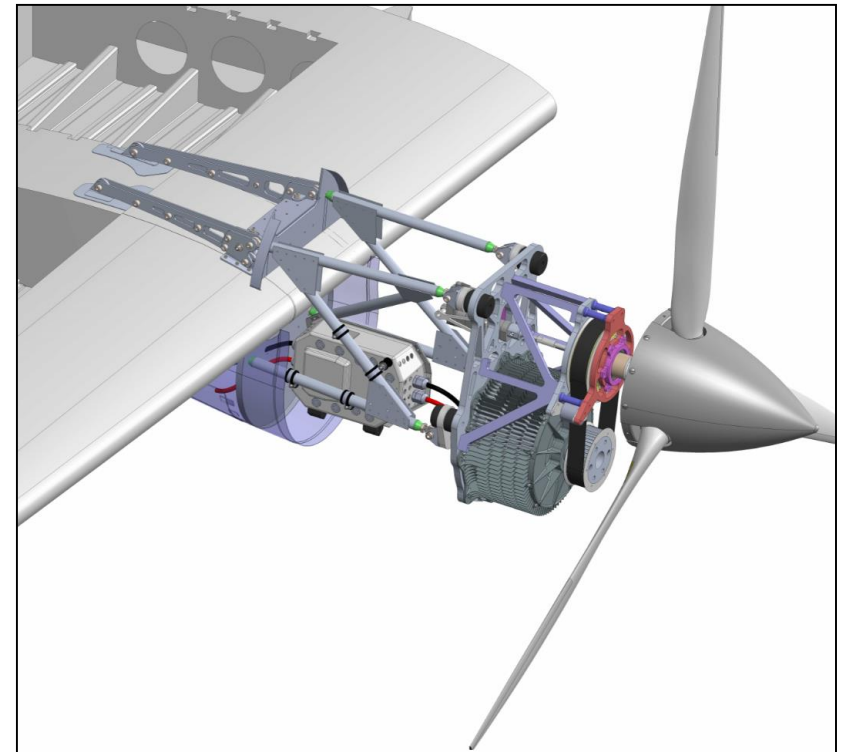


# Phase 1: Cassio 1 Demonstrator

## New front electric motors integration design:



- Front electric motors integration design reviewed since SAFRAN Smart Motor are ready to be tested in flight.
- **SAFRAN Smart Motor** integrates its own power electronics and inverter
- Proven performances



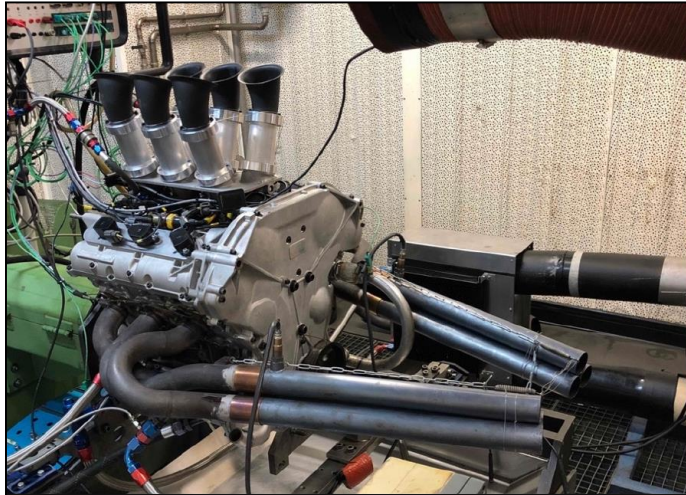
***SAFRAN Smart Motor Integration design***

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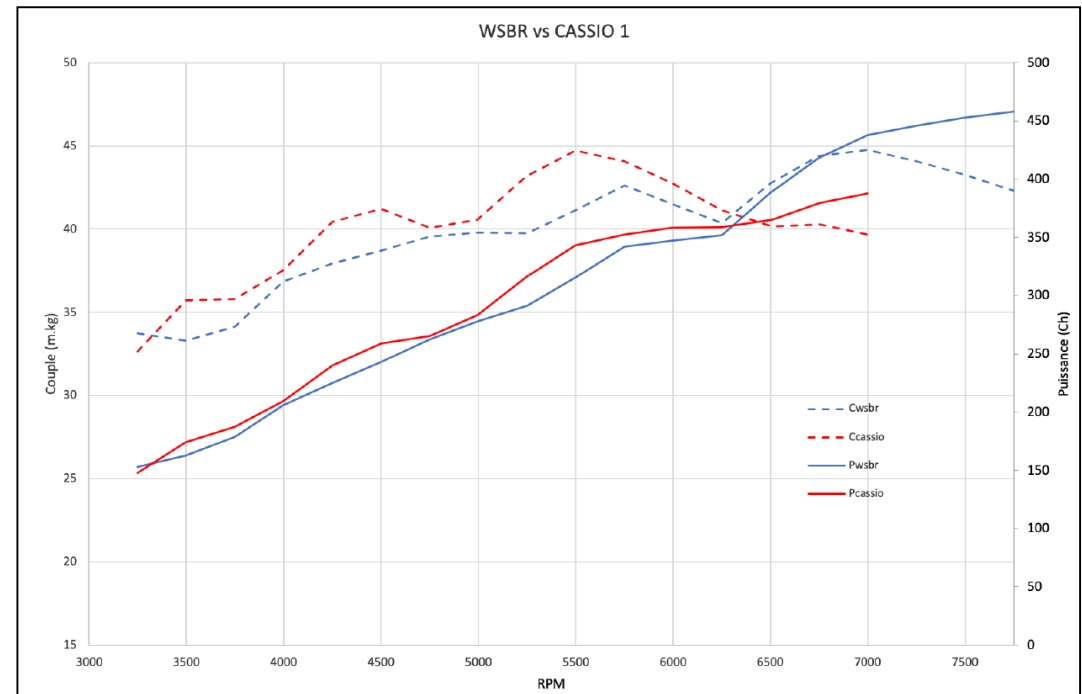
## Thermal Engine tested:



- V6 3.5L specifically prepared for Cassio1 application



*Nissan VQ35 V6 mounted on  
Solution F test bench*



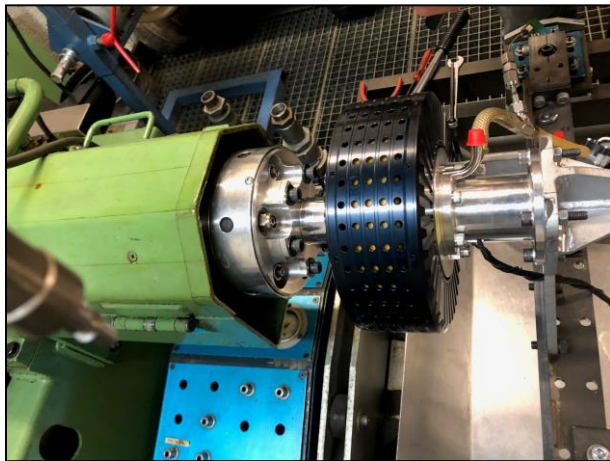
*Power and Torque delivered at  
Sea Level: 345hp@5,500rpm*

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Hybrid modulus integrated in a first version:



- Validation of the assembly of “Gun Barrel” mounting

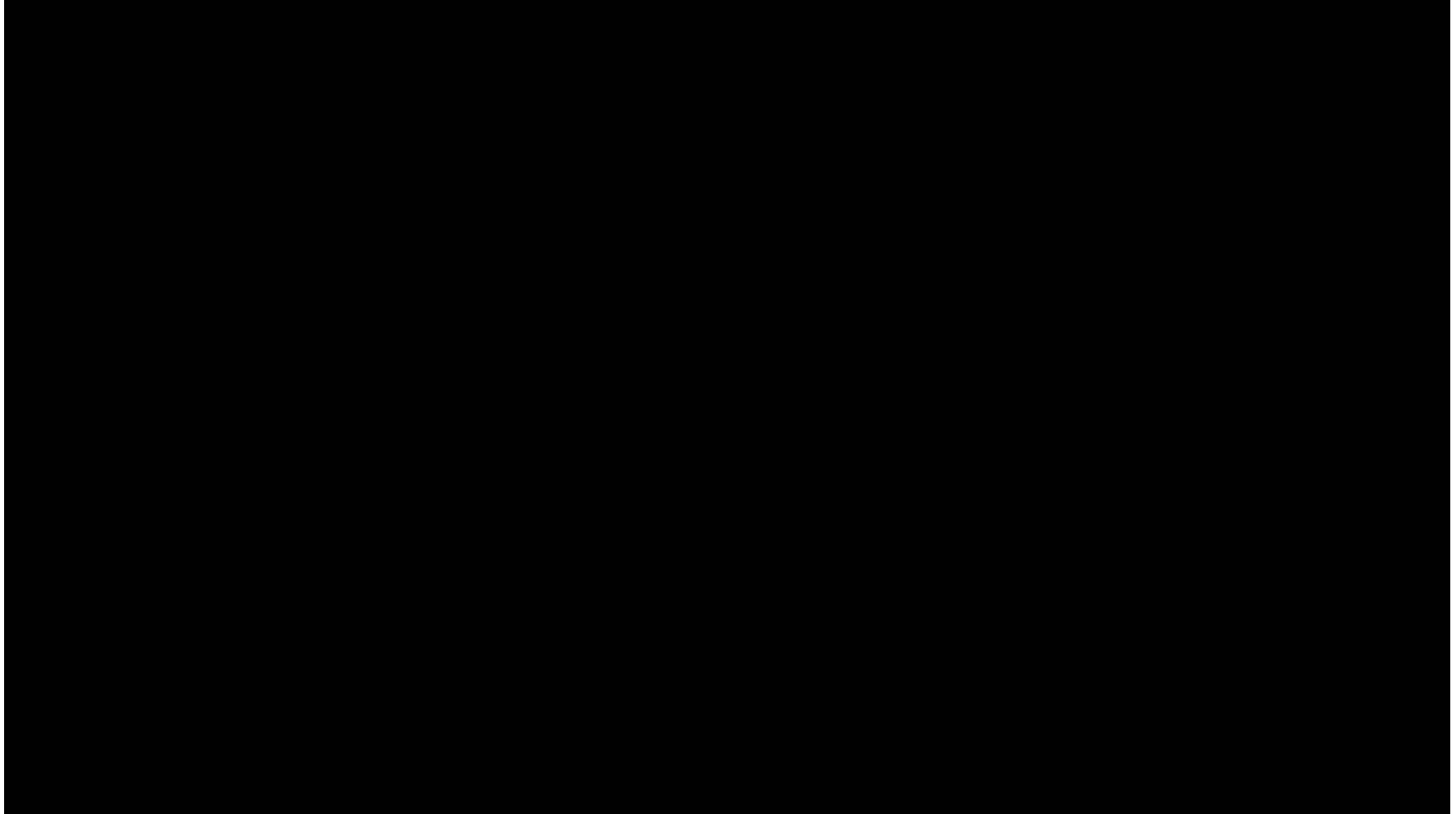


*New electric motors being characterized*



*First version of the hybrid modulus system*

## Movie on Cassio preparation



# Module Hybride en Test





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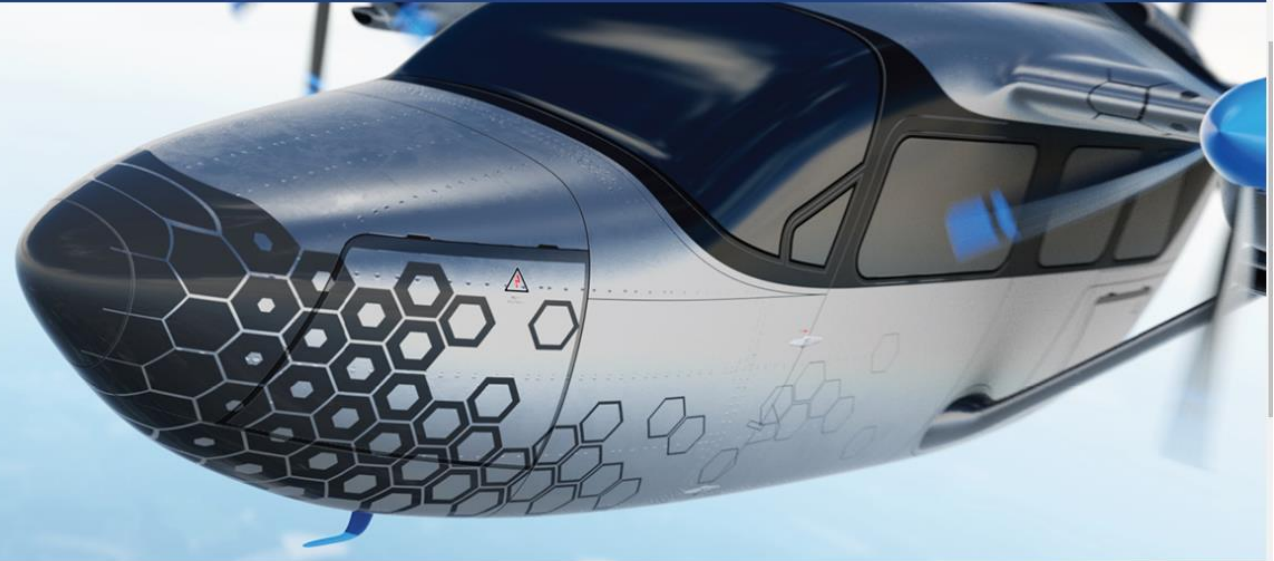
## Coming up next:



- **Cassio 1 Flying Configuration ( No rear power module but front electric motors) :**
  - **Integration of all components in progress : front electric motors, batteries, cockpit, wiring...**
  - **Flight test campaign expected for w 04 2020**
- **Cassio 1 FINAL Configuration (new rear module power included with new aerodynamics) :**
  - **First Hybrid official flight planned March 2020 !**
  - **Final Integration phase scheduled for April 2020**
  - **Pre-industrialization phase has already started**



THE **POWER**  
TO FLY **SAFELY!**



### CASSIO BY **VOLTAERO**

A unique aircraft with distributed hybrid-electric propulsion



VISION



PROPULSION



EXPERTISE



TEAM

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