

# Analysis of a Composite Microlift-Glider Wing Structure Using Finite Element Analysis and Manual Calculation\*

**Análisis de la estructura alar de un planeador para microsustentación usando elementos finitos y cálculos analítico**

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## Abstract

The paper describes a project undertaken at the San Buenaventura University Bogota, Colombia branch to develop the structural design of a light motor-less glider focused on the wing structure based on wood and composites materials. In the first stage there where established the main constraints for post calculation, then it is proposed the main wing structure to be analyzed and as this is a small weight glider it was considered special composites materials. There is an analysis of the structure taking into account the maximum load factor developed during a normal flight; completes dates are available for each station of the wing; those date are compared with the same wing structure under the same loads analyzed using FEA

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## Keywords

Design, analysis, finit element analysis, glider, wing structure, microlift.

## Resumen

El artículo describe un proyecto en la Universidad de San Buenaventura, sede Bogotá, en el cual se desarrolla el diseño estructural del ala de un planeador, el cual se enfoca en materiales como la madera y materiales compuestos. En la primera etapa se establecen las cargas principales para un cálculo posterior, luego se propone la configuración de la estructura alar a analizar haciendo énfasis en materiales compuestos. Se tiene en cuenta en el análisis estructural el factor de carga máximo que se puede desarrollar durante un vuelo normal. Dichos cálculos se aplican a la misma estructura por medio de un análisis en elementos finitos con el fin de comparar datos.

## Palabras clave

Diseño, análisis estructural, elementos finitos, planeador, estructura alar, microsustentación

## 1. Introduction

The work starts from a comparison of the data obtained under the geometric design of the glider as a function of the initial adjustment for gliders of different categories, the body of work provides critical operating conditions from current regulatory and accurate data, which gives the way for a series of proposals initially structural drawings of the aircraft and its support structure. This structural approach is modified depending on the operating conditions and sets the maximum aerodynamic loads that structure supports during a normal flight mission, by this way it is proceeded to apply this strength on the structure to find the maximum internal loads to find a material that mitigates these load conditions. So it is necessary to show a selection of materials used and the characterization of from ASTM standards, while preliminary proposals are given how to build such a structure.

## 2. Investigation Development

To give the design and analysis for a wing structure is it necessary to know the main requirements given by the mission profile of the sailplane, there are also dimensional parameters that must meet the final design, the aerodynamic characteristics must be known on the most critical conditions, once those requirements are well known it is needed to propose a structural disposition that support the most critical load at least 1,5 times. The analysis begin with an analytical calculation to be complemented with a software analysis.

The wing structure begins with the main characteristics of the saiplane.

The airplane that operates from microlift conditions is called microlift glider, some of the main features are:

- To be considered a micro-glider lift its maximum takeoff weight must be less than 220 kg, and the maximum wing loading less than 18 kg / m<sup>2</sup>.
- Must be driven by a single occupant.

### Parameters Resume

The sailplane proposed here is called Atlas M2 and there were a preliminary design on which has based the structural design, the main characteristics are the following:

**Table 1.** Main Atlas M2 sailplane characteristics

Characteristic	Value [unit]		Characteristic	Value [unit]	
Taper ratio	1		Maximum Weight	220	Kg
Dihedral angle	2	°	Empty Weight	139.4	Kg
S	11.8	m	Max estimated speed	48	m/s
Ar	12.2		Stall speed	13.6	m/s
Spam	12	m	Cruise speed	25	m/s
Leading Edge angle	0	°	Best L/D	37.5	
Fuselage Length	6.37	m	Cruise lift coefficient	0.46	
Wing incidence angle	2.14	°	CM at 18,2° and 48_m/s	0,47	
Chord	0.987	m	CL wing max	1.55	
Wing Loading	18.6	Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Alpha Clmax	17	°
Wing Drag coefficient at CL=0	0.008		Maximum Profile lift coefficient	1.6	

This values where obtained with respect to current regulation EASA CS-22, so that, there is a good approximation to the actual data as actually supports the weight of the aircraft ((EASA), 2003).

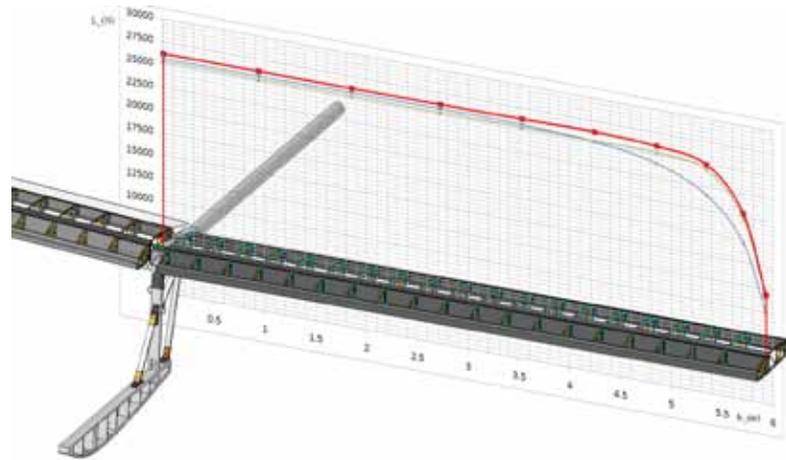
For this case the load factor values are:  $n_1=5.3$ ,  $n_2=4$ ,  $n_3=-1.5$ ,  $n_4=-2.65$  ((EASA), 2003).

### Load Distribution on the Wing

Distributed load applied to the load center is found as shown in Figure 1, where the entire load is taken regardless distributed parameter wing weight because it is smaller than the lift for this critical condition. Now, it is necessary to display the values of load distribution shown in Figure 1, it was obtained under the simulation of various operating conditions of the aircraft, finding that the load is distributed more critical than is generated under the following conditions:

Speed: 48m/s. Angle of attack: 18.4°

Figure 1. Distributed Lift load on Atlas M2 sailplane



The other values shown on the Figure 1 correspond to those obtained under a speed of 13.65\_m/s at an angle of 14o, and 25\_m/s at an angle of 17,8°.

To determine the best curve that fits the points shown on the graph corresponding to the load value at 48\_m Lift and Drag / s, use is made of the theory of cubic splines, in this case it is proposed that the equation governing this order distributed load is maximum polynomial order 2 in order to make easier the calculations for wing in relation to structural analysis. Each equation distributed load Lift and Drag is as shown below.

Table 2. Equations of Lift and Drag equations for the distributed load with maximum load fact

**Lift Equations**

$$L(y1) = 12 * y^2 - 17 * y + 2618]_0^{3.5267} [N/m]$$

$$L(y2) = -842 * y^2 + 6815 * y + 12671]_{3.5267}^{5.346} [N/m]$$

$$L(y3) = -44300 * y^2 + 477100 * y - 1259600]_6^{5.346} [N/m]$$

**Drag equations**

$$D(y1) = -\frac{190491 X^6}{6250} + \frac{279993 X^5}{625} - \frac{314622 X^4}{125} + \frac{33068 X^3}{5} - \frac{200648 X^2}{25} + \frac{428001 X}{125} - \frac{230664}{25}]_0^{4.8541} [N/m]$$

$$D(y2) = \frac{865326 X^3}{25} - \frac{2711576 X^2}{5} + \frac{14072352 X}{5} - \frac{24281488}{5}]_{4.8541}^6 [N/m]$$

### 3. Analysis and Result Discussion

In the structural analysis it is necessary to know how the internal behavior of the structure is, but to do this it is necessary to propose a defined structure which supports the internal flight load. It must be known that the structural proposition is an iterative process due to the structural stresses which the structure will carry out, in this structure it was proposed a structure according to typical structures for similar wing structure. Once this has been proposed it is necessary to apply the loads to know the internal stress and strain condition on this structure

#### Equations for Internal Load Sustainability

From lift and drag equations it is possible to obtain the diagram shear and moment for each of the wing sections, it should be noted at this point that although it was not considered the influence of the wing torsion moment coefficient due to aerodynamic effects given.

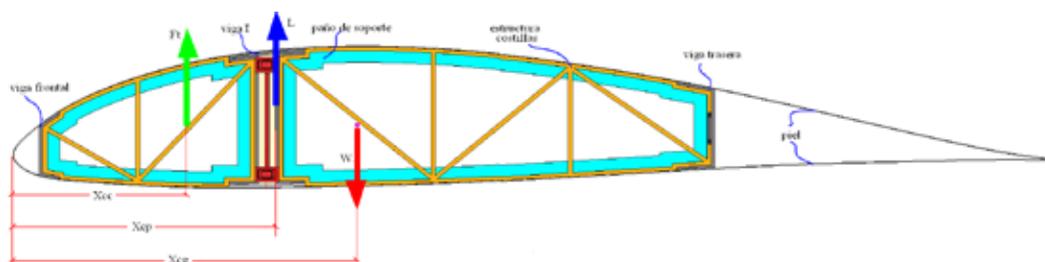
#### Structural Wing Layout

It is appreciated that most of the location of the center of pressure falls to approximately 25% (Anderson, 2001) of the chord measured from the leading edge, and has a significant change in increase of 80.1% from the average size measured from the plane of symmetry of the aircraft.

This value has to be established, it is possible to estimate the position of the main beam along the rope. But for this case will take an approach to the location of the center of pressure along the chord, so you can make a simplification of the calculations without introducing significant changes in the results error.

In this way it was obtained that for the case under analysis is necessary to obtain a cross-sectional geometry in order to determine the estimated initial weight of the wing in order to estimate how much power will be supportive each structural part of it. In order to avoid iterations is shown in the figure below the final approach sectional view structure.

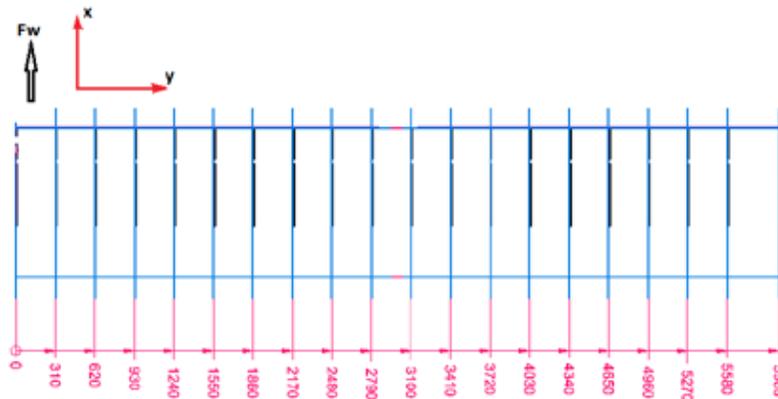
Figure 2. Load location along the MAC



This configuration consists of a central beam, a rear beam and a section of ribs connecting each beam, this configuration shows that the central beam has a form "I" shape, being composed of 4 parts (see Figure 8), the beams are composite construction and have a core material inside.

In order to determine the forces existing in each wing section, showing the position of right wing section in Figure 3 (units on millimeters), which does not have the symmetry axis at station 0, it is only used in order calculations of tension and shear stress in each part of the wing and the shear flow. This will generate a table showing all the conditions of internal force on the wing and for this it is necessary to establish the geometric characteristics of the cross section.

Figure 3. Stations of the wing relative to the root of right wing



### The Wing Cross Section Stress

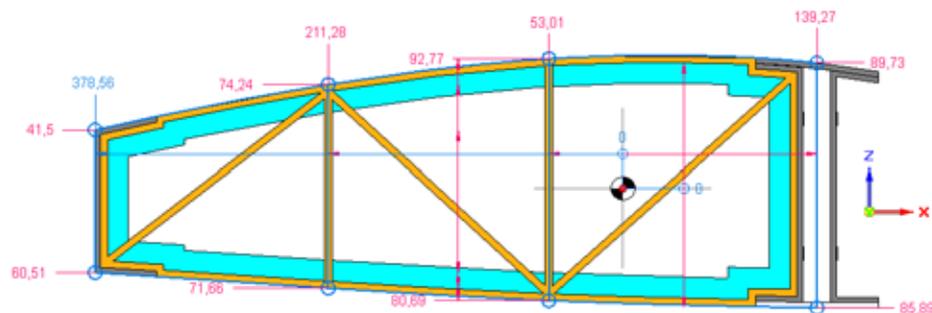
With respect to the coordinate system of the airplane has to be to the cross section of the rib (under the assumption that there is no twist in the wing) the equation for the strain at each station is given by the following equation:

$$\sigma_y = \frac{P}{A} + \left( \frac{M_x I_{xx} - M_y I_{xz}}{I_{xx} I_{zz} - I_{xz}^2} \right) x + \left( \frac{M_x I_{zz} - M_y I_{xz}}{I_{xx} I_{zz} - I_{xz}^2} \right) z$$

Equation 1

This equation determines the bending state of stress and strain in xz plane only function. It was taken into account that the section is not symmetrical, which has no axial loads to the xz plane and that the section does not vary with time.

Figure 4. Coordinates of the vertices with respect to the geometric center of gravity of the section



## Determination of Areas for Structural Idealization and Shear Flow Analysis

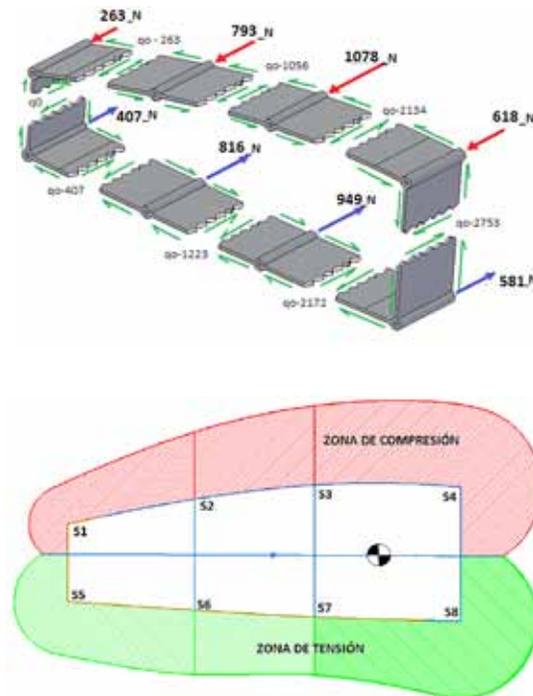
It is necessary to determine areas of structural idealization assembly shown in Figure 4 in order to perform a simplified analysis. Then, it is proceeded to represent each joint as a longitudinal stringer support loads, at this point in order to carry out this exercise should make the following assumptions:

- Stringers support the tension-compression loading.
- Two stringers acting perpendicular to the location of a load not support bending.
- Structures connecting each stringer (web) does not support any tension load shear-compression only. (Megson, 2007)

The calculated values are only given on this paper for station number 310 from Figure 3, this is done because there a lot of information on the complete wing structure.

This requires determining the Stresses applied in each part of the analysis points, it is therefore necessary to take the data from Equation 1 referring to Figure 4. Table 2 are the stress values for each stringer and with time values which were obtained. Thus it is possible to show that the shear flow can be determined by using Figure 5.

Figure 5. Shear Diagram for determination of shear flow as a function of  $q_0$ , and the compressive and tensile zone on the wing rib



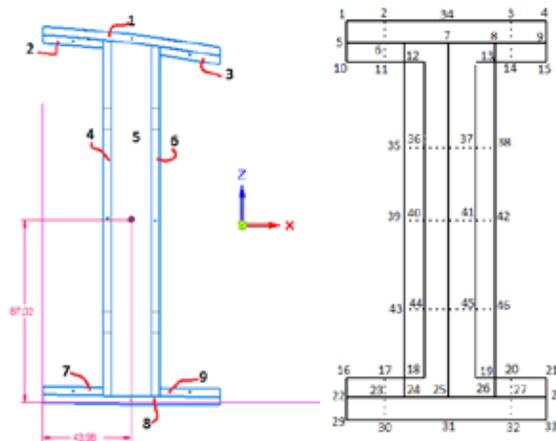
In this it has located the value of each  $\Delta P$  emphasizing its location relative to the center of gravity. For this case it is necessary to take into consideration that the stringers that are on this center of gravity will be subject to a compressive stress (shown in red in Figure 5)



Beam characteristics are as shown below; worth noting that in this case the cross section of the beam is not constant along the span, due to the arrangement of composite plies necessary to support loads of lift and drag, the plies quantity are lower the closer the tip. Thus section presented is an initial approximation that is expected to be the cross section of the wing at the root thereof (Allen & Haisler, 1985).

It is necessary to show that the central beam is made of 5 parts forming the same, as shown in the following figure, the beam is arranged in this manner in order to increase the resistance of the same and in order to facilitate the process manufacturing, so the final union will easily process able.

Figure 8. Main beam sections



From here it is known that the geometric qualities of the section are as follows (Allen & H

$\bar{X}$	43,98	Mm
$\bar{Z}$	87,02	Mm
$I_{zz}$	1201945,01	mm <sup>2</sup>
$I_{xx}$	19342575,9	mm <sup>2</sup>
$I_{xz}$	it is assumed as zero	

Carbon fiber characteristics are shown on Table 3.

material	Ultimate tensile stress (Mpa)	Young's modulus (Gpa)
Balsa wood	1	0,019

It is necessary to raise the modulus of elasticity of a base material for which a module selection equal to 1, therefore the characteristics of each section (see Figure 8) based on their material are as shown below.

In this way the characteristics of the cross-section of the beam based on the constituent materials are as follows:

	Curved cross section beam		Plane cross section beam	
$\bar{Z}$	0,000177214	m	0,177213718	mm
$\bar{X}$	-1,42278E-05	m	-0,014227787	mm
$I_{zz}$	6,03829E-07	m <sup>4</sup>	603828,5125	mm <sup>4</sup>
$I_{xx}$	1,93426E-05	m <sup>5</sup>	19342575,9	mm <sup>4</sup>
$I_{z'z'}$	<b>6,03827E-07</b>	<b>m<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>603827,3223</b>	<b>mm<sup>4</sup></b>
$I_{x'x'}$	<b>1,93424E-05</b>	<b>m<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>19342391,26</b>	<b>mm<sup>4</sup></b>
$A^*$	1,173215663	m <sup>2</sup>	1173215,663	mm <sup>2</sup>
$\bar{Z}^*$	0,000410955	m	410,9552076	mm

Where  $\bar{Z}$  and  $\bar{X}$  are the location of the center of gravity for the section based on their materials,  $I_{zz}$ ,  $I_{xx}$ ,  $I_{z'z'}$  and  $I_{x'x'}$  are the cross section moment of inertia based on their materials,  $A^*$  and  $\bar{Z}^*$  are the area and c.g. location with respect to their constituent materials.

Now with the use of equation 1 we have the stresses at each point of the beam. Then we have that the stress for each point of the cross section is a function of "x", "y" and "z".

Is necessary to determine the required thickness of the Cap and web shown in Figure 8 where from Equation 2  $t_1$  is the thickness of the cap and web thickness  $t_2$ , at station 320 of the wing is the thickness of the web and cap can be determined as:

$$t_1 = \frac{2 * M_x}{\sigma_{ult} * a * h}$$

Equation 2

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{2} * \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{12 * I_{xx} - a * h^3}{a - 2 * t_2}} + h \right)$$

With Figure 8 it is calculated or measured moments of inertia and thicknesses:  $I_{xx}=1590831,162 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $t_1=3,851099877\text{mm}$ ,  $t_2=3,68\text{mm}$ , this values are for cross section at station 320.

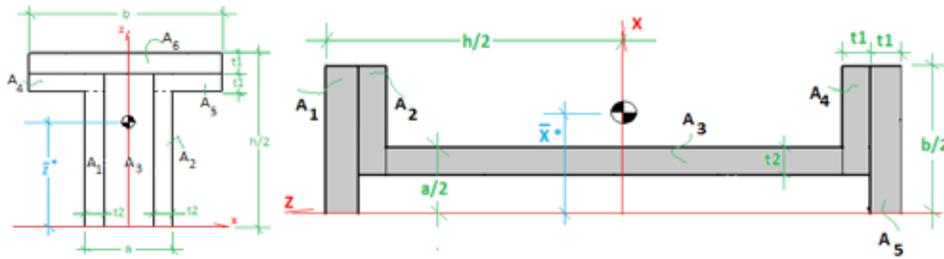
Here the ply number are, ply numbers =  $19,25 \approx 20$ , here thickness of each layer of carbon fiber is 0.2 mm.

Now with this number of layers and the tensile stress in the xz plane cross section, determine the maximum shear stress in the section for which we have the following equation:

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{V_z * Q_1}{I_{xx} * t_1} + \frac{V_x * Q_2}{I_{zz} * t_2}$$

In order to determine the shear stress in the analysis section is necessary to know the geometric characteristics of the top section (x-axis) and the lateral section (z-axis), so that these features must be are based on the following two graphs:

Figure 9. Determining geometric features for Q1 and Q2



Then,

$\bar{z}^*$	38,15353929	mm
Q1	23179,1908	mm <sup>3</sup>
$\bar{x}^*$	43,48390805	mm
Q2	29896,2304	mm <sup>3</sup>

### Micromechanical and Macro-Mechanical Analysis for Lamina and Laminate of the Beam

With those data it is possible to calculate the shear along the cross section of the beam, it must be said that these are the data recorded here are higher than with regard to  $V_x$  and  $V_z$  shear forces, in this case has not been taken the true value of shear stress across the section but has taken the greatest value calculated from these forces.

Therefore, the maximum shear stress calculated in the beam cross section at station 320 (see Figure 5) is:

$$\sigma_{xy} = 1001,63 \frac{N}{mm}$$

Table 3. Summary characterization T300 carbon fiber with epoxy DB

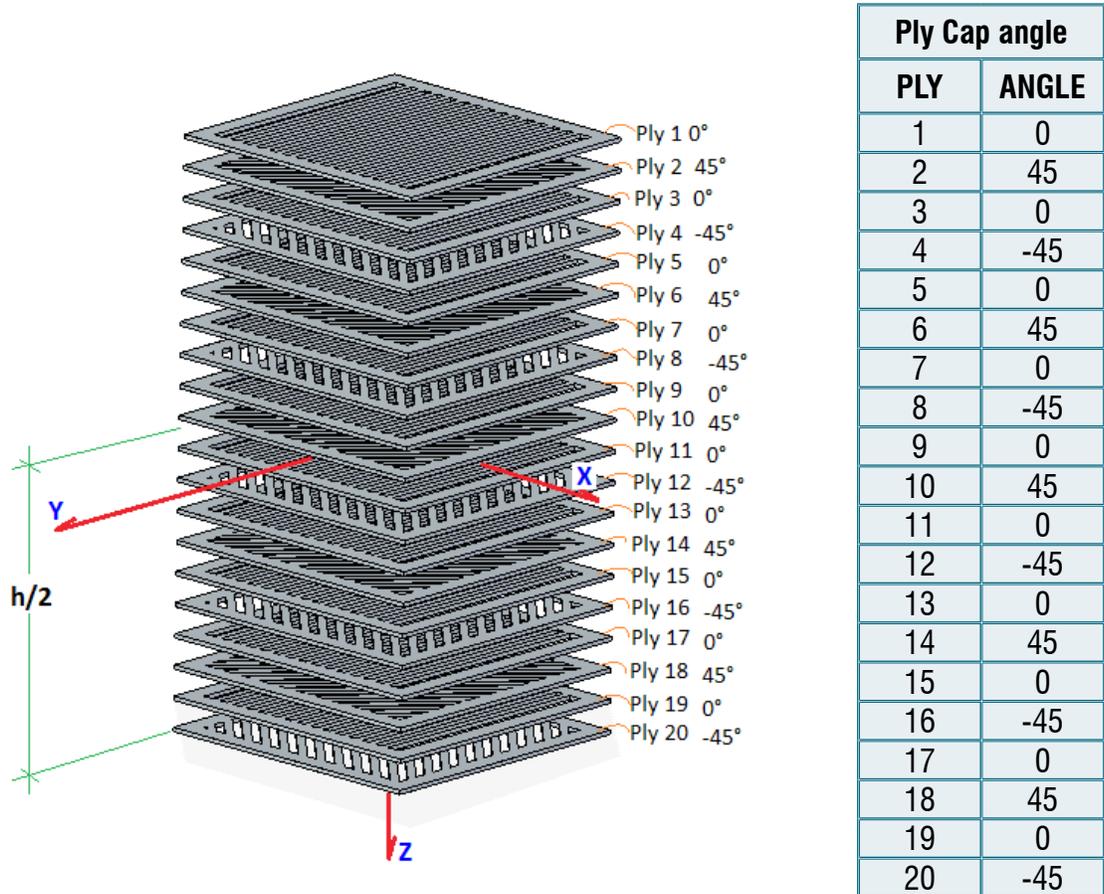
	Ex=Ey (Gpa)	Last tensile stress (Mpa)	Max. load (N)	strain (%)	Lo [mm]	Lf [mm]	t/c mean [mm]	Long. deform (mm)	Transv. Deform. (mm)
	2,995	462,75	31250	5,175	250	262,8875	25	262,8875	23,975
Est. Dev	0,441	98,341	6668,583	0,540	0	1,322	0	1,322	0,309
Error	14,74%	21,25%	21,34%	10,44%	0,00%	0,50%	0,00%	0,50%	1,29%

Table 3.1. Additional Values for carbon fiber

$v_{12}$	0,09	
E1	2,99	GPa
E2	2,99	GPa
$V_{21}$	8,66E-02	
$G_{12}$	1,372	GPa
t/c	0,2	mm

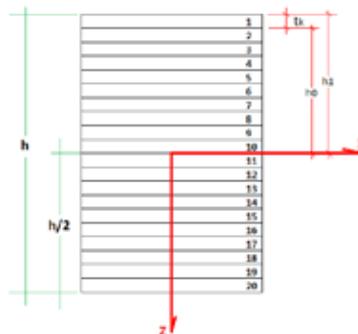
Based on Table 3 and the number of layers calculated for the cap, there is a proposal for the provision of the plies for this part of the beam, this can be seen in Figure 10.

Figure 10. Disposition of the plies of the central beam cap



To determine these values and the deformation and stress of each layer is necessary to place a coordinate system in the center of the laminate and give the coordinates of each layer in terms of the proposed coordinate system (Kaw, 2006) (see Figure 11).

Figure 11. Layout of reference axes for laminate cap.



Based on the thickness of each ply have coordinates along the  $z$  axis of each ply.

Now, as each layer is disposed at a different angle must be differentiated global axes and local axes of each fiber to be analyzed.

It is now necessary to determine the extensional stiffness matrix, this is the value of the stiffness matrix for each fold reduced transformed in general this reduced transformed matrix varies depending on the angle of each fold. For the first layer is shown the procedure for obtaining the reduced transformed matrix, it is necessary to know the values of reduced compliance matrix.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_1} & -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & 0 \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_{66} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

If the angle of the composite sheet with respect to the «y» axis of the fold is then c and s  $\theta$  are the values of cos ( $\theta$ ) and sin ( $\theta$ ) of said sheet, respectively, then:

$$[\hat{S}] = \begin{vmatrix} & & -8,78657E-12 \\ 3,38E-10 & -2,6057E-11 & 12 \\ -2,6057E-11 & & -8,78657E-12 \\ & 11 & 3,38283E-10 & 12 \\ -8,7866E-12 & -8,78657E-12 & & \\ & 12 & 12 & 7,46253E-10 \end{vmatrix}$$

It is now necessary to determine the reduced transformed stiffness matrix, this is obtained through the above matrix (transform matrix compliance) as follows:

$$[\bar{Q}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2974809695 & 230121690,7 & 37735662,4 \\ 230121690,7 & 2974809695 & 37735662,4 \\ 37735662,45 & 37735662,45 & 1340915978 \end{vmatrix} \text{ Pa}$$

These values found are unique to the layer (lamina) number 1 in Figure 10, it is now necessary to determine the same values given above for each of the layers. These values are not shown in this paper due to their size.

### Extensional Stiffness Matrix

Extensional stiffness matrix is through the following expression:

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n [(\bar{Q}_{ij})_k (h_k - h_{k-1})], \quad i = 1, 2, 6; \quad j = 1, 2, 6, \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

Where as stated is necessary to know each of the values of the transformed reduced stiffness matrix  $[\bar{Q}]$  for each of the layers making up the laminate. It is also necessary to know each coordinates of each of the layers (refer to Figure 11 and Table 24), then this matrix must be built as follows:

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \\ 6,04E+08 & 5,23E+07 & 0,00E+00 \\ - & - & - \\ 5,23E+07 & 5,74E+08 & 0,00E+00 \\ - & - & - \\ 0,00E+00 & 0,00E+00 & 2,74E+08 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \\ 5,95E+08 & 4,60E+07 & 7,55E+06 \\ - & - & - \\ 4,60E+07 & 5,95E+08 & 7,55E+06 \\ - & - & - \\ 7,55E+06 & 7,55E+06 & 2,68E+08 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \\ 6,04E+08 & 5,23E+07 & 0,00E+00 \\ - & - & - \\ 5,23E+07 & 5,74E+08 & 0,00E+00 \\ - & - & - \\ 0,00E+00 & 0,00E+00 & 2,74E+08 \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$

$[\bar{Q}]^*(h_0-h_1)$  laminate 1       $[\bar{Q}]^*(h_1-h_2)$  laminate 2       $[\bar{Q}]^*(h_2-h_3)$  laminate 3       $[\bar{Q}] \dots$

Thus,

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \\ 1,20E+10 & 9,83E+08 & 0,00E+00 \\ - & - & - \\ 9,83E+08 & 1,17E+10 & 0,00E+00 \\ - & - & - \\ 0,00E+00 & 0,00E+00 & 5,43E+09 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Pa}$$

### Engaging Stiffness Matrix

The coupling stiffness matrix is found by the following expression:

$$B_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n [(\bar{Q}_{ij})_k (h_k^2 - h_{k-1}^2)], \quad i = 1,2,6; \quad j = 1,2,6, \quad \text{Equation 5}$$

Where as stated is necessary to know each of the values of the transformed reduced stiffness matrix  $[\bar{Q}]$  for each of the component layers of the laminate. It is also necessary to know each coordinates of each of the layers (refer to Figure 11), then this matrix must be built as follows:

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \\ 8,81E+06 & 6,29E+06 & 1,51E+07 \\ - & - & - \\ 6,29E+06 & 2,14E+07 & 1,51E+07 \\ - & - & - \\ 1,51E+07 & 1,51E+07 & 6,29E+06 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Pa}$$

### Bending Stiffness Matrix

The coupling stiffness matrix is found by the following expression:

$$D_{ij} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^n [(\bar{Q}_{ij})_k (h_k^3 - h_{k-1}^3)], \quad i = 1,2,6; \quad j = 1,2,6. \quad \text{Equation 6}$$

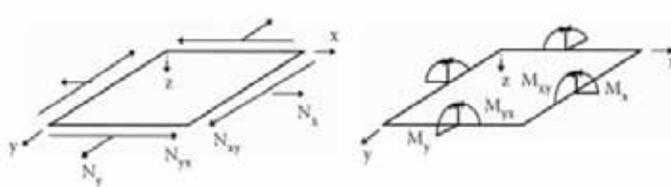
As the above is necessary to use the reduced transformed stiffness matrix  $[\bar{Q}]$  and the coordinate values of the layers (plies) with respect to the coordinate system that is in the middle of the laminate, so this matrix is determined as follows:

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \\ 1,60E+10 & 1,31E+09 & 3,02E+06 \\ - & - & - \\ 1,31E+09 & 1,56E+10 & 3,02E+06 \\ - & - & - \\ 3,02E+06 & 3,02E+06 & 7,24E+09 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Pa}$$

### Deformation and Curvatures of Planes Media

Once you have the three matrices (matrix extensional stiffness matrix coupling and bending stiffness matrix) it is possible to consolidate an array containing these values, so we just need to determine the values located to the left of the equality in that equation. These are determined based on characteristics of shear and tensile stress and the laminate of time to be analyzed (Hollman, 1983), these can be seen in figure which follows:

Figure 12. Forces and moments resulting in the laminate



From: (Kaw, 2006) pag 321.

Given the values Nx cap, Mx are zero by inspection, but when considering equations each component has a correct answer on each one.

Then as the stress  $\sigma_x = 0$  the values of Nx and Mx be equally zero, then,

$$\sigma_{xy} = 1001,63 \frac{N}{mm} \quad \sigma_y = 2,57E4 \frac{N}{mm}$$

Thus, the values are:

Ny=	1,03E+05	N/mm
Nxy=	4006,5172	N/mm
My=	0	N
Mxy=	0	N

Then the coupling stiffness matrix and bending stiffness matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1,03E+05 \\ 4006,52 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1,20E+10 & -9,83E+08 & 0,00E+00 & -8,81E+06 & -6,29E+06 & -1,51E+07 \\ -9,83E+08 & -1,17E+10 & 0,00E+00 & -6,29E+06 & 2,14E+07 & -1,51E+07 \\ 0,00E+00 & 0,00E+00 & -5,43E+09 & -1,51E+07 & -1,51E+07 & -6,29E+06 \\ -8,81E+06 & -6,29E+06 & -1,51E+07 & -1,60E+10 & -1,31E+09 & 3,02E+06 \\ -6,29E+06 & 2,14E+07 & -1,51E+07 & -1,31E+09 & -1,56E+10 & 3,02E+06 \\ -1,51E+07 & -1,51E+07 & -6,29E+06 & 3,02E+06 & 3,02E+06 & -7,24E+09 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon^0_x \\ \epsilon^0_y \\ \gamma^0_{xy} \\ K_x \\ K_y \\ K_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon^0_x \\ \epsilon^0_y \\ \gamma^0_{xy} \\ K_x \\ K_y \\ K_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7,26E-07 \\ -8,85E-06 \\ -7,38E-07 \\ 4,78E-09 \\ -1,21E-08 \\ 1,76E-08 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{mm/mm} \\ \text{mm/mm} \\ \text{mm/mm} \\ \text{1/mm} \\ \text{1/mm} \\ \text{1/mm} \end{matrix}$$

After a deflection and deformation in the structure, proceed to determine the safety factor, knowing the thickness of each layer of the material is 0.325 mm. These values were determined to be 5 layers were used which increase the thickness of 1.625 mm sandwich safety factors.

Table 4. Ply number, t/c and factor of safety.

Ply orientation	Ply qx	t/c	Factor of safety
0 grados	20	1,625mm	1,601155856

### Finite Element Analysis

According to the results of the calculation of composite materials, for the sizing of the main beam, we proceeded to modify the preliminary design and then to do a finite element analysis and obtain more specific behavior of both the wing and the aircraft structure.

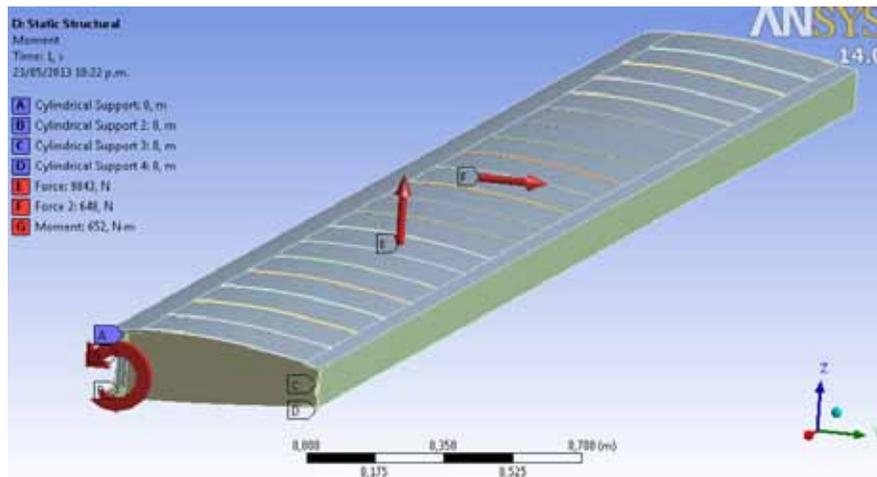
### Wing Analysis

After locating these boundary conditions starts the analysis process of the program, which throw the following results for the wing and its various components.

The analysis seeking core values: maximum stress and shear, total deformation, safety factor and value of the reactions that are present in the substrate in order to export these values to attached components and verify its durability.

In the Figure 13 it can be seen two forces, the supporting, the drag and the moment. Each of which was obtained from the initial analysis through CFD wing. It should be noted at this point that these values to be applied in the first step have been so evenly distributed, which simplifies the values.

Figure 13. Loads on the wing



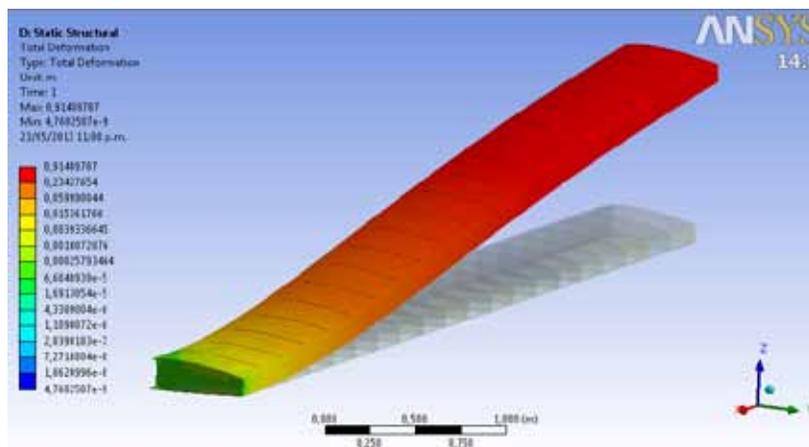
The value of the support has been added the value of the load factor of the aircraft under normal operating conditions (depending on the aircraft  $V_n$  diagram), ie the maximum value load factor equal to 5.3. This value is a multiplier for the lift, drag and moment of the wing.

The total deformation of the wing where obtained, when wing is subjected to load values previously shown and the components of the wing structure proposal, it is necessary that each component has progressive deformation gradually as it moves away from the supports.

As it can be seen in Figure 14 the value of the maximum deformation of the wing occurs as expected at the tip of the wing with a value of 91.48 \_cm, this value can be considered acceptable for a wing of 6 meters and considering that the typical deformation of the wings of a glider with high compared to its size.

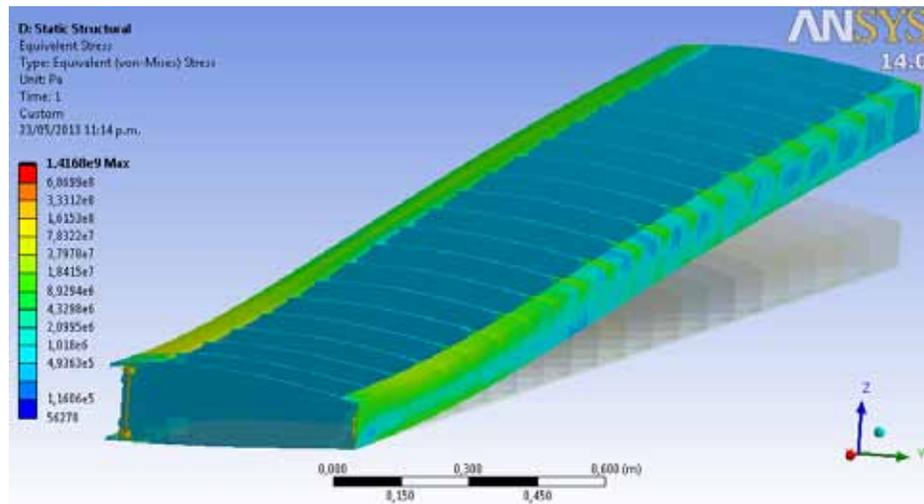
Having established a data validity wing proceeds to perform a stress analysis and safety factors based materials have been proposed for this analysis.

Figure 14. Wing Deformation



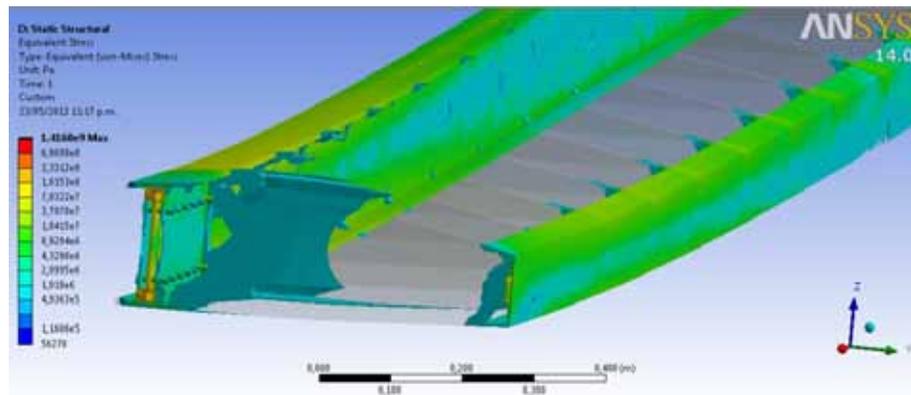
The stress data should be compared with the safety factor because the safety factor can be reached if there is a check on dimensioning of the components that make up the plane or on the contrary, there is no good proposal design support charges placed from geometrical point of view and materials. In the figure below you can see below the equivalent value of the maximum stress.

Figure 15. Equivalent stress on the wign structure



However it can be shown what area has the greatest effort and which of these areas are above the maximum effort, this is shown in the figure that follows, for this is what the assembly parts wing is subjected to a force exceeding 7.5\_Kpa. Clearly more stressed areas are in the vicinity of the supports and has a value equal to or greater than this effort to the first second rib of the wing. The maximum value is located in the part that supports the entire plane bending it.

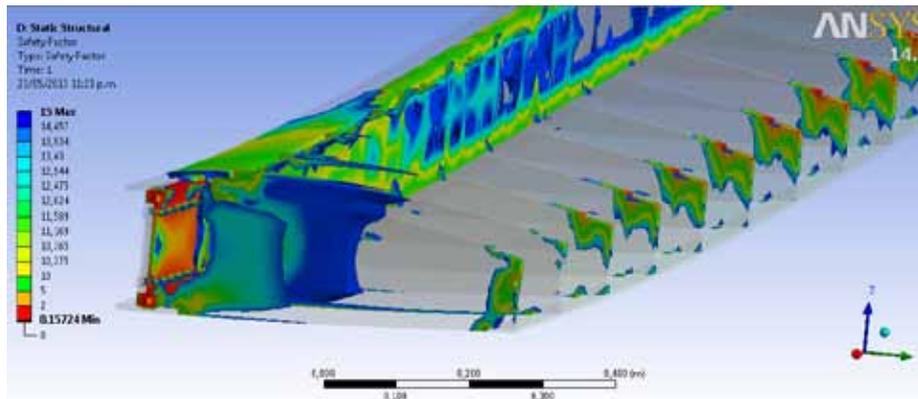
Figure 16. Wing section under a stress above 7.5\_Kpa



In the Figure 17 it can be made a marked comparison with the data obtained to those who are listed in Figure 16, with the aim of verifying the sections which are subjected to a force exceeding 7.5\_KPa this with factors safety lower than 1.5.

In Figure 17 there are parts of the plane in safety factor below 1.5, this condition represents an unsafe condition for the wing, because at this point the force applied to each section of a lower safety factor 1.5 has a higher stress value for which the material can withstand and therefore has already entered or creep fracture.

Figure 17. Safety factor of plane parts subjected to a stress more than 7.5\_KPa



For the same figure (which has the lowest safety factor) it is noted that some parts of the components (that are part of the structure) are below a safety factor of 1.5 and thus it is possible to determine which of them are susceptible to change either by geometry or material itself.

It is evident that according to Figure 18 the components being subjected to such stress (those that induces a safety factor less than 1.5) are the support plate and a section where the ribs are performing the bonding with the top thereof with the rear auxiliary beam.

It should be noted at this point that it is not considered a dangerous condition as shown in the rear of the beams (see lower part of Figure 18), only the top edge is located in a safety factor less than 1.5.

Figure 18. Piece parts which contain a safety factor of less than 1.5

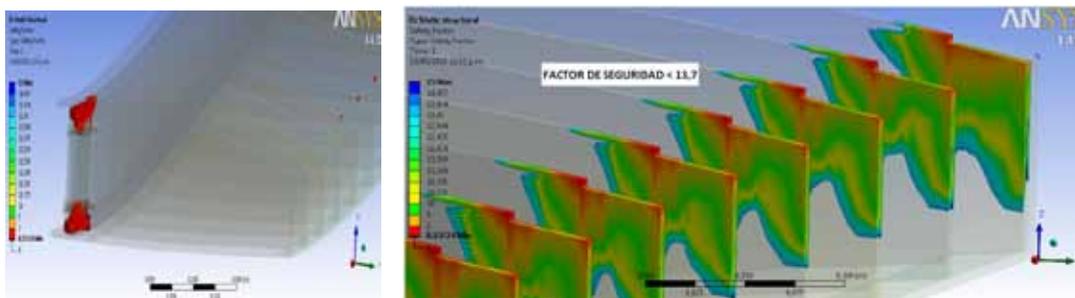
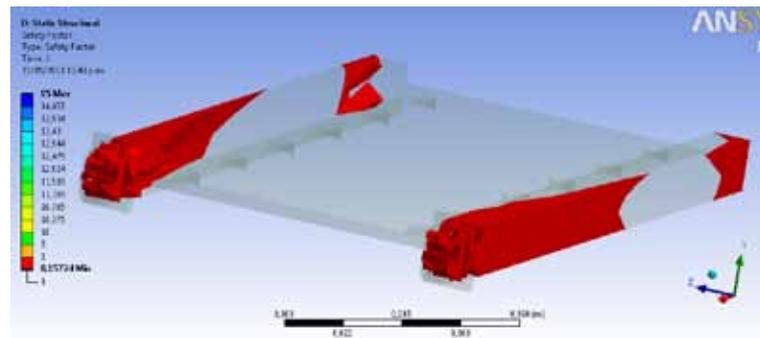


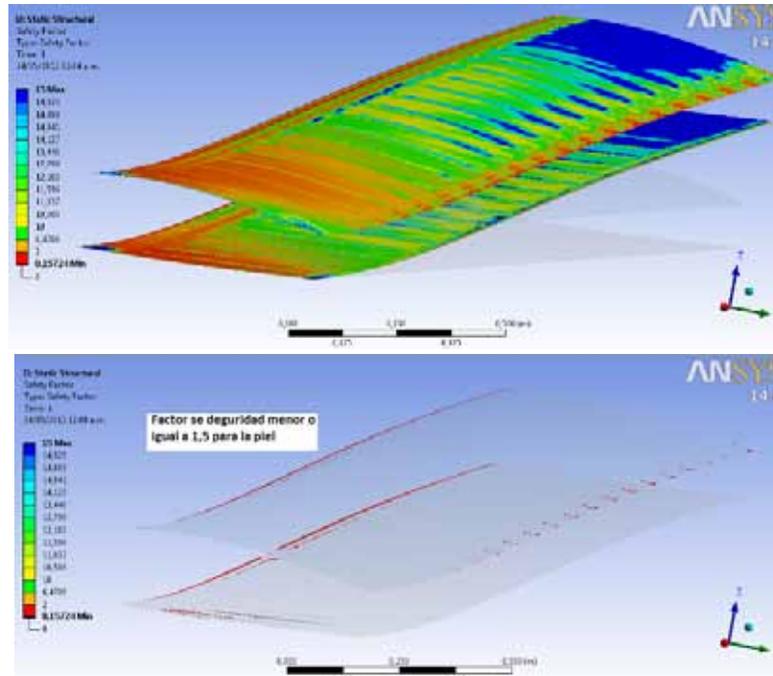
Figure 19 shows a section of the wing being subjected to a safety factor less than 1, for this case the stress on this area is greater than or equal to 22.7 \_MPa.

Figure 19. Location of the part will fail with loads that have been assigned.



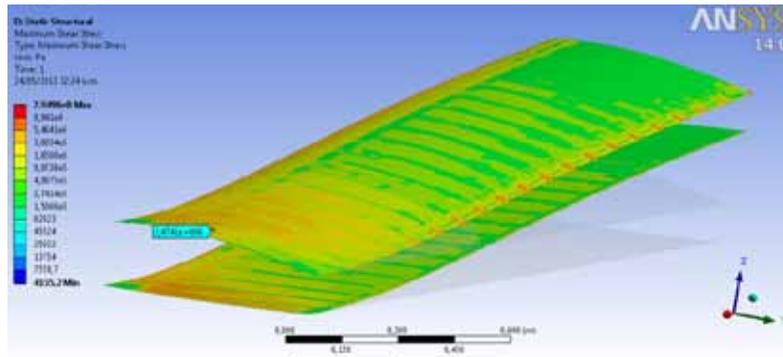
Then it is needed to check which are the stresses and the safety factor of the skin of the wing of the glider, as the applied loads, it must be according to the geometry and to the material that has been applied, the skin has a minimum safety factor 1.5, this condition is explained as follows: actually in the skin as is disposed, there is a safety factor which is less than one, but in actual skin condition is not limited by the beam but it wraps around the wing, in the figure accompanying Figure 20 it can be seen that the safety factor smaller than 1 is located within the boundaries of the skin (not the root and the tip of the plane).

Figure 20. Safety factor in skin



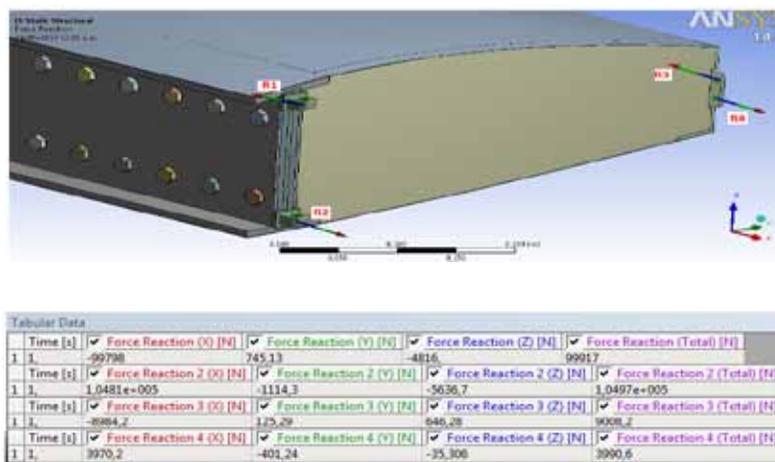
It is necessary to show which is the maximum shear stress of the skin is, this value can be clearly seen in the following figure, this shows that the maximum shear stress is 3, 41\_Mpa

Figure 21. Shear value in the skin



In Figure 22 the reactions can be seen in each of the support points of the structure, which are given according to the loads that are being applied to each of these. These data load be applied to the structure of the tail boom and from there to the fuselage in order to determine the conditions of stress and deformation of the other components.

Figure 22. Support reactions of the wing root



## Conclusions

- There is a very marked on experimental data related to dimensions of the ribs on this type of material (balsa wood and composite fiber), so that this data does not enter assumption, the software must be supported depending on the proposed solution in order to give validity to data calculated based on actual data.
- The way you plan to build the wing gives criteria at the time of analysis, alteration and repair mode construction. For this case it is necessary to perform a fabrication methodology based on the requirements and other constraints that affect the use of the aircraft quickly once built, here the comparison from finite element give that it is necessary to include holes (truss structure inside the rib) was considered with better results, this improve the weight of the structure.

- The use of composite materials give a variable cross section beam, decreasing total weight, analysis and method of manufacture of the part you want to elaborate on these materials is easy. But total structural analysis is high.
- According to the maximum stresses that occur in the beams, we determined the type of beams and materials, with a safety factor of 1.5, which ensures the smooth functioning of the structure for charge distributions presented.
- There is a strong needed between analytical and simulation methodologies, this increase the optimal results, and improve the behavior of the structure on the same given forces given by the mission profile.

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