





Intelligence, Low Acoustic Signature UAV

Critical Design Review

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ILAS



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Introduction

ILAS is a UAV designed for low altitude reconnaissance missions

The Project Requirements are:

- Easy Launch and Recovery.
- Low Acoustic Signature at 1000 ft Altitude .
- Endurance <u>5 hours</u>.
- Payload <u>2.5 kg</u> EO Sensor.
- Basic Considerations for Low RCS Configuration



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Preliminary Design Recap

Configuration

The configuration selected was a Straight Flying Wing with a Vertical Stabilizer.

Weight Estimation Height 250mm The UAV estimated weight at the PDR was 23 Kg. Engine Mass (kg) | Distance from The engine selected was a AXI 5330/F3A electriterenc **Propuls**⁸⁰ AXI 53XX + front prop ho The propulsion method selected at the PDR stage we option to use Fuel Cell Technology **Payload** Ba The selected EΦ Sensor is the T-Stamp (by Controp Payload 2 Sen Ai AX05330 - 64mh AXI5345 - 79mn 22.02.09 **Project ILAS**

Preliminary Design Recap

Launch

The UAV will be launched via Catapult (Bungee).

Recovery

The UAV will be recovered using a Parachute + Air Bags.





Noise Reduction Recommendations

- **1. Engine** An electrical engine is preferable.
- 2. Propeller-
 - Reduced/Minimal RPM
 - •Reduced blade tip speed.
 - •Increase Number of Blades (Preferably 3 or 4 blades).
 - •Use tractor propeller configuration (clean flow reduces noise).
 - Swept back propeller blades





Preliminary Design Recap Initial Sizing and Calculations





Preliminary Design Recap Initial System Layout



Preliminary Design Recap Initial Geometric Configuration

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Improved Geometrical Layout

Geometrical Modifications:

-Improved Blended Wing Body.

-Decreasing Fuselage height.

-Removing the vertical stabilizer

Payload Installation

Requirements

- Design for minimal weight.
- As simple as possible.
- Extract to achieve optimal Field of View.
- Minimum Drag.



Payload Installation First iteration.

Mechanism description:







Part	Mass [kg]
Base	0.953
Sliding door	0.507
Rails	0.232
Main Rotary Actuator	0.4
Gears	0.1
Tiny Rotary Actuator	0.2
Total estimation	2.3

Weight table:

Note: The sliding door motion is implemented by a tiny rotary actuator.

Payload Installation First iteration.

- Advantages:
 - Permits to extract and to fold the payload, Improves Performance.
 - Permits to extract and fold several times.
- Disadvantages:
 - Too heavy.

Iteration discarded due to Weight

Payload Installation

Second iteration.

Mechanism description:



- A sliding door.
- A system of springs and retainers, permitting only the payload to get in the fuselage.
- A tiny rotary actuator assuring the sliding door closure.

• <u>Weight table:</u>

Note: The weight lowering is due to:

- -The absence of a big rotary actuator.
- -The absence of a gearing system.

Part	Mass [kg]
Base	0.847
Sliding door	0.507
Rails	0.210
Tiny Rotary Actuator	0.2
Total estimation	1.7
Weight improvement	0.6



Payload Installation Second iteration.

- <u>Advantages:</u>
 - Less heavy than the first mechanism.
 - Simpler Mechanics.
- <u>Disadvantages:</u>
 - Heavy.
 - Permits only to fold the payload. Forces us to fly with the whole payload out (175x250 [mm]).

Iteration discarded due to Aerodynamic Disturbances and Weight

Payload Installation



> No mechanism - The payload will be fixed to the fuselage.

- Advantages:
 - Very simple design.
 - Lighter than the other iterations.
- Disadvantages:
 - Creates aerodynamic disturbances all along the flight.
 - Forces us to land the UAV upside down in order to protect the payload from bumps.

Fuel Cell Feasibility Study

Introduction

•Fuel cells are miniature power plants that convert the chemical energy inherent in hydrogen and oxygen into direct-current electricity <u>without</u> <u>combustion</u> (Which grants better efficiency) .

- •Hydrogen is pumped on the Anode, and Oxygen on the Cathode.
- •The Catalyst Creates a chemical reaction that splits the Hydrogen into Protons and Electrons.
- •The Electrons are diverted to an external circuit, creating electricity.
- •The Protons are diverted through the membrane, forming Water with the oxygen on the Cathode, also using a catalyst.
- •The process also releases heat.
- •Each Fuel Cell produces ~0.7 Volts.



Fuel Cell Feasibility Study

Fuel Cell Types

•Fuel Cells can be categorized by two attributes: Membrane Type (Alkaline, Phosphoric Acid, Solid Oxide etc.) and Fuel source (Pure Hydrogen, Liquid Hydrocarbons, Natural Gas, Methanol etc.).

•Some relevant Fuel Cell types:

•Proton Exchange Membrane fuel cell (PEM)- Operate at relatively low temperatures (~80 degrees), have high power density, can vary their output quickly to meet shifts in power demand

•Alkaline Fuel Cells (AFC) – Efficiencies are up to 70 percent. Use potassium hydroxide as the electrolyte and operate at ~70 degrees. However, they are very susceptible to carbon contamination, so require pure hydrogen and oxygen.

•Direct Methanol fuel cell (DMFC) - The anode catalyst itself draws the hydrogen from Liquid Methanol, eliminating the need for a fuel reformer. Efficiencies of about 40% are expected with this type of fuel cell, which would typically operate at a temperature between 50-80 degrees.

Fuel Cell Feasibility Study

Horizon 1000H Fuel Cells

Type of fuel cell	PEM
Number of cells	64
Rated power	<u>1000W</u>
Performance	
DC voltage	13V
Purging valve voltage	
Blower voltage	
Reactants	Hydrogen and Air
External temperature	5 to 35°C
Max stack temperature	65°C
Composition	99.99%dry H2
H2 Pressure	0.5 <u>atm</u>
Flow rate at rated output	
Humidification	self-humidified
CoolingAi	r (integrated cooling fan)
Weight (with fan & casing)	5500 (grams)
Dimensions	315mm x 92mm x 210mm
Start up time	Immediate
Efficiency of stack	45% @ 36V



Fuel Cell Feasibility Study Horizon 1000H – Hydrogen Weight Estimation



How to get low RCS?

•Decreasing the RCS by planning a configuration without external systems, and placing the systems (including the armament) into the body.



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Continuous curves

The F/A-22 uses a combination of different ways to keep radar waves from bouncing back to their origin. The most sophisticated system is the use of so-called continuous curvature.



RCS analysis with POfacets software

Triangular Surface of ilas Model





Performance Calculations Performance Calculations - Contents

•Flight Envelope and Maneuver Graphs.

•Elevon + Splitter Design.

•Stability and Control.

Performance Calculations



Control Surfaces

ILAS UAV is designed as a Flying-Wing Tailless configuration. In addition, ILAS is launched and recovered using a catapult and a parachute (respectively), which obsoletes the need in flaps.

Therefore, the only control surfaces on the UAV will be Elevons: Rudders + Elevators with Splitters.



Elevon Design

- Assumptions (Customer requirements):
 - Roll Rate 40-70 deg/sec
 - Yaw Rate 20-60 deg/sec
 - Sideslip Angle = 11 deg
 - Maximum Elevon Angles : 15 deg.
 - Splitter Design
 - Swept Back Wings (11 degrees).
- Equations

$$C_{\ell} = C_{\ell\beta}\beta + C_{\ell\rho}p + C_{\ell}r + C_{\ell\delta_a}\delta_a + C_{L\delta_s}\delta_s$$
$$C_n = C_{n\beta}\beta + C_{n\rho}p + C_nr + C_{n\delta_a}\delta_a + C_{n\delta_s}\delta_s$$

Elevon Design

First Iteration:



Third Iteration:

Roll Rate = 70 deg/sec Yaw Rate = 60 deg/sec Elevon Width = 70mm



Performance Calculations Elevon Design – Chosen Configuration

Length = 320mm Width = 70mm Split angle = 9 deg





Performance Calculations Stability and Control - Longitudinal



Performance Calculations <u>Stability and Control - Lateral</u>



Stability and Control - Lateral



V G	iles of a		
	Strut-b Ring Frames	raced Drag reduction	Bending beam
	Bending Beam "compromise" between 2 first configurations	* Bending moment beam that connect pan *Less fusela	
	Strut Braced	Lightest cor	Wing box carrythrough
General Wing Configuration – Leading Principles:

- * Lift forces on the wing produce a large bending moment at the Wing Root, requiring a strong wing structure
- * Structural simplicity
- * Light weight
- * Maintainability and Availability
- * Lack of pilot and passengers allows passing a beam through the fuselage







Computing required thickness of a beam with circular section:

* The beam is located as closest as possible to (p.c) in a way that matches the UAV comp

external diameter=Dbeam=55mm=0.055m

Trapezoidal and elliptical wing lift distribution:

$$L_{\max} = n_{\max} \cdot W = 2 \cdot 23kg \cdot g = 450.08N$$



55*mm*

Г

L

$$l = \frac{b}{2} = 3280mm / 2 = 1.64m$$

$$P = concentrate \ force = \frac{L_{max}}{2} = 225.04N$$

$$X_{p(for linear lift distribution)} = \frac{l}{3} = 0.55m$$

$$M_{max} = M(x = 0) = P \cdot \frac{l}{3} = 124N \cdot m$$

$$B = 55mm / 2 = 27.5mm = 0.0275m$$

$$I = \frac{\pi}{4}(B^4 - A^4) = \frac{\pi}{4}(5.72 \cdot 10^{-7} - A^4)m^4$$

$$max \ bending \ stress:$$

$$\sigma_{z_{max}} = \frac{M_{max}y}{I} = \frac{124N \cdot m \cdot 0.0275m}{\frac{\pi}{4}(5.72x10^{-7} - A^4)m^4} = \frac{4.3 \cdot 10^{-5}}{(5.72x10^{-7} - A^4)m^4}$$

steel vs. aluminum beam comparison



Computing the "C" beam thickness

Assumptions:

- 1. Beam height (a) decreases linearily through the wing
- 2. Flanges length (b) is constant through the wing
- 3. Distance between 2 beams is constant 55mm (diameter of circular beam)





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$$\frac{F \cdot l}{2} = P$$

$$F = \frac{2P}{l}$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{2P}{l^2}x + \frac{2P}{l}$$

$$M(x) = -\frac{P}{3l^2}x^3 + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - Px + \frac{P}{3l^2}x^3 + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - Px + \frac{P}{3l^2}x^3 + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - Px + \frac{P}{3l^2}x^3 + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - Px + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - Px + \frac{P}{3l^2}x^3 + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - Px + \frac{P}{l}x^2 - \frac{P}{l}x^2 -$$

a(x) with linearity assumption : x = 0: a = 110mm x = l: a = 30mm $m = -\frac{80}{l}$ $a(x) = -\frac{80}{l}x + 110$





Composite material – Carbon Epoxy	Aluminum			
$\sigma_{yield=}6000 kg \ / \ mm^2$	$\sigma_{yield=}700kg /mm^2$			
$\rho_{comp} = 1600 \frac{kg}{m^3}$	$\rho_{al} = 2730 \frac{kg}{m^3}$			
for both materials: sigma yield > max bending stress (t=1mm				
choosing the lighter material				
Carbon –	Epoxy beams			

"C" shaped beams weight:

beam section area:

$$A = at + 2t(b-t)$$

$$A = (\frac{-80}{l}x + 110)t + 2t(b-t)$$

$$t = 1mm \qquad b = 10mm$$

$$A(x) = -\frac{80}{l}x + 128$$

l beam volume :

$$V = \int_{0}^{l} A(x)dx = 88 \cdot l [mm^{3}] = 88 \cdot l \cdot 10^{-9} [m^{3}] = 8.8 \cdot 10^{-5} [m^{3}]$$

$$\Rightarrow beam \ weight:$$

$$m = \rho_{composite} \cdot V = 1600 \frac{kg}{m^3} \cdot 8.8 \cdot 10^{-5} m^3 = 0.14 kg$$

5 Configurations for wing filling:



Parachute Size Estimation

Parameter	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>
Mass of UAV	25.00	kg
Descent Velocity	5.00	m/s
Drag Coefficient	0.70	
Parachute Filling Parameter	8.00	
Surface Area Required	22.88	m^2
Nominal Parachute Diameter =Do	5.40	m
Infalted Diameter=Dp=0.66Do	3.56	m

The fabric chosen is 498E-Type-G. The total canopy weight : **750grams.** Adding strings and a case brings the total weight to : **1kg**.

Assuming a packing density of $570 \frac{kg}{m^3}$, the total volume required:

1.4 litres

Parachute Canopy Shape Selection



The **Cross** shaped canopy minimizes the oscillations, and reduces the impact from the inflation of the canopy on the airframe.

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Parachute Doors



Air Bag System

The Air-Bag was estimated based on the SkyLite-B airbag :

	SkyLite B	ILAS
Weight [Kg]	8	25
Inflated Volume [litres]	9	30
Airbag Weight [grams]	60	200
Pack volume [litres]	0.47	1.5



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•The EO sensor remains out of the fuselage for the entire flight.

•Therefore, before landing, ILAS will roll over, and then initiate the landing process.

•The Cross-Canopied Parachute will eject, and at the same time the Airbag will inflate.



Assembly Process

3. Alertigente alertiges fuse lage:

Layout Top View



Motor Cooling Scoop (NACA Scoop)



Layout Side View



Wind Tunnel Model and Tests Model Production – Rapid Prototyping



Rapid prototyping takes virtual designs from CAD files, transforms them into thin, virtual, horizontal cross-sections and then creates each cross-section in physical space, one after the next until the model is finished.



The techniques use two materials in the course of constructing parts. The first material is the part material and the second is the support material (to support overhanging features during construction). The support material is later removed by heat or dissolved away with a solvent or water.

Wind Tunnel Model and Tests Model Creation – Rapid Prototyping

A Rapid Prototyping model can be directly created by a simple STL CAD file, requiring no drawings or other views.

<u>Note</u>: the connector rods were manufactured from Aluminum using a CNC machine.





Wind Tunnel Model and Tests Model Creation – Rapid Prototyping

Rapid prototyping part



Solidworks part



Wind Tunnel Model and Tests







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Wind Tunnel Model and Tests Rapid Prototyping – Pro's and Con's

Pro's:

- 1. Easy and fast Manufacturing.
- 2. Low cost (about 1/3 cost of an Aluminum model).
- 3. Good for low-speed Wind tunnel testing

<u>Con's</u>

- 1. Made from weaker material than the Aluminum models.
- 2. There is a possibility of model creeping after a while, causing structural deformations.

Wind Tunnel Test Plan

Longitudinal :

1.Angle of attack scanning at (-4)-:-(13) degrees. 1a.Producing a Lift coefficient VS AOA Graph. 1b.Producing a Pitch Moment VS AOA Graph.

2. Finding the longitudinal Neutral Point.

Lateral :

- 3. Sideslip Angle Scan at 0-11 degrees.
 - 3a. Elevons at 20 degrees opening.
 - **3b**. Elevons at 15 degrees opening.
 - 3c. Elevons at 10 degrees opening.
 - 3d. Splitters (Left Elevon 15 degrees).
 - 3d1. Splitters at 15 degrees.
 - 3d2. Splitters at 20 degrees.
 - 3d3. Splitters at 25 degrees.

Wind Tunnel Test Photos







Wind Tunnel - Results and Analysis Balance Error or How the Nobel Slipped away...



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Lift coefficient Vs AOA :

Experimental value vs. theoretical :



Lift Coefficient For cruise :

Theory : Assuming a cruise velocity of $22_{m/s}$, C_L required is **0.447**, which will be achieved at An AOA of 6^O .

Experiment : The desired coefficient is achieved at an AOA of 5.89°



Stall Angle of Attack



L/D Ratio:

Theory: Analysis indicated that the maximal L/D will be 20.

Experiment: The maximal L/D is 18.87, at an AOA of 6.64°



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Pitch Moment Vs CL :

Graph of $C_M(C_L)$ Contrary to the reflex theory, the graph is linear, thus the neutral Point Is constant !



The neutral point X_N is constant, and located 35.5_{cm} from the nose. It doesn't move when The elevators are engaged – the lines are parallel : $\frac{\partial C_M}{\partial C_L} = Cons \tan t$, thus **the Neutral Point is Fixed.**

<u>Ailerons</u> :

When activated differentially, the control surfaces act as ailerons.

The following graphs show the effect of different ailerons angles on the Roll Moment.

The results show that the Roll Moment is symmetric when the surfaces are neutral, which Indicates a symmetric plane, and that the trend is positive -> as predicted. A positive aileron Tilt causes a positive (CW) Roll Moment.



Splitters:

The Splitters can be activated individually, causing Yaw and Roll moments. During our

Experiment, we tested 3 splitter angles : 0, 15, 20, 25 degrees. The results show that opening the right splitter at 25 deg, Produces a yaw moment twice the size of the Y.M produced with Neutral control surfaces. However, the moment is negligible Compared to the Roll Moment produced by the splitter.



The Roll Moment increases with the splitter angle. Opening a splitter on the right wing Produces a positive (CW) Roll Moment.


Project Summary and Conclusions

Requirements VS Achievements

- 1. Low Acoustic Signature This requirement was achieved via using an electric engine, a 3-bladed propeller and a low interference design.
- 2. Easy Launch and Recovery The UAV is launched with a bungee catapult and recovered via parachute, obsolescing the need for a runway, sophisticated machinery or a large crew.
- 3. Endurance of 5 Hours This objective was not met, as the design only allowed 3 hours of endurance due to weight and space restrictions.
- 4. EO Sensor of 2.5 kg The T-stamp EO sensor fulfills the requirement.
- 5. Low RCS Configuration the flying wing configuration has a low RCS.

Project Summary and Conclusions

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Project Summary and Conclusions Questions?

