

#### Fall Design Presentation



# FCAAP: AIAA Design Build Fly

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#### Presentation Outline



- Competition Overview
- Subsystem Basics
- Design Concepts
- Current Design
- Conclusion (problems, future work)



### **Competition Overview**



- Held in Tucson, Arizona in April, 2013
- Score based upon Three flight missions, aircraft parameters, and written report.
- Mission 1: Max completed laps in given time
- Mission 2: Max internal stores for 3 laps
- Mission 3: Random missile configuration 3 laps, minimum time
- RAC: Minimize X and Y dimensions of the aircraft, Minimize weight
- Written Report: 60-Page maximum, Due 2/25/13

### Primary Design Objectives



- Complete All Missions
  - Primary Objective is to satisfy all requirements to compete.
- Minimize Cost and Weight
  - In order to have a successful design, the smallest possible unit must be used.
- Minimize Risk
  - In order to minimize waste of time and money, we must consider reasonably safe, proven options when evaluating designs and techniques.



#### Conceptual Design



Primary Focus

- Minimize Size
- Minimize Weight
- Maximize Stability



### Wing Selection



Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Monoplane	Biplane	Canard	Delta Wing	Flying Wing
Weight	0.20	4	1	3	4	1
Drag	0.20	4	2	2	1	3
Lift	0.30	3	5	4	3	4
Stability	0.15	4	5	3	3	5
Complexity	0.15	5	4	2	3	1
Total	1.00	3.85	3.45	2.95	2.80	2.90



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### Propeller Selection

Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Tractor	Pusher	Pusher-Puller	Ducted Fan
Weight/Balance	0.40	5	4	5	2
Efficiency	0.40	4	4	3	3
Complexity	0.20	5	4	2	3
Total	1.00	4.60	4.00	3.60	2.60

Tractor Configuration

Pusher Configuration

Pusher-Puller Configuration

**Ducted Fan Configuration** 











#### Fuselage Selection



Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Double Boom	Single Boom	Blended Body
Weight	0.40	1	3	4
Drag	0.20	2	4	5
Durability	0.10	3	4	5
Storage Capacity	0.30	5	4	1
Total	1.00	2.6	3.6	3.4





#### Tail Selection



Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Conventional	V-Tail	Twin Tail	T-Tail
Weight	0.15	2	Δ	2	2
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Drag	0.20	4	5	3	3
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Stability	0.35	5	2	3	3
Maneuverability	0.20	5	2	4	4
Manufacturability	0.10	4	2	3	3
Total	1.00	4.40	2.90	3.20	3.20



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#### Landing Gear Selection



Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Tricycle	Single Wheel	Tail Dragger	Bicycle
Weight	0.30	3	4	3	2
Drag	0.10	4	4	3	3
Durability	0.15	5	2	4	4
Stability	0.10	5	1	3	3
Manufacturability	0.15	3	4	3	2
Efficiency	0.20	3	4	2	1
Total	1.00	3.60	3.40	3.20	3.20



#### Internal Stores



The focus here is to

- Complete mission two
- Minimize RAC (Rated Aircraft Cost)
  - Reduce required material to house stores
  - Reduce volume of stores



#### Internal Store Configuration #1



- Overall Outer Dimension : 15in x 8in
- Holds 4 Mini Max rockets (minimum)
- Design would need modification in order to conform to updated rules (top mount)
- Considerable size/weight savings over configurations with additional stores









- System suspended from a top-mounted "cradle"
- Cradle mounted to bay of aircraft
- Rockets attached by circular metal clips
- Total space required:

4.57 inches high X 7.24 inches wide X 15.57 inches long



#### Internal Store Configuration #3



- Overall Outer Dimension : 9.5in x 15.5in x 5.5in
- Holds 4 Mini Max rockets (minimum)

• Design would need a machined part that would attach top the fuselage and be able to strap store to the mount.







### Materials Selection



#### Primary Focus

- Minimize Material Weight
  - Allow for minimal empty weight to complete short take-off
- Maximize Material Strength
  - Landing and wing-tip tests must be successful



#### Materials Selection



- The best materials that are available consist of ceramics and composite materials.
- Minimize cost and maximize efficiency to meet product specification goals.
- Due to brittleness of ceramics, a natural material like balsa wood is the next best option to use



# Materials Optimization



What do we know?

- The yield strength of carbon fiber is greater in tension than in compression.
- Wood is stronger when it is loaded longitudinal direction.



# Wing and Tail Design



Primary Objectives

- Based upon wing materials, wing weight must be minimized
- Given 7-lb maximum take-off weight, lift must be optimized
- Provide stability and control to the aircraft







#### Eppler 422 Profile

Max C <sub>1</sub>	1.8159
Stall Angle (deg)	15
$Max C_l/C_d$	60.0429
$C_1$ at Max $C_1/C_d$	1.2609
Angle at Max $C_1/C_d$ (deg)	5.5





#### Tail Selection





#### NACA 0008 airfoil profile

Vertical Span	<b>10.25 inches</b>	
Vertical Chord	7.9 inches	
Horizontal Span	23.75 inches	
Horizontal Chord	7.9 inches	
Moment Arm	31.1 inches	



### Propulsion System



• Based upon estimated aircraft weight and lift provided, take-off thrust must be optimized.

• Based upon lift provided and estimated weight, the amount of static thrust required to take off within the prescribed area is 11 N of force.

• This section discusses how that is optimized



#### Propulsion System Selection



Research Combinations of

- Motors
- Propellers
- Controllers
- Batteries

#### Combine Theoretically



#### Propulsion System Selection



Based upon prior research

- Purchase (2) motor candidates
- Purchase several propellers
- Purchase (1-2) motor controllers
- Purchase (1-2) batteries



- Bring best candidates to laboratory
- Test ALL combinations of candidates
- Analyze results
- Experimentally determine best combinations available



#### Controls System



#### Primary Focus

- Be capable of successfully controlling the motor
- Be capable of successfully controlling the control surfaces
- Be capable of operating within the same frequency range in order to communicate effectively







### Aircraft Specifications



•Wing Span: 78 inches

•Vertical Tail Span: 10.25 inches

•Horizontal Tail Span: 23.75 inches

•Overall Length:~ 75 inches (Depending on nose cone)

•Max Empty Weight: 3.5 pounds



Steps taken to reduce possible environmental impact

- Use NiMH batteries for recyclability
- Use bio-degradable balsa wood where possible



#### Safety Considerations



Steps taken to increase safety

- Fail safe mode required
- Batteries will be shrink wrapped
- Safety arming system



# **Budget and Schedule**



Maximum allowed budget is \$1,500

• Nothing spent to date

Project Design Report due date is February 25, 2013

• Prototype completion scheduled for February 1st



### Other Design Concerns



- Fuselage Design
- Landing Gear
- Wing attachment method
- External Store Attachment Method
- Finalized Propulsion System

