



## **Project Presentation**



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# **Group Description**

• Extra curricular project



4<sup>th</sup> generation, Toulouse, MAV07

- 4 undergraduate students from different engineering fields
- 3 years of experience, 4 generations of MAV, from teleoperated to unmanned



1<sup>st</sup> prototype, MAV05



2<sup>nd</sup> prototype, MAV06



3<sup>rd</sup> generation UVS Canada



### General Overview of UAV

- General specifications
  - Weight: 475 g
  - Wingspan: 48 cm
  - Max level speed : 100 km/h
  - Average cruise speed : 60 km/h
  - Stall speed : 40 km/h
  - Flight endurance : 15 min
  - Communication range over 1.5 km
- Composite wing and fuselage (fiberglass / epoxy with polystyrene core)
- Paparazzi autopilot equipped with thermopiles
- Constant airplane videolink with small CCD color camera
- 3 flight modes possible
  - Manual, assisted and fully autonomous









# Airplane Design

- Iterative design: 40/48 cm wingspan
- Elevon control : Pitch and roll by the same two surfaces
- Flying wing configuration
  - Auto-stable model
  - Optimize the lift surface







## **Fabrication Techniques**

#### • Wing

- Hot wire cutting of foam core following airfoil geometry
- Use of Mylar® sheet for perfect surface finish
- Vacuum bagging

#### • Fuselage

- Fuselage covered with differents kinds of fiber density to reinforce particuliar places
- Vacuum bagging
- Aircraft assembly
  - Electronic components are installed in the fuselage core by grooving their shape





#### Schematics of Components



Aircraft video system





## Paparazzi

• Stabilisation is made through IR sensors, based on temperature difference between the earth and the sky







- Classic loops are used for stability and navigation
  - Roll rate
  - Pitch rate
  - Navigation
  - Climb rate







### **Ground Control Station**





# Flight Routine and Flight Crew

#### • Flight routine

- Mission is programmed, and tested in software simulation
- Plane is verified prior to take off (motors, visual check up of plane)
- GPS fix is obtained
- Communication between plane and GCS is verified
- Plane is launched manually
- Low altitude manual flight is performed to verify infrared sensors
- AUTO1 (assisted mode) is activated by the pilot to test flight stability
- Then AUTO2 (autonomous mode) is activated
- Prior to landing, plane is switched back to MANUAL by the pilot and is landed manually

#### • Flight crew (3 people)

- Pilot
- GCS supervisor
- Video watcher







## Safety Features

- Return home function
- Instant Kill switch
- Video system
- Flight plan Simulator





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