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Solar Electric Aquatic Winged Air Yacht

"The new way to see new sights"

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Presenter: Josh Malone

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The Road to Seaway

- Allow people easy entry to the world of aviation
- Go see the great outdoors and be fully immersed in nature
- Do so in an environmentally friendly way







SEAWAY is born

- Ultralight!
 - Cheaper to operate and maintain, no pilot's license required
- Seaplane!
 - Can land in remote areas w/o a runway
- Solar Powered!
 - Completely off the grid for zero emissions

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Motivation

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Targeted Audience

- Backpackers
- Wilderness Fishermen
- **Aviation Enthusiasts**
- Adventurous Professionals







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Requirements



| | Specification | Requirement |
|----------|-------------------------|--|
| FAA | Stall Speed (power off) | <24 kts CAS |
| Part 103 | Empty Weight | 304 lbs (254 regular + 50 as seaplane w/ 2 pylons) |
| | Max Speed | <55 kts. CAS (full power in level flight) |
| 16.82 | In-Flight Emissions | Zero |
| | Range | >100 mi |
| Self- | Max Payload | 260 lbs: 1 Passenger (230 lbs.) + cargo (30 lbs) |
| Imposed | Takeoff Distance | <1000 ft |
| | Runway Terrain | Water (Seaplane) |





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Meet: SEAWAY





Meet: SEAWAY, Head-On



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Meet: SEAWAY, From the Top





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Meet: SEAWAY, Another Aside





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Solar Powered Cruise Throughout US

- Designed for use in 5 months with highest solar radiation
 - April to August
 - **June** has the highest solar flux graph next slide
 - \circ Rest of year \rightarrow solar radiation too low for reasonable wing area
- Designed for 800 W/m² solar flux
 - Tradeoff between usability and mass budget
 - Can operate below 800 W/m², but results in smaller range
- Coverage throughout US on clear days





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Number of "clear" days:



Average **number of days** where solar flux exceeds 800 W/m² for any amount of time during a day



Hours of "solar cruise":

Average **hours per day** exceeding 800 W/m² on those days









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Empty Weight Breakdown

- Current Empty Weight: 322 lbs
- Goal Weight (to be ultralight) 304
 - Currently 18 lbs overweight

| Color Key | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Cockpit and Controls | Electrical | |
| Propulsion | Solar Panels | |
| Key Structures | | |





Structural Mass Budget

| Part | Weight [lbs] | Sizing Case | |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| Main Wing | 88.6 | Bending, torsional stiffness | |
| Fuselage | 47.7 | Hydrodynamic drag, buoyancy | |
| Floats/Pylons | 15.7 | Water stability at rest | |
| Tail | 14.2 | Bending, some torsion | |
| TOTAL | 166.2 | 51.3% of empty weight | |







Propulsive and Electrical Mass Budget

| Part | Weight [lbs] | Source | |
|---|--------------|---|--|
| Solar Cells | 19.6 | Part sourcing | |
| Solar Protective Coating (Halar [®] ECTFE) | 9.7 | Halar [®] ECTFE density & coating volume | |
| Adhesive/Glue | 6 | Estimated glue area and density | |
| Wiring | 30 | Est. wire size and length | |
| MPPT | 13.2 | Part sourcing | |
| Battery Packs | 22 | Part sourcing | |
| Propellers | 12 | Size and material considerations | |
| Motors | 13.2 | Part sourcing | |
| TOTAL | 125.7 | 38.8% of empty weight | |







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Other Systems Mass Budget & Margins

| Part | Weight [lbs] | Source | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| Sensors | 9.7 | Avionics Architecture | |
| Instruments | 9.5 | Avionics Architecture | |
| Cockpit | 10 | Estimate from COTS parts | |
| Control Cables | 1.2 | COTS Wires, Pulleys, etc. | |
| TOTAL | 30.5 | 9.9% of empty weight | |





Payload Weight Contribution

| ltem | Weight [lbs] | |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| Pilot Max | 230 | |
| Baggage Max | 30 | |
| TOTAL | 260 | |

- Total Weight: 582 lbs
- At max payload, payload contributes 44.5% of weight
- Challenge for stability for different pilot weights





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3. Subsystem Design

a. Wing

- i. Aerodynamics
- ii. Solar Cells
- iii. Structural Components
- b. Fuselage
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- d. Propulsion
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Modeling Overview

Assumptions:

- Viscous flow estimated via panel method within order of magnitude
- Bodies & Aero Surfaces have no interacting effects

Compensations:

- 5% drag margin
- Meaningful analysis limited to small angles





Wing Powered by the Sun





2D Aerodynamic Performance





3D Aerodynamic Performance



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Solar Cell Selection

- SunPower C60 Solar Cell
- Commonly used in solar aviation
- Mono Crystalline Silicon
- Can be place anywhere on wing

| Efficiency | 22.5 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Weight [lbs/cell] | 0.014 |
| Max Bend Angle | 30° |
| Cost [\$/cell] | 3.4 |





Presenter: Lauren Carethers Solar Cell Layout # of strings In column 1 string $V_{mpp} = 0.58V$ 1 Cell* Total Area of Solar Cells = $19.25 \text{ m}^2 \rightarrow 75\%$ of wing area = 5.93A 1232 cells on 1 wing \rightarrow 2464 cells in total 1 String = 16.27V ^{mpp} = 5.93A 28 Cells* 1 Wing * Electrical specifications tested at 1000W/m2 flux P_{total, wings} = 3400W > 3300W Cruise Requirement 44 Strings** ** 800W/m2 flux 29

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Subsystem Design – Wing

Presenter: Lauren Carethers

Solar Cell Protection

- Cover cells in a single layer of Halar® ECTFE
 - Semi-crystalline fluoropolymer
 - Used on Solar Impulse 2
 - Strong, smooth and transparent
 - Abrasion and chemical resistant
 - Excellent weathering properties
 - \circ Low permeability \rightarrow protects against various liquids and gases
- Smooth finish reduces drag across panels





Solar Cell Attachment



- Flexible solar cells attach to the wing fabric with Sikaflex[®]-221 glue
- Solar cells connected in series via SunPower C60 Dog Bone Tabbing Wire Connector





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Solar Cell Attachment





Presenter: Jared Boisvert

Structural Components of the Main Wing





Presenter: Jared Boisvert



0.12 inches (3mm) closed-cell foam core

* thicknesses not to scale



Slide Contributors: Charlotte Gump (L)



Sizing Requirements Dominated by Stiffness

D-Box sized for torsional loads

Sizing case: Max aileron deflection, tip twist limit of 2 degrees Sized for both strength and stiffness \rightarrow stiffness dominates sizing requirement Result: **Gauge limited**

Spar caps sized to limit tip deflection to 6 degrees at a load factor of 4

Shear web is also gauge limited, therefore shear requirement is satisfied by the vertical side of the D-Box



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Solar Cells Sandwiched in Wing Skin




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Fuselage Sized by Payloads





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Meet the Fuselage





Hull: How to Compromise on Drag





Hull: The Drag Loop





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Determined Planing Hull Geometry





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Bulkheads Positioned by Load Pathing





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Fuselage Structure Sized by Landing

- Recommended sizing from 14 CFR 25.527
 - Solving gives us 1.61x load factor
 - Minimum from same regulation is 2.33x
- Going with 2.5x gives us >1.5x safety factor

$$n_w = \frac{C_1 V_{S0^2}}{\left(\operatorname{Tan}^{\frac{2}{3}}\beta\right) W^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

- Each bulkhead takes 191 lbs of weight
 - Most pilots can step on bulkheads as they step in
 - Preliminary: structures made of same cross-section as spar ^





Hull & Bulkhead Cross-Section





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Stepping into the Fuselage

While unloaded:

- Plane rests on tail (8°)
- Door doesn't interfere with bulkheads
- Pilot steps on front bulkhead **slowly**
- Enough room for pilot to pivot around, sit, and extend legs to pedals

While loaded:

Waterproof mylar/carbon connection

- Plane rests on hull (0°)
- Mylar door is closed (zipped or velcro'd)
- If cargo, pilot set inside before stepping in
- To leave: pilot steps on bulkhead, slowly steps out, letting plane rest on tail



Approx. door line.

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Tail Size Dominated by Minimizing Weight





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CF Layup

Boom Is Carbon Fiber Composite Sandwich Tube

- Tube chosen for its good bending and torsional resistance
 - Bending deflection in z-axis is primary sizing case (lift and weight)
 - Torsion considered for rough landing
- 1 layer CF + thin layer of foam + 1 layer CF
 - Prevent ovalization or denting
 - Relatively lightweight





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Structure of Stabilizers is Carbon Fiber Shell





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Presenter: Jax Rivera

Aileron - Geometry



20% root chord, 20% semispan from tip, max deflection 25°



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Presenter: David von Wrangel

Stabilizer Mounting Configuration

Moulded base

- Saves overall weight, is structural and constructable
- Foam adapters interface stabilizer with boom tube
- Unidirectional CF layup for strength





Presenter: Jared Boisvert

Pylon + Floats

- Float placement constraints
 - Propeller clearance from waves at rest (>18in)
 - Float clearance during landing (>18in)

- Floats attached to wing with pylon structures made from symmetric airfoil shaped carbon fiber tubes
- Ultimate constraint for placement of floats is maximizing distance from waterline on landing

Configuration when resting on floats



Configuration when flat in water/airborne





Pylon Connection

- Two front pylons are connected to the spar
- Back pylon connects to a reinforced CF rib
 - Rib is reinforced and attached to the spar with supports so the float assembly can withstand hard landings
- Molded inverted-wingtip design not possible due to wing structure





Float Sizing and Shaping

- Floats were sized to correct for 15 mph winds when at rest and support the weight of the wing
 - Provide roll-axis stability in water
 - Designed to provide 1.5x needed moment for safety margin
- Required Volume (per float) > 2.35 ft³
- Floats have a planing surface and step to reduce hydrodynamic drag and encourage separation from the water





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Take Off Power Sizes the Propulsion System

"What does the plane need to do that the solar panels can't provide?"

Take-Off Power >> Cruise Power





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Planing Speed Sets Minimum Thrust



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Powertrain Power Requirements & Efficiencies





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Propeller Designed For Cruise

- QMIL Propeller Design
 - 2-bladed, 1.4m (4.6ft) diameter propellers
- Considerations:
 - Torque set < 20 Nm



- Q_{cruise} < Q_{max}
- Thrust / Power set by T/O Sim





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Propeller Performance

QPROP analysis*

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| λ | 0.17 | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|
| $arOmega_{ m cruise}$ | 1340 RPM | |
| $\eta_{\it prop,\ cruise}$ | 84% | |
| Q _{cruise} | 15.86 N-m | |
| P _{takeoff} (V=12 m/s) | 2225 W | |
| P _{cruise} (V=17 m/s) | 1565 W | |
| Voltage | 96 V | |
| K _{V, required} | 14 | |



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Slide Contributors: Matt McGillick (L)

Motor/Motor Controller Selection

| Manufacturer | MAGicALL |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Model | 6 |
| Torque, max | 18 N-m |
| RPM, max | 8000 |
| KV | 83 (Will rewind) |
| Mass | 1.5 kg |
| Efficiency | 90.5% |
| Cooling | Air flow on fins |
| Dimensions | 4.5" diam. 3.5" leng. |





Subsystem Design – Propulsion 62



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Motors Attached via Composite Mount



- Motors interfaced with main wing on D-box and main spar using foam adapters
- Attach motor mount via foam adapters and molded carbon fiber composite
- Screw motor on mounting plate



Battery Specifications & Selection



| Chemistry | Li-Po |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Capacity | 21.7 Ah |
| Voltage | 96 V |
| Cells in series | 26 |
| Cells in parallel | 10 |
| Weight | 19.5 lbs |
| Volume | 316 cubic inches |

| Battery Cell Specifications | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Capacity 2.2 Ah | | | |
| Voltage | 3.7 V | | |
| Max C-Rate | 5 | | |
| Cell Energy Density 260 Wh/kg | | | |





Subsystem Design – Propulsion 64

Battery Charge/Discharge

| Flight Phase | Time | Battery Energy used | Battery Charge Used (21.7 Ah total capacity) | SOC (End of Phase) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Take-off | 30sec | 5.5Whr | 0.054 Ah | 99.66% |
| Climb (50ft) | 8sec | 10.80Whr | 0.2 Ah | 99.01% |
| Cruise (charging) | 40min (13min / 1 DOD) | CV = 109.2V | - | 100% |
| Cruise (Battery Powered) | 30min | 1650Whr | 17.2 Ah | 20.78% |



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Subsystem Design – Propulsion 65





| Manufacturer | MakeSkyBlue |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Model | 96V45A |
| Max Current Output | 45A |
| Voltage Output | 96V |
| Max PV Input Power | 4500W |
| Max Efficiency | 98.2% |
| Total Mass | 1.1kg |
| Dimensions/unit | 8.5"x 4.5" x 2.0" |





- Matches battery voltage
- PV power < Max input power



Circuit Diagram

- MPPT inputs variable panel voltage (up to 500V), outputs 96V
- DC/DC converter inputs 96V from battery, outputs 28V for avionics





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 - iii. Control Routing



The Human-Machine Interface





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single or multiple sensor failures



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Simple Instruments



| | | Part | Weight (lbs) | Power @ 28V (W) |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 30W 96V/28V DC-DC | Ţ | Garmin G5 | 0.84 | 2.8 |
| | | Custom EPFD | 2.00 | 3.0 |
| | | Strobe Lights (x2) | 0.22 | 3.0 |
| | ļ | Air + Marine Radio | 1.22 | 12 |
| | | 100' 12AWG Wire | 4.00 | - |
| | | Variometer | 1.01 | 0 |
| | | Total | 9.50 | 23.8 |



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Simple Controls







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Risks



- Project risk: Currently over ultralight requirement weight by 18 lbs
 - Key components to check: Electrical wiring, wing, planing hull.
- Current configuration allows a pilot of 170 lbs with full 30 lb cargo, or a pilot 155 lbs or lighter with no cargo.
 - To expand our pilot weight envelope, we can move the batteries or the entire hull a bit forwards to better align the CG's of the pilot and the empty weight
- Motors and Propellers currently not powerful enough to sustain necessary thrust
 - Will be analyzed and fixed





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Possible Short-Term Design Improvements



- Further airfoil modification for high L/D low Re
- Modeling viscous and interference drag more accurately
- Turbulent flow visualization for total energy probe placement
- Verify the dynamic stability polars are sufficient
- Load pathing between major elements
 - Tail -> Bulkheads -> D-Box
 - Pylon bracing to wing structure
 - Wing skin load paths





- Buy it all components are either COTS or its constituents are defined
- Build (some of) it with current sketches, test structures can be built
- Test it each test section is verified before being built in their final form
- Build (all of) it from testing, the design can be modified and built
- Fly it on-ground system tests leading to flight tests
- Sell it purchase a factory and undergrad labor to assemble and deliver



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Backup Slides



Possible Scale Models



Major Risk: Weight & Size Mitigation: Scale Design

| By Dimension | Wingspan (ft) | MTOW (lbs) | Payload (lbs) | Certification Type |
|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Full Scale | 74 | 582 | 260 | Piloted Ultralight |
| 6/7 Scale | 63 | 370 | 163 | Piloted Ultralight |
| 3/4 Scale | 56 | 245 | 110 | UAV (Waiver Needed) |
| 1/2 Scale | 37 | 73 | 33 | UAV (Waiver Needed) |
| 4/9 Scale | 33 | 51 | 23 | 107 Compliant |
| 1/3 Scale | 24 | 22 | 10 | 107 Compliant |



Aerodynamics



Presenter: Amira Malik Modified Eppler 603 Airfoil E603 Modified E603 Slight Camber C_{p} -0.8 -0.4 .0.2





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Modified Eppler 603 Airfoil





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Wing Design Formulation



Known Variables

The governing equations

| $L = \frac{1}{2} C_L \rho S V^2$ |
|---|
| $D = \frac{1}{2}C_D\rho SV^2$ |
| $P_{required} = \frac{S}{\eta_P} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}} \left(\frac{C_D}{C_L^{\frac{3}{2}}}\right) \left(\frac{W}{S}\right)^{3/2}$ |
| $P_{generated} = \eta_p \eta_m \eta_s \eta_a SQ$ |
| $\frac{T}{W} = qC_D\left(\frac{1}{\frac{W}{S}}\right) + k\left(\frac{1}{q}\right)\left(\frac{W}{S}\right)$ |

With W=L, all can be parametrized by speed So, code sweeps speeds

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| ymbol | Known Variables | Value (SI units) |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| L, W | Weight-Force at Cruise [6] | 2510 N |
| ρ | Density Altitude [6] | $.91 \ \mathrm{kg/m^3}$ |
| Q | Determined Value [2] | 800 W/m^2 |
| η_s | Determined Value [3] | 22.4% |
| η_p | Determined Value [4] | 76.5% |
| η_m | Determined Value [4] | 96.22% |
| η_a | Determined Range [5] | [75%, 85%] |

Initial Design

| Variable | Assumed Value |
|---------------|---------------|
| airfoil | Eppler 603 |
| L/D, aircraft | 22 |
| L/D, wing | 36 |
| \mathcal{R} | 15 |
| е | .8 |
| c_L | 1.2 |



he dimensions of the wing dimensions from which we start

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Wing Design Speed Sweep Results





Slide Contributors: Amira Malik (L)



Backup slide: Air Drag of Bodies Build Up

| MASTER VAR | IABLES | WETTE | DAREAS | ESTIMATED CDs | 3 | CRUISE | BODY DRAG | |
|---------------|--------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|----------------|------|
| Speed | 17 | Fuselage | 9 | Fuselage (NACA0030) | 0.02 | Fuselage | 31.86225 | 91.0 |
| Air Density | 1.225 | Sponsons | 0.1884954 | Sponsons (NACA0040) | 0.01 | Sponsons | 0.3336604199 | 1.0 |
| Water Density | 1027 | Tail Boom | 0 | Tail Boom (cylinder) | 0 | Tail Boom | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | Struts | 0.16 | Struts (NACA0010) | 0.005 | Struts | 0.14161 | 0.4 |
| | | Wing | 25.76 | Wing (Eppler 603) | 0 | Wing | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | H-Stab | 0.8461 | H-Stab (NACA0008) | 0.008 | H-Stab | 1.19816221 | 3.4 |
| | | V-Stab | 1.05 | V-Stab (NACA0008) | 0.008 | V-Stab | 1.486905 | 4.2 |
| | | | | | | Drag | 35.02258763 | |
| | | | | | | Lift | 2510 | |
| | | CdA is compara | ble | | | | | |
| | | CdA of a step is | equal to the area of the st | tep no question, always dragy | | L/D | 71.66821157 | |
| | | | | | | CD | 0.005346734692 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |



Power



Takeoff Simulation Forces

Assumptions:

- Plane "snaps" from pre to post planing
- Linear decrease in area between planing and liftoff



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Propulsion Requirements Recap



Cruise power comes from solar panels with 100W margin

Cruise-Climb power comes from solar panels with 0W margin (~100 fpm)

Takeoff power requirement comes from takeoff sim

Expedited climb has no requirement: if needed, will come from battery margin

| Cruise Propulsion | | Climb Propulsion | | Takeoff Propulsion | |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| Cruise Thrust | 195 N | Climb Thrust | 200 N | Takeoff Thrust | 275 N |
| Cruise Speed | 33 KCAS | est. V _y Speed | 35 KCAS | Avg. Speed | 28 KCAS |
| Cruise Power | 3300 W | Climb Power | 3400 W | Takeoff Power | 4000 W |
| Power Margin | +100 W | Power Margin | -0 W | Power Margin | -600 W |



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Solar Cell Protection Backup

- Cover cells in a single layer of Halar® ECTFE
 - $\circ \quad \mbox{Resistant to UV light radiation} \rightarrow $$ irrelevant!$
- Typical solar cells perform best in
 0.4–1.1 µm wavelength range (visible light and IR)
 - Outside of UV 0.01-0.4 μm wavelength range
- SR = current generated by cell + power incident on cell





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Solar Cell Protection Backup

- Cover cells in a single layer of Halar® ECTFE
 - $\circ \quad \mbox{Resistant to UV light} \\ \mbox{radiation} \rightarrow \mbox{irrelevant!} \\$
- Highest quantum efficiency in **visible light spectrum** for typically solar cell
- SunPower C60 cells also do well in IR

number of carriers collected by cell + number of photons of a given energy incident on the solar cell



Presenter: BACKUP SLIDE

Battery Weight Breakdown Backup Slide

| Sized by | | Endurance | Sizing | Power Sizing | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| Sized by max power needed and capacity | | | 26.0 | 26.0 | |
| | parallel strings | 11.0 | | 7.0 | |
| | number of cells | 286.0 | | 182.0 | |
| | cell mass | 9.0 | | 5.7 | kg |
| | pack mass (inc BMS) | 9.7 | | 6.2 | kg |
| | pack mass in lbs | | 21.4 | 13.6 | lbs |
| | Specific Energy | 260 | Wh/kg | Li-ion | |
| | Specific Power | | W/kg | Li-ion | |
| | depth of discharge | 0.8 | | | |
| | cell capacity | 2.2 | Ah | | |
| | cell voltage | 3.7 | V | | |
| | max C rate | 5 | | | |
| | mass per cell | 31.3 | g | High Rate Disch | arge Li |
| | battery packing factor | 0.92 | | Polymer Battery | part |



Presenter: Solar Cell Placement Backup Solar cell max bend angle = 30deg

30deg

.125m Solar Cell

S=R(theta)

0.238m = min radius

The contour of the wing never forms a curve that's sharper than this circle so the solar cell can be placed anywhere





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Propeller Backup

• $\eta_i = 89\%$

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- Induced efficiency is a little low, could increase propeller radius to help
- Power consumption sensitive to voltage, thrust, $d\beta$
- Variable pitch is an option, but increases motor weight





Presenter:

Structures



Wing Weight Breakdown



| Component | Weight [lbs] | Weight [kg] | Sizing Case |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| D-Box | 31.6 | 14.3 | Torsional stiffness |
| Spar Caps | 26.4 | 12.0 | Bending stiffness |
| Ribs | 10.8 | 4.9 | Bending stiffness |
| Fabric | 13.3 | 6.0 | Standard |
| Trailing edge support, aileron hinge | 6.5 | 2.9 | Best guess |
| Total | 88.6 | 40.2 | |



Boom Weight and Sizing from Bending







Assumed Forces for Boom and Stabilizer Calcs

| Force | Value | Notes |
|---------------------------------|-------|---|
| Horizontal stabilizer lift | 812 N | -z direction, elevator fully deflected |
| Vertical stabilizer lift | 552 N | +/- y direction, rudder fully deflected |
| Weight of horizontal stabilizer | 30 N | -z direction |
| Weight of vertical stabilizer | 35 N | -z direction |



Stabilizer CF Layer Thicknesses



| Quantity | Value | Notes |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| # of layers on skin | 2 | For both horizontal and vertical stabilizers |
| # of layers for D-box | 2 | For both stabilizers, 4 total with skin layered on top |
| # of layers in web | 4 | For both stabilizers |
| # of layers for kevlar membrane | 1-2 | For both stabilizers |
| Horizontal stabilizer sparcap area | 0.0151 in ² | Cross-sectional area |
| Vertical stabilizer sparcap area | 0.0114 in ² | Cross-sectional area |



Hull Design



Fuselage/Planing Hull Sizing References



- 1) Hoerner's Fluid Dynamic Drag
 - a) For axisymmetric streamlined components (assuming d = 1.37 m and l = 6.096 m)
- 2) Planing Flow Lift and Drag Modeling Module on Canvas
- 3) Gudmundsson's General Aviation Aircraft Design: Applied Methods and Procedures Appendix C3: Design of Seaplanes





Fuselage/Planing Hull Sizing

Froude's liquid resistance formula:

$$R_{Froude} = f \cdot S_{wet} \cdot V^n$$

(C3-18)

Presenter:

Where: f = Coefficient of frictional resistance $S_{wet} = Wetted area in ft^2$ V = Speed in knotsn = Constant, dependent on surface quality.

The term f varies depending on surface quality. For surfaces ranging from 2 to 20 ft in length, it can be taken to be 0.012 to 0.010 for smooth surfaces, 0.0231 to 0.0137 for surface quality resembling fine grit sandpaper, 0.0257 to

$$V = Fr_{\min} \sqrt{g\ell}$$

$$C_L \simeq C_{L_{\max}}$$

$$S_{\min} = \frac{W}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 C_L}$$

$$Fr_{\min} = 1.5 \text{ and } C_{L_{\max}} = 0.1, \text{ although the}$$

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$$C_L \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{AR}{1+AR} \alpha , \quad AR \gg 1 \\ \frac{\pi}{4} AR \alpha + 0.88 \alpha^2 , \quad AR \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\min} \geq k \frac{W}{\rho g}$$



CDA vs alpha





Although alpha and planing length are coupled in the equations we see before, we can actually get a sense of what the optimal alpha value is for a given length. The graph is a CDA vs alpha graph of our dimensions. As you can see, an alpha of 4 degrees results in a CDA of about 0.006 m^2.

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Planing Hull Optimization Results





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Context for the graphs on the previous slide



By varying the Frmin and freezing the beam length to be 1.0668 m, we can see how Frmin affects our hydrodynamic performance. The graph on the left show Min CDA vs Frmin and the respective planing velocity. Although the Fr number decreases the min CDA during planing, the planing velocity is actually significantly increases. This can explained with the graph on the right. The length of the planing surface is decreasing because, but because the Froude number² is a ratio of the total length vs the planing length, the total length of the hull actually increases (explaining the increase in planing velocity). We want to be planing quick to reduce the effects of pre-planing drag.


Planing Hull Optimization Continued



From these graphs, it is clear that although you are potentially increasing the planing CDA by about 50 percent going from a beam length of 1 m to 2 m, the total length of the hull decreases significantly, as well as the planing hull. This is consistent with the block diagram where we want a larger beam so that we can plane quicker.



Fuselage/Planing Hull Sizing

The total drag, based on wetted area is consequently

$$C_{\text{Dwet}}/C_{\text{f}} = 1 + 1.5 (d/l)^{3/2} + 7 (d/l)^{3}$$
 (28)

The graph shows that the third term of this equation is practically negligible up to $d/1 \approx 0.2$.

Frontal Area. The wetted surface area of streamline bodies is approximately

$$S_{wet} = (0.7 \text{ to } 0.8) \text{ (perimeter)}$$

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$$CDA = A_{\text{wet}} \bar{C}_f K_f$$
 (streamlined component)

friction coefficient $\bar{C}_{f}(R_{\ell},R_{\ell_{x_{tr}}})$ is assumed to correspond to that on a ix of laminar and turbulent flow values $\bar{C}_{f_l}, \bar{C}_{f_t}$, and depends on the lember Re_{ℓ} , and the transition-length Reynolds number $Re_{x_{tr}}$. Approxi ven in many references, e.g. Schlichting's Boundary Layer Theory,

$$\bar{C}_{f_l} = \frac{1.328}{Re_{\ell}^{1/2}} \qquad \text{(fully laminar)}$$

$$\bar{C}_{f_t} = \frac{0.455}{(\log_{10} Re_{\ell})^{2.58}} \qquad \text{(fully turbulent)}$$



Fuselage/Planing Hull Drag



Given the beam, Fr, alpha, and hull lengths, I approximated the CDA of the skin friction drag on the fuselage to be 0.081 m². It is safe to say that the induced drag from the fuselage is negligible because the ratio max fuselage width (roughly 4.5') to the total span of the main wing is miniscule. I didn't account for any appendages either. Either way, the equations above tell is that larger fineness ratios larger fineness ratios (i.e. smaller D/L) result in lower CDA fuselage which again supports the block diagram in the main presentation (slide 38). Our numbers on slide 39 provide acceptable CDAs for both cruise and takeoff (at 1000').



Human-Machine Interface



Sensors/Instruments Justification

Why Any Primary Flight Display (PFD)?

There is no requirement for ultralights and little need for VFR flight outside of airspeed and altitude. However, we prioritize safety and want to mitigate inadvertent IFR flight, so having airspeed, altitude, pitch angle, roll angle, turn coordinator makes the plane much much safer.

Why a Variometer?

We have twin electric motors and can fly on just solar power, but with our wing, you can also simply soar! To have an accurate vertical speed and aircraft energy, a variometer is very helpful.

Why Strobes?

We have a large wingspan and being electric, we are quiet. We need some sort of lighting for hazard avoidance and for people to notice the aircraft approaching unprepared bodies of water. There is no real need for navigation, landing, or taxiing lights, and strobe lights strobe, and so draw more attention. And being on either wingtip shows people on the ground how large our wingspan is. **Why custom EPFD?**

We need to know the state of charge, charge flux, and temps for each component, and motor RPM. It's likely either no COTS solution would exist for this specific use case or that such solution would have to be heavily modified, so we assume a custom EPFD.

Why two radios?

While both are VHF radios, marine and air radios are either AM or FM and thus have different circuits and antennas. Since we fly but also land on water, we need both types to communicate with all other relevant vehicles to our operation.

Why external antennas?

We are concerned about EMI in the aircraft; if, once built, EMI is not an issue, the antennas can be easily relocated inside the cabin



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Handheld Radios are Lighter & Cheaper





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Electronic PFD is Lighter (primary flight display)





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Drawing the EPFD





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Control Hinge moment and Stick Force

Takeaway:

Max deflection, 40kts

 Aileron(20% semi span, 20% Chord) experience 55lbs stick force





Control Hinge moment and Stick Force

Takeaway:

- Max deflection, 40kts
- Partial H-Elevators Ce/Ch~0.41 require 100lbs stick force.



80Nm/100lbs

Control Hinge moment and Stick Force

Takeaway:

- Max deflection, 40kts
- Full V-Stab at 60lbs stick force





Generalised Controls Modelling of Pulleys

Model Constraints and Assumption:

- General legal constraints of 40-67lbs stick forces for ailerons and 100lbs-167lbs for elevator as in figure 2
- All pulleys will be modelled in the fashion of figure 1



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Pulley Modelling and Equations





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Aileron Hinge Moment and Pulley Analysis

Design Choice:

 Based on XFLR5 analysis, it seems appropriate to use a 0.8m lever arm with a pulley radius of 0.27m causing a cable tension of 980N and matching 300 Nm hinge control moment at 55 lbs stick force.

$$M / b = q * C_{M} * c_{ref}^{2}$$

$$Definition:$$

$$M, Moment, Newton - meter$$

$$b, Aileron Span, meter$$

$$C_{m}, Moment Coefficient, Dimensionless$$

$$c_{ref}, Chord reference, meter$$

$$q, Dynamic Pressure, Pascal$$

Fig: Non-dimensional moment coefficient vs AoA at 40kts

0.15

0.05



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Elevator Hinge Moment and Pulley Analysis

Design Choice:

 Based on XFLR5 analysis, it seems appropriate to use a 0.8m lever arm with a radius~0.04m for the aileron bell-crank pulleys causing a cable tension of 1780N and matching 80Nm control hingemoment at 100lbs for maximum deflection.



Presenter:

Fig Jax River. Local Cl vs Span at 0 AoA. Red is at max deflection of 25°







Design Choice:

The previous Local Cl vs Span profile can be used to deduce a lift and hence a theoretical upper bound moment, if we take the lift generated at cruise speed as acting at the Cg of the elevator and assume Cl of +-1.25. We are also assuming a Cp~1 across the surface on the partial elevator.

$$C_{l} = 2L/\rho u^{2}S$$

$$1.2 = 2 * L/(1.224 * 21^{2} * 1.2)/L = 389N$$

$$H_{moment, elevator} = 259N * 0.17 m$$

$$H_{moment, elevator} = 66 Nm$$

Fig calculating hinge moment of elevator



Cable Routing Estimates



Fig Lower Bound Cable Length



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Control Surfaces



Elevator Performance

- Chosen size gives us an additional 0.13 m in allowable aft CG Range
- This size was also chosen to account for possible underestimations in the sizing process



* : current plane CG estimation



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Elevator Performance

Coefficient of Lift for the Elevator: **-1.2**

Maximum Elevator Stick force



Courtesy of Jax Rivera via XFLR5



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Elevator Sizing Calculations

$$L_{h} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} L_{wf}(x_{mg} - x_{ac_{wf}}) + M_{ac_{wf}} + ma(z_{cg} - z_{mg}) - \\ -W(x_{mg} - x_{cg}) + D(z_{D} - z_{mg}) - T(z_{T} - z_{mg}) - I_{yymg}\bar{\theta} \end{pmatrix}}{x_{ac_{h}} - x_{mg}}$$

$$C_{L_{h}} = C_{L_{\alpha_{h}}} \propto_{h} + C_{L_{\alpha_{h}}} \tau_{e} \delta_{e}$$

$$\alpha_{h} = \alpha + i_{h} - \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{0} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \alpha} \alpha_{w}$$

$$\delta_{e} = \frac{\left(\frac{T * Z_{T}}{\bar{q} * S * \bar{C}} + C_{m_{0}}\right) C_{L_{\alpha}} + (C_{L_{l}} - C_{L_{0}}) C_{m_{\alpha}}}{C_{L_{\alpha}} C_{m_{\delta_{e}}} - C_{m_{\alpha}} C_{L_{\delta_{e}}}}$$



$$C_{m_{\delta_e}} = -C_{L_{\alpha_h}} \eta_h \bar{V}_h \frac{b_e}{b_h} \tau_e$$
$$C_{L_{\delta_e}} = C_{L_{\alpha_h}} \eta_h \frac{s_h}{s} \frac{b_e}{b_h} \tau_e$$



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Elevator Performance Metrics

| τ_{e} (Elevator Effectiveness) | 0.62 |
|--|-------------|
| $C_{m\delta e}$ (Rate of change of the aircraft pitching moment with respect to elevator deflection) | -1.11 1/rad |
| $C_{L\delta}$ (Rate of change of the aircraft lift coefficient with respect to elevator deflection) | 0.129 1/rad |



Rudder Sizing Calculations





Rudder Sizing Assumptions

| Dengine out | 7.5 N | Estimated upper-bound of additional drag from dead engine |
|----------------|---------------|---|
| C_lv | 4.5 1rad | Approximation of lift curve slope for tail with similar airfoils |
| eta_v | 0.9 | Assumption gathered from example calculations in textbooks |
| tau | 0.3 | Gathered from analysis of common aircraft configurations (Figure 21.14) |
| dh/dt | 500 ft/min | Assumption based on requirements of slow aircraft |
| a | 2734 ft/min^2 | Assuming takeoff thrust and distance of 1000 ft |



Rudder Performance

Lift Force Generated by Rudder at Max Deflection at Max Allowable Speed:

210 N

Resultant Pedal Force:

~ 60 lbs



Courtesy of Jax Rivera via XFLR5



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Sizing - Roll Rate/Lift Force Equations



Roll Moment Coefficient relative to Aileron

$$c_{la} = \frac{L_A}{qSb} \qquad L_A = 2 * L_{ailcron} * y_d$$

Lift Equation

 $L = Cl q A \quad q = \frac{\rho(V^2)}{2}$

Roll rate

$$w_x = -2 * \frac{v}{b} * \frac{c_{la}}{c_{lp}} * \frac{\delta_{Aleft} - \delta_{Aright}}{2}$$

Equations from Introduction to Aircraft Stability and Control David A. Caughey Cornell M&AE 5070



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Chosen for additional control during taxi

Water Rudder (S 38)

Retractable rudder attached to bottom of planing hull

1 ft² total area

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