





AIRCRAFT DESIGN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES

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LAYOUT

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (Topics) TOOLS FOR AIRCRAFT DESIGN AIRCRAFT DESIGN IN NAPLES (History and Link with Companies) A RECENT EXAMPLE : DESIGN OF A LIGHT TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT

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Dep. of Aerospace Engineering (DIAS)

- About 40 Professors and Researchers
- About 6-8 Post-Doc
- About 30 PHD students
- Research and teaching activities in :
 - Aerodynamics
 - Aerospace structures
 - Flight Mechanics and Aircraft Design
 - Aerospace Systems (Space Eng.)
 - Propulsion

• ABOUT 2 Millions of € /year of research contracts (from EC and from companies)

=> About 40 Engineers/year employed



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- 4 Professors
- 2 Post-Doc
- 3 PHD students
- About 10 Engineers











ADAG RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (1)

Light Aircraft Design - RPV Design



G97



P92-P96



TLS RPV

EASY-FLY, STOL

Ultralight in composite



Wing-fuselage junction design (collaboration with TU Delft, Prof. Boermans)



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ADAG RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (1) Aircraft Design TOOLS 2 **AEREO CODE** 1.5





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Livello del mare e percentuali riferite alla potenza massima











ADAG RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (2)

Wind-Tunnel Tests

- 2-D Airfoil Tests
- 3-D aircraft model
- 3-D semi-model

















L.S. = Laminor Separation U.R. Iurbolent Re Main L.S. exp = 49 % L.S. num = 50 % T.R. exp = 62 % T.R. num = 62 % Rop L.S. exp = 35 % L.S. num = 30 % T. R. exp = 45 % T.R. num = 40 %









WIND-TUNNEL TESTS

• MAIN LOW-SPEED DPA WIND TUNNEL

Test section dimensions2Maximum speed150 KTurbulence level0.1%

2.0 m x 1.4 m 150 Km/h 0.1%













WIND-TUNNEL TESTS





More than 20 airfoil tested since 1990 NACA, SM701, internally developed airfoils Multi-component airfoil tests











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• Scale of about 1:5 for a light aircraft (Re ~ 0.5 mil.)

> More than 20 aircraft (mainly G.A., light and ULM) tested in the last 15 years









ADAG RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (3) Aerodynamic Design / Analysis (num. & experim)





Airfoil analysis, design and optimization





Aircraft efficiency emprovement through b.l. unsteady blowing(num. & exp.)



Fuselage analysis and design



Wing-fuselage junction





Wing-tip and winglet design







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FUSELAGES AND LOW DRAG BODIES DESIGN











AERODYNAMIC DESIGN

WING-FUSELAGE JUNCTION DESIGN



Design of wing-fuselage junction for Antares Sailplane (@ TU Delft with Prof. L. Boermans)





FUSELAGE AND NACELLE INFLUENCE ON WING SPAN-LOADING









NUMERICAL & APPLIED AERODYNAMICS

Turbulent flow control with unsteady blowing (wind-tunnel tests)







-0.5



NUMERICAL & APPLIED AERODYNAMICS Induced drag reduction with multiple winglets





















NUMERICAL & APPLIED AERODYNAMICS Light aircraft and General aviation winglet design

5.6











ADAG RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (4) Flight tests – Flight Mechanics - Flight Dynamics

Flight tests:

- Light Aircraft Flight test certification (JAR VLA)
- Performances flight meas. AFM
- Parametric Identification



Ground Control Station

. Bear Base

O TO O Hinto

Parametric aerod deriv. Estimation. Flight qualities.

6-DOF flight simulator







ADAG RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (4) Flight simulator

• The Department together with TEST (Company) has recently acquired a 6 DOF Flight Simulator



• Stick force reproduction







Cockpit Layout







HOW ALL DISCIPLINES ARE INTEGRATED....









RENEWABLE ENERGIES RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Design, building and testing of horizontal and vertical axis wind and water turbines Nov. 2006 we founded a SPIN-OFF



Nov. 2006 we founded a SPIN-OFF Company EOLPOWER Srl









KOBOLD Turbine To exploit tidal currents

Internationally patented









AIRCRAFT DESIGN @ University of Naples ... started in early times....

1926 Prof. Gen. Umberto Nobile











AIRCRAFT DESIGN @ University of Naples ... in the 50's

> Prof. L. Pascale





PARTENAVIA Company







AIRCRAFT DESIGN @ University of Naples PARTENAVIA company aircrafts





P.48 Astore P.52 Tigrotto **P.53** Aeroscooter P.55 Tornado **P.57 Fachiro P.59 Jolly P.64 Fachiro III** P.64B Oscar P.66B Oscar **P.66C Charlie** P.66D Delta **P.66T Charlie P.68** P.70 Alpha P.86 Mosquito







AIRCRAFT DESIGN @ University of Naples ... in the 90's

TECNAM P92 and **P96** (**Prof. L. Pascale**)



G97 Spotter (1997-1999) Prof. V. Giordano













AIRCRAFT DESIGN @ University of Naples ... in the new century ... EASY-FLY (2003

EASY-FLY New STOL ULM in composite material ADAG – Group











AIRCRAFT DESIGN @ University of Naples ... in the new century ...

Many new tecnam ULM and..



TECNAM P2006T (Prof. Pascale)









Many experiences in collaboration with Tecnam on design of many ULM



P92 Echo (1992)





P92J (1995) (Cert. VLA) P92 Sea-Sky





P96 Golf (1996)





P2002 Sierra (2002)







ADAG - AIRCRAFT DESIGN RPV ACTIVITY

• UAV and RADIO-CONTROLLED (RPV) MODEL DESIGN

- Study an unmanned aircraft for observation-reconnaissance (UAV)
- Analysis of canard influences on aircraft aerodynamics, static and dynamic flying characteristics (the model can fly with and without canard)
- Complete and accurate flight instrumentation for flight parameter measurement and model maneuver analysis













EASY FLY PROJECT

Conventional STOL light aircraft are characterized by a very "DIRTY" configuration







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3.2

2.8

CL 2.4

2

1.6

1.2





- 2D and 3-D HIGH LIFT SYSTEM WT TESTS

Test Reynolds = 0.6 mil.

CL_max=3.1 !



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8 α(°) 16

20

24



















DESIGN AND AERODYNAMIC ANALYSIS AND OPTIMIZATION OF A LIGHT TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT

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P2006T AIRCRAFT

Since 2006 *Tecnam* has started his intention to enter the market with a new CS 23 certified 4 seat aircraft.

• In the last years, starting from the United States, the General Aviation has been revitalized, due to the necessity to decongest the classical skyway system and to use thousands of small airport in the country (AGATE, SATS).











MARKET ANALYSIS AND P2006 AIRCRAFT DESIGN ASPECTS

• The fast economical growth of developing countries (like in Africa, south-America and in south-east of Asia) that do not have developed transportation systems has pushed the use and the diffusion of light aircraft in those areas.

• In example in some remote area of south Africa the transport through light aircraft can be the only solution, taking into account the absence of asphalt roads and the low acquisition and maintenance costs of these kind of machines.








P2006T design aspects

> USE: Tourist, Flight school, Monitoring (i.e. Police)

- >Rotax 912S (100 hp) used in ULM and VLA
- Simple construction (Light and not expensive)
- **>** Use of automotive gasoline (instead of AVGAS) (Rotax 912)
- Short TO and Landing (not prepared)

➤ 4 seats – twin engines – light (to fly with two Rotax, 100hp each).

> Twin engine with the weight of a single-engine

➤ Similar performances but with lower operative costs compared to single engine 4-seats aircraft.

















ROTAX 912 S (100 hp)

- Certified
- Use of automotive fuel

Advantages:



- Lower frontal area (small and streamlined nacelle)
- Lower weight to power ratio
- Lower specific consumption
- Lower rpm for the propeller (efficiency and noise)
- > Water cooling (stable temp.)

ROTAX vs Lycoming

Peso (a secco, senza accessori) Potenza max Area frontale Larghezza massima Consumo (75%)

ROTAX 9125

59 kg 100 hp e2390 0.322 m² 575 mm 19 l/hr Lycoming IO-360 149 kg 200 hp @2700 0.428 m^2 867 mm 46 l/hr





Comparison 2 Rotax vs 1 Lycoming

The

higher thrust of Rotax912S is

mainly due to the fact that the same

engine power is distributed on much

larger propeller disk area(area of two

2 Rotax 9125 100hp + elica Ø1.78m vs 1 Lycoming 200hp + elica Ø1.88m

disks of 1.78 m diameter). Other small 400 effect arises from lower rpm of Rotax THRUST 912S (2390 instead of 2700) at maximum 350 power conditions and lower correction due to small nacelles. 300 250 Trazione (daN) 200 **Obstacle** cleared 150 100 - off 50 ŧ 0. 50 100 0 150 200 250 300 350 V (km/h)

| MODEL | Cessna 172R | Cessna 182T | Piper PA28-181 | Cirrus | Diamond | EADS Socata | TECNAM |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Specifications | Skyhawk | Skylane | Archer | SRV-G2 | DA-40 | TB10 Tobago | P2006T |
| wingspan (m) | 10,97 | 10,97 | 10,80 | 10,84 | 12,00 | 10,04 | 11,20 |
| wing area (mq) | 16,20 | 16,20 | 16,00 | 12,50 | 13,47 | 11,90 | 14,76 |
| lenght (m) | 8,28 | 8,84 | 7,32 | 7,92 | 8,02 | 7,75 | 8,70 |
| height (m) | 2,72 | 2,84 | 2,20 | 2,59 | 1,98 | 3,02 | 2,90 |
| cabin width (m) | 1,00 | 1,07 | 1,06 | 1,24 | 1,14 | 1,08 | 1,20 |
| cabin lenght (m) | 3,60 | 3,40 | 2,49 | 3,30 | n.a. | 2,53 | 2,60 |
| landing gear type | fixed, tricycle | fixed, tricycle | fixed, tricycle | fixed, tricycle | fixed, tricycle | fixed, tricycle | retractable, tricycle |
| Engine | | | | | | | |
| manufacturer | Lycoming | Lycoming | Lycoming | Continental | Lycoming | Lycoming | Rotax |
| model | 10-360-L2A | IO-540-AB1A5 | 0-360-A4M | 10-360-ES | 0-360-M1A | 0-360-A1AD | 2x 912 S |
| horsepower | 160 hp @ 2400 RPM | 230 hp @ 2400 RPM | 180 hp @ 2700 RPM | 200 hp @ 2600 RPM | 180 hp @ 2700 RPM | 180 hp @ 2700 RPM | 2x98 hp @ 2400 RPM |
| Propeller | | | | | | | |
| type | Fixed Pitch, 2 blade | Const. speed, 3 blade | Fixed Pitch, 2 blade | Const. speed, 2 blade | Const. speed, 2 blade | Const. speed, 2 blade | Const. speed, 2 blade |
| diameter (m) | 1,91 | 2,00 | n.a. | 1,93 | 1,80 | 1,88 | 1,78 |
| Design weight & Loading | | | | | | | |
| max. gross weight (kg) | 1043 | 1406 | 1157 | 1360 | 1149 | 1150 | 1160 |
| std. empty weight (kg) | 588 | 860 | 760 | 929 | 744 | 730 | 750 |
| useful load (kg) | 455 | 550 | 397 | 431 | 405 | 420 | 410 |
| seating capacity | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| fuel capacity (It) | 159 | 348 | 182 | 213 | 148 | 210 | 200 |
| Wing loading (kg/mq) | 64,4 | 86,9 | 72,3 | 108,8 | 85,3 | 96,6 | 78,6 |
| Power loading (kg/hp) | 6,52 | 6,10 | 6,43 | 6,8 | 6,38 | 6,39 | 5,92 |
| Performance | | | | | | | |
| max. level speed s.l. (kts) | 123 | 149 | 133 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 150 |
| cruise speed (kts) | 122 (80%,8000 ft) | 145 (80%,6000 ft) | 128 (75%,7900 ft) | 150 (75%) | 145 (75%,6500 ft) | 127 (75%,6000 ft) | 145 (75% 7000 ft) |
| cruise speed " | 116 (10000 ft) | | n.a. | n.a. | 134 (65%,10000ft) | 109 (65%,6000 ft) | 140 (65%,9000 ft) |
| stall speed, flaps up, pwr off (kts) | 51 | 54 | n.a | 54 | 52 | n.a. | 53 |
| stall speed, flaps down, " " " | 47 | 49 | 52 | n.a. | 49 | n.a. | 48 |
| | 700 | 00.4 | | 000 | 4070 | 707 | 4050 |
| best rate of climb (ft/m) | 720 | 924 | n.a. | 900 | 10/0 | /8/ | 1350 |
| service ceiling (ft) | 13500 | 18100 | 14100 | n.a. | 15000 | 13000 | 16500 |
| fuel cosump. lt/h (65%) | 28 | 41 | 32 | 35 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| cruise range w/reserve (30') nm | 580 | 968 | 487 | 634 | n.a. | n.a. | 750 |
| takeoff, ground roll (m) | 288 | 242 | 346 | 409 | 219 | 505 | 235 |
| takeoff, total distance (50 ft) (m) | 514 | 461 | 490 | 597 | 352 | n.a. | 460 |
| landing ground roll (m) | 168 | 180 | 280 | 309 | 146 | 460 | 180 |
| landing distance (50 ft) (m) | 395 | 411 | 427 | 622 | 314 | n.a. | 420 |
| | | | | | * Sinale a | eng. R/c (s.l.). ft/m' | 350 |
| | | | | | Single eng.ceiling, ft | | 7500 |







➢ It is possible to compare a twin-engine aircraft with singleengine ones.

>P2006T empty weight is low compared to other twin-engine. The payload is higher !

- => high structural efficiency
- => good weight/power ratio of Rotax 912
- => the two engines lower the flight loads on the wings

➢ From an operating point of view, is worth to consider that the option to use automotive fuel instead of AVGAS allows P2006 operators to dramatically reduce direct costs, making also possible to fly in regional or remote areas where AVGAS is difficult to find or prohibitively expensive.

NOT A VERY NEW IDEA !

Aero 45

4-seat aircraft - Two Walter 105 hp engMTOW 1600 Kg.The wing loading88 Kg/m²Maximum flight speed270 Km/h.

P2006 CHARACTERISTICS



Wing span11.2 mCabin width1.20 mMean geometric chord1.32 mWing Area S14.76 m²Aspect ratio8.47Length8.30 m





| P20 | | | | |
|------------------|---------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Wing span | 11.4 m | Cabin width | 1.20 m | |
| Mean geom. chord | 1.32 m | Wing Area S | 14.76 m ² | |
| Aspect ratio | 8.8 | Length | 8.70 m | |
| MTOW | 1180 Kg | Empty weight | 760 Kg | |





Design Specifications



- Easy cabin access and cabin comfort
- Spacious luggage compartment,
- Reduced take-off run (<1500 ft) and take-off from not prepared runways
- Cruise flight speed of about 140 Kts at flight altitude of 7000-8000 ft
- Range higher than 500 nm
- Installation of an AFCS (Automatic Flight Control System).



TECNAM P2006T - PAYLOAD vs. RANGE

Twin-engine possible configurations



TECNAM P2006 possible solutions (A) Low-wing High-wing, long nacelle (B)

lag







Twin-engine possible configurations



Conf. D

- + Yaw Mom (Vtail area)
- Structural diff and high costs of twin boom
- rear engine cooling
- parassite area



Conf. E

- rear engine cooling
- interr flap on the wing
- acoustical problems

(propeller behind the wing)

- + Wing pos => opt CG travel
- Long nacelle

AeB

- => High Tors Inertial loads on the wing
- A , nacelle not stream.
- (prop clearance)

Negative aspects A

- Cabin access
- Higher landing gear
 (=> Higher weight)
- Possible ingestion (not prepared runways)

Conf. C

- + Cabin access
- + Short & stream nacelle
- + Aerodynamic (par area)
- + Empty weight
- CG travel

Chosen Configuration

Advantages

- · EASY ACCESS
 - · LOW NACELLE DRAG, STRUCTURALLY SIMPLE, LOW WEIGHT
 - · HIGH SPAN EFFICIENCY FACTOR WITHOUT COMPLEX FAIRING
 - · GOOD GROUND VISIBILITY
 - · LOW EFFECT OF PROPELLERS ON LONG. STABILITY
 - · PROPELLERS NOT EXPOSED DURING TAKE-OFF

Disadvantages

- · CG TRAVEL
- REFUELING and ENGINE SERVICING
 - FUSELAGE PODS FOR THE 2 MAIN LANDING GEARS
 - HIGHER WEIGHT FOR THE MAIN LAND-GEAR STRUCTURE







WING DESIGN

⇒Wing span b=11.20 m
<u>CHOSEN PLANFORM</u>
⇒ MAC shift toward aircraft nose
⇒ RECTANGULAR FLAP (light and lower-cost flap)
⇒ QUITE GOOD induced drag factor.
⇒ GOOD and SAFE STALL PATH



3D surfaces ...

Fuselage

Low parassite drag

Low wetted area

Tail

All mov stabilator

 $\Rightarrow Struct simple \\ \Rightarrow Lower costs$

Nacelle

Small and streamlined

VT Des. for VMC \Rightarrow VMC 1.1 Vs







WEIGHT









Empty weight Break-Down









AERODYNAMIC NUMERICAL AND EXP ANALYSIS => At DIAS – Univ of Naples

WIND-TUNNEL TESTS





- <u>Scale 1:6.5</u>
- <u>Reynolds = 0.6 mill.</u>







LIFT (nacelle effect)

 $CL_{\alpha} = 0.080$ $\Delta CL_{NAC} = -0.048$









LIFT (stall path)









WB mom curve









Long Stab & Control









Complete aircraft trimmed polar (NO WINGLET)









Fuselage and nacelle effect on wing-span load









Fuselage and nacelle effect on wing-span load Wind-tunnel tests











Fuselage and nacelle effect on wing-span load









Effects on span aerodynamic loading (certification & evaluation of flight loads)











Effects on span aerodynamic loading (certification & evaluation of flight loads)

Up to 10% difference In "bending" moment @ junction

The calculation and experiments were able to demonstrate a possible 10% increase of aircraft weight to cert. authorities









WINGLET DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

- ⇒ After first flight without winglets it was noticed a low (even accettable for certification) RC in OEI cond.
- \Rightarrow Very important to improve induced drag
- \Rightarrow Minor modification to the wing structure
- \Rightarrow Contained increase of wing bending moment at root (about 5-7%).

DESIGN

- \Rightarrow HEIGHT limited to 60 cm.
- \Rightarrow To include appropriate wing-winglet fairing wing span was changed from 11.20 to 11.40 m.
- ⇒ The wetted area was only 1% higher of the original tip

 \Rightarrow Increase in bending moment was limited to 5%









WINGLET aerodynamic effects

ESTIMATED AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCES (OEI) - 6000 ft





MAX RC increase @ S/L

| NO WLET | WLET |
|------------|------------|
| 120 ft/min | 320 ft/min |

(ESTIMATIONS)







WINGLET TESTS

• Wind-tunnel tests were performed on similar winglet shape mounted on an elliptical wing semi-model.













WINGLET WT TESTS

As numerical calculations both winglet A and B (with different and well designed root toe angles) showed an oswald factor gain of about 15%.











WINGLET EFFECTS : => FLIGHT TESTS

The oswald factor should increase from 0.70 (model wt tests, including nacelle effects) to about 0.85 !!

FINAL ESTIMATED DRAG POLAR CDo=0.027 (f=0.40 m2) e=0.85







WINGLET EFFECTS

In OEI condition RC was increased by 170 to 280 fpm !


...al prototipo...

Flight Performances

Peso massimo al decollo Carico alare Stall speed Stall speed flap down Best Rate-of climb-speed (Vy)

Take-off run - ground Take-off distance MAX Rate of climb EFF CEILING MAX Rate of climb (OEI)

Max lev speed Cruise 75% @ 7000ft

Autonomia specifica cruise 65% Cruise Range 1180 kg 80 kg/m² 56 kts 47 kts 80 kts

235 m 450 m 1300 ft/m' (6.6m/s) >15000 ft (4570m) 300 ft/m'

151 kts 145 kts

7.5 km/lt 600 nm









General performance parameter introduced by Oswald NACA TR 408 of 1932

 $=\frac{\lambda_{\rm S}\cdot\lambda_{\rm T}}{2^{1/3}}$

- $\lambda t = W/(\eta Pa)$ $\lambda s = W/(eb^2)$ $\lambda p = W/f$
- Weight/propulsive power Weight/effective wing span Weight/parassite area

Ratios that indicates:

- Available Thrust energy
- · Energy used to produce Lift
- Energy used to win flight drag

Indicates aircraft performances LOWER Λ => HIGHER PERFORMANCES

Parametro di performance









APPLIED RESEARCH AND EDUCATION:

In both research activities (EASY-FLY and P2006T) :

- 3 research contracts for DIAS
- 6 months wind-tunnel tests (3 m. EASY-FLY, 3 m. P2006T)
- 10 MSC thesis
- 2 PHD thesis
- 6 grants for graduated neo-engineers

ALL the research was really applied

2 of them were employed









THANKS FOR THE ATTENTION and...

.... See you soon

