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Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology

The Institute for Autonomous & Connected Systems (IACS)

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About IACS

Institute for Autonomous and Connected Systems



- Brings together faculty and students across the **Colleges of Engineering & Technology, Arts & Letters, and Sciences** who have mutual interest in autonomous and connected systems including uncrewed and autonomous **vehicles in air, land, space, and maritime applications**.
- Serves to elevate awareness of ODU's expertise in autonomous and connected systems, connect ODU researchers with relevant industry and government agencies, and **pursue large team-based funding opportunities**.
- Has an **education mission** and supports an undergraduate **certificate** program and a **minor** in Engineering, Design and Operation of **Uncrewed Aerial Systems**.
- The vision to be recognized as a **leader of innovation and applications of autonomous and connected systems**.
- Poised to create opportunities for research **collaboration between the BCET, the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center (VMASC), Virginia Institute for Spaceflight & Autonomy (VISA) and industry partners** in the Hampton Roads regions.



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Undergraduate Certificate Program: (to serve industry partners like DroneUp) ***Engineering, Design and Operation of Uncrewed Aerial Systems***

- I. Introduction to Uncrewed Aerial Systems (3 Credit Hours)**
- II. *Multicopter* UAS Design and Construction (3 Credit Hours)**
- III. *Fixed Wing and VTOL* UAS Design and Construction (3 Credit Hours)**
- IV. Autonomous Mission Platforms Systems Integration (3 credit hours)**

Minor / Engineering Elective for Specialization (from a list of courses)

The interdisciplinary minor is primarily open to engineering majors.

A UAS minor will consist of 2 courses offered in the UAS Certificate program, and any of a prescribed list of existing related courses for a total of at least 12 credit hours.

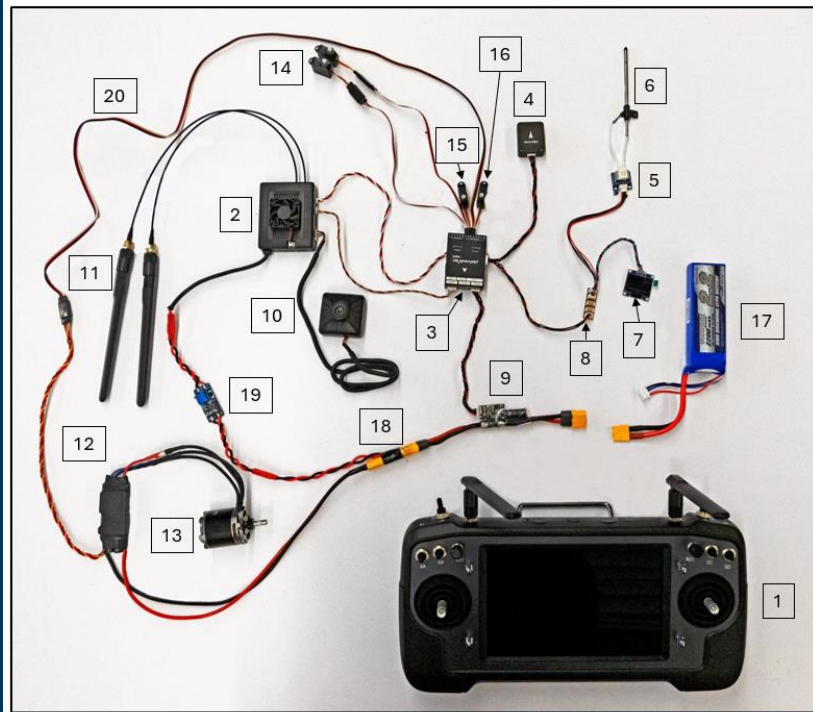
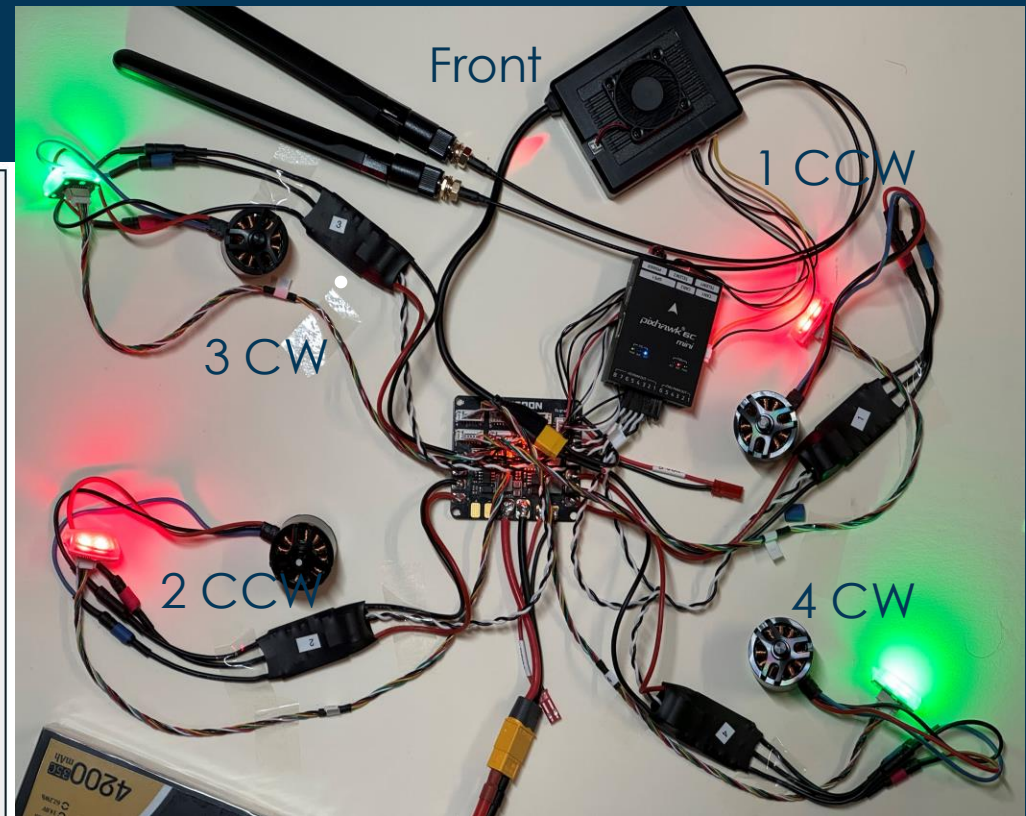
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Materials for the vehicle to be built in the class: Fixed Wing and VTOL UAS Design and Construction



Materials for the vehicle to be built in the class: Multirotor UAS Design and Construction

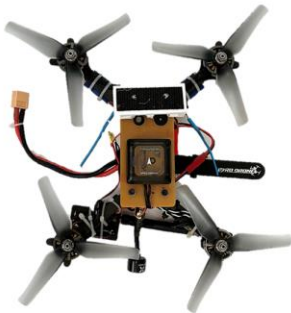


Bixler III Avionics/Power Components

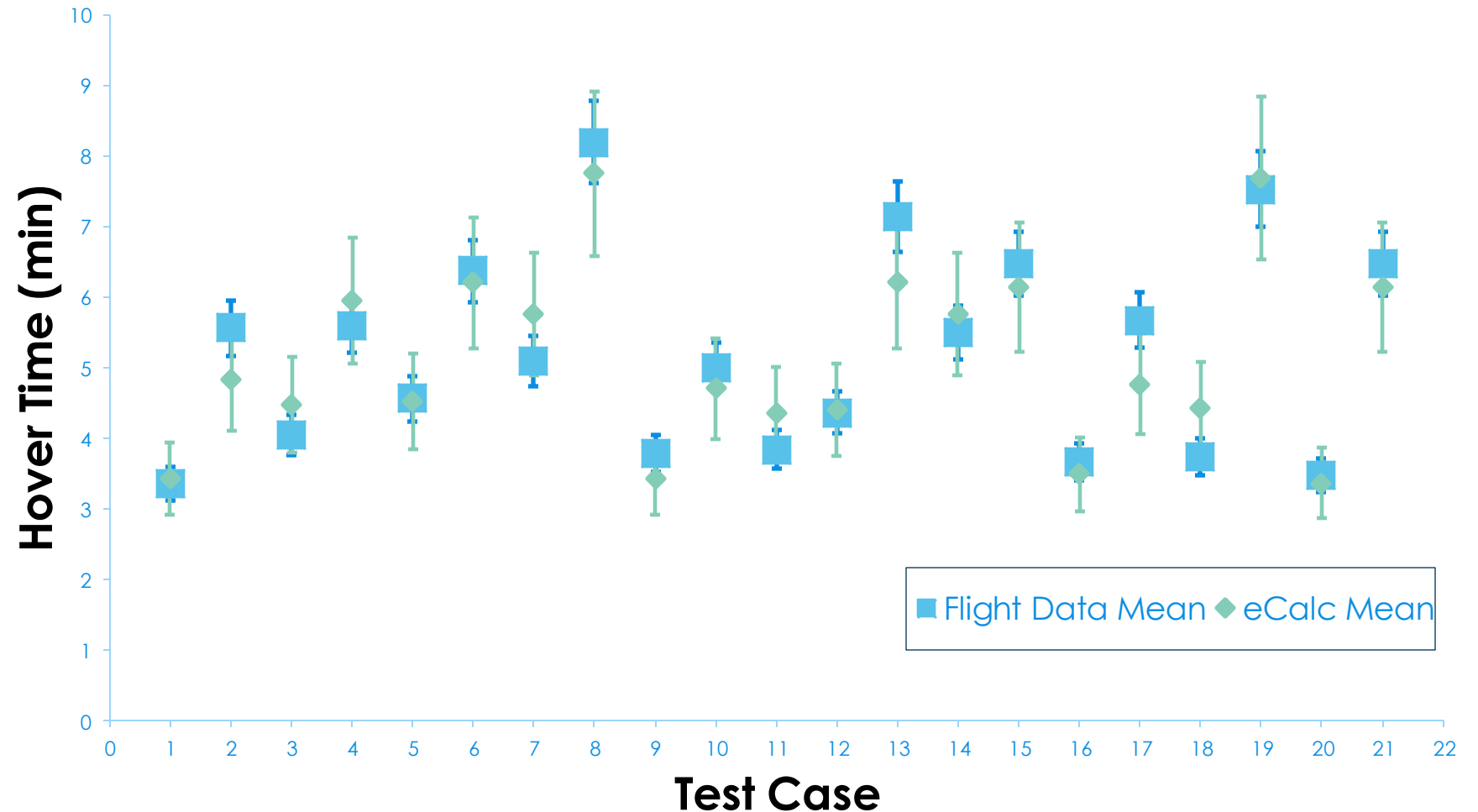
- 1 SIYI Mk 32 Transmitter
- 2 SIYI MK32 HM30 MK15 Air Unit
- 3 Holybro Pixhawk 6C Mini Flight Controller
- 4 Holybro Micro M9N GPS Receiver
- 5 Matek Airspeed Sensor
- 6 Matek Pitot Tube
- 7 LCD Screen
- 8 I2C Bus
- 9 Holybro Pixhawk PM02 V3
- 10 SIYI R1M Ethernet Camera
- 11 Diversity Antennas
- 12 ESC (in Bixler)
- 13 Brushless Motor (in Bixler)
- 14 Aileron Servos (in Bixler)
- 15 Elevator Servo (in Bixler)
- 16 Rudder Servo (in Bixler)
- 17 2200 mah 3S 25C Lipo Battery
- 18 XT60 Male/Female with JST Female
- 19 Dorhea MT3608 DC-DC Step Up
- 20 ESC Extension

- Design of Experiments (DOE) based flight test
- Validates eCalc for multirotor, the most popular UAS performance prediction simulation
- Predictions proven within the $\pm 15\%$ c

xcopterCalc
eCalc
for Multirotor



Flight Data Mean Compared to eCalc Prediction





An IACS Graduate Student Testing a Drone (QuadPlane) in the ODU Wind Tunnel

