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Ongoing CG Aircraft Oceanographic Research: NOAA

- NOAA Global Monitoring Division, Arctic Atmospheric Gas Monitoring from CG-C130s, P.I. Colm Sweeney
- 2013 flights:

April 23, May 21, June 18, 19, 20, 21

July 16, Aug 13, 16, 17, and Nov 26 (though sampling problem meant no data on Nov 26 flight)

 2014 flights currently done/scheduled: April 7-8, June 17, July 22-25 (w/ UW), Aug 12-14 (w/ UW), Sep 23-26 (w/ UW) Might be more in 2014: still TBD



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Ongoing CG Aircraft Oceanographic Research: NOAA April sample gas results from one flight transect



Stratospheric air at high altitude shows hi O3, low CO, CH4, and CO2 (blue); polluted air (from Asia) w/ hi CO, CO2 & CH4 (pink). Higher CO2 & CH4 ~350 min at low altitude over Kivalina; do not correspond with hi CO, indicating natural source, eg wetlands.

Ongoing CG Aircraft Oceanographic Research: UW, Jamie Morison, PI

- Begun 2008, focus on data collection from ice melt season, including:
- Buoy deployments for International Arctic Buoy Program (IABBP);
- Typically 6 stations/flight deploying: Airborne eXpendable Ice Beacons (AXIBs); 1000m Aircraft Expendable Conductivity, Temperature, Depth probes (AXCTDs); and, Aircraft Expendable Current Profilers (AXCPs); and, Dropsondes for atmospheric temperature profiles
- Supports the Upper Temperature of the Ocean (UpTempO) project, and...
- Navy SIZRS (Seasonal Ice Zone Reconnaissance Survey) project



Fulfilling Coast Guard Arctic Strategy, released May 2013, to: "Assist government-sponsored scientific exploration to develop a greater understanding of the changing Arctic environment."

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SIZRS ADA missions are scheduled for :

- June 17
- July 22-25 four days w/ 2 overnights at Eielson
- Aug 12 (& 13,14 possible) w/ 2 overnights at Eielson
- Sept 23-26 four days w/ 2 overnights at Eielson
- Oct 14

Goal to overlap with ONR MIZ ops, and NASA MABEL (Multiple Altimeter Beam Experiment Lidar, on Proteus shown below, for IceSat-2 ice elevation calibration) and IceBridge flights.



- USCG Icebreaker HEALY, Aug.6 Sept.20, 2013, UAF Unmanned Aircraft Experimentation: USCG R&D Center (RDC), NORTHCOM & NAVY SupSALV re: oil spill response, incld.
 SORS (Spilled Oil Response System); and, "Polar Bear" skimmer, from RoClean Desmi Co., Finland.
- Flew two 'Pointer Upgraded Mission Ability' (PUMA) All Environment (AE) sUAS. One=NOAA PUMA flown by 2 NOAA operators; and, one=UAF and AFSOC PUMA with operator & technician funded by Center for Island, Maritime, and Extreme Environment Security (CIMES), the DHS Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate's University of Excellence program center.



- 2013 HEALY UAS ops=5nm from ship limit (NOAA)=not so useful
- Lessons learned:
- 1 If 2 teams, let them schedule independently, don't let one be 'in charge';
- 2 Altitude separation helps w multiple UAS ops, also as possible separation of ops on ship (bow/stern), varied/alternated as needed.
- 3 Schedule flights whenever there is downtime from other ops
- 4 Avoid ops, esp. landings, at twilight/low light conditions;
 use UAS IR imagery as needed
- 5 In advance of field ops, double check inter-agency UAS video delivery software performance/capability
- 6 Waterproof UAS systems! Cannot be understated!

- To -20°C no temperature effect on PUMA LION batteries;
- Hi latitude compass data useless (+/-30 degrees), need GPS
- Icing can/did crash PUMA in @30 min.
- Human depth perception below 40' altitude unreliable (re landing in leads, ie not crashing on ice)
- Video great during ops, but couldn't be imported into ERMA* [*Since fixed we think! Testing in 2014.]
- No question UAS have potential for CG ops
- Desire to reduce paperwork permissions by:
 - 1) calculation of aircraft potential energy re impacts; and,
 - 2) pre-approval/paperwork for RFI/EMI comms interference

- CG RDC w upgraded NOAA PUMA deployments >12nmi offshore LOS only, this year test deck landings (vs water landings last year)
- Demo video integration into NOAA ERMA (vs not in 2013)
- Compare UAS w/ Aerostat ops re oil spill detection/response
- Not happening: coordination w/ Conoco-Phillips ScanEagle due to:
 - 1 mandatory time requirements for govt & C-P legal paperwork
 - 2 CG requirements for both NAVAIR & C4ISR & Cutter Configuration
 Control Board reviews. Also required: a Control Document, Engineering
 Change Proposal, Topside Analysis, and, Interim Authority to Test
 clearance. All these reviews require advance funding to CG
 RDC for implementation, failing which UAS ops not implemented.
- CG RDC plans to try to complete required paperwork by 2015 if C-P still willing to conduct joint operations.

PACAREA CG UAS Ops, 2013 Poster: AGU Dec. 2013 on UAS ops, Portuguese REP-13, July



NETWORKING MULTIPLE AUTONOMOUS AIR & OCEAN VEHICLES FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH & MONITORING

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Below - UAV in flight during REP 13 .



FUTURE ACTIVITIES: Future field studies will integrate multiple unmanned systems into ship operations. Hardware and software used will permit measurements of both ocean and atmosphere over spatial & temporal scales previously problematic.

<u>FUTURE OBJECTIVES</u>: Methods demonstrated are well suited to studying ocean fronts or tracking & mapping oil spills and plankton blooms. With networked multiple autonomous systems individual components may be changed out while observations continue, allowing coarse to fine scale spatial studies over important temporal dimensions that would otherwise be difficult, including diumal and tidal periods.



Above - AUV recovery during REP 13.

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Below - AUVs used during REP 13 .



PROJECT OBJECTIVES: Combining UAVs, ASVs and AUVs allows Improved phytoplankton biomass and productivity estimates, and with UAV air sampling can determine air-sea gas fluxes (e.g. CO2, CH4, DMS) affecting carbon budgets & atmosphere composition. PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

Producted in July 2013 off Sesimbra, Portugal with the Portuguese Navy had a goal of tracking large fish in the upper water column with coordinated alr/surface/underwater measurements. An IR thermai gradient observed by a UAV was used to dispatch an AUV to obtain sea truth data to demonstrate the event-response capabilities using such autonomous platforms.



<u>Abstract.</u> Autonomous underwater and surface vessels (AUVs and ASVs) are coming into wider use as components of oceanographic research, including ocean observing systems. Unmanned airborne vehicles (UAVs) are now available at modest cost, allowing multiple UAVs to be deployed with multiple AUVs and ASVs. Good communication and coordination among vehicles is essential for optimal use. We report on use of multiple AUVs networked in communication with multiple UAVs. The UAVs are augmented by inferential reasoning software developed at MBARI that allows UAVs to recognize oceanographic fronts and change their navigation controls. This allows UAVs to automatically map frontal features, as well as direct AUVs and ASVs to transit to such features and undertake sampling with onboard sensors to validate aerial maps. ASVs can also act as data nodes for communication between UAVs and AUVs, while AUVs can sample the water column vertically.







<u>Summary:</u> We demonstrated communication and control of multiple autonomous airborne, ocean surface and underwater vehicles to map ocean features using feature recognition and adaptive sampling software. Current constraints for these methods include coordination of data archiving with ship systems, familiarization of oceanographers with these methods, and meeting UAV airspace regulations. An important outcome of these methods is understanding the methodology for using multiple heterogeneous autonomous vehicles for ocean studies.

PACAREA CG UAS Ops, 2014

Poster: Ocean Sciences, Feb.: Multi-UAS ops w/ "Albatross" flight.

Requires high resolution, real time pitch/roll/yaw, altitude &

position info for accurate fused photo mosaic.



Makovkin, C. & J. Langelaan. 2014. Optimal Persistent Surveillance using Coordinated Soaring. Procs AUAA Goodance, Navigation & Control Conference, National Harbor, Maryland, January 13-17. Richardson, P., 2011. How do ablatrosses fly around the world without flapping their wings? In Progress in Oceanography, Vol. 68. Sochs, G. 2005. Minimum Shear Wind Strength Required for Dynamic Soaring of Albatrosses. Ubit (147):1–10.

 Ocean Sciences, Feb.: UNOLS booth display of UAS demo of "Fluid Lensing" method from Ved Chirayath (Stanford University) showing application for 3D mapping of American Samoa National Park corals. See: <u>http://www.vedphoto.com</u>

(Apologies to Ved for not getting him in picture!)



Hosted Stanford UAS Club talk by Finnish team w/ COTS quadrotor fan-beam lidar=cheap, <\$5K, not super-accurate (>20cm) but adequate for ice ridge mapping; will improve w/ newer technology. Talk was by Tero Heinonen¹ & Anttoni Jaakkola² (¹Sharper Shape, <u>www.sharpershape.com</u>, and ²Finnish Geodetic Institute, both Helsinki, Finland).

Ref. Ms: Jakkola et al., 2010: ISPRS J. Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing, pp.514-522.



Hosted Dmitri Tseliakovich, CEO Escape Dynamics, at Stanford UAS Club and NASA Ames for talks on coordinating field demo of UAS powering by microwaves using rectifying antenna on UAS. Planned for fall 2014.



Still planning on trials with LaserMotive w/ NASA asap (fall 2014).

UAV Endurance via Optical Power

Optical power has:

- "Infinite" Endurance
- Low weight (1/100x solar)
- Long range, large power



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USCG PACAREA UAS Ops, 2014 Norway, Iceland

- Continued work w NTNU, Trondheim on deployment by 2017 of national UAS coastal surveillance network.
- NTNU PhD student Kim Sorensen successfully developed and tested anti-icing carbon nanotube coating for UAS, which requires very little energy. Will be coming to NASA Ames fall 2014 to begin chamber and field tests of this treatment.
- NTNU UAS project manager Tor-Arne Johansen taking sabbatical (as of July 1) to Queensland Univ. Technology, Brisbane to work with UAS teams there, including deployment of multispectral sensors on UAS for stromatolites in Shark Bay, Australia. Will use same photo-transects conducted by Ved Chirayath (Stanford) and Pam Reid (RSMAS).
- Attempting to negotiate deal for Riegl \$150K fan beam lidar (<10lbs, highly accurate <10cm) for ice ridge mapping

Co-convened w. Google Oceans & Stanford Law School Center for Ocean Solutions Conference on Maritime Domain Awareness, which included multiple talks on UAS use, including by NOAA, NASA, CG, SPAWARs, InSitu. See: <u>http://www.oceanagenda.org</u> (Talks under "Blog"). Conference included Stanford UAS Club demo of Quadrotor flight on/off 16' WAM-V (<u>http://www.wam-v.com</u>). (See aerial pix of Conference attendees from Quadrotor below.)



USCG PACAREA UAS Ops, 2014 Mozambique / East Africa

Continued working w/ SPAWAR San Diego and Stanford Law School PhD student (K. Olemoiyoi) on IUU fishing off Mozambique and East Africa, including plans for deployment of three UAS in the countries' three Marine Protected Areas in Sept. 2014 as part of Conference on Mozambique's Oceans convened by Chissano Foundation

(<u>http://www.fjchissano.org.mz</u>) of former President of Mozambique.

Mozambique has invested \$272M for new tuna and patrol boats being built in France by CNM in Cherbourg for coastal MDA and IUU interdiction, which will include military UAS as part of their construction, c.f.:

http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-13/mozambiquetuna-bonds-fund-anti-pirate-fleet-in-surprise.html

USCG PACAREA UAS Ops, 2014 Coordination with Shah Selbe, NGS Emerging Explorer, for use of UAS for conservation in Mozambique and other MPA areas.

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Technology Roadmap



Conservation UAVs (Drones)

SoarOcean.org Building multiple low cost fixed wing A National Geographic and Lindblad and multirotor platforms Expeditions funded grant project to help Equipped with optical and near protect our oceans using low cost drone infrared cameras Testing off-the-grid deployments witter: @SoarOcean (great for expeditions and field work)

Shah Selbe, Engineer and Conservation Technologist





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Crowdsourcing Protection



Cooperating with NASA Ames S-UAS group and Stanford University "Design for Manufacturing" course (in ME) on 3D printing of UAS parts. Allows rapid modification for laser or microwave repowering capabilities in wing design.



 Coordinating w/ Maria Vernet (Scripps) use of multiple "Albatross" UAS and other unmanned systems to study Pine Island Glacier berg (B27) as it drifts across Ross Sea, Antarctica for iron meltwater fertilization effects on productivity/CO₂ fixation/fluxes.



UAS Legal doings in EU

- 2/17/14: France 1st country to establish UAS civil airspace legislation from French Civil Aviation Authority ("DGAC") by mid-2014 in association with Federation Francois de Drones: <u>http://uasvision.us2.list-</u> <u>manage.com/track/click?u=a32b39b68dd99ad58d8db5aca&id=ece30c368</u> <u>5&e=9bb7d5959c</u>. UAS Legislation is to be based on:
- 1) the notion of avoiding 'populated areas';
- 2) training requirements;
- 3) enforcement of laws against violators;
- 4) enforcement of existing privacy regulations (still TBD legally re UAS);
- 5) Enforcement of Airworthiness Certification per 12/24/13 French law.
- 1/28-30/14: Spain...Spanish ASEA (Spain's CAA) and AERPAS (Spanish RPAS Association) Workshop to establish RPAS legislation. Meeting was joint with EUROCONTROL & JARUS and included DGAC, see:

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e8c&e=9bb7d5959c

UAS Legal doings in EU

2/3/14: ULTRA project (<u>Unmanned AeriaL SysTems in EuRopean Airspace</u>) funded by the European Commission 7th Framework Programme to propose, based on currently available technology, a way forward for the short term insertion of civil Light RPAS in European Airspace. Project finalized in Dec. 2013, plan presented at RPAS CivOps 2013 conference in Brussels, Belgium. Plan under "Deliverables" at:

http://www.ultraconsortium.eu

- This study identifies gaps, suggests existing technology solutions, and identifies and addresses social concerns with a goal to speeding UAS (RPAS) use in EU civil airspace.
- This is an offshoot/extension of the earlier JARUS effort (see next slide).

UAS Legal doings in EU

- 1/29/14: JARUS delivers document "Scoping Paper to AMC RPAS.1309*" on UAS legislation for EU, available at the JARUS website under the "Draft Deliverables" tab at: <u>http://www.jarus-rpas.org</u> ;comments ended 3/28/14.
 [*AMC=Acceptable Means of Compliance; 1309=Regulation for Requirements of Certification]
- JARUS (Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems) is a group of experts drawn from national aviation authorities from around the world, including the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and EUROCONTROL. Its purpose is to recommend a single set of technical, safety and operational requirements for the certification and safe integration of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) into airspace, see: <u>http://www.jarus-rpas.org/</u>

- FAA issues COAs to Conoco-Phillips Oil company, USCG, NOAA and NASA for UAS operations in 2013 from Oliktok Pt and Wainright, Alaska, completes Hotwash Report, is planning 2014 ops now.
- FAA signs MOU with Canada CAA to permit UAS ops across Canada. This allows for possibility of trans-Arctic UAS flights.
- 11/1/13 FAA signs MOU with Iceland for UAS ops there (jointly w UAF).
- 11/7/13: Natl. Res. Council Canada coordinates w COTS UAS maker Bricam Flight Systems on a Civilian UAS program, standardizing on their TD-100 UAS to develop 'sense & avoid' and anti-icing technologies.

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 3/18/14: FAA Awards UAS grant to Rutgers University to develop UAS, currently used by the military, for civilian use.
 FAA plan is to take results from the project to Congress to create more concrete parameters for UAS system designs, with a goal to create reliable UAS that can be integrated into civilian airspace with communication capabilities and airworthiness standards as important factors for certification:

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d=47b42eea94&e=9bb7d5959c

This would address the issue that currently most FAA certified UAS are military, and standards are needed for certifying nonmilitary UAS, but the FAA doesn't itself alone want to draw up standards.

• 3/31/14: FAA announces bids for UAS Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems to be selected within the next year, for criteria, etc., see:

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Given they just selected 6 UAS Research Centers, unclear what exactly this is intended to be, although there was 'comment' that it was 'surprising' that Oklahoma's strong UAS program did not get accepted as a Research Center, so maybe this is a way to throw them some money...or...??? This is a hypothesis given a key CoE selection criteria of having "established a national UAS Air Transportation program," which U. Oklahoma has done. Will have to wait and see...

- 2/7/14: FAA announces that a contract has been let to <u>Unmanned Experts LLC</u> (UMEX) and <u>Solentus</u> to perform support services for UAS research within the FAA Office of Advanced Concepts & Technology Development for simulations at the NextGen Integration and Evaluation Capability (NIEC) lab to provide responses to various UAS in NAS scenarios (e.g., acceptability of control latency, level of workload, and timeliness of collision avoidance manoeuvre).
- This initial phase of work under this agreement is expected to be complete in April 2015.
- Keep in mind FAA has a goal of UAS incorporation into NAS by 2015. To some degree.

3/24/14: Thales Stratobus = half drone, half satellite.
 Prototype due in 5 years for surveillance, comms, public events, etc.. 70-100m long, 20-30m wide.

<u>https://www.thalesgroup.com/en/worldwide/space/case-study/stratobus-</u> <u>halfway-between-drone-and-satellite</u>



3/12/14: Singular Aircraft Co. successfully demos floating UAS: <u>http://uasvision.us2.list-</u> <u>manage1.com/track/click?u=a32b39b68dd99ad58d8db5aca&id=7d61f480f8&e=9b</u> <u>b7d5959c</u>



Google-X buys Titan Aerospace to develop HALE (Hi-Altitude, Long Endurance) Solar UAS to act as 'satellite' to bring Internet to the 'Unserved' will provide useful info for USCG as well . Details still TBD.



 2/10/14: Queensland Univ. Technol. (Brisbane), working w/ Boeing, develops 1st successful onboard UAS "Sense & Avoid" system under direction of Duncan Campbell:

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• Stanford invited Campbell as Distinguished Lecturer to discuss this



 2/24/14: Horizon Energy Singapore & Israeli co. announce first ultra-light H2 fuel cell for UAS..COTS used on BLUEBIRD UAS (see pix below):

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 2/25/14: Pletek Consulting (UK) develops radar that can track small, slow-moving UAS, and distinguish that & birds, etc.:

http://www.uasvision.com/2014/02/25/new-radar-technology-detects-smalluas/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=79832e96 37-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_term=0_799756aeb7-79832e9637-297552653



USCG PACAREA UAS/Aircraft Ops, 1933: ADM Byrd w/ CGC BEAR in Ross Sea, Antarctica w/ PEP Boys Gyrocopter

