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National UAS Training and Certification Center
The Emerging Unmanned Aerial Systems Industry



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Today's Agenda

- The Importance of Civil UAS
- Sinclair UAS Background and Vision
- Small UAS and Airspace Examples
- Leading Civil UAS Applications
- Curriculum and Training
- Modeling and Simulation
- Public Outreach and Education
- Overview of FAA UAS Policy
- High Altitude UAS Concepts
- Summary and Questions



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The Importance of Civil UAS





UAS Economic Impact

- AUVSI's March 2013 study, *Economic Impact of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Integration in the United States*, stated:
 - More than \$13.6 billion economic impact between 2015 and 2018 growing to more than \$82.1 billion over 10 years
 - Integration will create more than 24,000 manufacturing jobs and more than 70,000 new jobs between 2015 and 2018



Career Opportunities

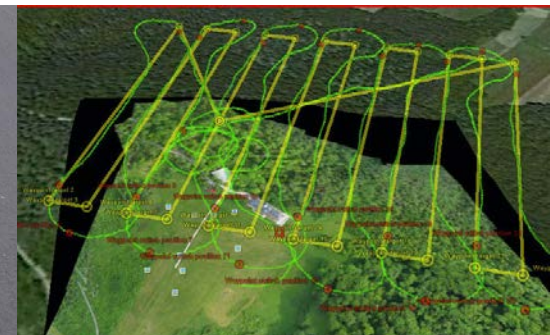
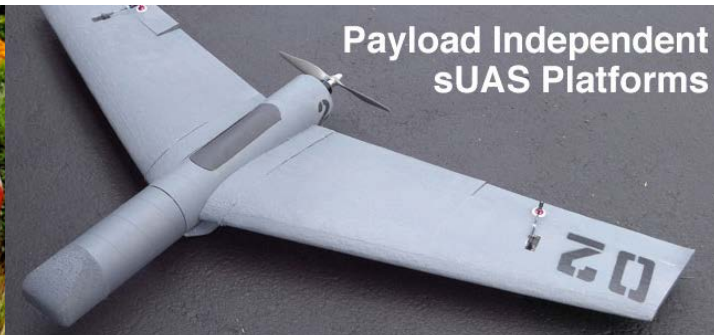
- Example careers in UAS include:
 - Pilots
 - Observers (ground-based or airborne)
 - Sensor and/or payload operators
 - Mission Planners
 - Engineers
 - Technicians (maintenance, electronics, IT, etc)
 - Manufacturers
 - Data Analysts
- Larger and more complex systems will require more personnel and separate job categories than smaller and simpler systems





Why Develop UAS?

- Three D's of unmanned aircraft:
 - Dangerous
 - Environments that could risk a crew's life
 - Dirty
 - Chemical, biological, or radioactive contamination
 - Dull
 - Long hours or stressful assignments





Industry Emergence and Evolution

- Early entry involves investment and risk but supports industry alignment
- Constant updates are needed to assure programs are directionally correct in an evolving market
- Action must be taken rather than waiting until the UAS civil industry fully forms
- Leveraging existing resources and development of partnerships are vital
- Linkages must be made between emerging applications and future jobs



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Sinclair UAS Background and Vision





Sinclair's UAS Vision

- Create a National Center for UAS Training and Certification at Sinclair Community College
 - Establish a national leadership position in Workforce Development and Training to support the growing UAS market
 - Align with the state/region's UAS strategy being driven by the Dayton Development Coalition, the State of Ohio, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 - A partnership approach with leaders in the UAS market, including
 - Industry
 - Government
 - Academia



Sinclair UAS Strategic Framework

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AIRSPACE

CURRICULUM

**MODELING &
SIMULATION**

Data Analytics



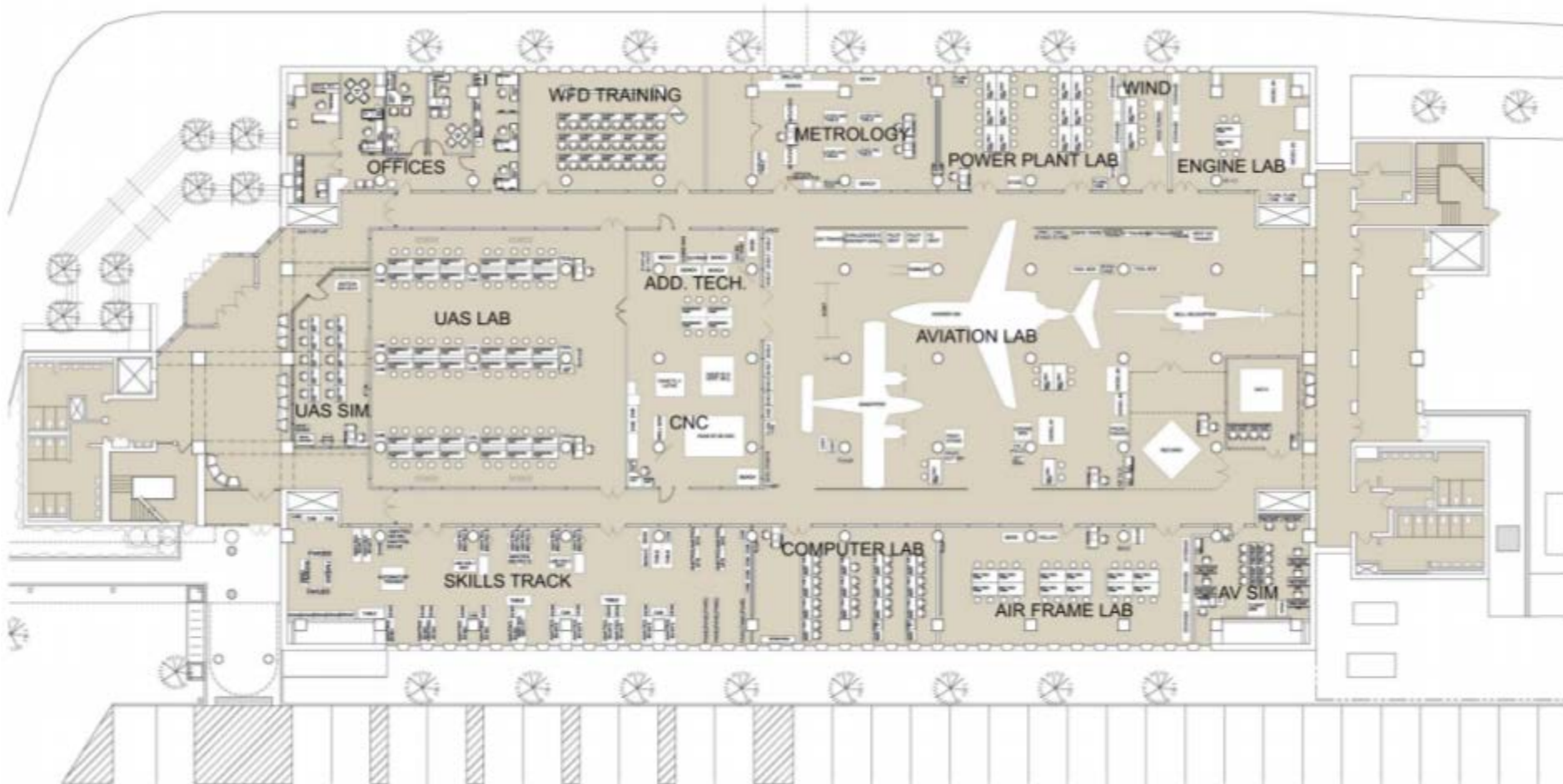
Sinclair UAS Strategic Commitment

- The Sinclair Board approved a \$1.4M investment in May 2013 to support the continued expansion of the UAS programs
- Total internal Sinclair investment to date > \$8M
- Over \$4M of state UAS capital funding awarded to Sinclair

| Phase I: 2009-12 | Phase II: 2013-16 | Phase III: 2017-22 | Phase IV: 2023+ |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Early Market Positioning and Industry Alignment | Strategic Investment to Ensure Leadership Position | Scale and Growth | Sustaining the Vision |



Sinclair UAS Center Floor Plan





UAS Indoor Flying Pavilion



Looking northeast in the Parking Lot



Looking south inside the Flying Pavilion



Looking southeast on Fifth Street



Aerial looking southeast



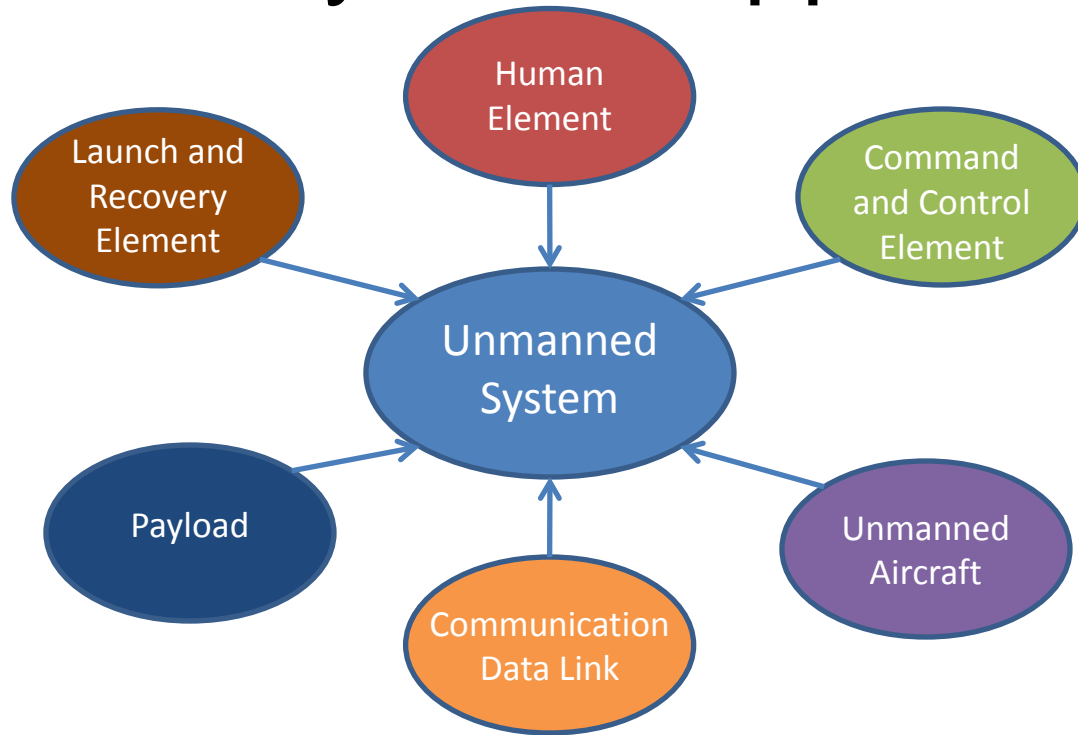
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Small UAS and Airspace Examples





Sinclair's Systems Approach to UAS



Examples from Sinclair's UAS Fleet





Fixed Wing – Sentera Vireo/Phoenix

- Carries EO/IR video and multispectral imaging payloads
- Delivers actionable data via data link to ground station
- Electrically powered
- Ultra-portable, single person operation
- Hand launched/autonomous landing
- Operates in winds up to 30+ mph
- Low operating and sustainment costs



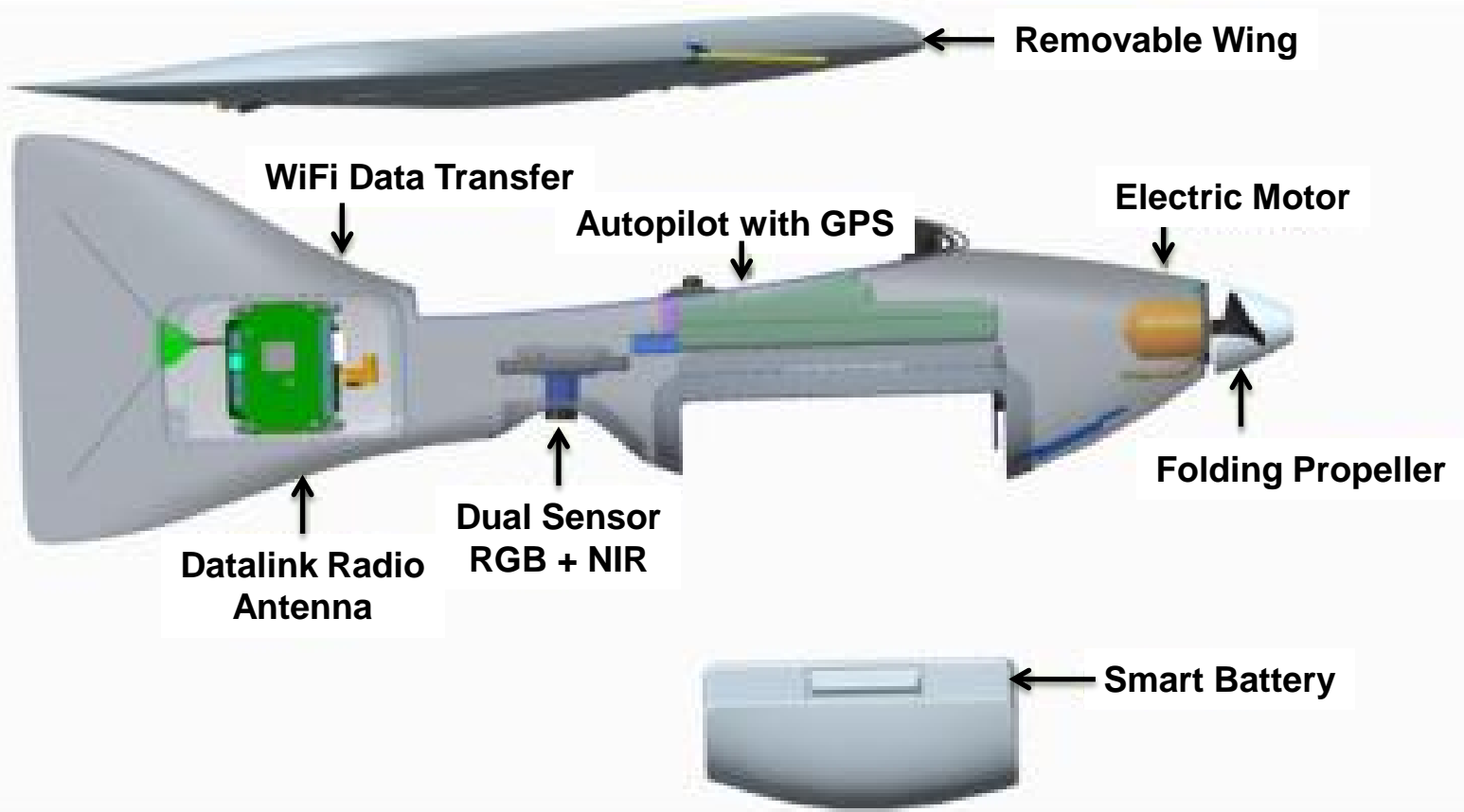


Vireo/Phoenix – Specifications

- Endurance: Up to 1.0 hour typical
- Gross Takeoff Weight: 3.1 lbs. (1.4 kg)
- Typical Operating Altitude: 200-400 ft
- Payload: .45 lbs.
- Cruise Speed: 35 mph
- Dash Speed: 46 mph
- Wingspan: 38 inches (96cm)
- Durability: 75 flights MTBR (Mean Time Between Repairs)



Vireo/Phoenix – Aircraft Components





VTOL – Lockheed Martin Indago

- Compact folding design
- Digital IP data link (video & comm.)
- Vision-aided guidance
- Quiet, rugged, all-weather
- Extended hover capabilities
- Hand launched, autonomous landing
- Ultra-portable, single person operation
- Low operating and sustainment costs
- Hand controller and/or full 3D GCS



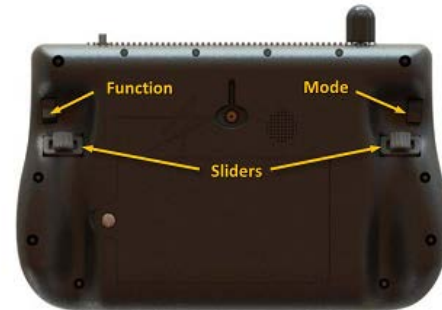
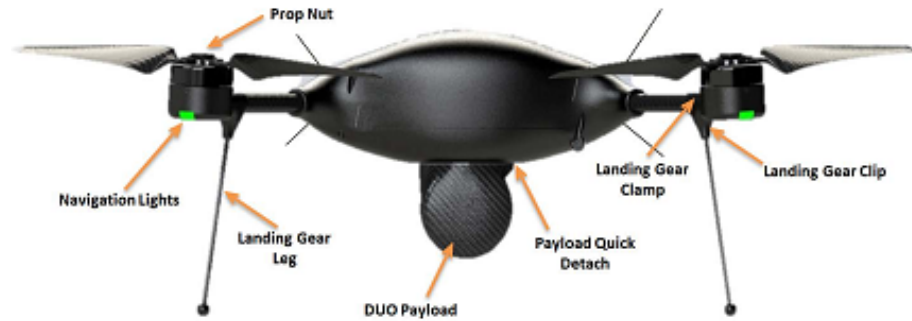
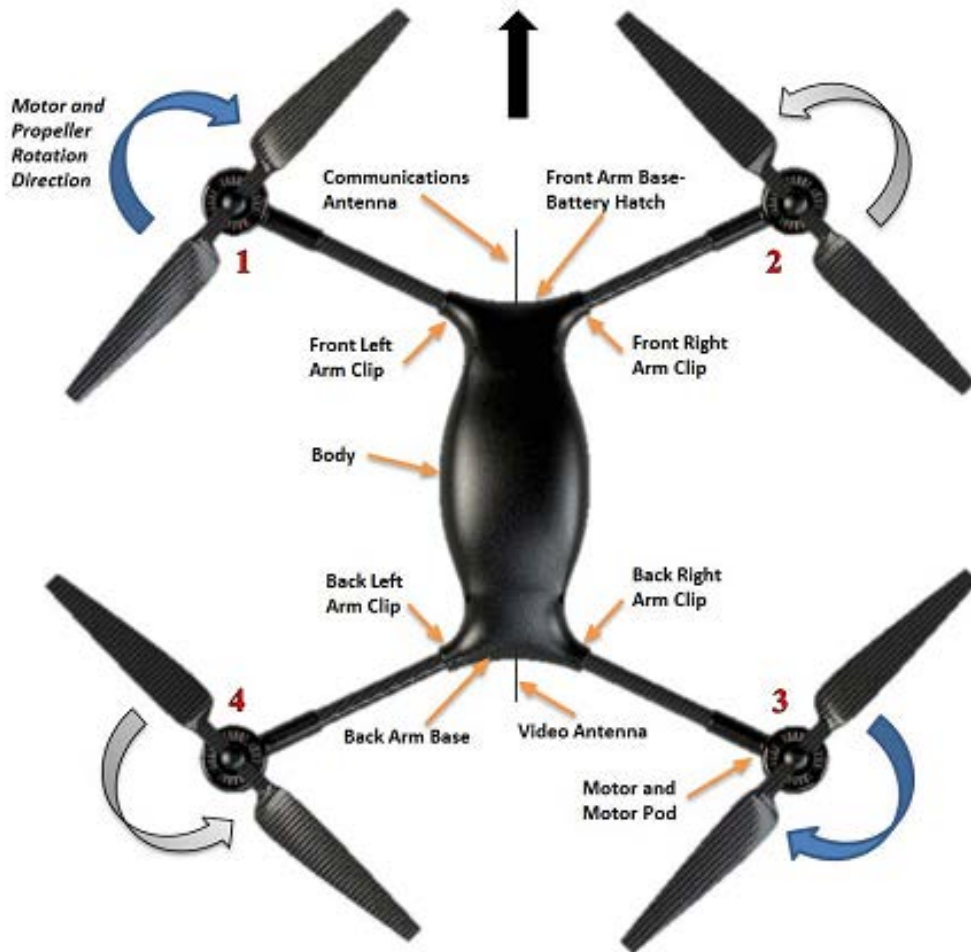


Indago - Specifications

- Endurance: 45-50 minutes
- Weight: 5 lbs.
- Typical Operating Altitude: 10-400 ft
- Payload: Dual Band Sensor
- Cruise Speed: 0-30 mph
- Dash Speed: 45 mph
- Dimensions(L x W x H):
 - Open: 32x32x7 inches
 - Folded: 12x9x6 inches



Indago – Aircraft Components





Airspace Access

Wilmington COAs and Section 333 Waiver



Expanded Springfield COAs





Airspace Access

OSU Don Scott Airport COA



NCMR COA





Airspace Access

Miami-Oxford Airport COA



KOXD Mode C Transponder Veil





UAS Indoor Flight Range





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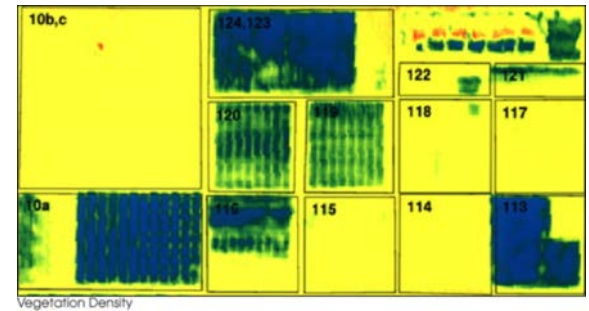
Leading Civil UAS Applications

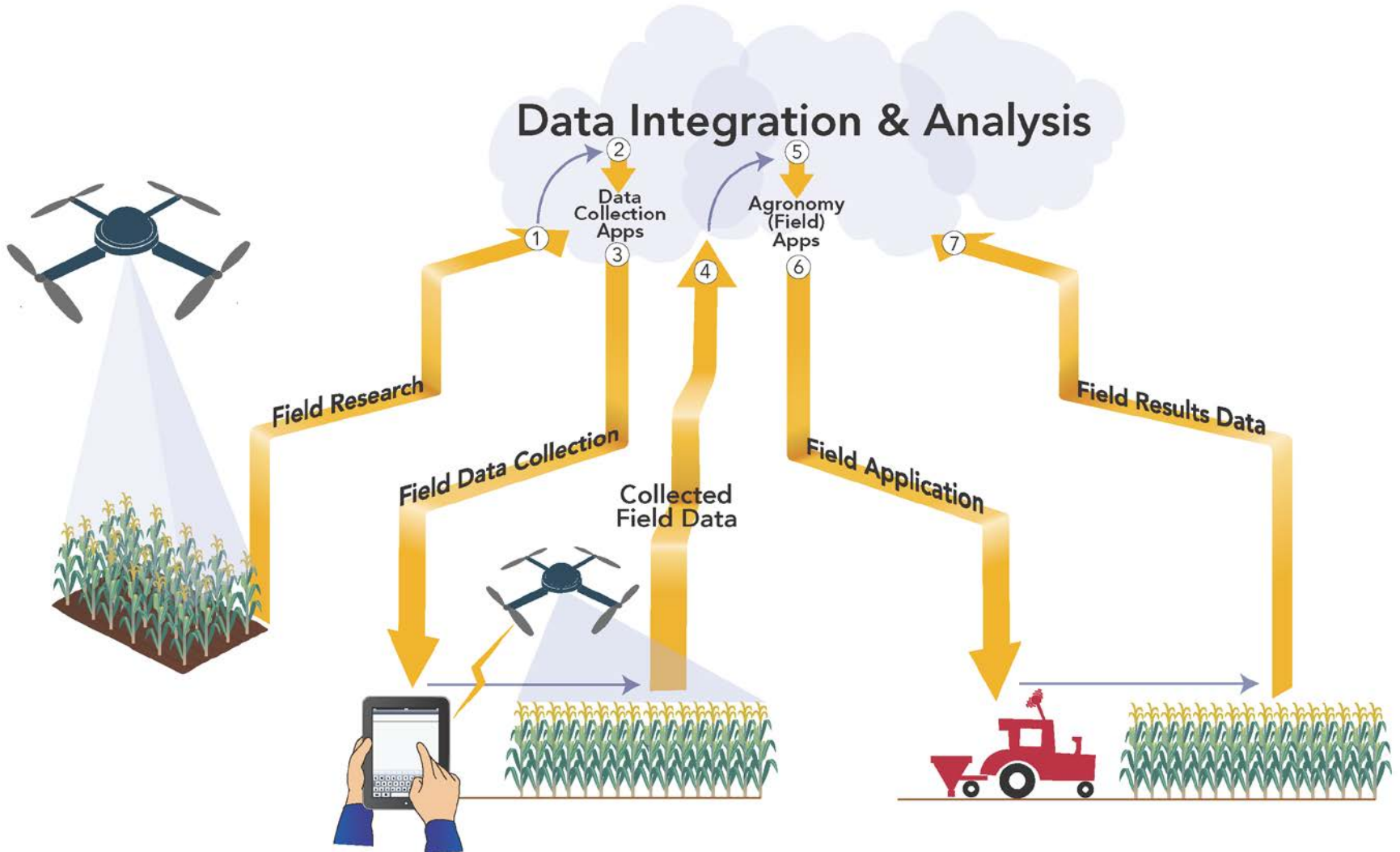


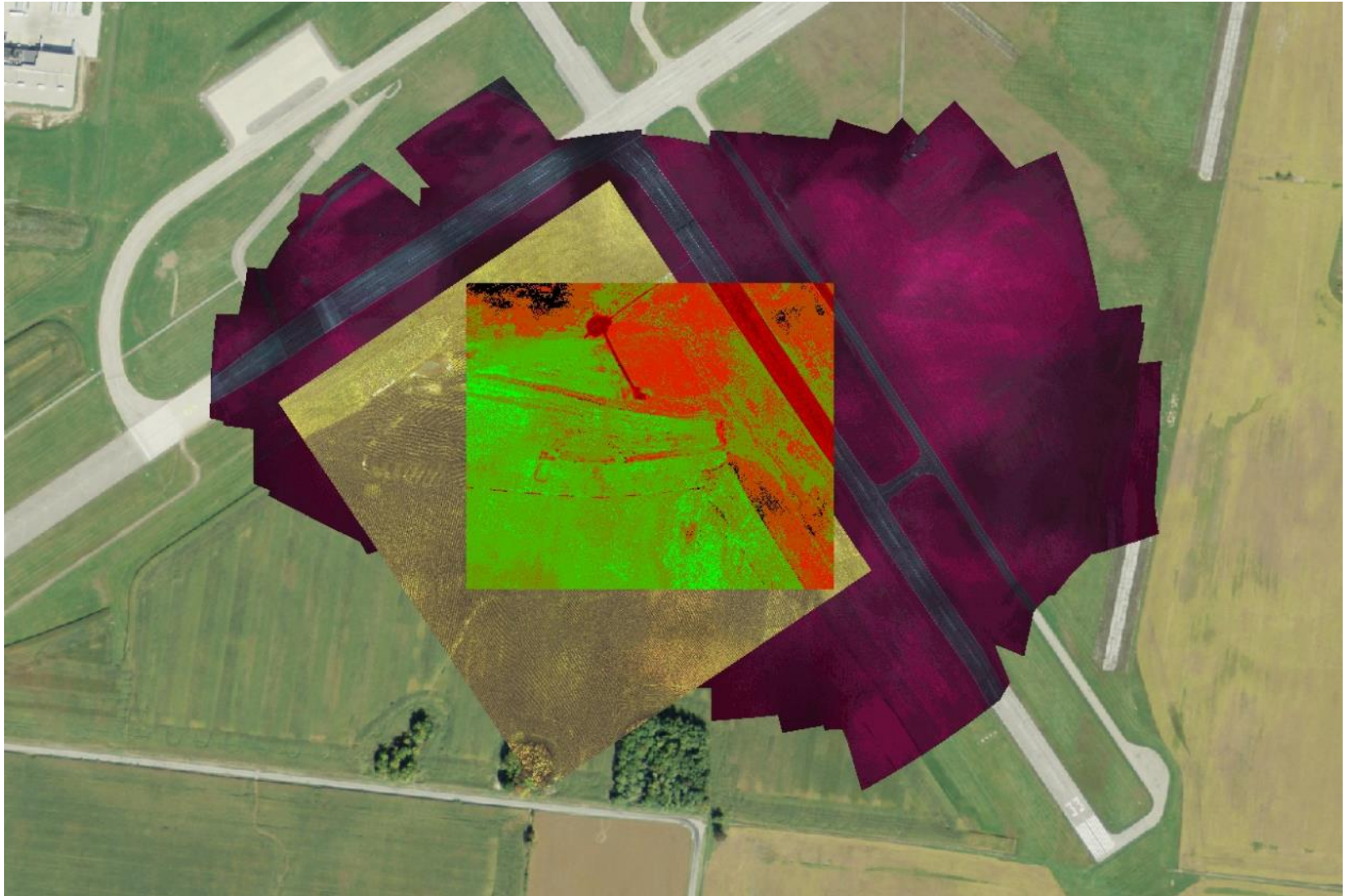


Civil and Commercial Applications

- Precision Agriculture
 - 80% of projected civil UAS operation
 - Blight and Infestation Monitoring
 - Irrigation
 - Harvest Readiness
- First Responder Leadership
 - Operations are already allowed by waiver
 - Disaster Damage/Scene Assessment
 - Emergency Response and Awareness
 - Search and Rescue
- Geospatial Information
 - National commercial applicability
 - Mapping
 - Infrastructure
 - Natural Resources





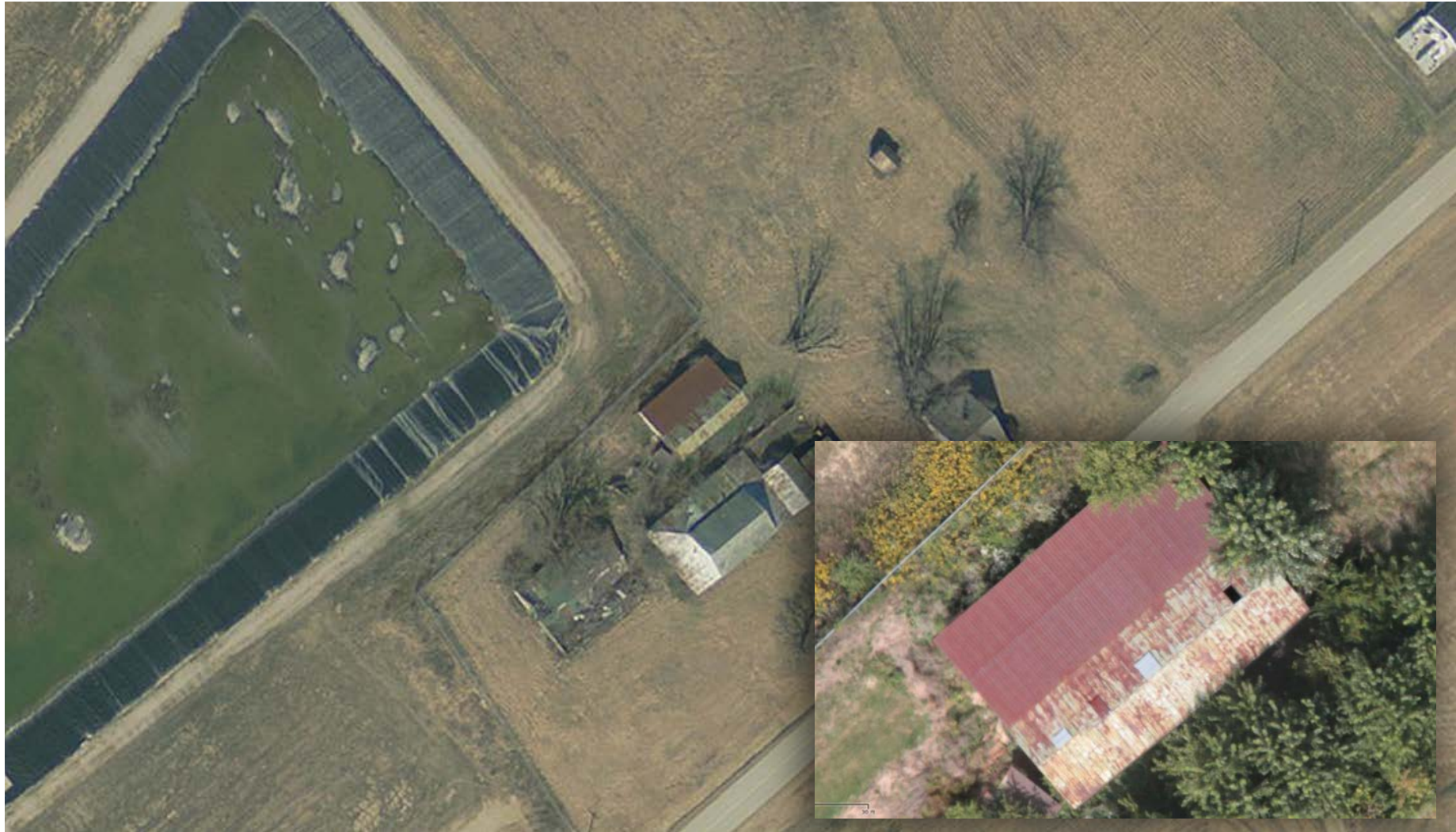


Multispectral Image Collected with Sinclair's Vireo Highlighting Precision Agriculture Applications at Springfield-Beckley Airport





Video Screenshot Collected with the Sinclair Vireo Highlighting how First Responders can use UAS to Gain Situational Awareness



High Resolution Imagery Collected with Sinclair's Nova Block III Highlighting Geospatial and Mapping Applications



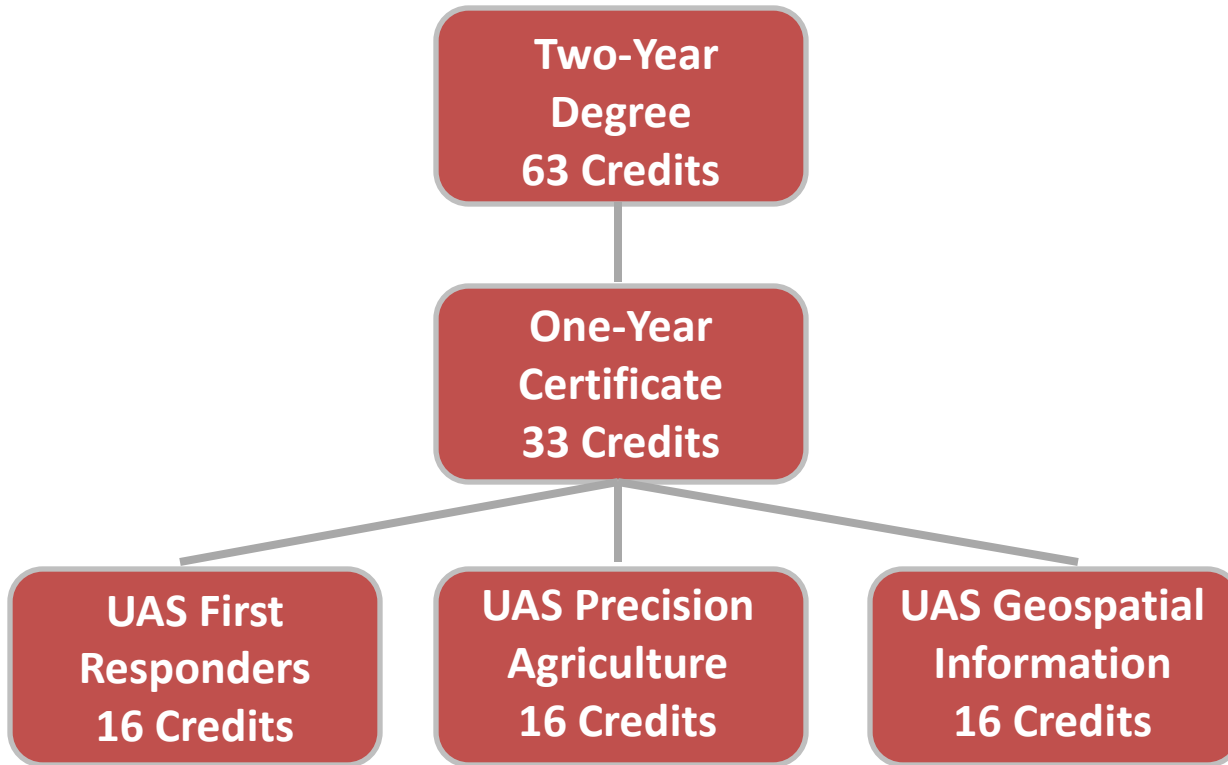
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Curriculum and Training





Curriculum - Academic Programs





Curriculum - Workforce Training

| Topic | Format(s) | Duration |
|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| Introduction to UAS | In-Person/Online | 1 day/3 wks |
| Precision Agriculture for UAS | In-Person/Online | 1 day/3 wks |
| Current State of UAS Standards and Regulations | In-Person/Online | 1 day/3 wks |
| UAS and the Law | In-Person/Online | 1 day/3 wks |
| Geospatial Information for UAS | In-Person/Online | 2 days/5 wks |
| UAS for First Responder Leadership | In-Person/Online | 2 days/5 wks |
| COA Smart | In-Person/Online | 2 days/5 wks |
| Airworthiness | In-Person | 2 days |
| UAS Platform Training | | |
| Altavian – Nova Block III (OEM training provider) | Blended | 5 wks online & 8 days onsite |
| FourthWing - Vireo | Blended | 5 wks online & 4 days onsite |
| Custom Courses and Consulting | | |



OEM Training Partnerships

OEM ORIGINAL
EQUIPMENT
MANUFACTURER

Training for Altavian Nova Block III
UAS and Sensor Package





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Modeling and Simulation





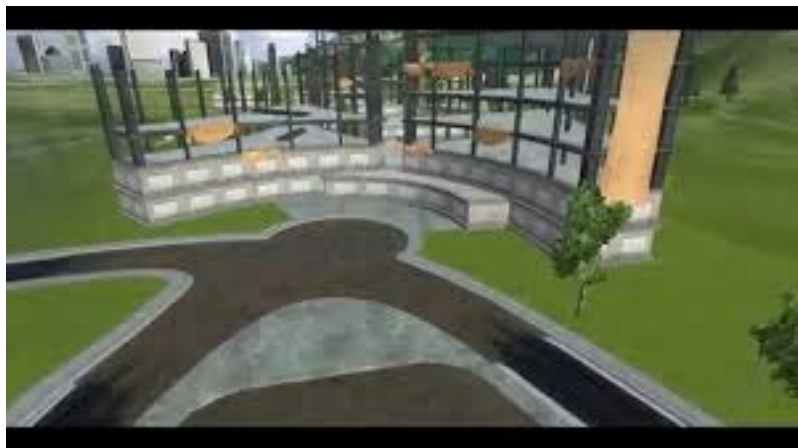
RealFlight 7.5 – Pre-Flight Lab



Flight Controls



Multiple Small UAS Types



First Person View



Multiple Small UAS Types



L3 Simulation and AFRL EPA



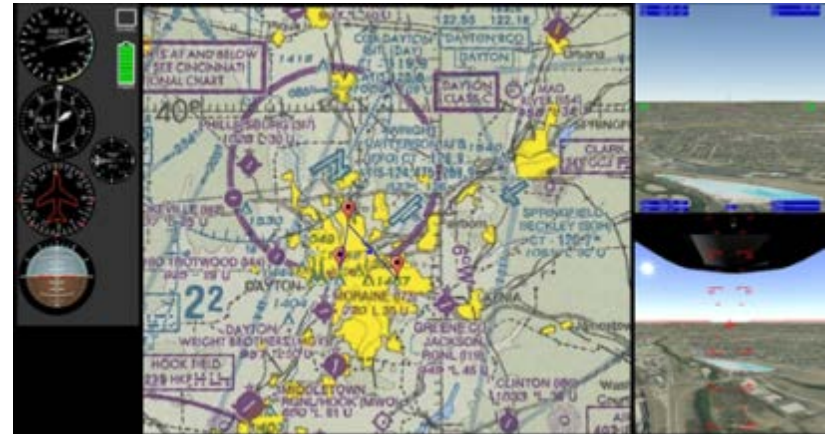
Crew Station



UAS Simulation Lab



Sensor Operator View



Pilot Operator View



Modeling and Simulation Efforts In Progress

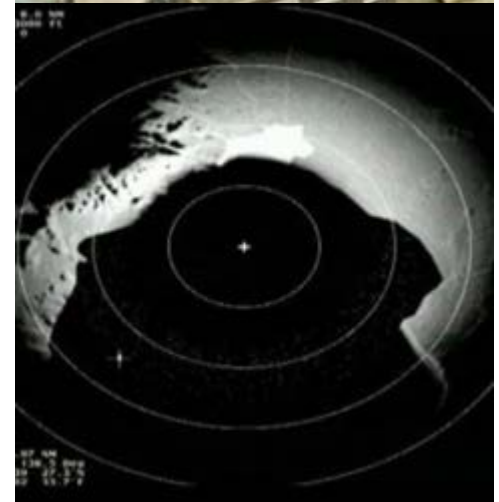
- AFRL collaboration focused on modular game-based simulation for research and training
- Aegis - Vampire
 - Addition of an instructor and 5 student workstations including new Toughbook PCs and ground control stations
 - Includes scenario development and student assessment capabilities





Modeling and Simulation Efforts In Progress

- Simlat – IMPACT
 - Addition of an instructor and 5 student workstations leveraging existing L3 station hardware
 - Ability to connect to existing Sinclair UAS ground control stations
 - Incorporates the PANEL scenario management and student assessment module
 - Incorporates a Synthetic Aperture Radar simulation module





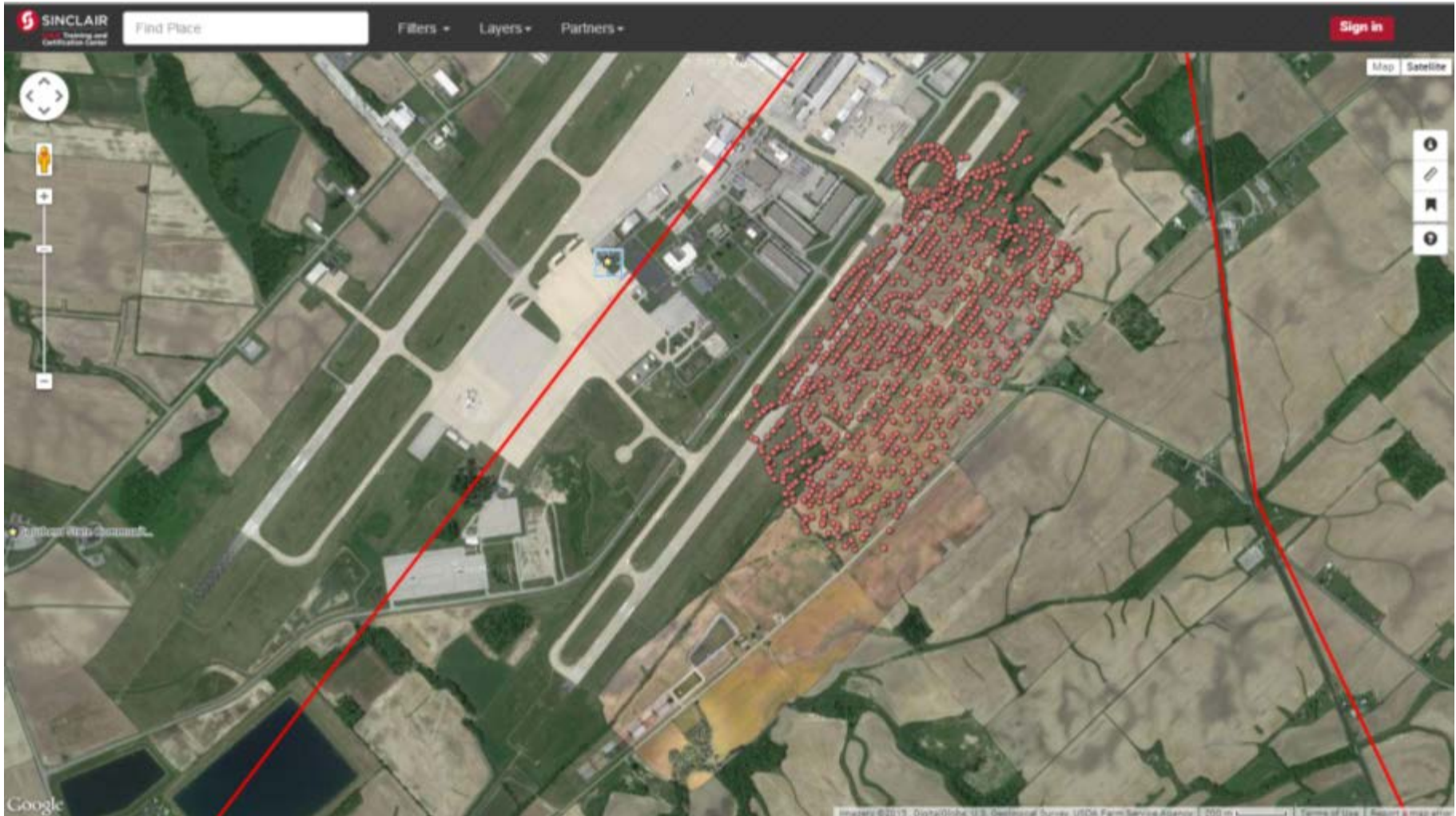
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Public Outreach and Education





Sinclair Google Maps Data Portal





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Overview of FAA UAS Policy





Current Model Aircraft Operations

- The FAA strongly suggests that recreational operators
 - Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles
 - Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times
 - Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations
 - Don't fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying
 - Don't fly near people or stadiums
 - Don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs
 - Don't be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft – you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft



Airworthiness, Section 333s, COAs

- FAA issued airworthiness certificates
 - Standard Airworthiness Certificate
 - Special or Experimental Airworthiness Certificates
- Certificates of Authorization
 - Public operators
- Section 333 Exemptions
 - Commercial operators
 - COAs are still required under 333 Exemptions



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Operational Limitations
 - Unmanned aircraft must weigh less than 55 lbs. (25 kg)
 - Visual line-of-sight (VLOS) only; the unmanned aircraft must remain within VLOS of the operator or visual observer
 - At all times the small unmanned aircraft must remain close enough to the operator for the operator to be capable of seeing the aircraft with vision unaided by any device other than corrective lenses
 - Small unmanned aircraft may not operate over any persons not directly involved in the operation
 - Daylight-only operations (official sunrise to official sunset, local time)
 - Must yield right-of-way to other aircraft, manned or unmanned
 - May use visual observer (VO) but not required



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Operational Limitations (Cont.)
 - First-person view camera cannot satisfy “see-and-avoid” requirement but can be used as long as requirement is satisfied in other ways
 - Maximum airspeed of 100 mph (87 knots)
 - Maximum altitude of 500 feet above ground level
 - Minimum weather visibility of 3 miles from control station
 - No operations are allowed in Class A (18,000 feet & above) airspace
 - Operations in Class B, C, D and E airspace are allowed with the required ATC permission
 - Operations in Class G airspace are allowed without ATC permission
 - No person may act as an operator or VO for more than one unmanned aircraft operation at one time



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Operational Limitations (Cont)
 - No careless or reckless operations
 - Requires preflight inspection by the operator
 - A person may not operate a small unmanned aircraft if he or she knows or has reason to know of any physical or mental condition that would interfere with the safe operation of a small UAS
 - Proposes a microUAS option that would allow operations in Class G airspace, over people not involved in the operation, provided the operator certifies he or she has the requisite aeronautical knowledge to perform the operation



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Operator Certification and Responsibilities
 - Pilots of a small UAS would be considered “operators”
 - Operator Certification and Responsibilities
 - Operators would be required to
 - Pass an initial aeronautical knowledge test at an FAA-approved knowledge testing center
 - Be vetted by the Transportation Security Administration
 - Obtain an unmanned aircraft operator certificate with a small UAS rating (like existing pilot airman certificates, never expires)
 - Pass a recurrent aeronautical knowledge test every 24 months
 - Be at least 17 years old



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Operators would be required to (Cont.)
 - Make available to the FAA, upon request, the small UAS for inspection or testing, and any associated documents/records required to be kept under the proposed rule
 - Report an accident to the FAA within 10 days of any operation that results in injury or property damage
 - Conduct a preflight inspection, to include specific aircraft and control station systems checks, to ensure the small UAS is safe for operation



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Aircraft Requirements
 - FAA airworthiness certification not required
 - However, operator must maintain a small UAS in condition for safe operation and prior to flight must inspect the UAS to ensure that it is in a condition for safe operation
 - Aircraft Registration required (same requirements that apply to all other aircraft).
 - Aircraft markings required (same requirements that apply to all other aircraft)
 - If aircraft is too small to display markings in standard size, then the aircraft simply needs to display markings in the largest practicable manner



FAA sUAS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Model Aircraft
 - Proposed rule would not apply to model aircraft that satisfy all of the criteria specified in Section 336 of Public Law 112-95
 - The proposed rule would codify the FAA's enforcement authority in part 101 by prohibiting model aircraft operators from endangering the safety of the NAS



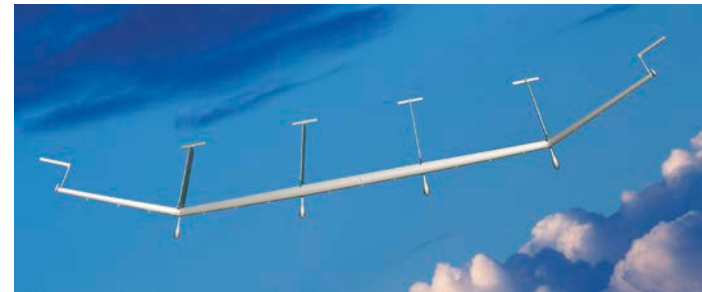
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High Altitude UAS Concepts





Example High Altitude UAS





Summary and Questions





In Summary

- The UAS industry is rapidly growing enabled by advances in technology, broader public acceptance, and regulatory development
- Many opportunities exist for collaborations between those in established industries and civil UAS research and commercialization efforts
- Developing the next generation of the UAS workforce and researchers is vital for civil UAS to reach its full potential



Questions

