

About INCAS



INCAS-National Institute for Aerospace Research is the leading research establishment for aeronautics in Romania, with more than 50 years of experience in aerospace design, experimental aerodynamics and numerical methods for applied flow physics.

INCAS is the leading design authority for all major Romanian projects in aeronautics developed national level (e.g. IAR-93, IAR-99, IAR-705) and international developments, making usage of an important experimental platform (wind tunnels), acting in an integrated environment with partners from academia and industry.

As research establishment, INCAS mission is to offer dedicated R&D services to aerospace community: our offering ranges from basic research in flow physics, outsourcing of advanced engineering activities up to longterm R&D partnership for new concepts in aeronautics.

■ INCAS expertise in aeronautics

- Main design authority and system integrator
- Aerodynamic design
- Experimental wind tunnel validation
- Global performance analysis
- Structural design and analysis
- New materials and technologies in aeronautics.

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■ INCAS at Paris Air Show 2009

ROMANIA Stand: Hall 6 B6

INCAS will participate at Le Bourget Paris Air Show 2009 together with traditional partners from Romanian aeronautical industry.

Please visit us at Romania stand, Hall-6/B6, where our representative will present our last technical developments within our different R&T departments.

■ INCAS research infrastructure

INCAS - National Institute of Aerospace Research "ELIE CARAFOLI" is the only company in Romania with dedicated research infrastructure for basic research in applied aerodynamics and associated technologies.

■ INCAS Supersonic Wind Tunnel

The supersonic wind tunnel at INCAS is a blowdown wind tunnel with a $1.2m \ge 1.2m$ test section, capable of a Mach range numbers from as low as 0.1 up to Mach 3.5, with a unity Reynolds number up to 100 millions. This

interchangeable facility has an porous transonic test section with variable porosity from 0.01% up to 9% and 780 mm schlieren windows. State of the art data acquisition system and new investigation capabilities (CTS system and PIV) are under constant development. In this facility several important Romanian aeronautical projects have been performed, from military IAR-93 combat and IAR-99 trainer, air-to-air missiles and UAV systems, to civil aviation programs IAR-705 and ROMBAC (BAC 1-11).





INCAS Subsonic Wind Tunnel



INCAS subsonic wind tunnel is a traditional atmospheric pressure continuous type facility with а maximum speed of 110 m/s and usual Reynolds number up to 1.5 million. This traditional type facility is very well equipped with а T.E.M. 6 component

pyramidal type balance, state of the art data acquisition systems and laser visualization systems. It is the ideal facility for all major projects in aeronautics, from basic tests for configuration assessment (take-off and landing) to the validation of high lift low noise concepts in greening the air transport of the future.

Materials and Tribology Laboratory

The main activities are related to the creation of the advanced materials, multilayer, obtained by high technologies with application in aeronautic



industry. In the last years, the lab has developed a quick thermal shock installation, with unique capabilities for quick thermal shock testing according with functional thermal condition. The QTS2 quick thermal shock installation was designed by INCAS, with testing temperature of 1500°C, specimen heating/cooling speed – max 100°C/sec. The lab is also involved in thermo mechanical and tribological characterization of two advanced materials: C-C composites mesophasic matrix with nanotubes fillers and fibre/metal type ARALL and GLARE.

Systems Analysis Laboratory



Research activities within the laboratory deal with theoretical and applied aspects in the field of

analysis, synthesis, and qualification testing and flight clearance for aircraft and helicopters hydraulic servomechanisms. The laboratory is directly involved in all Romanian aviation projects, including IAR93 and IAR99 military jets, Puma and Allouette helicopters and Romanian flight simulators projects.

Recent research areas concern analysis and synthesis of active, pseudoactive and semiactive control systems, antiwindup and antichattering control synthesis, mechatronic electrohydraulic systems, neural networks adaptive control, applied control synthesis. Smart structures and electrohydraulic servoactuators analysis, stability and synthesis - a postmodern topic and, respectively, a classical topic - cover a significant part of the laboratory scientific interest and competitiveness.

Major National Projects

■ INCAS is leading AeroTAXI project



AeroTAXI is a project for a 12 pax subcommuter scale twin engine aircraft (CS-23) as main vector for a next generation of air transportation system at regional scale. This project, founded by national R&D program, is a cooperation with Romanian major establishments INAv, AVIOANE Craiova and University Politehnica Bucharest and is now in the phase of delivering a specimen for fatigue test.



Advanced techniques for structural analysis

INCAS, as main design authority for IAR-99 Soim Romanian trainer



is continuing the development of advanced tools for structural analysis using parametric

geometrical modeling. This project is a partnership INAS Craiova addressing advanced CAD/FEM and CAM techniques applicable to military products under INCAS design authority



Participation to the JTI "Clean Sky"



Following the process of selection of

Associate Partners to the JTI "Clean Sky", INCAS Consortium (INCAS, STRAERO, AVIOANE Craiova and ROMAERO Bucharest) is participating to the following platforms:

- SFWA Smart Fixed Wing Aircraft
- GRA Green Regional Aircraft (in a consortium lead by CIRA)

This participation to the JTI is highly supported by Romanian authorities and is considered as a major step towards integrating R&D and industrial capabilities at EU level in aeronautics

Participation in EU projects



INCAS participation in EU projects started in FP5 with relative limited involvement. From FP6, INCAS has

increased his international visibility and currently is involved in several STREPs and one IP as follows:

- CESAR Cost Effective Small Aircraft, IP
- **UFAST** Unsteady Effects in Shock Wave Induced Separation, STREP
- AVERT Aerodynamic Validation of Emission Reducing Technologies, STREP

At the same time, INCAS is participating to several important support actions in FP7:

- AeroPortal (AeroSME & SCRATCH projects)
- CEARES (SSA CA project in FP7)
- RESTARTS (SSA CA project in FP7)

INCAS is also participating in other activities supported by EU instruments; we are **SCRATCH** members and active participants to **AirTN** and **ERA-NET**, together with ROSA – Romanian Space Agency.

■ INCAS Conceptual Design Capabilities



As system integrator, INCAS has been very interested to preserve unique capabilities for conceptual design for complex aeronautical products. This activity was considered as an integration phase with traditional industrial partners and the main beneficiary for new developments. Current capabilities enable INCAS to achieve important efficiency in MDO and to address complex projects for aeronautical industry.

INCAS High Performance Computing Capabilities

INCAS has developed through the years a broad range of inhouse codes for

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applications in flow physics, structural analysis and dynamics of systems. Current state of the art tools and methods have been integrated in a global virtual simulation environment, based on emerging Grid technology, taking advantage of heterogeneous delocated resources. At the same time INCAS has been active in cluster computing and extensions towards affordable HPC architectures. Current capabilities in CFD and CAA enable INCAS to perform complex simulations for most complex phenomena in aeronautics.

CNTAR – SATS in Romania



INCAS has initiated in Romania a SATS project, taking into account specific interactions in the region. This project is based on a new concept for regional a transportation system, where a new generation of CS-23 aircrafts is used on a ground infrastructure

that is under used or can be organized with maximum efficiency. The AeroTAXI subcommuter scale aircraft (12 pax.) under development at INCAS is the target vector for the system. Pilot studies and exploitation tests for a door-to-door transportation system have already been performed in a national project, where partners from Romanian Aeroclub and industry have provided necessary support. The project is intended as a major initiative for a regional development plan based on existing needs for mobility in the region.

Active Flow Control for High Lift Systems – AVERT Project



This work is in progress as part of INCAS contribution to AVERT EU FP6 project. A high-lift wind tunnel model has been manufactured and equipped with TU Berlin actuators, selected for the application of oscillatory blowing in the flap gap. A number of test cases with different slot and blowing parameters were initially investigated numerically for wind tunnel condition and various settings for blowing angles and slot widths.



AVERT results will be used for JTI Smart Fixed Wing ITD for further development of active flow control on high lift systems.

Buffeting Alleviation using Synthetic Jets

The aim of the project is to gain a better understanding of the flow physics of SWBLI, especially for the turbulence physics, and then to use this for active control for buffeting. This work is part of UFAST EU FP6 project.



Controls used in wind tunnel experiment are custom made SJ actuators, surface mounted and operated as either single units or arrays. Experiments are focused on large-scale flow characterization, including the investigation of spanwise coherence and the unsteady aspects of the complex fluidic interaction between the shock wave, boundary layers and the actuators. SJ actuators proved to have beneficial effect for buffeting alleviation.

INCAS News

INCAS is EREA associate member

Starting from year 2006 INCAS EREA associated has become member. EREA is a major contributor European to aeronautical research (higher annual budget than the budget in the Framework Programme). As part of this important association, INCAS will try to achieve higher international visibility and to extend international partnerships. INCAS participation to EREA is currently orientated towards ARG group.

■ INCAS participation to ACARE

2007 Starting from year Romania has nominated as ACARE member a representant of INCAS. This nominalization is a recognition of the role and influence INCAS has inside Romanian aerospace community and is a chance for higher visibility of existing national and capabilities stronger representation of national aeronautical interests at EU level.

■ INCAS expert in PC7 -Transport

A specialist from INCAS has been nominated as national expert in PC7 - Transport in order to represent current integration of Romanian interests in transport sector (including aeronautics) with respect to R&D policy. Harmonization of Romanian national R&D program with the major strategic objectives of EU research and innovation policy is a key element of national strategy for EU integration.



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