

**Group 5**

**Enhanced Agility of MAV's Using  
Adaptive Structures**

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# Introduction

## Motivation:

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) operating limitations

## Project Focus:

- Implementation and Testing of adaptive structures in Micro-Air Vehicle (MAV)



Figure 1: [http://www.skilluminati.com/research/try/there\\_is\\_only\\_one\\_war\\_and\\_it\\_is\\_a\\_class\\_war/](http://www.skilluminati.com/research/try/there_is_only_one_war_and_it_is_a_class_war/)



Figure 2: <http://defense-update.com/products/p/predator.htm>



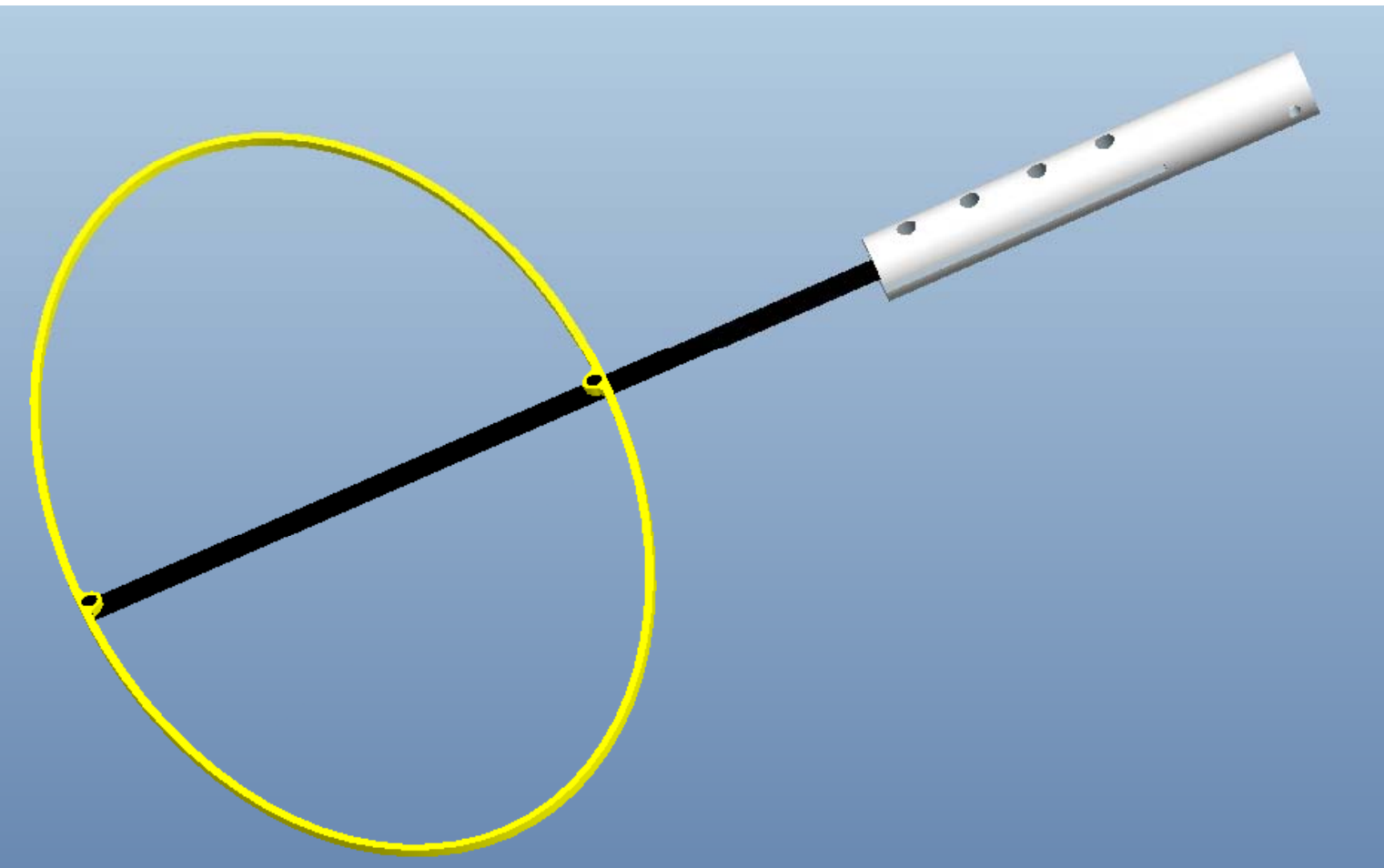
# Introduction

## Project Specifications:

- Compatible with test equipment
- Reconfigurable
- Operating Range:  $Re < 10^5$
- Largest Airfoil Dimension:  $\leq 20$  cm



# Design Concept



# Design Concept: Elliptical Wing

## Ellipse

- Major Axis: 20cm
- Minor Axis: 10cm
- 1/16" thickness

## Material:

- Aluminum

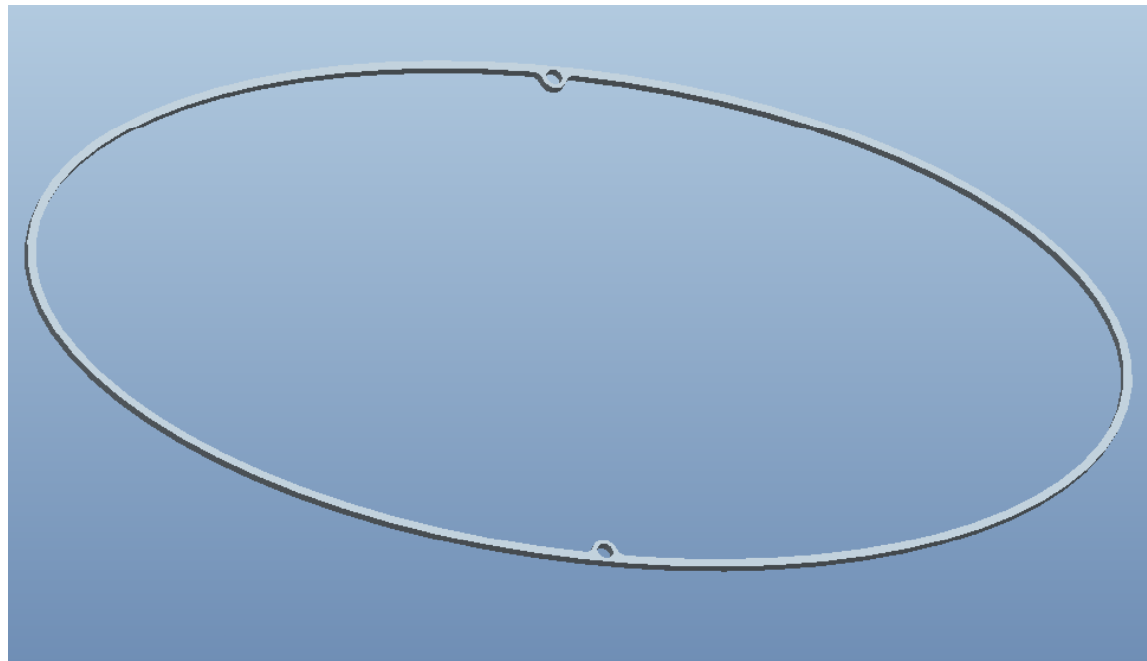


Figure 4: Elliptical Wing



# Design Concept: Frame Connector

Minimal Affect on  
Flow

Press Fit

Non-conductive

Zero Delfection

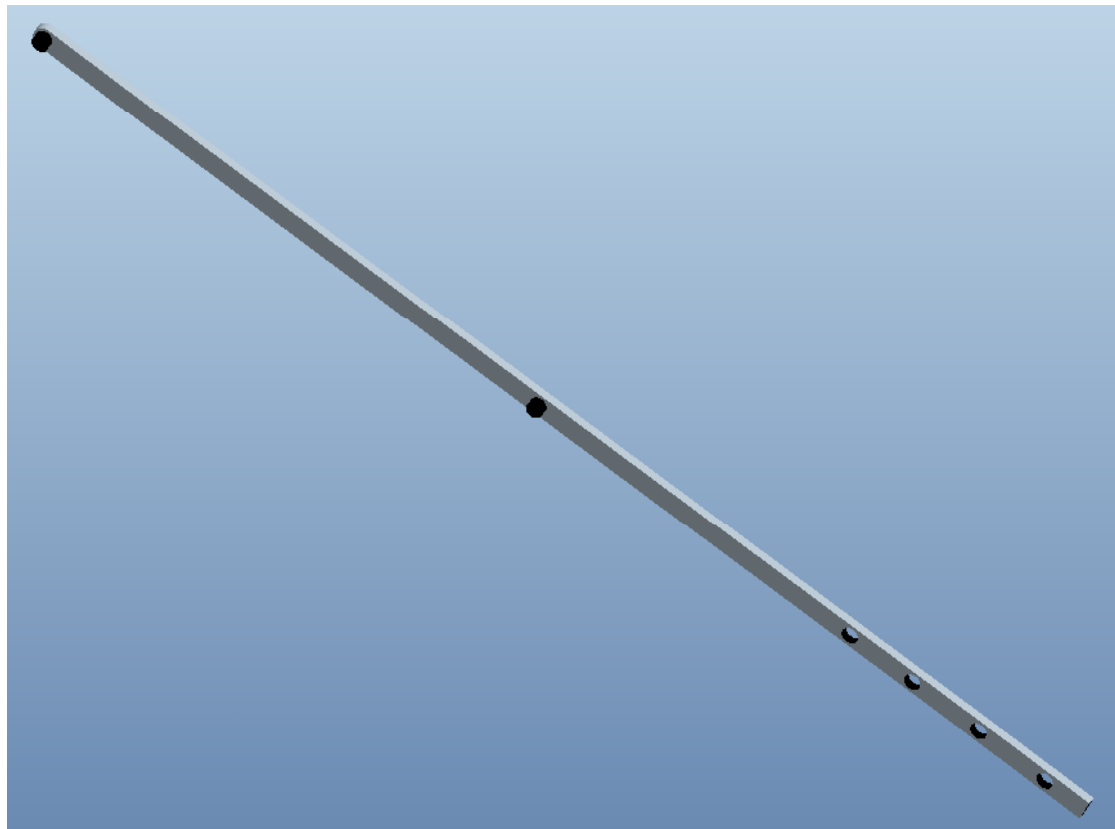


Figure 5: Elliptical Wing



# Design Concept: Sting Connector

Non Conductive

Press Fitting

Remain Immobile

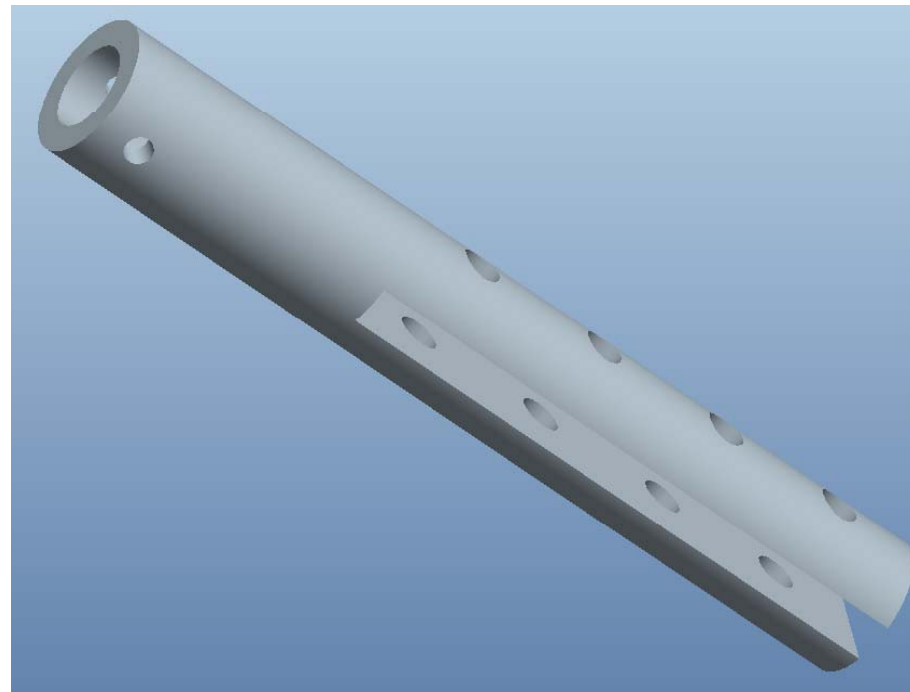


Figure 6: Sting balance connector



# Design Concept: Wing Membrane

## Materials:

- High strength bonding (VHB) tape
- Carbon Grease

## Preparation:

- 300% Strain



Figure 7: VHB Tape 4910



# Testing

## REEF testing facilities

- Low speed wind Tunnel
- Sting Balance

## Test Parameters:

- Wind Tunnel Velocity
- Angle of Attack
- Applied Voltage

## Two test configurations:

- Leading Edge
- Rolling

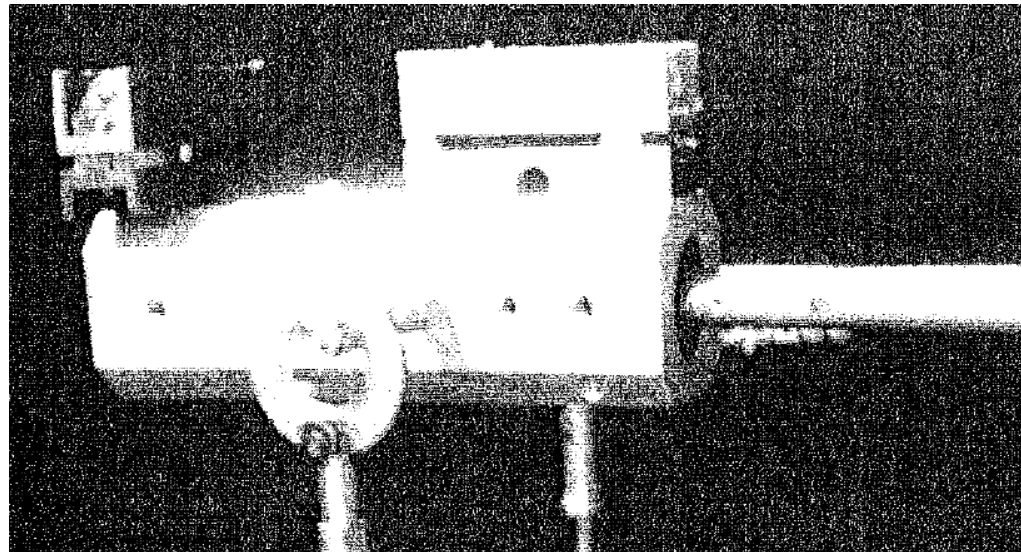


Figure 7: Sting Balance



# Testing Leading Edge

## Vary Electrode Thickness

- 0.4 in
- 0.8 in
- 1.2 in

## Focus:

- Increase Lift
- Increase Critical Attack Angle

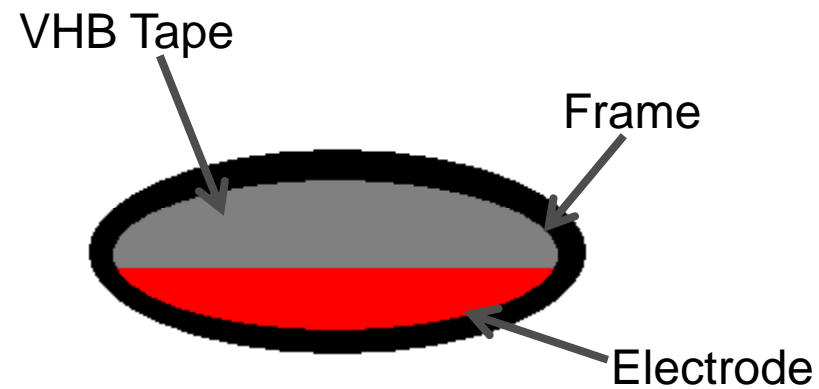


Figure 8: Electrode Placement



# Testing Roll

## Vary Electrode Thickness

- 1.32 in
- 2.64 in
- 3.96 in

## Focus:

- Viability

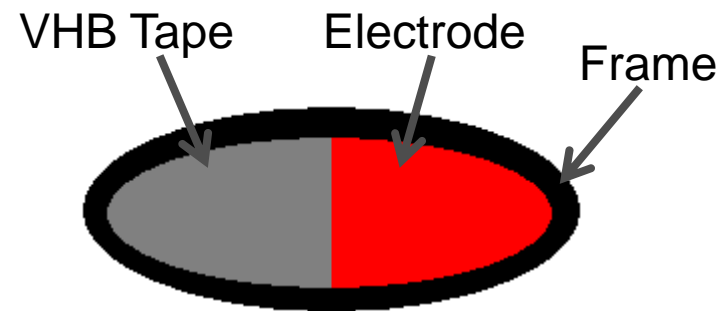


Figure 9: Electrode Placement



# Cost Analysis

Material	Vendor	Purpose	Number required	Part Cost	Total cost
Aluminum	eMachineShop.com	Wing body	1	\$36.66	\$36.66
3M-VHB	McMaster-Carr	Actuating Material	2	\$25.03	\$50.06
Carbon Grease	Circuit Specialists	Electrode	1	\$12.40	\$12.40
Small Gauge Electrical Wire	Hardware World	Electrical Wiring	1	\$6.78	\$6.78
Sting Connector	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	Plastic	1		
X-Acto Knife with Blades	Amazon	Cutting	1	\$8.84	\$8.84
Gasoline	BP	Transportation	20	\$2.79	\$55.80
	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	Insulation Material	1		
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$170.54</b>



# Future Plans

Conference call with client

Proper placement of electrodes

Final material selection and ordering

Finalize Design

Flow Visualization

Schedule time at Eglin's REEF facilities



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