

¥10000 Yen Into the Sea

Bio: Flipper

Job Title: Engineering Technician
What: Electric Vehicles

Goal:

Build a low cost underwater glider

“If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.” - Carl Sagan

**What is an underwater
glider?**

Underwater Gliders:

-Highly efficient autonomous submarines that can travel long distances on battery power

Background

ARGO Floats

http://www.argo.ucsd.edu/float_design.html

http://www.argo.ucsd.edu/operation_park_profile.jpg

<http://www.webbresearch.com/pdf/EurekaMoment.pdf>

<http://discovermagazine.com/1996/apr/athousanddivingr734>

"The Slocum Mission" - Henry Stommel April 1989 - *Oceanography* Magazine

http://auvac.org/uploads/publication_pdf/the_slocum_mission.pdf

<http://www.webbresearch.com/slocumglider.aspx>

"Scarlet Knight"

- "Scarlet Knight is 93 inches in length. Most of the gliders flown by Rutgers are 84 inches"
- 23.8 kilograms of Batteries
- 59.1 liters displacement
- ~4,500 mile trip
- source:http://rucool.marine.rutgers.edu/atlantic/about_gliders.html
- Lithium CSC @ 900Wh/kg =21.42kWh

○ source:http://www.electrochemsolutions.com/pdf/Echem%20Corporate%20Case%20Study_Slocum%20Glider.pdf

**How do you make an Underwater
Glider?**

Design Spiral:

1. Define Requirements
2. Research
3. Buoyancy engine
4. Energy Storage
5. Attitude Control System
6. Hull Design
7. Testing

Efficiency crucial elements of an Underwater Glider

- Low Drag Hull Form
- Buoyancy Engine

Conservative: Torpedo (Myring 1976)

Bold: Laminar Flow X-35 (Carmichael 1966)

Define Requirements:

1. Low Price(\$100 Target)
2. Difficulty of manufacture(In my boxers)
3. Range/Efficiency(Fingers crossed)

Early Efforts During Learning Phase

-Axial Piston Syringe Pump



Research

(Considered a variety of approaches)

- High Test Peroxide
- Free Piston Diesel
- Hydraulic Pumps
- Electric Motors
- Linear Actuators
- Wave Power/Solar

Buoyancy Engine

-Phase Change Material("PCM")

-Not N-Pentadecane (~10 degree C melting point)

-Canning wax:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paraffin_wax

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In chemistry, paraffin is used synonymously with "alkane", indicating hydrocarbons with the general formula C_nH_{2n+2}

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Expands ~8-12 percent at Phase Change

--Melting Point ~60 degree C (varies with composition)

Energy Storage

- Lithium CSC Chemistry:

- ~549Wh/kg
- ~1170Wh/L

source: <http://www.batteryspecialties.com/electrochemcsc93dd.aspx>

- Manganese Dioxide Lithium Coin Cell:

- 3V @ ~265mAh CR2330
- 209Wh/kg

source: http://www.panasonic.com/industrial/includes/pdf/Panasonic_Lithium_CR2032_CR2330.pdf

- Zinc Air Chemistry:

- ~367.5 Wh/kg
- ~1300 Wh/L!

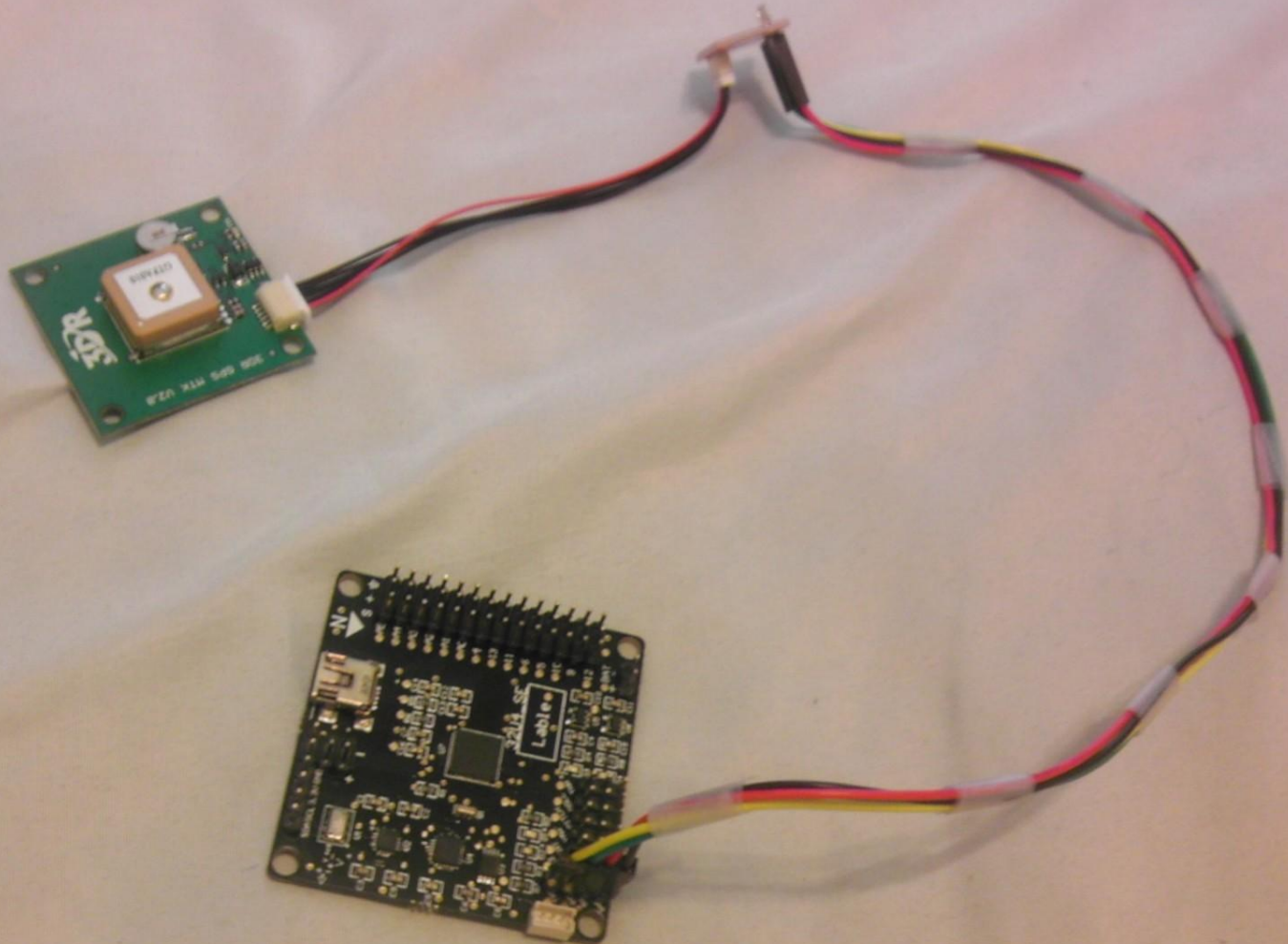
- High Test Peroxide (HTP):

- ~ 813 Wh/kg
- ~1187 Wh/L

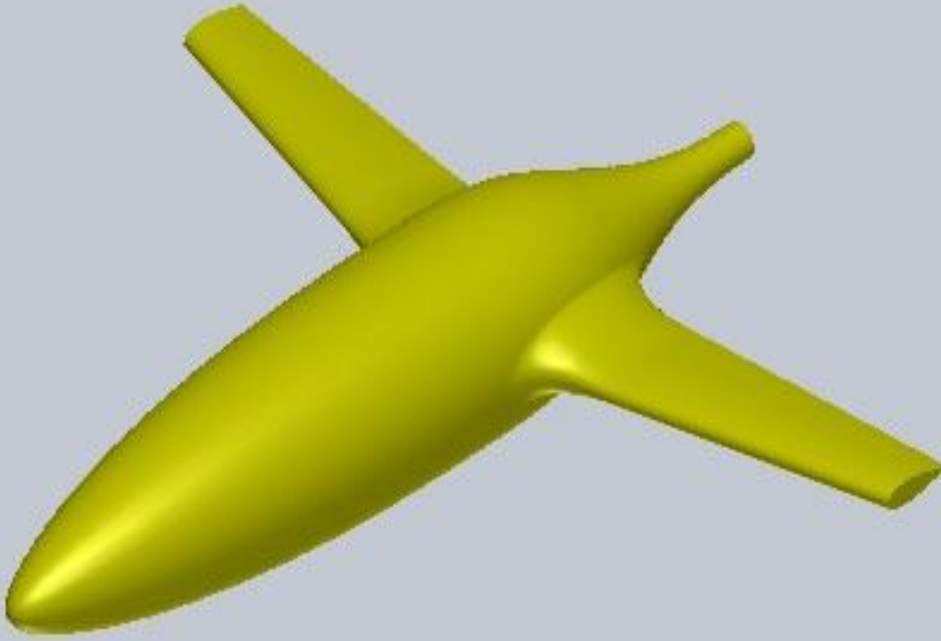
source: http://wiki.xtronics.com/index.php/Energy_density#Energy_Density_sorted_by_Wh.2F

Attitude Control System (AHRS+GPS)

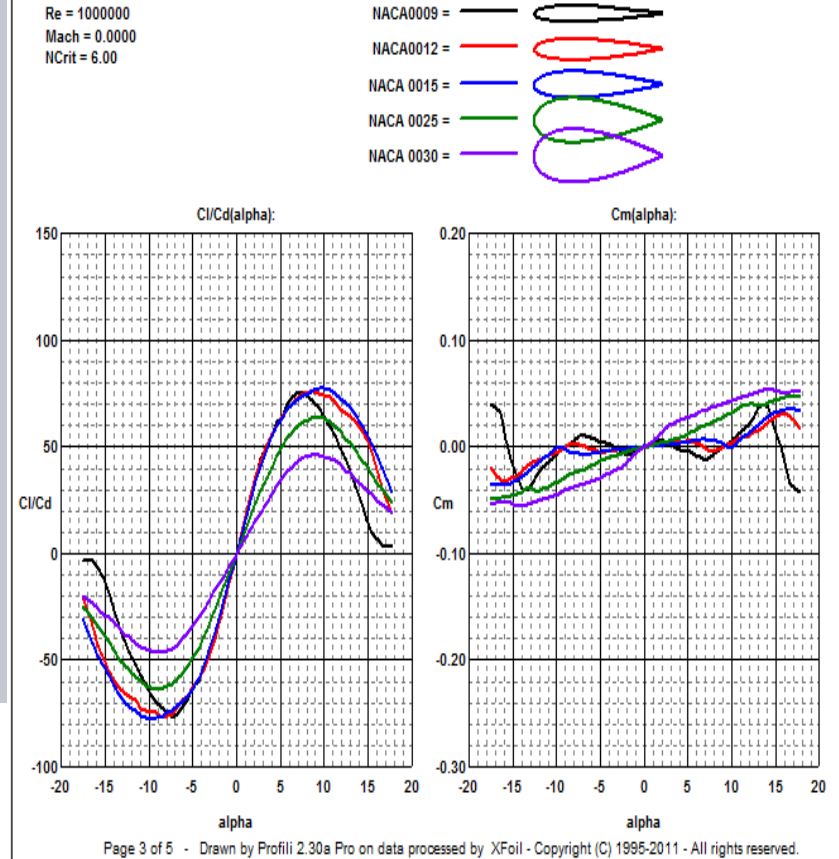
Source Code: <http://freeimu.varesano.net/node/779>



Hull Design (NACA 0020 & X-35)



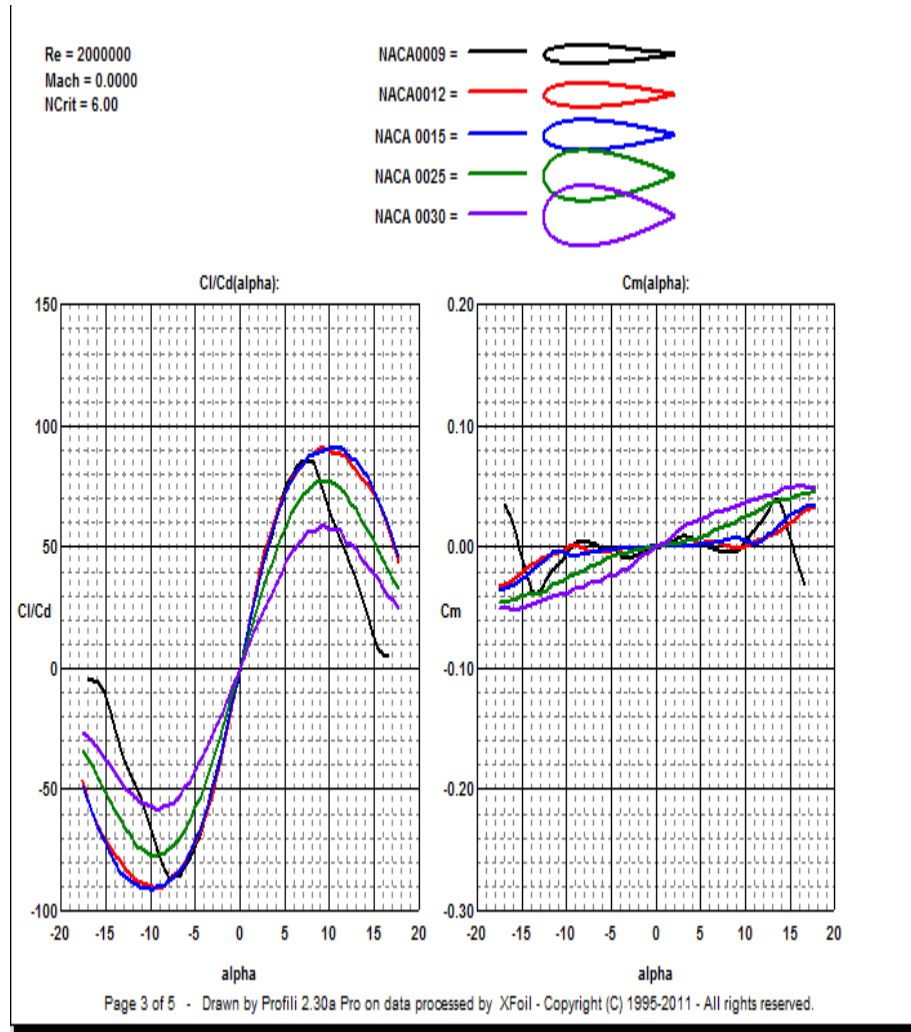
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- "Aspect Ratio"



ROUND 1



- "Fines Ratio"
 - "Aspect Ratio"



Uh Oh...

- **Composite Layup: 1**
- **Flipper: 0**



**Fiberglass was not as easy as it
looked on Youtube!**

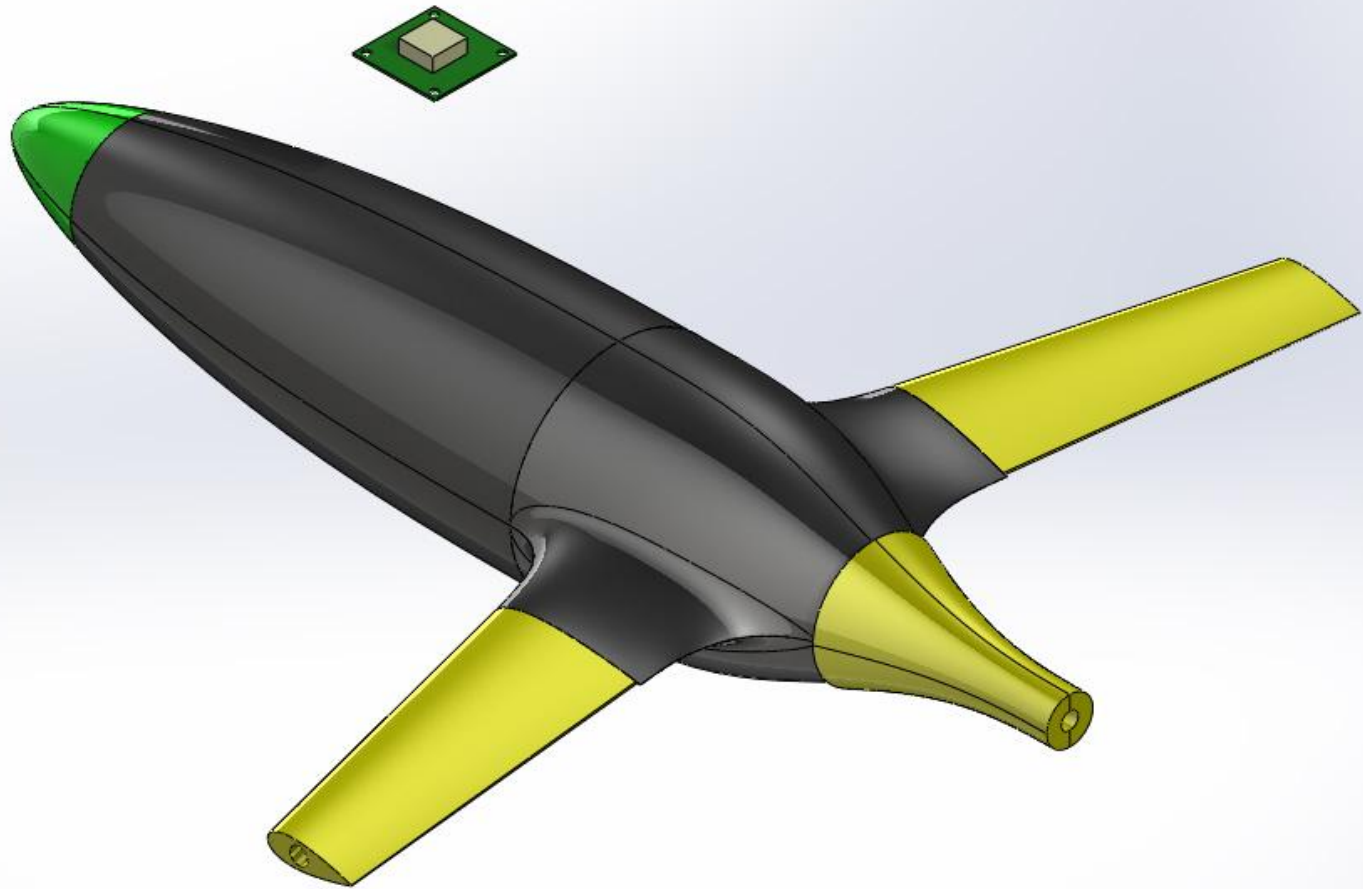
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Too Long

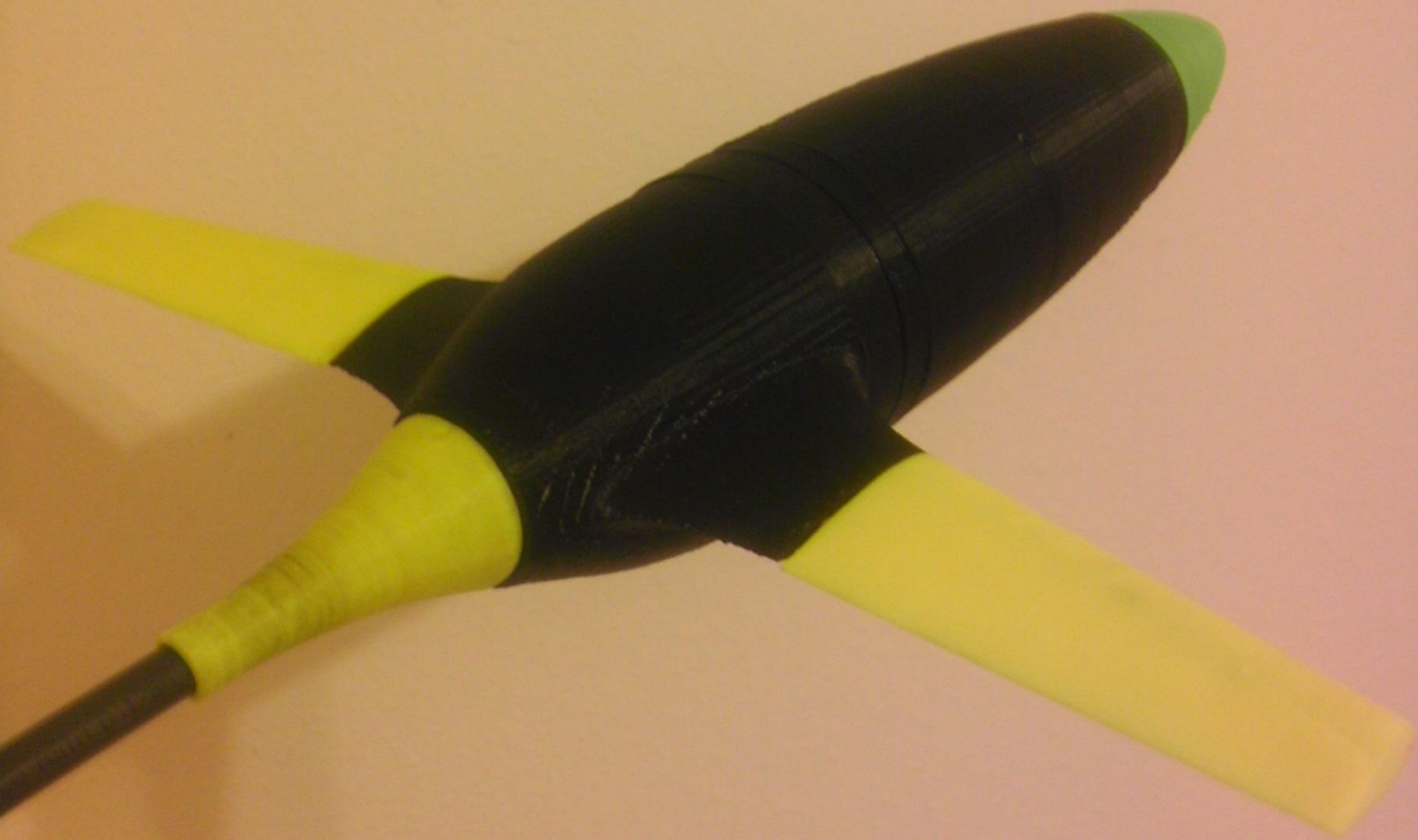
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ROUND 2





Bill of Materials Summary:

Total Printed ABS(grams)	683
Total Cost Printed Parts: (at \$31.00/kg)	\$21.17
Total BoM	\$277.30

Benefits of 3D printing

- Reduced engineering burden to purchase and evaluate CoTs components
- With commercial services on the market, the criteria for low barriers to entry are met
- Design rules similar to Plastic Injection Molding

Obstacles:

- With no simulation, test data was expensive to generate
- With no firm targets or test data, it was difficult to quantify design improvements or identify a finished product

Influence of "Out of pocket" on R&D:

Pros:

-no reporting requirements, outside influences on project direction, or accountability.

Cons

-Very small funding agency

-Dubious appropriation of retirement savings

-Free labor(opportunity cost) vs. buying CoTs solutions

What's Next?

- Test Max Depth & Velocity

- Trim Vehicle

 - Buoyancy = 3M Microballoons

 - Ballast = Salt

- Solid Models, BoM, & Source Code on DVD

- OpenGlider.com = latest revision of source files

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Further Reading:

Robosub.org

[Naval Engineering Support Team](#)

[Navy Vehicle Primer](#)

<http://auvac.com/>

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