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Abstract

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In this thesis, I will tell all that I know about Gnus. Gnus are wonderful little creatures that inhabit the center of the earth and give us wonderful and plentiful trees, dirt, and other earthly-things.

In short, we should love and cherish the Gnus. They can be very friendly, and are often mistaken for squirrels on the University of Notre Dame campus. Feed them

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.gsu.nd.edu/>

whenever possible. If they get caught in trash cans, tip them over so that they can get out.

This abstract is going to continue on, including a few formulas, just for the sake of spilling over on to two pages so that we can see the author's name in the top right corner:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$E = mc^2$$

$$\frac{e}{m} = c^2$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = \frac{e}{m}$$

These equations, by themselves mean nothing. But to the common Gnu, they define a whole way of living. While intricate mathematical implications certainly do not infiltrate the majority of humans' lives, every Gnu, from birth, is imbued with a sense of mathematical certainty and guidance. All Gnus, great and small, feel at one with mathematics. The cute furry bit is just a scam for their calculating minds.

To Laurimar

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

Airframe noise is significant

Landing gear is primary source of airframe noise

Health risks

### 1.1 Motivation

The present work is motivated to reduce noise by flow control via application of DBD plasma actuator technology.

### 1.2 Theory of Aeroacoustics

The modern theory of aeroacoustics, that is sound generated by aerodynamic means, is based on James Lighthill's so-called acoustic analogy. He states that sound generated in a fluid flow is only important in regions of turbulent fluctuations [1]. Based on this assumption, the Navier-Stokes Equation and isentropic equation of state are

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u_i)}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u_i u_j + P_{ij})}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

$$c_o^2 = \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right|_{s=const.} = \frac{p'}{\rho'}. \quad (1.3)$$

### 1.3 Landing Gear

#### 1.3.1 Geometry

#### 1.3.2 Noise Sources

### 1.4 Literature Review

#### 1.4.1 Single Cylinder Plasma Flow Control

#### 1.4.2 Tandem Cylinders Plasma Flow Control

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## CHAPTER 2

### EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

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- 2.3 Notre Dame G550 Nose Landing Gear Model
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## CHAPTER 3

### OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE WORK

3.1 Research Objectives

3.2 Proposed Future Work

3.3 Conclusion

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