



University of South Florida
Society of Aeronautics and Rocketry
Critical Design Review
NASA Student Launch Initiative // MAV Challenge

Agenda

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- Vehicle Overview
- AGSE Overview

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- Motor Selection
- Simulations
- Testing and Verification Plans

Subscale Overview

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- Mission Performance

AGSE Overview

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Project Plan

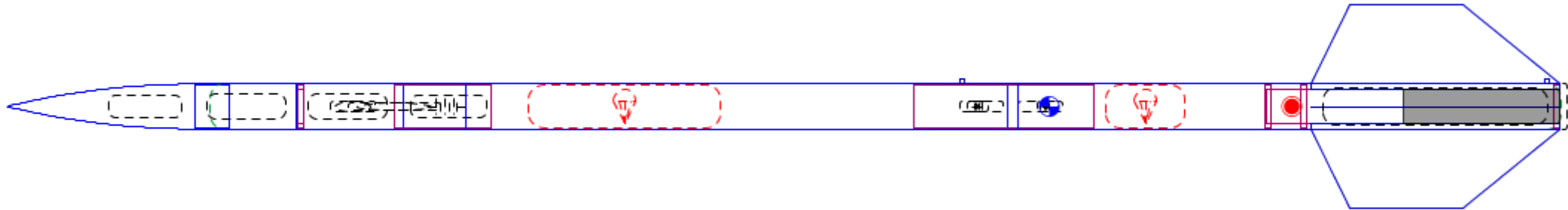
- Safety
- Budget
- Educational Engagement
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Vehicle Overview

Minotaur MkII
Length 138 in, max. diameter 4 in
Mass with motors 22.8 lb

Stability: 5.38 cal
● CG: 92.512 in
● CP: 114 in
at $M=0.30$



Apogee: 5279 ft
Max. velocity: 746 ft/s (Mach 0.67)
Max. acceleration: 298 ft/s²

Vehicle Overview

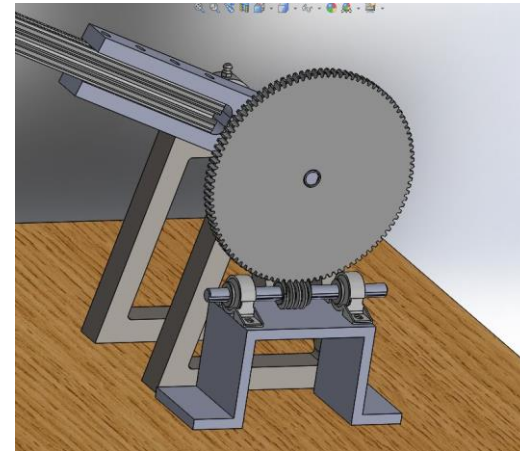
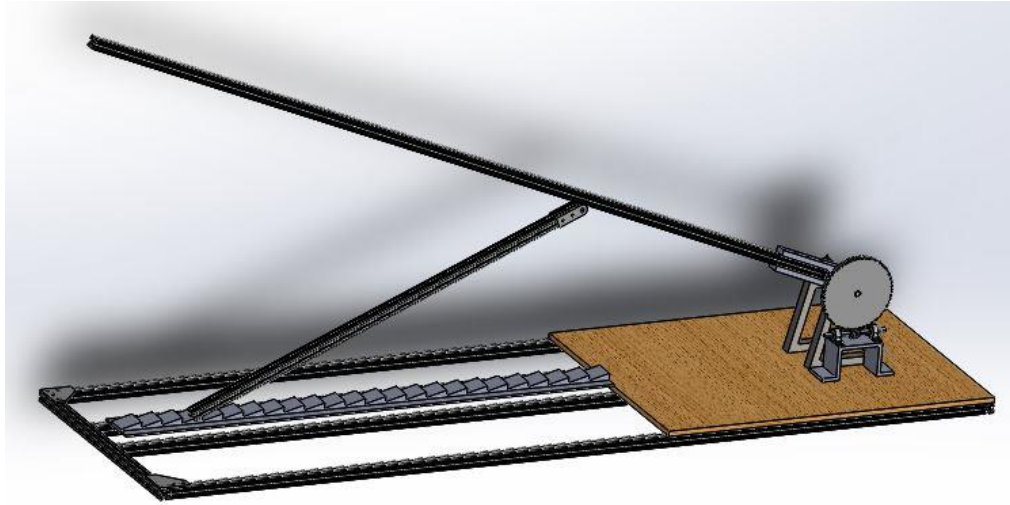
Dimensions

- Length: 138 inches
- Diameter: 4 inches
- Weight (Loaded/Dry): 23.2 lbs/17.1 lbs

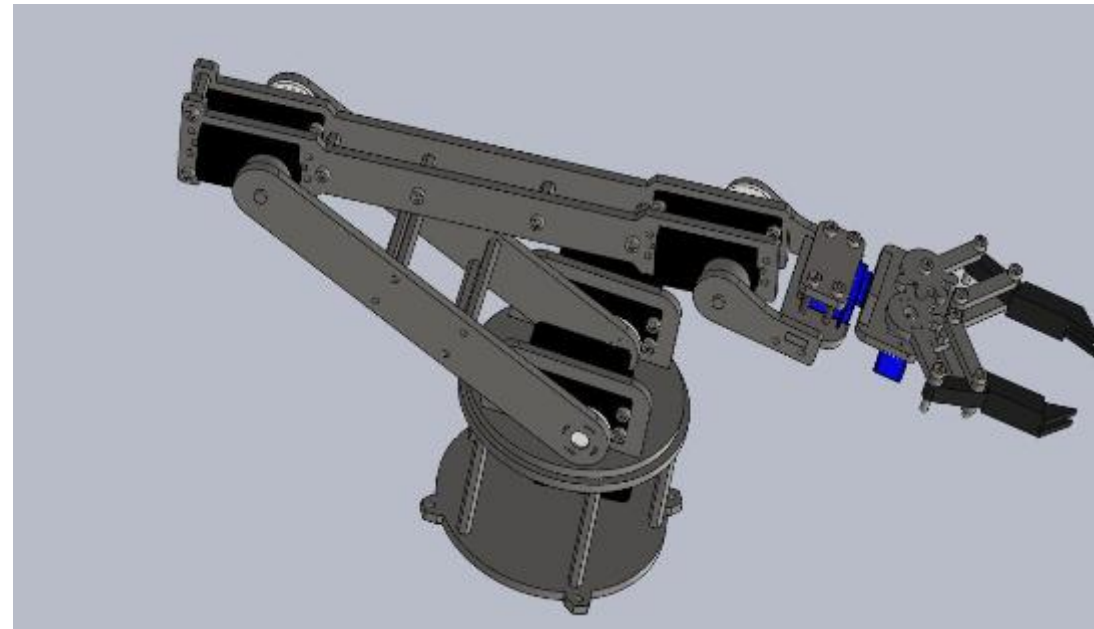
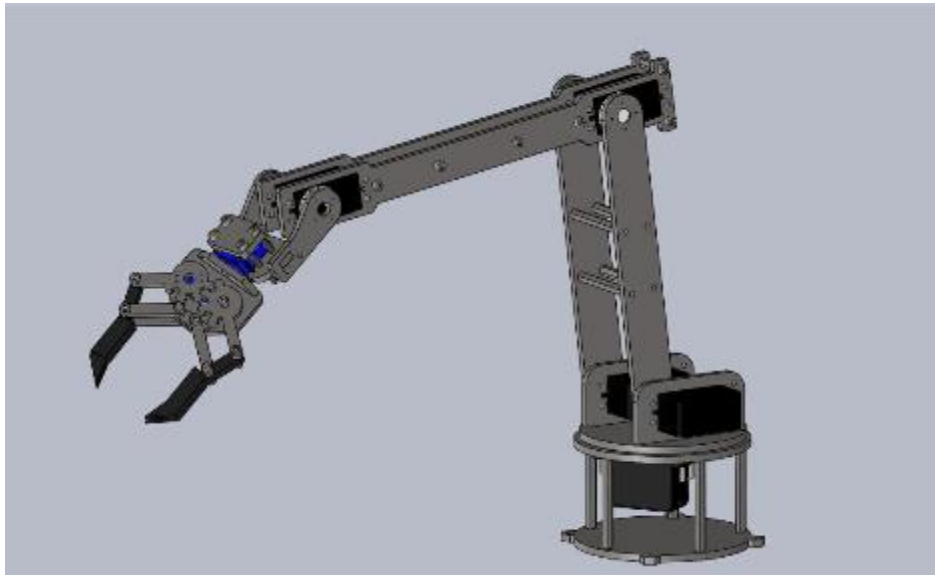
Materials

- G12 Fiberglass Airframe
- G10 Fiberglass Fins
- Phenolic Couplers
- Baltic Birch Bulkheads and Centering Rings
- Plastic Nosecone

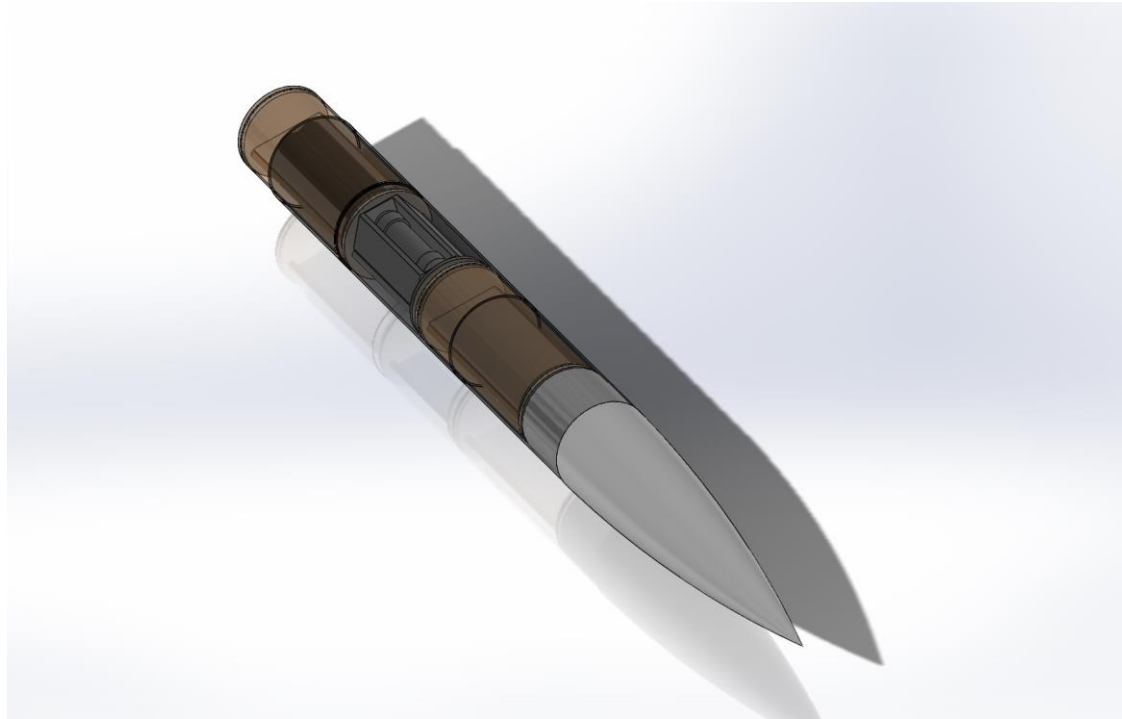
AGSE Overview



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VEHICLE OVERVIEW

Subsystems (Airframe)

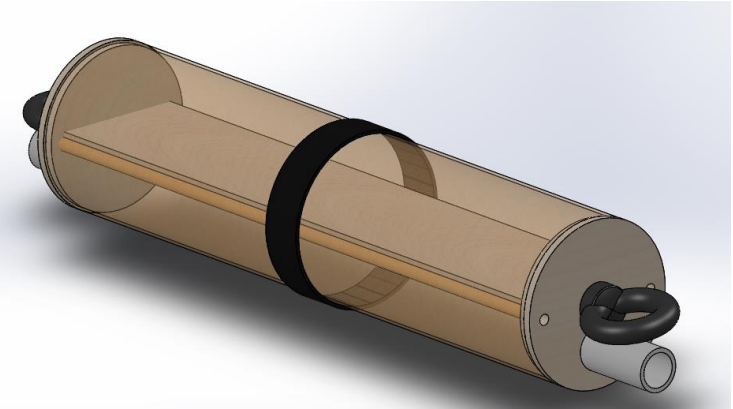
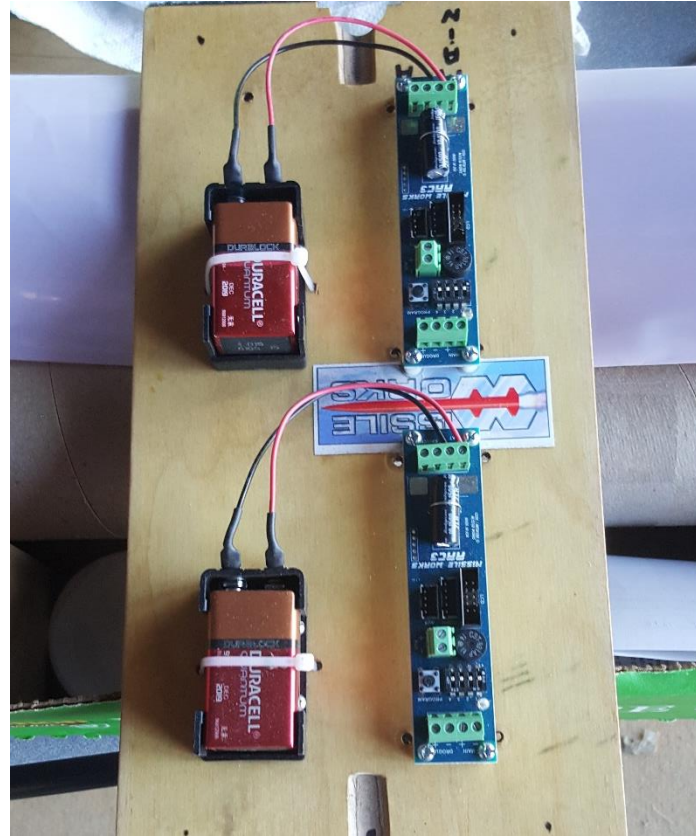
G12 Fiberglass Sections

- Payload Bay: 24 inches
- Fore Airframe: 48 inches
- Aft Airframe: 48 inches



Subsystems (Altimeter Bay)

- 16" Phenolic Coupler
- Baltic Birch Bulkheads
- RRC3 Altimeters
- Black Powder Charges
- Dual Deployment



Subsystems (Recovery)

- Dual Deployment with Drogue at Apogee and Main at 500 feet with black powder charge separation
- Sky Angle Cert 3 Parachutes
- **Main**
 - Large 57 sq. ft, Descent Velocity 15.93 ft/s
 - **Drogue**
 - Drogue 6.3 sq. ft, Descent Velocity 63.04 ft/s

Subsystems (Recovery)

Parachute	Load Capacity	Surface Area	Drag Coefficient	Suspension Line	Net Weight	Packed Length
Cert-3 Large	16.2 – 35 lbs	57 ft²	1.26	80 in	34.0 oz	17 in
Cert-3 Drogue	1.0 – 2.2 lbs	6.3 ft²	1.16	24 in	6.0 oz	<7 in

Subsystems (Recovery)

Wind Speed (mph)	Lateral Drift (ft)
5	650
10	1300
15	2000
20	2525

Subsystems (Recovery)

- Kinetic Energy at Impact in ft-lbm

Section	Kinetic Energy (lbm-ft)
Nosecone/ Payload	12.184
Fore Airframe	14.032
Aft Airframe	28.612

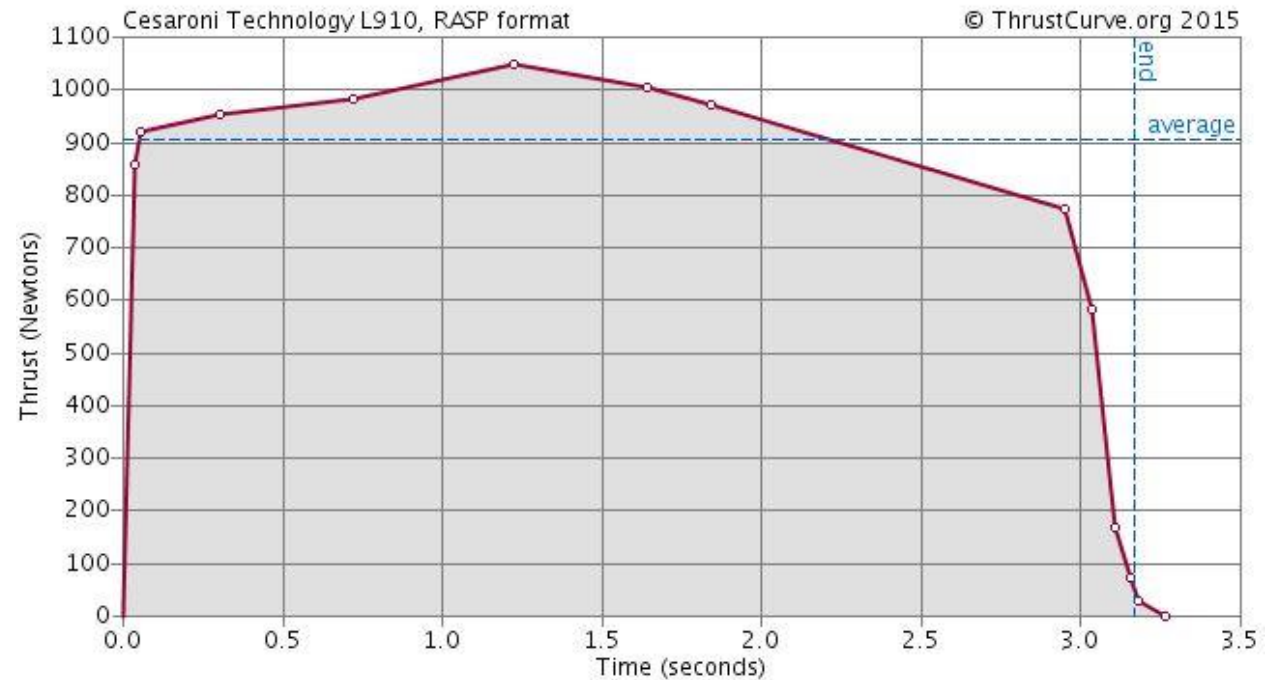
Mass Statement

Section	Mass (lbs)
Nosecone	1.925
Payload/Electronics	2.59
Fore Airframe	4.445
Fin Can	8.145
Motor	6.1

Motor Selection

Motor Selected	CS L910s
Maximum Thrust	1086.1 N
Average Thrust	907.10 N
Thrust-to-weight ratio (Total)	8.93
Motor Diameter	75 mm

Rail Exit Velocity: 82.3 ft/s



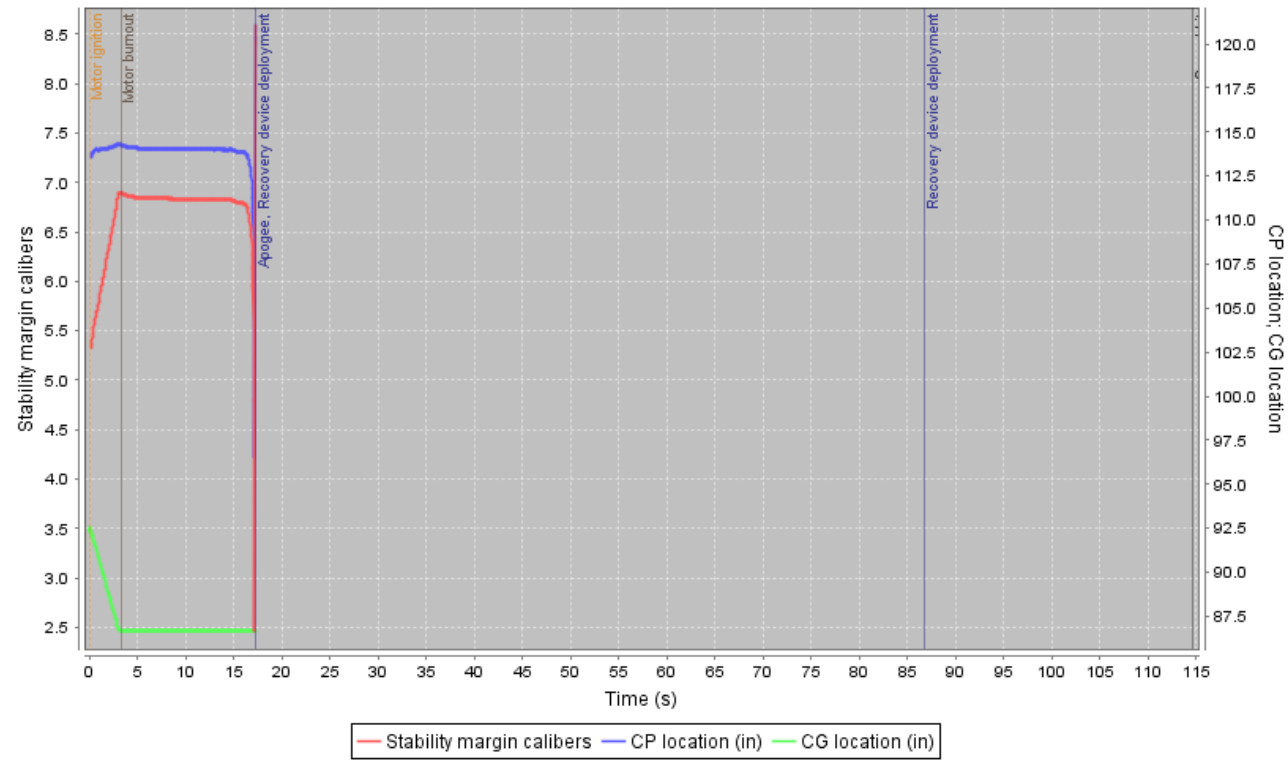
Simulations (Stability)



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Stability over Time

Stability vs. time



Testing and Verification

Requirement	Design and Verification
All teams shall successfully launch and recover their full-scale rocket prior to FRR in its final flight configuration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design a 3:4 scale rocket• Run OpenRocket Simulation• Perform Mission Analysis Post-Flight
Prepare Launch Vehicle within 2 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice Vehicle Preparation with Checklists• Inspect for potential delays
The vehicle shall deliver the payload to an apogee altitude of 5,280 feet above ground level (AGL).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design for altitude• Motor Selection• OpenRocket Simulation• Test Flight
The launch vehicle shall be designed to be recoverable and reusable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design for reusability• Inspect Recovery Systems
Recovery system successfully cause separation and the ejection of both the drogue and main chutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design for recovery• Test black powder charges prior to launch• Ensure proper parachute packing.• Inspect for verification

SUBSCALE OVERVIEW

Subscale Overview

Rocket

Length 93.2 in, max. diameter 3.126 in

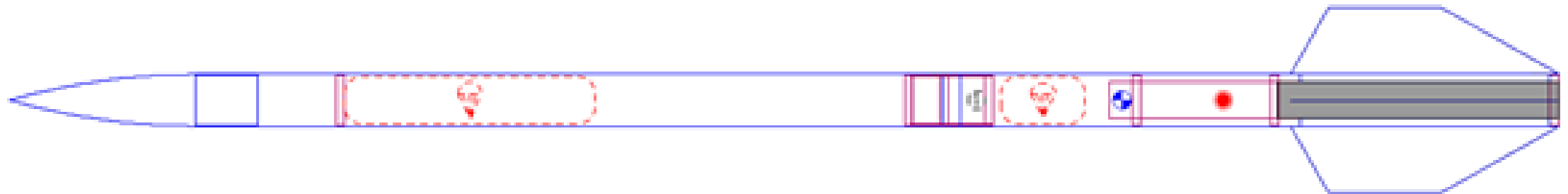
Mass with motors 10.3 lb

Stability: 1.55 cal

CG 66.558 in

CP 73.039 in

at 1000.30



Apogee: 4136 ft

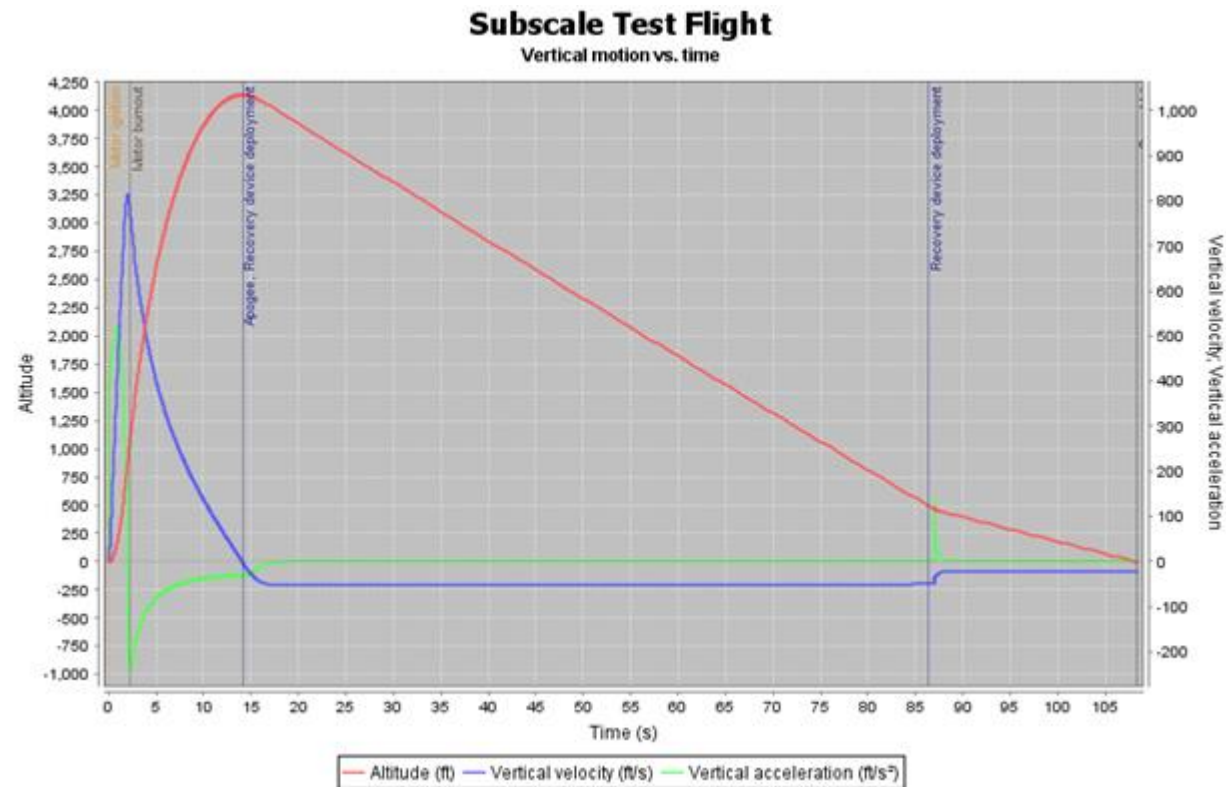
Max. velocity: 813 ft/s (Mach 0.73)

Max. acceleration: 517 ft/s²

Subscale Overview

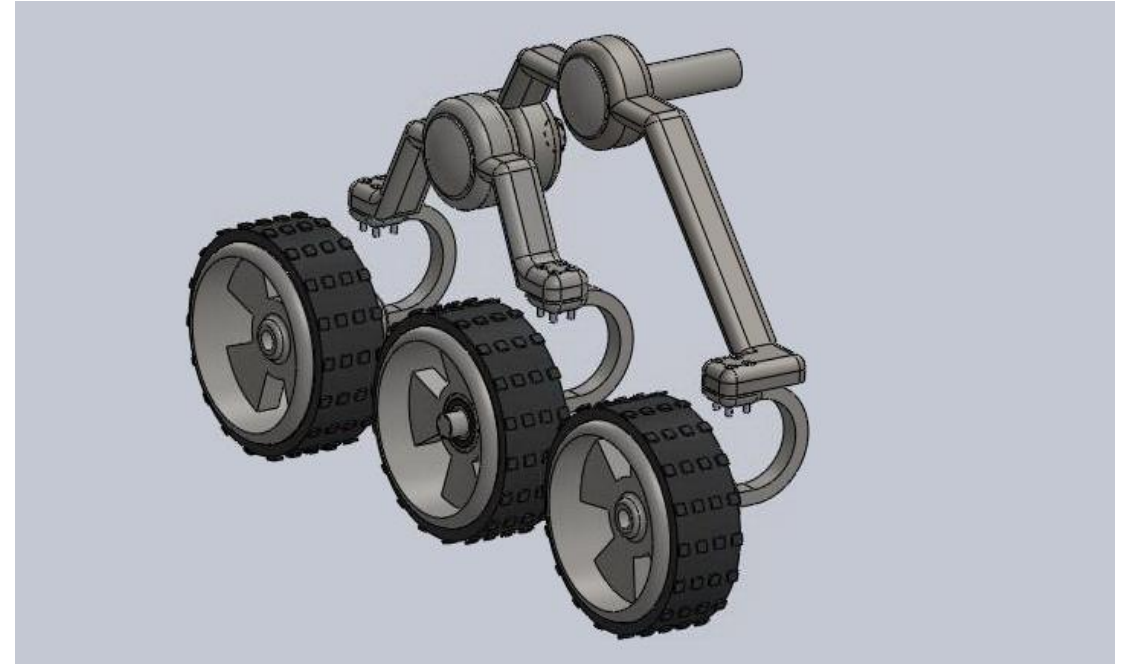
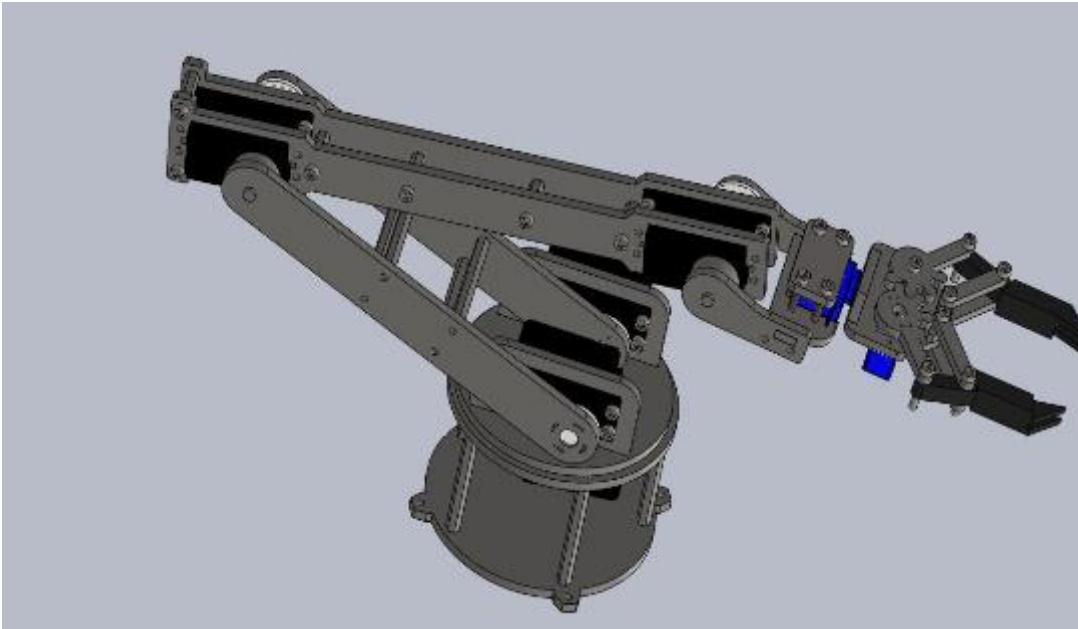
Length (in)	93.2
Mass (Loaded/Empty) (lbs)	10.3/7.14
Projected Altitude (ft)	4136
Projected Max Velocity (ft/s)	813
Stability (cal)	1.95

Subscale Overview



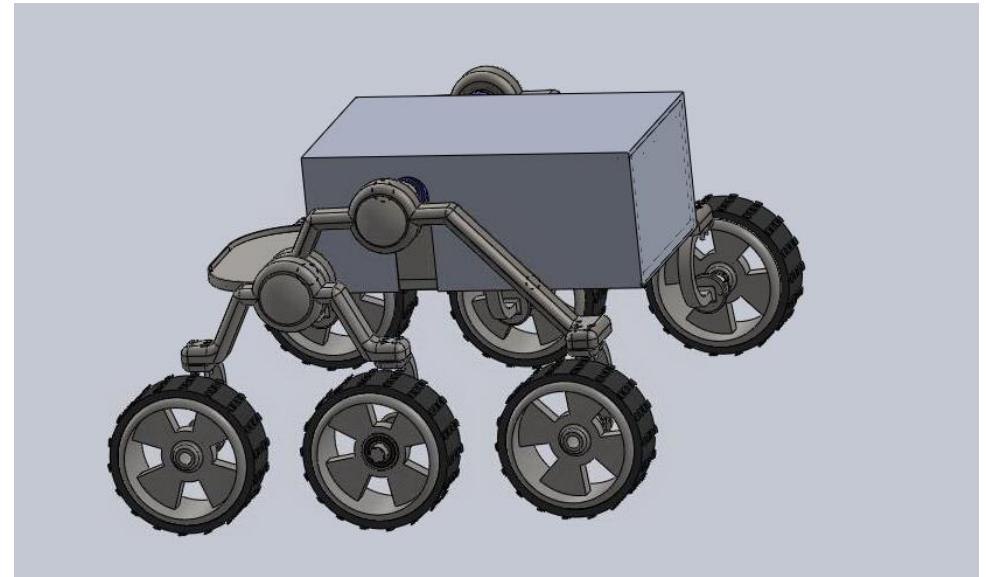
AGSE OVERVIEW

Subsystems (Capture)



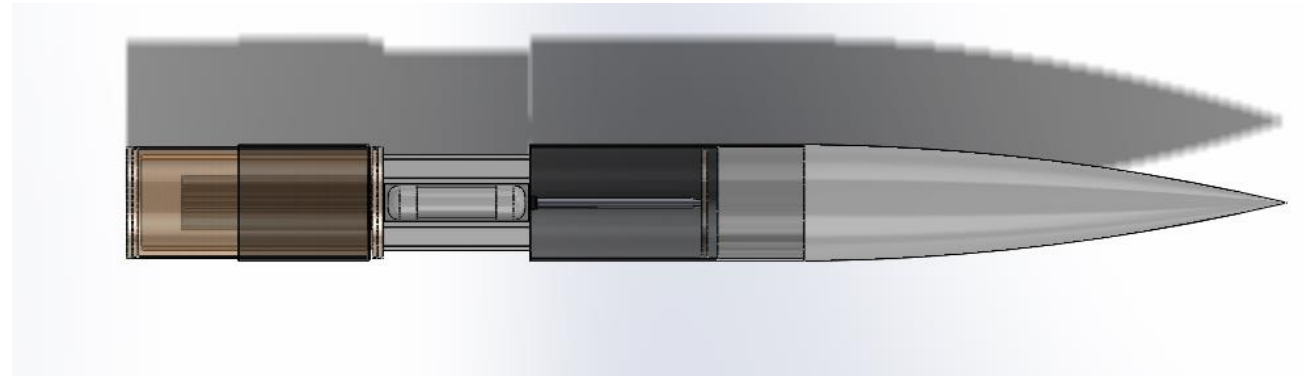
Subsystems (Capture)

- Payload Approach through Rover
- OpenCV Machine Vision Detection and Verification
- Rover Approach with Arm
- Mechanical Arm and Gripper Interaction
- Rocket Approach and Positioning



Subsystems (Containment)

- Linear Actuator Movement
- 3-D Printed Payload Sled
- Can easily be integrated into launch vehicle design



Testing and Verification

Requirement	Design and Verification
Autonomously Capture Payload	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mechanical Arm and Rover Approach• Machine Vision Payload Detection• Test for Verification
Contain Payload Within Rocket	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payload Bay Containment System• Sealable Door• Simulation and Test for Verification
Raise Rocket to 5 Degrees from Vertical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worm and Gear System• Calculations for Design• Test for Verification
Insert Igniter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linear Actuator on Rocket Blast Plate• Design and Test for Verification

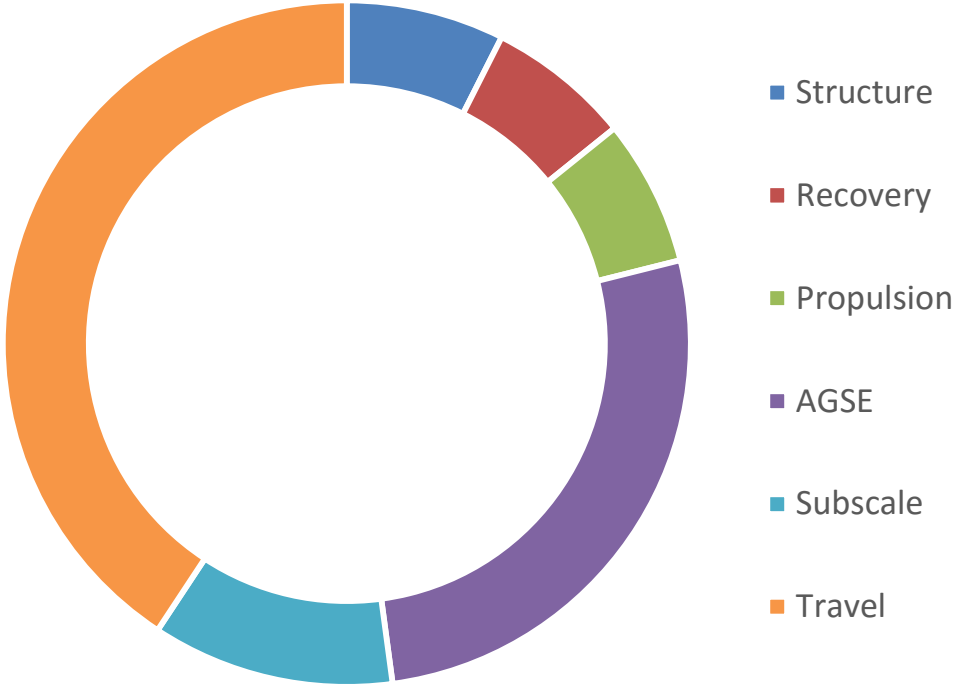
PROJECT PLAN

Safety

- Before each launch the checklist and safety standards as set internally and by the Tripoli Rocket Association shall be rehearsed and understood by all attending members.
- Team Mentor Rick Waters will oversee all preparatory activity and directly handle black powder charges.
- A Failure Modes and Hazards Analysis Document has been completed and shall be updated throughout the course of the project.

Budget

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BUDGET	Amount
Structure	\$766.64
Recovery	\$697.28
Propulsion	\$710.85
AGSE	\$2,761.80
Subscale	\$1,175.58
Travel	\$4,200.00
TOTAL	\$10,312.15



Educational Engagement

- Engagement at local schools with passive and active events
- Involvement in USFs Engineering EXPO outreach event to numerous local students

Next Steps

- Fabricate Final Design
- Develop AGSE Prototype
- Test Full Scale 2/20
- Initiate Educational Engagements

QUESTIONS?

