

KNIGHTS EXPERIMENTAL ROCKETRY



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# Aerostructures CDR FAR10k Basilisk

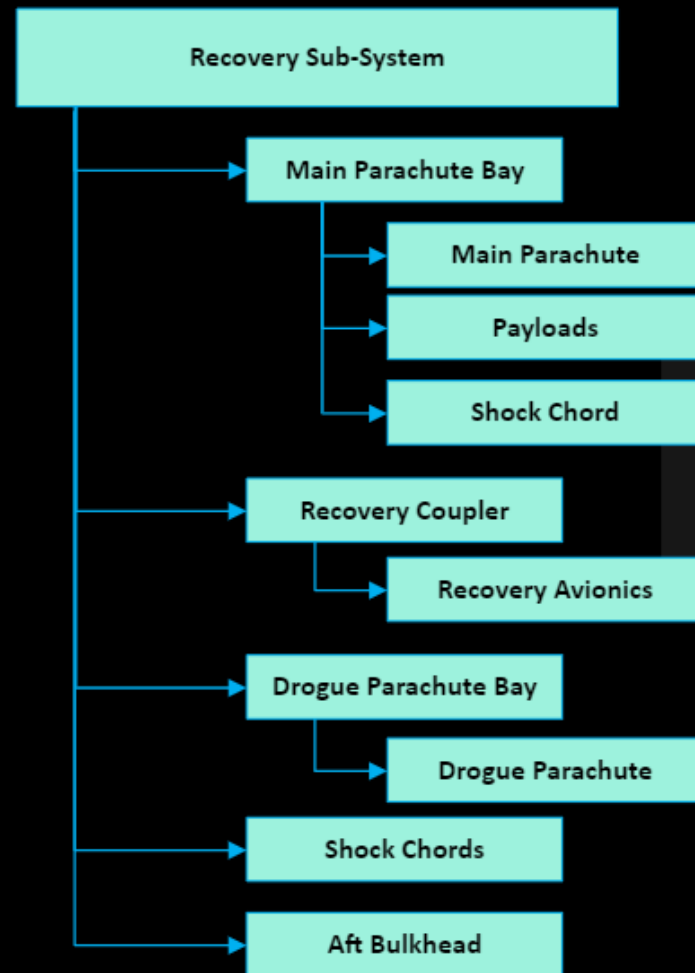


# Aerostructures System

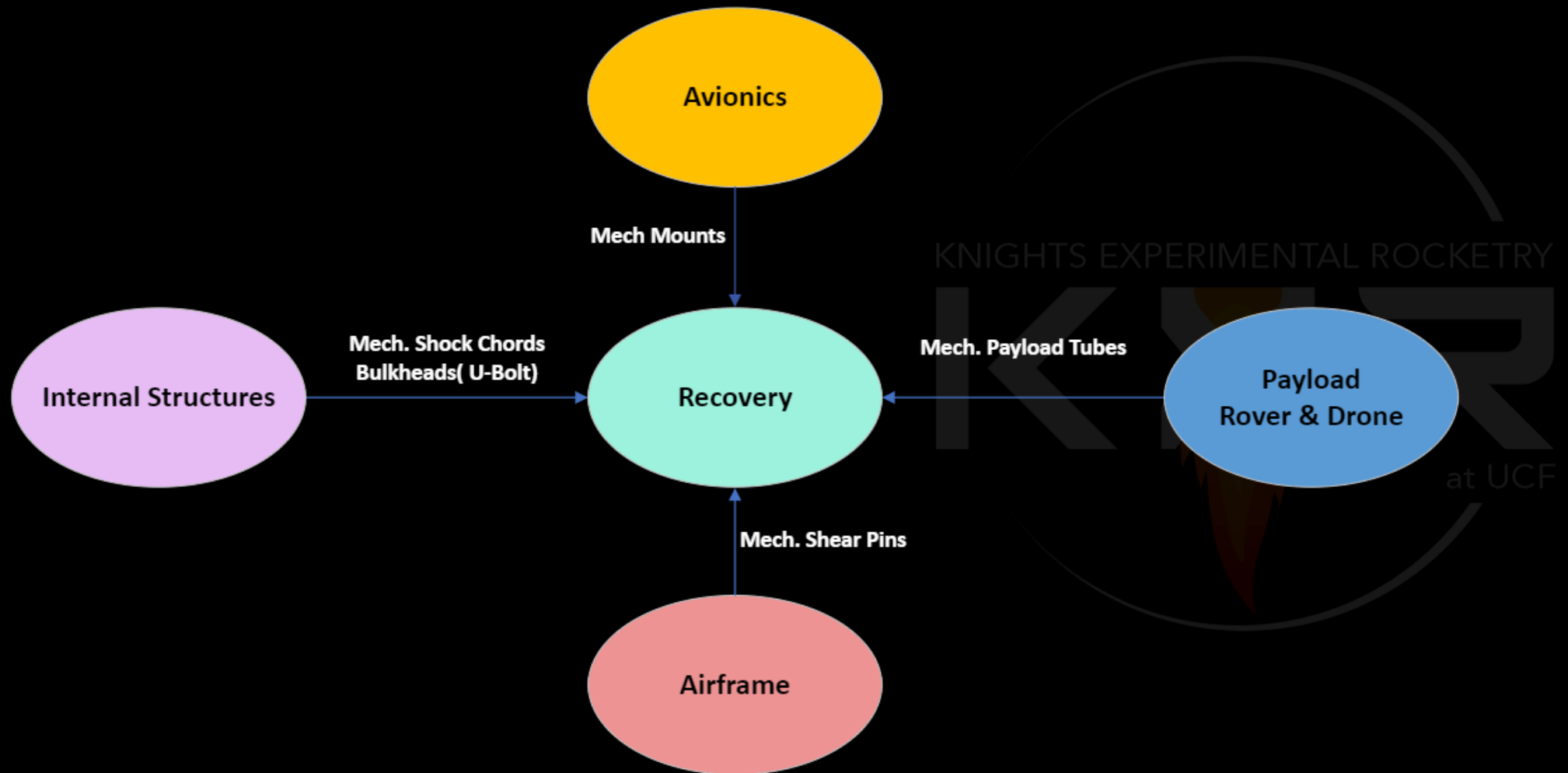


CAD and Open Rocket  
KXR FAR10k Liquid 2024

# Recovery Component Breakdown



# Recovery Interface Diagram



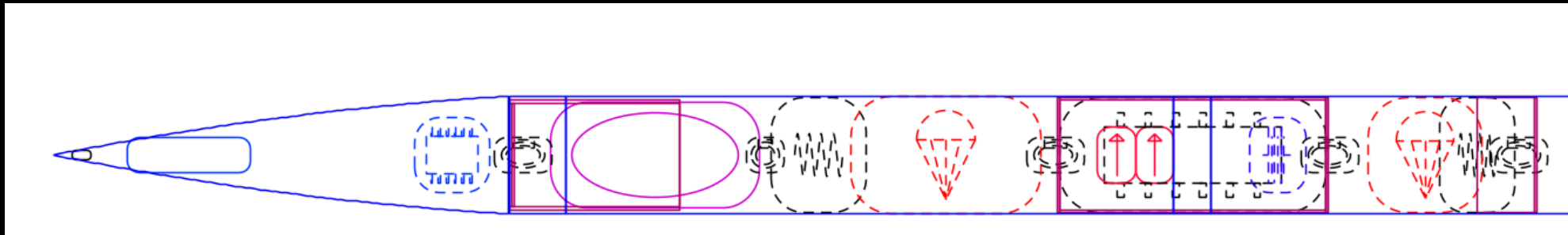
# Recovery Functional Requirements

Requirement	Requirement Type	Verification Method
The Recovery System <b>shall</b> have redundancy	Functional	Demonstration
The Recovery System <b>shall</b> be visible during descent	Functional	Demonstration
The Recovery System <b>shall</b> have a dual-deploy system	Functional	Inspection
The Recovery System <b>will</b> create a safe controlled descent for the vehicle	Functional	Demonstration

# Recovery TPM's

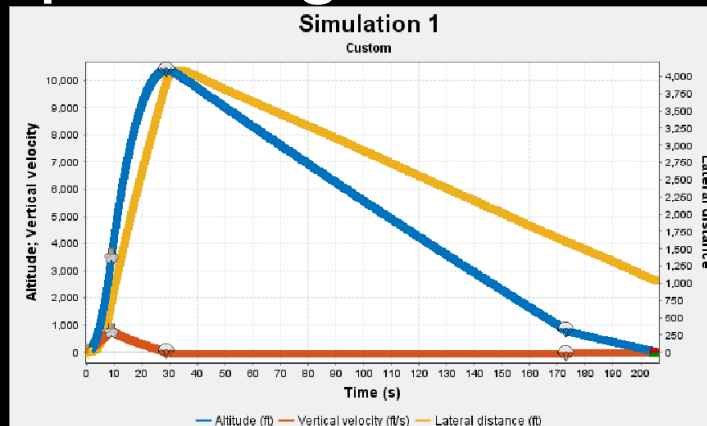
Measure	TPM Value	Units	Verification Method
Snatch Force	1953.439059	Lbs.	Demonstration
Size of Recovery compartment	36" main+11" drogue	in	Inspection
Packing Length of Chutes	10 and 6	cu. in.	Inspection
Descent Rate	D: [75] M: [20]	Ft/s	Test
Shock Chord Length	1345	In	Inspection

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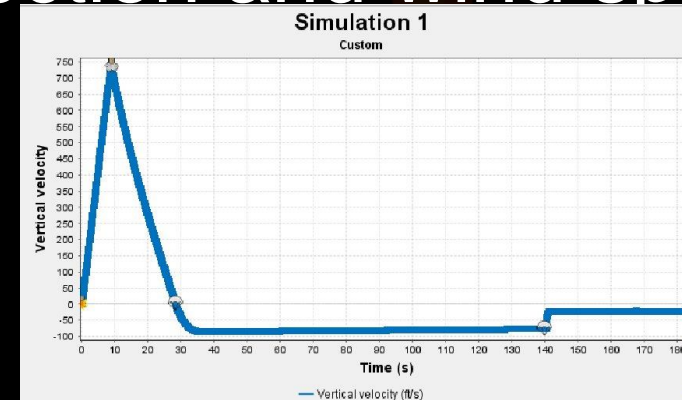


# Recovery Analysis

- 210s total flight time
- Drogue Descent velocity at 65 ftps
- Main descent velocity at 22 ftps
- Drift expected within a ~1000 ft ellipse with windspeed at 13mph. Actual drift can be calculated at the site depending on exact rail angle, direction and wind speed



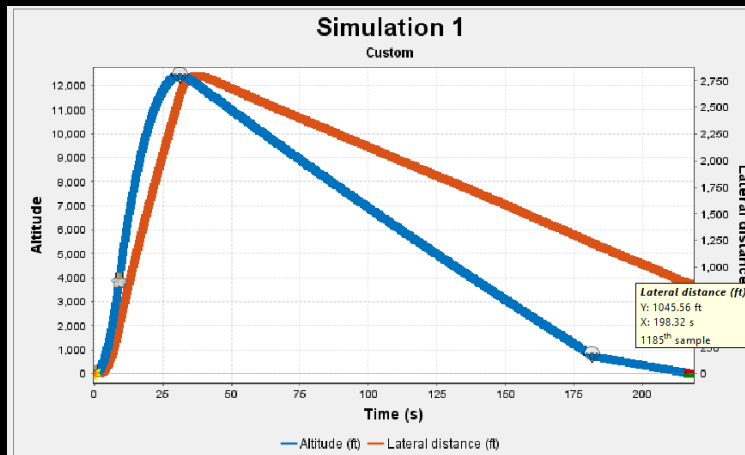
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# Parachute Drift Analysis

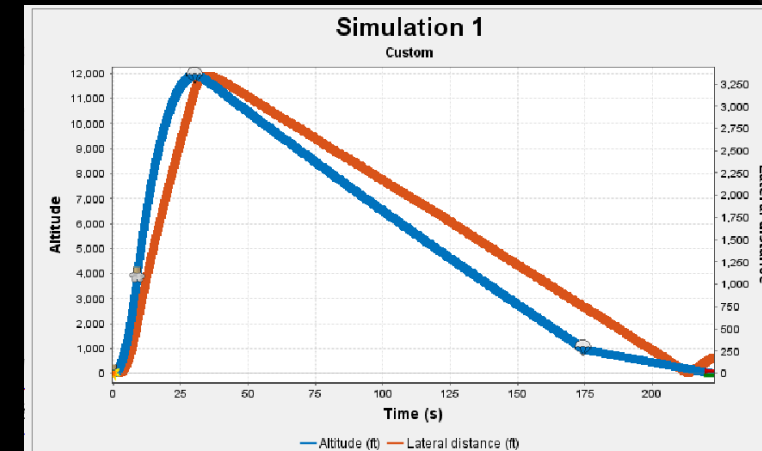
According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, for **Mojave, CA**:

- Max Windspeed 13mph
- Average Windspeed 7mph



Average Windspeed:  
Expected drift radius of under 1000 ft  
with wind conditions of 7.5mph

Both drift simulations take weathercocking into account with a 90° launch angle, the real radius will depend on launch angle of the rail and if the rocket remains straight off the rail



Peak Windspeed:  
Expected drift radius of under 500 ft with  
wind conditions of 13mph

# Main Chute

- ❑ We are using the Iris Ultra 120" as our main parachute
  - ❑ CD of 2.2, which gives us a final descent speed at 23.7 ftps
  - ❑ Deploys at 800ft
  - ❑ Uses 12 shroud lines [400lb Paraline]
  - ❑ Shroud line total strength: **4800 lbs**
  - ❑ 3000lb swivel
- ❑ We are using a Fruity Chutes Main Deployment Bag as our fire blanket



# Drogue



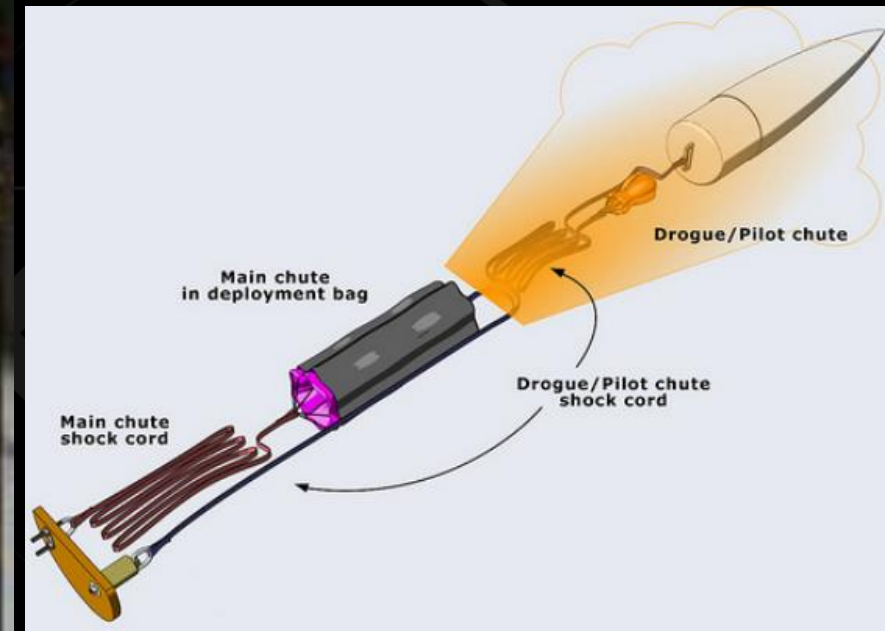
## 48" ELLIPTICAL PARACHUTE

- ❑ Descent speed of 75fps when deployed at apogee[openrocket]
- ❑ Coefficient of Drag 1.55 [stated in item description]
- ❑ Shroud lines: 12 nylon shroud lines [rated for 400lb]
- ❑ Shroud line total strength: **4800 lbs**
- ❑ Comes with a 1500 lb swivel but we can attach the shroud lines to a 3000lb quicklink



4" Diameter | 6" Length Deployment Bag from Fruity Chutes (recommended by fruity chutes for our drogue)

# Parachute Deployment from Bag



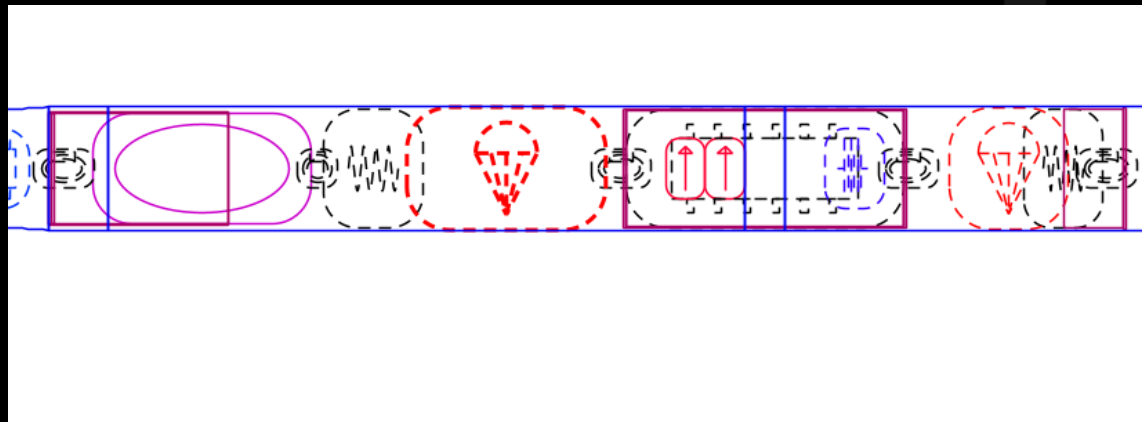
# Parachute Packing lengths



Drogue chute packing volume:  
6 inches in length in a 4" airframe



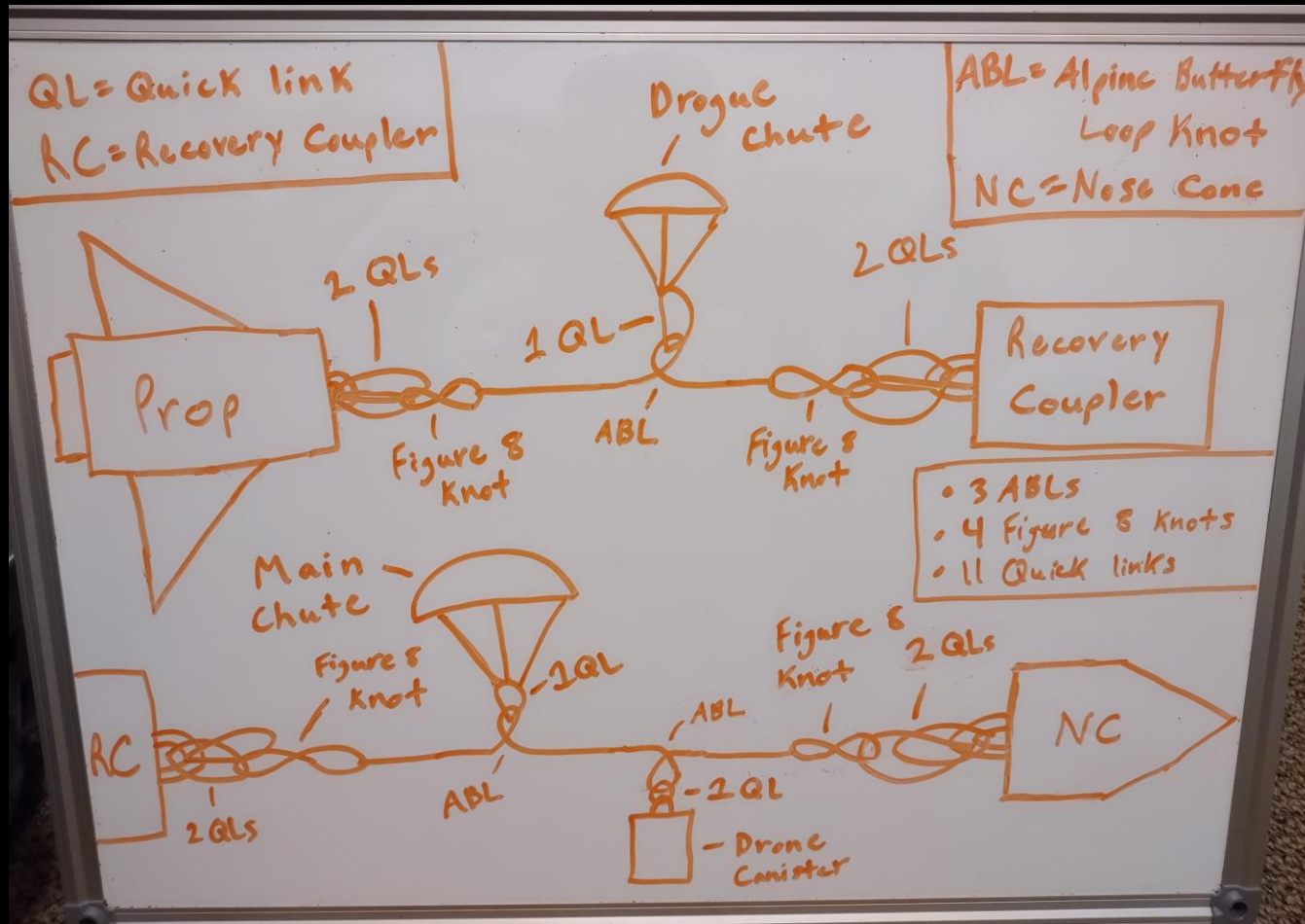
Main chute packing volume:  
10 inches in length in a 5.5" airframe



# FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Shock Cords	Snap	High	No Controlled Descent	Apply Safety Factor
Quick Links	Snap	High	No Controlled Descent	Apply Safety Factor
Shock Cords	Snap due to stress caused by heat	High	No Controlled Descent	Kevlar Shock Cord (heat resistant)
Shock Cords	Tangling With Payloads	High	Damage to the Rocket	Rail System for Payload
Shock Cords	Tearing through Airframe	High	cord breaks or vehicle is no longer in recoverable condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>place duct tape where the cord will "rub" up against the carbon tube</li> </ul>
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# Shock Cords



The recovery system will contain:

- 44 yd of  $\frac{1}{4}$  " Kevlar shock cord
- 11 quick links
- 3 Alpine Butterfly Loops
- 4 Non-slip Mono Knots

Each knot will be epoxied for extra strength.

These components will provide the best chance of the system working as intended and not failing during execution.

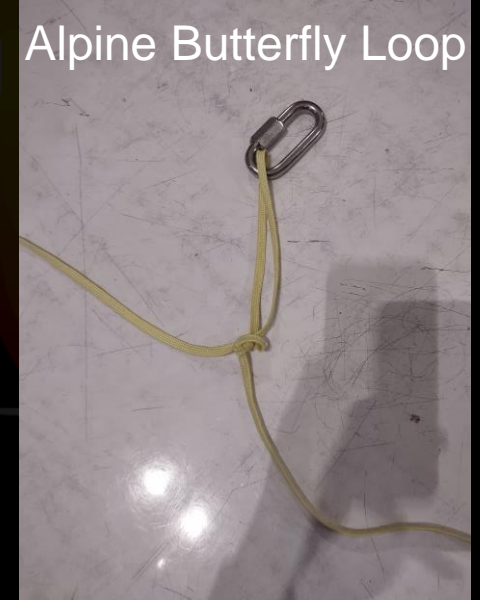
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- ❑ We are using quick links and two types of fisherman knots to prevent tangling of the components.
- ❑ There will be rails developed by payloads inside to prevent tube knocking.
- ❑ We will have a beacon in the main compartment, but we are waiting on LTI for dimensions.

Material	Safety Factor
¼" Kevlar shock cord	1.5
½" Quick link	1.69



½ in. Stainless Steel Quick link  
Max Load 3,900 lbs  
Price: \$24.84 (3)



- Order of hitting the ground: The bottom of the rocket (prop), coupler, nose cone, payloads

# Shock Cords

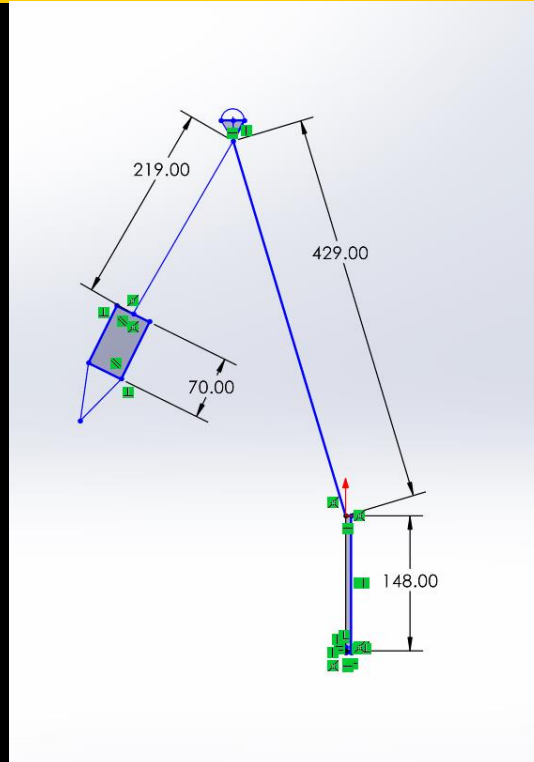
Drogue:  
Total Shock cord length  
(3 x length of Rocket):  
648"

Drogue to upper body:  
219"

Drogue to lower body:  
429"

Clearance from upper  
body to lower body:  
~140" (Safety Factor of  
2)

Rocket length: 216"

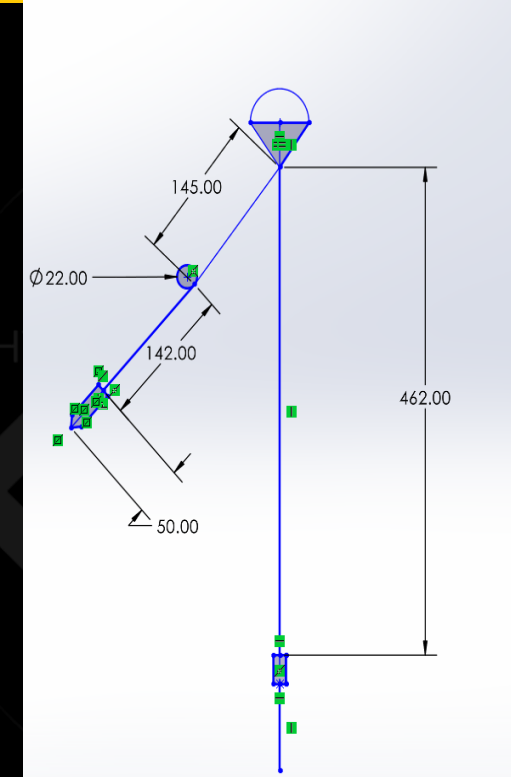


Main:  
Total Shock  
cord length (3.5 x length  
of Rocket): 749"

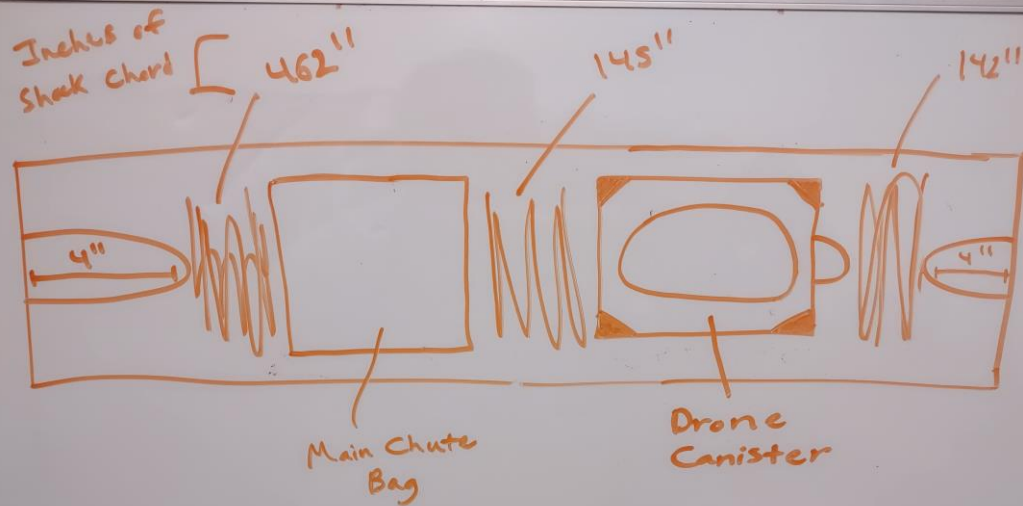
Parachute to Payload  
145"

Payload to  
Nosecone: 142" Sf(1.5)

Nosecone to  
Coupler: 176" Sf(1.7)



# Recovery and Payloads Interface



## Payload dimensions

- 5.5" Diameter
- Drone Canister: 11"

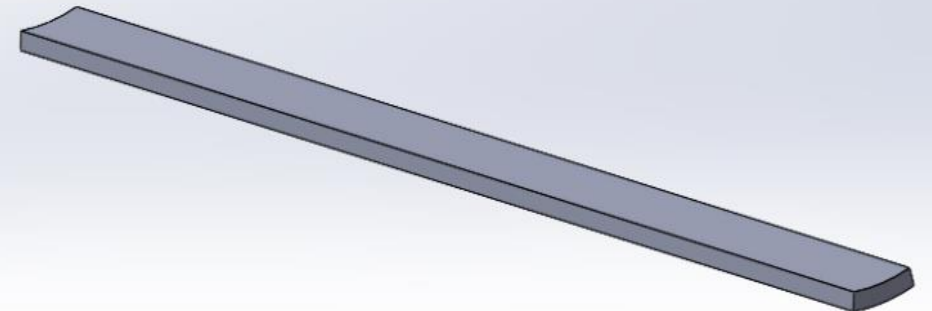
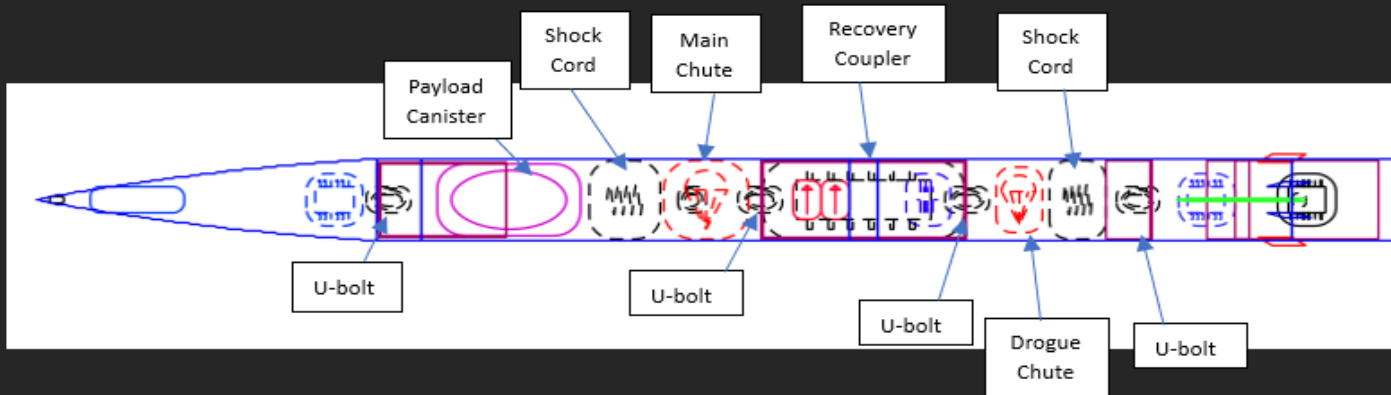
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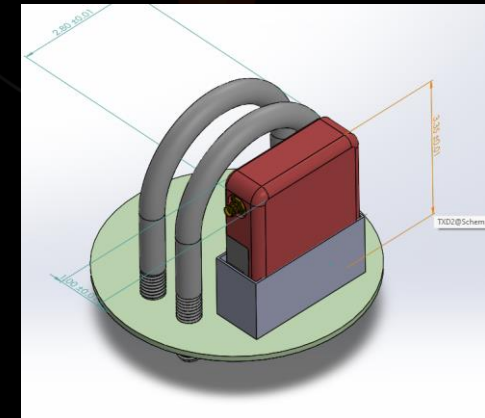
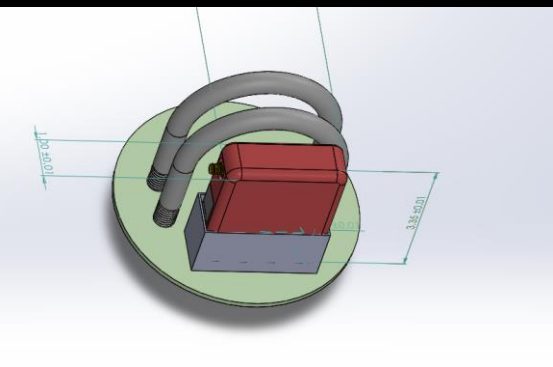
**Available space for Recovery after Payloads: 25" length**





# Recovery and LTI interface

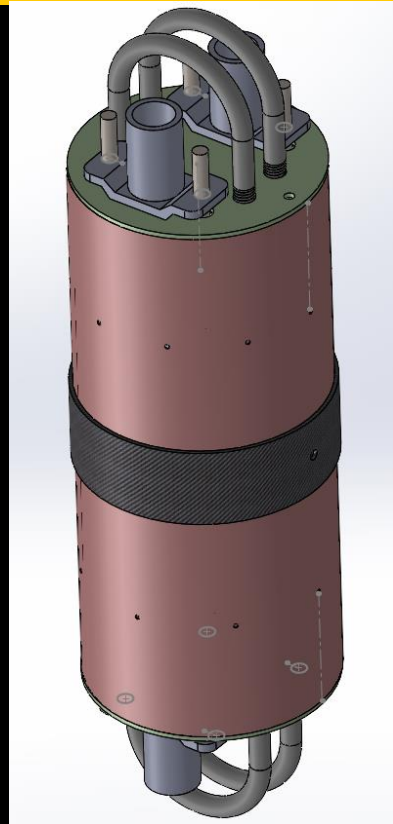
- The Beacon will be located on the bulkhead near the drogue
- The Beacon will be attached to a pin on the bulkhead. The drogue will pull the Beacon off the pin turning it on.
- The beacon is a form of GPS that is battery powered.
- The Beacon is 3.35" by 1" by 2.8"



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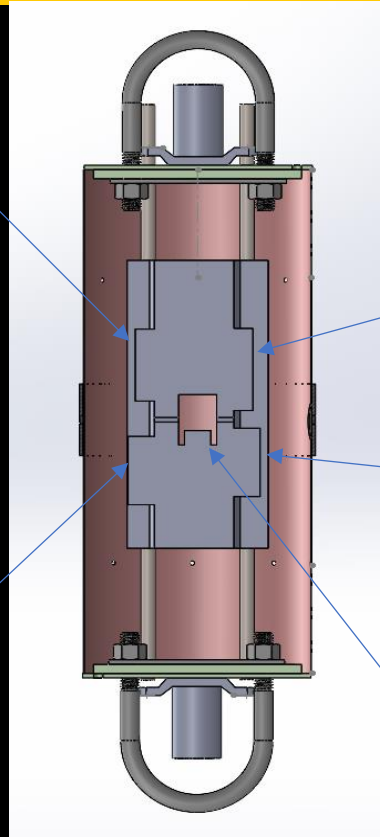
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# Recovery Coupler



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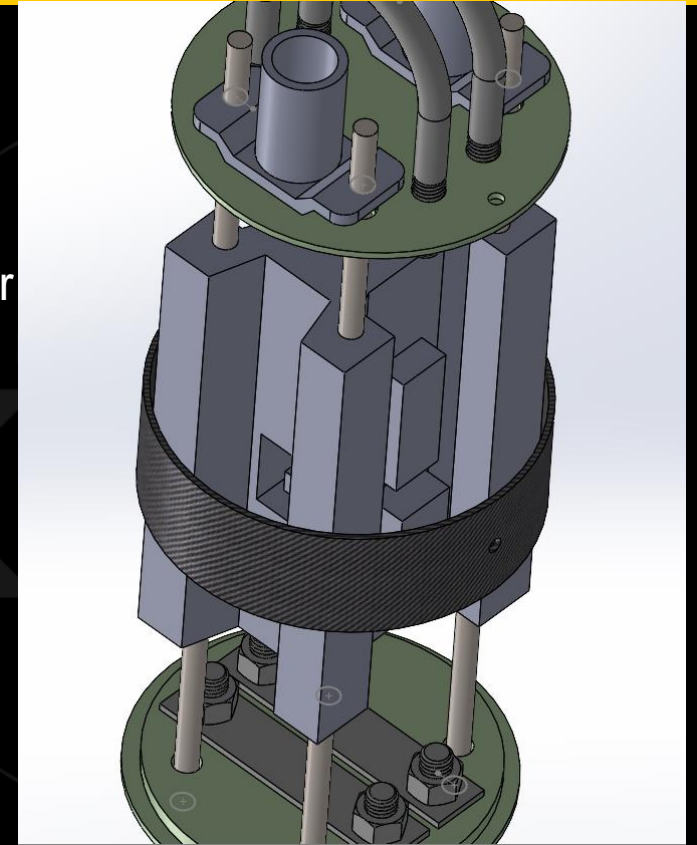
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Battery



Altimeter

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Pin Module



## Dimensions

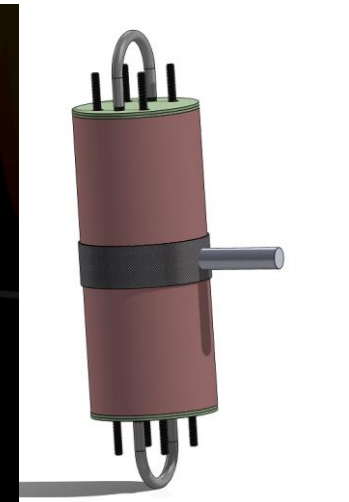
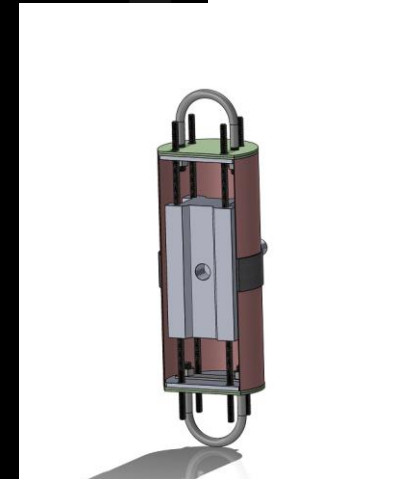
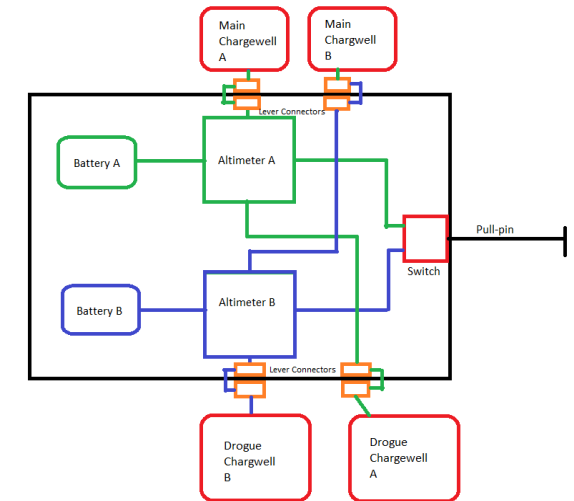
- Outer Diameter 5.998"; Inner Diameter 5.820"
- 14 inch length

# Recovery Avionics General Architecture

- ❑ Recovery system will use a fully dual redundant avionics system to deploy parachutes
- ❑ Both altimeters are fully able to deploy both parachutes
- ❑ Both powered by 9v batteries
- ❑ Nominal powered-on period of over 15 hours
- ❑ Avionics sit on a sled within the recovery coupler
- ❑ A pull-pin will activate the avionics system before flight, accessible from outside of the coupler; through vent hole

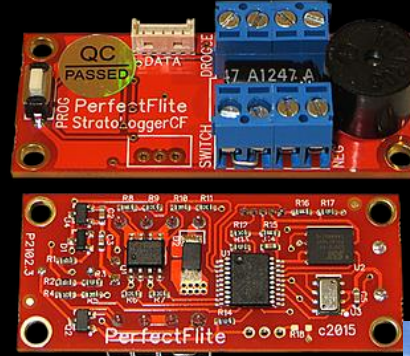
FAR10K  
Recovery  
Altimeter  
Wiring  
Diagram

\*Does not represent scale or internal orientation of components



# Recovery Avionics - Altimeters

- ❑ Stratologger CF – Already owned by KXR
  - ❑ 1.5mah consumption, over 100 hours of nominal life
  - ❑ Samples atmosphere 20 times per second
  - ❑ Dual-Deploy computer
- ❑ Missileworks RRC2+ - Already owned by KXR
  - ❑ 35mah consumption, 15 hours of nominal life
  - ❑ Dual-Deploy computer
- ❑ Both altimeters will not conflict with other projects, and in the case of one being destroyed in flight by another project, at least one backup of each is available



## Altimeter history

Stratologger CF	Missileworks RRC2+
NSL (April 10th-24th)	FAR(June 2nd)
FAR (June 2nd)	IREC(June 17th)

Both altimeters will undergo testing to ensure they deploy charges at altitude differential

A choice will be made on which altimeter is the "prime" altimeter. The backup will deploy charges on a 1 second delay to ensure there is not an overpressure event

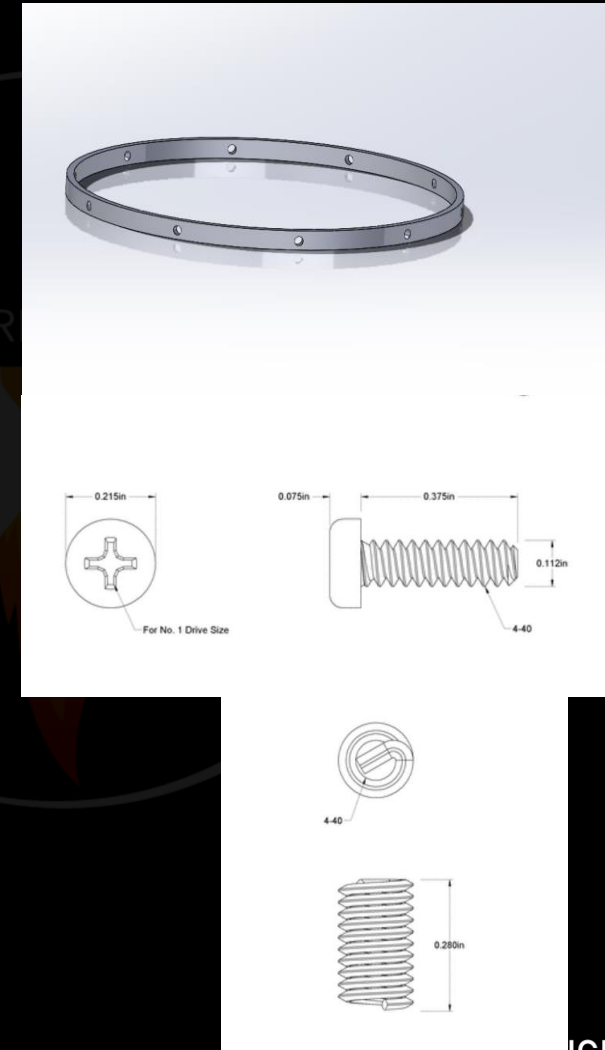
# FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Threaded Rods	Shearing	High	Coupler Failure	PVC Piping to cover the rods, stronger nuts to withstand snatch force.
Altimeters	Detonating charges late	High	Parachute(s) deploy at high velocity or too late	Ground testing of altimeters
Altimeters	Does not detonate charges	High	Parachute(s) do not deploy	Ground testing of altimeters
Parachute	Parachute failure (rip, does not unfold)	High	Unsafe descent	Proper packing procedure, analysis of velocity at deployment

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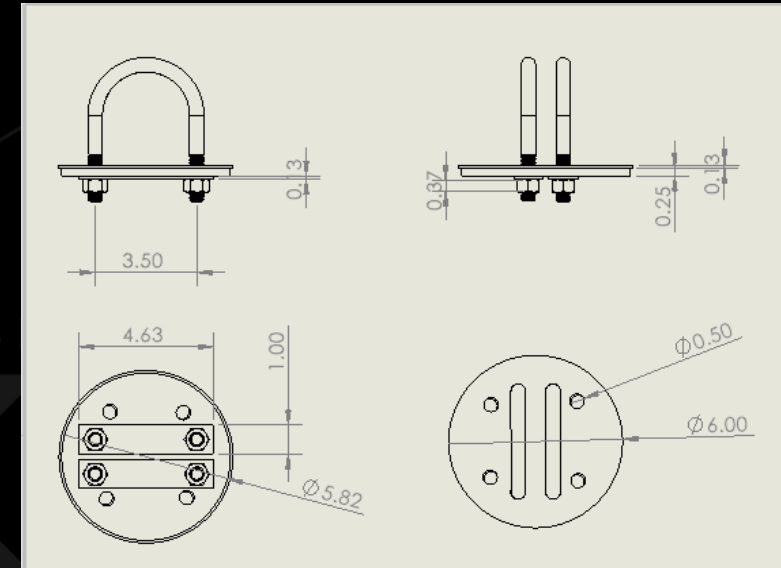
- Shear pins
- 10 Nylon Pan Head Screws Phillips for Main parachute deployment
- 8 Nylon Pan Head Screws Phillips for Drogue parachute deployment
- Threaded 4-40 holes will be placed along an aluminum ring (located inside the coupler) to prevent thread failure for the shear pins

Bolt Selector (select yellow box for dropdown)						
Drogue	Bolt Type	Max Force (lbs)	Min Force (lbs)	MinorA (in^2)	Max Stress (psi)	Min Stress (psi)
Main	#4-40	76	50	0.005191238	14640.05201	9631.613167
	#4-40	76	50	0.005191238	14640.05201	9631.613167
Inputs						
Rocket ID (drogue) (in)	Rocket ID (main) (in)	Empty Length (drogue) (in)	Empty Length (main) (in)	Launchpad Height (ft)	Rocket Apogee (ft)	
6	6	11	30	2762	16000	
Calculated Outputs						
Temperature1 (F)	Temperature2 (F)	Atm. Pressure1 (psi)	Atm. Pressure2 (psi)	Ref Area Drogue (in^2)	Ref. Area Main (in^2)	
49.16728	-7.79272	13.30169173	7.127427439	28.27433388	28.27433388	< Temp/Pressure equations work up to 36152ft above sea lvl
Drogue		Main				
Drag Top (lbs)	66.49	Drag Top (lbs)	49.67	< Add up drag below and above separation point (where it shears) to find your drag diff.		
Drag Bottom (lbs)	105.81	Drag Bottom (lbs)	105.81			
Delta Drag (lbs)	39.31984546	Delta Drag (lbs)	56.13761346			
Sep. Force (lbs)	174.57321	Sep. Force (lbs)	174.57321			
Bolt Safety Factor	1.5	Hanging Section Weight (lbs)	20	< Weight of section being held by main shear bolts after drogue deployment		
Bolts	4.277861109	Bolt Safety Factor	2			
Bolts (rounded w/ SF)	8	Bolts	4.614216469			
Black Powder Safety Factor	2	Bolts (rounded w/ SF)	10			
Black Powder (grams)	3.448608579	Black Powder Safety Factor	1.8			
Black Powder (SF) (grams)	6.9	Black Powder (grams)	11.75662016			
		Black Powder (SF) (grams)	21.2			



# Recovery Bulkheads

- ❑ Materials: G10 (FR4) Fiber glass plate, Black Oxidized Steel U-bolts, ½ " nuts and washers, wire quick connect, and The lip has been changed to G10 bulkhead lip
- ❑ The bulkhead will be tested in the recovery test as part of the coupler
- ❑ The bulkhead will have two charge wells attached, an extra as a redundant one
- ❑ Snatch Force: 1953 lbf -> 1701 lbf as such SF are up



# Recovery Bulkheads

## ❑ Attachments:

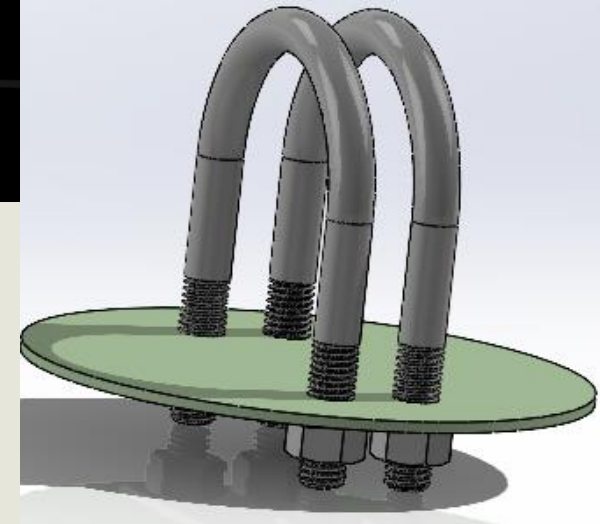
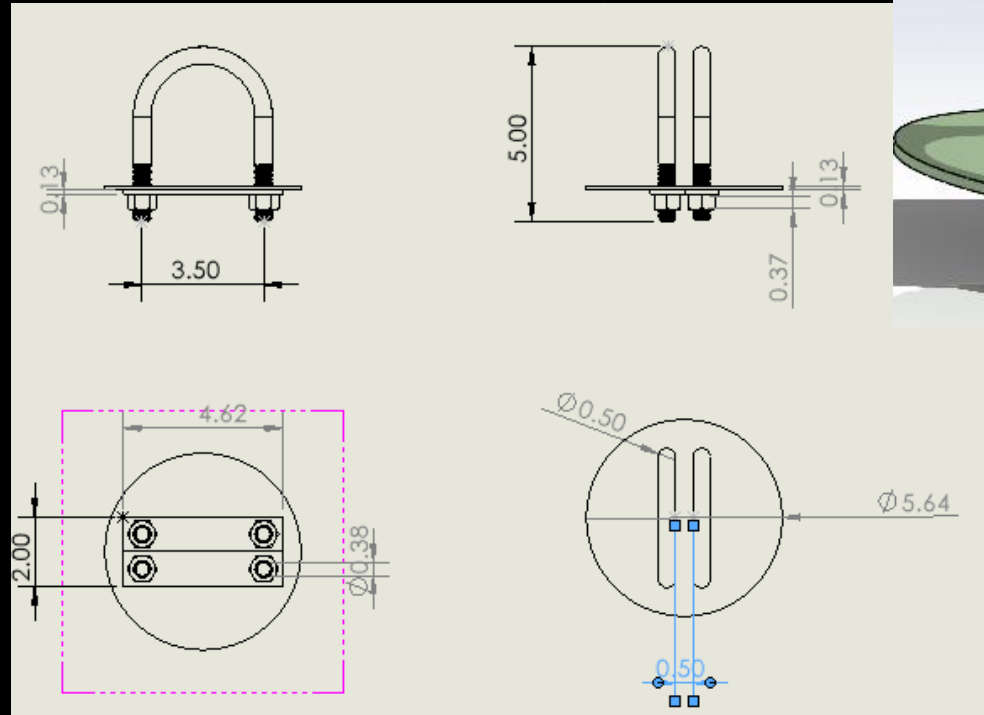
- ❑ Recovery Coupler – 3/8" rods with lock nuts to secure
- ❑ Body Bulkheads – secured in place by G12 couplers in body sections

## ❑ Verifications – Excell calculators and physical tests

- Using values from open rocket, other calculators, and manufacturers
- Physical Test

## ❑ Forces applied:

- ❑ Main areas: U-bolt, threads, and bulkhead plate
- ❑ Transfer of Forces: Quick link > U-Bolt > back plate > Lip > BH Plate



# FMECA

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U-bolt	Snaps	High	Vehicle Disassembly	The U-bolt has a Safety factor 1.02 thus 2 U-bolts are being used
Bulkhead Plate	Bolt Tear	High	Vehicle Disassembly	13.7 Safety Factor on the Bulkhead

# Bulkhead Cost

Part	Quantity	Cost
U-bolt/nuts(2)/back plate	8	\$46.53
G10(FR4)	1x0.125" x 12" x 24" sheet	\$42.11
Nuts ½ in	16	\$11.04
Washers ½ in	16	\$11.04
Hardpoint wood	1 2ft x 4ft plank	\$5.15

# Chargewell cost

Part	Quantity	Cost
PETG FILAMENT - 1.75MM, 1KG SPOOL	1	24.99
E Matches	60	FAR PROP
Finger glove	16	\$11.04
Wire quick connect	20	\$13.99
20 ft wire	1	tbd
Concrete tiles	2	At home
Protective barrier		tbd

# Black Powder

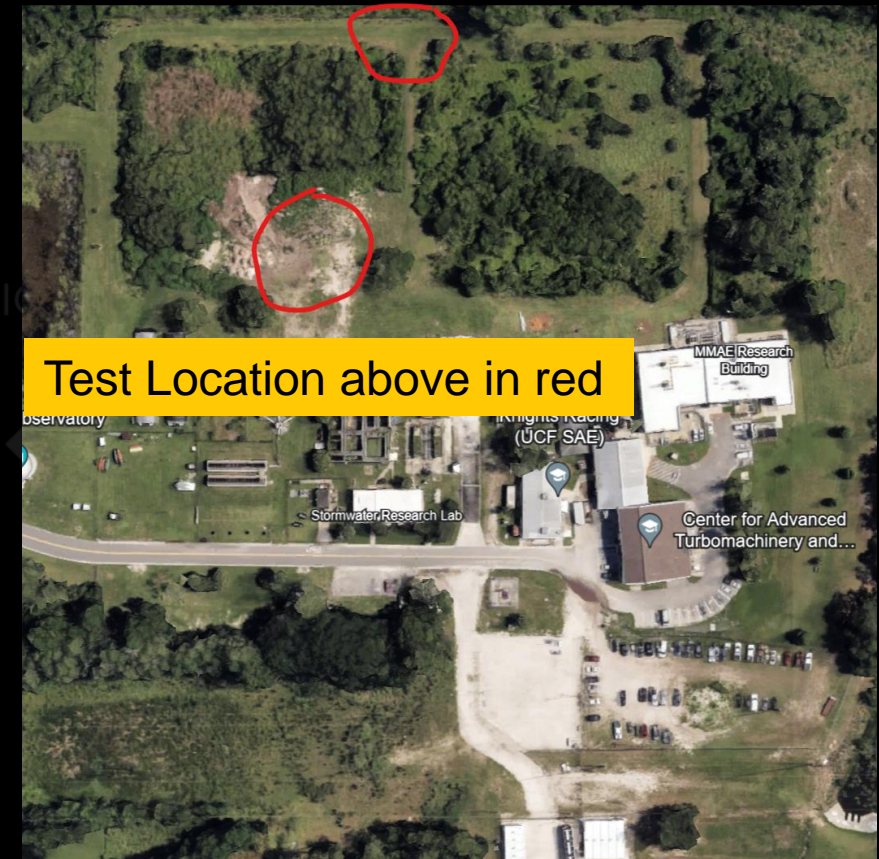
- ❑ Calculated Black powder by using values from open rocket ( Fin height root chord Tip Chord & Pressure Base and Friction Coefficient) plugging into the aerodynamics forces we get drag top and bottom for drogue and main.
- ❑ Then we use drag top and bottom and use the black powder calculator
  - ❑ We used black powder safety values of 2 for drogue and 1.8 for main
  - ❑ Bolt safety of 1.5 for drogue and 2 for main.
  - ❑ We also got Rocket ID, length and hanging sections weight from Open rocket
- ❑ We will be using 6.9 Grams of black powder for the drogue and 19.1 grams of black powder for the Main

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Coefficient Inputs								
Component	Pressure C <sub>d</sub>	Base C <sub>d</sub>	Friction C <sub>d</sub>	Total C <sub>d</sub>	Drag (lbf)	C <sub>n</sub> d	C <sub>n</sub>	Lift (lbf)
Nose Cone	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.07	26.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nose cone shoulder	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
payload body tube	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	21.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
recovery switch ring	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
power recovery tube	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	14.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
in mount	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	13.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
trogen valves mount	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	6.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
fuel tube	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	7.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
fuel valves mount	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	6.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
ox tube	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	21.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
cc mount	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	6.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
trapezoidal fin set	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.03	9.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
boost tail	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.09	20.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.05	0.07	0.31	0.44	157.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Constant Inputs								
Density of air at sea level	Max velocity	outer diameter	Cross-sectional Area	α (angle of attack)	Fin Area	g	Fin Root Chord	Fin Tip Chord
slugs/ft³	ft/s	ft	ft²	degrees	ft²	ft/s²	ft	ft
0.00238	1001.00000	0.51667	0.32844	0.00000	0.18960	32.17405	0.58	0.38
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# Black Powder Testing

- Before Ground tests-
  - Igniter tests and Charge well verification tests
  - Payload and Beacons made
  - Propulsion systems made
- Location : Water treatment plant not official )
- Weight : TBD ( 143 LB )
- Safe distance: 30-50 feet
- Test stand : TBD ( Under Design )
- Estes Launch will be used to ignite the E-matches.
- Procedure to create Free BP charge
  - Measure BP, Fill into Glove,
  - Stick E-Matches in, Tape ends shut.

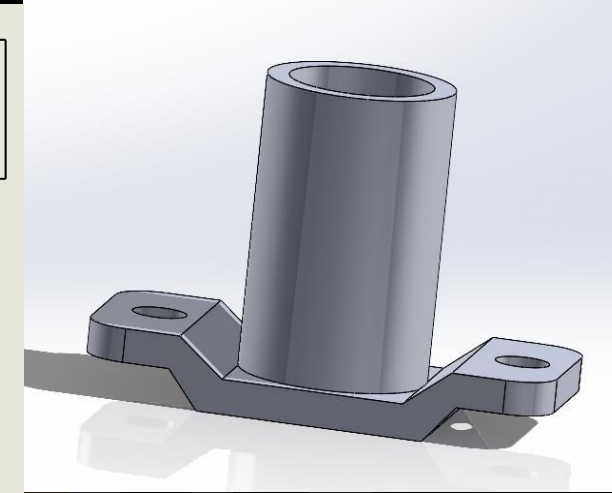
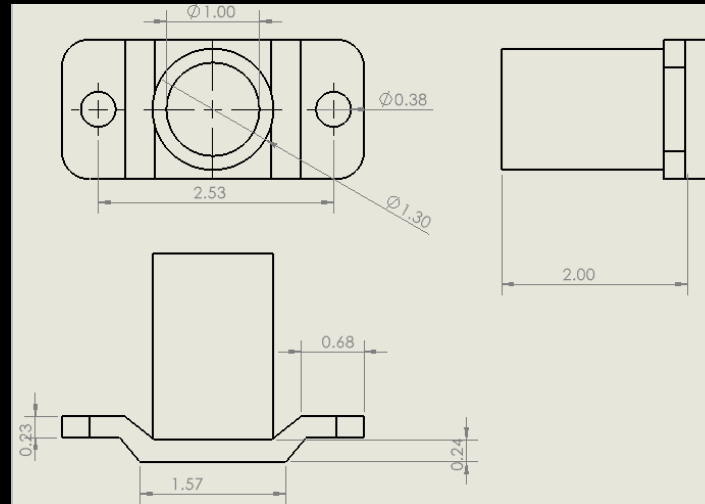


# BP Protection Measures

Failure	Mitigation
Unsafe Early Charge Detonation	Before connection to power make sure to stay far away
Other Charge detonation – static charges, etc	Rubber Gloves
Black Powder contamination	Keep BP in ammo box
Modules hitting KXR staff on detonation	Safe distance + Safety Mound
Rapid Unscheduled Disassembly	Safe distance + Safety Mound
Flammability	Safe distance + Safety Mound
Explosion hazards	Safe distance + Safety Mound

# Charge Wells

- ❑ 3D printed charge wells (PETG), Wing nuts 3/8", electrical tape, E-match, quick connect, and Wiring
- ❑ E-match will be placed in the barrel and connected via wire
- ❑ Will use a premade free-floating (wrapped in the finger of a glove with tape) charge to be placed in the barrel
- ❑ Charge well will be secured on a solid base with two pavers on the sides to hold it in place
- ❑ A protective barrier will be 20 ft away with a wire connected to detonate the charge

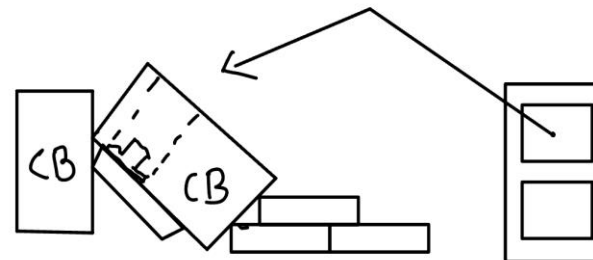


PM(g)	BD(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	PV (cm <sup>3</sup> )	PV(in)	Actual Volume
21.1	1.7	12.4117647	0.757412	1.570796327
				0.964367295
2.356194				

**PV = PM / BD** P V = PM / B D Where PV is the Powder Volume (m<sup>3</sup>) PM is the powder mass (g) BD is the bulk density (g/m<sup>3</sup>) To calculate the powder volume, divide the powder mass by the bulk density.

# Charge Well Testing

- Pre req: Ignitor verification test must be done beforehand
- The Charge Well test location: Water Treatment plant (red circle)
- During the test participants will hide behind the mounds
- Safety Distance: 30 ft
  - Based on the national Association of Rocketry for rockets with D motors
- Safety Gear: Gloves, Goggles, and Hats
- The "Wall" is the mound
- Testing setup:
- Projected Test Date: 3/9/24
- Attach the wires to a 9v battery and a switch



The charge well will be angled away from people



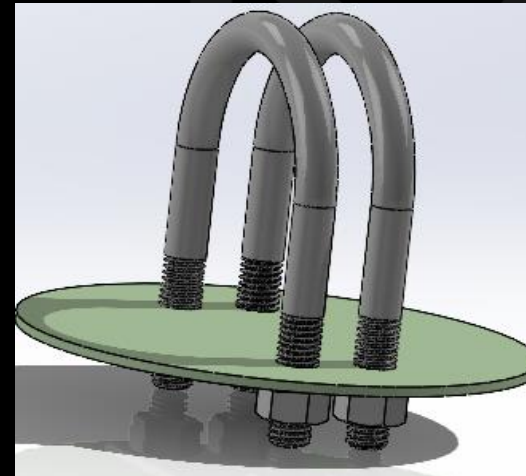
# FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
BP Fuse	Fails to ignite	High	Separation fails	Proper wiring
BP Amount	Too much BP	High	Separation fails	BP testing
BP Amount	Too little BP	High	Separation fails	BP testing

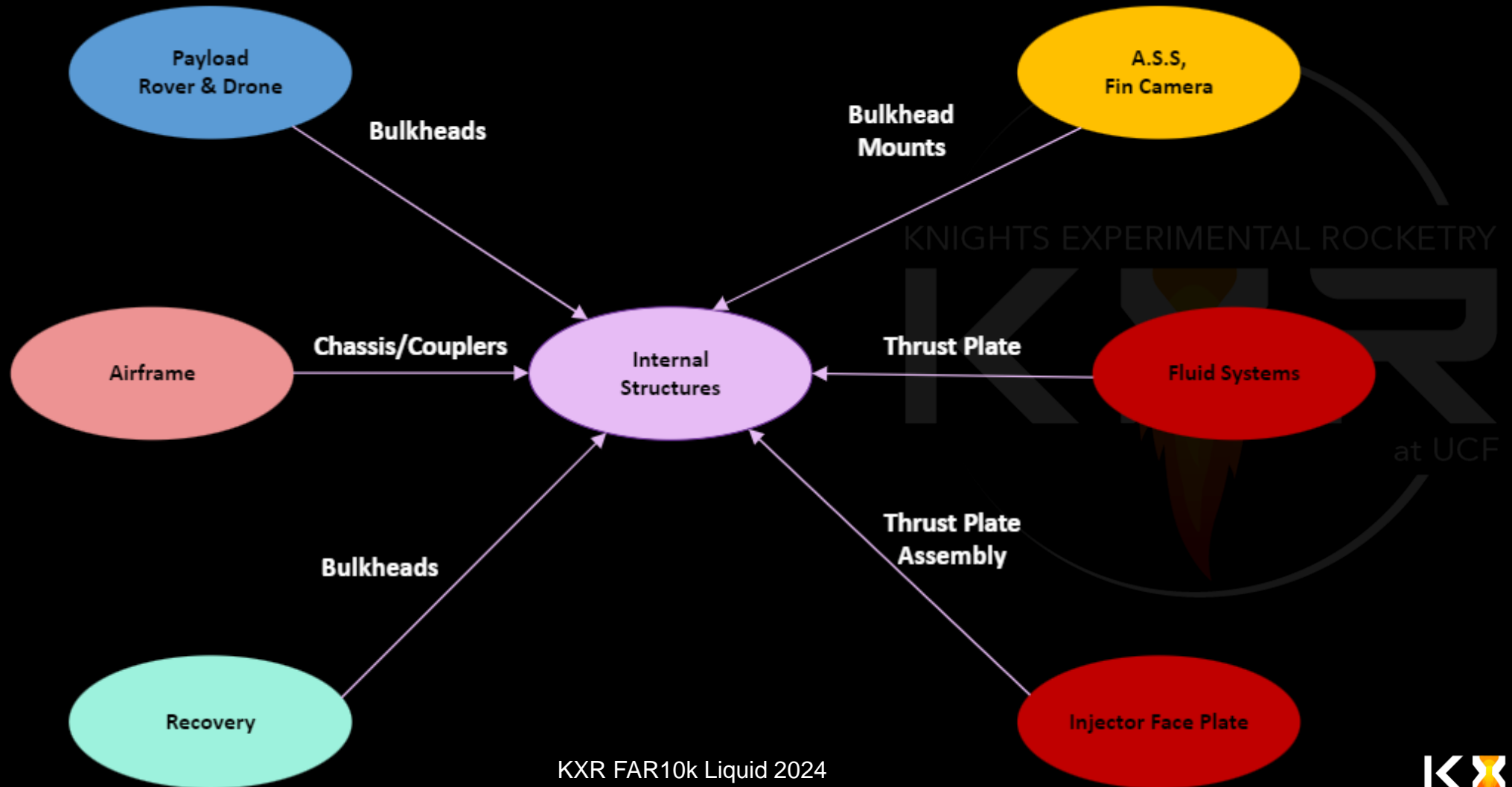
# Recovery System Manufacturing

- Bulkheads
  - Made from G10 fiberglass
  - Bulkheads will be designed through CAD
    - The drawing file will be sent to a fabrication center to be laser cut
  - U-bolts will be bought from McMaster
- Switchbands
  - Made from carbon fiber pre-preg
  - The 2" band will be cut from the lower recovery tube and the nitrogen tank tube
    - These tubes can be manufactured longer than needed to allow the switchbands to be cut from them

Coupler will be made out of carbon fiber instead of Fiberglass



# Internal Structures Interface Diagram



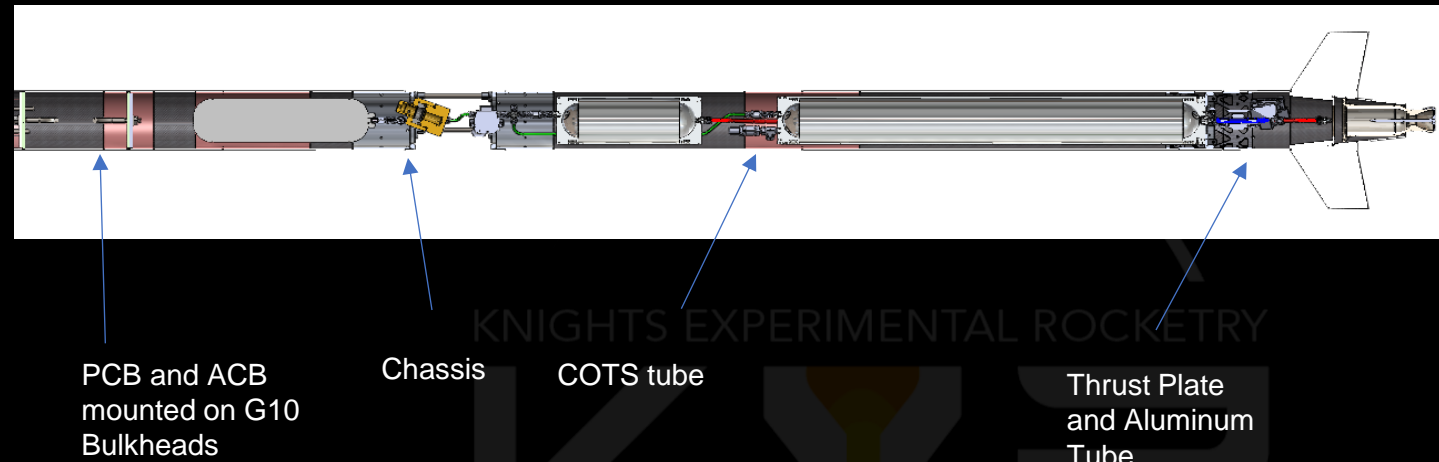
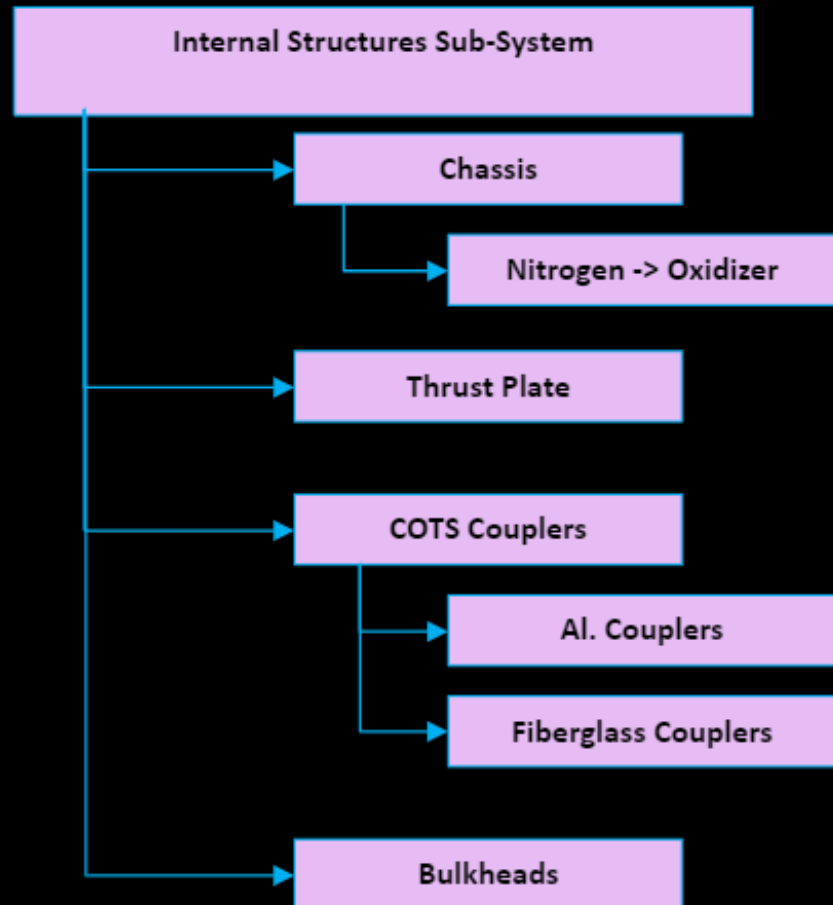
# Internal Structures Functional Requirements

Requirement	Requirement Type	Verification Method
The Internal Structures sub-system <b>shall</b> support and protect the <b>Propulsion</b> and <b>Payload</b> systems	Functional	Analysis
The internal Structures sub-system <b>shall</b> withstand the loads and vibrations acting on the rocket	Functional	Analysis
The Internal Structures sub-system <b>shall</b> house and provide access to the internal components of the vehicle	Functional	Inspection
The Internal Structures sub-system <b>shall</b> allow separation between motor, payload and recovery section of the vehicle.	Functional	Inspection
The Internal Structures sub-system <b>shall</b> withstand the weight of the propulsion system [64 lbs] and the payloads [10 lbs]	Functional	Analysis

# Internal Structures Technical Performance Measures

Measure	TPM Value	Units	Verification Methods
Total Compression Loads	16,941.311	psi	Force Calculator (Aero Loads)
Snatch Force	1,260.283 (No S.F) 1,953.439 (S.F 1.55)	lbf	Force Calculator (Snatch Force)
M1 Bending Max	-3,726.961	psi	Far Force Calculator (Aero Forces)
M2 Bending Max	5,742.241		
G Force	2.84	G's	Open Rocket
Shear Force (V1)	67.690	lbf	Force Calculator (Aero Force Loads)
Shear Force (V2)	221.527		
Bearing Stress (Tensile)	2,367.805	psi	Force Calculator (bolt sizing)
Bearing Stress (Compression)	68,105.684		

# Internal Structures Component Breakdown



# Chassis Technical Performance Measures

Measure	TPM Value	Units	Verification Methods
Total Compression Loads	16,941.311	psi	Force Calculator (Aero Loads)
Snatch Force	1,260.283 (No S.F) 1,953.439 (S.F 1.55)	lbf	Force Calculator (Snatch Force)
M1 Bending Max M2 Bending Max	-3,726.961 5,742.241	psi	Far Force Calculator (Aero Forces)
G Force	4.24	G's	Open Rocket
Shear Force (V1) Shear Force (V2)	67.690 221.527	lbf	Force Calculator (Aero Force Loads)
Bearing Stress (Tensile) Bearing Stress (Compression)	2,367.805 68,105.684	psi	Force Calculator (bolt sizing)



# Airframe Shear Stress

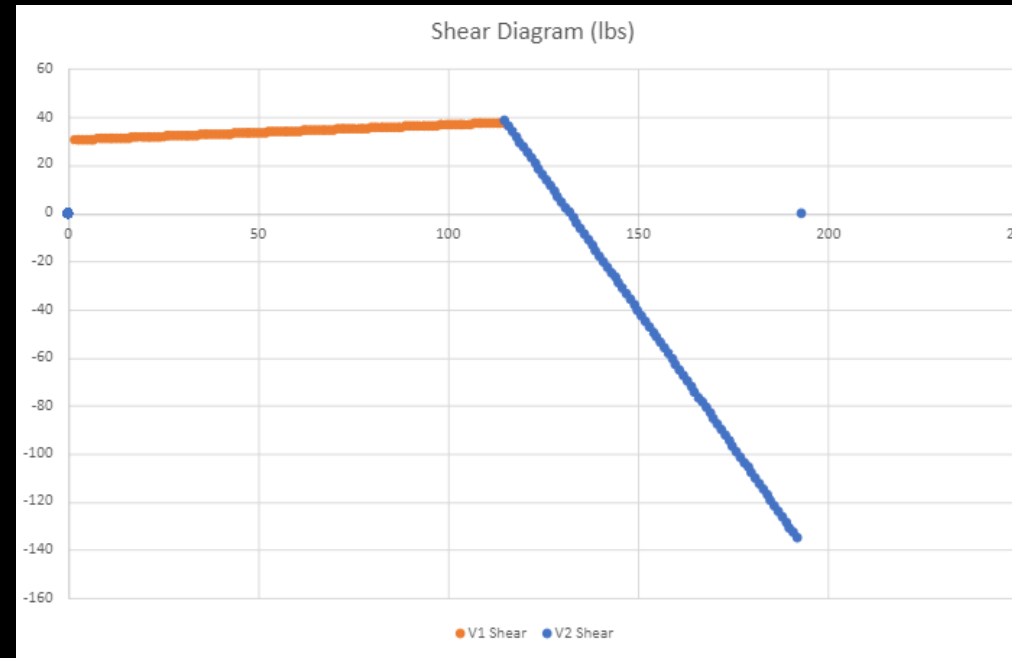
Equations from Nakka rocketry assume a distributed load acting on the body during flight.

$$w_2 = \frac{N_F(2x_2 + x_1) - N_N x_1}{x_2^2 + x_1 x_2}$$

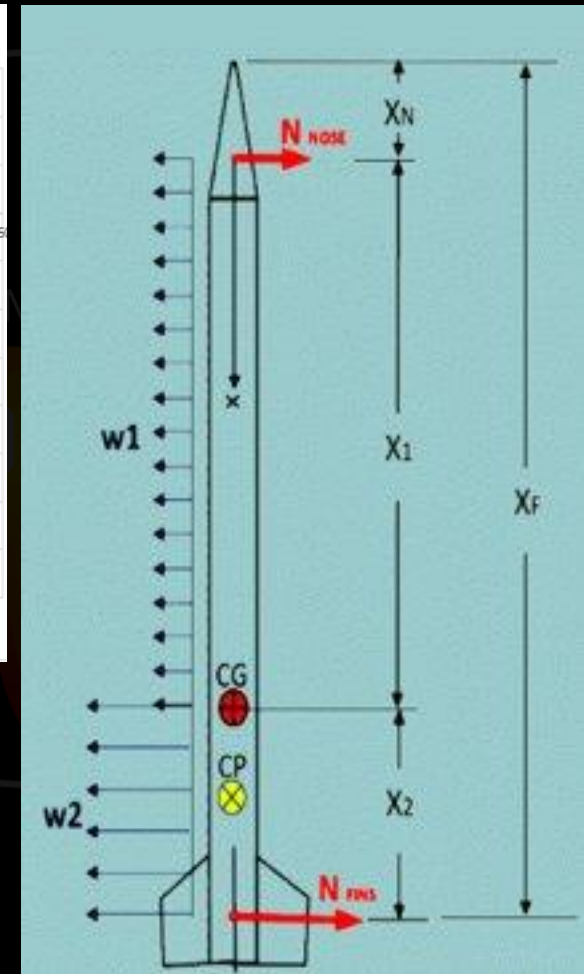
$$w_1 = \frac{N_N + N_F - w_2 x_2}{x_1}$$

$$V(x) = N_N - w_1 x \quad 0 \leq x \leq x_1$$

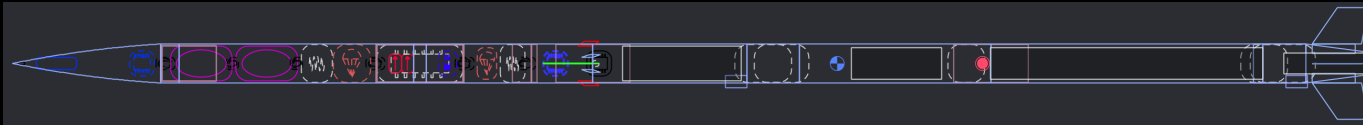
$$V(x) = V_1 - w_2(x - x_1) \quad x_1 < x \leq L$$



Body Tube Loads			
Distributed load W1 (lb/in)	Distributed load W2 (lb/in)	Lateral Shear V1 (lbf)	Lateral Shear V2 (lbf)
-0.064303376	2.256670282	37.79152609	121.91



# Airframe Bending Stress

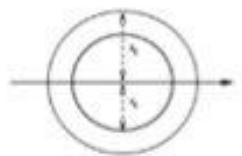
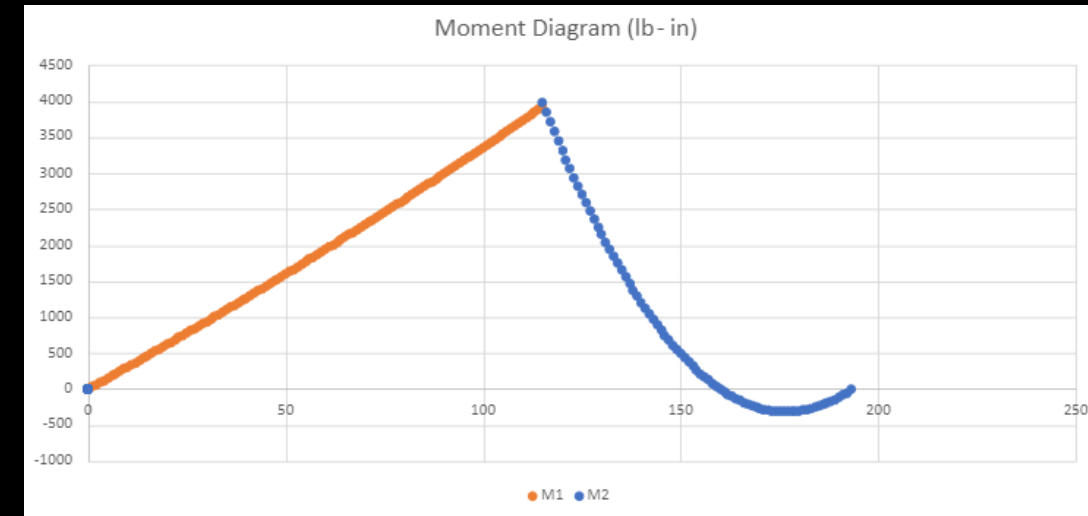


The **bending moment (M)** as a function of  $x$  is given by:

$$M(x) = N_N x - w_1 \frac{x^2}{2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq x_1$$

$$M(x) = V_1 x + w_2 \left( x_1 x + \frac{1}{2} L^2 - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right) - L(V_1 + w_2 x_1) \quad x_1 < x \leq L$$

$$f_b \max = \frac{M}{Z}$$



$$S = \frac{\pi (r_o^4 - r_i^4)}{4r_o} = \frac{\pi (d_o^4 - d_i^4)}{32d_o}$$

Calculator:

[Section Modulus Hollow Round Center Neutral Axis Calculator](#)

NA indicates neutral axis

Max Bending Stress on Body (PSI)	
M1 Bending Max	-2493.867483
M2 Bending Max	1927.620763

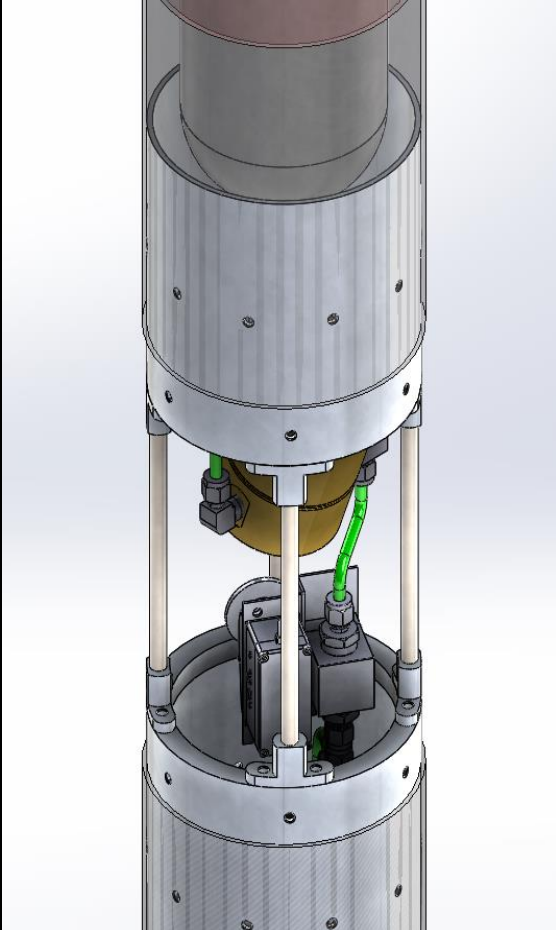
Forward Moment/Bending Moment

M1 Max Moment (lb in)	Max Forward Bending Moment (lb in )	Location of Max Forward Bending (in)
3917.964997	-7172.619099	115.00

Aft Moment/Bending Moment

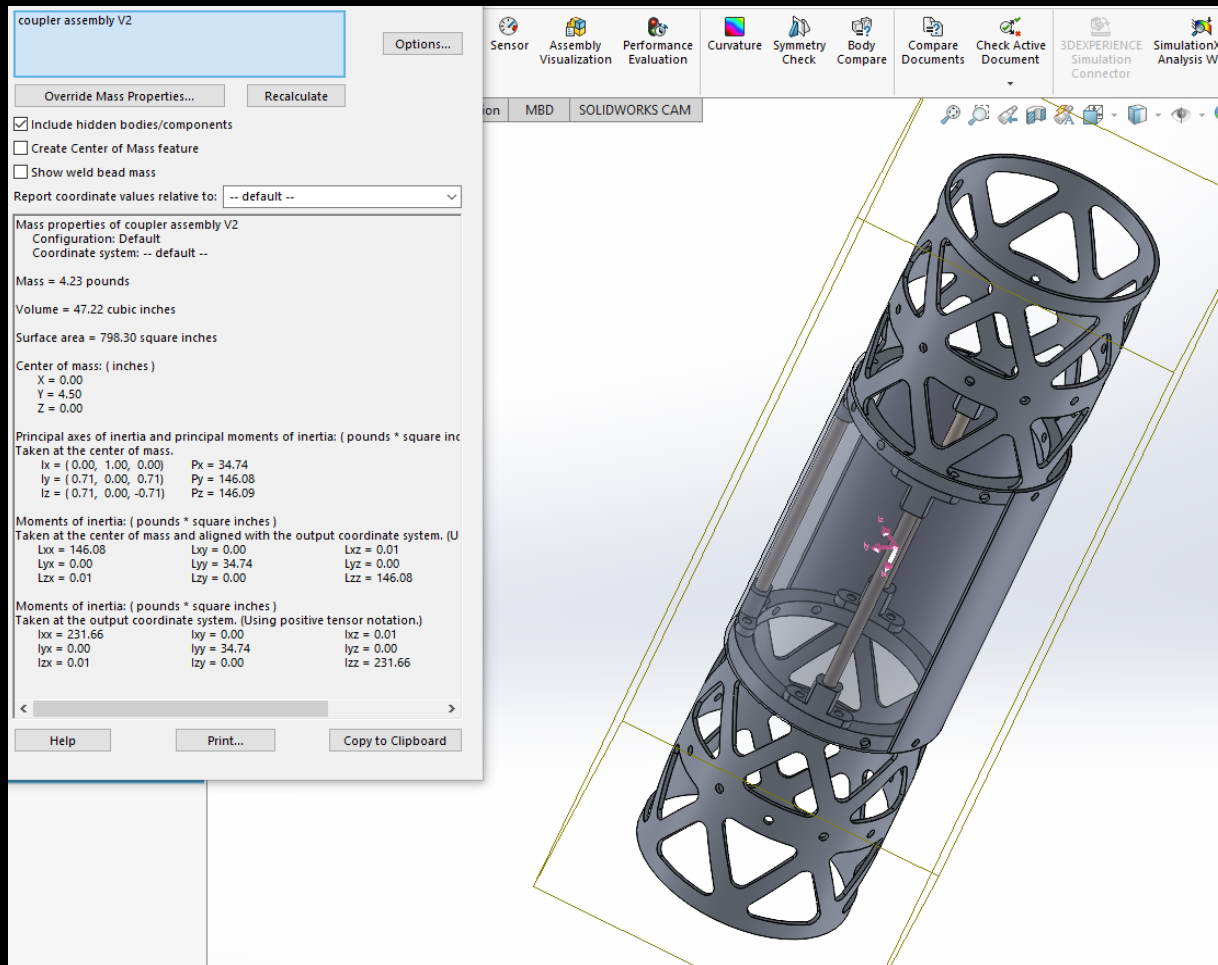
M2 Max Moment (lb in)	Max Aft Bending Moment (lb in )	Location of Max Aft Bending (in)
3986.169714	5544.035357	115

# Chassis



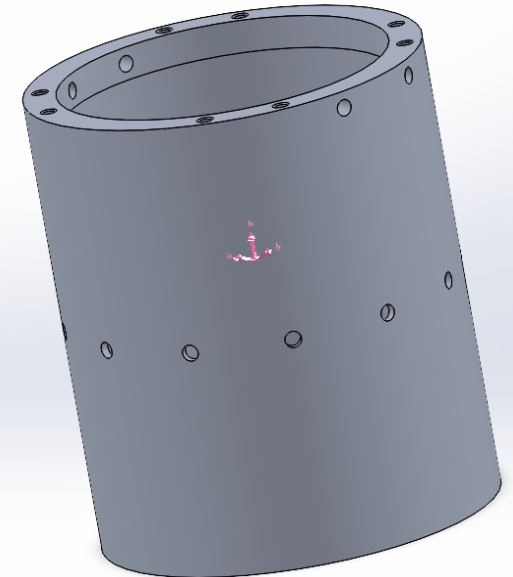
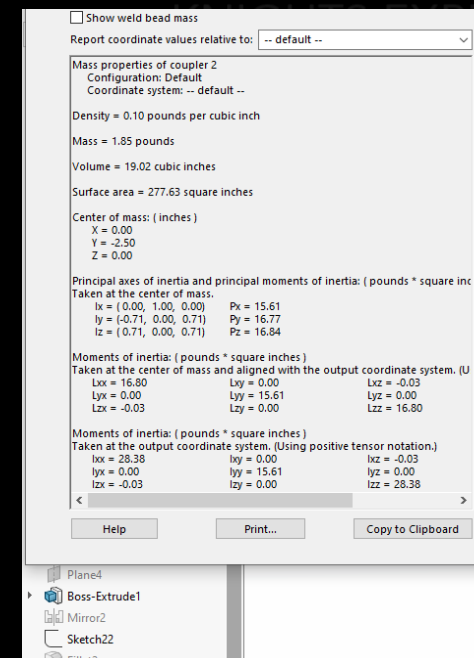
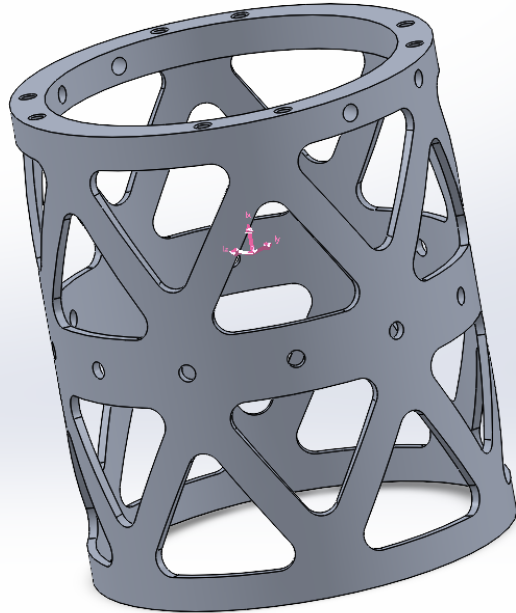
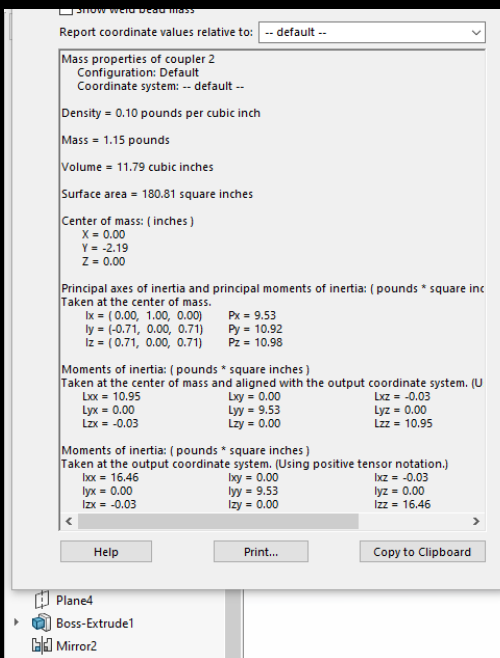
- Aluminum Coupling Section goes between the nitrogen tank and the fuel tank
- 8" long steel threaded rods provide an opening for access to regulator to avoid moving the entire tube and wearing out threads
- Aero panels can cover up the exposed plumbing and take little load during flight
- The panels will be made out of 3D printed polycarbonate

# Design Evolution

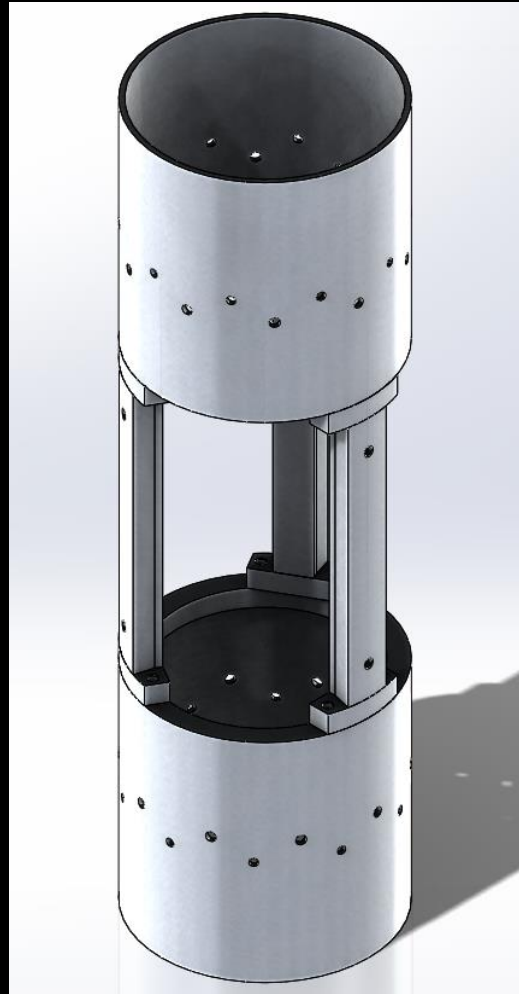
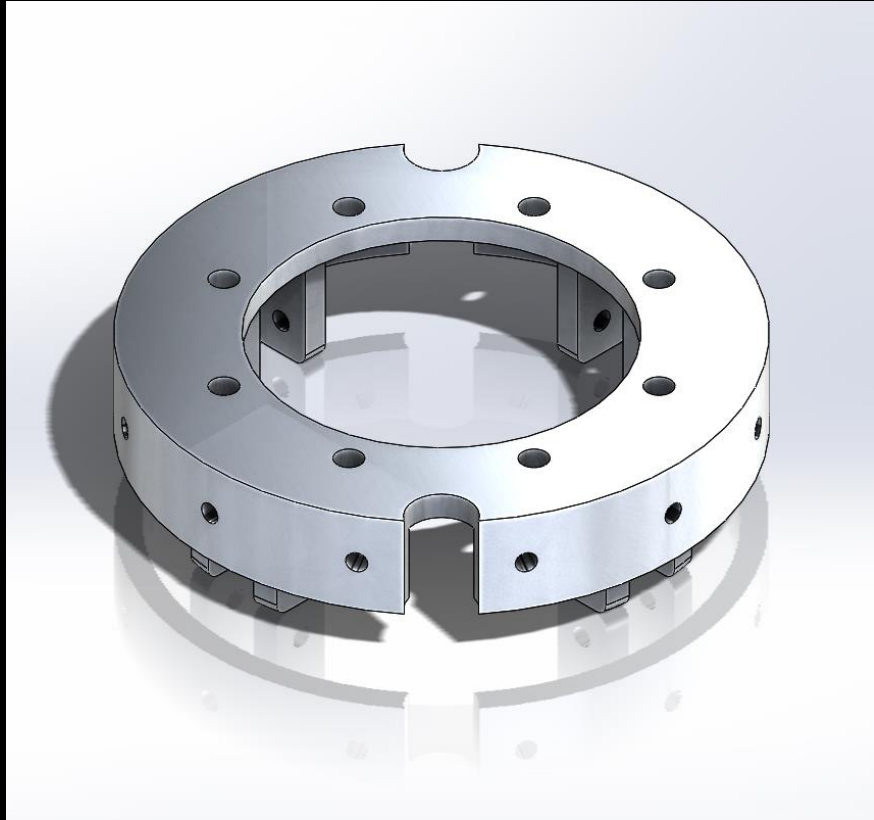


# Weight Loss

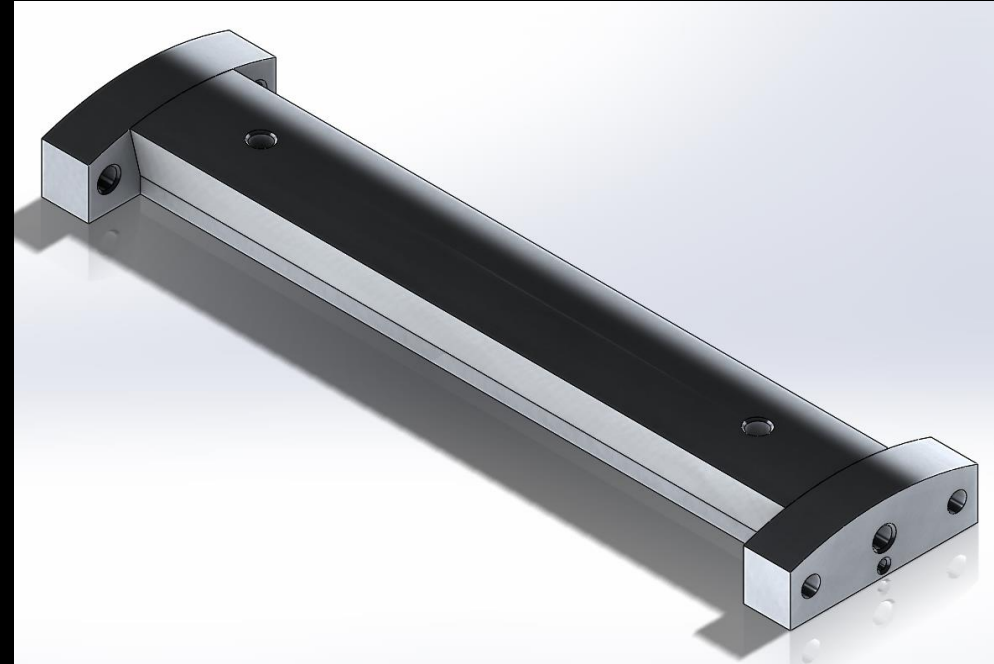
- Original: 1.85 lbs
- Lightened: 1.15 lbs
- Weight loss of 0.7 lbs per coupler, or 40%
- Adds up to almost 3 lbs across all couplers



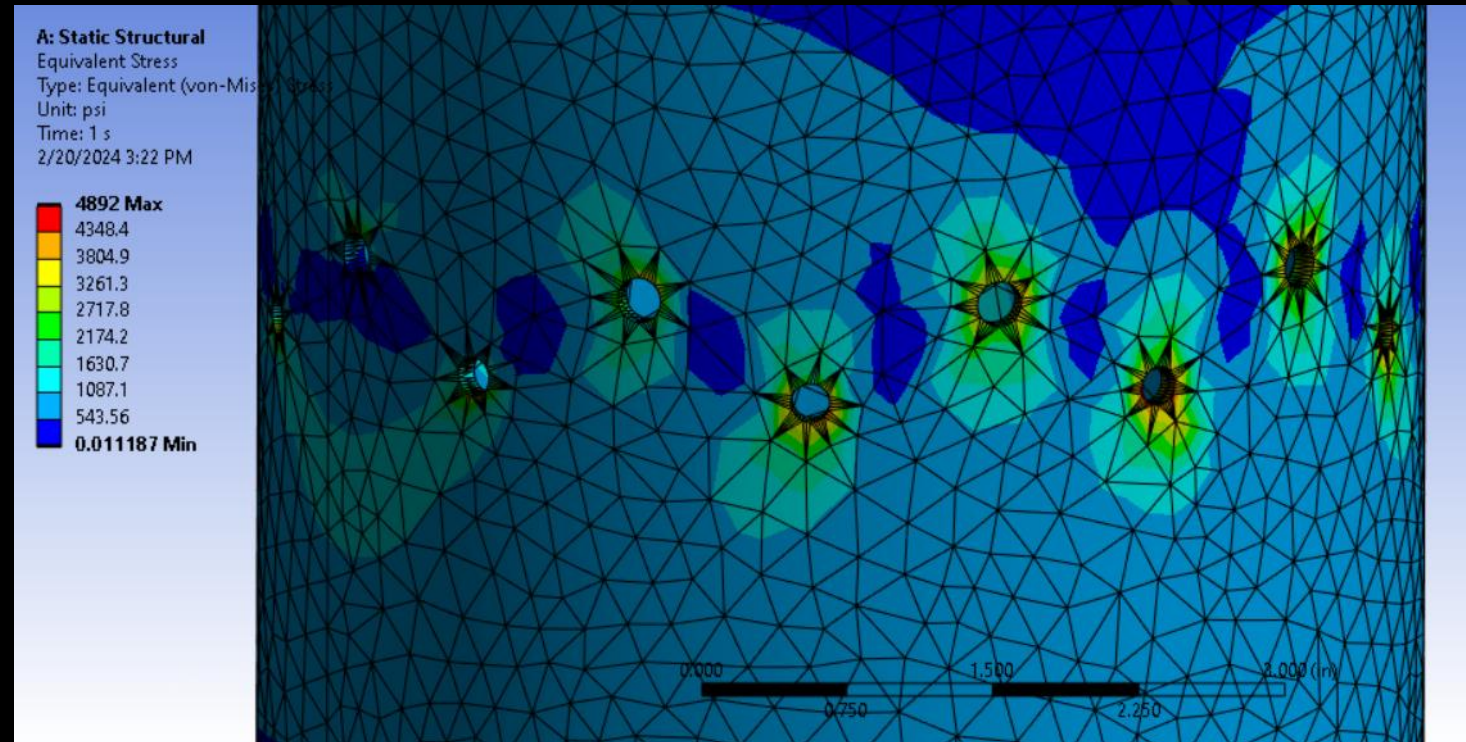
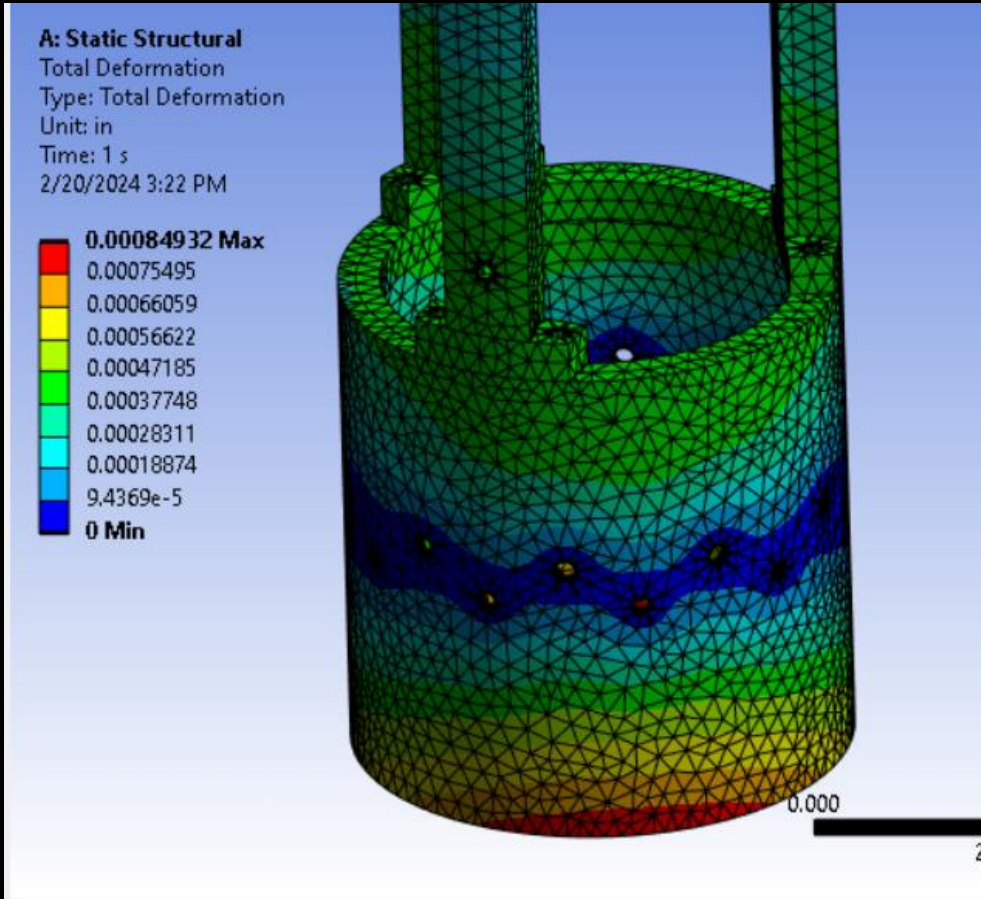
# Design Updates



KXR FAR10k Liquid 2024



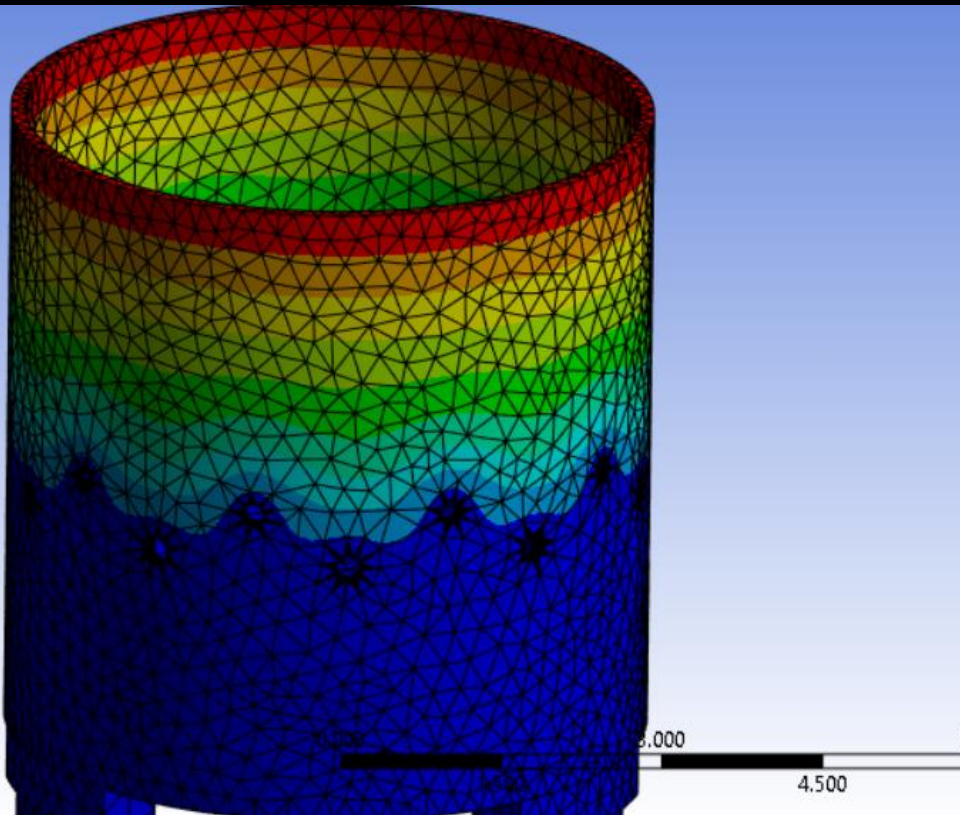
# Bending Sims



# Compression Sims

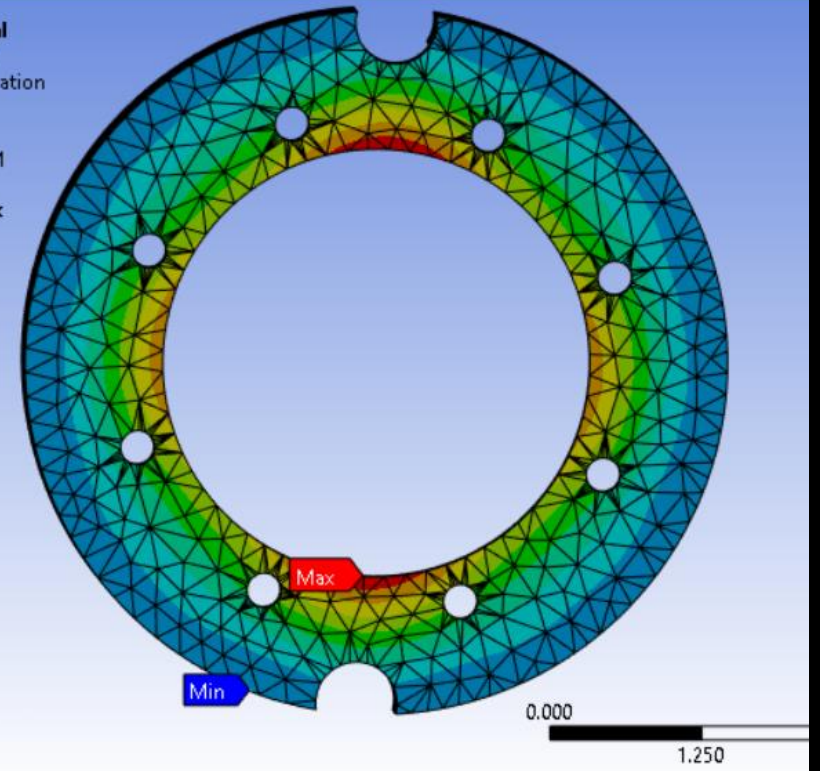
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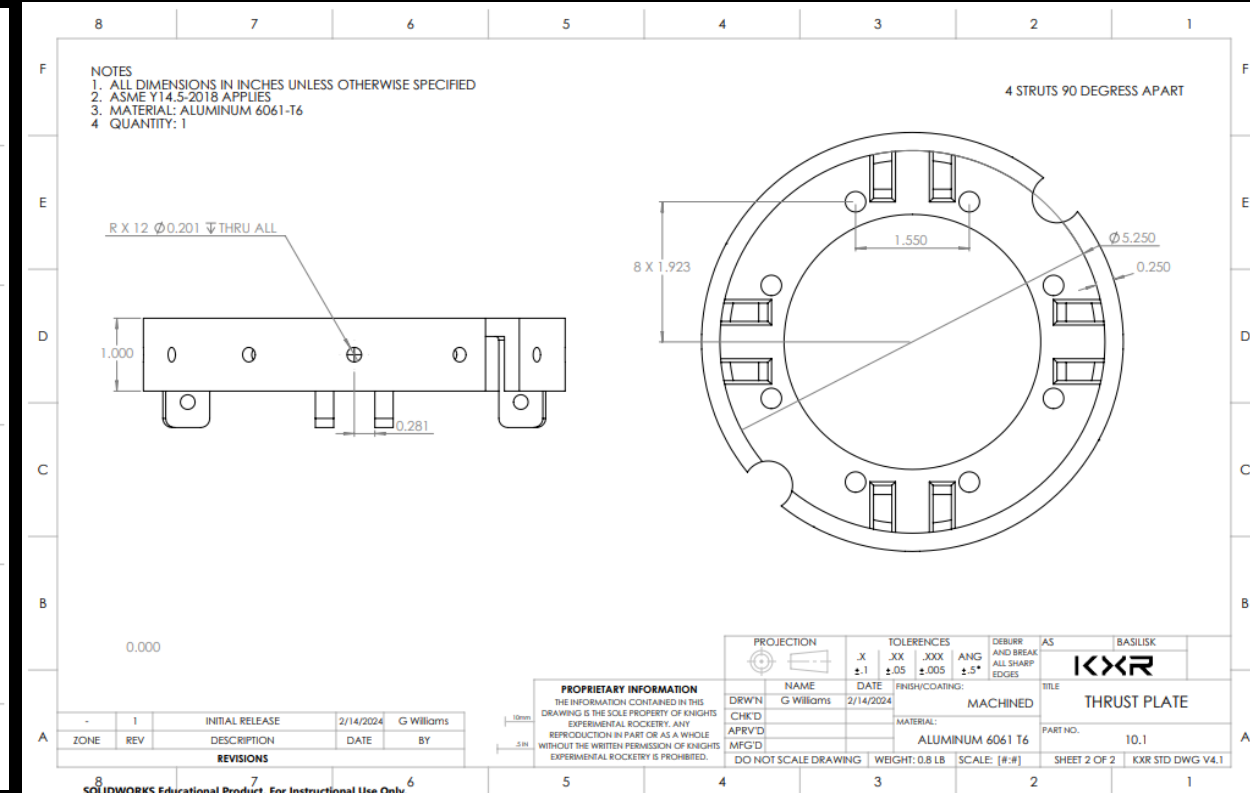
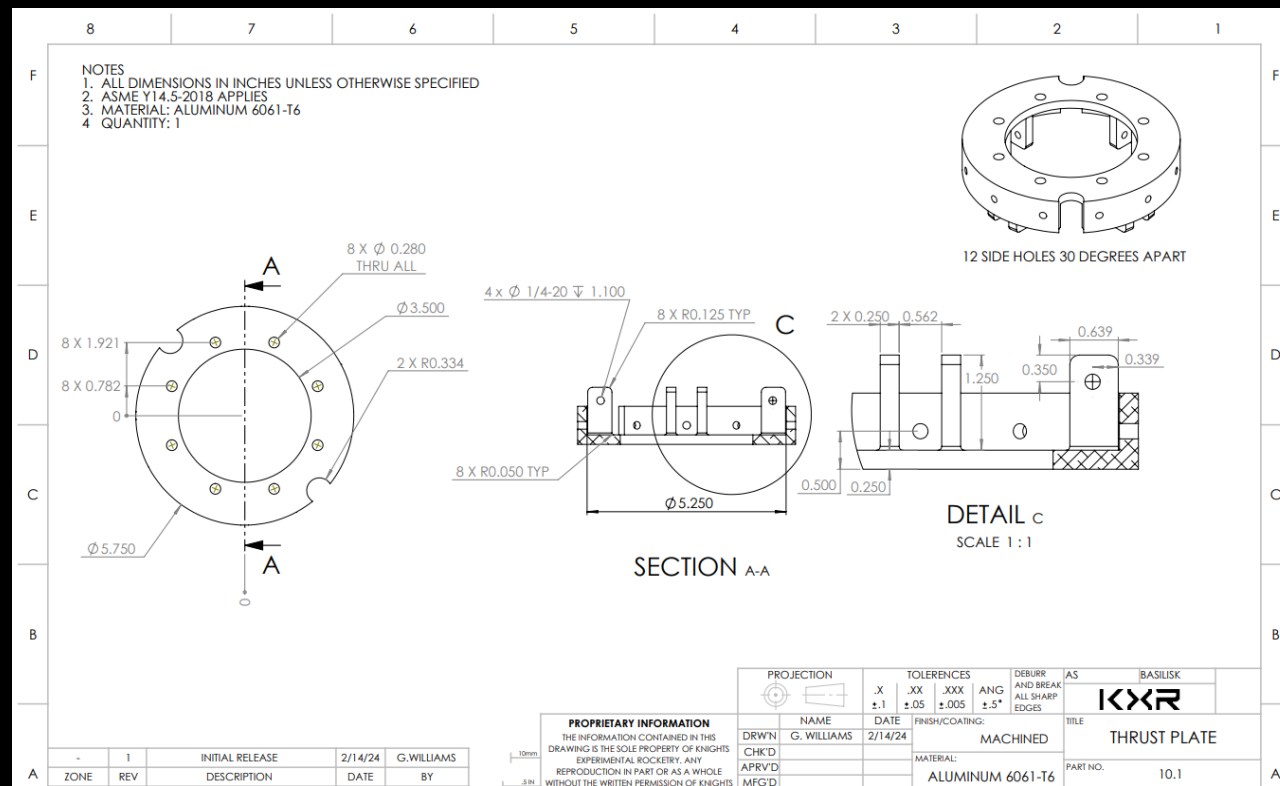


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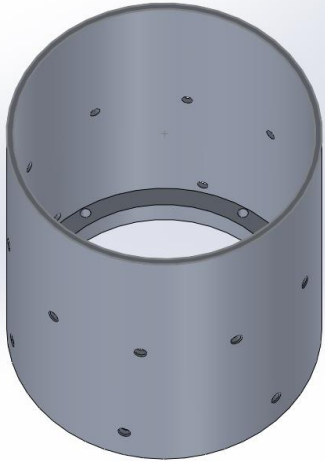
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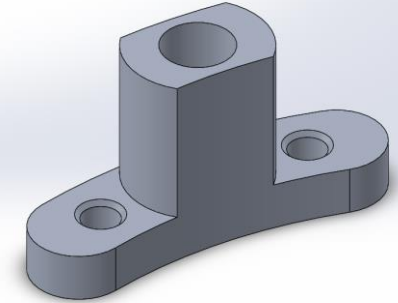
# Thrust Plate Drawings



# Chassis



Item	Material	Stock and Machining Costs	Quantity	Total	Resource
Chassis	6061 T6 Aluminum	\$75 for stock 3 hours per coupler \$35 hourly	1	Estimated \$360	Quotes provided by UCF Machine Shop
3/8" threaded rods	Steel	\$4.24	4	Estimated \$18	<a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/5-8-in-11-tpi-x-12-in-Zinc-Plated-Threaded-Rod-802017/204274006">https://www.homedepot.com/p/5-8-in-11-tpi-x-12-in-Zinc-Plated-Threaded-Rod-802017/204274006</a>



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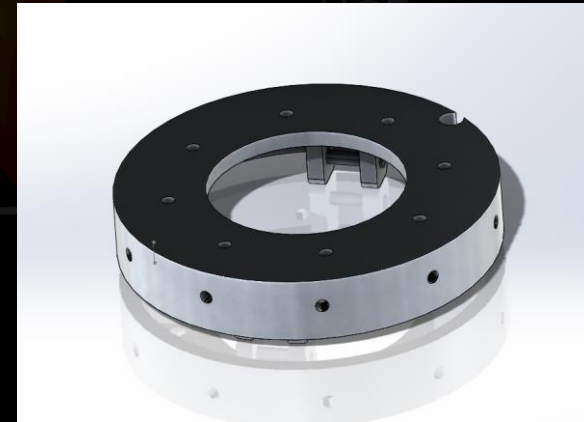
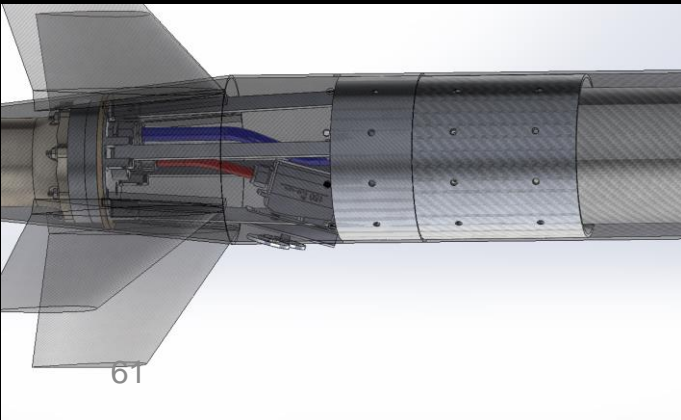
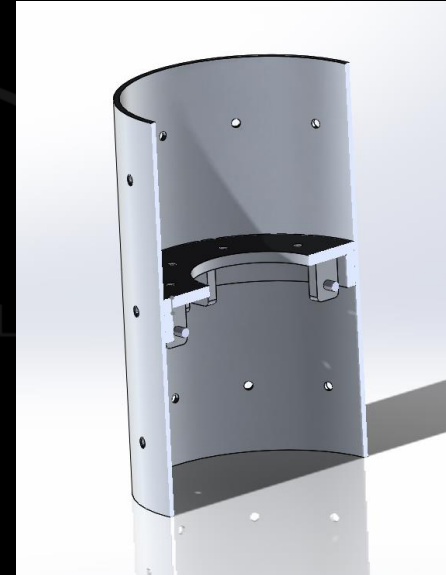
Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Coupler Tube	Bolt tear out	High	Joined sections of the airframe come apart during flight	6" shoulder length on carbon tubes
Coupler Tube	Bearing Stress	High	Bolt connections become loose during flight	Bigger bolts and better material for those bolts
Threaded Rods	Buckling	High	Component bends and fails during flight	Using different strut geometry, increasing the number of threaded rods or the diameter
All	Galvanic corrosion	High	Oxidizes the Aluminum	We will apply a coat to the Aluminum to stop the corrosion

# Thrust Plate TPMs

Measure	TPM Value	Units	Verification Methods
Total Compression Loads	16,941.311	psi	Force Calculator (Aero Loads)
Snatch Force	1,260.283 (No S.F) 1,953.439 (S.F 1.55)	lbf	Force Calculator (Snatch Force)
G Force	2.84	G's	Open Rocket
Thrust Force	539.991	lbf	Force Calculator (Aero Force Loads)
Bearing Stress (Tensile) Bearing Stress (Compression)	2,367.805 68.105.684	psi	Force Calculator (bolt sizing)
Shear Stress (Tensile) Shear Stress (Compression)	1,396.641 15,234.508	psi	Force Calculator (bolt sizing)

# Thrust Plate

- Thrust Plate interfaces with aluminum struts coming from the injector
- Aluminum coupler tube attaches to the thrust plate in the middle to allow for attachment of the boat tail and one of the main body tubes
- The oxidizer bulkhead is attached, flushed with the thrust plate
- An indent of 3/8" is made to allow the fuel line to pass through



# Thrust Plate Cost Breakdown

Part	Material	Stock and/or Machining Costs or	Quantity	Total	Link (not hyperlink)
Thrust Plate	6061 T6 Aluminum	Estimation of 20-35 dollars for stock 3.5 to 4 hours of machining time Hourly Machine Charges of 35 dollars	1	Estimated \$170 dollars	Quotes from UCF machine shop
Aluminum Tube (6x.125x5.75)	6061 T6 Aluminum	\$44.37	1	\$44.37	<a href="https://www.metaldepot.com/aluminum-products/aluminum-round-tube">https://www.metaldepot.com/aluminum-products/aluminum-round-tube</a>

# Compression and Tensile Stresses

Thrust Force (lb)	Tube Cross-sectional Area (in^2)	Engine Thrust Compression (PSI)
539.9910813	1.257755468	429.3291462

		Force Drag (lb)	Tube Cross-sectional Area (in^2)	Compressive Drag (PSI)
		429.0488383	1.257755468	341.1226181
	Mass (lb)	Max Gs	Tube Cross-sectional Area (in^2)	Mass inertia compression (PSI)
	145	2.84	1.257755468	14243.23844
Engine Thrust Compression (PSI)	Max Bending Stress on Body (PSI)	Compressive Drag (PSI)	Mass inertia compression (PSI)	Total Compressive (PSI)
429.3291462	1927.620763	341.1226181	14243.23844	16941.31097

Main			
Snatch Force (N)	Snatch Force (lbs)	SF	Focre*Sf (lbs)
5606.019256	1260.283264	1.55	1953.439059
Drouge			
Snatch Force (N)	Snatch Force (lbs)	SF	Focre*Sf (lbs)
347.5449334	78.13120915	1.5	117.1968137

- Compression Loads are calculated using equations from Nakka Rocket

$$f_{cm} = \frac{m g (1 + G_{max})}{A_c}$$

$$f_{ca} = \frac{F_D}{A_c} \quad [\text{Equation 11}]$$

- Compressive stress due to mass inertia

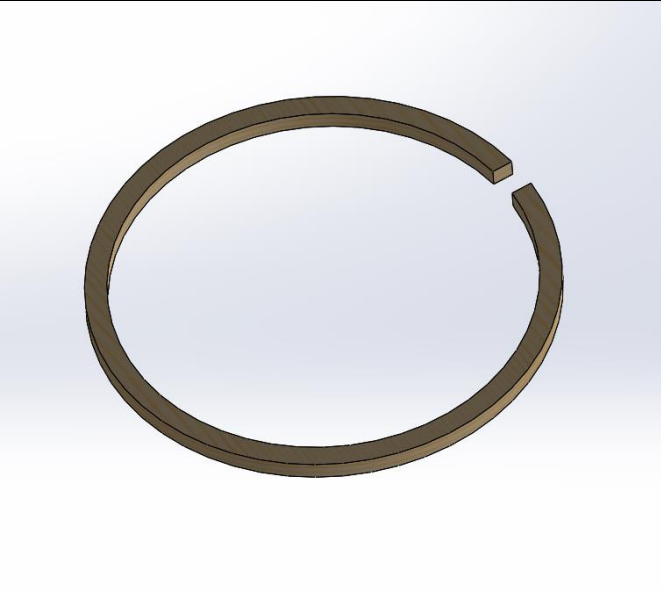
- Compressive stress due to drag force

- Tensile stress from snatch force during recovery

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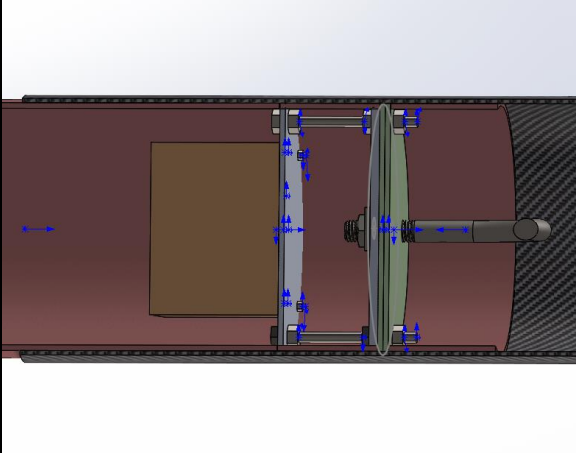
Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Coupler Tube	Bolt Shear	High	Thrust Plate and or joined sections of the airframe come apart	6" shoulder length on body tubes 3" of shoulder length into the boat tail
Coupler Tube	Bearing Stress	High	Bolt connections become loose	Bigger bolt diameter or stronger material
Thrust Plate	Bolt shear	High	Propulsion system connections become loose during flight	Using bigger bolt diameter and stronger material
Thrust Plate	Deformation	High	Propulsion system could collapse into the airframe	Adding thickness to the thrust plate or changing material

# Centering Rings

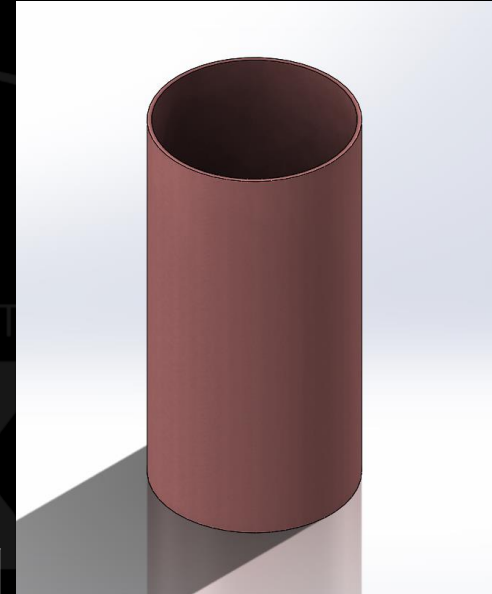


- To prevent translation of the tanks and the combustion chamber centering rings will be placed around the propulsion system.
- Centering rings will be placed around the combustion chamber as well as the fuel and oxidizer tank.
- Will be cut out of plywood
- Cost: \$40 for a sheet of plywood

# COTS Couplers/ Bulkheads



- Sections that won't require a chassis near the propulsion system will be joined together using fiberglass couplers
- Above the nitrogen tank, two bulkheads will secure the PCB and the ACB using fiberglass couplers and G10 plates
- These bulkheads will also be used to secure two cameras providing a horizon view during flight and a camera pointing down towards the fins



Item	Full Item Description	Cost	Quantity	Total	Link (not hyperlink)
G12 Fiberglass coupler tube	6" fiberglass tube	\$60.00 each	2	\$120.00	<a href="https://www.compositewarehouse.com/index.php?route=product/product&amp;product_id=125">https://www.compositewarehouse.com/index.php?route=product/product&amp;product_id=125</a>

# FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Centering Rings	Cracking or disassembly	Medium	Risks the propulsion system sloshing inside the airframe	Multiple centering rings and/or thicker wood
Bulkeads	Cracking or disassembly	Medium	PCB, ACB, and cameras could risk collapsing inside the airframe	Using larger bolts to support the bulkhead

# Bolt Bearing Stress

## Compressive Loads Aluminium

Bearing Stress (psi)	Safety Factor		
68185.68485	0.527970058		

## Tensile Loads Aluminium

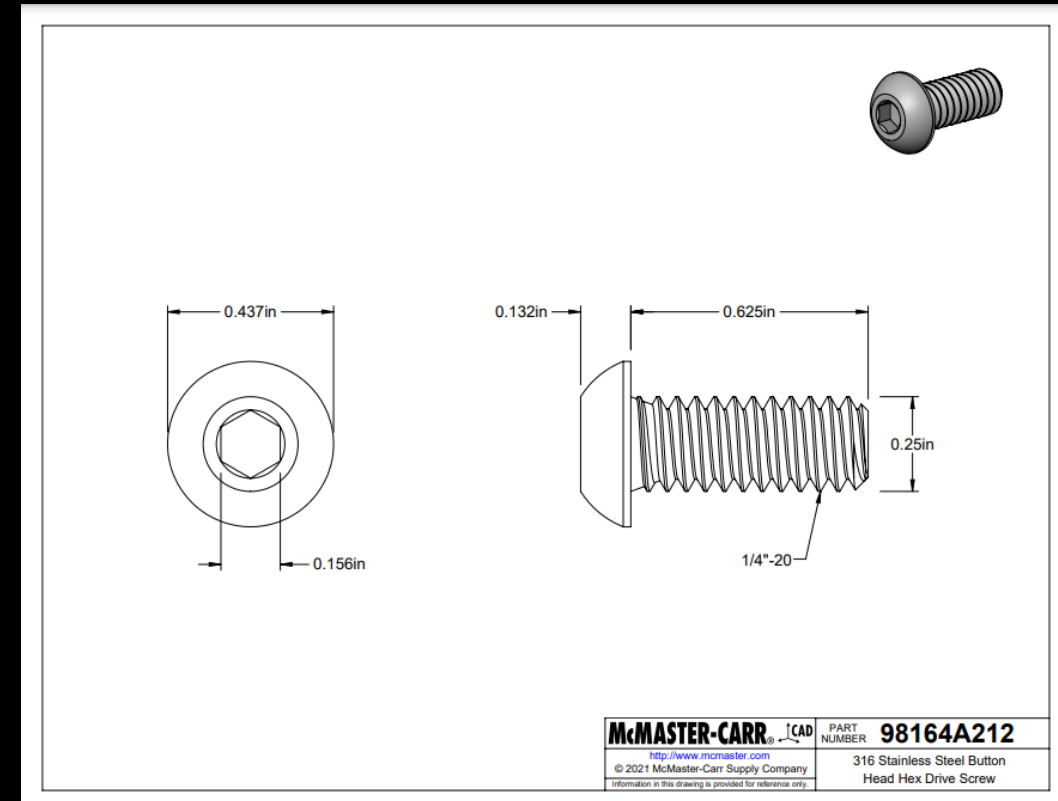
Bearing Stress (psi)	Safety Factor		
2367.80492	15.20395523		

Bolt Sizing		
Bolt Type	Wall thickness (in)	SF of Bolts
1/4 - 20	0.2	1.75

Airframe will be secured using 10 1/4-20 steel bolts at all jointing sections.

$$f_{br} \leq \frac{S_{br}}{S.F.}$$

$$f_{br} = \frac{F_s}{D_m t}$$



# Bolt Tear Out

- Minimum Edge distance was calculated for aluminum couplers on the chassis and on the aft end

Bolt Diameter (in)	Edge distance (in)
0.25	0.5
Bolt Diameter (in)	Minimum Edge distance (in)
0.25	0.375

Compressive Loads Bolts			
Number of Bolts	Num Bolts With SF	Num of Bolts to even Number	
6.165516932	10.78965463	10	
Shear Stress Per Bolt (PSI)	Shear Force per Bolt (lb)	SF of Bolts	
15234.50842	2130.802652	1.62192402	

$$F_{max} = f \frac{M}{D}$$

$f = 2/5$  for ten fasteners

Shear Stress Average = Applied Force / Area  
or  
Shear Stress ave. =  $F / (\pi r^2)$   
or  
Shear Stress ave. =  $4F / (\pi d^2)$   
Where:

Max # of bolts:  $n_{bolts} = \frac{F_{bulk}}{F_{bolt}^{max}} =$

Max Force one bolt can take:  $F_{bolt}^{max} = \tau_u \cdot A_{bolt}$

Tensile Loads Bolts			
Number of Bolts	Num Bolts With SF	Num of Bolts to even Number	
0.565231209	0.989154616	1	
Shear Stress Per Bolt (PSI)	Shear Force per Bolt (lb)	SF of Bolts	
1396.641954	195.3439059	17.69187518	

Edge Distance

$$E \geq 2 \times d_{bolt}^{major}$$

$$E \geq 2 \times 0.25$$

$$E = 0.5$$

Minimum Distance from Edge

$$E_{min} = E - \frac{d_{bolt}^{major}}{2}$$

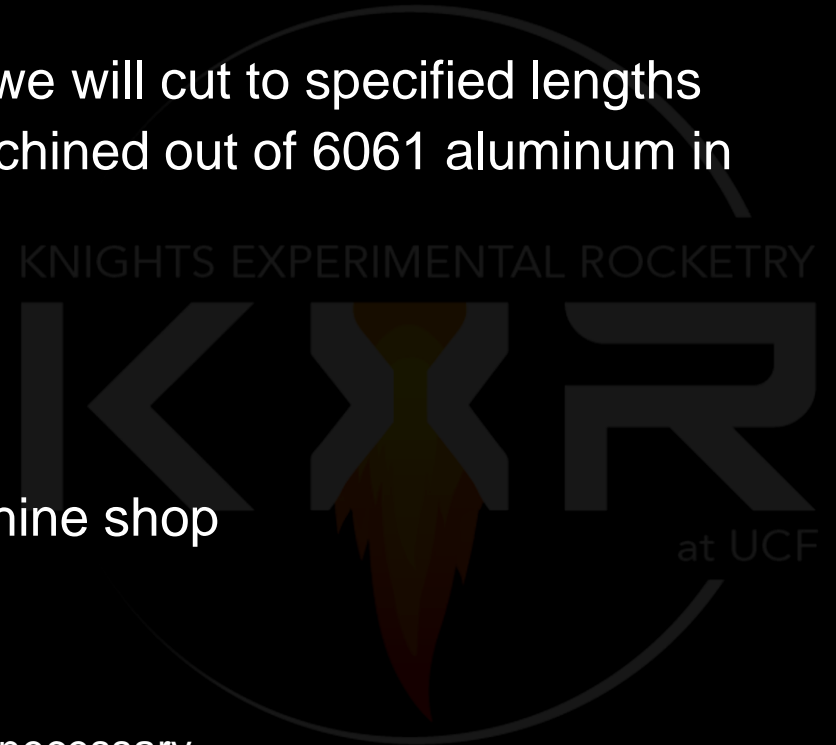
$$E_{min} = 0.5 - \frac{0.25}{2}$$

$$E_{min} = 0.5 - 0.125$$

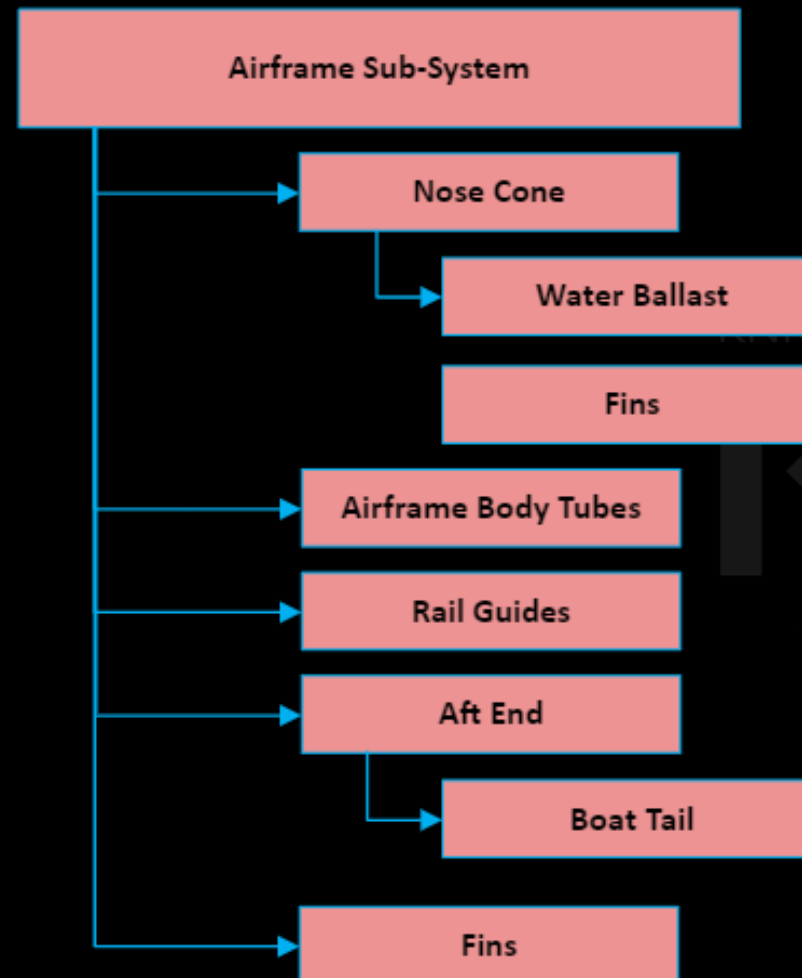
$$E_{min} = 0.375in$$

# Internal Manufacturing

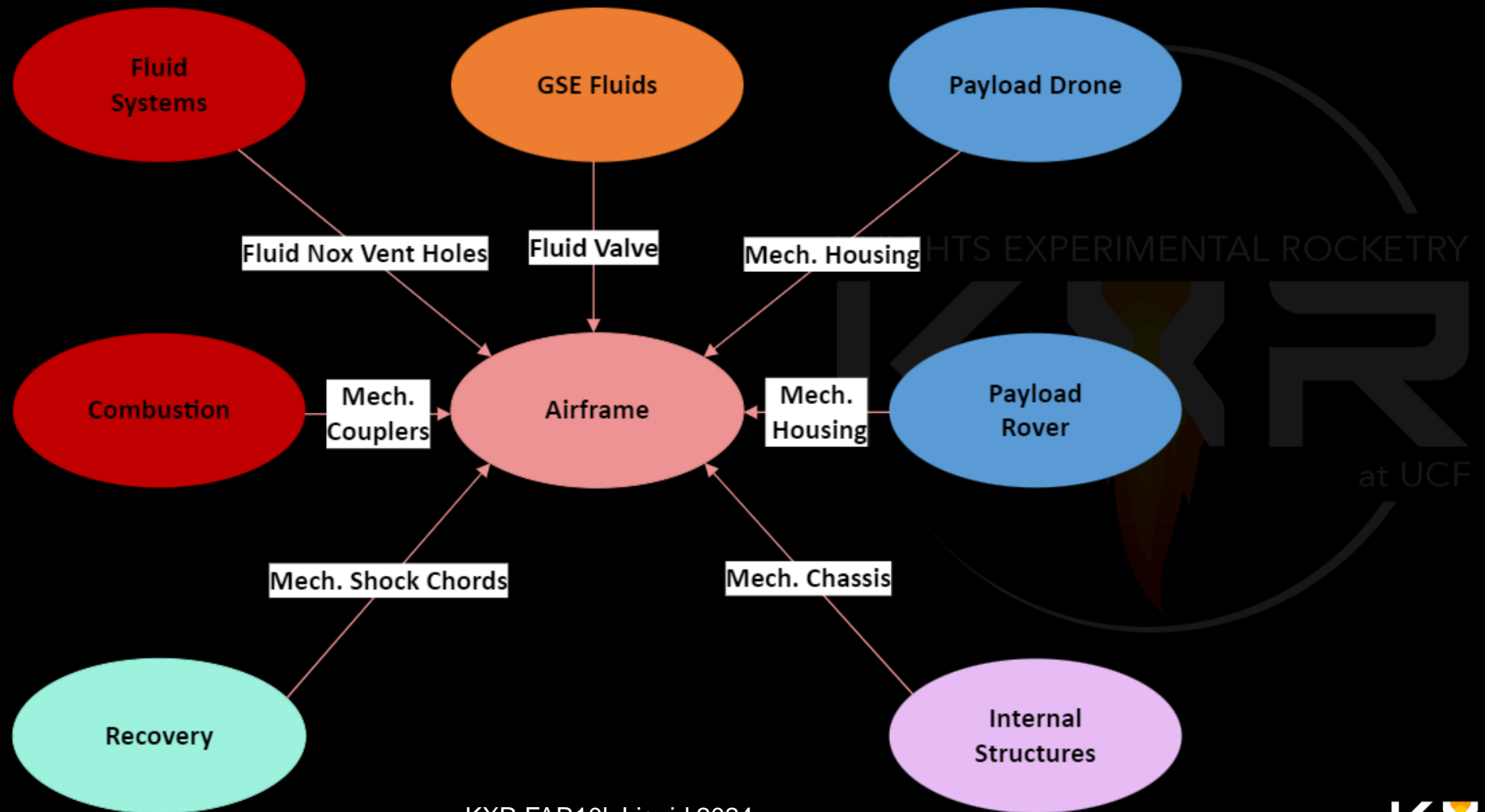
- Chassis
  - Will purchase stainless steel threaded rods, which we will cut to specified lengths
  - The coupler adapter ("feet") of the struts will be machined out of 6061 aluminum in the machine shop
  - 6 hours to machine
  - 8 pieces in total
- Thrust Plates
  - Will be machined out of 6061 aluminum in the machine shop
- Bulkhead Rings
  - Will be made from COTS G12 couplers
    - We will cut the rings from the coupler and post-process as necessary



# Airframe Component Breakdown



# Airframe Interface Diagram



# Airframe Functional Requirements

Requirement	Requirement Type	Verification Method
The Airframe Sub-system <b>will</b> be optimized for transonic speeds	Functional	Analysis
The Airframe Sub-system <b>will</b> provide stability in flight	Functional	Analysis
The Airframe Sub-system <b>will</b> withstand flight loads	Functional	Analysis

# Airframe TPMS

Measure	TPM Value	Units	Verification Method
Snatch Force	1954	lbf	Demonstration
Max Bending Moment	7173	lb-in	Analysis
Max Compressive Load	21309	lbf	Analysis
Lateral Shear	122	lbf	Analysis
Drag Coefficient	0.75	n/a	Analysis
Vibrations (Flutter)	3120	ft/s	Test/Analysis

# External Structure – Composite Testing



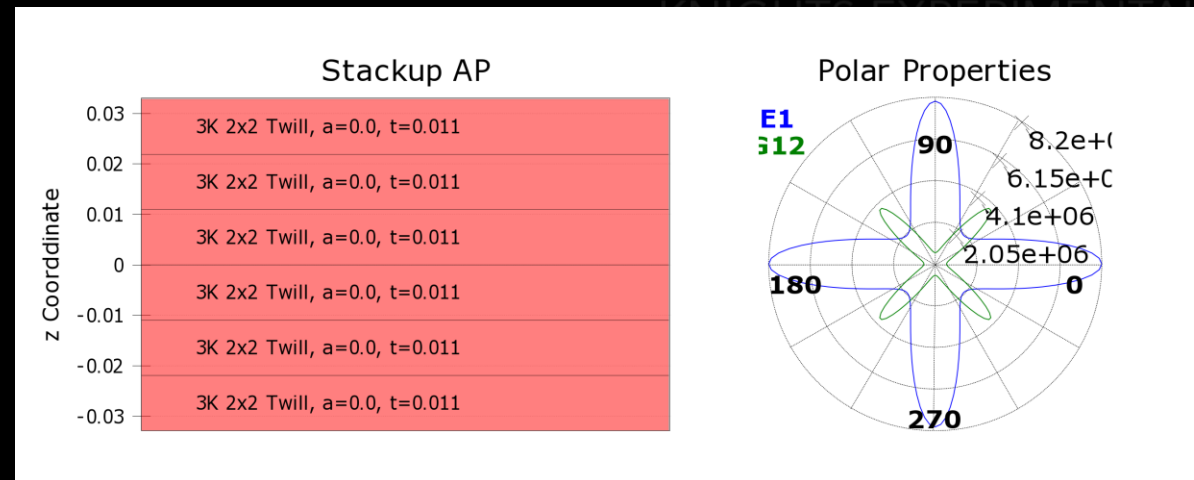
Coupon testing did not go well,  
but the results from XMat are  
encouraging

# External Structures Lay-Up

- Body Tubes, Boat Tail & Fins: 3K 2x2 twill weave prepreg carbon fiber
- Nose Cone: Wet-Lay Fiberglass Sleeves
- Methods of calculations : The Laminator, Classical lamination theory, Force Calculator
- Simulation: Ansys ACP

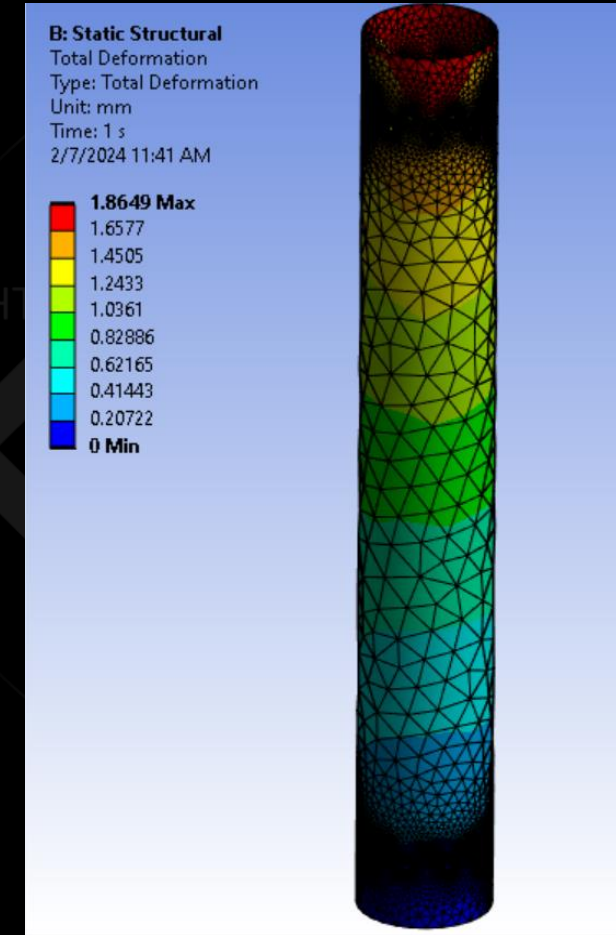
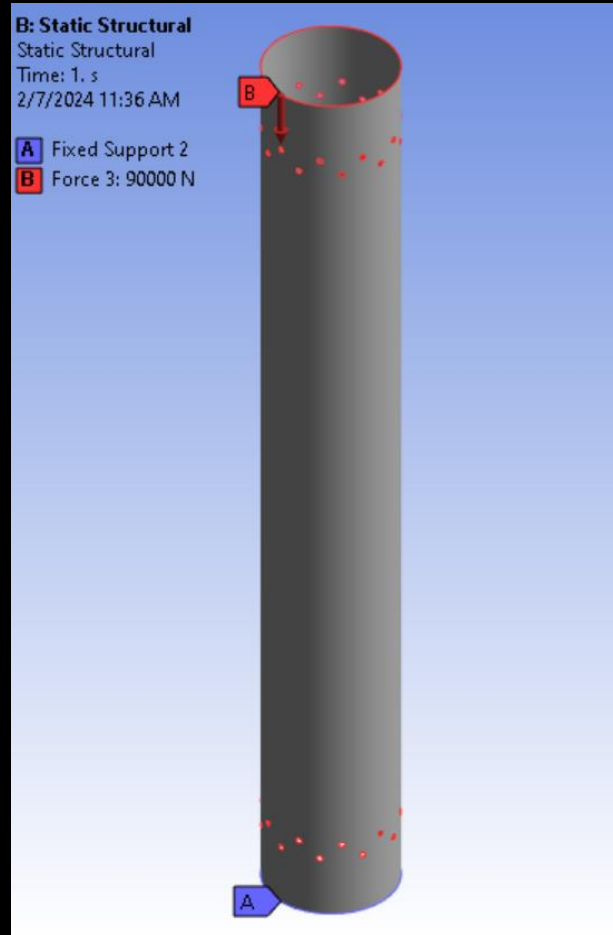
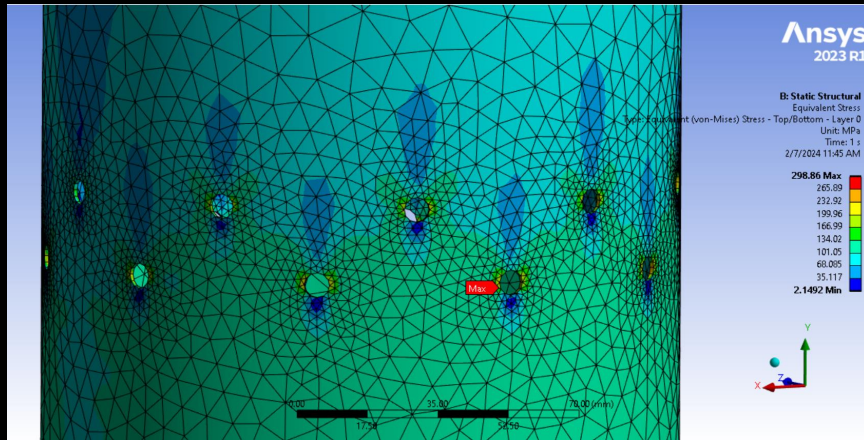
Analysis Results					
Load Vector Scale Factors for Ply Failure (For Applied (+) and Reversed (-) Loads)					
Layer	Max Stress (+)	Max Strain (+)	Tsai Hill (+)	Hoffman (+)	Tsai-Wu (+)
1	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
2	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
3	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
4	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
5	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
6	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
Min	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98	4.98
Layer	Max Stress (-)	Max Strain (-)	Tsai Hill (-)	Hoffman (-)	Tsai-Wu (-)
1	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31
2	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31
3	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31
4	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31
5	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31
6	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31
Min	-5.30	-5.30	-5.31	-5.31	-5.31

The laminator F.S



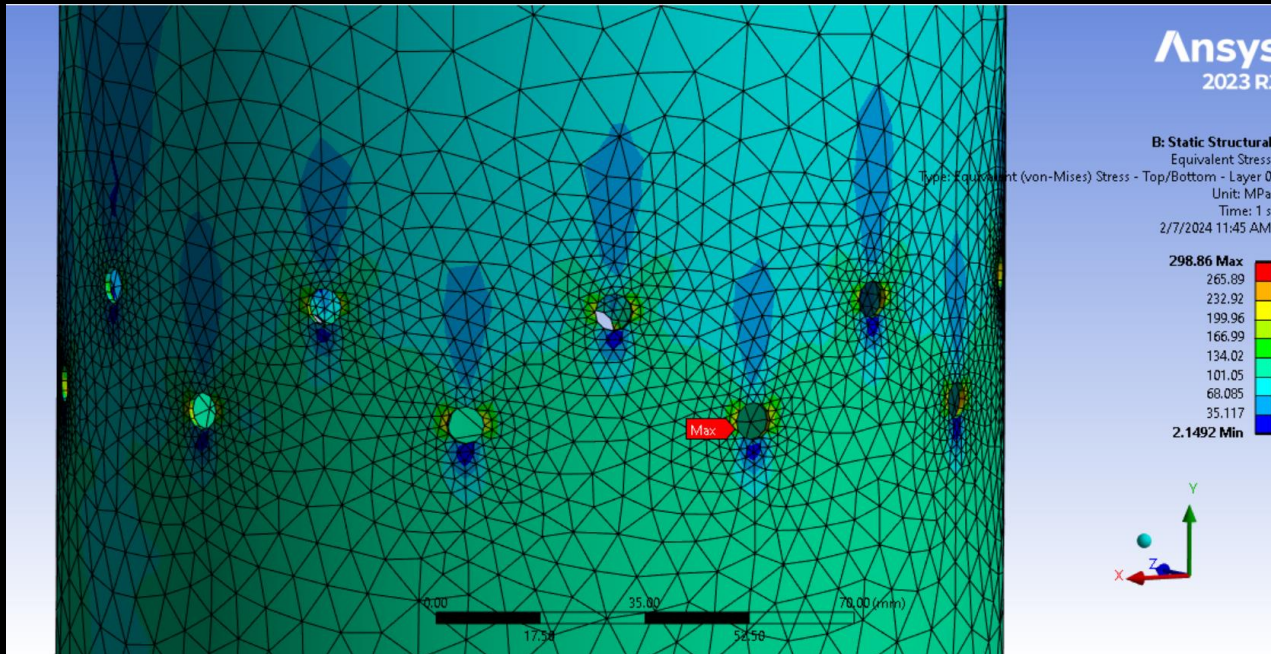
Ply design and Polar properties for body tubes

# Ansys ACP Body Tube Simulation



At maximum compressive loads

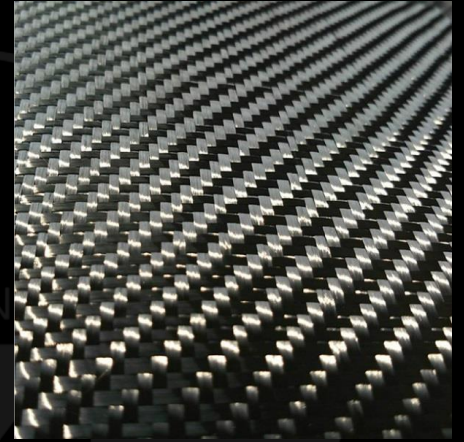
# Ansys - Max stress location



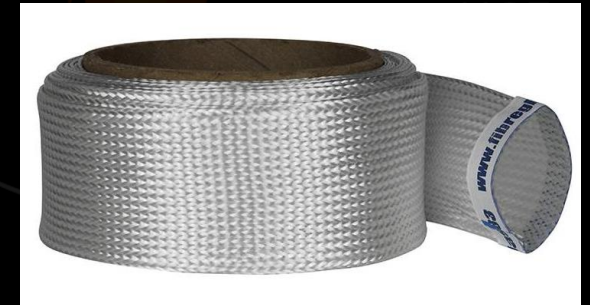
Maximum stress location at bolt holes –  
increased bolt number per tube ends &  
added an offset to mitigate bending moment

# External Structures Lay-Up

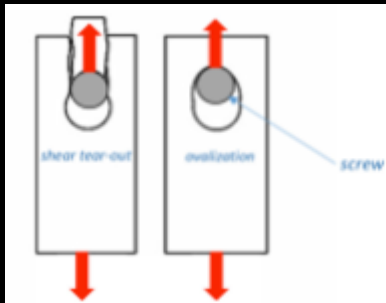
Item	Number of Plies	Ply Orientation	Method	Raw Composites Cost
Body Tubes	6	0	Rolling	\$1277
Coupler Aero covers "skins"	2	0	Rolling	(integrated in Body tubes)
Nose Cone	6	45/45	Sleeves	\$74.9
Boat Tail	8	0	Rolling	\$234
Fins	24	0	Hand Laying	\$399
<b>Total (+ Tax &amp; Handling)</b>	-	-	-	\$2310



3k 2x2 Twill CF

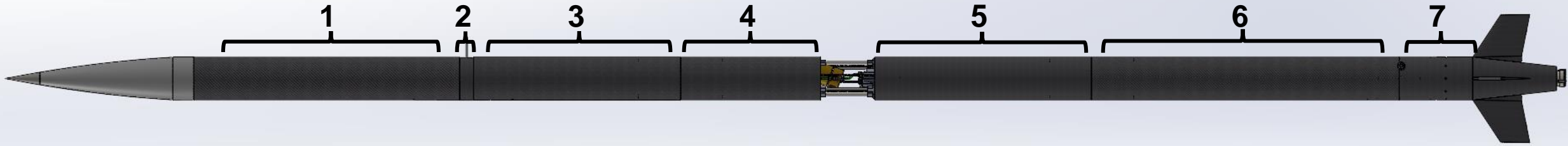


Bi-Axial FG Sleeve



Edge Distance S.F:  
 = Distance / Minimum Safe distance  
 = 3in / 0.375in = 8

# Body Tubes / Design



1  
Payload  
Body Tube

2  
Recovery  
Switch  
Ring

3  
Drogue  
Body Tube

4  
Nitrogen  
Tank Tube

5  
Fuel Tank  
Tube

6  
Oxidizer  
Tank

7  
Boat Tail

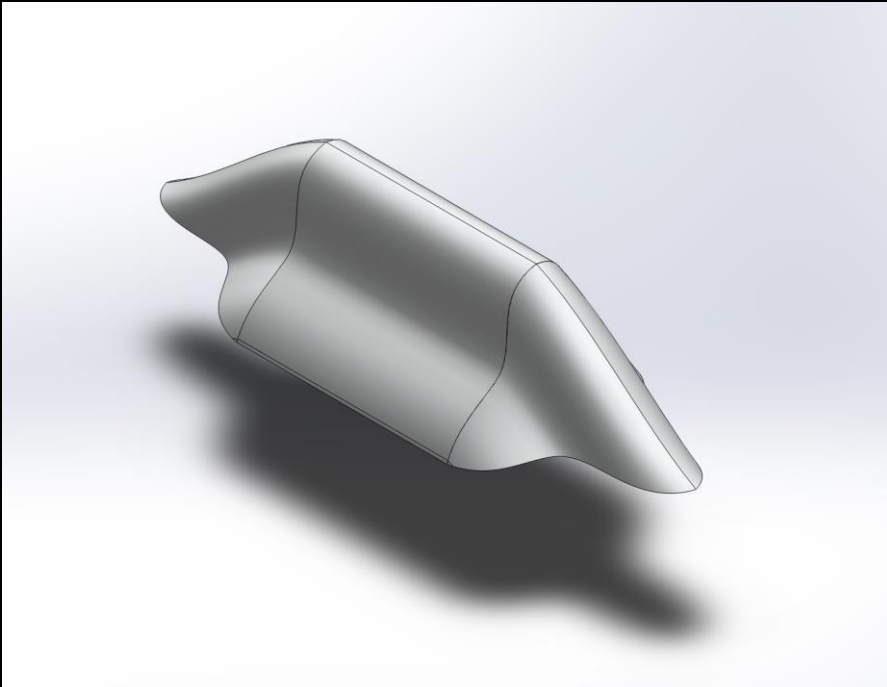
# Body Tube FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Body Tubes/Nose Cone/ Boat tail/ fins	Structural Failure	High	Complete Mission Failure	Verify Layup and add SF as well as coupon testing
Body Tubes / Nose Cone / Boat Tail	Bolt Shear/ Tear out	High	Complete Mission Failure	Optimize the bolt locations

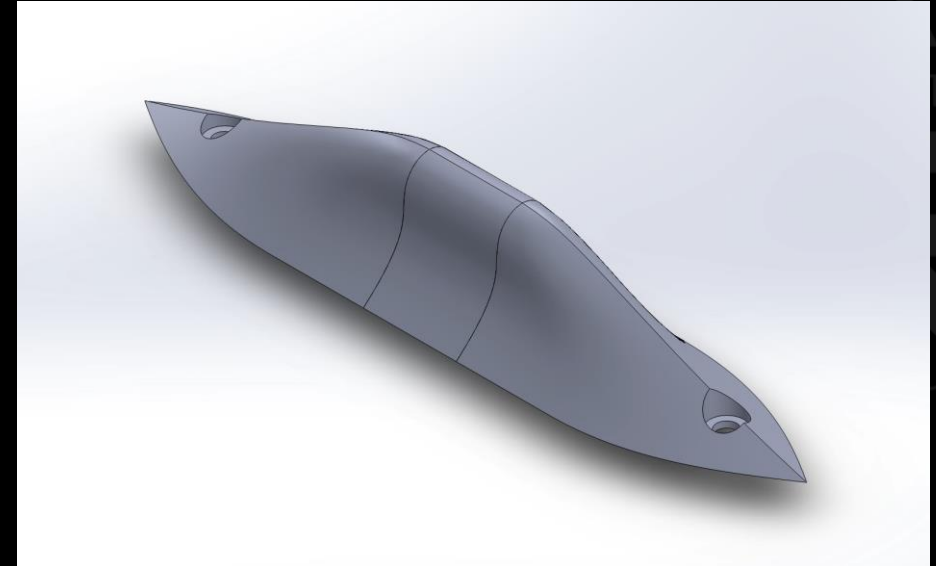
# CFD

- Got sims to work
  - Sometimes
- Calculated Drag in FLUENT was about 360 N ~ 81 lbf
  - Close to force calculator of 90 lbf
- Old aerocovers and no camera cover
  - Would not mesh nicely

# Antenna Aerocovers

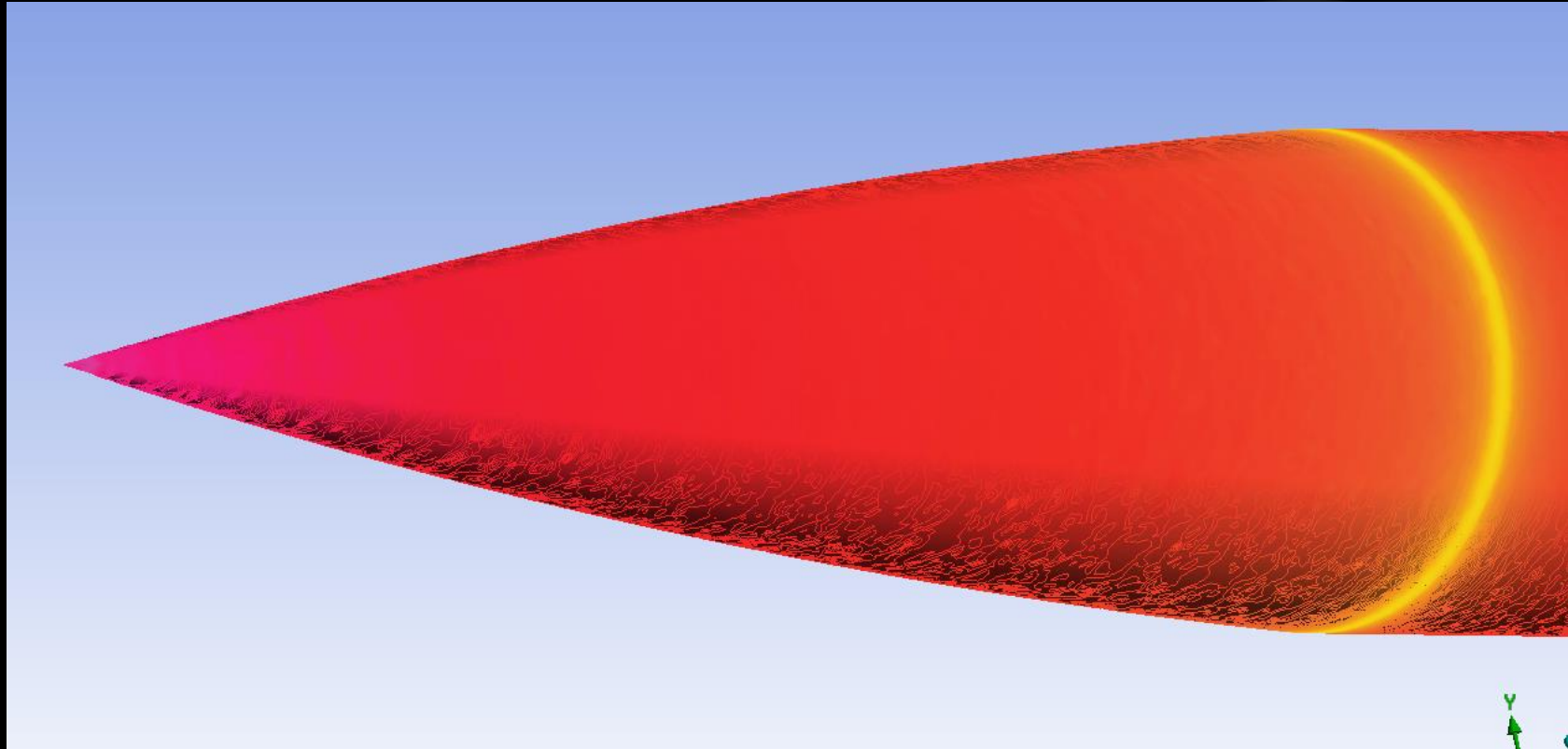
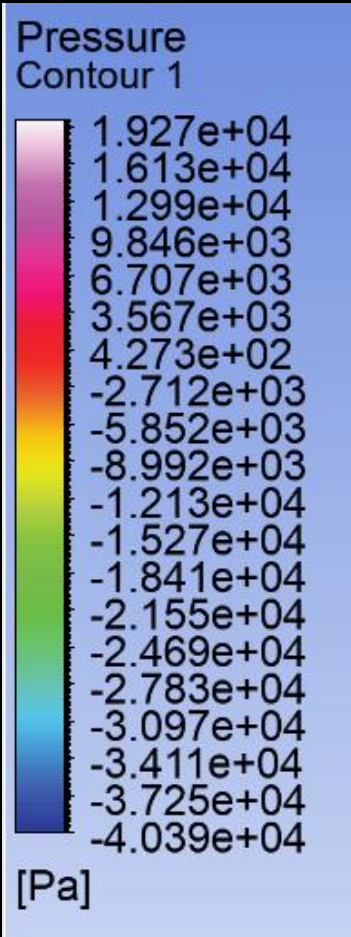


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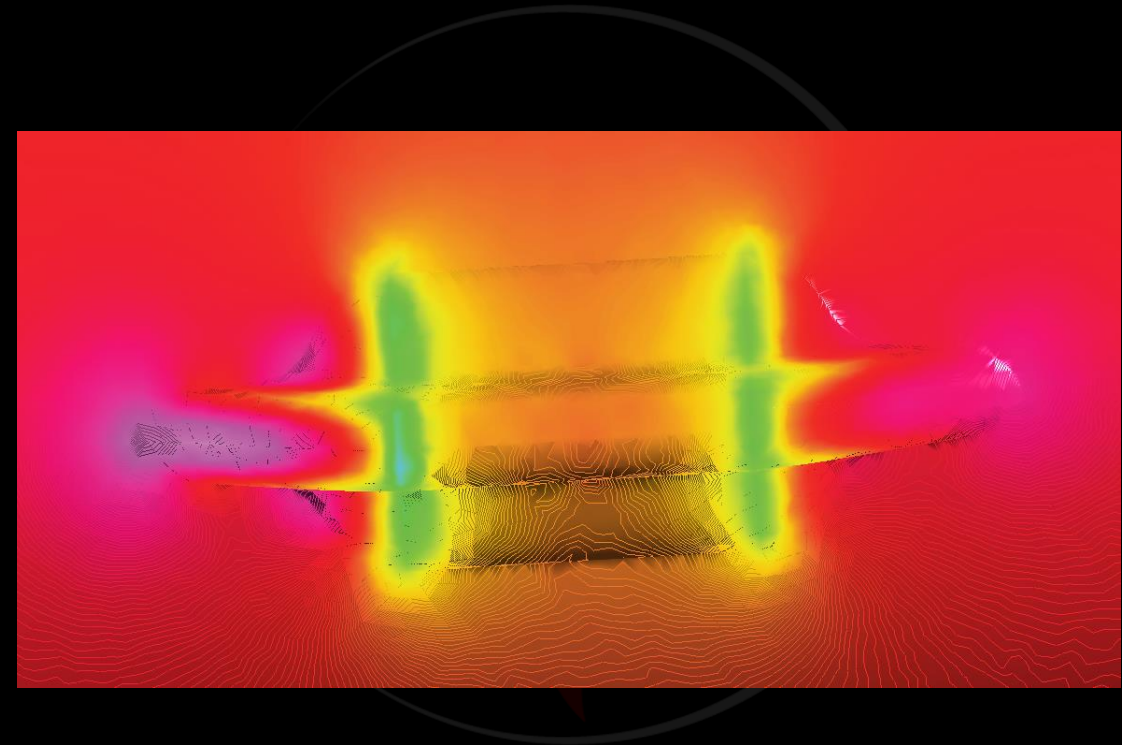
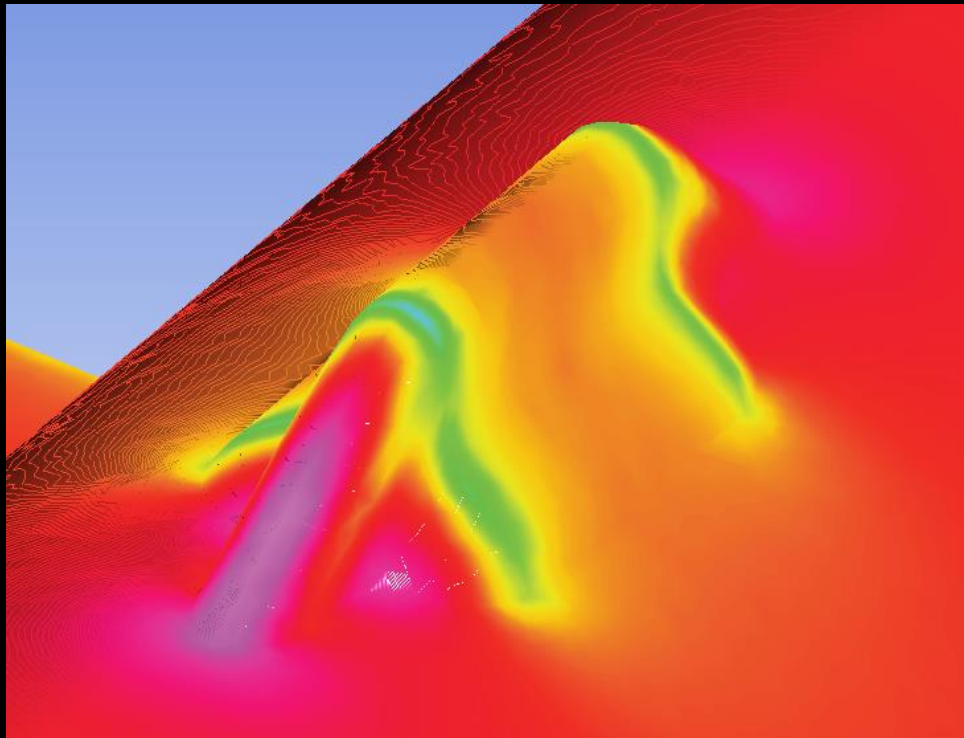
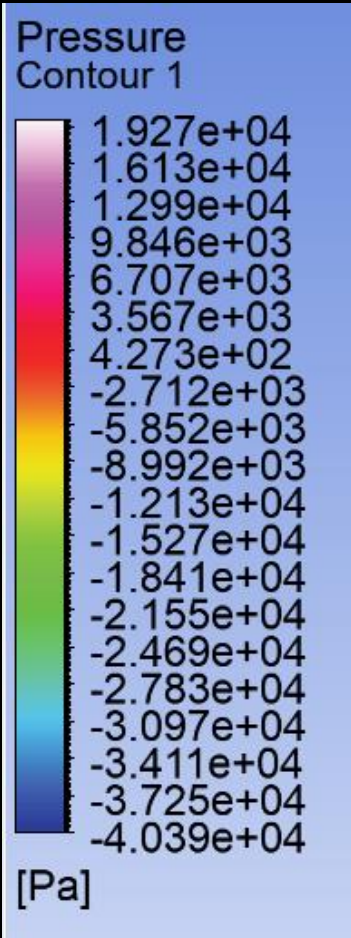


New

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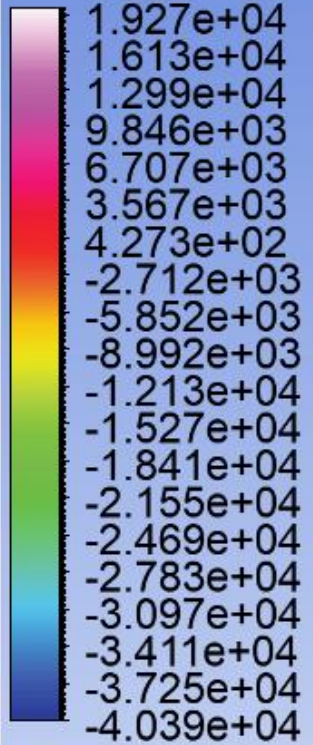


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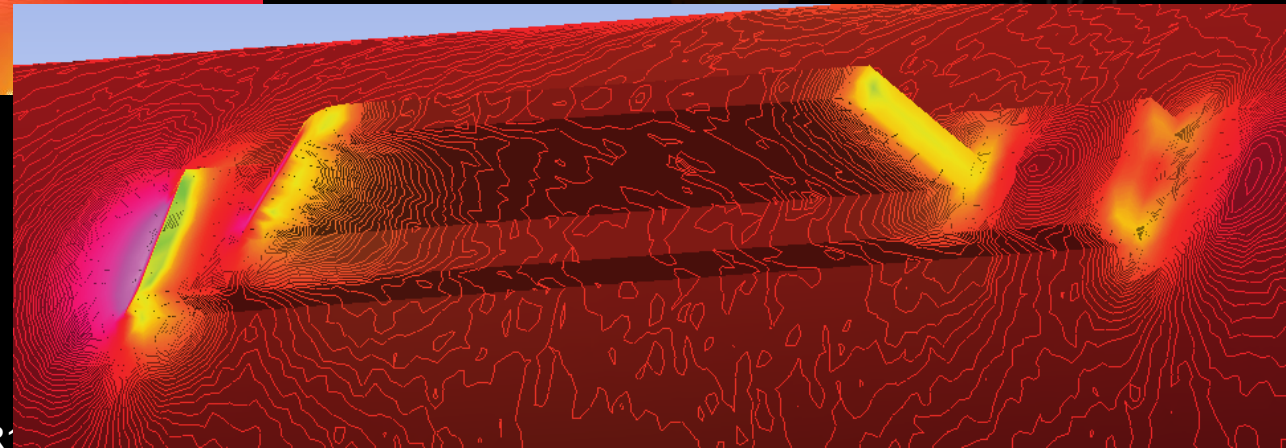
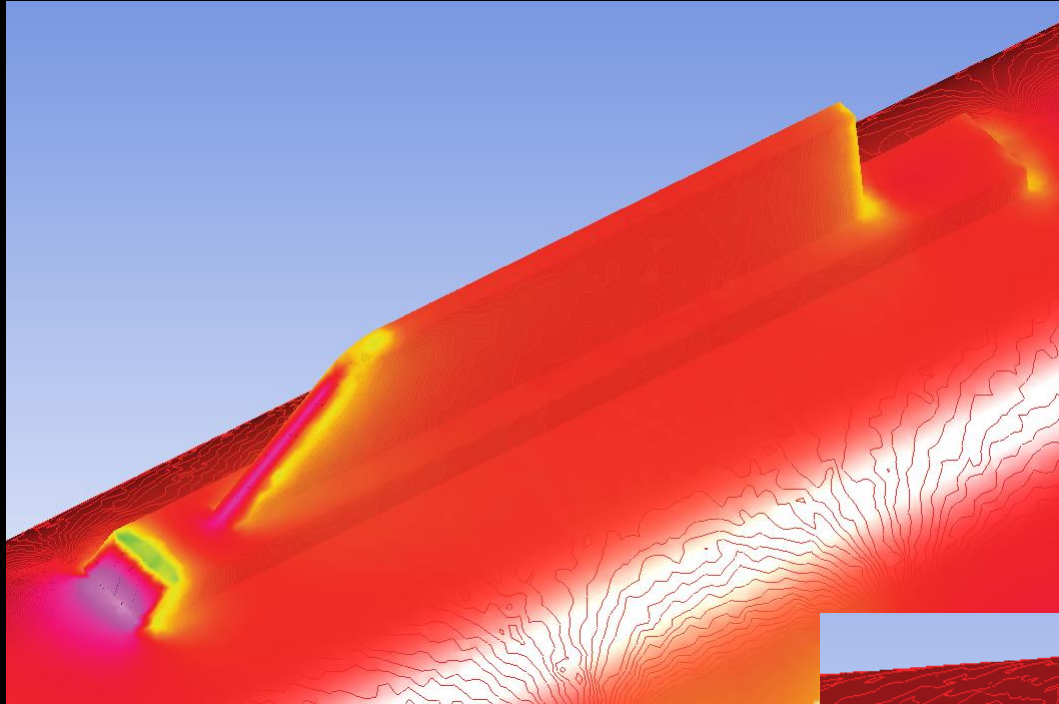


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Contour 1

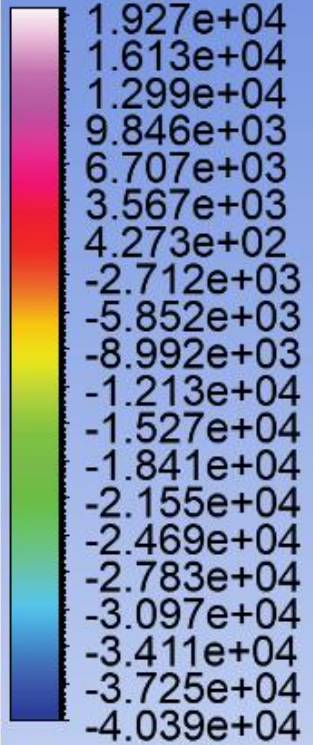


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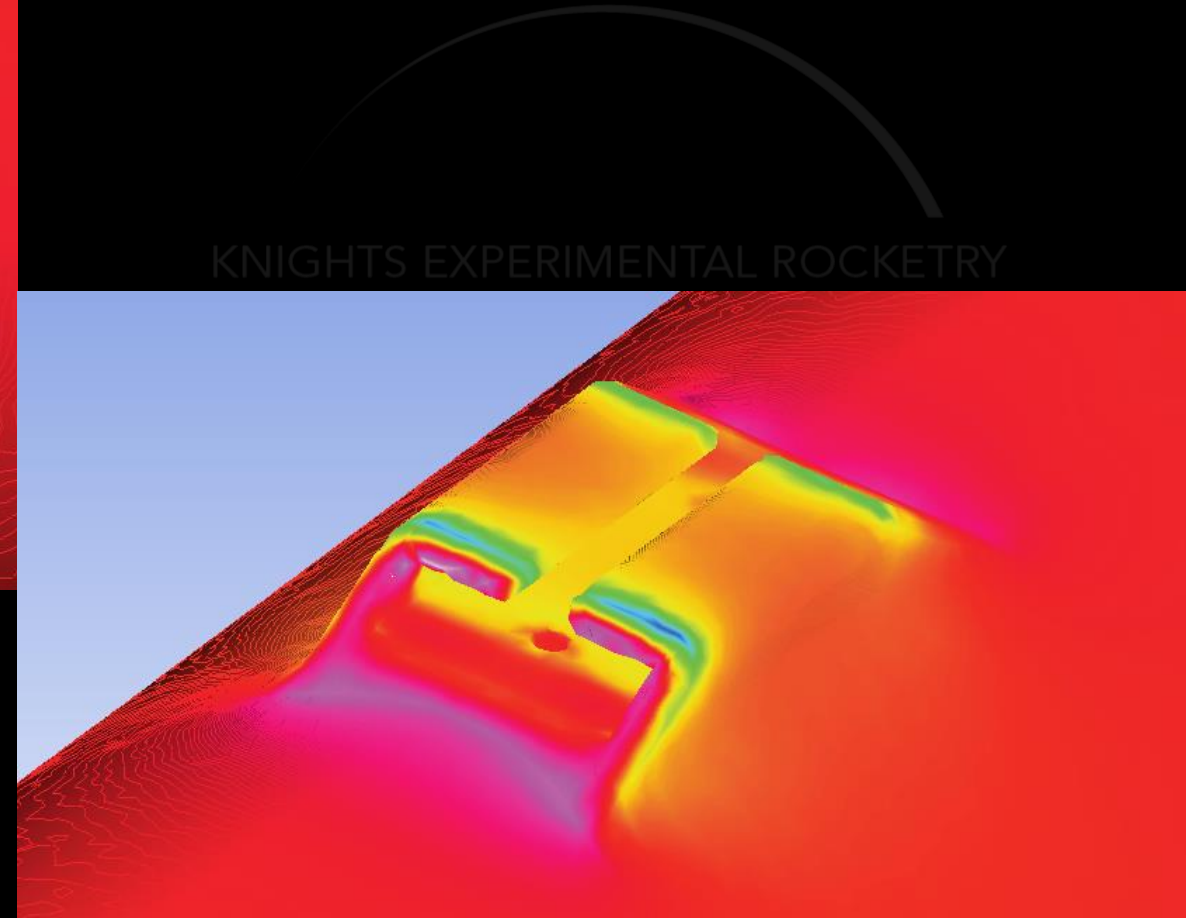
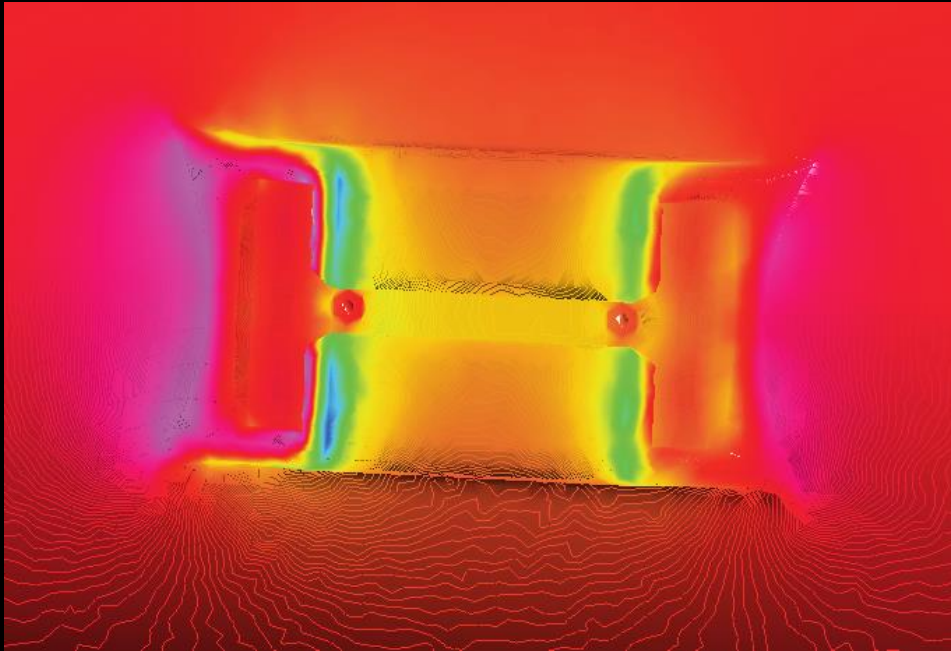


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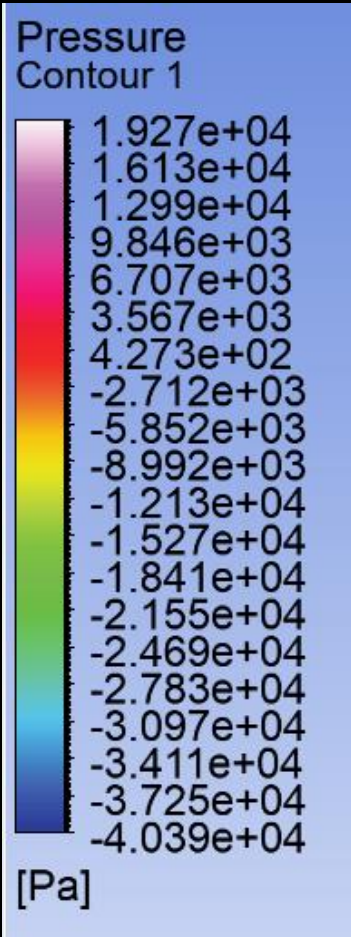
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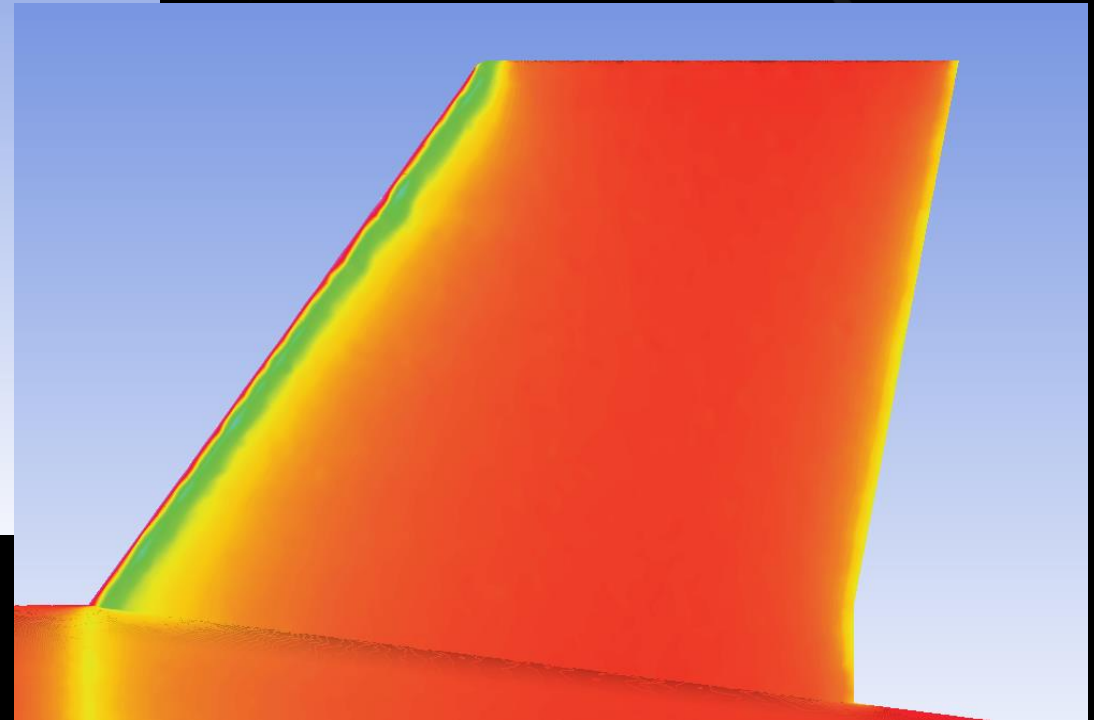
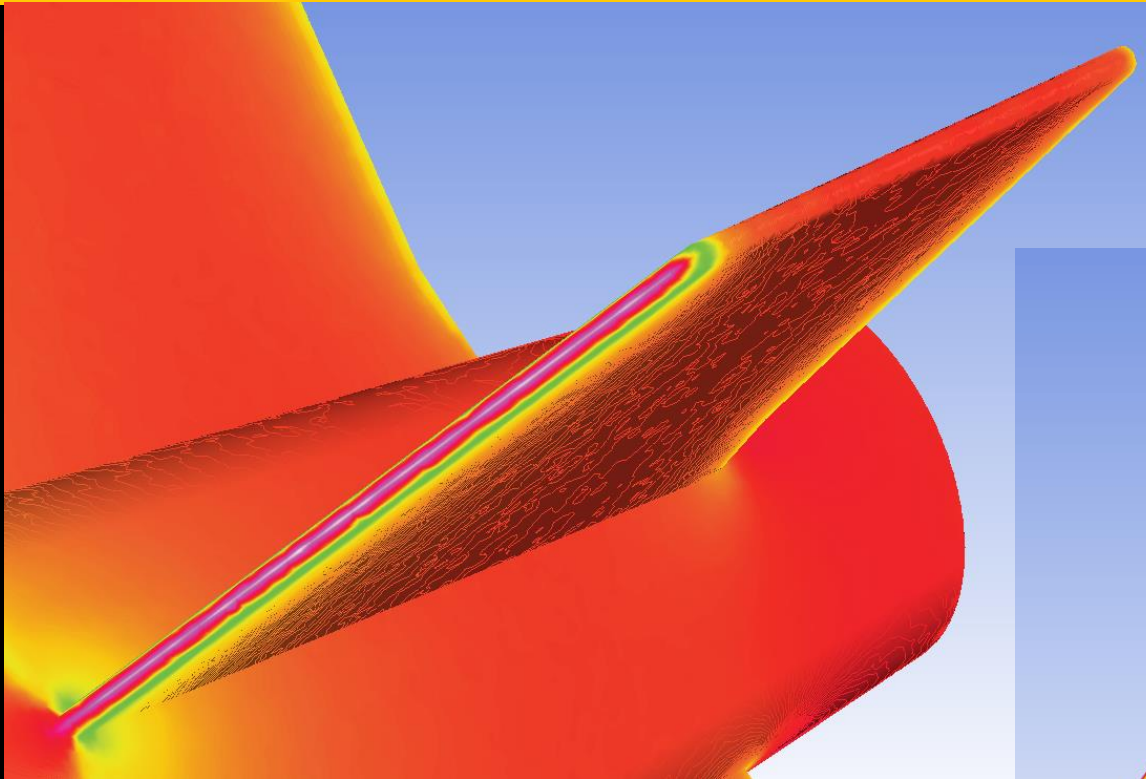
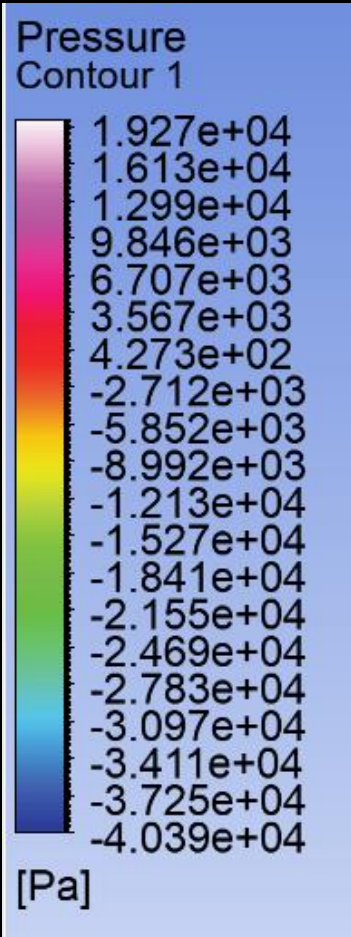
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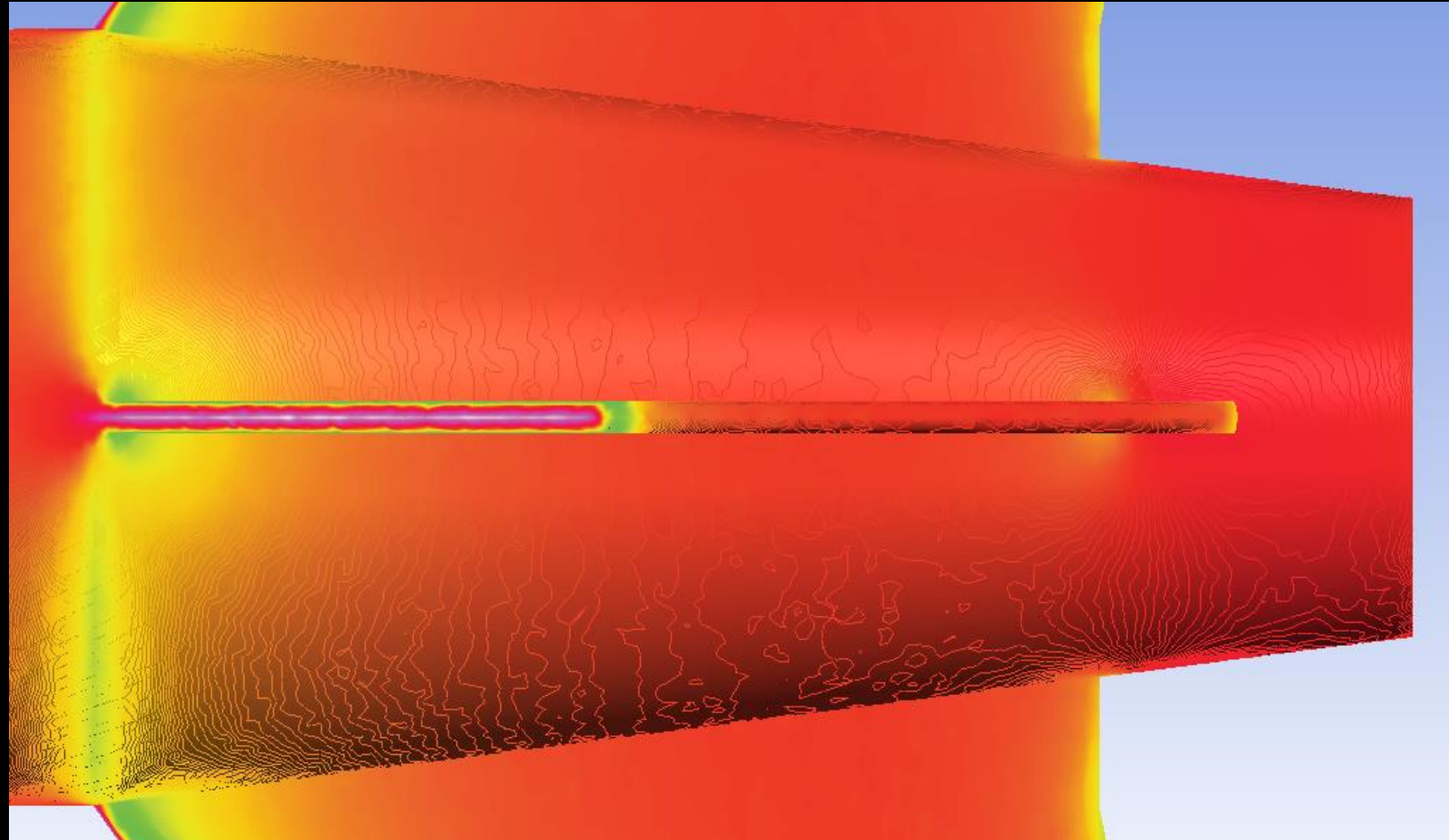
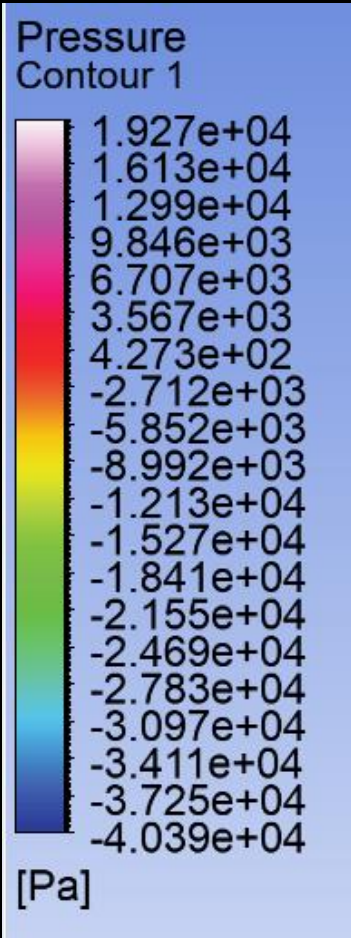
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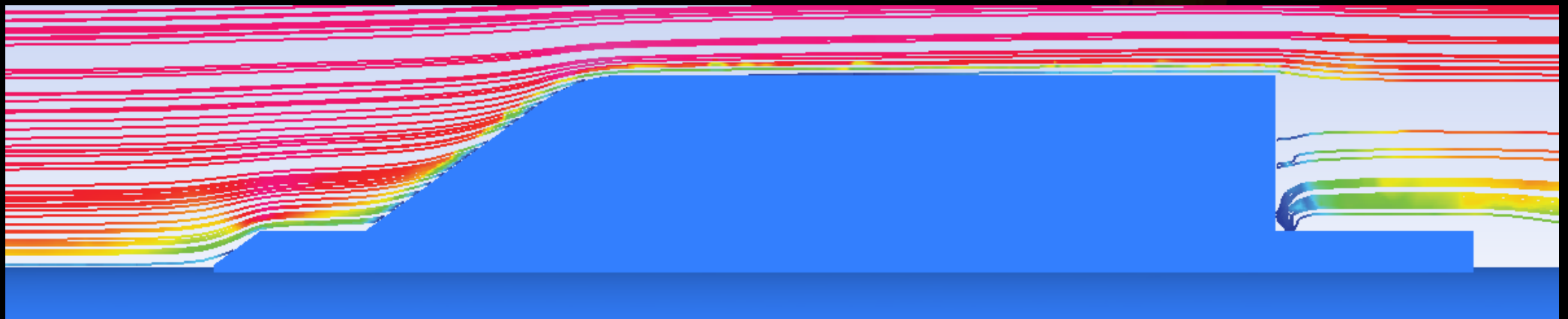
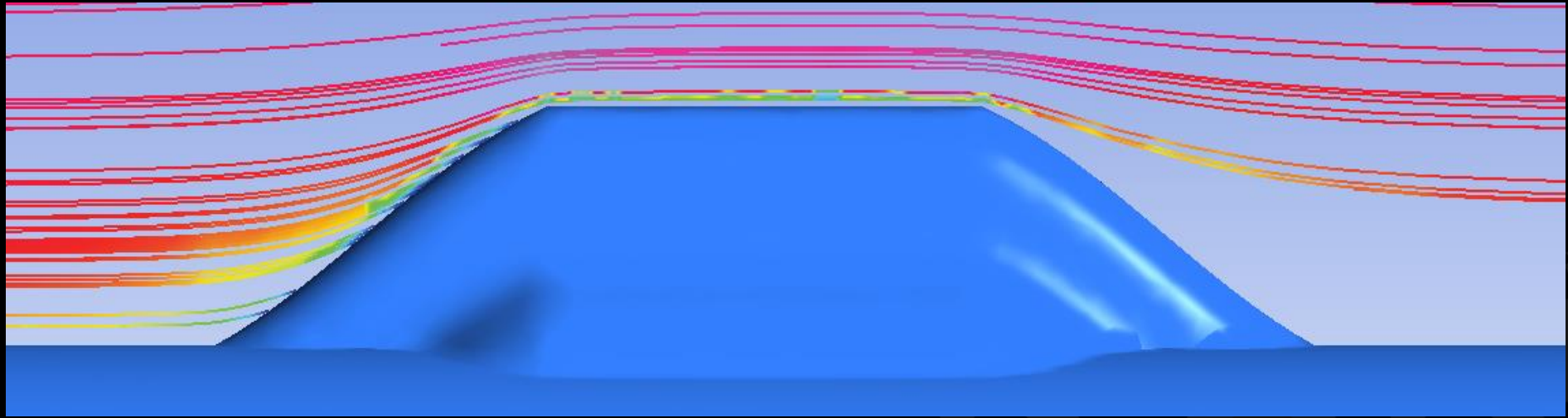
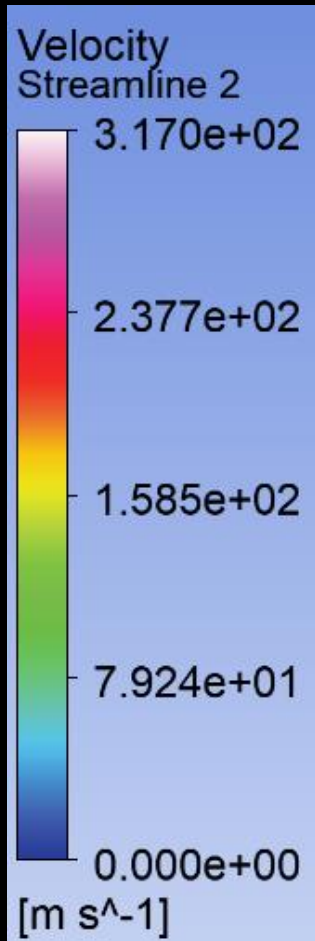
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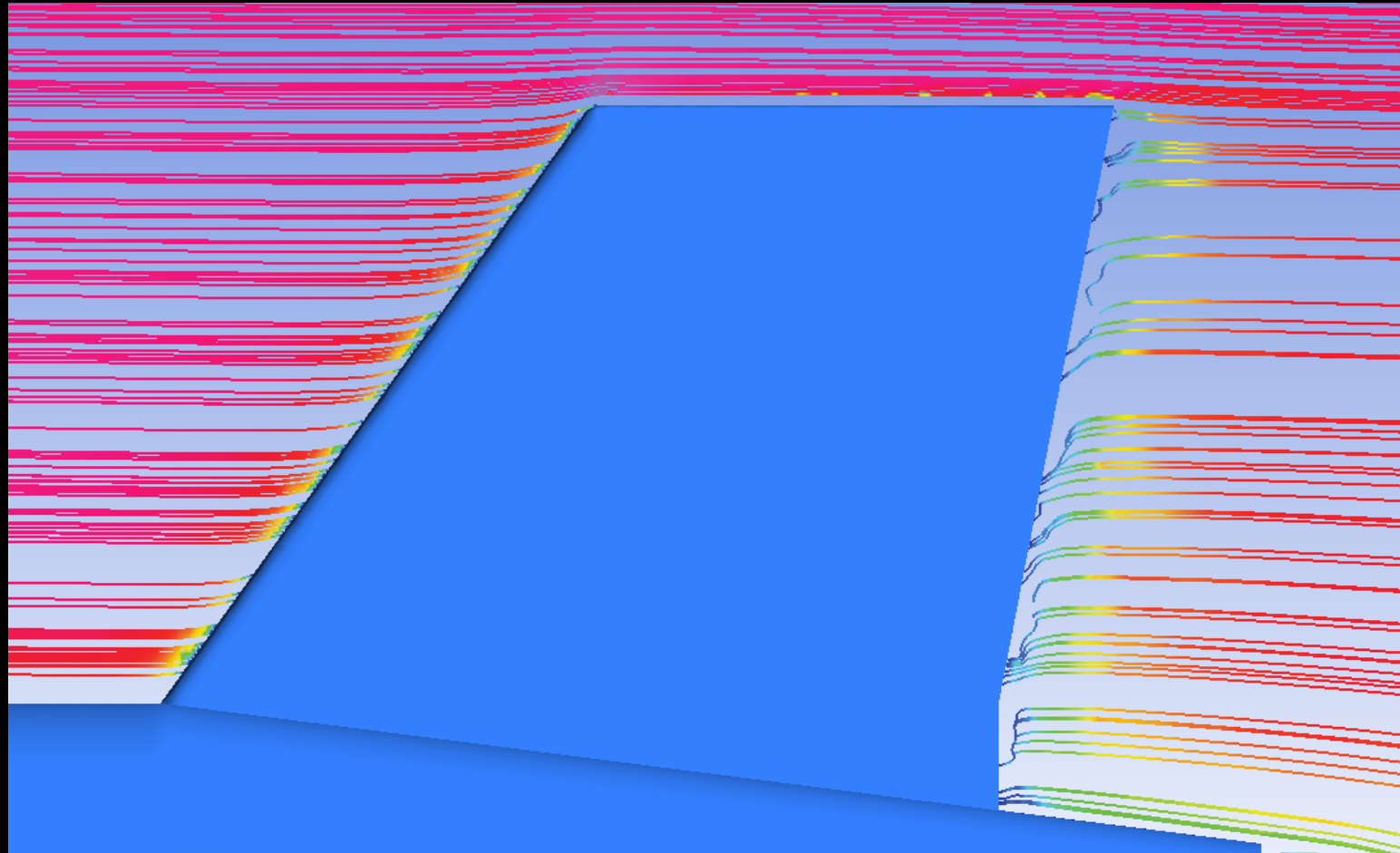
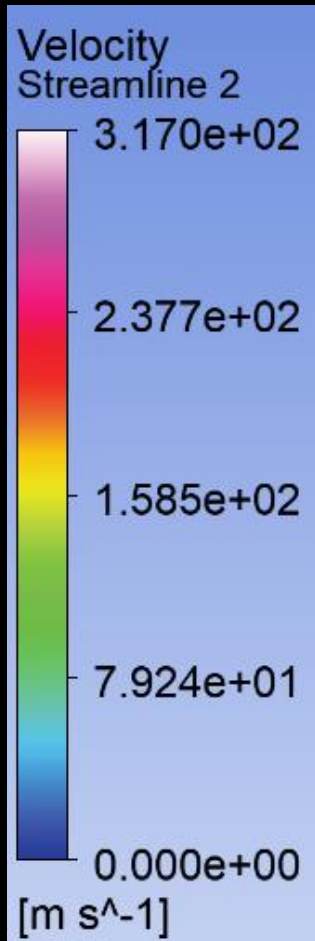
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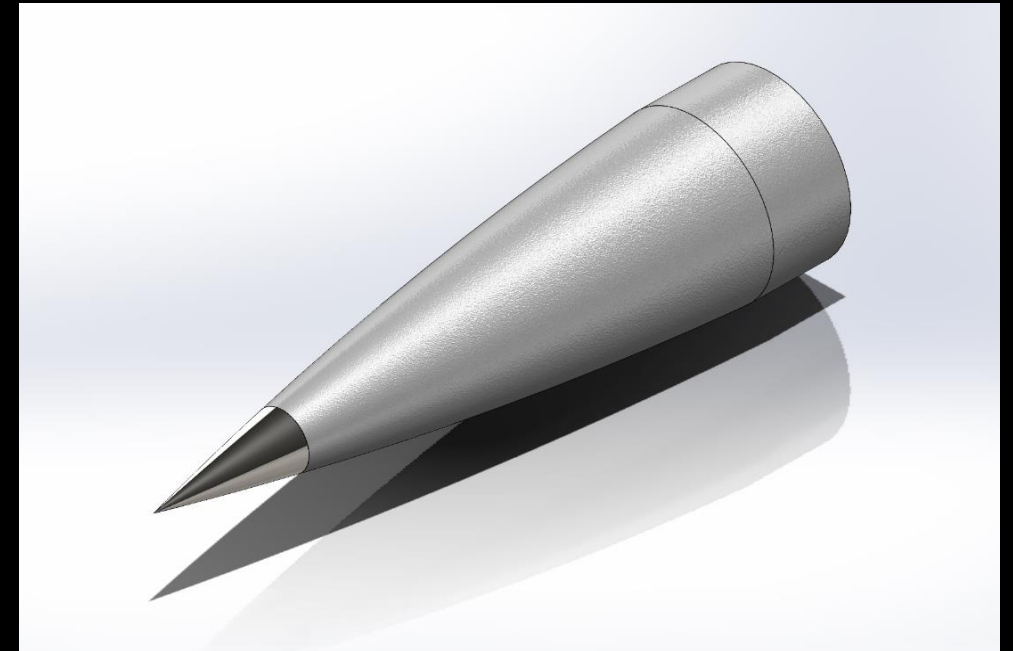
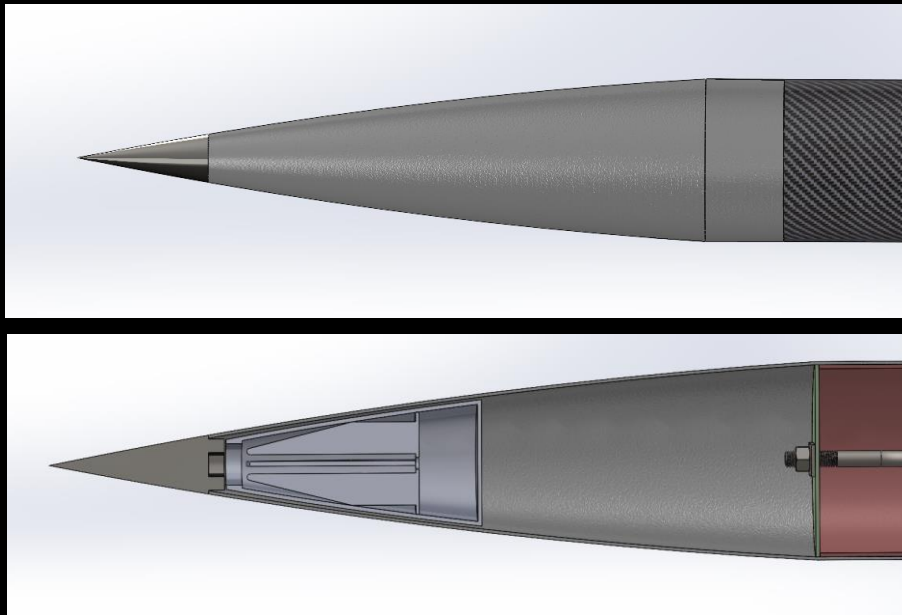


# Nose Cone

- Parabolic Nose Cone
  - Achieved lowest coefficient of drag between Fluent & OpenRocket with  $K = 0.7$
- Steel Tip
  - Higher density than aluminum adds more stability
  - 1.56 lb

$$\text{For } 0 \leq K' \leq 1 : y = R \left( \frac{2 \left( \frac{x}{L} \right) - K' \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2}{2 - K'} \right)$$

$R = 3.1 \text{ in}$   
 $L = 24 \text{ in}$   
 $K = 0.7$



# Nose Cone TPM

Measure	TPM Value	Unit	Verification Method
Dynamic Pressure	4.1	psi	Force Calculator
Normal Force	30.37	lbf	Force Calculator
Total Drag	96.45	lbf	Force Calculator / ANSYS
Bolt Tear Out (Min-Safe-Distance)	2	in	Force Calculator
Total Compressive Force	371	lbf	Force Calculator

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} * \rho * V_{Max}^2$$

$$N_{NOSE} = q A \alpha (C_{N\alpha})_N$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} C_D \rho v^2 A_{ref}$$

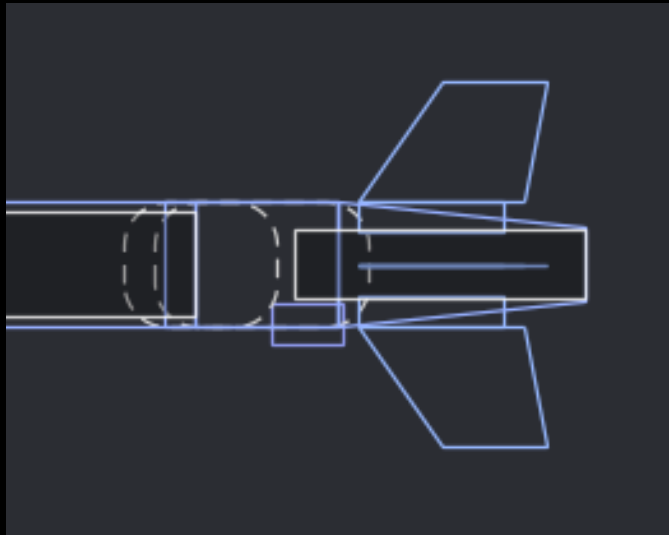
# Nose Cone FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Nose Cone	Fail to reduce drag	Low	Rocket doesn't reach estimated apogee	Keep iterating to produce the most optimized nose cone shape
Nose Cone	Crumples due to compressive load	High	Rockets drag is significantly increased	Design thickness according to calculations with a safety factor
Nose Cone	Breaks on landing impact	Medium	No more re-flyability (Point loss)	Design it to withstand impact with a safety factor

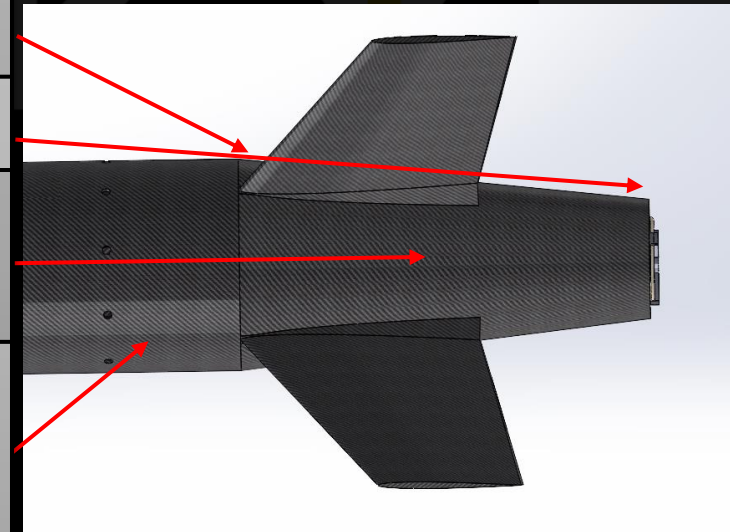
# Boat Tail

- Lowest drag coefficient out of all three possible geometries.
  - The boat tail decreases our drag coefficient by 0.095.

Flat Aft	0 (0%)	0.132 (0%)	0.025 (0%)	<b>0.157 (0%)</b>
Boat Tail	0 (0%)	0.042 (0%)	0.02 (0%)	<b>0.062 (0%)</b>



Fore Radius	6.2 Inches
Aft Radius	3.5 Inches
Length of Taper section	12 Inches
Length of straight section	10.5 Inches



# FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Boat Tail	Fail to reduce drag	Low	Rocket doesn't reach estimated apogee	Keep iterating to produce the most optimized aft end shape
Boat Tail	Breaks upon ground impact	Medium	Rocket no longer has re-flyability (Point Loss)	Design to withstand ground impact with safety factor

# Water Ballast

## Function/ Performance:

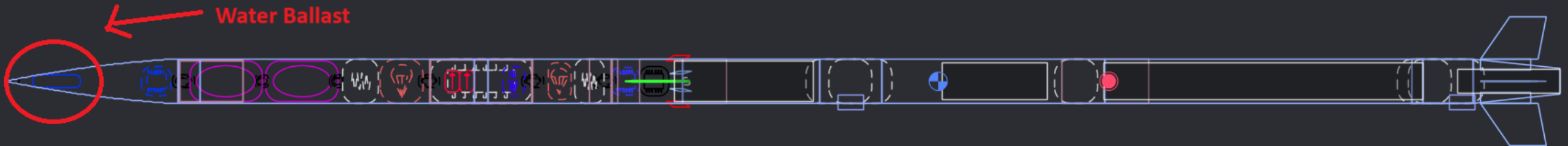
- Add weight for ascent
- Removed at descent or apogee
- Gain 1000 points
- Threaded Rod should sustain snatch force

## Characteristics – TPM values:

- 500ml of water (1.1 lbs)
- Nose Cone Tip Weight (~1.6 lbs)

## Geometry

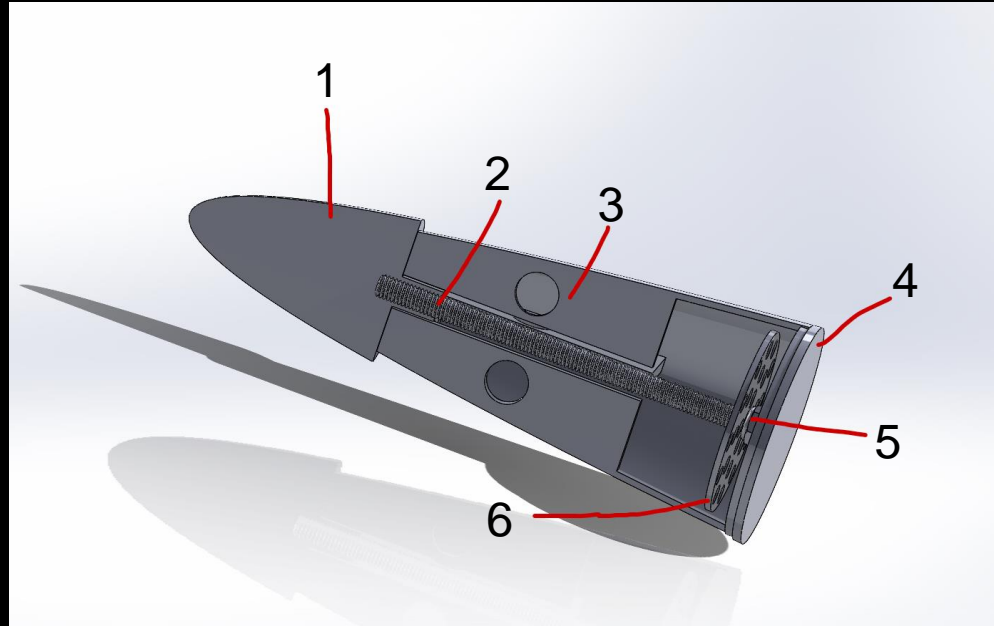
- We're pursuing a trans-sonic and subsonic design until we get our actual values.



# Water Ballast (cont'd)

## Parts:

- 1 – Nose Cone Tip
- 2 – Threaded Rod
- 3 - Baffles
- 4 - Lid
- 5 – Lock Nut
- 6 – Mesh Plate



Materials: Polycarbonate 3d print for Water containment portion

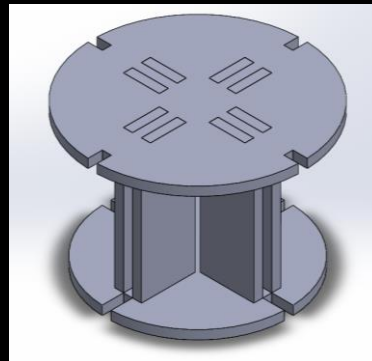
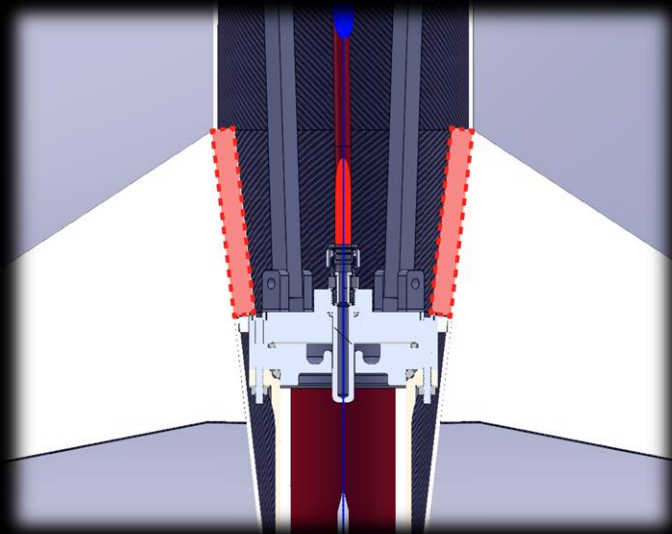
- Threaded rod
- Lock nut
- Nose cone tip made of steel

# Water Ballast FMECA

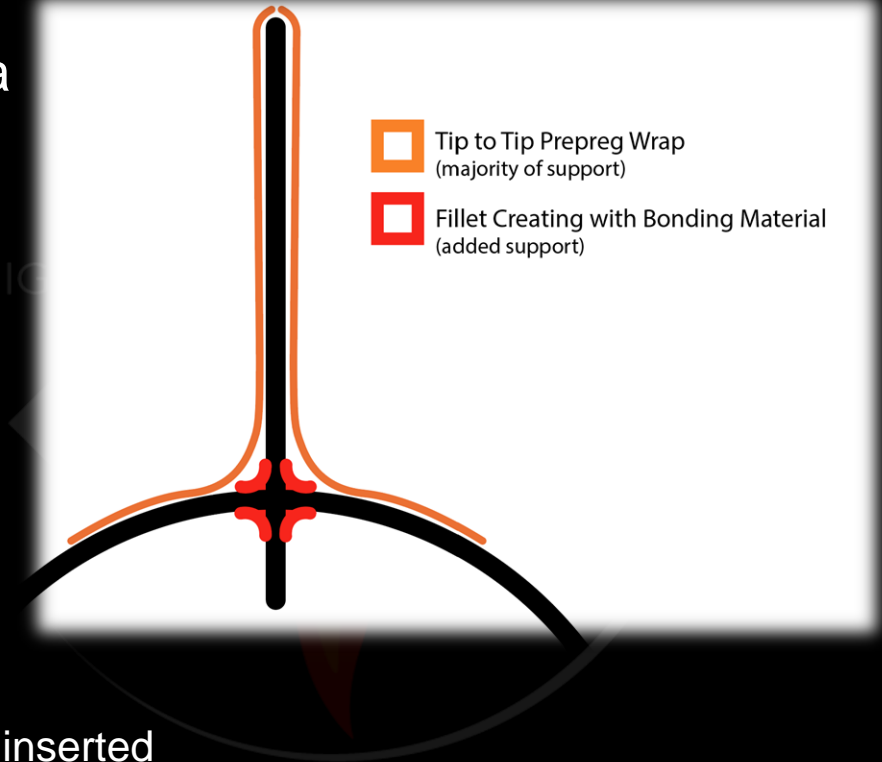
Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Nose Cone Tip	Fails to Detach	Low	Water fails to release	Tolerance between nose cone tip and water ballast is increased
Baffles	Threaded Rod crushes baffles	Low	Baffles are damaged	Baffle Width is increased
Lid	Fails to seal water	Low	Chance of damaging electronics	Epoxy is used to seal the Water Containment
Mesh	Mesh breaks	High	The nose cone tip can separate from the main rocket creating a safety problem	Mesh becomes thicker.

# Fin Cage Component Breakdown

- Pending test results on the durability and deformation of polycarbonate filament in the autoclave, we may revert to a 3D printed fin cage
- No major forces would act on it, it will just be simpler to create as a manufacturing jig and epoxy it into the tube
- Fillets and tip to tip prepreg will still be used in unison



Fin tabs are inserted into an internal and external centering jig for manufacturing



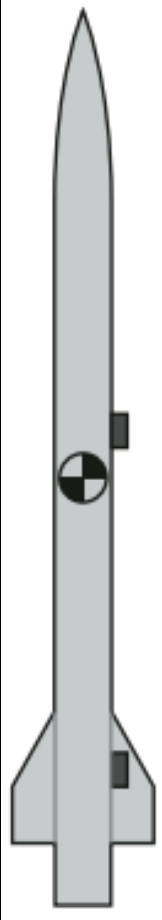
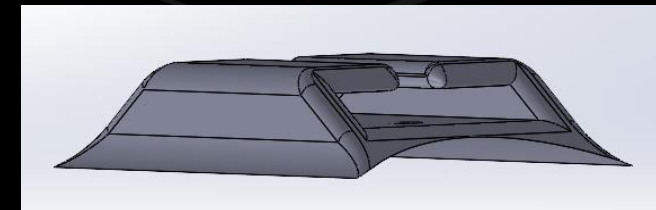
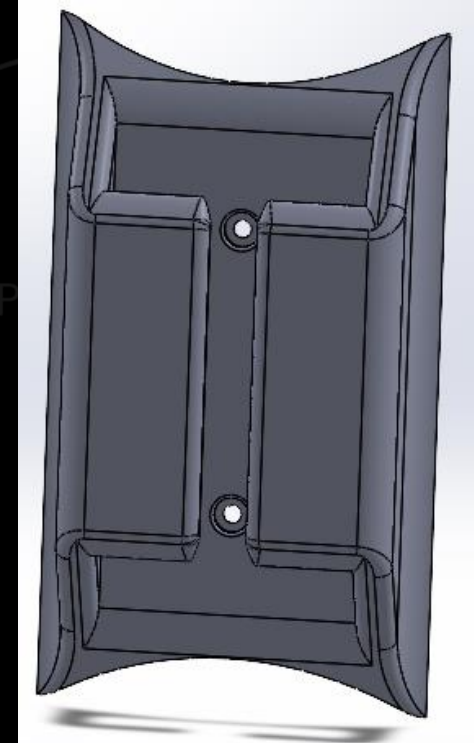
Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Fin Cage	Cage Deforms from autoclave	Medium	Fins do not stay perfectly aligned in autoclave	Test polycarbonate filament in autoclave – if fails, swap to wood
Fin Fillet	Fillet does not hold up to flutter forces/ground impact	Medium	Fins break off during flight / No points for re-flyability	Use of high strength/high temp epoxy for fillets, also strong epoxy within body tube on cage.
Tip-Tip Wrap	Wrap does not hold up to flutter forces/ground impact	High	Fins break off during flight / No points for re-flyability	Test articles to find strength of pre-preg and calculations for fin flutter

# Rail Guides Component Breakdown

## Function/ Performance:

- Hold rocket to rail
  - Supports rocket so stability can effectively develop
  - Prevents any misalignment of trajectory during launch
- Permanent feature, now a part of rocket and influences flight character
- Upstream guide: ~115 inches from the nose tip
- Downstream guide: ~205 inches from the nose tip

Item	Full Item Description	Cost	Quantity	Total	Link (not hyperlink)
Polycarbonate filament	Black PC Filament <a href="#">1.75 mm</a> 3D Printer Filament 1 KG Spool 2.2LBS Dimensional Accuracy +/- <a href="#">0.05mm</a> 3D Printing Polycarbonate Material	\$25	2	\$50	CC3D global
Screws	Alloy steel socket head screws.1-72. Item number 91251A068	\$7.23	1	\$7.23	McMaster-Carr
nuts	High strength steel hex nuts. Item number 94895A815	\$10.92	1	10.92	McMaster-Carr
Graphene powder	Lucky Line 4.5 Grams of Dry Lock Lubricant Graphite Powder for Pin Tumbler Locks, 1 Tube (95001)	\$3	2	\$6	Lucky Line



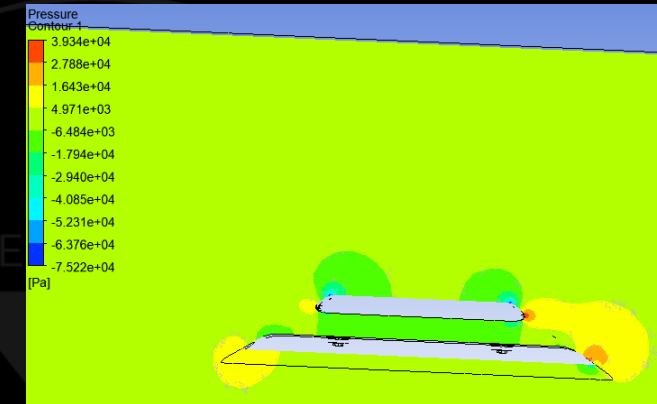
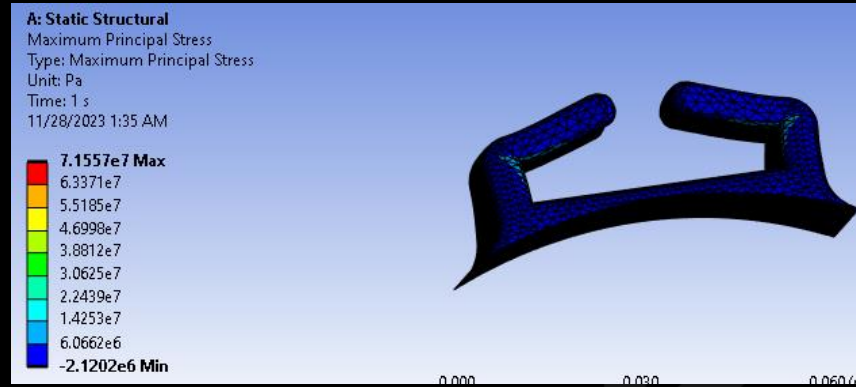
# Rail Guides Component Breakdown

Designed and evaluated at 600lbs

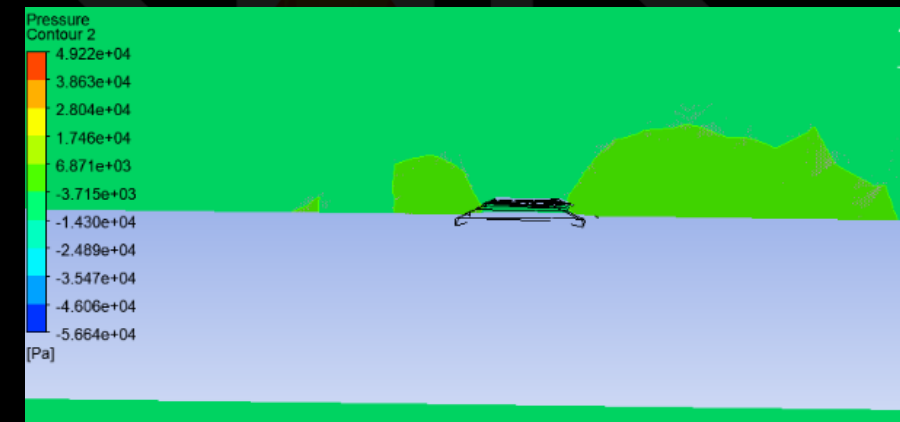
Estimated Factor of Safety of 2.78

$$P_f L_f + P_a L_a - \mu |P_f + P_a| R_T = 0$$

- Back plate will be utilized



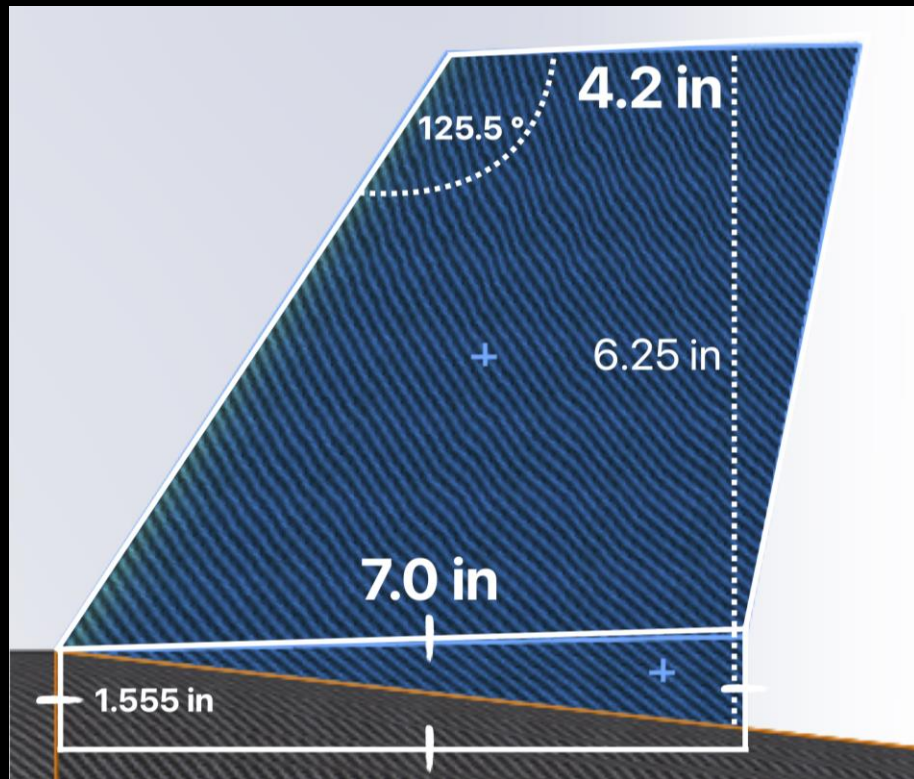
Measure	TPM Value	Units	Verification Method
Resisted launch force	600	lbf	Testing
Mount length	4	inches	Demonstration
Mount height	1	inches	Demonstration
Drag from mount	4000	Pa	Analysis



# FMECA

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Bolt	Bolt tear out	High	Rail guides shear off, rocket fails to develop stability. Launch failure	Choose bolts with high strengths, design guides to be thick on face with rocket. Employ back plate
Rail guides	Flange failure	High	Rail flanges tear off, rocket fails to develop stability. Launch failure	Thicken flanges to withstand high safety factor

# Fins



## Function/ Performance:

- Shall resist all loads and vibrations experienced in flight.
- The fins shall provide passive stability to the vehicle.

## Characteristics – TPM values:

- Pressure [11.66 psi]
- Fin flutter velocity [3055 ft/s] - safety factor of [3.92]

Stability: 4.29 cal / 12.4 %

CG: 129 in

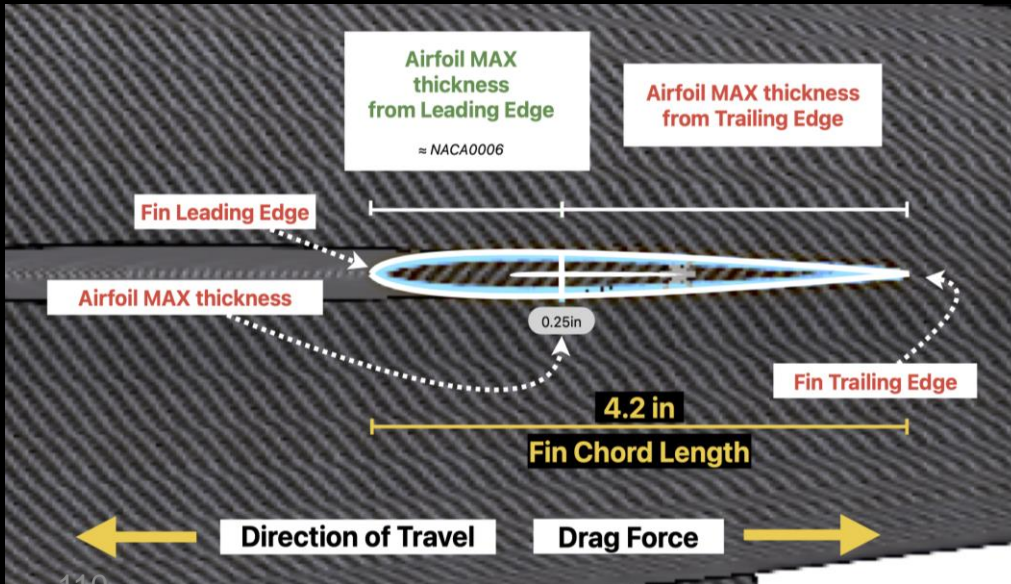
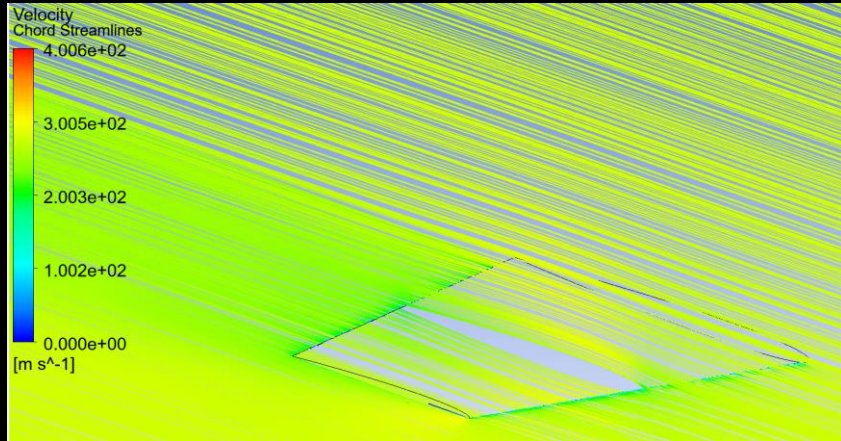
CP: 156 in

at M=0.300

# Fins

Part	Failure	Criticality	Effect	Mitigation
Fin	Flutter	High	Vibration	Make thicker/Shorter
Fin	Drag	Low	Decreased Apogee	Airfoil
Airfoil	Manufacturing	Medium	Time/Budget	Tolerance

# Airfoil



## Function/ Performance:

- Airfoil should minimize the aerodynamic forces acting on the vehicle.

## Characteristics – TPM values:

- Pressure [11.66 psi]
- Fin flutter velocity [3055 ft/s] - safety factor of [3.92]

Drag coefficient	Value
Pressure Cd	1.15E-04
Viscous Cd	1.51E-04
Total (drag) Cd	2.66E-04

$$y_t = 5t \left[ 0.2969\sqrt{x} - 0.1260x - 0.3516x^2 + 0.2843x^3 - 0.1015x^4 \right], [5][6]$$

where:

$x$  is the position along the chord from 0 to 1.00 (0 to 100%),

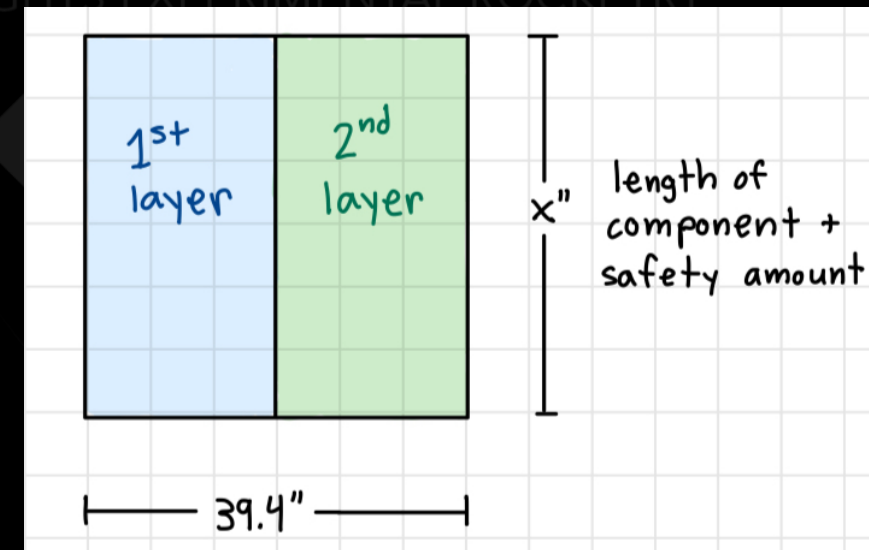
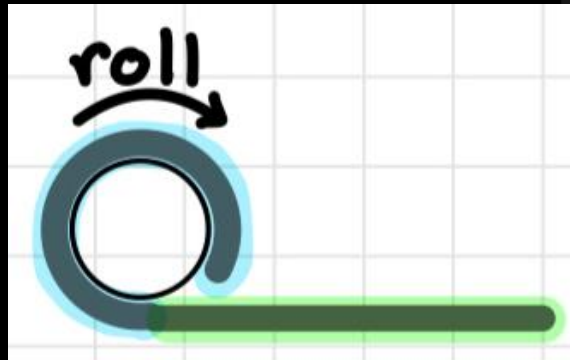
$y_t$  is the half thickness at a given value of  $x$  (centerline to surface),

$t$  is the maximum thickness as a fraction of the chord (so  $t$  gives the last two digits in the NACA 4-digit denominator divided by 100).

# Airframe Manufacturing

- Tubes

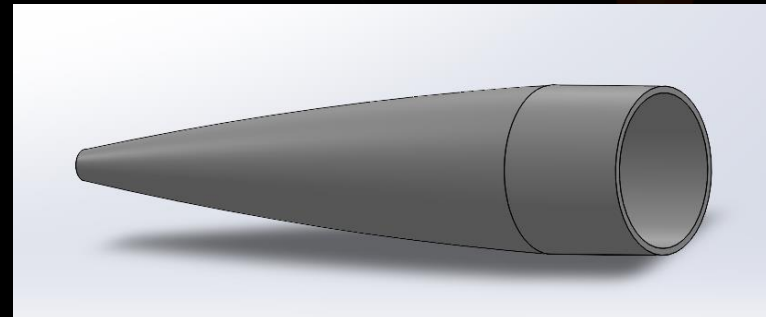
- Made of 3k 2x2 twill weave prepreg carbon fiber
- Roll the prepreg around a 6 in. metal mandrel to build up layers and form the tube
  - Width of pre-preg is 39.4 in, which is twice the circumference, so one sheet will have 2 layers
  - Roll 3 sheets in total to make 6 plys
- Cure tube in autoclave and post-process as necessary
- Will need to manufacture 5 separate tubes\*
  - Payload body tube: 38 inches
  - Recovery switch band: 2 inches
  - Lower recovery tube: 27 inches
  - N tank tube: 19 inches
  - Fuel tube: 31 inches
  - OX tube: 44 inches



\*the recovery switch band (length/material) will be added and cut from the lower recovery tube piece

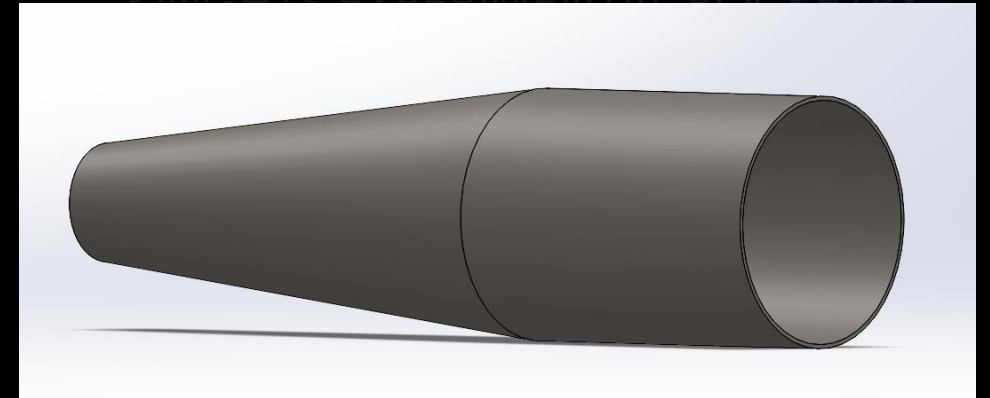
# Airframe Manufacturing Contd.

- Nose Cone
  - Mold: Male mold; 3D-printed out of PLA plastic with extra length on ends as safety factor for material
    - Will take about 5 days to print
    - Will be printed in separate sections due to the size constraints of the 3D printer
      - These will be glued together, most likely with E6000
  - Wet-lay fiberglass sleeves over the 3D-printed male mold, according to lay-up schedule
  - Composite will be vacuumed and sealed in Autoclave
- Tip machined from 2 in. diameter steel rod
  - Will take 1-2 days to machine
- Water Ballast
  - 3D printed out of PLA
    - Will take only a few hours to print
  - The COTS threaded rod will be cut to size by us



# Airframe Manufacturing contd.

- Boat Tail
  - Made from carbon fiber pre-preg
    - Will 3D print a male mold out of polycarbonate plastic (PCP)
      - It will be 3D printed in separate sections due to size constraints of the 3D printer, glued together most likely with a high temp. epoxy
  - Will need to apply 8 layers of prepreg
    - Cure composite in the autoclave
  - Then, insert the fins with epoxy and fillet them to the tail cone
    - May need a high temp epoxy/glue
- Then the tail cone will go back into the autoclave and cure to cement the fins in place



# Airframe Manufacturing Contd.

- Fin Cage

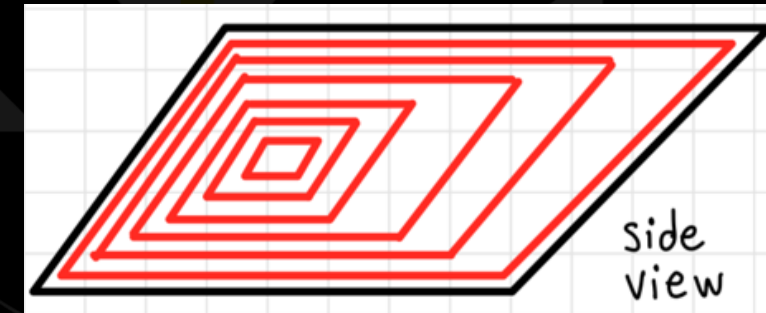
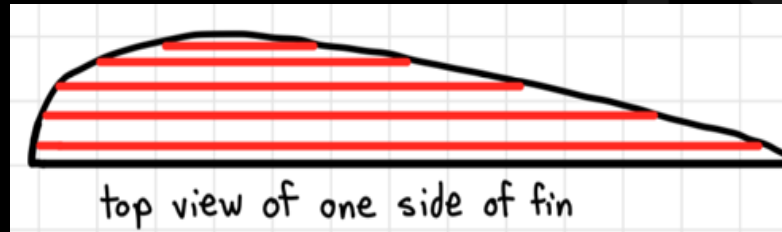
- The material will be G10 fiberglass
  - The parts will be laser cut at a fabrication center and then assembled by us

- Fins

- Will be tapered, swept, trapezoidal and made from layered pre-preg

- There will be a total of four fins.
- The measurements are as follows:

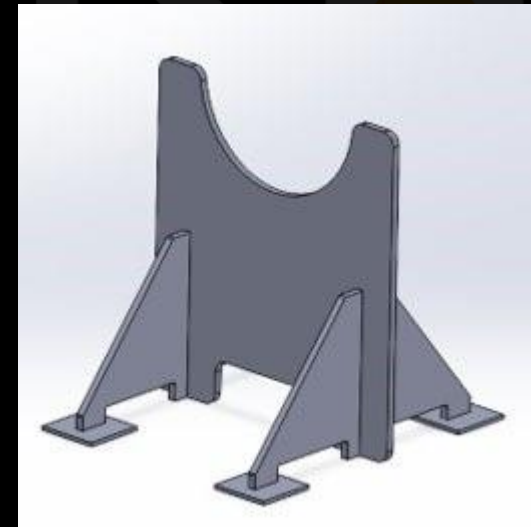
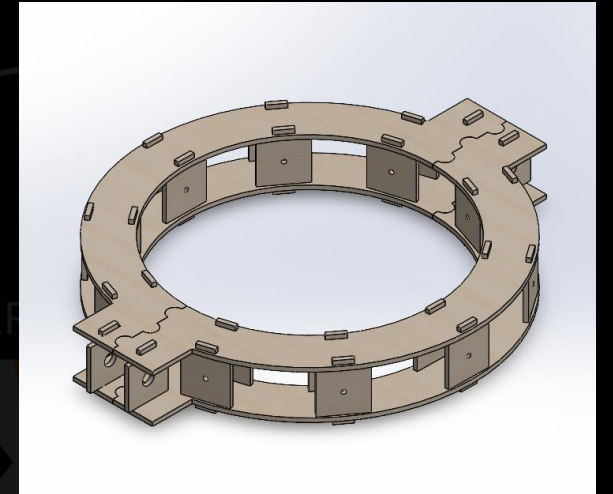
- Root chord – 7.5in
- Tip chord – 5in
- Height – 5in
- Swept length – 2.5in
- Sweep angle – 26.5in



- The airfoil will be NACA0006
- The pre-preg will be cut to different lengths and shapes which will be stacked up to form the airfoil
  - This layering technique will be done for each side of the fin

# Airframe Manufacturing Contd.

- Holes
  - We will be using the drilling collar to make our holes even spaced and the correct size
- Jigs
  - For drilling we have a drilling collar made from plywood
  - The drilling collar will double as our cutting collar
  - The rocket stands will be made from plywood and cut with the laser cutter in the TI Lab
- Rail Guides
  - 3D printed out of polycarbonate plastic



# Manufacturing Process Plan (MPP)

Mix Epoxy/Resin for Layer 1	4	Epoxy/ Resin components are mixed to the proper ratio	Read the instructions on the Epoxy/Resin label to find the proper mixing ratios. Follow the instructions to a tee to ensure best results. Mix your Epoxy/Resin <b>ONE LAYER AT A TIME</b> . eg. mix epoxy for layer 1, lay fiberglass+epoxy for layer 1. Then mix and lay for layer 2, etc.	gloves, goggles, respirator, popsicle sticks, Epoxy/Resin, mixing cups	DO NOT MIX the resin and hardner until you are ready to lay. Be ready to work quickly from this point on, the Epoxy/Resin will cure quickly so be sure to have your fiberglass and mold ready to rock.
Seal Mold	5	Seal mold with layer of resin	Apply a layer of resin to the mold to seal any tiny pores or gaps in the material before laying fiberglass.	gloves, goggles, respirator, mixed Epoxy/Resin, paint brush	Especially necessary if chosen mold is wood.
Lay First Layer of Material	6	Material is oriented correct, no bubbles	Lay material on top of first resin coat, ensure it's laid in the correct direction, smooth out the material with gloved hands	1st layer of fiberglass, gloves	
Apply Epoxy/Resin Mix	7	Even layer coats entire surface of material	Use paint brushes to evenly coat the material with the resin mixture.	epoxy/resin mix, gloves, paint brushes	The epoxy/resin mix should be a specific amount proportional to the amount of material being covered. Use expocy calclutor to calculate amount of mix
Repeat steps 10-11	8		Repeat steps 10-11 until all layers are complete		

Apply Carbon Fiber Prepreg	4	6 plys of carbon fiber prepreg must be applied	Apply each layer in the same direction	PrePreg Carbon Fiber, Scissors, Gloves	If carbon fiber bubbles or wrinkles, remove said ply and start again
Apply release film over carbon fiber	5	1 layer of release film must be evenly placed on carbon fiber surfaces	Must be even and wrinkle free	Release film, scissors	
Apply breather cloth over	6	Wrap liberal amount of breather cloth over composite surface	Must cover entirty of the mandrel	Breather cloth, scissors	
Vaccum Bag entire mandrel	7	Create an envelope bag with gum tape and insert test coupon	Bag must be totally sealed	Vacuum bag, vacuum sealent tape, scissors	
Insert Vacuum Connector	8	Place vacuum connector through bag	Bag must be totally sealed	Vacuum connector, Scissors	
Pull Vacuum in Autoclave	9	Pull 1 atmosphere of vacuum pressure	Ensure vacuum holds	Autoclave	
Cure tube in Autoclave	10	Run cure cycle	Cure for 1 hour at 250F	Autoclave	
Remove Vacuum supplies	11	Cut test coupon out of vacuum bag	Ensure all breather cloth and vacuum supplies are removed	Scissors	

Steps 4 - 8 of Fiberglass Coupon for nose cone

Steps 4 – 11 of Carbon Fiber prepreg coupons for tubes and tail cone

- All the test coupon MPPs are finished, except for the fins' coupon, which is still being fleshed out. These MMPs include:
  - Body tube test coupon
  - Tail Cone test coupon
  - Nose Cone test coupon
  - Fin test coupon

# Machine Costs and Printing Times

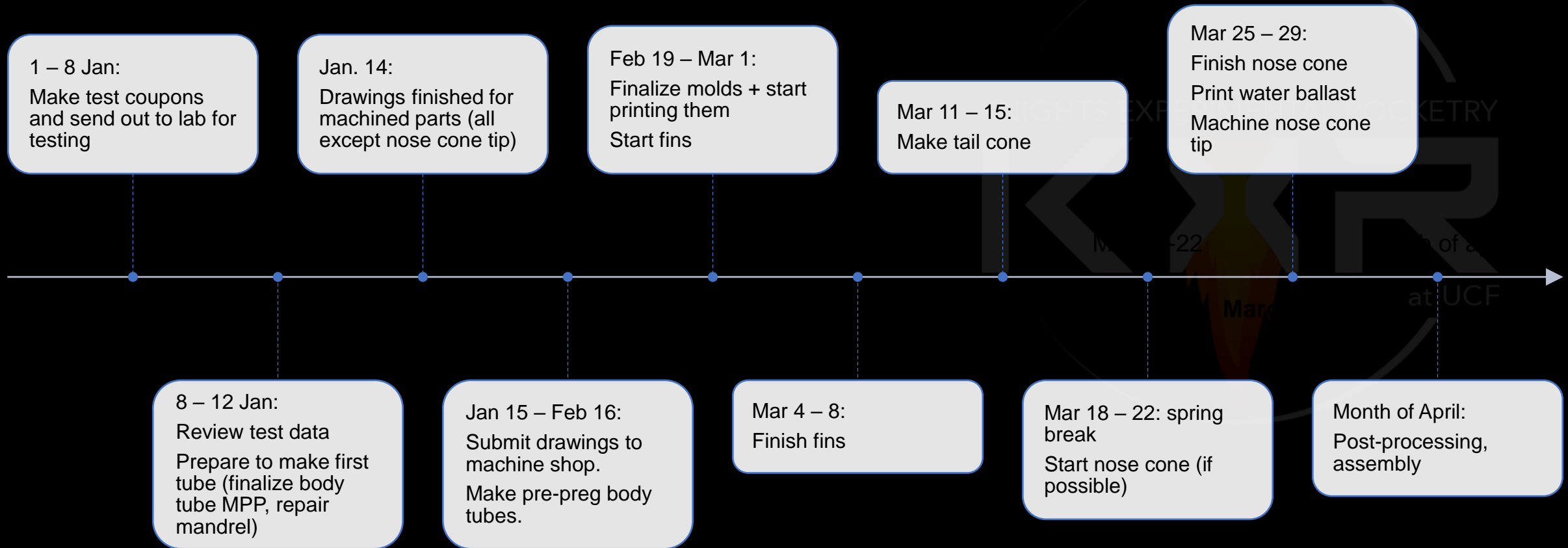
- Nose Cone
  - Mold: 5 days to 3D print\*
  - Water Ballast: a few hours to 3D print\*
  - Nose Cone Tip: 2-3 hours to machine, the material is free. Total cost is < \$100.
- Tail Cone
  - Mold will take 4 days to 3D print\*
- Chassis
  - 10 hours to machine
  - Material cost \$150
  - Total cost to manufacture is \$500
- Thrust Plate
  - 3.5 hours to machine
  - Will cost \$158

\*only cost is for filament, between \$30-40

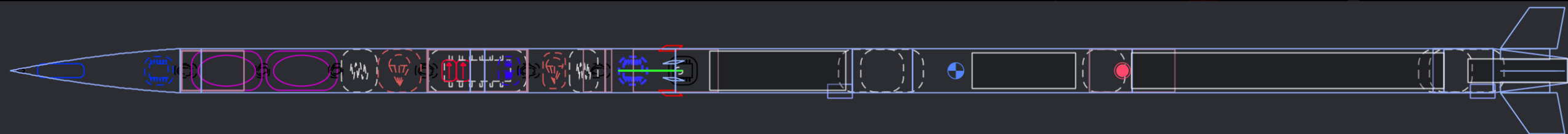
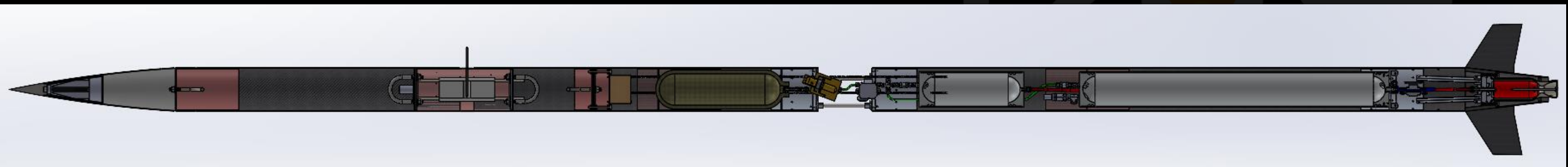


# Manufacturing Schedule

- Largely dependent on when materials arrive
  - Best case Jan. – Apr., worst case Jan. – May.



# Questions?



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