



**Bearospace at UCLA**  
**(LoL) Leveling on Land**  
**2020-2021 USLI CDR**



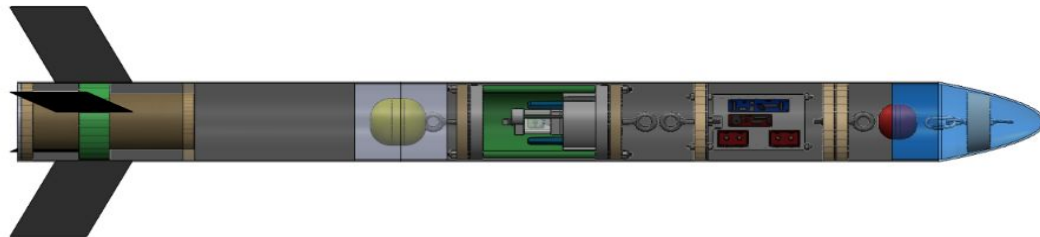
# Vehicle Overview

## Vehicle

Length: 68 in

Diameter: 6 in

Weight: 19.5 lb

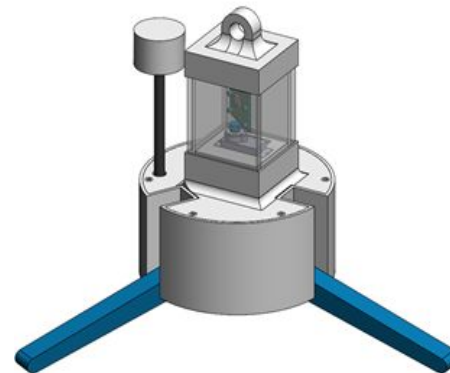
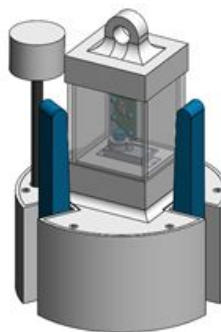


## Payload

Height: 6.1 in

Diameter: 4.4 in

Weight: 0.905 lb



# Launch Vehicle





# Key Design Features

## Nosecone

Material: ABS Plastic

Length: 7 in

Thickness: 0.07 in

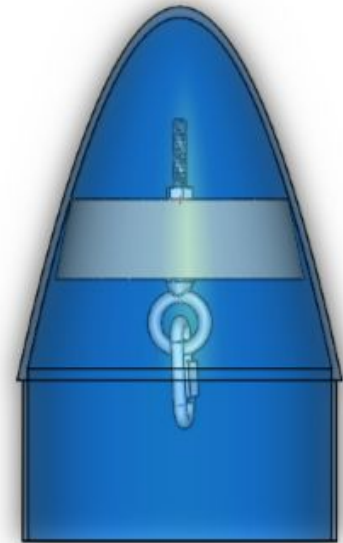
Total Weight: 2 lb

## Nosecone Shoulder

Length: 3 in

Thickness: 0.07 in

Key components: Bulkhead,  
eyebolt, quicklink





# Key Design Features Pt. 2

## Upper Body Tube

Material: Carbon Fiber

Length: 35 in

Thickness: 0.07 in

Total Weight: 9.53 lb

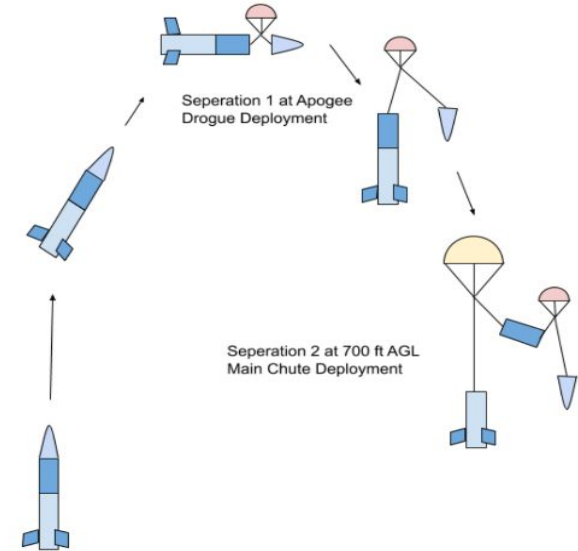
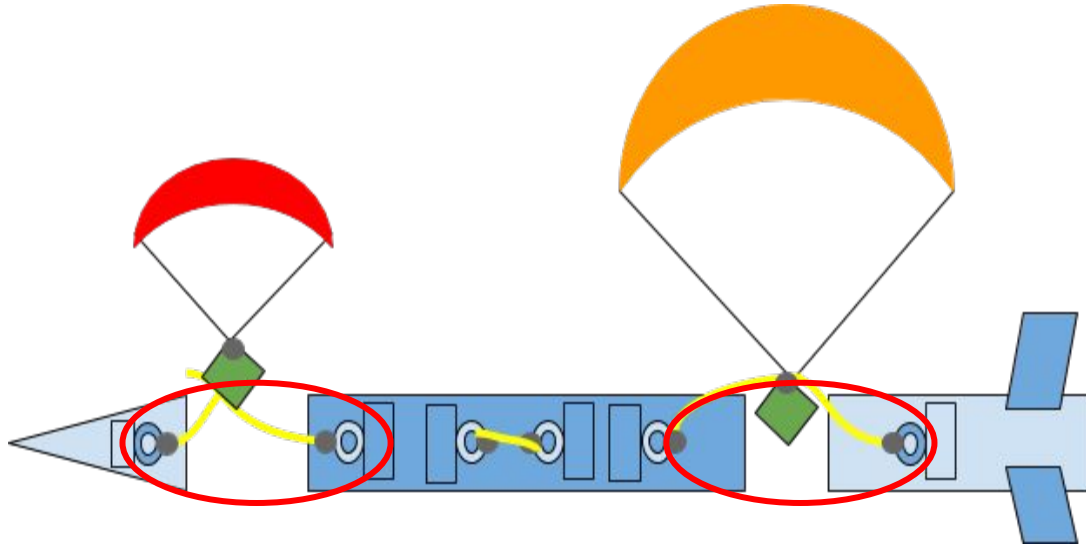
Key components: locking  
mechanism, avionics bay,  
payload and retention  
assembly, eyebolts, quicklinks



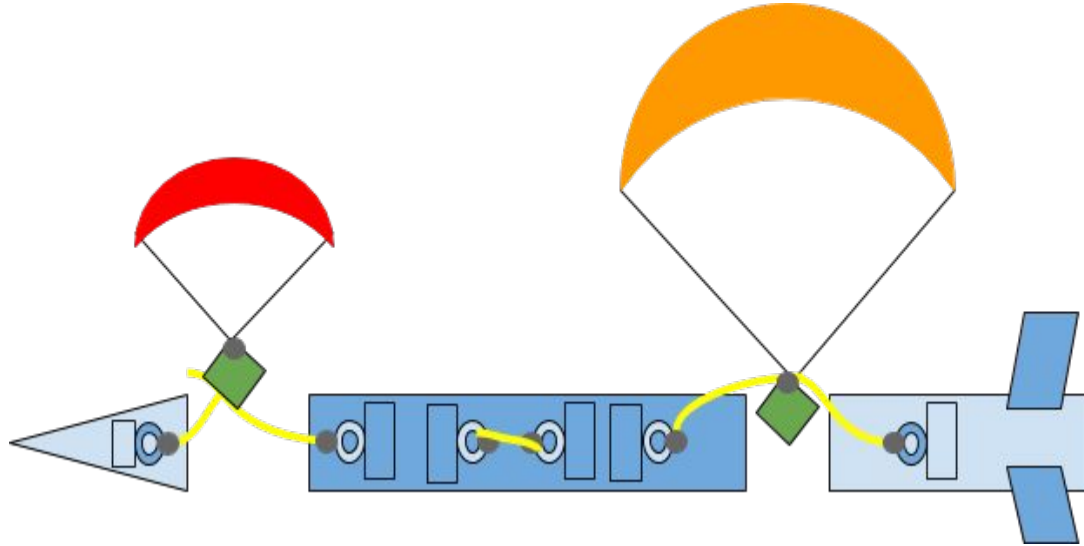
## Key Design Features Pt. 3

## Lower Body Tube

# Points of Separation and Energetic Materials



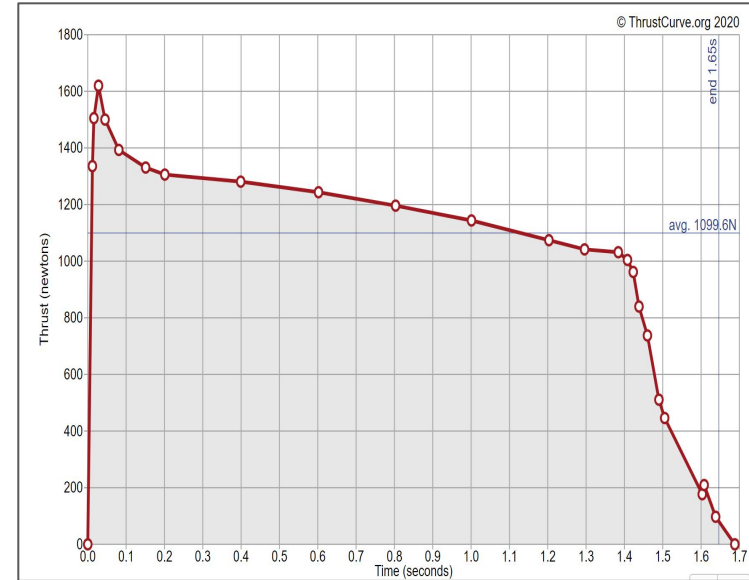
# Interfaces





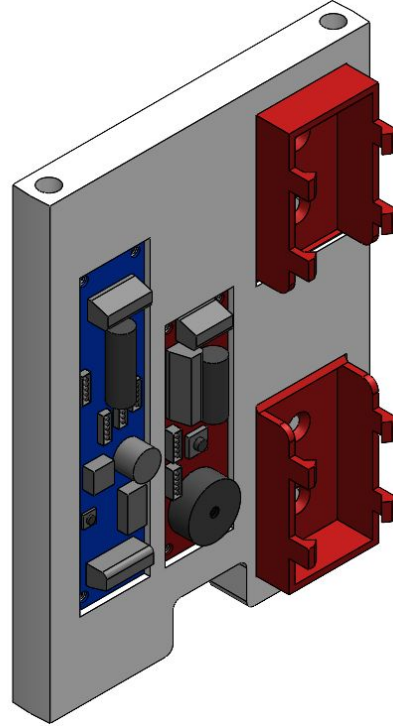
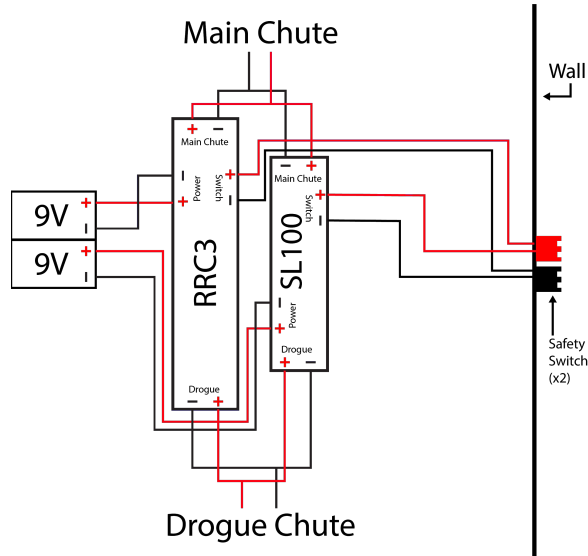
# Final Motor Selection: AeroTech K1103X-14

<b>Motor Diameter</b>	2.13in	<b>Motor Length</b>	15.8in
<b>Average Thrust</b>	1099 N	<b>Max Thrust</b>	1620 N
<b>Burn Time</b>	1.65s	<b>Total Motor Mass</b>	3.2 lbs.
<b>Total Impulse</b>	1810Ns	<b>Propellant Mass</b>	1.8 lbs.
<b>Thrust to Weight</b>	13.17	<b>Post-burn Mass</b>	1.4 lbs.





# Electronics



## Altimeters

- Stratologger SL100 Altimeter
- RRC3 Sports Altimeter

## Power

- 2X 9V Battery

# Flight Predictions



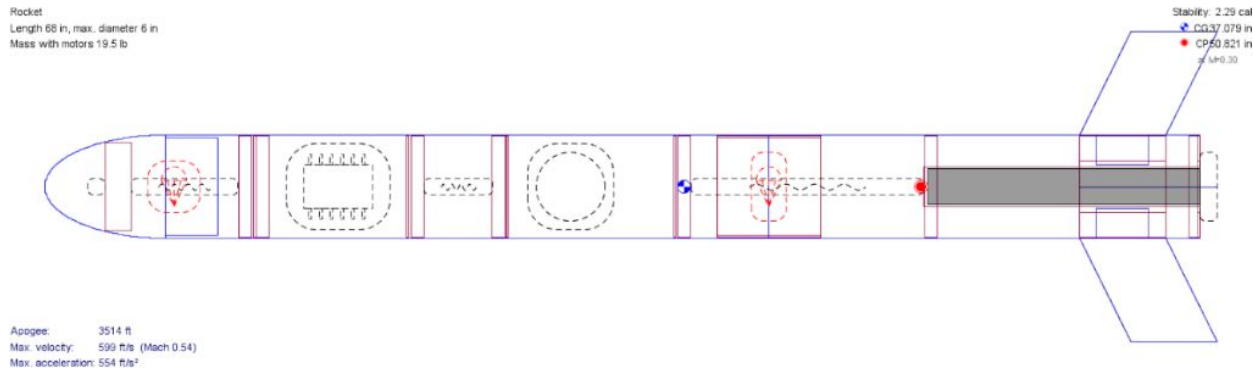


# Rocket Flight Stability

CG: 37.08 in. from the tip of the nose cone

CP: 50.82 in. from the tip of the nose cone.

Together, with a 6 in. diameter body tube, the resulting static stability is anticipated to be 2.29.





# Liftoff Figures

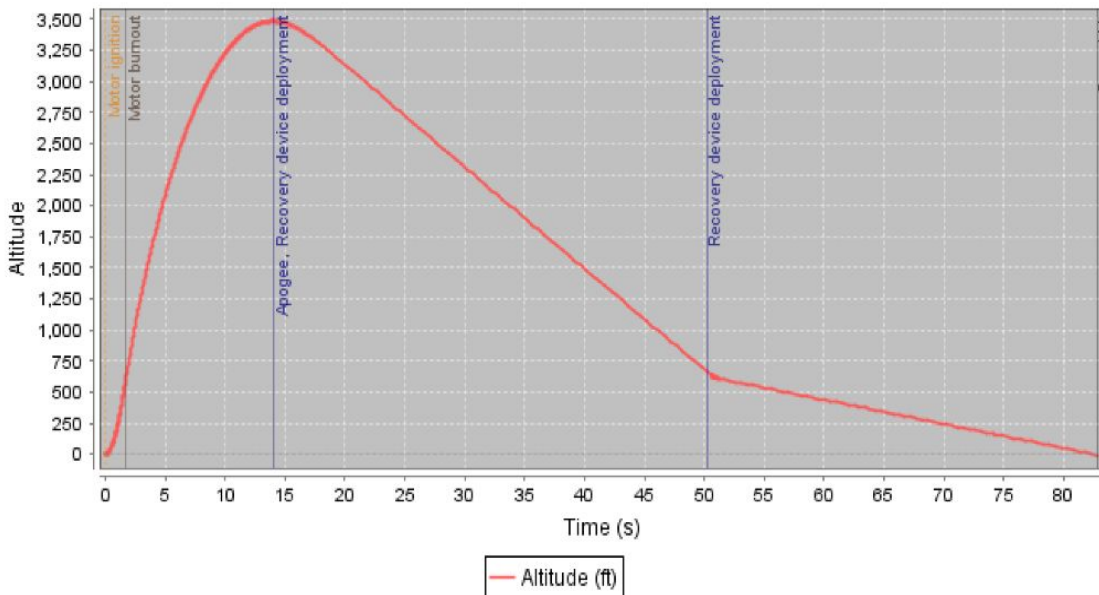
Thrust to Weight Ratio: 12.7

Rail Exit Velocity: 89.7 ft/s

Rail Size: 8 ft

## Flight Profile, 10mph, 8ft

Custom





# Parachutes

Drogue Chute Size: 2 ft diameter

Drogue Deployment Time: Apogee

Main Chute Size: 7 ft diameter

Main Deployment Time: 700 ft





# Recovery Hardware

## Droque Chute

Recovery Harness: Kevlar

Size: 1/2"

Length: 23 ft

## Main Chute

Recovery Harness: Kevlar

Size: 1/2"

Length: 20 ft





# Descent

Descent Rate with Drogue Chute: 82 ft/s

Descent Rate with Main Chute: 19.4 ft/s

Kinetic Energy at Landing for Nosecone: 11.69 ft-lbf

Kinetic Energy at Landing for Upper Body Tube: 55.69 ft-lbf

Kinetic Energy at Landing for Lower Body Tube: 27.8 ft-lbf





# Predicted Drift

5 mph winds: 520.6 ft

10 mph winds: 1041.3 ft

15 mph winds: 1561.9 ft

20 mph winds: 2032.8 ft

# Vehicle Testing





# Fin Flutter

## Step-by-Step Execution:

- Using equation found on apogee rockets, calculate the maximum fin flutter velocity
- Using OpenRocket, find altitude and value of greatest velocity of rocket
- Computer fin flutter velocity at given altitude and compare to max rocket velocity
- If fin flutter is greater, fin design will not fail

$$V_f = 1.223 C_{s0} \exp\left(0.4 \frac{h}{H}\right) \sqrt{\frac{G}{P_0}} \sqrt{\frac{(2+B)}{(1+\lambda)}} \left(\frac{T}{B}\right)^{3/2}$$

symbol	SI	imperial	other
$H$	8077 m	26500 ft	—
$P_0$	101352 Pa	14.7 psi	—
$C_{s0}$	335 m/s	1100 ft/s	750 mph

### fin parameters

- $c_r$  = root chord,  $L$   
 $c_t$  = tip chord,  $L$   
 $b$  = fin height,  $L$   
 $t$  = fin thickness,  $L$   
 $G$  = fin material shear modulus,  $R$

### atmospheric parameters

- $P(h)$  = pressure (function of altitude),  $R$   
 $C_s(h)$  = sound speed (function of altitude),  $V$

### derived parameters

- $S = \frac{h}{2}(c_r + c_t)$  fin area,  $L^2$   
 $\lambda = \frac{c_t}{c_r}$  fin taper ratio  
 $B = \frac{b^2}{S}$  aspect ratio  
 $T = \frac{t}{c_r}$  normalized thickness

# Airframe Bending

## Objective:

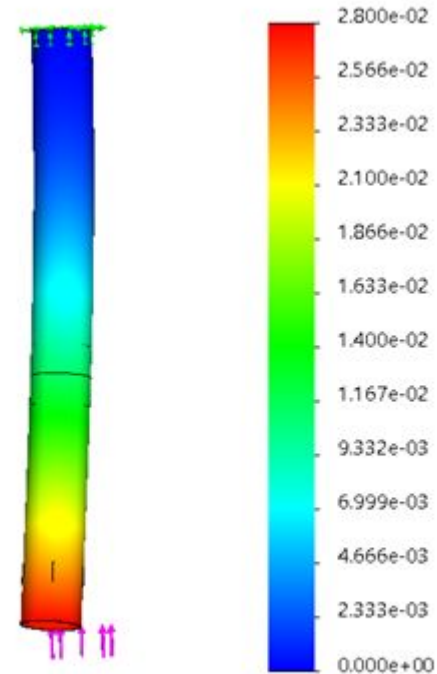
Determine if the body tube may be subject to buckling under peak loading of the motor.

## Step-by-Step Execution:

1. Fix upper face of upper body tube facing the nose cone
2. Place total force over the bottom face of the lower body tube
3. Mesh components
4. Examine results

## Justification:

Since selected motor has a very high initial force, the body tube may be subject to buckling which can highly jeopardize the structure of the vehicle. By examining behavior we can make necessary changes to vehicle design as necessary.

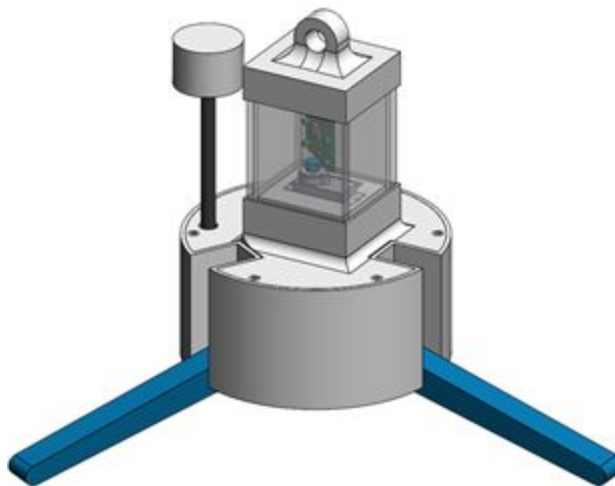
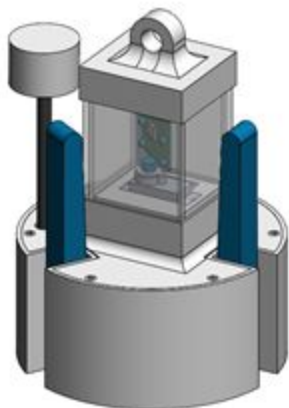


# Payload





# Design Overview



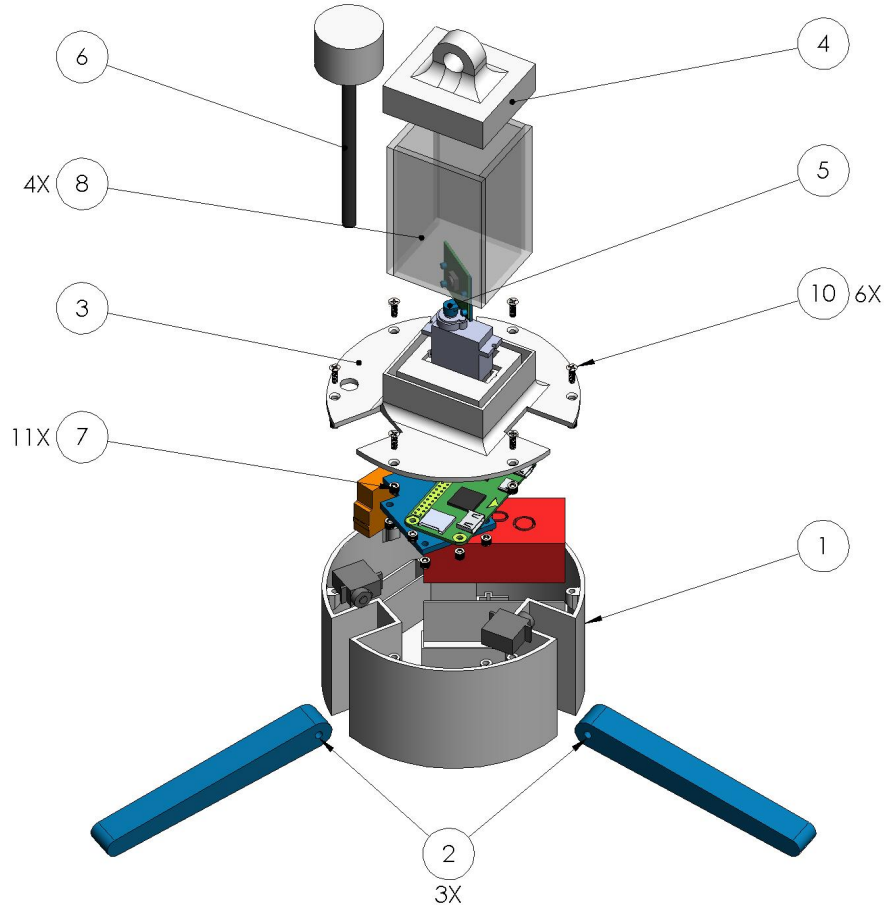
Simple 3-legged lander

4.4" diam x 6.1" tall

14.48 oz

Camera mounted on continuous  
servo motor for 360° view of  
landing site

# Exploded View of Payload



Epoxy is used to attach top cap and main cover with acrylic sheets

Legs are attached to servo motors using screw

M2.5 threaded heat set inserts and M2.5 screws are used to fasten electronics and the main cover

# Payload Parachute Selection & Analysis



Apogee Components 18" nylon  
parachute with a hexagonal  
parachute shape

## For 20 MPH Wind Speeds

-Drift of rocket at 700 ft AGL = 704 ft

-Descent rate = 23.95 ft/s

-Payload KE = 9.22 ft-lbf

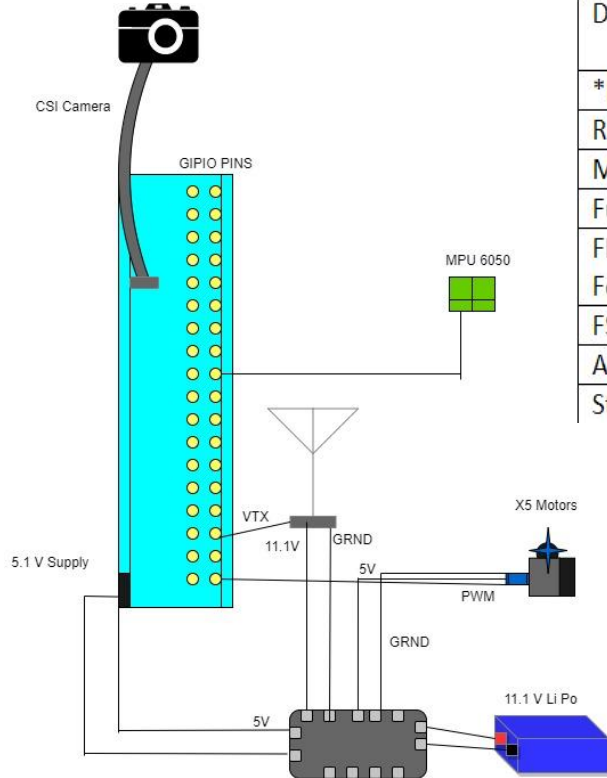
-Descent time = 29.23 s

-Payload Drift = 857 ft

-Total Drift = 1561 ft



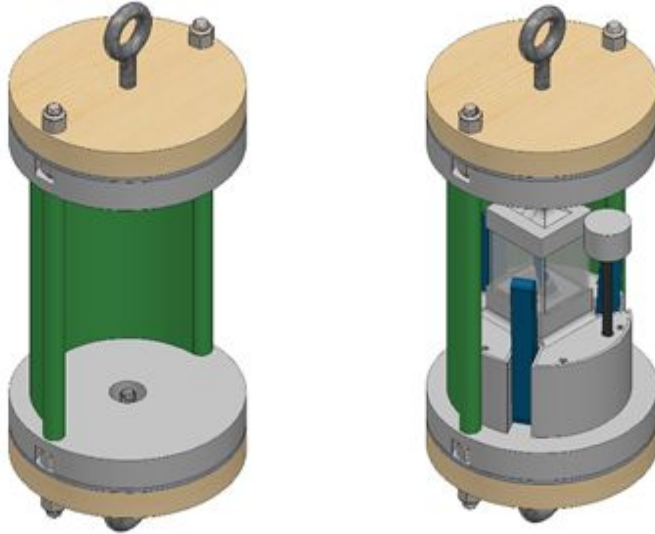
# Payload Electronics



Device	Current Draw (Max)	Voltage	Power
*Powered by GPIO on PI ZERO			
Raspberry Pi Zero WH	1.2 A	5 V	6 W
MPU 6050 (Gyroscope + Accelerometer) *	100 mA	3.3 V	330 mW
Furious FPV Transmitter 2.4 GHz	20 mA	11.1V	200 mW
FEETECH Micro Servo Motor w/ Position Feedback	500 mA	5 V	2.5 W
FS90n Continuous Rotation Micro Servo	500 mA	5 V	2.5 W
ArduCAM for Raspberry PI *	250 mA	5 V	1.25 W
Standby Time: 4 hrs			



# Payload Retention System

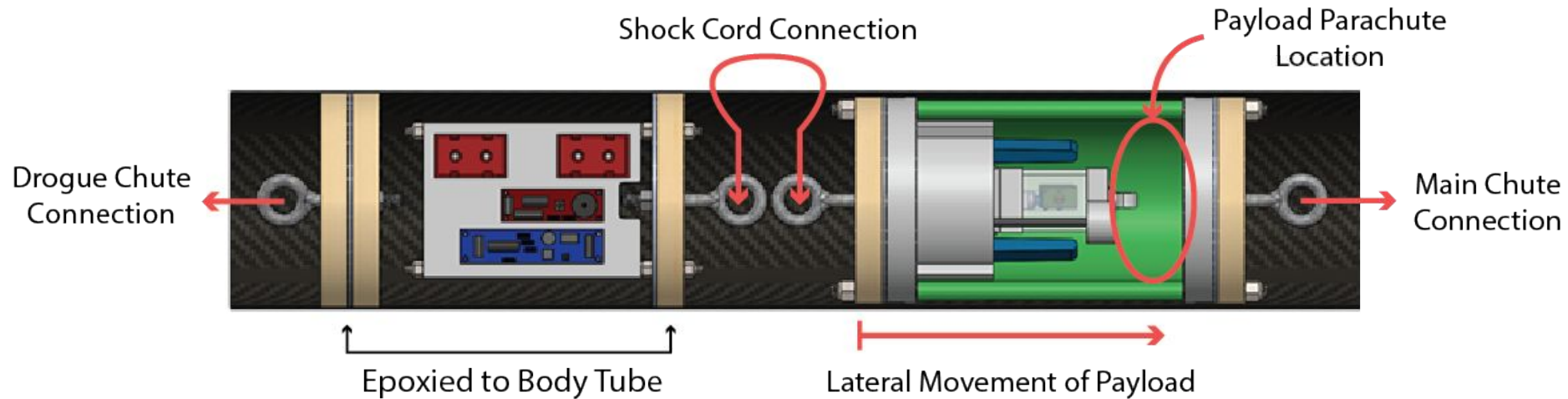


Composed of pine bulkhead blocks and aluminum reinforcement, 3/8" threaded rods, locknuts, and eyebolts.

Bottom & top grey components provide a flat surface for the payload

Green cover limits payload motion in one direction

# Payload Integration Plans

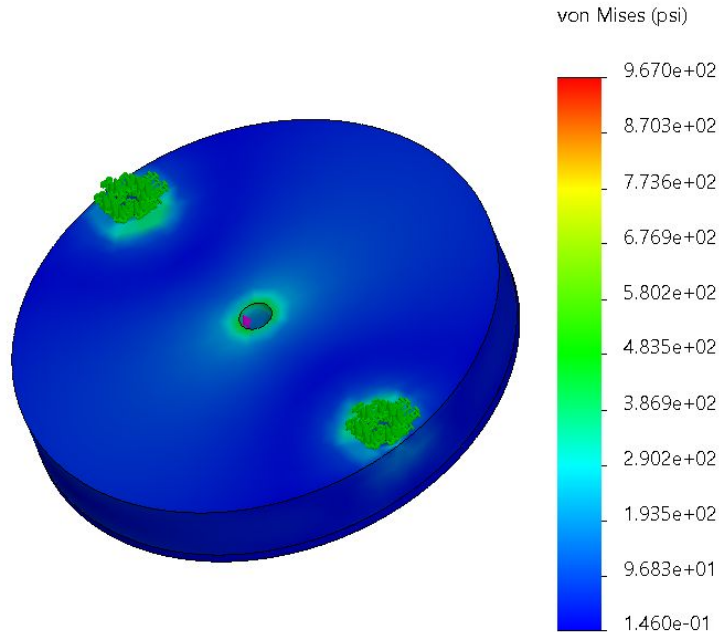


# Payload Testing





# Retention System Bulkhead Virtual Testing

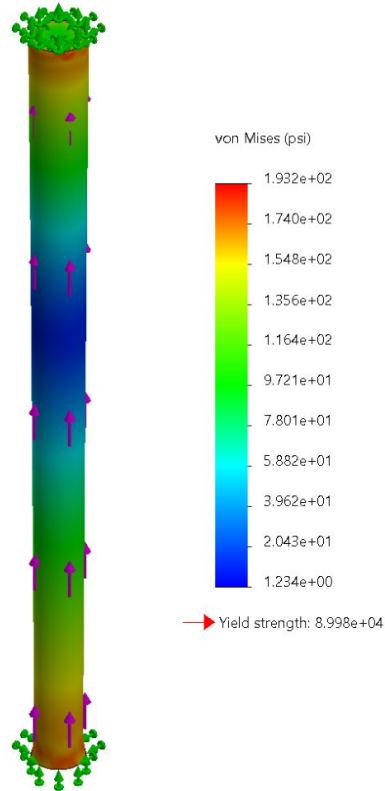


**Force:** 81.20 lbf total of axial force; 40.6 lbf on each of the two rods (safety factor of 4)

**Max Stress:** 967 psi

**Yield Strength (Pine) (shear):**  
899 psi

# Retention System Threaded Rod Virtual Testing



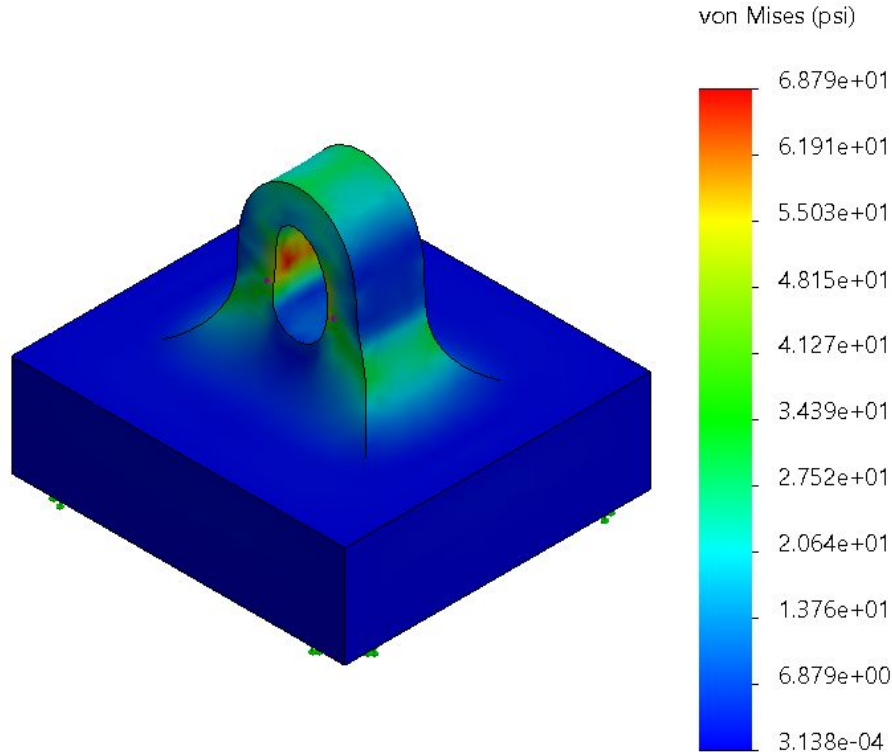
Approximation of a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " steel threaded rod

**Force:** 81.20 lbf total of axial force; 40.6 lbf on each of the two rods (safety factor of 4)

**Max Stress:** 193 psi

**Yield Strength (Steel):** 9000 psi

# Payload Top Virtual Testing



**Force:** 3.62 lbf of axial force  
(safety factor of 4)

**Max Stress:** 6.879 psi

**Yield Strength (ABS):** 7000 psi

# Questions?

