

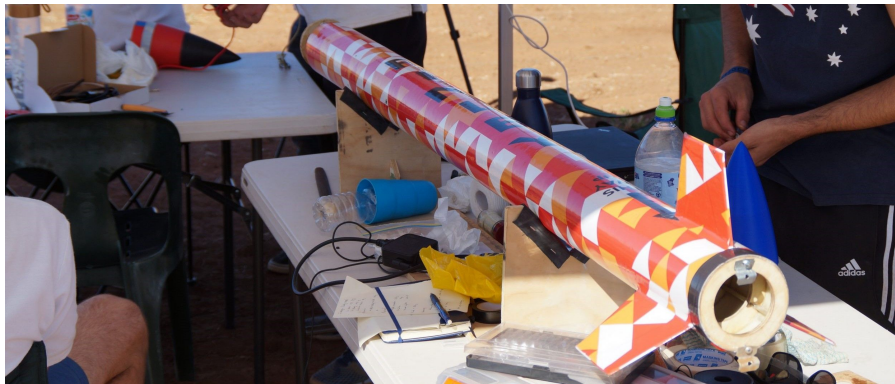
# ARES Workshop - Project Phobos

## Part 1

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# Australian Universities Rocket Comp.



Australian Youth Aerospace Association (AYAA)

“Design, build and launch a high-powered solid fuel rocket to a target height of either 10,000ft or 30,000ft. In 2020 teams can also design a 2kg CubeSat payload.” Source: [aurc.ayaa.com.au](http://aurc.ayaa.com.au)

**2020** comp. was **online** only

**2021** comp. launch - **QLD ~October**

# AURC Competition Requirements



## **Rocket Requirement**

Must design and build a single-stage rocket

Must have a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) solid rocket motor

Must carry a 2kg payload

Must reach to a target height of 10,000 ft above ground level

Must carry radio beacon or similar transmitter aboard each recoverable assembly

## **Team Requirement**

Require individual team members to attempt and complete certification Levels 1 and 3

Min 1 member must obtain QLD explosives licenses for HPR rocket motors (>62.5g)

Disqualification if:

- Found guilty of cheating or plagiarism
- Consistent failure to meet deadlines
- Breach safety protocols
- Fail to comply with the AURC Rules, Standards & Guidelines

# Project Phobos

## 2021 Unimelb AURC team



Version 0.6.3



### Goals

**Fibreglass** airframe

Length: **1800mm**      Diameter: 146mm

Real time **telemetry** and video

CO<sub>2</sub> **parachute** ejection system

Weather balloon for pre-launch conditions

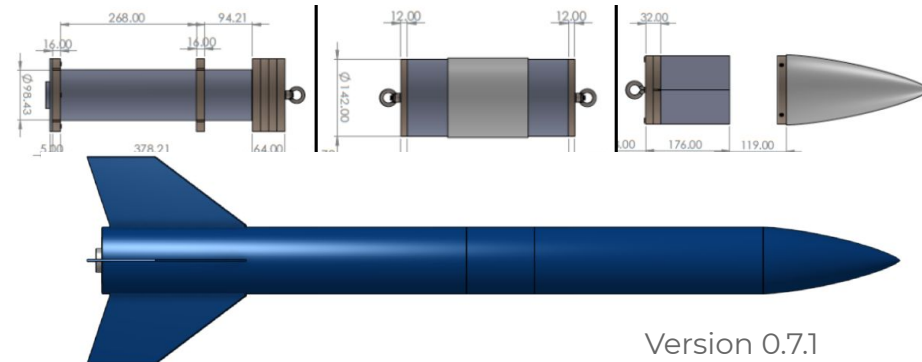
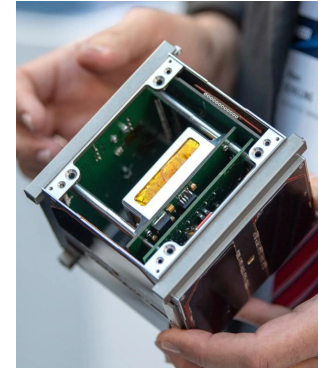
Reaction wheel to stabilise roll

### Requirements

**10,000ft.** with **CubeSat** payload

Fully **recoverable**

Altitude logging, tracking  
beacon



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# Payload

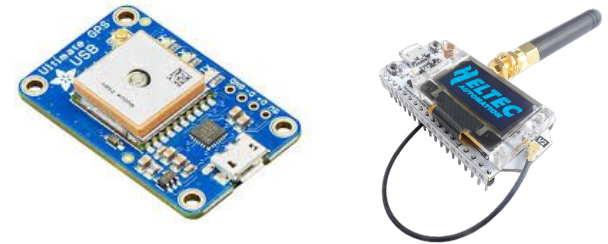
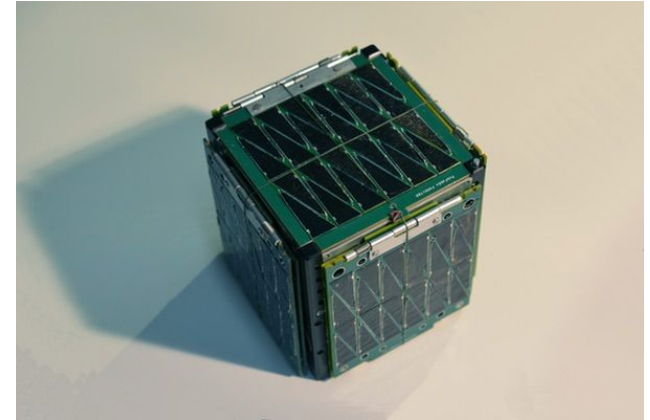


2 kg CubeSat with the dimensions of 1U (100mm x 100mm x 100mm)

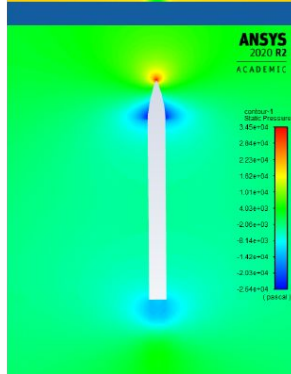
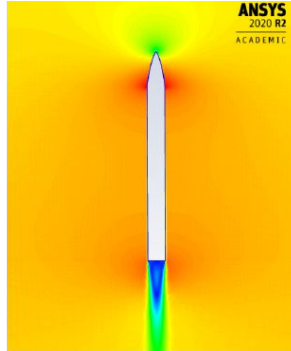
Records and transmits positional data of the rocket during flight

Provides ground-truth data which may be used to improve future simulations

Payload will have an off-the-shelf GPS system, microcontroller and antenna



# Project Phobos Subsystems



## Aerodynamics (External Structures) - Jack Li

### Responsibilities:

Design of exterior rocket body including fuselage, nose cone and fins

CFD Simulation for drag reduction and determining pressure acting on rocket

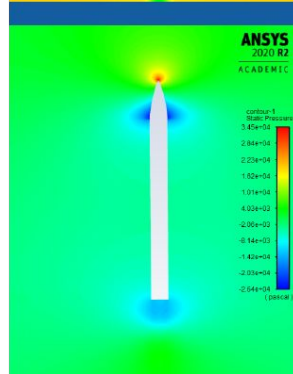
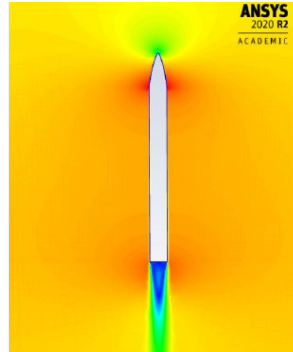
Design fins to reduce flutter and maximise stability

Minimise drag

Withstand dynamic pressure



# Project Phobos Subsystems



## Aerodynamics (External Structures) - Jack Li

### Progress:

Fibreglass airframe instead of carbon fibre

Ansys CFD initial model and simulation

### Plan for 2021:

CFD and fin flutter simulations

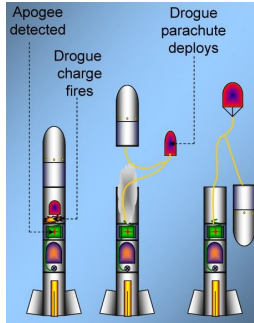
Select materials for airframe

Manufacture and test airframe





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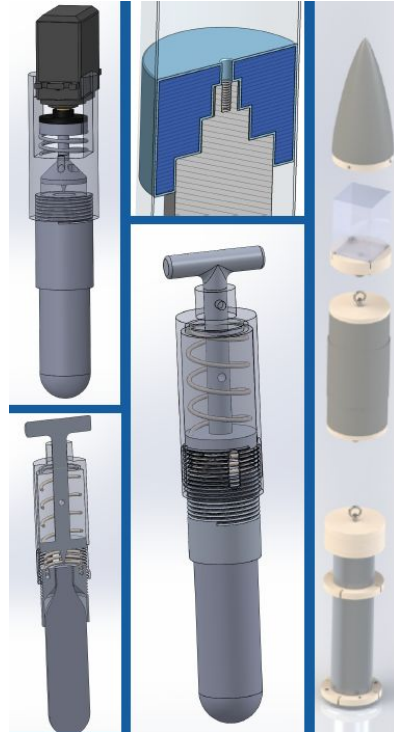
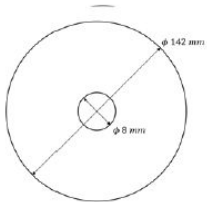


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## Internal Structures - Kian Pardoe-Collins

### Responsibilities:

Design bulkheads and avionics bay

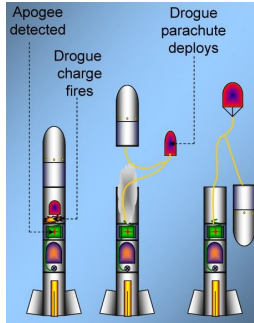
Fin and nose cone connectors

Determine method for ejection of parachutes

Calculate and simulate forces exerted on components



# Project Phobos Subsystems

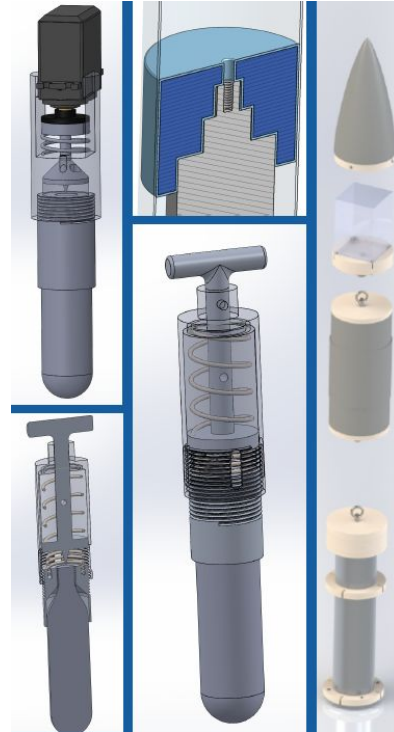
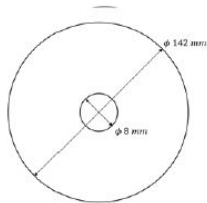


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## Internal Structures - Kian Pardoe-Collins

### Progress:

Internal layout determined

Minimum viable products for major components

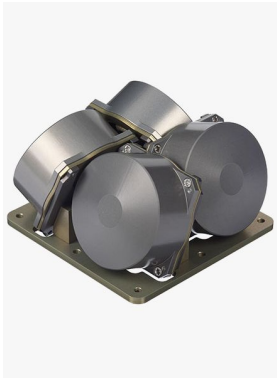
CAD models for components developed

### Plan for 2021:

Ansys FEA simulations on load-bearing components incl. composite materials

Manufacture and test bulkheads, parachute ejection system and avionics bay

# Project Phobos Subsystems



## Avionics & Payload - Grace Brown

### Responsibilities:

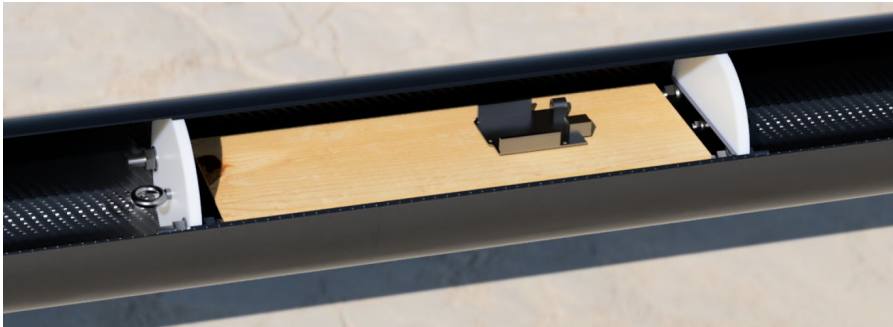
1U CubeSat payload - 100mm x 100mm x 100mm

Central avionics bay

Design of onboard telecommunication, sensors and flight tracking system

Reaction wheels for flight stability and control

Alternative functionality for payload?



# Project Phobos Subsystems



## Avionics & Payload - Grace Brown

### Progress:

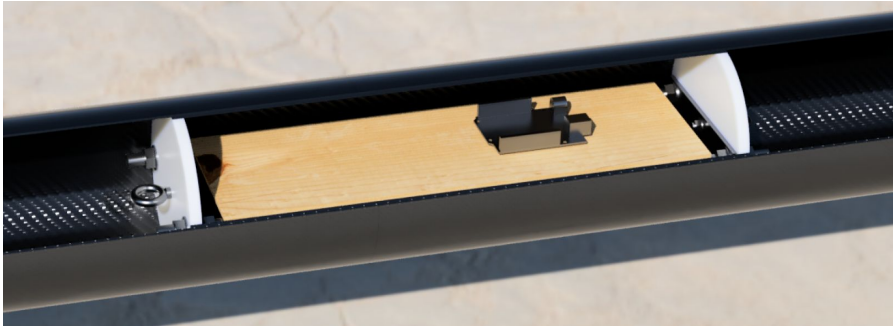
Research suitable IMU, accelerometer, gyroscope, altimeter, GPS, batteries, data storage

Reaction wheel research - what they are, how to implement, PID control, relevant hardware (DC motor with encoder)

### Plan for 2021:

Continue research and development for relevant hardware

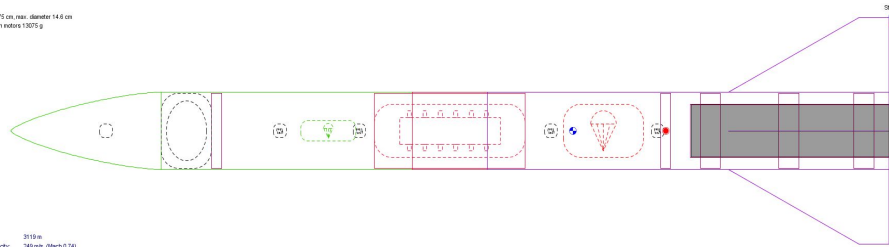
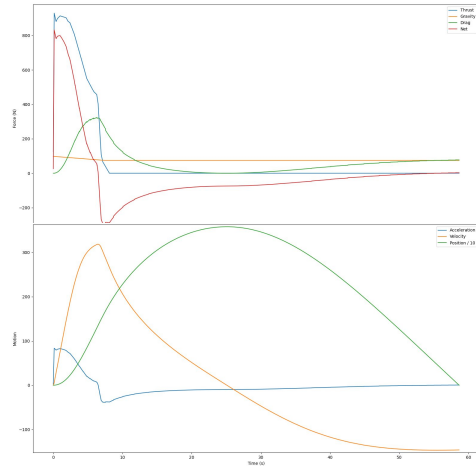
Manufacture and test components



# Project Phobos Subsystems



10 cm. max. diameter 14.5 cm  
14.5 cm. max. length 1.05 kg



3113 m  
240 m/s (Mach 0.74)

## Simulations - Harry Stuart

### Responsibilities:

Development of trajectory simulation software

Design of weather balloon to collect environmental data at varying altitude

Incorporate real time avionics and environmental data

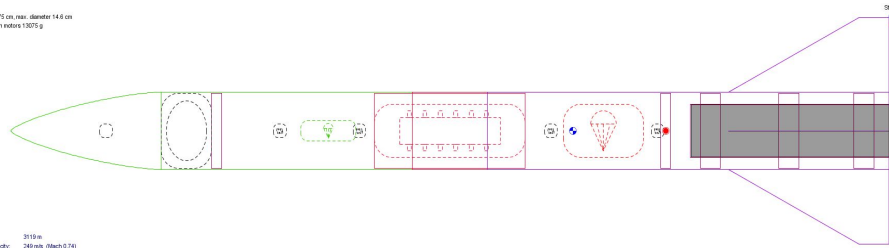
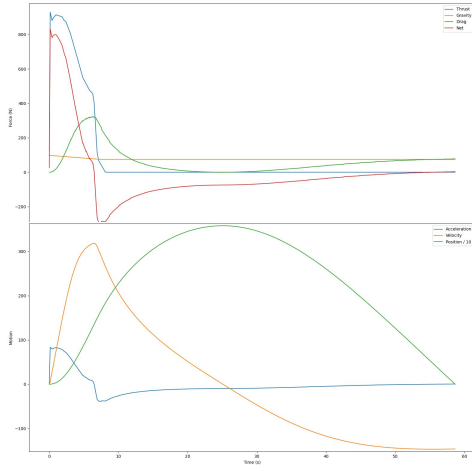
Calculate ballast required for 10,000 ft. apogee

Determine confidence intervals for apogee

# Project Phobos Subsystems



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h max 13075 g



3113 m  
city 240 m/s (Mach 0.74)

## Simulations - Harry Stuart

### Progress:

OpenRocket simulation of forces and motion

Custom Python software built from the ground up, incorporating drag, thrust and gravity in 2D

### Plan for 2021:

Continue developing custom Python software

Real time apogee confidence intervals

# 2020/2021 AURC Schedule



AMRS L3 Documentation Progress Report 1 Open Rocket Simulation	P/ F 100 P/F
Progress Report 2	100
Modelling & Simulation Approach	50
Payload Report	50
Progress Report 3	100
Modelling & Simulation Results	100
Final Report	200
Presentation Scrutineering Flight Recovery Payload Inspection	500

## **L1 Certification**

Encouraged for team members. Allows better understanding of manufacturing process and safety awareness.

## **L2 Certification**

Team members required to complete L2 to participate in the competition.

## **Prototyping and Manufacturing**

Scheduled for early 2021 to gain access into workshop space for the design and manufacture of the rocket.

# ARES Capstone Project



Three capstone projects currently offered which will work in collaboration with ARES.

The successful completion of the capstone will aid in next year's AURC competition.

One project includes developing and constructing a small **hybrid rocket engine**

We will aim to offer **more Capstone projects in Sem 2 and 2022**



# ARES Capstone Project



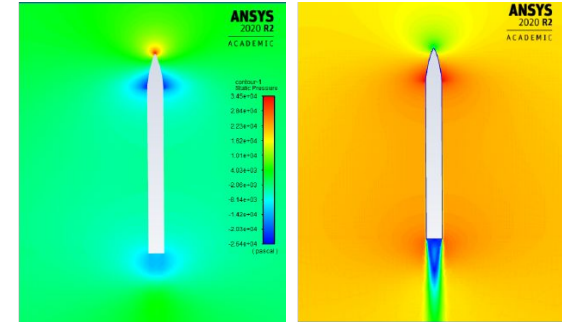
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## **Aerodynamics & CFD - Developing and Testing an Airframe for an Aerodynamically Efficient High-Powered Rocket (HPR)**

Semester 1 & 2 2021

1. Design the airframe by conducting various CFD simulations and physical testing
2. Investigate the surface smoothness to correlate with known drag coefficients.
3. The structural integrity of the airframe will be tested in-lab and by conducting test flights with ARES



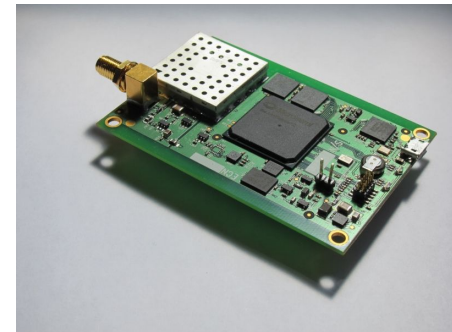
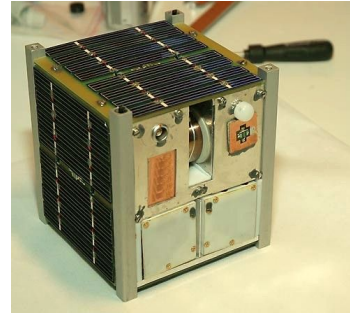
# ARES Capstone Project



## High-Powered Rocket Navigation in a GPS-denied Environment

Semester 1 & 2 2021

1. Build a payload that is capable of logging the altitude, attitude and velocity of the rocket without a GPS signal.
2. Include a standardised on-board 'GPS truth' signal.
3. Points awarded for accuracy compared to the GPS truth signal, innovation, cost and complexity.



Meet Team Leads?  
Start Week 3 Early?



# Next week - Rocket science!

See you next week! :)

