# Georgia Tech NASA Critical Design Review Teleconference

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## Agenda

- 1. Team Overview (1 Min)
- 2. Changes Since Proposal (1 Min)
- 3. Educational Outreach (1 Min)
- 4. Safety (2 Min)
- 5. Project Budget (2 Min)
- 6. Launch Vehicle (10 min)
- 7. AGSE& Flight Systems (13 Min)
- 8. Questions (15 Min)





#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### **TEAM OVERVIEW**





## Georgia Tech Team Overview

- 19 person team composed of both undergraduate and graduate students
  - Graduate Students: 2
  - Undergraduates: 17
- Highly Integrated team across several disciplines





#### Work Breakdown Structure







#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### **CHANGES SINCE PDR**





#### **Changes since PDR**

- Launch Vehicle
  - ATS now actuates with DC motors and a lead screw design.
  - Payload Bay, GPS, and ATS Power supply now relocated.
  - Slight overall dimensions changes to each segment.
  - L990 set as the new booster
- Autonomous Ground Support Equipment
  - Added servo motor to robotic arm (now 5)
  - Wider base
  - Added pulley to raising mechanism
  - Redesigned ignition system
- Flight Systems: No Changes
- Project Plan: No Changes





#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### **EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH**





#### **Educational Outreach**

- Atlanta Maker's Faire
- FIRST Lego League
- CEISMC GT





#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### SAFETY





#### **Risk Assessment & Launch Vehicle**

- Hazard Identification
  - What has the potential to become a safety hazard?
- Risk and Hazard Assessment
  - What are the potential consequences of the hazard?
- Risk Control and Mitigation
  - What can be done to mitigate the risk?
- Reviewing Assessments
  - Are the mitigations working?





#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### **PROJECT BUDGET**





#### **Project Budget Summary**

| Section        | Cost       |
|----------------|------------|
| Avionics       | \$700.00   |
| AGSE           | \$808.60   |
| Launch Vehicle | \$963.78   |
| Testing        | \$900.00   |
| Motor          | \$1,000.00 |
| Operations     | \$1,000.00 |
| Outreach       | \$500.00   |
| Total Budget   | \$5,872.38 |

2015-2016 ARES Projected Budget Distribution









#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### LAUNCH VEHICLE





### Launch Vehicle Summary

- Predicted apogee: 5803 ft
- Stability margin: 2.6 calibers
- Motor: Cesaroni L990

- Rail Exit Velocity: 53.9 ft/s
- Max Mach: 0.74
- Total weight: 20.25 lbs
- Dual deployment with 15" and 50 "







#### **Fins**



| Tip Chord    | 7 cm or 2.75591 in     |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Root Chord   | 19.3 cm or 7.598 in    |
| Thickness    | 0.318 cm or 0.1252 in  |
| Fin Area     | 55.23 in^2             |
| Span         | 13.4 cm or 5.275591 in |
| Aspect Ratio | 0.50392                |





#### **Booster Section**







#### **Apogee Targeting System (ATS)**









#### **Motor Selection**

#### Cesaroni L990

| MOTOR NAME    | Cesaroni<br>L990 |
|---------------|------------------|
| DIAMETER      | 54mm             |
| LENGTH        | 64.9cm           |
| PROP WEIGHT   | 1.369kg          |
| TOTAL WEIGHT  | 2.236kg          |
| AVG THRUST    | 991.0N           |
| MAX THRUST    | 1702.7N          |
| TOTAL IMPULSE | 2771.6           |
| BURN TIME     | 2.8s             |





# **Avionics Bay**











## Payload Bay











#### **Payload Bay – Dimension**







#### **FEA Thrust Plate**









#### Mass Breakdown







#### Thrust-to-Weight Ratio \*

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Thrust/Weight
Avg. Thrust = 991 N
Weight = 9.7 kg * 9.81 m/s2
Thrust-to-Weight Ratio = 10.414
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#### **Rocket Flight Stability**







#### **Stability Calculation**

| 5. Terms (                 | ana ineir Kespeciive vaiu | Term     | Length (cm) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Term                       | Length (cm)               | C        | 71          |
| $L_{\scriptscriptstyle N}$ | 45.7                      | CT<br>CT | 12.4        |
| D                          | 12.7                      | 5        | 13.4        |
| d.                         | 12.7                      | R        | 6.35        |
| đ                          | 12.7                      | Xa       | 11.9        |
|                            | 12.7                      | X.       | 209.3       |
| L <sub>7</sub>             | 45.7                      | Ν        | 4 Fins      |
| Х,                         | 96.5                      | 856      |             |
| C <sub>R</sub>             | 19.3                      |          |             |

$$\bar{X} = \frac{(C_N)_N X_N + (C_N)_T X_T + (C_N)_F X_F}{(C_N)_R}$$
$$\bar{X} = 182.7957184cm$$





#### Parachutes - Specifications \*

| Sizes                 | Main: 50" Drogue: 15", composed of tubular nylon |
|-----------------------|--|
| Recovery Harness Type | Main: Angel Parachute, Drogue: Eliptical Costuem |
| Length                | Main: 30', Drogue 15'                            |
| Descent Rates         |  |

Explain sizes, recovery harness type, size, length, And descent rates \*





#### **Mission Performance – Flight Profile**









#### **Mission Performance - Drift Profile**



#### Launch Vehicle Kinetic Energy

| Sections        | Mass (lbs) | KE (ft-lbf) |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Nosecone        | 0.47       | 8.83        |
| Avionics Bay    | 2.2        | 35.437      |
| Booster Section | 1.5        | 28.18       |

Our total Kinetic Energy at landing is approximately 72.447 ft lbf.





#### **Test Plan Overview**

| Component                          | Test  | Verification<br>Method   |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Lead Screw with DC motor actuation | Extension force of flaps test.  | Quantitative<br>Analysis |
| ATS                                | Wind tunnel testing to confirm Cd simulations.  | Quantitative<br>Analysis |
| Thrust Plate                       | Bend test and pressure test to<br>verify rigidity until breaking<br>point.                                    | Quantitative<br>Analysis |
| Payload Bay                        | Payload retention force measurement test.   | Quantitative<br>Analysis |
| Avionics Bay                       | Altimeter accuracy and accelerometer performance test.  | Quantitative<br>Analysis |
| Recovery System                    | Recovery system ground test fire.   | Inspection               |
| Fins                               | Fin attachment robustness test along two axis.  | Quantitative<br>Analysis |
| Launch Vehicle Assembly            | Vehicle will be completely<br>assembled under a time constraint<br>to verify efficiency and<br>effectiveness. | Inspection               |



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#### **Project Hermes - PDR**

#### **FLIGHT SYSTEMS**





#### **Flight System Responsibilities**

#### **Outline of Success Criteria**

| Requirement   | Design Feature to Satisfy<br>Requirement                | Requirement Verification | Success Criteria   |
|---|---|--------------------------|--|
| The vehicle shall not exceed an apogee of 5,280 feet                  | Drag from the ATS system                                | Full-scale flight test   | Apogee within 1% of target                                       |
| The vehicle will be tracked in real-<br>time to locate and recover it | GPS module will be used in the vehicle and base station | Full-scale flight test   | The vehicle will be located on a map after it lands for recovery |
| The data of the vehicle's flight will be recorded                     | Sensors will save data                                  | Full-scale flight test   | The data will be recovered and readable after flight             |





#### **Flight Systems: Avionics**

**Avionics Components** 

| Part                   | Function  |
|------------------------|---|
| Stratologger SL100     | Altimeter - used to receive and record altitude                                 |
| MMA8452Q               | Accelerometer - used to receive and record acceleration                         |
| mbed LPC 1768          | Microcontroller - used to receive sensor data to compute<br>and control the ATS |
| Eggfinder TX/RX Module | GPS module - used to track the rocket in real time                              |
| 9V Alkaline Batteries  | Used to power all Avionics components and ATS                                   |





#### **Flight Systems: Avionics**

#### General connection of main components





#### **Flight Systems: Avionics**

Eagle CAD schematic of main components







#### **Flight Systems: Ground Station**



#### **Equipment:**

- Eggfinder TX (Transmitter)
- Eggfinder RX (Receiver)





#### **Flight Systems: ATS Science**



Dynamic drag adjustment by changing the geometry exposed to the flow to increase the vehicle's aerodynamic properties.





#### Flight Systems: ATS Power

- 9-volt alkaline batteries will be used to power the ATS
- DC motors will be used to create torque on the air-brake flaps









#### **Flight Systems: Testing Overview**

**Wind Tunnel:** Test Cd of flaps against simulation, and ability for solenoids to withstand the given pressures

**Flight Simulation:** Forged flight data will be fed to the sensors and the response efficacy will be analyzed.

**Power Consumption:** Full charged power supply will be connected to flight systems to see its maximum lifespan.





#### **Project Hermes - CDR**

#### AUTONOMOUS GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT





#### **AGSE: Initial Design**

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- 10 ft. by 4 ft. base
- 1.5 ft. height
- Weight ≈ 60 lbs.
- 3 subsystems
- RPDS: Robotic Payload Delivery System
- RES: Rocket Erection System
- MIS: Motor Ignition System



#### **AGSE: RPDS**



- Will locate payload using IR sensors
- Grab payload using gripping claw
- Arms constructed from plywood
- Motor mounts 3-D printed (ABS plastic)
- 5 servo motors





### AGSE: RPDS

- Arm will move payload into payload bay
- Payload secured by plastic clips
- Arm will close the magnetically locking hatch









#### AGSE: RES

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- Launch vehicle will be raised by a cable and spool system
- Spool will pull in steel cable that runs through the pulley and eye hook
- 1 unipolar Stepper motor



#### AGSE: MIS



- Rack and pinion system inserts electronic match 12 inches into the motor cavity
- Fixed to the bottom of the guide rail
- Constructed from 1/8 in steel
- 1 bipolar stepper motor





### **AGSE: Safety**

| Potential<br>Failure                                     | Effects of Failure   | Failure Prevention  |
|--|--|---|
| Payload is not secured in bay                            | Payload will bounce inside<br>payload bay, disrupting flight                                 | Test various plastic clip dimensions to<br>find best fit  |
| RPDS stuck<br>inside payload<br>bay                      | Payload bay will not close and<br>RPDS will be destroyed by<br>raising of the launch vehicle | RES will be started by a signal from the<br>RPDS after it has completed its task  |
| Launch Vehicle<br>moves<br>uncontrollably<br>on the rail | Could disrupt performance of<br>other subsystems   | More support along the launch rail to<br>keep the disruptive movement of the<br>launch vehicle at a minimum               |
| RES is not<br>stable while<br>raising                    | Rocket will not be raised, and<br>potentially the motors will be<br>broken                   | Test subsystem, add counterweights to<br>reduce necessary force from motor, and<br>add more framing to increase stability |





#### **AGSE: Safety**

| RES is not<br>stable at full<br>extension         | Launch vehicle could tip over   | Increase the weight to lower the center of<br>gravity. Increase the base width. Add<br>more supports to the launch rail. |
|---|---|--|
| RES does not<br>stay upright                      | Launch vehicle will fall<br>unpredictably                               | Perfect ratchet system, ensure tension in steel cable  |
| RES stepper<br>motor does not<br>stop             | Tension will continue to<br>increase in the cable leading to<br>failure | Emergency stop button in place that<br>activates when rail is at maximum angle   |
| MIS stepper<br>motor does not<br>stop             | Rack will move further into<br>motor cavity, possibly<br>damaging motor | Emergency roller switch in place that<br>activates when rack passes a certain<br>distance                                |
| Electronics<br>short circuit or<br>are overloaded | System will lose control  | Fuses will protect electronics, subscale<br>testing will prevent short circuits and<br>overloads                         |





#### **AGSE: Electronics**

- 5 servo motors for RPDS
- 1 unipolar stepper motor for RES
- 1 bipolar stepper motor for MIS
- •1 IR sensor
- 2 roller switches
- 2 LEDS as indicators
- 1 button to start and stop the program
- Controlled by Arduino Uno-R3





#### **AGSE:** Power

- System will be powered by 12V- 10.5 Ah lead acid battery
- System can run continuously for 6.37 hours
- Batter can power 47 runs







#### **AGSE: Test Plan Overview**

- RES lifting test
  - Ensure that individual components are durable enough to withstand various forces during operation
  - Hold at various positions to simulate pausing
- RPDS payload insertion test
  - Determine the strength of the robotic arm
  - Determine the precision







# Questions?



