

## University of North Dakota



## 2015 NASA Student Launch



North Dakota Space Grant Annual Meeting May 4, 2015

### NASA Student Launch & Centennial Challenges





An 8 month commitment to design, construct, and launch a high-powered rocket with an operational autonomous ground support equipment.

#### **Maxi-MAV Prize**





"Robotically capturing simulated Mars soil samples, loading the samples into a rocket, launching the high-powered rocket to 3,000 feet, and ejecting and returning the soil sample to Earth"

# UND Frozen Fury Rocket Team





#### Launch Vehicle Design





#### Launch and Recovery





## Launch Vehicle Design





Location of Centering Rings (inches)





#### Payload securing Design





Payload Compartment 3-D View

Payload Compartment Rear View

### Launch Vehicle Simulation





Length: 106 inches Diameter: 6.116 inches Mass: 29.2 lbs

Center of Gravity: 64,897 inches Center of Pressure: 80.77 inches Safety Margin: 2.6



<u>Thrust-to-Weight Ratio (stability off rod)</u>



#### **Flight Analysis**





Total motion vs. Time

Drift Analysis at 5 mph

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#### Launch Vehicle Construction





Full Launch Vehicle



#### Airframe – carbon fiber

- Superior strength to weight ratio
- Ease of workability



Carbon fiber tubes reception from China (after cutting)

Couplers construction



#### **Fins – birch plywood epoxyed**

## The epoxy gives it a more rigid, strong, and lightweight structure



#### Construction of the fins

Epoxying of the fins





Fin Can and Motor Mount





Motor Stage



Nose Cone





Mounting of battery (1800mAh), servo motor and Arduino UNO

Payload Compartment

### Avionics: Altimeter Bay









#### Launch Vehicle complete





## Autonomous Ground Support Equipment Design





Rocket in Horizontal Position

#### AGSE Design





Nearly Completed AGSE

#### Frame





Placing the actuator mount.

#### **Rocket** Lifter





#### **Igniter Insertion System**





Side view of the ignition system

#### **Igniter Insertion System**





Ignition insertion device assembled Ignition wire (blue) coming out of the protective case

### Belt/Slider Rail





Payload acquisition assembly

#### **Test Launches**



#### Two Half scale and Two Full scale launches have been performed



#### D-Day in Alabama





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# Questions?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_detailpage&v=LrokpKTisvE#t=37