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A display table with a blue cloth. On the table, there is a poster titled "NASA HUNCH" with a picture of a moon surface. Below the poster, there are several technical drawings and diagrams. A large, stylized letter "B" is prominently displayed on the table. There are also some small objects and papers scattered on the table.



# REGOLITH SEPARATOR

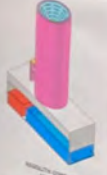
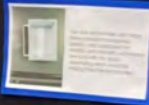
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PROMPT



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PARTS LIST

NASA HUNCH



PART 1A

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LUNAR CAMPER

LUNAR ROVER

Prototype

NASA to Create Hardware



# Lunar RESEARCH TRAILER

## OLD MODEL

## NEW MODEL

**Current Design**

- Can attach to and be used by a lunar base
- Smaller in shipping without sacrificing space for astronauts
- Lighter
- Storage, power, and essential systems built in
- No astronaut help required to set up
- Designed to attach to NASA's current LTV

2025, NASA designed

But the astronauts involved will only have a small area of operations while there. They can't go far from their bases or run out of oxygen.

To complete the Lunar Research on NASA's research moon. The trailer lets astronauts go farther, lightening the production of their work.





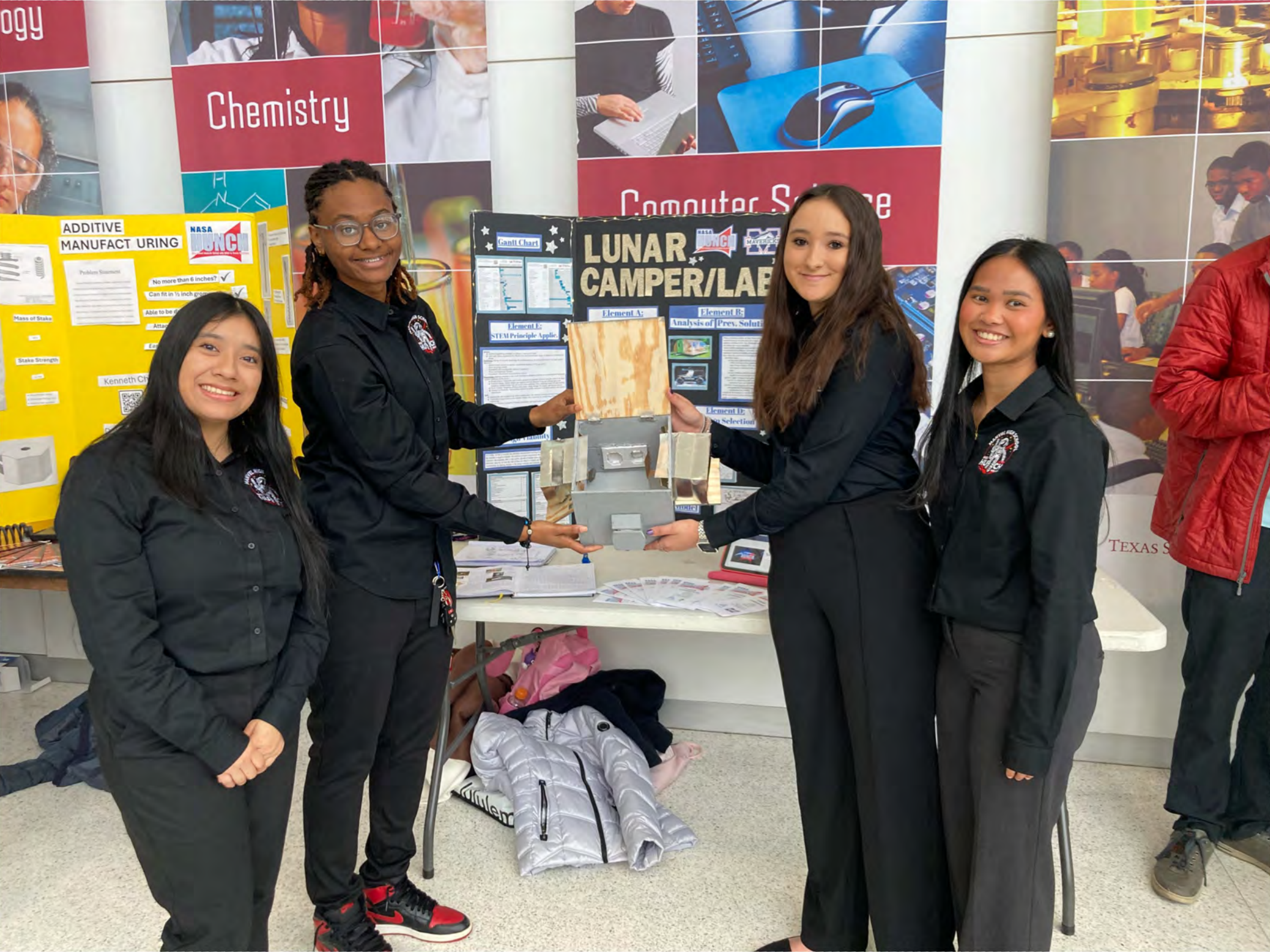


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Chemistry

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LUNAR  
CAMPER/LAB

Problem Statement  
No more than 6 inches?  
Can fit on 1/2 inch ground?  
Able to be attached to...

Element A: [Diagram]

Element B: Analysis of Prev. Solution

Element C: STEM Principle Application

Element D: [Diagram]

Element E: [Diagram]

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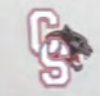






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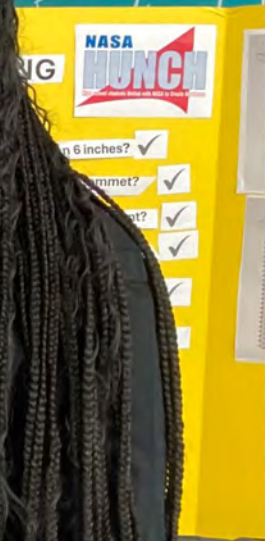
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Let's Shake Things Up

## Payload Deployment



## Leg Adjustment



## Drop Test



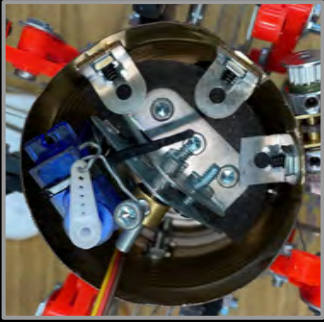
lunar legs

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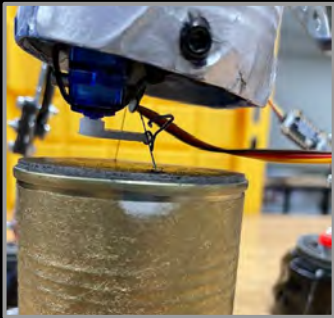


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# Drop System



- Pin secures payload.
- Pin prevents pressure on servo.
- Pin removal provides instant deployment.



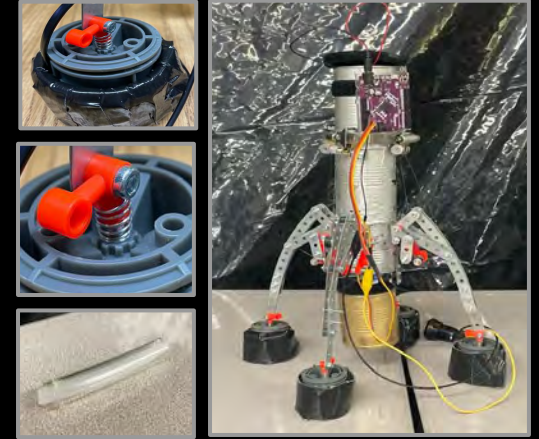
# Leg Adjustment



- Lasers provide distance data.
- Motors pull legs up or down to adjust legs to lunar surface.



# Feet Design



- Spring shocks on each landing foot.
- Wide feet distribute landing pressure.
- Double-layer air shock toruses on each landing foot.
- Feet angle to surface contour.

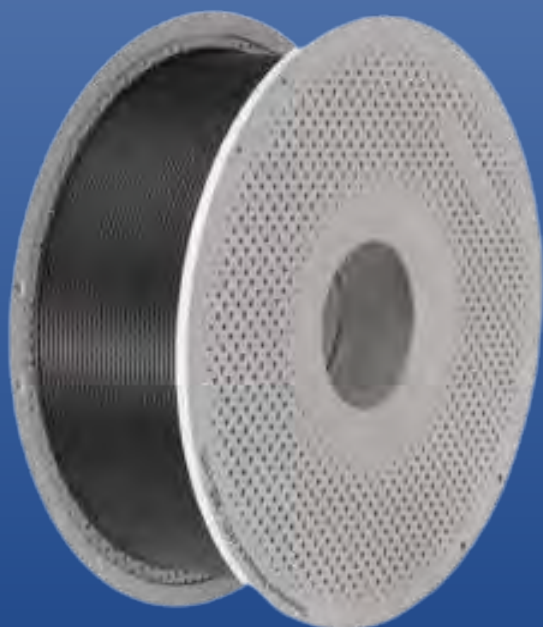
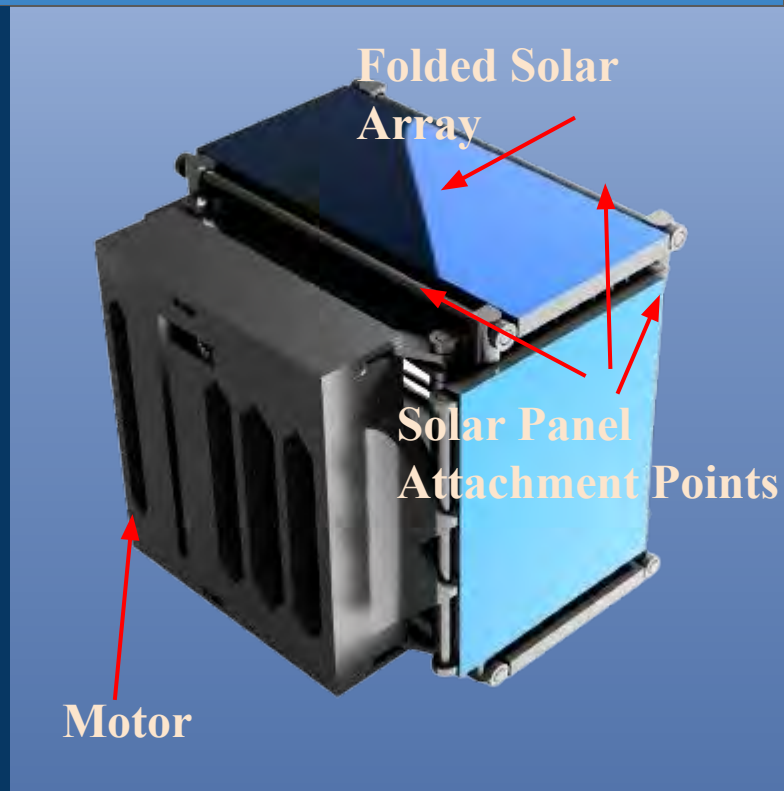
# CubeSat Solar Panel Deployer Design

## Deployment Method - Motor-Assisted Deployment

After multiple iterations of the deployer, it was concluded that the only way to conduct the deployment at a speed safe without the use of a complicated mechanical system was by utilizing a motor. It has been determined that the motor, operating at 21 rpm at 12 volts, will operate for a burst of 7.14 seconds which will fully deploy the solar panel array.

## Power Generation

With our design, we expect to provide close to  $2160\text{cm}^2$  of solar panel area, which, assuming that all solar panels are in direct sunlight constantly would generate 58 watt hours every hour. With NASA hunch guidelines telling us to assume that the solar panel array will be in the sunlight 30% of the time, it can be assumed that the time that solar panels will be in sunlight every 24 hour period will be 7 hours. During this 7 hours, the solar panels would therefore be expected to generate close to 406 watt hours daily.

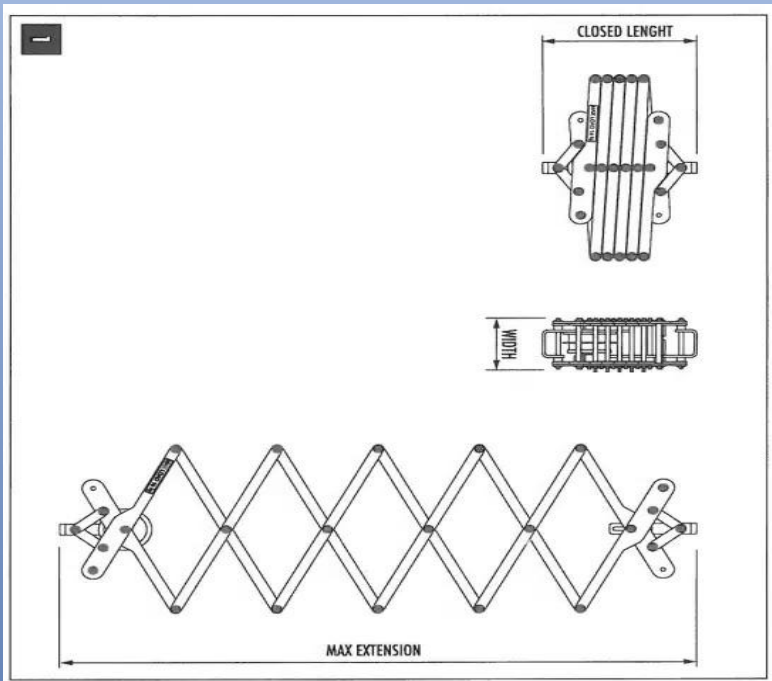


## Material Used - PAHT-CF

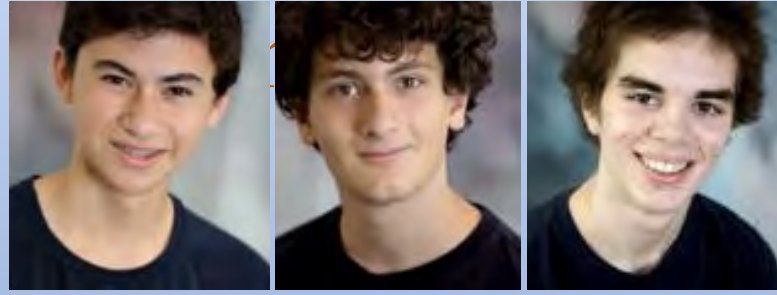
The material used to print the deployer mechanism is PAHT-CF filament from the manufacturer, Bambu Labs. This material is well suited for the environment of space as it has a heat deflection temperature of  $194^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $381.2^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), well above the  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$  that a complete blackbody is expected to reach under direct sunlight exposure. Furthermore, the material is reinforced with carbon fiber microtubules, allowing it to maintain shape after long periods of thermal cycling between the hot and cold temperatures of space.

## The Mechanism of Deployment

The mechanism by which the solar panels are to be extended from the main body of the CubeSat satellite will be by what is known pantograph mechanism, a system of interlocking parts which have the ability to expand and contract mechanically.



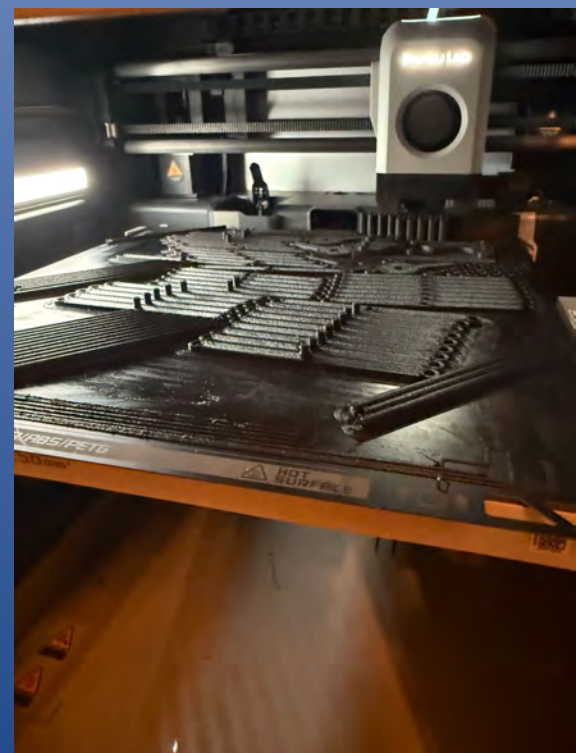
## Meet the



Attending Pacific Ridge School, our three members are all in 10th grade. On the left is Jackson Bush, a talented artist and creative student who helped design multiple models before arriving at our final iteration. Featured in the middle is Jacob Spector, our mechanical specialist ensuring that the team stuck to the requirements and limitations of the project. Seen on the right is Evan Rice, helping with many aspects of design and brainstorming, utilizing the 3D CAD program onshape was able to model the dimensions of multiple prototypes.

## Our Design Process

With nearly 15 printed prototypes and over 20 individual CAD models our team has gone through many iterations before reaching our final version. We originally experimented with utilized a gas filled container to expand a tube connected to the solar panels. However, it was realized that it was needed to simulate a complete vacuum for this idea to be feasible, something that we did not have the resources to do. Another idea which we had was to not utilize a motor in the deployment of our mechanism. This idea was found unusable after the difficulty in utilizing a mechanical mechanism while still deploying at a safe speed. 3D printed prototypes were fabricated through the use of a Bambu Lab X1C printer and associated software.



# Lunar Ejecting Robot

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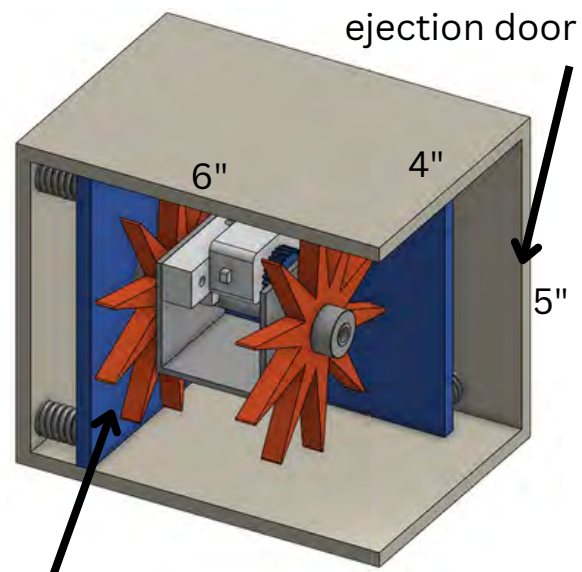


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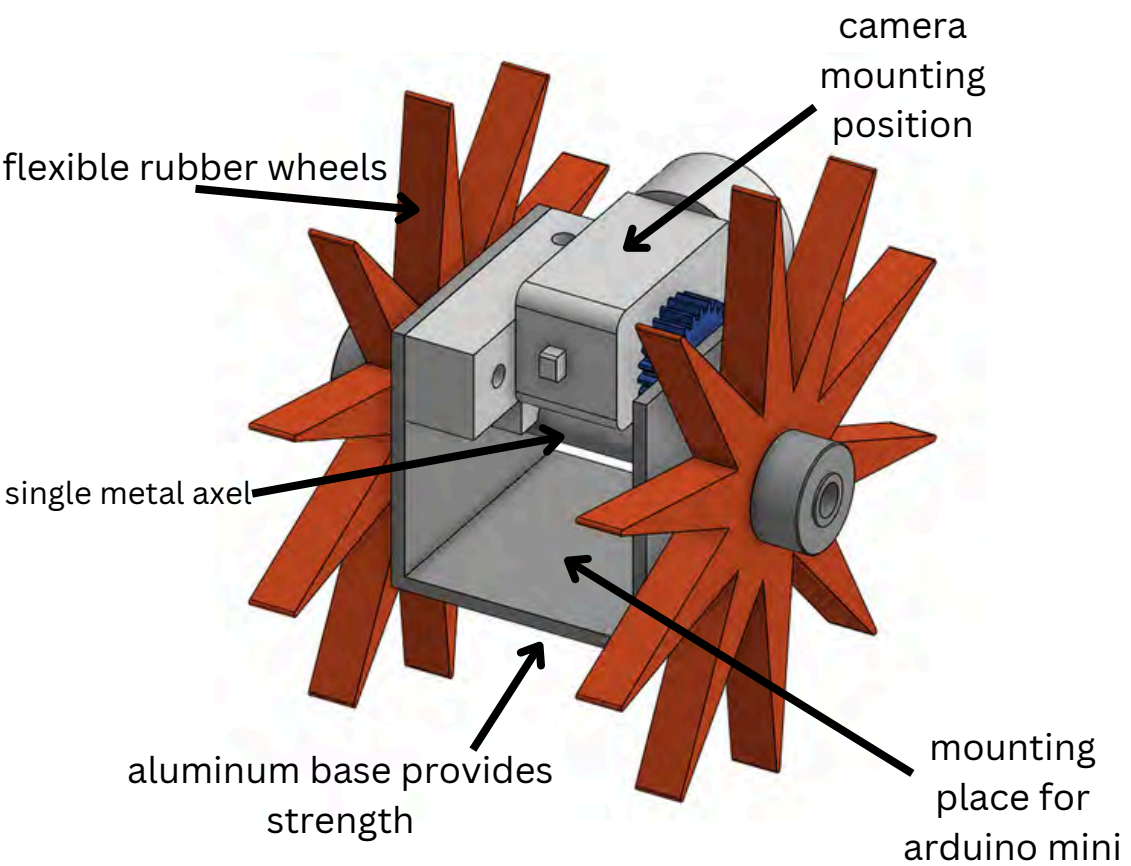


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The flexible wheel design of our mini robot allows for us to place the robot in the box with minimal risk of critical components vibrating or impacting with the side walls



spring loading ejection plate

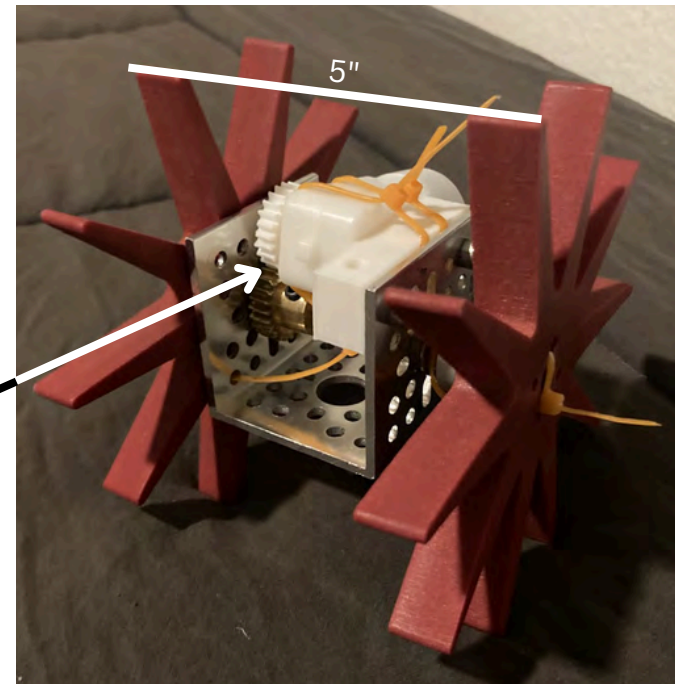
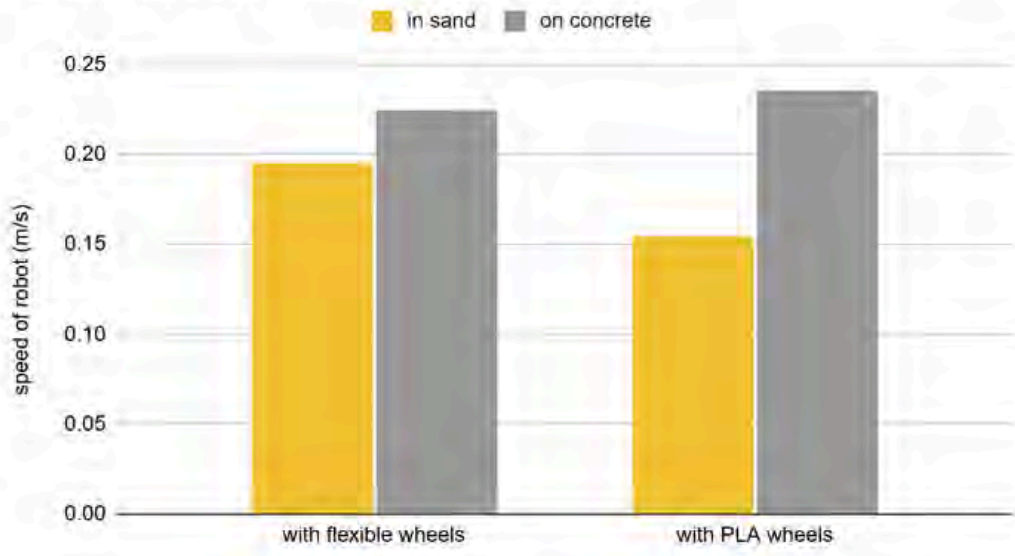


A big focus of our robot was durability. To achieve this the main body is made out of aluminum and weighs in at 13oz with all components including the camera attached

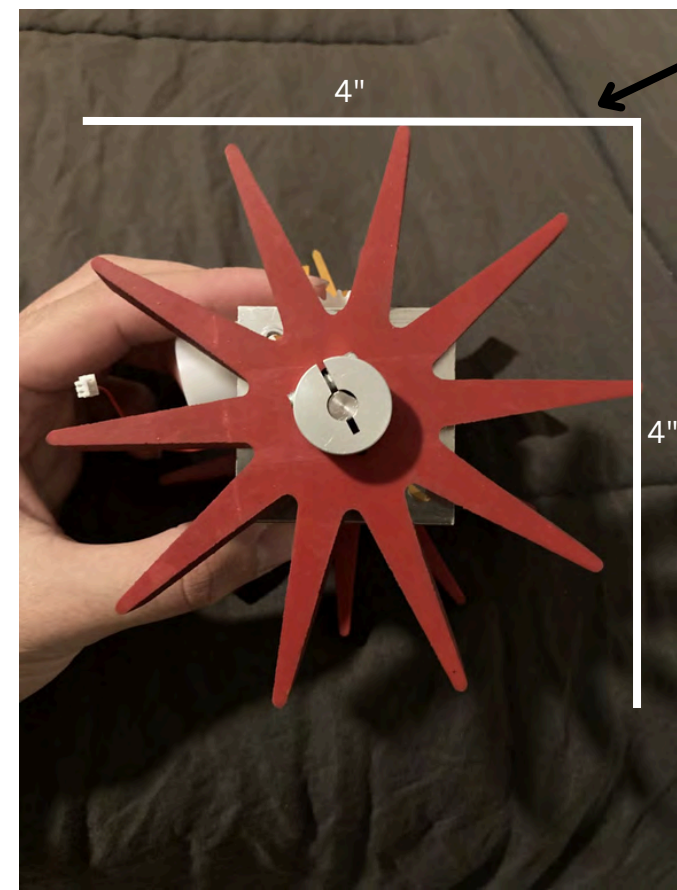
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robot speed using wheel types



The main variable we adjusted throughout the improvement of the mini robot was the material of the wheels. We found using the flexible wheels on our robot improved our speed and power efficiency



4" x 4" profile leaves room for support in the box to keep robot safe from vibration

# NASA HUNCH

High school students United with NASA to Create Hardware



## LANDING LEGS AND CARGO RELEASE SYSTEM

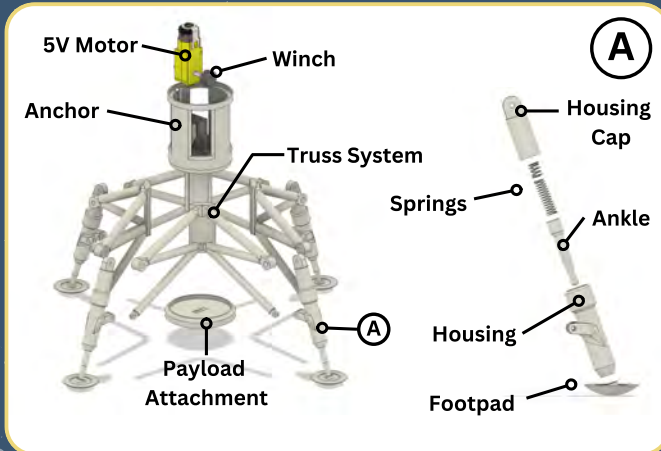
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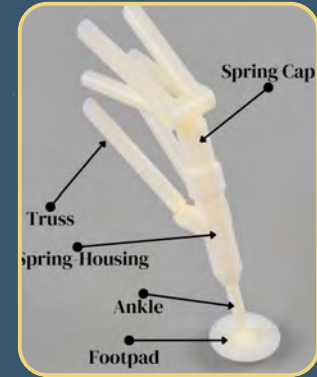
## DESIGN OVERVIEW

The main features of our rocket design are its landing legs and cargo release system that have gone through multiple iterations and testing. We have ultimately arrived at this design



## LANDING LEGS

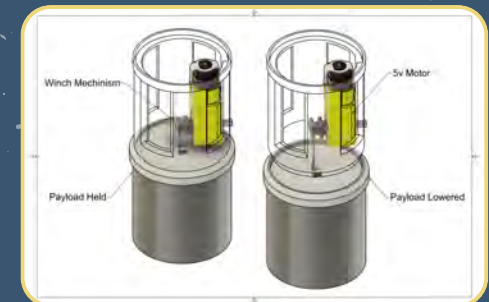
The wide structure of the rocket legs ensures stability. While our tested shocks work to effectively absorb any impact of dropping.



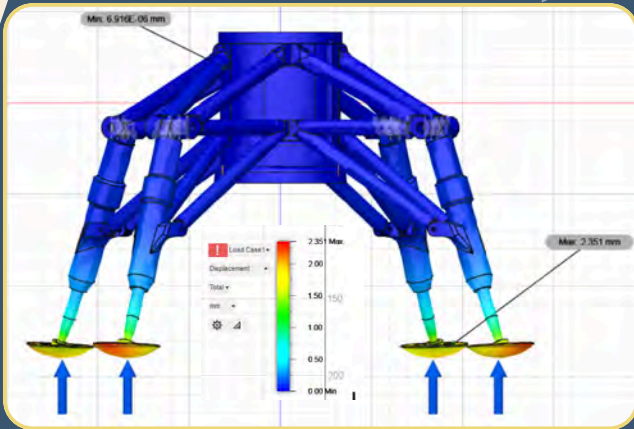
## CARGO RELEASE SYSTEM

Our rocket utilizes a winch and cable mechanism in our design in a similar manner to how a crane works to hold a payload.

Running on a 5v motor our design is able to easily pick up and release our payload gently on the ground after landing.



# Drop Test



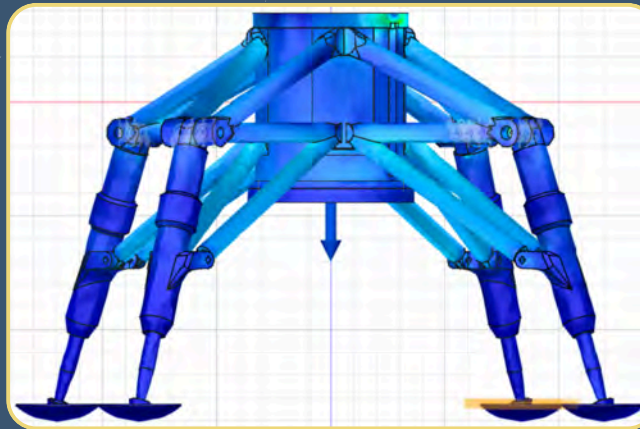
- Purpose of the study: Examine the effects of dropping the rocket from 2 meters onto a dry mortar mix (Lunar Regolith Simulant).
- Focus: Evaluate the impact on the landing legs design.
- Considered factors: Included the full weight of the rocket.
- Included components: Accounted for both cans stacked on top of the rocket.

## Results



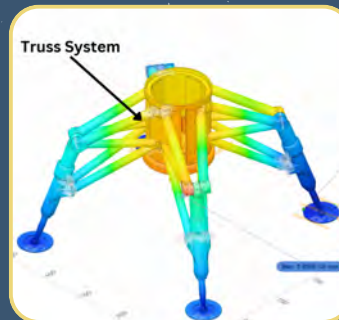
This study revealed that the dynamic force of impact on our legs placed stress on our legs ankles and less stress in the spring housing. This simulation underlined a key area to buff up before more testing can proceed.

# Weight Test



- Purpose of the study: Visualize the rocket legs' performance while carrying a 238g payload on the ground.
- Method: Simulation of the rocket in a static position.
- Force applied: Static force from the payload attachment.
- Force value: 8.3952 ounces (238g converted to ounces).

## Results



This study revealed that the static force of the payload acting on the anchor places stress on the truss system. Our safety factor was within an acceptable range, meaning our design is capable of holding up the payload.

# Physical Drop Test



- Purpose of the test: To see how our rocket withstands the test layed out in the HUNCH challenge document.
- Method: Dropping the rocket from 200mm(20 cm) onto a six degree sloped lunar surface simulant.
- Force applied: Dynamic force of the legs impacting the lunar surface.

## Results

Physical testing showed that our legs were able to withstand the force of impact without buckling or showing any damage. However this testing highlighted a slight flaw in our payload clearance that will be addressed swiftly. Otherwise our design functioned as intended and further testing will proceed.