# Cubesat Class Fabrication

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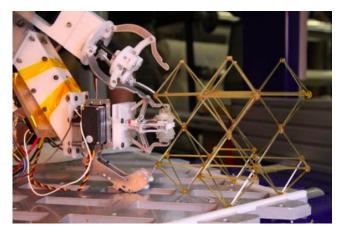
#### Schedule

- **30 mins** Intro to fabrication
- 45 mins Workshop tour + prototype cubesat chassis
- 45 mins Review pros and cons of fabrication techniques

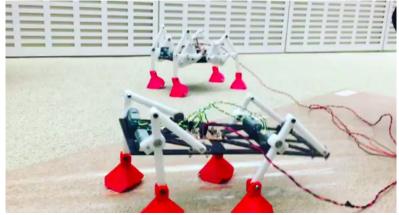
## About me

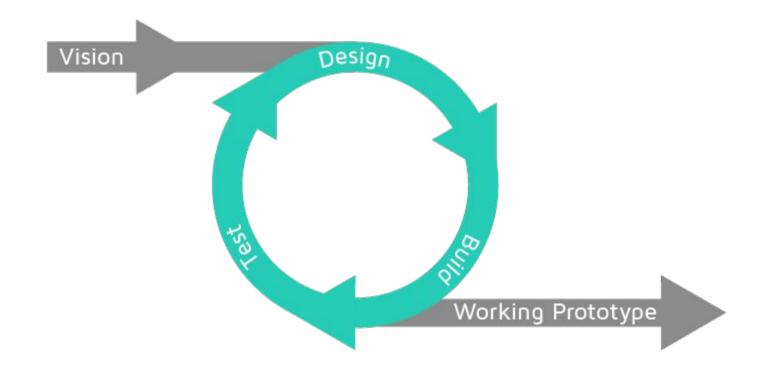












#### **Materials**

#### **Types**

- Metals
- Polymers
- Composites

#### **Properties**

- Density
- Strength
- Thermal conductivity
- Thermal expansion
- Cost
- UV degradation

Processes

Subtractive process

Additive process

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### Subtractive process

**CNC** machining

Waterjet cutting

Laser cutting

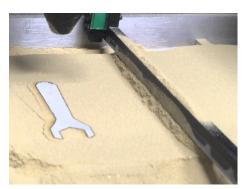






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#### Additive process

Fusion deposition modelling (FDM)

Stereolithography (SLA)

Selective laser sintering (SLS)

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## Testing

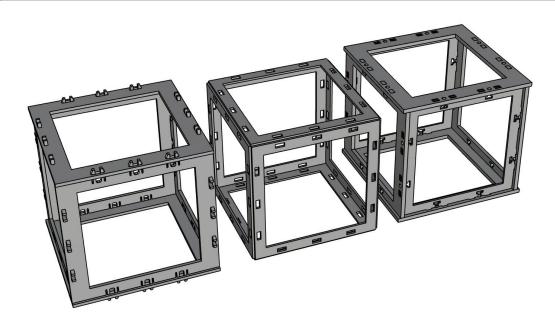
- Qualitative
- Strength testing
- Vibration testing
- Thermal testing
- Electromagnetic radiation testing





# Workshop prototyping

Group 1 - Harith	Group 2 - Tom	Group 3 - Grace
Laser cutting	Waterjet cutting	CNC machining

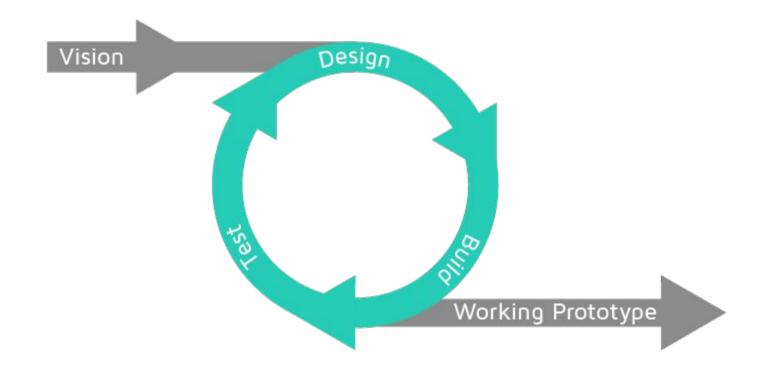


#### Task

- Take photos
- Answer the questions

#### **Evaluation**

- 1. Time to fabricate
- 2. Ease of assembly
- 3. Accuracy
- 4. Withstand launch conditions
- 5. Withstand space conditions
- 6. Recyclability



## Cool fabrication processes

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/807354766804168706?lang=en

https://www.nasa.gov/exploration/systems/sls/core-stage-production-continues-for-rockets-first-flight



## Next steps

- Engineering Design Workshop
  - Thursday, July 5th through Friday, August 3rd
  - Applications close May 7th.
  - https://edgerton.mit.edu/k-12/EDW