

SAE Formula Electric

ECE Team #3/ME Team #21



Milestone: 5

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Objectives

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- Design and fabricate a prototype of an electric vehicle that would appeal to the non-professional weekend autocross competitor.
- Comfortable
- Easy to maintain
- Reliable

Chassis



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Chassis Design – Approach

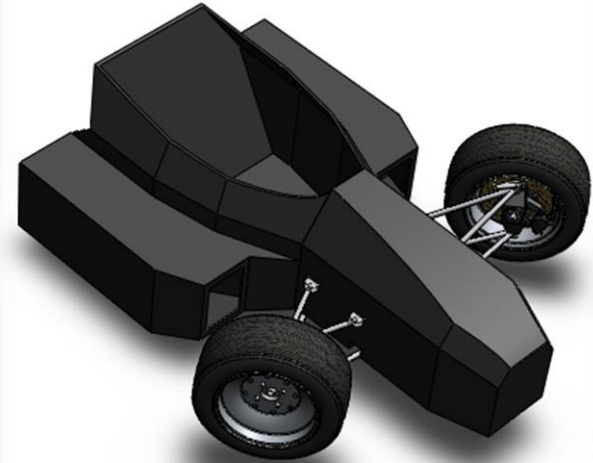
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- Purpose
 - Structural Barrier
 - ✦ Debris and accidents
 - ✦ Enclosure
 - ✦ Incorporation of a body
 - Platform for mounting systems
 - ✦ Steering, Braking, Suspension, Propulsion, Driver Equipment

Chassis – Material Selection

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- Major types:
 - Monocoque
 - Tubular
 - Metal
 - Steel
 - 1018 vs. 4130



| | Cost | Strength | Weight | Fabrication | Total |
|-------------------------|------|----------|--------|-------------|-------|
| Monocoque w/4130 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 32 |
| Monocoque w/1018 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 30 |
| Mild Steel | 20 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 38 |
| 4130 Steel | 8 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 30 |
| Aluminum | 5 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 23 |

Chassis - Calculations

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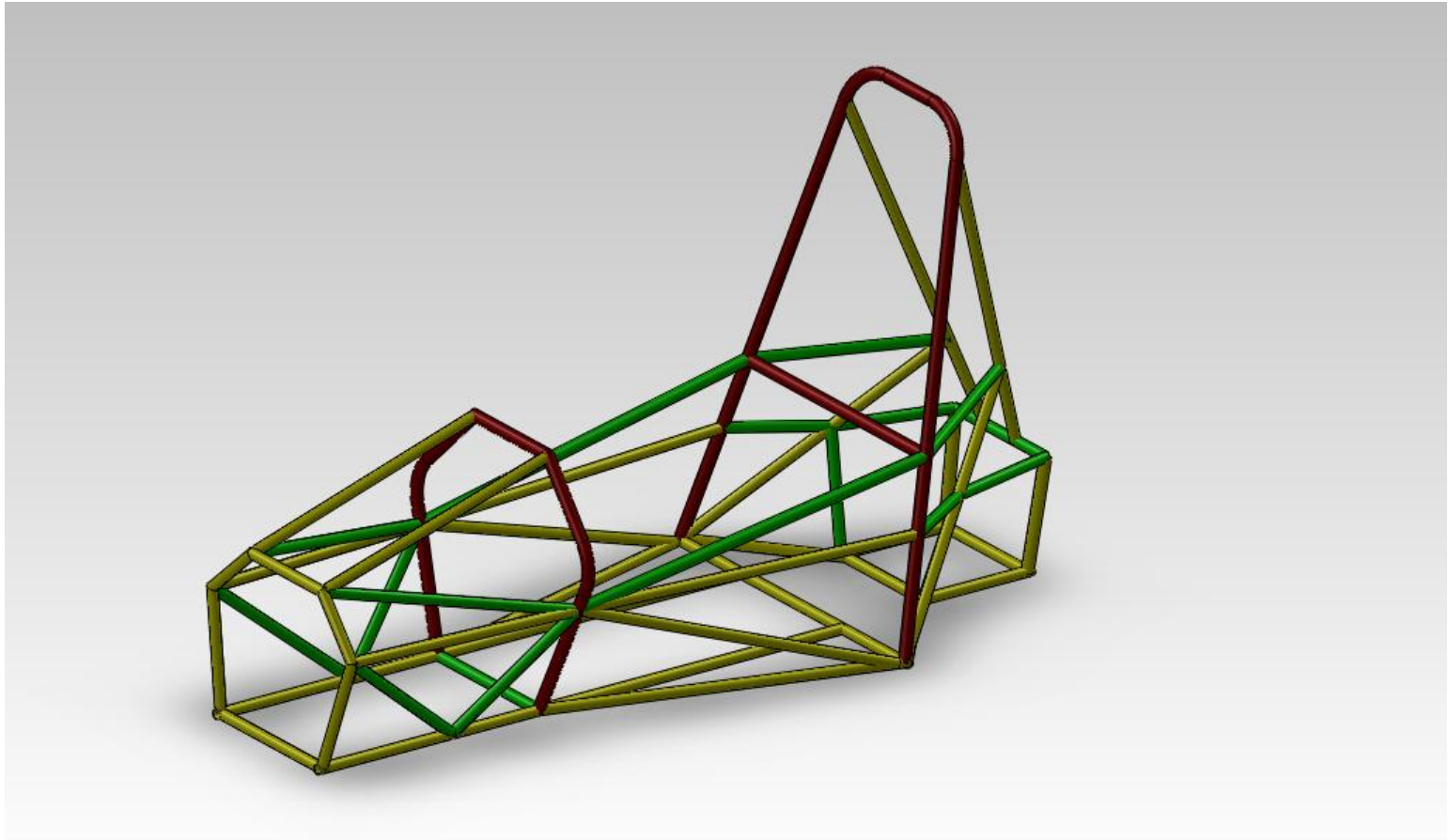
- Bending Stiffness
 - Proportional to $E*I$
 - Primarily based on I

$$I = \frac{\pi}{4} [(r_o^4 - r_i^4)]$$

- Bending Strength
 - Given by $\frac{S_y I}{c}$
- Compare to requirements in rules

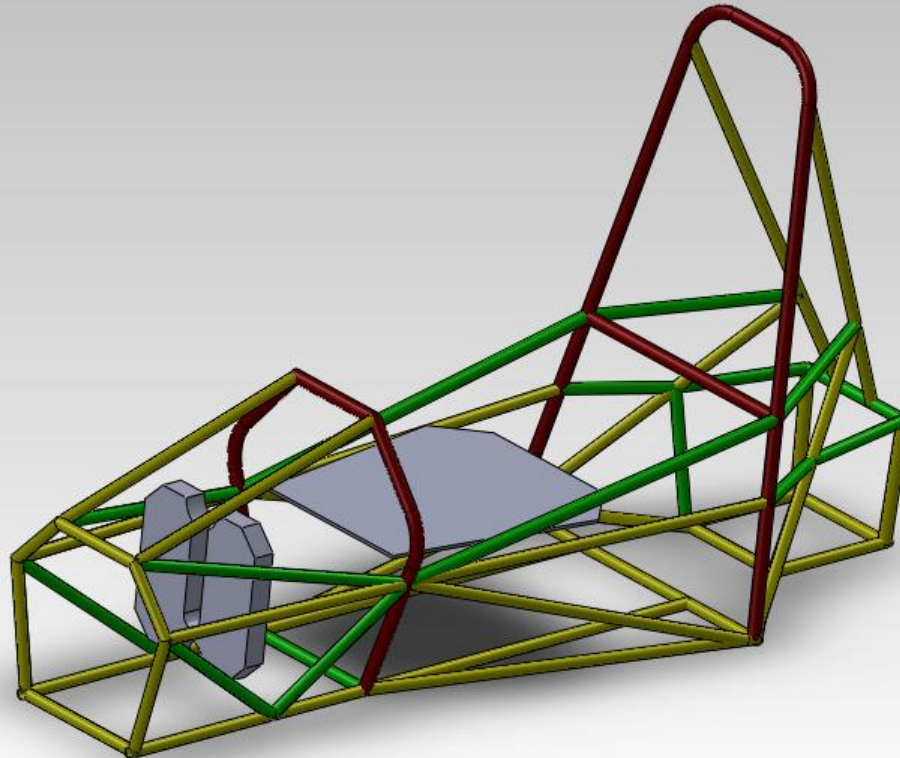
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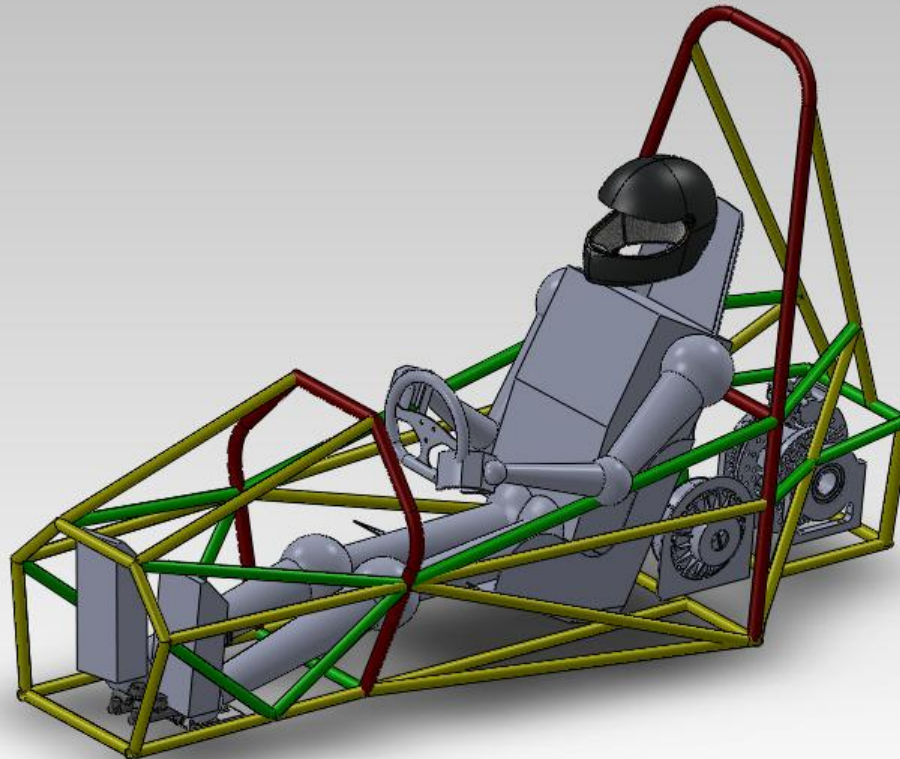
Chassis – Test Plan 1

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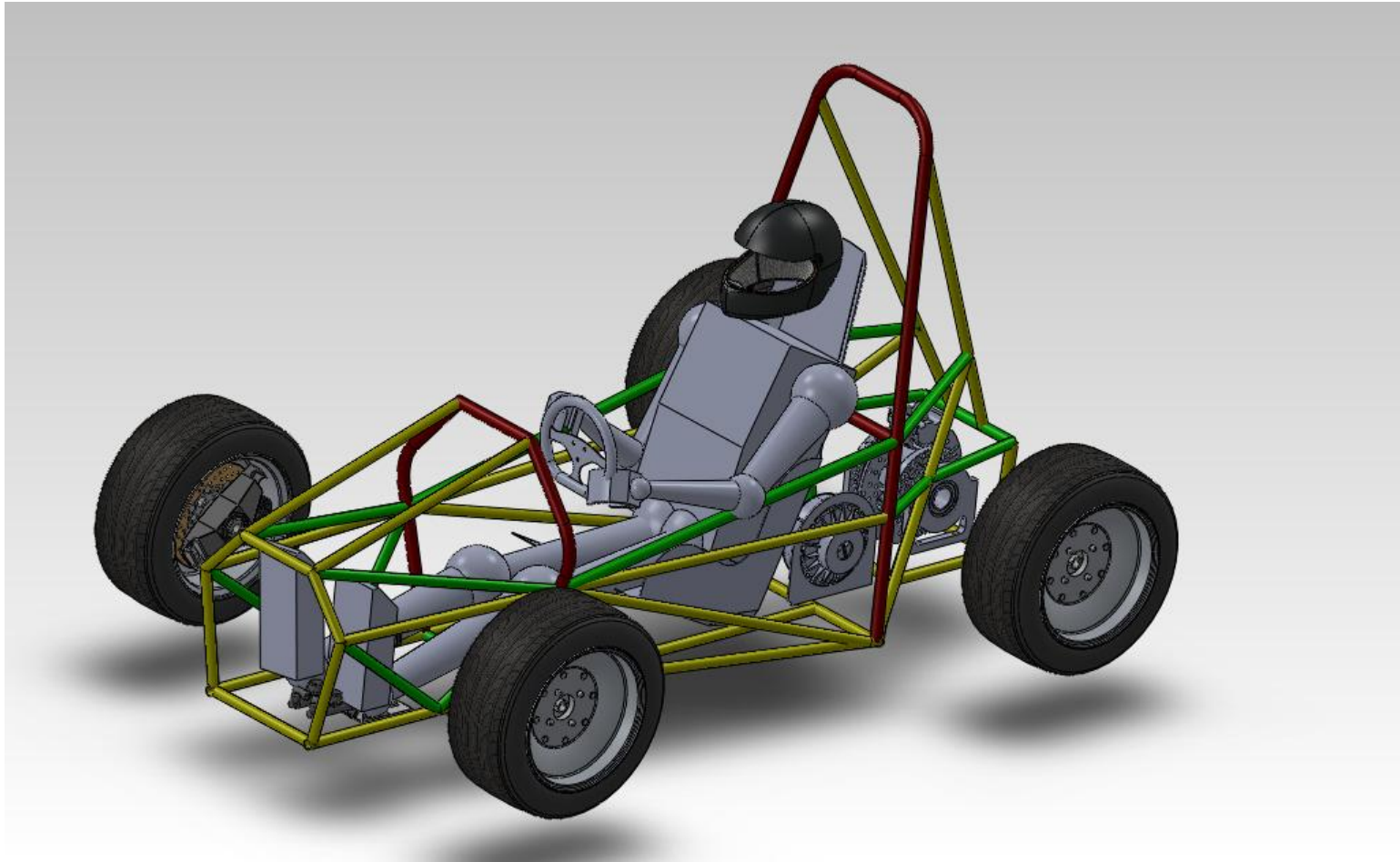
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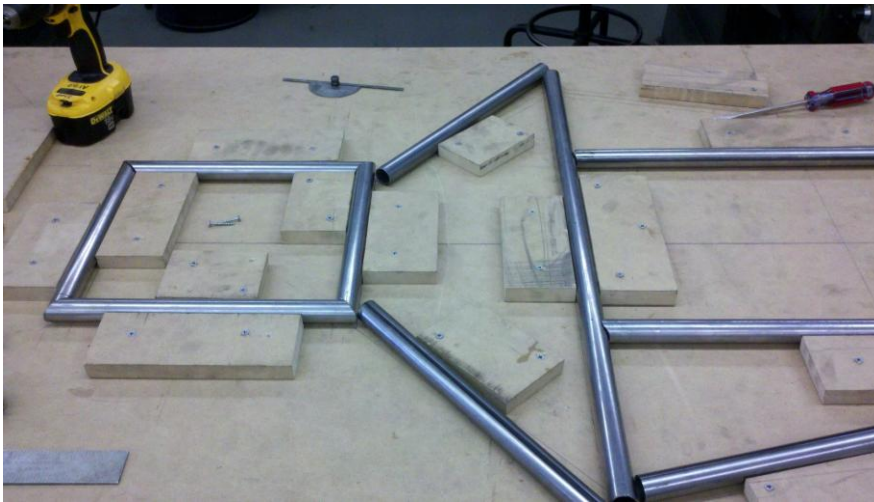
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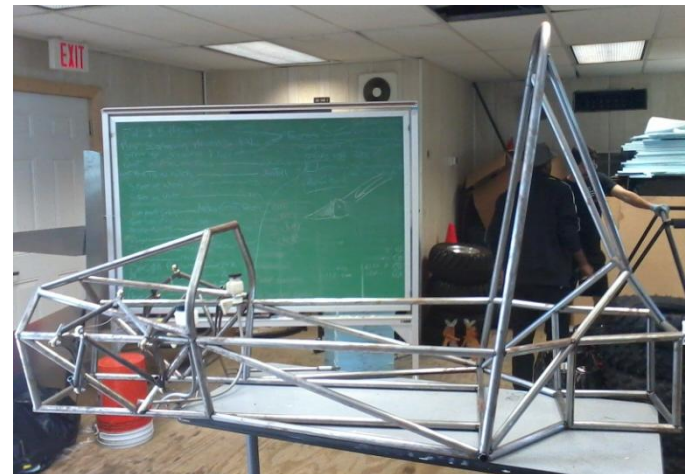
Chassis

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Jig fabrication

- Placement sketched
- Blocks screwed into position
- Members cut and placed



FEA Tests Performed

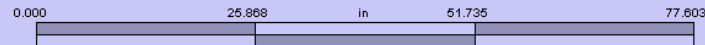
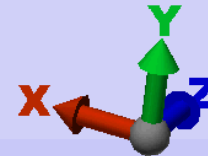
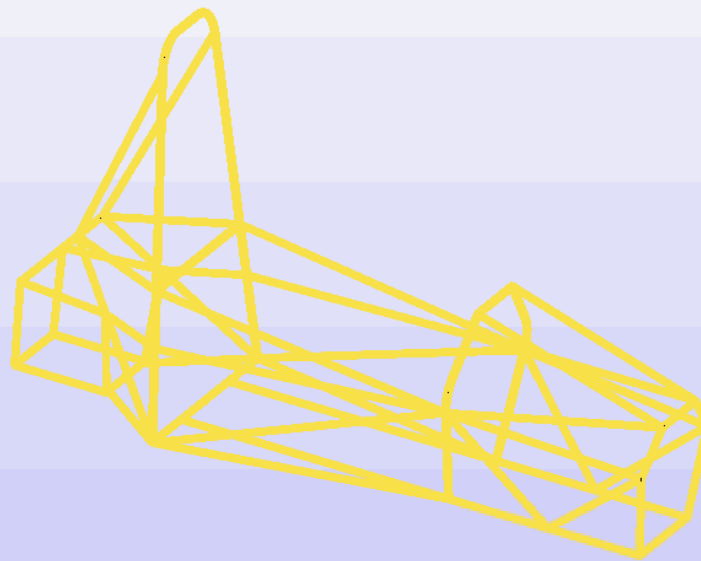
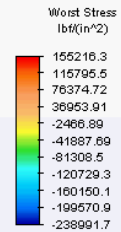
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- Finite Element Analysis
- Difficult to perform and properly assess
- Tests performed
 - Front Impact
 - Rear Impact
 - Side Impact
 - Full Suspension Loading
 - Single Side Loading for suspension

Front Impact - Worst Stress

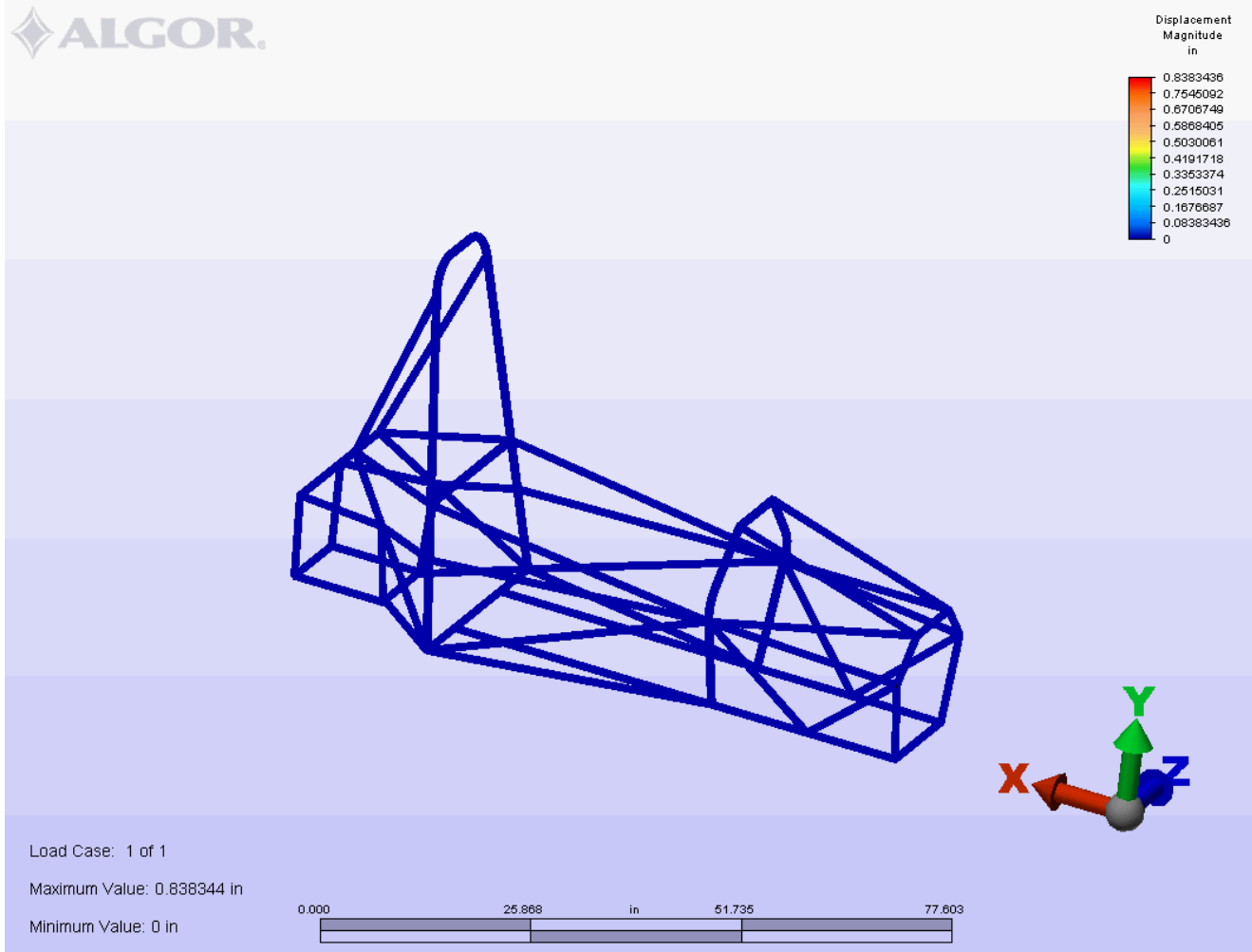
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Front Impact - Displacement

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Full Suspension Test

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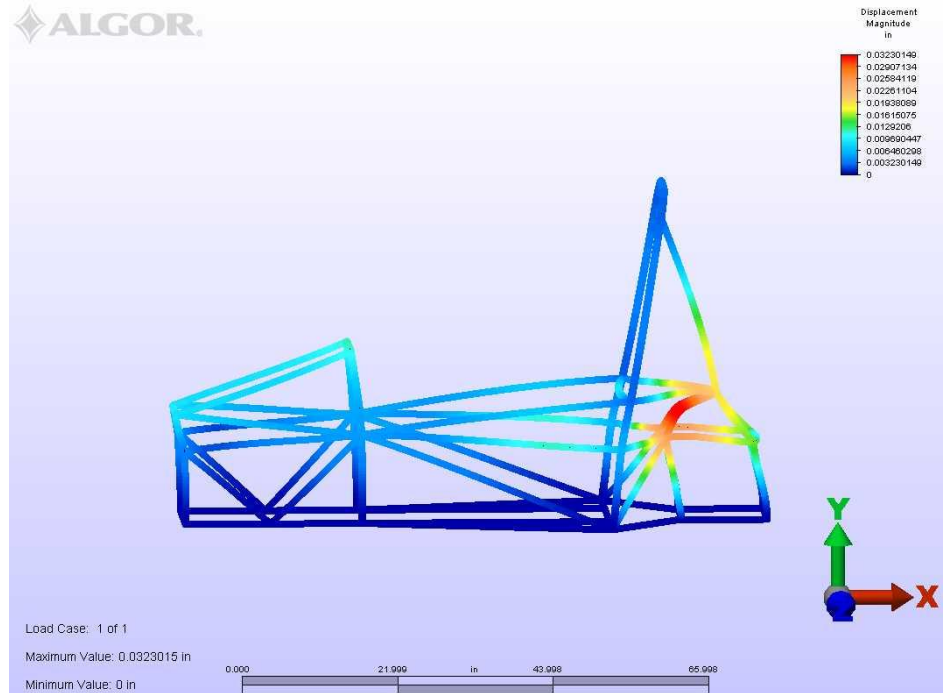
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Displays Worst Stresses

Displays Displacement Magnitude

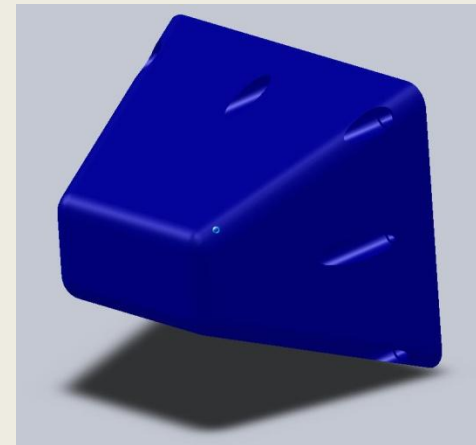
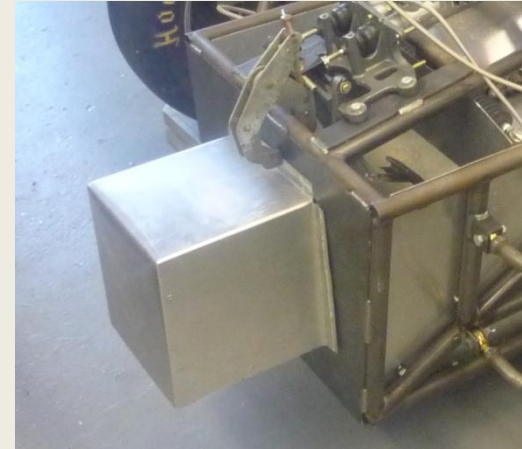
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Impact Attenuator

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- Material Selection
 - Hexcel Aluminum Honeycomb
 - ✦ 1/2" thick and 1/2" cells
 - ✦ 190psi
 - Dow Impaxx 700 Energy Absorbing Foam
 - ✦ 121psi
- Using Impaxx Foam
 - Average of 20G
 - Dimensions: 10" x 10" x 6"



Mold

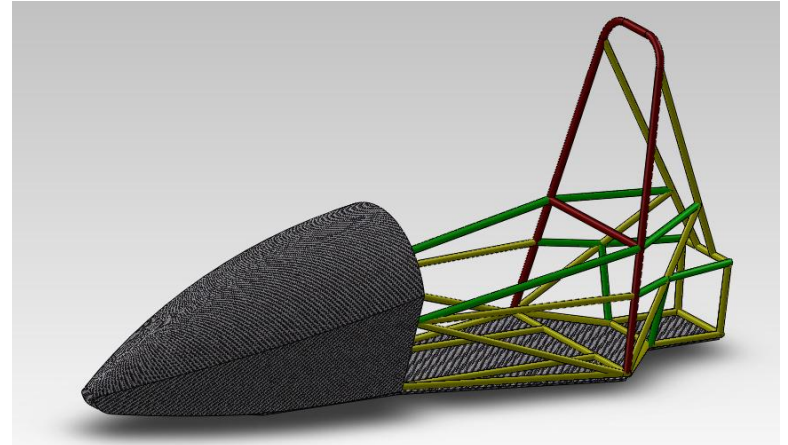


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- MDF
- Insulation Foam
- Plaster
- Fiberglass
- Carbon Fiber



Suspension



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What's to come

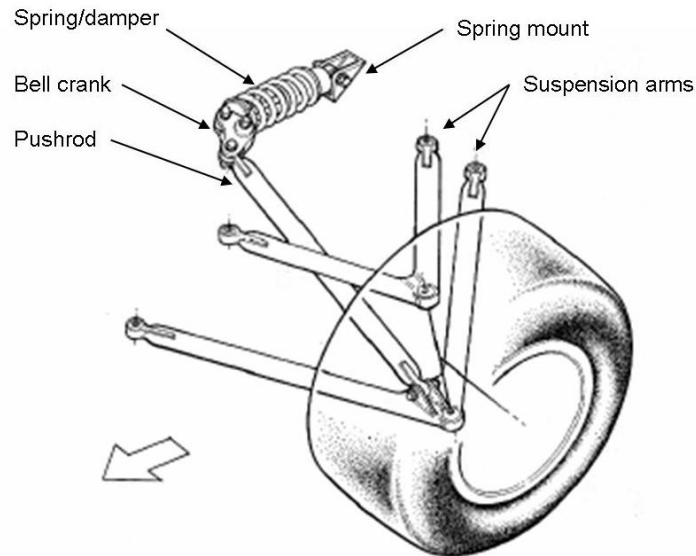
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- Brief overview
- Current progress
- Deadline
- Test plan

Suspension Design Overview

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- Independent
- Short-Long Arm
- Push-rod



- Better ride quality
- Improved handling
- fully adjustable
- Short Long Arm Suspension
- Lower A-Arm is longer than the Upper A-Arm
- Reduced changes in camber angles
- Reduces tire wear
- Increases contact patch for improved traction

Design Method

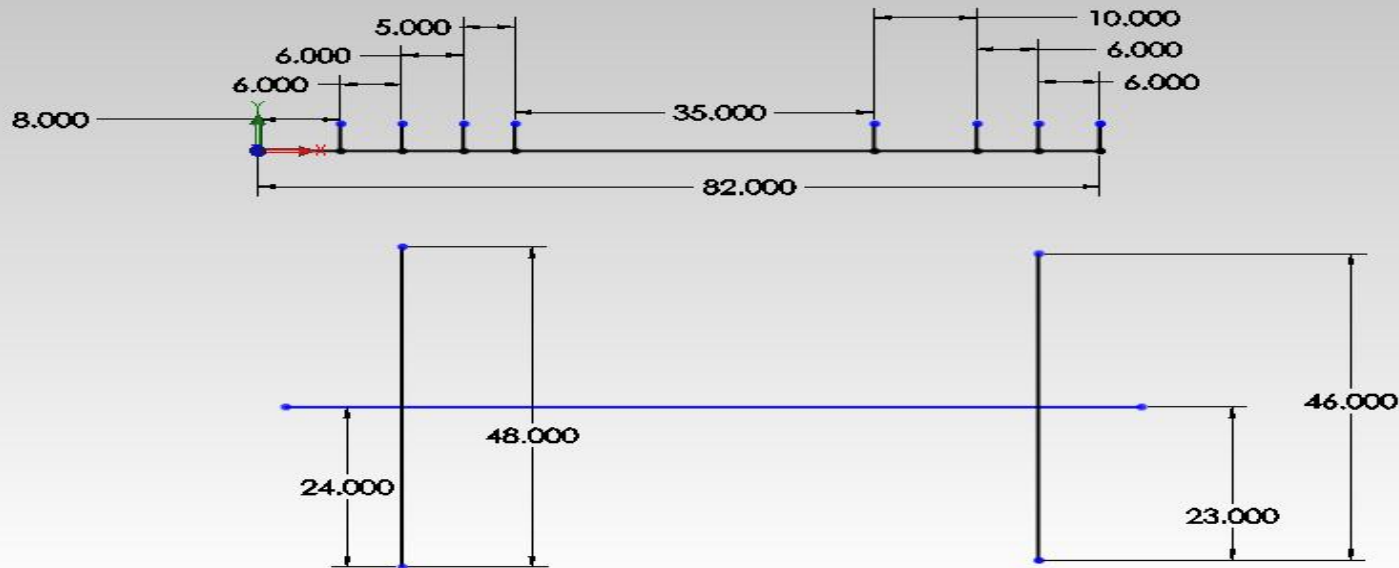
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- Determine Wheel-Base, Track-Width
- Design for Front View Swing Arm
- Design for Side View Swing Arm

Suspension Layout

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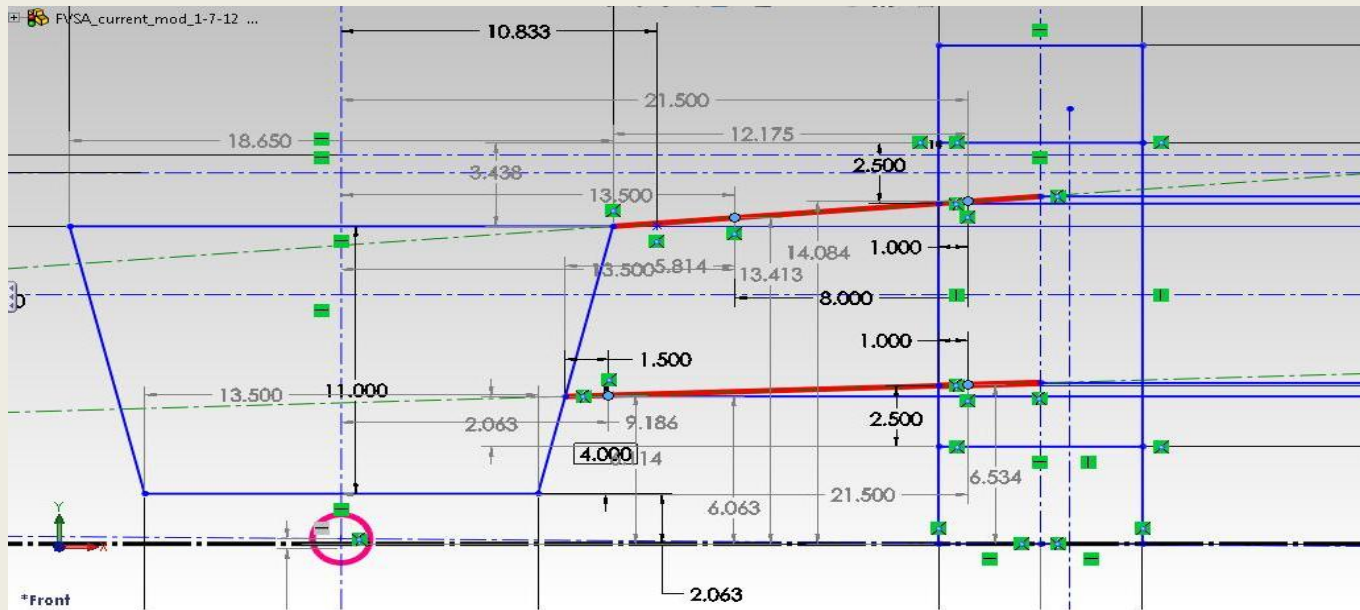
- Compromise between chassis and suspension design
- Averaged from well scoring FSAE teams
- Basis of suspension design



Front View Swing Arm(FVSA)

Determining the Geometry from a front 2D plane

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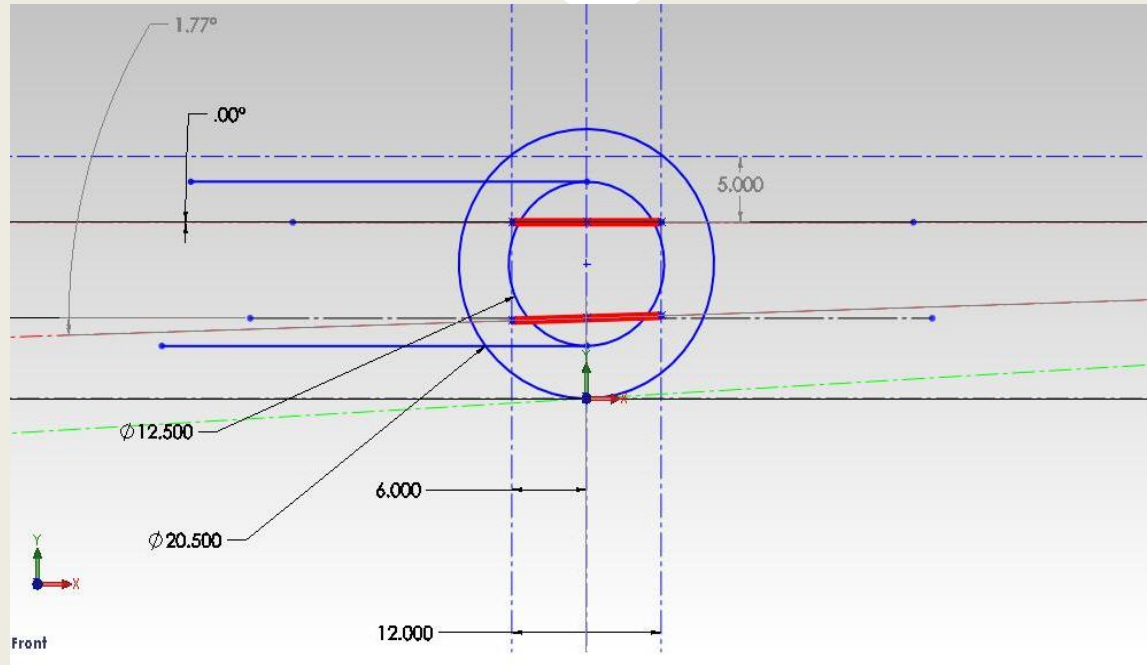


- Static case
- Instant center location
- Roll instant center location
- FVSA length

Side View Swing Arm (SVSA)

Determining the Geometry from a side 2D plane

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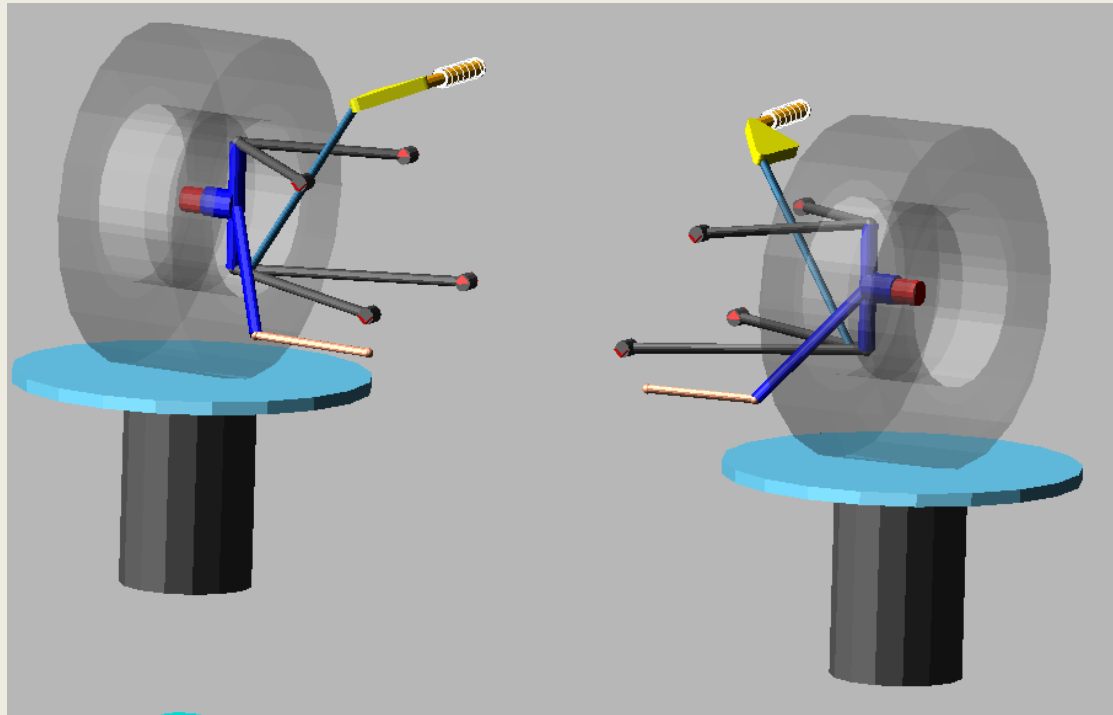


- Static case
- Instant center location
- Anti features
- SVSA length

Adams-Car

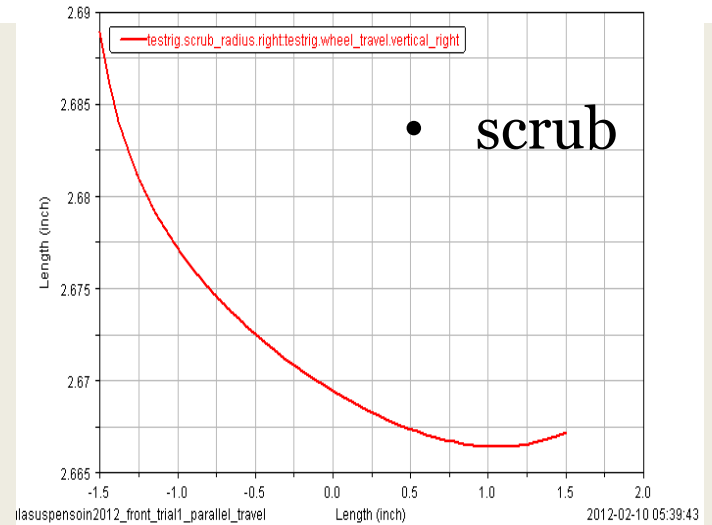
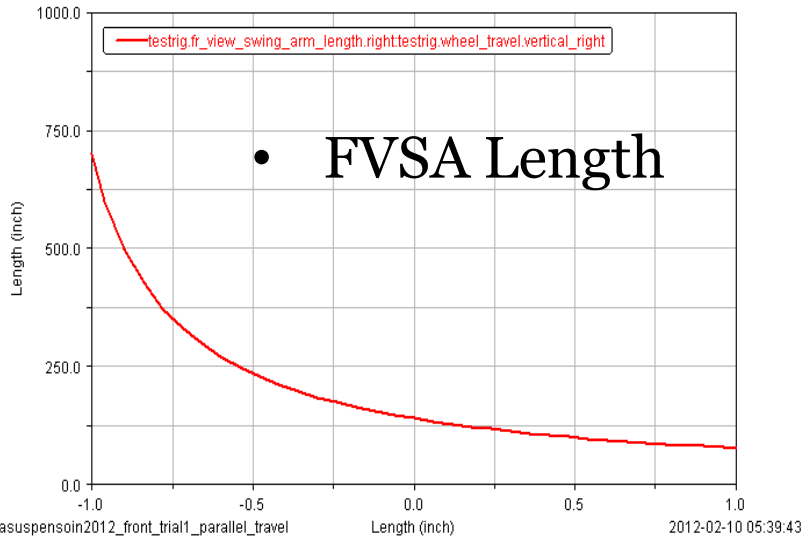
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- Virtual product development software
- Simulation of suspension control characteristics

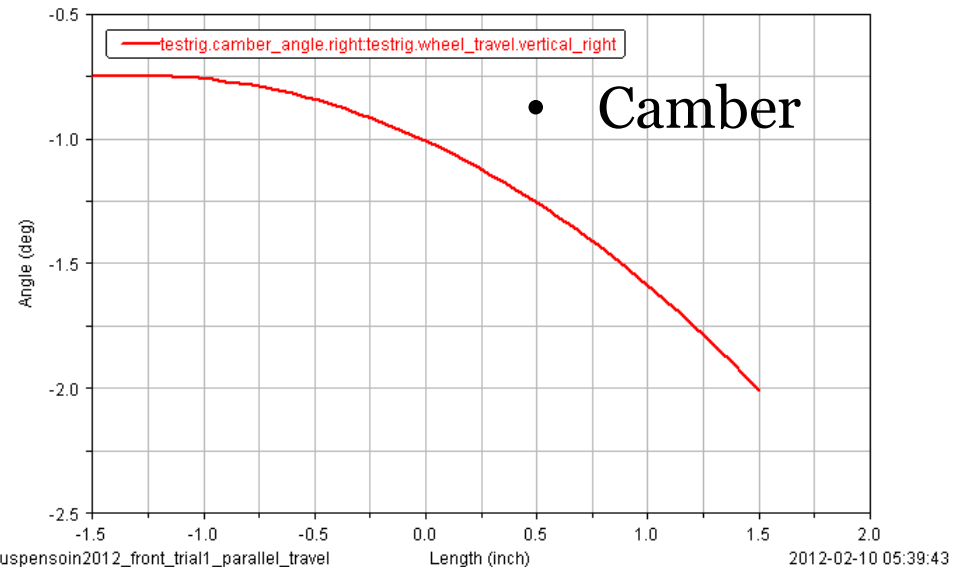


FVSA results

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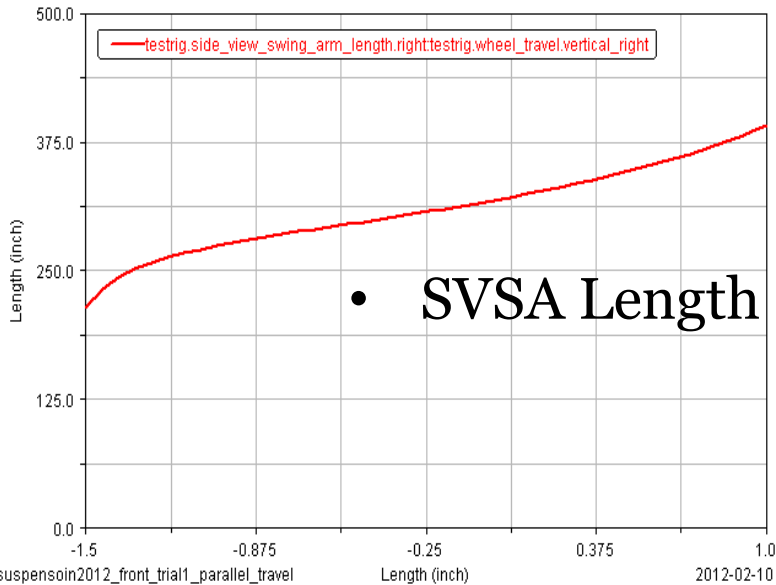


- Minimize camber change
 - negative gain
- Reduce jacking effect
- Reduce scrub

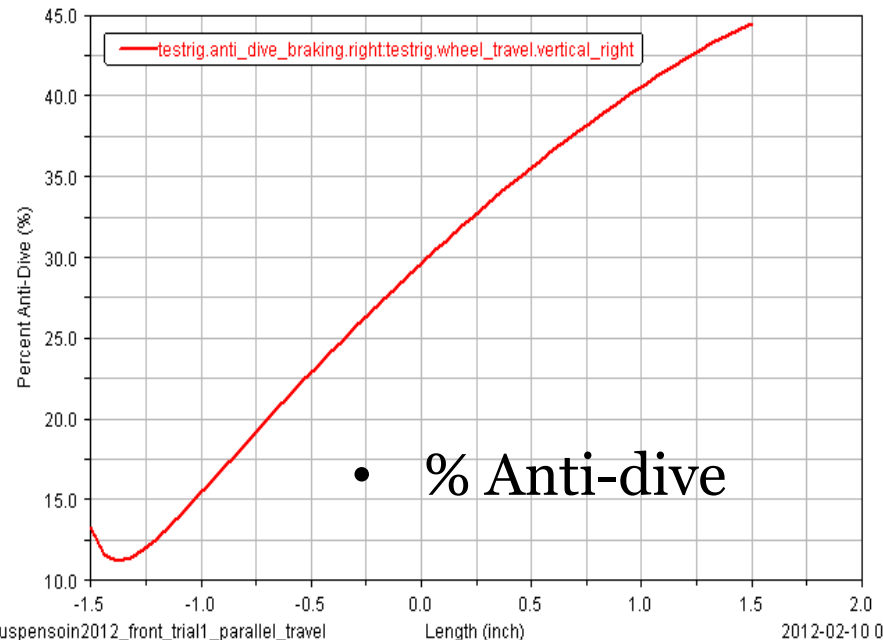


SVSA results

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- % anti is relative to the amount of force carried in the members

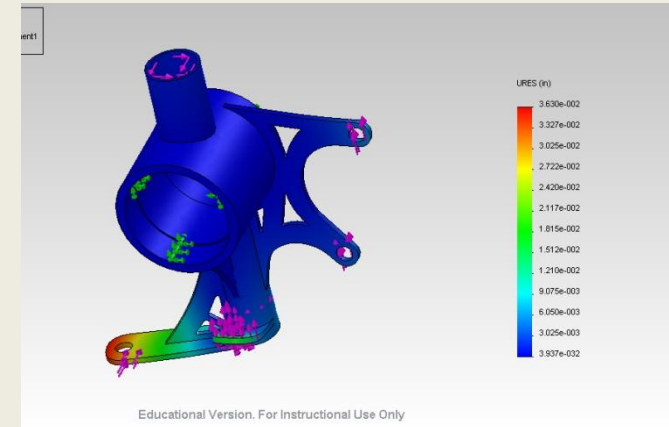
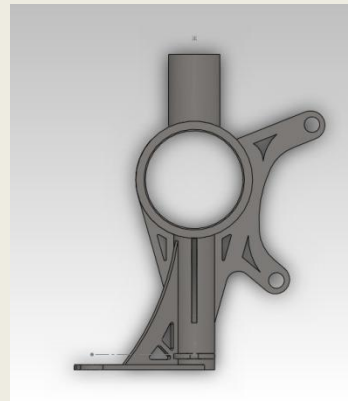
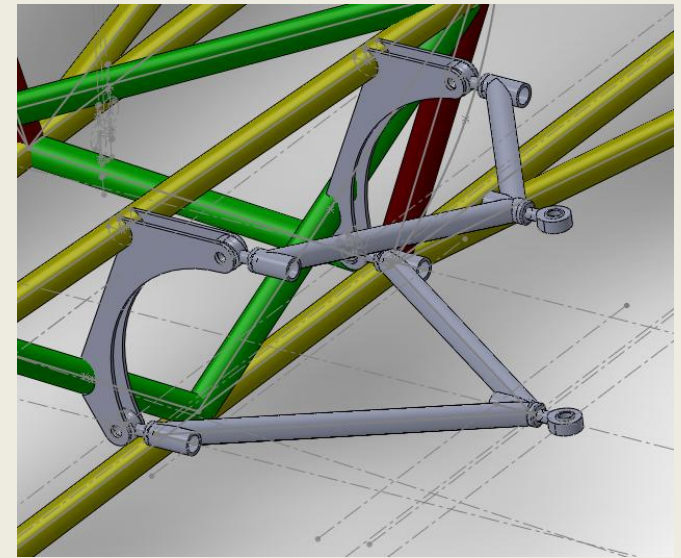


- Static conditions
- 30% front anti-dive
- 15% rear anti-lift

A-arm and Upright design

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- Connect sprung and un-sprung mass.
- Adjustable with Heim joint
- Individual Bracket attachment
- Light weight upright
 - Under 2 lbs



Current Status

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- All suspension design and simulation is completed
- Construction phase is underway.



Test plan

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- Two stage plan
 - Fitment
 - Adjustment

Test 1

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- Objective:
 - Fitment to rules and design
- Procedure:
 - Measure accurate mounting locations for suspension brackets.
 - ✦ Ensure points are squared along longitudinal center
 - Final placement and attachment

Test 2

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- Objective:
 - Set up
 - ✦ Determine optimal characteristics
- Procedure:
 - Test and tune suspension while other tests are being run
 - ✦ Ensure toe, caster, camber, spring rate, and tire pressure are adjusted for optimal handling

Steering



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Steering Design Overview

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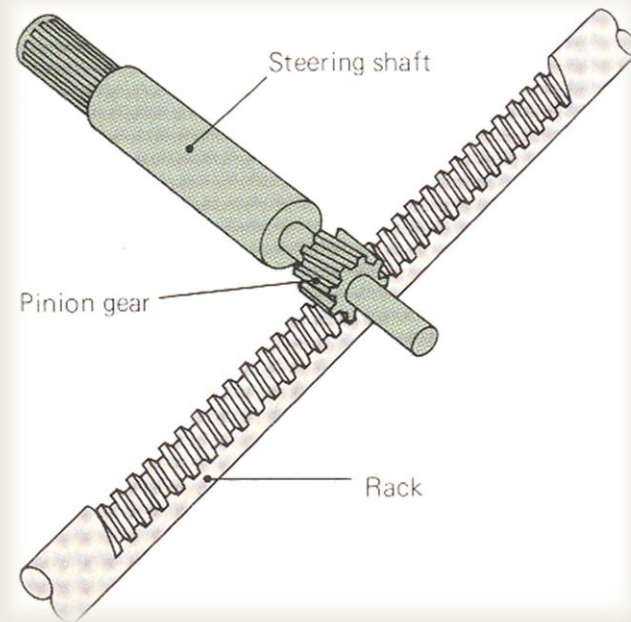
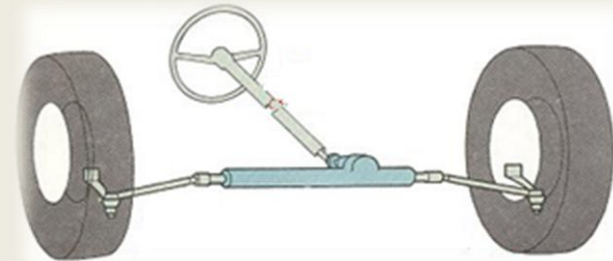
- Hardware, Steering Geometry
- Simulation Results
- Progress on Assembly Build
- Test Plan

Steering - Hardware

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Rack and Pinion steering

- Rotation on wheel displaces a rack horizontally
- Tie rods connect rack to uprights (hubs)
- Rack is low mounted, tilted
- U-joint transfer motion at the wheel to the rack

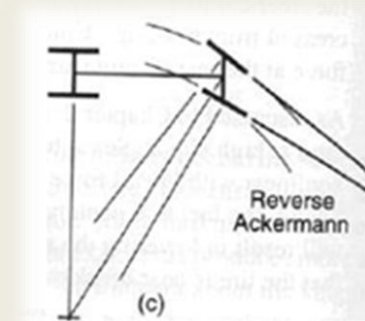
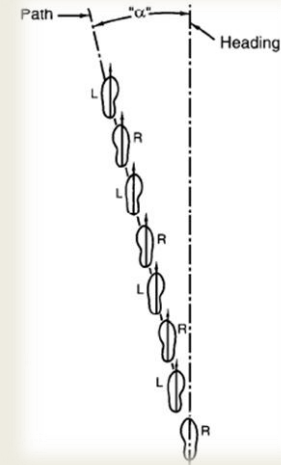


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Steering Geometry

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- Reverse Ackermann / Parallel steering Geometry
 - Desirable for racing applications
 - In a turn, outside tire is more loaded
 - Corresponds to a higher slip angle
 - Effect not drastic: 1° Reverse Ackerman Design Goal

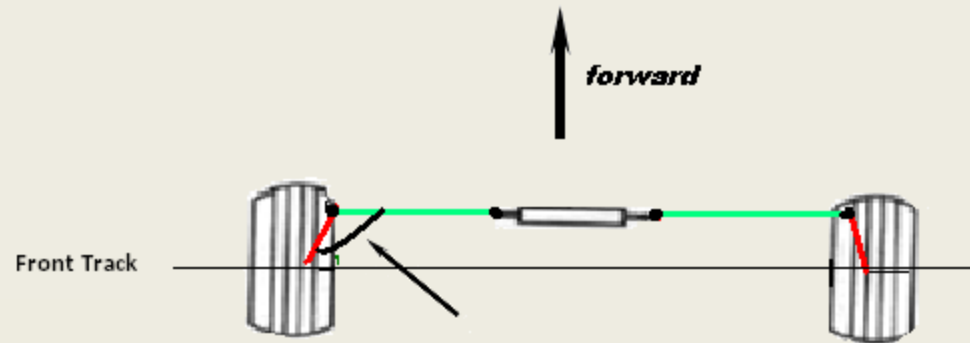


19.2 Ackermann steering geometry.

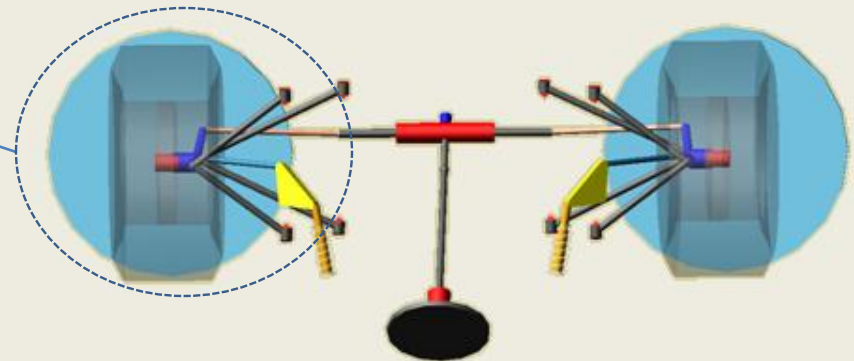
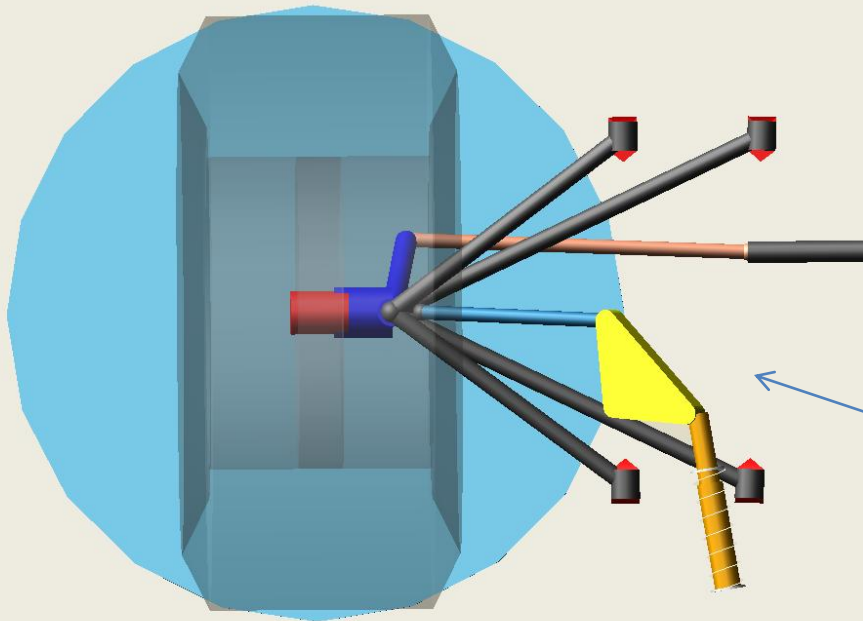
From Vehicle Design Slides (Hollis)

How to Obtain Reverse Ackermann

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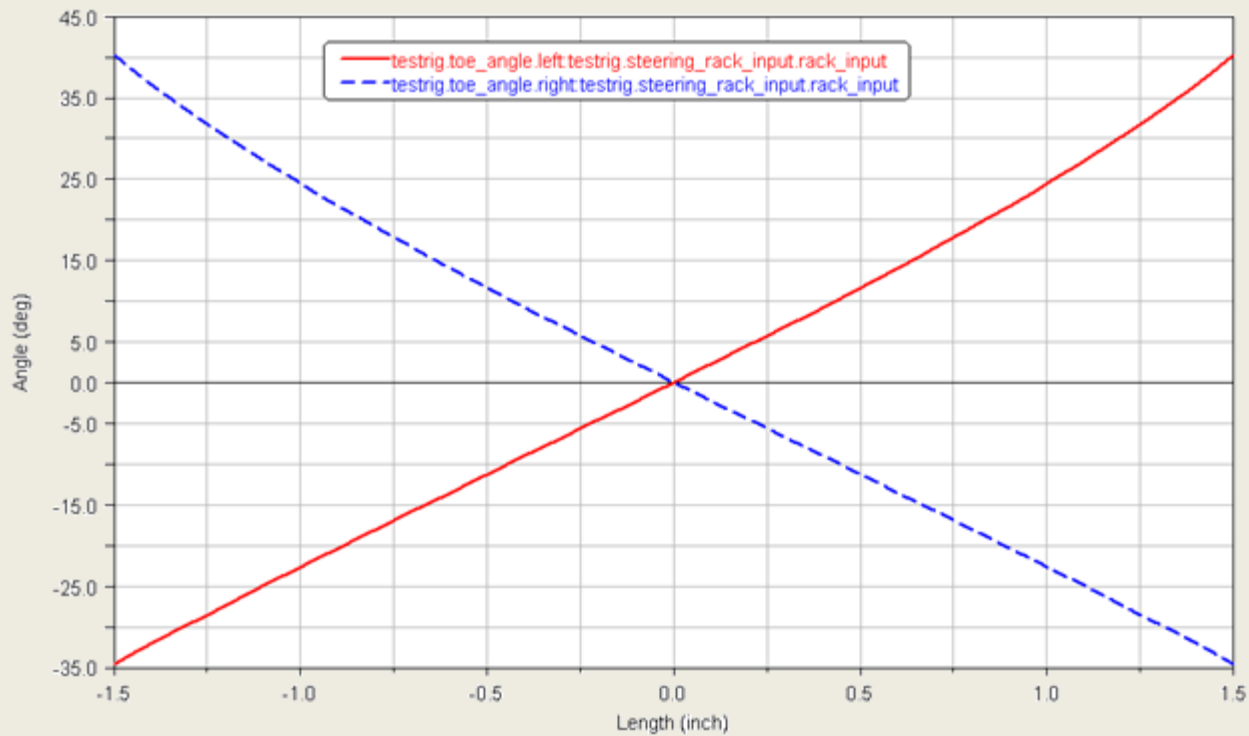
| Angle | Geometry |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 90° | Parallel |
| $<90^\circ$ | Ackermann |
| $>90^\circ$ | Reverse Ackermann |



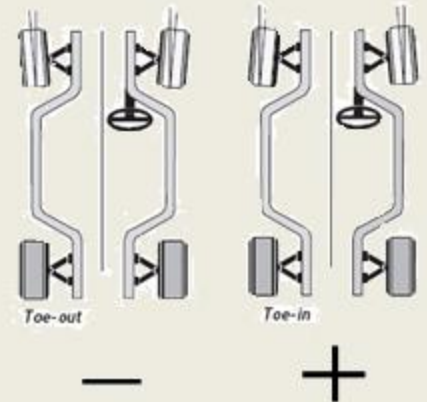
Simulation Results

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Toe angle vs. Rack Travel input



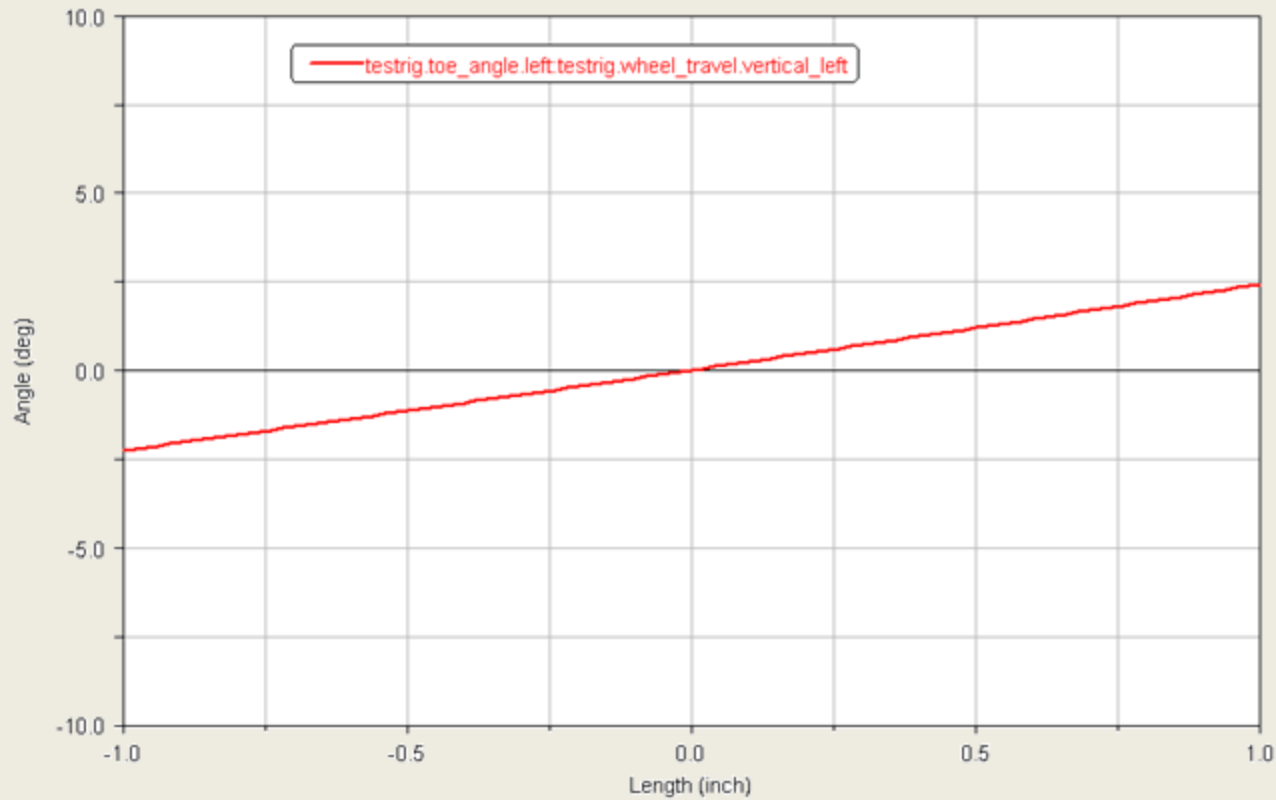
Wheel:
Right, Left



Simulation Results

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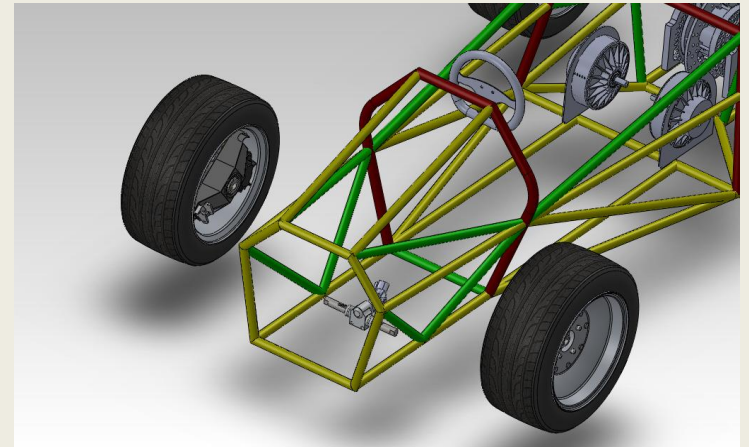
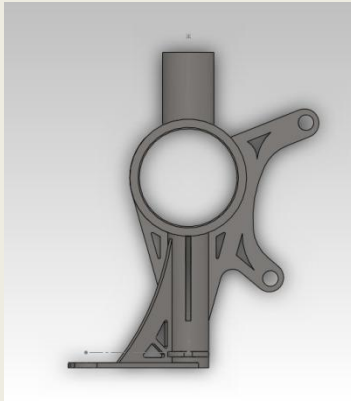
Toe Angle (Bump Steer) vs. Vertical Wheel Travel



Assembly Progress

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- Components purchased and received
 - Build in progress
 - Hub has been Modeled
 - ✦ Set to be fabricated



Steering Test Plan

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Steering Test # 1:

Objective: Create Reverse Ackermann Geometry,

Procedure: Using Adams Car software, tie rod locations must be input to the model and display the desired geometry, minimal bump steer, and be non-binding.

Results: Model completed. Rack placement determined. Tie rod pickups on hub and on rack finalized.

Steering Test Plan

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- ***Steering Test # 2:***

Objective: Verify functionality of final steering build

Procedure: Each wheel's steer angle must be assessed from the same input rack travel. The free play in the steering will be measured from the wheel must be $< 7^\circ$.
Test functionality of steering wheel quick disconnect.

Results: Pending Completion of Assembly.

○ ~ 1 Week

Brakes and Components



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Our Formula Hybrid Braking System

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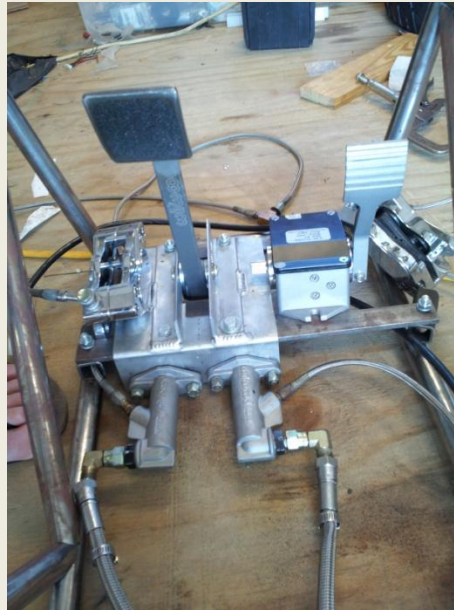
- Overall system includes two front brake calipers, one rear caliper, brake pedal assembly and brake bias adjuster.



Our Formula Hybrid Braking System

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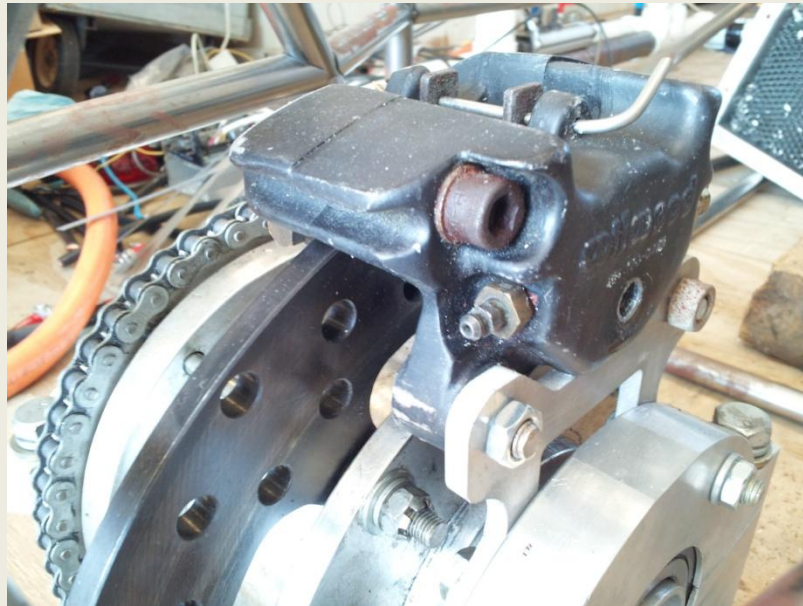
- The brake bracket has various adjusting points and can accommodate many drivers.



Inboard Braking

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Inboard mounted brake rotor and caliper reduces the un-sprung weight and simplified the rear braking system



Brake bias bar

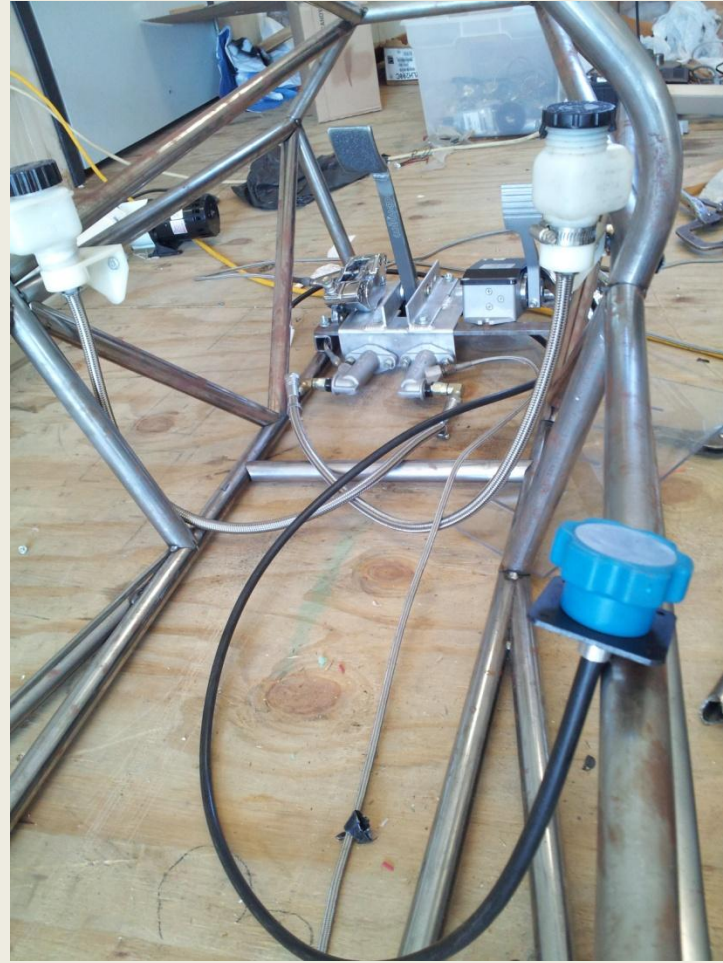
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- The bias bar will allow us to put more brake force bias in the front or rear.



Brake Bias Adjusting Knob

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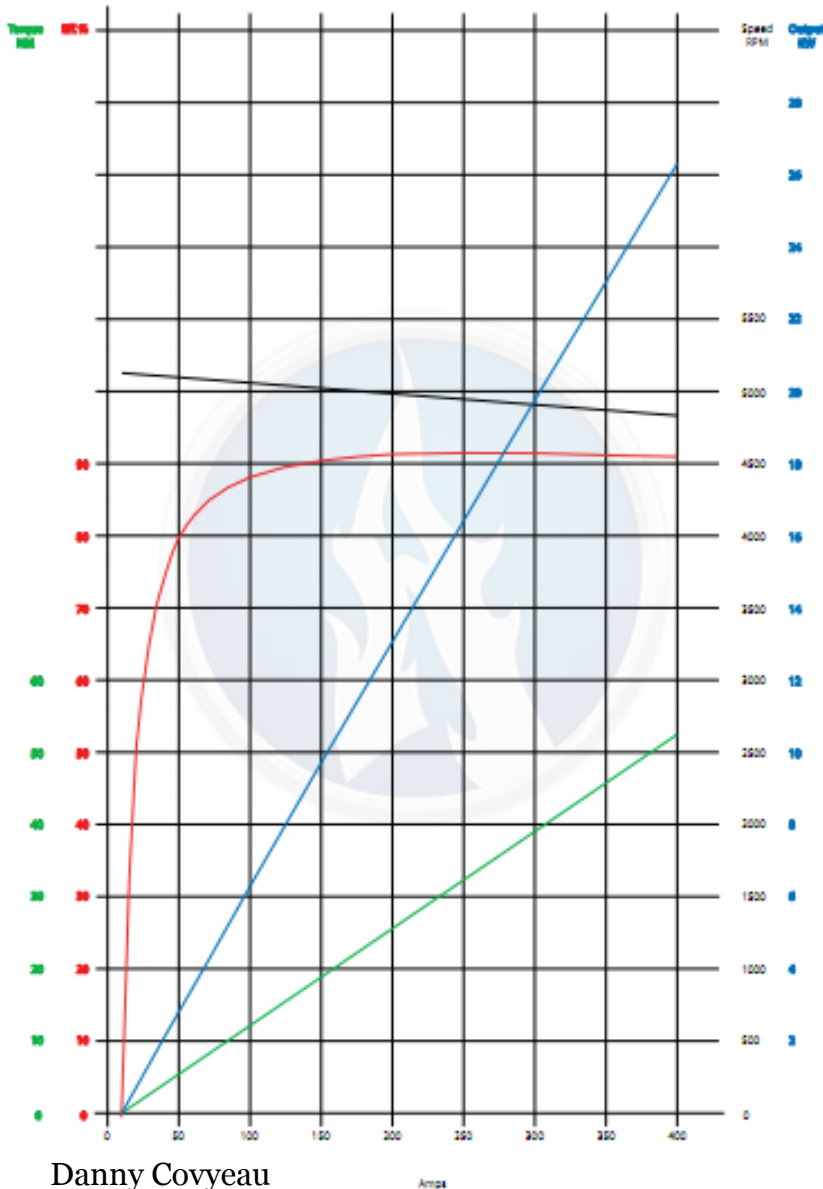
Battery System, BMS, Other electrical components



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71RPM/VOLT AT 72V

90-turn armature (e-inforced version only)
Recommended for 'Spinning' applications only,
such as a motorcycle or speedboat



Danny Coveau

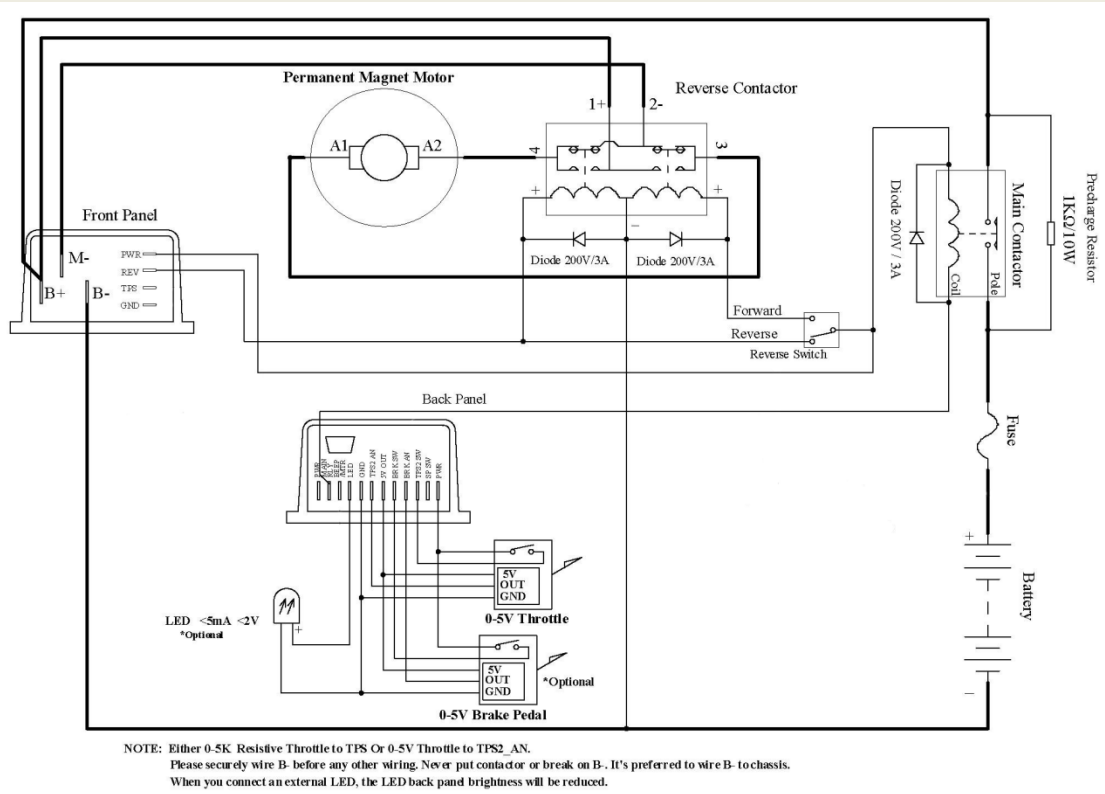
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Agni 95-R Motor

- Peak Efficiency: 93%
- Constant Torque: 42 Nm
- Continuous Output Power: 22 kW
- Weight: 24 lbs
- Popular, dependable choice among Formula Hybrid teams

Kelly KD72501 Motor Controller

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- Optical Isolated:
 - throttle potentiometer
 - brake potentiometer
 - switches
- Uses high power MOSFETs to achieve ~99% efficiency
- 200 Amps continuous
- 500 Amp peak for 1 minute
- Built in regenerative braking that can recapture up to 100 amps
 - Still requires mechanical brakes
- Programmable controller with a user-friendly GUI

* *Courtesy Kelly KD User Manual*

Motor & Controller Testing

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Objective:

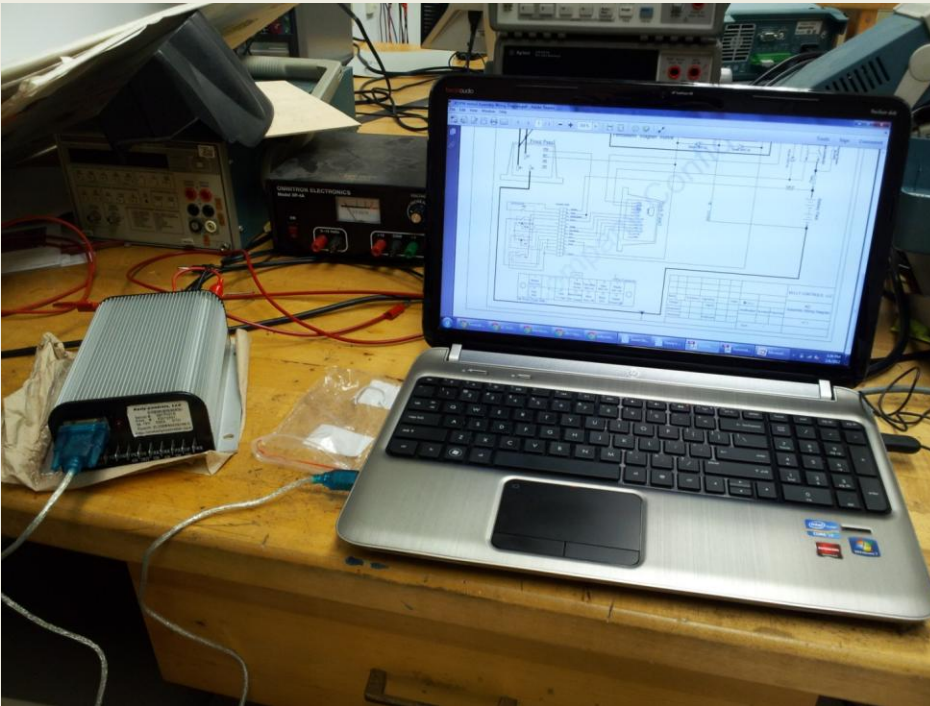
Verify that the electric motor controller works properly by testing that the forward and reverse functions of the motor operate

Desired Result:

The controller will be able to accelerate in both the forward and reverse directions

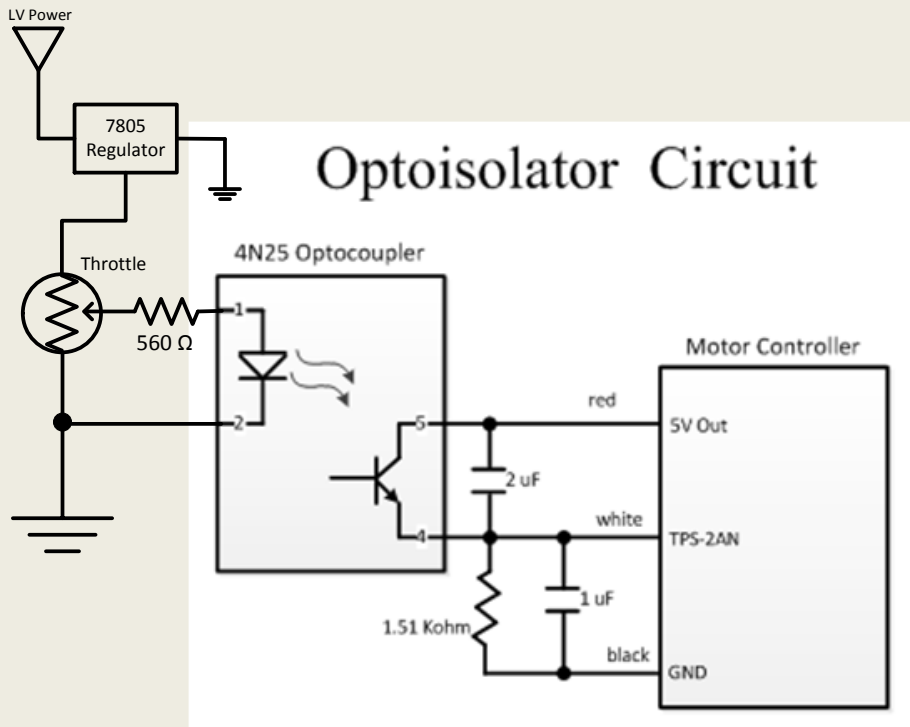
Status:

Communication with the controller was successful and has been able to be programmed. High DC voltage power supply was used



Optoisolator Circuit Testing

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- **Objectives:**

- The LV and HV grounds have a minimum resistance of 40,000 ohms between them
- The output voltage of the circuit corresponds linearly with the input voltage of the circuit

- **Test Plan:**

- Use a low voltage variable DC power supply and a voltmeter to test the optoisolator circuit will be built.

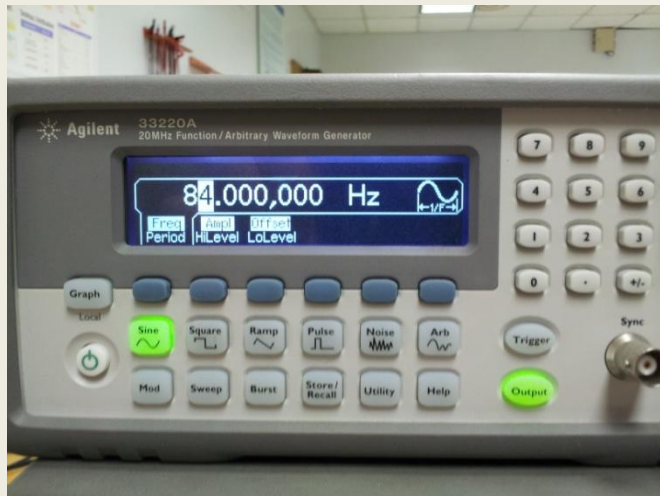
- **Desired Result:**

- The input and output voltage of the throttle should vary from zero to five volts linearly.

Speedometer Testing

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- Calibrated Using Sine Wave Generator
- Requires at least 500 pulses per mile from a Hall Effect Sensor
- **Status:**
 - Tested Successfully



Battery System, BMS, Other electrical components

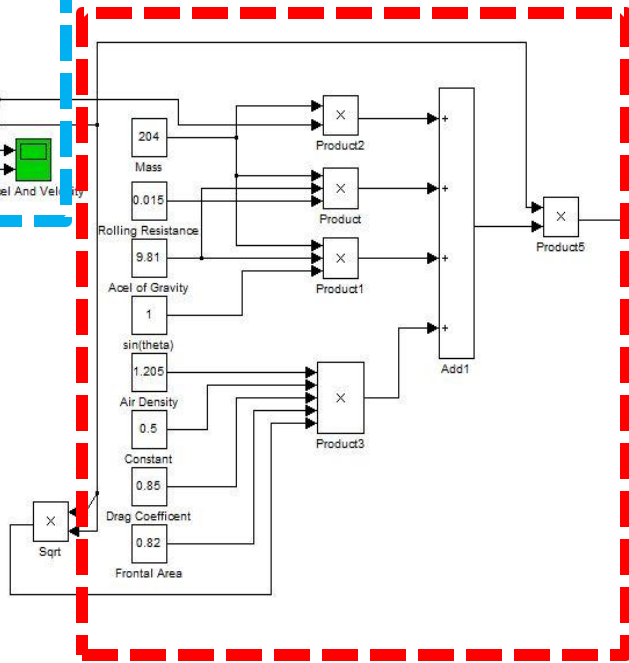
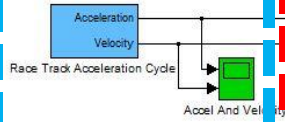


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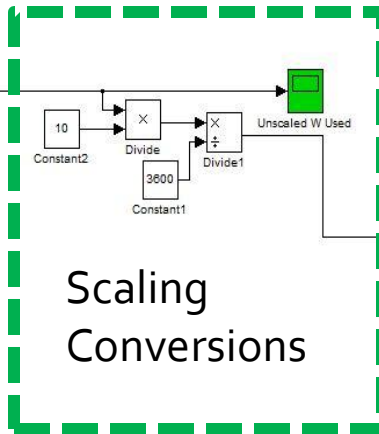
Power Calculations

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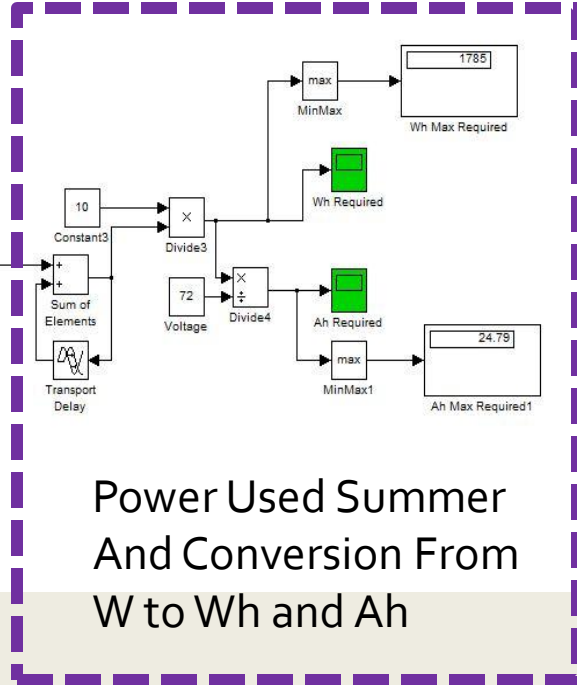
Driving Cycle



Scaling Conversions



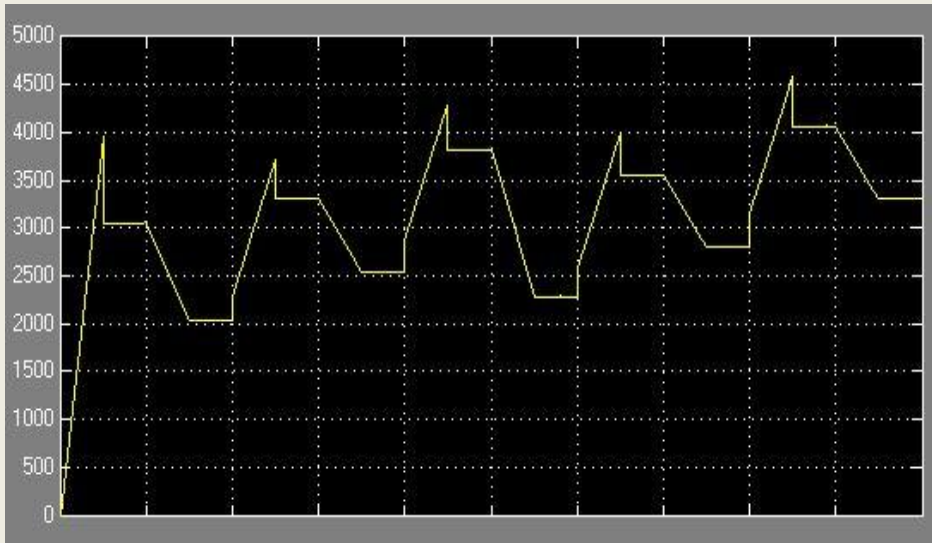
Power Used Summer
And Conversion From
W to Wh and Ah



$$P_d = (ma + C_R mg + mgsin(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \rho_a C_D A_f v^2) v$$

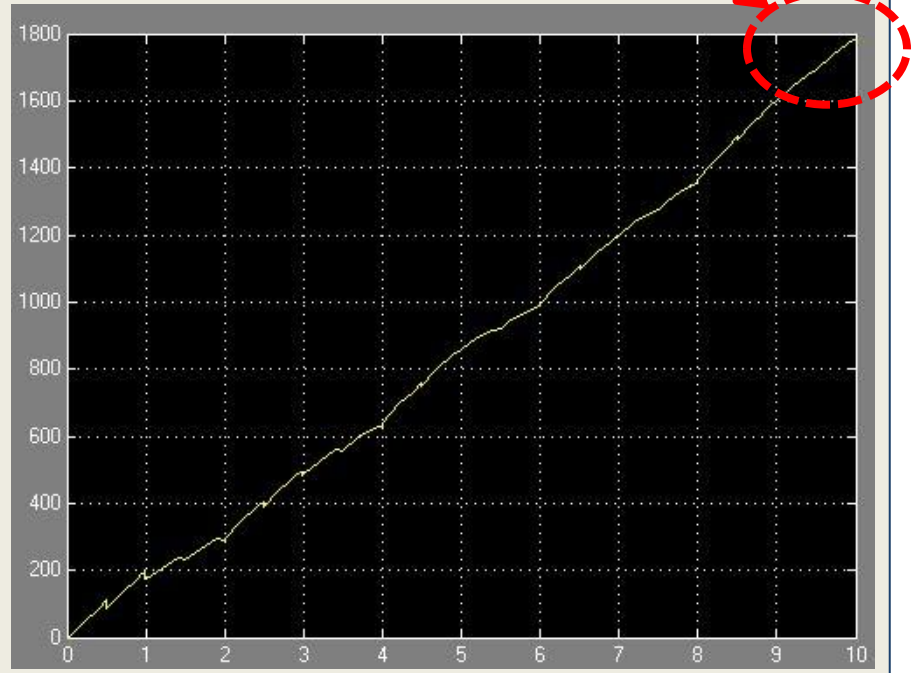
Results From Power Calculation Model

Power used during driving cycle (W)



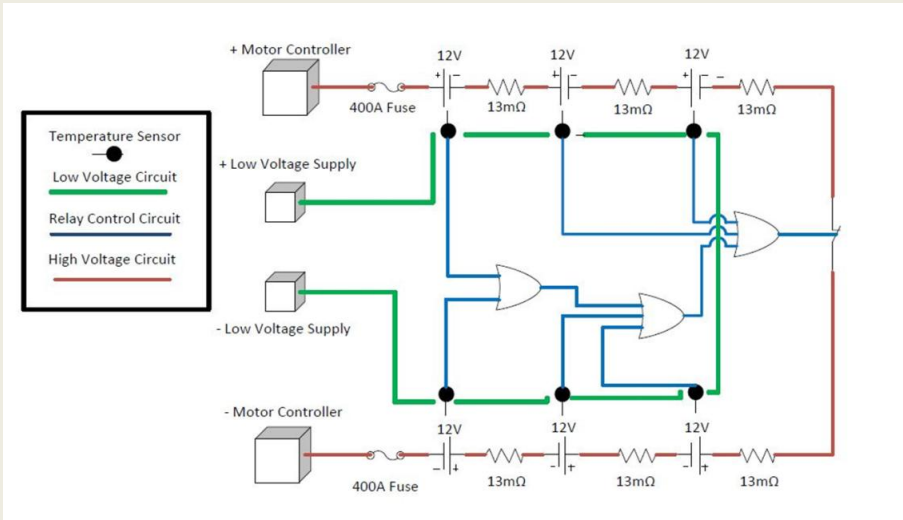
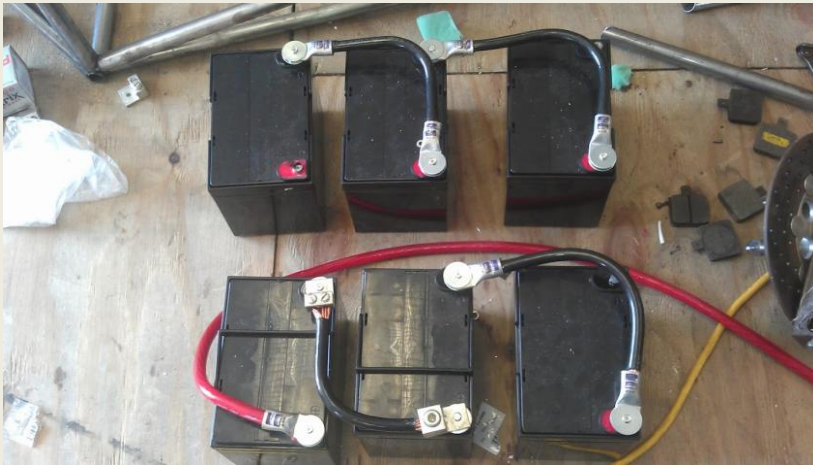
Wh required to complete 10 laps of track at 100s per lap

Wh Requirement



Battery Specifics

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Battery Characteristics

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Voltage | 12V |
| Capacity | 36Ah |
| Weight | 26.6lbs |
| Max Discharge Current (5s) | 300A |
| Internal Resistance | 13mΩ |
| Max Charging Current | 9.9A |

Schedule and Budget



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Schedule

| ME Tasks | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Chassis | Alex | |
| Chassis Design | | 90 Days |
| Chassis Assembly | | 42 Days |
| Suspension | | |
| Suspension Design | Stephen | |
| Suspension Assembly | | |
| Steering | Thomas | 21 Days |
| Braking | Sam | 35 Days |
| IE Tasks | | |
| Floor Pan | Ryan, Corey, Aldreya | 14 Days |
| Nose Cone | Ryan, Corey, Aldreya | 28 Days |
| Total System Integration | Everyone | 28 Days |
| Total System Debugging | Everyone | 28 Days |

Budget

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| Cost Analysis | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total Budget: | | \$9,000.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| | Registration | (\$1,500.00) |
| Mechanical | | |
| | Chassis | (\$560.00) |
| | Brakes | (\$55.00) |
| Electrical | | |
| | Batteries | (\$850.00) |
| | BMS System | (\$316.00) |
| | Conduit | (\$45.00) |
| | Accelerator | (\$109.00) |
| | Miscellaneous | (\$100.00) |
| Industrial | | |
| | Foam | (\$80.00) |
| | Epoxy Resin | (\$150.00) |
| | MDF | (\$40.00) |
| Remaining | | \$5,195.00 |

- Future Expenses
 - Safety Equipment
 - Trip

Questions?



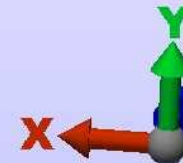
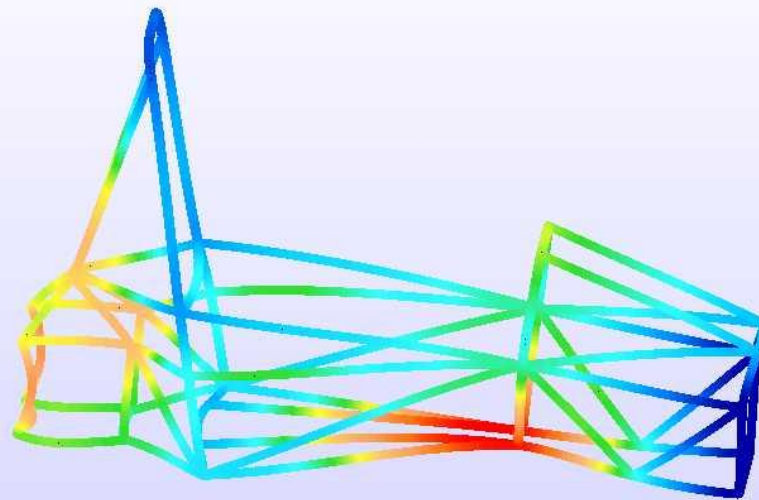
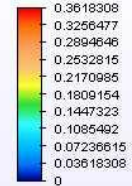
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Appendix - Chassis

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Displacement
Magnitude
in



Load Case: 1 of 1

Maximum Value: 0.361831 in

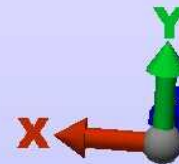
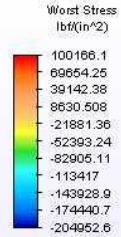
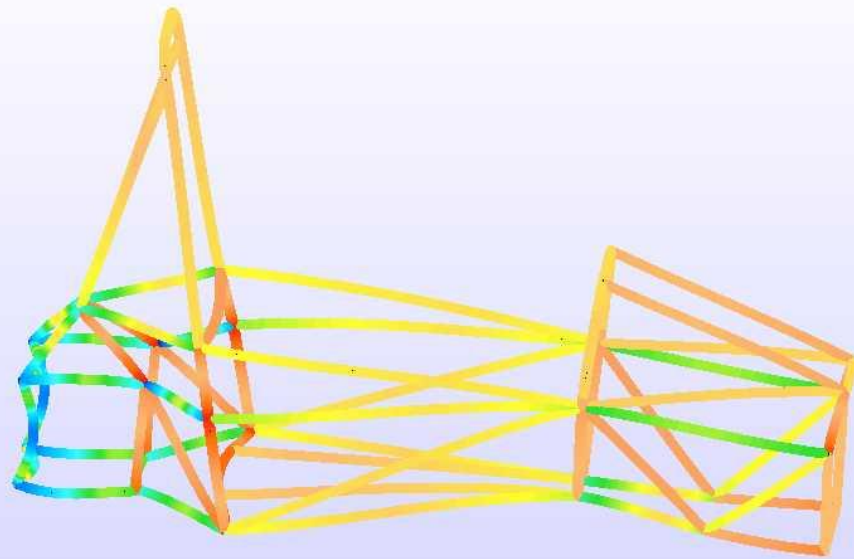
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Appendix - Chassis

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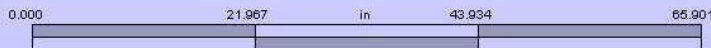
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Load Case: 1 of 1

Maximum Value: 100166 lb/(in²)

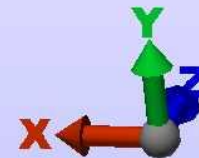
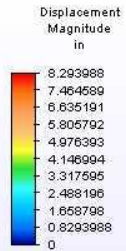
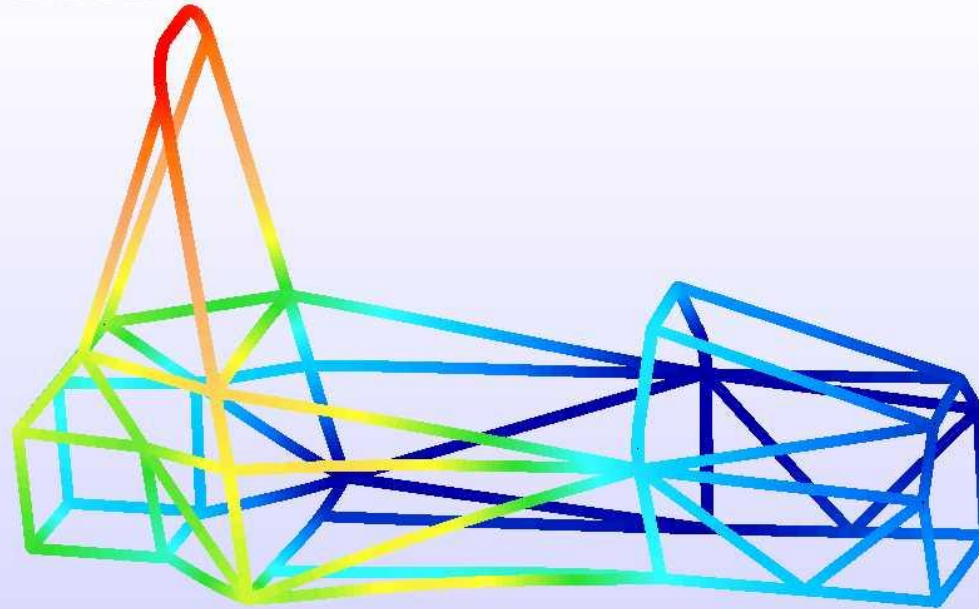
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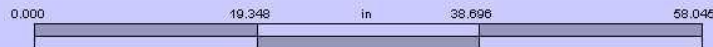
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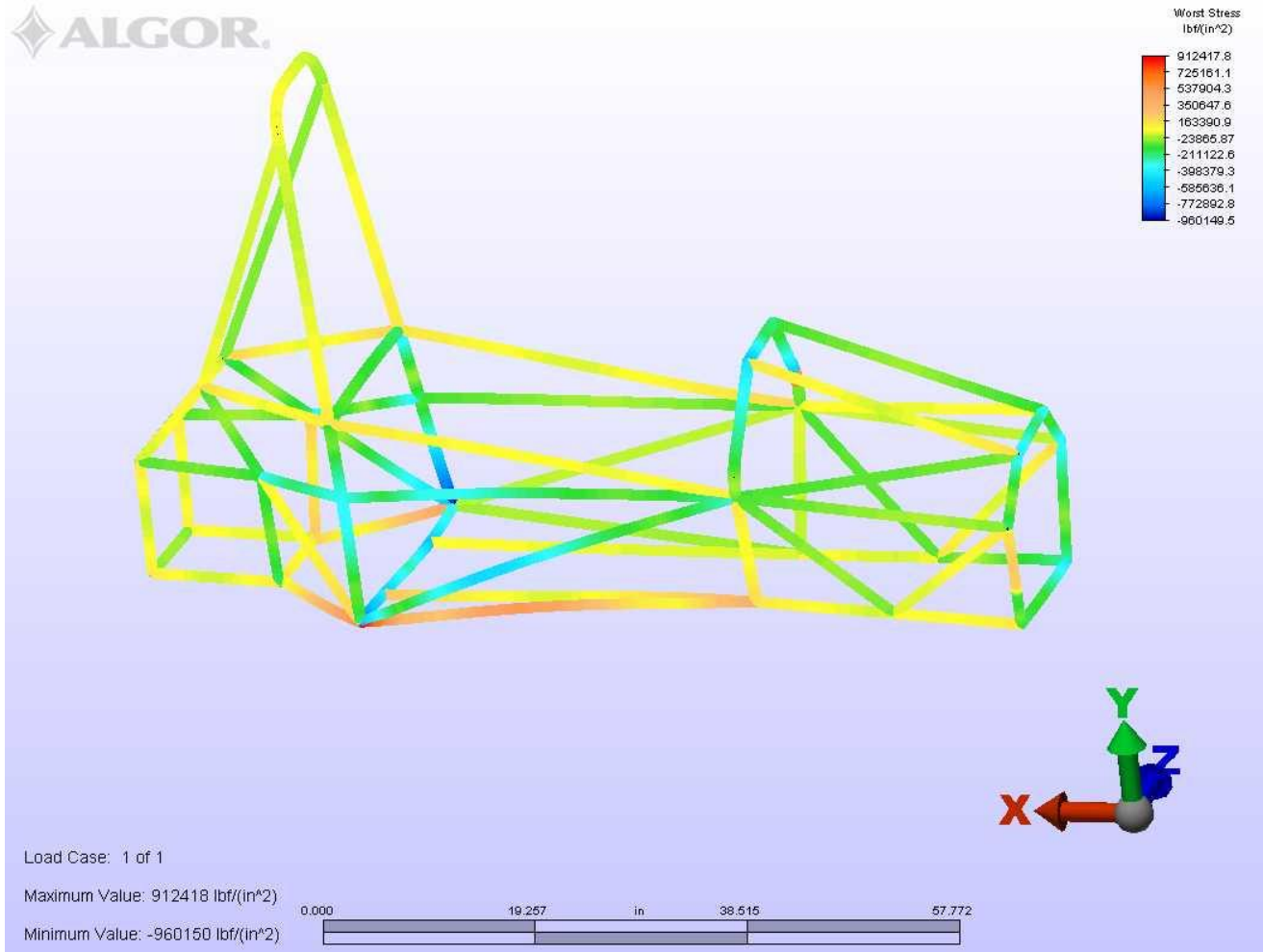
Maximum Value: 8.29399 in

Minimum Value: 0 in



Appendix - Chassis

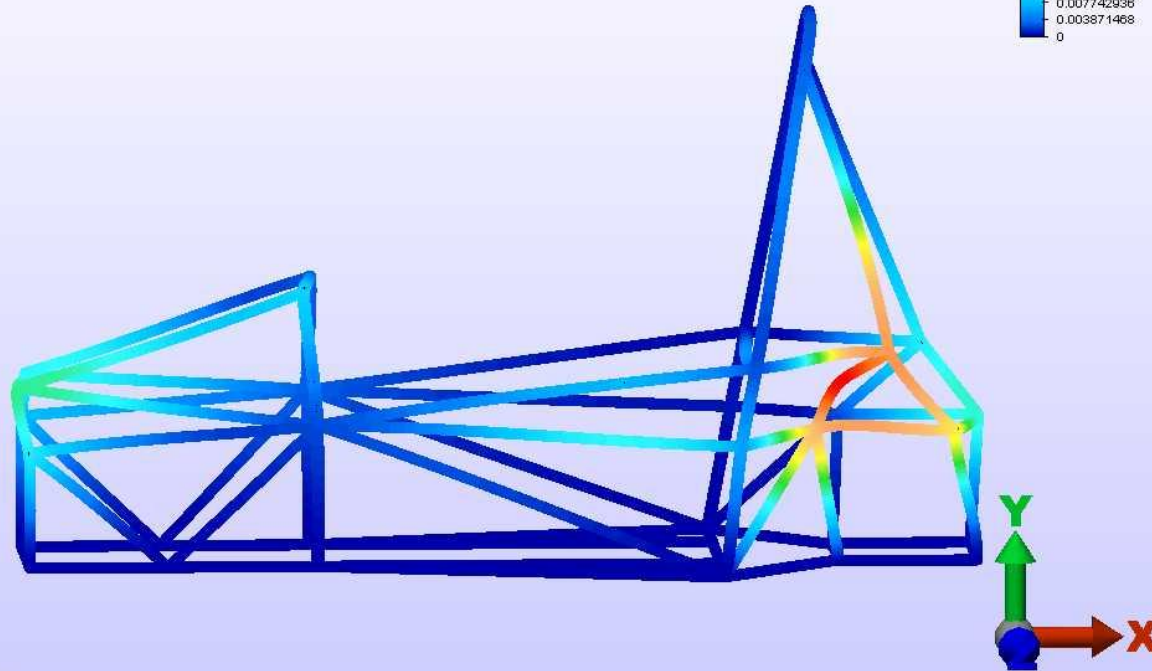
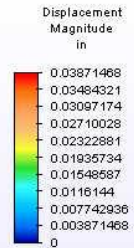
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Appendix - Chassis

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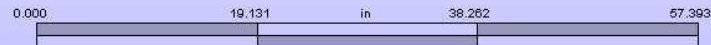
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Load Case: 1 of 1

Maximum Value: 0.0387147 in

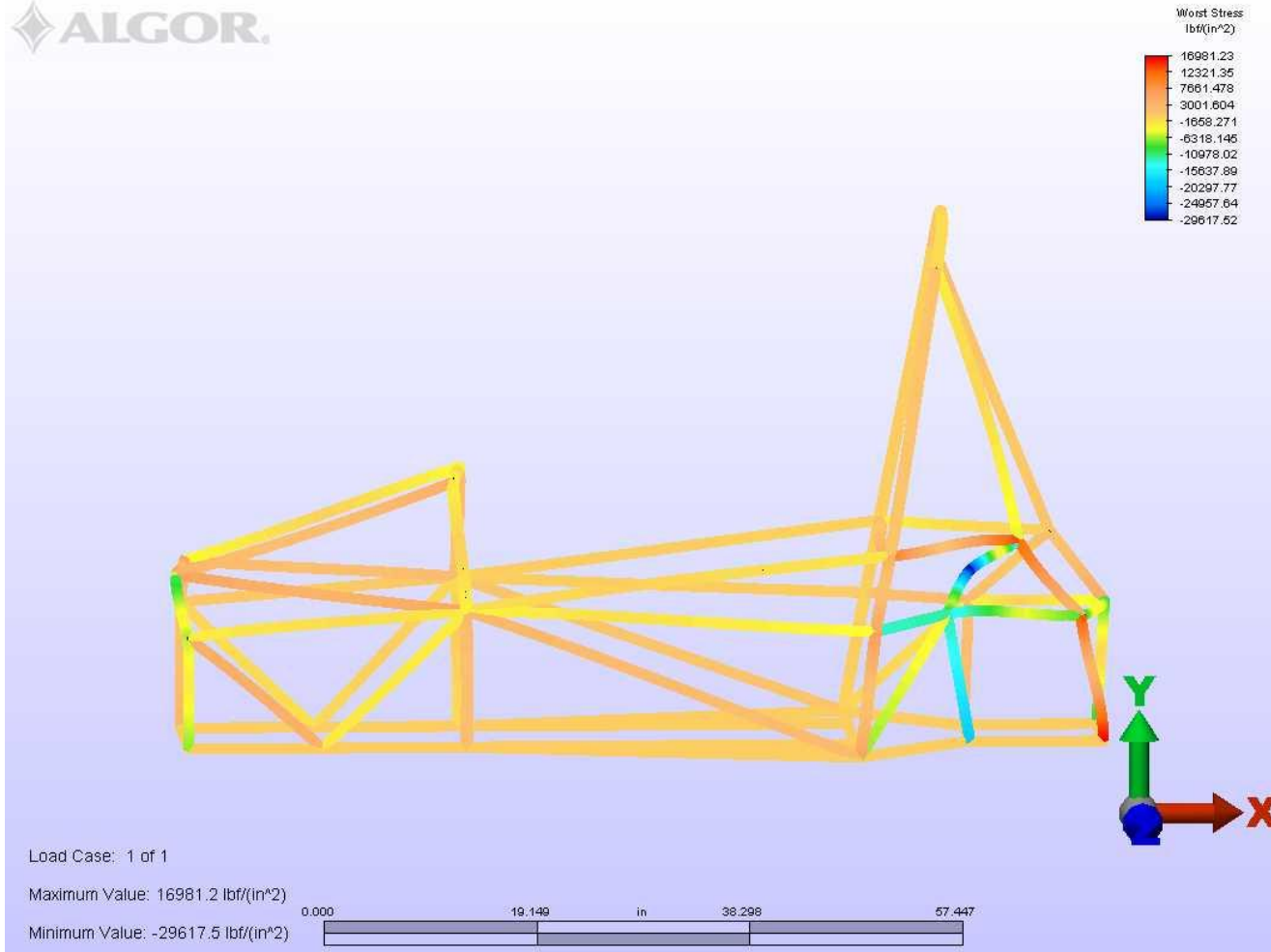
Minimum Value: 0 in



Appendix - Chassis

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Appendix - Impact Attenuator

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Impact Attenuator Calculations:

$$\text{Velocity at Impact } V_i := 7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad V_i = 22.966 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{Vehicle Weight with driver } W := 600 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Gravity } g = 32.174 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\text{Max average force } G := 20$$

$$\text{Acceleration } A_c := G \cdot g$$

$$A_c = 643.481 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\text{time for impact } t := \frac{V_i}{A_c} \quad t = 0.036 \text{ s}$$

Solving for height h

$$h := \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(V_i)^2}{g} \right] \quad h = 8.197 \text{ ft}$$

solving for crush distance

$$s := \frac{h}{G - 1} \quad s = 0.431 \text{ ft}$$

Thickness of Material needed

$$T_c := s + (0.5 \cdot s)$$

$$T_c = 0.647 \text{ ft}$$

solving for dynamic force

$$F_{crAcr} := \frac{W \cdot (h + s)}{s}$$

$$F_{dyn} := F_{crAcr}$$

$$F_{dyn} = 1.2 \times 10^4 \cdot \text{lb}$$

Solving for needed cross-sectional area

$$F_{cr_dyn} := 121 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2} \quad \text{Value from supplied data table}$$

$$A := \frac{F_{dyn}}{F_{cr_dyn}} \quad A = 99.174 \cdot \text{in}^2$$

for equal length and height L=H of foam block

$$L := A^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \quad L = 9.959 \text{ in}$$

Appendix - Reverse Ackermann Calculation

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$$W_{car} := 6501\text{bf} \quad v_{turn} := 40\text{mph} \quad r_{turn} := 75\text{ft}$$

$$h_{cg} := 12\text{in} \quad r_w := 10.25\text{in} \quad a_x := \frac{v_{turn}^2}{r_{turn}} = 1.426\text{g}$$

$$F_{lat} := \frac{W_{car}}{g} \cdot a_x = 927.106\text{bf}$$

$$t_{rack} := 48\text{in}$$

Given

$$F_{iz} = \frac{W_{car} \cdot \frac{t_{rack}}{2} - F_{lat} \cdot (h_{cg} - r_w)}{t_{rack}}$$

$$F_{iz} = W_{car} - F_{oz}$$

$$F_{ix} = F_{lat} - F_{ox}$$

$$F_{ix} = \frac{F_{oz} \cdot \frac{t_{rack}}{2} - F_{iz} \cdot \frac{t_{rack}}{2} - F_{ox} \cdot (h_{cg} - r_w)}{(h_{cg} - r_w)}$$

$$F_{oz} = 180\text{ lbf}$$

$$F_{ix} = 145\text{ lbf}$$

