

# Spring Final Presentation

## HANScycle: Reciprocating Lever Transmission

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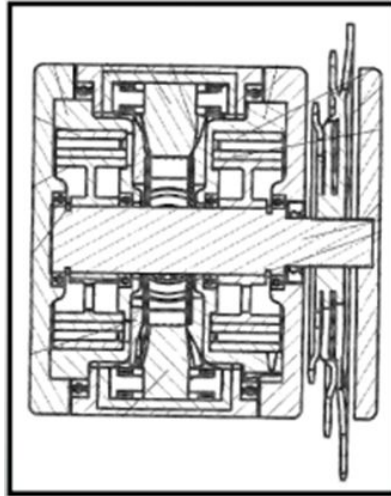


# Introduction

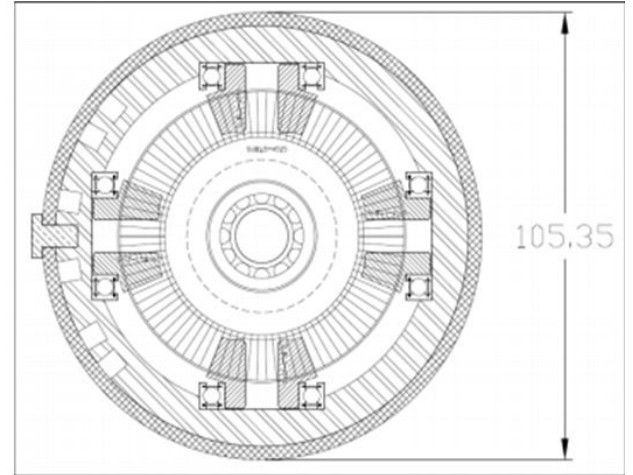
- ▶ Project Goal:
  - ▶ Build a working HANSCycle prototype using the Reciprocating Lever Transmission
- ▶ Constraints:
  - ▶ Bicycle must be designed for 26" wheels
  - ▶ Bicycle must fit into a 26"x26"x10" storage box
  - ▶ Utilize crank arms no longer than 12" with arc no greater than 100°
  - ▶ Utilize existing prototype
- ▶ Budget: \$2,000

# Background On The RLT

- ▶ Gordon Hansen (Sponsor) patented the RLT (Reciprocating Lever Transmission)
- ▶ Uses reciprocating motion to pedal
- ▶ Crank arms dependent on each other
- ▶ Produces power in both downward and upward strokes

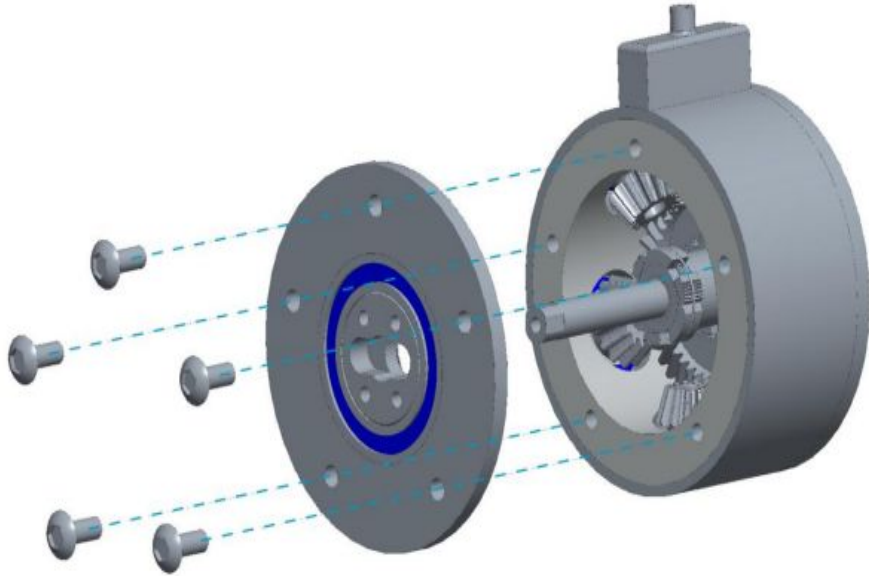


Original RLT Design

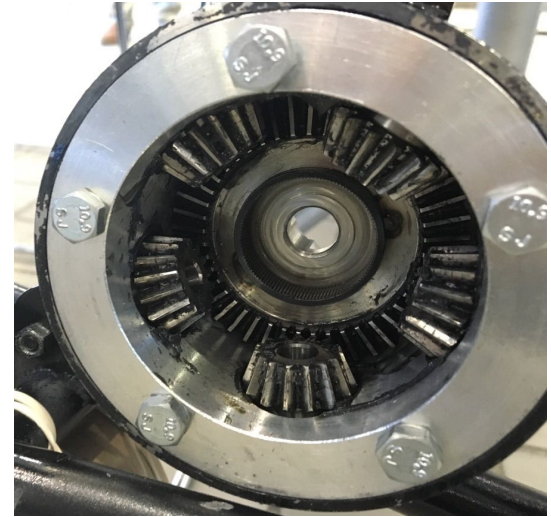


Simplified RLT Design

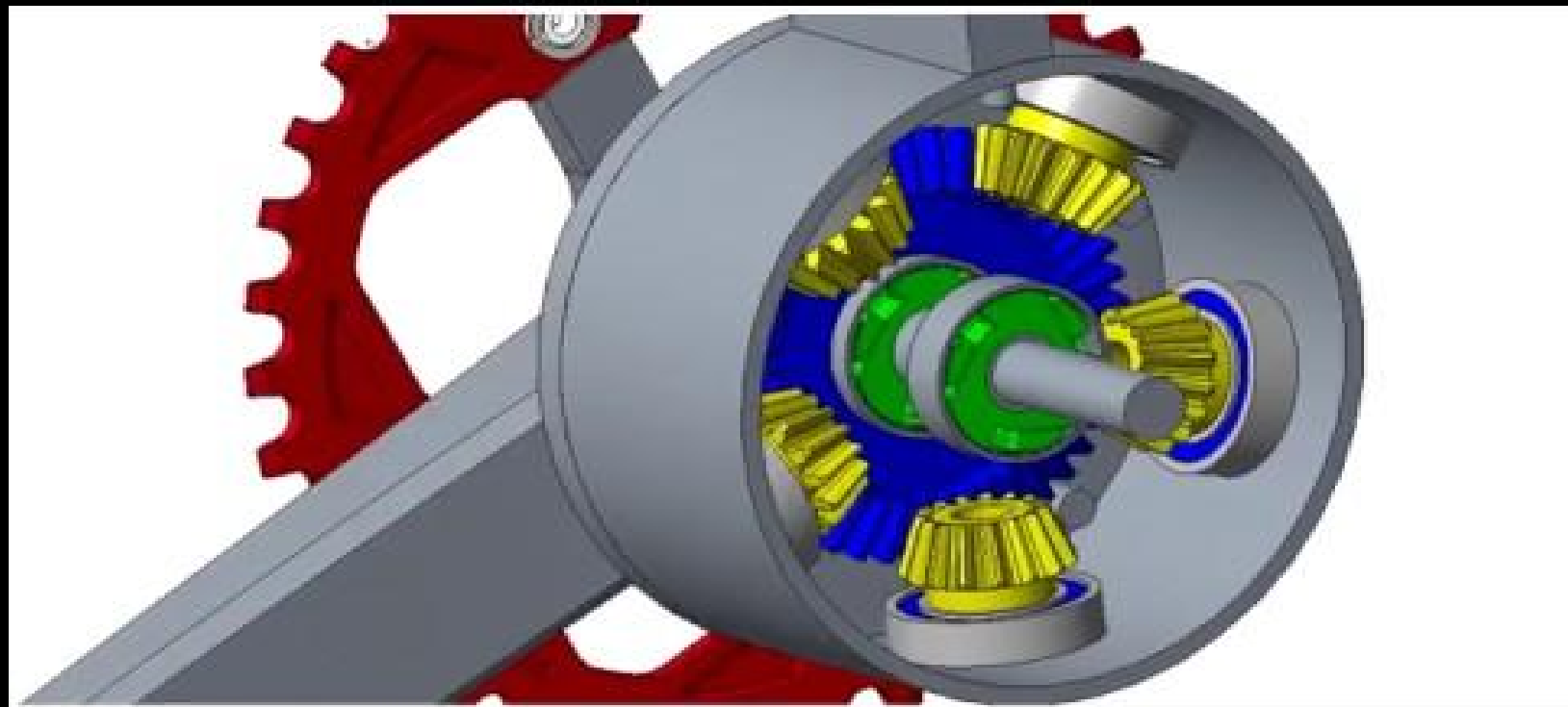
# Reciprocating Lever Transmission

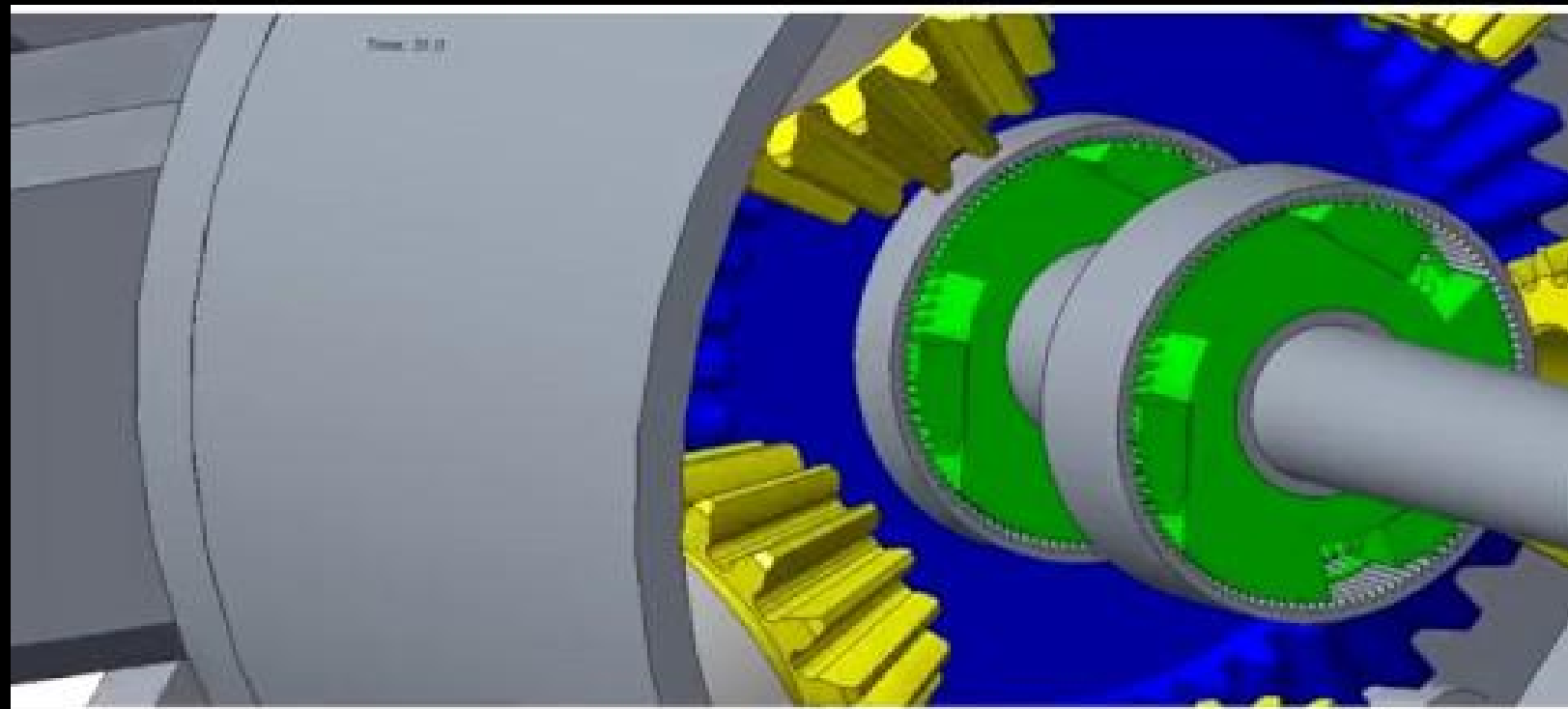


Current RLT Design (CAD)



Current RLT Design (Prototype)





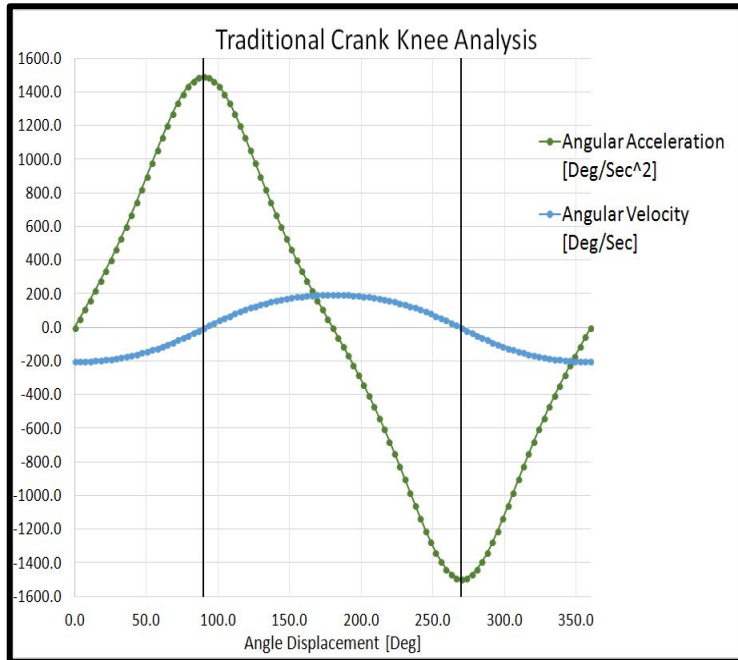


# Motivation

- ▶ **Why this design?**
- ▶ Dead spots at  $90^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$  on a traditional bike
  - ▶ Trouble riding uphill
- ▶ Natural pedal motion
- ▶ Minimize joint damage
- ▶ Everyday commuting
- ▶ Produces more power and torque



# Knee Joint Damage



- ▶ Dead spots cause internal forces on knee joints which can lead to:
  - ▶ Permanent knee joint damage
  - ▶ Inflammation and joint pain
- ▶ The knee is where the most damage is caused in cycling.

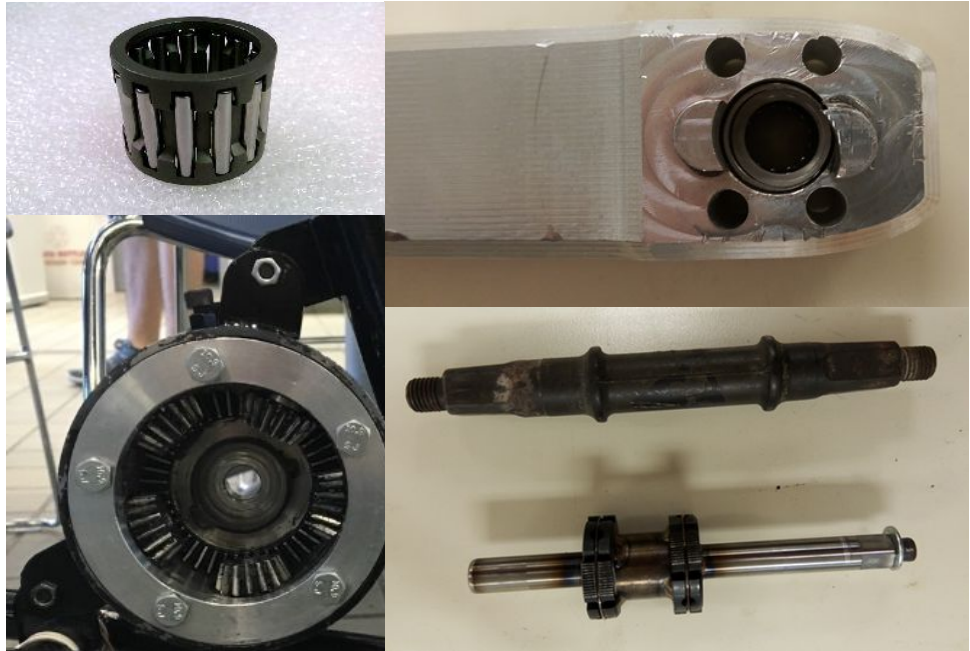


# Team 8 Annual Goals

- ▶ Reverse engineer prototype from last year
- ▶ Test prototype for comparison data
  - ▶ Various crank arm lengths
  - ▶ Torque, Power, Cadence, Speed
  - ▶ Compare values with traditional bicycle
- ▶ Redesign components
- ▶ Focus on ergonomics
  - ▶ Handlebars
  - ▶ Seating

# Failure Analysis

- ▶ Crank arms
  - ▶ Keys sheared
  - ▶ Bolts sheared
- ▶ Shaft misaligned
  - ▶ Needle bearing broke
  - ▶ Ratchet and pawl wear
- ▶ RLT brackets flexed under load
- ▶ Output shaft sheared



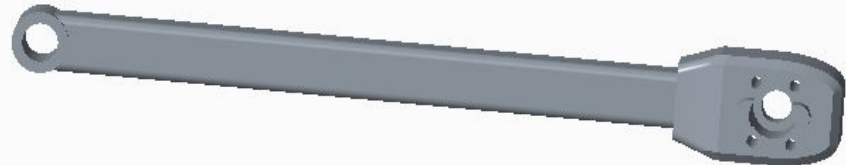
# Crank Arm Designs

11 in.



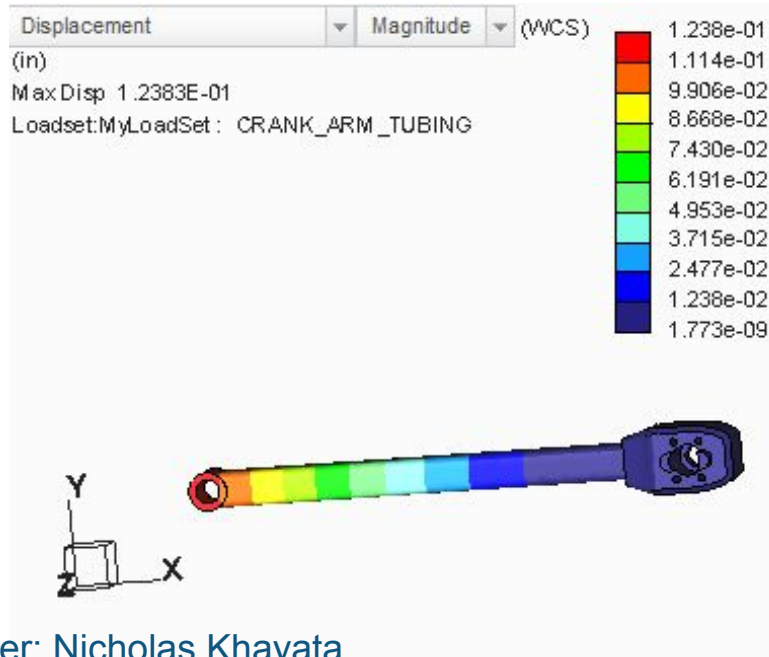
Crank Arm Design Revision 1

11 in.



Crank Arm Design Revision 2

# Crank Arm Analysis



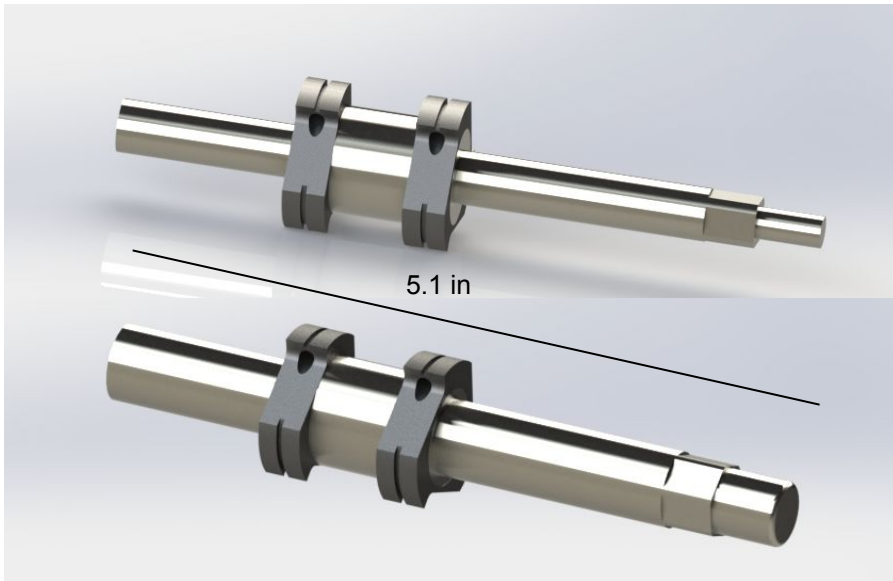
- ▶ Materials: 1018 and 4130 Steel
- ▶ Load: 250 lbf at the pedal location
- ▶ Deflection: 0.1238 in or 3.1 mm
- ▶ Weight: roughly 1.25 lbs

# Finished Crank Arms

11 in.

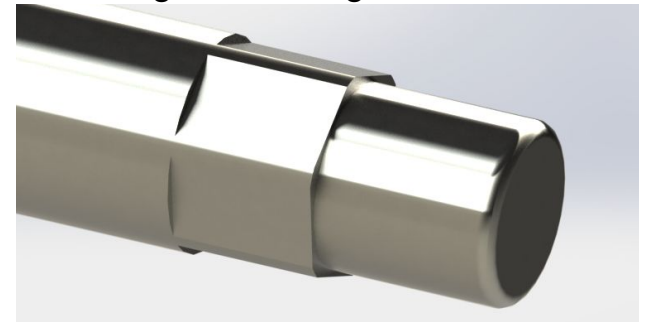


# New Output Shaft



Old output shaft (above) vs new output shaft (below)

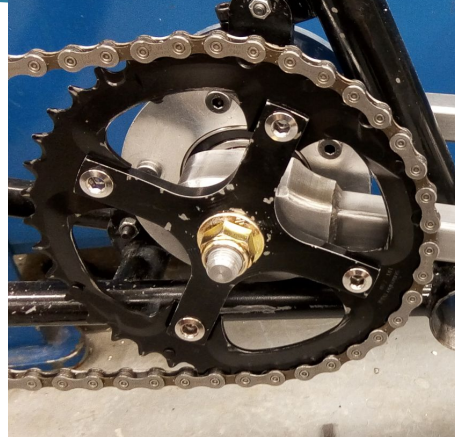
- ▶ Significant Changes:
  - ▶ Shaft is 40% larger in diameter
  - ▶ Shaft to chainring adapter mating point is 50% larger.
  - ▶ Material: 4340 300M alloy steel
  - ▶ Hexagonal mating surface

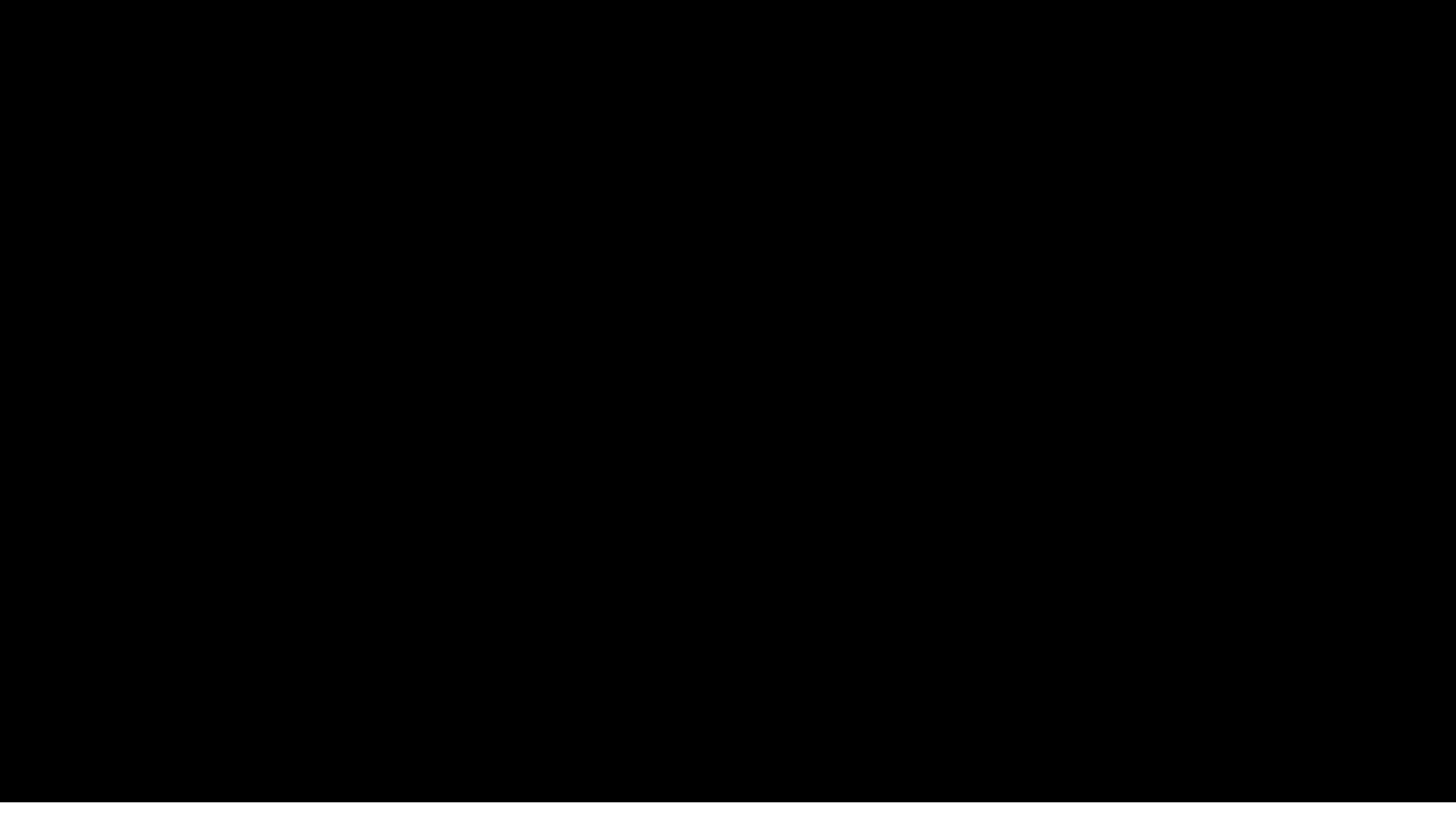


Hexagonal section



# Finished Output Shaft







# Test Data

## Preliminary Data

	RLT	Traditional Bike
Average Power	22 W	33 W
Average Speed	6.0 mph	6.0 mph
Average Cadence	18 rpm	32 rpm



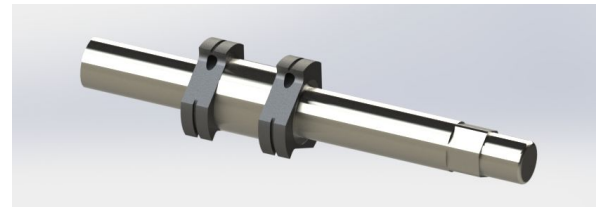
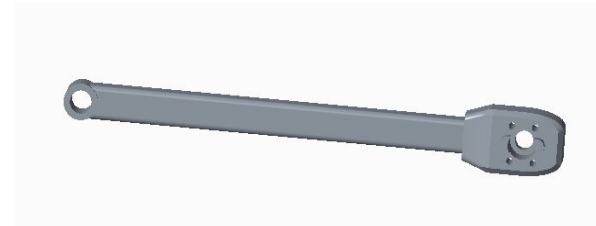
-Further testing and comparison will be done next week

# Updated Budget (Spring)

#	Part	Vendor	Cost	Quantity	Subtotal
1	½ in. Hexagon Broach	McMaster.com	\$241.89	1	\$241.89
2	M12-1.75 Class 10 flange locknut	McMaster.com	\$10.65	1	\$10.65
3	⅞ in. diameter 3 ft. 8620 alloy steel rod	McMaster.com	\$22.68	1	\$22.68
4	14mm ID 18mm OD Oil-embedded sleeve bushings	McMaster.com	\$1.75	4	\$7.00
5	14mm ID 16mm OD Dry-running sleeve bearing with steel shell	McMaster.com	\$4.23	2	\$8.46
6	New OEM Components (handlebars, kickstand, seat, lights)	University Cycles	-	6	\$179.94
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650.56</b>
				<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>\$714.72</b>

# Updated Final Progress

- ▶ Design and implement new crank arms
  - ▶ Steel design
  - ▶ Proper hole and key alignment
- ▶ Design and implement the new output shaft
  - ▶ Machined larger 16mm holes
  - ▶ Press fit oil-embedded bushings with 14mm ID
  - ▶ Used hexagon broach in order to maximize mating surface
  - ▶ Installed larger output shaft





# Updated Final Progress

- ▶ Optimize ergonomics
  - ▶ New cruiser/urban style handlebars
  - ▶ Adjustable handlebar stem
  - ▶ New larger cruiser/urban style seat
- ▶ Accessorize
  - ▶ Legal lights
  - ▶ Kickstand
  - ▶ Horn



# Future Suggestions

- ▶ Future Suggestions
  - ▶ Custom ratchet pawl design
  - ▶ Sprag clutch
  - ▶ Possible storage/cargo equipment
  - ▶ Increase gear ratio to improve performance



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# Questions?