



Team #2: Solar Car

Detailed Design Review and Test Plan

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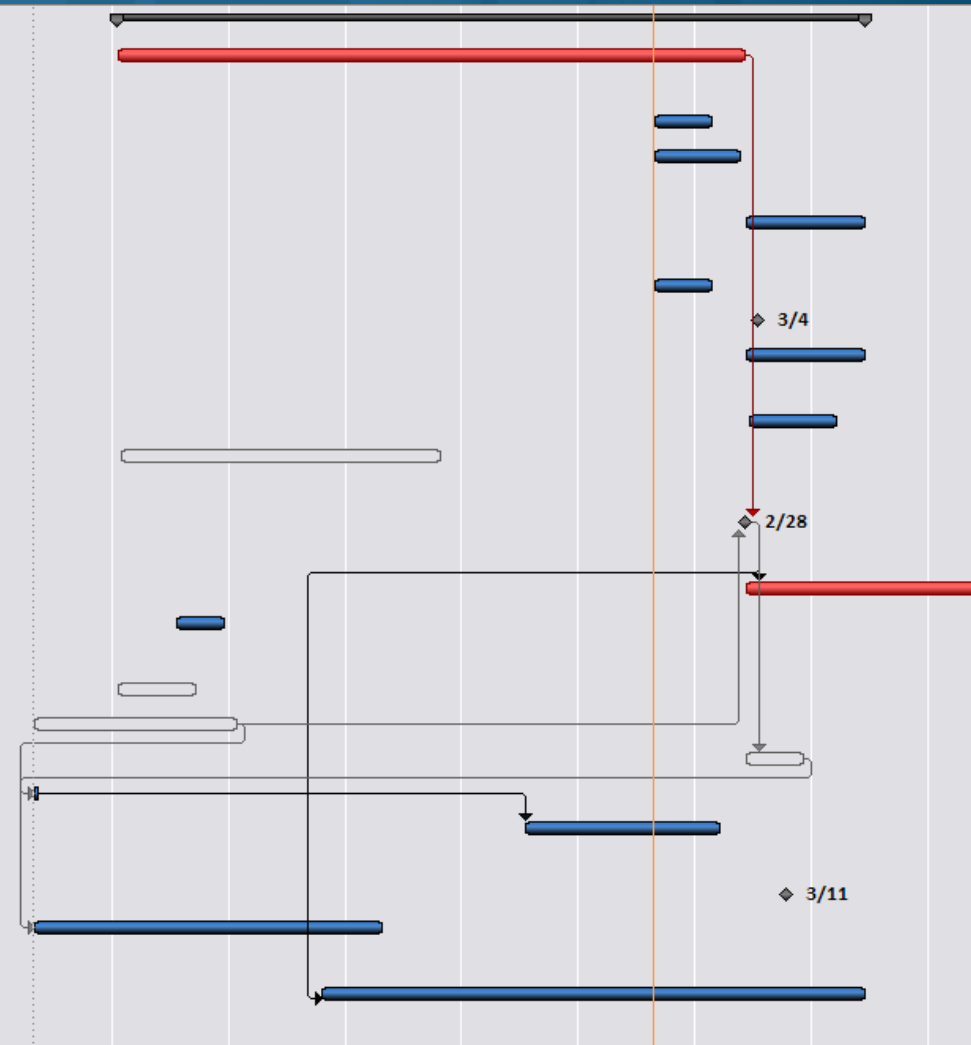
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Schedule

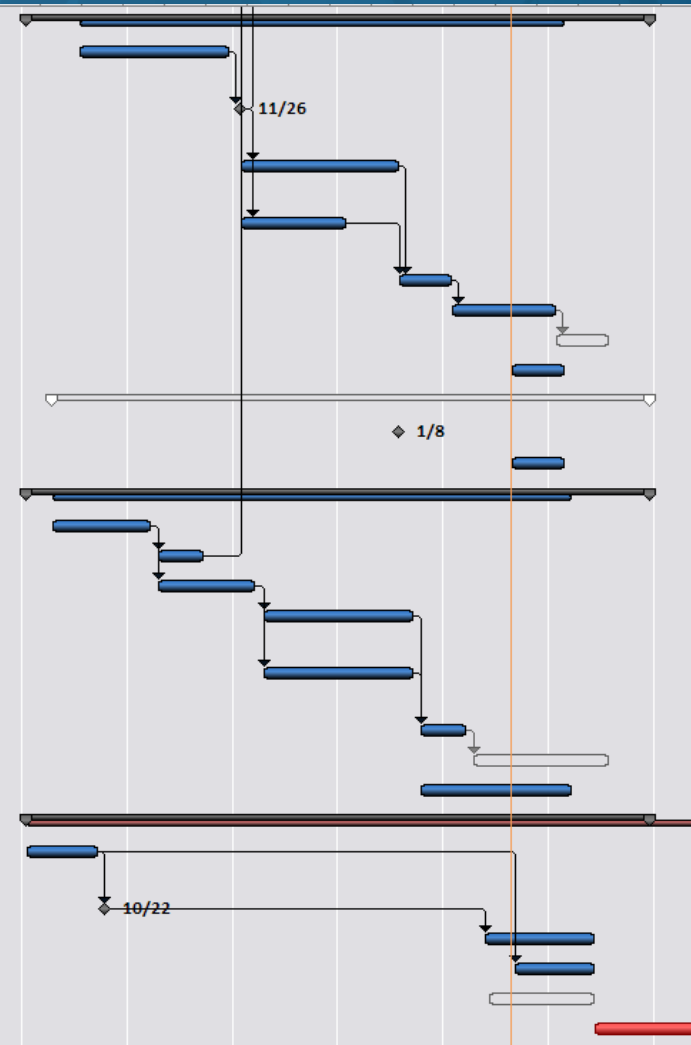
[-]	Chassis	130 days	Mon 10/1/12	Fri 3/29/13
[+]	Development/Modeling Pro-Engineer	21.8 wks	Mon 10/1/12	Thu 2/28/13
[+]	Chassis Material Decision	10 days	Thu 2/7/13	Wed 2/20/13
[+]	Stress and aerodynamics testing	3 wks	Thu 2/7/13	Wed 2/27/13
[+]	Start of Chassis Manufacturing	21 days	Fri 3/1/13	Fri 3/29/13
[+]	Steering Simulation	2 wks	Thu 2/7/13	Wed 2/20/13
[+]	Steering Wheel Selection	0 days	Mon 3/4/13	Mon 3/4/13
[+]	Steering Ordering and Manufacturing	21 days	Fri 3/1/13	Fri 3/29/13
[+]	Research on Brakes	16 days	Sat 3/2/13	Fri 3/22/13
[+]	Suspension-Research/Design	11 wks	Tue 10/2/12	Mon 12/17/12
[+]	Final Prototype Design Chosen	0 days	Thu 2/28/13	Thu 2/28/13
[+]	HPMI Design Development	8 wks	Fri 3/1/13	Thu 4/25/13
[+]	Discuss w/ HPMI - Roll Bar Design	2 wks	Mon 10/15/12	Fri 10/26/12
[+]	Research on Shield/Cockpit	3 wks	Mon 10/1/12	Fri 10/19/12
[+]	Hatch Design	7 wks	Tue 9/11/12	Mon 10/29/12
[+]	Cockpit Design	2 wks	Fri 3/1/13	Thu 3/14/13
[+]	Roll Bar Design	1 day?	Tue 9/11/12	Tue 9/11/12
[+]	Roll Bar Simulation in PROe	35 days	Mon 1/7/13	Fri 2/22/13
[+]	Integration of Roll Bar	0 days	Mon 3/11/13	Mon 3/11/13
[+]	Car Chassis Open/Close/Locking	12 wks	Tue 9/11/12	Mon 12/3/12
[+]	PRO-Engineer w/ Fully Articulated Model	19 wks	Mon 11/19/12	<u>Fri 3/29/13</u>





Schedule

	Solar Panels	120 days	Mon 10/1/12	Fri 3/15/13
	Research into Manufacturing at COE	6 wks	Mon 10/15/12	Fri 11/23/12
	Manufacturing or Purchasing?	1 day	Mon 11/26/12	Mon 11/26/12
	Time needed to purchase or manufacture	6 wks	Tue 11/27/12	Mon 1/7/13
	Protection Design/Purchasing	4 wks	Tue 11/27/12	Mon 12/24/12
	Verification of Design	2 wks	Tue 1/8/13	Mon 1/21/13
	Build Array w/ Protection	4 wks	Tue 1/22/13	Mon 2/18/13
	Energy System Integration	2 wks	Tue 2/19/13	Mon 3/4/13
	Solar Panel Testing	2 wks	Thu 2/7/13	Wed 2/20/13
	HF Transformer	115 days	Mon 10/8/12	Fri 3/15/13
	Converter Selection	0 days	Tue 1/8/13	Tue 1/8/13
	Converter Testing	2 wks	Thu 2/7/13	Wed 2/20/13
	Battery System	120 days	Mon 10/1/12	Fri 3/15/13
	Company interactions	4 wks	Mon 10/8/12	Fri 11/2/12
	Model Development	2 wks	Mon 11/5/12	Fri 11/16/12
	Ordering and Shipping	4 wks	Mon 11/5/12	Fri 11/30/12
	BMS Testing with DC load bank	6 wks	Mon 12/3/12	Fri 1/11/13
	Battery Testing with DC load bank	6 wks	Mon 12/3/12	Fri 1/11/13
	Verification of Devices	2 wks	Mon 1/14/13	Fri 1/25/13
	Integration	26 days	Mon 1/28/13	Mon 3/4/13
	Battery Testing	30 days	Mon 1/14/13	Fri 2/22/13
	Motor	120 days	Mon 10/1/12	Fri 3/15/13
	Discussion with Different Companies	3 wks	Mon 10/1/12	Fri 10/19/12
	Motor Determination	0 days	Mon 10/22/12	Mon 10/22/12
	Purchasing and Shipping	4.2 wks	Thu 1/31/13	Thu 2/28/13
	Simulation Model of Motor	3 wks	Fri 2/8/13	Thu 2/28/13
	Integration	20 days	Fri 2/1/13	Thu 2/28/13
	Integration Testing	21 days	Fri 3/1/13	<u>Fri 3/29/13</u>





Budget

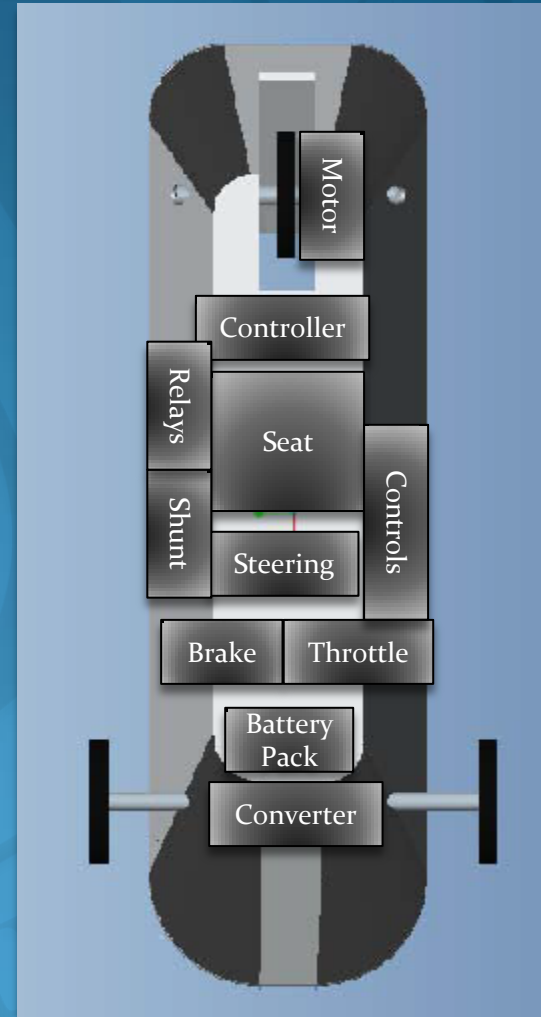
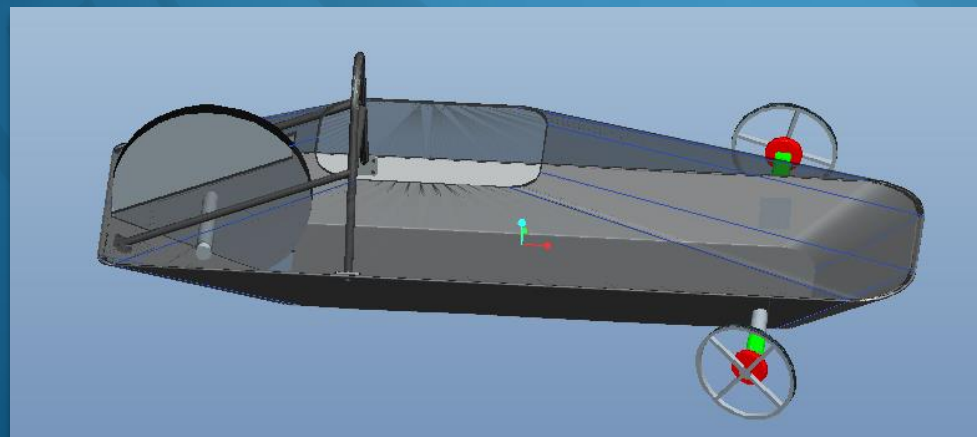
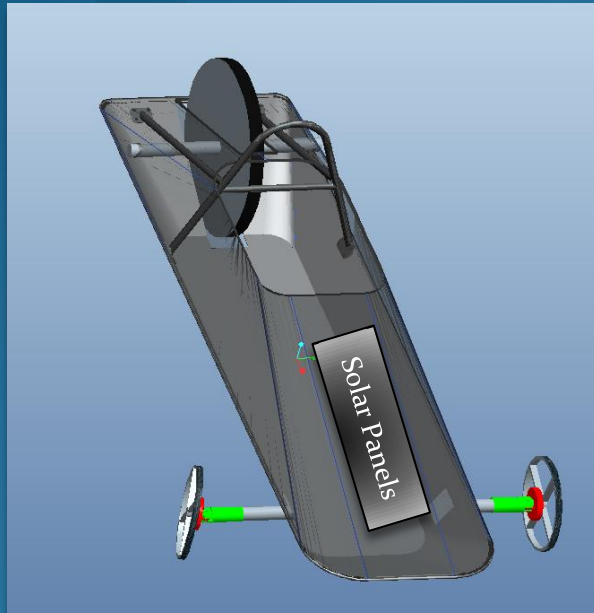
Part	Cost
Chassis Material and Manufacturing	\$3000.00
Steering Materials	\$400.00
Roll Bar Materials and Manufacturing	\$500.00
Latching/Locking Mechanism	\$50.00
Solar Cell Array	\$0
Converter/MPPT	\$0
Battery System	\$480.00
Hub Motor plus Shipping	\$265.00
BLDC Controller	\$119.00

Part	Cost
Throttle/Brake Pedals	\$138.00
State of Charge Meter	\$19.00
Amperemeter	\$29.00
Main Contactor	\$29.00
Total	\$5133.00

Total Funds Allotted: \$6,000



Overall Design





Motor





Motor Testing

Determination of all wires and connections

- No datasheet was given
- No packing slip either

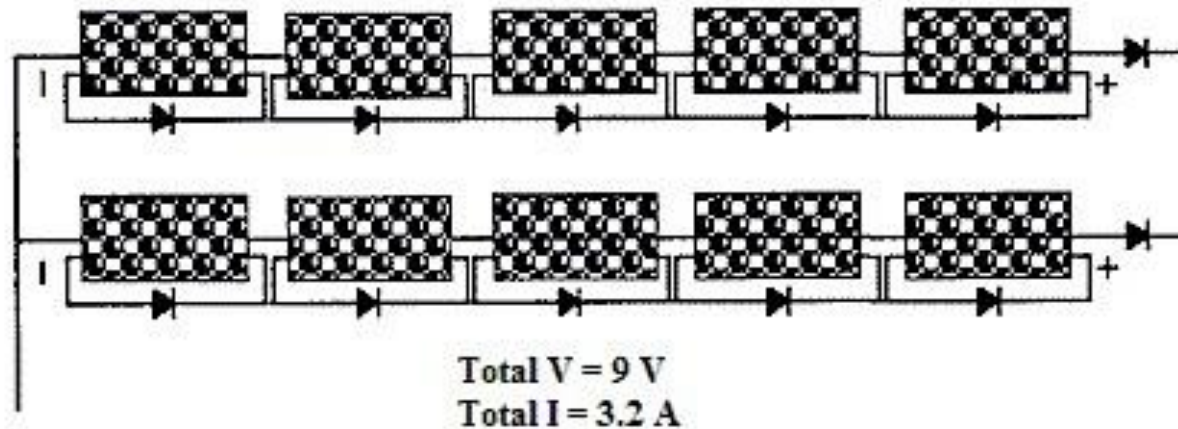
For the simulation

- Develop proper test of physical motor for necessary input parameters for the motor



Solar Array Final Characteristics

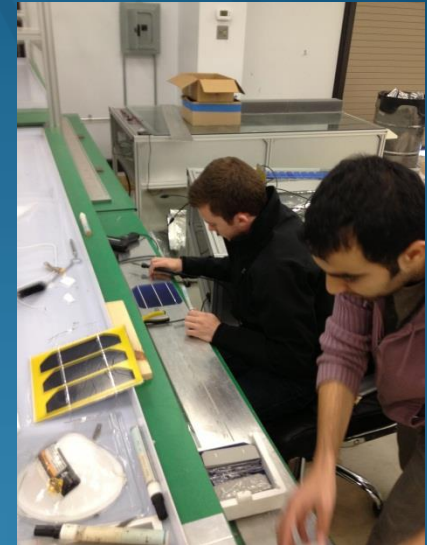
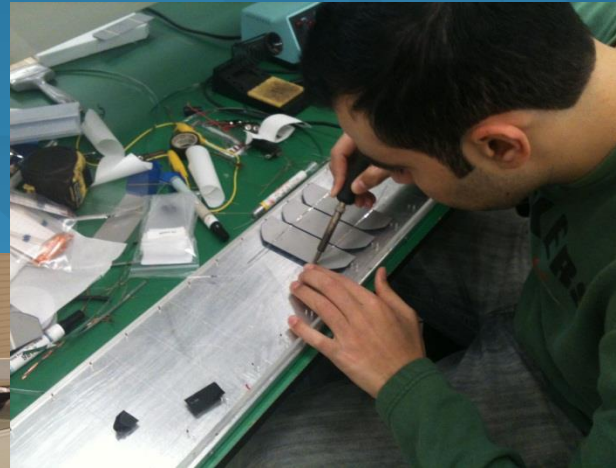
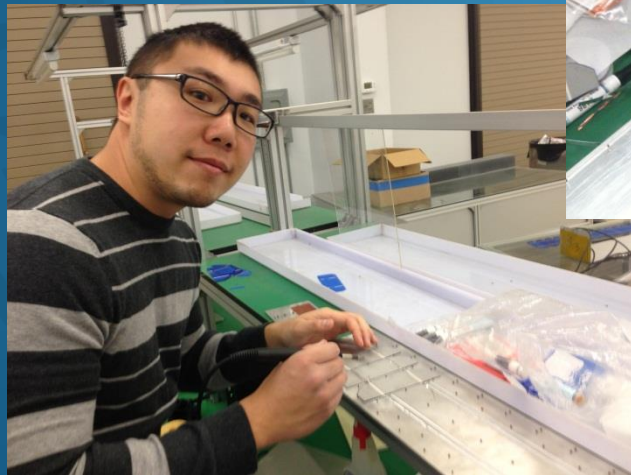
Parameters	Rated Operation	Array Size: 0.156 m ²
Voltage (oc): 9V	Voltage: 8.2 V	Allowed Size: 0.17 m ²
Current (sc): 3.2 A	Current: 3 A	Available Size: 0.5 m ²





Cells Manufacturing & Encapsulation

Single Cell Soldering
3 Cells Module Soldered Together

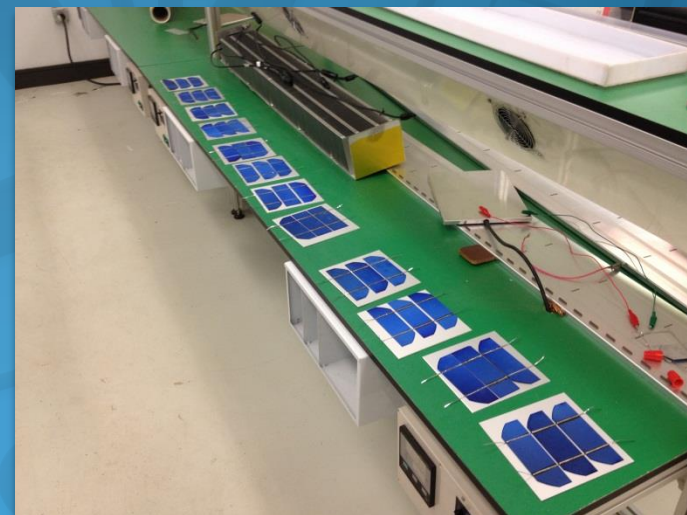
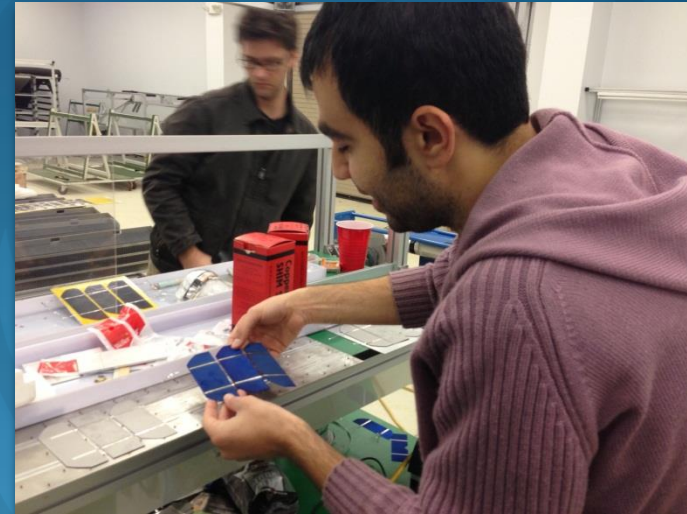




Final Product

Total number of single Cells 51

Total number of Modules 17





Encapsulation Process

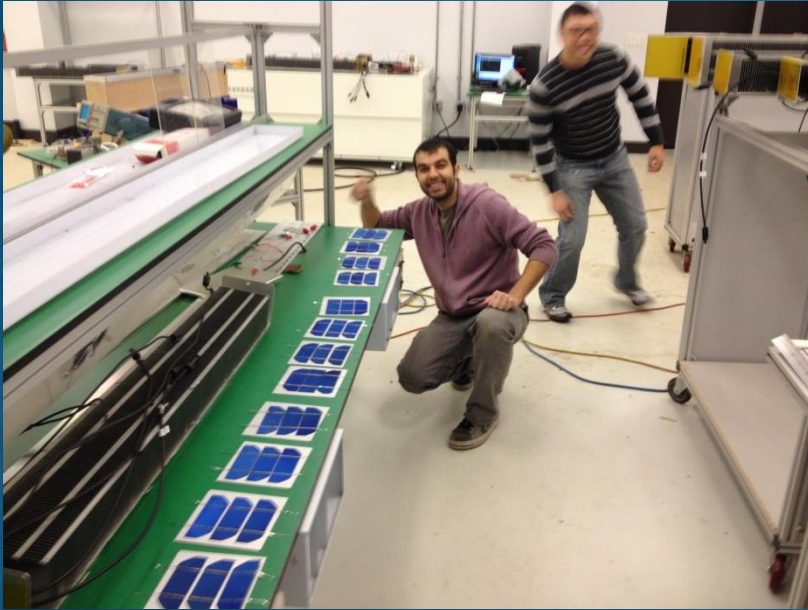
4 Layers Protection
Layers:

1. Aluminum Plate
2. EVA
3. Solar Cells
4. EVA
5. Clear Plastic Sheet





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Completed Test Plans

Solar Module Test (*passed*)

Check solar modules for V_{oc} and I_{sc} to land within:
1.6 -1.8 V and 18-22 A respectively.

All Results matched expected

Solar Modules Physical Strength (*passed*)

- 1) Dropping the module from 5 feet high.
- 2) Driving over the module with a car.
- 3) Rubber hammer on the top of the solar module.

Passed 3 tests and no voltage or current Drop occurred





In Progress Test Plans

Protection Circuit Continuity Test

- Assure there are connections between the different nodes.

Protection Circuit Test on Single Solar Panel Set

- Test Current and Voltage with shading one of the solar modules each time

Solar Array Test

- Array Voltage should be between 7.9 V and 8.4 V.
- Array Current should be between 3.0A and 3.4A.

Solar Cells Computer Simulation

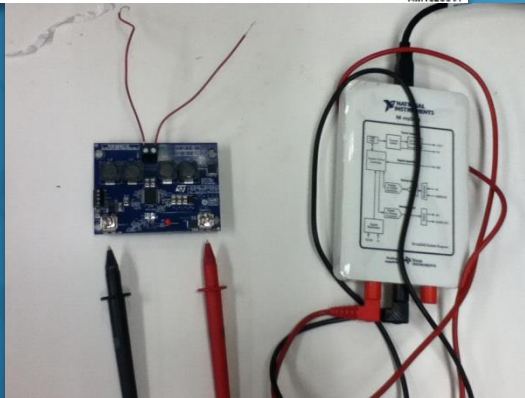
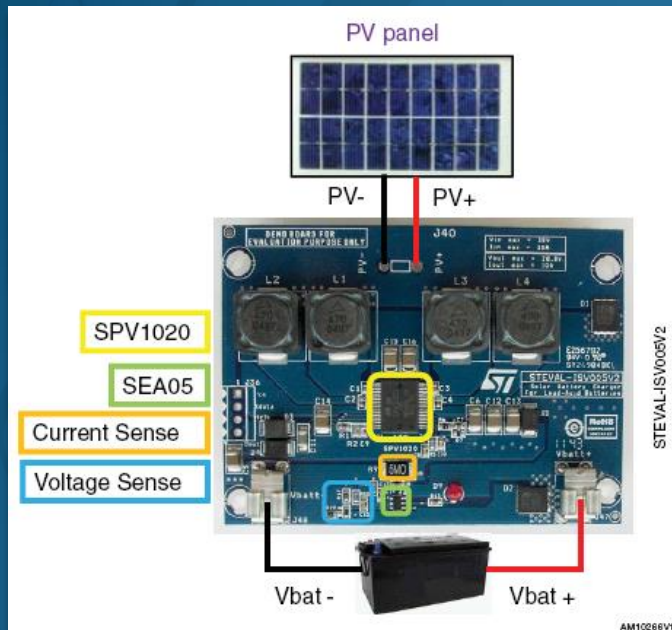
- Run manufacturing data for the solar cells from using PLECS

Solar Array - DC Electronic Load Simulation

- Connect solar cell to the BK Precision 2400W Programmable DC Electronic Load to simulate the voltage and current characteristics.



Energy Conversion



- ❑ PWM mode DC-DC boost converter
- ❑ Duty cycle controlled by MPPT algorithm with 0.2% accuracy
- ❑ Operating voltage range 6.5 - 40 V
- ❑ Overvoltage, overcurrent, overtemperature protection
- ❑ Interleaved 4-phase topology
- ❑ Built-in soft-start
- ❑ Up to 98% efficiency
- ❑ Power capability 320 W at 40 V output
- ❑ Automatic transition to burst mode for improved efficiency at low solar radiation
- ❑ SPI interface



Thierry Kayiranga

Test Plan

Test Item: Boost Converter Test

Test Date: 02/14/13

8:30AM, 10 AM, 12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6:30PM

Test Description: This test will be done into multiples stages to simulate different weather conditions: Early in the morning at 9AM, midday at 12 PM, afternoon at 4PM and evening at 6PM. This test is to check that the voltage output of converter does not exceed 24V and the current is high enough to ensure that the battery is charging.

Expected Result: Output is boosted as expected at all times

Status: Pass or Failed





BK Precision 8522 Programmable DC Electronic Load

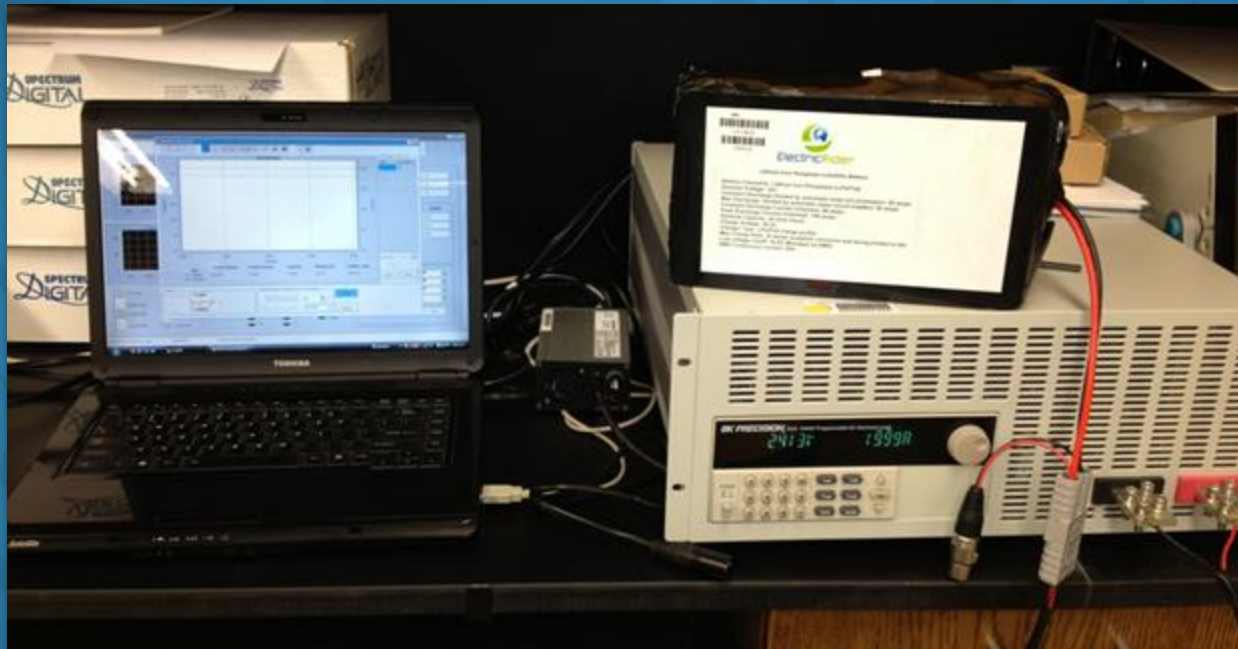


- Operates between 0-500 VDC, 1 mA-120 A, 2400 W max
- Constant current (CC), resistance (CR), voltage (CV) and power (CP) operation
- Programmable via RS232 or USB interface. RS232 to TTL serial converter cable, USB to TTL serial converter cable, and application software included
- Battery testing mode to provide Ah rating of battery
- Low minimum operating voltage of <0.1 V and minimum input resistance of $5 \text{ m}\Omega$ allowing the load sink high current at low voltages, required for fuel and solar cell applications
- Over-Current/Over-Voltage/Over-Power/Over-Temperature Protection



Battery Testing

- Battery Discharge – 1/2C, 1C, 2C
 - **Description:** Connect the fully charged battery to the electronic load and run the battery until the BMS voltage limit is tripped and ends the test. Record the time elapsed and the voltage cutoff.
 - **Expected Results:** 1/2C – 2hr, 1C – 1hr, 2C – 30min. Voltage cutoff at BMS limit of 16.8 V.





Battery Testing

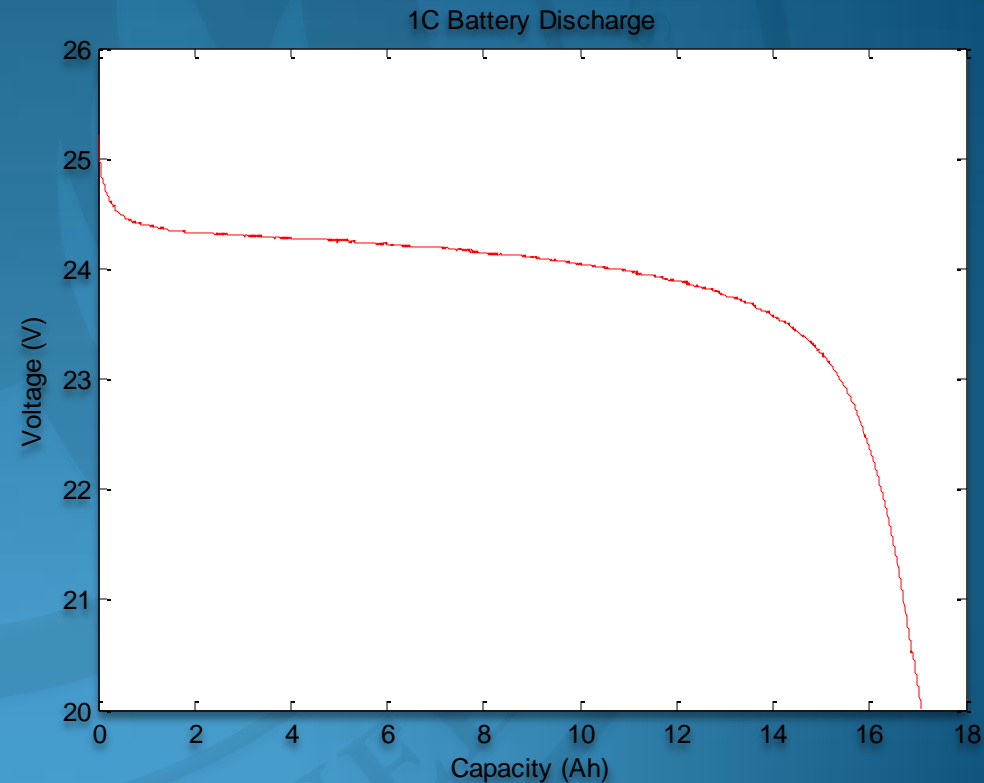
- 1C Battery Discharge: Attempt #1

- Results

- Elapsed Time = 51:20
- Capacity = 17.07 Ah

- Errors

- Battery not fully charged
- Voltage limit set to 20V





Battery Testing

- Battery Charging Capabilities
 - Description: Connect the charger to the battery and time how long it takes until the charger LED turns green indicating that the battery is fully charged.
 - Battery Charger – 29.2V, 4A
 - Expected Results: Elapsed time = 5 hours
 - Actual Results: Elapsed time = 5 hours 29 minutes



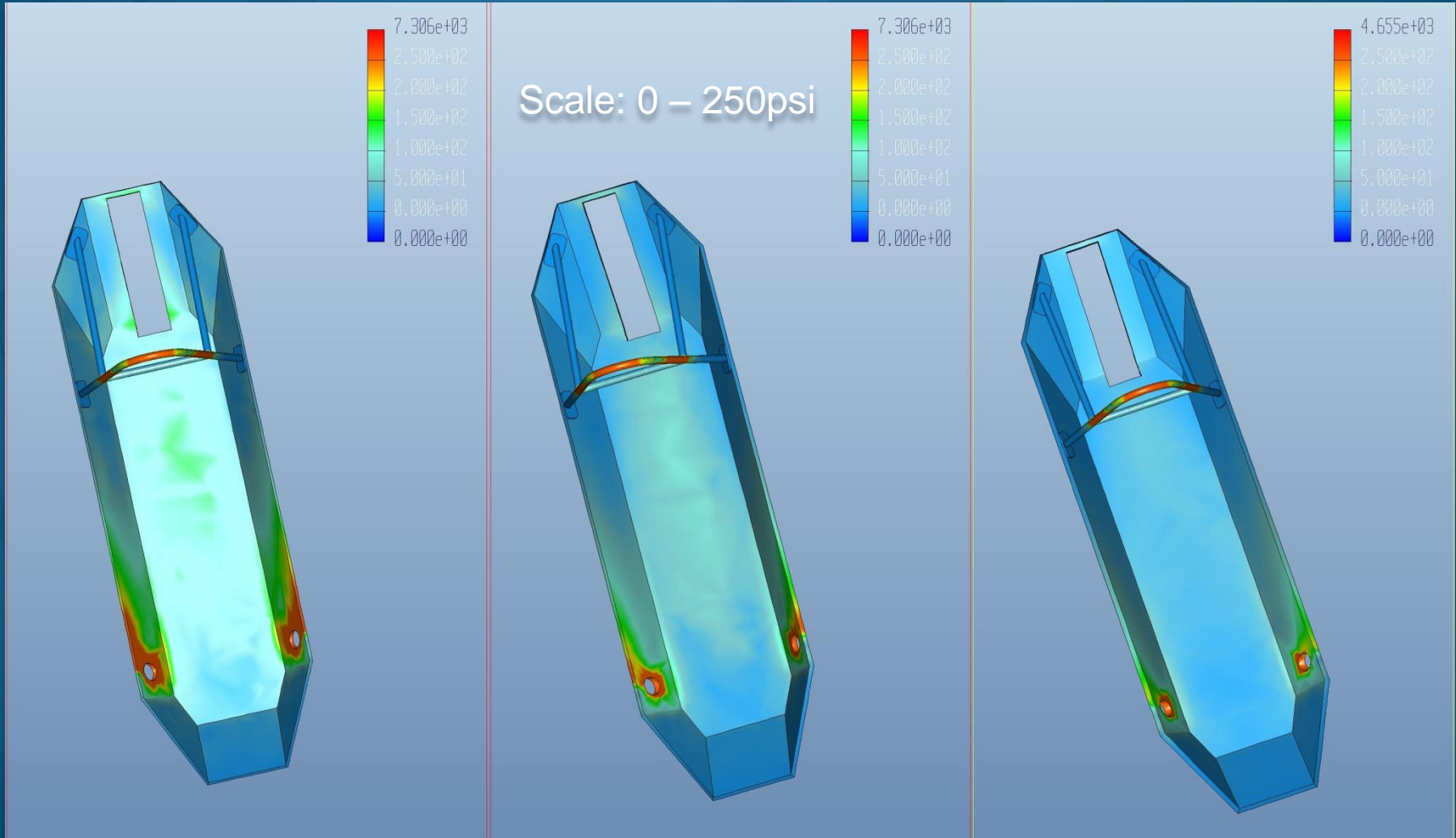
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Stress: Max Shear

0.5 Inch

0.75 Inch

1 Inch





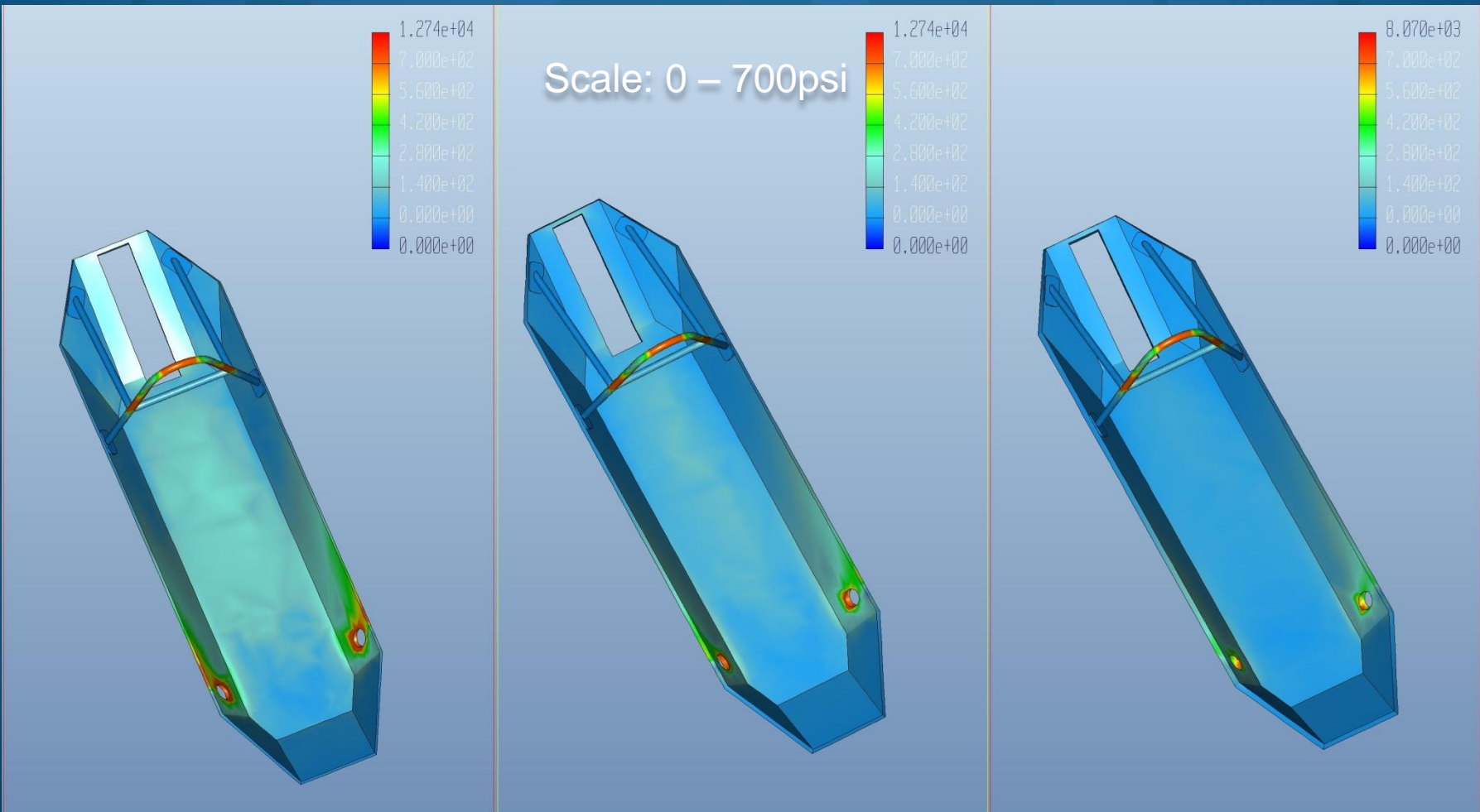
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Stress: Von Mises

0.5 Inch

0.75 Inch

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Material Decision Matrix

	Price	Strength	Manufacturing	Total
Aluminum	8	2	8	5.3
Aluminum HoneyComb	5	6	6	5.8
Aluminum HoneyComb with Carbon Fiber	2	8	3	5.05
Weighting	X0.2	X0.45	X0.35	



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Material to Purchase

FlatIron Panel Products

One 4' by 8' panel for 480 dollars with shipping

0.5" thickness

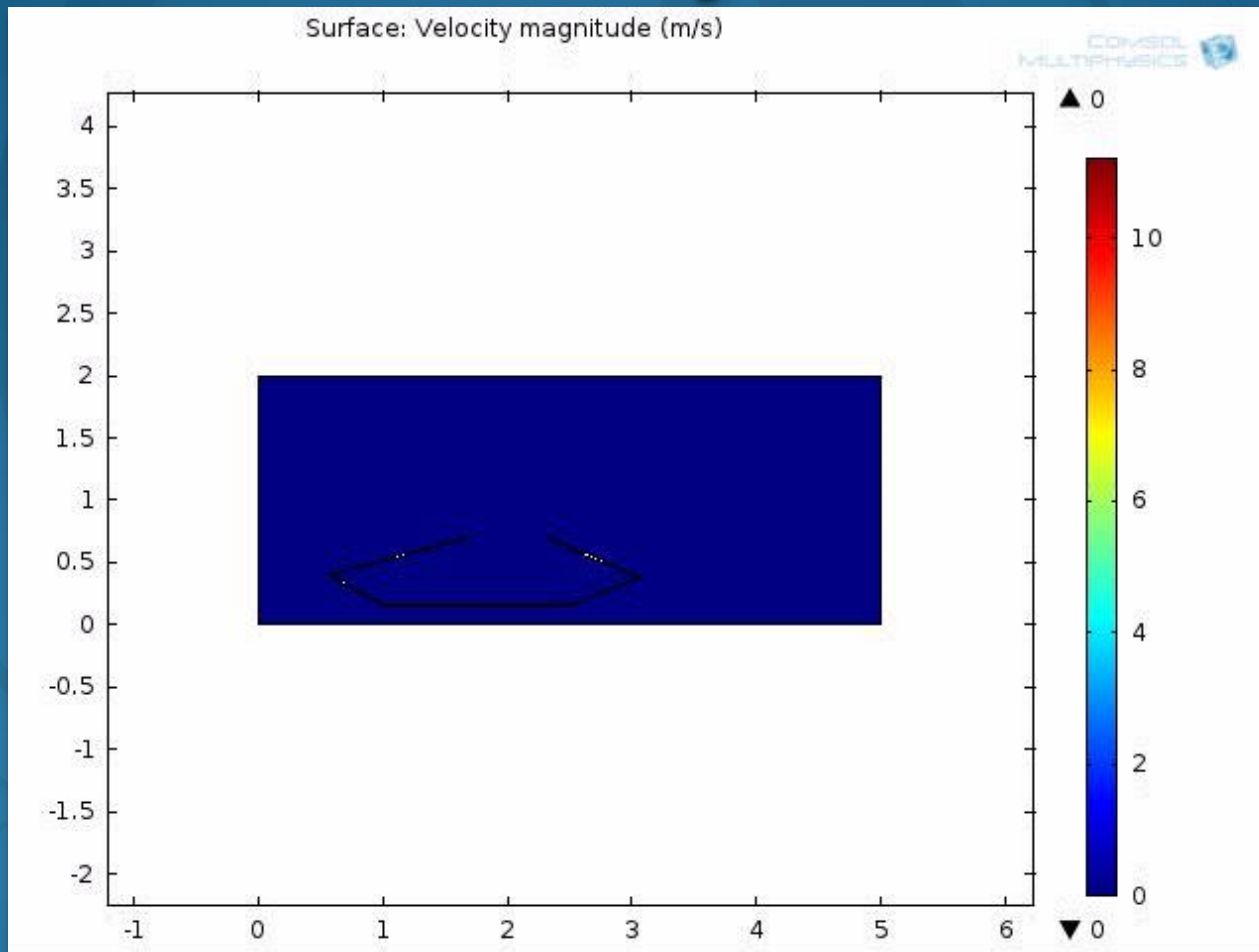
3/8" cell thickness

0.032" panel thickness



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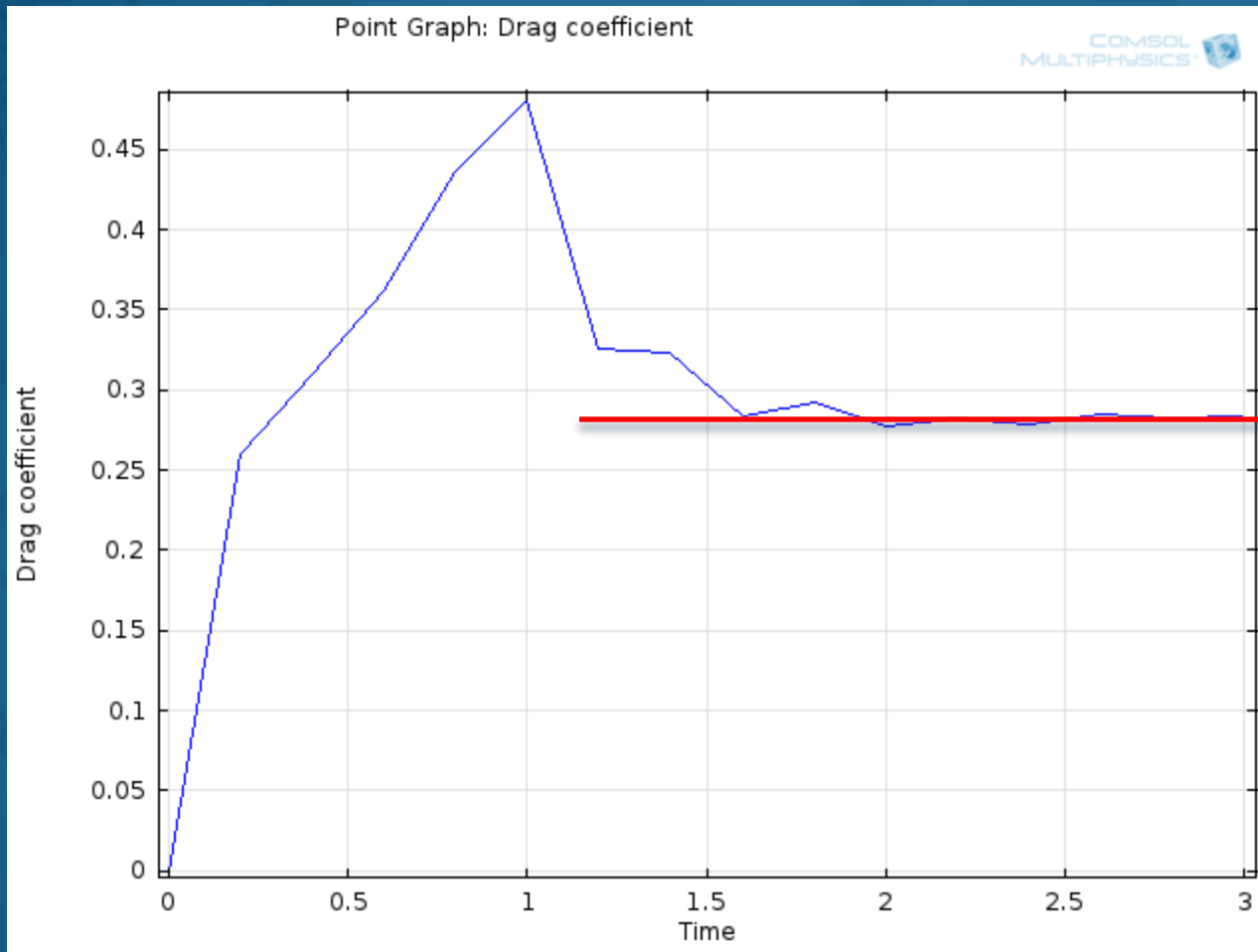
2D Aerodynamics





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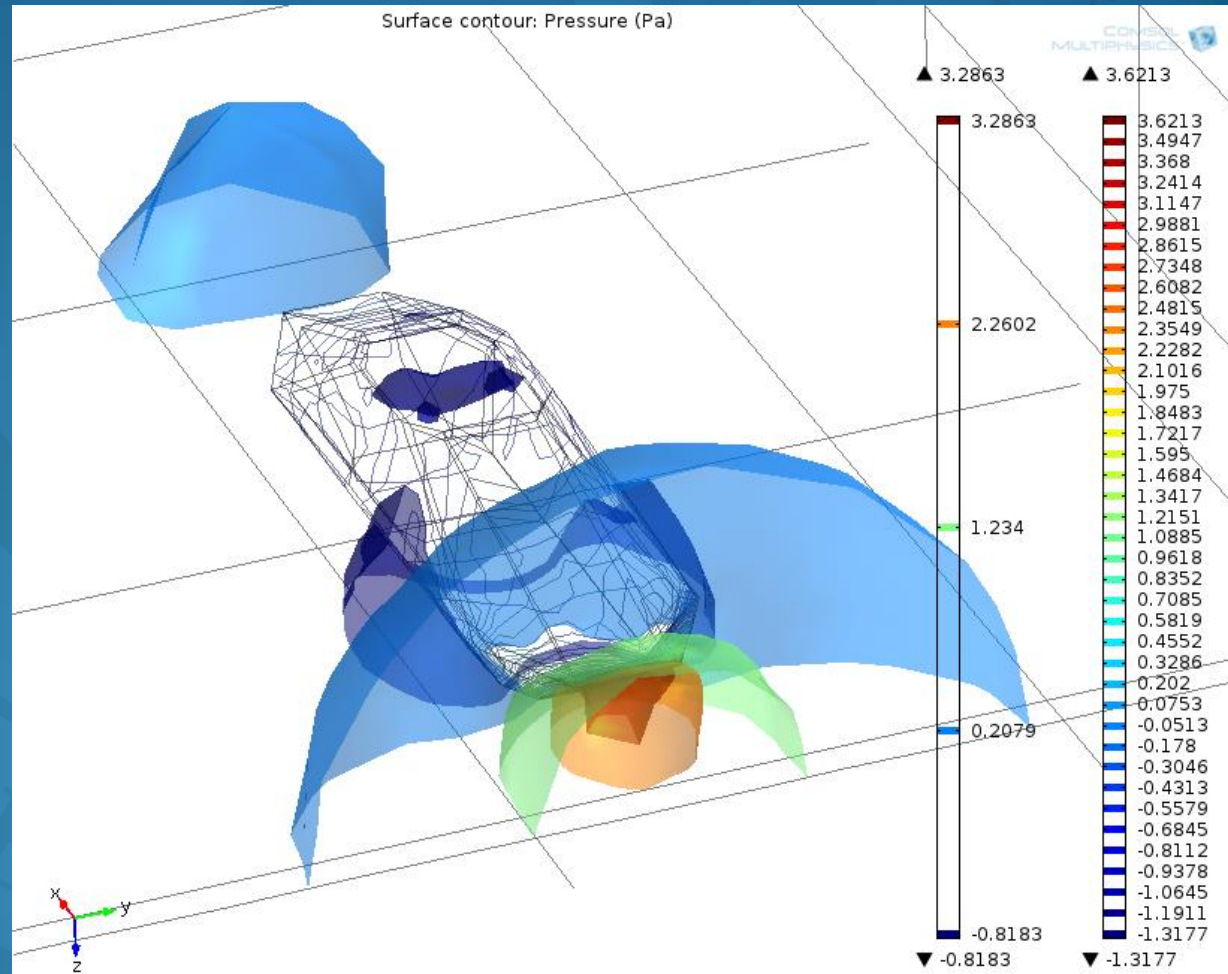
2D Aerodynamics: Drag Coefficient



$C_d = 0.27$

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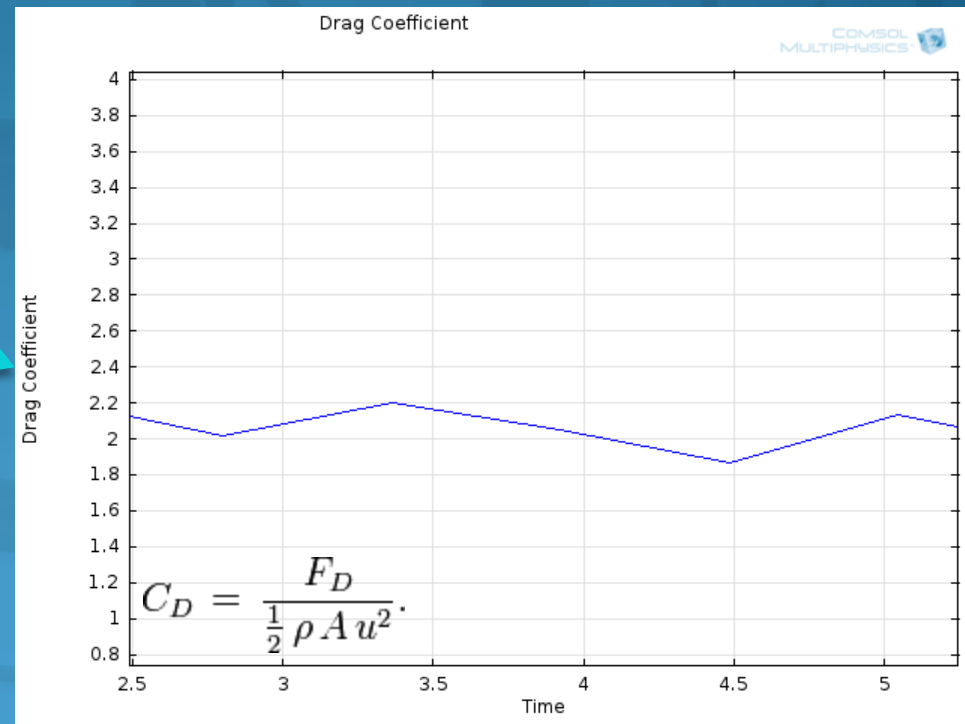
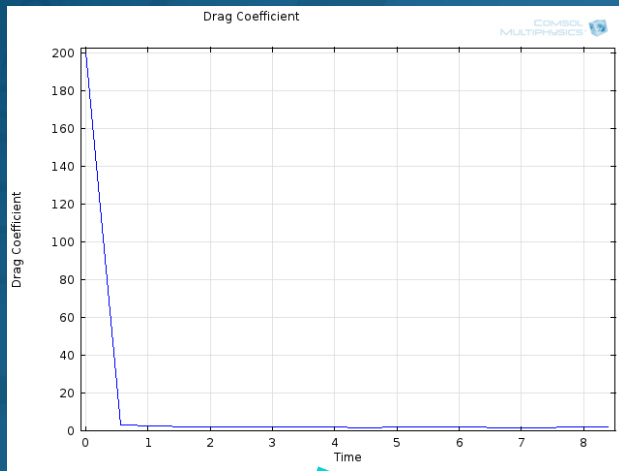
3D Aerodynamics: Something Wrong..





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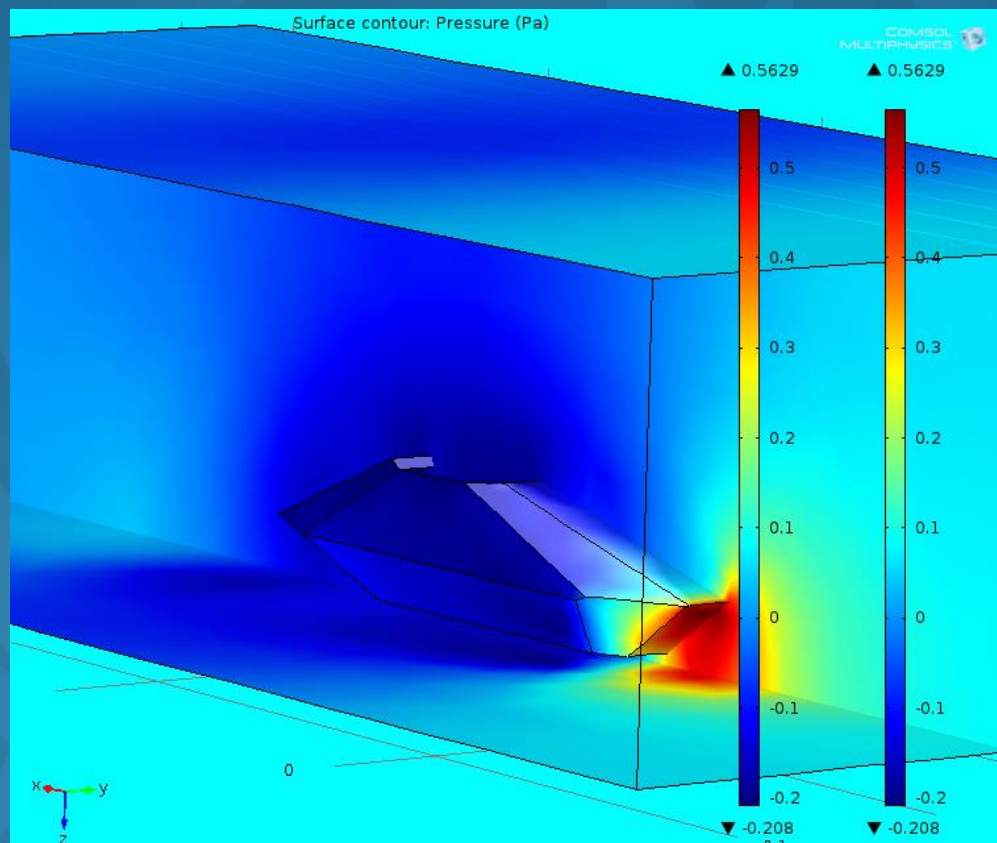
3D Aerodynamics Drag Coefficient





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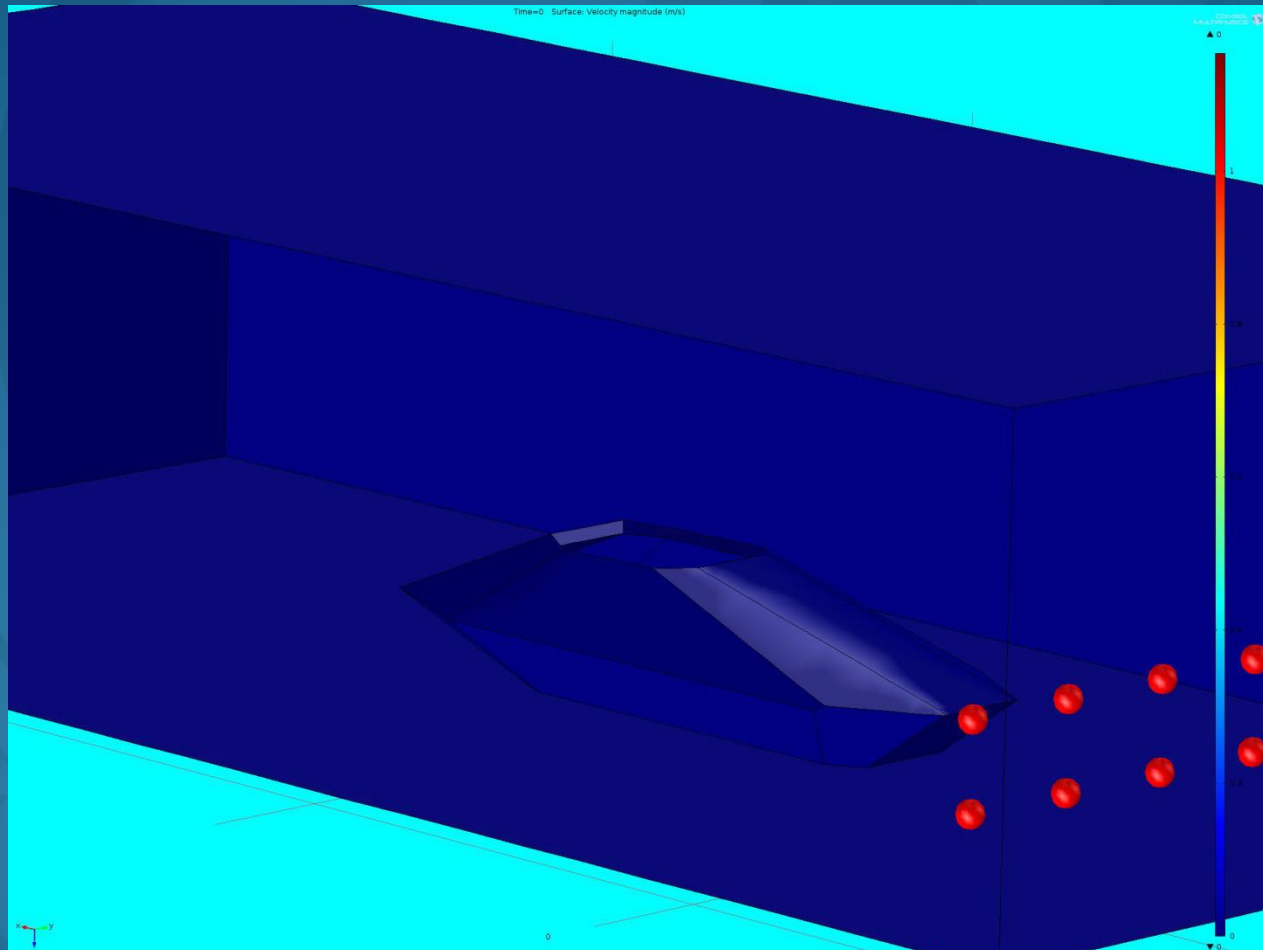
3D Aerodynamics: Pressure





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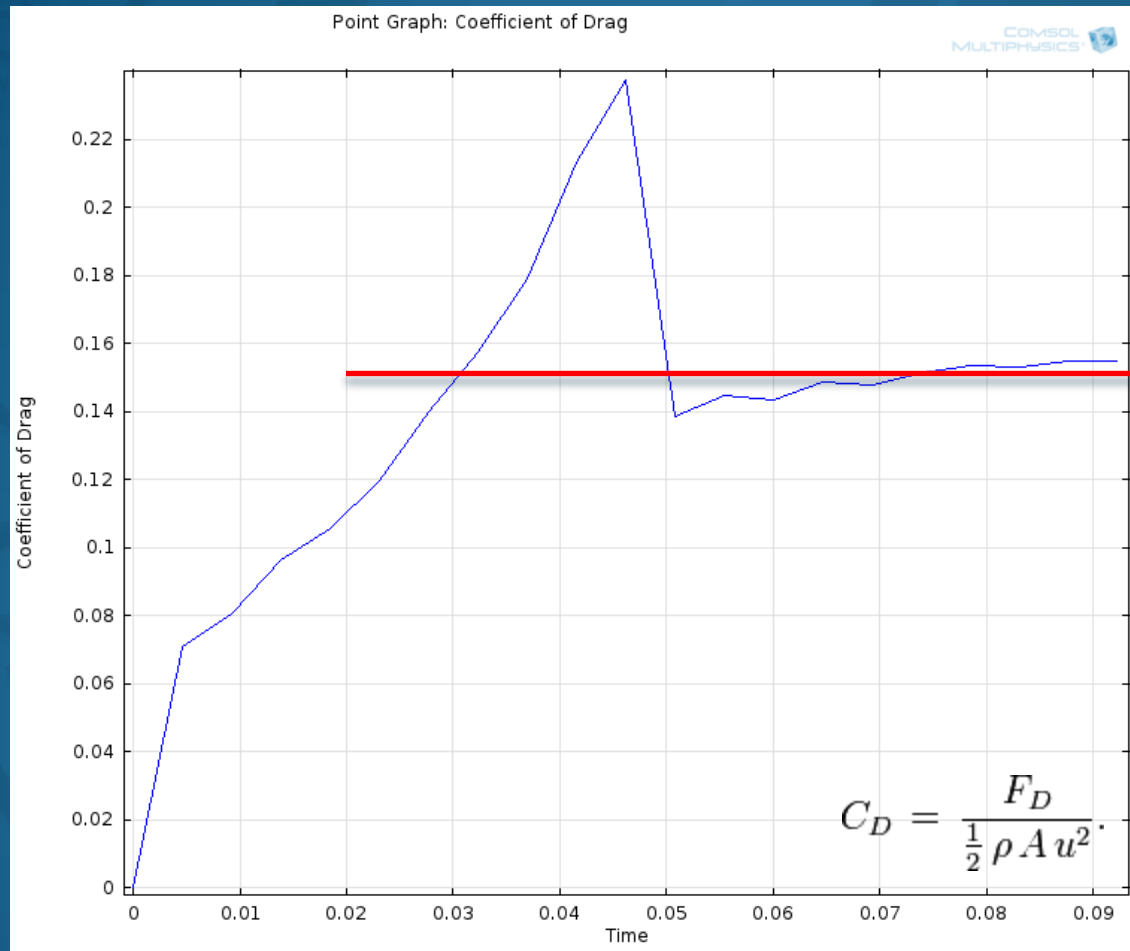
3D Aerodynamics: Velocity





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3D Aerodynamics Drag Coefficient

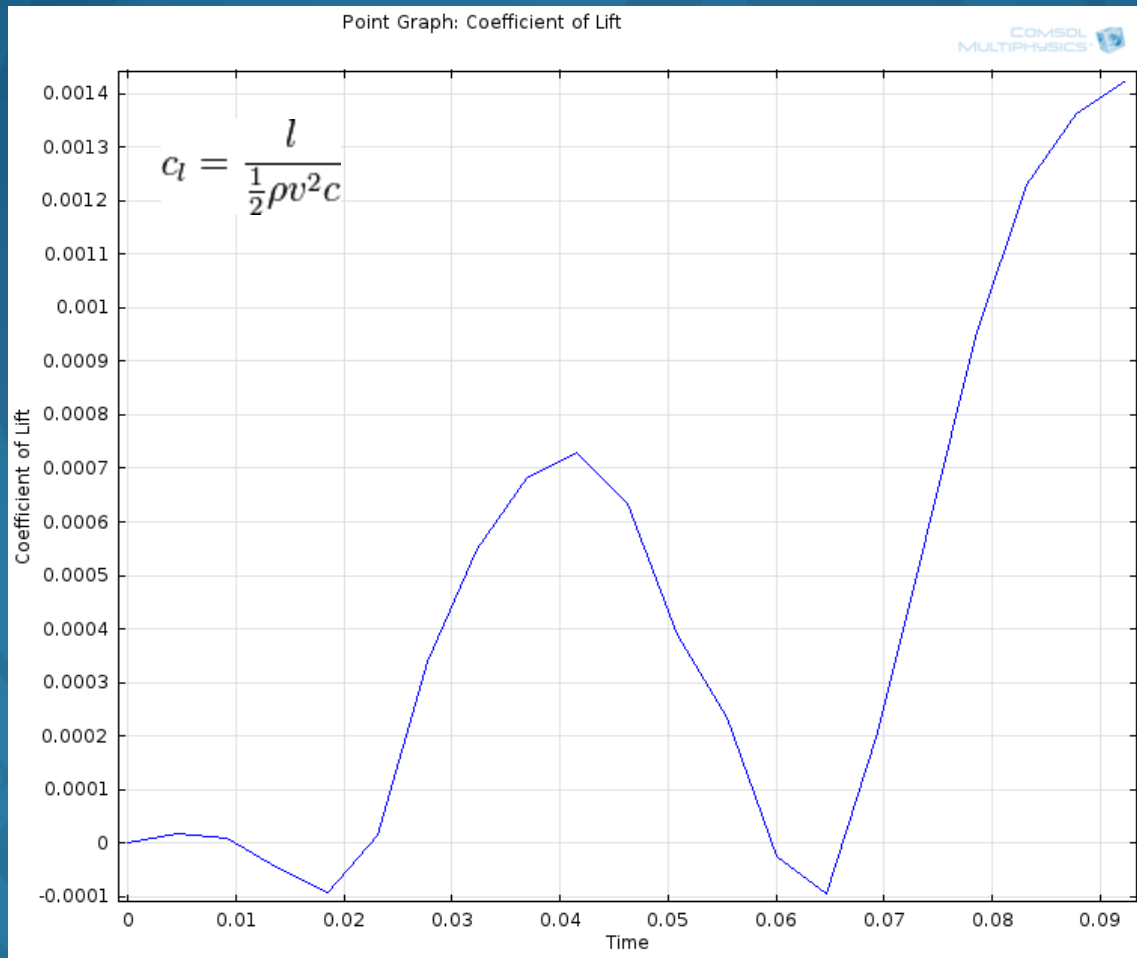


Cd = 0.155



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3D Aerodynamics Lift Coefficient

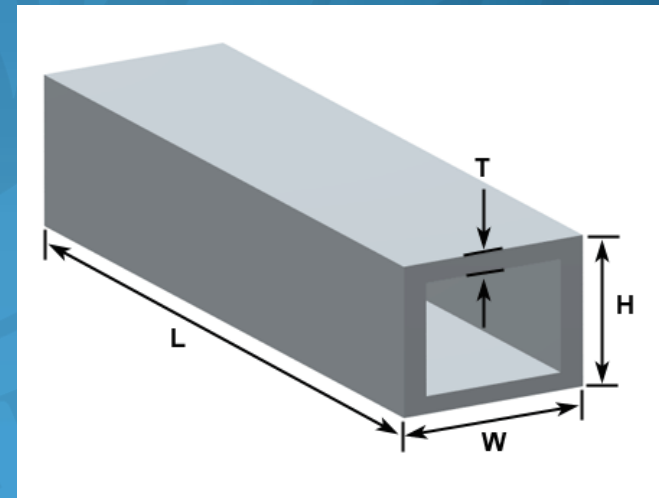




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Steering

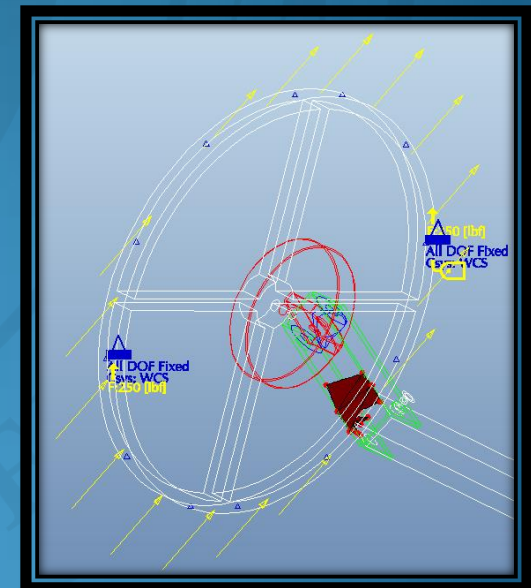
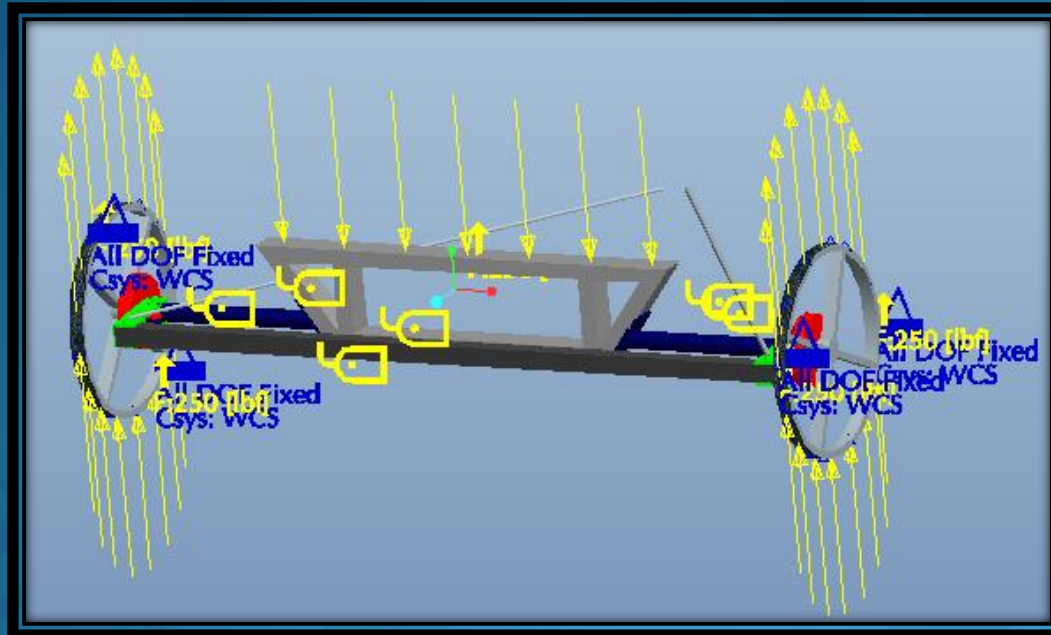
- Aluminum A6061 rectangular tubing T6 temper
- 2" x 2" with 1/8" thickness
- Yield Strength: 276 MPa(UTS: 310 MPa)
- Approx \$8 per foot, Estimated Need: 6ft
- Internal Truss Structure
- Safety Factor of 2 implemented





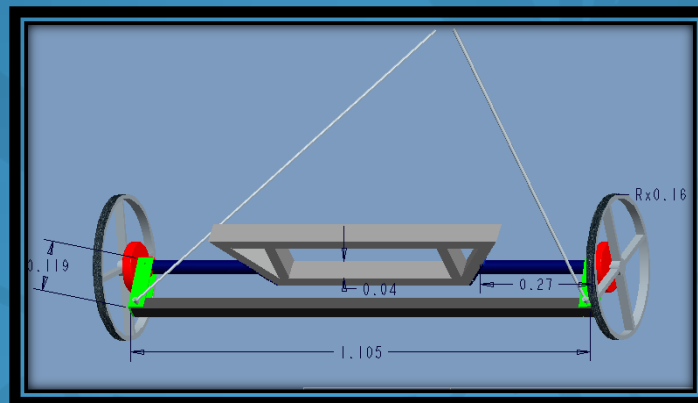
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Load Testing



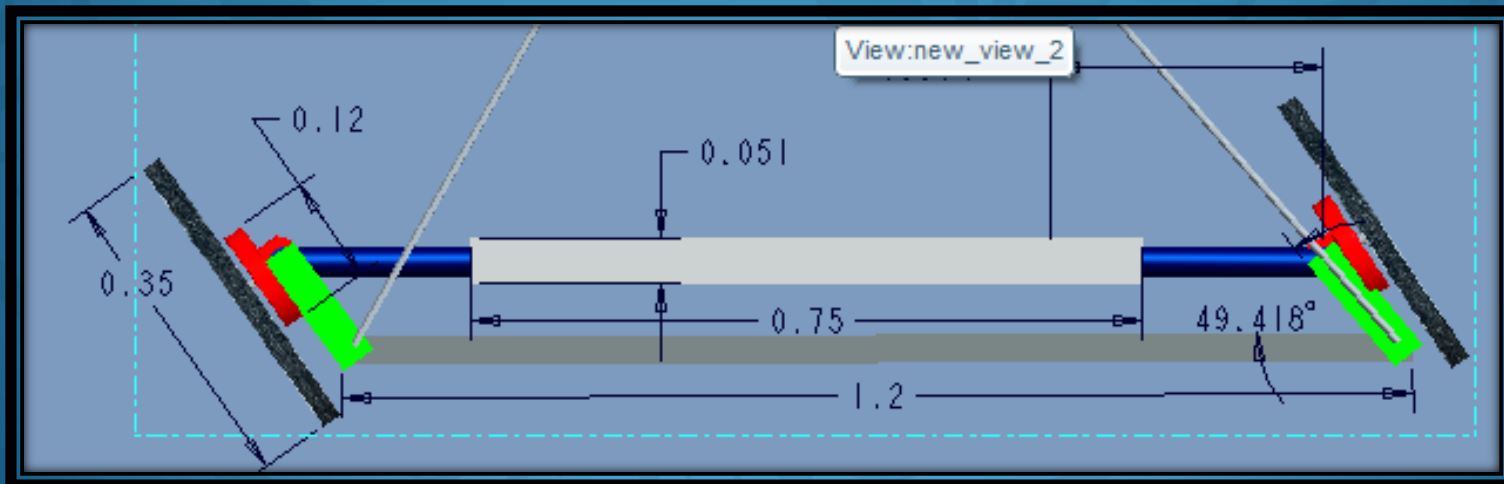
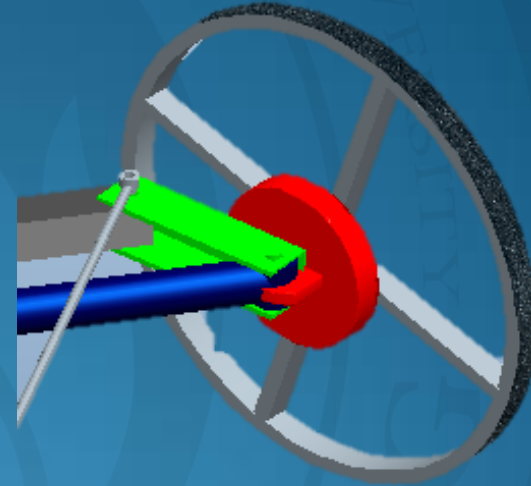
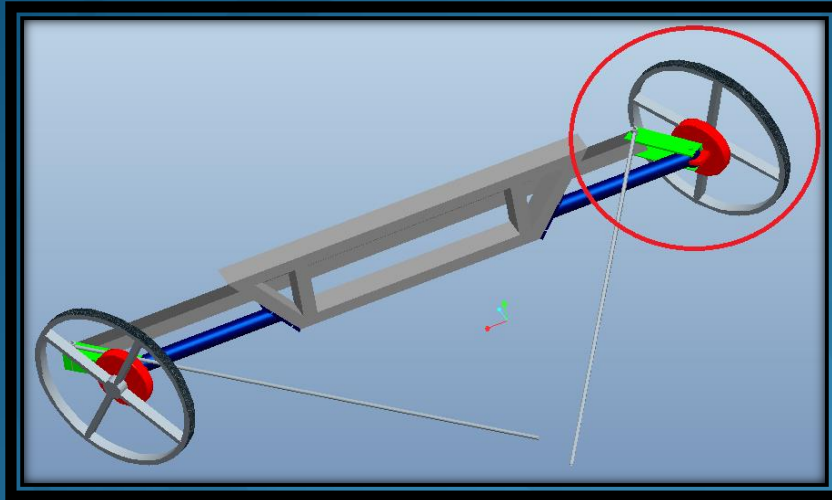


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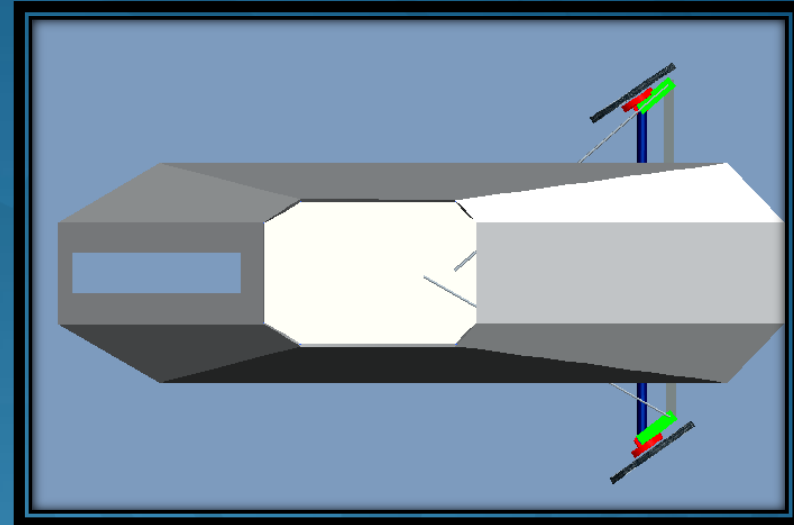
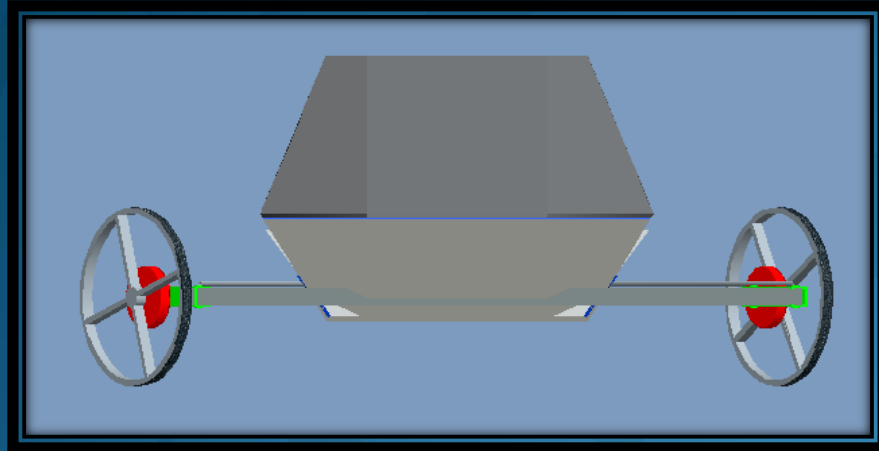


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Turn Radius: 6ft
4 Link Style Steering
Mechanical Toggle



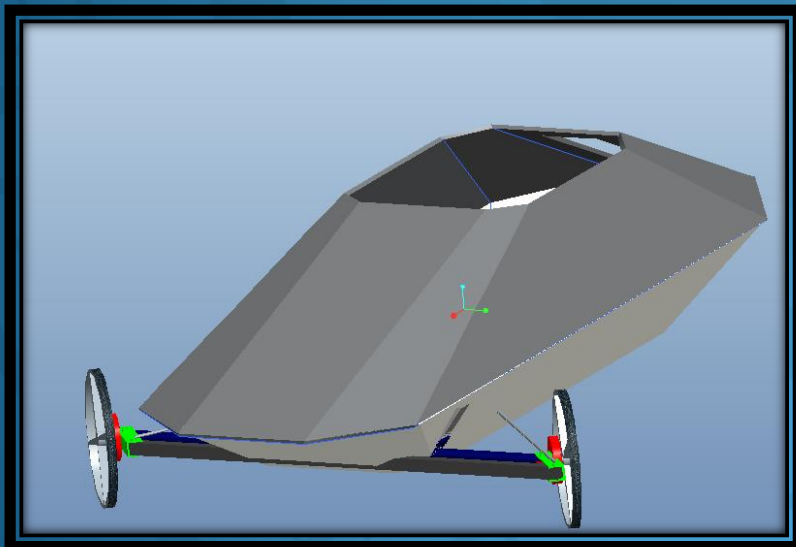


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Future Steering Tests...

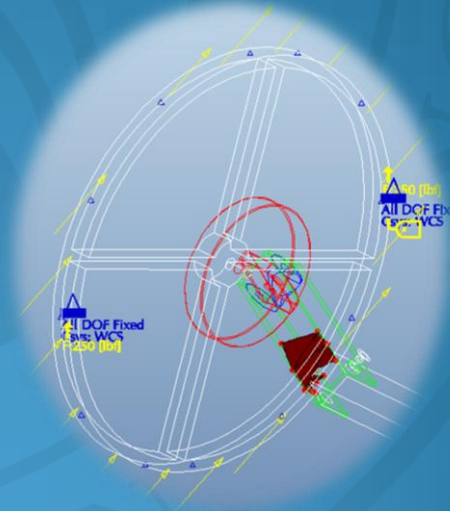
Design Simulation

- Integration into monoque
- Load testing at design conditions
- Re-run Stress Analysis



Physical Testing

- Fabricate and Check conditions





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Roll Bar

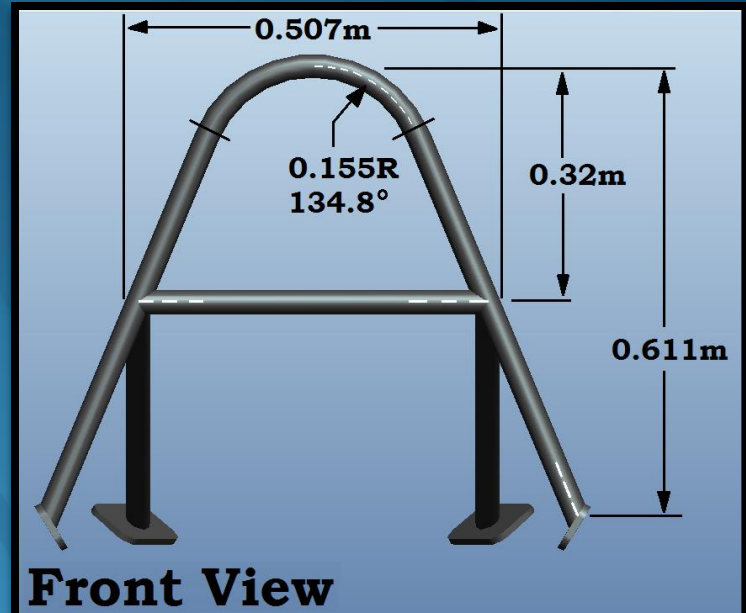
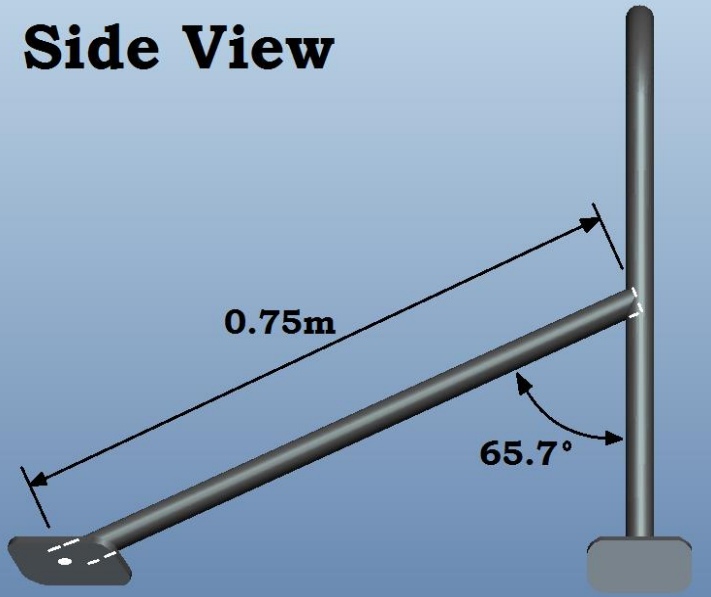
- 4130N chromoly steel tubing, 1.25" x 0.049"
- Yield Strength: 435 MPa (UTS: 670 MPa)
- 0.6285 lbs. & \$4.08 per foot
- Must withstand 70kg (~700N) without deformation
- Safety Factor of 2 implemented



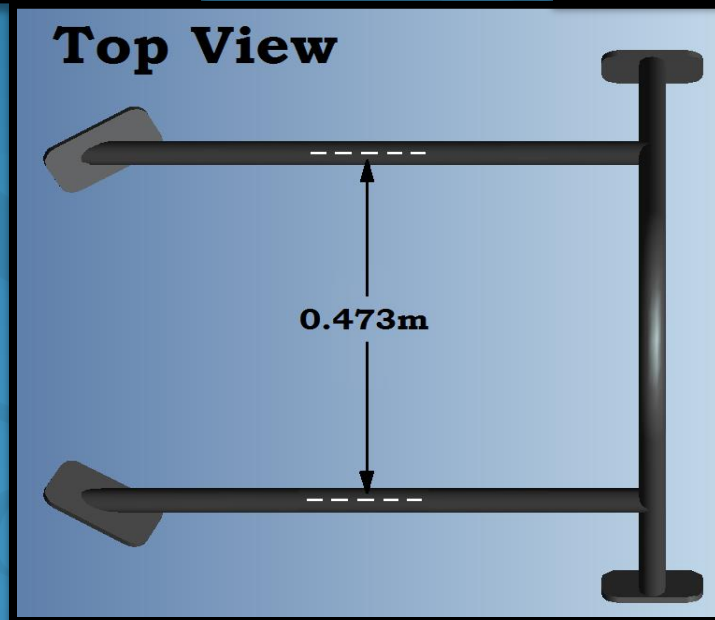


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Side View



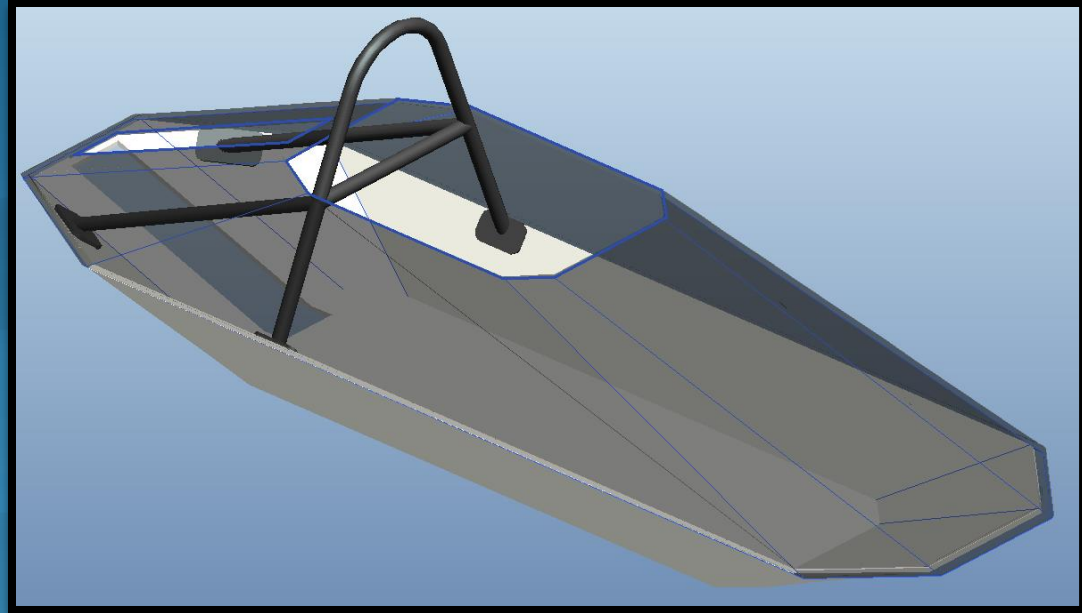
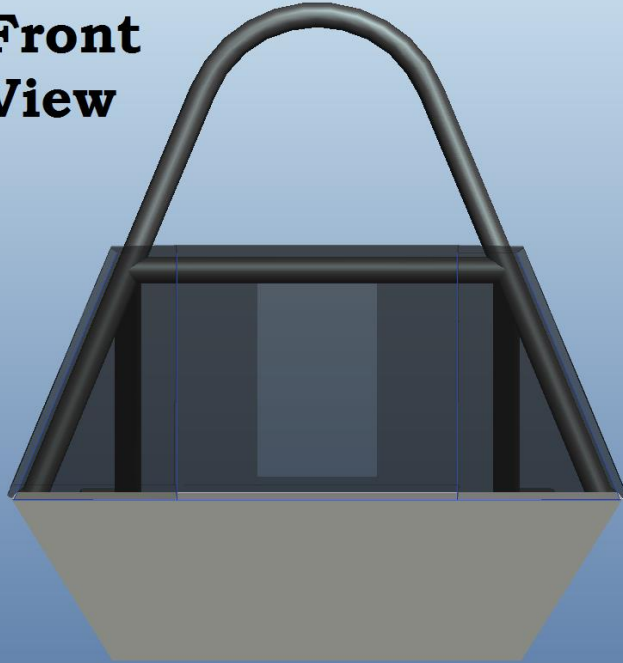
Top View





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Front View



Total Tube Length: 11.5ft

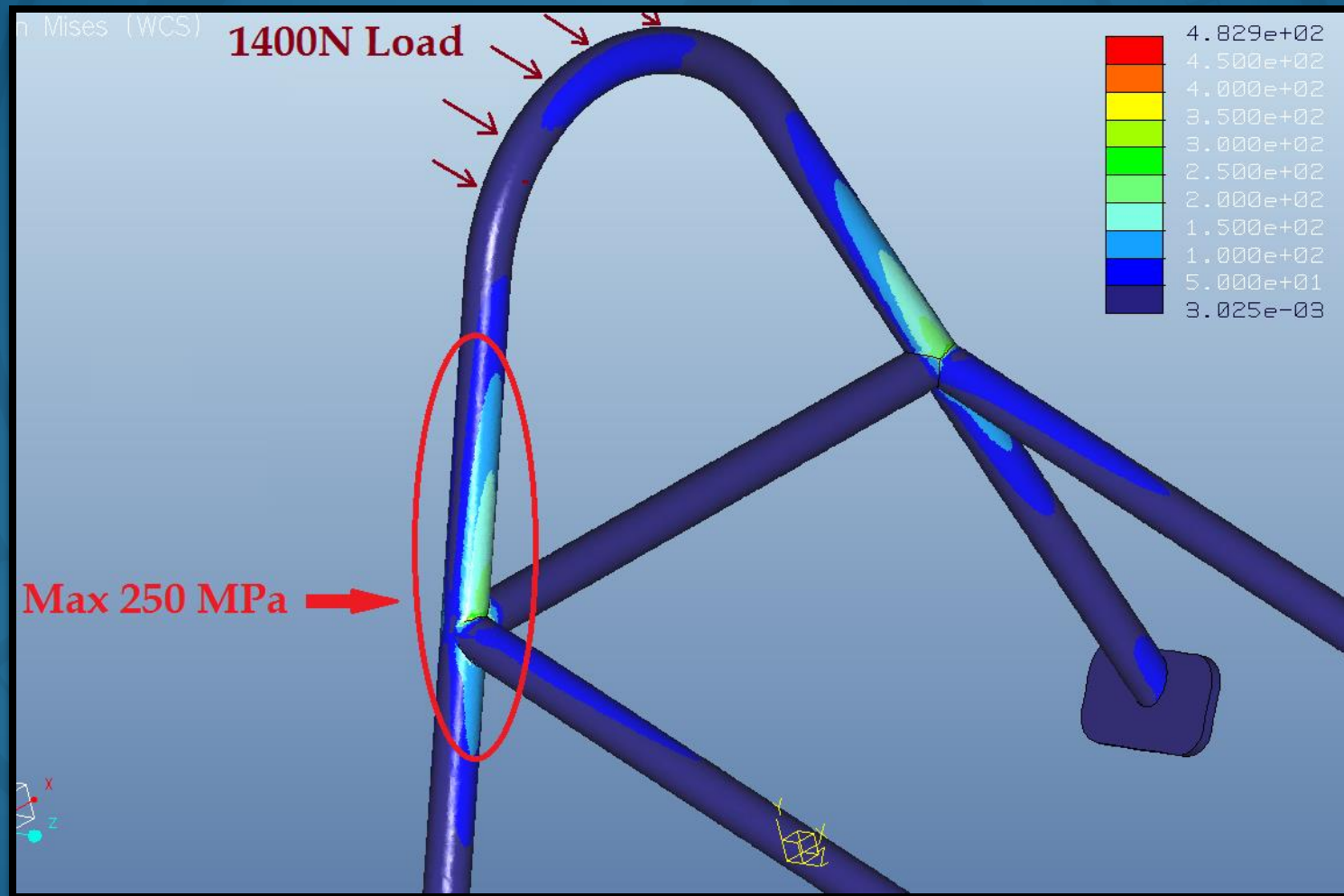
Total Cost: \$82.22

Total Weight: 11 lbs



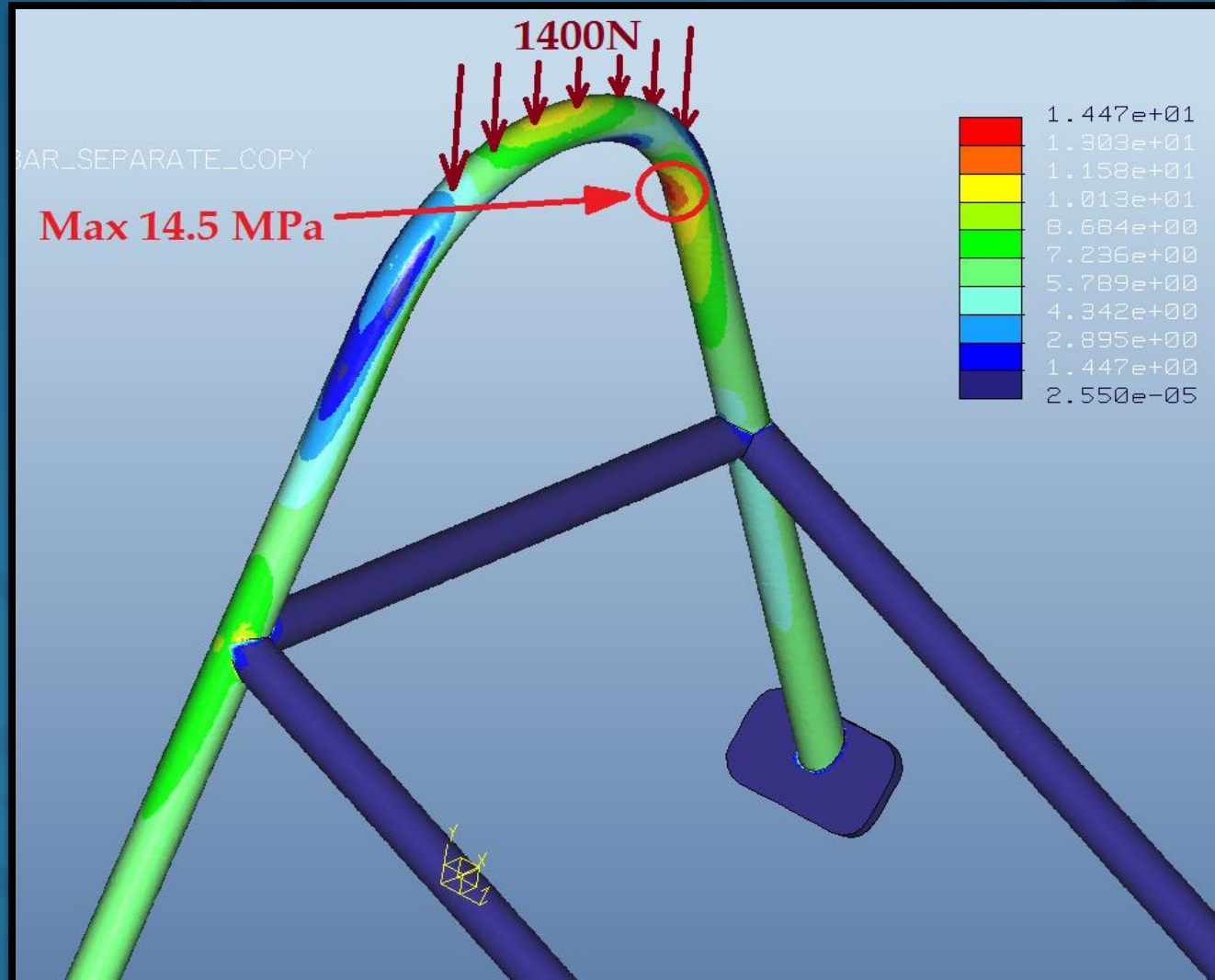
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Front Horizontal Load Testing



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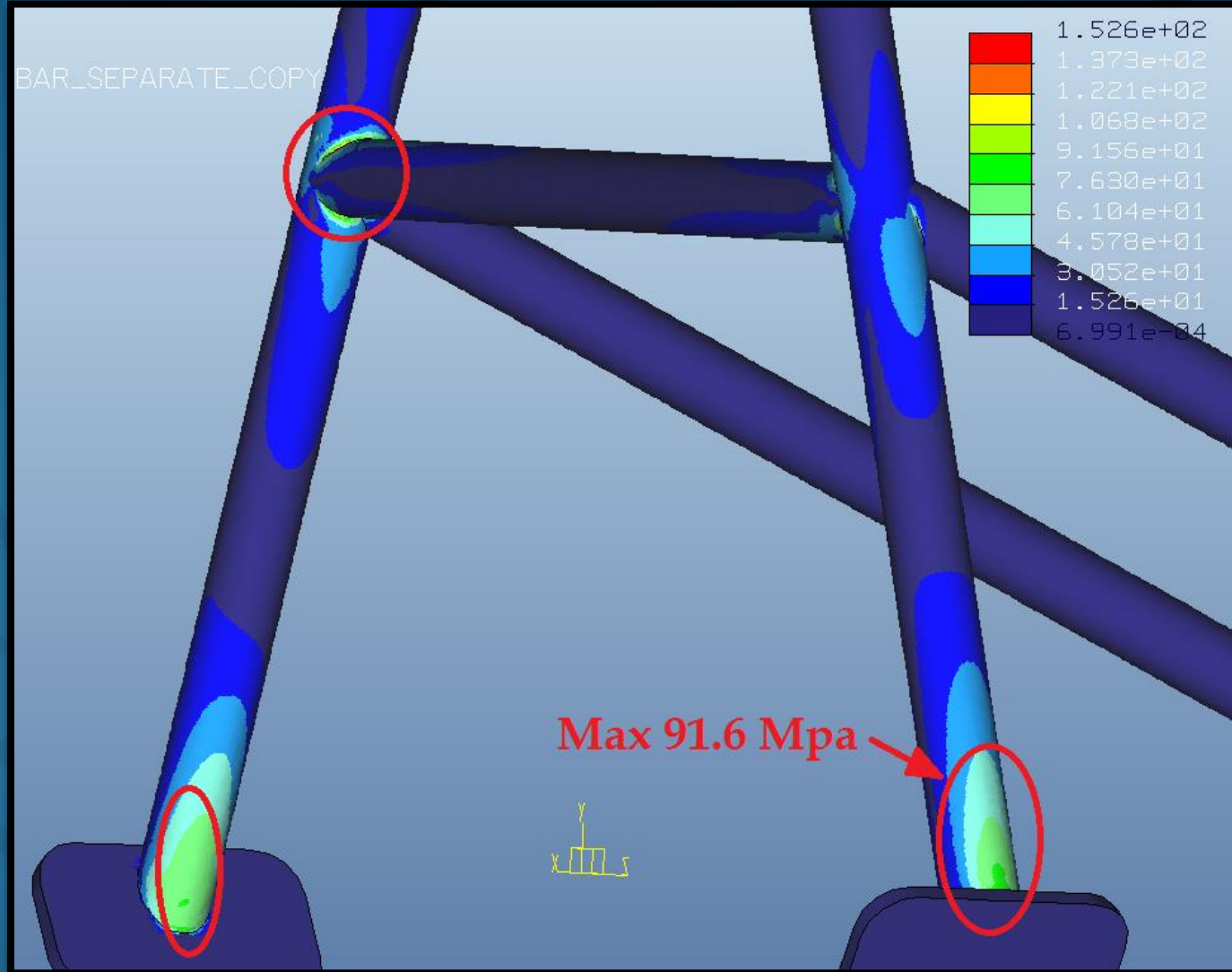
Top Vertical Load Testing





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Side Diagonal Load Testing





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Future Roll Bar Tests...

Rear Wheel Attachment Stress Simulation

- Simulation of rear driving wheel attachment
- Stress and deflection test
- Impact of occupied vehicle's weight on roll bar
- Design flaw analysis



Physical Roll Bar Stress Testing

- Final fabricated roll bar completely restricted
- 160lb weight applied in different orientations
- Deformation???





Questions?