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# Fluid Power

VEHICLE

# Challenge



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# Introduction



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# Project Statement

The Montana State University student team will create a fluid powered vehicle that will be able to compete in the NFPA Fluid Power Vehicle Challenge.

# Design Objectives

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Simple but  
effective design

Vehicle can be  
easily controlled  
by one rider

Create a safe  
and reliable  
design

Utilize efficient  
components

Compact



# Target Specifications

## Sprint Race

- Accelerate at a variable rate to 13 MPH

## Efficiency Challenge

- Discharge to a distance greater than 100 ft
- Controlled release of stored energy

## Endurance Race

- Safely complete entire endurance course without needing any repair during the event
- Use regenerative braking system to completely stop bike at least once during race

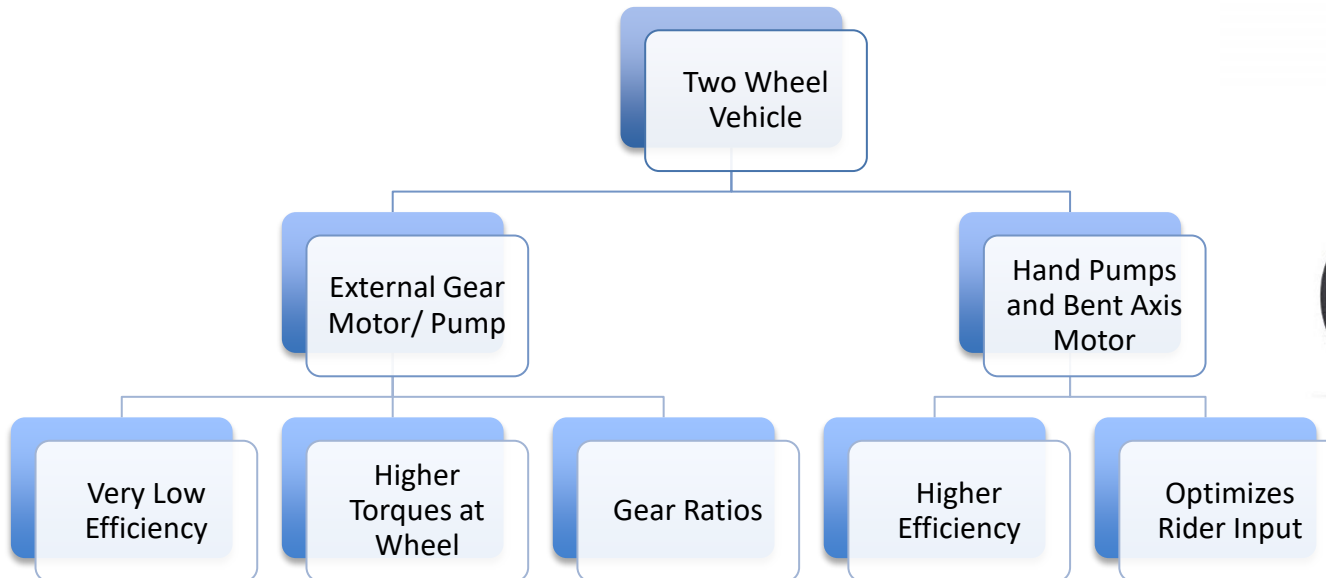
# Design Process



## Research

- Past teams
- Hydraulic systems

## Alternatives



# Photo of Vehicle





# Selection of Hardware



## Accumulator Inc.

- 1 pint
- 1 quart

## Eaton In-line Axis Motor

- Displacement 2.01 cu in. per rev

## HydraForce Handpumps

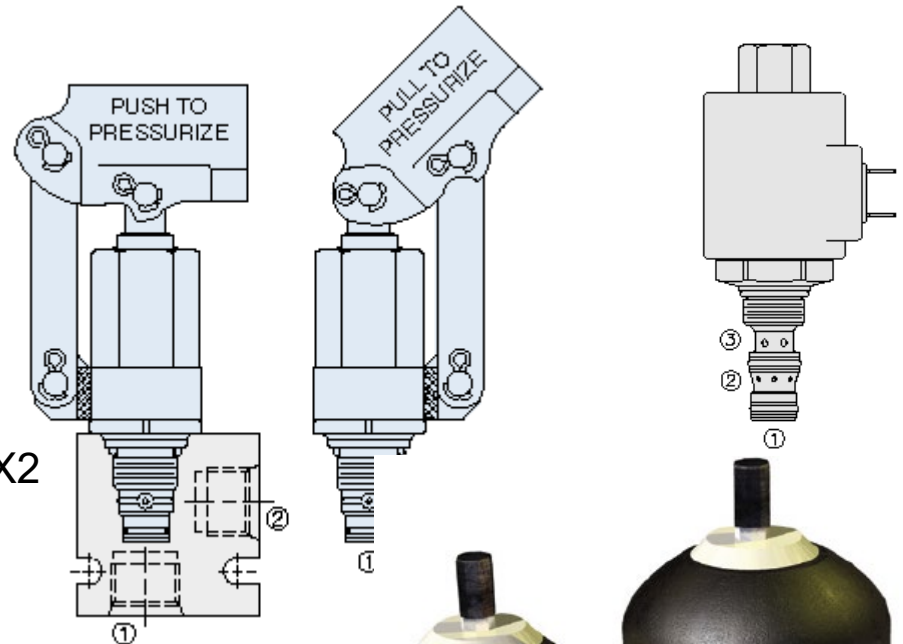
- Displacement 1.3 cu in. per stroke X2

## Controls

- Electrical solenoid Controller
- Proportional control Valve (throttle)
- Directional Control valve (switches)

## Manifold

- HydraForce



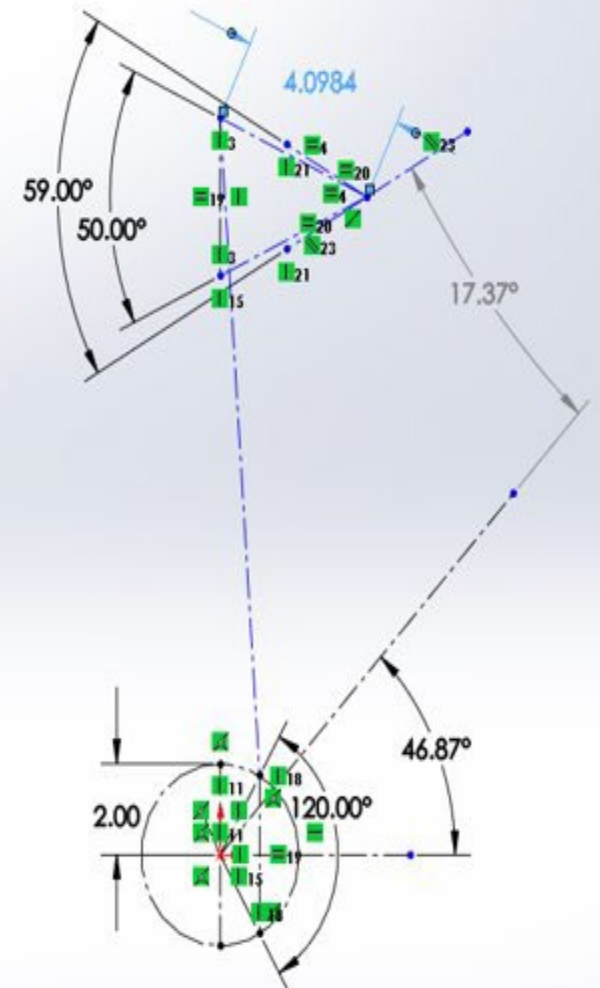
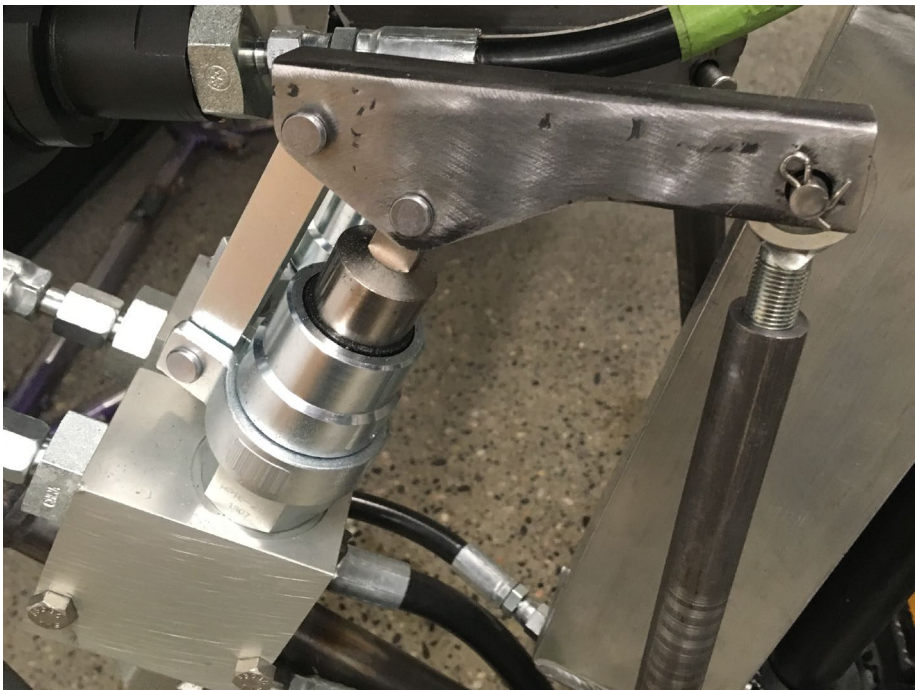
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Increased Efficiency

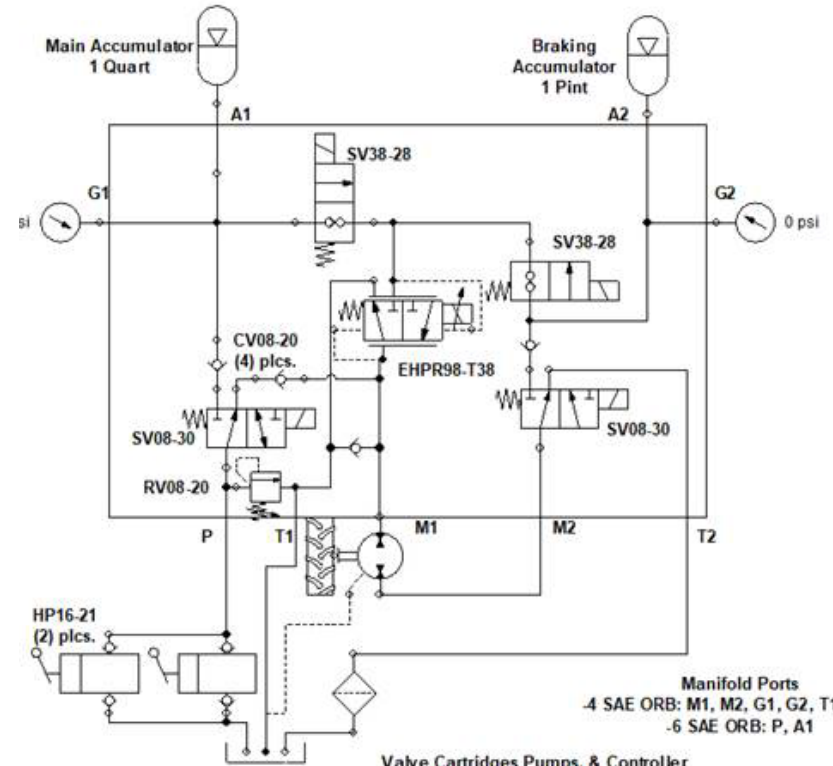
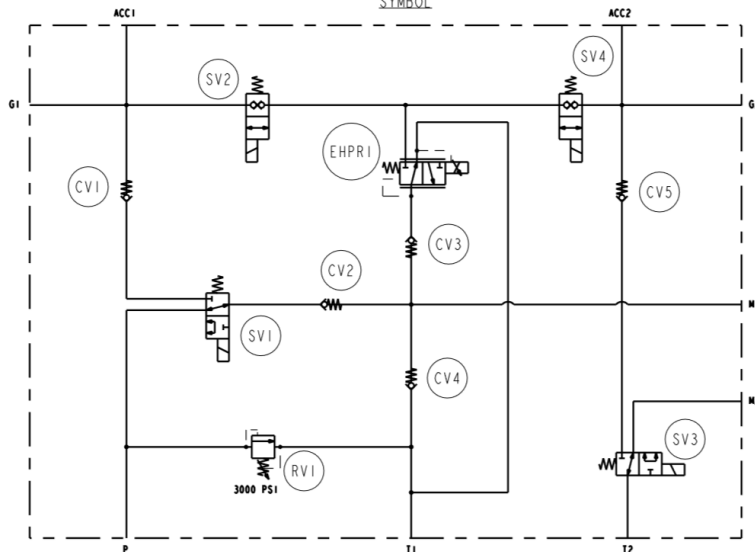
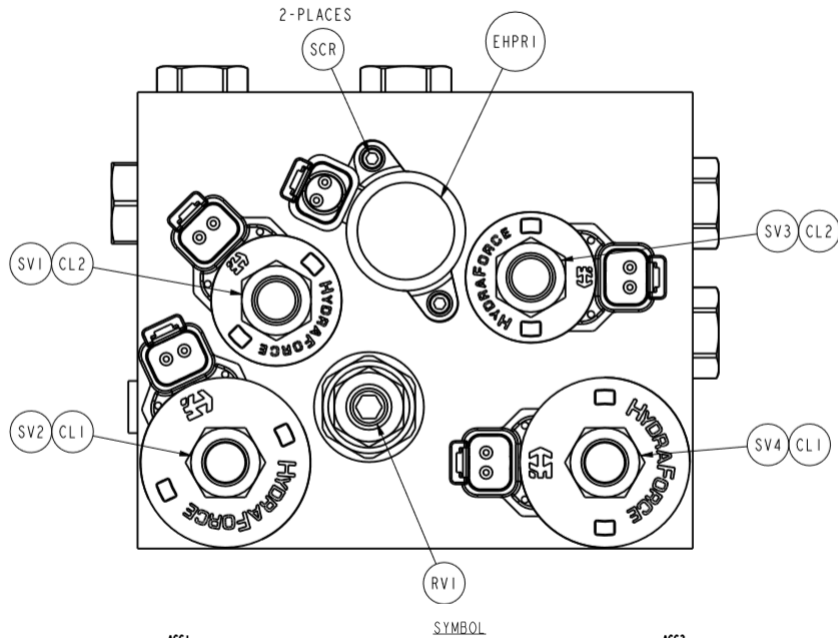
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Adjustable

Innovative



# Manifold



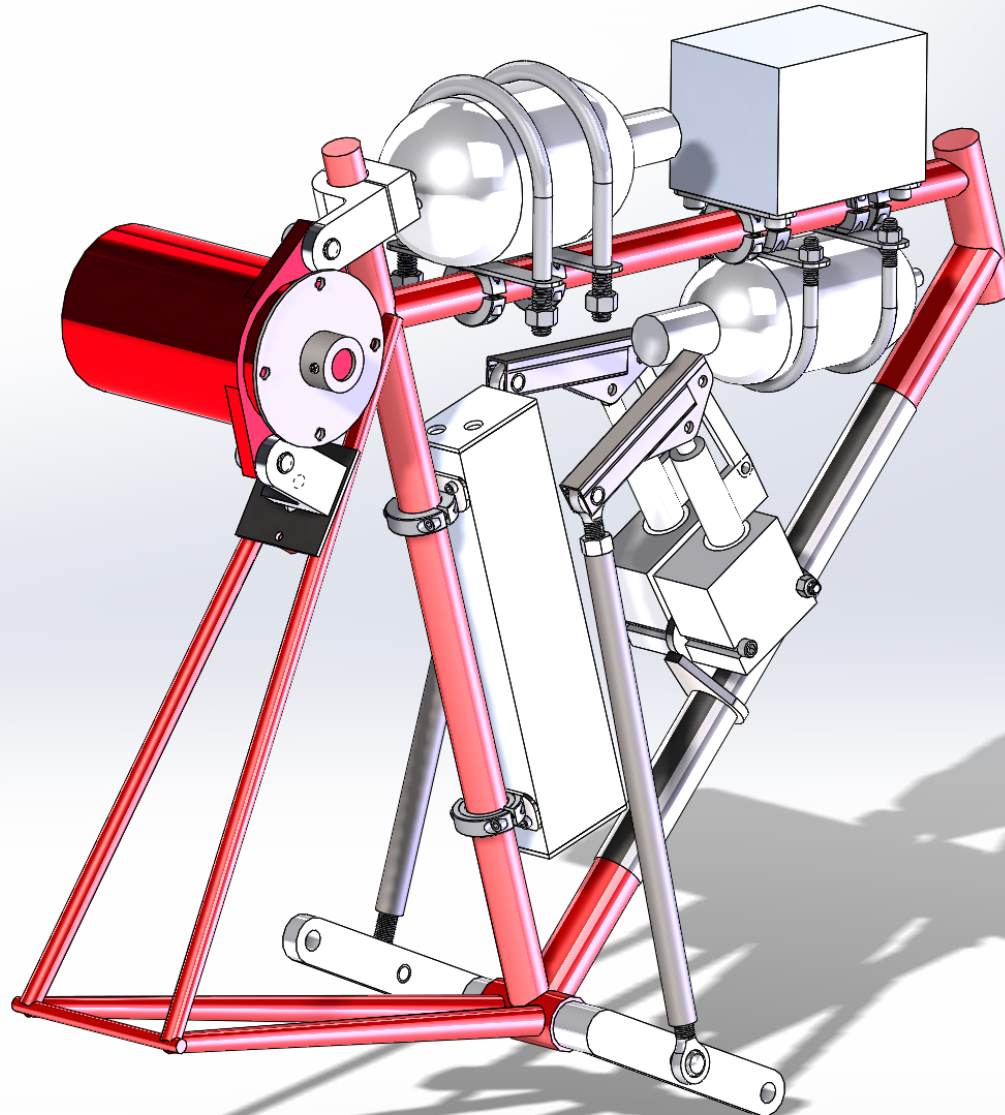
Manifold Ports  
 -4 SAE ORB: M1, M2, G1, G2, T1, T2, A2  
 -6 SAE ORB: P, A1

- Valve Cartridges Pumps, & Controller  
 EHPR98-T38-0-N-12ER (1)  
 SV38-28 P-0-N-12DG (2)  
 CV08-20-0-N-04 (4)  
 SV08-30M- -N-12DG  
 RV08-20A- -N-33  
 HP16-21 B-0-N (2)  
 Custom Manifold  
 Electronic Controller: ECDR-0506A (please

# Design Advantages

- Compact
- Easy to maneuver
- Ease of access to controls
- Braking accumulator optimized for regenerative braking
- Weight  
Estimate: 103 lbs.

# CAD Model

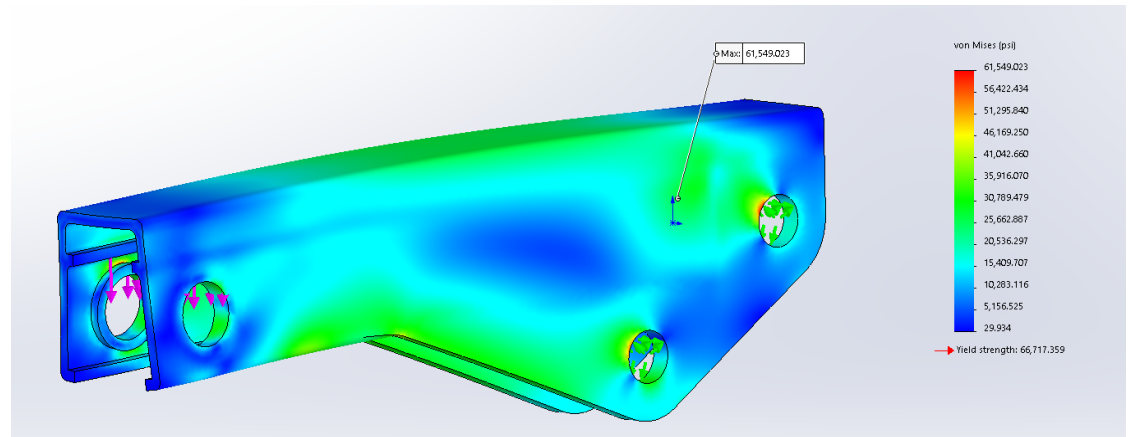


# Finite Element Analysis

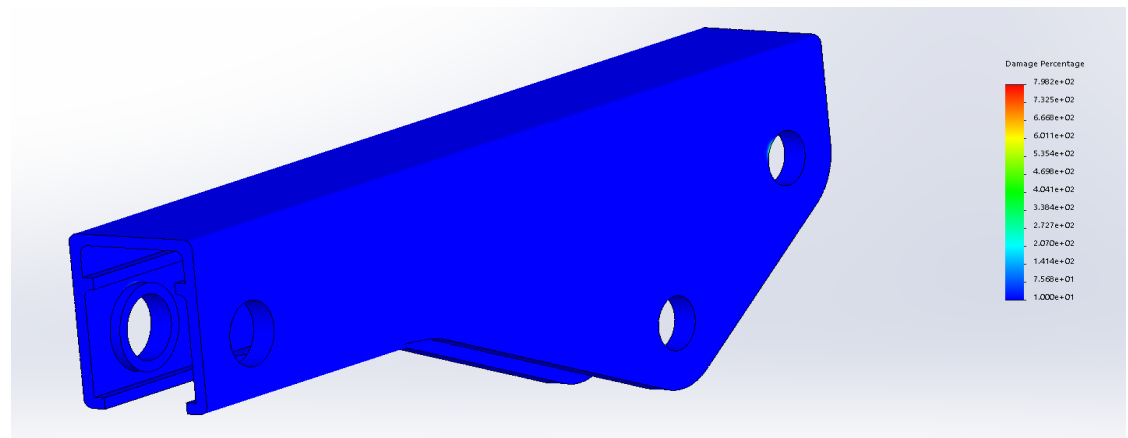


## Hand Pumps

- Static Analysis



- Fatigue study



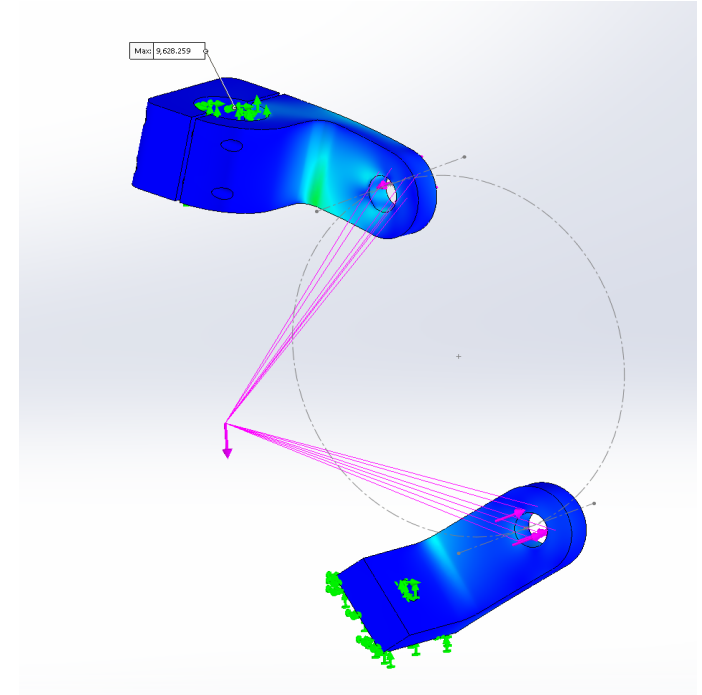
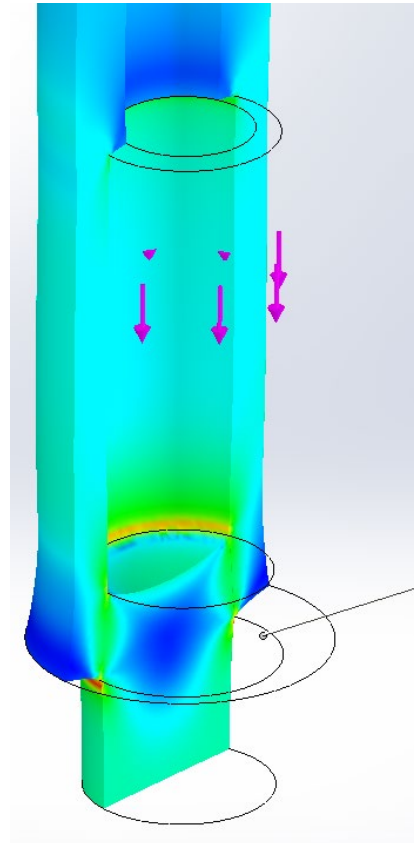
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## Motor Mount Assembly

- Static Analysis

## Linkages

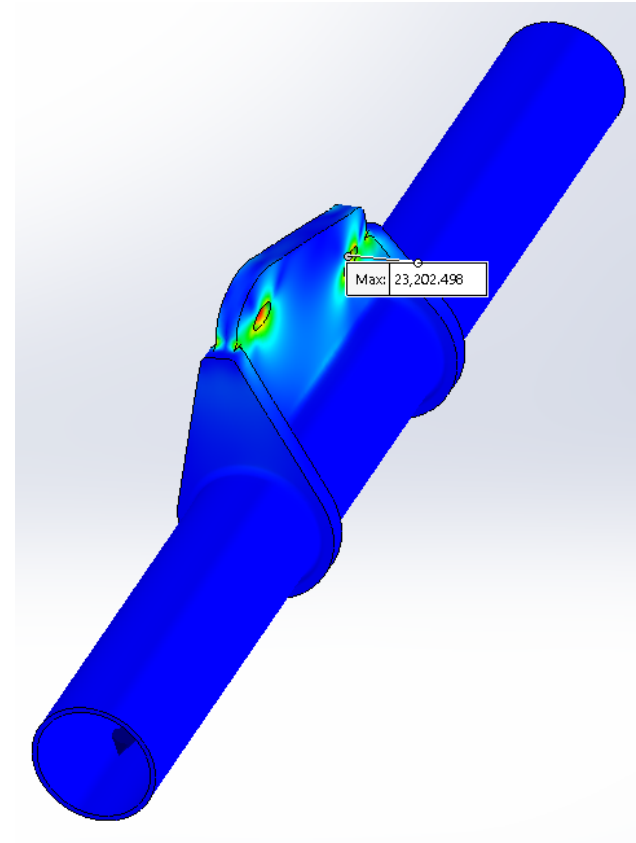
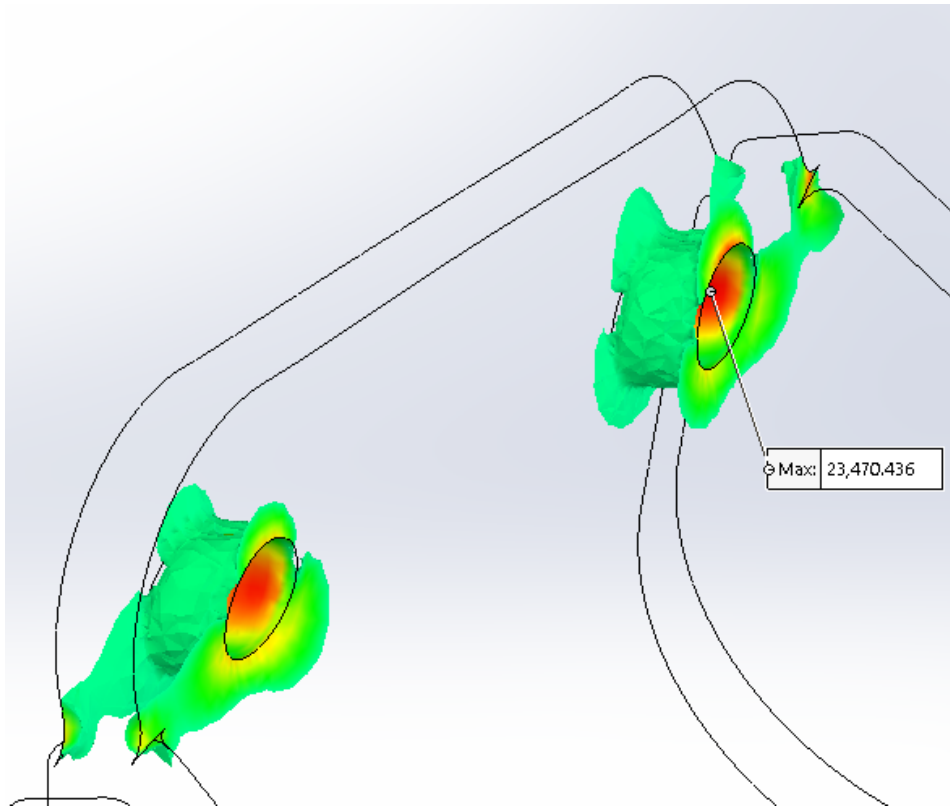
- Static Analysis



# Finite Element Analysis

## Pump Mount Support

- Static Analysis





# Manufacturing

Fabricated over 30 individual components

Processes:

- Milling
- Turning
- CNC
- Welding



# Controls

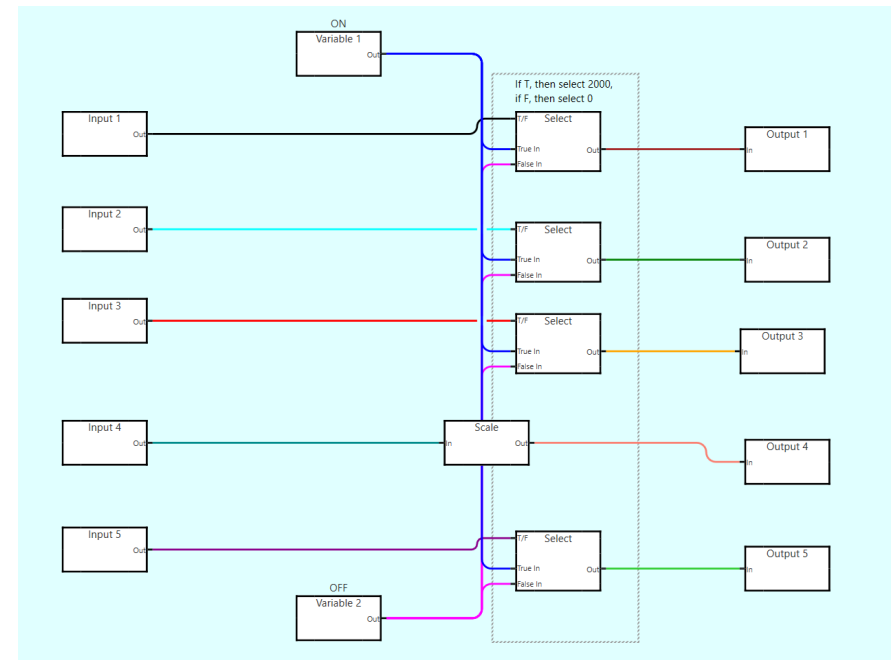
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## Advantages

- Monitor inputs and outputs
- Easily switch between modes
- Handle bar access



# Vehicle Testing

## Electronic controls

- Monitor inputs and outputs

## Tested all modes

- Direct drive
- Boost
- Regenerative Braking
- Charging

## Improvements

- Increase in gear ratio
- Charging mechanism
- Linkage adjustment



# Lessons Learned

Organization	Keep track of components to reduce surplus costs
Purpose built frame	Able to have better component placement and avoid interference issues
Hose management	Reduce excess hose lengths to improve system efficiency
Better time management	Extra time to make adjustments and optimize system

# Acknowledgments



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# Questions?

