

# SAE Baja

2024-2025



# Project Description

## Design, Fabricate, and Race a 4WD, off-road Vehicle

- 3 Subteams (Chassis, Drivetrain, Suspension, Steering, and Brakes)
- Everything is standardized in correspondence with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
- Outreach: Get sponsorships
- Race and compete against other universities at the end of the year



**NAU SAE Baja Car 2020-2021**

# Background



***Cornell SAE Baja Car 2023-2024***  
***(1st Overall for California Competition)***

## **End of the year competition:**

- Static events: Tech inspection, Design evaluation, Cost evaluation, Business presentation
- Dynamic events: Acceleration, Traction, Maneuverability, Endurance
- Overall winners are announced, as well as specific award winners (Business presentation, overall dynamic, overall static, design, suspension, hill climb, etc.)

# Budget

	Category	Description	Approximate Cost
1	Vehicle Expenses	Materials, Hardware, Tooling, Safety Equipment, Components that are already made, Labor (if out of house)	\$16,000
2	Spare Parts	Materials, Hardware, Labor	\$4,000
3	Competition Expenses	Registration, Travel (Hotel/Airbnb, Gas, food)	\$4,000
4	Contingencies	Unexpected Expenses Estimate 5% of 1, 2, and 3 combined	\$1,200
		Total Cost:	\$25,200

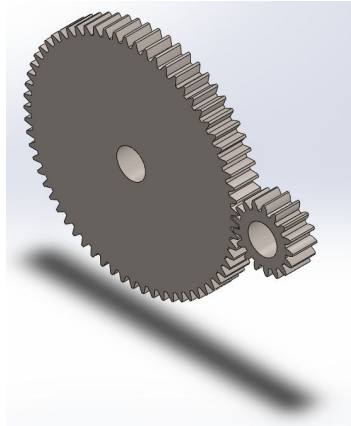
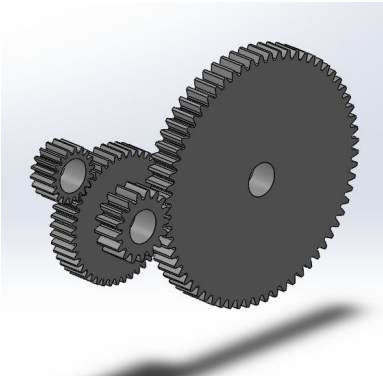
## Potential Sponsors:

Gore, Copper State, Mother Road, HASS, Babbitt Ford.

## Sponsor Methodology:

Reach out to all of the team's personal connections, and any local businesses to raise money.





# Drivetrain

**Dylan Carley**

**Matthew Dale**

**Ethan Niemeyer**

**Rowan Jones**

**Nolan Stomp**

**Brennan Pongratz**

**Seth Scheiwiller**

Reduction Box,  
Axles, and Hubs

4WD System

CVT

# Benchmarking #1 - Reduction Box



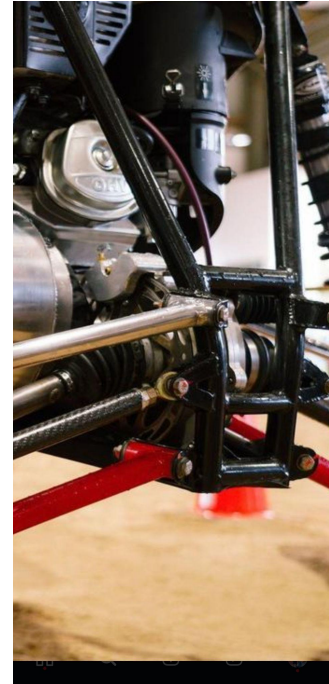
**NAU - 2024 -  
Reduction box -  
Placed 33rd overall**

**Reduction Box:  
Making the reduction box as  
light as possible.  
Running fluid: need expansion  
chamber**

Dylan C.



**RIT - 2024 - Reduction Box -  
3rd place overall**



**Cornell - 2024 - Reduction  
Box - 1st place overall**

# Benchmarking #2 - Axles and Hubs



**Univ. of Michigan - 2024 - U-joints - Placed 4th overall**



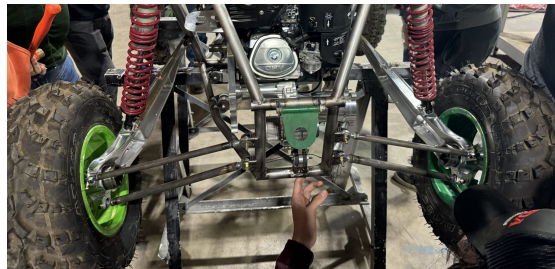
**Case Western Reserve University - 2020 - U-joints - Placed 9th overall**



**Rochester Institute of Technology - 2022 - CV axles - Placed 3rd overall**



**Virginia Tech - 2024 - Hubs - Placed 2nd overall**



**Cal Poly - 2024 - Hubs - Placed 3th overall**



**Previous NAU Hubs**



# Benchmarking #3 - 4WD System



Dog Clutch from NAU Car #44



Chain Drive from NAU Car #74



Cal Poly - 2024 - Front Gear Box - Placed 3rd overall

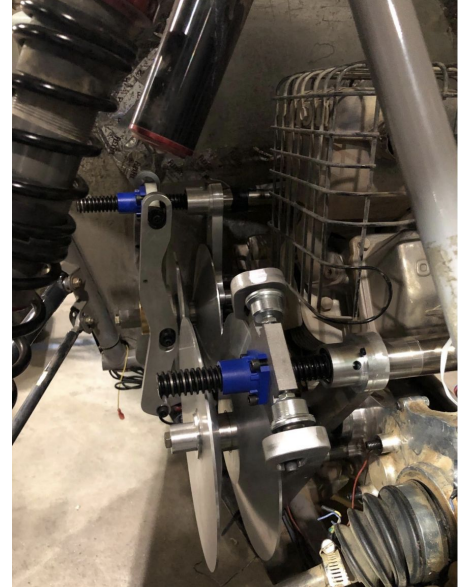
# Benchmarking #4 - CVT



Gaged CVT - Mechanical  
Ramp/Roller Assembly



Cornell CVT - Mechanical  
Cam/Roller Assembly



Cal Poly CVT - ECVT  
Pivoting Arms w/ Lead Screws



# Customer and Engineering Requirements

## Customer Requirements

- High acceleration
- Efficient
- Lightweight
- Safety
- Durability
- Affordable
- Pass Techs

## Engineering Requirements

- 35+mph top speed
- Ease of manufacturing and assembly
- Total weight <50lbs (without motor)
- Delivers >415 lbf-ft of torque to the wheels
- ~4:1 transmission range





# Literature Review

## -Dylan Carley-

### Books/Chapters

- Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]
  - Chapters 13 and 14 (Spur Gears)
- Machinery's Handbook [2]
  - Chapter 12, Gearing

### Papers

- Design, Analysis, and Simulation of a Four Wheel-Drive Transmission for an All-Terrain Vehicle – SAE [3]
  - Gear analysis with equations
- Numerical analysis of the heat transfer of gears under oil dip lubrication [4]
  - Heat transfer of the gears between the oil
- KHK Stock Gears: Lubrication of Gears [5]
  - How to properly lubricate gears.

### Online

- AZO Materials: AISI 4340 Alloy Steel [6]
  - Has all the material properties for 4340 steel
- MatWeb material property data: Aluminum 6061-T6 [7]
  - Has all the material properties for 6061-T6 aluminum
- Standard: AGMA

# Literature Review

## -Matthew Dale-

### Books/Chapters

- Ball & Roller Bearing Design: Theory, Design, and Application [8]
  - Bearing design and fit
- Non-Destructive Material Testing [9]
  - How to stress test to determine fatigue

### Papers

- Design And Analysis Of Wheel Hub Of Baja ATV In Ansys. [10]
  - Determination of hub shape
- Design and Weight optimization of wheel assembly components using FEA for BAJA [11]
  - Hub development and stress testing
- Simulation and Optimization of Wheel Hub and Upright of Vehicle: A Review [12]
  - Force Calculations and part development

### Online

- Ansys Innovation Space [12]
  - Hub analysis and force visualization
- Design and Analysis of Wheel Hub for Weight Optimization by using Various Material [13]
  - Material selection and hub analysis

### Standard

- Validation of Complex Wheel/Hub Subassemblies by Multiaxial Laboratory Tests Using Standardized Load Files [13]
  - Part development to make sure it makes sense



# Literature Review

-Ethan Niemeyer-

## Books/Chapters

- Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design
  - Chapters 13 and 14 (Spur Gears) [1]
- Machinery's Handbook
  - Gears and Gearing [2]

## Standard

Ethan N.

- American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA)

## Papers

- A Review on Constant Velocity Joint [14]
  - CV joint information
- SAE Baja 25' Rule Book [15]
  - Drivetrain outlines and safety parameters
- Universal (U) Joints - Axle and Driveshaft [16]
  - Article about U-joints and comparison to CV joints

## Online Sources

- Gear generator [17]
  - Used to build basic gear train
- Rush gears [18]
  - Input gear parameters, outputs gear geometry
- Basic Gear Mechanisms [19]
  - Website that describes basic gear function and parameters

# Literature Review - 4WD

## -Rowan Jones-

### Books/Chapters

Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]

- Chapters 13 and 14 (Spur Gears)

Machinery's Handbook [2]

- Chapter 12 (Gearing)

### Papers

Cal Poly Gearbox Report [20]

- Establishes benchmarking

A Review of Recent Advances in Design Optimization of Gearbox [21]

- Gearbox optimization

Design analysis and fabrication of automotive transmission gearbox using hollow gears for weight reduction [22]

- Gear Weight Reduction

### Online Sources

The Basics of Gear Theory [23]

- Basic understanding of gear ratios

AZO Materials: AISI 4340 Steel [6]

- Values for desired gear material

An Advanced Approach to Optimal Gear Design [24]

- More gearbox optimization

### Standard

Machinery Handbook [2]

- ISO TC/600 for allowable contact stress

# Literature Review - 4WD

## -Nolan Stomp-

### Online Sources

#### What is a dog clutch? [25]

Introduces the dog clutch, along with its uses, purposes, pros and cons

#### Dog Transmission Explained [26]

Discusses the differences in strengths and weaknesses between the dog clutch and synchromesh

#### Chain Drive vs Belt Drive: Difference and Comparison [27]

Provides pros and cons of using a belt drive and chain drive, along with a table highlighting the main parameters of each

### Books

#### Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]

##### Chapter 16-17

Discusses in length miscellaneous options for clutch design, along with characteristics for each

#### 2025 SAE Baja Rulebook [15]

The rulebook has regulations for how 4WD/AWD is required to function

#### Standard

AGMA

### Papers

#### Machinery's Handbook [2]

Ideal turning speed and feed rates for manufacturing parts

#### Kinematics of roller chain drives- Exact and approximate analysis [28]

Gives approximate examples to how a chain drive should act, which pertains to design and implementation

#### The Effect of the tooth chamfer angle on the dog clutch shiftability [99]

Analyzes the relationship between chamfering and successful engagement of the dog teeth

# Literature Review - CVT

-Seth Scheiwiller-

## Textbooks

### Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]

- Chapter 17, Flexible Mechanical Elements, V-Belts

### Machinery's Handbook [2]

- Machine Elements, Flexible Belts and Sheaves

## Papers

### Olav Aaen's Clutch Tuning Handbook [35]

- Tuning Tips

### Modeling and Tuning of CVT Systems for SAE Baja Vehicles [30]

- CVT force calculations

### Design and Manufacturing of Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) [31]

- CVT Ratio and Belt Calculations

## Online Resources

### Virtual training on How CVT works and How to Design CVT in solidworks [32]

- CAD model of CVT transmission

### Modeling of a Continuously Variable

### Transmission [33]

- MATLab model of CVT transmission

## Standard

### Machinery's Handbook [2]

- Dimensioning, Gaging, and Measuring, standards for interference and clearance fits, and keyway standards

# Literature Review - CVT

-Brennan Pongratz-

## Textbooks

### Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]

- Chapter 17, Flexible Mechanical Elements, V-Belts

### Machinery's Handbook [2]

- Flame Hardening steel for cams

## Papers

### Design and Manufacturing of Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) [34]

- CVT ratio and belt calculations

### Collegiate Design Series Baja SAE Rules [15]

- CVT regulations and guard specifications

### Olav Aaen's Clutch Tuning Handbook [35]

- Tuning parameter clarification

## Online Resources

### Modeling of a Continuously Variable Transmission [36]

- MATLAB model of CVT transmission

### Fatigue Design Curves and Analysis for Aluminum [37]

- Designing aluminum sheaves

## Standard

### Machinery's Handbook [2]

- Press fit standards and thread standards



# Mathematical Modeling: Rear Gears

## Rear Gearbox Design

Torque Required:

$$T = (d/2)(F_s(w/4))$$

$d = 1.833\text{ft}$  ;  $F_s = .9$  (Highest car will experience)

$w = 550\text{lb}$  (Approximate weight w/driver)

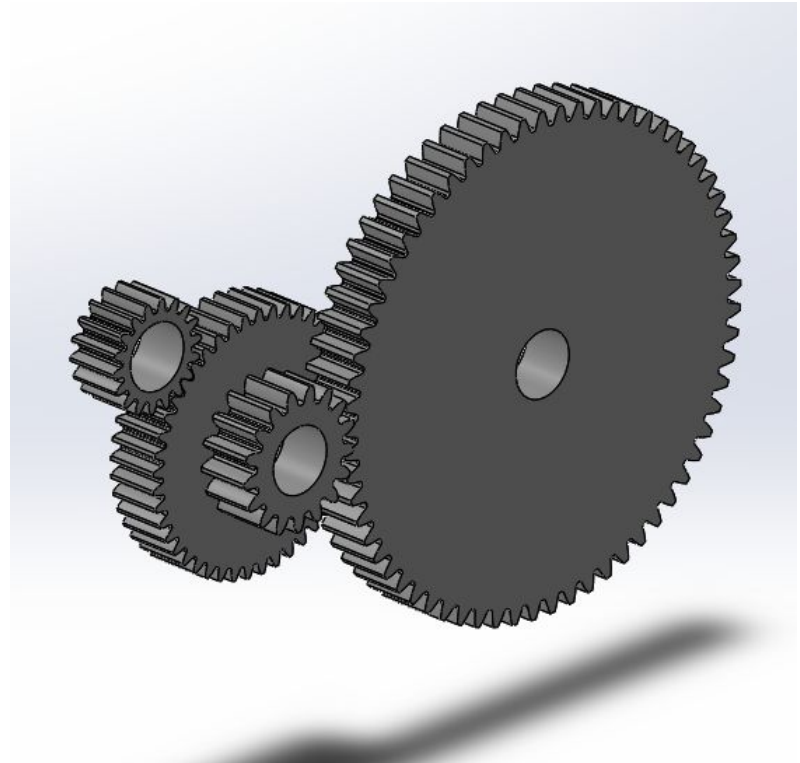
226.83 ft-lb of torque required to break rear wheels loose.

Our Reduction box will be within 85%-95% efficient with the given parameters

We will use a two-stage compound spur gear train with four total gears as shown on the right

Final drive ratio is 9.56:1 through the rear gear box (Subject to change)

We will run oil in the rear gearbox with an expansion chamber



*Preliminary Gear train Design*

# Mathematical Modeling: Rear Gears Cont.

## Allowable Bending Stress:

We will be using 4340 HT steel for the gears  
(Brinell Hardness = 217) [7]

Grade 1:  $S_t = 77.3H_b + 12800$  psi (Gear bending strength)

$$\sigma_{all} = (S_t * Y_n) / (S_f * K_t * K_r)$$

$Y_n$  = Stress Cycle Factor ;  $K_t$  = Temp. Factor ;  
 $K_r$  = Reliability Factor ;  $S_f$  = AGMA factor of safety

$S_t = 29,574.1$  psi ;  $Y_n = 1.6831N^{(-0.0323)} = 1$   
;  $K_t = 1$  ;  $K_r = 1$  ;  $S_f = 1.5$

$$\sigma_{all} = 19,716.07 \text{ psi}$$

Diametral Pitch :  $P = N/d$  -->

Train Value :  $e = (\text{Product of driving tooth numbers}) / (\text{Product of driven tooth numbers})$  ;  $e = 1/9.56$

If output RPM from CVT = 2400 (CVT engagement)

Reduction box output RPM = 241.05

Gear	Pitch diameter (in)	# of teeth	Diametral Pitch
1	1.125	18	16
2	2.8125	45	16
3	1.417	17	12
4	5.417	65	12

*-Pressure Angle = 20° for all*

*-Face Width = 0.625 in for all*

# Mathematical Modeling: Rear Gears Cont.

## Fatigue life on Gears:

**Sut: 108 kpsi**

$$F = 1.06 - 2.8(10^{-3})S_{ut} + 6.9(10^{-6})S_{ut}^2$$

[70 < S<sub>ut</sub> < 200 kpsi]

**- F = .838**

$$S'_e = 0.5S_{ut} \text{ [S}_{ut} < 200 \text{ kpsi]}$$

**- S'e = 54 kpsi**

$$a = (F \cdot S_{ut})^2 / (S'_e)$$

**- a = 151.7**

$$b = -\frac{1}{3} \log(F \cdot S_{ut} / S'_e)$$

**- b = -0.0748**

$$N = (\sigma_{ar}/a)^{(1/b)}$$

**- N = 7.032 X 10<sup>11</sup> Cycles**

F: Fatigue line in the high-cycle

S'e: Endurance limit

a & b: Constants that are the ordinate intercept and the slope of the line in log-log coordinates.

N: Number of Cycles

σ<sub>ar</sub>: Completely reversed stress equal to σ<sub>all</sub> from slide earlier.

# Mathematical Modeling: Chain Drive

## Speed Variation of Chain Drive

$$V = Npn/12$$

$$V_{\max} = \pi Dn/12 = \pi np/12 \sin(\gamma/2)$$

$$V_{\min} =$$

$$\pi dn/12 = \pi np/12 * (\cos(\gamma/2)/\sin(\gamma/2))$$

$$\Delta V/V = (V_{\max} - V_{\min})/V$$

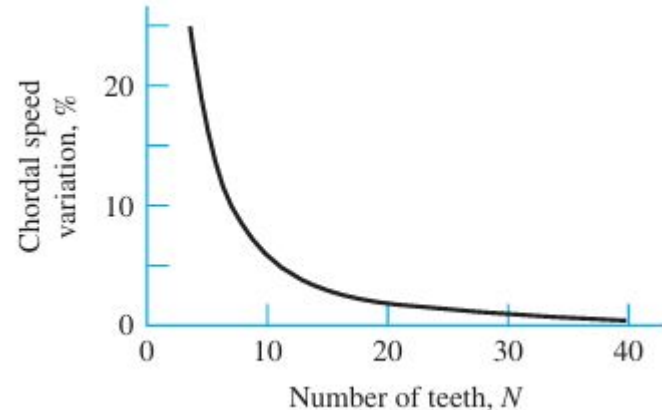
$$V = \mathbf{106.25 \text{ ft/min}}$$

$$V_{\max} = \mathbf{106.84 \text{ ft/min}}$$

$$V_{\min} = \mathbf{105.02 \text{ ft/min}}$$

$$\Delta V/V = \mathbf{1.7\%}$$

$N$  = number of teeth on sprocket = **17**  
 $p$  = chain pitch (in) = **0.625 in** (ANSI 50)  
 $n$  = sprocket speed (rev/min) = **120 rpm**  
 $\gamma$  = pitch angle =  $360/N = \mathbf{21.18 \text{ degrees}}$



# Mathematical Modeling: Chain Drive Cont.

$$H_1 = 0.004N^{1.08}n^{0.9}p^{(3-0.07p)}$$

$$H_2 = 1000K_R N^{1.5}p^{0.8}/n^{1.5}$$

$$H_1 = 1.58 \text{ hp}$$

$$H_2 = 622.4 \text{ hp}$$

$$H = \min(H_1, H_2) = 1.58 \text{ hp}$$

$H_1$  = link-plate limited power

$H_2$  = roller-limited power

$K_R = 17$  for chain number 50

**Table 17–20** Rated Horsepower Capacity of Single-Strand Single-Pitch Roller Chain for a 17-Tooth Sprocket

Sprocket Speed, rev/min	ANSI Chain Number					
	25	35	40	41	50	60
50	0.05	0.16	0.37	0.20	0.72	1.24
100	0.09	0.29	0.69	0.38	1.34	2.31
150	0.13*	0.41*	0.99*	0.55*	1.92*	3.32
200	0.16*	0.54*	1.29	0.71	2.50	4.30



# Mathematical Modeling: Front Gears

## Front Gear Box

4340 HT steel for the gears (Brinell Hardness = 217) [7].

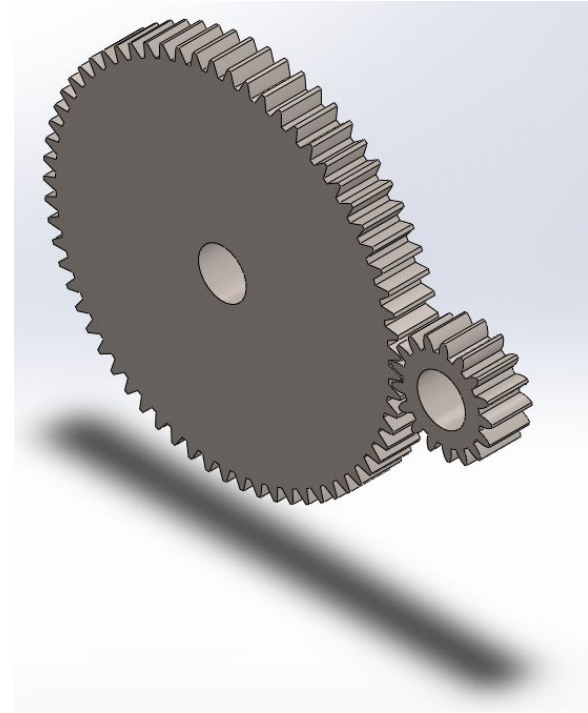
Oil will be run in the front gearbox as a lubricant, and an expansion chamber will be included as specified in rule B.9.4 in the 2025 SAE BAJA rulebook [61].

Gear ratio is subject to change based on further research regarding underdriving the front.

Estimated fatigue life will be the same as rear gears.

Finite Element Analysis (FEA) will be in the future to determine stresses based off known input forces.

Gear	Pitch Diameter (in)	No. of Teeth	Diametral Pitch
1	5.417	65	12
2	1.417	17	12



-Face Width = 0.625 in for both  
-Pressure Angle = 20° for both

# Mathematical Modeling: Front Gears Cont.

## Allowable Bending Stress

**Grade 1:  $St = 77.3 Hb + 12800$   
psi**

$Hb = 217$

**(Gear bending strength)**

**$St = 29,574.1$  psi**

**$\sigma_{all} = (St * Y_n) / (S_f * K_t * K_r)$**

$Y_n =$  Stress Cycle Factor

$K_t =$  Temp. Factor

$K_r =$  Reliability Factor

$S_f =$  AGMA factor of safety

$St = 29,574.1$  psi

$Y_n = 1.6831 * N^{(-0.0323)} = 1$

$K_t = 1, K_r = 1, S_f = 1.5$

**$\sigma_{all} = 19,716.07$  psi**

## Allowable Contact Stress

**Grade 1:  $Sc = 322 Hb + 29100$  psi**  
 $Hb = 217$

**(Contact-fatigue Strength)**

**$Sc = 98,974$  psi**

**$\sigma_{c,all} = (Sc * Z_n * C_h) / (S_h * K_t * K_r)$**

$Z_n =$  stress-cycle factor

$C_h =$  hardness ratio factors for pitting resistance

$K_t =$  are the temperature factors

$K_r =$  reliability factor

$S_h =$  AGMA factor of safety

$Sc = 98,974$  psi

$Z_n = 1.4488 * N^{(-0.023)} = 1$

$C_h = 1, K_t = 1, K_r = 1, S_h = 1.5$

**$\sigma_{c,all} = 65,982$  psi**

# Mathematical Modeling: Hubs

$$\text{Cantilever Beam Max Deflection} = \frac{(Force)(Length)^3}{3(Elasticity)(Inertia)}$$

Max Impact Force = 1348 N (as calculated by suspension team)

Youngs Modulus for 6061-T6 Aluminum = 69 GPa

$$\text{Inertia} = \frac{(0.17145m)^4}{12} = 7.2(10^{-5})$$

$$0.005mm = \frac{(1348N)(Length)^3}{3(69,000MPa)(7.2*10^{-5})} = 0.381m = 1.5 \text{ in}$$

# Mathematical Modeling - CVT

## CVT diameters, angles, and forces

- Iterated through MATLAB based on selectable parameters
- Ensure geometry complies with ratios needed and can be integrated into the vehicle

If  $\beta \geq \pi$

$$T_0(lbf) = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) * \left[2F_{Clamp} \tan\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{12}M_{Belt} * R^2 * \omega^2\right]}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(\beta - \pi)\right) * (e^{\mu_e\beta} + 1)}$$

Equation 33: Slack Side Tension if  $\beta \geq \pi$ .

If  $\beta \leq \pi$

$$T_0(lbf) = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) * \left[2F_{Clamp} \tan\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{12}M_{Belt} * R^2 * \omega^2\right]}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(\pi - \beta)\right) * (e^{\mu_e\beta} + 1)}$$

Equation 34: Slack Side Tension if  $\beta \leq \pi$ .

...and  
more!

CVT Force Equations used in MATLAB Code

```
camCurveEquation1 = 0.5*sin((L+0.85)^1.2)-0.07;
camCurveEquationDerivative1 = diff(camCurveEquation1);
initialRollerOffset1 = 0.85
```

```
StartingcamMass1 = 0.1 % The cam mass you want to start the iteration with
MaxcamMass1 = 0.3; % The cam mass you want to end the iteration with
camMassInterval1 = 0.02; % The mass step for the next iteration
numrows1 = (MaxcamMass1-StartingcamMass1)/camMassInterval1 % Calculates the number of iterations
numrows1 = ceil(numrows1)
```

```
StartingCMRadius1 = 0.9 % The CM radius you want to start the iteration with
MaxCMRadius1 = 1.1 % The CM radius you want to end the iteration with
CMRadiusInterval1 = 0.02 % The CM radius step for the next iteration
nummatrix1 = (MaxCMRadius1-StartingCMRadius1)/CMRadiusInterval1 % Defines the number of matrices
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shiftRPM1 = zeros(numrows1, vectorSize);
camMass1 = StartingcamMass1
camCMRadius1 = StartingCMRadius1
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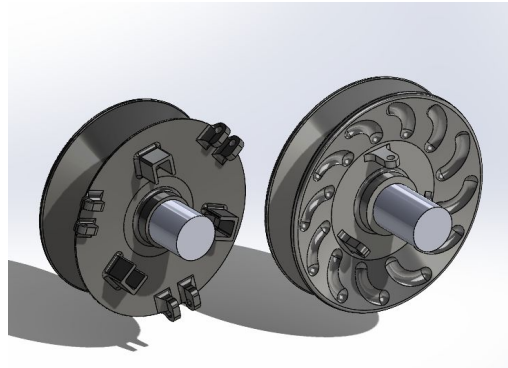
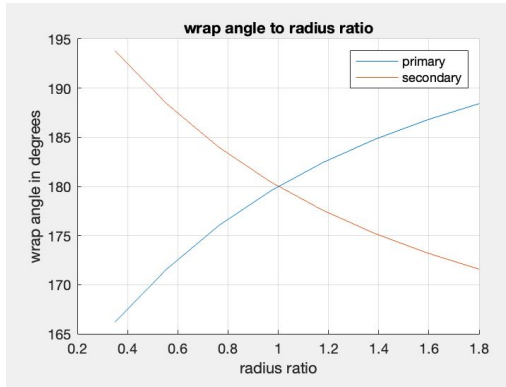
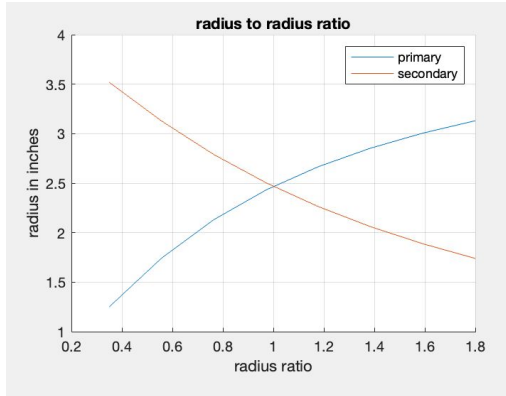
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for k=1:1:nummatrix1
for j=1:1:numrows1
for i=1:1:vectorSize
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*Iterative MATLAB code for Shift RPM*

## Ideal Shift RPM

- MATLAB code iterates through multiple different cam profiles based on mass, center of mass profiles, spring pretension, and more
- Yields ~500 different results each time code is ran

# Mathematical Modeling - CVT



## Results

- Ratio range of 5.14
- Primary radius range 0.818in to 3.31in
- Secondary radius range 1.323in to 3.706in
- Sheave angle ~13 degrees
- Primary travel 0.86in
- Secondary travel 0.809in

Desired ratio range → **Check!**

Fits within geometry of vehicle and motor → **Check!**

Belt has been selected → **Check!**

Ideal shift RPM → **Work in progress!**

Time to start CAD!

Seth

# Mathematical Modeling - CVT

## CVT Spider Simplified Bending Calculation

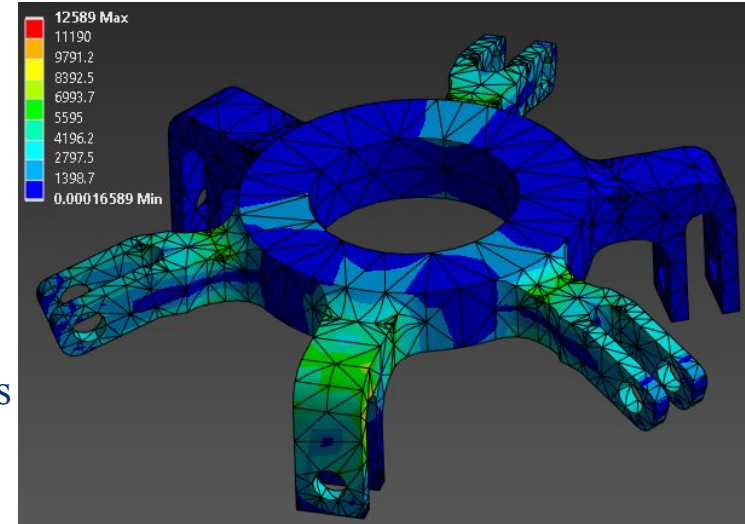
$$v = 556 N \quad \text{-Known Values}$$

$$A = 9.025 \times 10^{-5} m^2$$

$$\tau = \frac{4v}{3A} = 8.2 MPa \quad \text{-Calculating Shear Stress}$$

$$\sigma' = \sqrt{(3\tau^2)} = 14.2 MPa = 2.1 kpsi$$

$$\sigma (10^8 \text{ cycles}) = 10 kpsi \quad \text{-Comparing calculated stress to allowable stress for 6061-T6 Aluminum}$$



Ansys FEA of initial spider design

# Schedule

	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM	AN			
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5		Organizing Teams and getting resources together for the semester	Team	9/1/24	9/13/24																																				
6		Presentation 1	Team	9/10/24	9/18/24																																				
7		Finalize Sub-system Decisions	Drivetrain Team	9/13/24	9/21/24																																				
8		Rear Drivetrain Points	Drivetrain Team	9/13/24	9/26/24																																				
9		Front Drivetrain Points	Drivetrain Team	9/13/24	9/26/24																																				
10		Begin Refined CVT CAD	Brennan and Seth	9/16/24	Pending																																				
11		Conduct stress analysis on CVT components	Brennan and Seth	9/16/24	Pending																																				
12		Find ideal cam curve and geometry	Brennan and Seth	9/16/24	Pending																																				
13		Finalize calculations for front gear box	Rowan	9/16/24	10/18/2024																																				
14		Begin CAD for front gear box casing	Rowan	9/16/24	10/18/2024																																				
15		Finalize calculations for rear reduction box gear train	Ethan and Dylan	9/16/24	Pending																																				
16		Finalize calculations for clutch system	Nolan	9/16/24	Pending																																				
17		Begin CAD for chain drive sprockets	Nolan	9/16/24	Pending																																				
18		Finalize calculations for hubs	Matthew	9/16/24	Pending																																				
19		Design/FEA rear gearbox housing and shafts	Ethan and Dylan	9/18/24	Pending																																				
20		Registration for competition	Team	10/2/2024	Pending																																				
21		Presentation #2	Team	Pending	10/9/2024																																				
22		Report #1	Team	Pending	10/18/2024																																				
23		Website check #1	Team	Pending	10/25/2024																																				
24		Rough CAD Assembly for Drivetrain	Drivetrain Team	Pending	11/1/24																																				
25		Begin Manufacturing CVT	Brennan and Seth	11/1/2024	1/20/25																																				
26		Start assembling first Prototype	Drivetrain Team	Pending	11/13/24																																				
27		Analysis Memo	Team	Pending	11/1/24																																				
28		Presentation #3	Team	Pending	11/6/24																																				
29		1st Prototype Demo	Team	11/13/2024	11/13/24																																				
30		Individual Analysis	Individual	Pending	11/22/24																																				
31		Report #2	Team	Pending	11/27/24																																				
32		Final CAD and Final BOM	Team	Pending	12/3/24																																				
33		2nd Prototype Demo	Team	Pending	12/4/2024																																				
34		Website Check #2	Team	Pending	12/7/2024																																				

# Chassis & Frame



**Ryan Carley - Front End,  
Team Lead**

**Wyatt Walker - Cockpit, CAD  
Manager**

**Charles Anderson- Rear  
End, Fabrication & Web  
Design**



# Benchmarking



## ETS 2024 #27

- Front Bracing Member Suspension Mount
- Wider Front Bracing Members
- Overall shorter track length



## Cornell 2024 #73

- Front Bracing Member Suspension Mount
- Wider Front Bracing Members
- Taller Toe Box
- Lower Seating Position



## NAU 2024 #44

- Cockpit Width is too narrow
- 4130 Chromoly Steel
- Toe Box is too cramped

# Customer and Engineering Requirements

## Customer Requirements

- Performance
- Safety
- Durability
- Affordable
- Comfort
- Ease of Fabrication
- Aesthetics
- Pass Tech. Inspection
- Balanced Weight Distribution

## Engineering Requirements

- Increased Strength
- Lightweight
- Low Cost
- Driver Egress
- Rulebook/Tech. Inspection Requirements\*

Technical Requirement Targets	Technical Requirement Units	Customer Weights						Customer Requirements
		2	3	5	4	8	7	
	psi	9	9	9	9	9	9	Increase Strength
100	lbs	9	-3	-3	9	9	9	Light Weight
2500	\$	9	-3	-1	1	1	9	Low Cost
5	Seconds	-3	3	9	1		9	Driver Egress
	N/A	1	1	-3	9			B.3.2.17 Roll Cage Spec sheet filled out
1, 0.065, 0.118	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.16 Primary members steel OD, ID requirements
1, 0.035	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.16 Alternate Material requirements
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.3 Secondary members OD, ID requirements
40, 33	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.15 Welding samples requirements
8	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.1 Straight (40in) and bent members (33in unsupported, <30deg length)
5	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.5 Lateral cross member and CLC <=8in requirements
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.6 RRH Continuous vertical members & +/- 20 degree vertically
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.7 LDB max 5in from top & bottom of roll cage
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.12 FBM max 45 deg. from vertical, FBMap & FBMIlow joints
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.9 LFS must extend from RRH to past driver's heels
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.12.1 Gaskets required if RHO and FBMap are not continuous
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.2.4.3 Safety harness tubes are in RRH plane from one side to the other
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.13.2 Rear bracing structural triangle connecting points A & B (within 2in)
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.8 RHO & RRH dimension and placement guidelines
8,14	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.10 SIMs run 8in-14in above lowest point of the seat
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.2.11 UST connect to LFS members securely below the seat
6,3	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.3.3.1 Roll cage clearance for the largest driver (6in helmet) (3in torso & limbs)
3	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.2 Min. 5 point harness with 3in webbing with single metal buckle
6,9	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.2.4.2 Shoulder webbing laterally placed 6in-9in
0,09, 1, 3,125	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.12.2 Lap and anti-sub mounting tabs (double shear) >=0.09in thick & >=1.3125in of weld length
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.5 Must have a conventional seat (65-90deg back angle) with back & bottom plane
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.5.3 Seat has 4 mounting points on the bottom and 2 on the back plane
0,125, 0,25,0,5	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.12.2 Seat tubs >=0.125in thick, fastener of 0.25in dia. spacers <=0.5in thick
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.2.6.2 Anti-Sub belt angle 0-20deg aft of the chest line
4	Inches	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.4.2.4.1 Mount shoulder belts at or below driver's shoulders =<4in
	N/A	9	9	9	9	9	9	B.10.3.3.1 Cockpit kill switch is within easy reach of a restrained driver



# Literature Review

Charles Anderson

## Books:

**The Procedure Handbook of Arc Welding [38]**

- Chapter 2 Designing for Arc Welding

**Material Science and Engineering [39]**

- Chapter 11 Applications and Processing of metal alloys

## Papers

**Effect of Preheating Temperatures On Impact Properties [40]**

**SAE Baja Final Proposal Report [41]**

**Stress analysis of a roll cage[42]**

## Online

**Designing a Roll Cage in Solidworks [43]**

**Static Structural Analysis in Ansys [44]**

## Standard

**ASTM- AISI 4130 Steel [45]**



# Literature Review

Ryan Carley

## Books

### **Engineering Analysis with ANSYS Software (Ch.3) [46]**

- Two dimensional & three dimensional stress analysis using ANSYS

### **The Automotive Chassis (Second Edition) (Ch. 6) [47]**

- Center of Gravity calculations for a frame

### **Standard**

#### **ASTM A500/A500M-23 [48]**

- Inspection and Welding Standards for tubing

## Papers

### **Analysis of Roll Cage and Various Design Parameters of an All Terrain Vehicle (Baja) [49]**

- Calculations and static analysis of a baja frame

### **Design, analysis and optimization of all terrain vehicle chassis ensuring structural rigidity (5. Calculations) [50]**

- Impact calculations

### **Static and Modal Analysis of All Terrain Vehicle Roll-Cage [51]**

- Simulating various impacts on a baja frame for FEA in SolidWorks

## Online Resources

### **Introduction to Simulations (FEA) [52]**

- Using FEA simulations in SolidWorks

### **Bentley Garner Shares Tips for Successfully Welding Chromoly Tube [53]**

- Instructions on preparing Chromoly tubing and necessary steps in tacking and welding
- Different welding wires that should be used



# Literature Review

Wyatt Walker

## Books

**Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design [1]**

**Chapter 2 section 2-1 Material Strength and Stiffness**

- Material Calculations resource

### Standard

**Machinery's Handbook [2]**

**Bending Sheet Metal pg.1346-1353**

- Tube bending calculations and tables.

## Papers

**Design and Optimization of Mini Baja Chassis [54]**

- Impact Simulations of Baja Frame

**Design, analysis and optimization of all terrain vehicle chassis ensuring structural rigidity (6 Finite Element Analysis) [55]**

- ANSYS Impact simulation

**Plastic Deformation Analysis in Tube Bending [56]**

- Prediction of tube bending outcomes

## Online Resources

**2024 Baja SAE Roll Cage Doc. Package. Pg. 8 [57]**

- Official Baja SAE Equivalency calculations

**Techniques to improve weld penetration in TIG welding [58]**

- Suggestions on how to improve welding quality

# Mathematical Modeling #1

## Arc Length Calculations

Ex: 75° bend & 5" Centerline Radius

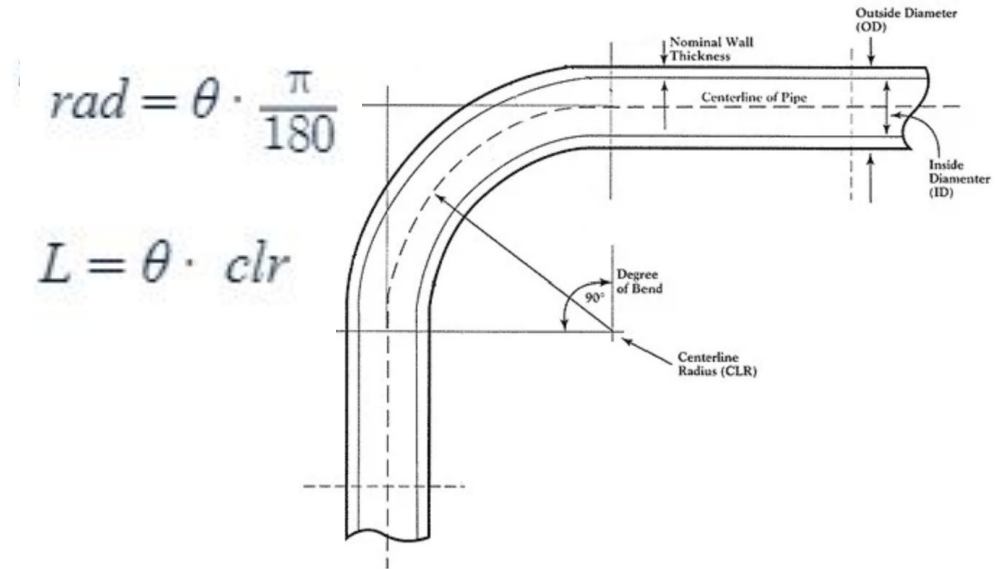
- $75 \cdot (\pi/180) \approx 1.31$  rad
- $1.31 \cdot 5 = 6.55$ "

$\Sigma$  Straight + Bent = Total

- $\approx 83'$  feet of tube

$\Sigma$  Pm + Sm = Total

- $\approx 48'$  PM,  $35'$  SM



# Mathematical Modeling #1

## Cost Of Tubing

(Assuming 1 1/4" OD and 0.065" WT for PM and 1" OD and 0.035" for SM)

### 4130 Chromoly

- Via: Online Metals
- PM= \$29.68/ft
- SM= \$14.76/ft

Total costs

PM :  $29.68 * 48 = \$1424.64$

SM:  $14.76 * 35 = \$516.60$

Total= \$1941.24

### 316 Stainless

- Via: Grainger
- PM= \$26.43/ft
- SM= \$13.87/ft

Total Costs

PM:  $26.43 * 48 = \$1268.64$

SM:  $13.87 * 35 = \$485.45$

Total= \$1754.09

### 1020 DOM

- Via: Stock Car Steel
- PM= \$4.38/ft
- SM= \$4.10/ft

Total Costs

PM:  $4.38 * 48 = \$210.24$

SM:  $4.10 * 35 = \$143.50$

Total= \$353.74

# Mathematical Modeling #2

## 1018 Steel [62]

$$OD = 25\text{mm} = 0.984\text{in}$$

$$\text{Wall Thickness} = 3\text{mm} = 0.118\text{in}$$

$$ID = 19\text{mm} = 0.748\text{in}$$

$$E = 205 \text{ GPa} = 29733200 \text{ psi (Modulus of Elasticity for all steels)}$$

$$S_y = 365 \text{ MPa} = 52939.6 \text{ psi}$$

$$C = OD/2 = 12.5\text{mm} = 0.492\text{in (Distance to neutral axis)}$$

Bending Stiffness ( $K_{breq}$ )

$I$  = Second moment of area for the structural cross section

$$I = \pi/64 \cdot (OD^4 - ID^4)$$

$$I = \pi/64 \cdot (0.984^4 - 0.748^4)$$

$$I = 0.0308\text{in}^4$$

$$K_{breq} = E \cdot I$$

$$K_{breq} = 29733200\text{psi} \cdot 0.0308\text{in}^4$$

$$K_{breq} = 915,782.56 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Bending Strength ( $S_{breq}$ )

$$S_{breq} = (S_y \cdot I) / C$$

$$S_{breq} = (52939.6 \text{ psi} \cdot 0.0308\text{in}^4) / 0.492\text{in}$$

$$S_{breq} = 3,314.11 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}$$

## 4130 Chromoly Steel

$$OD = 1.25\text{in}$$

$$\text{Wall Thickness} = 0.065\text{in}$$

$$ID = 1.12\text{in}$$

$$E = 205 \text{ GPa} = 29733200 \text{ psi (Modulus of Elasticity for all steels)}$$

$$S_y = 63100 \text{ psi [2]}$$

$$C = OD/2 = 0.625\text{in (Distance to neutral axis)}$$

Bending Stiffness ( $K_{breq}$ )

$I$  = Second moment of area for the structural cross section

$$I = \pi/64 \cdot (OD^4 - ID^4)$$

$$I = \pi/64 \cdot (1.25^4 - 1.12^4)$$

$$I = 0.0426\text{in}^4$$

$$K_{breq} = E \cdot I$$

$$K_{breq} = 29733200\text{psi} \cdot 0.0426\text{in}^4$$

$$K_{breq} = 1,266,634.32 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}^2$$

Bending Strength ( $S_{breq}$ )

$$S_{breq} = (S_y \cdot I) / C$$

$$S_{breq} = (63100 \text{ psi} \cdot 0.0426\text{in}^4) / 0.625\text{in}$$

$$S_{breq} = 4,300.9 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}$$

# Mathematical Modeling #3

## Estimated Weight of the Frame:

$$\text{Weight} = \text{Density} \times \text{Volume} \quad V_{\text{tube}} = V_{\text{outer}} - V_{\text{inner}}$$

### Primary Members:

$$OD = 1.25 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Wall Thickness} = .065 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Density} = .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3}$$

$$\text{Length} \approx 49 \text{ ft}$$

$$\left( \pi \times \left( \frac{1.25 \text{ in}}{2} \right)^2 \times (49 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in}) \right) - \left( \pi \times (.56 \text{ in})^2 \times (49 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in}) \right) = 143.28 \text{ in}^3$$

$$143.28 \text{ in}^3 \times .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3} = 40.73 \text{ lbs}$$

### Secondary Members:

$$OD = 1 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Wall Thickness} = .035 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Density} = .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3}$$

$$\text{Length} \approx 36 \text{ ft}$$

$$\left( \pi \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ in}}{2} \right)^2 \times (36 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in}) \right) - \left( \pi \times (.465 \text{ in})^2 \times (36 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in}) \right) = 43.53 \text{ in}^3$$

$$43.53 \text{ in}^3 \times .284 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{in}^3} = 12.35 \text{ lbs}$$

$$\text{Total Weight} \approx 54 \text{ lbs}$$

\*Not including weight of welds\*





# Steering, Brakes, and Suspension

**David Polkabra Jr.**

**Taylor Hewitt**

**Ryan Key**

**Ryan Latulippe**

**Oliver Husmann**

Steering, Brakes

Suspension

# Benchmarking



NAU 2024 #44



Cal Poly 2024 #36



Cornell 2024 #73

# Benchmarking

2024 Cornell #73



1st in suspension (2024)

2024 SDSU #43



2nd in suspension (2024)

2024 NAU #44



25th in suspension (2024)

# Customer and Engineering Requirements

## Customer Requirements

- High Performing
- Affordable
- Comfortable
- Easy Operation
- Passes SAE Inspection

## Engineering Requirements

- Reduce Turning Radius
- Reduce Steering Slop
- Increased stability
- Ideal Wheel Angles
- Ideal Steering Ratio

# QFD

Customer Weights		Customer Requirements		Technical Requirements									
				Reduce Turning Radius	Reduce Steering Slop	Increased stability	Proper toe	Ideal Castor Angle	Ideal Camber Angle	Ideal Steering Ratio			
9	Safety	3	9	9	1	1	1	3					
3	Affordable	3	3	9	1	1	1	9					
4	Performance	9	9	3	9	9	9	9					
7	Easy Operation	3	9	9	1	1	1	9					
4	Reliable	1	9	9	3	3	3	9					
3	Comfortable	3	9	3	3	3	3	9					
8	Lightweight	1		3									
3	Easy to Mount	3	3	3	3	3	3	0					
2	Pass Inspection	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Technical Requirement Units		ft.	Degrees	N/A		Degrees							
Technical Requirement Targets		12	0		.0625 in.	10	0.25 in.						

# QFD

Reduce Turning Radius								
Reduce Steering Slop								
Increased stability	+	+						
Proper toe	+		+					
Ideal Castor Angle	+		+					
Ideal Camber Angle	+		+					
Ideal Steering Ratio	+		+					

		Technical Requirements						
Customer Weights	Customer Requirements	Reduce Turning Radius	Reduce Steering Slop	Increased stability	Proper toe	Ideal Castor Angle	Ideal Camber Angle	Ideal Steering Ratio

		Baja 2025 Steering	
Relationship		Date: 9/15/2024	
Strong	9	Legend	
Moderate	3	A	NAU 2024 #44
Weak	1	B	Cal Poly 2024 #36
N/A	0	C	Cornell Univ. #73

Customer Opinion Survey				
1 Poor	2 OK	3 Acceptable	4 Good	5 Excellent
			A	BC
	A		BC	BC
A		A	B	C
A		A	B	C
			ABC	BC
			A	BC
				ABC

# Customer and Engineering Requirements

## Customer Requirements

- Safe to use
- Affordable
- No Hydraulic Issues
- Doesn't Overheat
- Passes SAE Inspection

## Engineering Requirements

- Maximize braking force
- Pedal Must be made from aluminum or steel
- Maximize Safety
- Minimize pedal force needed to apply brakes



Customer Weights		Technical Requirements										
		Customer Requirements										
		Reduce Braking Distance										
		Minimize Pedal Force										
		Maximize Safety										
		Easily Serviceable										
		Must Stop All Four Tires At Once										
		Maximize Braking Force										
		Pedal Components must be made from aluminum or steel										
		Brake System must have sufficient force to hold vehicle while engine is running										
		Brake Pedal Shall Be Designed for Unobstructed Travel										
		Brake Systems Must Have Two Independent Hydraulic Reservoirs										
		Maximize Clamping Force										
9	Safety	9	9	9	3	9	9	3	9	9	9	9
3	Affordable	-1	-1	-1	1	-3	3	9	-3	-3		3
2	Performance	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	3	9	1	9
7	Easy Operation	9	3	9		1	3		9	9	3	9
4	Hydraulic	1	9	3			1	-1	3	1	9	9
3	No Overheating	9	-1	9	-1	3	9		3		1	
8	Long Pad Life	9	3	9	-1	3	3		9	3	3	1
3	Easy to Mount	-3		3	3		2		1		3	1
2	Pass Inspection	-3	3	9	3	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Technical Requirement Units		ft	lbf	N/A	N/A	N/A	psi	lbf	ft-lbf/s	N/A	N/A	psi
Technical Requirement Targets		60	450				500	450	7700			90



# Customer and Engineering Requirements

## Customer Requirements

- Performance/comfort
- Serviceability/tunability
- Durability
- Affordable
- Ease of fabrication
- Aesthetics
- Pass tech

## Engineering Requirements

- Light weight
- B.8.7 - cockpit shielding for steering/suspension links
- Optimal ride height/ground clearance
- B.1.6 - Vehicle width
- Vehicle length/approach angle
- Singular known replaceable failure point (bolt)
- Efficiently designed knuckle
- Optimize maximum suspension travel



# Literature Review

David Polkabla

Books/Chapters	Papers	Online Resources	Standard
Suspension Analysis & Geometry [59] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chapters 1 &amp; 5</li></ul>	-Experimental Rig Study on Resistance Forces in Car Steering System with Rack and Pinion. [60] -Design and comparative analysis of Ackermann and Anti-Ackermann steering system [61] -Design of a Low Alloy Steel Vehicle Tie Rod to Determine the Maximum Load That Can Resist Failure [62]	- Ackermann Steering Geometry Explained [61] - Caster & Camber [63]	- ANSI/AGMA 1006-A97 [64]

# Literature Review

## Taylor Hewitt

Books/Chapters	Papers	Online Resources	Standard
Brake Design and Safety Third Ed. Rudolf Limpert Chapters 1 & 2 [65]	Design and Analysis of Double Piston Brake Caliper for SAE Baja [66]	Calculating the Braking Force of a Car [69]	U.S. Department of Transportation 5.1.1 Brake systems [71]
Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design Chapter 16 (Brakes) [1]	Design and Analysis of Inboard Braking System for Vehicle [67]	Modeling to Understand and Improve Your Braking system [70]	
	Modeling and Simulation of Disc Brake to Analyse Temperature Distribution using FEA [68]		

# Literature Review

Ryan Latulippe

## Books/Chapters

- **Dixon Suspension Geometry and Computation (Ch. 12) [72]**
  - Explains various forms of double wishbone suspension and details (front application)
- **Fundamentals of Vehicle Dynamics [73]**
  - General overview of different types of suspension and respective applications with equation and calculation information.
- **Baja 2025 Rule Book [15]**
  - Holds standards for all teams to follow.

## Papers

- **Optimization of Suspension Systems of Offroad Vehicles for Vehicle Performance Improvement [74]**
  - Double wishbone suspension vs Macpherson suspension.
- **Design Review of Suspension Assembly of a BAJA ATV [75]**
  - Analyzes the process of creating/designing a suspension assembly for a Baja ATV, along with info on some software that aligns with what we are learning.

## Online Resources

- **Understanding Caster and Camber Angles [76]**
  - Explains various angles and respective applications for both camber and caster.
- **Bump Steer [77]**
  - Defines bump steer along with real world ways to mitigate/eliminate it.
- **Lotus Shark Suspension Tutorial [78]**
  - Tutorial video for Lotus Shark suspension software.



# Literature Review

## Ryan Key

### Books/Chapters

- **Tune to Win - Carroll Smith [79]**
  - Ch. 3, 4 - weight, mass load, load transfer, suspension geometry
- **Suspension Geometry and computation - John C. Dixon [72]**
  - Ch. 4, 7, 11 - ride geo., camber & scrub, single arm suspensions

### Papers

- 2019 University of Cincinnati SAE Baja Rear Suspension [80]
- Design, Analysis and Optimization of Trailing Arm with Two Link Suspension System [81]
- Optimization of suspension system of off road vehicle for vehicle performance improvement [82]

### Online Resources

- Guide To Suspension Design For Going Fast In Comfort [83]
- Design of Three and Four Link Suspensions for Off Road Use [84]
- Custom Link Suspension Rules - General guidelines for custom suspension setup [85]

# Literature Review

Oliver Husmann

## Books/Chapters

- **Performance Vehicle Dynamics: engineering and applications (7 and 8) [86]**
  - Ch. 7: an introduction to suspension kinematics and configurations
  - Ch. 8: modeling vehicle suspension dynamically.
- **Race Car Vehicle Dynamics (6) [87]**
  - Ch. 6: Advanced suspension systems and tuning

## Papers

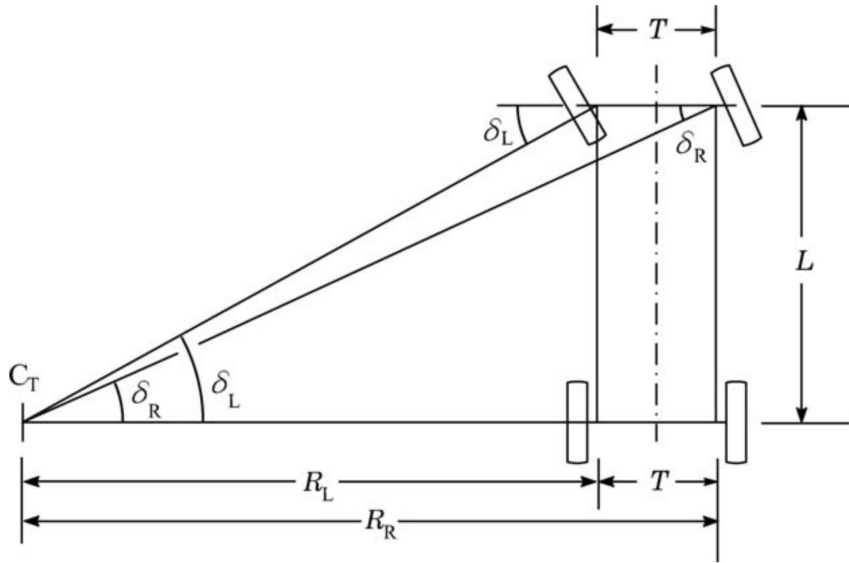
- **Design cycle implementation on a customized steering knuckle for a competition ATV [88]**
  - Design methodologies and iterative improvements for steering knuckles
- **Optimization of suspension system of off road vehicle for vehicle performance improvement [89]**
  - Techniques for enhancing suspension performance and vehicle handling
- **Structural Optimization of a Knuckle with Consideration of Stiffness and Durability Requirements [90]**
  - Methods for balancing strength, stiffness, and durability in knuckle design

## Online

- **Design and analysis of suspension system for an All-Terrain vehicle [91]**
  - Design principles and analysis techniques for all-terrain vehicle suspensions
- **Suspension Videos: XF Motorsports [92]**
  - Practical demonstrations and visual insights into suspension systems
- **Off Road Suspension 101: An Inside Look [93]**
  - Basic overview and design considerations for off-road suspension systems

# Mathematical Model

$$\cot \delta_R - \cot \delta_L = \frac{T}{L}$$



$$\delta_R = \cot^{-1} \left( \cot(50^\circ) + \frac{56}{64} \right) \Rightarrow \delta_R = 30.26^\circ \text{ or } 30^\circ$$

$$R = L \tan \delta_L \Rightarrow 64 \tan 60^\circ \Rightarrow R = 120 \text{ in}$$

$\delta_R$  = Outside turning angle

$R$  = Turning Radius

# Mathematical Modeling

$$a = \frac{v - v_0}{t - t_0} \Rightarrow a = \frac{58.7}{4} = 14.7 \text{ ft/s}^2$$

$$d = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2 \Rightarrow d = 58.7(4) - \frac{1}{2}(14.7)(4)^2 = 117.2 \text{ ft}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow W = \frac{1}{2}(17.1)(58.7)^2 = 29460 \text{ lb} * \text{ft/s}^2$$

$$F_{brake} = \frac{W}{d} \Rightarrow F_{brake} = \frac{29460}{117.2} = 251.4 \text{ psi}$$

$$F_{clamp} = \frac{F_{brake}}{2} * \mu \Rightarrow \frac{251.4}{2} * 0.7 = 88 \text{ psi}$$

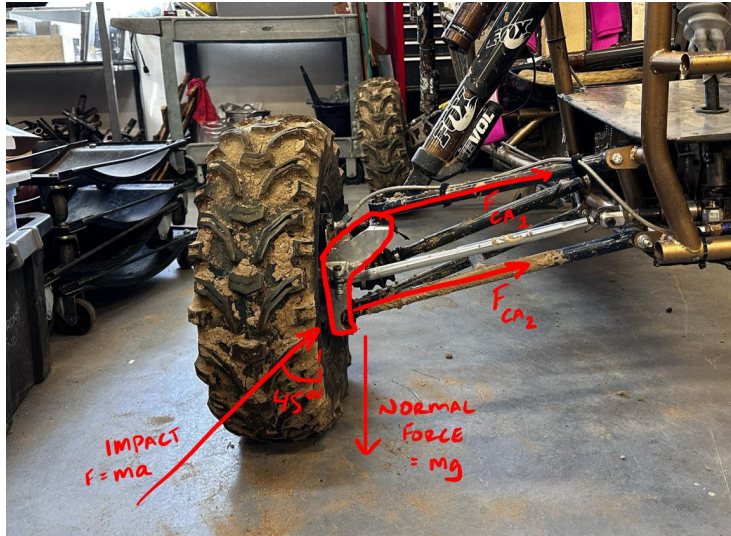
Weight of vehicle (with driver) = 550 lbs  
Mass of vehicle (m) = 550/32.2 = 17.1 lbm  
Velocity of vehicle = 40 mph = 58.7ft/s  
a = acceleration (ft/s<sup>2</sup>)  
v = velocity (ft/s)  
t = time (s)  
d = distance (ft)  
W = work done (lb\*ft/s<sup>2</sup>)  
F<sub>brake</sub> = Brake Force (psi)  
F<sub>clamp</sub> = Clamping Force (psi)  
Coefficient of Friction (μ) = 0.7

# Mathematical Modeling: Impact Force

## Max Impact Force Based on Car Nose Diving Off a Jump on One Corner

### Given Info:

- Car + driver weight: ~600lbs → 272kg
- 1 meter tall jump
- Velocity off jump (at impact)



$$v_{horiz.} = \frac{14.13m}{s} \text{ (previously calculated)}$$

$$\Sigma F = 0 \rightarrow 0 = \text{Normal force} - \text{Impact force} + F_{Control\ arm}$$

$$\Sigma F = 0 \rightarrow 0 = -272(9.81) - [272(14.13) \sin(45)] + F_{CA}$$

$$F_{CA} = 5391.8\ N$$

$$2\ \text{Control Arms (upper and lower)} \rightarrow 2 \frac{\text{members}}{\text{arm}} \text{ (A arm geometry)}$$

$$\frac{F_{CA}}{2} = \text{Force per arm}$$

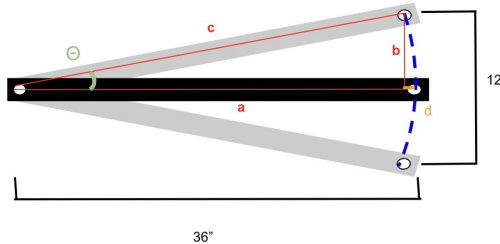
$$\frac{F_{CA}}{4} = \text{Force per member} \rightarrow \frac{5391.9}{4} = 1348 \frac{N}{\text{member}}$$

$$1348N \rightarrow \frac{303\text{lbs}}{\text{member}}$$

# Mathematical Modeling: Trailing Arms



- Total wheel travel: 12"
- Lateral movement: 0.51" vs 0.77"
- Arm angle (deg) at full tuck/bump: 9.59 vs 14.48



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{c^2 - b^2}$$

$$a = \sqrt{(36)^2 - (6)^2}$$

$$a = 35.49$$

$$d = 36 - 35.49$$

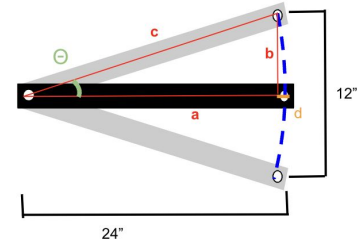
$$d = 0.51in$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{36}\right)$$

$$\theta = 9.59deg$$



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{c^2 - b^2}$$

$$a = \sqrt{(24)^2 - (6)^2}$$

$$a = 23.23$$

$$d = 24 - 23.23$$

$$d = 0.77in$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{24}\right)$$

$$\theta = 14.48deg$$

# Mathematical Modeling: Knuckle Forces

What is the bending moment and bending stress on the knuckle?

Force applied: 1348 N

Moment arm: 0.5 m

$$M = F * d = 1348N * 0.5m = 674N$$

Section Modulus (S):  $3.04 * 10^{-4}m^3$

$$\sigma = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{(674 N)}{(3.04 * 10^{-4}m^3)} = 2.2175 MPa = 322.96 psi$$







# Thank You

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