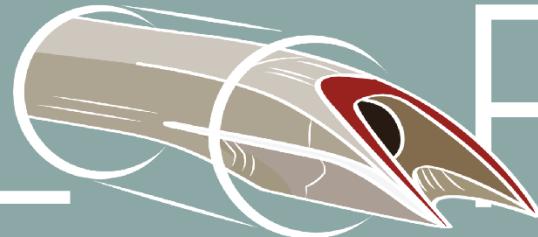


BADGER LOGO



FINAL DESIGN PACKAGE





MISSION OVERVIEW

We, the BadgerLoop team, students of the University of Wisconsin-Madison are striving to secure funding in order to build a pod and participate in the Competition Weekend.

Our fifteen-foot BadgerLoop Pod will levitate using Halbach arrays and brake using a regenerative, contactless eddy current scheme. Our lightweight yet durable outer shell houses numerous robust and innovative safety and control systems, built on a lightning fast Controller Area Network



BADGERLOOP TEAM INFORMATION

- Competition Objective
 - We will present our pod at Design Weekend
 - We will build and fabricate competition-scale pod for testing in SpaceX Test Tube during Competition Weekend
- Pod Testing Category
 - Levitating (non-wheeled) Pod
- Team Size
 - 6 Executive Members
 - 7 Team Leaders
 - 86 General Members



BADGERLOOP TEAM STRUCTURE

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Seth Rueter
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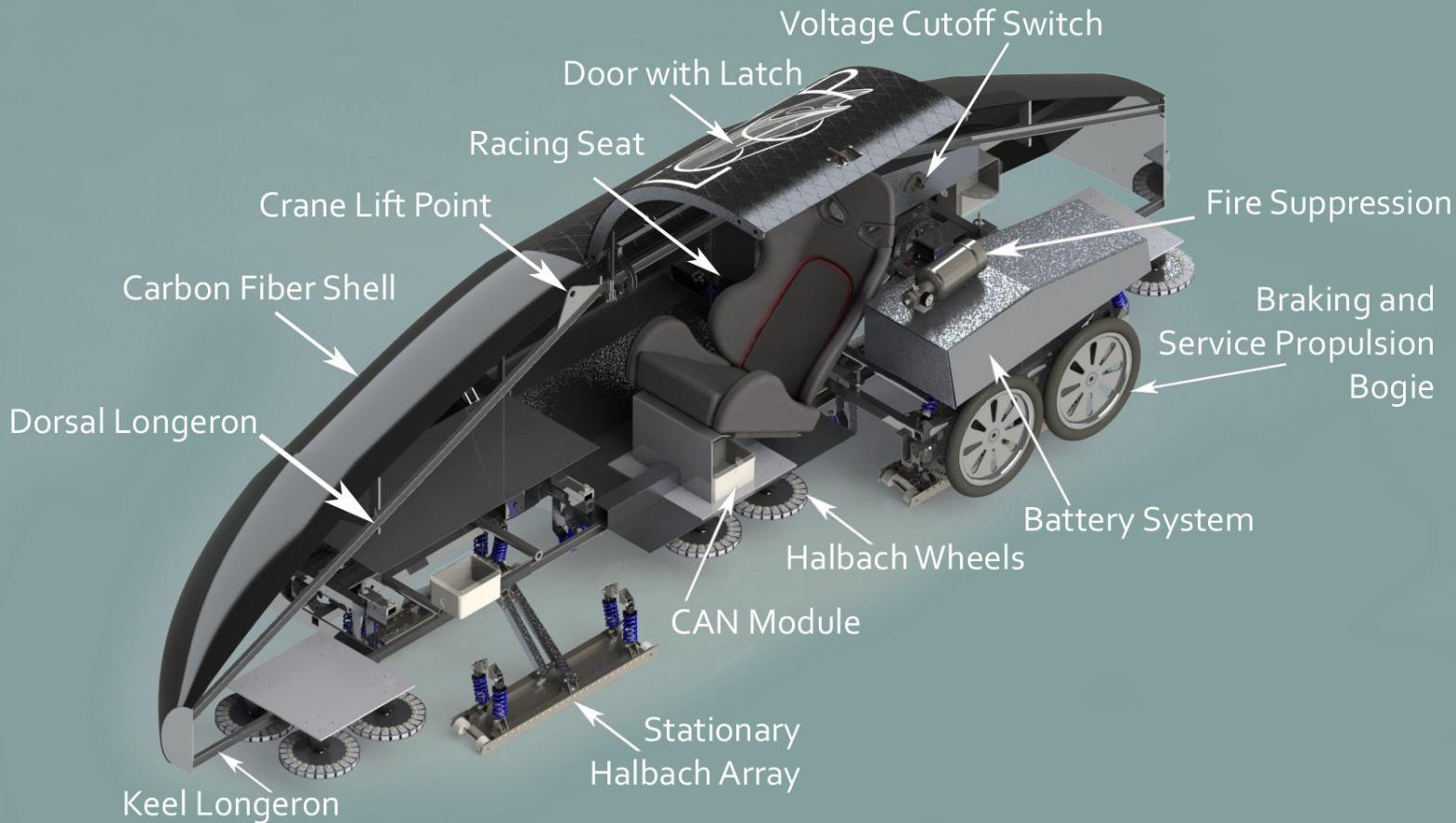
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SYSTEM OVERVIEW





COMPETITION LOGISTICS



1) Functional tests and load pod into tube



2) Pod interfaces with pusher and accelerates to operational speed



3) Pod levitates on Halbach arrays and maintains speed and stability with rotating Halbach wheels



4) Halbach wheels slow down resulting in a small braking force while still maintaining stability function



5) Wheels deploy and eddy braking is fully engaged



6) Pod comes to stop in egress 50 [ft] from tube end

Distance: 0 [ft]

Distance: 0 [ft]

Distance: 800 [ft]

Distance: 3500 [ft]

Distance: 4280 [ft]

Distance: 5280 [ft]

This competition plan is subject to change. We have the ability to brake faster or more comfortably if need be.



COMPETITION LOGISTICS PLAN

- Pod Loading
 - Pod will be secured and unloaded directly off the trailer on its load bearing points up on to the Ingress staging area using the SpaceX provided crane and/or forklift (SpaceX, 2015)
 - The Halbach wheels will be carefully slid over the rail where the pod will rest on its roller bearings on the Ingress exterior pylon
 - Functional Test A/B/C/D will be performed before launch
- Pod Unloading
 - Once pod is in the ready to remove state on the exterior pylon following service propulsion, the pod will be completely powered down
 - Provided SpaceX crane and/or forklift in Egress will slide the pod's Halbach wheels off of the rail and lower the pod onto our trailer



FULL DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONAL TESTS

- Functional Test A
 - BadgerLoop pod power up sequence will be completed in the staging area using remote startup. After power up has been completed, 2 way communication between the pod's Wireless Connectivity Module and server will be demonstrated showing the Vehicle Control, Environmental Control, and Breaking and Propulsion Modules powered on and ready to launch. Sensor data including pressure, power consumption, and temperature will continuously be displayed.
- Functional Test B
 - The Halbach wheels will be spun up to demonstrate their functionality in providing stability and forward thrust to the pod.
- Functional Test C
 - Continuous communication link will be established between the pod and the server at which point the tube will be depressurized to 0.2PSI. All sensors will be sending all data to the BadgerLoop Dashboard.
- Functional Test D
 - Halbach Wheels will begin to spin slowly, providing stability along the center rail, but no forward thrust. At this point the propulsion interface will connect to the pod.



READY-TO-LAUNCH CHECKLIST/STATE DESCRIPTION

- Pod state and power on
 - The pod be powered on and all modules will be in NSYNC mode
 - Pod will check to see that enough power is available to complete the run
 - Pod door is closed
- Wheels up
 - Making sure the wheels are up and ready to deploy for braking
 - Pod will rest on the nylon bearings of the Halbach arrays
- Environmental Conditions
 - The tube is at operating pressure used for aero calculations and at an acceptable temperature
 - Gate 1 is closed
- Levitation
 - Halbach wheels are spinning at 1200 RPM to provide stabilization once levitated
- Propulsion interface connected
 - Successful connection with the propulsion vehicle
 - Force sensor receiving data



READY-TO-REMOVE CHECKLIST/STATE DESCRIPTION

- Pod stop point
 - Pod stopped within 50 feet of gate 2 near Egress
- Battery State
 - Batteries are within a safe operating temperature
 - Batteries contain enough power to successfully use service propulsion to exit the tube
- Halbach Wheels
 - Halbach wheels are turned off for service propulsion
- Wheels down
 - Wheels are still down and usable for service propulsion
- Brakes Disengaged
 - Eddy current brakes are turned off
- Environmental Conditions
 - Tube has been pressurized and gate 2 is open

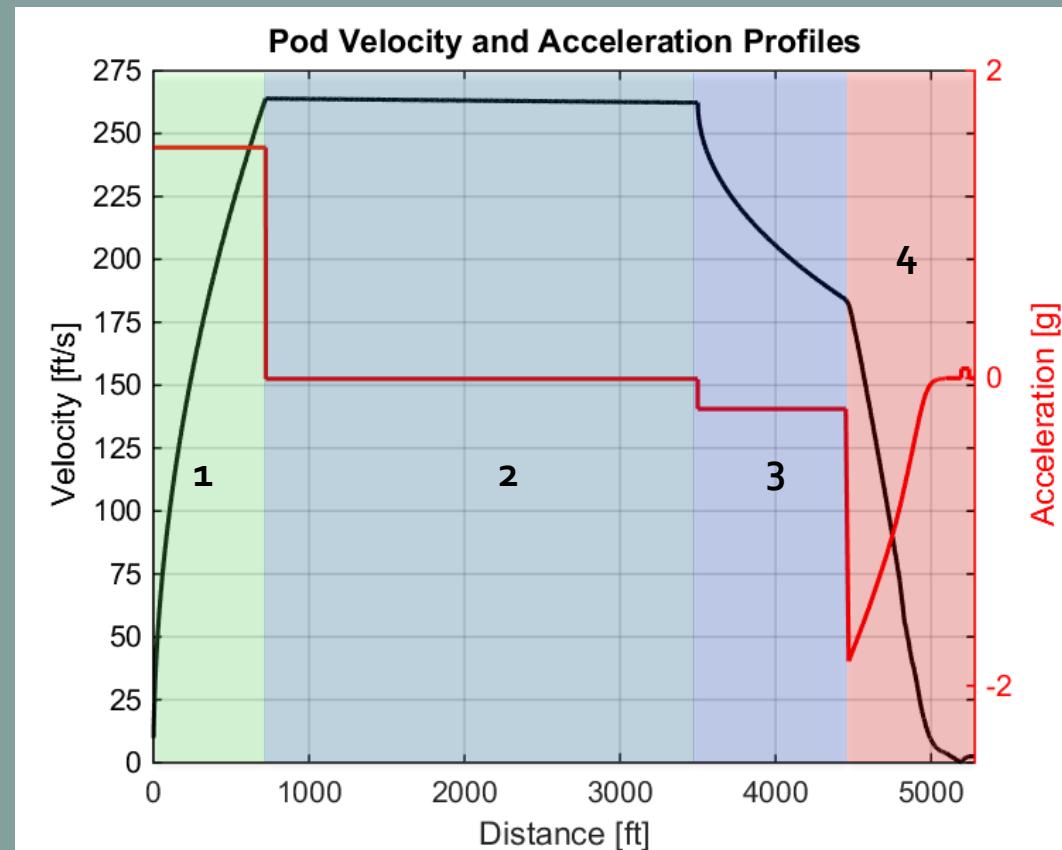


COMPETITION LOGISTICS

1. Pod accelerated by the SpaceX pusher to 260 [ft/s]
2. The Halbach wheel stability thrusters will be actively controlled to maintain the speed at 260 [ft/s]
3. The Halbach wheel thrusters will be turned down to begin slowing our pod before the wheels deploy
4. The wheels fully deploy and begin eddy braking
 - The eddy brakes will be modulated in order to maintain a comfortable deceleration (under 1g)
 - However shown here is the response for maximum eddy braking force

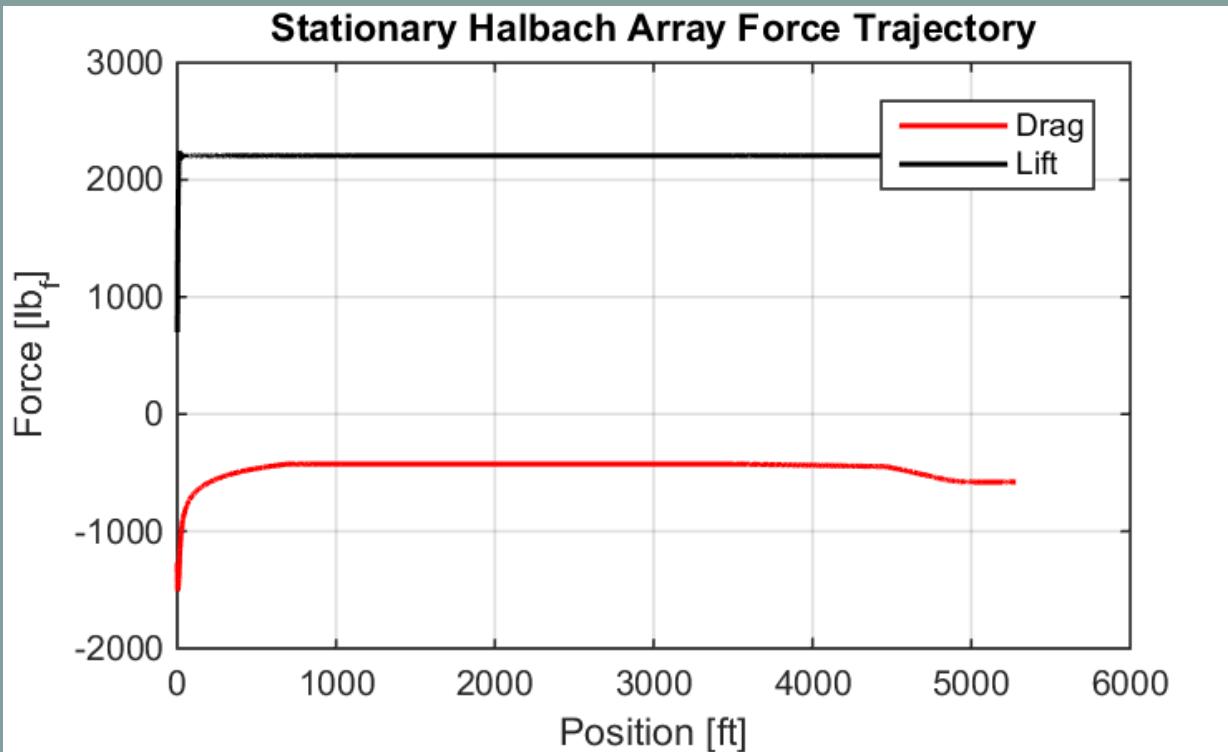
Braking during competition will begin earlier than depicted in the figure to the right

- Figure shows the worst case scenario of braking





FORCE TRAJECTORY



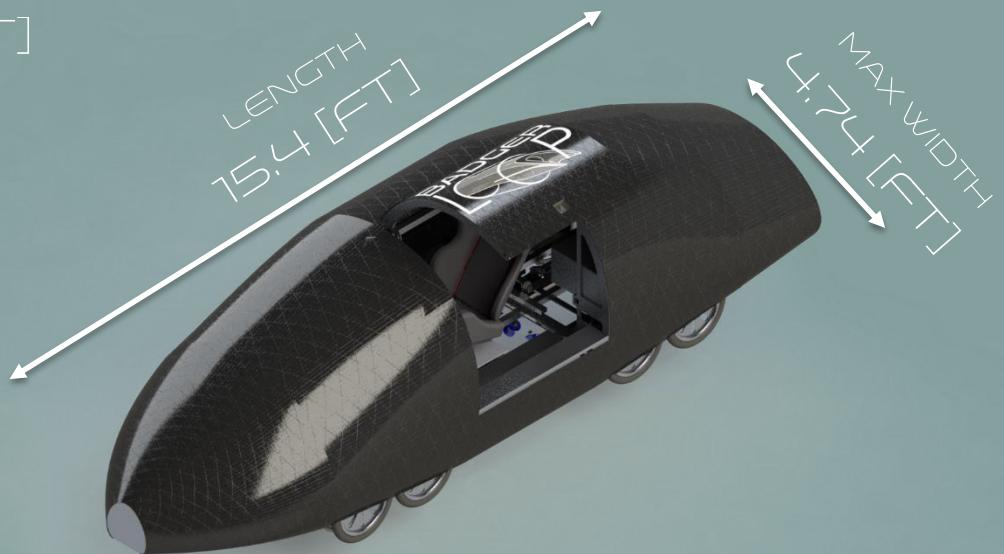
This graph follows the velocity profile of the pod (on the previous slide) for the forces induced by passive Halbach array operation



OVERALL POD DIMENSIONS



MAX HEIGHT
4.01
[FT]



SHELL SURFACE AREA: 150
[FT²]



MASS, POWER CONSUMPTION & COST

| Subsystem | Mass [kg] | Power [Wh] | Cost |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Aluminum Frame | 89.3 | - | \$2,850.00 |
| Carbon Fiber Shell | 59.4 | - | DONATED |
| Braking, Suspension & Low Speed Propulsion System | 210.0 | 320 | \$5,972.27 |
| Levitation System | 134.6 | - | \$5,795.00 |
| Electrical System | 203.1 | 76.7 | \$10,672.00 |
| Stability & Propulsion System | 71.3 | 240 | \$5,885.00 |
| Fire Suppression System | 29.8 | - | DONATED |
| POD TOTAL | 994.5 | 636.7 | \$30,968.37* |
| PAYOUT | 605.5 | | |
| TOTAL CAPABILITY | 1600 | 10,000 | |

*See Bill of Materials in the Appendix for detailed cost break down



SHELL OVERVIEW

CFD Assumptions

- Ideal Gas – Air
- $P = 100 \text{ Pa}$, $T = 300 \text{ K}$
- k-e turbulence model
- BC's: Velocity Inlet, Pressure Outlet

Shell Properties (Carbon Fiber)

- Thermal Conductivity: $24 \text{ [W/m}^\circ\text{C]}$
- Specific Heat: $795 \text{ [J/kg}^\circ\text{C]}$
- Surface Roughness: 0.01

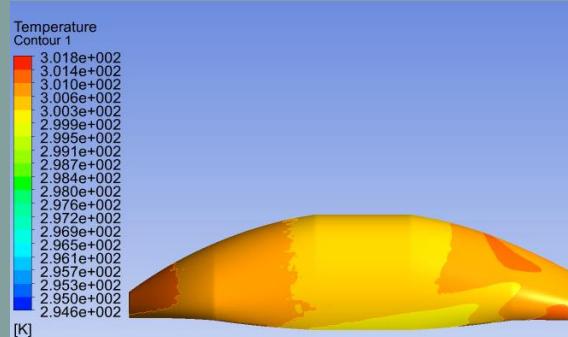
Aerodynamic Coefficients

- Drag Coefficient: $C_d = 5.05$
- Lift Coefficient: $C_L = 2.16$
- Longitudinal Static Stability: $(C_m)\alpha = -0.46$

Thermal Profile (Velocity = 40 [m/s])

Minimal temperature change on carbon fiber shell

Thermal Profile



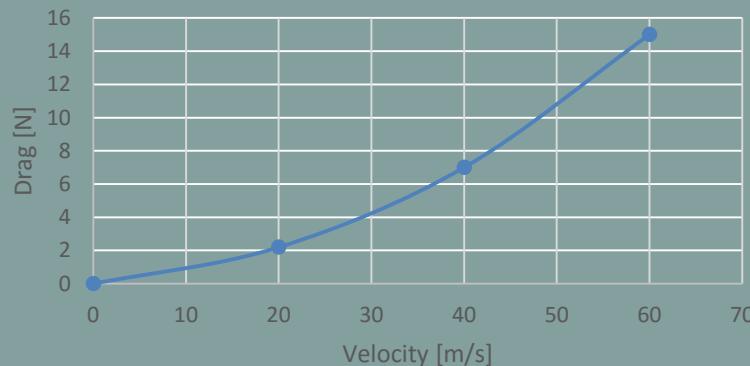
Pod Shell



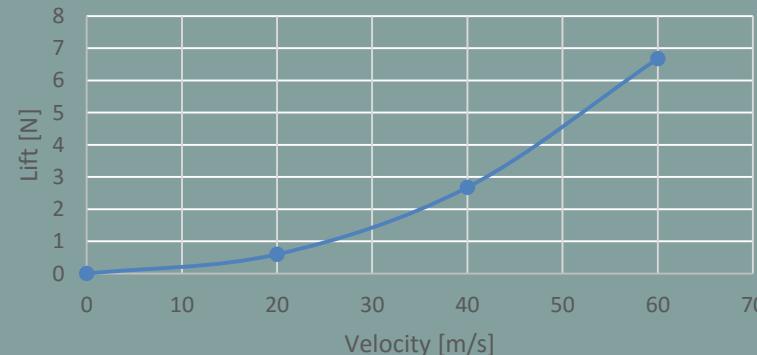


SHELL OVERVIEW

Drag [N] vs. Velocity [m/s]

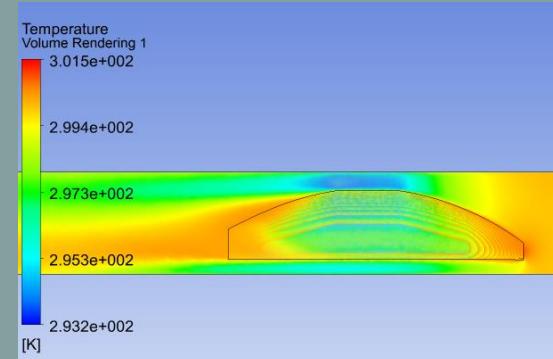


Lift [N] vs. Velocity [m/s]



As expected, drag and lift force are approximately proportional to the square of velocity

- The drag and lift coefficients of 5.05 and 2.16, respectively, were determined by linear regression



Additional Figure:
Temperature
Volume Rendering
(velocity = 40 [m/s])



SHELL MANUFACTURABILITY

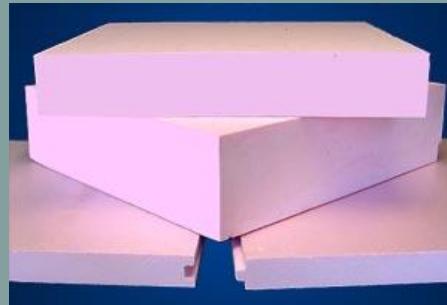
- Uses 2000 [ft²] of donated carbon fiber prepreg
- 6 female fiberglass molds will be used to form 7 sections (two sections are symmetric)
- Estimated manufacturing time: 11 Weeks





MOLD CREATION

- Many profiles of insulation foam will be precisely cut, connected and sanded down to create a dimensionally accurate male plug
- Using chopped strand mat, a fiberglass female mold will be created on the male plug
 - Note: Female molds have better surface quality than male molds





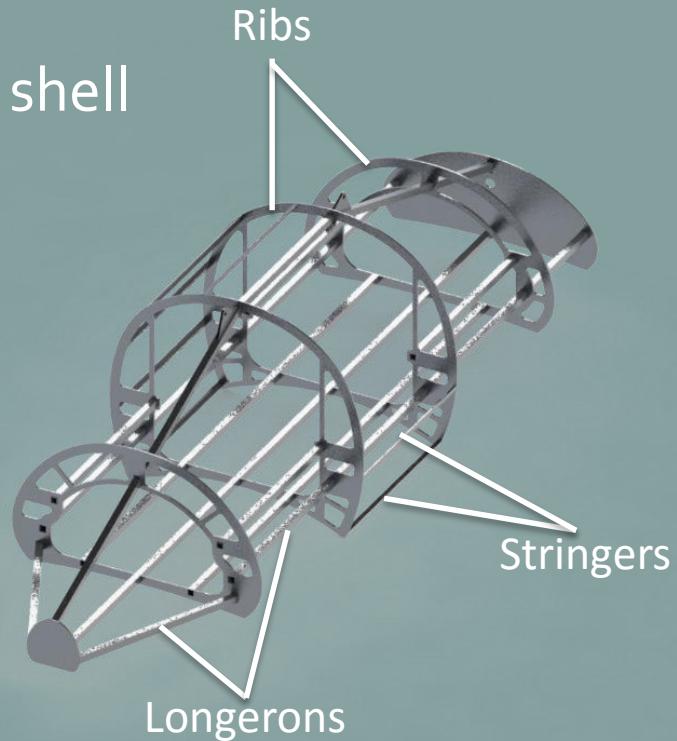
SHELL MATERIALS

| Shell Materials | Mass [kg] | Cost [\$] |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Carbon Fiber Prepreg | 59.4 | DONATED |
| Male insulation foam molds | - | \$628.00 |
| Fiberglass mold materials | - | \$891.10 |
| TOTAL: | 59.4 | \$1,519.10 |



INTERNAL STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

- Semi-Monocoque design
- Flexibility to choose outer attached shell
- Primarily 6061-T6 Aluminum
 - lightweight and strong
 - can be welded (TIG)
 - inexpensive and easily attainable
 - non-magnetic material
- Easy mounting for all subsystems





INTERNAL STRUCTURE - RIBS

Functionality:

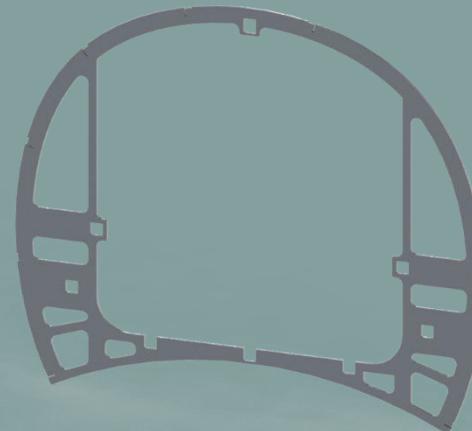
- Hold longerons and stringers in place
- Set and support curvature of outer shell

Material:

- 0.375" 6061-T6 Aluminum Sheet
 - Lightweight and high-strength

Manufacturing:

- Water jet to cut out rib shape
 - Allows for quick and precise manufacturing





INTERNAL STRUCTURE - LONGERONS

Functionality:

- Disperse external loads throughout pod
- Provide longitudinal strength

Material:

- 1.5" x 0.125" 6061-T6 Aluminum Tube



Manufacturing:

- Cut to appropriate length and TIG weld to ribs
 - No need to bend tubing, this gives highest strength



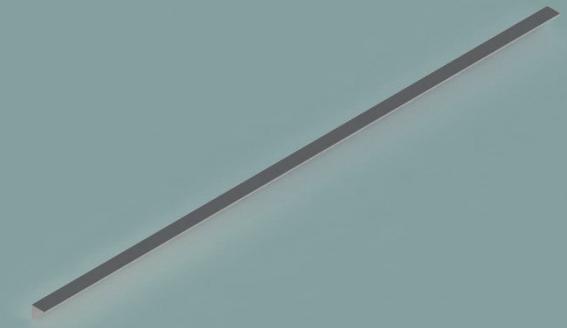
INTERNAL STRUCTURE - STRINGERS

Functionality:

- Provide additional support around passenger cabin space

Material:

- 1" x 1" x 0.125" 6061-T6 Aluminum Angle



Manufacturing:

- Cut to appropriate length and TIG weld to ribs



INTERNAL STRUCTURE - DOOR

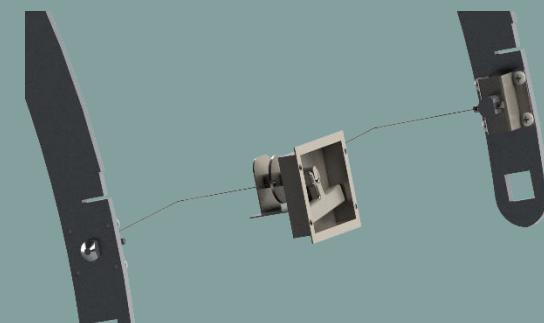
- Allows for passenger and service entry to pod
- Ratchet allows door to remain open without being propped
- Lock on the side of door ensures that it does not come open while running





INTERNAL STRUCTURE – DOOR COMPONENTS

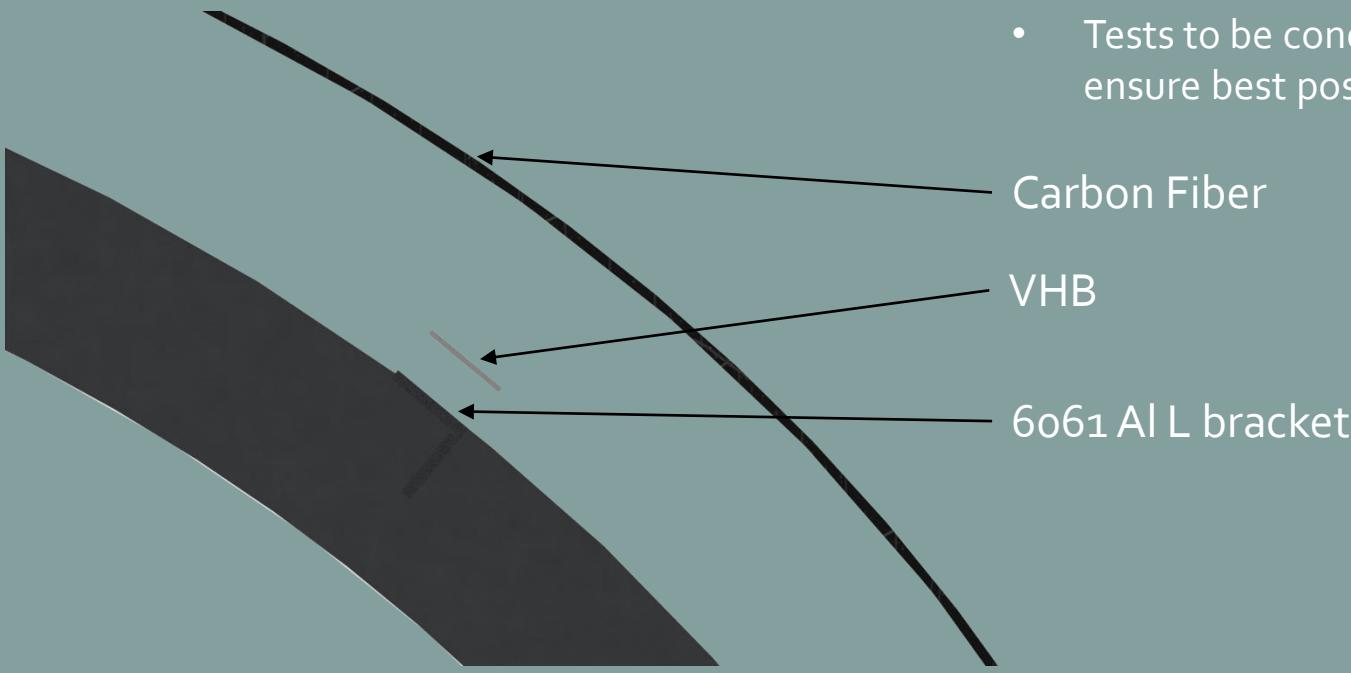
- Components:
 - 0.375" Aluminum partial rib sections
 - 1" x 1" x 0.125" Aluminum Angle supports
 - Carbon fiber outer shell
 - Dual aluminum hinges welded to frame
 - Dual aluminum ratchets hold door open
- Handle manipulates pegs which lock door closed





STRUCTURE AND SHELL INTEGRATION

- Very High Bondage Tape (VHB) will be used to attach 6061 aluminum stringers and longerons to the prepreg carbon fiber shell
- Tests to be conducted by OEM, 3M, to ensure best possible bond





INITIAL ACCELERATION

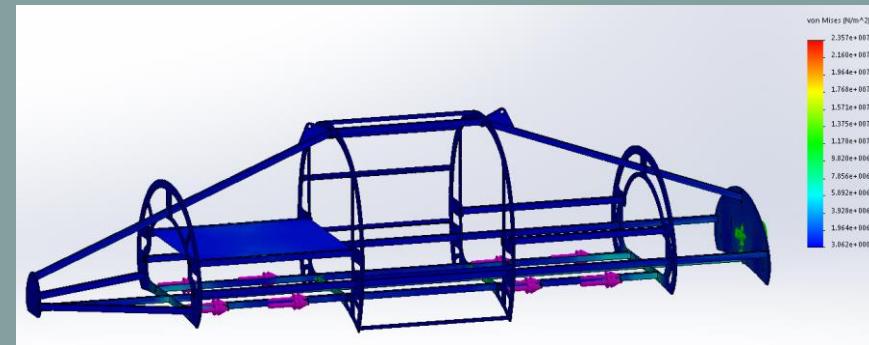
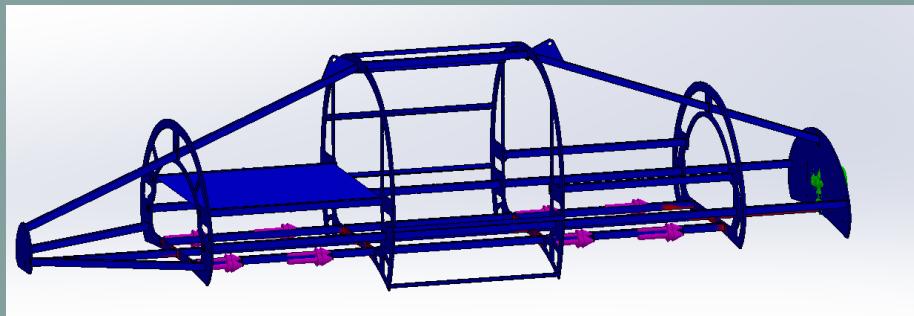
Assumptions:

Static Loading

Fixed at the Accelerator Interface

Applying Worst Case Drag of Halbach Arrays: 2200N

There is a minimum FOS of 1.43





CRANE LIFTING POD

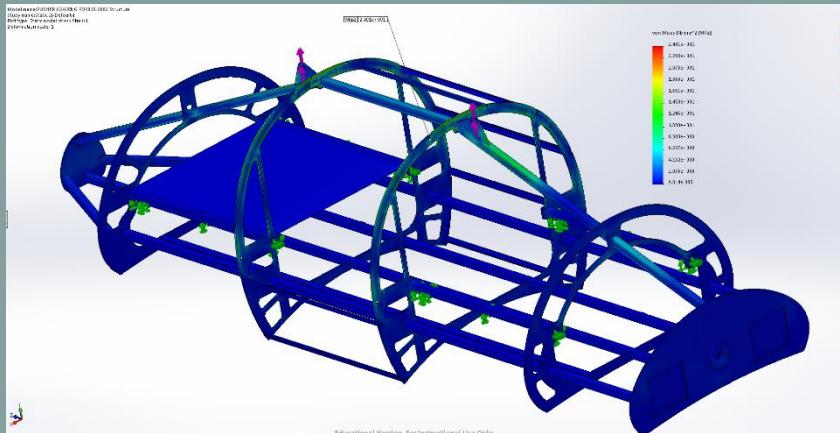
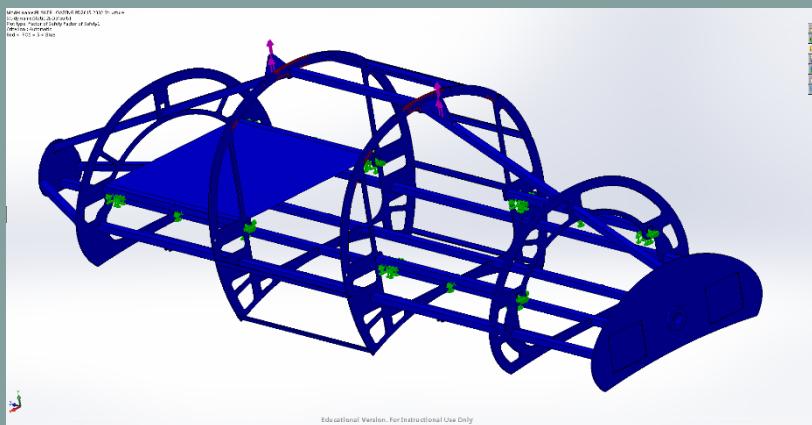
Assumptions:

Static Loading

Fixed at the the Crane Mounting Points

Carrying Weight of Pod: 10000 [N]

There is a minimum FOS of 2.21





INTERNAL STRUCTURE WEIGHT

| Internal Structure Materials | Mass [kg] | Cost |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 6061 Aluminum Ribs | 49.2 | \$2,212.80 |
| 6061 Aluminum L Bracket Stringers | 2.9 | \$364.48 |
| 6061 Aluminum Longerons | 35.7 | \$272.50 |
| TOTAL: | 87.8 | \$2,849.78 |



BRAKING AND SERVICE PROPULSION SYSTEM

Two "Bogies", Four axles, eight wheels
total

Consists of Several Subsystems:

Eddy Current Braking System

- Two rotors and two electromagnets per axle provide non-contact braking

Self-Locking External Drum Braking System (zLS)

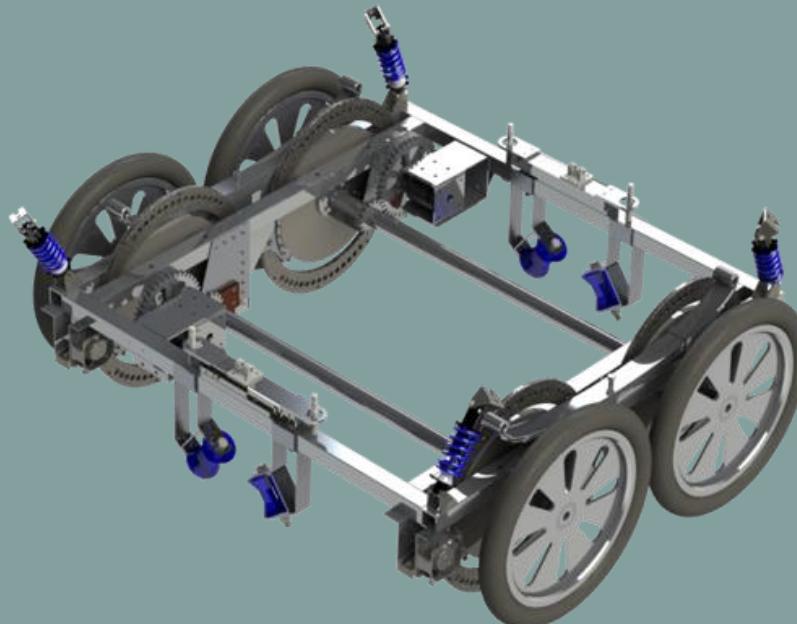
- Short-shoe external drum brakes for emergency situations

Service Propulsion System

- Can drive pod to end of tube in emergency

Deployment System

- Lifts wheels during travel and lowers them for braking



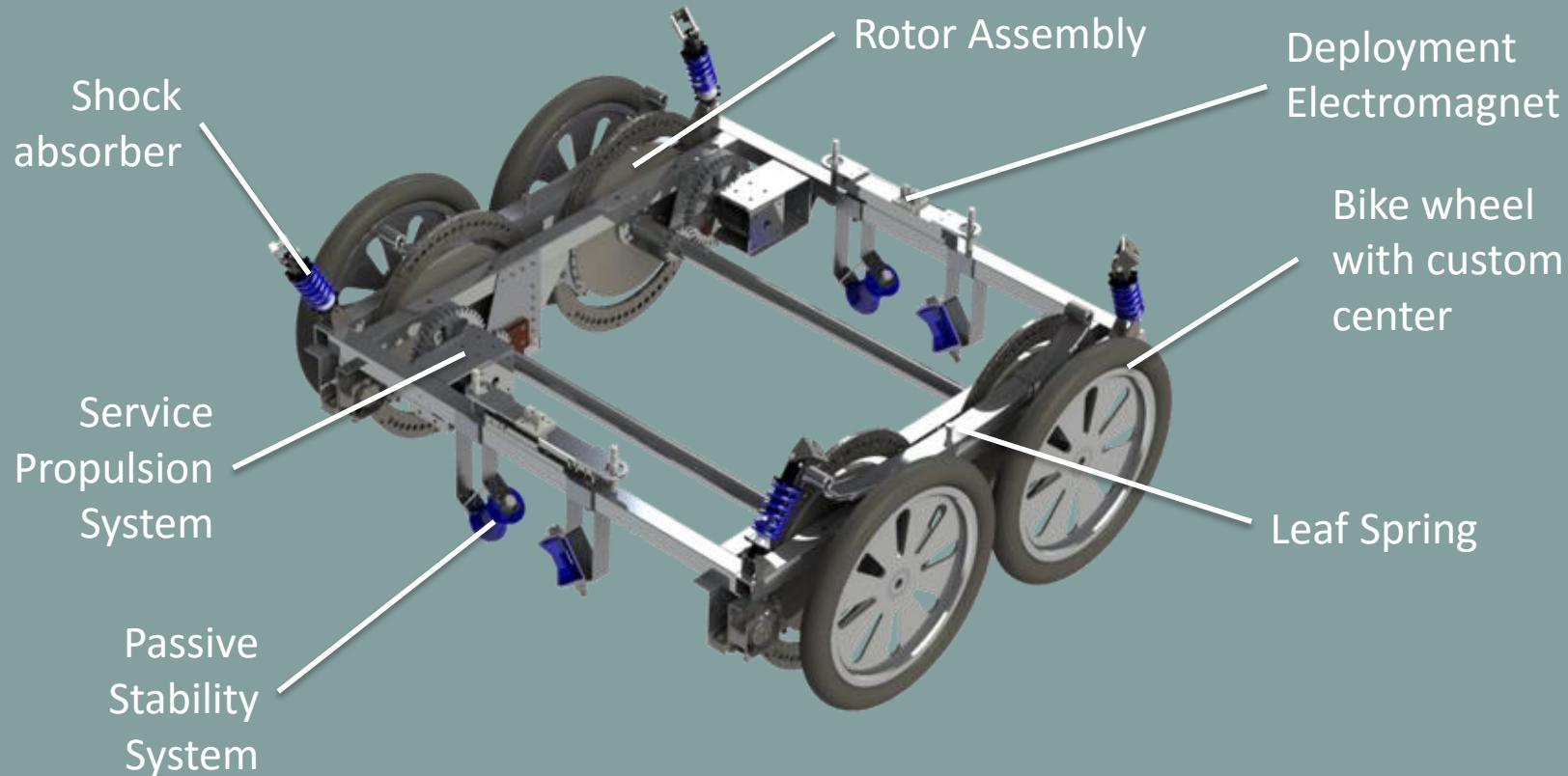


BRAKING AND SERVICE PROPULSION WEIGHT

| Braking and Service Propulsion System | Mass [kg] | Power [W] | Cost [\$] |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Axle Assemblies | 101.94 | - | 1159.41 |
| Drum Brake Assembly | 2.33 | 320 | 1992.00 |
| Deployment System Assembly | 73.4 | 10 | 1558.96 |
| Service Propulsion System | 6.8 | 9200 | 1151.92 |
| TOTAL: | 184.47 | 9530 | 5892.29 |



BRAKING AND SERVICE PROPULSION SYSTEM BOGIE





BRAKING SYSTEM ROTOR ASSEMBLY

Drum Braking System

1020 Steel Rotor

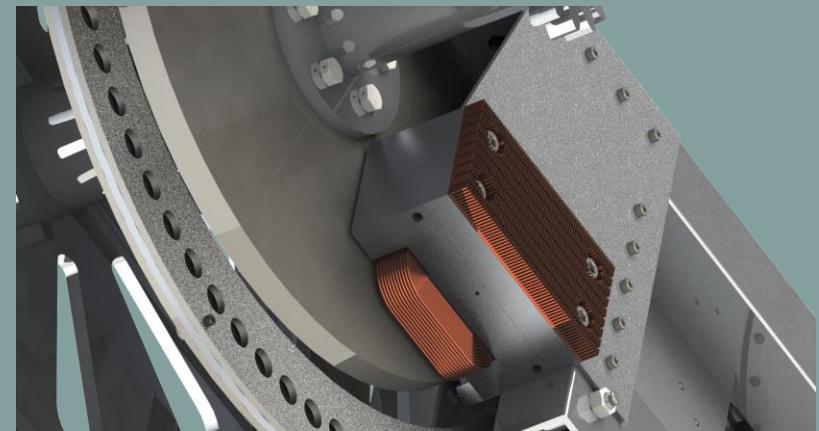
Eddy Brake Electromagnet

Drum Brake Holding Solenoid



EDDY BRAKE SYSTEM

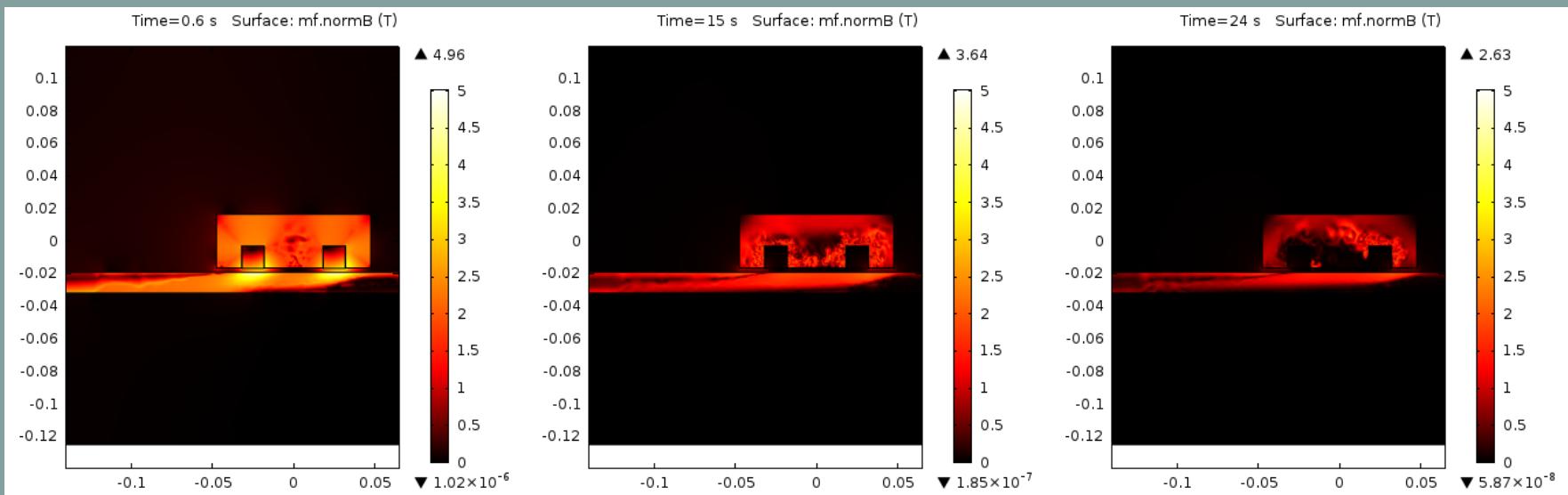
- Design consists of one Direct Current Electromagnet paired with one 1020 Steel rotor per wheel
- Power is generated from rotational motion of the shaft via the same motor used for Service Propulsion System
 - Single motor per shaft draws enough power to supply two DC Eddy Brake Electromagnets
 - At peak current, motor draws approximately 300 [W]
 - Small amounts of torque created from generating this power add to the total stopping power of the system
- Magnetic field creates an eddy current in the steel disc, opposing the motion of the electromagnet
 - Eddy current dissipated as heat
- Braking torque, current modeled with COMSOL Numeric Simulation and verified with hand calculation
 - Aluminum rotors yield better stopping at low speed
 - Steel rotors yield better stopping at high speed
 - Steel rotors chosen for overall system performance





EDDY BRAKE SYSTEM MODEL

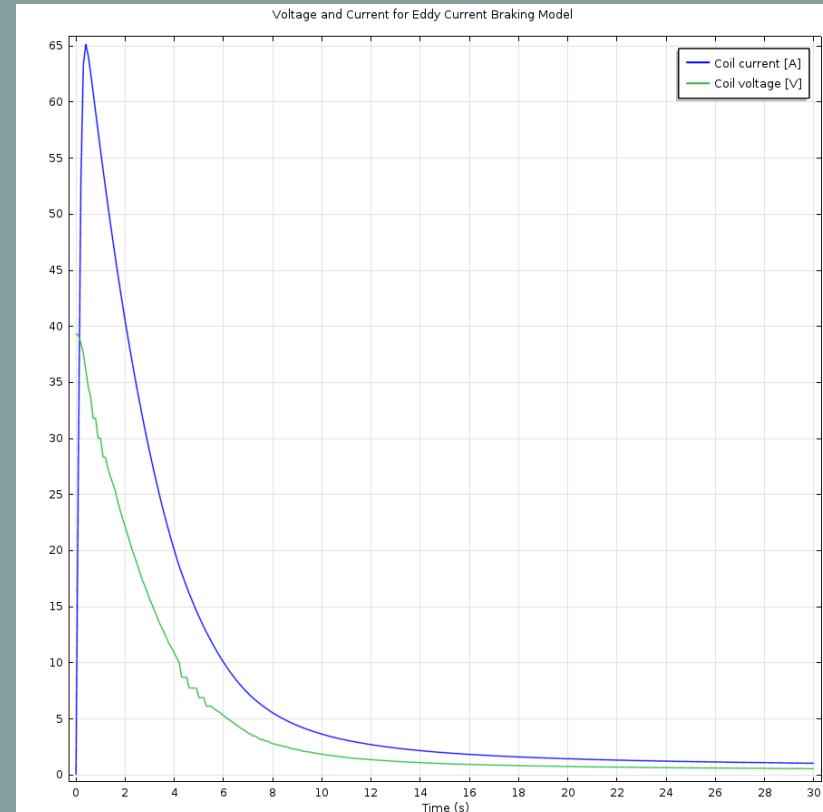
- Simplified time-based model consisting of Dynamic Model of the Pod coupled to Service Propulsion Motor (generator) model
- -2 [g] Max deceleration at full braking





EDDY BRAKE SYSTEM MODEL

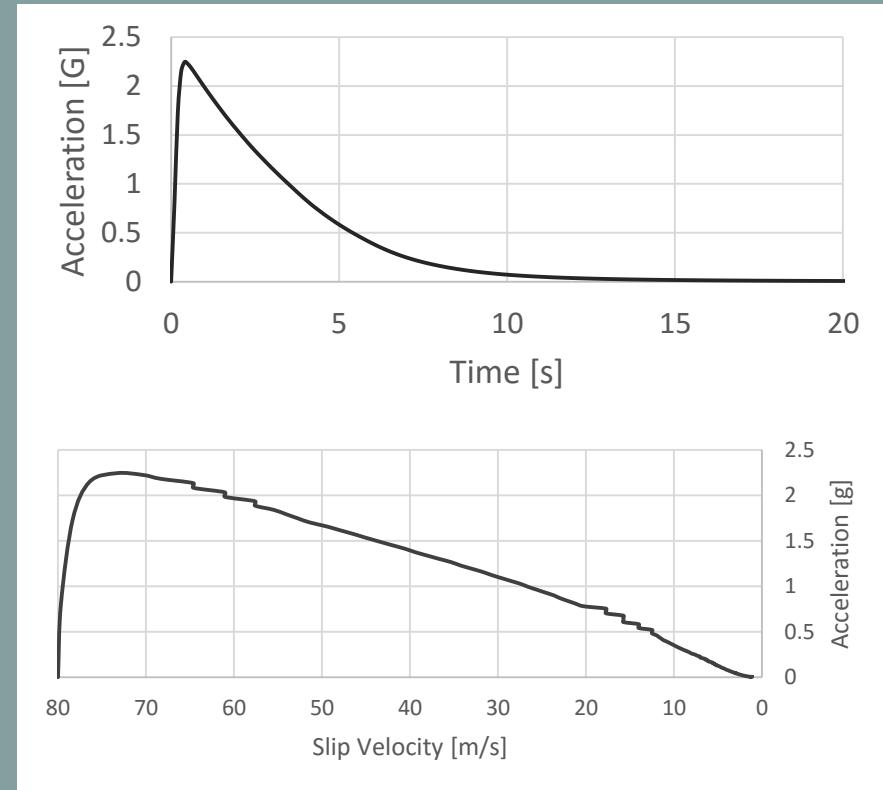
- Simplified Dynamic Model of the Pod coupled to Service Propulsion Motor model for output voltage, and therefore magnet current
- As the pod slows, less voltage is generated leading to less current flowing through the electromagnets
 - Reduces stopping acceleration until the end of the tube
 - Results in a gentle stop
- Peak current 40 [A] at highest velocity





EDDY BRAKE MAXIMUM TRAJECTORY

- Trajectory can be modulated with active control
- Trajectory graph (on right) represents the highest intensity stopping force that can be attained using braking system
- A more comfortable deceleration profile will be chosen for competition





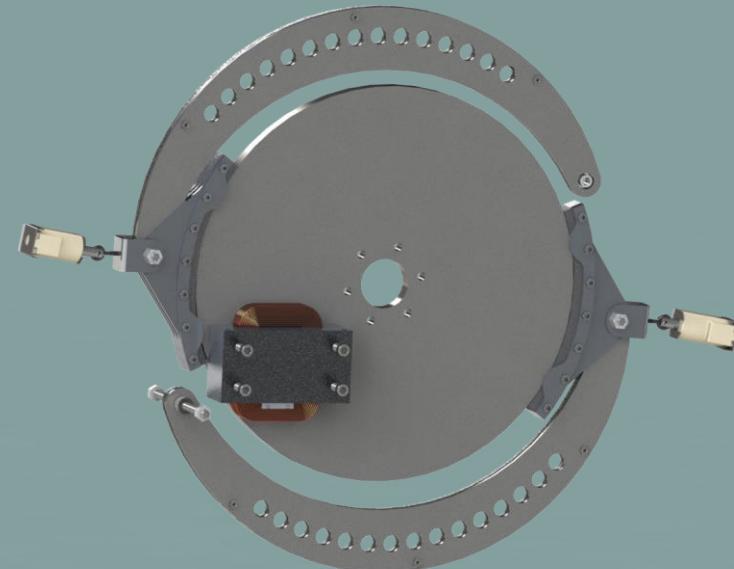
EDDY BRAKE MANUFACTURING

- Eddy brake magnets based around cores from Microwave Oven Transformers (MOT)
 - Rewound to 800 turns with 14-gauge wire
 - Packing efficiency of approximately 40% is required
- Mounted to aluminum block and copper heat-sink fin assembly to provide passive cooling under high amperage loads
 - Transient nature of loading means that the wire can be loaded far over its rated capacity to short bursts with no ill effects
 - Testing will be performed at high amperage to ensure that the eddy brakes survive at least twice the expected peak amperage of braking procedure



DRUM BRAKE SYSTEM

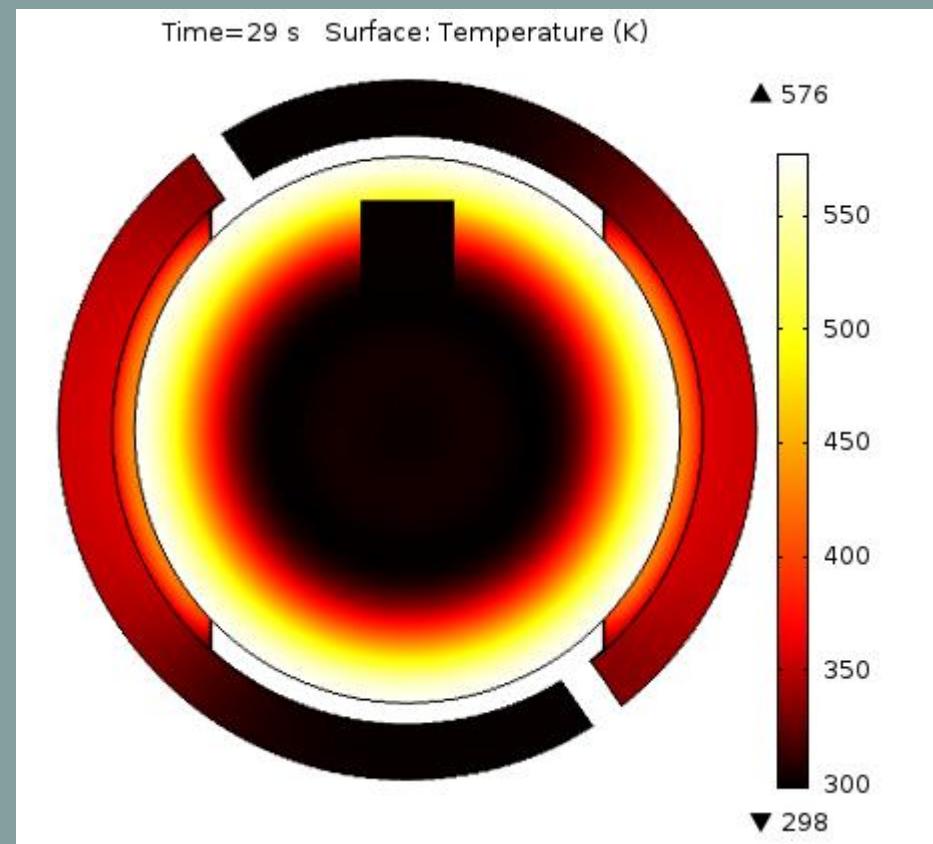
- Twin Leading-Shoe (2LS) Self-Locking External Short-Shoe Drum Brake System
 - The friction of the brake shoe pulls it further into the rotor, locking the shoe in position and providing fail-safe stopping power
- Two Solenoids hold the drum brake shoes off of the rotor when energized
 - Power failure or cutoff signal pushes drum brake shoes into rotor
- Designed for a single emergency use only
 - Will require complete replacement of the brake pads after use





DRUM BRAKE SYSTEM THERMAL MODEL

- Modeled with simplified geometry to verify temperature of brake pads
 - Brake fade will likely not be an issue with the material we are using
- Peak temperature occurs after 29 seconds of braking
- No radiation heat dissipation taken into account due to potential reflectivity of surfaces around the brake disc
- Ceramic compound brake shoes will actually increase friction coefficient with temperature
- Rotor max temperature: 576 [C]





DRUM BRAKE MANUFACTURING

- The drum brake assembly will be custom built and assembled in house
 - Brake arms will be cut from 4x4 steel plate with waterjet cutting machine
 - Brake Pads will be made from sintered metal and ordered from McMaster-Carr
- Two drum brake assemblies will be placed around each rotor and mounted on to the central frame
 - Axle will remain removable for servicing once drum brakes are installed
 - Drum brake arms designed to pivot, providing easy access to axle bearing mounts
- Testing will be carried out on all-up frame assembly to verify functionality of drum brakes



BRAKING FAULT TOLERANCE

1) Loss of Axle

- Can sustain loss of any two rotors without reduced braking capacity
- Can lose one rotor per axle without asymmetric braking
- Loss of any two axles reduces braking capacity to half

2) Skid Condition (Track Surface Contamination)

- Eddy current brakes will be Pulse-Width Modulated (PWM) to provide anti-lock braking
- Drum brakes will not be able to modulate amount of braking force, in this case a skid condition is induced
 - Because this system cannot be modulated, it will only be deployed as systems last-resort if all other braking methods fail

3) Loss of Levitation

- Wheels designed to deploy within one second of power loss, passive Halbach Arrays will sustain lift due to pod velocity
- Wheels will deploy if pod loses lift and contacts ground
- Axle suspension system will still provide shock absorbance for impacts when stowed

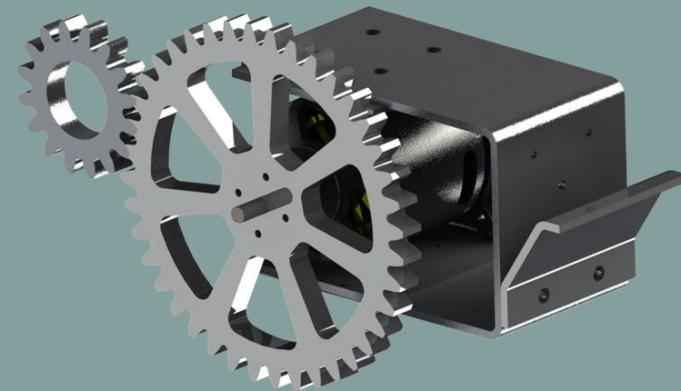
4) Loss of Power

- Emergency drum brake system held in place by electromagnets powered by central battery
 - Each brake will engage if pod system loses power
- Deployment system will automatically release on loss of power



SERVICE PROPULSION SYSTEM

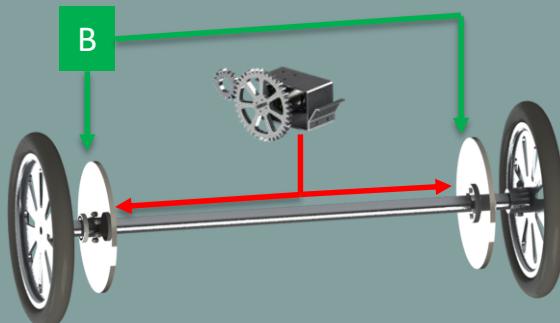
- Gear Ratio of 0.6 for maximum current to eddy braking system
- During service propulsion the motor draws nearly 100A at peak load
 - One dedicated battery string per motor
- 3-phase AC motor with commercial Electronic Speed Controller (ESC)
 - ESC will convert DC power into modulated AC waveform to drive poles of motor
- Waterjet cut gears will provide power transmission to and from the axle



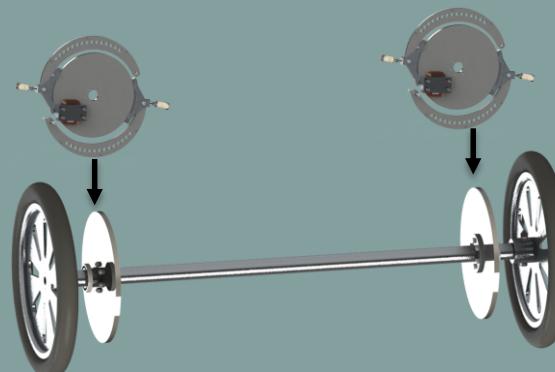


BRAKING SYSTEM POWER FLOW

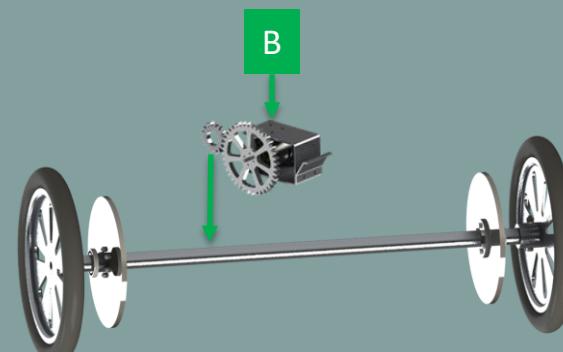
Normal Braking: Regenerative motor powers eddy brakes and battery prevents drum brakes from engaging



Emergency Braking: Requires no power supplied anywhere, drum brakes engage



Service Propulsion: Battery Sends power to motor





AXLE ASSEMBLY

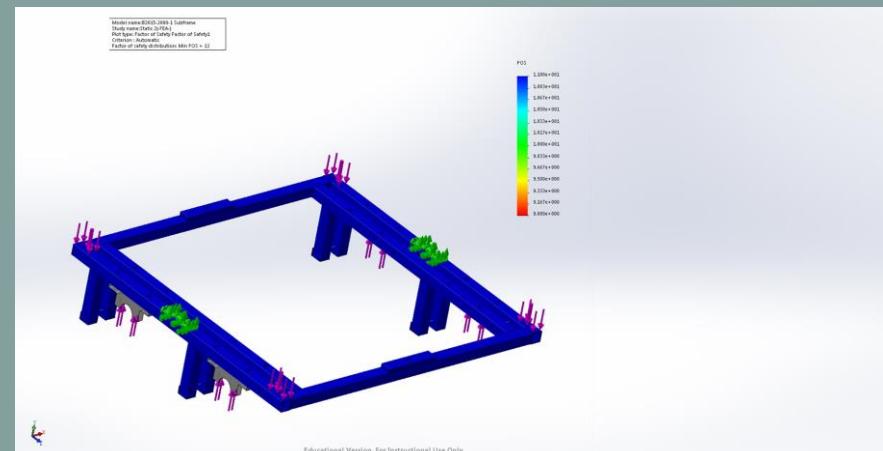
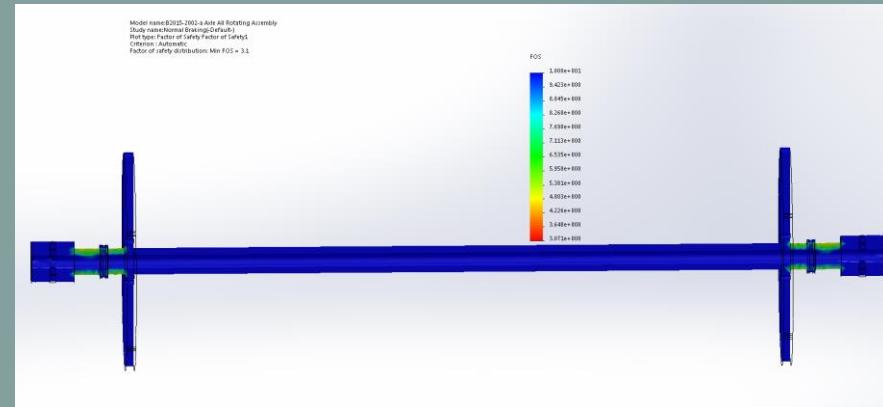
- Hollow 6061-T6 Aluminum Axles used for weight savings
- 1020 Steel Rotors used solely for braking
- Wheels will be machined with a waterjet cutter
- Overall Dimensions
 - Axle length: 47 in
 - Wheels: 18 in





ANALYSIS SCENARIO: NORMAL BRAKING

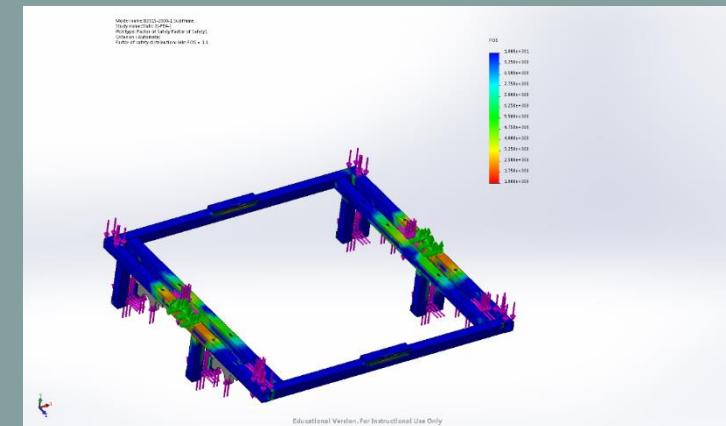
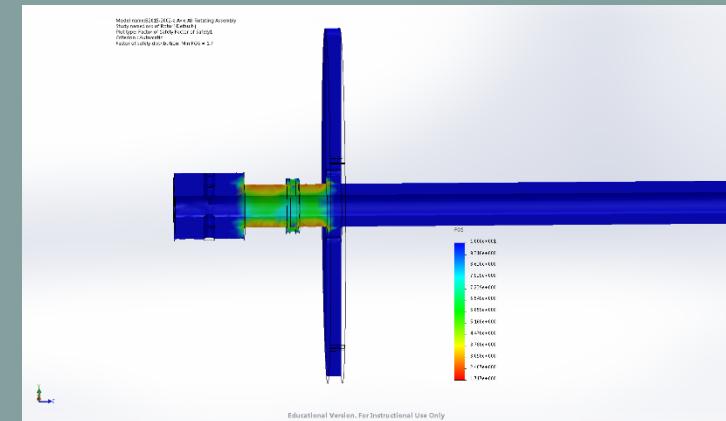
- Axle and Sub-frame assemblies statically loaded with half of the pod mass to verify structural integrity
- Axle Assembly found to have a minimum Factor of Safety of 3.1 and the Sub-frame was found to have a minimum Factor of Safety of 10.0
- For normal braking conditions, the pod is structurally sound and safe





ANALYSIS SCENARIO: EMERGENCY BRAKING

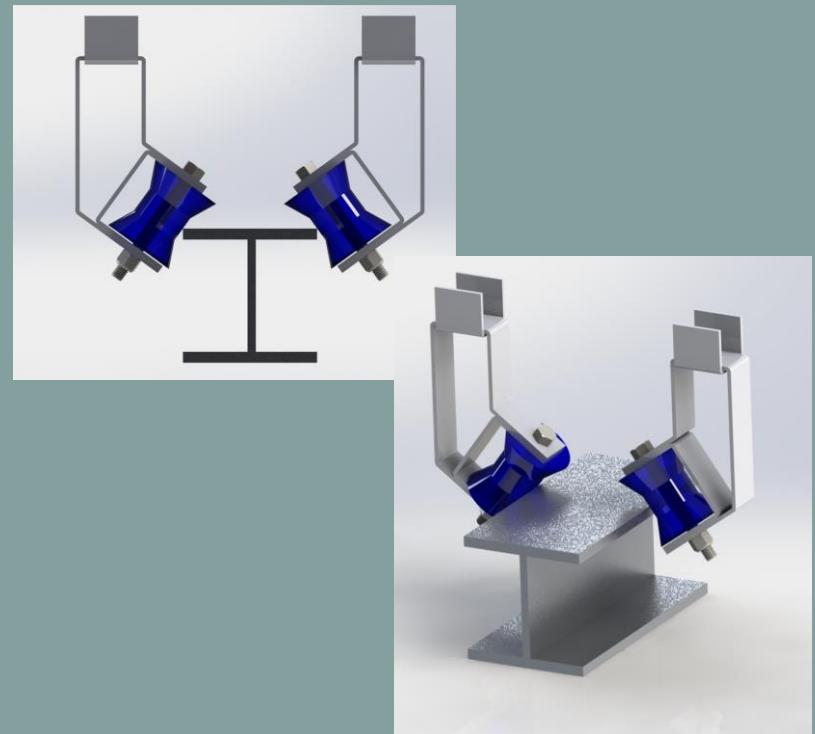
- Axle and Sub-frame assemblies statically loaded with half of the pod mass in addition to the moments caused by fully engaging the drum brakes
- Axle Assembly found to have a minimum Factor of Safety of 1.7 and the Sub-frame was found to have a minimum Factor of Safety of 1.1
- Fatigue analysis not performed, worst case emergency scenario only
- Pod is capable of withstanding a power failure/emergency braking scenario





STABILITY MECHANISM

- High performance roller bearings on center rail provide lateral stability
- Passive system
 - Four roller bearings per braking bogie
- Dynamic Load Capacity: 6005 [N]
- Max Rated Rotational Speed: 25,000 [RPM]
- Self-centering and can accommodate slight fluctuations in pod trajectory

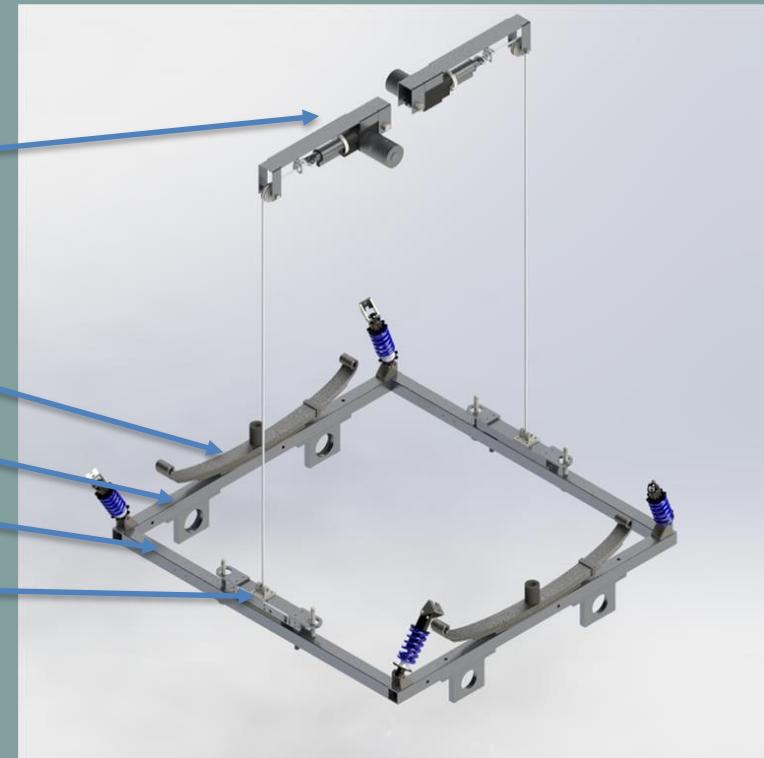




DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

For each of the two wheel boggies:

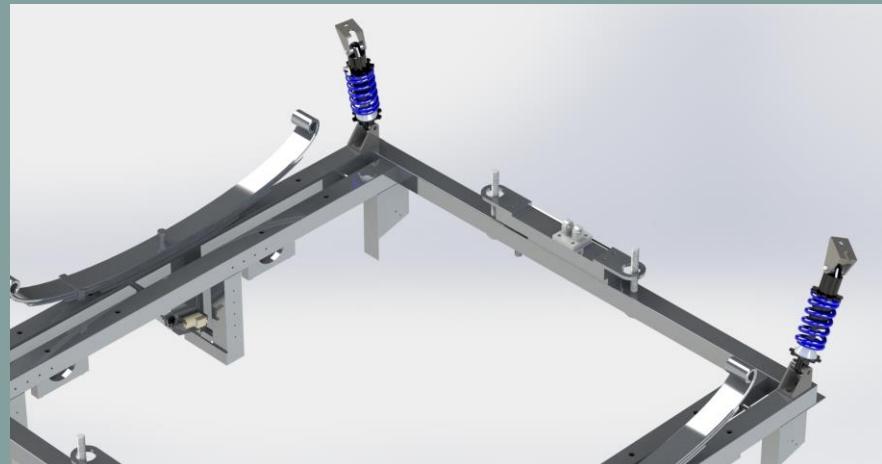
- Two 3" linear actuators per frame
- Two leaf springs per frame
- Four shocks per frame
- Aluminum sub-frame: 39.43" long, 41" wide
- Two electromagnet locks per frame





DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

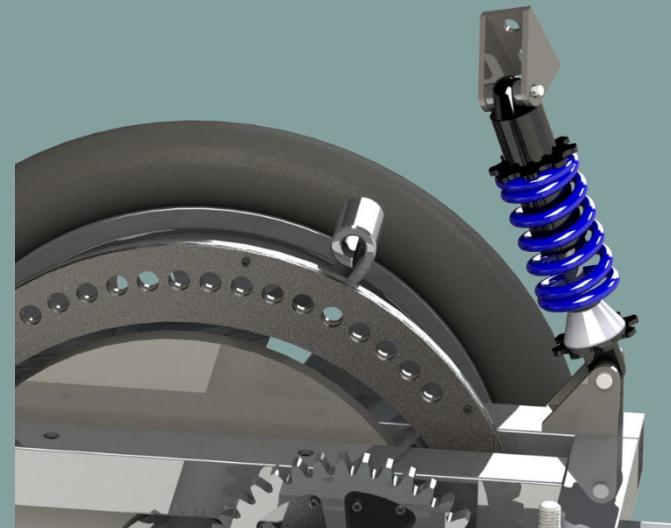
- Linear actuator raises and lowers the wheel assembly 1" when braking is required
 - Actuator cable is attached to the electromagnet locks positioned on the assembly
- Manufacturing:
 - Actuator mounts
 - Magnetic lock guides
 - Shock and leaf spring mounts
 - Magnet mounts





SUSPENSION MECHANISM

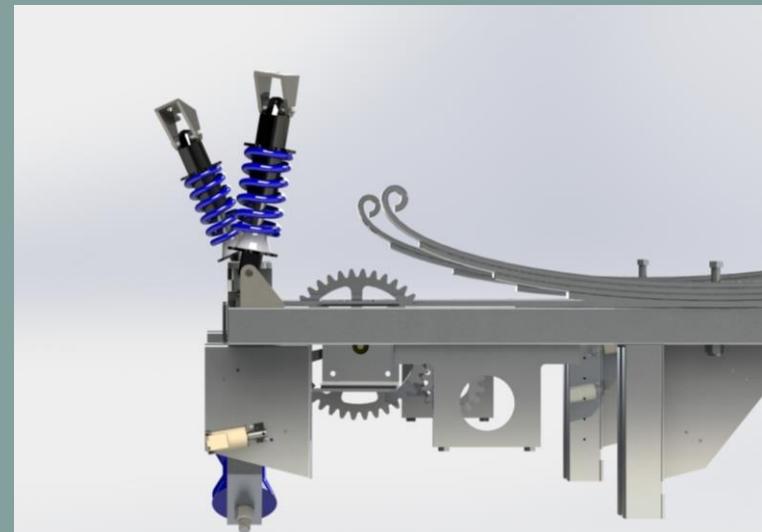
- Leaf springs will carry the majority of the pods mass
 - Ultimate Load of each leaf spring: 294.8 [kg]
 - Max Deflection of each spring: 0.148 [in]
- Factor of Safety: 6.83
- Shock absorbers
 - Used as a dampening system to avoid excess oscillations
 - Rated for 75-100 [kg]
- Safety Measure
 - Rubber stopper prevents wheel assembly over excursion





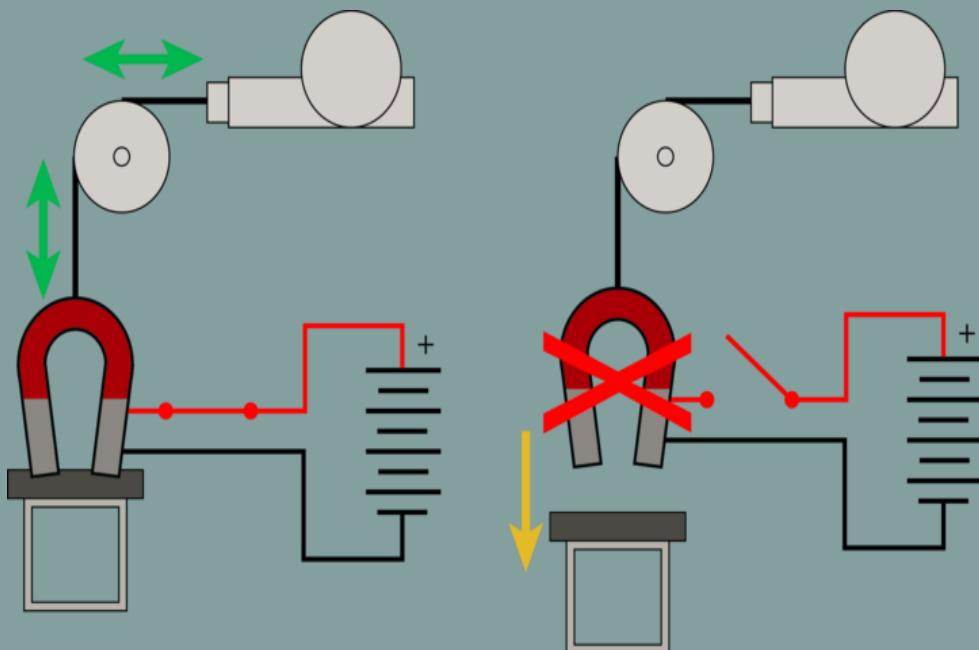
BRAKING TO POD INTEGRATION

- Per Wheel Assembly:
 - 4 pinned connections attached to frame to support the shocks
 - 2 pinned connections per leaf spring
- Linear actuators will be welded to main frame
 - Actuators wound with cable attach to electromagnetic locks
 - Lowers and raises the electromagnets which carry the wheel assembly





DEPLOYMENT FAULT TOLERANCE



When powered nominally, electromagnet locks to the frame: linear actuator can lower and raise the wheel assembly

In case of emergency power failure, electromagnetic lock shuts off: wheel assembly drops to the ground to brake the pod

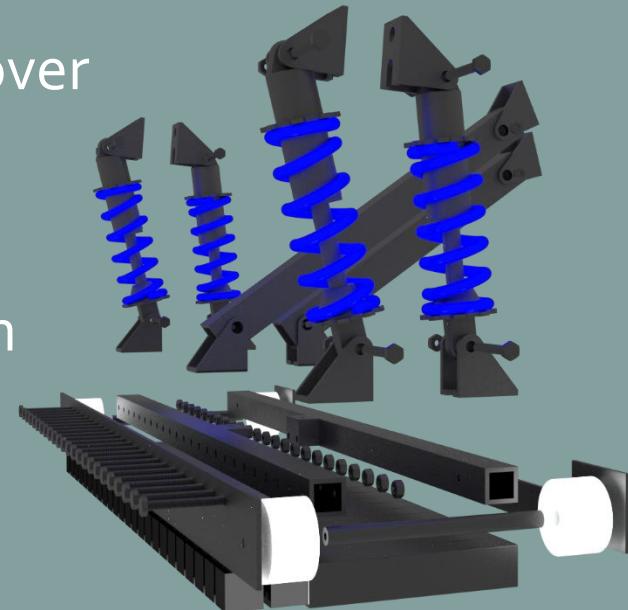


PASSIVE HALBACH ARRAY LEVITATION SYSTEM

576, 1 inch neodymium magnets provide failsafe levitation for the BadgerLoop pod while travelling over 11.2 [mph]*

System is composed of 4 levitation modules pictured right

*Based on initial modeling, can adjust after further COMSOL models are verified with empirical data





LEVITATION SYSTEM MASS

| # | Passive Halbach Array System | Mass [kg] | Cost [\$] |
|-----|--|--------------|-------------------|
| 576 | 1 [in] N52 NdFeB Rare Earth Magents | 70.3 | \$4,150.00 |
| 96 | 6 [in] Stainless Steel Tubing Sections | 26.3 | \$405.00 |
| 16 | Suspension Shock Absorber | 7.1 | \$179.00 |
| 16 | Nylon Heavy Duty Wheels & Bearings | 2.2 | \$231.20 |
| 48 | Aluminum Mounting Brackets | 4.3 | \$336.00 |
| 4 | Aluminum Structural Frame | 22.5 | \$316.80 |
| - | Misc. Subsystem Hardware | 1.9 | \$177.00 |
| | TOTAL: | 134.6 | \$5,795.00 |



LEVITATION SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

Passive Halbach Arrays

- Neodymium Iron Boron Grade 52 permanent magnets assembled inside stainless steel tubes arranged in a configuration to maximize magnetic field passing over the aluminum sub-track
- Preliminary levitated mass capability of 1200 [kg]
- Our design provides gap height of 10 [mm] (0.393701 inches) when pod is traveling at 180 [mph]

System must mitigate any vibrations introduced by imperfections presented by the track

This system is based on our design constraint of achieving at least 10 [mm] (0.393701 inches) of levitation at a velocity of 180 [mph]

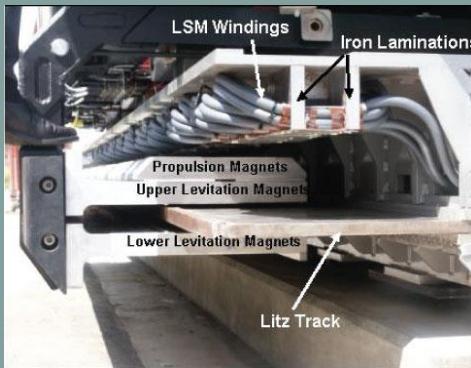


LEVITATION SYSTEM SELECTION

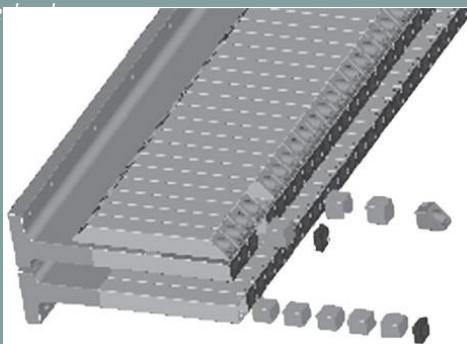
- Powerless levitation
 - Permanent magnets require no direct power consumption to provide lift
- Passive Halbach Arrays offer failsafe method of levitation
 - In the event of power loss the system continues to perform
 - The magnetic drag induced on the arrays provides added braking in the event of power loss
 - High stiffness of magnetic field provides a cushion between the pod and the track for heightened passenger safety
- Simple configuration
 - This system has an easily adjustable modular design that can be changed to fit a wide variety of applications
 - Add more magnets while: increasing width of magnet modules, increasing length of levitation modules, adding shocks as needed, etc.
- Halbach arrays provide passive stability in pitch and roll
 - The magnetic lift force increases in strength as the arrays near the sub-track
- Air bearings less realistic in a near vacuum
 - Operating at 0.02 PSI, which provides minimal aerodynamic drag, does not have enough air mass in the tube to supply air bearings



LEVITATION SYSTEM SELECTION



*Images: <http://www.ga.com/urban-maglev-technology>



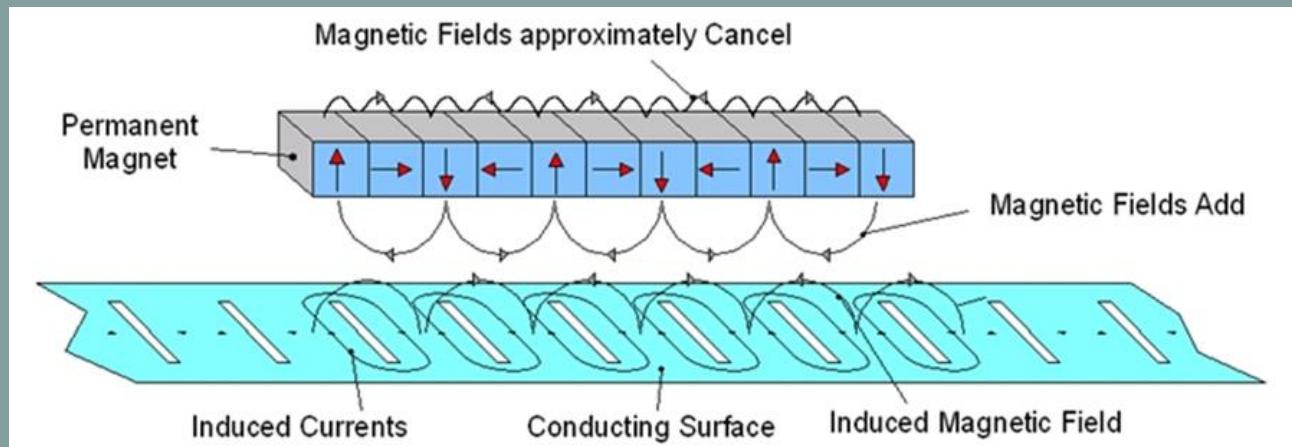
General Atomics Urban Maglev program

- Used 2" Neodymium cube magnets
 - Arranged in Halbach arrays with magnets shifted 45 degrees in orientation
- 8,500 [kg] chassis successfully levitated 30 [mm]
- Liftoff at 5 [m/s] (~11.25 mph)
- A form of Inductrack was used to improve L/D (lift to drag) ratio (compared to a single conductive plate)
 - L/D can approach 200:1 with inductrack (Post, et al. 2000)
- Utilized LSM windings (see figure left) and permanent propulsion magnets to achieve successful acceleration



HALBACH ARRAY FUNDAMENTALS

Halbach arrays are magnets oriented in such a way that the magnetic field is amplified on one side of the array and greatly reduced on the other



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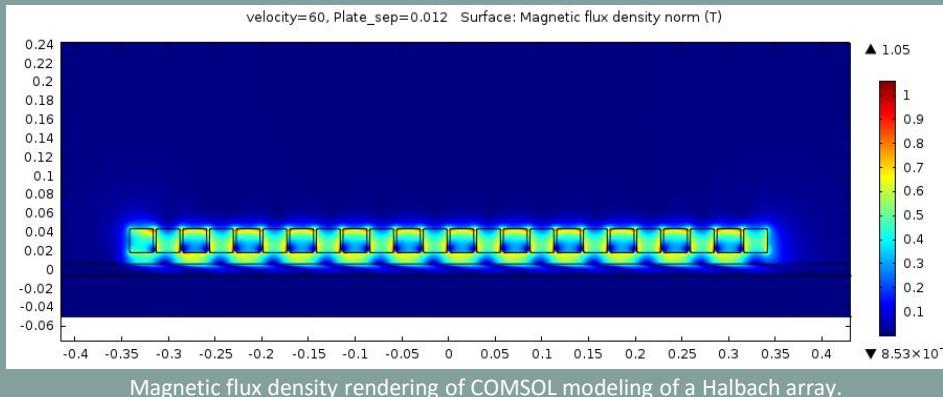
When traveling over a conductive surface, eddy currents are created and thus provide lift which increase as velocity increases

*See Appendix E for more information



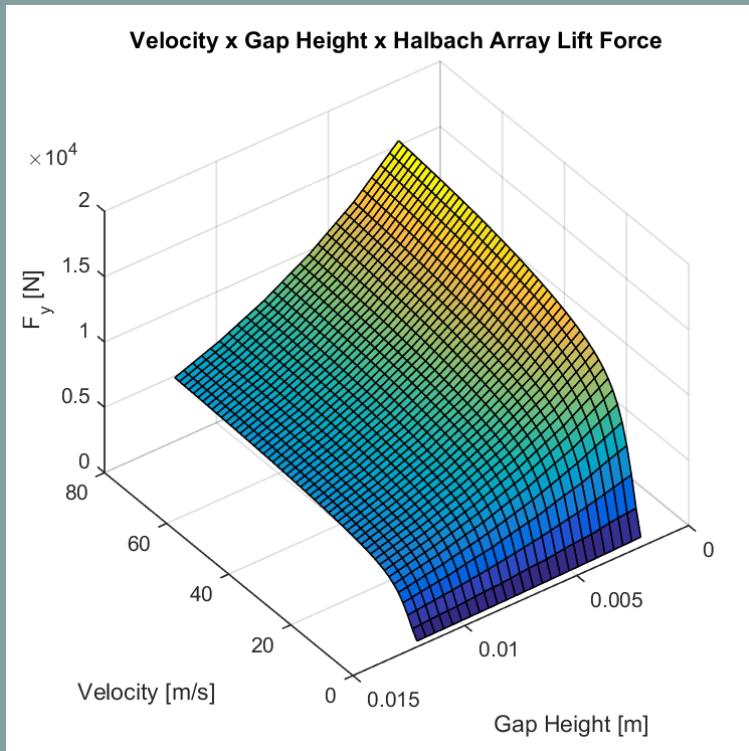
HALBACH ARRAY COMSOL SIMULATIONS

- Solved in three ways for verification of accuracy
 - Lorenz force integration over a volume
 - Line integral of the Maxwell Stress Tensor over the perimeter of a shape for both:
 - Conductive region
 - Magnet region
- Matlab used for numerical integration





HALBACH ARRAY COMSOL SIMULATIONS



Plot of Gap x Velocity x Lift force for one single levitation module

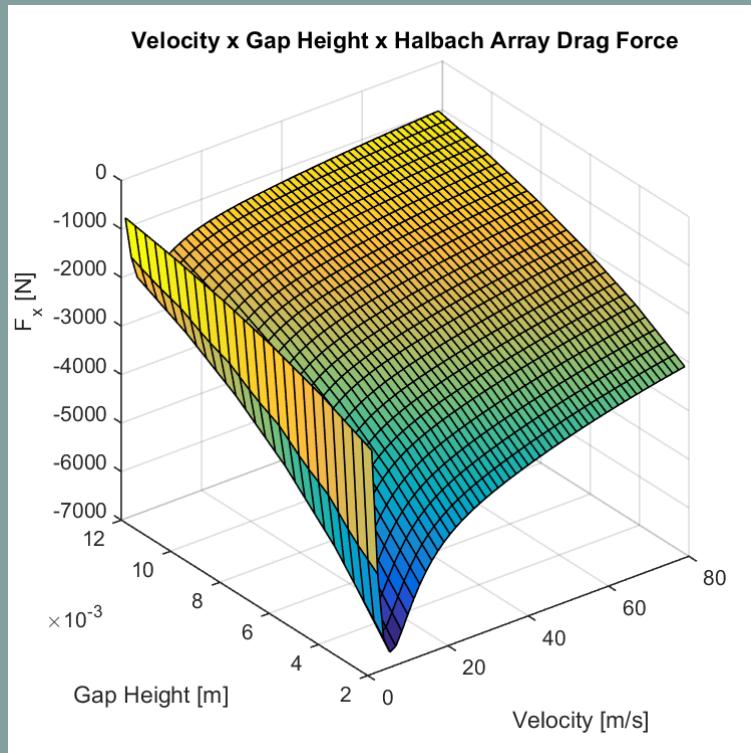
Modeling correctly verifies the researched effect (Murai, et al. 2003) that Halbach arrays have in the use of levitating a moving vehicle

- The lift force is proportional to increasing velocity and decreasing gap height

Data from verified COMSOL numeric model (see appendix)



HALBACH ARRAY COMSOL SIMULATIONS



Plot of Gap x Velocity x Drag force for one single levitation module

Modeling correctly verifies the researched effect (Murai, et al. 2003) that Halbach arrays have in the use of levitating a moving vehicle

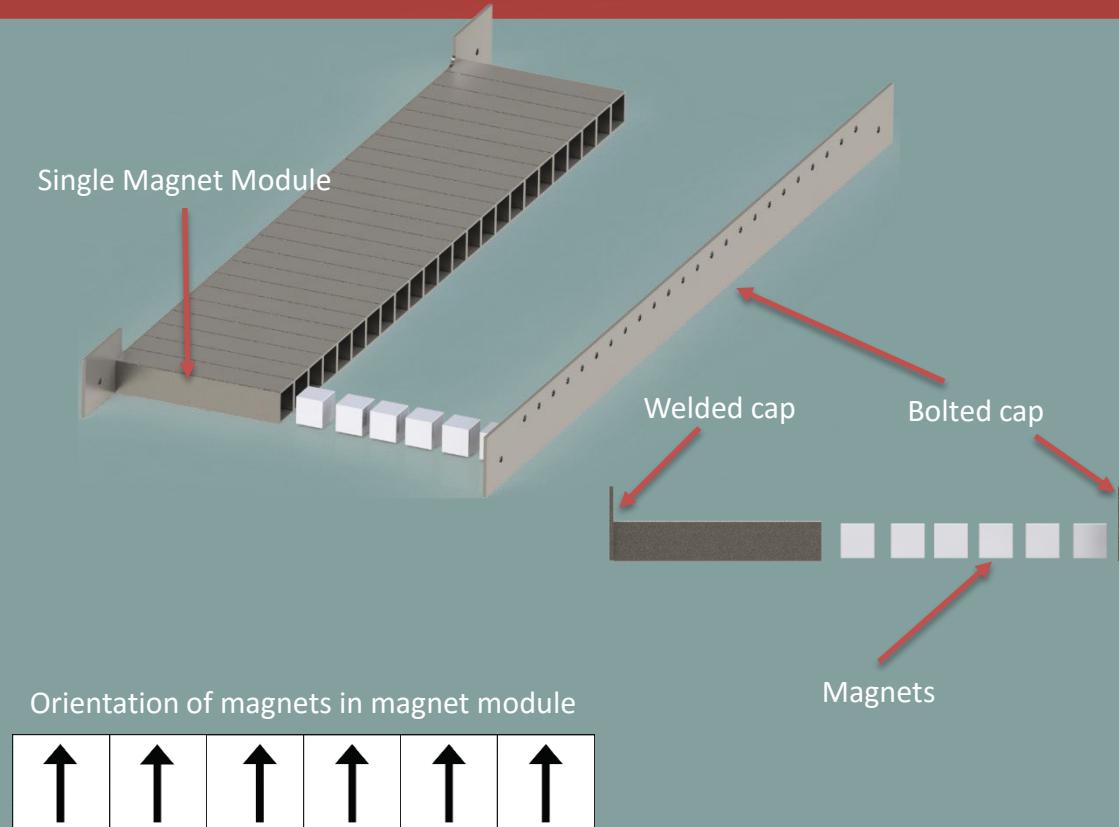
- Drag force is inversely proportional to increasing velocity and gap height

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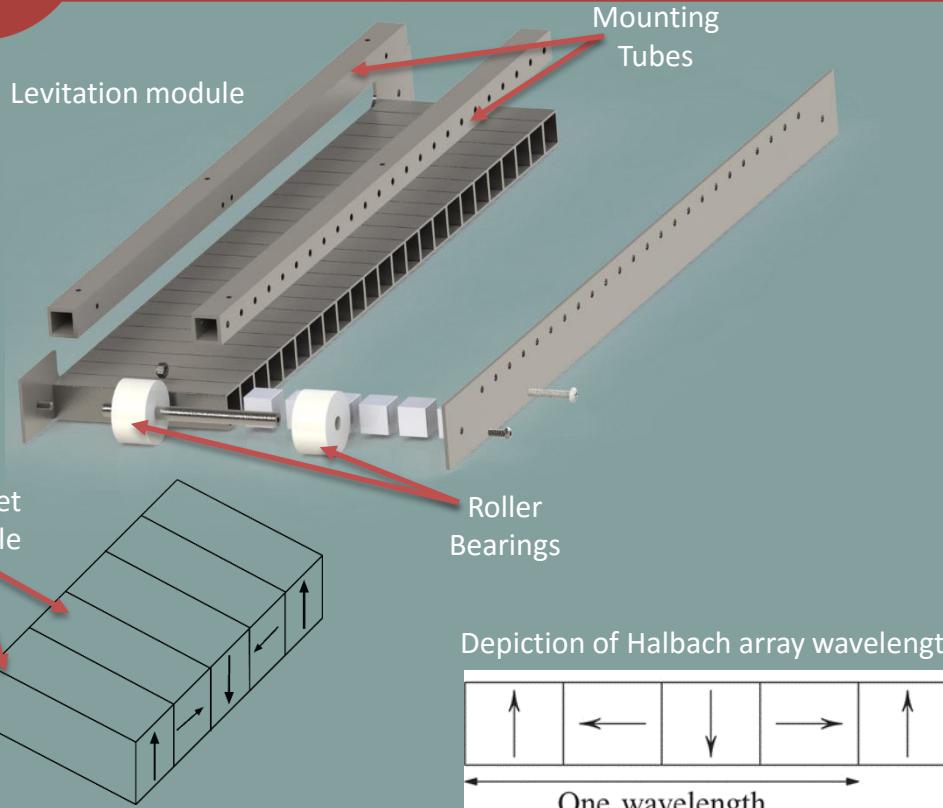
HALBACH ARRAY MODULE DESIGN

- Levitation system comprised of arrays of magnet modules (pictured right) and levitation modules
- Using simple metal tubing and caps allows for easy modular scaling modifications or design changes





HALBACH ARRAY MODULE DESIGN



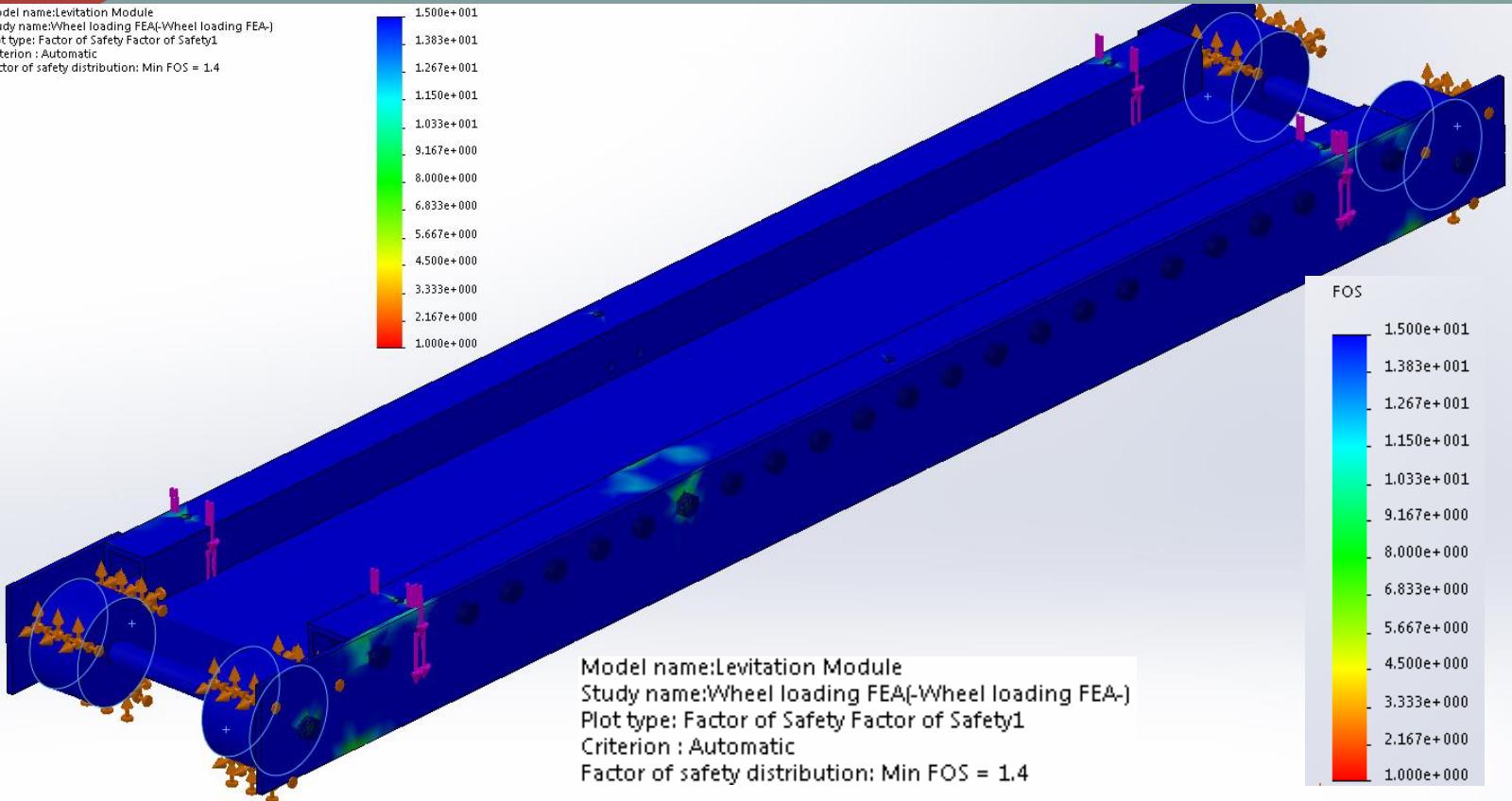
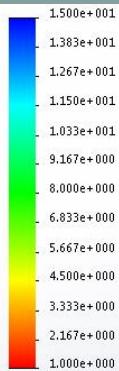
Visualization of Halbach array in Levitation module

- Levitation module (pictured left) is made up of 24 magnet modules
- Creates 6 wavelengths of Halbach arrays for a total length of 28.35 inches per array

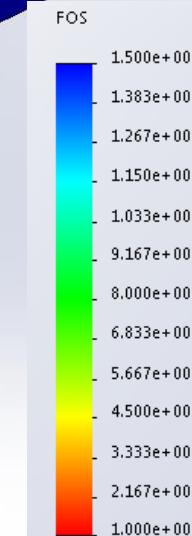


HALBACH ARRAY MODULE DESIGN

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Criterion : Automatic
Factor of safety distribution: Min FOS = 1.4



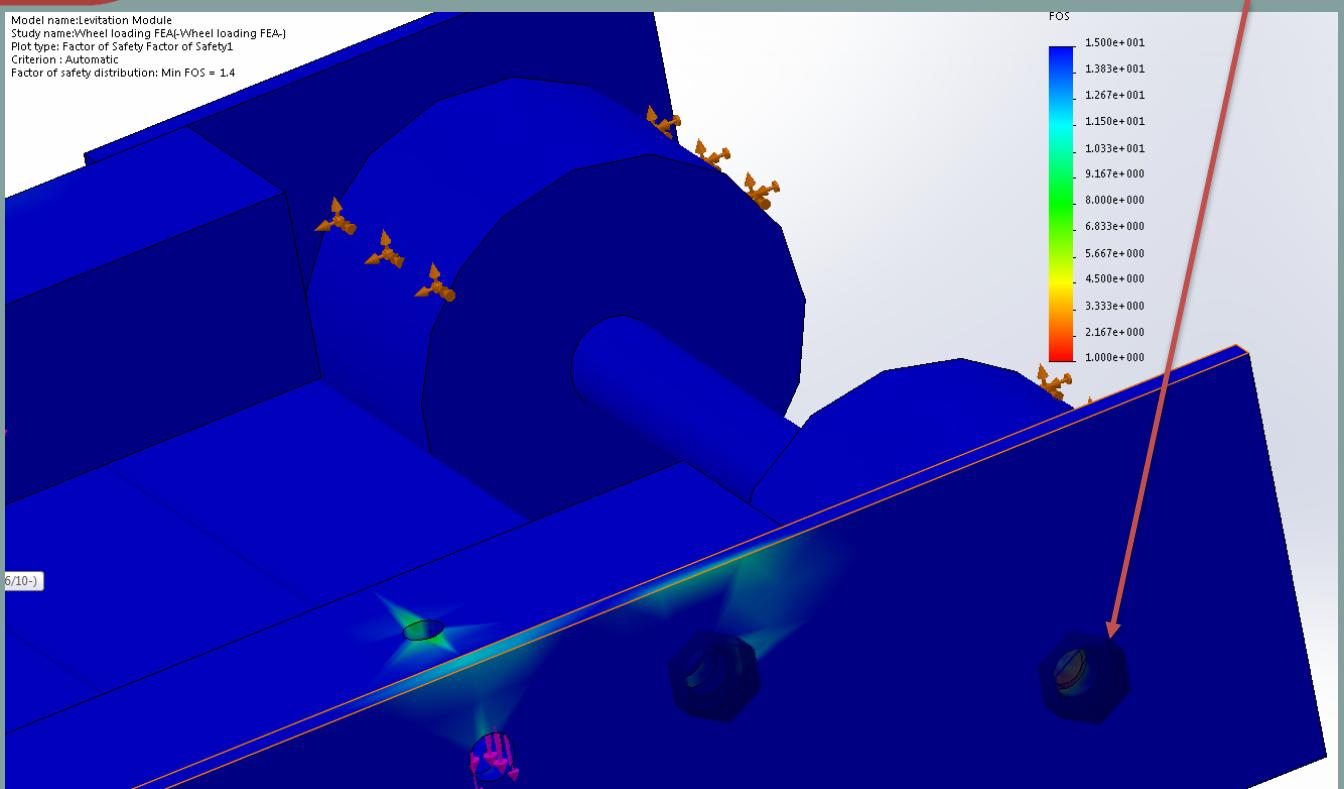
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Nearly all of the material under stress during the rolling acceleration phase has a FOS (Factor of Safety) greater than 10



HALBACH ARRAY MODULE DESIGN



Seen left, the minimum FOS of 1.4 occurs in a centralized location: the edge of the threaded hole of the axle

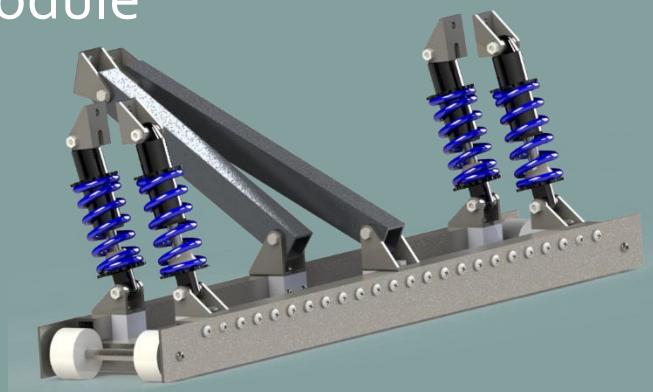
- Working to improve this aspect of system design

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Plot type: Factor of Safety Factor of Safety1
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PRECAUTIONARY ROLLERS

- High load-bearing nylon wheels mounted to the magnet modules provide the pod with a low-friction rolling alternative until the pusher accelerates the pod to the liftoff speed
- Nylon wheels extend 2[mm] (0.08 inches) beneath the bottom of the levitation module

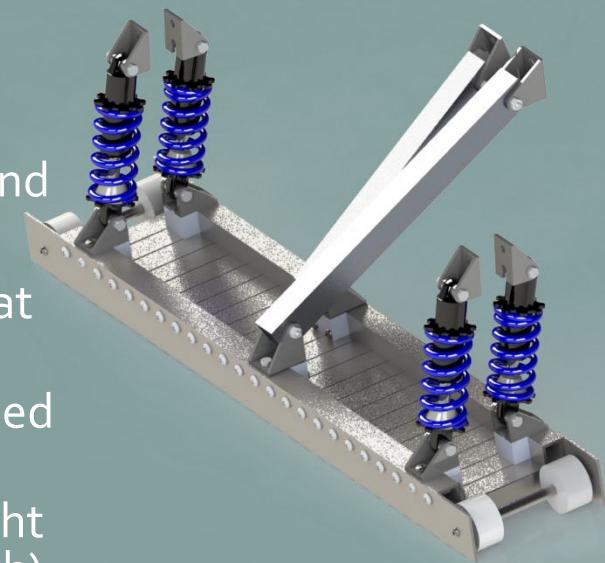




LEVITATION SYSTEM SUSPENSION SYSTEM

Each Halbach Array has a suspension system attached to the frame of pod

- 4 spring and damper shocks allow for smooth ride
- Shocks rated for 75-100kg each
- Two control arms keep movement in desirable direction and keep the module parallel to the ground
- Allows vibrations to be absorbed
- Passive roll and pitch stability by placing modules at each of the four approximate “corners” of the pod
- This suspension extends outwards when compressed which adds to roll stability
- Simple design able to accommodate variable weight (add more shocks) and size (vary control arm length)





FAIL-SAFE LEVITATION MECHANISMS

Halbach arrays provide a fail-safe levitation

- In the event of power loss, the Halbach arrays will sustain levitation long enough for the wheels and emergency brakes to deploy
- Passive arrays provide redundancy to pod's braking system with their inherent drag
- Passive roll and pitch stability
 - As the modules get closer to the sub-track, the lift force gets stronger
- Halbach arrays are mounted to ensure the pod stays above the center rail and keep out zone and once its shocks are fully compressed it will touch down to ride on wheels at the bottom of the module

Nylon Wheels

- Wheels will sit 2[mm] (0.08 inches) below array module to roll on when the pod is being accelerated by the SpaceX pusher
- Approximately 1/5 the gap height to allow for levitation



LEVITATION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND OPERATION

Operation

1. Rest on nylon wheels until accelerator pushes pod to 11.2 [mph]
2. Levitation is sustained over the length of the track
3. When reaching the end of the tube, Halbach wheels stop spinning, wheeled braking engages, and the arrays' drag aids in slowing down the pod until the braking system comes to a complete stop

1) $a = 1.5g$ 2) $v = \sim 180 \text{ mph}$ 3) ~2000N drag force due to Halbach arrays





ARRAY MODULE ASSEMBLY

Manufacturing procedure

1. Weld magnet module tubes together and to a back cap without magnets in them as magnetism will degrade at the max operating temperature and completely demagnetize at the curie temperature
2. Weld mounting tubing on top of (now empty) levitation module
3. Separately assemble control arms and shocks
4. Square non magnetic stainless steel tubing will be slid into a loading device and have bolted cap placed at the edge of open end
5. Magnets will be inside 1" square aluminum tubing all in the same orientation
 - This tube will be aligned with next open stainless steel magnet module tube
 - A pusher rod will plunge the preloaded magnets into the module
 - The bolted cap will be unbolted, moved forward one space, and bolted again
6. Once all magnets are in and bolted cap is secure, attach shocks and control arms
7. Each levitation module will be constructed and then await the full construction of the pod to finally get mounted last
8. There are many safety concerns with such powerful magnets in place, thus mounting will be the final step



PASSIVE HALBACH ARRAY LEVITATION SYSTEM MANUFACTURING

- Magnetic modules will be constructed using non-magnetic materials
 - Stainless steel tubing will contain the magnets and aluminum caps will constrain them within the sides of the array
- Magnets will be loaded with extreme caution utilizing aluminum fixtures and wooden or aluminum tooling



LEVITATION SYSTEM SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- All handling of magnets will be done with gloves and eye protection to ensure manufacturing safety
 - Aprons/body shields and method of securing magnets once out-of-hands required for installation safety
 - In addition, the magnets will always be labeled and will exhibit a warning sign for a high magnetic field
- Before pod fabrication begins, the entire team will be briefed with procedures and warnings for either handling or being in the vicinity of the magnets
- Pod components that come close to the magnets have been designed with non-magnetic material
- Keeping the shop area clean is critical for team safety



MAGNET TRANSPORTATION AND LOADING OBJECTIVES

Transportation of Assembled Halbach Array Units

- Magnet units will be bolted into a shielding unit to allow them to be transported within international regulations for air shipping of magnets
 - 0.00525 gauss 15 feet from the pod
- The shielding unit will also function to hold the Halbach Arrays rigidly in position on the bottom of the pod, allowing easier transportation without suspension deflection
- The shielding unit will also function as the magnet loading mechanism, allowing safe reloading of magnets all the way up to completion day



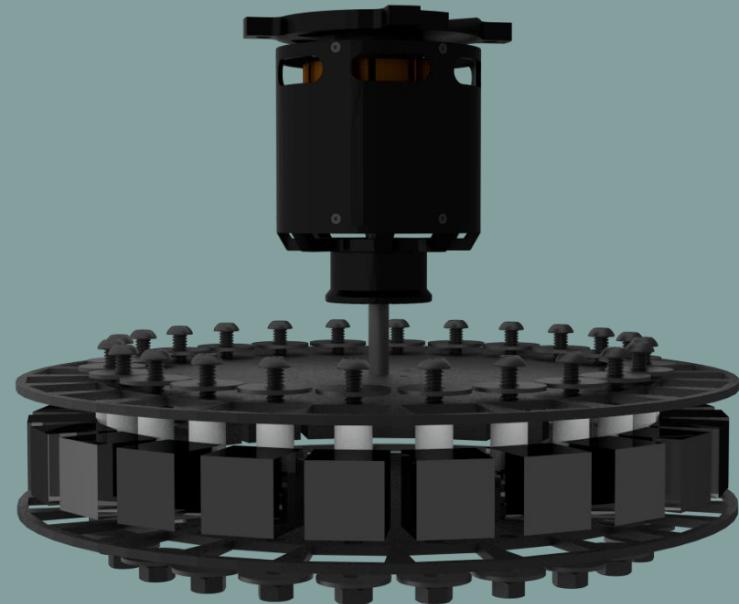
LEVITATION SYSTEM TESTING

- Suspension system will be tested extensively to find the optimal spring constant and dampening values to mitigate vibrations
- Measurements of gap height will be made when placing an array over a spinning aluminum at various speeds to match our COMSOL models with empirical data
- Run further FEA and COMSOL simulations to model performance in different scenarios



STABILITY AND FORWARD THRUST SYSTEM

12 Halbach wheels will provide the pod with active stability and additional forward thrust





HALBACH WHEEL SYSTEM MASS

| # | Halbach Wheel Stability System | Mass [kg] | Power [Wh] | Cost [\$] |
|---------------|--|-------------|------------|------------------|
| 288 | 1" N52 NdFeB Rare Earth magents | 35.1 | - | \$2070.00 |
| 12 | Turnigy CA80 160kv Brushless Outrunner Motor | 18.5 | 960 | \$1895.00 |
| 12 | Hobbywing EZRUN MAX8 V3 150A Brushless Electronic Speed Controller | 1.3 | - | \$1560.00 |
| 24 | 1/8" Waterjet Aluminum Housing Plate | 10.5 | - | \$210.00 |
| - | Misc. Subsystem Hardware | 5.9 | - | \$150.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 71.3 | 200 | \$5885.00 |



STABILITY AND PROPULSION SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

Wheels will be stationed in groups of 4 on the pod

All wheels need to produce a combined thrust force of 2000N to counter the drag force experienced by the passive Halbach arrays

Wheels will be modulated to handle a minimum of 167N each

Active lateral, yaw, and pitch stability are provided

Ability to speed up, turn off, and reverse direction is required for various operations



HALBACH WHEEL FUNDAMENTALS

Halbach Wheels provide both stability and propulsion

- Because the wheels have a slip velocity over the forward velocity of the pod, the drag force creates thrust force instead of drag force (as a non-rotating array would)
- Normal forces from Halbach wheels on both sides of the center rail will allow for contactless-centering
- The high stiffness of the gap between the moving magnets and the rail provides large restoring force to lateral disturbances
- Without contact on the center rail, the lifecycle of plates is practically infinite
- Innovative approach that tackles several problems (all forms of stability and counteracting drag) and has not been done before (coupled on a rail)
- This design is easily adjustable with the addition and/or spacing of wheels for countless pod design variations





SUSPENSION AND THRUST SYSTEM BENEFITS

- Counters drag to allow for truly frictionless travel
- Locked on center rail
 - Running at the thrust speed required to counter passive array drag, the restoring force for a lateral disturbance will be 5.5 times as much as the thrust force
- Provides pitch, lateral, yaw stability
- Easy detachment make these wheels very replaceable if damaged
- Permanent magnets and simple design allow for low maintenance
- Coupling on a rail is an innovative approach which provides great stability capabilities



SUSPENSION AND THRUST SYSTEM OPERATION

1. Power up to 50% of operational speed before leaving the pusher
2. Ramp up to operating speed once off the pusher
3. Speed is maintained during run which at a minimum counters the drag force from the passive arrays
4. Increase speed during run for pitch stability control
5. Turn wheels off when approaching the end of the pod
6. Spin in reverse during braking to add redundancy to deceleration
7. Power down at the end of the run



HALBACH WHEEL MANUFACTURING

- Aluminum housing plates to be waterjet cut for optimal precision and finish
- Magnets will be preloaded individually into a loader and a pusher drives the loaded magnet into place in the same way as the passive arrays
- Alignment tools properly position magnets and keep from hitting metal
- These magnets have an extreme amount of force keeping them together when stuck face to face and thus this assembly is prone to pinching fingers and hands and extreme caution is required
- Gloves and safety glasses must be worn at all times and assembly should never occur alone



ASSEMBLY

- Orientation of each magnet is determined for a Halbach array with an outward field (orient poles in a counterclockwise direction as you load magnets in clockwise slots)
- Housing plates are preassembled with spacers, bottom screws/washers, and capped to hold everything in place for magnet loading
- Magnets are loaded one at a time on an adjacent side of loaded magnets and, once in its slot, magnets are capped with a washer and nut
- The final magnet completing the wheel is placed between two already in place and leads to more difficult/dangerous assembly (leakage is eliminated once final magnet in place and amplifies the outer field greatly)
- Prior to loading the final magnet, each bolt and nut are to be tightened



HALBACH WHEEL SAFETY AND TRANSPORT

- Standard safety procedures for the passive arrays will also be used for the Halbach wheels
- Electronic Speed Controllers (ESCs) have a thermal cutoff which will prevent too much power from being drawn and causing further issues
- Protective casings will be developed to secure wheels and protect people near when spinning
- Like the arrays, magnets will need to be contained safely during travel and will be put in spacers placed adequately from potential hazards



HALBACH WHEEL TESTING

- To verify the performance of these wheels, testing individually as well as coupled on an aluminum rail will be conducted for thrust force and dampening response data
- Testing varieties of range from the center beam, an optimal operating distance will be determined
- Testing will be done for ramping the wheel motors up and down to observe voltage and current draws as well as performance in order to optimize operation



POD CONTROL SYSTEM - OVERVIEW

Pod will be controlled by physics-based control system embracing state-of-the-art control strategies

Nonlinear systems require a linearized, operating space model

- “Operating point” refers to a point in the operating space: a particular set of states that define the dynamic properties at that point
- Nonlinear dynamic properties are “linearized” at each point with a first-order Taylor approximation

In our control system, all actuation depends on this operating point

Purpose: to make the pod follow a commanded trajectory

- While the pod trajectory here will be a straight tube, this system is not limited to such a case
- This is achieved by active and/or passive control of 16 pod states: the ordinary 6 degrees of freedom of a free body (spatial and angular) and some of their derivatives and integrals



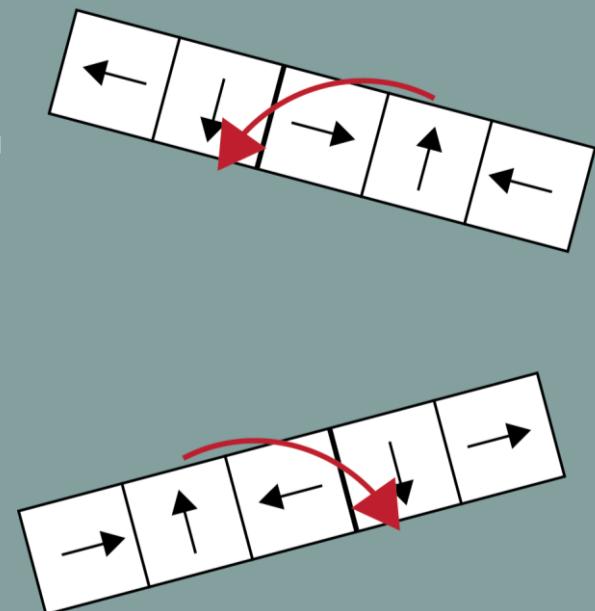
POD CONTROL SYSTEM – PASSIVE STABILITY MECHANISM

The pod will exhibit some degree of passive stability (depending on operating point) in roll, pitch, yaw, and vertical displacement via the stationary Halbach arrays

This is a form of cross-coupling state feedback: through the stationary Halbach arrays, forward velocity and vertical displacement cause lift and drag forces as well as moments about pitch and roll axes

For a given velocity, the effected lift and drag forces increase in magnitude with reduced vertical displacement (i.e. gap height).

- A disturbance causing rotation about pitch or roll will result in a restoring moment
- A disturbance causing vertical displacement will result in a restoring force





POD CONTROL SYSTEM – ACTIVE CONTROL MECHANISM

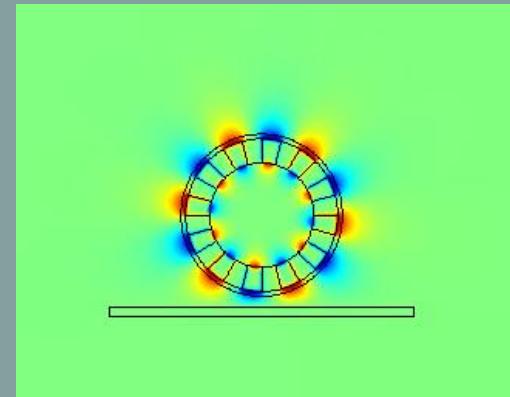
The actuators used for active control are the Halbach wheels

- Produce normal and thrust forces based on rotational velocity of the wheel, pod velocity, and gap height

These are oriented horizontally (i.e. axis of rotation is parallel to global y-axis)

All thrust and normal forces act on the center rail

Results in ability to influence roll, pitch, yaw, and horizontal displacement





POD CONTROL SYSTEM – MANIPULATED INPUT DECOUPLING

Considering that the pod can accommodate up to twelve Halbach wheels, there are effectively twenty-four manipulated input forces

- These inputs are tightly coupled
- None of these inputs are states of interest

For a robust, sensible control system, *manipulated input decoupling* (MID) gives us direct access to states of interest with a high degree of accuracy

As previously stated, the states of interest involve the six degrees of freedom for a free body and some of their derivatives and integrals

- Therefore, to directly influence these, the manipulated inputs must be moments about the three axes of rotation and forces in the three directions of motion



POD CONTROL SYSTEM – MANIPULATED INPUT DECOUPLING

Conceptually, the forces actuated by a Halbach wheel can be represented as a combination of these inputs

Conversely, with certain assumptions and within parameter estimation accuracy, a set of desired inputs can be represented as a set of desired Halbach wheel forces



POD CONTROL SYSTEM – DISTURBANCE INPUT DECOUPLING

The accelerator force is not likely to be aligned perfectly with the center of mass

By integrating a force sensor at the accelerator interface, the amount of disturbance caused by this can be accurately accounted for in the control system

- This is not state feedback and does not come at the expense of other system properties



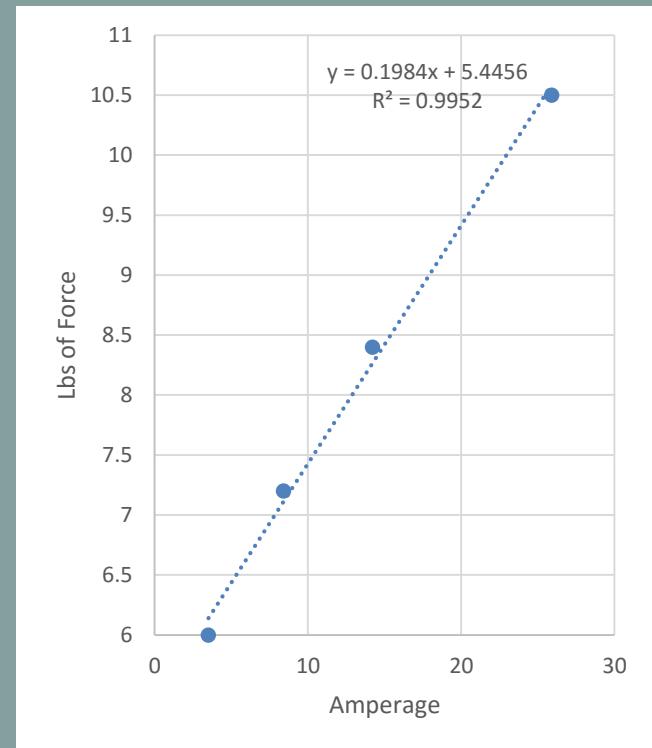


POD CONTROL SYSTEM – FORCE MODULATION

Empirical data was used to develop relationships between Halbach wheel velocity and produced forces at various operating points

Accurate force modulation is achieved by using developed relationships to determine an angular velocity that will produce the desired forces and using a commercial electronic speed controller to reach and maintain this speed

The forces produced by Halbach wheels are dependent on the operating point of the pod and the rotational velocity of the Halbach wheels





POD CONTROL SYSTEM – CONCEPTUAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

The following block diagram conceptually illustrates the previously discussed strategies

θ refers to an arbitrary angular state

- This diagram only illustrates the various feedback and state manipulations present in the full system



POD CONTROL SYSTEM – CONCEPTUAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

Nomenclature:

- Items with a superscript “*” are *commanded* quantities
- Items with a superscript “^” are *estimated* quantities
- Items with a subscript “D” are *disturbance* quantities
- Items with no appended script are real quantities
- SHA: Stationary Halbach Array
- DID: Disturbance Input Decoupling
- MID: Manipulated Input Decoupling
- FM: Force Modulation
- MIC: Manipulated Input Coupling
- k,c: State feedback gains
- J: Arbitrary moment of inertia

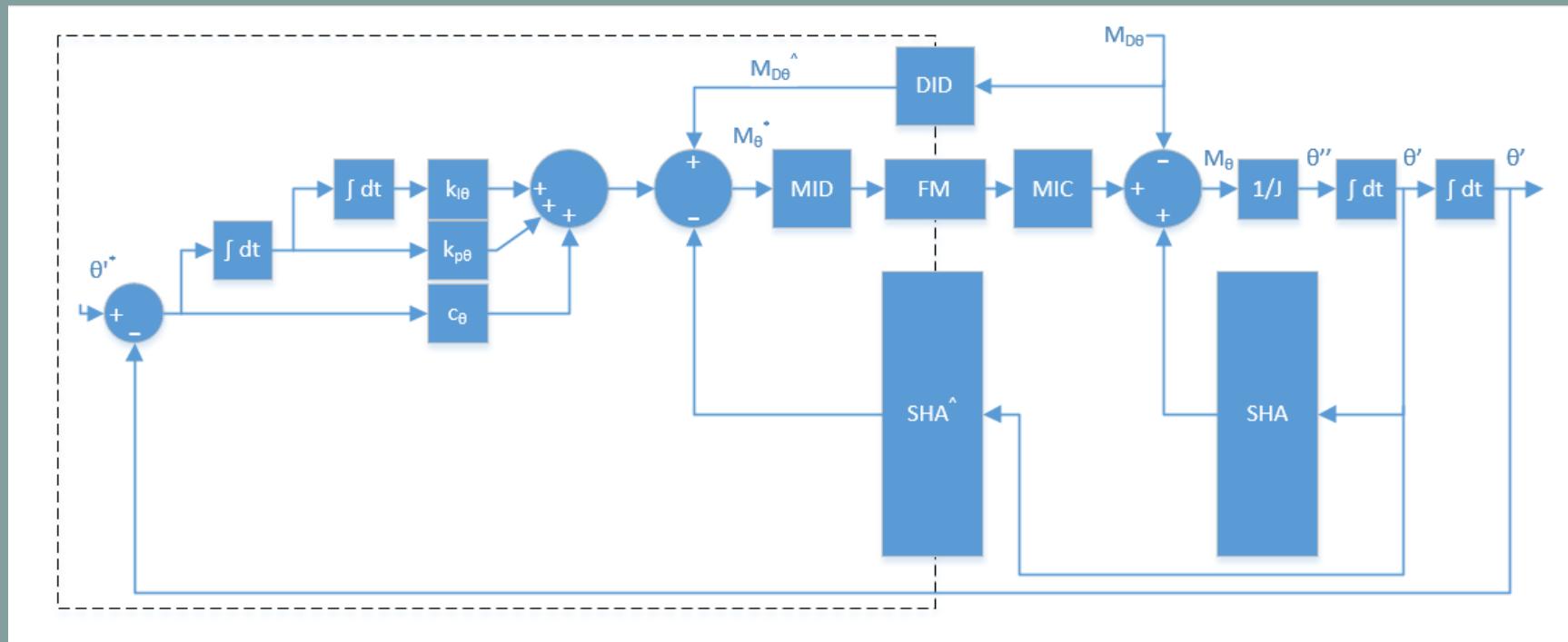
The contents of the dotted box are in the controller

The contents on the border contain aspects of both

- E.g. processes involving sensors and data processing



POD CONTROL SYSTEM – CONCEPTUAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



See Appendix Section __ for detailed State Diagram



POD CONTROL SYSTEM – SCALABILITY

Additional actuators could also be accommodated

All discussed strategies are entirely scalable

Force modulation would be improved

- Rather than an ordinary COTS non-programmable speed controller, a system would be designed incorporating the fundamental physics of the system in ways that an ordinary speed controller cannot

DID would accommodate the varying center of mass of a commercial pod with varying payloads



ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The BadgerLoop Pod uses a Controller Area Network (CAN) to operate the subsystems such that the Modules in the network ensure optimum pod functionality in the event of component or system failure. Some of these main functions are:

- ✓ Data Acquisition
- ✓ Tube Navigation
- ✓ Active Attitude Control
- ✓ 2000N Controlled Propulsion via Halbach Wheels
- ✓ Cabin Monitoring and Safety Alarms
- ✓ Cabin and Battery Fire Protection via Novec 1230 Agent Release
- ✓ Gentle Wheel Bogie Deployment
- ✓ Emergency (Burst) Wheel Bogie Deployment
- ✓ Actively Controlled Regenerative Anti-Lock Braking
- ✓ Plug-in & Wireless Low Speed Propulsion
- ✓ Real-time Deceleration Profile Mapping



OUR CONTROLLER AREA NETWORK - MODULES

BPM = Braking and Propulsion Module

MCM = Magnetic Control Module

VCM = Vehicle Control Module

ECM = Environmental Control Module

WCM = Wireless Connectivity Module



CONTROLLER AREA NETWORK FUNCTIONALITY

- Modules send all acquired data and status reports to the Wireless Connectivity Module, which gets reported to the Dashboard in real time
- Modules work together to perform system-wide error checking
- If a Module detects that one of its sensors is unusable, it will alert the network, and another Module with the same sensor or same piece of information can provide the data
 - All system-wide data requests contain priority, so if a piece of information from one Module is critical to another, the helping Module can reduce processing power in less critical areas to focus on prioritized system-wide tasks
- If a Module is being overworked, it can hand off data processing to a Module with free processing power via data packets w/ instructions
- All Modules have the ability to set the system into a controlled or emergency braking protocol
- A CAN bus failure prevents communication between the Modules, but they can still function on their own and most Pod functionality would be maintained



OUR CONTROLLER AREA NETWORK

| BPM1 & BPM2 | MCM | VCM | ECM | WCM |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Raises and lowers the Wheel Bogies for braking and low speed auxiliary propulsion | Relies on Pod-Rail and Pod-Track distance sensors to determine Y and Z location in the tube | Uses a combination of tube retroreflective tape detection and accelerometer interpolation to constantly provide an accurate telemetry stream with velocity and position in all 3 axis | Interfaces with a fire suppression system inside both the battery housing and the cabin to alert users of potentially dangerous fires and explosions | Collects all Pod information obtained by the other Modules on the CAN bus and processes/packages the information for the BadgerLoop Dashboard |
| Changes the flow of power between the motors, Eddy Current brakes, and 24V batteries | Employs a Linearized Operating Space control scheme to command Halbach Wheel spin velocity | Monitors roll, pitch, and yaw with multiple gyroscopic sensing units | Monitors the temperature of the cabin space and other closed off areas inside the pod | Sends packaged information to the BadgerLoop Dashboard via the SpaceX Network Access Panel and our extremely low latency Exis local node |
| Measures temperature values of various on-board components to ensure a safe braking procedure | | During acceleration from the SpaceX Pusher, a compression load cell embedded in the accelerator interface analyzes push force and feeds the data to the control system to improve performance by defining initial conditions (<i>Disturbance Input Decoupling</i>) | Monitors the temperature of various high-current wires and components to alert the users of a rising threat to prevent escalation | |
| Uses Pulse Width Modulation to provide Regenerative and Eddy Current Anti-Lock Braking | Uses Pulse Width Modulation to control 12 Halbach Wheels to provide the pod with active attitude stability and 2000N of forward force | | | Readily receives commands from the BadgerLoop Dashboard to control the pod, such as a remote E-stop or a Launch command |
| Monitors the power going into the Eddy Current brakes to ensure a safe and controlled stop | | | | |
| Utilizes on-board Inertial Measurement Units to analyze deceleration profile and accurately stop at a desired point | Utilizes various externally mounted thermistor clusters to monitor the tube ambient temperature | | | |
| Incorporates fail-safe DC Electromagnets to provide a safe braking option in the event of complete power loss | Monitors ambient tube pressure via an absolute pressure gauge | Monitors the door position to confirm that Pod is in a safe state | Monitors the cabin pressure via an absolute pressure gauge | |



MODULE CONNECTIONS – BRAKING AND PROPULSION MODULE 1 AND 2

| Sensors | | Actuators | |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| x12 | Eddy Brake Magnet Thermistor | x4 | Motor Power Flow Control <i>Electromechanical Relay</i> |
| x4 | Disk Brake Shoe Thermocouple | x1 | Wheel Bogie Linear Actuator <i>Reverse Polarity Selector</i> |
| x2 | Retroreflective Axle Shaft Encoder | x1 | Electromechanical Relay Switch <i>Solid State Relay</i> |
| x4 | Wheel Bogie Limit Switch | x1 | Wheel Bogie Holding Electromagnet <i>Solid State Relay</i> |
| x8 | Drum Brake Limit Switch | x3 | Wheel Bogie Linear Actuator Switch <i>Solid State Relay</i> |
| x2 | Eddy Brake Magnet Voltage Sensing | x2 | Eddy Brake Pulse Width Modulation <i>Solid State Relay</i> |
| x2 | Eddy Brake Magnet Current Sensing | x2 | Drum Brake Electromagnet Switch <i>Solid State Relay</i> |
| x1 | Inertial Measurement Unit | | |



MODULE CONNECTIONS – MAGNETIC CONTROL MODULE

| Sensors | | Actuators | |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| x1 | Ambient Tube Pressure Transducer | x12 | Halbach Wheels |
| x4 | Pod-Track Distance Sensor | | |
| x6 | Pod-Rail Distance Sensor | | |
| x9 | Ambient Tube Thermistor | | |



MODULE CONNECTIONS – VEHICLE CONTROL MODULE

| Sensors | |
|---------|--|
| x3 | Inertial Measurement Unit |
| x2 | Door State Limit Switch |
| x1 | Compression Load Cell |
| x3 | Retroreflective Optical Encoder |



MODULE CONNECTIONS – ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MODULE

| Sensors | | Actuators | |
|---------|--|-----------|--------------------|
| x18 | Cabin Thermistors | x1 | Siren/Alarm |
| x39 | Wire Thermistors | | |
| x1 | Cabin Fire Suppression Switch | | |
| x1 | Battery Fire Suppression Switch | | |



DATA ACQUISITION

- In most cases, sensors are grouped in localized “clusters” of 3 units, to maximize both accuracy and redundancy
 1. Module reads in the 3 separate sensor values via I₂C or Analog
 2. 3 values are compared to each other
 - If all values are within set difference threshold, the 3 values are averaged and the data value is finalized within the Module
 - If 1 of the 3 sensors is significantly different than the other 2 (faulty), the Module disregards this sensor’s data and proceeds to average the 2 values, which is then finalized within the Module
 - The software on each Module is designed to analyze when and how a sensor fails, and to be able to identify similar sensor failures in real time to differentiate between real and false values in a 2-sensor cluster
- Each Module has a custom Printed Circuit Board built with surface mount component circuitry designed specifically to maximize DAQ performance of that Module’s sensor packages
 - Buffer capacitors for noise filtering
 - Inverting Operational Amplifiers implemented to scale analog input values to peak at 5 volts (SBC44B ADC Input Threshold), to ensure no resolution is lost from the sensor
- Based on the state of each Module and the CAN as a whole, data can be selectively processed to deliver high accuracy in a medium timeframe or medium accuracy in a rapid timeframe
 - Example case: The ECM detects that a specific area of the cabin space is heating up more than the rest, so it reduces sampling frequency & processing power of other thermistors to amp up sampling frequency & processing power for thermistors measuring more critical regions
 - Example case: Pod is in controlled braking procedure, and both BPM1 and BPM2 have faulty accelerometer data, which is needed to stop accurately. The BPMs will send a data request to the VCM, and the VCM will stop taking acceleration/gyroscopic measurements in 3 dimensions, to instead only pull the information critical to the BPMs – in this case, acceleration in the X axis only



DATA ACQUISITION – TUBE NAVIGATION

- The Pod will monitor its translation down the tube primarily by counting the retroreflective tape strips on the top of the tube and using a set calculation built into the Vehicle Control Module to infer total distance traveled
- Each time a retroreflective strip is detected and processed, it is time-stamped
 - The VCM interpolates velocity in the X axis through position tracking and time-stamp processing
- To provide SpaceX with a constant and accurate telemetry stream of acceleration, velocity, position, and attitude in 3 axis, the VCM constantly measures acceleration and gyroscopic data from a 3-sensor Inertial Measurement Unit cluster
 - The VCM interpolates position and velocity in 3 axis from the IMUs' accelerometers, and streams the telemetry in between retroreflective strip detections
- Because interpolating position and velocity from an accelerometer compounds integration error (thus significantly reducing accuracy over time), every time a retroreflective strip is detected, the integration process resets to the strip-based position and velocity, recognizing that strip as a real and accurate piece of information
 - *This is all in an attempt to reset the interpolation error that gets larger every integration cycle*



DATA ACQUISITION - TEMPERATURE

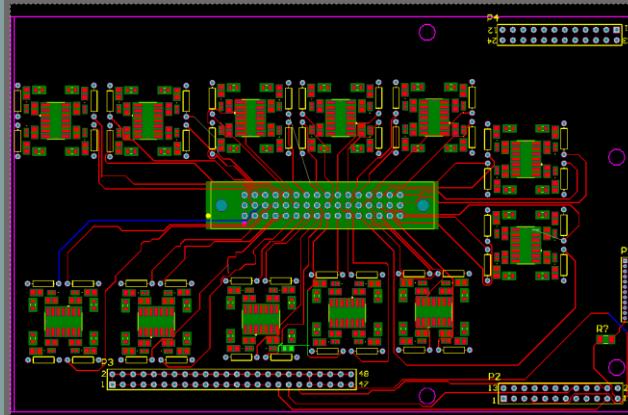
- All desired temperature measurements are accomplished with a localized 3-thermistor cluster to improve accuracy and redundancy
- Modules measuring temperature employ a series of Analog Multiplexers to allow many individual thermistors to be analyzed with minimal microcontroller real estate
- Based on the location of each thermistor cluster, heat rise simulations of the Pod dictate the optimum temperature range for desired measurement accuracy – based on these values:
 - Inverting Operational Amplifiers are implemented to properly scale the incoming thermistor voltage to match the 5V analog input on the microcontroller boards
 - A calculated resistor value is chosen to be grounded in a voltage divider circuit to properly center the linearization curve of the specific thermistor model
 - This centering resistor allows Modules to avoid directly implementing the Steinhart-Hart equation and instead utilize an approximation within <2% error



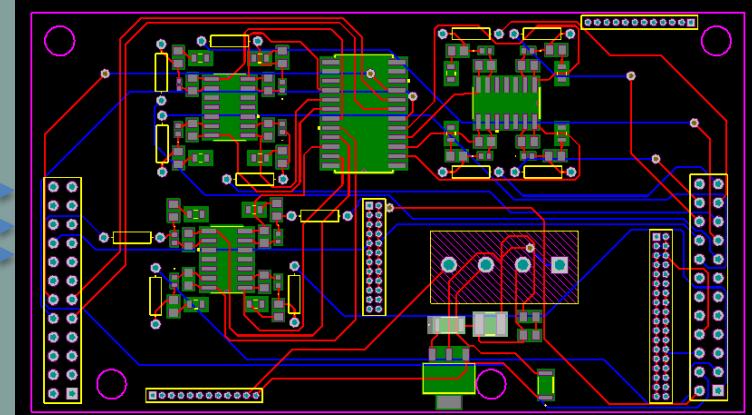
DATA ACQUISITION – CUSTOM PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS

- Each Module has a custom Printed Circuit Board on top of its SBC44B Microcontroller
- A combination of ICs, Multiplexers, and RC circuitry allow for each PCB to be customized to optimize the performance of each Modules' DAQ package

PCB Example - ECM



PCB Example - MCM

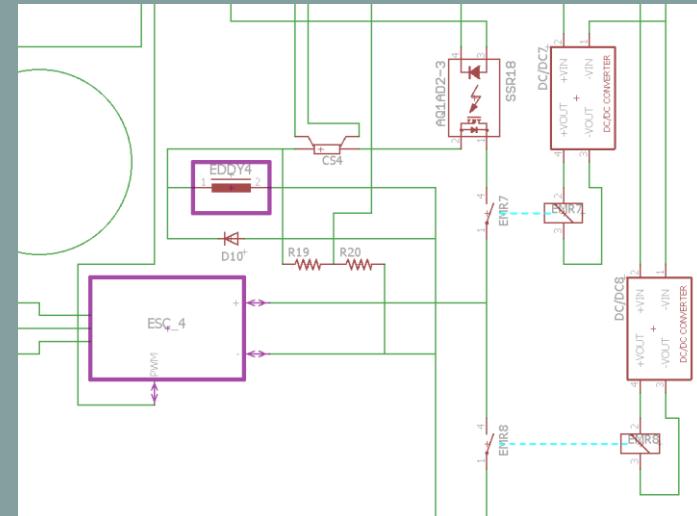




ACTUATION – POWER ROUTING

- The Pod has the ability to switch motor functionality
 - Brake Mode: The motors act as regenerative brakes that also power a secondary Eddy Current brake system
 - Low Speed Auxiliary Propulsion Mode: The motors draw power from the battery to drive forwards or backwards
- To accomplish safely routing 150 amps through various components, the system employs a combination of electromechanical and solid state relays to control where power is allowed to flow in respect to the motor

In the schematic to the right, it is shown how there are 2 electromechanical relays dictating where power can flow through the positive terminal of the Electronic Speed Controller (ESC_4). It is also evident by looking at the schematic that even if the motor or ESC powering the Eddy Current brake were to fail, both relays (EMR_7, EMR_8) could be closed and allow the battery to power the Eddy Current brake in an emergency situation.





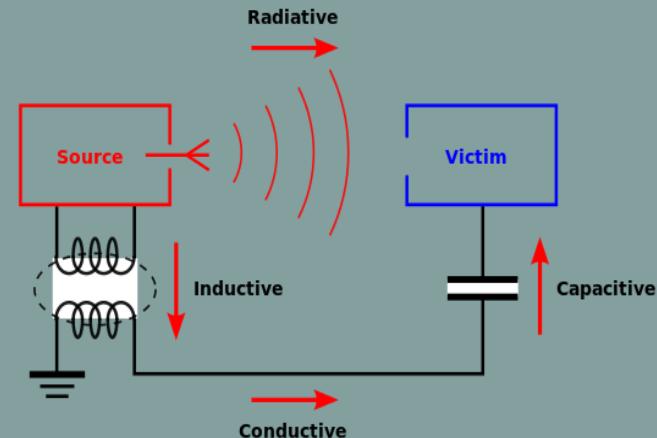
ACTUATION – WHEEL BOGIE DEPLOYMENT (FAIL-SAFE)

- The entire braking system is embedded into the CAN such that it is highly controllable but also fail-safe in the event of Braking and Propulsion Module failure or complete Pod power loss
- Fail-Safe braking components
 - Wheel Bogie holding electromagnets
 - Drum Brake activation electromagnets
- If a BPM were to fail or the Pod was to lose power, the following processes would happen
 1. The Wheel Bogie holding electromagnets would lose power, deploying the entire bogie
 2. The Drum Brake activation electromagnets would lose power, springs would push the brake pads into the brake disk, and the pod would go into emergency braking protocol
- In a commanded emergency braking protocol, a linear actuator would also be activated to speed up deployment time
- In the event of Pod failure mid-tube, there are 12V terminals accessible from both the front and back of the Pod for a 12V battery or car jumpstarter to be connected, to release the drum brake electromagnets and allow the Pod to be pushed manually



ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE

- Operating environment is innately filled with Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)
- With the addition of 12 spinning Halbach Wheels, EMI is a large concern for DAQ and control systems
- To combat the threats of EMI, many parts of the CAN will have special shielding
 - BPMs, MCM – Both Modules are very close to the Halbach Wheels, and contain critical DAQ and control systems
 - These systems will have extra shielding





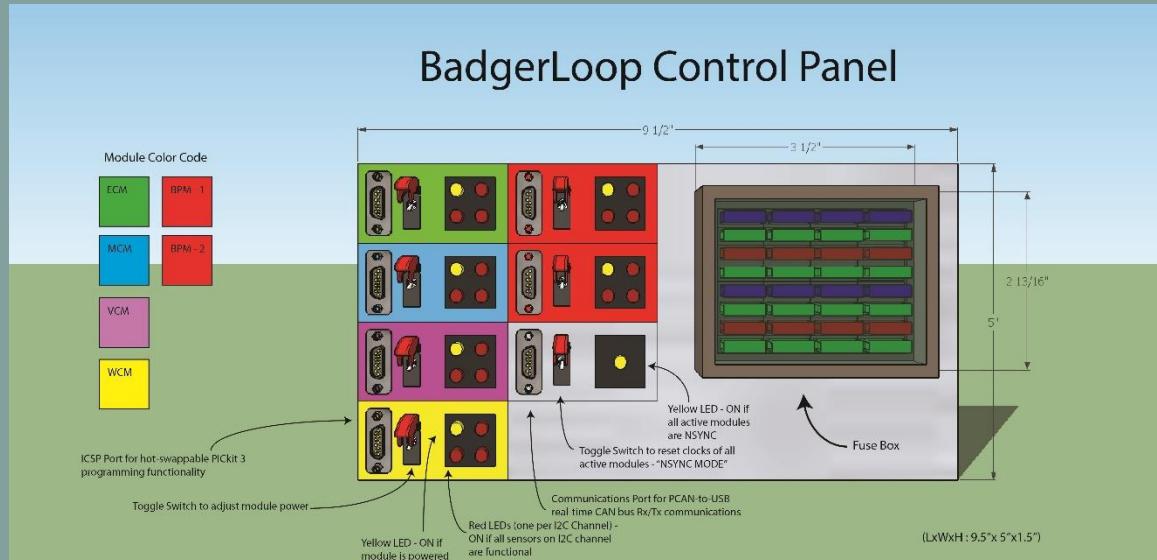
ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE - SHIELDING

- Three standard options for custom enclosure EMI shielding applications
 1. Conductive Metal
 2. Spray-on Conductive Elastomer Coated Plastic
 3. Conductive 3D-printable Plastic
- Conductive 3D-printable Plastic was selected due to cost and versatility
- Once the system is tested under various EMI conditions, susceptible sensors and board circuitry will receive custom 3D printed enclosures
- In addition to sensors and board circuitry, EMI will be shielded at various harnessing points through the application of shielded
 - Sheath cable
 - Conduits
 - Terminals
 - Heat Shrink Tubing



BADGERLOOP CONTROL PANEL

- Control Panel allows for CAN monitoring, simulation, and debugging
- Each Module has a port for In Circuit Serial Programming, and 4 LED indicator lights to show microcontroller and sensor status
- Fusebox contains fuses in series with sensitive or vulnerable components





SYSTEM POWER REQUIREMENTS

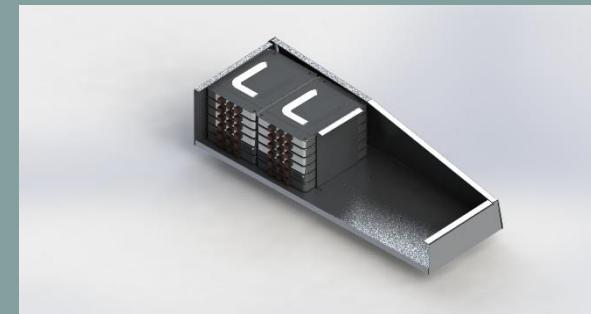
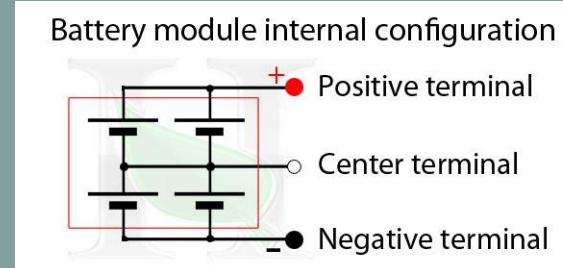
- There are 16 Brushless DC Motors on the Pod, each having their own Electronic Speed Controller which receives 24V battery power as well as a Pulse Width Modulation signal
 - 12 Motors are used for the spinning Halbach Wheels
 - 4 Motors are used for regenerative braking and low speed auxiliary propulsion
- Both drive systems will run at 24 Volts DC and will require 100 Amps of constant current / 160 Amps of peak current
- Because of the unique configuration of this system, traditional EV battery solutions cannot be used
 - Technically one could string all 12 24V Motors in series and use a ~300V EV Pack, but due to the precise control needed for the Halbach Wheels for active stability, this configuration cannot be employed because the back-emf induced by the pod approaching the rail would disturb the line of current flowing between all of the motors
- A 12 Volt pack is needed to power all of the CAN Modules, some sensors, and a few small relays

| 24V Pack - Estimated Energy Use Per Run [Wh] | 12V Packs - Estimated Energy Use Per Run [Wh] |
|---|--|
| 880 | 76 |



24 VOLT BATTERY CLUSTER

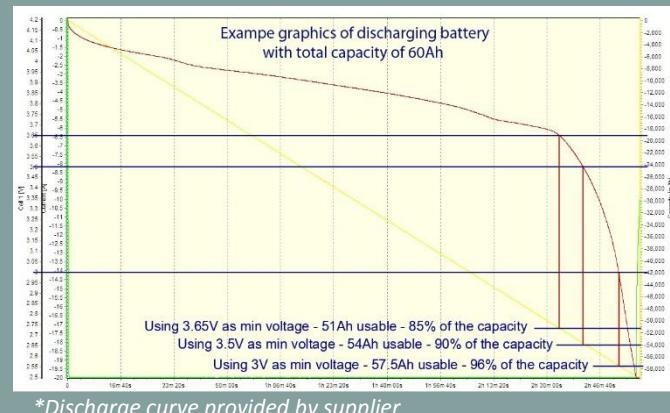
- 7.6v Nissan Leaf battery modules (24 modules total)
 - 2 cells in series, 2 cells in parallel
 - LiMn₂O₄/LiNiO₂ cell chemistry
 - Modular nature allows flexibility in power system design
- 3 modules will be placed in series to create 22.8v (nominal) string to be discharged at 240 amps through 2 parallel Electronic Speed Controllers (8 total strings for 16 total Electronic Speed Controllers)
 - Strings are electronically isolated
 - OEM Nissan Leaf bus bars and caps provided by supplier
- Strings are mounted in columns of 2 (6 modules per stack)
- 2 stacks on each side of pod (4 stacks total)
- Stacks will be mounted with supplier provided Nissan Leaf OEM brackets and threaded bolts





24 VOLT BATTERY CLUSTER

- During discharge, current drawn by each Electronic Speed Controller will be 100A continuous / 160A peak
 - 160 amp fuses will be in series with each Electronic Speed Controller
- A PIC microcontroller will be tethered to the onboard battery management system via CAN to perform real time power consumption monitoring
 - Analog measured Voltage Dividers in parallel with each string will be used to monitor voltage
 - Analog measured Current Shunts in series with each string will be used to monitor current
- The microcontroller will use amp-hour integration to perform State of Charge estimation

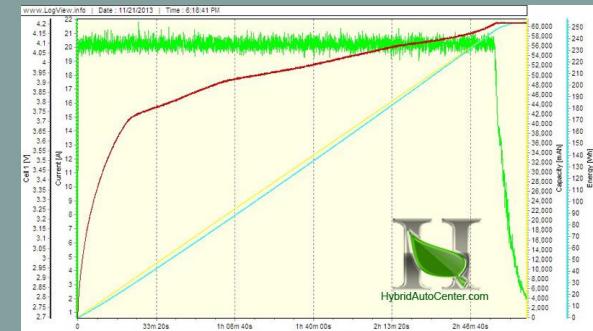


*Discharge curve provided by supplier



24 VOLT BATTERY CLUSTER

- Strings will be charged independently using KP1200C lithium ion charger
 - 58.4 V max voltage
 - Each string's terminals will be wired to a charging receptacle (1 receptacle per string)
 - The charging panel will be situated on the front of one of the battery boxes
- One Orion BMS JUNIOR to balance and monitor string charging
 - Strings are balanced in reference to previously charged string to ensure equal voltage across packs
 - After a string is fully charged, the BMS JUNIOR cuts off charging via CAN-enabled charger
 - 8 position rotary switch changes cell voltage balancing pins from string to string
 - The charger is manually moved to the next string receptacle



*Charge curve provided by supplier



POWER SYSTEM – LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS BATTERY PACK

- 12v, 20 Ah Stark Power 'Ultra Energy' LiFePO₄ Energy Storage Pack – will be used for all CAN hardware and some sensors
 - Internal battery management system allows simplified integration
 - 30 amp max discharge current
- Will be charged with 12v 20A LiFePO₄ "smart" charger from Stark Power
 - Has build in voltage shutoff



*Image taken from Stark Powers website



POWER SYSTEM – FABRICATION AND MAINTENANCE SAFETY

- Each string is independent, limiting high voltage hazards
- Even though packs will never be strung for high voltage, precautions for handling high voltage systems will be followed
 - All team members will be briefed on handling modules
 - Only designated team members will have access
 - Battery lockouts will be implemented
- High voltage and current warning labels will indicate dangerous areas
- Plastic tools will be used for terminal and busbar handling
- *WEMPEC and Johnson Controls Lab on campus for safety overview and confirmation*



IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROLLER AREA NETWORK (CAN)

- Various modules in the pod will be communicating using the CAN 2.0B protocol in accordance with ISO 11898 standard.
- CANOpenNode enables us to conform to ISO 11898 standard and CANOpen standard.
- Each module has an EDS file, enabling our CANOpen network to pass the CiA CANopen conformance test.
- The software stack used for inter-module communication is an open-source software stack known as CANOpenNode.



CANOPEN STANDARD

- The communication model used for our CAN network is push-based producer/consumer.
- Each module has a unique node identifier, allowing other nodes to distinguish where each CAN message originated from
- Each node will be simultaneously be a producer and consumer; there are many instances where data must be sent from one node to another and vice versa.
- Being a push-based producer/consumer CAN network model, each node will be broadcasting messages as a Process Data Object (PDO)



PROCESS DATA OBJECT (PDO)

- CAN Messages that contain process data (sensor values, node status, etc) are called Process Data Objects (PDOs)
- Each PDO and its content can be interpreted by the consumer (receiving node) by its CAN Object Identifier (COB-ID)
- In accordance with CiA standards, each node will have an object dictionary that will contain the PDO Mapping
- The PDO Mapping describes which individual process variables are packaged, how they are arranged, the data type of each process variable, and the length of each



PROCESS DATA OBJECT (PDO) (CONT.)

- Currently, all PDOs transmitted are of the asynchronous type
- Asynchronous PDOs are event-controlled. This means that each PDO will be transmitted immediately after an event occurs
- An event can be a node status change, sensor data reading, or any change in node behavior



PDO MAPPING AND EDS FILES

- The PDO Mapping for our CAN network can be found in the EDS file for each node
- The EDS file for each node will contain an object dictionary, which will allow each CAN node to readily interpret any CAN message broadcast on the CAN network
- EDS Files are required for each node/module to pass the CiA CANopen conformance test



CIA CANOPEN CONFORMANCE

- Each of our modules will pass the CAN in Automation CANOpen conformance test
 - The test is designed to verify that CANopen devices are compliant to CiA 301 version 4.2
 - The test verifies that devices are compliant to the CANOpen application layer
- The CANOpen conformance test tool:
 - Tests the EDS file associated with a CANOpen device against the object dictionary of the CANOpen device
 - Verifies the CANOpen application layer and its services



SENSOR DATA ACQUISITION

- All sensors and external hardware will be connected to the GPIO PINs on each microcontroller
- Our PIC18F458 microcontrollers feature a total of 39 GPIO PINs of which 15 can be used for analog to digital conversion (ADC) and 6 of which are used for CAN networking and I₂C
- Analog to digital conversion enables the connection of variable voltage analog sensors to the microcontrollers
- The data is then read and returned as a 4 byte unsigned integer



SENSOR DATA ACQUISITION SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

- The various have various sensor readings than must be transmitted over the CAN network for other modules
- The sensor data is provided over several different data transmission protocols
 - Digital (I₂C, digital GPIO logic high/low)
 - Analog (through Analog to Digital conversion (ADC) on modules)
- I₂C sensors will be operating on the I₂C bus at 400kHz
- Digital GPIO logic high/low can be read directly by each module with a single line of C code
- ADC requires the use of C interrupts and switching between ADC channels as data becomes available.



ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERSION (ADC)

- All modules will have at least one analog sensor connected to a GPIO pin set for ADC
- The PIC18F458 microcontrollers complier libraries contain C code that enables the reading of ADC values in a single line of C code
- Through these libraries we are able to seamlessly capture analog inputs just as we are digital GPIO inputs



ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERSION (ADC) SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

- All modules will have at least one analog sensor connected to a GPIO pin capable of ADC
- ADC computation requires a few clock cycles to complete
- C interrupts are used to halt current code instruction and retrieve/store the ADC value from each channel (analog pin)
- Each microcontroller is able to seamlessly gather I₂C and ADC data simultaneously



BRAKING AND PROPULSION MODULE 1 AND 2 - SENSORS

- 4 Thermistor clusters each with 3 thermistors
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - For each cluster, the 3 values will be checked for errors/outliers
 - If acquisition was error free, the values will be averaged to a single 4 byte value
 - Thus, all thermistor cluster values are stored in a total of 16 bytes
- 4 Thermocouples
 - Data will be gather via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all thermocouple values are stored in a total of 16 bytes



BRAKING AND PROPULSION MODULE 1 AND 2 - SENSORS (CONT.)

- 2 Retroreflective shaft encoders
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all retroreflective shaft encoder values are stored in a total of 8 bytes
- 12 Limit Switches
 - Each one needs 1 bit and will connected to a GPIO pin
 - 12 bits => 3 bytes
 - Thus, all limit switch state values are stored in a total of 3 bytes
- 4 Potentiometers
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all potentiometer values are stored in a total of 16 bytes



BRAKING AND PROPULSION MODULE 1 AND 2 - SENSORS (CONT.)

- 1 Accelerometer
 - Only x-axis values need to be transmitted over the CAN network
 - Each accelerometer values (x,y,z) is returned as a signed 16 bit integer over I₂C
 - 16 bits => 2 bytes
 - Thus, since only the x-value is needed, the accelerometer value is stored as a total of 2 bytes
- 4 Shunt breakouts
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all shunt breakout values are stored in a total of 16 bytes



MODULE SENSOR LIST – BRAKING AND PROPULSION MODULE 1 AND 2

| Sensors | | Data Acquisition Type | Number of bytes needed for data |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| x12 | Thermistor (groups of 3) | ADC | 4 bytes per group; 16 bytes total |
| x4 | Thermocouple | ADC | 4 bytes per thermocouple; 16 bytes total |
| x2 | Retroreflective shaft encoder | ADC | 4 bytes per encoder; 8 bytes total |
| x12 | Limit switch | Digital GPIO | 1 bit per switch; 1.5 bytes total |
| x4 | Potentiometers | ADC | 4 bytes per potentiometer; 16 bytes total |
| x1 | Accelerometer (only x-axis) | I ₂ C | 2 bytes per axis; 2 bytes total |
| x4 | Shunt breakout | ADC | 4 bytes per breakout; 16 bytes total |
| Total | --- | --- | 78.5 bytes total |



MAGNETIC CONTROL MODULE - SENSORS

- 1 Pressure sensor
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all pressure values are stored in a total of 8 bytes
- 5 Proximity Sensors
 - Each proximity value is returned as a signed 16 bit integer over I₂C
 - 16 bits => 2 bytes
 - Thus, all proximity values are stored in a total of 10 bytes
- 5 Thermistor clusters each with 3 thermistors
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - For each cluster, the 3 values will be checked for errors/outliers
 - If acquisition was error free, the values will be averaged to a single 4 byte value
 - Thus, all thermistor cluster values are stored in a total of 20 bytes



MODULE SENSOR LIST – MAGNETIC CONTROL MODULE

| Sensors | | Data Acquisition Type | Number of bytes needed for data |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| x1 | Pressure sensor | ADC | 4 bytes per sensor; 4 bytes total |
| x10 | Proximity sensor | I ₂ C | 4 bytes per value; 40 bytes total |
| x16 | Thermistor (groups of 3) | ADC | 4 bytes per group; 20 bytes total |
| Total | --- | --- | 64 bytes total |



VEHICLE CONTROL MODULE - SENSORS

- 3 Accelerometer/Gyroscope
 - Each accelerometer value (x,y,z) is returned as a signed 16 bit integer over I₂C
 - Each gyro value (x,y,z) is returned as a signed 16 bit integer over I₂C
 - 16 bits => 2 bytes
 - Thus, all accelerometer/gyroscope values are stored in a total of 36 bytes
- 2 Limit Switches
 - Each one needs 1 bit and will connect to a GPIO pin
 - 2 bits => 0.25 bytes
 - Thus, all limit switch state values are stored in a total of 0.25 bytes
- 2 Retroreflective shaft encoders
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all retroreflective sensor values are stored in a total of 8 bytes



MODULE SENSOR LIST– VEHICLE CONTROL MODULE

| Sensors | | Data Acquisition Type | Number of bytes needed for data |
|---------|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| x3 | Accelerometer (accel – x,y,z-axis; gyro – x,y,z-axis) | I ₂ C | 2 bytes per value; 36 bytes total |
| x2 | Limit switch | Digital GPIO | 1 bit per switch; 0.25 |
| x3 | Retroreflective sensor | Digital GPIO | 4 bytes per sensor; 12 bytes total |
| x1 | Compression Load Cell | ADC | 4 bytes per sensor; 4 bytes total |
| Total | --- | --- | 52.25 bytes total |



ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MODULE

- SENSORS

- 2 Pressure Switches
 - Each proximity value is returned as a signed 16 bit integer over I₂C
 - 16 bits => 2 bytes
 - Thus, all proximity values are stored in a total of 10 bytes
- 1 Pressure sensor
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - Thus, all pressure values are stored in a total of 4 bytes
- 19 Thermistor clusters each with 3 thermistors
 - Data will be gathered via ADC (4 bytes)
 - For each cluster, the 3 values will be checked for errors/outliers
 - If acquisition was error free, the values will be averaged to a single 4 byte value
 - Thus, all thermistor cluster values are stored in a total of 76 bytes



MODULE SENSOR LIST – ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MODULE

| Sensors | | Data Acquisition Type | Number of bytes needed for data |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| x2 | Pressure switch | Digital GPIO | 1 bit per switch; 2 bits total |
| x1 | Pressure sensor | ADC | 4 bytes per value; 4 bytes total |
| x45 | Thermistor (groups of 3) | ADC | 4 bytes per group; 180 bytes total |
| Total | --- | --- | 184.25 bytes total |



DATA TRANSMISSION TO BASE - EXIS

In order to transfer data from our pod to the main station we use a system called Exis

Exis allows us to transfer data from our onboard sensors such as:

- Temperature
- Gyroscope/Accelerometer
- Proximity
- Important Admin Control
- And several other vital messages



DATA TRANSMISSION TO BASE - EXIS

All of our data must be transferred at a very high rate in order to ensure the safety and success of our pod and Exis makes this possible for us

Exis allows us to group sensors by type such that new data values are published to their specific endpoint

Our dashboard subscribes to each of the sensor endpoints, thus whenever a new piece of data is published - our dashboard will be notified and will update our team at the base station as need be



DATA TRANSMISSION TO BASE - EXIS

In order to ensure the security of our pod and the data we are transferring, we are able to set up a local Exis Node at the base station so we do not need to transfer any information “over the air”

This will safeguard our data and lower latency between our Network Access Panel and our local machine

All data transmission will be completely secured over the same encryption used for HTTPS with Exis



DATA TRANSMISSION TO POD - EXIS

There may be certain situations in which we must communicate with the pod from base station such as an emergency braking command

We will have a separate Exis Node set up purely to deal with admin communication. We feel that we do not want any data clogging this Node other than emergency and extremely important messages

Our Wireless Communication Module will be listening to these Administrative endpoints and will react accordingly to the messages that are published



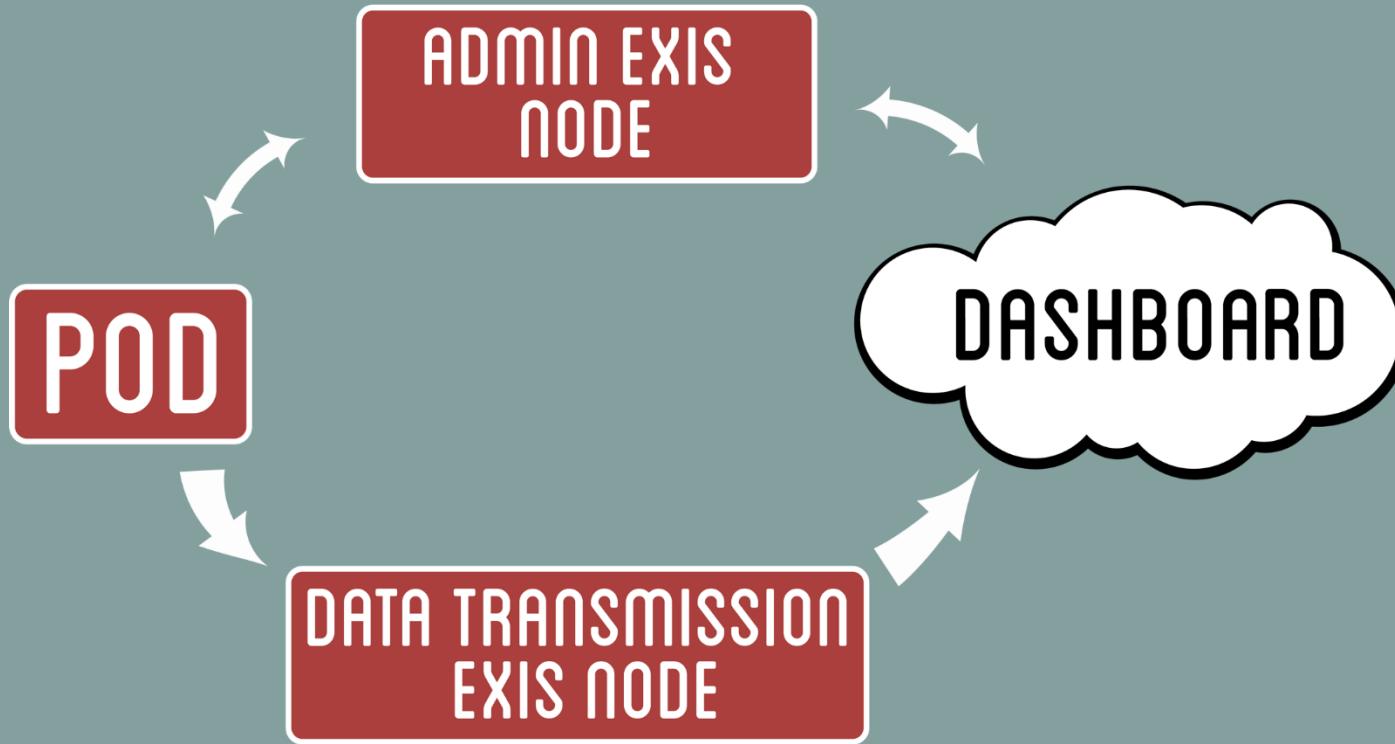
DATA TRANSMISSION TO POD - EXIS

Some of the administrative commands would include:

- Emergency Braking Command
- Startup Command
- Low Speed Propulsion Command



DIAGRAM OF DATA TRANSMISSION - EXIS





DATA TRANSMISSION – EXIS

- The previous slide's diagram depicts how communication works
- Pod will publish the data gathered by the onboard sensors to either of the 2 nodes, depending on the type of data
- Dashboard subscribed to that specific endpoint on the Node, which will be fired when something is published on that specific endpoint
- Nodes are the middle-man of message communication for our system



TEST DATA – EXIS

- Publish and subscribe call (used to communicate to and from pod) testing:
 - 9,500 publishes were made in a row
 - Time taken to receive publishes from subscriber:
 - 15ms avg.
 - 2.6ms min.
 - 67ms max



DISPLAYING AND ANALYZING DATA – BLDASHBOARD



This is a rendering of the BadgerLoop Dashboard. It will represent all vital data that is being transmitted from the pod to us. It will also give us the ability to transmit messages back to the Pod.



DISPLAYING AND ANALYZING DATA - BLDASHBOARD

- Each progress gauge will represent data that is transmitted to us from the Wireless Communication Module
- The BLDashboard allows each iPad it is loaded onto to see the same data simultaneously
- Each team will be able to have a live progress update of our system through this dashboard



VIRTUAL REALITY AND BADGERLOOP

- UX Issues:
 - Early pod testing is dangerous for human passengers but they want to know what it feels like to ride within the pod
 - If windowless rooms are not enjoyable, windowless pods are likely not enjoyable either
- VR Solutions:
 - Use pod orientation/translation to simulate a remote ride for the user
 - Provide drop down VR headset for passengers in windowless pods with scenery/entertainment



VIRTUAL REALITY CAMERA SYSTEM

- Captures surrounding scenery in 360 degree views and algorithm stitches input video streams for retroactive stereoscopic 3D VR video playback
- Easily scalable prototype, transportable by drone or ground vehicle in order to capture surrounding environment



VR Camera Prototype



3D printed VR mount



Intermediate Video Stitching Result



VIRTUAL REALITY VIEWING & DISTRIBUTION

Create virtual outdoor scenes which map to pod path completion

Target Viewing Devices:

- Oculus Rift
- Mobile Devices

Initial VR scenes will be entirely computer generated and later incorporate real outdoor environments



New York Subway equirectangular projection



VIRTUAL REALITY – ADDITIONAL CONCEPTS

Develop passenger VR UI overlays to display basic information like transit times, food menus, etc.

Model final pod interior to integrate captured outdoor environment for VR headset display





STORED ENERGY

| Stored Energy | | | |
|---------------|--|---------------|-----------------|
| # | Description | Energy Amount | Energy Type |
| 1 | 12 [V] LiFePO ₄ Battery Pack | 864 kJ | Electrochemical |
| 2 | 24 [V] LiMn ₂ O ₄ /LiNiO ₂ Battery Pack | 38,742 kJ | Electrochemical |
| 4 | Novec 1230 Fire Suppression Agent Pressure Vessels | 240 psi | Pressure Vessel |



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

| Hazardous Materials | | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| # | Description | Amount | Hazardous Comments |
| 862 | 1 [in] Neodymium Magnets (Levitation System and Halbach Wheels) | 105.5 [kg] | Large amounts of magnets pose safety concern as metal objects nearby can be severely attracted to the magnets, and may cause issues with individuals with pacemakers |
| 1 | 12 [V] LiFePO ₄ Battery Pack | 3.0 [kg] 864 kJ | Small lead acid replacement car battery. Very safe chemistry with internal BMS. |
| 2 | 24 [V] LiMn ₂ O ₄ /LiNiO ₂ Battery Pack | 88.8 [kg] 38,742 kJ | Modules in isolated strings of 3 for 22.8V strings. Each module supplies two parallel ECS's and motors. Discharging at nominal current for much less than spec time. |
| 1 | Novec 1230 Fire Suppression Agent | 9.5 [kg] | Inhalation of vapors, mist, and spray may result in health issues. Byproducts of thermal decomposition are also toxic. See Novec 1230 MSDS in the appendix. |
| 1 | Carbon Fiber Shell | N/A | Machining carbon fiber can produce carcinogenic materials that can be a health hazard to those manufacturing. |



VACUUM COMPATIBILITY

Vacuum Compatibility Issues

| # | Description | Mitigation Action |
|----|--|---|
| 24 | Spring damper suspension shocks | The shocks will be filled with a vacuum compatible oil |
| 12 | Halbach Wheel Motors have bearings packed with grease | The bearings will be packed with a vacuum compatible grease |
| 16 | Nylon Roller Wheels having bearings packed with grease | The bearings will be packed with a vacuum compatible grease |
| 7 | Retro-reflective sensor within encased housing | Testing in vacuum environment will be conducted to validate if the sensor housing will hold up in low pressure environments. If it fails a small hole will be drilled in the transparent window to allow pressure differential to equalize. |
| 10 | Proximity sensor within encased housing | |
| 2 | Pressure sensor within encased housing | |



FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM – POD INTERIOR

- Indirect clean agent total flood system using Novec 1230
- Flexible detection tubing is spread throughout high-hazard areas
- Once a fire has been detected, suppression agent is directed through rigid piping to nozzles at either end of the pod
- 10 second depletion of first 7lb agent tank for initial knockdown (meets NFPA 2001)
- 10 minute depletion of second 7lb agent tank to keep fire suppressed (meets NFPA 2001)

(courtesy of SEVO Fire Protection Systems and United States Alliance Fire Protection Inc.)



FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM - BATTERY HOUSING

- Direct clean agent total flood system using Novec 1230
- Flexible tubing acts as both detection tubing and suppression agent pipe
- Agent is stored at pressure (240 psi) throughout entire pipe system at all times
 - When fire burns through flexible tubing (248°F), a nozzle is formed and suppression agent is applied directly to the seat of the fire
- Rapid actuation and extremely reliable



3M NOVEC 1230 FIRE SUPPRESSION AGENT

- Non-ozone depleting characteristics
- Low heat of vaporization and high vapor pressure
 - Rapid transformation from liquid to gas = rapid extinguishment with no leftover residue (evaporates in seconds when poured on surface)
- Liquid at room temperature
 - Can transfer using conventional pumping/pouring methods
- Works to absorb heat – does not chemically interrupt the combustion process like other agents
- Near zero electrical conductivity
- Relatively non-toxic to humans (see exposure guidelines in appendix)

(courtesy of SEVO Fire Protection Systems and United States Alliance Fire Protection Inc.)



FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM - SUMMARY

| # | Fire Protection System | Mass [kg] | Cost [\$] |
|--------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Novec 1230 Suppression Agent | 9.2 | - |
| 2 | 7lb Capacity Tank with Valve Assembly, Mounting Brackets, and Fittings | 7 | - |
| 2 | 3lb Capacity Tank with Valve Assembly, Mounting Brackets, and Fittings | 3 | - |
| - | 6mm dia. 248°F Pneumatic Detection/Suppression Tubing | 1.4 | - |
| - | 3/8" Suppression Agent Pipe | 2.25 | - |
| 1 | Misc. Tees, Plugs, Grommets, Pipe Fittings, Nozzles, Clamps, Valves, Gauges | 6.9 | - |
| TOTAL: | | 29.75 | \$7825.40 |



FAILURE MODE AND EFFECTS ANALYSIS

- Color coded by system & Ordered by Risk Priority Number

| System | Component Function or Process | Failure /Emergency Event | Potential Impact | Potential Causes | Detection | Severity Rating | Occurrence Rating | Detection Rating | Risk Priority Number | |
|--|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Magnet Function: Enables p Magnets Interact with Debris/Other Halbach Array Magnets | Magnets may attract Loose components on pod | None - only visual/auditory i | 6 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 480 | | |
| Stability System | Halbach Wheel Function (Active Stability): Enables Magnets Interact with Debris/Other Halbach Array Magnets | Magnets may attract Loose components on pod | None - only visual/auditory i | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 432 | | |
| Structural System | Underbody Frame/Bogie Function: Allows wheel a Deformation of Any or All Structural Members in the Underbody | Deformation of under | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 10 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 360 | | |
| Service Propulsion/Wheel Assembly System | Service Propulsion Motor Function (note - same m Excessive Load on Motor (any axle combination) | Premature wear and I Other motor failures, exo | Voltage and current will be r | 5 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 320 | | |
| Fire Protection System - Battery Housing | Suppression Tank Function: To provide a total floo | Tank Manufacturer defect or t Gauge on tank valve - no ele | In extreme cases, tanl | 10 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 270 | | |
| Structural System | Underbody Frame/Bogie Function: Allows wheel a Failure of Any or All Structural Members in the Underbody | Failure of any part of | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 10 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 270 | | |
| Service Propulsion/Wheel Assembly System | Wheel Function: Allows the pod to move when it i Debris Kicked up by Tire | Debris may be sent at | Debris caught in tire, pod | None - only visual/auditory i | 4 | 6 | 10 | 240 | | |
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Suspension Function: Allow: Suspension Assembly Structural Deformation (any component) | Linear Halbach array i | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 7 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 210 | | |
| Stability System | Halbach Wheel Function (Active Stability): Enables Excessive Load on Halbach Wheel Motor (any axle combination) | Premature wear and I Close proximity to repul | thermistors monitoring tem | 3 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 192 | | |
| Structural System | Rib, Longerons, and Stringer Function: Provides the Rib Deformation | Pod structural integril | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 7 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 189 | | |
| Structural System | Rib, Longerons, and Stringer Function: Provides the Stringer Deformation | Pod structural integril | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 7 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 189 | | |
| Structural System | Rib, Longerons, and Stringer Function: Provides the Longeron Deformation | Pod structural integril | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 7 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 189 | | |
| Emergency Braking System - Self Energizing | C Brake Shoe Function: Allows energy transfer to oec | Brake Shoe Structural Failure (any axle combination) | Depending on axle co | Manufacturer/fabrication Indirect detection via pod ac | 9 | 2 | 10 | 180 | | |
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Magnet Function: Enables p Various Metal Components Separate from Linear Halbach Array Assembly | Metal components wi | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 6 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 180 | | |
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Magnet Function: Enables p Linear Halbach Array Complete Structural Failure | Magnets/linear Halba | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 9 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 180 | | |
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Suspension Function: Allows Suspension Assembly Structural Failure (any component) | Linear Halbach array i | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 9 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 180 | | |
| Stability System | Halbach Wheel Function (Active Stability): Enables Magnets Separate from Halbach Wheel (any combination) | Magnets will be eject | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 6 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 162 | | |
| Stability System | Halbach Wheel Function (Active Stability): Enables Various Metal Components Separate from Halbach Wheel (any combination) | Metal components wi | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 6 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 162 | | |
| Stability System | Halbach Wheel Function (Active Stability): Enables Halbach Wheel Complete Structural Failure | Magnets/Halbach wh | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 9 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 162 | | |
| Structural System | Rib, Longerons, and Stringer Function: Provides the Failure of x# Ribs | Pod structural integril | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 9 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 162 | | |
| Structural System | Rib, Longerons, and Stringer Function: Provides the Failure of x# Stringers | Pod structural integril | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 9 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 162 | | |
| Structural System | Rib, Longerons, and Stringer Function: Provides the Failure of x# Longerons | Pod structural integril | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory. | 9 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 162 | | |
| Fire Protection System - Pod Interior System | Tank Valve Function: Allows suppression agent to I Primary Tank Valve Fails to Actuate During Fire Event | Pod interior will only | Valve degradation, manu | Gauge on tank valve - no ele | 5 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 160 | |
| Fire Protection System - Pod Interior System | Tank Valve Function: Allows suppression agent to I Secondary Tank Valve Fails to Actuate During Fire Event | Pod interior will only | Valve degradation, manu | Gauge on tank valve - no ele | 5 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 160 | |
| Fire Protection System - Pod Interior System | Detection Tubing Function: Detects fire and contrc | Detection Tubing Fails to Actuate Suppression System | Suppression system w | Manufacturer defect or si | Gauge on tank valve - no ele | 10 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 160 |
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Magnet Function: Enables p Linear Halbach Array Magnets Get Stuck to Track/Rail | Pod will be immovable | Significant wheel assemb | Pod position and velocity da | 10 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 160 | |
| Emergency Braking System - Self Energizing | C Brake Shoe Function: Allows energy transfer to oec | Brake Shoe Overheat - Severe (any axle combination) | No major impact on p | Thermal expansion, rubbi | thermocouples and thermist | 3 | 5 | 10 | 150 | |
| Levitation System | Passive Halbach Array Magnet Function: Enables p Magnets Separate From Linear Halbach Array | Magnets will be eject | Manufacturer/fabrication None - only visual/auditory i | 5 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 150 | | |
| Fire Protection System - Battery Housing | Battery Housing Function (with respect to fire prot | Battery Housing Deforms due to Temperature Differential Upon Agent Releas | Battery housing may | I Temperature differential | None - only visual/auditory c | 6 | 3 | 8 | 144 | |

*Please see appendix for full FMEA document.

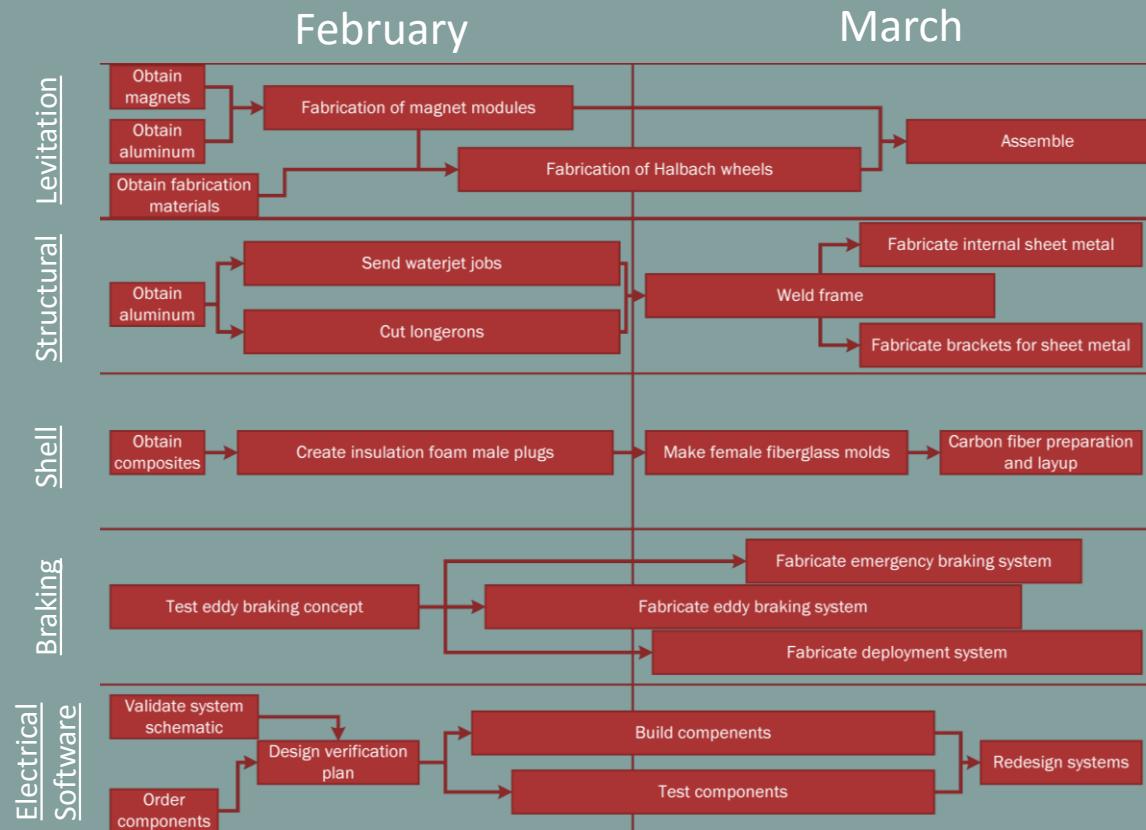


COMPONENT AND SYSTEM TESTING

| Subsystem | Component | Test Description |
|------------|----------------------|---|
| Levitation | Halbach Wheels | Need to verify the force produced by halbach wheels, as well as power consumption. Also test will verify stability of a grouping of motors. Test will include verification of force produced on aluminum rail with the COMSOL model. This will verify our model |
| Levitation | Halbach Arrays | Testing of Halbach Wheels will verify our COMSOL modeling, but there is not feasible plan to test a full Halbach Array travelling at full speed to obtain levitation of a 1000 [kg] vehicle. |
| Levitation | Halbach Wheel Motors | Need to verify vacuum compatibility of Halbach Wheel Motors. Test each motor in vacuum chamber for 5 minutes to verify it does not overheat |
| Levitation | Suspension System | Test will verify the successful damping of our suspension system in a vacuum environment |
| Levitation | Bearing Wheel System | The pod will be rolled around on the bearing wheels prior to competition to verify the Bearing Wheel system can support the total weight of the pod and spin up to our liftoff velocity |
| Mechanical | Structure | Simulations with FEA will verify the strength and rigidity of our shell |
| Mechanical | Structure | Testing will be conducted to ensure the vacuum compatibility of the 3M supertape used to attach much of the carbon fiber shell to the structure |
| Mechanical | Aerodynamics | Wind tunnel testing will be conducted on the finished shell (sub scale or full scale model) to verify the CFD analysis |
| Braking | Eddy Brakes | Eddy brakes will be tested via a full scale prototype testing braking force vs. rotor speed to ensure proper braking for the final pod |
| Braking | Emergency Brakes | Emergency brakes will be tested on a full scale prototype to ensure safe and effective emergency braking |
| Braking | Deployment System | The deployment system will be tested with the pod stop command to ensure proper deployment of wheels when the stop command is given |
| Electrical | System-wide | All Data Acquisition, actuator, CAN, and power systems will be fully verified through a case-by-base testing platform to ensure safety and accuracy for the purposes of the competition |
| Software | System-wide | All code will be run through case-by-case software verification platforms via an application lifecycle management tool |

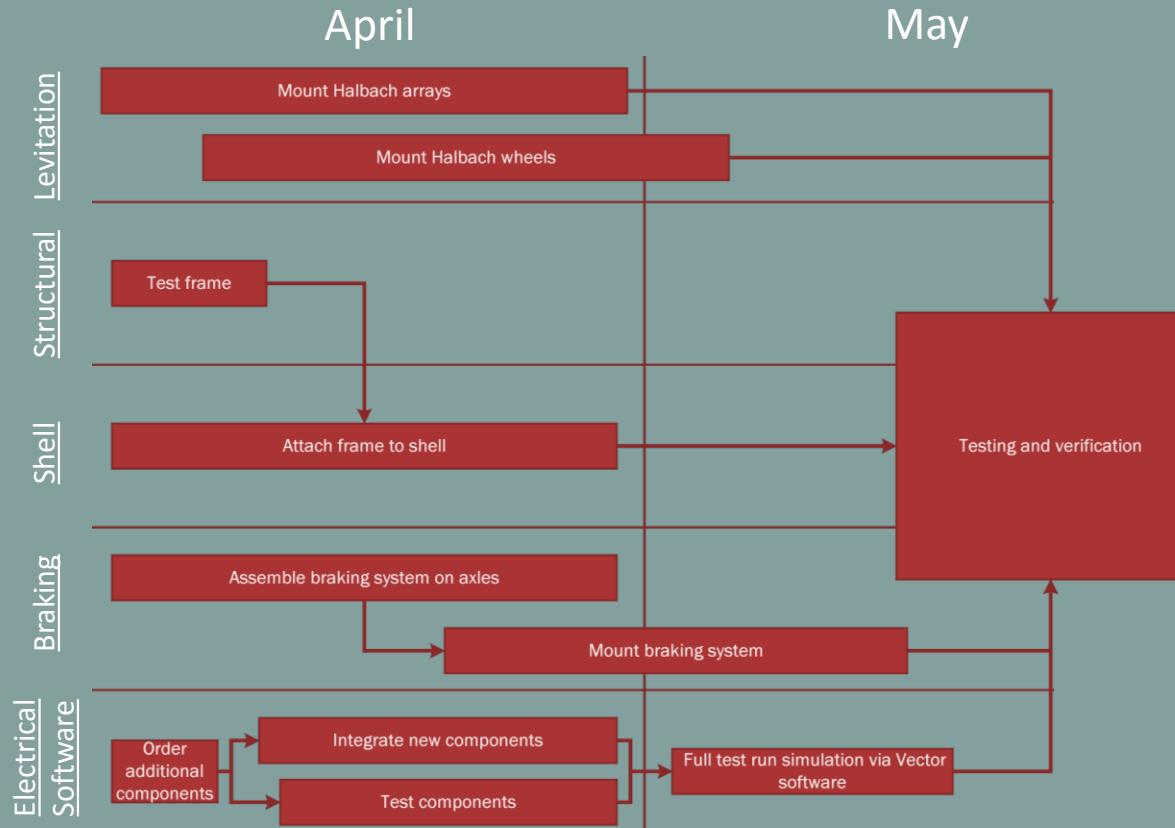


POD CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE





POD CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

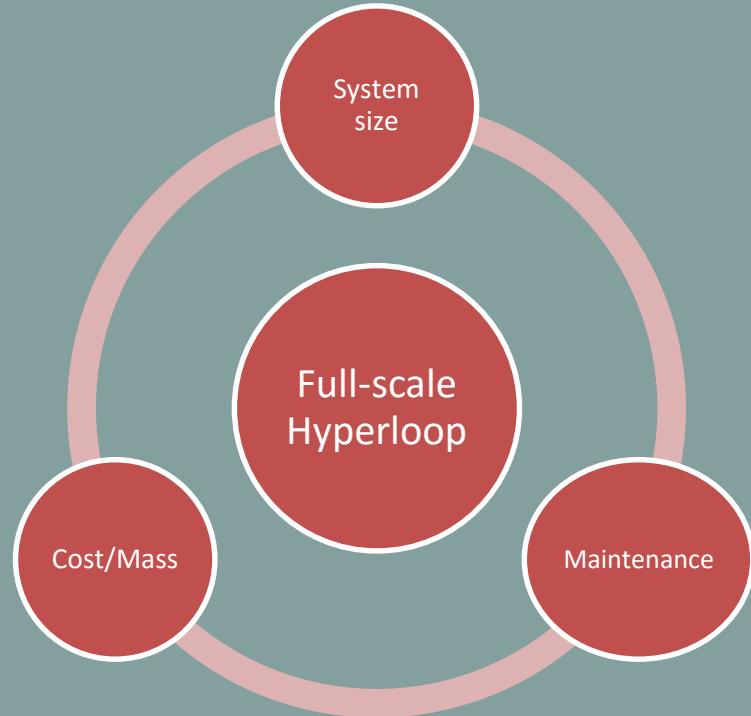




FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD

The BadgerLoop Pod is designed to scale to the specifications laid out in the Hyperloop Alpha paper for a full-scale pod.

We have full confidence that the BadgerLoop pod design is scalable from an economic and engineering standpoint, and could safely and efficiently transport up to 24 people.





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD – SYSTEM SIZE

Tube Diameter: 7.5 [ft]

- Allows head room for passengers to get into seats

Pod Length: 44.0 [ft]

- 24 Passengers in 2 rows
- 8 [ft] designated for nose and rear

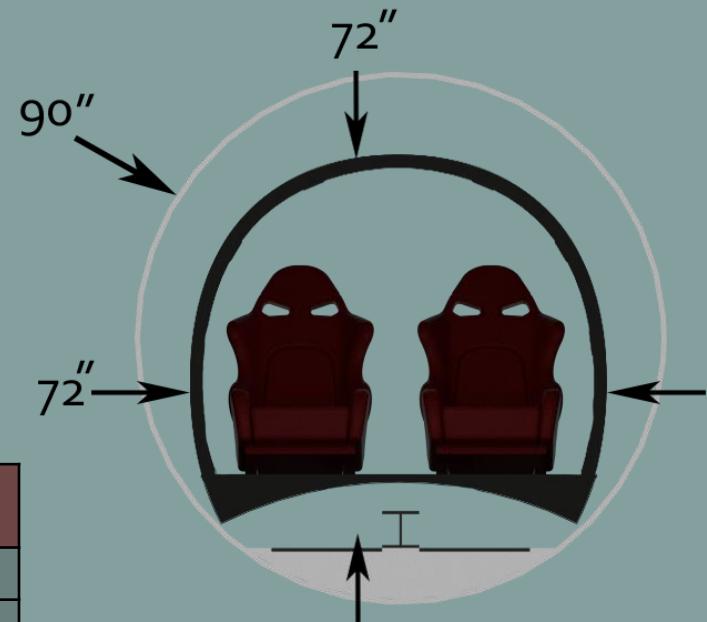
Pod Max Width: 6.0 [ft]

- Comfortable room for 2 passengers

Pod Max Height: 6.0 [ft]

- Allows for air flow around pod
- ~5.5 [ft] for passenger head room

| | Concept (Hyperloop Alpha) | Competition (BadgerLoop Pod) | Scaled (Full Scale BadgerLoop Pod) |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tube Diameter | 7.33 ft | 6.0 ft | 7.5 ft |
| Pod Length | - | 15.4 ft | 44.0 ft |
| Pod Max Width | 4.43 ft | 4.7 ft | 6.0 ft |
| Pod Max Height | 3.61 ft | 4.0 ft | 6.0 ft |





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD – MASS & COST

| Subsystem | System Mass [kg] | System Cost |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Shell and Structure | 4000 | \$240,000.00 |
| Braking System | 525 | \$14,930.00 |
| Levitation System | 405 | \$17,385.00 |
| Stability System | 40 | \$2945.00 |
| Batteries | 2000 | \$150,000.00* |
| Electrical System | 200 | \$70,000 |
| Safety System | 270 | \$16,150.00 |
| Passenger + Payload | 3500 | - |
| TOTAL: | 10940 | \$511,410.00 |

* Value taken from alpha paper and similar battery mass



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD – MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

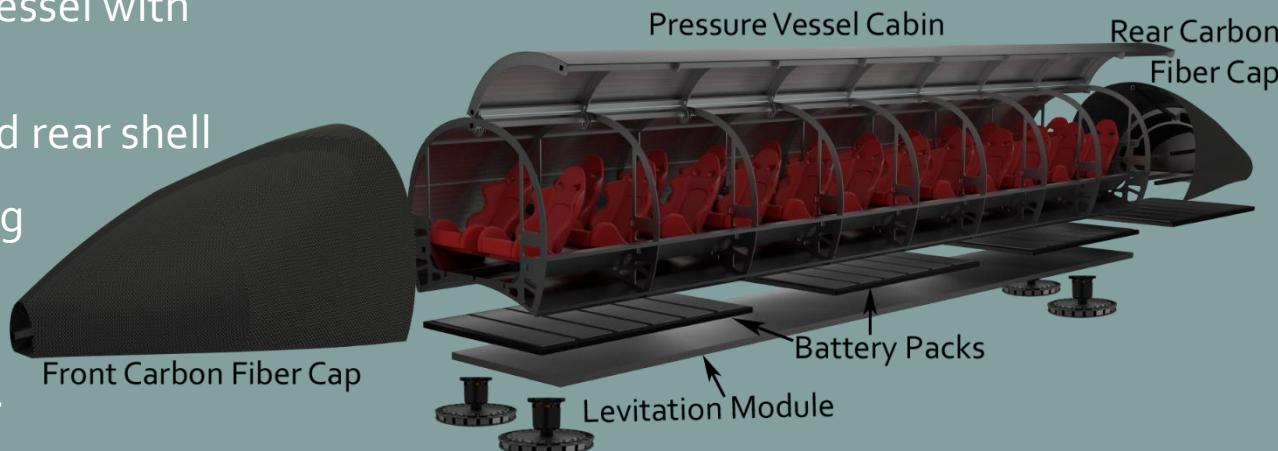
- Maintenance similar to existing maglev trains
 - Based off of hours of operation, as opposed to distances traveled.
 - Low maintenance due to lack of mechanical wear
 - No deterioration caused by weather
- Full replacements as opposed to repairs
 - Difficult to “patch” pressure sensitive components
 - Modular construction
 - Allow for replacement of defective module to save cost of replacing entire pod
- Lifecycle similar to aerospace (~20 years)
 - After establishing service, it is budgeted that the equivalence of 2 full pods will need to be replaced per year



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – SHELL & STRUCTURE

Modular Design

- Made of multiple modules:
 - Aluminum pressure vessel with Aluminum Frame
 - Carbon Fiber nose and rear shell
 - Levitation and Braking system
- Each module can be individually replaced or maintained





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – BRAKING

The Braking sub-system scales linearly with mass

- Full scale pod will have 5 evenly spaced braking modules

Eddy brakes:

- Do not wear physically
- Require bi-yearly inspection/maintenance

Competition Pod uses aluminum axles to reduce weight. A full-scale pod will use steel axles for repeated use.



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – LEVITATION MODULES

- Maintenance:
 - Contactless levitation eliminates need for routine maintenance
 - In the case of magnet damage, additional modules available at stations
 - Shocks will wear over time and require replacement
- Halbach arrays contained in steel tubing to prevent shrapnel, should the magnets fracture



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – INDUCTRACK

Ladder Track

- Track is filled with litz wire
 - Thin transposed wire strands which act as conductors for the Halbach arrays
- More effective lift
- Much more expensive

Laminated Track

- Track is layered with aluminum sheets
 - Sheets are slotted so that current can flow
- Less effective lift
- Much less expensive

Both track types increase the lift to drag ratio of pod compared to a normal sub-track. Badgerloop would use the Laminated aluminum track in an operational hyperloop to reduce cost of the full-scale system.



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD – NOVEL COUNTER TO SYSTEM DRAG

- Halbach wheels are a versatile propulsion system
 - The Halbach Wheel system, along with aerodynamic structure, replaces need for compressor
- Halbach wheels must spin at 13,000 RPM to propel pod at 760mph. Tesla Model S motor has ~360-470hp which implies torque on motor ~145-190 ft*lbs
 - Assumptions
 - 20" diameter Halbach Wheel
 - 4.5 kg disc
 - 760 mph forward velocity
- Single Model S motor horsepower rating ~360-470 hp*
- Inductrack minimizes drag from Halbach array to ~350 N
 - Less Halbach wheels needed (4 wheels for full-scale)
 - 150 L:D ratio based on Halbach array used with inductrack literature cited in appendix



Halbach wheels connected to motors

*<https://www.teslamotors.com/blog/tesla-all-wheel-drive-dual-motor-power-and-torque-specifications>



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – HALBACH WHEELS

- Halbach Wheels use Tesla Model S electric Motor
- Turning:
 - Aluminum sub-track facilitates turning
 - Self-centering wheels will naturally align pod to track when turning
 - Halbach arrays will create a torque from banked turns that rotates the pod
 - Halbach wheels utilize independent motors
 - Differential wheel speeds will be used to facilitate turns
- Maintenance:
 - Motors inspected every 12,500 miles on the Tesla Model S
 - Assuming ~310 mile trip for Los Angeles to San Francisco route this translates to ~40 trips
 - Additional wheel modules will be available at stations for hot-swapping if there is wear on Halbach wheels



Tesla Model S motor

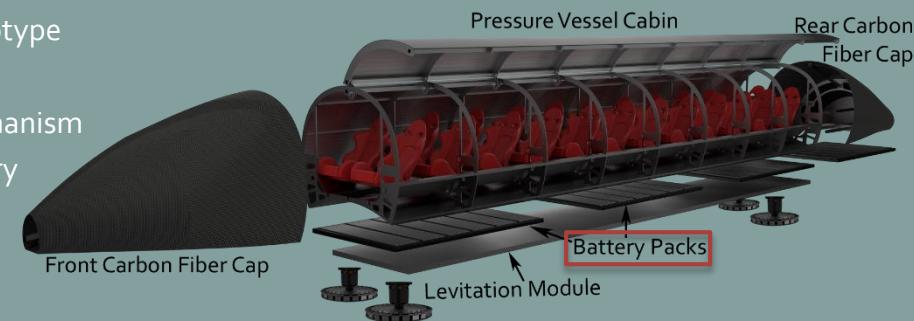
$$P = \tau\omega$$

Power Calculation Equation



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD – POWER SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Ease of integration with Tesla Model S motor and inverter unit enabled by use of Model S battery pack
 - One pack per Halbach wheel
 - Mounted underneath the pressure vessel and above the levitation modules
 - 480 kWh Tesla Model S packs
 - Total energy ~320 kWh
 - Total mass ~2000kg (assuming 500kg per pack)
 - Packs electronically isolated similarly to BadgerLoop pod prototype
 - Packs lie along bottom of pod for equalized weight distribution
- Packs swapped upon arrival to station via external lift and crane mechanism
- Packs charged at station, while charging BMS returns health of battery
 - Below acceptable health, battery is removed from cycling
- Quick release high amperage connectors will be used
- Hot-swapping enabled by electronically isolated 48V onboard pack
 - 48V to power pressure vessel and other operational systems including telemetry, navigation, and life support
 - Tesla Model S packs for Halbach wheels discharge at high current to charge 48V before removal





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP POD – A SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE

- Increased demand for influx of Gigafactory infrastructure supply
- Efficiency in using Tesla battery packs
 - Designed to accommodate Tesla Motors for use with Halbach Wheels
 - Standardized, state of the art production
 - Higher production quantities
 - Cheaper production
- Batteries no longer viable for use in Hyperloop utilized for energy storage.
 - Stores energy generated by photovoltaics that line the tube, geothermal beneath the pylons, and other innovative renewable sources





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – ELECTRICAL

- Controller Area Network (CAN) Communication:
 - Multiple synchronous modules with localized functionality
 - Single module failure does not result in complete system shutdown
 - Inexpensive compared to single CPU necessary full-scale pod
 - Widely used in Industry
 - Large knowledge base
 - Different Pods CAN networks can wirelessly communicate to solve real-time conflict
- System Redundancy:
 - Hardware:
 - Multiple sensors to mitigate effect of faulty sensor
 - Differential signaling
 - Interference is not picked up by CAN bus
 - This prevents errors between network nodes
 - Software:
 - Built in error checking and periodic averaging
 - Cyclic redundancy checking
- Maintenance:
 - Power systems deliver a lot of power in a tight space
 - Produces excess heat and quicker degradation/failure of high-power systems
 - Would require regular inspection



FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – SAFETY

- Pod Safety Features:
 - On-board oxygen tanks ~ \$2000
 - Supply to cabin, both primary and secondary, located in different places in the pod in case of fire
 - CO₂ scrubbers ~ \$150
 - Used to prevent toxicity from CO₂ buildup
 - Would need to be periodically resupplied
 - Carbon monoxide detectors ~ \$100
 - Redundancy for fire protection system
 - Dropdown oxygen masks ~ \$500
 - For the case of pod depressurization
 - First aid/survival kits ~ \$300
 - In easily accessible locations throughout the cabin
 - Cabin pressure and atmospheric monitoring sensors ~ \$600
 - Trigger secondary oxygen supply in case of low-oxygen situations
 - Hydraulics systems built into passenger chairs ~ \$6,000
 - Mounted to pod floor to absorb rapid stop impact forces
 - Possibly orient passengers backwards to reduce force on restraint systems
 - Concealed seat belt restraint system ~ \$1500
 - For emergency situations when the pod becomes unstable, over speeds, or begins to under speed
 - Emergency exit hatches on the top and bottom of the pod ~ \$12000 (does not include cost to build exits on tube)
 - Will line up with and dock with emergency hatches built into the tube.
 - Airbags ~ \$4000
 - Interior sides of the pod and on the seat/wall in front of every passenger
- Approximate Full-scale System Cost: \$16,150
- All systems will be checked for maintenance at least 3 times a year





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP SUBSYSTEMS – SAFETY PROTOCOLS

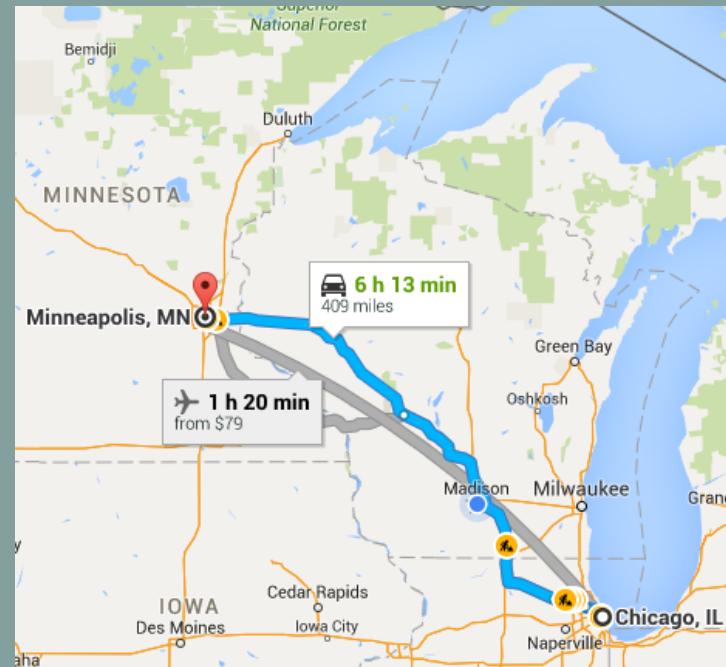
- Medical Emergency
 - Emergency Medical Services are contacted while pod is still in motion and pod continues to nearest destination
 - Meet personnel at station
- Wide scale external linear induction motor failure
 - Halbach wheels function as primary propulsion while pod safely decelerates
- Pod Stuck in Tube
 - Pod either transmits GPS coordinates or gives a pylon number – similar to utility poles – so that emergency response personnel can directly locate and access the pod



HYPEROLOOP IN THE MIDWEST

Midwest = “Flyover Zone.” Hyperloop could change that.

- 409 miles between Chicago and Minneapolis
- 6+ hour drive
- ~1.5 hour flight
- 45 minute hyperloop
 - Similar distance as LA to SF
 - More curves = slower speeds

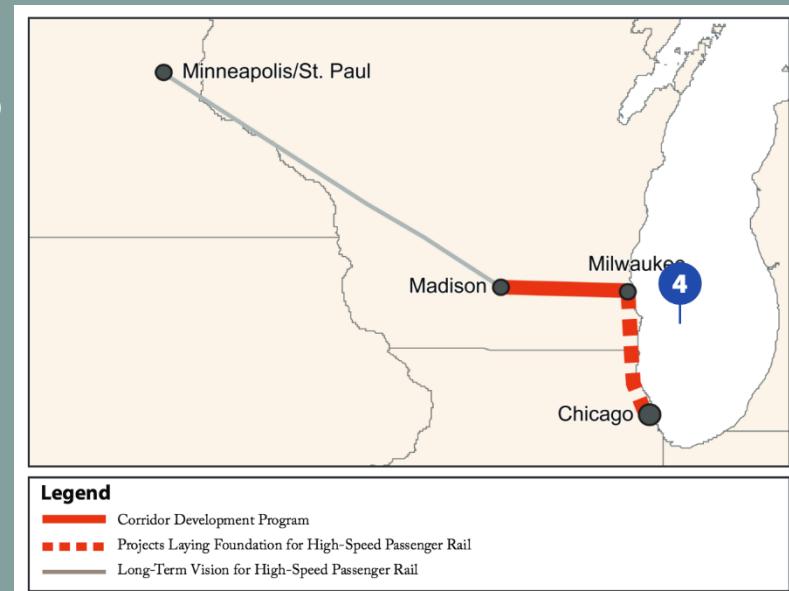




HYPEROLOOP IN THE MIDWEST

High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program

- Proposed in 2010
- Implementation would have secured \$810 million in federal stimulus money
- Plan to connect Chicago to Milwaukee to Madison to Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Program well developed at time of cancellation
 - Route researched
 - Use research to develop optimal hyperloop route





FULL-SCALE BADGERLOOP - LOOKING AHEAD

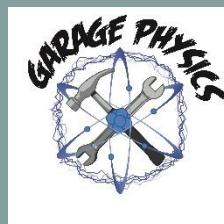
- Centralized tube design to accommodate pods from different providers
 - The NYC subway system has famously been developed around two rail types from competing companies
 - Manhattan Transportation Authority still must buy two different types of cars to accommodate*
 - Developing a uniform infrastructure for multiple companies to utilize
- The BadgerLoop Pod is designed to be scalable and affordable for an operational Hyperloop

*<http://web.mta.info/mta/budget/pdf/MTA%202015%20Adopted%20Budget%20February%20Financial%20Plan%202015-2018.pdf>



FUNDRAISING

- We have raised just over \$10,000 to date, approximately 25% of our overall budget
- Current Sponsors:





CONCLUSION

Exceptional aerodynamics, innovative levitation, efficient control and sensor networks, modular design, and a team that refuses to quit.

We are BadgerLoop, and we will revolutionize transportation.





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| BPM 1 | | BPM 2 | | MCM | | ECM | | VCM | |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| SE_1 | | SE_3 | Shaft Encoder 3 | T25 | Thermistor 25 | CPS | Cabin Pressure Sensor | RCSDE_1 | Retroreflective Color Strip Sensor 1 |
| SE_2 | Shaft Encoder 2 | SE_4 | Shaft Encoder 4 | T26 | Thermistor 26 | T34 | Thermistor 34 | RCSDE_2 | Retroreflective Color Strip Sensor 2 |
| R1 | Resistor 1 | R11 | Resistor 11 | T27 | Thermistor 27 | T35 | Thermistor 35 | RCSDE_3 | Retroreflective Color Strip Sensor 3 |
| R2 | Resistor 2 | R12 | Resistor 12 | T28 | Thermistor 28 | T36 | Thermistor 36 | R21 | Resistor 21 |
| R3 | Resistor 3 | R13 | Resistor 13 | T29 | Thermistor 29 | T37 | Thermistor 37 | R22 | Resistor 22 |
| R4 | Resistor 4 | R14 | Resistor 14 | T30 | Thermistor 30 | T38 | Thermistor 38 | R23 | Resistor 23 |
| R5 | Resistor 5 | R15 | Resistor 15 | T31 | Thermistor 31 | T39 | Thermistor 39 | A/G_3 | Accelerometer / Gyroscope 3 |
| R6 | Resistor 6 | R16 | Resistor 16 | T32 | Thermistor 32 | T40 | Thermistor 40 | A/G_4 | Accelerometer / Gyroscope 4 |
| R7 | Resistor 7 | R17 | Resistor 17 | T33 | Thermistor 33 | T41 | Thermistor 41 | A/G_5 | Accelerometer / Gyroscope 5 |
| R8 | Resistor 8 | R18 | Resistor 18 | PRX_1 | Proximity Sensor 1 | T42 | Thermistor 42 | LS25 | Limit Switch 25 |
| R9 | Resistor 9 | R19 | Resistor 19 | PRX_2 | Proximity Sensor 2 | T43 | Thermistor 43 | LS26 | Limit Switch 26 |
| R10 | Resistor 10 | R20 | Resistor 20 | PRX_3 | Proximity Sensor 3 | T44 | Thermistor 44 | FS | Force Sensor |
| SSR1 | Solid State Relay 1 | SSR11 | Solid State Relay 11 | PRX_4 | Proximity Sensor 4 | T45 | Thermistor 45 | | |
| SSR2 | Solid State Relay 2 | SSR12 | Solid State Relay 12 | PRX_5 | Proximity Sensor 5 | T46 | Thermistor 46 | | |
| SSR3 | Solid State Relay 3 | SSR13 | Solid State Relay 13 | PRX_6 | Proximity Sensor 6 | T47 | Thermistor 47 | | |
| SSR4 | Solid State Relay 4 | SSR14 | Solid State Relay 14 | PRX_7 | Proximity Sensor 7 | T48 | Thermistor 48 | | |
| SSR5 | Solid State Relay 5 | SSR15 | Solid State Relay 15 | PRX_8 | Proximity Sensor 8 | T49 | Thermistor 49 | | |
| SSR6 | Solid State Relay 6 | SSR16 | Solid State Relay 16 | PRX_9 | Proximity Sensor 9 | T50 | Thermistor 50 | | |
| SSR7 | Solid State Relay 7 | SSR17 | Solid State Relay 17 | PRX_10 | Proximity Sensor 10 | T51 | Thermistor 51 | | |
| SSR8 | Solid State Relay 8 | SSR18 | Solid State Relay 18 | ESC_5 | Electronic Speed Controller 5 | T52 | Thermistor 52 | | |
| SSR9 | Solid State Relay 9 | SSR19 | Solid State Relay 19 | ESC_6 | Electronic Speed Controller 6 | T53 | Thermistor 53 | | |
| SSR10 | Solid State Relay 10 | SSR20 | Solid State Relay 20 | ESC_7 | Electronic Speed Controller 7 | T54 | Thermistor 54 | | |
| DBEM_1 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 1 | DBEM_9 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 9 | ESC_8 | Electronic Speed Controller 8 | T55 | Thermistor 55 | | |
| DBEM_2 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 2 | DBEM_10 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 10 | ESC_9 | Electronic Speed Controller 9 | T56 | Thermistor 56 | | |
| DBEM_3 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 3 | DBEM_11 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 11 | ESC_10 | Electronic Speed Controller 10 | T57 | Thermistor 57 | | |
| DBEM_4 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 4 | DBEM_12 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 12 | ESC_11 | Electronic Speed Controller 11 | T58 | Thermistor 58 | | |
| DBEM_5 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 5 | DBEM_13 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 13 | ESC_12 | Electronic Speed Controller 12 | T59 | Thermistor 59 | | |
| DBEM_6 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 6 | DBEM_14 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 14 | ESC_13 | Electronic Speed Controller 13 | T60 | Thermistor 60 | | |
| DBEM_7 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 7 | DBEM_15 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 15 | ESC_14 | Electronic Speed Controller 14 | T61 | Thermistor 61 | | |
| DBEM_8 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 8 | DBEM_16 | Drum Brake Eddy Magnet 16 | ESC_15 | Electronic Speed Controller 15 | T62 | Thermistor 62 | | |
| D1 | Diode 1 | D6 | Diode 6 | ESC_16 | Electronic Speed Controller 16 | T63 | Thermistor 63 | | |
| D2 | Diode 2 | D7 | Diode 7 | | | T64 | Thermistor 64 | | |
| D3 | Diode 3 | D8 | Diode 8 | | | T65 | Thermistor 65 | | |
| D4 | Diode 4 | D9 | Diode 9 | | | T66 | Thermistor 66 | | |
| D5 | Diode 5 | D10 | Diode 10 | | | T67 | Thermistor 67 | | |
| WBEM_1 | Wheel Bogie Electromagnet 1 | WBEM_3 | Wheel Bogie Electromagnet 3 | | | T68 | Thermistor 68 | | |
| WBEM_2 | Wheel Bogie Electromagnet 2 | WBEM_4 | Wheel Bogie Electromagnet 4 | | | T69 | Thermistor 69 | | |
| PS_1 | Polarity Switcher 1 | PS_2 | Polarity Switcher 2 | | | T70 | Thermistor 70 | | |
| ACT_1 | Linear Actuator 1 | ACT_2 | Linear Actuator 2 | | | T71 | Thermistor 71 | | |
| LS1 | Limit Switch 1 | LS13 | Limit Switch 13 | | | T72 | Thermistor 72 | | |
| LS2 | Limit Switch 2 | LS14 | Limit Switch 14 | | | T73 | Thermistor 73 | | |
| LS3 | Limit Switch 3 | LS15 | Limit Switch 15 | | | T74 | Thermistor 74 | | |
| LS4 | Limit Switch 4 | LS16 | Limit Switch 16 | | | T75 | Thermistor 75 | | |
| LS5 | Limit Switch 5 | LS17 | Limit Switch 17 | | | T76 | Thermistor 76 | | |
| LS6 | Limit Switch 6 | LS18 | Limit Switch 18 | | | T77 | Thermistor 77 | | |
| LS7 | Limit Switch 7 | LS19 | Limit Switch 19 | | | T78 | Thermistor 78 | | |
| LS8 | Limit Switch 8 | LS20 | Limit Switch 20 | | BFS | Battery Fire Pressure Sensor | | | |
| LS9 | Limit Switch 9 | LS21 | Limit Switch 21 | | CFS | Cabin Fire Pressure Sensor | | | |
| LS10 | Limit Switch 10 | LS22 | Limit Switch 22 | | SSR21 | Solid State Relay 21 | | | |
| LS11 | Limit Switch 11 | LS23 | Limit Switch 23 | | | | | | |
| LS12 | Limit Switch 12 | LS24 | Limit Switch 24 | | | | | | |
| EMR1 | Electromagnetic Relay 1 | EMR5 | Electromagnetic Relay 5 | | | | | | |
| EMR2 | Electromagnetic Relay 2 | EMR6 | Electromagnetic Relay 6 | | | | | | |
| EMR3 | Electromagnetic Relay 3 | EMR7 | Electromagnetic Relay 7 | | | | | | |
| EMR4 | Electromagnetic Relay 4 | EMR8 | Electromagnetic Relay 8 | | | | | | |
| DC/DC1 | DC/DC Converter 1 | DC/DC5 | DC/DC Converter 5 | | | | | | |
| DC/DC2 | DC/DC Converter 2 | DC/DC6 | DC/DC Converter 6 | | | | | | |
| DC/DC3 | DC/DC Converter 3 | DC/DC7 | DC/DC Converter 7 | | | | | | |
| DC/DC4 | DC/DC Converter 4 | DC/DC8 | DC/DC Converter 8 | | | | | | |
| CS1 | Current Shunt 1 | CS3 | Current Shunt 3 | | | | | | |
| CS2 | Current Shunt 2 | CS4 | Current Shunt 4 | | | | | | |
| ESC_1 | Electronic Speed Controller 1 | ESC_3 | Electronic Speed Controller 3 | | | | | | |
| ESC_2 | Electronic Speed Controller 2 | ESC_4 | Electronic Speed Controller 4 | | | | | | |
| EDDY1 | Eddy Magnet 1 | EDDY3 | Eddy Magnet 3 | | | | | | |
| EDDY2 | Eddy Magnet 2 | EDDY4 | Eddy Magnet 4 | | | | | | |
| T1 | Thermistor 1 | T13 | Thermistor 13 | | | | | | |
| T2 | Thermistor 2 | T14 | Thermistor 14 | | | | | | |
| T3 | Thermistor 3 | T15 | Thermistor 15 | | | | | | |
| T4 | Thermistor 4 | T16 | Thermistor 16 | | | | | | |
| T5 | Thermistor 5 | T17 | Thermistor 17 | | | | | | |
| T6 | Thermistor 6 | T18 | Thermistor 18 | | | | | | |
| T7 | Thermistor 7 | T19 | Thermistor 19 | | | | | | |
| T8 | Thermistor 8 | T20 | Thermistor 20 | | | | | | |
| T9 | Thermistor 9 | T21 | Thermistor 21 | | | | | | |
| T10 | Thermistor 10 | T22 | Thermistor 22 | | | | | | |
| T11 | Thermistor 11 | T23 | Thermistor 23 | | | | | | |
| T12 | Thermistor 12 | T24 | Thermistor 24 | | | | | | |
| TC_1 | Thermocouple 1 | TC_5 | Thermocouple 5 | | | | | | |
| TC_2 | Thermocouple 2 | TC_6 | Thermocouple 6 | | | | | | |
| TC_3 | Thermocouple 3 | TC_7 | Thermocouple 7 | | | | | | |
| TC_4 | Thermocouple 4 | TC_8 | Thermocouple 8 | | | | | | |
| A/G_1 | Accelerometer / Gyroscope 1 | A/G_2 | Accelerometer / Gyroscope 2 | | | | | | |

