NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge

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Presentation:

When designing your presentation, we highly encourage the presentation to be *interactive* and engaging. We encourage you to facilitate discussion with those in attendance and include visual aids that provide meeting participants with a better understanding of your specific NDSGC funded project. We discourage talking through slides that are completely filled with text. A slideshow presentation with high contrast visuals and size 16 font is best for presenting.

Each presenter will have a total of 15 minutes per presentation, aiming for 10-12 minutes of presenting, followed by 3-5 minutes for audience questions. Presenters are asked to upload their presentations within the registration Submittable form. You may also email your presentation or a shareable web link of it to Tori McIntosh (tori.mcintosh@und.edu) no later than Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 at midnight.

Consider the following questions when sharing your experience:

- 1. Were there any surprises in your project (big or small), or any challenges you had to overcome?
- 2. Were there any lessons learned that other students or faculty may find useful when participating in NDSGC projects in the future?
- 3. How did participating in your Space Grant project (NASA competition, internship, fellowship, STEM Ambassadorship, etc.) affect your academic and career goals?

You may also choose to include the following elements when incorporating the above questions:

- Project goals
- NASA-relevance
- 3. Collaborations established or outreach completed
- 4. Publications
- 5. Future plans





Outline

- Our Team
- Background
- Our Design
- Safety
- Outreach
- Lessons Learned







Our Team!





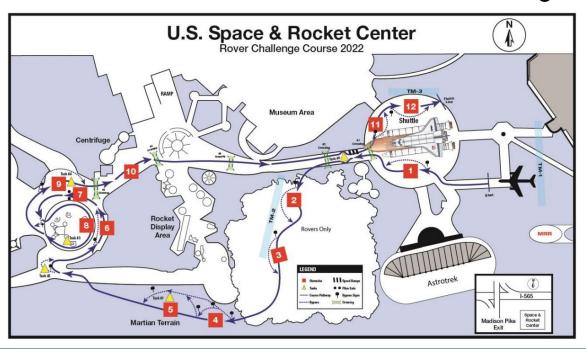


The Competition

- Created to promote STEM and Space Exploration
- Works towards NASA's goal of having the first woman and man of color on the moon during the Artemis missions

Must compete on a ½ mile obstacle course traversing different terrain and complete 5 tasks that astronauts would conduct during

moonwalks





The Constraints

- Must collapse into a 5'x5'x5' box and be reassembled in under 2 minutes
- Must have a turning radius under 15'
- Must have two drivers: a female and a male
- Must be under 5' wide and higher than 12" off the ground
- Should be as lightweight as possible



Previous Years

Examining the previous year's rover, we decided to focus on:

- Lightening the wheels
- Designing a lighter Frame
- Improving the seats
- Fix the suspension
 & drivetrain interference



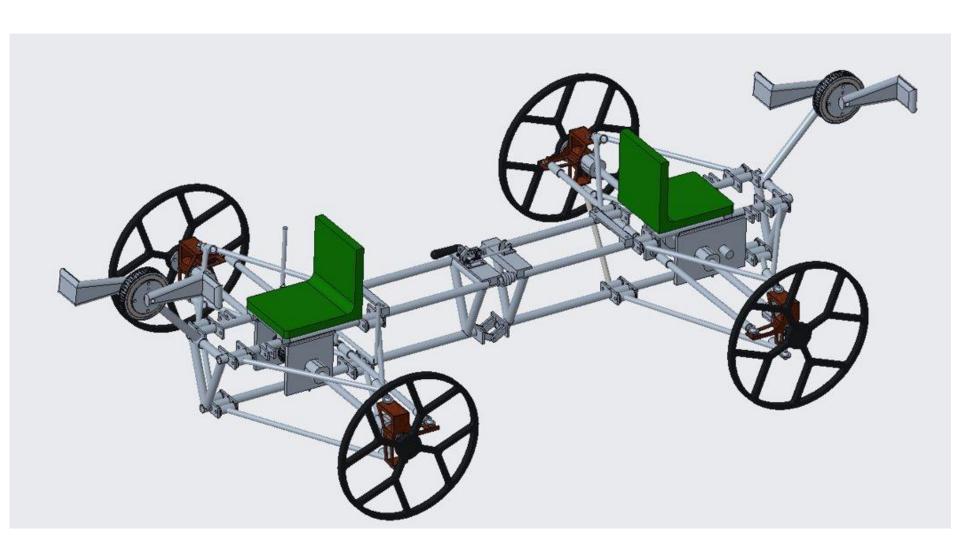


New Design

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CAD Model





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Frame



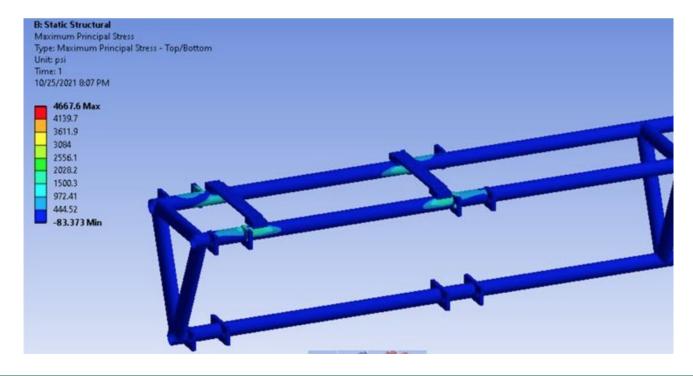




- Tri Beam Design
- Collapsible
- Lightweight

Finite Element Analysis

- FEA both static and dynamic forces
 - Weight placed over where seats will be
 - Frame given frontal and downward acceleration to simulate frontal or dropping impact.
 - No significant stress detected







Wheels





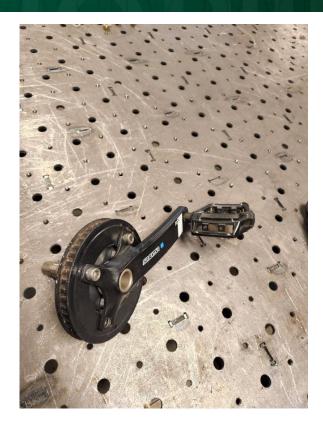
• Aluminum and composite



Drivetrain

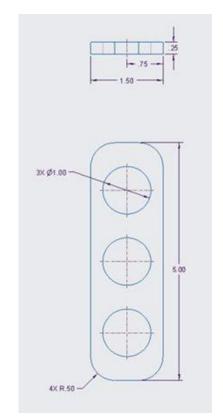


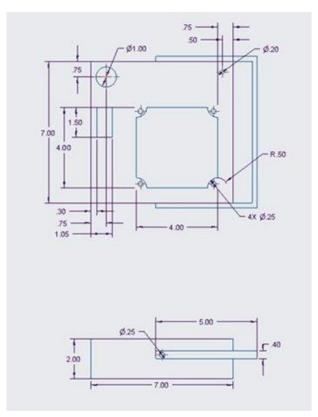


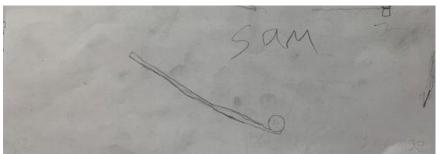


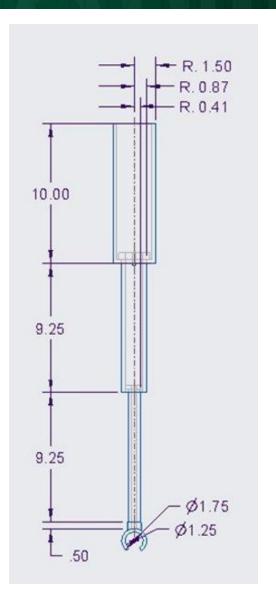
- Changed to belt drive
- Lightweight design
- Easier to maintain

Tools







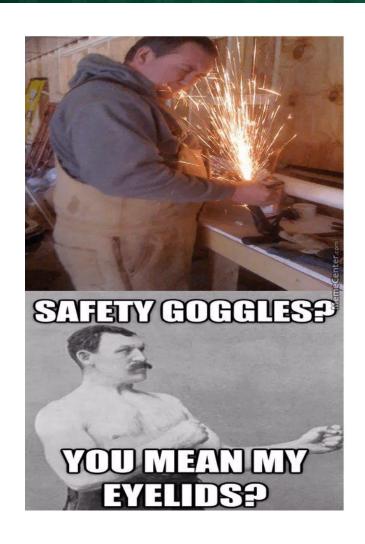




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STEM Engagement Results

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Results

- Collaborated with 3 other NASA senior design teams
- 3 Schools
- 40 classes
- ~1000 students
- Taught the students using activities that made them think outside the box, communicate well, and gave them a chance to use the engineering design process



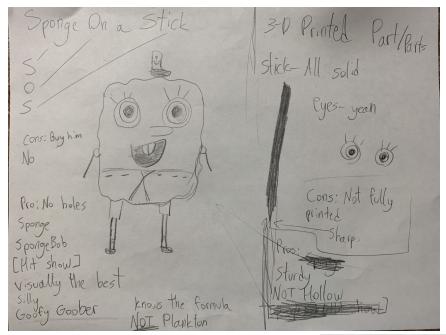
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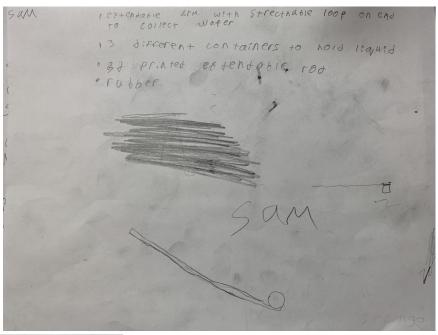


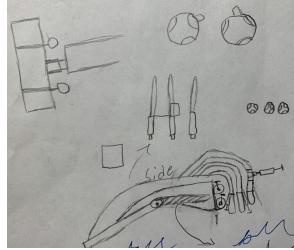




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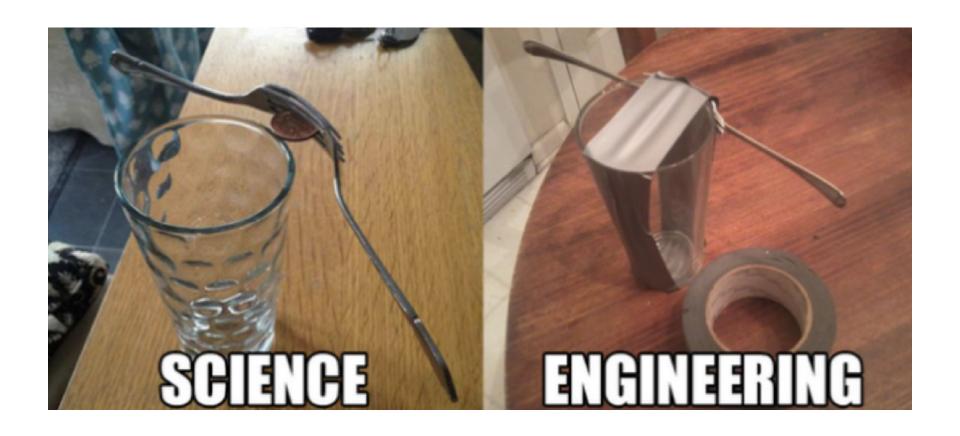


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