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## **Space Station Mechanism Modeling**

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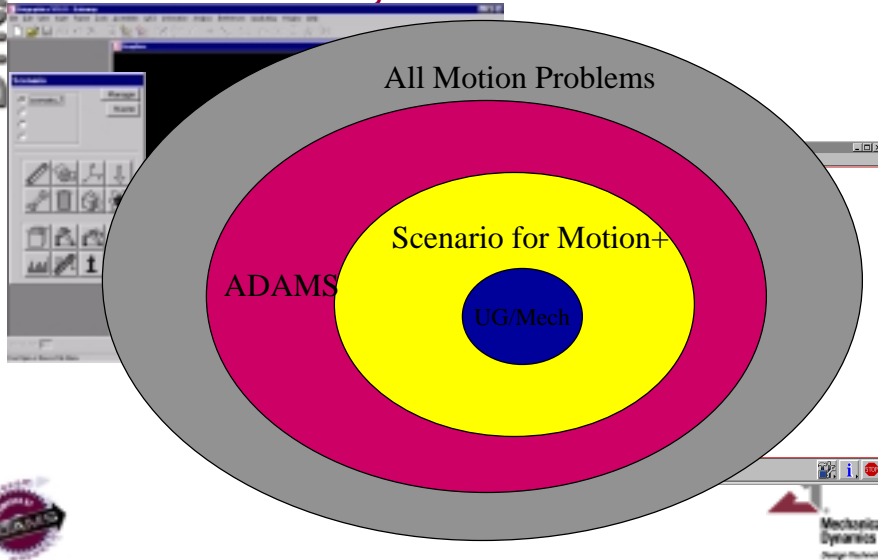


# Agenda

- Detailed discussion of UG/Mech models
  - ◆ Umbilical Mechanism Assembly (UMA)
  - ◆ Load Transfer Unit (LTU)
- Overview of mechanisms modeled using ADAMS

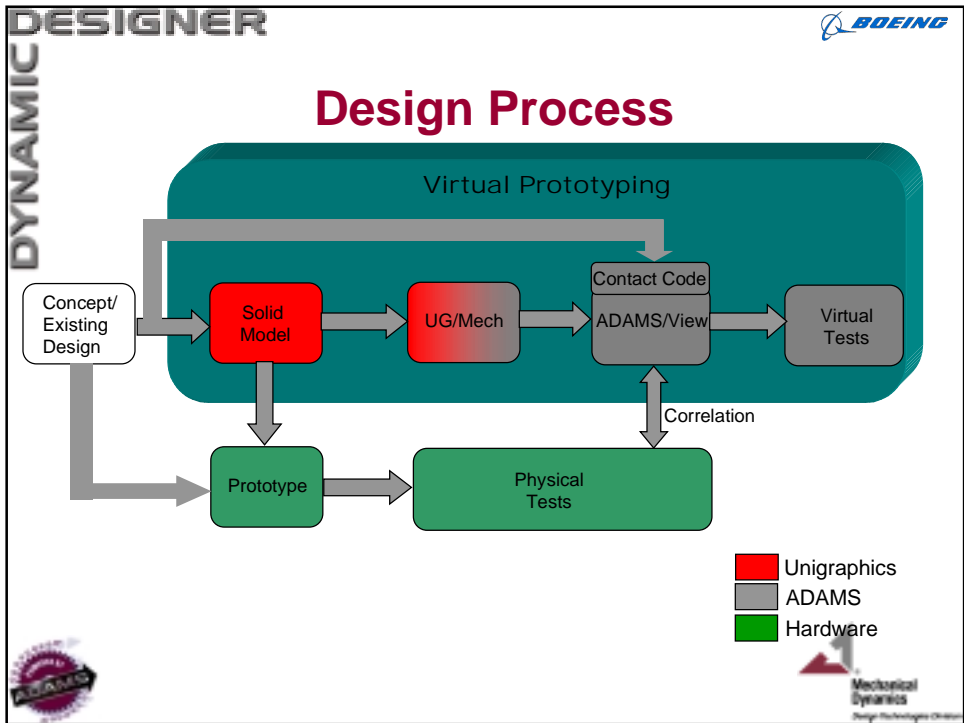


# What are UG/Mechanisms, Scenario for Motion+, and ADAMS/View?



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## Boeing and the Space Station Program



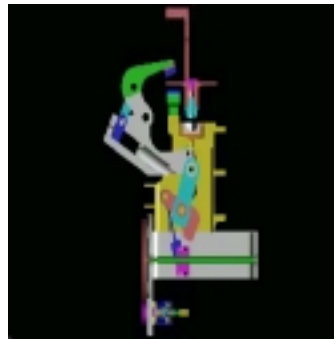
## Why we Used UG/Mechanisms and ADAMS

- Communicate designs
- Replace physical tests
- Execute virtual tests that are very difficult to test physically
- UG/Mechanisms
  - ◆ Build Mechanism Models from CAD Geometry
  - ◆ Animations



## Case Study: Boeing, Latch Design

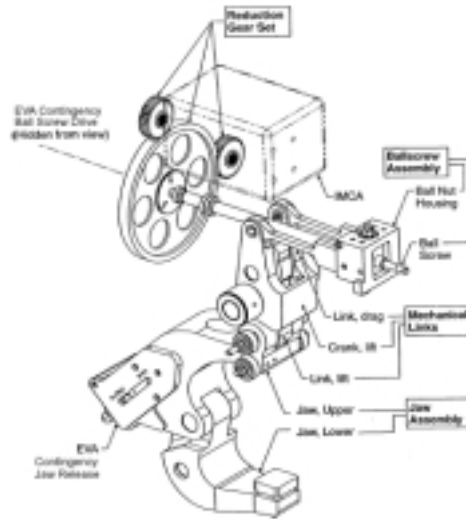
- Problem: Valid on-orbit performance of a space station latching mechanism.
- Design Issues
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  - ◆ Servicing is very difficult
  - ◆ Lubrication



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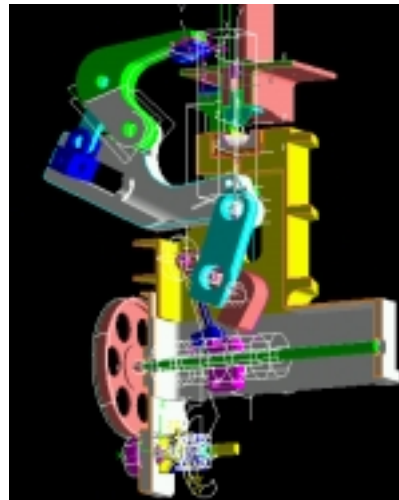
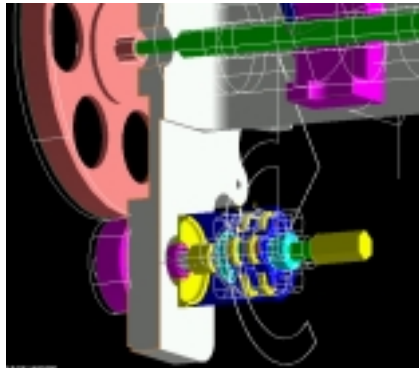
# Mechanism Anatomy



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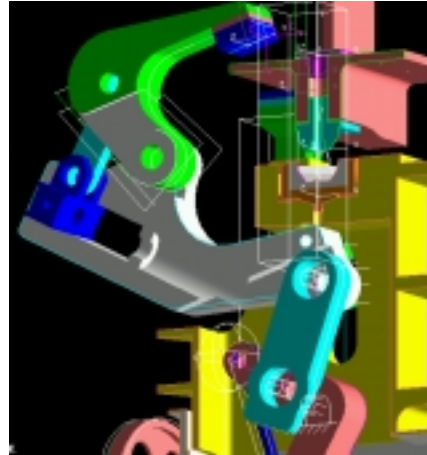
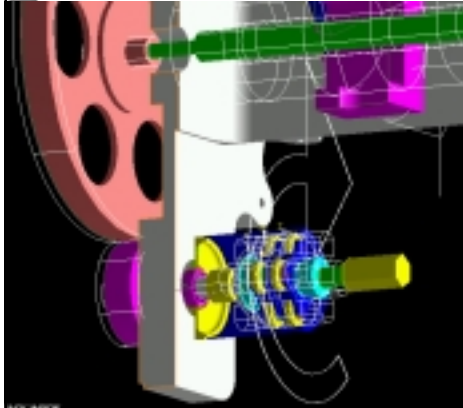
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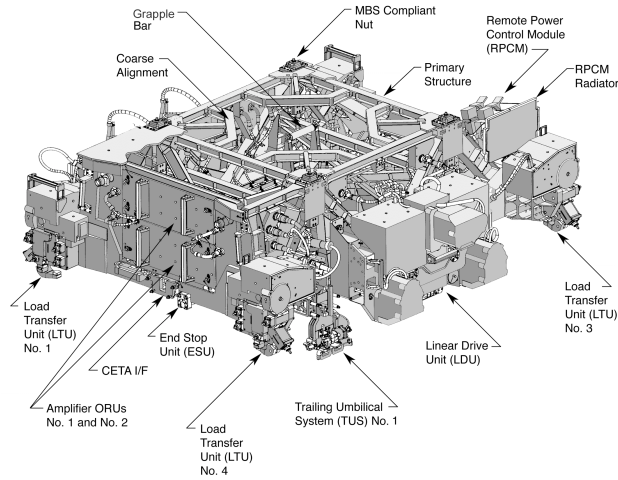
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## Actual Mechanism

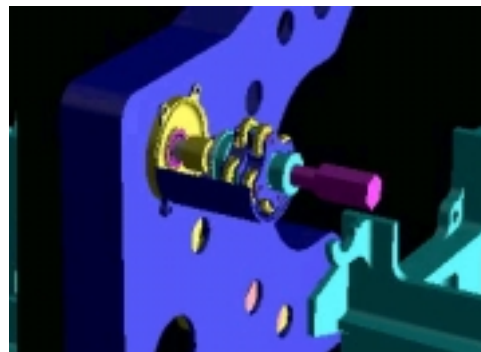


## Mobile Transporter View 1 Manufactured by TRW-Astro

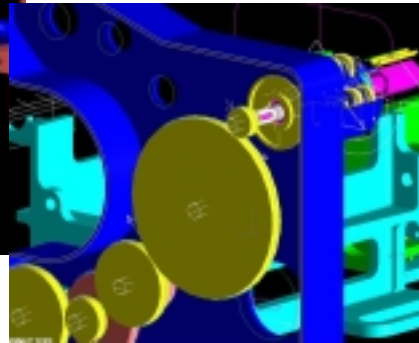
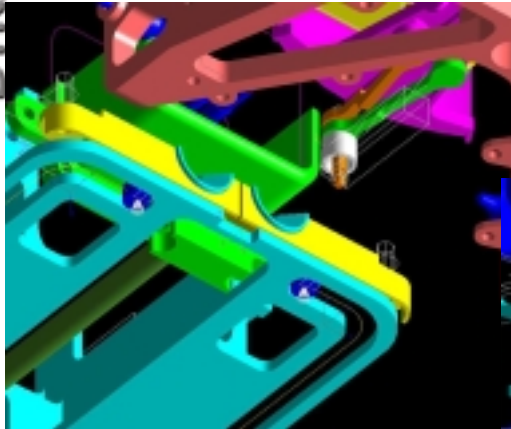


## Case Study: Boeing, Motorized Plug

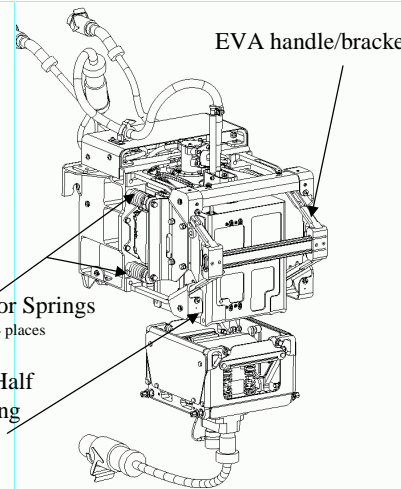
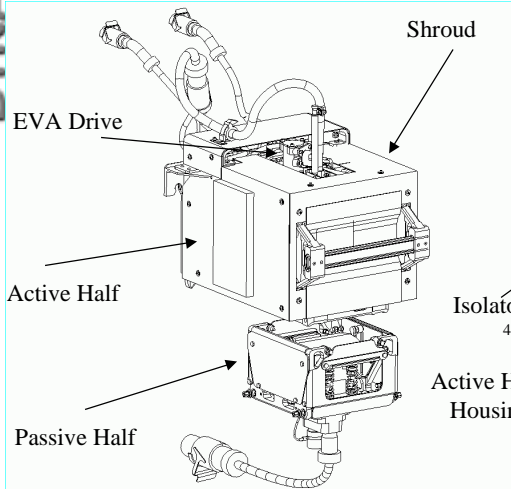
- Problem: Valid on-orbit performance of a space station motorized plug.
- Design Issues
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# UMA Active and Passive Halves

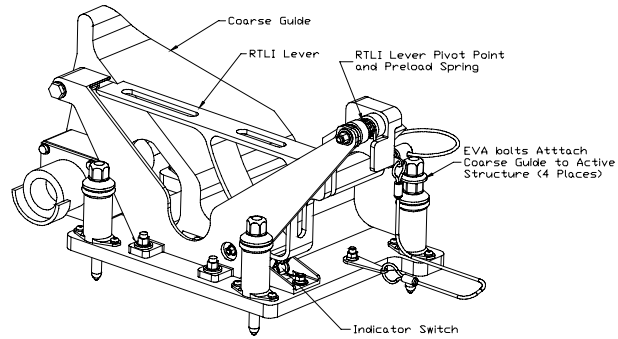




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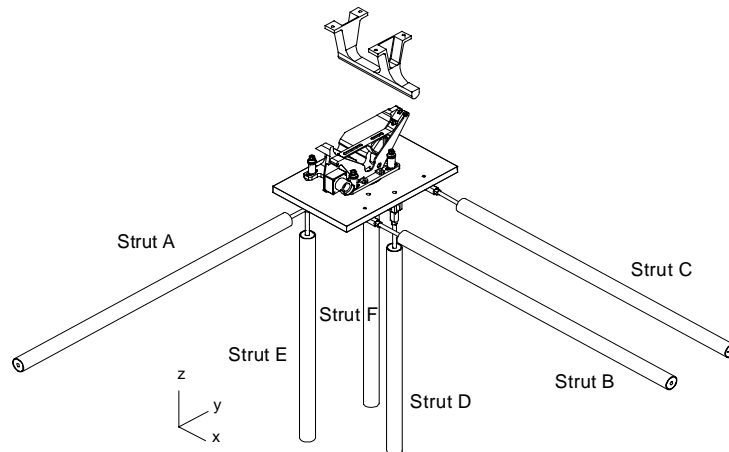
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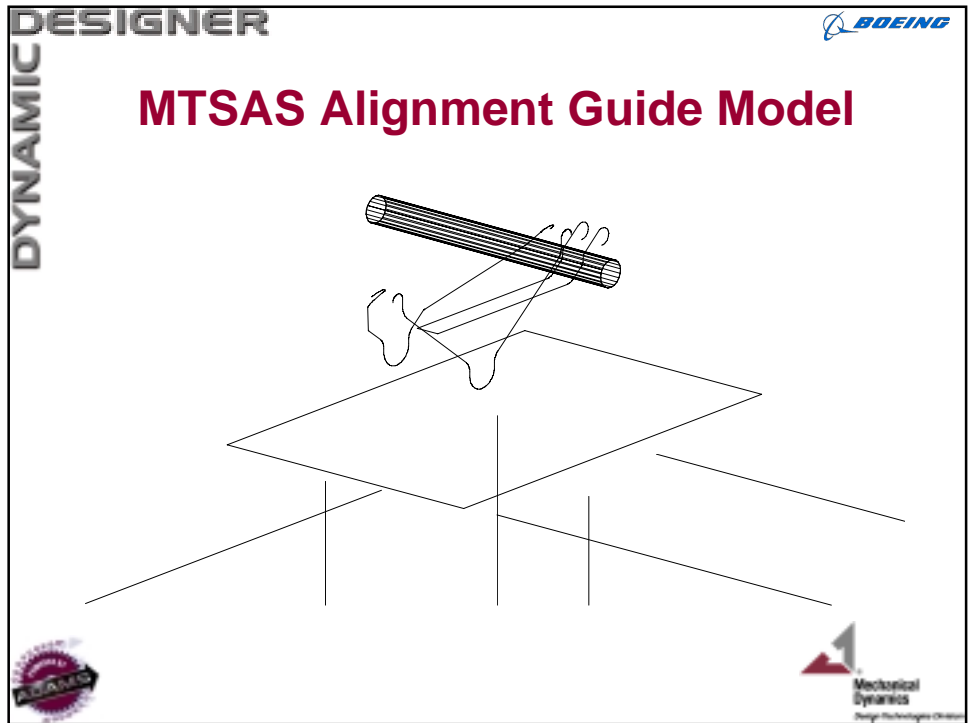
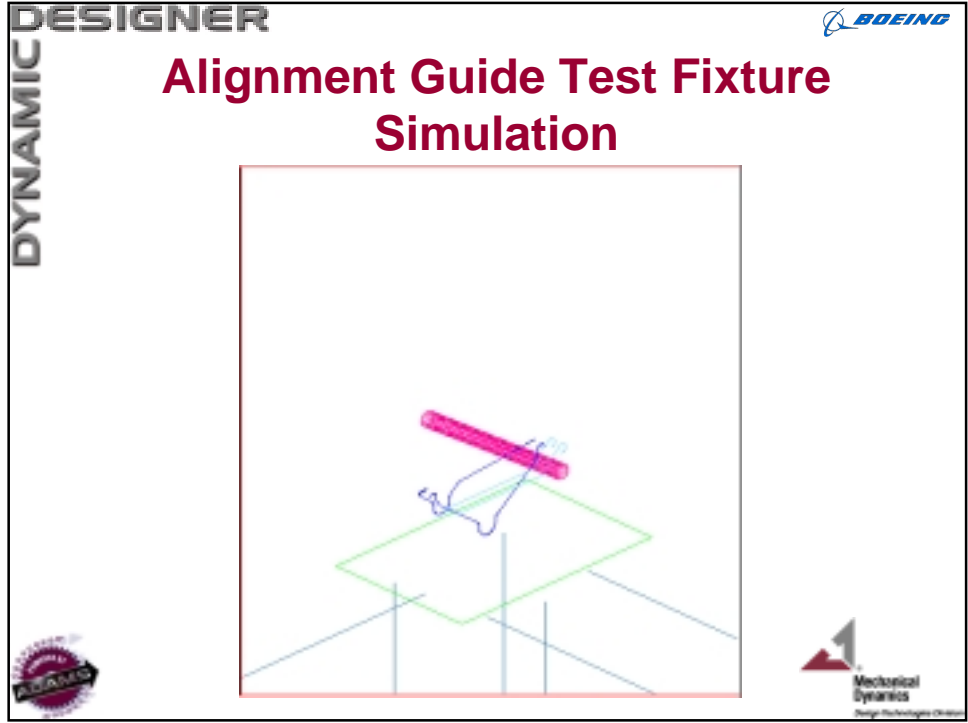


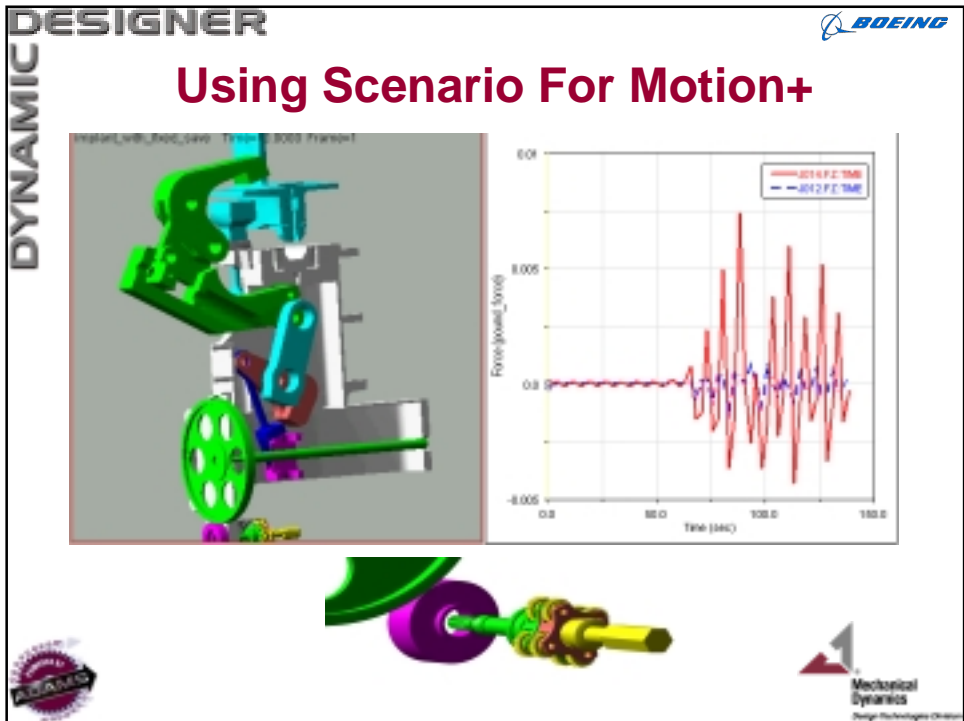
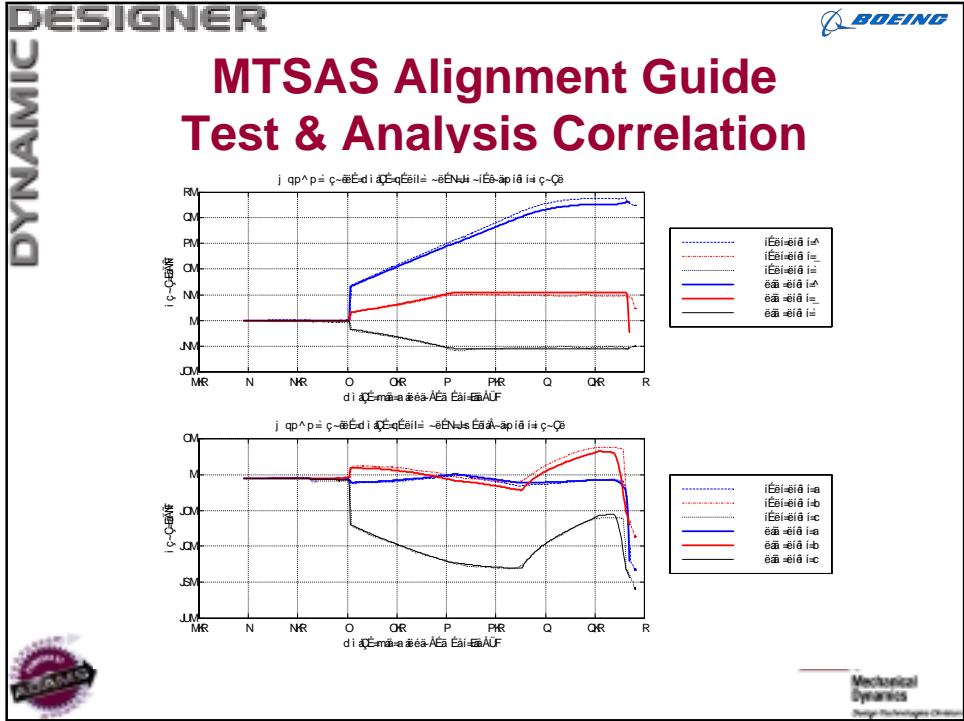
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# MTSAS Alignment Guide Test Fixture







## Benefits of Virtual Prototyping at Boeing

- Identified design issues before physical prototypes.
- Built a reliable product
- Decreased dependence on hardware prototypes
- Helped meet time requirements
- Enhanced communications



## Lessons Learned

- UG/Mech model development is much quicker than ADAMS by itself.
- Contact modeling is still a significant problem.
- Scenario for Motion+ contacts may help.
- Flexibility is important.
- Friction...!
- Parametric studies are valuable.
- Parametric solids help in analysis model preparation
- The design and analysis community understanding each others needs helps
- Integrated CAD / CAE tools make it possible for analysis to stay in sync with the design cycle
- Easy to use CAD / CAE tools make it possible for the designer to do preliminary analysis
- Integrated CAD / CAE post-processing tools help with understanding the design



## Conclusions

- UG/Mech only used for pre/post processing
- Modeling drives a detailed understanding of mechanism characteristics
- DOE and parametric studies provide insight over possible operating range
- Approach helps define derived requirements
- Correlation to test data validates modeling effort

