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Abstract/Summary

This midterm report will illustrate and explain all of the conceptual designs, final designs, analysis and manufacturing needed to reach the end goal of creating a fully functional autonomous ATV. The scope of this project is very large. It ranges from mounting up to ten sensors, powering those sensors and making the sensors communicate with onboard computers. There will also be C++ code development of autonomous algorithms. This project will span the fields of mechanical engineering, fluid dynamics, computer/software engineering and electrical engineering.

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Project Overview

- *Problem Statement*

CISCOR currently has multiple robotic platforms used in research ranging from bio-inspired legged walking robots to four wheel skid-steered robots. Some of these platforms are able to function outside on limited terrain types. This induces a need for a vehicle that is able to traverse many types of difficult terrains. Thus, the ATV was a clear choice for a platform to automate. Last year, actuators were installed onto the controls of the ATV. The task this year is to incorporate sensing and computer systems to interface with these actuators and develop algorithms for autonomous motion.

- *Justification/Background*

Research into autonomous ground vehicles is growing rapidly. There is a need for vehicles to perform tasks without any physical interaction or human control. These tasks can range from dangerous search and rescue missions to civilian vehicles driving themselves through city streets. CISCOR is currently conducting research with autonomous mobile robots with emphasis on path planning and efficiency. This same type of research is desired with a more robust system that can handle difficult terrains and obstacles, as well as normal driving situations on a paved surface. For this reason, an ATV was chosen as the new platform to develop autonomous control.

- *Objective*

The main objective is to integrate a sensory system that will scan the surrounding environment. This data is then used to compute a trajectory for the ATV to perform waypoint navigation and road following autonomously. These sensors include Encoders, SICK laser sensors, IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit), GPS system for waypoint navigation, and possibly a stereoscopic camera. Problems including the overheating of the motor-drivers and an underpowered steering actuator will also be resolved. Waterproofing the sensors, encoders and actuators must also be done to ensure all-terrain capabilities. To assist with safety, a way to shut down the ATV remotely will be developed. A kinematic model of the system will also be developed to implement the autonomous control. All of the objectives will be finished by April 2014.

- *Constraints*

There is a budget of approximately 1500.00 USD set aside for building material. Most of the sensors and computers are already purchased. A large hurdle to overcome will be scheduling time for all team members to work on the project at specific times. Each student has a separate and unique schedule that needs to be taken into account. The largest constraint on this project will be time. There are many objectives to complete and all of them must be met by the end of April 2014.

Design and Analysis

- *Functional analysis*

The following is a list of all components and the electrical/mechanical specifications of each component.

- **Toughbook Laptop Computer**

The project will incorporate 3 of these laptops. One will be running Ubuntu and ROS and receiving sensory data from all of the sensors with exception of the encoders. This computer will then process the sensory data and output a trajectory to the next onboard laptop. The other laptop will also be onboard the ATV and will be running QNX operating system. This laptop will receive sensory data from all of the encoders and send output signals to all of the actuators. The third Laptop will be used as a “chase” computer, allowing the users to monitor the system through a wireless connection with a router onboard the ATV. The laptops come with an Intel i5 processor and 4GB of RAM.

- **SICK LMS 200 Laser Distance Measurement System**

The project will incorporate 2 of these distance sensors. One will be mounted in such a way that it can view 5 feet directly in front of the vehicle and the other sensor will be mounted to view about 20 feet in front of the vehicle. The laser can scan 180 degrees with an angular resolution of 0.25 degrees. This yields 720 data points per laser pass. It has a maximum range of 80 meters with a resolution of 1 centimeter and an error of ± 4.0 centimeters. The laser communicates via serial (RS232) and outputs the distances measured in centimeters [cm]. Supply voltage is 24VDC and draws a continuous current of 1.8 A. Figure 1 shows how the laser scans surrounding objects. All mechanical dimensions can be found in Appendix A-1.

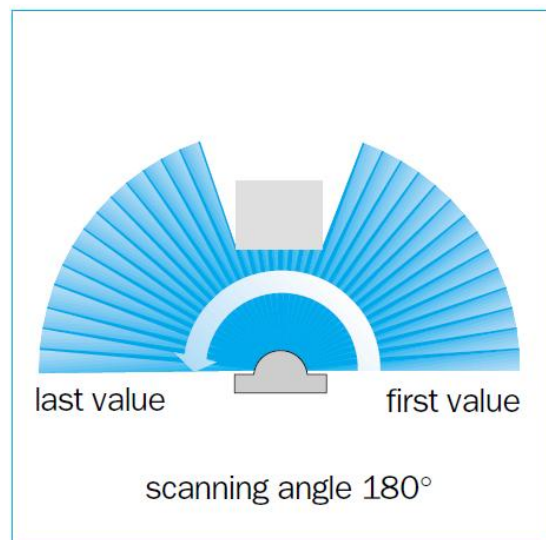


Figure 1: SICK LMS 200 scanning profile

- **Accu-Coder model 725 Encoder**

The ATV will use 4 encoders, one on each wheel to keep track of its position. The encoder, when run in quadrature, will output 30,000 counts per revolution. This is done by 2 IR sensors inside the encoder that are 180 degrees out of phase. This gives quadruple the resolution using the same sensor wheel and also gives the option to sense the direction of rotation using a few lines of code. The output of the encoder can be seen in Figure 2. The supply voltage is 4.75 – 28 VDC. Max shaft speed is 8000 RPM with a max frequency of 1 MHz. The mechanical dimensions and specifications can be found in Appendix B-1.

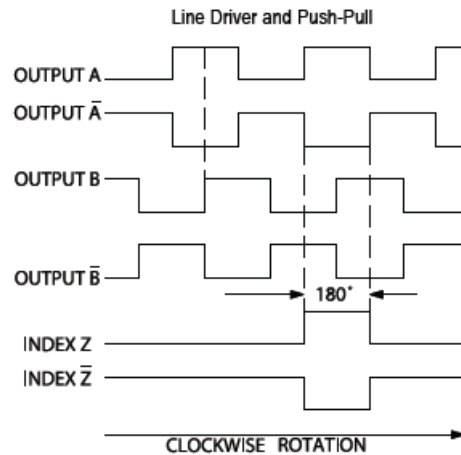


Figure 2: Accu-coder model 725 data output

- **Crossbow Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)**

The linear accelerations on all 3 spatial dimensions must be known to be able to control the ATV in between GPS signals and also to detect possible vehicle rollover. The IMU is a 6 degree of freedom sensor that utilizes solid state accelerometers and MEMS gyroscopic sensors to measure angular rate of rotation along the 3 spatial dimensions as shown in Figure 3. Supply voltage is 9-30 VDC and consumes energy at a rate of 3 W. It can measure an angular velocity of ± 100



Figure 4: Crossbow Inertial Measurement Unit

degrees/sec with a resolution of 0.025 degrees/sec. The IMU can measure linear accelerations of $\pm 2g$ with a resolution of less than 0.001g. Communication protocol is RS232. All mechanical dimensions and specifications can be found in Appendix C-1.

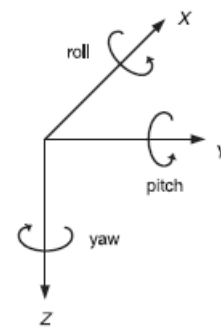


Figure 3: 3 dimensional coordinate axes with 6

- **NovAtel ProPak-G2plus GPS**

For waypoint to waypoint autonomous navigation a GPS system is needed to locate the ATV on the face of the earth with precise coordinates. The ProPak-G2 can give position accuracy within a 1.8 meter diameter circle. Supply voltage is 9 to 18 VDC and consumes energy at a rate of 2.5 W. Communication is serial (RS232) or optional USB. Data output rate is 20 Hz and may take up to 50 seconds to get the first location fix. To receive the GPS signals from the satellites a Precise Positioning Management (PPM) L1 passive antenna will be installed. All mechanical dimensions and electrical specifications can be found in Appendix D-1.



Figure 5: NovAtel ProPak-G2plus GPS receiver

- **Maxon RE50 Graphite Brushed DC motor / GP 62 planetary gearhead assembly**

The current steering motor is underpowered 150W motor with a 75:1 planetary gearset and will be replaced with a 200W motor with a 100:1 planetary gearset. The nominal motor voltage is 24 V with a no load speed of 5950 RPM and a stall torque of 8.92 Nm. This torque is then multiplied by the gear ratio of 100 to obtain 892 Nm and the speed is divided by 100 to obtain a no load speed of 59.5 RPM. These values can be used to create a Torque vs. RPM curve used for the motor control. The Torque vs. RPM curve for the motor only can be seen in Figure 6. All of the mechanical and electrical specifications for the motor and gearhead can be found in Appendix E-1,2.

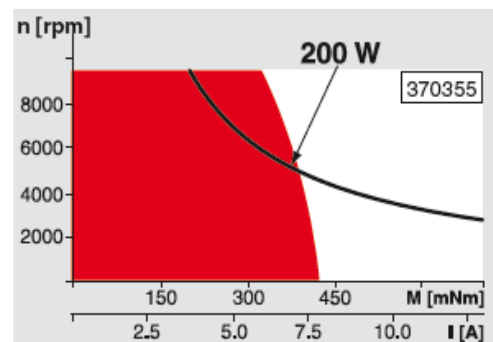


Figure 6: Torque VS. RPM curve for RE50 200W motor

Design Concepts, Selection, and Detailed Design

- *Laser Mounting*

The project involves two sick lasers that will emit an ultraviolet laser with a lateral range of 180 degrees in front of the ATV. One will scan about 5 feet in front of the ATV while the other scans about 20 feet ahead. This limits the locations and orientations allowed for mounting. The lasers must not cross emitter paths so to ensure correct data acquisition. These lasers are also heavier in weight, requiring the mounting to be done on a rigid ground such as the frame of the ATV compared to the body. Additional parts may be required to stabilize the lasers under the stress of vehicle motion depending on the configuration used. Stress analysis must be done to determine the strength of the structure under the weight of the lasers. The lasers must also be uninterrupted in their scans of the forward environment. The position of the ATV or other sensory equipment should not inhibit this. This can cause a corruption of data and a decline of performance. The possibility of placing the lower laser on a hinge to allow vertical pivoting for future development may also be taken into consideration.

- Design Concept 1

This design involves mounting both lasers to the front frame of the ATV. They are positioned side by side and angled down at the appropriate degree as shown in Figure 7. Each laser will also be angled so the 90 degree mark (given a 0 to 180 degrees sweep) will point at the appropriate distance in front on the ATV on its centerline. Both lasers can be mounted with less additional



Figure 7: Side-by-side configuration

frames required but will require precise mounting to achieve the desired angles. The side by side configuration provides an equal stress distribution on the right and left frame of the ATV. However this position may cause the lasers to cross beams and interfere with each other. This can cause inaccurate data and pose significant problems in performance. This configuration is also more difficult to achieve the hinging mechanism previously discussed.

Pros

- Simple installation
- No interference from ATV components
- Uniform stress distribution

Cons

- Position not on the centerline causes more complicated calculation as coding
- Side by side configuration can cause interference between lasers
- Difficult to implement front laser hinge without interfering with other laser

- **Design Concept 2**

This design involves mounting both lasers on the front frame of the ATV. The lasers are both in the centerline and will be positioned with one on top of the other. This ensures only two dimensional angling to operate appropriately and simpler hinging. The configuration will include aluminum bars bolted to the frame at six points which will house the lasers as shown in Figure 8. The bolts at which the frame will connect to the ATV are represented by the red points in the figure to the right. These bolts will connect to the rear sides of the lasers for support. These points lie above, between and below the laser,

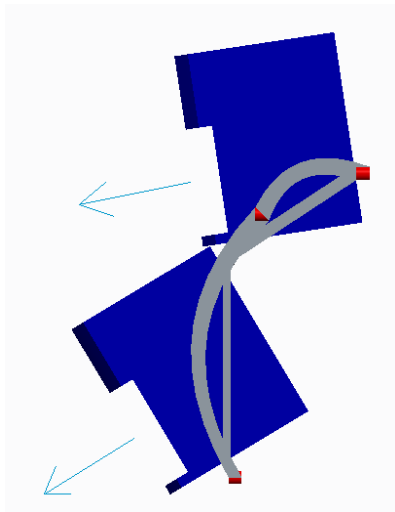


Figure 9: Side view of stacked lasers

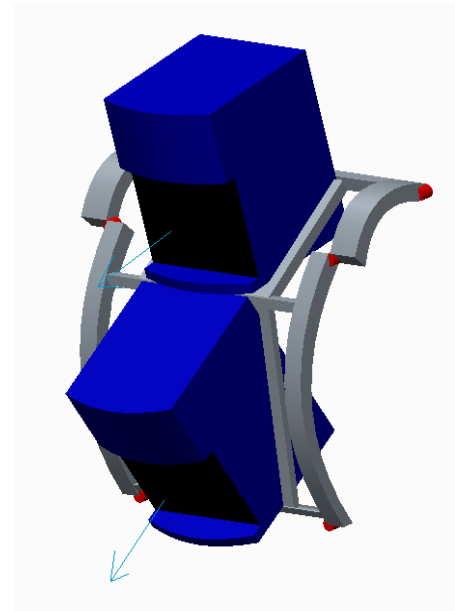


Figure 8: Trimetric view of lasers stacked on centerline

and below the laser,

preventing any heavy torque to form on the

structure due to laser weight. The angle of scanning is shown in Figure 9. The orientation allows for easier installation at the required angles.

Pros

- Centerline position allows for easier calculation and coding
- Easier implementation of hinge
- No interference from ATV components
- No interference between lasers

Cons

- Both lasers closer to ground and susceptible to environmental damage
- Additional machined components required
- Stress distributed towards the front of ATV frame

- Design Concept 3

This design includes mounting one laser in front of the ATV and the other on top of the trunk on the same centerline as shown in Figure 10. The front laser would scan the closer environment while the rear would look for objects farther ahead. This configuration will require the rear laser to be placed on an aluminum box on top of the trunk. This is to give the laser the necessary height to operate without interference. A stress analysis must be done to determine whether the trunk cover will withstand the load of the additional components. The front laser will be mounted on the frame just below the rear laser's line of sight. The front laser will also require a housing similar to the one used in Design 2 for the top laser. This will provide stability to the front while allowing for easier hinging if needed.



Figure 10: Front view, front/back configuration

Pros

- Both lasers in centerline provides easier calculation and coding
- Equal front/rear distribution reduces clutter in one area
- Front laser not inhibited by ATV components

Cons

- Rear laser requires additional components to heighten
- Trunk cover may not support the weight if the laser and additional component
- Front laser closer to ground allowing for environmental damage

- **Design Concept Selection**

The selection of a laser mount involved the use of a decision matrix with the three design concepts as shown in Table 1. This shows that the best design for our requirements is Design Concept 2, the stacked configuration. One main factor to the selection of this is its high functionality. This concept will allow the lasers to perform all the tasks we set for it. Another quality contributing to this selection is the lasers' low interference with other components in this position. Neither laser will come in contact with the human driver, other ATV components, other sensory equipment, or the other laser. The final outlier in this concept is its ease of calculation. Since both lasers will be mounted on the centerline of the ATV, gathering and computing the data will be easier.

Table 1: SICK Laser Decision Matrix

		Design concept 1	Design concept 2	Design concept 3
	Weight			
Functionality (does it work as it should)	10	6	10	7
Simplicity (# of parts)	7.5	10	6	5
Ease of manufacture	6.5	9	6	4.5
Low cost	5	9	8	6.5
Low time to manufacture	7.5	9	7.5	7
Small amount of interference (parts/human)	9	4	8.5	4
Low susceptibility to damage(environment impact or rust etc.)	7	8	7	6
Ease of data calculation	4	3.5	10	9
Ease of adjustment	4	8	9	8.5
Low energy consumption	5.5	5	5	5
Lightweight	3	7	6	5
	Final score	492.5	527.25	412.25
	Max Possible	690		

- Final Concept

Our final design is illustrated in Figure 11, as shown to the right. The lasers are angled down at specific angles to scan their respective environments. This is accomplished by connecting them to plates via their bottom and back. The plates will be connected to rods that connect the left and right main bars. The main bars and connecting rods will be bolted at four points to the ATV's front chassis. The plates that balance the lasers themselves are shown in Appendix A-7. The material used for creating the mount will be Al6061. This decision was made for its low cost, strength, and ease of machinability. They will be cut using a water jet cutting tool. The components that will need additional machining will be done in one of the FAMU-FSU COE Machine Shops. The bolts that will be used and any other connecting equipment that may be required will be purchased through McMaster Carr.

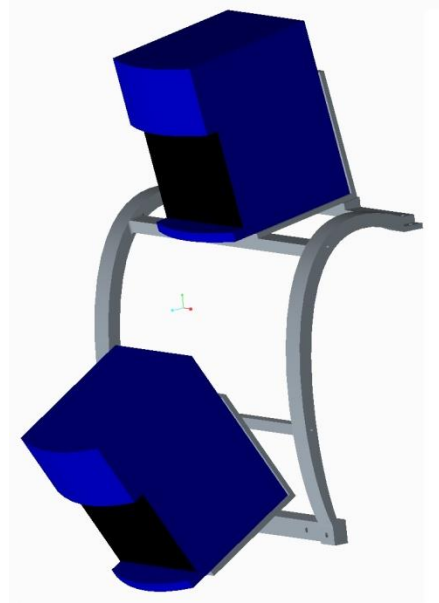


Figure 11: Finalized Stacked Configuration

The modeling for the laser mount was done in PTC Creo. A visual model along with finite element analysis was done to establish the functionality of our design. The FEA analysis was made to simulate the ATV under a slow speed collision (at 20mph). This is assumed to be a worst case scenario. The results, shown in Figure 12 below, indicate how much displacement the rods will experience and where the high stress concentration points are. It was found that the rod underneath the top laser will show the most bowing under this force. The points at which stress will be at its maximum are located at the end of the lower rod where it is connected to the main bars. This max stress was found to be 105Mpa. Al6061 has a yield strength of 241Mpa, therefore the design has a safety factor of 2.303 which is large enough to constitute its use. All of the machines drawings can be found in Appendices A-2 to A-7.

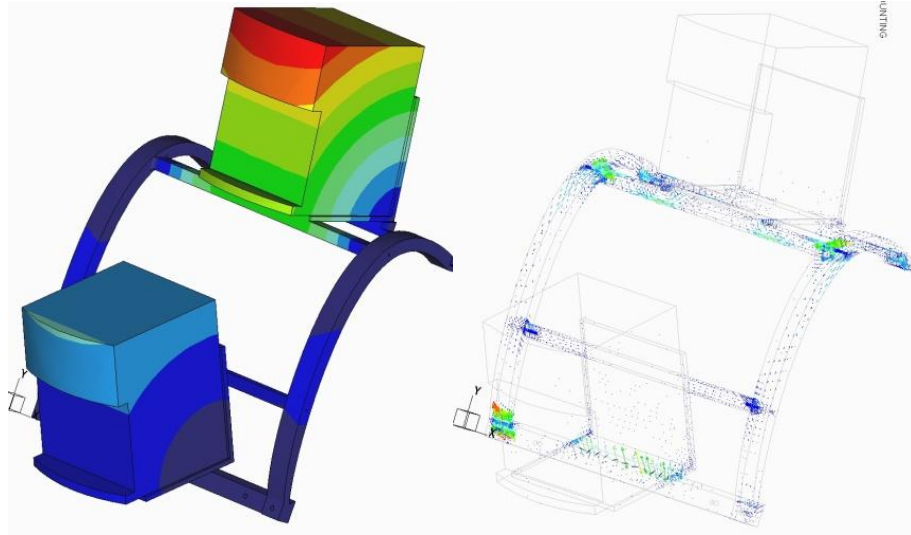


Figure 12: FEA Results indicating displacement and areas of stress concentration

- **Problems/Future Work**

A few problems were encountered in the creation of our laser mounting design. One was the main bars used to attach the mount to the ATV. The original concept involved four bars (two on either side) bolted at six points to the ATV. This was changed to four mounting points and two bars for its simplicity and ease of manufacture. Less material will also be used for this design. Another problem encountered was that the mount bolt needs to be perfectly flush with the ATV bolts. The angle of the bolt was difficult to measure so this problem arose. To solve this problem, we plan on using rubber stoppers between the mount and the ATV to provide some angular flexibility. This will also provide some vibration dampening when the ATV is in motion. Some future problems we may encounter includes tolerances being too large, machining time taking longer than expected, or accidents causing damage to parts during testing. We hope to solve these by perfecting our designs and following proper testing procedures.

Work for the future includes ordering the raw materials and bolts. Machining and water jetting the materials need to be complete in time for construction and testing. Testing must be done so ensure functionality.

- *Encoder mounting*

The encoders are an extremely important part of the sensing system of the ATV. The encoder data will be used to determine the position of the wheels and in turn the position/distance traveled by the ATV. In conjunction with a clock signal from a computer the velocity and acceleration of the ATV can be computed. The encoders were already picked out and purchased last year. The bely/pulley system to couple the encoders to the wheels was also purchased last year. Using these existing parts resulted in a limited number of possibilities for mounting locations but the belt and pulley system is clearly the best option for encoder coupling.

- **Design Concept 1**

This first design is for the left front and right front wheels. The larger pulley (green) will fit around the inner hub of the front CV axle. The encoders (yellow) will be mounted on the two upright frame tubes. The smaller pulley (red) will be mounted onto the encoder shaft. A belt will couple these two pulleys. A front and trimetric view of the subframe can be seen in Figures 13 and 14.

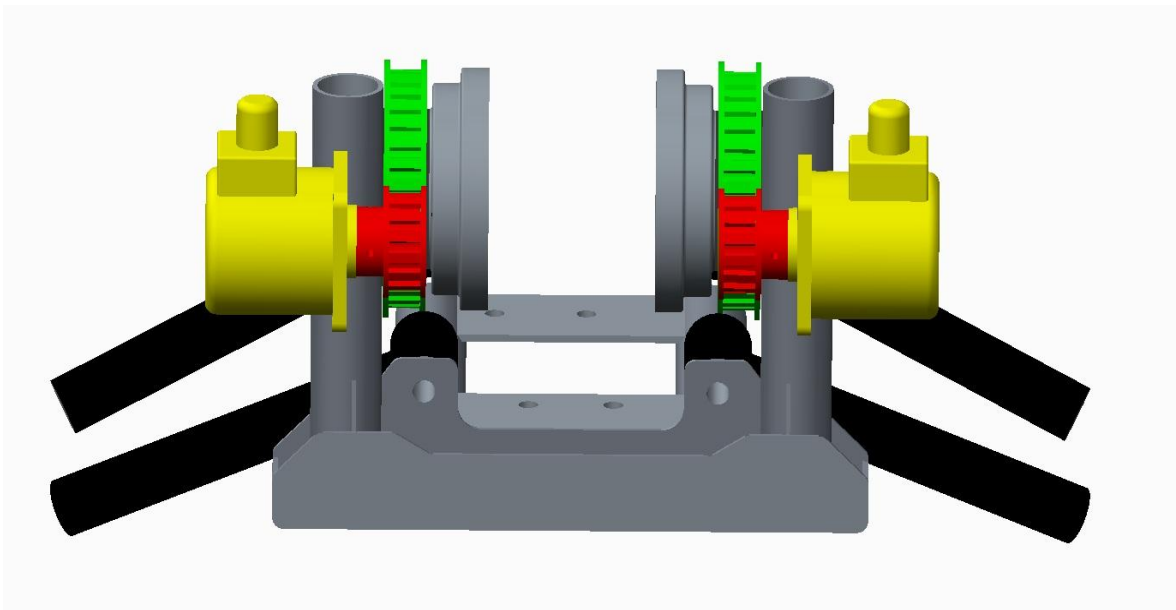


Figure 13: Front view of the front encoder mounting locations.

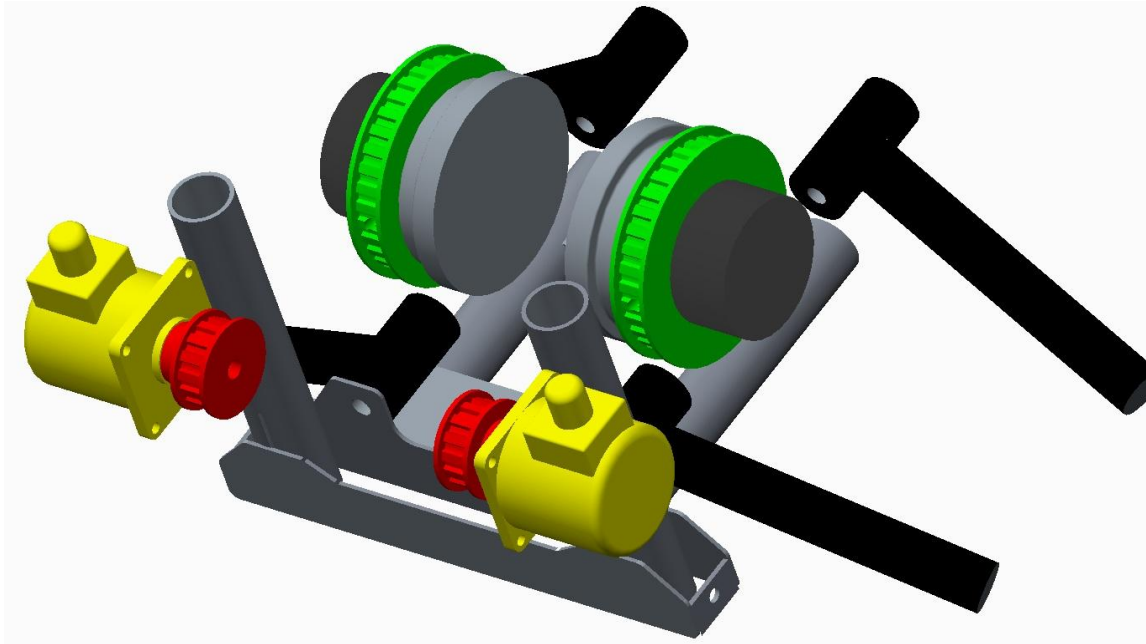


Figure 14: Trimetric view of front encoder mounting locations.

Pros

- Both encoders are in safe location
- Close proximity to tubular frame makes for simple mount manufacturing
- Location makes for easy removal / belt adjustment

Cons

- Moving belt runs very close to frame
- Moving pulleys would need to be very close to front differential, potential contact

- **Design concept 2**

This is a second option for mounting the front encoders. The larger pulley (green) will fit around the inner hub of the front CV axle furthest away from the differential. The encoders (yellow) will be mounted under the subframe. The smaller pulley (red) will be mounted onto the encoder shaft. The belt will run through the lower control arm and couple these two pulleys. A trimetric view of the encoder mounting positions can be seen in Figure 15. Since the encoders are on the underside of the ATV they are subject to damage. Figure 16 illustrates a skid plate that would protect the encoders from damage and debris.

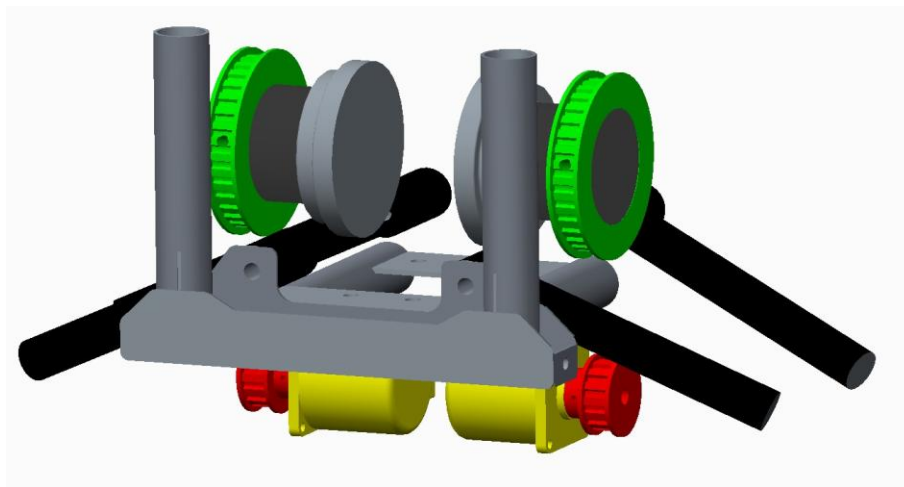


Figure 15: Trimetric view of encoders mounted under the subframe

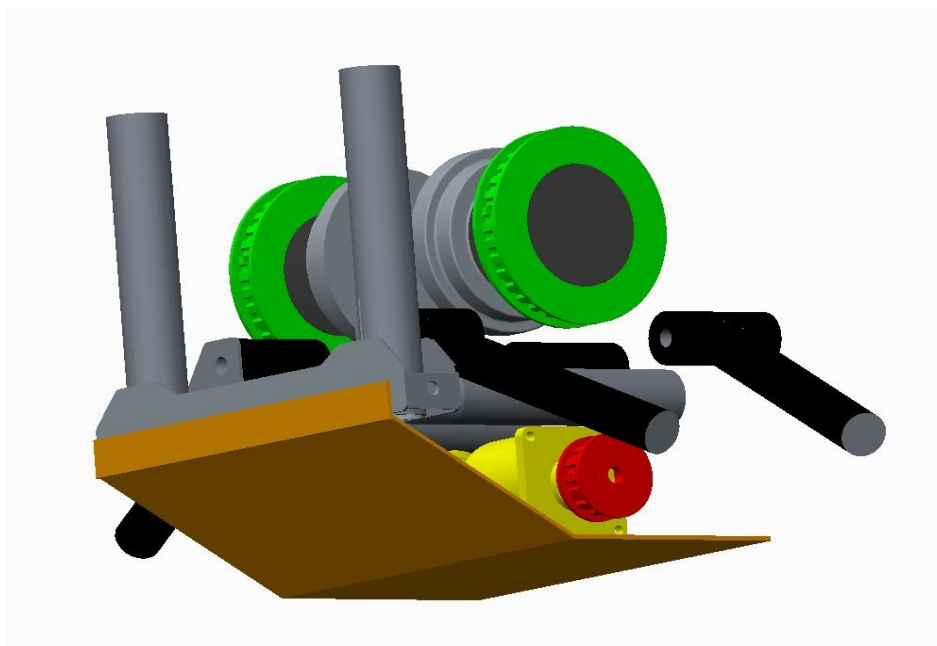


Figure 16: Added skid plate to protect encoders under the subframe

Pros

- Lower position allows for plenty of room for moving belt
- Larger pulley not close to hitting any other components
- Placement makes for simple mounting bracket manufacturing

Cons

- Must make extra part (skid plate)
- Reduces ground clearance by 2.5 inches.

- **Design Concept 3**

This Design is for the mounting orientation of the left rear and right rear encoders. With the parts supplied and the geometry of the rear subframe there was only one logical mounting solution. The larger pulley (green) will fit around the inner hub of the front CV axle furthest away from the differential. The encoders (yellow) will be mounted on top of the rear lower control arm brackets. The smaller pulley (red) will be mounted onto the encoder shaft. The belt will couple these two pulleys. Figures 17 and 18 show the rear encoder mounting solution.

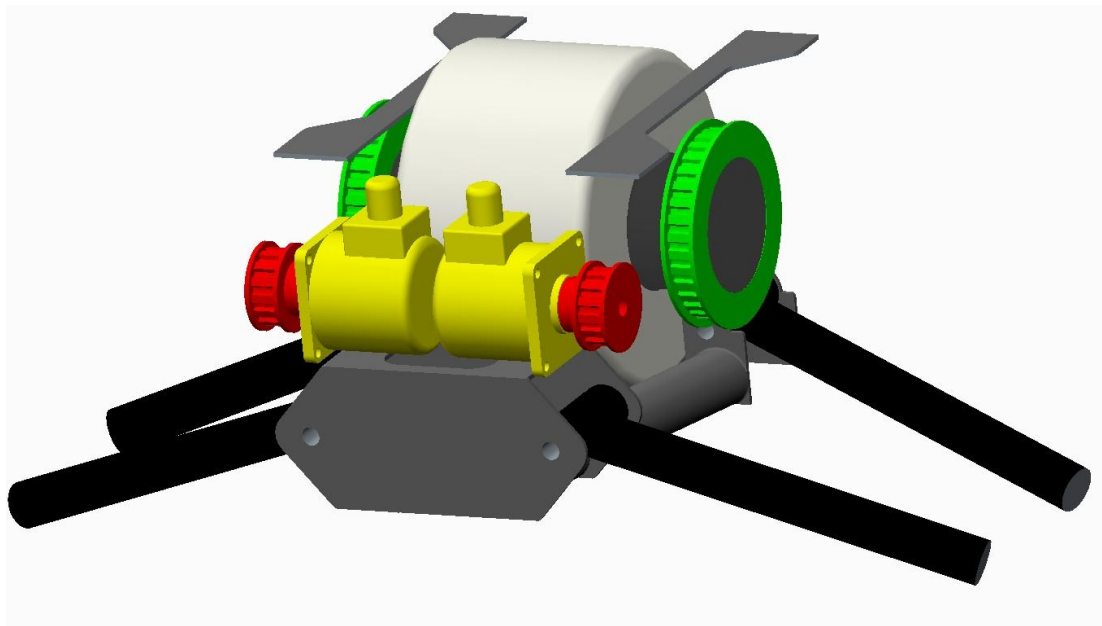


Figure 17: Trimetric view of rear encoder mounting location

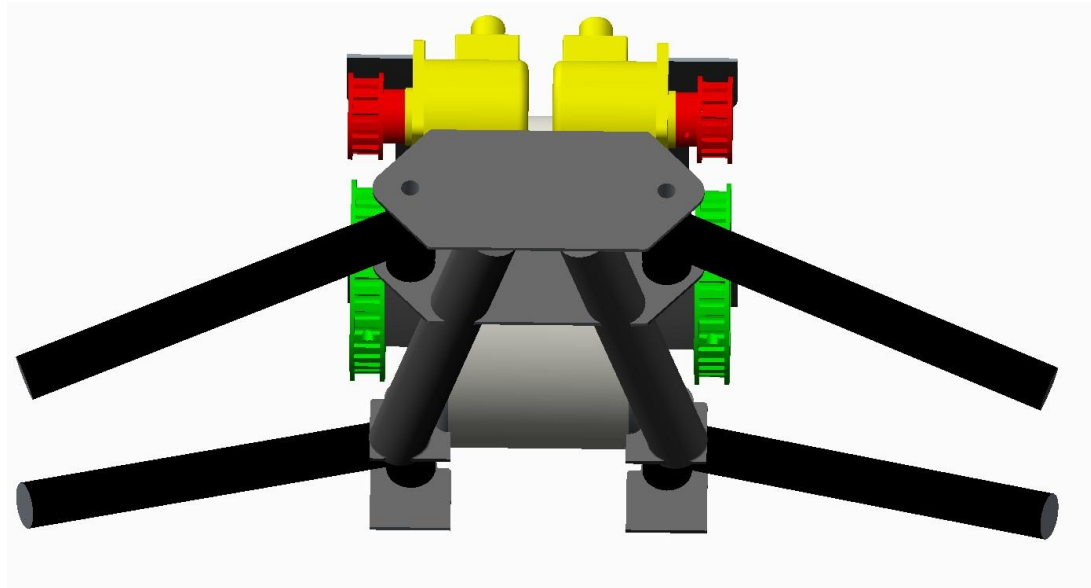


Figure 18: Bottom view of rear encoder mounting solution

Pros

- Plenty of room for belt to move without hitting any components
- Larger pulley not close to hitting any other components
- Placement makes for simple mounting bracket manufacturing
- Placement makes for easy removal / belt adjustment

Cons

- Possible debris getting kicked up into belt by tires

- **Design Concept Selection**

The final design for the front encoder mounting was done using a decision matrix as seen in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Decision Matrix for Encoders

		Design concept 1	Design concept 2
	Weight		
Functionality (does it work as it should)	10	7	9
Simplicity (# of parts)	7.5	9	8
Ease of manufacture	6.5	9.5	9
Low cost	5	10	9
Low time to manufacture	7.5	9	8.5
Small amount of interfearence (parts/human)	9	4	9
Low suceptability to damage(enviroment impact or rust etc..)	7	7	5.5
Ease of data calculation	4	10	10
Ease of adjustment	4	7.5	7.5
Low energy consumption	5.5	10	10
Lightweight	3	8	7
	Final score	550.75	582.75
	Max Possib	690	

For the rear encoder mount no decision was necessary because there was only one possible configuration that was apparent. For the front mount, design concept 2, encoders mounted under the frame, was the winning choice because it had the best functionality and least amount of interference. The belts linking the pulleys are free from any obstruction and will allow the encoders to accurately sense the position of the wheels. Both of these categories where weighted high and led to design 2 scoring the highest. For all of the concept selections functionality was usually the deciding factor because it is not practical to follow through with a design that will not function properly.

- **Final Concept**

The final concept consists of one single piece of water jet, 1/8 inch thick 6061 aluminum as seen in Figure 19. The mount will be bent along perforations made by the water jet to ensure the bend in the material is straight. Then the two encoders will be attached on the inside of the mount with M5 bolts and locknuts. To keep the mount from flexing under any load there will be two 8mm diameter Al6061 aluminum rods attaching the bottom of the mounts to each side. Clearance holes will be cut for the encoder shafts to pass through along

with four mounting holes for each sensor. All of these holes will be oblong to allow tensioning and adjustment of the belt by shifting the encoders to increase the relative distance between the encoder pulley and the driveshaft pulley. This mount will be bolted or welded to underside of the frame.

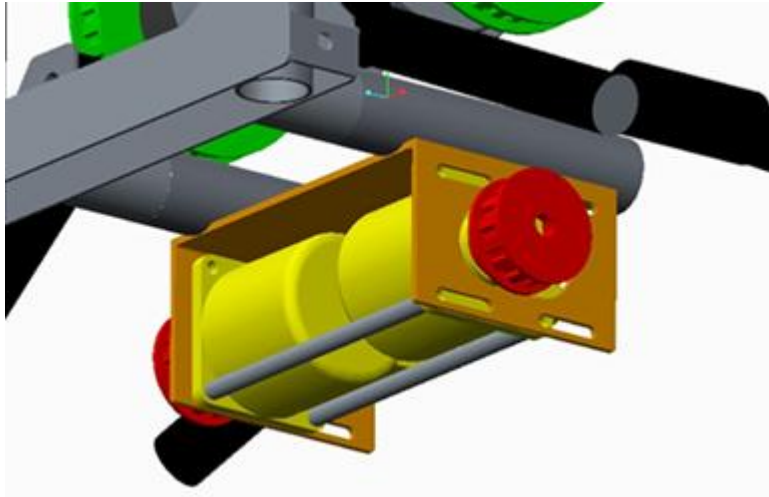


Figure 19: Final concept for front encoder mounting

To prove the structural stability of this design, FEM analysis was done in CREO Parametric. The manufacturer of the encoders has set an absolute maximum force that can be applied to the encoder shafts. This value of 80 lbf was applied to the ends of each shaft for the FEM analysis. The shaft displacement and stress distribution can be seen in Figure 20.

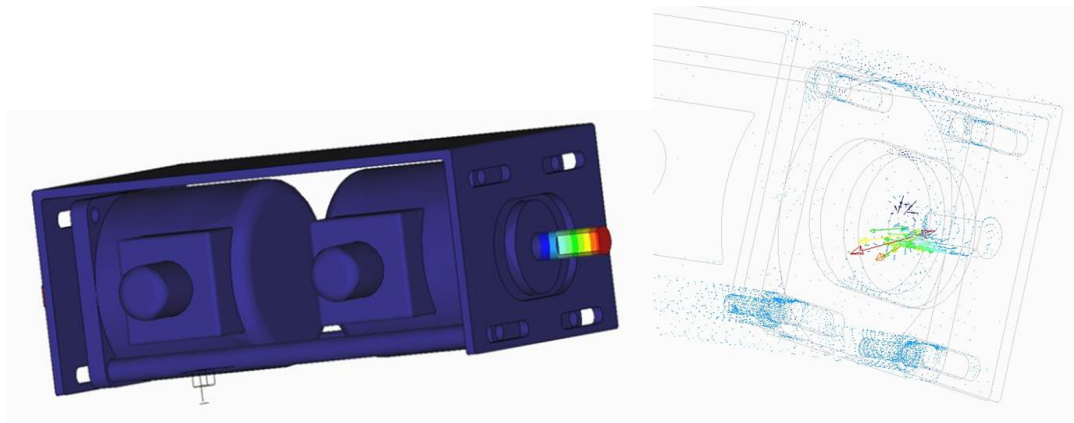


Figure 20: Left: Displacement of encoder shafts. Right: stress concentrations at base of shaft

As expected, the main stress concentrations are located at the base of the shaft. The max stress seen at the shaft base was 80 MPa. The yield strength of stainless steel is 200 MPa, resulting in a factor of safety of 2.49. Since the encoder shafts were the smallest part and took most of the load, the mount did not see very high stresses at all. The analysis also showed that there were higher levels of stress located at the bolt holes. In Figure 21, the rear mount location is shown. Conveniently the same mount for the front also fits in the rear. This will reduce manufacturing time and design time. The material used for these two mounts will be obtained from scrap 6061 aluminum at the machine shop to save on cost. All of the machine drawings with dimensions can be found in Appendix B-2 and B-3.

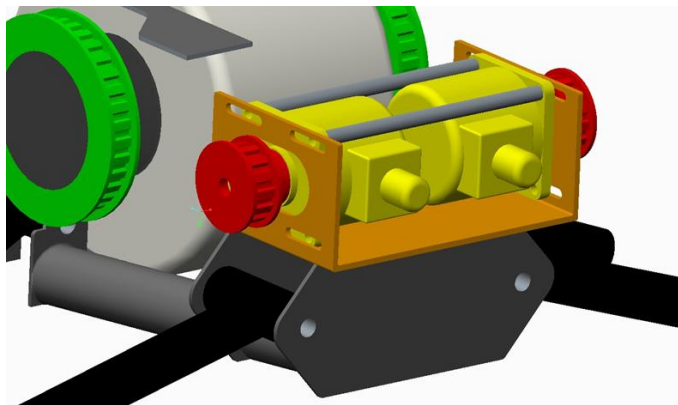


Figure 21: Final design for rear encoder mounting

- **Problems/Future Work**

The main problem encountered in the design of the encoder mounts was all location and functionality. There are very few locations where the encoders could have been placed to work properly. This led to the current design of an entire encoder assembly simply bolted to the frame in two locations. In operation, possible problems that can arise will be debris getting caught in the moving belts or the encoders being subject to impacts. The front encoders are especially sensitive to impact from ground terrain so a skid/impact plate will be made to cover and protect the encoders.

During the next semester of this project the plan is to start the manufacturing and testing of the mounts. Prototyping with laser cut ABS plastic will be done if clearance issues need to be addressed.

- *Steering Motor Mounting*

The steering motor that was installed last year was under powered and needs to be replaced with one that can provide more torque. The mounting design in place now is an aluminum frame bolted to the frame of the ATV just in front of the steering column. The motor and steering column are mechanically coupled by a heavy duty chain. Since the mounting design is already in place and works very well there is no need to modify the current design heavily. There is only a need to install the new motor in place of the old one.

- **Design concept 1**

This design directly places the new motor in the same location of the old motor. There only needs to be two modifications to the current mounting system. The first modification is to machine a bigger diameter hole in the motor gear to accommodate the larger output shaft of the motor. After initial measurements it was found that the current mount is wide enough to fit the new motor with only recreating one piece of the aluminum mount. This plate (red) modification can be seen in Figure 22. A larger counter-bore will be machined and the mounting holes are rotated 45 degrees to be able to fit within the width constraints of the previous mount.

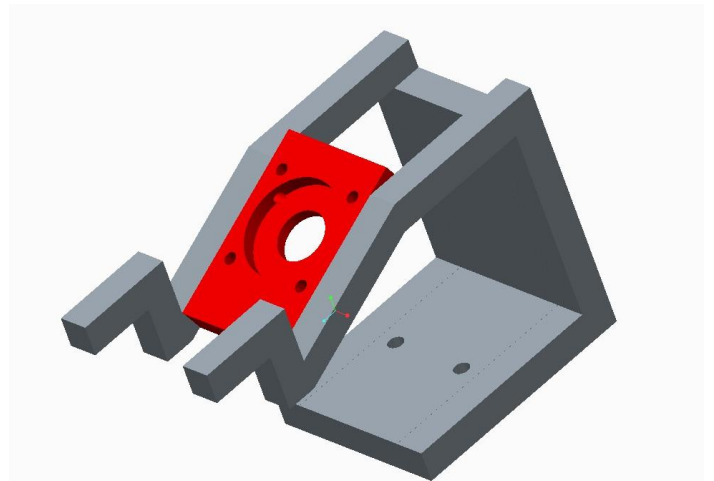


Figure 22: Modified aluminum motor mount

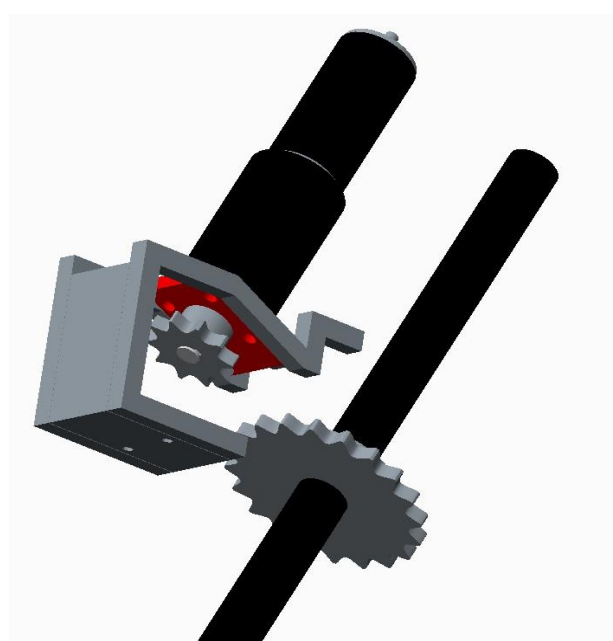


Figure 23: Full system representation with larger motor installed on new mount

Pros

- Very simple design modification
- Utilizes existing mounts
- Can be plugged directly into existing wired connections
- Minimal fabrication and material costs

Cons

- Larger motor will cause larger bending moment and stress in the mount.

- **Design Concept Selection**

For this design there was no selection process. This was due to the fact that there was already a motor mount and drive system in place for the steering. Since the current design worked well but only needed a stronger motor it was clear that only a slight modification should be made to the motor plate to accommodate the larger motor.

- Final Concept

The new motor mount has all of the same dimensions and bolt holes as the old one with exceptions for the depth and diameter of the motor recess and the bolt spacing to the motor face. Also, the edges of the mount were rounded to reduce stress concentrations and overall weight. The mount will be bolted directly in place of the old mount using the existing holes and bolts in the mount. The machine drawing for this part can be found in Appendix E-3. To prove the structural stability of the new mount, it was rendered in CREO Parametric and an FEM analysis was performed. To perform a correct analysis of this part the worst case scenario was used. The worst case scenario for maximum force applied to the mount would be if the motor was given max voltage and current when the motor is not moving due to external forces such as the steering reaching the end of its travel. The torque applied by the motor at this condition is called stall torque. With a gear ratio of 100:1 this stall torque value is 892 Nm. This torque was then applied to the bolt holes to the motor and the results can be seen below in Figure 24.

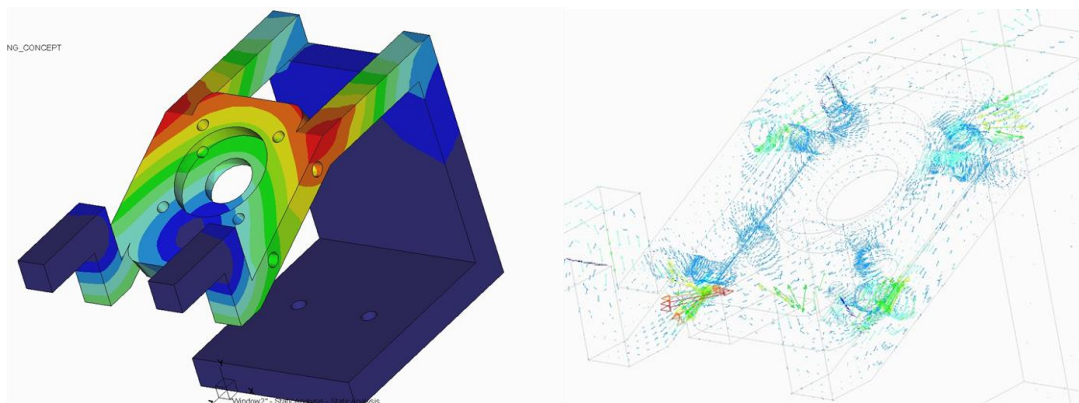


Figure 24: Left: Displacement of motor mount under load. Right: Stress concentrations of motor mount under load

The mount is made from 6061 aluminum with a yield strength of 240 MPa. The max stress seen in the simulation was 95 MPa, resulting in a factor of safety of 2.55. A closer look at the mount in Figure 25 shows that the stress concentrations are located at the bolt holes where the torque was applied. The motor mount is one of the few parts that will need to be water jet and machined using a CNC.

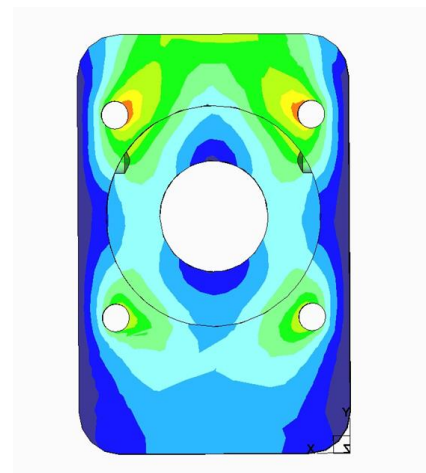


Figure 25: Stress concentrations near the bolt holes in the motor mount

- **Problems/Future Work**

The main problem with this part is that it is relatively complex and it needs a good amount of machining to obtain the correct dimensions. This means more expense and time in the machining process with not much room for errors. The motor is chain driven to the steering column so tight tolerances are not very important there, but since the motor is a precision made motor, the tolerances to mount the motor to the plate will need to be tight. Next semester the raw materials will be ordered and the manufacturing of this mount will begin.

- *GPS Mounting*

The ProPak-G2 plus GPS will serve as an ad-hoc network between the Toughbook running ROS and the designated computer running QNX while also receiving and transmitting location data for waypoint navigation. This requires the GPS and receiver to be mounted in a place where the data will not interfere with other sensors and the environmental danger is a minimum. The three designs that were generated all accomplish these tasks. Both items have low enough weight to allow mounting on the body as compared to the frame. This gives us many location points to mount including the hood and trunk. Another consideration is that the wire between the GPS and the receiver is short (about 12 inches). The GPS and receiver cannot be mounted farther apart than this distance on the ATV. The receiver will also be connected to a 12 inch pipe which allows us for easier mounting. This pipe has no effect on the transmittance of data.

- **Design Concept 1**

The first design includes mounting the GPS and receiver on the front hood of the ATV as shown in Figures 26 and 27. The GPS will be mounted on the left or right side where there are fewer indentations. This provides a flat, easily-accessible surface for mounting. The pipe the receiver is connected to will be mounted in one of the holes on the hood. These holes are close to the diameter size of the pipe but will need further stabilization through an aluminum pipe at its ground. This position is open to the environment and should be taken to account in the decision making process.

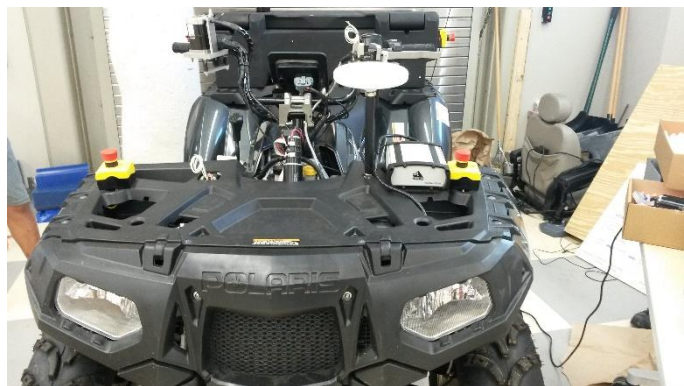


Figure 26: Left side configuration



Figure 27: Right side configuration

The receiver or GPS (depending on the orientation) will also be in close proximity to the emergency cut off switch which can be hazardous.

Pros

- Easily accessible
- Simple to install

Cons

- Receiver stability is low due to one ground point
- GPS open to environment
- Items close to emergency cut-off switch

- **Design Concept 2**

The next design includes mounting the GPS on the cover of the trunk as shown in Figure 28. The cover of the trunk has a box-like shape with a hollow inside. Its thickness at most points is about 4 inches. At some points, however, the thickness decreases to about 1 inch. Such a location is where the GPS will be mounted. This position prevents the GPS from coming in contact with other items inside the trunk. The receiver can be mounted to the left of the GPS, above the trunk cover. The pipe the receiver is connected to will be placed inside the cover. A hole will be drilled where the lower end of the pipe is located in Figure 29. This is in-line with the hole located to the left of the GPS in Figure 28. The pipe will then sit inside the cover of the trunk and have two ground points to provide stability. An aluminum plate will also be positioned on the lower end on the inside of the truck cover. This will ground the pipe and provide a more stable environment for the receiver.

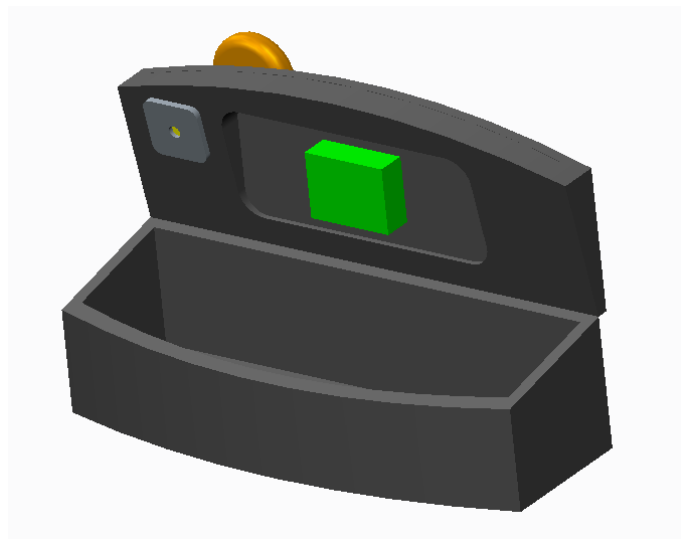


Figure 28: Trimetric view of trunk and GPS receiver

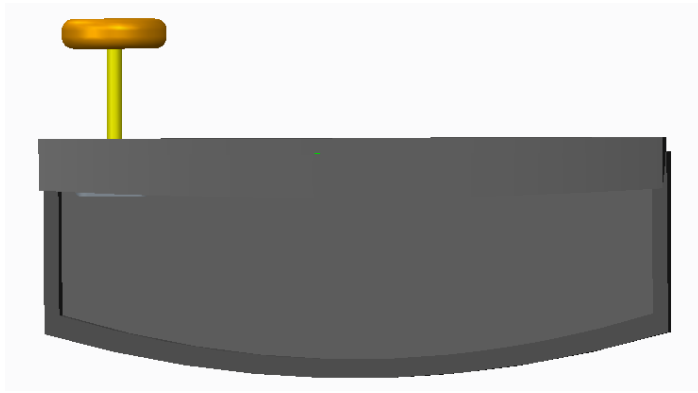


Figure 29: Top View of GPS antenna

Pros

- Mounted inside trunk provides protection
- Receiver is more stable than front configuration
- Easily accessible
- Reduces crowding in front of ATV

Cons

- Aluminum plate required for receiver stability
- GPS location adds another heat source for the trunk

- **Design Concept Selection**

Our GPS selection involved the same decision matrix previously used, as shown in Table 3. The two design concepts were analyzed and we found that Design Concept 2, the trunk mount, was the most suitable for our requirements. A few main components of this design that led to this decision are its small interference and low susceptibility to damage. The GPS will be encased in a truck so interference with sensory equipment or the person riding the ATV will be zero. The Antenna will also be located in a place where there are no other sensors or people. The GPS will also be heavily protected from the environment since it is enclosed in the trunk. The antenna will be more susceptible to very low hanging trees since it will be located at the highest part of the ATV. We found that this will be acceptable though because the antenna will only protrude 6 inches from the trunk lid.

Table 3: GPS Decision Matrix

	Weight	Design concept 1	Design concept 2
Functionality (does it work as it should)	10	10	10
Simplicity (# of parts)	7.5	9	8
Ease of manufacture	6.5	8.5	8
Low cost	5	9	8.5
Low time to manufacture	7.5	9	8.5
Small amount of interfearence (parts/human)	9	6.5	8.5
Low suceptability to damage(enviroment impact or rust etc.	7	7	8
Ease of data calculation	4	10	10
Ease of adjustment	4	9	8
Low energy consumption	5.5	10	10
Lightweight	3	9	8.5
	Final score	600.75	603.25
	Max Possible	690	

- Final Concept

Our final design is illustrated to the right in Figure 30. No major changes were made to the design in Concept 2. The GPS will be mounted using four nuts and bolts on the outer corners. The mounting points are already located on the GPS itself. The antenna will still be mounted through the trunk lid and have the aluminum plate at the base of the lid for added stability. This plate, shown in Appendix D-2, will also be mounted using four nuts and bolts on the outer corners. The antenna itself will screw into the plate at the base. The plate will be made of Al6061 for its low cost and ease of manufacturability and it will be cut either using a water jet or in one of the FAMU-FSU COE Machine Shops. The nuts and bolts required will be ordered through McMaster-Carr.

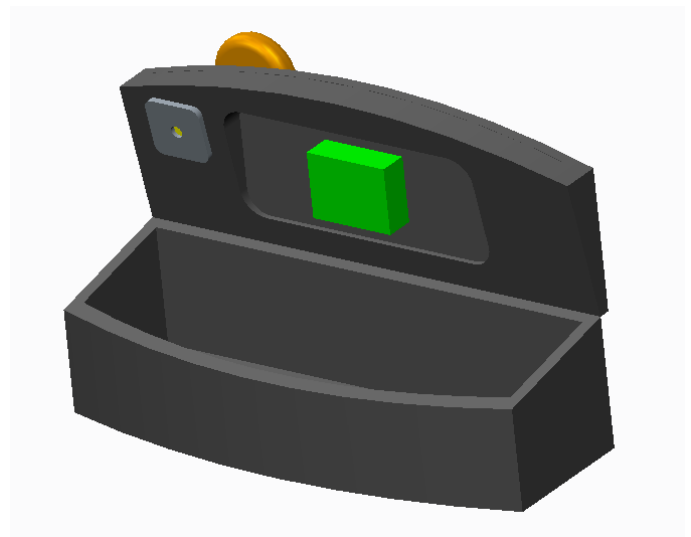


Figure 30: Finalized GPS Mounting

The modeling done for the GPS and antenna placement was done in PTC Creo. We did not perform stress analysis on the components because we assume the light weight of both the GPS and antenna will not cause any structural failure of the trunk lid.

- **Problems/Future Work**

A few problems were encountered in the creation and selection of our designs. One was the concave shape of the inside trunk lid where the GPS will be mounted. This causes a less than perfect angular mate between the GPS and the lid. We will solve this by incorporating rubber stoppers to allow more angular clearance. Another problem is the GPS adding another heat source to the trunk. However, we found this addition to be minuscule and within the cooling range of our heat dissipation system. Our final issue is the screwing in of the antenna to the lower plate. The tap required to make this will be quite large and we are unsure if the machine shops can do this. We plan to overcome this by press fitting or welding the antenna to the plate if need be. Some future problems that may arise is longer machining time than planned, accidents causing part failure or issues with placing the bolts in the trunk lid for the plate. We hope to solve these by perfecting our designs, follow proper testing procedure, and possibly cut slits in the side of the lid to position the bolts.

Work for the future includes ordering the raw materials and bolts. Machining and water jetting the materials need to be complete in time for construction and testing. Testing must be done so ensure functionality.

- *Heat Dissipation*

One problem that arose with last year's project was that all of the added electrical components that were installed in the rear trunk were producing excessive heat. This caused concern of overheating and possible damage to these expensive components. The trunk also serves as protection of these components from water. The excess heat must be removed from the system without compromising the components protection from water damage. The estimated amount of heat energy added from all of the components is ~64 W. As for the level of protection from water that should be maintained, the trunk should remain protected from rain and splashes of water but it is not expected that the ATV would be submerged since it is not operable under water as well.

- **Design Concept 1**

A simple but effective way of removing heat from a system is by natural convection. This entails perforating ventilation slits into the trunk while keeping the electrical components protected from water. The design in Figure 31 shows how this could be done. The best placement for these slits would be on the front and rear of trunk and not on the bottom or top. Slits on the top or bottom would leave the electrical components susceptible to water. To help protect the contents from water, panels will be placed around the slits. The slits would also allow cooler air from the environment to flow into the trunk and assist with cooling the components.

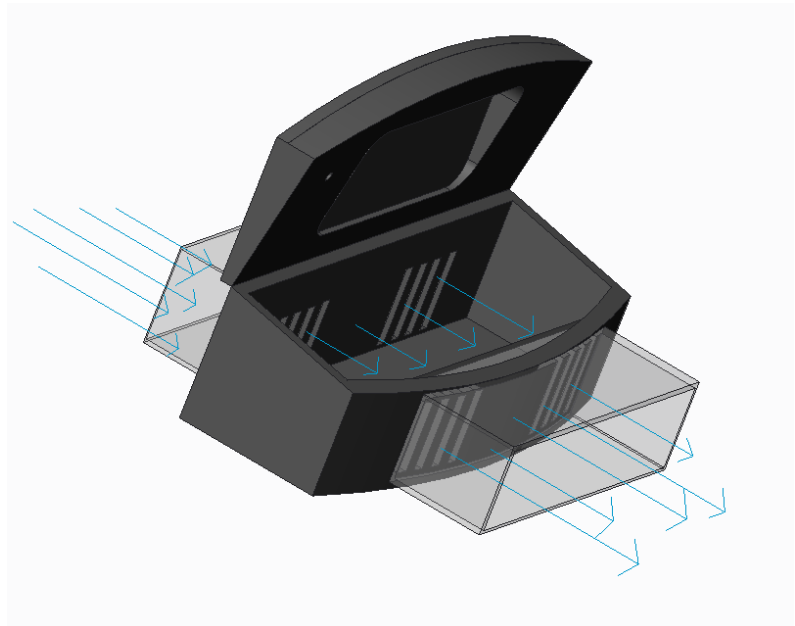


Figure 31: Trimetric view of trunk with natural convection cooling slits and protective water barrier

Pros

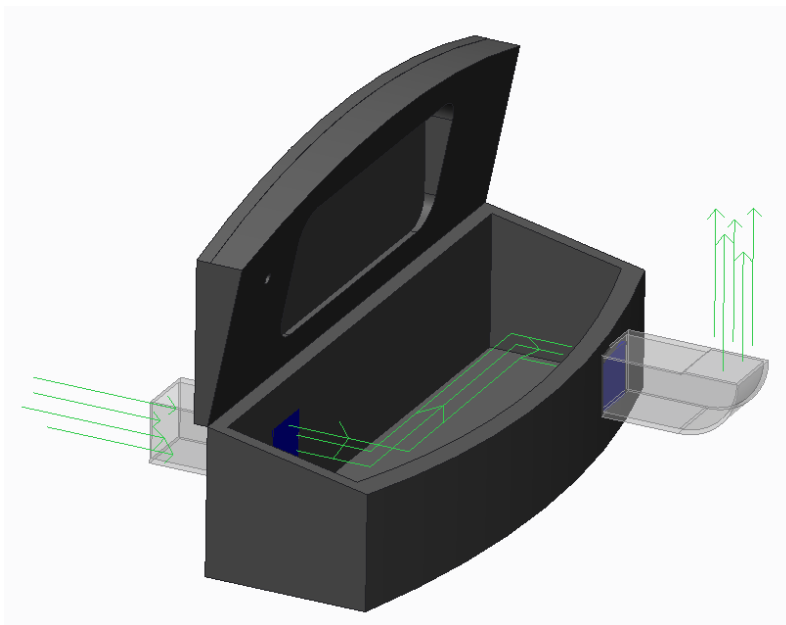
- Inexpensive
- Simple
- Consumes no extra power

Cons

- May not remove enough heat
- May allow entry of debris

- Design Concept 2

This design utilizes forced convection from fans that will be mounted into the walls of the trunk. This design has two fans, one located on the front left and one fan on the rear right.



The fan in the front sucks in outside air and the fan in the back pushes air out of the trunk. This would create a good flow of air through the trunk and across the electrical components. Also to help block water from entering, panels or tubing would be placed around the fans. This is the best placement for the fans as well.

Figure 32: Trimetric view of forced convection with fans (blue)

Pros

- Relatively inexpensive
- Large heat removing capability
- Fans easily wired to power source in trunk

Cons

- Uses extra electrical power to run
- May be damaged by debris

- Design Concept 3

This design involves liquid cooling. This requires the installation of two heat exchangers, pump, expansion and storage tank, and tubing for the liquid. The first heat exchanger would be mounted outside of trunk with a fan attached to it. A pump would also be mounted onto the trunk with tubing connecting the two in a cyclic formation. The second heat exchanger would be in contact with either the air inside the trunk or in direct contact with the hot surfaces of the electronic components.

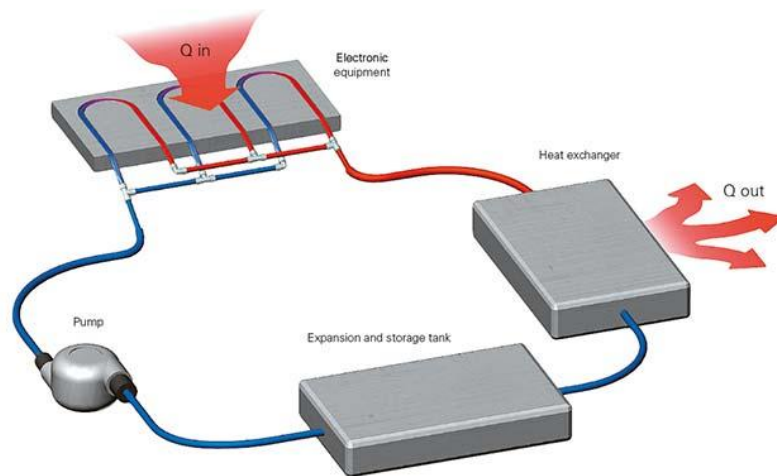


Figure 33: Liquid cooling concept diagram

Pros

- Waterproof
- Excellent heat removing capability

Cons

- Very expensive
- Uses extra electrical power to drive pump
- Very complex, lots of manufacturing

- **Design Concept Selection**

Through use of a decision matrix in Table 4, Concept 2 was the best choice for dissipating the necessary heat from the trunk of the ATV. The biggest advantage over Concept 1 was its functionality. Concept 1 would not have provided the necessary heat dissipating ability required to keep the electronics in the ATV at a safe operating temperature. Concept 3’s biggest disadvantages was the high amount of energy consumption through the use of a heat exchanger and pump, high cost, and complexity of design. Concept 2 is fairly simple and has a somewhat low cost.

Table 4: Decision matrix of heat dissipation concepts

		Design concept 1	Design concept 2	Design concept 3
	Weight			
Functionality (does it work as it should)	10	6	8	10
Simplicity (# of parts)	7.5	7	6	2
Ease of manufacture	6.5	7.5	7	3
Low cost	5	9	8	3
Low time to manufacture	7.5	8	7.5	3
Small amount of interference (parts/human)	9	6	8.5	7
Low suceptability to damage(enviroment impact or rust etc..)	7	6.5	8	9
Ease of data calculation	4	10	10	10
Ease of adjustment	4	3	5.5	6
Low energy consumption	5.5	10	8.5	4
Lightweight	3	8	9	4.5
	Final score	496.75	535	397.5
	Max Possible Score	690		

- **Final Concept**

In our analysis of the amount of heat that needed to be dissipated we made a few assumptions to simplify the problem yet keep it accurate. We first assumed a worst case scenario that the outside air temperature would be 90°F and that the internal surfaces of the ATV trunk components would be isothermal at 130°F max. Then after taking the Prandtl number, thermal conductivity, viscosity, and density at film temperature we modeled it as forced convection over a flat plate. This gave us the amount of heat that will need to be dissipated as 64.49 W. After finding the needed volumetric flow rate we would need to remove this much heat we were able select the proper fans. The proper fans have a 250 CFM rating. This is just enough heat removal to cover the 64W of heat generated by the internal electronics.

There are also two tubes that need to be manufactured and added to the trunk that will allow air to flow through the trunk and still protect the inside electronics from water and debris. These tubes will be laser cut out of abs plastic and will utilize baffles inside the tubes to reject and block water and debris. All of the machine drawings with dimensions can be found in Appendix F-1 and F-2.

- **Problems/Future Work**

After this design was selected we had to change the tube where air would flow into the trunk. It was apparent that the way it protruded might interfere with a human sitting on the ATV during manual use. So to correct this issue the tube was changed from its 180° angle to a 90° angle that curves immediately upward from the trunk with an opening in the direction of the airflow.

We also initially estimated the amount of heat dissipated to be between 250-300 W. But this estimate was largely incorrect because this was assuming the electrical components were operating at 0% efficiency. After we realized this we then found the efficiencies of these components to be over 90% each lowering our heat dissipation needs to 64.4 W.

In the future it might be simpler to use waterproof electronics that sat outside of the trunk that way they could dissipate the heat they produced through natural convection.

- *IMU Mounting*

The Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) is a crucial tool for autonomous vehicles. The IMU in use for this project is a 6 degree of freedom inertial system which uses 6 elements to measure linear acceleration and angular rate. This is used to help the computer track the ATV's position. When choosing a placement for this unit on the ATV it is best to mount the IMU centrally on the vehicle for ease of data calculation and where it will encounter the least amount of vibration or damage.

- **Design Concept 1**

The first possible location to mount the IMU is inside the trunk. The benefits of this location is that it will be protected from weather elements, receive cooling if needed, will receive small amounts of vibration, and be easily connected to the computer. The drawback with this location is that it will not be centrally located on the vehicle.

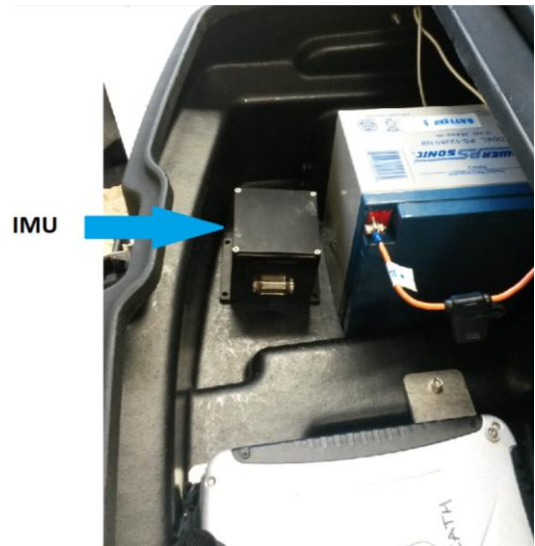


Figure 34: IMU mounting location inside trunk

- **Design Concept 2**

The second possible location for the IMU to be mounted is between the ATV's seat and handlebars. This location is beneficial in that it is located close to the center of the ATV and it will receive minimal vibrations from the ground. The drawbacks to this location is that the IMU will not be protected from weather elements and that the unit will have to be directly connected to the computer inside the trunk about three feet away. A cover will have to be put over the IMU to protect it from weather elements and also possible damage from a human driver.

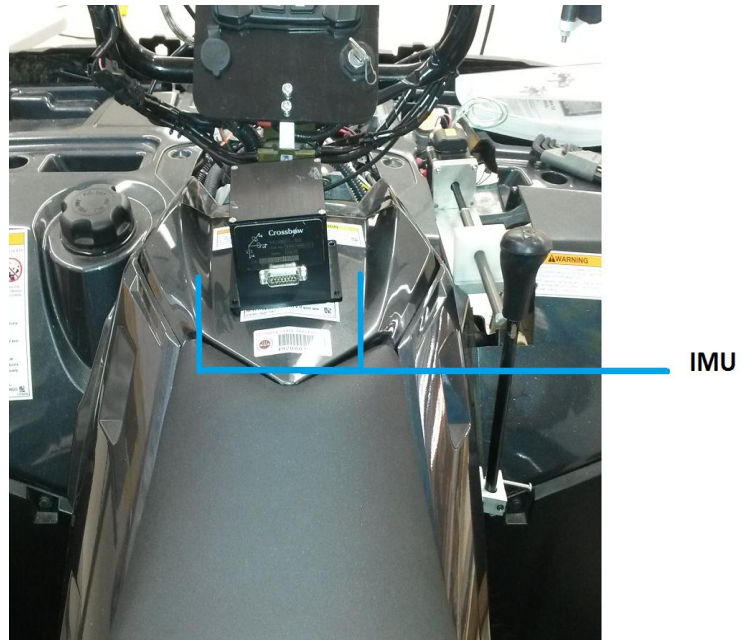


Figure 35: IMU mounting location between handlebars on the ATV's centerline

- **Design Concept 3**

The third possible location for the IMU to be mounted is on the front hood of the ATV. This is beneficial in that the IMU will be in a location easy to install and the top plastic cover serves as a protective barrier around the edges. The drawbacks to this location is that it will not be protected from weather elements, have to be directly connected about five feet back to the computer inside the trunk, will receive moderate vibration from the front wheels, and is not centrally located.

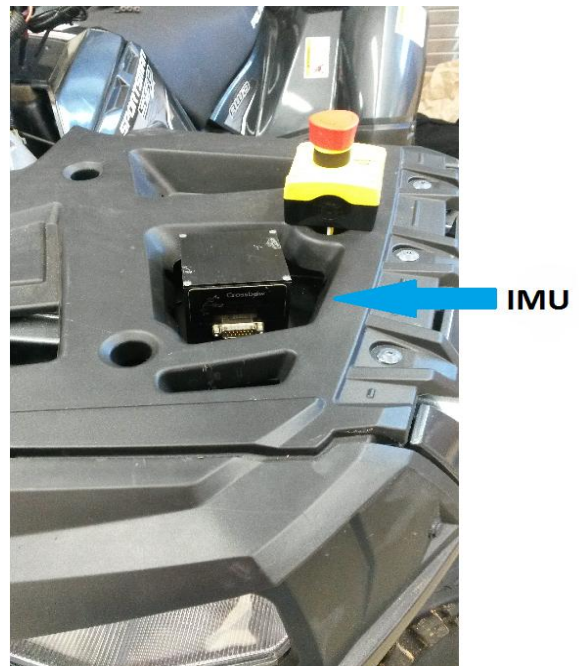


Figure 36: IMU mounting location on the hood of the ATV

- **Concept Selection**

Out of the three concepts for placement and mounting of the IMU, concept 1 received the best score from our decision matrix. In Table 5 it is clear that concept 1 had more advantages than the other two concepts. Concept 1’s biggest advantage over the other concepts was its low susceptibility to damage being located in the ATV trunk. Also concept 1 has a low cost to manufacture the mounting bracket as well as good simplicity of design.

Table 5: Decision matrix for the IMU mounting

		Design concept 1	Design concept 2	Design concept 3
	Weight			
Functionality (does it work as it should)	10	10	10	10
Simplicity (# of parts)	7.5	9.5	8.5	8.5
Ease of manufacture	6.5	10	9	9.5
Low cost	5	10	9	10
Low time to manufacture	7.5	10	8.5	9
Small amount of interfearence (parts/human)	9	7	6	8
Low suceptability to damage(enviroment impact or rust etc..)	7	10	6	8
Ease of data calculation	4	7	10	7
Ease of adjustment	4	8.5	9	8
Low energy consumption	5.5	10	10	10
Lightweight	3	10	9.5	10
	Final score	641.25	586.5	616
	Max Possib	690		

- **Final Concept**

This concept will have the IMU bolted inside of the ATV trunk where it will receive protection from water and debris. The IMU will also be in a prime location where the cable can be connected to it from the computer.

- **Problems/Future Work**

The only problem with this concept is that the IMU will not be centrally located on the ATV. This is not ideal because it makes the calculations more complex when programming.

For future work it would be ideal for any autonomous vehicle to have the IMU centrally located to easily determine inertial forces acting on the vehicle and then have the program correct them. This ensures that the vehicle does not flip over and is always operating at optimal ability.

Programming Needs and Control

Once all of the sensors are mounted there needs to be a way of processing the sensory data and sending outputs to the actuators. This is where the 3 laptops and wireless router will help achieve this task. Below in Figure 37 is the complete system block diagram.

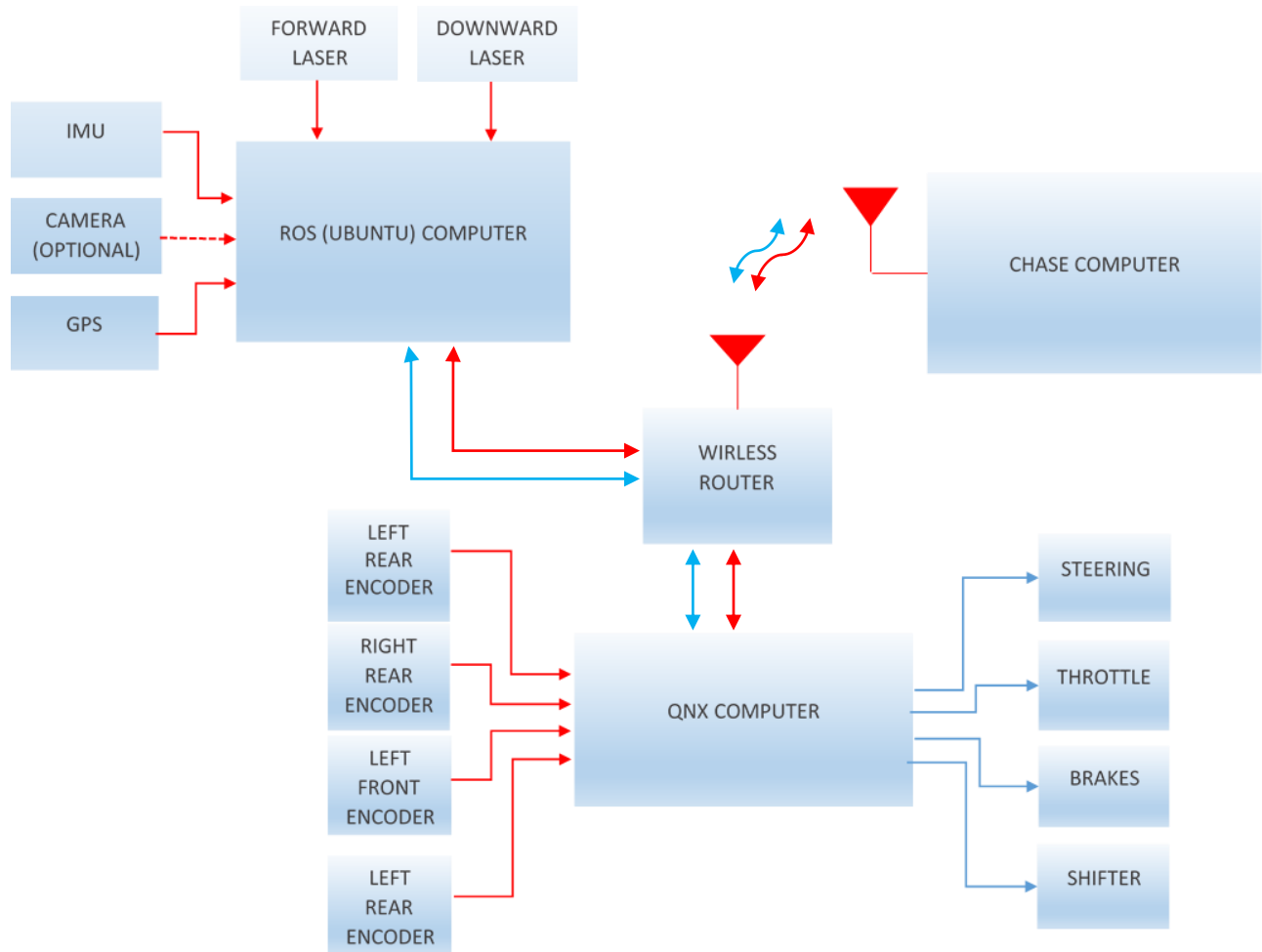


Figure 37: Full system block diagram

- Computer Coding Concept

The computer system on the ATV consists of two computers, one running Robot Operating System (ROS) and the other QNX. ROS is an open source software that helps manage hardware and contains reusable packages. ROS will be running on a laptop with Ubuntu operating system (OS), which is a Linux based OS. The C++ programming that will control the autonomous function will be running on ROS, this consists of the main program, and several functions. QNX is a real-time operating system that will be running on the other

computer on the ATV. This will receive the trajectory data from the ROS computer to control the encoders and motors.

The main program will be started by the user on the ROS system. When started it will first actuate the steering to calibrate the steering motor encoder. It will accomplish this by first turning the wheels all the way to one side until it mechanically cannot turn anymore, then turn the wheels all the way to the other side. Counting the encoder ticks will calibrate the system to identify the straight ahead position. After this the system will establish communication with all of its sensors, including the SICK laser, GPS, IMU, and camera. It will setup the protocols and keep track of the memory address of the ports for later use. The main program will then continue to run in a continuous loop awaiting instruction from the user chase computer. The user can either pick waypoint following or road following, in which the program will jump into its appropriate function. From either the waypoint or road following functions the system will output the direction and speed data which will be sent to the QNX computers to be execute. The Pseudo code for the main function is shown below.

- **Main Function Pseudo Code**

```
Main()
  Calibrate steering();

  Initialize communications to sensors();
  While(1){
    //Wait for user selection (waypoint or road following)

    IF (waypoint)
      Waypoint(s,d) - pseudo code below
    ELSE IF (road following)
      Road_following(s,d) - pseudo code below
    ELSE
      //Set stop flag
      Brake = 1;
    END IF
    Speed = s;
    Direction = d;
    Brake = stop flag;
    Shifter = forward;
  }
```

- Road Following Function Pseudo Code

```
//First sensors scans 3-5feet in front of the ATV
//Second sensors scans 15-20ft in front of the ATV
//x1 is the distance from road edge at 0 degrees(right side)
//x2 is the distance from road edge at 180 degrees (left side)
//d is the distance from an obstacle immediately in front of atv (ranged 55-125
degrees)
//y1 is the distance from the road at 60 degrees (right side)
//y2 is the distance from the road at 120 degrees (left side)
```

```
function firstsensor(s,d){
  int x1,x2,d,s,b
  IF (b<4.5feet) THEN
    Full brake to stop immediately
    Spin
  ELSE
    Do nothing
  END IF
  IF (x1=x2) THEN
    IF (s>5) THEN
      s = s
    ELSE
      s = s + 1 //increment speed
    END IF
  ELSE IF (x1<x2) THEN
    d = -2 //turn left
  ELSE IF (x1>x2) THEN
    d = 2 //turn right
  ELSE IF (x1<<x2) THEN
    d = -4
    IF (s >1) THEN
      s = s - 1
    ELSE
      s=s
    END IF
  ELSE IF (x1>>x2) THEN
    d = 4
    IF (s >1) THEN
      s = s - 1
```

```
        ELSE
            s=s
        END IF
    ELSE
    END IF
}
```

```
function secondsensor(s,d){
    int y1,y2
    IF (y1=y2) THEN
        s = s
    ELSE
        IF s < 3 THEN
            s = s
        ELSE
            s = s-1
        END IF
    END IF
}
```

```
Road_Following(s,d){
    function firstsensor(s,d);
    function secondsensor(s);
}
```

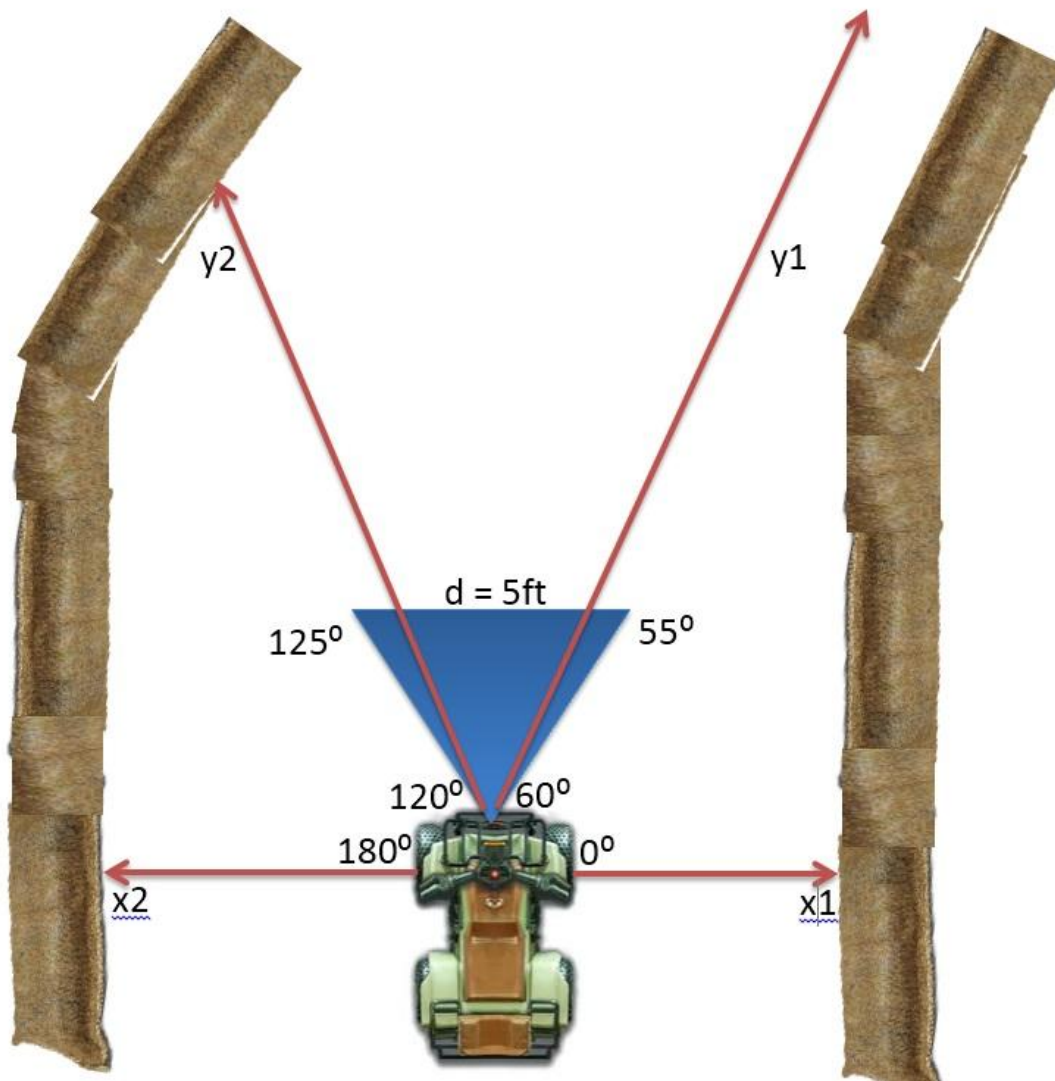


Figure 38: Logic behind sensory road following

Using ROS, the information from the SICK laser sensors are easily obtained and given by the angle and distance the object is from the sensor. This information will continuously and rapidly give the code information about three things, the distance and angle the ATV is from the sides of the road, the direction the road is heading (going straight, turning), and if there are any foreign objects in the direct route of the ATV. There have been two concepts generated in order to make the ATV autonomous with road following. Both of which involve the same pseudo code as stated above. These two concepts will be discussed below using Figure 38.

There are three continuous checks created by using IF statements that keep the ATV operating safely. These include if there are any objects directly in front of the ATV, if the

ATV is in safe operating range from the road edges, and if there are any changes of directions in the road route. The first sensor will cover the first two checks. Those two checks are if x_1 and x_2 are equal with x_1 being the distance directly to the right of the ATV and x_2 being the distance directly to the left of the ATV as well as the other check being if d has not picked up an object closer than 5 feet with d checking for an object directly in front and in the way of the ATV. The second sensor will cover the third check. This third check is to see if y_1 and y_2 are equal thus signifying that there is no turn ahead. If these checks are passed meaning that x_1 and x_2 are equal, y_1 and y_2 are equal, and there are no objects within five feet from the ATV then the ATV will start to move forward slowly. If the checks continue to be passed at true then the speed of the ATV will increase. However, if any of the checks fail, then there must be action taken by the ATV. If the sensors detect an object stationed in front of the ATV, then the ATV will immediately stop and not move until the object has been cleared. If the second check fails then the ATV will turn in order to get back in the safe zone and stay in it. Last, if the second sensor changes do to a turn in the path, then the ATV will slow its speed in order to prepare for the upcoming change in road direction.

The two different concepts involve the second and third check. The first concept will have a somewhat larger safe zone (hysteresis) for road following and allow the ATV not to slow down in a turn until the turn is immediately reached. This will allow the ATV to not have to make as many small adjustments in steering and will allow it to travel at a faster speed. This however will give more room for error in maybe hitting the sides of the road during straightaways and turns as well as have more possible obstacles in its path since the route of the ATV is wider.

The second concept will have a smaller, more precise safe zone (hysteresis) for travel in the road following, allowing it to be more controlled and have a more precise premeditated path. Also the ATV will start slowing its speed earlier when a turn in the road is indicated. Executing this concept will keep safety at the top of the line but may make the ATV run not as smoothly and will cause it to travel unnecessarily slower. These two concepts will be discussed in great detail between the ECE group members with input from the ME group members and researchers at CISCOR.

- Waypoint Navigation Function Pseudo Code

Basic Path Finding Algorithm:

Given a destination (x2,y2)

Record current position (x1,y1)

While (current position != destination)

 If $x1 < x2$

$x1 \leftarrow x1++$; using the encoders to determine the necessary trajectory

 else if $x1 > x2$

$x1 \leftarrow x1--$

 If $y1 < y2$

$y1 \leftarrow y1++$

 else if $y1 > y2$

$y1 \leftarrow y1--$

As an introductory project objective, this basic algorithm would be advantageous in determining the functionality of the GPS system and its integration with the network of the ATV. The user will give the ATV a destination and the ATV will incrementally alter its position to match the coordinates of its destination. The program can also be integrated with the simple object detection function that will be implemented so that the ATV will know to stop whenever it detects an insurmountable object.

The advantage of the design is its simplicity in finding a path to the objects destination. However, the design only prepares for one destination and does not determine the most efficient path of arrival. For instance, if the distance needed to travel in the X direction is larger than the distance in the Y, the ATV will travel in a diagonal direction until its Y distance is met. Afterwards, the ATV will then move in a horizontal direction until it arrives to its destination. The disadvantage lies in that instead of traveling directly to the destination, the ATV could take a two path motion as shown in the figure below where the circle indicates the destination.

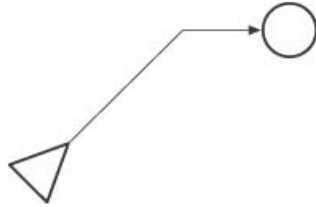


Figure 39: Basic path finding

One solution that is being explored is the Bresenham line algorithm which is used in computer science to draw a straight line on a square grid. It would be helpful due to the fact that GPS locations are based on a high resolution coordinate system similar to that of a computer. The left figure is an illustration of Bresenham's line algorithm and the figure on the right is an illustration of how it can correct the flaw of the basic path finding algorithm.

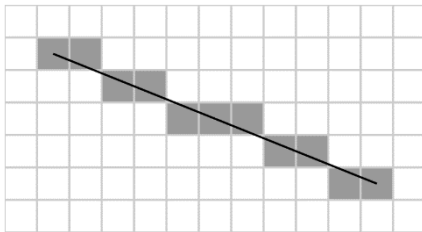


Figure 40: Bresenham's line algorithm

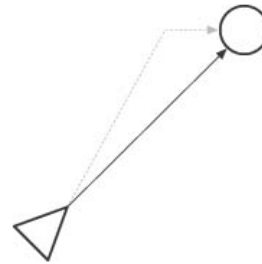


Figure 41: Application of Bresenham's line algorithm

For testing purposes, it would be ideal to test this design in an open field that is void of any major obstacles, yet large enough for the system to detect a distinct starting position and destination, relative to the precision of the GPS system.

The next plan of action will be to explore a way to help the ATV determine a path to its destination more efficiently. Ideally, the ATV should be able to determine where it is starting from and where it is going, without any input from the user at any time during the program's execution.

Waypoint Navigation Design

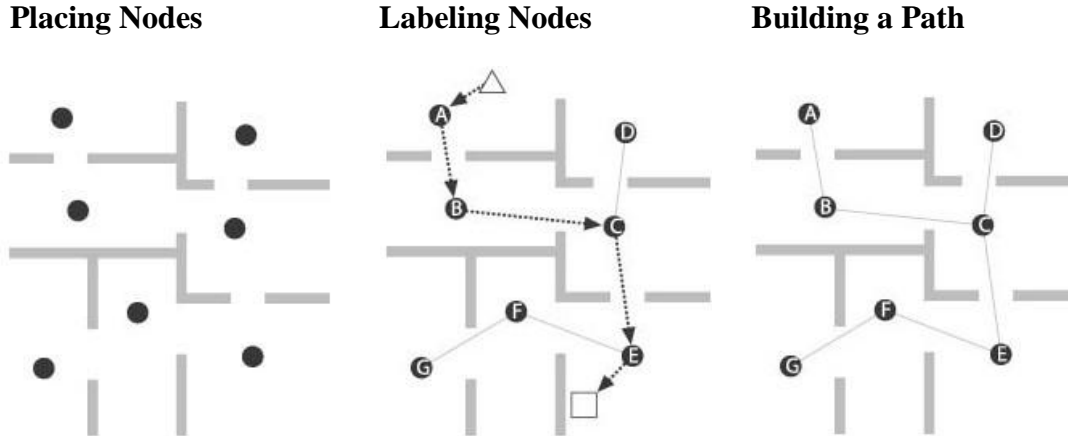


Figure 42: Placing, labeling nodes and building a path

	End						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	—	B	B	B	B	B	B
B	A	—	C	C	C	C	C
C	B	B	—	D	E	E	E
Start D	C	C	C	—	C	C	C
E	C	C	C	C	—	F	F
F	E	E	E	E	E	—	G
G	F	F	F	F	F	F	—

b. From F to D: $F \rightarrow E \rightarrow D$

Figure 43: Completed node table

Functionality

1. Given GPS mapping of the terrain, the user will strategically place nodes on map such that one will always be in the “line of sight” of at least one other node
2. The nodes will be labeled in order of nodes that are most accessible (or closest to each other)
3. Depending on the beginning node, a node table will be completed to help determine the best path to the destination. Examples:
 - a. From A to G: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow G$

This design will serve as a step up from the basic path finding algorithm described above. Instead of the user sending a single destination coordinate to the system for each, we can use the waypoint navigation design to set up nodes around a map, with one node being the “home” node. Using the basic path finding algorithm as a basis function, we can create a program that causes the ATV to first find the nearest node, regardless of its current position, and use the node table to find its way “home” from the node that it started from. The advantage of this waypoint navigation is that the ATV will not need step by step coordinate input from the user in order to find out how to get home.

- **Problems/Future Work**

During the course of the semester, several problems were encountered in communicating with the sensors. With the GPS, a connection was made to a Windows based computer in attempt to display its functionality through software made specifically for the GPS. Upon connection, a maximum of 2 satellites were detected and acquisition of a location signal was unsuccessful. In order to determine if the GPS is indeed functional, a plan was devised to ride in a car until a clear signal is detected. If no signal is detected, plans will be made to find an updated GPS device. If a signal is detected, the next plan of action would be to connect the GPS to the Toughbook and begin acquiring information through the ROS system

For the SICK laser, there was a problem with the linkage between it and the ROS computer. Using the software from SICK on a windows computer, no connection of any kind could be established. Using the Ubuntu computer a connection was established using ROS, however, the baud rate synchronization could not be set, thus not allowing ROS to read the data from the SICK laser. This has caused a slight delay in our Gantt chart for the ECE's. However, with more collaboration from the CISCOR researchers, this problem shall be resolved and further work will be resumed including coding of the autonomous road following algorithms.

Once all the previous problems stated above are resolved coding for autonomous control of the ATV will begin. For road following, a PID controller will be implemented in order to better control the ATV. Without a PID controller, the ATV will be constantly re-correcting itself in order to stay in the middle of the road as well as adjust the speed of the ATV way too much. This will smooth out the motions of the ATV, help control itself better and be more precise in where it needs to be as well as being more precise in changing its direction when needed.

Risk and Reliability Assessment

There are many risks involved any time a large vehicle is moving around people. This risk is greatly increased when a human is not controlling the vehicle. Any small error in code, wiring error, sensor malfunction, or miscalculation can cause the vehicle to behave erratically and harm people or the surrounding environment.

To reduce these risks to humans or the environment, many safety protocols will be implemented into the computer code and mechanical system. If any sensory information is lost the code will automatically release the throttle, straighten the steering, and apply the brake. This same protocol will execute if there are any obstacles sensed in the path of the ATV or if it is oriented at an angle too extreme to correct its path without running off of the road. This protocol will also be implemented if there is any loss of connection between any of the three computers. All of the previous safety protocols will be the primary method of accident prevention. If any of these fail there must be a physical safety protocol that can be activated. The physical safety protocol will be a kill button activated by an operator watching the ATV. If the ATV starts to do anything that could potentially harm humans or the environment that is not protected against by the primary safety protocol, the emergency cutoff switch will be activated by the operator viewing the test. When the cutoff switch is pressed, it will activate a RF relay that activates the same cutoff switch circuit that is already installed on the ATV. If any communication is lost between the RF relay and the button, the cutoff will automatically activate.

One of the requirements of this project was that a human should also be able to operate the ATV when it is not in autonomous mode. Last year all of the actuators were installed such that a human could still drive the vehicle. All of the sensors that will be mounted this year will also not interfere with the human operation of the vehicle. Since there is not much change from a human driving a non-modified ATV compared to the modified one, all of the normal safety precautions associated with driving an ATV will be implemented by the human operator.

Procurement/Budget/Resources

For this project, CISCOR has already supplied the sensors, ATV, workspace, and a budget of 1500.00 USD. This budget is set aside mainly for wiring, connectors and building materials for sensor mounts. A preliminary cost analysis has been done for all of these materials. As of now the cost of materials is around 550.00 USD. This includes a 100.00 USD buffer for unaccounted materials such as extra nuts, bolts, or fasteners that may have been necessary later when a more refined design is built. Also some of the materials that will be used will be acquired from scrap pieces from the FSU/COE machine shop. This is done to reduce the cost of buying large sheets of new material for small parts that need to be made when there are plenty of sufficiently sized pieces of material available for free.

A large amount of the raw materials will be purchased from McMaster-Carr which is a widely used source of parts that FSU/COE uses. Since an absolute parts list is not finalized yet, the plan is to order these parts very close to the beginning of next semester. This decision was made due to the fact that parts from McMaster-Carr usually arrive within 2 days of the order. A list of all raw materials and parts can be seen below in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Preliminary parts list and cost analysis

Website	Part	Number	Quantity	Price	Total Price
Mcmaster-Carr	205CFM fan	1939K96	2	73.42	146.84
Mcmaster-Carr	m5 0.8 20mm bolts for enc	91290A242	1	10.99	10.99
Mcmaster-Carr	0.5 in thick 18x18 in 6061 for laser	89155K29	1	152.43	152.43
Mcmaster-Carr	8mm Dia 6061 rod for enc	4634T14	1	4.68	4.68
Mcmaster-Carr	Marine Sealant	67015A51	1	21.55	21.55
Mcmaster-Carr	0.5 in thick 21 in long front belt	6484K147	3	10.33	30.99
Mcmaster-Carr	0.5 in thick 20.2 in long rear belt	1679K267	3	13.44	40.32
Mcmaster-Carr	nuts/ bolts/ fasteners		1	100	100
Amazon	RS232 to USB converter		4	14.95	59.8
				Total	567.6

The FAMU/FSU College of Engineering has many resources available for the team to use. At the main workspace in the CISCOR lab there are all of the necessary tools needed to disassemble and reassemble the necessary parts of the ATV. The CISCOR lab also supplies all of the electrical equipment necessary for assembling and testing the electrical systems including DMM's, computers, oscilloscopes, soldering irons, wires, and connectors. CISCOR and the College of Engineering also supply all of the manufacturing tools needed to create all of the parts

needed for mounting the sensors. In the lab there is a small machine shop with a 2D laser cutter used for rapid prototyping using ABS plastic and a drill press along with other necessary manufacturing tools. Knowing that the machine shop will be very busy during the next semester, most of the parts we were designed in such a way that they can be cut out in 2D on a water jet and assembled later. This was done because a student on the team is authorized to operate the water jet and does not need to submit work orders and wait a long time for parts to be made. This will cut down drastically on manufacturing time and brings simplicity to the designs. In any of the parts that need excess machining, the machine shop at the College of Engineering also has a CNC, lathe, and an end mill.

Conclusion

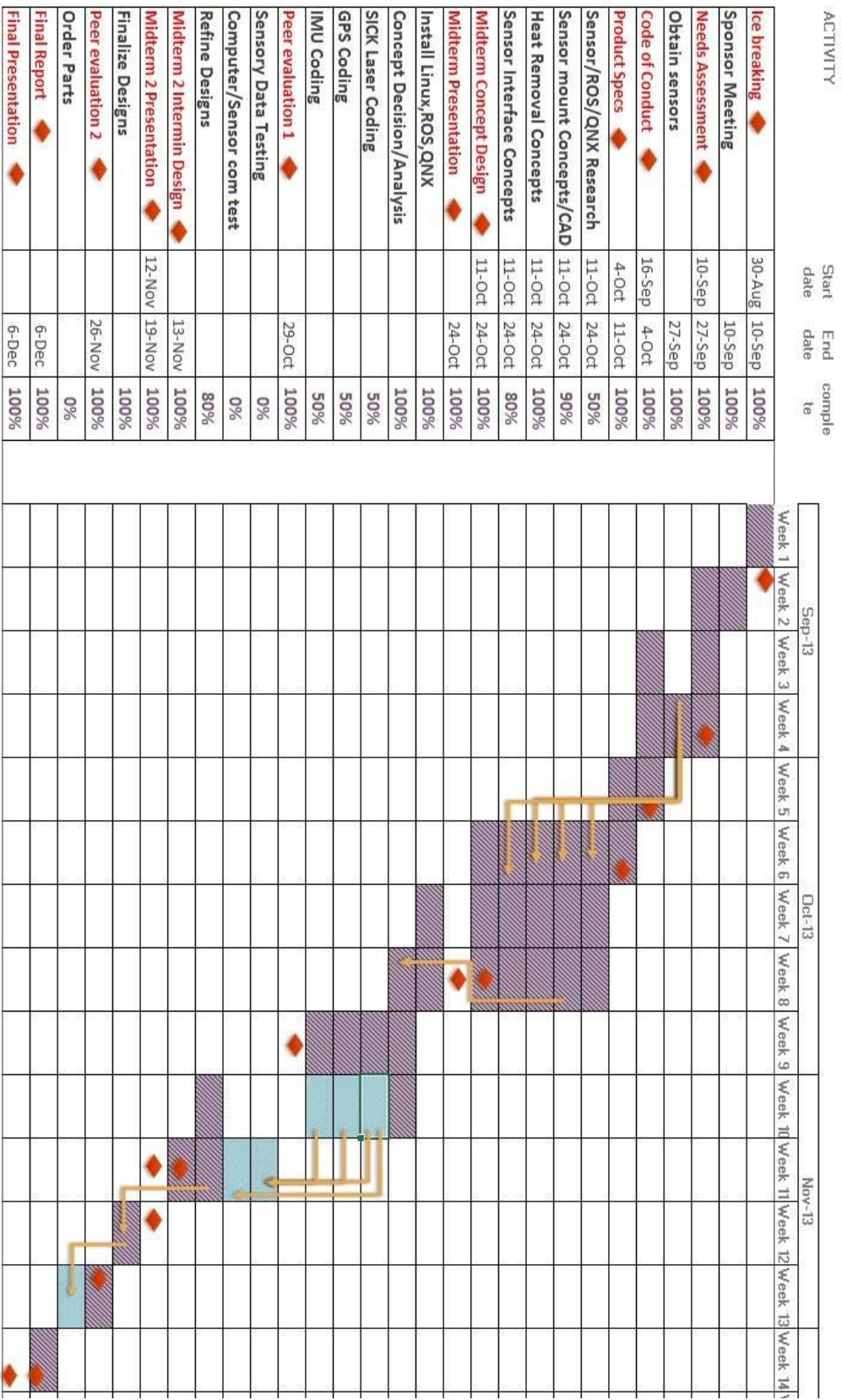
The scope of this project is very large. Many considerations have been taken in the final design of each component and the proper analysis has been applied to prove the functionality of each design. We are confident that all of the sensor mounts will function properly and manufacturing and testing of the sensors will be completed by the end of the spring semester.

Environmental Safety

This project will not pose any major harm to the environment. No large scale chemical or mechanical processes occur that can damage local inhabitants, surroundings or wildlife. However, the vehicle involved is large and heavy enough to damage trees or humans if traveling at a high enough speed. The ATV is also gas powered, so this may pose a threat if the tank were to rupture. The safety protocol for this is discussed under Risk and Reliability Assessment. These precautions will ensure the safety of the people and environment around the ATV.

The mounts were designed to be as ergonomic as possible with respect to the driver. No sensors will be in direct contact or interference with the driver of the ATV.

Team 10 Autonomous ATV (GOLIATH)



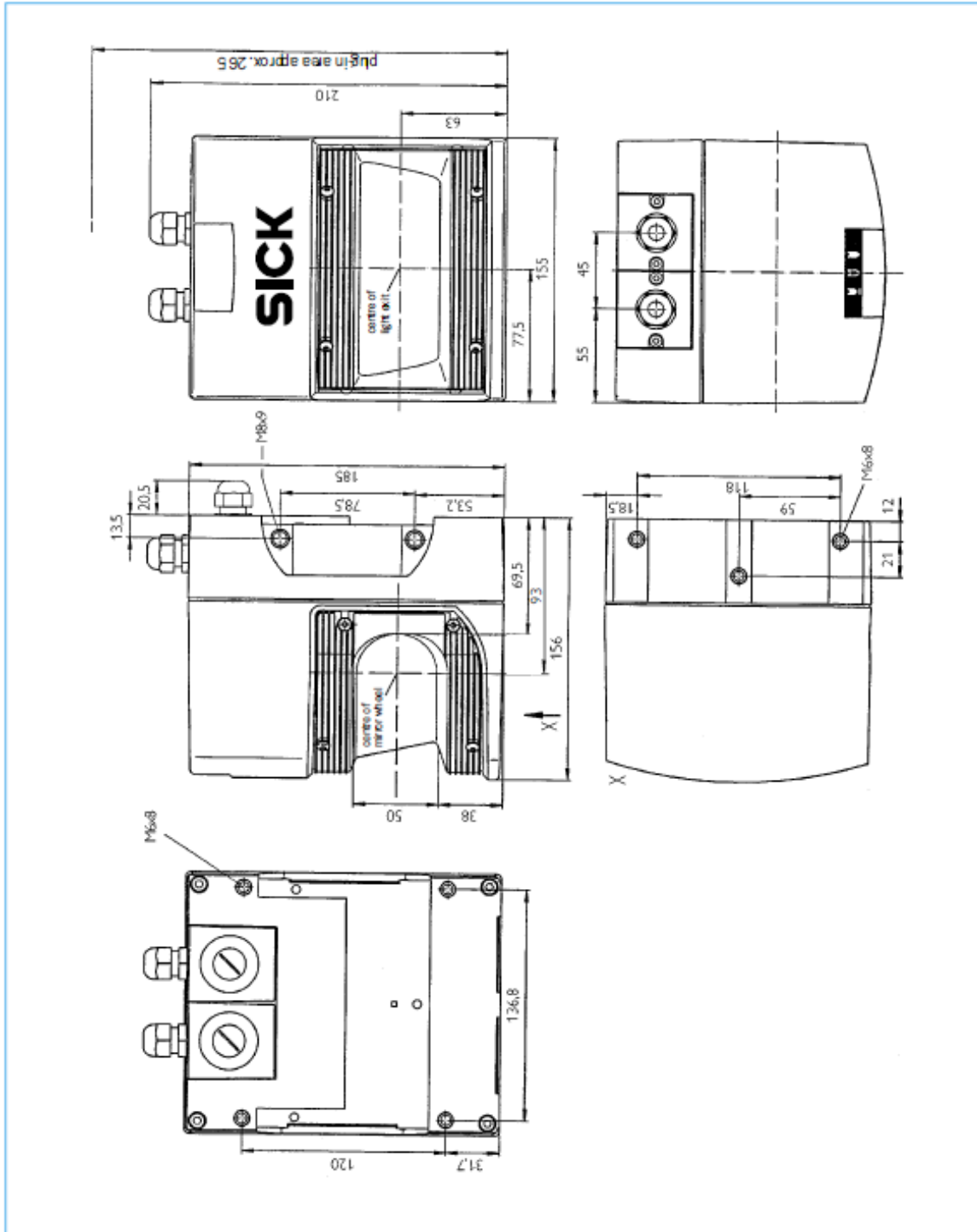
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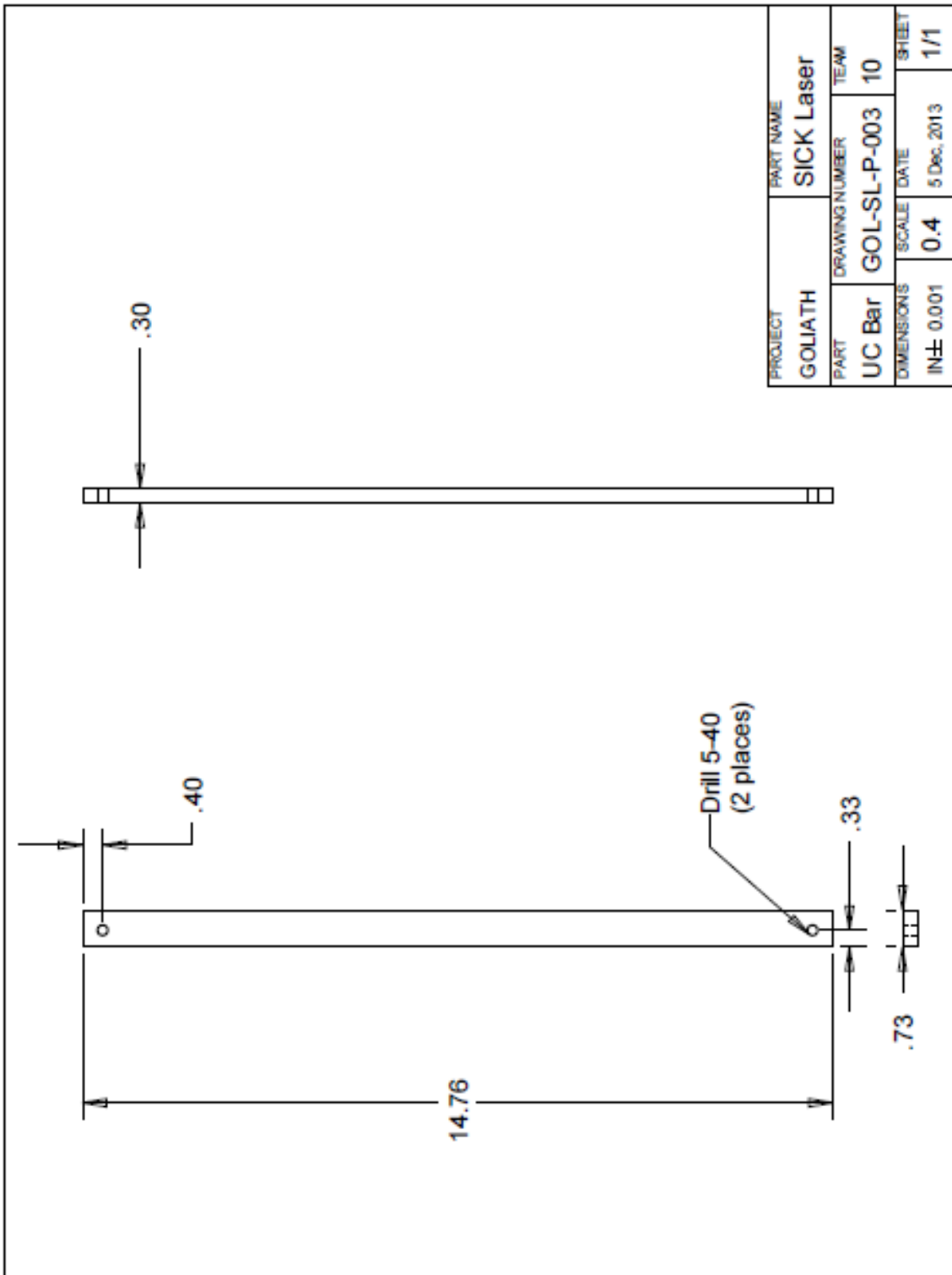
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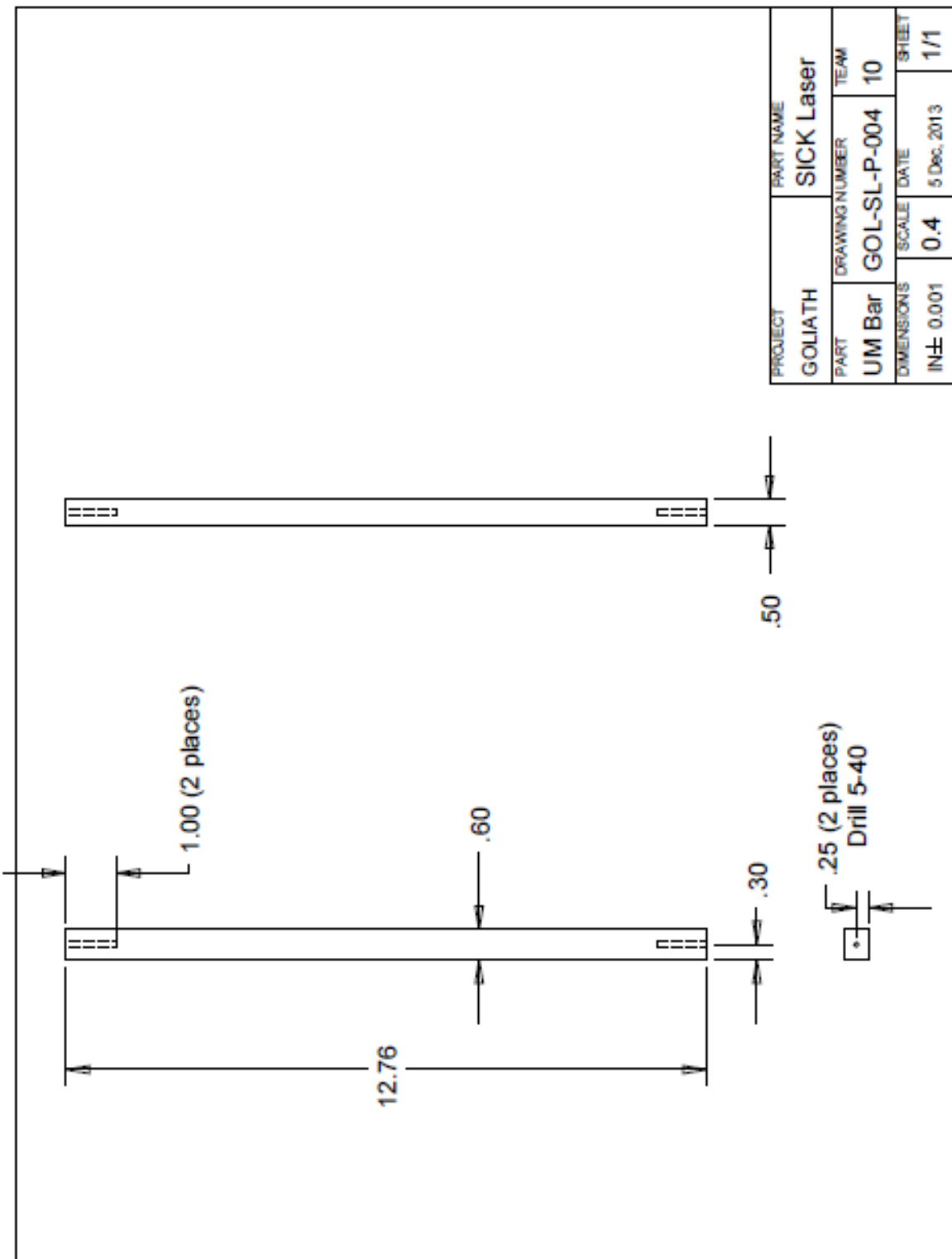
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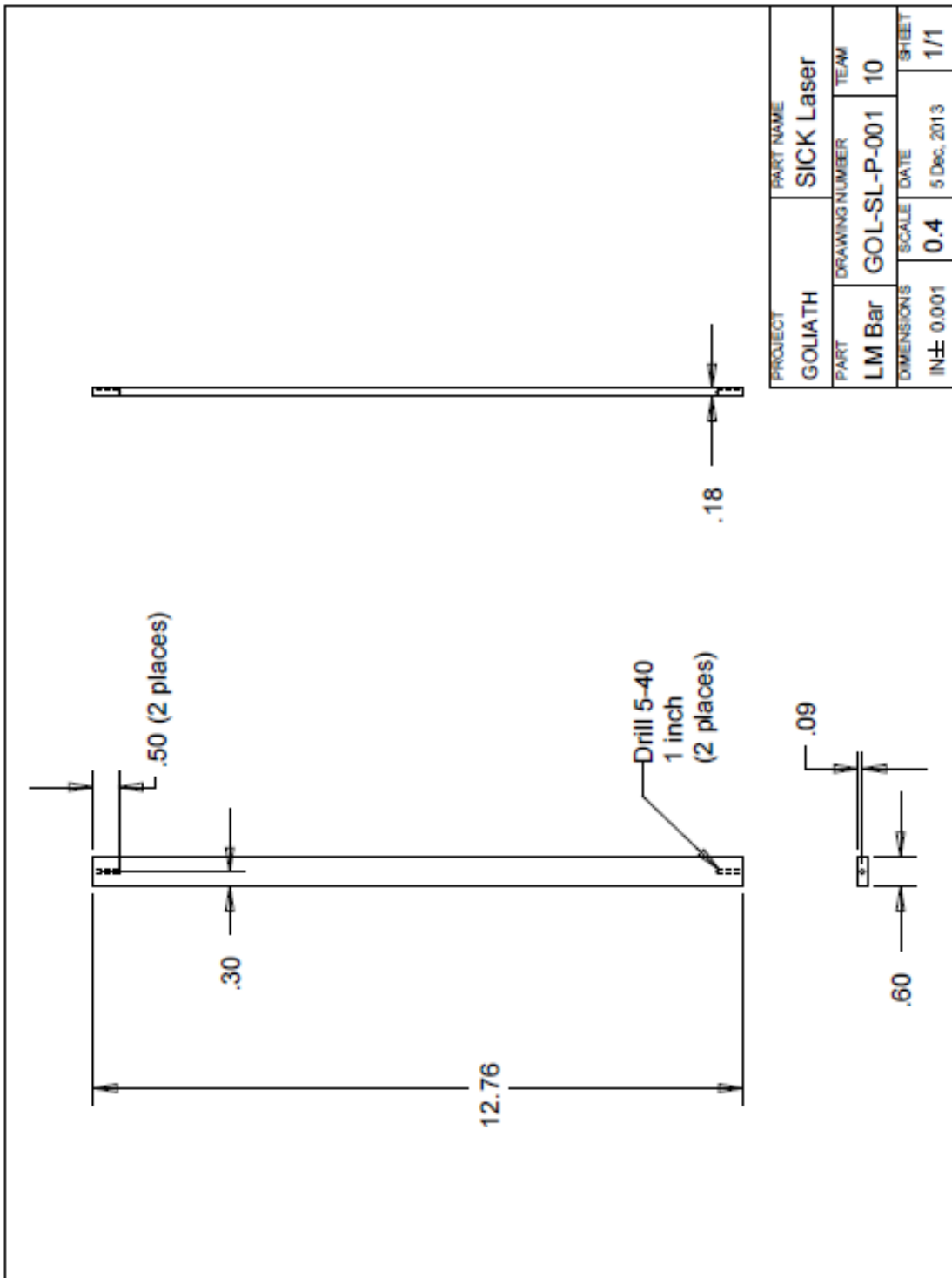
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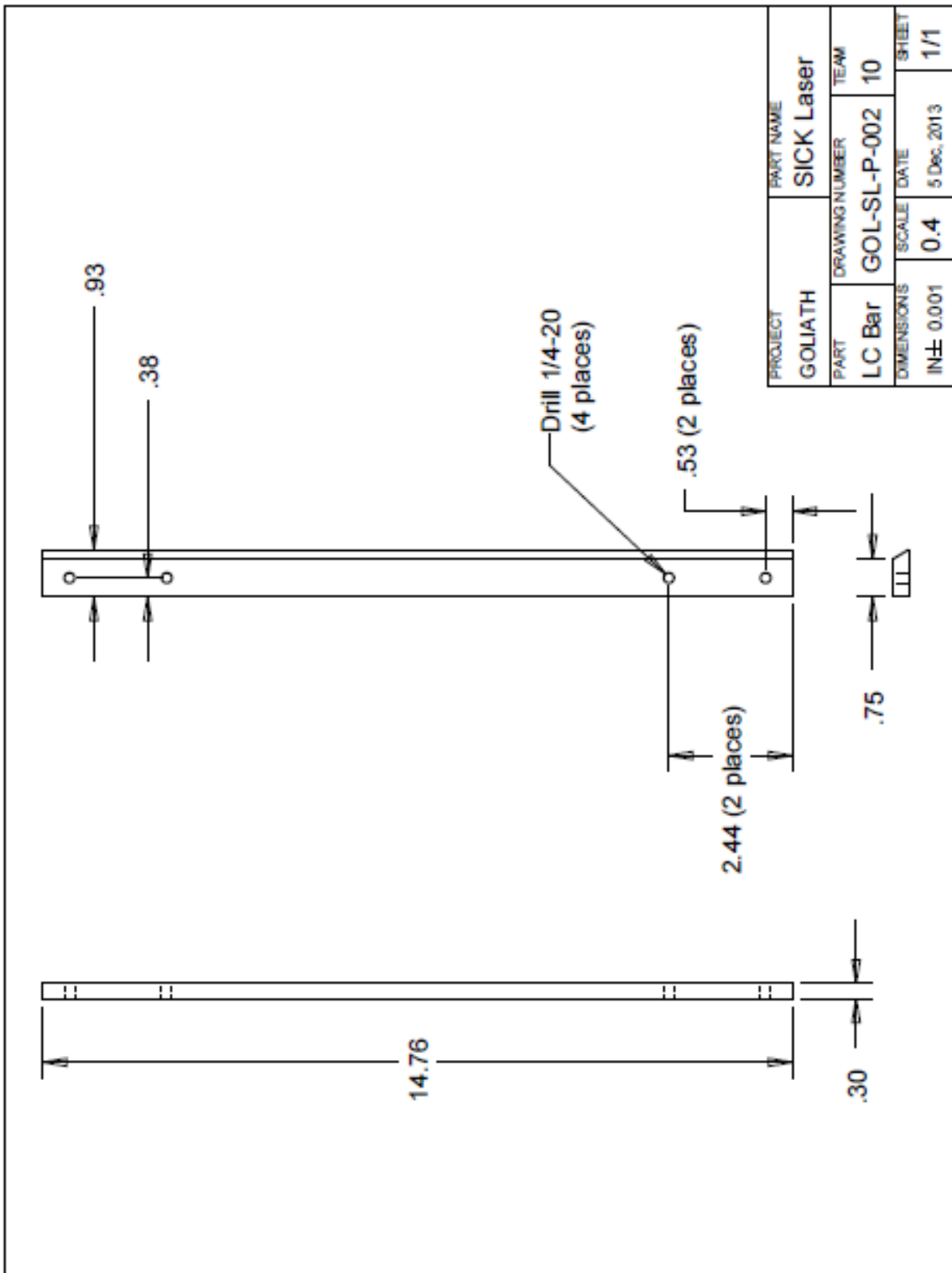
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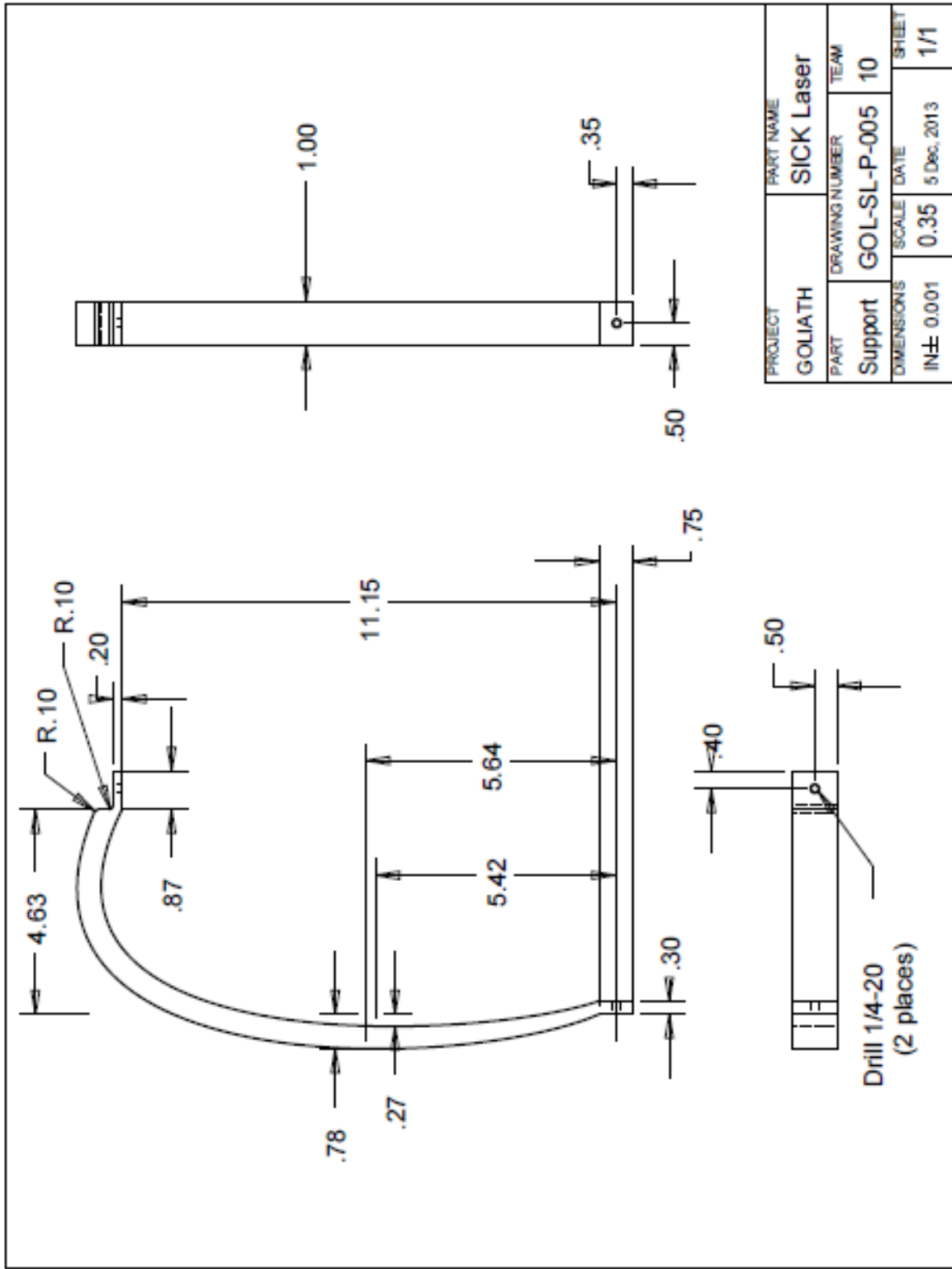


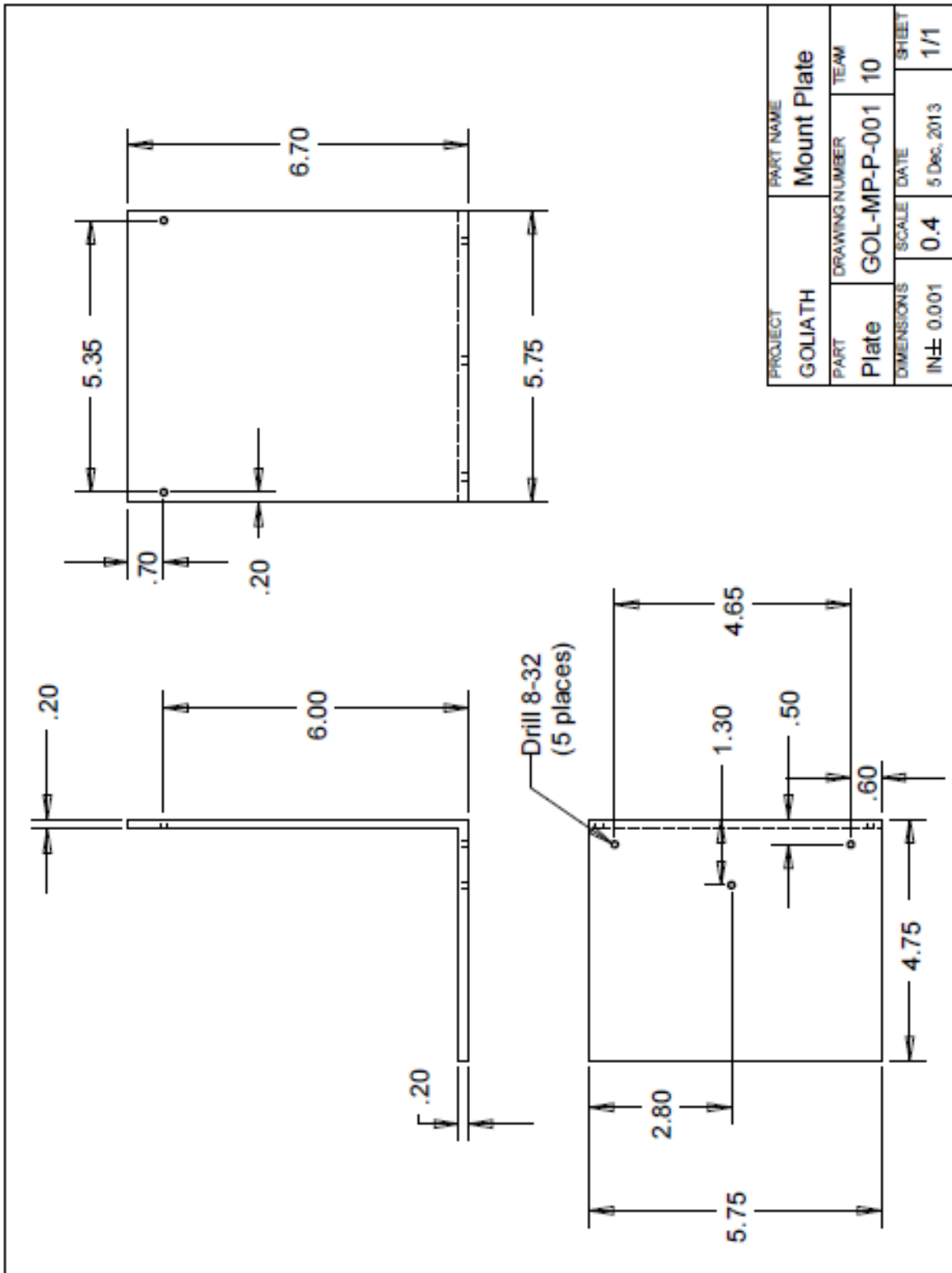




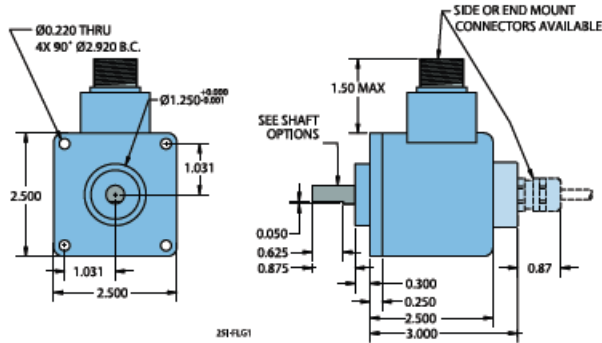






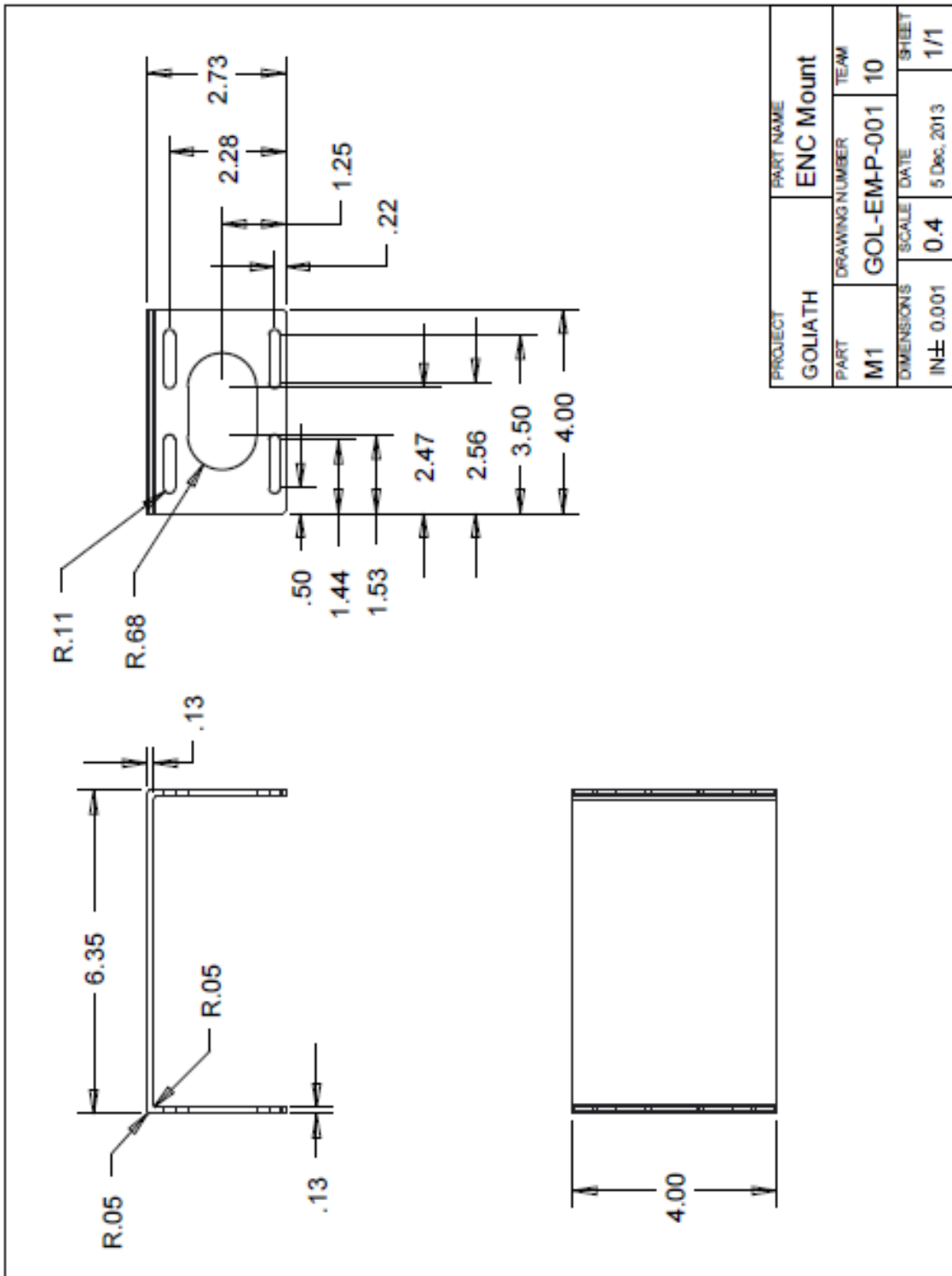


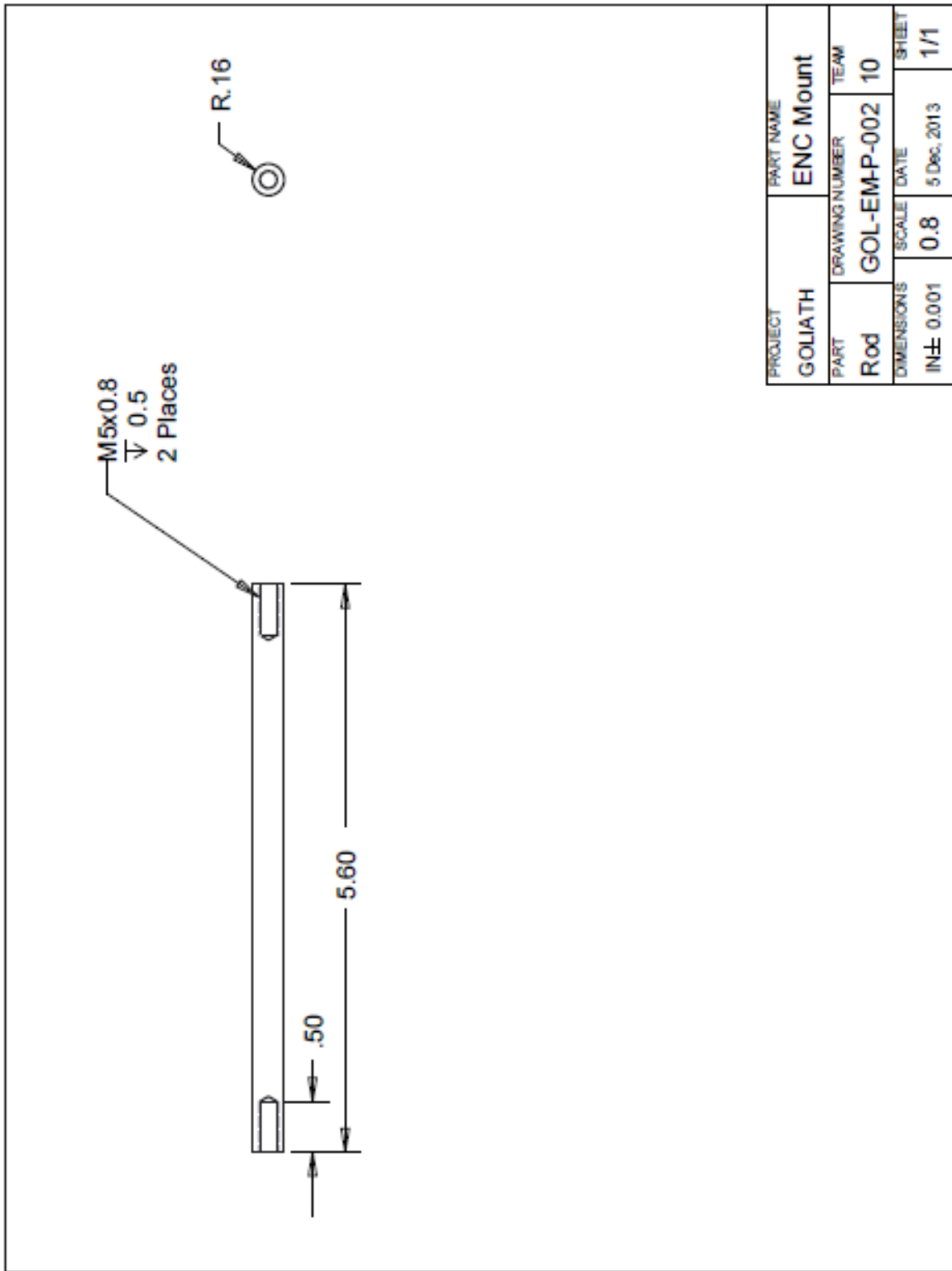
Model 725 Flange Mount (F)



Model 725 Specifications

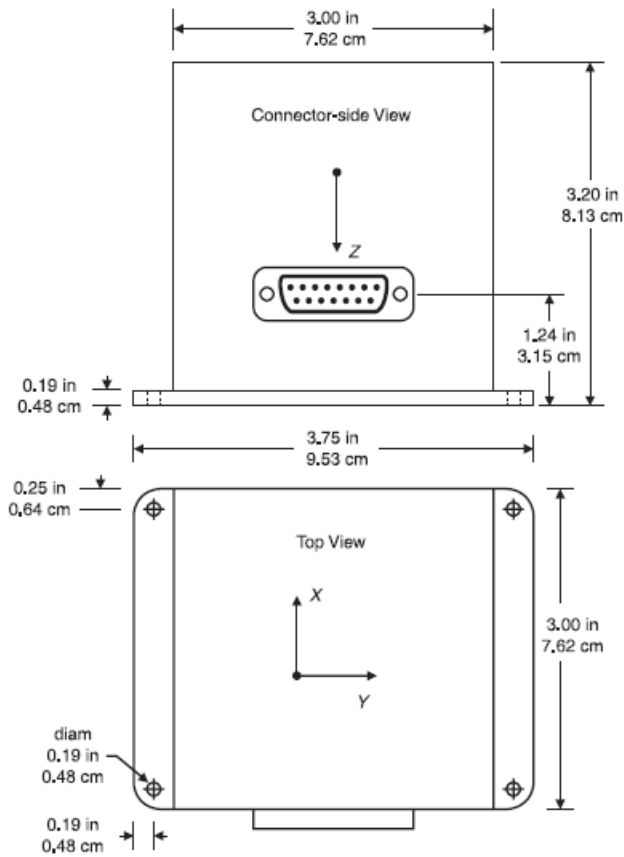
Electrical	
Input Voltage.....	4.75 to 28 VDC max for temperatures up to 70° C 4.75 to 24 VDC for temperatures between 70° C to 100° C
Input Current.....	100 mA max with no output load
Input Ripple.....	100 mV peak-to-peak at 0 to 100 kHz
Output Format.....	Incremental- Two square waves in quadrature with channel A leading B for clockwise shaft rotation, as viewed from the encoder mounting face. See <i>Waveform Diagrams</i> below.
Output Types.....	Open Collector- 100 mA max per channel Pull-Up- 100 mA max per channel Push-Pull- 20 mA max per channel Line Driver- 20 mA max per channel (Meets RS 422 at 5 VDC supply)
Index.....	Occurs once per revolution. The index for units >3000 CPR is 90° gated to Outputs A and B. See <i>Waveform Diagrams</i> below.
Max Frequency.....	Up to 1 MHz
Noise Immunity.....	Tested to BS EN61000-4-2; IEC801-3; BS EN61000-4; DENV 50141; DENV 50204; BS EN55022 (with European compliance option); BS EN61000-6-2; BS EN50081-2
Symmetry.....	1 to 6000 CPR: 180° (±18°) electrical at 100 kHz output 6001 to 20,480 CPR: 180° (±36°) electrical
Quad Phasing.....	1 to 6000 CPR: 90° (±22.5°) electrical at 100 kHz output 6001 to 20,480 CPR: 90° (±36°) electrical
Min Edge Sep.....	1 to 6000 CPR: 67.5° electrical at 100 kHz output 6001 to 20,480 CPR: 54° electrical >20,480 CPR: 50° electrical
Rise Time.....	Less than 1 microsecond
Accuracy.....	Instrument and Quadrature Error: For 200 to 1999 CPR, 0.017° mechanical (1.0 arc minutes) from one cycle to any other cycle. For 2000 to 3000 CPR, 0.01° mechanical (0.6 arc minutes) from one cycle to any other cycle. Interpolation error (units > 3000 CPR only) within 0.005° mechanical. (Total Optical Encoder Error = Instrument + Quadrature + Interpolation)
Mechanical	
Max Shaft Speed.....	8000 RPM. Higher shaft speeds may be achievable, contact Customer Service.
Shaft Size.....	0.375" (standard), 0.250", 0.3125", 6 mm, 8 mm, 10 mm
Shaft Material.....	303 stainless steel
Shaft Rotation.....	Bi-directional
Radial Shaft Load.....	80 lb max (standard housing) 80 lb max (industrial housing)
Axial Shaft Load.....	80 lb max (standard housing) 80 lb max (industrial housing)
Starting Torque.....	1.0 oz-in typical with IP64 seal or no seal 3.0 oz-in typical with shaft seals
Moment of Inertia.....	5.2 x 10 ⁻⁴ oz-in-sec ²
Max Acceleration.....	1 x 10 ⁵ rad/sec ²
Electrical Conn.....	6-, 7-, or 10-pin MS Style, 5- or 8-pin M12 (12 mm), 9-pin D-subminiature, or gland with 24 inches of cable (foil and braid shield, 24 AWG conductors)
Housing.....	Black non-corrosive finish
Bearings.....	Precision ABEC ball bearings
Mounting.....	Flange, servo, or 5PY
Weight.....	20 oz typical
Environmental	
Operating Temp.....	0° to 70° C for standard models 0° to 100° C for high temperature option (0° to 85° C for certain resolutions, see CPR Options.) -40° to 70° C
Storage Temp.....	-25° to +85° C
Humidity.....	95% RH non-condensing
Vibration.....	725N: 10 g @ 58 to 500 Hz 725I: 20 g @ 58 to 500 Hz
Shock.....	725N: 50 g @ 11 ms duration 725I: 75 g @ 11 ms duration
Sealing.....	IP50 standard, IP64, IP66 and IP67 optional





PROJECT	PART NAME	
GOLIATH	ENC Mount	
PART	DRAWING NUMBER	TEAM
Rod	GOL-EMP-002	10
DIMENSIONS	SCALE	DATE
IN± 0.001	0.8	5 Dec. 2013
		SHEET
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Specifications	IMU300CC-100
Performance	
Update Rate (Hz)	> 100
Start-up Time Valid Data (sec)	< 1
Angular Rate	
Range: Roll, Pitch, Yaw (°/sec)	± 100
Bias: Roll, Pitch, Yaw (°/sec)	< ± 2.0
Scale Factor Accuracy (%)	< 1
Non-Linearity (% FS)	< 0.3
Resolution (°/sec)	< 0.025
Bandwidth (Hz)	> 25
Random Walk (°/hr ^{1/2})	< 2.25
Acceleration	
Range: X/Y/Z (g)	± 2
Bias: X/Y/Z (mg)	< ± 30
Scale Factor Accuracy (%)	< 1
Non-Linearity (% FS)	< 1
Resolution (mg)	< 1.0
Bandwidth (Hz)	> 75
Random Walk (m/s/hr ^{1/2})	< 0.15
Environment	
Operating Temperature (°C)	-40 to +85
Non-Operating Temperature (°C)	-55 to +85
Non-Operating Vibration (g rms)	6
Non-Operating Shock (g)	1000
Electrical	
Input Voltage (VDC)	9 to 30
Input Current (A)	< 250
Power Consumption (W)	< 3
Digital Output Format	RS-232
Analog ¹ Range (VDC)	± 4.096
	0 to 5.0
Physical	
Size (in)	3.0 x 3.75 x 3.20
(cm)	7.62 x 9.53 x 8.13
Weight (lbs)	< 1.3
(kg)	< 0.59
Connector	15 pin sub-miniature "D"

ProPak-G2plus

Performance¹

Position Accuracy	
Single Point L1	1.8 m CEP
Single Point L1/L2	1.5 m CEP
WAAS L1	1.2 m CEP
WAAS L1/L2	0.8 m CEP
DGPS (L1, C/A)	0.45 m CEP
RT-20 ²	< 20 cm CEP
RT-2	1 cm + 1 ppm

Measurement Precision

L1 C/A Code	6 cm RMS
L2 P(Y) Code	25 cm RMS (AS on)
L1 Carrier Phase	0.75 mm RMS (differential channel)
L2 Carrier Phase	2 mm RMS (differential channel)

Data Rate

Measurements	20 Hz
Position	20 Hz

Time to First Fix

Cold Start ³	50 s
Warm Start ⁴	40 s
Hot Start ⁵	30 s

Signal Reacquisition

L1	0.5 s (typical)
L2	1.0 s (typical)

Time Accuracy⁶	20 ns RMS
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Velocity Accuracy	0.03 m/s RMS
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Dynamics

Velocity ⁷	514 m/s
Vibration	4 G (sustained tracking)

Altitude⁷	18,288 m
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Physical & Electrical

Size	185 x 154 x 71 mm
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Weight	1.0 kg
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Power

Input Voltage ⁸	+9 to +18 VDC
Power Consumption	2.5 W (typical)

Antenna LNA Power Output

Output Voltage	+5 VDC
Maximum Current	100 mA

Communication Ports

- 2 RS-232 or RS-422 serial ports capable of 230,400 bps
- 1 RS-232 serial port capable of 230,400 bps
- 1 USB port capable of 5 Mbps

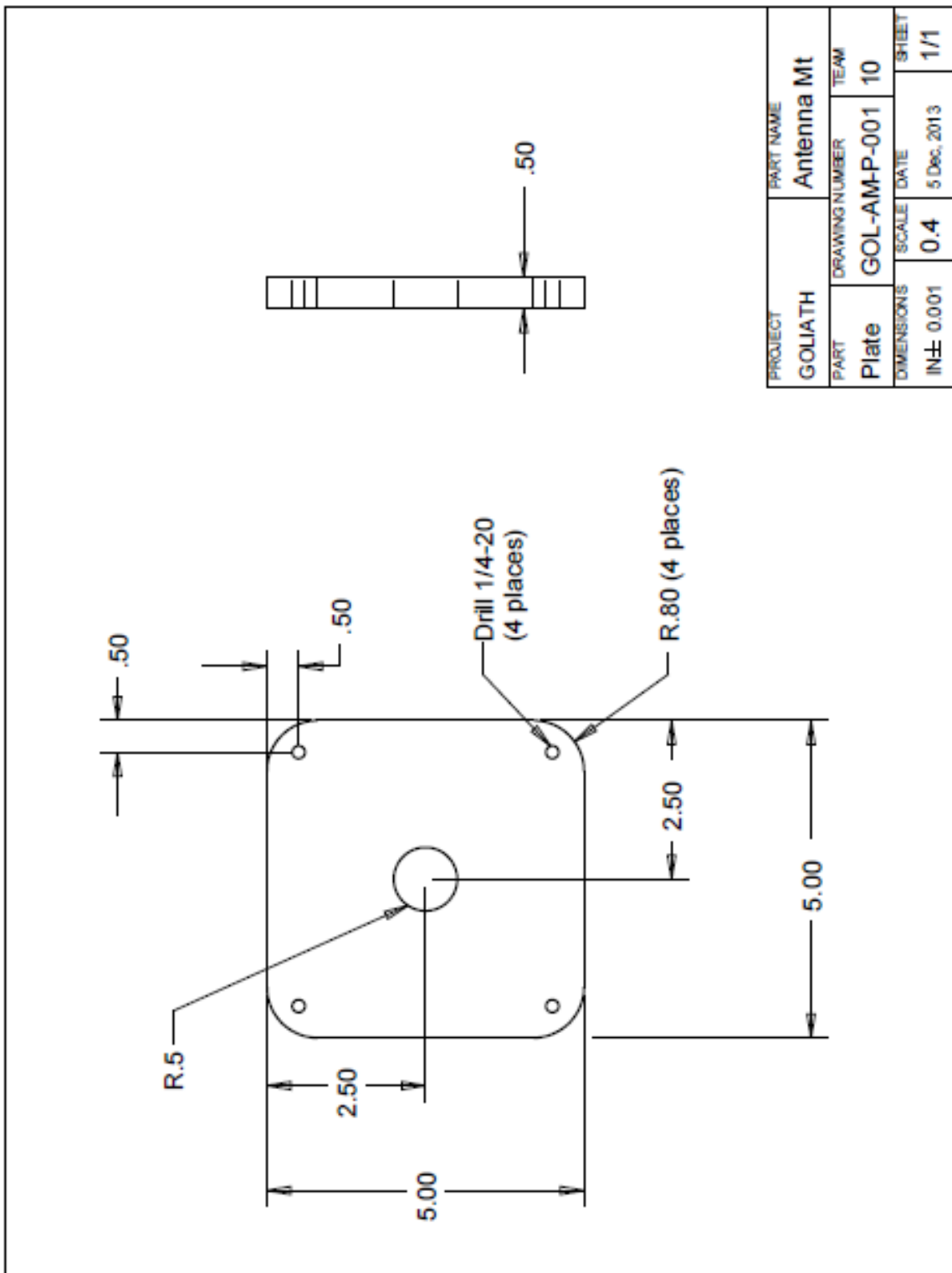
Input/Output Connectors

Power	4-pin LEMO
Antenna Input	TNC female
External Oscillator	BNC female
COM1	DB-9 male
COM2	DB-9 male
AUX (COM3)	DB-9 male
I/O	DB-9 female

Environmental

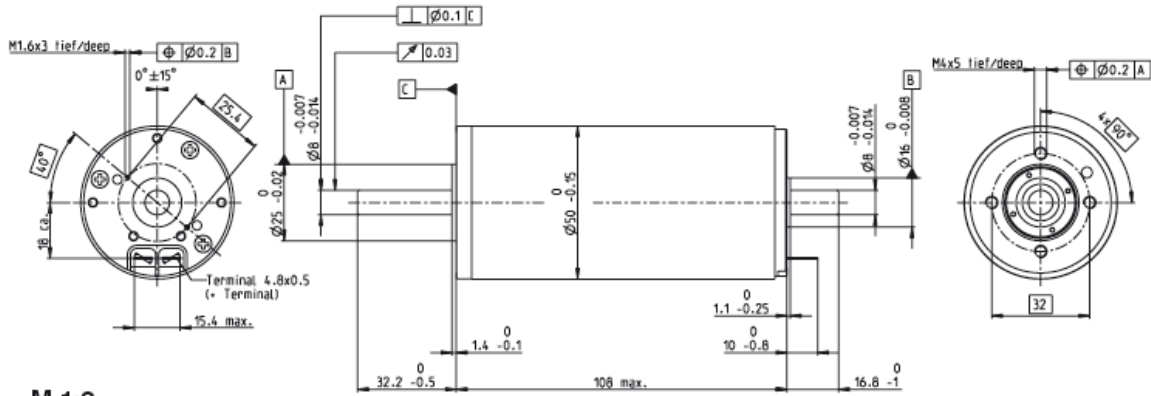
Temperature	
Operating	-40°C to +75°C
Storage	-45°C to +95°C
Humidity	95% non-condensing
Waterproof	IEC 60529 IPX7
Vibration (operating)	
Random	MIL-STD-202F 214A
Sinusoidal	SAE J1211 4.7
Shock (non-operating)	IEC 68-2-27 Ea

Regulatory	FCC Class B, CE
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RE 50 Ø50 mm, Graphite Brushes, 200 Watt

maxon DC motor



M 1:2

- Stock program
- Standard program
- Special program (on request)

Part Numbers

370354	370355	370356	370357
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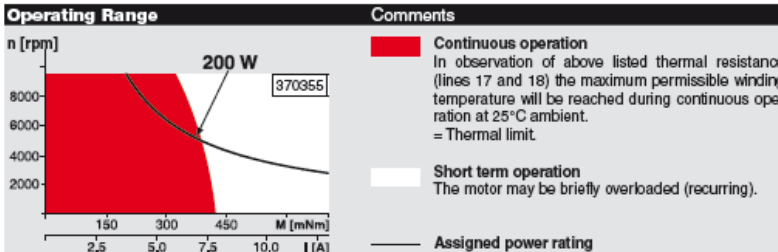
Motor Data		370354	370355	370356	370357
Values at nominal voltage					
1 Nominal voltage	V	24	36	48	70
2 No load speed	rpm	5950	5680	4900	2760
3 No load current	mA	236	147	88.4	27.4
4 Nominal speed	rpm	5680	5420	4620	2470
5 Nominal torque (max. continuous torque)	mNm	405	418	420	452
6 Nominal current (max. continuous current)	A	10.8	7.07	4.58	1.89
7 Stall torque	mNm	8920	8920	7370	4340
8 Starting current	A	232	148	78.9	17.9
9 Max. efficiency	%	94	94	94	92
Characteristics					
10 Terminal resistance	Ω	0.103	0.244	0.608	3.9
11 Terminal inductance	mH	0.0717	0.177	0.423	2.83
12 Torque constant	mNm/A	38.5	60.4	93.4	242
13 Speed constant	rpm/V	248	158	102	39.5
14 Speed / torque gradient	rpm/mNm	0.668	0.638	0.666	0.638
15 Mechanical time constant	ms	3.75	3.74	3.78	3.74
16 Rotor inertia	gcm ²	536	560	542	560

Specifications	
Thermal data	
17 Thermal resistance housing-ambient	3.8 K/W
18 Thermal resistance winding-housing	1.2 K/W
19 Thermal time constant winding	71.7 s
20 Thermal time constant motor	1370 s
21 Ambient temperature	-30...+100°C
22 Max. permissible winding temperature	+125°C
Mechanical data (preloaded ball bearings)	
23 Max. permissible speed	9500 rpm
24 Axial play at axial load < 11.5 N	0 mm
24 Axial play at axial load > 11.5 N	0.1 mm
25 Radial play	preloaded
26 Max. axial load (dynamic)	30 N
27 Max. force for press fits (static)	150 N
27 Max. force for press fits (static)	(static, shaft supported)
27 Max. force for press fits (static)	6000 N
28 Max. radial loading, 15 mm from flange	110 N

Other specifications	
29 Number of pole pairs	1
30 Number of commutator segments	15
31 Weight of motor	1100 g

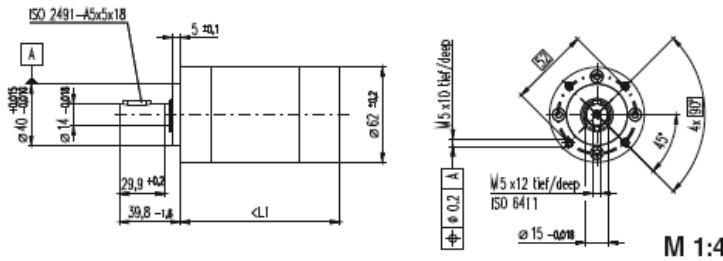
Values listed in the table are nominal.
Explanation of the figures on page 71.

Industrial version with radial shaft seal ring (resulting in increased no-load current)



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Planetary Gearhead GP 62 A $\varnothing 62$ mm, 8–50 Nm



Technical Data	
Planetary Gearhead	straight teeth
Output shaft	steel
Bearing at output	ball bearing
Radial play, 7 mm from flange	max. 0.08 mm
Axial play	max. 1 mm
Max. permissible axial load	120 N
Max. permissible force for press fits	1000 N
Sense of rotation, drive to output	=
Recommended input speed	< 3000 rpm
Recommended temperature range	-30...+140°C
Number of stages	1 2 3
Max. radial load, 24 mm from flange	240 N 360 N 570 N

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- Stock program
- Standard program
- Special program (on request)

Part Numbers

	110499	110501	110502	110503	110504	110505	110506	110507	110508
Gearhead Data									
1 Reduction	5.2:1	19:1	27:1	35:1	71:1	100:1	139:1	181:1	236:1
2 Reduction absolute	57/11	258/187	244/121	153/44	21823/3179	204807/2027	188125/1331	87723/404	41553/278
3 Max. motor shaft diameter	mm 8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
4 Number of stages	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
5 Max. continuous torque	Nm 8	25	25	25	50	50	50	50	50
6 Intermittently permissible torque at gear output	Nm 12	37	37	37	75	75	75	75	75
7 Max. efficiency	% 80	75	75	75	70	70	70	70	70
8 Weight	g 950	1250	1250	1250	1540	1540	1540	1540	1540
9 Average backlash no load	° 1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
10 Mass inertia	gcm ² 109	100	105	89	104	105	102	88	89
11 Gearhead length L1	mm 72.5	88.3	88.3	88.3	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2



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+ Motor	Page	+ Sensor	Page	Brake	Page	Overall length [mm] = Motor length + gearhead length + (sensor/brake) + assembly parts						
RE 50, 200 W	106				180.6	196.4	196.4	196.4	212.3	212.3	212.3	212.3
RE 50, 200 W	106	HEDS 5540	306		201.3	217.1	217.1	217.1	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0
RE 50, 200 W	106	HEDL 5540	308		201.3	217.1	217.1	217.1	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0
RE 50, 200 W	106	HEDL 9140	311		243.0	258.8	258.8	258.8	274.7	274.7	274.7	274.7
RE 50, 200 W	106			AB 44 352	243.0	258.8	258.8	258.8	274.7	274.7	274.7	274.7
RE 50, 200 W	106	HEDL 9140	311	AB 44 352	256.0	271.8	271.8	271.8	287.7	287.7	287.7	287.7
EC 45, 250 W	183				216.6	232.4	232.4	232.4	248.3	248.3	248.3	248.3
EC 45, 250 W	183	HEDL 9140	310		232.2	248.0	248.0	248.0	263.9	263.9	263.9	263.9
EC 45, 250 W	183	Res 26	316		216.6	232.4	232.4	232.4	248.3	248.3	248.3	248.3
EC 45, 250 W	183			AB 28 349	224.0	239.8	239.8	239.8	255.7	255.7	255.7	255.7
EC 45, 250 W	183	HEDL 9140	310	AB 28 349	241.0	256.8	256.8	256.8	272.7	272.7	272.7	272.7

