

AUTONOMOUS SURFACE VEHICLE

ASV 2008 – Son of a Boatname



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ASV 2009 – SS Boatname

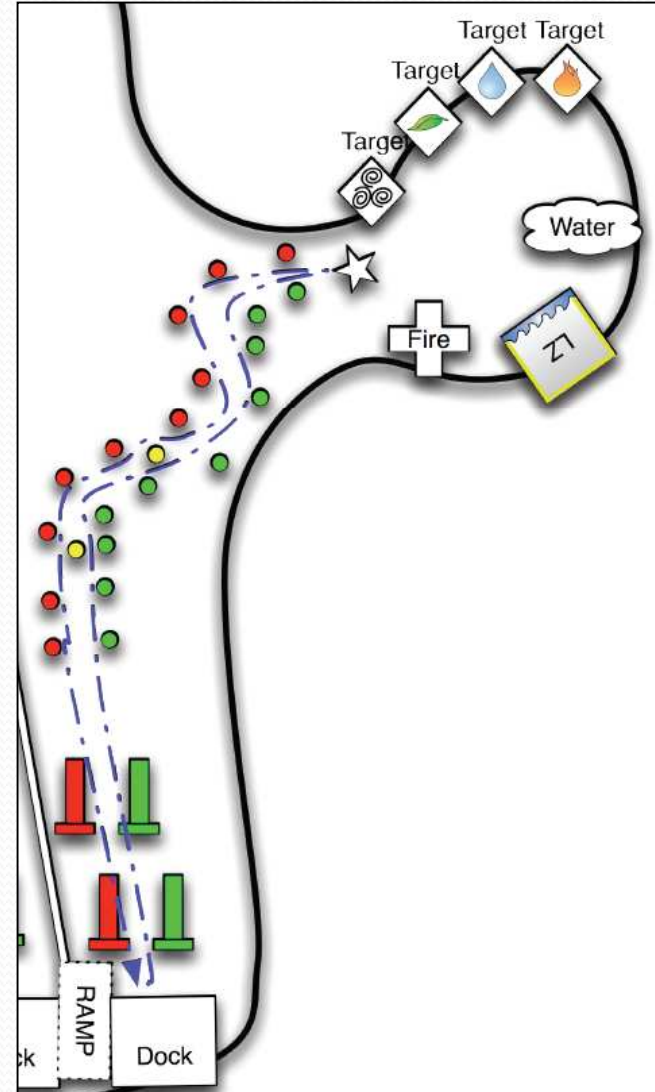
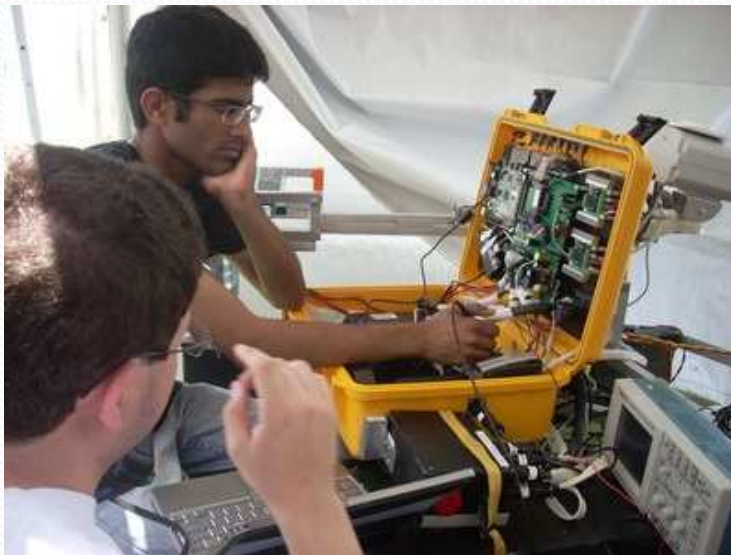


ASV 2010 – Boatname the Brave



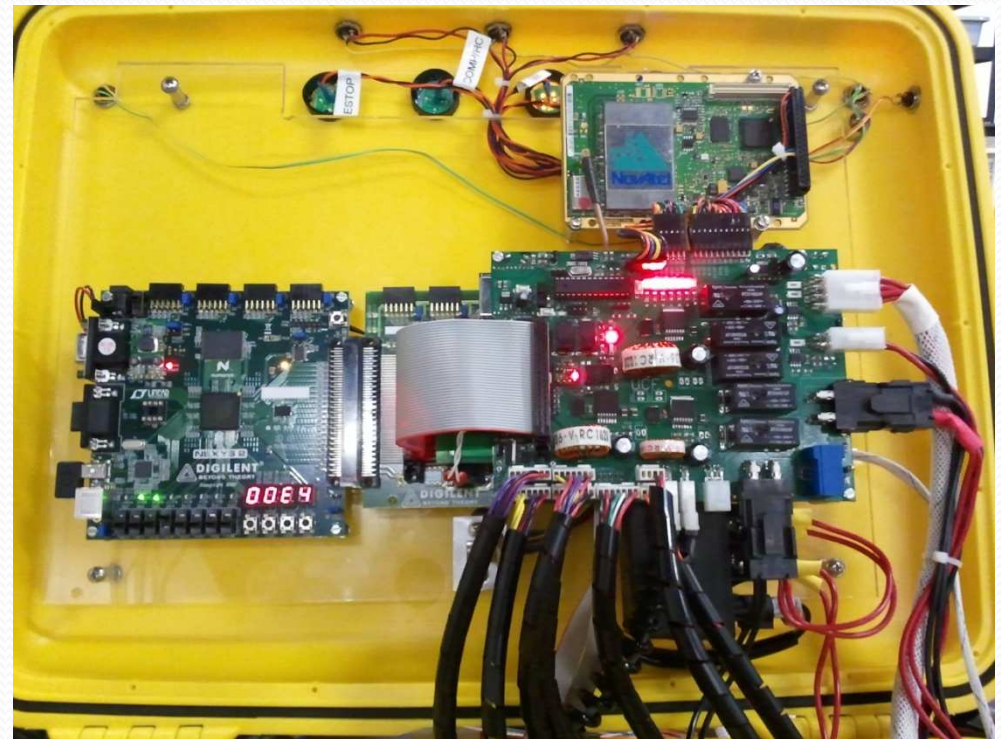
Autonomous Surface Vehicle

- Robotics Club at UCF
- AUVSI and ONR
- Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Strong History
- www.roboboats.org



Objectives and Goals

- Improve on Last Year
- 24 V DC System
 - Efficient Power Distribution
 - Increased Run Time (2 hours)
- Monitor System Vitals
- Safe Vehicle
- Ergonomic Layout



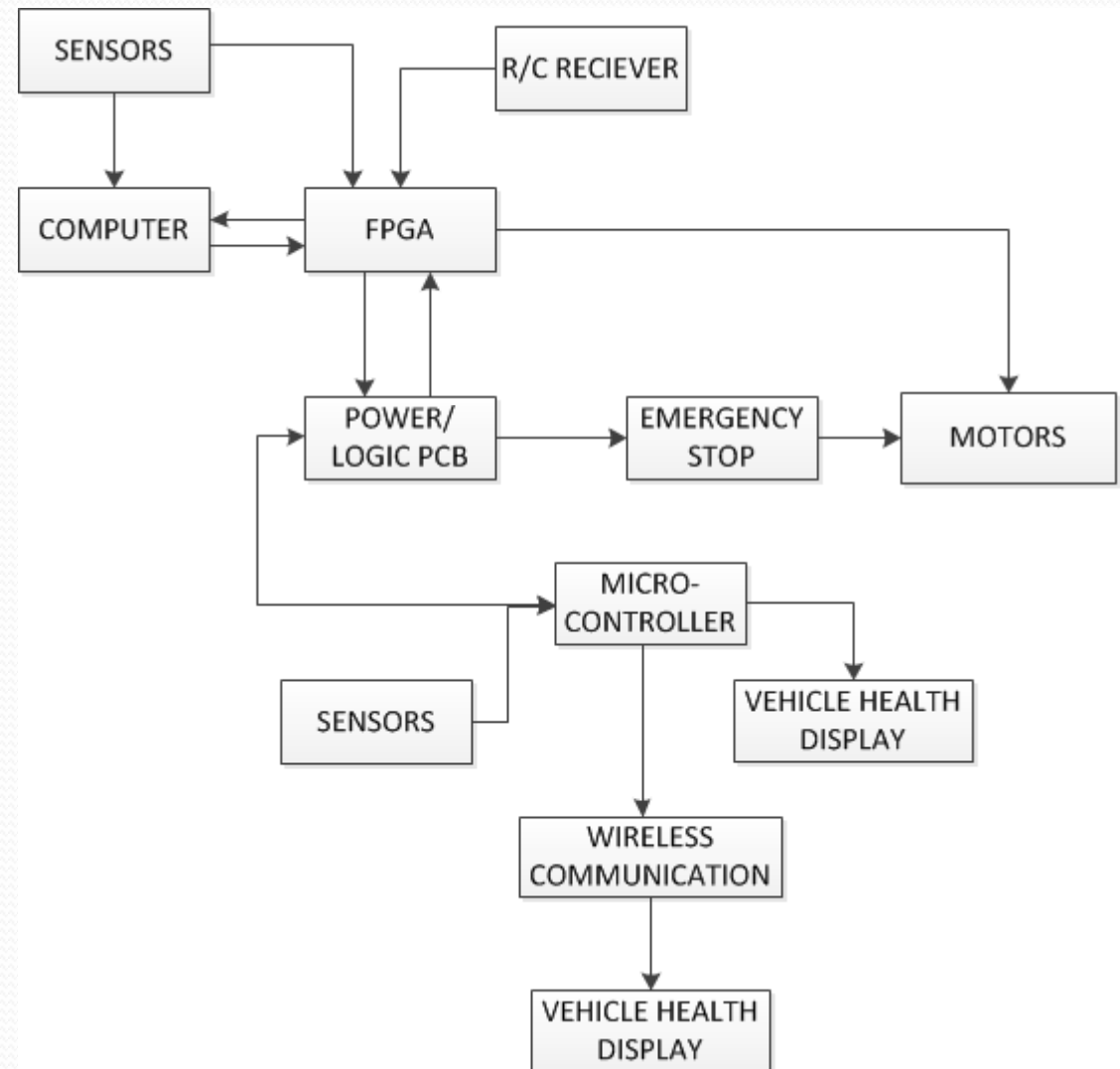


Specifications and Requirements

- Nominally operate using our 16 V DC and 24 V DC batteries
- $\geq 85\%$ Efficiency
- Monitor input voltage and current with $\pm 1.0\%$ accuracy
- Monitor temperature and humidity with $\pm 3.0\%$ accuracy
- Seamlessly switch from shore power to battery power
- Meet all rules and regulations set forth by AUVSI

Project Block Diagram

- Power/Logic PCB
 - Integrates most power and signals
- Microcontroller
 - Simple sensors & feedback
- FPGA
 - Communication with computer and input/output signals



Power– Batteries / Shore Power

- Available Batteries
 - 4 Cell – 16 V DC Nominal
 - 6 Cell – 24 V DC Nominal
 - More efficient – 33% Savings
- Shore Power
 - Rhino Power Supply
 - 24 V DC @ 25 A
- Needs to operate using any battery combination



Power – Linear vs. Switching

- Linear

- High Efficiency when $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ is small
- Low Noise
- Dissipates Heat

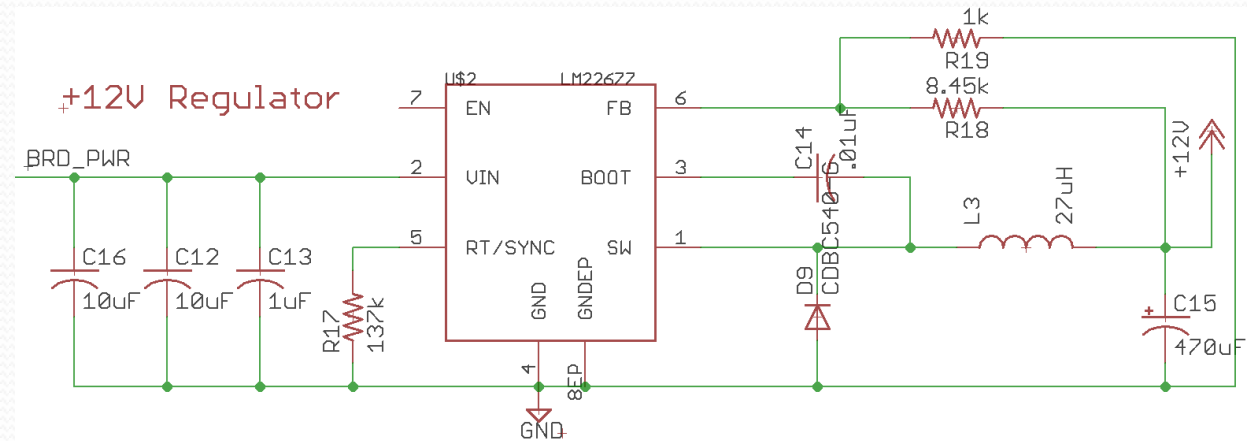
- Switching

- High Efficiency
- Low Heat Dissipation
- More Complex
- Switching Ripple

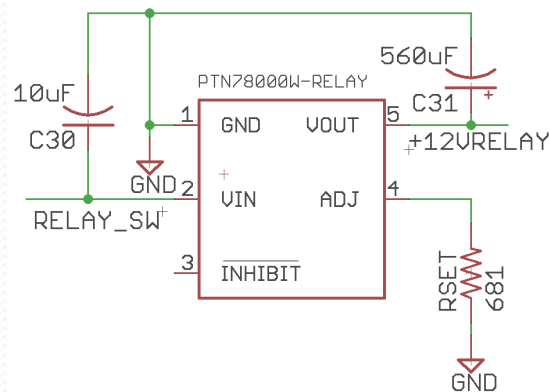
Regulator	Input (V)	Output (V)	Output (I)	Type
1	24	12	4.0	Switching
2	24	12	1.5	Switching
3	24	8	1.5	Switching
4	24	5	3.0	Switching
5	5	3.3	0.8	Linear

Power – Regulator Schematics

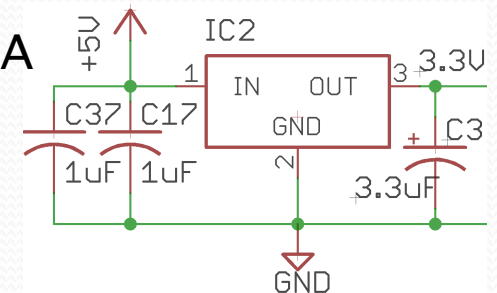
12V @ 4 A



12V @ 1.5 A

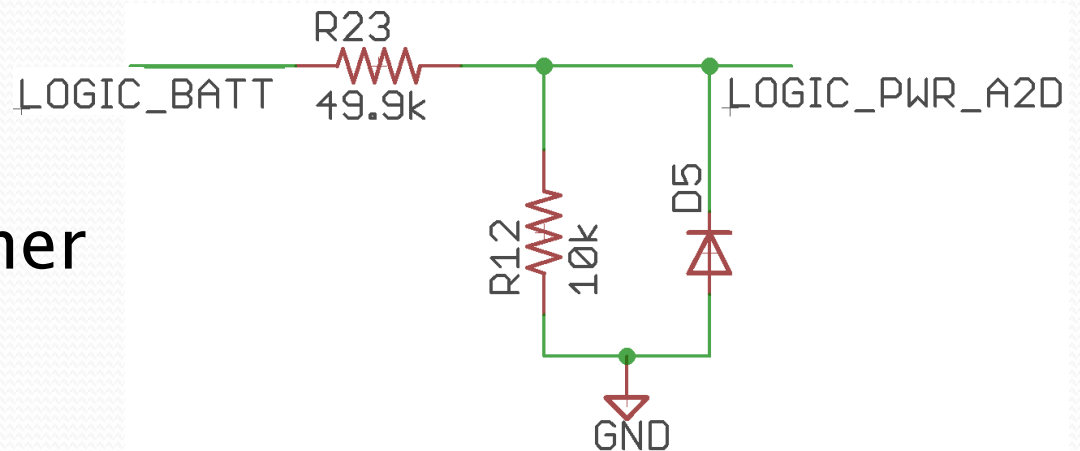


3.3V @ 0.8 A



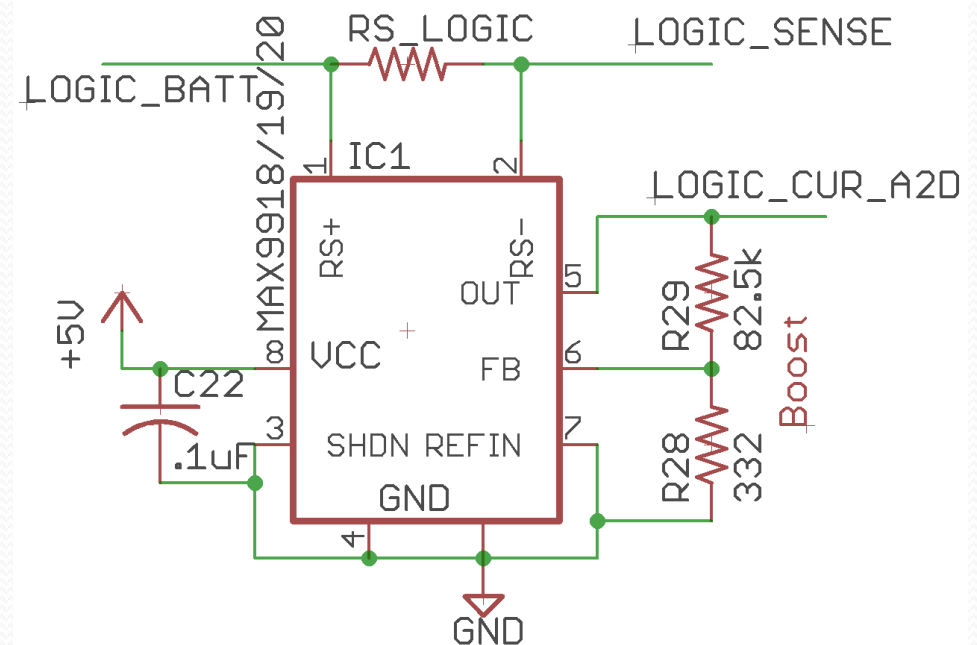
Sensing – Voltage

- Measurement taken directly from input source
- Scaled by 1 / 6
- Initially had 4.7V Zener Diode
- Measures:
 - Logic Batteries
 - Motor Batteries
 - Shore Power



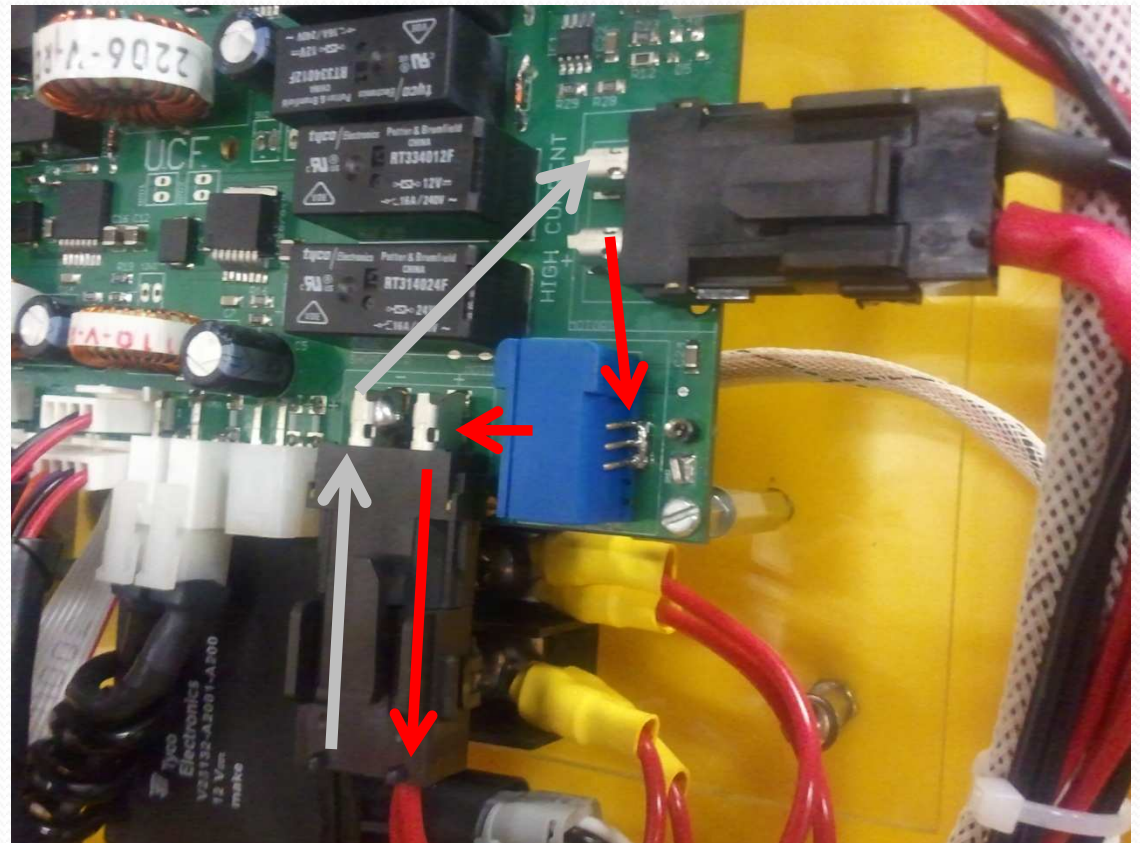
Sensing – Current – Shunt Resistor

- Accurate
- Low Cost
- Insertion Losses
- Sense Resistor
 - 5m Ω for Logic
 - 2.5m Ω for Shore
- Logic – 15A_{MAX}
- Shore – 30A_{MAX}



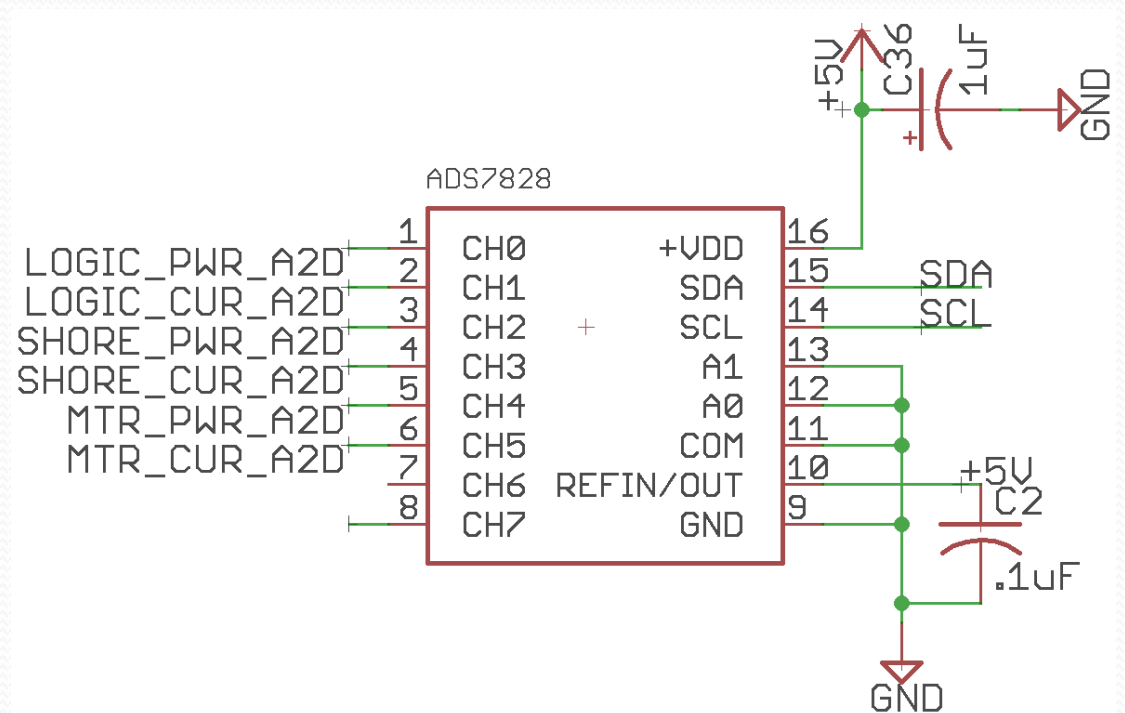
Sensing – Current – Hall Effect

- Motor Power
- Higher Current
 - $15A_{NOM}$
 - $51A_{MAX}$
- Higher Cost
- No Insertion Losses
- Exposed Leads
- Voltage Output
 - Added Filtering

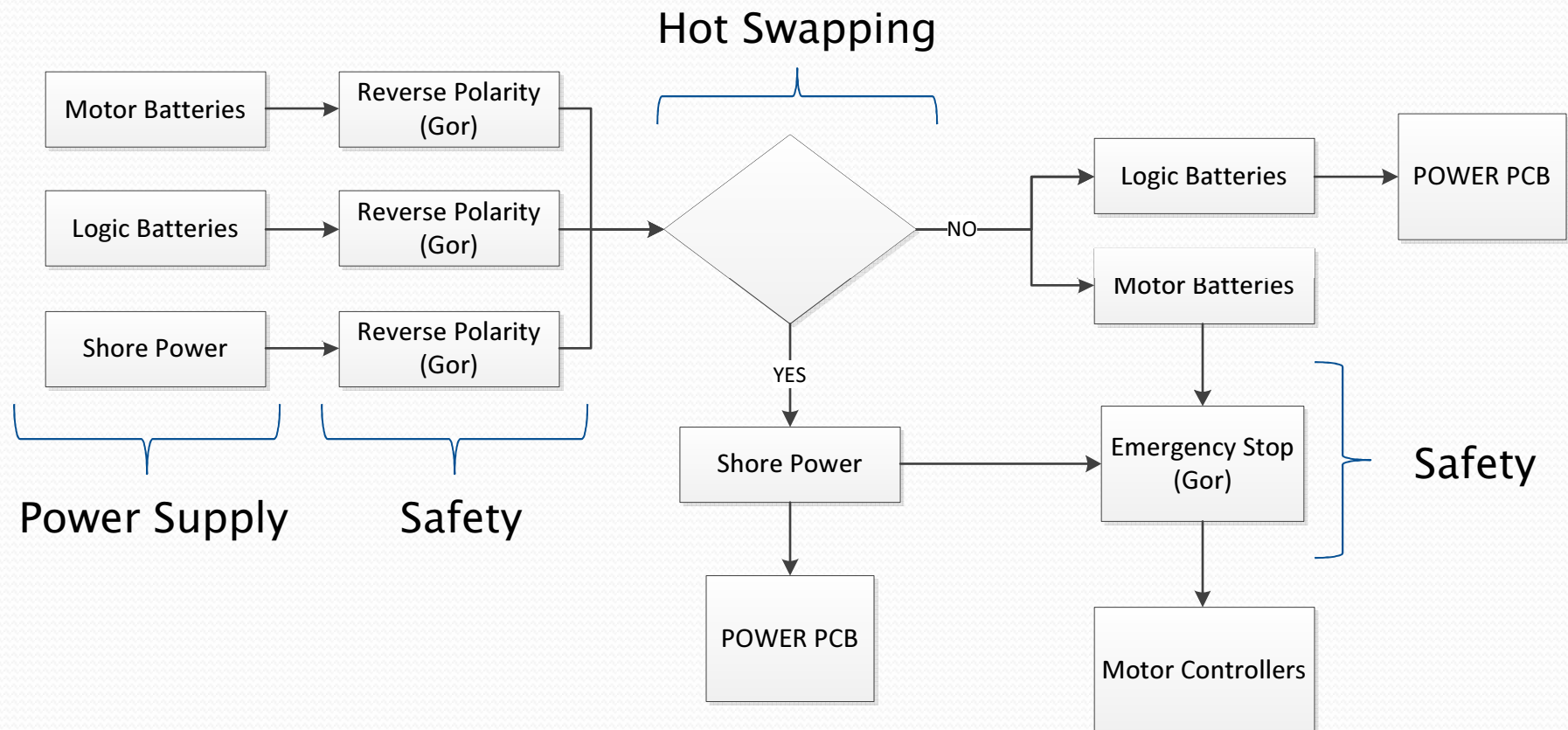


Sensing – Analog to Digital

- 12–Bit A2D
- I²C Interface
- Close Proximity to Sensors



Power Flowchart



Reverse Polarity

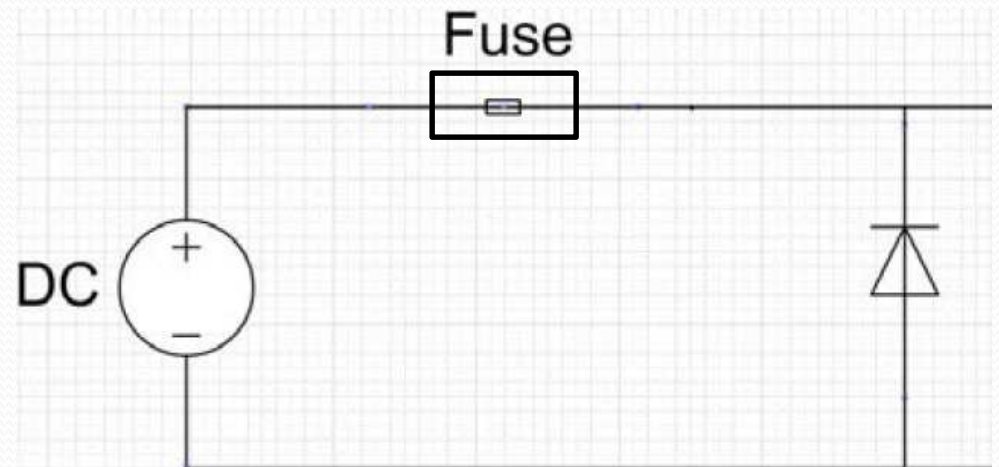
Reverse Polarity Goals

- Minimum power dissipation
- Implement for all power sources

Source	Maximum Current
Logic Battery	15 A
Shore Power	30 A
Motor Battery	30 A

Fuse-Diode Implementation

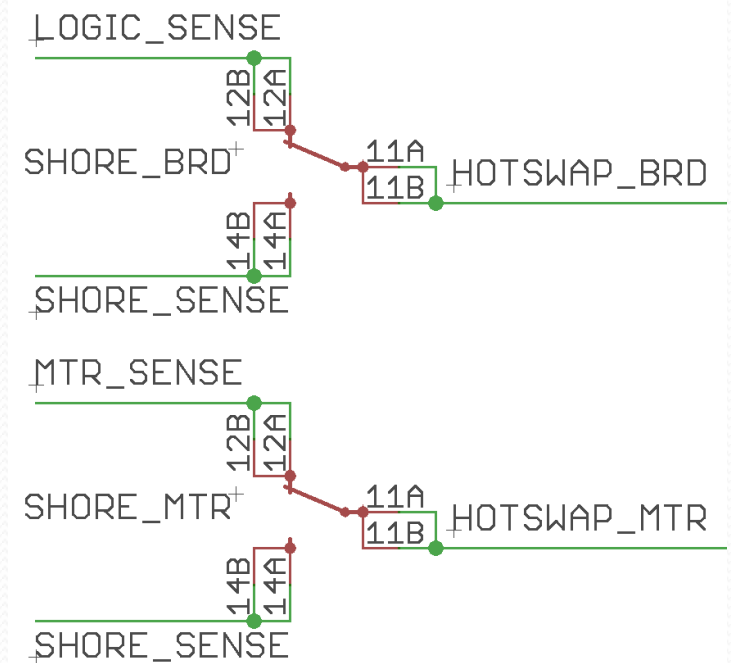
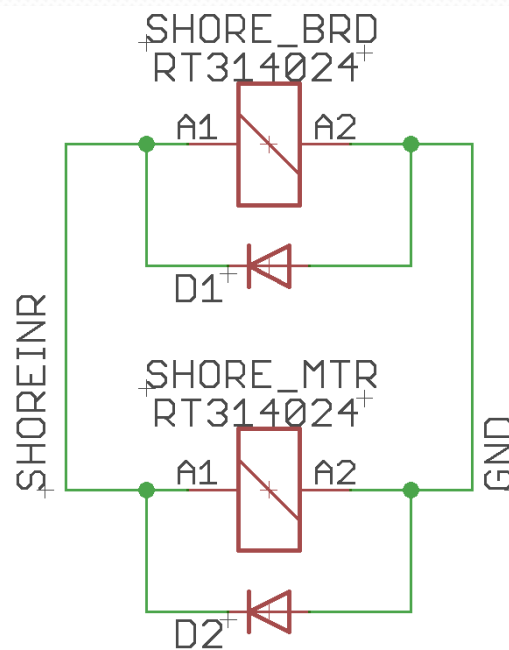
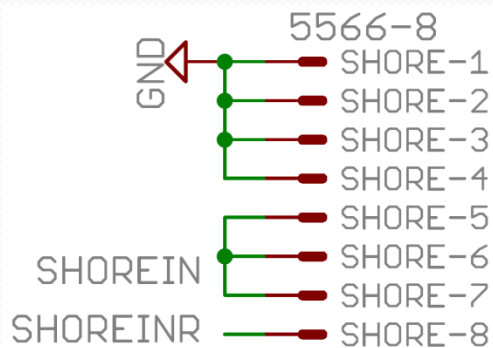
- Negligible drop across diode
- Negligible total loss
- Guaranteed to work by design



Hot Swapping

Relay Implementation

- Practically lossless
- Very reliable
- No logic components



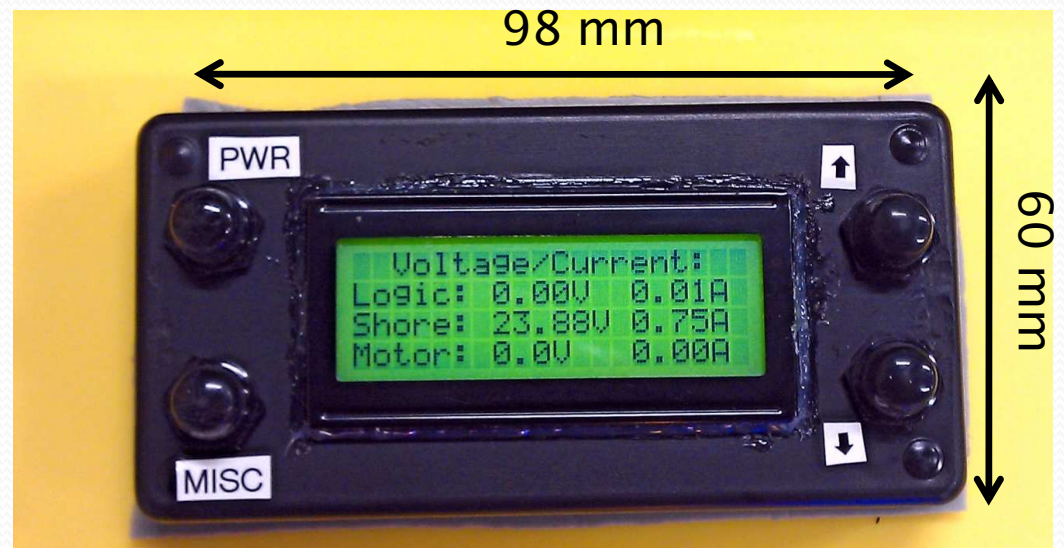
Display

Our Requirements:

- Technology: LCD
- Display type: Alphanumeric
- Backlight: LED
- Character Specs: 20 x 4
- Interface: RS-232 or I²C

Implementation:

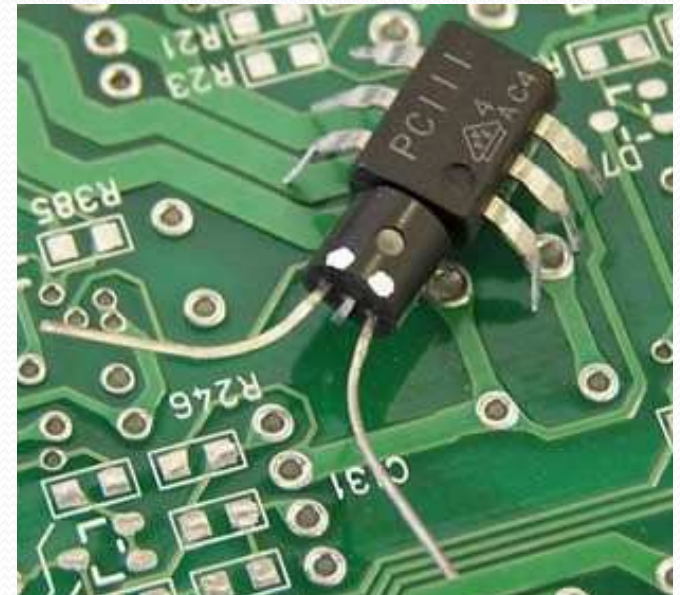
- Use waterproof buttons for control
- Resistor divider with 4 buttons to single I/O pin
- Serial Communication



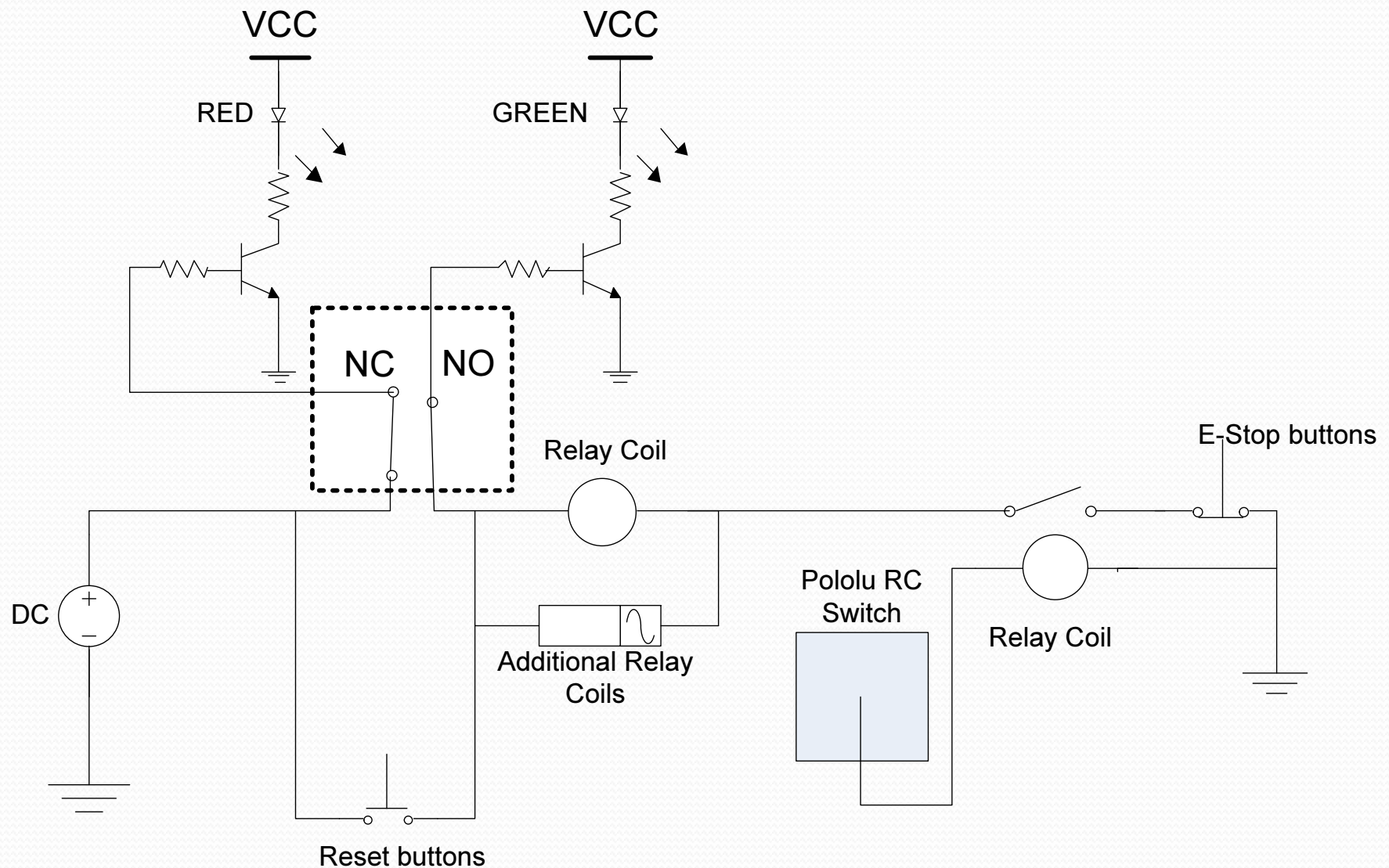
E-Stop Requirements

- Use minimum logic devices
- Must disengage all moving parts
- 1 reset button
- 5 E-Stop buttons (2 remote)
- $< 5\text{ W}$ power dissipation
- E-Stop state indicators
- Digital output for Microcontroller

This year we have avoided
BUGS on the circuit

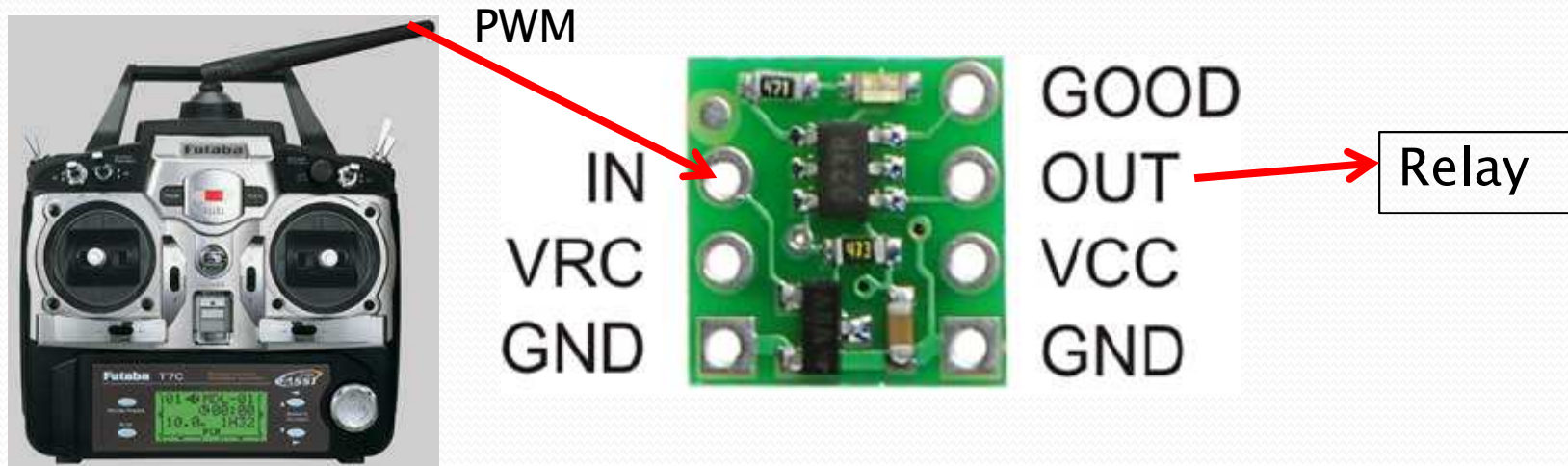
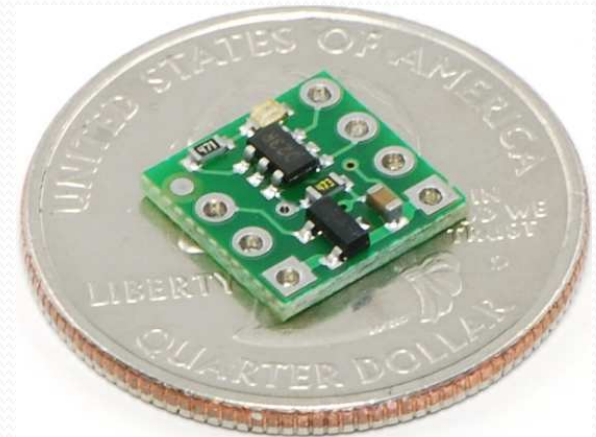


E-Stop Design

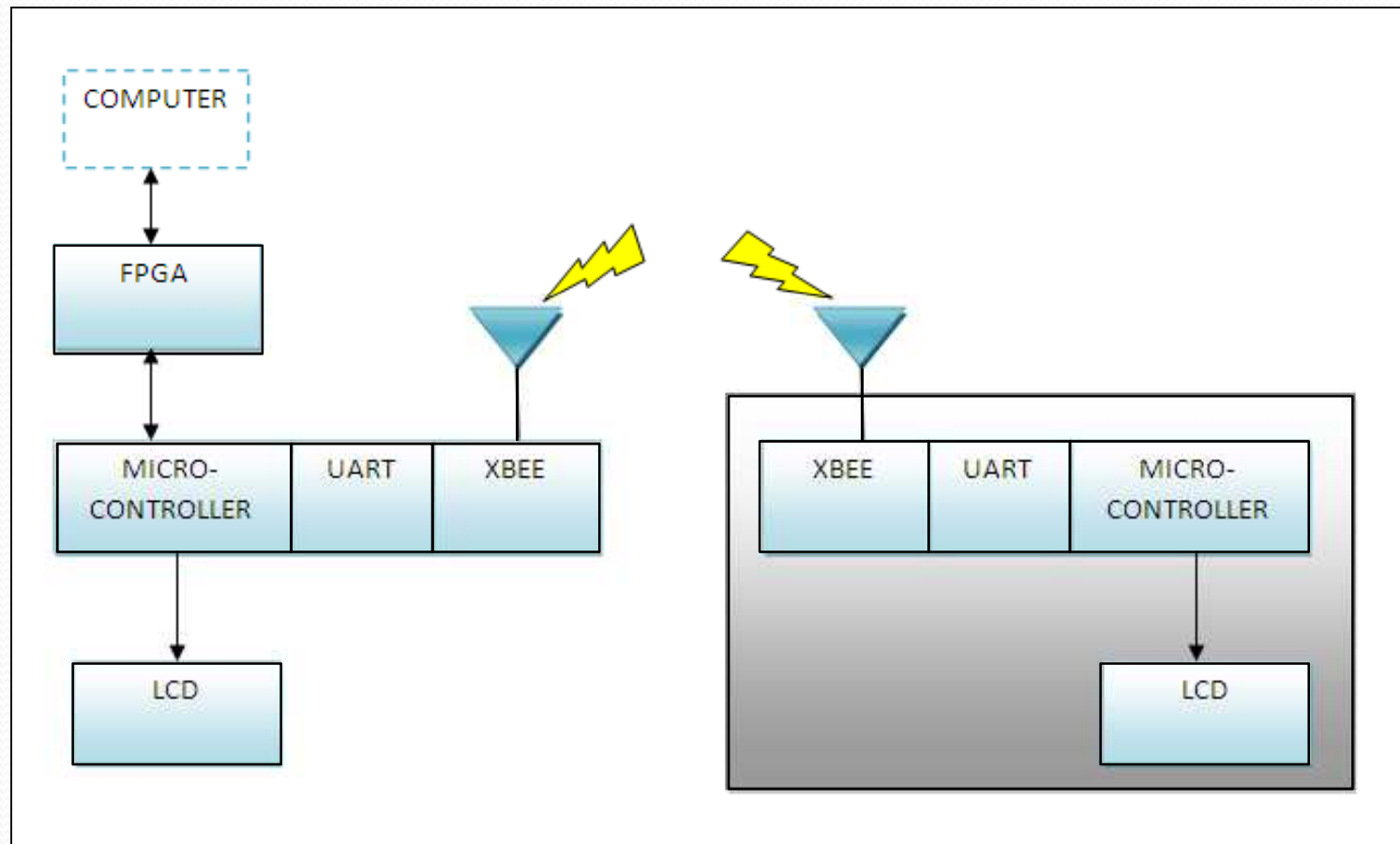


Pololu RC Switch

- RC Switch for Remote E-Stop
 - 5 V Input
 - Output controls relay coil

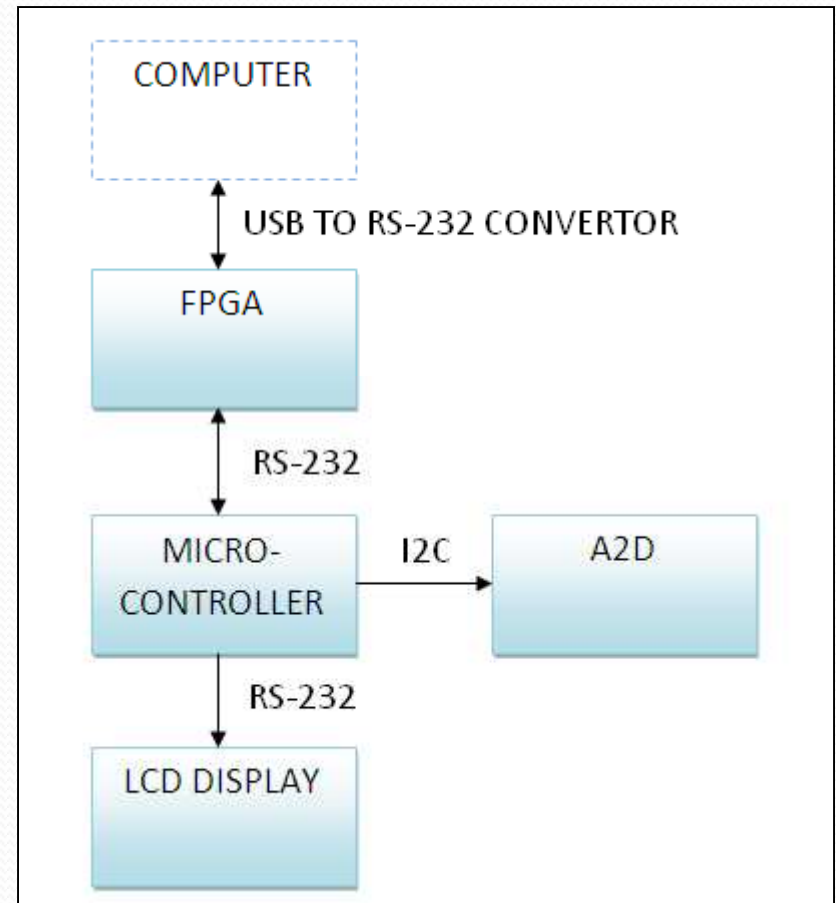


Wired/ Wireless Communication Platform



Wired Communication

- Microcontroller has one designated I2C port
- A2D convertors utilize I2C
- RS-232 for communicating microcontroller to the LCD displays and to the FPGA.



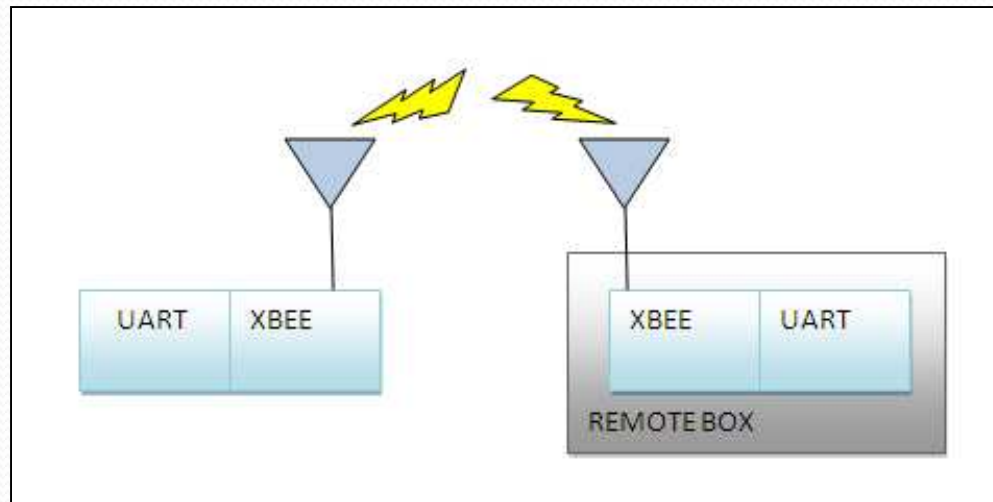
Wireless Communications

Our Requirements

- Minimum 900 ft “open-line-of-sight”
- Point-to-multipoint communication
- Low power consumption

Error Checking Protocol

- Packet uses 8 byte structure
- 2 Start bytes (“#” and “%”)
- 1 Byte for command
- 4 Bytes for data
- 1 Byte for checksum





Sensors

- We have implemented various sensors on the ASV
- Sensors implemented into our design include:
 - Temperature sensors
 - System feedback
 - Humidity sensor
 - System feedback
 - Light sensors
 - Challenges

Temperature Sensor

Specifications

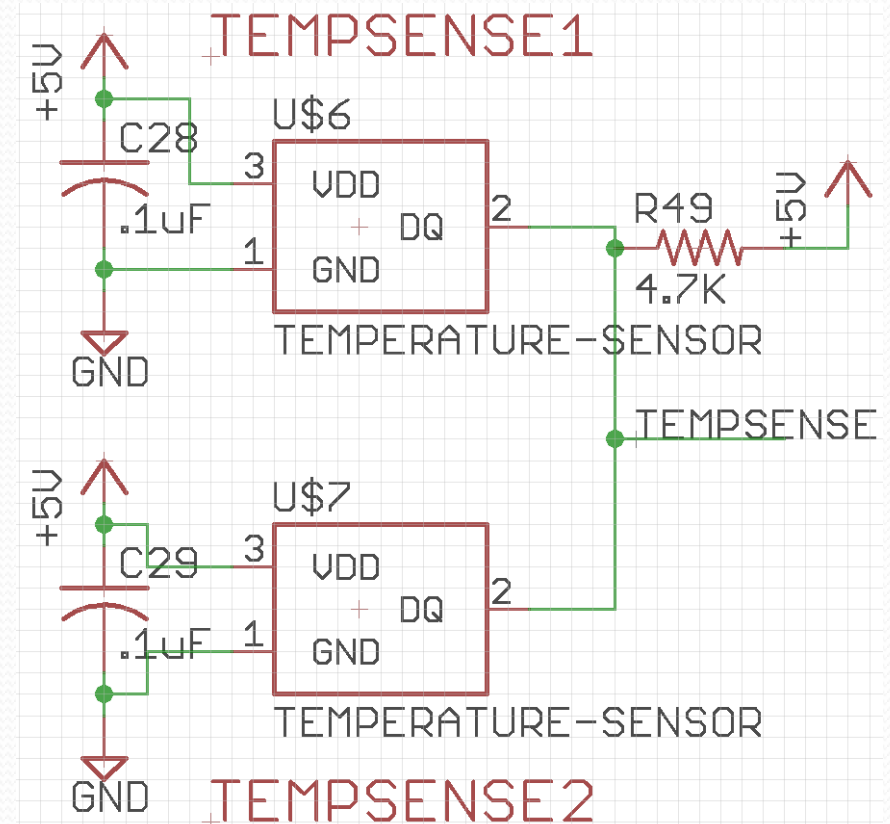
- Operating in a range from -55°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Power supply range of 3.0 V to 5.5 V
- Resolution of 0.5°C
- Temperature accuracy of $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ @ 25°C

Advantages

- 1-wire communication
- Multiple devices on a bus

Schematic

Maxim's DS18S20



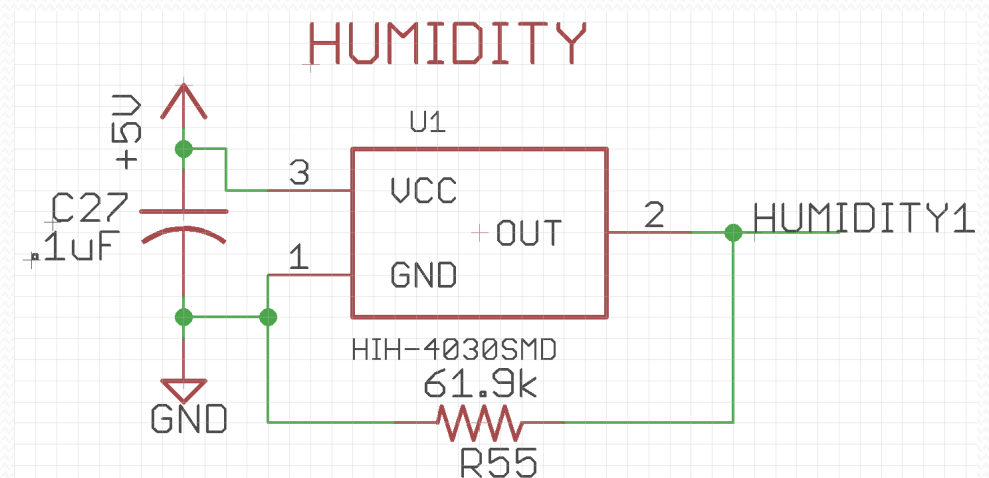
Humidity Sensor

Our Requirements

- Read humidity values in the range of 10% to 90%
- Works with our 5 V power supply.
- Provide an accuracy of $\pm 3.0\%$ Relative Humidity

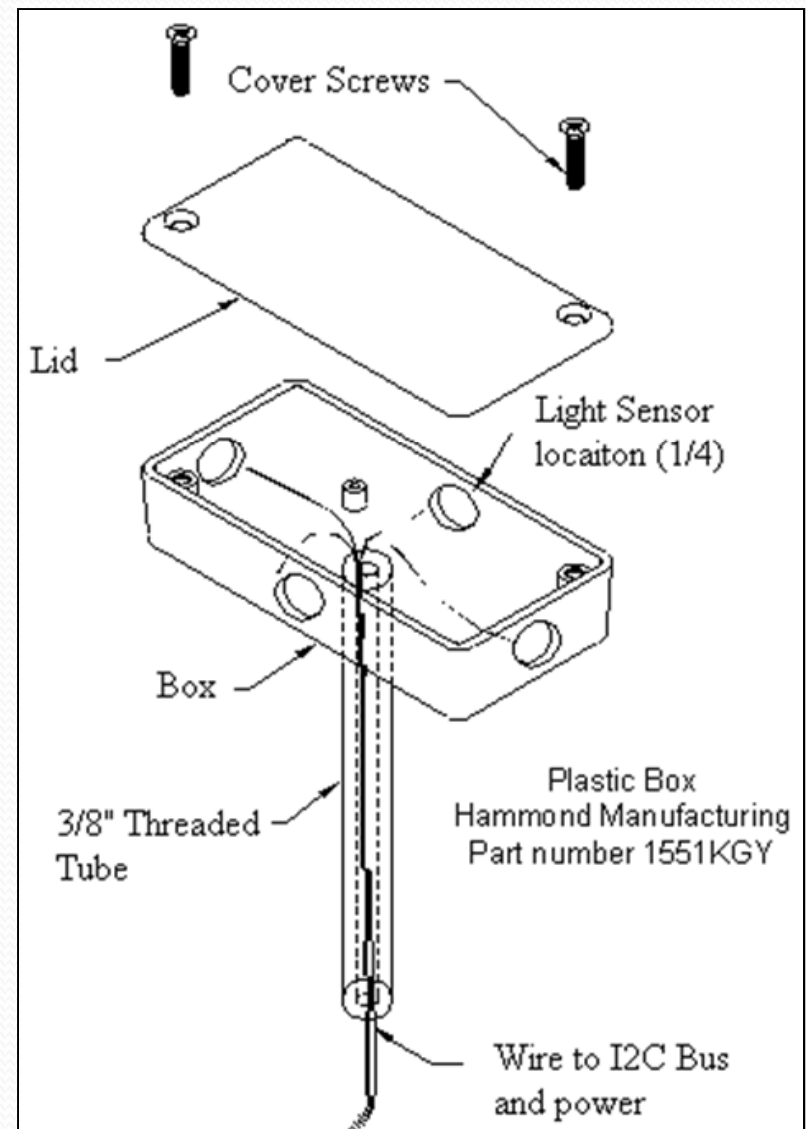
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Honeywell HIH-5030

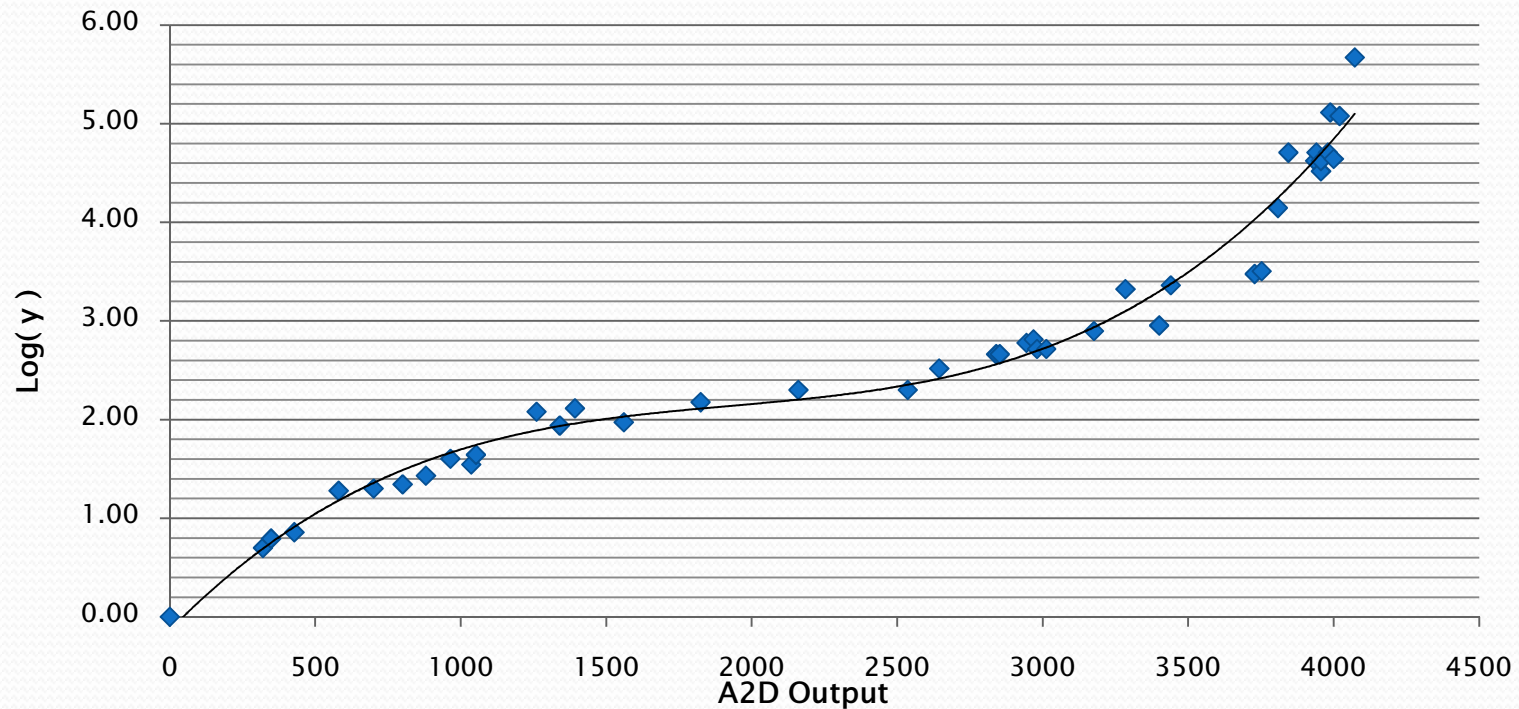


Light Sensor

- Simplistic voltage divider design
- (4) Photo-resistors encased within a black box
- Used CAT5e cable for connection to A2D
- Capable of reading 0 to 100,000 Lux



Light Sensor Data Curve



FPGA vs. Microcontroller

We chose to use both...

FPGA Advantages:

- Processing is done in parallel for near real-time realization
- Extremely flexible in logic based implementation
- Clock rates can be lower and achieve similar results as a μC

μC Advantages:

- Cost efficient
- Power Consumption is less
- Communication between devices is much easier

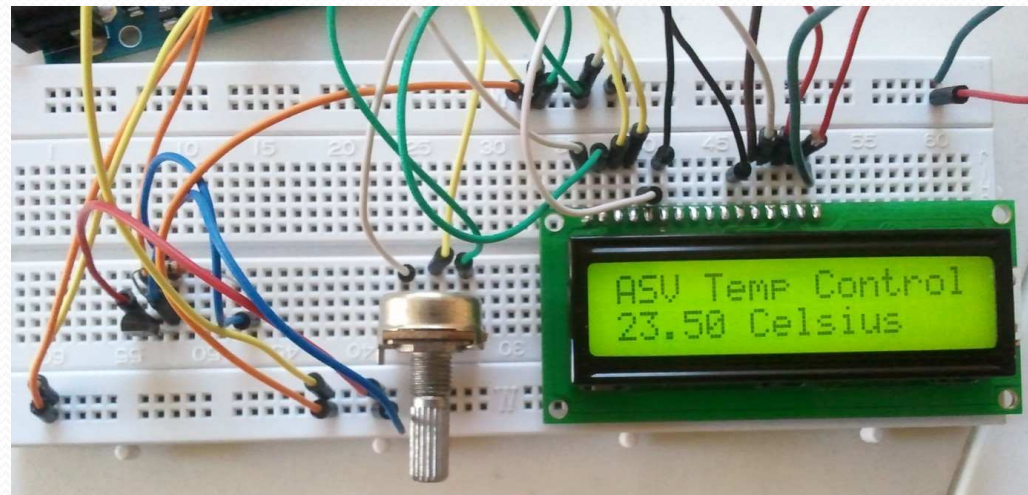
Programming Environment

- Microcontroller
 - AVR Programmer (ICSP)
 - C language
 - Windows/Linux
- FPGA
 - Xilinx ISE WebPack
 - JTAG Interface
 - VHDL language
 - Windows/Linux

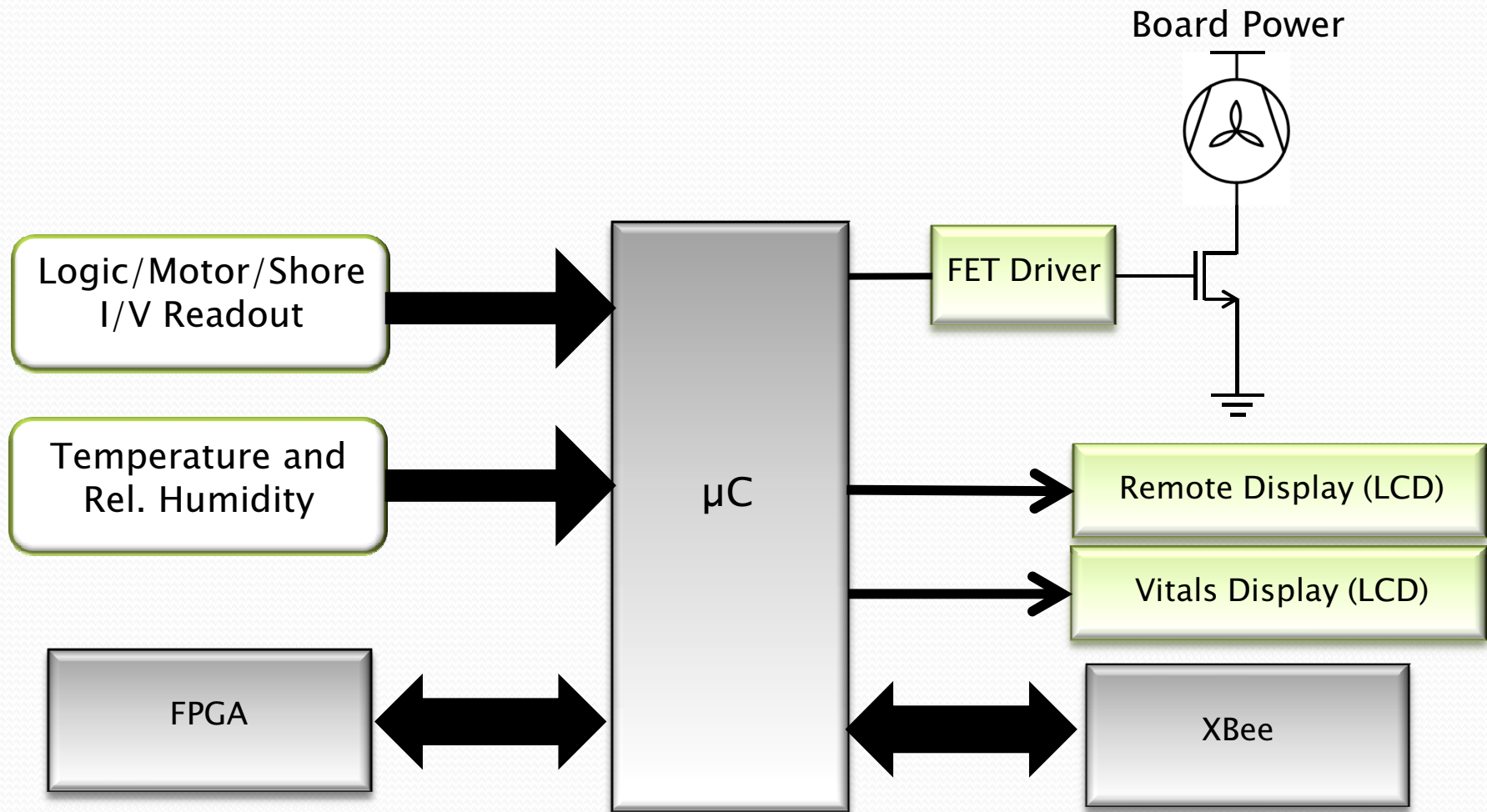


Microcontroller – Atmega328p

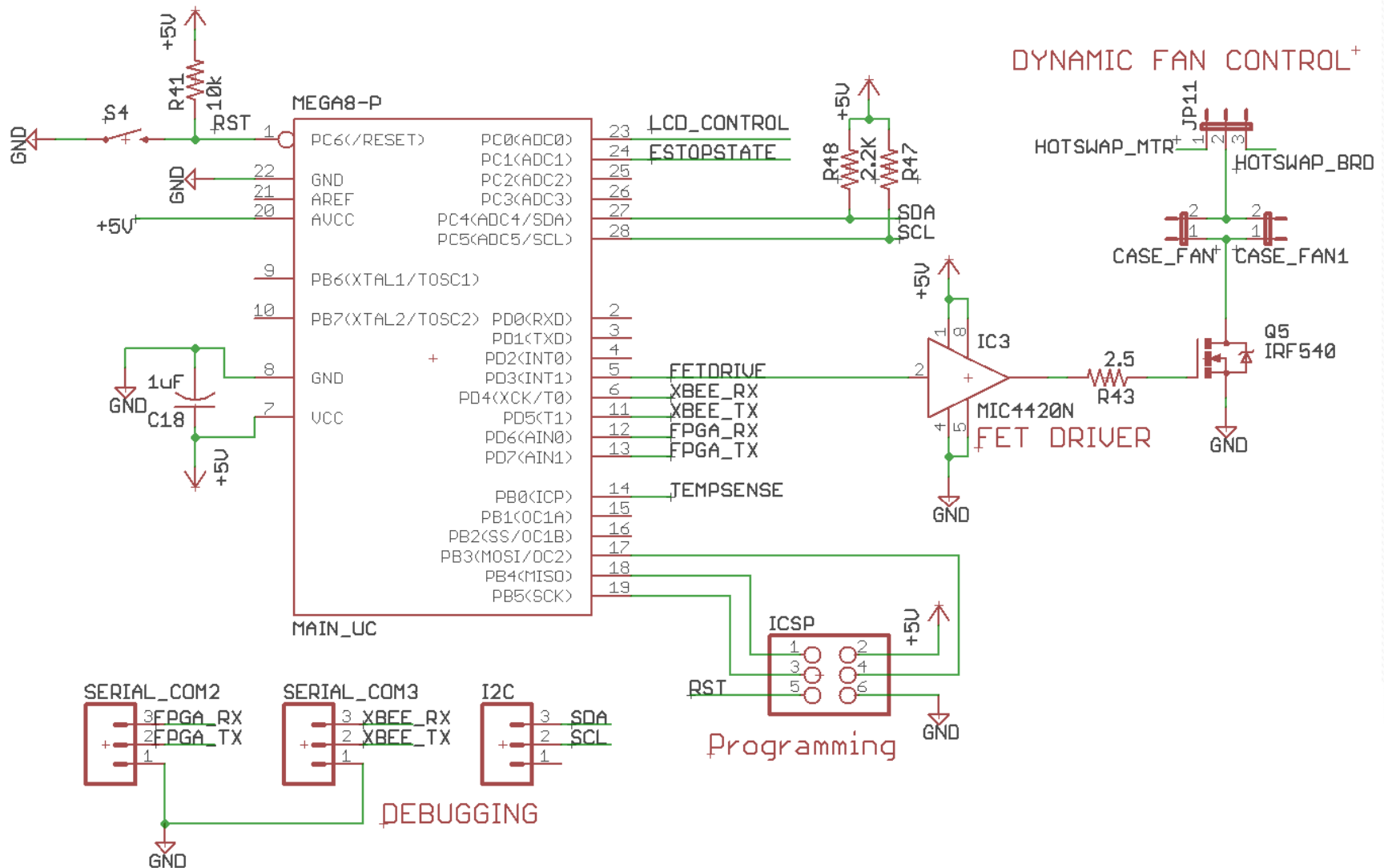
- Analog to digital conversion (Dedicated ADC as well)
- Display vitals on an LCD screen
- Regulate air flow through case based on ambient temperature in the case.
- Transmit data wirelessly to remote box by interfacing with a XBee



Logic Overview

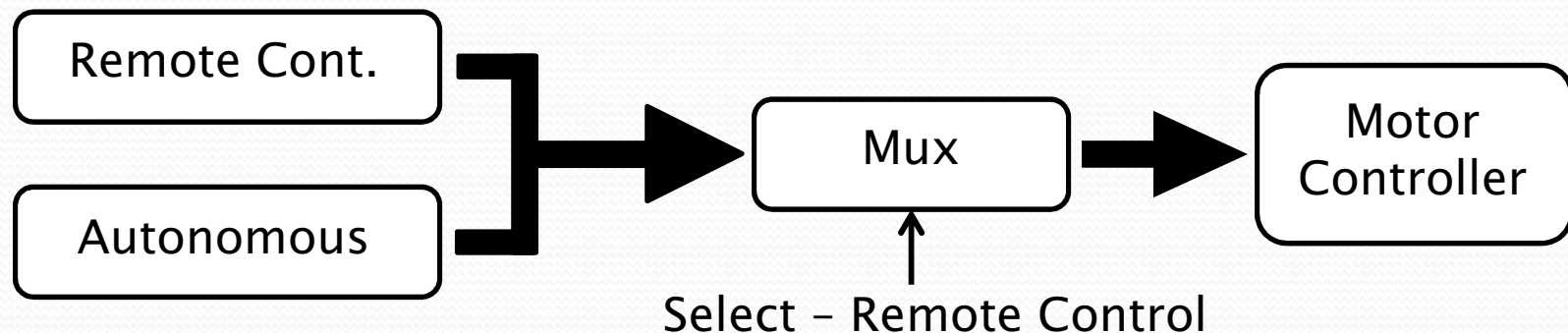


Microcontroller – Schematics



FPGA – Xilinx Spartan 3E

- Communicate vehicle vitals to the on-board computer
- Control indicator LEDs on the vehicle
- Receiving the RC PWM signals from a remote controller
- Receiving thrust percentage values from on-board computer
- Mux the two signals mentioned above to be able to switch between autonomous and human controlled mode



Timeline



Item	Due Date	Progress
Research	12/04/2010	<div></div>
Schematic/Design	01/25/2011	<div></div>
Board Layout	01/30/2011	<div></div>
Board Population	02/19/2011	<div></div>
Board Testing	02/26/2011	<div></div>
Integration	03/05/2011	<div></div>

Budget

Future Costs:

- Travel – \$2,000
- Sensors – \$400
- PCB – \$100
- Course – \$400

Sponsors:

- IST
- Northrop Grumman
- SGA

ITEM	FINANCE	APPROXIMATE COST
GPS	ASV Team	\$1,500
Compass	ASV Team	\$1,500
Course	ASV Team	\$1000
Batteries	ASV Team	\$1,000
Camera	ASV Team	\$700
FPGA	ASV Team	\$150
Unibrain	ASV Team	\$100
Subtotal (Already Purchased)		\$5,950
LIDAR	Sponsorship	\$3,950
ASV Computer	Sponsorship	\$1,000
Crust Crawler Motors	ASV Team	\$2,000
Motor Controllers	ASV Team	\$850
PCB Components	ASV Team	\$500
Mechanical	ASV Team	\$500
ZigBee Pro 900Mhz	ASV Team	\$150
HD Webcam	ASV Team	\$100
Pelican Case	ASV Team	\$100
Connectors	ASV Team	\$100
LCD Screens	ASV Team	\$60
Microcontroller	ASV Team	\$20
Subtotal (New Costs)		\$9,330
Total Cost		\$15,280