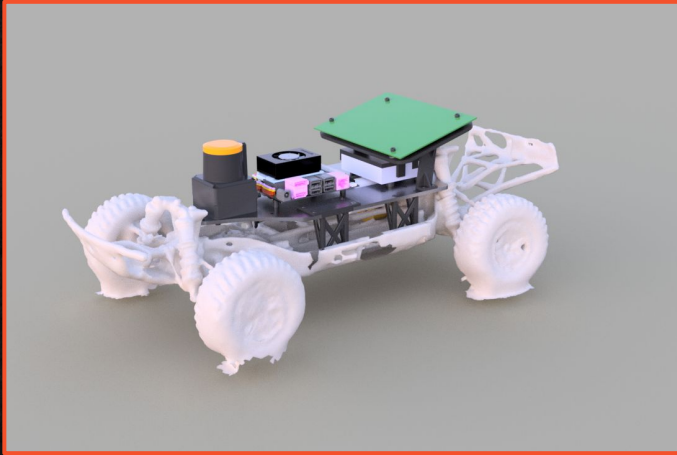


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# ***Small-Scale*** ***Autonomous*** ***Racing Vehicles***

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***Critical Design and Review (CDR)***  
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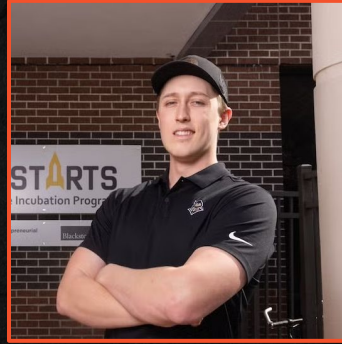
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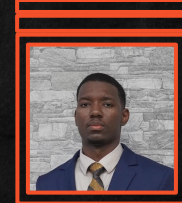


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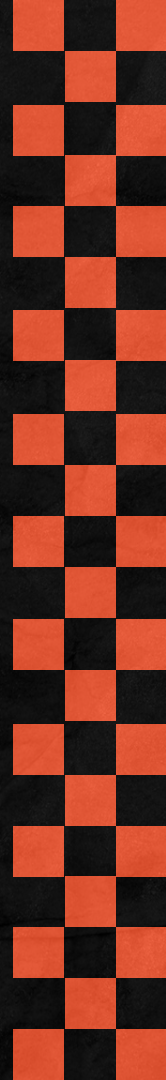




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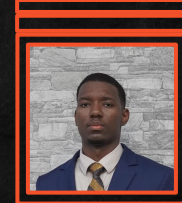


- Autonomous navigation is advancing quickly, with small-scale vehicles serving as a critical testing platform.
- Research laboratories need robust, compact vehicles to research and test innovative autonomous driving technologies.
- The project blends computer vision, real-time decision-making, and control systems, requiring high precision and continuous innovation.
- The vehicle provides a controlled environment that simulates real-world challenges and advances scalable solutions.



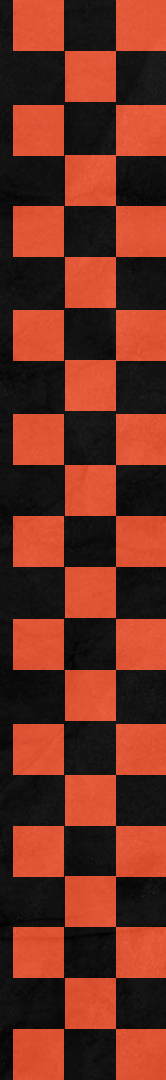


# Motivation



Our team has a passion for robotics, automation, and intelligent systems. We are motivated by several factors:

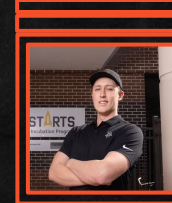
- Cutting-edge challenge that pushes the boundaries of current technical skills in autonomous navigation.
- Collaboration across various engineering disciplines fosters professional growth and innovative thinking.
- Mirrors real-world applications by integrating advanced technologies critical for future autonomous systems.
- Commitment to open-source sharing and thorough documentation aims to bridge knowledge gaps in autonomous vehicle technology.
- Prepares us for emerging trends in intelligent vehicle systems.





# Goals

- Design and develop two small-scale autonomous vehicles capable of high-speed navigation on an indoor racetrack.
- Optimize the mechanical design of one vehicle to explore challenges related to control and performance, enabling comparative analysis.
- Refine both the hardware and algorithm to achieve competitive performance at an international level, with the goal of competing in elite autonomous racing events such as the RoboRacer competition.



# Objectives

## Software

Ensure cars are capable of perceiving, planning, and controlling their movement:

- Set up SLAM to map and localize vehicles in real time
- Compute optimal race line and avoid obstacles while pursuing it
- [Stretch goal] Use Model Predictive Control for physically grounded vehicle control
- [Stretch goal] Use State lattice planner to optimize race line following



## Mechanical

Enhance physical performance characteristics of one of the vehicle:

- Optimize the suspension system to achieve a roll-angle reduction effectiveness greater than 1.25
- Optimize the weight distribution to allow the vehicle to have good handling characteristics
- Upgrade the motor and optimize weight to achieve a  $> 5\%$  decrease in 0-14.5 mph acceleration times and a power to weight ratio of over 126.579 W/kg



## Electrical

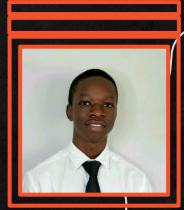
Ensure reliable power distribution and monitoring to the entire system:

- Design 2 Power Management Systems
- Develop and build a system status indicator board
- [Stretch goal] Write instruction manual for both systems

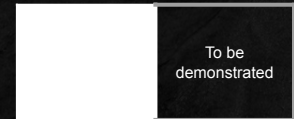




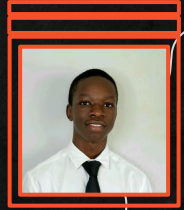
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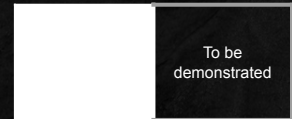
| Item                                   | Parameter                                  | Specification     |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Vehicle weight and weight distribution | Static weight distribution (front to rear) | 50/50             |
| Race line computation                  | Latency                                    | < 10s             |
| Race line following algorithm          | Replanning time                            | < 0.5s            |
| System Status Indicator module         | Number of statistics on display            | 5                 |
| Power distribution board               | Efficiency                                 | > 60%             |
| Odometry estimations                   | Accuracy                                   | $\pm 15\text{cm}$ |
| Battery                                | Runtime                                    | > 10 minutes      |



# Engineering Specifications



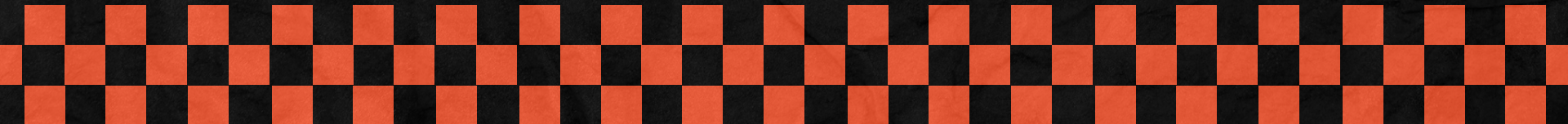
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| Vehicle Performance                         | 0 - 14.5 mph time                            | > 5% decrease  |
| Vehicle Suspension                          | Roll-angle reduction mechanism effectiveness | > 1.25         |
| Vehicle weight and weight distribution      | Power-to-weight ratio                        | > 126.579 W/kg |
| Battery                                     | Capacity                                     | > 5000mAh      |
| Power distribution board PCB                | Number of layers                             | 2              |
| Model Predictive Control Set-point tracking | Overshoot                                    | < 20%          |
| Model Predictive Control Set-point tracking | Rise-time                                    | < 1 second     |

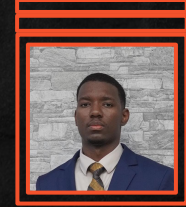






# ***Comparison & Selection of Hardware***





# Vehicle Chassis

| Model                      | Price (USD) | Scale | Size (L x W x H)      | Weight  | Manufacturer      |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| HSP 94996                  | \$460       | 1:8   | 20.5" x 15" x 9.8"    | ~3.5 kg | Hspacing Co., LTD |
| HSP 94118 PRO              | \$300       | 1:10  | 18.7" x 9.9" x 6.5"   | ~3 kg   | Hspacing Co., LTD |
| Kyosho Inferno Buggy       | \$600       | 1:8   | 19.7" x 12.2" x 7.9"  | ~3.8 kg | Kyosho            |
| Kyosho Fazer Mk2 FZ02L     | \$300       | 1:10  | 14.6" x 7.9" x 5.1"   | ~2.5 kg | Kyosho            |
| Tamiya TT-02               | \$150       | 1:10  | 16.7" x 7.3" x 5.8"   | ~1.5 kg | Tamiya            |
| Traxxas Slash 4x4 Ultimate | \$550       | 1:10  | 22.4" x 11.7" x 7.6"  | ~2.9 kg | Traxxas           |
| LaTrax Rally               | \$140       | 1:18  | 10" x 4.7" x 3.9"     | ~0.5 kg | Traxxas (LaTrax)  |
| Traxxas X-Maxx             | \$1,000     | 1:6   | 30.7" x 21.3" x 13.8" | ~8.6 kg | Traxxas           |



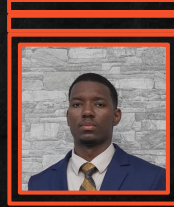


# Computing Unit



| Feature                     | UP Board                                          | Raspberry Pi 4                            | Raspberry Pi 5                    | LattePanda                                                | Intel NUC                            | NVIDIA Jetson Nano                | NVIDIA Jetson Xavier NX                | NVIDIA Jetson Orin NX                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Price (USD)</b>          | ~\$150 - \$200                                    | ~\$35 - \$75                              | ~\$75 - \$100                     | ~\$200 - \$400                                            | ~\$300 - \$1000+                     | ~\$100                            | ~\$400                                 | ~\$600 - \$800                          |
| <b>CPU</b>                  | Intel Atom x5-Z8350 quad-core (1.44–1.92GHz), x86 | Quad-core Cortex-A72 @1.5GHz, ARM         | Quad-core Cortex-A76 @2.4GHz, ARM | Intel Celeron N4100 quad-core (1.1–2.4GHz), x86           | Intel Core i3/i5/i7 (varies), x86    | Quad-core ARM Cortex-A57 @1.43GHz | 6-core NVIDIA Carmel ARM v8.2          | 8-core ARM Cortex-A78AE                 |
| <b>GPU</b>                  | Integrated Intel HD Graphics                      | Broadcom VideoCore VI                     | Upgraded VideoCore-based GPU      | Intel UHD Graphics (e.g., 600 series)                     | Intel UHD/Iris or optional discrete  | 128-core Maxwell GPU              | 384-core Volta GPU w/ 48 Tensor Cores  | 1024-core Ampere GPU w/ 32 Tensor Cores |
| <b>Memory</b>               | 4GB LPDDR4                                        | 2, 4, or 8GB LPDDR4                       | 4 or 8GB LPDDR4X                  | 4 or 8GB LPDDR4                                           | 4 – 64GB                             | 4GB LPDDR4                        | 8GB LPDDR4x                            | 8GB or 16GB LPDDR5                      |
| <b>Storage</b>              | 64GB eMMC (expandable via microSD)                | microSD card slot                         | microSD card slot                 | 64GB eMMC (expandable via microSD/SSD)                    | 2.5" drive and/or M.2 SSD support    | microSD slot                      | NVMe slot, (microSD slot in devkits)   | NVMe slot, (microSD slot in devkits)    |
| <b>Specialized Hardware</b> | x86 platform w/ GPIO for sensors                  | 40-pin GPIO; CSI/DSI for cameras/displays | Enhanced GPIO & camera interfaces | Integrated Arduino co-processor; Windows 10 compatibility | x86 architecture for full OS support | AI acceleration (CUDA, TensorRT)  | Advanced AI acceleration for vision/ML | Next-gen AI/deep learning optimization  |

# Motor Controller



| Feature              | Motor Driver                   | ESC                 | VESC                             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Motor Type           | Brushed DC, Stepper            | Brushless DC (BLDC) | Brushless DC (BLDC)              |
| Control Type         | PWM, UART, SPI, I2C            | PWM (servo signal)  | PWM, UART, CAN, I2C              |
| Telemetry            | No                             | Limited             | Yes (current, speed, temp, etc.) |
| Configurable         | Limited                        | No (fixed settings) | Yes (via VESC Tool)              |
| Regenerative Braking | No                             | Some models         | Yes                              |
| Ideal For            | Small robots, Arduino projects | RC cars, drones     | Electric vehicles, robotics      |

| Model               | Price (USD) | Voltage Range             | Continuous / Peak Current           | Telemetry Sensors                  | Communication Interfaces |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Flipsky F5ESC 6.7   | ~\$150–170  | Up to ~60V (≈10S LiPo)    | ~70A / ~300A                        | Voltage, Current, Temperature      | PWM, UART, CAN           |
| Trampa VESC MKVI 6  | ~\$300–350  | 22–44V (6S–12S LiPo)      | ~80A / ~150A                        | Voltage, Current, Temperature, IMU | PWM, UART, CAN           |
| MakerX Go-FOC HI200 | ~\$250–300  | 3S–16S (up to ~75V)       | ~200A continuous (high peak)        | Voltage, Current, Temperature      | PWM, UART, CAN           |
| Stormcore 60D       | ~\$400–450  | ~36–75V (approx. 10S–18S) | ~60A per channel (dual motor setup) | Voltage, Current, Temperature      | PWM, UART, CAN           |
| Makerbase M200 VESC | ~\$120–150  | 3S–12S (up to ~36V)       | ~50A / ~100A                        | Voltage, Current                   | PWM, UART                |



# LiDAR



| Sensor             | Price (USD) | Size (in)        | Weight (lbs) | Field of View                  | Range (m) | Refresh Rate (Hz) |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Ouster OS0-32      | ~\$1,850    | ~2.6 x 2.6 x 2.4 | ~0.9         | 360° horizontal / 90° vertical | ~35       | 20                |
| Velodyne Puck Lite | ~\$5,150    | ~2.8 x 3.5       | ~1.3         | 360° horizontal / 30° vertical | 100       | 20                |
| Slamtec RPLIDAR S2 | ~\$500      | ~6 in (diameter) | ~1.1         | 360° (2D scan)                 | 30        | 20                |
| Hokuyo UST-10LX    | ~\$1,200    | ~2.0 x 2.0 x 2.8 | ~0.29        | 270° (2D scan)                 | 10        | 40                |
| Livox MID-360      | ~\$749      | ~2.6 x 2.6 x 2.4 | ~0.58        | 360° horizontal / 59° vertical | 40        | 20                |

# Stereo/Depth Camera



| Feature               | Price  | Size (in)       | Weight (lbs) | FoV (H×V) | Range      | Refresh Rate | Resolution | Additional Hardware |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Intel RealSense D455  | ~\$200 | 3.9 x 1.5 x 0.6 | 0.23         | 86°×57°   | 0.4–6 m    | Up to 90 Hz  | 1280×720   | IMU, Global Shutter |
| Intel RealSense D435i | ~\$130 | 3.5 x 1.4 x 0.6 | 0.18         | 85°×58°   | 0.2–10 m   | Up to 90 Hz  | 1280×720   | IMU, Global Shutter |
| ZED 2i                | ~\$500 | 6.3 x 2.0 x 1.2 | 0.44         | 120°×70°  | Up to 20 m | Up to 120 Hz | 1280×720   | IMU, AI accelerator |
| Intel RealSense L515  | ~\$350 | 2.6 x 1.2 x 1.0 | 0.15         | 70°×55°   | 0.2–9 m    | Up to 30 Hz  | 1024×768   | LiDAR, RGB          |
| Azure Kinect DK       | ~\$500 | 4.9 x 2.7 x 1.3 | 0.88         | 120°×120° | 0.5–5.46 m | 30 Hz        | 1024×1024  | 7-mic, IMU          |

# Vehicle Drivetrain Motor



| Motor                           | Surpass Hobby<br>3650, 4350Kv | KingVal 3670,<br>2650Kv | KingVal 3650,<br>4300Kv |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Power Rating<br>(Watts, W)      | 900                           | 1600                    | 900                     |
| Operating Voltage<br>(Volts, V) | 11.1                          | 11.1                    | 11.1                    |
| Continuous Current<br>(Amps, A) | 60                            | 86                      | 60                      |
| Cost (Dollars, \$)              | 71.89                         | 37.68                   | 53.68                   |





# Vehicle Drivetrain Belt



| Belt Type                         | V-Belt     | Flat Belt  | Timing Belt      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Short Distance Power Transmission | Good       | Poor       | Good             |
| Slippage                          | Low (Good) | High (Bad) | None (Very Good) |
| Performance at High Speeds        | Good       | Good       | Good             |
| Mechanical Efficiency             | Good       | Poor       | Good             |



# 3D Printing Material



| Materials                                 | PLA  | ABS  | PETG | Polypropylene | ASA  |
|-------------------------------------------|------|------|------|---------------|------|
| Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )              | 1.24 | 1.04 | 1.27 | 0.9           | 1.05 |
| Ultimate Tensile Strength (MPa)           | 65   | 40   | 53   | 40            | 40   |
| Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (μm/m°C) | 68   | 90   | 60   | 150           | 98   |
| Average Cost/kg (\$/kg)                   | 25   | 25   | 40   | 90            | 39   |

# ***Suspension System Optimization Method***

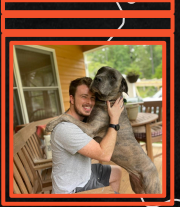


| Technology/Method                | Anti-roll bars | CG and Raise roll center positioning | Suspension Spring Rates |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Variability / Ease of Adjustment | Medium         | High                                 | Low                     |
| Ease of Integration              | High           | Medium                               | High                    |
| Average Cost (Dollars, \$)       | 16.5           | 0                                    | 17                      |



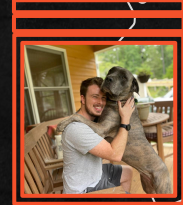


# PMS Microcontroller



| Microcontroller        | Wireless Support | Multi-language support | Clock Rate | Price   | Learning Overhead |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------|---------|-------------------|
| MSP430FR6989           | X                | X                      | 16 MHz     | \$10.05 | Low               |
| Raspberry Pi Zero W    | ✓                | ✓                      | 1 GHz      | \$15.00 | Medium            |
| Arduino UNO R3         | X                | X                      | 16MHz      | \$27.60 | Low               |
| Arduino RP2040 Connect | ✓                | ✓                      | 133 MHz    | \$29.40 | Medium            |
| ESP32                  | ✓                | ✓                      | 240 MHz    | \$10.00 | Low               |



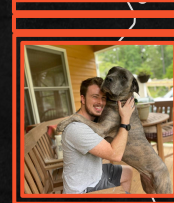


# PMS 12V Regulator

| Regulator | Input Voltage Range | Current Limit | Switching Type           | efficiency      | Protections                       | Price  |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| LT3120    | 2.5V-26V            | <9A           | 4-Switch<br>(Buck-Boost) | High<br>(>95%)  | UVLO, OVP,<br>Thermal<br>Shutdown | Medium |
| LM2585    | 8V-40V              | <3A           | 2-Switch (Boost)         | Medium<br>(85%) | Basic OVP                         | Low    |
| LT3958    | 5V-58V              | <4A           | 4-Switch<br>(Buck-Boost) | High<br>(>92%)  | OVP, Thermal<br>Shutdown          | High   |
| XL6009    | 5V-32V              | <2.5A         | 2-Switch<br>(Buck-Boost) | Medium<br>(85%) | Basic OVP                         | Low    |



# PMS Current Monitor



| Sensor     | Input Voltage Range | Current Limit          | Package | Voltage Accuracy | Resolution                      | Price    |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| INA219BIDR | 0V-26V              | 3.2A<br>(programmable) | SOIC-8  | ±1%              | High (16-bit ADC)               | Low      |
| LTC2945    | 0V-80V              | Wide                   | MSOP-16 | ±0.4%            | Medium (12-bit ADC)             | High     |
| MAX40080   | 0V-36V              | 50mV shunt voltage     | WLP-10  | ±0.1%            | High (12-bit ADC w/ high speed) | Moderate |
| INA226     | 0V-36V              | 81.92mV shunt voltage  | MSOP-10 | ±0.1%            | High (16-bit ADC)               | Moderate |





# SIS Microcontroller



| MCU          | Clock Speed                     | Flash Memory                 | ADC Channels                  | Operating Voltage | RAM              | Price                          |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| MSP430FR2676 | Up to 16 MHz                    | 32 KB                        | 16-bit ADC                    | 1.8V to 3.6V      | 4 KB             | \$2 to \$5                     |
| STM32        | Up to 480 MHz (varies by model) | Up to 2 MB (varies by model) | Up to 24 channels, 12-bit ADC | 1.8V to 3.6V      | 128 KB to 384 KB | \$1 to \$20+ (varies by model) |
| ESP32        | Up to 240 MHz                   | 448 KB ROM                   | 18 channels, 12-bit ADC       | 2.2V to 3.6V      | 520 KB           | \$4 to \$10                    |
| Arduino Uno  | 16 MHz                          | 32 KB                        | 6 channels, 10-bit ADC        | 5V                | 2KB              | \$20 to \$25                   |



# SIS 3.3V/5V Regulator



| Regulator | Input Voltage Range | Output Voltage Range | Efficiency | Maximum Output Current | Switching Frequency | Size        |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| TPS63060  | 2.5V – 12V          | 1.2V – 5.5V          | Up to 93%  | 2.0A                   | 2.4MHz              | 3.0 x 3.0mm |
| TPS552882 | 2.7V – 36V          | 0.8V – 22V           | Up to 96%  | 4.0A                   | 2.2MHz              | 3.0 x 2.5mm |
| TPS63070  | 2.0V – 16V          | 2.5V – 9V            | Up to 95%  | 2.0A                   | 2.4MHz              | 2.5 x 3.0mm |



# SIS Charger



| Sensor   | Input Voltage Range | Max Charge Current | Package              | Charging Voltage | Price  |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| TP4056   | ~4 V to 8 V         | 1.0 A              | SOP-8/MS<br>OP-8     | 4.2V             | \$0.04 |
| MCP73831 | ~3.75 V to 6 V      | 500 mA             | SOT-23-5/<br>2x3 DFN | 4.2V             | \$0.38 |
| TP5100   | 5.0V-18.0V          | 2.0A               | SOP-8                | 4.2V/8.4V        | \$0.55 |
| CN3065   | 4.4V-6.0V           | 1.0A               | SOP-8                | 4.2V             | \$1.23 |

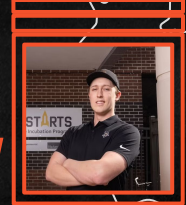


# Flight Controller Comparison



|                                       | # of IMUs | Microcontroller                                                          | PWM out | USB Port | Price   | Integrated ESC |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------------|
| <b>HolyBro<br/>PixHawk 6c</b>         | 2         | 32 Bit Arm®<br>Cortex®-M7,<br>480MHz, 2MB<br>memory, 1MB<br>SRAM         | 16      | Yes      | \$212   | No             |
| <b>ModalAI<br/>Flight Core<br/>v1</b> | 3         | 216MHz, 32-bit<br>ARM M7<br>STM32F765II                                  | 8       | No       | \$200   | No             |
| <b>Sky-Drones<br/>AIRLink</b>         | 3         | STM32F7, ARM<br>Cortex M7 with<br>FPU, 216 MHz, 2MB<br>Flash, 512 kB RAM | 16      | Yes      | \$2,790 | No             |
| <b>Vesc 6 MkVI</b>                    | 1         | N/A                                                                      | N/A     | Yes      | \$285   | Yes            |





# Software Architecture [Technology]

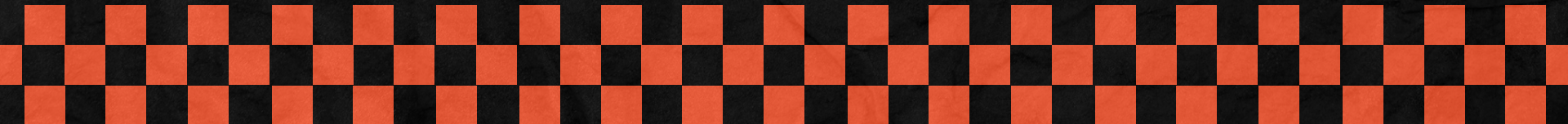
|                                                          | Compatible with<br>robot hardware<br>out of the box | Compatible with<br>simulation<br>software out of<br>the box | Work required | Difficulty to<br>debug | Customizability |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| ROS                                                      | ✓                                                   | ✓                                                           | Moderate      | Low                    | Universal       |
| MAVLink                                                  | ~                                                   | ~                                                           | Low           | High                   | None            |
| Python                                                   | ~                                                   | ✗                                                           | Extreme       | Moderate               | Universal       |
| Python +<br>Message Broker<br>(Redis,<br>RabbitMQ, etc.) | ~                                                   | ✗                                                           | High          | High                   | Universal       |







# ***Comparison & Selection of Software***



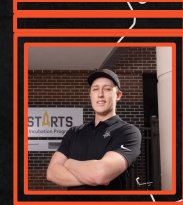


# ***Motor Controller [Technology]***



|                   | Native support for vehicle systems | ROS Integration |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Microcontroller   | No                                 | No              |
| Flight controller | Yes                                | Yes             |



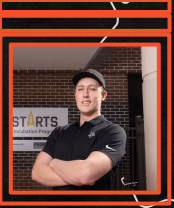


# ROS Version Comparison

|              | Ubuntu Version | Compatible with Gmapping | Compatible with Slam Toolbox | Compatible with NAV2 | Degree of forum support |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| ROS1 Melodic | 18             | ✓                        | ✓                            | ✗                    | High                    |
| ROS1 Noetic  | 20             | ✓                        | ✓                            | ✗                    | Low                     |
| ROS2 Foxy    | 20-22          | ~                        | ✓                            | ✓                    | High                    |
| ROS2 Jazzy   | 20-22          | ~                        | ✓                            | ✓                    | Low                     |



# Mapping [Technology]



|      | Enables raceline optimization | Works indoors | Ease of Implementation |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| SLAM | ✓                             | ✓             | Moderate               |
| GPS  | ✓                             | ✗             | Easy                   |
| None | ✗                             | ✓             | N/A                    |





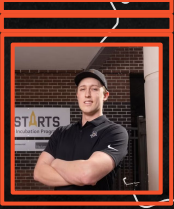


# ***SLAM Package Comparison***

|              | Works with live sensor data | Pose estimate stable when vehicle isn't moving | Clean loop closure | Loop closure detection | Works with Nav2 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Cartographer | ✓                           | ✓                                              | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✗               |
| SLAM Toolbox | ✓                           | ✓                                              | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓               |
| Hector       | ✓                           | ✓                                              | ✗                  | N/A                    | ✗               |
| Gmapping     | ✓                           | ~                                              | ✓                  | ✗                      | ✗               |



# Controller [Technology]



|                          | Requires vehicle model | Handles steering and velocity | Designed for ackermann vehicles | Difficulty to configure |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| PID                      | X                      | ✓                             | X                               | low                     |
| Stanley                  | X                      | X                             | ✓                               | moderate                |
| Pure Pursuit             | X                      | ✓                             | ✓                               | low                     |
| Model Predictive Control | ✓                      | ✓                             | ✓                               | high                    |







# ***Pure Pursuit Implementation Comparison***

|                                   | Ease of<br>implementation | Customizable to<br>vehicle<br>dimensions |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Write our own                     | Hard                      | ✓                                        |
| Python Control<br>Systems Library | Moderate                  | ~                                        |
| ROS2 controller<br>library        | Easy                      | ~                                        |
| NAV2 Plugin                       | Easy                      | ✓                                        |





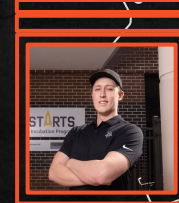
# ***Planner [Technology]***



|                       | Fast online | Can compute optimal path |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| RRT                   | ✓           | ✗                        |
| Clothoid Sampler      | ✗           | ✓                        |
| Lattice based planner | ✓           | ✓                        |



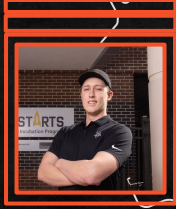
# ***Lattice Planner Implementation Comparison***



|                   | Difficulty to<br>implement | ROS2<br>compatible |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Write our own     | Hard                       | ✓                  |
| ROS<br>Navigation | Moderate                   | ✗                  |
| Nav2 Plugin       | Moderate                   | ✓                  |



# ***Test Environment [Technology]***



|            | Ease of setup | Speed of iteration |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Simulation | Hard          | High               |
| Hardware   | Moderate      | Slow               |







# Simulator Comparison

|                   | 3D Physics | 1/10th scale vehicles | Mac compatible | Supports map->odom->base_link tf tree |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| F1Tenth simulator | ✗          | ✓                     | ✗              | ✗                                     |
| F1Tenth Gym       | ✗          | ✓                     | ✓              | ✗                                     |
| CARLA             | ✓          | ✗                     | ✗              | ✗                                     |
| F1Tenth Gazebo    | ✓          | ✓                     | ✗              | ✗                                     |
| AutoDRIVE         | ✓          | ✓                     | ✓              | ✗                                     |
| Write our own     | ✓          | ✓                     | ✓              | ✓                                     |





# ***SIS Communication Protocol***

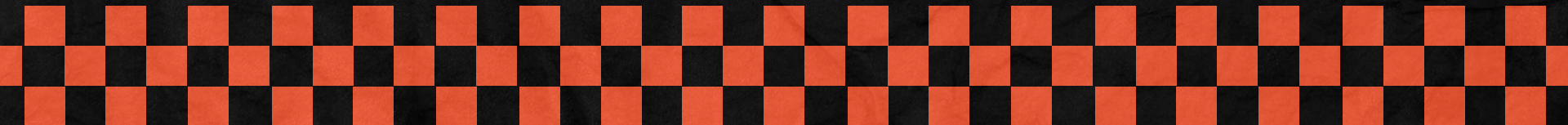
|                            | Range                 | Speed    | Power Consumption | Ease of Integration | Use Case                      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| ESP-NOW                    | 200 m LOS             | 2 Mbps   | Low               | Moderate            | P2P Communication             |
| Wi-Fi (TCP/IP)             | 50m indoors, 100m LOS | 11 Mbps  | High              | Easy                | Reliable Data transfer, Large |
| Bluetooth Classic          | 10m indoors, 100m LOS | 2.1 Mbps | Moderate          | Moderate            | Audio, moderate data transfer |
| Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) | 30m indoors, 100m LOS | 1 Mbps   | Very Low          | Easy                | Low power IoT devices         |





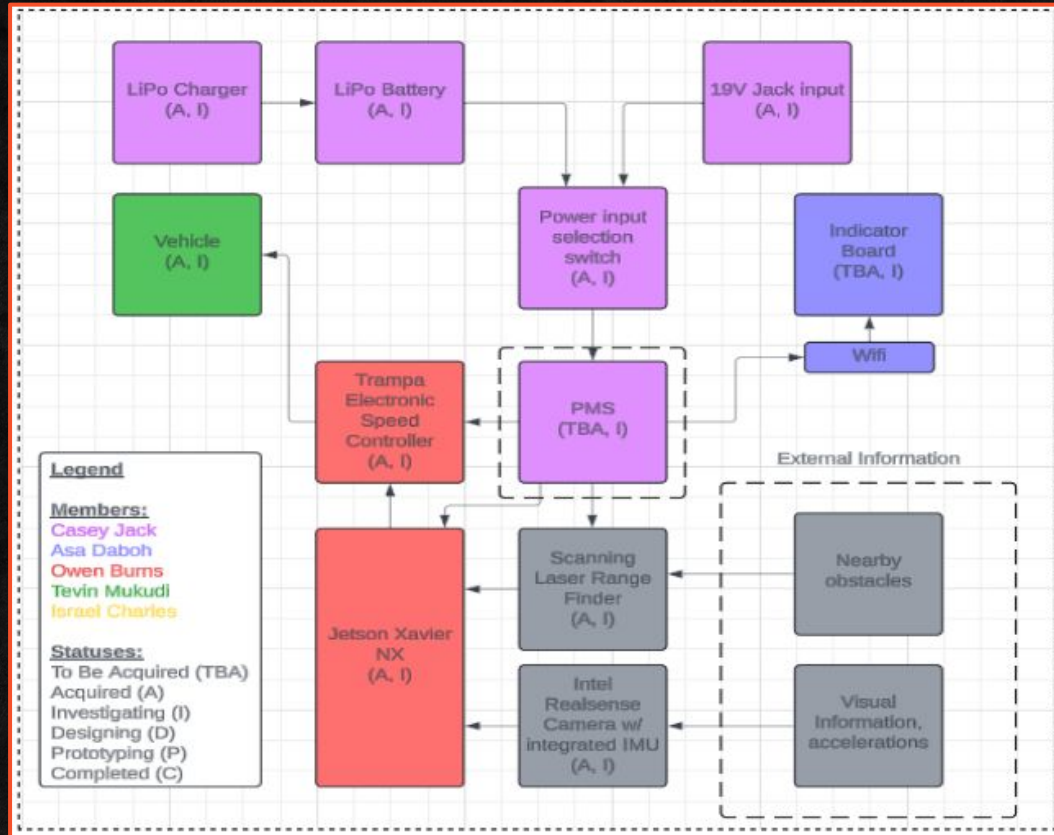
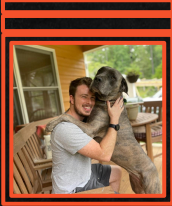


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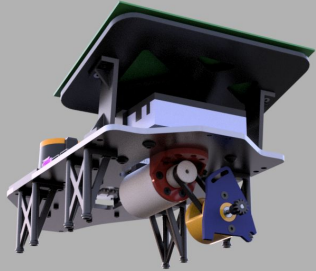




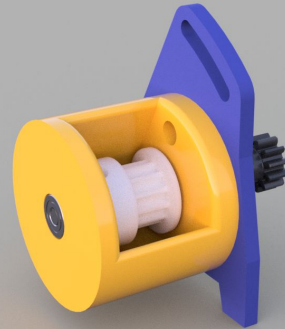
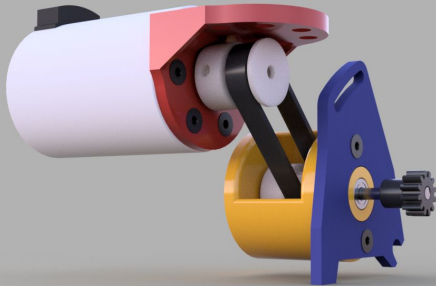
# Hardware Block Diagram



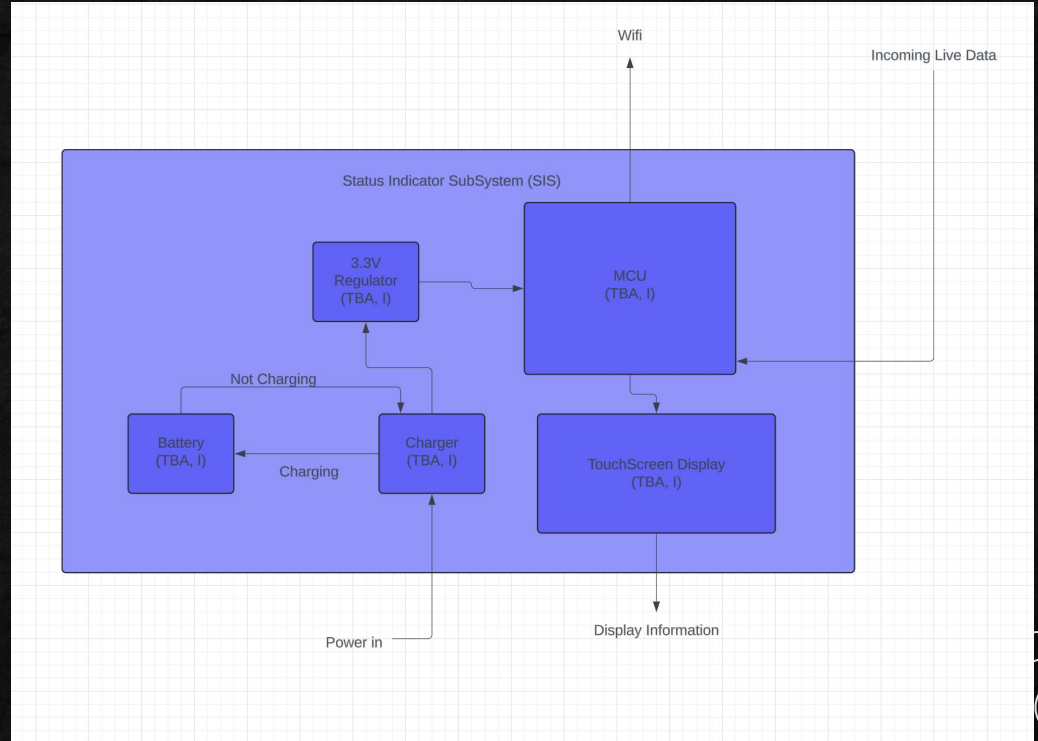
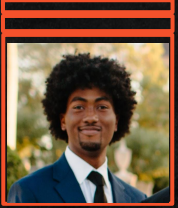
# ***Belt Drive Design***



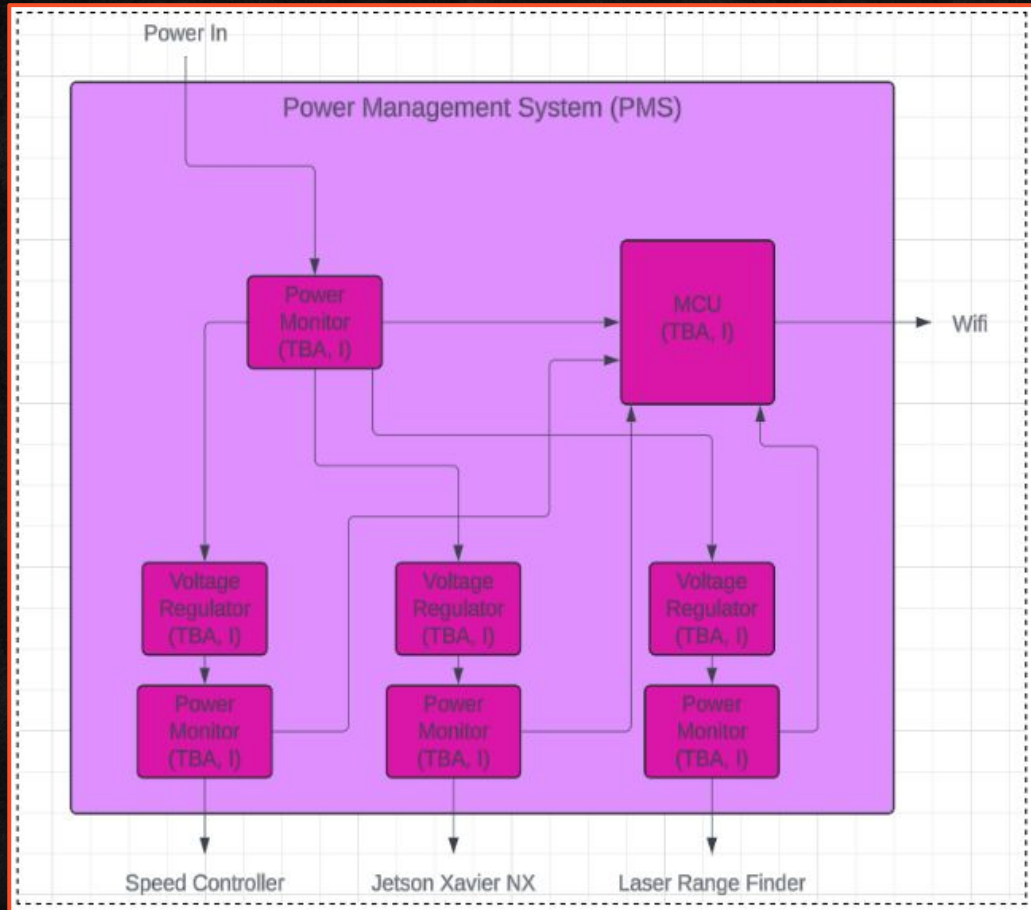
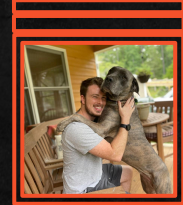
- 900W Motor
- GT2 timing belt and gears
- 3mm motor and transfer shafts
- Bearings for transfer shaft
- Stock output gear



# ***Status Indicator System (SIS) Block Diagram***

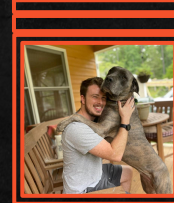




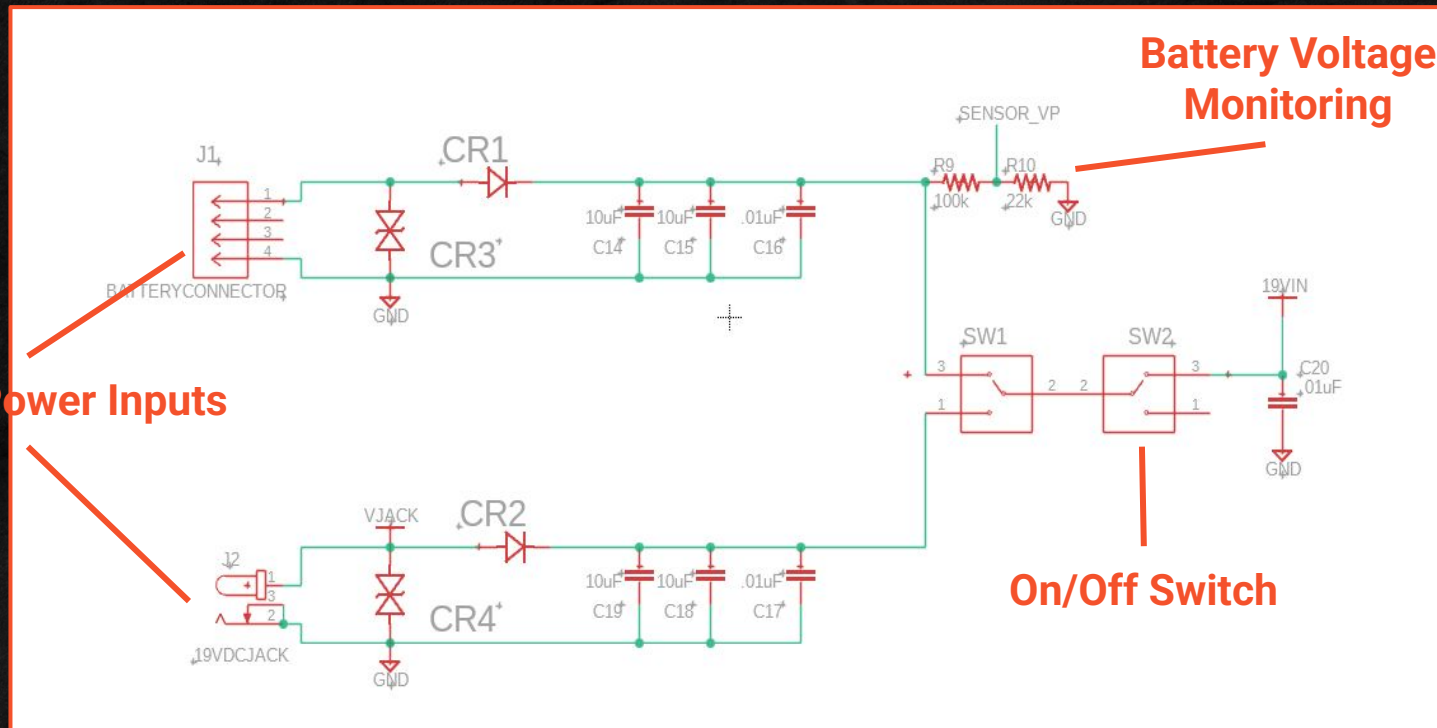


# ***Power Management System (PMS) Block Diagram***

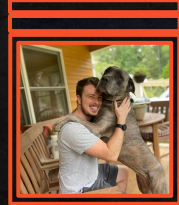
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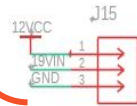
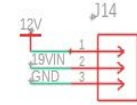
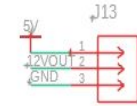
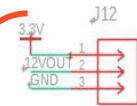
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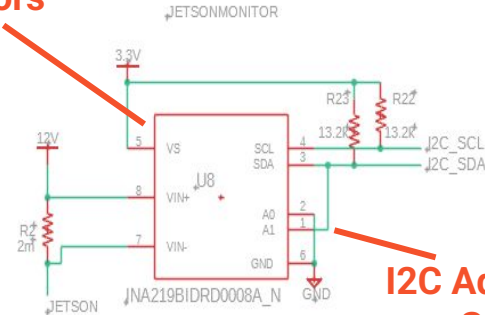
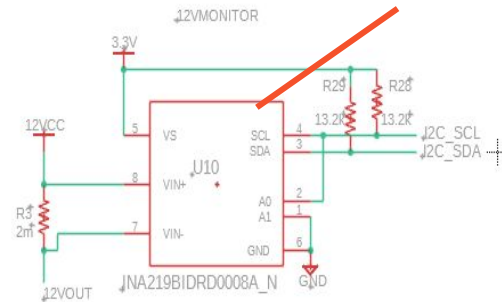
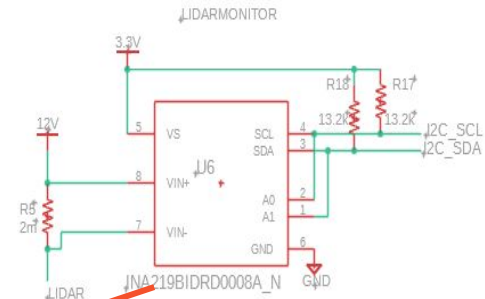
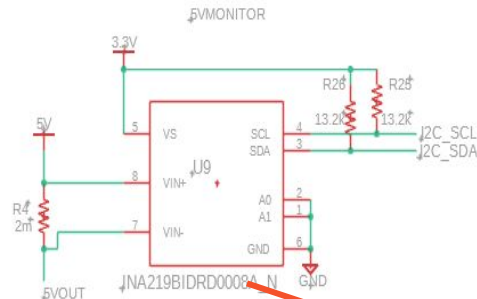
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Voltage Regulators



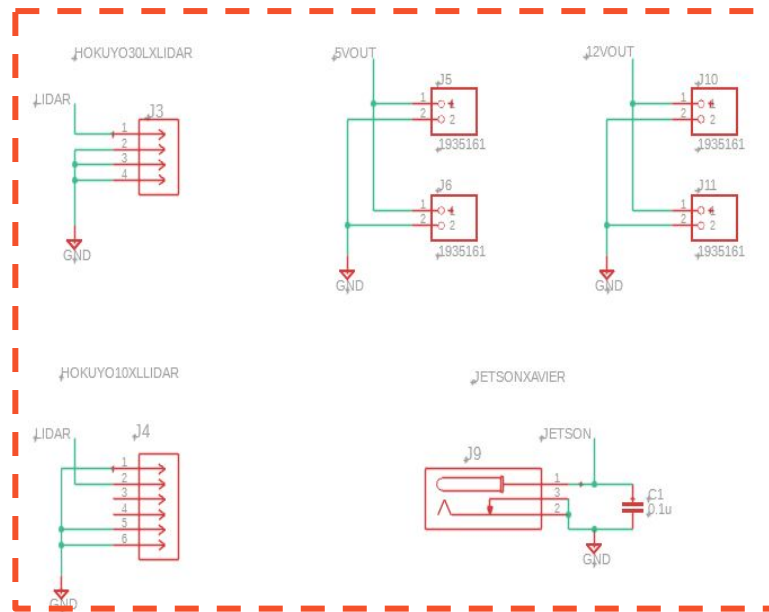
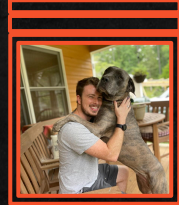
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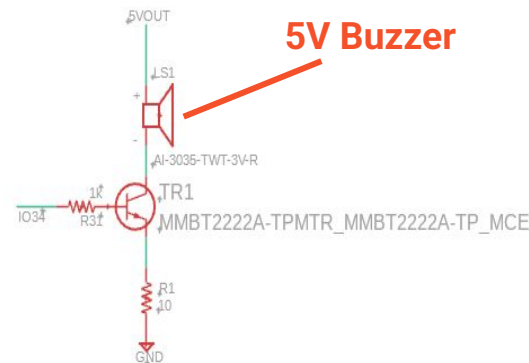


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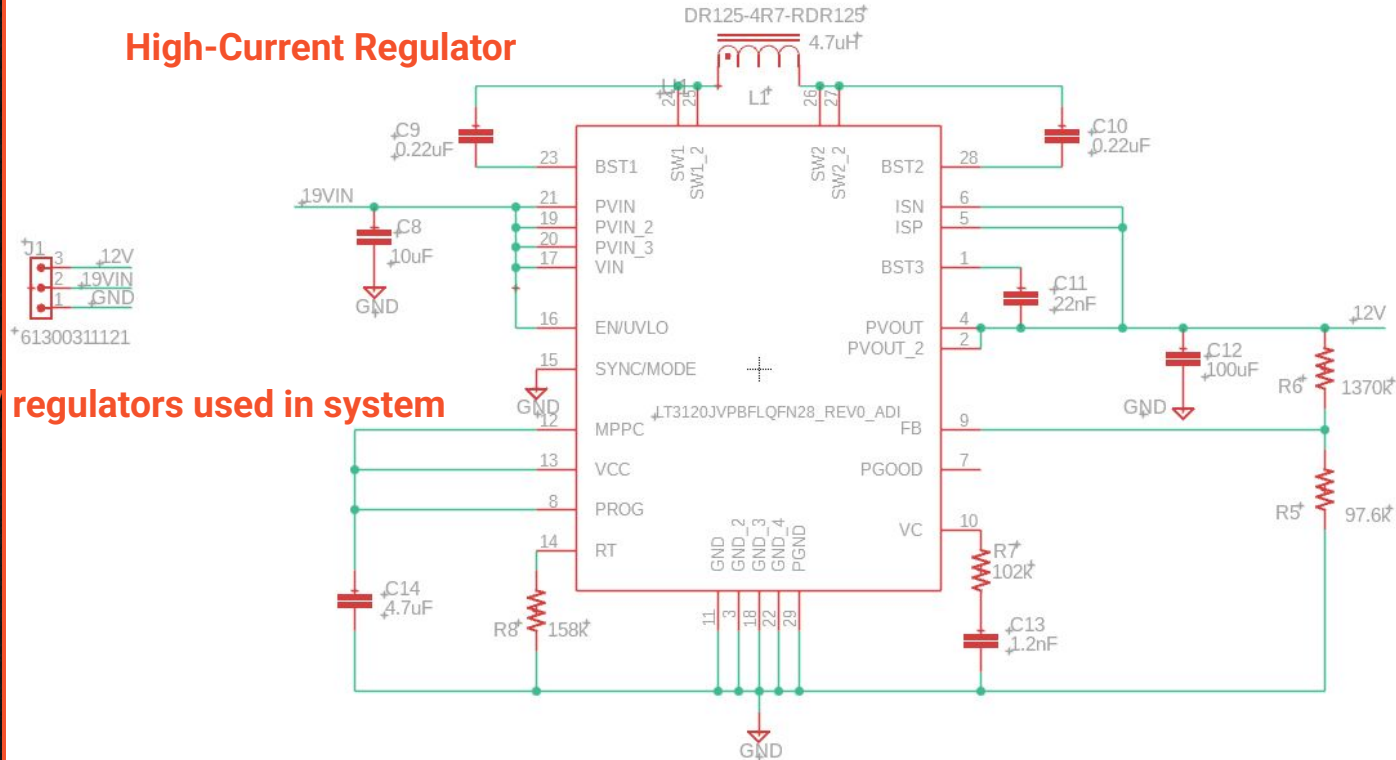
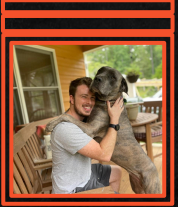
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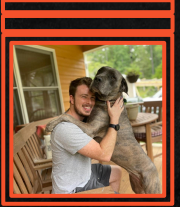


# PMS Schematics: 12V Regulator

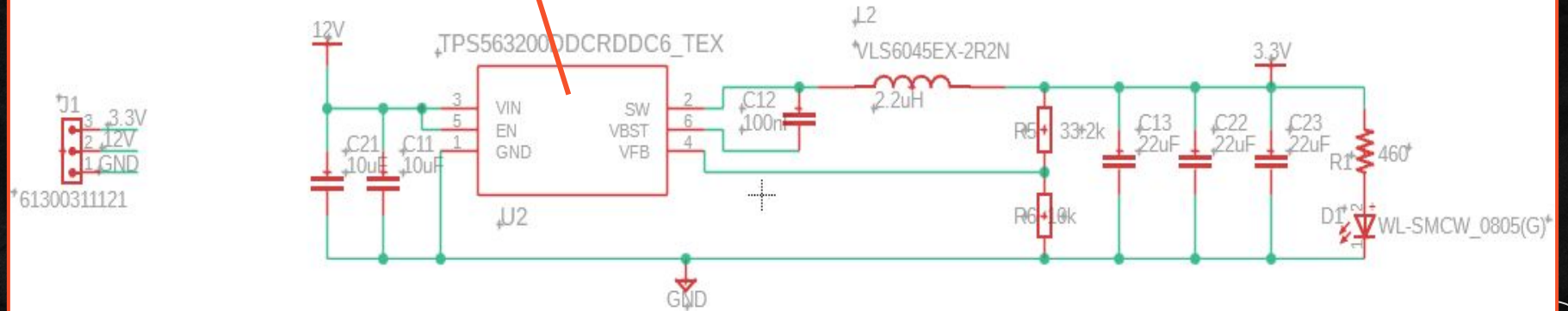




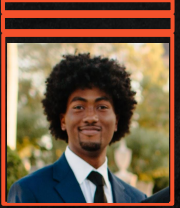
# ***PMS Schematics: 3.3V & 5V Regulators***



**Same Regulator IC for 3.3V & 5V**



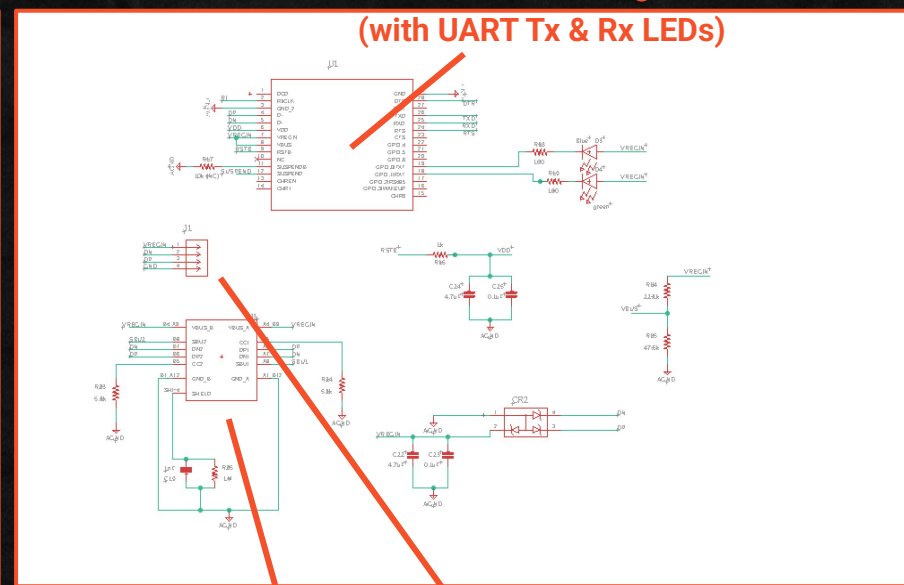
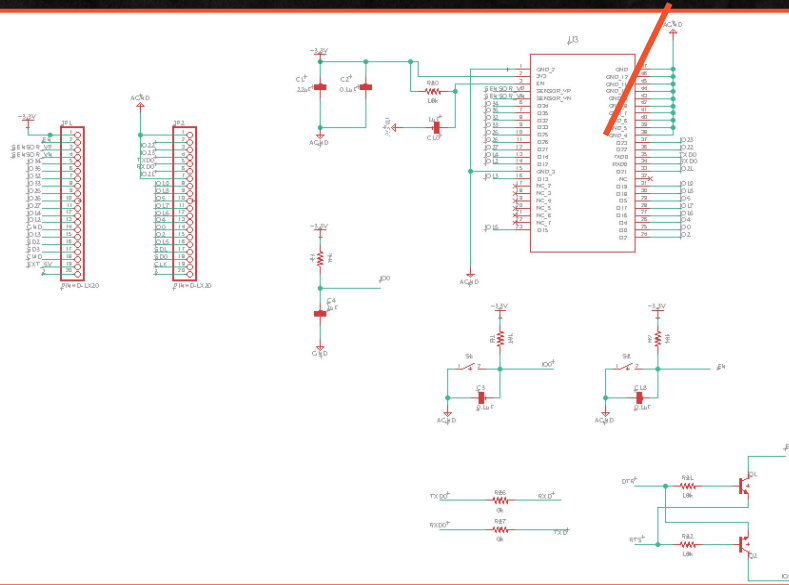
# SIS Schematics: Control Board



## ESP32 with Status LEDs

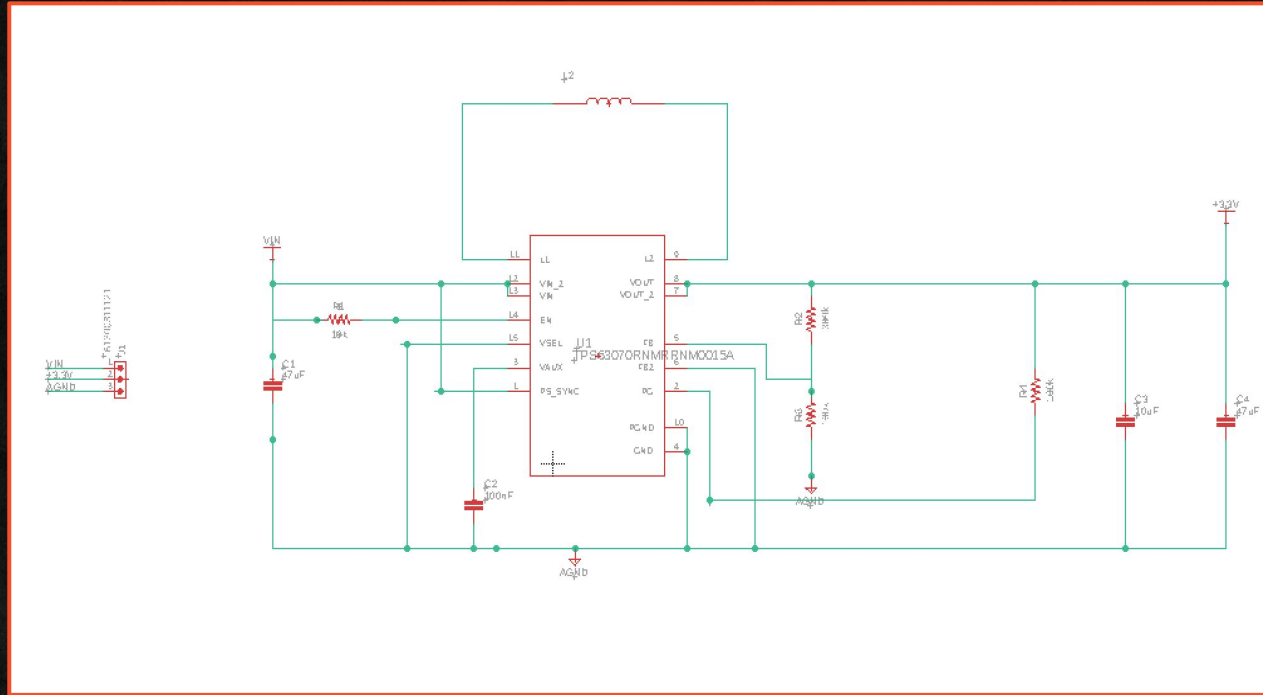
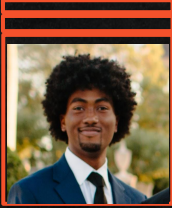
## UART-USB Bridge

(with UART Tx & Rx LEDs)



USB-C and USB-A connectors

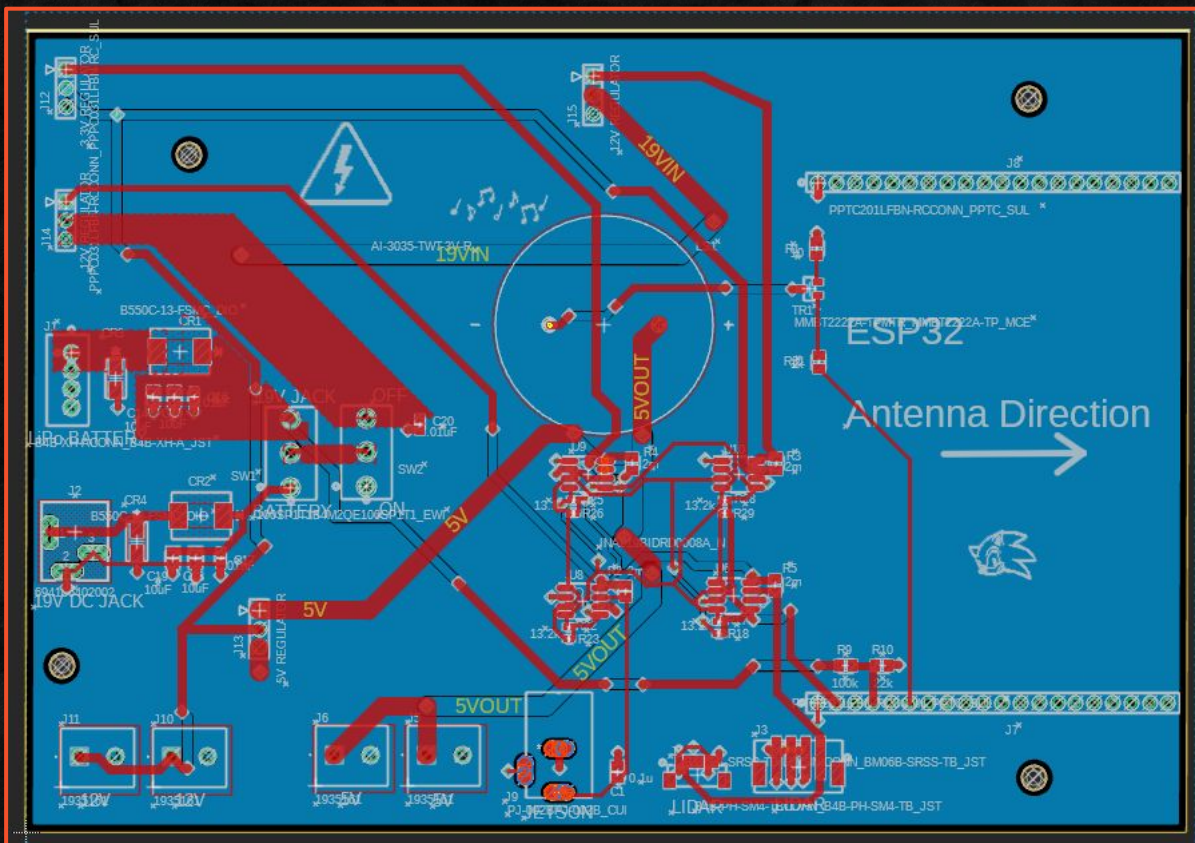
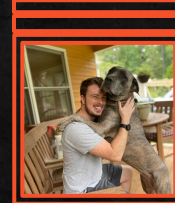
# ***SIS Schematics: 3.3V/5V Regulator***







# PMS PCB Layout: Motherboard

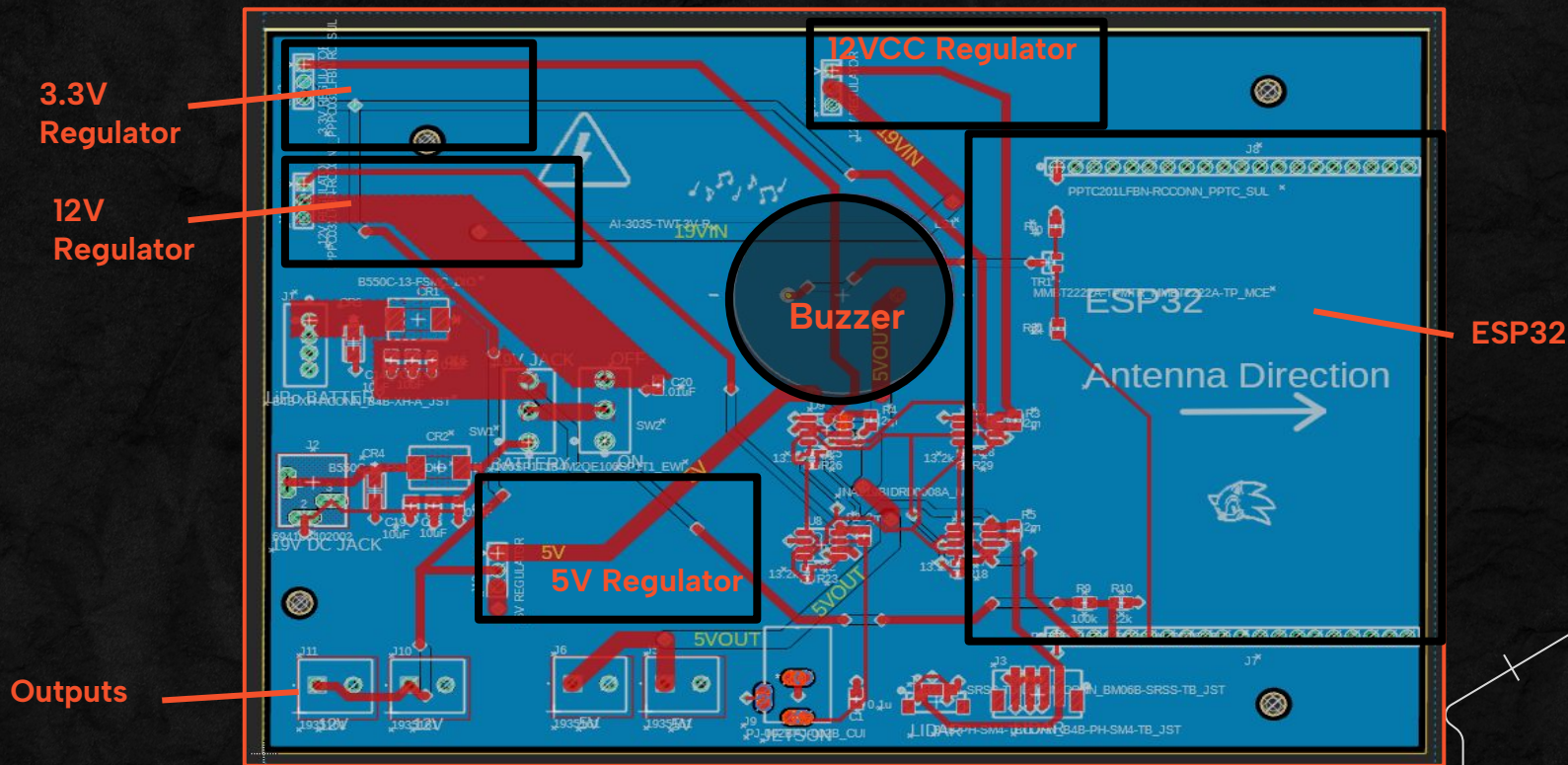


- 2-layer board
- Blue is ground plane (bottom layer)
- The “glue” of the PMS; connects all other boards together
- Screw holes for mounting on vehicle
- Silkscreen features include: Sonic head, high voltage symbol, and music notes for buzzer



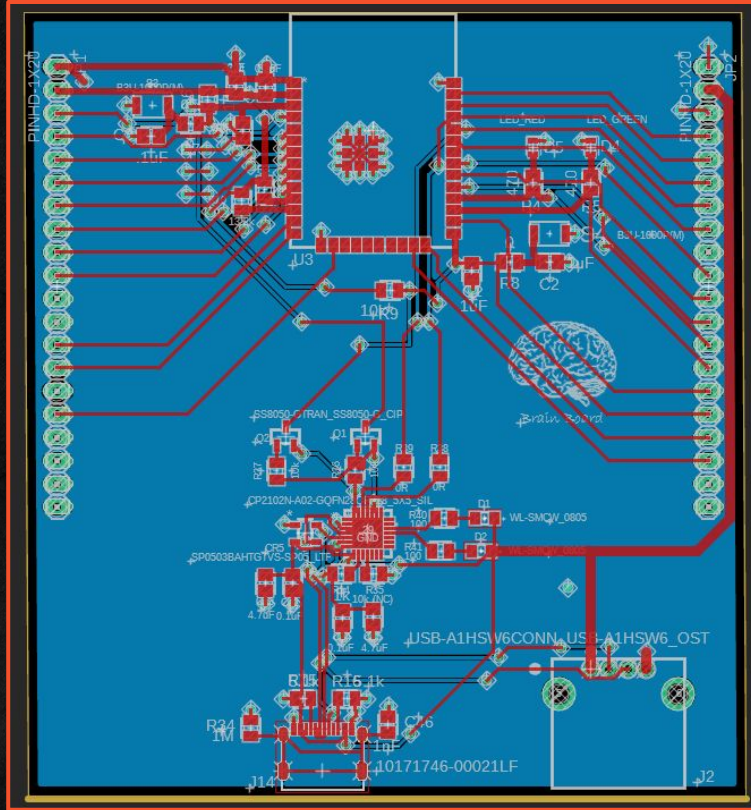
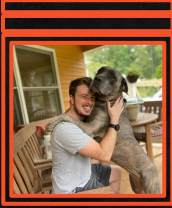


# PMS PCB Layout: Motherboard



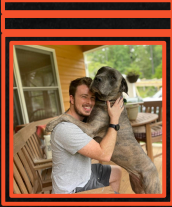


# PMS PCB Layout: Brain Board (ESP32 Daughter Board)

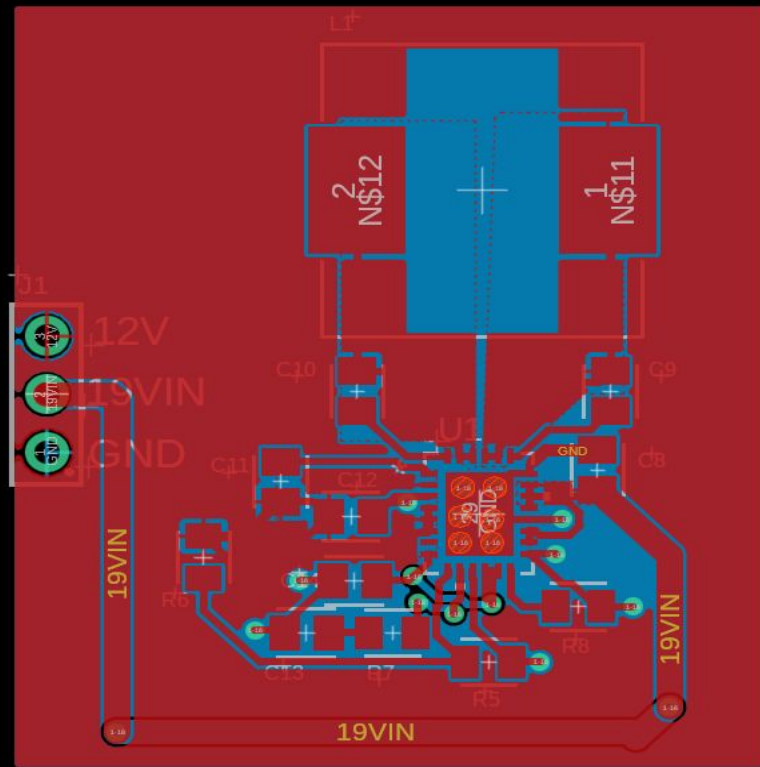


- 2-layer board
- Blue is ground plane (bottom layer)
- Features USB-C and USB-A connections
- Dubbed the “*Brain Board*” (hence the brain in the silkscreen)

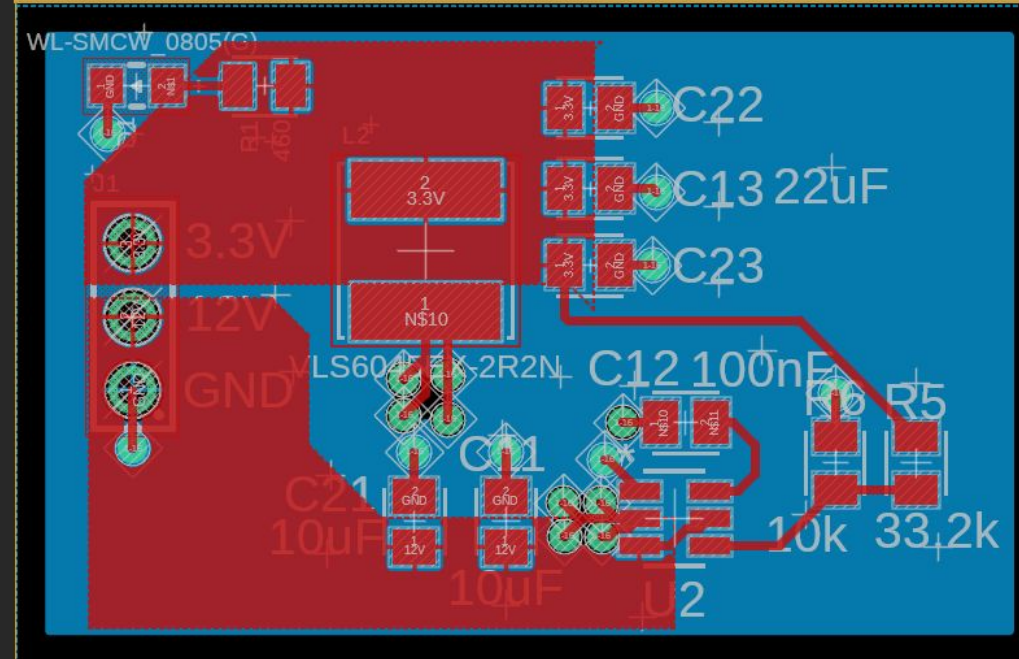
# PMS PCB Layout: Regulators



## 12V Regulator



## 3.3V/5V Regulator



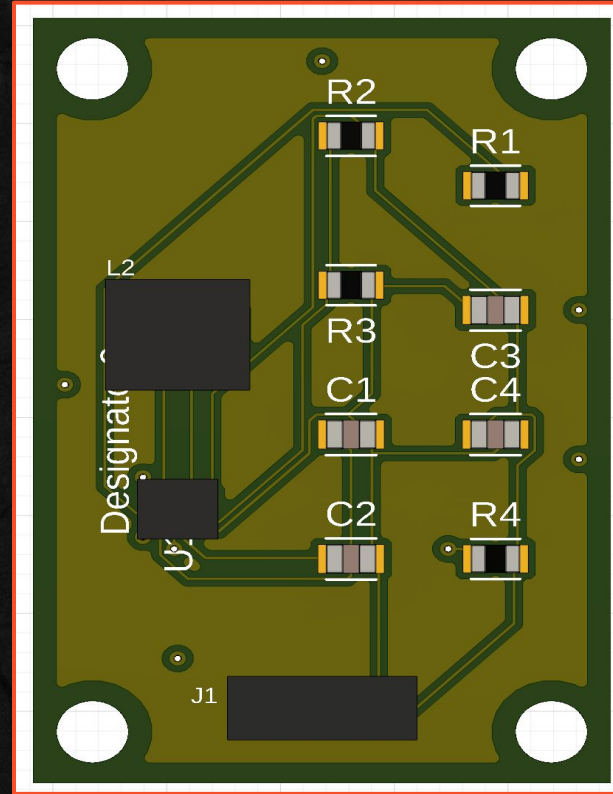
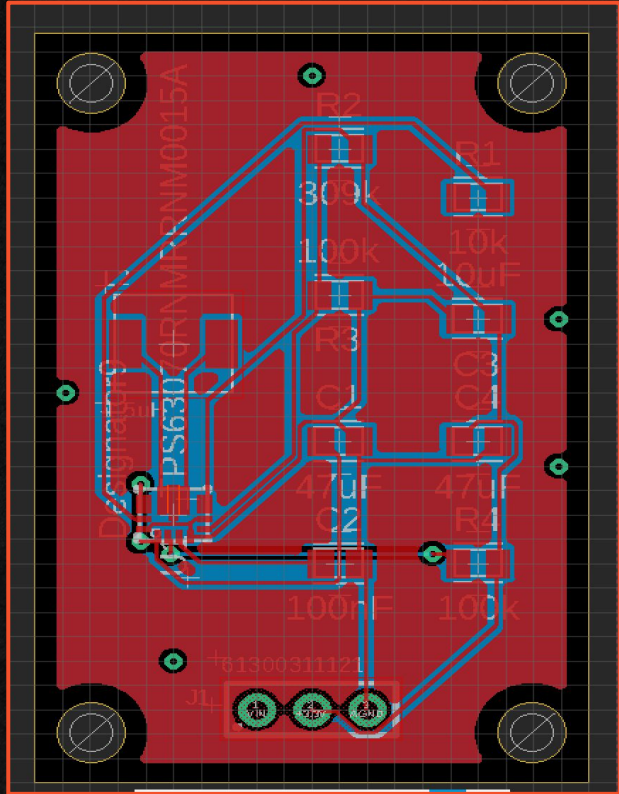
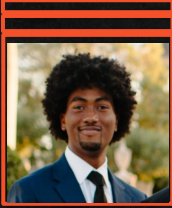


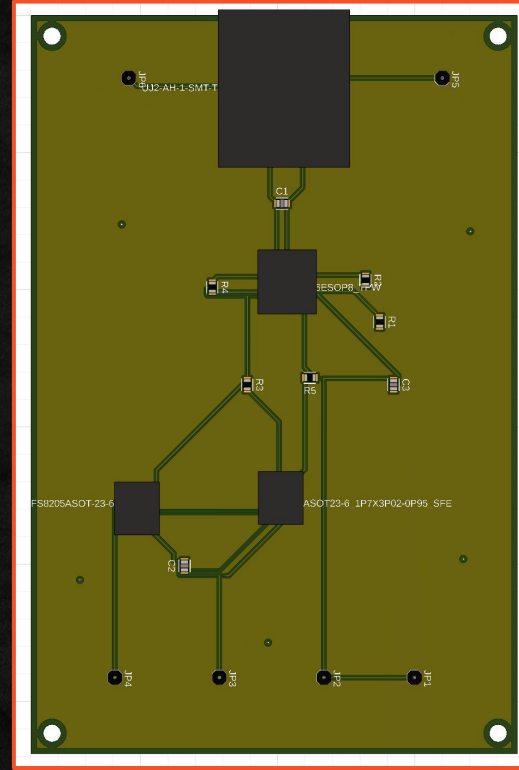
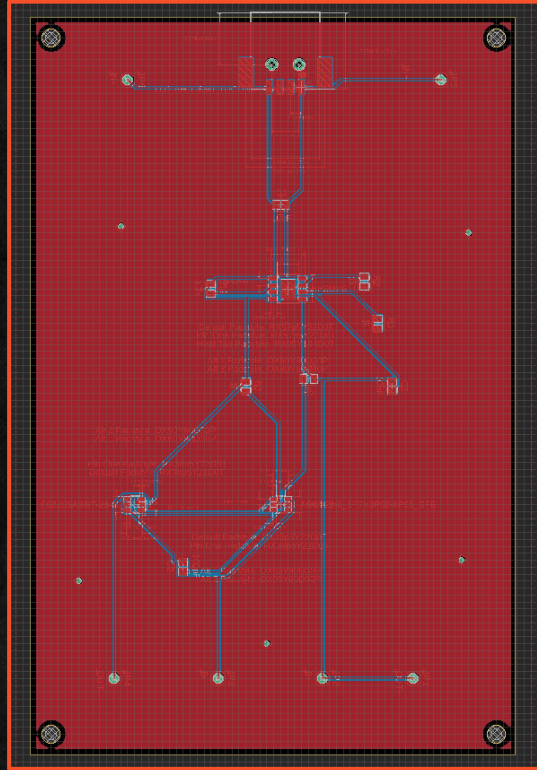
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## Input



# ***SIS PCB Layout: 3.3V/5V Regulator***

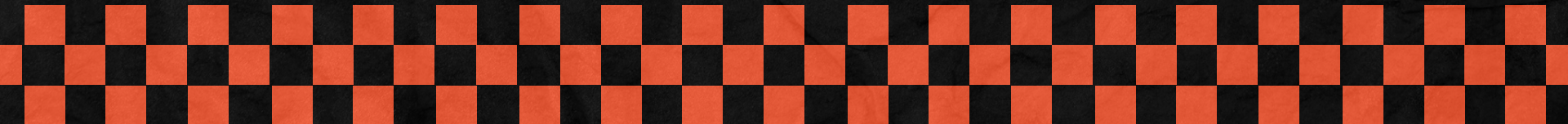






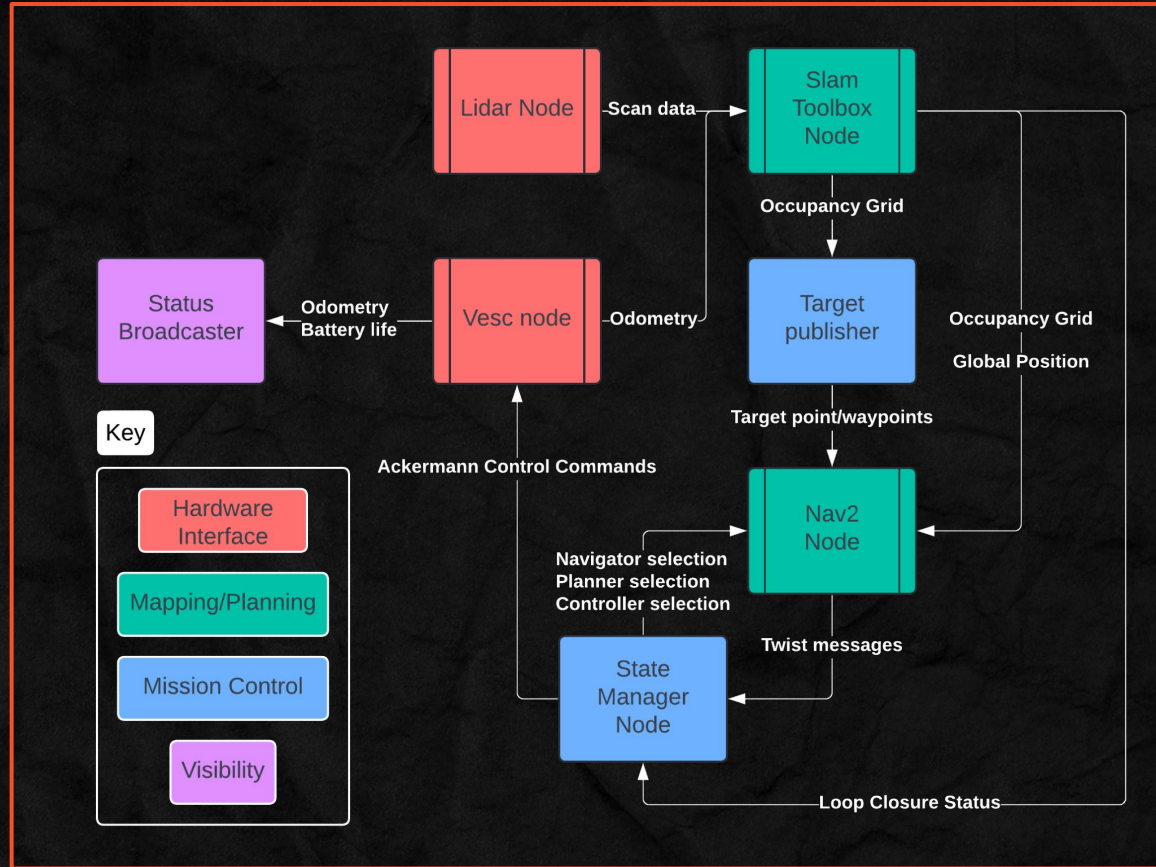
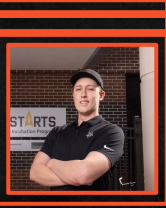


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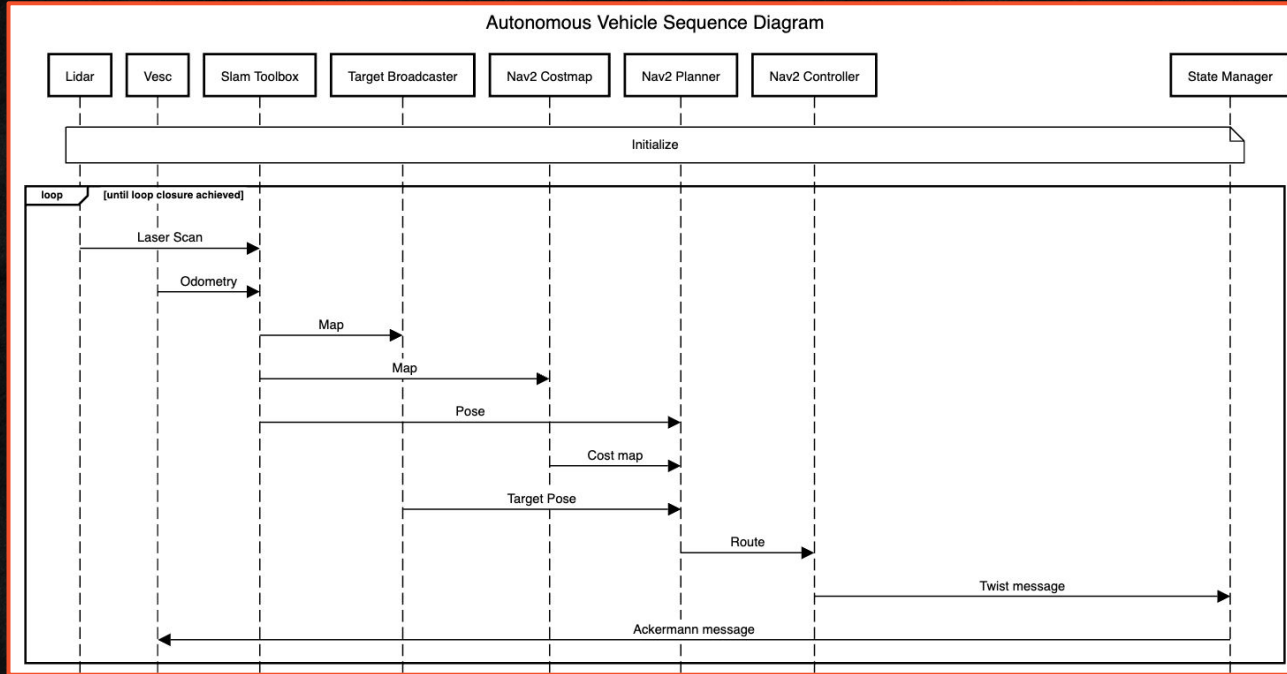
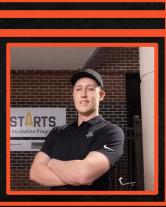




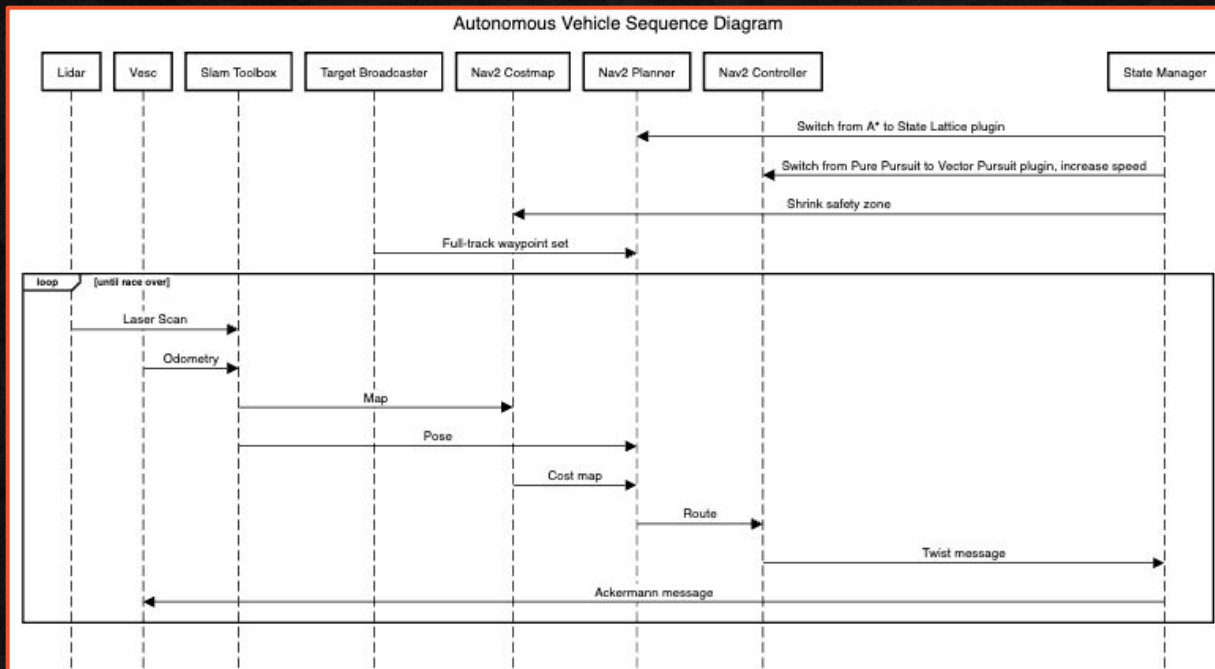
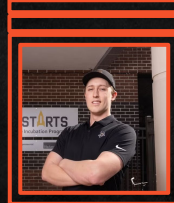
# Flowchart



# Sequence Diagram (pt. 1)

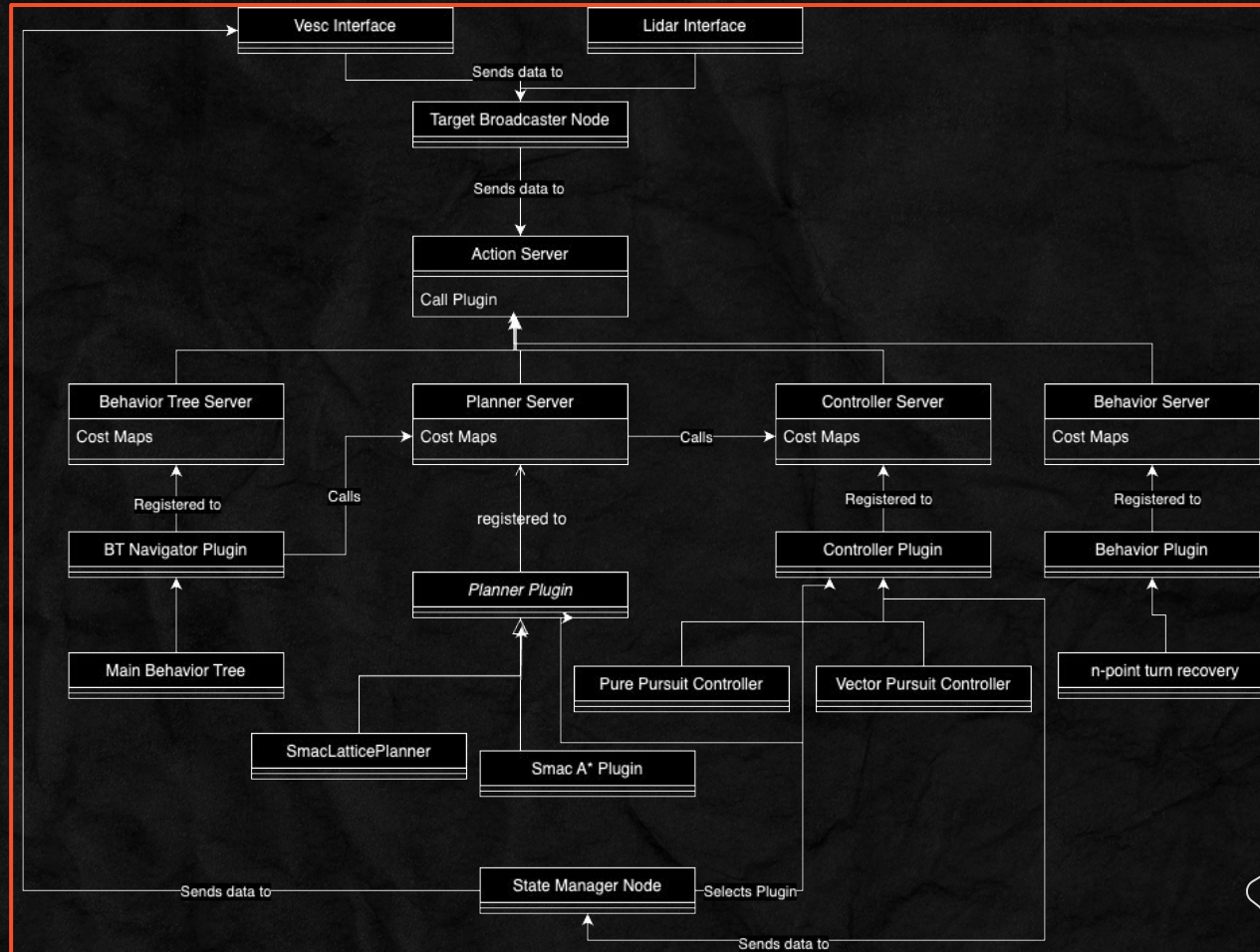


# Sequence Diagram (pt. 2)



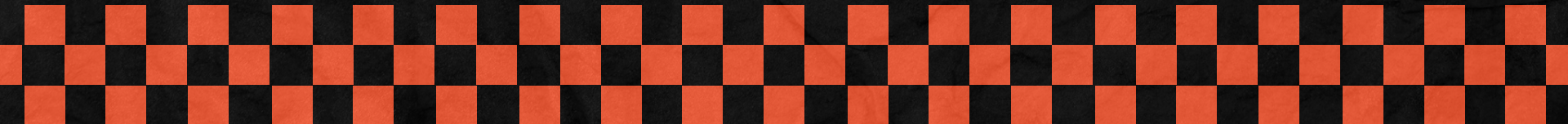


# Class Diagram





# ***Prototyping and Testing***







# Software Testing



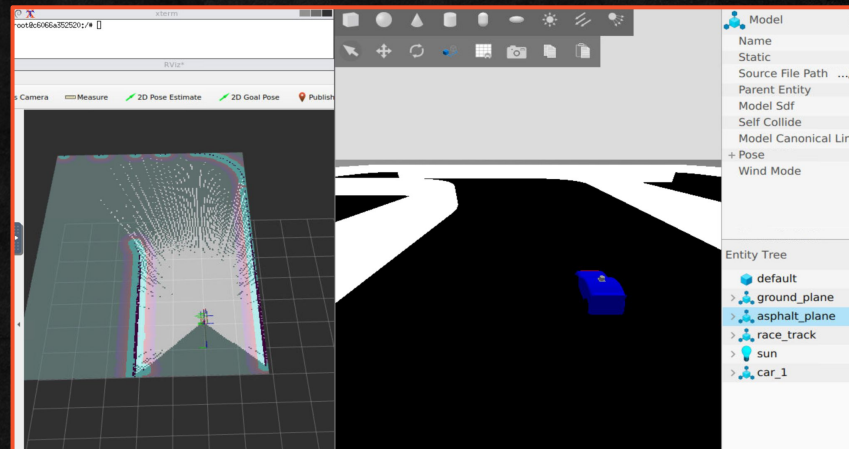
Software testing is performed in our proprietary Gazebo-based simulator.

## Successes:

- Fully integrated Nav2 and Slam Toolbox
- Developed target publisher node

## Difficulties:

- Physics issues impact movement of simulated car, limiting what can be simulated; lots of time devoted to trying alternative simulators proved fruitless for our use case







# Hardware Testing



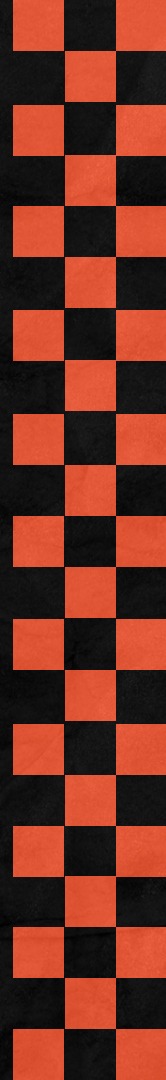
Hardware testing is on our racetrack in our advisor's lab

## Successes:

- Ported simulated code to hardware
- Exploration phase runs successfully

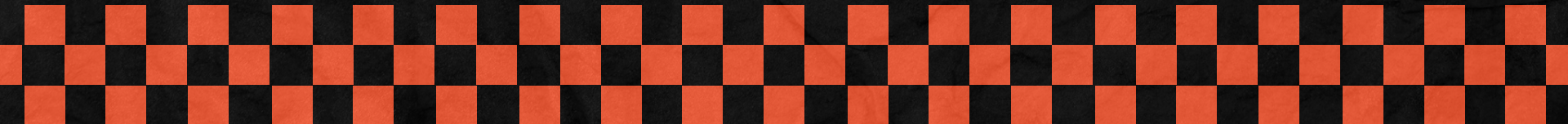
## Difficulties:

- Had to re-flash car's computer to install the correct operating system
- PixHawk had to be abandoned in favor of just Vesc due to complications with non-GPS navigation





# ***Administration***





# Project Cost Estimate



| Vehicle Components          |           |          |            | Miscellaneous                     |            |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Component                   | Unit Cost | Quantity | Total Cost | Component                         | Total Cost |
| Chassis                     | \$500     | 2        | \$1,000    | Mechanical Improvement Components | \$400      |
| Computing Unit              | \$800     | 2        | \$1,600    | Microcontrollers                  | \$50       |
| High-Speed LiDAR            | \$1800    | 2        | \$3,600    | Communication Modules             | \$50       |
| Depth Camera                | \$300     | 2        | \$600      | Printed Circuit Board Components  | \$50       |
| 9 Axis IMU                  | \$150     | 2        | \$300      | Battery Charger                   | \$100      |
| Batteries                   | \$100     | 4        | \$400      | Electrical Wiring and Connectors  | \$100      |
| Electronic Speed Controller | \$100     | 2        | \$200      | Peripherals Mounting Platform     | \$50       |
| Display Board               | \$50      | 1        | \$50       | Racetrack Wall Material           | \$200      |
| Printed Circuit Board (PCB) | ~ Varies  | ~ Varies | \$150      | Unexpected Expenses               | \$500      |
| Grand Total                 |           |          |            |                                   | \$9,400    |



A portrait of a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a yellow and blue striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a light-colored, textured wall. The image is framed by a thick orange border.

| Vehicle Components                         |           |          |            | Miscellaneous                                 |           |          |            |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Component                                  | Unit Cost | Quantity | Total Cost | Component                                     | Unit Cost | Quantity | Total Cost |
| Traxxas Slash 4X4 Ultimate                 | 2         | \$500    | \$1,000    | TRX to XT90 Adapter Pack                      | 2         | \$10     | \$20       |
| 2 LiPo Batteries and Charger Combo         | 2         | \$240    | \$480      | TRX ID Connector Converter Pack               | 2         | \$6      | \$ 12      |
| VESC 6 MkV                                 | 2         | \$258    | \$516      | LiPo Safety Bag                               | 2         | \$10     | \$20       |
| Jetson Xavier NX                           | 2         | \$659    | \$1,318    | Barrel Jack to Pigtail Pack                   | 2         | \$5      | \$10       |
| Hokuyo UST-10LX Scanning Laser Rangefinder | 2         | \$1,670  | \$3,340    | Bullet Adapter 4mm Male 3.5mm Female Pack     | 2         | \$9      | \$18       |
| Intel RealSense D435i                      | 2         | \$234    | \$468      | VESC 3S ppm cable                             | 2         | \$5      | \$10       |
| Sony DUALSHOCK 4 Wireless Controller       | 2         | \$58     | \$116      | Short (~1 ft) A USB-to-micro USB cable - Pack | 2         | \$8      | \$16       |
| Wifi Antenna                               | 2         | \$9      | \$18       | M2 - M5 Socket Head Assortment Kit            | 1         | \$25     | \$25       |
| Micro SD Card 32 GB                        | 2         | \$14     | \$28       | M2 - M4 Standoff Kit                          | 1         | \$23     | \$23       |
| NVMe SSD Card 250 Gb                       | 2         | \$46     | \$92       | Header Pins Pack                              | 1         | \$9      | \$9        |
| HDMI emulator                              | 2         | \$14     | \$28       | Air Duct Material (for creating a race Track) | 8         | \$32     | \$256      |
| Printed Circuit Board (PCB)                | Many      | N/A      | \$450      | Printed Circuit Board Components              | Many      | N/A      | \$150      |
| Grand Total                                |           |          |            |                                               |           |          | \$8,423    |



# Work Distribution

| Task                                          | Primary | Secondary | Task                                         | Primary | Secondary |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Vehicle Mechanical System Design & Assembly   | Tevin   | Israel    | Vehicle Steering & Control System            | Israel  | Owen      |
| Power Distribution System                     | Casey   | Asa       | Race Line Computation                        | Owen    | Israel    |
| Design & Development of Status Indicator PCB  | Asa     | Casey     | Follow-the-Gap Algorithm Implementation      | Israel  | Owen      |
| Electrical Safety Monitoring System           | Casey   | Asa       | SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) | Owen    | Israel    |
| Program Status Indicator Module & Data Fusion | Asa     | Casey     | Project Administration & Website Development | Israel  | Owen      |
| High-Level Computing Unit Programming         | Owen    | Israel    | Comprehensive Testing of Physical System     | Tevin   | Israel    |
| Project Management & Coordination             |         |           |                                              | Israel  | Owen      |





# Project Progress and Completion Plan



| Tasks                                   | Status      | Progress Bar |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Initial Research & Planning             | Completed   | 100%         |
| Initial Hardware & PCB Design           | Completed   | 100%         |
| Algorithm Design                        | Completed   | 100%         |
| Initial Project Report                  | Completed   | 100%         |
| Hardware & PCB Acquisition              | Completed   | 100%         |
| Testbed Prototype V0                    | Completed   | 100%         |
| Algorithm Development                   | In Progress | 50%          |
| Subsystem Testing and Assembly          | In Progress | 40%          |
| Overall System Testing and Optimization | In Progress | 30%          |
| Prototype Live Demo                     | Not Started |              |
| Presentation & Project Final Report     | In Progress | 20%          |



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