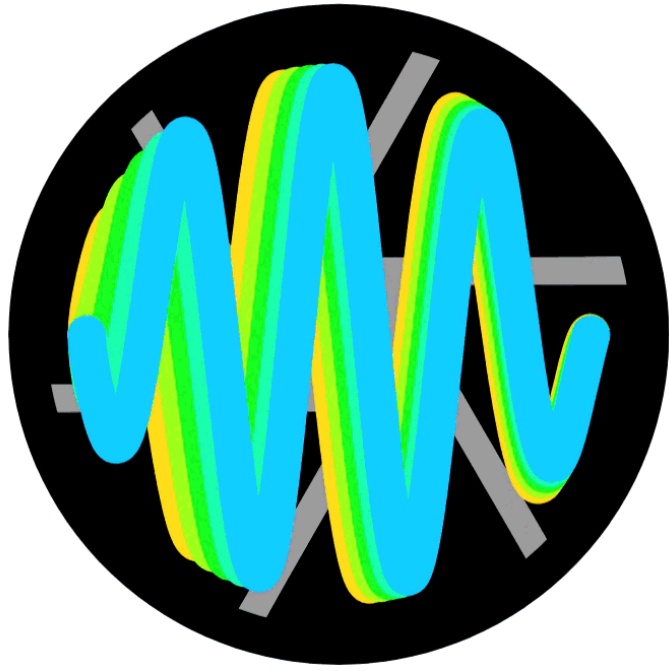




TSUNAMI



Hyperspectral Imager for Ecological Analysis

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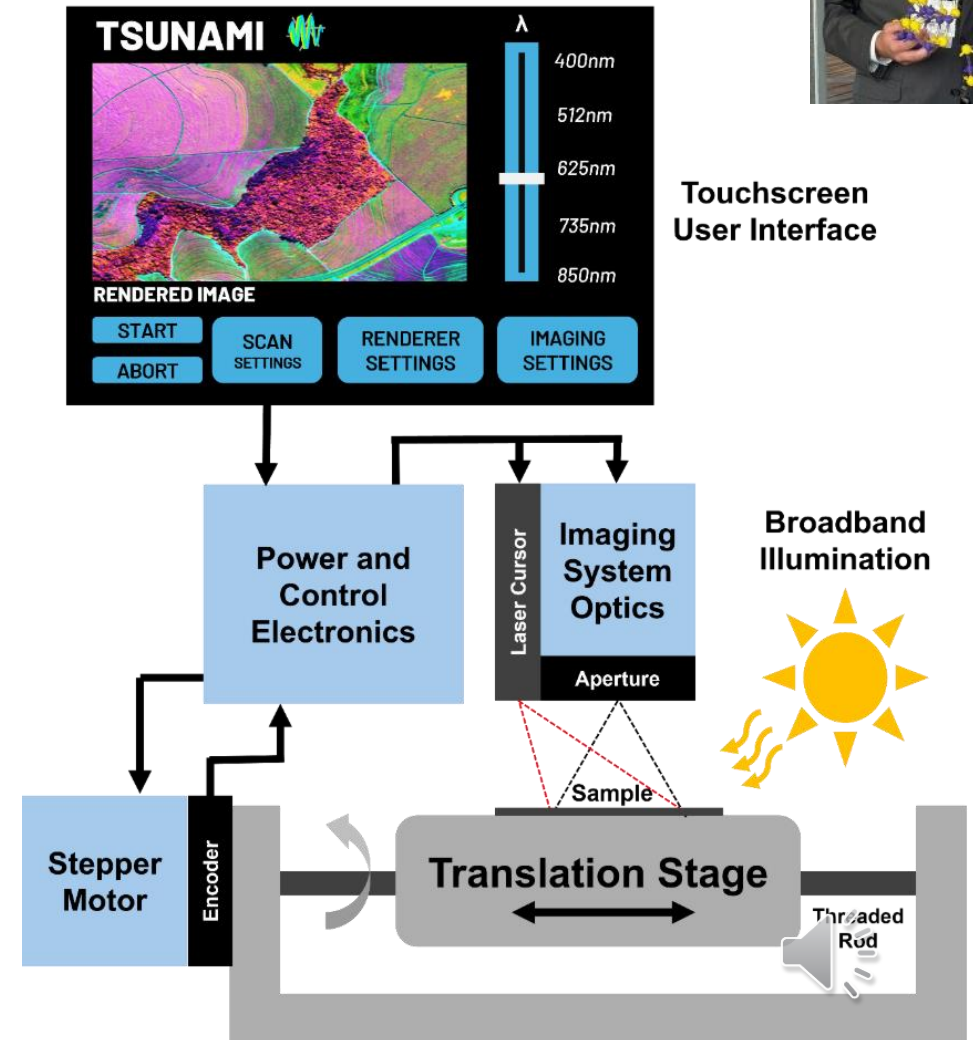
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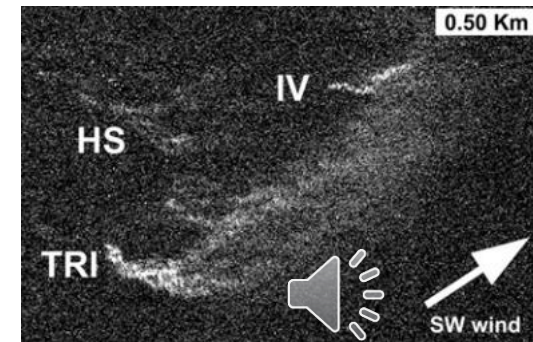
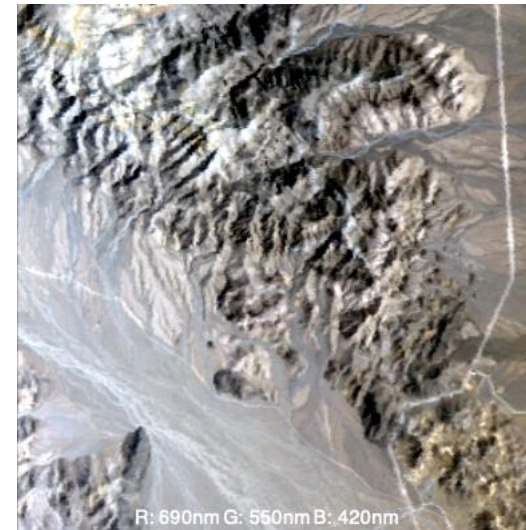
Project Description

- TSUNAMI is a hyperspectral imager for environmental analysis. A three-dimensional (space x space x spectra) dataset is collected to analyze soil composition beyond a standard RGB camera. A motorized stage moves the sample and a laser cursor shows the user where the camera is looking.



Research and Background

- Spectral analysis is a common need. Commercial and scientific solutions have been made.
- Top: Resonon Pika L-F 420-980 nm [1]
- Bottom: Images from NASA “Classic” Airborne Visible Near Infrared Spectrometer (AVIRIS-C) [2, 3]



Distribution of Work

Electrical Engineering	Responsibilities
Emilio Armas	Project Lead
	MCU Integration and Implementation
	Motor Controller Power Supply Design
	Laser Diode Driver Circuit/Optoelectronics
	Power Bus and Power Entry Circuitry
	Final PCB design and assembly
Xander Kin	MCU 3.3V LDO Implementation
	Stepper Driver Implementation
	SBC Power Supply Design
	Subcircuit pre-validation PCB design
Photonics Science and Engineering	Responsibilities
Jacob Silver	SBC Image Processing Software
	Imaging System Optical Design
	Motor Mechanical Implementation
Emilio Armas	Laser Cursor Optical and Optoelectronic Design



Goals & Objectives



Goals
Capture spatial and VNIR spectral (400nm-850nm) data simultaneously
Capture and display data locally on an embedded computing platform, with a small touchscreen
Show false-color images as remapping of the RGB display channels
Implement a laterally moving translation stage to allow the instrument to scan a small ecological target, such as soil or plant matter
Create a line-shaped laser cursor to match the imager's linear target area, allowing for a user to see the scan location before capture
Design optics to allow for adjustment of target focal length to the sample

Objectives
Implement embedded motor control of translation stage using a microcontroller's (MCU) timing and data-transfer peripherals
Utilize a graphics programming library on the embedded computer to design a custom, interactive touch user interface for rendering and control of the instrument
<i>Ensure the MCU handles all other tasks besides UI processing and CMOS sensor readout, being commanded by the UI software over serial interface</i>
Design the MCU firmware to support open-loop control of the motor's angular position, using micro-stepping techniques to move accurately.
Design power electronics to supply the computer, control, and MCU systems from a single external DC feed with their needed voltages and currents, reliably

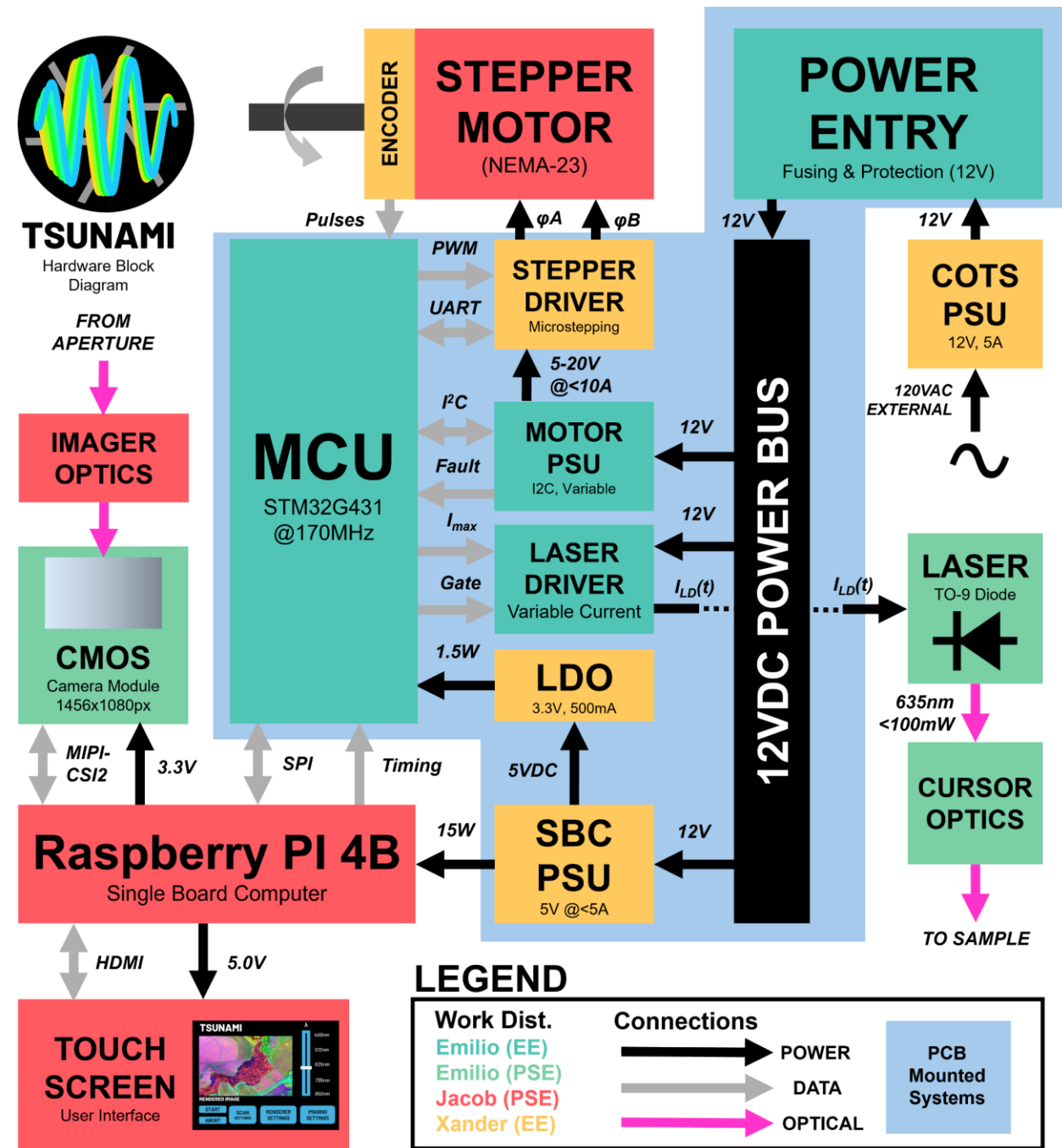
Specifications



Type	Specification	Value
Optical	Operational Wavelength Range	400nm – 850nm
	Spectral Resolution (FWHM)	$\leq 10\text{nm}$
	Entry Focal-Length Range	20cm – ∞cm
	Laser Cursor Profile (FWHM asp. ratio)	$\geq 20:1$
	Laser Cursor Operational Output Power	0mW – 20mW
	Laser Cursor Pulse Slew (10%-90%)	$\leq 10\mu\text{s}$ (rise/fall)
Electrical	Time Needed for Full Scan/Render	$\leq 10\text{s}$
	System Power Consumption	$\leq 60\text{W}$ (peak)
	Imaging Sensor Type	CMOS
Mechanical	Instrument Weight (total)	$\leq 10\text{kg}$
	Instrument Size (tentative, maximum)	$\leq 50\text{x}50\text{x}50\text{cm}$
	Translation Stage Linear Resolution	$\leq 0.2\text{mm}$
	Translation Stage Speed	$\geq 50\text{mm/s}$

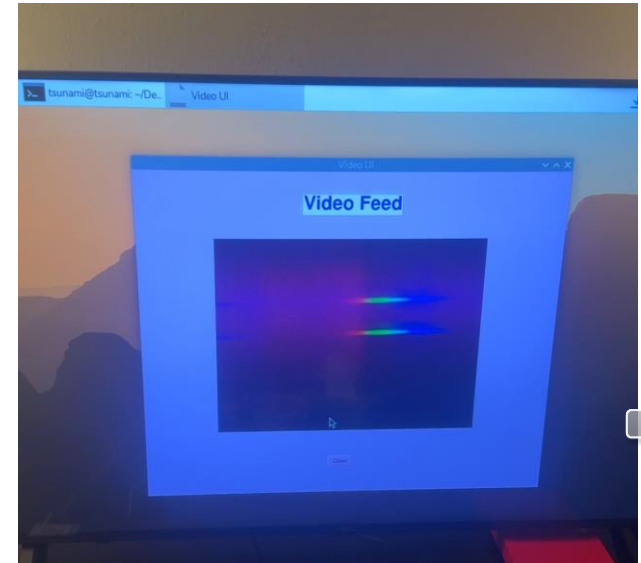
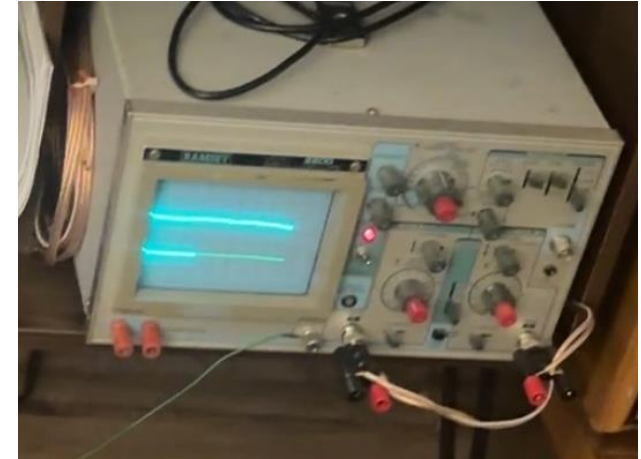


Hardware Block Diagram

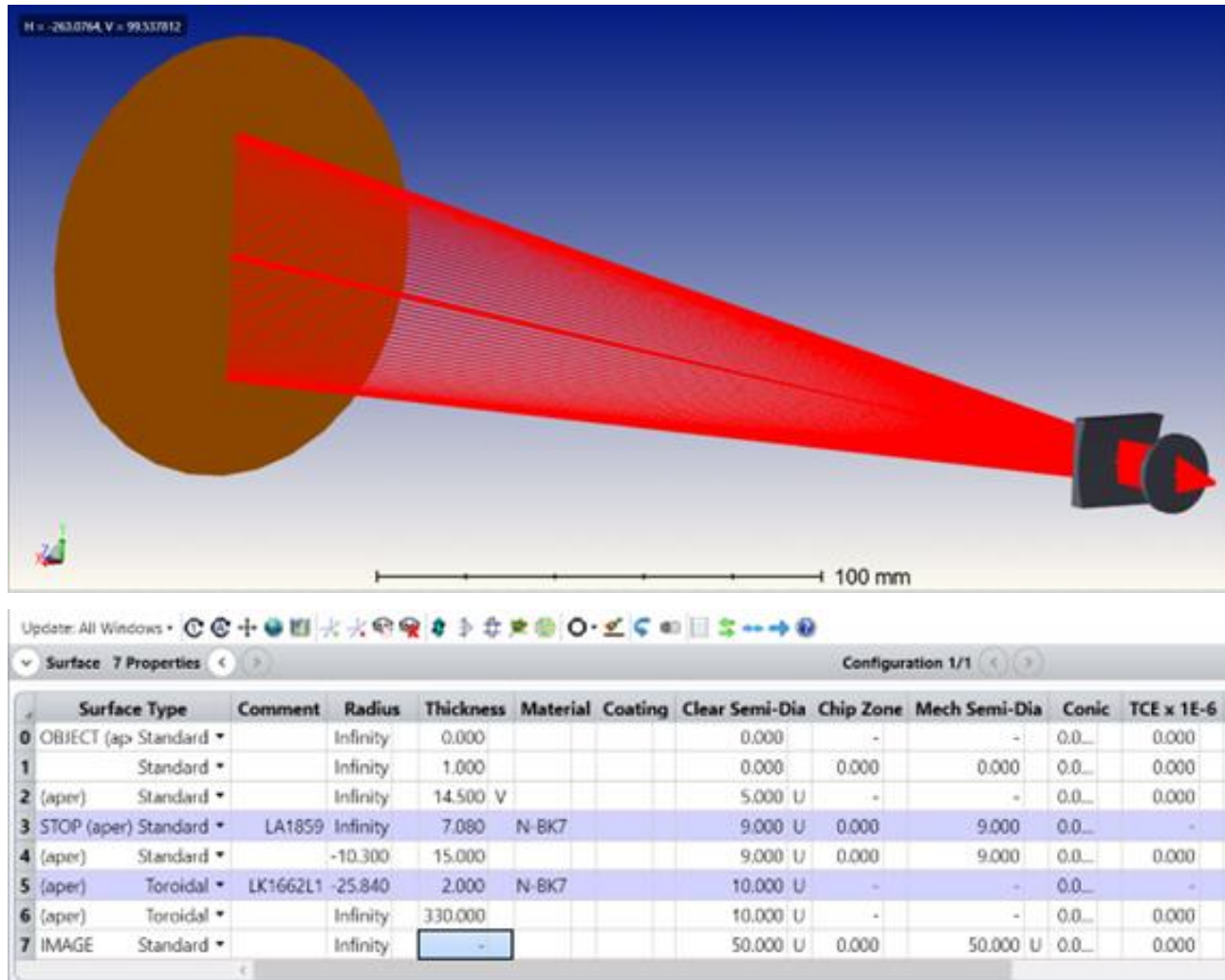


Imager Design

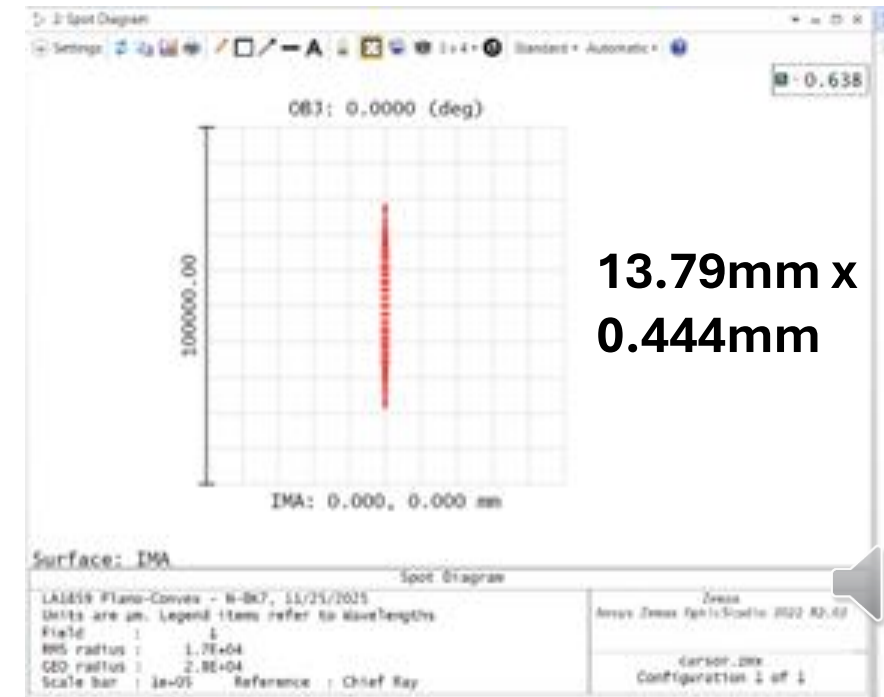
- Top Left: First prototype in flexible TPU (for tolerances)
- Bottom Left: Most recent (2/11) housing design with earlier iteration behind
- Top Right: Test object
- Bottom Right: Image of object w/ spatial axis vertical & spectral axis horizontal



Laser Cursor Optical Design

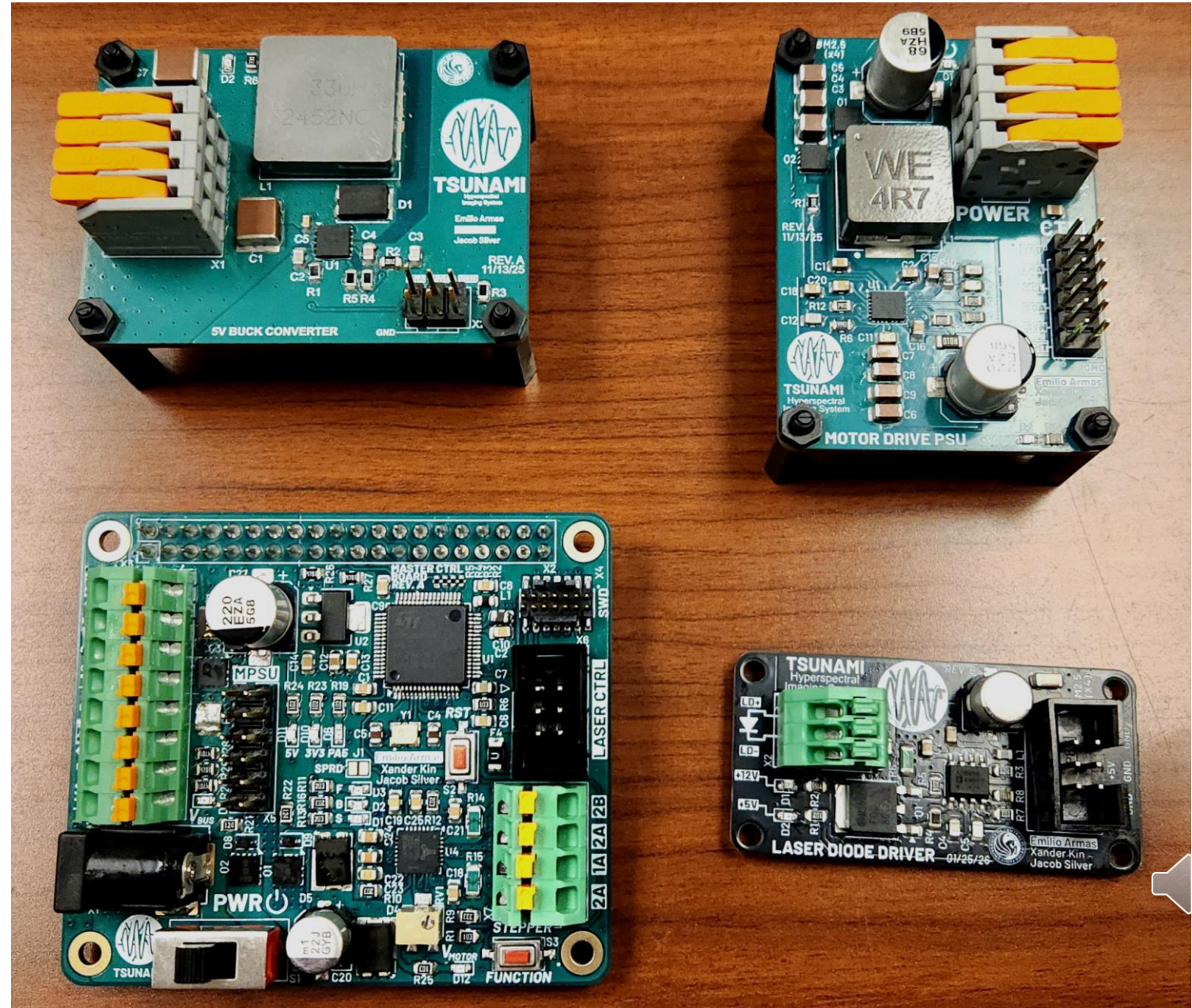


- Needs at least 20:1 shaped spot at target distance
- Must operate at 635nm
- Must compensate for elliptical laser diode beam



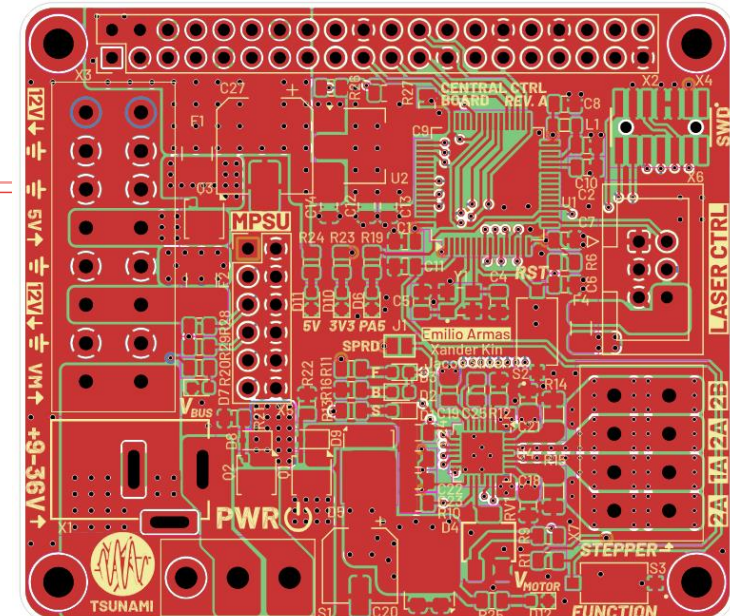
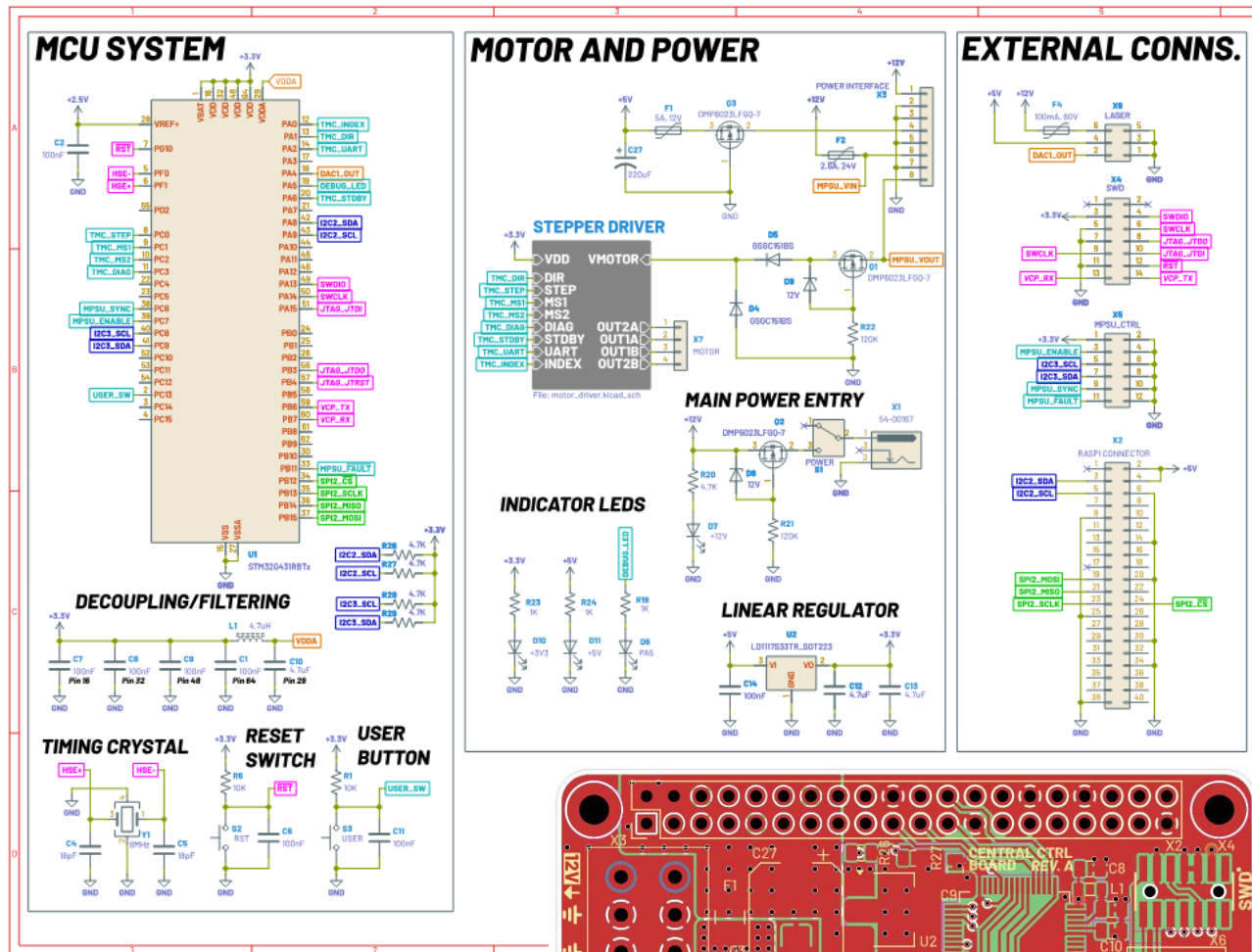
PCB Design

- Top Left:
5.1V 5A DC/DC converter
(powers Raspberry Pi 4B)
- Bottom Left:
Master control board,
hosts stepper driver,
MCU, and power
distribution for system.
Raspberry Pi “hat” form
factor
- Top Right:
Stepper motor driver PSU.
Digitally programmable
voltage/current buck-
boost converter.
- Bottom Right:
High-speed laser diode
driver



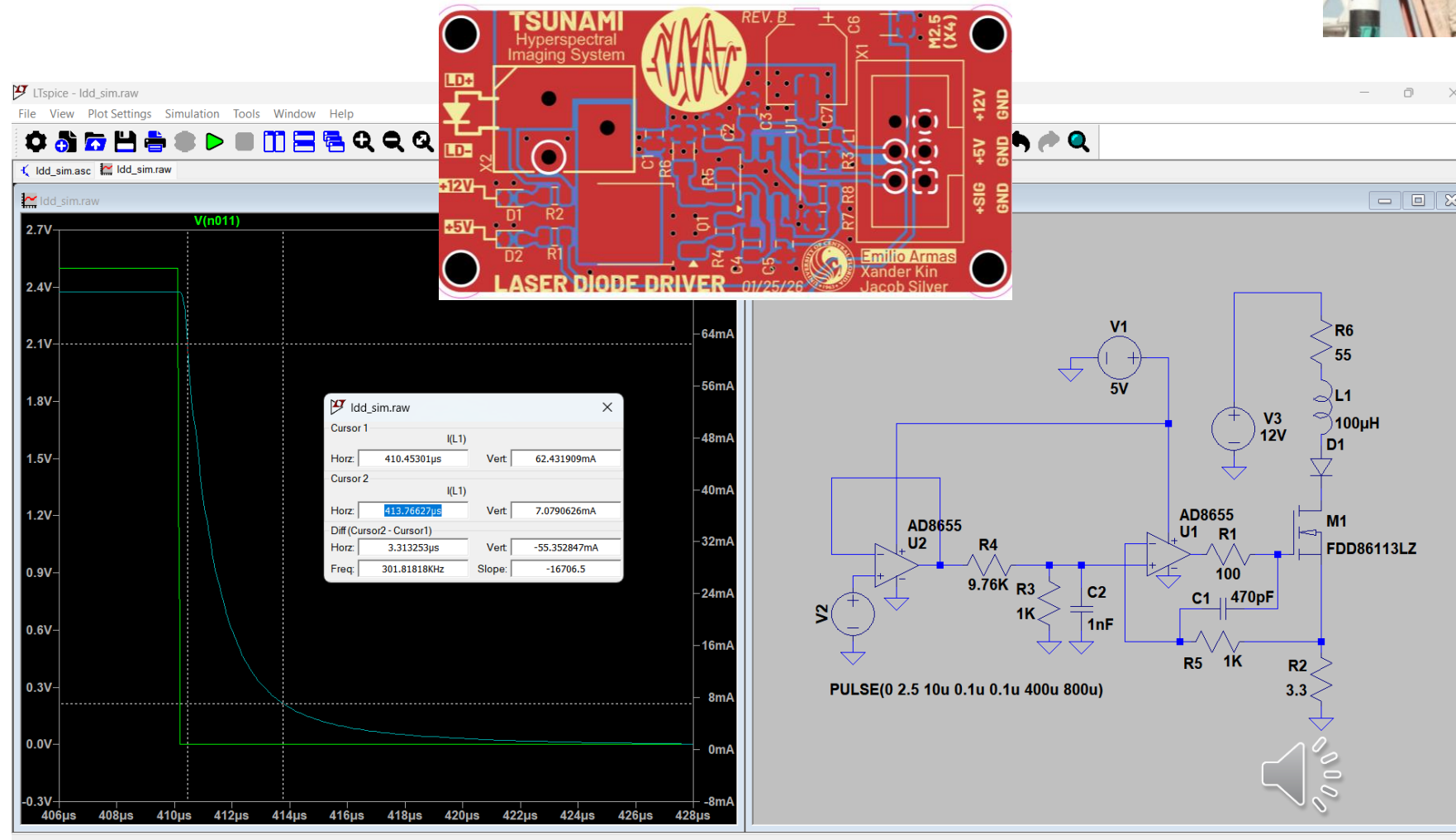
Master Control PCB

- Hosts system microcontroller (STM32G431)
- MCU has integrated DAC to digitally synthesize laser cursor control signal
- 9-36V input power bus (12V nominal)
- Extensive protection circuitry
- Power distribution
- TMC2209 Stepper Driver

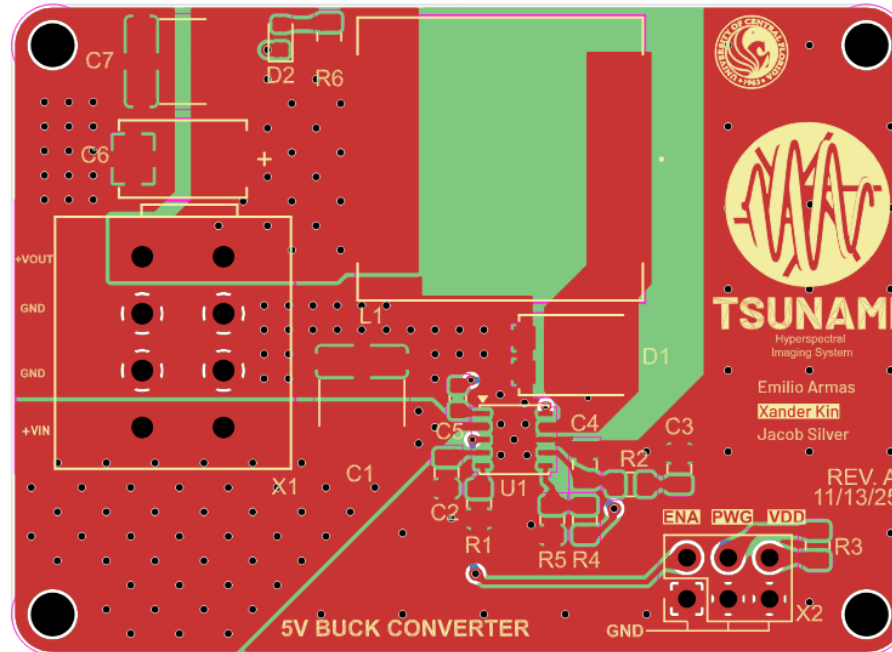


High-Speed Laser Diode Driver

- Converts 0-2.5V DAC control voltage to 0-70mA laser diode current
- 10 μ s rise/fall time requirement
- 9-36V laser diode supply voltage
- Low-side linear FET for current control
- Designed to be stable even with extreme lead inductance

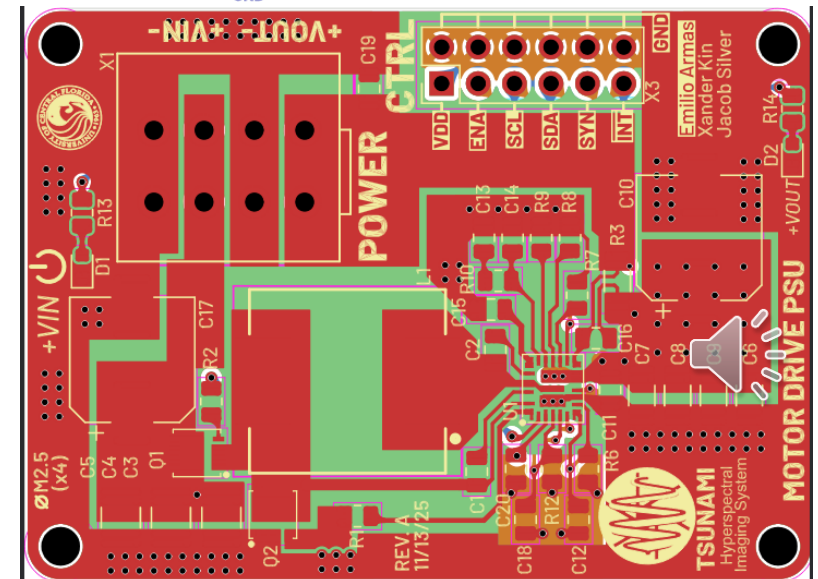
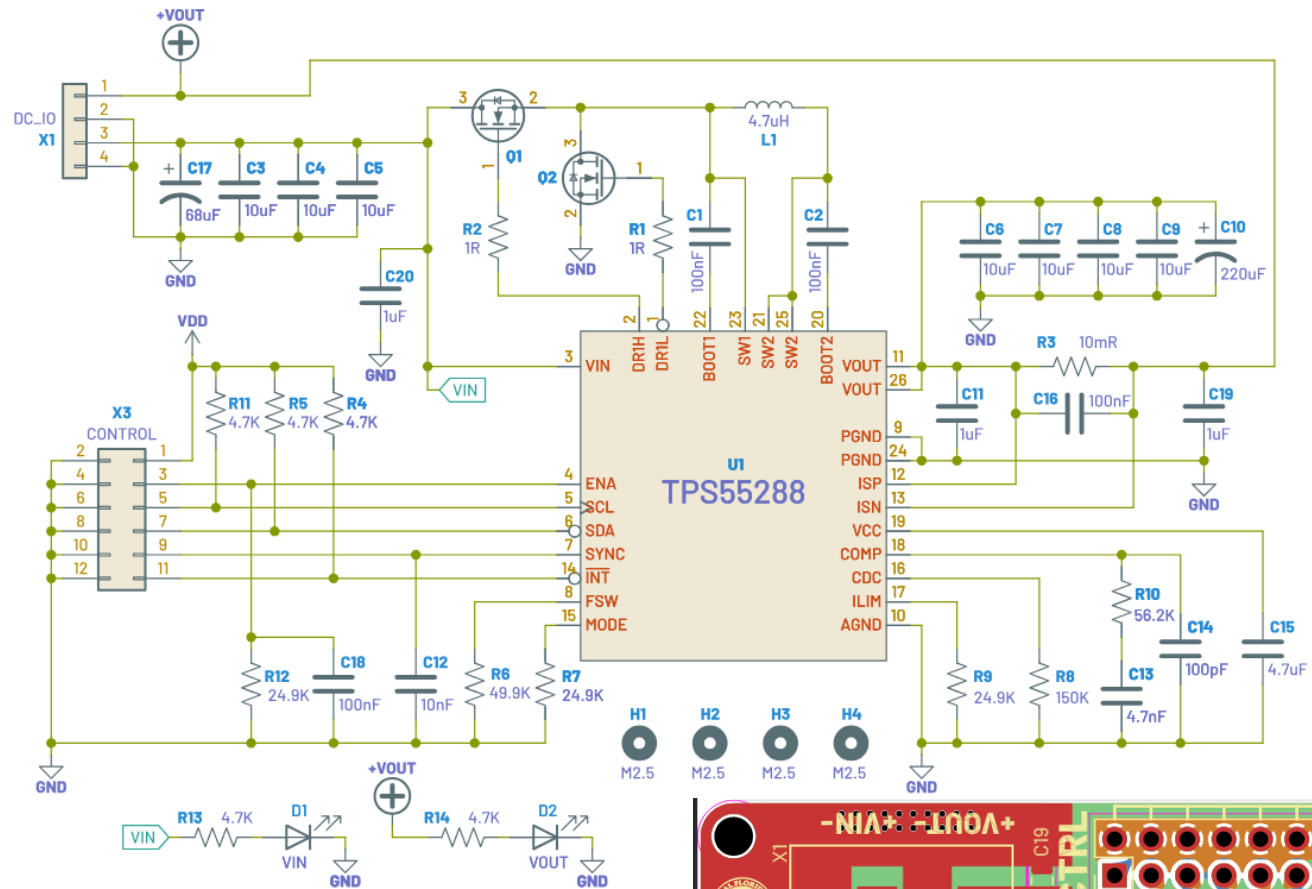


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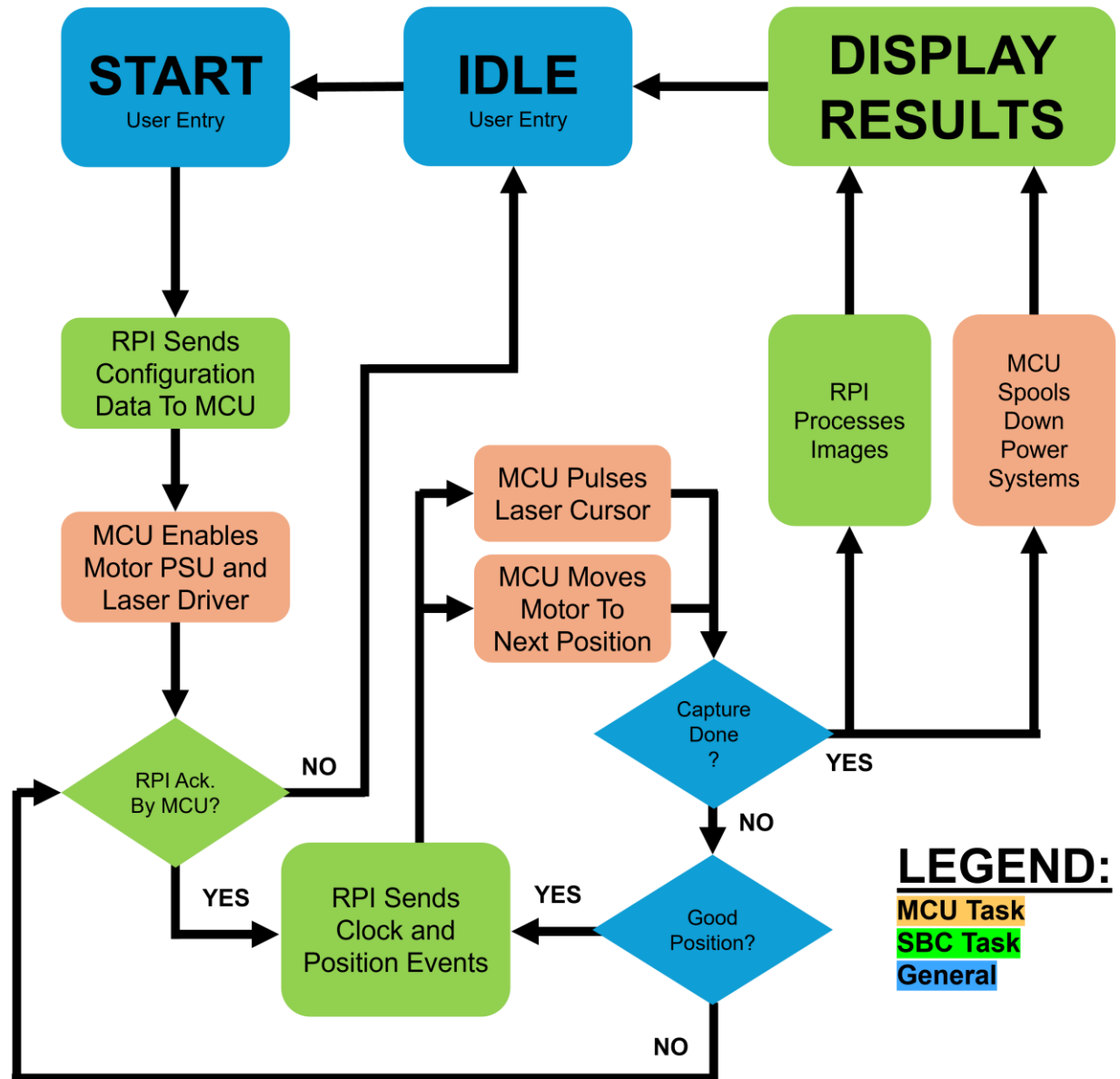
Stepper Motor Driver PSU

- Accepts 9-36V bus input
- Regulates from 5-20V up to 3A
- Buck/boost topology
- Output voltage/current and system status digitally controllable via I2C interconnect to MCU
- Variable voltage to control motor step energy/speed
- TPS55288 based



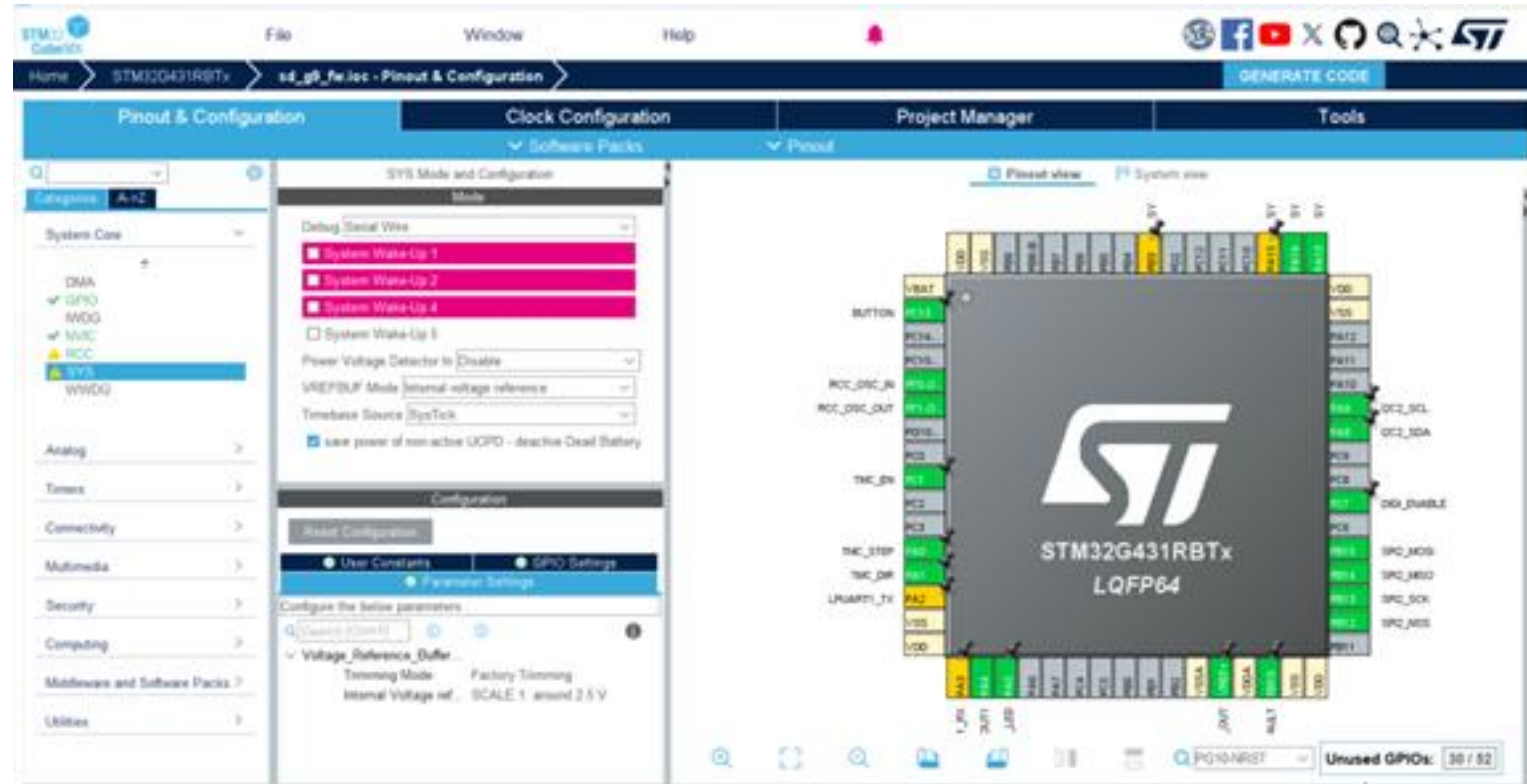
Inter-Controller Software Design

- Camera image processing, frame capture, and GUI hosting best done on SBC
- MCU to work to fill all other roles, specifically close-to-hardware tasks
- MCU to interface with Raspberry Pi via digital serial communication and direct GPIO for timing signals
- WiringPi library used to control kernel drivers of GPIO and I2C on the SBC



Inter-Controller Software Design (Cont'd)

- MCU firmware written for an STM32G431, hosting a 32-bit ARM Cortex-M4
- MCU peripheral instantiation, pin-planning, and operational drivers handled by STMicro's Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL) libraries.
- Significant ease of development with GUI editors for timing, system configuration, and interactive debugger

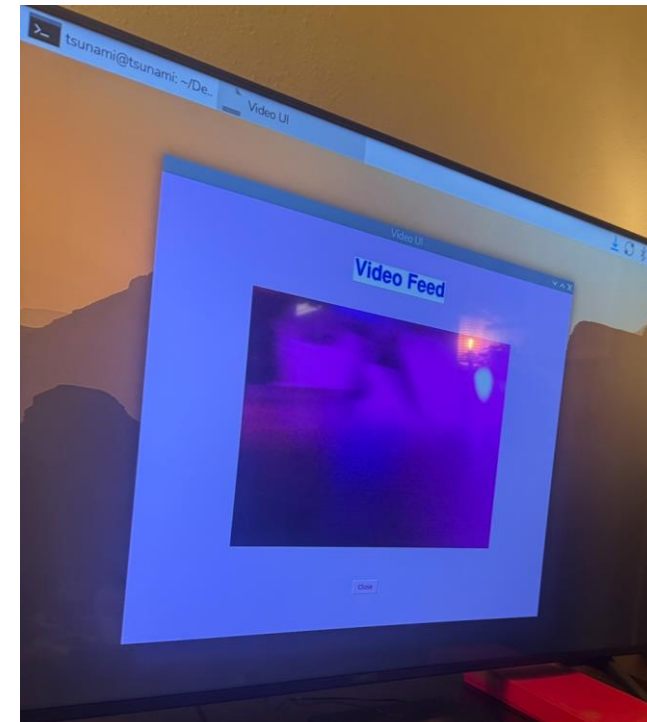
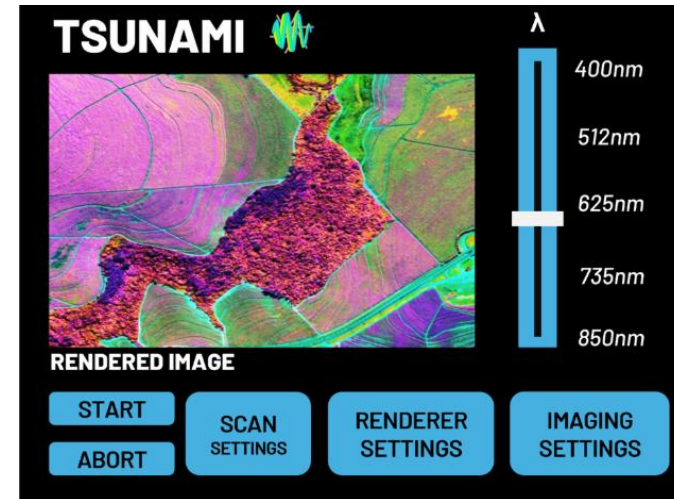


STM32 *CubeMX* GUI



Imaging Software Design

- UI will display false color images at user selected wavelengths. Testing UI is elementary (show current frame) as final UI is integrated with motors.
- Top: Target UI Design
- Bottom: Most recent UI (2/11).
Camera has grating taken out to test focal distance. Purple shows the prevalence of near-IR light.

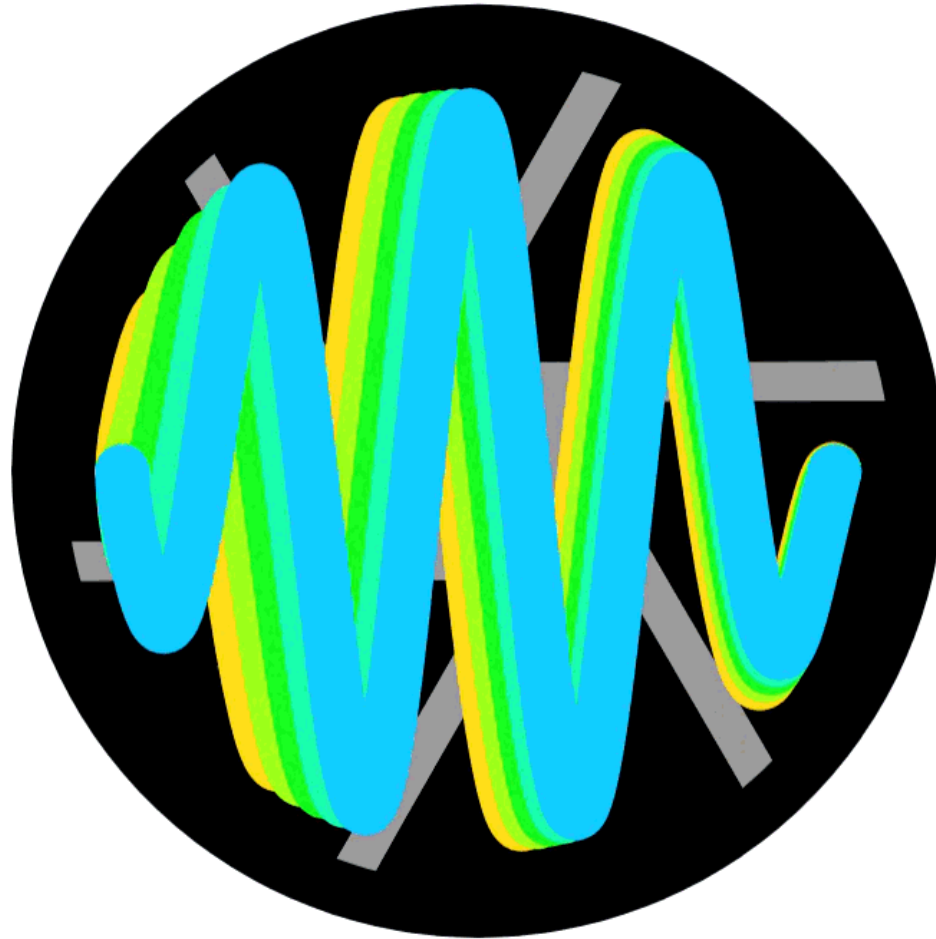


Budget

Component	Subsystem	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
PLA Filament, 1kg	Mechincal Structures	3	\$22.76	\$68.28
Stepper Motor	Mechanical Structures	1	\$14.00	\$14.00
Transmissive Grating	Hyperspectral Camera	1	\$17.76	\$17.76
Achromatic Lens Doublet	Hyperspectral Camera	2	\$135.09	\$270.18
Positive/Negative Focal Lens	Hyperspectral Camera	2	\$120.00	\$240.00
650 nm 7mW Laser Diode	Cursor	1	\$20.17	\$20.17
MCU	Electronics	1	\$4.87	\$4.87
CMOS Camera	Hyperspectral Camera	1	\$25.00	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	All	1	\$100.00	\$100.00
			Total	\$760.26



Conclusion



Thank you for listening! :) :) :)

We're excited to hear your questions and comments on Friday.



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