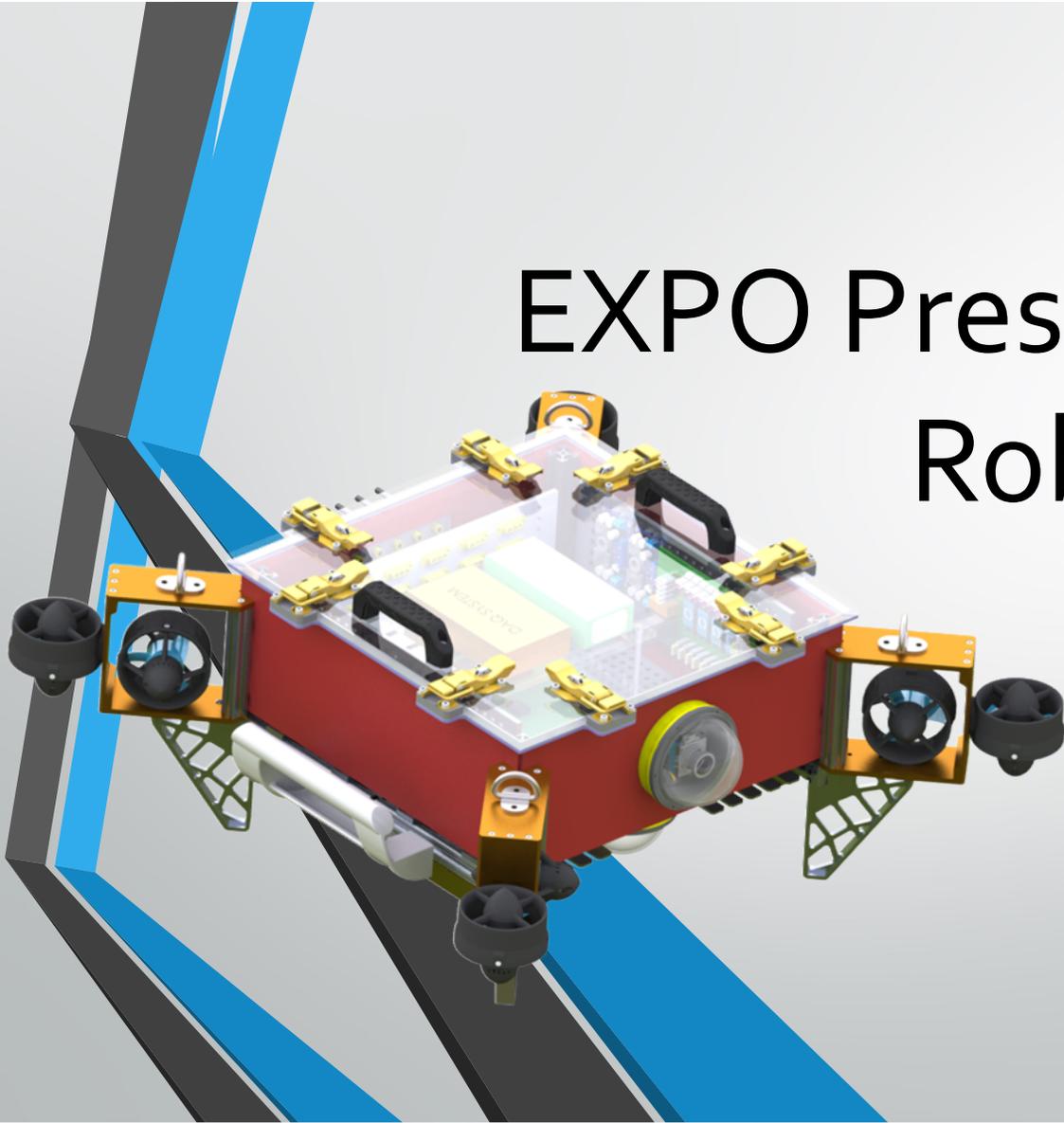


EXPO Presentation – AUV RoboSub: Lanturn



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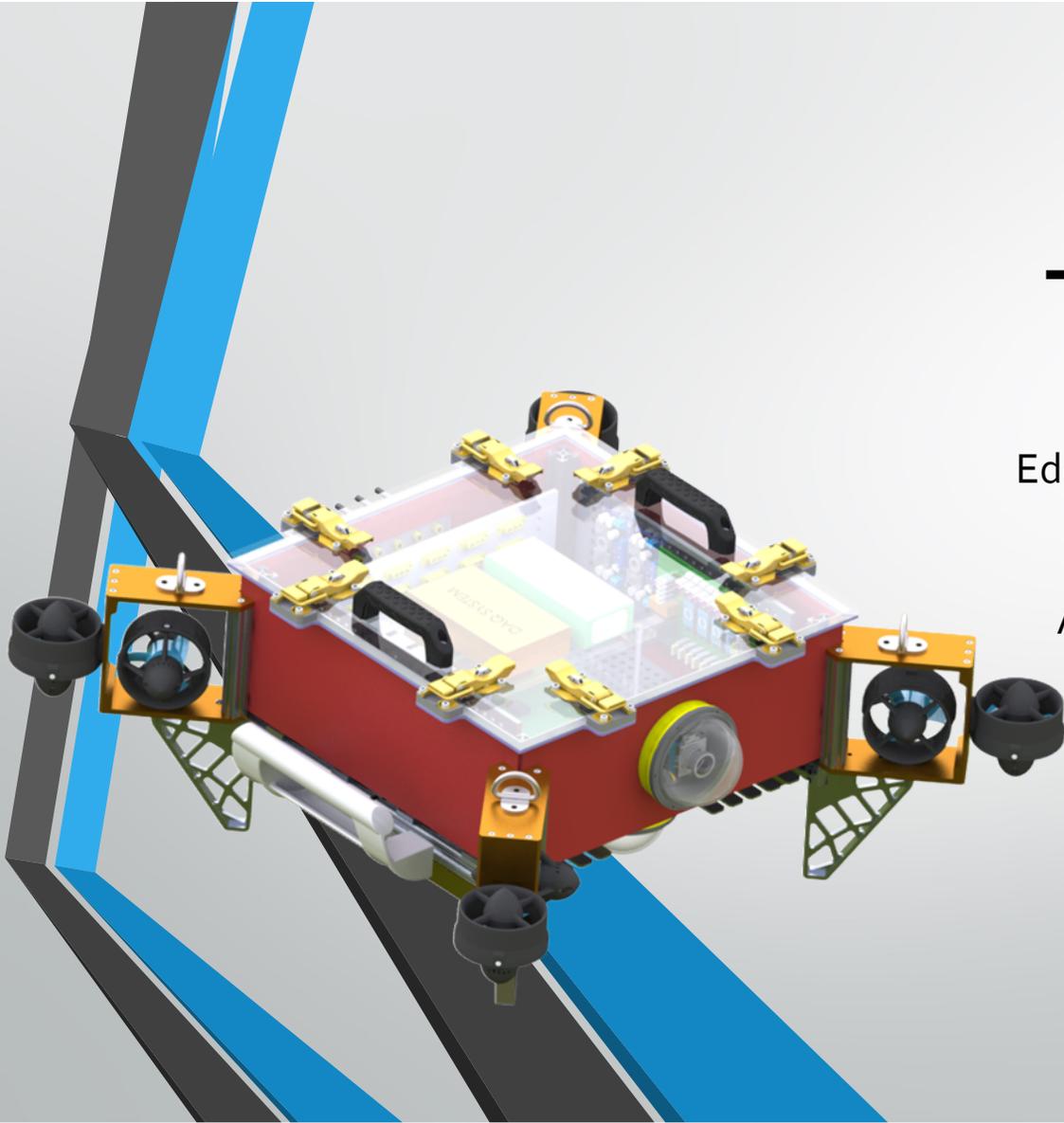
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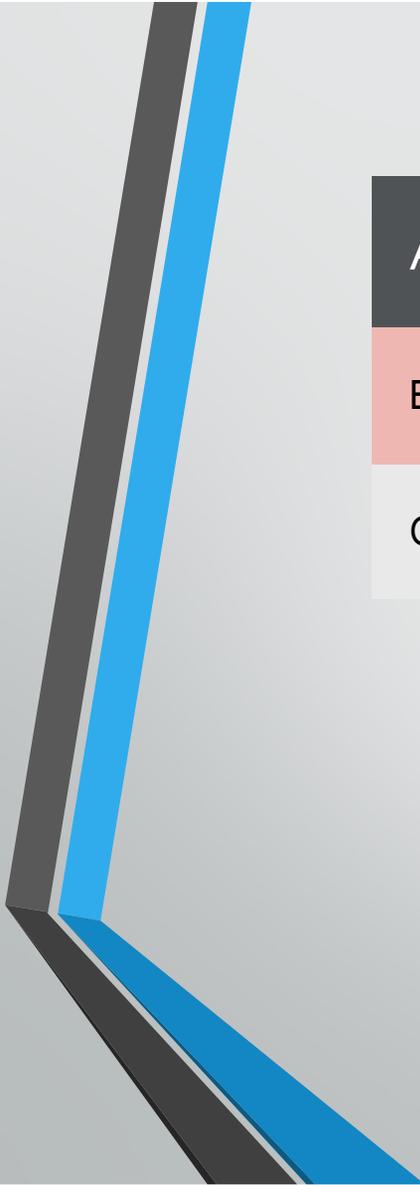
System Overview

Mechanical

Electrical

Simulation

Conclusion



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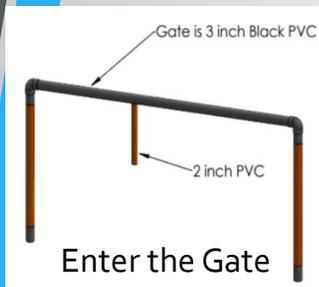
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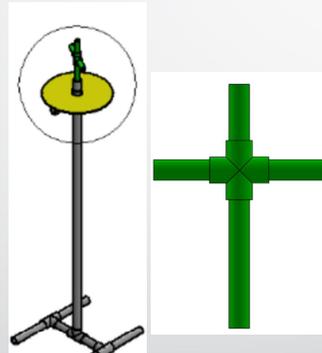
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RoboSub Competition

- Yearly STEM competition
- Build Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)
 - Navigate arena
 - Complete tasks



Example waypoint



Example pickup object [\[1\]](#)



Example marker



Image of Competition Arena, NIWCP, San Diego [\[1\]](#)

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Background

Covid-19 Restrictions

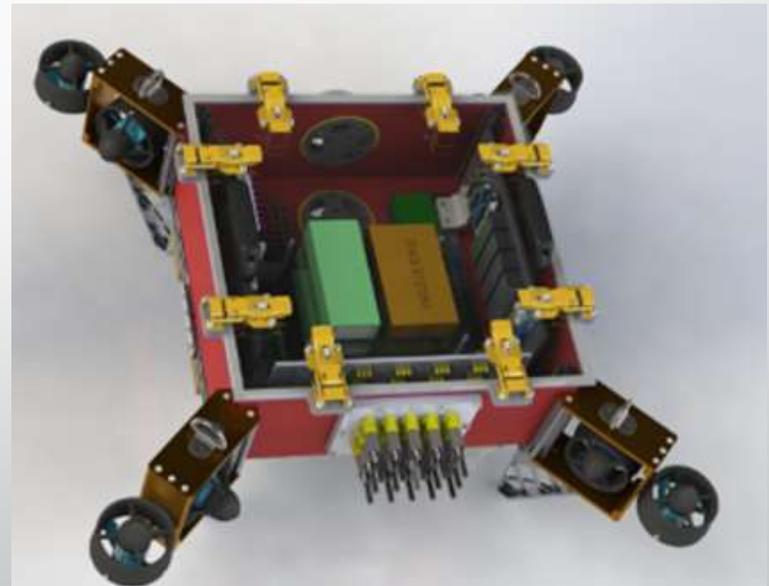
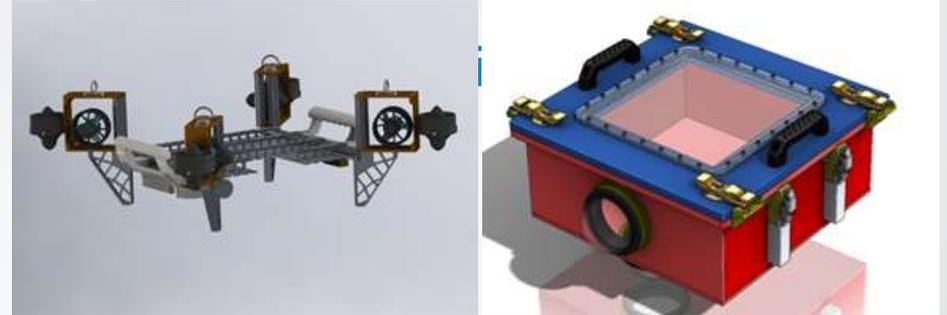
- Format of Competition changed
- Scoring:
 - Presentation
 - Technical Report
 - Website
- Virtual collaboration



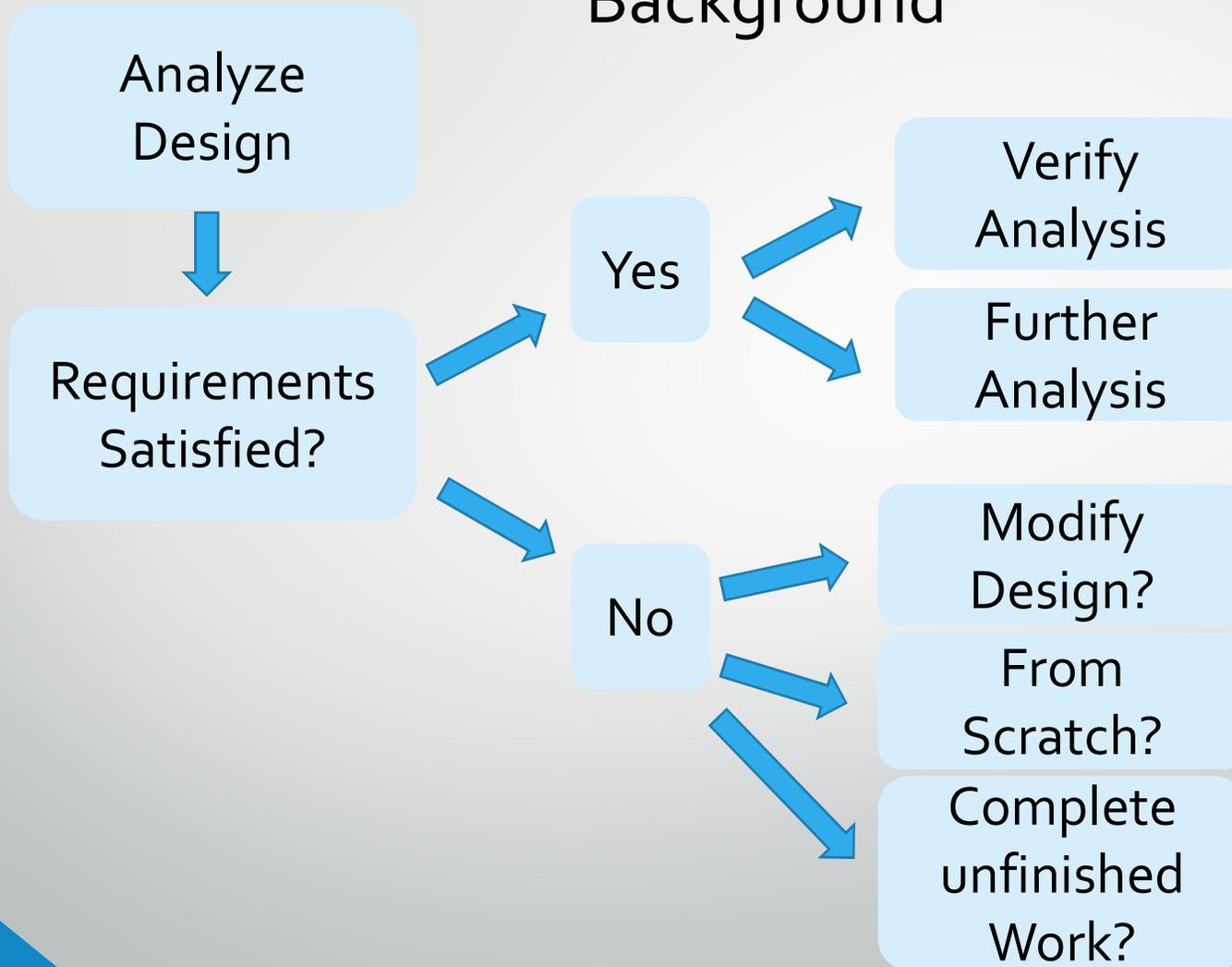
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Lanturn

- What was inherited
- Verify it meets requirements
- Keep, modify or redesign



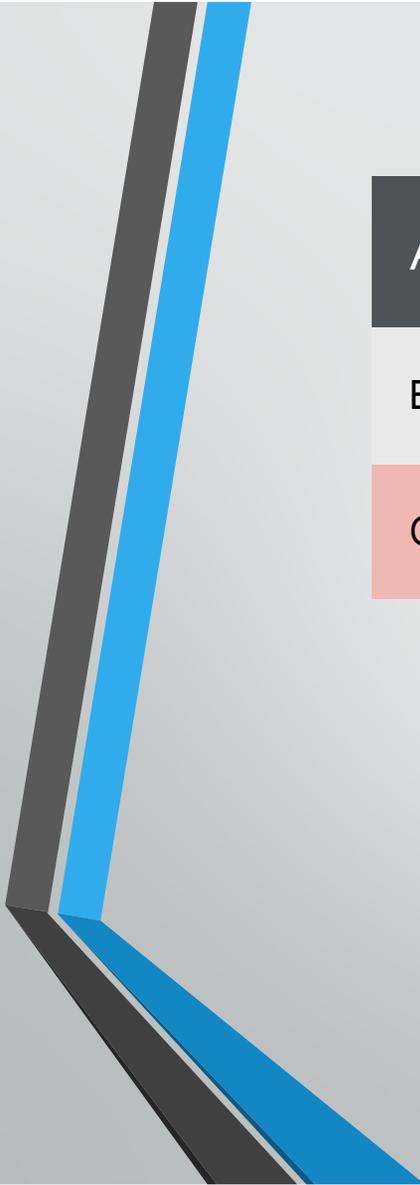
Background



Background



- Passing the baton
- Onboarding
- Guides



AGENDA

Background

Eddie

Objective/Requirements

Brian

Objectives

Base Project Objectives:

- Revise design of AUV to meet previous year's Robosub competition requirements
 - Functional Requirements
 - Performance requirements
- Further testing/simulation
- Refine design
- Manufacture Sub
- Compete in competition

Competition Objectives:

Competition Points Requirements revised for COVID-19 fall into

- Website
- Written Report
- Recorded Presentation

High Level Requirements

Functional

The AUV shall :

- be submergible.
- house the required electronics systems
- be able to navigate autonomously
- operate a kill switch
- operate a claw
- operate a payload system
- operate torpedo launcher

Performance

The AUV shall:

- submerge up to 10m and be under 125lb.
- contain waterproof housing for electronics with proper amount of heat dissipation
- receive information from cameras, process that information and operate thrusters to navigate through waypoints
- operate a mechanical claw to recognize, pick up and release objects
- operate a payload dropper that will house a payload and release it at a desired location
- operate a torpedo launcher to recognize a target and launch a torpedo and strike it.
- shall have an operable way to shut down, be minimum 0.5% positively buoyant when shut off through kill switch

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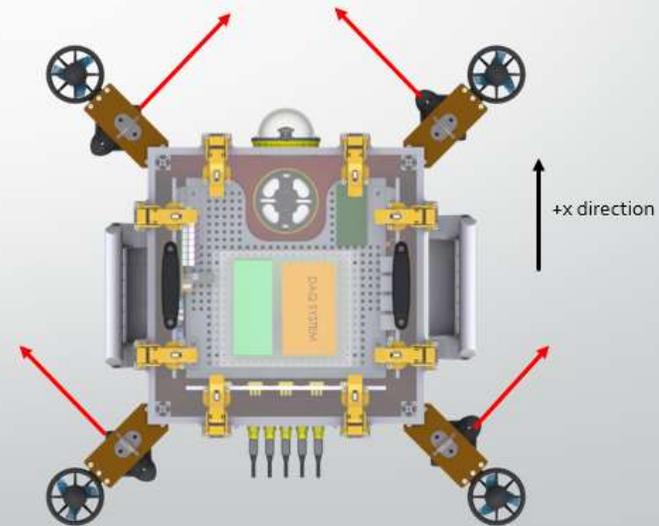
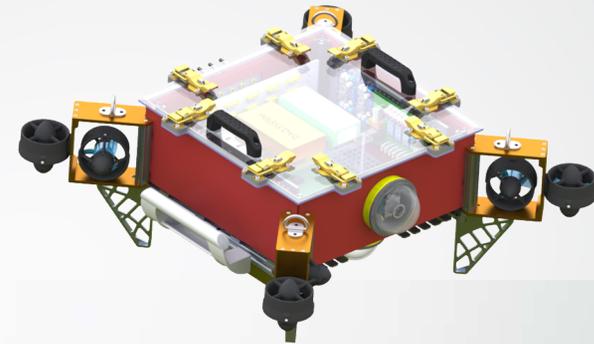
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Concept Design Overview: Mechanical

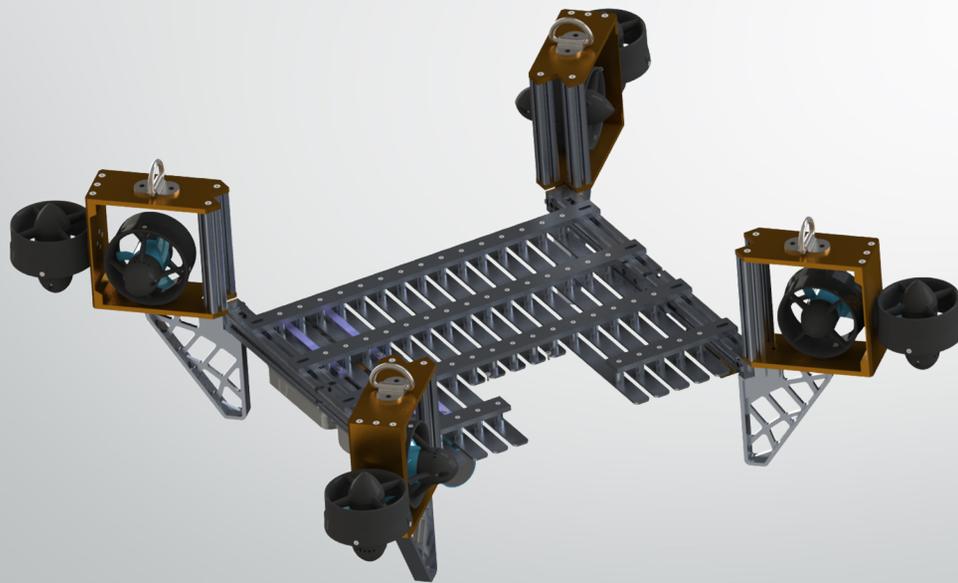
- Hull includes removable electronics shelving
- Frame I- 6061 Aluminum
- Eight Thrusters
 - Four Vertical
 - Four Horizontal
- Horizontal thrusters at 45° angles



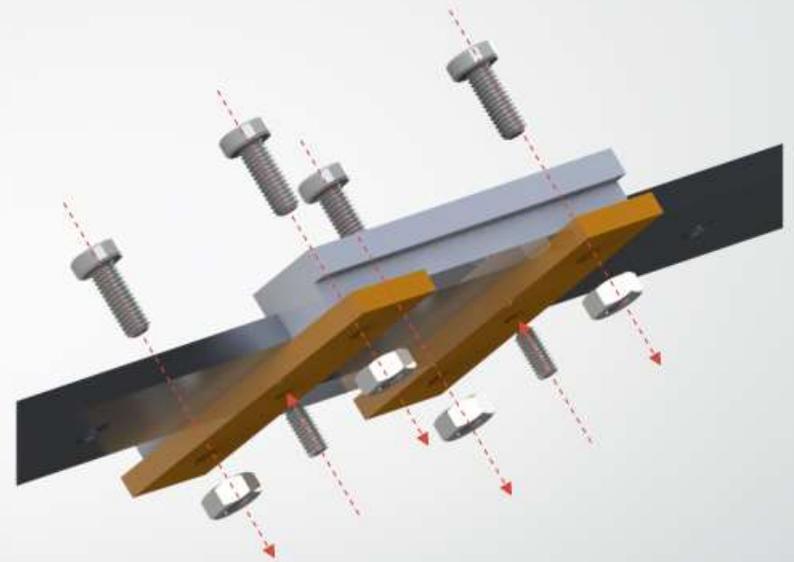
Horizontal Thruster Vectors

Concept Design Overview: Mechanical

- Four Low Profile Socket Head Cap Screws
 - Connect parts to t-slot frame



Lanturn Frame and Thrusters



T-slot



Concept Design Overview: Mechanical

Buoyancy

- SolidWorks mass properties function
- Displaced volume / mass
- Mass = 26.15 kg
- Displaced volume = 0.03933 m³
- 66.5% positively buoyant



Concept Design Overview: Mechanical

Actuated Systems

- Torpedo
- Dropper
- Grabber

Sensors

- Hydrophones
- Two Cameras
- IMU
- DVL

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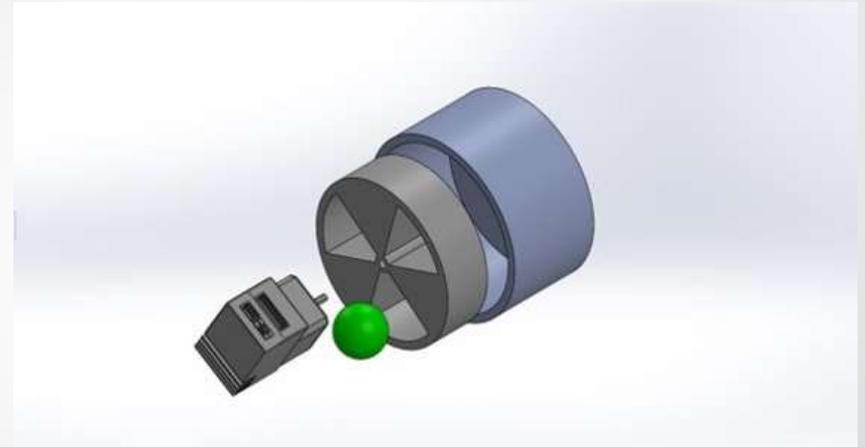
Charles
Brian

Frame

Person

Dropper

- Simple design that will be mounted on the frame as shown
- The rotating compartment will connect to the motor's shaft therefore causing rotation of the rotating shaft
- Satisfies with the competition requirement of dropping markers of dimensions :
 - Marker dimensions: must fit within 5.1 x 5.1 x 15.2 cm box
 - Weight ≥ 2 lb.



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Actuated Systems – Previous Team Designs

- Last year's team had two placeholder designs
- No motion capability or testing
- 1st design was created by the team
- 2nd is a design by Blue Robotics
- Currently out of stock and will no longer be for sale as a new model is being designed
- The release was unclear, so a new design needed to be made

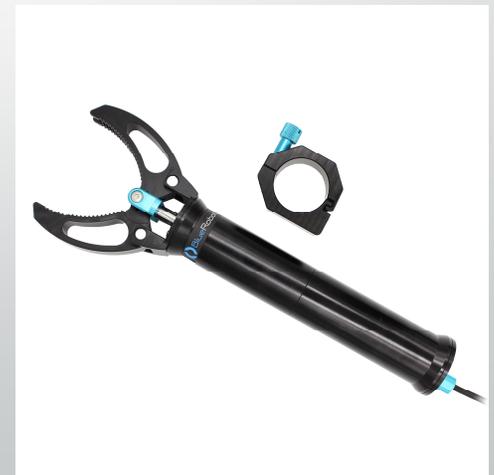
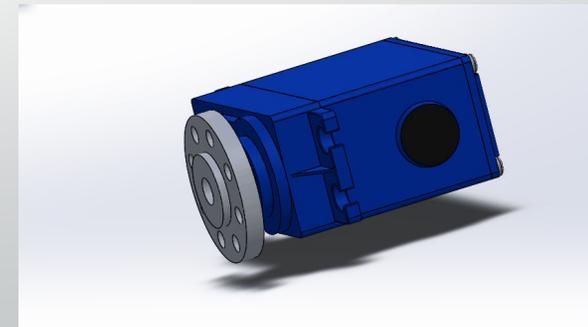


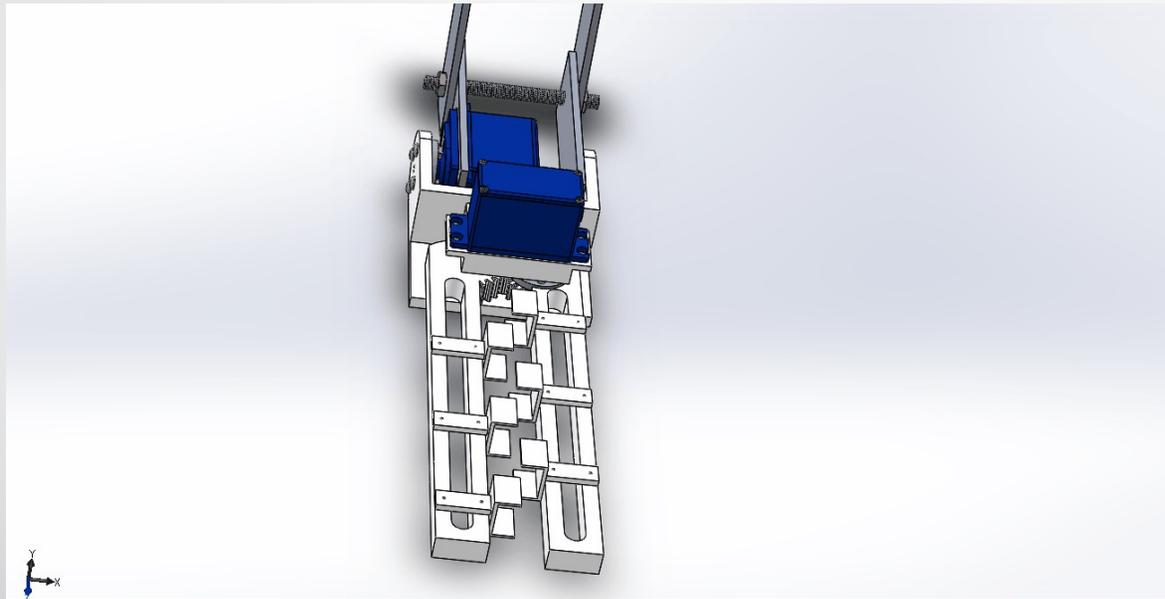
Image from Blue Robotics [\[2\]](#)

Actuated Systems – Grabber Design

- The design uses a combination of 3D parts and aluminum material
- (white = 3Dparts, gray = aluminum)
- A servo horn will be connected to the gears of the claw, as well as to the arm, to allow for motion
- Uses two HS-646WP servo motors

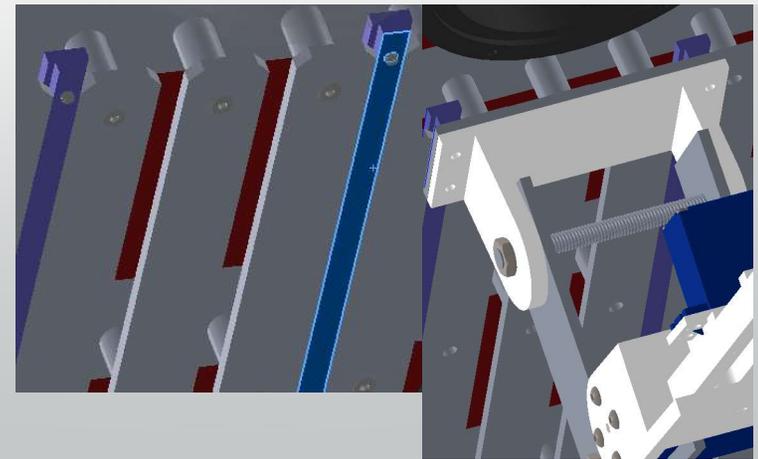
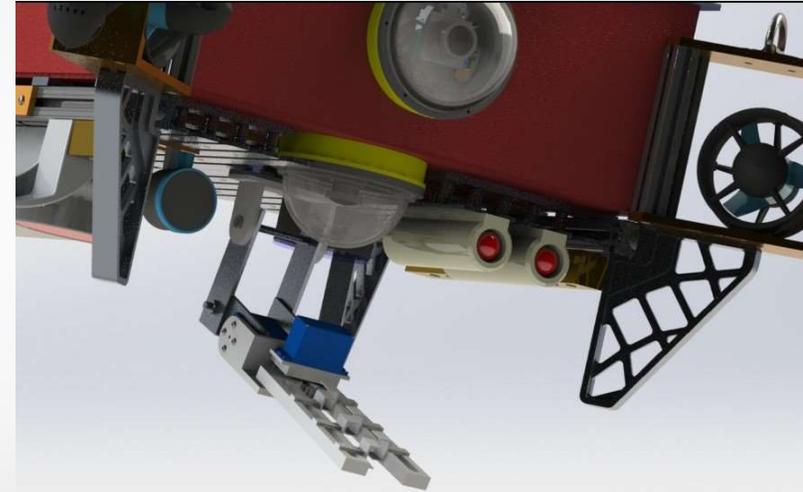


Actuated Systems – Grabber Animation



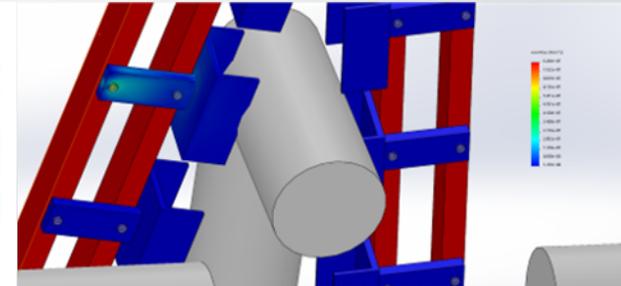
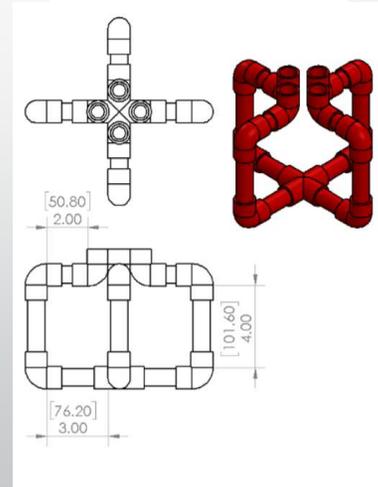
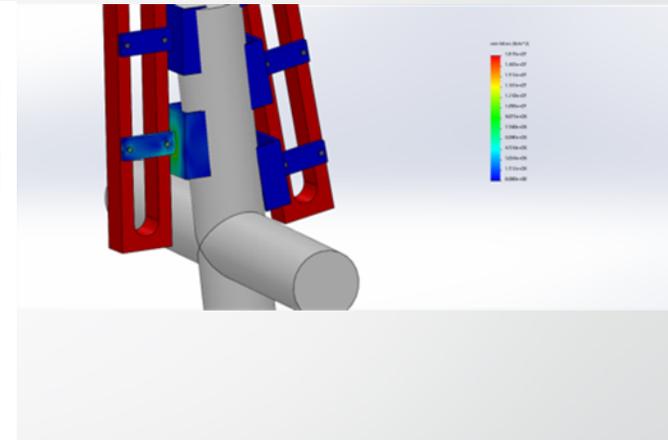
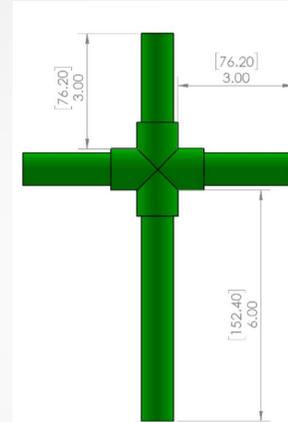
Actuated Systems – Grabber Mount

- Will be mounted to the Lanturn sub as shown in images
- This placement was unchanged to be in the view of the camera



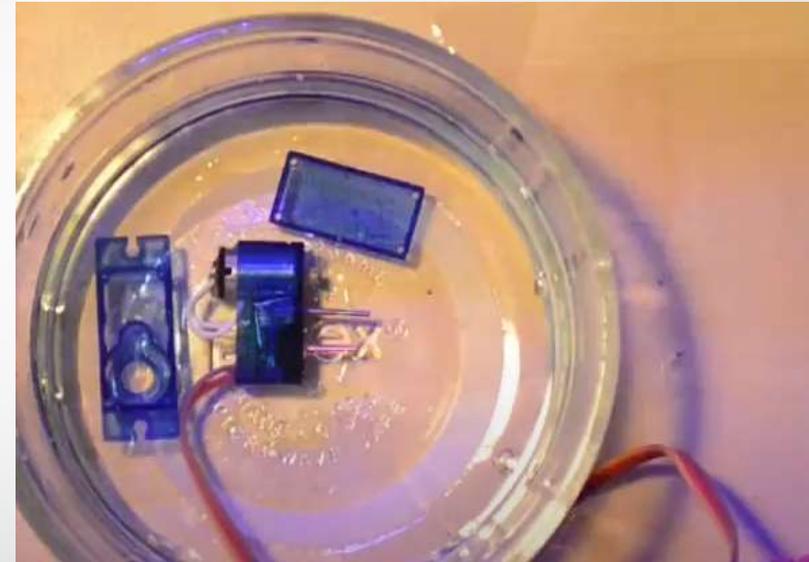
Actuated Systems – Grabber Motion Analysis

- Conducted stress analysis with crucifix prop
 - Factor of Safety is 3.3
 - Highest Stress at the holes
- Conducted stress analysis with garlic prop
 - Factor of Safety is 1.7



Actuated Systems – Waterproofing Servos

- Application of epoxy and mineral oil
- The epoxy and mineral oil method was tested another team
- Max depth the servo was submerged in was between 14.8ft-22ft (4.5m-6.7m)



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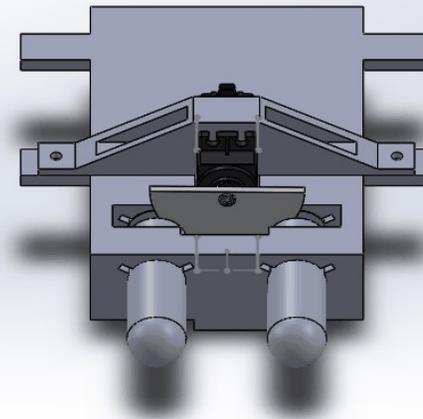
Frame

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Actuated Systems - Torpedo

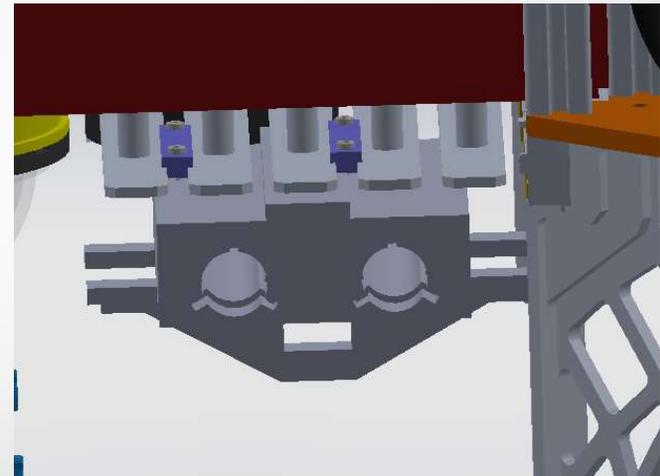
Torpedo launcher

- The design consisted of
 - 2 stainless steel compression spring
 - 3D printed housing
 - HS-5086WP waterproof servo (4.8V~6)
 - 1 Sheet metal gate
 - Aluminum rod



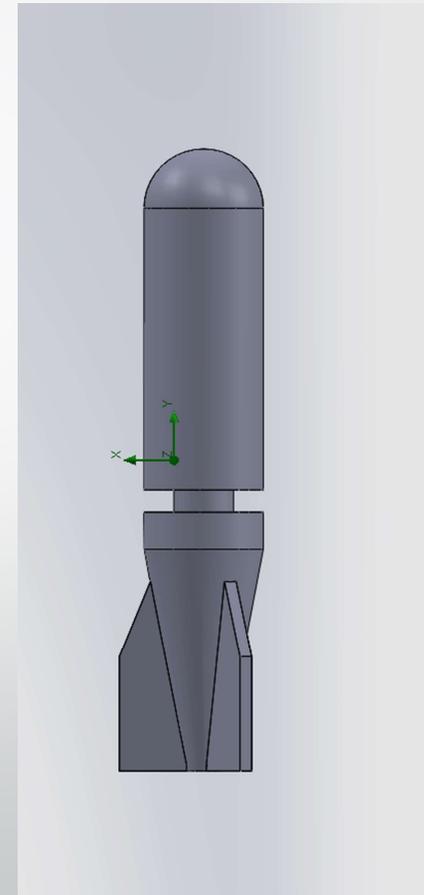
Torpedo Launcher Mount

- Launcher would be mounted with screw and bolts
- Placement would be unchanged



Mechanical Design: Torpedo

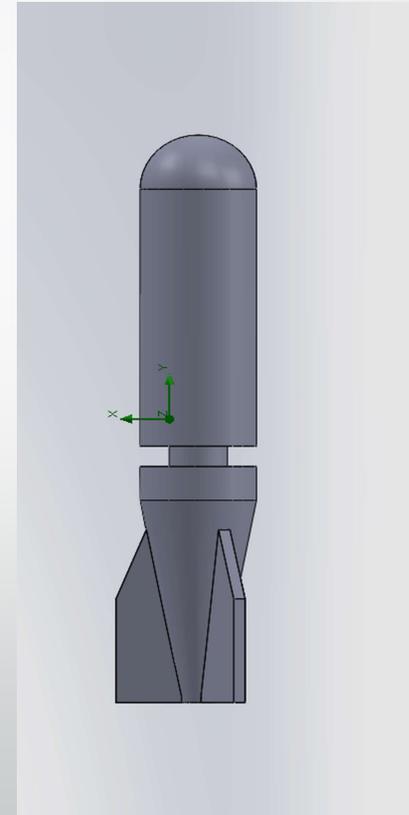
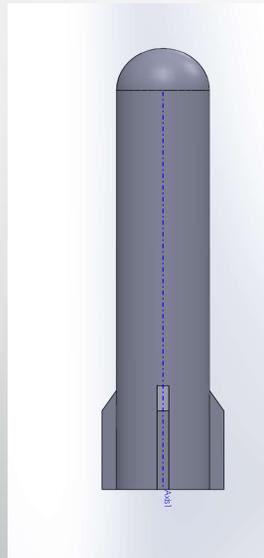
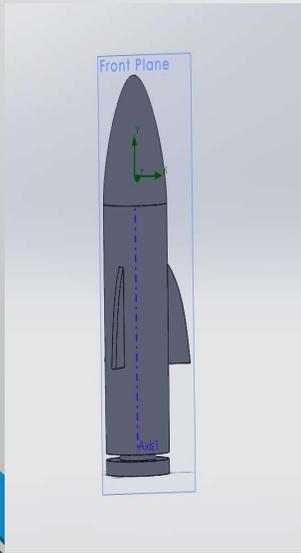
- Torpedo requirements:
 - The size limit is $5.1 \times 5.1 \times 15.2$ cm (1)
 - Weight limit less than 2 lbs. (1)
 - Distinct Marking to identify as team's
- Identical Requirements for dropper system payload
- Fins were added onto torpedo to prevent deviation from path after being launched



Torpedo Design

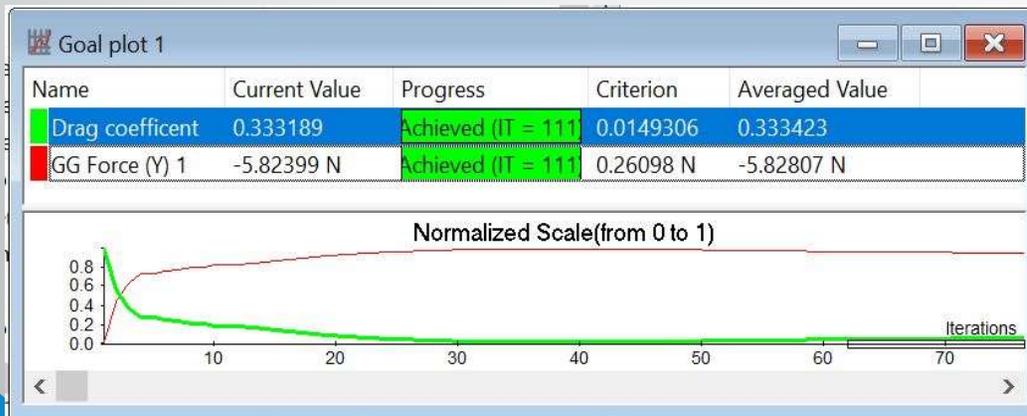
Torpedo

- 3 iterations of the prototype was made
- The first one iteration had a poor fit
- The second small fin surface area
- The last iteration was base off a real torpedo design

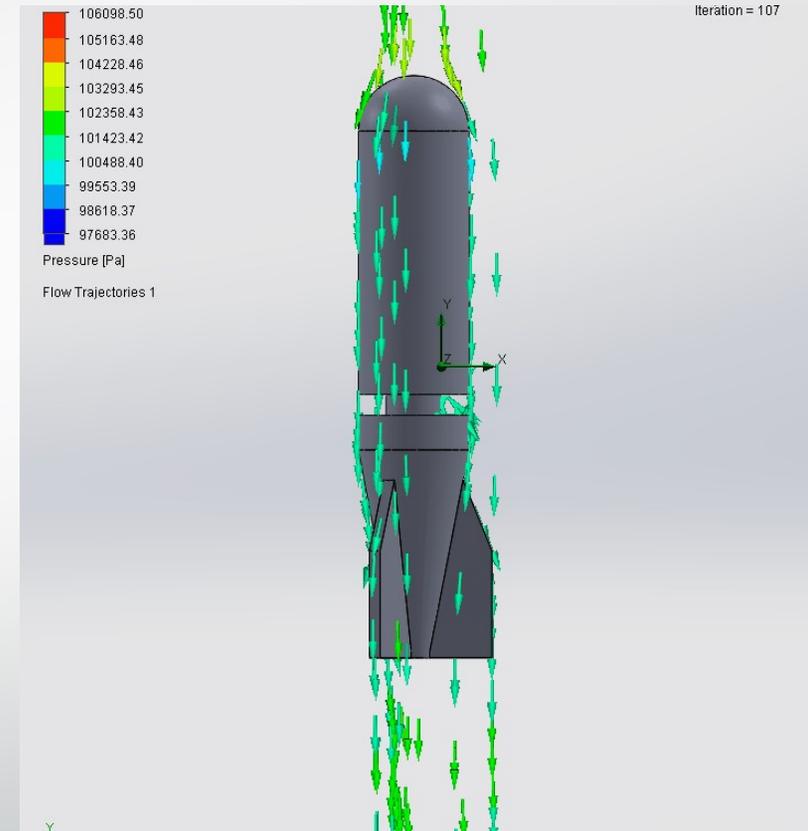


Torpedo Fluid Analysis

- Fluid Simulation performed in SolidWorks
 - Goal find drag coefficient close to 0.2
 - Obtained Cd of 0.33



Torpedo Computational Analysis



Torpedo Fluid Simulation

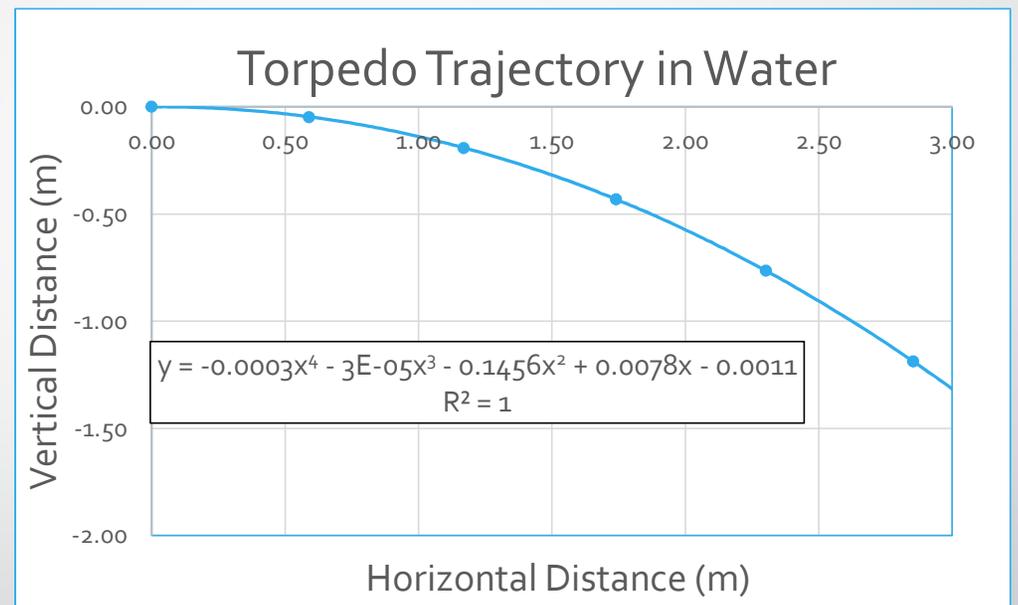
Mechanical Design: Torpedo Trajectory in Water

Simulation Inputs

- Force from Launcher
- Torpedo dimensions, drag coefficient and weight
- Camera Location Relative to Launcher

Output

- Equation of Trajectory using Cartesian Coordinates
 - Optional: Polar Coordinates



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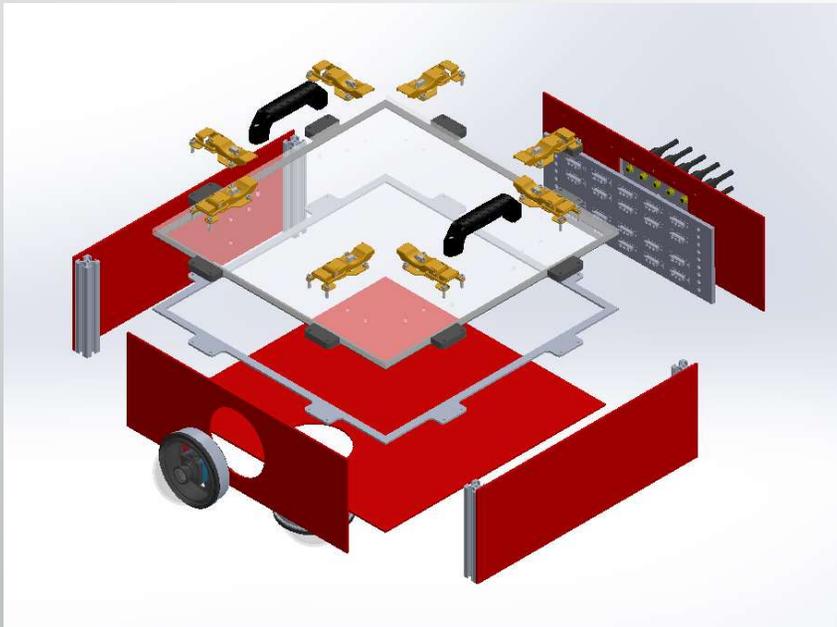
Hull

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Frame

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Body - Hull

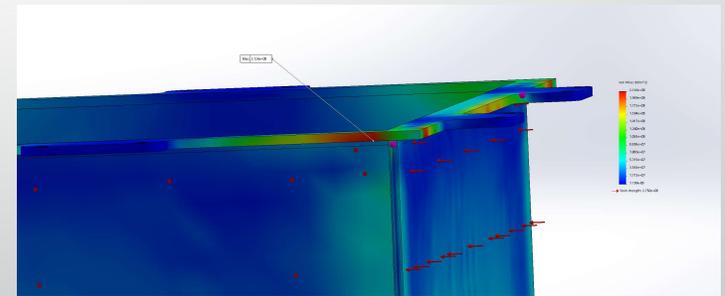
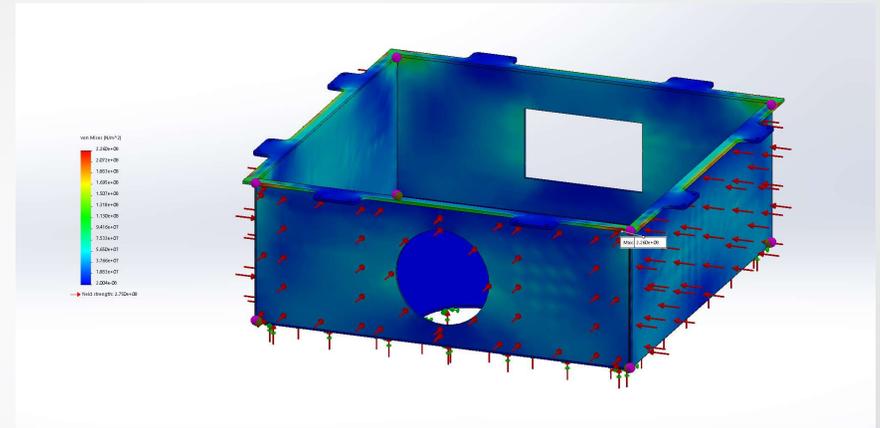


- 5 welded 1/8 in thick aluminum sheets
 - Welded to an 1/8 in aluminum sheet on top
- Designed by last year team for accessibility of electronics

Hull - Stress Analysis

A stress analysis was performed

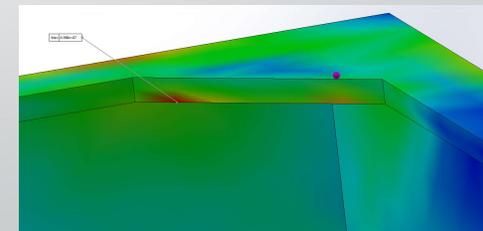
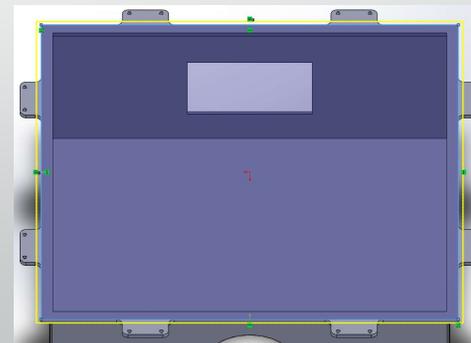
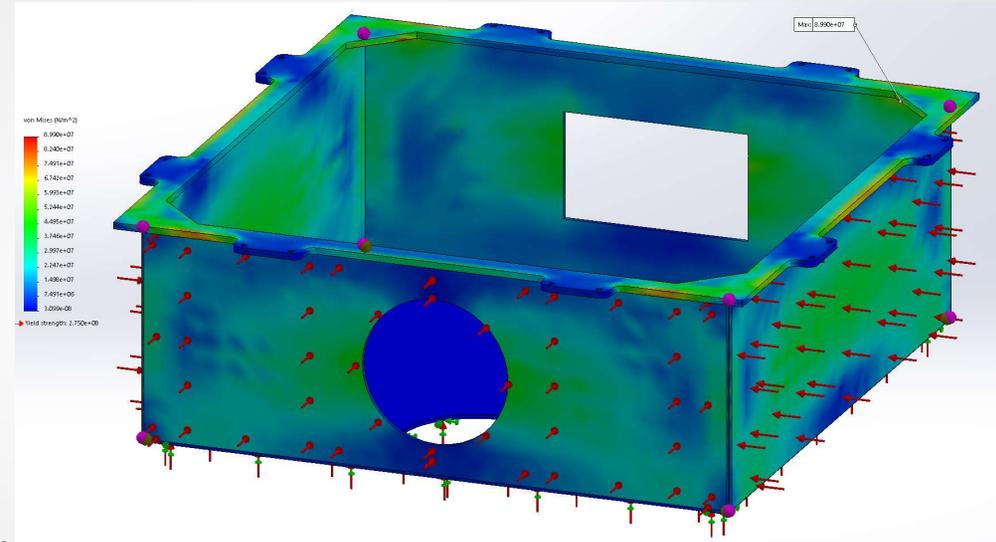
- The max depth = 16 ft / 5m
 - Leads to a pressure of 48,000 pascals
- Factor of Safety= 1.1
 - Needed Improvement
 - Hull cannot fail
 - Max stress was found on all corners of the top sheet
 - (Adjustments will be made on this area)



Hull - Adjustments

3 Adjustments

1. Increased thickness to 3/16 in
 - Factor of safety = 1.3
2. Extended top sheet by 0.2 in
 - Factor of safety = 1.9
3. Added 1.5 in chamfers to all corners
 - Factor of safety = 2.2
 - This was tested without the extended top sheet
- With both extension and chamfers
 - Factor of Safety = 3.1
 - Max stress move to beneath chamfer



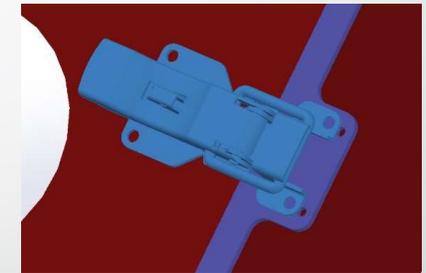
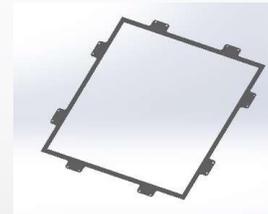
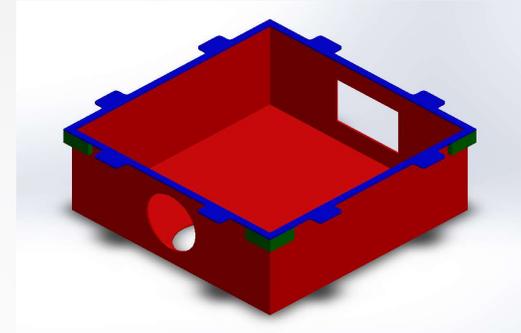
Hull - Cover and Seal

Current plan

- Use a gasket shaped identical to the top surface and seal with clamps
 - Analysis of effectiveness not performed

Alternate methods explored

- Designing cover that inserts into cavity of hull and making seal inside the perimeter
 - Will require pressure release valve
- Grooved perimeter with fitted track for O-Ring
 - Reliability and replaceability concerns of O-Ring
- Using a screwing mechanism as a clamp to attach the cover over existing gasket
 - Find a torque value needed in relation to seal
 - Predicted longer durability than clamps



Hull – Electrical Housing

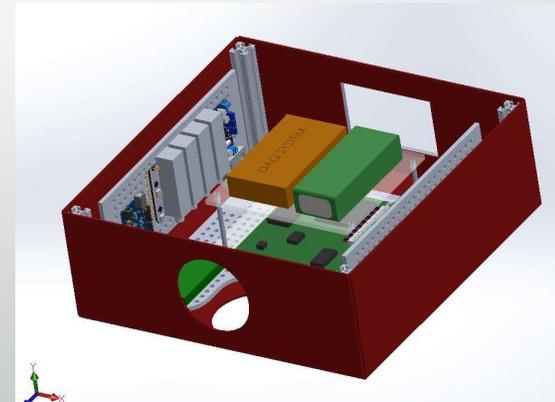
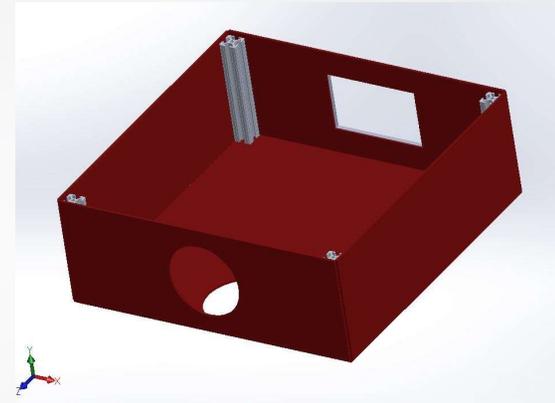
Current Plan

- Attaching a rail in each corner with a track to slide the separate electrical board in and out of
- Arranging a permanent plug interface in rear of hull connecting to subsystems affixed to AUV

Alternate Method

Drilling holes in floor and attaching rails to mount the electrical board

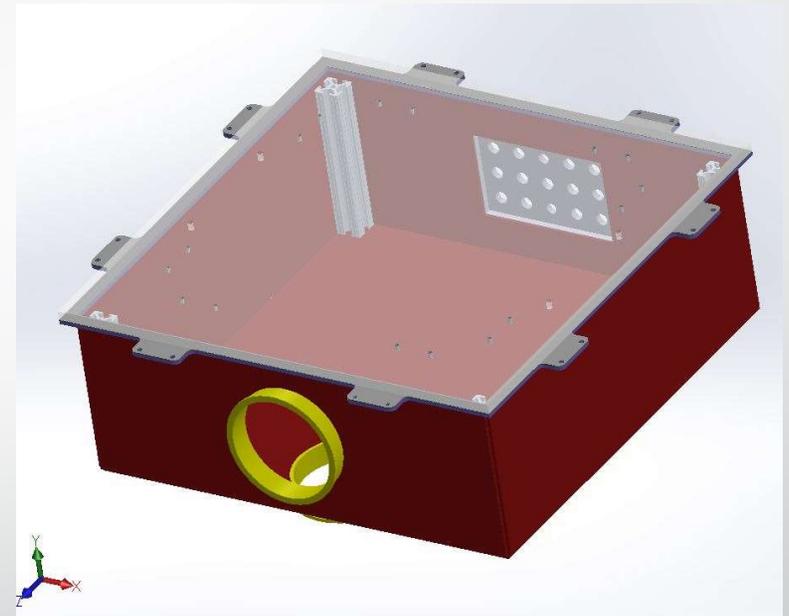
- Possibly using these holes in conjunction with mounting the frame onto hull
- More modular board installation possibilities
- However, more places to seal and could affect stress analysis and factor of safety



Hull – Production Status

Pending Tasks for Initial Hull Production

- Finalize sealing method of the hull with the cover.
- Finalize electrical board interface with hull
- Obtaining new materials
 - materials acquired from previous year deemed insufficient in passing stress tests
- Using a full bead welding process to ensure waterproofing
 - Finding a shop with experience to do this, unlikely student task



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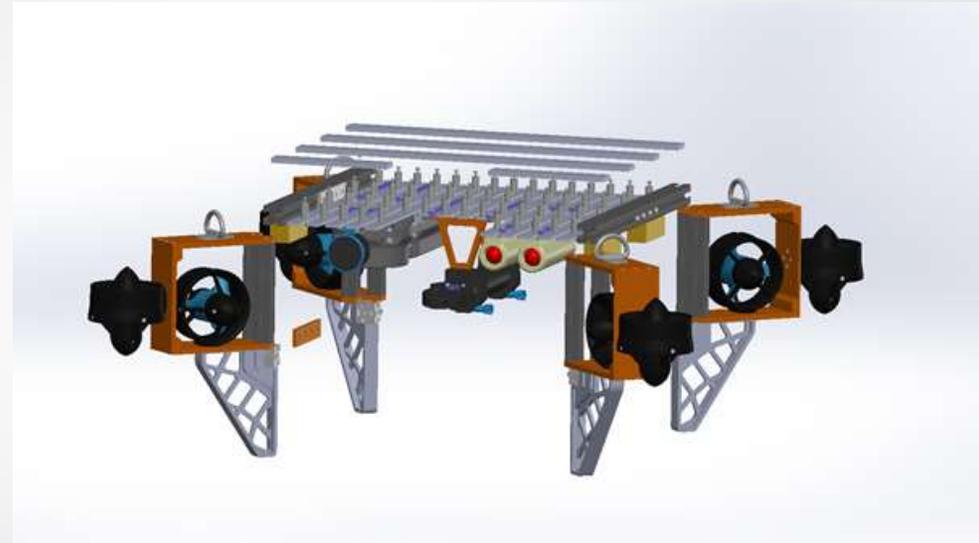
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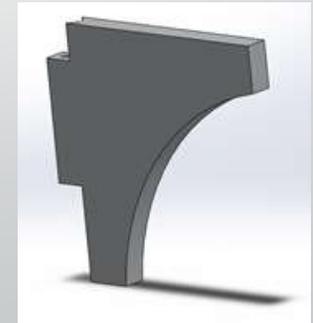
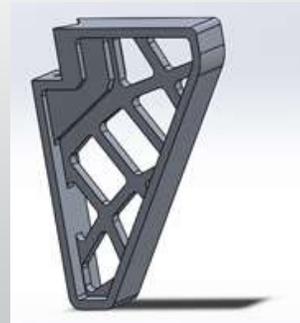
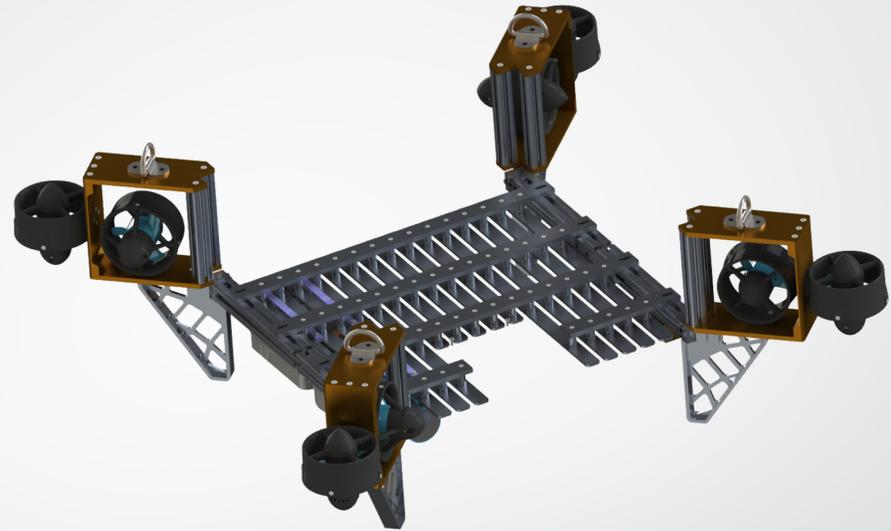
Body - Frame

- The multiple –slot design for the frame allows easy mounting of the actuated systems.
- 8 thrusters total mounted to the corners of the frame. 2 on each corner.
- Multiple slots allows for easy add-on of numerous components to be made
 - Sensors
 - Handles
 - Mounting points to join the hull and frame



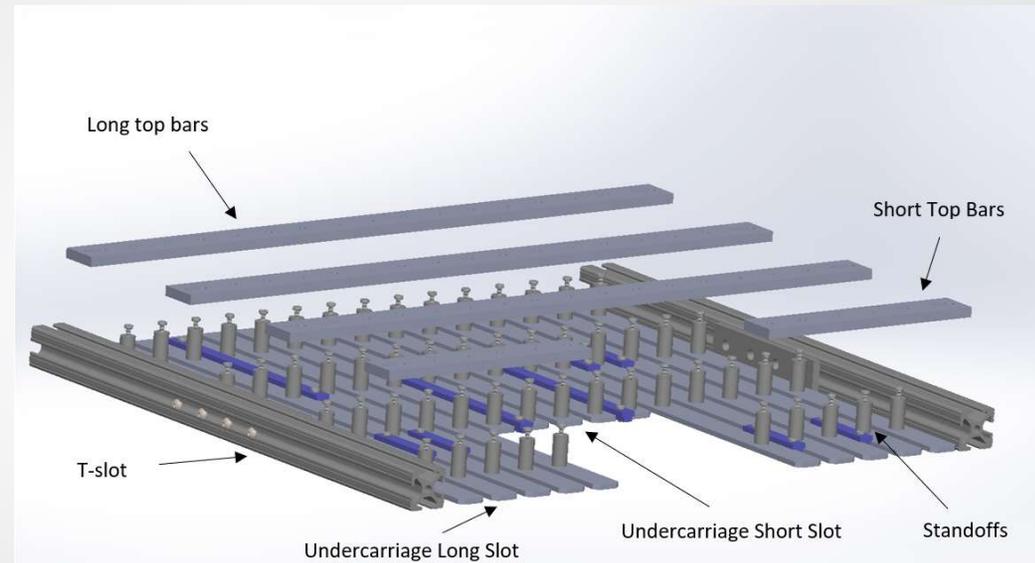
Frame

- Leg design optimized
 - Static stress analysis
 - Machine to specification (6061 Al)
- Optimization not needed
 - Weight reduction by 1.64 lb
 - Weight is of no concern
 - Production and material cost not necessary



Frame

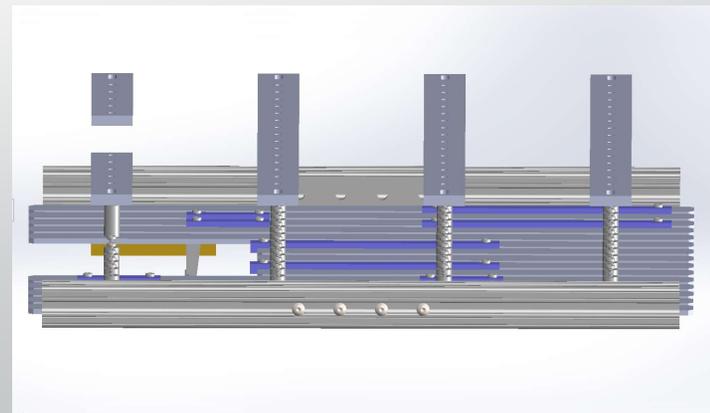
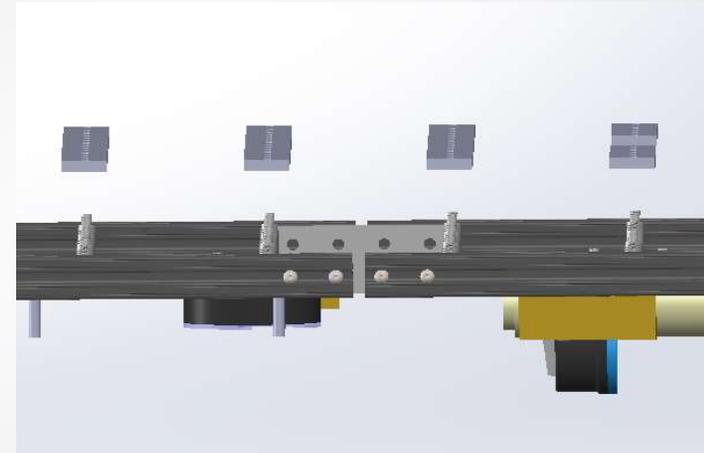
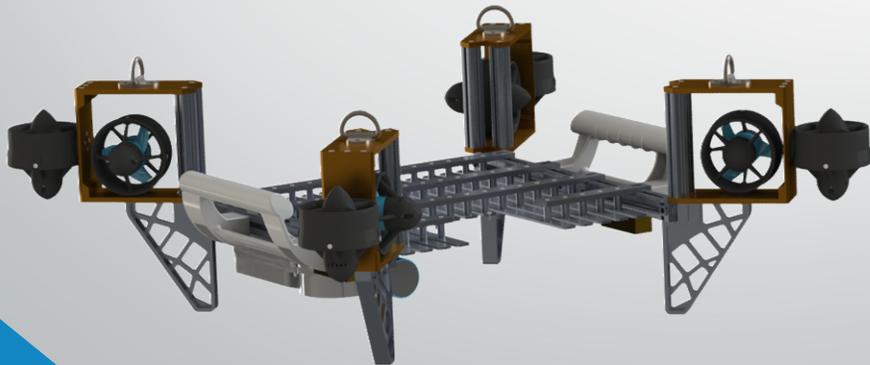
- The frame can be divided into two main sections
 - Undercarriage
 - Top Section
- The frame is composed of the numerous parts as shown in the figure
- Production
 - All bars and slots cut to appropriate dimensions
 - Assembly of cut material by using standoffs and screws to be continued
 - Legs to be produced as well as thruster's housing



Frame

Changes from previous design

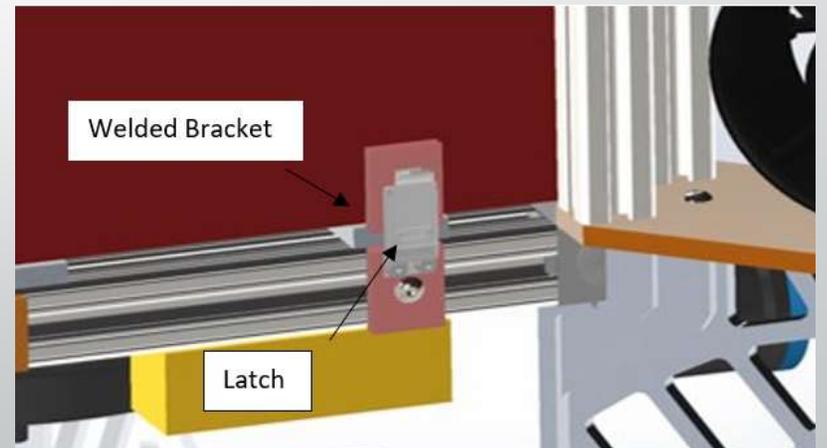
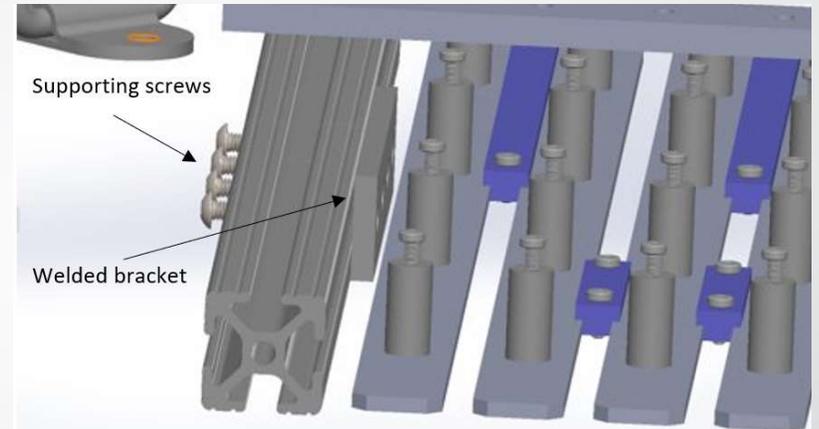
- Extruded T-bar slot to full length
- Opens mounting points for new handle location



Frame

Changes from previous design

- Extruded T-bar slot to full length
 - Opens mounting points for new handle location
 - Welded bracket shown will join the T-slot to the bars of the frame.
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- Kept from previous design
 - Welded bracket and latch to join the hull and frame



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System Overview

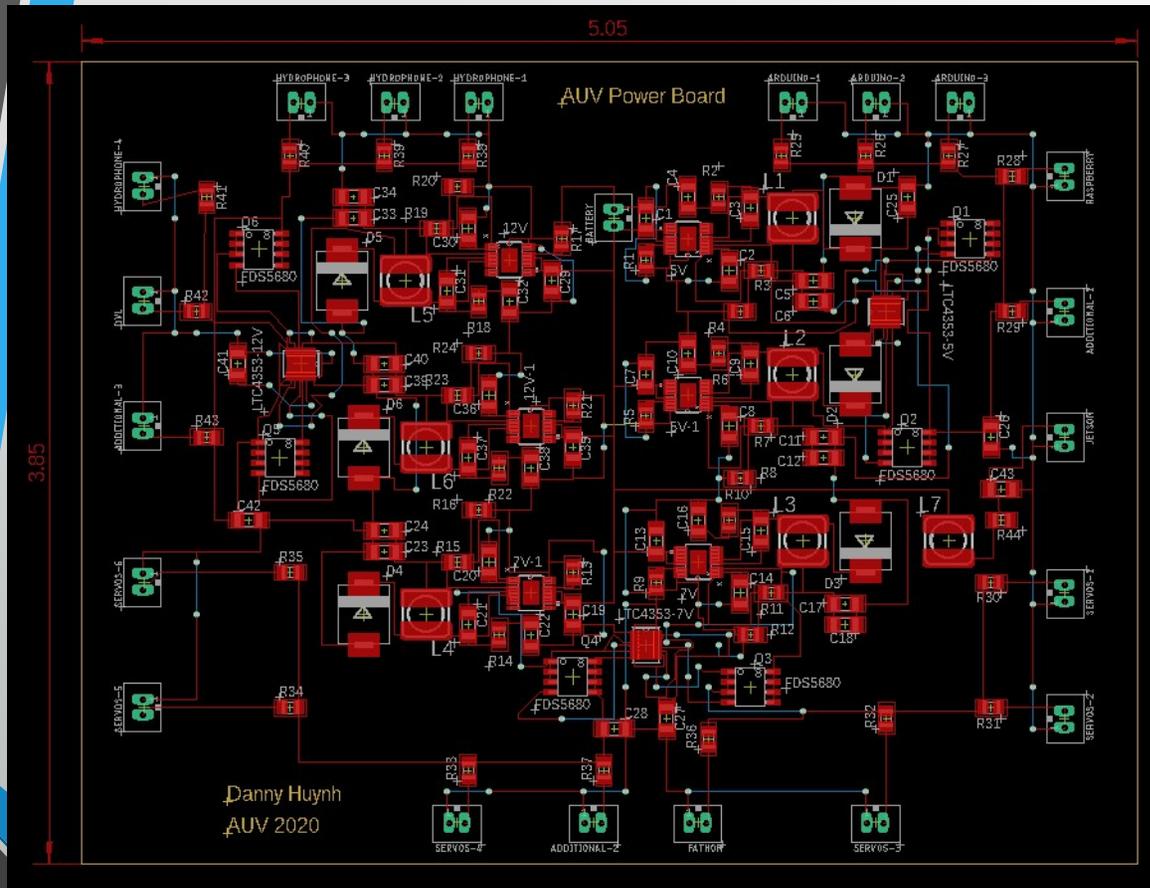
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Electrical – Previous Version(PDB)



Devices:

Arduino (x3)
Servos (x6)
Fathom
Hydrophones (x4)
DVL
Jetson TX2

Dimensions:

97.79mm Height
128.27mm Length

Things to Note:

No drill holes
Clustered surface mounted components
Board can be reduced in size
FDS5680 IC used

Electrical - Device Operation Requirements

Device	Voltage (V)	Current (A)	Power (W)
Arduino(x2)	5	1	5
IMU	5	0.04	0.2
Servos(x3)	7	1	7
Fathom	7	1	7
Hydrophones (x4)	9	1	9
DVL	14.8	4	59.2
Jetson TX2	14.8	1	15
Thruster Board	14.8	Varies	Varies
Thruster(x8)	14.8	Varies	Varies

ELECTRICAL

Power Distribution Board

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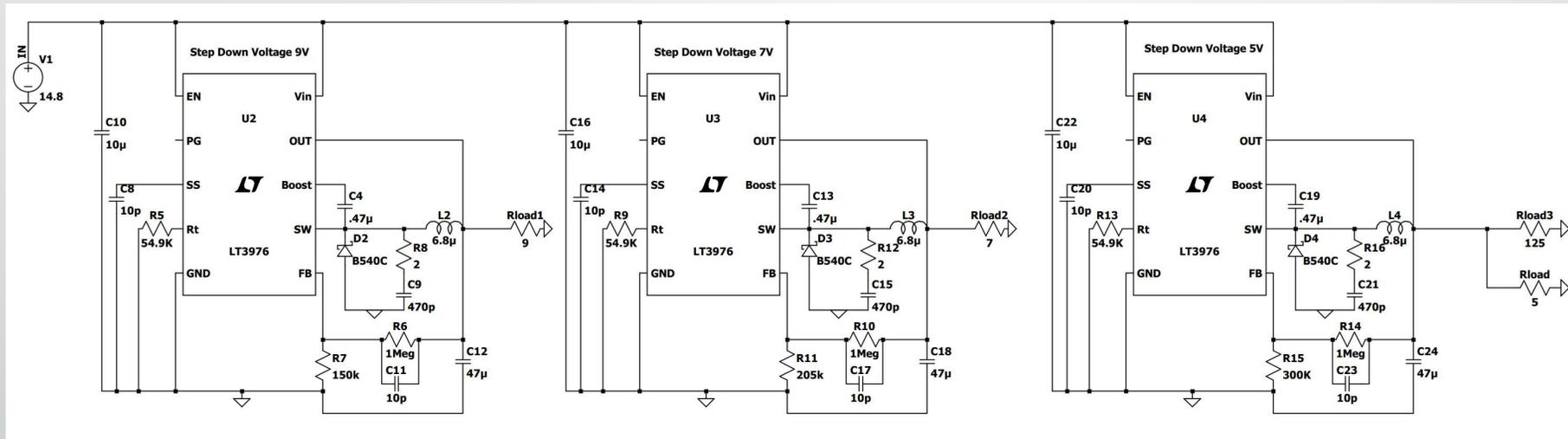
Simulations

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Design

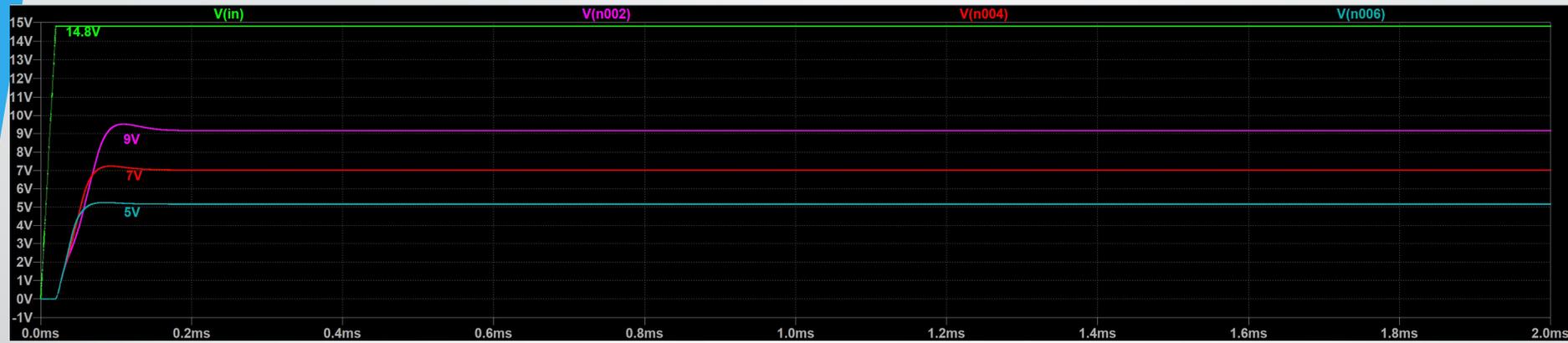
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Circuit- Power Distribution Board (PDB)

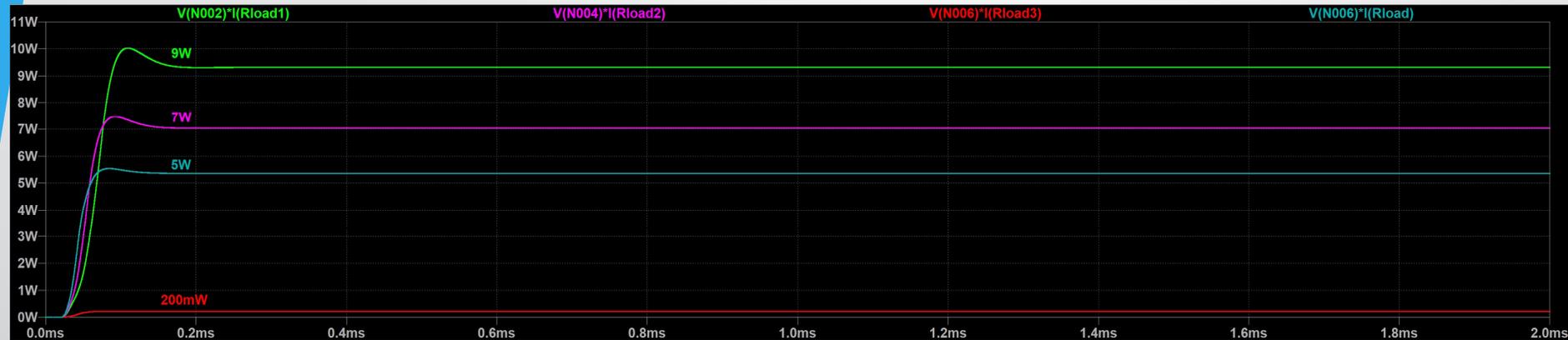


- Buck Converter: LT3976
 - Step-down voltages
 - Minimize Space on the board
 - Ideal for low current circuits
 - Input voltage range: 4.3V - 40V
 - Max current output: 5V
- Circuit made on LTspice
 - Input voltage supply: Single 14.8V LiPo battery
 - Conduct simulations for the voltage, current and power consumption

Simulations - Power Distribution Board (PDB)



Simulations - Power Distribution Board (PDB)



Efficiency: 91.7%

Input: 10.2W @ 14.8V
Output: 9.35W @ 9.17V

Efficiency: 90.9%

Input: 7.76W @ 14.8V
Output: 7.05W @ 7.03V

Efficiency: 76.4%

Input: 284mW @ 14.8V
Output: 217mW @ 5.21V

Efficiency: 89.4%

Input: 6W @ 14.8V
Output: 5.36W @ 5.18V

- Transient Analysis Simulations performed
 - Performance of the IC over time
 - Steady State is detected
 - Values correspond to the device operation requirements
- Efficiency Reports
 - How well the IC performs the voltage regulation
 - Values align with efficiency range on the datasheet for the IC

ELECTRICAL

Power Distribution Board

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Simulations

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Design

Jose Barrera

PDB Components and Cost

Item	Value	Quantity	Cost(\$)	Total(\$)
Capacitor	10uF	3	2.58	7.74
	10pF	6	0.18	1.08
	470nF = .47uF	3	2.52	7.56
	470pF	3	0.3	0.9
	47uF	3	1.98	5.94
Resistor	54.9k Ω	3	0.12	0.36
	1M Ω	3	0.8	2.4
	2 Ω	3	0.56	1.68
	300k Ω	1	0.44	0.44
	125 Ω	1	1.44	1.44
	5 Ω	1	0.5	0.5
	205 Ω	1	0.28	0.28
	7 Ω	1	3	3
	150k Ω	1	1.04	1.04
	9 Ω	1	2.66	2.66
Inductor	6.8uH	3	1.1	3.3
Diode	B540C	3	0.48	1.44
IC	LT3976	3	10.04	30.12
XT90 Adapter	Male Connector	1	2.5	2.5
Male Pin Headers	2.54mm	1	7.99	7.99
TOTAL				82.37

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Simulink

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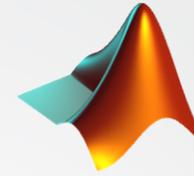
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Simulation - SimuSub

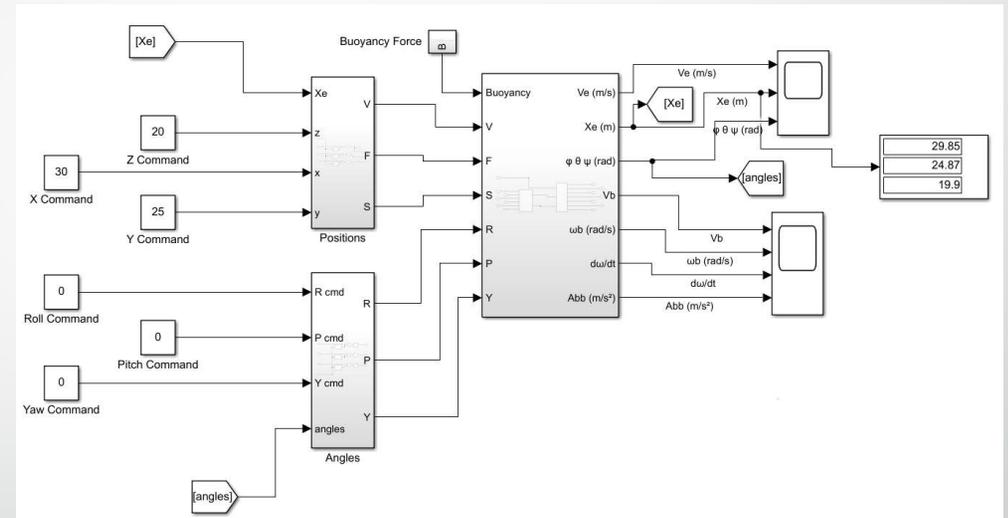


Simulink

- Graphical coding language
- Simulation and modeling
- Co-simulation with Gazebo

SimuSub

- PID tuning
- Control system testing
- State System architecture



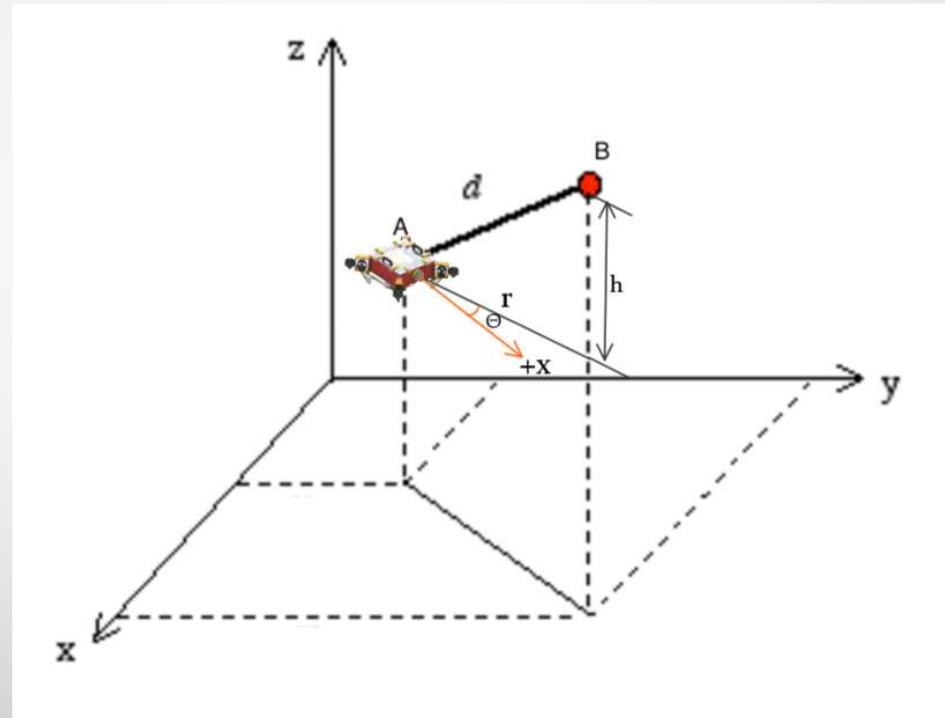
SimuSub – precision control system

Simulation - SimuSub

Traveling Control System

- PID controlled system
- r = horizontal error
- h = elevation error
- Θ = yaw error

- Elevation either concurrent or distinct



SimuSub - Traveling

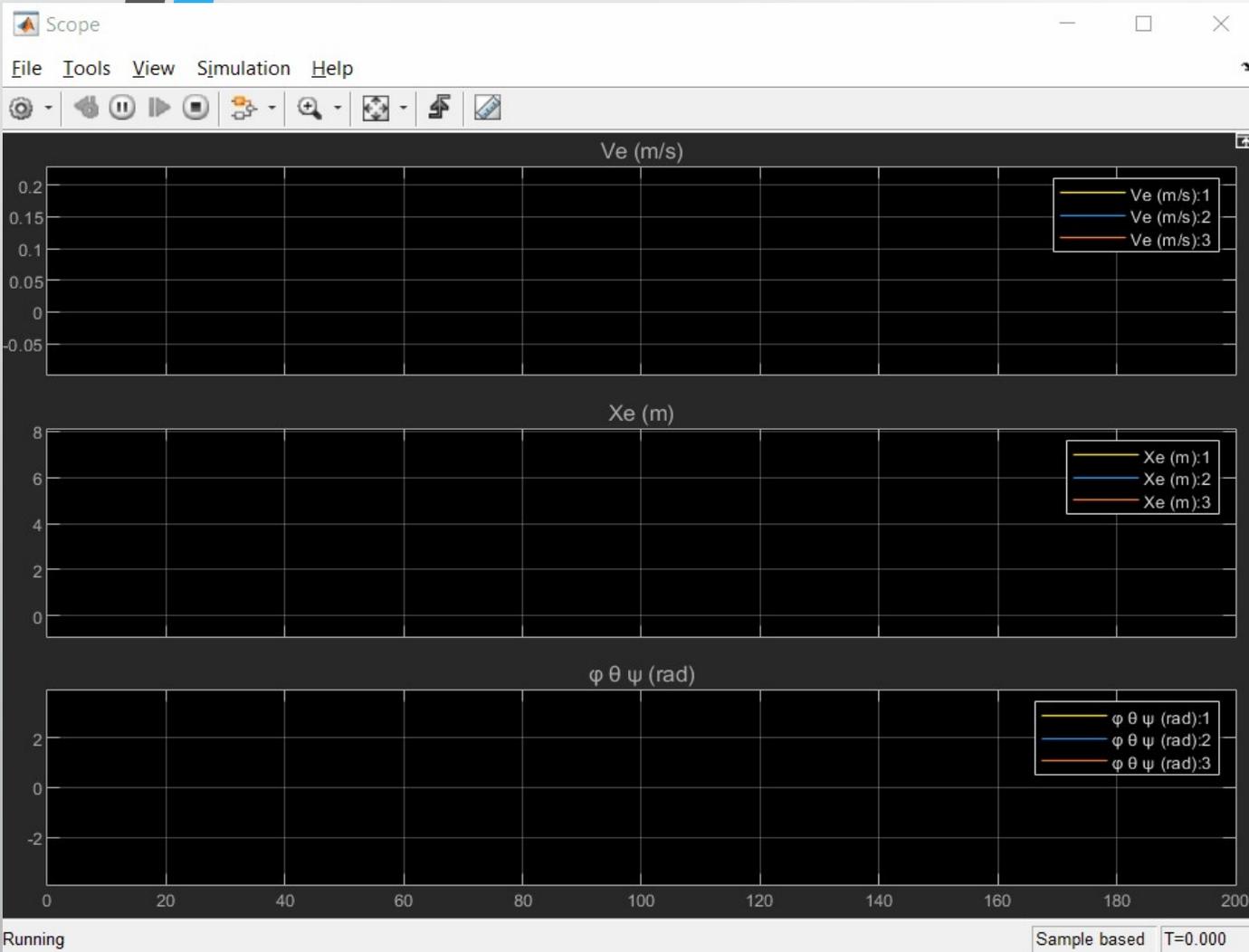
Example commands:

Cartesian; earth frame:

$[5 \ 3 \ 0]$

Euler Angles; earth frame:

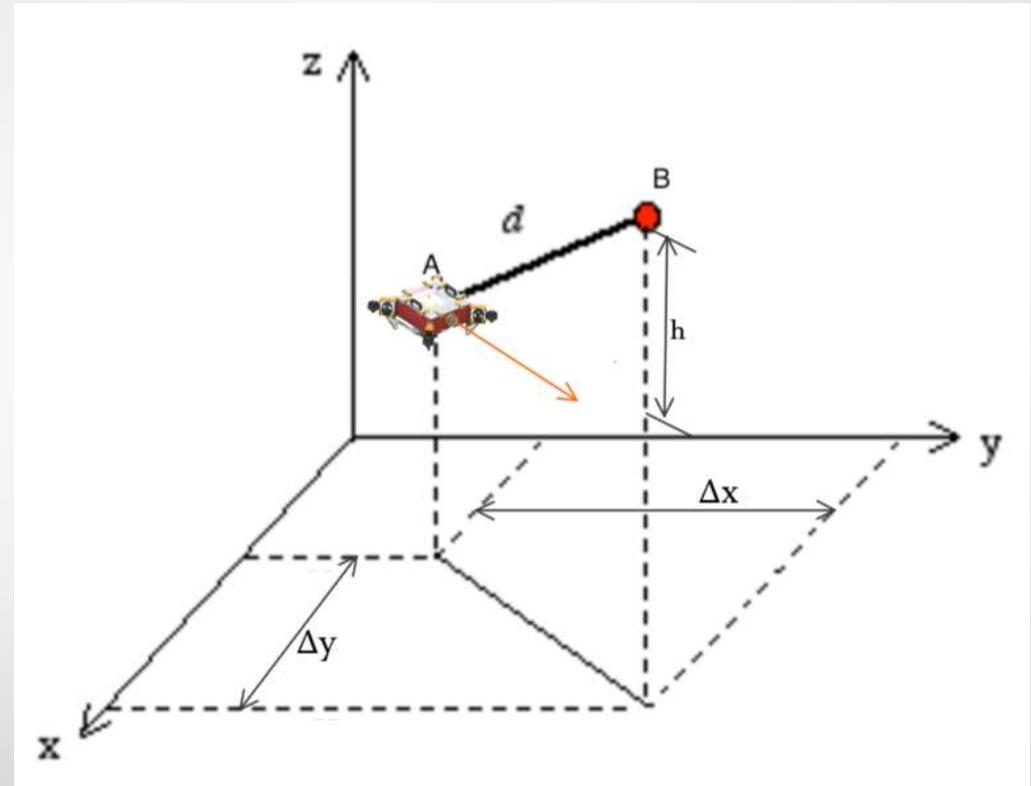
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Simulation - SimuSub

Precision Control System

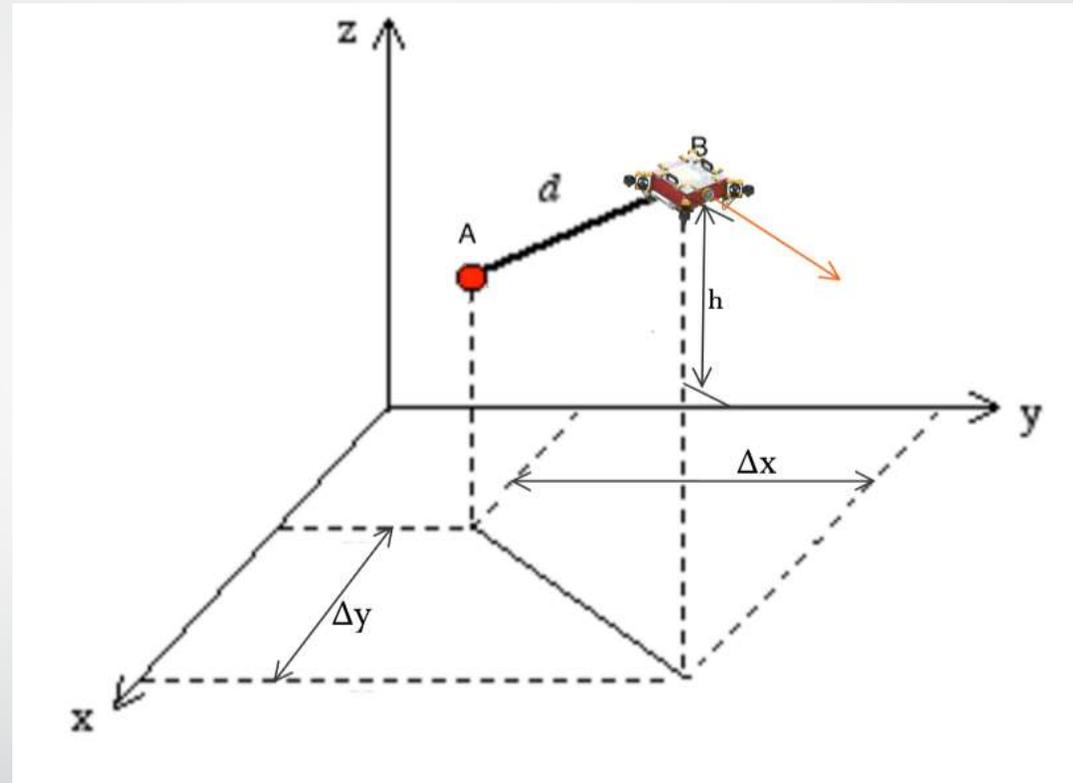
- PID controlled system
- $\Delta x = x$ error
- $\Delta y = y$ error
- $h =$ elevation error
- No angular error



Simulation - SimuSub

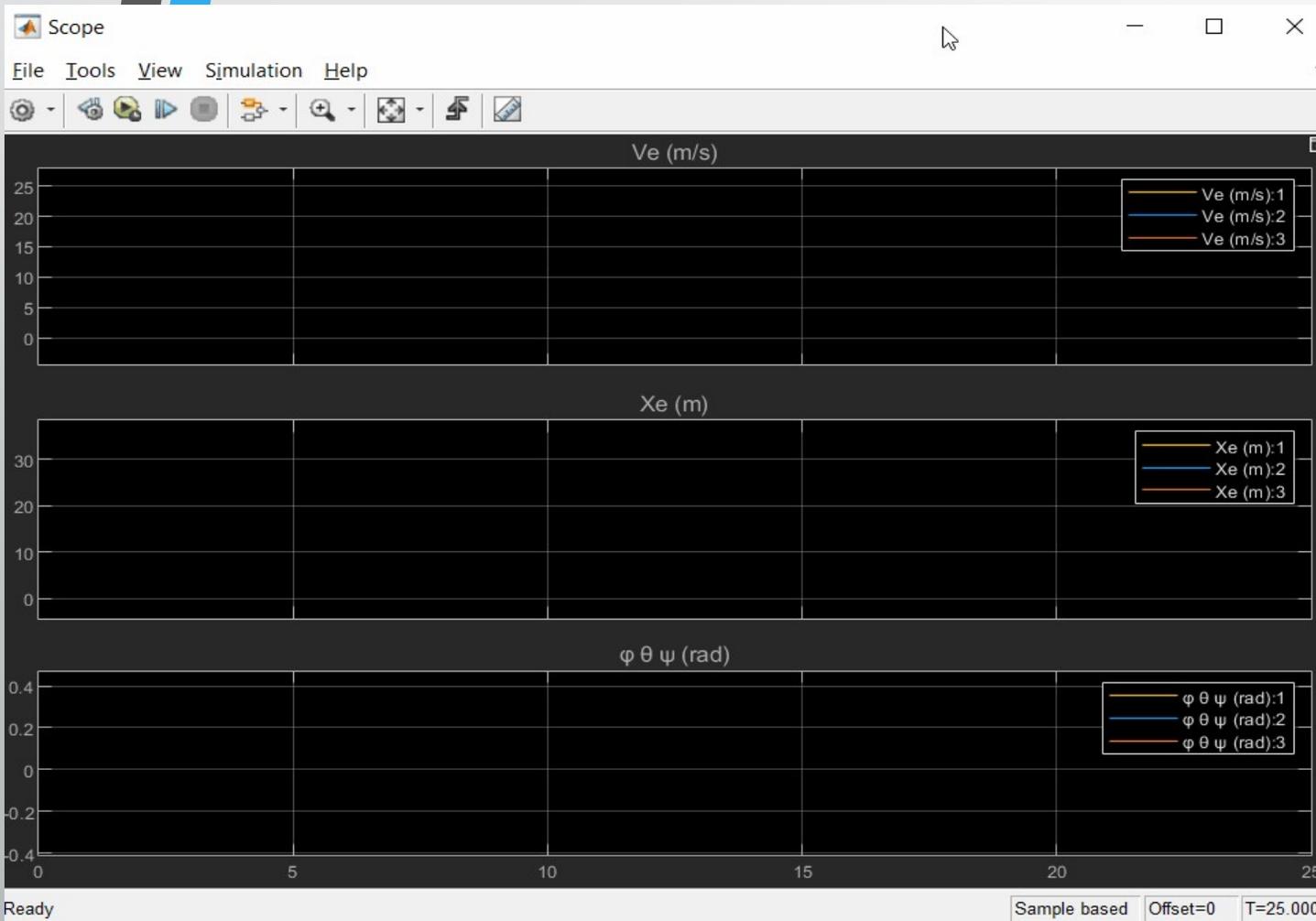
Precision Control System

- PID controlled system
- $\Delta x = x$ error
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- No angular error



SimuSub – Precision Control System

Example commands:
Cartesian; earth frame:
 $[30 \ 25 \ 20]$
Euler Angles; earth frame:
 $[0 \ 0 \ 0]$



SimuSub – Future Work

- Fixing control systems
- Mission Planning
- Navigation
- State Machine Architecture
- Co-simulation with ROS/Gazebo

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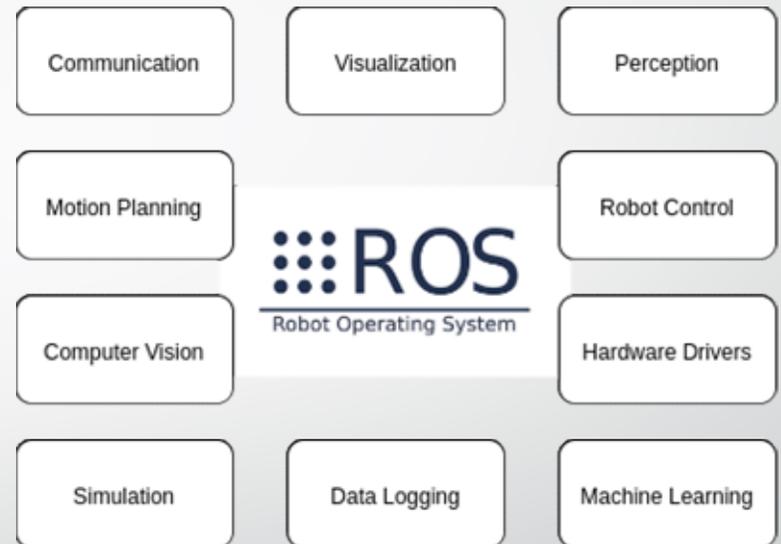
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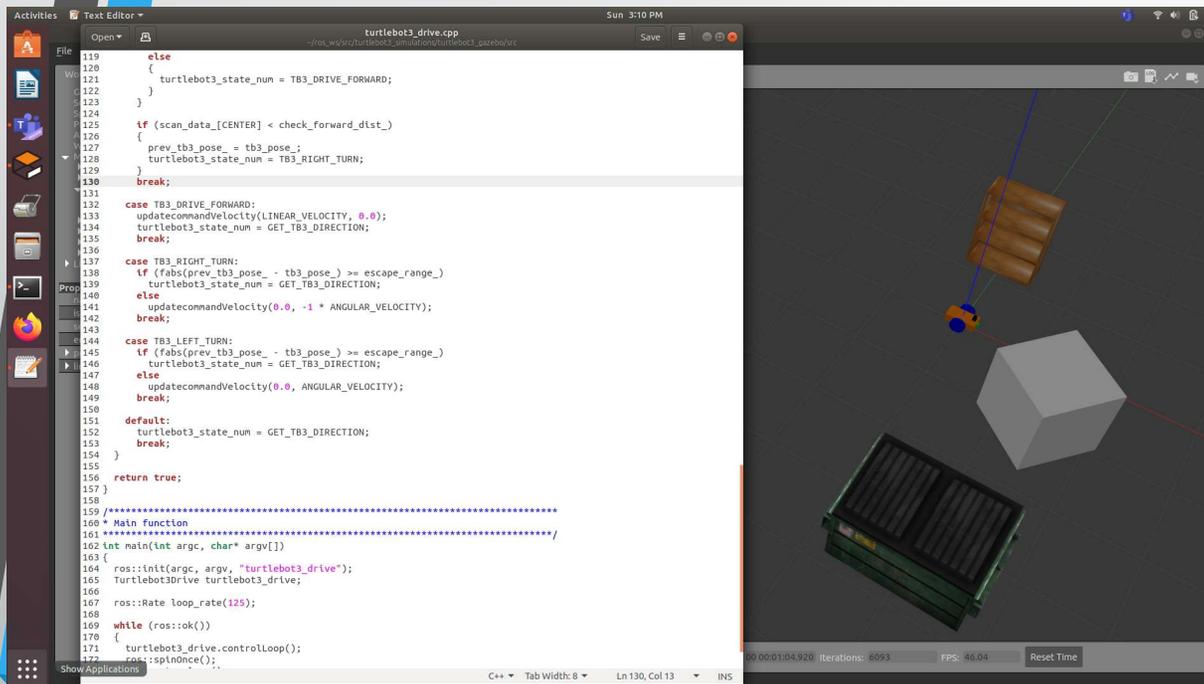
Robot Operating System (ROS)

How is this beneficial to the AUV?

- Simulation tools allows for more flexible design
 - Test data
- Thousands of packages; tools that give our AUV variety of choices that includes sensors, cameras, etc.



Robot Operating System (ROS) - Gazebo



The screenshot displays a Linux desktop environment. On the left, a text editor window titled 'turtlebot3_drive.cpp' shows C++ code for a robot drive. The code includes logic for handling different states like 'TB3_DRIVE_FORWARD', 'TB3_RIGHT_TURN', and 'TB3_LEFT_TURN', with conditional checks for sensor data and escape ranges. The main function sets up ROS nodes and a control loop. On the right, a Gazebo simulation window shows a 3D model of a turtlebot3 robot in a simulated environment with various obstacles like a wooden crate, a grey cube, and a black tray. The simulation status bar at the bottom indicates '00:00:01:04:920 Iterations: 6093 FPS: 46.04 Reset Time'.

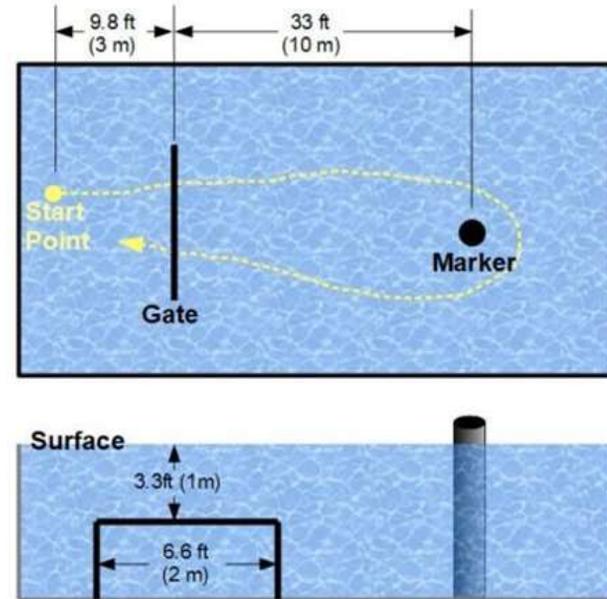
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119     else
120     {
121         turtlebot3_state_num = TB3_DRIVE_FORWARD;
122     }
123 }
124
125 if (scan_data_[CENTER] < check_forward_dist_)
126 {
127     prev_tb3_pose_ = tb3_pose_;
128     turtlebot3_state_num = TB3_RIGHT_TURN;
129 }
130 break;
131
132 case TB3_DRIVE_FORWARD:
133     updatecommandVelocity(LINEAR_VELOCITY, 0.0);
134     turtlebot3_state_num = GET_TB3_DIRECTION;
135     break;
136
137 case TB3_RIGHT_TURN:
138     if (fabs(prev_tb3_pose_ - tb3_pose_) >= escape_range_)
139         turtlebot3_state_num = GET_TB3_DIRECTION;
140     else
141         updatecommandVelocity(0.0, -1 * ANGULAR_VELOCITY);
142     break;
143
144 case TB3_LEFT_TURN:
145     if (fabs(prev_tb3_pose_ - tb3_pose_) >= escape_range_)
146         turtlebot3_state_num = GET_TB3_DIRECTION;
147     else
148         updatecommandVelocity(0.0, ANGULAR_VELOCITY);
149     break;
150
151 default:
152     turtlebot3_state_num = GET_TB3_DIRECTION;
153     break;
154 }
155
156 return true;
157 }
158
159 //***** Main function *****//
160 int main(int argc, char* argv[])
161 {
162     ros::init(argc, argv, "turtlebot3_drive");
163     Turtlebot3Drive turtlebot3_drive;
164     ros::Rate loop_rate(125);
165     while (ros::ok())
166     {
167         turtlebot3_drive.controlLoop();
168         ros::spinOnce();
169     }
170 }
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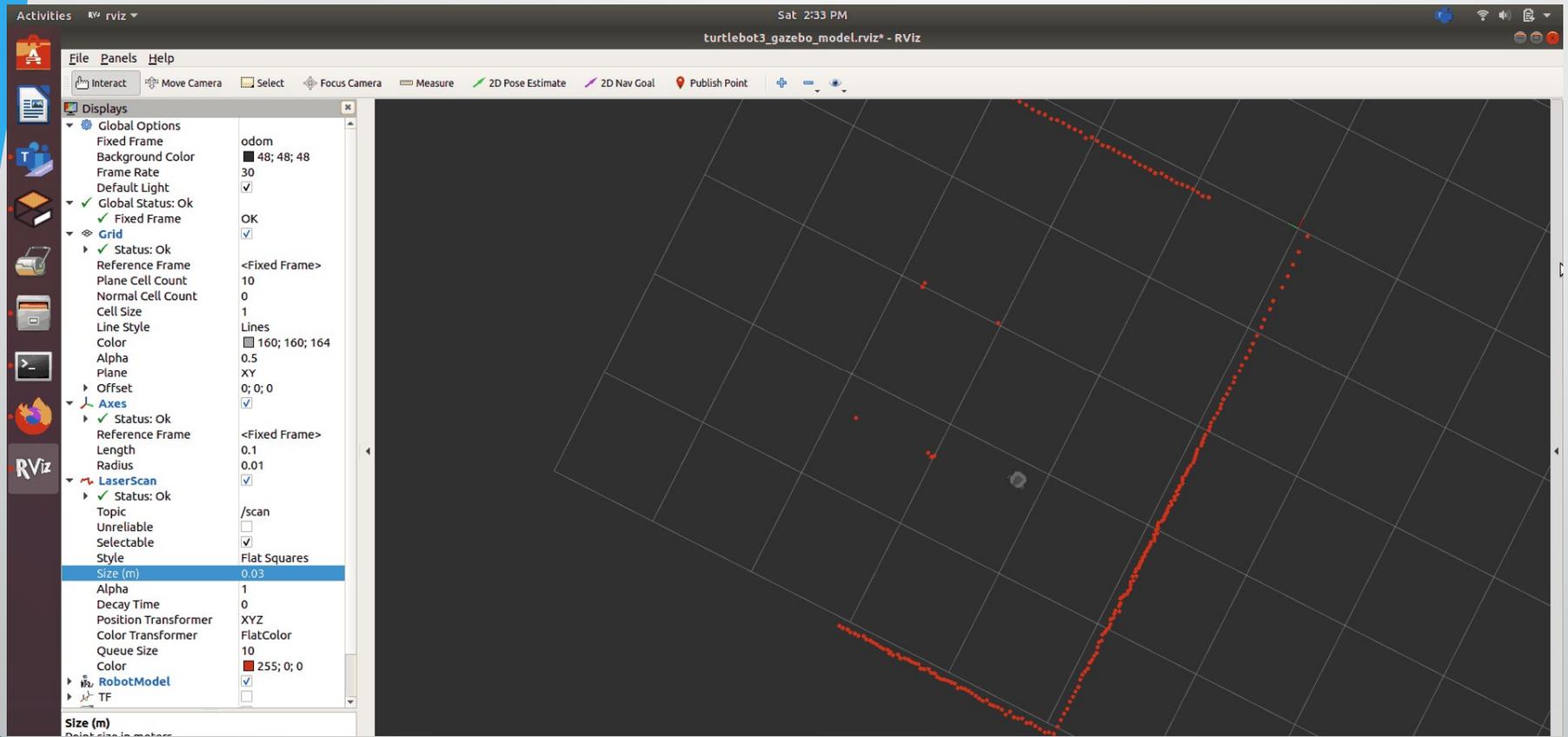
Gazebo (Water Environment)



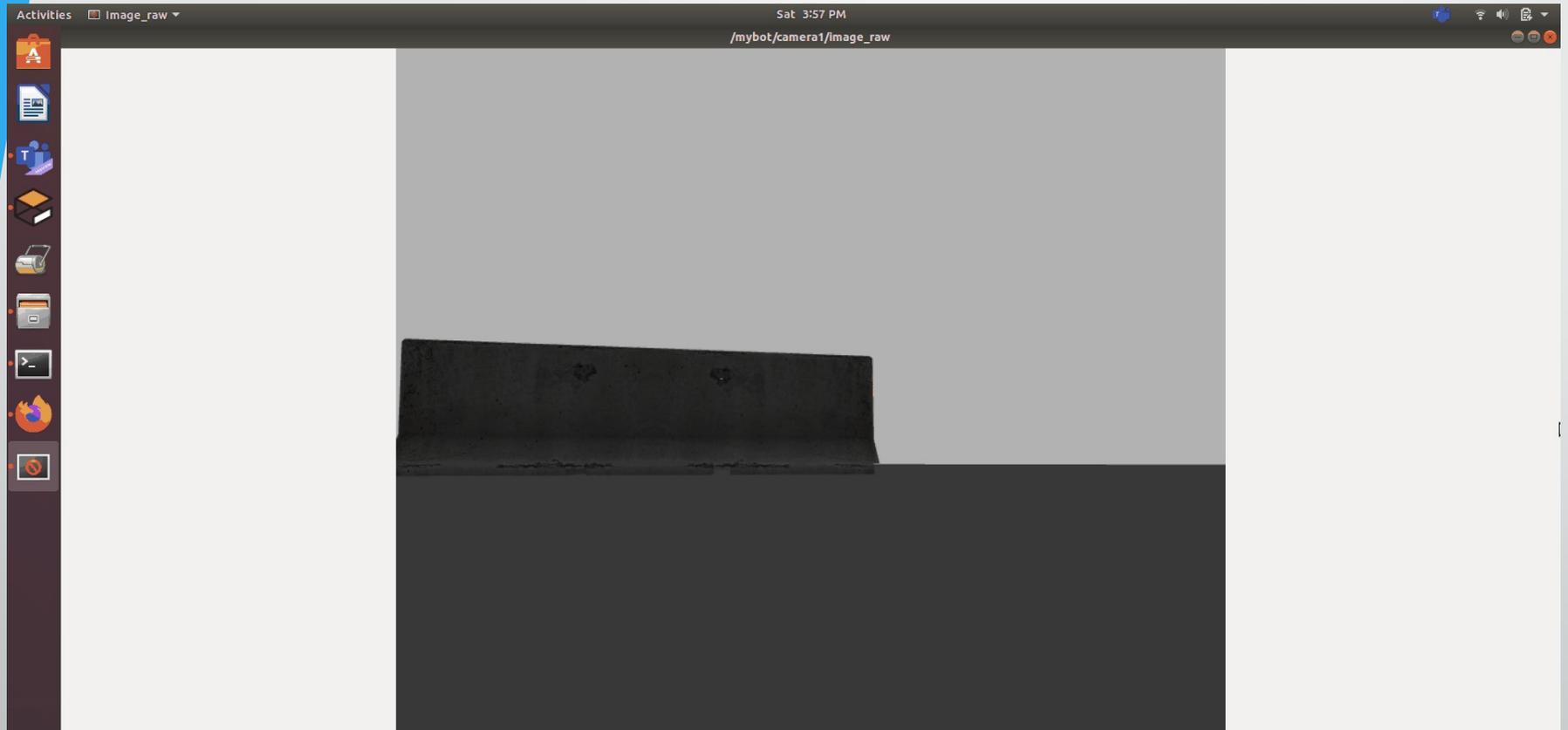
Image of Competition Arena, NIWCP, San Diego[1]



Gazebo Simulation – Laser Scan (Sensor)



Gazebo Simulation - Camera



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Revisiting Internal Thermals

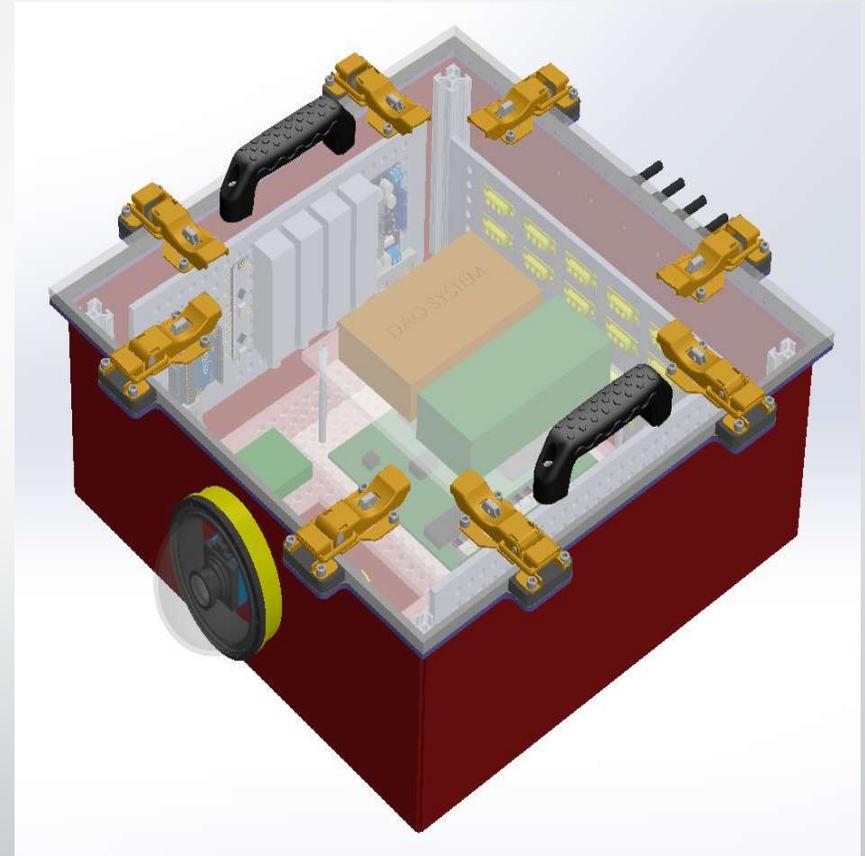
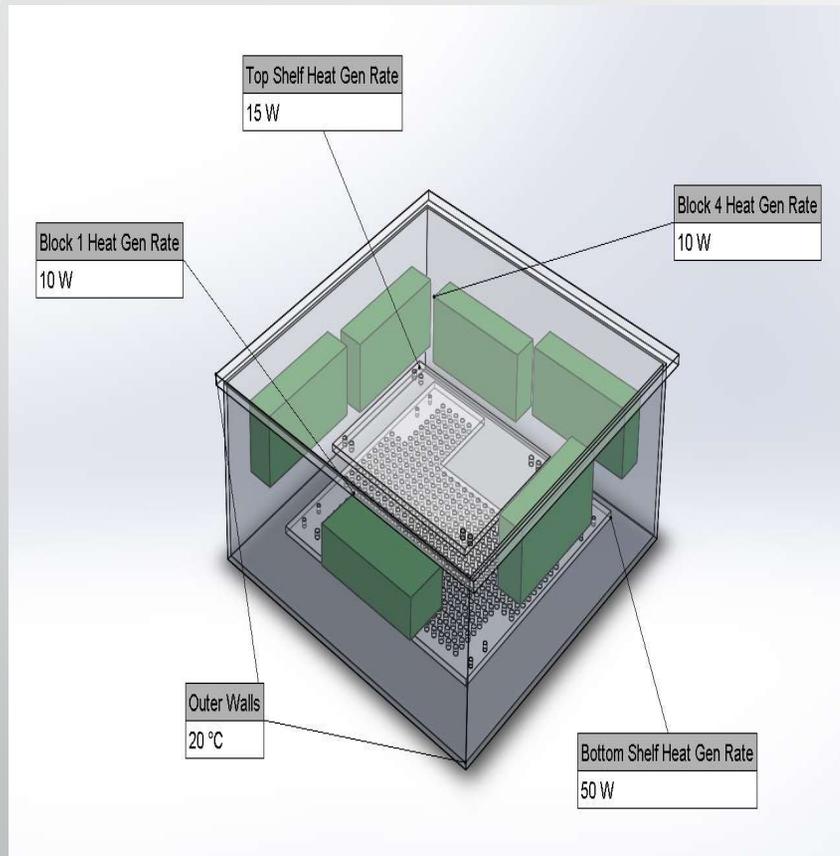
Previously

- One previous CSULA AUV would overheat
- What about current AUV: Lanturn?
 - Last semester hand calc + SolidWorks sim
 - Worst case (100 watts) – No issue, barely
- Risks and limitations
 - Additional components (Comp vision)
 - Previous simulation = steady state
 - Unknown time to reach SS
 - Simplified model used limits accuracy

The Revisit

- Attempted to use realistic internals
 - Issues: Errors + excessive calculation time
- Resolving risks and limitations
 - Simplified model
 - 125 watts heat generation
 - 1 hour of operation
- Results:
 - 37 to 43 min to hit 65 °C battery limit
 - Comp runs historically: 20 min = 1200 sec
 - Power budget available

Revisiting Internal Thermals



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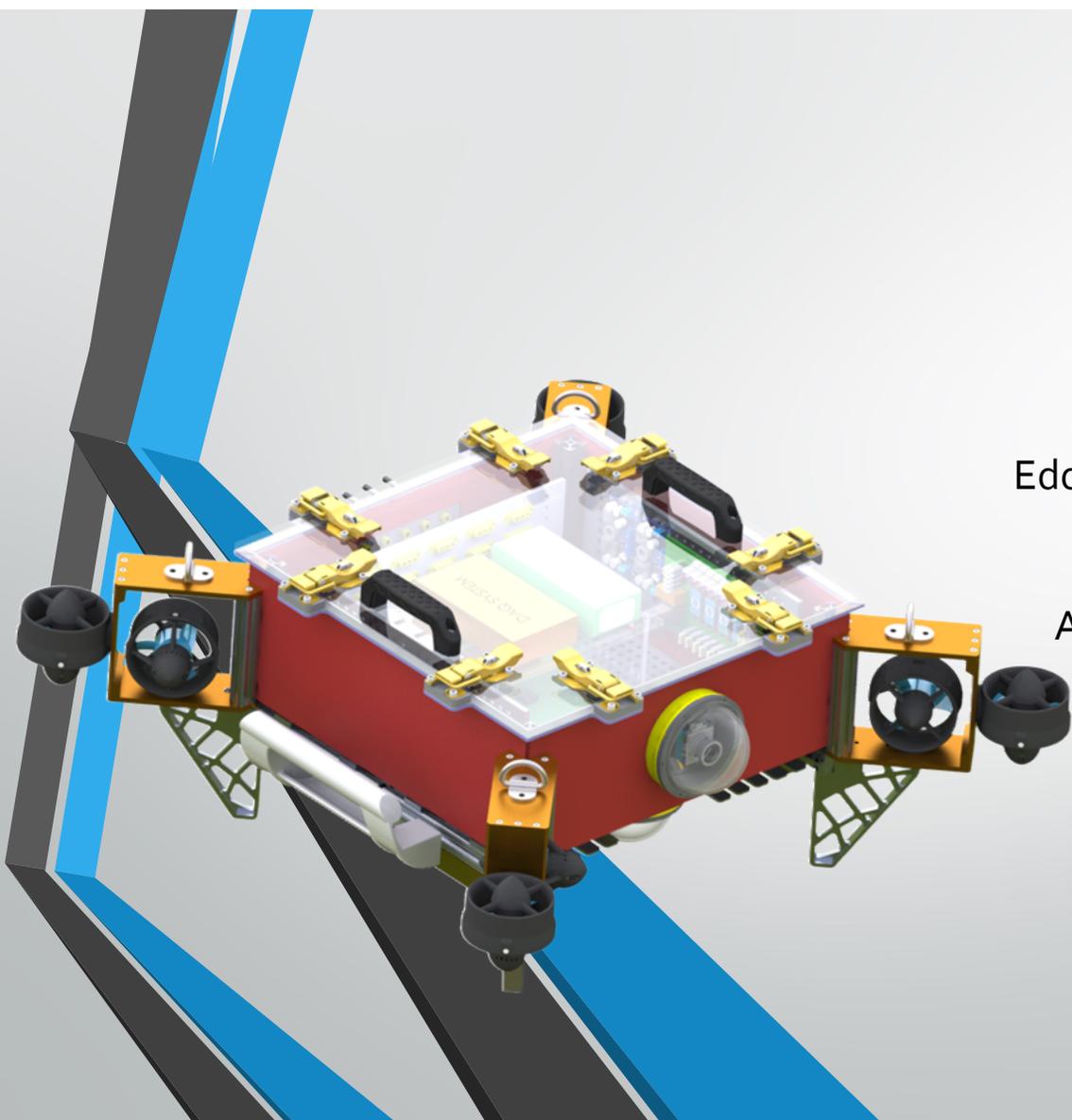
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Summary

- MECHANICAL
 - Designing has been completed
 - Manufacturing incomplete
 - Testing not done
- Electrical
 - PDB design and simulation completed
 - Manufacturing incomplete
- Simulation
 - Much more work needed to be fully functional
- Passing the baton
 - Onboarding material provided to next year's team



Thank you!

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