

# EML 4502 FINAL PRESENTATION

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*“Design of shaker table mechanism for a micro-bio reactor”*

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# Meet the Team

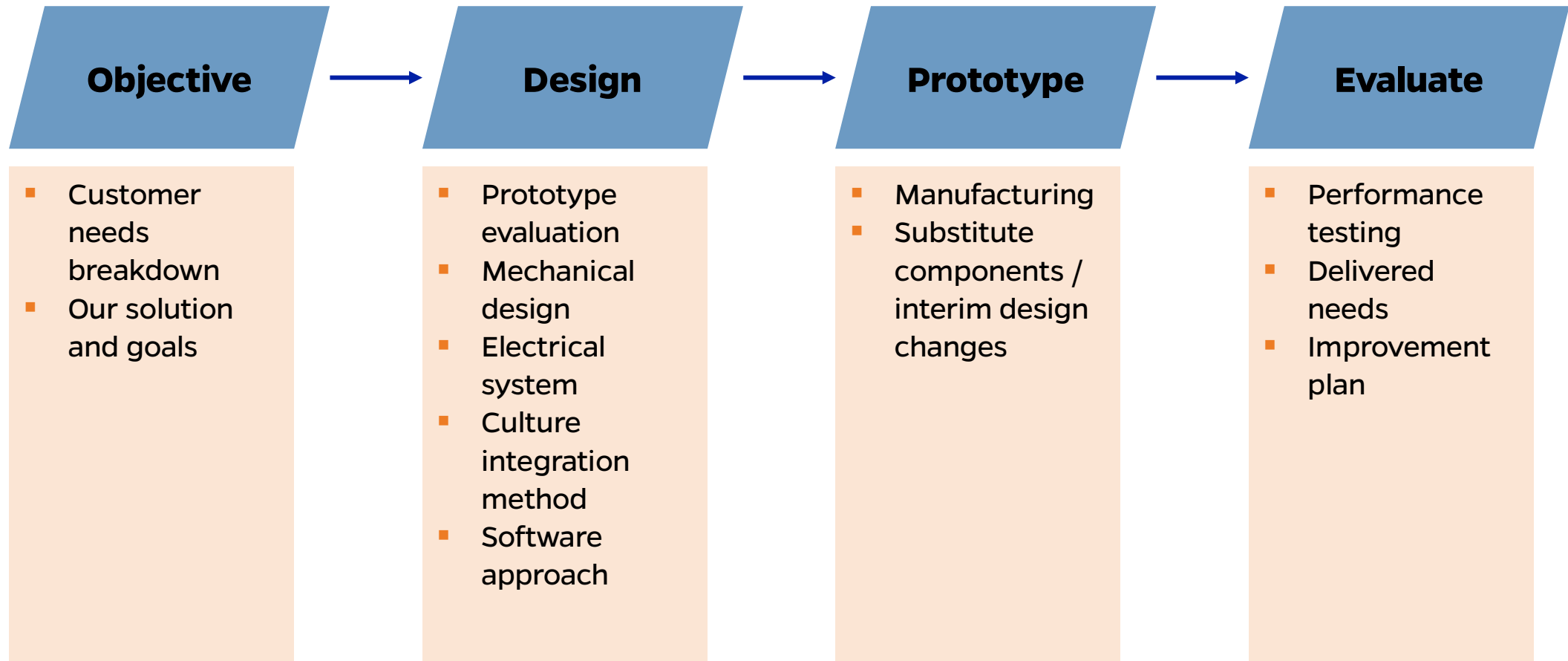


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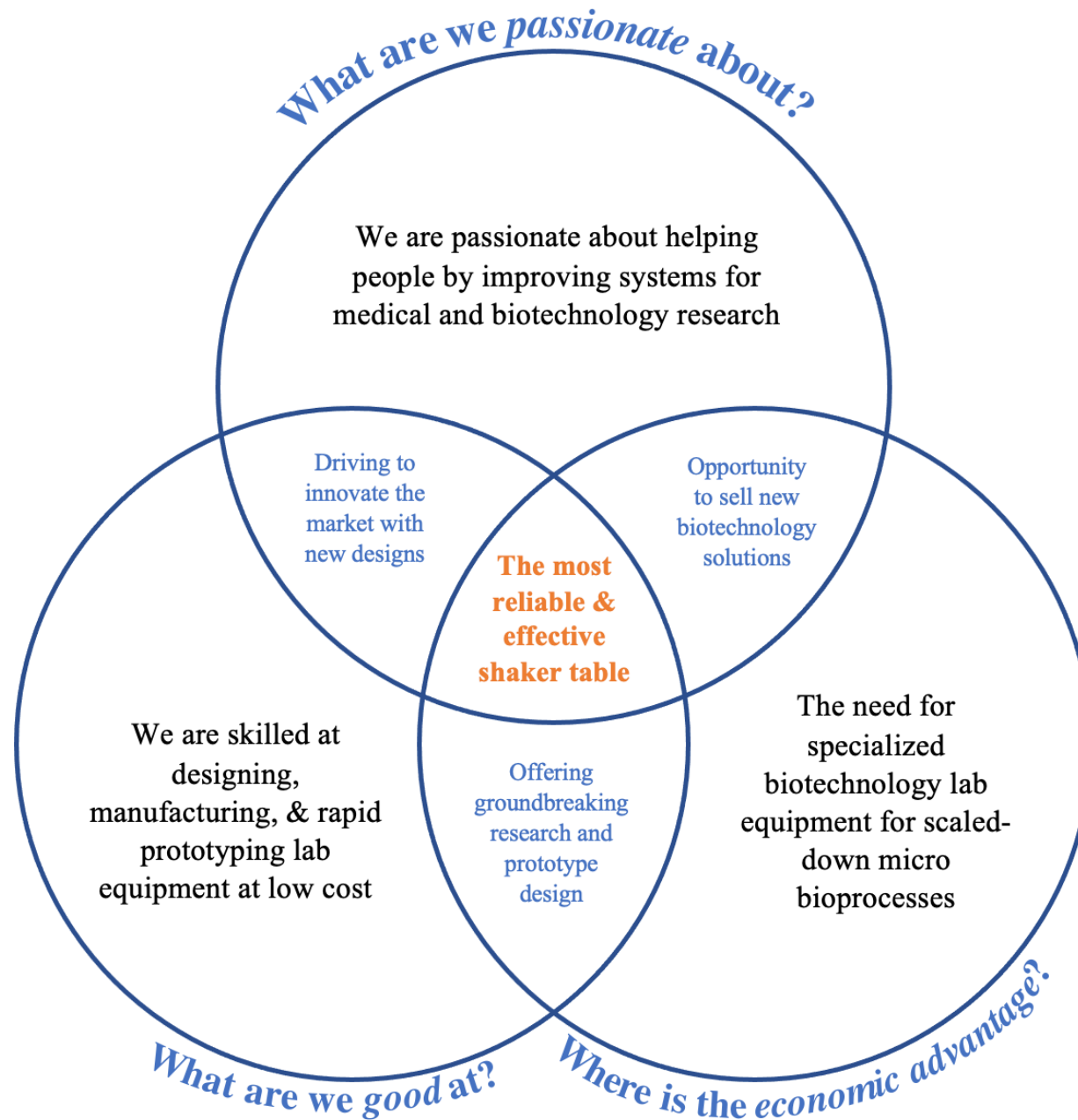


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# Presentation Agenda



# Hedgehog Concept

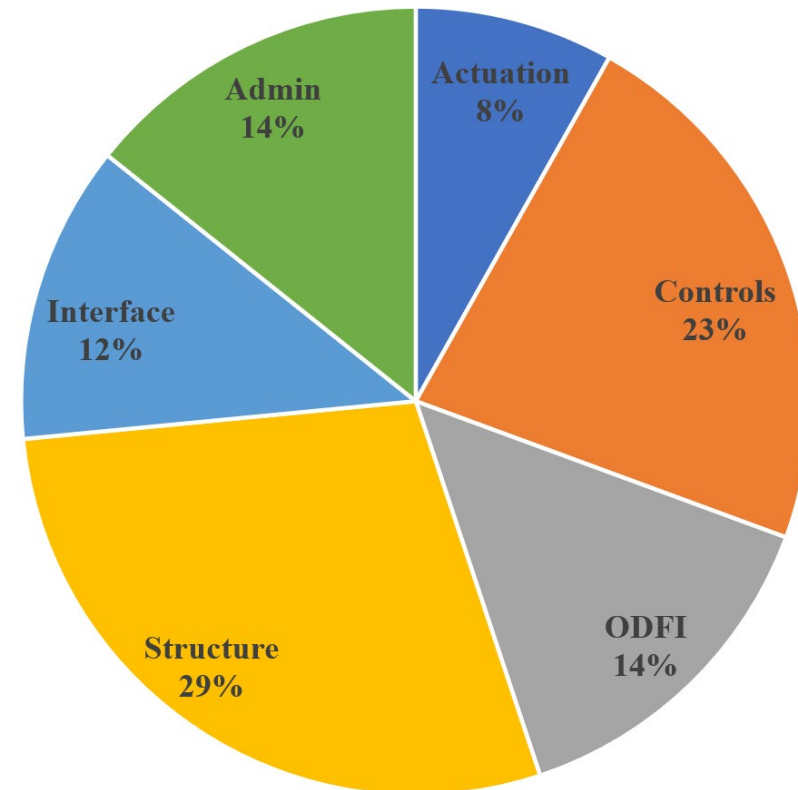


# Customer Requirements

- Given 49 customer needs
  - Categorized and parameterized
- Table movement
  - 3 patterns, up to 350 rpm
  - Quiet
- Robust
  - Temperatures 0 °C to 70 °C
  - IPx5 waterproofing
  - Chemical resistant
  - 2 week endurance testing

- OD/FI Interrogation

- Wavelength and intensity of light
- Photoresistor for sensing



# 227B's Focus

## ■ Our goals / focus

### ■ Thermal

- Table must run continuously at its maximum-rated speed for two weeks in its most demanding shaker pattern in an environment maintained at 70 °C and 0 °C

### ■ Waterproofing

- All parts that could potentially be water infiltrated / damaged must be IP-X5 certified

### ■ ODFI Integration

- Shaker integrated OD/FI interrogation for illumination at proper OD and FI wavelength and intensity

## ■ Concerns

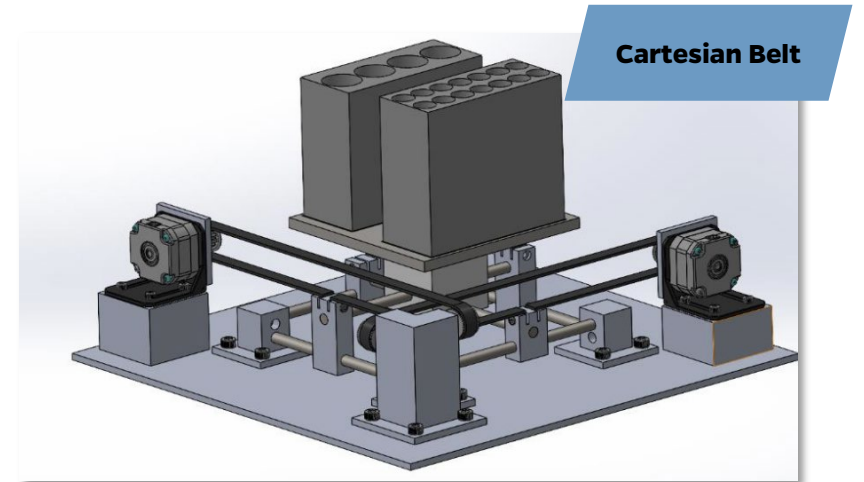
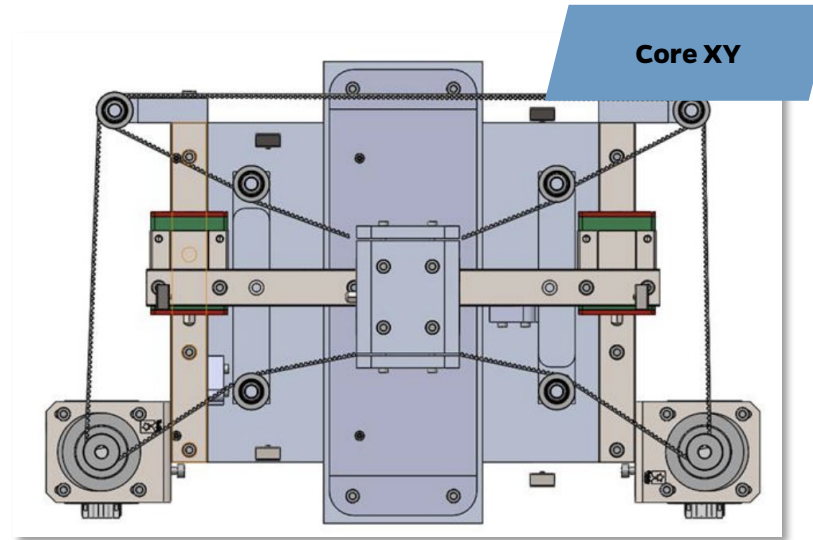
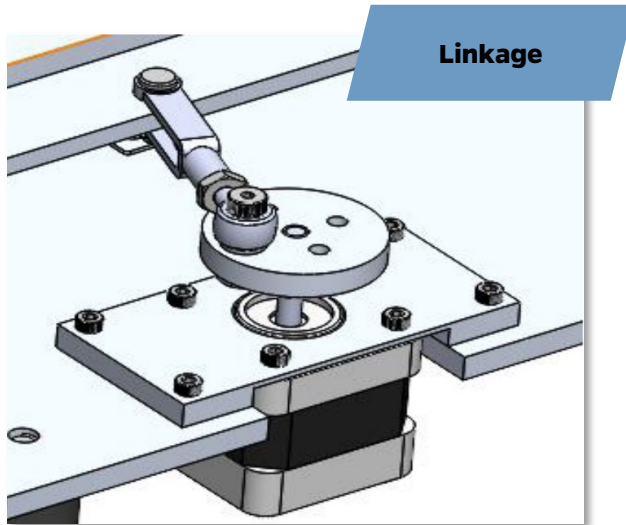
### ■ Production-scale device cost of no more than \$400

- 542P linkage prototype that our design dramatically improved upon already exceeded this estimate, at \$479.92

# PROTOTYPE EVALUATION

A look at the EML4502 prototypes designed during the Fall 2022 semester

# Prototype Evaluation

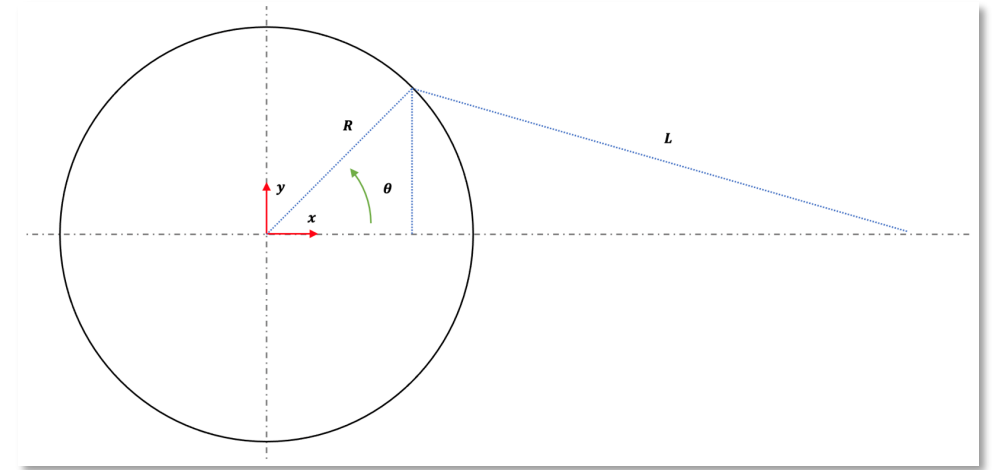


- Linkage Design was chosen
  - Cheapest prototype option
  - Robust mechanical interfaces, good for extreme environments / endurance
  - DC motors integration is more viable
    - Motors spin continuously in a single direction

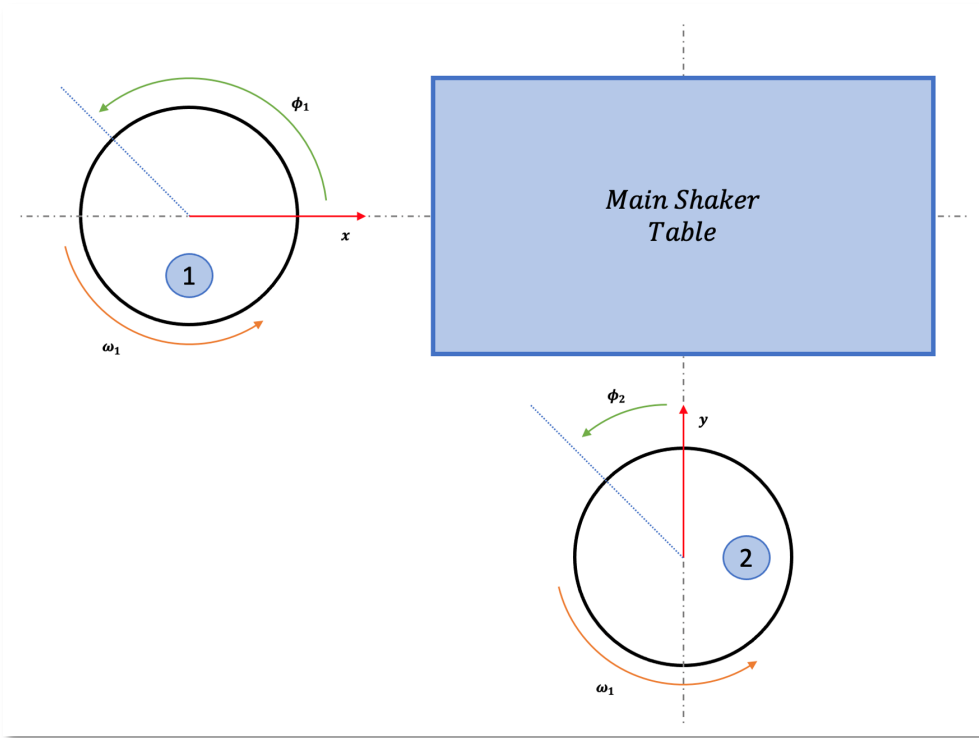


# Slider Crank Kinematics

- Common for converting rotational motion to linear motion
- Displacement is a function of the rotation angle,  $\theta$ 
  - $x = R\cos(\theta) + \sqrt{L^2 - R^2 \sin^2(\theta)}$
- Slightly more complicated in two dimensions...



# 2D Linkage Patterns



## Linear

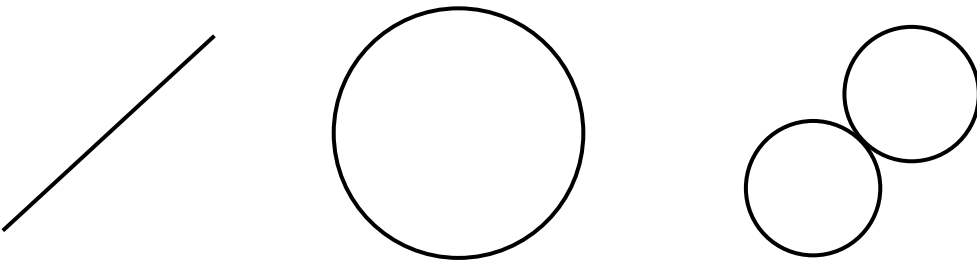
Cartesian:  $y = x$   
 Velocity:  $\omega_1 = -\omega_2$   
 Phase:  $\phi_1 = \phi_2$

## Orbital

Cartesian:  $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$   
 Velocity:  $\omega_1 = \omega_2$   
 Phase:  $\phi_1 = \phi_2 + 90^\circ$

## Double Orbital

Cartesian:  $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = R^2(x^2 - y^2)$   
 Velocity:  $\omega_1 = 2 \cdot \omega_2$   
 Phase:  $\phi_1 = \phi_2 + 90^\circ$



# DESIGN

227B's design process for this iteration of the shaker table mechanism

# Mechanical Design

- Motors
  - Upright, keeps rotation plane of crank in line with shaker table
  - Brushless DC optimal for long life, continuously turning applications
- Waterproofing solution
  - O-Rings and Marine epoxy to seal off electronics
- Thermal management
  - Enclosed motors, need to conduct and convect heat out of pods
  - No 3D printing components! Glass transition temperature is  $\sim 60$  °C
  - Other options include heat pipes and cooling plates
- Vibrational considerations

### ■ Torque Calculations

- Based on force to accelerate the rotating mass and frictional force of the 3 linear rails used
- $\tau_{min} = (TTE)(R)(R_f) = 0.1495 Nm$
- Team 542P was not conservative enough in their estimation
- Parameters:  $\mu = 0.1$ ,  $W = 30 N$ , and  $R_f = 15\%$

#### Electrocraft

- LRPX32-090V24-110-S010
- Brushless DC Planetary Gearmotor



Continuous Running			Peak		
Torque (N-m)	RPM	Current (A)	Torque (N-m)	RPM	Current (A)
0.47	722	5.40	2.34	155	23.5
0.47	722	2.70	2.34	155	11.8
0.47	722	1.35	2.34	155	5.9

# Mechanical – Waterproofing

- IPX5 Definition:

- Protected from water sprayed from any direction around the enclosure

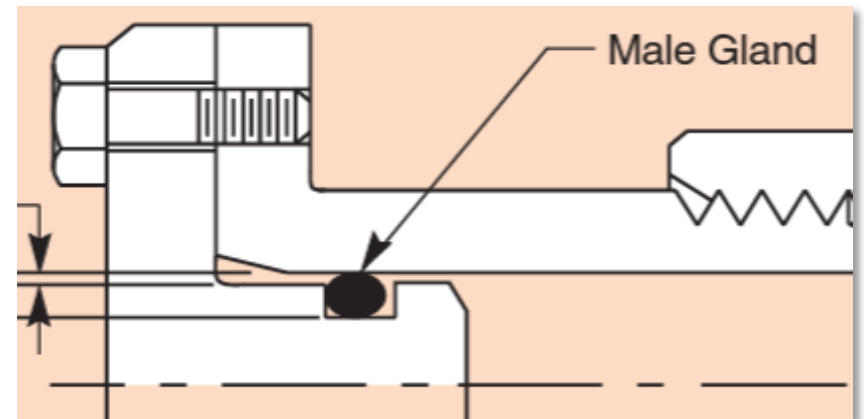
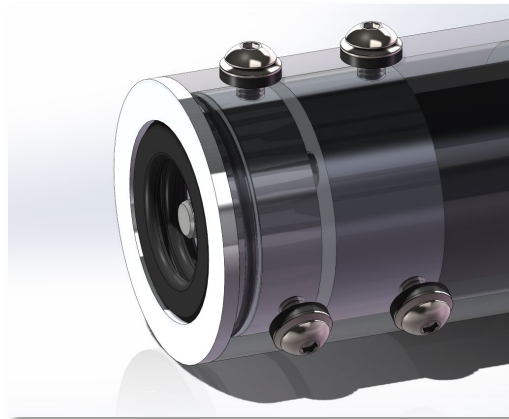
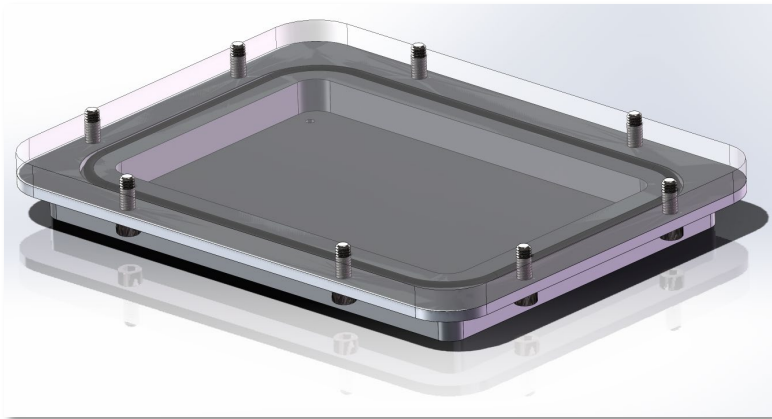
- O-Rings:

- Parker O-Ring Handbook
- Male glands, face seals
- $R \geq 6 \cdot W$

- High Speed Shaft Seals

- Marine Sealant:

- Used to seal wire pathways
- Protect hall effect sensors



# Mechanical – Thermal Management

## Thermal Calculations

- Steady state, check operating current against max current before burnout

$$\dot{Q}_{out} = \frac{T_{motor} - T_{amb}}{\sum R} = I_{max} V$$

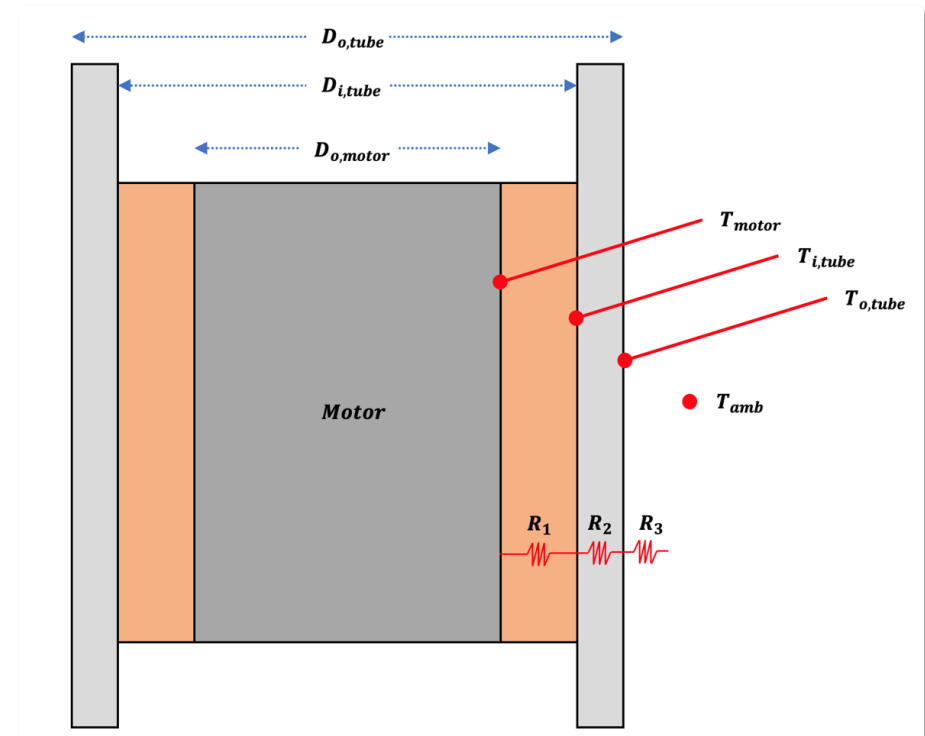
## Thermal Resistances

$$R = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{D_i}{D_o}\right)}{2\pi L K}$$

- Heat sink specified for flow rate

$$R = \left(\frac{N}{R_h}\right)^{-1}$$

System	Low Temperature	High Temperature
Electrocraft Motor	-40 °C	100 °C
Microbio Reactor	0 °C	70 °C



# Mechanical – Thermal Management

- Heat sinks
  - Stack heat sinks in parallel
  - $R_h = 4.7 \frac{K}{W}$
- Forced convection
  - Rated for 200 LFM
  - IPX5 Rated fans deliver 2.1 cfm or 397 LFM
  - $R_h$  will be lower
  - Comps show ratings of  $R_h = 1.0 \frac{K}{W}$  at flow rates of 400 LFM

Parameter	Value
$R_1$	$0.00743 \frac{K}{W}$
$R_2$	$0.00209 \frac{K}{W}$
$R_h$	$4.7 \frac{K}{W}$
$N$	8
$R_3$	$0.5875 \frac{K}{W}$
$I_{max}$	2.094 A - 9.292 A*

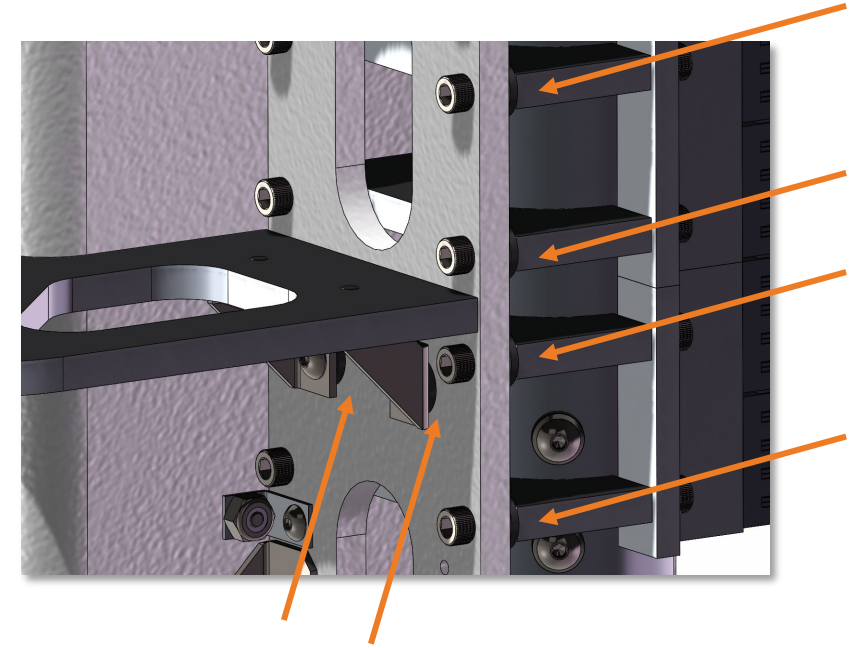
\* Higher max current is calculated from a 1.0 K/W thermal resistance on the heat sinks



# Mechanical – Structure

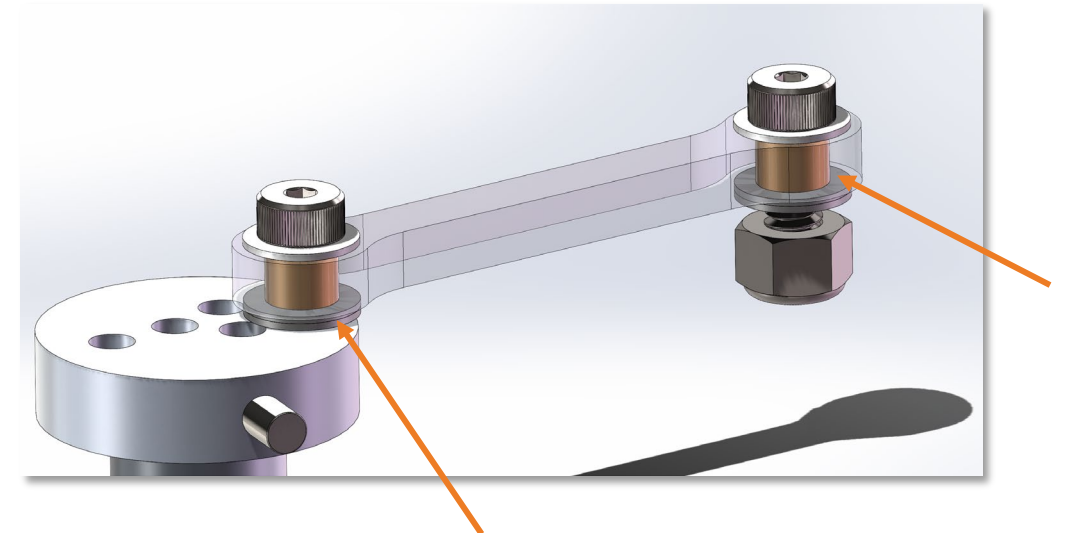
## ■ Vibrations

- Cantilevered motor housings with offset spinning masses will cause vibrations
- Rubber washers dampen structural connections



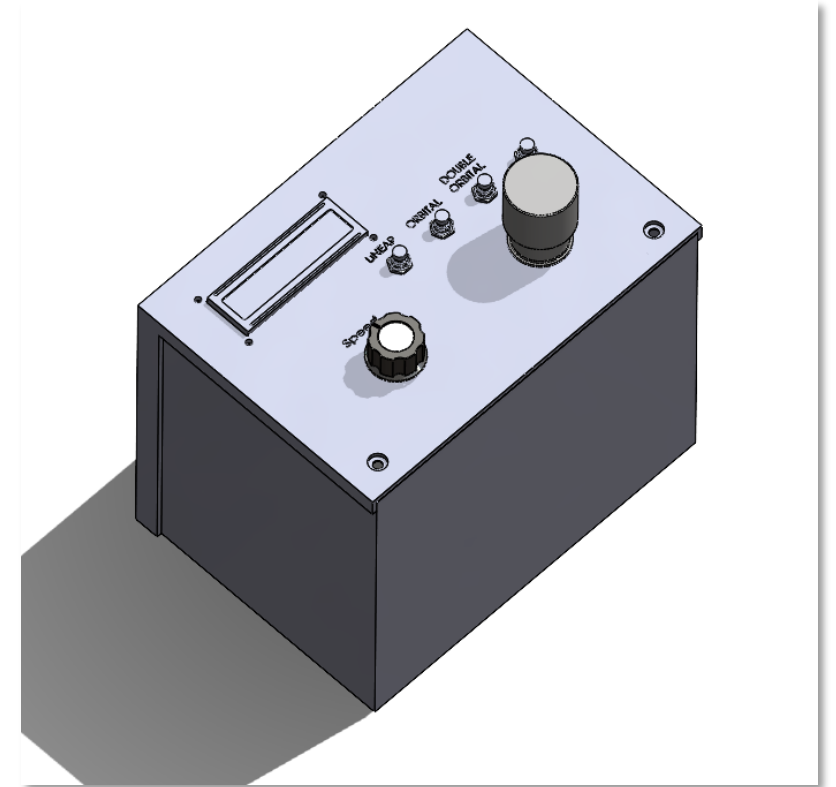
## ■ Reducing Friction

- Ball bearing driven linear rails guide motion
- Brass PTFE lubricated bushings reduce wear at linkage bar – shoulder screw interface



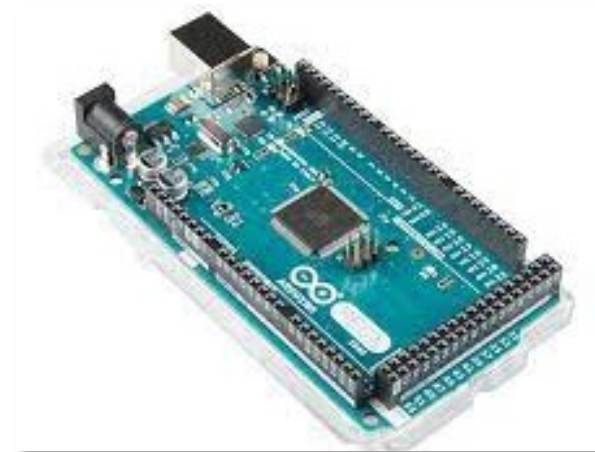
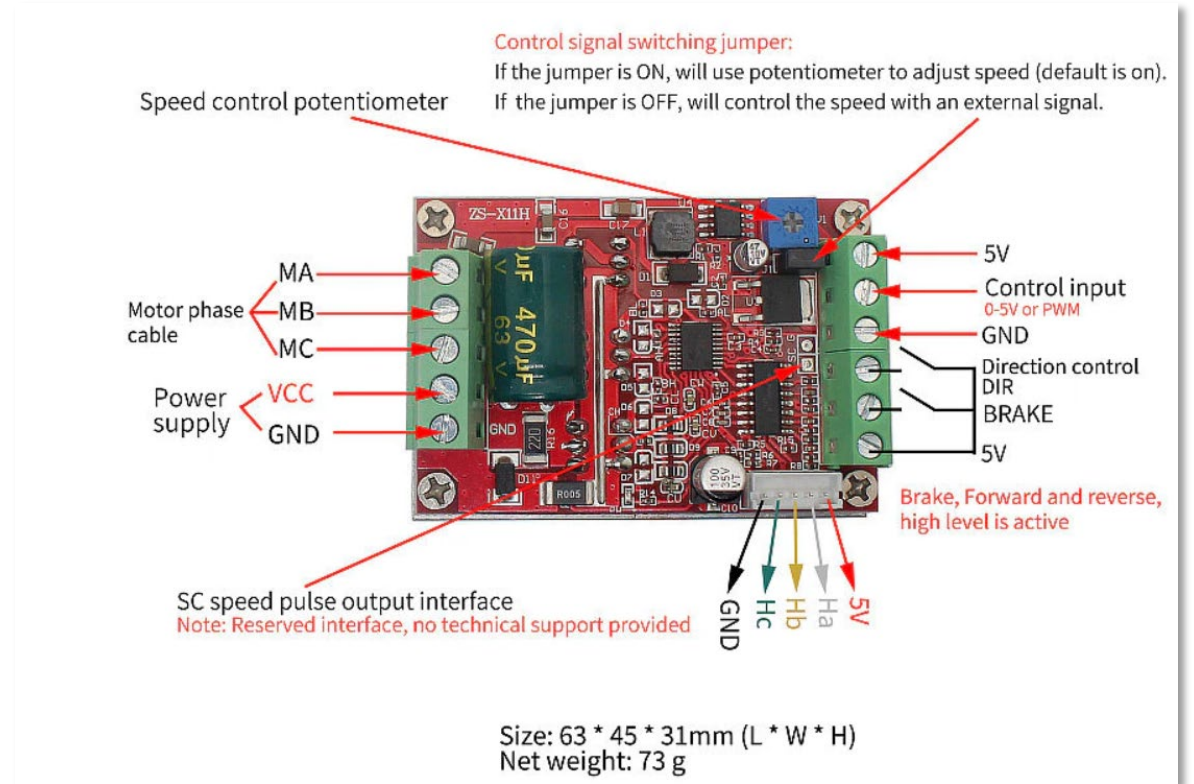
# Electrical Design

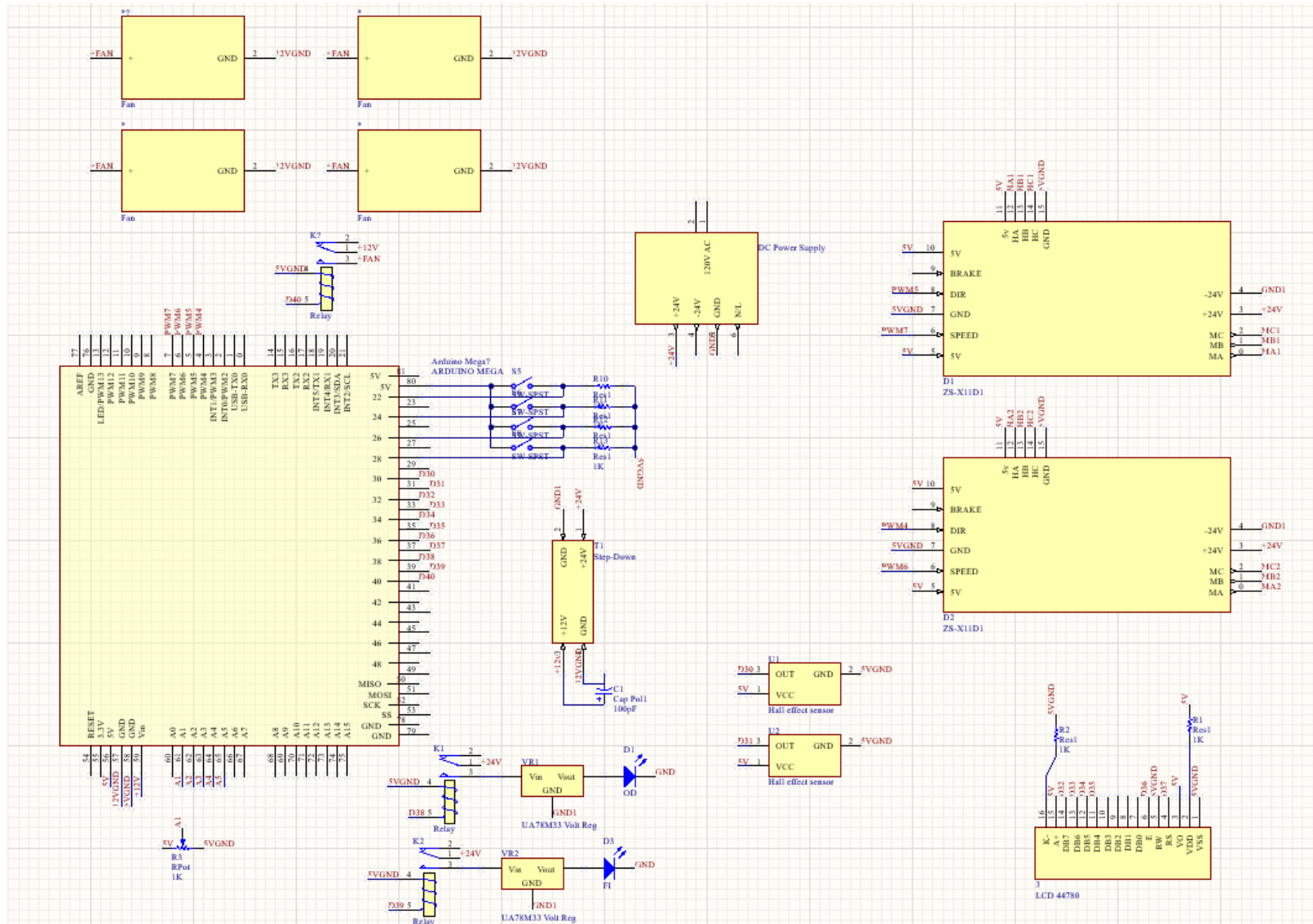
- Motor function components:
  - Microcontroller- Arduino Mega chosen for versatility and familiarity
  - Motor controller- Two 3-Phase BLDC Motor driver with 20A max current
  - Encoders- 5V Hall encoder for position feedback
  - Hall effect sensors- 5V Hall effect switches for zeroing
- User interface components:
  - 4 Push buttons for pattern selection
  - 10-turn potentiometer for precise velocity tuning
  - LCD for user feedback and status
- ODFI components
  - UV and Visible LED
  - Photoresistor for measurement
- Power Calculations:
  - Total power consumption ~ 560 W
  - 24V-720W AC-DC converter



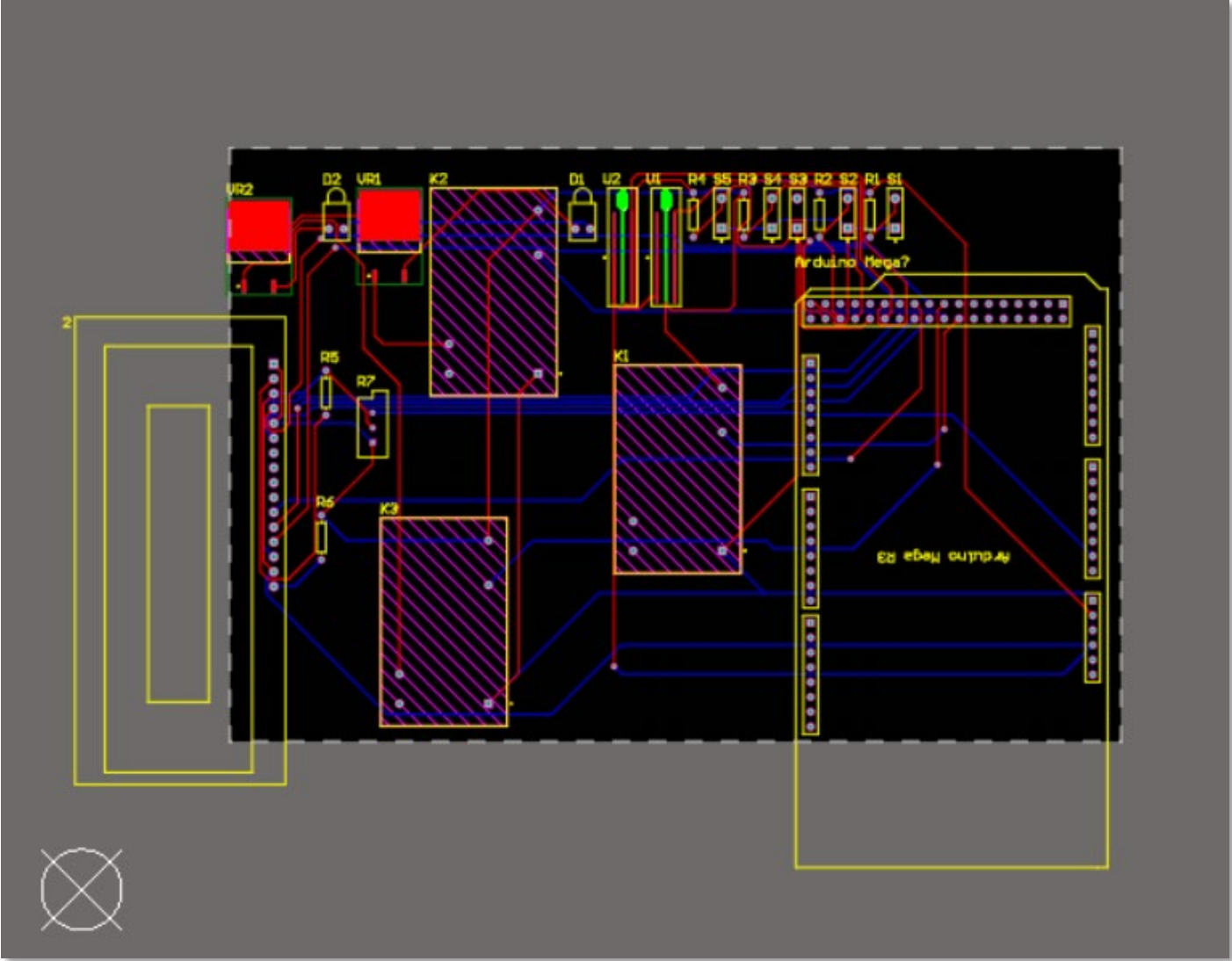
# Circuit Functionality

- Four integrated circuits controlled by a microcontroller through relays and step-downs.
  - 24V Motor circuit-Motors, Motor controllers
  - 12V Fan circuit- 12V fans
  - 5V Arduino circuit- Logic, user interphase, and sensor measurement
  - OD/FI circuit- LEDs and photoresistor





# PCB design



# Culture Interrogation

## ■ Why do we need this?

Customer Need	Requirement Text
38	Shaker integrated OD/FI interrogation for illumination at proper OD and FI wavelength and intensity of fluid aliquots in the wells.
39	Shaker integrated OD/FI interrogation for illumination at proper OD and FI wavelength and intensity of fluid aliquots in the conical tubes.
41	Shaker integrated OD/FI interrogation with access for optical sensors opposing illumination sources.
44	An aliquot of fluid interrogated by the OD/FI system must return the same, correct OD and FI value regardless of which well or conical tube it is located in.
45	OD/FI system must be programmable where the user can select test type and test location.
46	OD system must measure sample turbidity within $\pm 15\%$ of calibration fluid values over a range from 0% to 100%. Higher accuracy is preferred.
47	FI system must measure sample vitality to within $\pm 15\%$ of calibration fluid values over a range from 0% to 100%. Higher accuracy is preferred.

## ■ Optical Density (OD)

- Visible light (560 nm) illuminates samples obscured by cell culture growth
- The light is then measured and recorded with LDR

## ■ Fluorescent Intensity (FI)

- Ultraviolet light (370 nm) excites quinine in samples
- Resulting quinine fluorescence emission (450 nm) is measured and recorded with LDR

# OD/FI – Implementation

## ■ LED PCB Design Process

Wiring Diagram



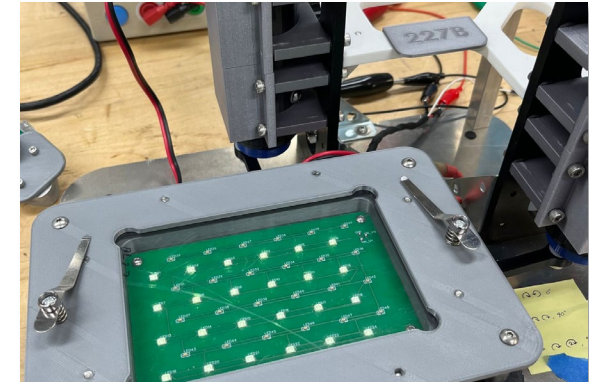
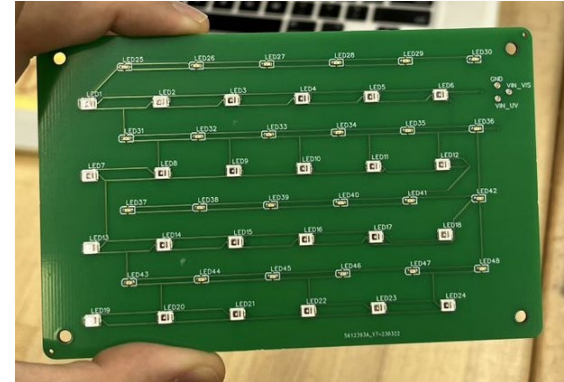
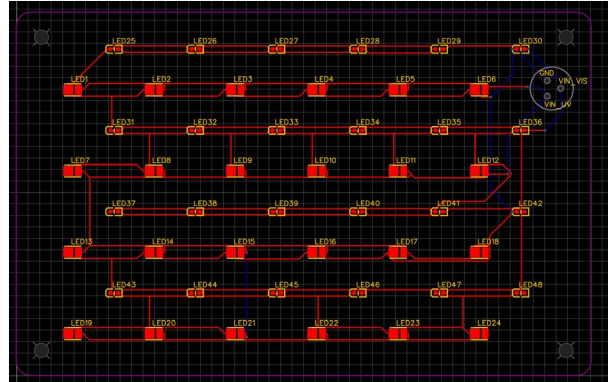
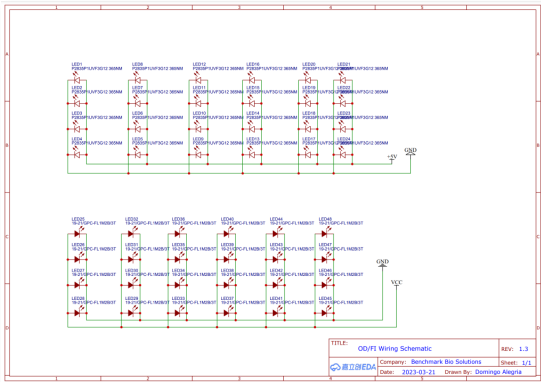
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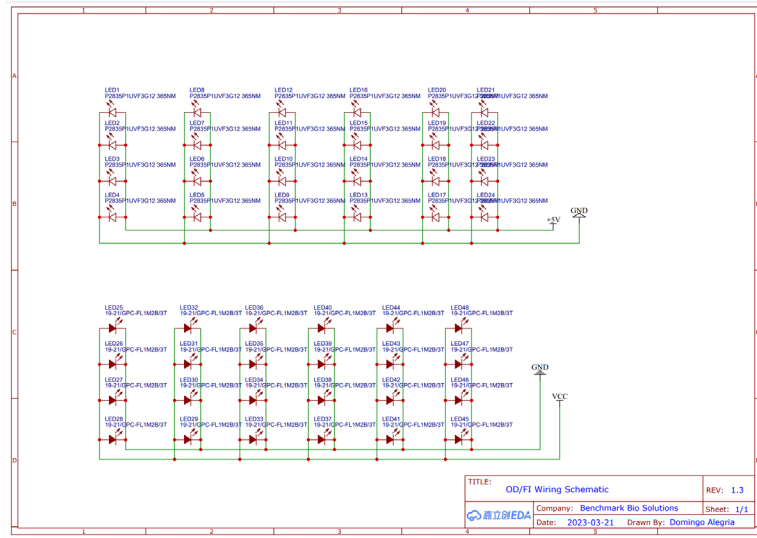
Shaker Table Integration



# OD/FI – Implementation

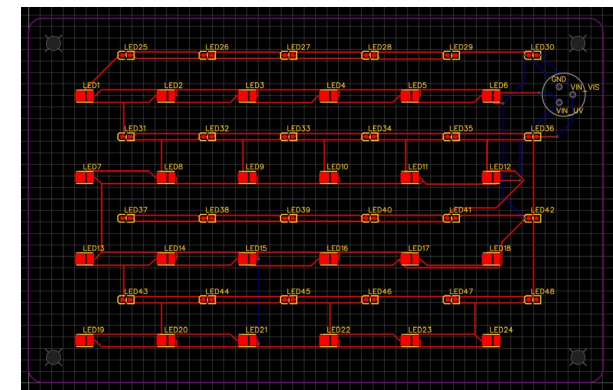
- PCB Wiring Diagram

- 5V Input Voltage
- 24 LEDs per circuit
- Visible LED Matrix
- Ultraviolet LED Matrix



- PCB Design

- Visible and UV LED Loops wired separately
- LED placement for well plate and test tube illumination
- Allows user to switch between Visible & UV LEDs





# OD/FI – Implementation

## ■ Sensing Equipment

- Use of LDR to sense light for OD/FI
- Spectral Range of 400 – 700 nm
- Spectral Peak at 520 nm

## ■ LEDs

- Outsourced LED & PCB Manufacturing

Parameter	Visible LED	Ultraviolet LED	Unit
Forward Voltage	2.05	3.30	V
Forward Current	25	150	mA
Dominant Wavelength	560	370	nm



LDR



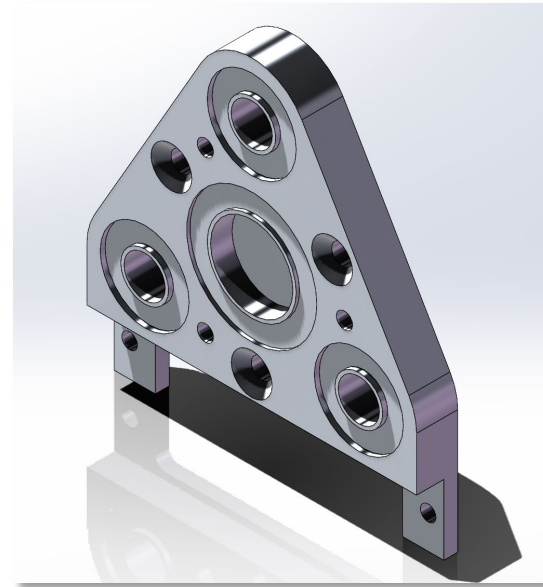
Visible LED



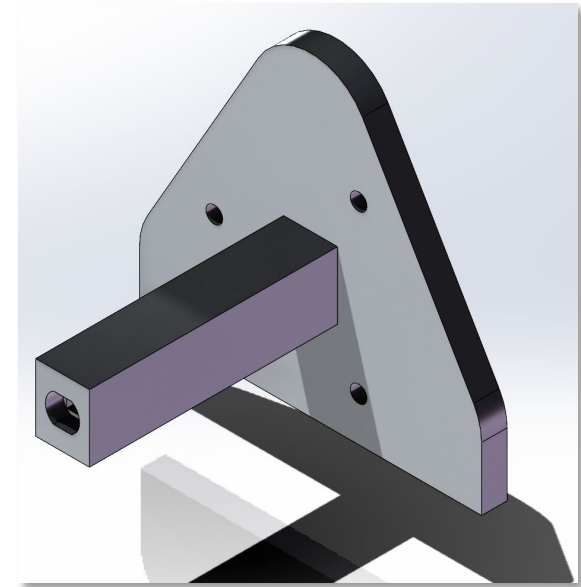
UV LED

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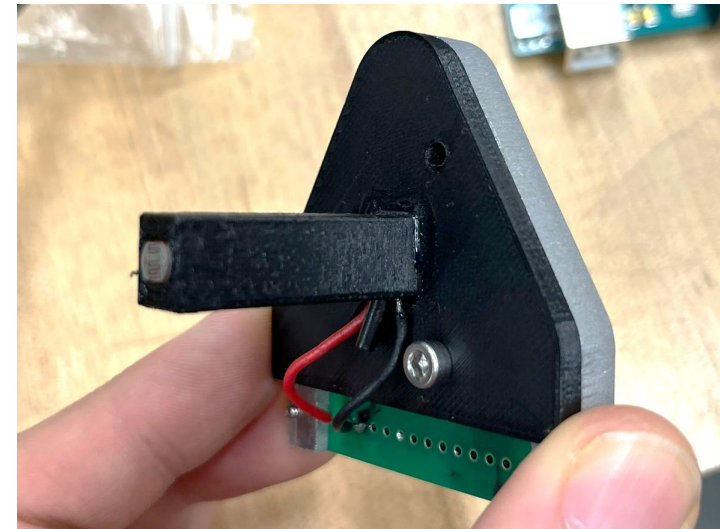
- OD/FI Sensing
  - Robotic arm used for positioning
  - NOEL Mount Provided by lab
  - LDR Housing design
    - Connect LDR to NOEL mount
    - Interface with Test Tube viewing window
  - LDR sensing controlled with Arduino/Breadboard



NOEL Mount

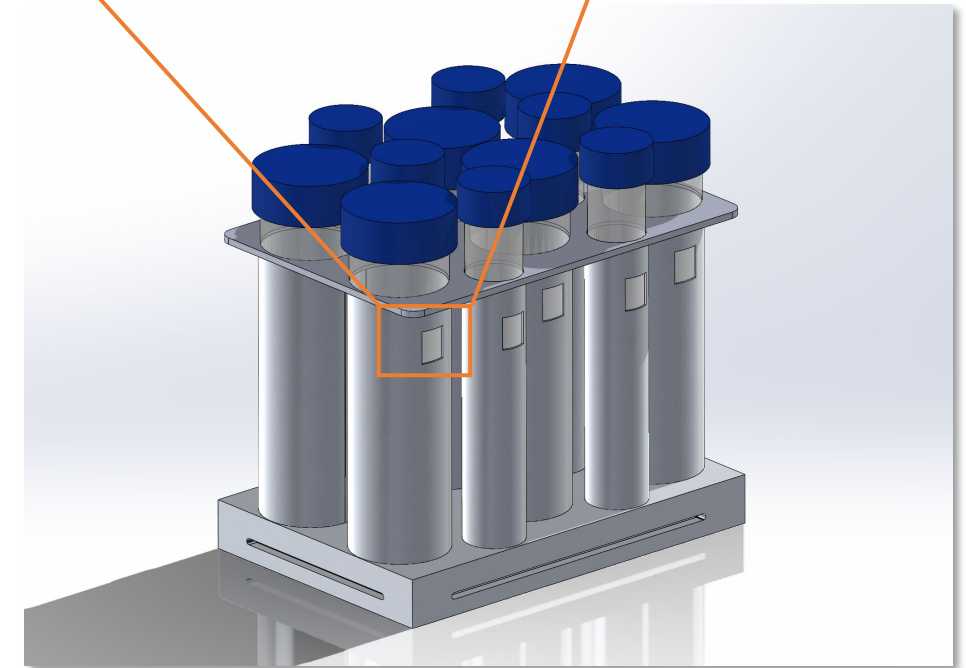
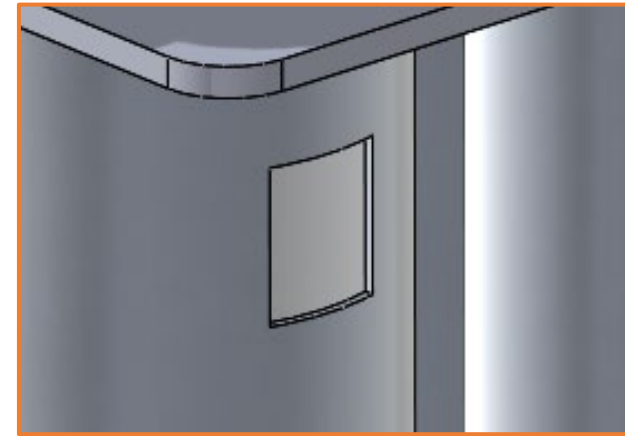
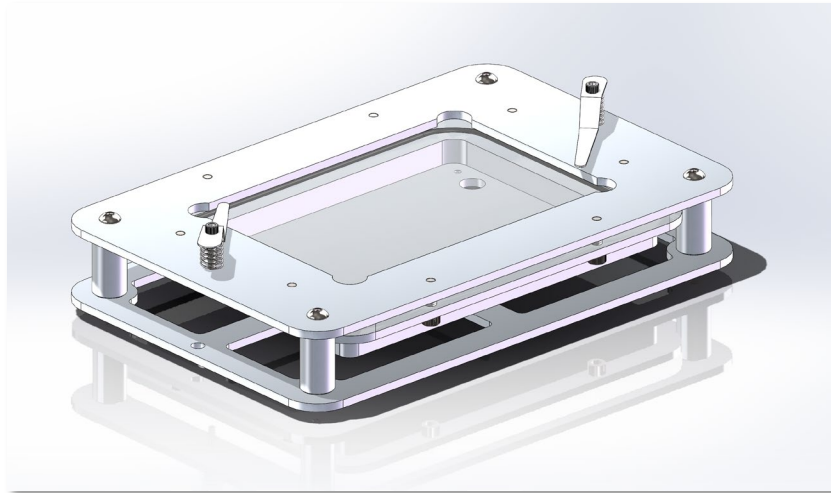


LDR Housing



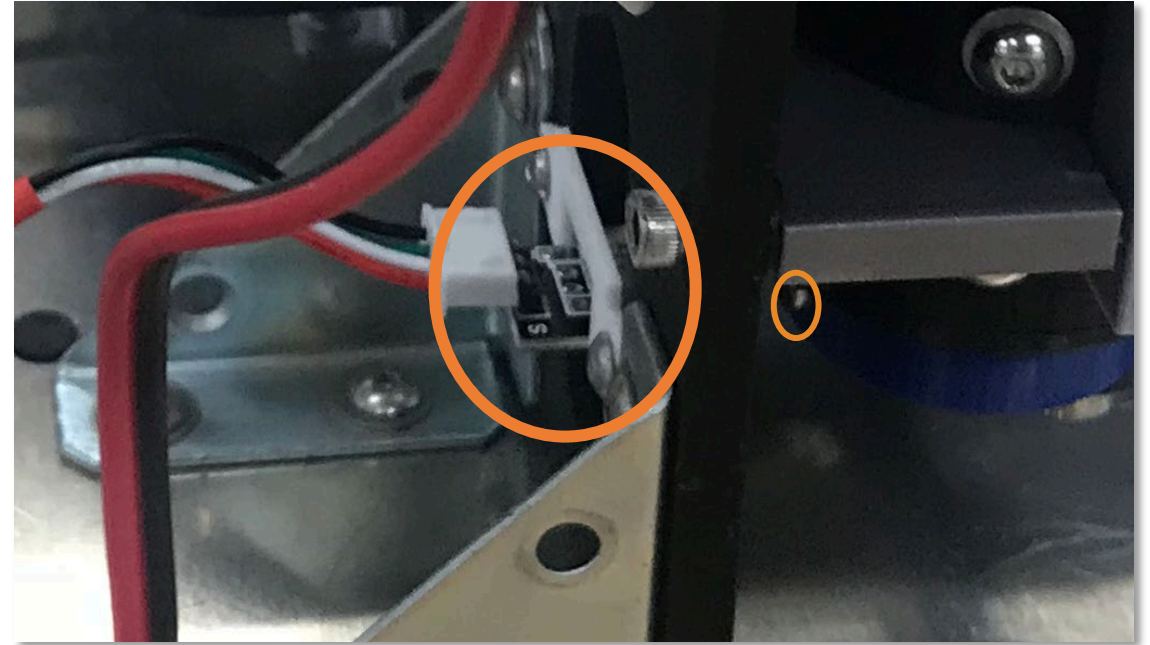
## ODFI – Implementation

- Designed Test Tube & Well Plate Mount
- Optical Density (OD)
  - Clear top test tubes / well plate
- Fluorescent Intensity (FI)
  - Side view port through test tube



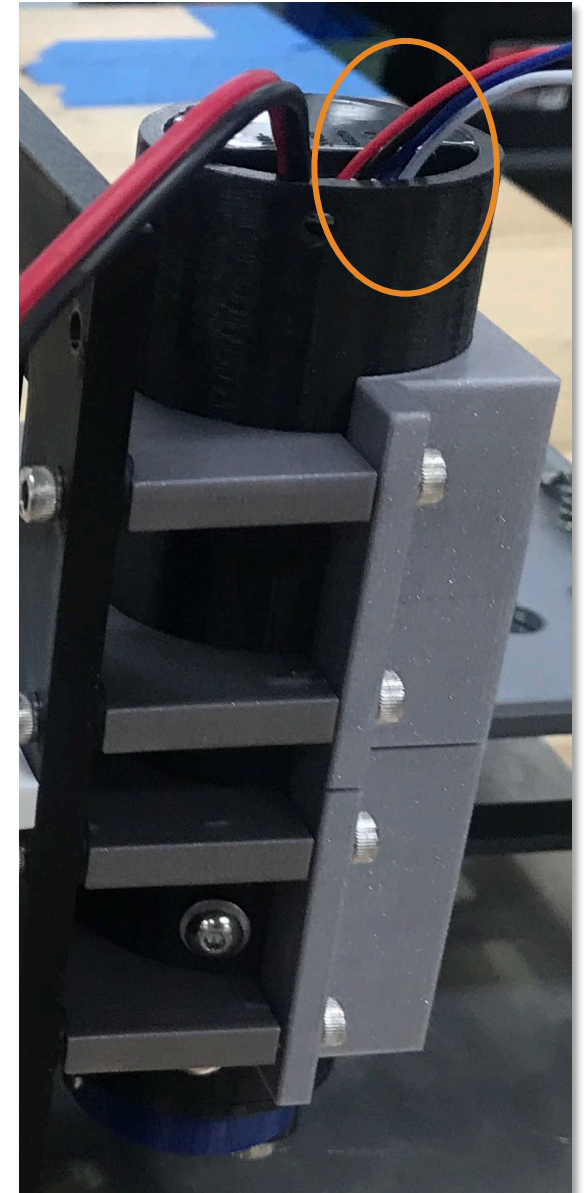
# Software Design

- Hub initialization
  - Hall effect sensors detects the magnets and sets the motors starting positions at the Hall effect sensor.
  - Motor steps until hall effect sensor is triggered by the magnet.



# Software Design

- Motor Speed Control
  - Potentiometer sets target velocities in RPM.
  - Interrupts track encoder's pulses measuring the hub's position and velocity.



# Software Design

- UI control
  - LCD shows system status, selected pattern, and RPM.
  - A button for each pattern, when selected the pattern will be displayed.
  - OD/FI measurement is taken when table is stopped and continues to pattern selection. Measurement is skipped if the start/stop button is held.





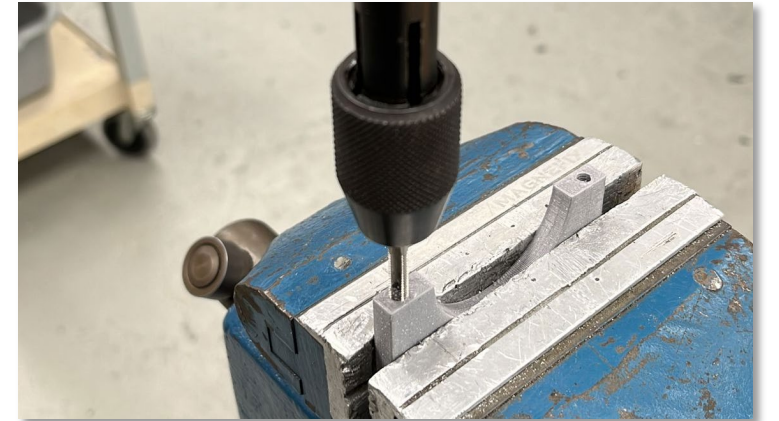
# PROTOTYPING & MANUFACTURING

Realization of the shaker table design, prototyping changes, and manufacturing updates



# Manufacturing

- Required processes
  - Most parts waterjet, then post-processed
    - Tapping holes
    - Breaking edges
  - Mill & lathe operations (motor housings and hubs)
  - CNC machining was used to cut o-ring grooves
- 3D printing
  - Intended for rapid prototyping
    - Strength & heat tolerance is not needed (UI Box)
  - Was performed in lab using PLA and PETG



# Prototyping Redesign

- Servocity Motors
  - 12V brushed motors
  - Stall torque of 5.4 kg-cm
  - No-load speed of 1620 RPM
- Electrical Changes
  - Downsized power supply
  - Fewer Integrated circuits
  - Brushed motor controller
- 3D printed parts
  - Not eligible for most tests due to material hazards



# PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Testing the capabilities of the shaker table prototype to assess customer needs



## Testing Plan

Pattern Functionality

IPX5 Water Infiltration

OD/FI Calibration and Sensing

Hot/Cold Temperature Resilience

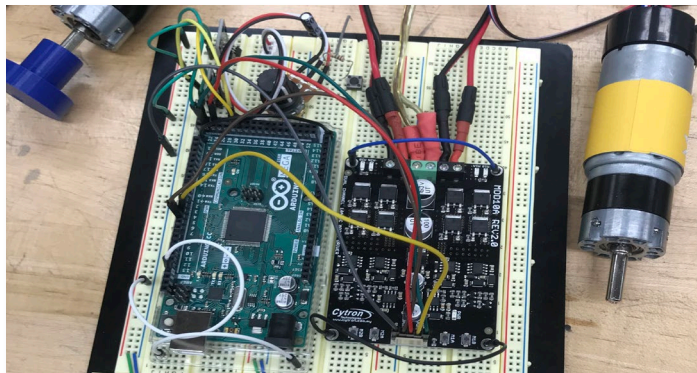
Speed Overclocking

Acoustic Emittance

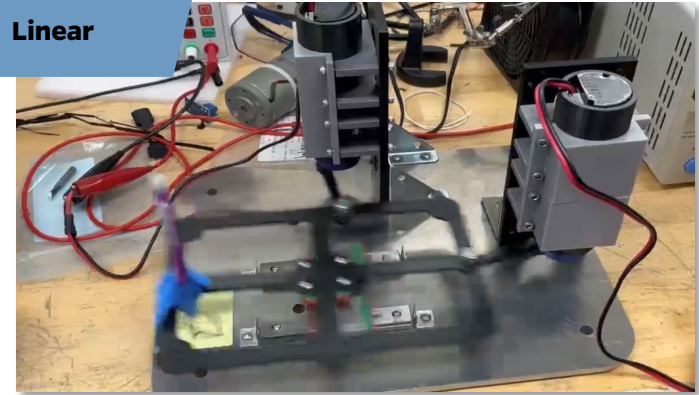
Drop Survivability

# Pattern Functionality

- No controllers
  - For prototyping
  - Voltage “controls” speed, polarity controls direction
- Controllers
  - Motor controllers and control algorithms in place

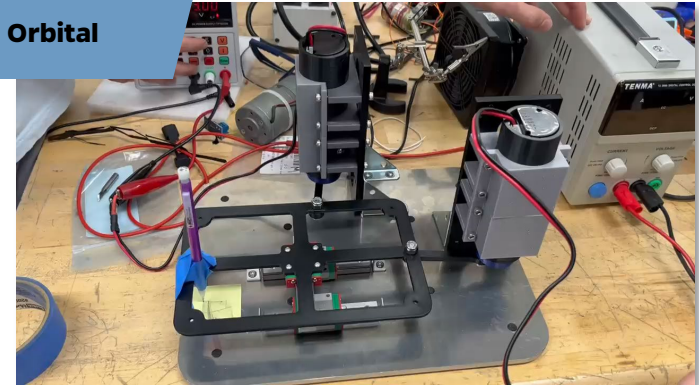


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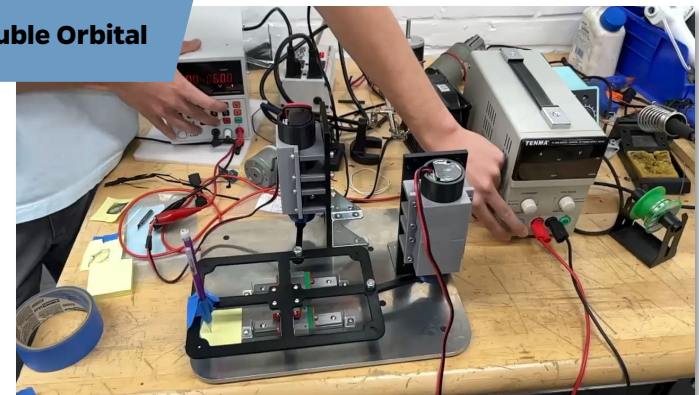
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Orbital



Video

Double Orbital



Video

# IPX5 Waterproofing

- Adhesive water contact indicator tape was placed along sealed critical compartments
- Spray test
  - Water hose delivered ~12.5 LPM of water at ~30 kN/m<sup>2</sup> for 4 minutes.
- Failure at cap seal locations
  - Looser tolerances on 3D printed parts
  - No tight seals/o-rings in critical compartments due to manufacturing delays
- Pass
  - Critical compartments sealed by rubber washers



# OD/FI Sensing

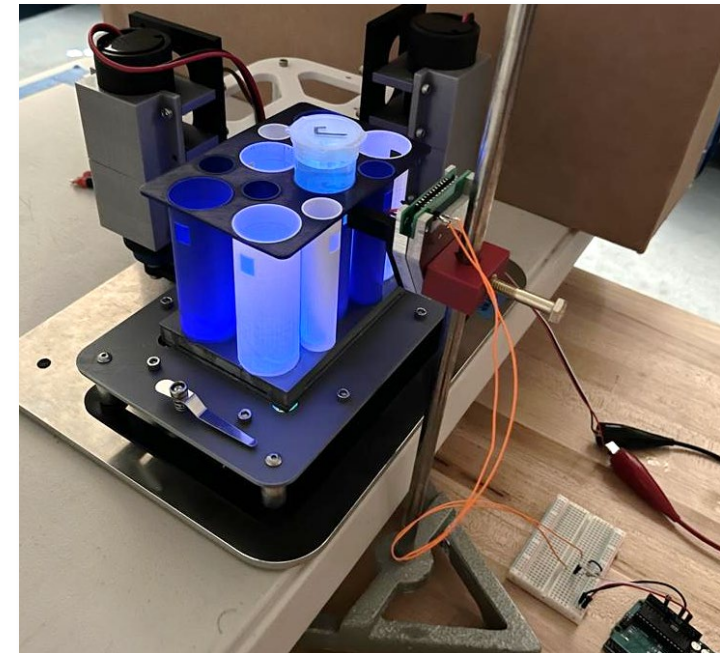
## ■ Preparing Chemical Samples

### ■ Milk

- OD Testing
- Whole Milk diluted with distilled water
- Concentrations ranging from 0 – 0.2% Milk by volume

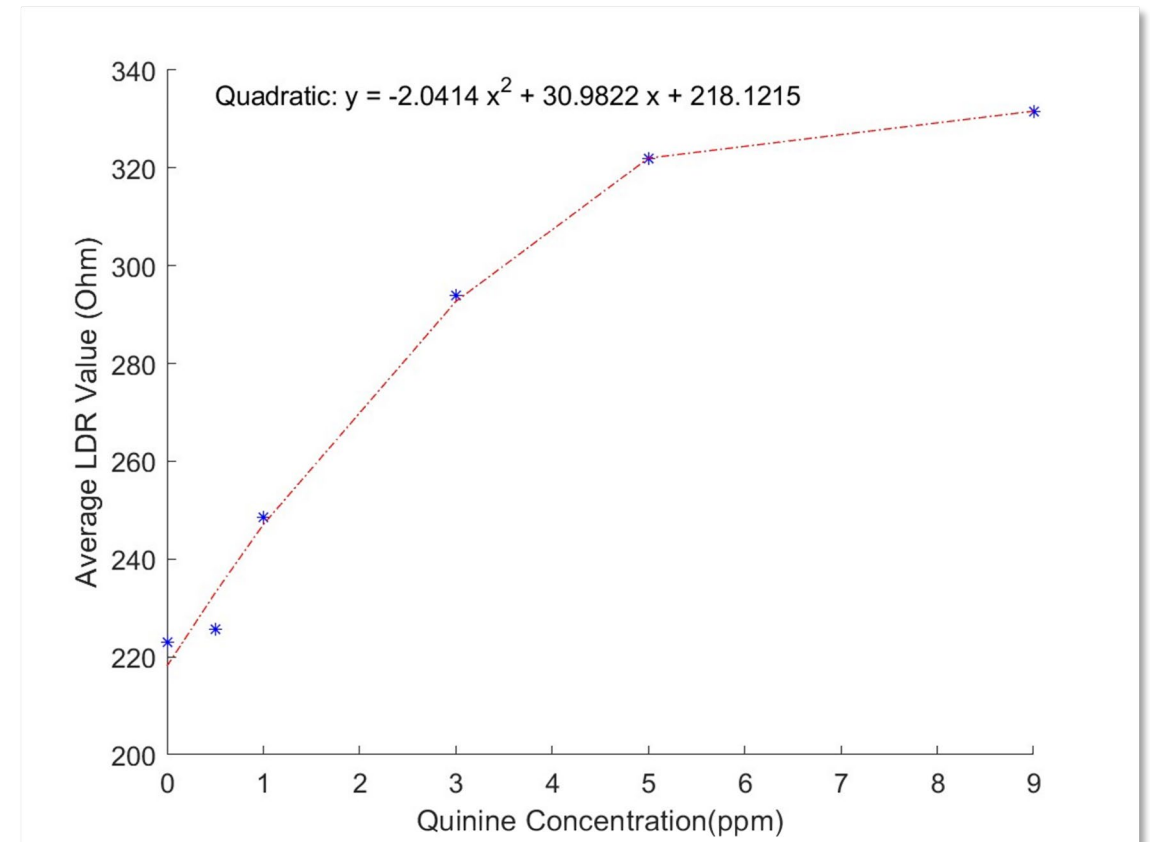
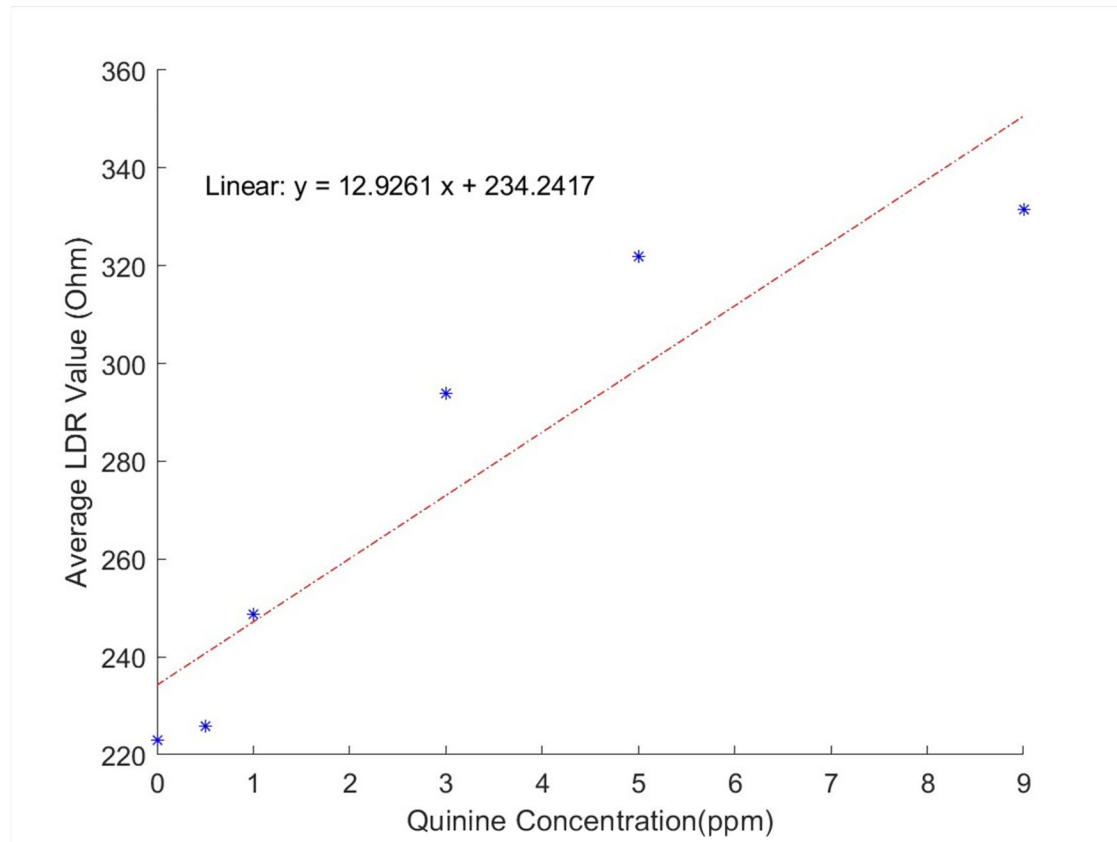
### ■ Quinine

- FI Testing
- Dissolve in 0.05 M Sulfuric Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )
- Concentrations ranging from 0 - 9 ppm of Quinine in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$



# OD/FI Sensing

- Creating calibration curves for OD and FI LDR measurements
- Unknown sample testing





# Temperature Resilience

- Hot temperature testing
  - Not Tested

Customer Need	Requirement Text
36	In the mode with the control/display unit detached, the shaker can run continuously at its maximum-rated speed for two weeks in its most demanding shaker pattern in an environment maintained at 70 °C (158 °F) [running at 120 °C (250 °F) is preferred, but not required].

## - Hot

- Procedure
  - Oven set to >70°C
  - The shaker maintain at least 350 RPM throughout the test
- Manufacturing Delays
- Prediction:
  - As is: 3d parts and motors will **Fail**
  - As designed: **Pass**

# Temperature Resilience

- Cold temperature testing
  - Not Tested

Customer Need	Requirement Text
37	In the mode with the control/display unit detached, the shaker can run continuously at its maximum-rated speed for two weeks in its most demanding shaker pattern in an environment maintained at 0 °C (32 °F).

## – Cold

- Procedure
  - Freezer set to 4°C
  - Table inside for 90 minutes
  - Demonstrate double orbital at 6 rpm
- Prediction:
  - As is: **Pass\***
  - As designed: **Pass**

\*based on temperature considerations

# Speed Overclocking

## ■ Designed

- Minimum speed requirement: 350 RPM
- Linear and orbital patterns: 700 RPM
- Double orbital pattern: 350 RPM
  - One motor moves twice as fast as the other, pattern speed is based off slowest motor.

## ■ Prototype

- Servocity motors: 1500 RPM
- Linear and Orbital patterns: 1500 RPM
- Double orbital pattern: 750 RPM

Customer Need	Requirement Text
24 - 26	Capable of uniformly shaking well plates and tube racks with the three orbital patterns: i. Adjustable and infinitely variable revolution speeds reaching 350 rpm (up to 1,200 rpm nice to have but not required). ii. Adjustable orbits up to 25 mm on the diameter.

- Not formally tested
- Prediction :
  - As is: **Pass**
  - As designed: **Pass**

# Acoustic Emittance

- Procedure
  - Measured at distance of 15 cm
  - Cannot exceed 50 dB
- Prototype performance
  - Testing with the power supplies concluded the prototype is quiet
  - Bearings will dampen some vibrations and sound

Customer Need	Requirement Text
19	Unit noise cannot exceed 50 decibels (dBA weighting) measured 15 cm in every direction from the device.

- Not formally tested
- Prediction :
  - As is: **Pass**
  - As designed: **Pass**

# Drop Survivability

## ■ Drop

- Table falls from a height of 75 cm onto concrete floor

## ■ Pass/Fail

- Unlikely due to 3D printed parts and weight of metal parts
  - Large shock forces induced by drop
  - Aluminum parts likely to deform
- Lab equipment with bio-cultures
- Researchers unlikely to drop

Customer Need	Requirement Text
13	Shaker must survive falling from a 75-cm-tall lab bench onto a concrete floor without damage (i.e., it functions after being accidentally knocked off a lab bench). It is acceptable for the cowl enclosure to be physically damaged / dented by the fall if this part is easily replaced.

## ■ Not tested

## ■ Prediction :

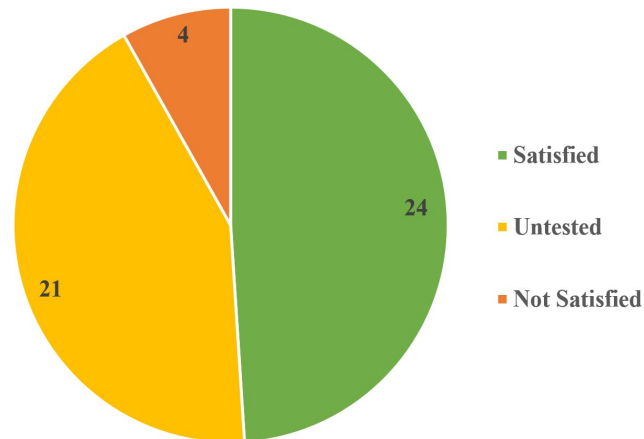
- As is: **Fail**
- As designed: **Fail**

# REVIEW OF DELIVERABLES

Which customer needs were satisfied, and a future improvement plan for our product

# Customer Needs Review

Need Category		Satisfied	Untested	Not Satisfied
Actuation	(4)	3	1	0
Admin	(7)	2	4	1
Control	(11)	5	5	1
Interface	(6)	3	2	1
OD/FI	(7)	1	5	1
Structure	(14)	10	4	0



## Unsatisfied Needs:

1. Cost (\$400)
2. Fluorescent intensity accuracy (15%)
3. Supports test tubes and well plates simultaneously
4. Safety auto-shut down

# Improvement Plan

## ■ Cost

- Budget was \$400
- Prototype ~\$750
- Final Design ~\$2,000

## ■ Manufacturing

- Metal/machined parts take a long time to manufacture
- Substitute for OTS brackets, etc
- Higher tolerances needed for thermal and waterproofing testing

## ■ Electrical

- Custom PCB
- Simplified design, less room for human error
- Reduce form factor, improve performance, and reduce cost

## ■ ODFI

- Higher intensity LEDs, more sensitive LDR
- Replace acrylic lens with a UV transparent material



# Questions?

