



**UCF**

# FLORIDA SOLAR BEACH BUGGY CHALLENGE

**Group 3**

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# MOTIVATION

- Superimpose solar power and autonomous technologies
- Potentially provide a useful tool for future coastal research
- Reduce impact of beach vehicles on surrounding environment
- Promote interest and awareness of solar energy



# OBJECTIVES & REQUIREMENTS

- Autonomously traverse a 10 mile stretch of beach from Daytona to Ponce Inlet (and return) within 8-hour time span.
- Capable of transporting one passenger (Max payload: 120 lbs.)
- Top allowable speed → 3 mph
- Run completely on solar energy
- Do no harm to environment and beachgoers
- Detect and avoid both stationary and moving obstacles (e.g., rocks, docks, people, birds, turtles, etc.)

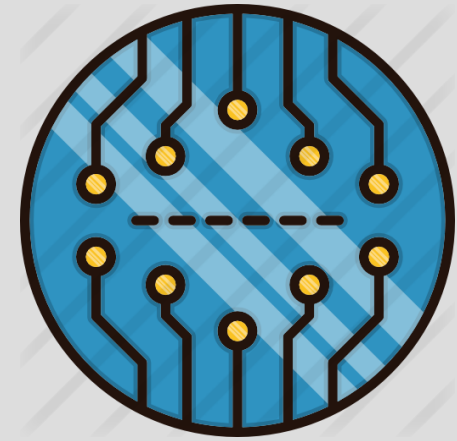
# WORK DISTRIBUTION



Mechanical  
Engineering



Computer Science



Electrical & Computer  
Engineering

# MECHANICAL TEAM

## Responsibilities

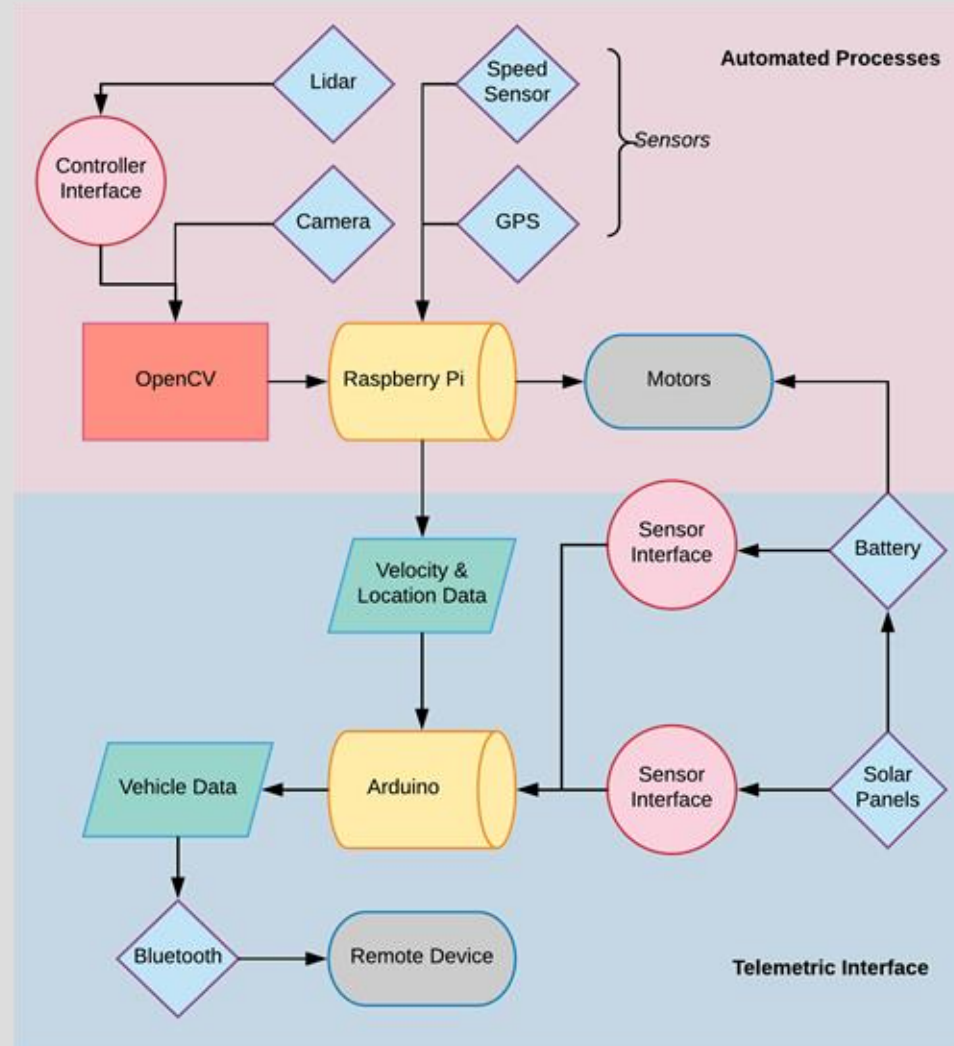
- Aluminum apparatus
- Motor selection
- Wheel type/size
- Wattage calculations, maximum load required



# COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM

## Responsibilities

- Navigational programming
- Decision processing
- GPS integration
- Stereo camera/image processing



# WORK DISTRIBUTION

## Cecilie Barreto *Computer Engineering*

- Interpretation of raw sensor data
- Power management research
- Indoor/outdoor affects on sensors
- Sensor configuration
- Communication between microcontrollers
- Overall autonomous system design
- Collaborate with CS team

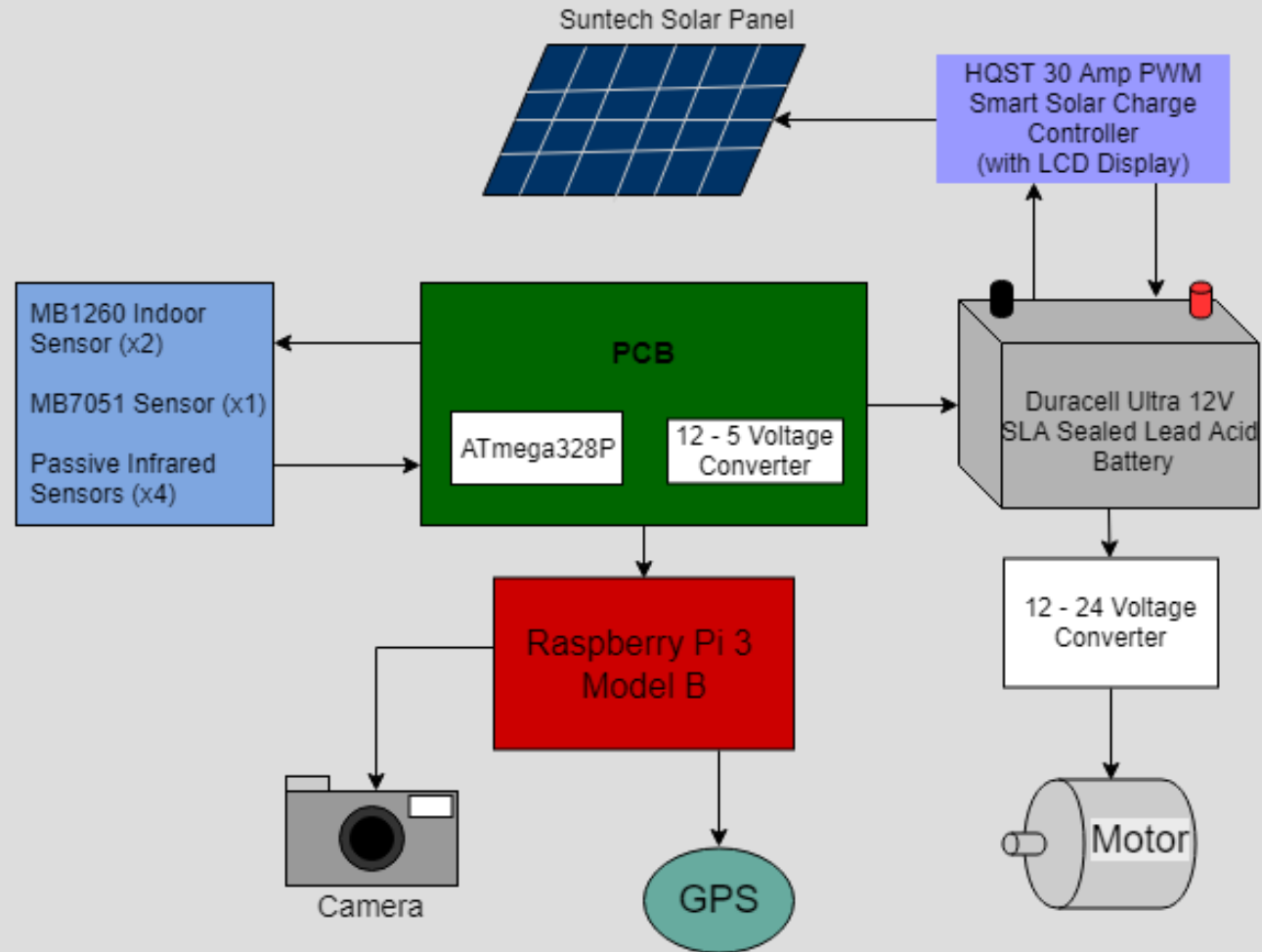
## Drew Curry *Electrical Engineering*

- Sensor research and selection
- Printed circuit board design
- Voltage regulator design
- Battery research and selection
- Charge controller research and selection
- Overall power distribution design
- Collaborate with ME team

## Grace Yoo *Computer Engineering*

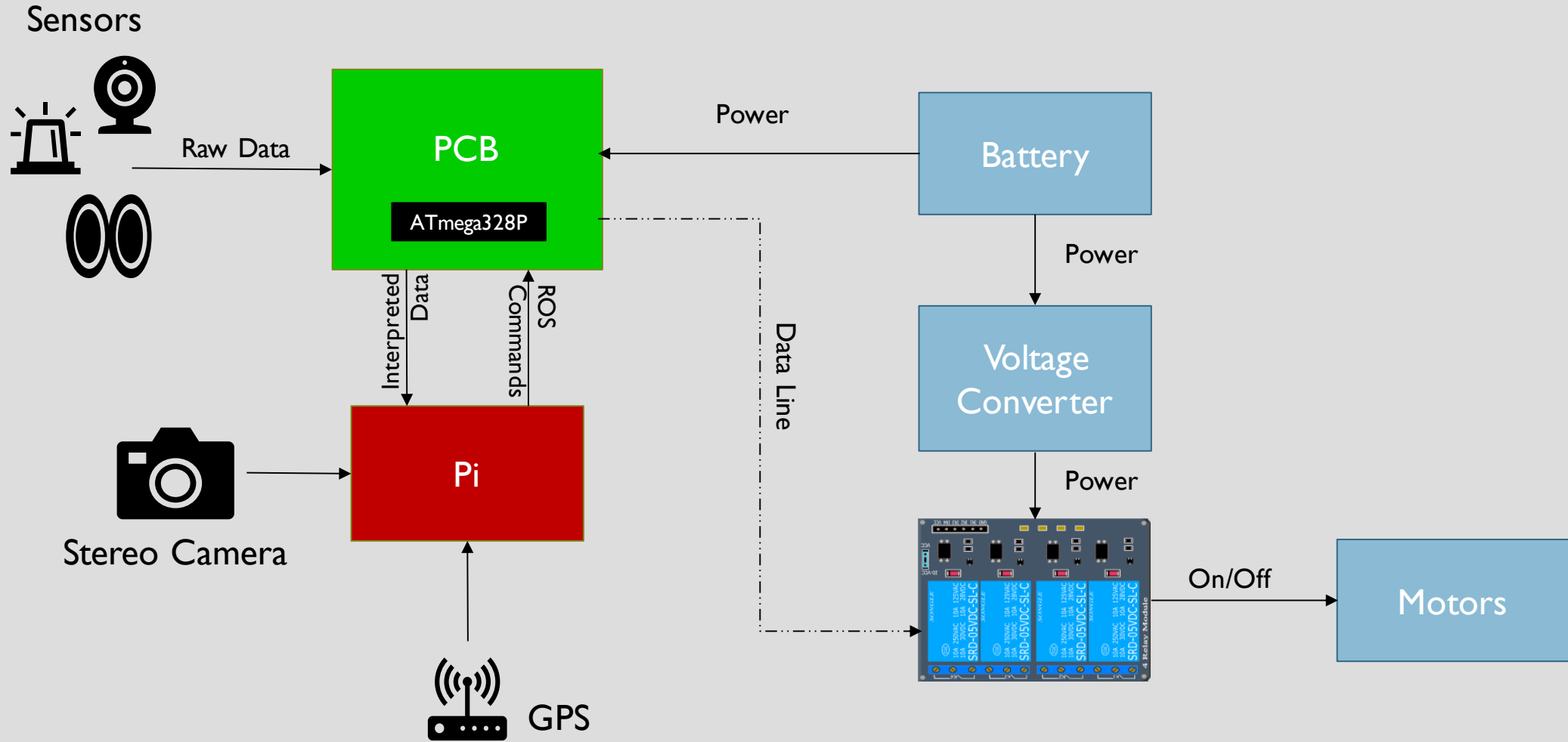
- Interpretation of raw sensor data
- Microcontroller/microchip research
- Communication between sensors and ATmega328P
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# OVERALL SYSTEM DIAGRAM





# AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM DIAGRAM



# SOFTWARE

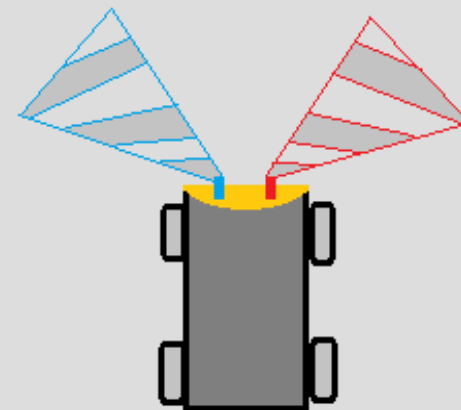
- Python
  - Raw data manipulation
  - Microcontroller communication
- Arduino IDE
  - ATmega328P
- Robot Operating System (ROS)
  - Leading robotics software in industry
  - Supporting role

SENSORS

# ULTRASONIC SENSORS

## *MB1260 XL-MaxSonar*

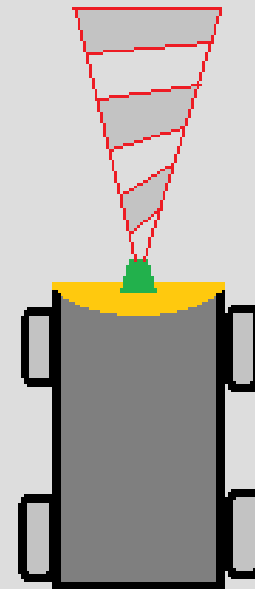
- Indoor close range ultrasonic sensor
- Used for close range proximity sensing
- Dual sensor proximity sensing
- 7m range with marginal sensing angle
- Secondary forward detection sensors



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## *MB 7051 XL-MaxSonar*

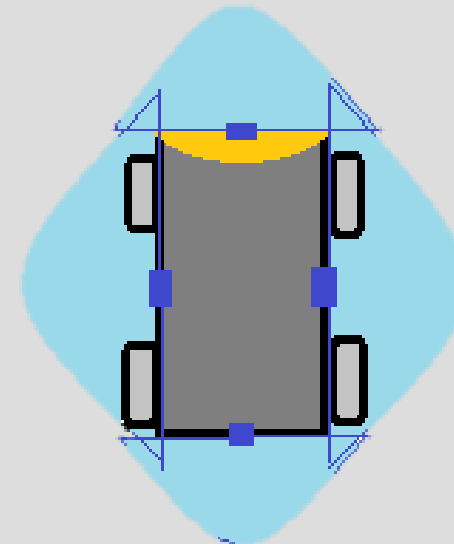
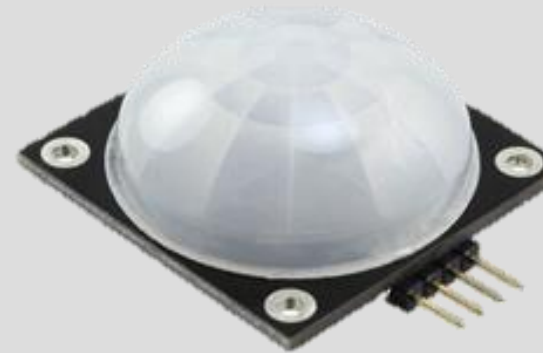
- Outdoor Long range ultrasonic sensor
- Long range precise detection in front of the vehicle
- 10m narrow angle detection
- Used for distance detection
- Most important information to gather

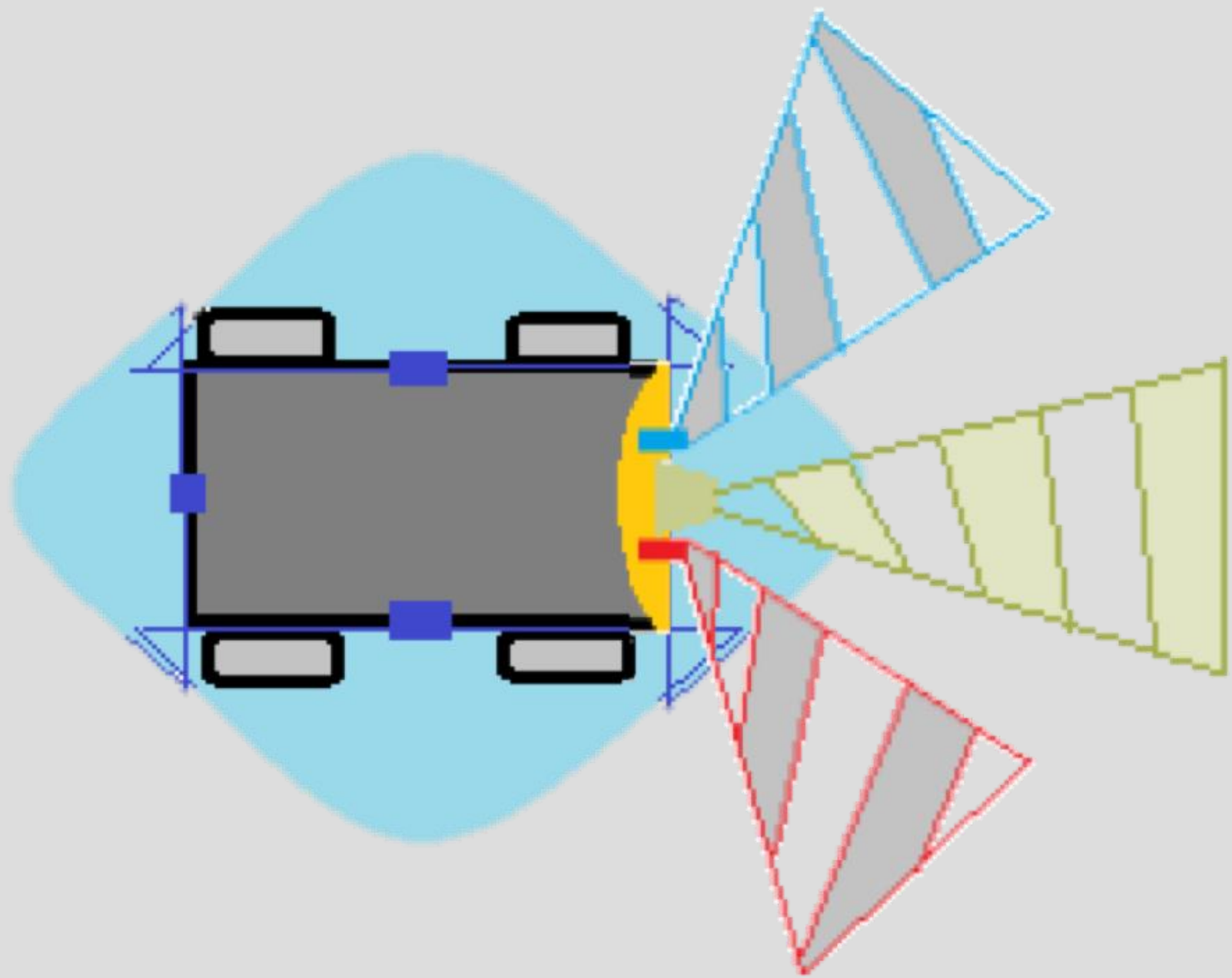


# PASSIVE INFRARED SENSORS

## *Parallax 28032 Wide Angle PIR sensor*

- Close range Infrared sensor
- Used for close range proximity sensing on the flanks of the vehicle





# STEREO CAMERA

- Computer science scope
- Main form of object detection
- Allows images to be captured and rendered instantly in 3D





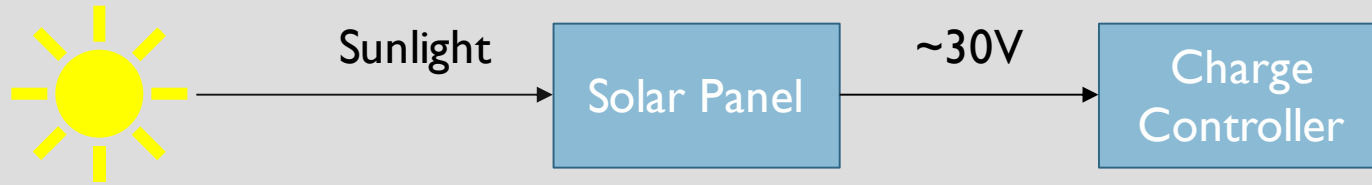
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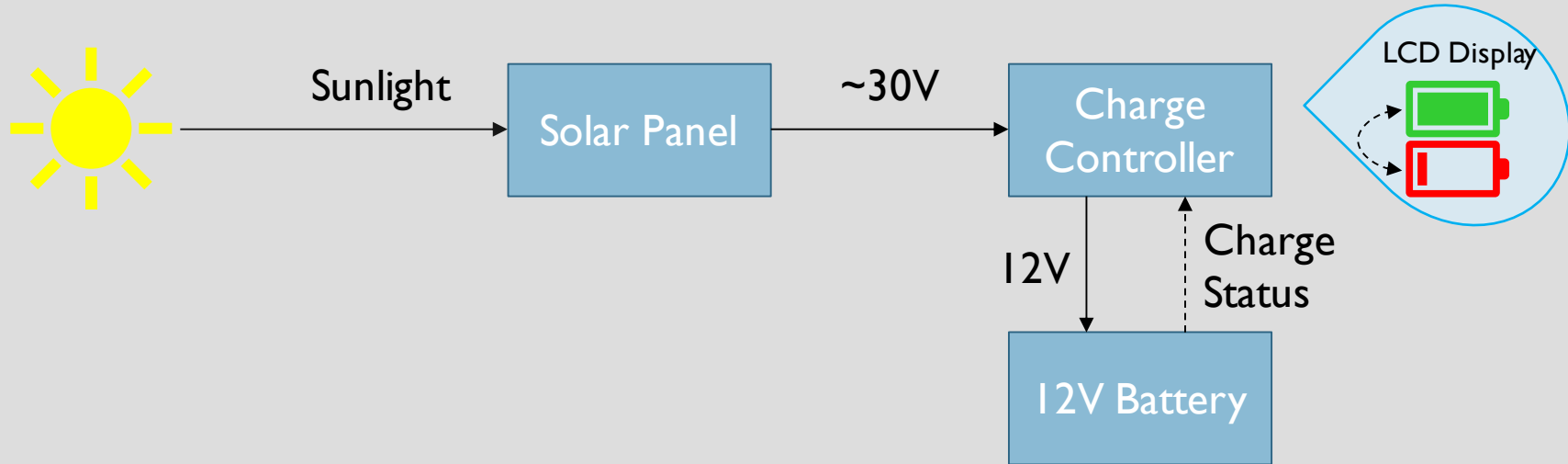
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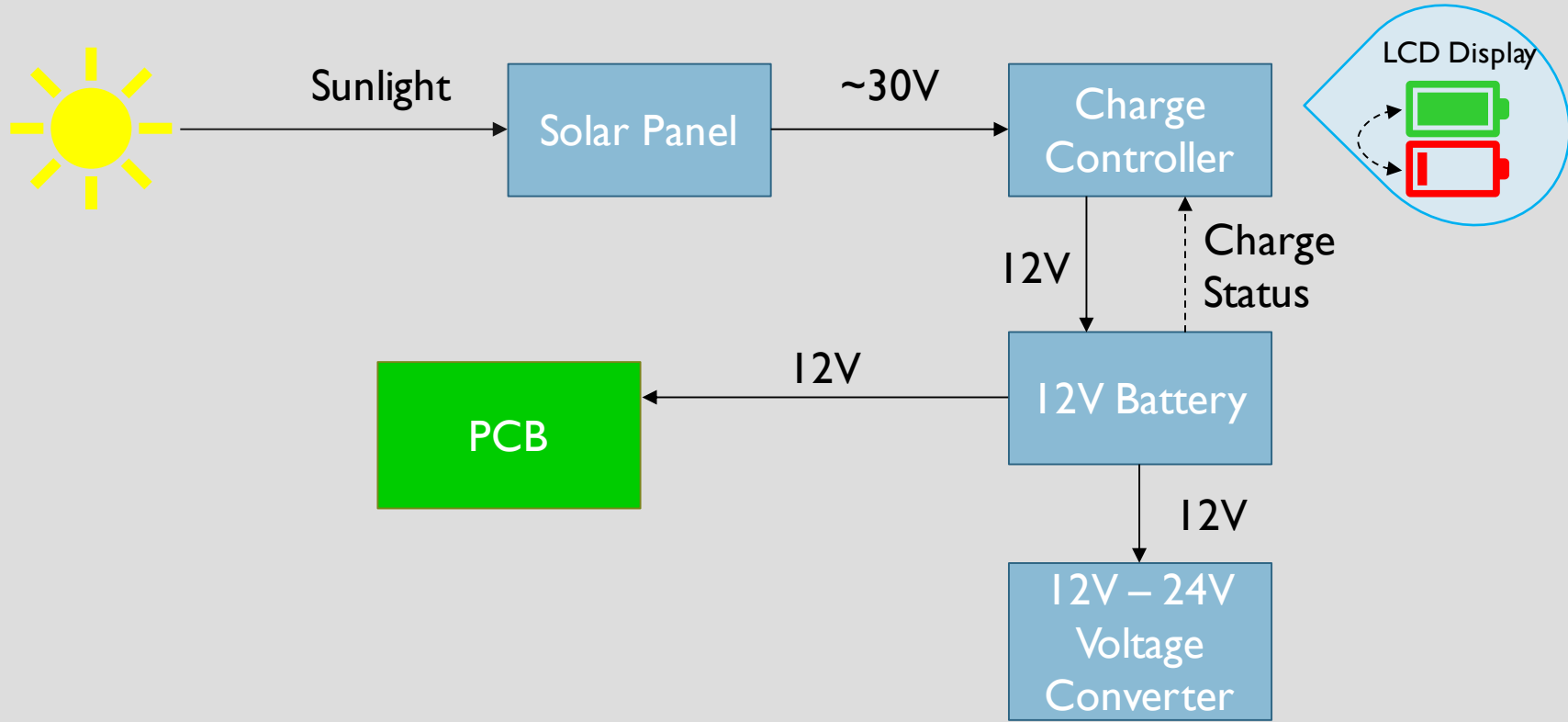
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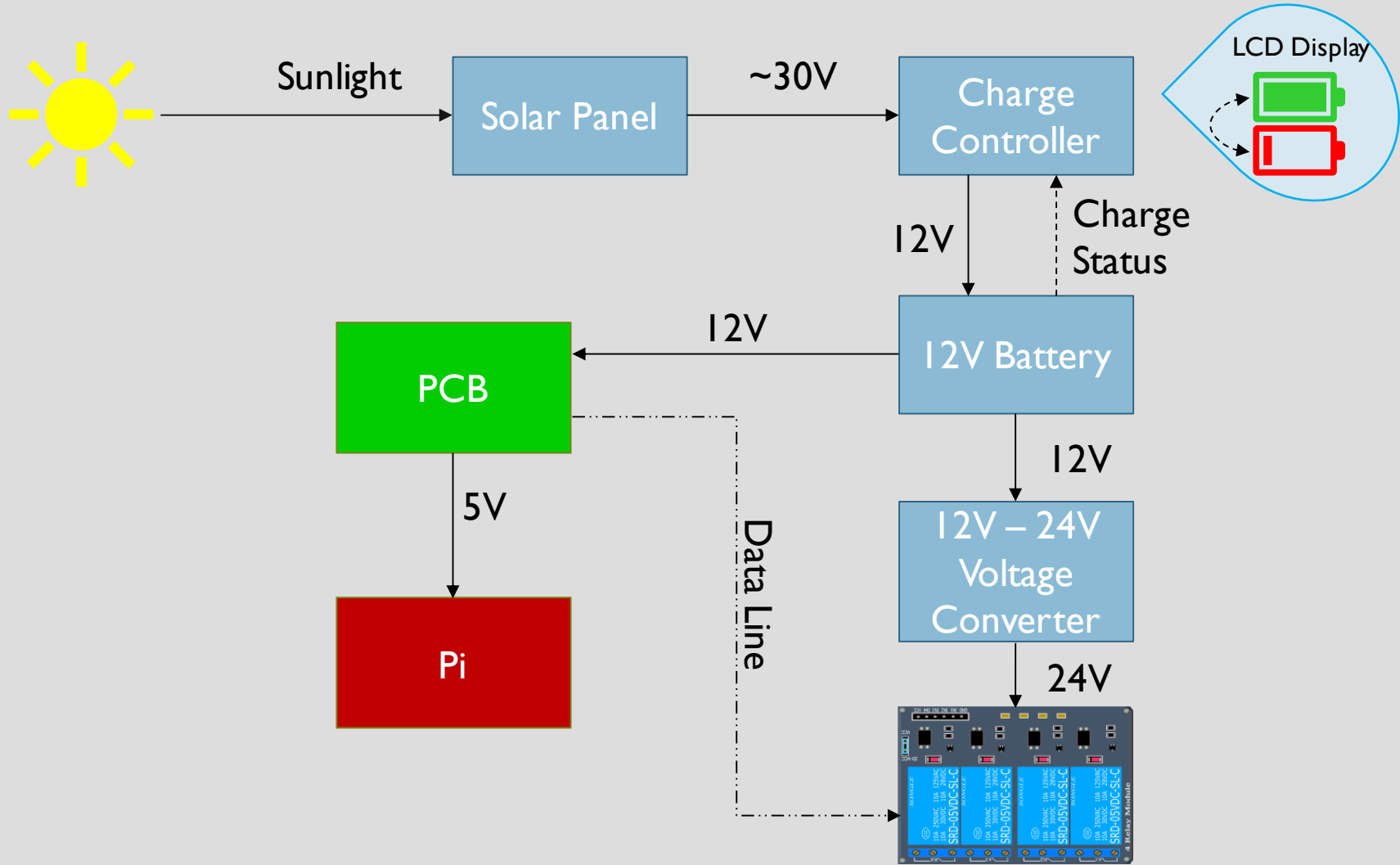
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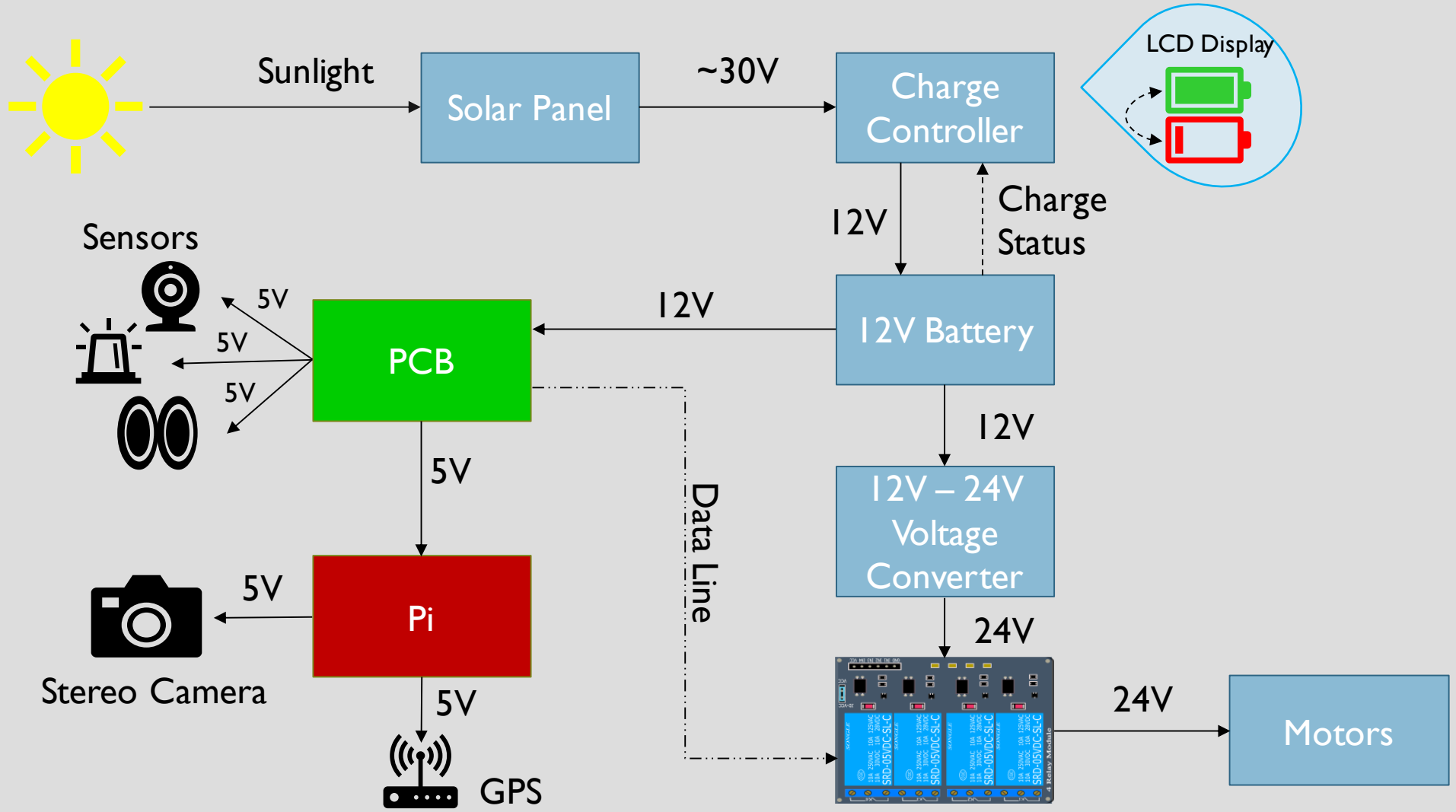
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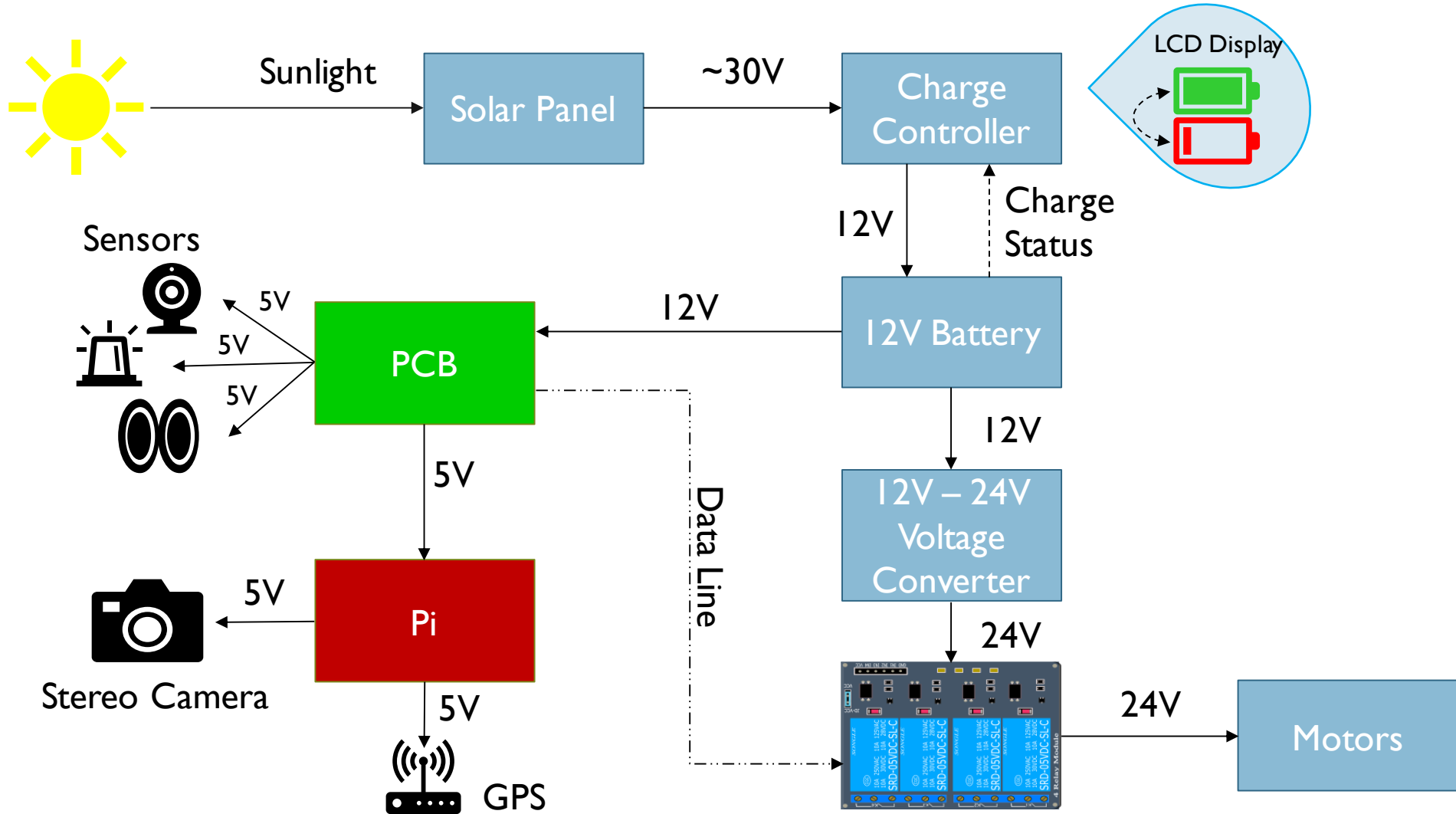
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# SOLAR PANEL

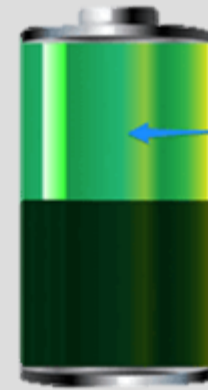
## *Suntech<sup>©</sup> Solar Panel*

- Maximum Usage: 235W
- Maximum Current Output: 7.79 Amps
- Voltage Output: 30.16 V
- System will consume wattage from panel and battery simultaneously



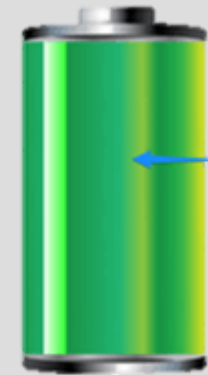
# LEAD ACID BATTERY

*Duracell Ultra 12V SLA Sealed Lead Acid 50 AH battery*



50% USABLE  
CAPACITY

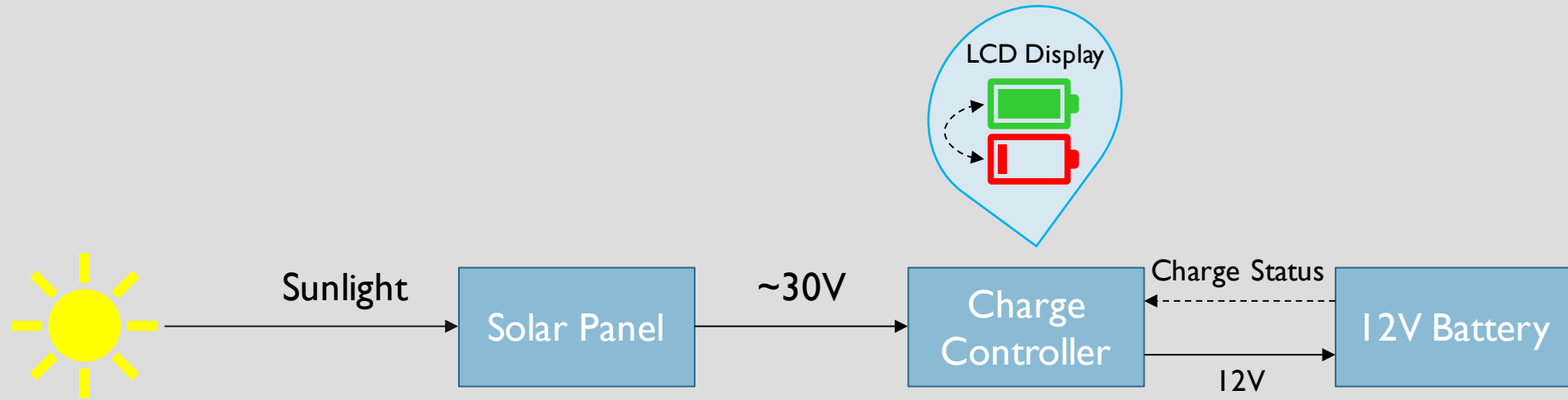
*Lead-acid Rated Capacity*



100% USABLE  
CAPACITY AT  
ANY  
DISCHARGE  
C-RATE

*Lithium-ion Rated Capacity*

# CHARGE CONTROLLER

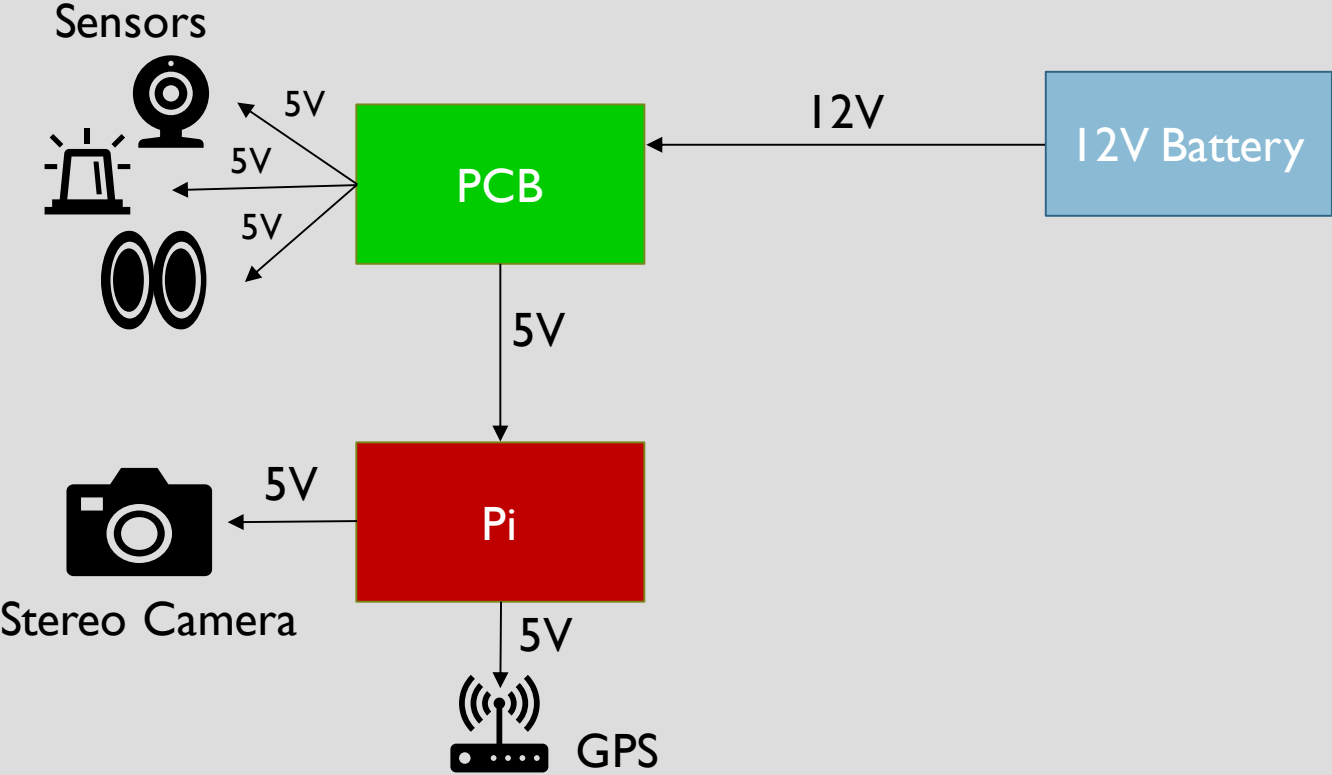


*QST 30 Amp PWM Smart  
Solar Charge Controller*

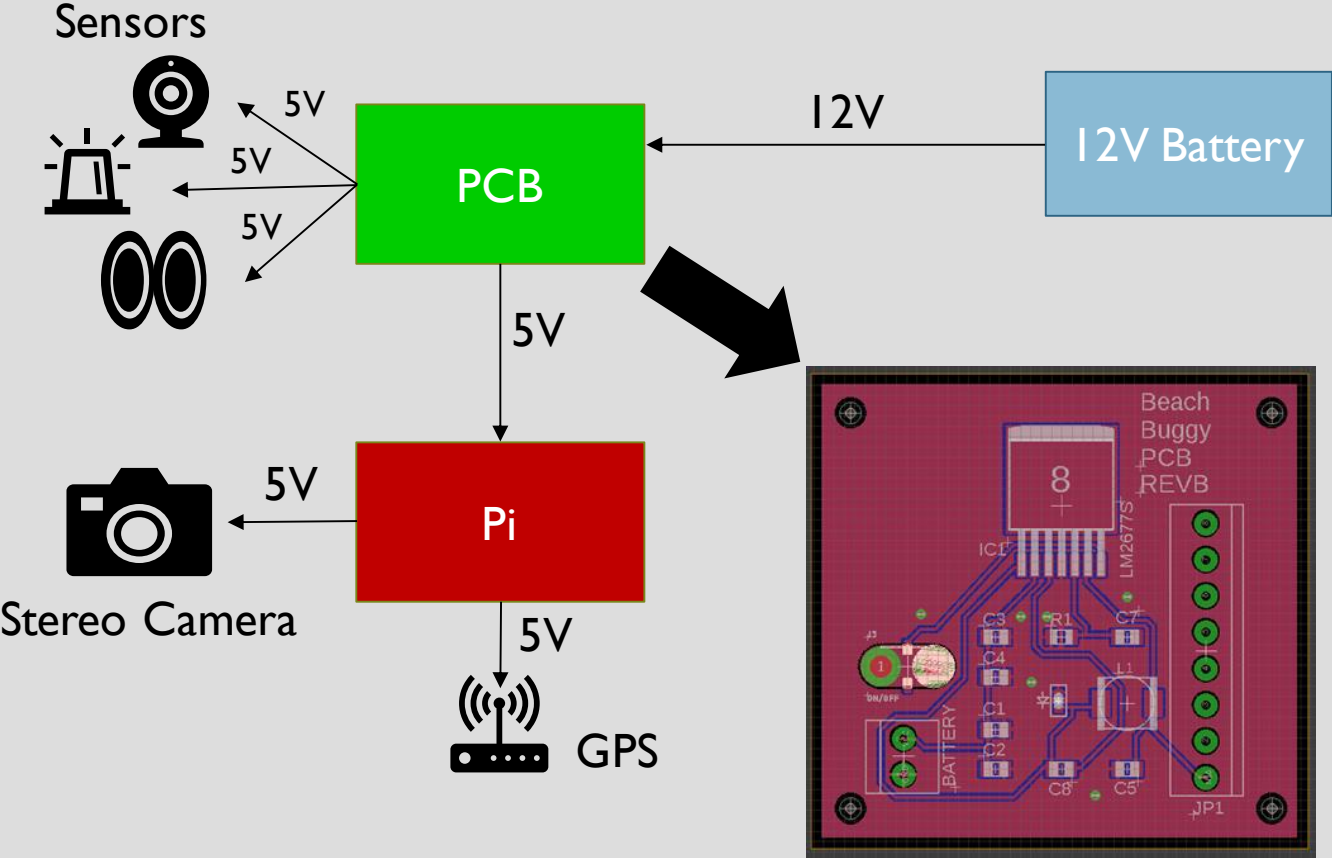
MPPT charge controllers  
for optimal charging



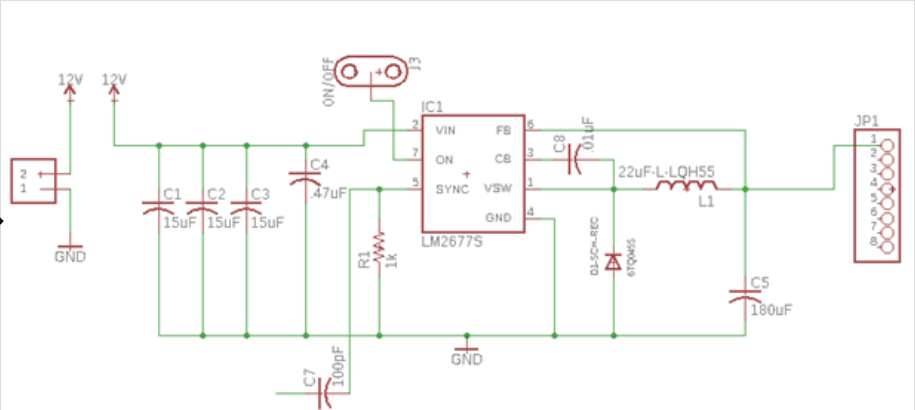
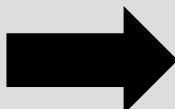
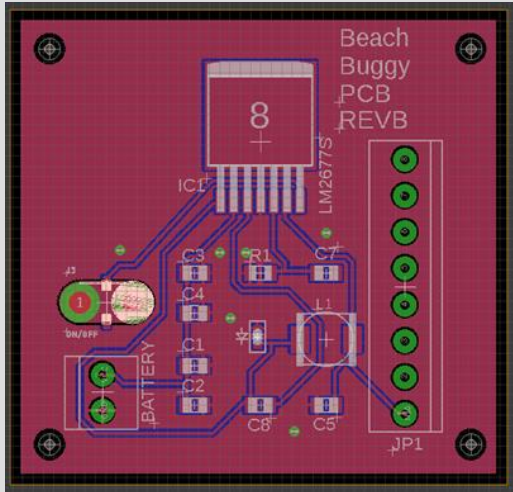
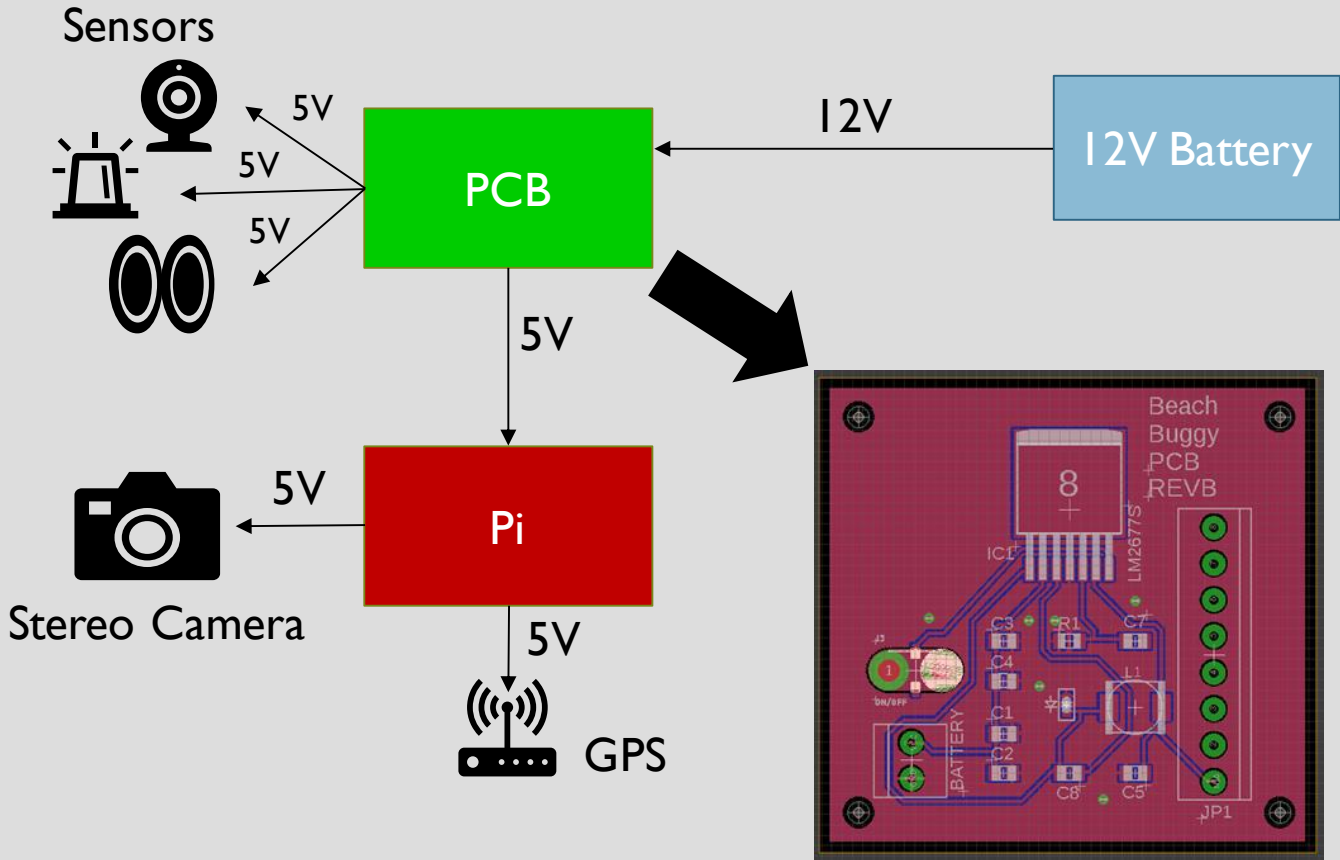
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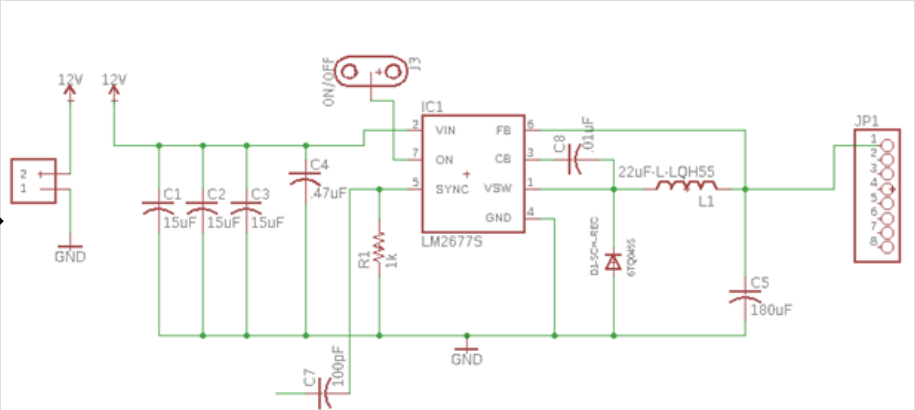
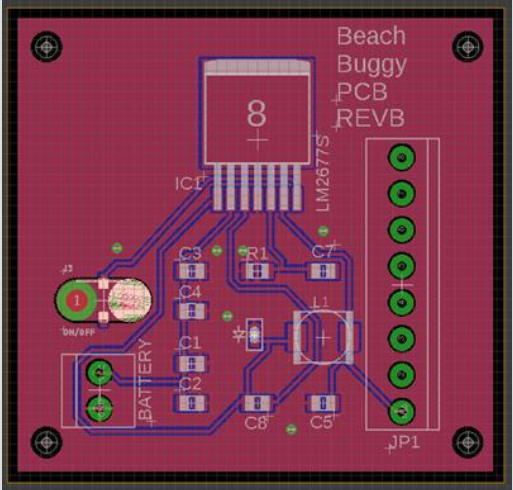
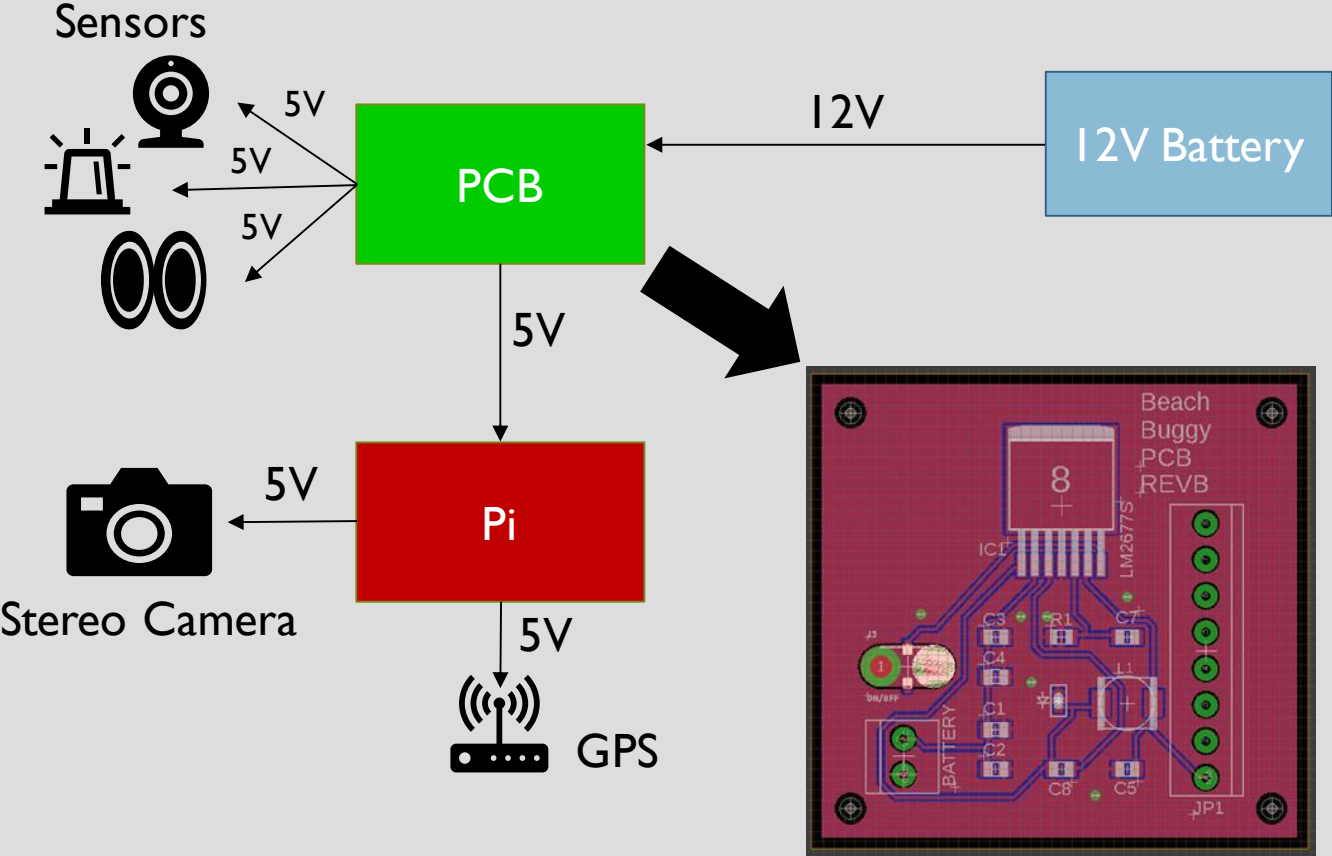


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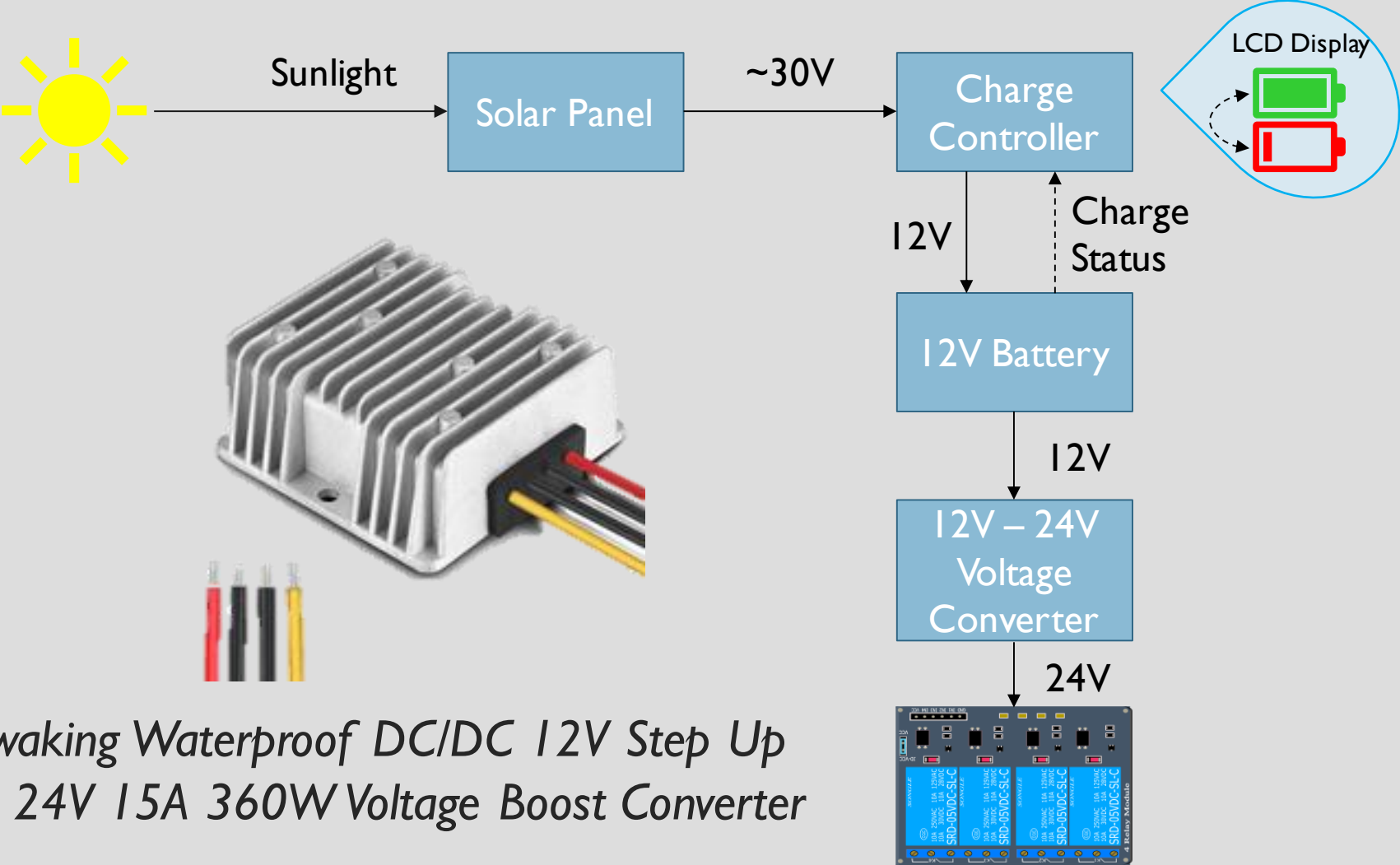
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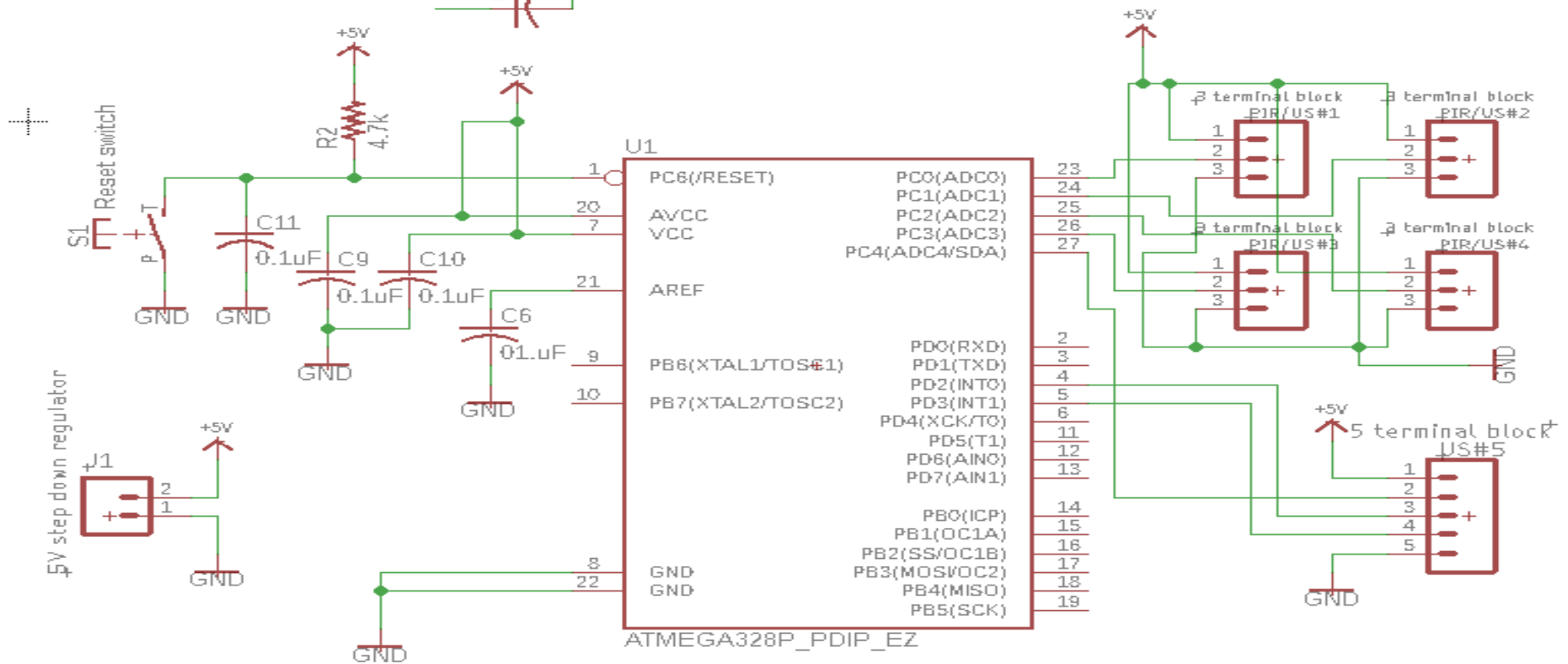
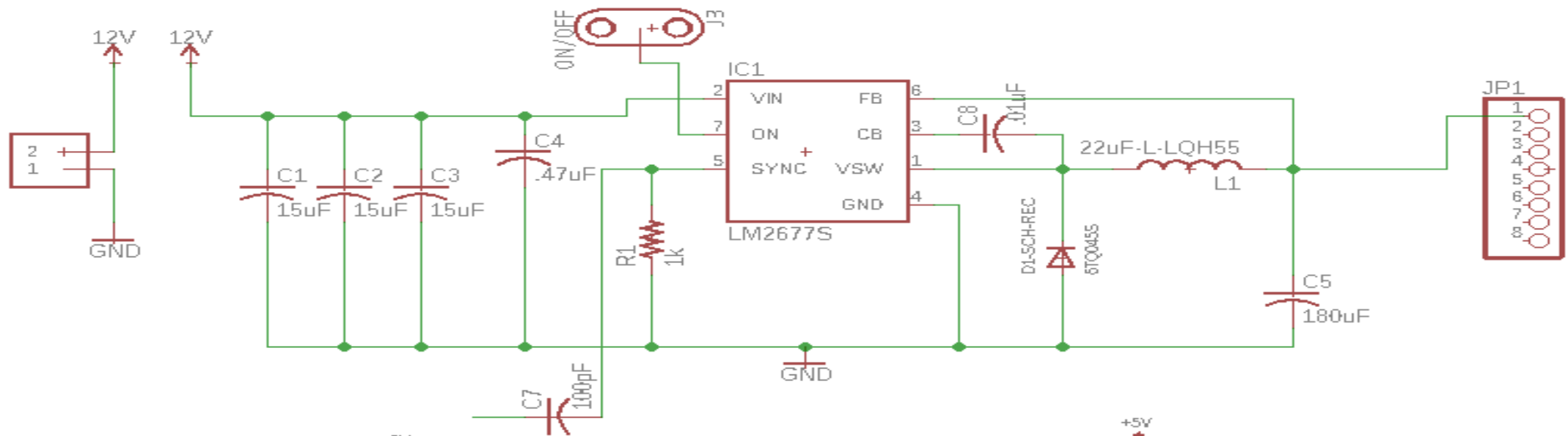
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*Awaking Waterproof DC/DC 12V Step Up to 24V 15A 360W Voltage Boost Converter*



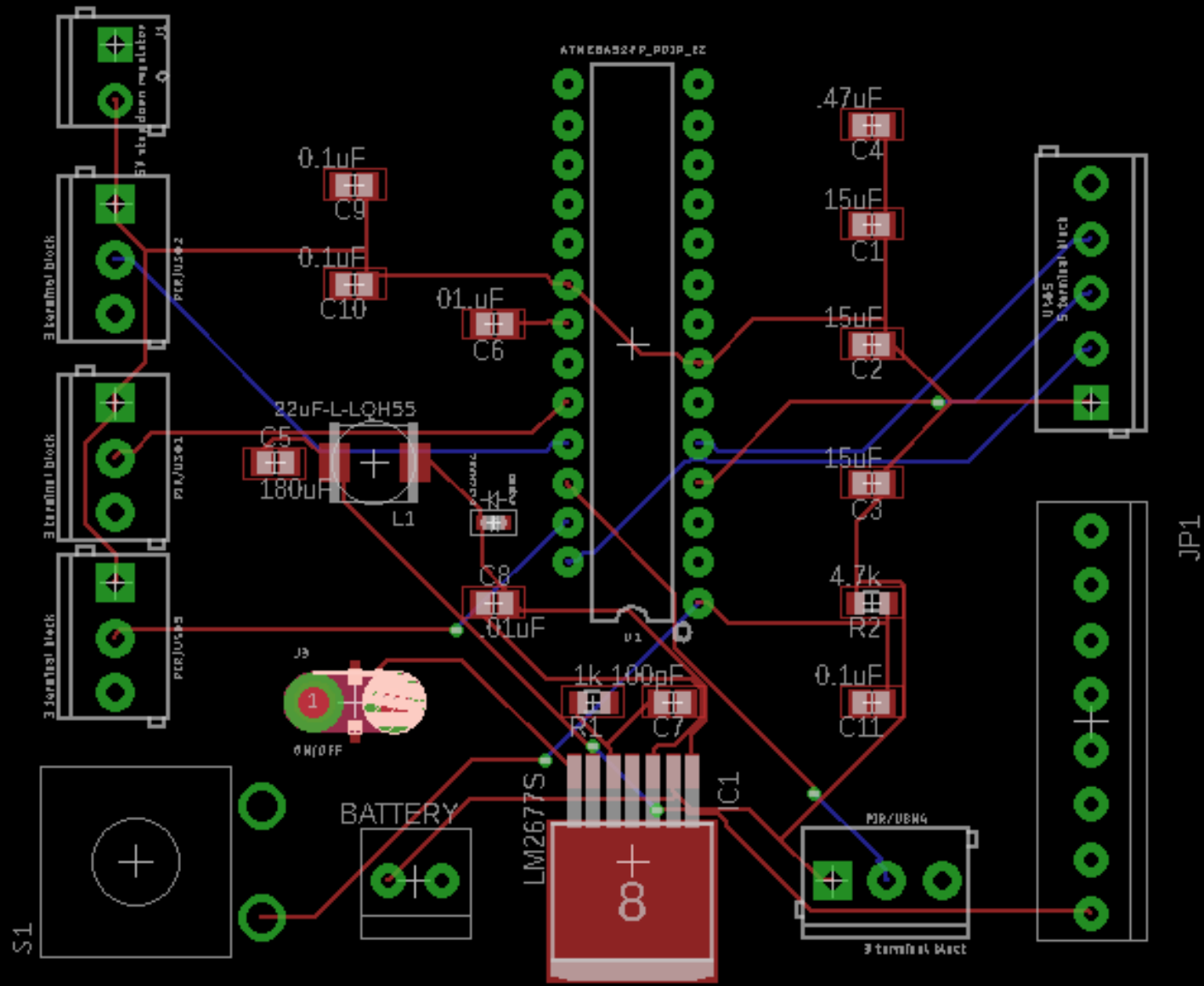
PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD (PCB)



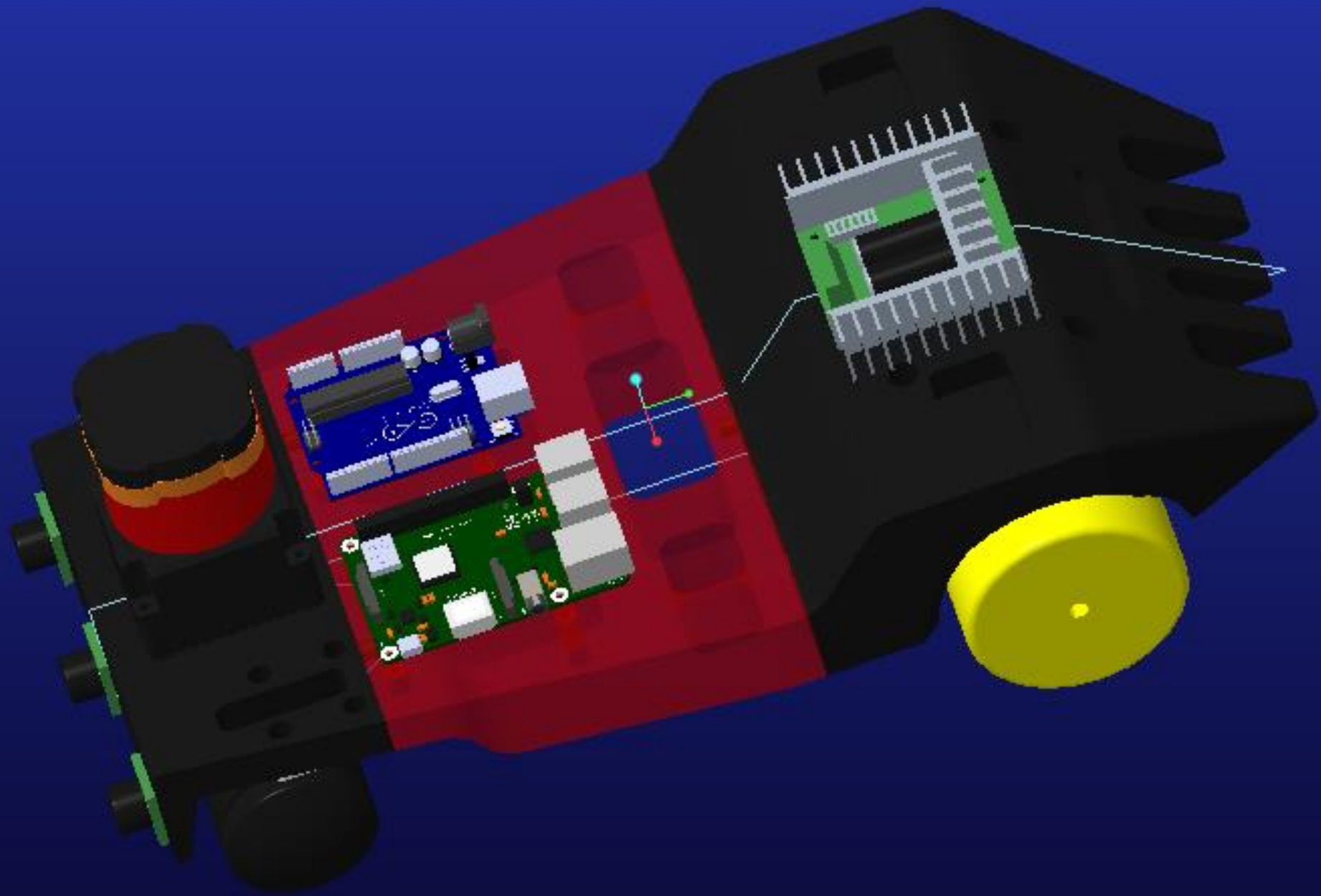
Beach  
Buggy  
PCB

Master PCB

REVA



PROTOTYPE

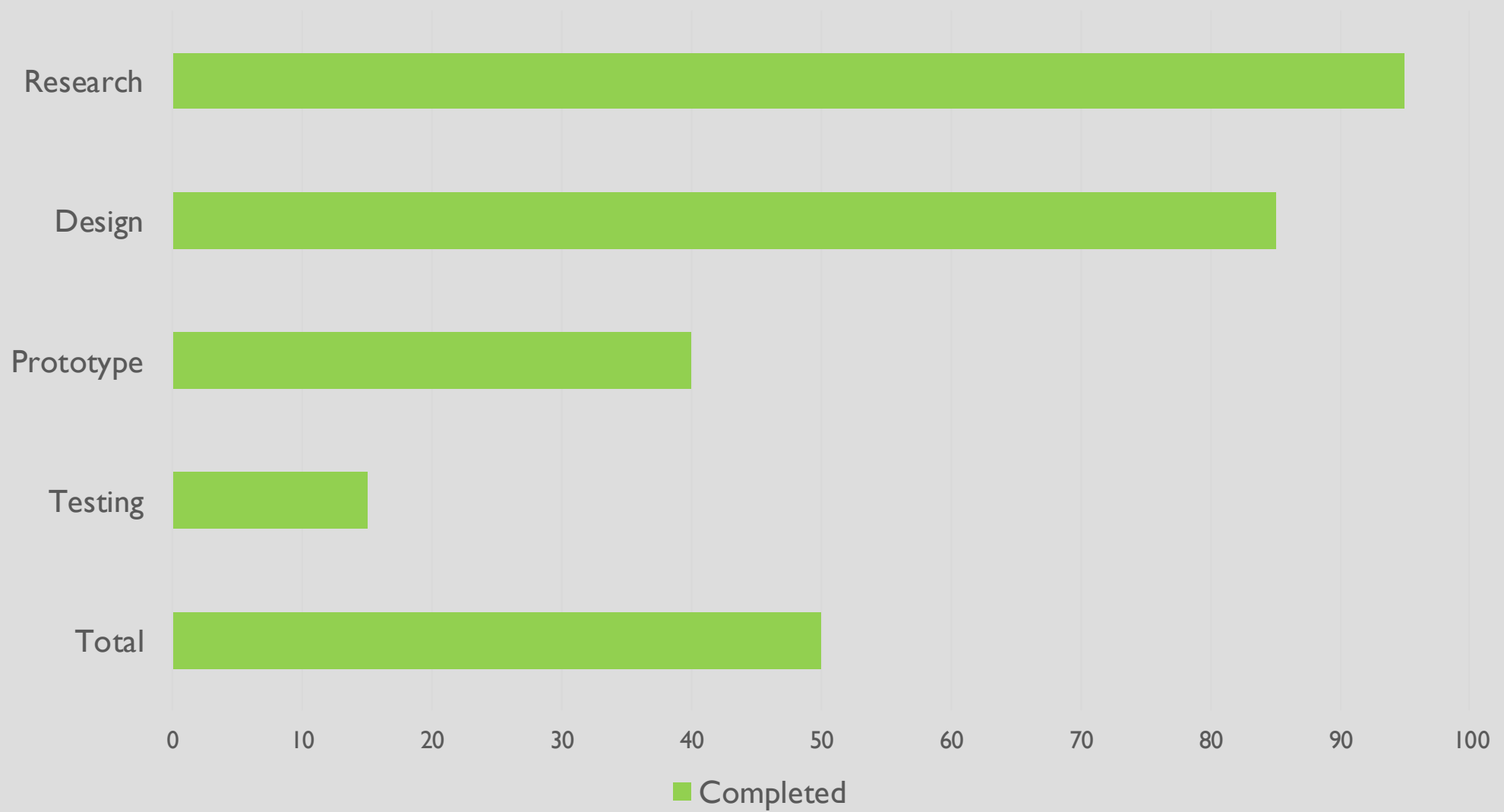


**BUDGET**

	<i>Budget Build</i>		<i>Intermediate Build</i>		<i>Optimal Build</i>	
<b>Frame</b>	Steel, 90-degree plates	\$500	Steel, rectangular tubing	\$700	Aluminum, round tubing, 3rd party welding	\$1,200
<b>Suspension</b>	Struts, coils	\$200	Struts, coils	\$200	Struts, coils	\$200
<b>Tires</b>	Basic Tires	\$60	Basic Beach Tires	\$120	Premium Beach Tires	\$350
<b>Motors</b>	2750 RPM Electric Motor	\$300	2750 RPM Electric Motor	\$300	2750 RPM Electric Motor	\$300
<b>Sensors</b>	Stereo camera, 7 sensors, GPS	\$300	2D LIDAR, Camera, 4 ultrasonic, GPS	\$1,400	3D LIDAR, HD Camera, 4 ultrasonic, GPS	\$3,000
<b>Solar Panels</b>	ECE Panels (Bulky)	Donated	Commercial Panels	\$700	Flexible Panels	\$1,000
<b>Battery</b>	50 Ahr Lead Acid	\$100	100 Ahr Lead Acid	\$250	100 Ahr Lithium Ion	\$1,000
<b>Controllers</b>	Raspberry Pi 3,ATMega 328PCB Circuit Board	\$250	Raspberry Pi 3, 2 ATMega 328PCB Circuit Board	\$300	NVIDIA Jetson TX2, 2 ATMega 328PCB Circuit Board	\$1,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,710</b>		<b>\$3,970</b>		<b>\$8,050</b>	

PROGRESS





# CONSTRAINTS

- Budgeting constraints:
  - ME/CS/ECE coordination
  - Indeterminate without testing
- Sensor Constraints
  - PIR reliability
  - Ultrasonic reliability
- Processing power constraints
  - ATmega328P vs Raspberry pi
- Environmental Constraints
  - Weather/Sunlight intensity
  - Terrain of beach
  - Safety



QUESTIONS?