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# 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.)

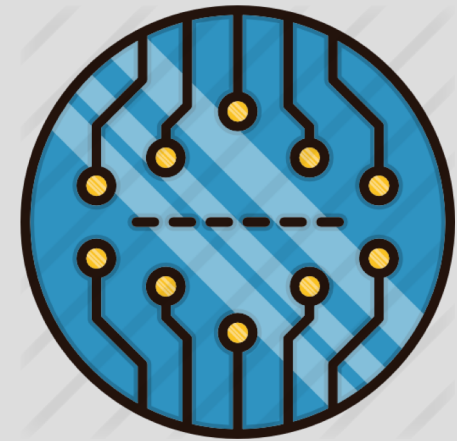
# WORK DISTRIBUTION



Mechanical  
Engineering



Computer Science



Electrical & Computer  
Engineering

# MECHANICAL TEAM

## Responsibilities

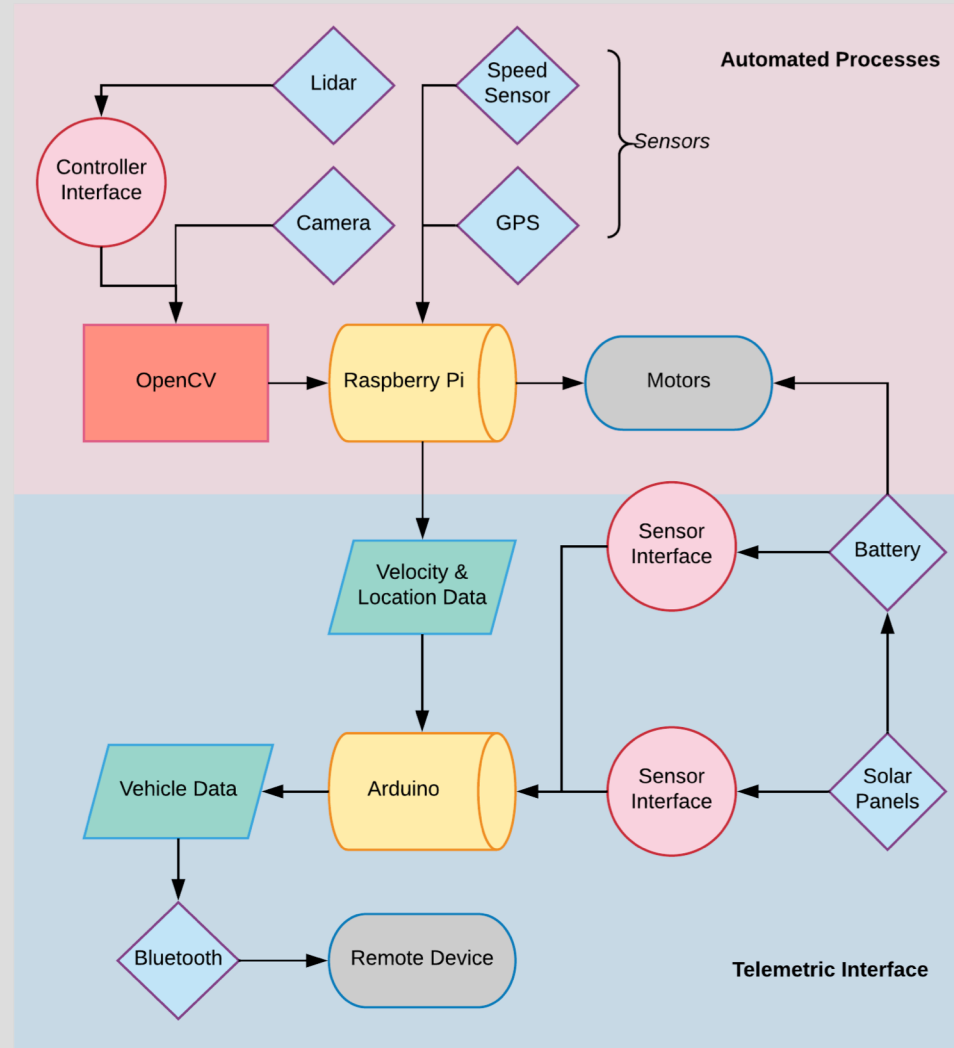
- Aluminum apparatus
- Motor selection
- Wheel type/size
- Wattage calculations, maximum load required



# 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
- Communication between microcontrollers
- Overall autonomous system design
- PCB Design and parts selection
- Collaborate with CS team

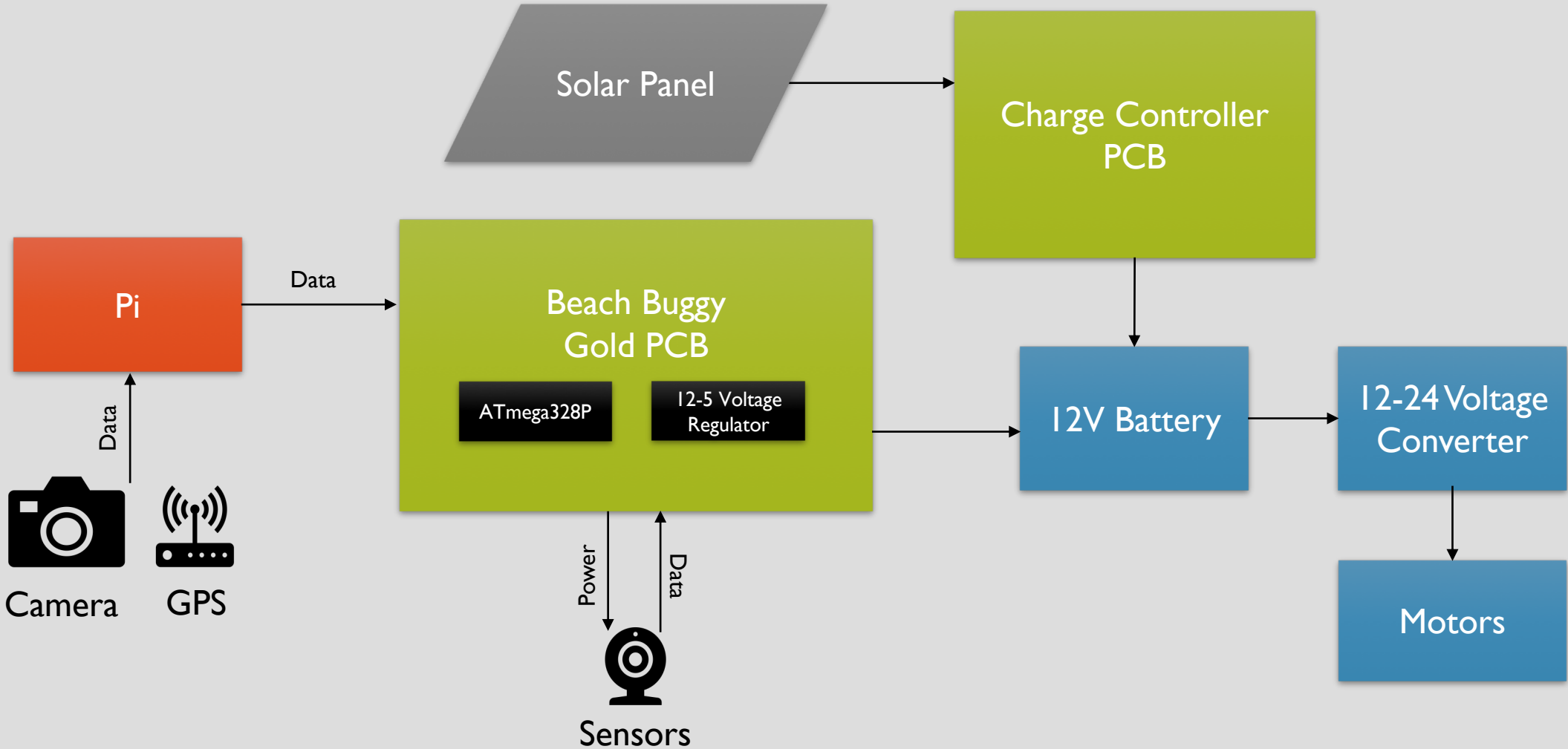
## Drew Curry *Electrical Engineering*

- 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*

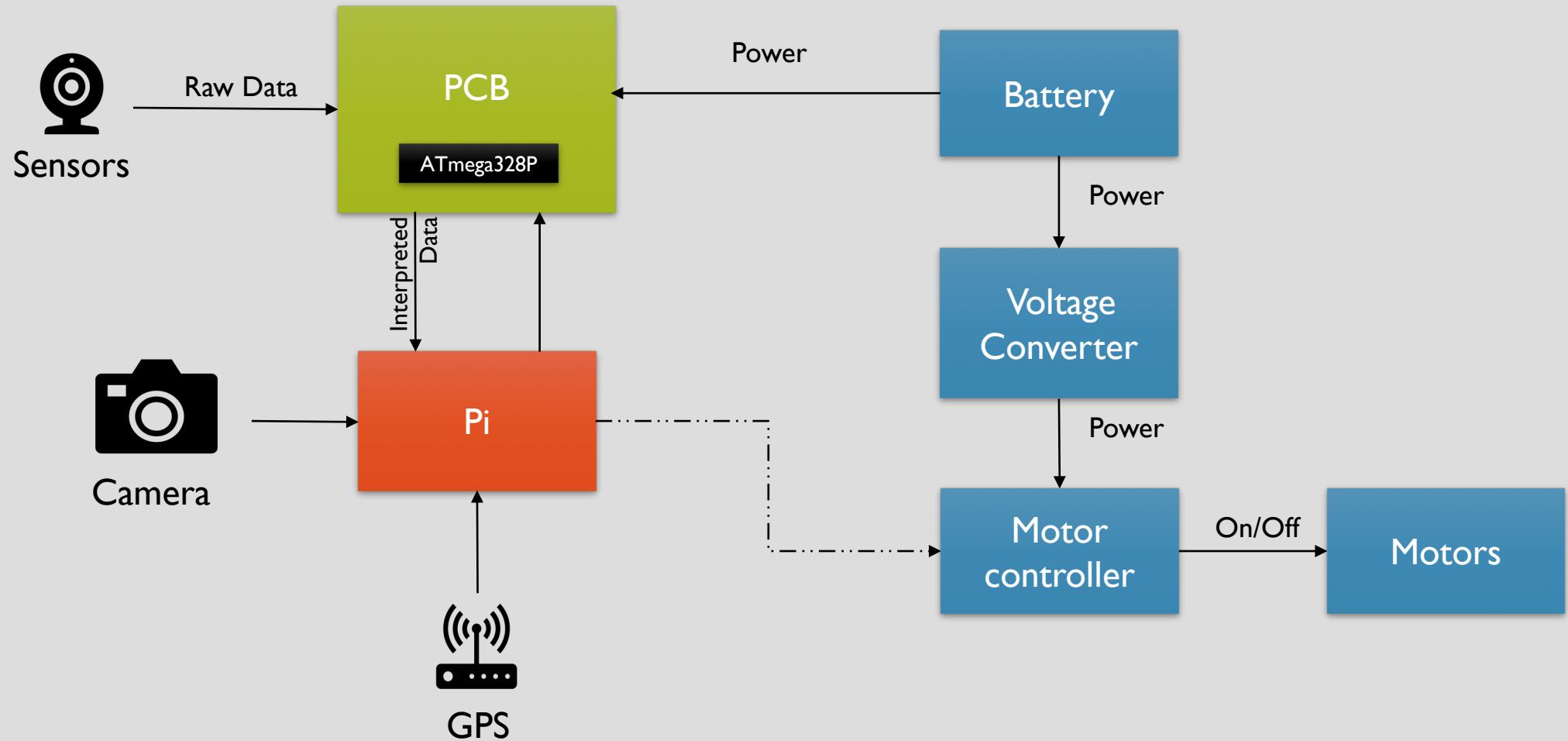
- Interpretation of raw sensor data
- Microcontroller/microchip research
- Communication between sensors and ATmega328P
- Communication between microcontrollers
- Overall autonomous system design
- Collaborate with CS team
- Soldering

# OVERALL SYSTEM DIAGRAM





# AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM DIAGRAM



# SOFTWARE

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

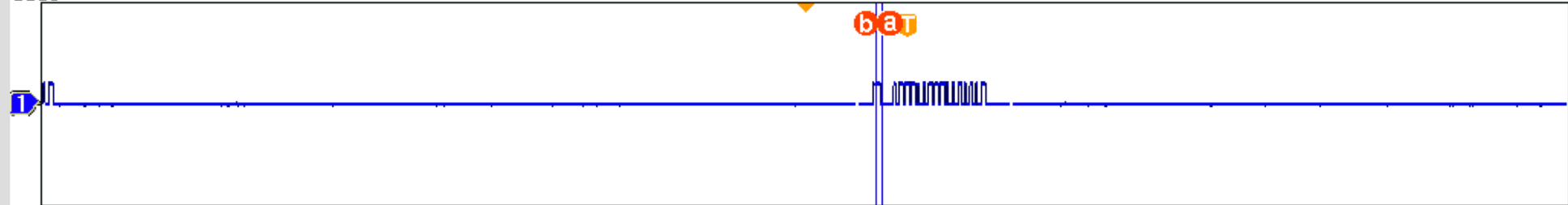
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#####  
# Main()  
#####  
import serial  
import time  
import signal  
  
# Port addresses to decipher which sensor is reporting data  
portJOne   = "1010"  
portJTwo   = "1110"  
portJThree = "0110"  
portJFour  = "0010"  
  
# Set default signal flags  
signalGo   = True  
startUp    = True  
  
# Set object detection flags  
leftFrontSensor = False  
leftSensor      = False  
rightFrontSensor = False  
rightSensor     = False  
  
# Serial port for sensors and motors  
serialSensors = serial.Serial('/dev/ttyACM0', 9600)  
serialMotors  = serial.Serial('/dev/ttyS0' , 9600, timeout = 10)
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# DS18 PRKD14

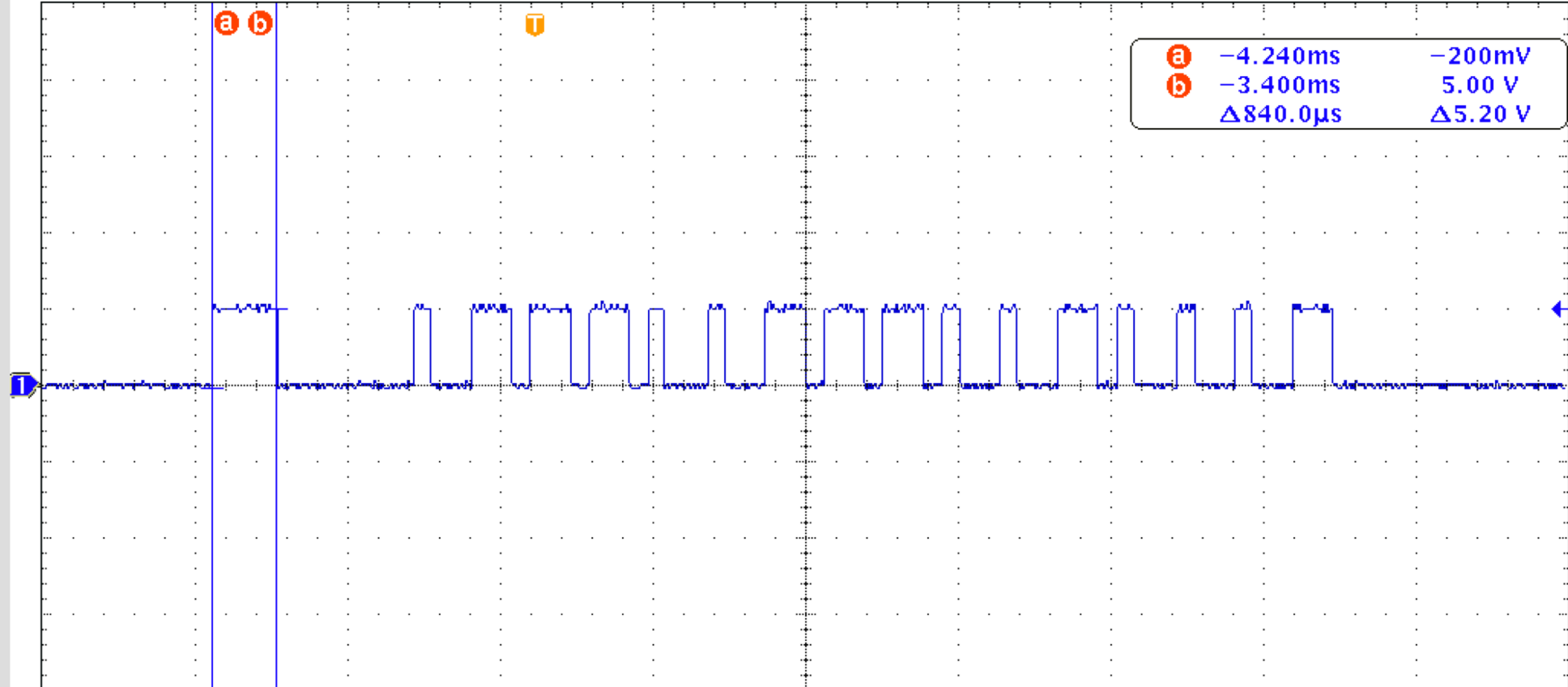


- Cost-effective
- Rated for outdoor use
- Voltage: 12V DC-16V
- DC rated current: 10mA - 250mA
- Detection Distance: 0.3 - 2.5m
- Working Temperature: -30 - 80 degrees Celsius
- Ultrasonic Frequency: 40KHz

# DECODING SENSOR DATA



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	Value	Mean	Min	Max	Std Dev	
1	+width	859.2 $\mu s$	859.2 $\mu$	859.2 $\mu$	859.2 $\mu$	0.000
1	-width	1.780ms	1.780m	1.780m	1.780m	0.000
1	Burst W	14.68ms	14.68m	14.68m	14.68m	0.000

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-13.3600ms

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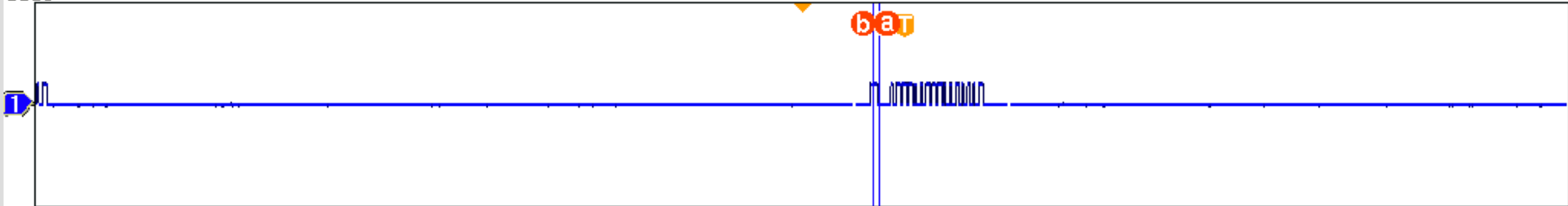
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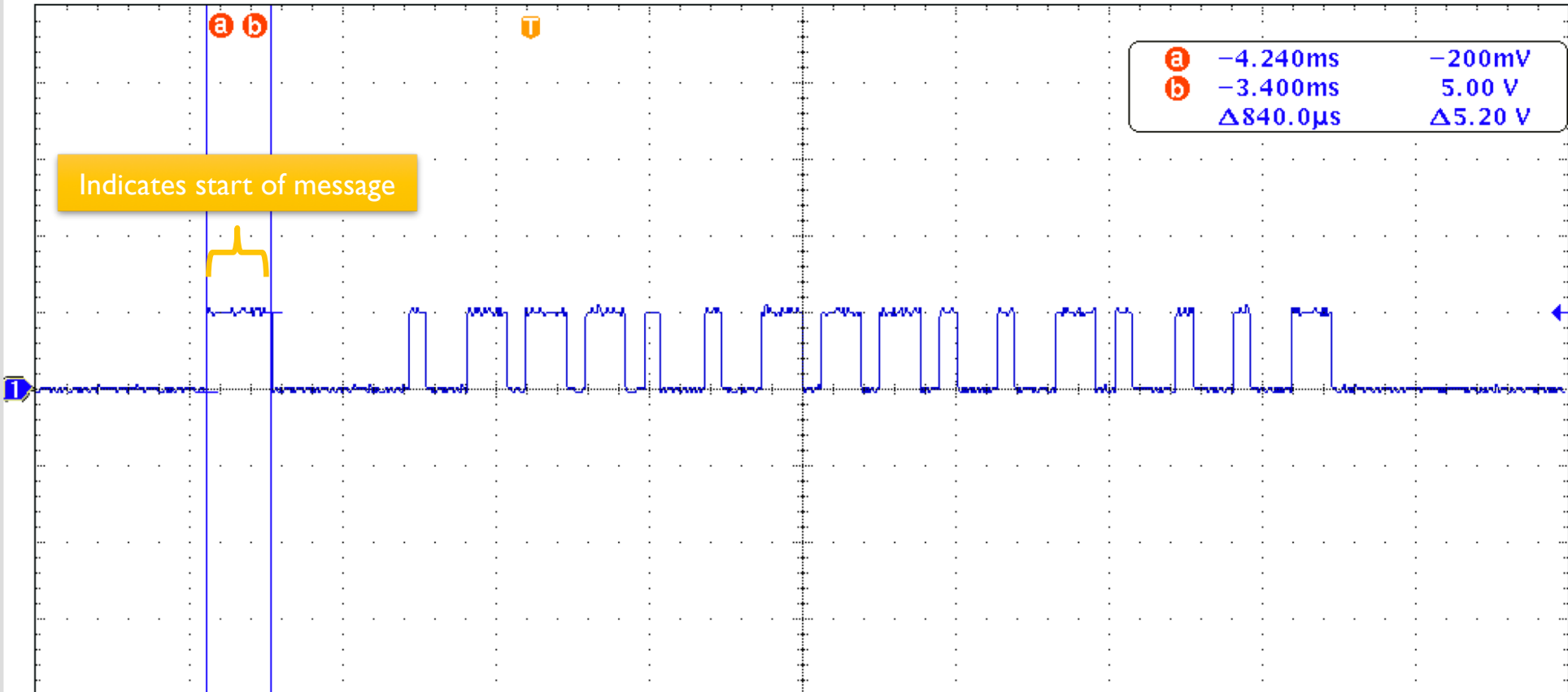
Trigger  
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Threshold  
5.00 V

Mode  
Auto  
& Holdoff



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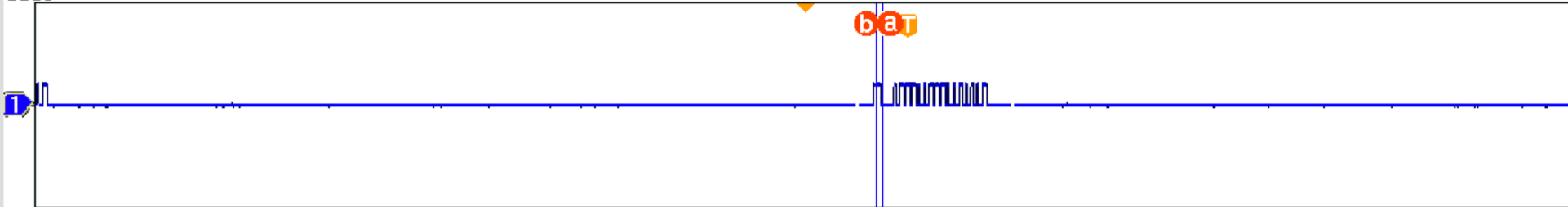
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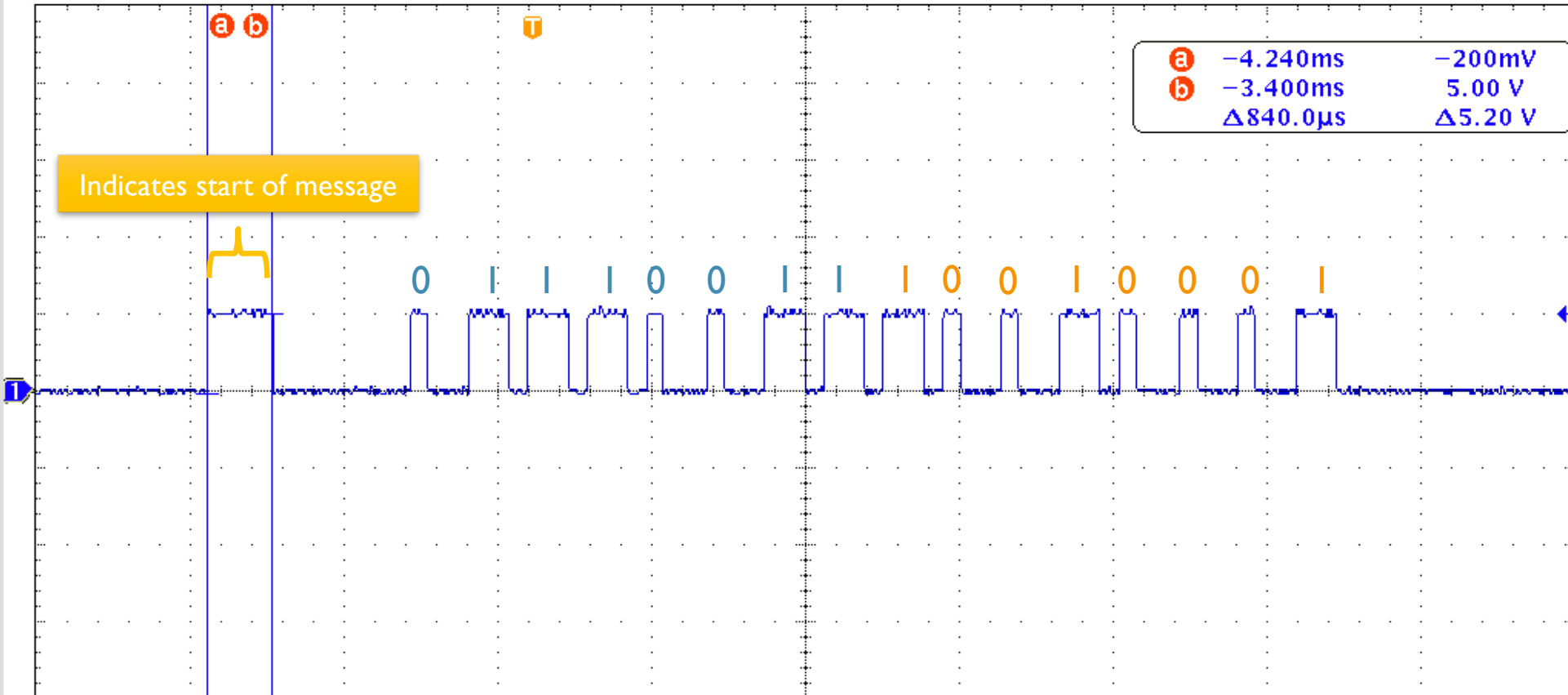
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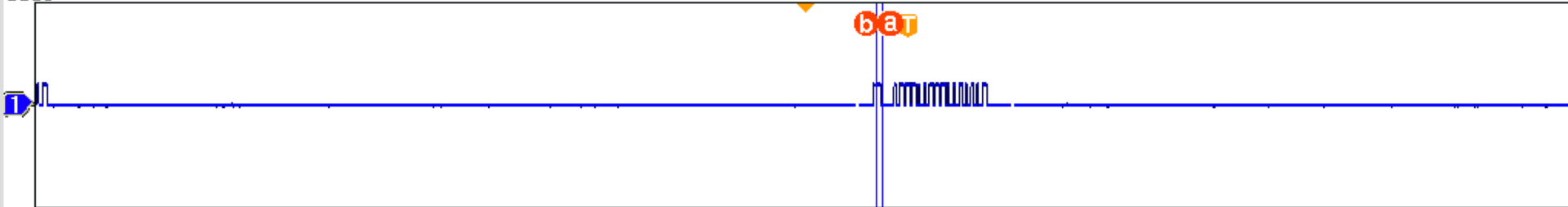
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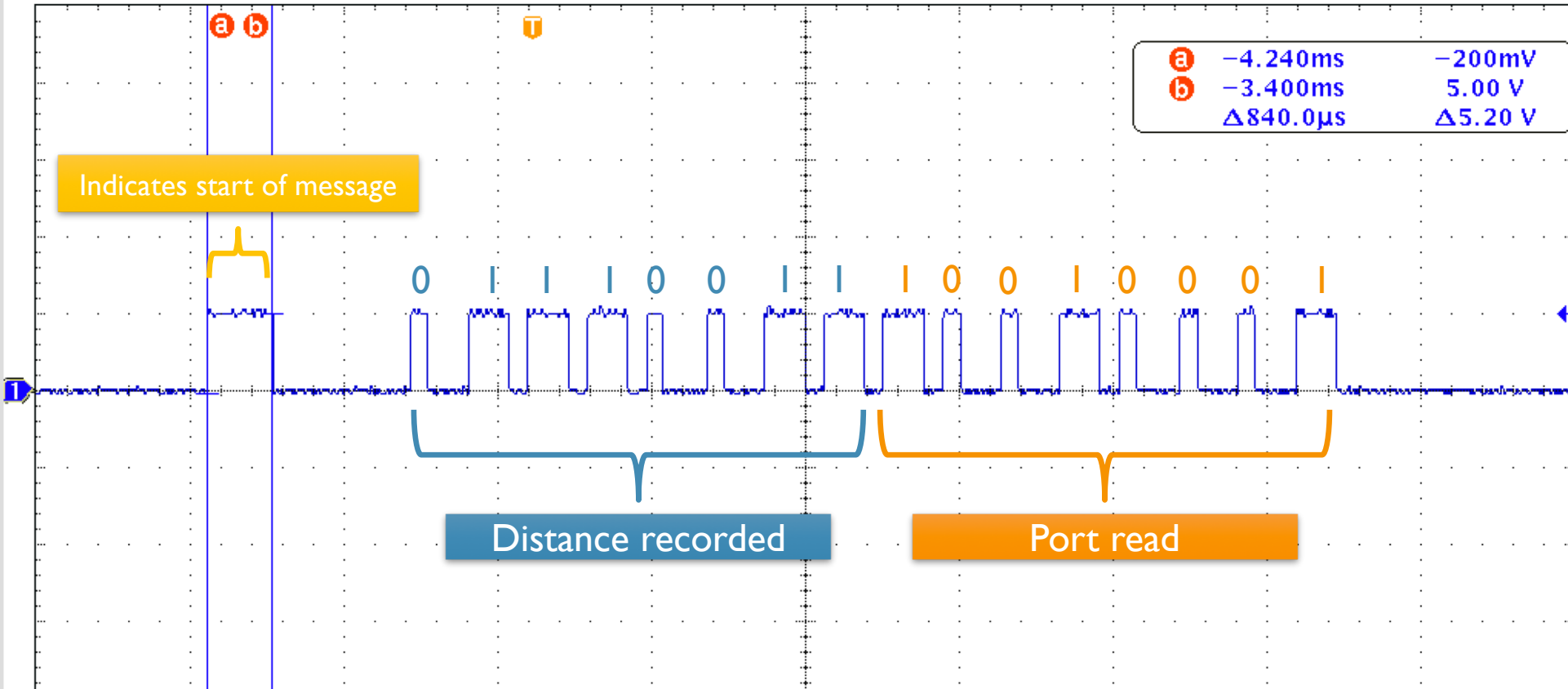
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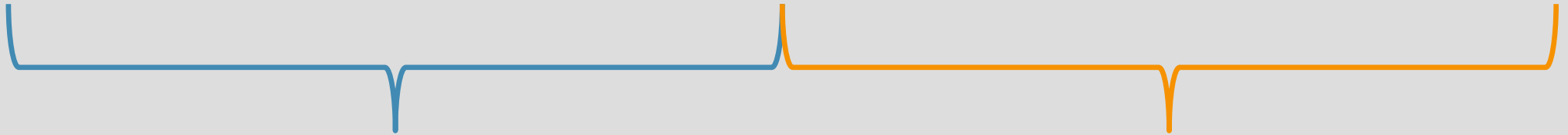
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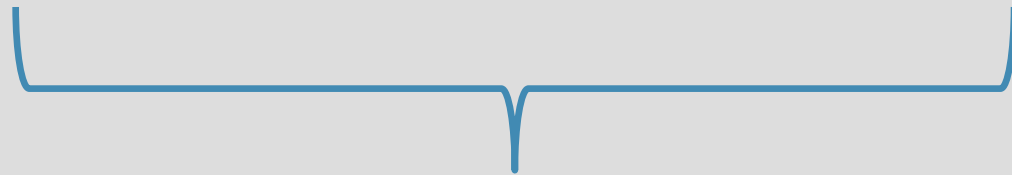
Distance recorded

Port read

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LSB

MSB



Distance recorded

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MSB LSB

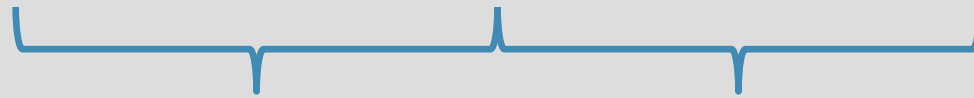


Distance recorded (dm)

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MSB

LSB

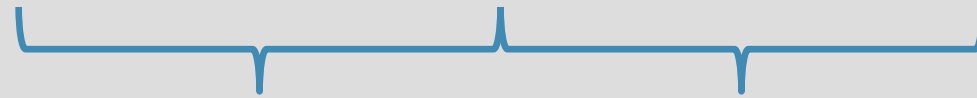


Whole value

Decimal value

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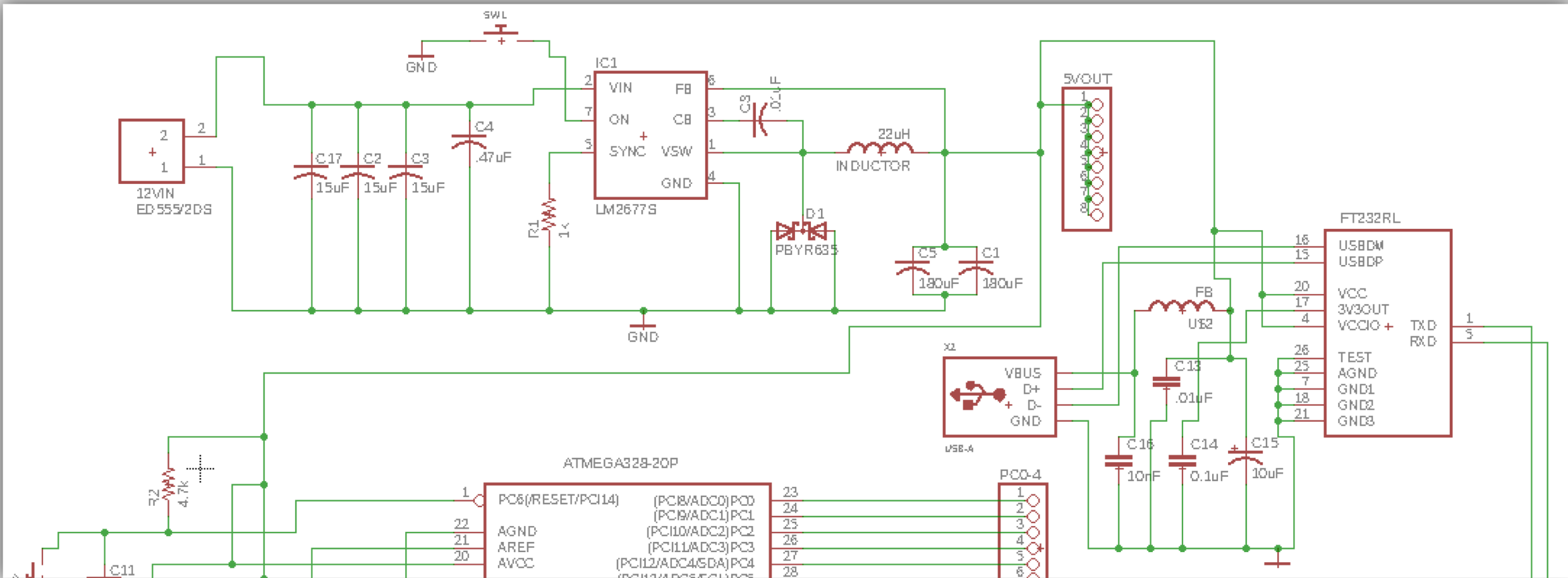
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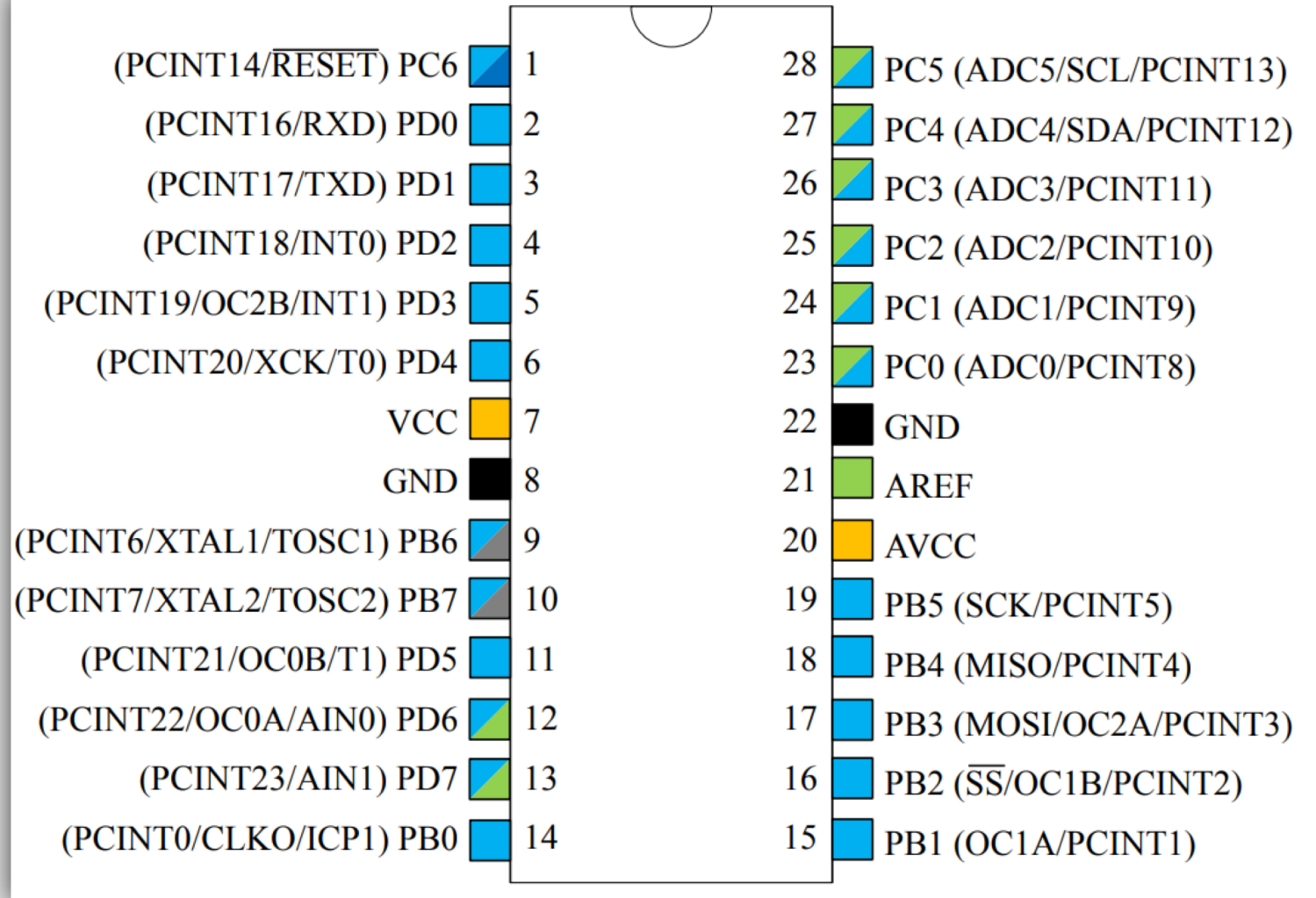
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3.1 meters



# ATMEGA328P MICROCONTROLLER

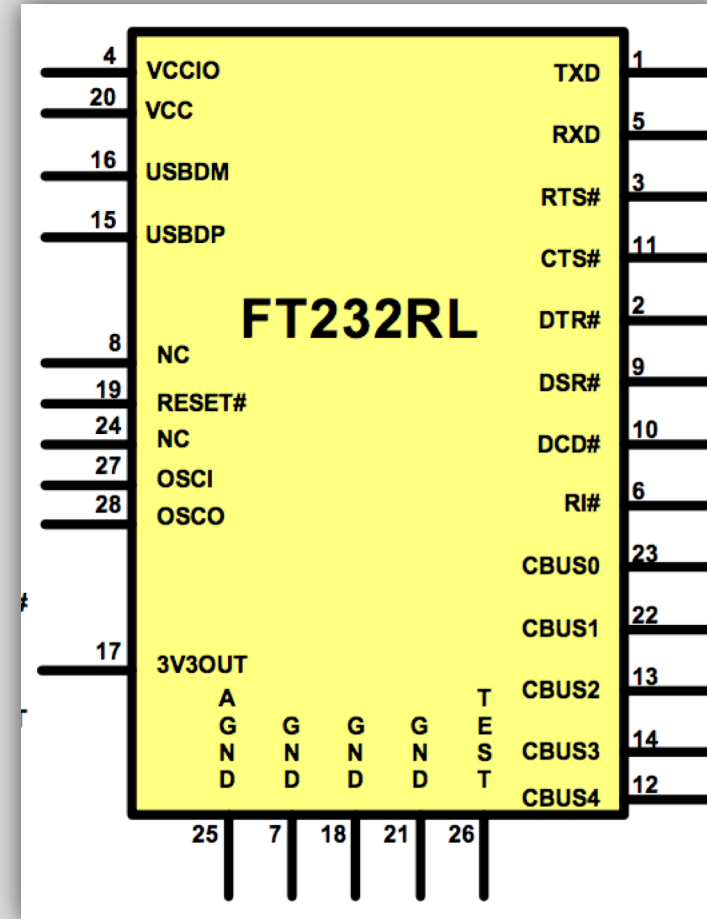
- 16 MHz external oscillator crystal used as clock frequency generator
- Programmable using Arduino Uno IDE
- Manually bootloaded
- Can be used for more in future



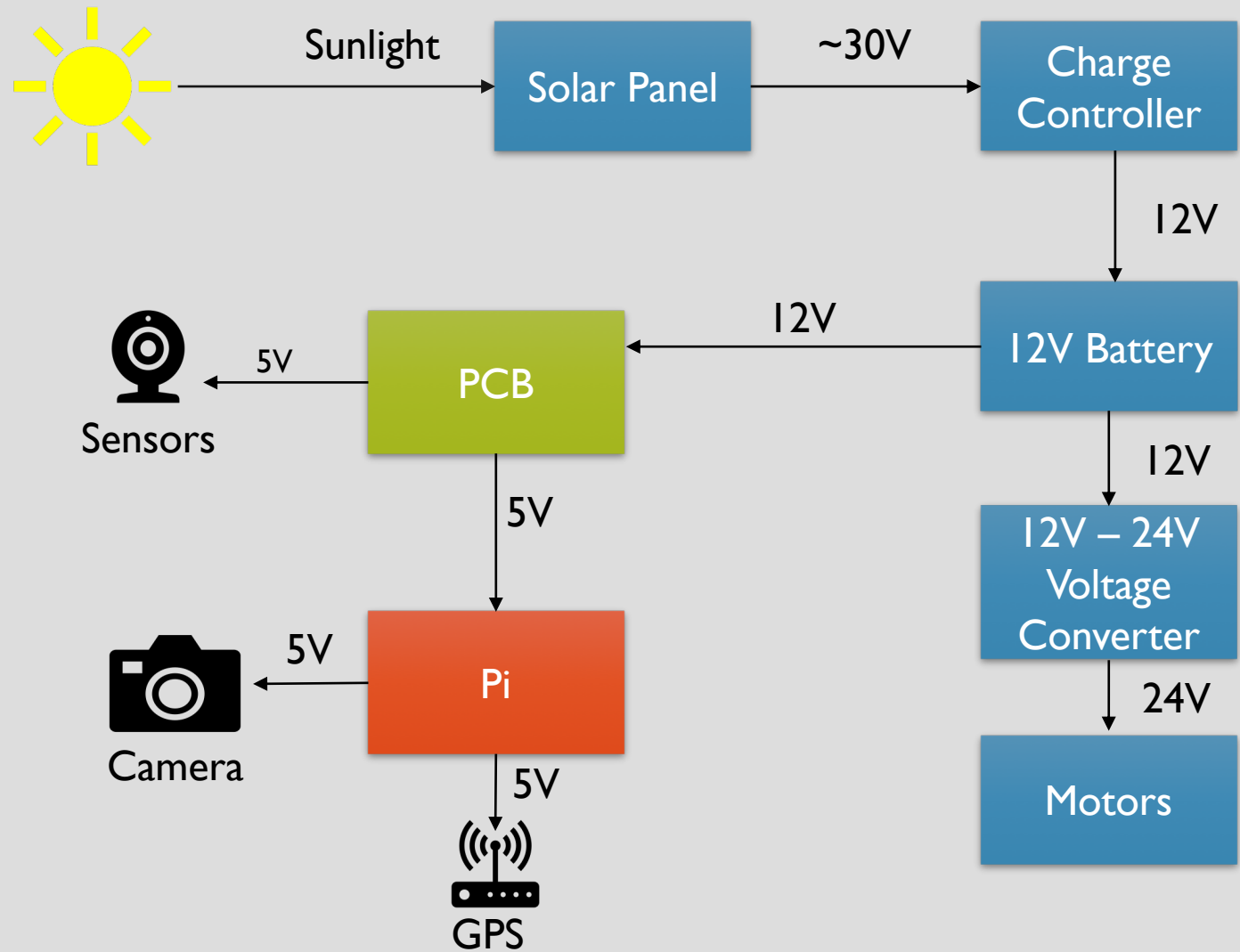


# FT232RL

- USB to serial UART interface
- Used to allow serial communication between ATmega328p and Raspberry Pi
- No external crystal required



# POWER SYSTEM DIAGRAM



# SOLAR PANEL

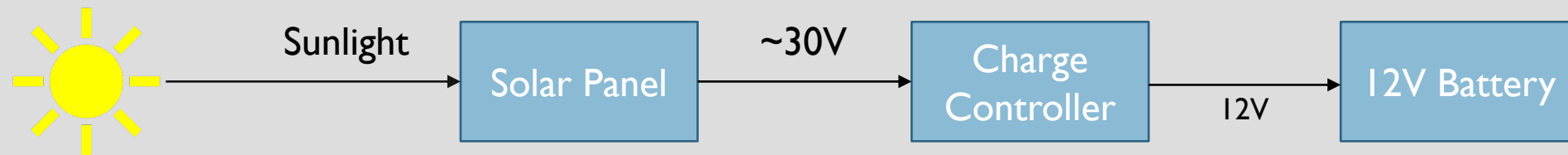
## *Suntech<sup>©</sup> Solar Panel*

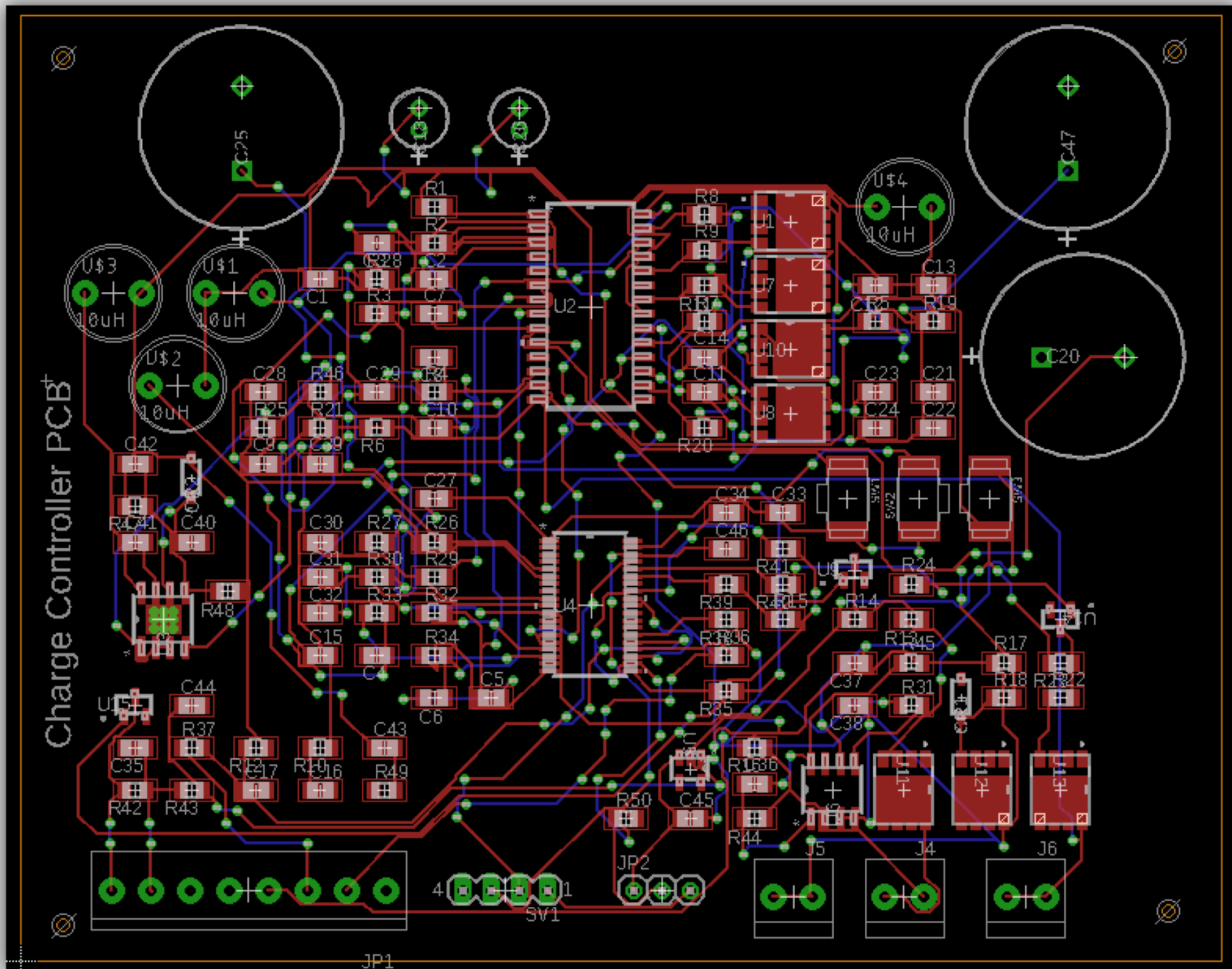
- Maximum Usage: 235W
- Maximum Current Output: 7.79 Amps
- Voltage Output: 30.16 V
- System will consume wattage from panel and battery simultaneously



# CHARGE CONTROLLER

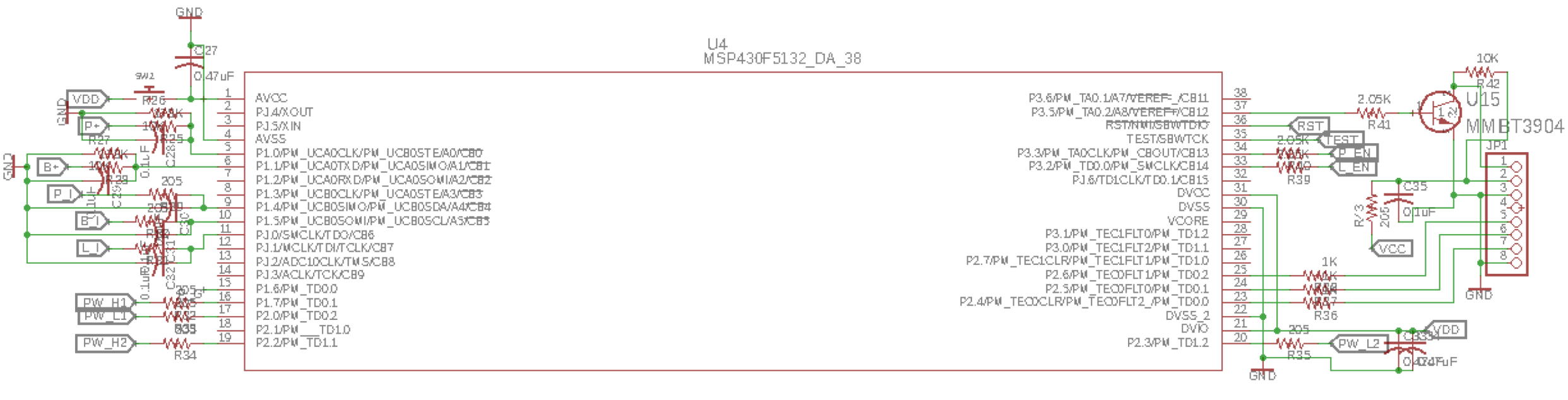
- 20A Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) solar charge controller
  - Finds the maximum power point on the I/V curve and tracks that point as sunlight conditions vary
- Based on Texas Instruments TIDA-00120
- More than 96% efficiency at full load in 12V and 24V systems



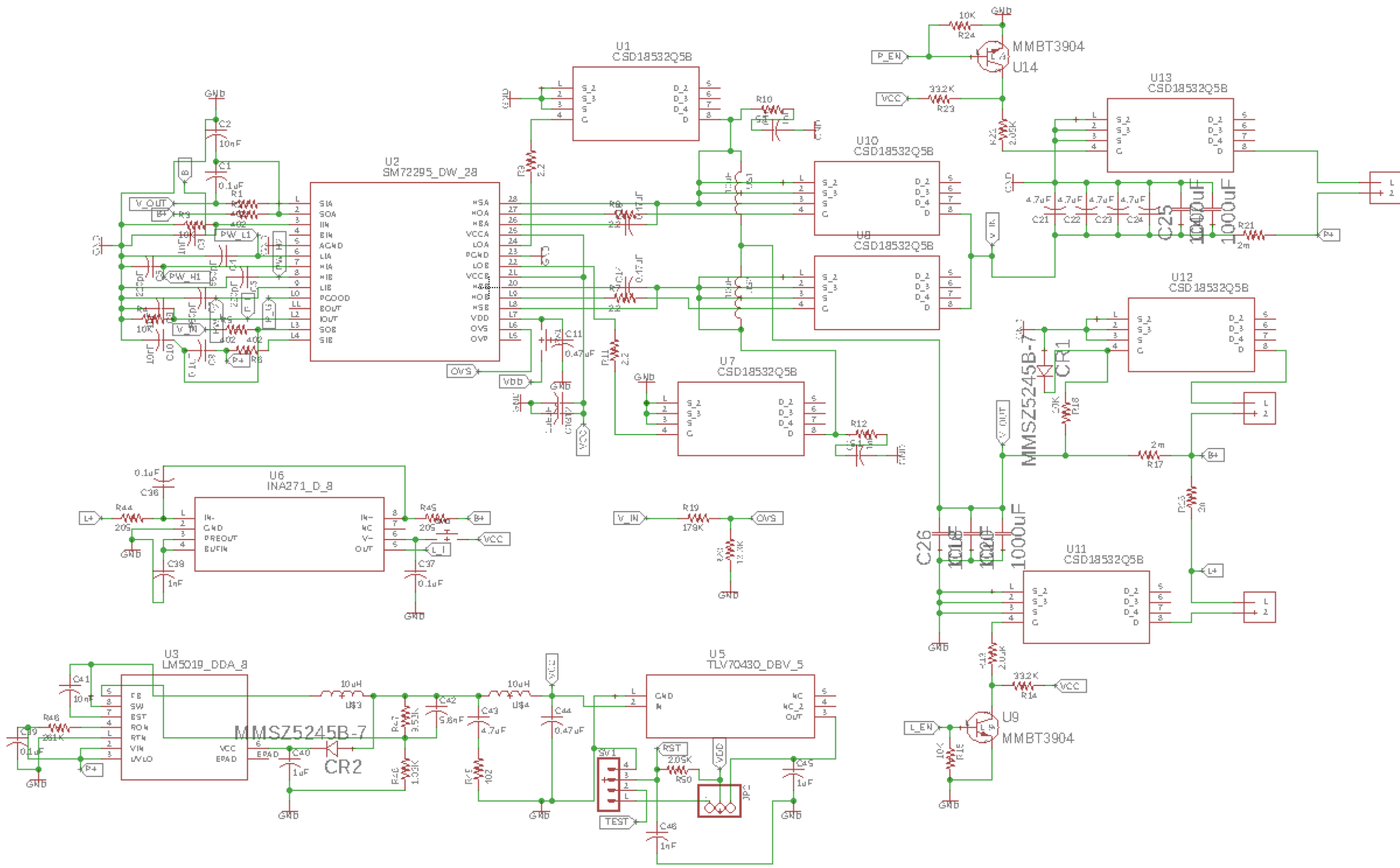


Charge Controller PCB

JP1



- *MSP430F5132 Mixed Signal Microcontroller*
- Preferred MCU for charge controller
- Ultra-low power consumption
- Easily programmable



## *TLV704*

- Low dropout voltage linear regulator
- Ideal power-management attachment to low-power microcontrollers
- Used to regulate power to MSP430

## *LM5019*

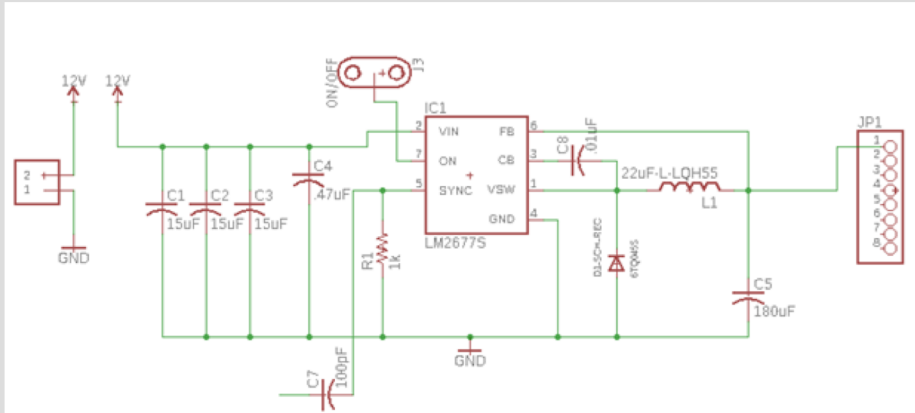
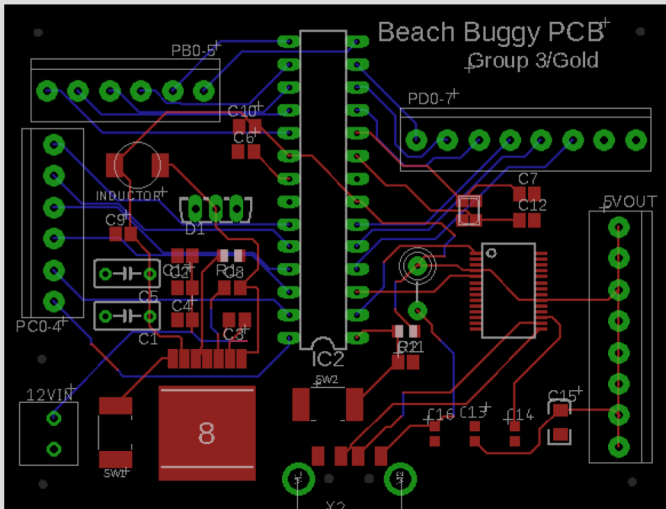
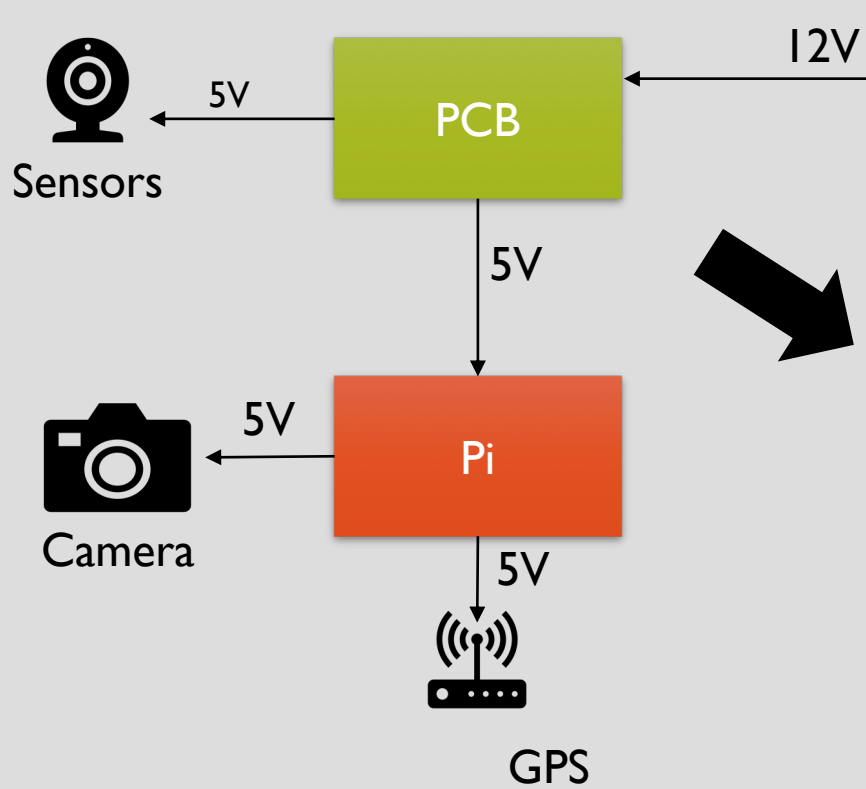
- Constant On-Time Synchronous Buck Regulator
- Minimizes output load variation

## *SM72295*

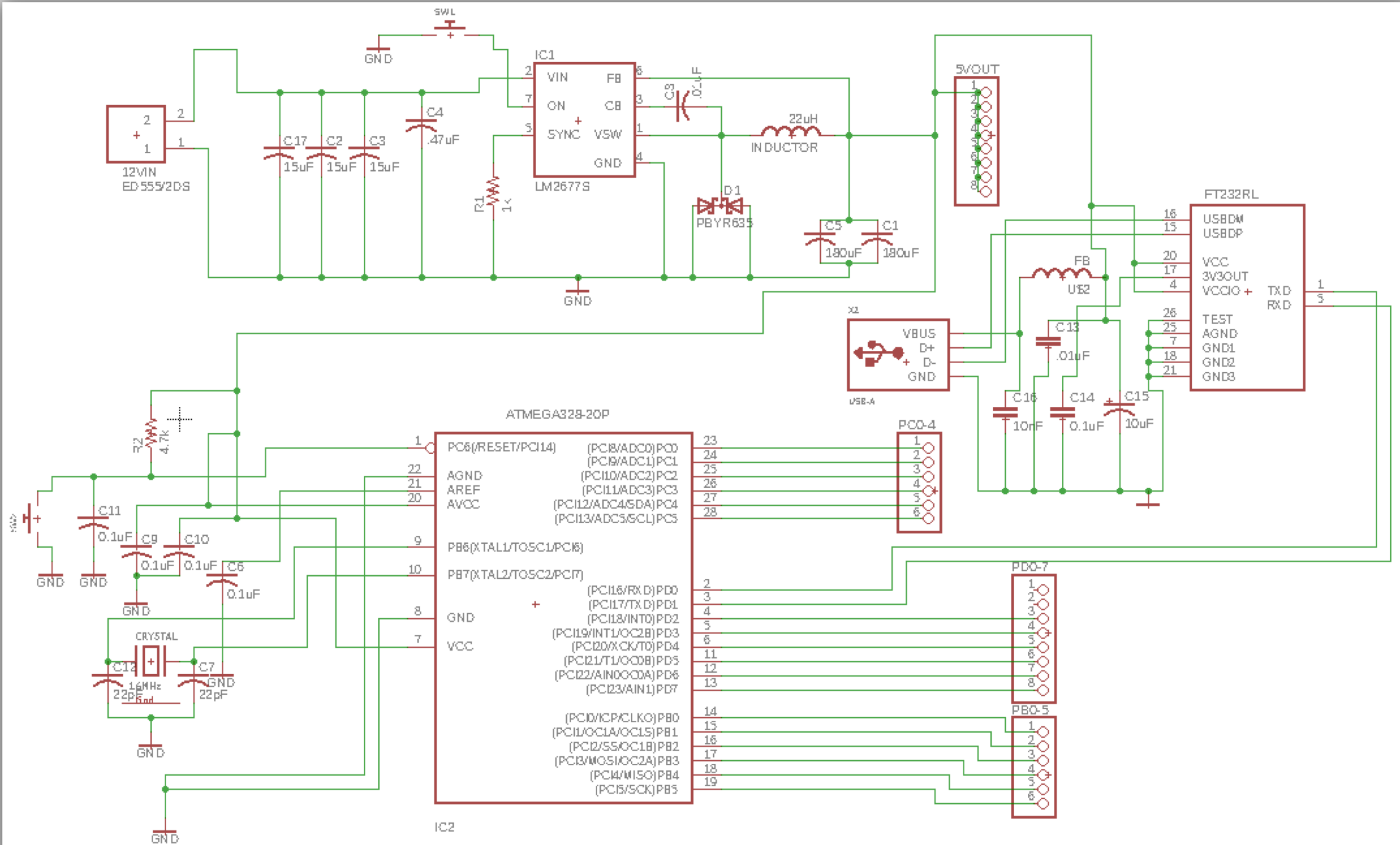
- Photovoltaic Full Bridge Driver
- Current sensing is provided by 2 amplifiers with externally programmable gain and filtering to
  - remove ripple current
  - provide average current DC information to the control circuit



# 12-5 VOLTAGE REGULATOR

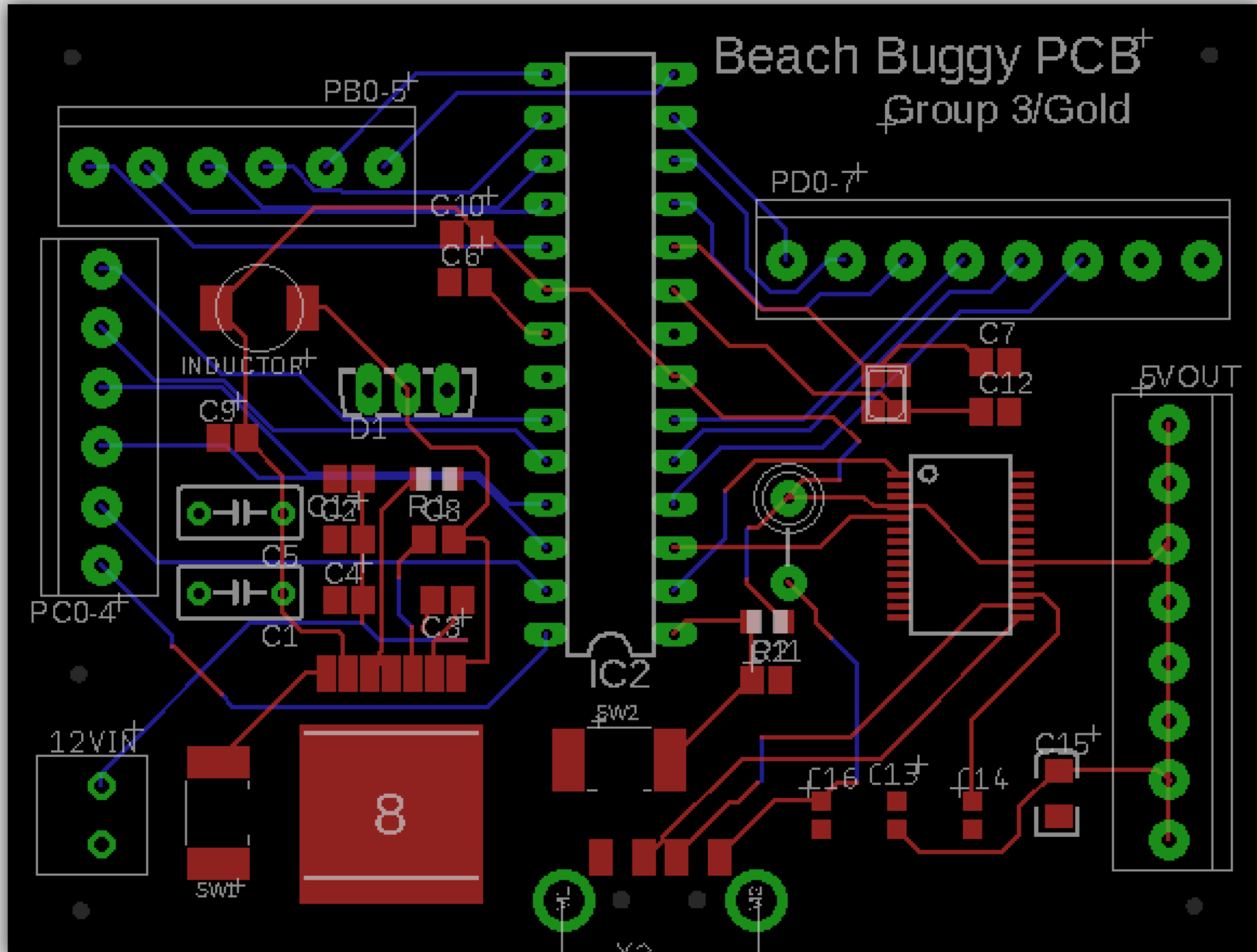


12v step down to 5v, 5A Buck Switching Regulator

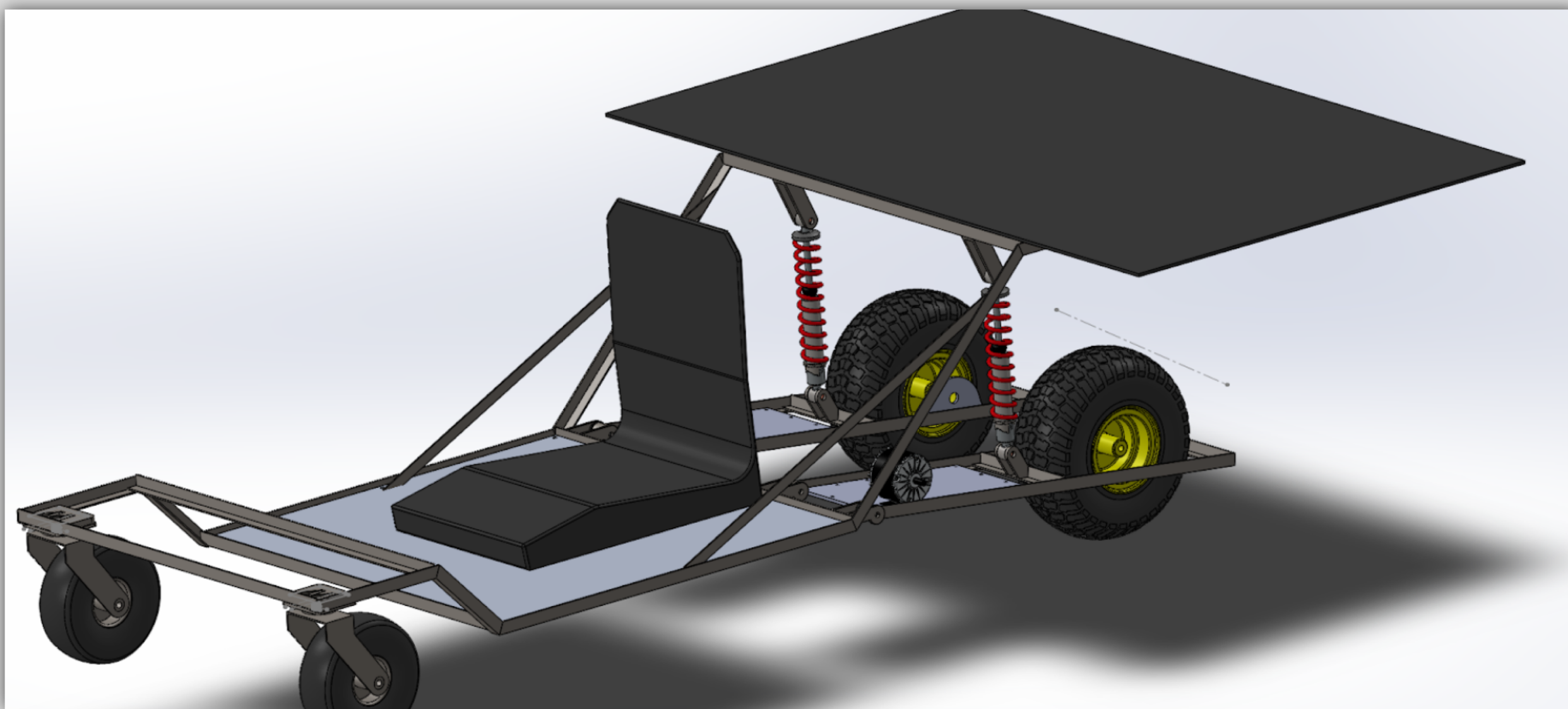


# Beach Buggy PCB<sup>+</sup>

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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>	



# CONSTRAINTS

- Financial constraints:
  - Fair distribution across mechanical/CS/ECE scopes
- Sensor Constraints
  - PIR reliability
  - Ultrasonic reliability
- Processing power constraints
  - ATmega328P vs Raspberry pi
- Environmental Constraints
  - Weather conditions/Sunlight intensity
  - Terrain of beach
  - Safety concerns



QUESTIONS?