D.E.A.R Drone

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Project Description

- D.E.A.R Drone is an autonomous delivery drone that will deliver a package of ½ pounds.
- The D.E.A.R drone will use sensors such, as GPS and a camera to ensure the package makes it to the destination safely.
- Our mission is to help streamline supply chains to get people their products faster

Specs

Specifications	
Payload Weight	0.5 Pounds
Battery Capacity	6000mAH
Flight time	20min(+-10 vertical)
Field of view	60 degree horizonal
Range of view	.5-10feet
Measuring Frequency	10Hz
Autopilot	PX4

Requirements

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2.4: Drone needs to have the ability to be manually overwritten when encountering critical failure	~1sec

Requirements Continued

Requirement #3: Payload	
3.1: The drone should be able to carry a 0.5lb payload	0.5 Pounds
3.2: The drone should be able to safely drop a payload in the delivery zone	Within 10 Feet
3.3: Drones servos should be able to hold and release package on command	NA

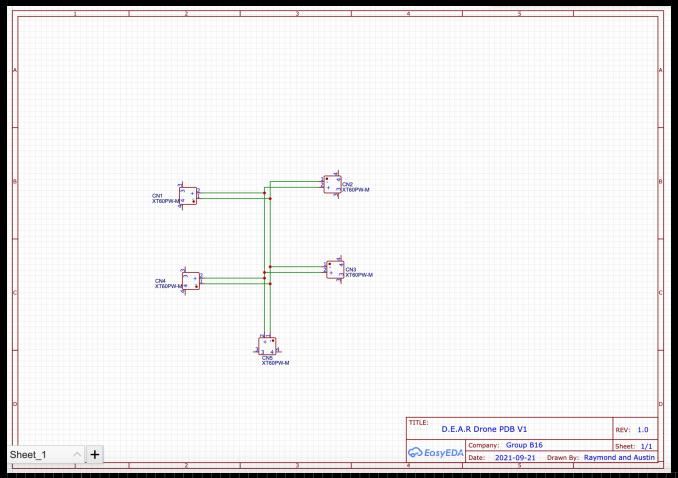
Requirement #4: Sensor I/O	
4.1: The drone should avoid obstacles in flight path using onboard sensors	NA
4.2: Intake data from sensors package onboard Navio 2	NA
4.3: Intake data from Camera and Ultra Sonic sensor	NA

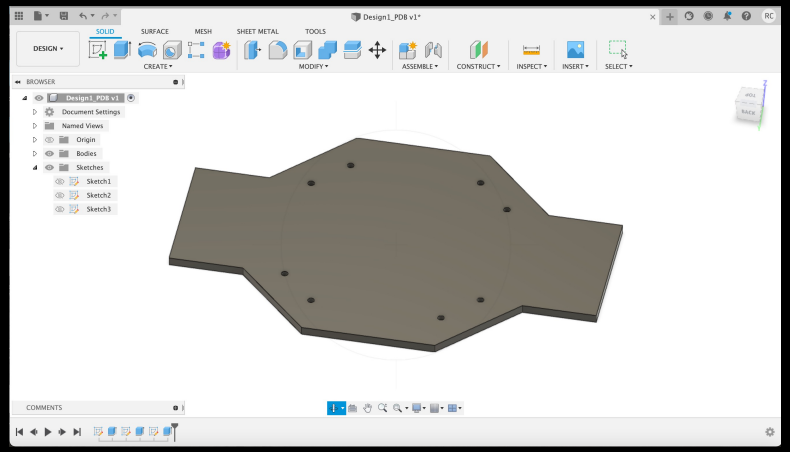
Standards

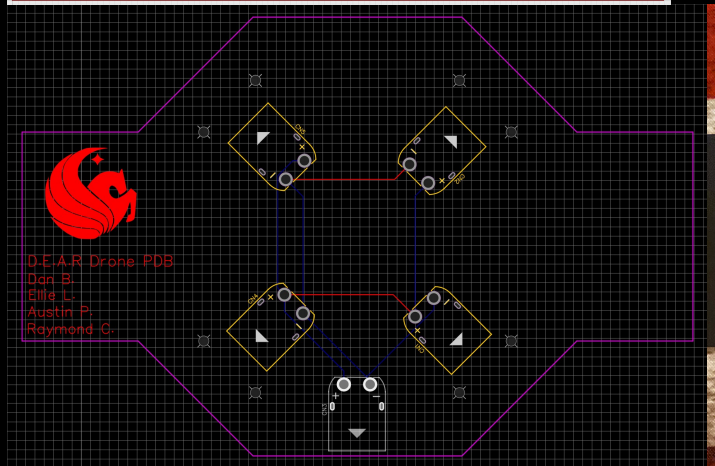
Standard	Component
IPC-2221 PCB Standard	PCB design and manufacturing
NFPA Electrical Safety Standards	Safety standards for electrical components
PEP8	Python style guide
IEEE standard 802.ac/n	Wi-Fi
Batteries IEEE 485-2010	Standard for Lead Acid and LiPo Batteries
FAA part 107 UAS	Drone Flight

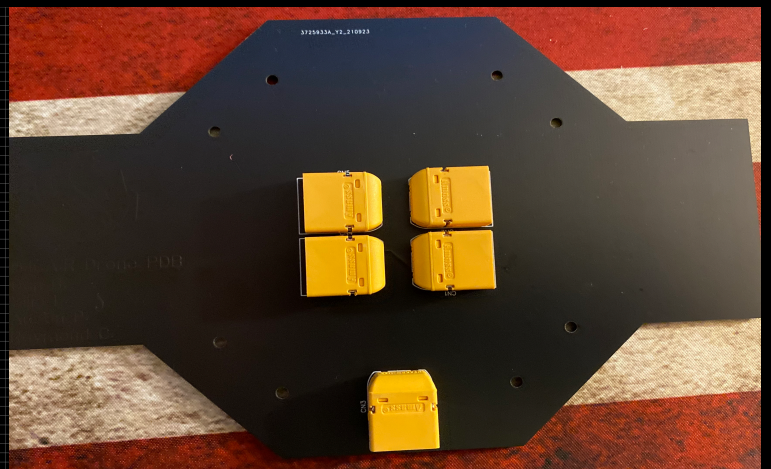
PCB Design

- Power Distribution Board
  - Send 11V evenly to all our ECS's









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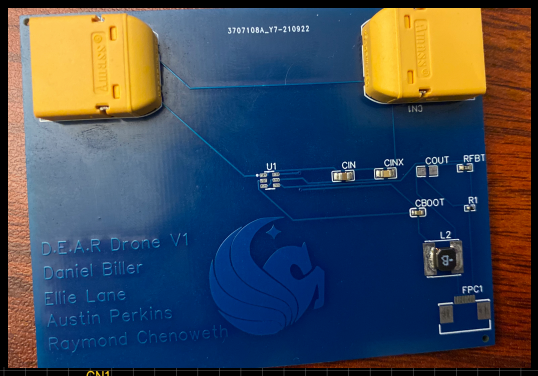
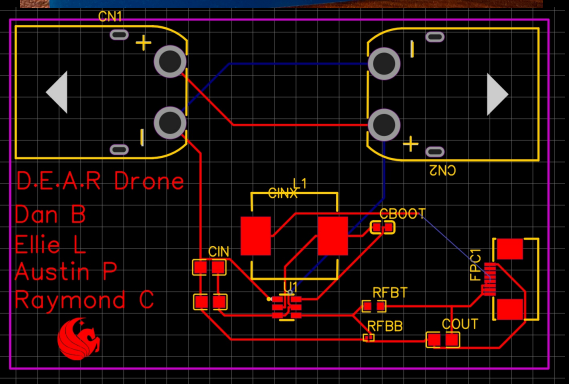
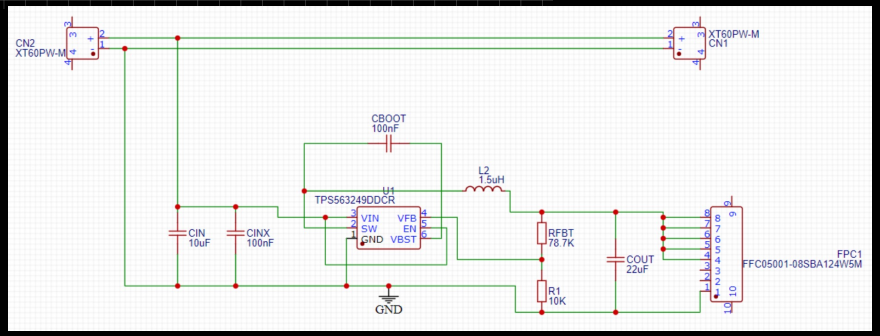


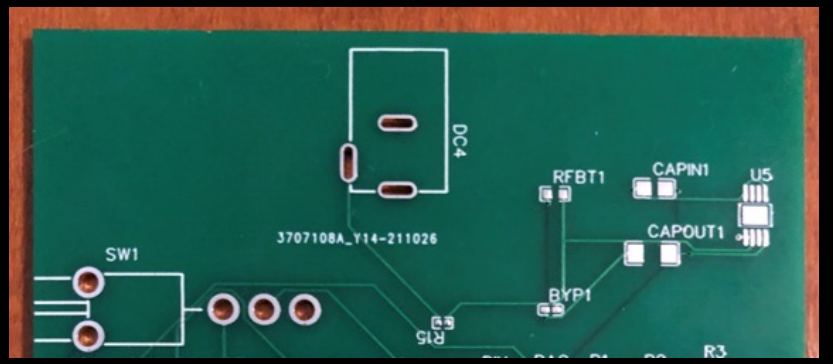


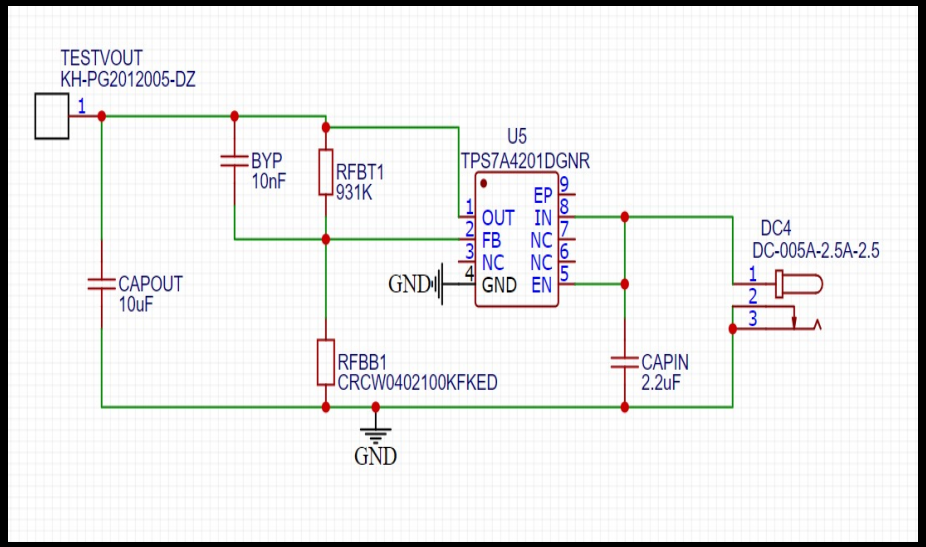
- Power Module
  - Sends 11V to our power distribution board
  - Steps down 11V to 5V and 2.5mA for the flight controller
  - XT60 to XT60 connection

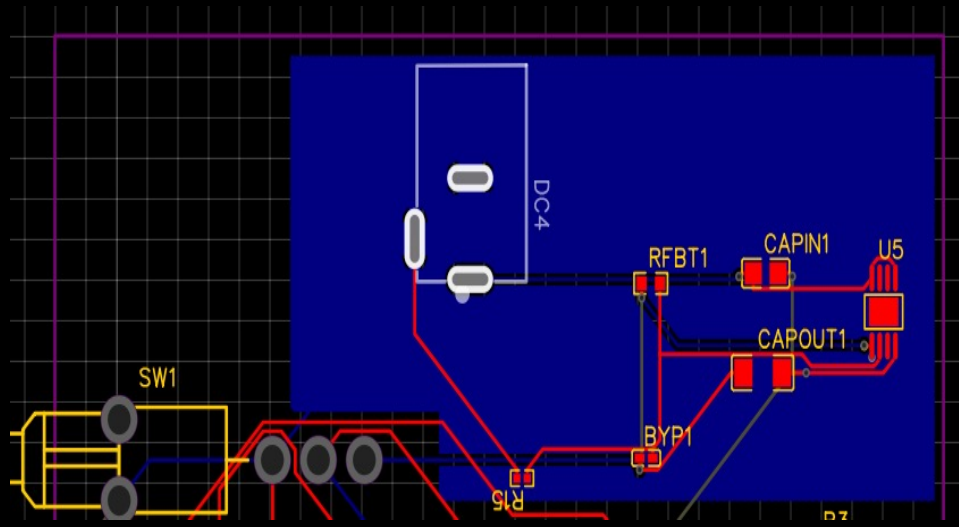


PCB Schematic [DC-DC Converter]

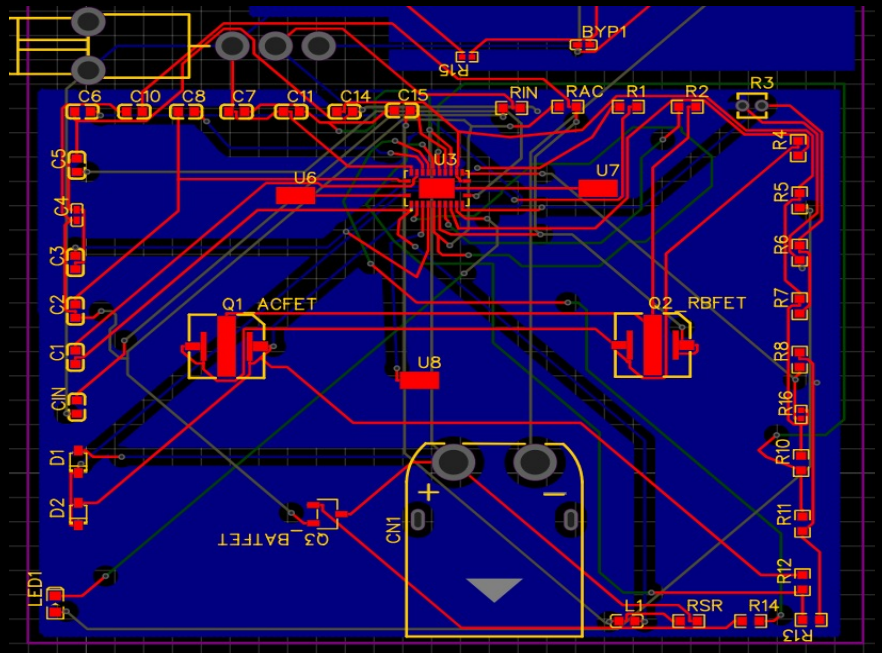
- DC-DC Converter
- Barrel Jack/ Laptop Charger
- Input DC Power 19V
- Output to Battery IC 12V at 1.5mA

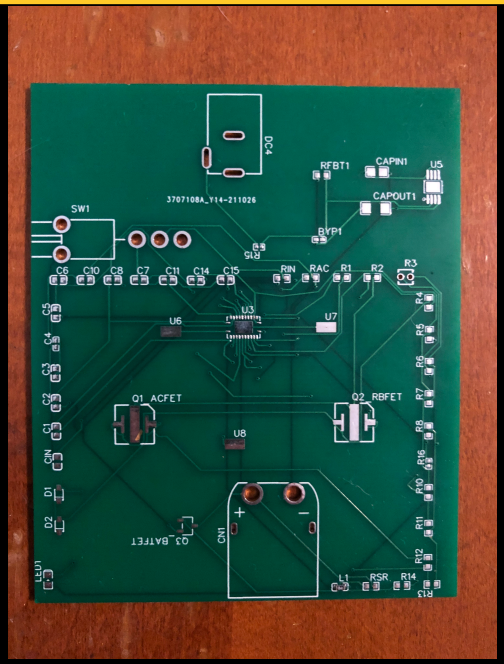






PCB Schematic [Battery Management IC]

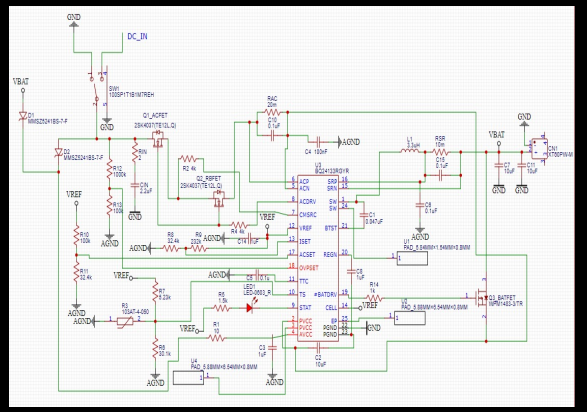




- The design of the Battery Management system was done using the “Typical Application” provided by the Datasheet

- Main Chip BQ24133RGYR and other major components were on 52 week back order so supply chain issues caused us not to have board in time.

- Using this aspect of our chip, we can charge 3 Cells at one time, protect them, and manage them, it was an ideal choice.



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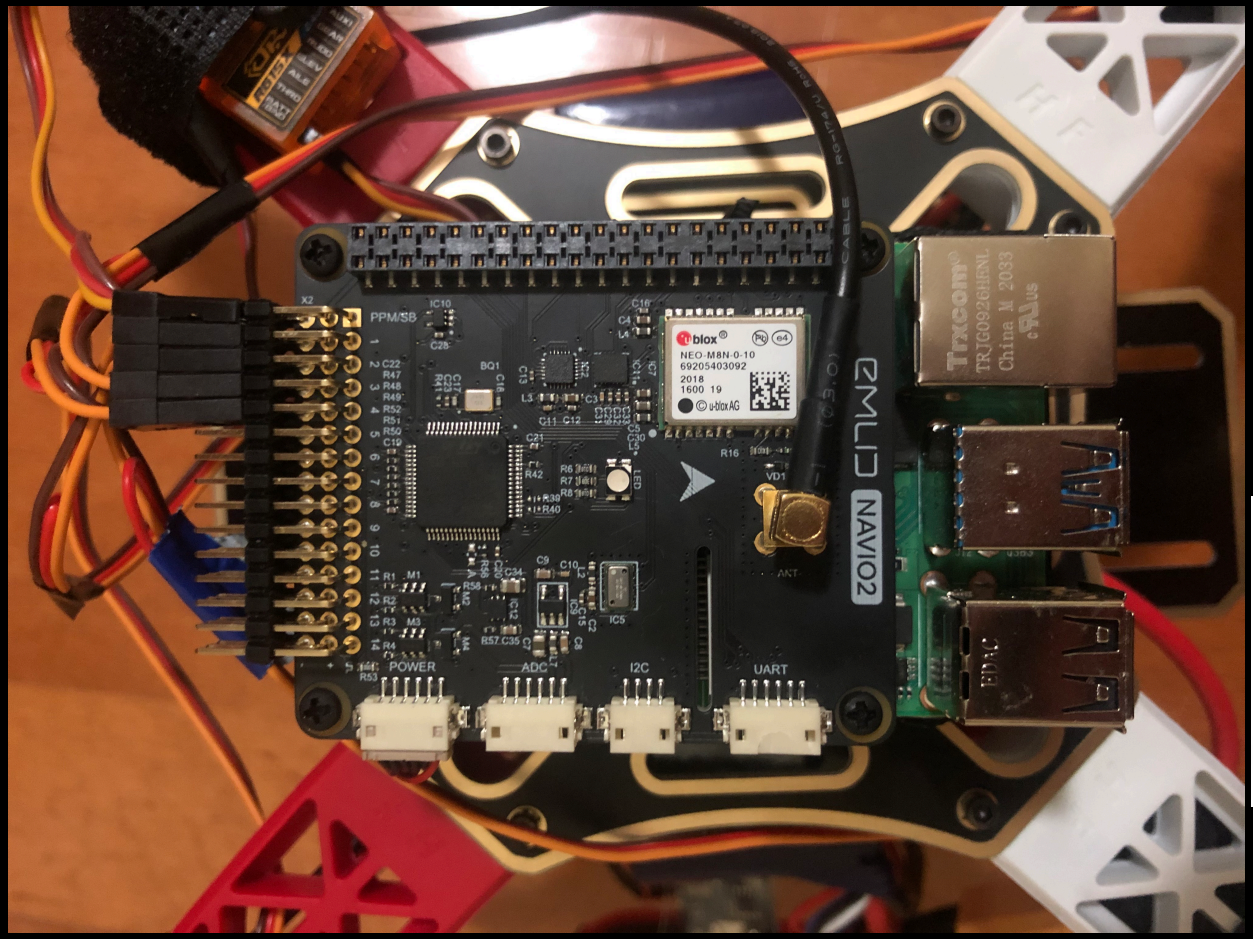
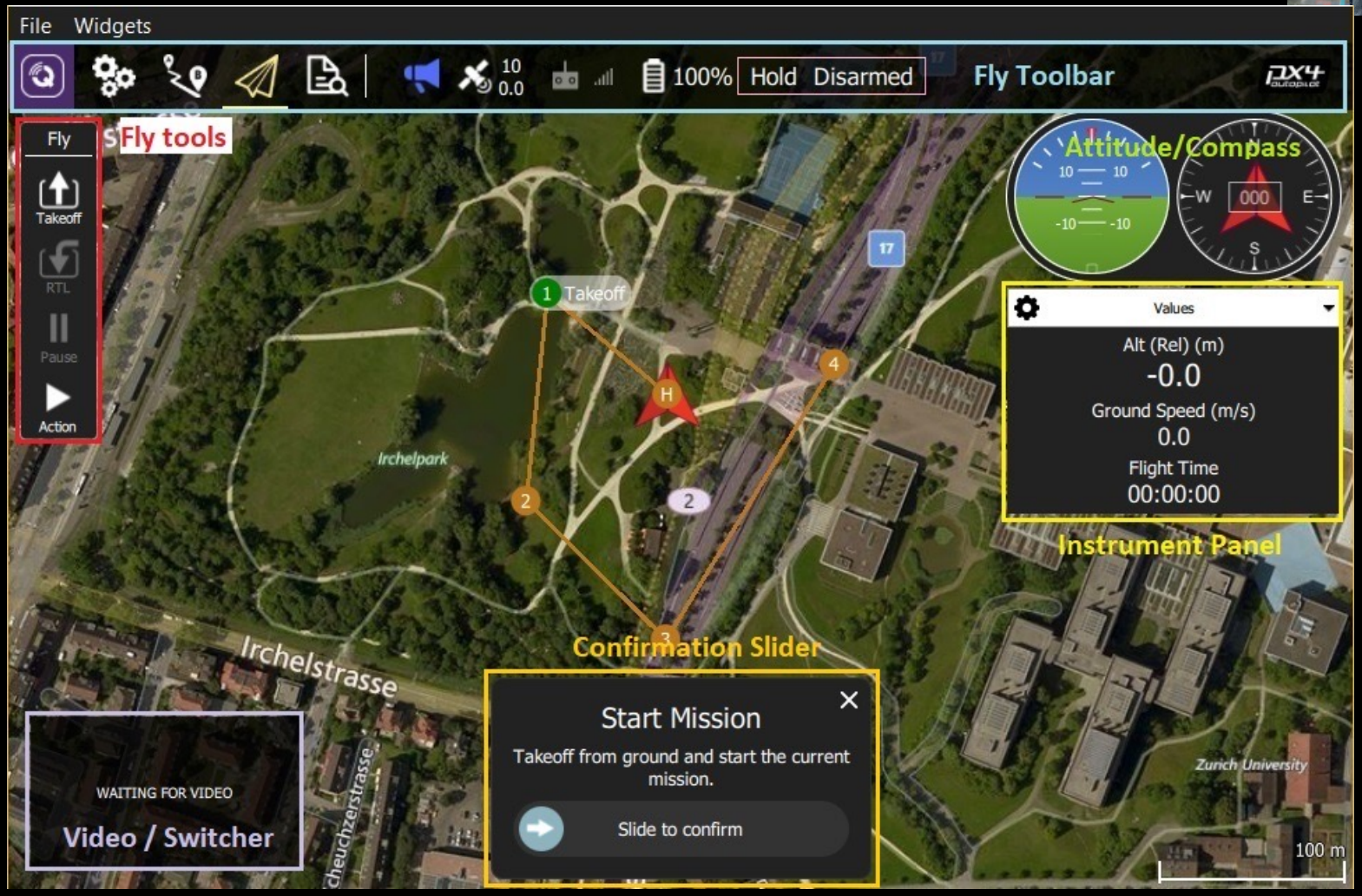
Flight Controller

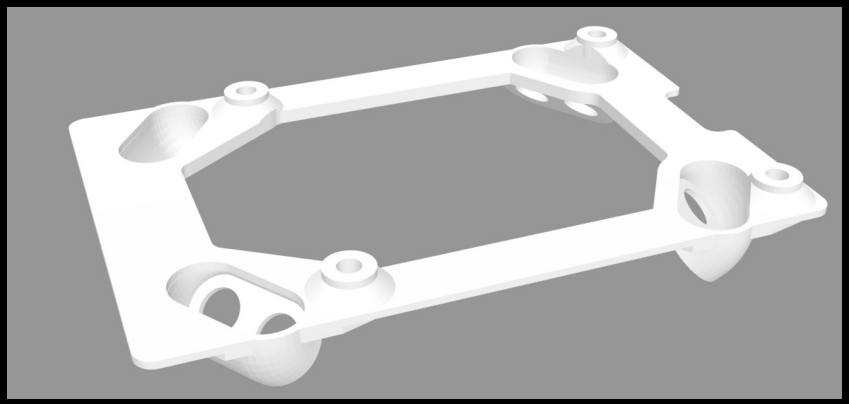


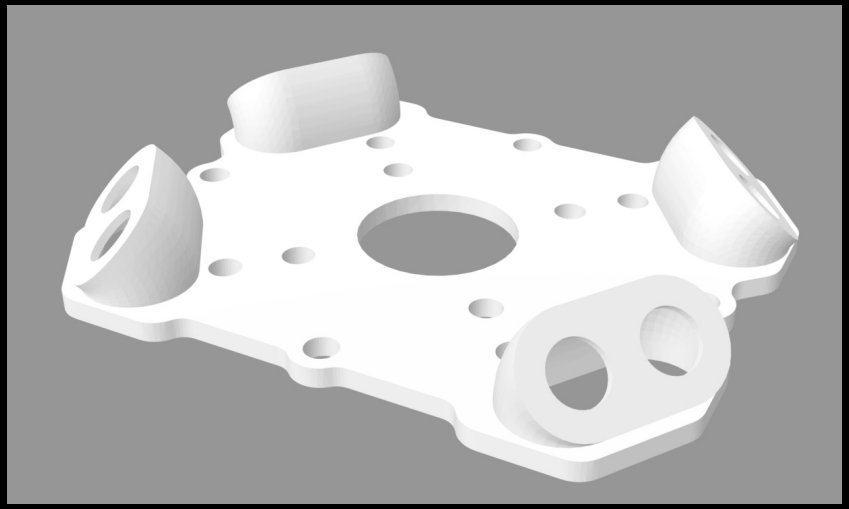
px4 autopilot

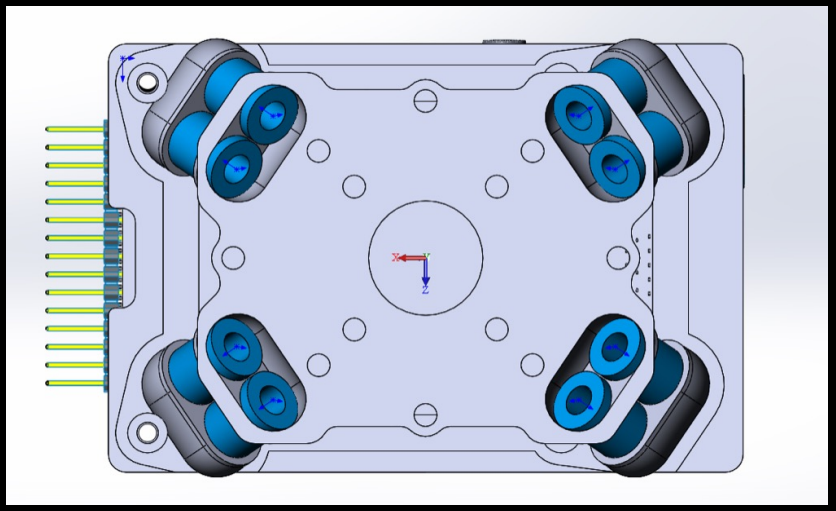
QGroundControl



Vibration Dampening Mount







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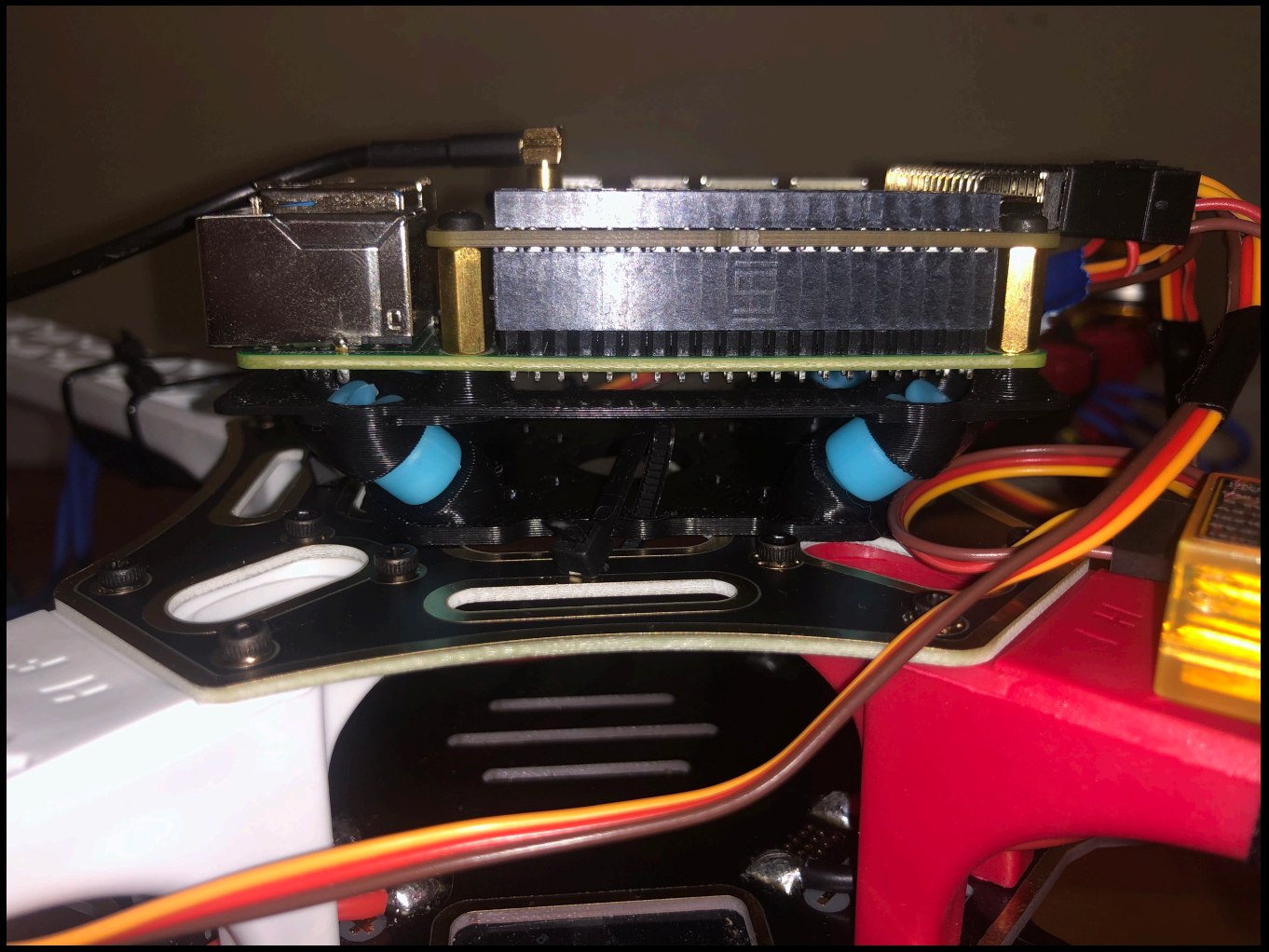

Without Vibration Mount

With Vibration Mount

Calibrations Check

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QGroundControl

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Selected Waypoint
Alt diff: 164.0 ft Azimuth: 0 Distance: 0.0 ft
Gradient: -.- Heading: 0

Total Mission
Distance: -.- Max telem dist: 339 ft
Time: 00:00:00

Upload Required

Plan
Fly
File
Takeoff
Waypoint
ROI
Pattern
Return
Center

Mission | Fence | Rally

Mission Start

Takeoff

Launch from the ground and travel towards the specified takeoff position.

Move 'T' Takeoff to the climbout location.

Ensure clear of obstacles and into the wind.

Done

Survey

Survey

Return To Launch

T Takeoff

3

24

25 ft

Height AMSL (ft)
232.6
162.6
92.7
22.7
0.0
65.6
131.2
196.9
262.5

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Survey

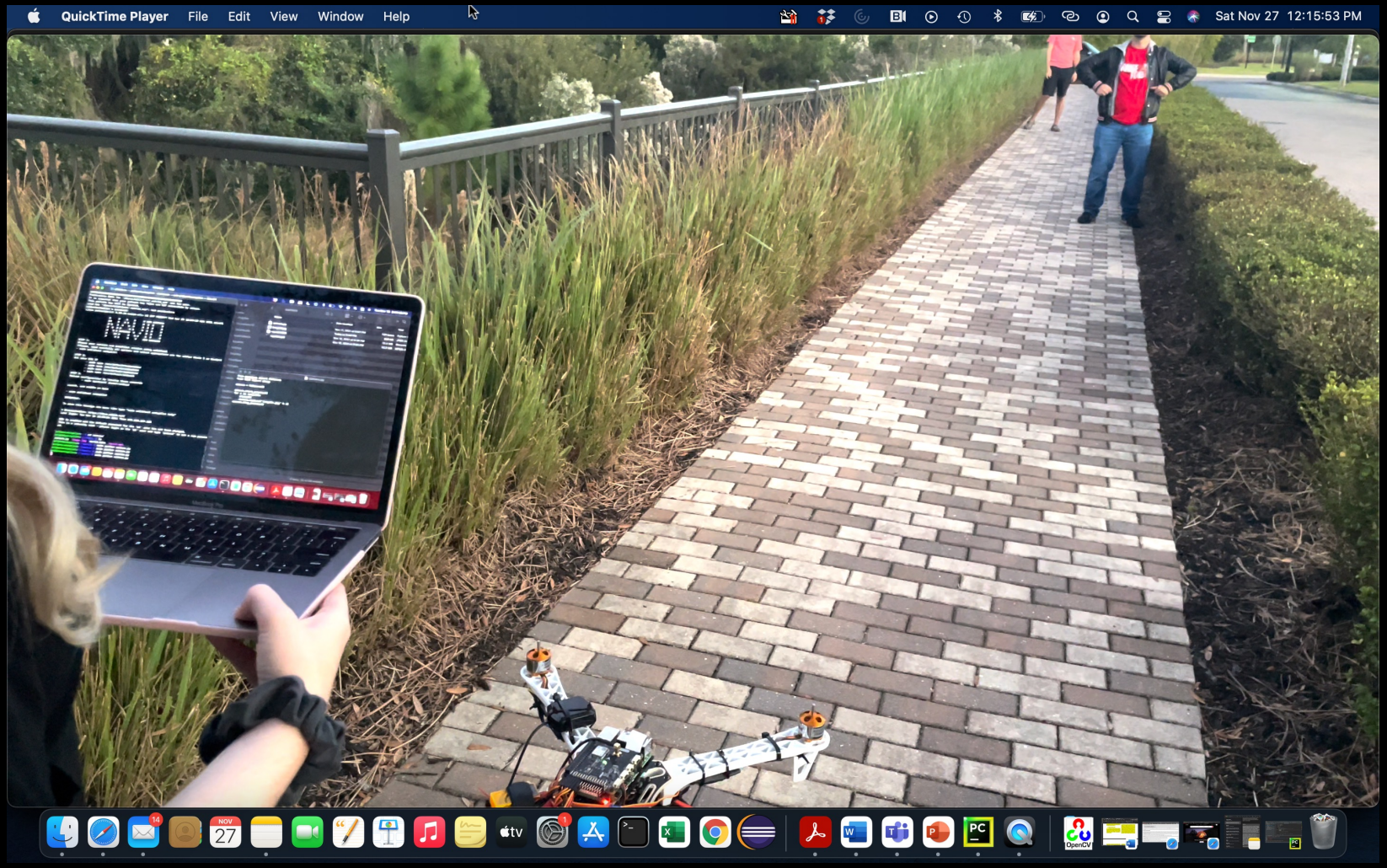
Crash #1

Video of Override

Flight Demo

Landing Demo

Camera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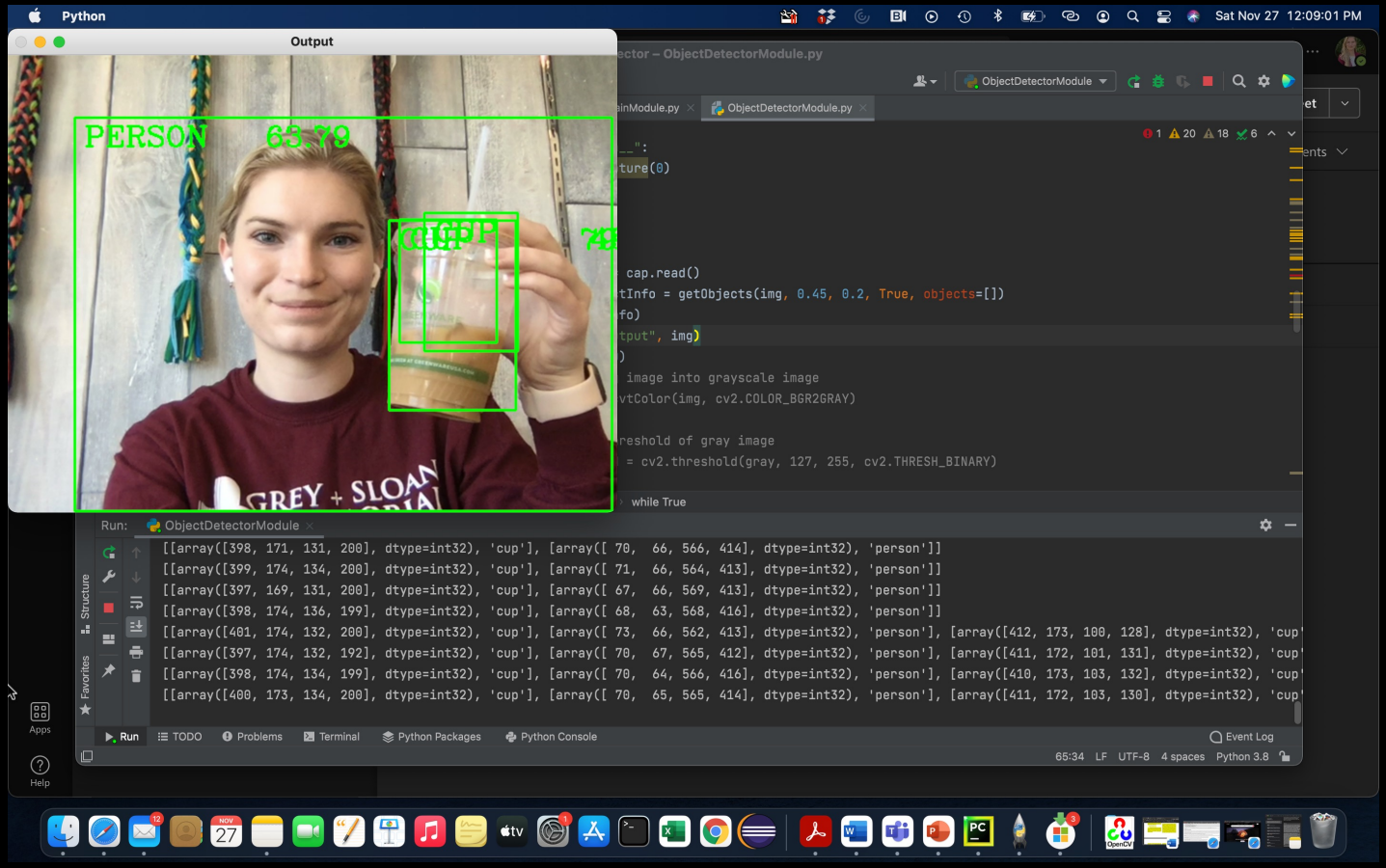
Recognizing Landing Zone - OpenCV



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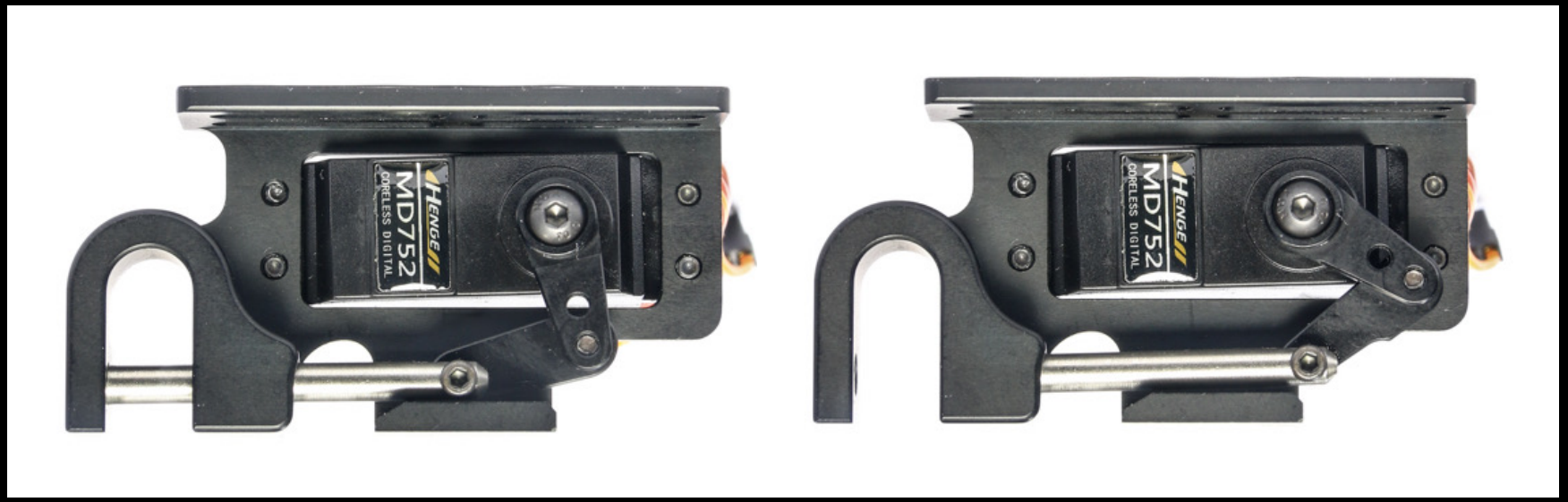

Package Release Mechanism

½ Pound Payload

Challenges

- Hardware
  - Components Available
  - Manufactures
  - Shipping Time
  - Rebuilding Drone
- Software
  - Setting up development environment
  - Communication between components and and code
- Overall Challenge
  - Self-Funded
  - Crashes
  - Weather

Lessons Learned

- Hardware
  - Fusion 360
  - EasyEDA/JLCPCB
  - Battery Protection
- Software
  - Flight Firmware/Software
  - QGroundControl
  - Computer Vision
- Overall Lessons
  - Attention to detail
  - Collaboration
  - Adapting

Thank you!

Q&A

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