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Virtual Design Review 4

Team 515 – Controllable CVT Device

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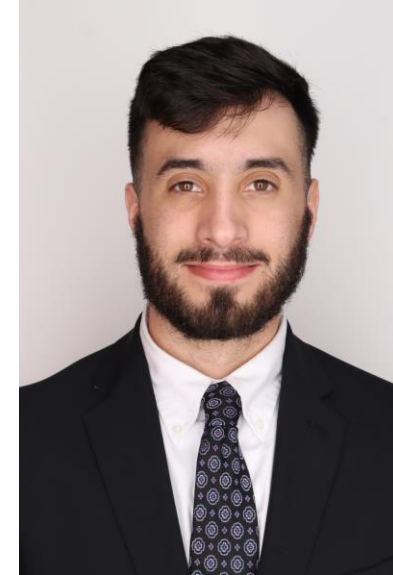
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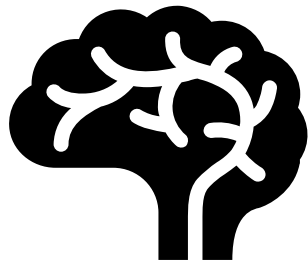
Objective

The objective of this project is to enhance the education of haptic robotics by creating a device using continuously variable transmissions (CVTs). The device is intended to utilize computer control and move through various positions to produce accurate output motion.

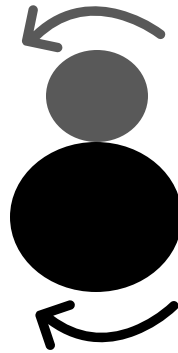


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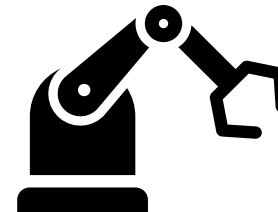
The primary goal of this project is to utilize CVT technology to present to STEM-curious students:



General autonomous robotic technology



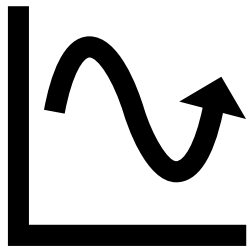
The mechanical principle of CVT's



The use of CVT's in robotics

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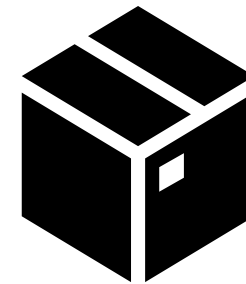
Other key design goals have been and still are:



Precise, autonomous
two-dimensional
movement



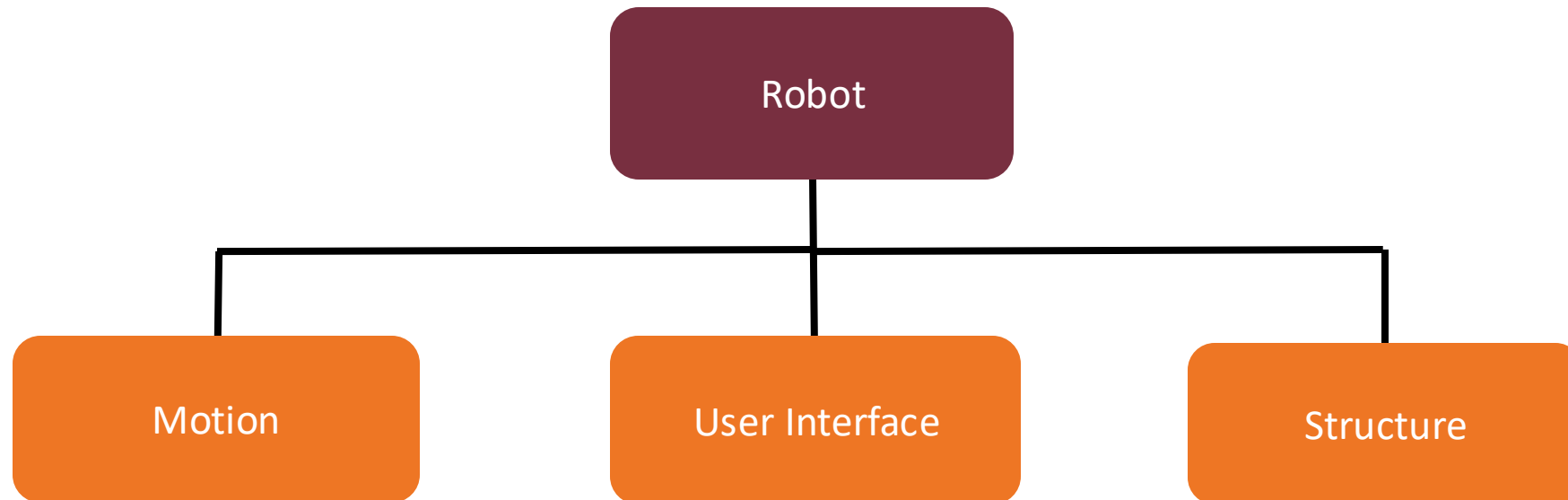
Customizable, well-
displayed, and
engaging output



Use in multiple
locations

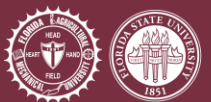
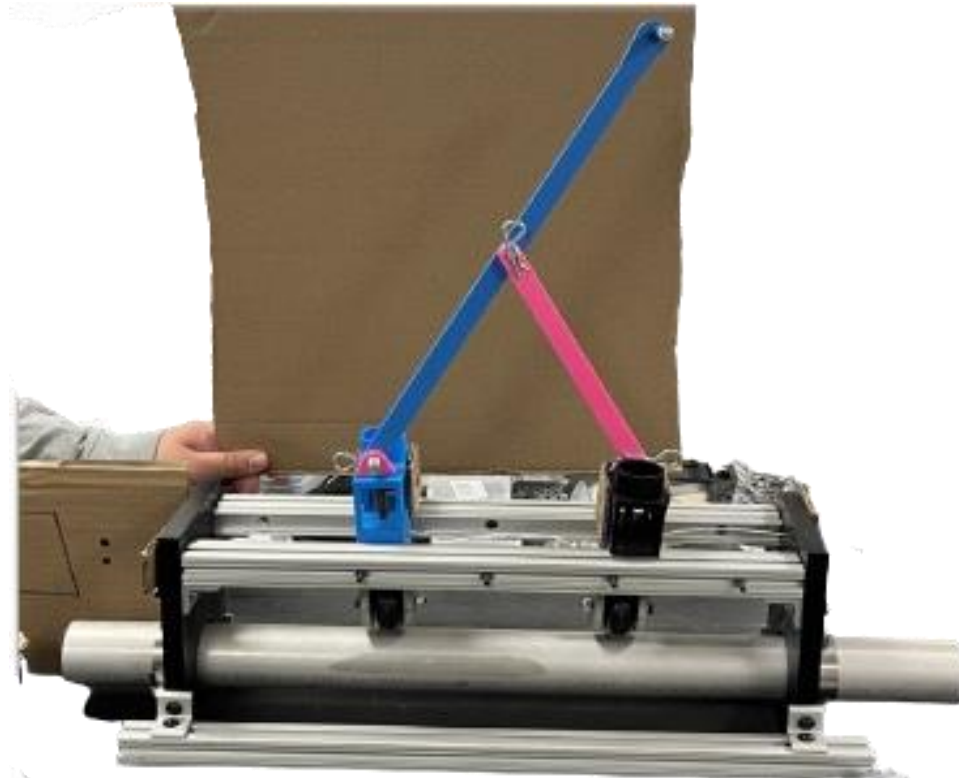
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Three main systems are employed:



Proposed Concept

The selected concept from Fall Semester utilizes two-dimensional motion to create an interactive guessing game using light.

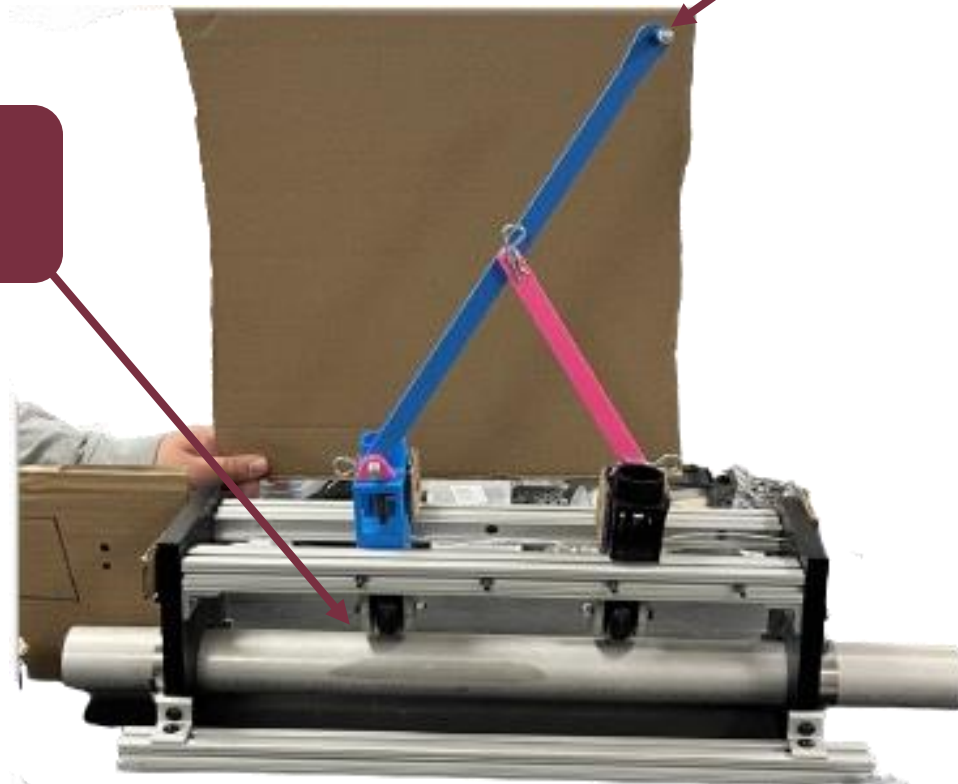


However

Sensing and control design was underdeveloped

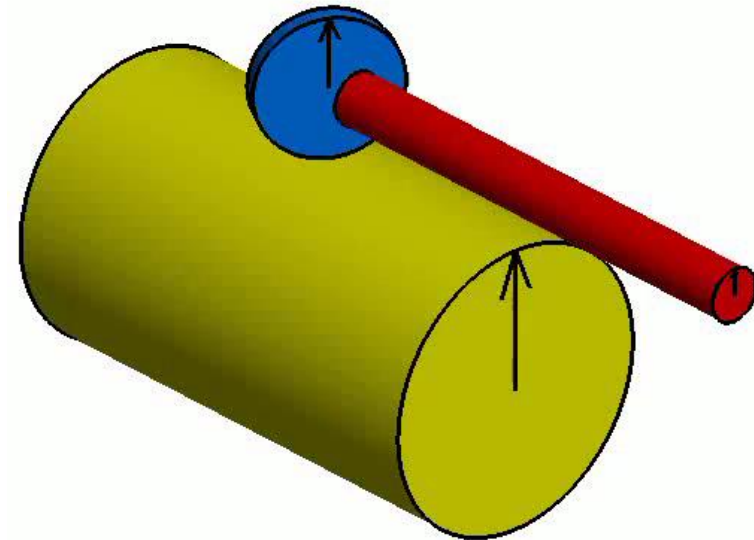
Linkage design was neglected

Rolling material choice was left unverified



What Has Been Done? Motion System: Rolling Member Material Selection:

- Need for both rolling and slip drives material selection
- A design friction coefficient of 0.215 was previously calculated
- Material hardness is also a consideration



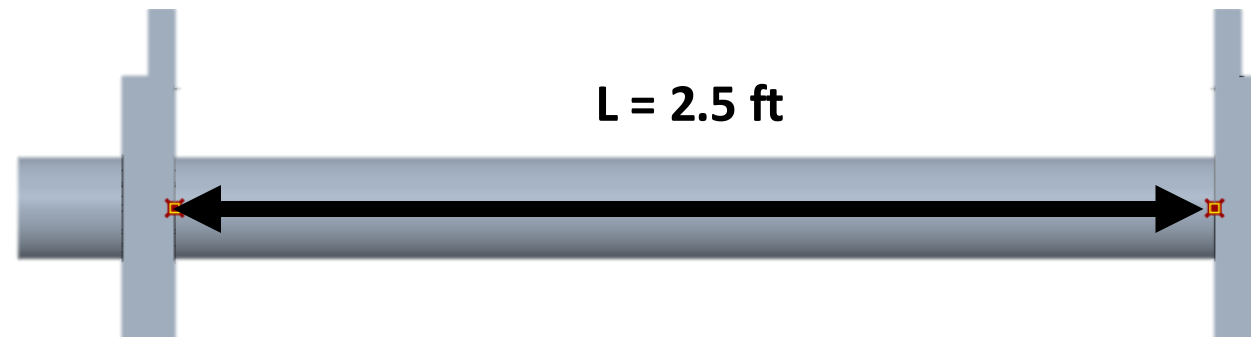
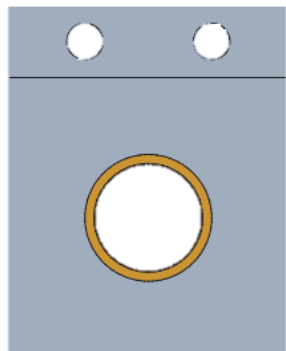
What Has Been Done? Motion System: Rolling Member Material Selection

- A Polyurethane wheel - PVC cylinder combination was originally proposed, but:
 - Determining a friction coefficient was difficult
 - Previous issues showed a harder material was needed
- Nylon and Aluminum showed to be great candidates for materials (μ near 0.3)
- A 2" diameter Nylon wheel (left) and 3" diameter Aluminum cylinder (right) has been selected



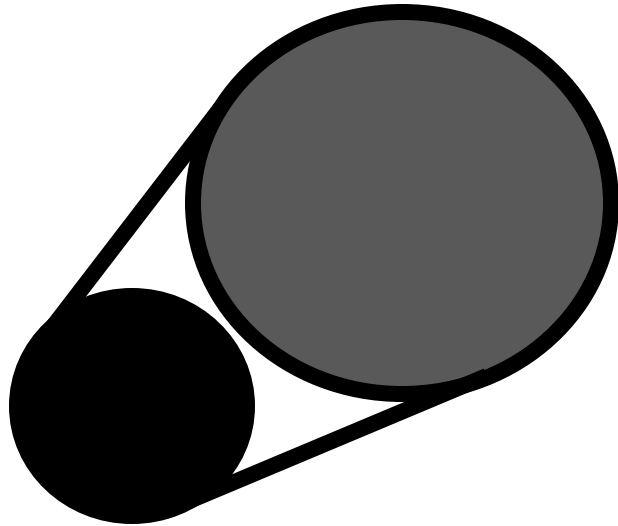
What Has Been Done? Motion and Structure Systems: Base Design

- To maximize output size while maintaining a reasonable footprint, a nominal cylinder length of 2.5 ft was chosen (shown by black arrow on right view)
- Plain bearings have been proposed to support rotation (shown by brass color on front view)

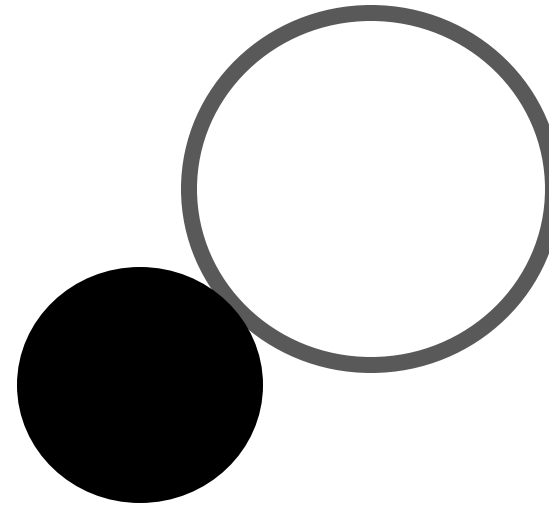


What Has Been Done? Motion System Cylinder Power Method

To transfer rotational mechanical power from a source to the cylinder, multiple options are currently being explored:



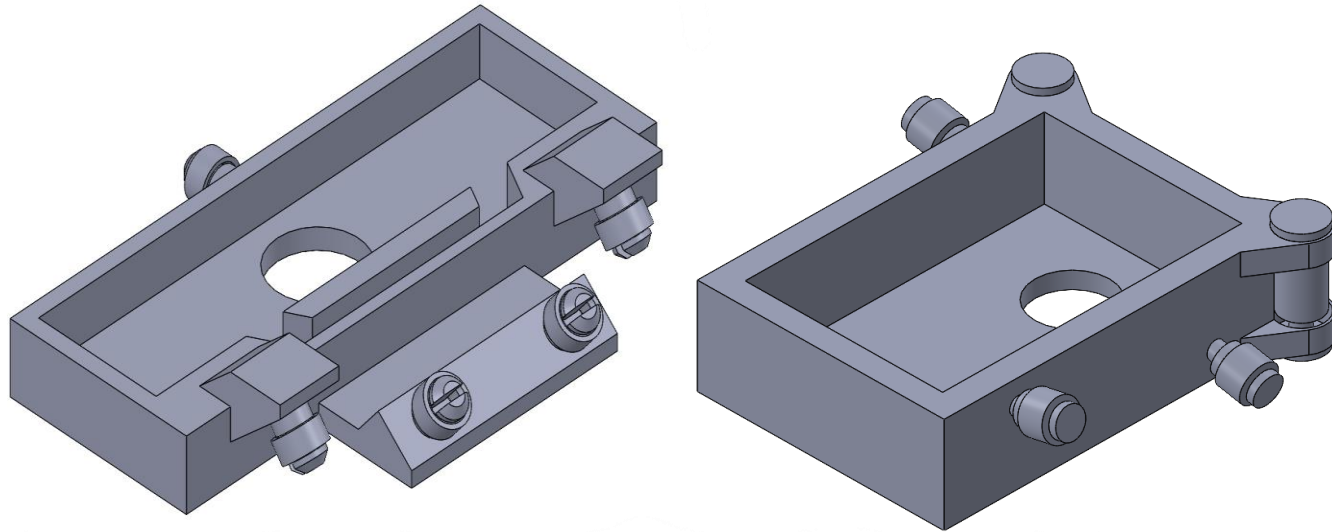
A belt drive mated to a pulley or some frictional sleeve on the cylinder (more consistent power transmission, but proving to be costly in both time and finances)



A frictional drive using some preloaded wheel attached directly to the cylinder (simpler, but slip is possible)

What Has Been Done?

Motion and Structure Systems: Carriage Design

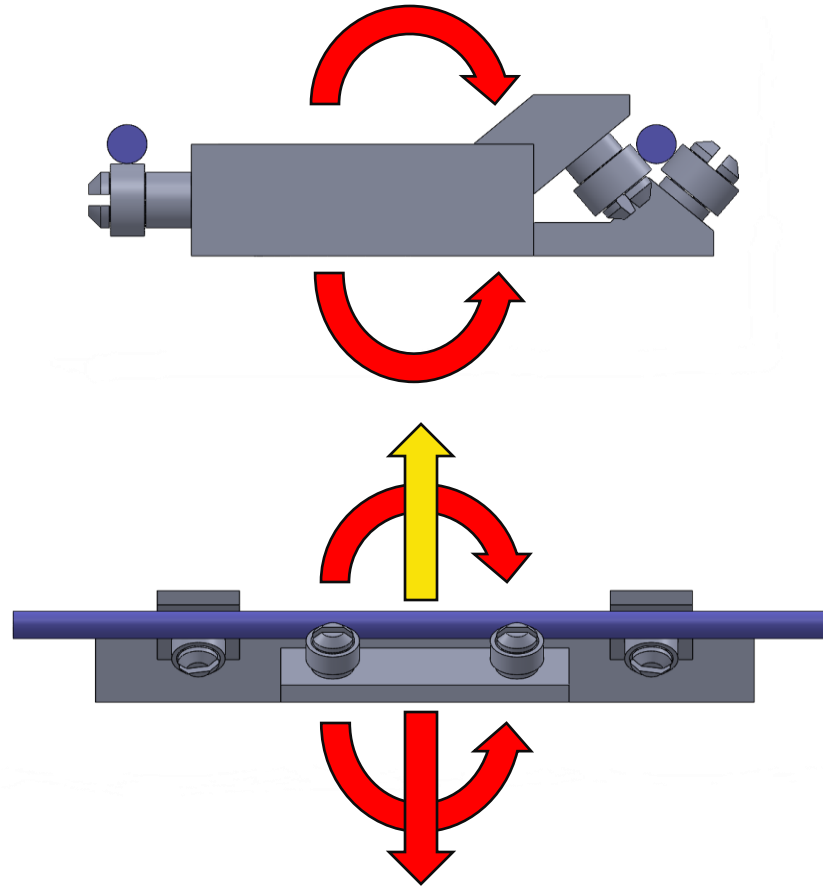
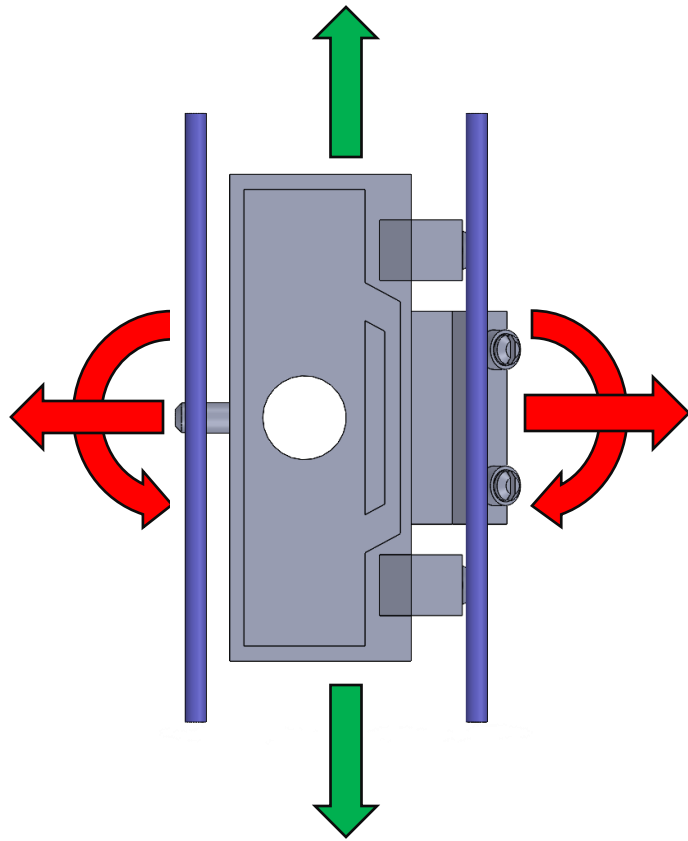


Goals:

- Achieve 1 DOF
- Accommodate for different types of component arrangements
- Ensure smooth movement

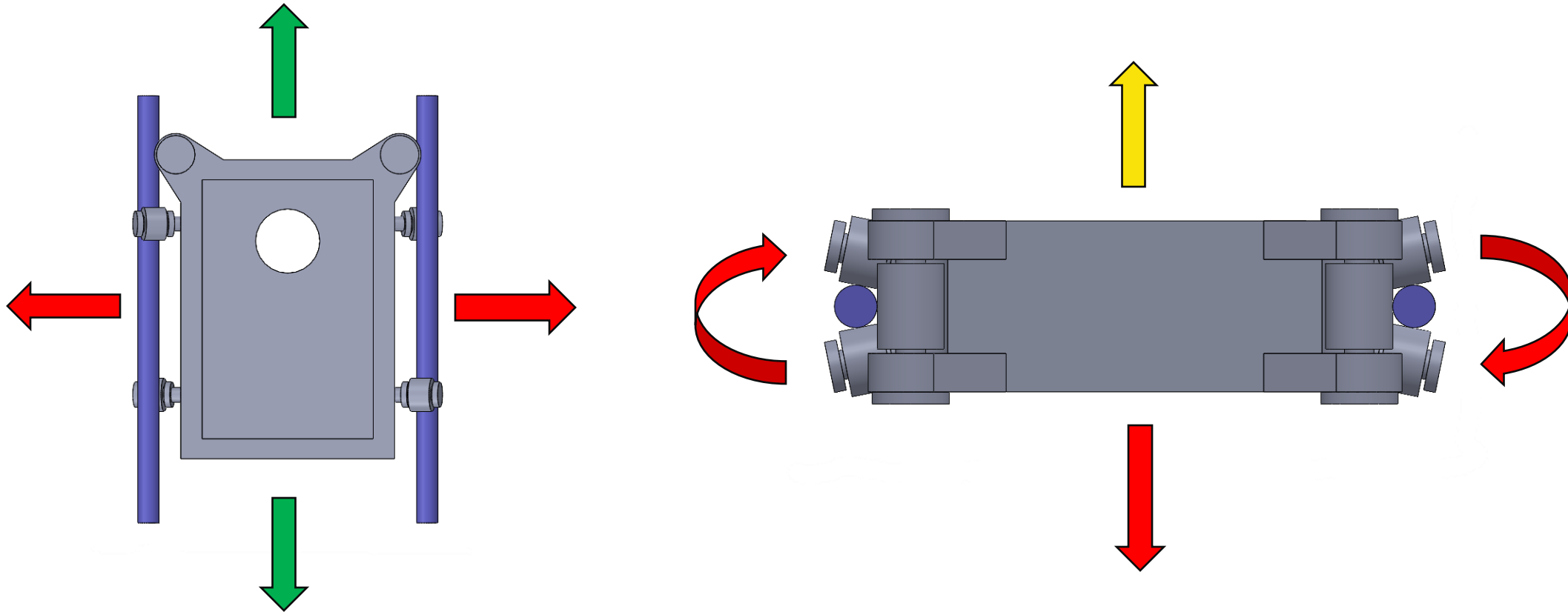
What Has Been done?

Motion and Structure Systems: Prototype Carriage 1



What Has Been done?

Motion and Structure Systems: Prototype Carriage 2

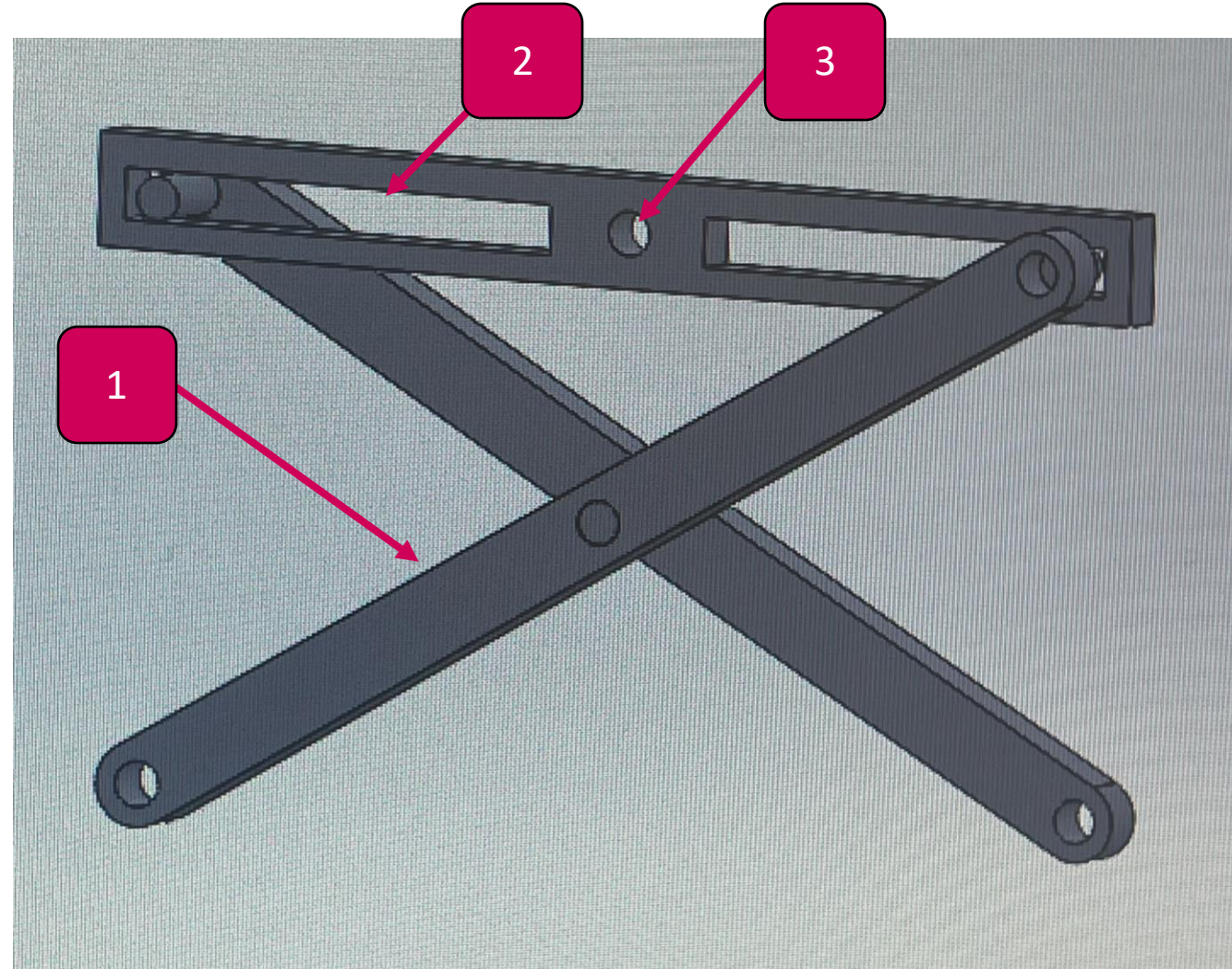


What has been done? Linkage Design

1) Equal Link Length

2) Slider Linkage

3) Middle Coupler Point



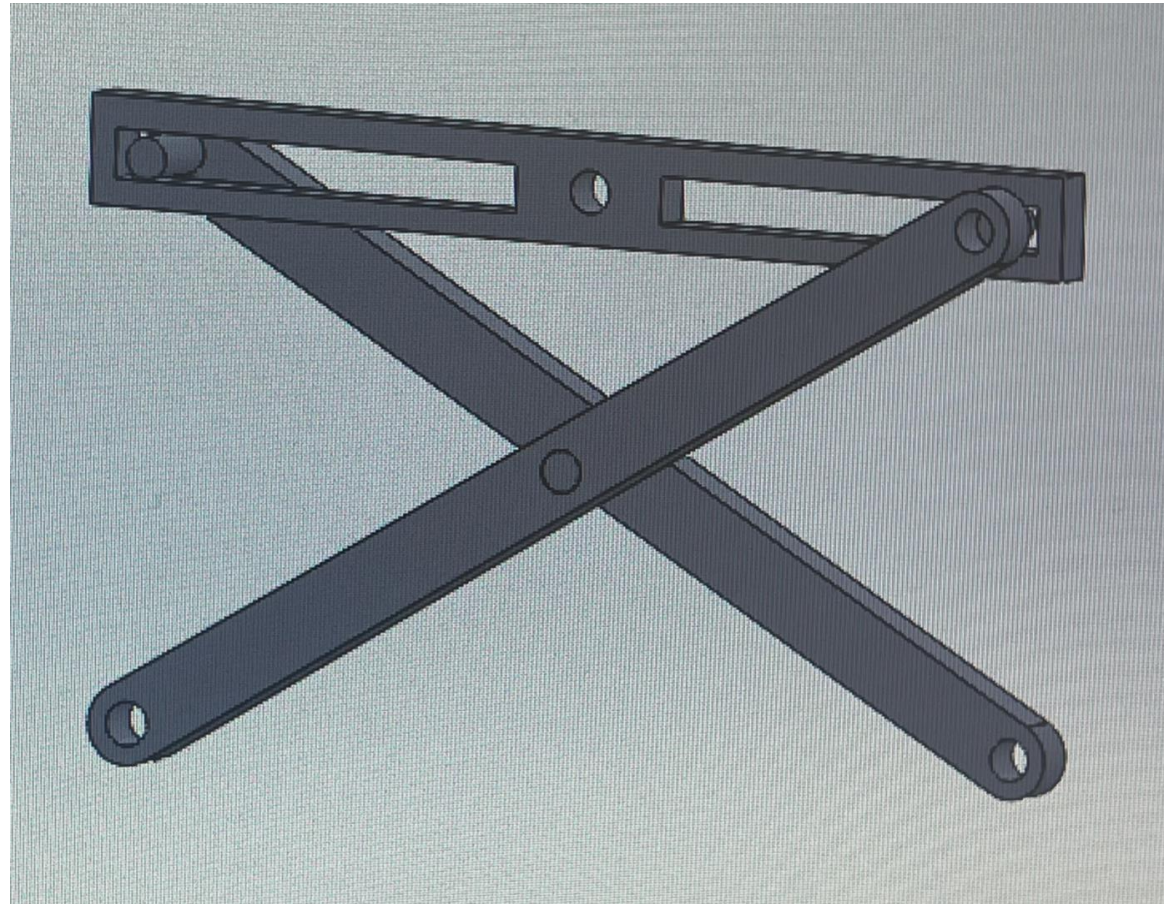
Future works

Linkage Design

Finalize Dimensioning

Physical Prototype

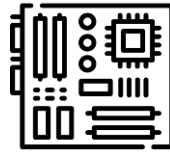
Integration



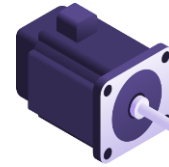
Future Works

Recommended Component Selection

Key Difference	Arduino Mega 2560	ESP32 – S3
Processor	8-bit, single-core	32-bit Dual-core
Clock Speed	16 MHz	240 MHz
Memory	8 KB SRAM, 256 KB Flash	512 KB SRAM, 16 MB Flash
Wireless Connectivity	None	Wi-Fi, Bluetooth
PWM Resolution	8-bit	16-bit
PWM Pins	15 pins	5 up to 32 pins
Power Supply	7-12V	3.3V
Price Range	\$48. 40	\$22



Microcontroller:
(Arduino Mega 2560 vs.
ESP32-S3)



Servo Motor:
(DYNAMIXEL AX Series
vs. MG996R)



Sensor: (Linear
Potentiometer vs.
Ultrasonic Sensor)

Component	DYNAMIXEL AX-18A	MG996R	DYNAMIXEL AX-12A
Torque (Nm)	1.8 (12V)	1.08 (6V)	1.5 (12V)
Speed (sec/60)	0.19	0.17	0.119
Cost (\$)	\$ 109.90	\$ 11.20	\$ 49.90

Future Works – What To Expect Next Time?

Motion System:

- CVT power method selected
- Motor and control hardware selected
- Major carriage and linkage design update completed
- Major progress on control algorithm achieved and testing started

User Interface System:

- Hardware selected
- Progress on codebase achieved

Structure System:

- Base design updated to fit carriage design and hardware

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Legend:

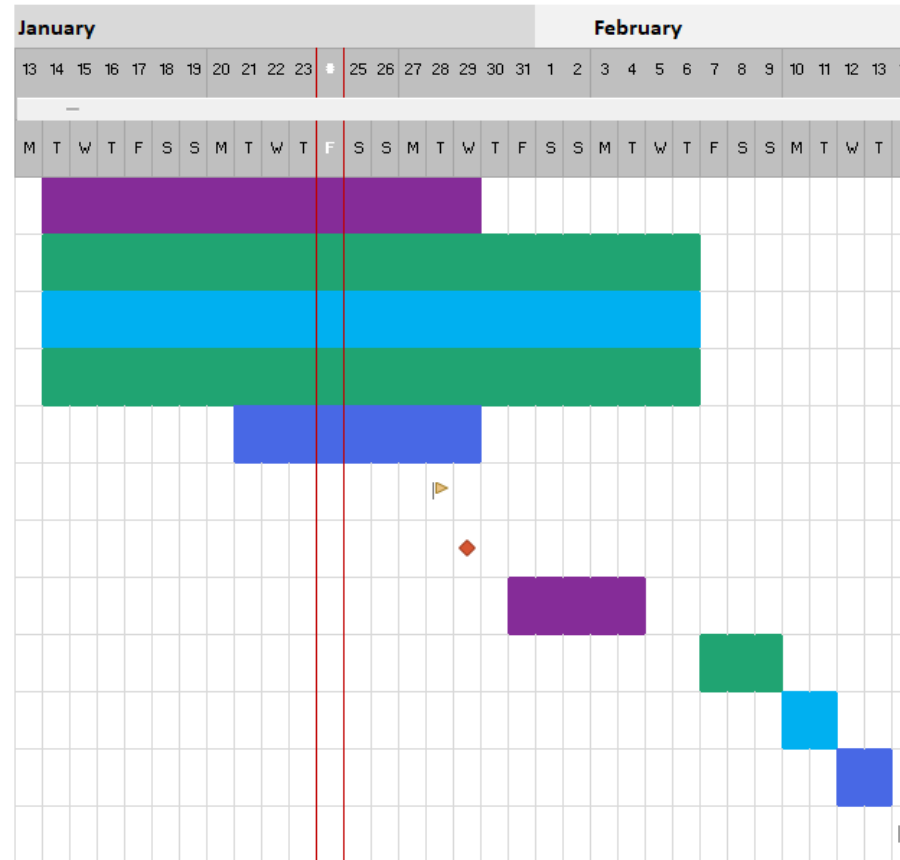


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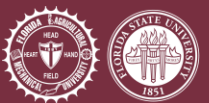
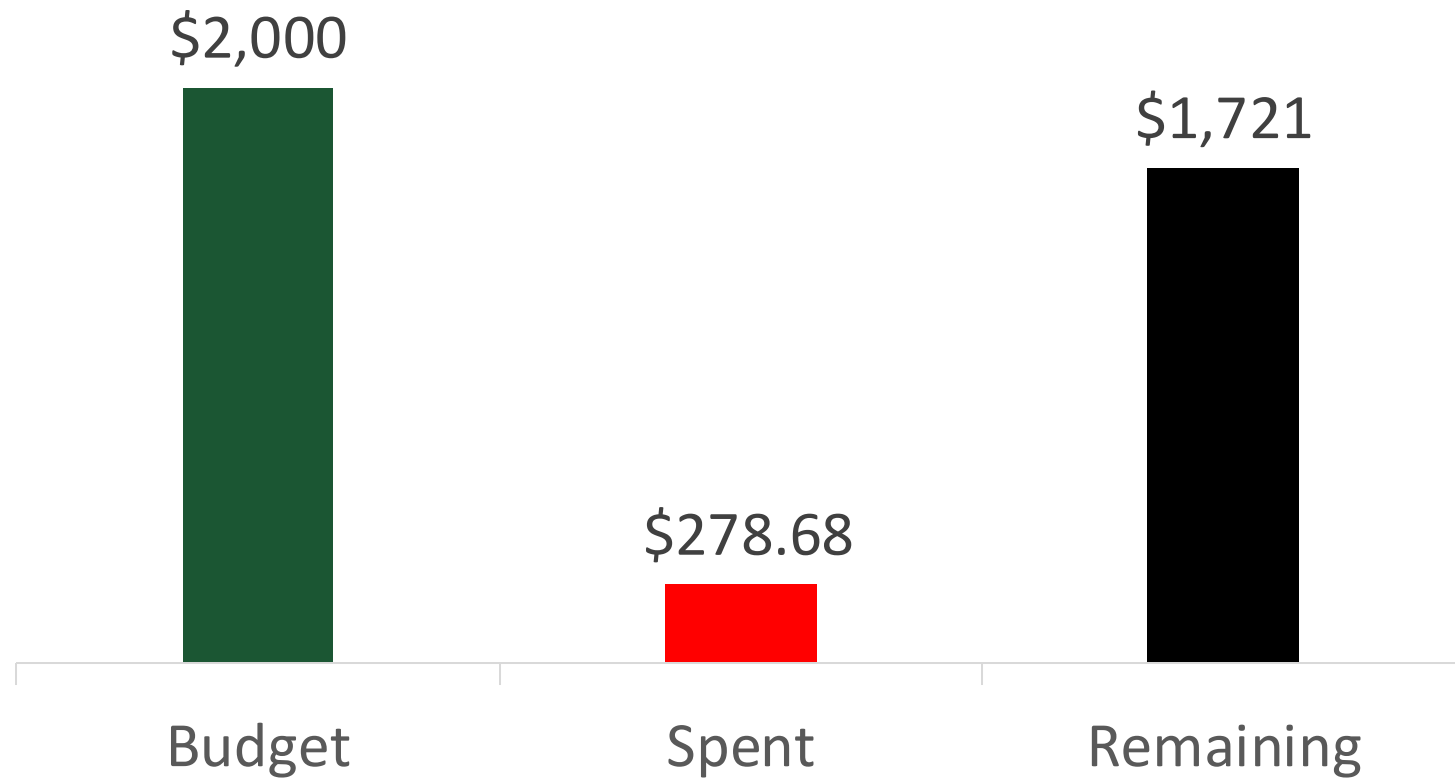
Project start date: 1/6/2025

Scrolling increment: 7

Milestone description	Category	Assigned to	Progress	Start	Days
Select Materials for Wheels/Cylinder	High Risk	Cade Watson	75%	1/14/2025	16
CAD Design	On Track	Jacob Hernandez	50%	1/14/2025	24
Model and Simulate	Low Risk	Aaron Havener	10%	1/14/2025	24
Linkage Design	On Track	Kemani Harris	50%	1/14/2025	24
Motor, Microcontroller, and Sensor Selection	Med Risk	Aliya Hutley	50%	1/21/2025	9
Design Review 4	Milestone	All	75%	1/28/2025	1
Send Order Request	Goal	All	60%	1/29/2025	1
Establish Test Plan	High Risk	Aaron and Aliya	0%	1/31/2025	5
Rough Prototype Assembly and Systems Integration	On Track	All	0%	2/7/2025	3
Prototype Testing	Low Risk	All	0%	2/10/2025	2
Establish Control Method	Med Risk	Aaron and Aliya	0%	2/12/2025	2
Design Review 5	Milestone	All	45%	2/14/2025	1



Thank You



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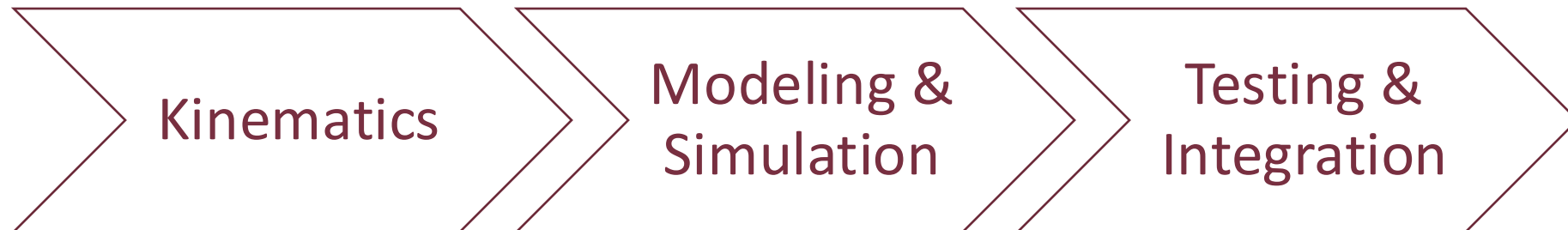
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