

# Strand Products Automated Cable Cutter





**Cutting Cables, Cutting Costs** 

**Design Competition 2020** 



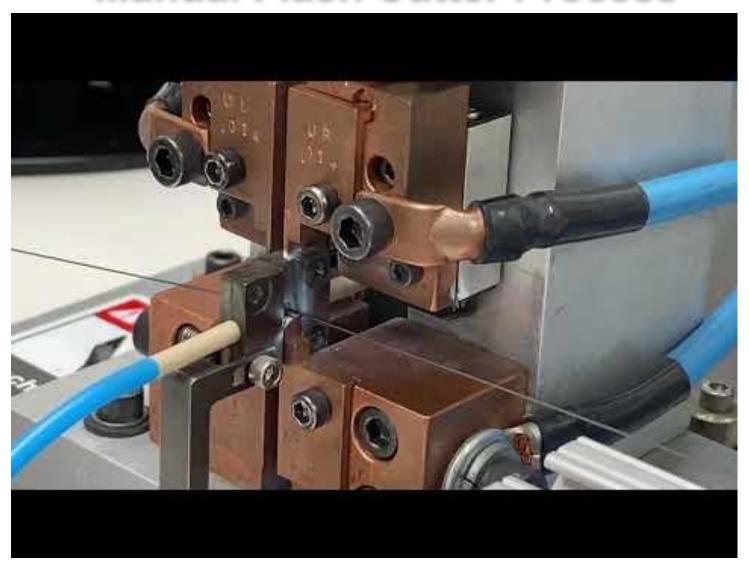
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## The Task

- Automate cutting process of Ewald Flash Cutter
  - Be able to operate either automated or manually



## **Manual Flash Cutter Process**

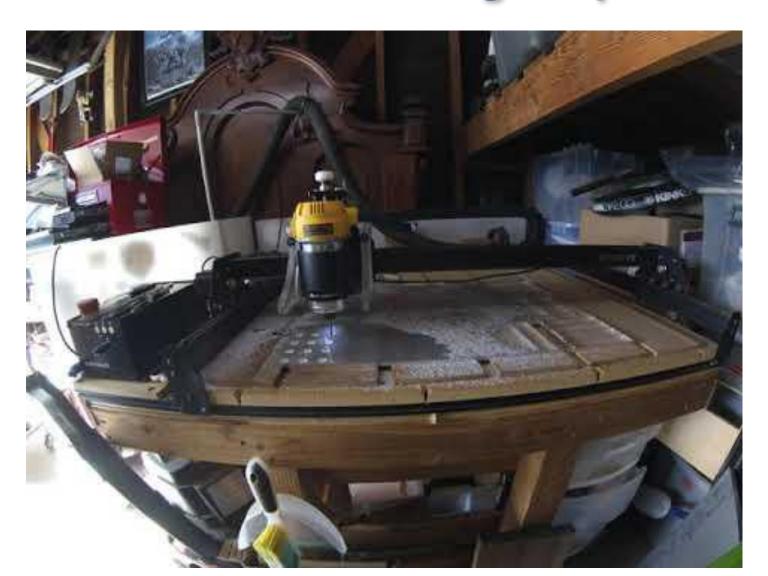


## **Automated Flash Cutter Process**



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## **Covid-19 Manufacturing Response**

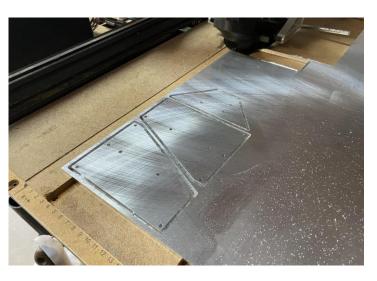


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## **Manufactured Parts**





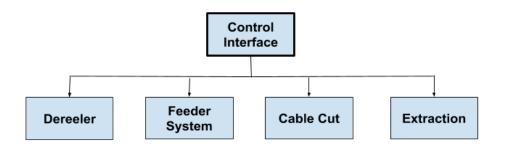






### **System Overview** Start **Touchscreen** Open Extraction GUI **Extraction** Feed Stepper 1 Close Extraction Open Feeder Feed Stepper 2 Close Feeder Cut Cable Feed Stepper 2 Dereeler Feeder **Cable Cut** Finish

Vance



- Nextion Enhanced 7" Touch Screen
  - Integrated processor

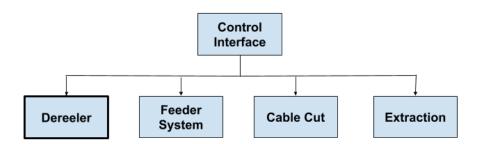
- Features
  - Setup
  - Manual Feed
  - Job Submission / Progress Page

## **Touchscreen GUI**



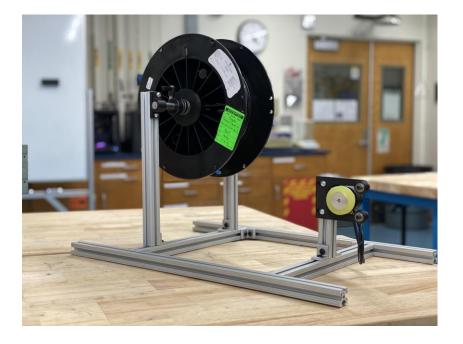


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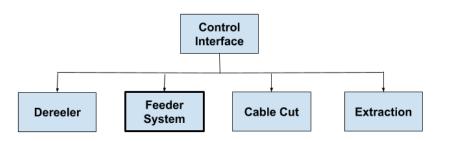


### Dereeler

- Tensioned spool holder and cable dereeler system
- Spring-loaded plates provide friction & tension



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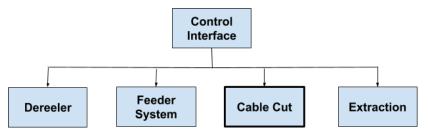


## **Feeder System**

- > Roller wheels in series driven by a stepper motor
  - Quick Disconnect system

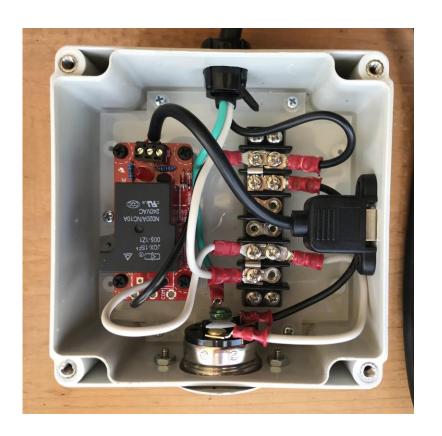






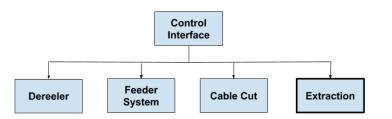
## **Foot Pedal Automation**

Allows for both automated and manual operation



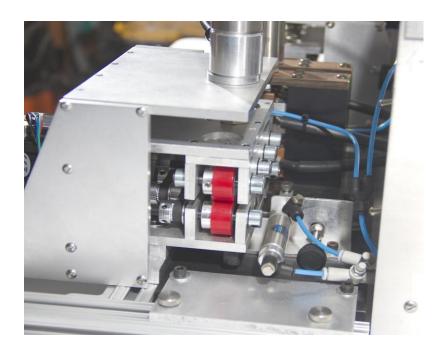






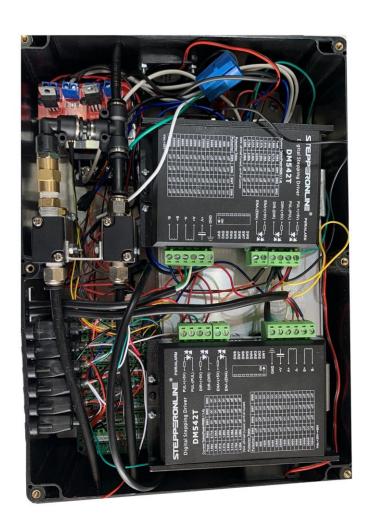
## **Extraction System**

- Spring-loaded wheels keep the cable in tension
- Extraction system mimics the feeder system





## **Electronics Box**







Alex

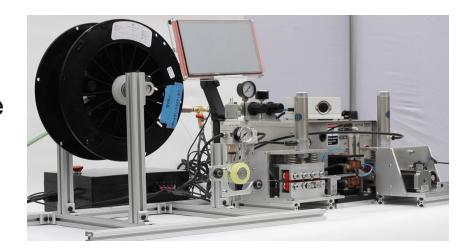
## **Calculated Safety Factors**

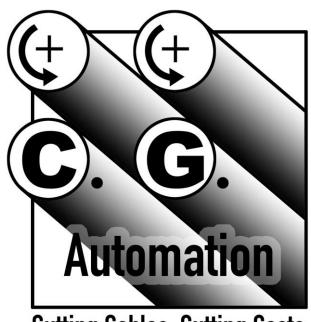


SF <sub>cable slip</sub>	2.9
SF <sub>tension cut</sub>	4.5
SF <sub>spring force</sub>	2.5
N <sub>spring life</sub>	>10 <sup>7</sup> cycles

# **CG** Automation Summary

- Increased work efficiency
- Simple touchscreen user-interface
- Versatile manual or automated cutting job





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# **Appendix Slides**



## **Spring Quarter Recap**

- Plan of action developed for spring quarter
- Manufactured & constructed the final prototype
  - The feeder & extraction subsystems
  - Foot pedal integration box
  - Electrical housing
  - Mounting
- Performed analysis & testing on final prototype
- Finalized and tweaked written Arduino IDE code



## Whos Did What?

- 1. Chris led the manufacturing of mechanical components for the various subsystems with other members adhering to social distancing protocols
- Kaya, Jake, and Vance led CAD model revisions, GD&T, and various tests
- 1. Kaya managed the team's finance while members ordered parts for their different delegated tasks
- 1. Jake worked on electro-mechanical integration by scripting code for the Arduino MEGA to communicate with the various sensors and actuators
- Alex handled electrical hardware management by creating an electrical spreadsheet and schematic to aid construction of a PCB
  - a. Also, handled meeting scheduling and other logistical tasks



# **Project Deliverables**

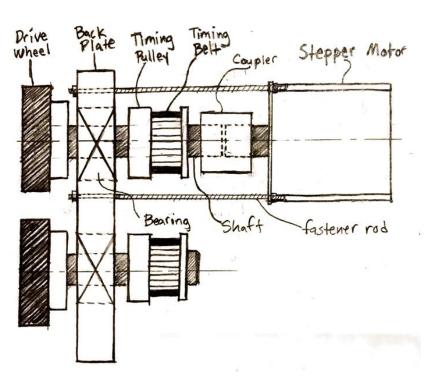
## **Engineering Requirements**

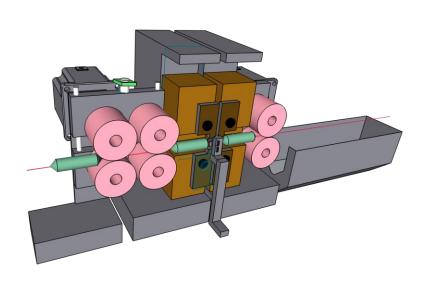
	<u>Deliverables</u>	Final Product
Tolerance	<ul> <li>❖ 3" to 30": ±1/64"</li> <li>❖ 30" to 60": ±1/32"</li> <li>❖ 60" to 100": ±1/16"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>❖ 3" to 30": ~</li> <li>❖ 30" to 60": ~</li> <li>❖ 60" to 100": ~</li> </ul>
Cut Lengths	3" - 100"	3" - 100"
Cycle Time	< 30 s	< 5 s
Cable Diameters	0.006" - 0.050"	0.006" - 0.050"
User Inputs	<ul><li># Cable Cuts</li><li>Length (in/mm)</li><li>Emergency Stop</li><li>Pause &amp; Resume</li></ul>	<ul> <li># Cable Cuts</li> <li>Length (in/mm)</li> <li>Emergency Stop</li> <li>Pause &amp; Resume</li> <li>Progress Bar</li> <li>Exit Job</li> </ul>



# **Feeder System Evolution**

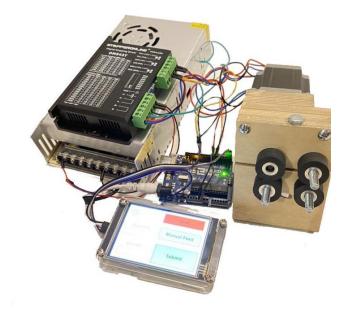
## Feeder Prototype Engineering Drawing





Fall Quarter 2019

# Feeder Prototype V1



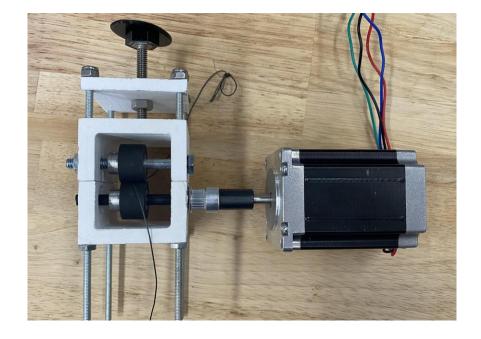




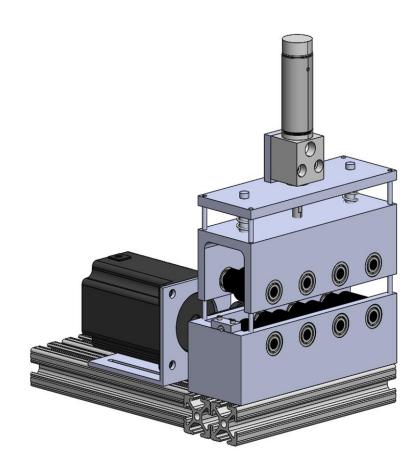


## Feeder System Prototype V2



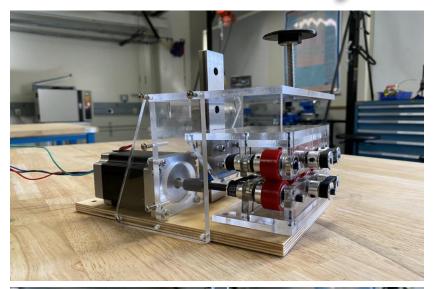


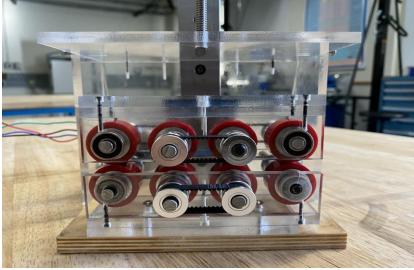
## Feeder Prototype Initial CAD

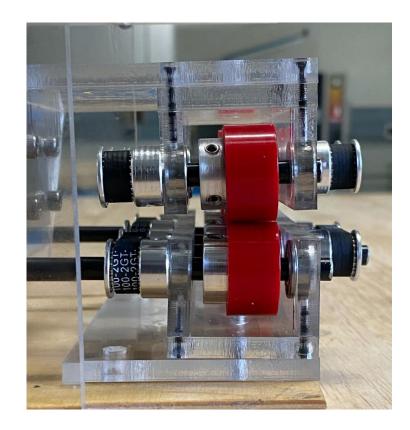


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# Feeder System Prototype V3

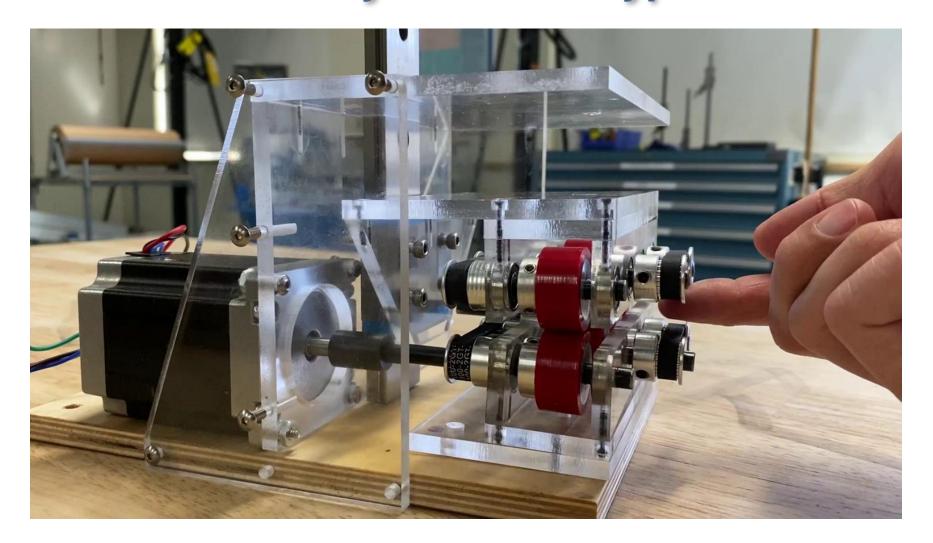








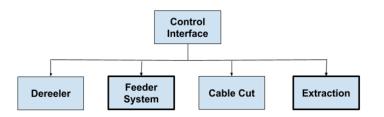
## Feeder System Prototype V3



# **Feeder System Final Product**







# Feeder & Extraction System Actuation

- Spring-loaded feeder & extraction system
  - Appies constant pressure to wheels
- Pneumatic Cylinder
  - Compressed air acts on a piston inside a cylinder to move a load along a linear path
    - Feeder & Extraction System
  - The actuator controls tension and slack in cable
    - Compress springs to separate wheels
    - Release springs to bring wheels back together





#### Lpd3806-600bm-G5-24c Incremental Optical Rotary Encoder

#### Mechanical Specifications:

- Starting Torque: 1.5\*103 Nm

Moment of Inertia: 3.5\*6 kgm²

Shaft loading/Radial: 10 N

Thrust loading/Radial: 20 N

Max Allowable Revolution: 2000 rpm

Net Weight: 100 g

#### Electrical Specifications:

- Resolution: 600 pulses/revolution

Operating voltage: DC5-24V

Max Current Consumption: 40 mA

Max Response Frequency: 30 kHz

- Maximum Mechanical Speed: 5000 rev/min

Integrated Speed: 2000 rev/min

#### Environment:

Ambient Temperature: -20 to 80 °C

- Storage: -25 to 85 °C

- Ambient Humidity: 35 - 85 %

Degree of Protection: IP50

Vibration: 50 m/s<sup>2</sup>, 10-200 HZ

- Shock: 980 m/s<sup>2</sup>, 6ms



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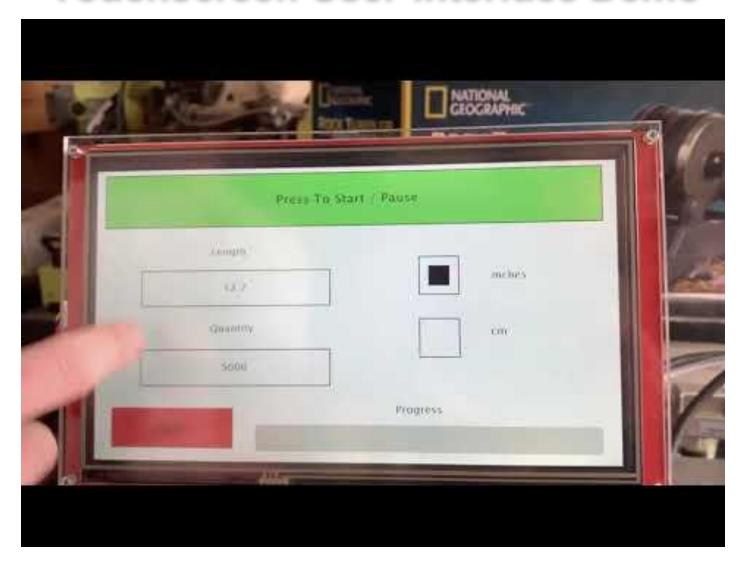
# Manufactured Feeder & Extraction Parts



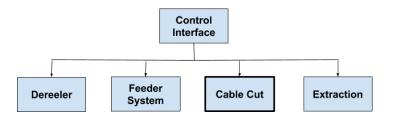
# Detailed Subsystem Descriptions



## **Touchscreen User-Interface Demo**

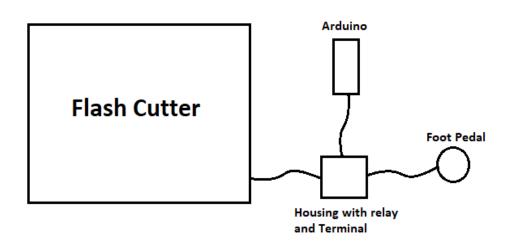






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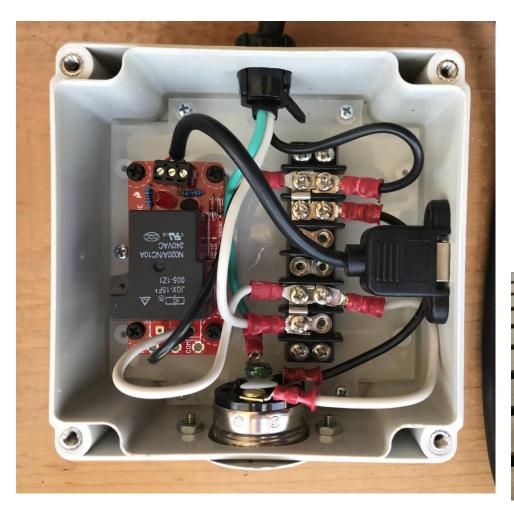
- > Foot pedal is a switch that closes an AC circuit
  - Midget locking plug
- Relay in parallel with the foot pedal
  - Allows for automated and manual operation





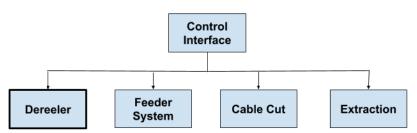
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### **Foot Pedal Integration**

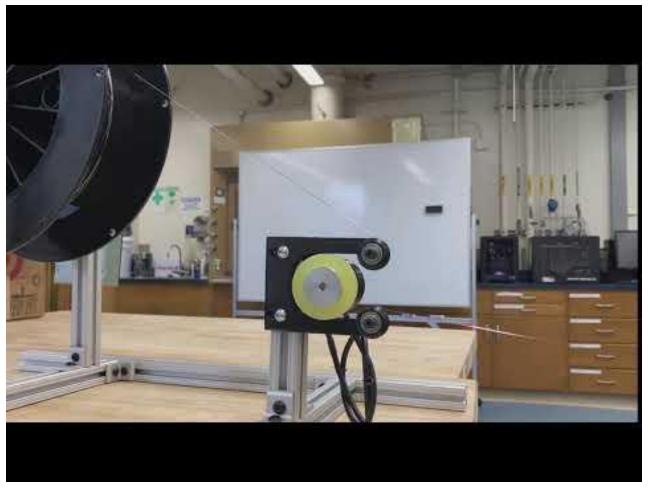




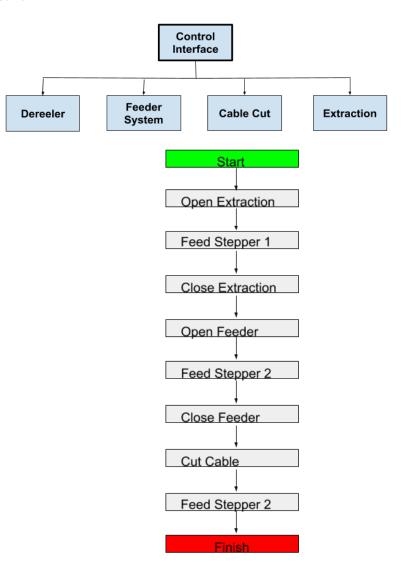




# **Spool Mount and Tension System V1**



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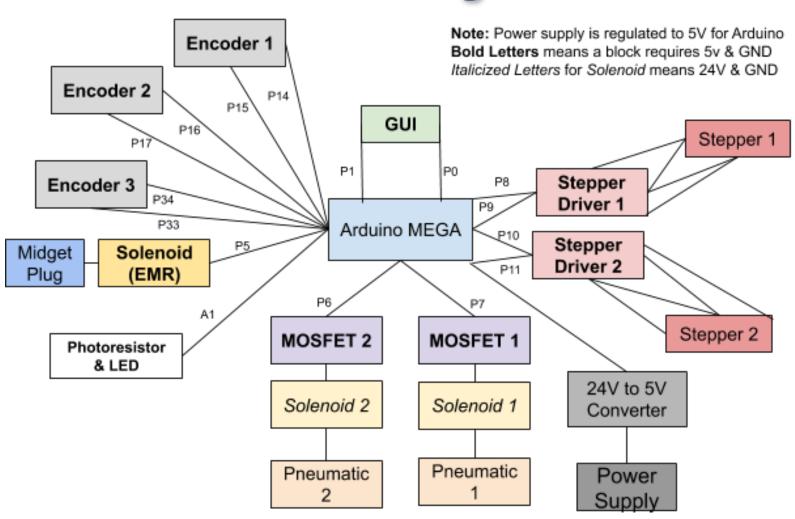
Block Diagram Explanation

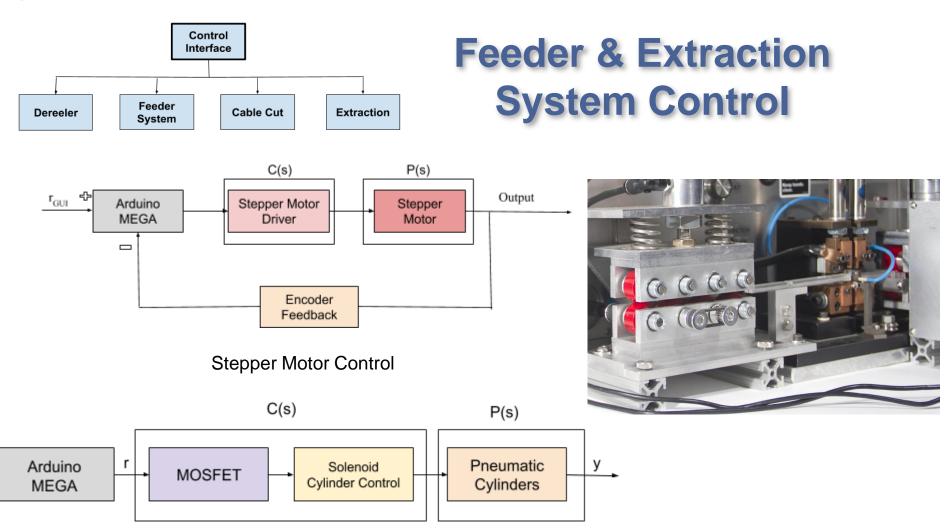
### **Arduino Code Flowchart**

```
digitalWrite(air2, HIGH);
stepper1.step(1910);
digitalWrite(air2, LOW);
delay(250);
digitalWrite(air1, HIGH);
stepper2.step(-(steps - 1910));
digitalWrite(air1, LOW);
digitalWrite(cut, HIGH);
delay(2000);
digitalWrite(cut, LOW);
stepper2.setSpeed(150);
stepper2.setSpeed(40);
```

Arduino IDE code

### **Electrical Wiring Schematic**



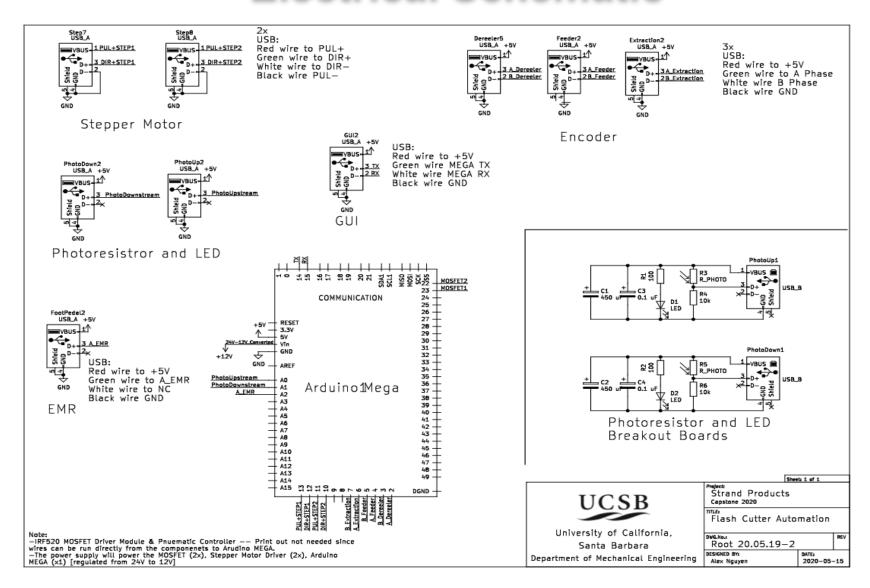


Pneumatic Cylinder Control

## **Printed Circuit Board (PCB)**

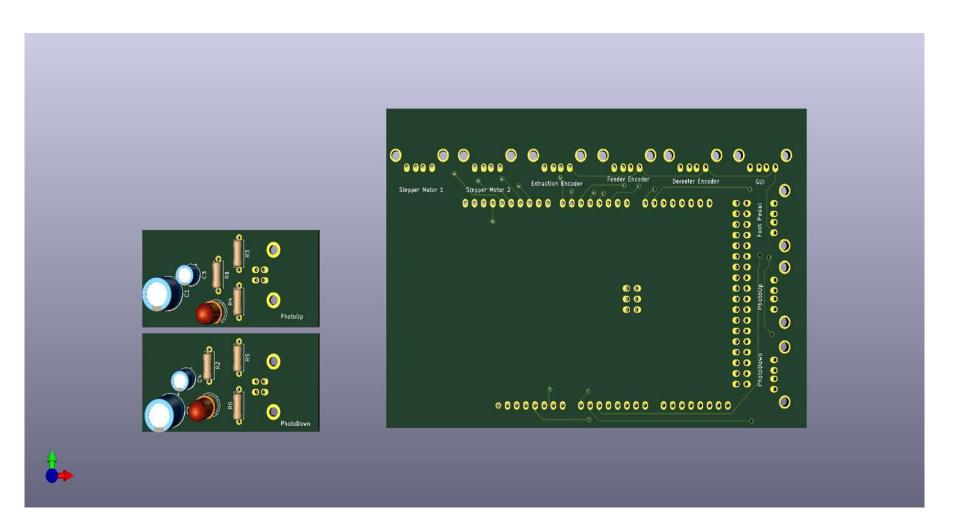


### **Electrical Schematic**



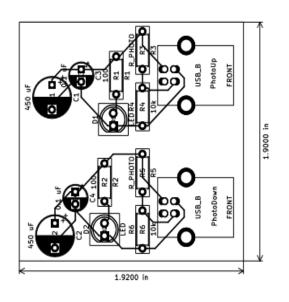


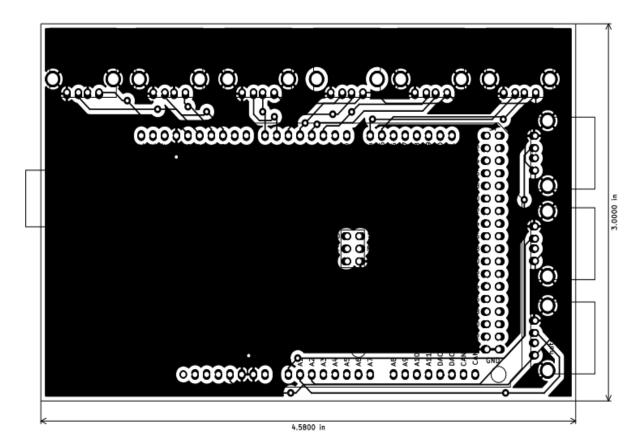
### **PCB 3D-View**





### **PCB Dimensions**

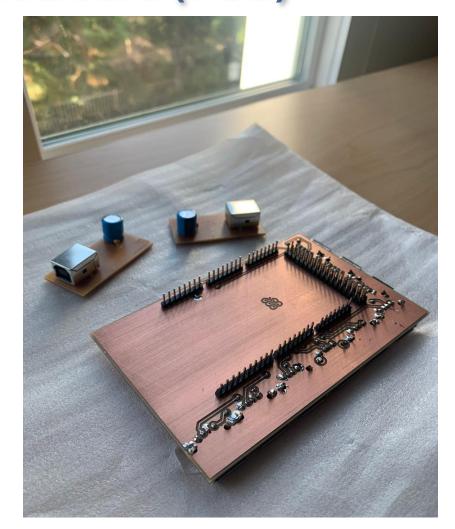






### **Printed Circuit Board (PCB)**





# **Prototype Analysis**



# FBD Analysis of Single Wheel Feeder System

T: tension

R: radius of wheel

N: normal force/clamping

force

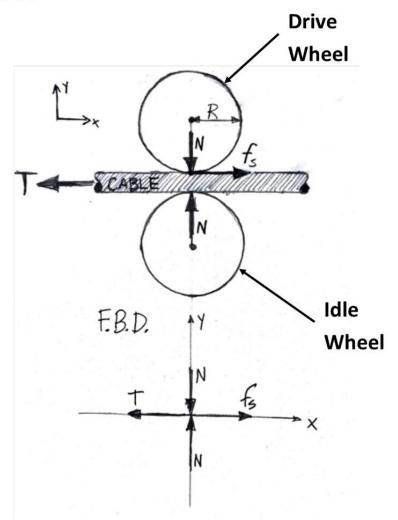
 $f_s$ : friction force,  $f_s = \mu_s N$ 

<u>Assumptions</u>: Idle wheel acts as frictionless roller

$$\sum F_y = 0 = f_s - T$$

$$\mu_s N - T = 0$$

$$N = \frac{T}{\mu_s}$$





### **Determining Static Friction Coefficient**

T: tension

R: radius of wheel

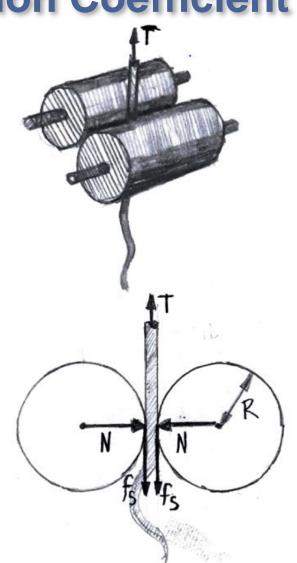
N: normal force/clamping

force

 $f_s$ : friction force,  $f_s = \mu_s N$ 

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 = T + 2f_s$$

$$\mu_s = \frac{T}{2N}$$





Kaya

# Feeder & Extraction System Wheel Number

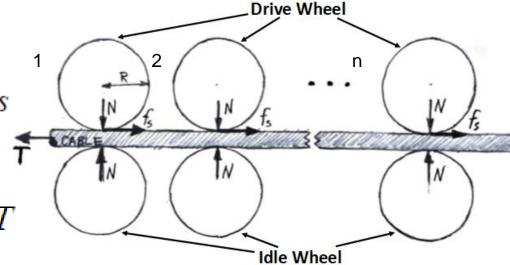
$$T = tension$$

$$T = 10 lbs$$

$$f_s = friction force = \mu * N$$

$$f_{s,experimental} = 3 lbs$$

n = number of pairs of wheels



$$\sum F_{horizontal} = 0 = n * f_s - T$$

$$n * \mu * N = T$$

$$n = \frac{T}{\mu * N} = \frac{T}{fs}$$

$$n = \frac{10}{3} \approx 4$$
 wheel pairs

### **Dereeler Tension Analysis**

Assumptions:

- 1.  $\Delta x = 0.5$ " (Spring Compress 0.5")
- 2.  $\mu = 0.1$  Polyethylene (HDPE)
- 3. Normal Force = Spring Force

Spring Constant:

$$k = 53 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}}$$

$$\rightarrow k_{eff} = 2k = 106 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}}$$

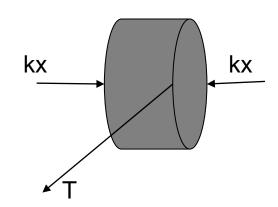
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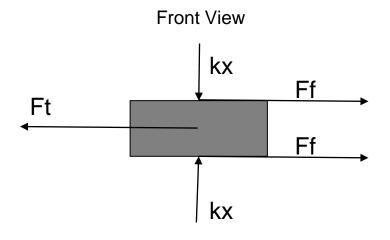
$$F_{spring} = k_{eff} \Delta x$$
  
= (106)(0.5) = 53 lb

Friction Force:

$$F_f = \mu F_{spring} = (0.1)(53)$$
  
= 5.3 lb

 $\implies$  Dereeler cable tension needs to be  $\geq 5.3$  lbs





Top View

1. <a href="https://www.engineersedge.com/coeffients\_of\_friction.htm">https://www.engineersedge.com/coeffients\_of\_friction.htm</a>

### **Dereeler Dynamic Analysis**

#### Assumptions:

- 1. Frictional Force Acts as a Vector
- 2. Only Considering Carbon Steel Rod, Cable Spool, and Spool Adapter Inertia
- 3. Forces: T (tension at feeder),  $F_f$  (Spool Adapter Friction Force), and  $F_r$  (Carbon Steel Rod Friction Force)

Torque:

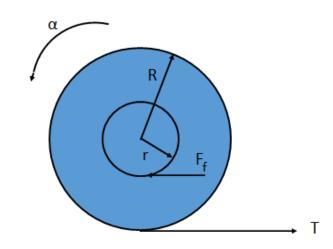
$$\sum \tau = TR - F_f r - F_r r$$

Inertia:

$$\begin{split} I &= \frac{1}{2}MR^2 + 2\frac{1}{2}m_{sa}r^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_rr^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}MR^2 + (m_{sa} + \frac{1}{2}m_r)r^2 \end{split}$$

Angular Acceleration:

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum \tau}{I} \\ = \frac{TR - (F_f + F_r)r}{\frac{1}{2}MR^2 + (\frac{1}{2}m_r + m_{sa})r^2}$$



I: Moment of Inertia

α: Angular Acceleration

T: Cable Tension

R: Spool Radius

r: Frictional Force Radius

μ: Kinetic Friction Coefficient

k: Spring Constant

x: Spring Displacement

### **Cable Capstan Tension**

#### Assumptions:

- 1.  $\mu_{cap} = 0.2$  V-Groove Wheel Coefficient
- 2. Wrap Angles:  $\phi_1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$  (Pulley 1),  $\phi_2 = \frac{\pi}{3}$  (Encoder), and  $\phi_3 = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- 3.  $P_{hold}$  = Friction Force

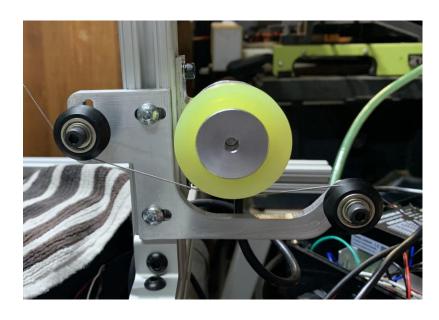
#### Capstan Force:

$$T = F_f e^{[\mu_{cap}(\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3)]}$$

$$= (5.3)e^{[(0.2)(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4})]}$$

$$= 8.95 \text{ lb}$$

⇒ Tension in cable at the feeder system is 8.95 lbs



Dereeler Cable Angle

### Feeder System Spring Analysis

#### Assumptions:

- Equilibrium Spring Length,  $x_0 = 1.5$  in
- Current Spring Length, x = 1.1565 in
- Spring Constant,  $k = 60 \frac{lb}{in}$
- Wire Diameter, d = 0.105 in
- Outer Diameter, OD = 0.97

Effective Spring Constant:

$$K_{eff} = 2k = 120 \frac{lb}{in}$$

Spring Index:

$$C = \frac{D}{d} = 9.238$$

Effective Max Spring:

$$F_{eff max} = (2)(50.4 lb) = 100.8 lb$$

Spring Force (Both):

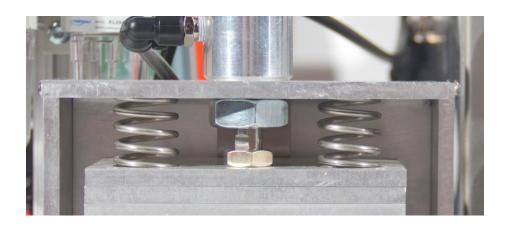
$$\begin{array}{rcl} F_{Spring} & = & k_{eff}(x_0 - x) \\ & = & \underbrace{(120 \; \frac{lb}{in})}_{in} (1.5 \; in - 1.1565 \; in) \\ & = & \underbrace{41.22 \; \text{lb}}_{} \end{array}$$

Spring Safety Factor:

$$SF_{spring} = \frac{F_{effmax}}{F_{Spring}}$$

$$= \frac{100.8 \ lb}{41.22 \ lb}$$

$$= 2.4454$$



Feeder/Extraction System Springs

### Feeder System Pneumatic Force

#### Known:

- Bore Diameter,  $d_{bore} = 1.25$  in
- Stroke, S = 1.5 in
- Available Pressure, P<sub>avail</sub> = 80 psi
- Piston Area,  $A_{piston} = \frac{\pi d_{bore}^2}{4} = 1.2272 \ in^2$

#### Pneumatic Force:

$$F_{avail} = P_{avail}A_{piston}$$

$$= (80)(1.2272)$$

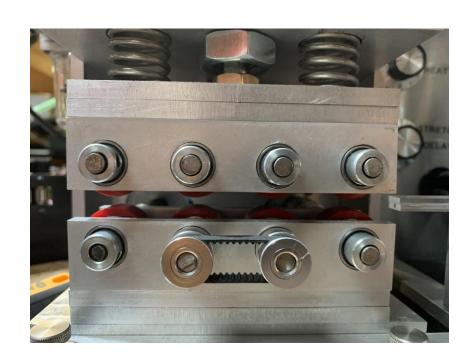
$$= 98.2 \text{ lb}$$

#### Displacement Check:

$$\Delta x = \frac{(F_{avail} - 4F)}{k_{eff}}$$

$$= \frac{(98.2 - 41.2)}{120}$$

$$= \boxed{0.475 \text{ in}}$$



**Pneumatic Actuator Distance** 

### **Safety Factor Calculations**

#### Known:

- Neoprene Friction Coefficient on Tungsten  $\mu = 0.62$
- Feeder System Normal Force,  $F_N = 41.22$  lb
- Feeder System Force,  $F_{pull} = 8.95 \text{ lb}$
- Tension Required to Cut, T = 2 lb
- Max Spring Force,  $F_{s,max} = 100.8$  lb

Wheel Clamp:

$$SF = \frac{\mu F_N}{F_{pull}}$$

$$= \frac{25.5565 \text{ lb}}{8.95 \text{ lb}}$$

$$= \boxed{2.86}$$

Cable Cut:

$$SF = \frac{F_{pull}}{T}$$

$$= \frac{8.95 \text{ lb}}{2 \text{ lb}}$$

$$= \boxed{4.47}$$

Feeder and Extraction Springs:

$$SF = \frac{F_{s,max}}{F_N}$$

$$= \frac{100.8 \text{ lb}}{41.22 \text{ lb}}$$

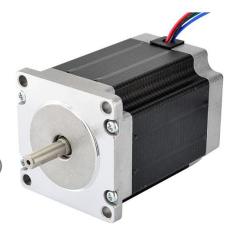
$$= 2.45$$

### **Step Size Calculations**

#### Known:

- Wheel Diameter, D = 1.0"
- Stepper =  $1.8 \frac{\text{degree}}{\text{step}}$
- Microstep Resolution =  $0.45 \frac{\text{degree}}{\text{pulse}}$  (Stepper Driver can vary from 400 to 25000  $\frac{\text{pulse}}{\text{rev}}$ )

Cable Length,  $S = r\theta$  where S: arc length, r: radius, and  $\theta$ : angle



#### Stepper Motor:

Step Resolution: 200  $\frac{\text{steps}}{\text{rev}} \rightarrow 1.8 \frac{\text{degree}}{\text{step}}$ 

Minimum Step Size:

$$S = \frac{D}{2}\theta$$
  
=  $\frac{1.0}{2} \frac{1.8\pi}{180}$   
= 0.0157 in

#### Stepper Driver Micro-Step:

Step Resolution: 800  $\frac{\text{pulse}}{\text{rev}} \rightarrow 0.45 \frac{\text{degree}}{\text{pulse}}$ 

Minimum Step Size:

$$S = \frac{D}{2}\theta$$
  
=  $\frac{1.0}{2} \frac{0.45\pi}{180}$   
= 0.0039 in



### **Encoder Resolution**

#### Known:

- Encoder Resolution =  $600 \frac{\text{pulse}}{\text{rev}}$
- Encoder Wheel Diameter:  $D_d = 1.9685$ " (Dereeler),  $D_f = 1.0$ " (Feeder), and  $D_e = 1.0$ " (Extraction)

Dereeler: Wheel Diameter:  $D_d = 1.9685$ "

$$\frac{\text{pulse}}{\text{length}} = \left(\frac{600 \text{ pulse}}{\text{rev}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ rev}}{\pi D_d} \text{ in}\right)$$
$$= \frac{600 \text{ pulse}}{6.1842 \text{ in}}$$

 $\therefore$  Length per Pulse = 0.0103  $\frac{\rm in}{\rm pulse}$ 

Feeder Extraction: Wheel Diameter:  $D_d = 1$ "

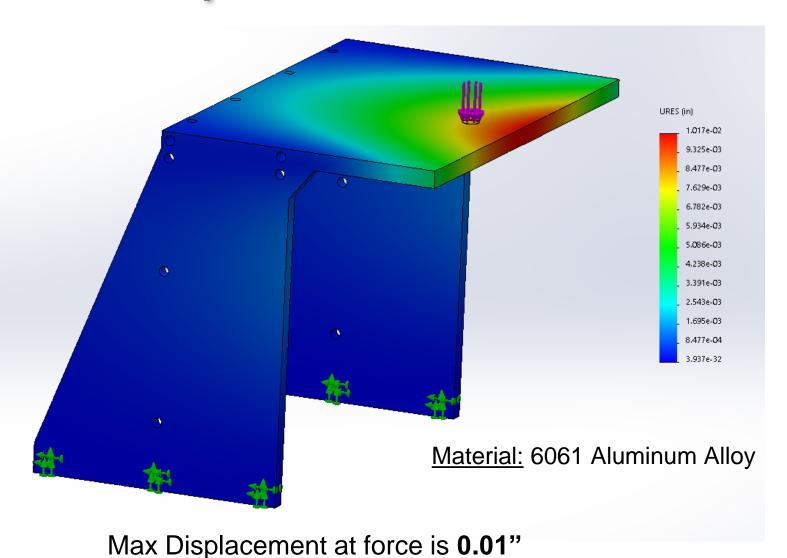
$$\frac{\text{pulse}}{\text{length}} = \left(\frac{600 \text{ pulse}}{\text{rev}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ rev}}{\pi D_f} \text{ in}\right)$$
$$= \frac{600 \text{ pulse}}{1.5708 \text{ in}}$$

 $\therefore$  Length per Pulse = 0.0026  $\frac{\rm in}{\rm pulse}$ 



 $\rightarrow$  The encoders on each subsystem will be able to reach all tolerance values. Although, the feeder and extraction subsystem encoders will be the most accurate.

### **Max Displacement Simulation**



# **Prototype Testing**

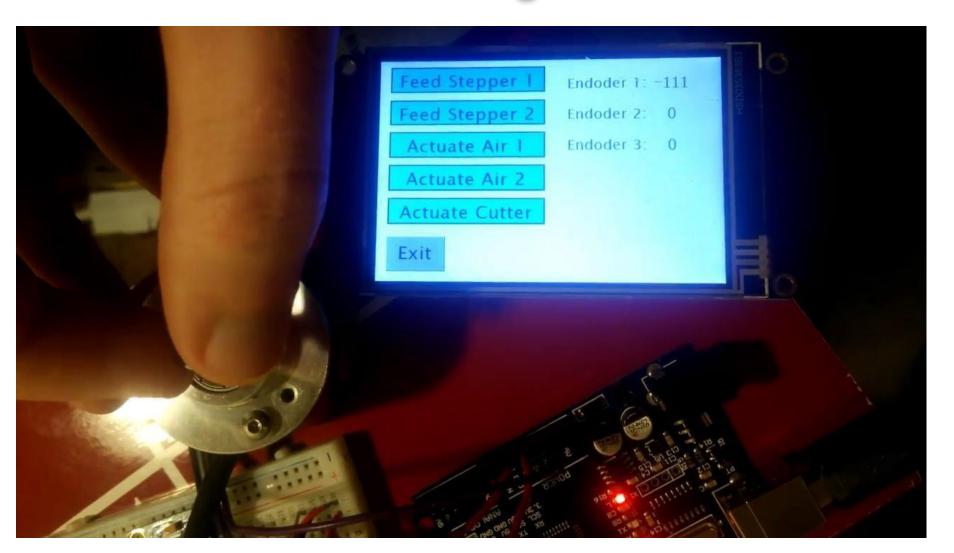
### Wheel Slip Test Results

Wheel(s)	Force (lbs)		
Upstream	3		
Downstream	3		
Both	6.6		

- The force was measured with an electronic fish-scale
- When tested independently, upstream and downstream wheel sets gave identical results
- Results may differ with new materials & build



### **Encoder Counting Revolutions**



### **Pneumatic Cylinder Test**



## Sensors

### **Sensor Testing**

➤ Break-Beam Sensor



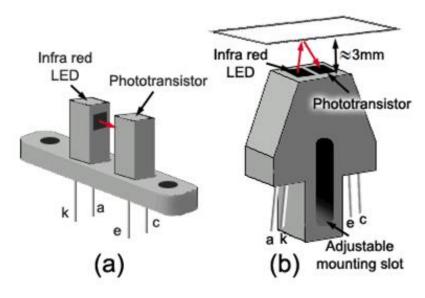
> Photoresistor with LED

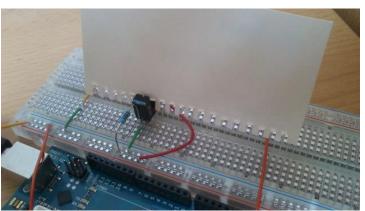




### **Break Beam Sensor Test**

- Goal: Find the hole size which breaks the laser's path
- Machine Aluminum sheet
  - Drill various hole sizes
- Align sheet holes with the photoresistor aperture
  - Detect passing cable





### **Break-Beam Test**

- ➤ Machined aluminum test plate
- > 0.1875" to 0.041"
- > "Does sensor detect obstruction?"





#### **RESULTS**

Hole Size (inch)	Obstruction Detection (Y/N)		
3/16	No		
5/32	No		
9/64	No		
1/8	No		
7/64	No		
3/32	No		
5/64	No		
1/16	No		
0.052	No		
0.041	No		



### **Sensor Fault Detection Result**

> Photoresistor with LED

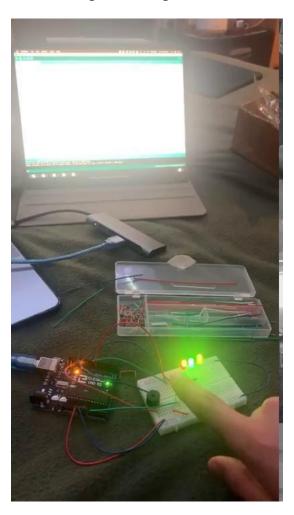
- Guide tube ambient light detection
  - Extraction tube only
- Sequence integration





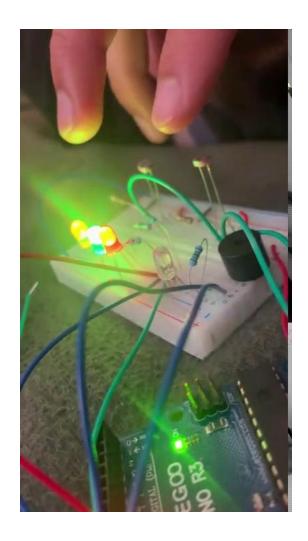
### **Sensor Demo**

Single Configuration





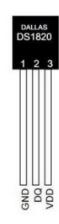
### **Photoresistor Dual Configuration**

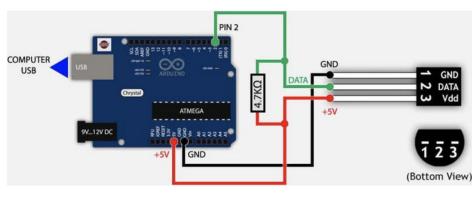




### I.R. Temperature Sensing

- ➤ IR Temperature Sensor
  - Electronics box thermals







### **Temperature Sensor Test Results**

```
F5XAS9CIFMTNEBR
#include <OneWire.h>
#include <DallasTemperature.h>
// Data wire is plugged into pin 2 on the Arduino
#define ONE_WIRE_BUS 2
// Setup a oneWire instance to communicate with any OneWire devices
// (not just Maxim/Dallas temperature ICs)
OneWire oneWire(ONE_WIRE_BUS);
// Pass our oneWire reference to Dallas Temperature.
DallasTemperature sensors(&oneWire);
void setup(void)
 // start serial port
 Serial.begin(9600);
 Serial.println("Dallas Temperature IC Control Library Demo");
 // Start up the library
 sensors.begin();
void loop(void)
 // call sensors.requestTemperatures() to issue a global temperature
 // request to all devices on the bus
 Serial.print(" Requesting temperatures...");
 sensors.requestTemperatures(); // Send the command to get temperatures
 Serial.println("DONE");
 Serial.print("Temperature is: "):
 Serial.print(sensors.getTempFByIndex(0)); // Why "byIndex"?
   // You can have more than one IC on the same bus.
   // 0 refers to the first IC on the wire
   delay(1000);
```

```
15:14:40.668 -> Temperature is: 73.96 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:42.395 -> Temperature is: 73.74 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:44.094 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:45.819 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:47.515 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:49.249 -> Temperature is: 73.62 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:50.956 -> Temperature is: 73.74 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:52.663 -> Temperature is: 73.74 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:54.386 -> Temperature is: 73.74 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:56.080 -> Temperature is: 73.62 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:57.798 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:14:59.534 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:01.216 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:02.943 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:04.662 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:06.353 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:08.061 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:09.797 -> Temperature is: 73.18 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:11.505 -> Temperature is: 73.18 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:13.227 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:14.915 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:16.641 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:18.365 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:20.070 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:21.777 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:23.485 -> Temperature is: 73.51 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:25.202 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:26.934 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:28.634 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:30.342 -> Temperature is: 73.40 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:32.065 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:33.780 -> Temperature is: 73.29 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:35.469 -> Temperature is: 73.18 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:37.188 -> Temperature is: 73.06 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:38.890 -> Temperature is: 72.95 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:40.628 -> Temperature is: 72.72 Requesting temperatures...DONE
15:15:42.322 -> Temperature is: 72.61 Requesting temperatures...DONE
```

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### **Final Design Cost**

Prototyping	Final Product					
Fall and Winter Quarter	Dereeler	Touchscreen	Feeder/Extractor (Mounting to Flashcutter)	Electronics	Tooling	
\$1350.00	\$200.00	\$155.00	\$1318.00	\$725.00	\$1050.00	

Total = \$4800.00



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### **CG** Automation Video

