# Automated Temperature Sampler

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#### **Automated Temperature Sampler**

- 4E working in conjunction with EB
- To help the welding technicians

GENERAL DYNAMICS Electric Boat





### **Project Description**

- Structure of a submarine
  - Circular ribs are inserted inside the hull
  - The hull is then heated to temperature
  - Ribs are welded into place

- Heating
  - Hull needs to be the right temperature
  - Too hot or too cold and the hull warps





### **Project Description**

- Old method of monitoring temperature
  - Heating element temperature probes
  - Needed to be retracted

- Older method of monitoring temperature
  - Mark the hull with a crayon and wait for it to melt
  - Could only tell if the hull was above melting point
  - Couldn't tell if temperature was too hot

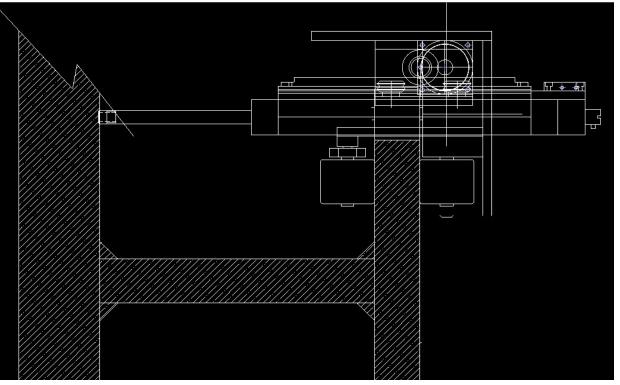


### **Project Description**

- Different Designs
  - Drew multiple designs
  - Different mounting strategies
- Different Design Methods
  - Laser temperature probe
    - Optical sensors are unreliable in this environment
    - Not accurate at high temperatures

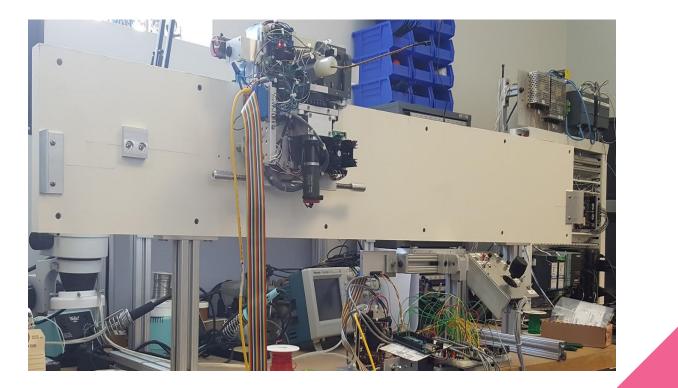


### **Final Design**



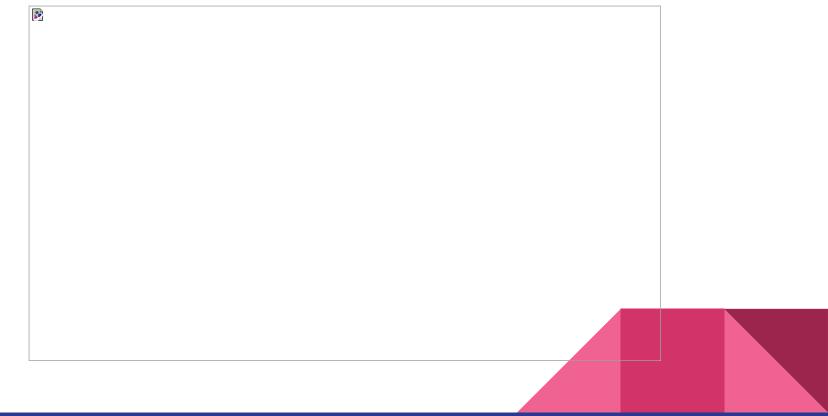


## **Final Design**



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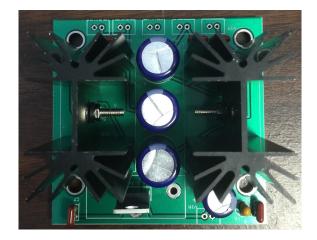
## Block Diagram

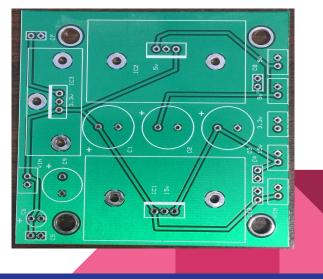


## Components (Power)

#### • Power

- Decided on 20 volt power supply
  - Yun draws too much current
  - Large amount of power needed:
    - For motors and microprocessors
- Voltage regulator PCB
  - 3.3v, 5v, and 15v regulators

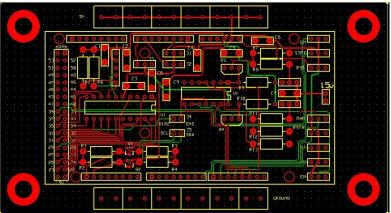




#### Components

#### • PCB

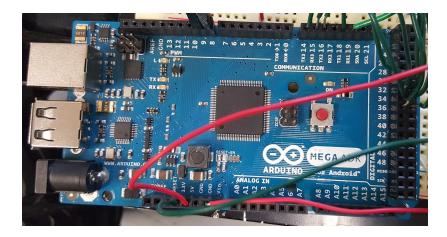
- Used ExpressPCB software to design PCB
- Created to eliminate loose wires on breadboard
- Minimized component space
- Arduino PCB
  - Contained two ATmega168 chips
    - Used for minimizing space
    - Minimized current use compared to UNO





## **Components (Microcontrollers)**

- Microcontroller (controls)/code
  - Arduino mega
    - Master
  - Arduino Yún
    - Writes a datalog text file to the on board sd card
    - Hosts a webserver on the network and serves the text file
  - Atmega 168 chip
    - Controls the temperature probe
    - Take temperatures in from the Max31855





## Components (Sensors)

- HRLV-MaxSonar-EZ-Series
  - Ultrasonic Sensor
  - Sends pings that determine distance of objects
  - Using it to detect objects in samplers path to avoid collisions
- Contact sensor
  - Last resort to detect collisions





## Components (Sensors)

- Dynapar Series E12 (encoder)
  - Pulses as it spins
- LS7166 24-BIT Quadrature Counter
  - Counts encoder pulses
  - Arduino doesn't count fast enough for encoder
  - Counter is capable of handling the count from encoder

Together used to calculate location





## Components (Sensors)

#### Inductive Sensor

- Sends a signal when sensor is in contact with metal
- It is used for the homing operations

#### • Thermocouple

- Records temperature samples
- Used to measure temperatures of hull of submarine
- Temperatures sent wirelessly to tablet





#### **Estimated Material Cost list**

DF-MD 2A Dual Motor Controller	\$17.05
Dynapar Series E12 Encoder	\$450.00
Arduino Mega 2560	\$51.00
Arduino Yun	\$50.00
micro sd card 2 gb	\$6.49
Atmega 168 chips (slaves)	\$3.50
MAX31855 PMB1 Thermocouple-to-Digital converter	\$20.35
HRLV-MaxSonar-EZ-Series	\$34.95
Pepperl + Fuchs Inductive Sensor NBB5-18GM50-E0	\$23.00
DeWalt 20V Max Premium XR 5.0 Ah Lithium Ion Battery	\$139.00
PCB Express	\$0.00
DF Product Arduino Jumper Cables	\$5.00
Power supply PCB and Motor/Temperature PCB	\$180.06
Motherboard PCB	\$180.06
Gear Motor Probe	\$400.00
Gear Motor Main Drive	\$400.00
Linear VEE Slide Parts/Probe	\$127.24
Encoder Counter Chips	\$37.15
Mechanical Drive Components	\$1,056.27
Electrical Components	\$630.56
Joystick	\$217.59
Test Power Supply	\$99.00
Thermocouple Device	\$18.00
Test Stand Material	\$104.00
Total	\$4,250.27



#### Prototype

- Gave us an idea of how the sampler will run
  - Testing sensors, components, circuits as a whole
- Semester 1 prototype (RC car)
- Semester 2 prototype (Full scale model)





#### Problems Along the Way

- So numerous. Only honorable mentions from second semester
  - Interrupts with arduinos
  - Connections to hotspots
  - Making and android list out of an array
  - Wiring the prototype



#### ABET Outcome C

- Safety constraints
  - Sensors prohibit collisions
  - Functionality was more of a concern
- Economic constraints
  - Extra parts laying around
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Cost of everything was not too much of a concern



#### **Project Continuation**

- Electrical Engineers Work
  - Make the sampler portable
    - Add battery to power components
  - Improve on movement protocols
    - Needs to be less of a demo type movement
  - Protocols/circuits need to be more robust
    - Lots of accidental resets or resets are incorrect



### **Project Continuation**

- Wireless infrastructure that we use could be improved upon
  - Use another Yun as the connection point
  - Figure out how to use a P2P connection



- App needs lots of work
  - Needs to be more visual
- 2 way communication between Tablet and Sampler
  - Start commands
  - Some settings

#### Demo



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#### **Questions?**

