



SIMBA

EXPLORING WHEREVER THE
LIGHT TOUCHES

Cal Poly SLO Capstone Fall 2023 Alpha Presentation
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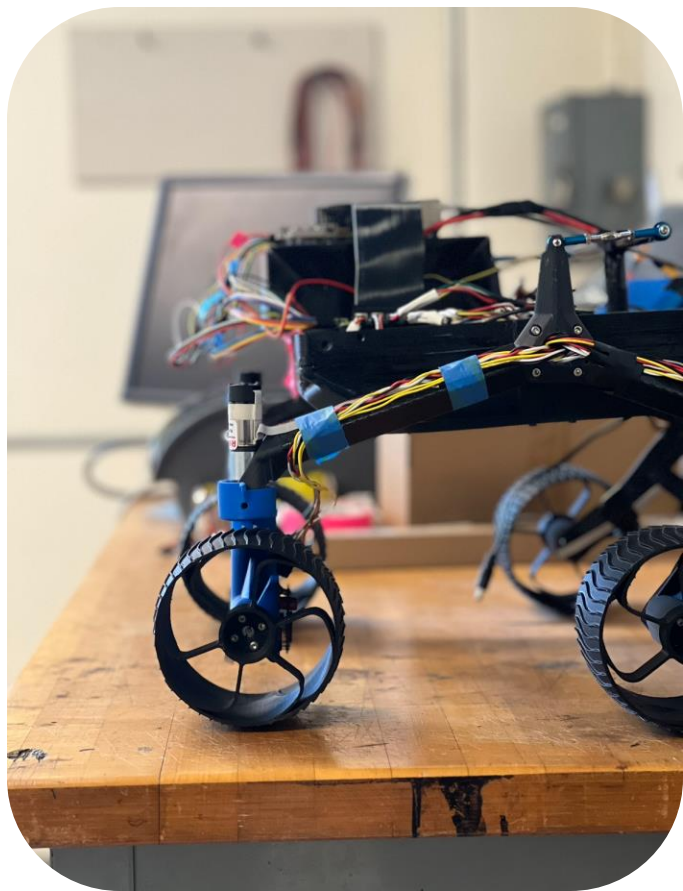
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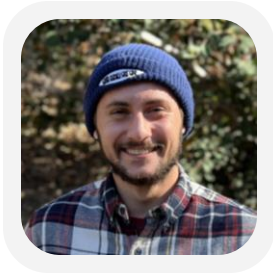
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Meet the Team



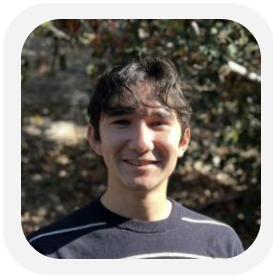
Braedan Kennedy
Project Lead, Software



Curtis Bucher
Digital Design



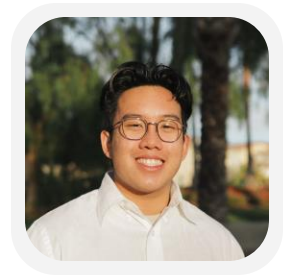
Sepp Williams
Hardware



Ian Beck
Digital Design



Luis David Garcia
Client Laison, Software



Brian Nguyen
Software



Client

Tyler Bovenzi is a Cal Poly Alumni who graduated with a degree in Computer Engineering

He worked on the *GoScout* project -- a prior version of the SIMBA rover



Mission Statement

“The **SIMBA** project aims to lower the barrier to entry for rover development by building on previous generations of Cal Poly rover projects”

—**SIMBA Team**



Objectives

Hardware

Create PCB with KRIA SoM

Digital Design

Port and refactor Verilog motor control code from GoScout project

Software

Implement IMU and GPS from GoScout project

Deliverables

Hardware

Fabricated and tested PCB

Digital Design

Integration of motor drivers and encoders

Software

Creation and verification of functioning C++ GPS and IMU libraries





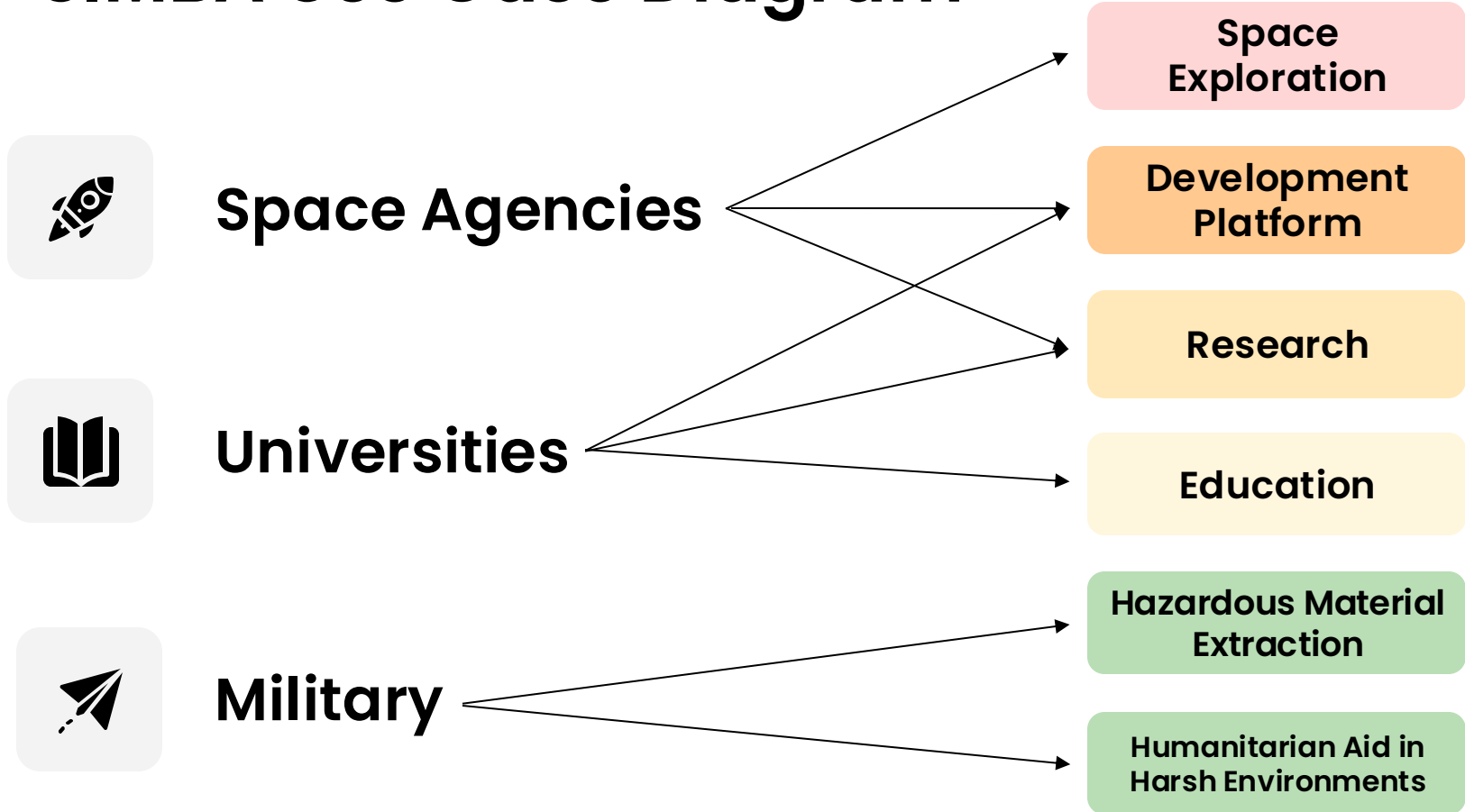
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SIMBA Use Case Diagram



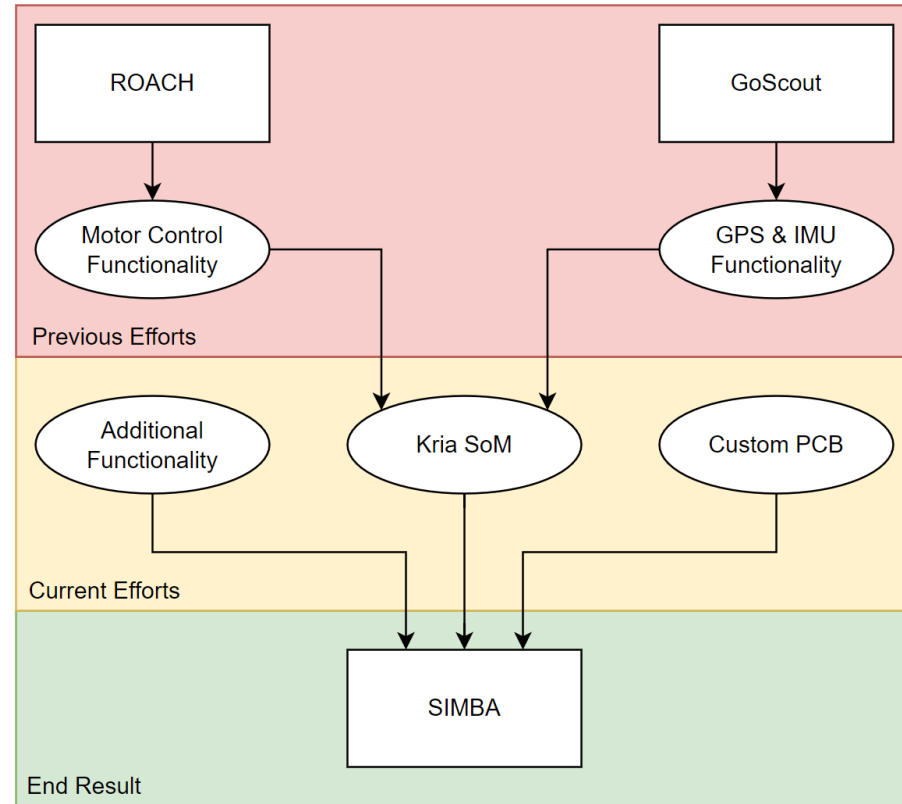
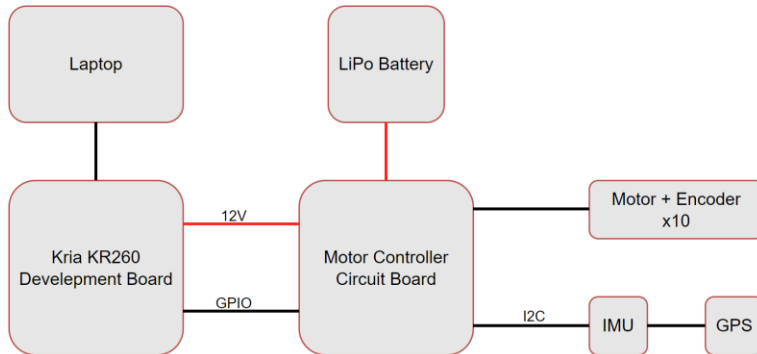
Marketing / Engineering Requirements

Spec #	Marketing	Engineering Parameter	Engineering Requirements (with units)	Tolerance	Risk	Compliance
1	Efficient	Energy Consumption	4 W	Avg	M	A, T
2	Accurate	GPS Positional Accuracy	2.5 M	Max	M	A, T
3	Accurate	Motor Control Accuracy	3000 pulses per rotation	None	M	A, T
4	Durable	Part Expected Lifetime	1 year	Min	H	A
5	Functional	Features Implemented	All legacy ROACH features	Min	M	A, S, T
6	Cheap	Production Cost	\$500	Max	M	A
7	Environmental	Emissions, Supply Chain	<i>Zero Rover Emissions, Limited Battery Size (power efficiency)</i>	Max	L	A, T



Design Development Overview

- **KRIA SoM** – Both the processor used to run rover software and FPGA used for offloading motor control and other intensive workloads
- **GPS & IMU** – Incorporate coordinate-based movements of the rover
- **PCB** – Place the entire system on a single PCB



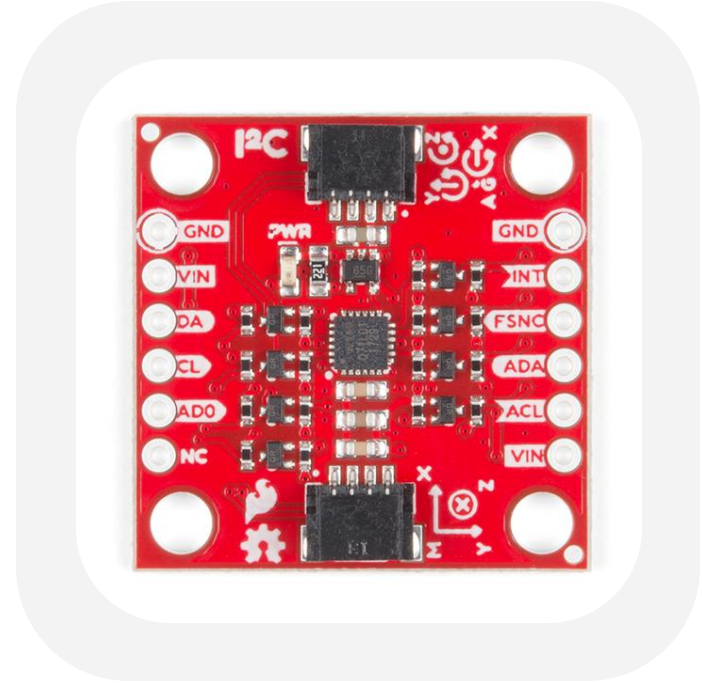
SAM-M8Q GPS

- 14 data points to determine SIMBA location (Longitude, Latitude, Height Above Sea Level, etc.)
- Power consumption: 29 mA @ 3.3V (Continuous) [5]
- I2C Communication



ICM-20948 IMU

- 9-Axis Inertial Measurement Unit
- I2C Communication
- Low power at 2.5 mW [6]



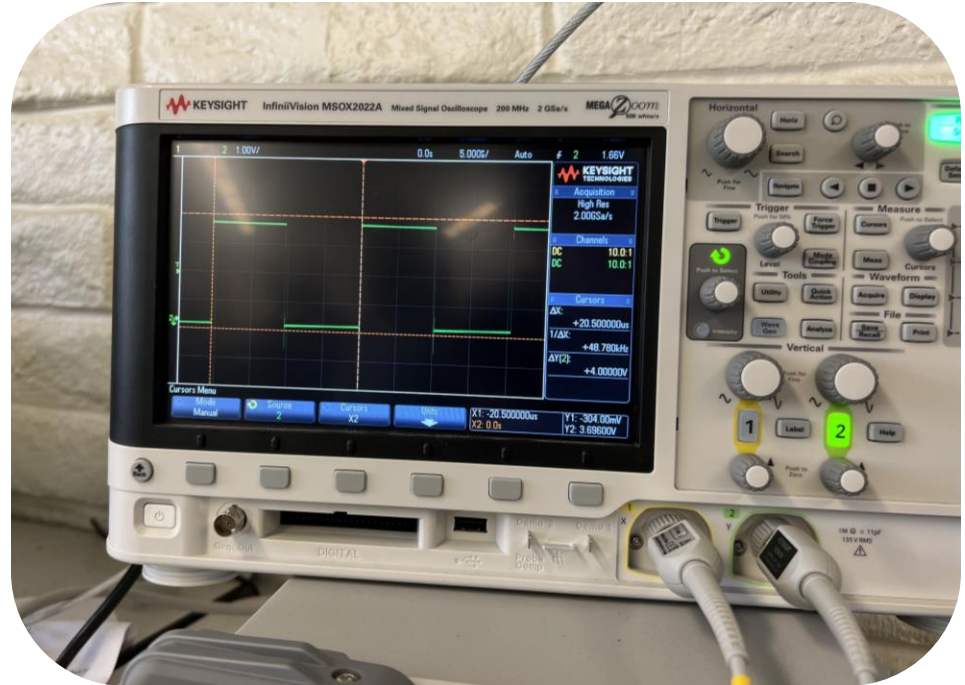
Kria Development & Motor Controllers

PWM Generator -

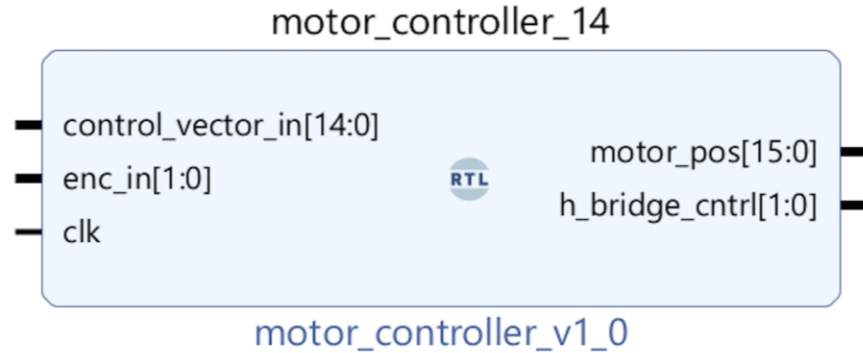
Receives a duty cycle value then generates a pulse-width modulated signal

H-Bridge Decoder -

Decodes direction and duty cycle values into H-Bridge compatible control signals



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Software (C) -

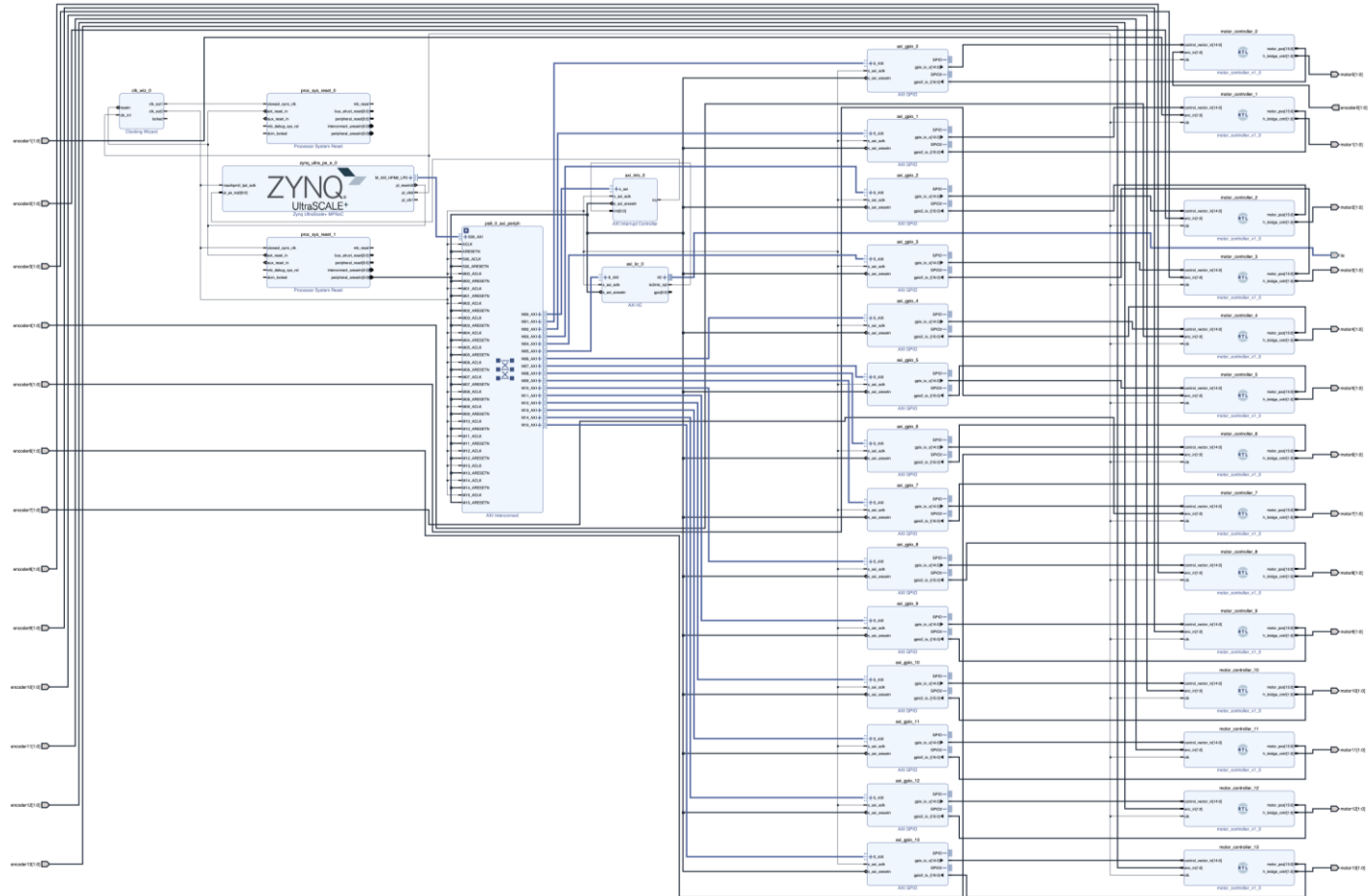
Provides a software interface to the motor controller hardware, allowing users to configure duty cycle, direction, and retrieve encoder position

Quadrature Decoder -

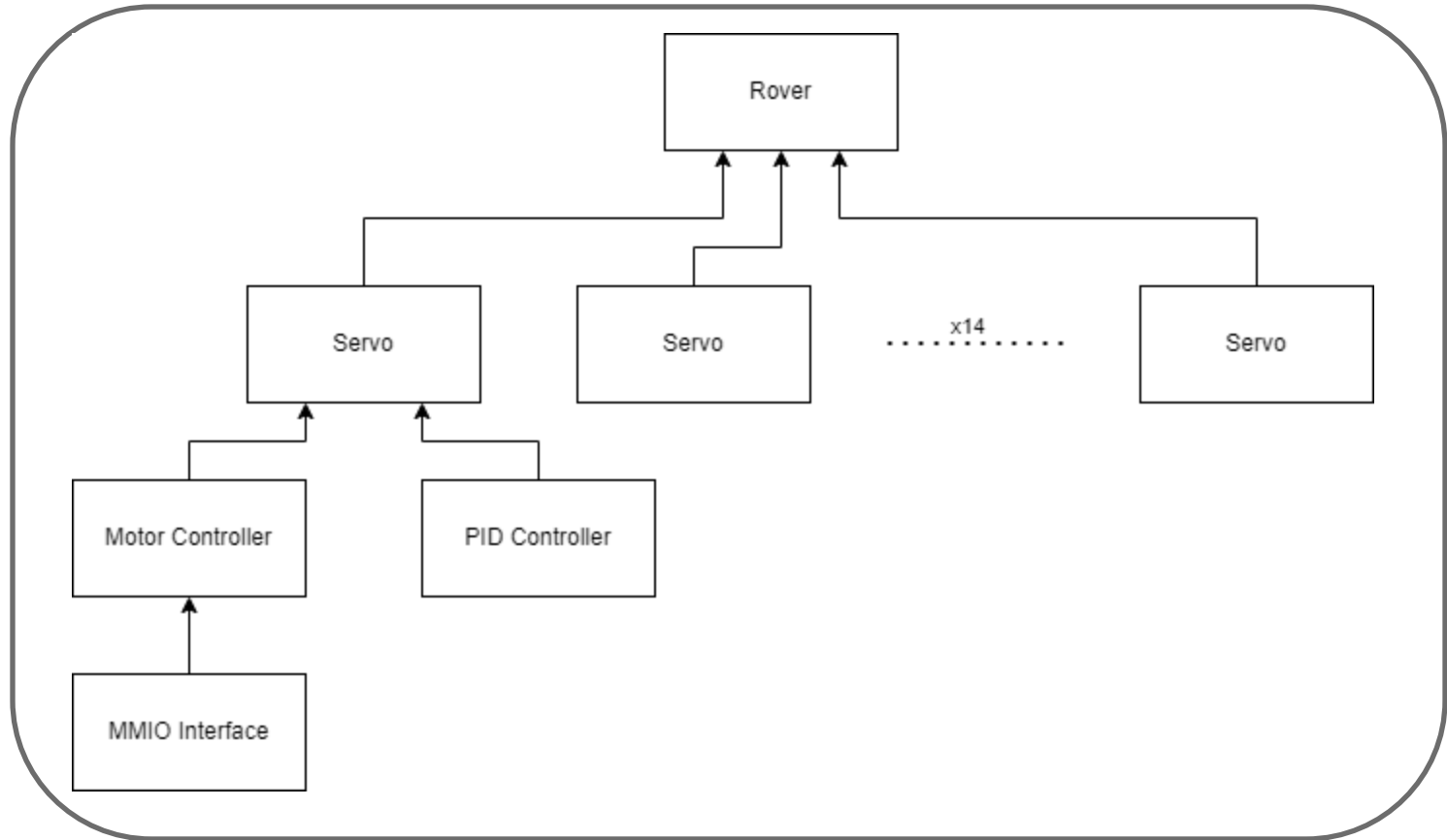
Consumes quadrature signals from motor encoders and uses them to determine the current position of the motor



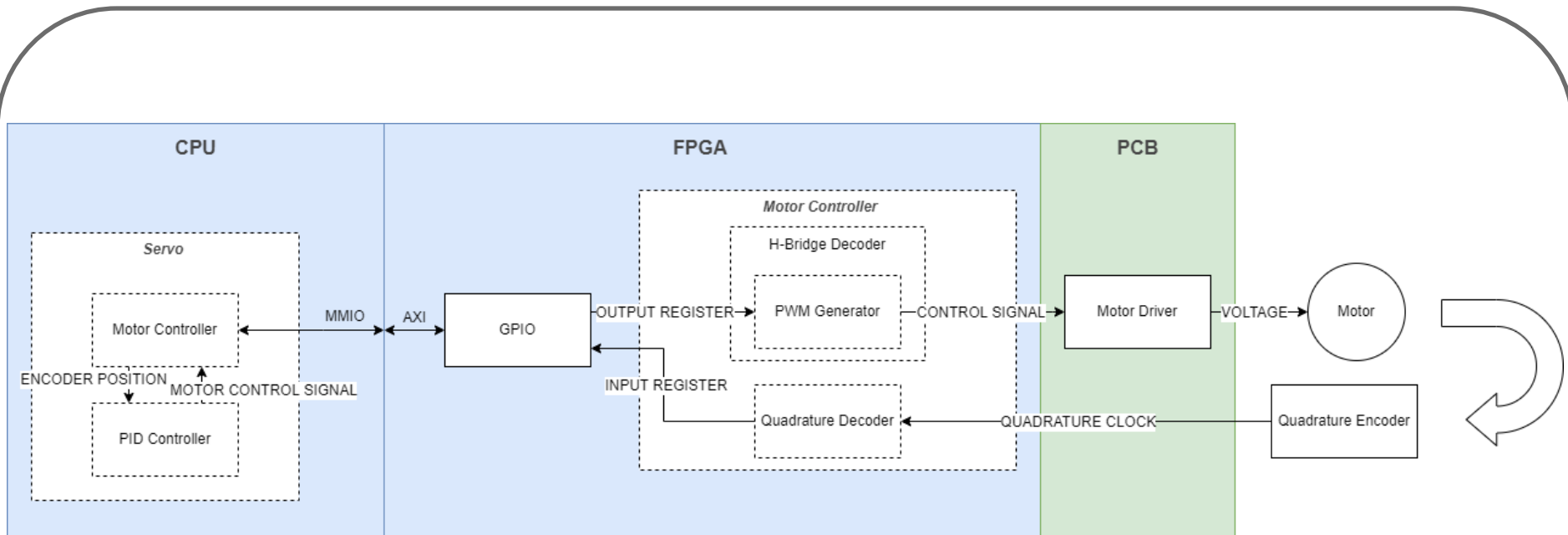
Digital Design Block Diagram



Software (C) Design Block Diagram



Closed Loop Motor Control



- Kria SoM
- Custom Software / Firmware
- Custom Hardware



Motor Control PCB Design

14x motor controllers

- 10x movement control
- 4x arm control

4 Layer PCB

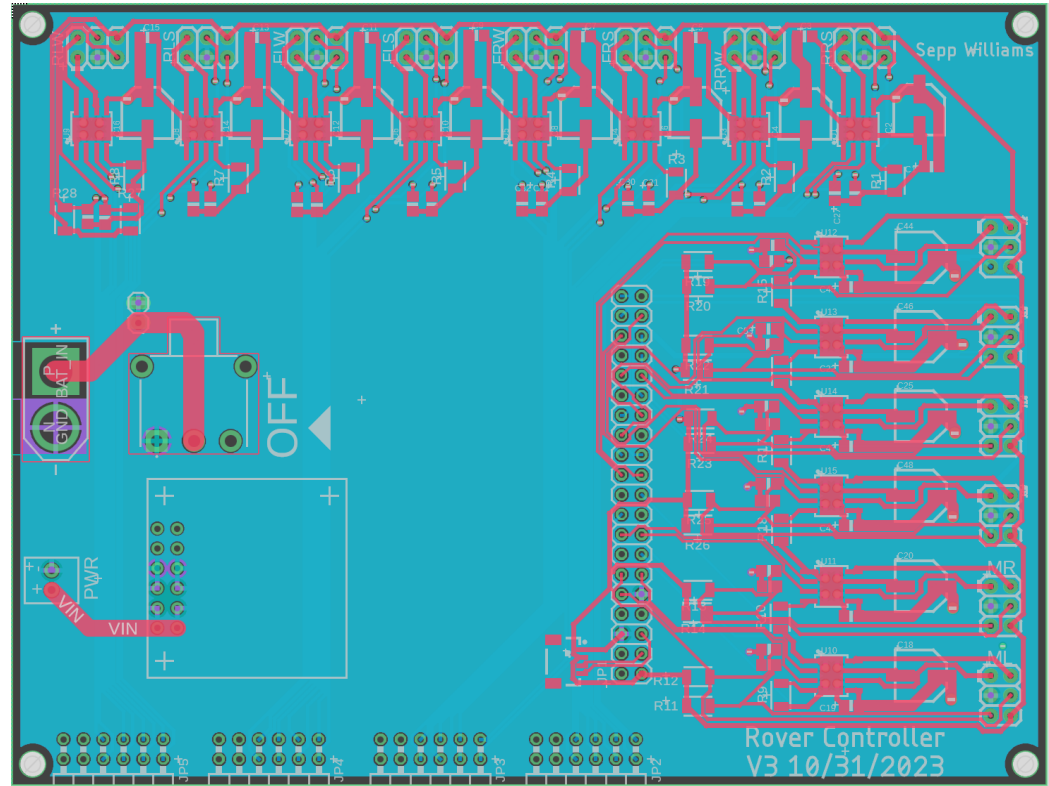
- 2 signal layers
- 1 motor voltage plane
- 1 ground plane

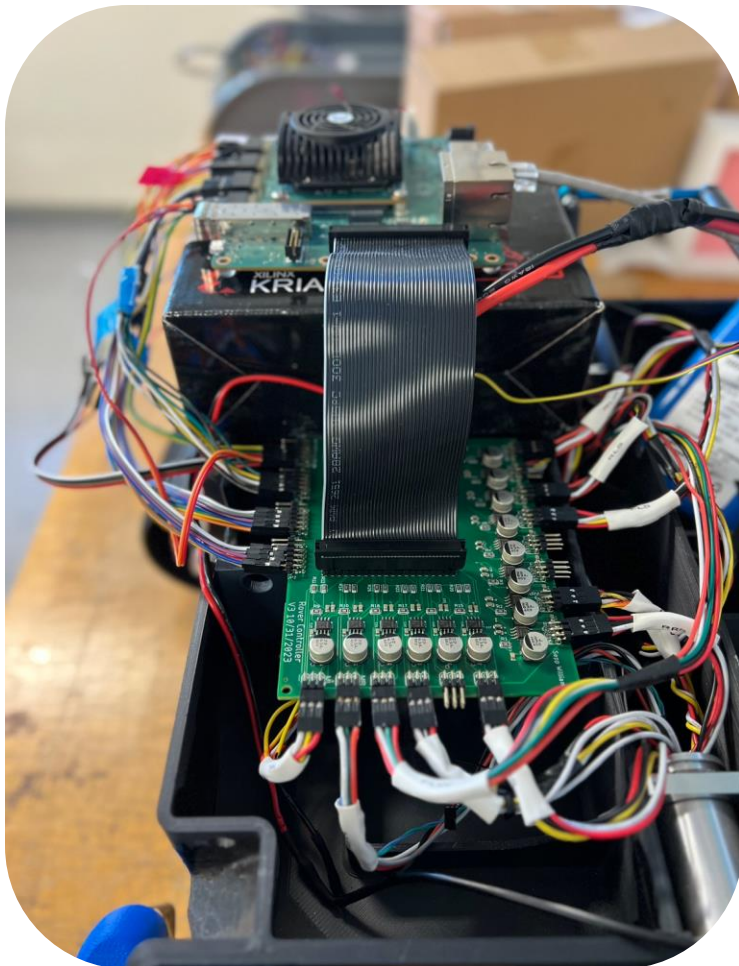
12V Buck Converter

- Powers Kria KR260
- 3.3V from Kria KR260

Interfaces

- Raspberry Pi HAT header
- 4x PMOD connectors
- I2C output connector
- Battery connector
- Power Switch





Motor Control PCB Integration

Power Conversion Validation

- Tested 12V conversion prior to initial Kria KR260 connection
- Validated 3.3V and 5V return voltages from Kria KR260

Individual Motor Control

- Ensured full motor control on each motor individually from a known working Kria FPGA implementation

Full Motor Control

- Expanded to control to all motors within the FPGA and mapped to available GPIO



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DEMONSTRATION TIME



GPS Demo

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simba@simbaPi: ~/Desktop/GPS_IMU_C_Driver
File Edit Tabs Help
simba@simbaPi:~/Desktop/GPS_IMU_C_Driver $ ./gps_map_test
Length of all_coordinates: 1
Coordinates: 35.300037, -120.660987

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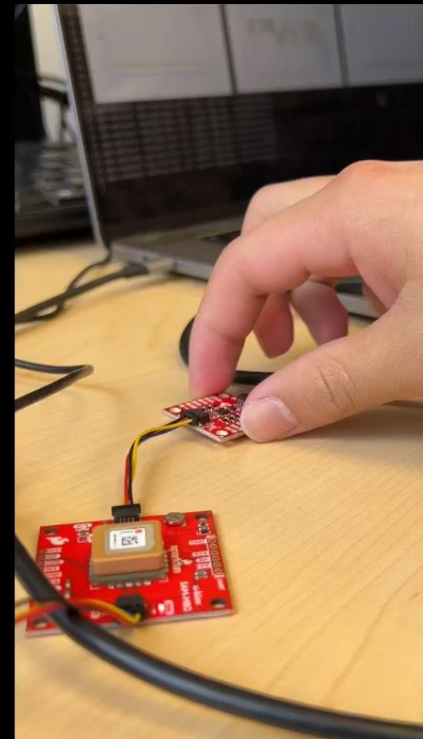
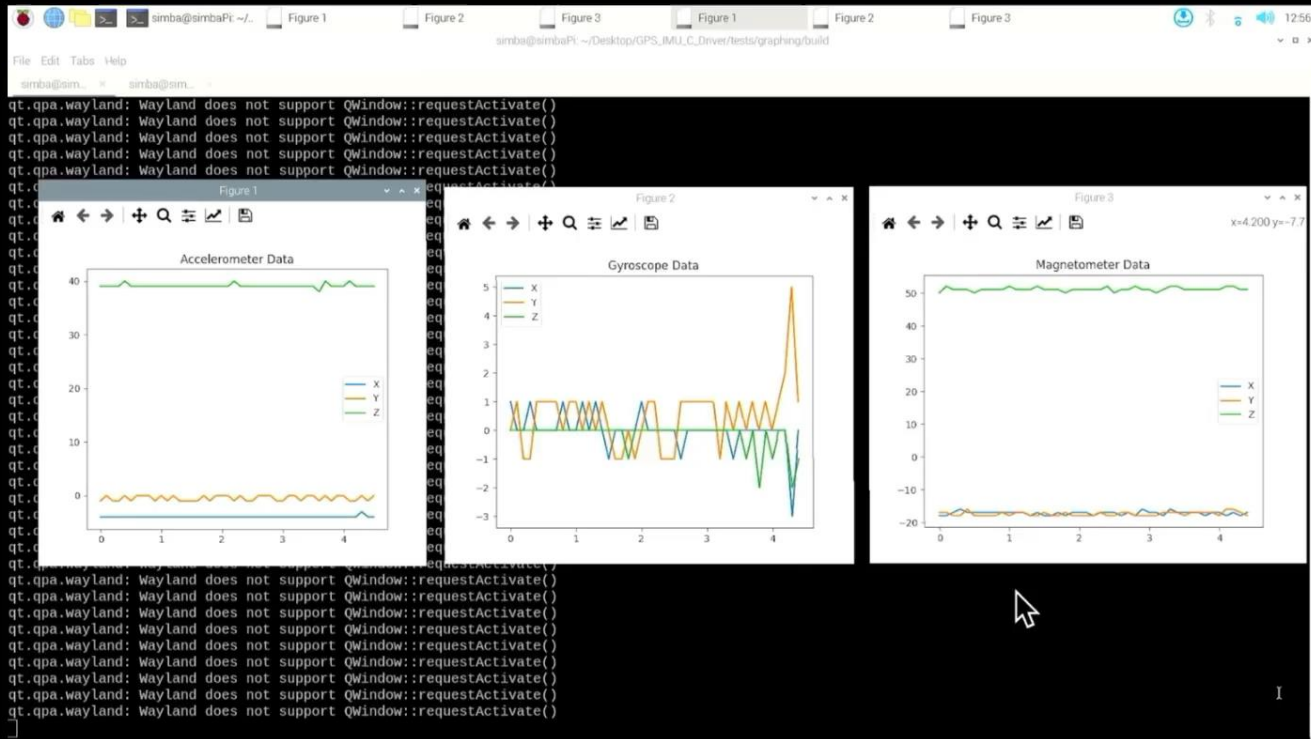
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Coordinates: 35.300023, -120.660982

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IMU Demo

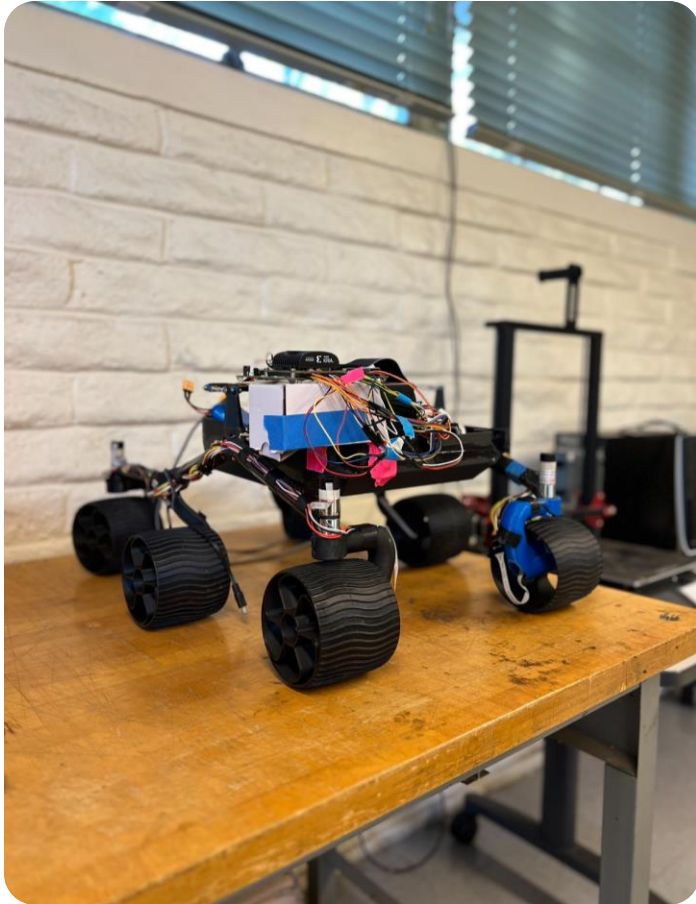


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Rover

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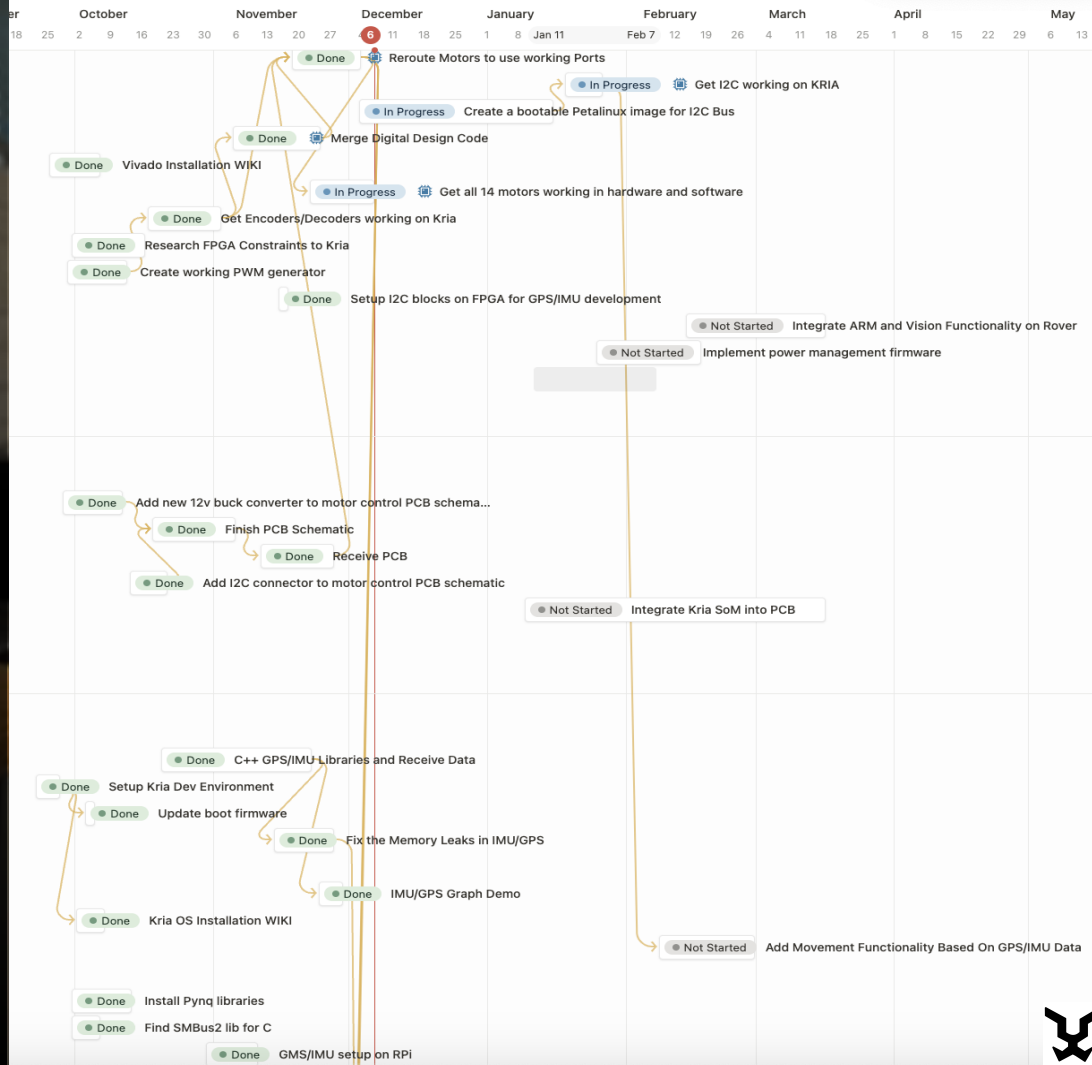
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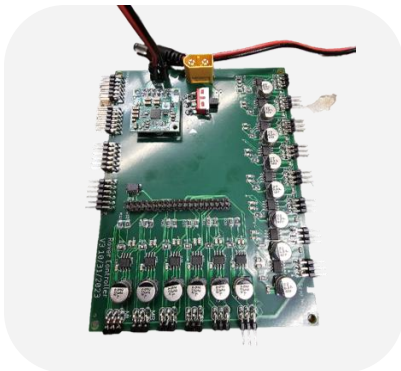


Testing and Evaluation



KRIA SoM

Wrote test program to exercise full functionality of SIMBA's ten movement motors



PCB

PCB used in test program to control each of SIMBA's ten movement motors



GPS & IMU

Employed functional integration testing by creating real-time plots to verify GPS & IMU data



Product Cost

Component	Cost per Part	# of Parts	Total
PCB Manufacturing	\$ 5.92	1	\$ 5.92
0.1uF 50V Capacitor	\$ 0.10	42	\$ 4.20
22uF 63V Capacitor	\$ 1.27	14	\$ 17.78
30K Resistor	\$ 0.10	14	\$ 1.40
2K Resistor	\$ 0.48	14	\$ 6.72
DRV8871 Motor Controller	\$ 2.24	14	\$ 31.36
2x3 Pin Header	\$ 0.15	14	\$ 2.16
2x6 Pin Header	\$ 0.29	4	\$ 1.14
2.1mm Power Plug	\$ 5.00	1	\$ 5.00
40 Pin Raspberry PI HAT Header	\$ 4.52	1	\$ 4.52
XT60 Battery Connector	\$ 1.50	1	\$ 1.50
QWIIC Connector 4-Pin	\$ 0.56	1	\$ 0.56
Slide Switch 5A 120V	\$ 3.45	1	\$ 3.45
Pololu 12V 4.5A Buck Converter	\$ 24.95	1	\$ 24.95
Kria KR260 Robotics Starter Kit	\$ 349.00	1	\$ 349.00
Jumper Wire Male to Female 6" 28AWG Bulk	\$ 1.95	1	\$ 1.95
			\$ 461.61





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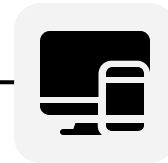
Hardware

- Integrated of all 14 motor drivers and encoders
- Achieved the digital design deliverable



Firmware

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Software

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- Achieved the software deliverable



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**THANK
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Any Questions?



Appendix



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