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Final Project - Prometheus

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Prometheus: Submersible Explorer

Opportunity

Mapping or exploring bodies of water has always been a difficult task that requires the use of underwater drones. Purchasing a personal underwater drone has proven to be expensive, and this acts as a barrier to entry for lower-budget researchers who would like to use one for exploratory purposes. Our team took this opportunity to develop and construct an underwater drone that can be remotely piloted using an intuitive controller.

High-Level Strategy

To develop a remotely controlled submersible system, the task could be broken down into two smaller subtasks, buoyancy control and thrust control. Accomplishing these subtasks would enable the system to vary its depth within the water, as well as control where it is going.

For the buoyancy control system, syringes controlled by motors were used to vary the overall density of the system. These work by taking in and releasing water when the plungers of the system are moved inwards and outwards respectively. Initially, the original design was to be able to displace 785 cm^3 of air. However, due to space constraints, only 589 cm^3 of air could be displaced.

For the thrust control, two pairs of horizontal and vertical-facing propellers were used to provide thrust in their respective directions. The speed of these propellers was controlled via brushless motors and electronic speed controllers (ESCs).

Device Diagram

The mechanical design of the buoyancy system is detailed in Figures 1 and 2. The entire system is composed of two smaller, identical, subsystems that control the position of the plungers of the syringe.

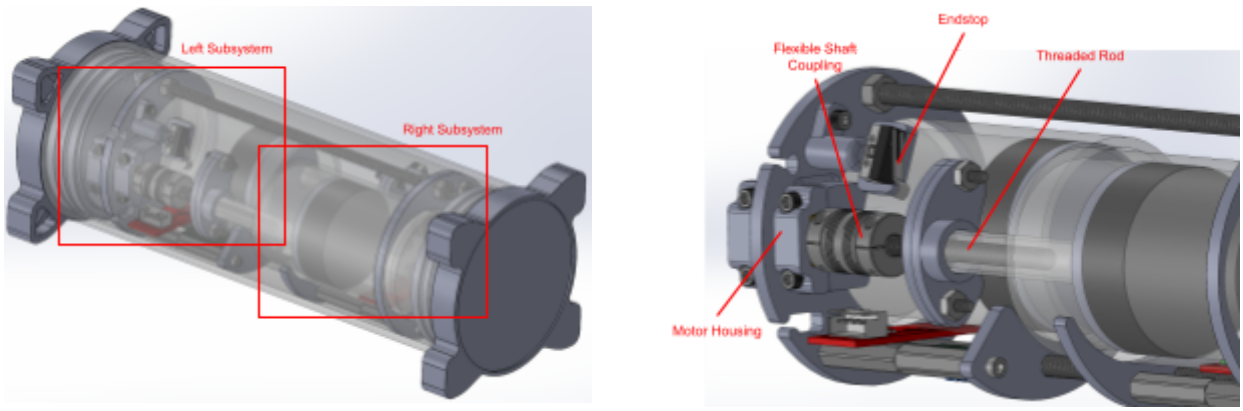

Figure 1: Buoyancy System Overview and Detailed View

Function-critical Decisions

A key function-critical calculation that had to be made was the force required by the motors controlling the buoyancy system. These calculations are shown in Figure 1.

$$Torque\ Required\ = \frac{Screw\ Pitch}{2\pi} \times Minimum\ force\ to\ move\ syringe$$

Buoyancy Transmission Calculations		
	Value	Unit
Minimum mass required to move syringe	0.631	kg
Minimum force required to move syringe	6.19011	N
Stall tourque of motor at 6V	0.008829	N
Screw rod pitch	8	mm
Torque required to rotate screw rod	0.007881492838	N

Figure 2: Calculations for buoyancy transmission

Based on our calculations, our chosen motors for the transmission are sufficient to move the syringes for the buoyancy system.

Circuit and State Transition Diagrams

Circuit Diagram

The main elements controlling the motors are the ESP32 and the motor driver. The motors controlling the buoyancy system, motors 1 and 2, were given an appropriate level of voltage as dictated by the motor controller. In turn, the motor controller is controlled via the ESP32 module, which receives inputs from the remote control operated by the user.

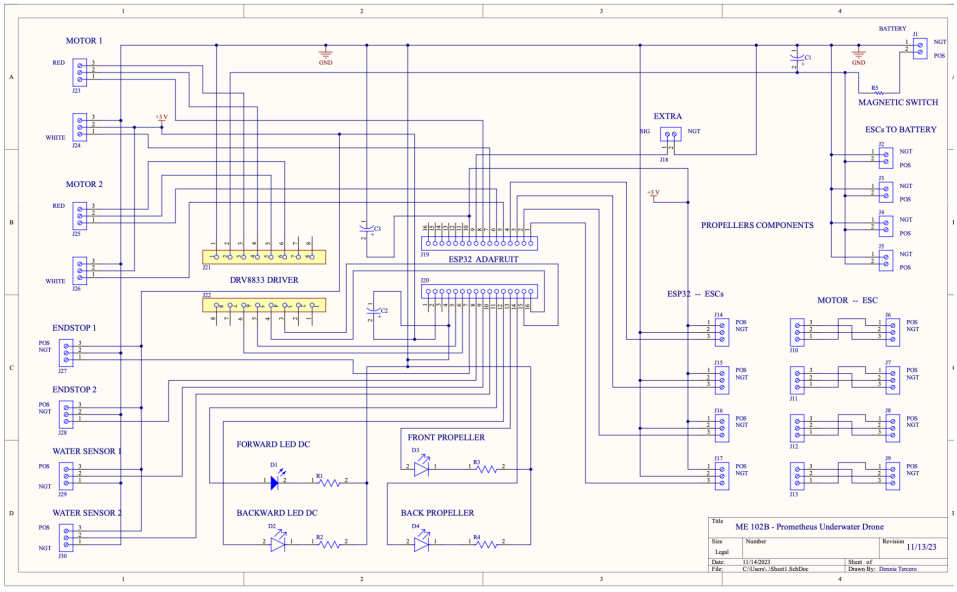

Figure 3: Circuit diagram of the entire system

State Transition Diagram

The system relies on two ESP32s, where each controls one of the two subsystems. The thrust system will be referred to as Core 0, while the buoyancy system will be referred to as Core 1.

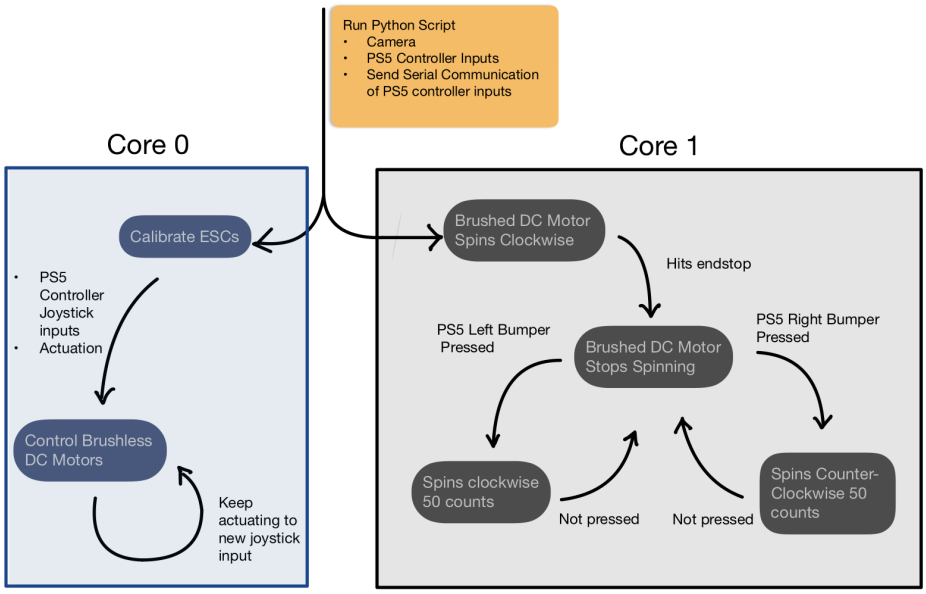

Figure 4: State Transition Diagram

In Core 0, the ESCs are first calibrated. If the controller's joysticks are moved, the brushless DC motors are spun. The speeds of the motors are dependent on the input amount of the joysticks and continue to spin as long as the input is given. When the joysticks are released, and hence when there is no longer input, the motors stop spinning.

In Core 1, the DC motors attached to the syringe are first spun to enable the system to submerge. When the syringes reach their maximum displacement, end-stops are engaged, telling the ESP32 that the syringes are unable to move any further. When the remote control's button is pressed, there is a switch in the screw rod's direction of rotation, causing it to displace the syringes in the opposite direction and return them to their original position.

Reflection

Overall, the project taught us significantly about how to integrate mechanical systems with electronics through the lessons learned in the course's labs. Communication was key to achieving the project's final state, as well as dividing up the tasks to meet the project's deliverables on time. We learned how to compromise on part selection when it came to cost and functionality, as well as how to implement and write clean code that can be easily debugged and reused in the future.

Appendix

Bill Of Materials

Name of Item	*Quantity*	*Unit Cost ($)*	*Net Cost ($)*	*Link*	*Status*
Brushless Motor	4	19.99	88.1559	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B084Q62BSK?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details	purchased
Acrylic Cylinders 4 Inch	1	19.79	21.818475	Amazon	purchased
Acrylic Cylinders 3 Inch	1	18.79	20.715975	Amazon	purchased
8x10 mm Cylinder	1	7.49	8.257725	Amazon	purchased
Waterproof LEDs	4	0	0	-	dropped
Battery (3S LiPo, 3300 mAh)	1	34.18	37.68345	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B076Z778MJ?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details	purchased
Charger for Battery	1	11.99	13.218975	&hvlocphy=1013585&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrand=7029131537468059225&hvtargid=kwd-19295426847&h	purchased
ESC	4	20.99	92.5659	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08HWQ58QX/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=U	purchased
Variable Resistance, set of 5	1	9.99	11.013975	tps://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07W3HW3P7/ref=ox_sc_saved_title_6?smid=A1THAZDOWP300U&th=	purchased
Syringe	4	11.99	52.8759	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07T7MN36N/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1	purchased
Ehternet Cable	1	6.29	6.934725	s-Ethernet-Internet-Meters/dp/B00N2VIWPY/ref=sr_1_3?c=ts&keywords=Ethernet%2BCables&qid=1697924	purchased
Heat Inserts for Everything	10	0	0	SSL sponsored	acquired
Acrylic Window, 3 mm	1	9.98	11.00295	_1_sspa?crid=3EI7VDVIAAFQT&keywords=acrylic+sheet&qid=1697926374&s=industrial&sprefix=acrlic+s	purchased
Camera	1	19.99	22.038975	Amazon	dropped
Wires	10	0	0	Lab-kit	purchased
Epoxy Resin Kit, 340 Oz, pack of 2	1	31.99	35.268975	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07YCVVYFK/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o04_s01?ie=UTF8&th=1	purchased
O-rings	10	0	0	SSL sponsored	acquired
PS5 Conttroller	1	0	0	In possession	acquired
Resistors/Capacitors	1	0	0	Lab-kit	purchased
Tin Lead Solder	1	0	0	In possession	purchased
DC Motor	4	0	0	Lab-kit	purchased
Pressure Sensor	1	22.93	25.280325	07JP4Y7S8/ref=sr_1_1?crid=16K1XWCM4E1NC&keywords=pressure+sensor+esp32&qid=1697926460&s=	purchased
DHT Humidity Sensor, pack of 5	1	9.99	11.013975	https://www.amazon.com/HiLetgo-Temperature-Humidity-Digital-3-3V-5V/dp/B01DKC2GQ0	purchased
9 DOF accelerometer	2	14.50	31.9725	/B0CBGQF643/ref=sr_1_3?crid=1LJKCMMQ782CF&keywords=accelerator+6dof+esp32&qid=1697926780&	dropped
ESP32/Arduino	2	0	0	Lab-kit	acquired
Threaded Rods, pack of 2	1	7.99	8.808975	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B092Q9FD13/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&th=1	purchased
Shaft Couplers (3-5mm), pack of 4	1	14.94	16.47135	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08XJPYJP3/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s01?ie=UTF8&th=1	purchased
M3 Bolts and Nuts set	1	18.99	20.936475	s-Stainless-Washers-Assortment-Precise/dp/B08YYZSZVP/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=bolts%2Bm3&qid=169792	purchased
Sand paper	1	0	0	SSL sponsored	acquired
Ethernet Adapter	1	8.99	9.911475	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00WX1NRO0?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details	purchased
T-Plug to EC5 Male Female	2	7.99	17.61795	https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08881SYWN?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details	purchased
Super Glue	1	15.08	16.6257	Amazon	purchased
PVA Filament 1.75mm, 0.5 kg	1	39.99	44.088975	https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07XZHCNZV/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o04_s00?ie=UTF8&th=1	purchased
Overall Cost	-	-	624.2796		

Code

Code for buoyancy system

```
#include <Arduino.h>
#include <freertos/FreeRTOS.h>
#include <freertos/task.h>
#include <freertos/semphr.h>
#include <ESP32Servo.h>
#include <ESP32Encoder.h>
ESP32Encoder encoder;

#define BIN_1 26
#define BIN_2 25
#define LED1 13
#define LED2 14
#define BUT1 16 //Clockwise
#define BUT2 36
#define BUT3 4
#define endStop 23

#define QUEUE_SIZE 10
#define FLOAT_ARRAY_SIZE 23
SemaphoreHandle_t motor1Mutex;
SemaphoreHandle_t motor2Mutex;
QueueHandle_t motor1Queue;
QueueHandle_t motor2Queue;

Servo ESC1;
Servo ESC2;
Servo ESC3;
Servo ESC4;

float PWM;
byte byteArray[92];
float floatArray[23]; // Array to store 23 floats
float mappedValue;

int checkBUT1 = 0;
int checkBUT2 = 0;
int checkBUT3 = 0;
int checkEndStop = 0;
int sendToHome = 0;
int k1 = 0;
int sendToWall = 0;
// Define DC Motor Stuff
const int freq = 5000;
const int ledChannel_1 = 1;
const int ledChannel_2 = 2;
const int resolution = 4; //8
const int MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE = 240;
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const int NOM_PWM_VOLTAGE = 240;

volatile int count = 0; // encoder count
volatile bool interruptCounter = false;    // check timer interrupt 1
volatile bool deltaT = false;     // check timer interrupt 2
int totalInterrupts = 0;   // counts the number of triggering of the alarm
hw_timer_t * timer0 = NULL;
hw_timer_t * timer1 = NULL;
portMUX_TYPE timerMux0 = portMUX_INITIALIZER_UNLOCKED;
portMUX_TYPE timerMux1 = portMUX_INITIALIZER_UNLOCKED;

int omegaSpeed = 0;
int omegaDes = 0;
int omegaMax = 18;
int D = 0;
int dir =1;
int potReading = 0;
int Kp = 60;
float Ki = 0.9;
int IMax = 0;
int sum_e = 0;
int e = 0;

void PIControllerTask(void *parameter) {
  for (;;) {
    if(Serial){
      if (Serial.available() >= 92){ // Ensure at least 92 bytes are available
        for (int i = 0; i < 92; i++) { // Translates Byte array into a float array
          byteArray[i] = Serial.read();
        }

      for (int i = 0; i < 23; i++) {
        byte floatBytes[4];
        for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
          floatBytes[j] = byteArray[i * 4 + j];
        }
        memcpy(&floatArray[i], floatBytes, 4);

      if (sendToHome == 0){ // It has to be zero, so this only executes one time when the ESP is powered ON
        k1 = firstSequence ();
        while (k1 != 1){
          piController();
          secondSequence_HOME ();
          k1 = firstSequence ();
        }
        sendToHome = sendToHome + 1;
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        while (sendToWall != 50){ // 50 Represents the number of cycles needed to send the plunger to the 0 position (no water inside the syringe)
          piController();
          thirdSequence_HOME ();
          sendToWall = sendToWall + 1;
        }
      }


    checkBUT1 =floatArray[15]; //digitalRead(BUT1);//floatArray[15];
    checkBUT2 =floatArray[16]; //digitalRead(BUT2);//floatArray[16];
    checkBUT3 = digitalRead(BUT3);

    if ((checkBUT1 == HIGH) && (checkBUT2 == LOW) && (sendToWall > 1)){
      piController();
      digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
      digitalWrite(LED1,HIGH);
      delay(1);

      digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
      digitalWrite(BIN_1, MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE);

      delay (110); //The lower this delay, the slower the DC motor

      digitalWrite(BIN_1, 0);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, 0);
      digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
      digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);

      sendToWall = sendToWall - 1; // "sendToWall" variable will never be less than 1

    }

    if ((checkBUT2 == HIGH) && (checkBUT1 == LOW) && (sendToWall < 90)){
      piController();
      digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
      digitalWrite(LED2,HIGH);
      delay(1);

      digitalWrite(BIN_1, LOW);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE);
      delay (110); //The lower this delay, the slower the DC motor

      digitalWrite(BIN_1, 0);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, 0);
      digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
      digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
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      sendToWall = sendToWall + 1; // "sendToWall" variable will never be more than 50

    }

    if (checkBUT1 == HIGH && checkBUT2 == HIGH){
      //Do Nothing
    }

    if (checkBUT1 == LOW && checkBUT2 == LOW){
      //Do Nothing
    }

    if ((sendToWall >= 50) && (checkBUT2 == HIGH)){
      digitalWrite(LED1,HIGH);
      digitalWrite(LED2,HIGH);
      delay(25);
      digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
      digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
      digitalWrite(BIN_1, 0);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, 0);
      delay(25);
    }

    if ((sendToWall <= 1) && (checkBUT1 == HIGH)){
      digitalWrite(LED1,HIGH);
      digitalWrite(LED2,HIGH);
      delay(25);
      digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
      digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
      digitalWrite(BIN_1, 0);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, 0);
      delay(25);
    }
    Serial.print("Position Value is: ");
    Serial.print(sendToWall);
    Serial.print("\n");

    if (sendToHome < 1) { //This "if" statement makes sure that if for some reason our code glitches and sendToHome becomes less than 1. We will force the variable to be 1 again
      sendToHome = 1;
    }
    if (sendToHome > 50) { //This "if" statement makes sure that if for some reason our code glitches and sendToHome becomes more than 50. We will force the variable to be 1 again
      sendToHome = 50;
    }

    if ((checkEndStop == LOW) && (sendToHome > 0)){ //This "if" statement makes sure that if our EndStop is activated, for some reason, after the very first iteration, this variable won't affect the main code
      //Do Nothing
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      // Adjust delay based on requirements
      }
      }
    }
  }
  vTaskDelay(pdMS_TO_TICKS(1));
  }
}

void motorControlTask(void *parameter) {
  ESC1.attach(21,1000,2000);
  ESC2.attach(17,1000,2000);
  ESC3.attach(19,1000,2000);
  ESC3.attach(18,1000,2000);
  ESC1.write(95);
  ESC2.write(95);
  ESC3.write(95);
  ESC4.write(95);

  for (;;) {
    if(Serial){
      if (Serial.available() >= 92){ // Ensure at least 92 bytes are available
        for (int i = 0; i < 92; i++) { // Translates Byte array into a float array
          byteArray[i] = Serial.read();
        }
        for (int i = 0; i < 23; i++) {
          byte floatBytes[4];
          for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
            floatBytes[j] = byteArray[i * 4 + j];
          }
          memcpy(&floatArray[i], floatBytes, 4);
          float mappedValue = ((floatArray[1] + 1) * 95);
          float mappedValue2 = ((floatArray[3] + 1) * 95);
          if (floatArray[1] <= 0.051 && floatArray[1] >= -0.071){ //deadzone to account for PS5 Controller stick drift
            ESC1.write(95);// neutral position
            ESC2.write(95);// neutral position
          } else {
            ESC1.write(mappedValue); // PWM inputs from PS5 controller -1 to 1 range.
            ESC2.write(mappedValue); // PWM inputs from PS5 controller -1 to 1 range.
           }
          if (floatArray[3] <= 0.051 && floatArray[3] >= -0.071){ //deadzone to account for PS5 Controller stick drift
            ESC3.write(95); // neutral position
            ESC4.write(95); // neutral position
          } else {
            ESC3.write(mappedValue2); // PWM inputs from PS5 controller -1 to 1 range.
            ESC4.write(mappedValue2); // PWM inputs from PS5 controller -1 to 1 range.
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234
235             byte* floatBytesToSend = (byte*)&floatArray[i]; // Get the bytes of the float value
236             for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
237               Serial.write(floatBytesToSend[j]); // Send each byte of the float
238             }
239           }
240         }
241     }
242     vTaskDelay(pdMS_TO_TICKS(3)); // Adjust delay based on requirements
243     }
244   }
245
246   void IRAM_ATTR onTime0() {
247     portENTER_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux0);
248     interruptCounter = true; // the function to be called when timer interrupt is triggered
249     portEXIT_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux0);
250   }
251
252   void IRAM_ATTR onTime1() {
253     portENTER_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux1);
254     count = encoder.getCount( );
255     encoder.clearCount ( );
256     deltaT = true; // the function to be called when timer interrupt is triggered
257     portEXIT_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux1);
258   }
259
260   void setup() {
261     Serial.begin(115200);
262
263     pinMode(LED1, OUTPUT);
264     pinMode(LED2,OUTPUT);
265     pinMode(BUT1, INPUT);
266     pinMode(BUT2, INPUT);
267     pinMode(BUT3, INPUT);
268     pinMode(endStop, INPUT);
269     pinMode(BIN_1, OUTPUT);
270     pinMode(BIN_2, OUTPUT);
271
272     // Initialize LEDs as OFF
273     digitalWrite(LED1, LOW);
274     digitalWrite(LED2, LOW);
275
276     //Motor Encoder
277     ESP32Encoder::useInternalWeakPullResistors = UP; // Enable the weak pull up resistors
278     encoder.attachHalfQuad(33, 27); // Attache pins for use as encoder pins
279     encoder.setCount(0);  // set starting count value after attaching
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280
281     // initilize timer
282   timer0 = timerBegin(0, 80, true);  // timer 0, MWDT clock period = 12.5 ns * TIMGn_Tx_WDT_CLK_PRESCALE -> 12.5 ns * 80 -> 1000 ns = 1 us, countUp
283   timerAttachInterrupt(timer0, &onTime0, true); // edge (not level) triggered
284   timerAlarmWrite(timer0, 5000000, true); // 5000000 * 1 us = 5 s, autoreload true
285
286   timer1 = timerBegin(1, 80, true);  // timer 1, MWDT clock period = 12.5 ns * TIMGn_Tx_WDT_CLK_PRESCALE -> 12.5 ns * 80 -> 1000 ns = 1 us, countUp
287   timerAttachInterrupt(timer1, &onTime1, true); // edge (not level) triggered
288   timerAlarmWrite(timer1, 10000, true); // 10000 * 1 us = 10 ms, autoreload true
289
290   // at least enable the timer alarms
291   timerAlarmEnable(timer0); // enable
292   timerAlarmEnable(timer1); // enable
293
294
295  // encoderSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
296   xTaskCreate(motorControlTask, "MotorControlTask", 10000, NULL, 1, NULL);
297   xTaskCreate(PIControllerTask, "PIControllerTask", 15000, NULL, 1, NULL);
298 }
299
300 void loop() {
301 }
302
303 int firstSequence (){
304   checkEndStop = digitalRead(endStop);
305   if (checkEndStop == LOW){
306     return (1);
307   }
308   if (checkEndStop == HIGH){
309     return (2);
310   }
311 }
312
313 void secondSequence_HOME (){
314   digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
315   digitalWrite(BIN_1, MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE);
316   delay (110);
317   digitalWrite(BIN_1, 0);
318   digitalWrite(BIN_2, 0);
319
320   digitalWrite(LED1,HIGH);
321   digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
322   delay(14);
323   digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
324   digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
325 }
326
```

```
void thirdSequence_HOME (){
  digitalWrite(BIN_1, LOW);
  digitalWrite(BIN_2, MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE);
  delay (110);
  digitalWrite(BIN_1, 0);
  digitalWrite(BIN_2, 0);

  digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
  digitalWrite(LED2,HIGH);
  delay(14);
  digitalWrite(LED1,LOW);
  digitalWrite(LED2,LOW);
}
void piController(){
  // PI Section ----------------------------------
  //randomInt = random(0, 4096);
  if (interruptCounter) {
    portENTER_CRITICAL(&timerMux0);
    interruptCounter = false;
    portEXIT_CRITICAL(&timerMux0);

    totalInterrupts++;

    if (totalInterrupts%2 == 0) {
      dir = -dir;
    }
  }

  if (deltaT) {
      portENTER_CRITICAL(&timerMux1);
      deltaT = false;
      portEXIT_CRITICAL(&timerMux1);

      omegaSpeed = count;

      //potReading = randomInt;
      omegaDes = 1;
      //omegaDes = map(potReading, 0, 4095, -omegaMax, omegaMax); // PLEASE SPECIFY OMEGAMAX VALUE ABOVE

      e = omegaDes-omegaSpeed;
      sum_e = sum_e + e;
      D = Kp*e + Ki*sum_e;  // REPLACE THIS LINE WITH P/PI CONTROLLER CODE

  }

      //Ensure that you don't go past the maximum possible command
  if (D > MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE) {
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  if (D > MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE) {
      D = MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE;
      sum_e -= e;
    }
  else if (D < -MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE) {
      D = -MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE;
      sum_e -= e;
    }

        //Map the D value to motor directionality
      //FLIP ENCODER PINS SO SPEED AND D HAVE SAME SIGN
  if (D > 0) {
      digitalWrite(BIN_1, LOW);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, D);
    }
  else if (D < 0) {
      digitalWrite(BIN_1, -D);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
    }
  else {
      digitalWrite(BIN_1, LOW);
      digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
    }
}

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CAD

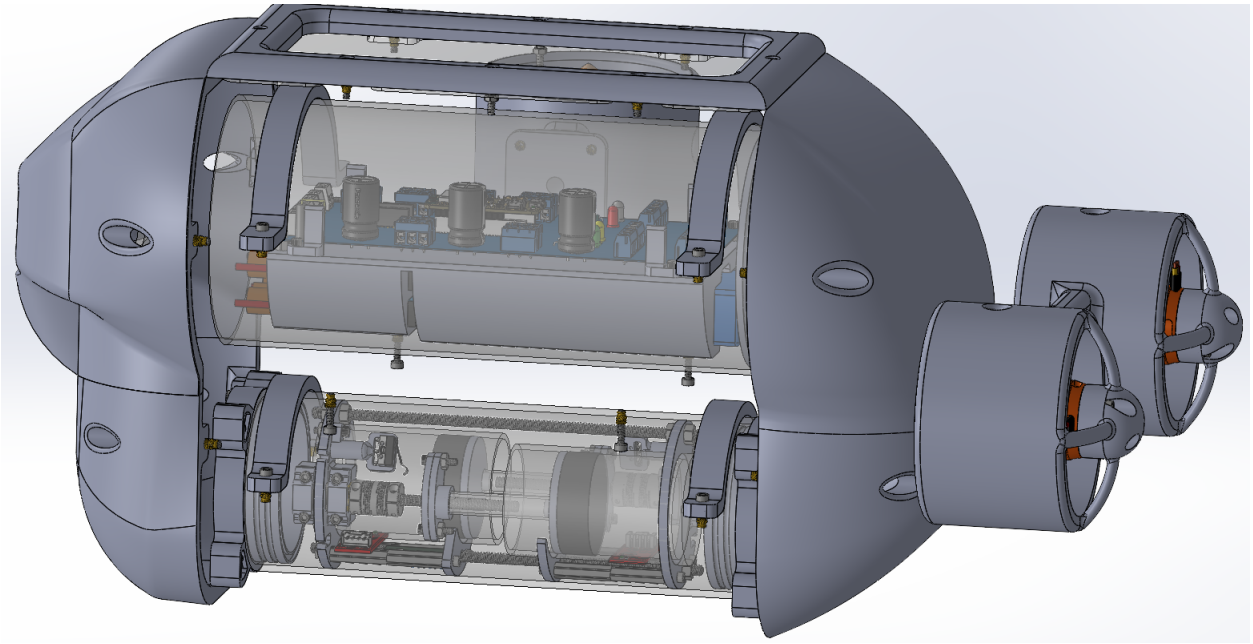

Figure 5: Prometheus Section View

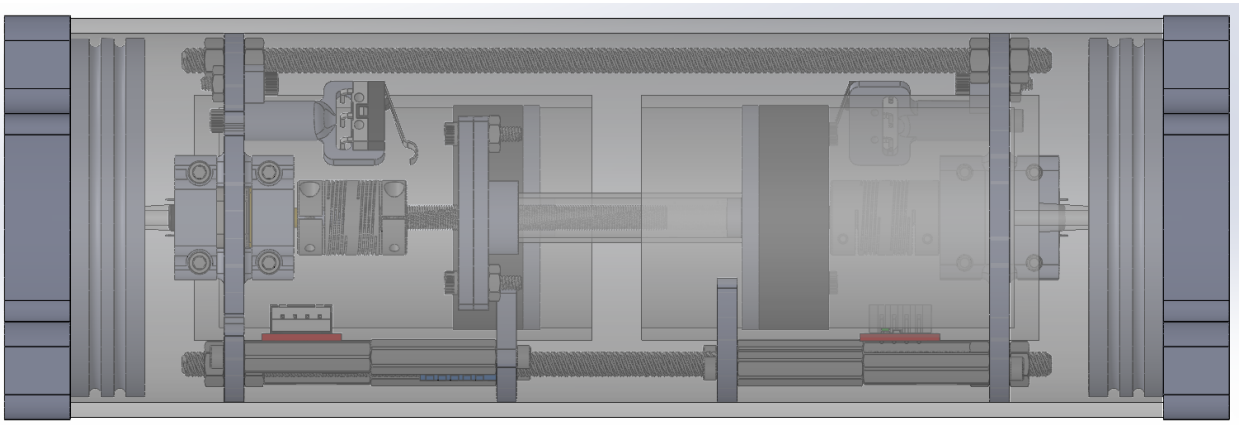

Figure 6: Buoyancy system overview

Pictures of the Device