

Project Deliverable #4: Icarus Intended Manual

Opportunity:

Our motivation lies in finding a way to maximize energy harvesting or minimize wasteful energy consumption using robotics.

Icarus's High Level Strategy:

The user will input the time of day, location, and date into Icarus Intended's code in order for the device to work correctly. The user must turn on Icarus by pressing two push buttons. The first push button will first zero Icarus' solar panel to 0 degrees using a limit switch then move to the desired tilt angle calculated based on date, time, and location. The tilt will only be adjusted if the button is pushed again. The second push button will wake Icarus up. Icarus will move depending on which side detects more sunlight. Icarus will continue moving until one of two conditions is met: 1) both the left and right side detect the same amount of light within a certain tolerance range that is above a set minimum threshold to guarantee solar power generation or 2) a timer has expired. If Icarus's timer has expired, the user must press the push button again to activate Icarus. However, if Icarus is in the sunlight collection stage and the measured sunlight has dropped below the threshold, Icarus will start moving again and the timer will be reset. The user can turn off Icarus anytime with the second push button.

We originally had wanted Icarus to use more sensors including an INA219 and a magnetometer. The INA219 was to measure the power output across the solar panel to compare to the minimum threshold. This proved to be much more challenging so instead we simplified our design and used the photoresistors to set a threshold of minimum light capture instead of minimum power generation. The magnetometer was to be used for another case for Icarus Intended to face the sun. Any time Icarus would stop moving in order to gather sunlight, the magnetometer would have been used to track Icarus' cardinal direction and make sure Icarus was pointing east or west depending on the time of the day to get the most sunlight intake as possible. This also proved to be very challenging so Icarus's final model does not take cardinal direction into account. We also wanted Icarus to be initialized with the same push button instead of two. We also had to change the motor drivers used for the DC motors for the drivetrain and for the stepper motor.

Function Critical Decisions and Calculations:

I. Right and Left Side Drive: Torque Needed to Drive

- A. Max Desired speed of car: 1.0 m/s
- B. Variables for worse conditions: over approximate the weight, driving on incline
 1. Coefficient of friction for coarse-grained soils: **0.5**
 2. Crude approximation for weight: Wheels: $0.40 * 4 = 1.6 \text{ Kg}$, stepper motor = **0.2 Kg**, driving motors: $1 * 2 = 2 \text{ Kg}$, solar cell, battery, housing, electronics, gears, lifting mechanism, etc: **3 Kg. Total approximate weight = ~7 Kg**
 3. Consider an angle of incline: $\theta = 10^\circ$
 4. Radius of drive wheel: $r = 0.035 \text{ m}$
 5. Want to reach max speed in 2 seconds: $a = 1.0/2 = 0.5 \text{ m/s}^2$
- C. Solving for the necessary torque, angular velocity, and power supplied to the wheel:
 1. $N = mg\cos(\theta) = 7 * 9.81 * \cos(10^\circ) = 67.627 \text{ N}$
 2. $f = ma + mg\sin(\theta) = 7(0.5 + 9.81 * \sin(10^\circ)) = 15.42 \text{ N}$

3. $u_s N = 67.627 * 0.5 = 33.8 N \geq f = 16.19 N$ - no slipping will occur
4. $\tau = f * R = 15.42 * 0.03183 = 0.54 N*m$
5. We are using two driving motors, so we can divide this by two: $\tau_{per\ motor} = 0.54/2 = 0.27 N*m$
6. $\omega = 1 / 2\pi(0.035) = 4.5 rev/s = 273 rpm = 47.125 rad/s$

D. Translating motor to gears to wheel:

1. $\tau_1/R_1 = \tau_2/R_2, \omega_1 R_1 = \omega_2 R_2$

$R_1 = 0.02 m$	$R = 0.0114 m$
1) Diametral Pitch = 24	(1) Diametral Pitch = 24
2) Pitch angle: 20 degrees	(2) Pitch angle: 20 degrees
3) $T_1 = 0.27 N*m$	(3) $T_2 = 0.156$
4) $\omega_1 = 273 rpm$	(4) $\omega_2 = 479 rpm$

E. Choosing the motor:

1. *Decision:* Motor needs to supply a torque of 0.156 N*m (1.59 kg*cm) and 479 rpm, hence we choose a motor that supplies 2.3 kg*cm of torque so that we had a factor of safety in case any of the other components are heavier than predicted.

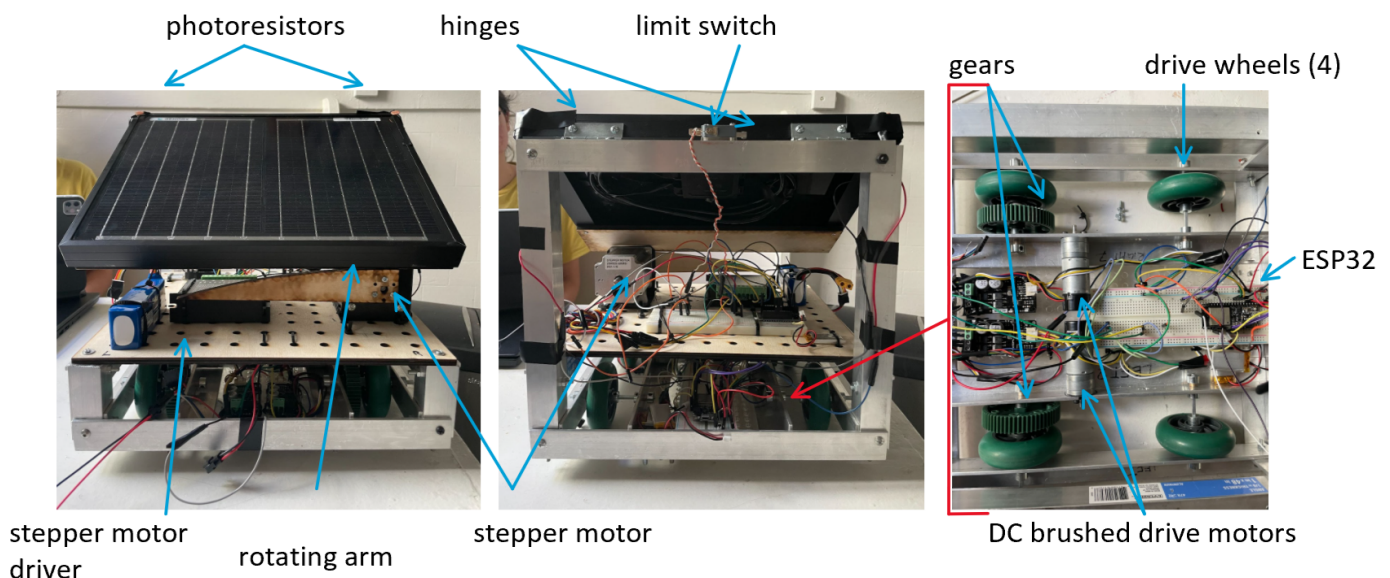
II. Forces on Bearings and Motor Shafts

- A. Torque from the motor will be translated through gears, so the only radial force on the motor shaft is the weight of the gear: 0.907 g, $F = 0.0088N$. This is well within the limit.
- B. Each wheel will have a shaft supported by two bushings, hence the force on each bushing is $W/8$ (because there are four wheels): $F_{per\ bearing} = Mg/8 = 8.584 N$
 1. *Decision:* This is not a sufficient enough weight to damage the bushings or cause excess friction.

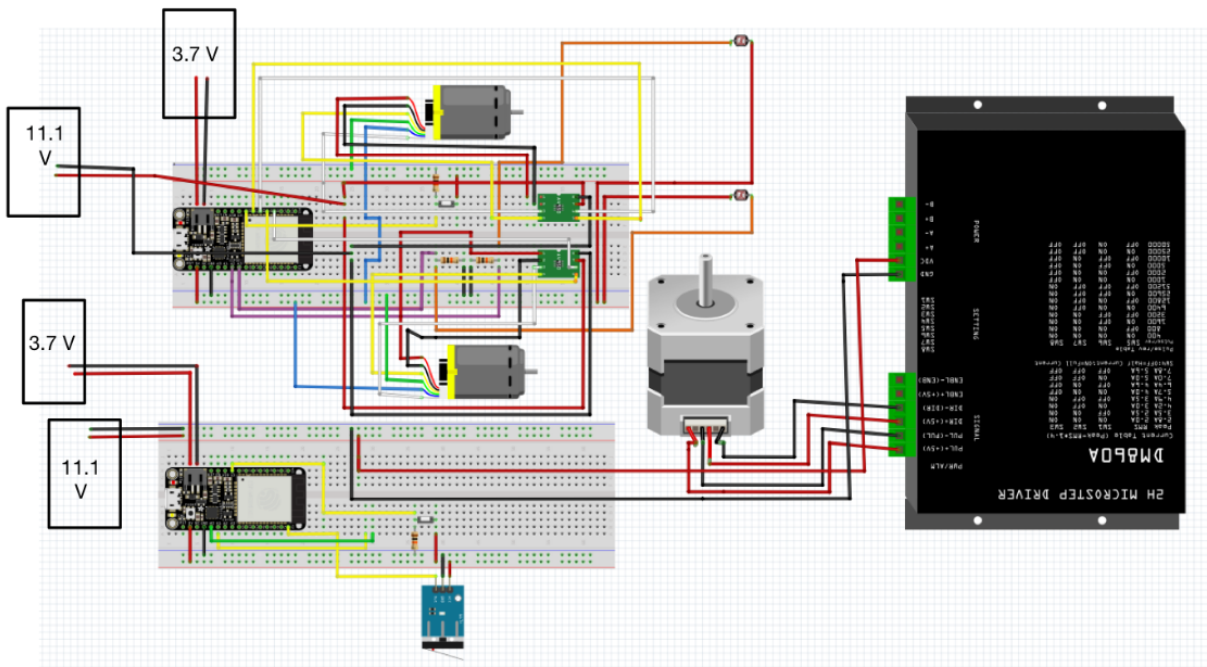
III. Motor Calculation for Rotating Arm

- A. Force needed = (mass_panel + mass_fan)*g = (1.25kg) * (9.81) = 12.2625N
- B. Torque = $F * r * \sin(\theta) = 12.2625 * (.1905) * 1 = 2.34 Nm$
- C. *Decision:* We chose the NEMA 23 motor which supplies 2.88 Nm.

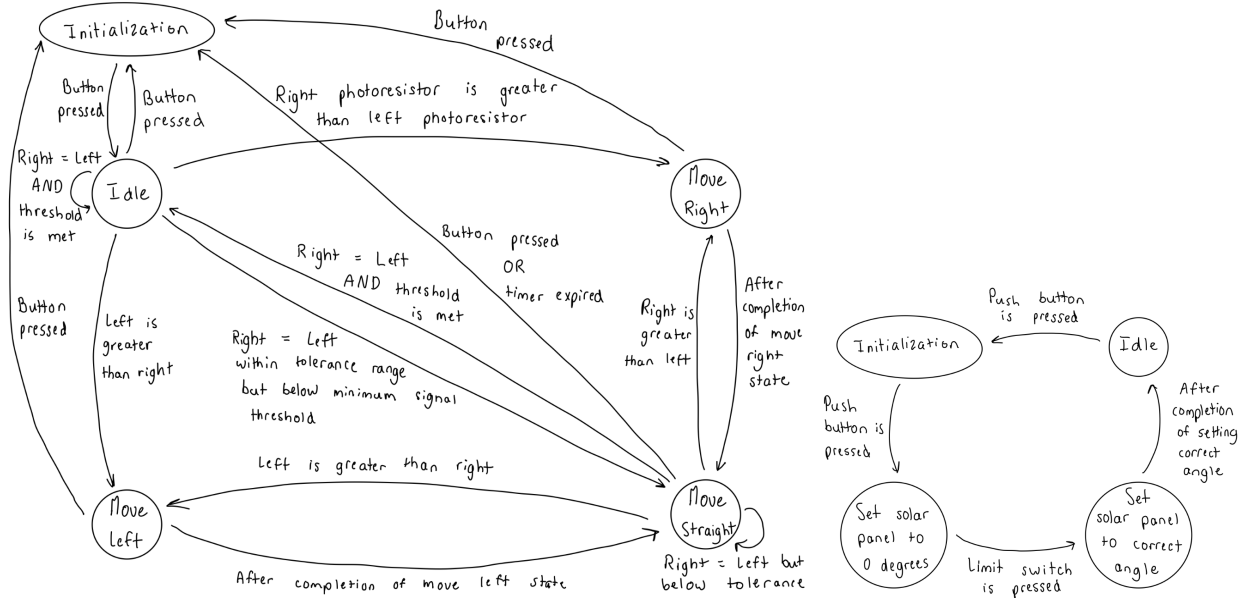
Photos of Integration:



Circuit Diagram:



State Diagram:



Reflection:

This project requires great communication and trust between teammates. We were able to delegate work well to one another and our communication was very good. In the future, we wish we would have started preparing for deliverables sooner, specifically the subsystem functionality check. Additionally, we wish we had looked more into power control for the motors as we had to change out all of our motor drivers in order to make Icarus functional.

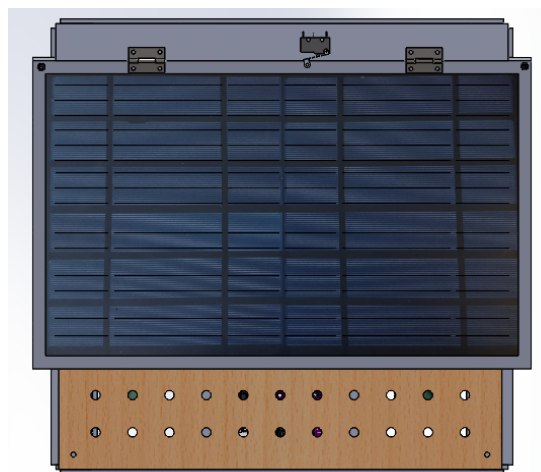
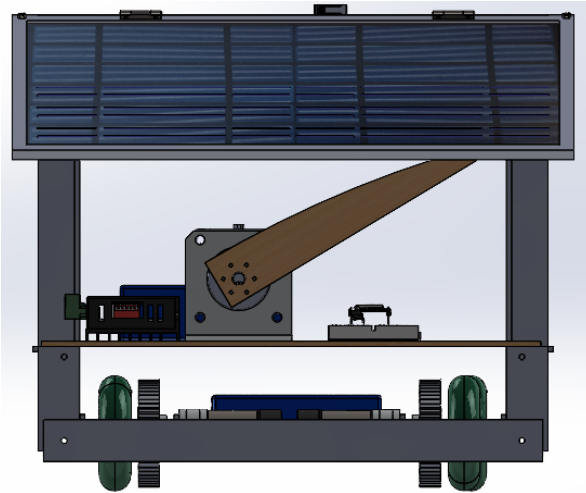
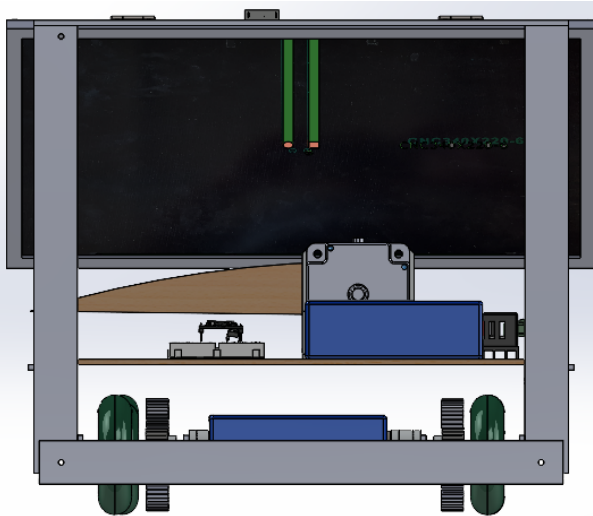
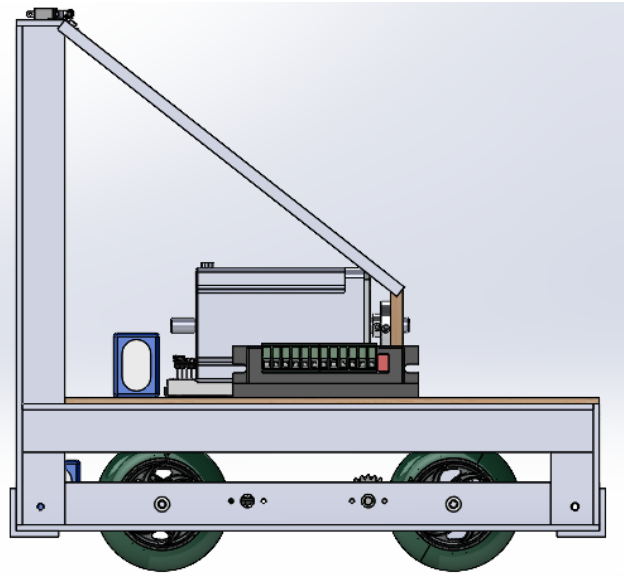
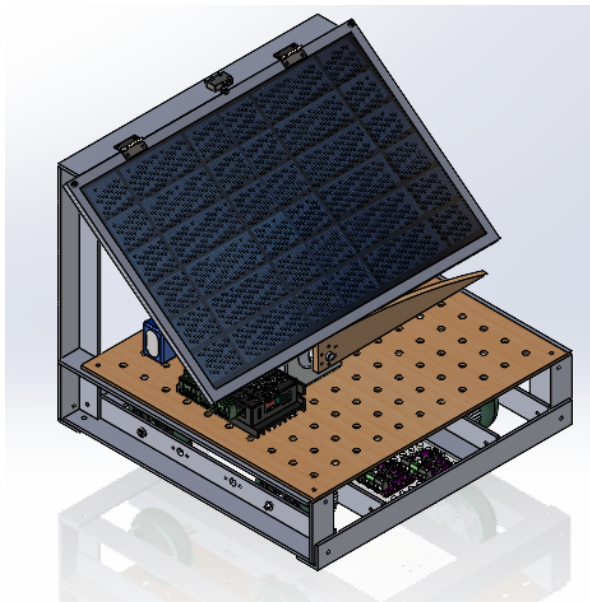
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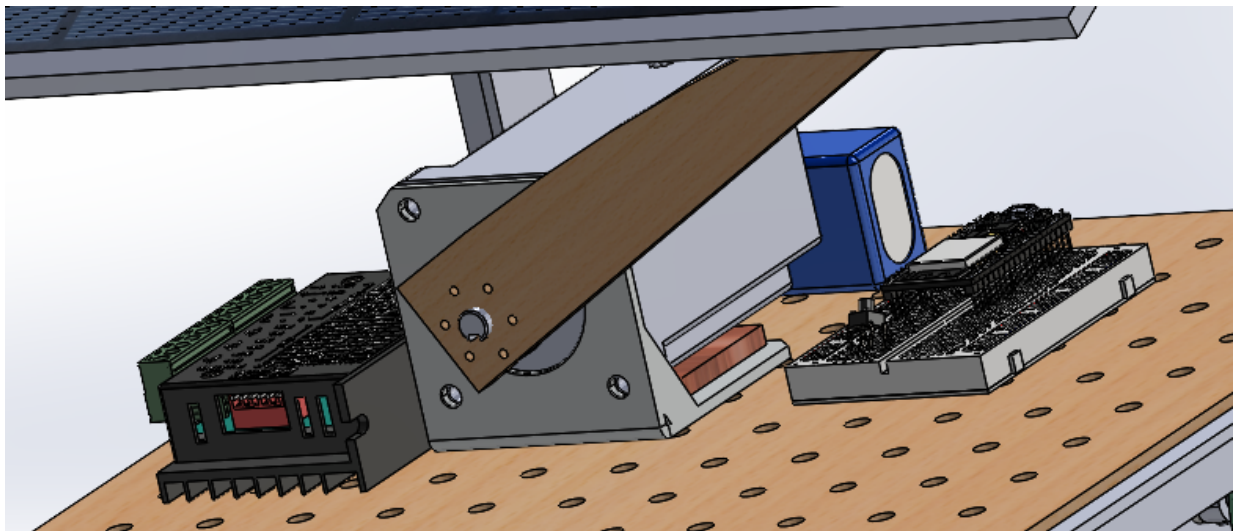
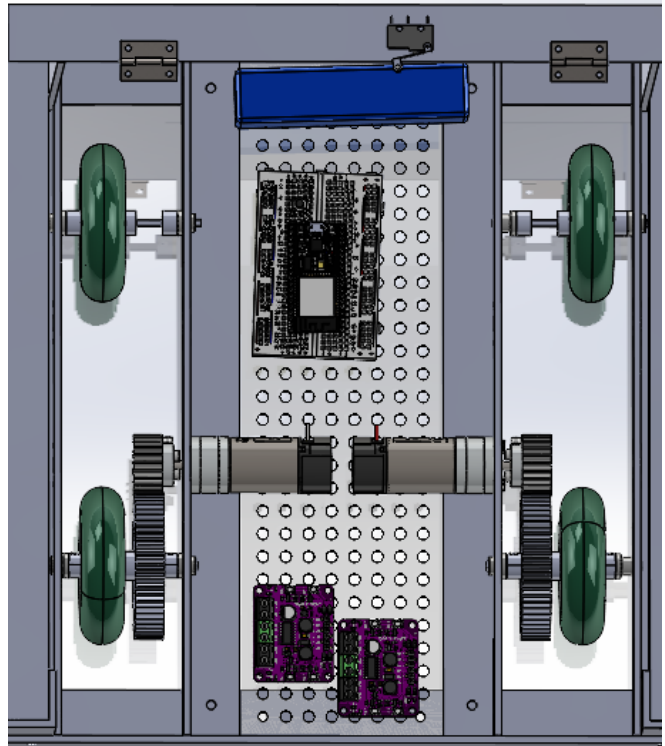
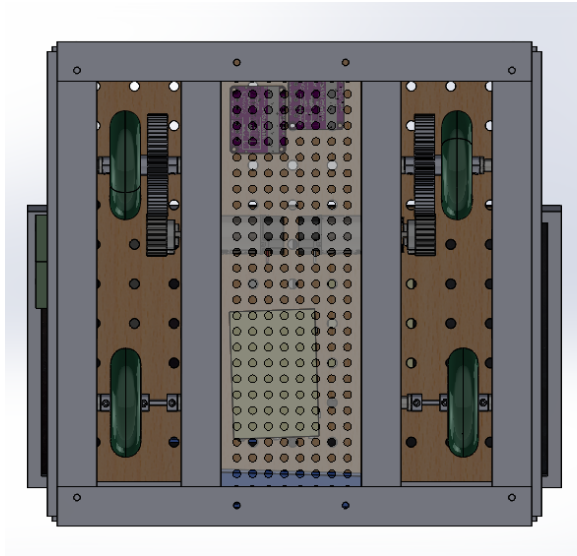
Icarus Intended's Purchase Portfolio					
Item Name	Description	Purchase Justification	Price (ea.)	Quantity	Link to Item
Pololu Universal Aluminum Mounting Hub for 4mm Shaft, #4-40 Holes	Motor Hub	For translating the motors motion to the gears	\$6.95	2	https://www.pololu.com/product/1081
9.7:1 Metal Gear Motor 23Dx63L mm HP 12V with 48 CPR Encoder	Motor	For creating rotational motion to drive the device	\$36.95	2	https://www.pololu.com/product/4802
48 in. x 1 in. x 1/8 in. Aluminum Angle Bar	Structure Channel	Material to be manufactured and used as the chassis	\$16.67	3	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-48-in-x-1-in-x-1-8-in-Aluminum-Angle-Bar-801707/204276130
M3-0.5 x 6 mm Zinc-Plated Plain Metric Socket Cap Screw (3-Piece per Bag)	Screw for motor mount	For securing the chassis	\$0.83	4	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-M3-0-5-x-10-mm-Plain-Metric-Socket-Cap-Screw-3-Piece-per-Bag-803188/204808024#product-overview
Everbilt #4-40 x 3/4 in. Combo Round Head Zinc Plated Machine Screw (8-Pack)	4-40 screws for mounting motor hub to gear	For securing the motor hub to the gear	\$1.28	8	https://www.homedepot.com/p/4-40-x-3-4-in-Combo-Round-Head-Zinc-Plated-Machine-Screw-8-Pack-802961/204274600
10-Watt 12-Volt Monocrystalline Solar Panel	10 W Solar Panel	The bulk of the project -- to collect sunlight to charge a	\$37.13	1	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Renogy-10-Watt-12-Volt-Monocrystalline-Solar-Panel-RNG-10D-SS/312531829?source=shoppingads&locale=en-US

		battery			
STEPPERONLINE Nema 23 Stepper Motor 2.83Nm 4A 8-Wire 6.35mm Dual Shaft CNC Mill Lathe Router	Stepper Motor	To power the arm mechanism to tilt the solar array	\$39.50	1	https://www.amazon.com/Stepper-2-83Nm-8-wire-6-35mm-Router/dp/B00Q62MBHQ/ref=pd_sbs_5/147-4300030-5093457?pd_rd_w=yNs60&pf_rd_p=690958f6-2825-419e-9c16-73ffd4055b65&pf_rd_r=NGQJQY0M3GQHMKC4Q4B5&pd_rd_r=66357da9-39df-4bc1-b853-594d9a18086c&pd_rd_wg=sqWwm&pd_rd_i=B00Q62MBHQ&pssc=1
Surface-Mount Hinge with Holes, Polished 304 Stainless Steel, Non-removable Pin, 1.5" x 5/8" Leaves	Hinges	Needed to attach to the solar array so that it can tilt	\$3.39	2	https://www.acehardware.com/departments/hardware/door-hardware/door-hinges/5005995
GIVEN	ESP32	Microcontrolle rs	NA	2	
	Stepper Motor Mount	To mount the stepper motor	\$ 12.99	1	https://www.amazon.com/Stepper-Motor-Mounting-Bracket-Screws/dp/B073V77VLD/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=stepper+motor+nema+23+mount&qid=1637357155&sr=8-3
	Photoresistors	Signals to tell Icarus which way to drive and when to stop	N/A	2	
	Limit Switch	To zero the solar panel	N/A	1	
	Push Button	To turn on Icarus	N/A	2	
	3.7 V Lithium Ion Battery	To power the ESP32	N/A	2	
	Resistor (10 kOhms)	To pair with the push buttons and limit switch	N/A	4	
	11.1 V Battery	To power the actuators	N/A	2	

	Microstepper	Motor Driver for Stepper Motor		1	
	Cytron MD13S	Motor Driver for DC Drive Motors		2	

CAD:





Code:

Upper Level ESP32 Code:

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FINAL_102BProjectCodeUpper_V2 §
1 //Upper Code contains cods for the limit switch and stepper motor
2
3 //Libraries
4 #include <Arduino.h>
5 #include <Wire.h>
6 #define limitSwitch 21
7 #define dirPin 33
8 #define stepPin 27
9 #define BTN 12
10 #define ONBOARD_LED 2
11
12 double beta;
13 double tilt = 0;
14 byte state = 0;
15 volatile bool limitSwitchIsPressed = false;
16 volatile bool buttonIsPressed = false;
17 int switch_state = 0;
18
19 void IRAM_ATTR isr() { // the function to be called when interrupt is triggered
20     buttonIsPressed = true;
21 }
22
23 void setup() {
24     // put your setup code here, to run once:
25     Serial.begin(9600);
26     pinMode(dirPin, OUTPUT);
27     pinMode(stepPin, OUTPUT);
28     pinMode(limitSwitch, INPUT);
29     digitalWrite(dirPin, HIGH);
30     pinMode(BTN, INPUT);
31     attachInterrupt(BTN, isr, RISING);
32     pinMode(ONBOARD_LED, OUTPUT);
33 }
34
35 void loop() {
36     // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
37     limitSwitchIsPressed = digitalRead(limitSwitch);
38     switch (state) {
39         case 0:
40             Serial.println("Platypus");
41             if (buttonPressEvent()) {
42                 state = 1;
43                 tilt = 0;
44                 Serial.println("Initialize");
45                 digitalWrite(ONBOARD_LED, HIGH);
46             }
47             break;
48         case 1: //setting the limit switch
49             limitSwitchIsPressed = digitalRead(limitSwitch);
50             if (limitSwitchEvent()) {
51                 Serial.print("Button pressed. Beta = ");
52                 tilt = 0;
53                 state = 2;
54             }
55             break;
56         case 2:
57             Serial.print("case 1");
58             InitializeTilt();
59             Serial.print("tilt found: ");
60             Serial.println(tilt);
61             state = 3;
62             break;
63         case 3:
64             //do nothing
65             if (buttonPressEvent()) {
66                 state = 0;
67                 TurnOff();
68             }
69             Serial.print("case 2");
70             Serial.println("do nothing");
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71     break;
72 }
73 }
74
75 void TurnOff() {
76     beta = 36 - tilt;
77     InitializeTilt_End();
78
79     digitalWrite(dirPin, HIGH);
80     digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
81     Serial.println("turnoff");
82 }
83
84 void InitializeTilt_End() {
85     Serial.println(beta);
86     tilt = 0;
87     if (tilt < beta) {
88         digitalWrite(dirPin, LOW);
89         while (tilt < beta) {
90             // go down
91             digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
92             delayMicroseconds(2000);
93             digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
94             delayMicroseconds(2000);
95             tilt += .035; // 1.8;
96             Serial.print(tilt);
97             Serial.print("angle up");
98         }
99     } else {
100         digitalWrite(dirPin, HIGH);
101         while (tilt > beta) {
102             // go up
103             digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
104             delayMicroseconds(2000);
105             digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
106
107             delayMicroseconds(2000);
108             tilt -= .035; //1.8
109             Serial.print("angle down");
110         }
111     }
112
113 void InitializeTilt() {
114     calculateTilt();
115     Serial.println(beta);
116     if (tilt < beta) {
117         digitalWrite(dirPin, LOW);
118         while (tilt < beta) {
119             // go down
120             digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
121             delayMicroseconds(2000);
122             digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
123             delayMicroseconds(2000);
124             tilt += .035; // 1.8;
125             Serial.print(tilt);
126             Serial.print("angle up");
127         }
128     } else {
129         digitalWrite(dirPin, HIGH);
130         while (tilt > beta) {
131             // go up
132             digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
133             delayMicroseconds(2000);
134             digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
135             delayMicroseconds(2000);
136             tilt -= .035; //1.8
137             Serial.print("angle down");
138         }
139     }
140 }

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141
142 double calculateTilt() {
143     double location = 37.8715 * (3.14 / 180); //INPUT LOCATON
144     double timeOfDay = 9; //INPUT TIME OF DAY
145     double H;
146
147     double dayOfMonth = 8; //INPUT DAY OF MONTH
148     double monthOfYear = 12; //INPUT MONTH OF YEAR
149     double daysInMonth[] = {31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31};
150     double declinationAngle;
151     H = 15 * (timeOfDay - 12) * (3.14 / 180);
152     double dayOfYear = 0;
153
154     for (int i = 0; i < monthOfYear - 1; i += 1) {
155         dayOfYear += daysInMonth[i];
156     }
157     dayOfYear += dayOfMonth;
158     declinationAngle = (23.45 * sin((360 * (dayOfYear - 81) / 365) * (3.14 / 180))) * (3.14 / 180);
159     beta = (180 * 3.14) * asin((cos(location) * cos(declinationAngle) * cos(H))
160         + (sin(location) * sin(declinationAngle)));
161 }
162
163 bool limitSwitchEvent() {
164     if (limitSwitchIsPressed == true) {
165         limitSwitchIsPressed = false;
166         delayMicroseconds(2000);
167         digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
168         delayMicroseconds(2000);
169         return true;
170     }
171     else {
172         //should be going up until it reaches correct tilt angle
173         digitalWrite(dirPin, HIGH);
174         digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
175         delayMicroseconds(2000);
176
177         digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
178         delayMicroseconds(2000);
179         return false;
180     }
181 }
182 bool buttonPressEvent() {
183     if (buttonIsPressed == true) {
184         buttonIsPressed = false;
185         return true;
186     }
187 }

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Drivetrain ESP32 Code:

```
FINAL_Post_Prof_Code_v3_debounce
1 //Libraries
2 #include <Wire.h>
3
4 #define BIN_1 14 //pwm_left
5 #define BIN_2 13 //dir_left
6 #define AIN_1 25 //pwm_right
7 #define AIN_2 26 //dir_right
8 #define BTN 12
9 #define PHO_R 33
10 #define PHO_L 27
11 #define ONBOARD_LED 2
12
13 unsigned char state = 0;
14 int LeftPhotoresistorVal;
15 int RightPhotoresistorVal;
16 unsigned long Time;
17
18 //for driving motors
19 // setting PWM properties -----
20 const int freq = 5000;
21 const int ledChannel_1 = 1;
22 const int ledChannel_2 = 2;
23 const int resolution = 8;
24 const int MAX_PWM_VOLTAGE = 255;
25 const int NOM_PWM_VOLTAGE = 127;
26 volatile bool buttonIsPressed = false;
27 int power = 0;
28 float Threshold = 6000;
29
30 //for timer
31 //Setup interrupt variables -----
32 volatile bool interruptCounter = false; // check timer interrupt
33 volatile bool interruptCounter_Button = false;
34 int totalInterrupts = 0; // counts the number of triggering of the alarm
35 hw_timer_t * timer0 = NULL;
36
37 hw_timer_t * timer1 = NULL;
38 portMUX_TYPE timerMux0 = portMUX_INITIALIZER_UNLOCKED;
39 portMUX_TYPE timerMux1 = portMUX_INITIALIZER_UNLOCKED;
40
41 //Initialization -----
42 void IRAM_ATTR onTime0() {
43     portENTER_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux0);
44     interruptCounter = true; // the function to be called when timer interrupt is triggered
45     portEXIT_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux0);
46 }
47
48 void TimerInterruptInit() { //The timer simply counts the number of Tic generated by the quartz.
49     timer0 = timerBegin(0, 80, true); // divides the frequency by the prescaler: 80,000,000 / 80 =
50     timerAttachInterrupt(timer0, &onTime0, true); // sets which function do you want to call whe
51     timerAlarmWrite(timer0, 10000000, true); // sets how many tics will you count to trigger
52     timerAlarmEnable(timer0); // Enables timer
53 }
54
55 void IRAM_ATTR onTime1() {
56     portENTER_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux1);
57     interruptCounter_Button = true; // the function to be called when timer interrupt is triggered
58     portEXIT_CRITICAL_ISR(&timerMux1);
59 }
60
61 void TimerInterruptInit_Button() { //The timer simply counts the number of Tic generated by the
62     timer1 = timerBegin(1, 80, true); // divides the frequency by the prescaler: 80,000,000 / 80 =
63     timerAttachInterrupt(timer1, &onTime1, true); // sets which function do you want to call whe
64     timerAlarmWrite(timer1, 500000, true); // sets how many tics will you count to trigger
65     timerAlarmEnable(timer1); // Enables timer
66 }
67
68 void IRAM_ATTR isr() { // the function to be called when interrupt is triggered
69     buttonIsPressed = true;
70     TimerInterruptInit_Button();
71 }
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71
72 void setup() {
73     // put your setup code here, to run once:
74     TimerInterruptInit(); //Initialize timer interrupt
75     Serial.begin(9600);
76     pinMode(BTN, INPUT); // configures the specified pin to behave either as an input or an output
77     pinMode(PHO_R, INPUT);
78     pinMode(PHO_L, INPUT);
79     pinMode(ONBOARD_LED, OUTPUT);
80     attachInterrupt(BTN, isr, RISING);
81
82     //FOR DRIVER MOTORS
83     /* configure LED PWM functionalitites */
84     ledcSetup(ledChannel_1, freq, resolution);
85
86     /* attach the channel to the GPIO to be controlled */
87     ledcAttachPin(BIN_1, ledChannel_1);
88     ledcAttachPin(AIN_1, ledChannel_2);
89     pinMode(BIN_2, OUTPUT);
90     pinMode(AIN_2, OUTPUT);
91 }
92
93 //service routines -----
94 void MoveLeft() {
95     Serial.println("Turn Left");
96     ledcWrite(ledChannel_2, 255);
97     digitalWrite(AIN_2, LOW);
98     ledcWrite(ledChannel_1, 255);
99     digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
100
101     delay(250); //CHANGE THIS TO THE RIGHT DELAY FOR DESIRED AMOUNT OF TURN
102
103     ledcWrite(ledChannel_1, 0);
104     digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
105     ledcWrite(ledChannel_2, 0);
106     digitalWrite(AIN_2, LOW);
107 }
108
109 void MoveRight() {
110     Serial.println("Turn Right");
111     ledcWrite(ledChannel_1, 255);
112     digitalWrite(BIN_2, HIGH);
113     ledcWrite(ledChannel_2, 255);
114     digitalWrite(AIN_2, HIGH);
115
116     delay(250); //CHANGE THIS TO THE RIGHT DELAY FOR DESIRED AMOUNT OF TURN
117
118     ledcWrite(ledChannel_1, 0);
119     digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
120     ledcWrite(ledChannel_2, 0);
121     digitalWrite(AIN_2, LOW);
122 }
123
124 void Straight() {
125     Serial.println("Moving Straight");
126     ledcWrite(ledChannel_2, 125);
127     digitalWrite(AIN_2, LOW);
128     ledcWrite(ledChannel_1, 125);
129     digitalWrite(BIN_2, HIGH);
130 }
131
132 void Debounce() {
133     timerRestart(timer1);
134     timerStop(timer1);
135     buttonIsPressed = false;
136     interruptCounter_Button = false;
137 }
138
139 void Idle() {
140     Serial.println("Idle - At Rest");

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141 ledcWrite(ledChannel_1, 0);
142 digitalWrite(BIN_2, LOW);
143 ledcWrite(ledChannel_2, 0);
144 digitalWrite(AIN_2, LOW);
145 }
146
147 //Switch Case -----
148 void loop() {
149   // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
150   switch (state) {
151     case 0 : // motor is stopped
152       Serial.println("Platypus");
153       Idle();
154       if (buttonPressEvent()) {
155         Debounce();
156         state = 1;
157         timerRestart(timer0);
158         Serial.println("Initialize");
159         digitalWrite(ONBOARD_LED, HIGH);
160       }
161       break;
162     case 1:
163       //Idle State
164       Idle();
165       Serial.println(analogRead(PHO_L));
166       Serial.println(analogRead(PHO_R));
167       LeftPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_L);
168       RightPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_R);
169       if (buttonPressEvent()) {
170         Debounce();
171         state = 0;
172       } else if ( LeftPhotoresistorGreater() ) {
173         state = 2; //move left
174         timerRestart(timer0);
175       } else if (RightPhotoresistorGreater() ) {
176
177         state = 3; //move right
178         timerRestart(timer0);
179       } else if (PhotoResistorsEqual() && PhotoThresholdNotMet() ) {
180         state = 4; //move straight
181         timerRestart(timer0);
182       } else {
183         Serial.println("Stay in State Idle");
184         delay(1000);
185         state = 1;
186       }
187       break;
188     case 2: //move left
189       if (buttonPressEvent()) {
190         Debounce();
191         state = 0;
192       }
193       MoveLeft();
194       state = 4;
195       break;
196     case 3: //move right
197       if (buttonPressEvent()) {
198         Debounce();
199         state = 0;
200       }
201       MoveRight();
202       state = 4;
203       break;
204     case 4: //move straight
205       Straight();
206       if (buttonPressEvent()) {
207         Debounce();
208         state = 0;
209       }
210       else if (TimerExpired()) {
211         state = 0;

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211     Serial.println("Timer Works");
212     timerStop(timer0);
213 }
214 else if (LeftPhotoresistorGreater()) {
215     state = 2; //move left
216 } else if (RightPhotoresistorGreater()) {
217     state = 3; //move right
218 } else if (PhotoResistorsEqual() && PhotoThresholdNotMet()) {
219     state = 4;
220 } else {
221     state = 1;
222 }
223 }
224 }
225
226
227 //event checkers -----
228 bool buttonPressEvent() {
229     if (buttonIsPressed == true) {
230         if (interruptCounter_Button) {
231             return true;
232         }
233     }
234     return false;
235 }
236
237 bool LeftPhotoresistorGreater() {
238     LeftPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_L); //whatever pin we're using
239     RightPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_R);
240     if (LeftPhotoresistorVal - RightPhotoresistorVal > 500 ) {
241         return true;
242     }
243     return false;
244 }
245
246 bool RightPhotoresistorGreater() {
247     LeftPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_L);
248     RightPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_R);
249     if (RightPhotoresistorVal - LeftPhotoresistorVal > 500) {
250         return true;
251     }
252     return false;
253 }
254
255 bool PhotoResistorsEqual() {
256     LeftPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_L);
257     RightPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_R);
258     if (abs(RightPhotoresistorVal - LeftPhotoresistorVal) < 500) {
259         return true;
260     }
261     return false;
262 }
263
264 bool TimerExpired() {
265     if (interruptCounter) { // interuptCounter will be 'true' when timer interrupt is triggered
266         portENTER_CRITICAL(&timerMux0);
267         interruptCounter = false;
268         portEXIT_CRITICAL(&timerMux0);
269         return true; //IF timer is expired, we want this to return false
270     }
271     return false;
272 }
273
274 bool PhotoThresholdNotMet() {
275     LeftPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_L);
276     RightPhotoresistorVal = analogRead(PHO_R);
277     if (LeftPhotoresistorVal + RightPhotoresistorVal < 6500) {
278         return true;
279     }
280 }

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