Design Build Fly Senior Design Project: Autonomous Glider

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1. Introduction

This year, the AIAA Design Build Fly Competition (held in Tucson, AZ) outlined our primary goal: to build an autonomous glider that separates from the main aircraft mid-flight, flashes strobe lights, and lands in a designated landing zone. Teams are scored based on several criteria, including the number of laps the main aircraft flies, the weight of the glider, and how close the glider lands to the landing zone. Our Senior Design team, partnering with the Design Build Fly (DBF) Club of Notre Dame, has taken on the challenge of creating the glider for this project. The DBF Club is responsible for the structure and aerodynamics of the glider. Our senior design group will handle the electronics for the project. These include a printed circuit board equipped with an ESP32 microcontroller that processes data input from several sensors and actuates the aircraft's control surfaces accordingly. This final report provides a comprehensive overview of system requirements, design, testing, and results.

1.1. Problem Overview

The AIAA Design Build Fly Competition has a list of requirements and constraints on the glider aircraft that must be met in order to be eligible for the competition.

Firstly, the glider can have a maximum weight of 0.55 pounds (250 grams). Teams are allowed to determine means of flight control and navigation. However, no radio controlled receivers are allowed to be integrated onto the glider. The glider must fit between the two external fuel tanks on the airplane and be secured to the airplane for all stages of flight, except for the mission during which it is launched. There is a minimum gap of 0.25 inches between any part of the airplane fuselage and the wings of the glider. The glider must have strobe lights that turn on after it is released from the airplane. No points will be received if the lights turn on before launch, or fail to turn on after launch.

The glider must be launched from the Design Build Fly club's main RC airplane at an altitude of 200-400 feet above the ground. To achieve bonus points, the glider must release itself from the airplane and execute a 180 degree turn. Then, using a descending or gliding pattern of choice, the

glider will land on the ground. If the glider comes to rest within one of the landing zones as shown in Figure 1, bonus points will be awarded. The scoring calculation is shown below in Equation 1.

$$Score = 2 + \# of \ laps \ flown + \frac{Bonus \ Box \ Score}{Glider \ Weight}$$
 (1)

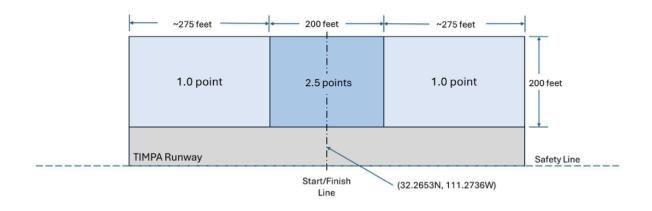


Figure 1. The Glider's Bonus Points Landing Box

The goal for our team is to allow the glider to receive as many bonus points as possible. Therefore, it is critical the glider lands in the highest-scoring landing zone, makes a successful 180 degree turn, and has a working set of strobe lights that both turn on at the correct time and are visible by the judges, while being as lightweight as possible.

1.2. Solution Overview

Our team was primarily responsible for the electronics inside the glider. To complete this project successfully and achieve the highest possible competition score, we implemented several devices that work together effectively and efficiently. At the core of our circuit board is the ESP32 microcontroller chip, which handles data collection, processing, and output. Several sensors

interface with the microcontroller, including an inertial measurement unit (IMU), a differential pressure sensor with a pitot tube (for airspeed), and a GPS module with ceramic chip antenna. These sensors provide critical data for the glider's navigation and autonomous control. All flight data is recorded to an on-board microSD card and the entire system is powered by a 7.4V 2S LiPo battery (300mAh) with appropriate level-shifting circuitry.

A proportional control algorithm processes the incoming sensor data to determine precise adjustments necessary for stable flight and optimal control surface actuation to perform the desired maneuvers (180 degree turn and landing in the box). This control strategy ensures the glider accurately targets the landing zone, maximizing potential bonus points from the judges.

For control surface actuation, the ESP32 controls two servo motors (via PWM) connected to the glider's pitcherons. This allows the entire wing surface to rotate, ensuring adequate pitch and roll authority. The design eliminates the need for an actuated rudder to reduce weight but includes a fixed vertical stabilizer for aerodynamic stability.

Additionally, our team also had input on several of the structural and aerodynamic features of the glider. To ensure the main electronics and fuselage of the glider survived impact upon landing, carbon fiber plates were used with cutouts for the release mechanism and for weight reduction and a wooden bar was used to extend the tail section for improved stability. The tail section is also inverted so that the glider fits underneath the main aircraft's fuselage and the overall design is a high wing design as shown in the Figure 2 3D CAD rendering.

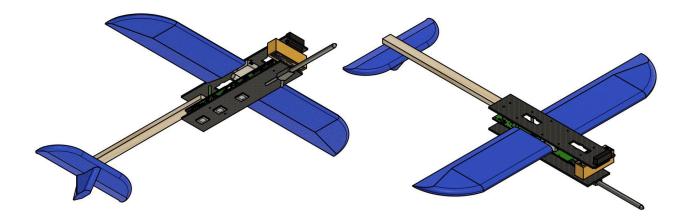


Figure 2. Assembled Glider Isometric Projection in Autodesk Fusion 360 CAD

1.3. Summary of Results

The glider and its release mechanism can be demonstrated successfully on the ground. As soon as it is released, the glider immediately activates its control surfaces to perform a 180 degree right hand turn and begins flashing the strobe lights. As the right roll angle is increased manually, the control surfaces respond by returning to their neutral position in a proportional manner. If done outdoors (for GPS fix), once the 180 degree turn has been completed, the glider will actuate its control surfaces to aim the glider in the direction that points towards its pre-programmed GPS target coordinates and continuously updates this direction (and hence the control surface commands) as the glider moves. Once the glider is approximately wings level and pointing in the right direction, the pitcheron control commands focus on maintaining the airspeed within a certain range by adjusting pitch to prevent stalling or overspeeding. Flight envelope protections can also be demonstrated as if roll and/or pitch are outside the predefined flight envelope, the control surfaces actuate maximally in the opposite direction to restore stable flight. All flight data is also successfully logged to our on-board microSD card and can be retrieved and examined later. An image of the final construction of the glider can be found below in Figure 3.

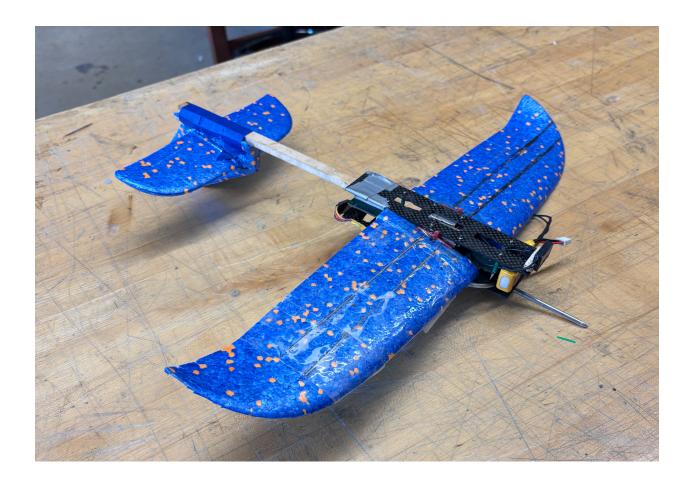


Figure 3. Final Assembly of the Glider

However, during the competition itself, there was a structural issue caused by the attachment of the wings, which interfered with the release mechanism and prevented the glider from successfully detaching from the aircraft. This issue was later addressed in flight testing.

2. Detailed System Requirements

Table 1 summarizes the system requirements based on the competition rules and derived requirements from the DBF team or the EE Senior Design Course.

Table 1. System Requirements

System Requirement	Category
The X-1 test vehicle is a glider capable of autonomous flight.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle will be launched from the airplane at an altitude of 200-400 feet above ground level.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must transition to stable flight after release from the airplane	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must execute a 180-degree turn after launch	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must fly a descending pattern or orbit of the teams choosing until landing on the ground	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must land in one of the bonus boxes shown in Figure 1 or else no bonus points will be awarded.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle shall have flashing lights or strobes that come on after release from the airplane. If the lights come on before launch or the lights fail to come on after launch, no bonus points will be awarded.	Rules
After the X-1 test vehicle comes to rest in a bonus box, the lights/strobes must still be working (flashing) to achieve bonus points.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle flight control and navigation may include an	Rules

autopilot/flight control with or without GPS	
No RadioControlled receivers may be integrated into the X-1 test vehicle.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle shall have a maximum weight of 0.55 lbs.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must be carried underneath the airplane fuselage	Rules
There must be a minimum gap of 0.25 inches between any part of the airplane fuselage, wings, or outer surface and X-1 test vehicle wings.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must be secured to the airplane for all phases of flight – take-off, flight, and landing – other than intentional launch in Mission 3.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must be capable of a commanded release from the airplane via the pilot's transmitter.	Rules
After completing the first lap or any subsequent lap, the X-1 test vehicle will be released after crossing the start/finish line and prior to executing the upwind turn. Each team will determine the number of laps flown prior to launching the X-1 test vehicle. The X-1 test vehicle must be launched to achieve a successful mission score.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must come to rest on the ground within the 5-minute flight window for any applicable bonus points to count.	Rules
The X-1 test vehicle must use an ESP32 microcontroller	Derived from EE SD
The X-1 test vehicle must be powered by a LiPo battery	Derived from DBF Team

The X-1 test vehicle board must use servos that interface with pitcherons for pitch and roll control	Derived from DBF Team
The X-1 test vehicle must be capable of logging data	Derived from DBF Team
The X-1 test vehicle board must have mounting holes to interface with the rest of the vehicle	Derived from DBF team

It should be noted that not all competition requirements were fulfilled by the senior design team. Some were directly fulfilled by the DBF team. However, coordination amongst both groups was required to fulfill all requirements listed in Table 1.

2.1. Subsystem Hardware Requirements

The main hardware requirements for the project are having a sensor suite capable of providing accurate flight data to a microcontroller that then actuates servos according to a control algorithm to adjust the glider's roll, pitch, and yaw. Reliable release detection and strobe lights are additional requirements based on the competition rules. A robust power delivery system is also critical to ensure that the system performs optimally. Although not strictly required, a flight data recorder that stores all flight data is very useful for post-flight analysis, debugging, and control algorithm tuning.

2.1.1. Microcontroller

The microcontroller chosen needs to have sufficient GPIO pins to receive inputs from all sensors and for motor control. Additionally, it needs to have hardware PWM, I²C, and SPI peripheral support for sensors and a microSD card. It also needs to have a low power consumption as the system must be powered by a battery. At the same time, it also needs to have high performance for real-time data processing with fast program loop cycling (>10Hz). Lastly, as a course requirement, it must be from the ESP32 family of microcontrollers.

2.1.2. Sensors

The sensor suite must be capable of reliably and accurately sensing the glider's orientation, speed, and position. This information must then be sent to the microcontroller for processing. All sensors should use a common data transmission protocol (e.g. I²C) for ease of use with the microcontroller. Additionally, the sensors must have a sufficiently high sampling rate to prevent bottlenecks and delayed control surface actuation.

2.1.3. Power

The system must be powered by a portable power source since it is an autonomous glider. The power source should be lightweight while holding sufficient charge to power the system from the time it is attached to the main aircraft until it lands. Additionally, appropriate level shifting is necessary to ensure that the microcontroller's circuitry only receives 3.3V. Powering the strobe lights and servos will also require appropriate level-shifting circuitry and power multiplexing.

2.1.4. Flight Control Actuation

To minimize weight, only the glider's wings will be actuated (as pitcherons) with the vertical stabilizer section being fixed. This requires two servo motors that are small and lightweight enough to fit on the glider while not drawing too much current when they actuate.

2.1.5. Release Detection and Strobe Lights

The glider's release detection subsystem must be reliable enough to prevent false release detection as that would cause strobe light flashing before actual release, resulting in disqualification. At the same time, it should also not interfere with the glider's physical release mechanism and should decouple very easily as soon as the glider has been physically released.

The only requirements for the strobe lights are that they need to be controlled by the microcontroller in some way (to flash in a strobe pattern and not before release) and that they need to be bright enough to be visible from 200-400 feet in the sky in daylight conditions.

2.1.6. Flight Data Recorder

This subsystem only needs to contain a non-volatile digital storage medium that is large enough to store data from at least one flight. The interface should also not act as a bottleneck that slows down the rest of the system. Therefore, a microSD Card was used to log all flight data from each sensor to a .csv file for post-flight analysis. In addition to relevant sensor data and time, the autopilot finite state machine modes, target roll, pitch, and bearing, as well as pitcheron angle/direction commands are logged. This allows the SD card to act like a 'black box' or flight data recorder for the glider.

2.2. Software Requirements

Because multiple sensors need to be read in parallel to avoid bottlenecks, a real-time operating system (e.g. FreeRTOS) needs to be used to perform multiple tasks concurrently. This also allows us to take advantage of the ESP32's dual core processor so that one core is dedicated only to sensor reading while the other core performs other functions (datalogging, autopilot, strobe light control).

Although a proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control algorithm would be ideal for flight control surface actuation, given time constraints and the amount of flight testing required to fine-tune PID constants taking aerodynamics into consideration, a proportional control algorithm is the minimum requirement for reasonably accurate flight control surface actuation. To maximize performance, all software was written in C/C++ with the Arduino framework and FreeRTOS functions on PlatformIO.

3. Detailed Project Description

Based on the above requirements, the autonomous glider had the following design characteristics.

3.1. System Hardware Block Diagram

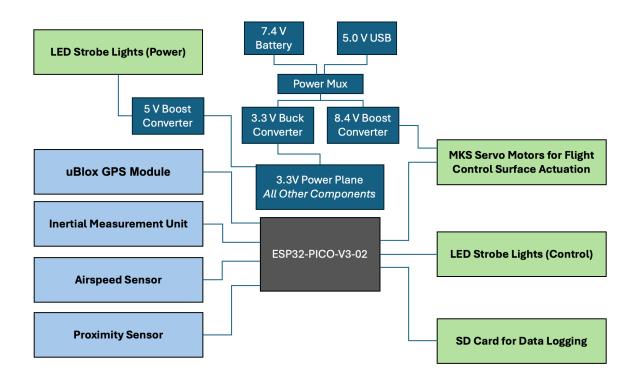


Figure 4. System Hardware Block Diagram

3.2. Power Components

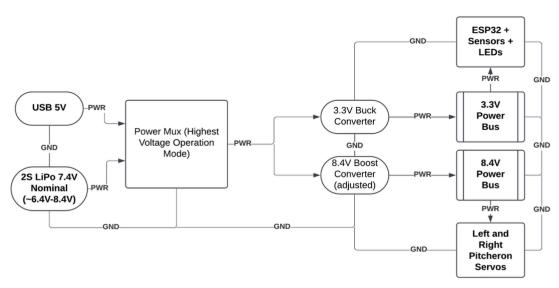


Figure 5. Power System Block Diagram (excludes 3.3V-5V boost converter for strobe LEDs)

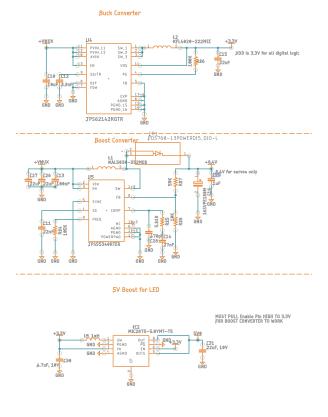


Figure 6. Power System Schematic (1)

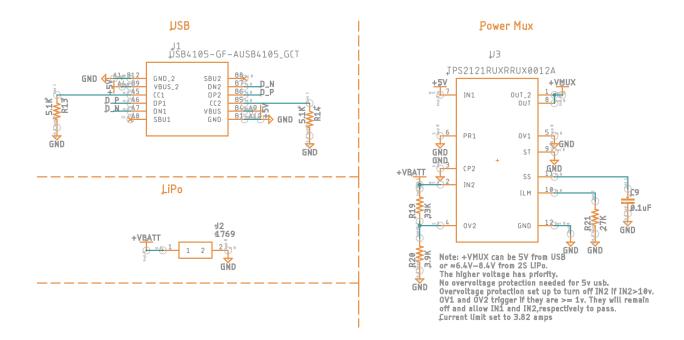


Figure 7. Power System Schematic (2)

- **Source 1:** USB (5V)
- **Source 2:** 300mAh Rechargeable LiPo Battery (~6.4V-8.4V)
- Power Mux: Texas Instruments TPS2121RUXR (Highest Voltage Operation, VMUX)
- **DC-DC Buck Convertor:** Texas Instruments TPS62142RGTR (VMUX=>3.3V Out)
- **DC-DC Boost Convertor 1:** Texas Instruments TPS55340RTER (VMUX=>8.4V Out)
- **DC-DC Boost Convertor 2:** Microchip Technology MIC 2875 (3.3V=>5V)

The system can be powered by either 5V USB or a 2-cell LiPo battery or both. If two power sources are used, the power mux will choose the one with the highest voltage. This allows the servos to run properly on a battery (laptop USB ports limit current causing brownouts on servo actuation) while allowing serial port communication via USB for testing and debugging (e.g. when trimming the servos). When the system is

battery-powered, all sensors and the ESP32 operate on 3.3V. Supplying this 3.3V requires a (fixed) buck converter since the 2S LiPo is at ~7.4V nominally. Operating the servos at maximum torque requires 8.4V, so a boost converter (adjusted to 8.4V) is included with a large 180uF capacitor. This has the added benefit of regulating the servo voltage to minimize jitter and drops in voltage due to current spikes. To supply the 5V required for the NeoPixel LEDs, we could have used a 5V buck converter from the power mux output (~7.4V=>5V) but instead decided to boost the 3.3V buck output to 5V with a boost converter. This is because it minimizes routing complexity given that we designed a 4-layer PCB stackup (Signal-GND-+3.3V-Signal) that allowed very easy access to the 3.3V power plane since that was the most commonly used supply voltage. Although this leads to some efficiency loss, it is worth the tradeoff given that the alternative would be to use a much longer/more convoluted trace that would have similar efficiency losses. All system components share a common ground.

Other power-related components included on the PCB are 4 LEDs: a (3.3V) power LED, a GPIO 'built-in' LED, and TX/RX LEDs used when programming the ESP32 or communicating via UART serial. The NEO-M9N GPS module recommends using a backup battery for hot start, so a 1.5V coin cell is included solely for that purpose. No breakout pins or test points were included for space/weight reasons with the exception of requesting untented vias from the PCB fabrication company.

3.3. Sensor Selection

The three sensor types used to accurately determine orientation, speed, and position are an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), differential pressure sensor with pitot tube, and a GPS module with ceramic chip antenna.

- BNO085 Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) to collect roll, pitch, and yaw data (Euler angles normalized to 0-360 degrees) to determine the orientation of the glider in 3D at all times. This is used to perform the 180-degree turn on release from the main aircraft and for airspeed management via pitch control during descent (after successful GPS homing). Additionally, it is used to determine whether the glider has exceeded its flight envelope (roll and/or pitch) and take corrective action as required.
- ABP2DRRT001PD2A3XX Differential Pressure Sensor connected to a pitot tube that is used to determine the glider's airspeed using the difference between static and dynamic pressure. This differential pressure sensor has a maximum rating of 1 psi, the equivalent of about 200 ft/s, which is much higher than any airspeed it will encounter prior to release from the main aircraft. This is the only through-hole mounted component (excluding screw terminal block). Airspeed information is important to ensure that the glider does not stall or overspeed, which would trigger emergency corrective measures. Outside the envelope protection cases, airspeed data is also used for proportional control of pitch to maintain the airspeed within an ideal predetermined range. After landing, the airspeed reading (of 0) is used to trigger the "Landed" state which returns the pitcheron servos to wings level. Below ~5m/s, the airspeed readings are unreliable and are hence corrected to 0. Above 5m/s, Equation 2 is used to calculate airspeed from known air density (based on local air pressure), ρ, and differential pressure, ΔP.

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho}} \tag{2}$$

• NEO-M9N-00B GNSS Receiver Module used to precisely determine the current location of the glider using GPS satellites. This information is used for two purposes. Firstly, knowledge of the current GPS coordinates together with the target GPS coordinates is used to calculate the target bearing required to get from the current location to the target location. Target GPS coordinates have been provided for the TIMPA runway (Arizona) in the AIAA DBF Competition rules (32.2653N, 111.2736W). For testing purposes, the test runway coordinates (in South Bend) will be used instead. Equation 3 is used to calculate the (initial) bearing required for a straight line between the two points: the current GPS coordinates and the target GPS coordinates.

$$\theta = atan2(sin(\Delta\lambda) \cdot cos(\phi_2), cos(\phi_1) \cdot sin(\phi_2) - sin(\phi_1) \cdot cos(\phi_1) \cdot cos(\Delta\lambda) \ (3)$$

Electrical schematics for all sensors (and the entire system) are included in the appendix.

3.4. Programming and Processing Capabilities

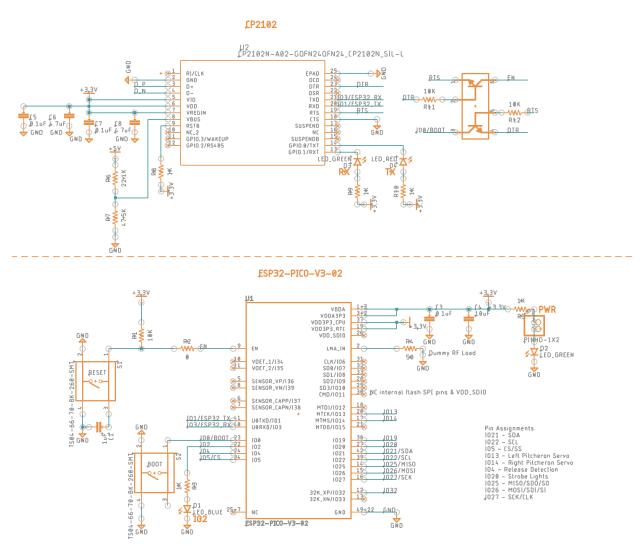


Figure 8. ESP32 Microcontroller and Programming Components Schematic

This subsystem consists of the following components:

• The ESP32-PICO-V3-02 microcontroller was chosen specifically because it is a system-in-package (SIP), which contains an oscillator and flash memory embedded into a single IC package which is extremely light and has a very small footprint

(7mmx7mmx1.11mm). This is important because the team's competition score for the glider payload mission is inversely proportional to the glider's weight, so minimizing weight as much as possible is a priority for the team. Moreover, because of the physical dimensions of the glider, the board dimensions must be limited to ~5.64" long but only 0.5" wide. Therefore, we decided not to use a module like the ESP32-WROOM. Only minimal additional circuitry was required (only a few extra 0603 passives like capacitors). A 50Ω dummy load was connected in place of a WiFi/Bluetooth antenna since those capabilities are unnecessary for the mission. Unused GPIO pins also did not need to be broken out. The majority of the code consists of FreeRTOS task functions and functions called by those functions given the complexity of the system and the need for concurrency/parallelism using both processor cores for maximum performance. After initializing all subsystems, the ESP32 goes into light sleep and only wakes up on release detection ('interrupt' on GPIO pin 4), after which all tasks are created (sensor reading, data logging, autopilot, and strobe light) allowing the FreeRTOS scheduler to run.

- The CP2102N USB-UART Bridge was used with BJTs for DTR/RTS to allow programming of the ESP32 through a USB-C port. Differential pair routing had to be used for the USB signals for signal integrity.
- Boot and Reset buttons are included to allow the microcontroller to enter download mode
 and to reset it respectively. Not including the 0.1uF capacitor on the boot button fixed a
 minor issue where the reset button had to be pressed to make the microcontroller operate
 correctly whenever it is first energized.

The ESP32-PICO-V3-02 requires a good 3.3V power supply with at least 0.25mA current-handling capability to operate well while the CP2102 requires both 3.3V for VIO/VDD and 5V from the USB Bus for VBUS.

Communication with the CP2102N USB-UART bridge is done using UART serial (TX/RX). The USB-UART bridge then communicates with the programming device (laptop) via USB differential data signals. Communication with the flight data acquisition subsystem is done using the SPI interface only for the microSD card. All sensors communicate with the ESP32 using the I²C bus on default SDA and SCL pins. Release detection functions like an interrupt (GPIO binary transition detection). All actuators and lights operate through GPIO control via hardware PWM signals.

3.5. Flight Control Surface Actuation Hardware

This subsystem consists of two KST X08H Plus servo motors. These servos actuate the connected pitcherons according to the autopilot task software commands. The manufacturer recommended PWM frequency of 333Hz is used for each servo with a HIGH duration of 900us to 2100us corresponding to -60° to +60° of actuation. The pitcherons combine the traditional elevator and aileron control surfaces into a single surface. Although this reduces size and weight, it limits control authority to only roll or pitch but not both simultaneously without losing effectiveness.

The servo rated voltage is 7.4V but they are capable of operating from 3.8V to 8.4V (albeit less effectively below 7.4V). To maximize servo effectiveness, using an 8.4V power supply for the servos would be ideal. This also happens to be the nominal voltage of a fully charged 2-cell LiPo

battery. Electrical current requirements would be up to 1.5A for both servos combined to allow for a reasonable amount of air resistance acting against the servos in flight.

The servos were also selected due to their small package and lightweight, coming in at only 9.5g each. This helps the team achieve a higher score since mission score is inversely proportional to glider weight. Despite being small and lightweight, they provide 5.3Kgf.cm, which is more than enough torque to handle the loads the servos would experience furing flight prior to deployment. This is because the servo gears are made with hardened steel, much stronger than your typical nylon gears found in 9g arduino servos. The main aircraft flew at an airspeed of about 100 ft/s, so making sure the servos could withstand the wingloading at those higher speeds was critical, as any structural failure prior to deployment of the glider would mean an automatic disqualification from the mission.

3.6. Release Detection and Strobe Lights

A magnetic release detection sensor is connected to GPIO pin 4 which is capable of waking up the ESP32 microcontroller from light sleep when a transition from LOW to HIGH is detected. This normally only happens after the glider is released and is required according to the competition rules for strobe light activation. The sensor is connected via a 2-pin screw terminal and release detection functions like an interrupt (GPIO binary transition detection). A debounce delay of 250ms is added to reduce the chance of failure.

The strobe lights chosen are Adafruit NeoPixel RGB LEDs which can be chained together into a strip. They are required to blink after the glider is released and to continue blinking after landing according to AIAA competition rules. The LEDs require quite low current (at most ~60mA per

addressable LED), but require 5V to operate the data line. Since the ESP32 GPIO voltage is 3.3V, logic level shifting is required to correctly supply the LED data pin. This is done using a n-channel MOSFET and 1 kOhm resistors. The 5V supply comes from the output of a 5V DC-DC boost converter that uses the 3.3V plane as its power input.



Figure 9. Strobe lights remained on after a test deployment and landing

3.7. PCB and RF Design

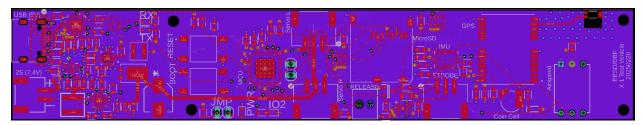


Figure 10. Final PCB Layout

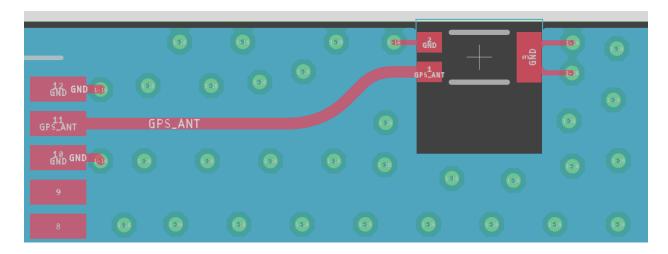


Figure 11. RF Design: GND stitching vias and impedance-matched antenna trace

Layer	Material Type	Thickness	
Top Layer	Copper	0.035mm	
Prepreg	7628*1	0.21040mm	
Inner Layer L2	Copper	0.0152mm	
Core	Core	1.065mm	1.1mm H/HOZ with copper
Inner Layer L3	Copper	0.0152mm	обрро!
Prepreg	7628*1	0.21040mm	
Bottom Layer	Copper	0.035mm	

Figure 12. JLC0416H-7628 4-layer impedance-controlled PCB stackup description (1.6 mm thickness with 1 oz. outer copper weight and 0.5 oz. inner copper weight)

A GPS antenna RF circuit was custom-designed for the W3010 passive ceramic chip antenna based on the manufacturer's PCB layout recommendations. The antenna was placed at the very edge of the board with a copper keepout zone maintained on all four layers in the footprint. Additionally, JLCPCB's controlled impedance calculator was used to determine the 50Ω trace width for the JLC04161H-7628 stackup to be 13.75 mil to ensure a good impedance match and minimum signal loss. Ground vias for stitching were also placed around the chip antenna and its feedline according to manufacturer recommendations and the antenna was kept as far away from other components as possible to minimize noise due to unwanted electromagnetic interference.

The PCB schematic and layout were completed in Autodesk Fusion 360 as it provided better mechanical integration than KiCAD. The 3D board model could directly be exported and included in DBF's complete system CAD model. Moreover, Fusion 360 offers better collaboration features since it is cloud-based. Before sending the board out for fabrication, ERC and DRC checks were completed. Additionally, a DFM check was completed using JLCPCB's online tool to avoid unexpected fabrication issues. Overall PCB dimensions were 5.64 inches by 0.5 inches and the 4-layer stackup used consisted of Signal-GND-+3.3V-Signal with untented vias. Figure 13 shows the PCB layout in 3D with component models included. The detailed PCB layout and electrical schematics may be found in the Appendix. With very few exceptions, all passive components were 0603 surface mount devices and board assembly was done in the EIH.



Figure 13. Final 3D PCB Design CAD

3.8. System Software Block Diagram

The flight control software running on the ESP32 microcontroller uses FreeRTOS tasks to maximize system performance by leveraging parallelism across both cores and is outlined in Figure 14. In addition to the flowchart code, an additional mode of operation is included in the code (that can be enabled/disabled with a #define flag) to only allow servo trimming based on commands/prompting sent via serial. Additional flags allow serial logging, SD logging, and/or pitcheron servo actuation to be disabled as necessary.

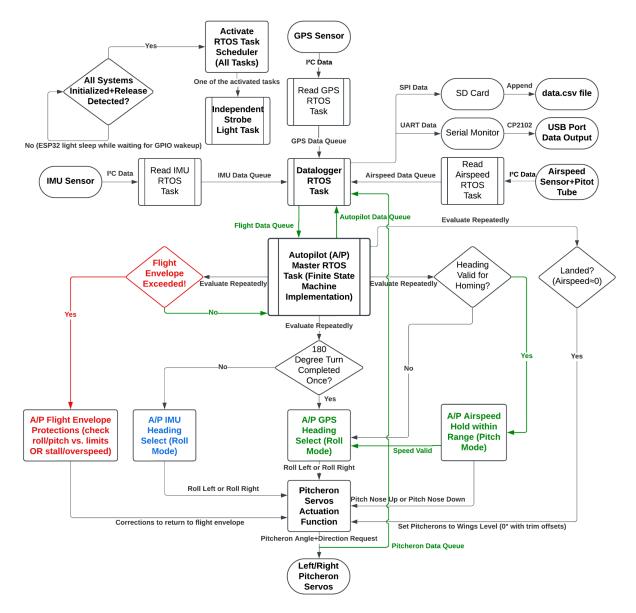


Figure 14. ESP32 FreeRTOS Control Code Flowchart

The system first performs an initialization routine that involves verifying that each of the ESP32's peripherals are functioning correctly. This includes the serial I/O, I2C bus for each sensor (GPS, IMU, and airspeed), SD Card (SPI bus) data logging, strobe LED (initialized off), and both wing actuation servos. Servo actuation tests confirm the servo range of travel and allow

for verification of the servo trim settings necessary to maintain a neutral (level wings) position. After initialization is complete, the microcontroller enters light sleep and suspends both CPUs until a high to low transition is detected on GPIO pin 4 to which the magnetic release detection sensor is attached.

Once release is detected, the following tasks are created and run: GPS reading, IMU reading, airspeed reading, datalogger, autopilot, and strobe light. The strobe light task operates independently and continues indefinitely after release is detected to ensure that the strobe LED continues flashing periodically after the glider has landed. Using FreeRTOS queues, sensor data is transferred to a central datalogger task that manages all data logging to the SD card (in a .csv file) and/or the serial monitor. It also routes all relevant data to the autopilot task. All sensors share an I2C mutex that only allows one sensor to access the I2C bus at a time to prevent conflicts. Additionally, after running once, each task is suspended until all other tasks have also run to prevent bottlenecks. After successful datalogging, all tasks are resumed before the next execution loop (with an optional delay).

3.9. Autopilot

The autopilot master task is implemented as a finite state machine that uses the flight data during each execution loop to determine the current state of the aircraft. These states can be either "performing 180 degree turn," "GPS homing," "speed-pitch control," or "landed." Each state is associated with one of the following autopilot modes: IMU heading select, GPS heading select, or speed descent. In addition, all flight states (except for "landed") are associated with emergency flight envelope protection autopilot modes for roll, pitch, and airspeed. These have the highest priority and always activate whenever a flight envelope exceedance condition is met

(regardless of state). They ensure that corrective action is taken to avoid exceeding a bank angle limit, pitch up/down limits, and stall and overspeed protections that use pitch adjustments to increase or decrease airspeed as required. The autopilot also sends data back to the datalogger task regarding the autopilot/flight modes, current wing angles, and target roll/pitch/bearing. Time since release detection in seconds and a line number are also logged for easier reference during post-flight data analysis.

The IMU heading select and GPS heading select modes are roll control modes that use the current bearing and other flight data to determine the roll angle required to achieve the target bearing. The IMU heading select mode uses the initial yaw angle detected on release and subtracts 180 degrees from it to determine the target yaw angle. The target roll angle is proportionally related to the difference between the current and target yaw angles. The wing servo actuation angles are also proportionally related to the difference between the current and target roll angles by adjusting the duty cycle of the PWM pulses. Once the 180-degree turn is complete and roll angle is near 0, the autopilot's GPS heading select mode is activated. This mode operates very similarly to the IMU heading select mode but uses GPS heading instead of IMU yaw angle. It continuously recalculates the target bearing, θ , with the current and target GPS coordinates using Equation 3. Equation 3 is based on the spherical law of cosines, where φ and λ represent latitude and longitude respectively, so that (φ_2, λ_2) and (φ_1, λ_1) are the current and target GPS coordinates respectively. The arctan function variant used, atan2, outputs a result that lies in the first two quadrants only (i.e. in the -180 degree to +180-degree range). The target bearing is normalized to the 0-to-360-degree range to match the GPS heading conventions used to determine the current heading. The only edge case is when the current and target coordinates are exactly equal, in which case the target bearing is made equal to the current bearing.

The only regular pitch control autopilot mode is the speed descent mode, which only activates after the glider is on the correct trajectory towards the landing zone and within roll angle limits. It is always overridden by GPS heading select whenever the glider goes off-course, or by flight envelope protections, and has the lowest priority. This mode actuates both wings in the same direction with an angle proportional to the pitch error, which is itself proportional to the airspeed error. For instance, if the target airspeed is higher than the current airspeed, the target pitch will be negative (nose down) and the wings will tilt up proportionally to achieve this pitch angle. The proportionality constants and flight envelope limits are fine-tuned based on flight testing results. Lastly the autopilot's landed state is activated when an airspeed of 0 ft/s is detected and simply returns both wings to their neutral angles (wings level), disabling the autopilot to prevent unwanted actuations from draining the battery after landing. Strobe light blinking and data collection continue until the system is powered off or reset. For testing purposes, stall and overspeed protections (and landed state) are disabled via compiler directives until a reasonable airspeed envelope can be determined through further flight testing.

The complete code listing is included at the end of the appendix (section 8).

3.10 Structural Design and Assembly

The glider fuselage is constructed using two carbon fiber plates, the top being 5.9 in x 1.4 in x 0.079 in and the bottom being 6.3 in x 1.4 in x 0.079 in. The plates are vertically connected and separated by four 0.4375 in threaded hex stand-offs, which are secured with 0.625 in head screws. Carbon fiber was selected as the construction material of the vehicle because of its superior durability and minimal weight, ensuring the vehicle is able to safely reach the designated landing zone and withstand landing impact. The top plate features two water jet-cut

incisions for the release mechanism as well as a 1 in x 0.13 in horizontal incision to allow for the attachment of a magnetic proximity sensor for release confirmation. It also includes the screw holes for both the stands and the servo mounting screws.

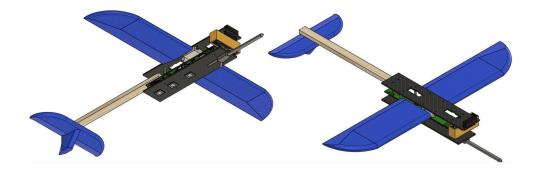


Figure 15. Glider Bottom (left) and top (right) assembly

The pitch and roll of the test vehicle are controlled using two foam wings. The foam wings were taken from a commercial off the shelf glider that served as a donor. A low wing was initially chosen to ensure a quarter inch clearance between the glider and main aircraft wings, but after testing, the wings were found to break less frequently upon landing with a high wing design. In order to compensate for the clearance needed between the wings, the release mechanism was elongated, further explained in section 3.11.

These wings feature a semi-rectangular planform with lifted wingtips, actuated at the quarter cord by the two X08H KST Servos. The wings move symmetrically to control the pitch and asymmetrically to control the roll. The vehicle also includes a foam static horizontal and vertical stabilizer to improve flight stability. The tail was mounted to a quarter by half inch piece of basswood empennage that was epoxied onto the bottom of the top plate of the glider. The length of the empennage was made to mimic the exact length of the distance between the wings and tail

of the commercial foam glider that was used as a donor for the glider's wings and tail. The only major difference is that the vertical stabilizer was installed upside down so that it would not hit the bottom of the fuselage of the main aircraft. This does not affect the overall stability of the plane as the vertical stabilizer stabilizes the glider against forces perpendicular to it.

The pitot tube was glued on the underside of the glider while the LEDs where held on by velcro on the underside of the glider, as this allowed the team to easily change the placement of the LEDs for visibility. The battery was placed at the front of the glider and secured using a ziptie. This was done to ensure that the CG of the glider would remain in front of the quarter chord of the wings, as this is the ideal location for a stable aircraft.

3.11 Release Mechanism

The glider is attached to the main aircraft internally by two 3D-printed ABS plastic servo horns, screwed into two servos attached to the underside of a flat piece of wood. This entire platform and servo release mechanism system, shown in Figure 16, is removable, in compliance with AIAA rules. Each servo horn consists of a 0.4 in diameter, 1.287 in long cylinder with four 0.268 in x 0.3 in x 0.15 in tabs that clamp around the top plate of the glider to secure it in place. When the glider needs to be released, the servos rotate the horns 90 degrees and the cutout on the top plate of the glider aligns with the shape of the servo horn, releasing the vehicle. When the release mechanism is inserted into the plane, the servo horns slot into cutouts on a battery platform placed 1.45 in above the floor of the plane's fuselage, and protrude through holes on the floor of the fuselage, allowing the glider to sit external to the plane. This release mechanism design was selected because the servo horns are lightweight, minimally impede the airflow underneath the main aircraft, and facilitate a secure attachment of the test vehicle to the main aircraft. The

release mechanism was strategically placed near the quarter chord of the main aircraft wing to ensure that once the glider was dropped, the CG of the main aircraft would be minimally affected.

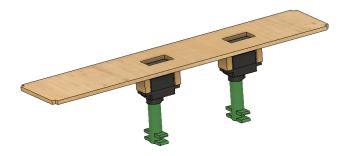


Figure 16. RC Aircraft Mounted Release Mechanism

4. Testing

Testing was an essential part of this project and was designed to validate the glider's systems under live conditions and ensure the competition requirements were met. This section details the performance of the flight data acquisition system, release detection and strobe lights, servo actuation, and overall flight testing across multiple environments. The outcomes of these tests provided insight into the strengths of the design and identified areas for further refinement.

4.1. Flight Data Acquisition

From the successful test flights, the glider's onboard sensors recorded a full set of flight data including GPS coordinates, airspeed, IMU attitude (pitch, roll, yaw), control surface commands, and system state transitions. An example of this data sheet can be seen below in Figure 17.

	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K	L	M	N	0	P	Q	R	S	T	U
1 Line_	Num	ESP32_Time_	ID0_IMU	LinAcc_x	LinAcc_y	LinAcc_z	Pitch	Roll	Yaw	Gyro_x	Gyro_y	Gyro_z	Magnet_uT_x	Magnet_uT_y N	1agnet_uT_	z Grav_x	Grav_y	Grav_z	Quat_re	Quat_i	Quat_j
2	1	0.035612		1.794	-0.782	-6.933	-1.307	-2.05	250.689	14.772	-456.688	-76.096	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-3.435	-0.231	-22.556	0.008	0.816	-0.57
3	2	0.104043		-2.576	2.666	64.117	-22.057	2.998	245.131	43.308	-197.961	-78.894	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-5.28	0	-22.223	0.125	-0.824	0.53
4	3	0.165547		2.576	10.906	-30.015	-21.294	24.084	243.908	271.707	91.427	-15.107	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-12.534	-2.23	-18.942	0.27	-0.795	0.54
5	4	0.231234		-3.358	4.626	-74.024	-14.01	24.436	248.045	-21.15	387.53	42.188	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-9.586	-9.356	-18.25	0.241	-0.79	0.56
6	5	0.308849		-9.676	6.549	-53.801	6.811	20.128	261.836	84.713	444.602	153.199	-31.875	5.125	22.375	1.64	-7.561	-21.531	0.094	-0.75	0.63
7	6	0.388073		-16.532	14.02	12.662	20.061	36.314	281.094	152.08	71.62	78.67	-31.875	5.125	22.375	5.818	-13.021	-18.634	0.067	-0.636	0.68
8	7	0.516703		-5.306	6.767	-9.83	16.74	22.144	281.886	-85.384	-130.258	-37.488	-31.875	5.125	22.375	2.153	-3.922	-23.94	0.009	-0.633	0.73
9	8	0.632889		3.934	4.242	-12.726	1.356	10.794	275.963	111.906	-98.925	8.729	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-1.948	-2.666	-24.914	0.054	-0.667	0.73
10	9	0.712922		-0.051	12.444	-10.855	-0.37	16.409	276.757	348.363	29.319	-11.191	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-1.692	-13.149	-22.376	0.097	-0.657	0.74
11	10	0.921784		-0.115	20.941	-6.267	1.494	55.062	277.213	365.932	5.483	36.034	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-2.025	-21.966	-14.636	0.297	-0.591	0.66
12	11	0.99596		8.728	24.106	-46.021	-1.499	79.213	280.173	168.754	300.915	181.623	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-12.252	-23.94	3.153	0.417	-0.488	0.596
13	12	1.076674		16.827	19.8	-37.012	-40.853	105.587	323.146	29.543	225.938	269.581	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-19.839	-18.173	-2.153	0.436	0.085	0.62
14	13	1.131818		21.992	13.995	-31.565	-65.054	92.074	345.91	239.031	138.428	289.053	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-24.376	-10.099	-4.844	0.445	0.312	0.62
15	14	1.228677		24.119	9.714	-32.45	-83.706	33.866	66.747	377.123	115.039	258.614	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-25.375	-5.947	-5.588	0.414	0.554	0.48
16	15	1.306703		22.761	3.178	-32.475	-76.817	-27.885	149.487	503.129	134.623	269.022	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-24.888	-1.179	-8.535	0.341	0.694	0.34
17	16	1.370508		14.443	-1.986	-40.985	-50.997	-16.963	197.541	491.378	164.054	307.629	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-22.043	-0.256	-13.662	0.067	0.892	-0.073
18	17	1.435793		10.778	2.576	-25.926	-34.1	3.733	228.276	486.119	208.145	316.917	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-19.685	-1.897	-16.532	0.148	-0.868	0.399
19	18	1.626789		7.113	4.665	-14.687	-26.319	16.423	248.619	350.041	219.671	335.27	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-14.994	-5.152	-20.121	0.242	-0.778	0.57
20	19	1.719766		1.025	-5.37	-8.535	-28.293	7.249	344.073	158.011	172.111	385.18	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-10.304	4.255	-23.094	0.25	-0.119	0.96
21	20	1.769533		1.692	-5.87	-6.344	-29.621	-9.805	23.04	98.813	-56.512	252.683	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-8.484	7.869	-22.992	0.266	0.171	0.94
22	21			01000				-9.861	33.626	230.078	-91.539		-31.875	5.125	22.375			-23.76	0.272		0.92
23	22	1.913894		4.255	-0.09	-9.573	-34.801	0.086	46.094	317.029	-115.823	96.239	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-10.535	0.461	-23.684	0.275	0.374	0.878
24	23			7.869		-11.944		13.748	50.802	366.156		73.298	-31.875	5.125	22.375			-19.685	0.263		
25	24	2.129506		J IIIEE				40.507	53.81	292.634			-31.875	5.125	22.375			-5.998	0.206	0.515	
26	25	2.190497		14.328				76.479	72.719	336.725	155.325	95.232	-31.875	5.125	22.375		-17.276	-3.665	0.011		
27	26	2.307696		17.122	16.737			74.395	95.993	194.157	134.623	147.604	-31.875	5.125	22.375			-2.538	0.111	-0.716	-0.226
28	27	2.394841		21.761	9.637	-54.736	-65.743	69.929	110.253	331.689	86.727	236.233	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-24.658	-7.382	-2.409	0.141	-0.743	-0.138
29	28	2.475522		23.363	3.255	-64.233	-79.825	18.427	204.23	522.153	60.989	273.05	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-25.247	0.384	-3.717	0.253	-0.719	0.259
30	29	2.552746		21.364	-5.088	-70.628	-69.193	-28.313	300.492	608.991	55.953	298.565	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-23.376	4.204	-8.382	0.378	-0.517	0.62
31	30	2.705542		9.215	3.319	-42.933	-54.343	-9.68	342.398	821.613	202.214	276.295	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-20.018	-2.691	-14.969	0.438	-0.174	0.8
32	31	2.792784		2.781	16.584	-45.432	-41.223	26.678	19.751	558.97	386.187	342.32	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-16.609	-15.456	-12.585	0.3	0.236	0.88
33	32	2.872754		4.088	14.431	-44.766	-41.443	60.556	112.218	421.325	332.584	358.434	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-18.788	-14.815	-10.996	0.221	-0.77	-0.30
34	33	3.066683		8.817	9.971	-34.244	-53.989	49.701	175.476	197.626	223.028	393.797	-31.875	5.125	22.375	-20.633	-8.971	-14.226	0.358	-0.815	0.15

Figure 17. Example of impartial flight test data collection.

4.2. Release Detection and Strobe Lights

The release detection system and strobe lights consistently operated when the glider was signaled to separate from the plane. Upon successful release, the magnetic sensor immediately detected the event and triggered the onboard ESP32 to initiate the flight sequence, including strobe light

activation. Although mechanical separation was not always successful because of aerodynamic forces and minor interference at the mounting clips, the electronic detection operated independently and correctly regardless of physical release. This was confirmed through both real-time ground observation and post-flight data logs, where timestamps for release detection and strobe activation aligned with the expected moments of glider deployment. The brightness of the strobe lights was not always sufficient for visual confirmation from the ground, but they stayed on after landing, which was essential for competition scoring.

4.3. Servo Actuation (Ground Test)

The team performed several ground tests of the servo actuation that confirmed the usability of the algorithm, and the correct orientation of the pitcherons. The team would perform a manual 180 degree turn of the glider, and then a tilt and turn test to ensure the control surfaces rotated as expected. These ground tests proved the servos would as expected. Additionally, all flight envelope protections were triggered correctly. If the glider rolled too far in any direction, the control surfaces would undergo maximum deflection in the opposite direction to return the glider to stable flight, and the same applies for pitch. Stall and overspeed protections were disabled for obvious reasons during ground testing.

4.4 Flight Testing

Flight testing took place in several locations. These included an airfield in Tucson, Arizona, and a model flying club (AMA) airfield in South Bend. The flight test in Tucson suggested that the glider was being overcontrolled, so the maximum pitcheron angles were reduced from 14 degrees to 9 degrees, with proportionality constants adjusted accordingly. But the glide itself appeared quite reasonable. The second flight test appeared worse because the glider entered a flat spin almost immediately after release from the main aircraft (likely due to turbulent air from the propeller). Without a movable rudder, spin recovery was impossible in that scenario. Given that the glider still performed a 180 degree turn and landed within 100 feet of the target coordinates, meeting the main flight requirements. Moreover, release detection worked perfectly and the

strobe lights were visible immediately upon release and continued flashing after landing, which met the remaining miscellaneous requirements and the glider's final weight was 0.33 lb, which is under the 0.55 lb limit, so all mission requirements were met successfully.

5. Instruction Manual

This section details the required steps to drop the glider during a flight. The autonomous glider is relatively straightforward to use, especially since it does not need to be manually controlled after a drop. First, plug in the JST connector from the 7.4 V LiPo battery into the circuit board (the plug and socket are slotted which prevents reversing the terminals). On the circuit board, a blue LED will turn on, and the glider's servo motors will then run through an initialization test to ensure they are properly functioning. Once this test is over, the blue LED will turn off, and the wings will pitch down at a 15 degree angle. This means the initialization stage is completed, and the glider is ready to be mounted to the aircraft.

Next, the user should ensure the aircraft's release clips are oriented in parallel to the fuselage of the aircraft. This can be done by flipping the release switch on the aircraft's RC controller. Then, slide the glider into the clips, and ensure the black magnet at the front of the glider is connected to the other black magnet on the underside of the aircraft. On the glider, the carbon fiber mounting plate will have two complementary slots which receive the release clips from the main aircraft. You must hold the glider in place while this process is being completed. After these clips are slotted into the glider's mounting plate, flip the release switch once again on the RC controller. Now, release the glider from your grip. At this point, the blue LED should turn on once again for 10 seconds. After these 10 seconds finish, the blue LED will turn off, and the glider is prepared for flight.

You may now take-off using the RC aircraft. Once RC aircraft is up to the desired altitude, you may flip the release switch on the RC controller. This will release the glider from the aircraft. At this point, the glider will recognize its detachment from the plane, turn on the LED lights,

complete its 180 degree turn, and head towards the programmed GPS coordinates. The glider will automatically log all the flight data to the onboard microSD card. To repeat this process, unplug the battery's JST connector from the circuit board, and plug it back in. This will reset the process and allow you to prepare the glider for another flight.

6. Potential Design Improvements

There are several areas of this project that could be improved. These sections are outlined below, along with explanations of where enhancements could be made.

6.1. Aerodynamic Design and Flight Stability

While the glider design saw significant improvements over the course of the semester, there is still room to enhance the aerodynamic performance and overall stability of the glider. Although flight data and visual characteristics provided clear evidence that lift was being generated after release, additional measurements and testing could further optimize the design and improve post-drop stability. Moreover, using an actuated rudder or at least elevators and ailerons instead of pitcherons would have greatly improved flight stability and control because pitcherons can correct roll or pitch, but not both at the same time (without a very advanced algorithm).

6.2. Release Mechanism

Another area for improvement is the reliability of the release mechanism. While the release mechanism often activated correctly, the glider would occasionally fail to separate from the plane. To address this, the team trimmed down the clips that connected the glider to the plane to prevent unintended entanglements. This solution was effective but still leaves room for a redesign in the release system design.

6.3. Homing (Proportional Integral Derivative Controller) Algorithm

The final major area for improvement lies within the proportional integral derivative controller homing algorithm. Review of the flight data showed that the glider struggled to achieve sufficient stability before adjusting its wing angles toward the GPS target. With additional testing, the team would aim to refine the algorithm to achieve more stable flight and more

accurate GPS-based guidance. Due to insufficient testing and data, only a proportional control algorithm was implemented. But with more testing and/or aerodynamics simulations, we could determine integral and derivative constants and fine tune them to achieve more precise control over flight control surfaces that reduces induced oscillations by avoiding overcorrections. An even further improvement would account for flight control surface effects at different airspeeds to optimize actuation and flight response.

7. Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrated the design, implementation, and testing of an autonomous glider system capable of mid-air release, strobe light activation, and guided descent toward a predefined landing zone. The team effectively used an ESP32 microcontroller and several peripherals to manage flight control surfaces, data logging, and flight state transitions within a FreeRTOS software architecture. This resulted in a glider that was capable of flying and operating without continuous user input.

The glider consistently displayed the maneuvers of a 180-degree turn and GPS-based heading adjustments during flight. Ground tests verified servo reliability and control logic. Flight tests confirmed the functionality of the systems including release detection mechanism, LED strobe light activation, and data acquisition. Although we experienced minor issues with the release mechanism, which inhibited the glider's scoring at competition, this issue was subsequently addressed in later tests and resolved for a reliable result.

This project was an exploration into several important areas of research and showed the intersection of embedded systems and autonomous intelligence in an aerospace application. The team concluded that while the honing algorithm, release mechanism, and aerodynamic design still require refinement, the project was an overall success. Overall, the objectives laid out in the problem statement were achieved with the team having developed a lightweight glider capable of autonomous flight.

8. Appendix

This section contains all the appendices of this report. This includes the electrical schematic, the PCB layout, and the source code.

8.1. Electrical Schematic

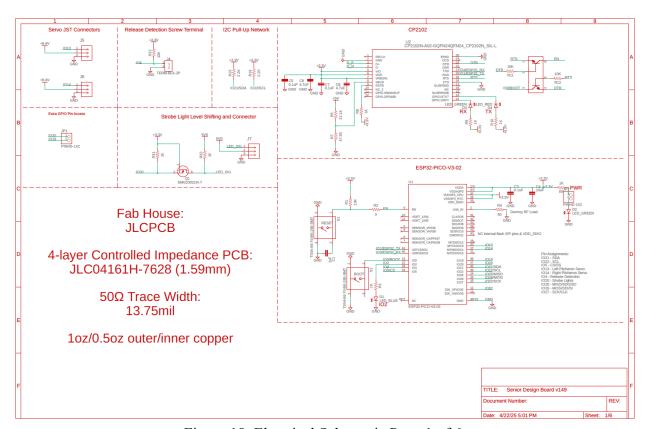


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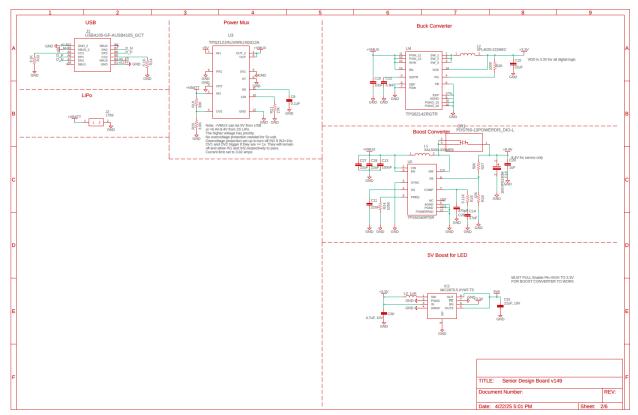


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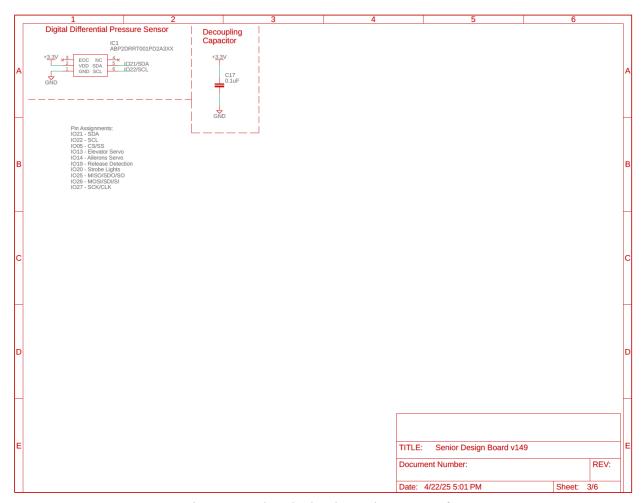


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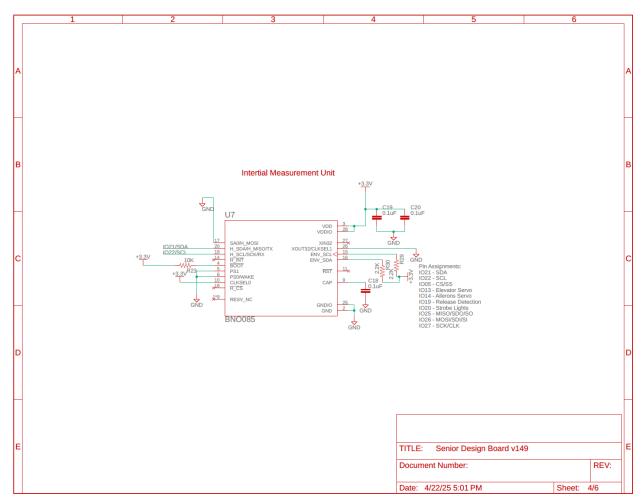


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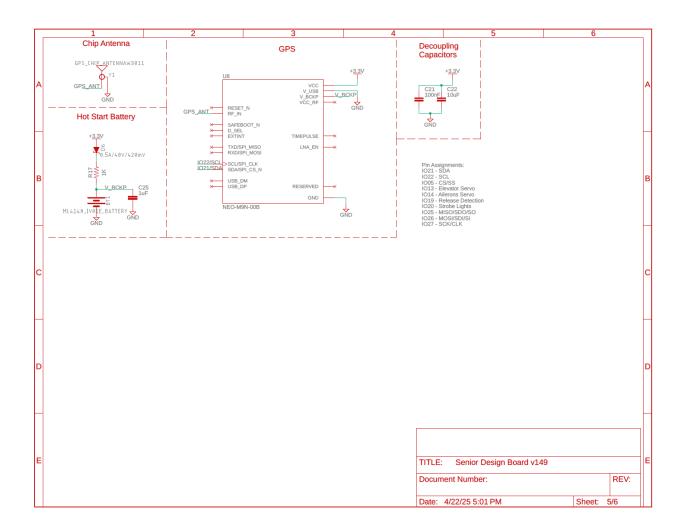


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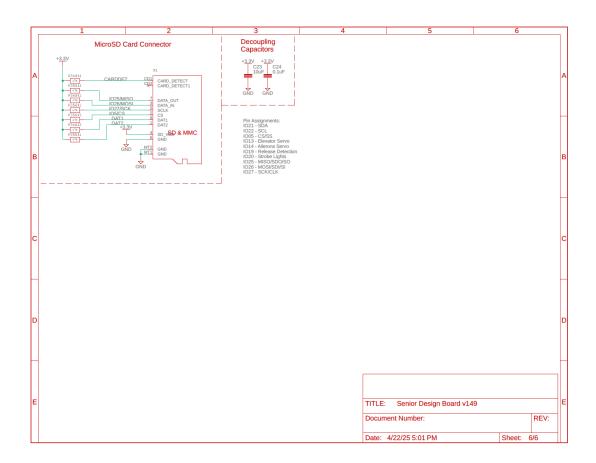


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8.2. PCB Layout

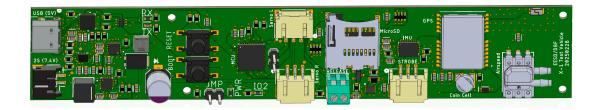


Figure 24. Circuit Board 3D View (1)

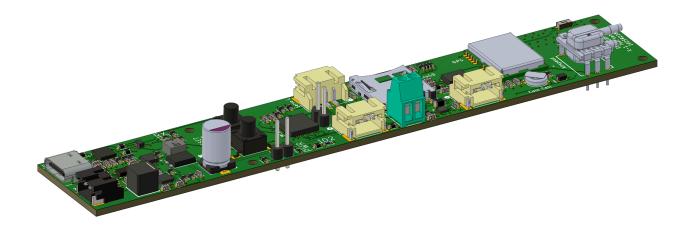


Figure 25. Circuit Board 3D View (2)

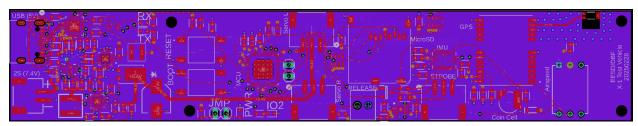


Figure 26. Circuit Board Layout View

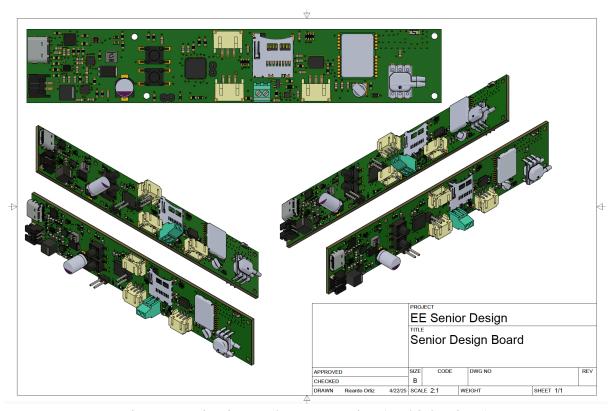


Figure 27. Circuit Board CAD Drawing (Multiple Views)

8.3. Source Code Listing

; PlatformIO Project Configuration File

; Build options: build flags, source filter

; Upload options: custom upload port, speed and extra flags

; Library options: dependencies, extra library storages

; Advanced options: extra scripting

,

; Please visit documentation for the other options and examples

; https://docs.platformio.org/page/projectconf.html

[env:esp32dev]
platform = espressif32
board = esp32dev
framework = arduino
lib_deps =
adafruit/Adafruit BNO08x@^1.2.5
sparkfun/SparkFun u-blox GNSS Arduino Library@^2.2.27
stevemarple/MicroNMEA@^2.0.6
https://github.com/madhephaestus/ESP32Servo
adafruit/Adafruit NeoPixel@^1.12.4

// File: autopilot.h

#ifndef AUTOPILOT_H #define AUTOPILOT_H

// This struct will be used by datalogger

```
struct Autopilot Data {
  unsigned int sensor id; // 4
  const char* flight phase;
  const char* ap mode;
  float ap target bearing;
  float ap target roll;
  float ap target pitch;
};
enum AP Modes {
  AP OFF, // 0 (Almost never used except on ground)
  AP HDG SEL IMU, // 1
  AP HDG SEL GPS, // 2...
  AP SPD TRIM,
  AP PITCH FIXED,
  AP ROLL FIXED,
  AP ENVELOPE PROT, // Flight envelope protection modes below (AP ENVELOPE PROT
specifically not logged. See below for logged modes.)
  AP PROT ROLL MIN,
  AP PROT ROLL MAX,
  AP PROT PITCH MIN,
  AP PROT PITCH MAX,
  AP PROT STALL,
  AP PROT OVERSPEED
};
enum Flight Phases {
  // Must always alternate between a Roll Mode and a Pitch Mode.
  U TURN HDG, // Roll Mode: 180 degree turn after release using IMU only
  GPS HOMING, // TBD Roll Mode: Continuous update of target bearing + bearing correction
from current GPS coordinates + COG/heading. Target coordinates hard-coded. Same logic as
U TURN HDG flight phase after that.
  SPD DESCENT, // Pitch Mode: Primary mode after U-Turn. Will alternate with
U Turn HDG/GPS HOMING as needed (common to both roll modes).
  LANDED // Used to return pitcherons to neutral position and turn off autopilot after landing.
};
```

void Autopilot_MASTER(void* pvParameters); // Calls on each of the below functions to perform manoeuvres as required. Maintains flight envelope protections too.

bool Autopilot_HDG_SEL_IMU(float roll, float yaw, float bearing_change, Autopilot_Data& AP_log_data); // Current bearing from IMU "Yaw" Angle. Servo actuation done to turn by bearing_change (e.g. 180degree turn)

bool Autopilot_SPD_TRIM(float airspeed, float pitch, float target_airspeed, Autopilot_Data& AP_log_data); // Controls pitch to maintain airspeed within +/-max_dev of target.

bool Autopilot_HDG_SEL_GPS(bool act_true, float roll, float current_heading, float current_lat, float current_long, float target_lat, float target_long, Autopilot_Data& AP_log_data); // Current bearing from GPS+current+target coordinates (used to calculate target bearing for turn). Used after 180 degree turn for homing.

bool Autopilot_FLT_ENVELOPE_PROT(float roll, float pitch, float airspeed, Autopilot_Data& AP log data);

// Unused in AP MASTER

bool Autopilot_ROLL_FIXED(float roll, float target_roll, Autopilot_Data& AP_log_data); // Will probably go unused, but included for completeness (direct roll control by angle. bool Autopilot_PITCH_FIXED(float pitch, float target_pitch, Autopilot_Data& AP_log_data); // Will probably go unused, but included for completeness (direct pitch control by angle. Dangerous due to high stall potential! Good for levelling off.)

// Note: max_dev is allowed tolerance in each case for bearing/airspeed/pitch from target

#endif

// File: datalogger.h

#ifndef DATALOGGER_H #define DATALOGGER_H

extern float current_time; extern bool serial_log; extern bool SD_log;

```
// This struct will be used in Autopilot
struct Flight Data {
  float time; // will probably not be used
  float pitch;
  float roll;
  float yaw;
  float latitude;
  float longitude;
  float heading;
  float airspeed;
  float gnd speed; // could be used for wind corrections later
};
void init SD(bool serial log, bool SD log);
void log data(void* pvParameters);
#endif
// File: pin map.h
#ifndef PIN MAP H
#define PIN MAP H
// For datalogger (SPI pins)
#define SD CS 5
#define SD MISO 25
#define SD MOSI 26
#define SD_SCK 27
// For all sensors (I2C pins)
#define SDA PIN 21
#define SCL PIN 22
```

```
// Outputs (LEDs+Servos)
#define BUILTIN LED PIN 2
#define RELEASE DET PIN 4
#define STROBE LED PIN 20
// Separate left and right servo pin defs
#define SERVO L PIN 14
#define SERVO R PIN 13
#endif
// File: pitcheron servos.h
#ifndef PITCHERON SERVOS H
#define PITCHERON SERVOS H
https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0570/1766/3541/files/X08H V6.0 Technical Specification.pdf?
v=1700472376
https://kstservos.com/collections/glider-wing-servos/products/x08h-plus-horizontal-lug-servo-5-
3kg-cm-0-09s-9-5g-8mm
#define MIN SERVO ANGLE -60 // deg (unused except for internal angle2us mapping or
manual trimming override because dangerous!)
#define MAX SERVO ANGLE 60 // deg (unused except for internal angle2us mapping or
manual trimming override because dangerous!)
#define SERVO MIN ALLOWED -9
#define SERVO MAX ALLOWED 9
enum Pitcheron Actions {
  WINGS LEVEL, // 0 (could also do WINGS LEVEL = 0 for custom assignment, and so on.)
  ROLL LEFT, // 1
```

```
ROLL RIGHT, // 2
  PITCH NOSE UP, // 3
  PITCH NOSE DOWN, // 4
  MAINTAIN ANGLE // 5
};
struct Pitcheron Data {
  unsigned int sensor id;
  unsigned int angle target; // absolute value only
  const char* action target; // e.g. WINGS LEVEL, ROLL RIGHT, etc.
  int raw angle 1; // Angle including trim adjustments and CG/CW corrections (raw)
  int raw angle r; // Angle including trim adjustments and CG/CW corrections (raw)
  // All angles in degrees.
};
// Functions just for initial testing/trimming (angle specified is directly used for actuation as-is)
void actuate servo l(int angle);
void actuate servo r(int angle);
void init servos(bool actuation test); // Use either init servos or init servos trim in a program,
but NOT BOTH.
void init servos trim(void); // Do not use, except for in another program (not main())
exclusively to initialize for trimming individual servos.
void actuate pitcherons(unsigned int angle, enum Pitcheron Actions act type direction); //
Specify PITCH or ROLL with direction for actuation type + direction (both servos use same
angle but potentially different trim offsets)
#endif
// File: queues.h
#ifndef QUEUES H
#define QUEUES H
#include <Arduino.h>
```

```
// This just lets the compiler know that this queue is declared elsewhere so other files see it when
including this header
extern QueueHandle t IMU Queue;
extern QueueHandle t Airspeed Queue;
extern QueueHandle t GPS Queue;
extern QueueHandle t Autopilot Queue;
extern QueueHandle t Pitcheron Queue;
extern QueueHandle t Flight Data Queue;
void init_queues();
#endif
// File: semaphores.h
#ifndef SEMAPHORES H
#define SEMAPHORES_H
#include <Arduino.h>
extern SemaphoreHandle t I2C MUTEX;
// extern SemaphoreHandle timu done;
// extern SemaphoreHandle tairspeed done;
// extern SemaphoreHandle t gps done;
void init semaphores();
#endif
```

```
// File: sensors.h
#ifndef SENSORS H
#define SENSORS_H
// Defining containers for data
struct IMU Data {
  unsigned int sensor id;
  float lin accel[3]; // x,y,z
  float euler[3];
  float gyro[3]; // x,y,z
  float magnetic[3]; // x,y,z
  float gravity[3]; // x,y,z
  float rotation[4]; // Quaternion - real, i, j, k
};
struct Airspeed Data {
  unsigned int sensor id;
  float diff_pressure;
  float airspeed[2]; // raw, corrected
  float temperature;
};
struct GPS_Data {
  unsigned int sensor id;
  float latitude;
  float longitude;
  float gnd speed; // knots
  float altitude;
  float heading;
  uint8 t hours;
  uint8 t minutes;
  uint8 t seconds;
  uint8_t hundredths;
```

```
uint8 t satellites;
};
void init low level hw();
bool init bno085(); // Unused in main
bool init abp2(); // Unused in main
void init all sensors();
void read bno085(void* pvParameters);
void read abp2(void* pvParameters);
void read gps(void* pvParameters);
#endif
// File: strobe.h
#ifndef STROBE H
#define STROBE H
void init strobe(void);
void blink_strobe(void* pvParameters);
#endif
// File: tasks.h
#ifndef TASKS H
#define TASKS H
#include <Arduino.h>
extern TaskHandle t read imu task;
extern TaskHandle t read pitot task;
```

```
extern TaskHandle t read gps task;
extern TaskHandle t log data task; // Currently unused handle
extern TaskHandle t autopilot task;
extern TaskHandle_t strobe_task;
void init tasks();
#endif
// File: trim servos.h
#ifndef TRIM SERVOS H
#define TRIM SERVOS H
#include <Arduino.h>
void trim servos(void);
#endif
// File: autopilot.cpp
#include "autopilot.h"
#include "datalogger.h"
#include "queues.h"
#include "pitcheron servos.h"
#define AP ENABLE true // Set true to enable Autopilot, false to disable.
#define LANDED DISABLED true // Disables LANDED state
#define ROLL PROT EN true
#define PITCH PROT EN true
#define STALL PROT EN false
#define PITCH SPEED CONTROL true
```

#define OVSPD PROT EN false

```
// Note: Convention used by autopilot: + means right/up, - means left/down. ALL ANGLES IN
DEGREES AND SPEEDS IN ft/s.
// Flight Envelope Limits
#define MAX PITCHERON ANGLE SERVO MAX ALLOWED // Defined in
pitcheron_servos.h
#define STALL SPEED 30
#define OVERSPEED 60
#define ROLL LIM MIN -30
#define ROLL LIM MAX 30
#define PITCH LIM MIN -18
#define PITCH LIM MAX 18
// Autopilot Settings and Control Limits
#define U TURN BEARING CHANGE 180 // deg: From DBF 2024 Competition Rules
#define RIGHT TURN BIAS true // Takes priority over LEFT TURN BIAS if both are true
#define LEFT TURN BIAS false
#define TURN BIAS 20 // Will turn right for corrections up to -160 during U Turn
#define BULLSEYE LATITUDE 32.2653//32.2653 //32.1201// //41.5194 // degN: From DBF
2024 Competition Rules
#define BULLSEYE LONGITUDE -111.2736//-111.2736 //-110.7630// //-86.2400 // degW:
From DBF 2024 Competition Rules
#define HDG TARGET DEVIATION LOW -5
#define HDG TARGET DEVIATION HIGH 5
#define ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW -5
#define ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH 5
#define SPD TARGET 45 // ft/s
#define SPD TARGET DEVIATION LOW -15 // -10 means STALL SPEED = 40 ft/s with 50
ft/s target
#define SPD TARGET DEVIATION HIGH 15
#define PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW -3
```

// PID Proportionality Constants (leave margin for min/max to avoid exceeding flight envelope limits)

#define PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH 3

#define Kp_ROLL_BEARING_CORR 1// Roll proportional to amount of turning required (yaw change)
#define Kp_PITCH_SPD_CORR -1// MUST BE NEGATIVE!!! Pitch proportional to amount of

#define Kp_SERVO_ANGLE_ROLL 0.3// Servo Angle proportional to error in roll from target #define Kp_SERVO_ANGLE_PITCH 0.5// Servo Angle proportional to error in pitch from target

speed change required (current speed error from target)

```
// Utility Functions for bearings
// Wrap angle to range [0, 360)
float wrap angle(float angle) {
  float wrapped = fmod(angle, 360.0); // Calculates remainder of angle/360 (wraps angle)
  return wrapped < 0 ? wrapped + 360 : wrapped; // For negative angles
}
// To add bearings: wrap angle(angle 1+angle 2)
// To subtract bearings: wrap angle(angle 1-angle 2)
// This function gives the shortest necessary correction for bearings
// e.g. current bearing = 10deg, target bearing = 350deg, returns -20deg
// Negative angles mean left turn needed. Positive angles mean right turn needed.
float signed bearing correction(float current bearing, float target bearing) {
  float brg corr = wrap angle(target bearing - current bearing);
  if (brg corr > 180.0) {
     brg corr -= 360.0;
  }
  return brg corr;
}
// Function to calculate the bearing from current and target GPS coordinates
float calculate bearing(float current lat, float current long, float target lat, float target long,
float current bearing) {
  float target bearing = current bearing; // Just setting default condition for variable
initialization (modified later).
  // Edge case: Current latitude/longitude = Target latitude/longitude (prevents undefined target
bearing)
  if (current lat == target lat && current long == target long) target bearing =
current bearing;
```

```
else {
    // Convert latitude and longitude from degrees to radians
    current lat = current lat * M PI / 180.0f;
    current long = current long * M PI / 180.0f;
     target lat = target lat * M PI / 180.0f;
     target long = target long * M PI / 180.0f;
    // Calculate the difference in longitude
     float delta long = target long - current long;
    // Calculate the components of the formula
     float x = sinf(delta long) * cosf(target lat);
     float y = cosf(current lat) * sinf(target lat) - sinf(current lat) * cosf(target lat) *
cosf(delta_long);
    // Calculate the initial bearing
     float initial bearing = atan2f(x, y);
    // Convert bearing from radians to degrees and normalize to 0-360
    target bearing = fmodf((initial bearing * 180.0f / M PI) + 360.0f, 360.0f);
  return target bearing;
}
// Main Autopilot functions
void Autopilot MASTER(void* pvParameters) {
  Flight Data sensor data;
  Autopilot Data AP log data;
  AP \log data.sensor id = 3;
  int ap flight phase = U TURN HDG;
  AP log data.flight phase = "U TURN HDG";
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP OFF";
  bool started = false;
```

```
bool u turn done = false;
  AP log data.ap target bearing = 0; // just for initialization
  AP log data.ap target roll = 0; // just for initialization
  AP log data.ap target pitch = 0; // just for initialization
  if (AP ENABLE) Serial.println("Autopilot ON!");
  else Serial.println("Autopilot OFF. Maintaining Pitcheron Neutral Position.");
  while(true) {
    //Serial.println("Autopilot Task");
    xQueueReceive(Flight Data Queue, &sensor data, portMAX DELAY);
    // First use the received data to identify the current phase of flight and AP Mode. But we
start with U-Turn immediately
    // Landed
    if (!AP ENABLE) {
       actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE); // Do nothing if AP has been disabled
through flag.
    else if (sensor data.airspeed == 0 && !LANDED DISABLED) {
      actuate pitcherons(0, WINGS LEVEL);
      AP log data.flight phase = "LANDED";
      AP log data.ap mode = "AP OFF";
    else if (!started) {
      // Always start in HDG SEL IMU mode to get correct 180 degree turn bearing
       Autopilot HDG SEL IMU(sensor data.roll, sensor data.yaw,
U TURN BEARING CHANGE, AP log data);
      started = true;
    else if ((ap flight phase == U TURN HDG) && !u turn done) {
      AP log data.flight phase = "U TURN HDG";
      // Always verify flight envelope first
      if (Autopilot FLT ENVELOPE PROT(sensor data.roll, sensor data.pitch,
sensor data.airspeed, AP_log_data)) {
         if (Autopilot HDG SEL IMU(sensor data.roll, sensor data.yaw,
U TURN BEARING CHANGE, AP log data)) {
           u turn done = true;
           ap flight phase = GPS HOMING;
```

```
else ap flight phase = U TURN HDG;
    else if (ap flight phase == GPS HOMING) {
      AP log data.flight phase = "GPS HOMING";
      // Always verify flight envelope first
      if (Autopilot FLT ENVELOPE PROT(sensor data.roll, sensor data.pitch,
sensor data.airspeed, AP log data)) {
        if (Autopilot HDG SEL GPS(true, sensor data.roll, sensor data.heading,
sensor data.latitude, sensor data.longitude, BULLSEYE LATITUDE,
BULLSEYE LONGITUDE, AP log data) && PITCH SPEED CONTROL) {
           ap flight phase = SPD DESCENT;
         else ap flight phase = GPS HOMING;
    else if (ap flight phase == SPD DESCENT) {
      AP log data.flight phase = "SPD DESCENT";
      // Always verify flight envelope first
      if (Autopilot FLT ENVELOPE PROT(sensor data.roll, sensor data.pitch,
sensor data.airspeed, AP_log_data)) {
        if (Autopilot HDG SEL GPS(false, sensor data.roll, sensor data.heading,
sensor data.latitude, sensor data.longitude, BULLSEYE LATITUDE,
BULLSEYE LONGITUDE, AP log data)) {
           if (Autopilot SPD TRIM(sensor data.airspeed, sensor data.pitch, SPD TARGET,
AP log data)) {
             ap flight phase = GPS HOMING;
           else ap flight phase = SPD DESCENT;
        else {
           ap flight phase = GPS HOMING;
         }
```

```
xQueueSend(Autopilot Queue, &AP log data, portMAX DELAY);
    vTaskSuspend(NULL);
}
bool Autopilot HDG SEL IMU(float roll, float yaw, float bearing change, Autopilot Data&
AP log data) {
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP HDG SEL IMU";
  unsigned int pitcheron angle = 0;
  static const float target bearing = wrap angle(yaw + bearing change); // Gets target bearing
only from first yaw reading (on release detection).
  float bearing correction = signed bearing correction(yaw, target bearing); // Continuously
recalculated from current bearing.
  if ((bearing correction >= -180) && (bearing correction <= (-180+TURN BIAS)) &&
RIGHT TURN BIAS) bearing correction = -bearing correction;
  else if ((bearing correction >= (180-TURN BIAS)) && (bearing correction <= 180) &&
LEFT TURN BIAS) bearing correction = -bearing correction;
  float target roll = Kp ROLL BEARING CORR*bearing correction; // To turn right, target
roll is right
  if (target roll < ROLL LIM MIN) target roll = ROLL LIM MIN;
  else if (target roll > ROLL LIM MAX) target roll = ROLL LIM MAX;
  AP log data.ap target bearing = target bearing;
  AP log data.ap target roll = target roll;
  AP \log \text{ data.ap target pitch} = 0;
  // First case: Flight within desired envelope for bearing
  if ((bearing correction >= HDG TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (bearing correction <=
HDG TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)) {
    target roll = 0;
    AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
    // Verify that roll also within desired envelope for 0 bearing correction
    if ((target roll-roll >= ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (target roll-roll <=
ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)) {
      actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
      return true; // Don't do anything (Handover to AP SPD TRIM)
    }
```

```
// Second case: Flight within desired envelope for bearing but not for roll
    else {
       // Could be greatly simplified to wings level, but doing this initially to match third case
       pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll -
roll)));
       if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX_PITCHERON_ANGLE;
       if (target roll - roll > ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
         // Roll is too low (aircraft is banking too much to the right), correct right
         actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
       else if (target roll - roll < -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
         // Roll is too high (aircraft is banking too much to the left), correct left
         actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
       else if (target roll - roll > -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
         // Roll is slightly low, apply small correction right
         actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
       else if (target roll - roll < ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
         // Roll is slightly high, apply small correction left
         actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
       }
       else {
         // Roll is within the acceptable range, no correction needed
         actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
       }
       // return false; (by fall through)
  // Third case: Flight outside of envelope for bearing (roll envelope irrelevant)
  else {
    // Figure out whether left or right turn is needed
    // Left Turn Needed = Roll Left
    pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll -
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roll)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE:
    if (target roll - roll > ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
       // Roll is too low (aircraft is banking too much to the right), correct right
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
    else if (target roll - roll < -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
       // Roll is too high (aircraft is banking too much to the left), correct left
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
    else if (target roll - roll > -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
       // Roll is slightly low, apply small correction right
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
    else if (target roll - roll < ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
       // Roll is slightly high, apply small correction left
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
    }
    else {
       // Roll is within the acceptable range, no correction needed
       actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
  return false;
bool Autopilot HDG SEL GPS(bool act true, float roll, float current heading, float current lat,
float current long, float target lat, float target long, Autopilot Data& AP log data) {
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP HDG SEL GPS";
  unsigned int pitcheron angle = 0;
  float target bearing = calculate bearing(current lat, current long, target lat, target long,
current heading); // Gets target bearing from current and target coordinates (continuously
recalculated)
  float bearing correction = signed bearing correction(current heading, target bearing); //
```

Continuously recalculated from current bearing. float target roll = Kp ROLL BEARING CORR*bearing correction; // To turn right, target roll is right if (target roll < ROLL LIM MIN) target roll = ROLL LIM MIN; else if (target roll > ROLL LIM MAX) target roll = ROLL LIM MAX; AP log data.ap target bearing = target bearing; AP log data.ap target roll = target roll; AP $\log \text{ data.ap target pitch} = 0$; // First case: Flight within desired envelope for bearing if ((bearing correction >= HDG TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (bearing correction <= HDG TARGET DEVIATION_HIGH)) { target roll = 0; AP $\log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0$; // Verify that roll also within desired envelope for 0 bearing correction if ((target roll-roll >= ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (target roll-roll <= ROLL_TARGET_DEVIATION_HIGH)) { if (act true) actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE); return true; // Don't do anything (Handover to AP SPD TRIM) // Second case: Flight within desired envelope for bearing but not for roll else { // Could be greatly simplified to wings level, but doing this initially to match third case pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll roll))); if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle = MAX PITCHERON ANGLE; if (target roll - roll > ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) { // Roll is too low (aircraft is banking too much to the right), correct right actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT); else if (target roll - roll < -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) { // Roll is too high (aircraft is banking too much to the left), correct left actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT); else if (target roll - roll > -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {

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// Roll is slightly low, apply small correction right
         actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
       else if (target roll - roll < ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
         // Roll is slightly high, apply small correction left
         actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
       }
       else {
         // Roll is within the acceptable range, no correction needed
         actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
      // return false; (by fall through)
  // Third case: Flight outside of envelope for bearing (roll envelope irrelevant)
  else {
    // Figure out whether left or right turn is needed
    // Left Turn Needed = Roll Left
    pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll -
roll)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    if (target roll - roll > ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
      // Roll is too low (aircraft is banking too much to the right), correct right
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
    else if (target roll - roll < -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
      // Roll is too high (aircraft is banking too much to the left), correct left
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
    }
    else if (target roll - roll > -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
      // Roll is slightly low, apply small correction right
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
    else if (target roll - roll < ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
```

```
// Roll is slightly high, apply small correction left
       actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
    else {
      // Roll is within the acceptable range, no correction needed
       actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
    }
  return false;
bool Autopilot SPD TRIM(float airspeed, float pitch, float target airspeed, Autopilot Data&
AP log data) {
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP SPD TRIM";
  unsigned int pitcheron angle = 0;
  float speed correction = target airspeed - airspeed; // Positive speed correction = need to
speed up (too slow) => Pitch nose down.
  float target pitch = Kp PITCH SPD CORR*speed correction; // Kp NEGATIVE! e.g. +10
speed correction = -10 target pitch
  // Limit checking for target pitch
  if (target pitch < PITCH LIM MIN) target pitch = PITCH LIM MIN;
  else if (target pitch > PITCH LIM MAX) target pitch = PITCH LIM MAX;
  AP log data.ap target pitch = target pitch;
  AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
  // First case: Flight within desired speed envelope
  if (((speed correction >= SPD TARGET DEVIATION LOW)) && (speed correction <=
SPD TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)) {
    target pitch = 0;
    AP \log data.ap target pitch = 0;
    // Verify that pitch also within desired envelope for 0 airspeed correction
    if ((target pitch-pitch >= PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (target pitch-pitch
<= PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)) {
       actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
       return true; // Don't do anything (handover to AP HDG SEL IMU)
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```
// Second case: Flight within desired envelope for speed but not for pitch
    else {
      pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch
- pitch)));
      if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
      if (target pitch-pitch > PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
      else if (target pitch-pitch < -PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
      else if (target pitch-pitch > -PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
      else if (target pitch-pitch < PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
      else actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
    }
  }
  // Third case: Flight outside of envelope for speed (pitch envelope irrelevant)
  else {
    // Figure out whether pitch up or pitch down is needed
    // Pitch Up Needed = PITCH NOSE UP
    pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch -
pitch)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    if (target pitch-pitch > PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
    else if (target pitch-pitch < -PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH_NOSE_DOWN);
    else if (target pitch-pitch > -PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
    else if (target pitch-pitch < PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
    else actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
  }
  return false;
}
```

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bool Autopilot FLT ENVELOPE PROT(float roll, float pitch, float airspeed, Autopilot Data&
AP log data) {
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP FLT ENVELOPE PROT";
 // Prority 1: Roll Protection
  // Priority 2: Pitch Protection
 // Priority 3: Speed Protection
  if ((roll < ROLL LIM MIN) && ROLL PROT EN) {
    AP log data.ap mode = "AP PROT_ROLL_MIN";
    float target roll = ROLL LIM MAX;
    AP log data.ap target roll = target roll;
    AP \log data.ap target pitch = 0;
    float pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll
- roll)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
  else if ((roll > ROLL LIM MAX) && ROLL PROT EN) {
    AP log data.ap mode = "AP PROT ROLL MAX";
    float target roll = ROLL LIM MIN;
    AP log data.ap target roll = target roll;
    AP \log data.ap target pitch = 0;
    float pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll
- roll)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
  else if ((pitch < PITCH LIM MIN) && PITCH PROT EN) {
    AP log data.ap mode = "AP PROT PITCH MIN";
    float target pitch = PITCH LIM MAX;
    AP log data.ap target pitch = target pitch;
    AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
    float pitcheron angle = (unsigned
int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch - pitch)));
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if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
  else if ((pitch > PITCH LIM MAX) && PITCH PROT EN) {
    AP log data.ap mode = "AP PROT PITCH MAX";
    float target pitch = PITCH LIM MIN;
    AP log data.ap target pitch = target pitch;
    AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
    float pitcheron angle = (unsigned
int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch - pitch)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
  }
  else if ((airspeed < STALL SPEED) && STALL PROT EN) {
    AP log data.ap mode = "AP PROT STALL";
    // float target airspeed = STALL SPEED+OVERCORRECTION SPEED;
    float target pitch = PITCH LIM MIN;
    AP log data.ap target pitch = target pitch;
    AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
    unsigned int pitcheron angle = (unsigned
int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch - pitch)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
  else if ((airspeed > OVERSPEED) && OVSPD PROT EN) {
    AP log data.ap mode = "AP PROT OVERSPEED";
    // float target airspeed = OVERSPEED-OVERCORRECTION SPEED;
    float target pitch = PITCH LIM MAX;
    AP log data.ap target pitch = target pitch;
    AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
    unsigned int pitcheron angle = (unsigned
int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch - pitch)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
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MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
  else return true;
  return false;
}
bool Autopilot ROLL FIXED(float roll, float target roll, Autopilot Data& AP log data) {
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP ROLL FIXED";
  if (target roll < ROLL LIM MIN) target roll = ROLL LIM MIN;
  else if (target roll > ROLL LIM MAX) target roll = ROLL LIM MAX;
  AP log data.ap target roll = target roll;
  AP \log \text{ data.ap target pitch} = 0;
  if ((target roll-roll >= ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (target roll-roll <=
ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)) {
    actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
    return true; // Don't do anything (Handover to AP SPD TRIM)
  // Second case: Flight within desired envelope for bearing but not for roll
  else {
    float pitcheron angle = (unsigned int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE ROLL*(fabs(target roll
- roll)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    if (target roll - roll > ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
      // Roll is too low (aircraft is banking too much to the right), correct right
      actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
    else if (target roll - roll < -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION HIGH) {
      // Roll is too high (aircraft is banking too much to the left), correct left
      actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
    else if (target roll - roll > -ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
      // Roll is slightly low, apply small correction right
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actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL RIGHT);
    else if (target roll - roll < ROLL TARGET DEVIATION LOW) {
      // Roll is slightly high, apply small correction left
      actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, ROLL LEFT);
    else {
      // Roll is within the acceptable range, no correction needed
      actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
  return false:
bool Autopilot PITCH FIXED(float pitch, float target pitch, Autopilot Data& AP log data) {
  AP log data.ap mode = "AP PITCH FIXED";
  if (target pitch < PITCH LIM MIN) target pitch = PITCH LIM MIN;
  else if (target pitch > PITCH LIM MAX) target pitch = PITCH LIM MAX;
  AP log data.ap target pitch = target pitch;
  AP \log \text{ data.ap target roll} = 0;
  if ((target pitch-pitch >= PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW) && (target pitch-pitch <=
PITCH TARGET DEVIATION HIGH)) {
    actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
    return true; // Don't do anything (handover to AP HDG SEL IMU)
  }
  else {
    float pitcheron angle = (unsigned
int)round(Kp SERVO ANGLE PITCH*(fabs(target pitch - pitch)));
    if (pitcheron angle > MAX PITCHERON ANGLE) pitcheron angle =
MAX PITCHERON ANGLE;
    if (target_pitch-pitch > PITCH_TARGET_DEVIATION_HIGH)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH_NOSE_UP);
    else if (target_pitch-pitch < -PITCH_TARGET_DEVIATION_HIGH)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
    else if (target pitch-pitch > -PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE UP);
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else if (target pitch-pitch < PITCH TARGET DEVIATION LOW)
actuate pitcherons(pitcheron angle, PITCH NOSE DOWN);
    else actuate pitcherons(0, MAINTAIN ANGLE);
    // return false; (by fall through)
  return false;
// File: datalogger.cpp
// This file contains all SD card related functions to initialize and write to the SD Card
#include <SPI.h>
#include <SD.h>
#include "pin map.h"
#include "datalogger.h"
#include "sensors.h"
#include "autopilot.h"
#include "pitcheron servos.h"
#include "tasks.h"
#include "queues.h"
#include "semaphores.h"
#define FILE_COUNT_START 0
#define INIT DELAY SD 100
#define LINE NUM START 1
#define DP DATA 3 // Decimal places to record
#define DP GPS 6 // Latitude/Longitude decimal places
#define GPS FIX DELAY THRESHOLD 0.250 // If more than 250ms passed since last fix,
take data from other sensors again
bool log to serial;
bool log to SD;
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File datafile;
                              // File object to handle file writing
SPIClass mySPI(VSPI);
void init SD(bool serial log, bool SD log) {
  if (serial log) log to serial = true;
  else log to serial = false;
  if (SD \log) \log to SD = true;
  else log to SD = false;
  if (!log to SD) return;
  unsigned int file counter = FILE COUNT START; // Start the file counter at 1
  char filename[16];
  Serial.print("Initializing SD Card...");
  pinMode(SD CS, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(SD CS, HIGH);
  mySPI.begin(SD SCK, SD MISO, SD MOSI, SD CS);
  // SPI.setFrequency(1000000);
  if (!SD.begin(SD CS, mySPI, 80000000)) {
     Serial.println("Card failed, or not present.");
    log to SD = false;
  Serial.println("DONE!");
  if (log_to SD == true) {
     Serial.println("Searching for next available filename");
    // Get next filenumber for filename
     sprintf(filename, "/data%03u.csv", file counter); // Create the filename with the counter
     while(SD.exists(filename)) {
       file counter++;
       if (file counter \geq 1000) {
         file counter = FILE COUNT START;
         Serial.println("Overwriting file /data000.csv... 1000+ files in storage. Please DELETE
SOME!!!");
         sprintf(filename, "/data%03u.csv", file counter); // Create the filename with the
counter
         break;
       }
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else sprintf(filename, "/data%03u.csv", file counter); // Create the filename with the
counter
    }
    datafile = SD.open(filename, FILE WRITE);
    // Open File
    if (datafile) {
       Serial.printf("Writing to file: /data%03u.csv\n", file counter);
    }
    else {
       Serial.printf("Failed to Open File: /data%03u.csv for writing!\n", file counter);
       log to SD = false;
       return;
    // Write Header to file
    const char csv header[] =
"Line Num, ESP32 Time s, ID0 IMU, LinAcc x, LinAcc y, LinAcc z, Pitch, Roll, Yaw, Gyro x, G
yro y,Gyro z,Magnet uT x,Magnet uT y,Magnet uT z,"
"Grav x,Grav y,Grav z,Quat re,Quat i,Quat k,ID1 ASPD,RawPress Pa,temp C,Raw
Airspeed, CorrAirspeed,"
"ID2 GPS, latitude, longitude, heading, gnd speed, altitude, hours, mins, secs, hundredths, satellites,"
"ID3 AP,Flight Phase,AP Mode,AP HDG TGT,AP ROLL TGT,AP PITCH TGT,"
"ID4 SERVO, servo L angle, servo R angle, servo Angle TGT, servo Action TGT\n";
    Serial.println("Writing .csv header:");
    datafile.print(csv header);
    datafile.flush();
    if (log to serial) {
       Serial.print(csv header);
    Serial.println(".csv Header Writing DONE!");
```

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}
void log data(void* pvParameters) {
  float current time = 0;
  IMU Data imu;
  Airspeed Data pitot;
  GPS Data gps;
  Flight Data ap input data;
  Autopilot Data AP data;
  Pitcheron Data pitcherons;
  digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, LOW);
  unsigned long line num = LINE NUM START; // These are only initialized once
  while(true) {
    //Serial.println("Datalogging Task");
    static unsigned long start time = micros();
    // Serial.println("Taking GPS Semaphore");
    // xSemaphoreTake(gps done, portMAX DELAY);
    xQueueReceive(GPS Queue, &gps, portMAX DELAY);
    // Serial.println("Taking IMU Semaphore");
    // xSemaphoreTake(imu done, portMAX DELAY);
    xQueueReceive(IMU Queue, &imu, portMAX DELAY);
    // Serial.println("Taking Airspeed Semaphore");
    // xSemaphoreTake(airspeed done, portMAX DELAY);
    xQueueReceive(Airspeed Queue, &pitot, portMAX DELAY);
    current time = (float)((micros() - start time)/1000000.0);
    // Load received data onto Flight Data Queue for Autopilot
    ap input data.time = current time;
    ap input data.pitch = imu.euler[0];
    ap input data.roll = imu.euler[1];
    ap input data.yaw = imu.euler[2];
    ap input data.airspeed = pitot.airspeed[1]; // Corrected airspeed
    ap input data.gnd speed = gps.gnd speed;
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ap input data.latitude = gps.latitude;
    ap input data.longitude = gps.longitude;
    ap input data.heading = gps.heading;
    xQueueSend(Flight Data Queue, &ap input data, portMAX DELAY);
    // Serial.println("Taking Autopilot Semaphore");
    xQueueReceive(Autopilot Queue, &AP data, portMAX DELAY);
    xQueueReceive(Pitcheron Queue, &pitcherons, portMAX DELAY);
    //vTaskResume(autopilot task);
    // Log Data to datafile
    if (log to SD) {
      // Line Num + ESP Time + IMU Data
*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,", line num, 6, current time, imu.sensor id, \
      DP DATA, imu.lin accel[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.lin accel[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.lin accel[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.euler[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.euler[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.euler[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.gyro[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.gyro[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.gyro[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.magnetic[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.magnetic[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.magnetic[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.gravity[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.gravity[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.gravity[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[2], \
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DP DATA, imu.rotation[3]);
       // Airspeed/Pitot Tube Data
       datafile.printf("%u,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,", pitot.sensor id, \
       DP DATA, pitot.diff pressure, \
       DP DATA, pitot.temperature, \
       DP DATA, pitot.airspeed[0], \
       DP DATA, pitot.airspeed[1]);
       // GPS Data
       datafile.printf("%u,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%u,%u,%u,%u,%u,", gps.sensor id, \
       DP GPS, gps.latitude, \
       DP GPS, gps.longitude, \
       DP GPS, gps.heading, \
       DP DATA, gps.gnd speed, \
       DP GPS, gps.altitude, \
       gps.hours, gps.minutes, gps.seconds, gps.hundredths, gps.satellites);
       // Autopilot Data
       datafile.printf("%u,%s,%s,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,", AP data.sensor id, AP data.flight phase, \
       AP data.ap mode, DP DATA, AP data.ap target bearing, DP DATA,
AP data.ap target roll, DP DATA, AP data.ap target pitch);
       // Servo Data
       datafile.printf("%u,%d,%d,%u,%s\n", pitcherons.sensor id, \
       pitcherons.raw angle 1, \
       pitcherons.raw angle r, \
       pitcherons.angle target, \
       pitcherons.action target); // Do not use comma in action target String!
       datafile.flush();
    if (log to serial) {
       // Line Num + ESP Time + IMU Data
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f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,", line num, 6, current time, imu.sensor id, \
      DP DATA, imu.lin accel[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.lin accel[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.lin accel[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.euler[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.euler[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.euler[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.gyro[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.gyro[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.gyro[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.magnetic[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.magnetic[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.magnetic[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.gravity[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.gravity[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.gravity[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[0], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[1], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[2], \
      DP DATA, imu.rotation[3]);
      // Serial.flush();
      // Airspeed/Pitot Tube Data
      Serial.printf("%u,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,", pitot.sensor_id, \
      DP DATA, pitot.diff pressure, \
      DP DATA, pitot.temperature, \
      DP DATA, pitot.airspeed[0], \
      DP DATA, pitot.airspeed[1]);
      // Serial.flush();
      // GPS Data
      Serial.printf("%u,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,%u,%u,%u,%u,%u,", gps.sensor id, \
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DP GPS, gps.latitude, \
       DP GPS, gps.longitude, \
       DP DATA, gps.heading, \
       DP GPS, gps.gnd speed, \
       DP DATA, gps.altitude, \
       gps.hours, gps.minutes, gps.seconds, gps.hundredths, gps.satellites);
      // Autopilot Data
       Serial.printf("%u,%s,%s,%.*f,%.*f,%.*f,", AP data.sensor id, AP data.flight phase, \
       AP data.ap mode, DP DATA, AP data.ap target bearing, DP DATA,
AP data.ap target roll, DP DATA, AP data.ap target pitch);
      // Servo Data
       Serial.printf("%u,%d,%d,%u,%s\n", pitcherons.sensor id, \
       pitcherons.raw angle 1, \
       pitcherons.raw angle r, \
       pitcherons.angle target, \
       pitcherons.action target); // Do not use comma in action target String!
      // Serial.flush();
    }
    line num++;
    // Resume suspended reading tasks after logging data to SD card and loop again.
    if((digitalRead(BUILTIN LED PIN) == LOW) && (gps.satellites != 0)) {
       digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, HIGH);
    else {
       digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, LOW);
    //vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(10)); // Extra Delay (in milliseconds) to make serial
monitor data human-readable. Too fast otherwise!
    vTaskResume(read gps task);
    vTaskResume(read imu task);
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vTaskResume(read pitot task);

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vTaskResume(autopilot task);
}
// File: main.cpp
#include <Arduino.h>
//#include "soc/soc.h"
//#include "soc/rtc cntl reg.h"
#include "esp sleep.h"
#include "tasks.h"
#include "queues.h"
#include "semaphores.h"
#include "sensors.h"
#include "datalogger.h"
#include "pitcheron servos.h"
#include "trim servos.h"
#include "strobe.h"
#include "autopilot.h"
#include "pin_map.h"
#define SERIAL LOG true // Log Data to Serial
#define SD LOG true // Log Data to SD Card file (failsafe for SD card popping out if true is
included. If that happens, true constant is ignored.)
#define TRIM SERVOS false // Choose whether to run this program in regular or servo
trimming mode
#define SERVO ACTUATION TESTS true // Perform pitcheron servo tests during
initialization? (ignored if TRIM SERVOS=true)
#define RELEASE INIT false // Wait for release before running main code
#define BOOTUP_DELAY 2000 //ms
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#define INSTALL DEBOUNCE DELAY 250 //ms
#define INSTALL DELAY 10000
#define RELEASE DELAY 250 //ms
void setup() {
  delay(BOOTUP DELAY);
  //WRITE PERI REG(RTC CNTL BROWN OUT REG, 0);
  pinMode(RELEASE DET PIN, INPUT);
  esp sleep enable ext0 wakeup((gpio num t)RELEASE DET PIN, HIGH);
  init low level hw();
  init strobe();
  init queues();
  init semaphores();
  init all sensors();
  if (TRIM SERVOS == false) init servos(SERVO ACTUATION TESTS);
  else trim servos(); // Note: this instruction is blocking. No further lines of code in this file will
execute and RTOS Scheduler never starts.
  init SD(SERIAL LOG, SD LOG); // FORMAT SD CARD TO FAT32 BEFORE FIRST USE
  if (RELEASE INIT) {
    Serial.println("All Systems Initialized. Waiting for GPIO 19 release detection
(HIGH=>LOW=>HIGH)...");
    digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, LOW);
    while (true) {
      while (true) {
        if (digitalRead(RELEASE DET PIN) == HIGH)
delay(INSTALL DEBOUNCE DELAY);
        else {
          delay(INSTALL DEBOUNCE DELAY);
          if (digitalRead(RELEASE DET PIN) == LOW) break;
      }
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digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, HIGH);
      delay(INSTALL DELAY);
      if (digitalRead(RELEASE DET PIN) == HIGH) {
        digitalWrite(BUILTIN_LED_PIN, LOW);
        delay(250);
         digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, HIGH);
        continue;
      else break;
    digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, LOW);
    while (digitalRead(RELEASE DET PIN) == LOW) {
      esp light sleep start();
      delay(RELEASE DELAY); // for debouncing release detection magnet
  }
  init tasks();
  Serial.println("All Systems ONLINE! All Tasks Started Successfully! RTOS Task Scheduler
RUNNING!\n");
}
void loop() {
  ;//vTaskStartScheduler();
}
// File: pitcheron servos.cpp
#include <Arduino.h>
#include <ESP32Servo.h>
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```
#include "pin map.h"
#include "pitcheron servos.h"
#include "queues.h"
#define DISABLE SERVO L false
#define DISABLE_SERVO R false
// Basic Assumption: Pitcheron Angle = Servo Angle
https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0570/1766/3541/files/X08H V6.0 Technical Specification.pdf?
v=1700472376
https://kstservos.com/collections/glider-wing-servos/products/x08h-plus-horizontal-lug-servo-5-
3kg-cm-0-09s-9-5g-8mm
// Servos I and r are connected to left and right pitcherons as viewed from behind the glider.
// CW CONVENTION: Clockwise = Positive Angle, Counterclockwise = Negative Angle. Set
CONVENTION to -1 if opposite (still assumes 2 identical servos)
#define CW CONVENTION -1 // 1=Clockwise Positive, -1=Counterclockwise Positive
// CG CONVENTION: Determine whether fully assembled glider CG is behind or in front of the
pitcherons (wingtip test!)
#define CG CONVENTION 1 // 1 = Pitcherons point up, nose goes down (pitcherons behind
CG, like elevators). -1 = Pitcherons point up, nose goes up (pitcherons in front of CG).
// Note: center would be 0 degrees left and right in code, but may not be the case in real life.
Trim offset added to center
#define RAW TRIM L 9 // deg. Set this to whatever angle must be requested in independent
servo tests (actuate servo 1) to center left servo when testing (regardless of CONVENTION).
#define RAW TRIM R 7 // deg. Set this to whatever angle must be requested in independent
servo tests (actuate servo r) to center right servo when testing (regardless of CONVENTION).
// Define Servo Physical Limits
#define MIN SERVO us 1000 // us
#define MAX SERVO us 2000 // us
#define PWM FREQUENCY 333 // Hz
#define INITIAL ANGLE 14
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#define ACTUATION DELAY ms 1000 // How long to wait after each actuation test Servo left servo; Servo right servo; void init servos trim(void) { Serial.println("Initializing Servos..."); if (DISABLE SERVO L) Serial.println("Left Servo Disabled. Code will run as if it is enabled, but without physically initializing/actuating."); if (DISABLE SERVO R) Serial println ("Right Servo Disabled. Code will run as if it is enabled, but without physically initializing/actuating."); if (!DISABLE_SERVO_L) ESP32PWM::allocateTimer(0); // Allocate timer for both servosif (!DISABLE SERVO R) ESP32PWM::allocateTimer(1); // Allocate timer for both servos if (!DISABLE SERVO L) left servo.setPeriodHertz(PWM FREQUENCY); // 333 Hz servo if (!DISABLE SERVO R) right servo.setPeriodHertz(PWM FREQUENCY); // 333 Hz servo if (!DISABLE SERVO L) left servo.attach(SERVO L PIN, 900, 2100); // Attach left servo to pin if (!DISABLE SERVO R) right servo.attach(SERVO R PIN, 900, 2100); // Attach right servo to pin Serial.println("Servo Initialization Complete. Start Trimming."); } // This function maps angles to microseconds (PWM width) based on servo datasheet int angle2us(int angle, int angle min, int angle max, int us min, int us max) { if (angle < angle min) angle = angle min; // Handle limit else if (angle > angle max) angle = angle max; // Handle limit return us_min + ((angle - angle_min) * (us_max - us_min)) / (angle_max - angle_min); } void actuate servo l(int raw angle servo l) { if (!DISABLE SERVO L) left servo.writeMicroseconds(angle2us(raw angle servo l, MIN SERVO ANGLE, MAX SERVO ANGLE, MIN SERVO us, MAX SERVO us));

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void actuate servo r(int raw angle servo r) {
  if (!DISABLE SERVO R) right servo.writeMicroseconds(angle2us(raw angle servo r,
MIN SERVO ANGLE, MAX SERVO ANGLE, MIN SERVO us, MAX SERVO us));
}
// This function initializes the servos, checks range of travel, and then centers servos
void init servos(bool actuation test = true) {
  Serial.println("Initializing Servos...");
  if (DISABLE SERVO L) Serial.println("Left Servo Disabled. Code will run as if it is
enabled, but without physically initializing/actuating.");
  if (DISABLE SERVO R) Serial println ("Right Servo Disabled. Code will run as if it is
enabled, but without physically initializing/actuating.");
...... if (!DISABLE SERVO L) ESP32PWM::allocateTimer(0); // Allocate timer for both servos
......if (!DISABLE SERVO R) ESP32PWM::allocateTimer(1); // Allocate timer for both servos
  if (!DISABLE SERVO L) left servo.setPeriodHertz(PWM FREQUENCY); // 333 Hz
servo
  if (!DISABLE SERVO R) right servo.setPeriodHertz(PWM FREQUENCY); // 333 Hz
  if (!DISABLE SERVO L) left servo.attach(SERVO L PIN, 900, 2100); // Attach left servo
to pin
  if (!DISABLE SERVO R) right servo.attach(SERVO R PIN, 900, 2100); // Attach right
servo to pin
  // Set servos to 0 position
  Serial.printf("Centering LEFT servo centered with trim @%ddeg.\n", RAW TRIM L);
  actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+0);
  Serial.printf("Centering RIGHT servo centered with trim @%ddeg.\n", RAW TRIM R);
  actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+0);
  Serial.println("Servo Initialization Complete! Verify both pitcherons are now correctly
trimmed/centered.");
  if (CW CONVENTION == -1) Serial.println("Note: Using alternate convention for angles (+
=> counterclockwise, - => clockwise).");
  else if (CW CONVENTION != 1) Serial.println("INVALID CW CONVENTION
SPECIFIED! STOP! Roll control will be scaled incorrectly!");
  delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
  if (actuation test == true) {
    Serial.println("Testing Servos... Observe movement carefully to verify correct
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actuation/response.");
    // If both servos turn counterclockwise or clockwise, Pitcherons = Ailerons
    // If one turns clockwise and the other counterclockwise, Pitcherons = Elevator
    // Turn both servos in same direction (counterclockwise: counter-rotating pitcherons). Left
pitcheron points down, right points up (roll left)
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+(SERVO MIN ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+(SERVO MIN ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    Serial.printf("Test #1/6: Confirm that LEFT pitcheron points DOWN and RIGHT pitcheron
points UP (both@min allowed deflection = %ddeg).\n", SERVO_MIN_ALLOWED);
    delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
    // Turn both servos in same direction (clockwise: counter-rotating pitcherons). Left
pitcheron points up, Right points down (roll right)
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+(SERVO MAX ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+(SERVO MAX ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    Serial.printf("Test #2/6: Confirm that LEFT pitcheron points UP and RIGHT pitcheron
points DOWN (both@max allowed deflection = %ddeg).\n", SERVO MAX ALLOWED);
    delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
    // Center servos
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+0);
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+0);
    Serial.printf("Test #3/6: Confirm that BOTH pitcherons are CENTERED (servo 1
trim@%ddeg; servo r trim@%ddeg).\n", RAW TRIM L, RAW TRIM R);
    delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
    // Turn servos in opposite directions (L: clockwise, R: counterclockwise). Left pitcheron
points up, Right points up (pitch nose down/up)
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+(SERVO MAX ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+(SERVO MIN ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    Serial.println("Test #4/6: Confirm that BOTH pitcherons point UP (max deflection).");
    if (CG CONVENTION == 1) Serial.println("Pitcherons are BEHIND CG. Confirm this
action causes NOSE PITCH DOWN.");
    else if (CG CONVENTION == -1) Serial.println("Pitcherons are IN FRONT OF CG.
Confirm this action causes NOSE PITCH UP.");
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else Serial.println("INVALID CG CONVENTION SPECIFIED! STOP! There will be no
pitch control in-flight (only roll)!");
    delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
    // Turn servos in opposite directions (L: counterclockwise, R: clockwise). Left pitcheron
points down, Right points down (pitch nose up/down)
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+(SERVO MIN ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+(SERVO MAX ALLOWED*CW CONVENTION));
    Serial.println("Test #5/6: Confirm that BOTH pitcherons point DOWN (max deflection).");
    if (CG CONVENTION == 1) Serial.println("Pitcherons are BEHIND CG. Confirm this
action causes NOSE PITCH UP.");
    else if (CG CONVENTION == -1) Serial.println("Pitcherons are IN FRONT OF CG.
Confirm this action causes NOSE PITCH DOWN.");
    else Serial.println("INVALID CG CONVENTION SPECIFIED! STOP! There will be no
pitch control in-flight (only roll)!");
    delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
    // Center servos
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+0);
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+0);
    Serial.printf("Test #6/6: Confirm that BOTH pitcherons are CENTERED (servo 1
trim@%ddeg; servo_r trim@%ddeg).\n", RAW_TRIM_L, RAW_TRIM_R);
    delay(ACTUATION DELAY ms);
    Serial.println("Servo Testing Complete! Verify both pitcherons are now correctly
trimmed/centered.");
 }
}
// This function actuates 2 servos using actuate servo 1 and actuate servo r. Specify
ROLL LEFT/ROLL RIGHT/PITCH NOSE UP/PITCH NOSE DOWN or WINGS LEVEL
for act type direction.
void actuate pitcherons(unsigned int angle, enum Pitcheron Actions act type direction) {
  // Never call this function twice in a row unless xQueueReceive(Pitcheron Queue,
&pitcherons, portMAX DELAY) has been called in between.
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Pitcheron Data new pitcheron data;
new pitcheron data.sensor id = 4;
new pitcheron data.angle target = angle;
new pitcheron data.raw angle l = RAW TRIM L+0;
new pitcheron data.raw angle r = RAW TRIM R+0;
new pitcheron data.action target = "MAINTAIN ANGLE";
switch(act type direction) {
  case WINGS LEVEL:
    // Angle ignored (same as doing any action with angle=0)
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+0);
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+0);
    new pitcheron data.action target = "WINGS LEVEL";
    new pitcheron data.raw angle 1 = RAW TRIM L+0;
    new pitcheron data.raw angle r = RAW TRIM R+0;
    break;
  case ROLL LEFT:
    // Servo rotation in same direction = Pitcherons actuate in opposite directions
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L-(angle*CW CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R-(angle*CW CONVENTION));
    new pitcheron data.action target = "ROLL LEFT";
    new pitcheron data.raw angle 1 = RAW TRIM L-(angle*CW CONVENTION);
    new pitcheron data.raw angle r = RAW TRIM R-(angle*CW CONVENTION);
    break;
  case ROLL RIGHT:
    // Servo rotation in same direction = Pitcherons actuate in opposite directions
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+(angle*CW CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+(angle*CW CONVENTION));
    new pitcheron data.action target = "ROLL RIGHT";
    new pitcheron data.raw angle 1 = RAW TRIM L+(angle*CW CONVENTION);
    new pitcheron data.raw angle r = RAW TRIM R + (angle *CW CONVENTION);
    break;
  case PITCH NOSE UP:
    // Servo rotation in opposite direction = Pitcherons actuate in same directions
    actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L-(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION));
    actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION));
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new pitcheron data.action target = "PITCH NOSE UP";
      new pitcheron data.raw angle 1 =
RAW TRIM L-(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION);
      new pitcheron data.raw angle r =
RAW TRIM R+(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION);
      break;
    case PITCH NOSE DOWN:
      // Servo rotation in opposite direction = Pitcherons actuate in same directions
      actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION));
      actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R-(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION));
      new pitcheron data.action target = "PITCH NOSE DOWN";
      new pitcheron data.raw angle 1 =
RAW TRIM L+(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION);
      new pitcheron data.raw angle r =
RAW TRIM R-(angle*CW CONVENTION*CG CONVENTION);
      break;
    case MAINTAIN ANGLE:
      new pitcheron data.action target = "MAINTAIN ANGLE";
      break;
    default:
      // Just center and do nothing else (same as WINGS LEVEL).
      actuate servo l(RAW TRIM L+0);
      actuate servo r(RAW TRIM R+0);
      new pitcheron data.action target = "WINGS LEVEL";
      new pitcheron data.raw angle l = RAW TRIM L+0;
      new pitcheron data.raw angle r = RAW TRIM R+0;
      break;
  }
  xQueueSend(Pitcheron Queue, &new pitcheron data, portMAX DELAY);
// File: queues.cpp
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#include "queues.h"
#include "sensors.h"
#include "pitcheron servos.h"
#include "autopilot.h"
#include "datalogger.h"
// Declare queues (allocate space) for externs in queues.h
QueueHandle t IMU Queue = NULL;
QueueHandle t Airspeed Queue = NULL;
QueueHandle t GPS Queue = NULL;
QueueHandle t Autopilot Queue = NULL;
QueueHandle t Pitcheron Queue = NULL;
QueueHandle_t Flight_Data Queue = NULL; // internal (not datalogged)
void init queues() {
  // 1-element queues containing structs defined in queues.h
  IMU Queue = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(IMU Data));
  Airspeed Queue = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(Airspeed Data));
  GPS Queue = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(GPS Data));
  Autopilot Queue = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(Autopilot Data));
  Pitcheron Queue = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(Pitcheron Data));
  Flight Data Queue = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(Flight Data));
// File: semaphores.cpp
#include "semaphores.h"
SemaphoreHandle t I2C MUTEX = NULL;
// SemaphoreHandle timu done = NULL;
// SemaphoreHandle tairspeed done = NULL;
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// SemaphoreHandle t gps done = NULL;
// Note: Mutex is a type of semaphore but with task ownership
void init semaphores() {
  // Mutex
  I2C MUTEX = xSemaphoreCreateMutex();
  // Binary Semphores
  // imu_done = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
  // airspeed_done = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
  // gps done = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
}
// File: sensors.cpp
// This file contains all sensor related code functions to initialize and read from sensors.
#include <Arduino.h>
#include <Wire.h>
#include "pin map.h"
#include "sensors.h"
#include "queues.h"
#include "semaphores.h"
/* Include Sensor Libraries */
#include <Adafruit BNO08x.h>
#include <SparkFun u-blox GNSS Arduino Library.h> //Click here to get the library:
http://librarymanager/All#SparkFun u-blox GNSS
#include <MicroNMEA.h> //http://librarymanager/All#MicroNMEA
#define RHO 1.142363 //1.225 //kg/m^3 - from
https://www.omnicalculator.com/physics/air-density#what-is-the-density-of-air
#define ROLL INVERTED true // true if PCB is inverted (top) relative to airplane
#define SERIAL MONITOR BAUDRATE 250000 // bits/sec
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#define STARTUP DELAY 2500 // ms x2
#define I2C BUS SPEED 400000 // 100kHz Default
#define MIN AIRSPEED 5*3.28084 // m/s (pitot reads 0 if under 5m/s due to inaccuracy)
#define UTC TIMEZONE OFFSET -4 // EST is 4 hours behind UTC
#define GPS SAMPLE RATE 25 // Hz (25Hz max)
#define NMEA BUFFER SIZE 255
#define INIT DELAY 100
/* Instantiate sensor classes and types */
// BNO085
Adafruit BNO08x bno085(-1);
sh2 SensorValue t bno085 value;
// GPS
SFE UBLOX GNSS myGNSS;
// Create buffer variables for NMEA Sentence Parsing
char nmeaBuffer[NMEA BUFFER SIZE];
MicroNMEA nmea(nmeaBuffer, sizeof(nmeaBuffer));
// Initialize Serial and I2C hardware
void init low level hw() {
  // Startup Delay is blocking but that's ok.
  Serial.begin(SERIAL MONITOR BAUDRATE);
  delay(STARTUP DELAY);
  Serial.println("\nESP32 DBF 2025 Payload X1 Glider RTOS Data Collection Software -
v3.4");
  Serial.println("By Daniel Noronha, Ricky Ortiz, and Matthew Zagrocki");
  Serial.println("Last Software Update: April 03, 2025");
  Serial.println("Wish Me Luck!!!\n");
  delay(STARTUP DELAY);
  Wire.begin(SDA PIN, SCL PIN);
  Wire.setClock(I2C BUS SPEED);
  Serial.println("Serial IO & I2C Initialized Successfully!");
  pinMode(BUILTIN LED PIN, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(BUILTIN LED PIN, HIGH);
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}
/* Sensor Initialization Functions */
// IMU
bool init bno085() {
  Serial.print("Initializing BNO085 IMU...");
 // Reports Available: SH2 ACCELEROMETER, SH2 GYROSCOPE CALIBRATED,
SH2 MAGNETIC FIELD CALIBRATED,
  // SH2 LINEAR ACCELERATION, SH2 GRAVITY, SH2 ROTATION VECTOR,
SH2 GEOMAGNETIC ROTATION VECTOR,
  // SH2 GAME ROTATION VECTOR, SH2 STEP COUNTER,
SH2 STABILITY CLASSIFIER, SH2 RAW ACCELEROMETER,
  // SH2 RAW GYROSCOPE, SH2 RAW MAGNETOMETER, SH2 SHAKE DETECTOR,
SH2 PERSONAL ACTIVITY CLASSIFIER
  if (!bno085.begin I2C()) {
    Serial.println("\nFailed to find BNO08x chip!");
    return false;
  }
  if (!bno085.enableReport(SH2 ROTATION VECTOR)) {
    Serial.println("\nCould not enable rotation vector");
    return false;
  if (!bno085.enableReport(SH2_LINEAR_ACCELERATION)) {
    Serial.println("\nCould not enable accelerometer (linear acceleration)");
    return false;
  if (!bno085.enableReport(SH2_GRAVITY)) {
    Serial.println("\nCould not enable gravity vector output");
    return false;
  }
  if (!bno085.enableReport(SH2 GYROSCOPE CALIBRATED)) {
    Serial.println("\nCould not enable gyroscope");
    return false;
  }
  if (!bno085.enableReport(SH2 MAGNETIC FIELD CALIBRATED)) {
    Serial.println("\nCould not enable magnetic field calibrated");
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return false;
  }
  Serial.println("DONE!");
  return true;
}
// Differential Pressure Sensor (Pitot Tube Airspeed)
bool init abp2() {
  Serial.print("Initializing ABP2 Differential Pressure/Airspeed Sensor...");
  Serial.println("DONE!");
  return true:
bool init gps() {
  Serial.print("Initializing GPS...");
  // Starting communication with GPS (assume default I2C Address)
  if (!myGNSS.begin()) {
    Serial.println("\nError communicating with sensor!");
    return false;
  }
  myGNSS.setI2COutput(COM TYPE UBX | COM TYPE NMEA); //Set the I2C port to
output both NMEA and UBX messages
  myGNSS.saveConfigSelective(VAL CFG SUBSEC IOPORT); //Save (only) the
communications port settings to flash and BBR
  myGNSS.setProcessNMEAMask(SFE UBLOX FILTER NMEA GGA |
SFE UBLOX FILTER NMEA RMC); // We only want GGA and RMC NMEA Messages,
ignore others
  myGNSS.setNavigationFrequency(GPS SAMPLE RATE); // 5 Hz originally
  Serial.println("DONE!");
  return true;
}
void init all sensors() {
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while (!init_bno085()) {
    delay(INIT DELAY);
     Serial.println("BNO085 IMU INITIALIZATION FAILED. RETRYING...");
  }
  while (!init abp2()) {
    delay(INIT DELAY);
     Serial.println("MS4525DO DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SENSOR INITIALIZATION
FAILED. RETRYING...");
  while(!init gps()) {
     delay(INIT DELAY);
    Serial.println("GPS INITIALIZATION FAILED. RETRYING...");
  Serial.println("All Sensors Initialized Successfully!");
}
void quat2eul (float re, float i, float j, float k, float* euler angles, bool degrees=true) {
  float sqre = sq(re);
  float sqi = sq(i);
  float sqi = sq(j);
  float sqk = sq(k);
  // Note: re/real part = w; i,j,k are x,y,z in w+xi+yj+zk quaternion components
  if (degrees) {
    euler angles[0] = RAD TO DEG * (a\sin(-2.0 * (i * k - j * re) / (sqi + sqj + sqk + sqre))); //
Pitch
     euler angles[1] = RAD TO DEG * (atan2(2.0 * (j * k + i * re), (-sqi - sqj + sqk + sqre)));
// Roll
     euler angles[2] = RAD TO DEG * (atan2(2.0 * (i * j + k * re), (sqi - sqj - sqk + sqre))); //
Yaw
  }
  else {
    euler angles[0] = a\sin(-2.0 * (i * k - j * re) / (sqi + sqj + sqk + sqre)); // Pitch
    euler angles[1] = atan2(2.0 * (j * k + i * re), (-sqi - sqj + sqk + sqre)); // Roll
    euler angles[2] = atan2(2.0 * (i * j + k * re), (sqi - sqi - sqk + sqre)); // Yaw
  }
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}
/* Sensor Reading Functions */
// IMU
void read bno085(void* pvParameters) {
  // Initialize IMU Data struct
  IMU Data new imu data;
  new imu data.sensor id = 0;
  while(true) {
    //Serial.println("BNO Reading Task");
    bool rot read = false;
    bool acc read = false;
    bool grav read = false;
    bool gyro read = false;
    bool mag read = false;
    int read count = 0;
    while(read count < 5) {
       xSemaphoreTake(I2C MUTEX, portMAX DELAY); // This is blocking.
xSemaphoreGive() is not
      // Try to get sensor data
       if (!bno085.getSensorEvent(&bno085 value)) {
         xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
         continue;
       }
       // Once data is obtained, find out which sensor it belongs to
       switch(bno085 value.sensorId) {
         case SH2 ROTATION VECTOR:
           // Only read data from a particular sensor once in the while loop
           if(!rot read) {
              new imu data.rotation[0] = bno085 value.un.rotationVector.real; // w
              new imu data.rotation[1] = bno085 value.un.rotationVector.i; // x
              new imu data.rotation[2] = bno085 value.un.rotationVector.j; // y
              new imu data.rotation[3] = bno085 value.un.rotationVector.k; // z
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xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
              float euler vector[3] = \{0.0,0.0,0.0\};
quat2eul(new imu data.rotation[0],new imu data.rotation[1],new imu data.rotation[2],new im
u data.rotation[3],euler vector,true);
              new imu data.euler[0] = -euler vector[0]; // Pitch
              if (ROLL INVERTED) {
                if (euler vector[1] > 0) euler vector[1] = 180;
                else euler vector[1] += 180;
              }
              new_imu_data.euler[1] = euler vector[1]; // Roll
              new imu data.euler[2] = -euler vector[2]+180; // Yaw (normalized from 0 to
360)
              if (new imu data.euler[2] < 0) new imu data.euler[2] = 0;
              else if (new imu data.euler[2] > 360) new imu data.euler[2] = 360; // This
matches GPS heading range.
              read count++;
              rot read = true;
           else xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
           break;
         case SH2 LINEAR ACCELERATION:
           // Only read data from a particular sensor once in the while loop
           if(!acc read) {
              new imu data.lin accel[0] = bno085 value.un.linearAcceleration.x * 3.28084; //
ft/s^2
              new imu data.lin accel[1] = bno085 value.un.linearAcceleration.y * 3.28084; //
ft/s^2
              new imu data.lin accel[2] = bno085 value.un.linearAcceleration.z * 3.28084; //
ft/s^2
              xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
              read count++;
              acc read = true;
            }
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else xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
           break;
         case SH2 GRAVITY:
           // Only read data from a particular sensor once in the while loop
           if(!grav read) {
             new imu data.gravity[0] = bno085 value.un.gravity.x * 3.28084; // ft/s^2
             new imu data.gravity[1] = bno085 value.un.gravity.y * 3.28084; // ft/s^2
             new imu data.gravity[2] = bno085 value.un.gravity.z * 3.28084; // ft/s^2
             xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
             read count++;
             grav read = true;
           }
           else xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
           break;
         case SH2 GYROSCOPE CALIBRATED:
           // Only read data from a particular sensor once in the while loop
           if(!gyro read) {
             new imu data.gyro[0] = RAD TO DEG * bno085 value.un.gyroscope.x; // rad/s
\rightarrow deg/s
             new_imu_data.gyro[1] = RAD TO DEG * bno085 value.un.gyroscope.y; // rad/s
\rightarrow deg/s
             new imu data.gyro[2] = RAD TO DEG * bno085 value.un.gyroscope.z; // rad/s
=> deg/s
             xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
             read_count++;
             gyro read = true;
           else xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
           break;
         case SH2 MAGNETIC FIELD CALIBRATED:
           // Only read data from a particular sensor once in the while loop
           if(!mag read) {
             new imu data.magnetic[0] = bno085 value.un.magneticField.x; // uT
             new imu data.magnetic[1] = bno085 value.un.magneticField.y; // uT
             new imu data.magnetic[2] = bno085 value.un.magneticField.z; // uT
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xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
              read count++;
              mag read = true;
           else xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
           break;
         default:
           xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
           break;
       }
    xQueueSend(IMU Queue, &new imu data, portMAX DELAY);
    // xSemaphoreGive(imu done);
    vTaskSuspend(NULL); // Data logging task will resume this as soon as all data has been
logged.
    // If queue sending fails, it will try again without suspending.
}
// ABP2DRRT001PD2A3XX
void read abp2(void* pvParameters) {
  // Initialize Airspeed Data struct
  Airspeed Data new airspeed data;
  uint8 t id = 0x28; // i2c address
  uint8 t data[7]; // holds output data
  uint8 t cmd[3] = \{0xAA, 0x00, 0x00\}; // command to be sent
  // float outside temp = 32; // in farenheit
  // float airpressure = 100000; // in pascals
  // float dewpoint = 28; // in farenheit
  // float relative humidity = 0;
  float outputmax = 15099494; // output at maximum pressure [counts]
  float outputmin = 1677722; // output at minimum pressure [counts]
  float pmax = 1; // maximum value of pressure range in psi
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float pmin = -1; // minimum value of pressure range in psi
  float PSI to pascal = 6894.7572931783;
  float percentage = 0; // holds percentage of full scale data
  new airspeed data.sensor id = 1;
  while(true) {
    //Serial.println("Pitot Reading Task");
    xSemaphoreTake(I2C MUTEX, portMAX DELAY);
     Wire.beginTransmission(id);
     int stat = Wire.write (cmd, 3); // write command to the sensor
     stat |= Wire.endTransmission();
     vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(10));
     Wire.requestFrom(id, (uint8 t)7); // read back Sensor data 7 bytes
    int i = 0:
     for (i = 0; i < 7; i++)
       data [i] = Wire.read();
    xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
    float press counts = data[3] + data[2] * 256 + data[1] * 65536; // calculate digital pressure
counts
     float temp counts = data[6] + data[5] * 256 + data[4] * 65536; // calculate digital
temperature counts
    float temp C = (temp counts * 200 / 16777215) - 50; // calculate temperature in deg c
    //calculation of pressure value according to equation 2 of datasheet
     float pressure PSI = (((press counts - outputmin) * (pmax - pmin)) / (outputmax -
outputmin)) + pmin;
     float raw diff pressure = -pressure PSI * PSI to pascal;
     float raw airspeed = (sqrt(fabs(2 * raw diff pressure / RHO)))*3.28084;
    if (raw diff pressure < 0) raw airspeed *= -1;
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float corr airspeed = (raw airspeed < MIN AIRSPEED) ? 0.0:raw airspeed; // Based on
Calibration (airspeed inaccurate below ~5m/s)
    new airspeed data.diff pressure = raw diff pressure;
    new airspeed data.airspeed[0] = raw airspeed;
    new airspeed data.airspeed[1] = corr airspeed;
    new airspeed data.temperature = temp C;
    xQueueSend(Airspeed Queue, &new airspeed_data, portMAX_DELAY);
    // xSemaphoreGive(airspeed done);
    vTaskSuspend(NULL); // Data logging task will resume this as soon as all data has been
logged.
  }
}
void read gps(void* pvParameters) {
  // Initialize GPS Data struct
  GPS Data new gps data;
  bool first fix = false;
  new gps data.sensor id = 2;
  while(true) {
    //Serial.println("GPS Reading Task");
    xSemaphoreTake(I2C MUTEX, portMAX DELAY);
    myGNSS.checkUblox();
    xSemaphoreGive(I2C MUTEX);
    // Fetch GPS data character by character
    if(!nmea.isValid()) {
       if (!first fix) {
         new gps data.latitude = 0;
         new gps data.longitude = 0;
         new gps data.heading = 0;
         new gps data.gnd speed = 0;
         new gps data.altitude = 0;
         new gps data.hours = 0;
         new gps data.minutes = 0;
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new gps data.seconds = 0;
         new gps data.hundredths = 0;
         new gps data.satellites = 0;
         xQueueSend(GPS Queue, &new gps data, portMAX DELAY);
         // xSemaphoreGive(gps done);
         vTaskSuspend(NULL);
       }
       //xQueueSend(GPS Queue, &new gps data, portMAX DELAY);
       //xSemaphoreGive(gps done);
       //vTaskSuspend(NULL);
       continue;
    if (!first fix) {
       first fix = true;
       Serial.printf("First GPS Fix Acquired! (in %f seconds)\n", ((float)micros())/1000000.0);
    // Store NMEA parsed data (with consistent type-casting)
    uint8 t num sats = nmea.getNumSatellites(); // Can be int but makes queue implementation
much easier
    if (num sats < 1) continue; // Even if NMEA is valid, we do not want to send data with no
satellites (inaccurate)
    long alt long;
    long heading long;
    float latitude mdeg = (float)nmea.getLatitude();
    float longitude mdeg = (float)nmea.getLongitude();
    float heading = (float)nmea.getCourse();
    float gnd speed = (float)nmea.getSpeed();
    bool altitude = nmea.getAltitude(alt long);
    float alt = (float)alt long;
    uint8 t hours = ((nmea.getHour() + UTC TIMEZONE OFFSET + 24) % 24); // EST is 4
hours behind UTC
    uint8 t minutes = nmea.getMinute();
    uint8 t seconds = nmea.getSecond();
    uint8 t hundredths = nmea.getHundredths();
    // Clear nmea buffer
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nmea.clear(); // We already stored the data in variables above.
    // Adjusting Entries!
    latitude mdeg = latitude mdeg / 1000000;
    longitude mdeg = longitude mdeg / 1000000;
    gnd speed = gnd speed * (1.68781 / 1000); // Knots to ft/s
    alt = (alt / 1000)*3.28084; // m to ft
    heading = heading / 1000;
    // Store Data in struct, then send to queue
    new gps data.latitude = latitude mdeg;
    new gps data.longitude = longitude mdeg;
    new gps data.heading = heading;
    new gps data.gnd speed = gnd speed;
    new gps data.altitude = alt;
    new gps data.hours = hours;
    new gps data.minutes = minutes;
    new gps data.seconds = seconds;
    new gps data.hundredths = hundredths;
    new gps data.satellites = num sats;
    xQueueSend(GPS Queue, &new gps data, portMAX DELAY);
    // xSemaphoreGive(gps done);
    vTaskSuspend(NULL);
  }
}
//This function gets called from the SparkFun u-blox Arduino Library
//As each NMEA character comes in you can specify what to do with it
//Useful for passing to other libraries like tinyGPS, MicroNMEA, or even
//a buffer, radio, etc.
void SFE UBLOX GNSS::processNMEA(char incoming)
{
  //Take the incoming char from the u-blox I2C port and pass it on to the MicroNMEA lib
  //for sentence cracking
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nmea.process(incoming);
// File: strobe.cpp
#include <Arduino.h>
#include "Adafruit NeoPixel.h"
#include "strobe.h"
#include "pin map.h"
#define NOT NEOPIXEL false
#define BLINK ON TIME ms 200
#define BLINK OFF TIME ms 200
#define BLINK RESET TIME ms 0
#define TEST DELAY ms 1000
#define LED BRIGHTNESS PERCENT 100 // %
#define NUM LEDS 3
Adafruit NeoPixel leds = Adafruit NeoPixel(NUM LEDS, STROBE LED PIN, NEO GRB +
NEO KHZ800);
void init strobe() {
  if (NOT NEOPIXEL) {
    // For Regular LEDs
    pinMode(STROBE LED PIN, OUTPUT);
    digitalWrite(STROBE LED PIN, HIGH);
    Serial.println("Testing LED. Confirm it lights up!");
    delay(TEST DELAY ms);
    //while(true);
    digitalWrite(STROBE LED PIN, LOW);
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Serial.println("Strobe LED Initialized (ensure OFF).");
  }
  else {
    // For Addressable LEDs
    leds.begin();
    leds.setBrightness((uint8 t)((LED BRIGHTNESS PERCENT/100.0)*255));
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(0, 0, 0));
    leds.show();
    if (NUM LEDS == 1) Serial.println("Testing LED. Confirm it lights up!");
    else Serial.printf("Testing LEDs. Confirm all %d light up!\n", NUM LEDS);
    delay(TEST DELAY ms);
    //while(true);
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(179, 255, 0));
    leds.show();
    delay(TEST DELAY ms);
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(0, 0, 0));
    leds.show();
    Serial.println("Strobe LEDs Initialized.");
  }
}
void blink strobe(void* pvParameters) {
  while(true) {
    // Serial.println("Strobe Task");
    // Pattern: BlinkBlink.....BlinkBlink.....
    if (NOT NEOPIXEL) {
      // For Regular LEDs
      digitalWrite(STROBE LED PIN, HIGH);
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK ON TIME ms));
      digitalWrite(STROBE LED PIN, LOW);
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK OFF TIME ms));
      digitalWrite(STROBE LED PIN, HIGH);
       vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK ON TIME ms));
      digitalWrite(STROBE LED PIN, LOW);
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vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK OFF TIME ms));
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK RESET TIME ms));
    else {
      // For Addressable LEDs
      for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(179, 255,
0));
      leds.show();
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK ON TIME ms));
      for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(0, 0, 0));
      leds.show();
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK OFF TIME ms));
      for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(179, 255,
0));
      leds.show();
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK ON TIME ms));
      for (unsigned int i = 0; i < NUM LEDS; i++) leds.setPixelColor(i, leds.Color(0, 0, 0));
      leds.show();
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK OFF TIME ms));
      vTaskDelay(pdMS TO TICKS(BLINK RESET TIME ms));
// File: tasks.cpp
#include <Arduino.h>
#include "tasks.h"
#include "sensors.h"
#include "datalogger.h"
#include "autopilot.h"
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#include "strobe.h"
#define COMMON STACK SIZE 4096 // bytes. All 4 tasks work with 3072, but not 2048, so
4096 chosen to give enough margin.
#define CPU0 0
#define CPU1 1
TaskHandle t read imu task = NULL;
TaskHandle t read pitot task = NULL;
TaskHandle t read gps task = NULL;
TaskHandle t log data task = NULL; // Currently Unused handle
TaskHandle t autopilot task = NULL;
TaskHandle t strobe task = NULL;
void init tasks() {
  // 4 Tasks in total: read each of the three sensors and log the data
  xTaskCreatePinnedToCore(
    log data,
    "Task to log Data to SD Card",
    COMMON STACK SIZE,
    NULL,
    2,
    &log data task,
    CPU1 // CPU 1 - Logging can happen independently of data collection to speed things up
(separate processor)
  );
  Serial.println("SD Logging Task Started");
  xTaskCreatePinnedToCore(
    read gps,
    "Task to read GPS Data",
    COMMON_STACK_SIZE,
    NULL,
    1,
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&read gps task,
    CPU0 // CPU 0 (All sensors on same core since MUTEX needed for I2C bus anyway, also
same priority.)
  );
  Serial.println("GPS Data Logging Task Started");
  xTaskCreatePinnedToCore(
    read bno085,
    "Task to read IMU Data",
    COMMON STACK SIZE,
    NULL,
    1,
    &read_imu_task,
    CPU0
  );
  Serial.println("IMU Data Logging Task Started");
  xTaskCreatePinnedToCore(
    read abp2,
    "Task to read Pitot Tube (Airspeed) Data",
    COMMON STACK SIZE,
    NULL,
    1,
    &read pitot task,
    CPU0
  );
  Serial.println("Pitot Tube Reading Task Started");
  xTaskCreatePinnedToCore(
    Autopilot MASTER,
    "Full Autopilot (HDG, SPD, ROLL, PITCH) + ENV PROT",
    32768,
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NULL,
    2,
    &autopilot task,
    CPU1
  );
  Serial.println("Autopilot Task Started");
  xTaskCreatePinnedToCore(
    blink strobe,
    "Strobe Light Blinking Task",
    COMMON STACK SIZE,
    NULL,
    1,
    &strobe task,
    CPU1
  );
  Serial.println("Strobe Light Blinking Task Started");
// File: trim servos.cpp
#include "trim servos.h"
#include "pitcheron servos.h"
// Mini-program for trimming servos if requested by setting TRIM SERVOS flag
void trim servos() {
    init servos trim();
    int trim 1 = 0;
    int trim r = 0;
    Serial.println("Servo Trim Program Running. Note down RAW TRIM L, RAW TRIM R,
and CW_CONVENTION needed to CENTER PITCHERONS.");
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Serial.println("Reset/Reprogram with TRIM SERVOS set to false to disable trim mode. Then update RAW_TRIM flags in pitcheron servos.cpp."); Serial.println("Send all commands over Serial when prompted as Text (ASCII) with \\n (LF) LINE TERMINATOR."); Serial.println("Always use (int)DEGREES for any angles (+/-)."); actuate servo l(0); actuate servo r(0); Serial.printf("Current trim settings: trim 1 = %ddeg, trim r = %ddeg\n", trim 1, trim r); while(true) { Serial.printf("Select Servo to Trim [L/R]: "); while (Serial.available() <= 0); // Wait for user input String user input = Serial.readStringUntil('\n'); user input.trim(); if ((user input == "L") || (user input == "l")) { while(true) { Serial.printf("Enter angle in degrees for LEFT servo (range: %ddeg to %ddeg) or press Enter to stop trimming: ", MIN SERVO ANGLE, MAX SERVO ANGLE); while (Serial.available() <= 0); // Wait for user input user input = Serial.readStringUntil('\n'); user input.trim(); if (user input == "") break; int user trim = user input.toInt(); // Check limits if (user trim < MIN SERVO ANGLE) { user trim = MIN SERVO ANGLE; Serial.printf("WARNING: Trim value OUT OF RANGE (too LOW). Setting trim 1 to Minimum (%ddeg)\n", MIN SERVO ANGLE); } else if (user trim > MAX SERVO ANGLE) { user trim = MAX SERVO ANGLE; Serial.printf("WARNING: Trim value OUT OF RANGE (too HIGH). Setting trim 1 to Maximum (%ddeg)\n", MAX SERVO ANGLE); trim 1 = user trim;

actuate servo l(trim 1);

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Serial.printf("Current trim settings: trim 1 = \%ddeg, trim r = \%ddeg\n", trim 1,
trim r);
       else if ((user input == "R") || (user input == "r")) {
         while(true) {
           Serial.printf("Enter angle in degrees for RIGHT servo (range: %ddeg to %ddeg) or
press Enter to stop trimming: ", MIN SERVO ANGLE, MAX SERVO ANGLE);
           while (Serial.available() <= 0); // Wait for user input
           user input = Serial.readStringUntil('\n');
           user input.trim();
           if (user input == "") break;
           int user trim = user input.toInt();
           // Check limits
           if (user trim < MIN SERVO ANGLE) {
              user trim = MIN SERVO ANGLE;
              Serial.printf("WARNING: Trim value OUT OF RANGE (too LOW). Setting
trim r to Minimum (%ddeg)\n", MIN_SERVO_ANGLE);
           else if (user trim > MAX SERVO ANGLE) {
              user trim = MAX SERVO_ANGLE;
              Serial.printf("WARNING: Trim value OUT OF RANGE (too HIGH). Setting
trim r to Maximum (%ddeg)\n", MAX SERVO ANGLE);
           trim r = user trim;
           actuate servo r(trim r);
           Serial.printf("Current trim settings: trim 1 = \%ddeg, trim r = \%ddeg\n", trim 1,
trim r);
       else {
         Serial.println("Invalid input provided! Try again and enter only 'L' or 'R'
(case-insensitive).");
       }
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}