

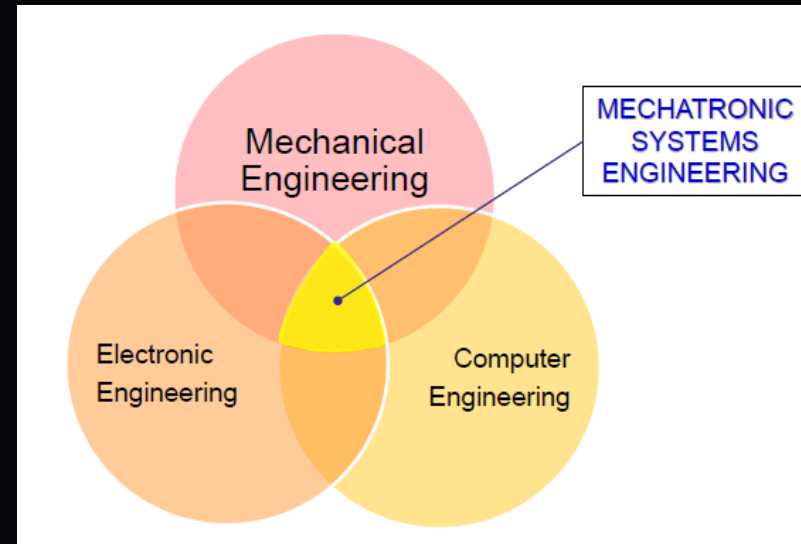
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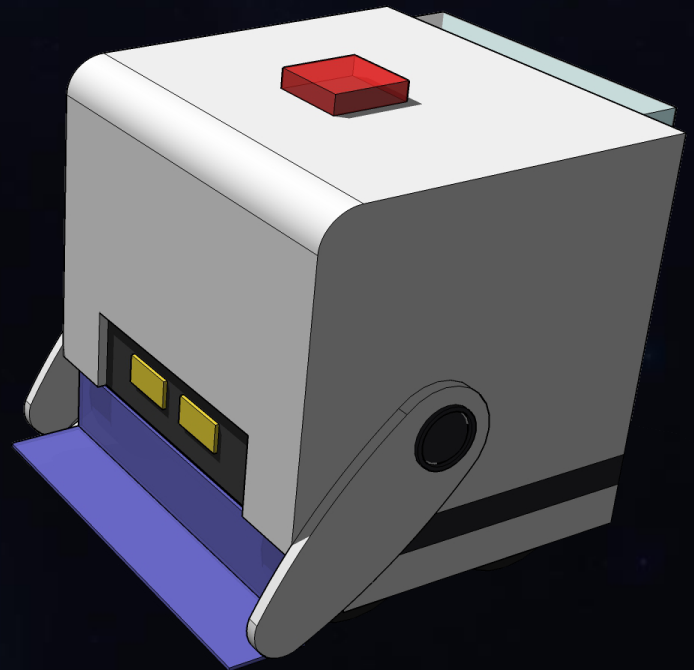
Themes

- Simplicity
- Integrating Other Fields
 - Hard to be just a mechanical engineer, need to be cognizant of other disciplines
- Reliability
- Design Iteration
- Team Trust



Outline

- Motivation
 - Problem Statement
 - Design Requirements
- Design Concepts and Design Selection
- Important Design Choices
 - Push Tab and Rack and Pinion
- Finalized CAD
- Fabrication
- CAD vs Product
- Programming Basics
- Problems and Solutions
- Conclusion



Motivation

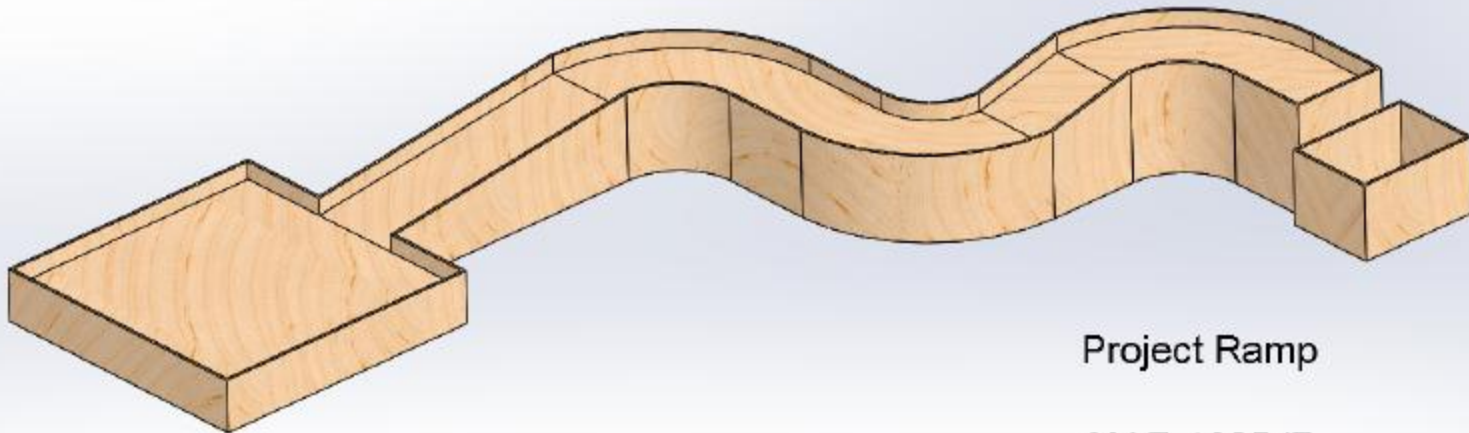


- Autonomous Systems are of growing importance
- Incorporating other disciplines is essential for a successful mechanical engineer



Problem Statement

- “A device is needed that can collect, transfer and deliver a billiard ball to a collection bin”
- Objective is to deliver the largest number of billiard balls in the allotted time



Project Ramp

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Design Requirements

High Level

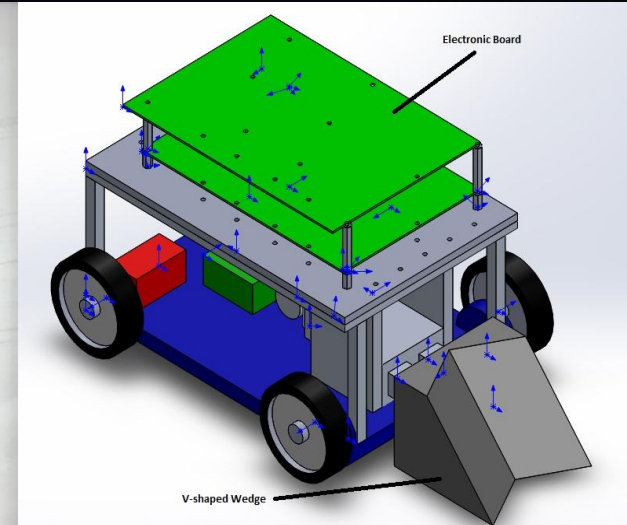
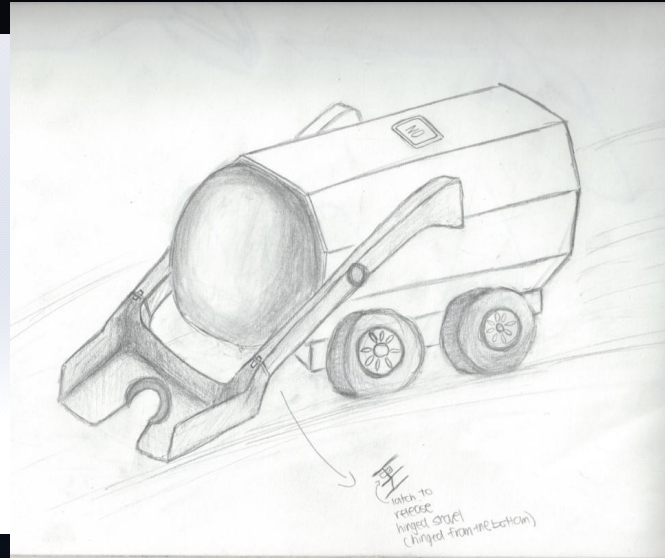
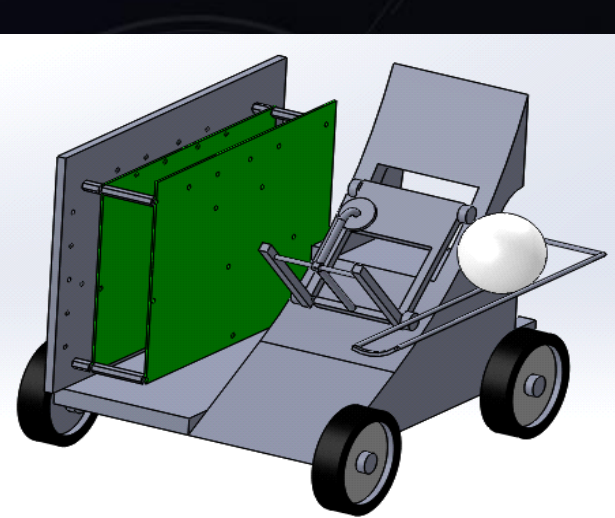
- Safety
- Cost
- Size
- Power

Low Level

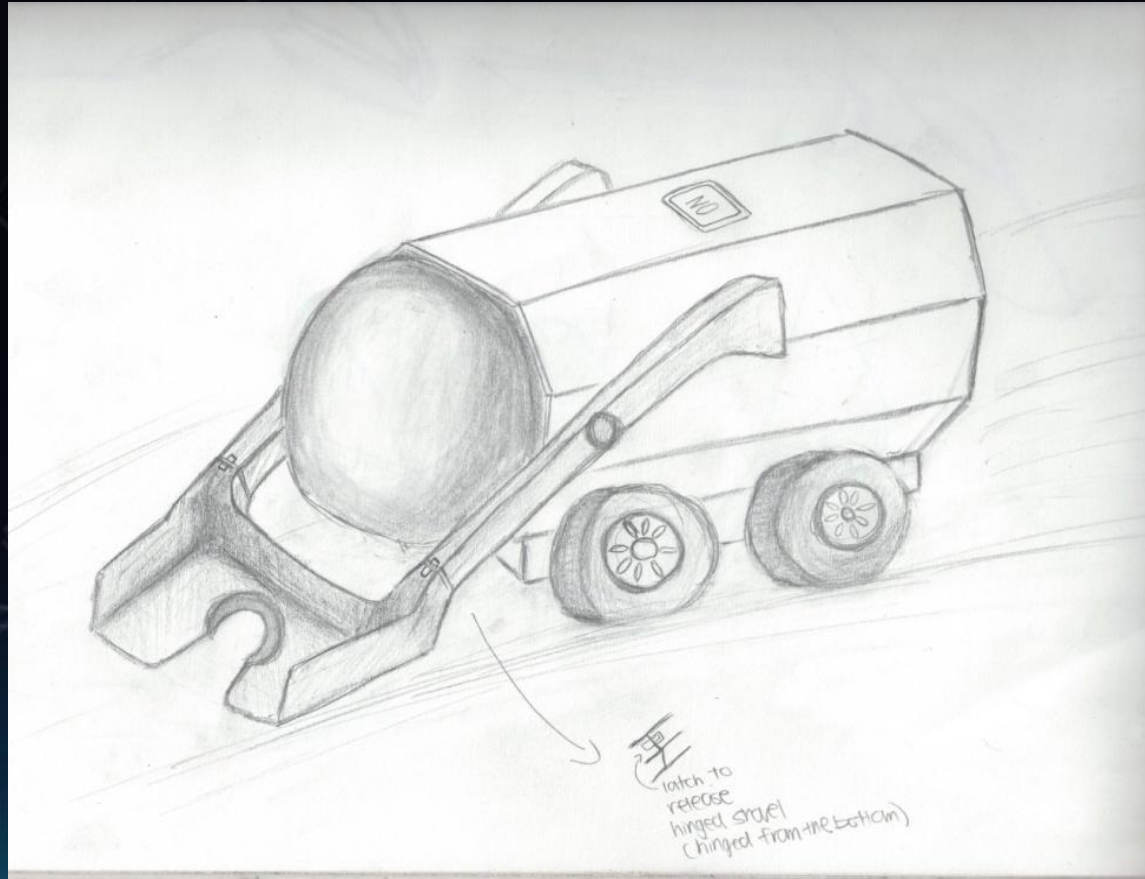
- Four Wheels
- FWD
- Accessible Rio Board
- Space for Wiring
- 3 total motors
- 5 total sensors



Design Concepts



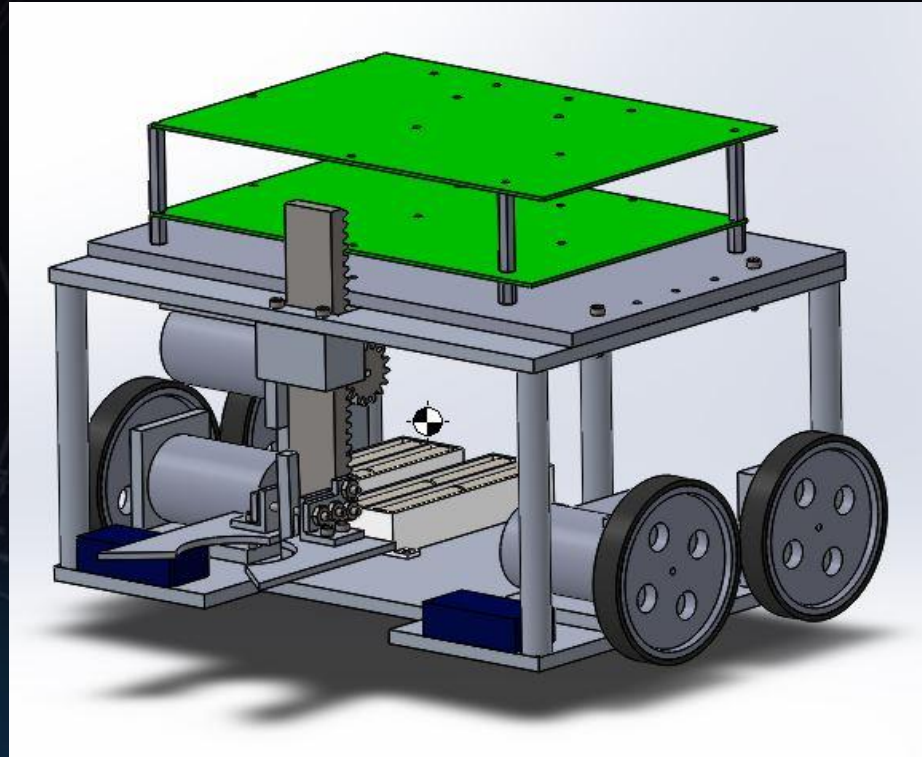
Chosen Design



- First Concept
- Simple scoop design



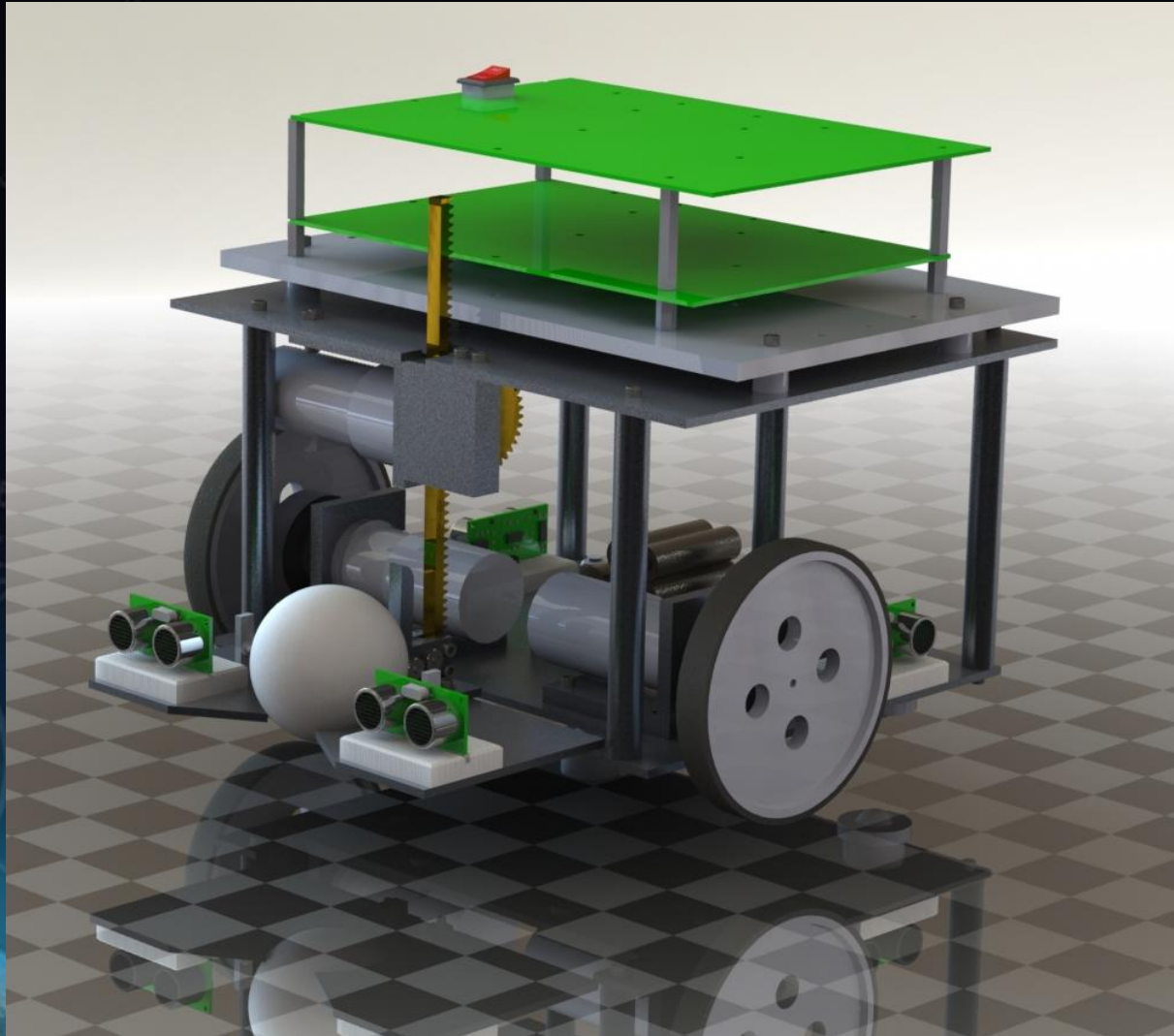
Intermediate Design



- Optimized for simplicity and to use the environment
- Scoop modified to use a rack-and-pinion on



Finalized CAD



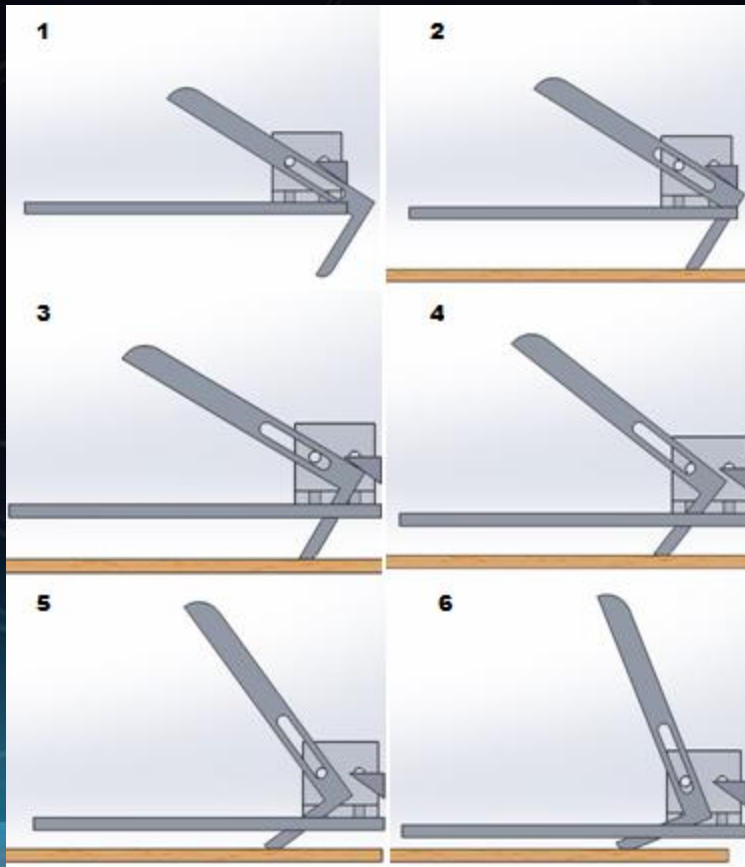
Important Design Choices

- Push Tab
 - Turn delivery into a simple mechanical interaction with the wall. NO MOTORS NEEDED
- Rack and Pinion
 - Motor can be perpendicular to motion of Rack
 - Loads are low so do not have to worry about high torque on lever arm

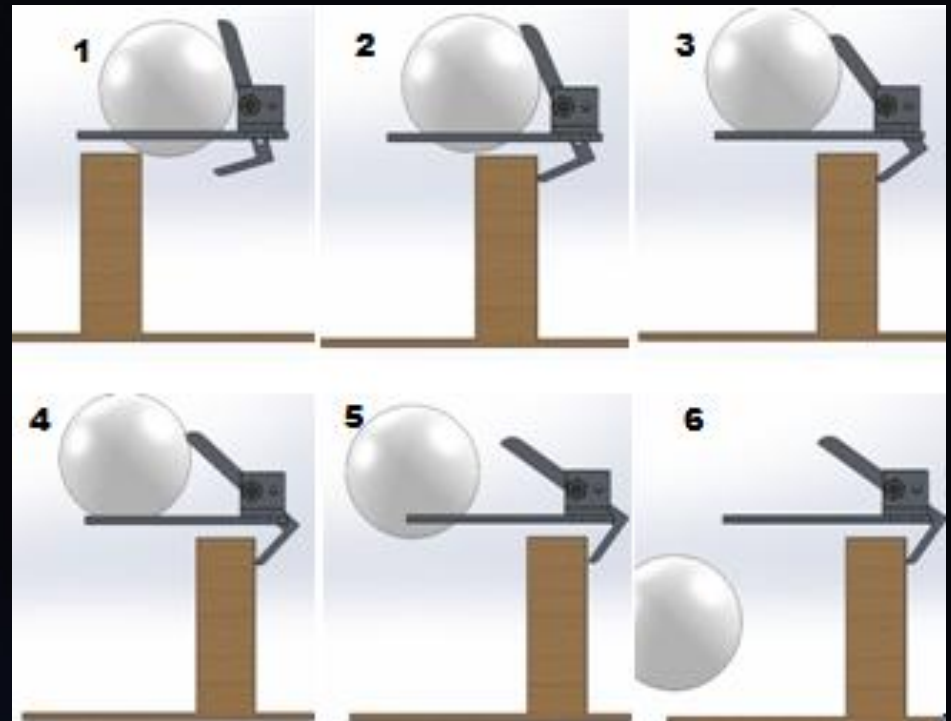


Push Tab Design

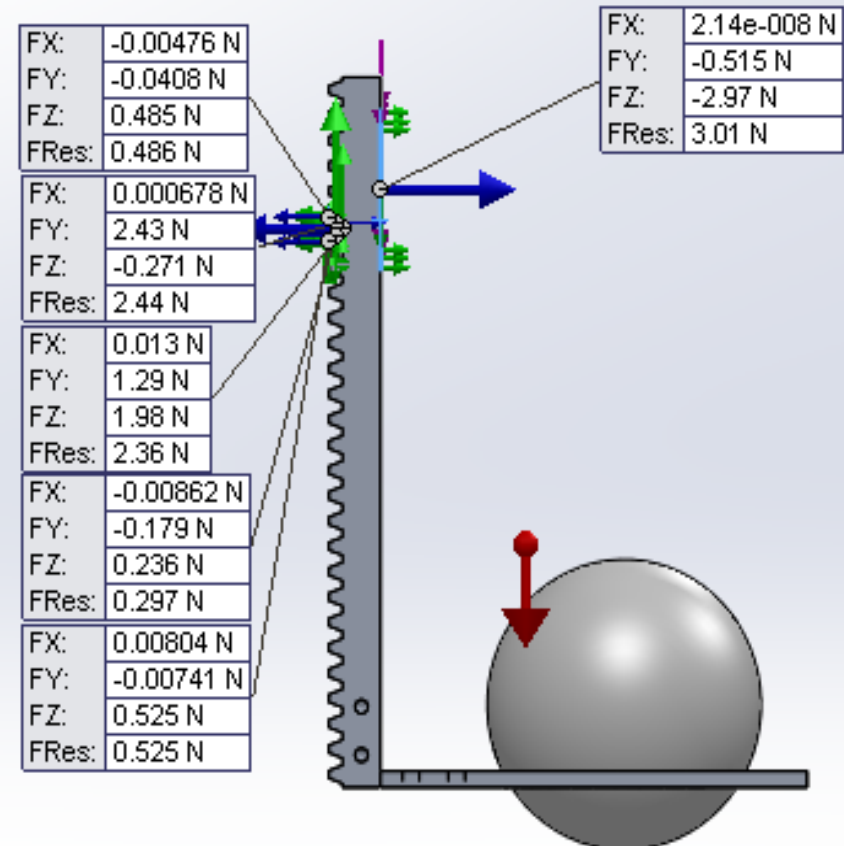
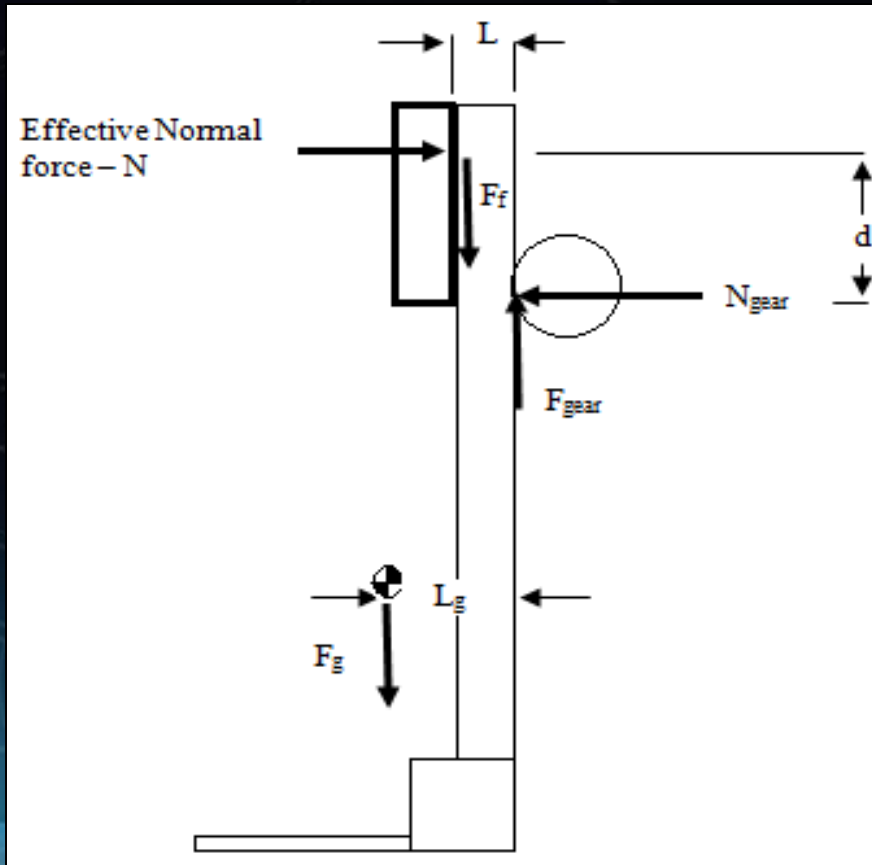
Ground Interaction



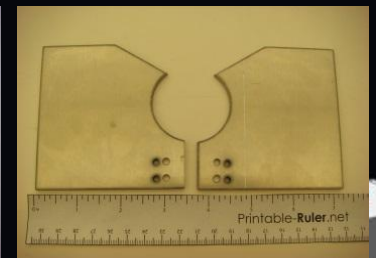
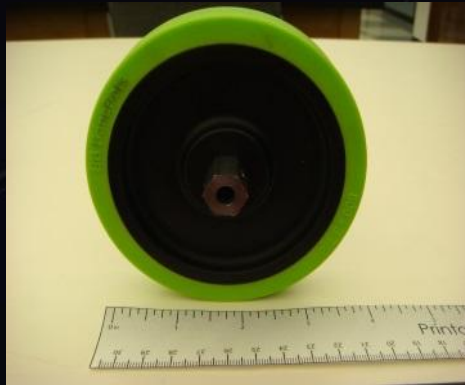
Wall Powered Delivery

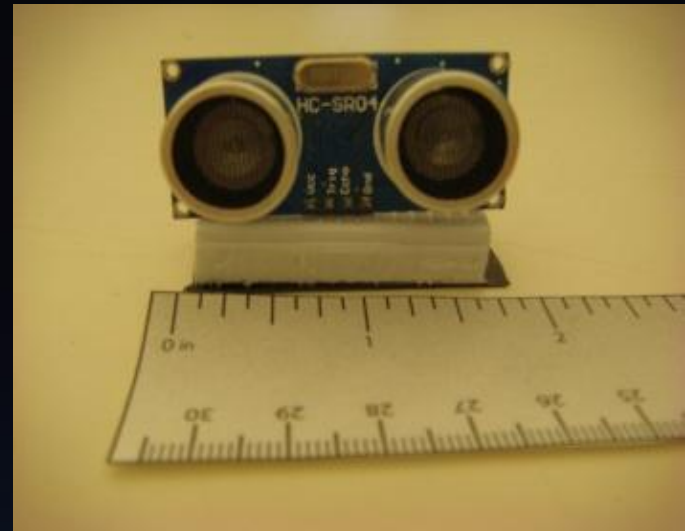
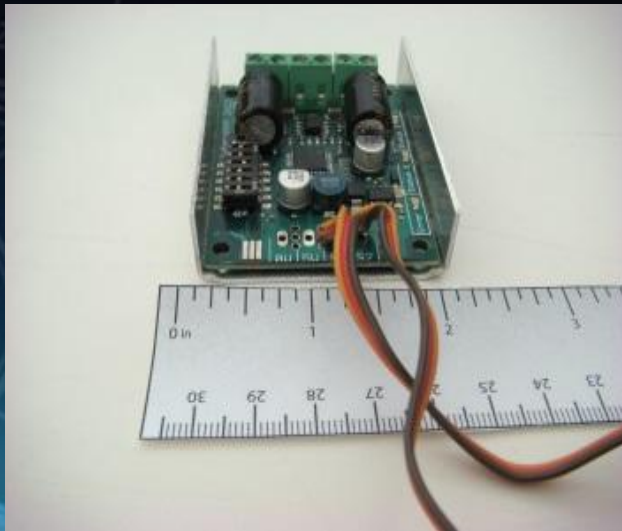
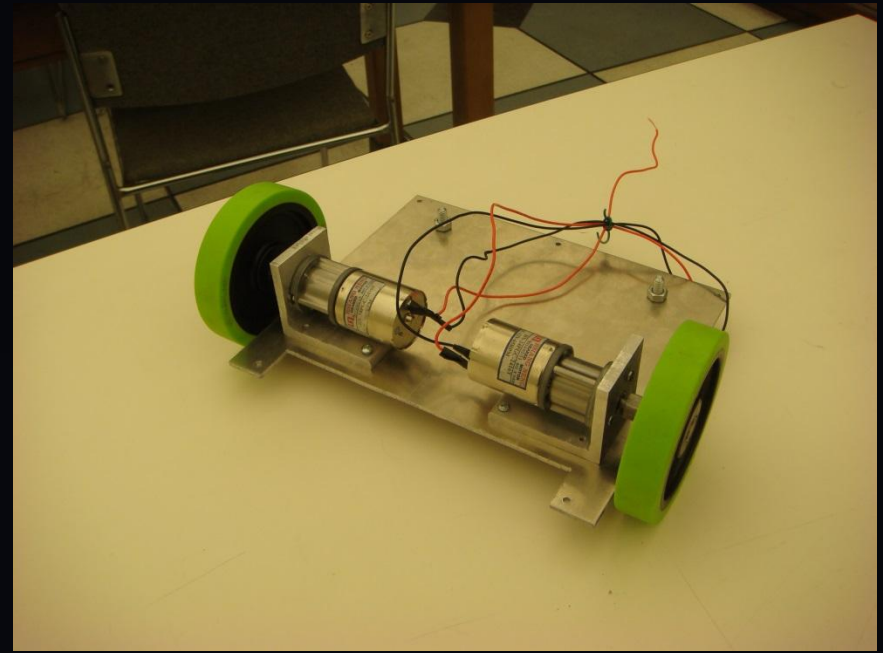
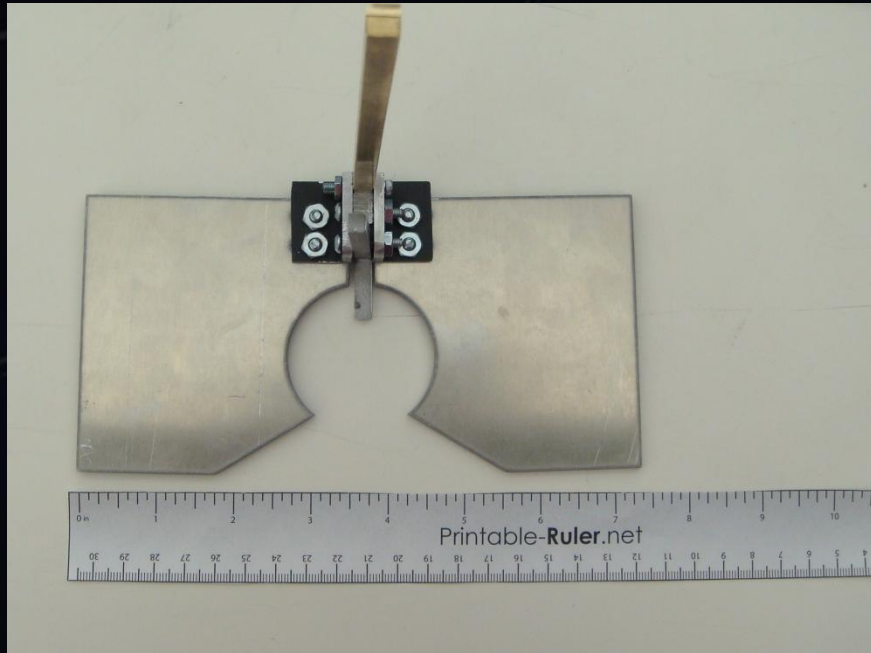


Rack and Pinion

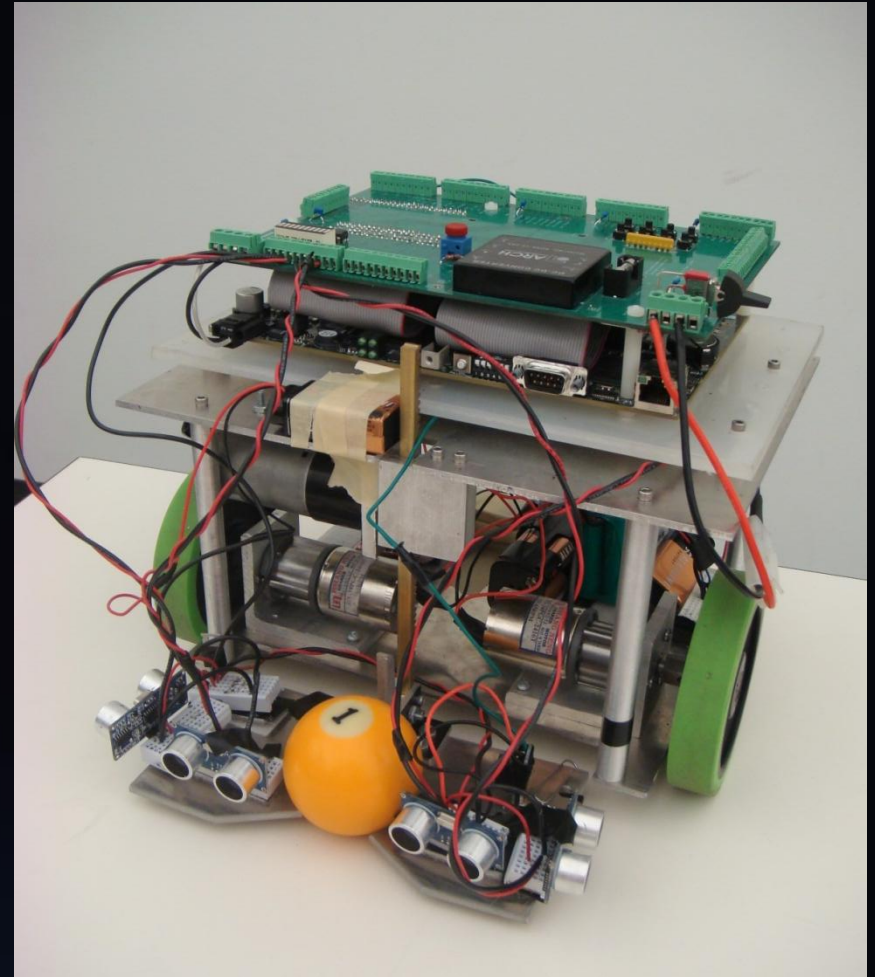
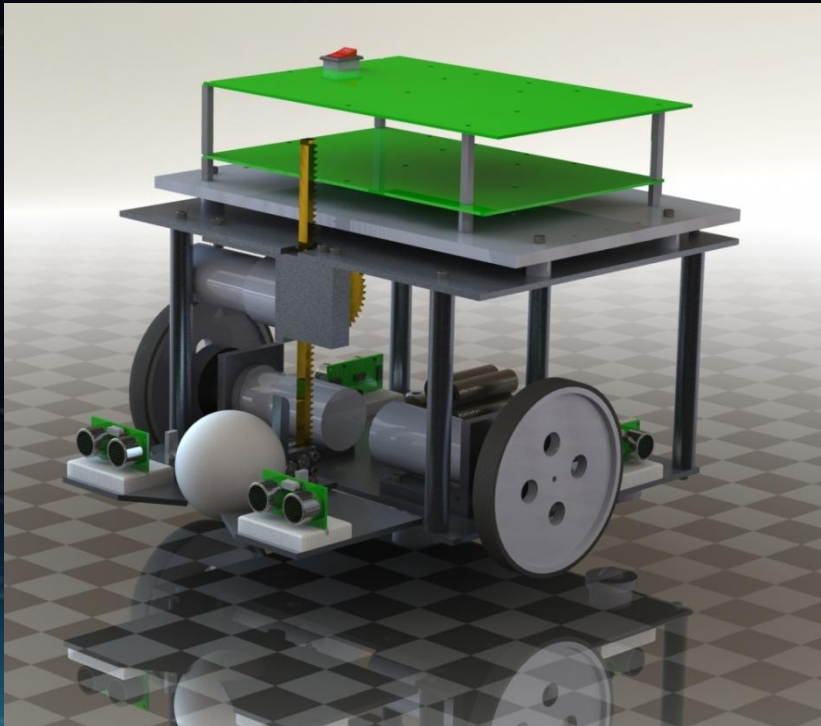


Fabrication



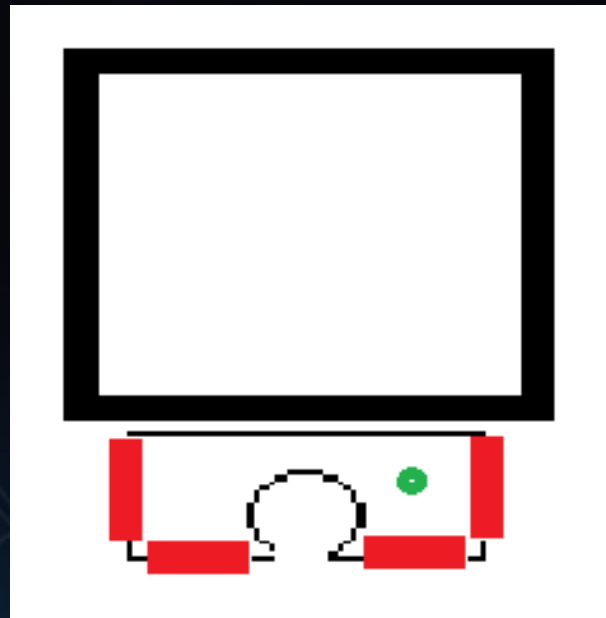


CAD vs. Fabricated Part



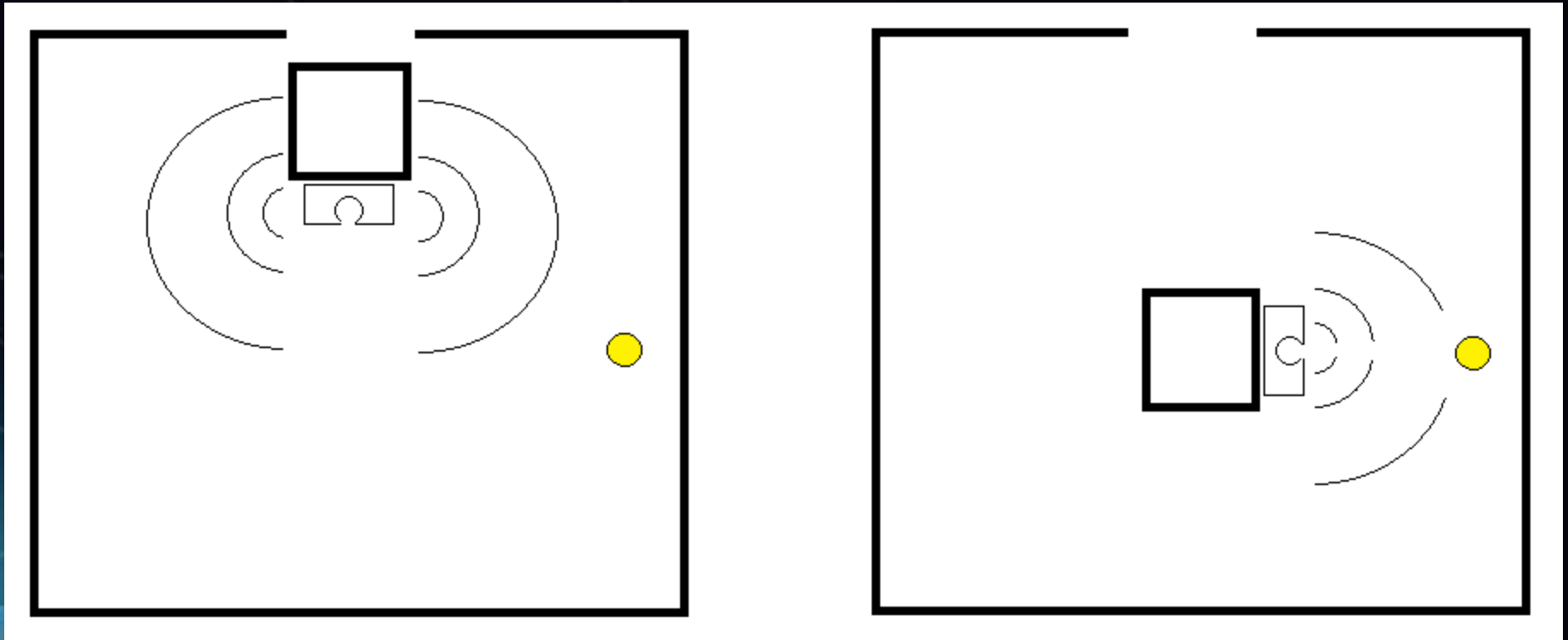
Programming Basics

- Sensor Placement
 - Initial vs. Final



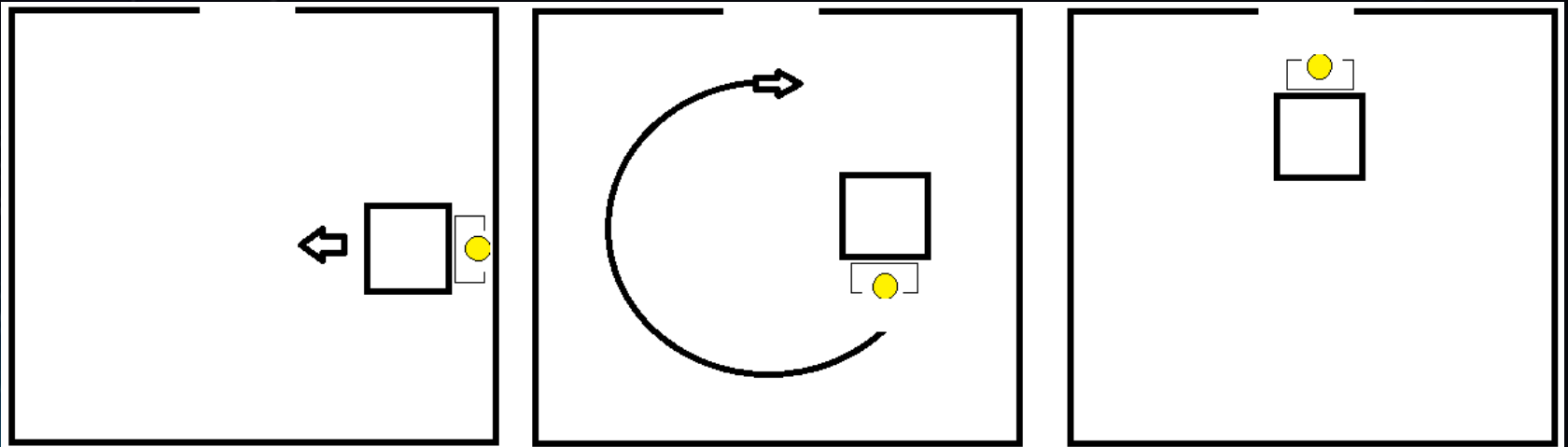
Programming Basics

- Locate the ball



Programming Basics

- Find the Ramp
- Lift height



Problems and Solutions

PROBLEM: Wall Tracking with Sensors behind the Steering Wheels

SOLUTION: Move the Sensors in front of steering wheels

PROBLEM: Making rack motor stop in desired positions

SOLUTION: Physical limiter and timed loops

PROBLEM: Do not have encoders how to make robot make predefined turns

SOLUTION: Timed loops

PROBLEM: Too front heavy, tipped when going down the ramp

SOLUTION: Slow robot and shift weight to the back



Conclusions

- Foreseeing problems BEFORE they happen is what makes a truly good engineer
- Integrating and understanding other disciplines
- Trust



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Any Questions?

