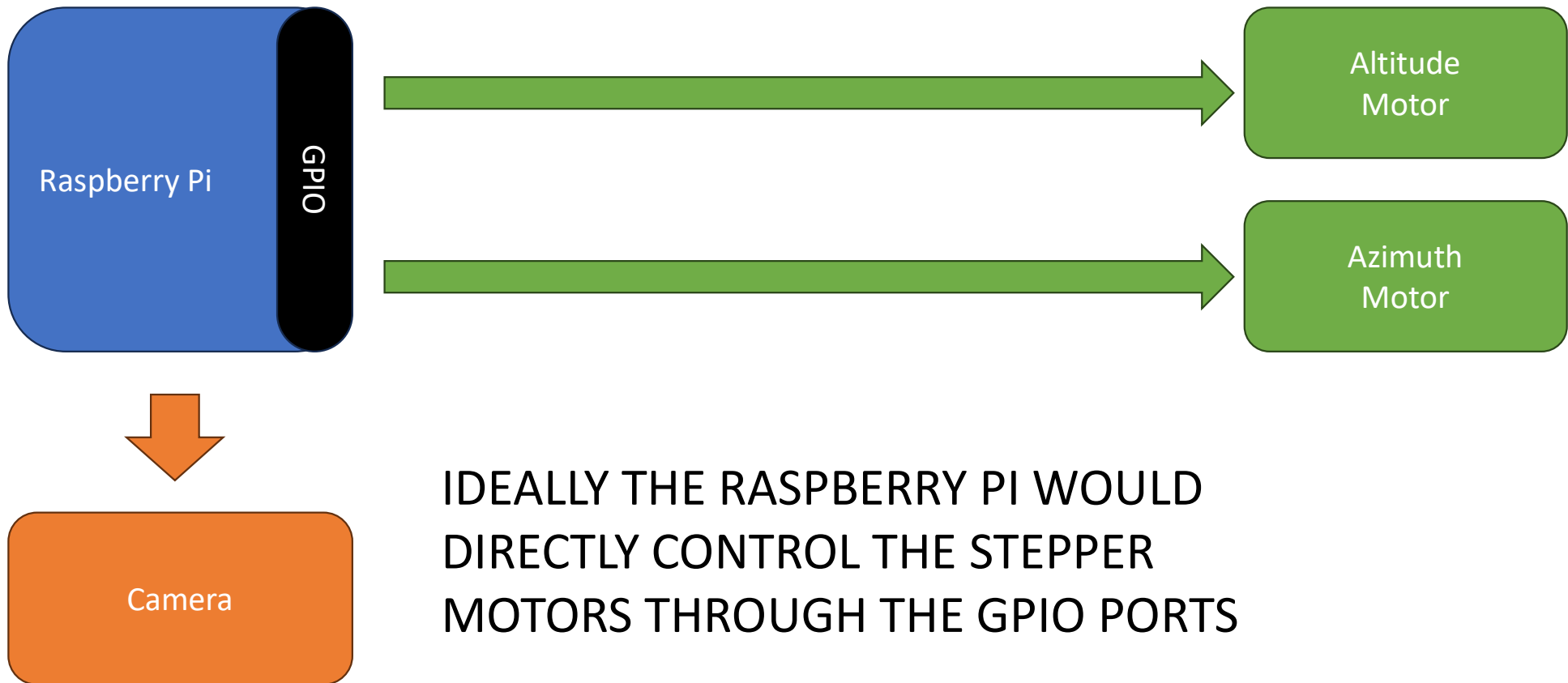
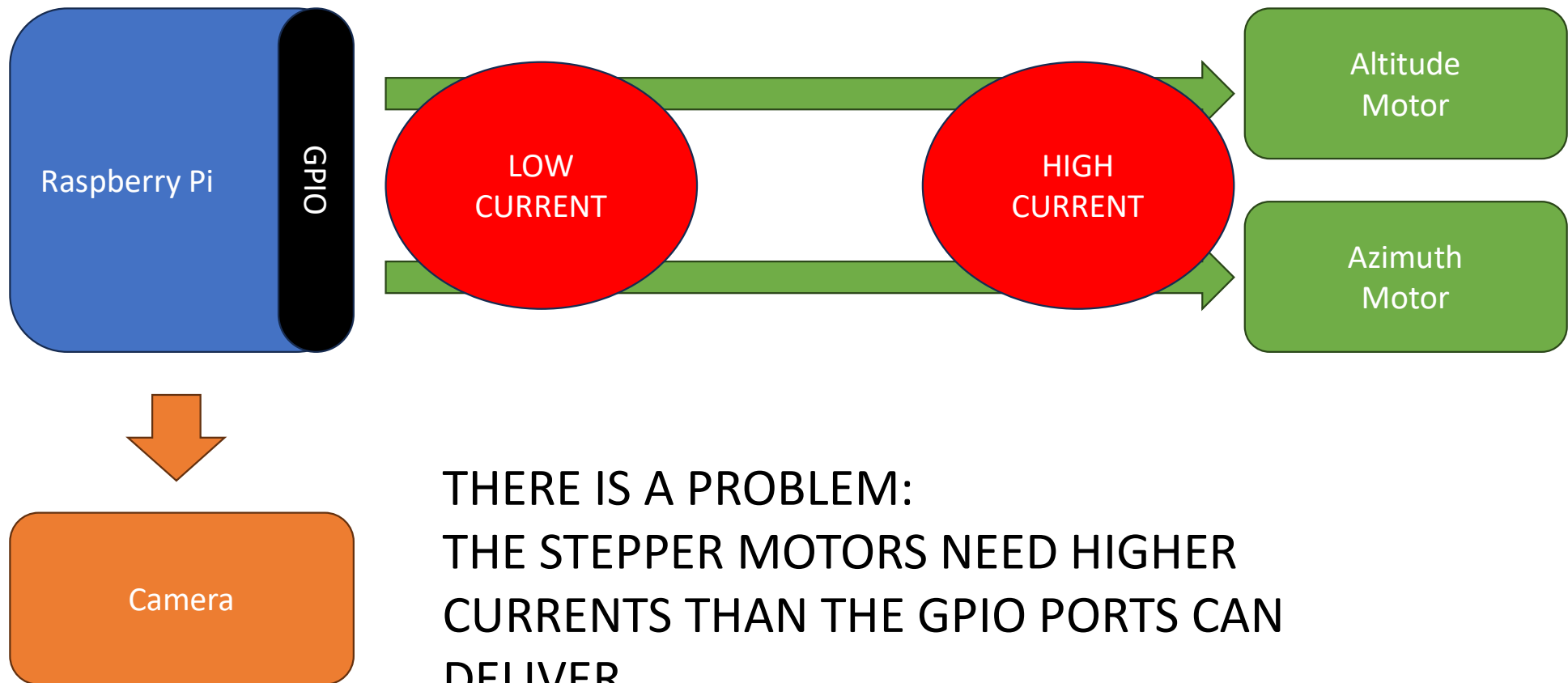
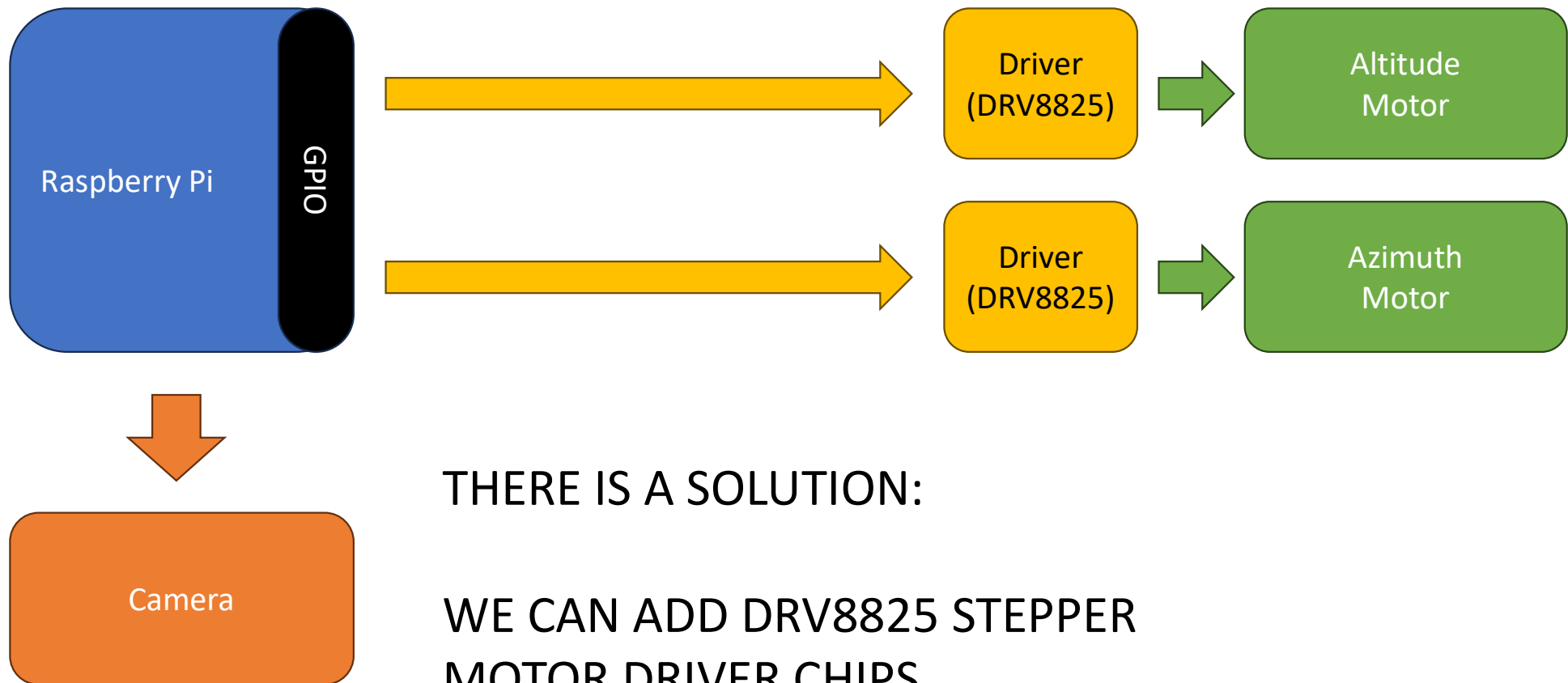


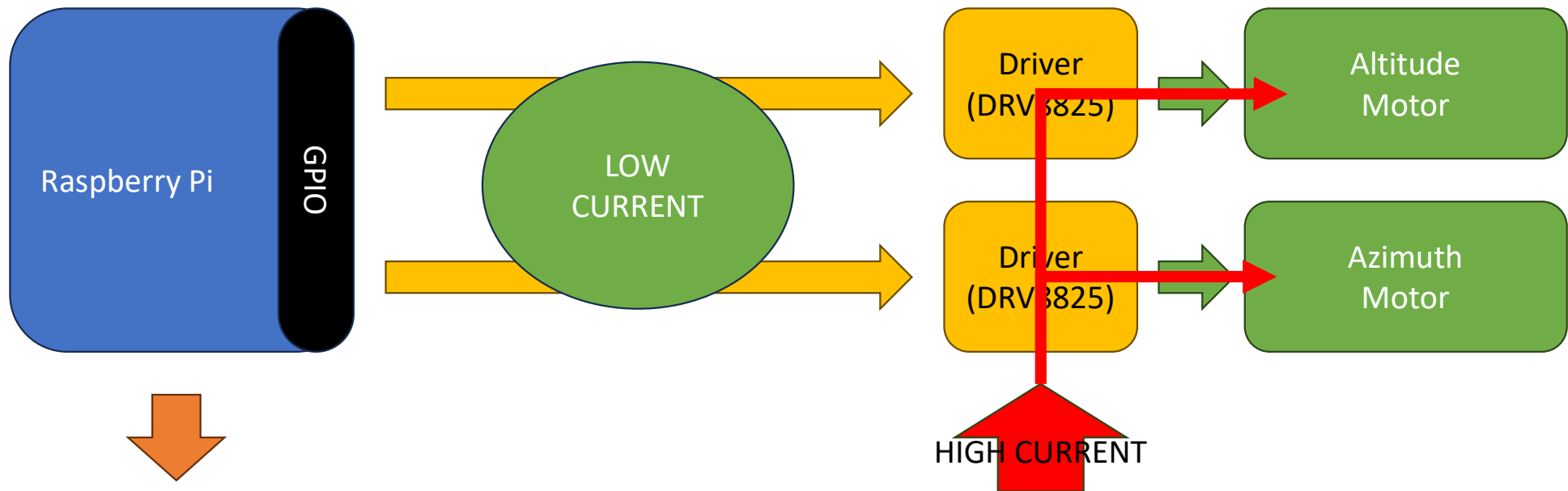
HOW TO CONNECT THE RASPBERRY PI
TO THE CAMERA AND THE MOTORS.



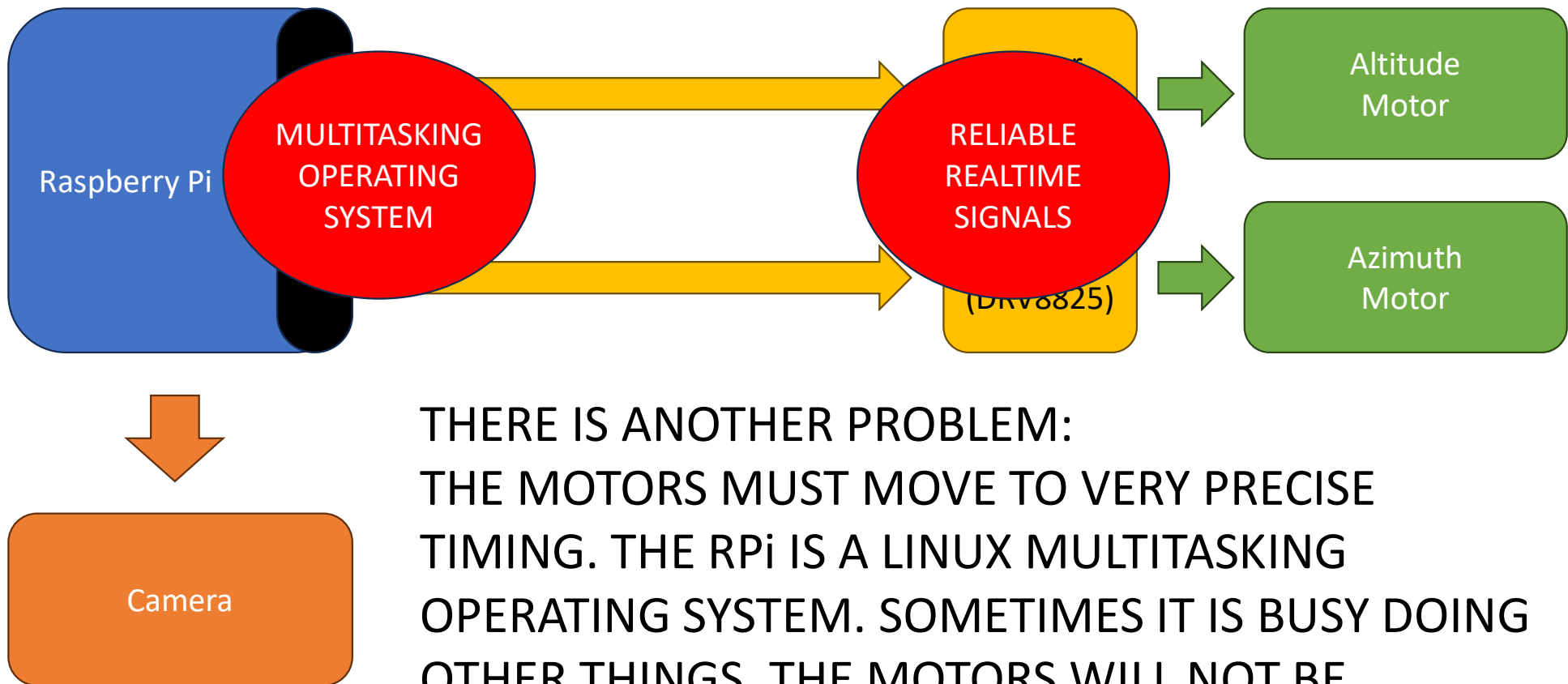


THERE IS A PROBLEM:
THE STEPPER MOTORS NEED HIGHER
CURRENTS THAN THE GPIO PORTS CAN
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WE WOULD BLOW UP THE RPi.

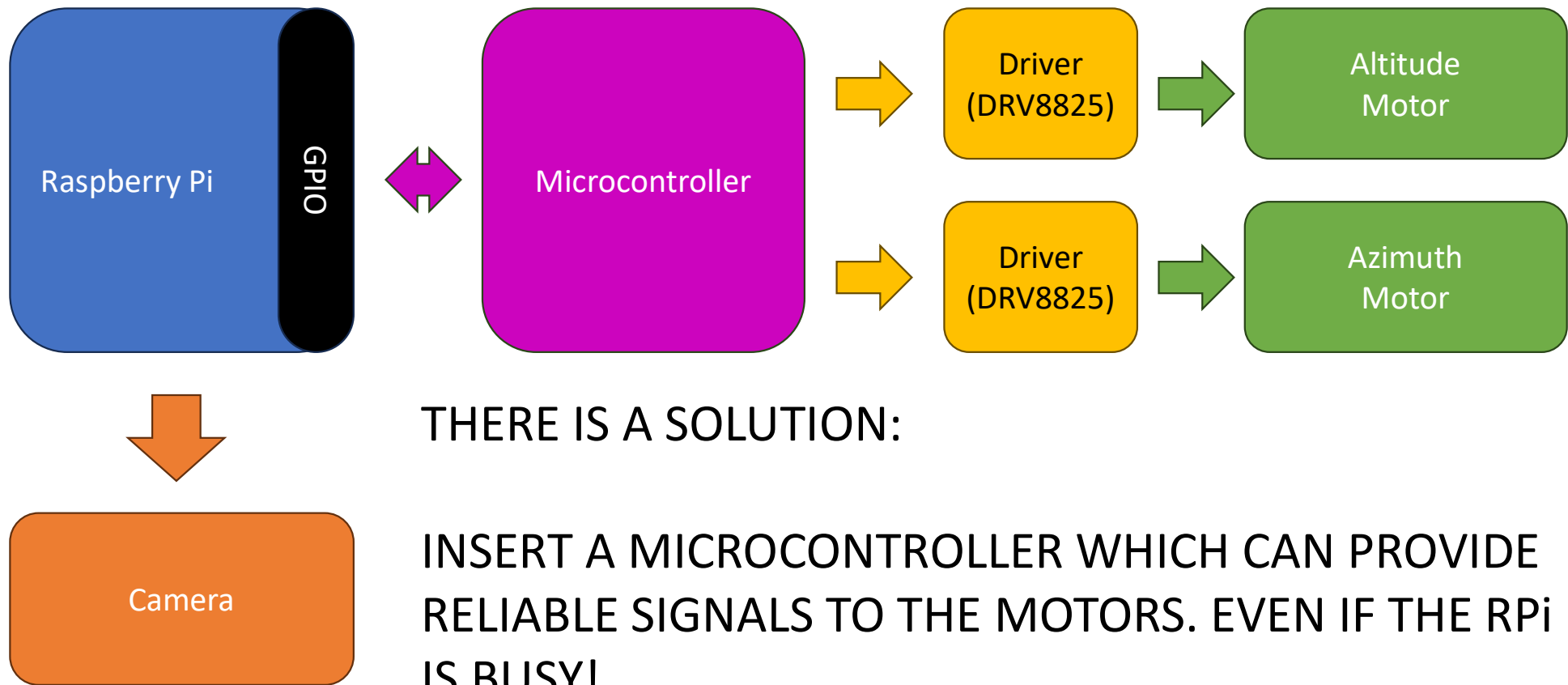


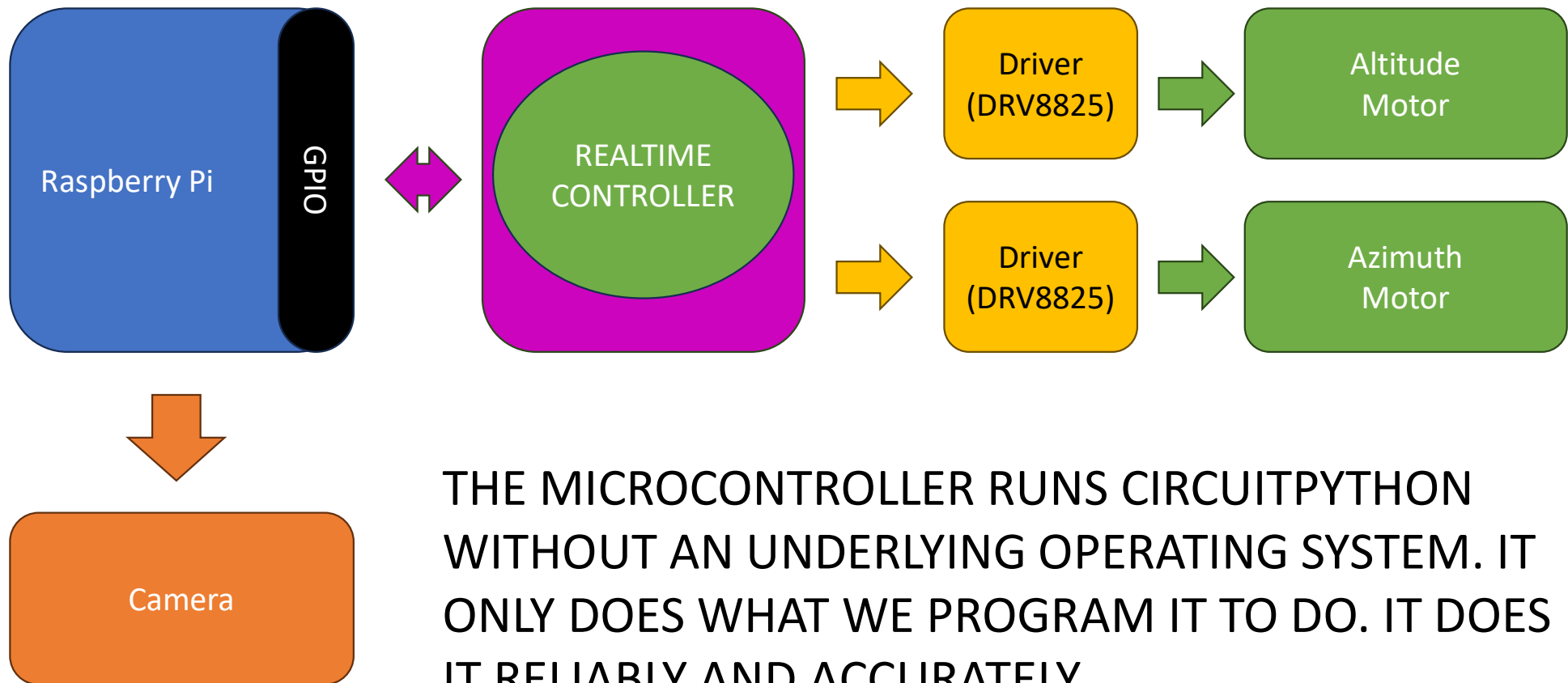


DRV8825 TAKES LOW POWER SIGNALS FROM PROCESSORS TO CONTROL HIGHER CURRENT/VOLTAGE POWER DIRECTLY TO THE STEPPER MOTORS.

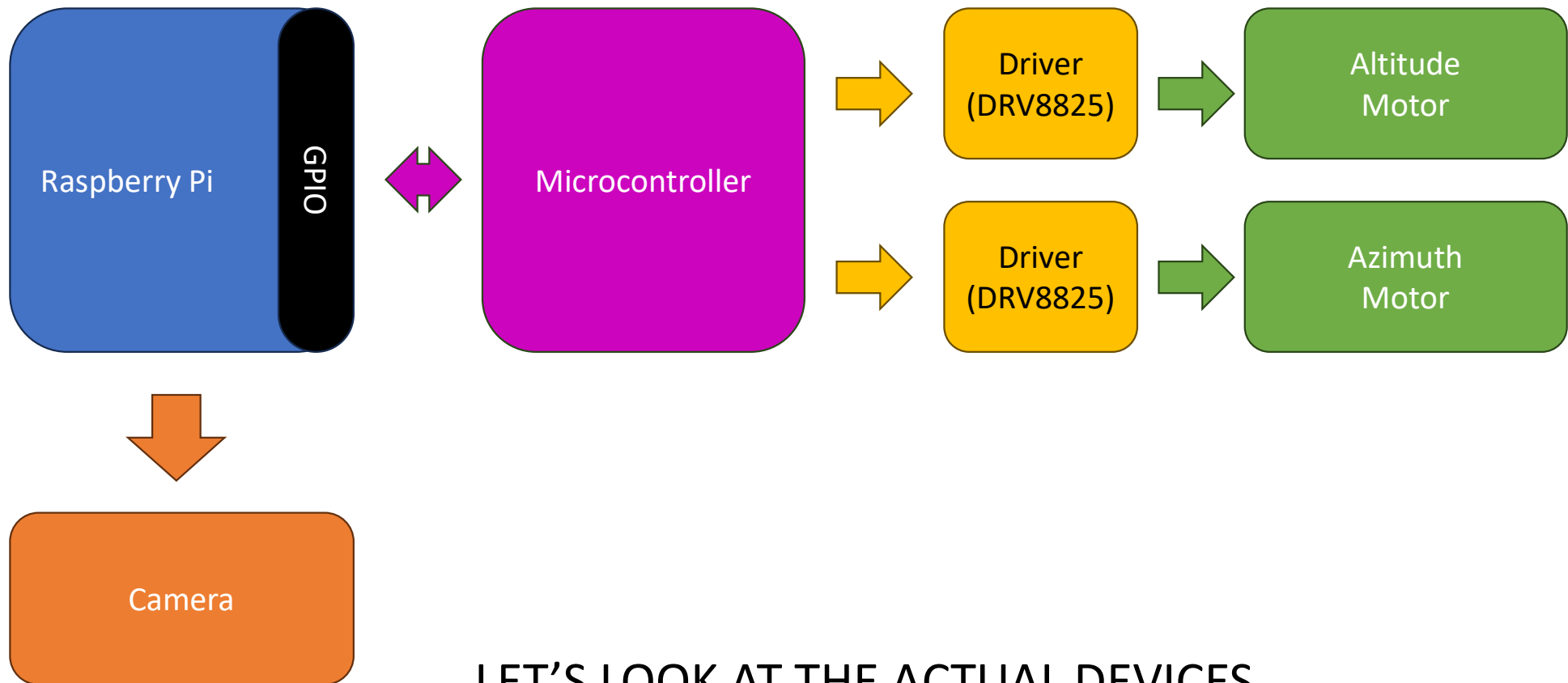


THERE IS ANOTHER PROBLEM:
THE MOTORS MUST MOVE TO VERY PRECISE
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OTHER THINGS. THE MOTORS WILL NOT BE
SMOOTH.

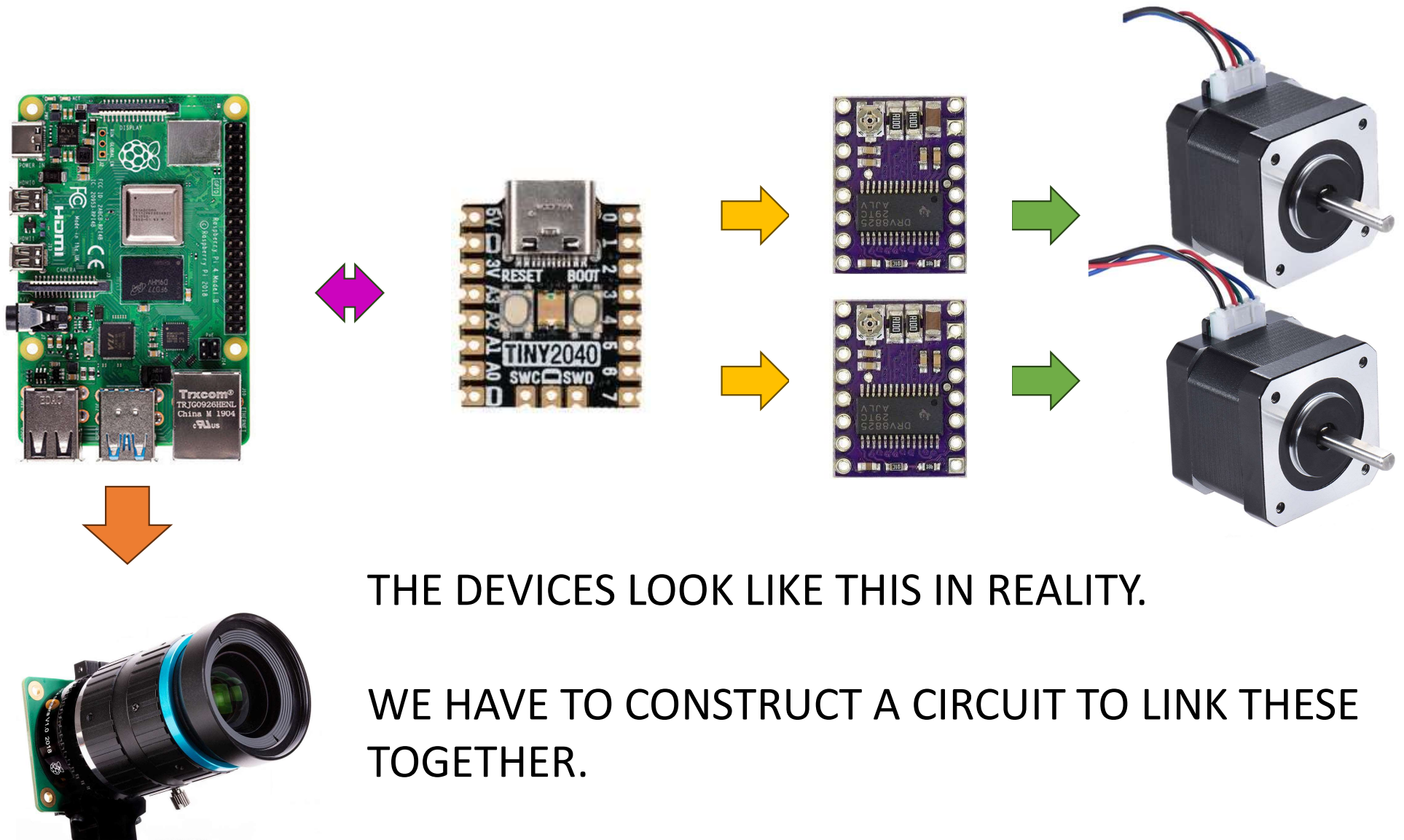


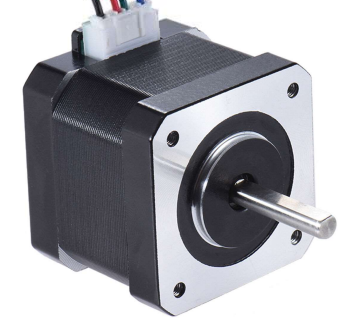
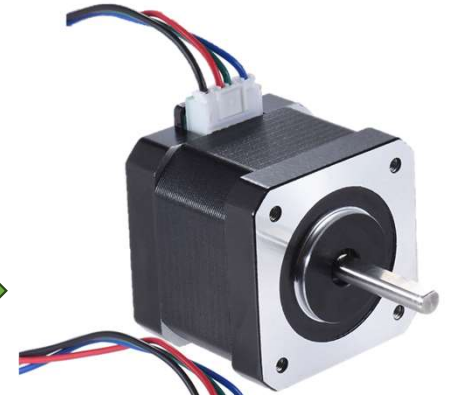
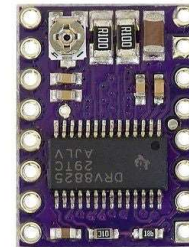
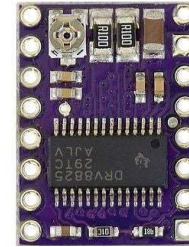
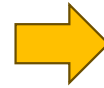
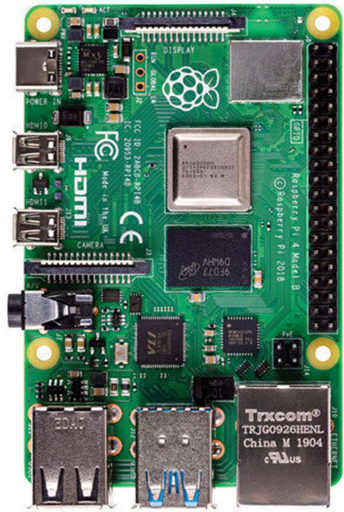


THE MICROCONTROLLER RUNS CIRCUITPYTHON WITHOUT AN UNDERLYING OPERATING SYSTEM. IT ONLY DOES WHAT WE PROGRAM IT TO DO. IT DOES IT RELIABLY AND ACCURATELY.

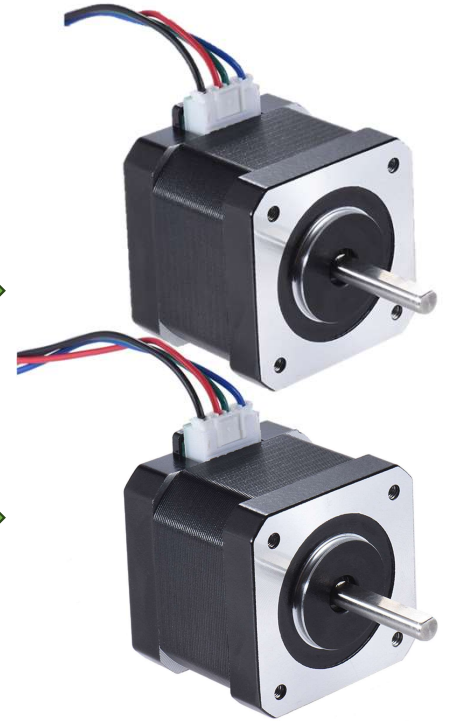
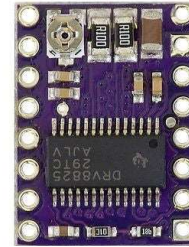
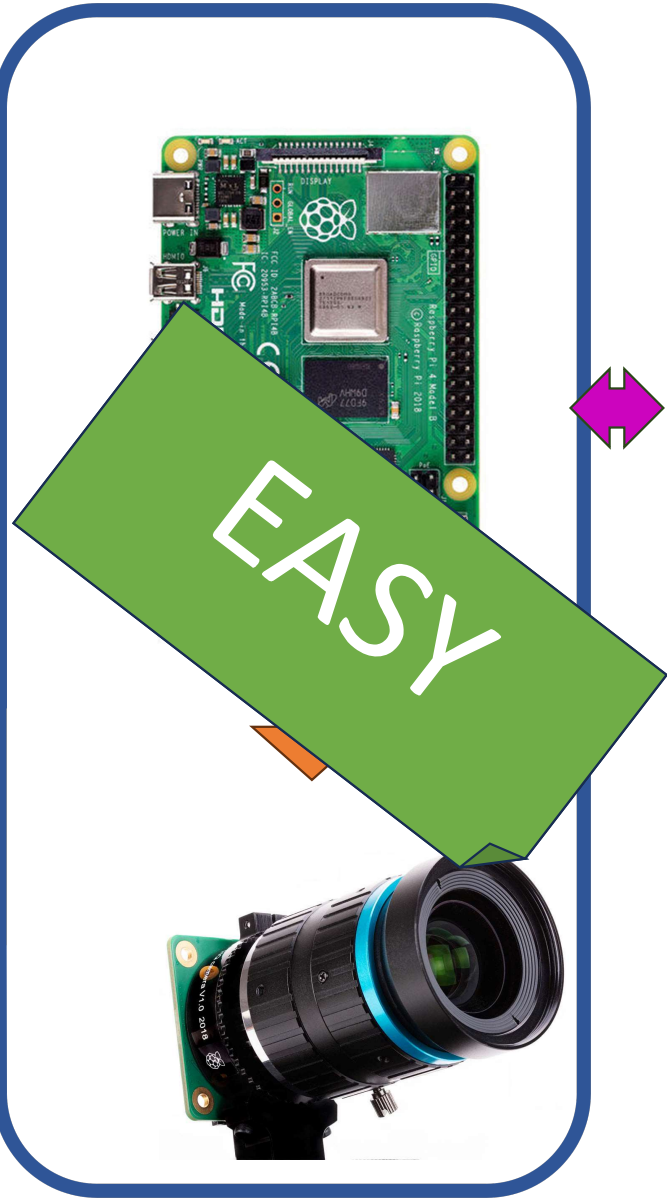


LET'S LOOK AT THE ACTUAL DEVICES...

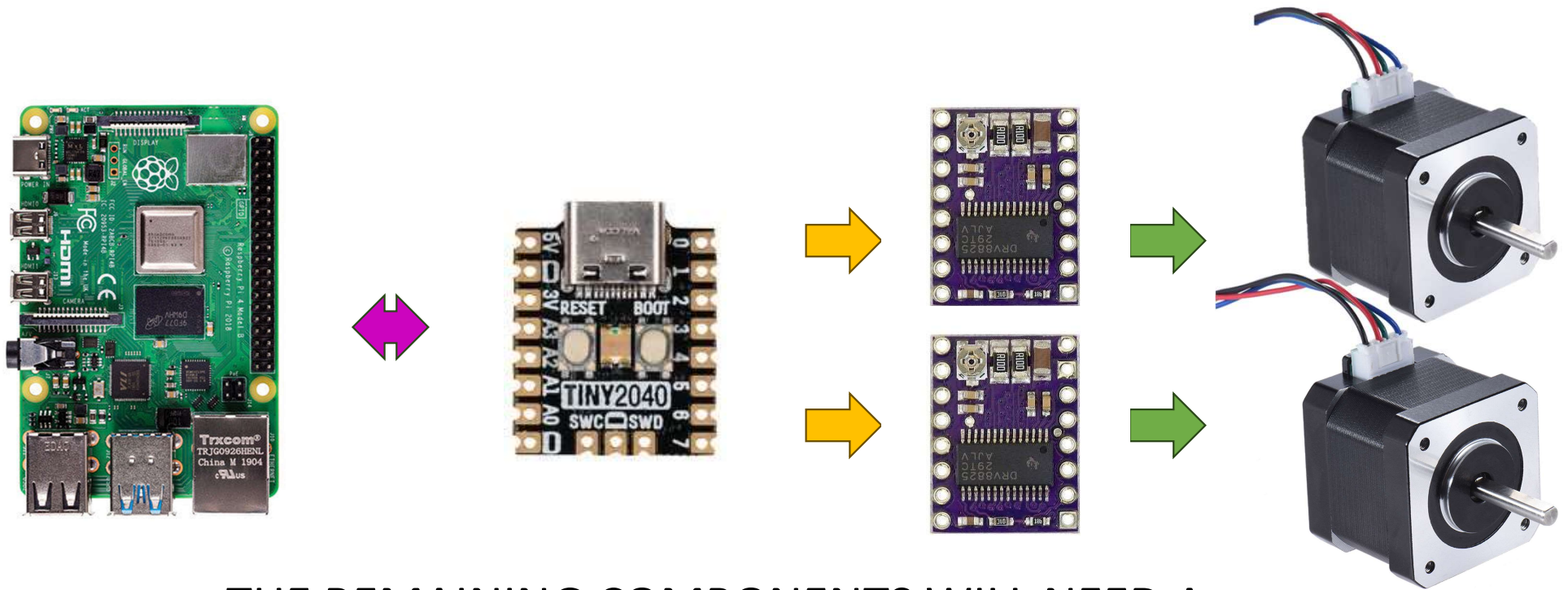




CONNECTING THE CAMERA IS WELL DOCUMENTED ONLINE.

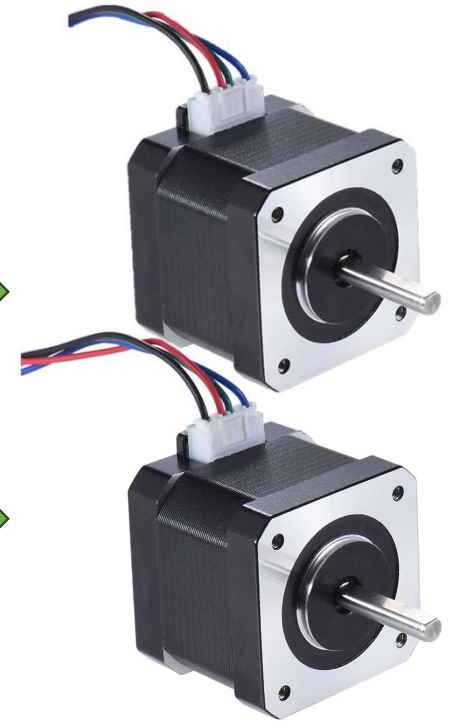
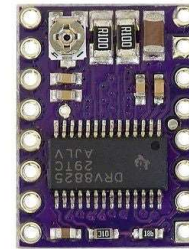
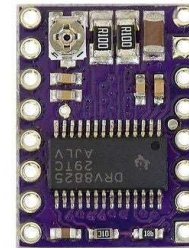
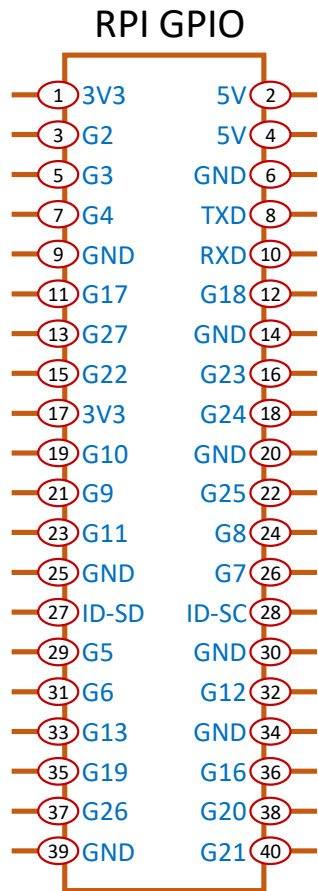


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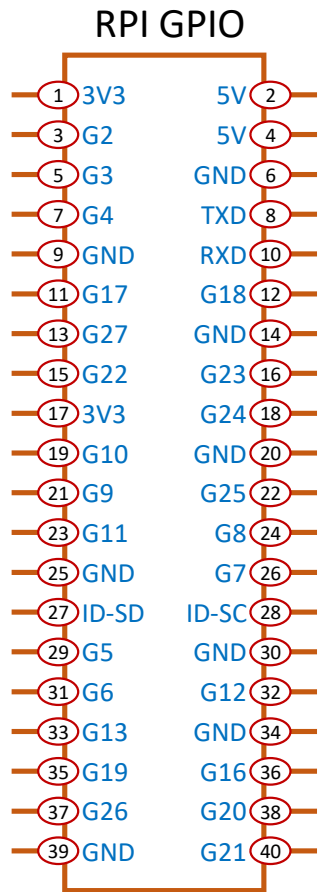
THE REMAINING COMPONENTS WILL NEED A CIRCUIT BOARD OF SOME SORT.

THIS WILL CONNECT THE VARIOUS I/O PINS IN ORDER TO CREATE A WORKING MOTOR CONTROL SYSTEM.

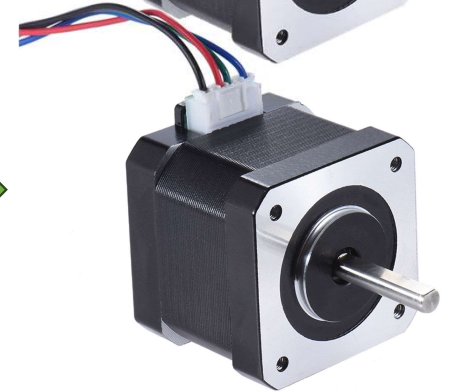
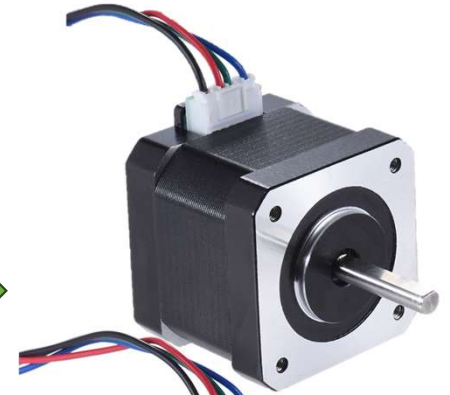
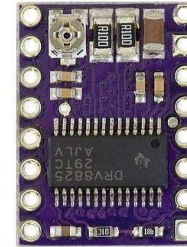
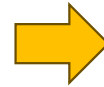
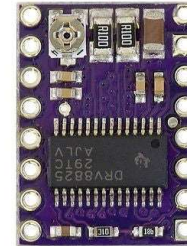
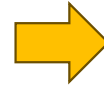
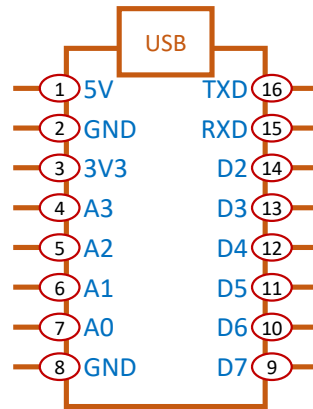


WE WILL CONNECT TO THE RASPBERRY PI
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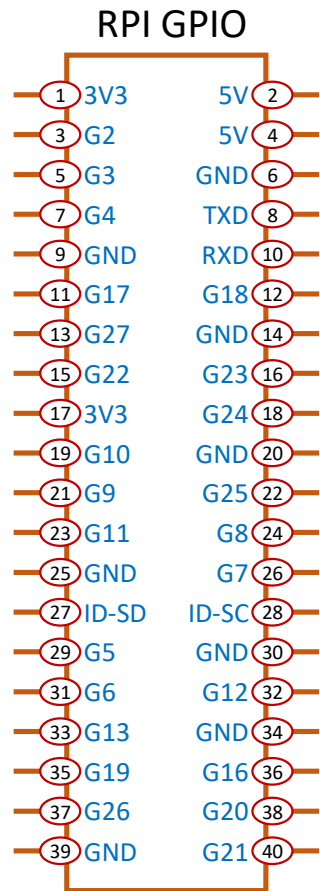
THE RPi REMAINS IN OVERALL CONTROL.



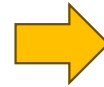
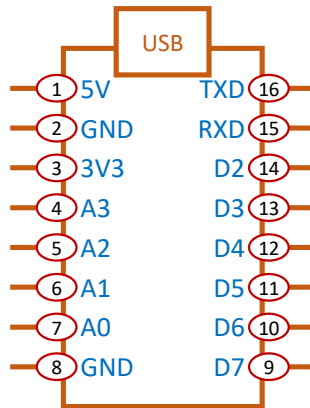
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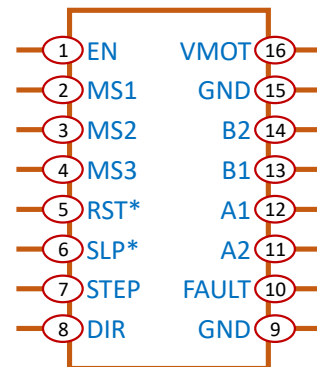
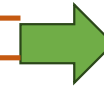
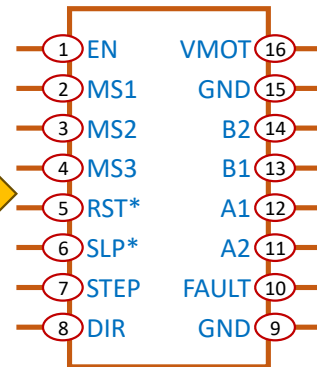
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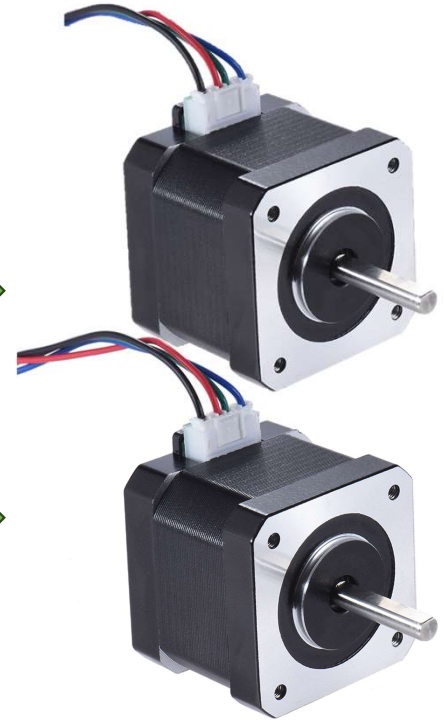
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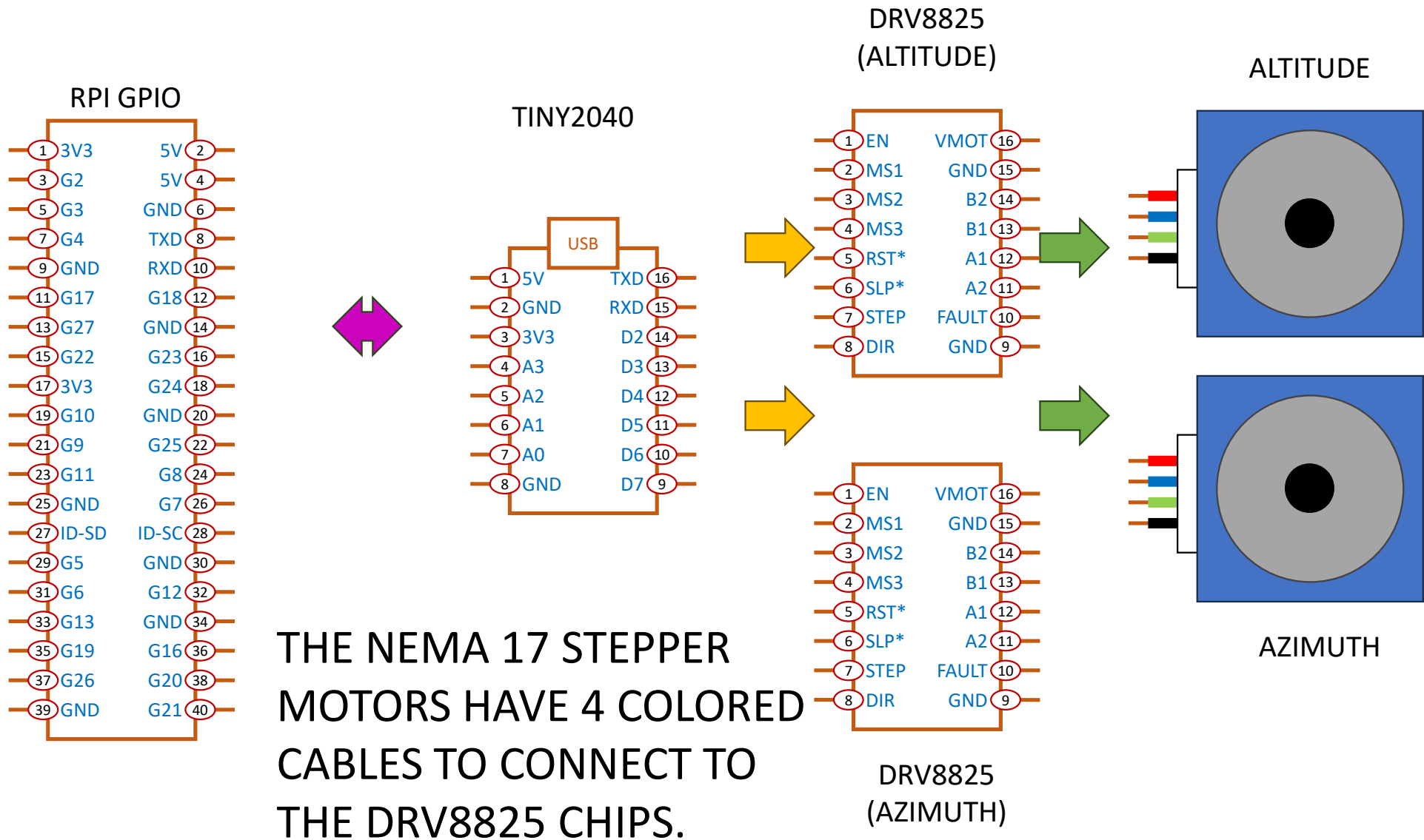
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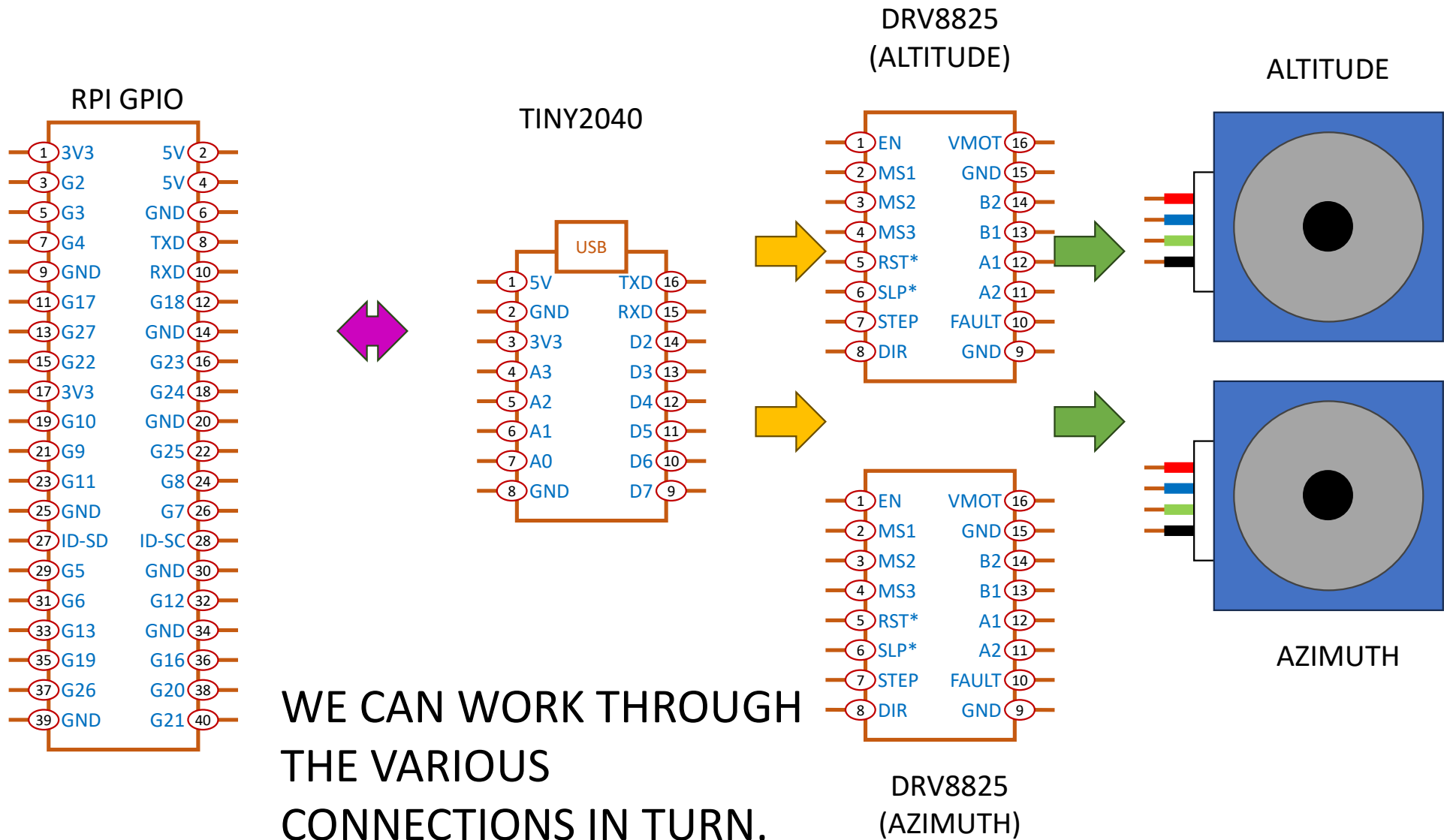


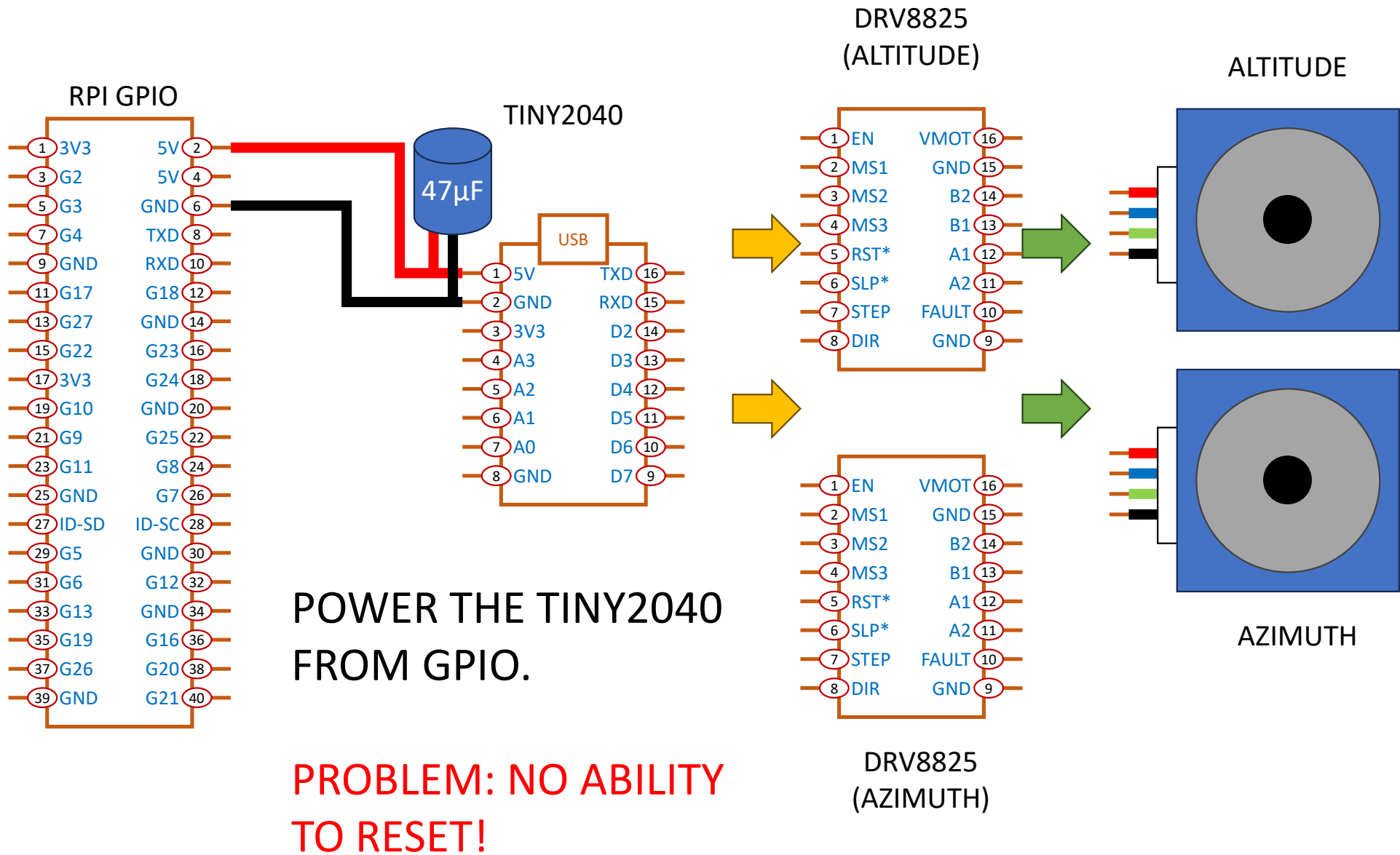
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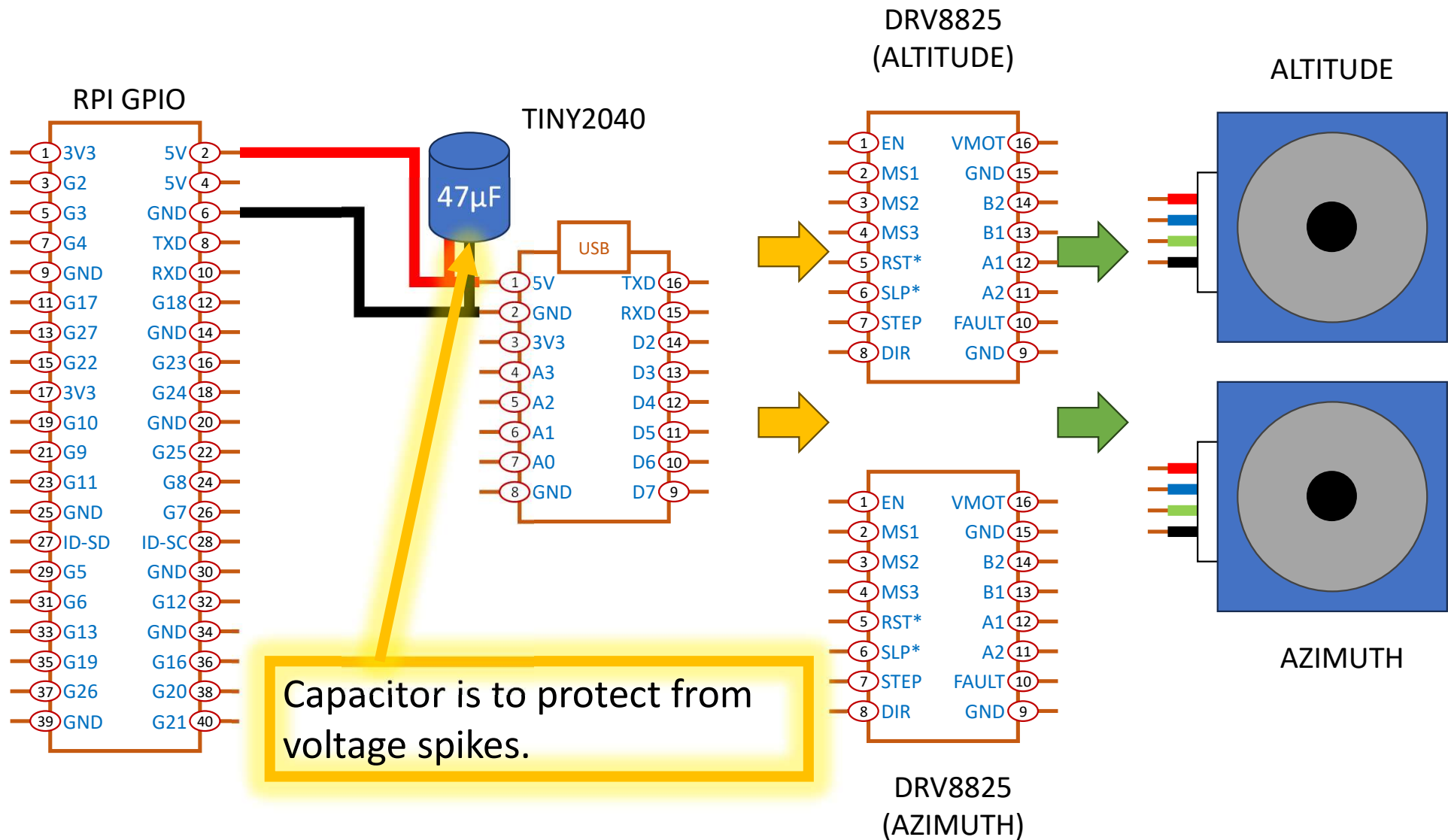


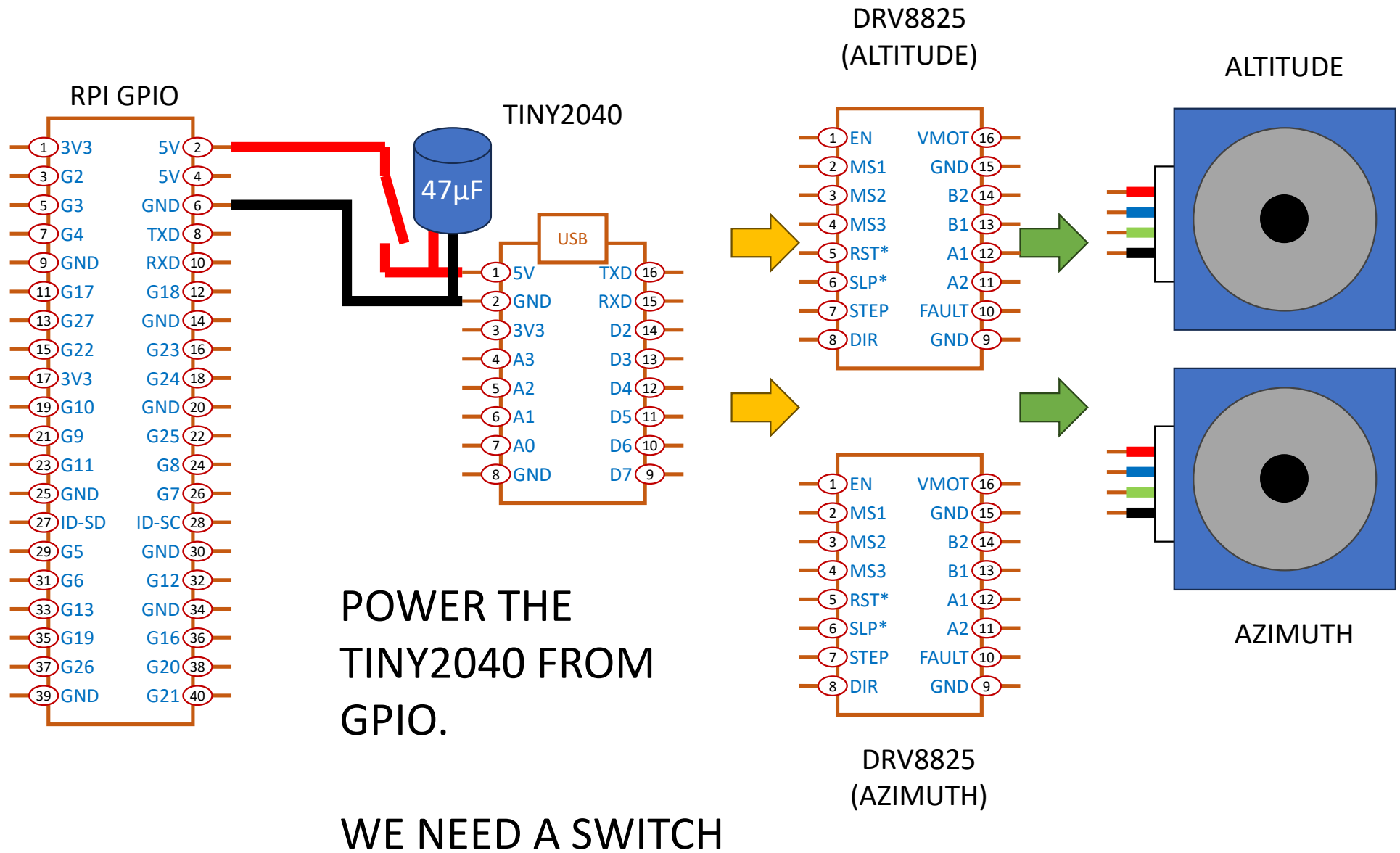
THE DRV8825 CHIPS
COME ON AN EASILY
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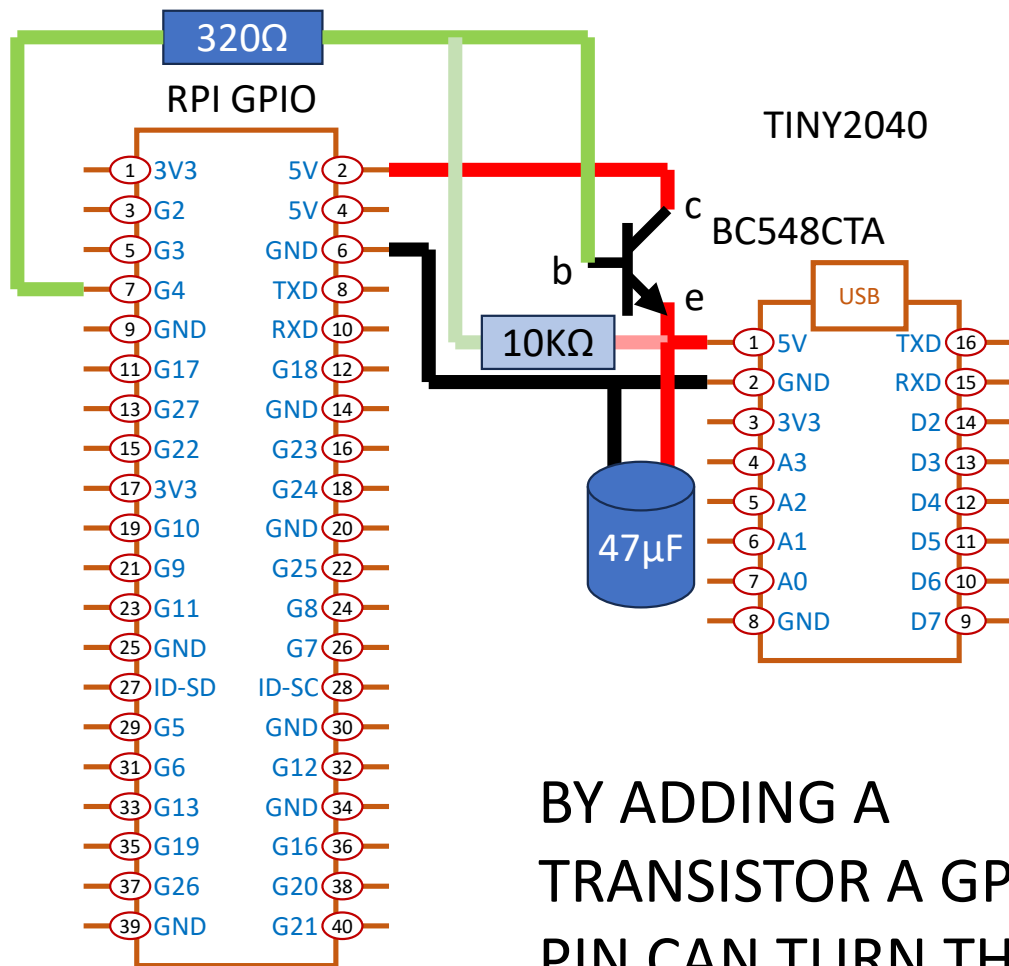




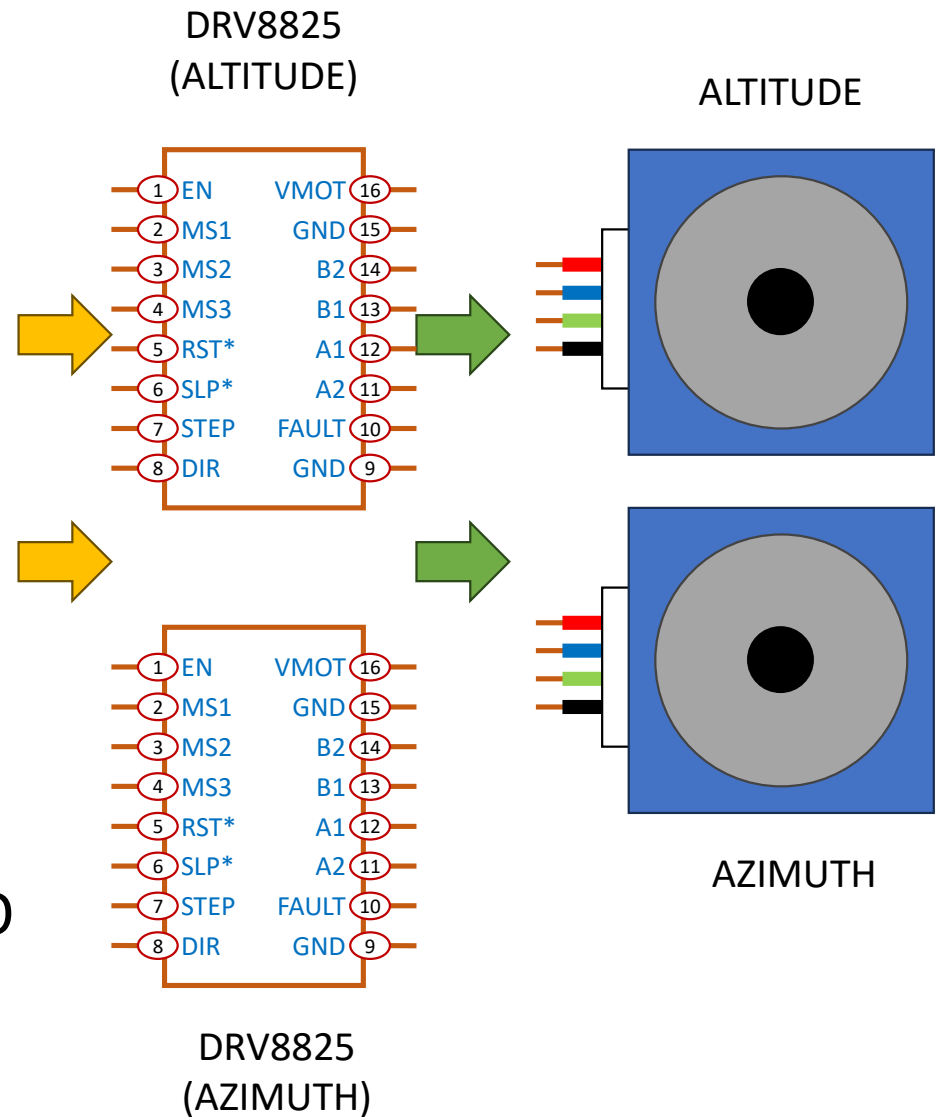


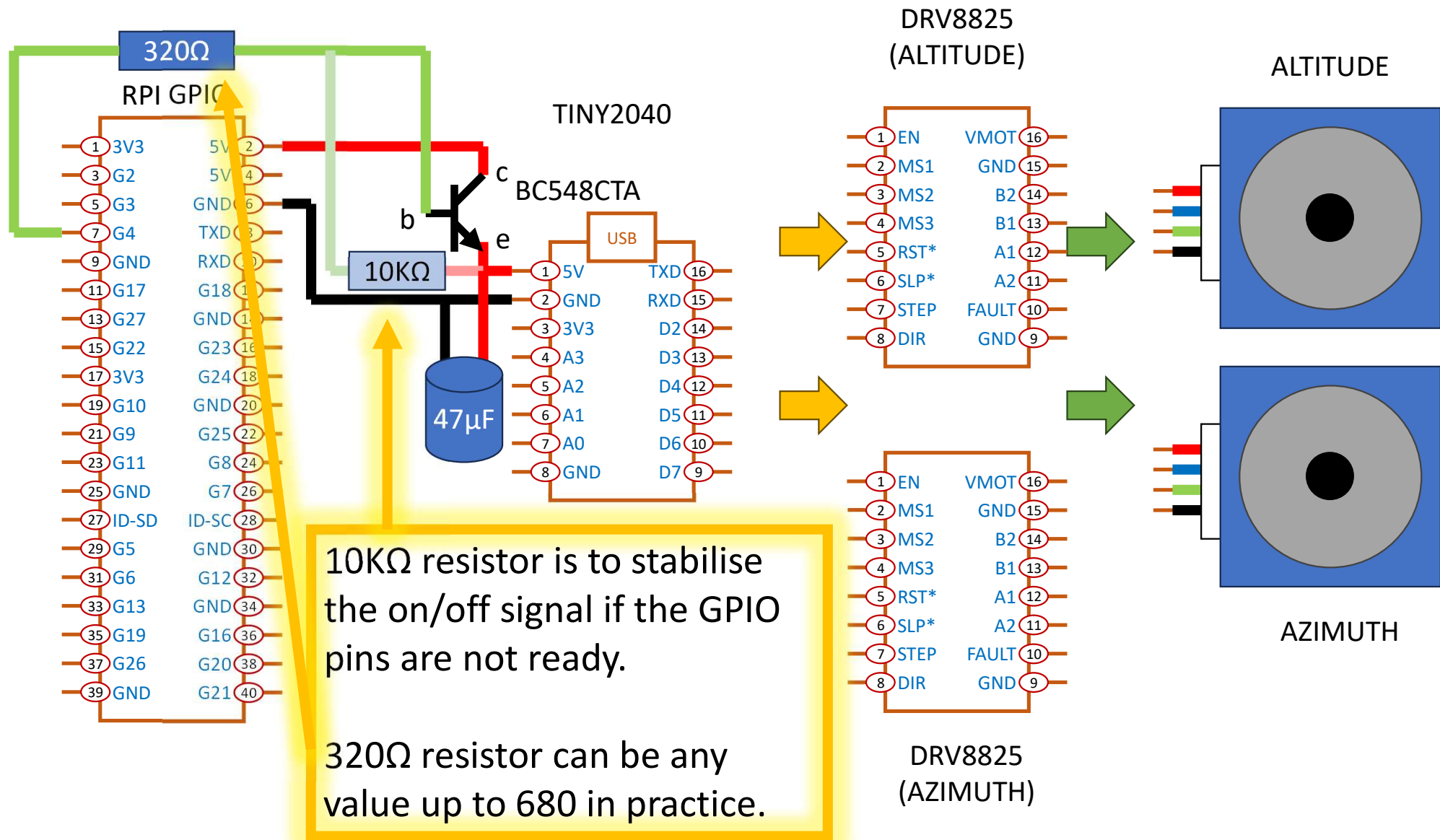


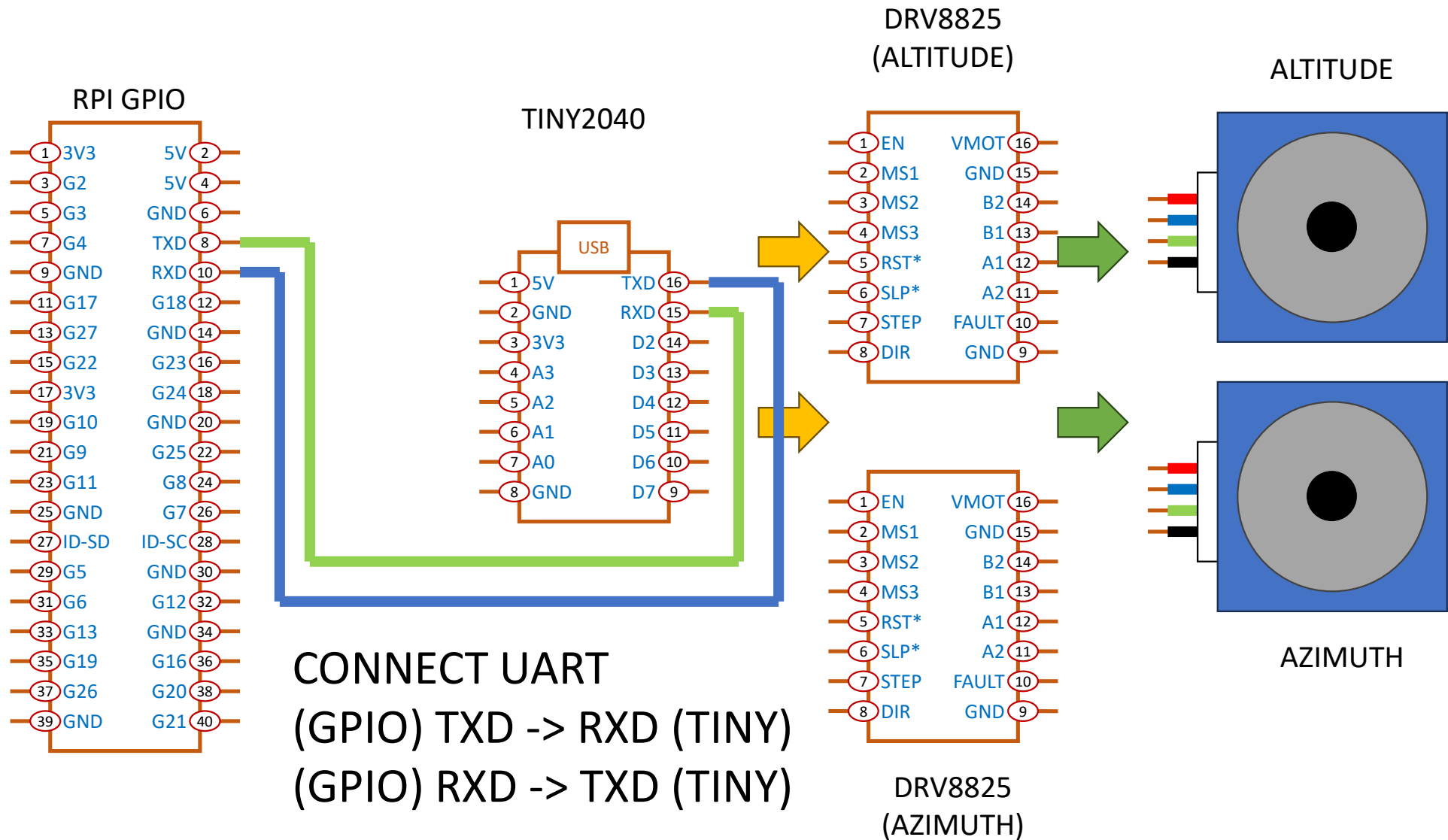


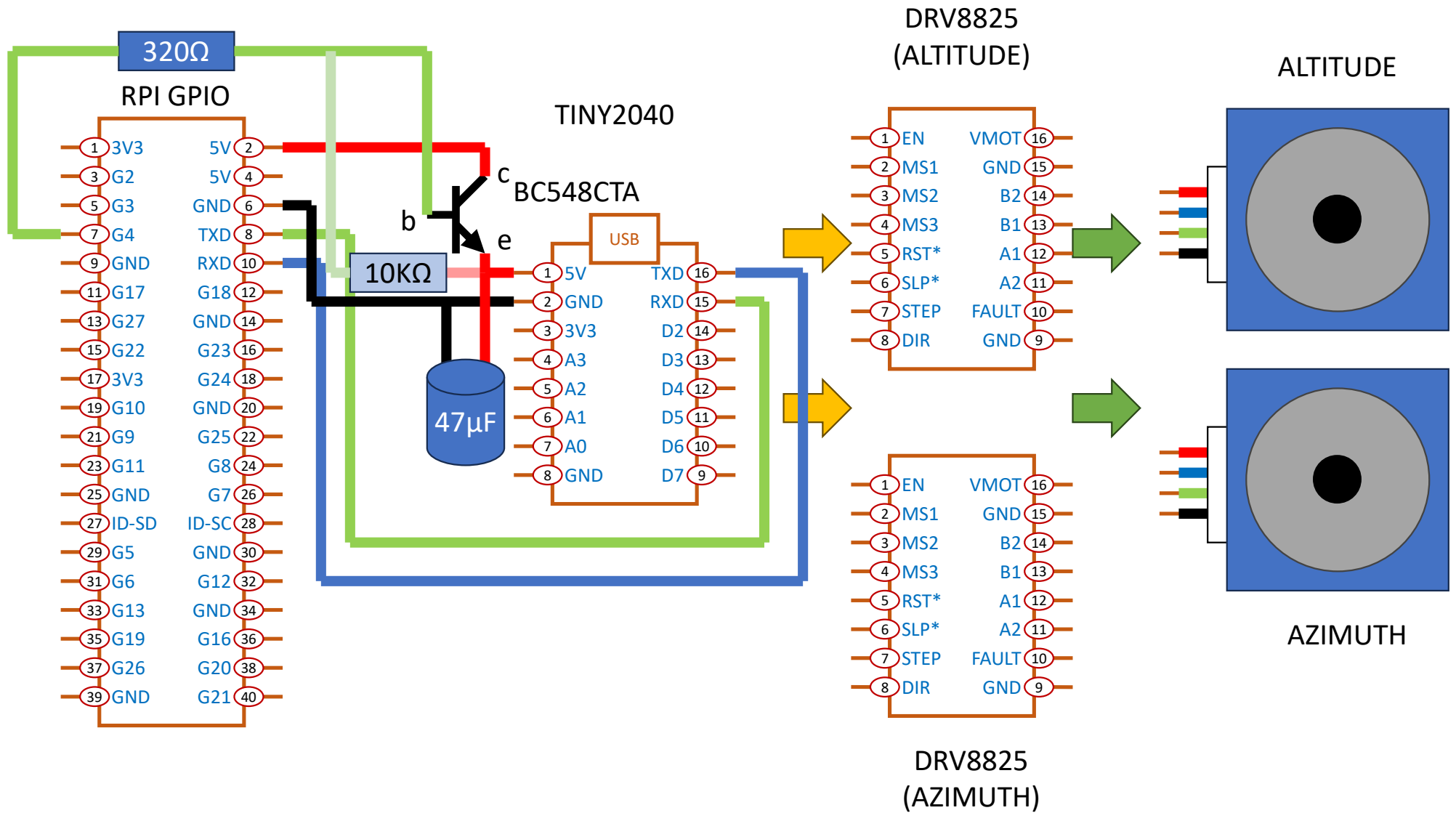


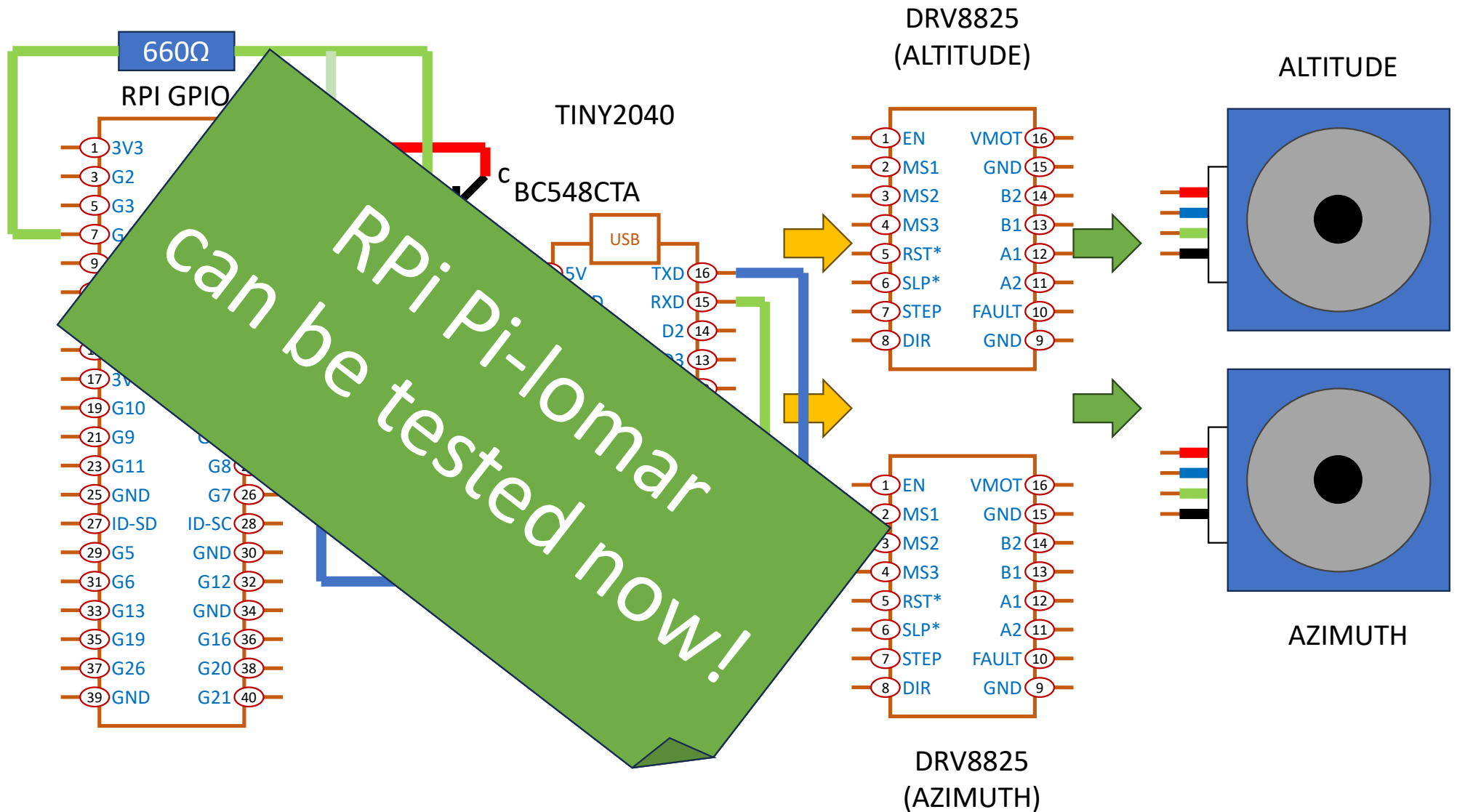
BY ADDING A
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PIN CAN TURN THE
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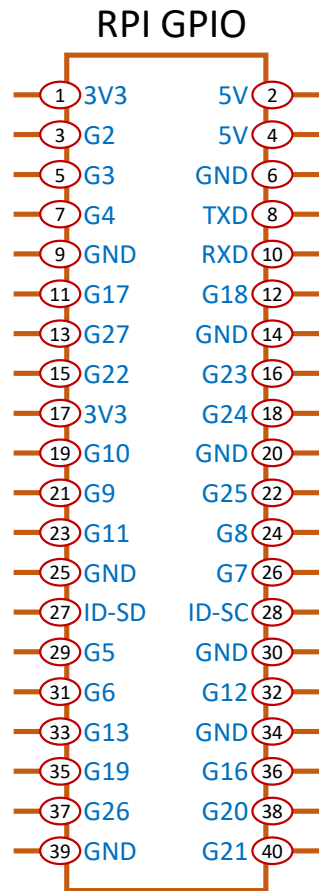




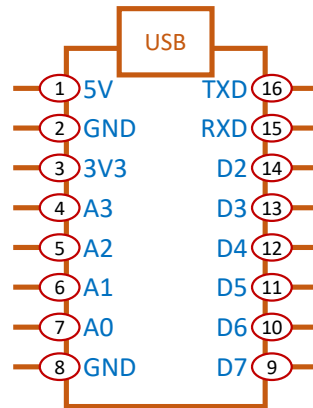






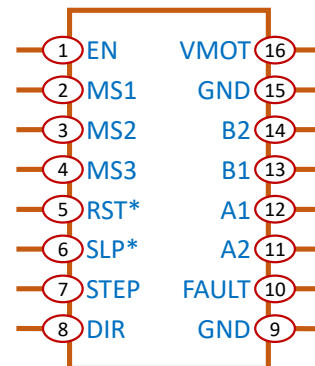
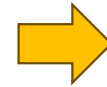
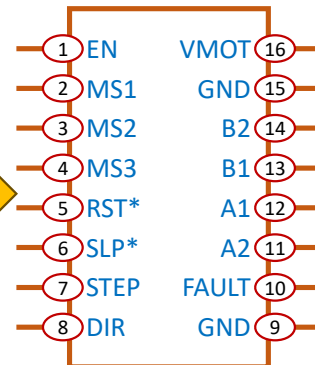


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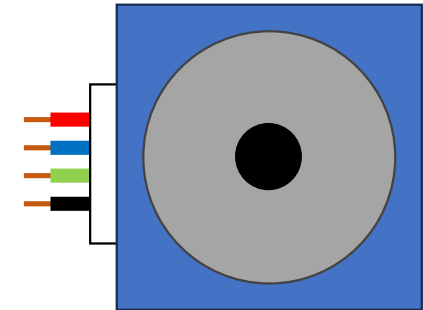
CONNECTING THE
DRV8825 CHIPS

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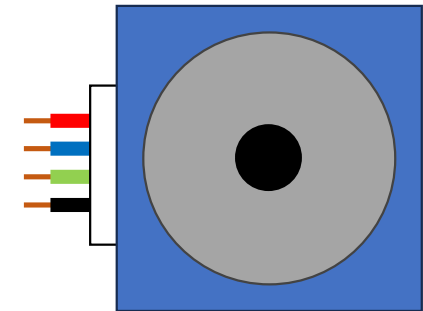


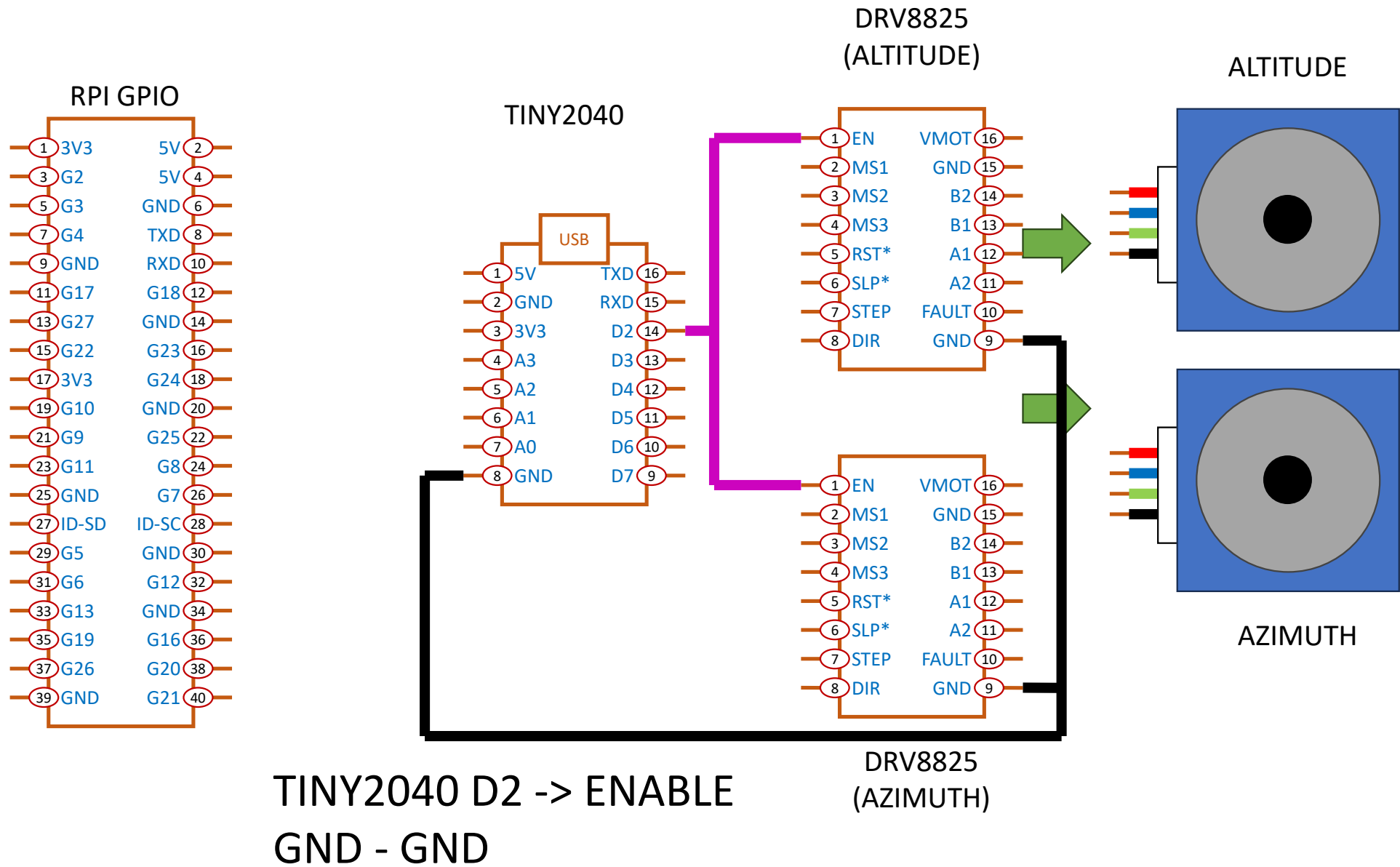
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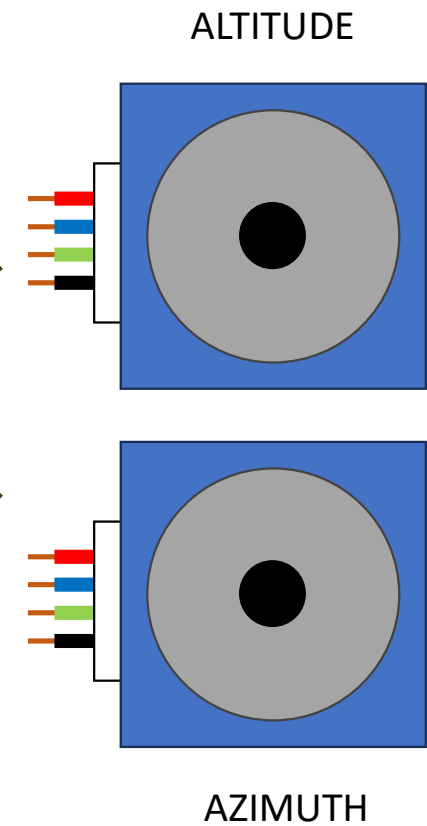
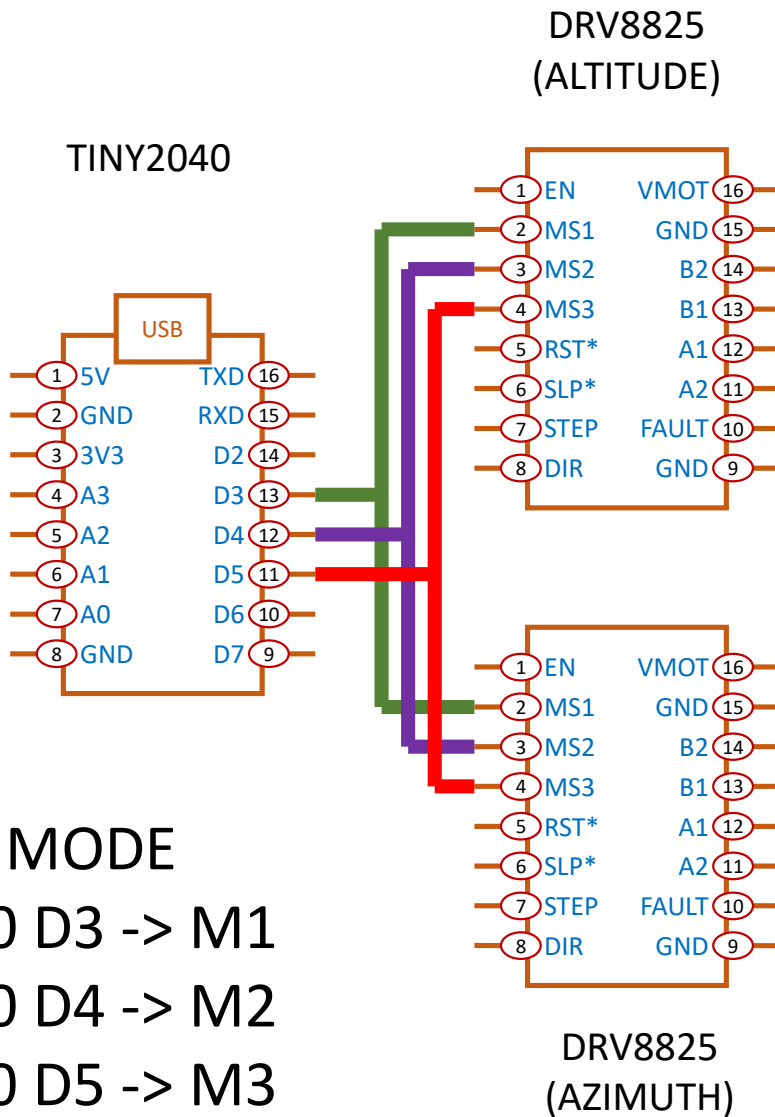
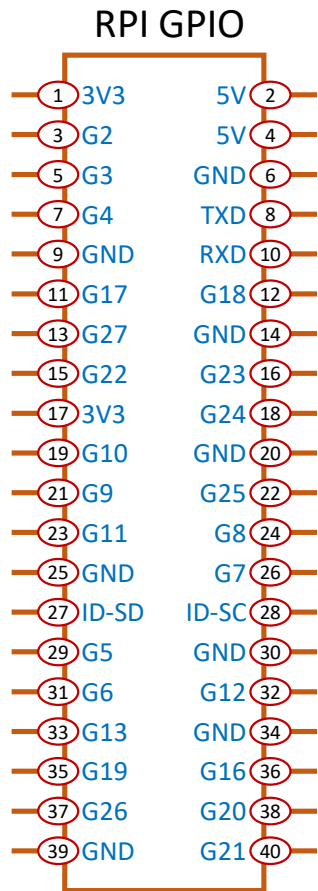
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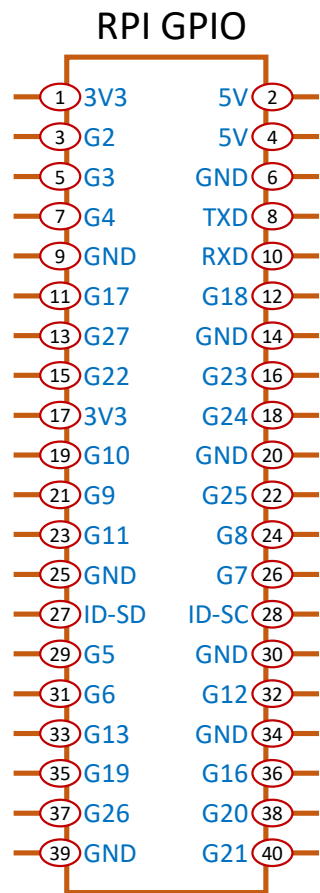


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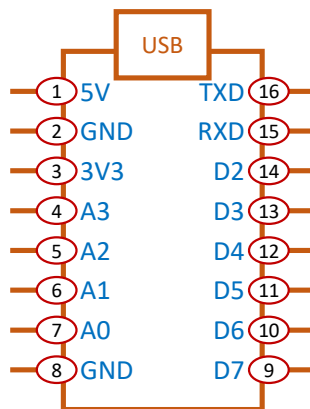




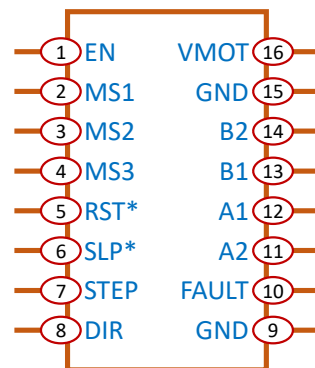




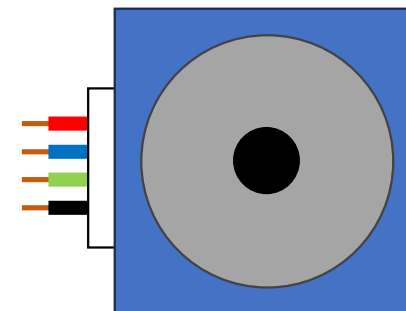
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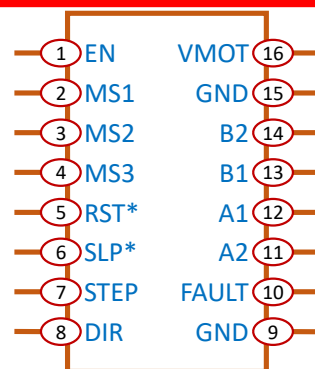
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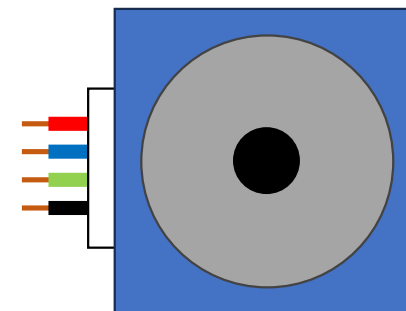
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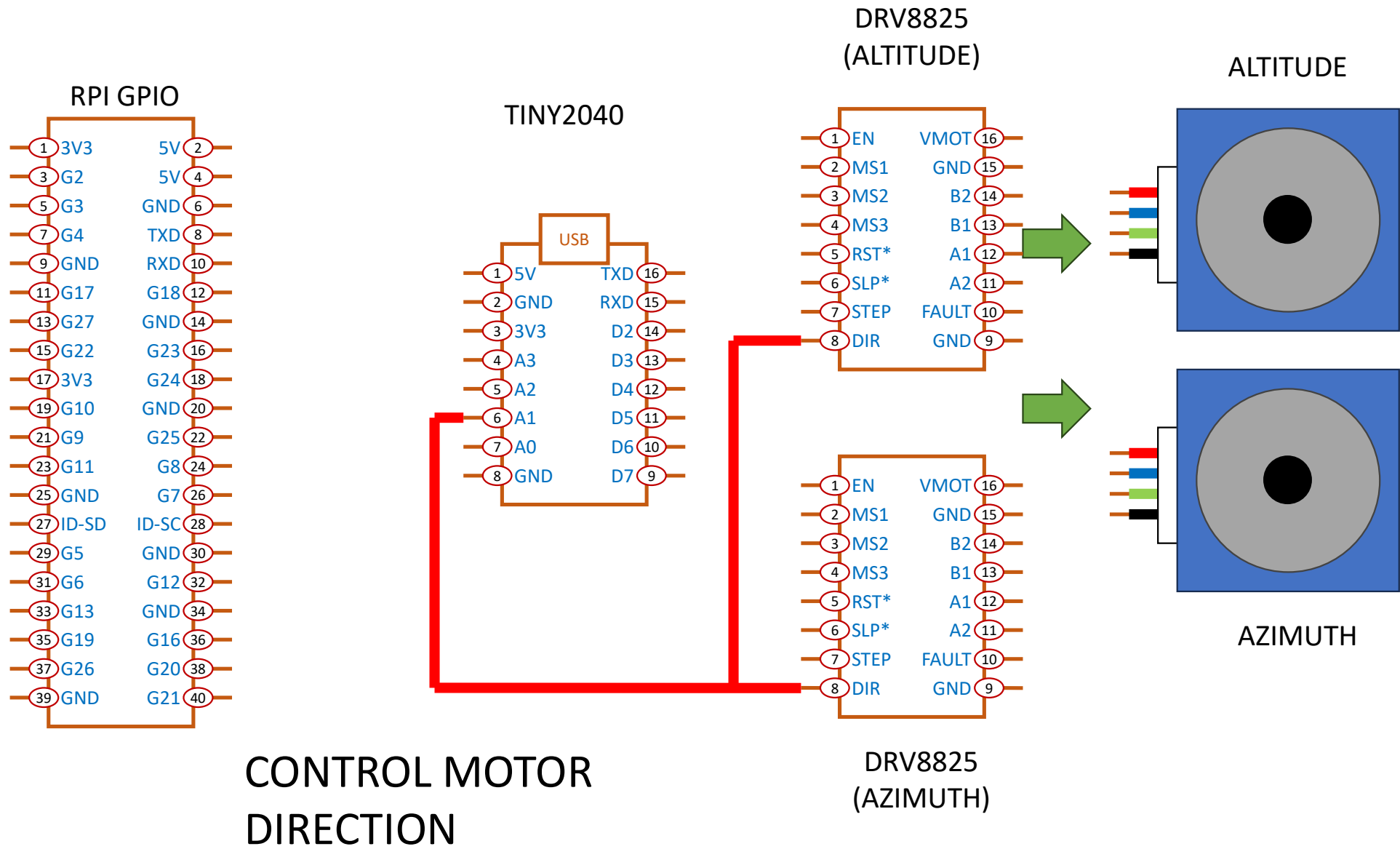
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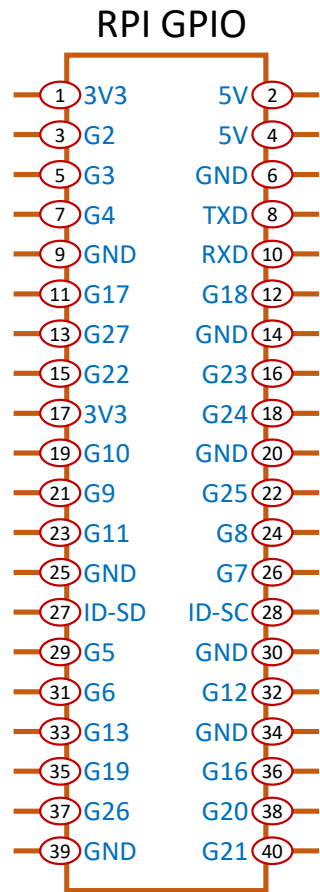


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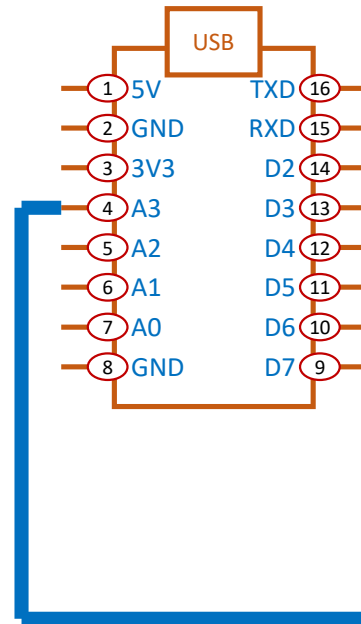


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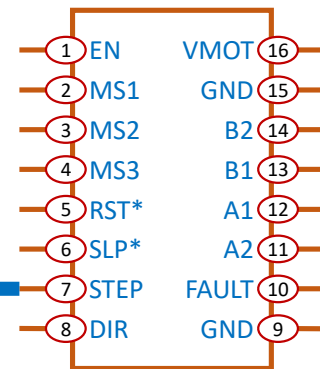
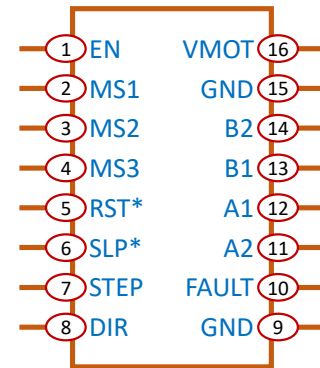




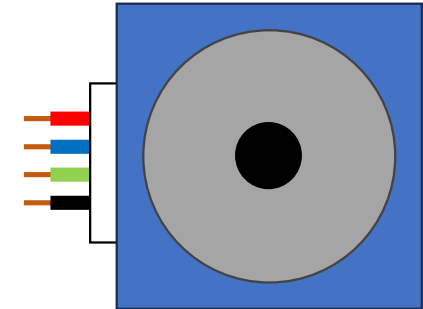
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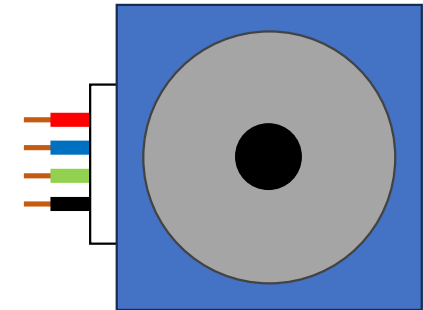
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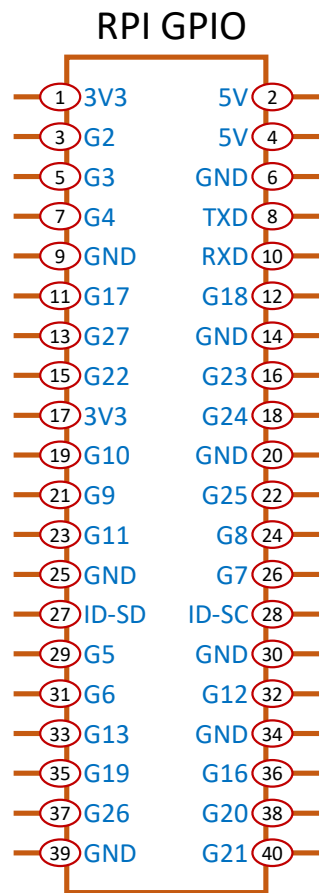


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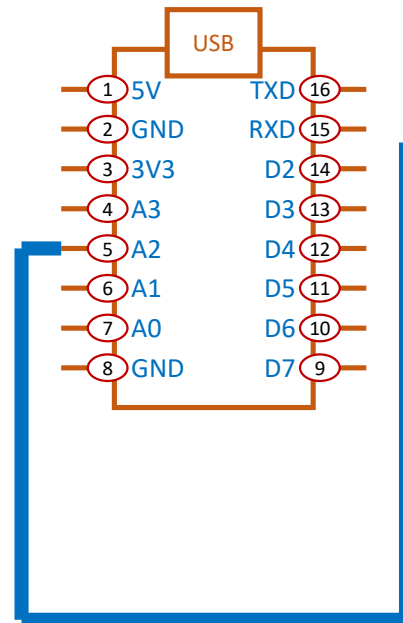


MOTOR MOVE SIGNAL
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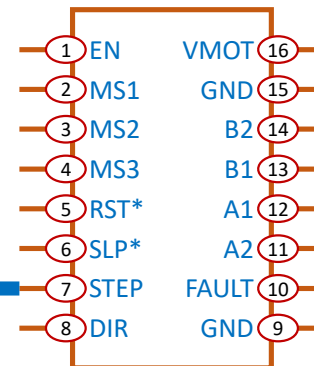
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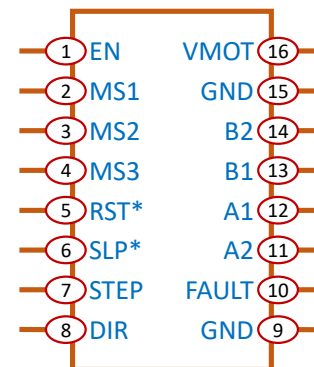
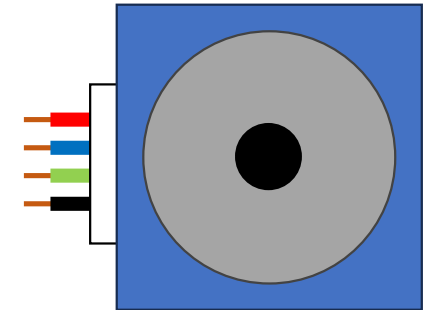
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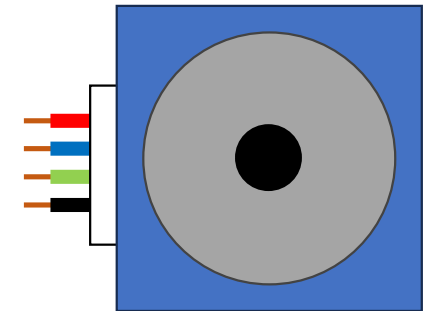
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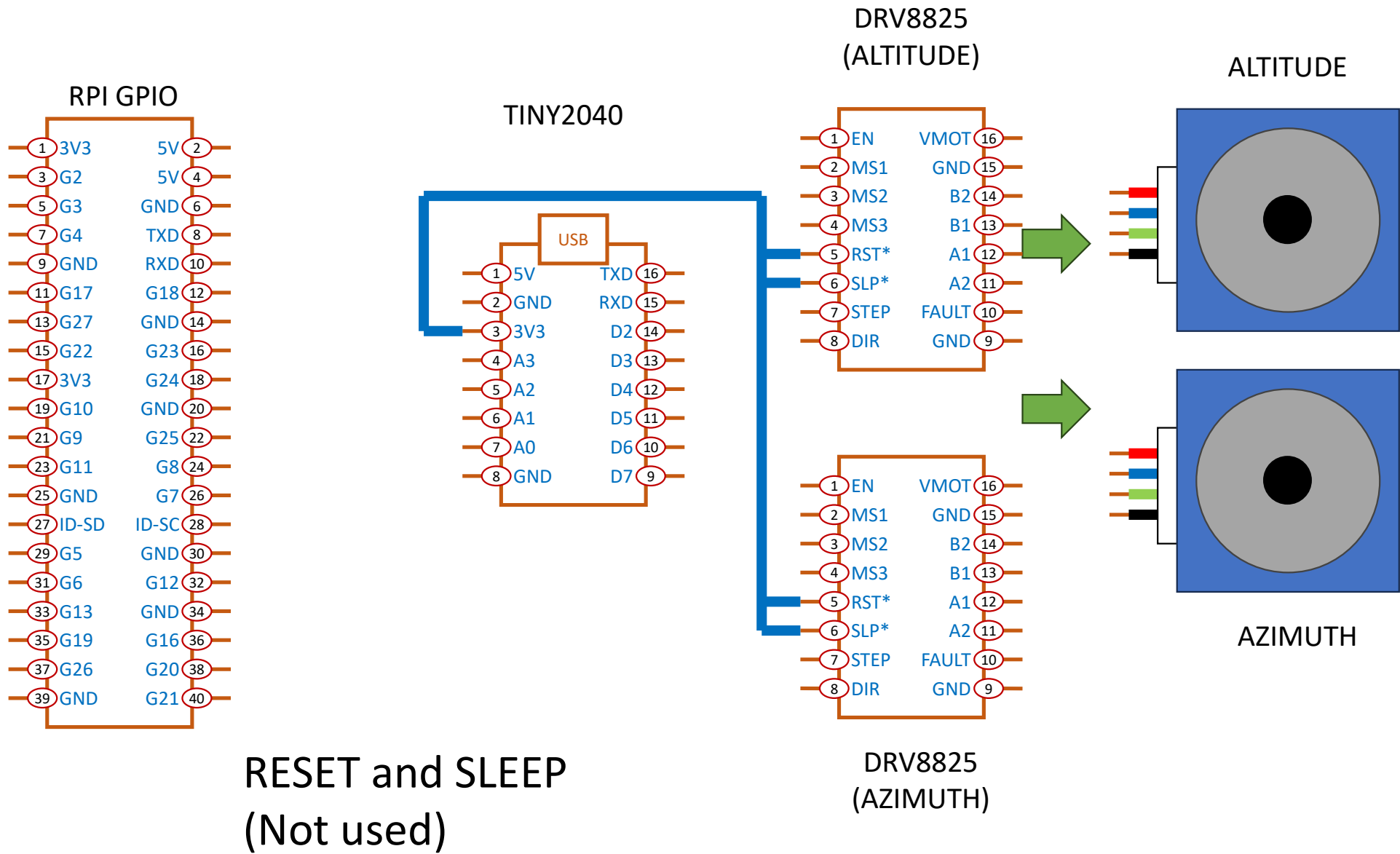


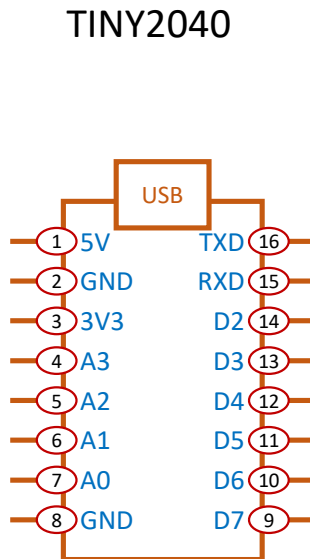
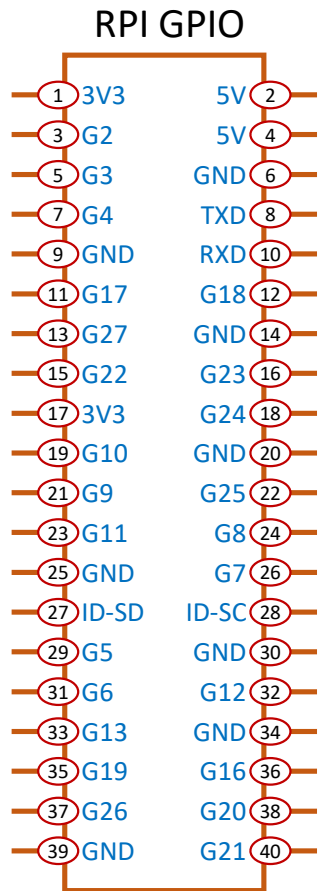
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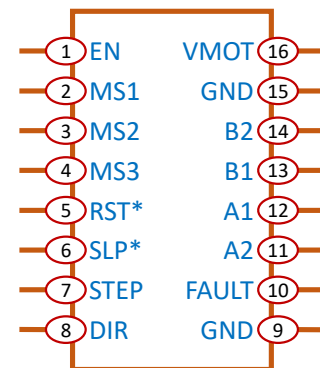
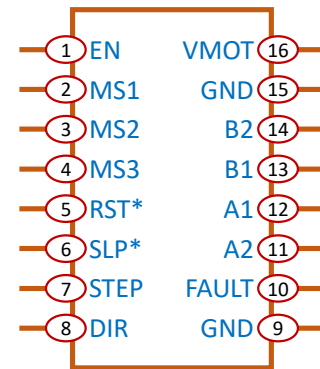
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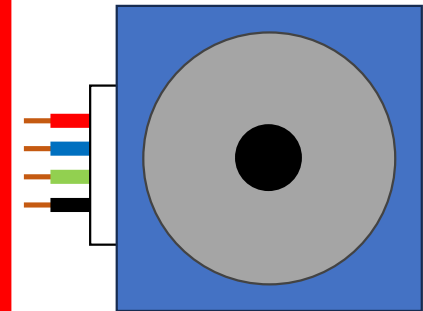
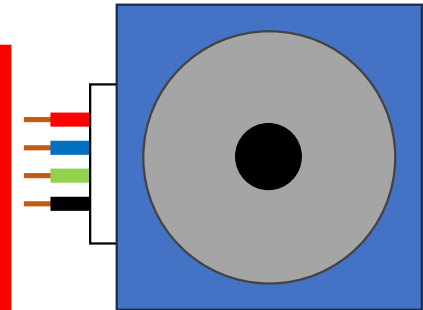


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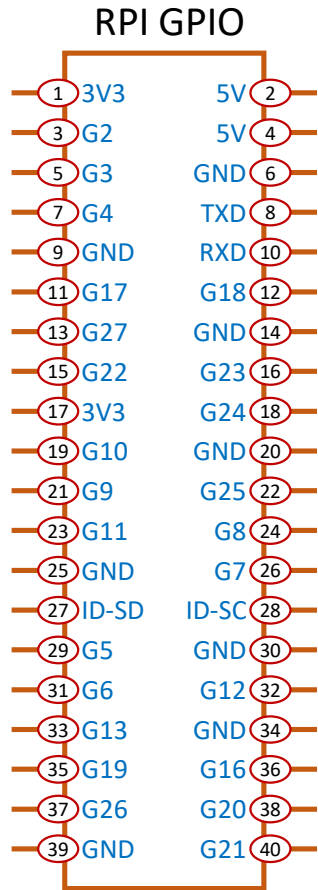
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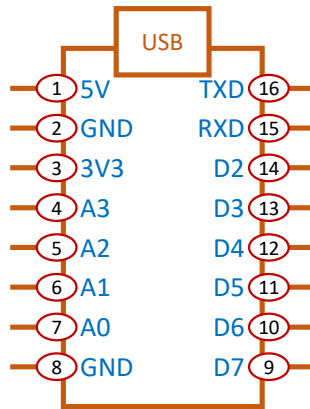
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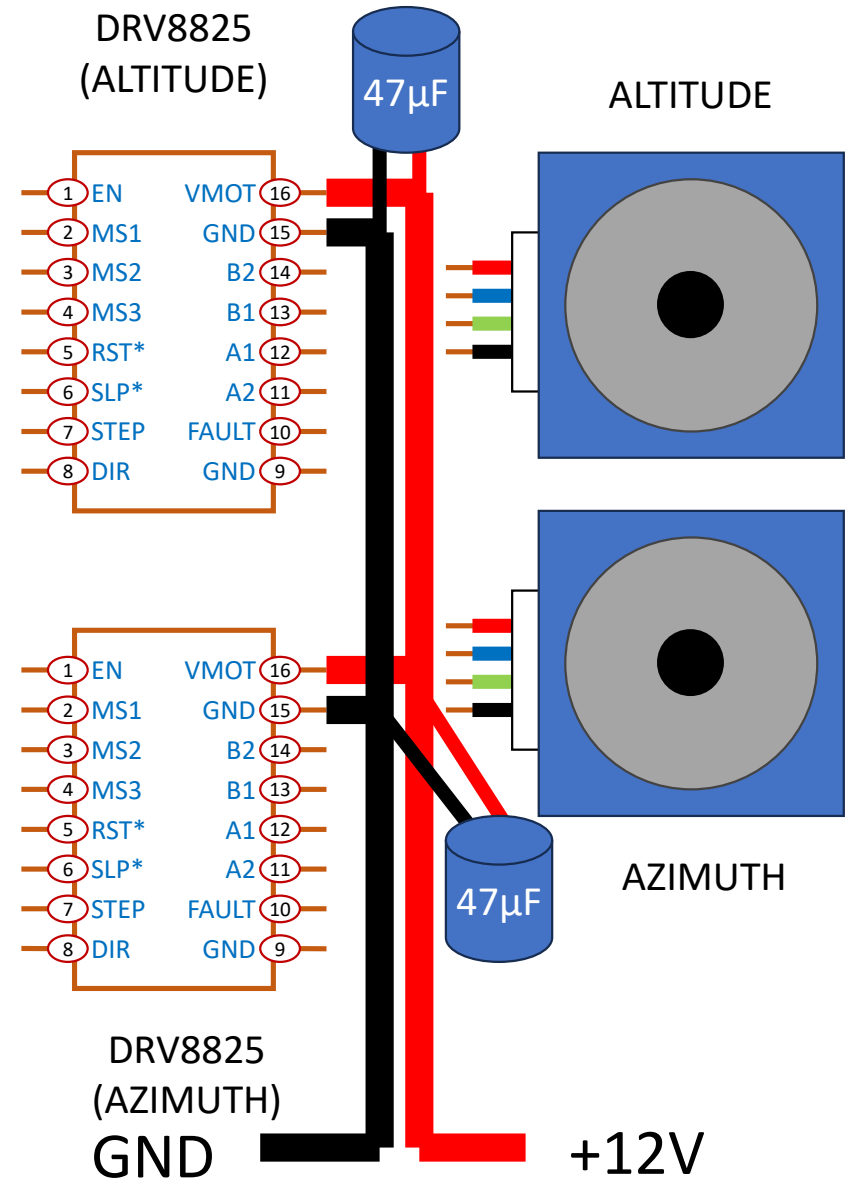
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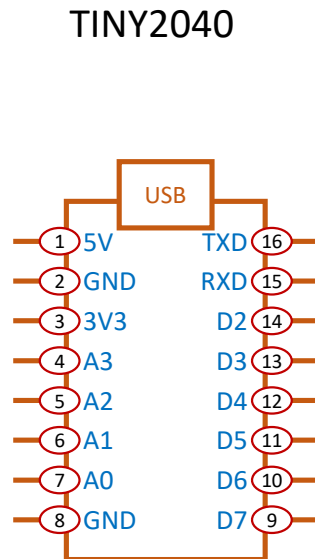
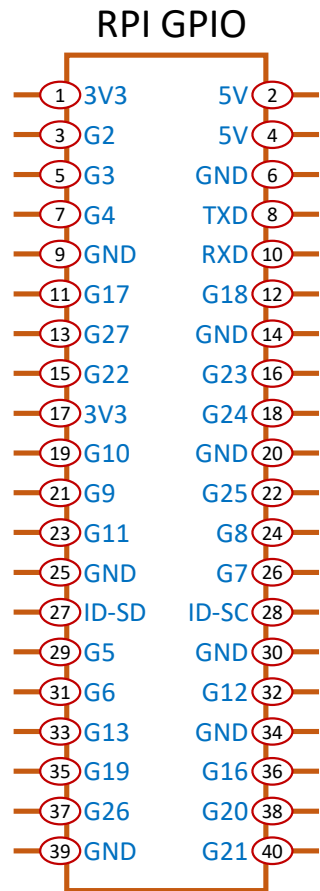


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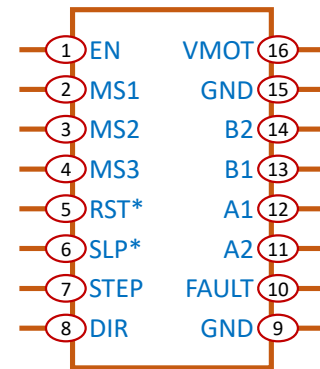


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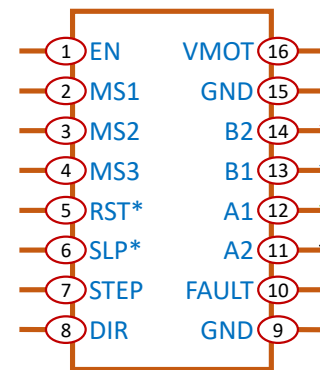
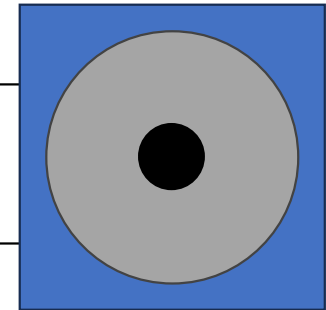




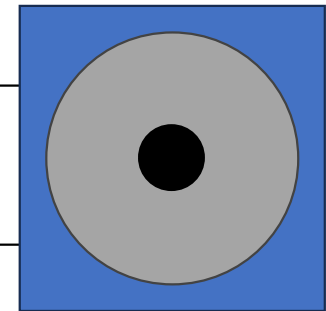
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