

# Final Design Review

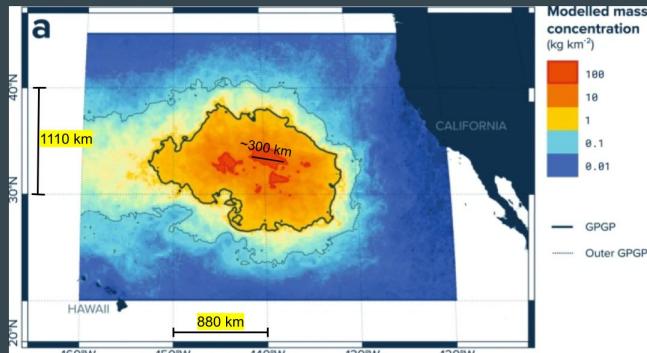
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Team Speech  
(Trashamaran)

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# The Problem: The GPGP

- Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) is now **1.6 million square kilometers**
  - 80,000 tons of plastic debris
- Plastic waste accumulates into the food chain, laying waste to marine ecosystems
  - Ingestion, suffocation, entanglement
- Plastic waste in the ocean also affects humans
  - Of 159 samples of drinking water taken across the world, **83% contained microplastic** contamination (Kosuth, Mason & Tyree)



<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-22939-w>



<https://earthsky.org/earth/ocean-plastic-killing-marine-turtles/>

# Scope

To remove all plastic from the ocean is not feasible for one contraption to do, our scope narrows to just large known plastic concentrations, e.g. the GPGP. In addition, there are a variety of plastics within the GPGP; we will be addressing the buildup of meso, macro and megoplastics (plastics greater than 0.5cm) within the GPGP during days where there is amicable weather.

In order to clean up the ocean, the GPGP must be reduced and eventually removed. The largest contributors to the GPGP by mass are macro and megoplastics; therefore the continual removal of such plastics will decrease the growing size of the GPGP.

In order to remove these plastics in a time efficient manner, an autonomous vehicle can be deployed in this area to continually collect and remove larger debris from this patch.

An efficient and continual removal of such plastics will eventually decrease the size of the GPGP, therefore removing a large source of plastic and pollution from the ocean.

We will know this problem has been satisfactorily solved when the measured size of the GPGP begins to decrease as other methods, organizations, and regulations on plastics are currently addressing mitigating the expansion of the GPGP, our solution hopes to begin minimizing it.

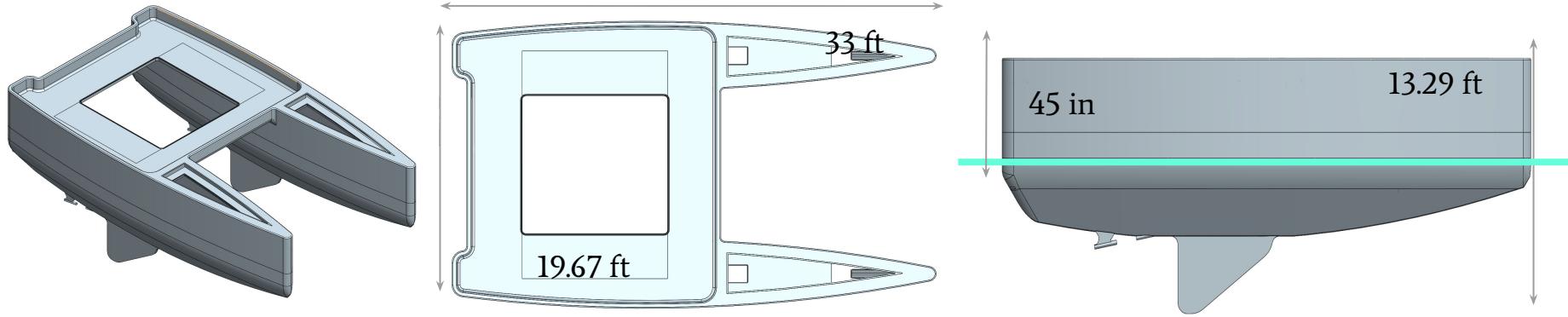
# Design Specifications

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Hull Material	E Glass Fiber	Powertrain type	Electric diesel dual 10 kW motor
Length of Boat	33 ft	Diesel Required per Trip	199 gallons
Width of Boat	19.7 ft	Trash Sensing Radius	35-70 m (size dependent)
Trip Duration	5-15 days	Trash Sensing Hardware	Teledyne BlueView M900-2250-130-Mk2
Product Lifetime	4 years	Average Trash Collection Rate	23.8 kg/hr
Maximum Load Capacity	4,043 kg	Expected Trash Collected per Trip	4,043 kg
Lightweight Boat Displacement	17,249 kg	Expected Trash Collected over Lifetime	823,000 kg
Maximum Survivable Wave Height (during operation)	2 m	Percentage of GPGP Collected Over Lifetime	1.03%
Maximum Survivable Wave Height (while anchored)	4 m	System Cost	\$699,161.81 initial cost, \$273,110.18 additional unit cost
Maximum Speed	10 knots		
Operational Speed	0-5 knots		

# System Design

# Structure - E-Glass Fiber



DIMENSIONS BASED OFF CALCULATIONS AND COMMON PRACTICE

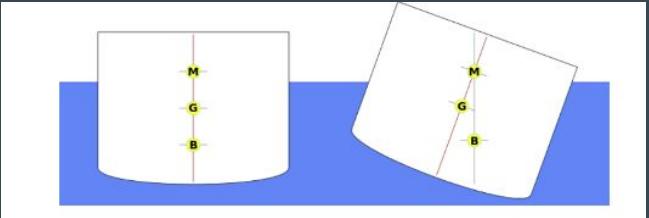
- metacentric height calculations (stability)
- buoyancy calculation
- catamaran design criteria
- design matrix
  - hull shape
  - bow shape
  - keel shape

# Structure - Stability

LENGTH [m]	WIDTH [m]	HEIGHT [m]	FREEBOARD [m]	CENTER OF MASS			Iyy	Volume Inmersed	METACENTER			CENTER OF BOUYANCY			V/SQRT(L) RATIO	GM	STABILITY
				x [m]	y [m]	z [m]			x [m]	y [m]	z [m]	x [m]	y [m]	z [m]			
6.896	1.524	4.572	3.048	0.762	2.286	3.048	1.798119759	46.45152	0.762	2.3247096	3.048	0.762	0.762	3.048	1.118033989	0.0387096	
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Stability as a result of maximizing the metacentric height (righting arm)

Ideal range: 0.15 - 1.5m



# Structure - Catamaran Design Criteria

LH	LWL	BH	BWL	BH1	BCB	BTC	TC	LBR	LBRC
33.000	30.000	19.667	3.333	4.667	15.000	2.200	1.515	9.000	2.200

Design considerations based off of ideal ratio of length and waterline 8/10 and prismatic coefficient of 0.525 which is based on the speed/length ratio of 0.87.

- sailboats
- displacement hulls  $C_p$  range from 0.55-0.64
  - below but acceptable as we are powered

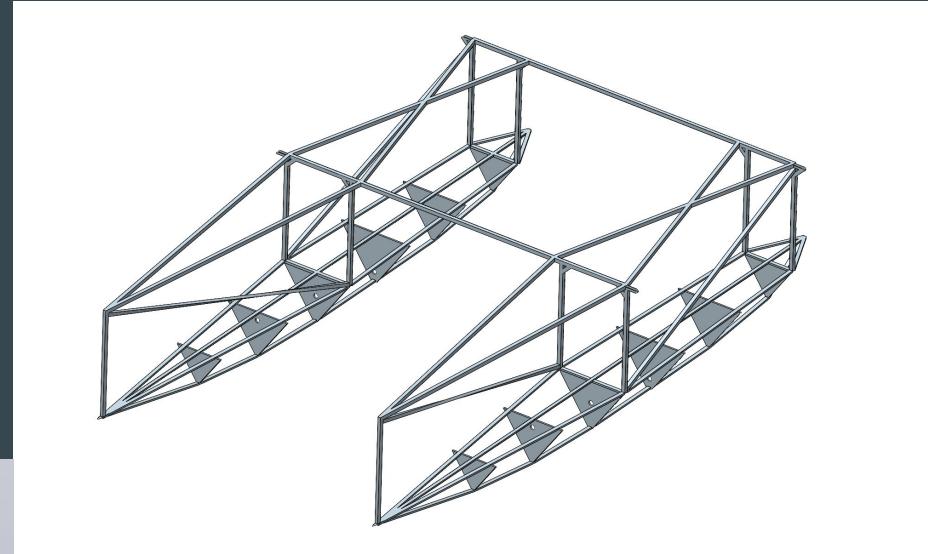
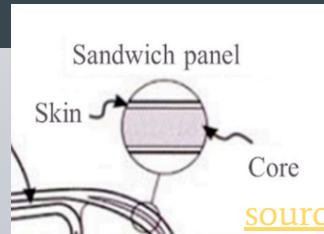
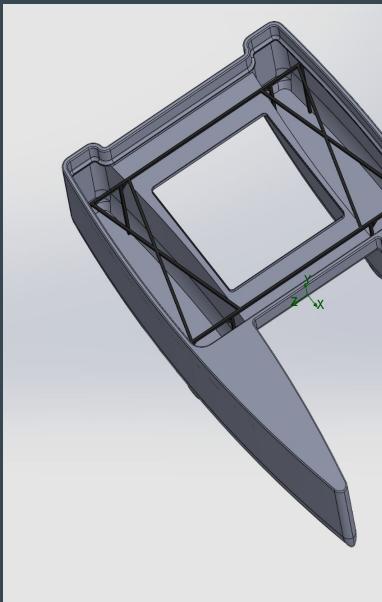
# Structure - Design Matrix

Note: design criteria was weighted equally

- wing vs fin

HULL SHAPE		DEEP V	ROUND	FLAT							
		POWER	+	++	++						
		HANDLING	++	+++	+						
		SPEED	+++	++	++++						
BOW SHAPE		STRAIGHT	RAKED	PLUMB	SPOON	AXE					
		SPEED	+	+++	++++	++	+++				
		STABILITY	++	+++	++	++	+++				
		WAVE MAKING	+	+++	++	+	+++				
KEEL SHAPE		FULL	BILGE	BULB	FIN W/ SPADE	RUD FIN	W/ SKEG	R/ WING			
keel vs daggerboard: keel is easier maintenance and build/more WSA but more added buoyancy daggerboard easier maneuverability but added control and \$\$\$ to build	WSA (wetted surface area)	+	++	++	+++	++	+++	++			
	HANDLING	+	+++	+++	+++	++	+++	+++			
	STABILITY	+++	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++			
	SPEED	+	+++	+++	++	++	++	++			
	DURABILITY	+++	+++	+++	++	++	++	++			

# Structure - Reinforcement and Space Frame

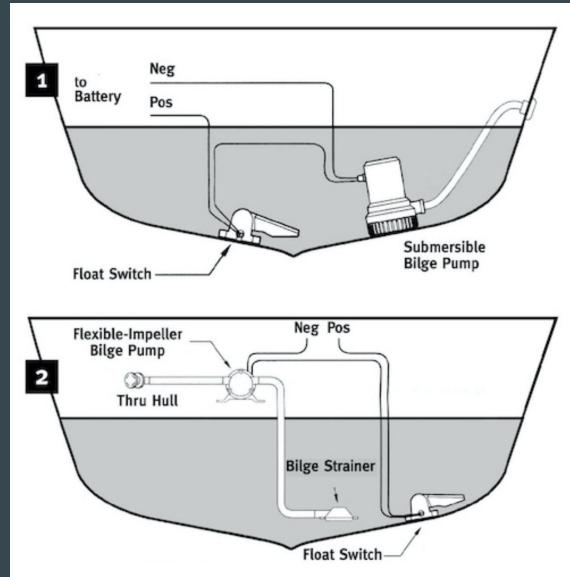


Floating Frame: Composite Beams

- E-Glass
- 10 µm weave (fiber diameter)
- PVC foam core<sup>[1]</sup>

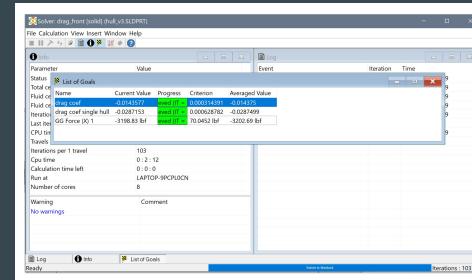
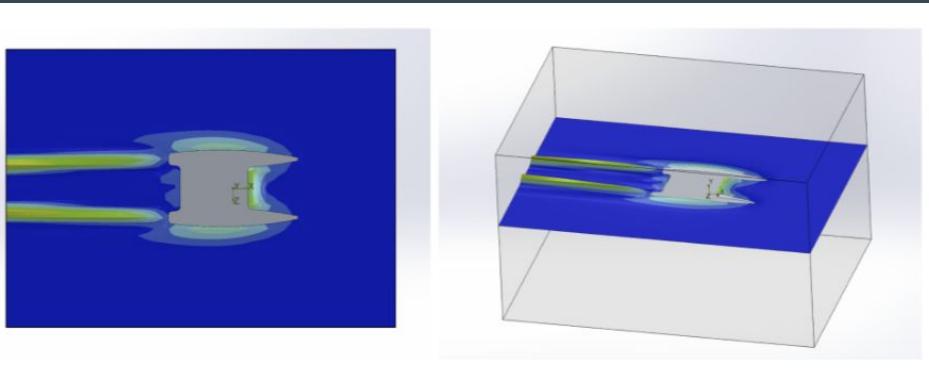
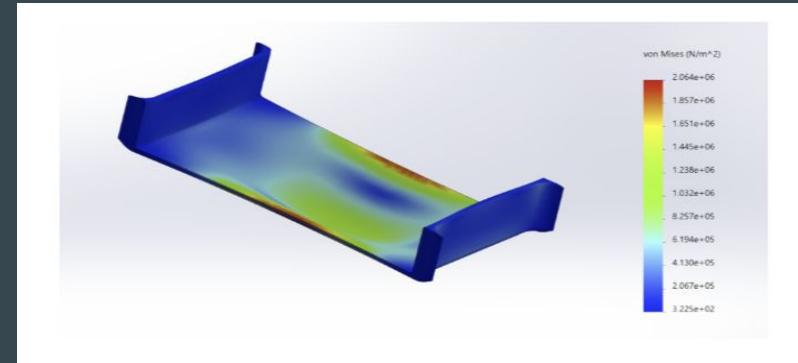
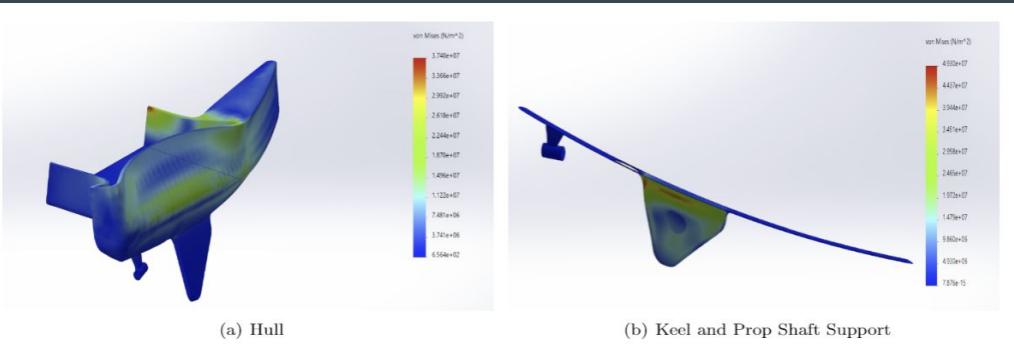
# Structure - Bilge Pump

- 2x automatic centrifugal bilge pump (2x drain plug)
  - one per enclosed space
  - chosen over diaphragm as it is less prone to clogging, cheaper, and move more water
- ~24 gallons/minute
- **SELECTION:** Whale Orca Auto 1300 Electric Automatic Bilge Pump
  - Flow Rate: **1300 GPH**, Port Size: 1" - 1-1/8" Stepped
  - Select Voltage, Current Draw: 5 Amps @ 12 Volt DC
  - Built-In Automatic Sensor - Separate Bilge Switch Not Required



# Structure - FEA and CFD

Note:  
Tensile Strength of fiberglass 1950 MPa  
Load of 154kn/m<sup>2</sup> applied from research paper for waves

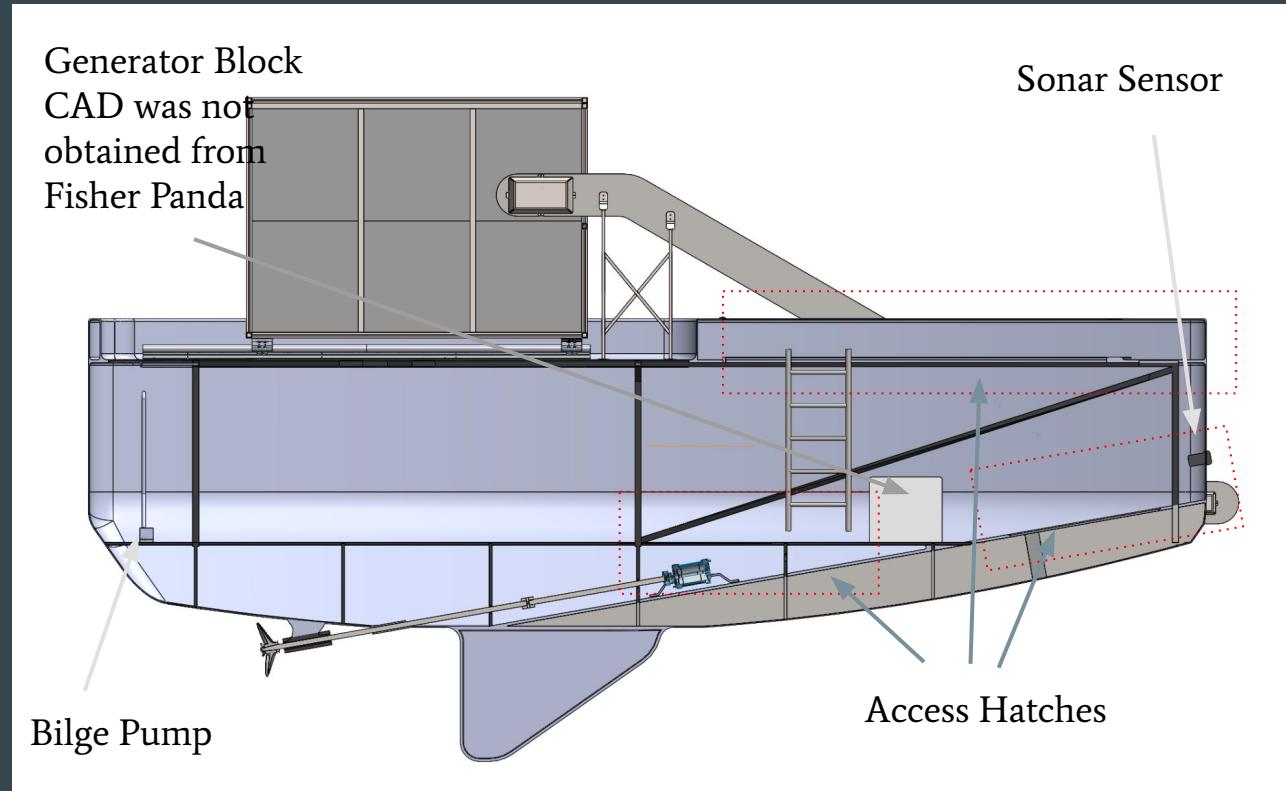
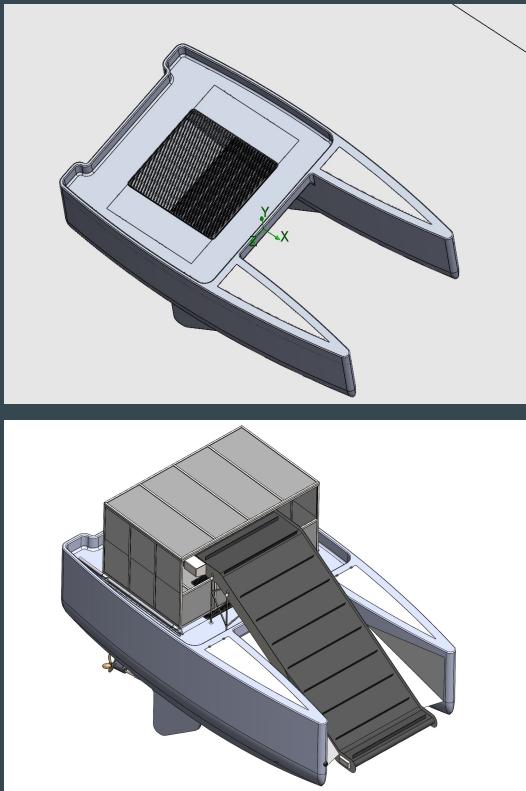


Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum
GG Force (X) 1	[lbf]	-1775.484297	-1789.7	
draf coef	n/a	-0.00149954906	-0.00151	

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged
GG Force (X) 1	[lbf]	-3198.8347	-3202
drag coef	[]	-0.01435767	-0.014
drag coef single hull	[]	-0.02871535	-0.028

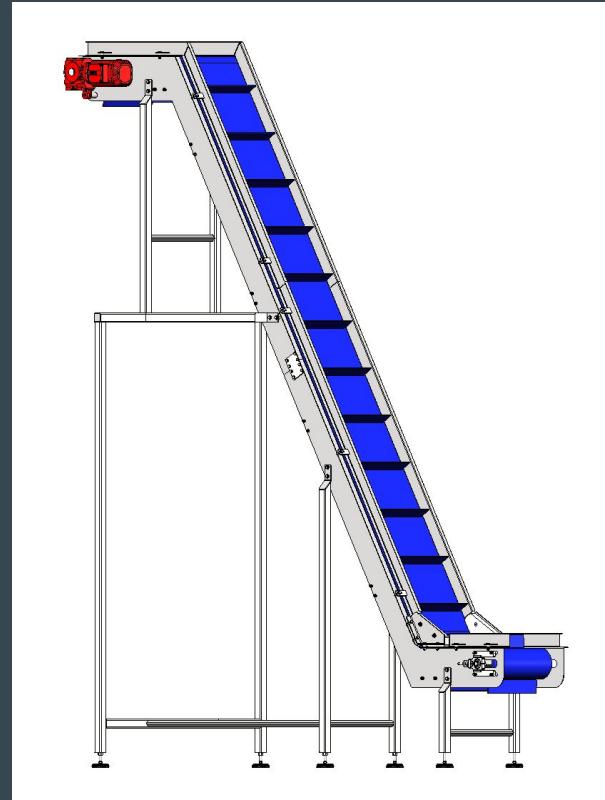
- usual drag coefficients for boats range from 0.0027 to 0.0032
  - wetted surface area vs cross sectional area

# Structure - Integrated with the Assembly



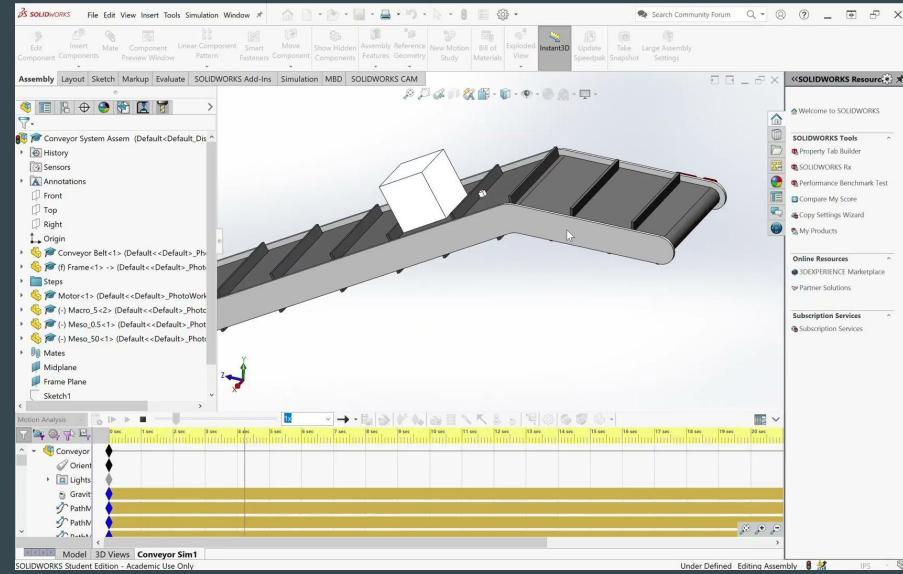
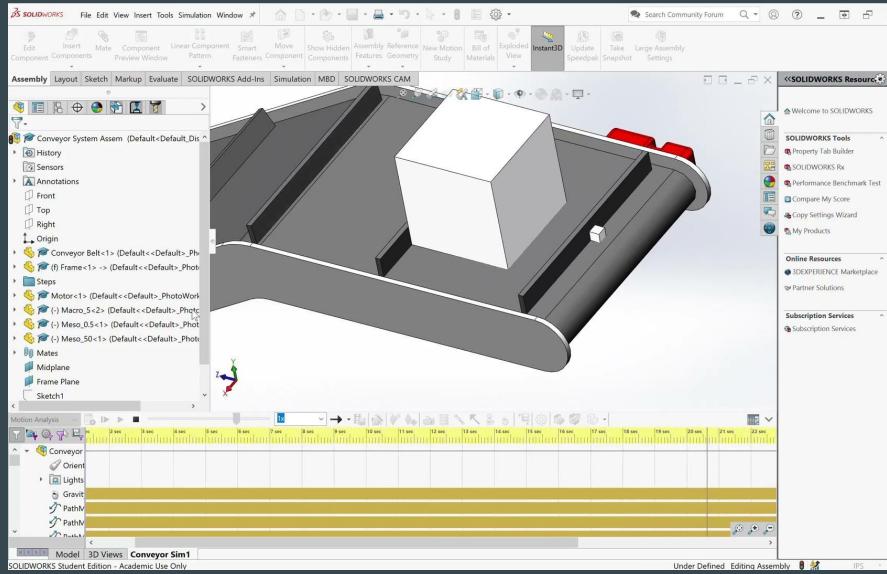
# Trash Collection System

- For our trash collection mechanism, we are using a conveyor belt
- We have chosen to use the CIM-400 conveyor belt from mk North America
  - Fully customizable
  - “Ideal for wet environments”



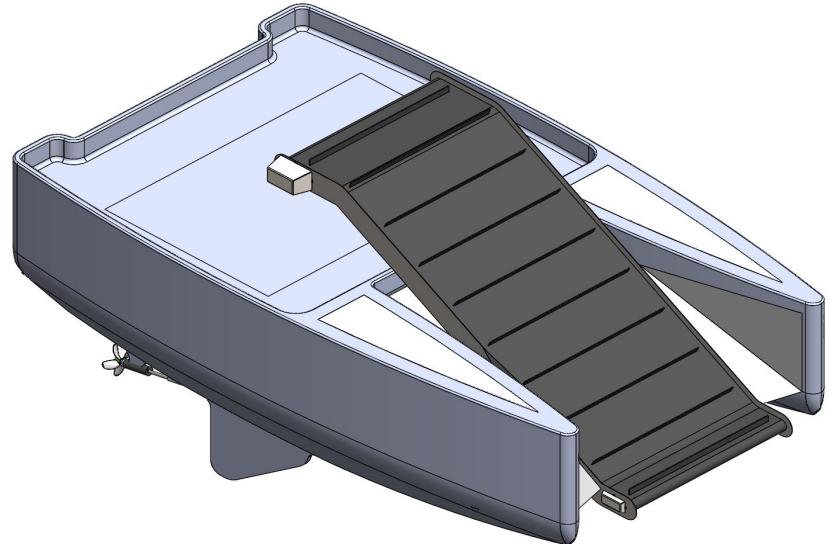
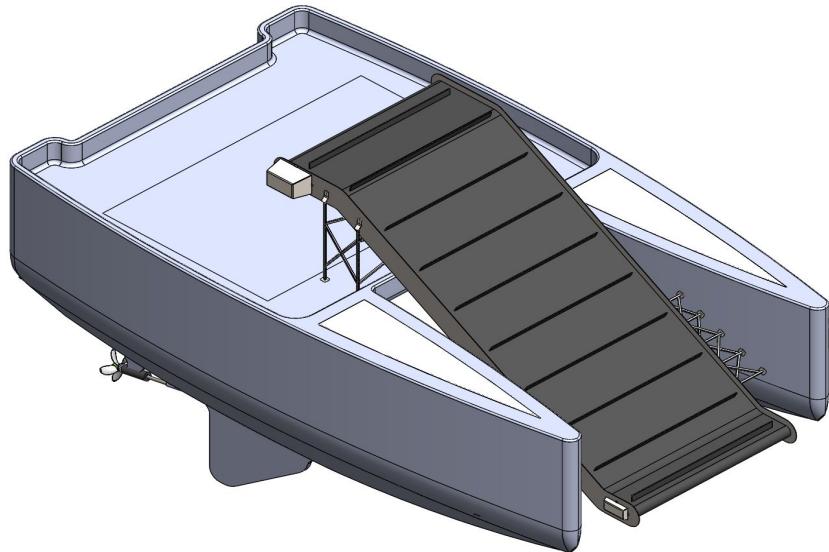
# Incline Angle Motion Analysis

- We used SolidWorks motion analysis to determine the incline angle on the conveyor. From this, we decided upon a 30 degree incline angle.

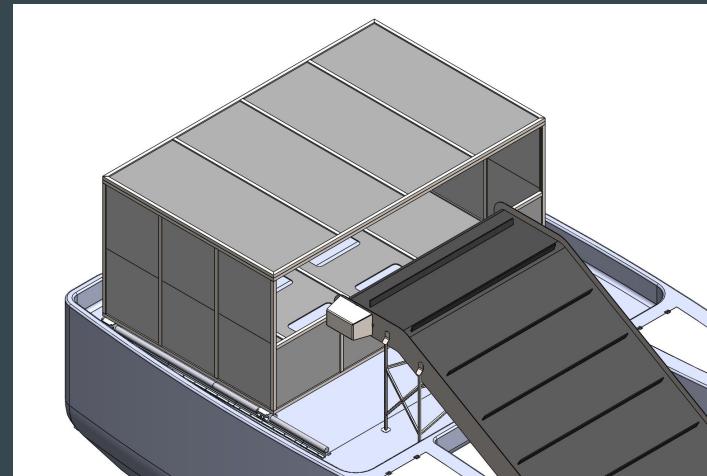
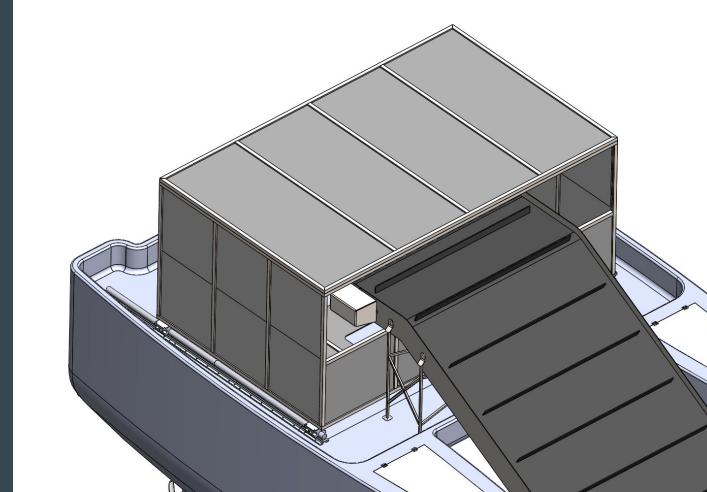
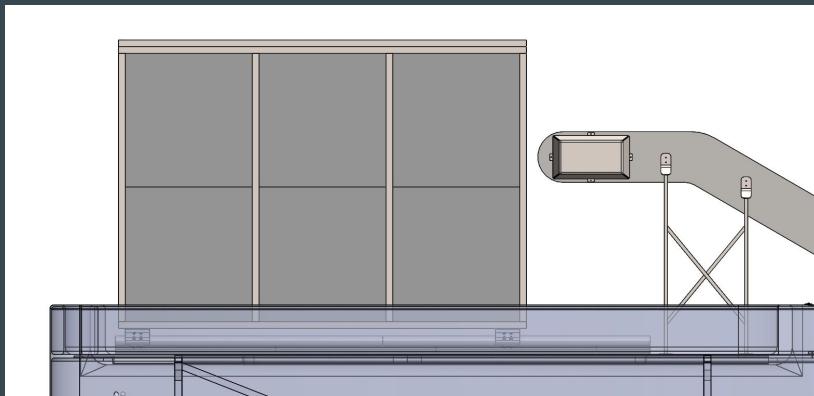


# Conveyor Mounts and Funnel

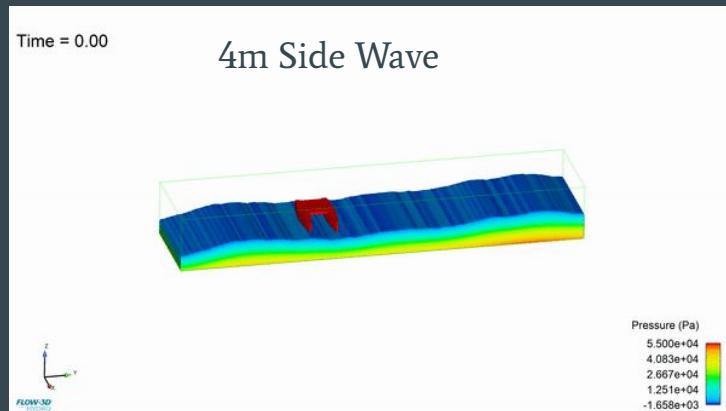
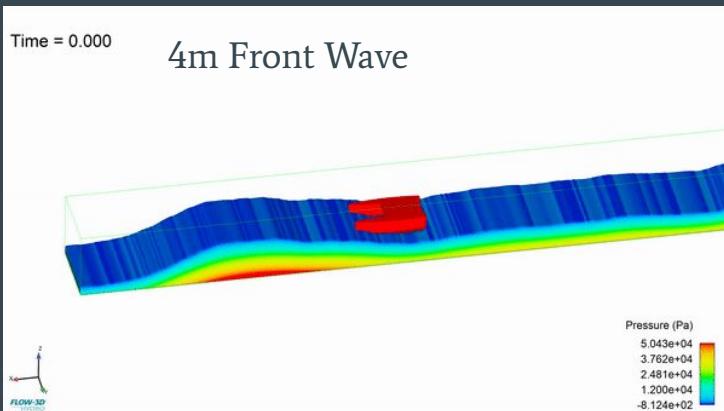
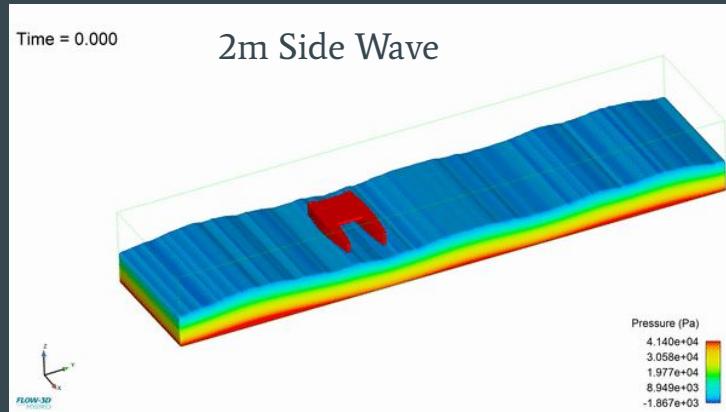
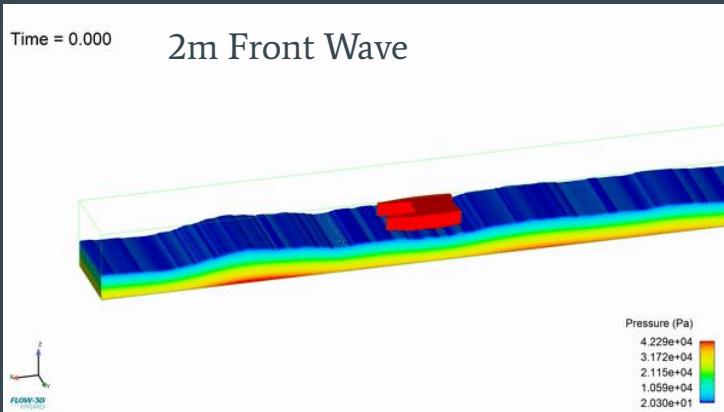
- Both the mounts and the funnels will be made of 316 stainless steel, which is the most common type of steel for marine applications



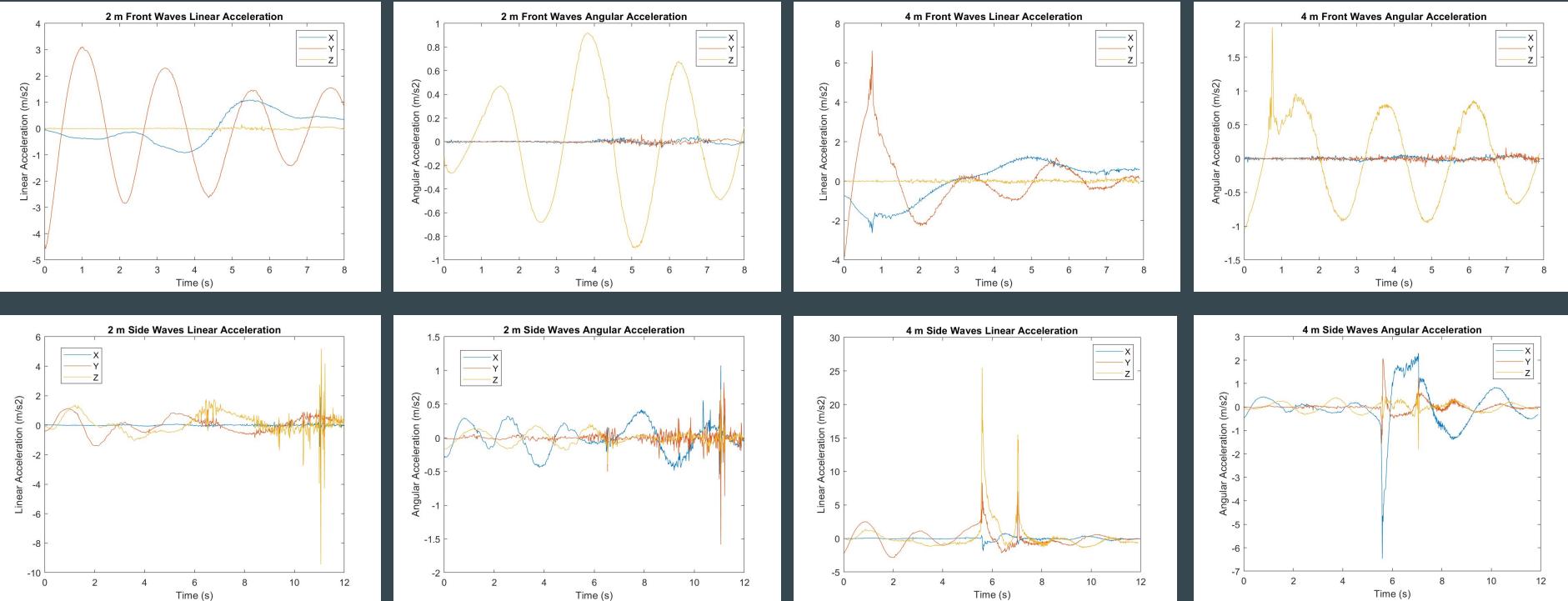
# Storage Container Design



# Flow3D Waves

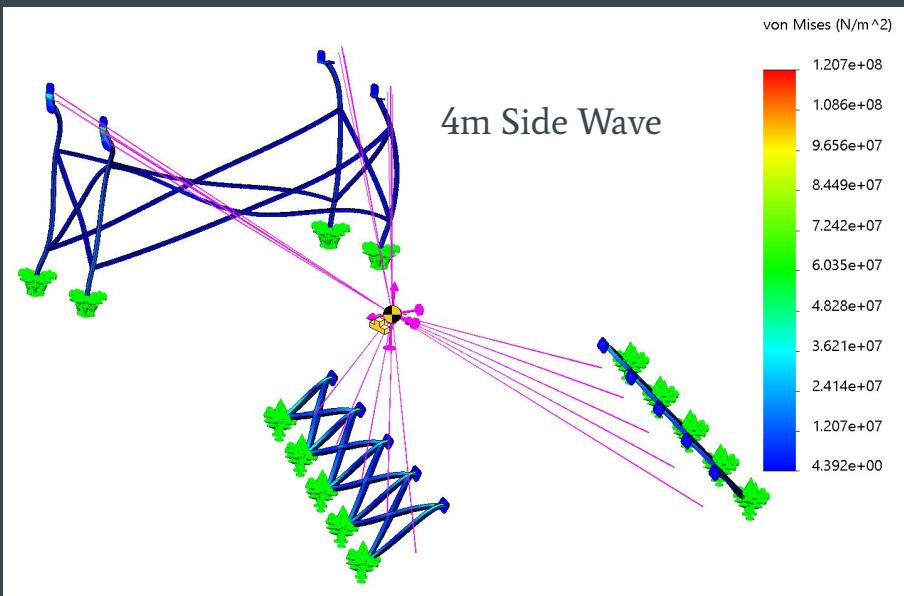
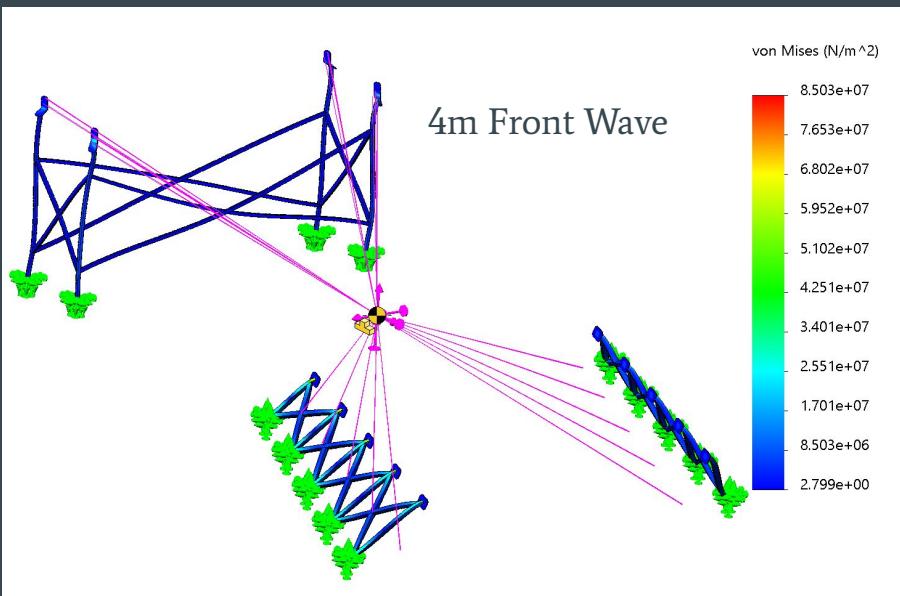
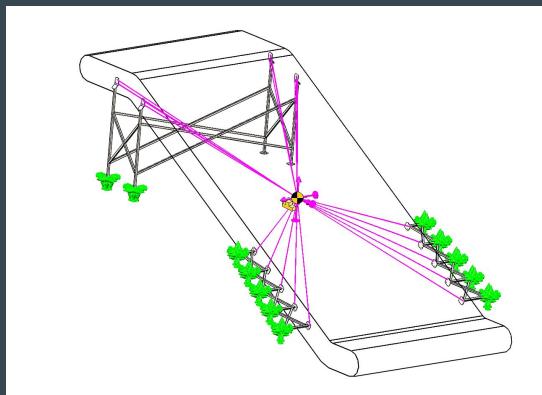


# Flow3D Wave Accelerations



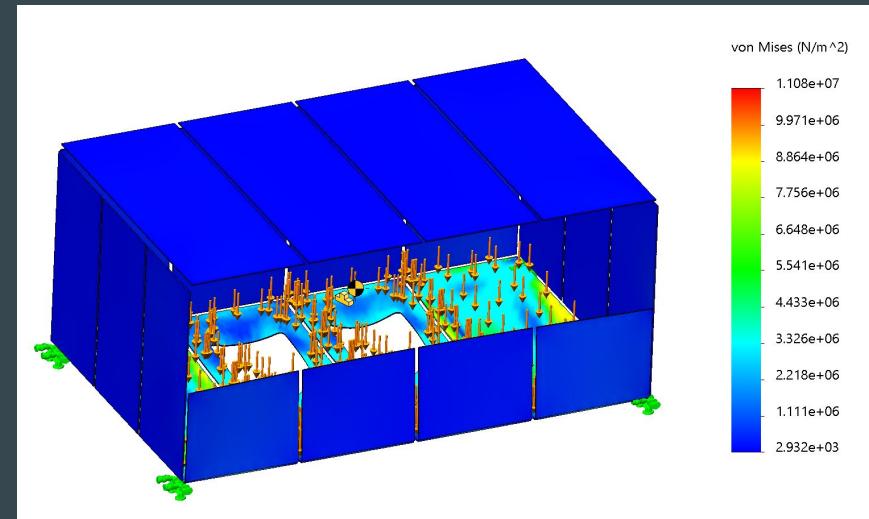
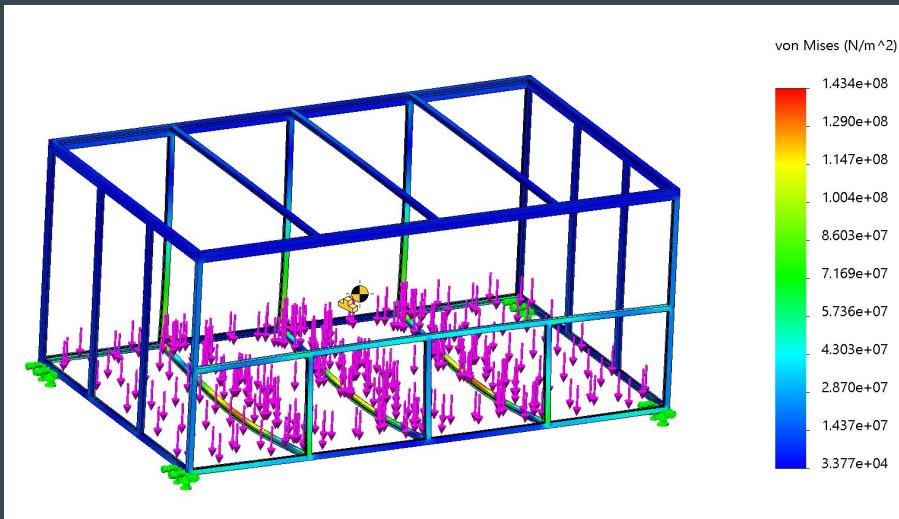
# Conveyor Mount FEA (Wave Load)

- Front Wave: FOS = 6.47
- Side Wave: FOS = 4.55



# Storage Container FEA (Trash Load)

- Steel Frame: FOS = 3.84
- HDPE Panels: FOS = 1.99



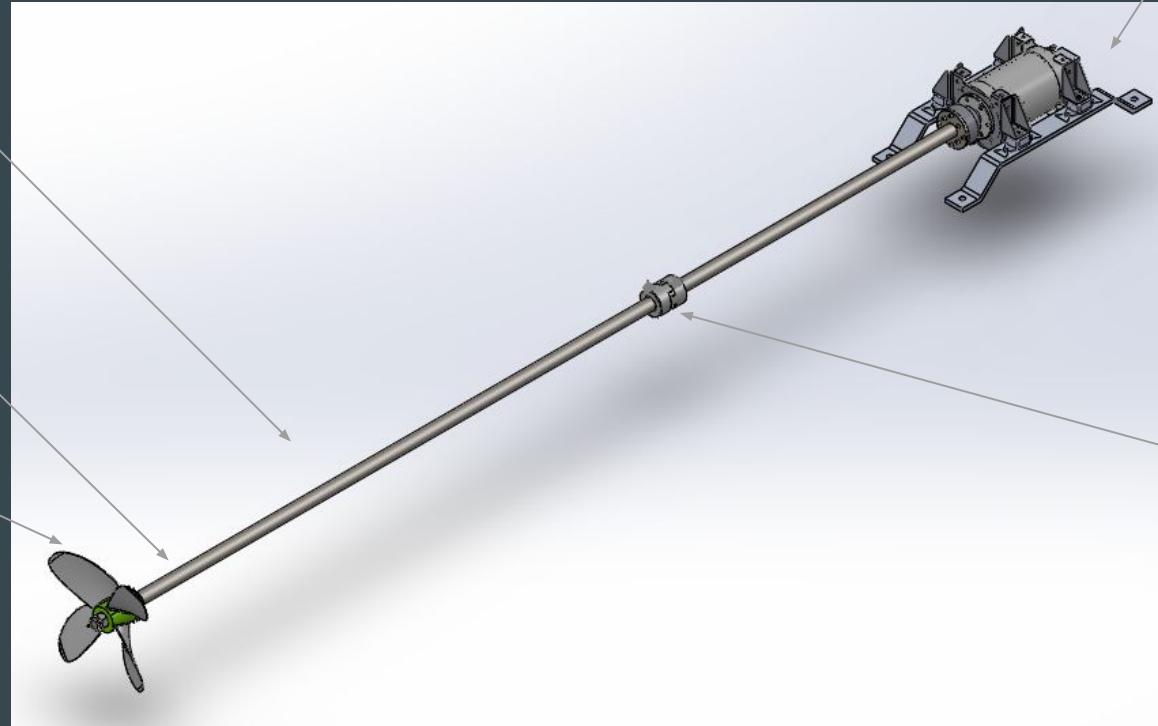
# Powertrain Assembly

2 cutlass bearings to provide additional supports (not shown here)

Propeller Assembly

Motor and Motor Mounting

Flexible Shaft Coupling



# Motor Selection

- Motor power requirements set based on hull resistance and maximum desired boat speed
  - Hand calculations on a generic boat geometry were used to find ballpark power value
  - Further CFD analysis on our hull was used to verify that our hand calculated values were correct
- Final hull resistance = 7952N, required shaft power to achieve 5 knots is 7.4 kW in total
- Aimed to find dual shaft motor setup that supplies 7.5 to 10 kW per motor to account for inaccuracies in our model

Reference & input		v/nu		Assume	No appendages for now, no steps 4 through 7 for now	Reynolds number	
Reynolds		Unit	Notes	Re	6.14E+07	Reynolds number	
v	5.1440292	m/s	velocity (first number in eqn corresponds to speed in knots)	C_f	0.002238071787	Friction coefficient	R
L	13.716	m	Length	D	1.524	Average draft	
W	8.2296	m	Width	C_M	1	Midship section coefficient	
nu	1.15E-04	m^2/s	Dynamic viscosity, temperature of 16.5C, reference	C_B	3.2008239895	Block coefficient	
L_wl	8	m	Waterline length	C_WP	1	Watertight area coefficient	
B	8.2296	m	Maximum breadth	S	111.053383 m^2	Wetted surface area	
D_fp	1.524	m	Draft at the forward perpendicular, the 1.524 number corresponds to guidelines from the ship stability spreadsheet	R_F	3373.775721 N	Frictional resistance	
D_AP	1.524	m	Draft at the aft perpendicular	C_P	3.2008239895	Plummeting coefficient	
A_M	12.541904	m^2	Immersed midship sectional area at L_wl/2	L_R	0		L_R
del	564.38968	m^3	Draught midship volume	D_L_WL	0.111111111	For calculation of c_12	0.9406798008
A_WP	112.871938	m^2	Watertight area	c_12	0.618472049		Length of run
rho	1025.6	kg/m^3	Density of fluid, temperature of 16.5C, reference is the same as nu	C_stem	0	(For normal stem hull shapes) (needs verification)	
k_b	0		Longitudinal location of center of buoyancy forward of half L_wl as a percentage of L_wl	c_13	1	Form factor	
				f_k_1	-4.431534651	For calculation of c_7	
				B_L_WL	1.64592		
				c_7	0.462027316		
				I_E	90	half angle of entrance	

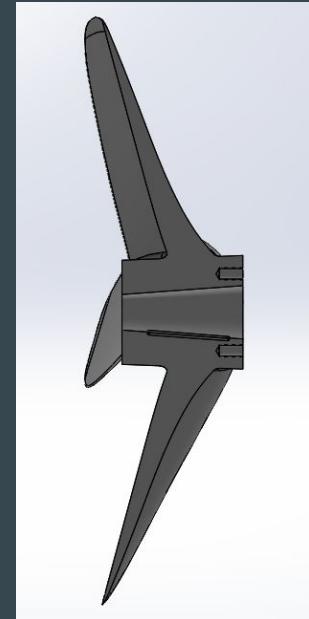
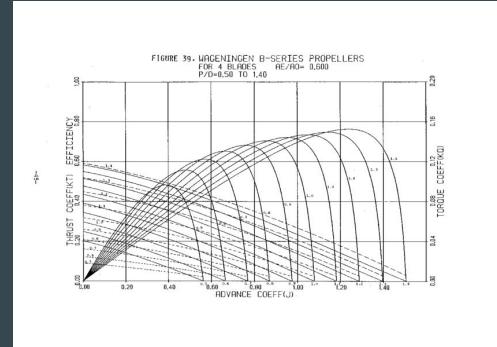
# Motor Selection

- Considered multiple marine motor companies (Oceanvolt, Fischer Panda, Man Energy Solutions)
  - Went with Fischer Panda due to their motors' good fit with our drivetrain parameters set during the preliminary design review (all inboard, applications in small leisure crafts instead of large cargo tankers)
- Final motor: Fischer Panda A50-160-6-SH
  - 1200 RPM, 6 pole motor
  - 10 kW per motor
  - integratable with Fischer Panda diesel generators for hybrid powertrain setup



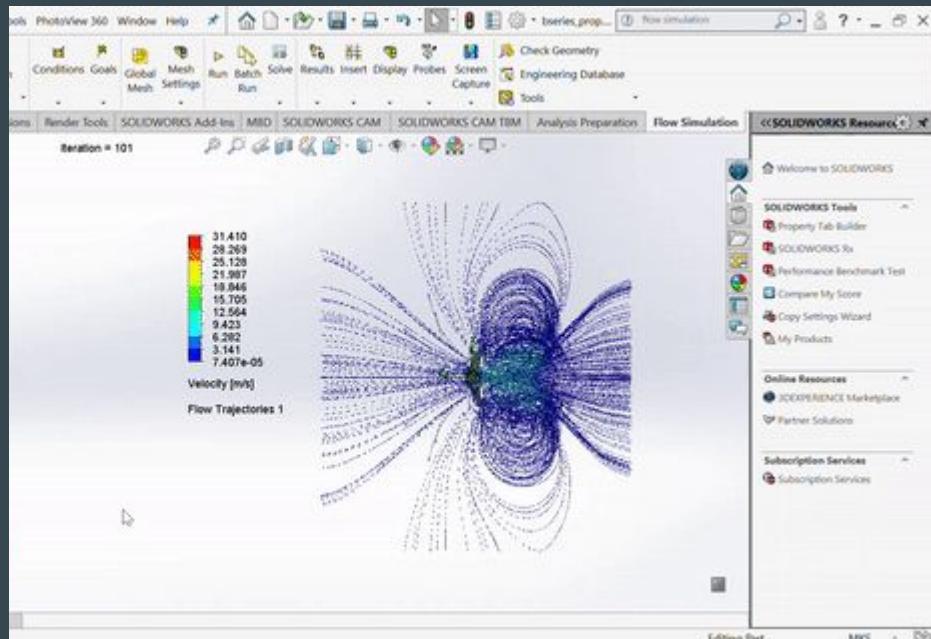
# Propeller Design

- Standard 4 bladed Wageningen B-series propeller spec was chosen to simplify propeller design process
  - B-series is also a popular propeller series → more available options on the market
- Geometry takes into account shaft power, required thrust to achieve maximum speed, and input propeller diameter
- Preliminary propeller design specs:
  - Expanded area coefficient = 0.514
  - Propeller diameter = 0.5m
  - Pitch = 0.5m
- Material: NAB alloy
- Cavitation inception speed for our sized boat is 7-10 knots, our top operating speed is below the CIS



# Propeller Design Verification and Propshaft Angle Study

- Used Solidworks CFD to verify that required thrust was achieved with each propeller
- Also wanted to find propeller shaft angle that allowed us to maintain thrust requirements
  - higher propeller shaft angle is beneficial for ship stability when drivetrain system is integrated with hull
- Final thrust achieved with dual propeller set up = 10734N
  - Corresponds to 1.3 thrust factor of safety
- Thrust angle set to 10 degrees



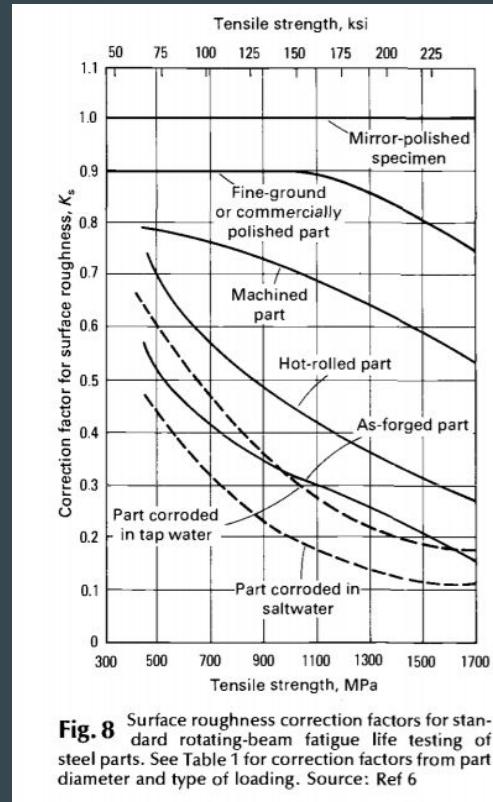
# Propeller Shaft

- Basic hand calculations to determine optimum propeller length and diameter given our loading
  - bending force: 114.17N (propeller dry weight, this is conservative number)
  - torsional force: 79.5N·m (calculated from maximum RPM and shaft power)
  - axial loading: 5378N (propeller thrust)
- Propeller diameter of 0.045m was determined
- Material: Steel 1045
  - Steel 1045 is the most readily available and affordable out of common propeller material choices
- Propeller-propshaft mating features geometry determined using ISO standards (keyway, tapered mating surface, external thread)
- Hand calculations were verified using Solidworks FEA
  - Solidworks FEA show FoS of 4.4



# Propeller Shaft Fatigue Calculations

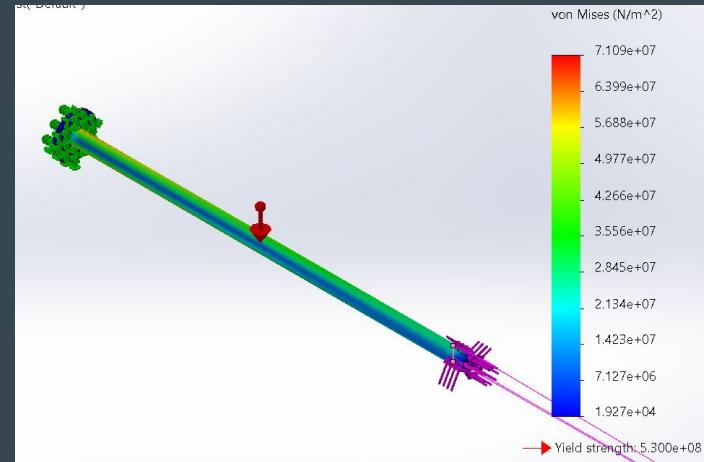
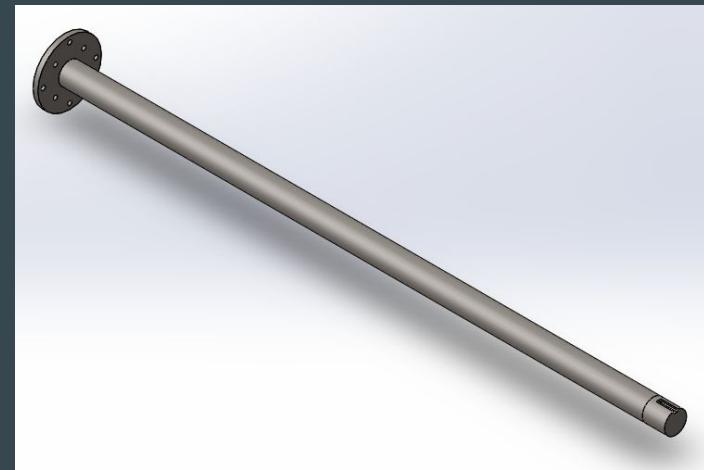
- Fatigue calculations done taking a 0.4 knockdown factor for seawater caused corrosion into account
- Resultant propeller shaft lifetime: 1,157 day = 3.2 years
- Plan to use Thor-Coat Epoxy Marine Coating that is designed to last at least 5 years before inspection and can be repaired without replacing the whole shaft
  - Therefore, we believe that the propeller shaft will not be subject to as much seawater corrosion and that it will last the complete 4 year life cycle of the boat



**Fig. 8** Surface roughness correction factors for standard rotating-beam fatigue life testing of steel parts. See Table 1 for correction factors from part diameter and type of loading. Source: Ref 6

# Thrust Shaft

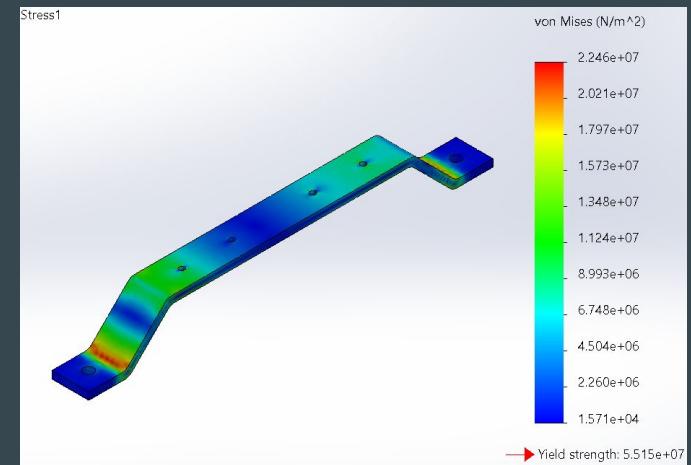
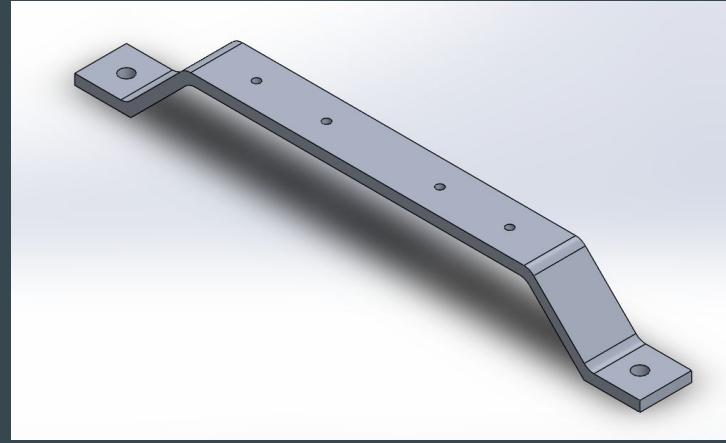
- Thrust shaft added so that motor can be mounted further forward, coupled with propshaft using flexible shaft coupler
- Material: Steel 1045
- No fatigue analysis conducted on this part as it will be housed entirely inside of the boat and is subjected to less loads than the propeller shaft
- FoS: 7.5



# Engine Mount

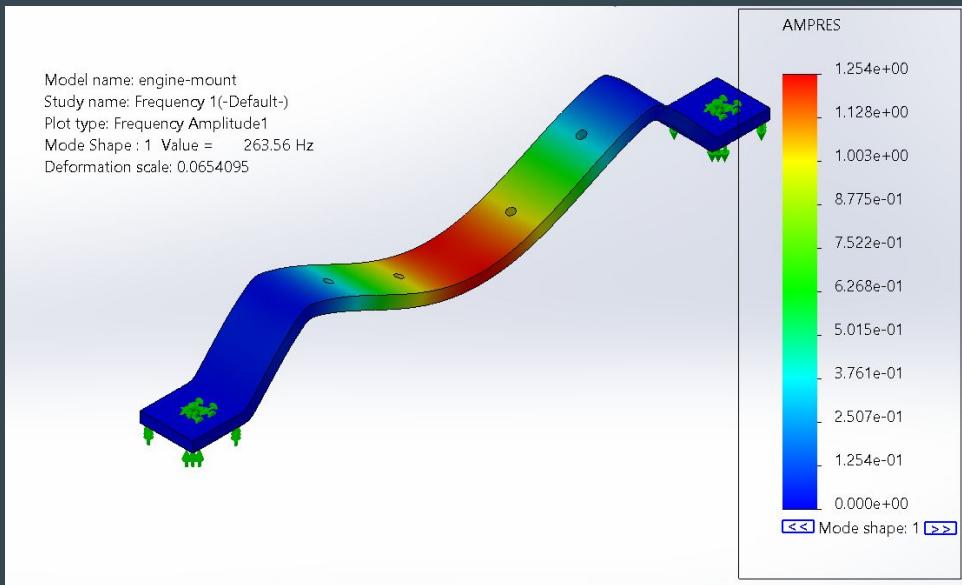
Engine mount:

- Two pieces instead of four to improve fastener hole locational accuracy and reduce unpredicted loading on motor
- Loads:
  - 245 N acting downwards (engine weight) (flange geometry reflects contact surface area)
  - 2689 N acting towards the bow of the ship (thrust from propellers)
- Achieved FoS of 2.5

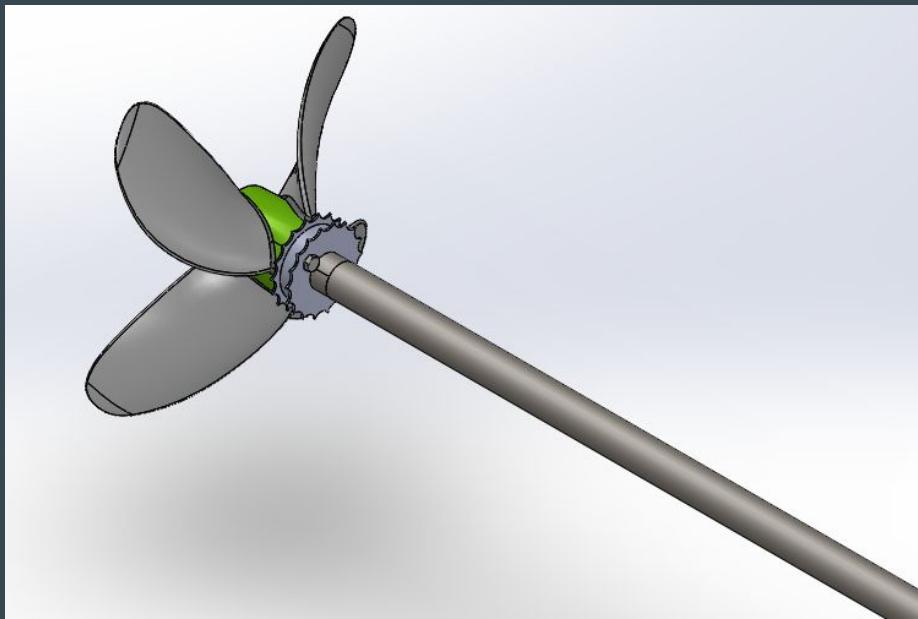


# Engine Mount Vibration Analysis

- Solidworks frequency study shows first resonant mode occurs at 263.5 Hz
- Maximum motor frequency: 20Hz
- Motor has 6 poles
- Engine mount first resonant mode occurs higher than the highest motor natural frequency (120 Hz)



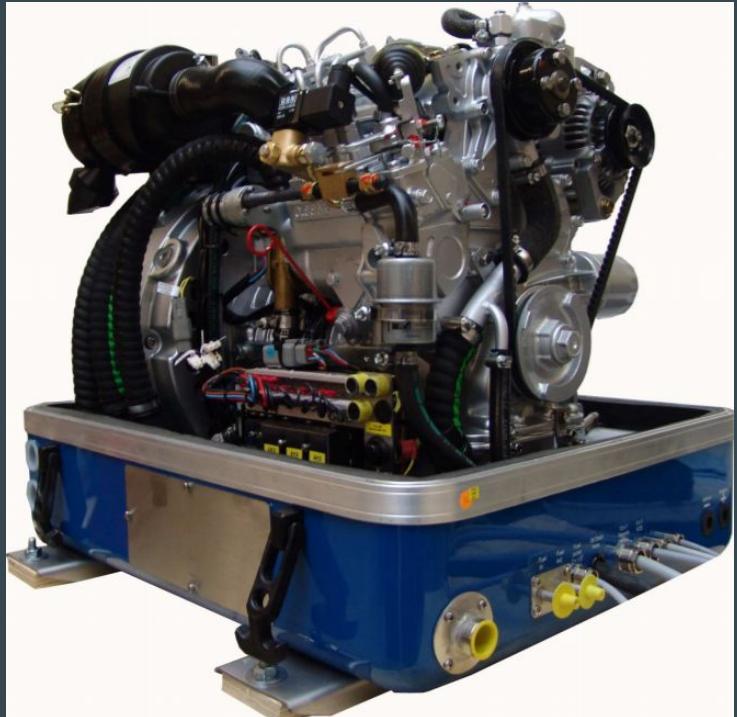
# Net Entanglement



PDLC-1750 - Piranha  
dual line cutter

# Power Requirements

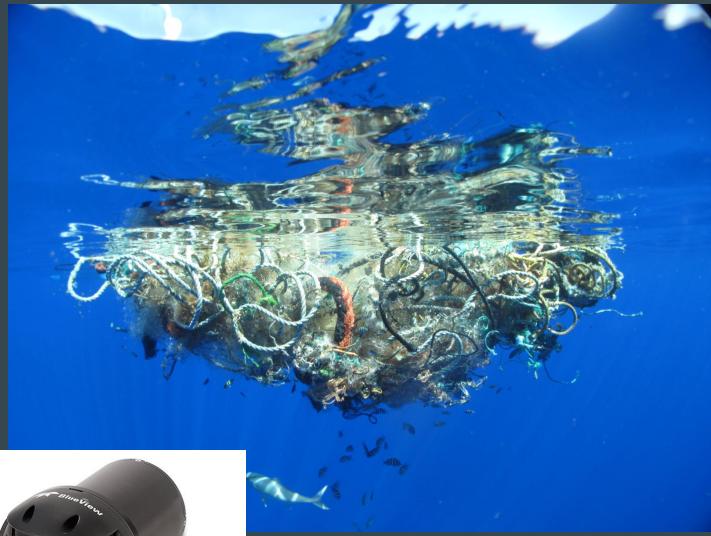
- Full system motor requirements: 20870W
  - Translates to 199.8 gal diesel over a 360 hour (15 day) runtime trip
  - Fuel tank specced for a capacity of 250 gal
- Fischer Panda PMS AGT-DC 11000
- 3/0 Gauge Wire required



[https://www.fischerpanda.de/Generator-Datasheet-AGT\\_11000-48V\\_PMS-48\\_DC\\_-400\\_Hz\\_68.htm](https://www.fischerpanda.de/Generator-Datasheet-AGT_11000-48V_PMS-48_DC_-400_Hz_68.htm)

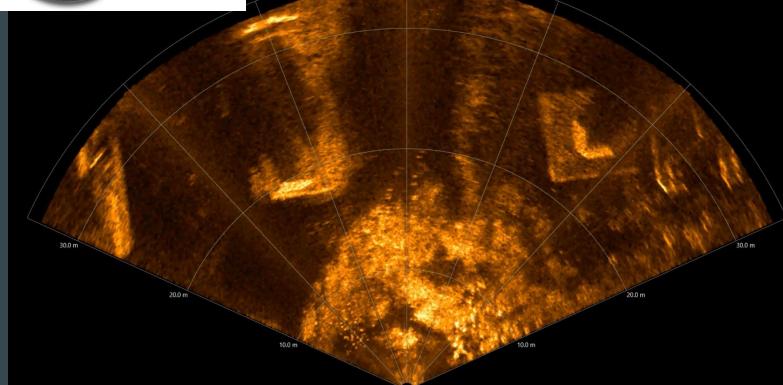
# Trash Sensing - Choice of Sensor

- Goal: Go after large pieces
  - Why? Because they are massive, but sparse, and harmful to the environment.
- Plastic characteristics
  - Many are partially or completely submerged
- Sensor options:
  - FLIR (forward-looking infrared)
    - Good for above-water sensing, possible secondary sensor.
  - LiDAR
    - Also good for above-water sensing, perhaps less optimal than FLIR
  - Sonar
    - Fit for underwater sensing. Our primary sensor.
    - Specs: 2D, 130 degree FOV, 60m range for meter-sized objects, 900 kHz.



<http://www.teledynemarine.com/M900-2250-130-Mk2>

BlueView



# Controller

- Goal: Actuate the motors to follow a waypoint path, and collect large plastics when detected.
- 4 Steps
  - a. Top Level Control (logic, if-then's)
  - b. Global Velocity Control
  - c. Local Velocity Control
  - d. Motor Desaturation

# Top-Level Control

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**Algorithm 1:** Trashamaran High-Level Control Algorithm

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**input :** A waypoint path `gps_path`  
**output:** The boat follows a waypoint path and collects trash

`current_gps_goal`  $\leftarrow$  first waypoint in `gps_path`;

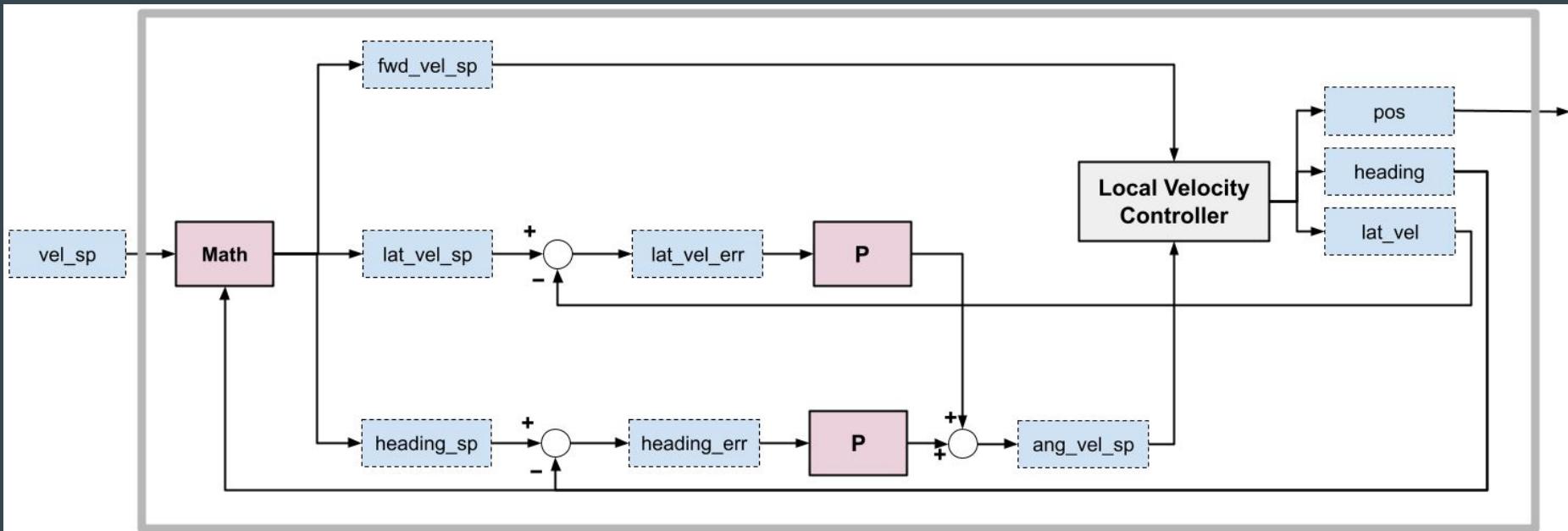
**while** `True` **do**

- `boat_pos`  $\leftarrow$  `GetBoatPosition()`;
- if** `boat_pos` is within a distance threshold to `current_gps_goal` and there are more waypoints left **then**
  - `current_gps_goal`  $\leftarrow$  next waypoint in `gps_path`;
- if** `current_trash_goal` is defined **then**
  - if** a sonar object is detected that matches `current_trash_goal` **then**
    - `current_trash_goal`  $\leftarrow$  updated sonar object;
  - else**
    - `trash_goal_timeout`  $\leftarrow$  timeout based on the distance of `current_trash_goal` from `boat_pos`;
    - Set `current_trash_goal` to undefined;
- else**
  - if** a sonar object meets the criteria for size, distance and azimuth **then**
    - `current_trash_goal`  $\leftarrow$  detected sonar object;
- if** `current_trash_goal` is defined **then**
  - `goal_heading`  $\leftarrow$  heading of `current_trash_goal` relative to `boat`;
  - `vel_sp`  $\leftarrow$  velocity vector at operational speed in direction of `goal_heading`;
  - `GlobalVelocityControl(vel_sp)`;
- else if** `trash_goal_timeout`  $> 0$  **then**
  - Decrement `trash_goal_timeout` by the elapsed time;
  - `LocalVelocityControl(fwd_vel_sp = operational speed, ang_vel_sp = 0)`;
- else**
  - `goal_heading`  $\leftarrow$  heading of `current_gps_goal` relative to `boat`;
  - `vel_sp`  $\leftarrow$  velocity vector at operational speed in direction of `goal_heading`;
  - `GlobalVelocityControl(vel_sp)`;

# Top-Level Control Parameters

- **WAYPOINT\_THRESHOLD:** 30 m
  - Distance from waypoint when it is considered reached
- **MIN\_TRASH\_SIZE:** 0.5 m
  - Smallest trash size to go after
- **MAX\_TRASH\_SIZE:** 2.0 m
  - Largest trash size to go after, based on what is safe to collect
- **AZIMUTH\_OVER\_DISTANCE\_THRESHOLD:**  $(130^\circ/2) / 30 \text{ m}$ 
  - When multiplied by the distance of a detected piece of trash, yields the max allowable azimuth in order to go after it. This avoids going after trash which cannot be collected due to limited turning radius.
- **TRASH\_COLLECTION\_TIMEOUT:** 2 s
  - Amount of time to continue forward after trash is expected to hit conveyor belt. This ensures that large pieces of trash are collected.
- **OPERATIONAL\_SPEED:** 1.5 m/s
  - Operational speed of the boat

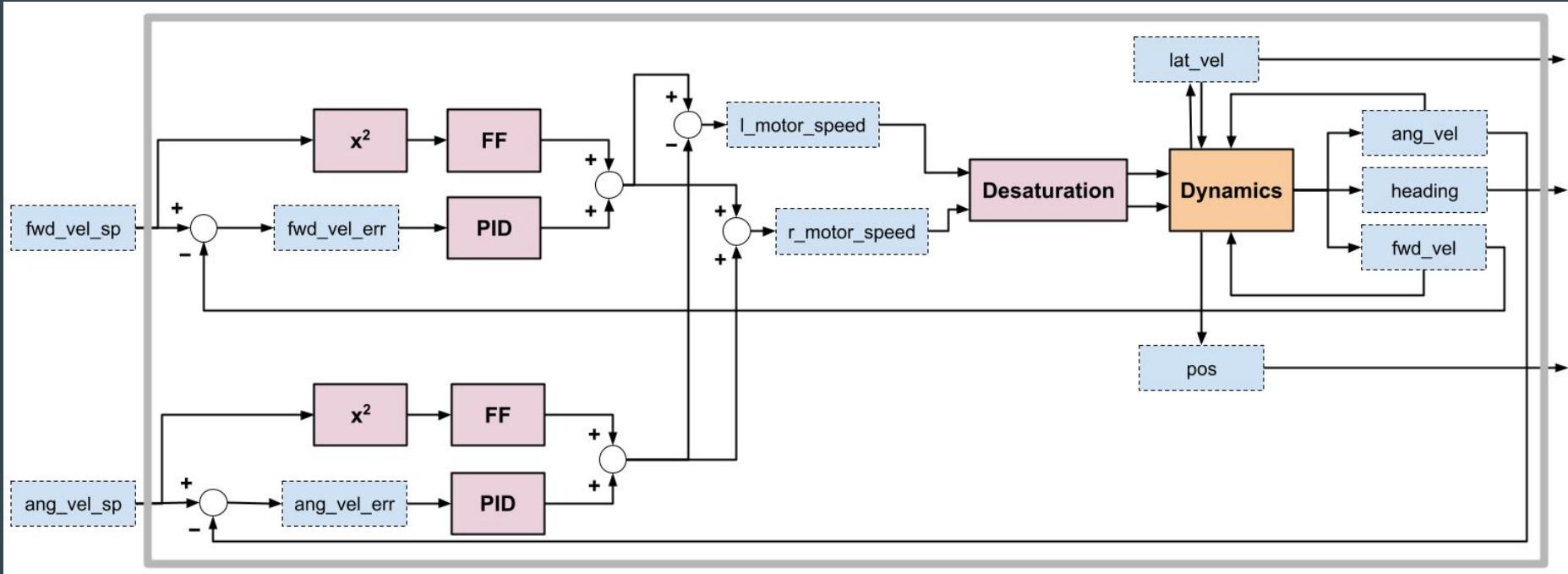
# Global Velocity Control



# Global Velocity Control Parameters

- **HEADING\_P:** 0.25
  - Proportional gain for heading control
  - **Input:** heading\_err [rad]
  - **Output:** ang\_vel\_sp [rad/s]
- **SIDEWAYS\_VEL\_P:** 0.05
  - Proportional gain for lateral/sideways velocity control
  - **Input:** sideways\_vel\_err [m/s]
  - **Output:** ang\_vel\_sp [rad/s]

# Local Velocity Control

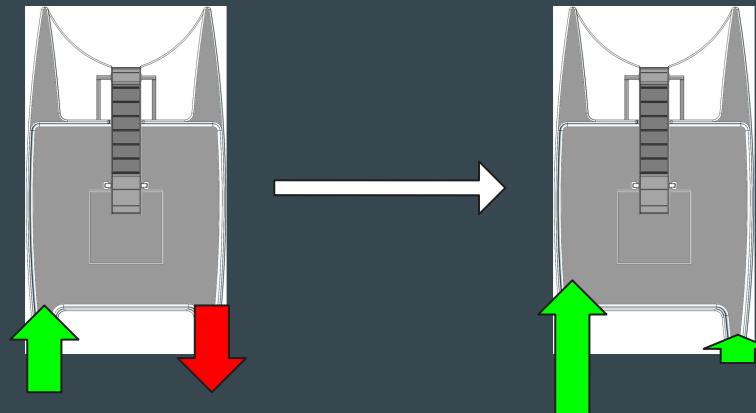


# Local Velocity Control Parameters

- **FORWARD\_VEL\_PID:** P=40, I=0.7, D=0
  - PID gains for forward velocity control
  - **Input:** forward\_vel\_err [m/s]
  - **Output:** motor\_speed [rad/s]
- **FORWARD\_VEL\_FF:** 20
  - Feedforward gain for forward velocity control
  - **Input:** forward\_vel\_sp<sup>2</sup> [(m/s)<sup>2</sup>]
  - **Output:** motor\_speed [rad/s]
- **ANG\_VEL\_PID:** P=2000, I=30, D=0
  - PID gains for angular velocity control
  - **Input:** ang\_vel\_err [rad/s]
  - **Output:** motor\_speed [rad/s]
- **ANG\_VEL\_FF:** 1700
  - Feedforward gain for angular velocity control
  - **Input:** ang\_vel\_sp<sup>2</sup> [(rad/s)<sup>2</sup>]
  - **Output:** motor\_speed [rad/s]

# Motor Desaturation

- **Requirement:** Constrain motor speed commands to the allowable range of the motors.
- **Strategy:** Prioritize differential thrust control over collective thrust, since differential thrust is more important for maneuverability.



# Control System Electronics

- Microcontroller, Gyroscope, Magnetometer
  - Dynautics E-Boat SPECTRE Autopilot
- Satellite Modem (for remote communication)
  - Dynautics Iridium RUDICS modem
- GPS
  - Garmin GA™ 38 GPS/GLONASS Antenna
- 4 Load Cells (for weighing storage container)
  - Ascell Steel Alloy 1500 kg Load Cell Shear Beam



<https://www.dynautics.com/applications/platform-control-systems-electric/>



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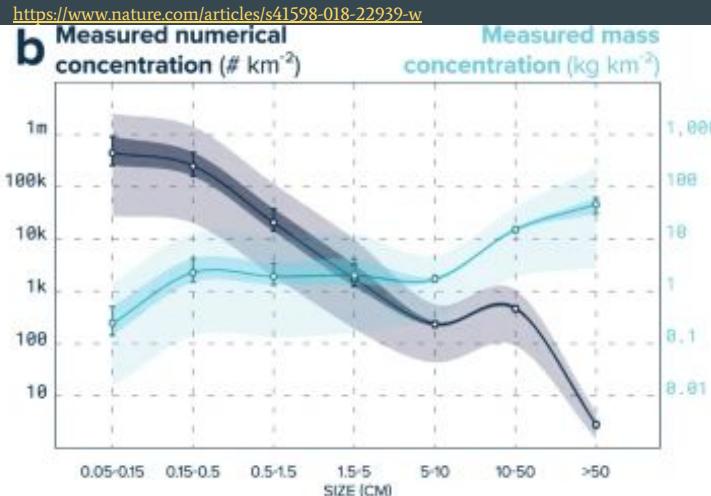


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# Analysis

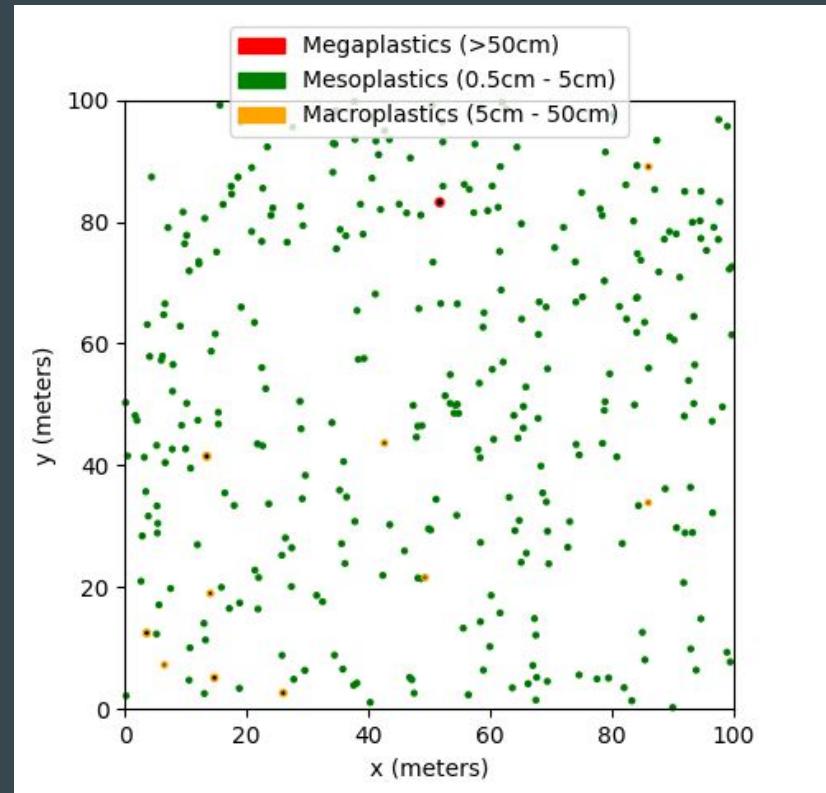
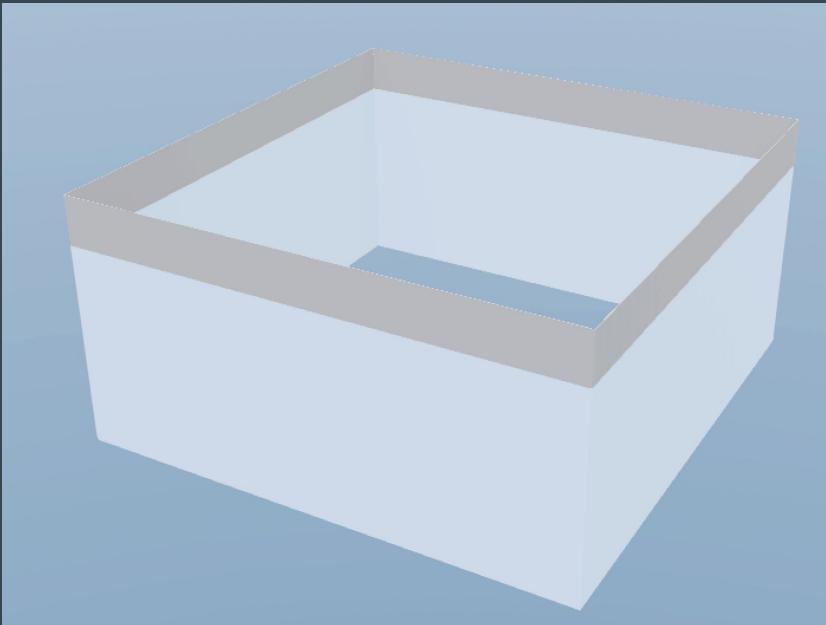
# Simulating the Trash Distribution

- A study conducted by The Ocean Cleanup presents the number concentration and mass concentration for different types and size classes of plastics.
- We model the most densely concentrated areas in the GPGP, and assume plastic is evenly distributed.
- To generate a trash distribution with an area:
  1. Determine the number of pieces that would appear in that area.
  2. For each, piece, choose a random position with the area (uniform random vector).
  3. For each piece, choose a random size based on a logarithmic probability distribution.
    - a. This is done because size classes are broken up by order of magnitude, and there is an approximately logarithmic relationship between size and number concentration.
  4. Based on the size and type of plastic, determine the mass and density.



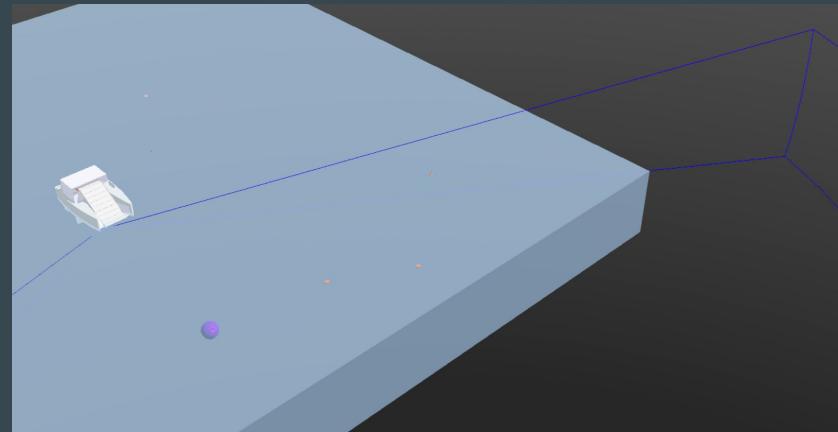
# Simulating the Trash Distribution

Webots:



# Trash Sensing - Simulation

- Assuming spherical wave propagation (outward in all directions), the minimum detectable object size (as measured by reflective area) is proportional to  $r^4$ , where  $r$  is the distance to the object.
- Limitation: Waves may not propagate out spherically near the water's surface.
- We assume the reflective area of a piece of trash to be proportional to the square of its diameter. To compensate for irregular plastic shapes and other losses, we set the reflectivity of a piece of trash to half that of a sphere with the same diameter.
- This is done similarly in both the analytical simulation and Webots.



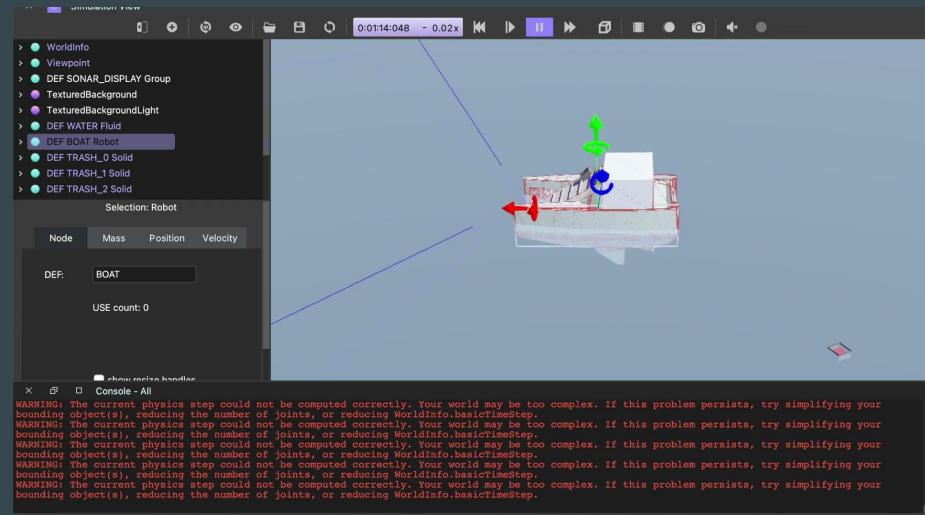
# Simple Boat Dynamics and Trash Tracking

- Drag and propeller thrust are modelled
- Following trash with insufficient turning radius:
  - These trash detections are ignored in the final controller design



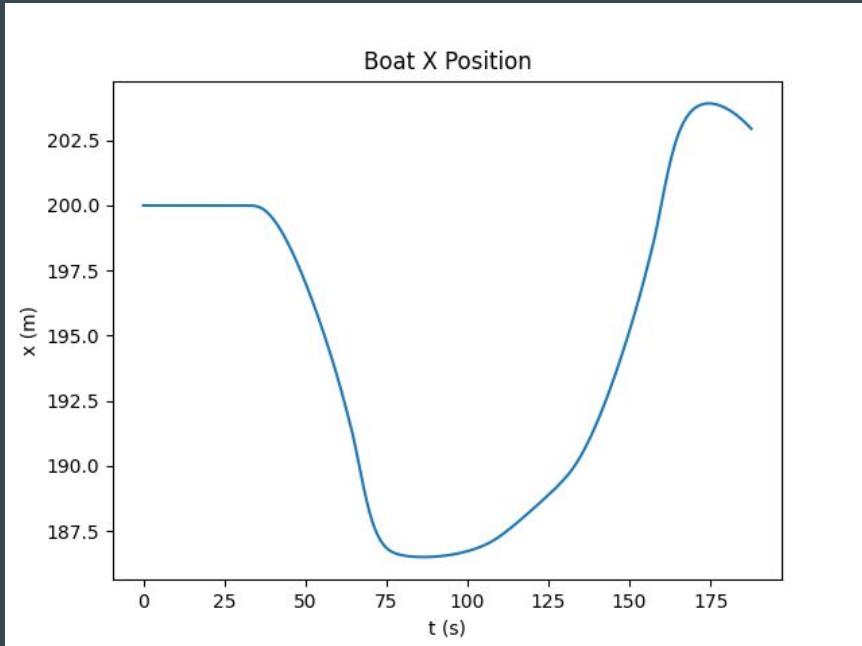
# Simple Boat Dynamics and Trash Tracking - Webots vs Python

- Several pieces of trash are placed, including edge cases for the controller
- Webots and Python simulations are compared to help validate each other

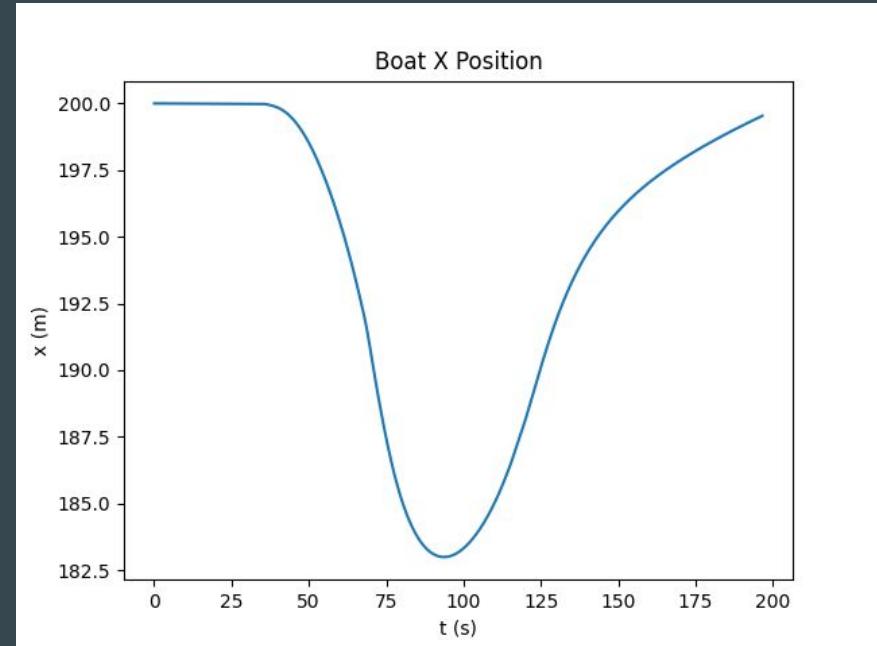


# Simple Boat Dynamics and Trash Tracking - Webots vs Python

Analytical/Python



Webots

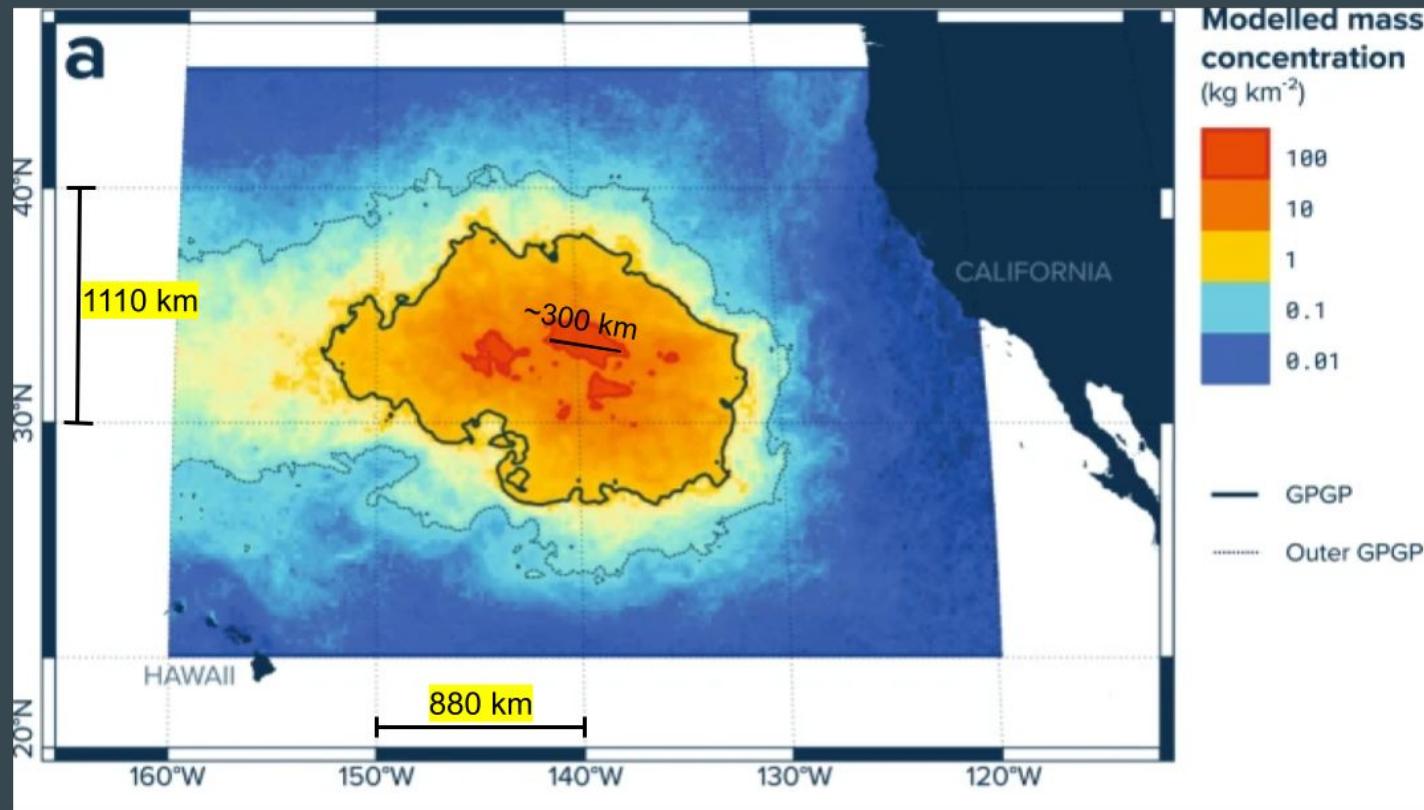


# Long-Distance Mission Simulation

- Used for estimating the expected trash collection performance.
- Room for improvement - Does not include noise, waves, or other disturbances.



# Long-Distance Mission Simulation: Mission Planning



# Actual vs Expected Trash Collection - 25 km Simulation

	Average GPGP - Expected	Concentrated GPGP - Expected	Concentrated GPGP - 25km Simulation
Meso & macroplastic collection [kg/km]	0.0933 kg/km	0.134 kg/km	0.116 kg/km
Megaplastic collection [kg/km]	4.32 kg/km	6.21 kg/km	8.26 kg/km
Total collection [kg/km]	4.42 kg/km	6.35 kg/km	8.38 kg/km
Total collection at 1.5 m/s [kg/h]	23.8 kg/h	34.3 kg/h	45.2 kg/h

- Expected average trip length: 7 days, 900 km, based on 4,043 kg storage capacity

# Analytical: Waves

- Weighted Random Choice made based on frequency of sea state in GPGP
- Uniform Random Choice made within associated wave height range
- Upon wave height 2m+ collision with boat, causes boat to recognize potentially unstable state
  - Occurs rarely as frequency so small in comparison to 3-4 in sea state

Wave Image	Sea State (Beaufort Scale)	Wave Height Range (m)	Frequency in GPGP
	0	0	1
	1	0.1	7
	2	0.2-0.3	118
	3	0.6-1	223
	4	1-1.5	246
	5	2-2.5	57

# Analytical: Performance Metrics

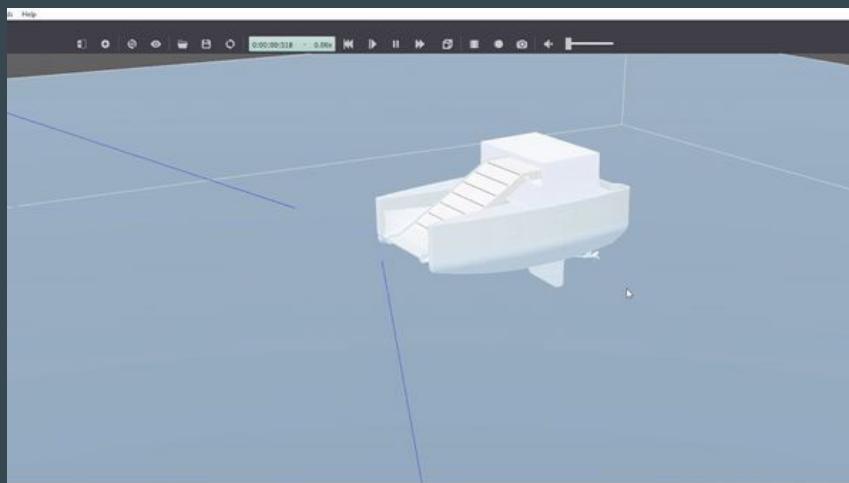
- Trash Collected
  - Upon collision with boat, trash piece's mass is added to cumulative sum and deleted
  - Current Max = 4,043 kg
  - Indicative of when to stop trash collection, remain in place until mothership pickup
- Trash per Time
  - Trash Collected [kg] / Elapsed Simulation Time [s]
- Trash per Distance Travelled
  - Trash Collected [kg] / Total Simulation Distance Travelled [m]
  - Total Simulation Distance Travelled: Euclidean distance between last and current points of simulation, each recording with every frame update

Trash Collected [kg]: 1.12  
Trash per Time [kg/s]: 0.03  
Trash per Distance Travelled [kg/m]: 0.04

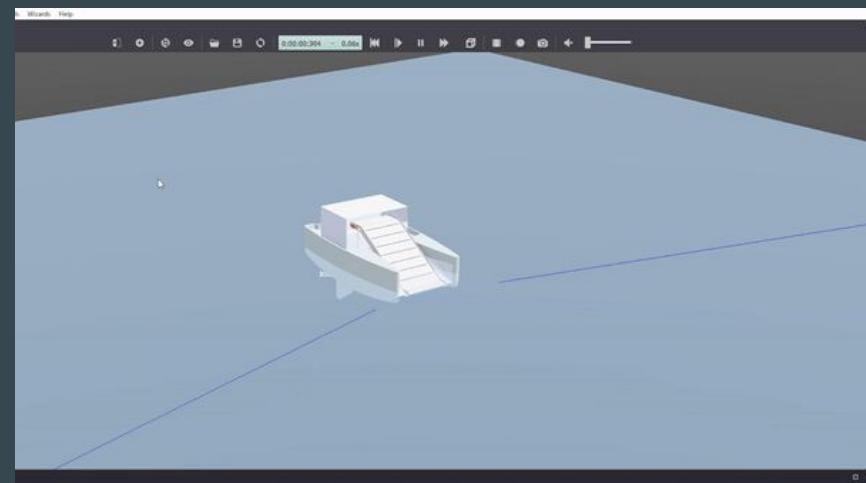
# Webots Waves

- Takes FLOW-3D Wave information and applies calculated forces and torques to CoM of boat
- Tilt and movement similar to that of FLOW-3D animation, indicating stability of boat
- Repeats once reaches end of FLOW-3D data, allowing constant effect of 2m Waves

2m Front Wave



2m Side Wave



# Webots Simplified Conveyor

- Cleats separate objects from conveyor
  - Individually move along one axis (same direction as diagonal portion of conveyor)
  - Using separate SliderJoint and Linear Motor for each cleat
- Diagonal and Top Portions of conveyor
  - Use Track Nodes to help objects alongside cleats
  - Move at same velocity as cleats



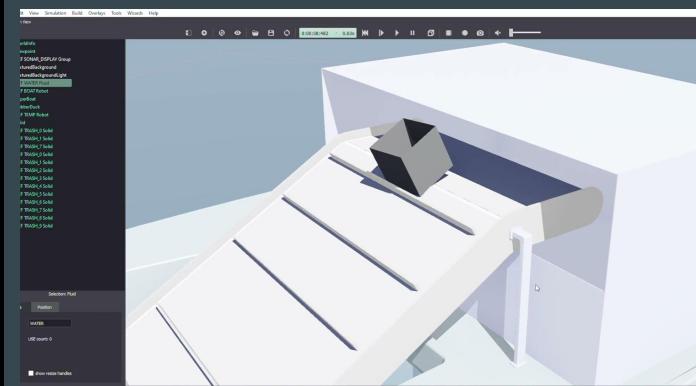
# Webots Trash Collection: Basic Cubes

- Base Test to Compare w/ SolidWorks cube tests from earlier
- Generally, objects float into bottom of midsection of conveyor
  - Still able to mimic conveyor well despite not having cleats loop all the way around bottom level

Mesoplastic (5cm)

Macroplastic (25cm)

Megaplastic (50cm)



# Webots Trash Collection: Odd Shapes

- Objects with Complex Curvature and Soft Bodies
  - Hooks around cleats
- Multiple Object Collection of various shapes

Duck Angle Change

Complex Curvature

Duck + Water Bottle + Paperboat

Complex Curvature + Cylinder,  
Multiple Object Collection

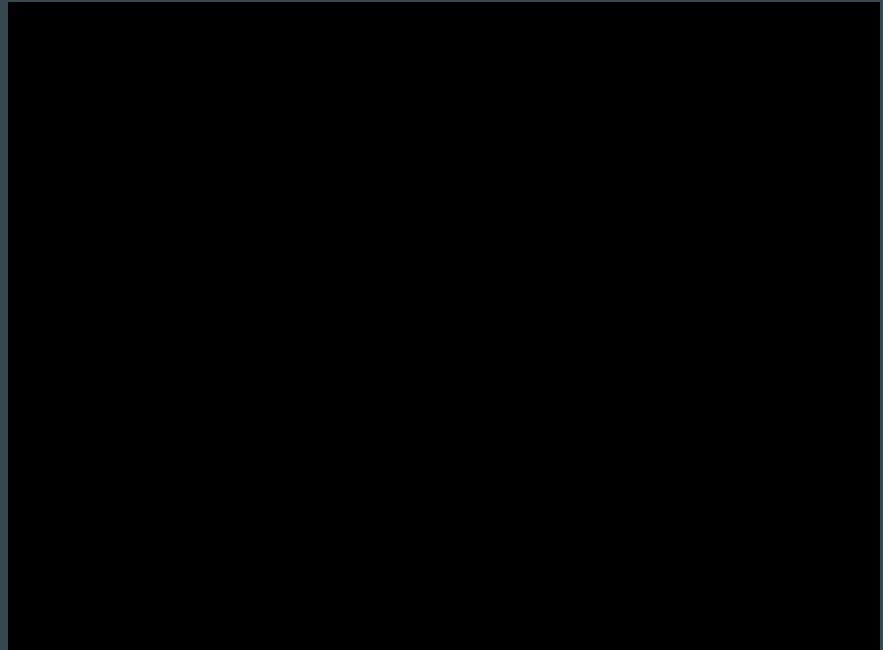
Duck Chain

Soft Bodies

# Webots Trash Collection with Waves

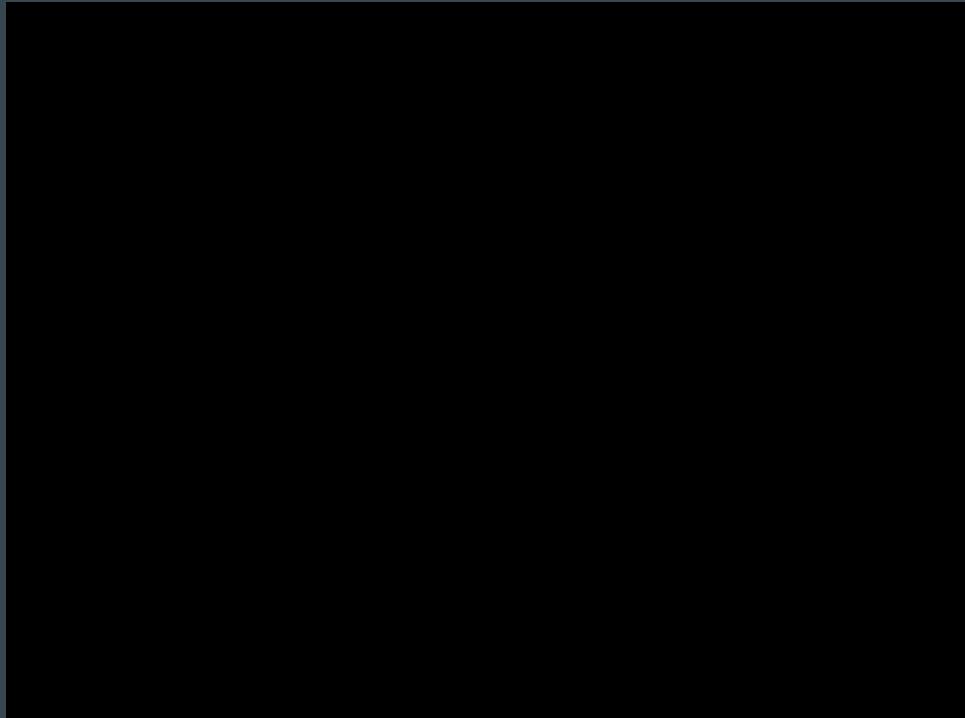
- Object Collection succeeds in spite of constant tilt due to 2 m waves
- Object catches onto guides, rather than main conveyor, and still succeeds to move up conveyor

Collection with Side Wave Torque



# Webots Example Failure Case

- Large Object, Impossible to Pick Up
  - As expected, boat unable to pick up and simply pushes along
  - Eventually, these physics complications cause boat to disappear as Webots is unable to compute the next physics step



# Comparison between Performance and Requirements

- Trash collection rate: 23.8 kg/h, 571 kg/day, 800,000 kg over lifetime
- Achieved maximum trash capacity requirement: 4,043 kg (requirement was 1,000 to 5,000 kg)
- Expected average trip length: 7 days, 900 km (requirement was 5-15 days)
- Cost: \$0.83/kg of trash
- Exact tactical diameter value was not obtained - acceptable because our simulation shows that we still pick up trash
- Wave survivability requirements were met: 2m operation, 4m survivable
- Trash sensing radius was met: 35-70 m (requirement was 20 m)