

Guided Target Control System

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Project Description

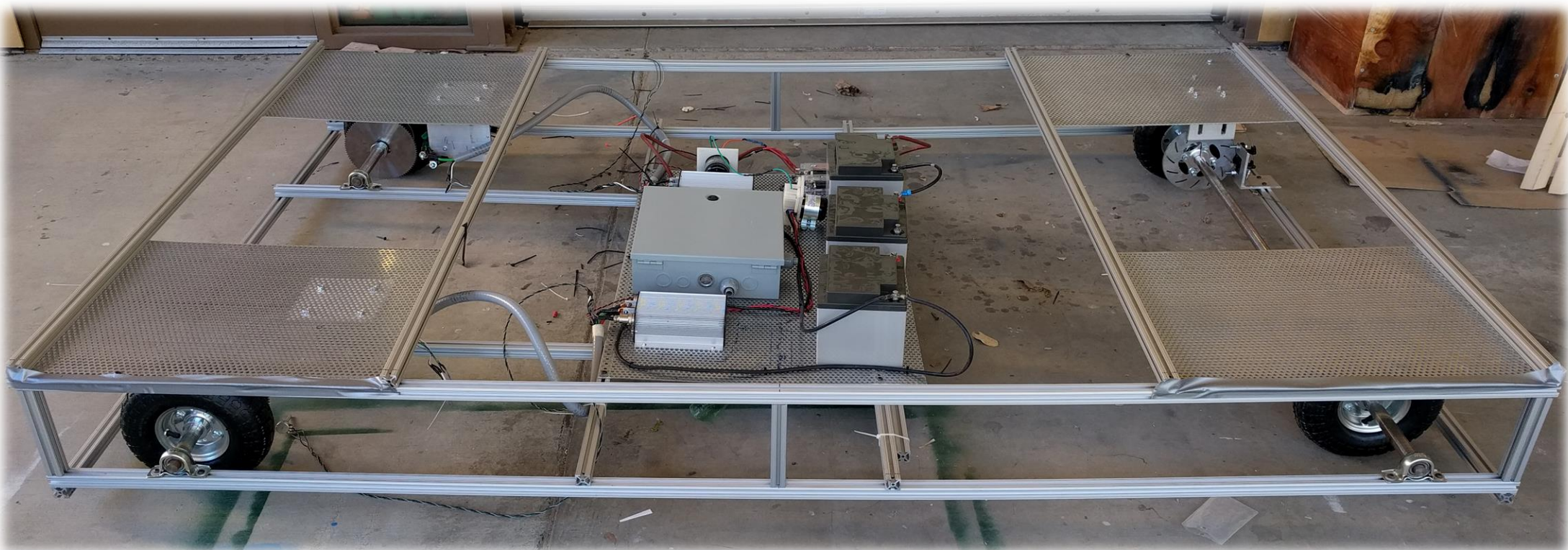
Daimler Trucks and other automotive manufactures have a need to test their life saving driver assistance technology such as automatic braking for collision avoidance.

Our goal is to design and build a guidance control and data acquisition system for a test vehicle frame that can be used to validate these driver assistance systems.

Final Design

- Hardware**
- STM32 Nucleo Development Board
 - Adafruit Ultimate GPS Module
 - Adafruit BNO055 Inertial Measurement Unit
 - Spectrum Radio Controller
 - CUI Shaft Encoders
 - Kelly Motor Controllers

- Software**
- Autonomous operation capabilities
 - Multiple fail safes and emergency stop
 - Radio controlled manual driving mode
 - User uploaded test maps
 - GPS, IMU, and motor encoder data logging

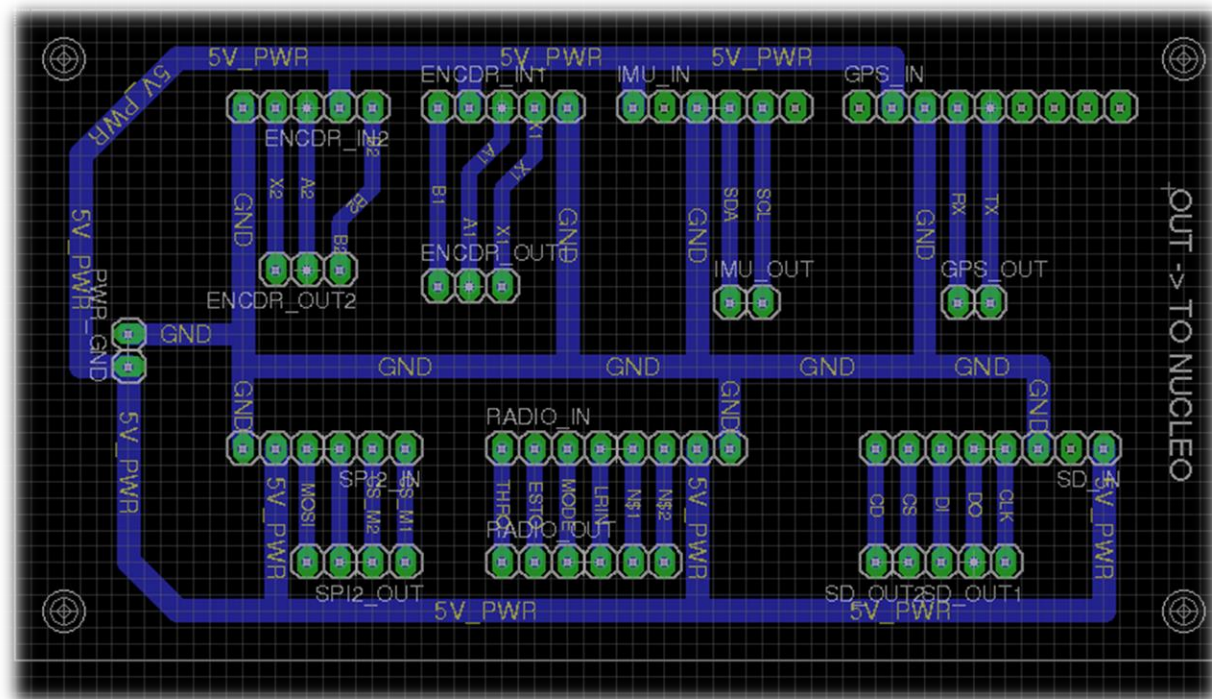
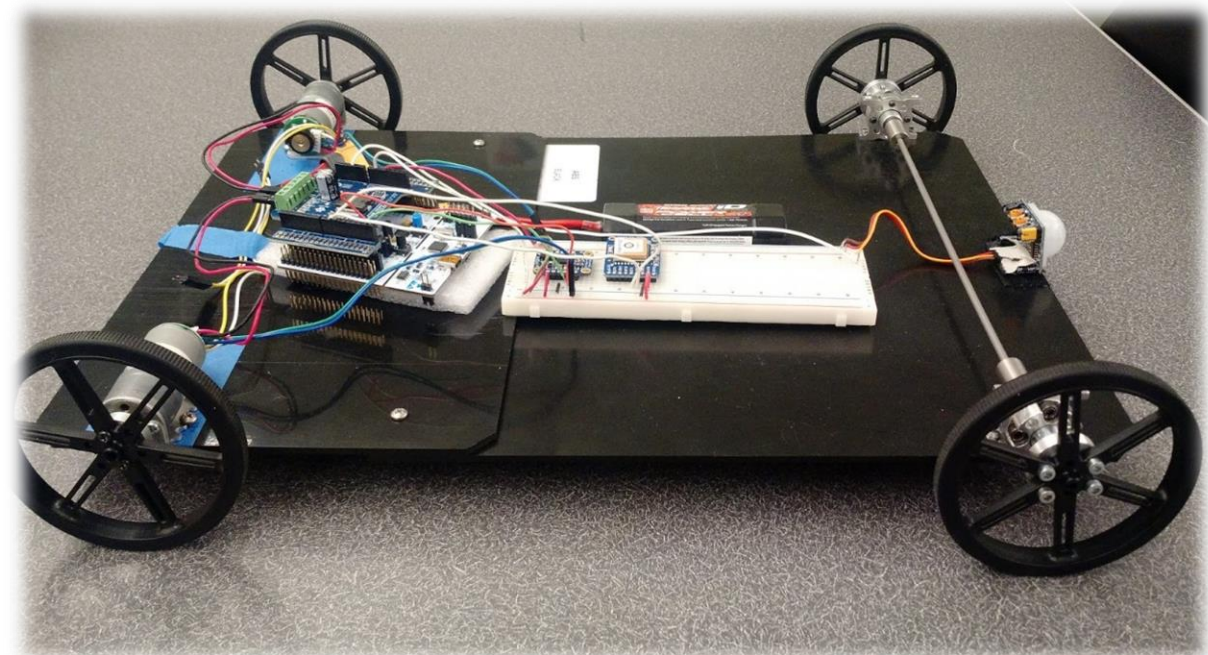
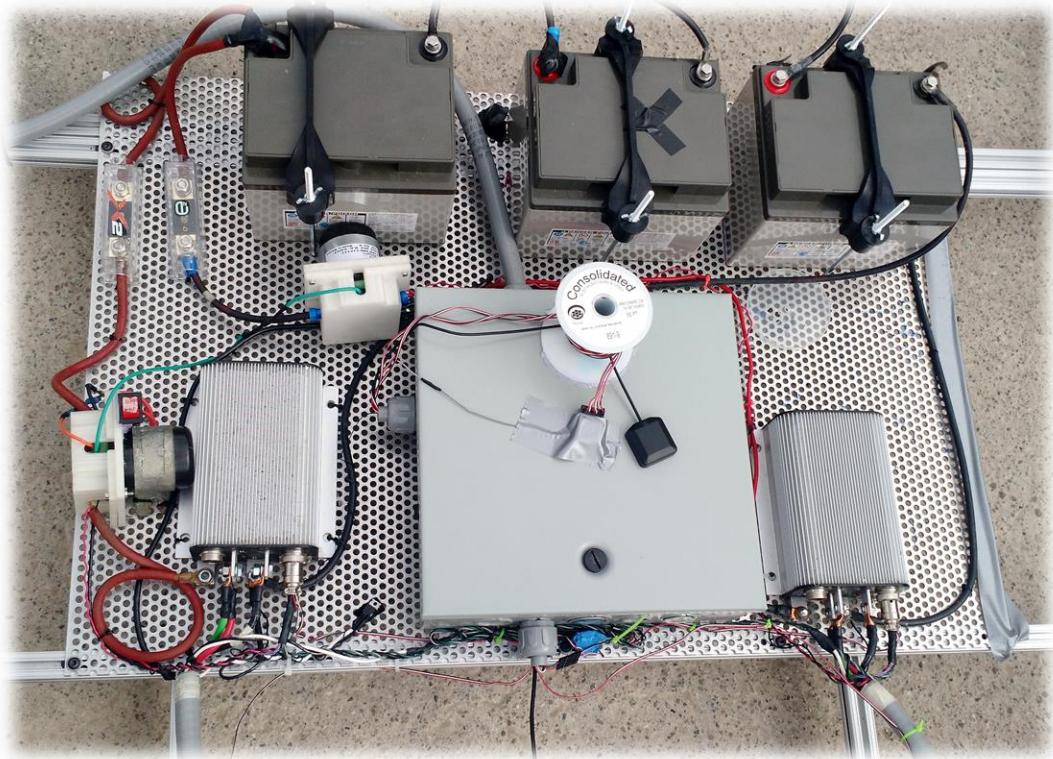


Engineering Specifications

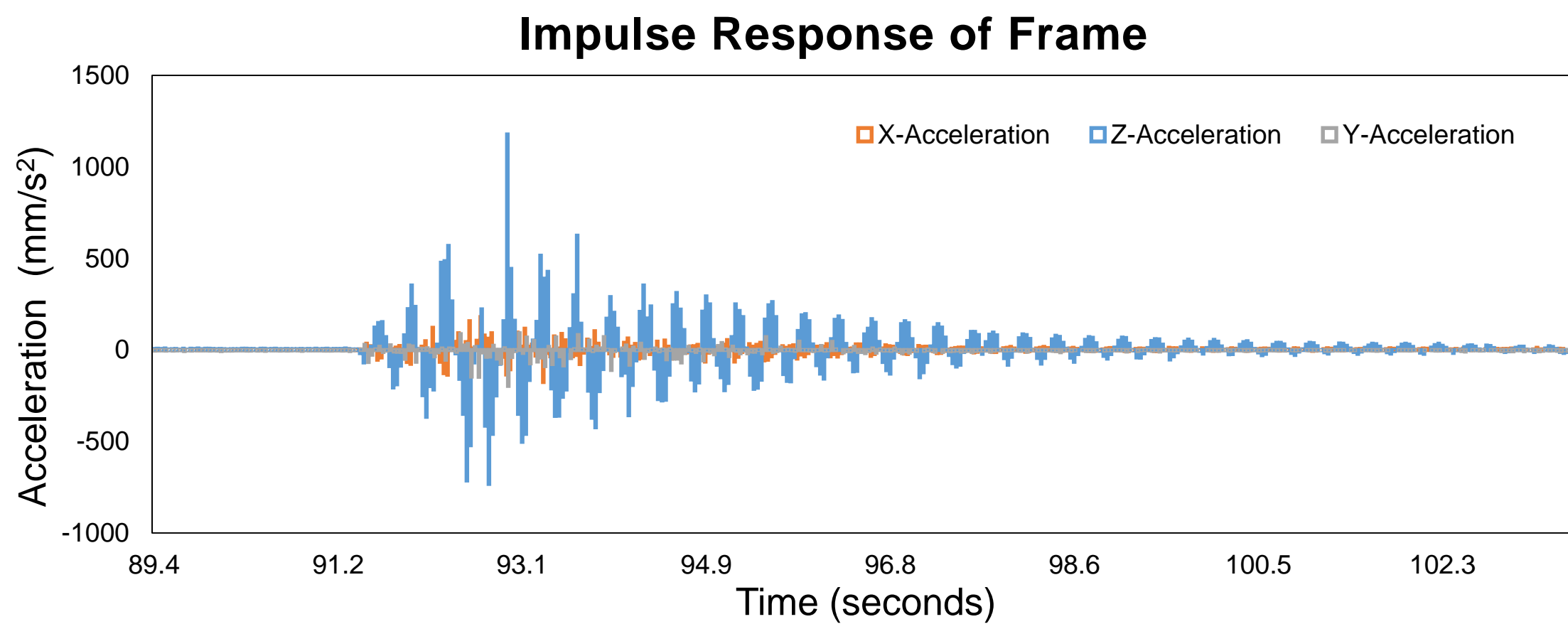
Parameter Description	Requirement or Target	Results
Initial Setup Time	30 min	Pass
Reset Time	10 min	Pass
Primary System Size	90% within 16in x 16 in x 5in	Pass
Power Independent Memory	Included	Pass
Emergency stop signal latency	100 ms	Pass
Percentage of successful tests conducted without system faults	94%	Fail
Cost of control system/data acquisition hardware	\$1200	Fail

Manufacturing

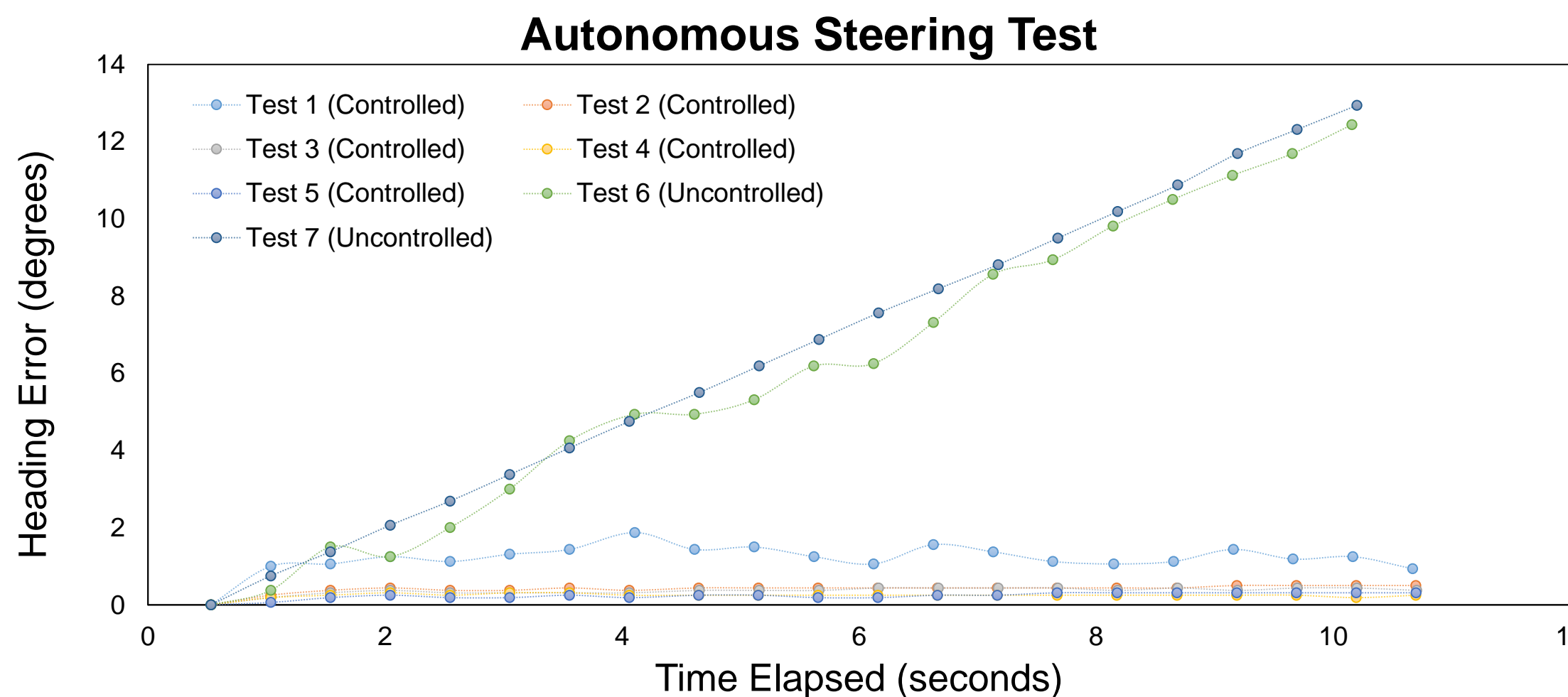
- Laser cut electrical mounting board
- Industrial control enclosure
- Multiple disconnects for easy maintenance
- Circuit protection for drive motor power
- Sensors tested on scale model before integration
- Custom printed circuit boards



Test Results



- Frame primary resonance is 2.8Hz
- Frame damping coefficient is 0.18



- Maximum heading error when controlled 1.5 degrees

Future Improvements

- Further testing actuators and vehicle dynamics
- Implement autonomous software on full scale
- Integrate sensor fusion algorithms
- Develop a printed circuit board to reduce size of control hardware and simplify wiring
- Reduced enclosure size for smaller 2nd gen frame

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