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SmartTrak Solar Panel Controller

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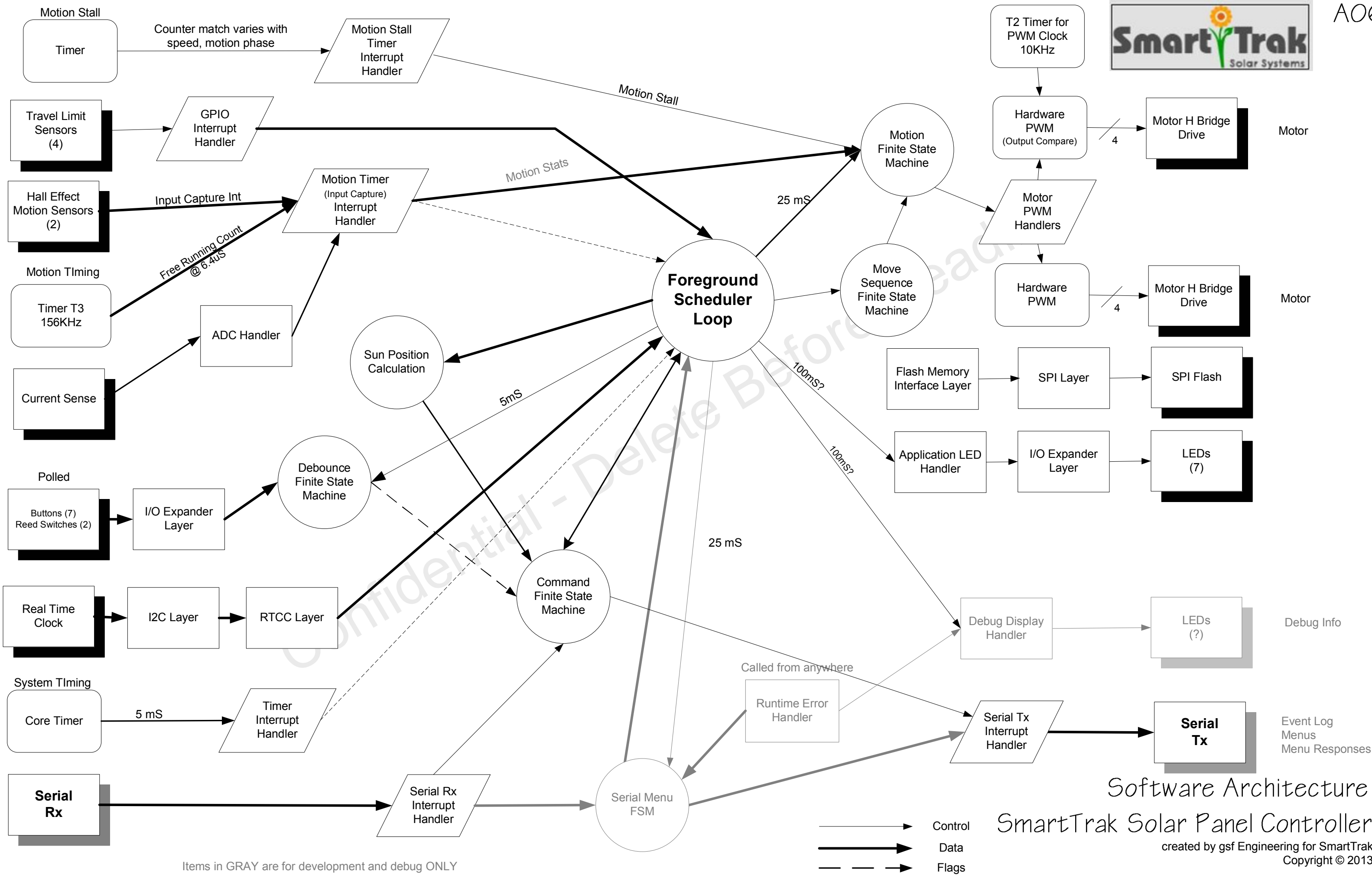
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## System Block Diagram

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Software Architecture  
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Internal  
Hardware  
Resource

External  
Hardware

Interrupt  
Handler

Finite State  
Machine

**Foreground  
Loop**

Major Software  
Routine (NOT FSM)

—————→ Control  
—————→ Data  
- - - - -→ Flags

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**Highest Priority****All Interrupts**  
see Interrupt Priority PageefMotionSensorEvents  
MotionSensorTick()  
(Input Capture ICxx)

Motion Speed Processing

efPWMEvents  
PWM\_Tick()

5mS Interrupt Tick

efADCEvents  
ADC\_Tick()ADC Value  
Interpretation**5mS Tick**Input Switch Debouncing  
(requires 5 passes to debounce)

Input\_Debounce\_FSM();

25mS Tick1

25mS Tick2

25mS Tick3

MotionFSM();

Serial Menu FSM  
(actual I/O is interrupt driven)

MenuFSM()

100 mS Tick1

User Interface FSM  
(sends commands to Command FSM,  
receives events from Other FSMs)

UserFSM();

DebugLEDsTick();

Debug LED Sequencing

25mS  
Motion Timer

25mS Tick4

100 mS Tick2

AppLEDsTick()

Application LED  
SequencingefMoveSequenceEvents  
MoveSequenceFSM()User Interface FSM  
(sends commands to Motion FSM,  
receives events from Motion FSM)

25mS Tick5

sfUserStatus  
UserFSM();If the event flags within sfUserStatus (there  
are just two) ARE\_NOT ZERO,  
UserFSM() is executed *without*  
waiting for the next 100mS tick3.efMotionResultEvents  
CommandFSM();If efMotionResultEvents IS\_NOT ZERO,  
CommandFSM() is executed *without*  
waiting for the next 100mS tick3.  
(Sticky events will prevent lower priority  
handlers from ever running)efMotionEvents  
MotionFSM();If efMotionEvents IS\_NOT ZERO,  
MotionFSM() is executed *without*  
waiting for the next 25mS tick2.  
(Sticky events will prevent lower priority  
handlers from ever running)

CommandFSM();

AutoCenterFSM();

If a USER or MOTION event flag is  
set, but it is not processed, the  
associated FSM will 'hog' the MCU,  
because this execution prioritizer will  
keep calling the FSM.  
This, in turn, will result in event  
overruns for lower priority events.

**Implemented in main.c**

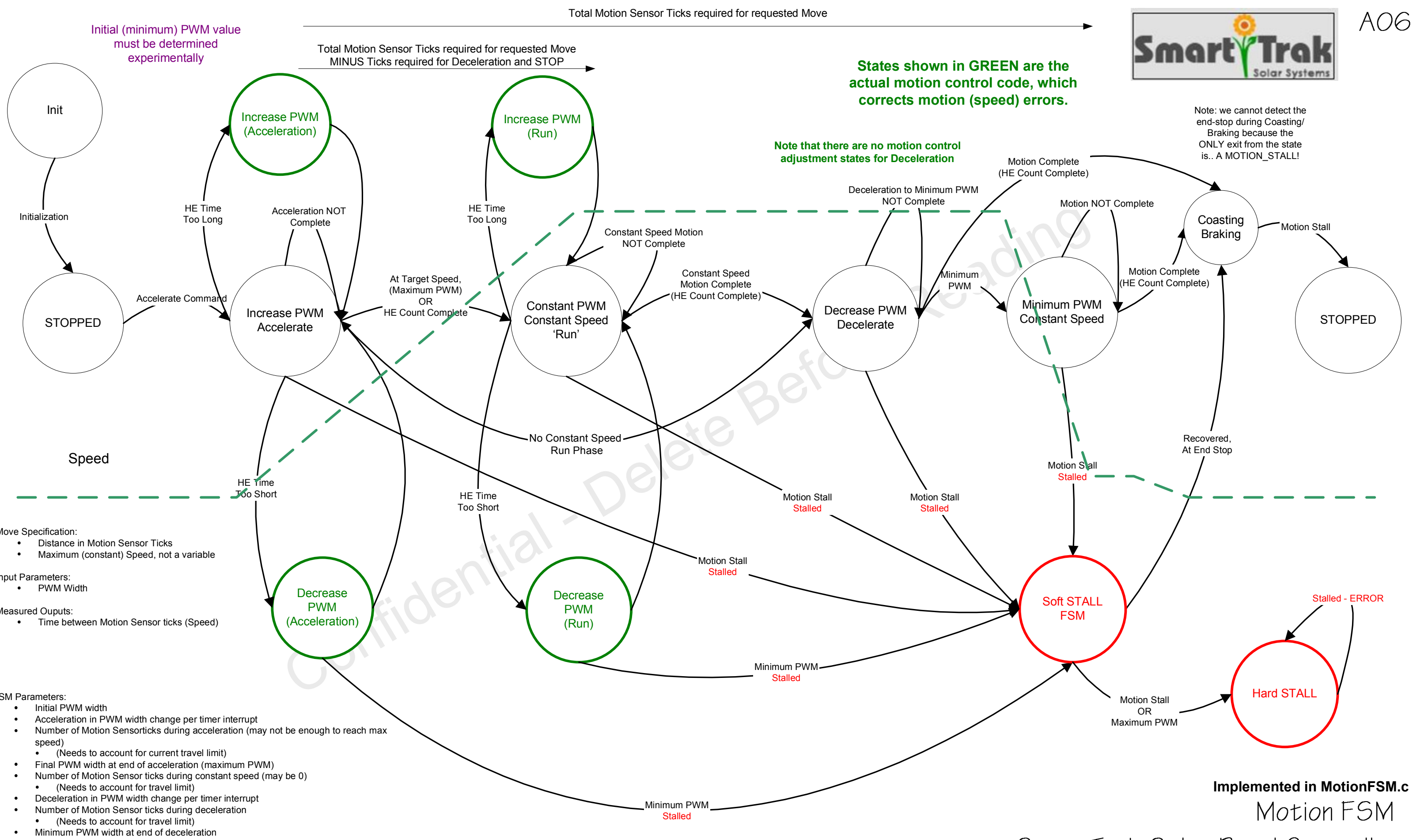
Execution Scheduler

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After execution, Timer Tick substates  
return to the TOP of the scheduler.



- Move Specification:
- Distance in Motion Sensor Ticks
  - Maximum (constant) Speed, not a variable
- Input Parameters:
- PWM Width
- Measured Outputs:
- Time between Motion Sensor ticks (Speed)
- FSM Parameters:
- Initial PWM width
  - Acceleration in PWM width change per timer interrupt
  - Number of Motion Sensorticks during acceleration (may not be enough to reach max speed)
    - (Needs to account for current travel limit)
  - Final PWM width at end of acceleration (maximum PWM)
  - Number of Motion Sensor ticks during constant speed (may be 0)
    - (Needs to account for travel limit)
  - Deceleration in PWM width change per timer interrupt
  - Number of Motion Sensor ticks during deceleration
    - (Needs to account for travel limit)
  - Minimum PWM width at end of deceleration

- External FSM Events
- New Motion Command
- Notes:
- Speed is measured by timing Motion Sensor Ticks
  - Distance is measured by counting Motion Sensor Ticks
  - To bring about a controlled stop at ANY time, change the number of Ticks to Move to ZERO

Implemented in **MotionFSM.c**

Motion FSM

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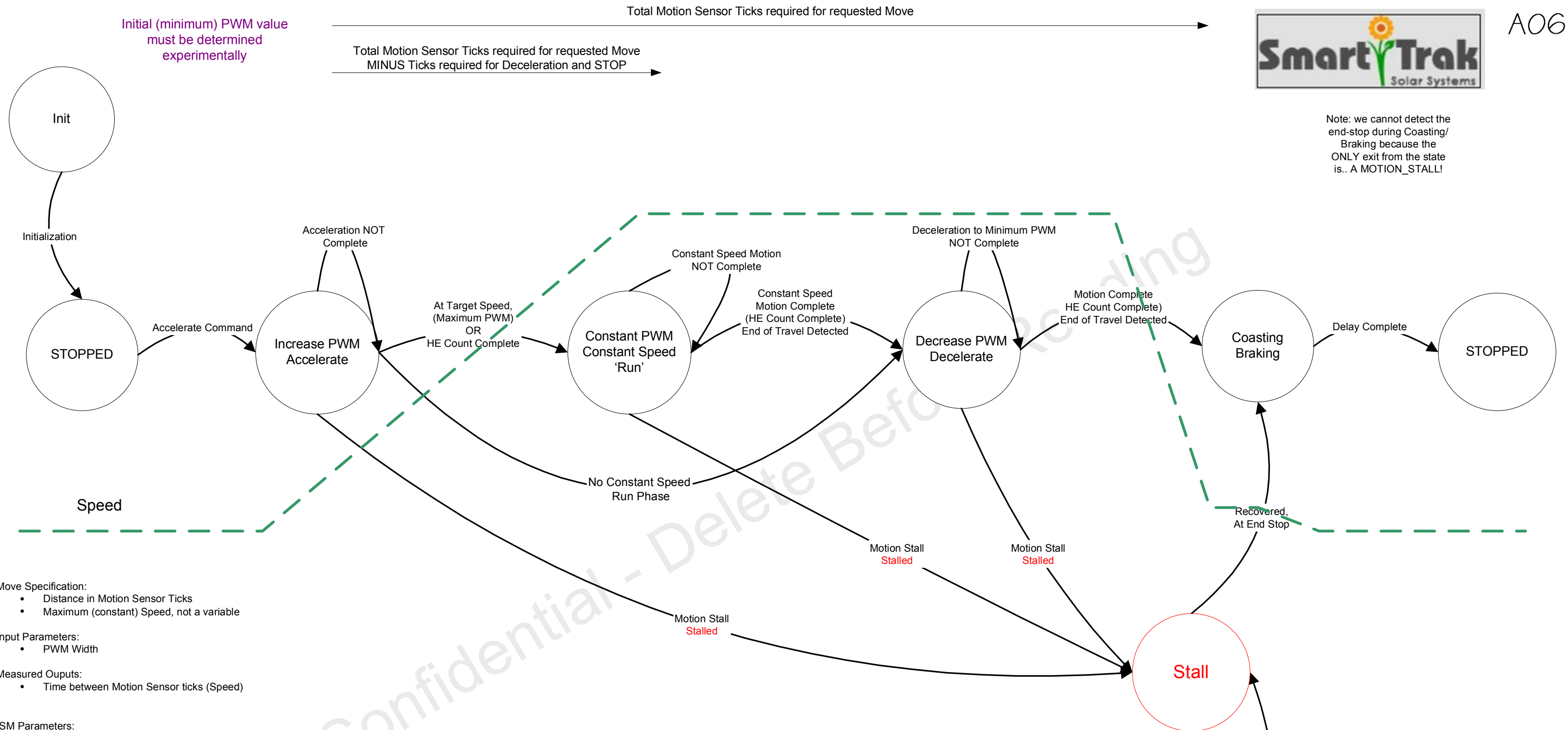
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Note: we cannot detect the end-stop during Coasting/Braking because the ONLY exit from the state is.. A MOTION\_STALL!



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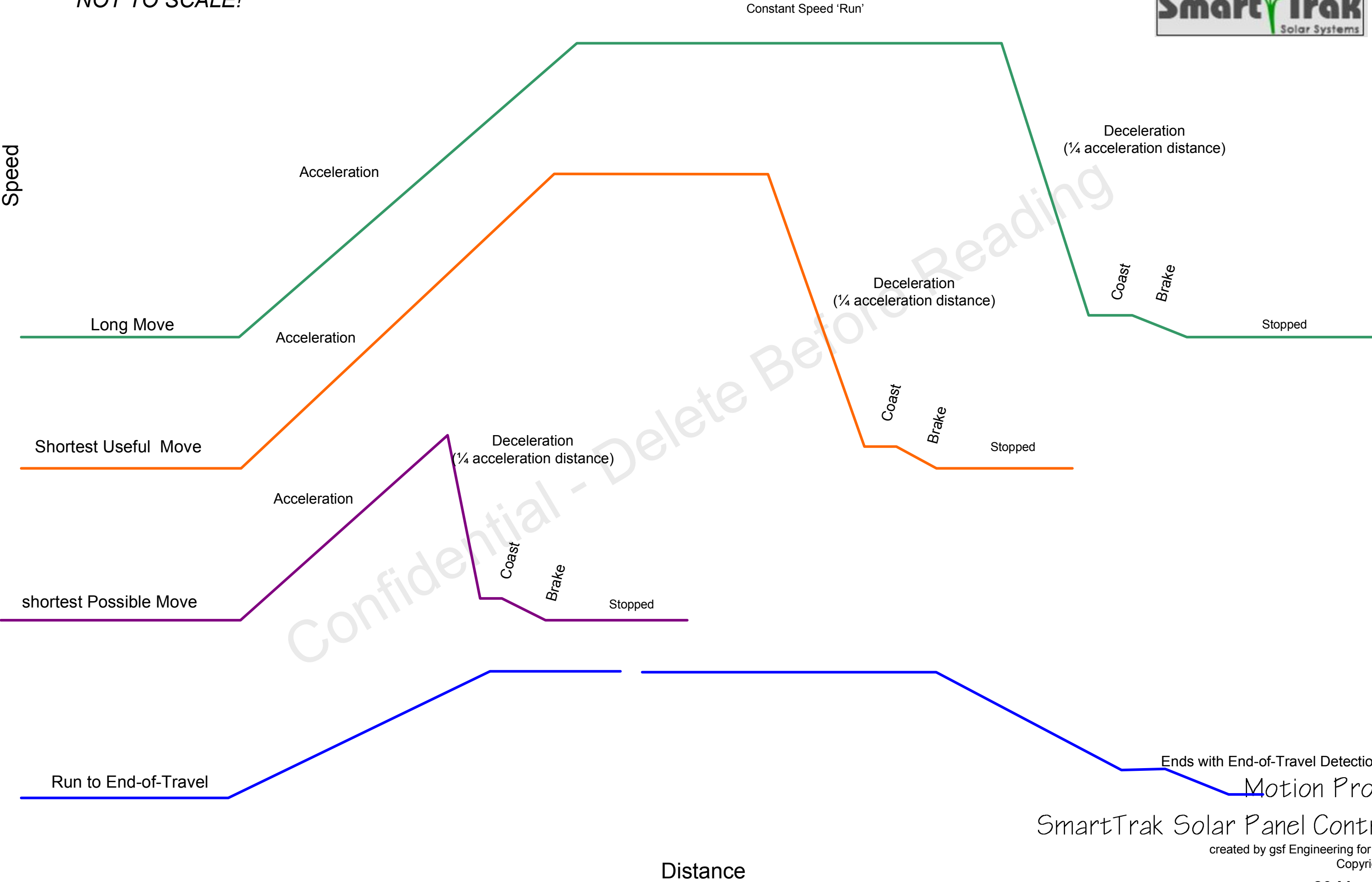
# Simplified Motion FSM

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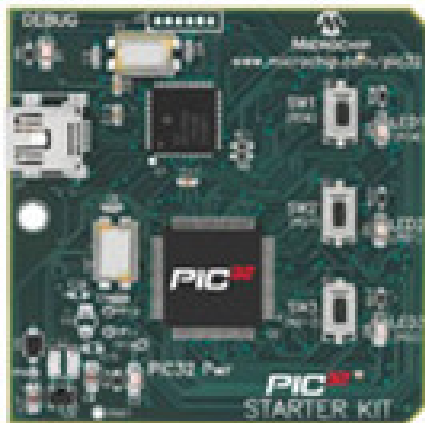
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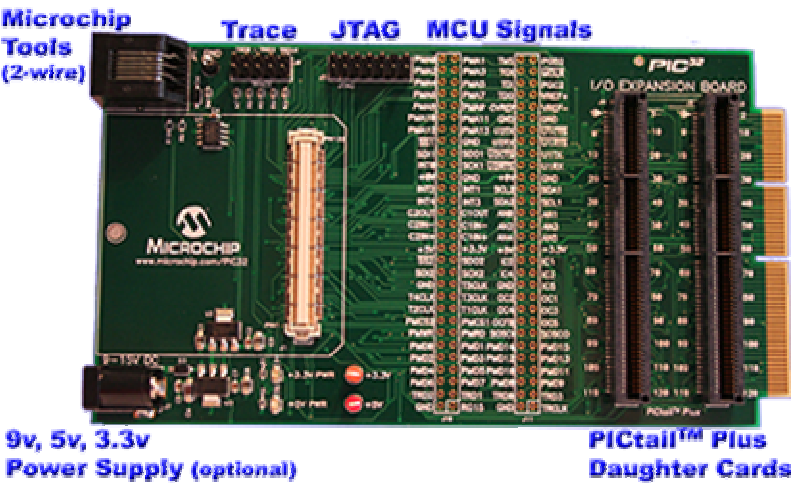
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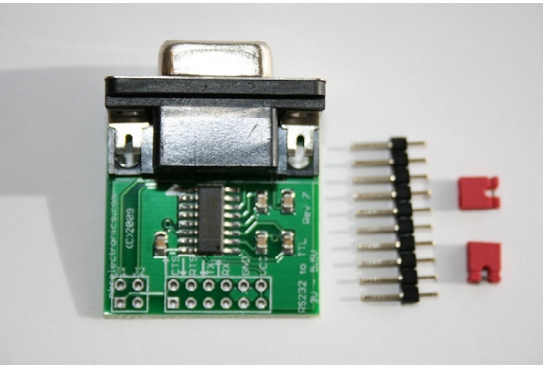




PIC32 Starter Kit DM32001



PIC32 Starter Kit I/O Expansion Board DM32002



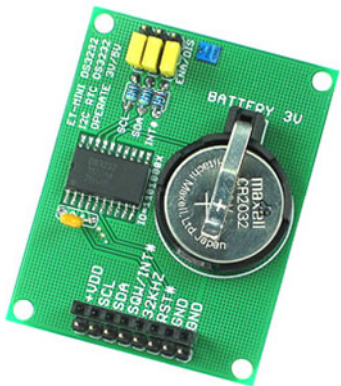
RS-232 Level Shifter and DB-9



Prototype PICtail Plus Board  
AC164126



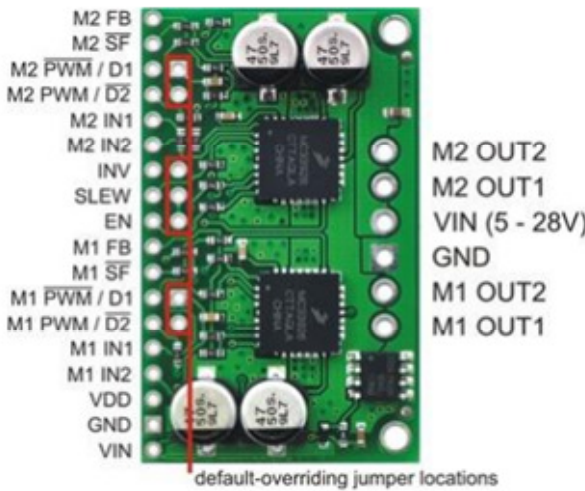
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AC243005-1



RTCC MINIDS3232\_A300



100MBPS Ethernet Pictail Plus Board  
AC164132

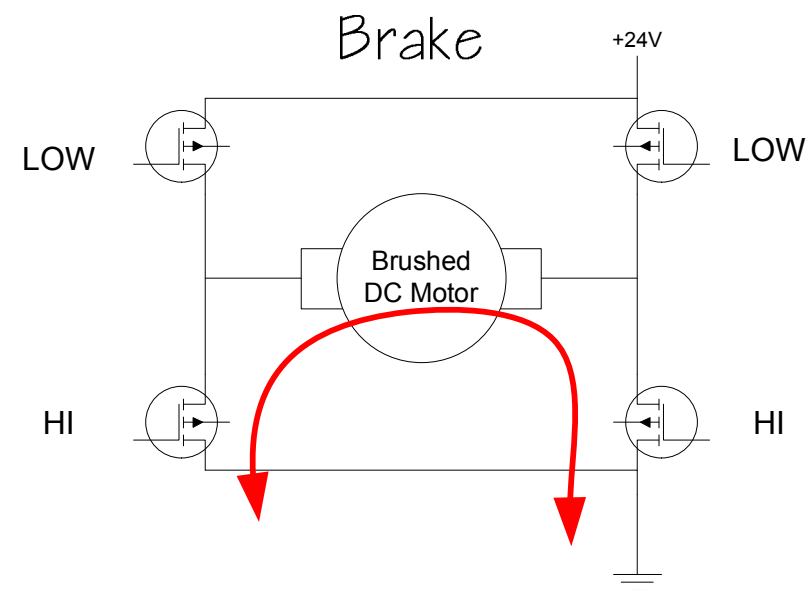
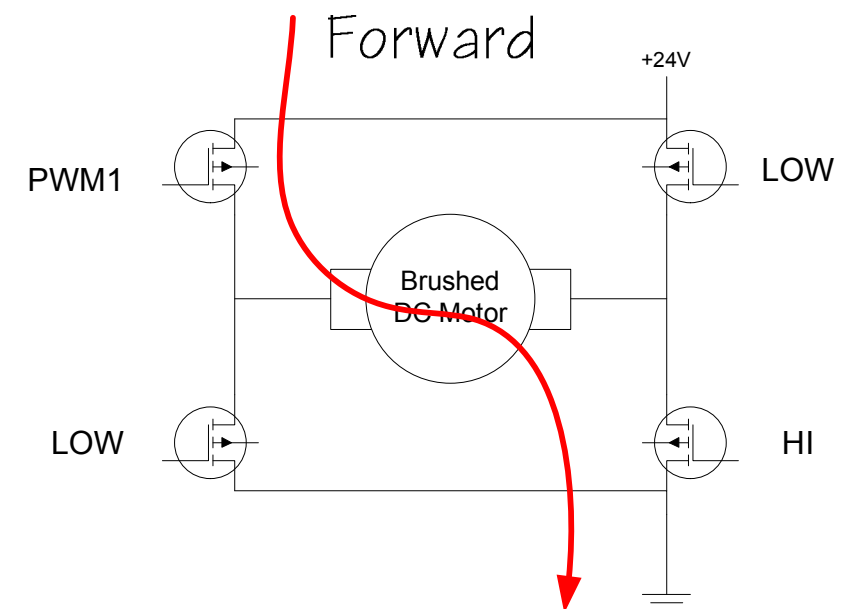
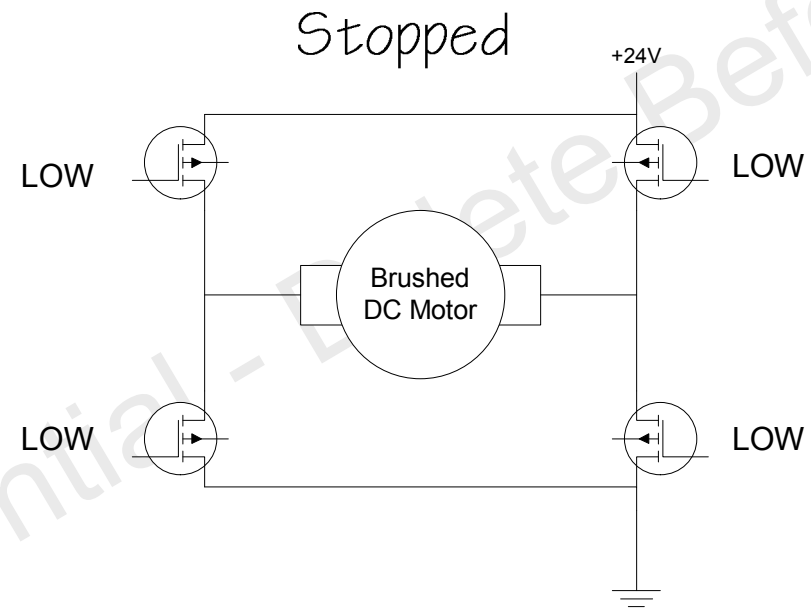
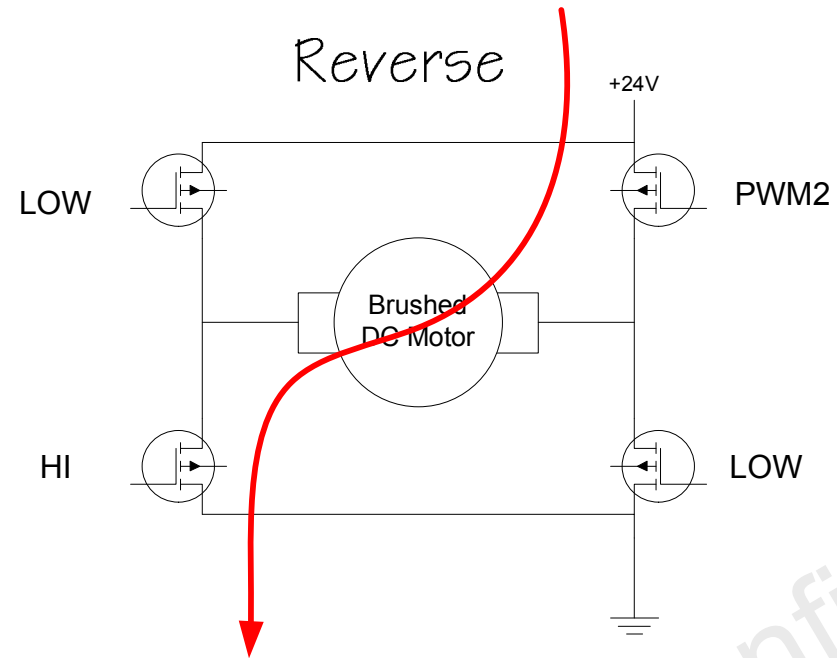
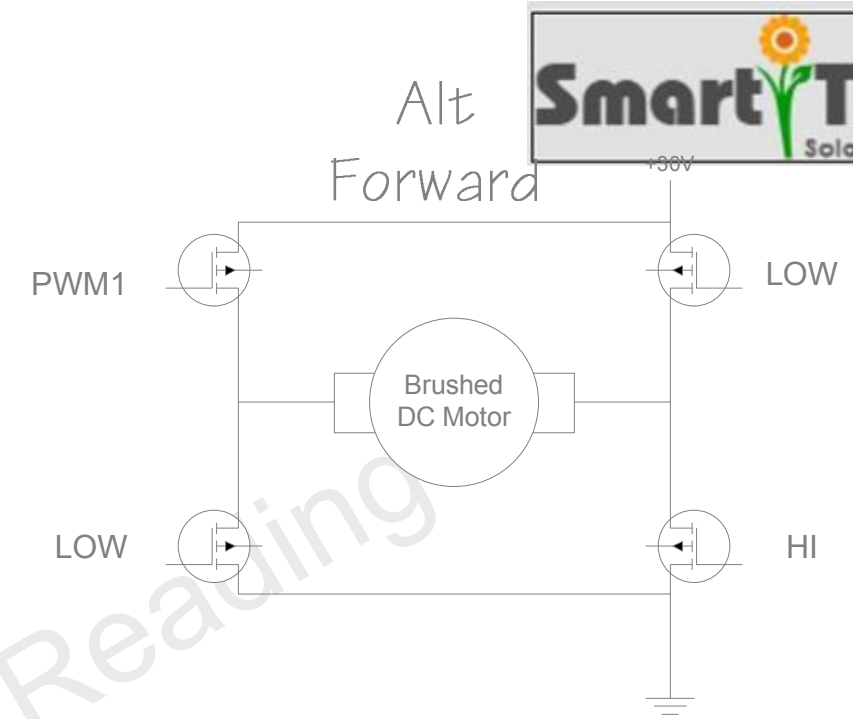
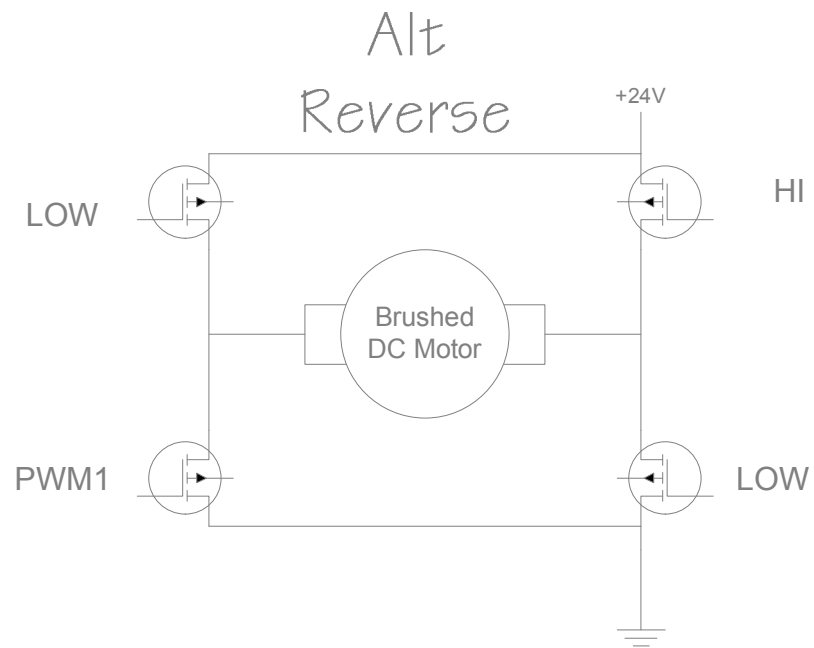


Pololu Dual MC33926 H-Bridge

# Prototype Peripherals SmartTrak Solar Panel Controller

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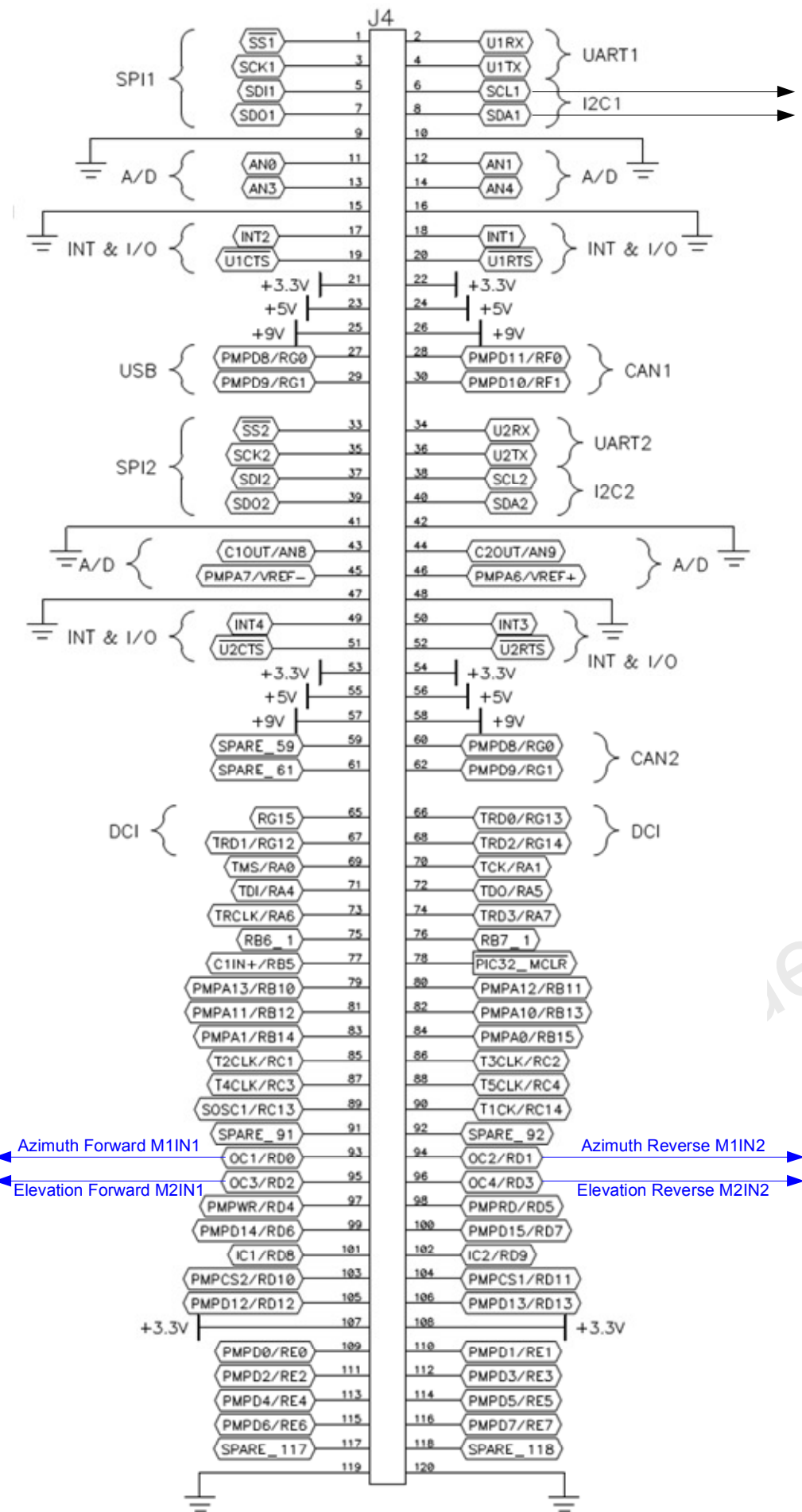


H-Bridge Operation  
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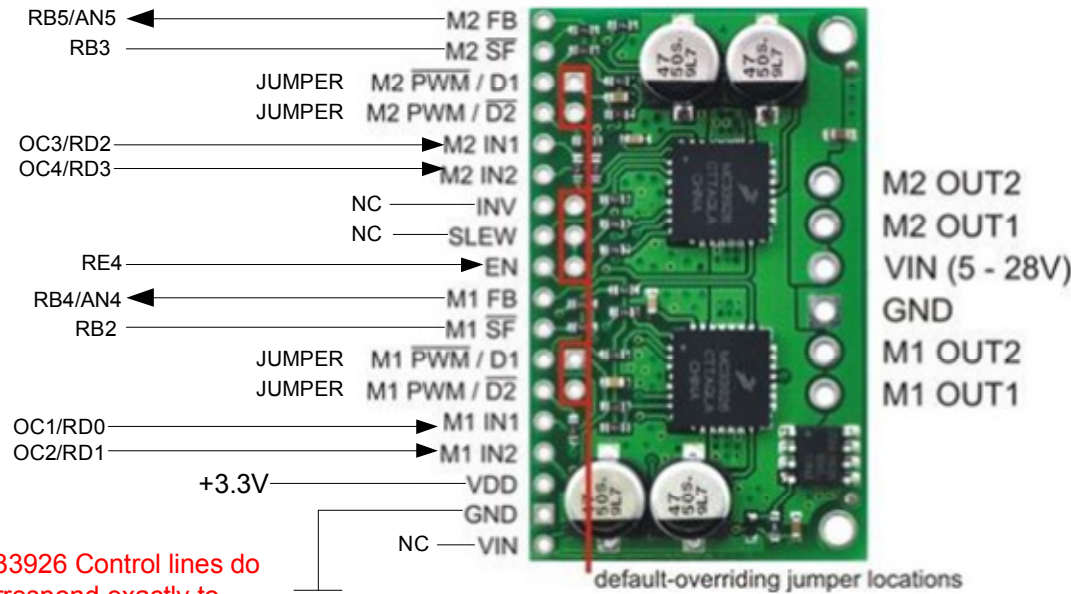
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PICTAIL CONNECTOR 1

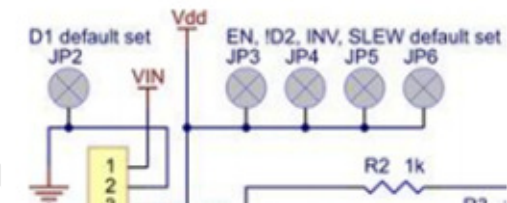


SLEW default (open) low = SLOW  
 INV default (open) low = NON INVERTED  
 EN default (open) low = SLEEP, **must be driven HIGH by MCU**  
 D1 default (open) high = DISABLED, **must be driven LOW by jumper**  
 /D2 default (open) low = DISABLED, **must be driven HIGH by jumper**



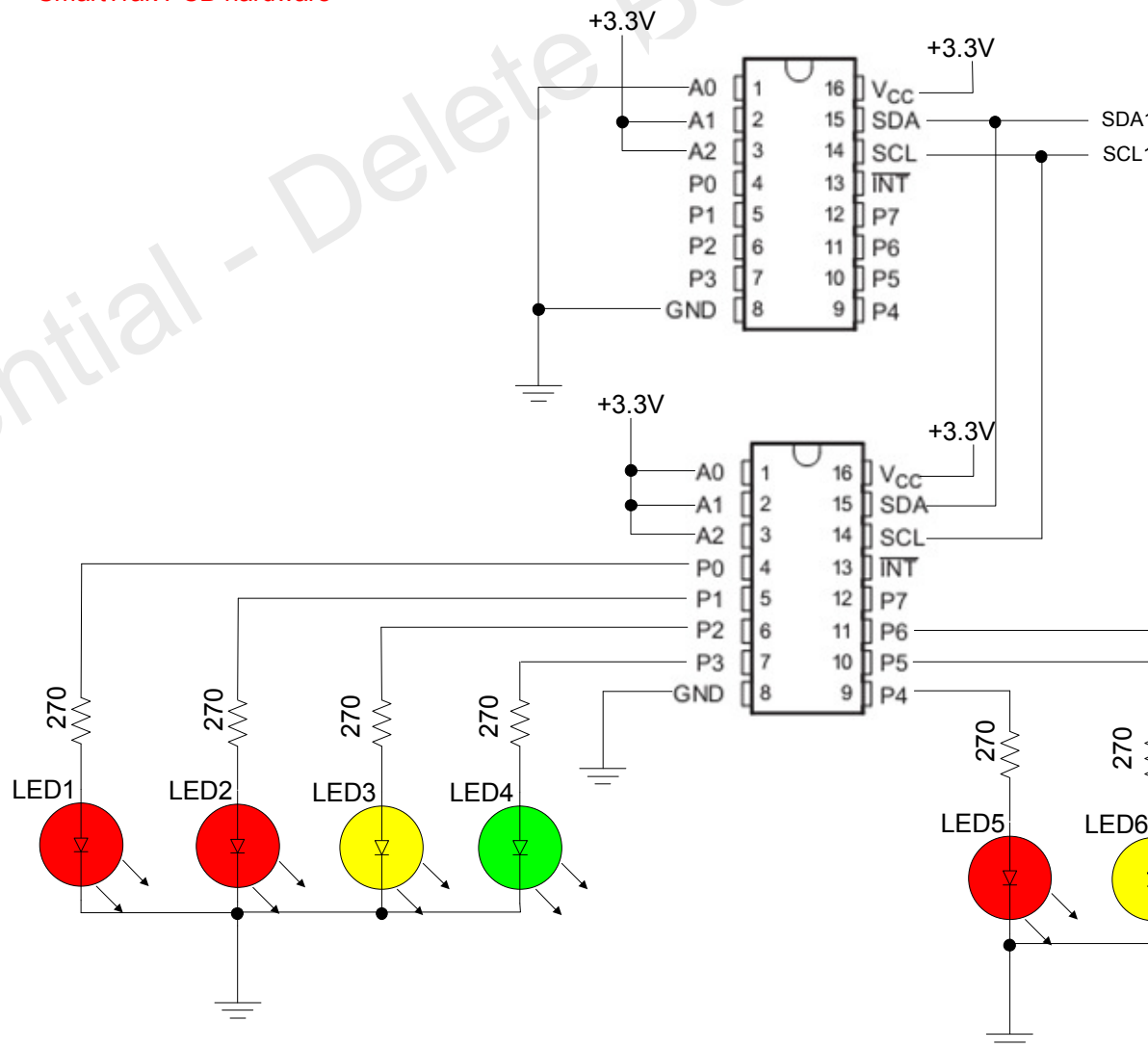
Note: MC33926 Control lines do not correspond exactly to SmartTrak PCB hardware

Note that all Jumpers EXCEPT D1 are pulled HI.  
 D1 must be pulled LOW



M2OUT2  
 M2OUT1  
 M1OUT2  
 M1OUT1

Elevation REVERSE PWM  
 Elevation FORWARD PWM  
 Azimuth REVERSE PWM  
 Azimuth FORWARD PWM



Connector at rear of H-Fang Motor



Wire Define:  
 Pin 1 motor-  
 Pin 2 motor+  
 Pin 3 hall GND  
 Pin 4 hall +(5-24)V  
 Pin 5 hall A  
 Pin 6 hall B  
 Pin E Ground

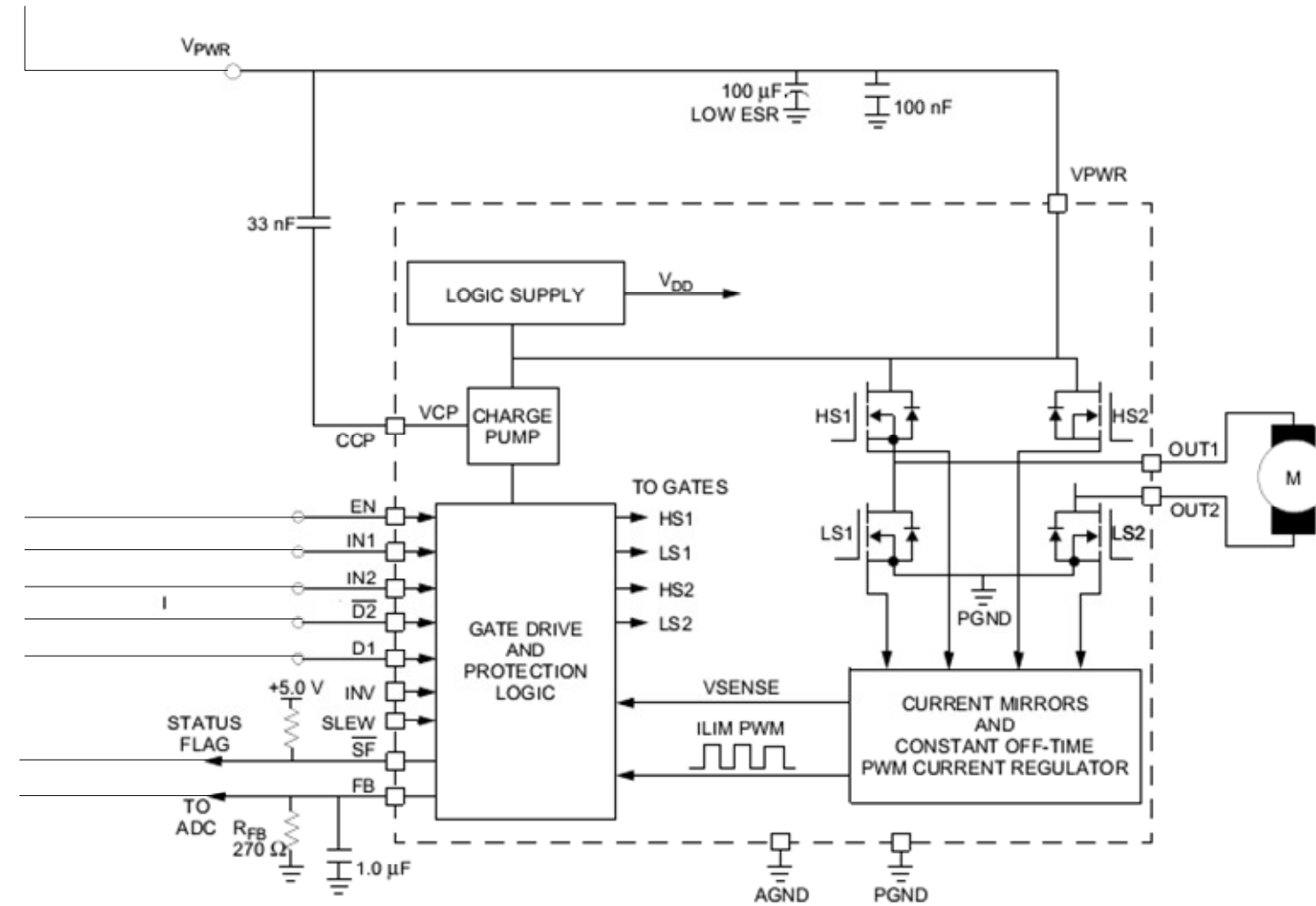
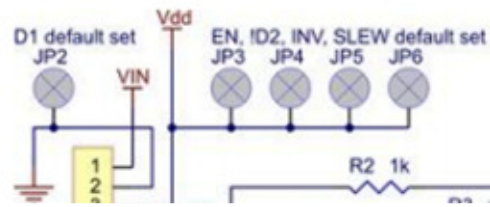
# PicTail Plus Wiring SmartTrak Solar Panel Controller

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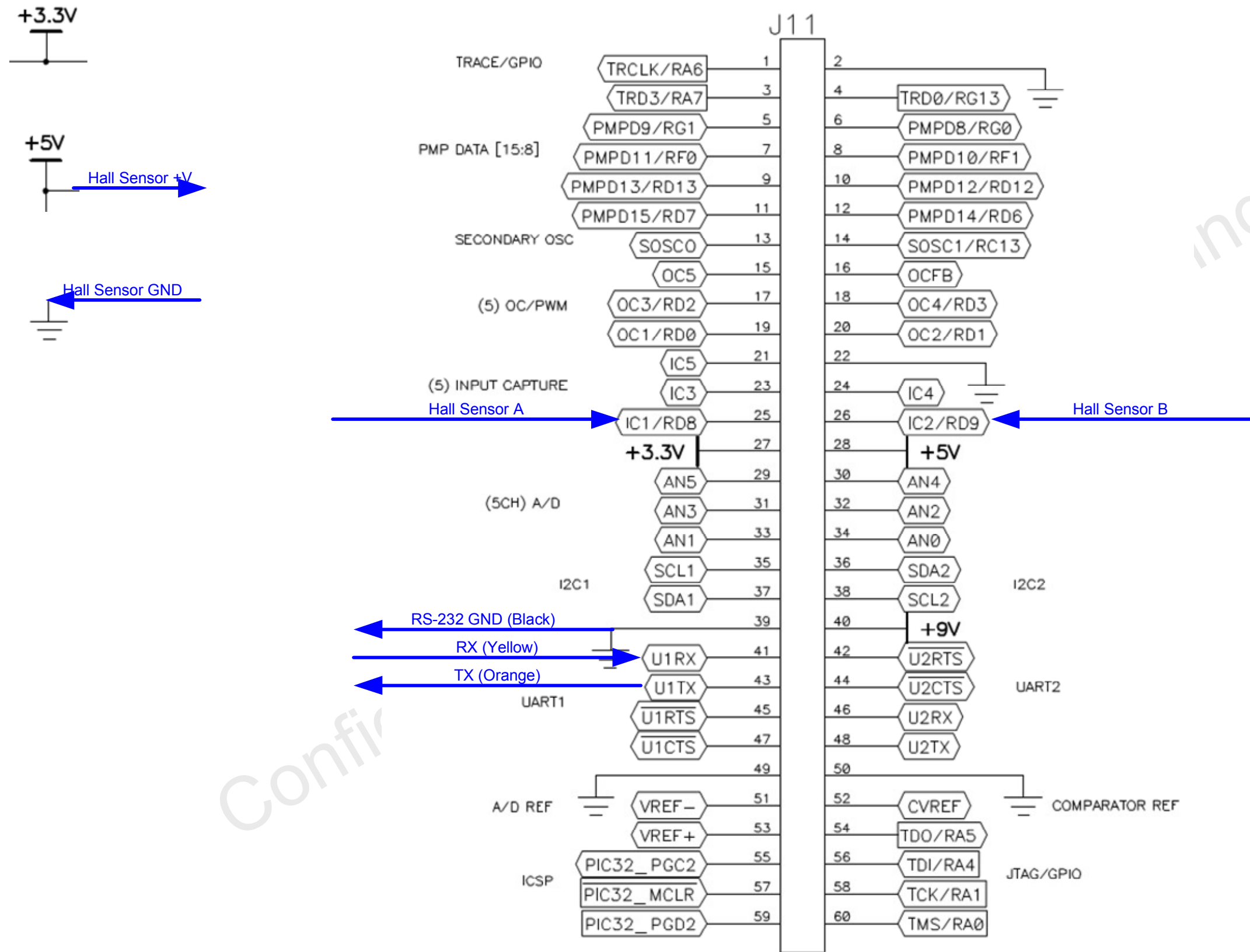


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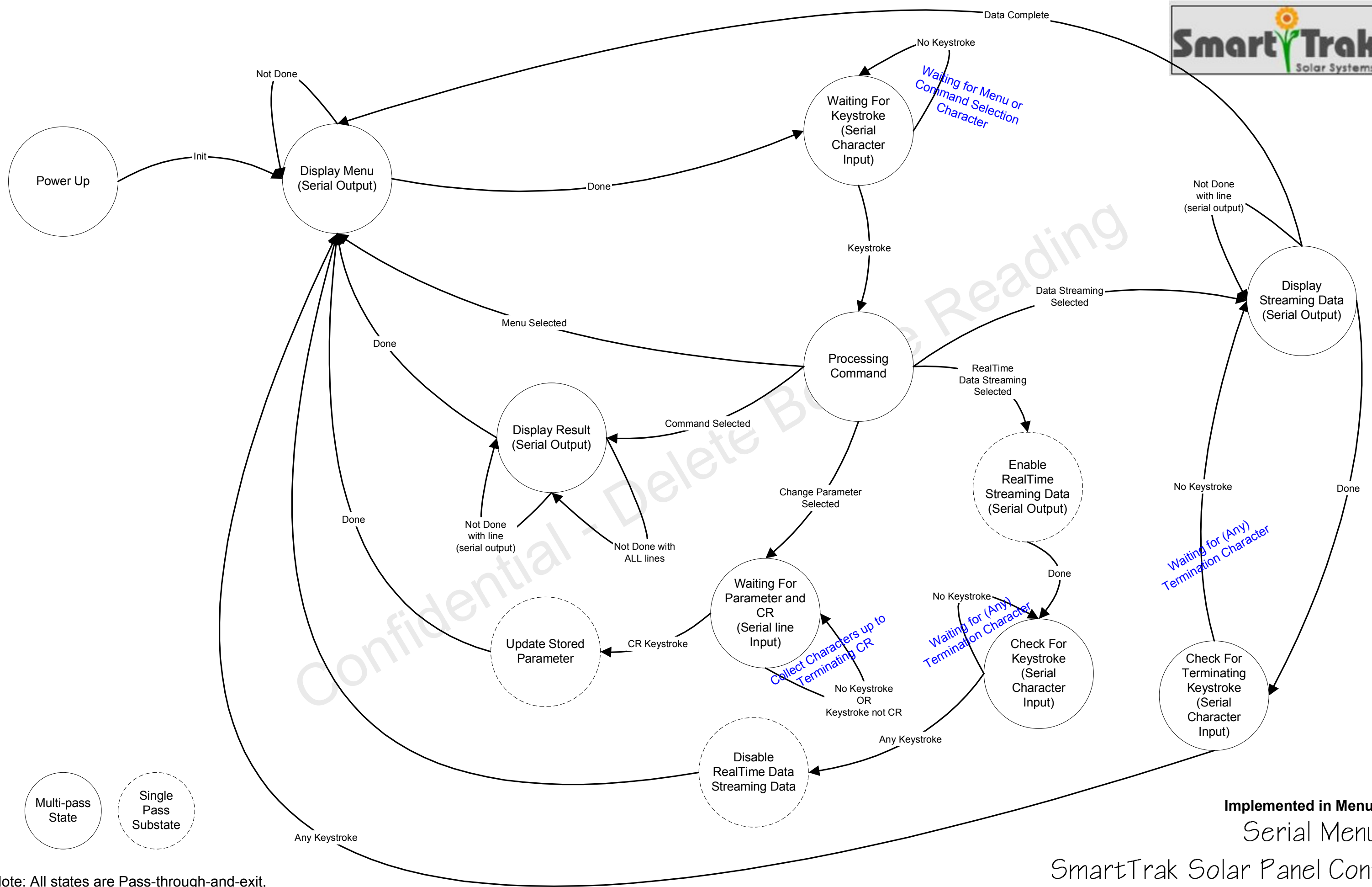
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Connector at rear of  
H-Fang Motor



Wire Define:	
Pin 1	motor—
Pin 2	motor+
Pin 3	hall GND
Pin 4	hall + (5-24)V
Pin 5	hall A
Pin 6	hall B
Pin E	Ground



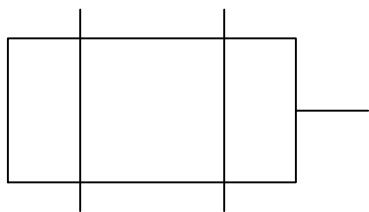
Note: All states are Pass-through-and-exit, called on a 25mS timer tick from the foreground loop, so that this can co-exist with the rest of the application

Implemented in MenuFSM.c  
Serial Menu FSM  
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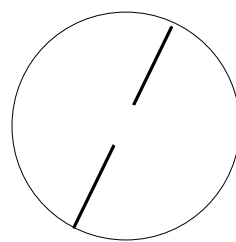
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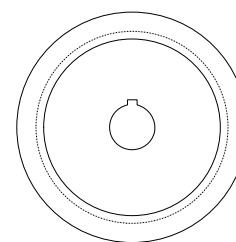


**Motor**  
Kv 83 rpm/V (Measured)  
No Load 1800 RPM

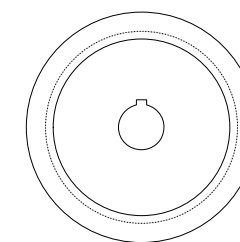
PWM drive at 10KHz  
(arbitrarily selected)  
Starting PWM value  
20%, based on prior  
experience



**Motion Sensor  
(Hall Effect)**  
2 ticks  
per MOTOR  
revolution



**Planetary Gearbox**  
575:1



**Slew Gearbox**  
73:1

## Mechanical Characteristics Travel Limits:

- Max Motor Gearbox Velocity: 18.8 degrees/sec
  - 30 motor revolutions/sec (1800 RPM)
  - 3.13 output shaft revolutions/min (1127 degrees/min)
  - 0.0522 output shaft revolutions/sec (18.8 degrees/sec)
  - 60 Motion Sensor ticks/sec
  - 16.7mS per Sensor tick (0.31 degrees/tick)
    - TMR3 = (80MHz/2)/256, 156KHz, 6.40uS/count
    - 5219 TMR3 counts per Motion Sensor tick
- Max Acceleration: x.xxx degrees/s/s
  - assuming linear acceleration from 0 to x.xxx degrees/s/s
    - x.xx shaft revolutions
    - xx.x motor revolutions
    - xxxx Motion Sensor ticks

PWM is set by 7 bit value, so the PWM can  
be adjusted on every Motion Sensor tick.

- 1.00 degree Total Motion:
  - 0.0028 output shaft revolutions
  - 0.2028 input shaft revolutions
  - 116.6 motor revolutions
  - 233.2 motion sensor ticks
  - 0.065 minutes, 3.89S at maximum speed (no accel or decel)
- Minimum motion 0.00429 degrees
  - 0.5 motor revolutions
  - 1 Motion Sensor tick TOTAL
- Longest Motion Sensor tick timing:
- accelerating from 0 at 9.4 degrees/s/s
  - using  $d = 0.5 * a * t^2$ , for  $d = 4.7$  degrees,  $t = 1.0S$ 
    - xxxxx TMR3 counts per motion sensor tick
    - xx.xx times longer than the 16.7mS tick at max speed
    - this time, which is not entirely accurate because we will start with at least 20% duty cycle, will nonetheless be used to determine the *maximum motion timeout* value

### 1.00 Degree Move

(This is an example, final specs not determined)

- **0.0028 Output Shaft Revolutions Motion Profile**
  - 233 Motion Sensor Wheel ticks TOTAL
  - 58 ticks accelerating from 0 at 9.4 degrees/s/s
    - using  $d = 0.5 * a * t^2$ , for  $d = 4.7$  degrees,  $t = 1.0S$
  - 58 ticks decelerating at 2.35 degrees/s/s (1:4)
    - using  $d = 0.5 * a * t^2$ , for  $d = 4.7$  degrees,  $t = 2.0S$
  - 117 ticks at full speed, 16.7mS per tick
    - $t = 1.95S$
  - for a total 4.95S move
  - observed x.xxS move starting at 20% duty cycle

### Total Required Motion 16 Degrees/hour

16 x 1.0 Degree Move  
16 x 4.95S = **79.2S** in a 3600S hour

Note: these timing calculations are based on starting motion at 0% PWM, and ramping up from there.  
In reality, the PWM will be started at 20% (or higher), which makes the calculations more complicated, and  
better done with a spreadsheet - but this method of calculation provides worst-case timing.

Azimuth Motion Math  
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