

ADD_IN



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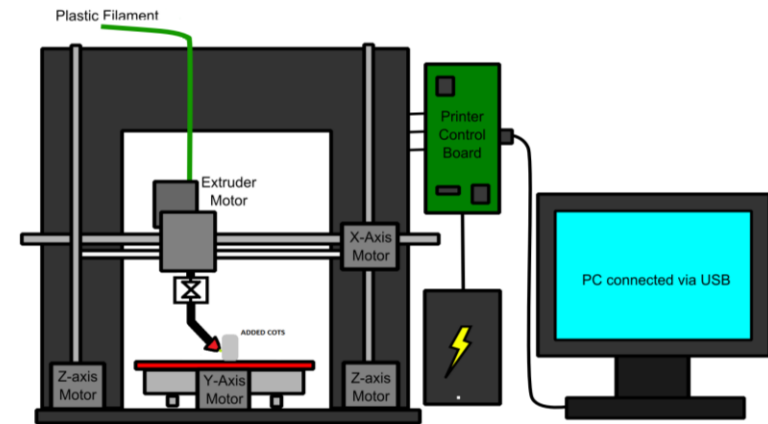
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Project Description

*“ADD_IN proposes to develop a 3D printer that can enclose **COTS items**, thus rapidly producing **strong, useful and low cost parts.**”*

Use Cases

3 Primary Use cases

1. Enclose threaded inserts
2. Enclose stiffeners
3. Enclose PCB/Sensor

Enclose Threaded Inserts

Motivation

3D Printed parts are often sufficiently strong, but fail at the interface with other components



Solution

Enclose threaded inserts to distribute force over larger area and reduce material stress



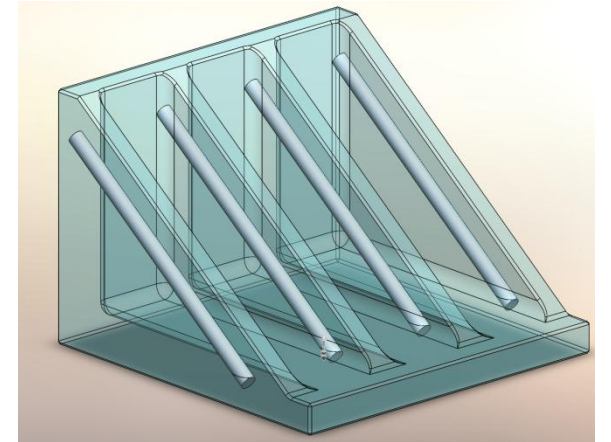
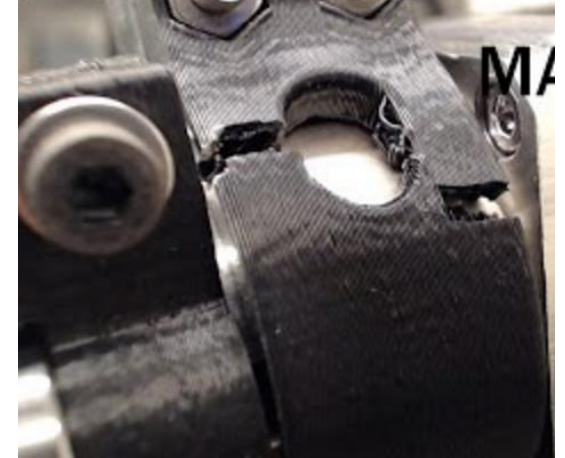
Enclose Stiffeners

Motivation

3D Print parts often develop cracks and/or delaminate. Part strength is highly directionally dependent

Solution

Enclose wire/rod stiffeners to strength part along loading directions



Integrated Electronics

Motivation

1. Allow designers to develop smaller, more integrated devices
2. Enable in-situ measurement for temperature, strain, acceleration, etc.

Solution

Enable printing surrounding complex shapes such as PCB's and sensor packages



System Level Requirements

Requirement Types

1. Functional (11 Mandatory, 3 Stretch)
2. Nonfunctional (2 Mandatory, 2 Stretch)
3. Performance (1 Mandatory, 3 Stretch)

Functional Requirements

100	Mandatory	Receive standard 3D part files
101		Prompt user for insertion layer
102		Create Collision free path
103		Generate 4DOF G-Code
104		Rotate nozzle using G-Code
105		Avoid Kinks in Filament
106		Print layers of material
107		Print locating features for COTS items
108		Go to safe configuration during insertion
109		Enclose COTS item with print material
110	Avoid Collisions	
400	Stretch	Print between parts
401		Print close to COTS item
402		Automatically Assign insertion layer

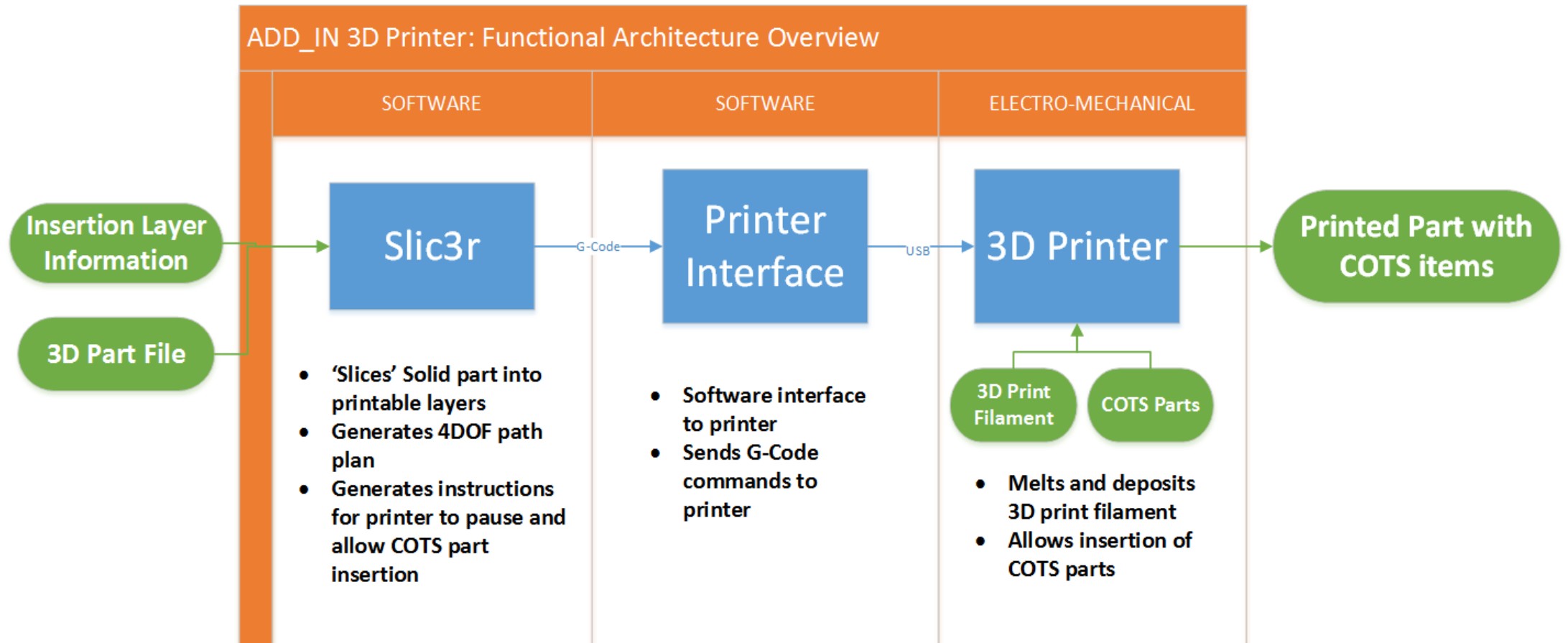
Nonfunctional Requirements

200	Mandatory	Maintain accurate temperature control
201		Provide user feedback during printing
500	Stretch	Maintain print speed
501		Easy-to-use interface

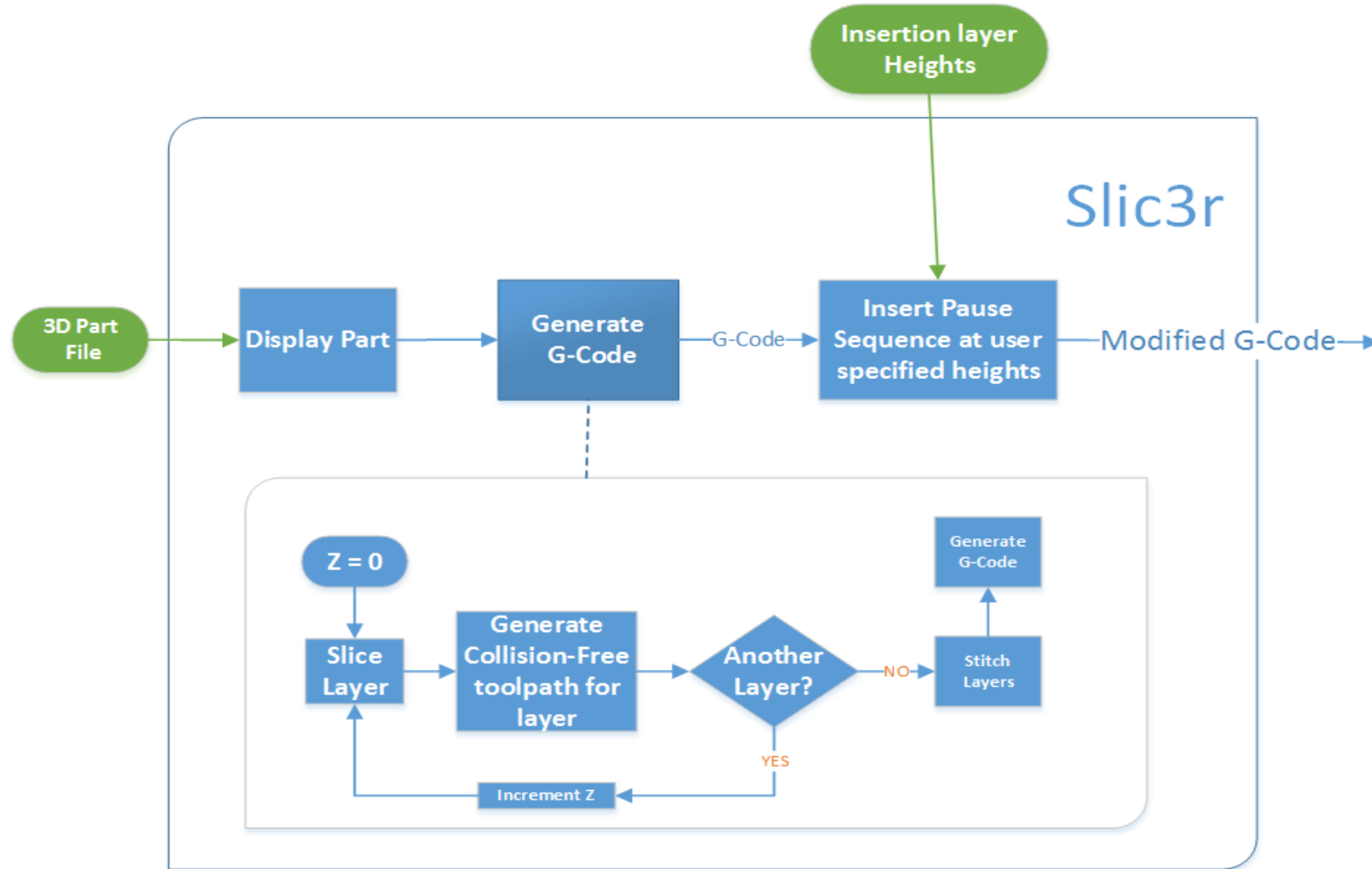
Performance Requirements

300	Mandatory	Incorporate COTS parts of cylindrical and rectangular prism shapes
301		Incorporate COTS parts that are orthogonal to print surface
302		Incorporate COTS parts that have a maximum height of one inch above the print surface
303		Be able to infinitely rotate nozzle
600	Stretch	Print time (excluding insertion time) not to increase more than 5% compared to Makergear M2
601		Print between multiple COTS parts not less than 2 inches apart
602		Position nozzle within 0.1mm of COTS part

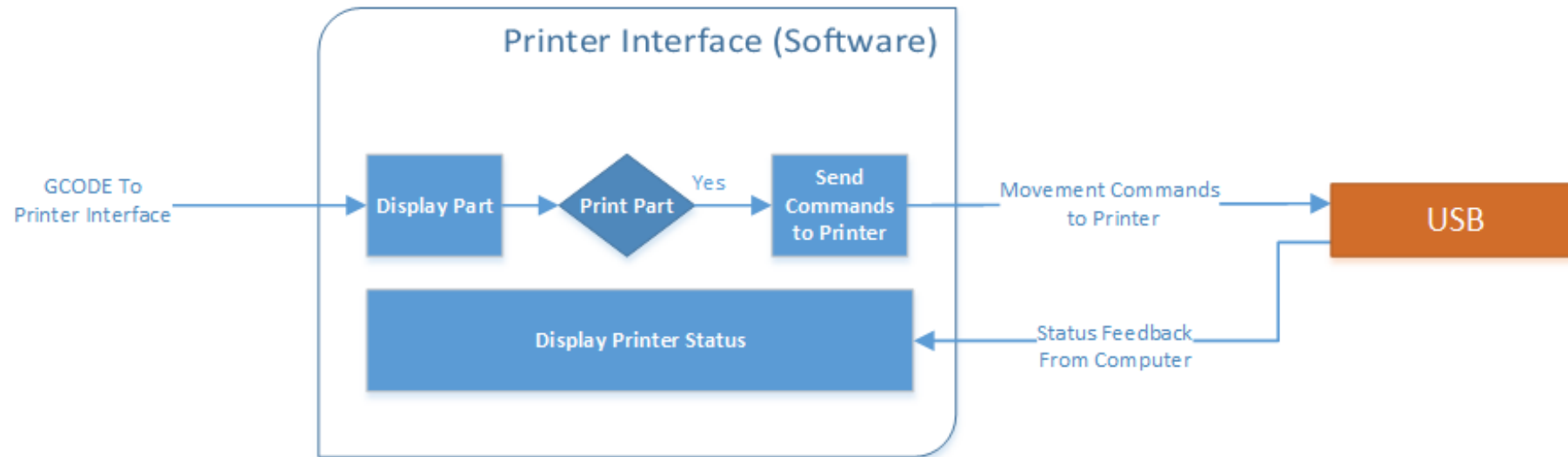
Functional Architecture



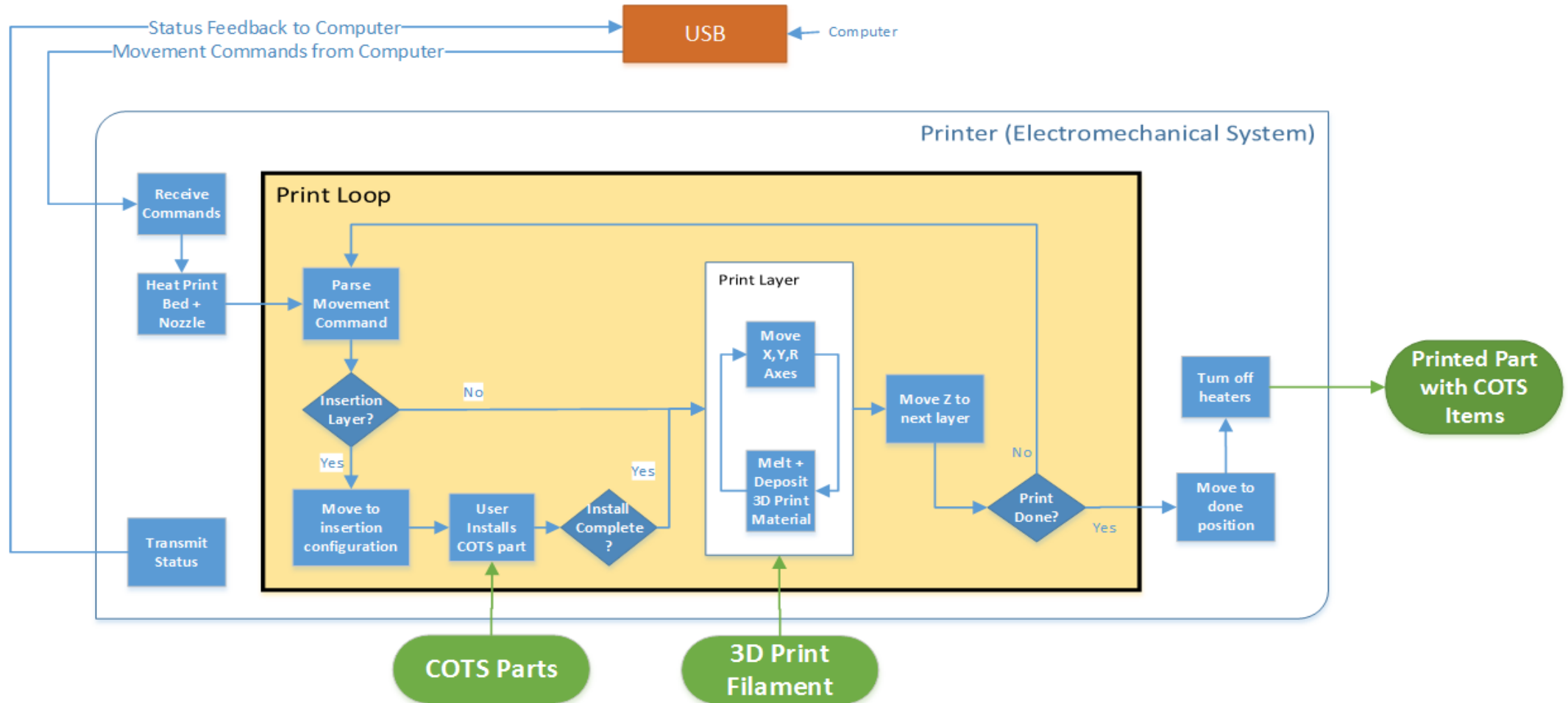
Functional Architecture: Slicer



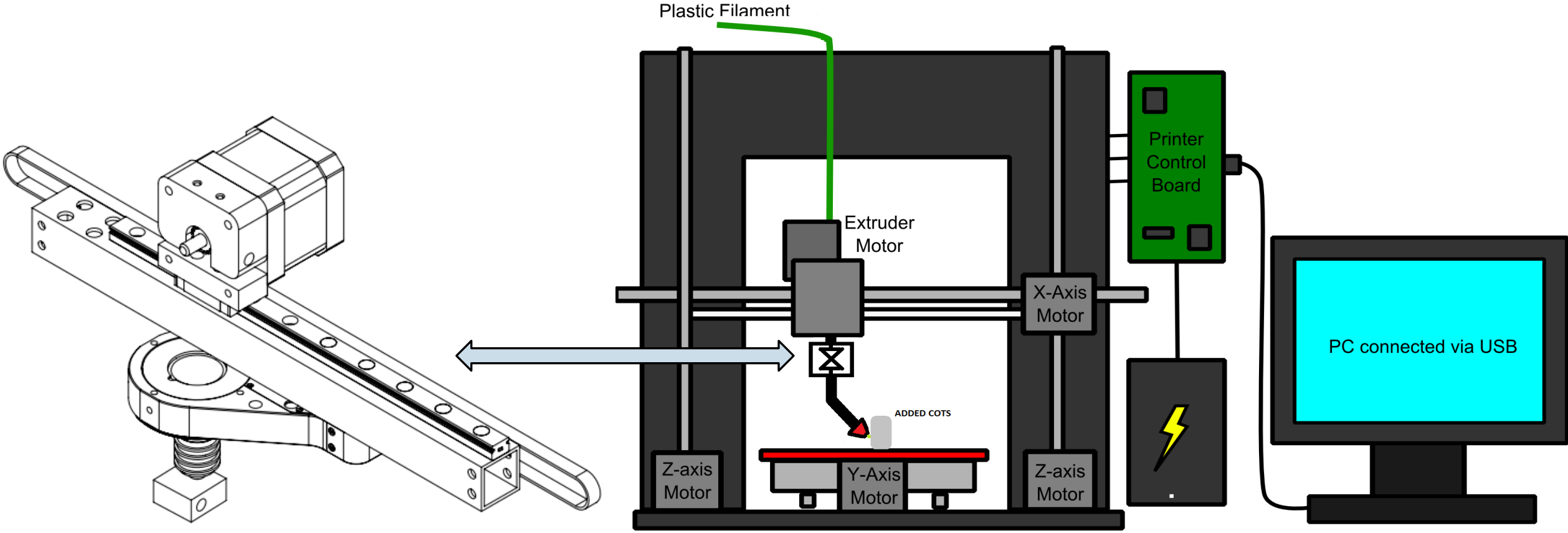
Functional Architecture: Printer Interface



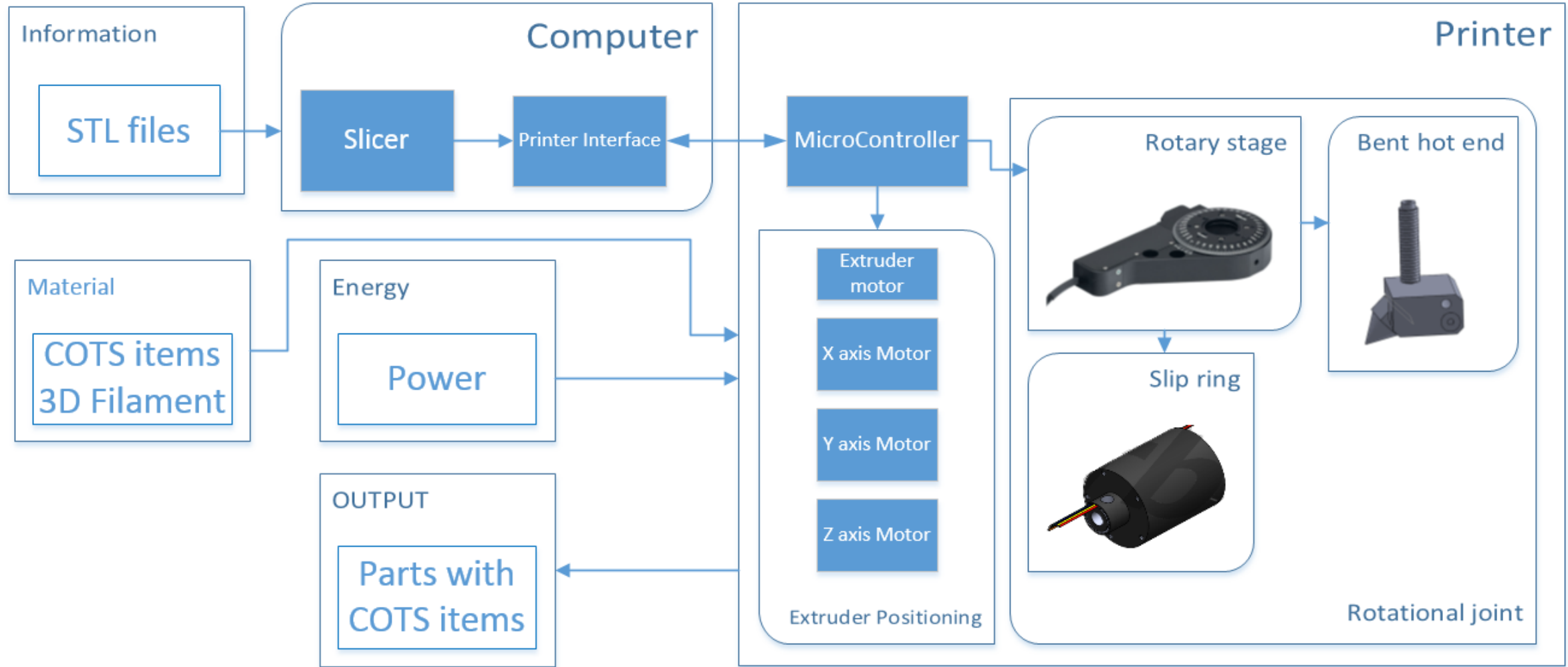
Functional Architecture: Electromechanical



Cyberphysical Architecture



Cyberphysical Architecture



Subsystems (Overview + Current Status)

- **Slicer Software**

Receive .stl file; Generate G-Code file

- **RAMBo Controller + Firmware**

Receive USB Commands; Command axis + heaters

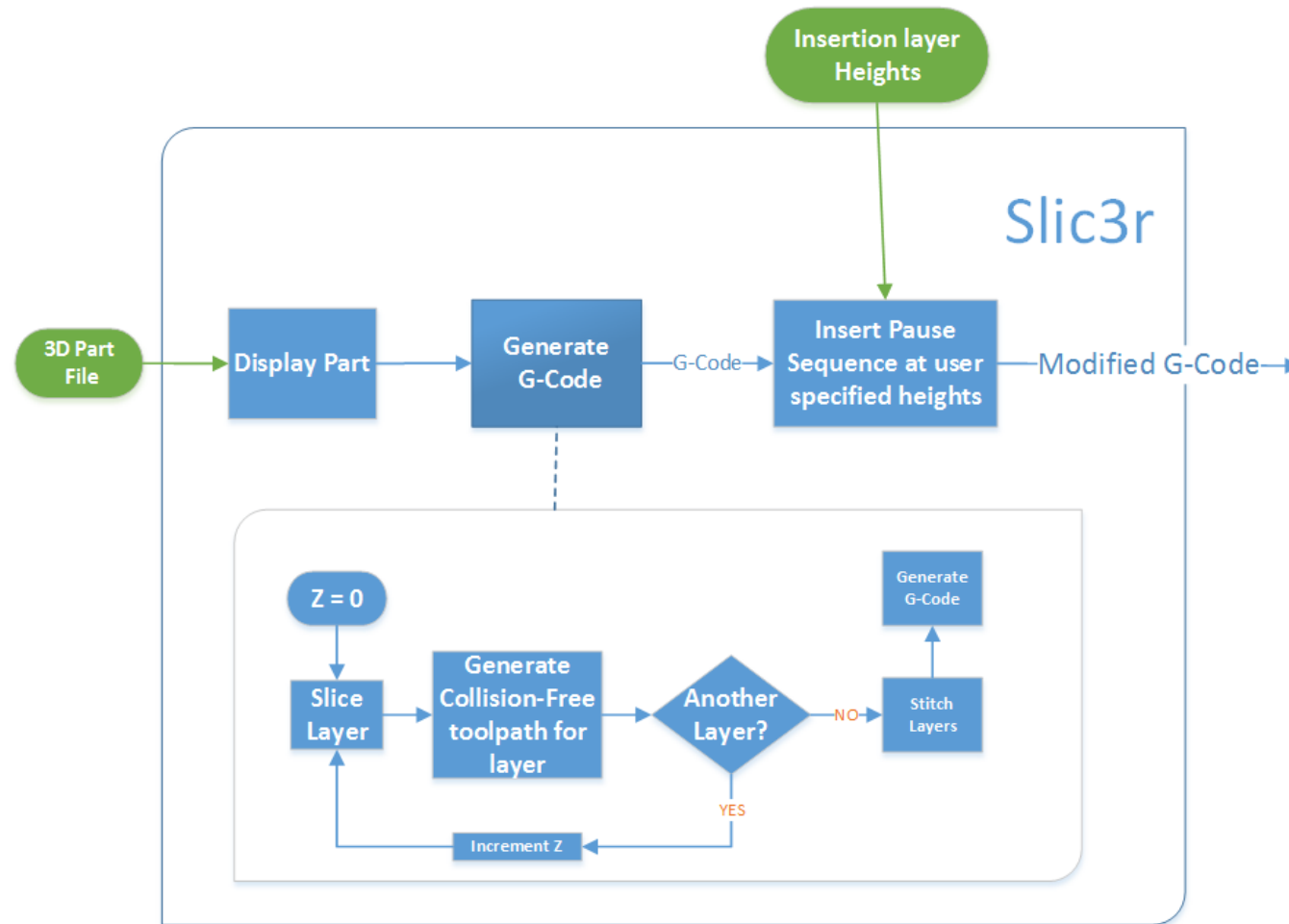
- **Rotary Stage + Slip Ring**

Infinite nozzle rotation with filament and electrical feed-thru

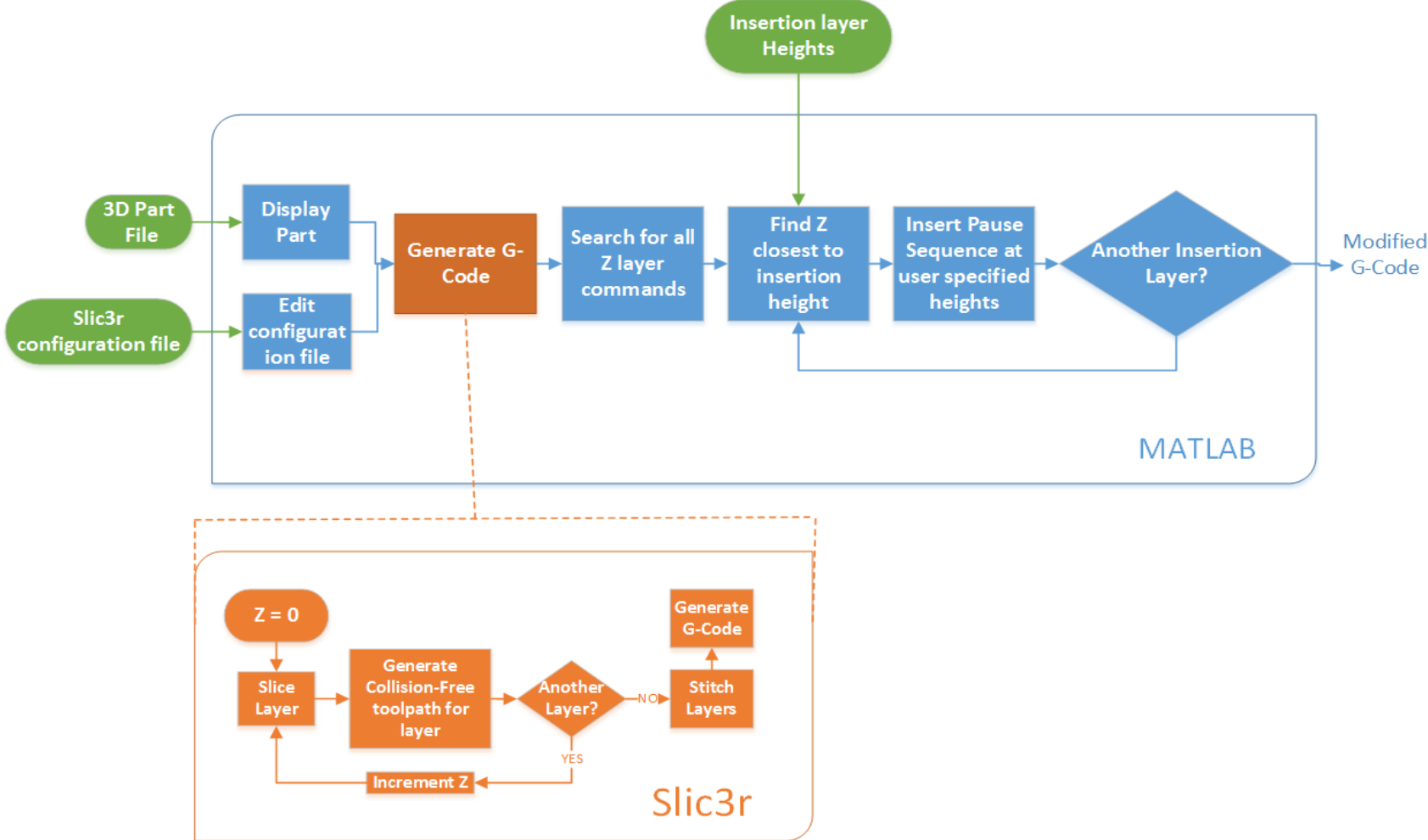
- **Extruder Nozzle**

Enclose COTS item in 3D Print material

Slicer Software - Overview



Slicer Software – Current Approach



Slicer Software – Current Status

Recent Tasks:

- Invoke Slic3r from MATLAB
- Implement layer selection algorithm in MATLAB

Upcoming Tasks:

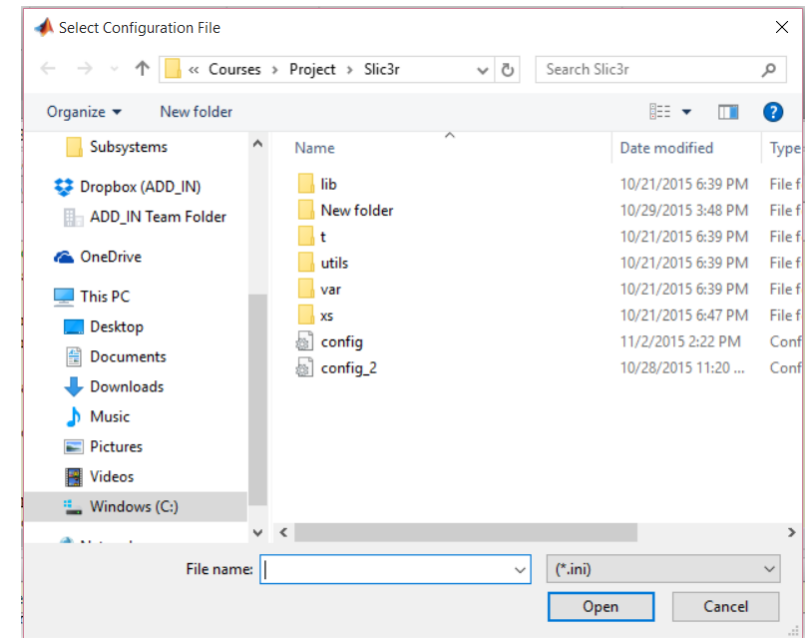
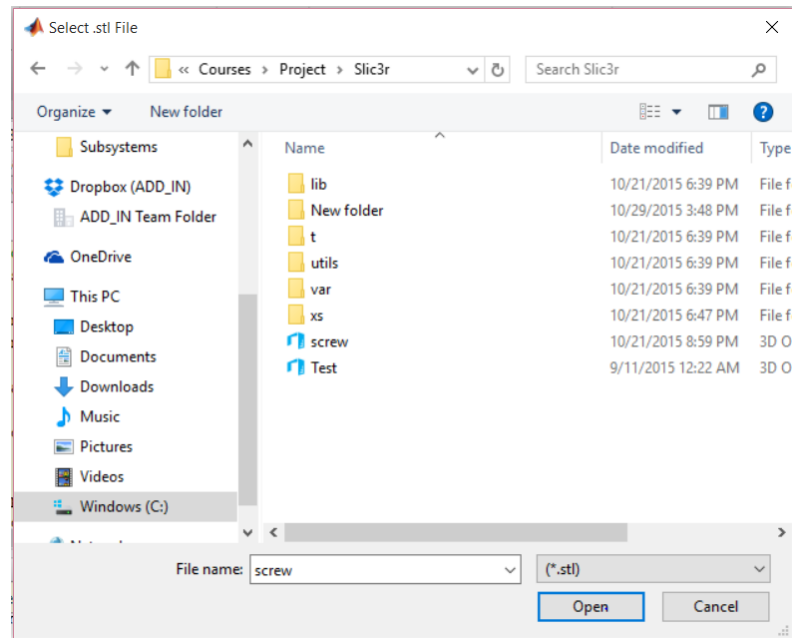
- Design + Implement path planning algorithm
- Generate 4DOF G-Code commands
- Port MATLAB scripts into open source Slic3r software (Spring)

Slic3r/MATLAB integration	Layer Selection Algorithm	Design Path Planning Algorithm	4DOF G-Code Generation	Port MATLAB scripts into Slic3r
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Slicer Software – Current Status

USER INTERFACE (MATLAB)

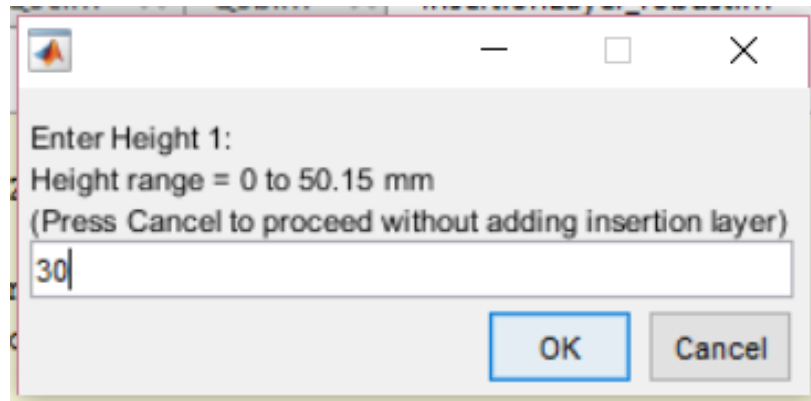
- Slic3r is invoked and resulting G-Code is modified for insertion configuration
- Slic3r settings are loaded through configuration file



Slicer Software – Current Status

INSERTION LAYER SELECTION

User is prompted for an insertion height



PAUSE SEQUENCE

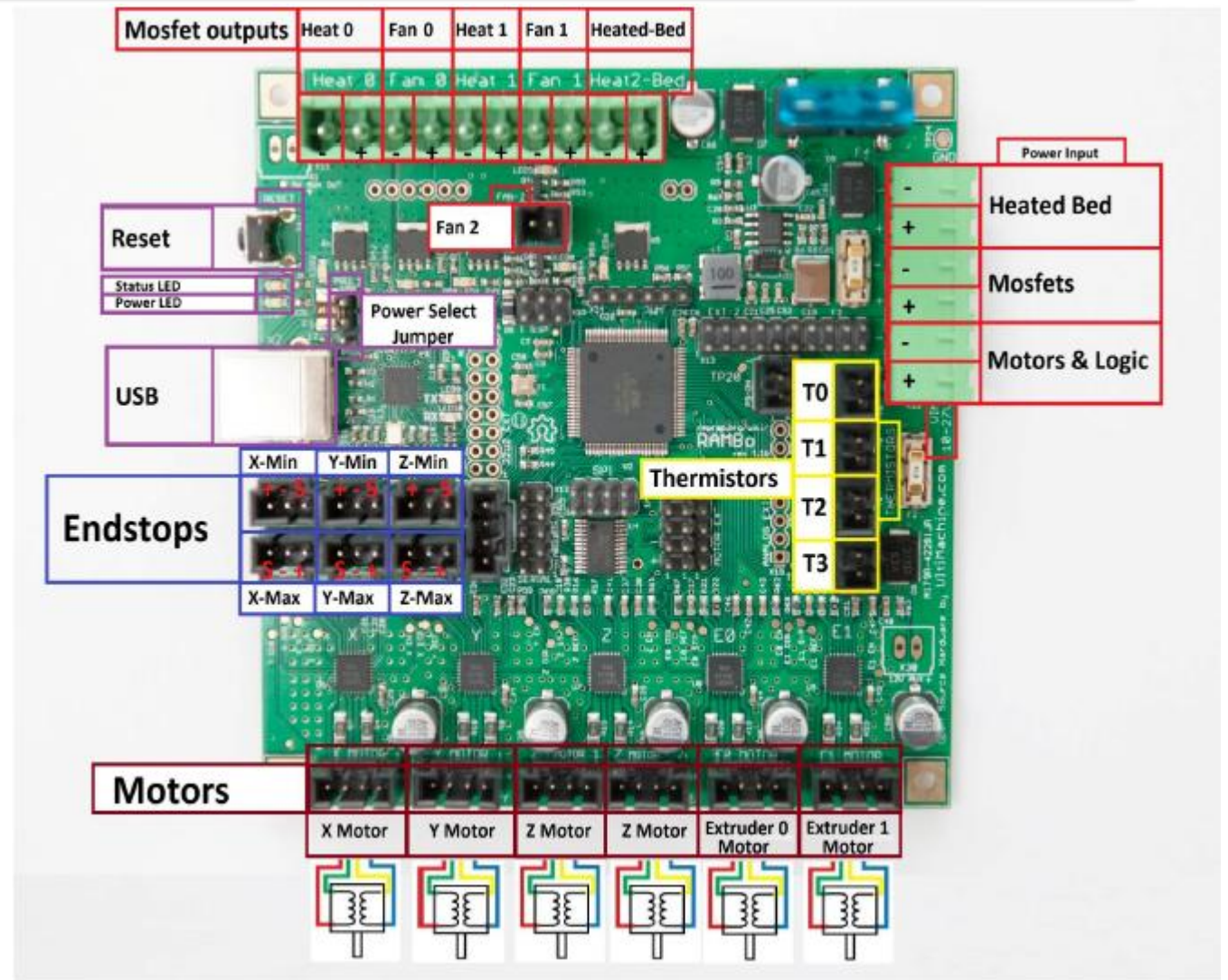
- Pause sequence is inserted before the closest Z command

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M0 --Pause  
G01 X0 Y200 Z170 --Go to Insertion Position
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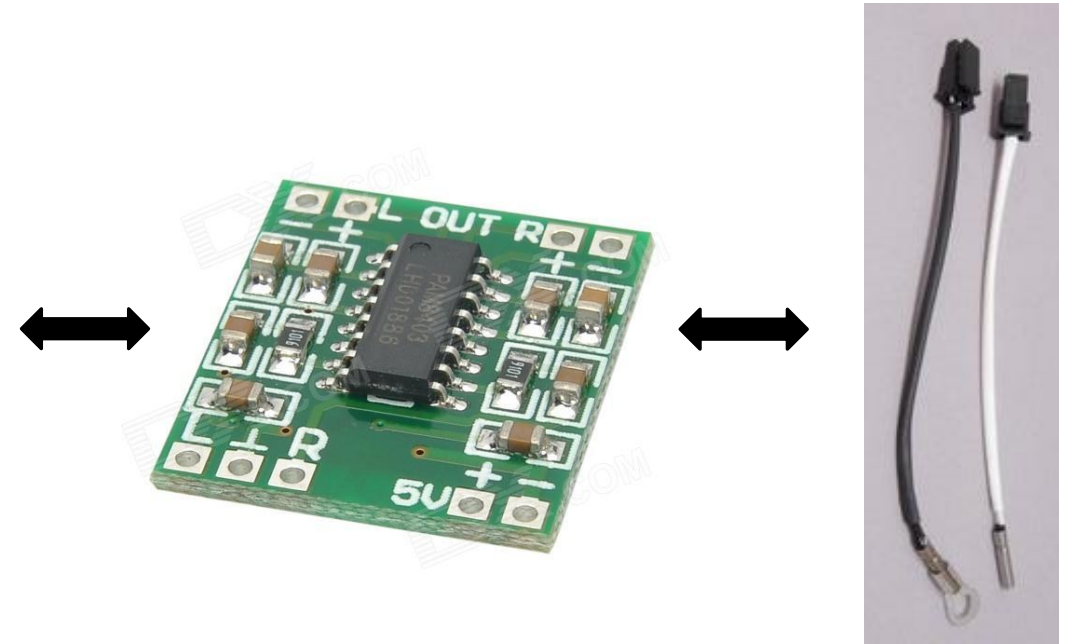
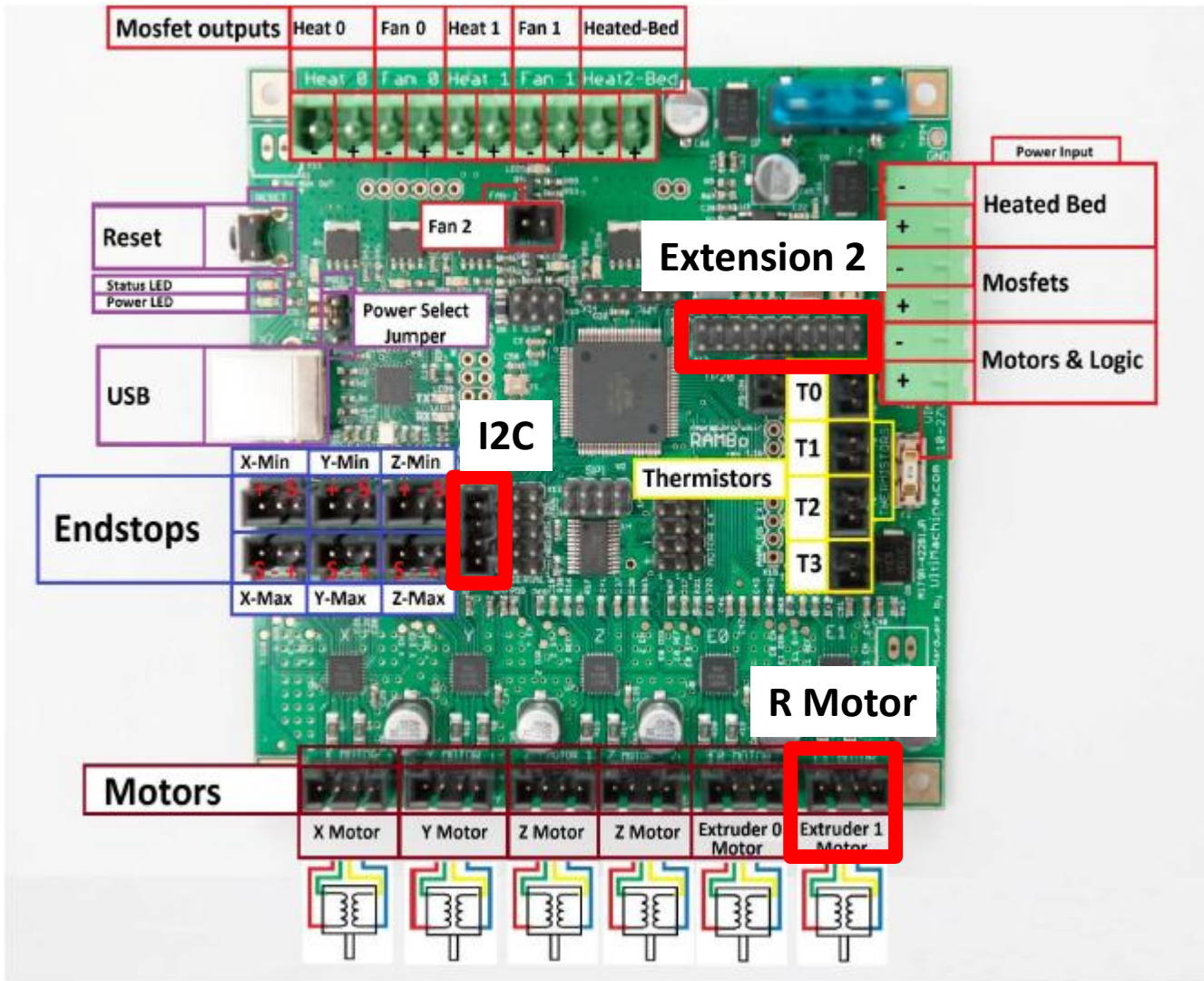
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98625 M106 S211.65  
98626 M0  
98627 G01 X0 Y200 Z170  
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RAMBo Controller - Overview

- Hardware
 - ATmega2560
 - 5 Stepper Outputs
 - 2 Heater outputs
 - Analog Thermistor input
 - I²C Interface
 - User interface with LCD
- Software
 - Open Source Firmware (Arduino)



RAMBo Controller – Hardware Changes



courtesy Thomas Sanladerer

RAMBo Controller – Firmware Changes

- Control additional stepper motor
- Receive G-codes with 4 degrees of freedom (X-Y-Z-R)
- Modify motor control algorithm to synchronize X-Y-Z-R
- Interface with the thermistor sensing module

RAMBo Controller – Current Status

Recent Tasks:

- Control stepper motor using RAMBo => Done in Task 7
- Thermistor sensor module design => Task 12

Upcoming Tasks:

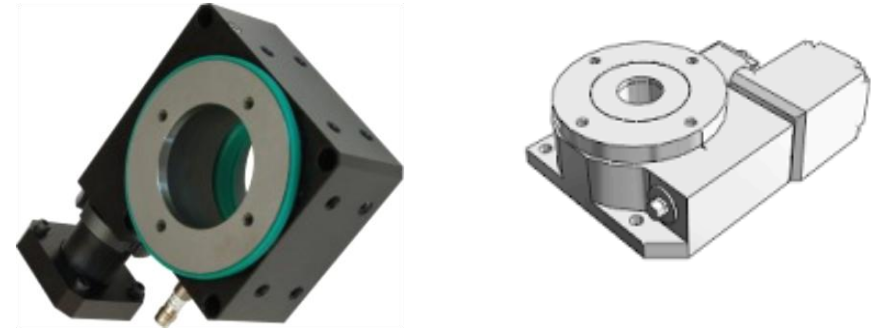
- Modify firmware to for digital nozzle temperature input
- Modify firmware to receive 4DOF G-Code
- Modify firmware to synchronize rotary stage (Spring)

Control stepper with the board	Understand the Merlin Firmware	Write and integrate code for 4 th DOF
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Rotary Stage + Slip Ring - Overview

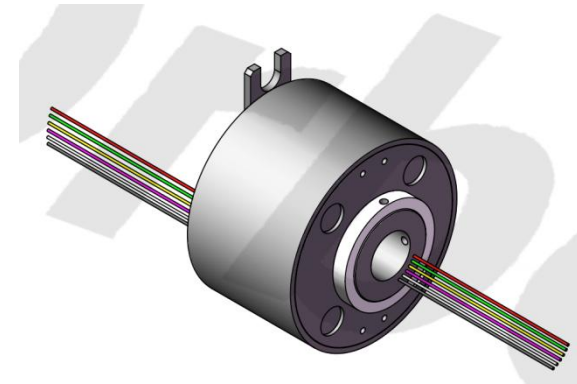
Rotary stage

- Precise nozzle rotation
- Clear aperture for the filament feed + slip ring



Slip ring

- Transmit Heater power + temperature signal
- Clear aperture for the filament feed
- Enables infinite rotation
- Thermistor output will be converted to digital for noise immunity
=> PCB design of task 12



Rotary Stage + Slip Ring – Current Status

Required specification:

Rotary stage

- Speed: $\approx 75^\circ/\text{sec}$
- Repeatability: $\pm 1.2^\circ/R$ *R is the offset of the nozzle tip w.r.t. rotation axis*
- Stepper actuated – control compatible to Rambo board

Slip ring

- Hollow with min aperture of 4mm
- 6 lines
- Compact: length < 25 mm external diameter < 20 mm

Rotary Stage + Slip Ring – Current Status

Recent Tasks:

- Determine required rotary stage speed as function of R
- Research rotary stage suppliers

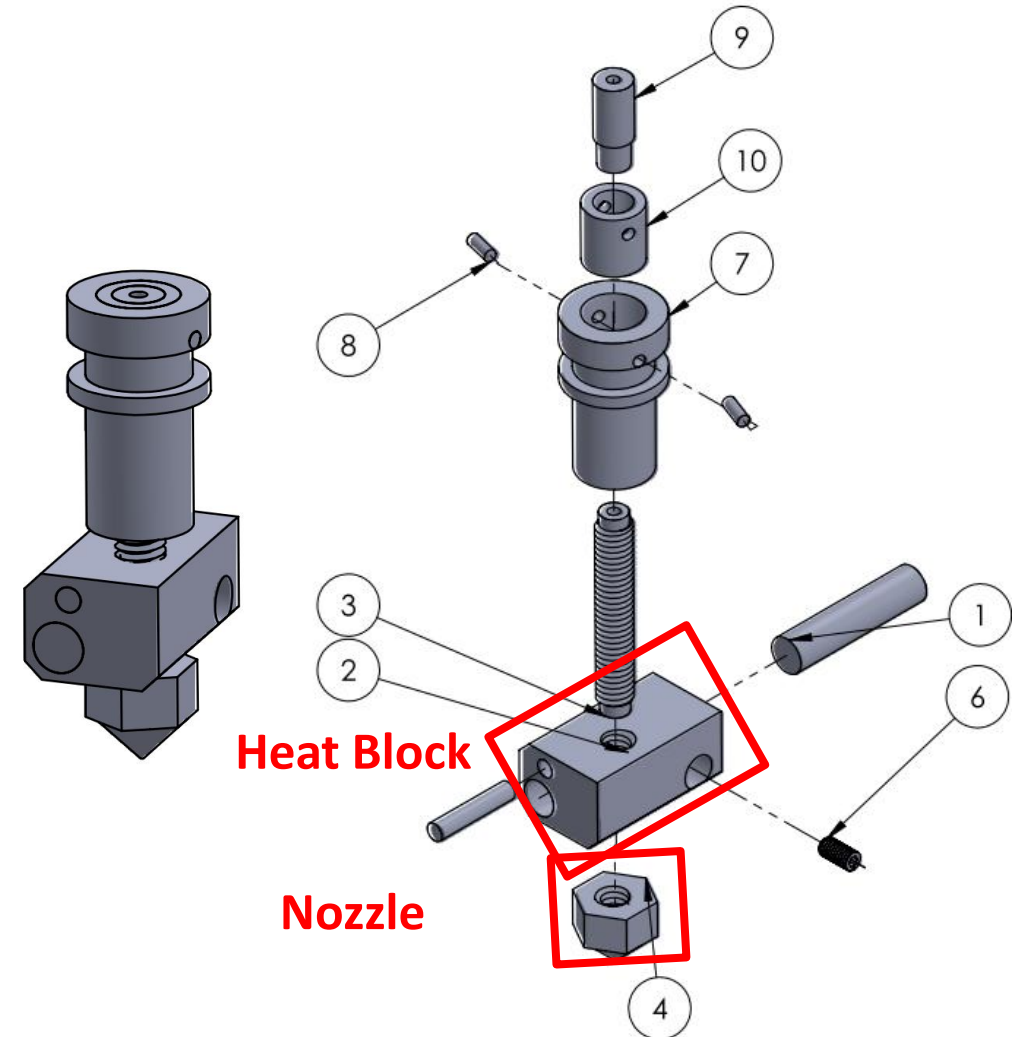
Upcoming Tasks:

- Select + order rotary stage based on final nozzle dimensions
- Design, manufacture, assemble rotary stage and slip ring mounts
- Modify firmware to synchronize rotary stage (Spring)

Research Rotary Stages	Required Speed Calculations	Select Product	Design mounts	Purchase	Manufacture Mounts	HW + SW Integration
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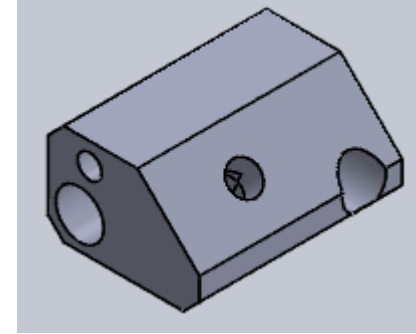
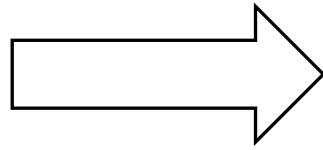
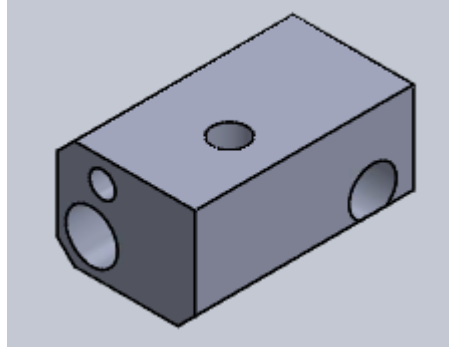
Extruder Nozzle - Overview

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ITEM NO.	QTY.
Cartirage Heater	MakerGear M2 Extruder Assembly	1	1
Aluminium Heater Block	MakerGear M2 Extruder Assembly	2	1
M6 Heater Barrel	MakerGear M2 Extruder Assembly	3	1
0.35mm Nozzle	MakerGear M2 Extruder Assembly	4	1
Modular Thermistor	MakerGear M2 Heater Assembly	5	1
M3 screw	MakerGear M2 Heater Assembly	6	1
Groove Mount PEEK	MakerGear M2 Groove Mount Assembly	7	1
Groove Mount Stopper	MakerGear M2 Groove Mount Assembly	8	2
1.75mm PTFE tube	MakerGear M2 Groove Mount Assembly	9	1
Insulator	MakerGear M2 Groove Mount Assembly	10	1

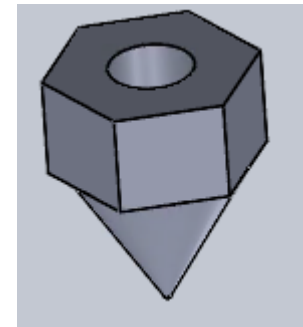
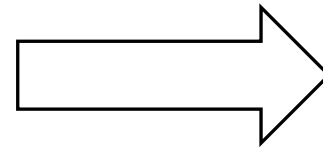
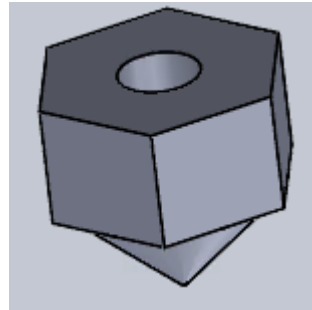


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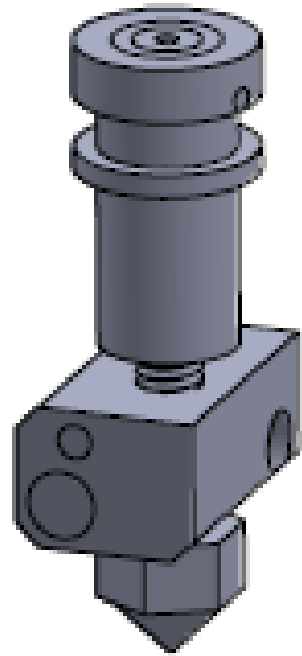
Heat Block



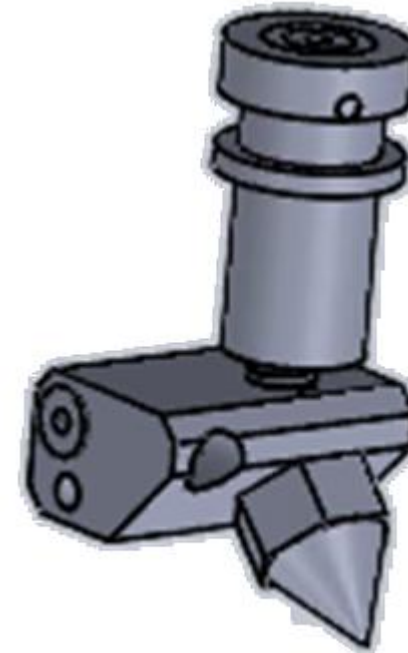
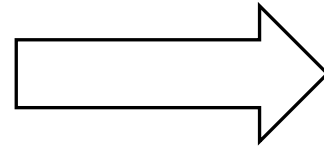
Nozzle



Extruder Nozzle - Overview



Original MakerGear Extruder Nozzle



Angled Nozzle Mount

Small diameter nozzle

4DOF Custom Nozzle

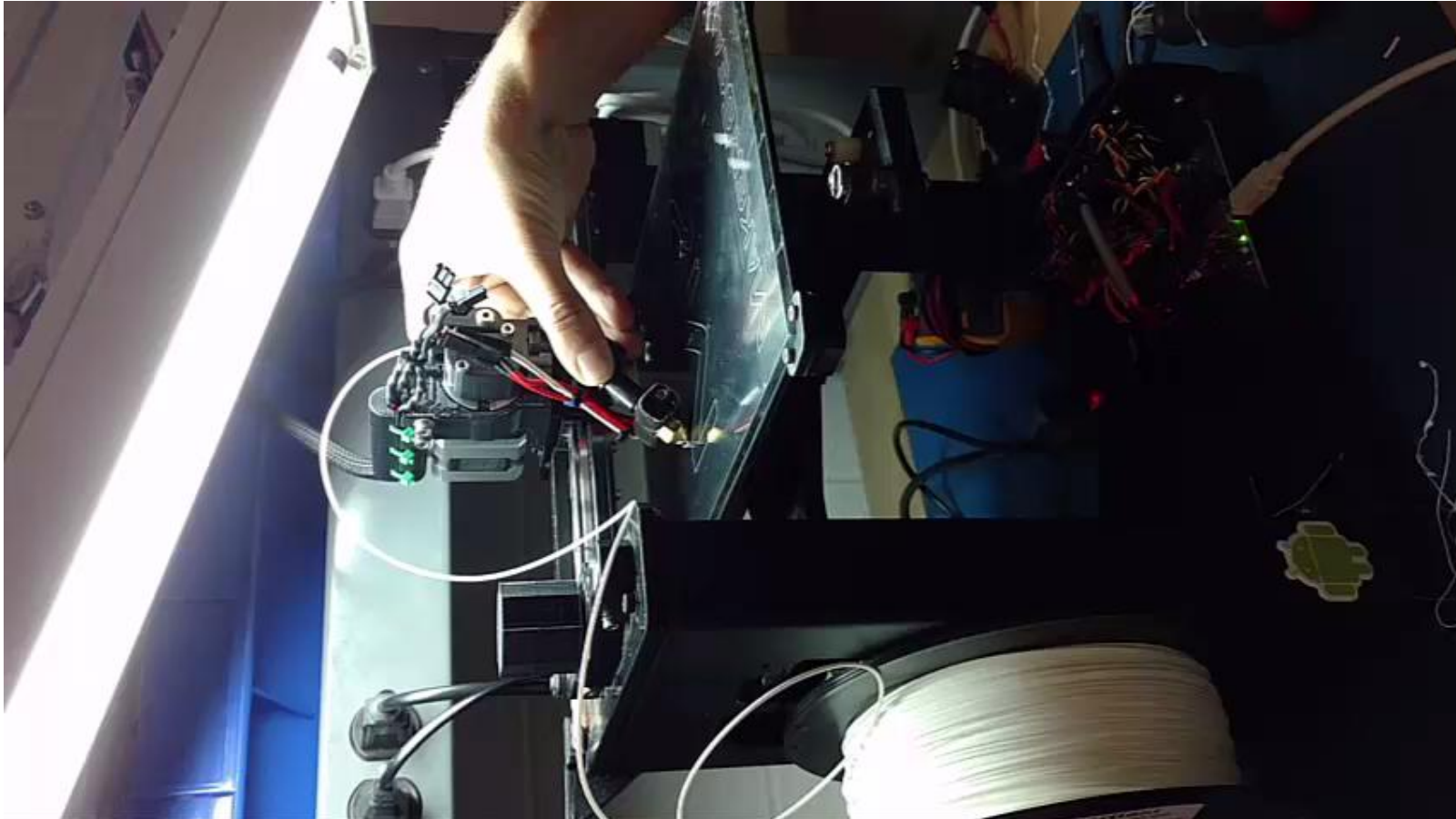
Extruder Nozzle - Overview

Extruder Nozzle Requirements

- Avoid filament kinks
- Similar heat transfer properties as original MakerGear Nozzle
- Uniformly extrude 3D print material

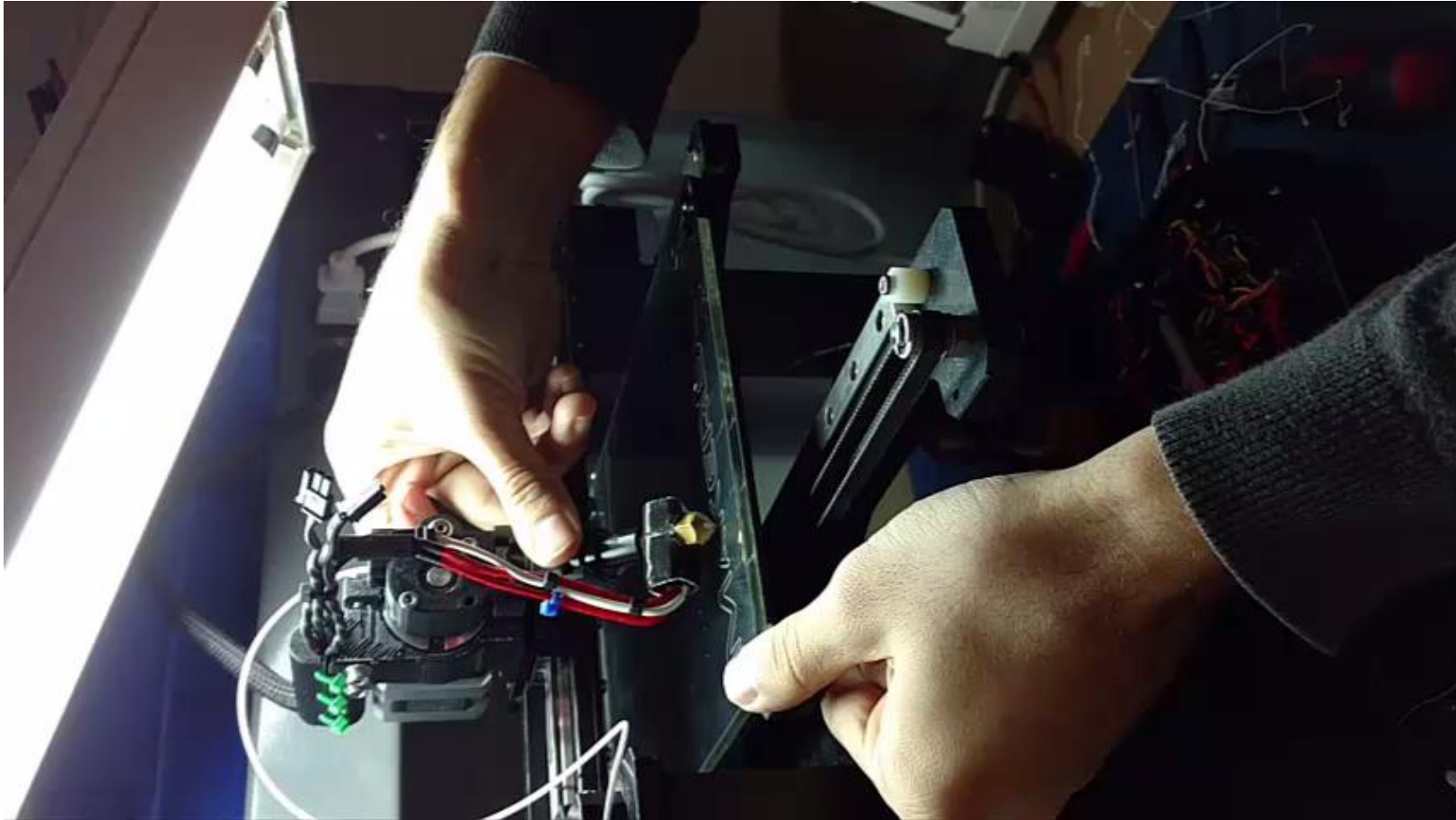
Extruder Nozzle – Current Status

Feeding filament through rotating joint



Extruder Nozzle – Current Status

Uniform extrusion with angled nozzle



Extruder Nozzle – Current Status

Recent Tasks:

- Nozzle Design Research
- Proof of concept testing
 - Filament feed through rotating nozzle
 - Uniform extrusion from angled nozzle
- First iteration nozzle design

Upcoming Tasks:

- First iteration nozzle manufacture
- Nozzle design iteration

Research nozzle design

Proof of concept tests

Design first iteration

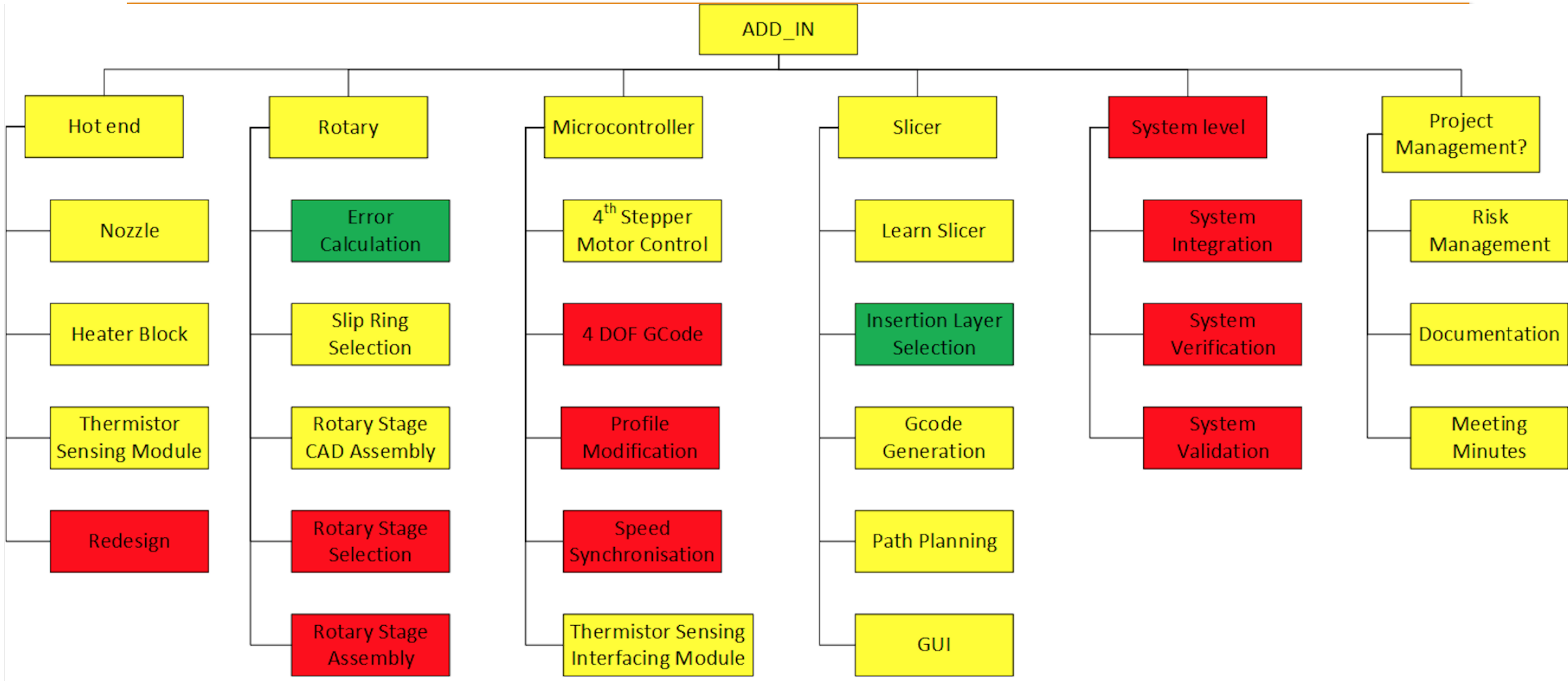
Machine first iteration

Test + Iterate

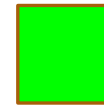
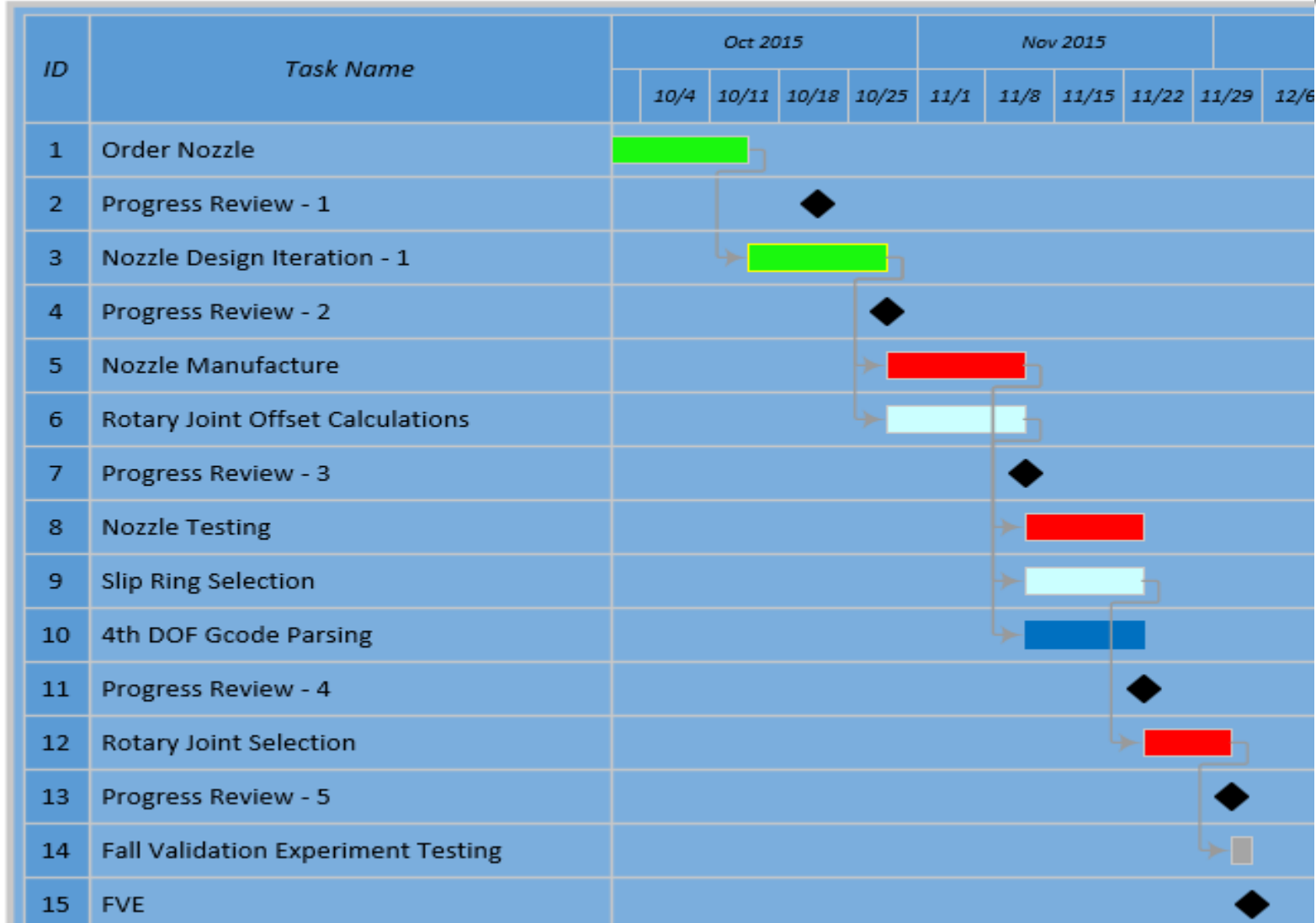
Project Management

- Work Breakdown Structure
- Schedule
- Test Plans
- Budget
- Risk Management

Work Breakdown Structure



Project Schedule



Task Completed



Task on Critical Path



Rotary Subsystem Task



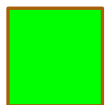
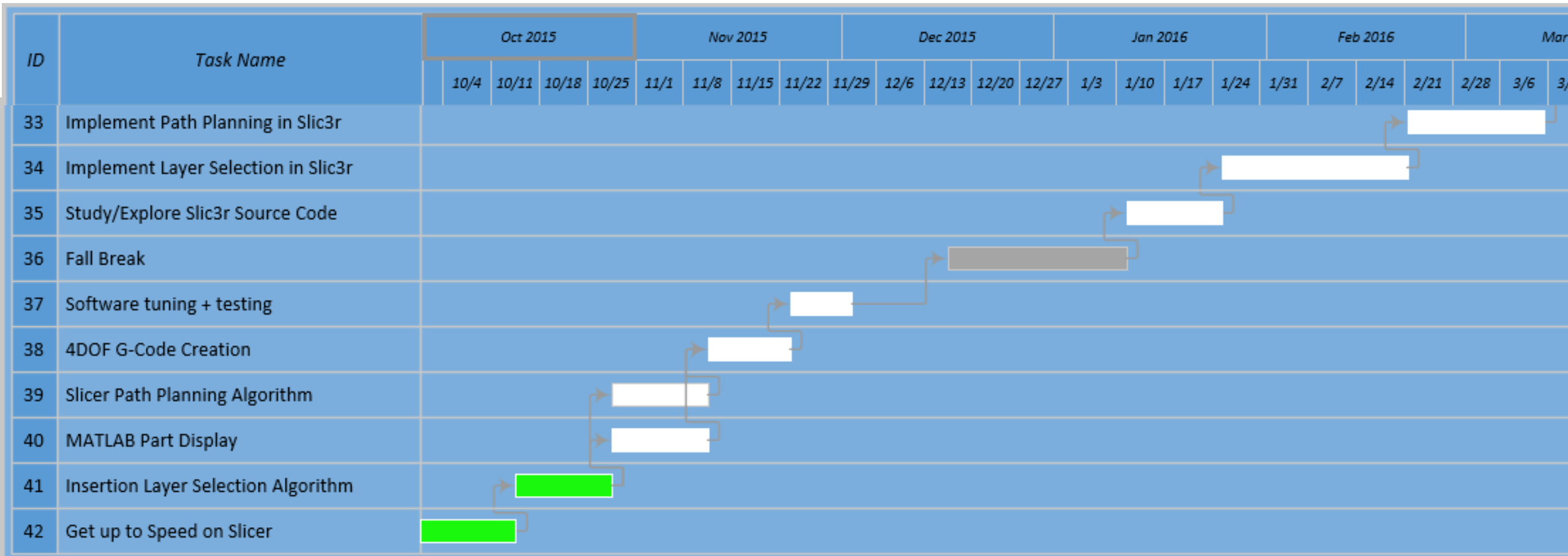
Firmware Task

Project Schedule



- Task Completed
- Task on Critical Path
- Rotary Subsystem Task
- Firmware Task

Project Schedule



Task Completed



Task Software

Test Plans


- **Fall Validation Experiment**
 - Requirements Mapping
 - Software Verification
 - Hardware Verification
- **Spring Validation Experiment**
 - Requirements Mapping
 - Software Verification
 - Hardware Verification
 - System Validation

FVE – Requirements Verification

	FVE	REQUIREMENTS	Test 1: Nozzle Print Capability	Test 2: Insertion Layer Selection
Mandatory	Functional	Receive standard 3D part files	✓	✓
	Functional	Prompt user for insertion layer		✓
	Functional	Generate 4DOF G-Code		✓
	Functional	Avoid Kinks in Filament	✓	
	Functional	Print layers of material	✓	✓
	Functional	Go to safe configuration during insertion		✓
	Non - Functional	Maintain accurate temperature control	✓	
	Non - Functional	Provide user feedback during printing		✓



FVE – Software Verification

Objective: Demonstrate the ability of a slicer program to allow selection of insertion layers and for the 4DOF printer to ‘pause’ at the selected layers.

Equipment	Sequence	Metric
<p>Physical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4DOF Printer with standard print nozzleLaptop computer with slicer and printer controller software <p>Electronic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">.stl file for test part	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Slice part, choosing an insertion layerSend resulting G-Code file to the printerWhen the printer pauses and enters the insertion configuration, wait 5 minutes, then resume print using hardware printer controller	<ol style="list-style-type: none">The printer should pause and enter the insertion configuration at the correct height.The printer should resume printing and complete the part without significant defects. <p>Insertion Configuration</p> 

FVE – Hardware Verification

Objective: To evaluate the ability of the custom print nozzle to uniformly extrude 3D print material at different nozzle orientations

Equipment	Sequence	Metric
<p>Physical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 4DOF Printer or equivalent nozzle test fixture2. 4DOF Custom Nozzle3. Laptop computer <p>Electronic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Printer controller software2. G-Code test file which instructs the printer to extrude material	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If necessary, configure the printer/test fixture with the custom extruder nozzle2. Power on the system and warm up the print nozzle.3. Send the test file to the printer4. After the print, rotate the extruder nozzle angle and reprint the test file	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visually inspect all prints to ensure uniform extrusion thickness <p>Pass</p>  <p>Fail</p> 

SVE– Requirements Verification

SVE		REQUIREMENTS	Part 1: Slicer Capability	Part 2: Printer Capability
Mandatory	Functional	Receive standard 3D part files	✓	
	Functional	Prompt user for insertion layer	✓	
	Functional	Create Collision free path	✓	
	Functional	Generate 4DOF G-Code	✓	
	Functional	Rotate nozzle using G-Code		✓
	Functional	Avoid Kinks in Filament		✓
	Functional	Print layers of material		✓
	Functional	Print locating features for COTS items		✓
	Functional	Go to safe configuration during insertion		✓
	Functional	Enclose COTS item with print material		✓
	Functional	Avoid Collisions		✓
	Non - Functional	Maintain accurate temperature control		✓
	Non - Functional	Provide user feedback during printing	✓	
	Non - Functional	Slicing, Insertion Layer Selection, and Path Planning in single software application	✓	
	Performance	Incorporate COTS parts of cylindrical and rectangular prism shapes		✓
	Performance	Incorporate COTS parts that are orthogonal to print surface		✓
	Performance	Incorporate COTS parts that have a maximum height of one inch above print surface		✓
	Performance	Print volume of 3x3x3 inches		✓
	Performance	Be able to infinitely rotate nozzle		✓

SVE– Part 1: Software Verification

Objective: To evaluate the ability of the slicer software to generate four axis G-Code commands with obstacle avoidance and insertion layer selection capability.

Equipment	Sequence	Metric
<p>Physical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Laptop computer with slicer software and 4DOF G-Code visualization software <p>Electronic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. .stl file for test parts:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Part with stiffener rod2. Part with threaded insert3. Part with sensor/electronics.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select insertion layer and print configuration2. Slice the part to generate G-code3. Visualize resulting G-Code and ensure accuracy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The visualized print path shows the rotation axis being positioned to avoid collisions with the COTS item

SVE– Part 2: Hardware Verification

Objective: To evaluate the ability of the printer to correctly execute 4DOF G-code commands.

Equipment	Sequence	Metric
<p>Physical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Laptop computer with printer interface and slicer software2. ADD_IN printer with filament3. COTS Items <p>Electronic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. G-code files from part 1	<p>For each of the 3 parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Send G-Code file to printer2. Insert COTS item at appropriate layer3. Resume printing after placement of COTS item	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The printer successfully finishes the prints

SVE– Part 3: System Validation

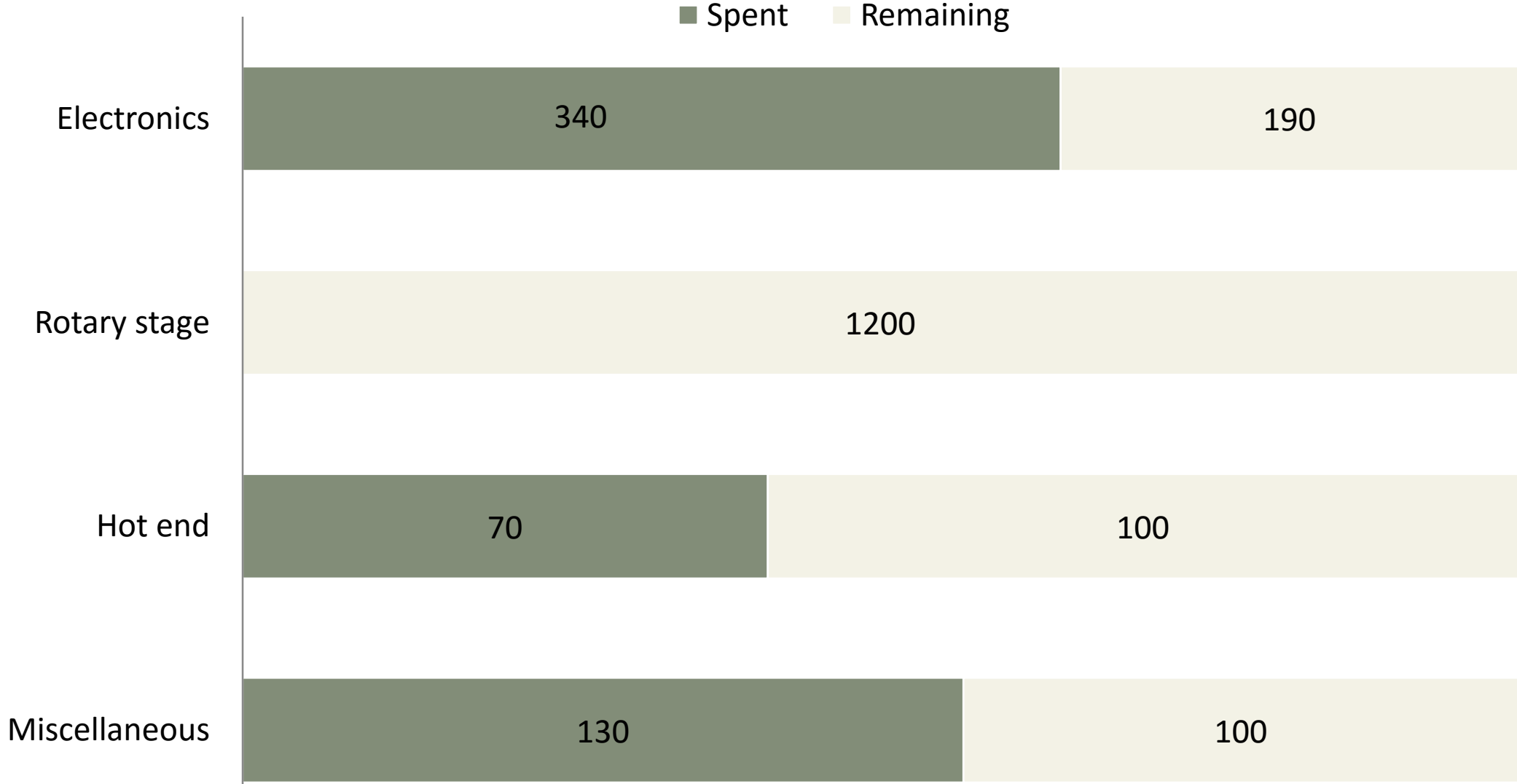
Objective: To validate that the parts printed with ADD_IN have indeed superior qualities than standard parts

Equipment	Sequence	Metric
Physical: 1. 3D printed parts 2. Test setup for each printed part 1. Bending stiffness tester 2. Pull out strength tester 3. Electronics operation tester	Perform adequate testing: 1. Pullout strength test for part with screw insert. 2. Bending stiffness test for part with stiffener 3. Electronics/sensor functionality check	1. Pullout strength should be more than similar part with glued screw insert 2. Stiffness should be more than similar part without stiffener 3. Electronics/sensor works and was not damaged during the print

Budget

Category	Details	Cost
Electronics	Backup Rambo Board	\$190
	Slip Ring	\$140
	Spare Parts: Motor – Extruder	\$200
Rotary stage	Rotary Stage	\$1200
Hot end	Materials/parts	\$150
	Heater/Thermistor	\$20
Miscellaneous	Market research: Makerfaire tickets	\$80
	Experimental Filaments/others	\$150
Total		\$2130

Current budget status



Risk Management

LIKELIHOOD	5					
	4		ID3			ID5
	3			ID2		
	2			ID4	ID1	
	1					
		1	2	3	4	5
	SEVERITY					

High Priority Risks

Risk ID	Risk Title	Risk Owner	Date submit	Date updated
1	Nozzle not extruding uniformly	Ihsane	10/24/2015	11/2/2015
Description				
Custom nozzle design does not extrude filament of uniform shape and thickness while moving				
Consequences			Risk Type	Risk Level
Low print quality			Technical, Schedule	20
Risk Reduction Plan		Date	Expected Outcomes	Comments
1. Test early and often to identify potential sources of extrusion non-uniformity		11/5/2015	Identify and minimize sources of non-uniformity	
2. Planned iteration on nozzle design using lessons learned from nozzle testing and research		11/12/2015	Produce final nozzle design with similar quality to original MakerGear Nozzle	

High Priority Risks

Risk ID	Risk Title	Risk Owner	Date submit	Date updated
2	Rotary Joint Accuracy	Ihsane	10/24/2015	11/2/2015
Description				
The offset of extruder nozzle from the axis of rotation is greater than 20mm				
Consequences			Risk Type	Risk Level
Achieving print accuracy requires non-standard, high cost rotary stage			Technical, Cost	16
Risk Reduction Plan		Date	Expected Outcomes	Comments
1. Custom designed extruder with small nozzle to minimize offset		1/12/2016	Nozzle offset can be kept below 20 mm	
2. Planned iteration on nozzle design		1/30/2016	Low offset will not cost print quality	

High Priority Risks

Risk ID	Risk Title	Risk Owner	Date submit	Date updated
3	Weight of the X movement assembly	Nikhil	10/24/2015	11/2/2015
Description				
The increased weight from the rotary stage will decrease the accuracy of the X axis assembly				
Consequences			Risk Type	Risk Level
Lower Print Quality			Technical	8
Risk Reduction Plan		Date	Expected Outcomes	Comments
1. Perform early testing of weight affects to evaluate sensitivity to increased weight		10/30/2015	Determine risk likelihood early, provide time for redesign.	Solved
2. Redesign/modify X-axis assembly		11/5/2015	With time investment, X-axis can be modified to accommodate increased weight without sacrificing speed	
2. Reduce printing speeds to reduce acceleration forces		11/15/2015	Less weight sensitivity but printer usefulness is reduced	

High Priority Risks

Risk ID	Risk Title	Risk Owner	Date submit	Date updated
4	Path Planning Algorithm	Dan	11/1/15	11/2/15
Description				
Preliminary path algorithm has been designed, but their may be unforeseen failure cases				
Consequences			Risk Type	Risk Level
Schedule delay			Technical, Schedule	6
Risk Reduction Plan		Date	Expected Outcomes	Comments
Review algorithm with sponsor/experts		11/4/15	Get feedback and insight on algorithm design	
Perform MATLAB Test/simulation Path Planning Algorithm		11/6/15	Early identification of potential pitfalls	

High Priority Risks

Risk ID	Risk Title	Risk Owner	Date submit	Date updated
5	Slic3r cannot be modified	Dan	10/28/15	11/2/15
Description				
Not possible to port layer selection + 4DOF path planning into Slic3r code				
Consequences			Risk Type	Risk Level
Increases dependency of project on MATLAB			Failure to meet requirements	20
Risk Reduction Plan		Date	Expected Outcomes	Comments
1. Contact Developer		10/28/15	Documentation and Recommendations	No reply as of 11/2/15. Will try other contact methods
2. Identify local Perl programming resources		11/15/15	Guidance for current and future Perl programming difficulties	
3. Use different software		Spring	Delay in systems integration	Major overhead required for familiarization with new software

QUESTIONS?