



Preliminary Design Review



Drone-Rover Integrated Fire Tracker

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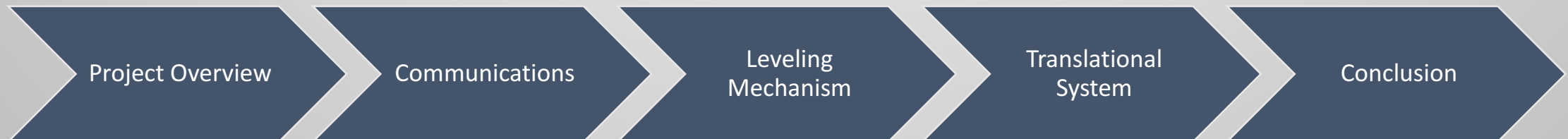
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Mission Statement

Drone-Rover Integrated Fire-Tracker (DRIFT)

will develop a mother rover to secure, carry, and level an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) for the purposes of gathering pertinent environmental data regarding locations at risk of or exposed to a wildfire.



Project Overview: Fire Tracker System

- As a result of climate change, wildfire seasons are becoming hotter and longer
 - This allows for a wildfire to easily ignite and rapidly spread
 - United States Forest Service is consistently increasing its budget for wildfire mitigation alone
- A deployable **mother rover** and **autonomous drone** provide a low cost means of long-range reconnaissance for early detection of wildfires
- These systems can assist firefighters in investigating areas sometimes impassible by ground-based methods alone

Project Heritage

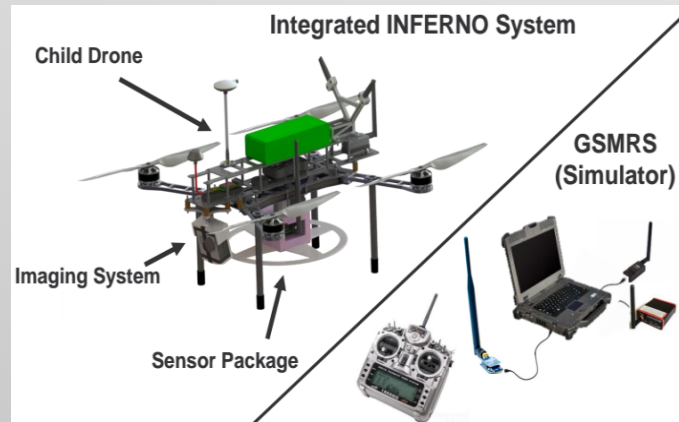
DRIFT will utilize both the **INFERNO** and **CHIMERA** hardware and software shown below:

INtegrated **F**light **E**nabled **R**over for **N**atural disaster **O**bservation

- **INFERNO** (2015 - 2016): Semi-autonomous drone capable of transporting and deploying a temperature sensor package to a location of interest

INFERNO Capabilities:

- Mission Duration: 13.5 minutes
- Fully Autonomous Takeoff
- 10 m/s Translational Flight
- Video/Imaging: 720p at 30fps
- Sensor Package: > 90% transmission of SPS data

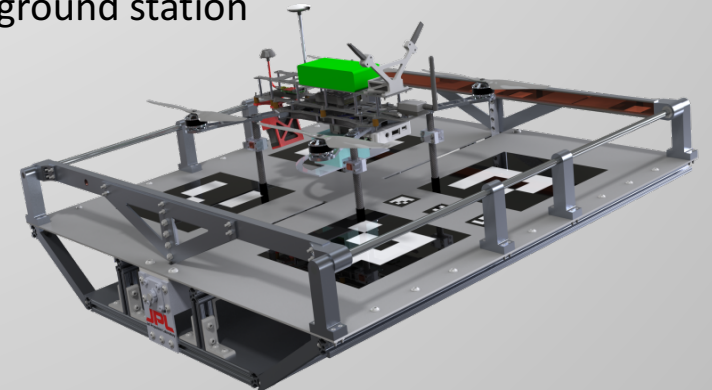


CHild drone deployment **ME**chanism and **R**etrieval **A**pparatus

- **CHIMERA** (2016 - 2017): The landing, securing, and deployment system for the autonomous drone inherited from INFERNO

CHIMERA Capabilities:

- Capable of securing CD up to 200m from GS
- Drone recharging system can charge the CDS LiPo battery upon command
- Autonomous landing functionality utilizing image recognition upon command from ground station



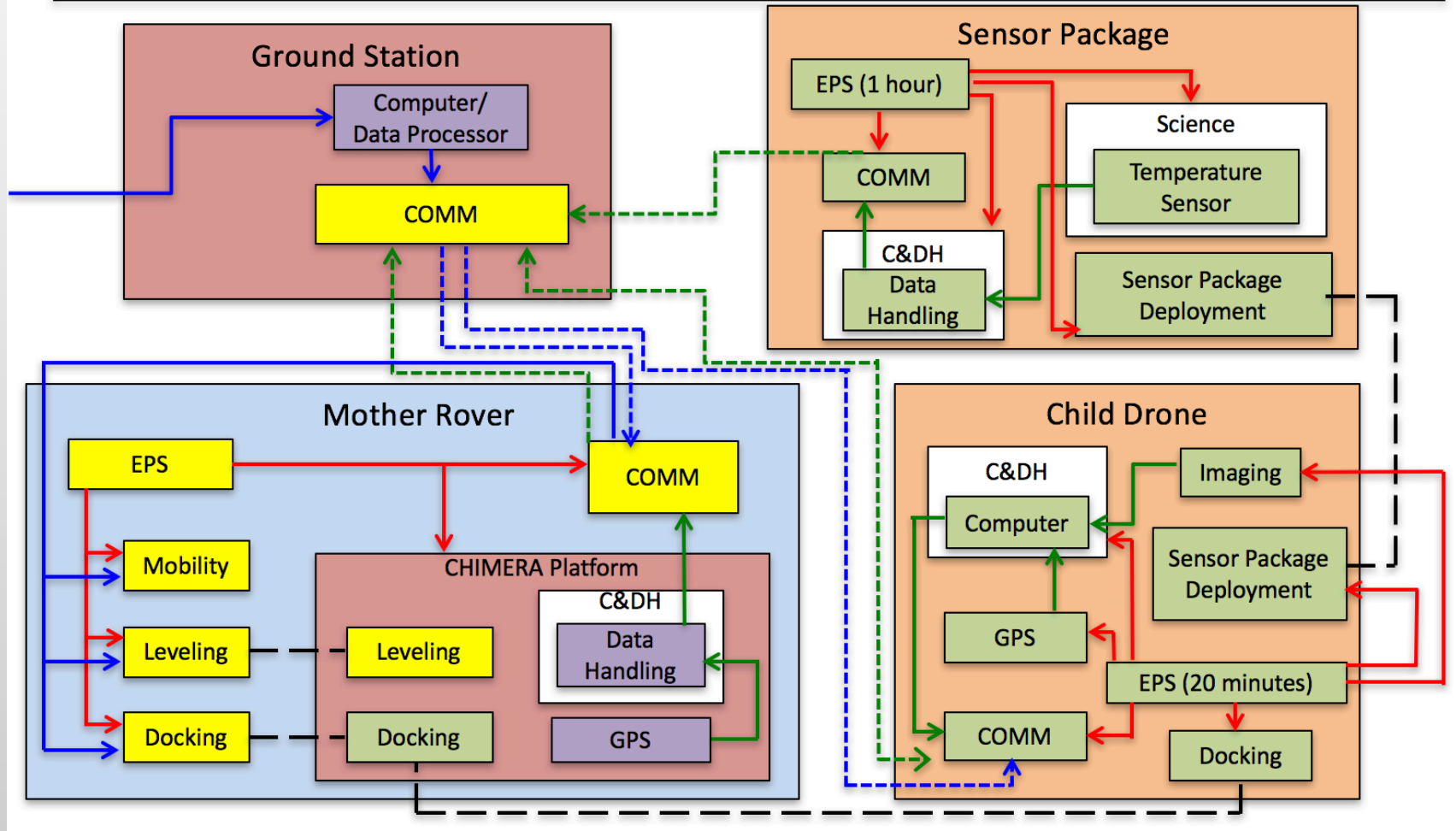
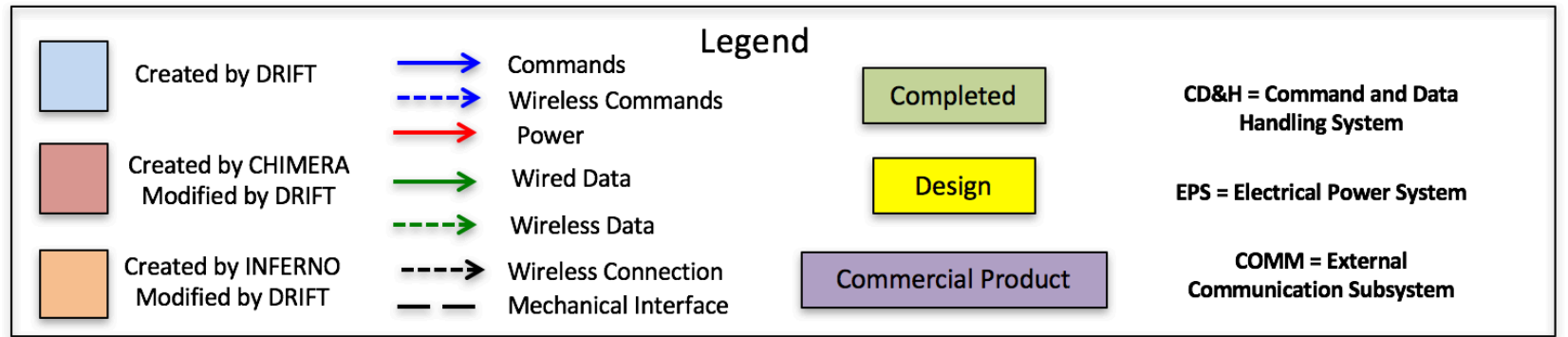
Definitions

Term	Definition
Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The mother rover is deployed from a designated ground station where it traverses over defined rough terrain to a designated GPS location. At this location, the child drone is then deployed. Once the child drone drops the sensor package, it returns to the mother rover where it autonomously lands and is then secured. The mother rover returns to the ground station.
Rough Terrain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Materials: lawn grass, small gravel, and fine dirt○ Varying slopes from 0 to 20°○ Traversable obstacles up to 0.127 m (5 in) tall (rocks, pinecones, etc.)○ Non-traversable obstacles up to 3.05 m (10 ft) apart (trees, boulders, etc.)○ Similar to California Hillside
Tree Density	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trees are 3.05 m (10 ft) or more apart in woodlands area

Acronyms

DRIFT: Drone-Rover Integrated Fire Tracker	LP: Landing Platform
MR: Mother Rover	FOV: Field of View
CD: Child Drone	CPE: Critical Project Element
SP: Sensor Package	GS: Ground System

Functional Block Diagram



CONOPS

CD – Child Drone

MR – Mother Rover

GS – Ground Station



DRIFT



CHIMERA



INFERNO



MR path



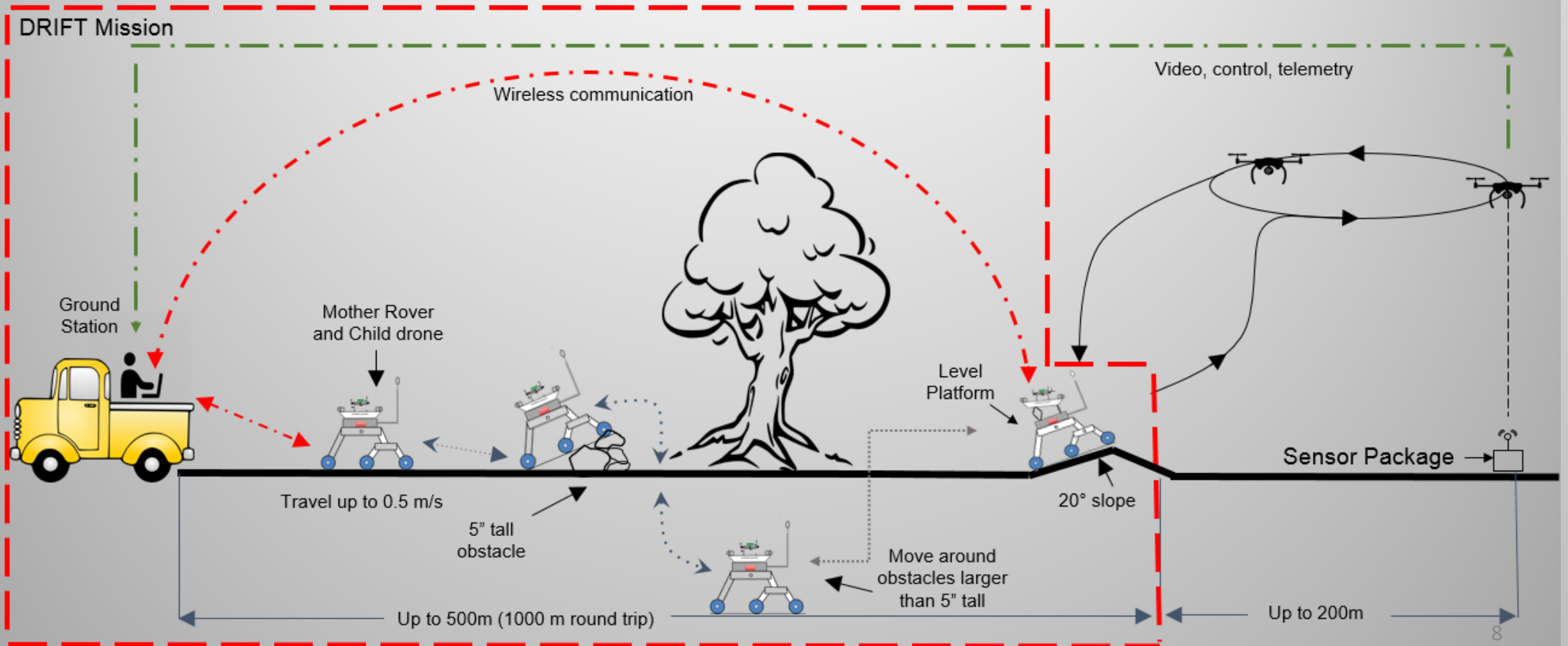
MR Communications with GS



CD Communications with GS



DRIFT Mission



Functional Requirements

Functional Requirement	Description
FR1.0	The MR shall integrate with the attached landing platform
FR2.0	The MR shall receive commands from the GS at a rate of 1 Hz
FR3.0	The MR shall transmit data to the GS at a rate of 30 Hz
FR4.0	The MR shall traverse through woods and grasslands up to 500 m in any direction from the drop off point
FR5.0	The MR shall level to position itself for the CD to take-off and land

Requirements Flowdown

Communications

Functional Requirement	Description
FR2.0	The MR shall receive commands from the GS at 5 Hz.
Design Requirement	Definition
DR2.1	The MR shall record a log of received commands from the GS detailed in DR2.4.
DR2.2	The MR shall receive signals with a signal to noise ratio of at least 6 dB-Hz (industry standard).
DR2.3	The MR shall receive commands at a distance of 500 meters.
DR2.4	The MR shall receive/respond to commands from the GS for translational motion of the MR, turn video feed on/off (MR and CD), open and close the onboard CD securement mechanism, and to level the landing platform aboard the MR.

Requirements Flowdown

Communications

Functional Requirement	Description
FR3.0	The MR shall transmit specified data to the GS at 30 Hz.
Design Requirement	Definition
DR3.1	The MR shall transmit its current GPS location to the GS with an accuracy of 5 m.
DR3.2	The MR shall transmit live video feed at 1080p at 30 fps to the GS

Requirements Flowdown

Translational System and Motors

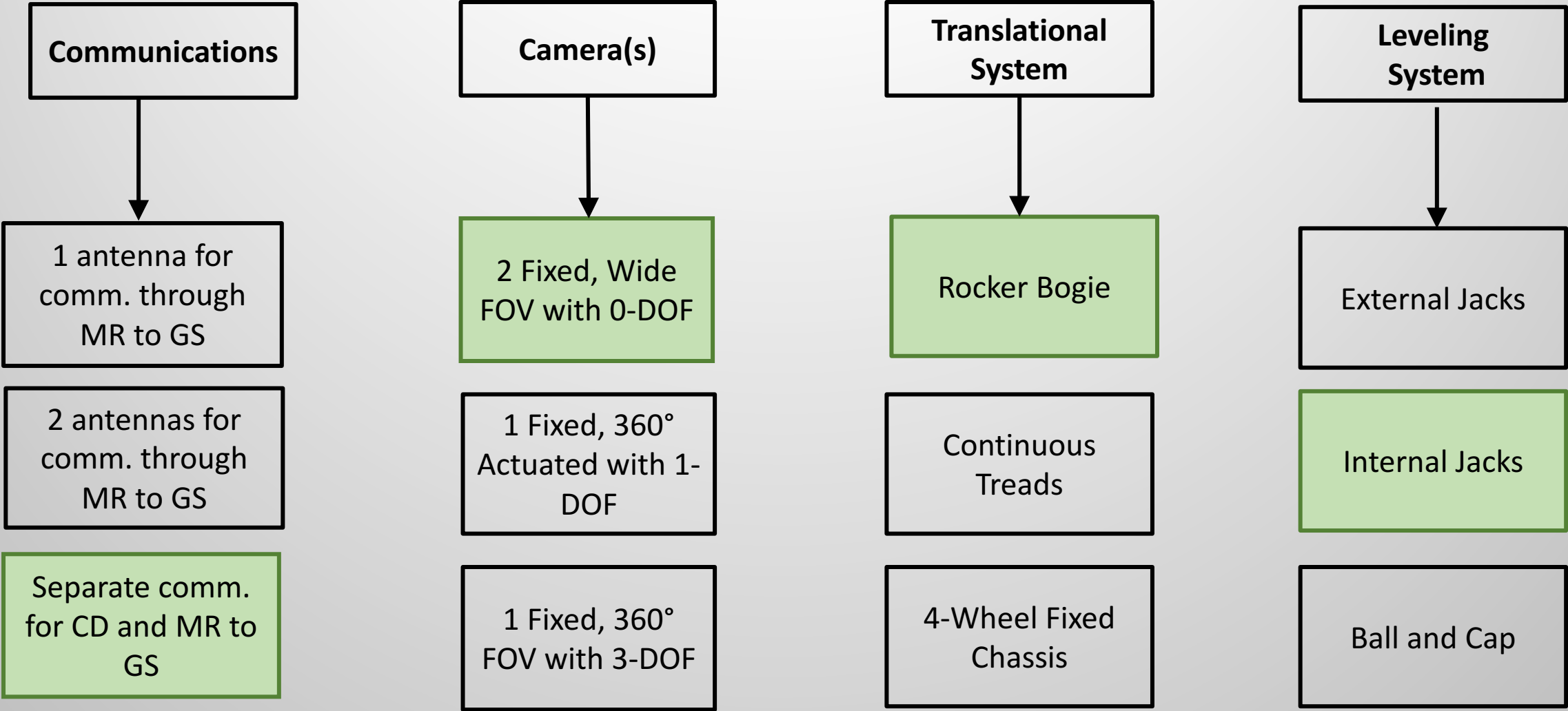
Functional Requirement	Description
FR4.0	The MR shall traverse through an environment with varying slope, defined obstacles that the rover shall clear, and obstacles the rover should avoid up to 500m in any direction from the drop off point.
Design Requirement	Definition
DR4.1	The MR shall travel at a speed within the range of 0 to 0.5m/s in forward and reverse.
DR4.3	The MR shall turn 90 degrees in a 10 ft. radius
DR4.4	The MR shall execute received commands including moving forwards, backwards, turning, speed variation, and coming to a complete stop.
DR4.5	The MR shall traverse up and down a slope of 20 degrees.
DR4.6	The MR shall traverse 5 in. tall obstacles.
DR4.7	The MR shall traverse lawn grass and a dirt path with loose gravel

Requirements Flowdown

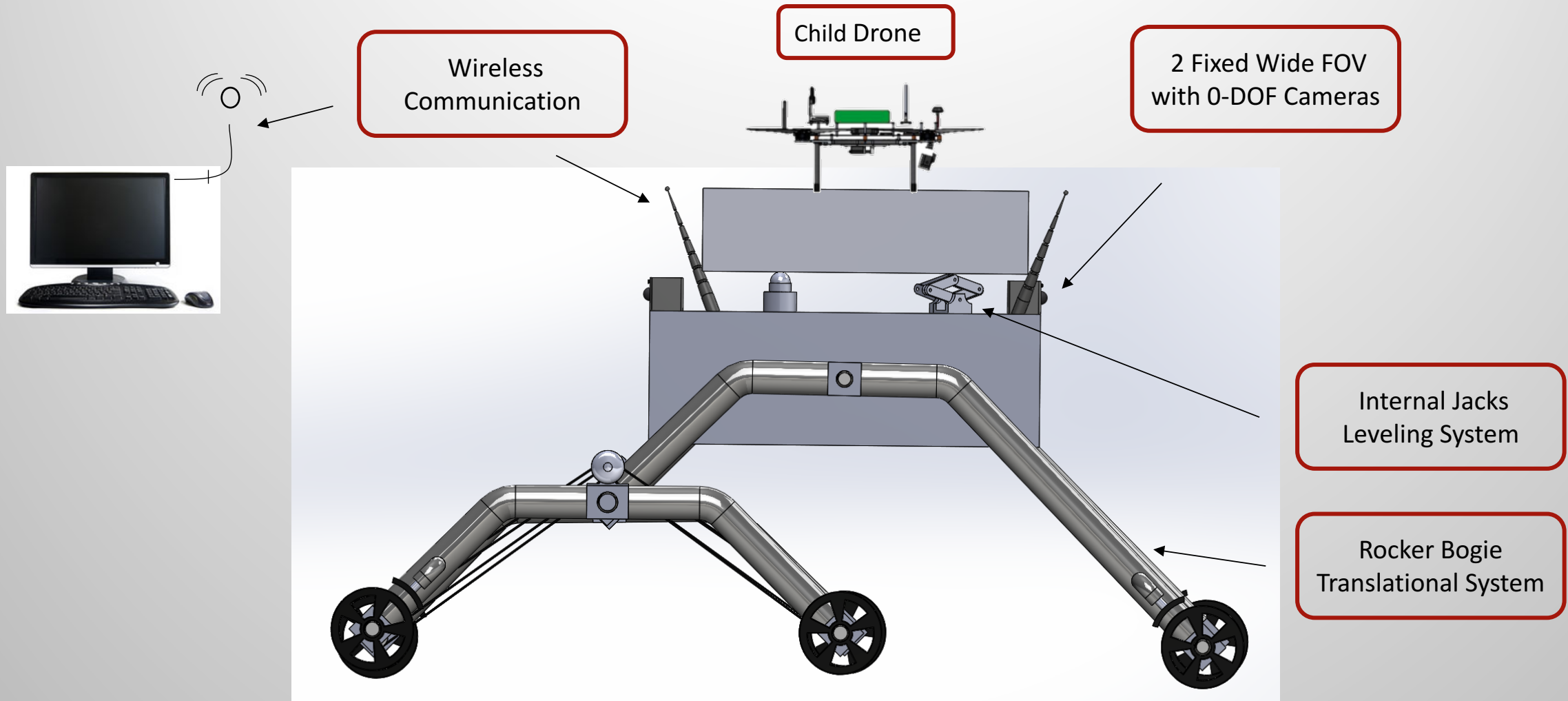
Leveling

Functional Requirement	Description
FR5.0	The MR shall position itself for the CD to take-off and land safely such that it is able to be secured possibly by the MR's securement mechanism
Design Requirement	Definition
DR5.1	The MR shall level itself within 3.5 degrees after coming to a complete stop.
DR5.2	The MR shall hold a completely stopped position a slope of 20 degrees by using a wheel locking mechanism.

Design Options Considered



DRIFT Baseline Design

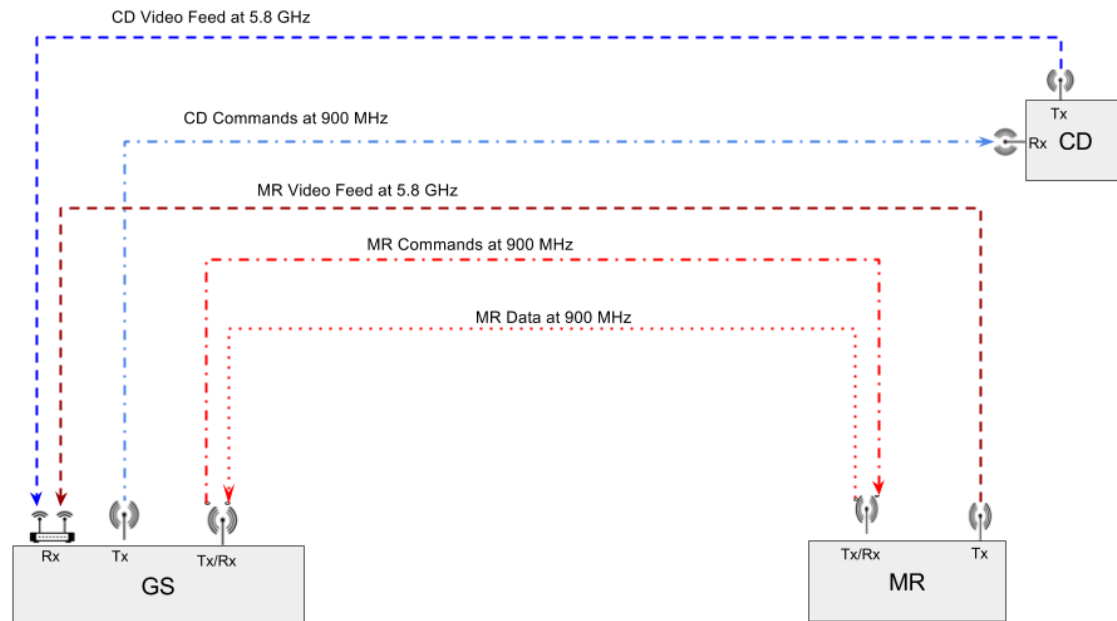


Communications

Communications Feasibility

Baseline Design

- Existing Lines
 - CD Video Feed
 - CD Commands
- New Lines
 - MR Video Feed
 - MR Commands
 - MR Data



Assumptions

- The CD is high enough so that signal loss through the trees is minimal
- The MR signal is travelling partially through open space, and partially through trees

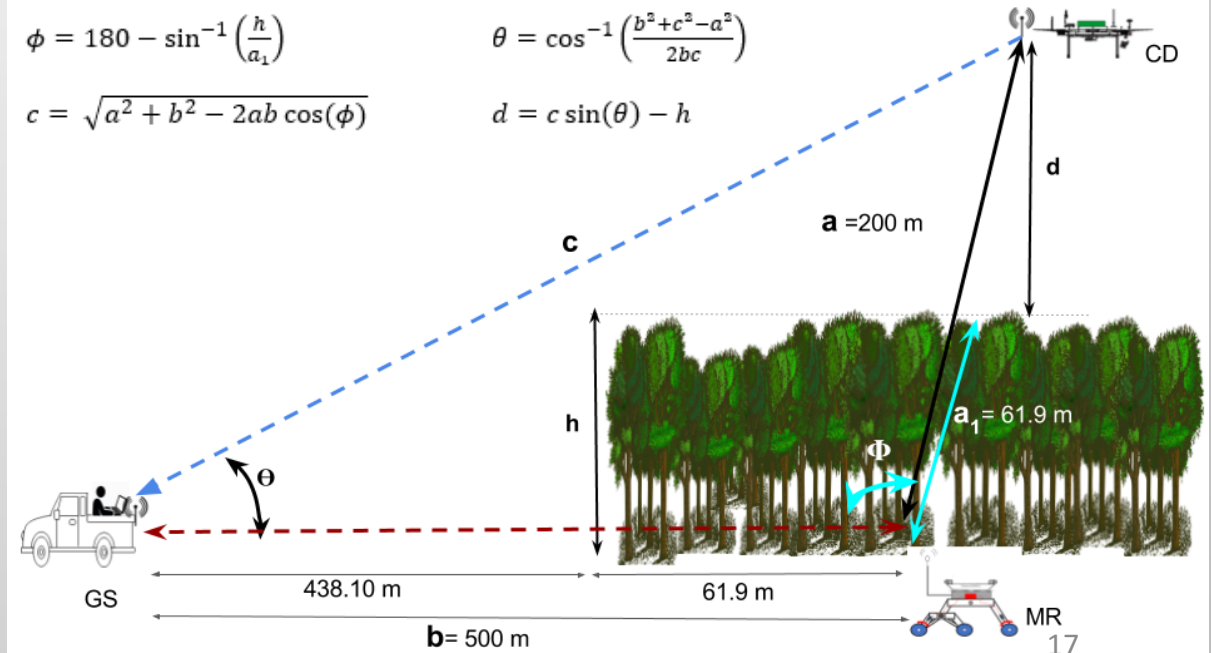
h	ϕ	θ	d
20 m	161.2 deg	5.35 deg	44.6 m
40 m	139.7 deg	11.2 deg	89.1 m

$$\phi = 180 - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{h}{a_1}\right)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\right)$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(\phi)}$$

$$d = c \sin(\theta) - h$$



Results from Link Budget

		LINK MARGIN	COST
CD Video Feed	Downlink	35.24 dB	Antenna - \$25
MR Video Feed	Downlink	38.16 dB	Antenna - \$25
MR Command	Uplink	58.65 dB	XBee Pro S3B - \$45 Antenna - \$15
MR Data	Downlink	60.65 dB	XBee Pro S3B - \$45 Antenna - \$15

- **Signal loss due to 61.9 m of trees : 32.16 dB**
 - Using experimentally created models, loss due to foliage estimated to be -163.43 dB (averaged between models for similar frequencies) for 500m, not including path loss

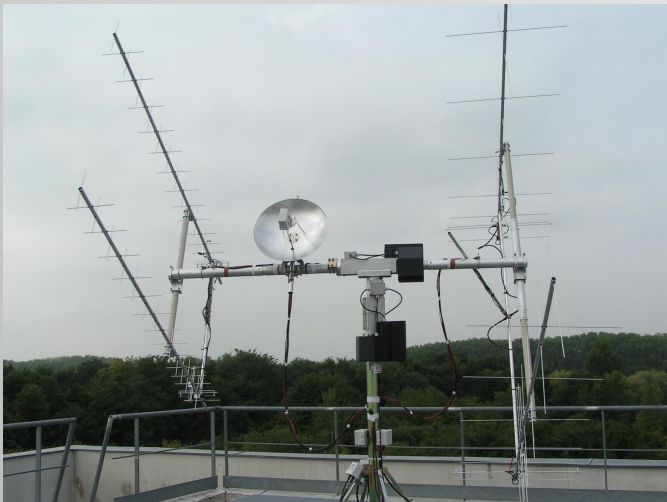
Nonzero Gradient Model from [Radio Science Vol. 38 Iss. 5](#)

$$L_{tree} = R_{\infty}d + k \left(1 - e^{-\frac{(R_0 - R_{\infty})d}{k}} \right)$$

Why 500 Meters of Forest is Not Feasible

Possible Forest Distance?

- Link budget for 5.8 GHz at 500m produces link margin of 38.16 dB
- Radio Science's model, using link margin, and constant values for 2 GHz and 11.6 GHz, shows forest range can be from **62.3 m to 86.9 m**



5.8 GHz Band Limiting Factor

- Trees will produce a signal loss of -163.42 dB, not including free space loss.
- Free space loss of -163.43 dB occurs at range of 610.9 km, meaning a system would have to be found with an effective range of 610.9 km

Equation for free space loss:

$$L_s = 20 \log \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)$$

Improvements?

- Antenna array to increase gain
 - surpasses the budget restrictions
 - takes far too long to construct
- Higher power version of current system
 - Increases gain by 60+ dB
 - Pricing much higher than budget



Leveling System

Leveling System Feasibility

Requirements

- Minimum lift force= 50 lb
- Minimum lift height= 14.8 in

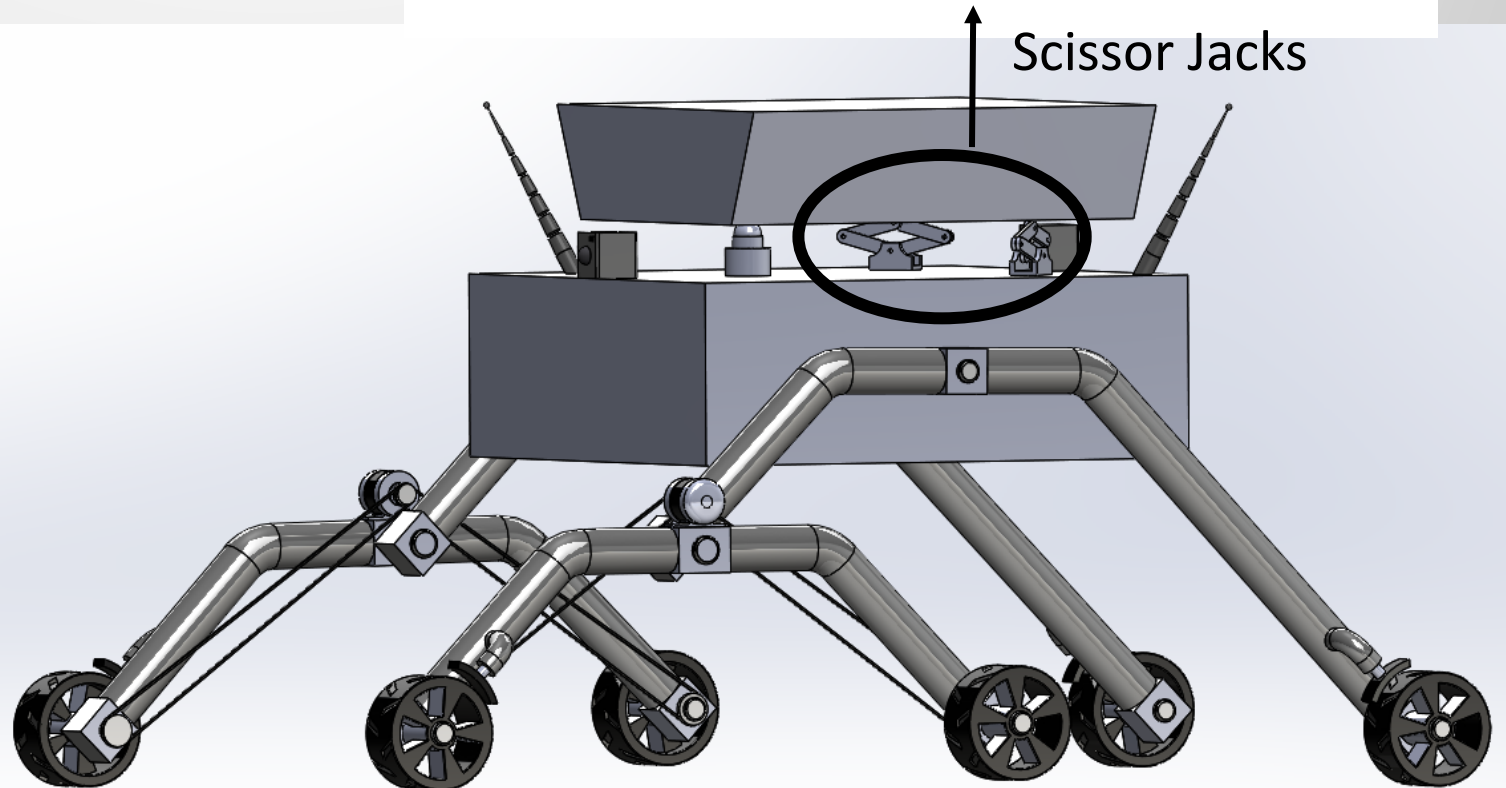
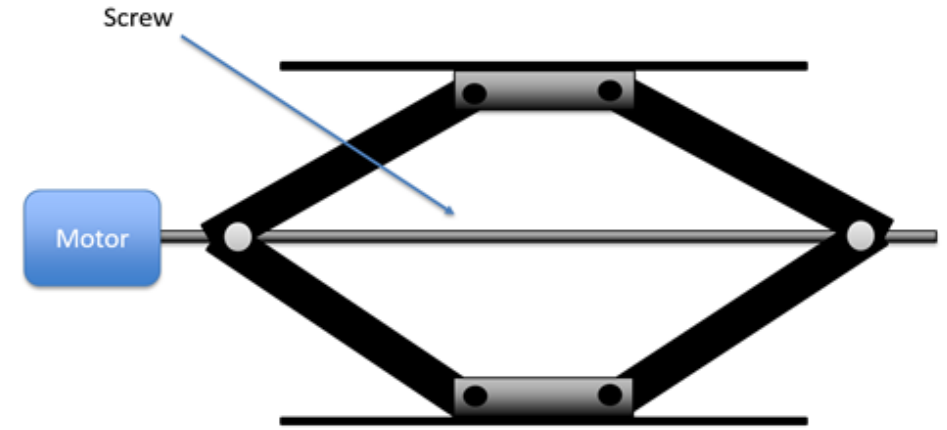
Specifications

- Lift force = 2,000 lb
- Lift height = 18.75 in
- 25 lb unit weight
- Required torque < 25 in-lb

Results

- Well within budget and weight constraints, scissor jacks provide necessary lifting force and height for leveling the landing platform.

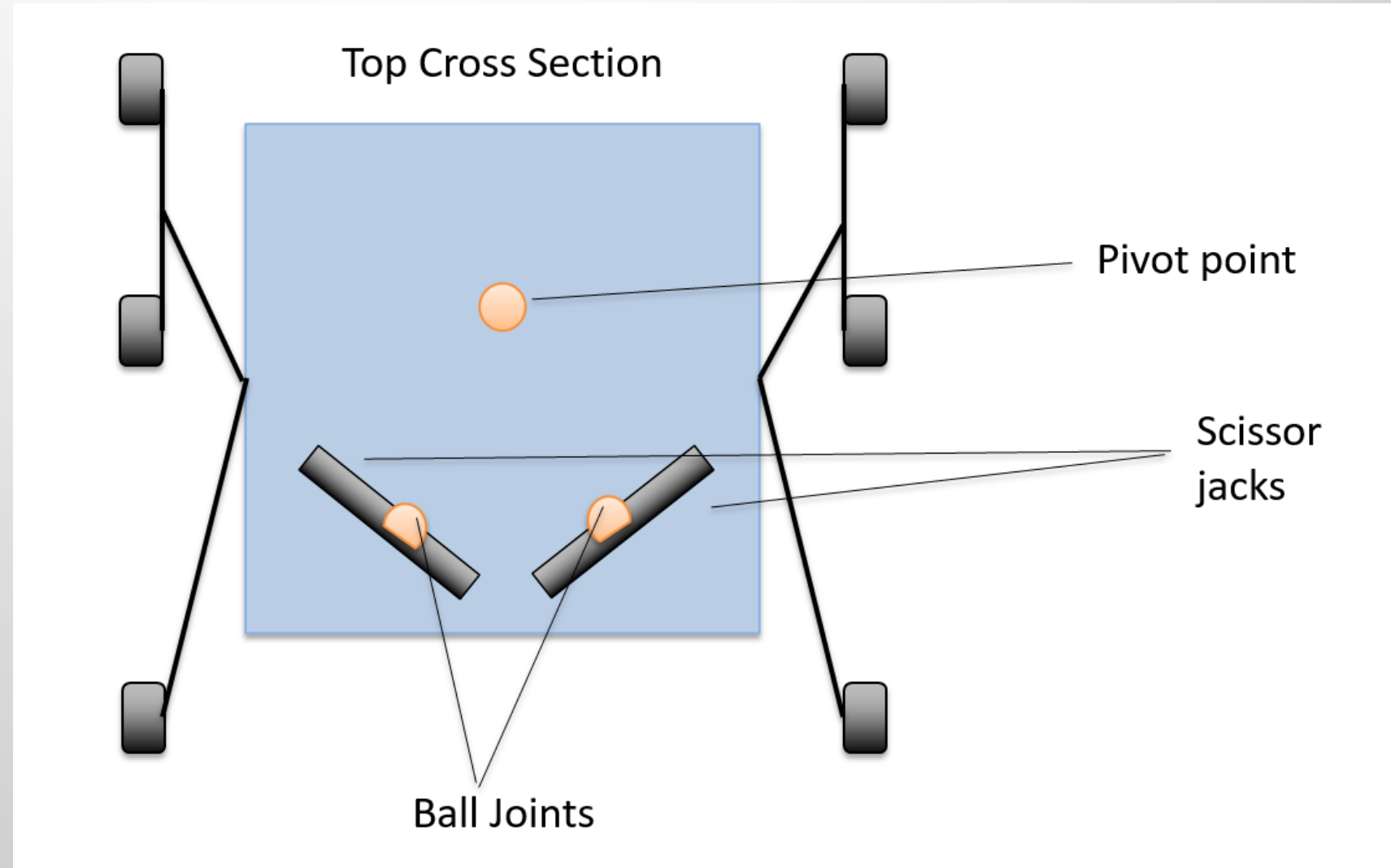
Feasible by Demonstration



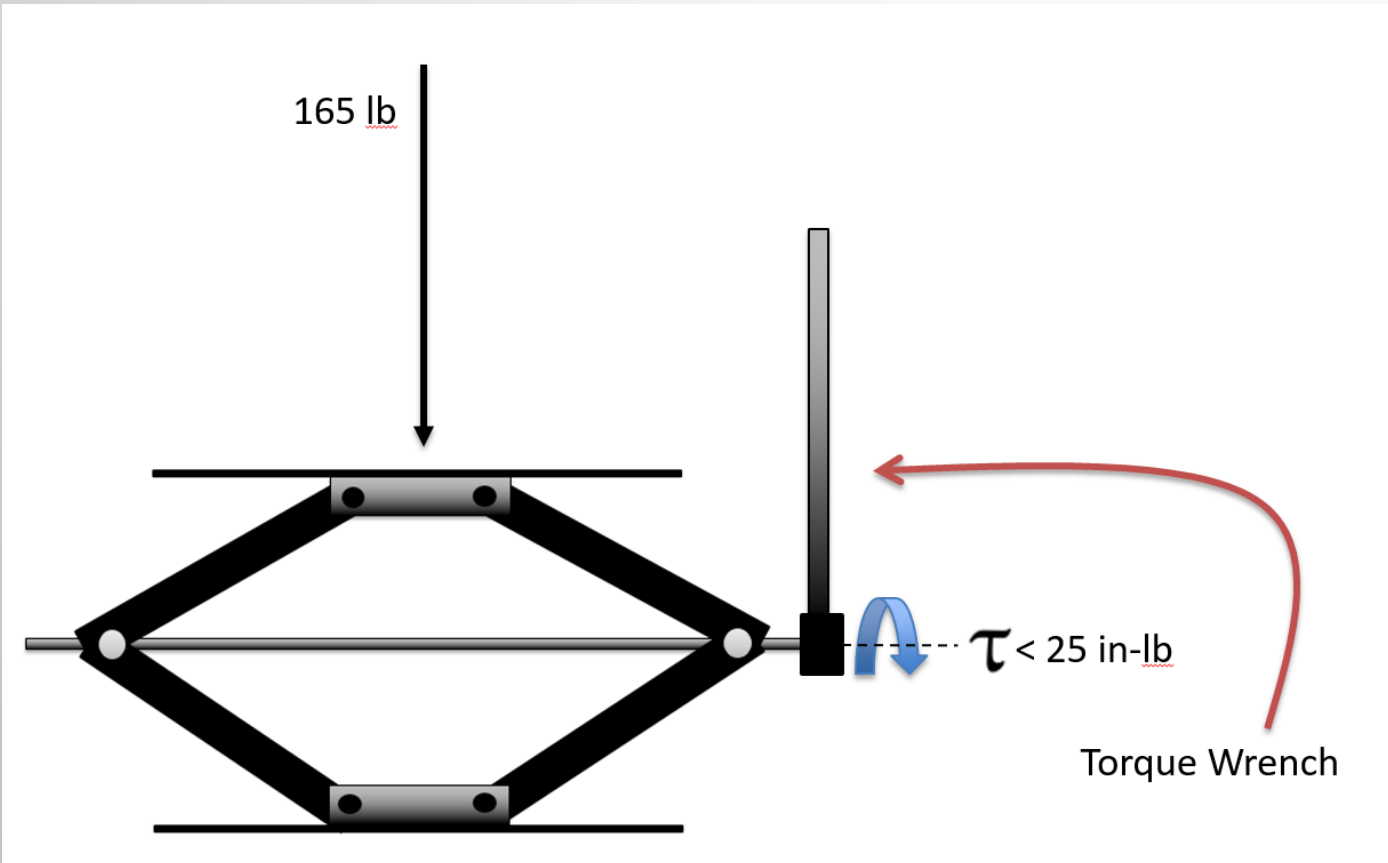
Leveling System Jack Configuration

Assumptions

- Rover is facing uphill during leveling
- Rover is stationary during leveling
- Slope is less than or equal to 20 degrees



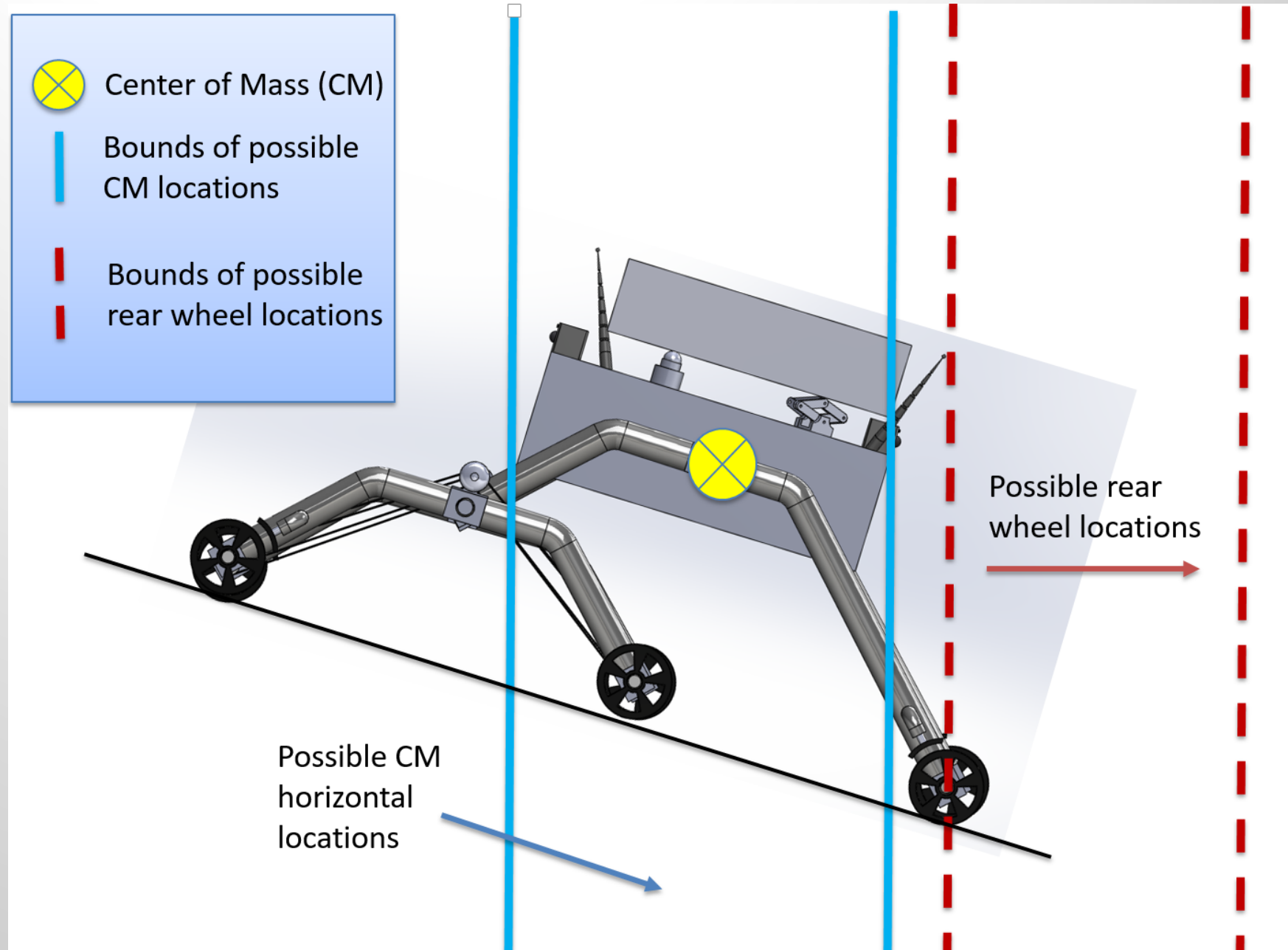
Leveling System Torque Test



- A torque wrench was used to better understand the feasibility of the scissor jacks. Setting the torque wrench to its lowest setting (25 in-lb) and using it to lift a 165 lb human up, the torque wrench did not release.
- With an extreme situation of 165 lb and one scissor jack, the minimum torque needed is very low. With the 55 lb platform and two scissor jacks, the motors needed to lift the platform will be in the range of 25 in-lb or less.

Leveling System Tipping Analysis

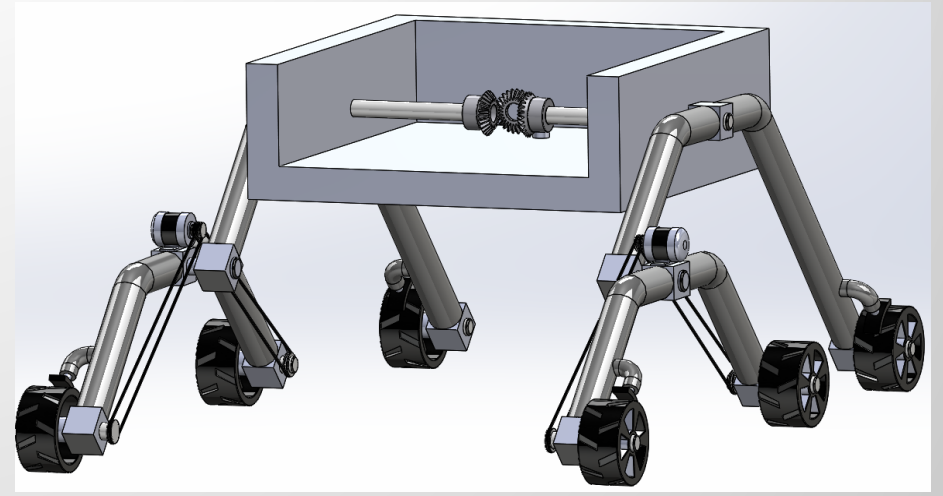
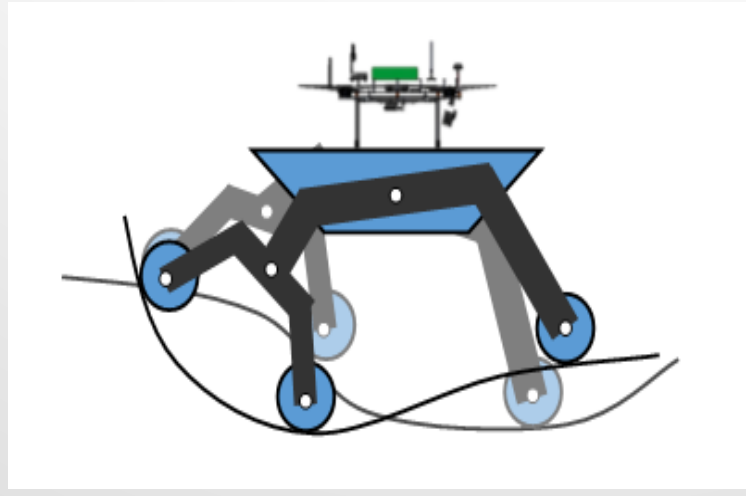
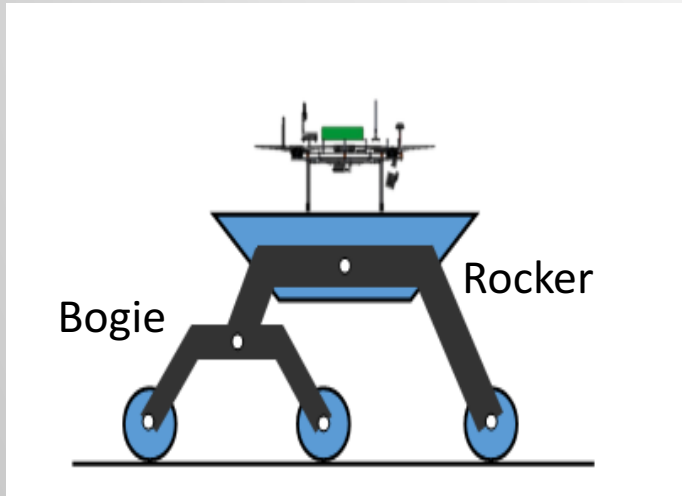
Due to the flexible size in choosing the rocker dimensions, even the most extreme possible location of the center of mass will not be downhill from the rear wheel of the rover.



Translational System Structure

Translational System Structure

Baseline Design



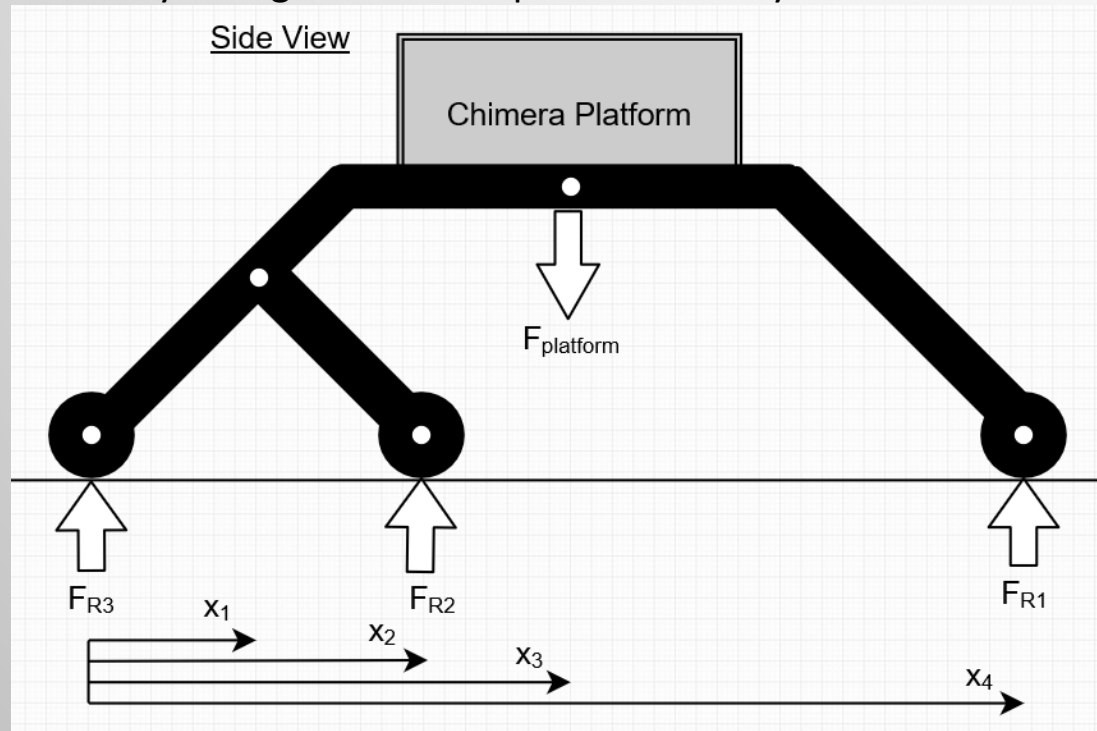
○ Rocker Bogie System

- 3 Wheels on each side - 2 connected in bogie then pinned to rocker connecting the 3rd wheel
- Uses counter rotation differential system to keep platform at average pitch angle of two rockers
- Can keep all 6 wheels on the ground when navigating obstacles
- Used very successfully in all mars rover missions
 - Ability to clear obstacles greater than wheel diameter.

Rocker Bogie Suspension System Feasibility

Structural Sizing

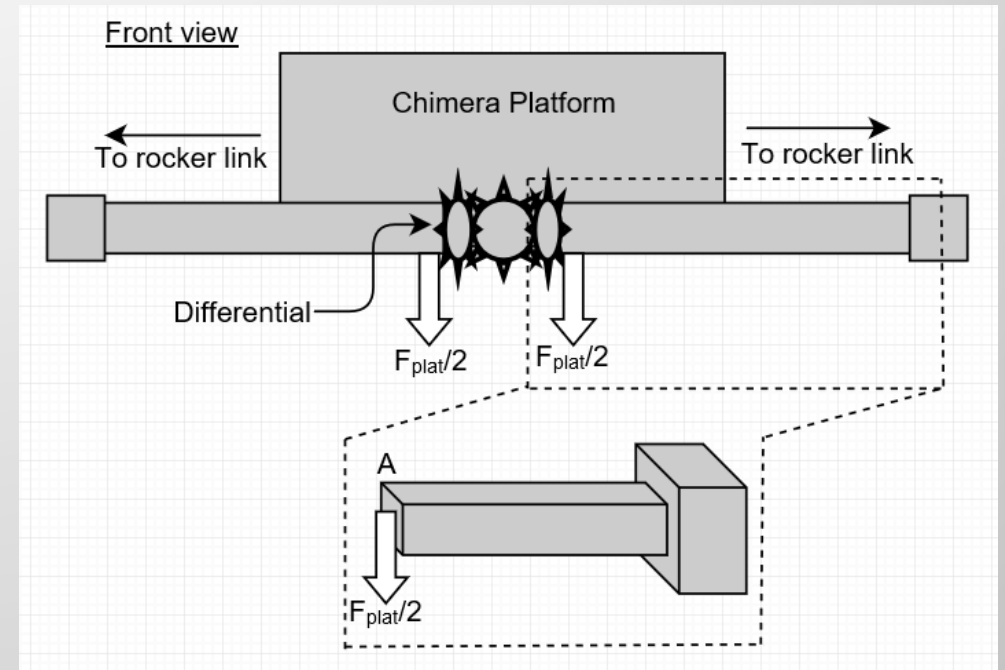
- Generally open to many design options
- Required to satisfy clearance and stability
- Many configurations can provide stability and clearance.



$$\frac{x_2}{x_1} = 3 * \frac{(x_4 - x_3)}{(x_4 - x_1)} \text{ where } \frac{x_2}{x_1} = 2 \text{ for equal weight distribution among all wheels}$$

Structural Assumptions

- Classical Beam Theory
- Mass of platform distributed evenly and center of gravity positioned exactly at the center.
- Rocker chassis-differential link tip acts as main support



$$\text{Beam Tip Deflection: } v_A = -\frac{PL^3}{3EI_{zz}}$$

$$\text{Maximum Shear Stress (square cross section): } \tau_{max} = 1.5 \frac{V}{A}$$

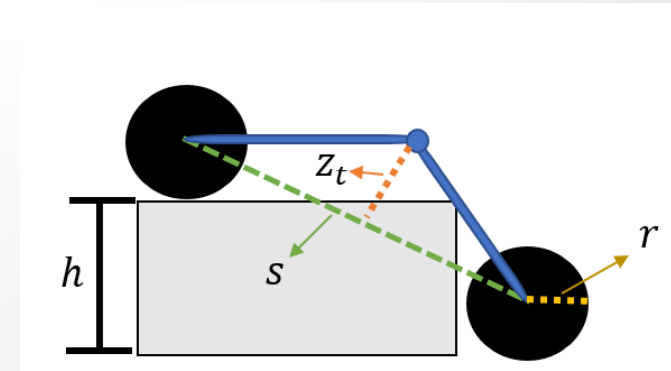
Clearance Feasibility

- A primary constraint for the frame design is obstacle clearance of the bogie component.
- The following relationship was found and tested for the bogie and an acceptable range of the bogie height and wheel distance was found for constant obstacle height and wheel radius.

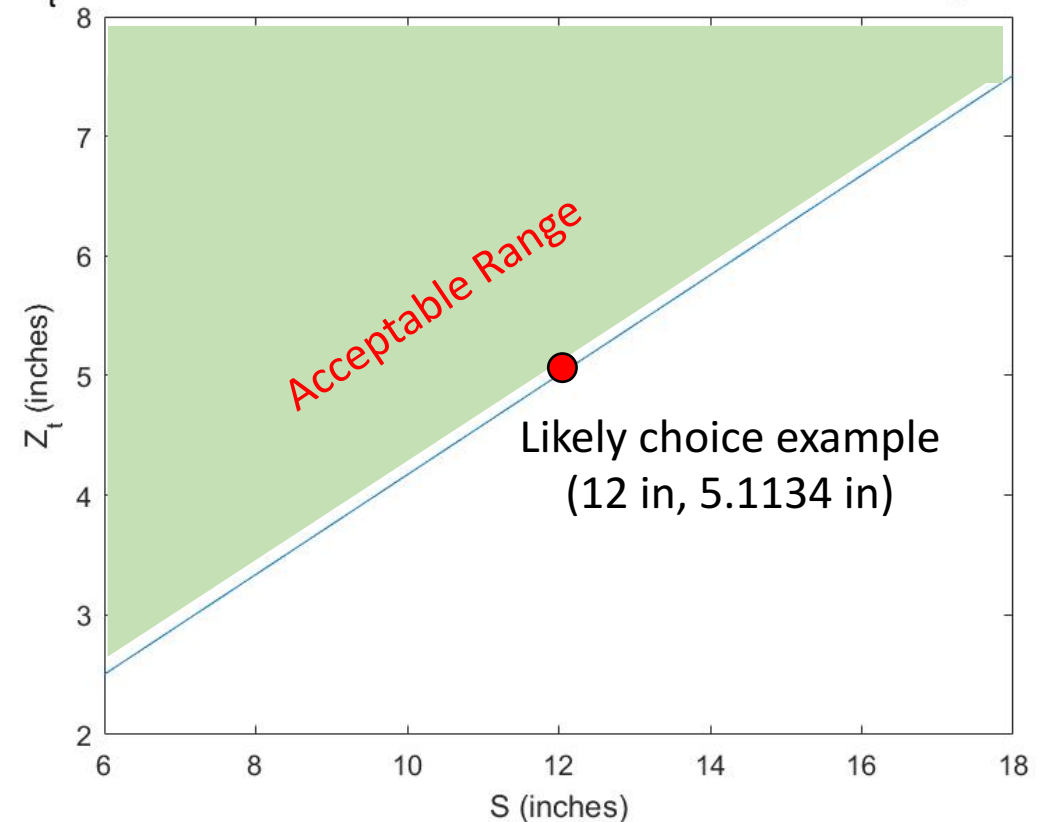
$$z_t = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{r\sqrt{s^2-h^2}+(h-r)h}{(h-r)\sqrt{s^2-h^2}-hr}\right)^2 + 1}}$$

- Used wheel diameter as 5 inches and obstacle height as 5 inches to ensure outputs were realistic values

Feasible:
by Analysis



z_t and S relation when Wheel Diameter is 5 in and Obstacle height is 5 in



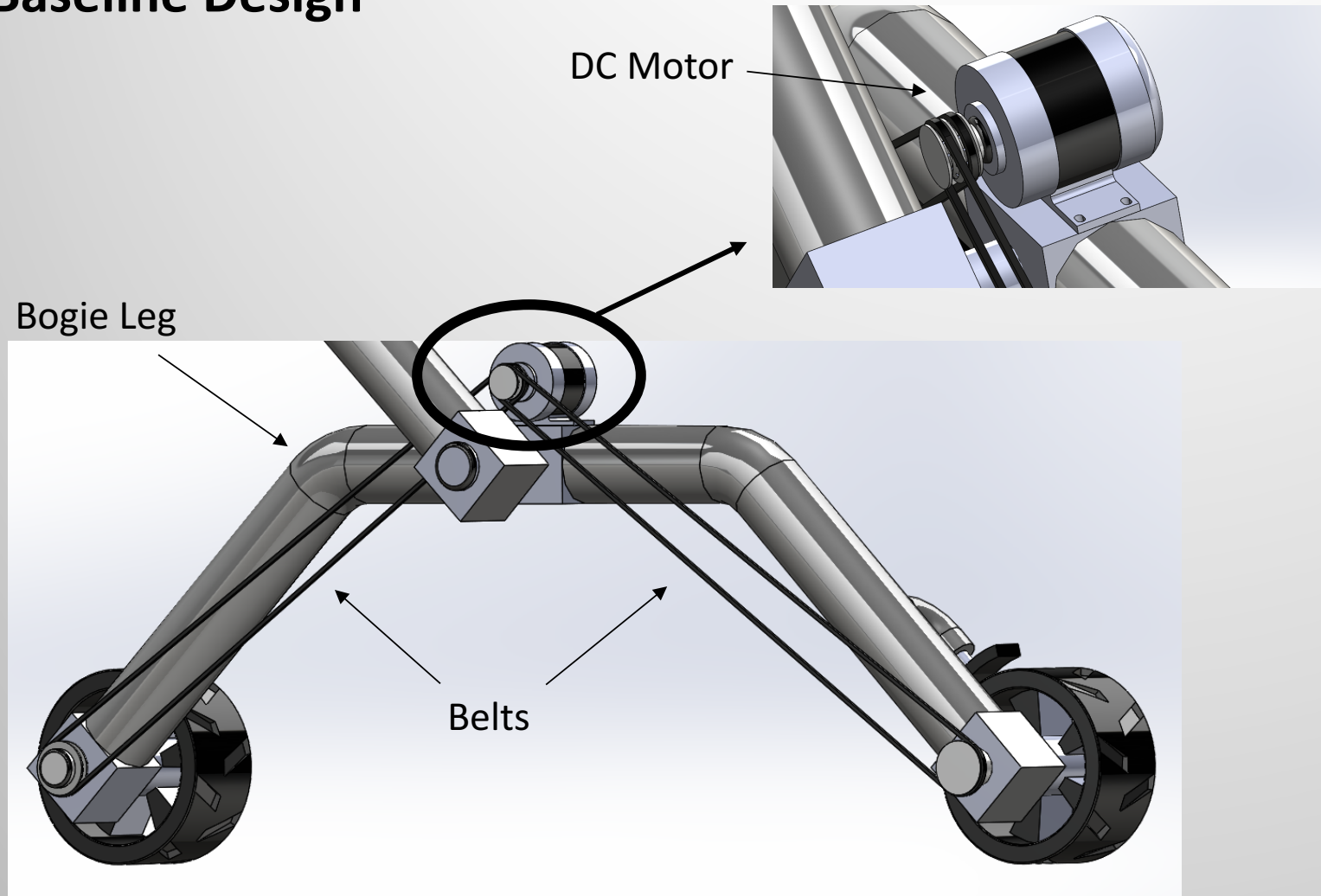
Rocker Bogie Feasibility Summary

- Restricted primarily to bogie design, rest of design very open to modification to help mitigate tipping or other requirements for other systems. Bogie design has many design choices seem to make sense given the size of the platform.
- Historically very successful .
- Structural Analysis showed little concern for stresses and strains in using a light aluminum
- Cost and weight when predicted higher than expected still fit into project without concern.

Motors for Translational System

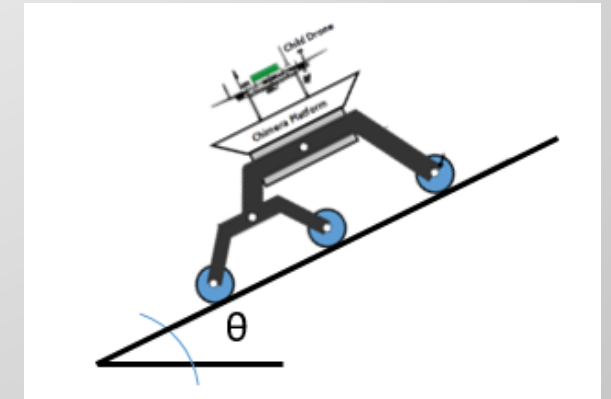
Driving System for Bogie Feasibility Analysis

Baseline Design



Assumptions for Analysis

- Motor efficiency is not 100%
- Air resistance is negligible
- Inclination of the surface is greater or equal to zero
- Friction is not negligible
- MR is treated as a point mass



Motor Torque - Model

Treat the entire MR as a point mass:

Sum of the forces is equal to the acceleration of the MR up the incline:

$$F_{torque} - F_{fric} - F_{||} = F_a$$

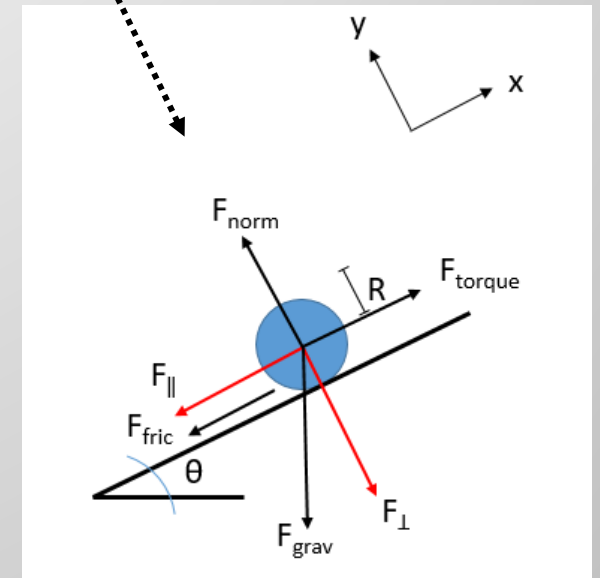
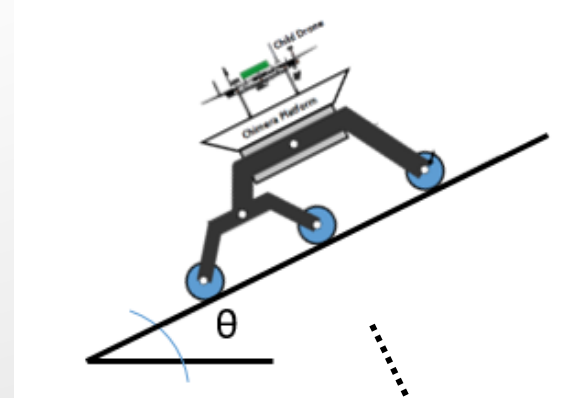
$$F_{torque} = F_{fric} + F_{||} + F_a = \left[\left(\frac{mV}{t} \right) + mg(\sin \theta + \mu \cos \theta) \right]$$

The total supplied torque from each of the two motors:

$$T_{req} = \left[\left(\frac{mV}{t} \right) + mg(\sin \theta + \mu \cos \theta) \right] * R * \left(\frac{1}{e} \right) * \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

The power required from each of the two motors:

$$Power_{req} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) * F_{torque} * V$$



Weight Budget Analysis

Component	Quantity	Total Weight (lb.)	Weight (kg)	
Rocker Bogie Structure	1	50	22.8	MetalsDepot
Differential Gear Drive	1	12	4.5	Various ^{[1][2][3]}
LP & CD	1	55	24.9	CHIMERA SFR
Battery	1	50	22.8	WindyNation
Cables / Hardware	-	5	4.5	
Motors	2	100	22.8	Brother
Base Structure	1	25	11.3	
Wheels	6	11	5.0	Amazon
Wheel-Locking Mechanism	4	15	13.6	Amazon
Scissors Jacks	2	65	29.5	Etrailer
Total		388	176	

Motor Torque – Model Results

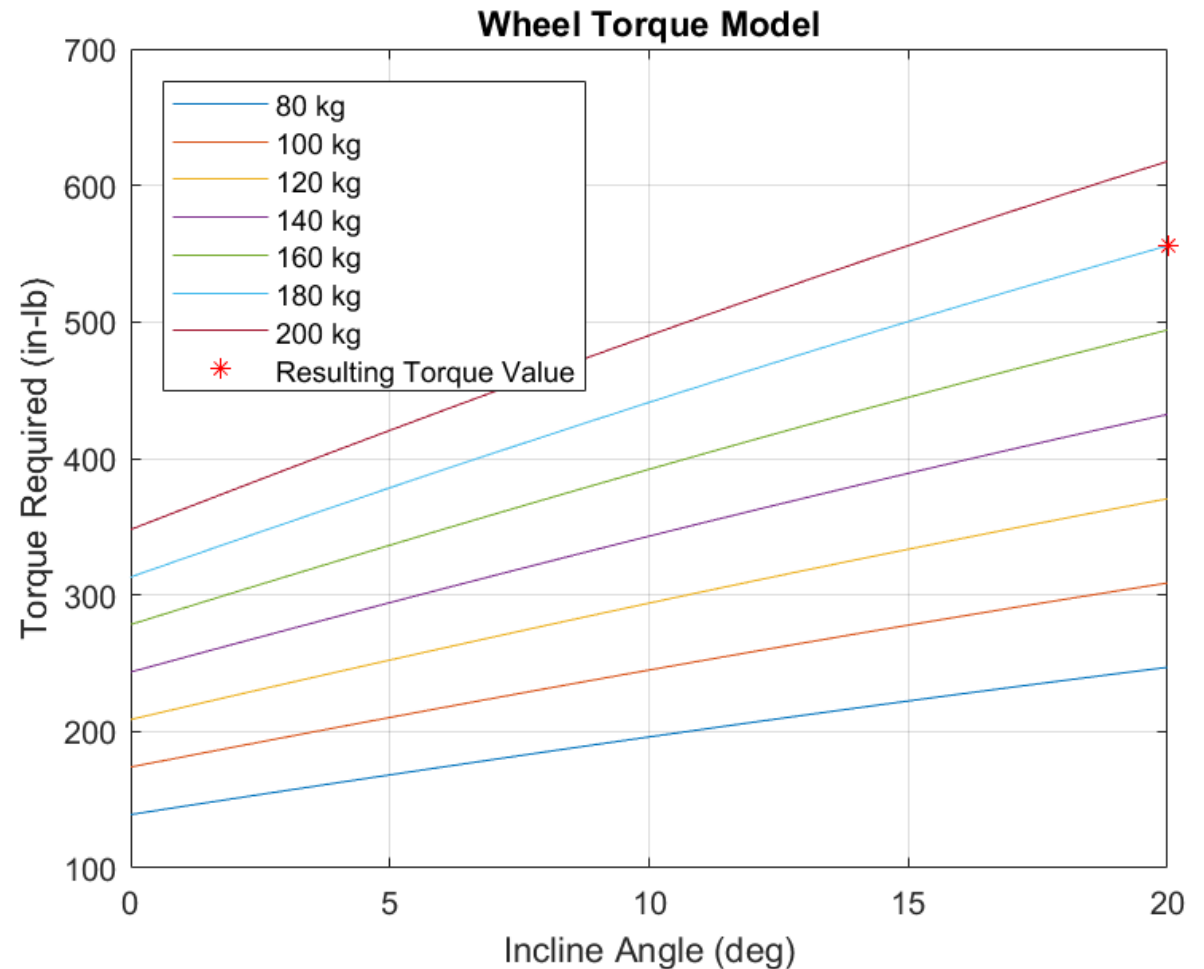
Required torque for each of the 2 motors for various weights versus the incline angle

- Required torque at a **20°** slope is **556 in-lb**

Parameters:

- Velocity = 0.5 m/s
- Efficiency = 65 %
- Wheel Diameter = 0.127 m= 5 in
- 2 motors

Observation: An increase in mass leads to a severe increase in required torque, leading to a greater cost for each motor



Motor Torque and Wheel RPM - Feasibility

Current System Parameters

- Mass = 180 kg = 392 lbm
- Wheel Diameter = 0.127 m = 5 inches
- Assumed Motor Efficiency = 65 %
- Maximum velocity = 0.5 m/s
- Time to accelerate to maximum speed = 5 seconds
- Incline Angle = 5 degrees
- 6 wheels with 2 motors powering the front two wheels via a belt drive

Result

- Applied torque must be greater than **556 in-lb**
- Resulting maximum RPM: **75.19 RPM**
- Power Required: **494.5 W**

Feasible by Analysis:

- Found potential motors that are able to produce the desired, calculated torque values



Possible Motor Selection

Brother: Brushless DC Gearmotor

- 991 in-lb
- 62 RPM
- Between 80% and 90-% efficient
- 1000 W
- 12 V DC
- \$453 each
- Inherent "braking" mechanism

Motor Torque and Wheel RPM - Feasibility

- The required torque for the most extreme situation of a 180 kg rover on a 20 degree slope was calculated to be 556 in-lb.
- By using two, 991 in-lb brushless DC motors made by *Brother*, the torque required for the MR will be met leaving a large amount of room for frictional losses, pulley losses, additional motor inefficiency, and MR mass changes.
- By powering four wheels with two motors, not only does the cost of the translational system decrease, but the MR maneuverability and wheel traction benefit.
- Additionally, the motor chosen provides an inherent braking system

Validation and Verification

Functional Requirement	Testing
FR1.0	Demonstration – The CD will remain secure on the Mother Rover during transport over the designated terrain such that it does not slide over the platform Analysis – Structural integrity will be analyzed through CAD simulation of entire system.
FR2.0	Demonstration – The MR will demonstrate receipt and execution of commands sent from the GS including translational motion, video feed control, securement mechanism control, as well as leveling control.
FR3.0	Demonstration – The MR will be located 500 meters from the GS and the system will demonstrate transmission of the data including: GPS location as well as live video feed from MR and CD
FR4.0	Demonstration – The MR will be driven over a flat dirt path, a 20° dirt path (constructed in house), and a 5 in obstacle to a maximum distance of 500m from the drop off point
FR5.0	Characterization – Use instrumentation, such as an accelerometer, to ensure the leveling system levels the platform to within 3.5 degrees on a 20 degree slope. Demonstration – The MR will be placed on a 20° slope where its wheels will be locked in

Facilities and Resources

Testing Facilities

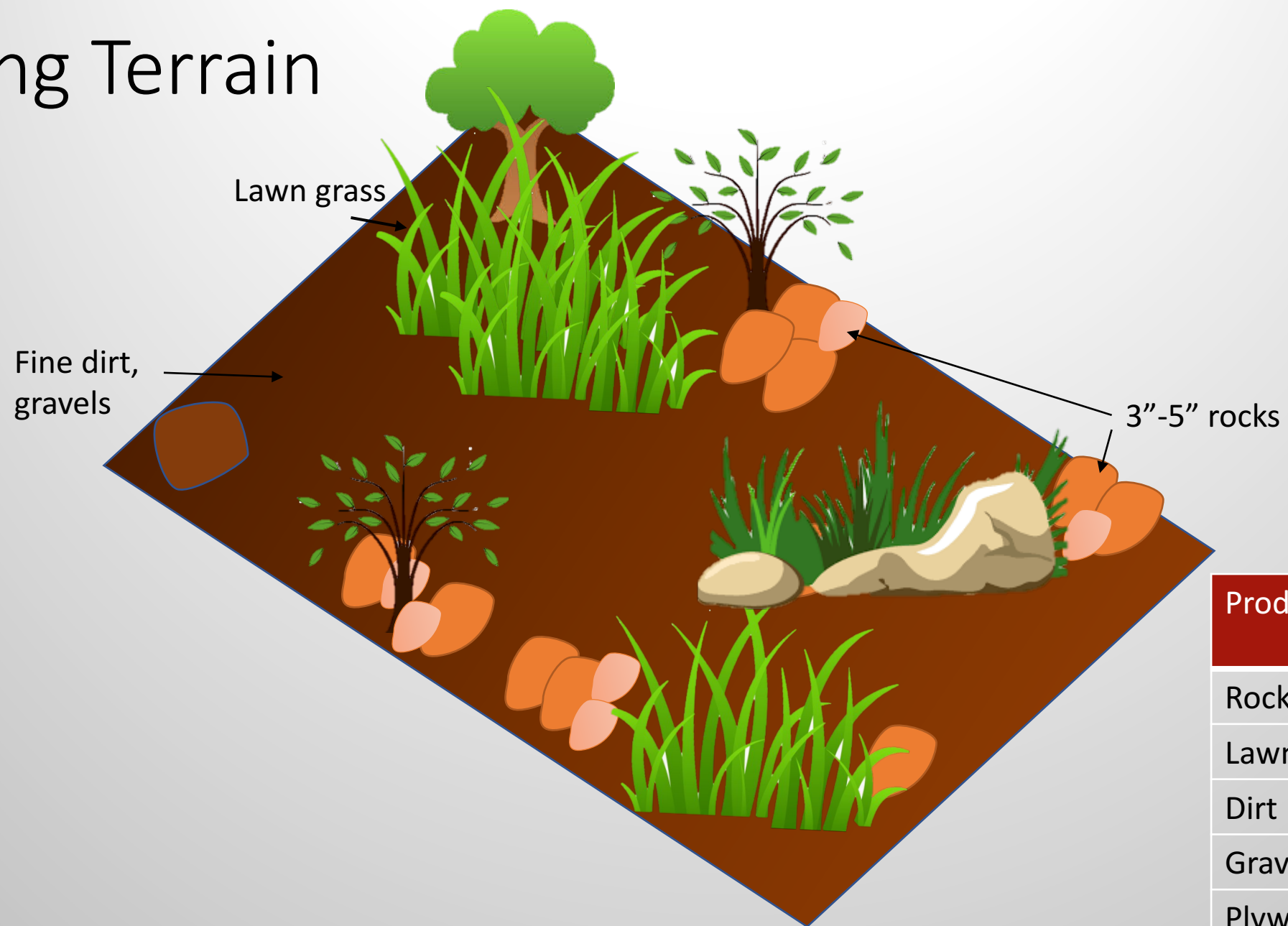
- Construct defined rough terrain out of plywood, filled with either loose gravel or lawn grass (test one at a time).
 - 5 inch obstacles (rocks) for the rover to traverse
 - Wide enough and long enough (4 by 10 feet) for turn radius test to be completed
 - This will be propped against a bench to create 20° slope.
- Another option (weather permitting) is take mother rover to Chautauqua for rough terrain testing
 - Rocks/obstacles greater than

Resources

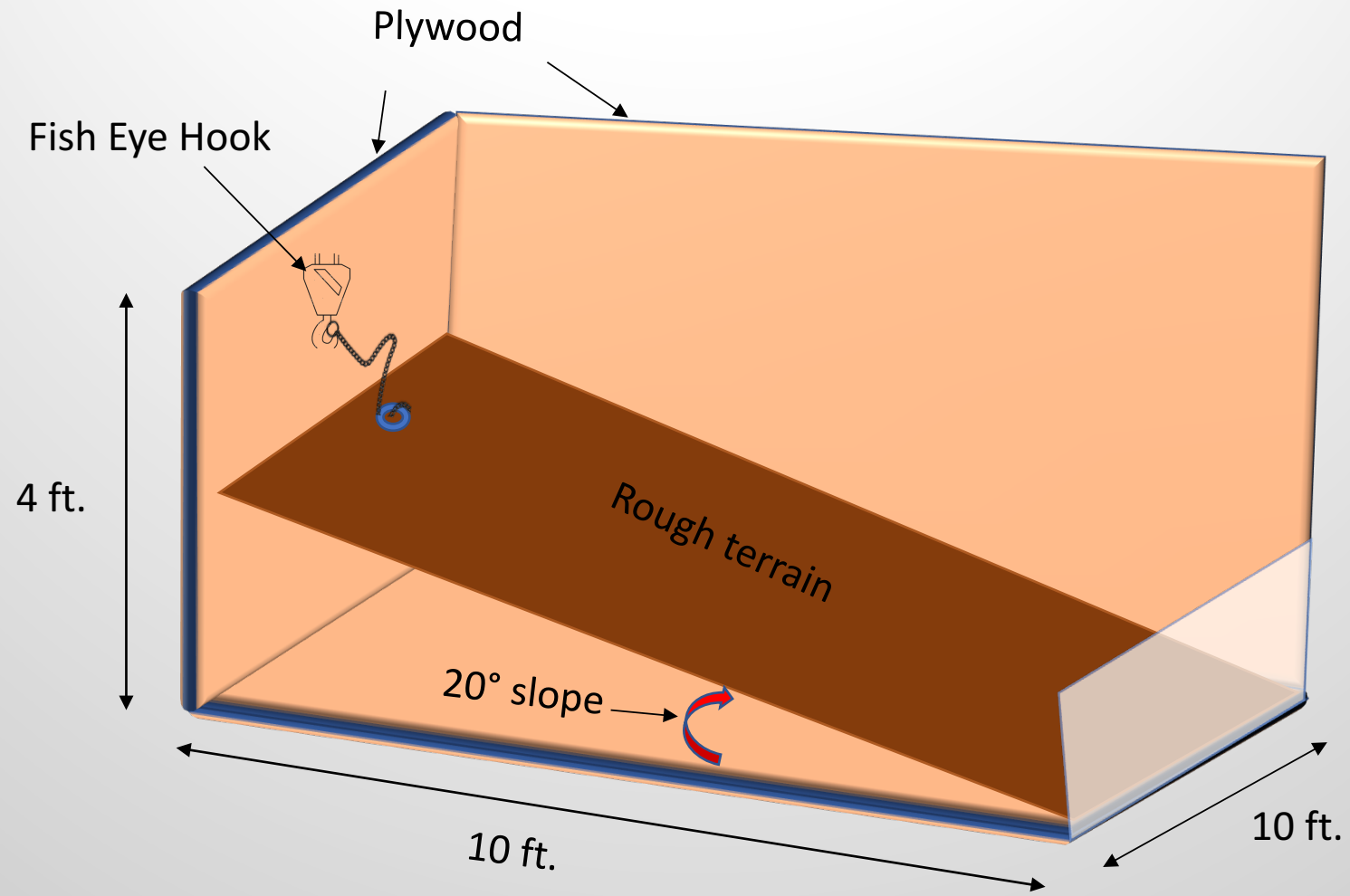
- Rover Operator
- Barbara Streiffert
- CU AES Senior Project 2017-2018 PAB
- Spectrum Analyzer (Comm Testing)



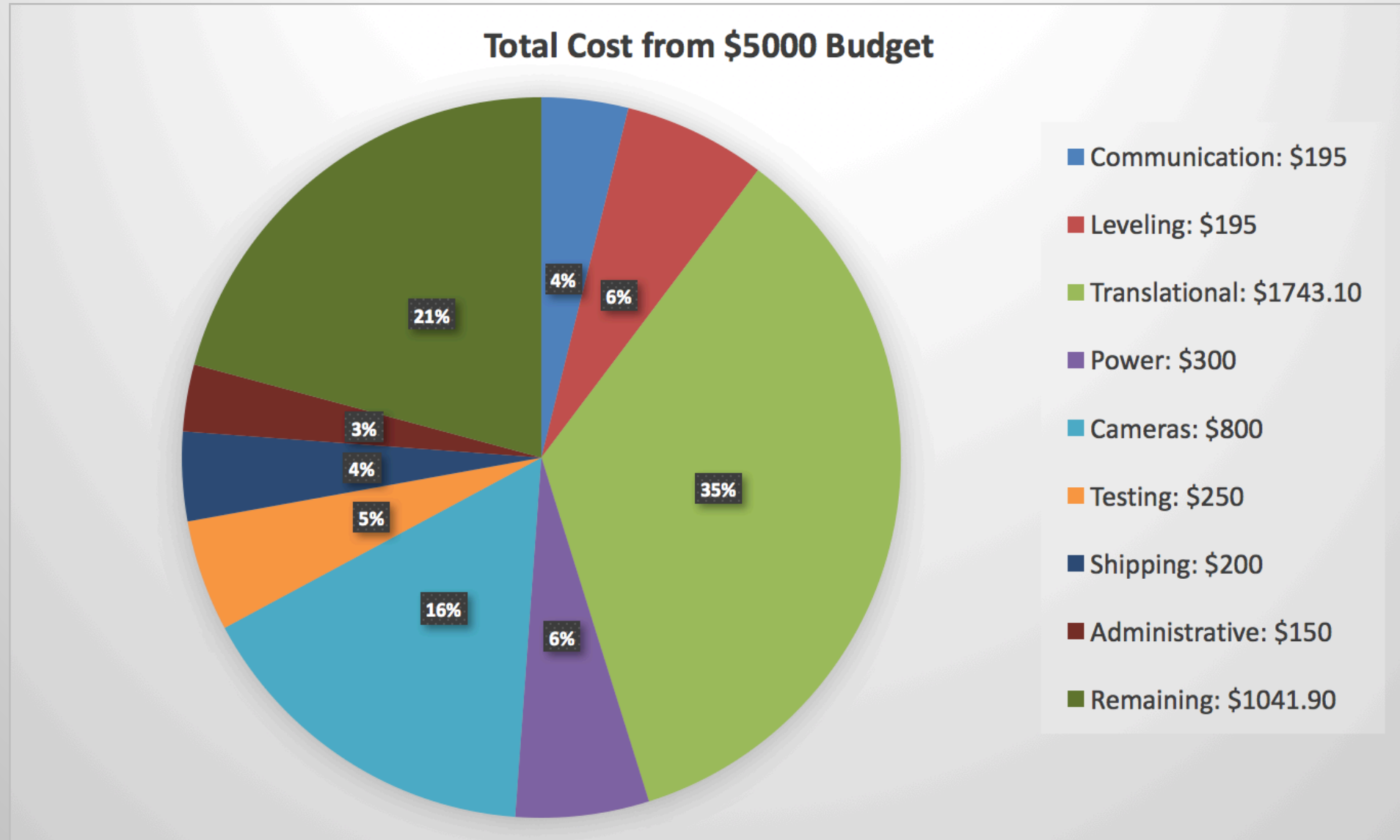
Testing Terrain



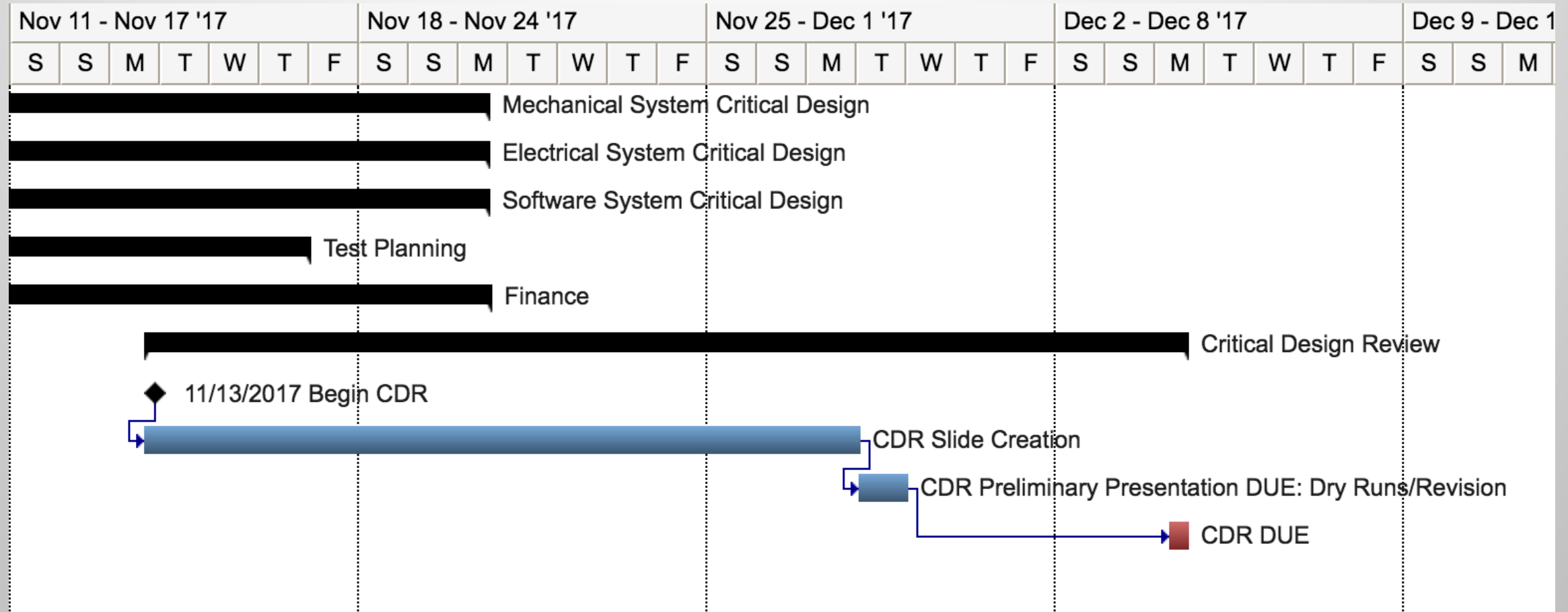
Products	
Rocks	Home Depot
Lawn Grass	Home Depot
Dirt	Home Depot
Gravel	Walmart
Plywood	Home Depot



Financial Budget Analysis



Schedule to CDR



Conclusion

Preliminary Design Summary

Critical Project Element	Feasible Design Solution
Communications	Separate Communications for CD and MR to GS
Translational System Structure	Rocker Bogie Suspension System
Motors for Translational System	Two 556 inlb Torque Motors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drives four wheels using a belt drive
Leveling System	Internal Scissor Jacks

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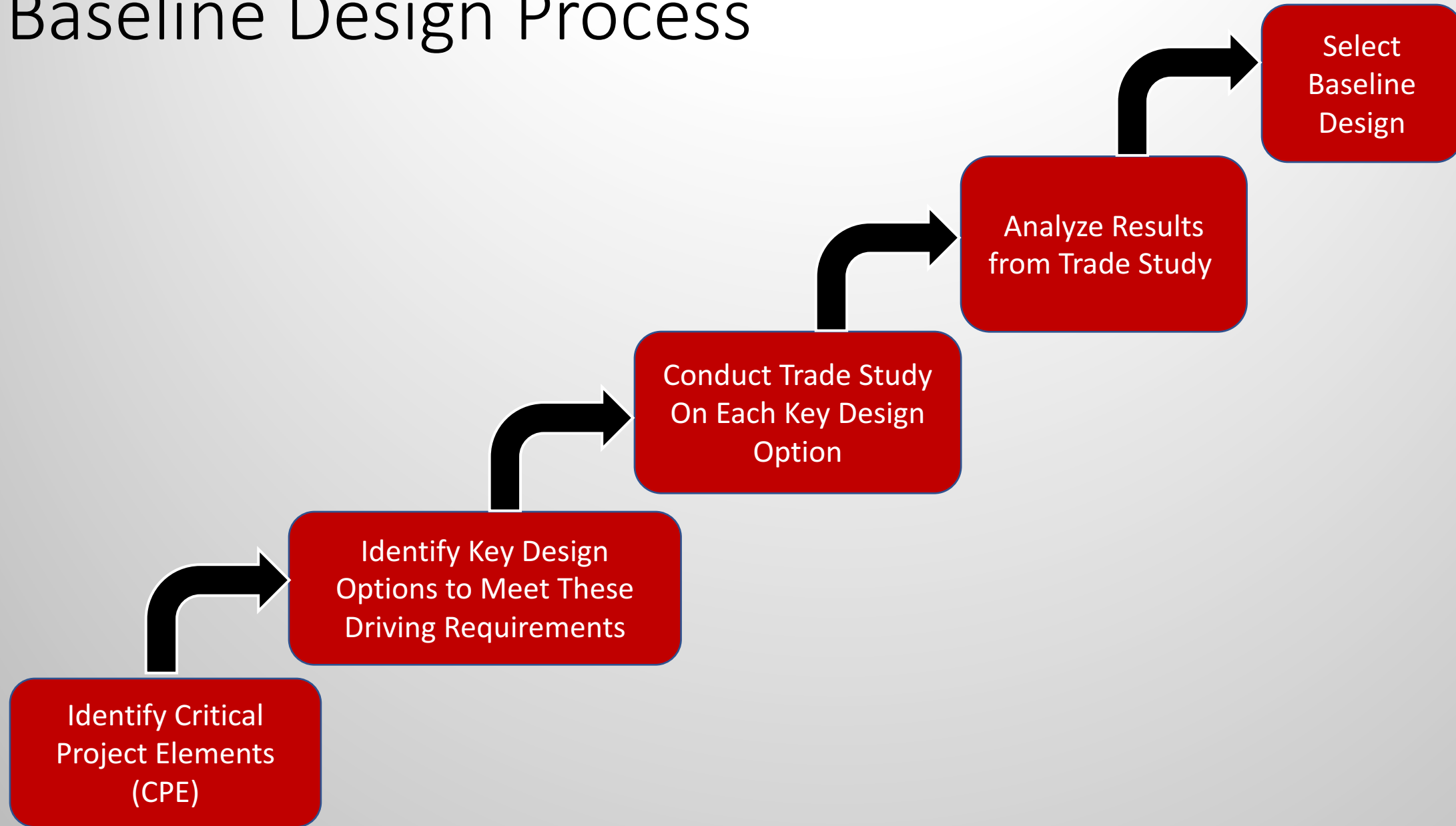
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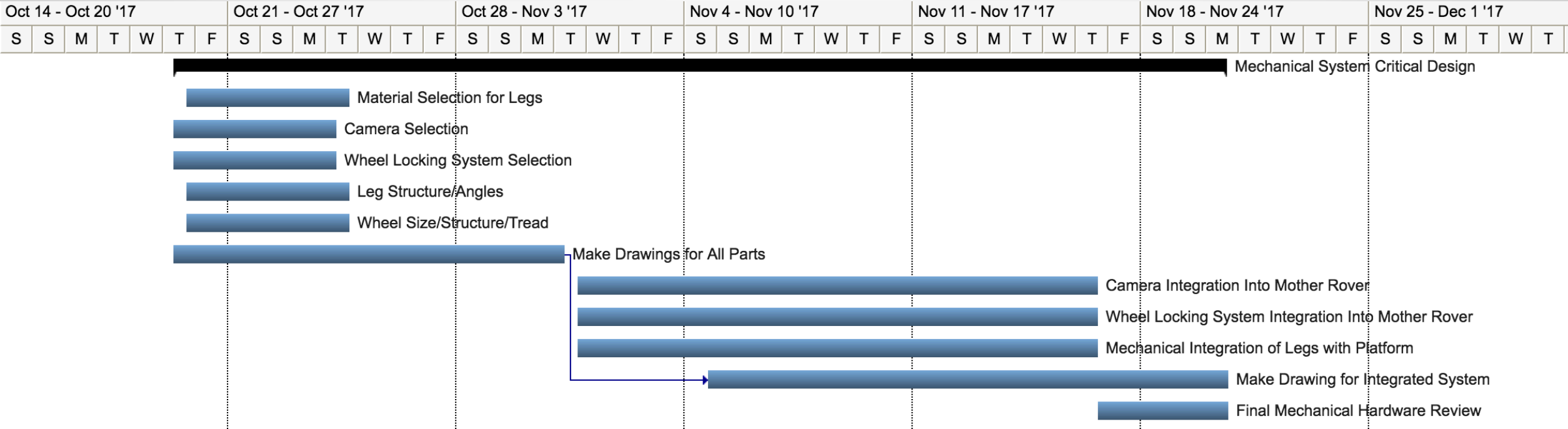
Budget

Subsystem	Part Name	Description	Cost	Quantity	Discount	Total Cost
Communication	Transmitter	Transmitting signal	\$25.00	2	0.00%	\$50.00
Communication	Antennas	receiving signal	\$25.00	1	0.00%	\$25.00
Communication	Xbee Tranceiver	tranceiving things	\$45.00	2	0.00%	\$90.00
Communication	Xbbee Aentennas	antenna things	\$15.00	2	0.00%	\$30.00
Leveling	Inclinometer/hardware	Code & Housing & Wiring	\$40.00	1	0.00%	\$40.00
Leveling	Leveling Jack	Leveling of platform	\$40.00	2	0.00%	\$80.00
Leveling	Motors	Motors to turn jacks	\$100.00	2	0.00%	\$200.00
Translational	Al-0601	1x1in 6ft sections, 5 sections	\$42.90	5	0.00%	\$214.50
Translational	Brake Pad	NOA Pads	\$20.00	4	0.00%	\$80.00
Translational	Brake Linear Actuator	Brake Linear Actuator	\$31.90	4	0.00%	\$127.60
Translational	Motor	Motors to turn rover	\$453.00	2	0.00%	\$906.00
Translational	Motor Driver	Hardware for microcontroller for motor	\$30.00	1	0.00%	\$30.00
Translational	Wheel	Wheels for rover	\$10.00	6	0.00%	\$60.00
Translational	Misc. Hardware	Pins, bolts, screws, etc	\$100.00	1	0.00%	\$100.00
Translational	Differential	Balances rover in uneven terrain	\$225.00	1	0.00%	\$225.00
Power	12 V Battery	Battery Power for Rover Car battery	\$100.00	2	0.00%	\$200.00
Power	Hardware	Hardware & Wiring	\$100.00	1	0.00%	\$100.00
Cameras	Go Pro Hero	Cameras	\$400.00	2	0.00%	\$800.00
Testing	Misc	Testbed	\$250.00	1	0.00%	\$250.00
Administrative	Misc	Printing	\$150.00	1	0.00%	\$150.00
Shipping	Misc	Shipping items to CO	\$200.00	1	0.00%	\$200.00
System Total						\$3,958.10
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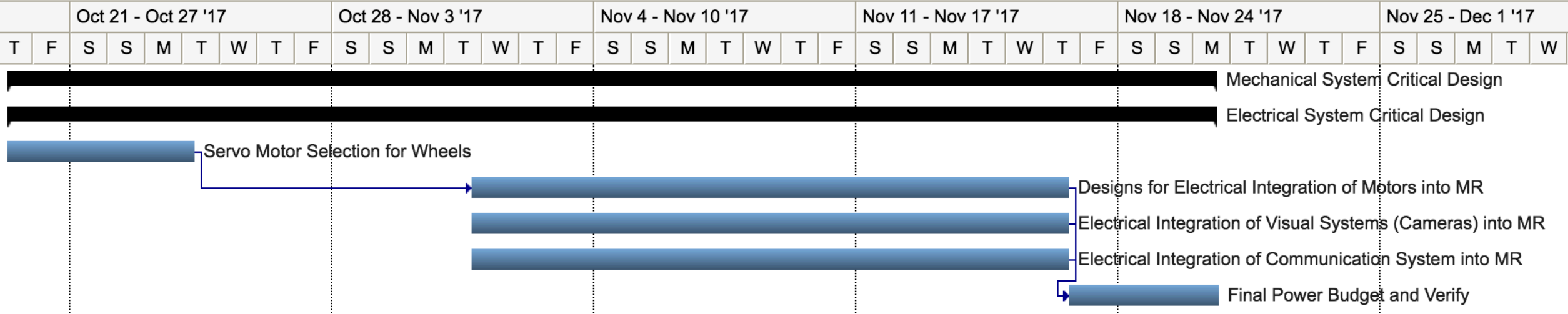
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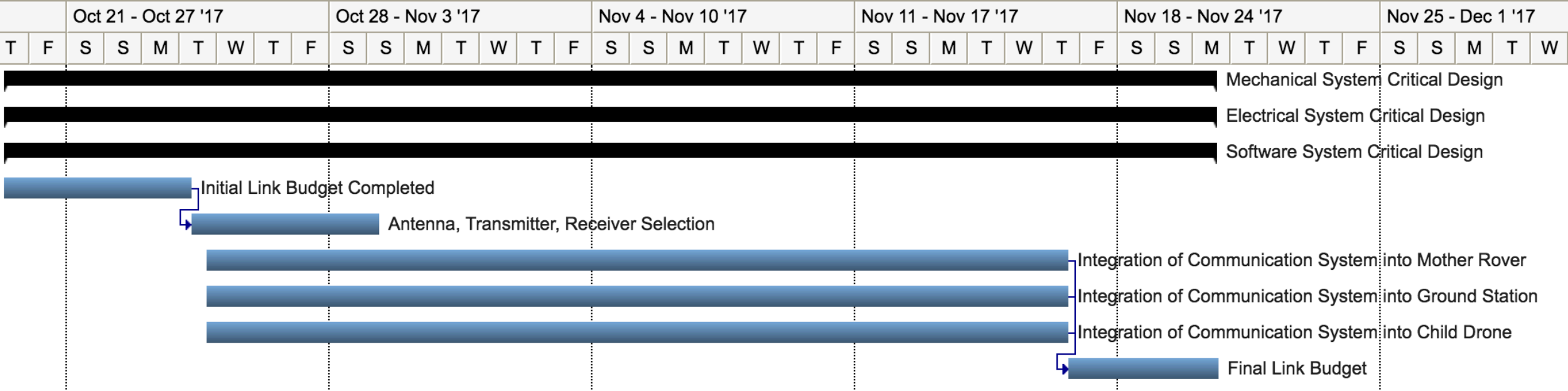
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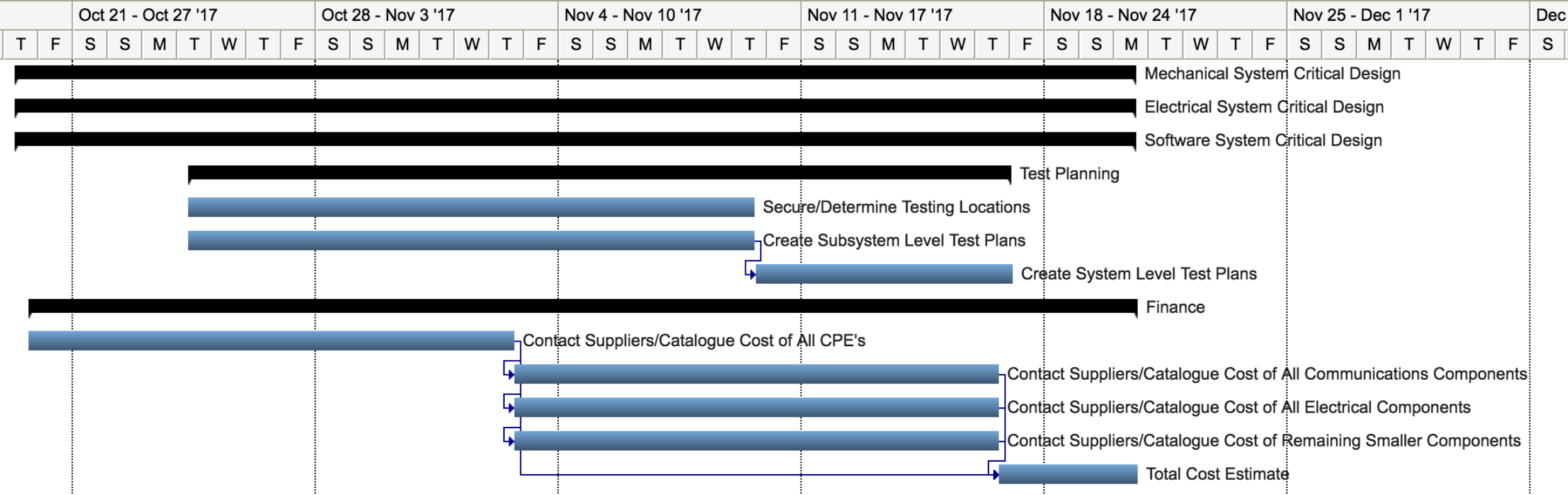
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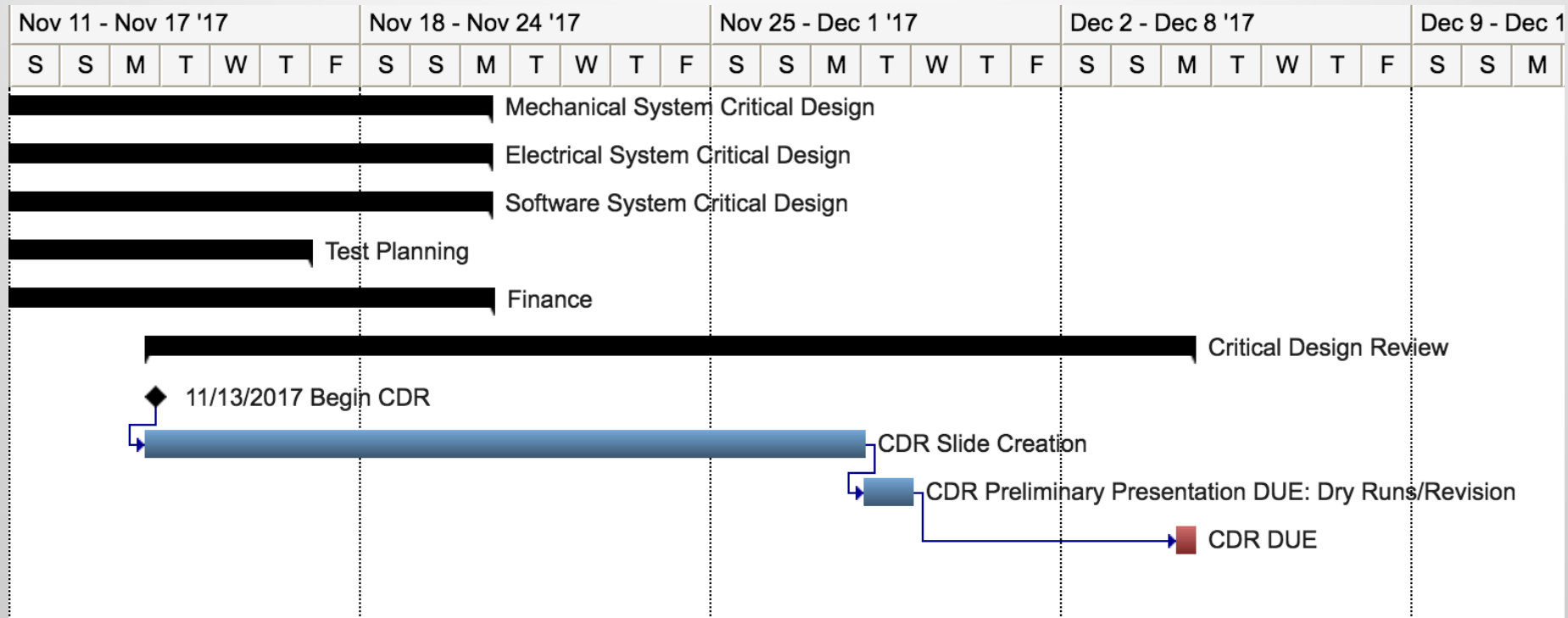
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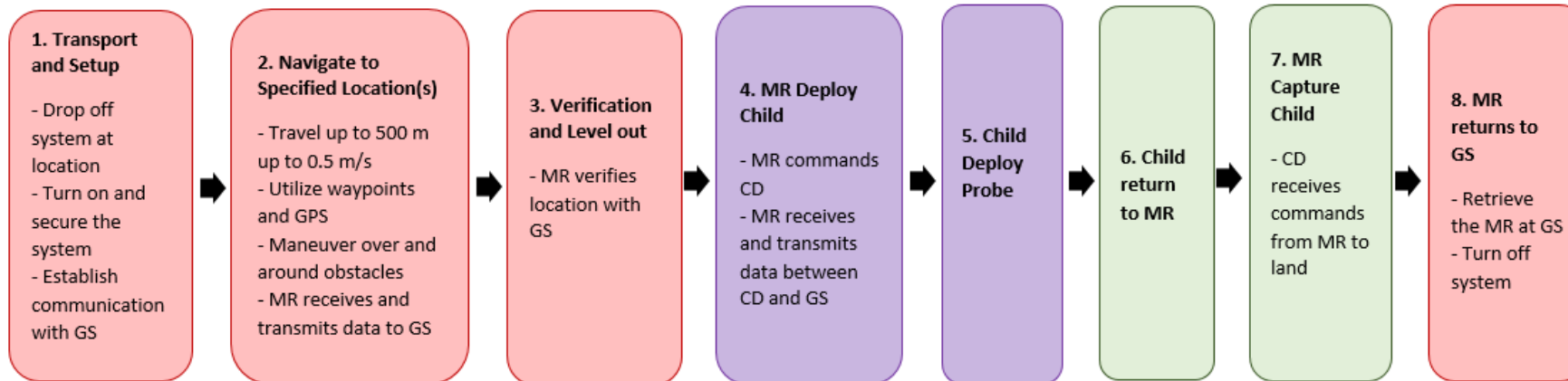
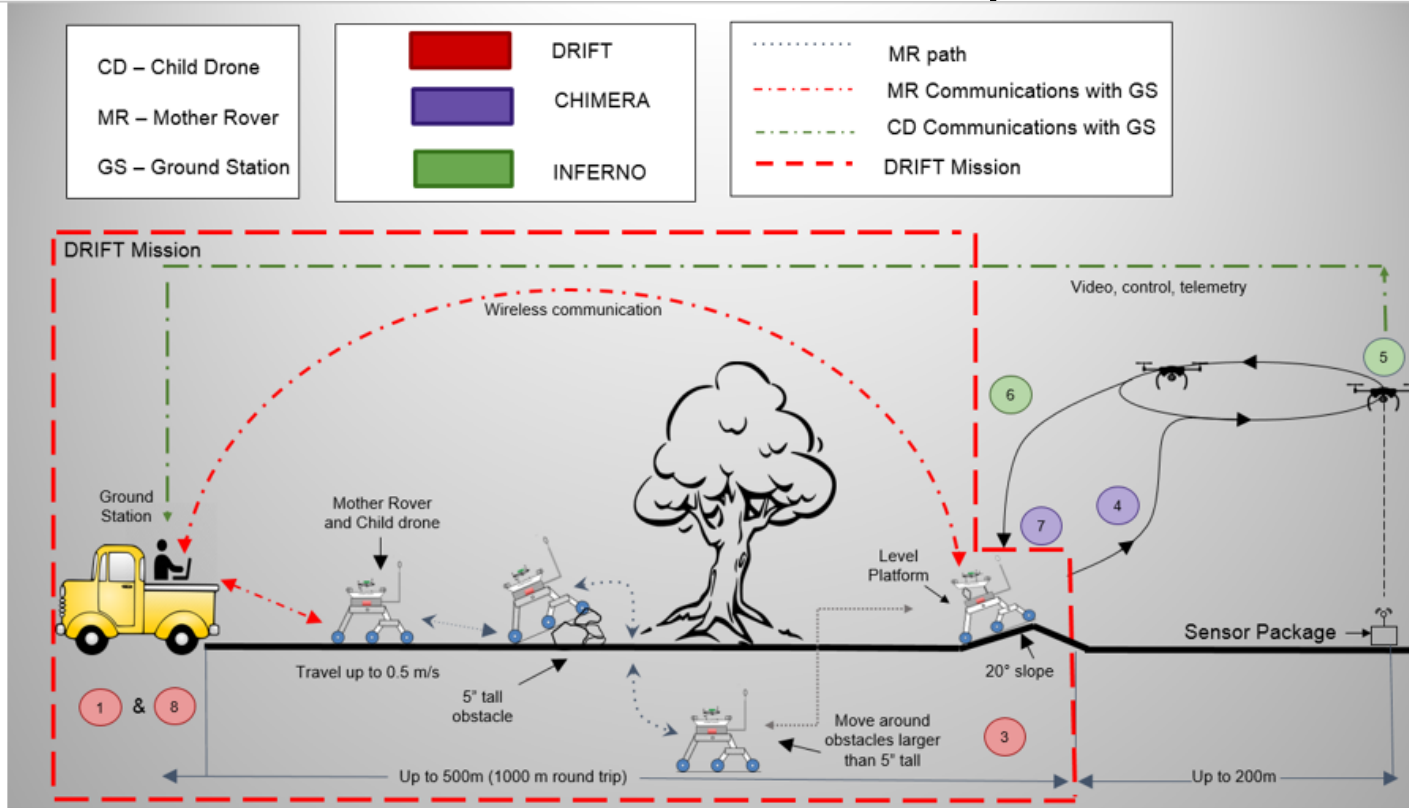
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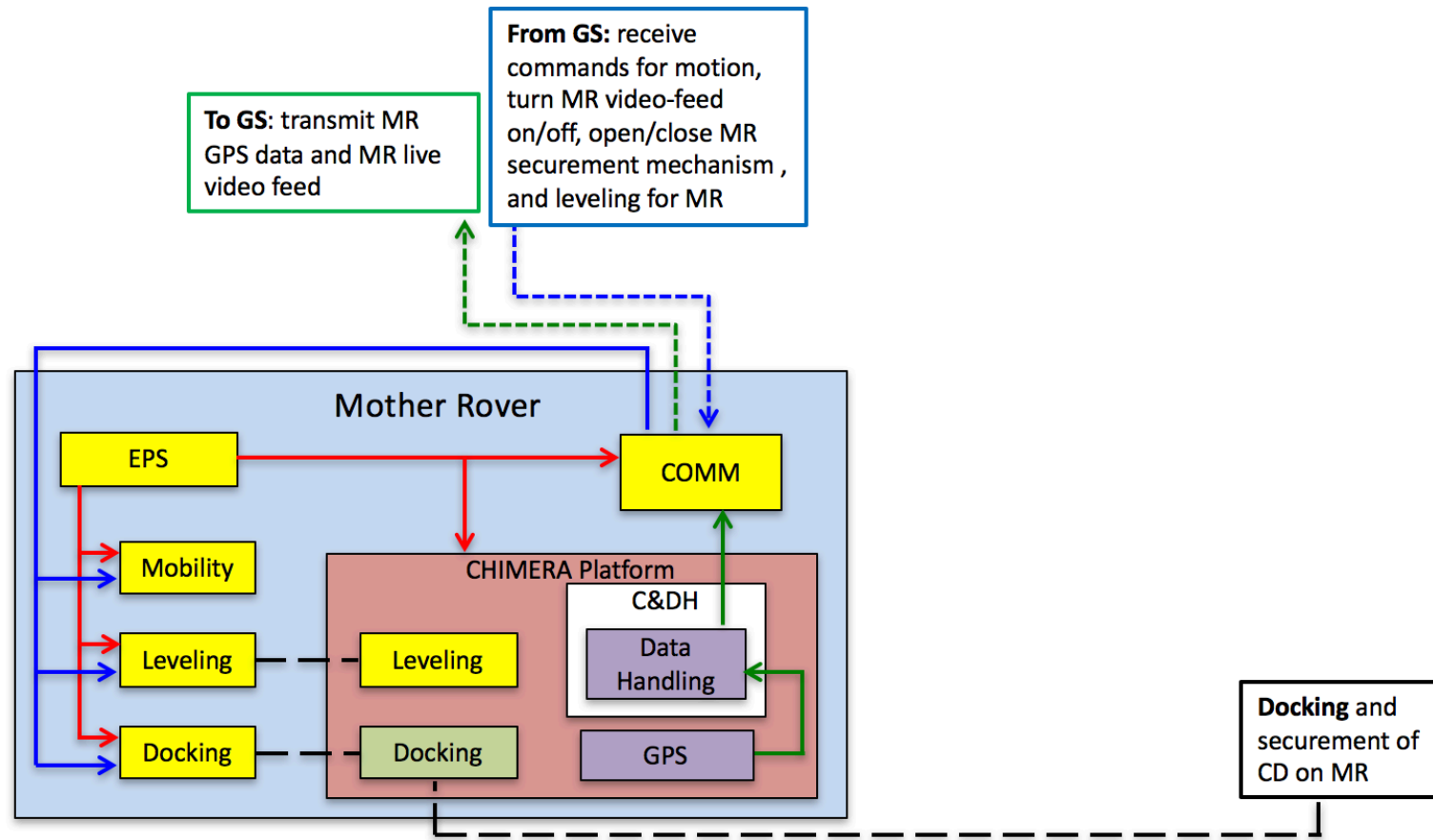
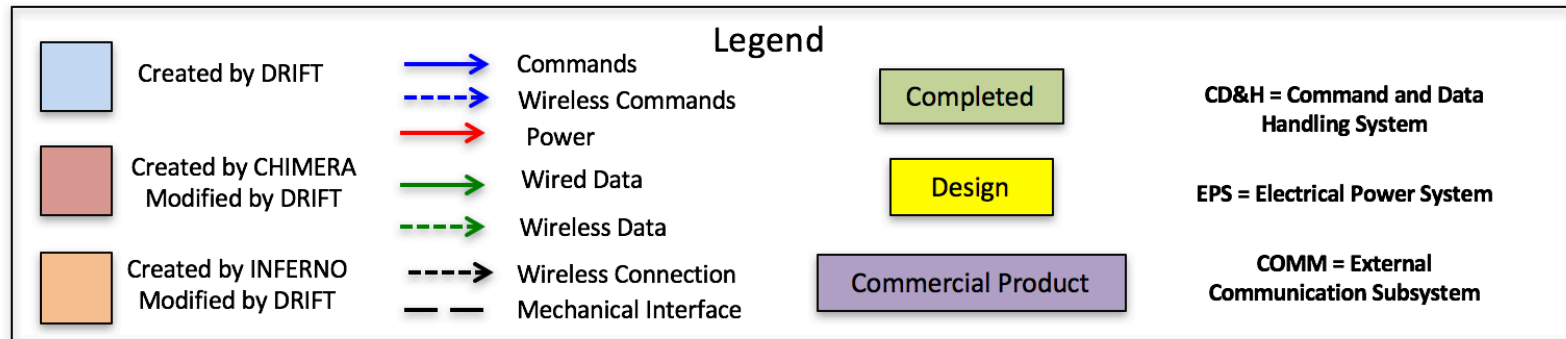
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Functional Requirement	Description
FR1.0	The MR shall integrate with the attached landing platform
FR2.0	The MR shall receive commands from the GS
FR3.0	The MR shall transmit data to the GS
FR4.0	The MR shall traverse through woods and grasslands up to 500m in any direction from the drop off point
FR5.0	The MR shall level to position itself for the CD to take-off and land

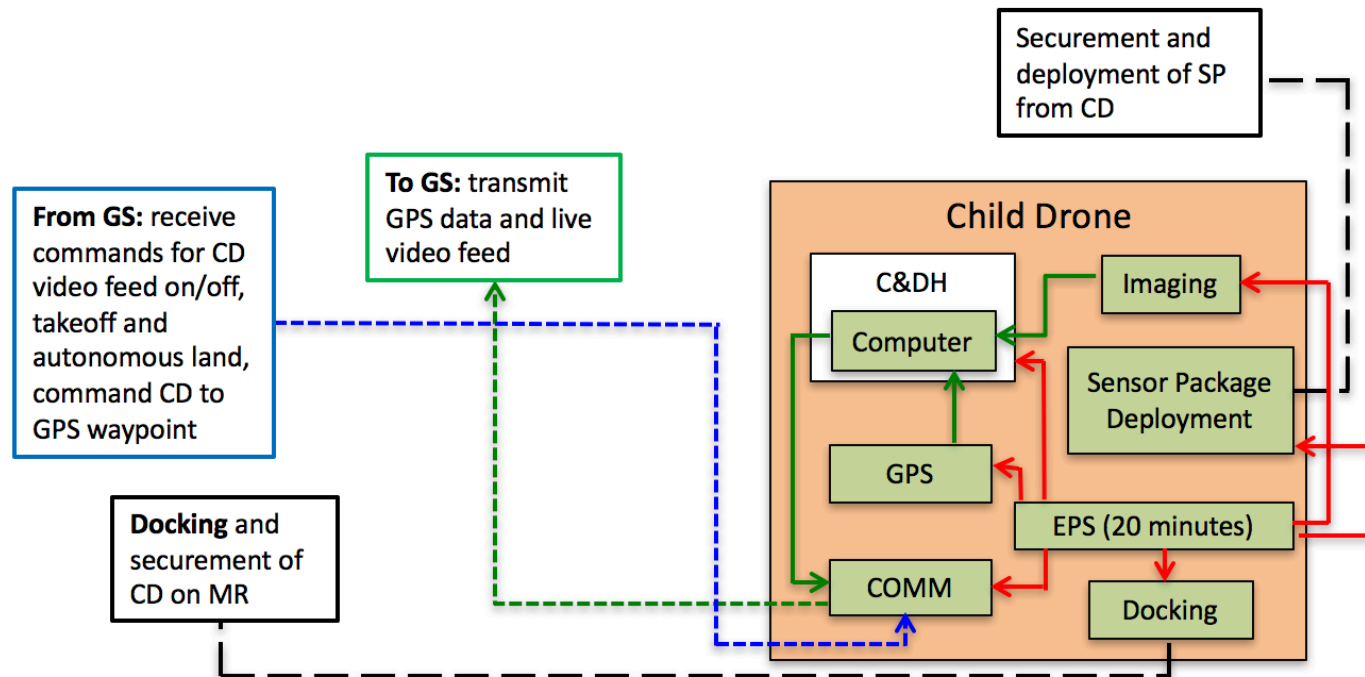
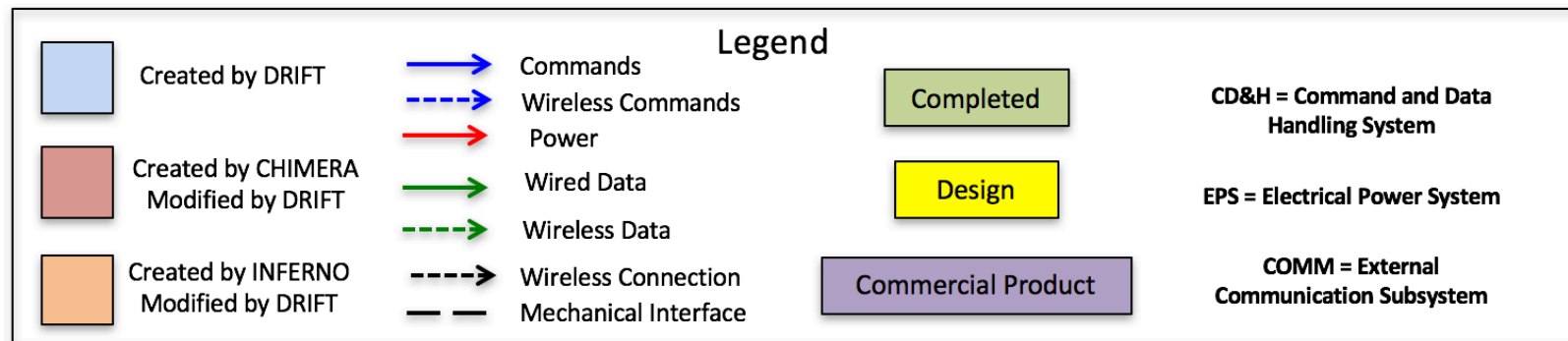
Requirements Flowdown Continued

Functional Requirement	Description
FR1.0	The MR shall integrate with the attached landing platform
Design Requirement	Definition
DR1.1	The MR shall have sufficient structural integrity capable of supporting the size (1.1m X 1.1m) and weight (55lbs) of the LP and CD without deformation to the structure.
DR1.2	The MR shall incorporate the preexisting software/hardware of the LP to operate through one communication system.
DR1.3	The LP shall be fixed permanently to the MR.

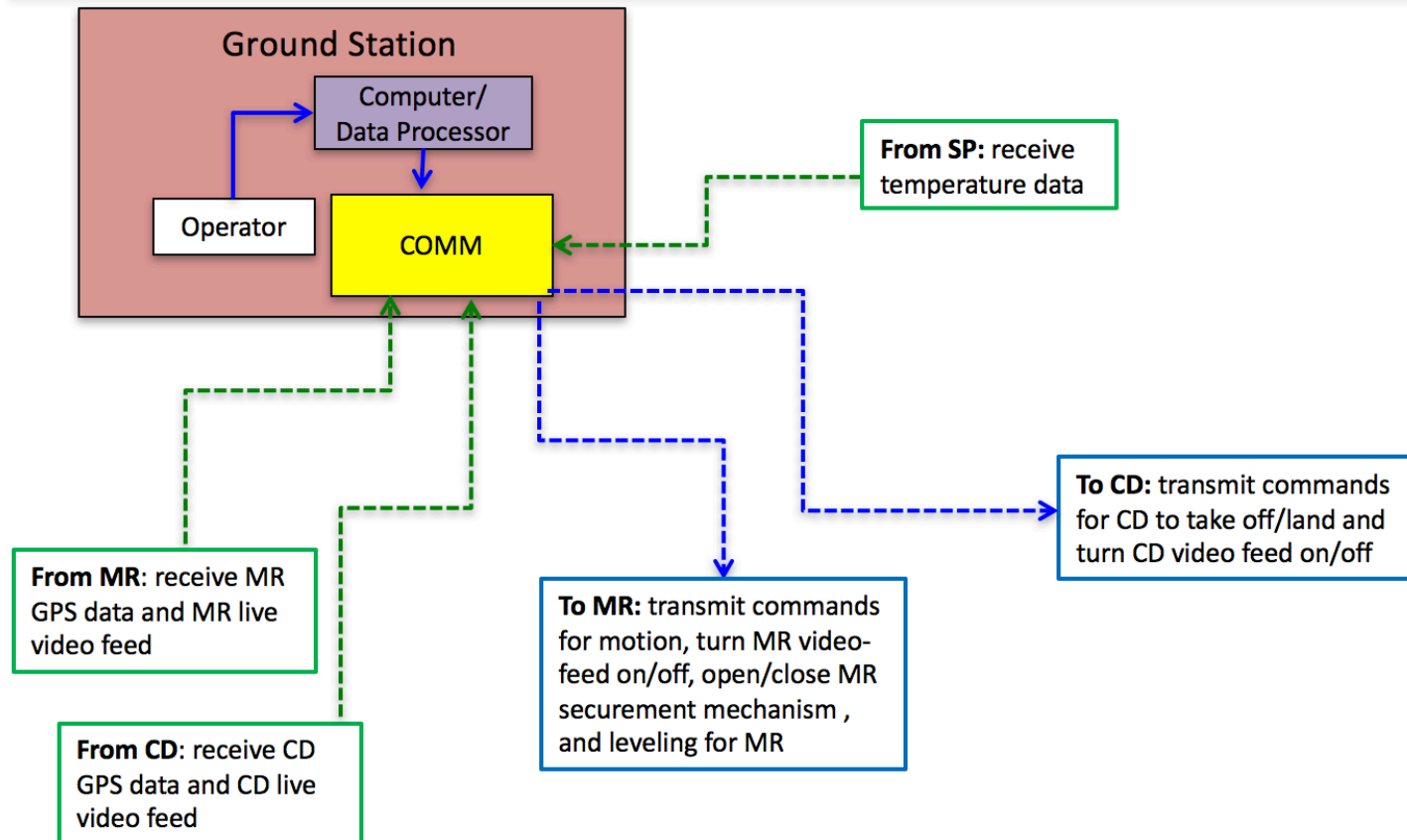
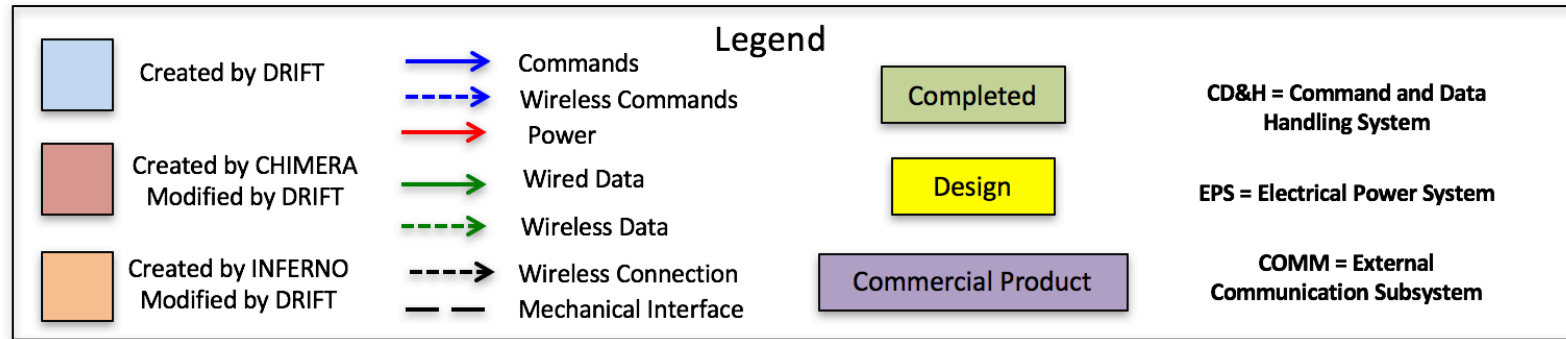
Mother Rover Functional Block Diagram



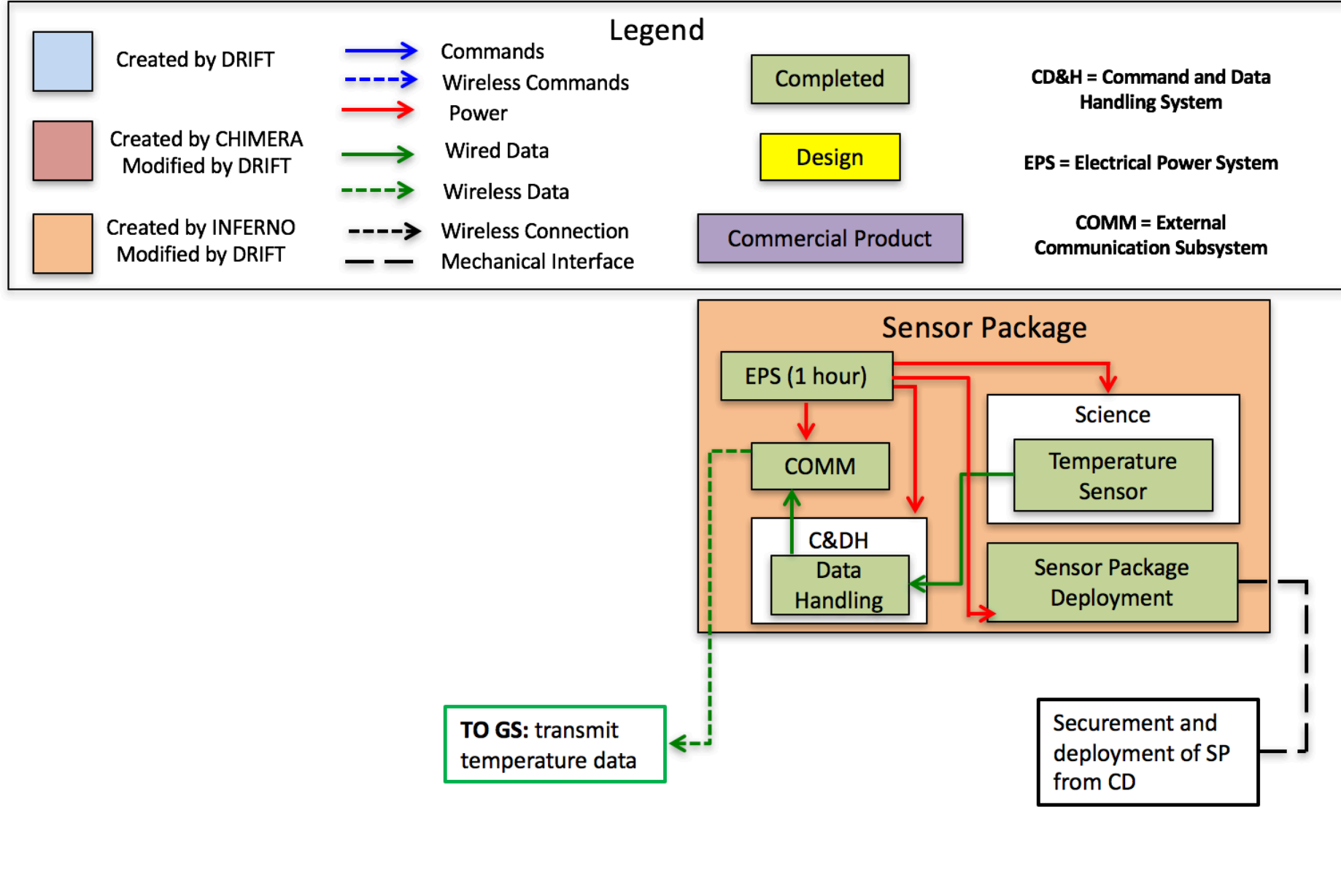
Child Drone Functional Block Diagram



Ground Station Functional Block Diagram



Sensor Package Functional Block Diagram

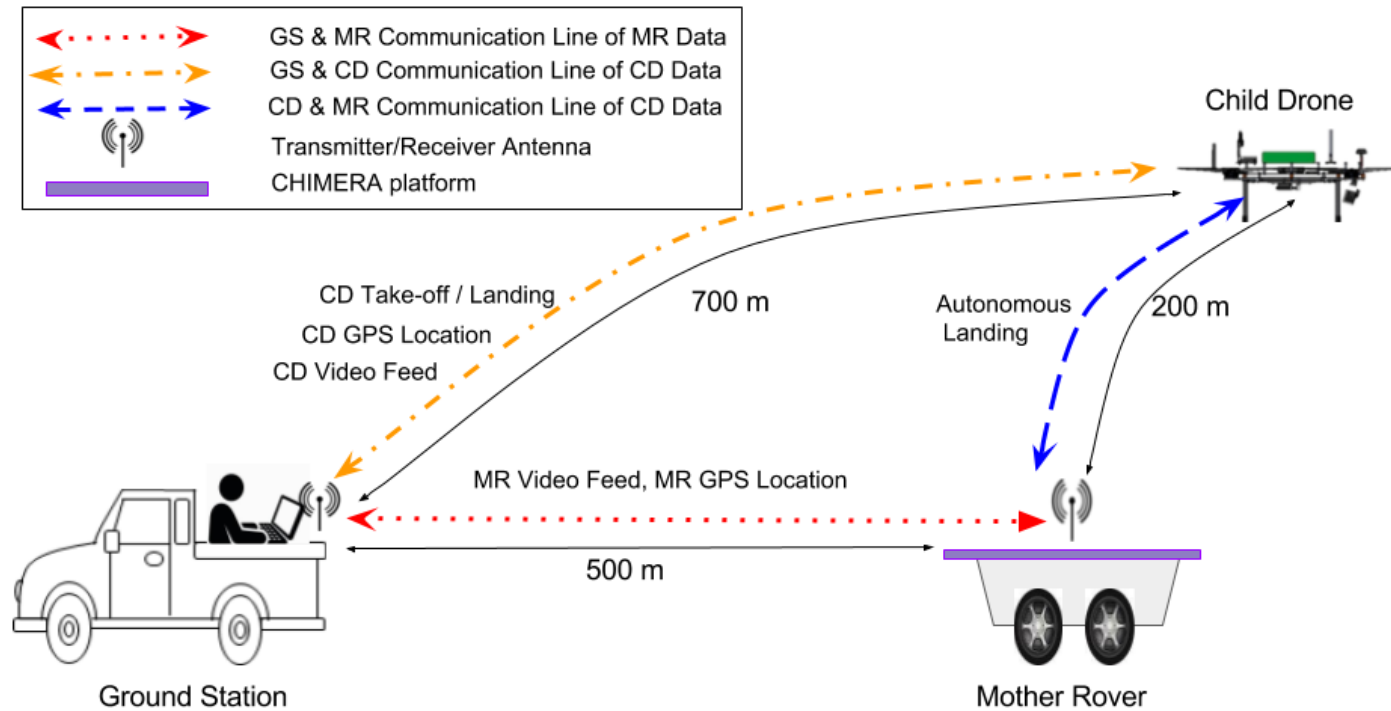


Trade Study

Trade Study - Communications

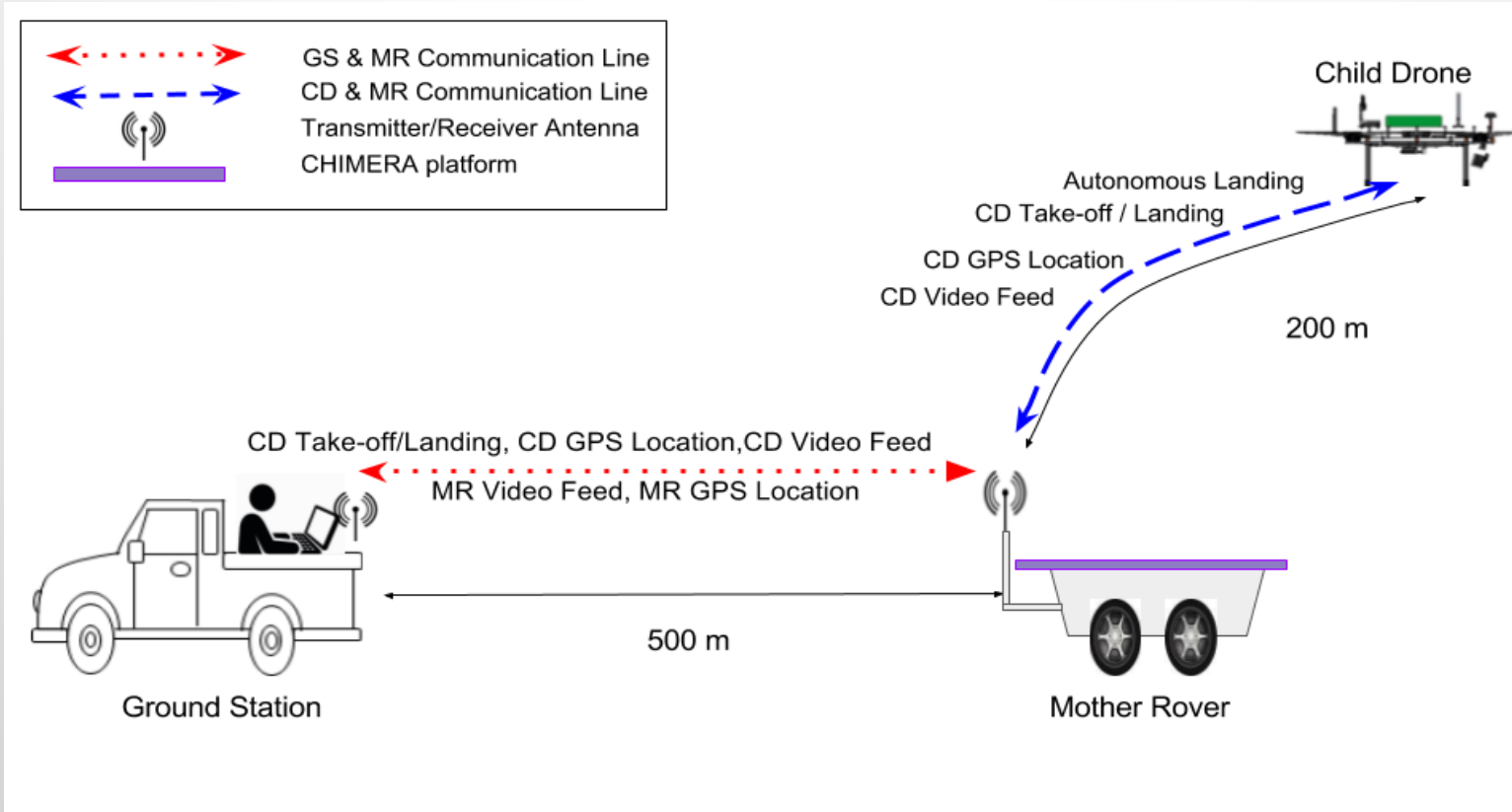
- 1) Original communication System**
- 2) One Line of Communication Through MR**
- 3) Multiple Lines of Communication Through MR**

Original Communication system



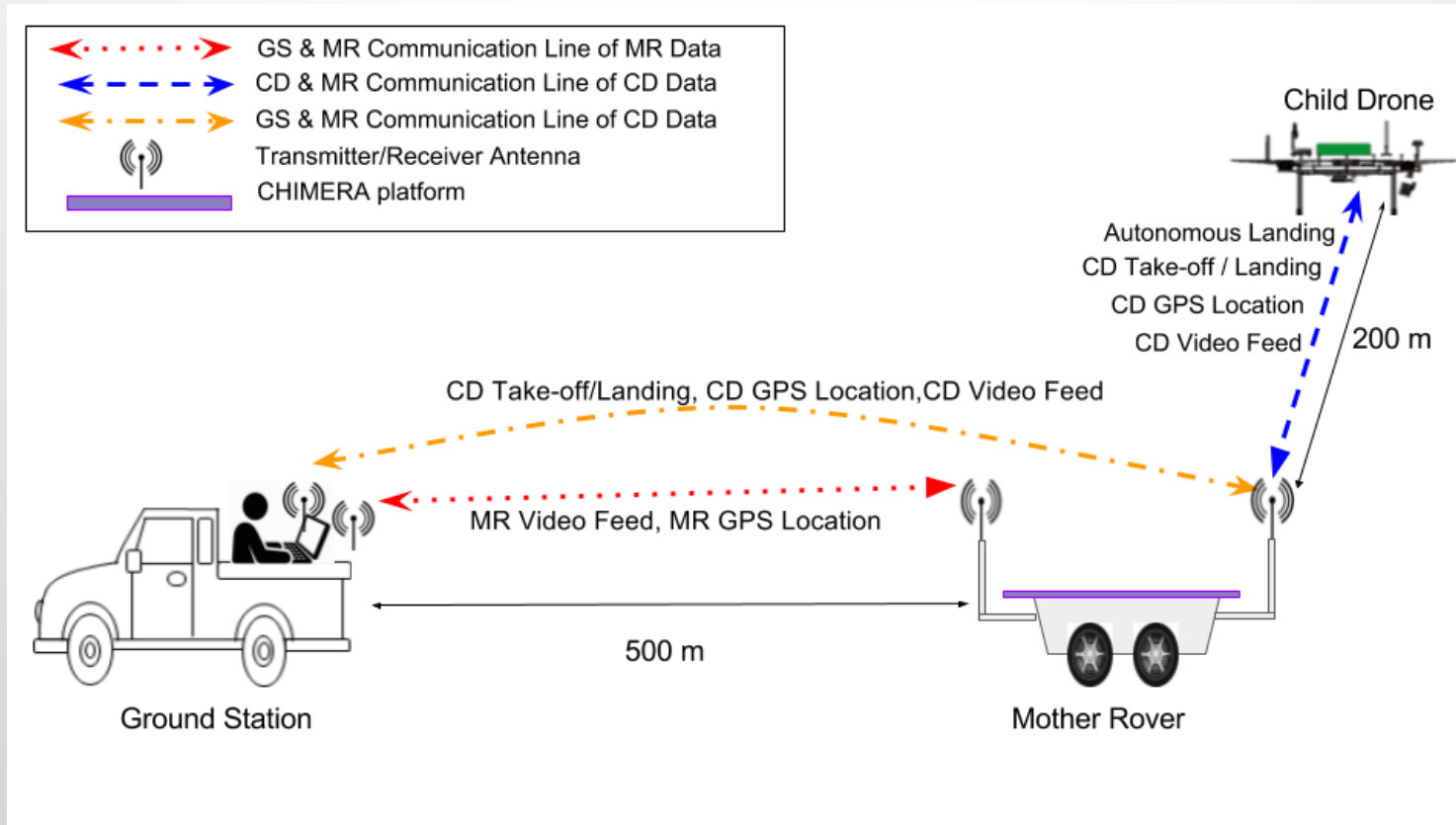
Description	Pros	Cons
Software is not complex	X	
Inexpensive	X	
Messages do not need to be altered in MR	X	
Does not fit requirements (communications through MR)		X
700 meter connection to CD		X
Both systems will need decent power		X

One Line of Communication Through MR



Description	Pros	Cons
Few points of failure	X	
Can backup and store easily on MR	X	
Low power required	X	
Shorter communication distance through each device	X	
Inexpensive	X	
Intricate Software		X
Have to combine messages		X

Multiple Lines of Communication Through MR



Description	Pros	Cons
Software is not too complex	X	
No communication over distance > 500 meters	X	
Expensive		X
Risk of the multiple sensors causing interference		X
Many possible points of failure		X
Higher power required		X

Trade Metrics - Communication

Metric	Weight	Description
Reliability	35%	Reliability of the communication system is the measure of how well the communication system transmits and receives the required data. It weighs the highest at 35% because the communication systems between INFERNO, CHIMERA, and DRIFT need to be integrated so that the Fire Tracker System works properly.
Signal Attenuation	30%	Signal attenuation is the reduction of signal strength during the signal transmission. It is the second most important metric weighted at 30% as during wireless communication, signal losses can occur easily due to the obstructions and interference from neighboring electronic devices. The MR needs to travel 500m in any direction through the rough terrain. In order for the signal to be transmitted and received efficiently, signal attenuation along the way needs to be considered.
Time Required	15%	The time required is defined as the total number of labor hours needed to complete all communication line requirements. Since the two previous projects communicate independently from each other, the time needed for the software integration in communication line is the third most important metric at 10%. The time required to install and write the code for the hardwares to work properly is essential in consideration so that the project can be completed on time.
Software Complexity	10%	Software complexity is the amount of new lines of codes need to be written to integrate all MR subsystems. Most of the existing codes on the original communication system does not need much changes and are inherited. These inherited codes just need to be changed or modified so that it can handle the upgraded version that DRIFT made by adding the mother rover on the communication line.
Cost	10%	Cost of establishing the communication system is not a big part of the project as most of the hardware needed for the system is not as expensive as the other key design options. Majority of the hardware is inherited from previous projects and only needs minor improvements.

Metric Ratings - Communication

Criteria	Ratings				
	1	2	3	4	5
Reliability (per-cent failure)	>50%	25%-50%	5%-25%	1%-5%	<1%
Time Required	>400 hours	300-400 hours	200-300 hours	100-200 hours	<100 hours
Signal Attenuation	System interferes with itself, has high loss from obstruction	System interference with itself, has low loss from obstruction	System only has high loss from obstruction	System only has low loss from obstruction	Only loss is due to free space loss
Software Complexity	System cannot use currently implemented code and must start from scratch	System needs to edit most of the existing code and parse new messages	System needs to have existing messages combined and parsed	System needs to redirect messages to new sources	System only needs to do minor edits to the current messages
Cost	>\$ 500	\$250 - \$500	\$100 - \$250	< \$100	No additional cost

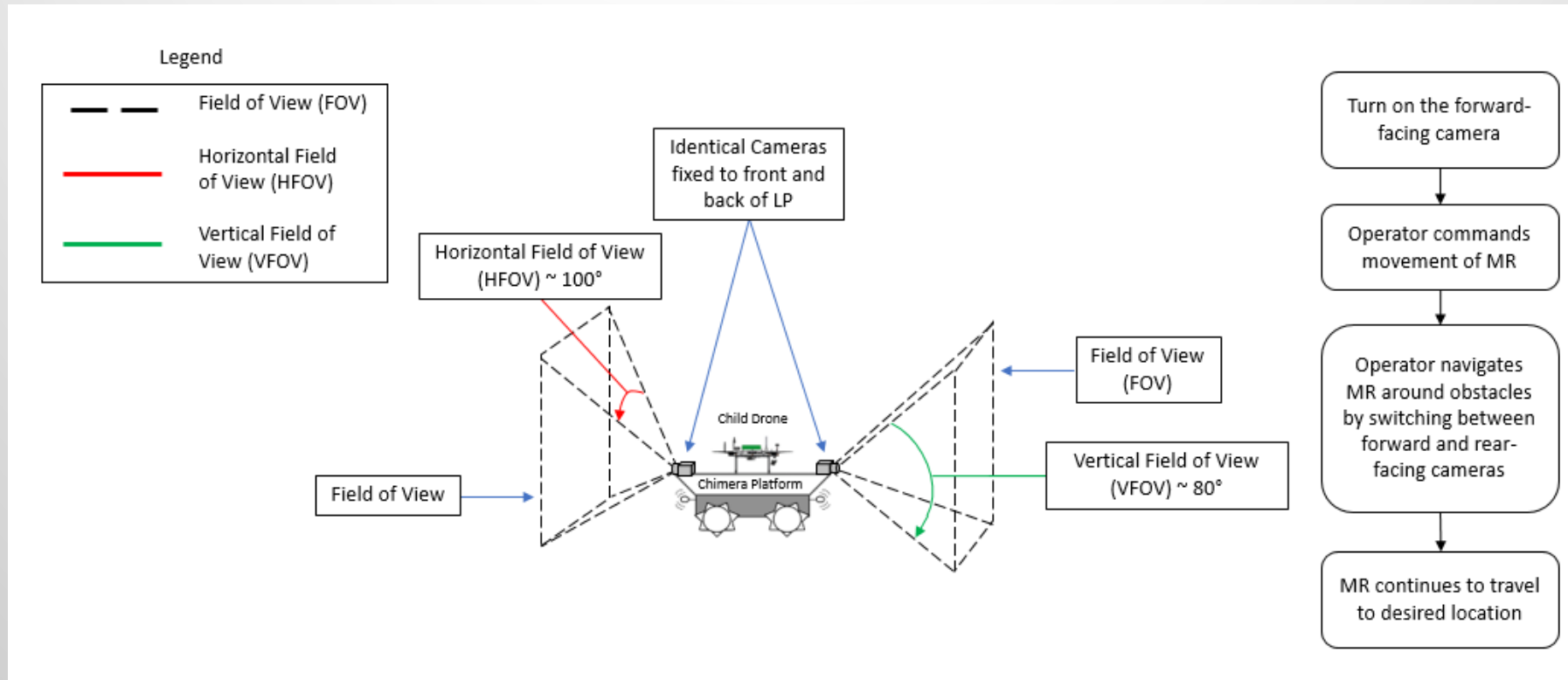
Trade Study- Result

Metric	Weight	Original Communi- cations System	One Line of Communication Through MR	Multiple Lines of Communication Through MR
Reliability	35%	4	4	4
Time Required	15%	4	3	4
Signal Attenuation	30%	2	4	1
Software Complexity	15%	5	3	4
Cost	5%	4	3	3
Total	100%	3.55	3.65	3.05

Trade Study – Hazard Camera

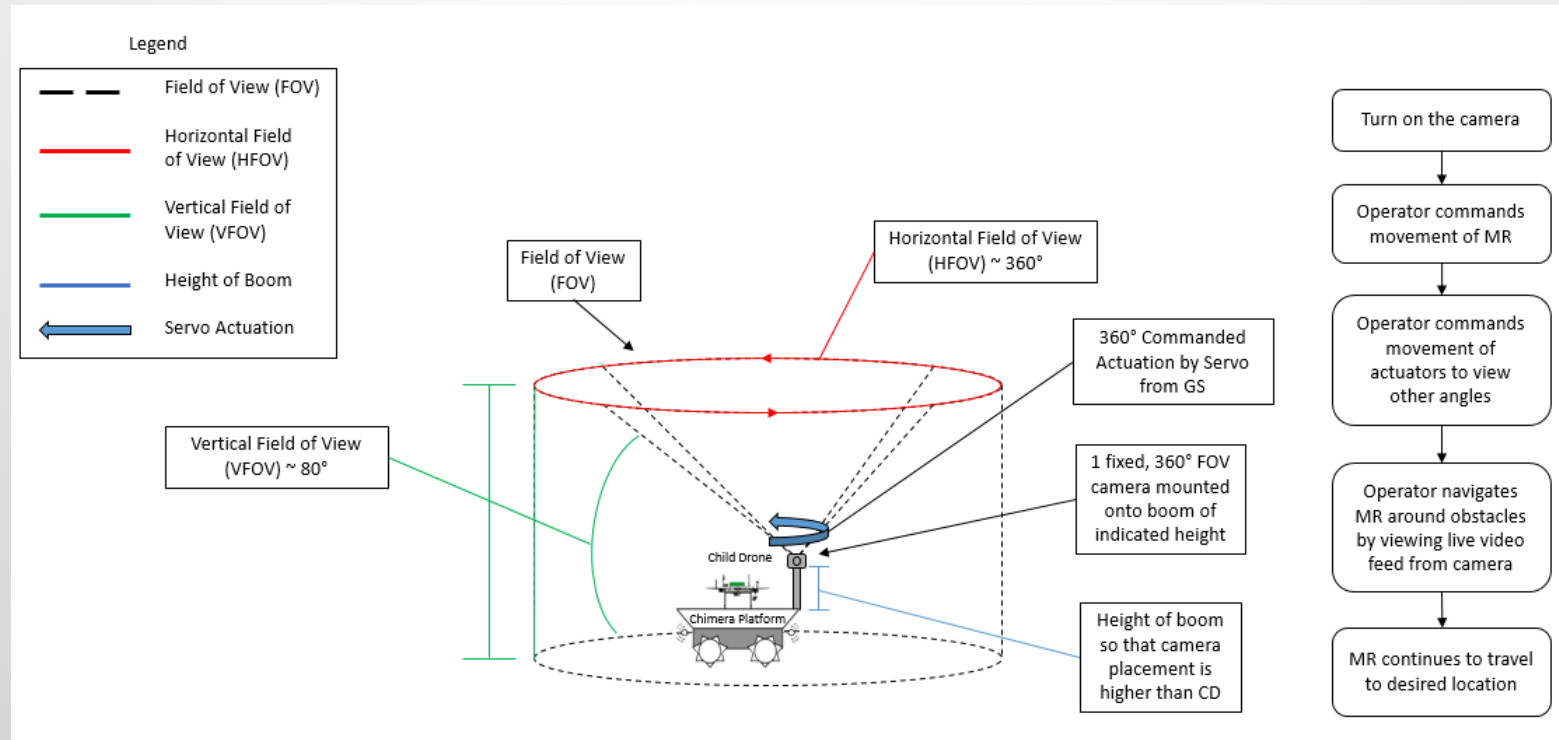
- 1) 2 Fixed, Wide Horizontal-FOV Cameras with 0-DOF**
- 2) 1 Actuated, Narrow Horizontal-FOV Camera with 1-DOF**
- 3) 1 Actuated, Narrow Horizontal-FOV Camera with 1-DOF**

2 Fixed, Wide Horizontal-FOV Cameras with 0-DOF



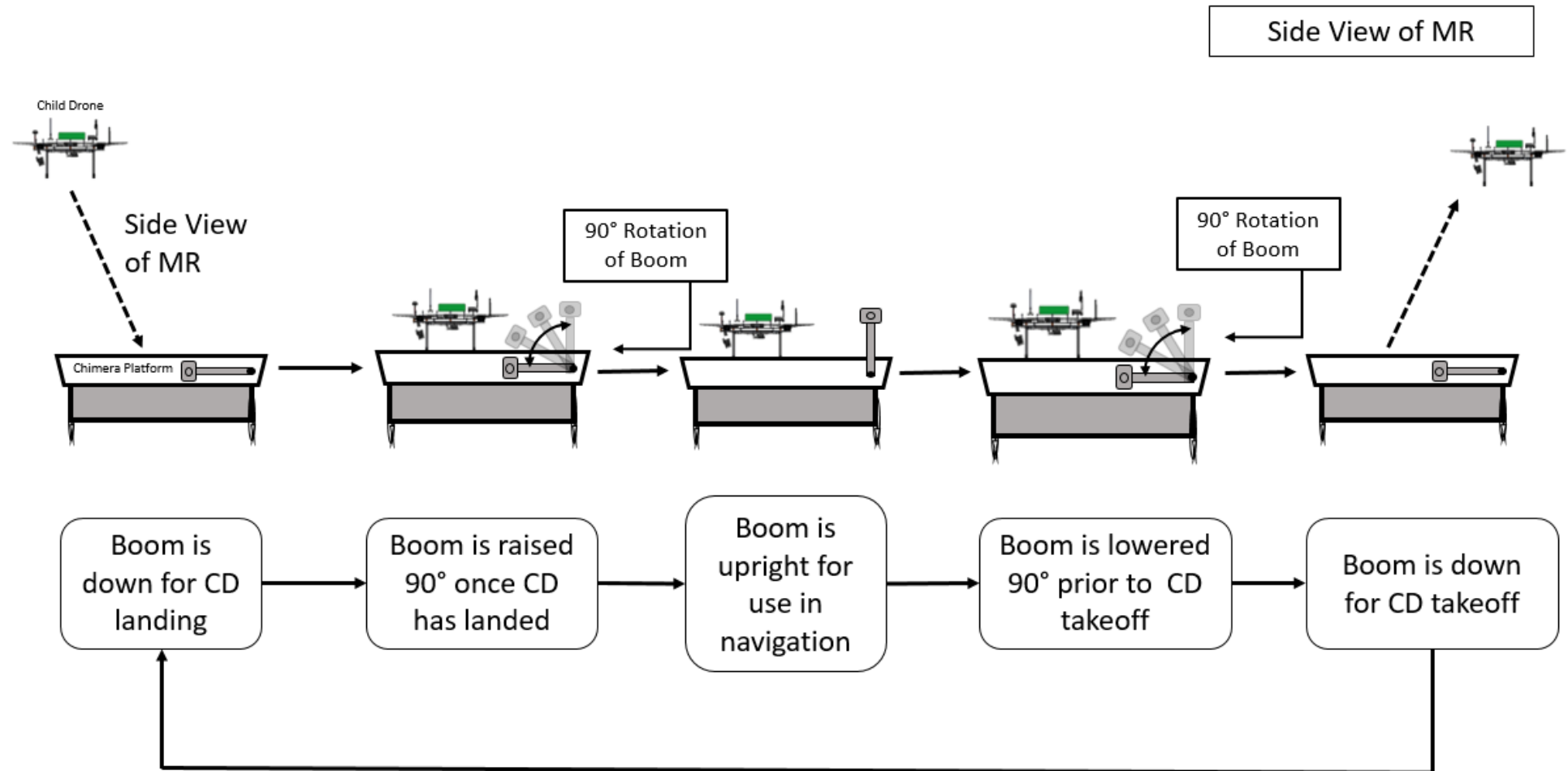
Description	Pros	Cons
Simple design concept (fixed/no moving parts)	X	
Transmission of two imaging sources		X
Cannot provide 360° HFOV without moving the MR		X
Repositioning of the MR required		X
Distortion of image due to wide HFOV		X

1 Actuated, Narrow Horizontal-FOV Camera with 1-DOF

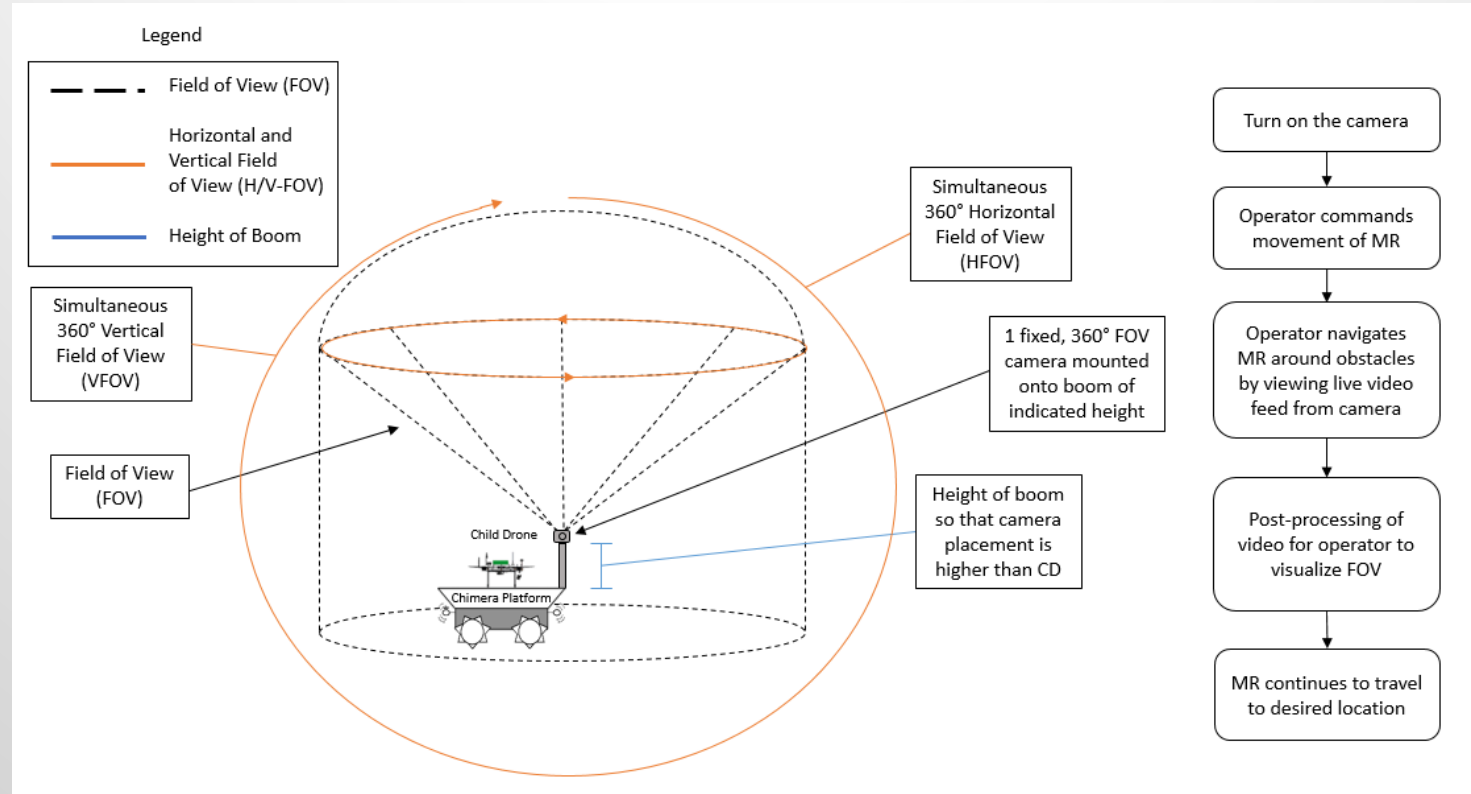


Description	Pros	Cons
Can obtain 360° HFOV without moving the MR	X	
Transmission of single imaging source	X	
Limited image distortion	X	
Complicated mechanical design concept (actuated & raising/lowering mechanism)		X
Must be placed with CD out of view (elevated)		X
Additional software for camera pointing control and raising / lowering of boom		X

Raising and Lowering Boom



1 Fixed, 360° Horizontal/Vertical -FOV Camera with 3-DOF



Description	Pros	Cons
Transmission of single imaging source	X	
Provides simultaneous 360° HFOV and VFOV	X	
Must be placed on boom with CD out of view (elevated)		X
Complicated mechanical design concept (raising/lowering mechanism)		X
Distortion of image due to wide HFOV		X
Obtaining the video camera / cost		X
Large Bandwidth		X
Additional software for raising / lowering of boom		X

Trade Metrics– Hazard Camera

Metric	Weight	Description
Reliability	30%	The reliability is defined as how well the system can do its job consistently and its probability of success. In terms of the camera system, the reliability is categorized as the ability of the transmission to reach the GS from the MR, and vice versa. When multiple cameras are utilized, the reliability of the transmission of both sources decreases as the interference of the two sources becomes more probable. This category is ranked highest because it is one of the most critical elements of the camera system. If there is limited transmission between the GS and MR, operation of the MR cannot happen and the MR will not move.
Performance/ Effectiveness	20%	The performance / effectiveness of the camera system is defined as the capability of the operator to gain a 360° horizontal field of view of the location of the MR using the camera system in the least amount of time. If a low resolution image with a narrow HFOV is transmitted to the GS (operator), the ability of operating the MR becomes difficult and it will take more time to obtain the 360° HFOV. Increasing the field of view and resolution would increase the performance / effectiveness value.
Software Complexity	15%	The software complexity is closely tied with the time required to enable the system to communicate with the GS. With an increased number of cameras utilized and commands necessary to control the camera (including actuation), the software complexity increases.
Mechanical Complexity	15%	The mechanical complexity is defined as the total number of parts necessary to fix the camera to the LP. Moving parts would increase the mechanical complexity of the system because there is more potential for failure.
Time Required	10%	The time required is the total number of hours required to implement the camera system to the MR and meet all of the defined requirements associated with the system. If the camera system is not completed by the time for final testing, the control of the MR cannot be conducted when the MR is out of sight of the operator.
Cost	10%	The cost of the camera system is defined as the total number of dollars to be spent on the cameras, mechanical integration, and communication systems. The cost will increase with more complex mounting systems and actuation of the camera, as well as the capabilities of the video camera itself.

Metric Ratings– Hazard Camera

Criteria	Ratings				
	1	2	3	4	5
Reliability (percent failure of camera system)	<50%	50% - 70%	70% - 80%	80% - 90%	>90%
Performance /Effectiveness	360° HFOV can never be obtained	360° HFOV obtained after viewing the video feed in a post-processor, taking more than 2 minutes	360° HFOV can be obtained in less than 2 minutes but greater than 1 minute of receiving the video feed	360° HFOV can be obtained in less than one minute of receiving the video feed	360° HFOV is obtained instantaneously
Software Complexity	Commands necessary to control multiple cameras with multiple moving mechanisms	Commands necessary to turn video feed on and off for more than one camera and control actuation for both	Commands necessary to turn video feed on and off for one camera and control actuation	Commands necessary to only turn video feed on and off for two cameras	Commands necessary to only turn video feed on and off for one camera
Mechanical Complexity	Actuation of camera is required and attachment system is unable to be built in house	Actuation of camera is required and attachment system is designed and built in house	Actuation of camera is required and attachment system is bought, assembled, and attached to the MR	No moving parts and attachment system is designed and built in house	No moving parts and attachment system is bought, assembled, and attached to the MR
Time Required	>200 hours	200 - 150 hours	150 - 100 hours	100 - 50 hours	<50 hours
Cost	>\$500	>\$500 - \$400	>\$400 - \$300	>\$300 - \$200	<\$200

Trade Study – Results

Metric	Weight	2 Fixed, Wide HFOV Cameras	1 Actuated Camera with 360° Rotation	1 Fixed Camera that Records 360° HFOV and VFOV
Reliability	30%	5	4	3
Performance / Effectiveness	20%	3	3	5
Software Complexity	15%	4	3	5
Mechanical Complexity	15%	4	2	4
Time Required	10%	4	3	4
Cost	10%	3	3	2
Total	100%	3.9	2.37	3.85

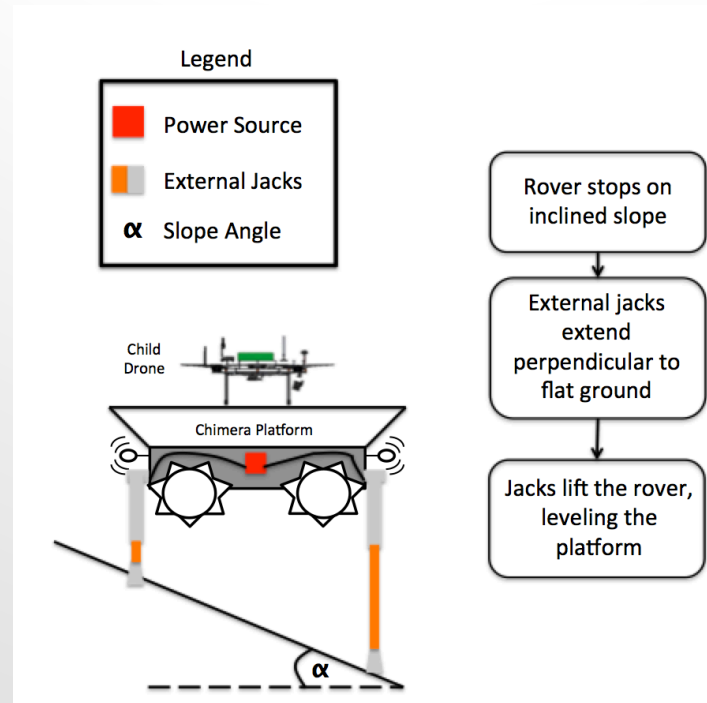
Trade Study – Leveling System

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2) Ball and Cap

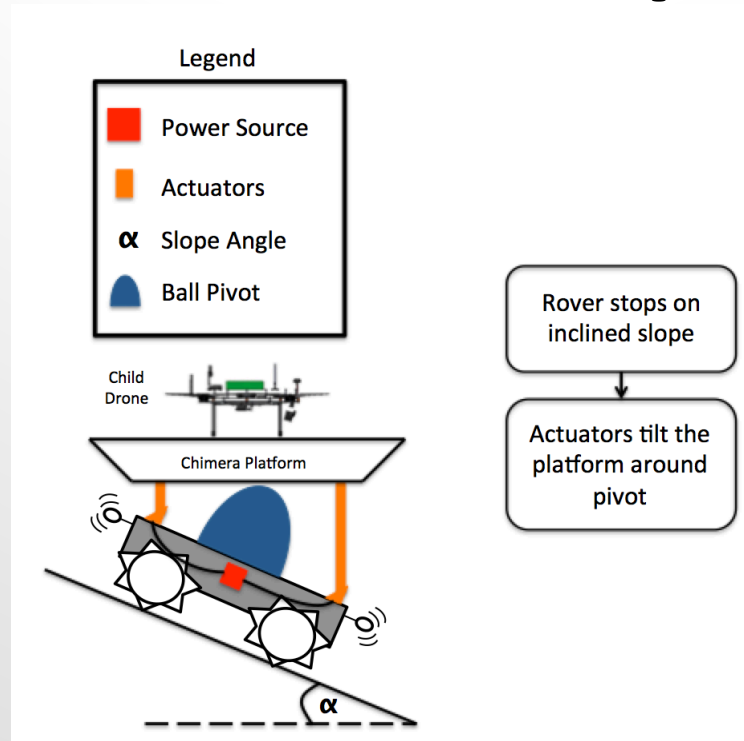
3) Internal Jacks

External Jacks



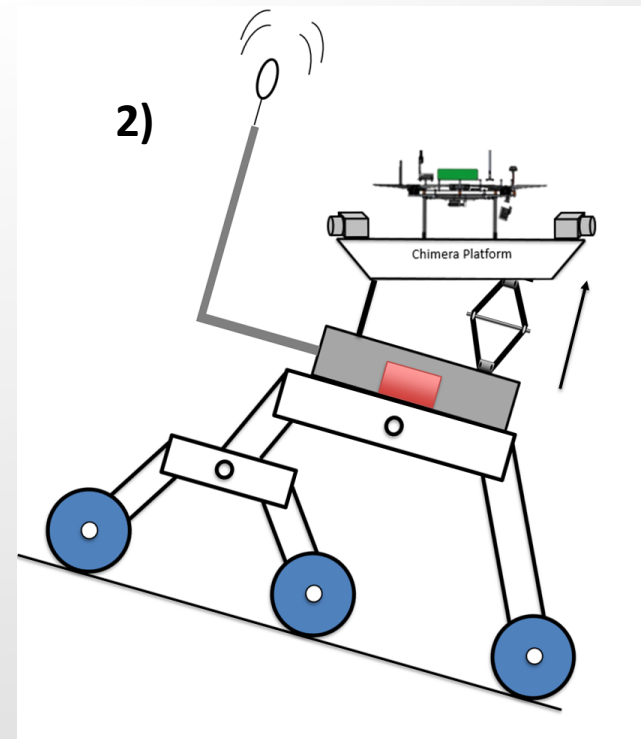
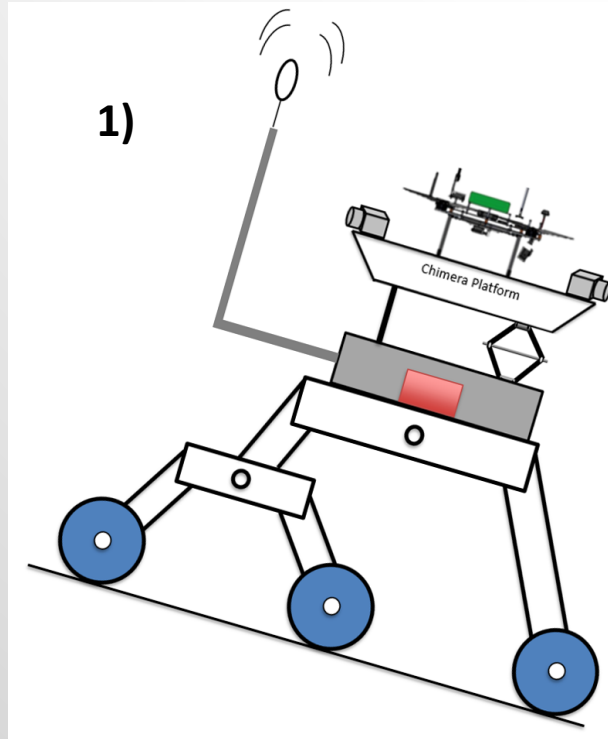
Description	Pros	Cons
No custom components	X	
Reliable	X	
Simple integration	X	
Can be used as an alternative to wheel-locking	X	
Heavy		X
Restricts rover dimensions		X
Requires firm terrain		X

Ball and Cap



Description	Pros	Cons
Lightweight	X	
Terrain-independent	X	
Majority of LP weight at center of gravity	X	
Doubles as mechanical integration method	X	
Lighter load on actuators	X	
Expensive		X
Complicated custom fabrication		X

Internal Jacks



Description	Pros	Cons
Little or no custom components	X	
Terrain Independent	X	
Doubles as mechanical integration method	X	
Large space requirements		X
Heavy		X

Trade Metric– Leveling System

Metric	Weight	Description
Time Required	15%	Time required is given a 15% weight because the integration of the leveling system and the integration of the platform to the rover fall under similar categories so the amount of time spent on the leveling system will overlap to the integration of the platform to the rover
Accuracy	15%	Accuracy is given a weight of 15% because if the platform is not leveled within 3.5 °, the CD can not take off or land. If the CD is unable to deploy, the mission has failed.
Cost	25%	Cost has a weight of 25% because the leveling system has the potential to be very expensive. With a budget of only five thousand dollars, the leveling system has potential to take up a quarter of it.
Mechanical Complexity	25%	Mechanical complexity has a weight of 25% because leveling a rover of this size and weight has not been done in a number of different configurations. The system used will have custom parts no matter which design chosen.
Manufacturability	20%	Manufacturability is given a weight of 20% because the manufacturing for the leveling system could be very complex since this system is not commonly used in rovers. With the potential of having all custom parts, manufacturability has to be a heavy consideration.

Metric Ratings– Leveling System

Criteria	Ratings				
	1	2	3	4	5
Time Required	>200 hours	140-200 hours	80-140 hours	40-80 hours	< 40 hours
Accuracy (% off 3.5°)	> 50%	25%-50%	15%-25%	5%-15%	< 5%
Cost	\$1000 - \$1500	\$700 - \$1000	\$500 - \$700	\$300 - \$500	\$100 - \$300
Mechanical Complexity	Unique custom components with little to no existing existing documentation	Many moving parts with some custom components	Some moving parts with proven components	Proven components with minimal moving parts	All pieces pre-fabricated with established integration methods
Manufacturability	In house manufacturing/assembly - with custom design	In house manufacturing/assembly	In house assembly with purchased and manufactured parts	In house assembly with all purchased parts	Purchased pre-built

Trade Study- Result

Metric	Weight	External Jacks	Ball and Cap	Internal Jacks
Time Required	15%	2	2	4
Accuracy	15%	4	5	4
Cost	25%	4	3	4
Mechanical Complexity	25%	3	4	4
Manufacturability	20%	3	2	4
Total	100%	3.25	3.2	4

Leveling System Hydraulic vs Scissor Jack

Hydraulic Jack

	Pro	Con
25 lb per unit		X
\$100 per unit		X
Cannot be made in house		X
Built-in actuation	X	
28 inch retracted length		X

Scissor Jack

	Pro	Con
20 lb per unit		X
\$30 per unit	X	
Must add motor		X
5 inch retracted height	X	
No pre-existing electronics	X	

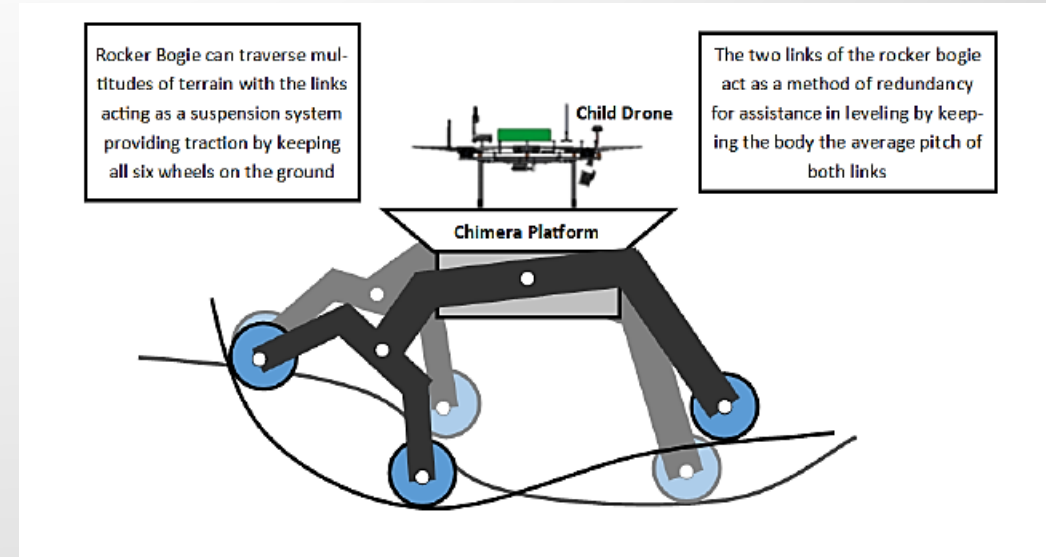
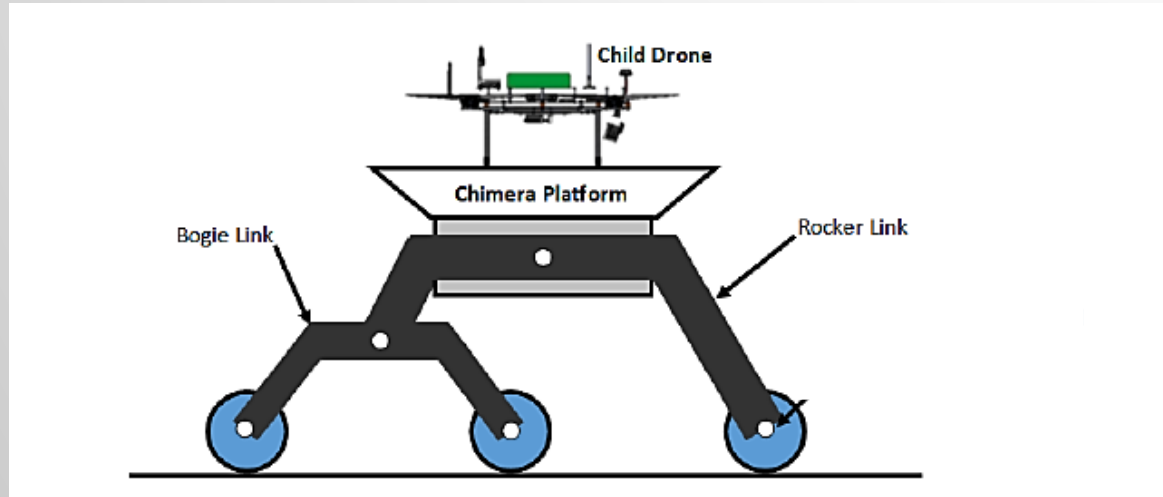
Trade Study Translational System

1. Rocker Bogie

2. Continuous Tread

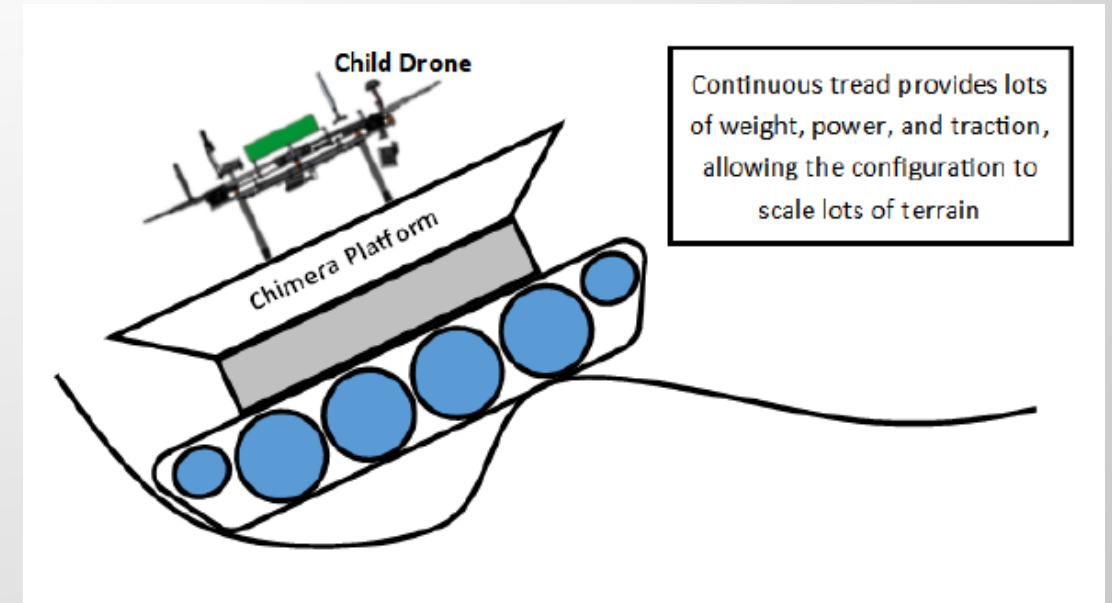
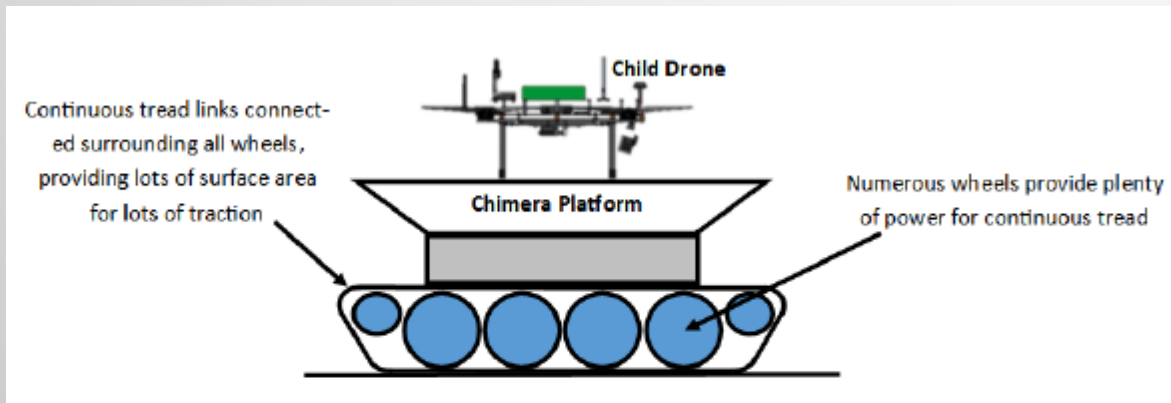
3. Fixed Chassis

Rocker Bogie



Description	Pros	Cons
Can climb over obstacles up to twice the wheel diameter	X	
Wheel construction minimizes chance of losing contact with ground	X	
Low tipping potential	X	
Optimum speed of system under 0.6 m/s	X	
Configurations possible with capability of in place turning	X	
High design complexity		X
Requires very durable material selection for legs		X

Continuous Tread



Description	Pros	Cons
Hard wearing and damage resistant	X	
Can turn in place	X	
Terrain Capable due to weight distribution	X	
Heavy construction lowers center of mass reducing tipping potential	X	
High design complexity		X
Will lose contact with ground while navigating over obstacles		X
Heavy		X

Fixed Chassis

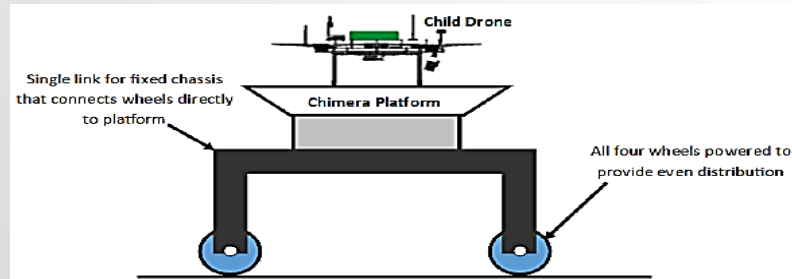
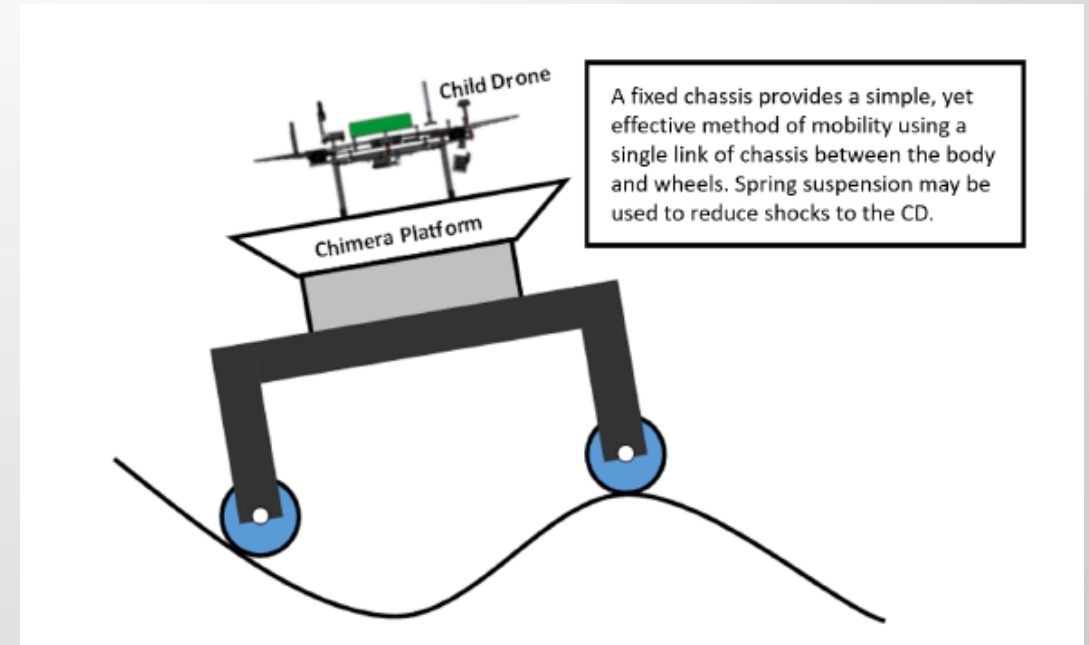
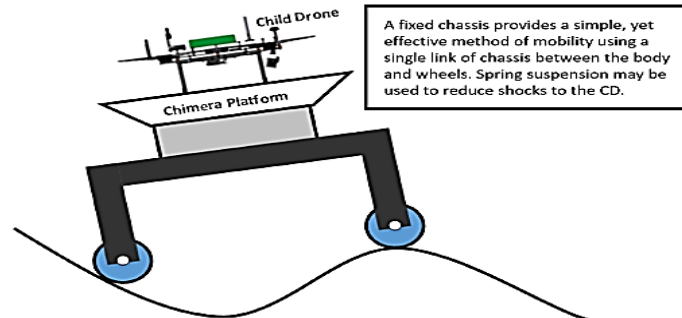


Figure 25. A four wheel fixed chassis provides a simple, yet effective method of mobility



Description	Pros	Cons
Simple Construction	X	
Has configurations with turning in place capabilities	X	
Minimizes total moving parts	X	
Less terrain capability		X
Comparatively higher tipping potential		X
Can lose contact with ground when navigating over obstacles		X

Trade Metrics - Translational

Metric	Weight	Description
Time Required	10%	In order for the mission to be successful the design and construction must be completed in a timely manner, however this will be one of the more complex portions of design and should be assigned a significant amount of time. So while it is still a factor, this metric is assigned a smaller percentage because some of the other metrics may directly cause the success or failure of other requirements.
Mechanical Complexity	10%	Mechanical complexity is defined by the amount of moving parts necessary and the amount of custom designed parts that must be integrated together. The time required to design the translational mechanism will depend primarily on the mechanical complexity of the system. This section receives 20% because the project is conducted tightly constrained schedule and therefore also needs to be completed on time while still ensuring all mechanical parts will function correctly.
Cost	10%	Cost is another major constraint with a limited budget, and the range of prices between each design may vary greatly. Since the translational mechanisms will be relatively large and will involve possibly complex structures and parts, cost is one of the major factors associated with the design decision.
Power Consumption	15%	Power consumption will be a key design factor for translational mechanisms because the motors are the main element that will require the most power in order to keep moving. The heavier the rover, the more power consumption will be required.
Terrain Capability	30%	Terrain capability is defined as the ability for the considered mechanism to traverse the earlier defined "rough" terrain requirement. The rover is required to travel through off road conditions, and therefore if the rover can traverse over objects the same size or larger as defined in the requirements, and the rover can quickly traverse the conditions without slipping, the more useful the system will be for this application.
Platform Safety	25%	Platform safety is defined as the rovers capability to transport the platform and child drone without functionally damaging either component such that it will endanger the success of the mission. Factors that can mitigate this risk would be a system that does not apply large impulsive forces while moving onto the drone, one that would have minimal risk of tipping, etc.

Metric Ratings - Translational

Criteria	Ratings				
	1	2	3	4	5
Time Required (hours)	>150	150 - 125	125-100	100-50	<50
Mechanical Complexity	Most Parts are moving. Many parts require custom design and fabrication.	Approximately half the parts have movement. Many parts require custom design and fabrication	Some moving parts, with some requiring custom design and fabrication.	Minimal moving parts less than 4 parts requiring custom design and fabrication.	Minimal moving parts, parts can all be bought off the shelf.
Cost	>\$1500	\$1000 - \$1500	\$500 - \$1000	\$250 - \$500	<\$250
Power Consumption	Requiring more than 6 motors. Significant weight will require very powerful batteries.	Requiring more than 6 motors, moderate to high weight.	Requiring 6 or less motors. Moderate required weight.	Require 4 or less motors. Weight is moderate.	Require 2 or less motors. Weight is low, so motor power minimal.
Terrain Capability	Concerns present for terrain capability meeting requirements	Can achieve terrain requirements but with added design complexity.	Can clear the obstacle height in requirements with added design complexity from a basic configuration.	Can clear obstacles well over the requirements, but would require adding some complexity.	Can clear obstacles well over the requirements, without adding complexity from simple configuration.
Platform Safety	Tipping and potential shock are both likely and concerning	Tipping and potential shocks are both likely, but low damage potential	Tipping or shocks possible, but minimal impact on safety.	Only tipping or shocks possible, but within platform durability restrictions.	Specifically designed to minimize tipping and shocks, so platform should see negligible forces.

Trade Study - Results

Metric	Weight	Rocker Bogie	Continuous Tread	4 Wheel Fixed Chassis
Time Required	10%	2	1	3
Mechanical Complexity	10%	3	2	5
Cost	10%	3	2	4
Power Consumption	15%	3	1	4
Terrain Capability	30%	5	4	3
Platform Safety	25%	5	4	2
Total	100%	4.00	2.85	3.2

Cost Approximation – Rocker Bogie

Component	Total Cost
Structure	\$ 200
Differential	\$ 225
Wheels	\$ 60
Miscellaneous Parts + Extra if needed	\$ 100
Total:	\$585

Cost Approximation - Differential

Component	Number Needed	Price Per Unit	Total
Bevel Gears	3	\$50	\$150
Steel Rods	3	\$5	\$15
Rod Brackets	6	\$10	\$60
Total:	-	-	\$225

[Bevel Gears Info](#)

[Steel Rods Info](#)

[Rod Brackets Info](#)

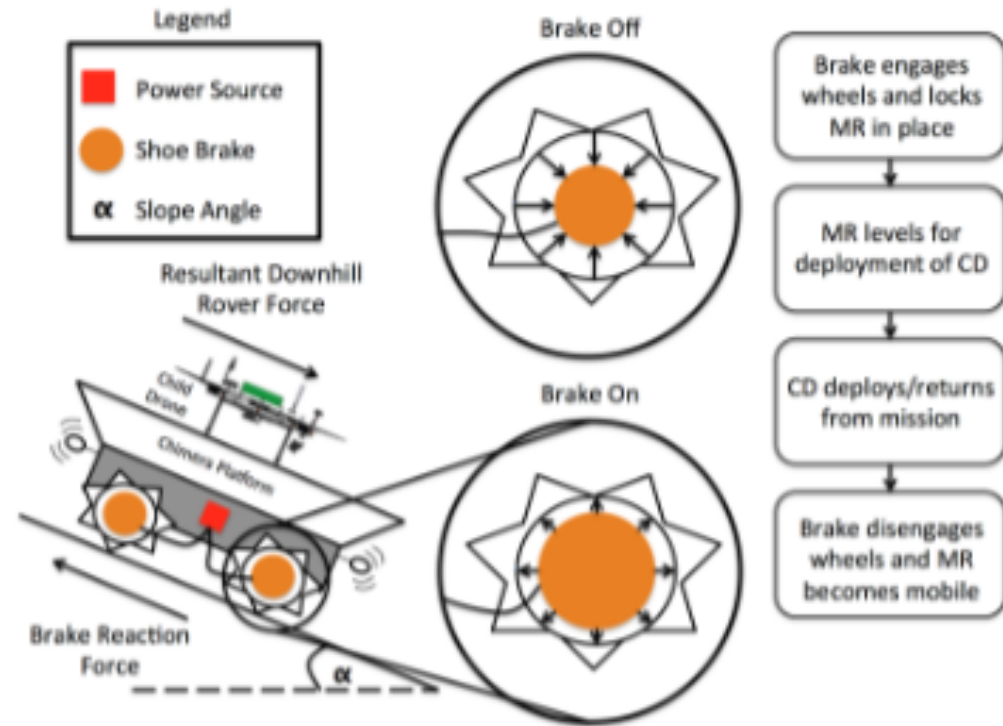
Trade Study – Wheel-Locking Mechanism

1) Drum Brake

2) Disc Brake

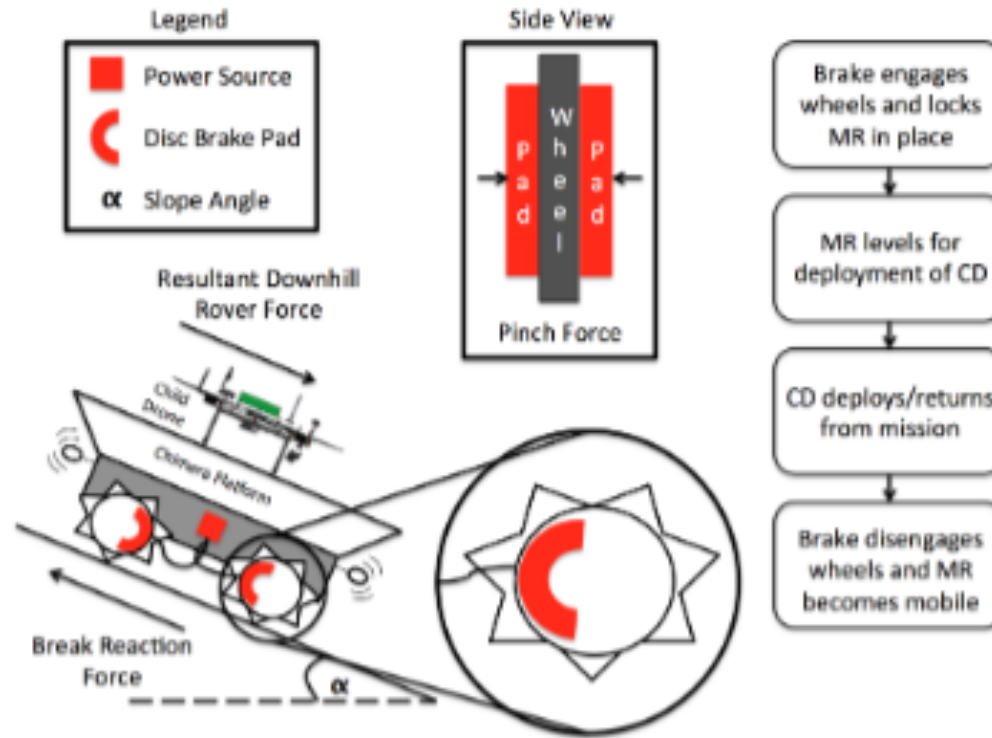
3) Counter-torque Brake

Drum Brake



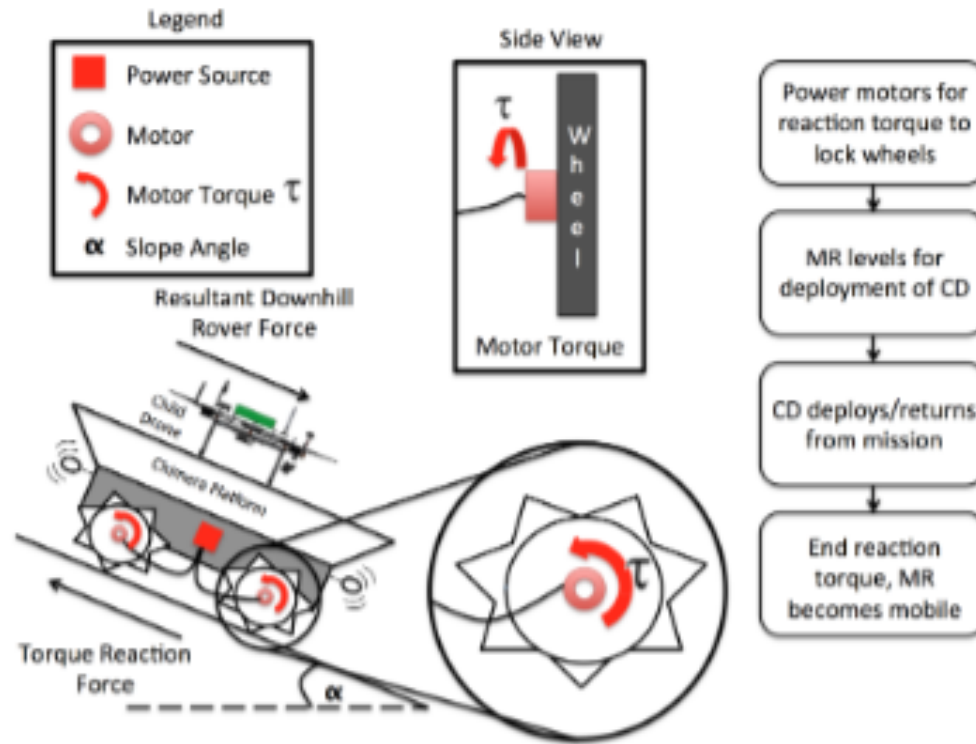
Description	Pros	Cons
Simple incorporation and maintenance	X	
Less input force due to built-in adjustment mechanism	X	
Cheap production and purchase cost	X	
Collects water in between the brake lining and drum		X
Brake heats up and wears due to friction		X

Disc Brake



Description	Pros	Cons
Dissipates heat well	X	
Easy to service due to the open air design	X	
Low production and maintenance cost	X	
Disc deformation due to vibration		X
Requires assisted braking system such as power booster		X

Counter-Torque brake



Description	Pros	Cons
Cheap maintenance cost	X	
Increased capacity of the system	X	
Negligible amount of heat produced	X	
Reduces the stoppage time	X	
Needs to be powered throughout the operation		X
Motors require high level of torque		X

Trade Metrics – Wheel-Locking

Metric	Weight	Description
Complexity	30%	The complexity of the locking mechanism is ranked the highest due to the risk that comes when the child drone is docking/taking off. It is important to have the MR to be stable when the docking occurs. The ranking of each option is dependent on its capability to be implemented with the other subsystems of the MR. Additionally, an increasing number of parts associated with an option would increase its complexity. This metric needs to be satisfied in order to achieve functional and design requirements FR2.0, DR2.1 and FR5.0, DR5.2
Power Consumption	20%	Since most of the subsystems will have communication with GS, available power supply will be limited. Thus, any components that consumes power needs to be examined so that the MR is within the power budget. Failure to do so can short circuit the MR, which can break the locking system and other subsystems that are associated with the translation of the MR.
Manufacturability	20%	Manufacturability is weighted 20% as it is important to be able to have the product ready for testing the MR system. It is heavily weighted because it will be time consuming depending on the resources available to successfully build and integrate the mechanism. This metric will focus on the affordability to produce or purchase the system and the possibility of the mechanism needing to be fabricated more than once.
Cost	15%	The cost required to apply this mechanism is weighed at 15%, which is mainly due to the manufacturability of the system. The range of the cost can vary depending on the design and complexity of the locking mechanism. Secondly, the capability of producing the system in-house could significantly decrease the cost.
Time Required	15%	The time required is defined as the time needed to implement the locking mechanism onto the MR. This time span includes designing, manufacturing, testing, and integrating the system within the MR.

Metric Ratings – Wheel-Locking

Criteria	Ratings				
	1	2	3	4	5
Complexity	Unique custom components with little to no existing documentation	Moving parts with low tolerance	Moving parts with high tolerance needed for operation	Minimal complexity added by the components	The system can integrate with the MR without any failure
Power Consumption	>40% mission power draw	>30% mission power drawn	>20% mission power draw	>10% mission power draw	No additional power drawn
Manufacturability	In house manufacturing/assembly with custom design	In house manufacturing/assembly	In house assembly with purchased and manufactured parts	Can be manufactured by a professional less than 3 weeks	Can be bought from an acknowledged seller in less than a week
Cost	>\$ 500	\$400 - \$500	\$250 - \$400	\$100 - \$250	< \$100
Time Required	>175 hours	150-175 hours	100 - 150 hours	50- 100 hours	<50 hours

Trade Study - Result

Metric	Weight	Drum Brake	Disc Brake	Counter-Torque Brake
Complexity	30%	3	4	3
Power Consumption	20%	4	4	2
Manufacturability	20%	5	5	5
Cost	15%	2	3	5
Time Required	15%	3	4	3
Total	100%	3.45	4.05	3.5

Feasibility

Power System

Power Budget

Components	Average Current (A)	Maximum Current (A)	Quantity	Voltage (V)
DC Motor	40	50	6	12
Leveling Jack	0.6	0.6	2	12
Linear Actuator	0.4	1	4	12
Microcontroller	0.5	1	1	3.3
Tranceiver - Receiving	0.026	0.026	1	0.026
Tranceiver- Transmitting	0.215	0.215	1	0.215
Video Transmitter	0.3	0.3	1	0.3
Total	42.04	53.14	-	-
Amp-Hour Required for 1.5hr Use		79.71 Ah		

Power Budget - Feasibility

Power Supply:

- Windy Nation AGW Deep Cycle Battery
- Chemistry: Lead Acid
- Nominal Voltage: **12 V**
- Capacity: at least **100 Ah**
- Maximum Constant Discharge Current: 106 A
- Maximum Peak Discharge Current: 1200 A
- Weight: **67 lb**

Power Regulation Circuits:

- Voltage Regulator
- Voltage Divider
- Op-Amp



In-Depth Feasibility - Communications

Link Budget

Link Budget for DRIFT

	CD	MR	MR Commands/GPS			
Physical Constants	Downlink (video)	Uplink	Downlink	Units	Reference	
Speed of Light, c	3.00E+08	3.00E+08	3.00E+08	3.00E+08	m/s	Constant
Frequency, f	5.80E+09	5.80E+09	9.00E+08	9.00E+08	Hz	Input: From ImmersionRC
Wavelength, l	5.17E-02	5.17E-02	3.33E-01	3.33E-01	m	$\lambda = c/f$
Range, R	700	500	500	500	m	Input: R_MR + R_CD
Boltzman's Constant, k	1.38E-23	1.38E-23	1.38E-23	1.38E-23	W/(Hz-k)	Constant
Data Parameters	Downlink (video)			Units	Reference	
Bit Error Rate / Probability of Bit Error, BER	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	[-]	Input: From INFERNO
Data Coding Scheme	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	[-]	Input: From INFERNO
Required Bit Energy to Noise Ratio, Eb/No	13	13	13	13	dB	Input: From INFERNO
Data Rate, R	57600	57600	57600	57600	bps(Hz)	Input: Based on camera on board(CD: from INFERNO)
Req'd Carrier to Noise Ratio Density, C/No	60.60	60.60	60.60	60.60	dB-Hz	$C/No [dB-Hz] = (Eb/No)[dB] + 10 \cdot \log_{10}(R[Hz])$
Required Design Margin	6	6	8	6	dB	Input: From ImmersionRC - Standard
Minimum C/No Required	66.60	66.60	68.60	66.60	dB-Hz	Req C/No
Transmitter Parameters	Downlink (video)			Units	Reference	
Transmit Antenna Diameter, D	0.034	0.034	[-]	[-]	m	From INFERNO- spec sheet
Transmit Antenna Area, A	9.08E-04	9.08E-04	[-]	[-]	m ²	$A = \pi \cdot D^2/4$
Transmit Antenna Efficiency, h	2.92E-01	2.92E-01	[-]	[-]	[-]	$h = Ae/A$
Transmit Antenna Effective Area, Ae	2.65E-04	2.65E-04	[-]	[-]	m ²	$Ae = l^2/(4\pi) \cdot Gt$
Transmit Antenna Gain, Gt	0.95	0.95	6	6	dBic/dB	Input: From INFERNO current antenna spec,
Transmit Antenna Beamwidth	[-]	[-]	[-]	[-]		
Transmit Antenna Pointing Accuracy	[-]	[-]	[-]	[-]		
Transmit Antenna Pointing Loss, Lpt	[-]	[-]	[-]	[-]		
Transmit Line Loss, Lt	0	0	0	0	dB	No cable for
Transmit Power, Pt	-2.22	-2.22	-2.22	-2.22	dBW	$10 \cdot \log_{10}(Pt_{lin})$
Transmit Power Linear, Pt_lin	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	W	Input: From ImmersionRC
Effective Isotropic Radiated Power, EIRP	-1.27	-1.27	3.78	3.78	dBW	$EIRP = Pt[dB] + Gt[dB]$
Propagation Parameters				Units	Reference	
Space Loss, Ls	-104.61	-101.69	-85.51	-85.51	dB	$Ls [dB] = 10 \cdot \log_{10}((l/4\pi R)^2)$
Atmospheric Attenuation (clean air), La	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	dB	
Polarization Loss, Lp	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	dB	Input: Typical value

Link Budget

Propagation Parameters					Units	Reference
Space Loss, Ls	-104.61	-101.69	-85.51	-85.51	dB	$L_s [dB] = 10 * \log_{10}((l/4pR)^2)$
Atmospheric Attenuation (clean air) , La	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05	dB	
Polarization Loss, Lp	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	dB	Input: Typical value
Receiver Parameters						Reference
Receive Antenna Diameter, D	0.07874	0.07874	[-]	[-]	m	Input: From product specs sheet
Receive Antenna Area, A	6.20E-03	6.20E-03	[-]	[-]	m^2	$A = p * D^2 / 4$
Receiving Antenna Efficiency, η	2.17E-01	2.17E-01	[-]	[-]	[-]	$\eta = A_e / A$
Receive Antenna Effective Area, A _e	1.34E-03	1.34E-03	[-]	[-]	m^2	
Receive Antenna Gain, G _r	8	8	6	6	dBi	$G_r = 4 * \eta * A_e / l^2$ LectureNote_Lab11 slide 17
Receive Antenna Beamwidth, q	90.00	90.00	[-]	[-]	degrees	Product specs
Receive Antenna Pointing Accuracy, q _t	45	45	[-]	[-]	degrees	Worst possible value
Receive Antenna Pointing Loss, L _{pt}	-3.00	-3.00	[-]	[-]	dB	$L_{pr} [dB] = -12 * (q_t / q)^2$
Receiver Cable Loss (see noise), L _c	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	dB	Input: typical value
Receiver Figure of Merit, FOM	2.19E-02	2.19E-02	1.64E-02	1.64E-02	dB/K	$G_r [dB] / T_s$
Receiver Noise					Units	Reference
Receiving Antenna Noise Temperature, K	290	290	290	290	K	Standard room temperature: 290K
Receiver Cable Loss, L _c	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	dB	SMAD Table 13-10
Receiver Noise Figure, NF	1	1	1	1	dB	Input: based on chosen receiver or SMAD Table 13-10
Receiver Noise Factor, F	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	[-]	$F = 10^{(NF/10)}$; Hoffman_Ch9 Eq (9.4.4)
Receiver Noise Temperature, T _r	75.09	75.09	75.09	75.09	K	$T [K] = 290 * (F - 1)$ Hoffman_Ch9 Eq (9.4.4)
Reference Temperature, T _o	290.00	290.00	290.00	290.00	K	SMAD Eqn 13-24 = 1 + T _r /T _o
Receiver System Noise Temperature, T _s	365.09	365.09	365.09	365.09	K	$T_s = T_a + T_r$
Receiver System Noise Power, N _o	-202.98	-202.98	-202.98	-202.98	dBW-Hz	$N_o = 10 * \log_{10} (k * T_s)$
Link Budget					Units	
Effective Isotropic Radiated Power, EIRP	-1.27	-1.27	3.78	3.78	dBW	$EIRP [dB] = P_t + L_t + G_t$
Propagation Losses, L	-107.86	-104.94	-85.76	-85.76	dB	$L [dB] = L_s + L_a + L_p + L_{pt} + L_{pr}$
Receive System Gain, G _r	8	8	6	6	dB	From Previous Section
Received Power, P _r	-101.13	-98.21	-75.72	-75.72	dBW	$P_r [dB] = P_t + G_t + G_r + L_s$ LectureNote_Lab11 slide 18
System Noise Power, N _o	-202.98	-202.98	-202.98	-202.98	dBW-Hz	$N_o [dBW] = 10 * \log_{10} (k * T_s)$
Actual Carrier to Noise Ratio Density, P _r /N _o	101.85	104.77	127.25	127.25	dB-Hz	$C/N = P_r [dB] - N_o [dB]$
Required C/N _o	66.60	66.60	68.60	66.60	dB-Hz	
Link Margin:	35.24	38.16	58.65	60.65	dB	
Possible Obstruction Loss:	70 dB to 116 dB		Obstruction loss if trees 10 ft apart (500) somewhere around 129.3 dB			

Calculation of feasible distance:

- Link margin determined using free space loss.
- Using entirety of link margin, can find possible forest depth using

$$L_{tree} = R_{\infty}d + k \left(1 - e^{-\frac{(R_0 - R_{\infty})}{k}d} \right)$$

- Use estimates for the R and k constants found experimentally in a research document for 11.6 GHz and 2 GHz, so 5.8 GHz would be between these values

11.6 GHz Model:

$$0.55d + 5(1 - e^{-0.0167d}) = 38.16 \text{ dB}$$

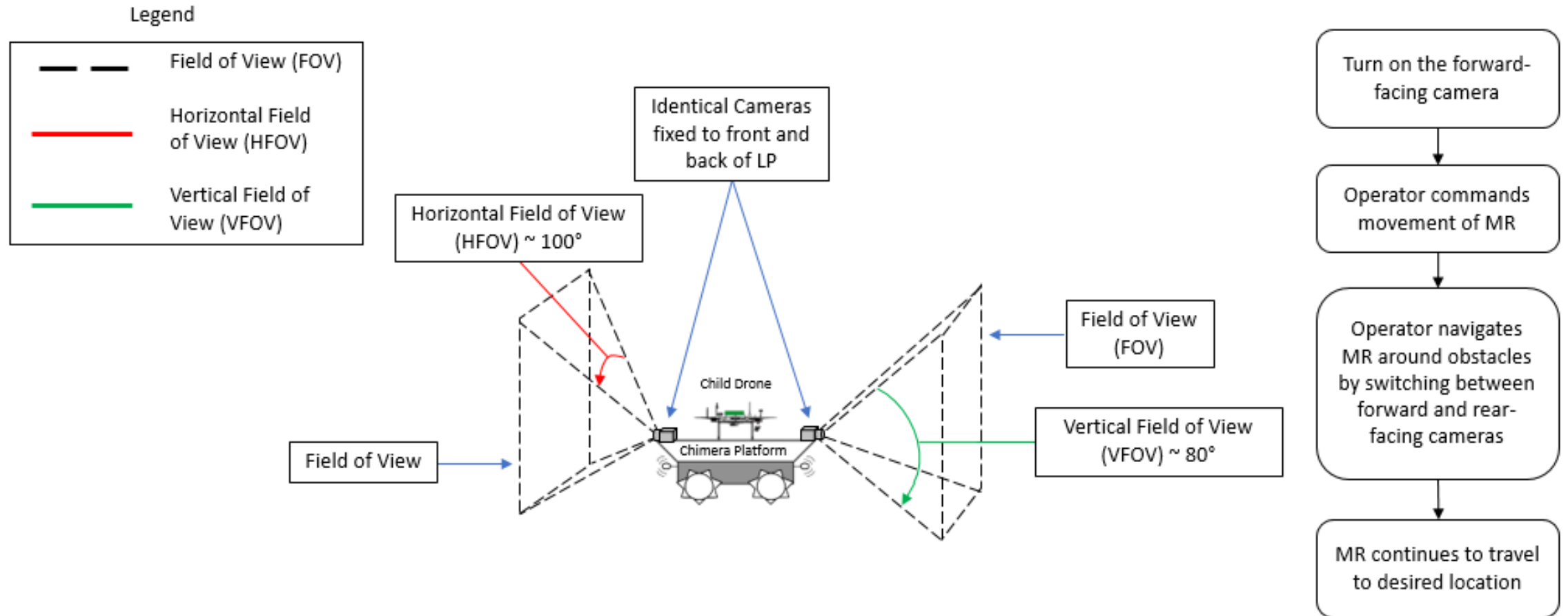
2 GHz Model:

$$0.25d + 37(1 - e^{-0.00714d}) = 38.16 \text{ dB}$$

Using these two equations, the feasible distance was found to be in the range of 62.33 m to 86.91 m

In-Depth Feasibility – Hazard Camera

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In-Depth Feasibility – Hazard Camera

GoPro Hero 3 Black Edition

- Previously used on the CD live video feedback system
- 2 Watt Hours – Capable of applying additional source of power
- 122.6° Horizontal FOV
- 94.4° Vertical FOV
- \$379.99



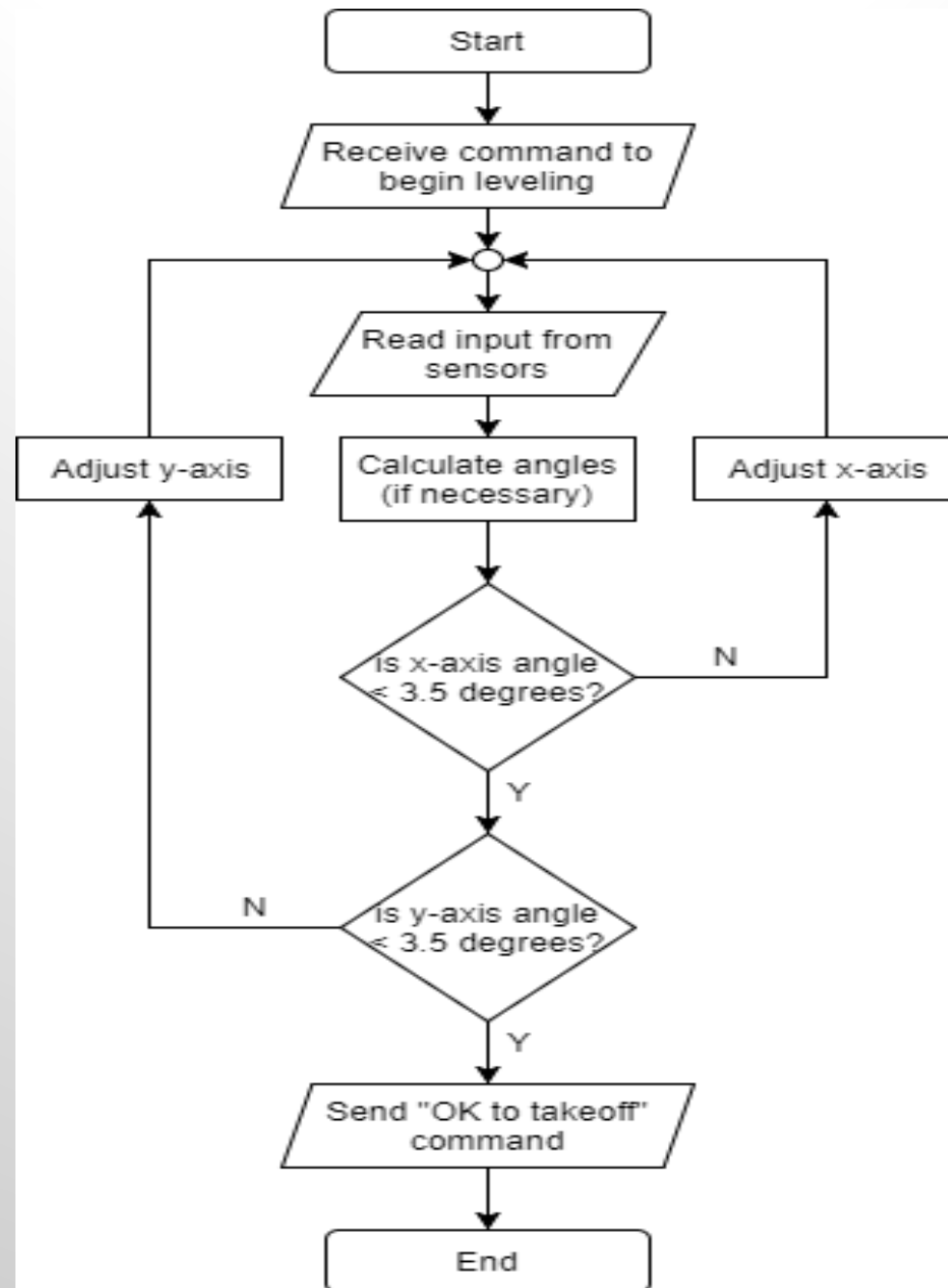
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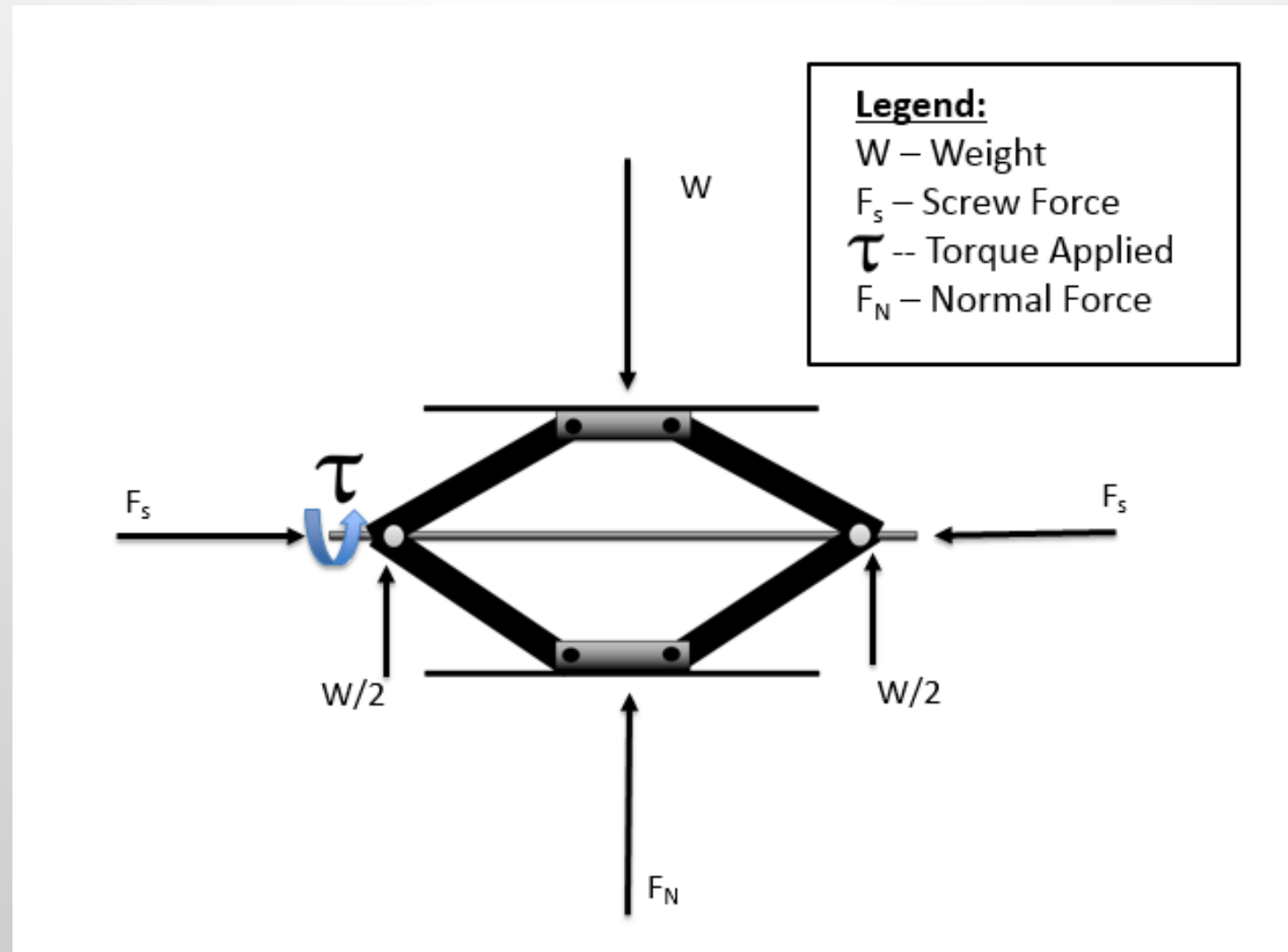
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In-Depth Feasibility – Leveling Mechanism

Leveling System Flow Chart



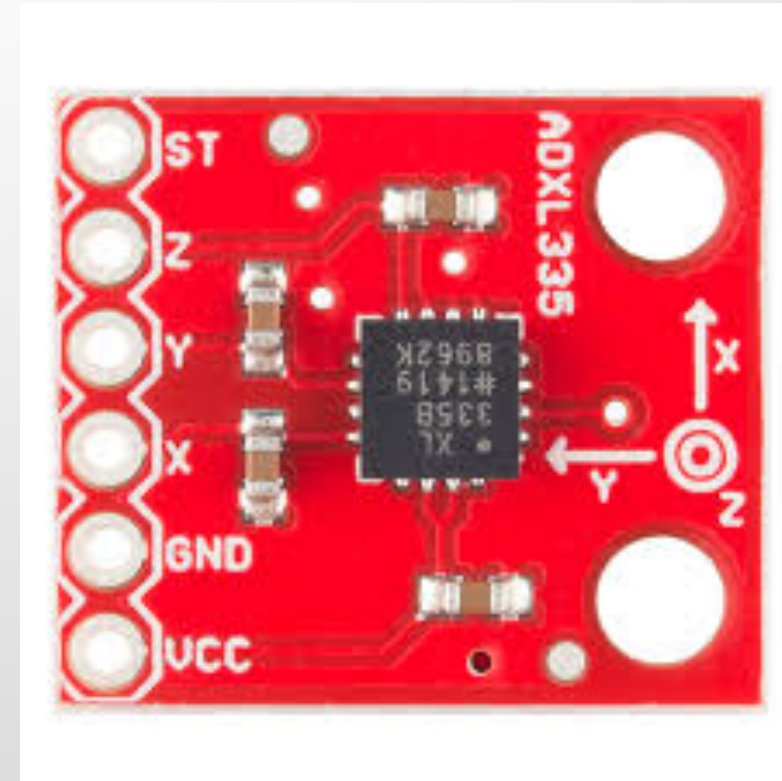
Levelling System Free Body Diagram



Leveling System Measurement Feasibility

ADXL335 Accelerometer

- Three axis measurement
- 0-3.3V output
- 350 μ A draw
- 0.1° accuracy
- \$7 unit cost
- Requires custom housing



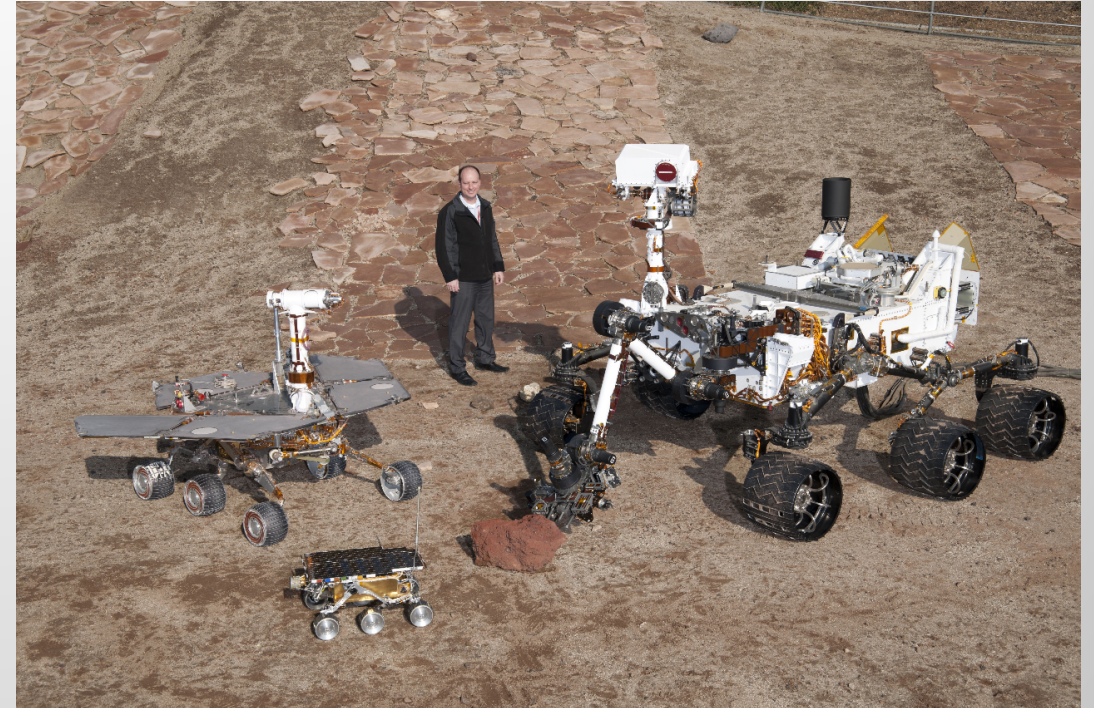
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Accelerometer

In-Depth Feasibility – Translational System

Translational System Historical Feasibility

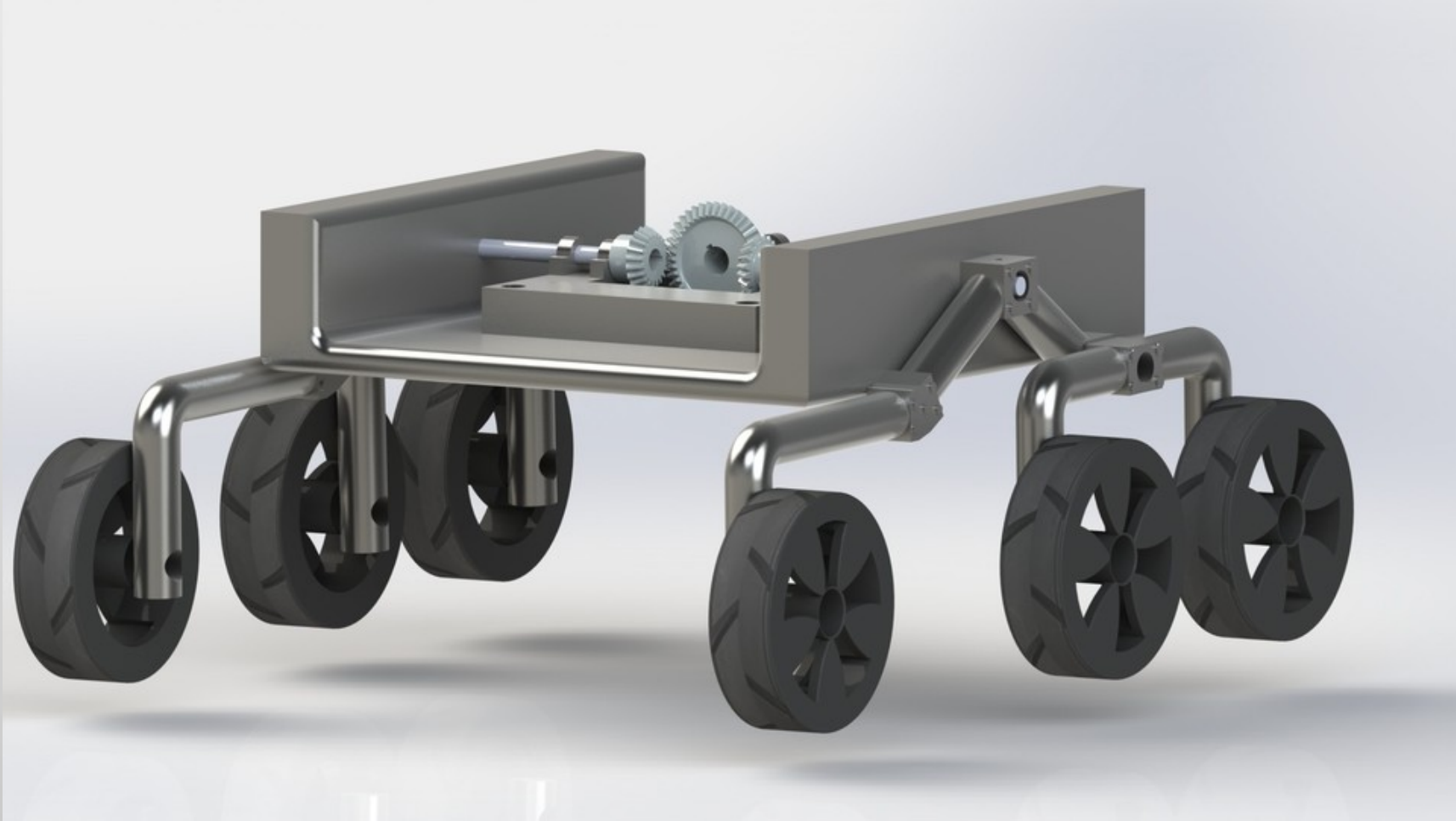
- All current US Mars Rovers utilize a rocker bogie system (Spirit, Opportunity, Sojourner, Curiosity)

Rover	Wheel Diameter	Weight	Obstacle Clearance Height
Spirit and Opportunity	10 in	400 lb	> 10 in
Curiosity	20 in	2000 lb	25 in
Sojourner	5 in	25 lb	7.9 in

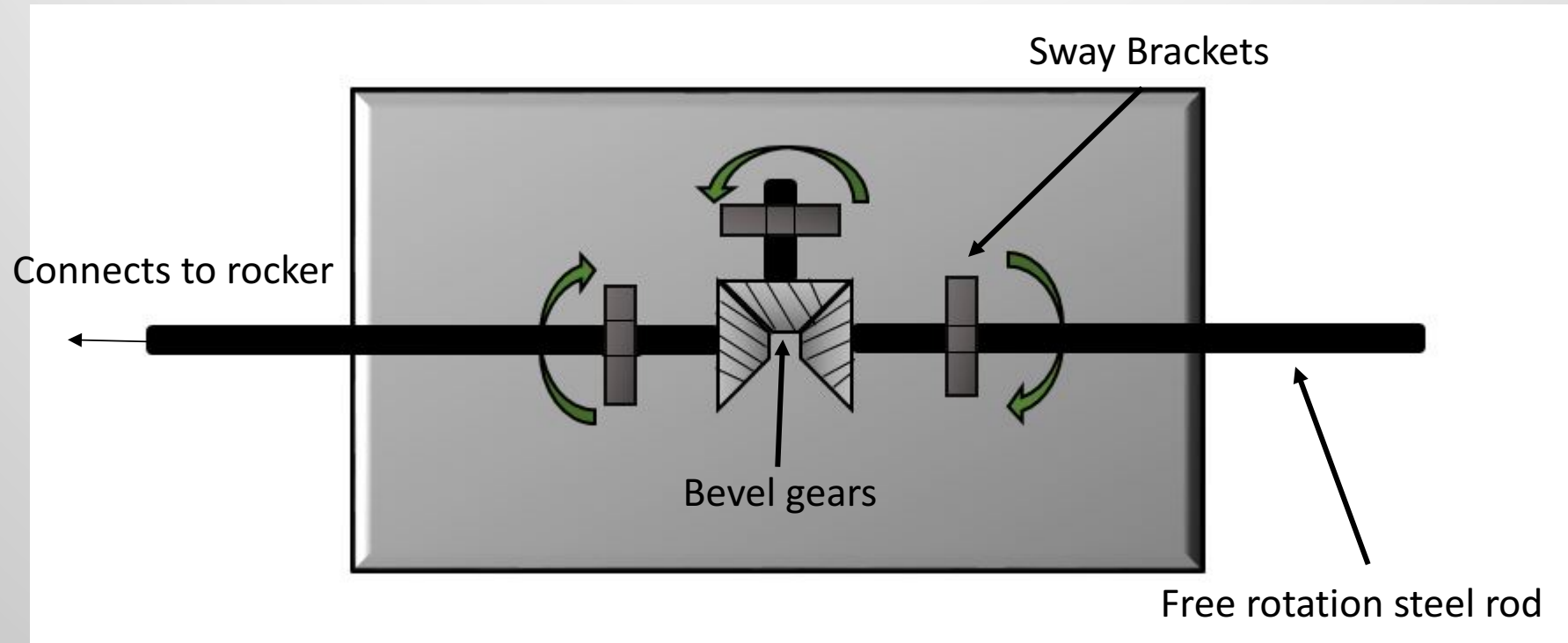


Credit: [NASA](#)

Counter-Rotation Differential System



Counter-rotation Differential System



Materials for rocker bogie legs

Aluminum (6061)

- Lightweight
- Non magnetic
- Ease of fabrication
- Applications in industry : Aerospace components and transports. Brake components and bicycle frames

Carbon Steel

- Stronger than aluminum
- Easy to weld and highly durable
- Heavier than aluminum
- Brittle and high corrosion
- Applications in industry : Infrastructure, automotive and power plants

Titanium

- High Strength to weight ratio
- Naturally resistant to rust
- Able to withstand high temperature
- High cost compared to steel and aluminum
- Applications in industry : Aircraft parts and medical application

Frame Materials

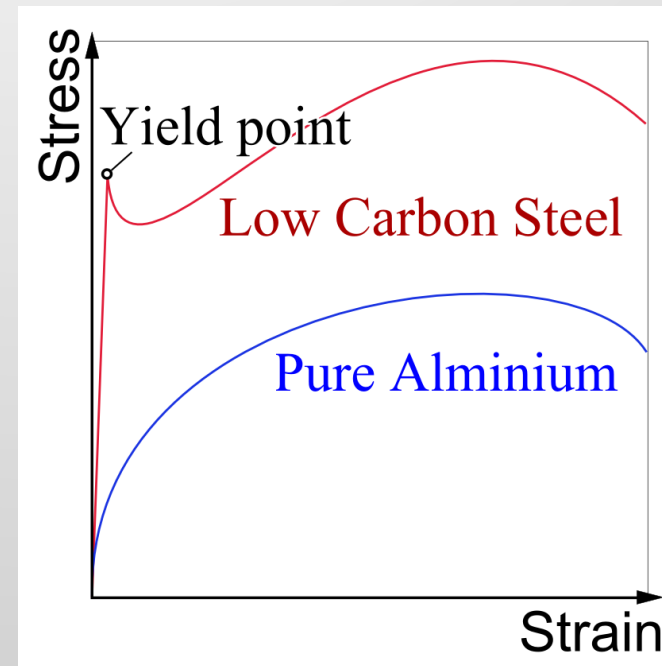
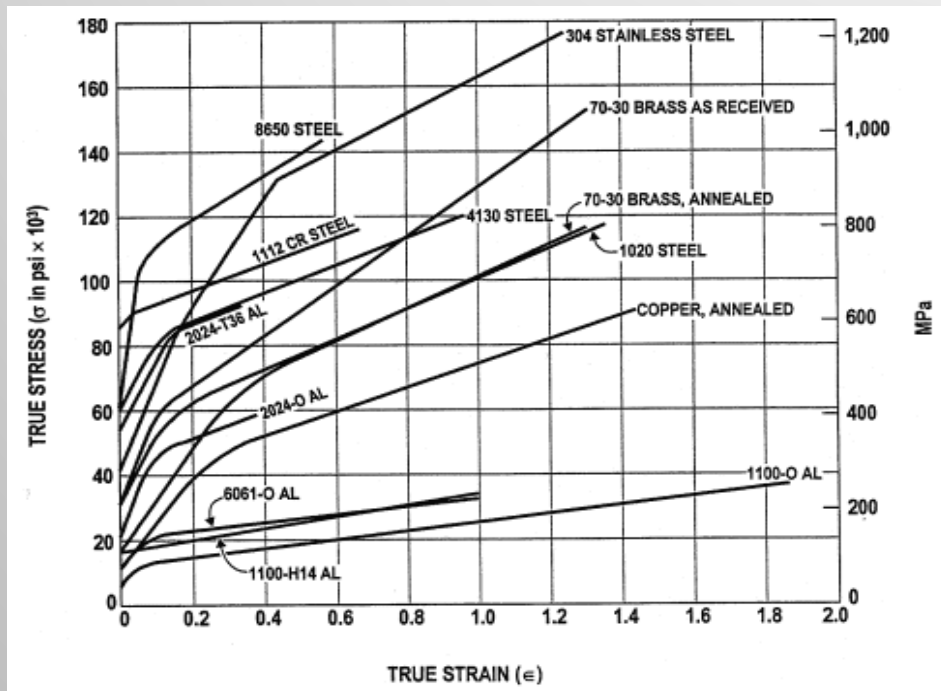


- **Aluminum** will be used as the main frame structure for the rocker bogie system
- Lightweight and easy to weld (high flexibility) into parts
- Higher load bearing capacity than steel which results in higher performance for strength.



- **Stainless Steel** will be used as the main components for the connections between the legs and frame
- Durable and can sustain increasing loads and strain over time.

Properties/Type	Aluminum	Steel	Titanium
Density (kg/m ³)	2700	7570	4500
Tensile strength (MPa)	310	766	950
Shear strength (MPa)	207	-	550
Shear Modulus (GPa)	26	80	44
Hardness Brinell (HB)	95	247	330
Fatigue Limit (MPa)	95.6	765	240



Sizing Derivation

Assume mass distributed evenly on the platform and center of mass acts exactly on the rocker link.

$$\text{Rocker: } \sum M_1 = F_{react}(x_4 - x_3) - F_{R4}(x_4 - x_1) = 0 \quad \sum F = F_{R4} + F_{R1} - F_{react} = 0$$

$$\text{Bogie: } \sum M_3 = -F_{R4}x_1 + F_{R2}x_2 = 0 \quad F_{react} = F_{R4} + F_{R1}$$

$$\sum F = -F_{R4} + F_{R3} + F_{R2} = 0$$

$$F_{R2}x_2 = F_{R4}x_1$$

$$F_{R3} + F_{R2} = F_{R4}$$

Desire $F_{R1} = F_{R2} = F_{R3} \Rightarrow$ Let them all be $= F_W$

$$1) F_{R4} = F_{react} * \frac{x_4 - x_3}{x_4 - x_1}$$

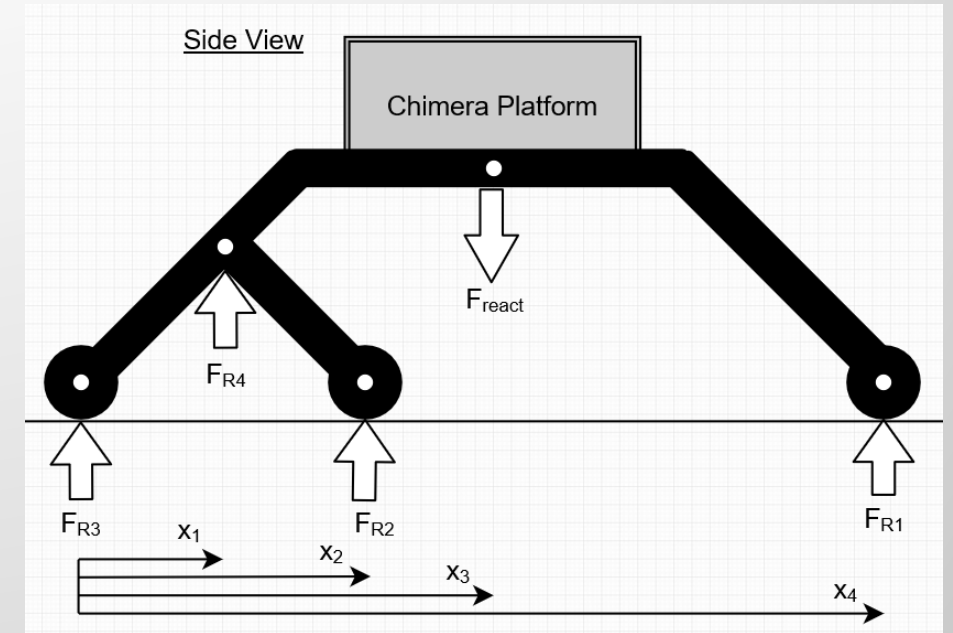
$$2) F_{react} = F_{R4} + F_W$$

$$3) F_{R4} = 2F_W$$

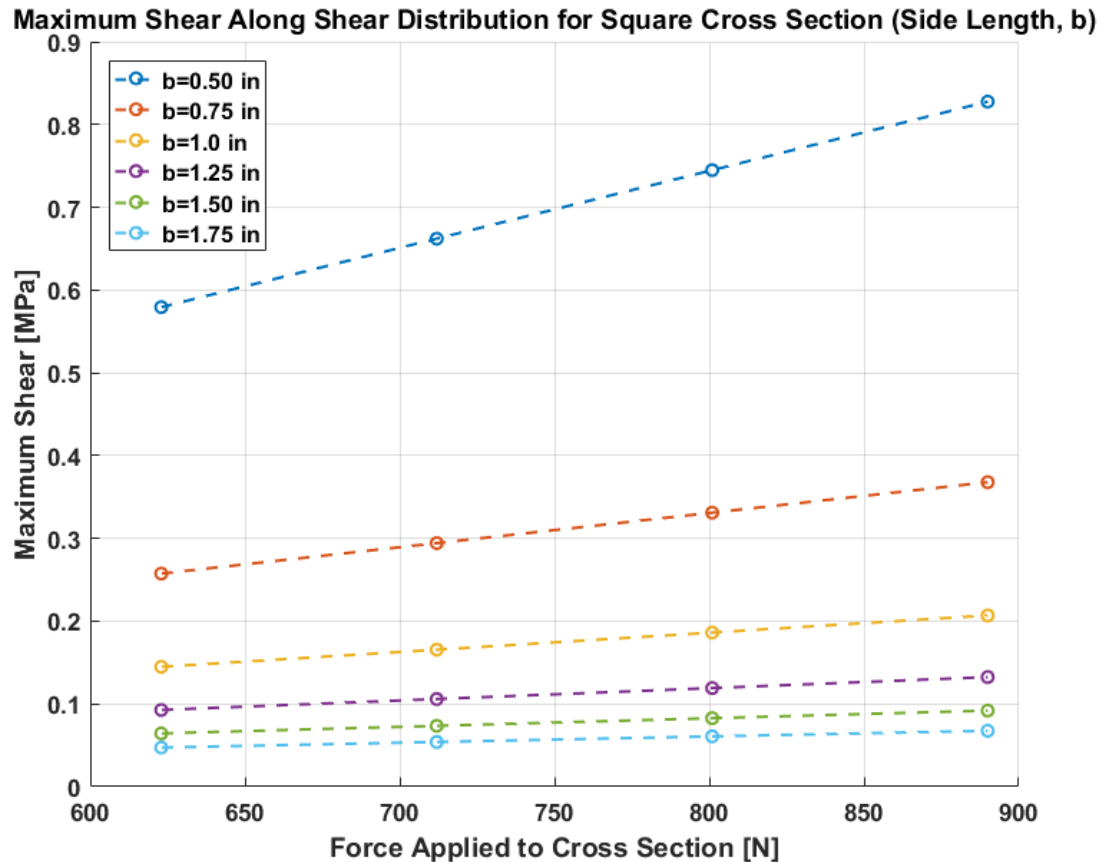
$$4) F_W = F_{R4} * \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

After substitutions to eliminate forces and find a function only in terms of distances:

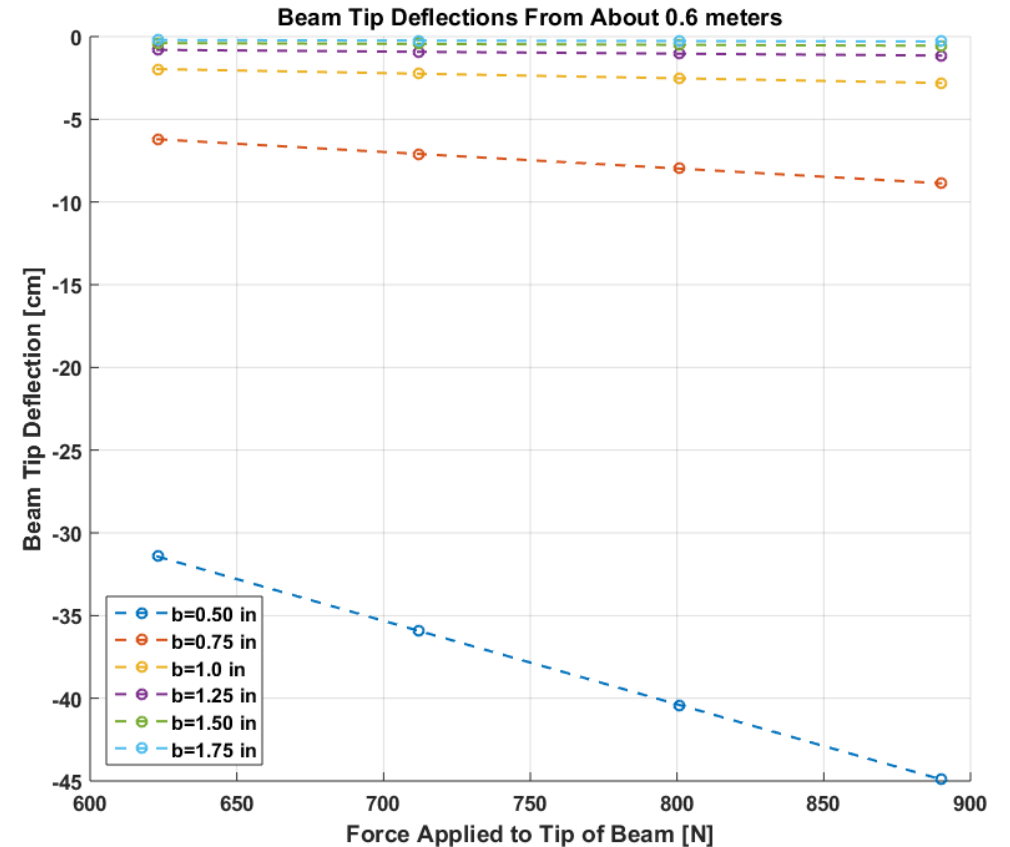
$$\frac{x_2}{x_1} = 3 * \frac{x_4 - x_3}{x_4 - x_1}$$



Structural Model – Al-6061, Square Bar



Shear Strength Al-6061: 207 Mpa
(Ref. [Matweb](#))
[Shear Model Ref.](#)



Worst case scenario for a full point load acting at the tip. Actual design may not be the case. Ref: [Prof. Carlos Felippa](#)

Tread analysis

- The treads on the wheels is studied to ensure that the MR can move given enough power/torque.
- The coefficient of friction of the tread material needs to be more than 0.7^1 which is the coefficient of friction of dirt ground. Rubber and Steel wheel material both have $\mu_s = 1.02$ and $\mu_s = 0.8$ respectively on dry roads.
- Since both tread passes the limit, the analysis will be now more focused on the need of the translational system specifically the torque needed and how the tread will help in traversing the MR when in operation.

Tread Analysis



Rubber

- Can navigate through rough terrain easily due to high friction
- Offers more grip on traversing the terrain due to large contact area
- Can decrease the braking distance due to high coefficient of friction



Steel

- Less coefficient of friction between the road and steel tires so less torque needed start traversing the MR
- But needs more torque to stop the MR
- Higher production cost than rubber tire

Wheel Tread - Rubber

- Has greater surface contact with the ground -increases stability
- Shorter braking distance due to high coefficient of friction
- Shock absorption
 - No need to use additional spring suspension



In-Depth Feasibility-Motors

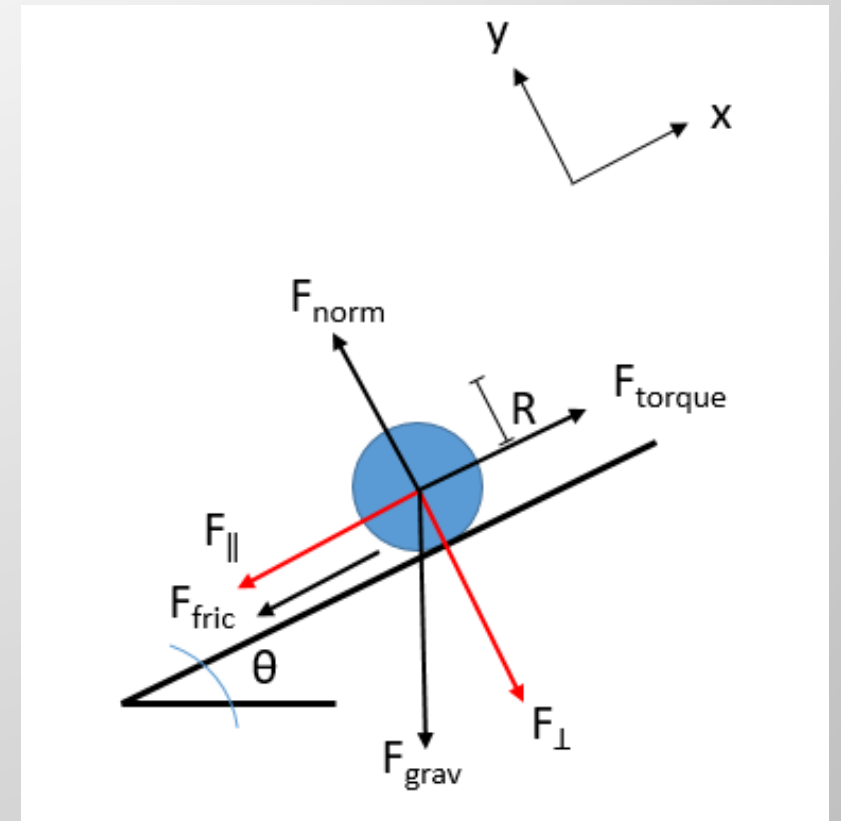
Motor Feasibility Analysis Definitions

- θ =incline angle
- F_{grav} = force of gravity on the point mass
- $F_{||}$ = force of gravity parallel to the inclined plane
- F_{\perp} = force of gravity perpendicular to the inclined plane
- F_{norm} = normal force
- F_{fric} = frictional force
- F_{torque} = force due to torque
- R = radius of the wheel
- T_{req} = Required torque

Motor Torque - Model

Assumptions:

- Entire MR is treated as a point mass
- Coefficient of friction is based on loose dirt
- The frictional force direction shown is based when the ball is moving upward with acceleration equal to the motor's force
- The inclined angle is not negative
- Air resistance is negligible
- Motor efficiency is not 100 %



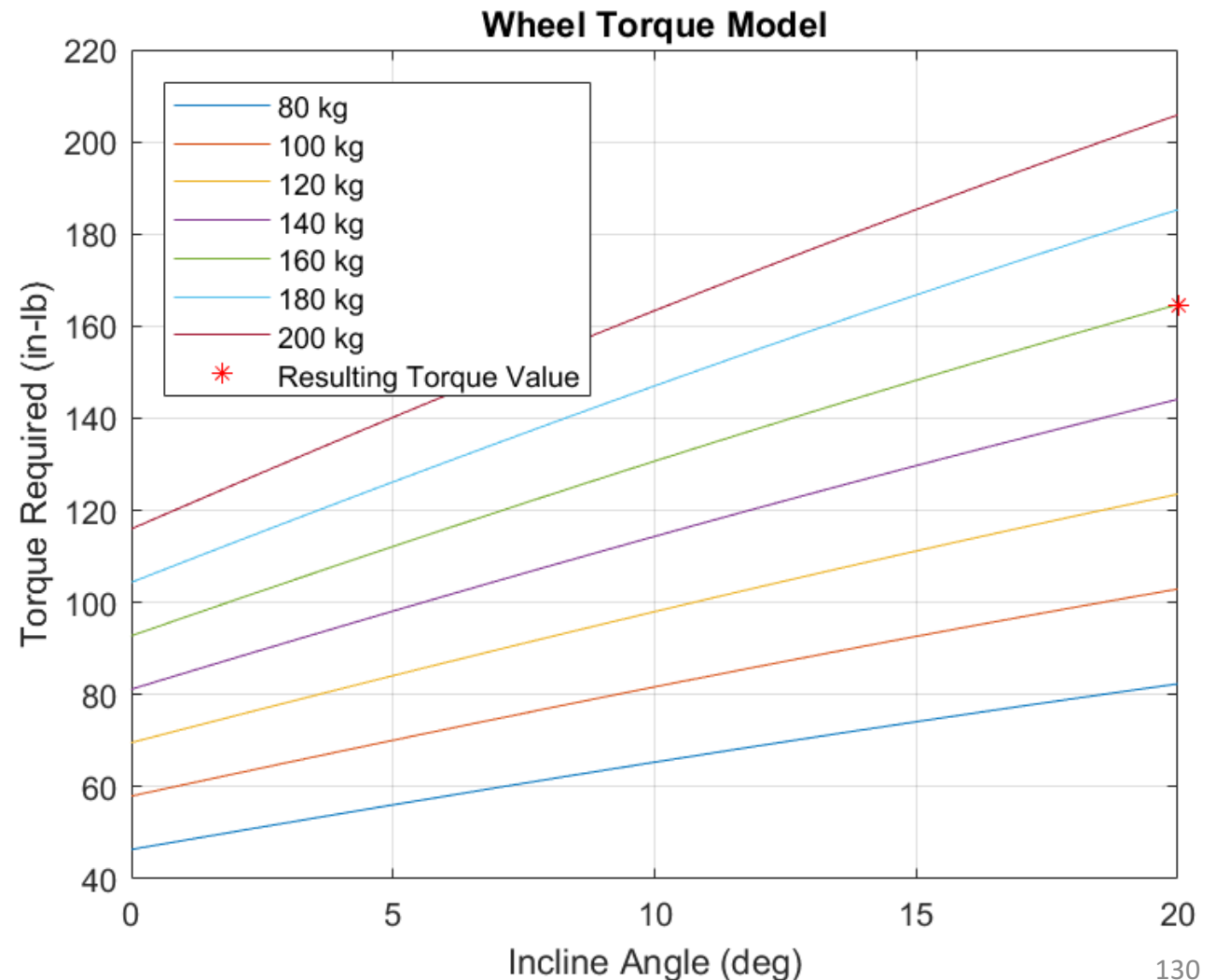
Initial Motor Torque – Model Results

Required torque for each of the 6 wheel motors for various weights versus the incline angle

- This point is at 164.5 in-lb corresponding to at 20 ° slope

Parameters:

- Velocity = 0.5 m/s
- Efficiency = 65 %
- Wheel Diameter = 0.127 m
- 6 wheels



Initial Motor Torque and Wheel RPM - Feasibility

Current System Parameters:

- Mass = 160 kg = 352.74 lbm
- Wheel Diameter = 0.127 m = 5 inches
- Assumed Motor Efficiency = 65 %
- Maximum velocity = 0.5 m/s
- Time to accelerate to maximum speed = 5 seconds
- Incline Angle = 20 degrees
- 6 wheels each with one motor

Result:

- Applied torque must be greater than 164.5 in-lb
- Resulting maximum RPM: 75.19 RPM

Observation: An increase in mass leads to a severe increase in required torque, leading to a greater cost for each motor. Additionally, it leads to a decrease in RPM, increasing required amp-hours, increasing power requirements.



Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.

- 720 Series PowerSTAR Brushless DC Right-Angle Gearmotor
- 222.4 kg-cm torque = 193 in-lb
- 25 RPM at 12 V
- \$699 each

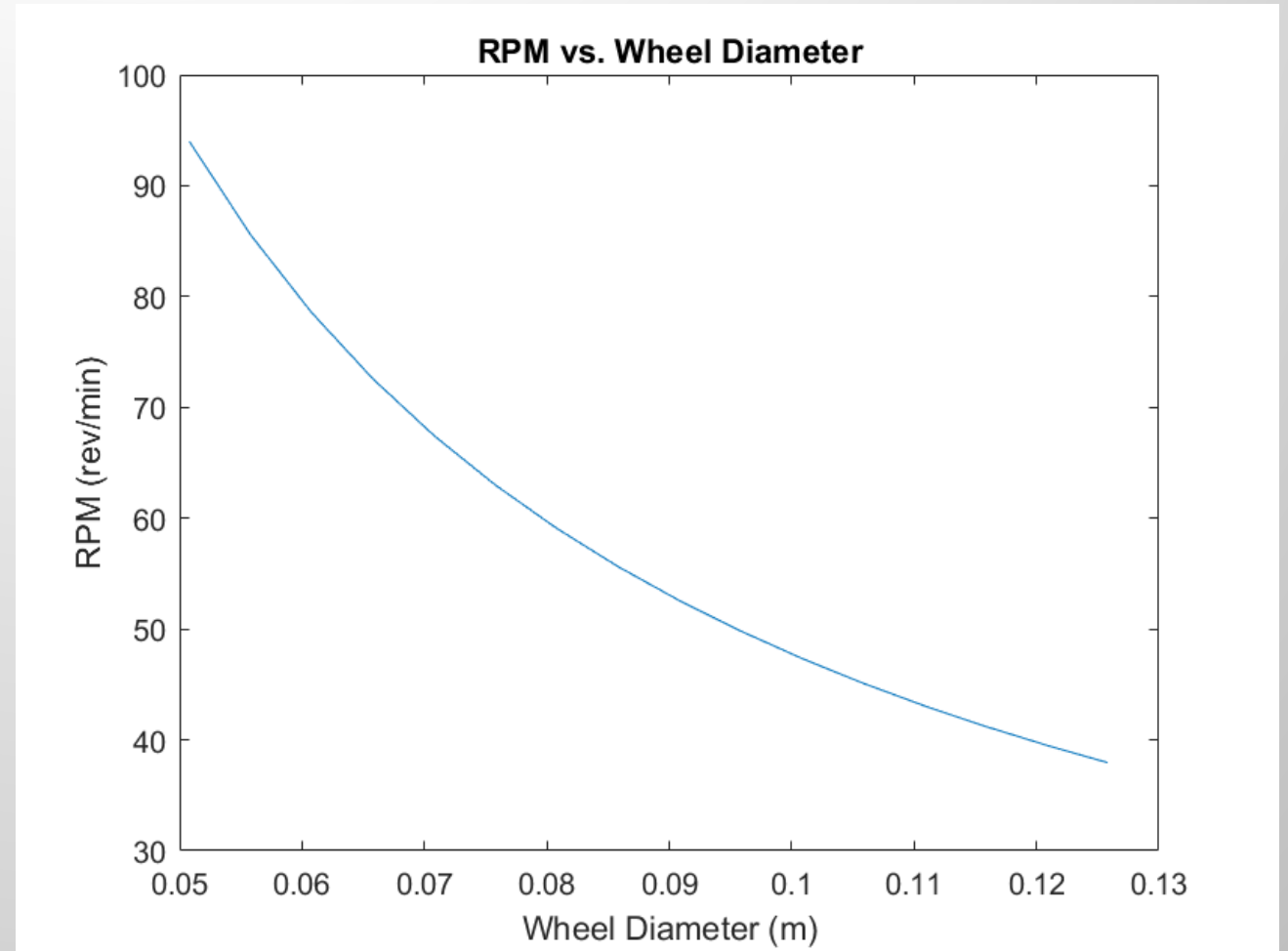
Not feasible due to cost related to weight and required torque

Wheel RPM – Model Results

$$\text{RPM} = \text{Velocity} / (\text{Radius} * 0.10472)$$

Parameters:

- Velocity = 0.5 m/s
- Efficiency = 65 %
- Wheel Diameter = 0.127 m
- 2 wheels

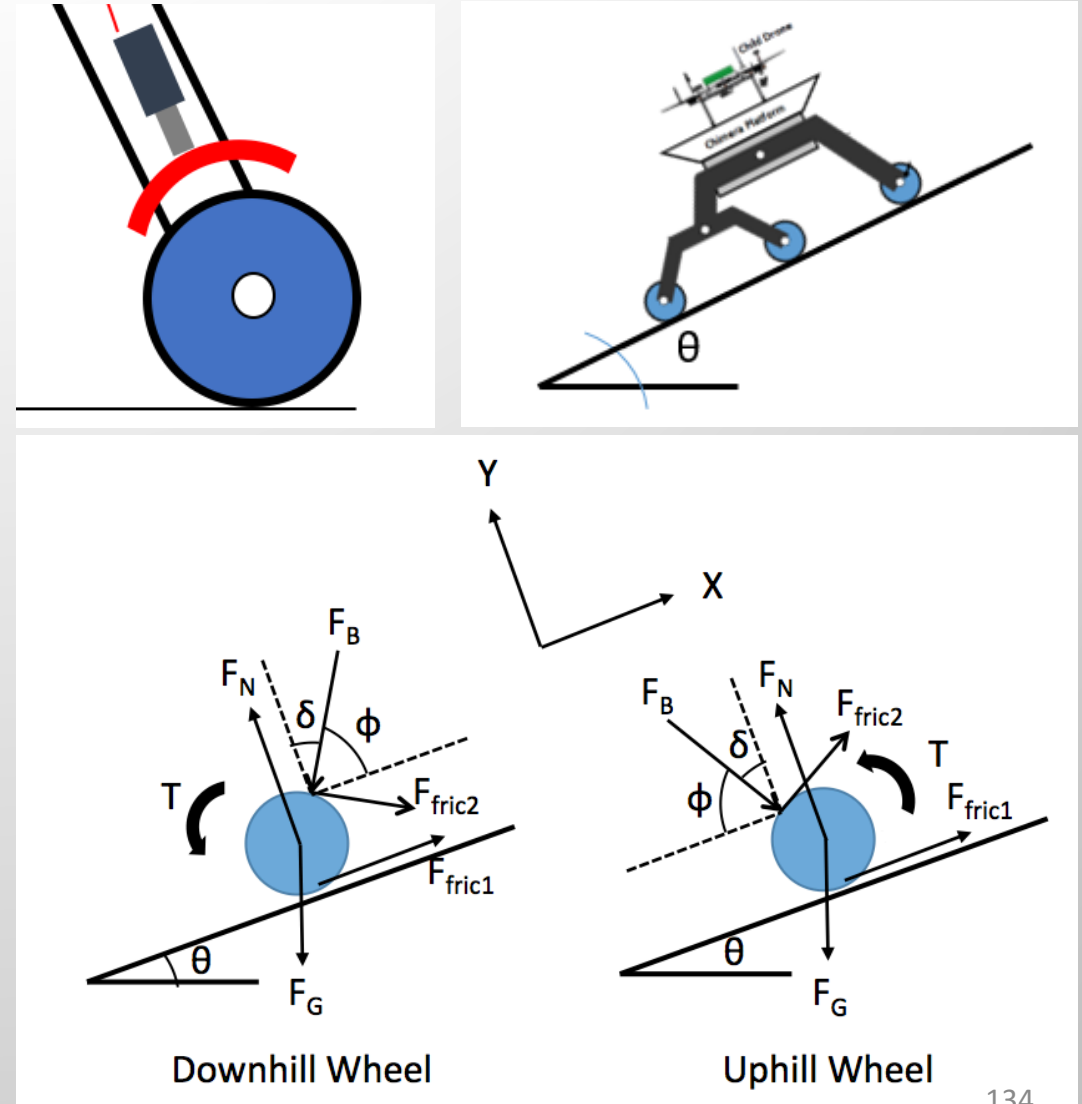


In-Depth Feasibility – Wheel-Locking Mechanism

Baseline Design - Wheel Locking Model

Assumptions:

- Weight is evenly distributed over 6 wheels
- Rubber-Dirt contact between wheel and ground
- Rubber-rubber contact between wheel and brake



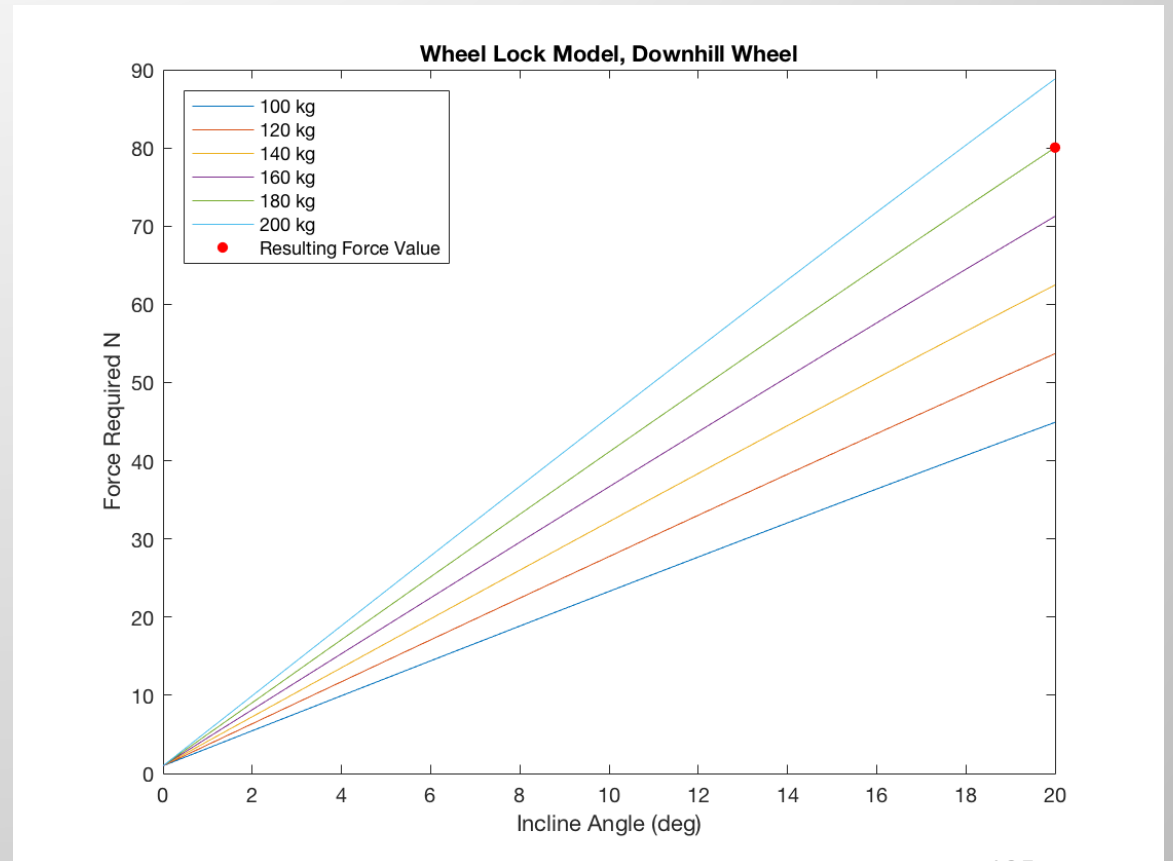
Model Results– Downhill Wheel

Required applied force for each of the 4 wheel brakes for various weights versus the incline angle

Parameters:

- Velocity: 0.5 m/s
- Wheel Diameter: 0.127 m
- Wheel Mass: 5 kg
- μ_2 : 1.16 (rubber on rubber contact)
- φ : 45 degrees
- Stoppage Time: 1 sec

For the Uphill Wheel, the needed Brake Force at 20° with a Rover Mass of 180 kg is **80.04 N**



Wheel Locking Feasibility

- Mass of MR with CD: 180 kg
- Max Speed of MR: 0.5 m/s
- Solution:
 - Linear Actuator Stroke 3" DC 12Volt Heavy Duty 220LB/100kg Max Lift for Automation Equipment
 - Produces up to 980 N of Force
 - Cost: \$31.90



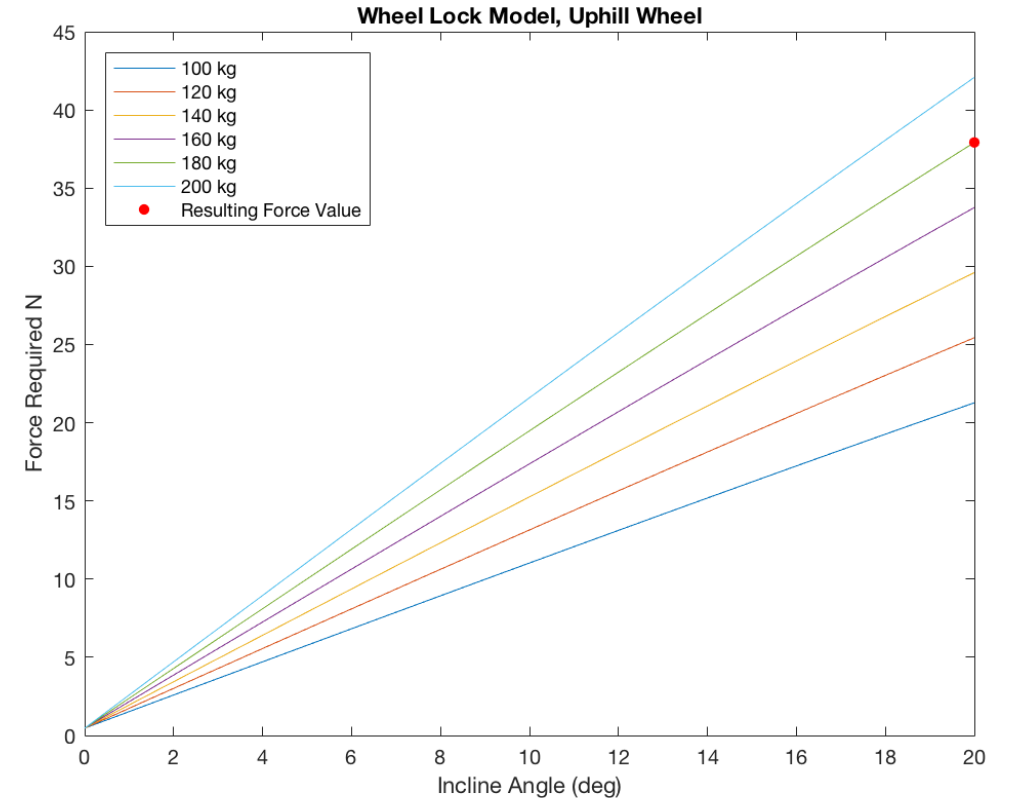
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Wheel Locking – Downhill Wheel Model

$$\sum F_X = F_{fric1} + F_{fric2} \cos \delta - \frac{F_G}{6} \sin \theta - F_B \cos \varphi = 0$$

$$F_{fric1} = \mu_1 F_N$$

$$F_{fric2} = \mu_1 F_B$$

$$\sum M_O = T + F_{fric1} R - F_{fric2} R = 0$$

$$T = I\alpha$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$$

$$\sum M_O: \frac{1}{2} MR^2 \alpha + \mu_1 F_N R - \mu_2 F_B R = 0 \rightarrow F_N = \frac{\mu_2 F_B - \frac{1}{2} MR \alpha}{\mu_1}$$

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$$F_B = \frac{\frac{1}{2} MR \alpha + \frac{F_G}{6} \sin \theta}{\mu_2 (1 + \cos \delta) - \cos \varphi}$$

F_N : Normal Force

F_B : Brake Force

F_G : Gravity Force

F_{fric1} : Frictional Force btwn
Ground & Wheel

F_{fric2} : Frictional Force btwn
Brake Pad & Wheel

μ_1 : Coefficient of friction
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btwn Pad & Wheel

T : Wheel Torque

θ : Angle of Slope

φ : Angle from Horizontal

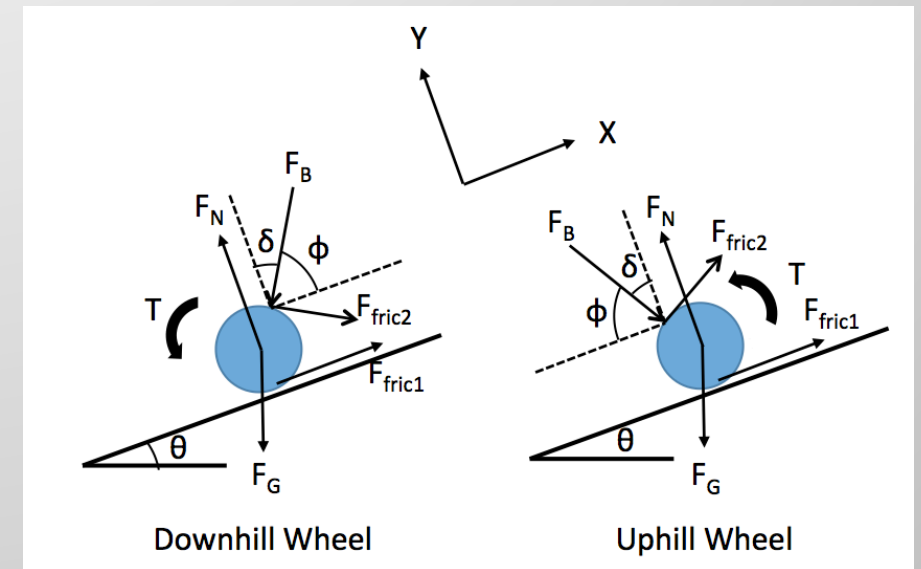
δ : Angle from Vertical

α : Angular Acceleration

M : Mass of wheel

R : Radius of wheel

I : Moment of Inertia



Wheel Locking – Uphill Wheel Model

$$\sum F_X = F_{fric1} + F_{fric2} \sin \varphi - \frac{F_G}{6} \sin \theta + F_B \sin \delta = 0$$

$$F_{fric1} = \mu_1 F_N$$

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$$\sum M_O: \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha + \mu_1 F_N R - \mu_2 F_B R = 0 \rightarrow F_N = \frac{\mu_2 F_B - \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha}{\mu_1} \quad \gamma + \varphi = 90^\circ$$

$$\sum F_x: \mu_1 F_N + \mu_2 F_B \sin \varphi - \frac{F_G}{6} \sin \theta + F_B \sin \delta = 0 \rightarrow \mu_2 F_B - \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha + \mu_2 F_B \sin \varphi - \frac{F_G}{6} \sin \theta + F_B \sin \delta = 0$$

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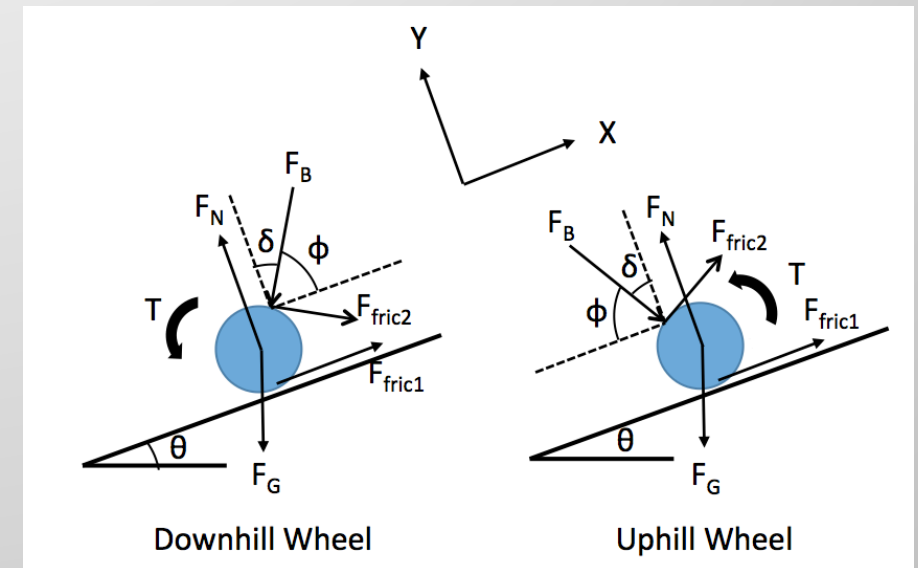
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Wheel Locking Feasibility

Material for Brake Pads

- Non-Abestos Organic (NAO)
 - NAO pads are made from natural materials such as glass and rubber with binding resins to hold them together.
- These brake pads does not require much heat to generate good friction.
- Coefficient of friction that about 1.0.
- Easy on brake rotor and have high resistance on vibration.

Coefficient of Friction and Braking Distance

- To lock the wheel and bring the MR to stop, the coefficient of friction of the translational system must be higher than the coefficient of friction of the ground.

$$\mu_s = \frac{4 \times \tau_{motor}}{W_{MR} \times r_{wheel}}$$

$$d = \frac{v^2}{2\mu_s g}$$

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Financial Budget Estimation Resources

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