

# MQ-9A AIRCRAFT AUTOMATED TAXI / PARKING ENABLING TECHNOLOGY TEAM MAVERICK

## SPONSORED BY GENERAL ATOMICS AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS

Tolerance Fit

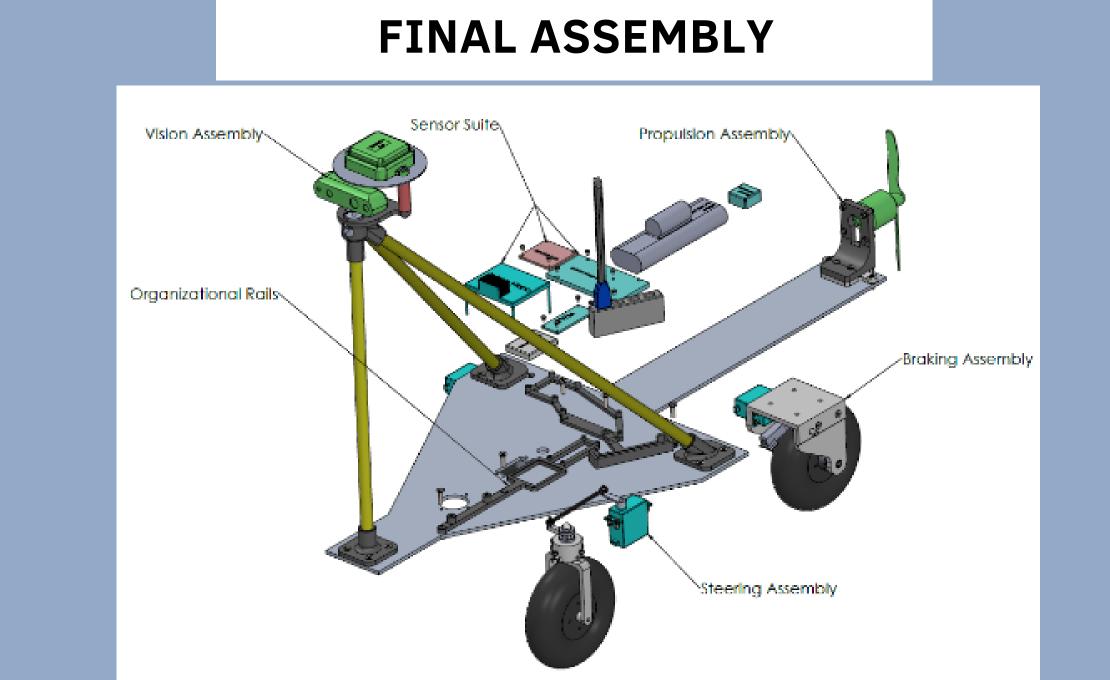
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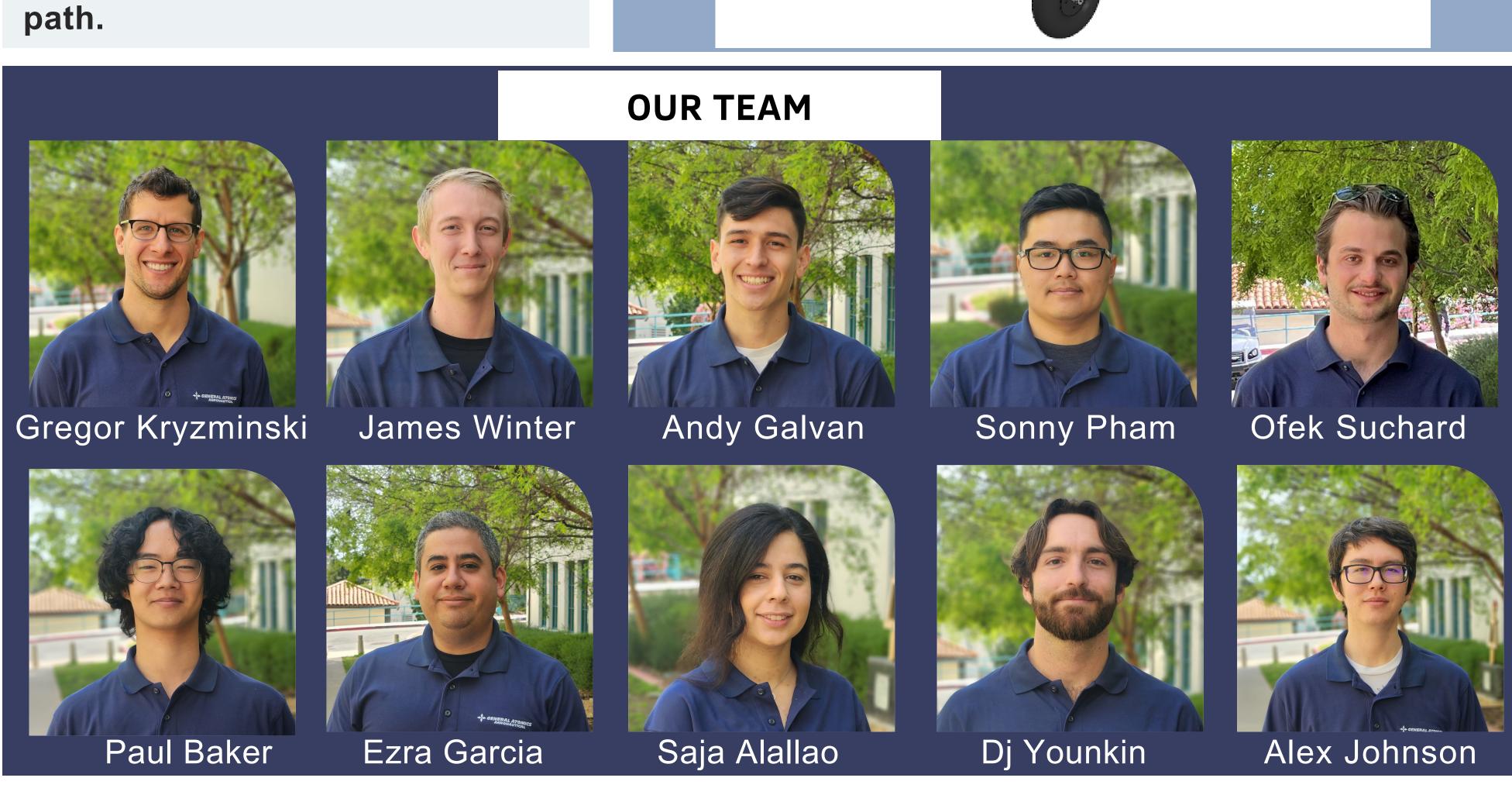
### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Team Maverick delivers an autonomous taxiing and parking system for a General Atomics MQ-9A drone. Team Maverick's system incorporates taxiway line tracking, object distance detection, and GPS mapping. This allows a 1/10th scale drone to go from the start position on a taxiway to the drone's parking destination without being driven by a human operator. A sensor suite of GPS, Depth Camera, and Servo Motor Driver will allow the system to navigate autonomously on a taxiway similarly to the way an MQ9-A drone taxis to its parking destination. The drone will rely on distance detection using the camera's depth functionality to track the proximity of any objects in its pathway. If an object is detected too close to the drone, the system will stop the drone and wait for any objects to be cleared from its

## SYSTEM LEVEL DIAGRAM **Braking** Vision System Steering Wheel Bracket 12V Battery Servo Rod Mounts 9V RC Battery Servo Arm DC Motor Brake Arm Steering Shaft Proppeller Camera & GPS Electrical Wheel Shaft Front Wheel Bracket Wheel Shaft Intel Depth Camera Base Electrical Connection

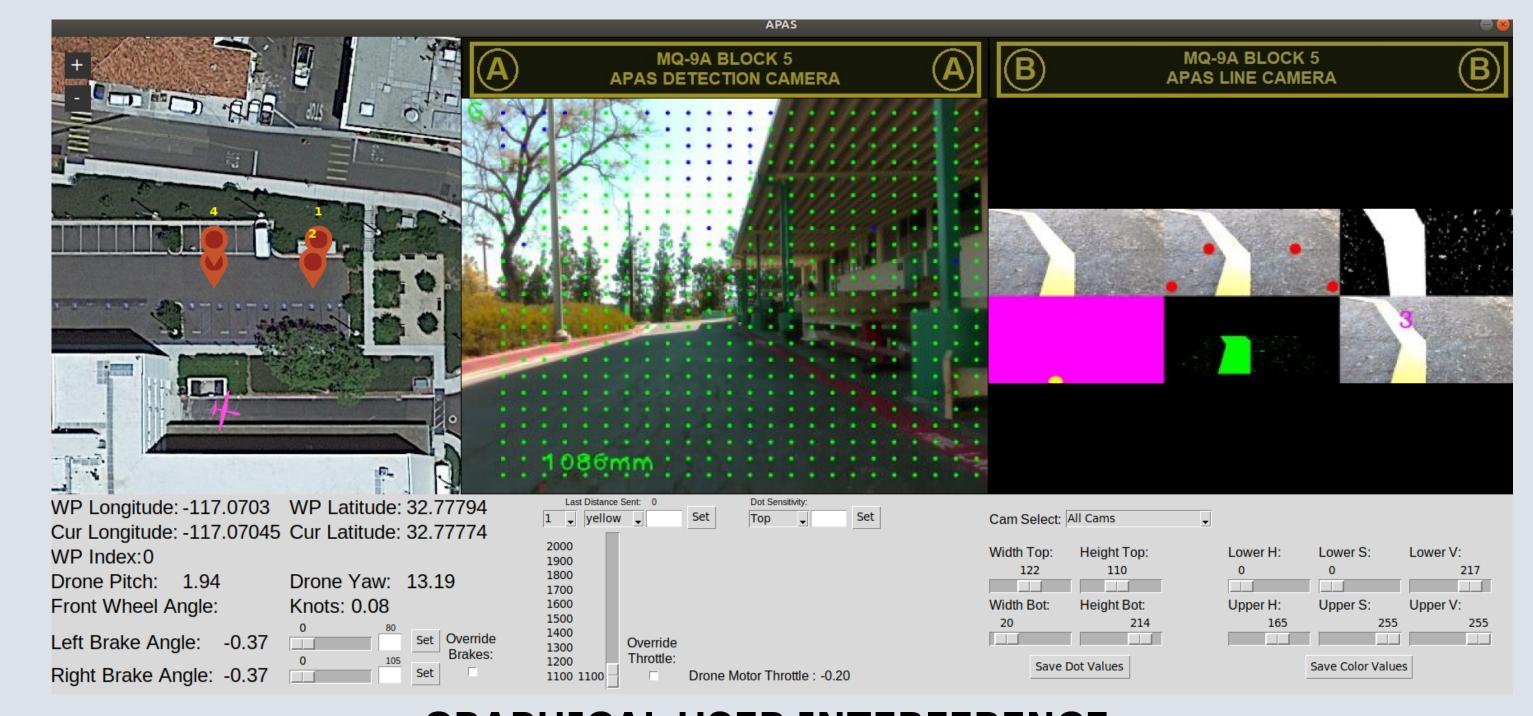


Component Mounts



# IR Projector Left RGB Module right Imager Length: 90mm

## **FIRMWARE**



GRAPHICAL USER INTERFERENCE
GPS WAYPOINT, DISTANCE DETECTION, LINE TRACKING

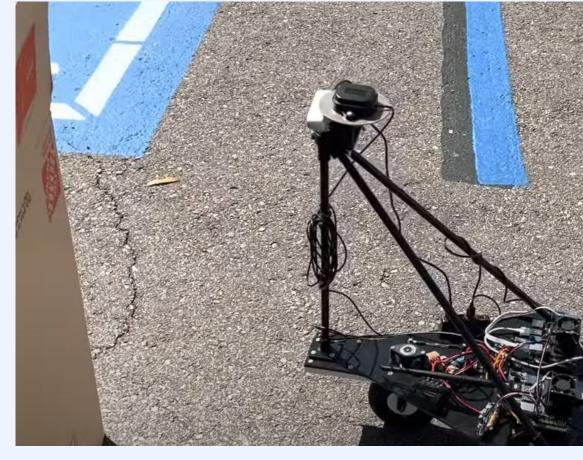
# FIRMWARE TESTING

**INTEL REALSENSE D435I** 



Line Tracking

The drone will track the the yellow line which will control the steering



**Object Distance Detection** 

The drone will stop if there is any object detected on its way

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