



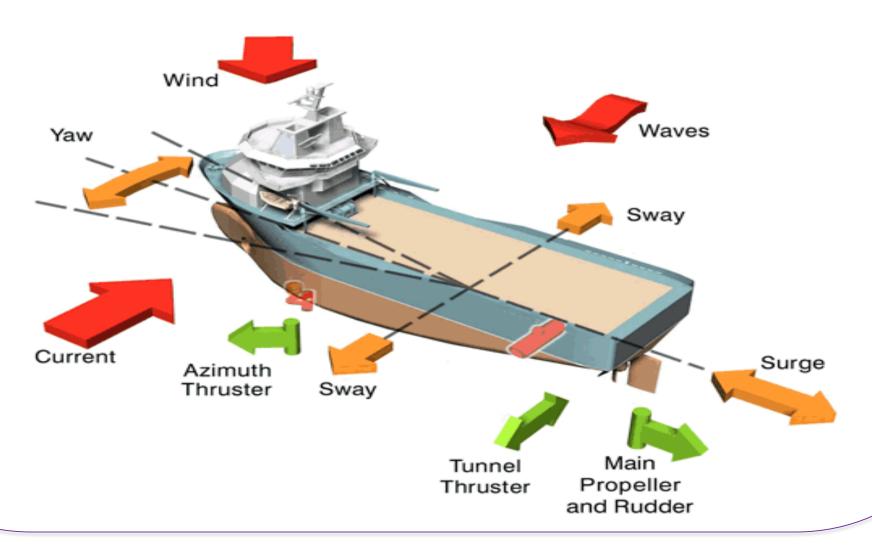
ECE Capstone Design Programs

Kongsberg Maritime Dynamic Positioning Vessel

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Project Description

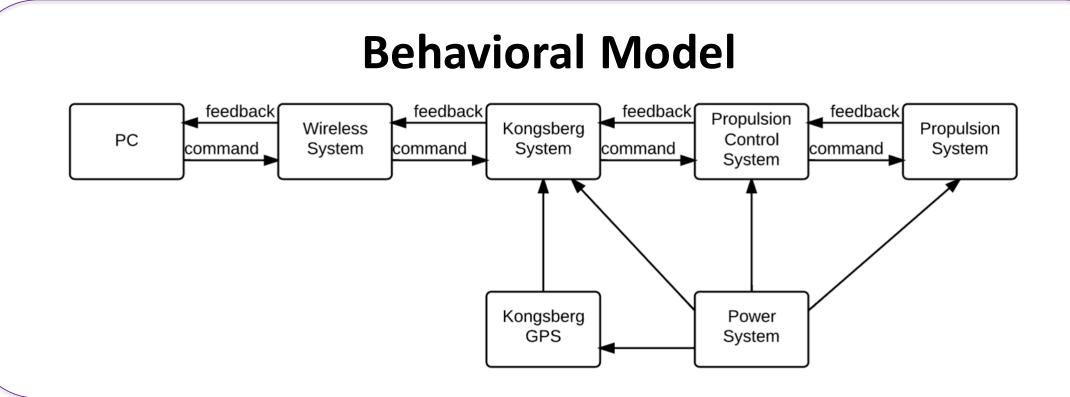
- Kongsberg Maritime's dynamic positioning system (DP) was designed in order to facilitate safe drilling in the harsh environment of the North Sea
- DP systems are installed on large vessels, making it difficult to realistically test and demonstrate DP
- Our goal is to design and prototype a safe, realistic, small scale model for testing and demonstration purposes
- We will accomplish this by integrating Kongsberg's DP system into a recreational sized vessel
- This prototype will be operational from the shoreline, removing the safety risks of testing the system out at sea.



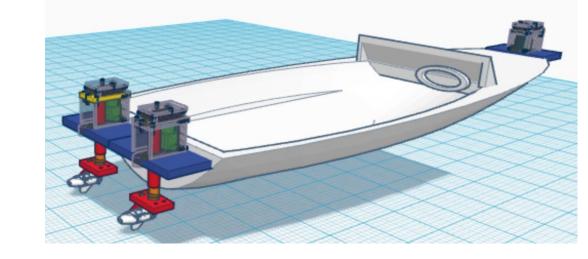
Engineering Requirements

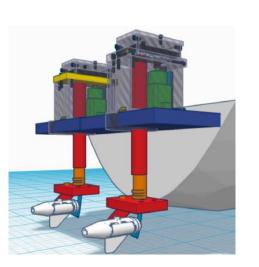
Vessel must:

- Hold equipment + 300lbs.
- Maintains position to within 3m and 3° of heading at all times
- Run continuously for minimum of 2hrs.
- Refuel/Recharge within 15min.
- Be deployable within 1hr
- Be between 12-20ft.
- Comply with FCC/Coast Guard regulations



System Mockup

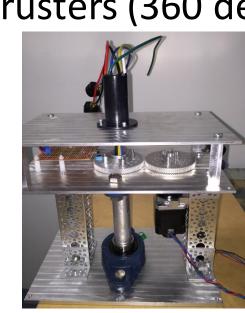




Rotation System

• Made to emulate larger scale azimuth type thrusters (360 degrees continuous rotation)

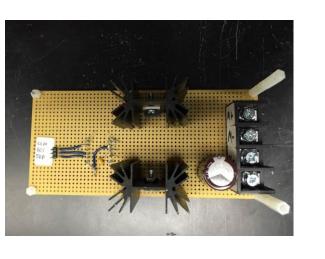


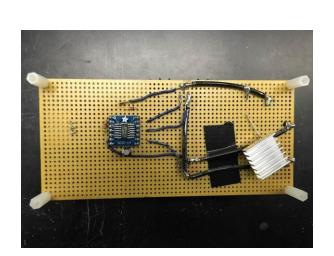


Motor Controller

• Designed brushed DC motor controller for propulsion system (trolling motor)



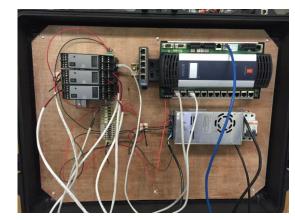




Kongsberg System

 A GUI was created to interface Kongsberg commands and feedback with our system, which are sent to the system on the boat





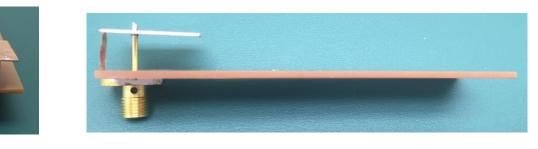
 Commands are manually entered into the RPM and Azimuth Command windows, and feedback from our system is displayed in the RPM and Azimuth Feedback windows

Wireless Communication

- High gain outdoor router with an external antenna communicates between Kongsberg system and shore
- Designed 2.4GHz clover leaf/PIFA (planar inverted F antenna) antennas

Clover Leaf Antenna





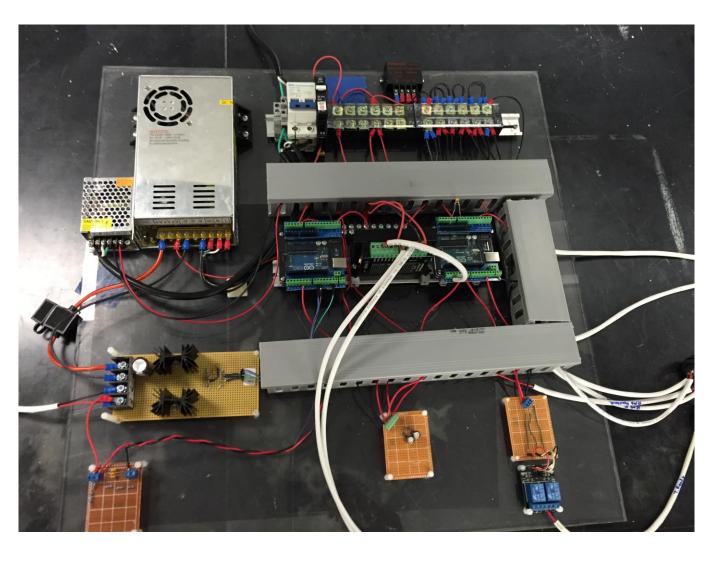
Planar Inverted F Antenna

 Able to successfully interface Kongsberg's system with our rotation and propulsion system

System Integration

Rotation/Propulsion Control System

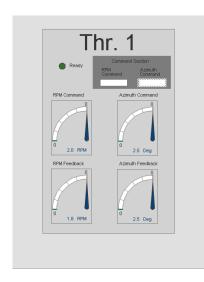
Power distribution/controller and misc. electronics



Control Interface

Manual/Automatic control options





Conclusion

- Individual subsystems were quite simple to implement
- Majority of time was spent on system integration
- Always plan for fabrication lead time
- It is important to remain flexible when design changes become necessary throughout the design process

Reference

Dynamic Positioning Image: http://www.kongsberg.com/

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