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# Polar Farming Robot

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# Project Definition

- Design low power consumption farming robot has the capability to make the agriculture automated as much as possible.



# Project Objectives

- **Speed** up the farming process and reduce human interference in it.
- **Reduce** the power consumption used for farming process.
- **Lower** the price of manufacturing and maintaining the robot.
- **Reduce** the cost and the manpower required for planting.



# Project Specifications

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- 1) **Make** polar farming robot to have full three sixty-degree movement.
- 2) **Irrigate, Seed, Monitor, Weeding** and soil moisture Automatically.
- 3) **Move** robot from one known location to another known location at average velocity of 0.3 m/s.
- 4) **Function** precisely and accurately in a circular area of range of 2 to 3 m<sup>2</sup>
- 5) **Perform** desire function with tolerance less than 20 mm between software configuration and actual position.
- 6) **Tolerate** change in weather condition.

# Design Constraints & Standards

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Low Power  
Consumption



Environmental



Sustainable

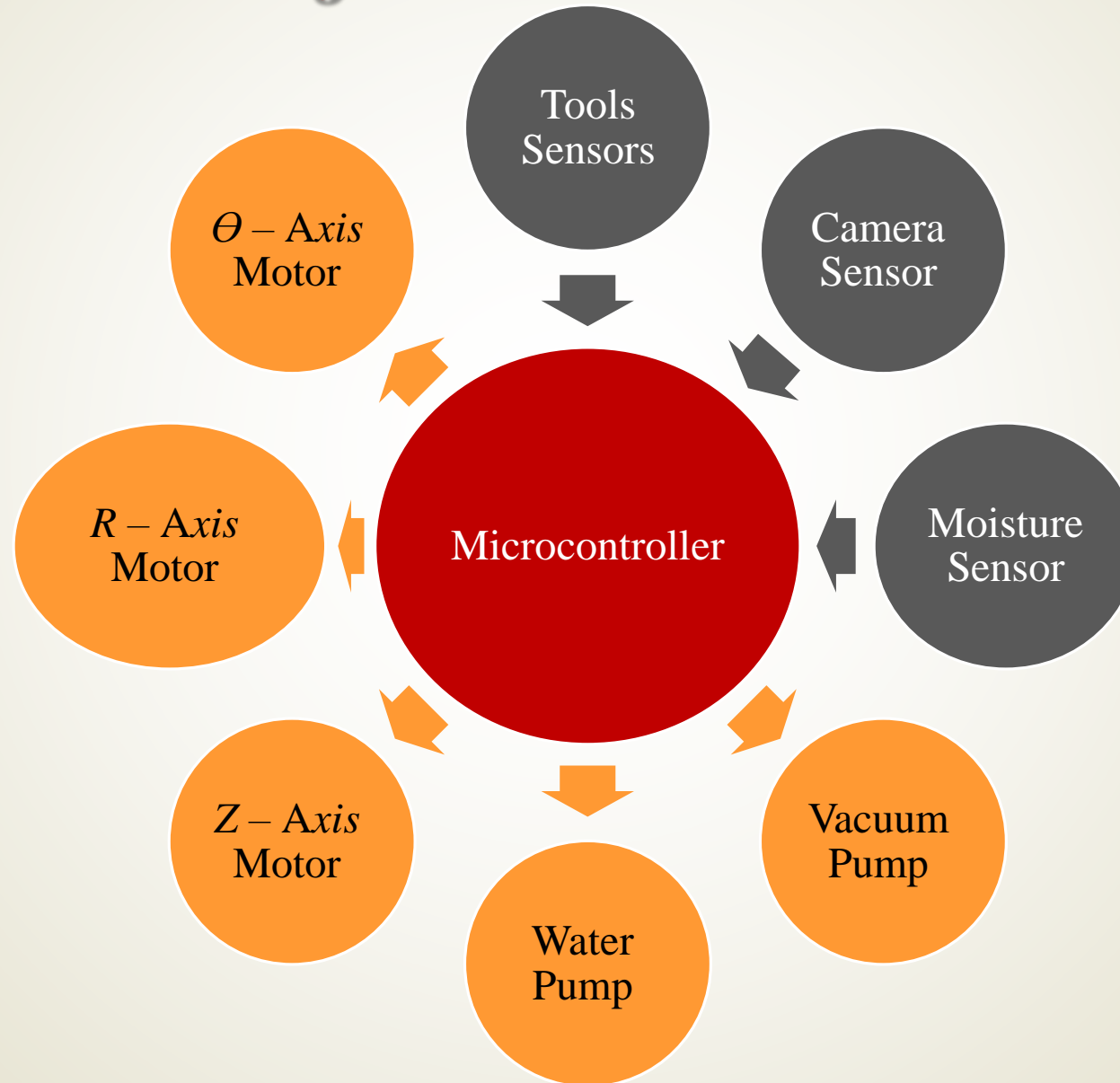


Economy



open source  
initiative

# Project Architecture



# Planning

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- **Did you verify project feasibility? ✓**
- **Did you verify that all components will be available locally or can be ordered within a reasonable time? ✓**
- **Did you verify that the required testing can be performed at PMU Labs (instruments and technical help availability)? ✓**

# Background: Problem

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- Desertification.
- Lack of water resources.



# Background: Solutions

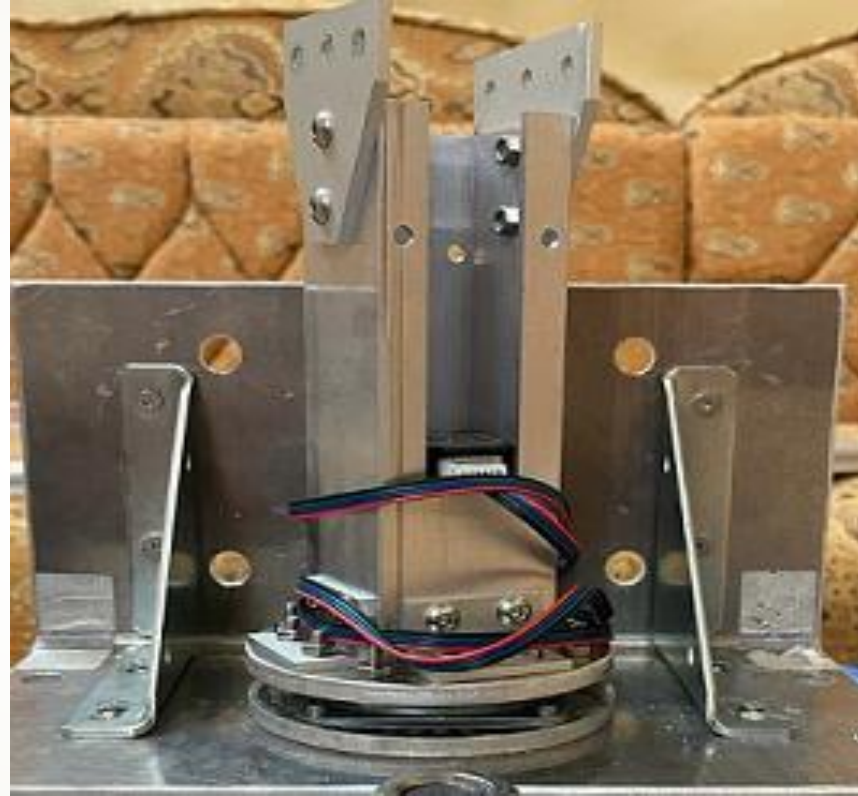
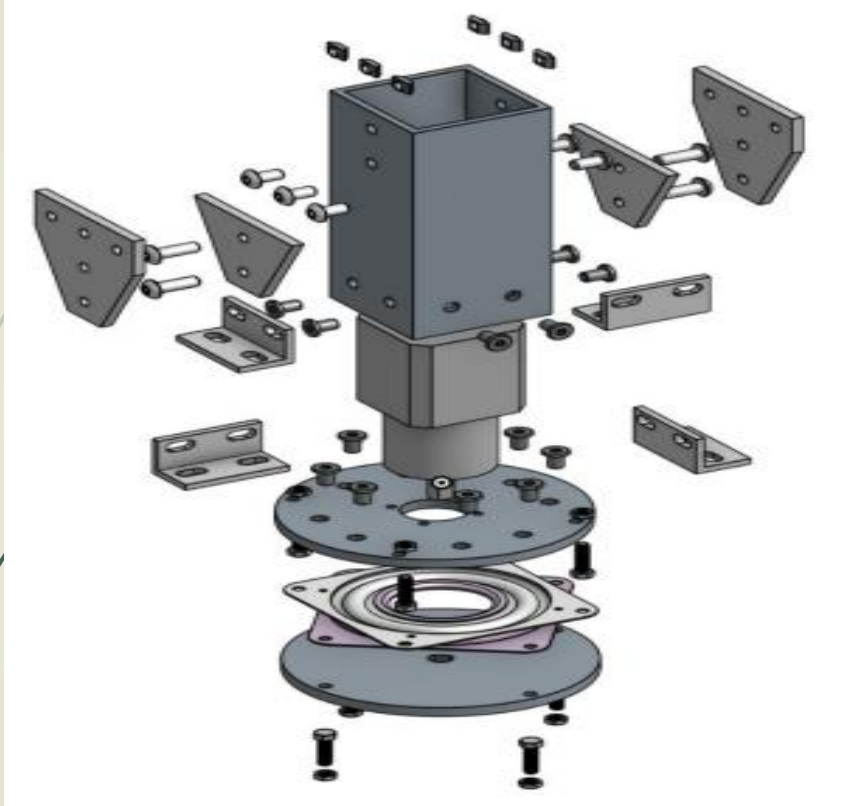
- Develop a new farming machine.
- Increase the use smart farming systems.



# Polar Farming Robot Design



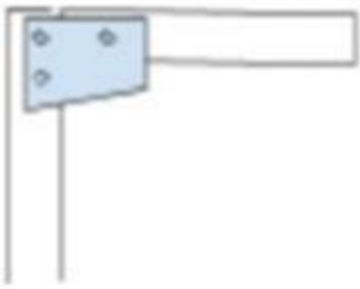


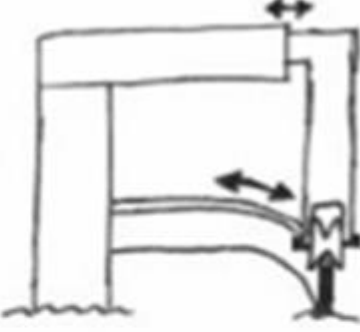

# Design: Driven and base system.



Driving system

# Design: Structure Options

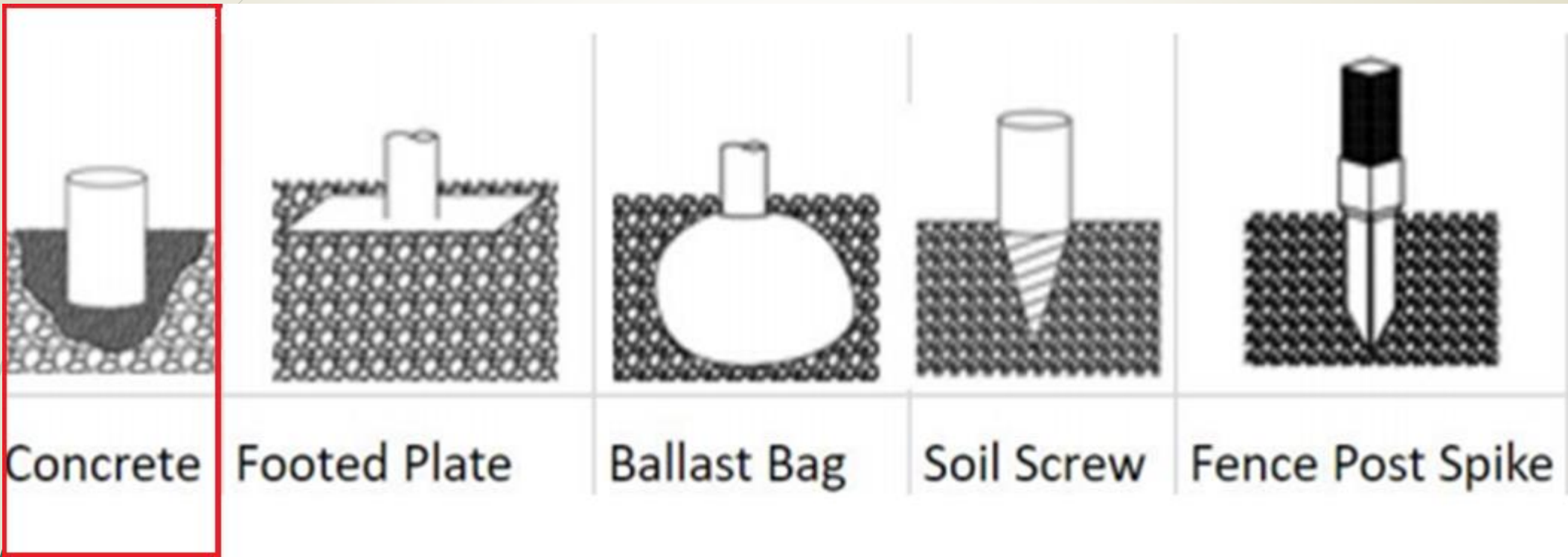
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Simple Radial Arm with metal support bracket	Radial arm with wheel	Radial arm with groove and track	Radial arm with wheel and flexible track	Radial arm with cable support

Arm design options

# Design: Structure Options

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Base design options

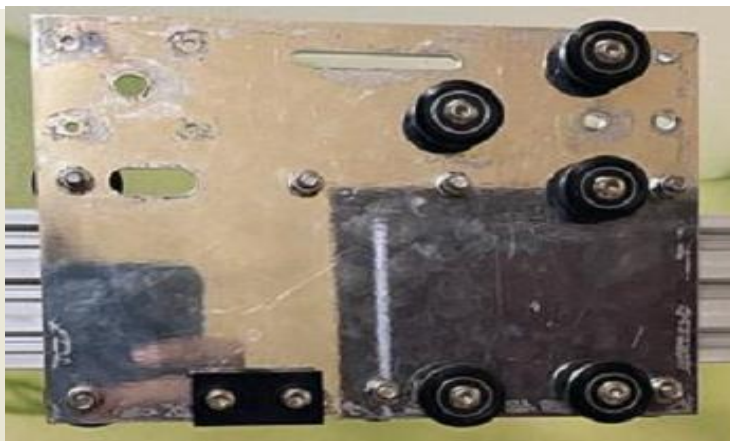
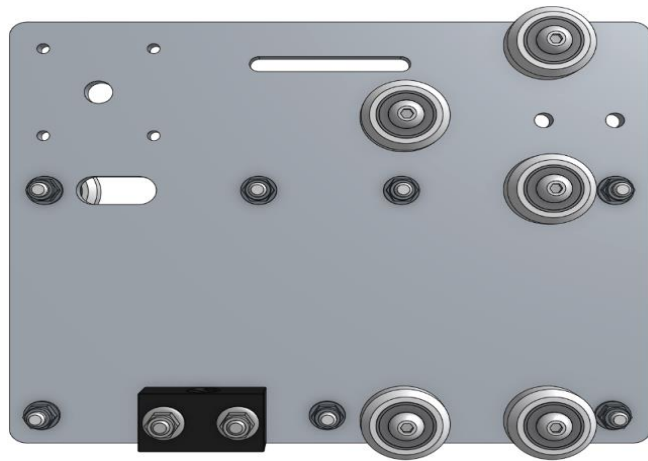
# Design: Motor Options

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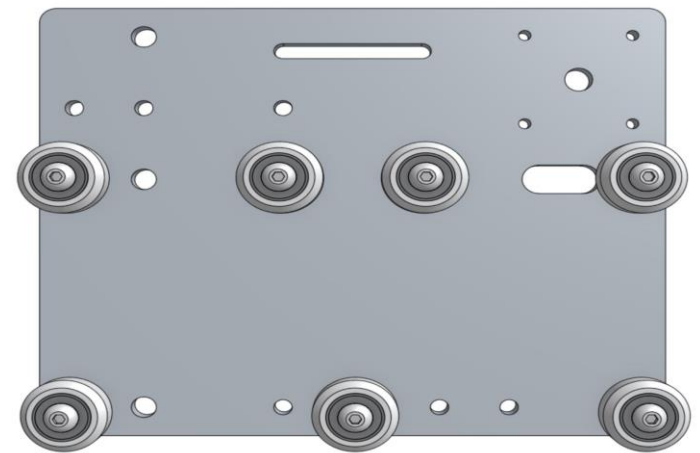


Stepper Motor 	Servo Motor
Cheaper (cost??)	Expensive (Cost??)
Smaller	Larger
Used for high torque applications	Used for high speed applications

# Design: Cross slide

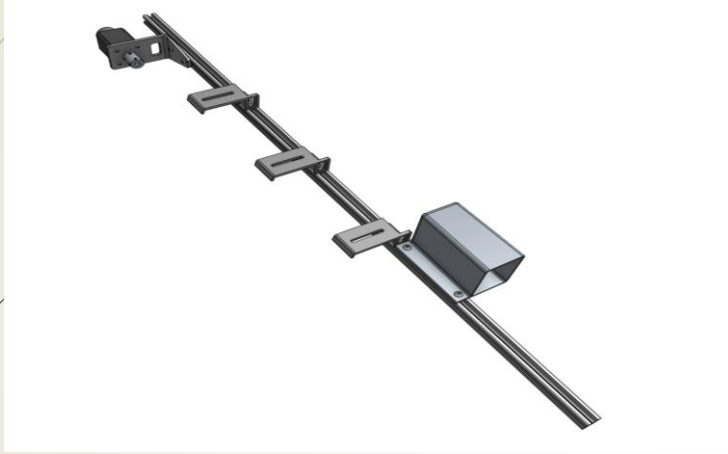


Back view of cross slide



Front view of cross slide

# Design: Z – Axis



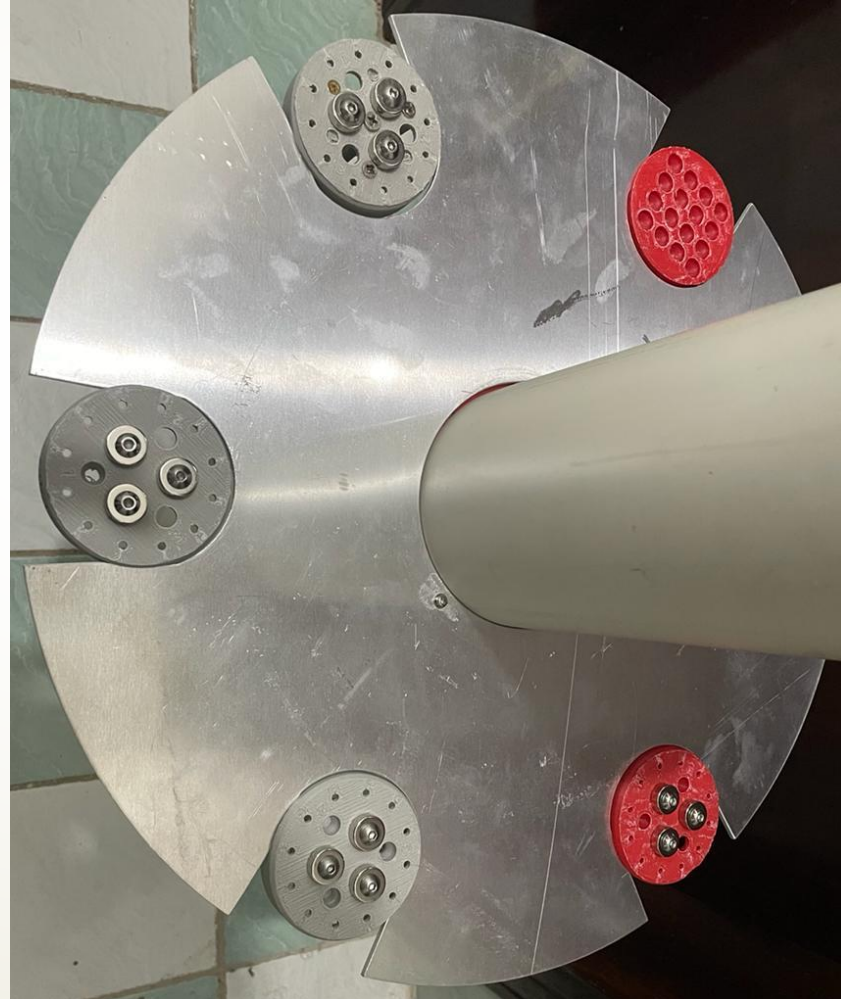
Z-Axis



Z-Axis attached to Cross slide

# Design: Tool bay

- ▶ Tool Bay Design to stores tool and sensors heads



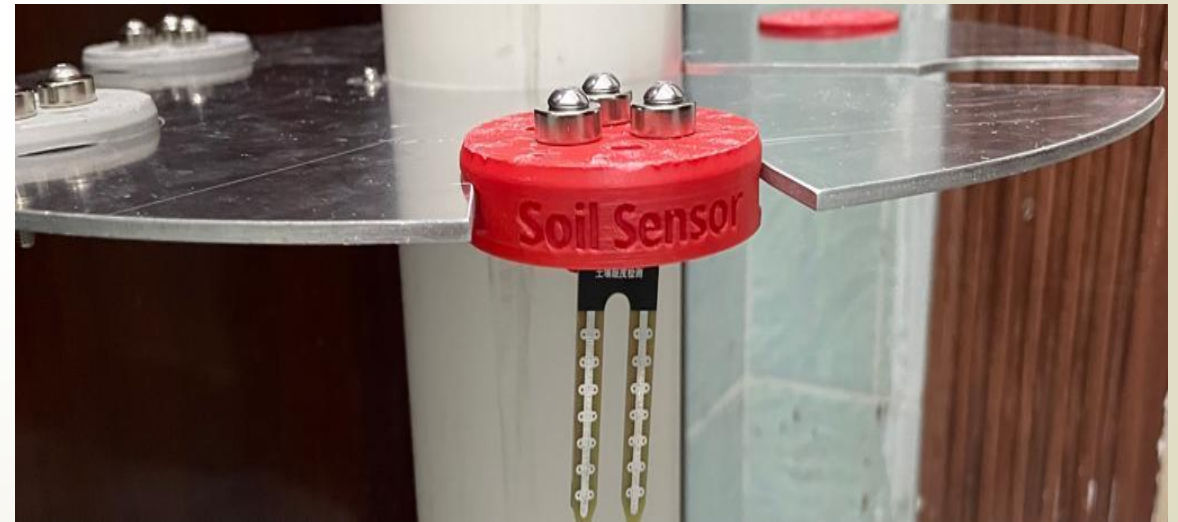
# Design: Tool bay

- ▶ Weeder Tool and Seeder Tool



# Design: Tool bay

- Watering Head tool and Soil sensor



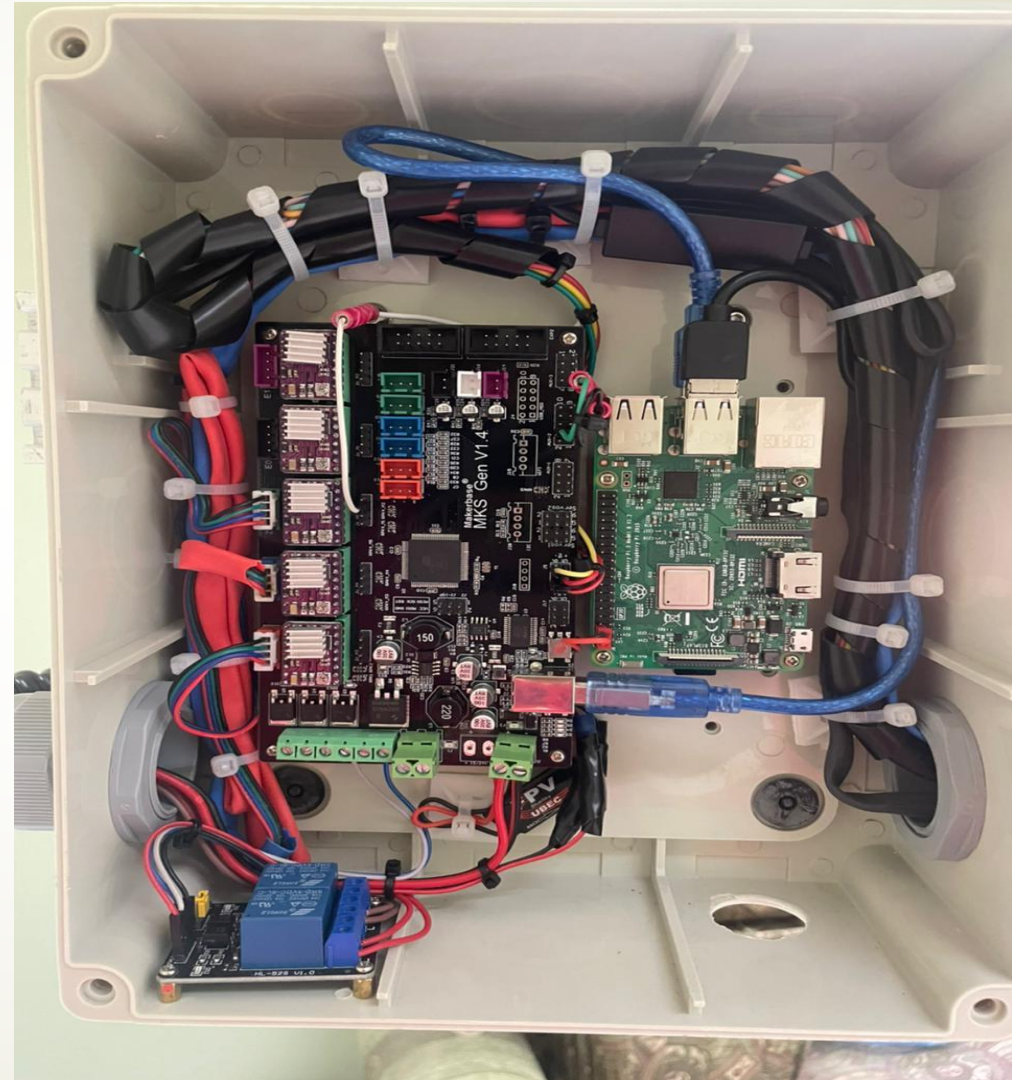
# Design: Tool bay

- Seeder tool



# Design: Electronic Box

- Raspberry pi
- RAMP Shield
- Control Relay
- Motor Drive



# Design: Electronic Box

- 220 AC to 12 DC Power supply



# Design: Completed Work

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- Subsystem -1 which is driven and base system Completed
- List of Task for subsystem-1:

No	Task	Completion	Remark
1	Design and construct base	100%	Done
2	Fabricate aluminum rotate plate for driven motor	100%	Done
3	Connect driven motor to the base	100%	Done
4	Check mechanism and rotation of the driven system	100%	Done
5	Do a test for motor and run the system	100%	Done

# Design: Completed Work

- Subsystem -2 which is Cross slide and Z – Axis Completed
- List of Task for subsystem-2

No	Task	Completion	Remark
1	Fabricate aluminum plate cross slide	100%	Done
2	Connect Z- Axis Colum to Cross slide plate	100%	Done
3	Check mechanism of the system	100%	Done
4	Do a test for motor and run the system	100%	Done

# Design: Completed Work

- Subsystem -3 column shroud – Axis Completed
- List of Task for subsystem-3

No	Task	Completion	Remark
1	3D Printing	100%	Done
2	column shroud wiring	100%	Done
3	Check mechanism of the system	100%	Done
4	Do a test for shroud and run the system	100%	Done

# Design: Completed Work

- Subsystem - 4 Electronic Box and Software.
- List of Task for subsystem- 4

No	Task	Completion	Remark
1	Construct the box	100%	Done
2	Install the Electronic part	100%	Done
3	Connect the circuit	100%	Done
4	Do a test for the circuit	100%	Done
5	Software	95%	Done

# Design: Remaining Work

- ▶ The remaining subsystem is subsystem - 4 which is Electronic and Software.





# Project Management & Team Work

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## → Team work task division

Task	Talal	Majed	Mohamed
Search & acquire components	40%	30%	30%
Design & Implement Subsystem 1	25%	40%	35%
Design & Implement Subsystem 2	35%	35%	30%
Design & Implement Subsystem 3	30%	35%	35%
Design & Implement Subsystem 4	25%	35%	40%
Testing	20%	30%	50%
Write Reports & Presentations	30%	40%	30%

# Risk management

	Source	Events	Threats	Response	Status
1	<b>Materials</b>	Fail to delivered on time	Progressing	by ordering a head of time	All Materials have received and secured.
2	<b>Software</b>	Not ready yet	Fail to Control the Robot	Started working on the software	Progressing and it will be submitted with Sub system 4.
	<b>Complexity</b>	Integrating the 4 subsystems	Fail to perform the tasks accurately	Chose micro controller capable to done the functions.	We will test the results when software is ready.
3	<b>PC/microcont roller</b>	hard drive/memory failure	data and programs lost	back up data on external memory or on cloud	hard drive/memory shosed to be compatible with the Micro /Controller.
4	<b>Team members</b>	illness	Development/ test delay	sickness is unpredictable.	All of team Members have received the second Vaccine Does.

# Challenges & Decision Making

- **Delivery**
- **Online Classes**
- **Accuracy**
- **Functionality**



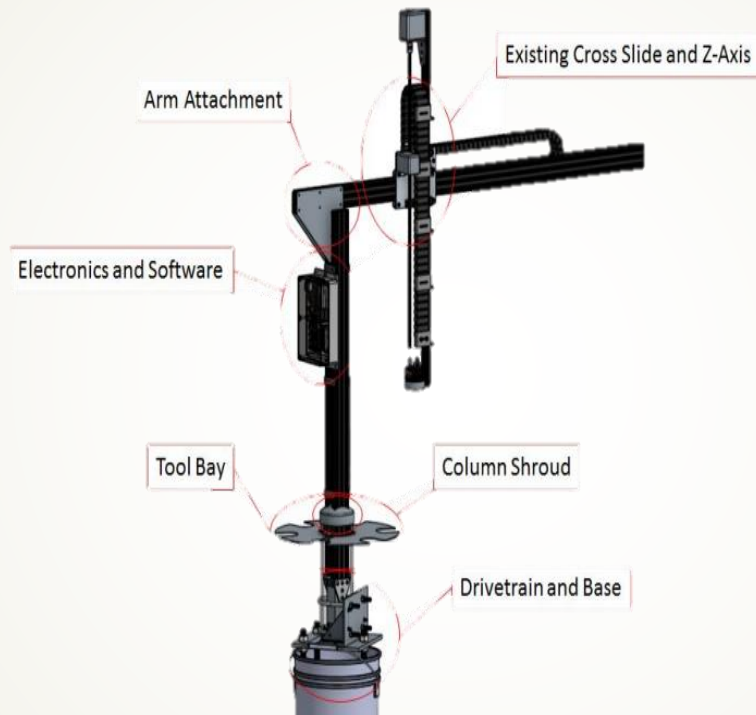
# New Skills Acquired and Applied



Technicality



Creativity



Design



Teamwork



# Budget

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost (SR)	Subtotal(SR)
Microcontroller	1	95	95
Arm(Aluminum)	3	350	1050
Motor	4	150	600
Motor drivers	3	30	90
Planetary gearbox high torque	3	125	375
Wires	6	15	90
Sensor	6	35	210
Pump	2	70	140
Farming Box	1	600	600
Total Cost			3562

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