

# Fab Academy: Machine Design

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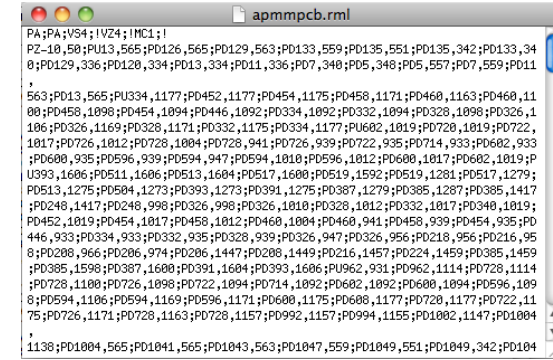
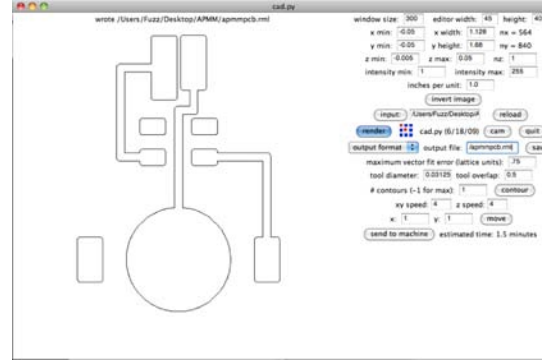
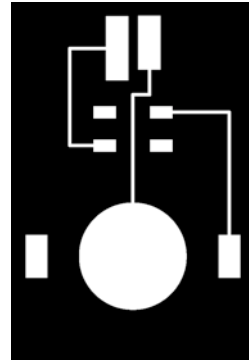
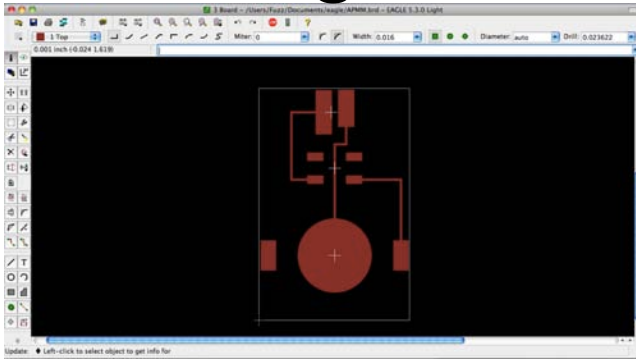
# FAB-IN-A-BOX: WORKFLOW

Eagle

.PNG

CAD.PY

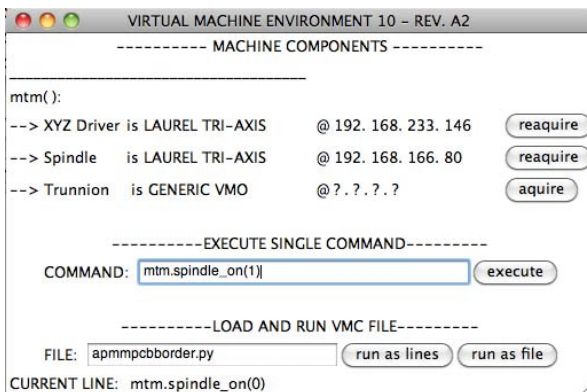
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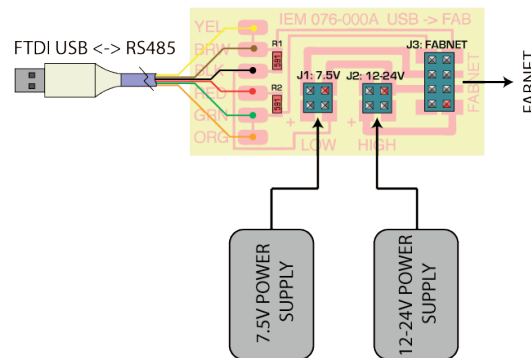
.PY

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mtm.move( z = z_up, rate = retract_speed)
mtm.move(0.175,1.618, z_up, traverse_speed)
mtm.move( z = z_down, rate = plunge_speed)
mtm.open_group(0)
mtm.move(0.866,1.618, z_down, cutting_speed)
mtm.move(0.868,1.616, z_down, cutting_speed)
mtm.move(0.88,1.616, z_down, cutting_speed)
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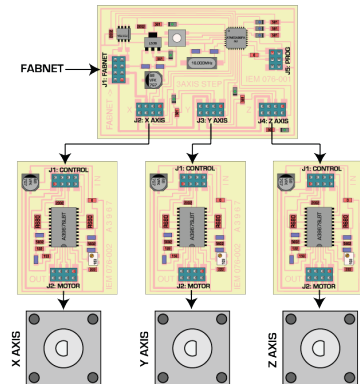
## Virtual Machine Environment



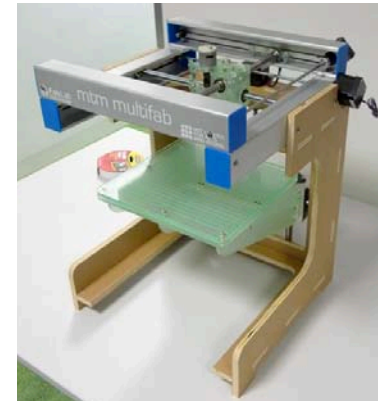
## FABNET



## Stepper Control

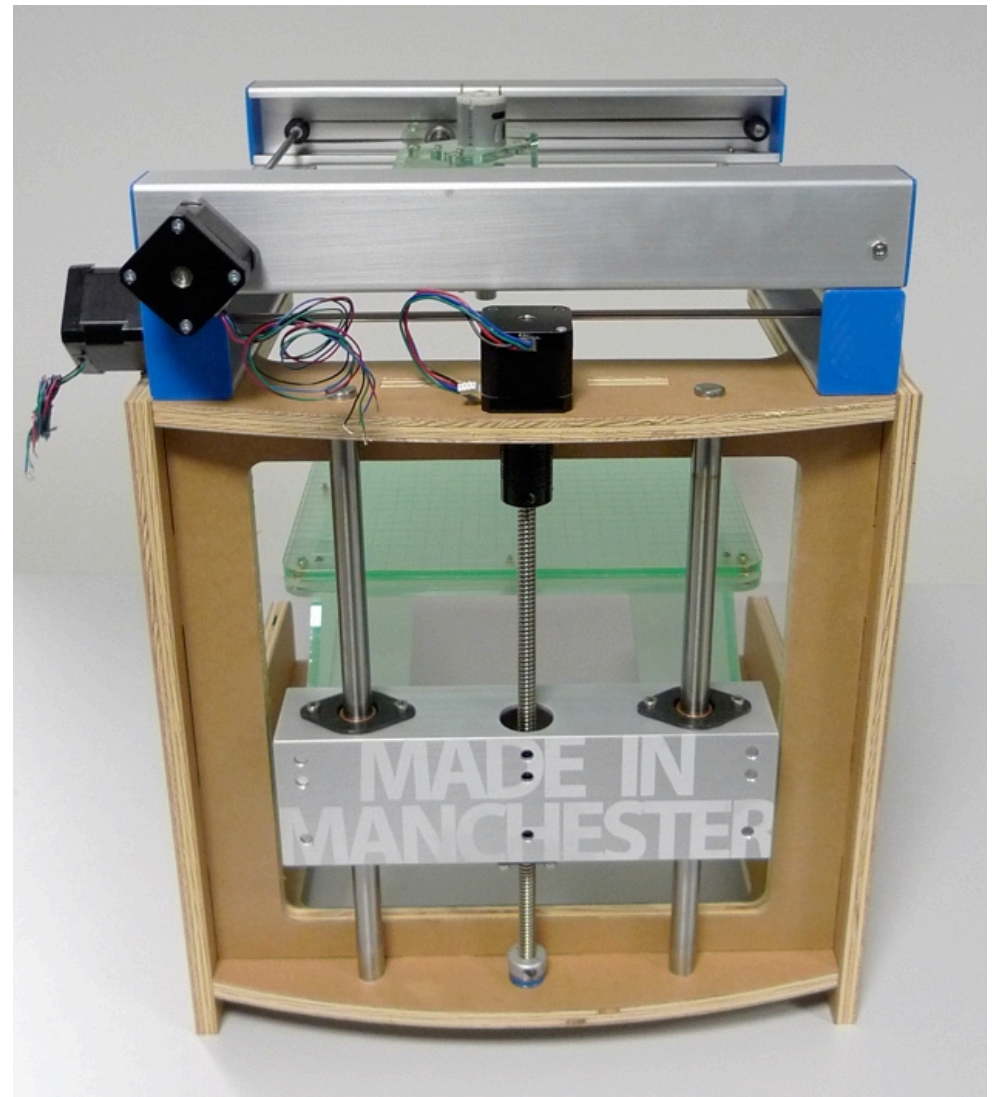
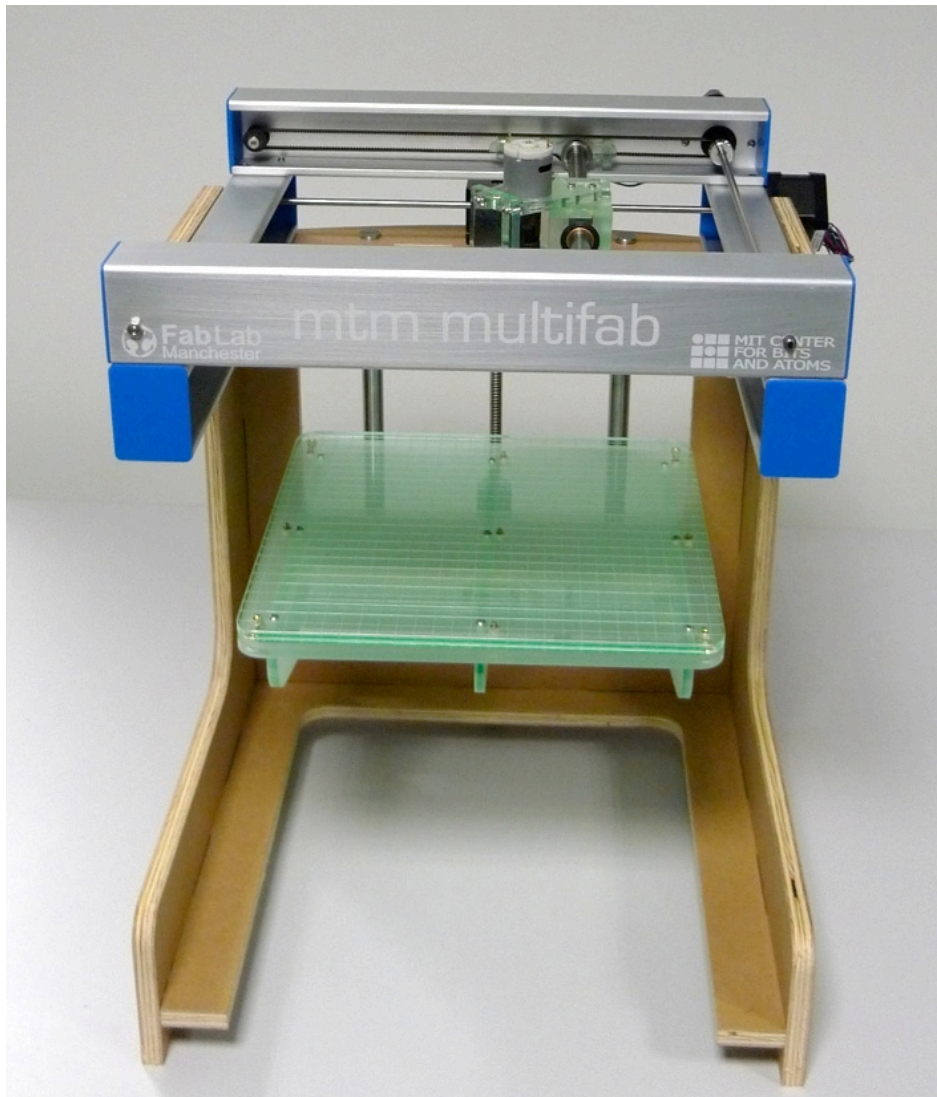


## multifab

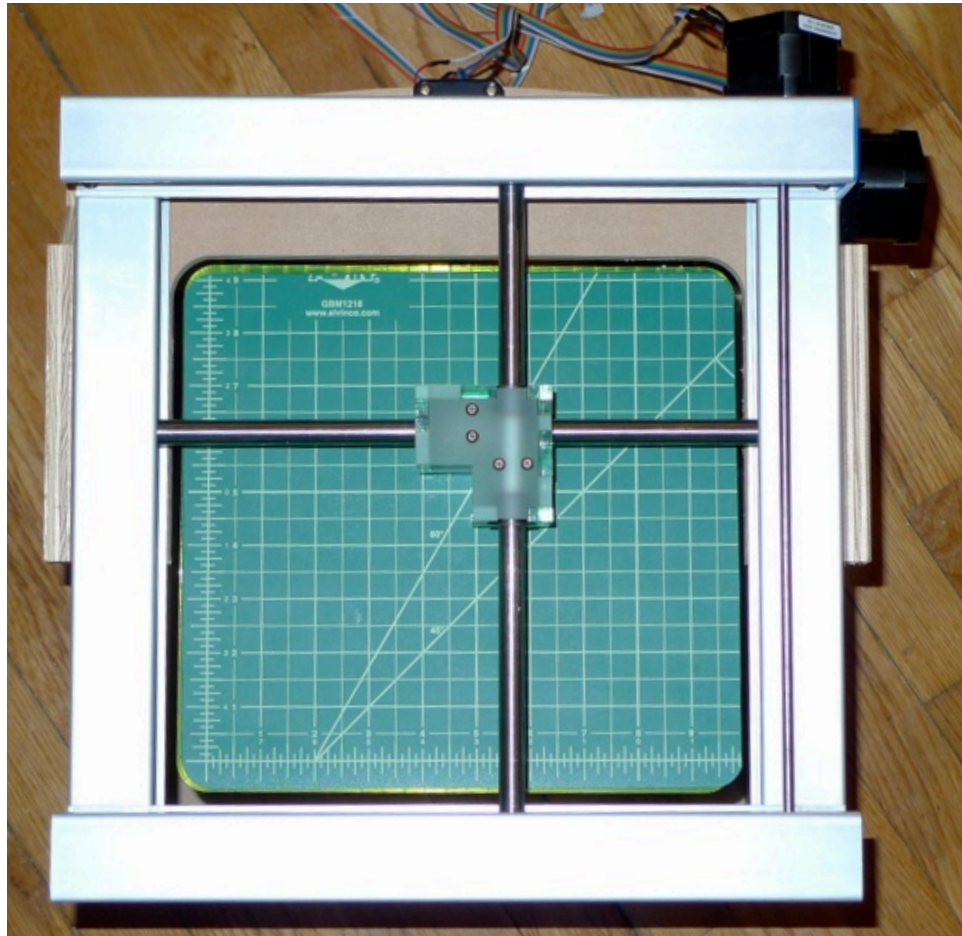


# MTM MULTIFAB

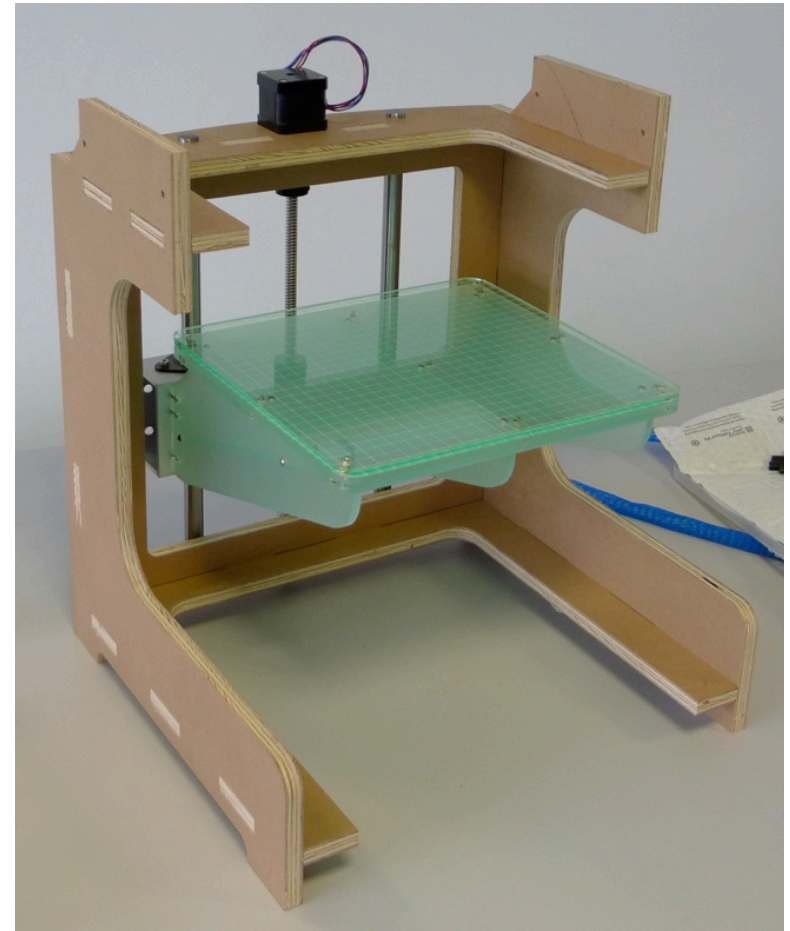
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## XY STAGE

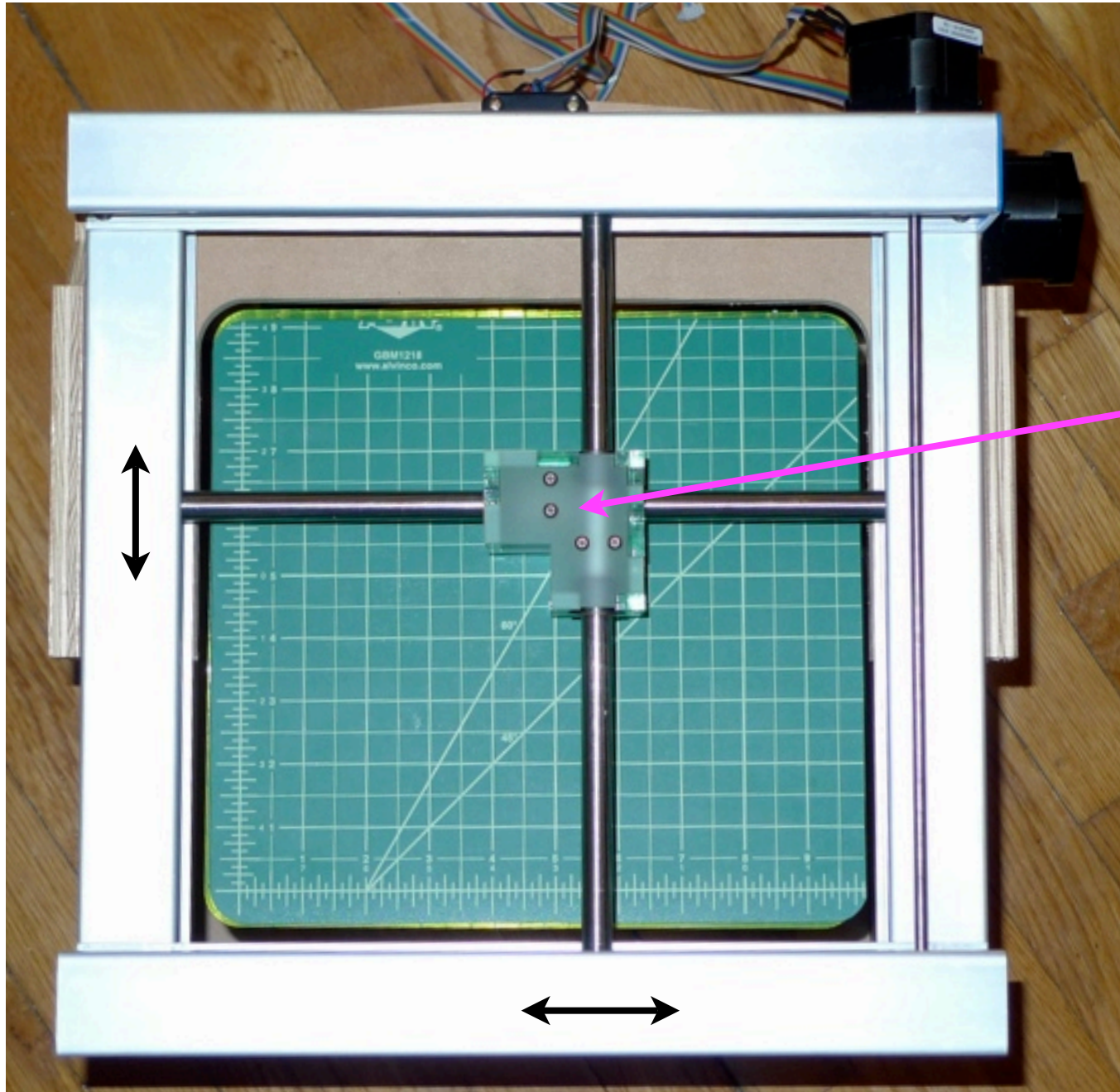


## Z FRAME



# THE XY STAGE: KINEMATICS

Y AXIS

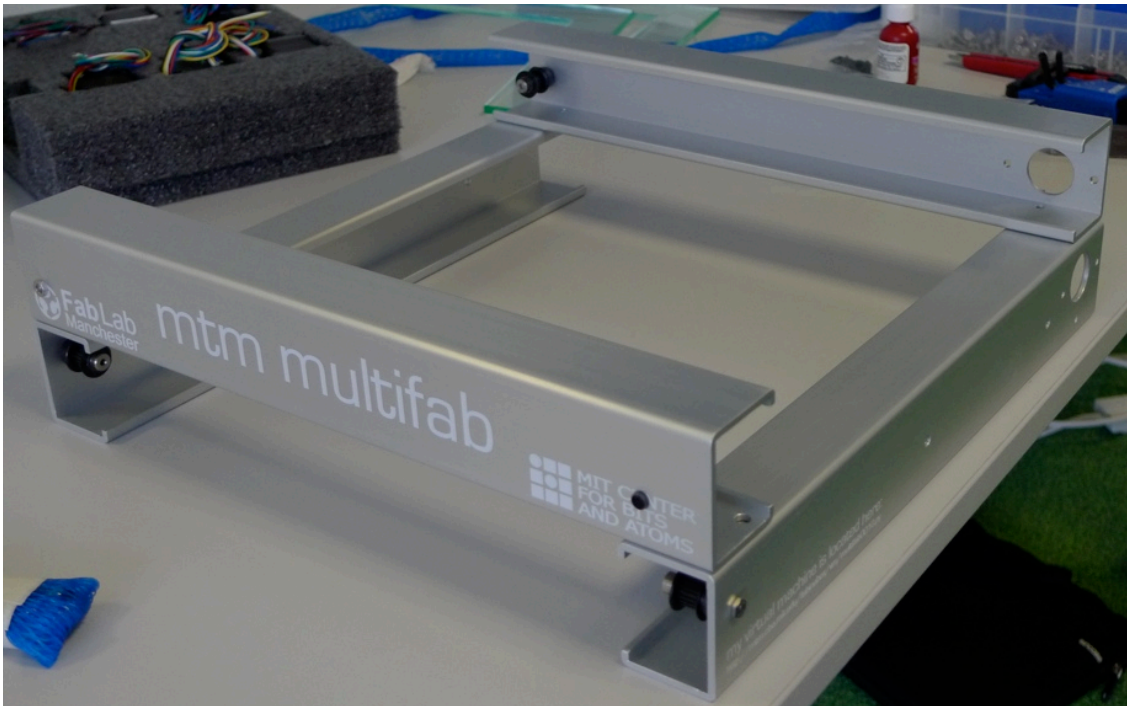


Shuttle/  
Tool  
Holder

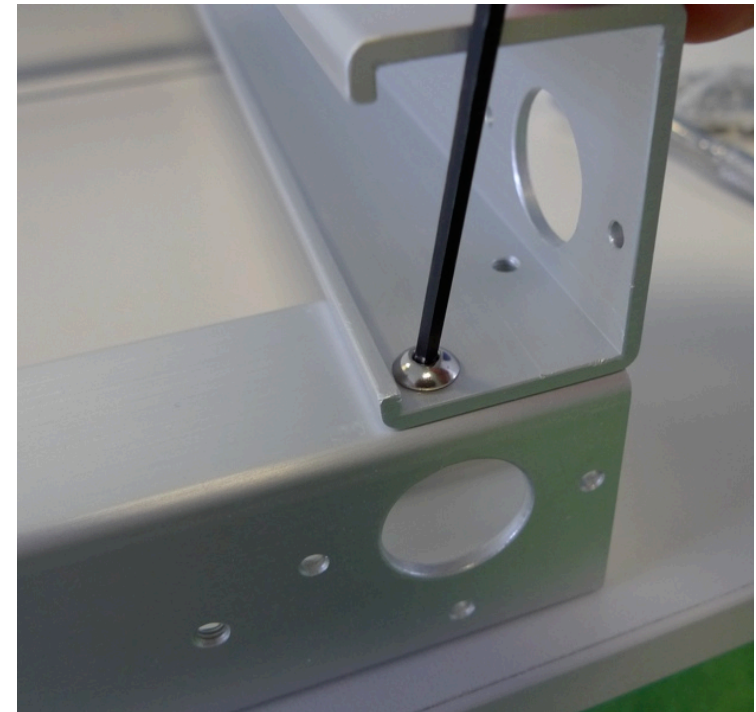
X AXIS

# THE XY STAGE: STRUCTURE

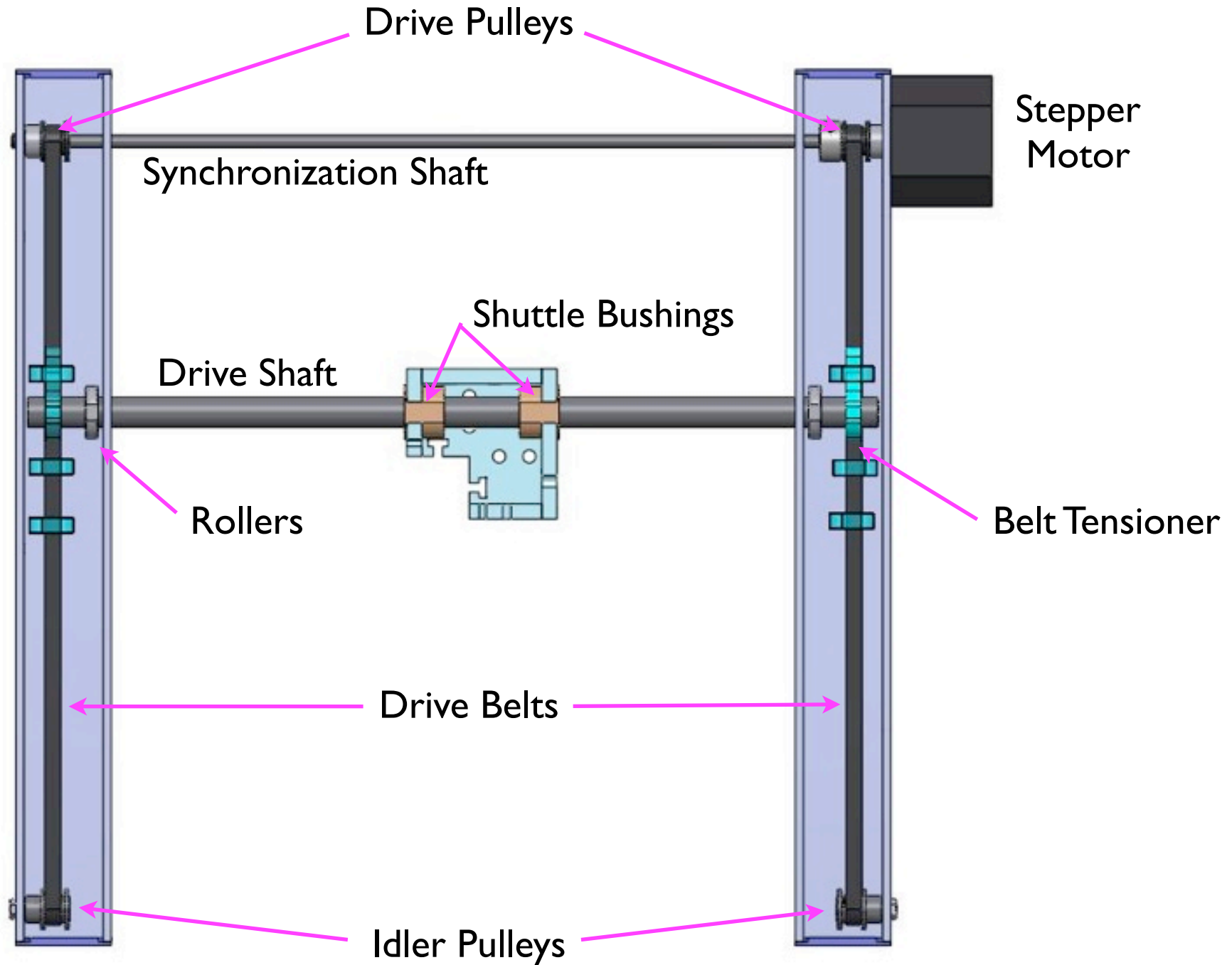
## Four C-Channel Extrusions



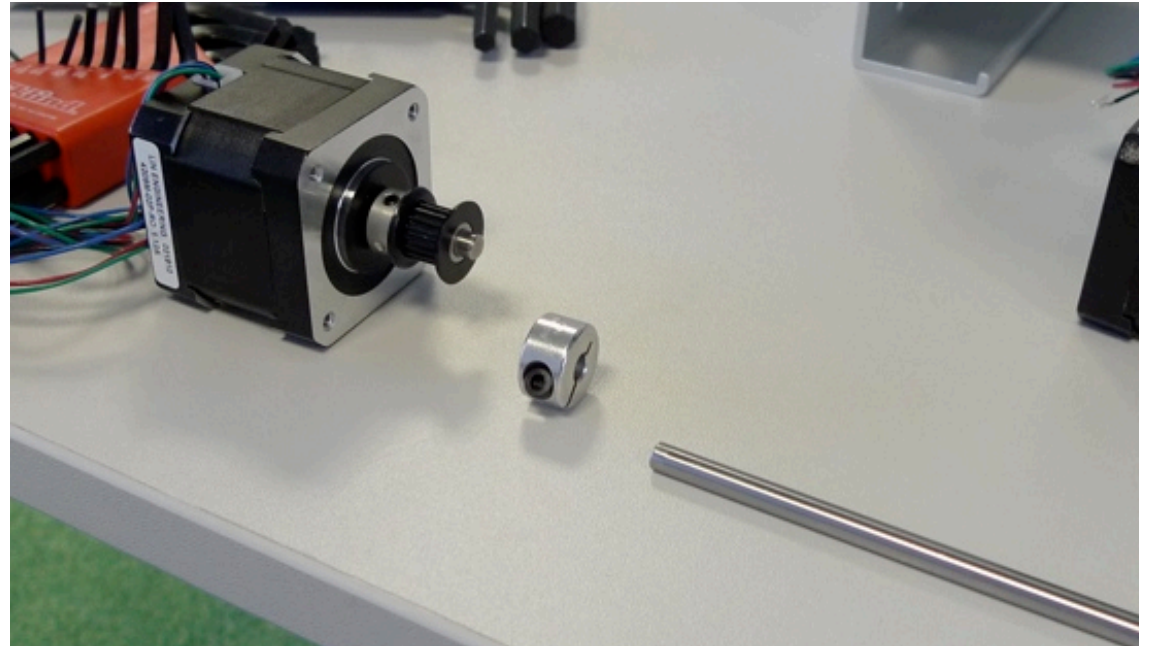
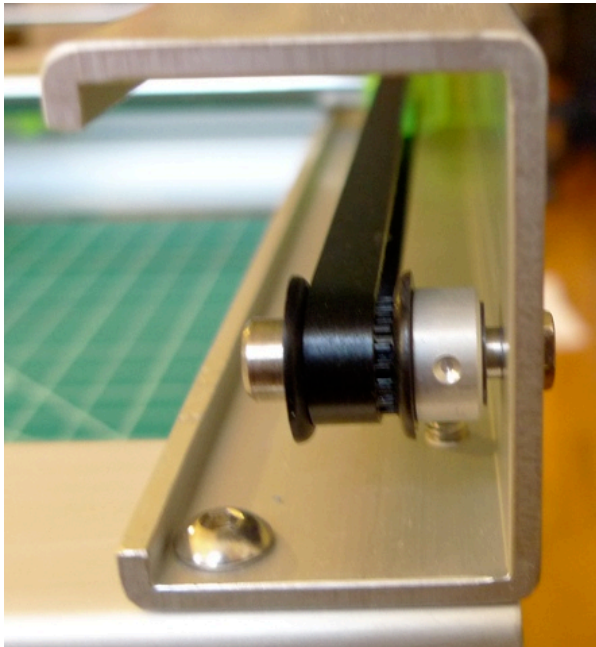
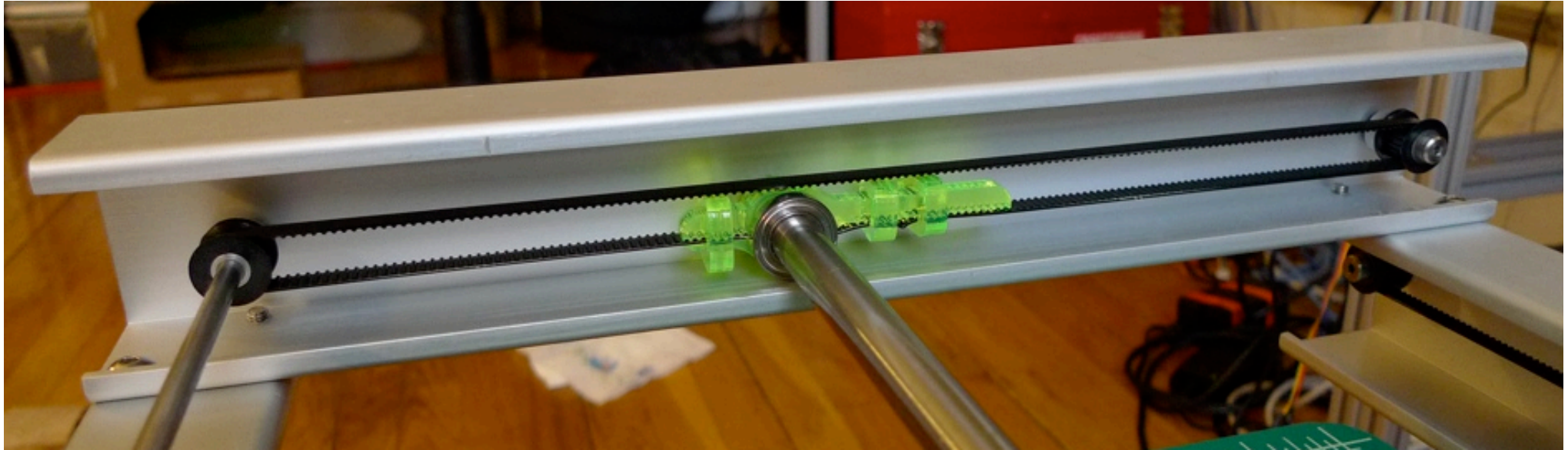
## Symmetric Bolt Pattern



# THE XY STAGE: MECHANISM

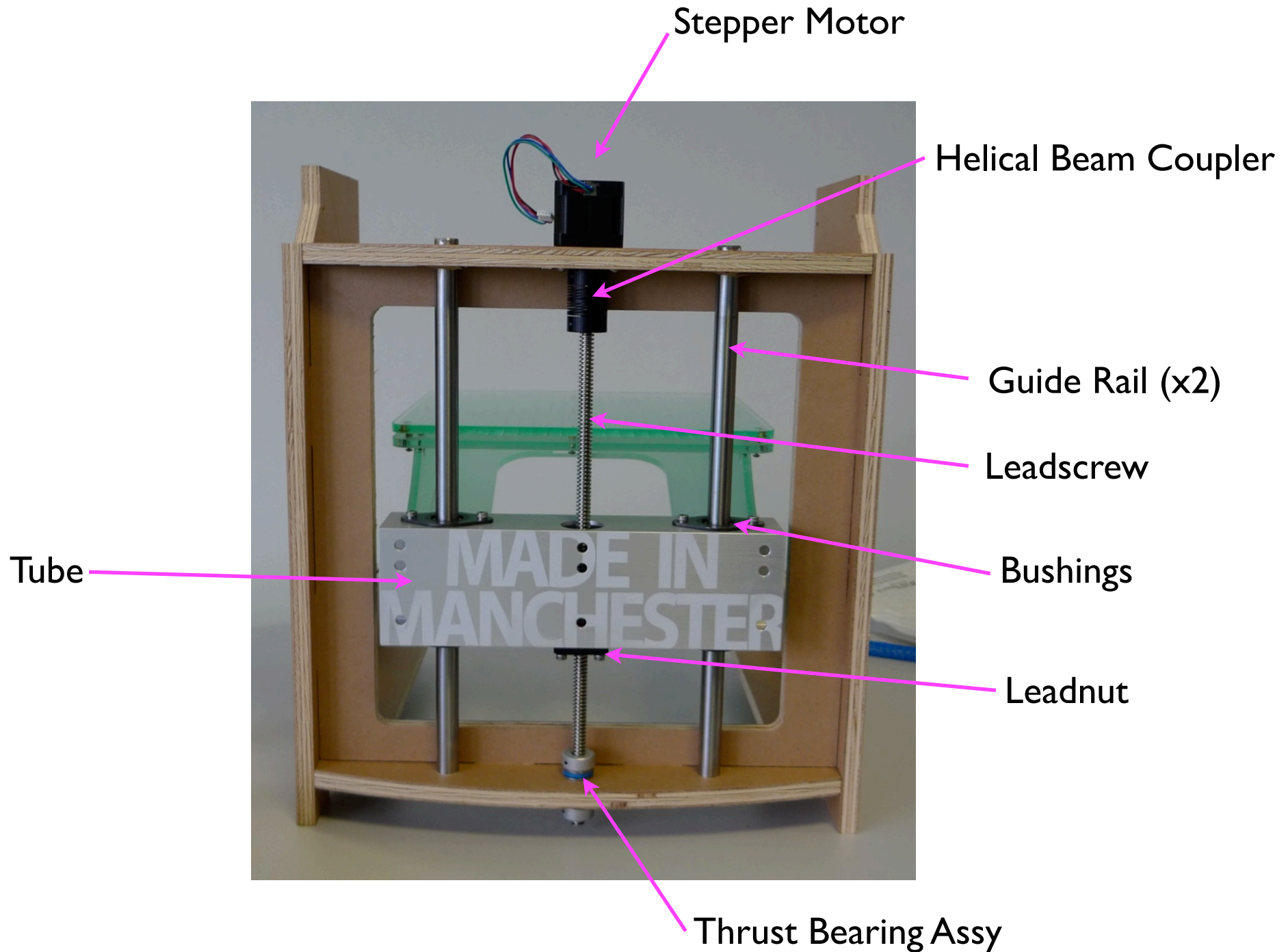


# THE XY STAGE: MECHANISM



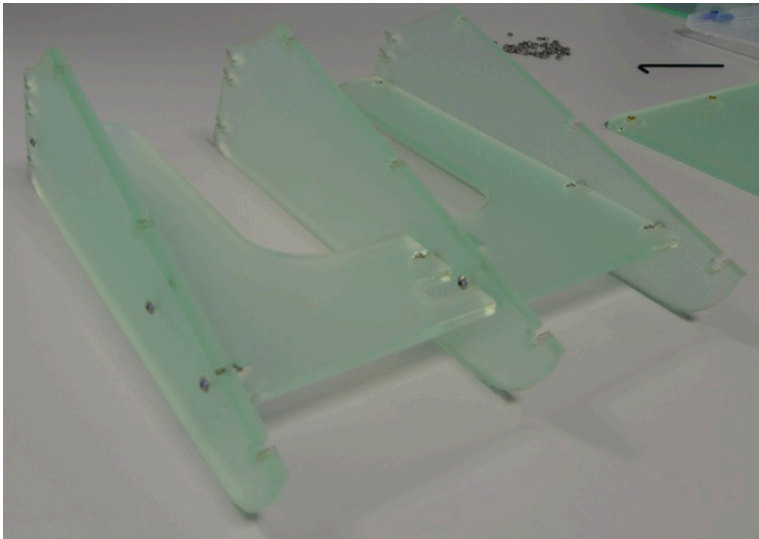


# THE Z AXIS: DRIVE MECHANISM

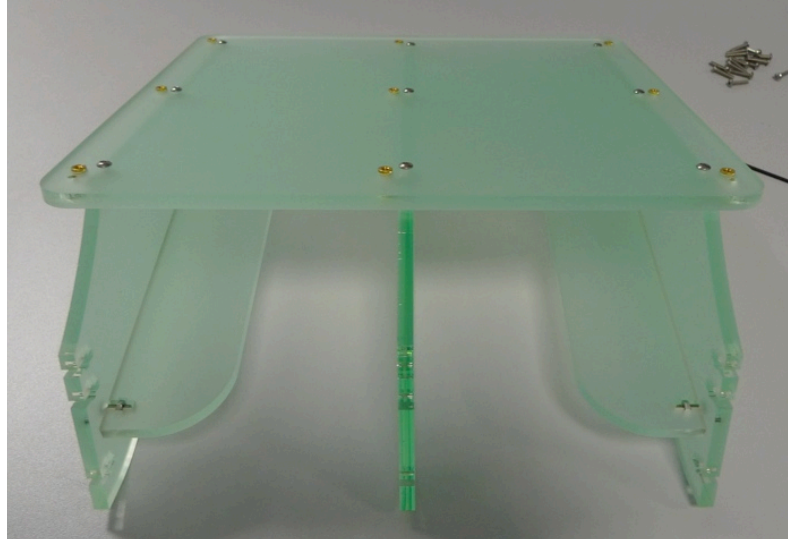


# THE Z AXIS: TABLE

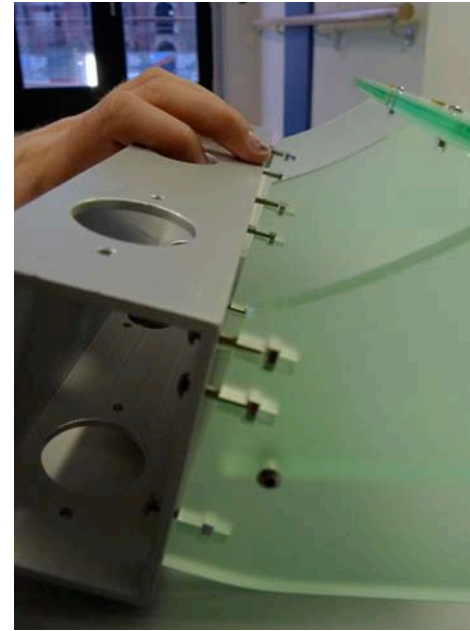
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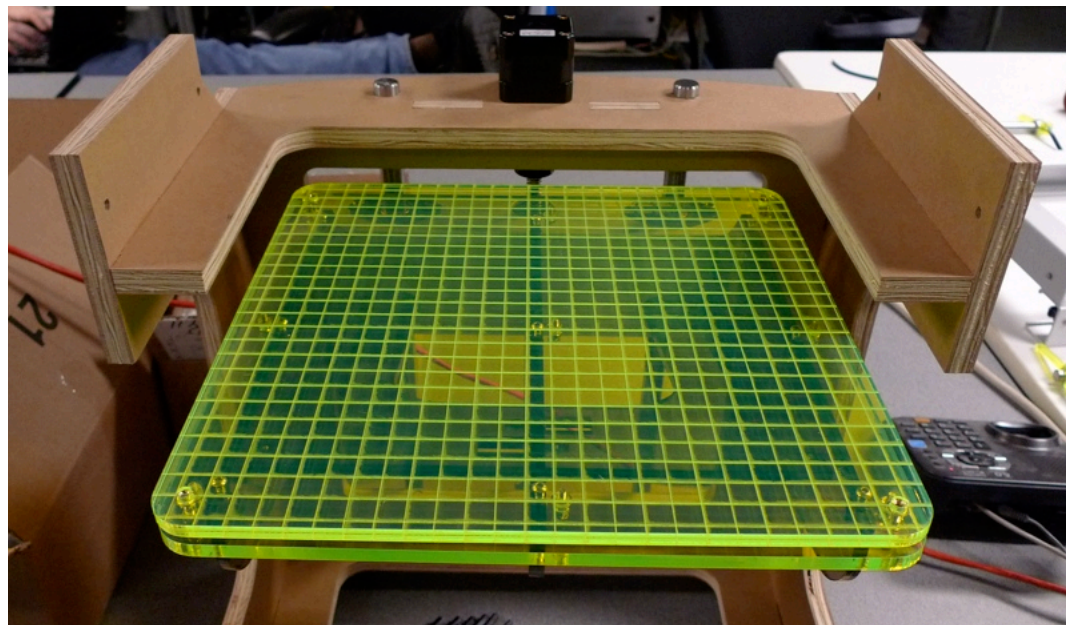
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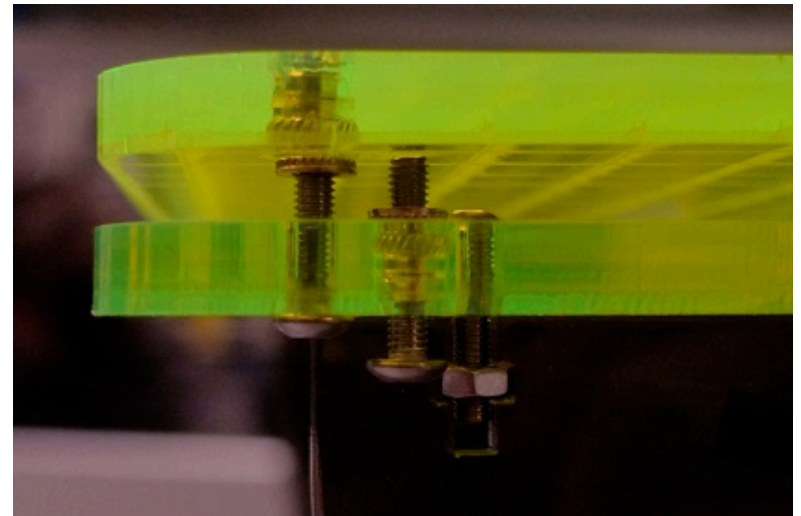
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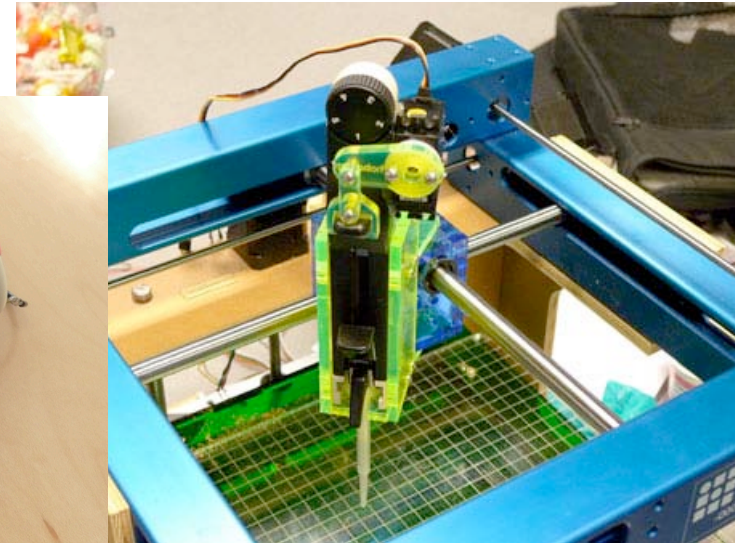
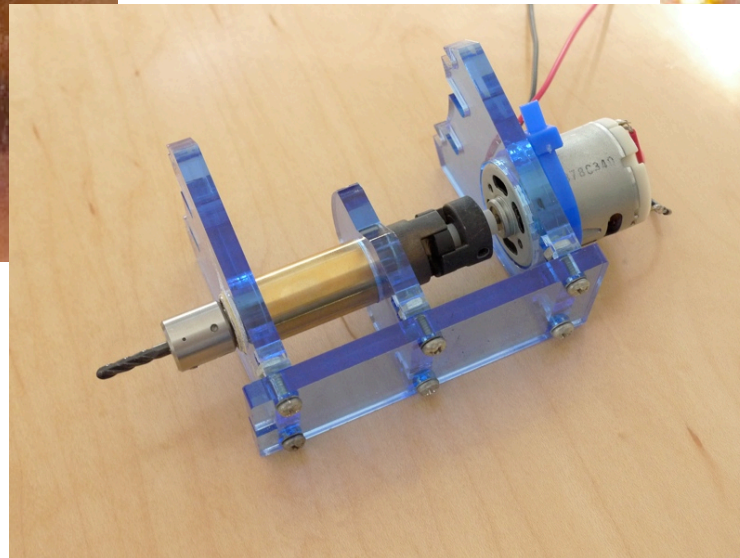
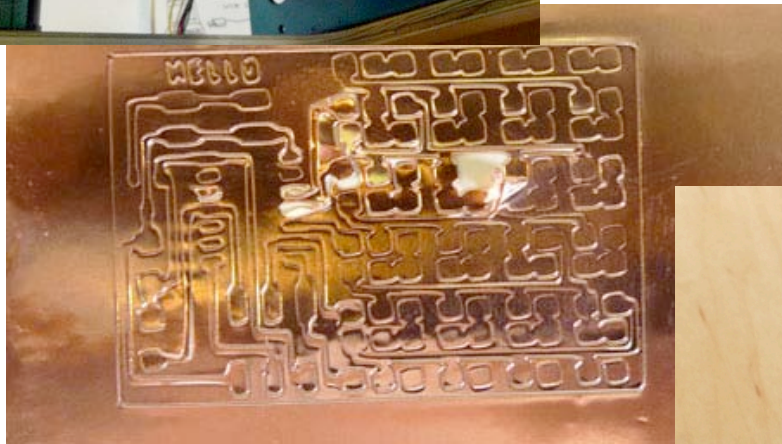
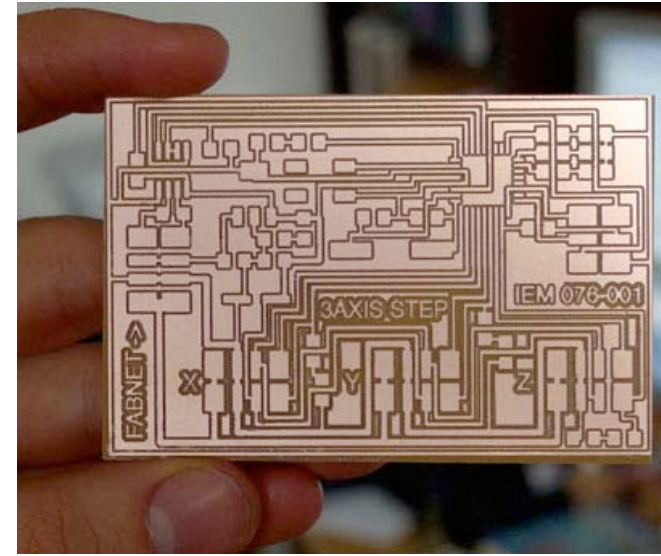
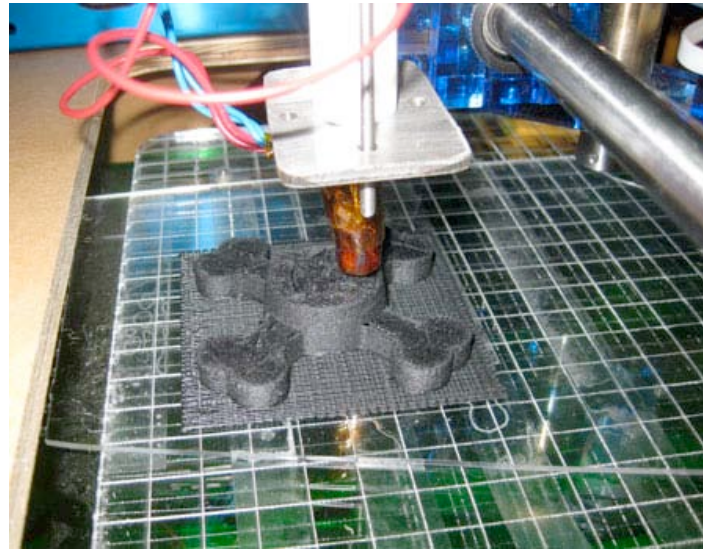
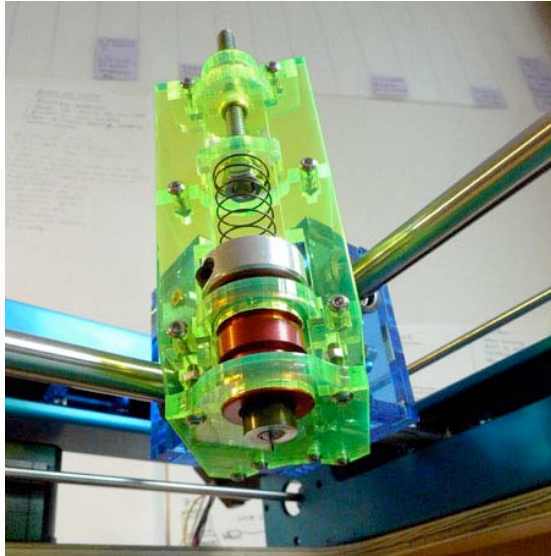
Working Surface



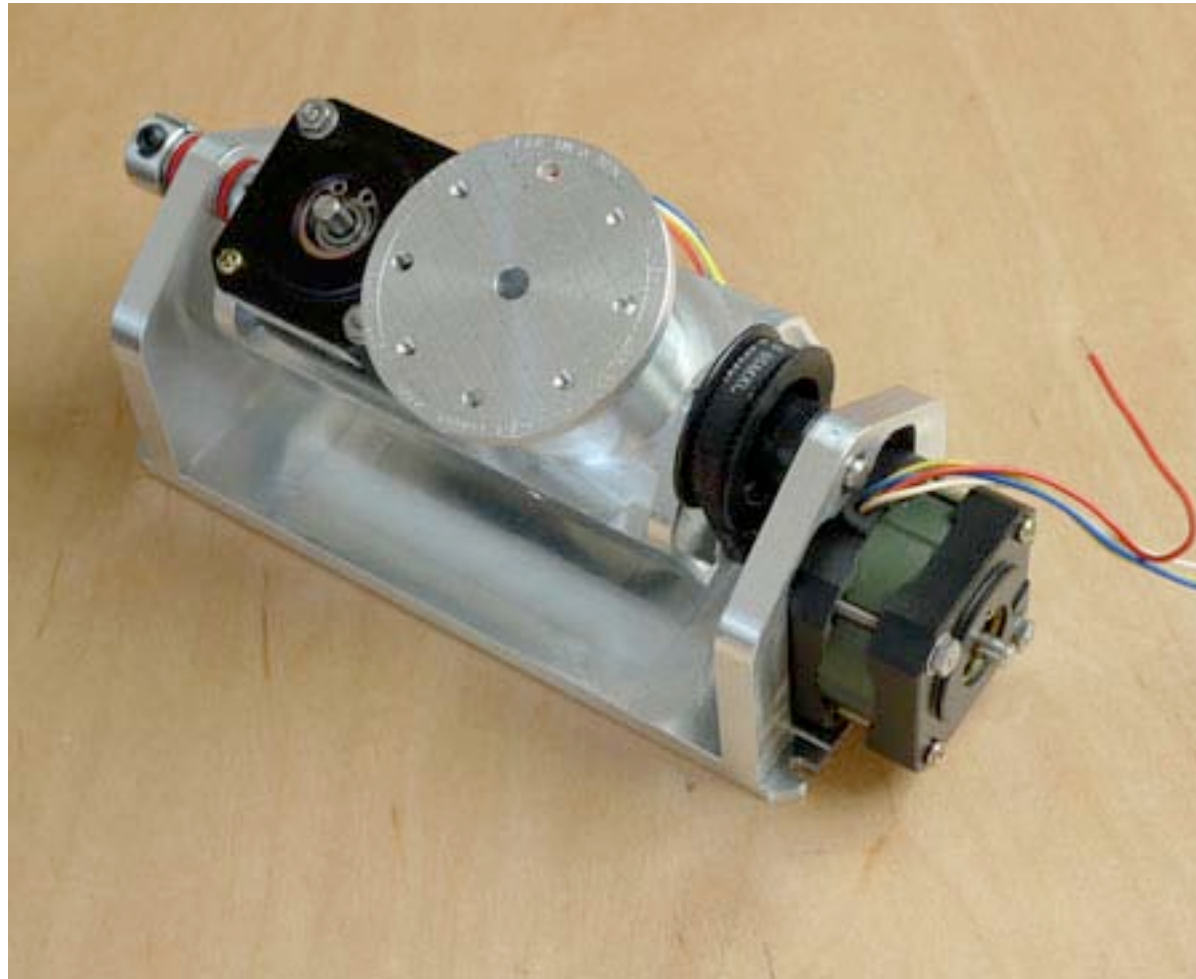
Leveling



# TOOL-HEADS AND CAPABILITIES



# 5 AXIS TRUNNION



## STRENGTHS

- Low Inertia -> High Acceleration
- Direct Drive -> High Speed
- 200mm<sup>3</sup> Work Volume
- Fixed Table -> Tall 3D Prints

## WEAKNESSES

- Low Stiffness -> No Heavy Milling
- Low Basic Resolution: 0.0035" (~0.0015 with half stepping.)

# STEPPER MOTOR SELECTION



Lin Engineering 4209M-02P

Resistance = 2.35 Ohms

Inductance = 3.2 mHenries

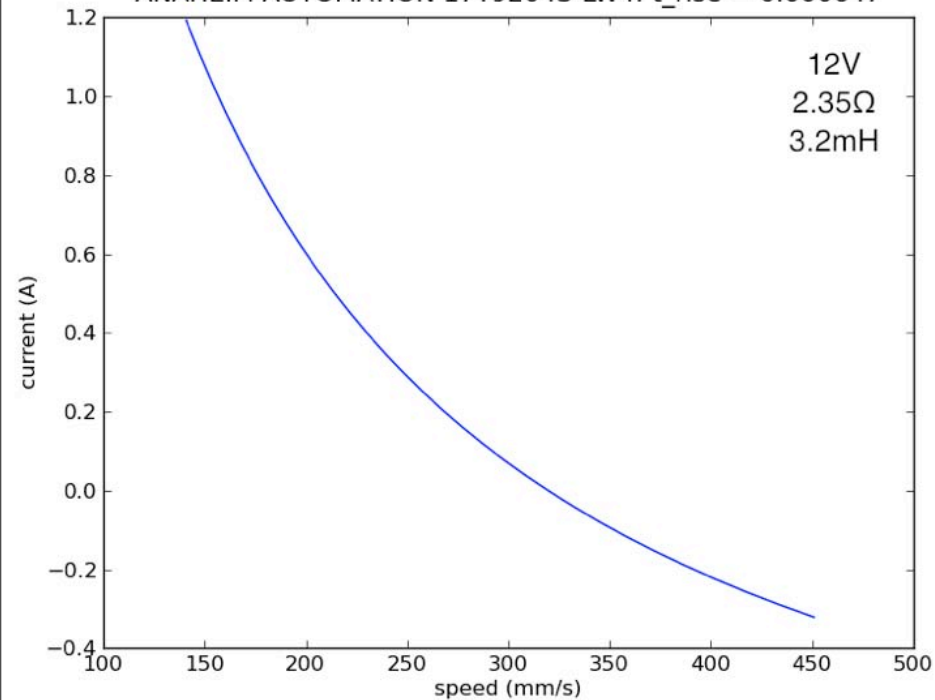


Lin Engineering 4209L-03P

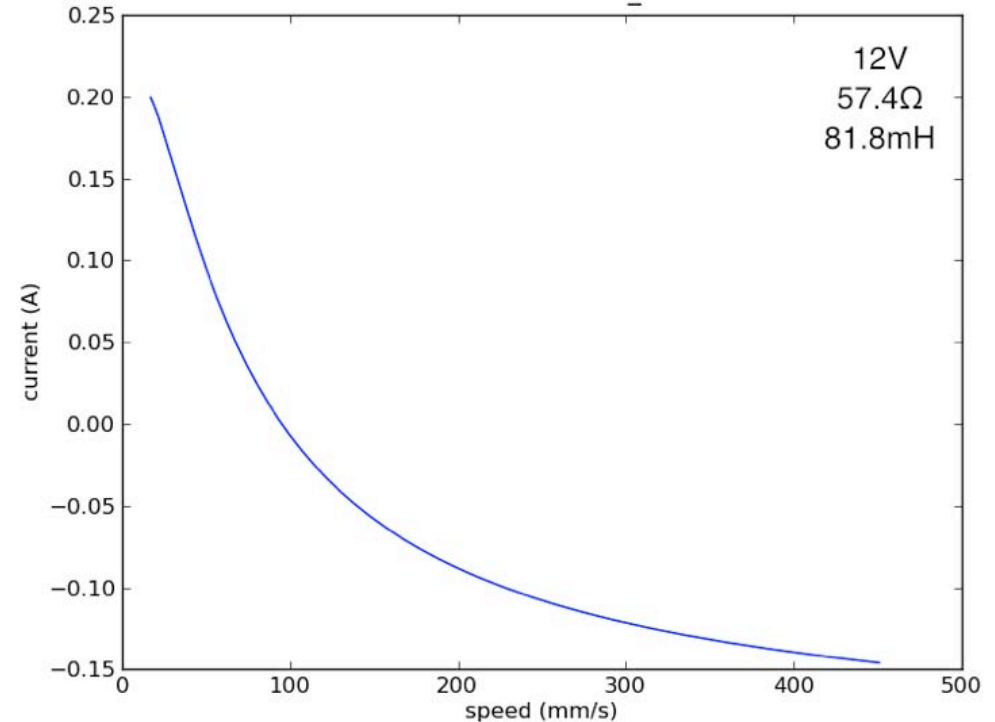
Resistance: 58 Ohms

Inductance: 82 mHenries

ANAHEIM AUTOMATION 17Y9204S-LW4:  $t_{rise} = 0.000647$



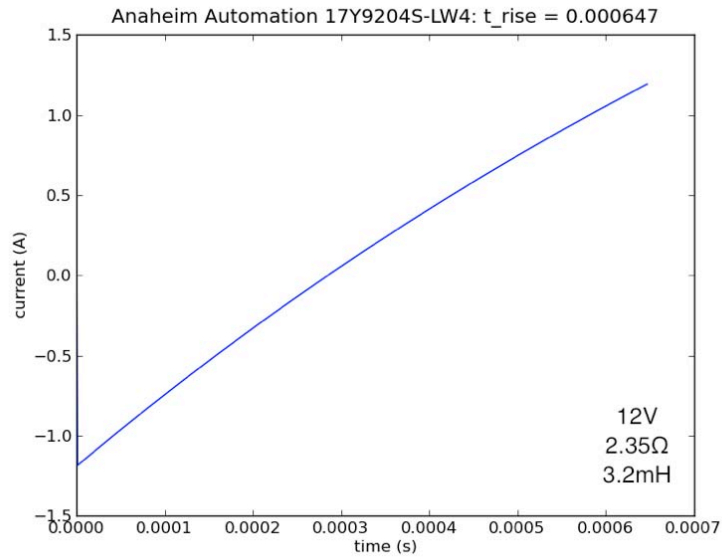
LIN ENGINEERING 4209L-03:  $t_{rise} = 0.005442$



NOTE:  $t_{rise}$  is the time for motor current to reach 100%.

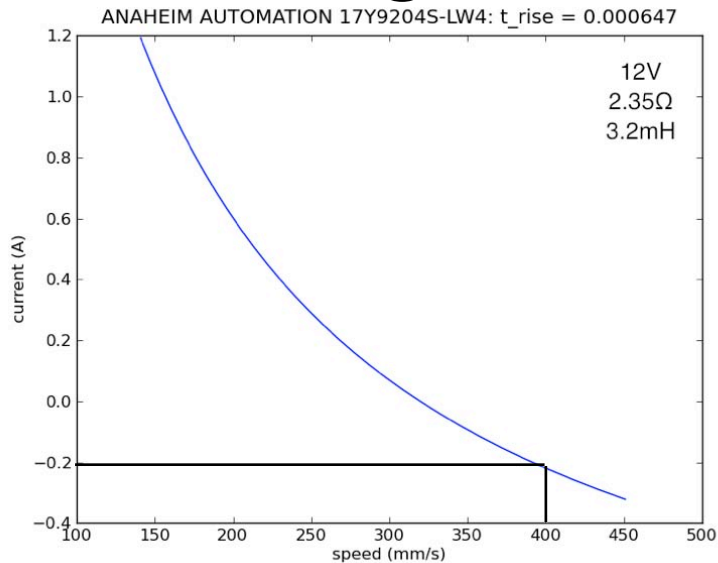
# DRIVE VOLTAGE SELECTION

## Current Rise Time: 12V

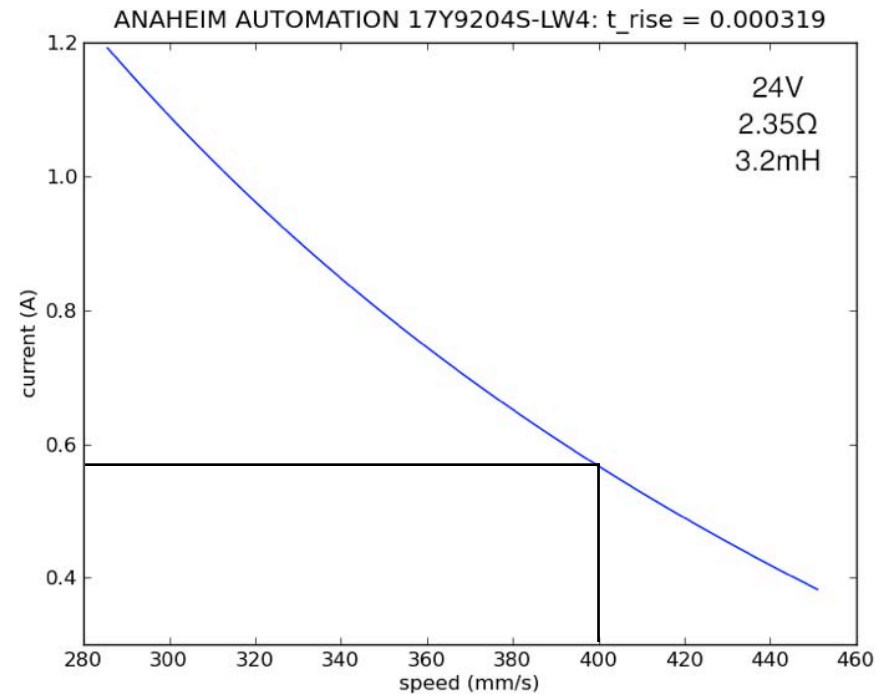


## Max Speed: 12V

### 41% Power @ 400mm/s

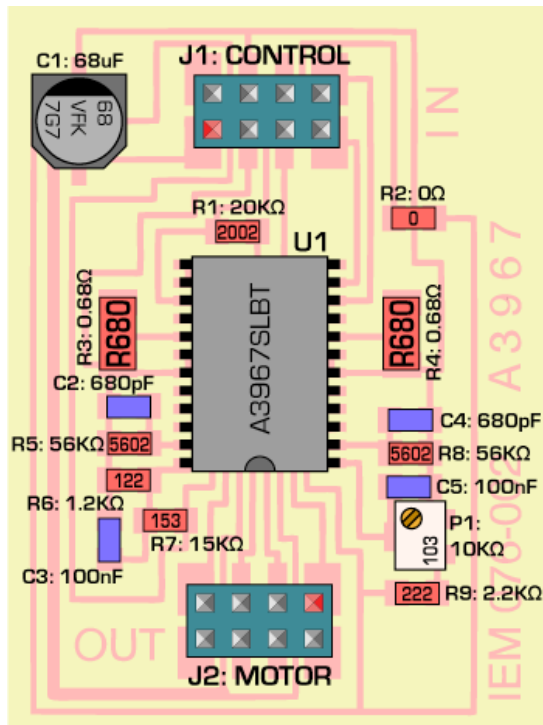


## Max Speed: 24V 75% Power @ 400mm/s



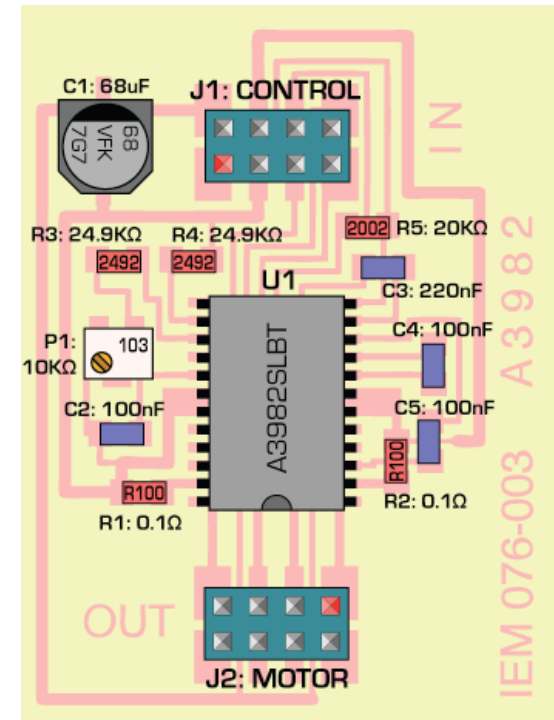
# DRIVE ELECTRONICS

## Allegro A3967



- 8 uSteps/Step
- 750mA/Phase

## Allegro A3982

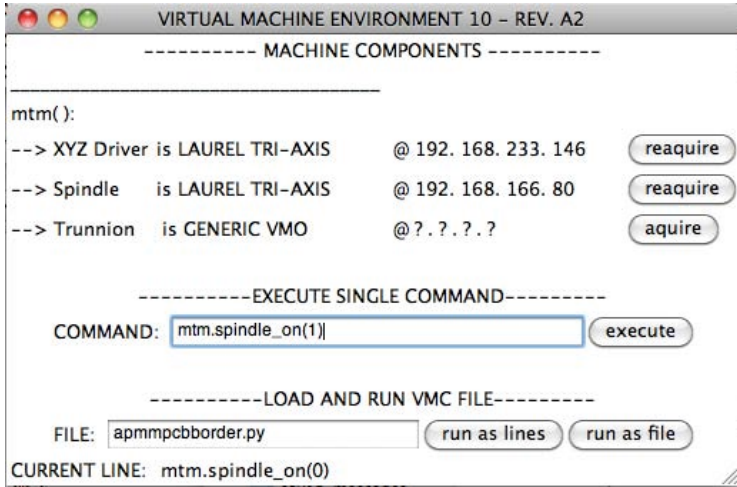


- 2 uSteps/Step
- 2A/Phase

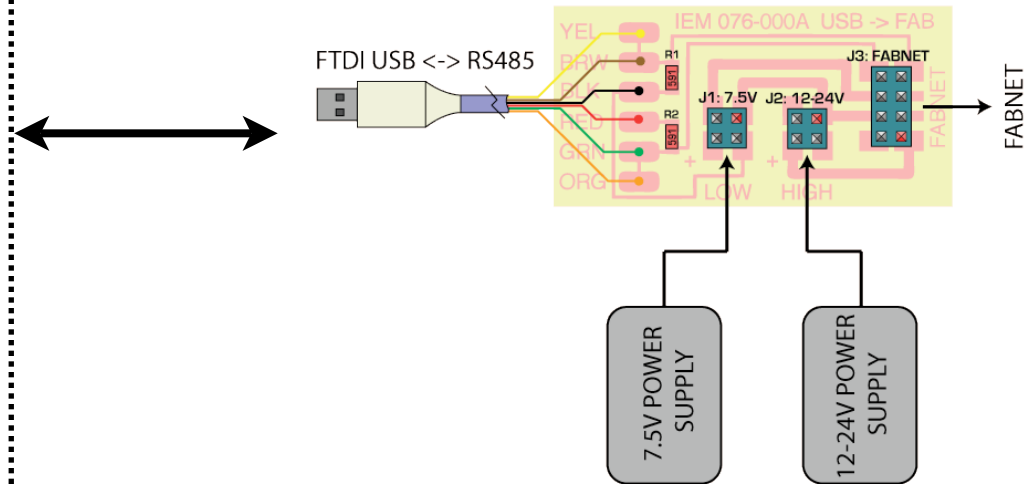


# THE NETWORK

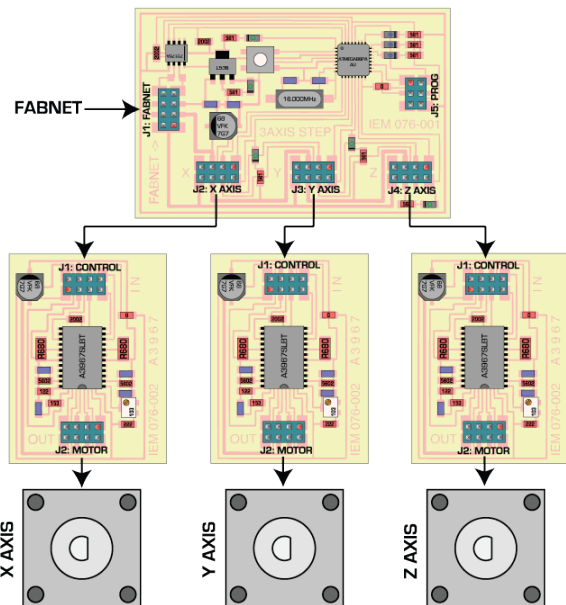
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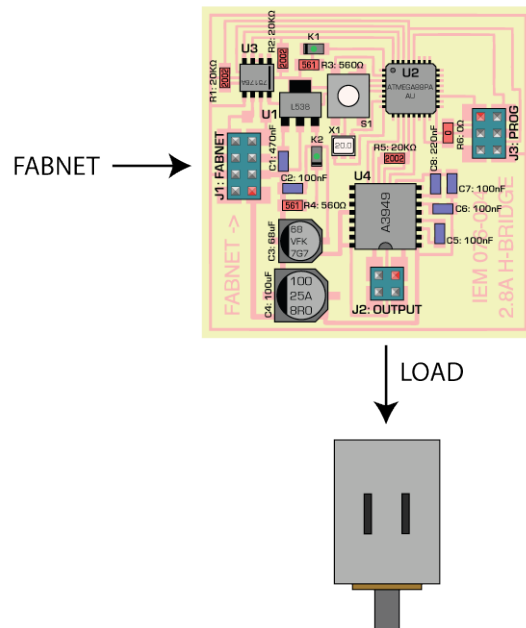
## NETWORK + POWER



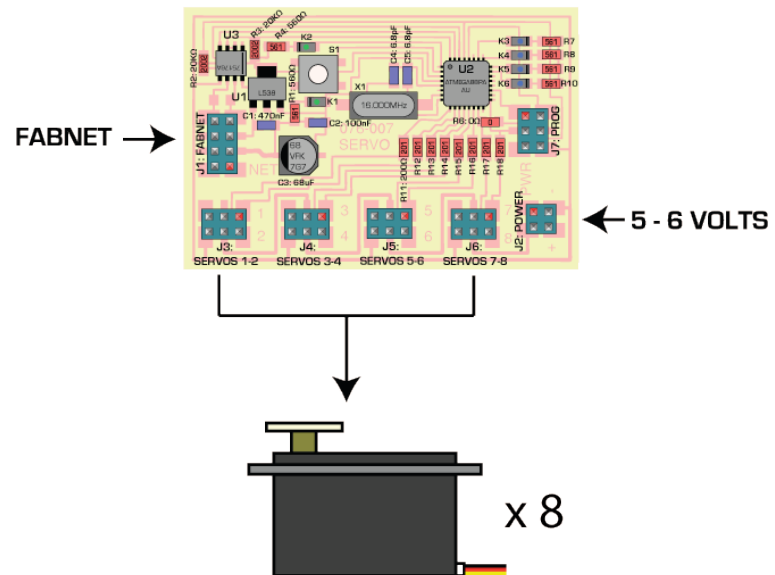
## Stepper Motor Control



## DC Motor Control



## RC Servo Control



# GENERAL PACKET FORMAT

```
[  
[UNICAST|MULTICAST]  
[SOURCE IP][SOURCE PORT]  
[DEST. IP][DEST PORT]  
[LENGTH]  
[----PAYLOAD----]  
[CRC CHECKSUM]  
]
```

# MOTION CONTROL

WWW

<http://mtm.cba.mit.edu/fabinabox/vm/076-001e.py>

## Virtual Machine Object

VIRTUAL MACHINE ENVIRONMENT 10 - REV. A2  
----- MACHINE COMPONENTS -----

mtm():

- > XYZ Driver is LAUREL TRI-AXIS @ 192.168.233.146
- > Spindle is LAUREL TRI-AXIS @ 192.168.166.80
- > Trunnion is GENERIC VMO @ ? . ? . ? . ?

-----EXECUTE SINGLE COMMAND-----

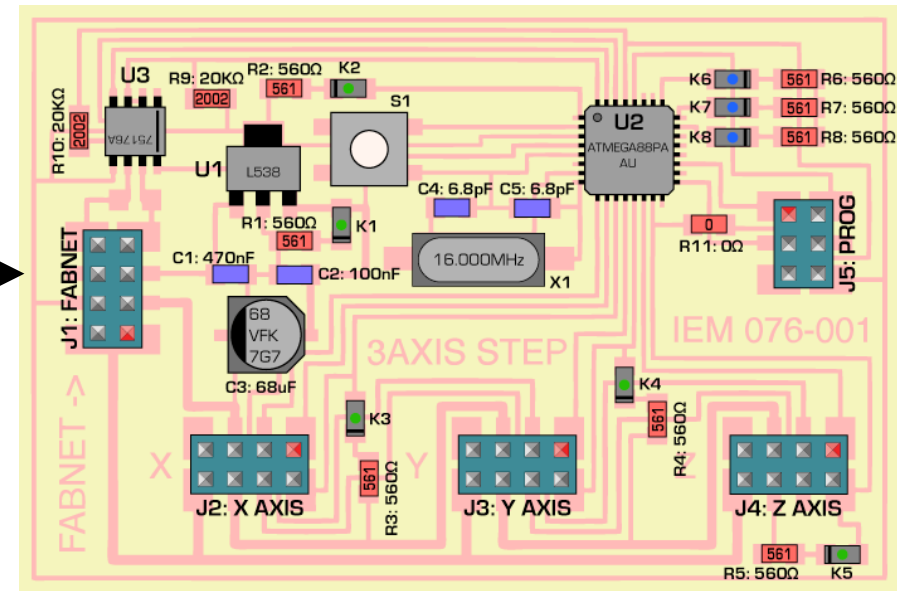
COMMAND:

-----LOAD AND RUN VMC FILE-----

FILE:

CURRENT LINE: mtm.spindle\_on(0)

NODE URL: <http://mtm.cba.mit.edu/vm/076-001e.py>  
USING LOCAL VMO: 076-001e.py



## Control Firmware

# MOTION CONTROL

VM Environment on PC

MICRO-CONTROLLER

MACHINE  
DESCRIPTION

VM Object

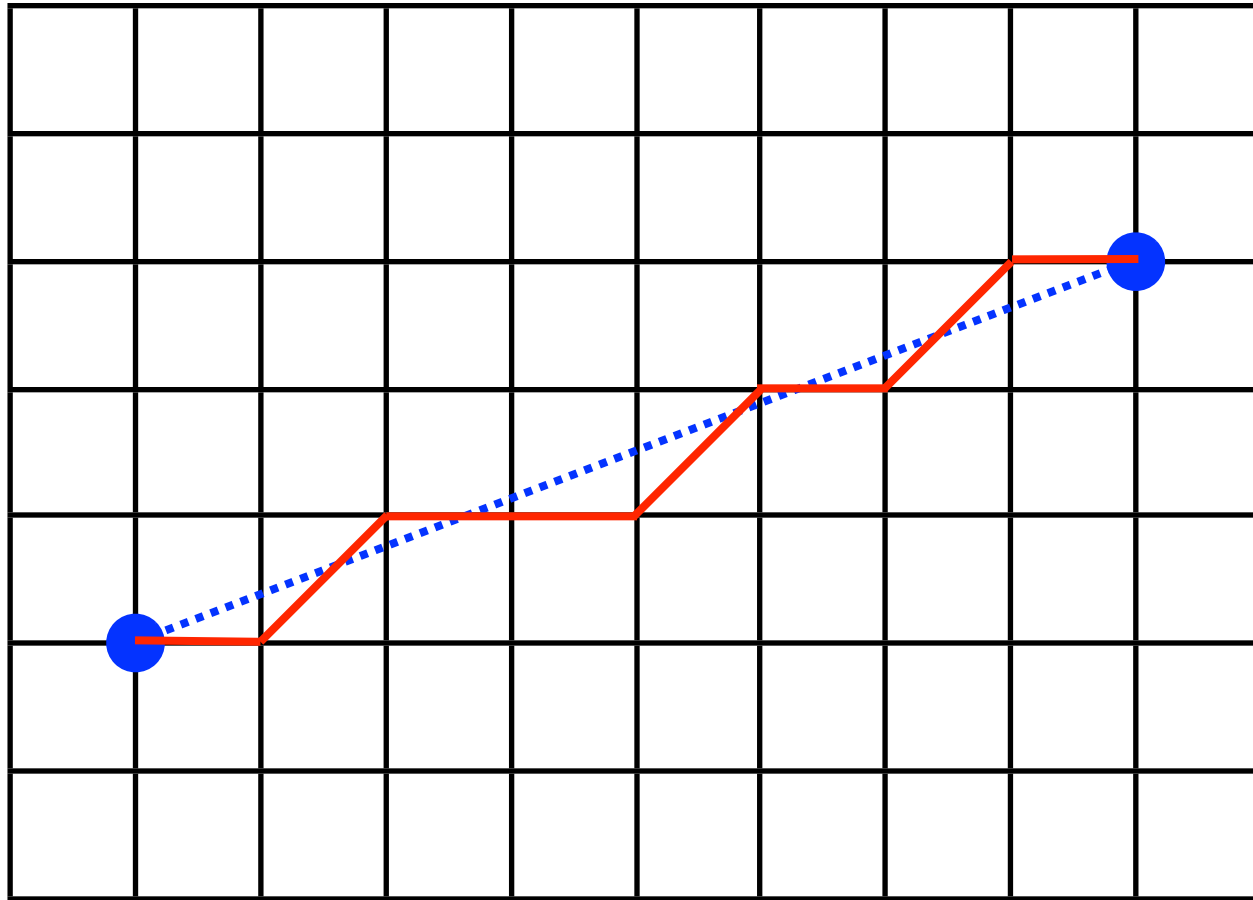
Firmware

MOTION CONTROL CODE

# FIRMWARE

- PACKET HANDLING
- BRESENHAM LINE ALGORITHM
- CIRCULAR QUEUE
- ANTI-BACKLASH

# BRESENHAM LINE ALGORITHM

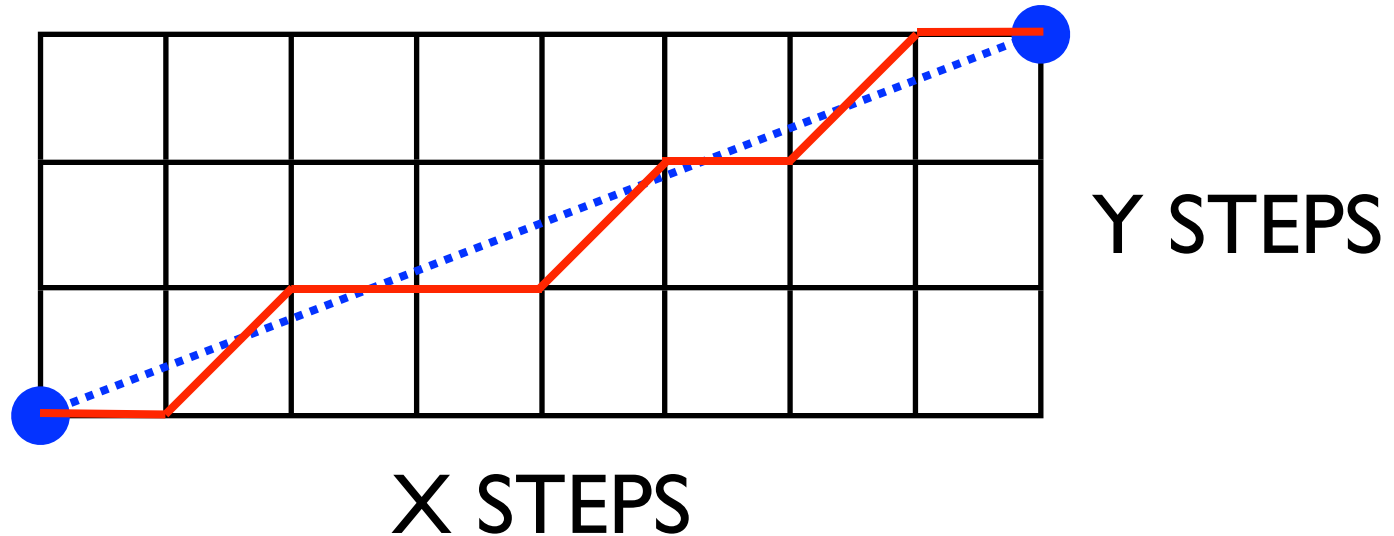


**RULE #1:** Always step along major axis.

**RULE #2:** Step in minor axis if error  $> 0.5$  steps.

# BRESENHAM ALGORITHM...THE TRICK:

How do you know when the error is  $> 0.5$ ?  
Don't you need to know the slope?



ALWAYS STEP IN X AXIS.

$SLOPE = (Y \text{ STEPS}) / (X \text{ STEPS})$

$ERROR = (Y \text{ STEPS})$

ACCUMULATE ERROR EACH X STEP.

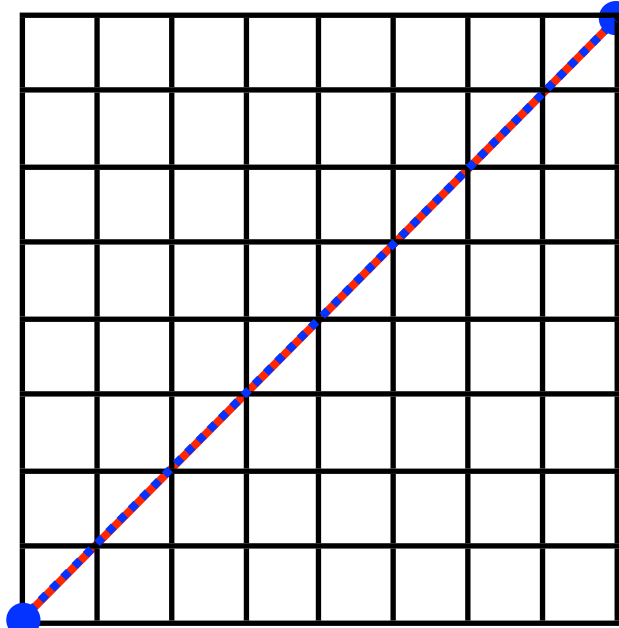
WHEN  $ERROR > 0.5(X \text{ STEPS})$ , TAKE A STEP IN Y.

OR, WHEN  $2 \times ERROR > X \text{ STEPS}$ .

# VIRTUAL MAJOR AXIS FOR DISTRIBUTED MOTION CONTROL

`mtm.move(8,3,1)`

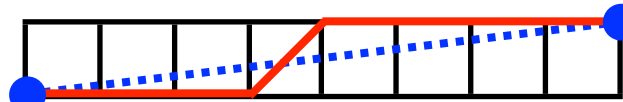
2-AXIS  
CONTROLLER



X STEPS = 8

Y STEPS = 3

1-AXIS  
CONTROLLER

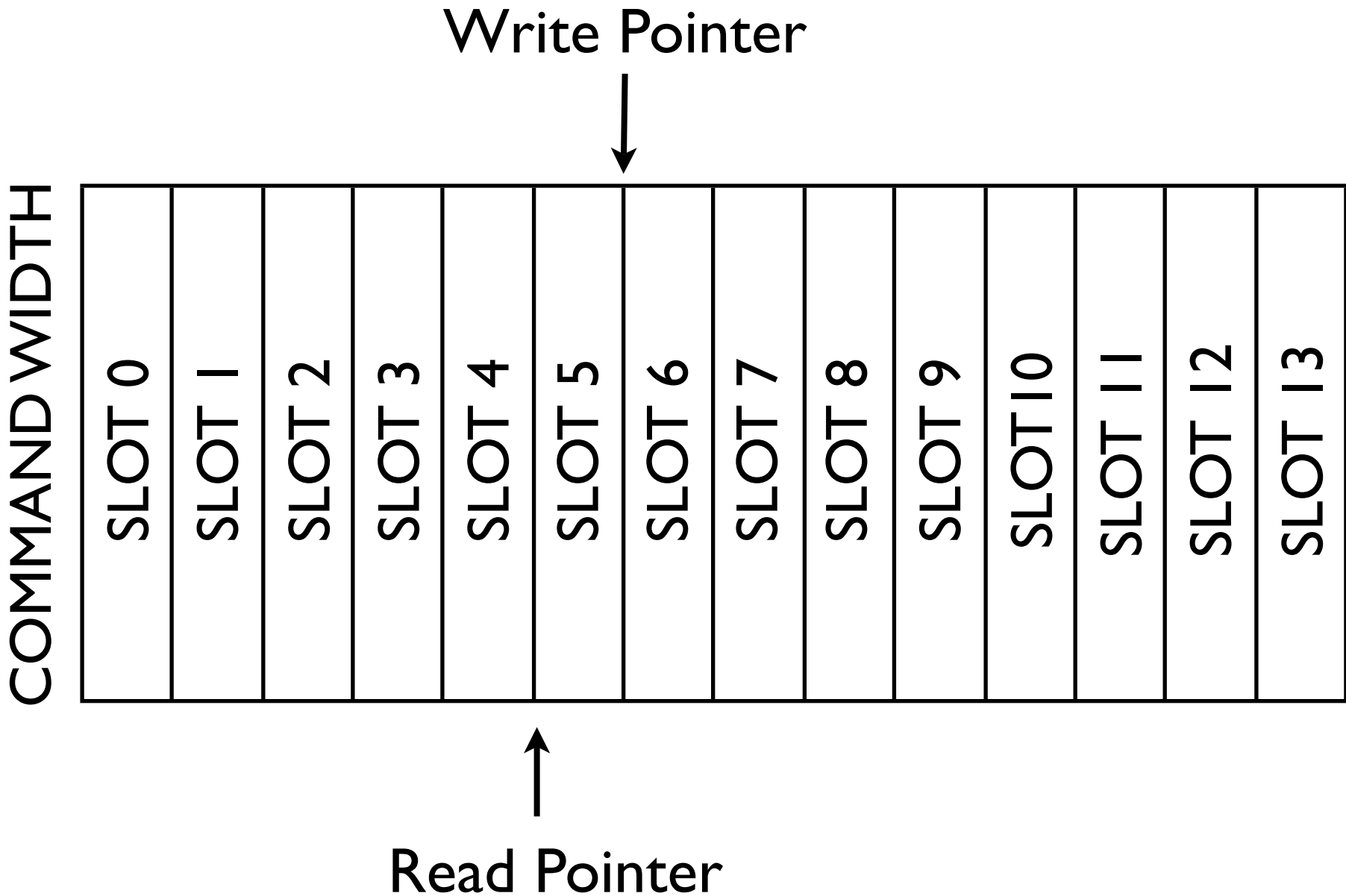


Z STEPS = 1

VIRTUAL STEPS = 8  
= MAXIMUM STEPS



**CIRCULAR BUFFER:** ACCOUNTS FOR RAPID SERIES OF MOVES, SUCH AS WHEN GOING AROUND AN ARC.



# 3 AXIS MOTION CONTROL

`mtm.move(x,y,z,rate)`

VME

## **Machine Hardware Description**

i.e. step angle, linear reduction,  
control system topology, etc...

`vmo.spin(x_steps, y_steps, z_steps, move_time)`

VMO

## **PC-BASED FIRMWARE**

Does complex calculations such as  
floating point and division.

`[key, dir., max_steps, x_steps, y_steps, z_steps, counter_top]`

MCU

## **MCU-BASED FIRMWARE**

Does timing-critical calculations and  
I/O control.

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