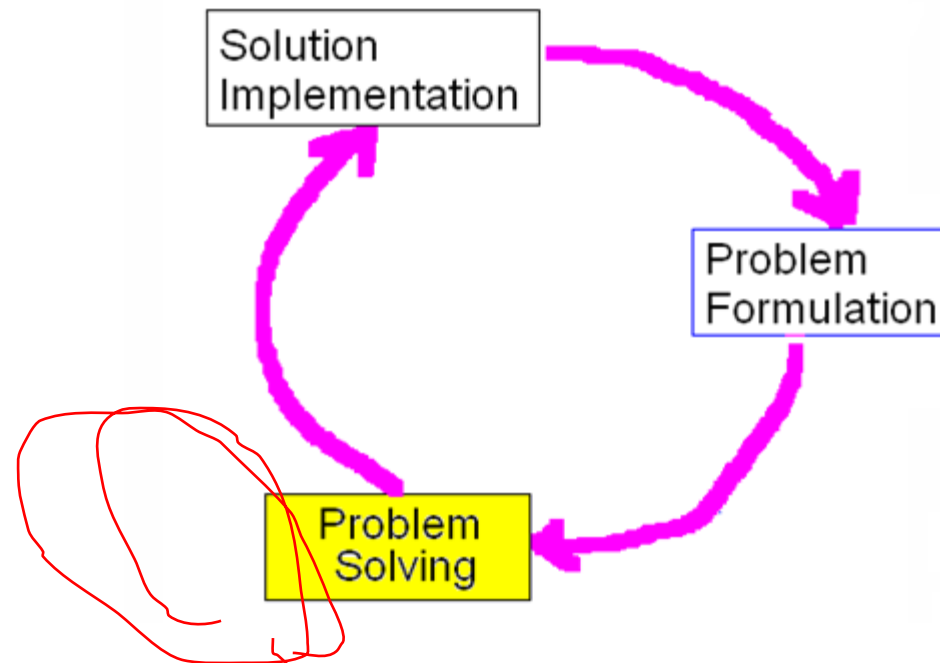


# Alternative Designs and Decision Making for Top Design Selection



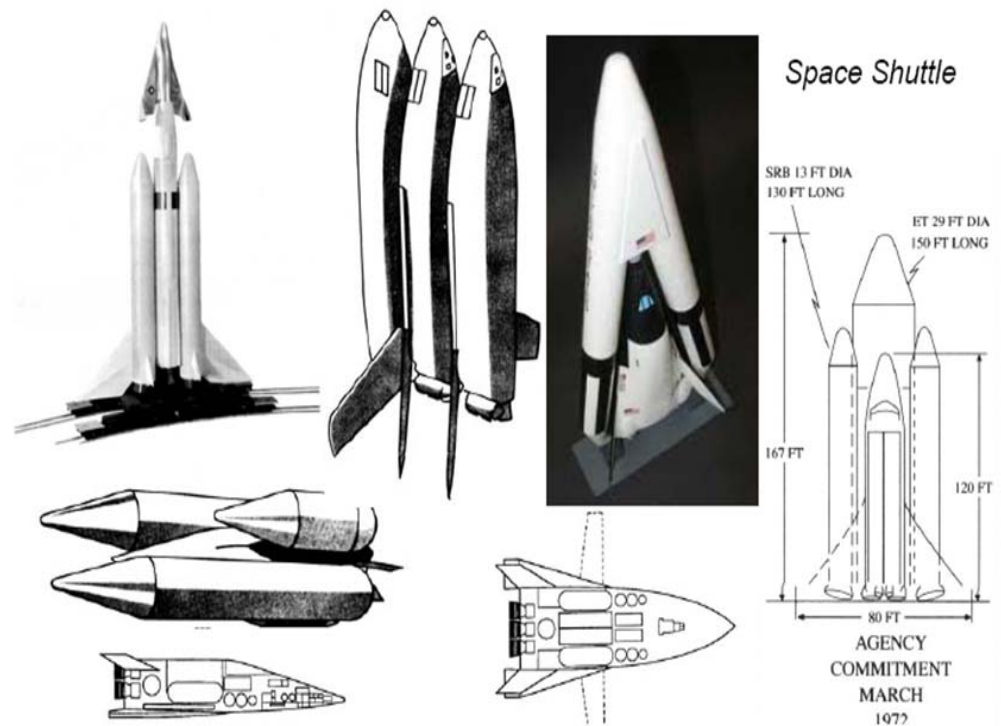
## •Objectives:

- Conceptual Design
- The steps of problem solving
- Strategies for generating, analyzing, and selecting alternatives

# Step 1. Generation of Alternatives (of Conceptual Designs)

- Is the first initial design satisfying?
- Is there any other way to achieve the same?
- Multiple Alternative conceptual designs
  - Microprocessor Selection
  - Sensor selection
  - Data Speed selection
  - Interface Selection

**Remember these alternatives Before reaching the final Shuttle design !!**

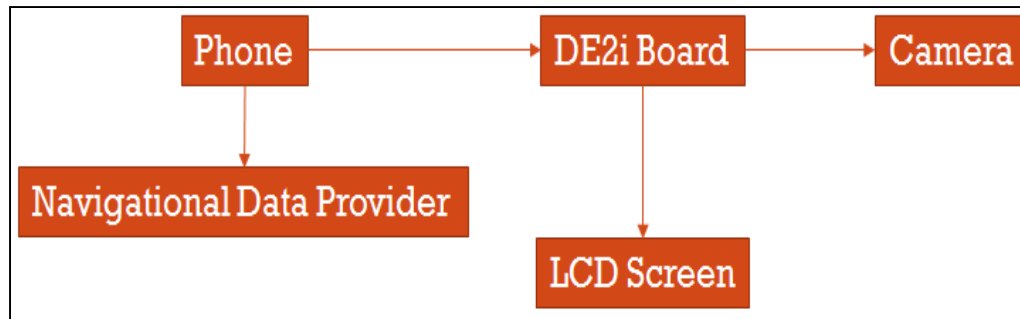


## Step 2. Analysis of the Alternative Conceptual Designs

- **Concept Screening**
  - Remove those that do not meet the functional requirements
- In-depth **analysis** of final candidates (“Proof of Concepts” “Evaluation of Conceptual Designs”)
- **Analysis Methods:** Choose based on the project characteristics
  - Modeling and simulation – **Equations, Modeling and Simulation tools and Software**
    - What Software tool? Matlab, Pspice, COMSOL, etc, etc
  - Experimentation (with prototype)
    - What do we prototype? Entire system? A component?
  - Qualitative Reasoning – **Analytical Analysis and/or Expert Opinion**
    - What analytic methods? Who knows the best?
  - Other Methods
    - What? How?

# Example of Alternative Designs and Analysis

- Eye View Navigation

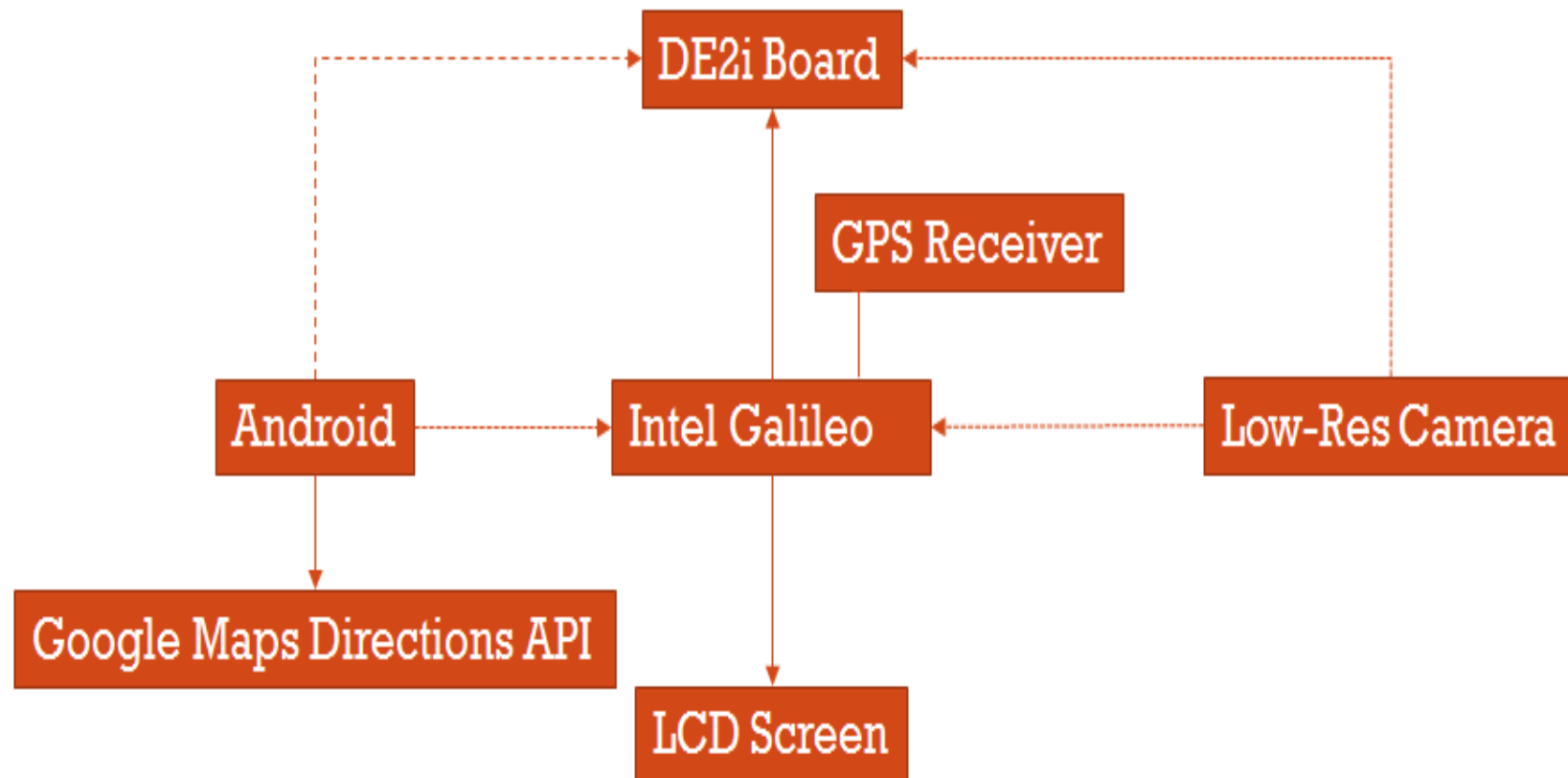


## Analysis Methods

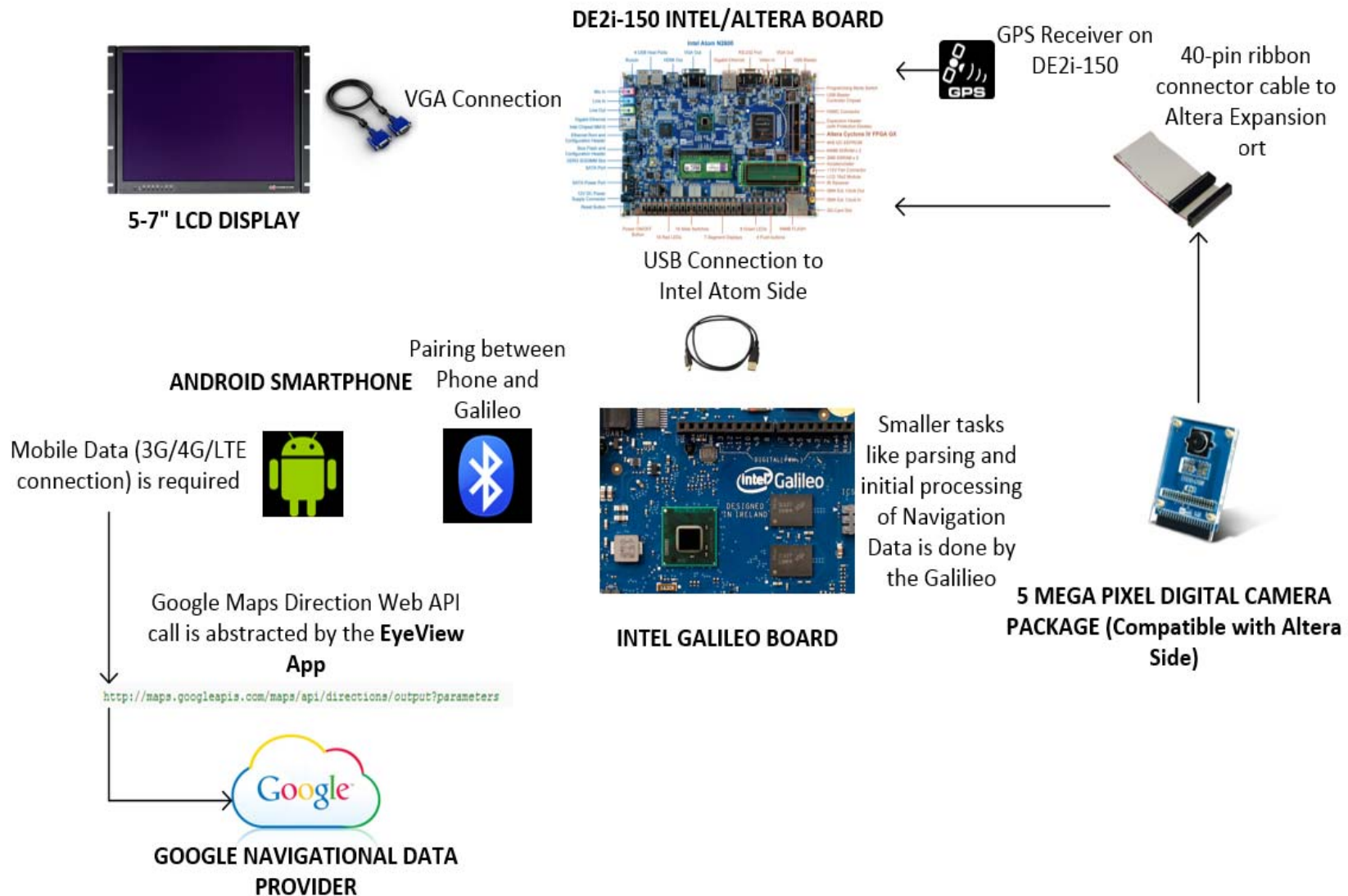
1. Experimentation with Coding
2. Datasheet for connectivity
3. Prototype

## Alternative Designs and Analysis

- Eye View Navigation – Final Conceptual Design

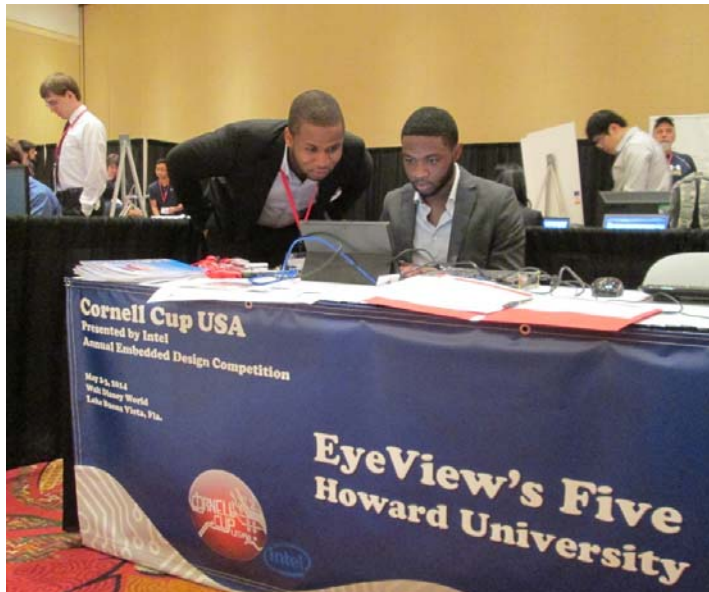
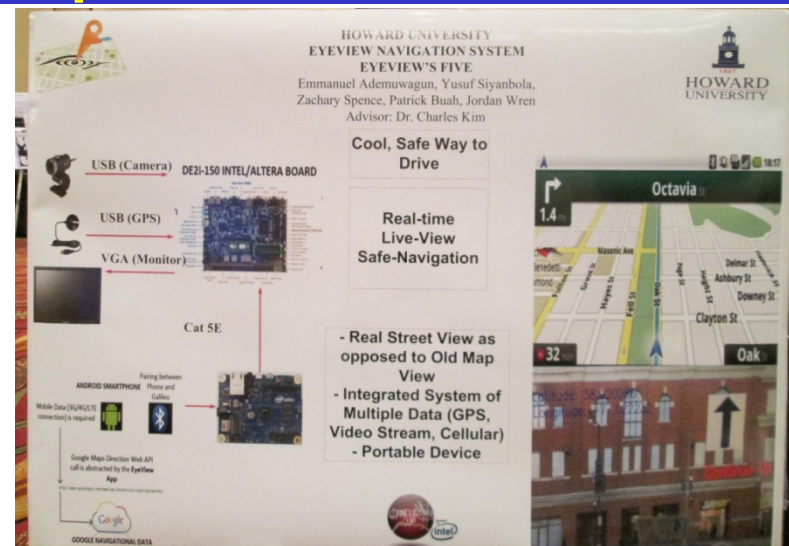


# Refined Final Design



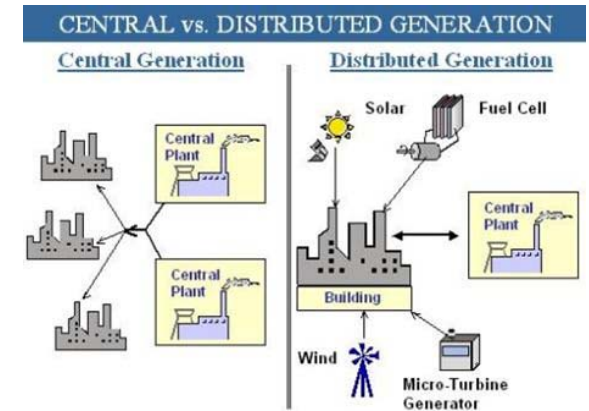
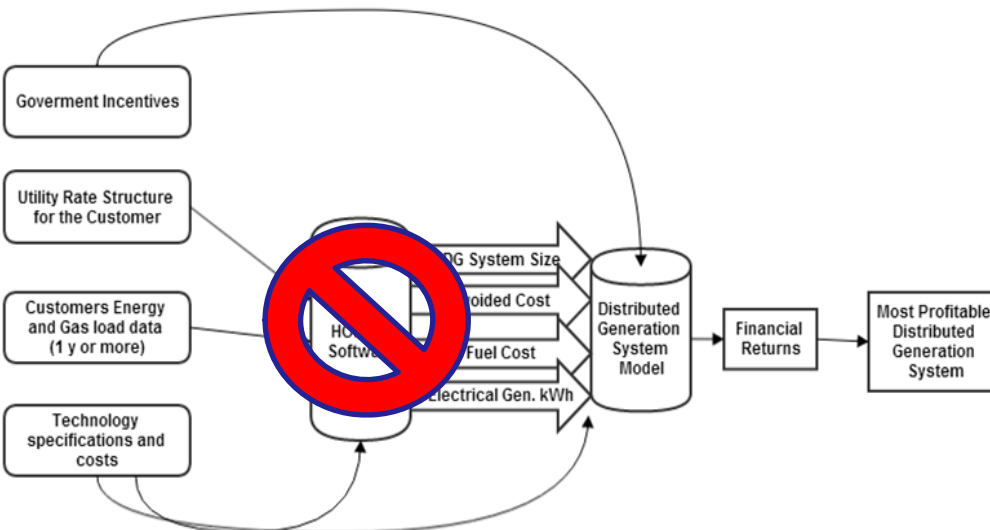
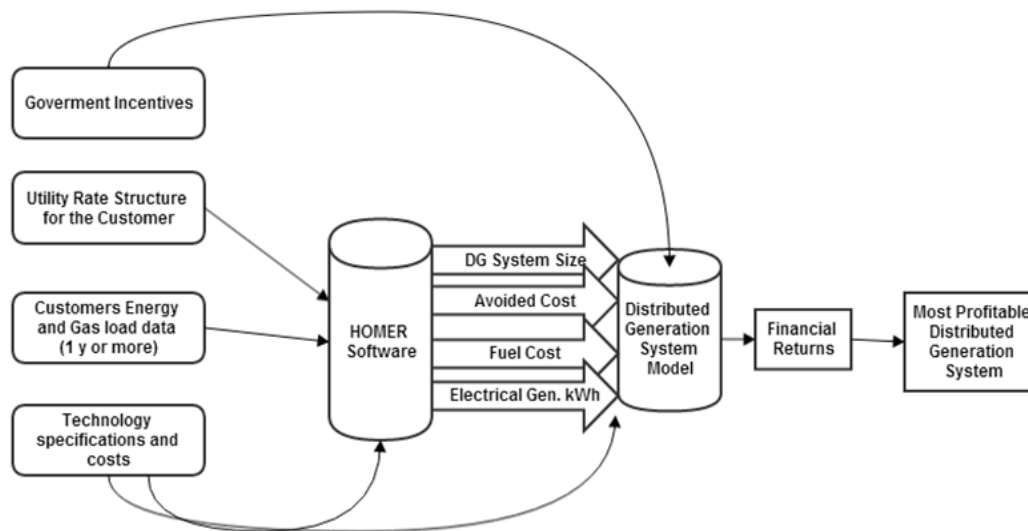


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# Example of Alternative Designs and Analysis

- Distributed Generation – Configuration and Economical Analysis



## Analysis Methods

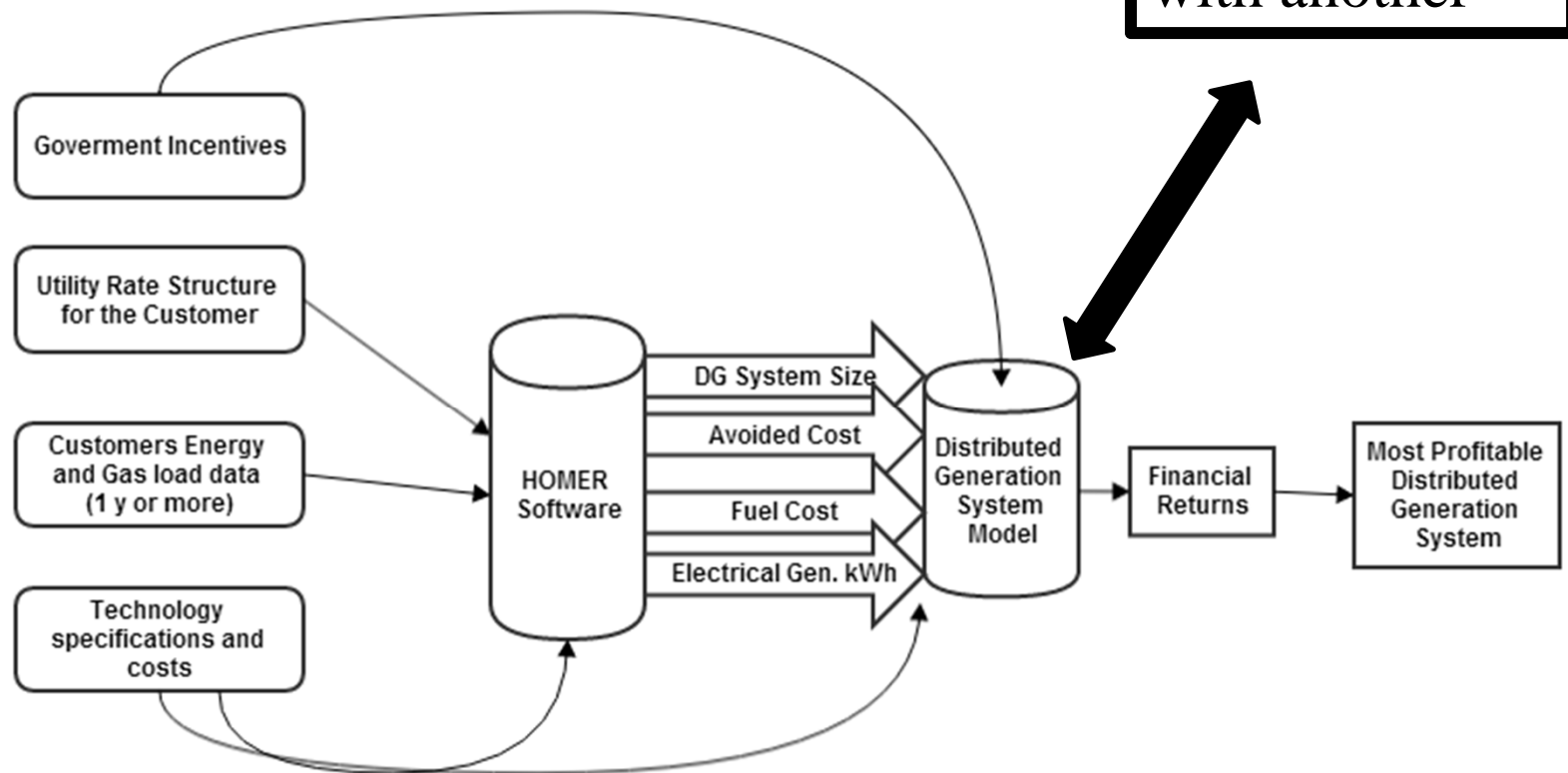
1. Experimentation - Interfacing and Connectivity
2. Qualitative Reasoning



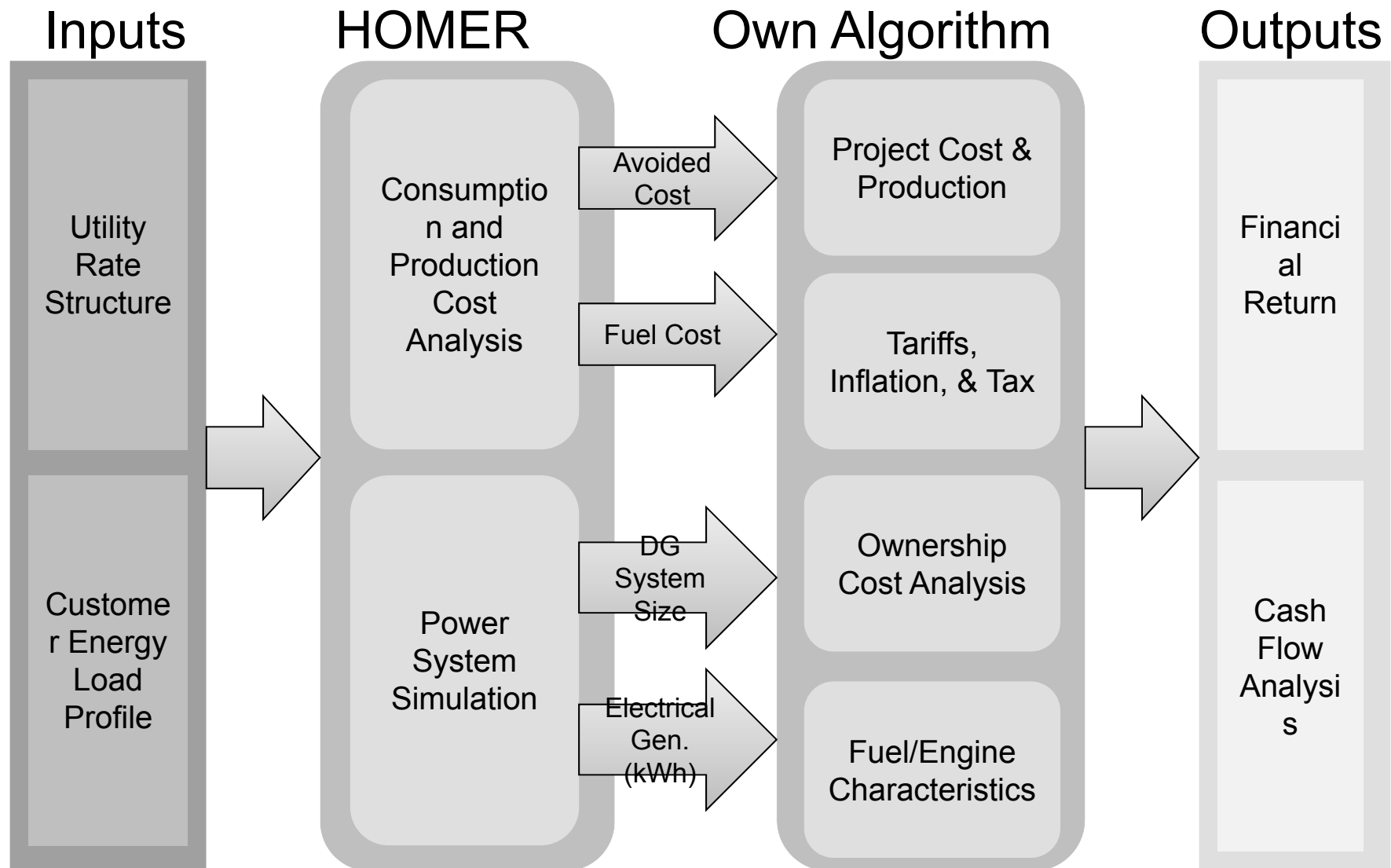
# Example of Alternative Designs and Analysis

- Distributed Generation – Final Conceptual Design

Replace Excel  
with another



# Final Design Diagram



## Which analysis approach to use? Example



- 3 types of sensors on the table and need to choose 1
  - **Datasheet & Experimentation**
- Can a red LED be used as a light source for photo-diode based measurement in place of white LED?
  - **Experimentation**
- In handling numerous inputs and outputs, which one do I use? Do I need an additional microcontroller?
  - **Datasheet and Qualitative reasoning**
  - **Experimentation with Prototype**
- Which motor is better for the project, 1/2hp with 5lb weight or 1/4 hp with 1 lb weight?
  - **Simulation and Qualitative Reasoning**
  - **Experimentation with prototype**

## Step 3. Selection of Top Designs

- Top Design Selection is decision-making
- Decision-making involves making trade-offs
  - The results of the analyses
  - Requirements from customer
  - **Attribute** Selection Criteria: **which** is more important in making decision?
- Decision Tool
  - Decision Matrix

# Selection of Top Designs

- iPhone vs Android Phone --- Example

| Samsung I9300 Galaxy S III  |                   | Apple iPhone 5  |  |
|---|-------------------|---|--|
|  |                   |  |  |
|   | Better?<br>← or → |   |  |
| 4.8" screen   | ←                 | 4.0" screen   |  |
| 4G LTE  | ↔                 | 4G LTE  |  |
| HD Super AMOLED Display   | →                 | Retina Display  |  |
| 1280 x 720 HD Resolution  | ←                 | 1136 x 640 Resolution   |  |
| Up to 790 hours standby time  | ←                 | Up to 225 hours standby time  |  |
| Up to 11.4 hours talk time  | ←                 | Up to 8 hours talk time   |  |
| Full HD 1080p video recording   | ↔                 | Full HD 1080p Video recording   |  |
| 4.7 oz weight   | →                 | 3.95 oz weight  |  |
| 2GB RAM   | ←                 | 1GB RAM   |  |
| S Voice   | ↔                 | Siri  |  |
| 16 or 32 fixed + up to 64GB expandable storage                                    | ←                 | 16, 32, or 64GB fixed internal storage  |  |
| Android 4.0 OS  | NA                | iOS 6.0 OS  |  |
| Standard micro USB cable  | ←                 | Requires new accessories/adaptors   |  |
| Removable battery   | ←                 | Camera: 8 megapixel, 1.2MP front facing,  |  |
| Camera: 8.0 megapixel, 1.9 MP front-facing,                                       | ←                 | Panoramic   |  |
| Panoramic   |                   |   |  |
| \$  | ←                 | \$ \$   |  |

Attributes



## Decision Matrix - Example

| Purchase of a used car |        |                     |                               |                   |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| CAR                    | COST   | ODOMETER<br>READING | MECHANIC'S<br>RATING (1 - 10) | LOOKS<br>(1 - 10) |
| RED                    | \$2000 | 50,000              | 7                             | 5                 |
| BLACK                  | \$2500 | 40,000              | 5                             | 6                 |
| BLUE                   | \$3000 | 20,000              | 8                             | 8                 |

- Which car would you buy under the following two different weight scenarios (**Choice of "Attributes"**)
  - You concerned about all four **attributes equally**.
  - You concerned about **cost** and fairly indifferent about looks. Mileage and the mechanic's ratings are equally important for you.

# Using a Decision Matrix

- 1: Determine and Weight Attributes – **True to the design requirements**
- 2: Rate the Alternatives
- 3: Rank the Alternatives
- 4: Select the best Alternative
- 5: Resolve the decision by combining alternatives



|                    |        | Bluetooth Development Boards |                |                 |                |        |                |        |                |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|
|                    |        | Teleca Comtec                |                | Stonestreet One |                | GCT    |                | Atmel  |                |
| Selection Criteria | Weight | Rating                       | Weighted Score | Rating          | Weighted Score | Rating | Weighted Score | Rating | Weighted Score |
| Price              | 40     | 4                            | 1.6            | 3               | 1.2            | 1      | 0.4            | 1      | 0.4            |
| Power              | 15     | 4                            | 0.6            | 4               | 0.6            | 4      | 0.6            | 1      | 0.15           |
| Software Version   | 35     | 2                            | 0.7            | 4               | 1.4            | 3      | 1.05           | 2      | 0.7            |
|                    | 10     | 1                            | 0.1            | 4               | 0.4            | 4      | 0.4            | 4      | 0.4            |
| Total Score        |        |                              | 3              |                 | 3.6            |        | 2.45           |        | 1.65           |
| Rank               |        |                              | 2              |                 | 1              |        | 3              |        | 4              |

# Alternative Designs and Decision Making

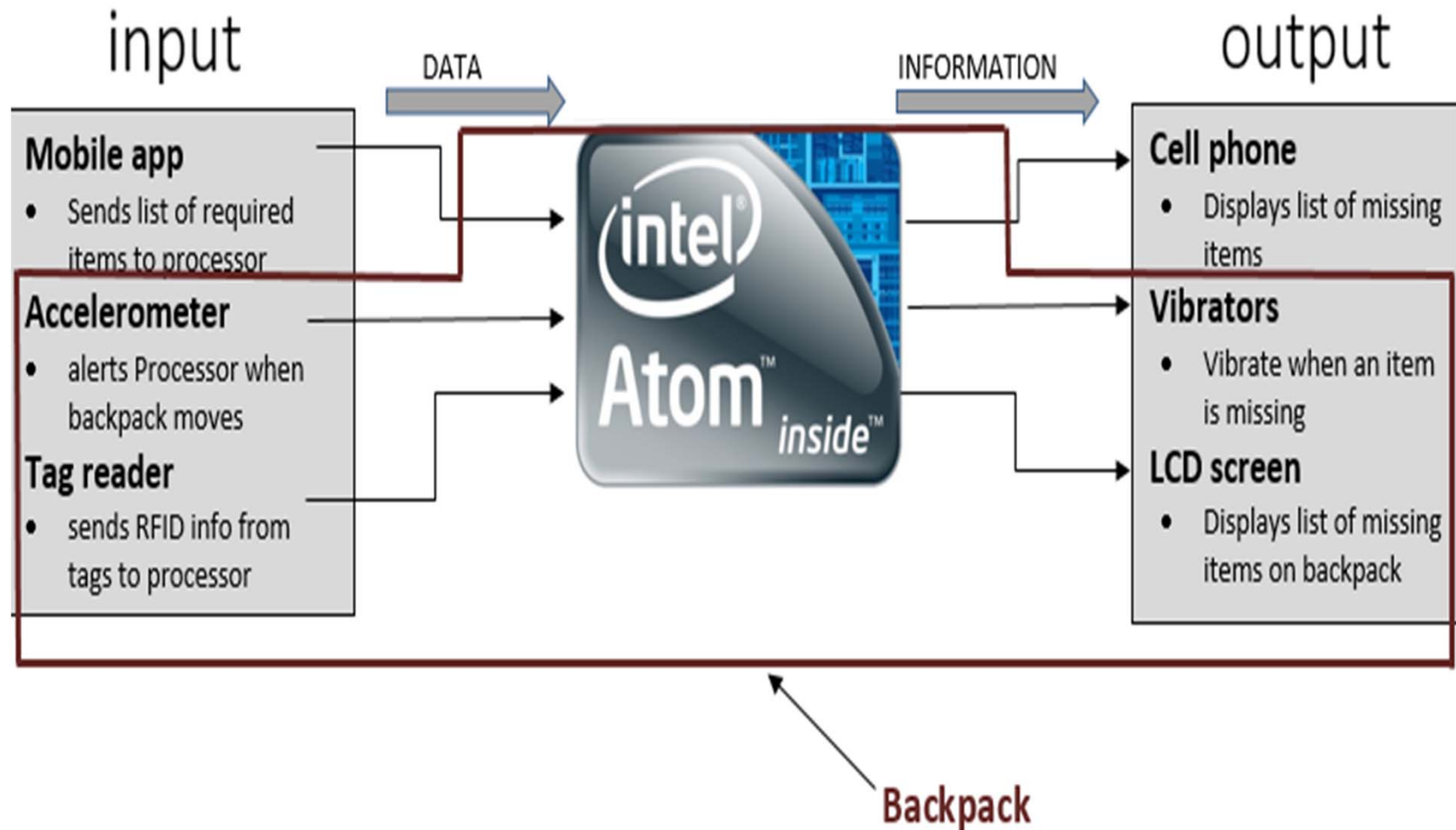
## Examples

# SMART BACKPACK



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# Conceptual Design





# Design 1

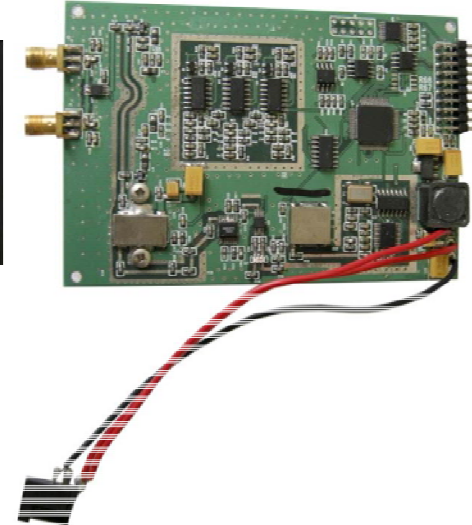
Smart Phone



Sticker Tags



RFID Reader Module



Vibrating Motor



LCD Screen

Bluetooth

Wired

Pins



Arduino with  
Bluetooth shield

Wired



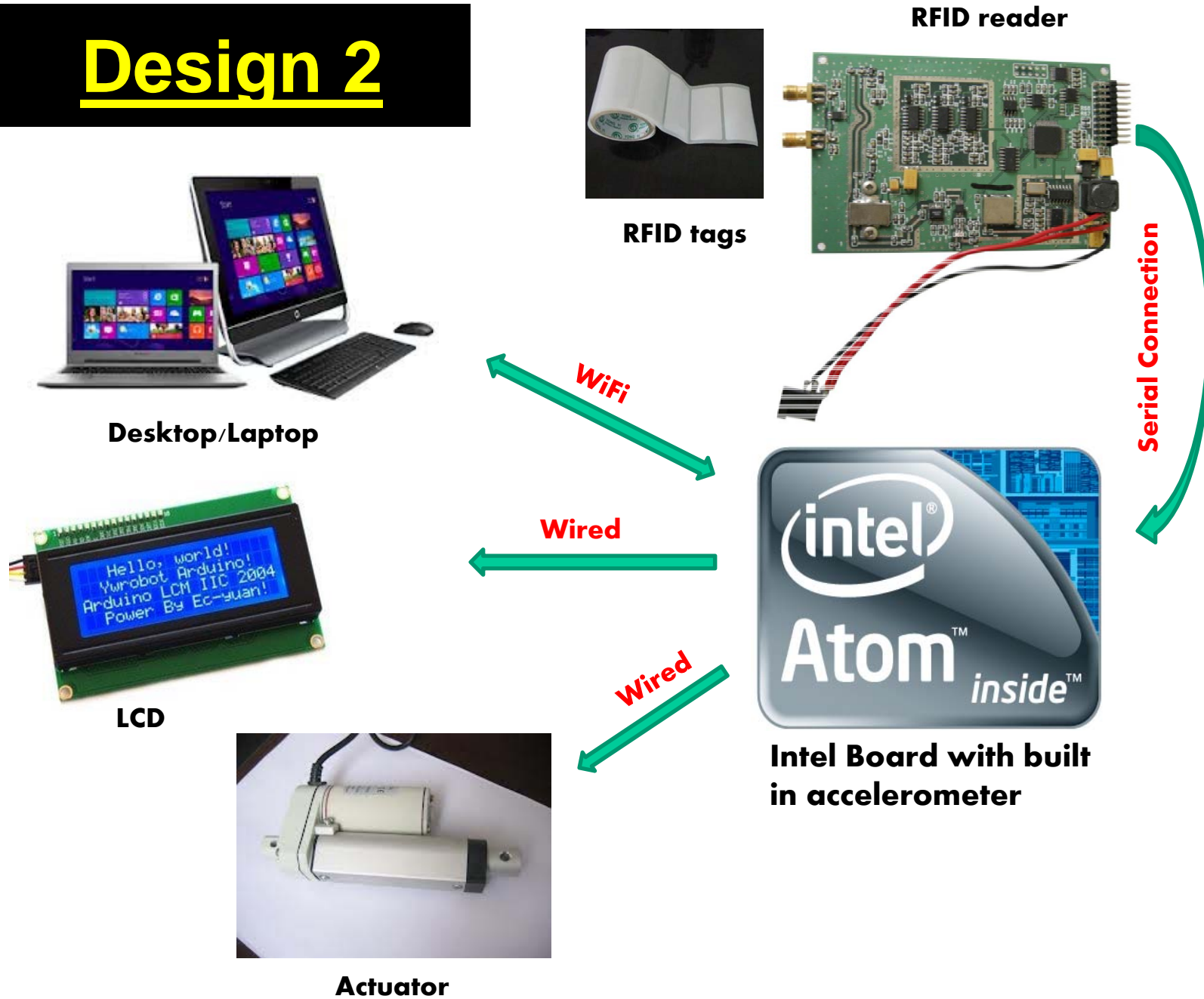
Intel Board with built  
in accelerometer

Serial Connection

# Design 1 Pros and Cons

| Pros  | Cons  |
|---|---|
| Convenient view/edit of schedule through smartphone                 | Interference with surrounding Wi-Fi using UHF tags and reader |
| Wireless connectivity through Bluetooth                             | Bluetooth battery consumption on the smartphone               |
| Built in accelerometer to detect movement                           | Limited programming choice for application                    |
| Easy input and output connectivity through the Arduino              |   |
| Multiple notification (Smartphone, Vibrating motor, and LCD screen) |   |

# Design 2



## Design 2 Pros and Cons

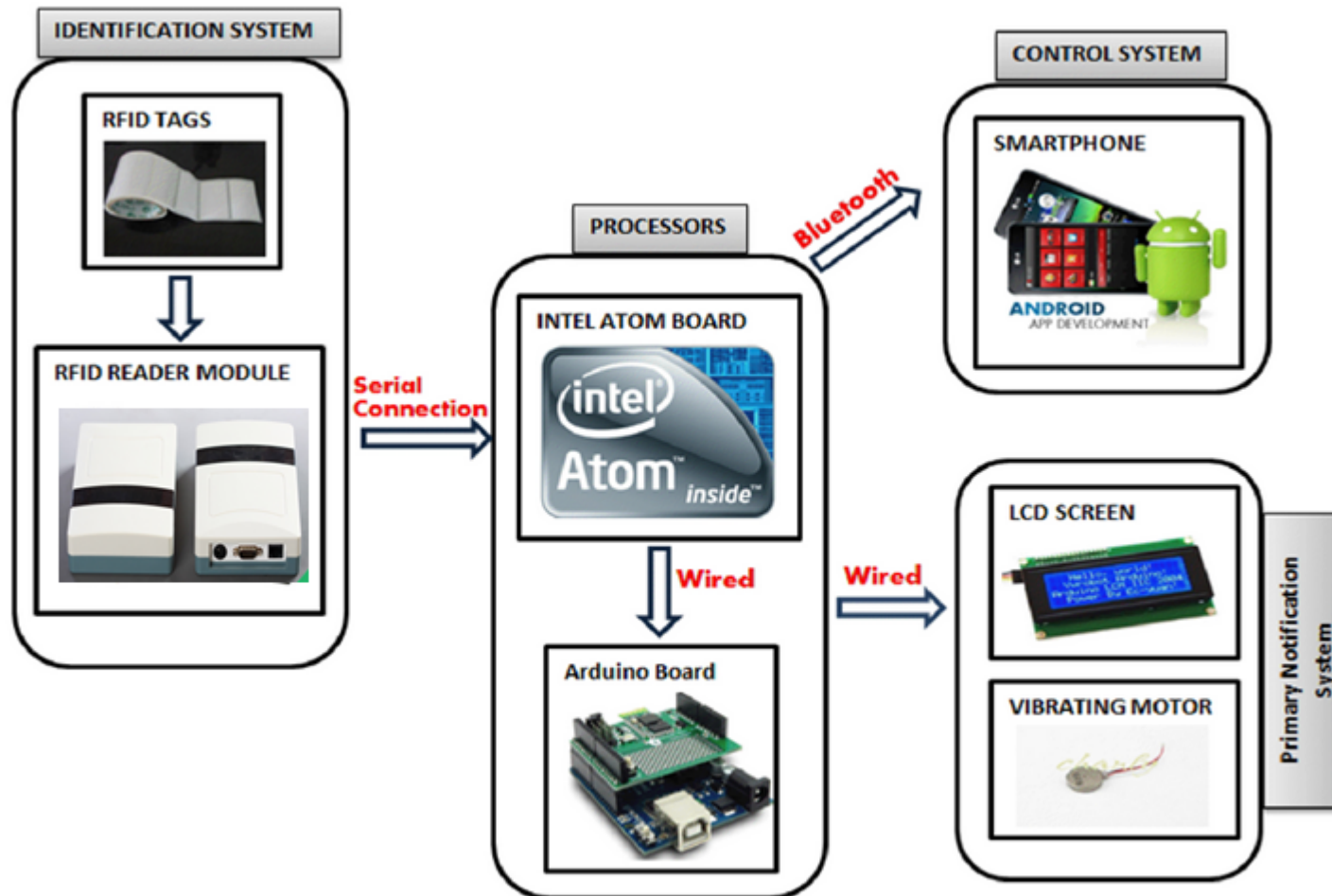
| Pros  | Cons  |
|---|---|
| More choices of programming languages for the application development | Since the user's schedule is pulled from a calendar on the desktop, changes cannot be made on the go. |
| Using the built-in accelerometer reduces cost.                        | Mode of communication between the backpack and the CPU is limited to Wi-Fi.                           |
| Desktop computers are less susceptible to theft than smartphones.     | Standard ports on the Intel board (USB ports, VGA ports)  |
|   |   |
|   |   |

# Design Decision Matrix

|               | Weight | Design 1                                 | Score | Agg. Score | Design 2                                | Score | Agg. Score |
|---------------|--------|--|-------|------------|---|-------|------------|
| Functionality | 5      | Smartphone<br>Arduino<br>Vibrating motor | 5     | 25         | Desktop<br>Actuator                     | 3     | 15         |
| Connectivity  | 2      | Bluetooth<br>Wired<br>Wi-Fi              | 5     | 10         | Wired<br>Wi-Fi                          | 3     | 6          |
| Weight        | 3      | Approx.<br>940g                          | 4     | 12         | Approx. 890g                            | 5     | 15         |
| Power         | 4      | More<br>components<br>to be<br>powered   | 3     | 12         | Fewer<br>components<br>to be<br>powered | 5     | 20         |
| Convenience   | 1      | On the go<br>edit                        | 5     | 5          | At home edit                            | 3     | 3          |
| TOTAL         |        |  |       | 64         |   |       | 59         |

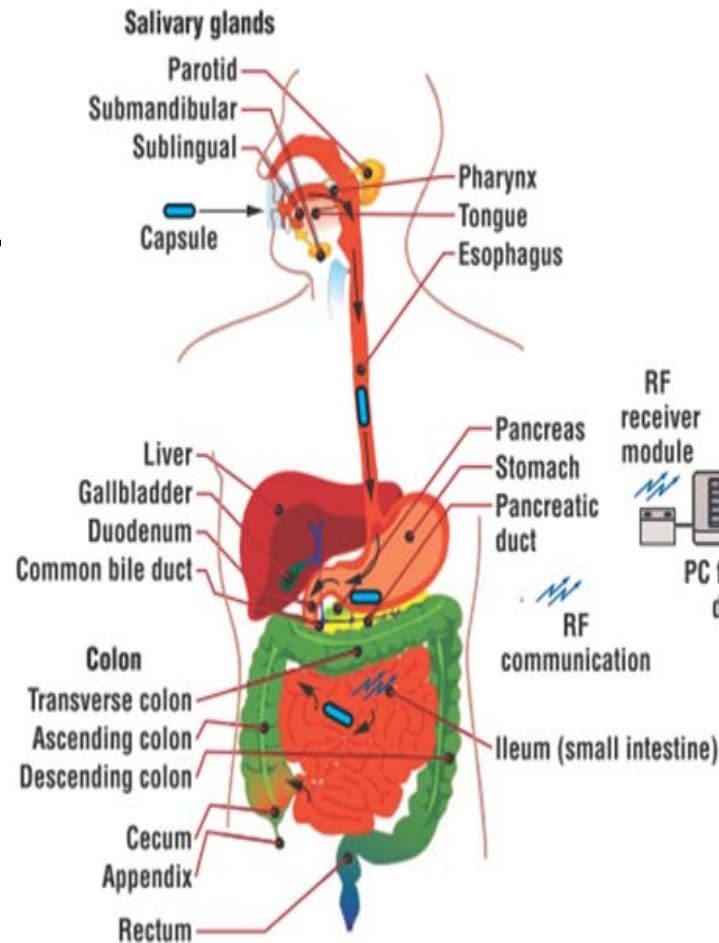
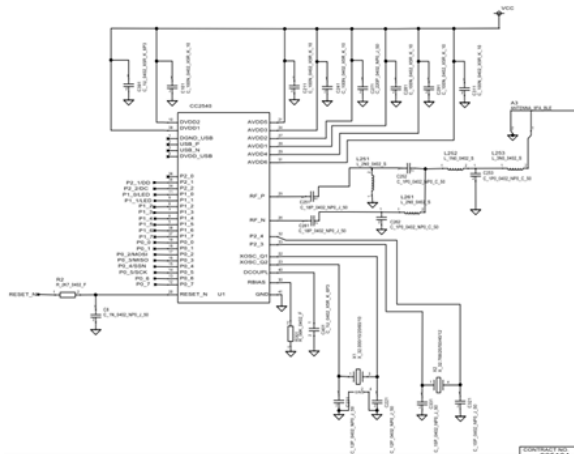


# Final Design



# Swallowable Capsule

- Capsule
- Receiver



RF receiver module  
PC



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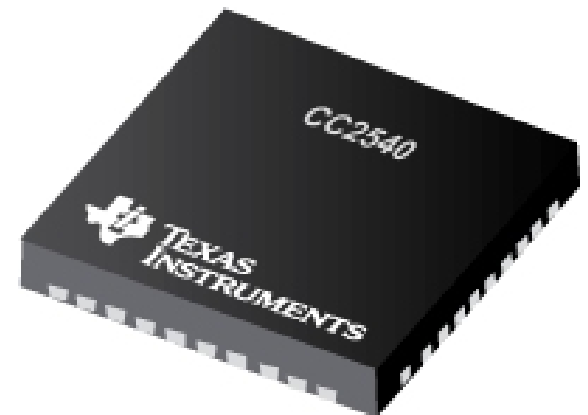
# Microprocessor 1: EM250

- **Manufacturer:** Ember
- **Size:** 7 x 7 mm
- **RF Protocol:** ZigBee 802.15.4
  - **Max. Data Rate:** 250 kbps
- **Surface Mount Technology (SMT)**
- **Dev. Kit:** \$2,500



## Microprocessor 2: CC2540

- **Manufacturer:** Texas Instruments
- **Size:** 6 x 6 mm
- **RF Protocol:** Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
  - **Max. Data Rate:** 1 Mbps
- **Surface Mount Technology (SMT)**
- **Dev. Kit:** \$299



## Microprocessor 3: nRF8001

- **Manufacturer:** Nordic Semiconductor
- **Size:** 5 x 5 mm
- **RF Protocol:** Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
  - **Max. Data Rate:** 1 Mbps
- **Surface Mount Technology (SMT)**
- **Dev. Kit:** \$400





# Microprocessor Comparison

| Name                  | CC2540                                      | nRF8001              | EM250                  |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Manufacturer</b>   | Texas Instruments                           | Nordic Semiconductor | Ember                  |
| <b>Size</b>           | 6x6 mm                                      | 5x5 mm               | 7x7 mm                 |
| <b>Packaging</b>      | SMT   | SMT                  | SMT                    |
| <b>Memory</b>         | 128/256kB Flash, 8kB RAM                    | -                    | 128kB Flash, 5kB SRAM  |
| <b>Comm. Protocol</b> | Bluetooth Low Energy                        | Bluetooth Low Energy | 802.15.4 Zigbee        |
| <b>Max. Data Rate</b> | 1 MBps                                      | 1 MBps               | 250 kbps               |
| <b>Frequency</b>      | 2.4 GHz                                     | 2.4 GHz              | 2.4 GHz                |
| <b>Software</b>       | BTool                                       | nRF8001 SDK          | xIDE                   |
| <b>Vendor</b>         | Digikey                                     | Mouser               | Digikey                |
| <b>Chip Price</b>     | \$6.15                                      | \$4.56               | \$6.16                 |
| <b>Kit Price</b>      | \$299.00                                    | \$400.00             | \$2,500.00             |
| <b>Receiver</b>       | Bluetooth 4.0 Compatible Device (iPhone 4S) |                      | WiFi Compatible Device |

# Microprocessor Decision Matrix

| Criteria              | Weight | TI CC2540   |      | Nordic nRF8001 |      | Ember EM250 |     |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------|------|----------------|------|-------------|-----|
| <b>Cost</b>           | 35     | 4           | 1.4  | 3              | 1.05 | 2           | 0.7 |
| <b>Programming</b>    | 30     | 3           | 0.9  | 3              | 0.9  | 3           | 0.9 |
| <b>Receiver</b>       | 10     | 2           | 0.2  | 2              | 0.2  | 4           | 0.4 |
| <b>Data Rate</b>      | 25     | 3           | 0.75 | 3              | 0.75 | 2           | 0.5 |
| <b>Weighted Total</b> |        | <b>3.25</b> |      | <b>2.9</b>     |      | <b>2.5</b>  |     |
| <b>Rank</b>           |        | <b>1</b>    |      | <b>2</b>       |      | <b>3</b>    |     |

# Temperature Sensor Comparison

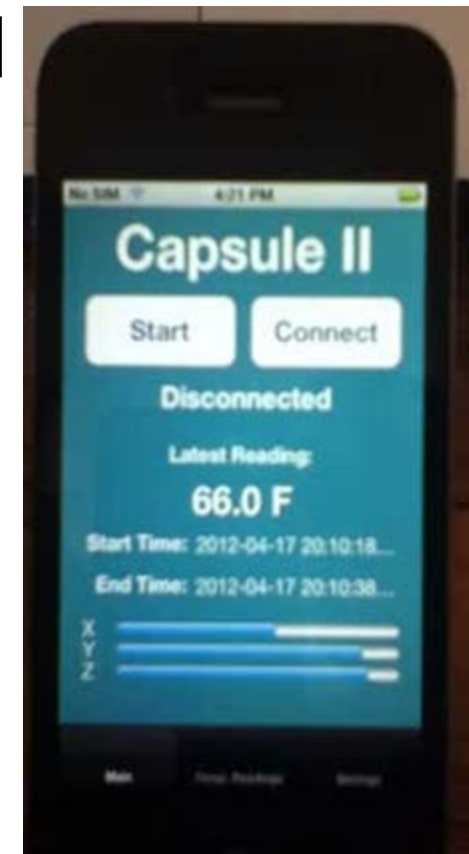
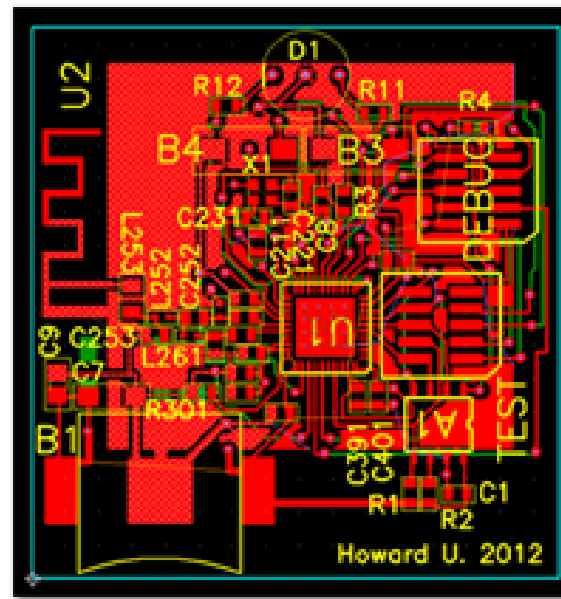
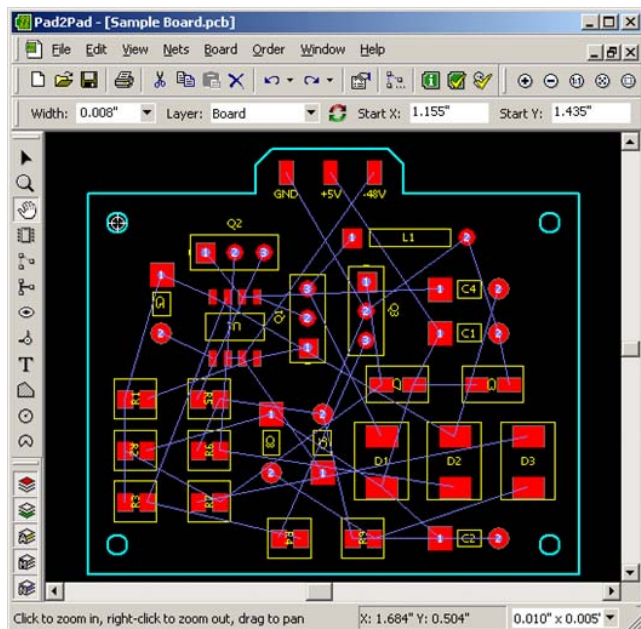
| Name   | Temperature Range | Accuracy  | Supply Voltage       | Operating Current | Output  | Size        | Cost   |
|--------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------|
| LM335  | -40°C to 100°C    | ±1°C      | 5V                   | 400 µA to 5 mA    | Analog  | 5 x 6 mm    | \$1.36 |
| TMP102 | -40°C to 125°C    | ±0.5°C    | 1.4V to 3.6V         | 1 µA - 10µA       | Digital | 1.7 x 1.7mm | \$1.80 |
| TMP104 | -55°C to +150°C   | ±0.5°C    | 1.4 V - 3.6V         | 3 µA at 0.25 HZ   | Digital | 0.8 × 1 mm  | \$1.94 |
| LM74   | -55°C to +150°C   | ±0.0625°C | 3.0V or 2.65V - 5.5V | 265µA             | Digital | 5 x 6.2 mm  | \$1.88 |
| LM84   | 0 to 100°C        | ±1°C      | 3.0V – 3.6V          | 1mA               | Digital | 5 x 6 mm    | \$4.11 |

# Temp. Sensor Decision Matrix

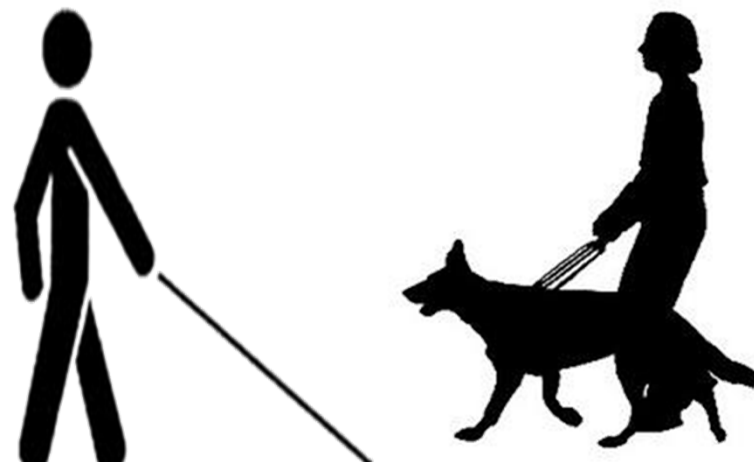
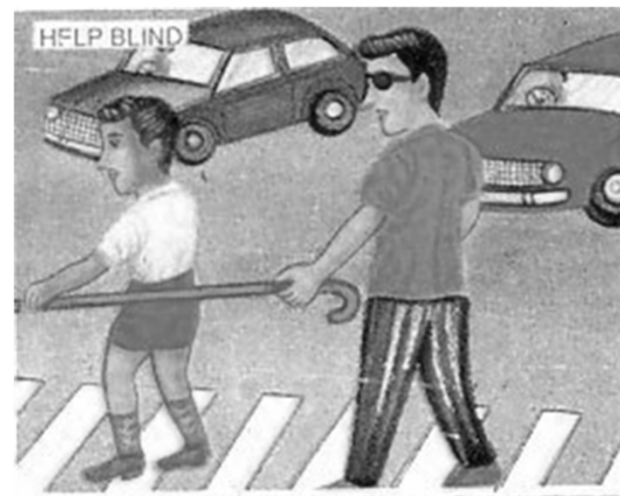
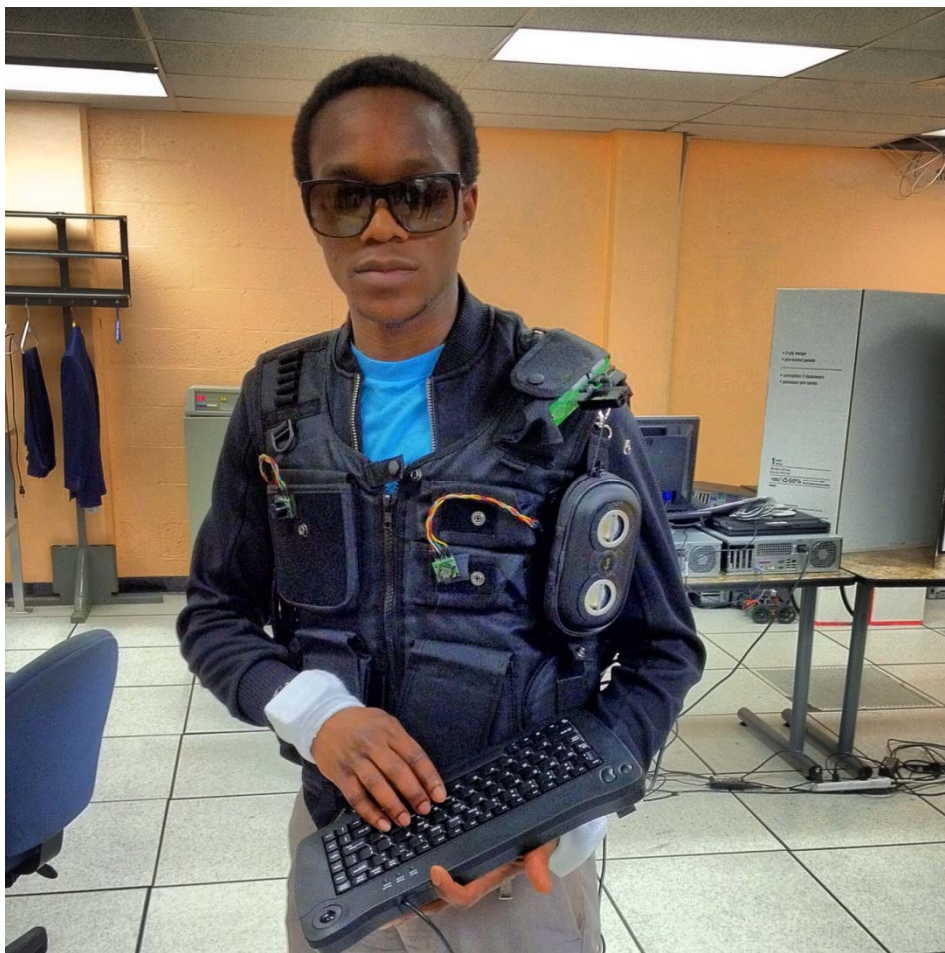
| Criteria       | Weight | LM335 |     | TMP102 |     | TMP104 |     | LM74 |     | LM84 |     |
|----------------|--------|-------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Size           | 40     | 4     | 1.6 | 5      | 2   | 5      | 2   | 4    | 1.6 | 4    | 1.6 |
| Precision      | 20     | 3     | 0.6 | 4      | 0.8 | 4      | 0.8 | 2    | 0.4 | 5    | 1   |
| Supply Voltage | 10     | 2     | 0.2 | 4      | 0.4 | 4      | 0.4 | 4    | 0.4 | 4    | 0.4 |
| Output Format  | 20     | 2     | 0.4 | 5      | 1   | 5      | 1   | 5    | 1   | 5    | 1   |
| Cost           | 10     | 5     | 0.5 | 5      | 0.5 | 5      | 0.5 | 5    | 0.5 | 1    | 0.1 |
| Weighted Total |        | 3.3   |     | 4.7    |     | 4.7    |     | 3.9  |     | 4.1  |     |
| Rank           |        | 5     |     | 1      |     | 1      |     | 4    |     | 3    |     |

# Final Design Components

- **Microprocessor:** CC2540
- **Temperature Sensor:** TMP102
- **PCB Manufacturer:** Pad2Pad
- **Camera:** OV3642



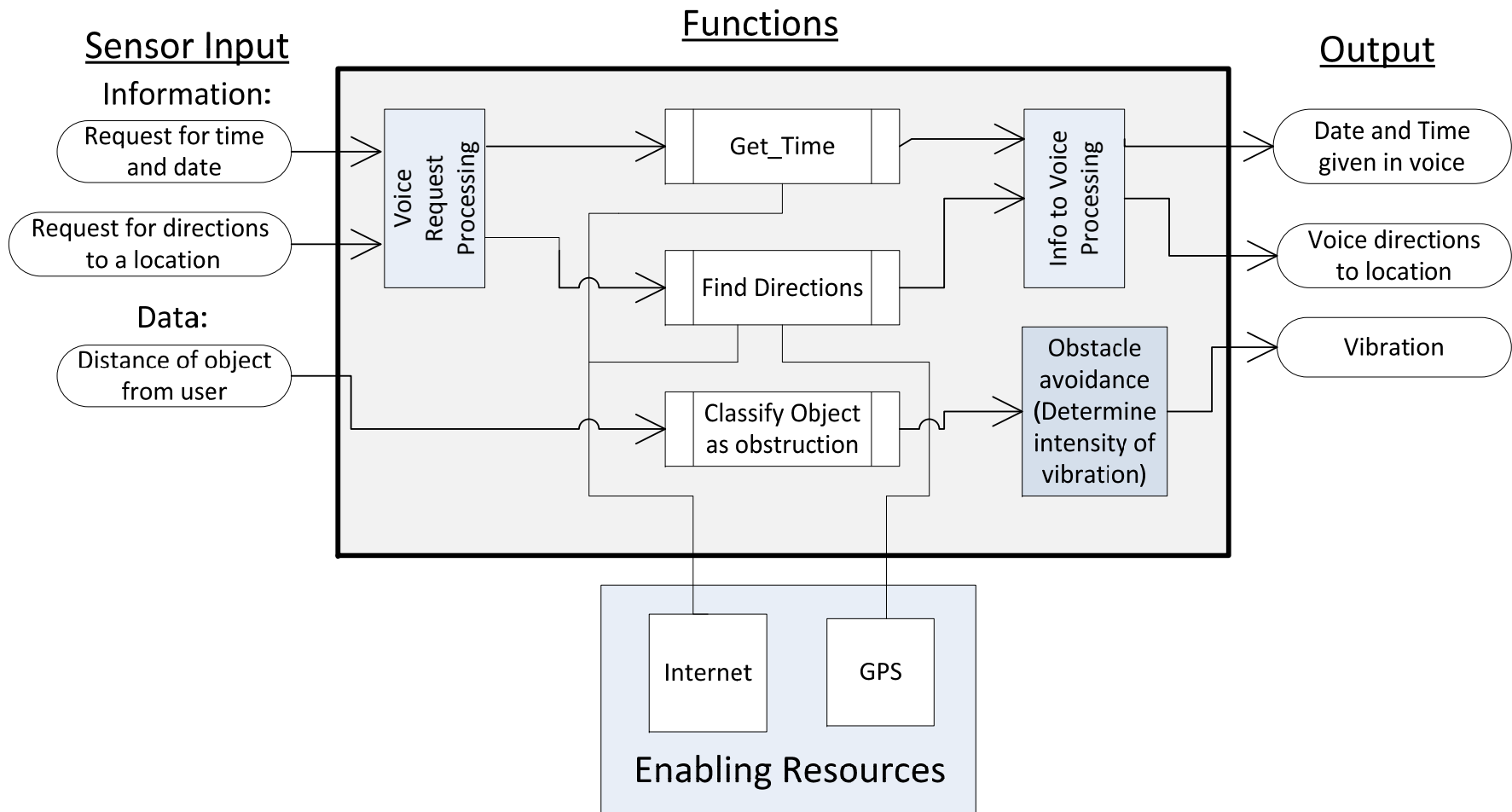
# Blind Assistant



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# Conceptual Design

## Atom Software Functions





# Analysis of Alternative components

## OBSTACLE ALERT

### ∞ Vibration Modules

- Availability of already designed modules
- Ease of connection?
- Wireless communication with module?

### ∞ Audible tones

- Sounds are easy to make
- Might be confusing while providing direction to locations (horrible user experience
- Difficult to integrate with voice provided directions

| Measure (Weight)  | User Experience | Ease of Implementation | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| Vibration Modules | 9               | 6                      | 15    |
| Headset tones     | 5               | 8                      | 13    |

# Analysis of Alternative components

## DISTANCE CALCULATION SENSOR

### ☞ Ultrasonic Sensor

- Good widespread connection
- Little interference based of weather (reliable)

### ☞ Infra red sensor

- Easily affected by sunlight
- More accurate but slim spectrum

| Measure (Weight)  | User Experience (0.7) | Ease of Implementation(0.9) | Accuracy (0.9) | Reliability (0.9) | Total       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Ultrasonic Sensor | 8                     | 7                           | 7              | 9                 | <b>26.3</b> |
| Infra red         | 6                     | 8                           | 9              | 6                 | <b>24.9</b> |

# Analysis of Alternative components

## INPUTTING DESIRED ADDRESSES

### ∞ Braille Keyboard

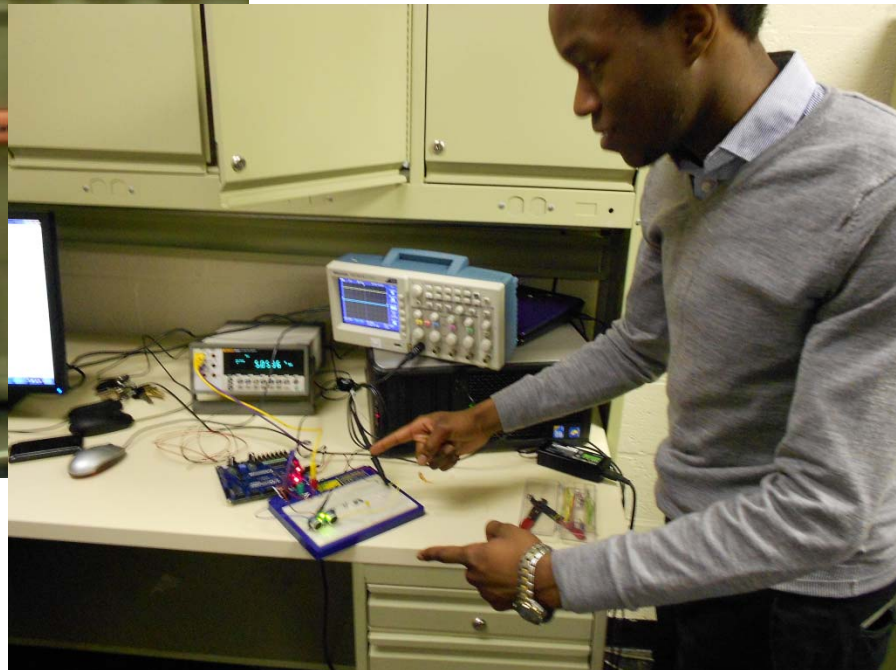
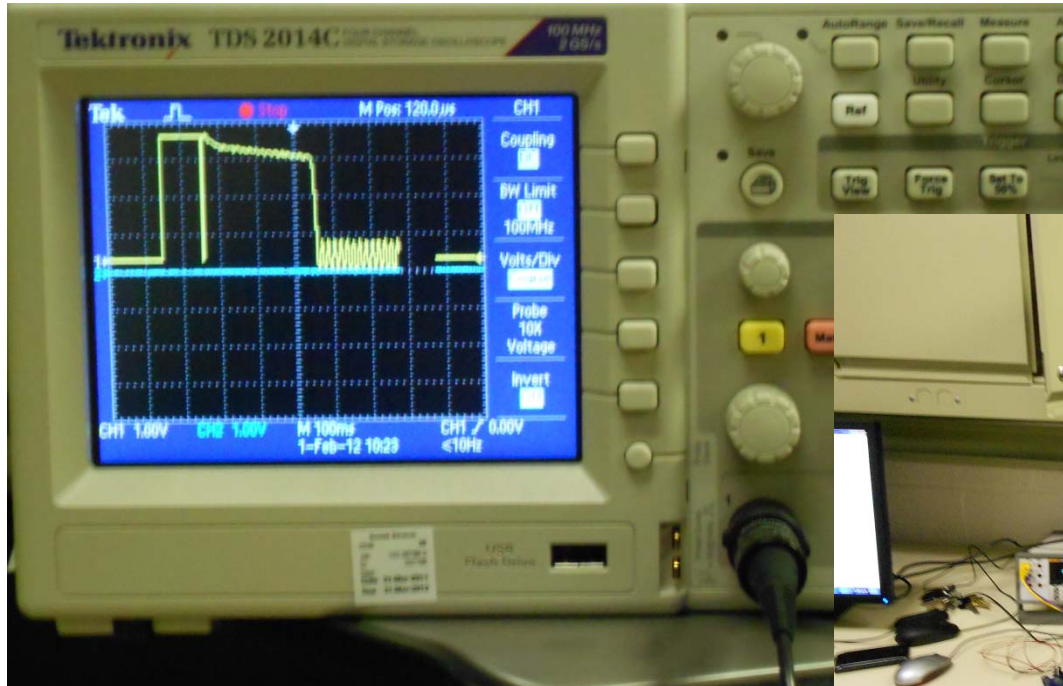
- Time to input address (poor user experience)
- Easy to integrate with system
- Allows for more accuracy

### ∞ Voice (voice synthesis)

- Possible great user experience
- Implementation requirements (we have time constraints)
- Low accuracy

| Measure (Weight) | User Experience (0.9) | Ease of Implementation(0.8) | Reliability (0.8) | Total |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Voice Operation  | 9                     | 4                           | 6                 | 16.1  |
| Braille Keyboard | 4                     | 8                           | 8                 | 16.4  |

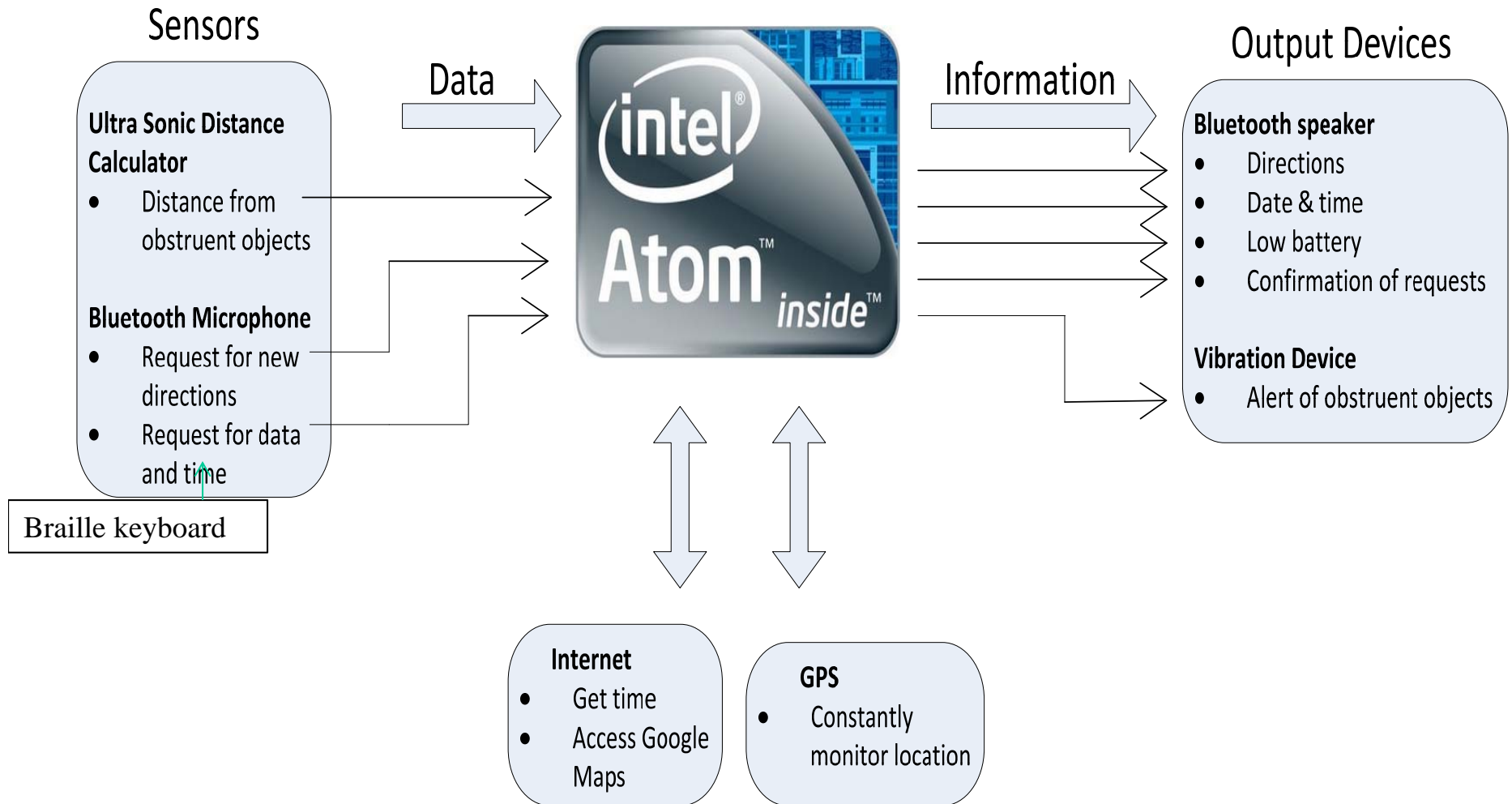
# Experimentation for Sensors



**I/O Controller and Ultrasonic sensor being tested on a PC**

# Final Design and Components

## System Diagram



## SUMMARY: 4-Step Activity for Final Conceptual Design Selection

- Step 1: Generation of Alternatives (i.e., multiple conceptual designs)
  - What are the alternatives in the conceptual design that need to be addressed for the final, good solution? What are the key items, values, parameters, etc that have to be analyzed? How to analyze? What analysis method to be adopted and employed?
- Step 2: Perform Analysis
  - Experimentation
  - Modeling and Simulation
  - Qualitative Reasoning
  - Other methods
- Step 3: Decision Making Matrix for final design selection & Report submission
- Step 4: Presentation for Conceptual Design – Public Event

## VIP Team Activity

- Alternative Designs
- Analysis of the Alternatives
- Selection of the Top Design

## Step 1 – Generation of Alternatives

- Bring up alternative approaches
- Decide (in choosing the best):
  - What are the key items, values, parameters, etc, that have to be analyzed?
  - How to analyze?
  - What analysis method to be adopted and employed?
- Do this in the team meetings.



## Step 2: Perform Analysis

- Using the analysis method(s) decided in the Step 1, analyze the alternative designs approaches considering the functional requirements (speed, response time, weight, power, life, etc) and other pertinent criteria

## Step 3: Decision Matrix for Top Design Selection

- Decision trade study – decision matrix
  - Selection of attributes which are relevant to meeting the design requirements
- Pick the top concept design and solution
- Refined the Final Solution Design with detailed description
- **Submission:**
  - 1. List of alternatives
  - 2. Analysis of Alternatives
  - 3. Selection of Top/Final Design
  - **Due: DEC 2 (W) (\*Note: Final Exam date!!!)**

## Class Schedule of the Final Weeks

- Nov 12 (R)
  - **Submission**: Conceptual Design
- Nov 19 (W)
  - Lecture on Oral Presentation/Elevator Pitch
- Nov 25 (W): No Class
  - **Team Activity for**
    - List of Alternatives
    - Analysis of the Alternatives
    - Top Design Selection

## Class Schedule of the Final Weeks

- **Dec 2 (W) :**
- **Submission:** List of Alternatives + Analysis of the Alternatives + Top Design
  
- **Dec 2 (W):**
  - **Final Exam** (1:10 - 2:10 pm)
  - All Lecture Note Materials

## Class Schedule of the Final Weeks

- Dec 7 (M) – Dec 11 (F) Team Presentation (**ALL MEMBERS**)
  - Pick a 30-minute time slot (let me know)
  - Invite Advisor/Project Manager/Industry Advisors/Grad Students/etc
- Presentation Contents
  - Team Name/Members/Advisor
  - Problem Statement
  - Current Status of Art
  - Design Requirements
  - Alternatives + Top Design Selection
  - Progresses Made

## Class Schedule of the Final Weeks

- Dec 7 (M) – Dec 9(W) (\***For every member**)
  - **Submission of Video/Audio Clip of 1-min Elevator Pitch – via email, which briefs on:**
    1. **What is your project about:** N(needs) A (Approaches for solution) B (Benefits to customers) C (Competitors and/or Alternatives)
    2. **What's your specific contribution to the project**
  - Submission of **Project Folder + Project Note**
  - Submission of **Peer Evaluation**
  - Submission of **Survey**

# Class Schedule of the Final Weeks

| VIP Schedule of the last weeks |                           |  |  |
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| Fall 2015                      |                           | Howard VIP Coordinator: Dr. Charles Kim  |  |
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| From                           | To                        | For Seniors (in Senior Design Class)   | For Other VIP Team Members(EGPP)   |
| 11/4/2015<br>(WED)             | 11/4/2015<br>(WED)        | Lecture on Alternative Design and Top Design Selection   |  |
| 11/12/2015<br>(Thursday)       | 11/12/2015<br>(Thursday)  | <b>Submission Due</b> - Individual Conceptual Designs + Team Design  |  |
| 11/19/2015<br>(Wednesday)      | 11/19/2015<br>(Wednesday) | Lecture on Oral Presentation + Elevator Pitch  |  |
| 11/25/2015<br>(Wednesday)      | 11/25/2015<br>(Wednesday) | Team Activity for Alternative Designs + Analysis of the Design and Top Design Selection ( <b>No formal class for Senior Design class</b> )   |  |
| 12/2/2015<br>(Wednesday)       | 12/2/2015<br>(Wednesday)  | <b>Submission Due</b> - Alternative Designs, Analysis, and Top Design Selection  |  |
| 12/2/2015<br>(Wednesday)       | 12/2/2015<br>(Wednesday)  | <b>Final Exam</b> (1:10 - 2:10pm)  |  |
| 12/7/2015<br>(Monday)          | 12/11/2015<br>(Friday)    | <b>Team Presentation*</b> : Pick a 30-minute time slot for individual team presentation (and notify Dr. Charles Kim). Invite advisors, managers, and others to the presentation                            |  |
| 12/7/2015<br>(Monday)          | 12/09/2015<br>(Wednesday) | <b>Submission</b> of (1) Video/Audio clip of 1-minute elevator pitch#; (2) Project Folder + Project Note; (3) Peer Evaluation; (4) Survey  |  |
|                                |                           | <b>* Team Presentation Contents</b> : Problem statement; Current Status of Arts; Design Requirements; Conceptual Designs; Alternative designs+ Analysis+Top Design Selection; Progresses Made; Conclusions | <b># Elevator Pitch Subject</b> : Answering the following 2 questions: (1) What is your project about in terms of (a) Needs, (b) Approach for solutions, (c) Competitors and/or Alternatives, and (d) benefits to customers?; and (2) What is your specific contribution to the project? |