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1. Mechanical design

Mechanical design is based on parts from TNC-KIT, which includes car chassis with two DC brush motors, gear, dumper, servo and wheels. There is also custom control board containing motors driver, MCU, power supply system and interfaces for sensors, servo and lighting. Board is mounted in the middle of the car, next to the stand for camera and lighting – there is a custom board containing three power LEDs with elliptic lens. We have also used thrust bearings to stiffen front wheels.

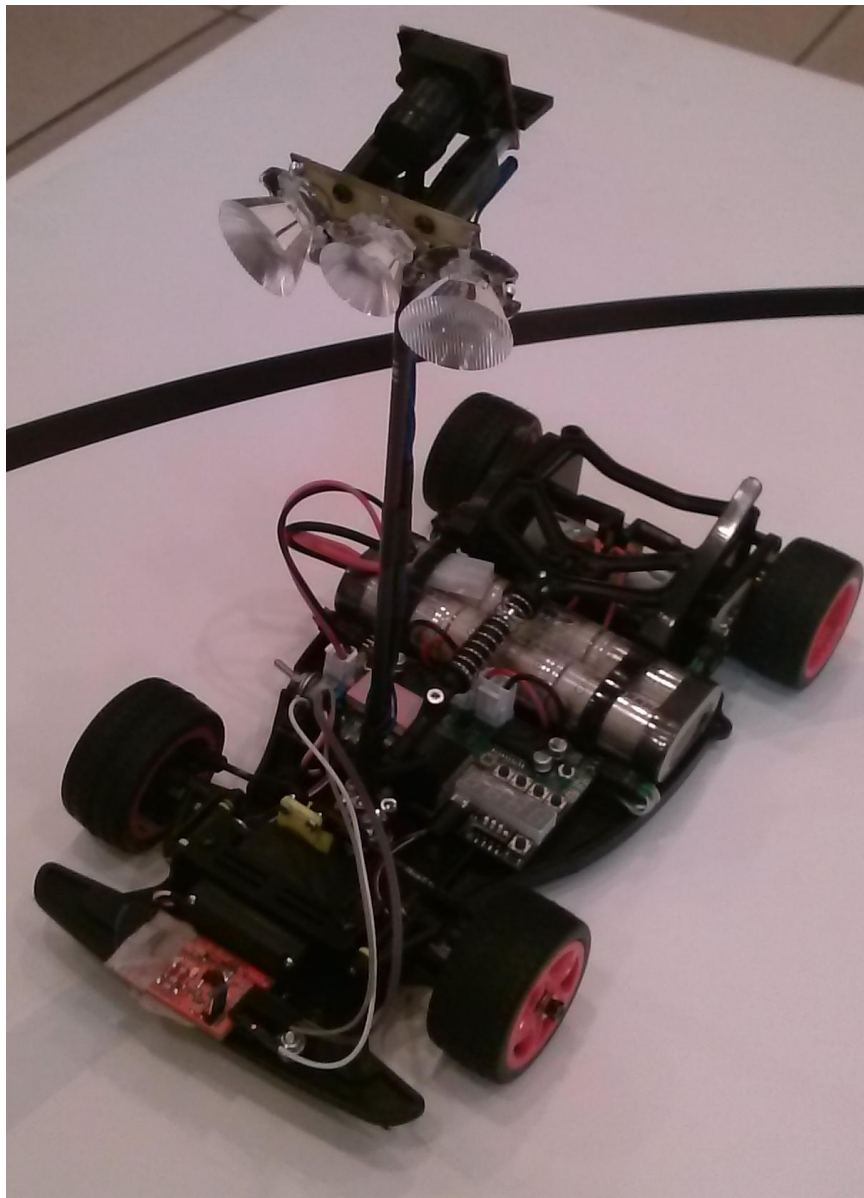


Figure 1 Manufactured car

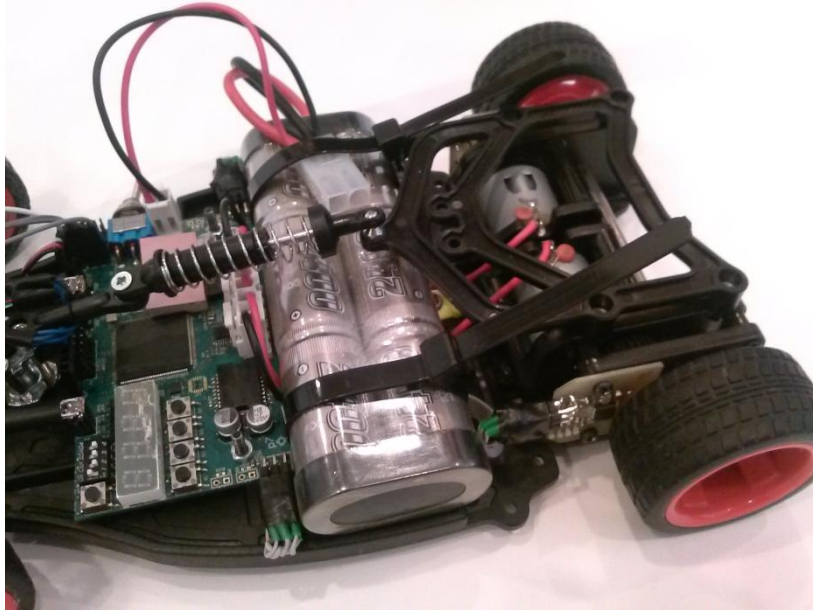


Figure 2 Back side of car - battery mounting and motors.



Figure 3 Camera and lightning mounting

2. Control circuit and electronics design

Control circuit is based on microcontroller K60F and motor drivers MC33887. Custom control board was developed to better fit into car chassis. It also helps to connect new sensors, such as encoders, gyro, transoptors and accelerometer.

Below we present diagram showing connections between parts of the manufactured car.

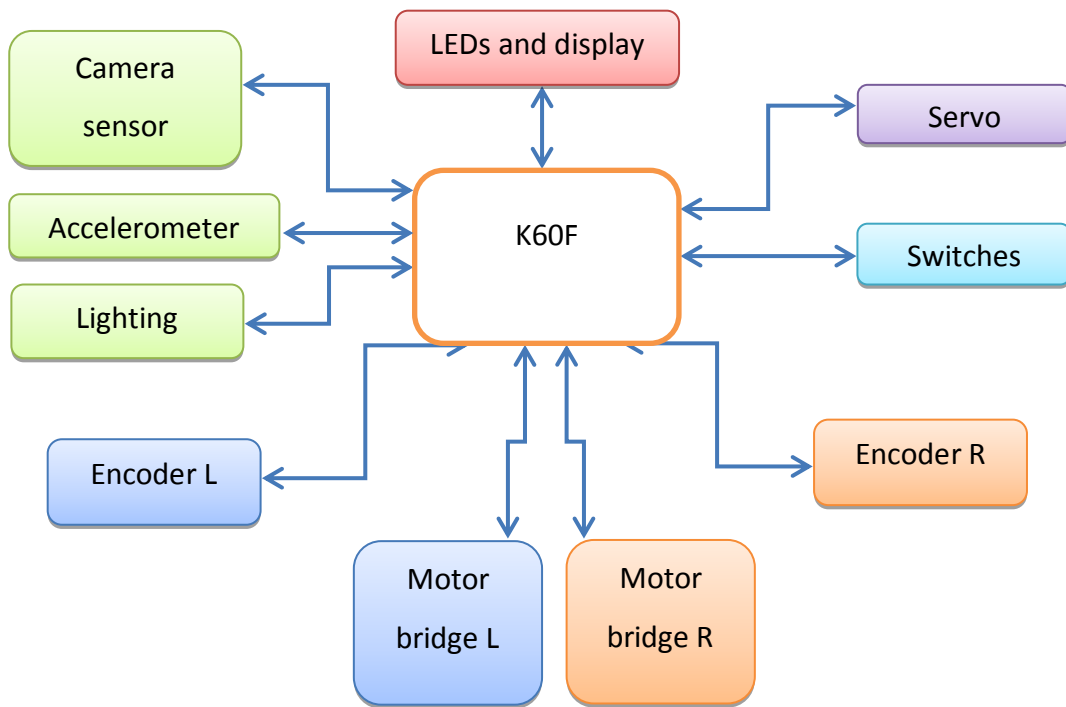


Figure 4 Control circuit diagram

Components of car control board:

- MCU – K60F - main control unit,
- Camera sensor – used to look at the track and follow the lines,
- Lightning – additional LEDs with lens to highlight trace,
- Accelerometer - FXLS8471Q,
- Motor bridges – based on MC33887,
- Encoders – magnetic rotary sensor – AS5040, mounted next to the motor's gear where magnet is installed,
- Switches – micro switches and dip switched for car controlling,
- Set of LEDs on board and 4 digit, 7 segment display for development purposes.

There is also place for gyro, but it is not mounted.

Schematic for control board is included at the end of document - enclosure 1.

3. Control software design

Software was created using CodeWarrior Development Tools and C programming language.

Control loop is based on consecutive tasks:

- Read data from camera
- Calculate center of the track
- Check if start sign is present
- Using PID regulator, calculate steering for servo
- Using data from encoders and actual steering angle on front wheels there is calculated control signal for motors.

This loop is repeated until start is detected.

There are also display, LEDs and switches on the board – they are used to set car parameters manually and control algorithm execution.

For testing, we have added Bluetooth module to communicate with the car to be able to change algorithm parameters during driving, perform manual steering and present data read from the line camera – there is dedicated application working on PC with Bluetooth module.

4. Total weight and dimensions

Total weight: 0.95kg

Dimensions: 280 mm (length) x 250 mm (width) x 290 mm (height)

5. Power consumption

Total power consumption is equal to 7W.

6. Sensors used

- line scan camera, from the TNC –KIT,
- AS5040 – magnetic sensor x2 - AMS sensors were used because we could not find any NXP contactless magnetic rotary encoder with quadrature output signal,
- FXLS8471Q – 3-Axis Linear Accelerometer.

7. Number of servo motors besides the existing driving motors and rudder motors of the vehicle model

None, the only servo used is the one provided with the TNC -KIT.

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Enclosure 1

