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Improved passive cooling of CHARA telescopes enabled by movable enclosure walls

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ABSTRACT: A new motion control system was designed and installed at the S2 and W1 telescope enclosures which will allow venting of hot air. This has resulted in measured improvements to telescope cooling performance as well as a slight improvement to seeing.

1. INTRODUCTION

The CHARA Array's six main telescopes enclosures consist of a dome supported by four steel columns, whose interior space is enclosed by two vertically stacked cylindrical walls. The upper cylinder has a wider diameter than the lower cylinder, and both are attached to a screw jack mechanism inside the support columns that allows them to move up or down to expose the enclosure to the outside environment. Their main function is to facilitate cooling of the telescope and onboard electronics by equilibrating the inside and outside temperatures. While the atmospheric conditions on Mount Wilson contribute to good seeing, the air inside the dome itself also contributes to the overall seeing of the telescope; this contribution is called "dome seeing". Minimizing the difference between inside and outside temperatures is known to improve dome seeing by reducing the convective mixing of hot and cold air¹.

The lower cylinder rests on the bottom platform of the enclosure when closed and moves upward to open, creating a small gap between it and the platform. When both the dome and the lower cylinder are open, warm air within the enclosure rises out through the dome slit and cool air is drawn in through the lower gap, leading to a chimney effect. The upper cylinder encloses the space between the lower cylinder and the dome. It moves downward to open, creating a gap between its top edge and the dome's bottom edge. This may reduce convective turbulence in the optical path by allowing hot air to escape from the sides rather than through the dome slit. It may also contribute to improved seeing by allowing wind from the outside to flow in a uniform sheet across the mirror. The height of the gap can also be adjusted in response to changes in humidity or intrusion of dust particles carried by the outside air.

The cylinders at all six telescopes have been inoperable for several years, leading to significant heating effects on the interior air, the deformable mirror (DM), and the adaptive optics board (AOB). We designed and implemented a new motion control system which restores cylinder movement at S2 and W1, allowing for improved cooling due to wind exposure. Preliminary results indicate that opening only the lower cylinder results in $\approx 1^\circ\text{C}$ - 4°C reduction in temperature, as well as a mild improvement in seeing. Further testing over several months is required to make more confident conclusions about the cylinders' cooling performance. Additionally, the effect of opening the upper cylinder has not yet been tested. This technical report details the design and components of the motion control system, the hardware and software interfaces for onsite and remote operation, and the resulting effects on temperature and seeing as measured by various sensors.

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¹N. Woolf, "Dome Seeing". *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific* 91, pp. 523-529, August 1979. [Online access.](#)

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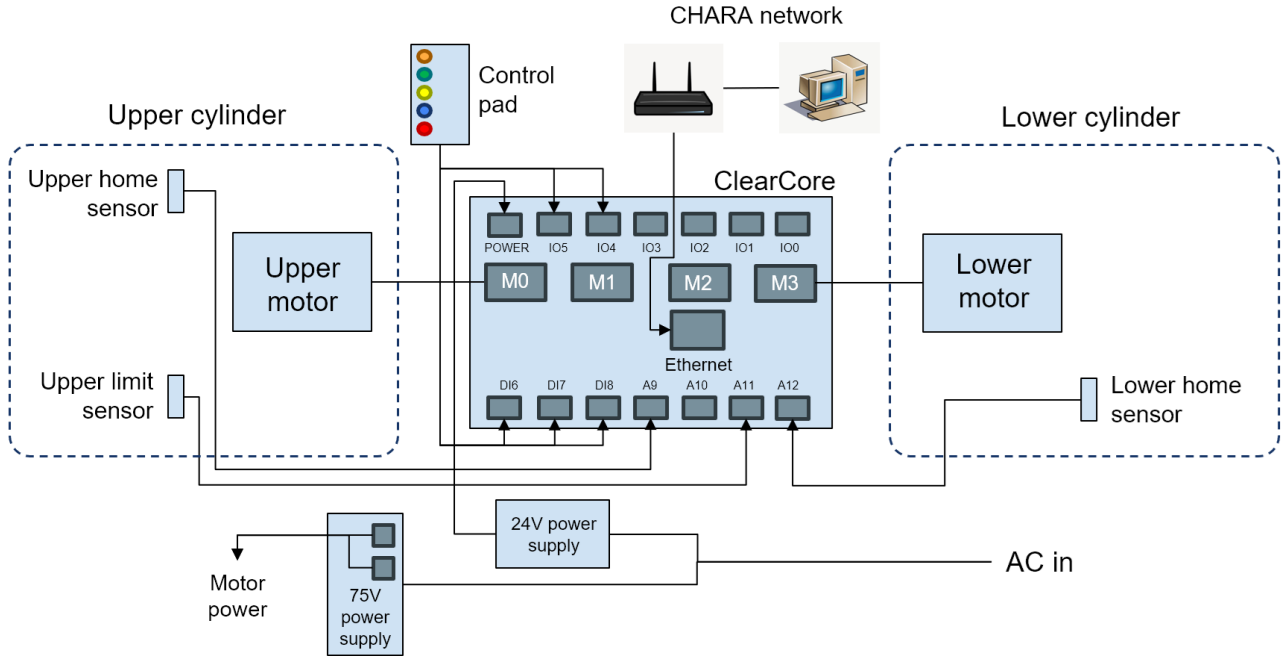


FIGURE 1. Block diagram of the new cylinder control system.

2. SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The cylinder control system as shown in Figure 1 consists of the following components:

- [Teknic ClearPath-MCVC](#) servo motor ([manual](#))
- [Teknic ClearPath-SDSK](#) servo motor ([manual](#))
- [Teknic ClearCore](#) I/O and motion controller ([manual](#))
- [Teknic IPC-5](#) 75V DC power supply ([manual](#))
- 24V DC power supply²
- 3 McMaster-Carr metallic-object proximity switches³
- 2 latching (toggle) buttons
- 3 momentary (push) buttons
- [Newsuper waterproof enclosure box](#)

2.1. Installation

The ClearCore, power supplies, and control pad are mounted inside the waterproof enclosure box, which is installed at the base of the telescope enclosure. The ClearPath-MCVC and ClearPath-SDSK motors are installed outside of the enclosure and mechanically linked to the lower and upper cylinders, respectively (Figure 2). The proximity sensors are magnetically mounted to the telescope enclosure’s inner structure and pointed outward, such that they will be triggered as the cylinders travel up or down. (Figures 3 & 4).

2.2. Connections & Power

The motors are connected to the ClearCore motion controller at M0 (MCVC motor) and M3 (SDSK motor). The buttons and sensors have two states (on/off), are connected to the ClearCore’s I/O points (see Table 1), and configured as digital inputs. The proximity sensors function as limit switches to define the bounds of each motor’s motion, while the buttons allow an on-site operator to open and close the cylinders.

²See ClearCore user manual for the recommended power supply.

³McMaster-Carr Metallic-Object Proximity Switch DC, Stainless Steel, Flush with 3-Pole Plug, NPN, SKU: 73635K78. [Product information](#)

2.2 CONNECTIONS & POWER

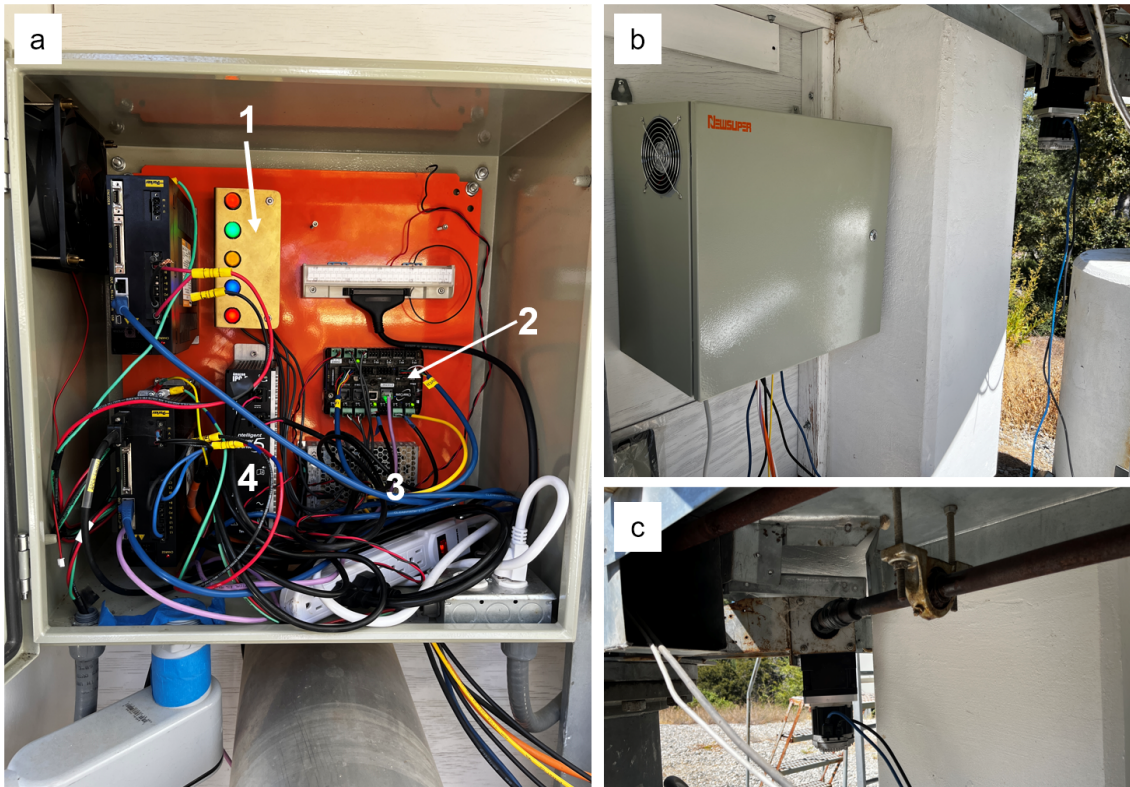


FIGURE 2. Electronics enclosure box and motors, as described in Figure 1. (a) Electronics board with (1) control pad, (2) ClearCore, (3) 24V power supply, (4) 75V power supply. (b) closed enclosure box (left) and lower motor (right). (c) upper motor.

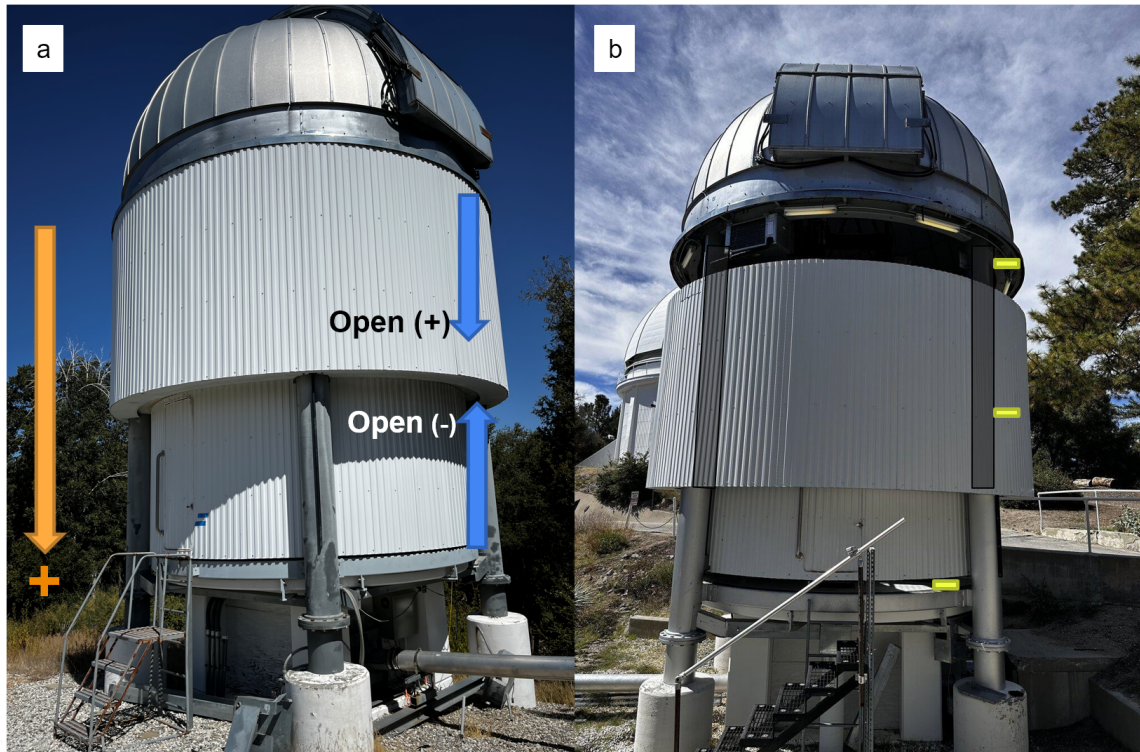


FIGURE 3. Exterior view of the telescope enclosure cylinders. (a) Cylinders at W1 in their closed positions. In the control software, the downwards direction is considered positive, so the upper cylinder opens in the positive direction, while the lower cylinder opens in the negative direction. (b) Cylinders at S2 in their open positions, with the locations of the three proximity switches marked in yellow. The semitransparent gray boxes mark the continuation of the support pillars, to which the upper home and limit switches can be mounted.

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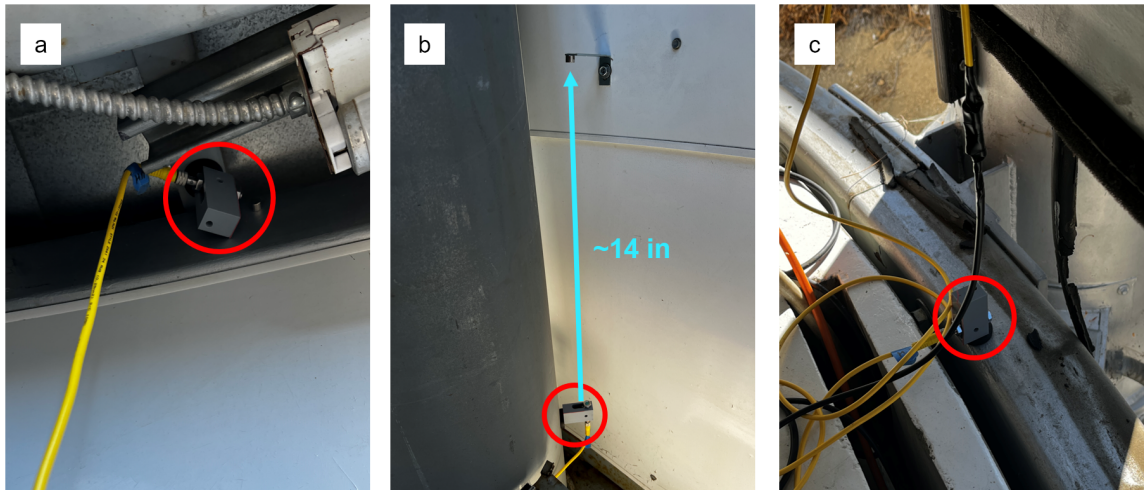


FIGURE 4. Proximity switch mounting positions. (a) upper home switch: underside of dome support ring. (b) upper limit switch: pillar, triggered by a small magnet attached to an L-bracket mounted to the inner wall of the upper cylinder. (c) lower home switch.

The motors are powered by the 75V IPC-5, while the ClearCore is powered by the 25V power supply. Both power supplies must be connected to an external power source. Finally, a CAT5 Ethernet cable is required to connect the ClearCore to the CHARA network.

Switch	Trigger Type	Connector	Color
Upper limit	Proximity	A-9	N/A
Upper home	Proximity	A-11	N/A
Lower home	Proximity	A-12	N/A
Upper cyl. up	On Push	DI-6	Orange
Upper cyl. down	On Push	DI-7	Green
Lower cyl. up/down	Toggle	DI-8	Yellow
Clear alerts	On Push	IO-5	Blue
Enable motors	Toggle	IO-4	Red

TABLE 1. Switches and their corresponding connector points on the ClearCore.

2.3. Moving the Cylinders

This section explains how the ClearCore and ClearPath motors control the movement of the cylinders. Instructions on operating the cylinder controls are detailed in Section 3.

2.3.1. A note on positioning

The ClearPath servo motors feature built-in optical encoders with a resolution of 800 counts per revolution. The motors use these encoders in a closed-loop system to ensure precise execution of movement commands. The encoder keeps track of position by counting the number of revolutions in either direction away from a “home” position. When the motor is “in home”, the counter is at zero. As a matter of convention, we have defined opening the upper cylinder (moving it down) as a move in the positive direction, while opening the lower cylinder (moving it up) as a move in the negative direction (see Figure 3(a)). This can be conceptualized with two vertical axes, centered at the cylinders’ closed positions, with the positive direction pointing down. Therefore, downwards motion is always positive for both cylinders, while upwards motion is always negative.

2.3.2. Lower Cylinder Control

The lower cylinder’s MCVC motor is configured in the *Move to Absolute Position: 2 Positions (Home to Switch)* operational mode. The motor moves between two predefined positions, which translates to fixed open and closed positions for the lower cylinder. All absolute positioning commands are made in reference to the home position. The MCVC motor seeks home by slowly moving the cylinder in the closing position (downwards) until a proximity sensor placed at the bottom of the enclosure is triggered. The motor then stops, and moves a short distance in the opposite direction. Once this process is complete, the motor’s internal position counter is set to zero. Thus, the cylinder’s “in home” position is equivalent to its “closed” position. More information about ClearPath operational modes can be found in the [ClearPath user manual](#).

2.3.3. Upper Cylinder Control

The upper cylinder’s SDSK motor is configured in the *Step and Direction* operational mode. The motor follows step and direction commands, allowing the user to precisely and repeatedly position the upper cylinder. Limits on the upper cylinder’s range of motion are defined by two proximity sensors placed along one of the inner support columns. Triggering either of these sensors will halt the motor, preventing the cylinder from moving past the sensor. Unlike the MCVC motor, the SDSK motor ignores the limit sensors when homing and instead defines its home position with a *hard stop*. The motor will move the cylinder in the closing direction (upwards) until it hits the bottom edge of the dome. The motor will continue driving until it reaches its torque limit (chosen so as not to damage the mechanics), at which point it will define its current position as “home”.

2.3.4. ClearCore Programming

UDP commands, as well as digital signals from the various sensors, buttons, and motors are interpreted by the ClearCore using custom programming written with Teknic’s ClearCore C++ library. The program was written and uploaded to the ClearCore using Teknic’s wrapper for the Arduino IDE. See Appendix B for source code and other information.

3. OPERATION

ClearCore	IP Address
S1	TBD
S2	192.168.3.221
W1	192.168.2.29
W2	TBD
E1	TBD
E2	TBD

TABLE 2. IP addresses for the ClearCores installed at each telescope as of this writing.

Each box contains a panel with buttons that can be used to control the cylinders on-site. Refer to Table 1 for the function of each button. Each ClearCore is also connected to the Internet and has a unique IP address noted in Table 2. They are programmed with custom software to receive commands from and send status reports to the operator. This allows precise and repeatable adjustments to be made in response to the weather. See Appendix A for detailed documentation on the software and the commands available to the operator.

4. DATA COLLECTION

The new system was installed at S2 and W1 because they were most affected by heating. These are each part of a pair of telescopes located at the ends of the three CHARA Array arms. Since temperatures and atmospheric conditions vary across the mountaintop, we used their closest unmodified counterparts (S1, W2) to compare cooling and DM performance.

The main metrics for cooling performance are the internal temperature of the enclosure and seeing as measured by the Fried parameter r_0 . This parameter corresponds to the largest packet of stable air and has units of length (cm). Temperature sensors (“Minions”) were placed at the deformable mirror (DM), the M5 mirror, and next to the Telescope Management (TEMA) (Figure 5). This allows us to measure the vertical temperature gradient across the adaptive optics board (AOB) and the telescope enclosure as a whole. Seeing (r_0) is measured by the Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensor (WFS) located on the AOB between the DM (M4) and M5.

Installation of the new system at S2 was completed and the cylinders became operational on July 11th, 2024, and data collection began on the same date. The cylinders at W1 became operational on July 18th, 2024. Data collection began on July 19th. The Minions provided around-the-clock temperature monitoring,

5. PRELIMINARY RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The preliminary trial involved opening only the lower cylinders at S2 and W1 during observing every night from July 31st to August 6th, except for August 1st (we will call this the trial period). We calculated the twenty-minute rolling averages of r_0 for each telescope and

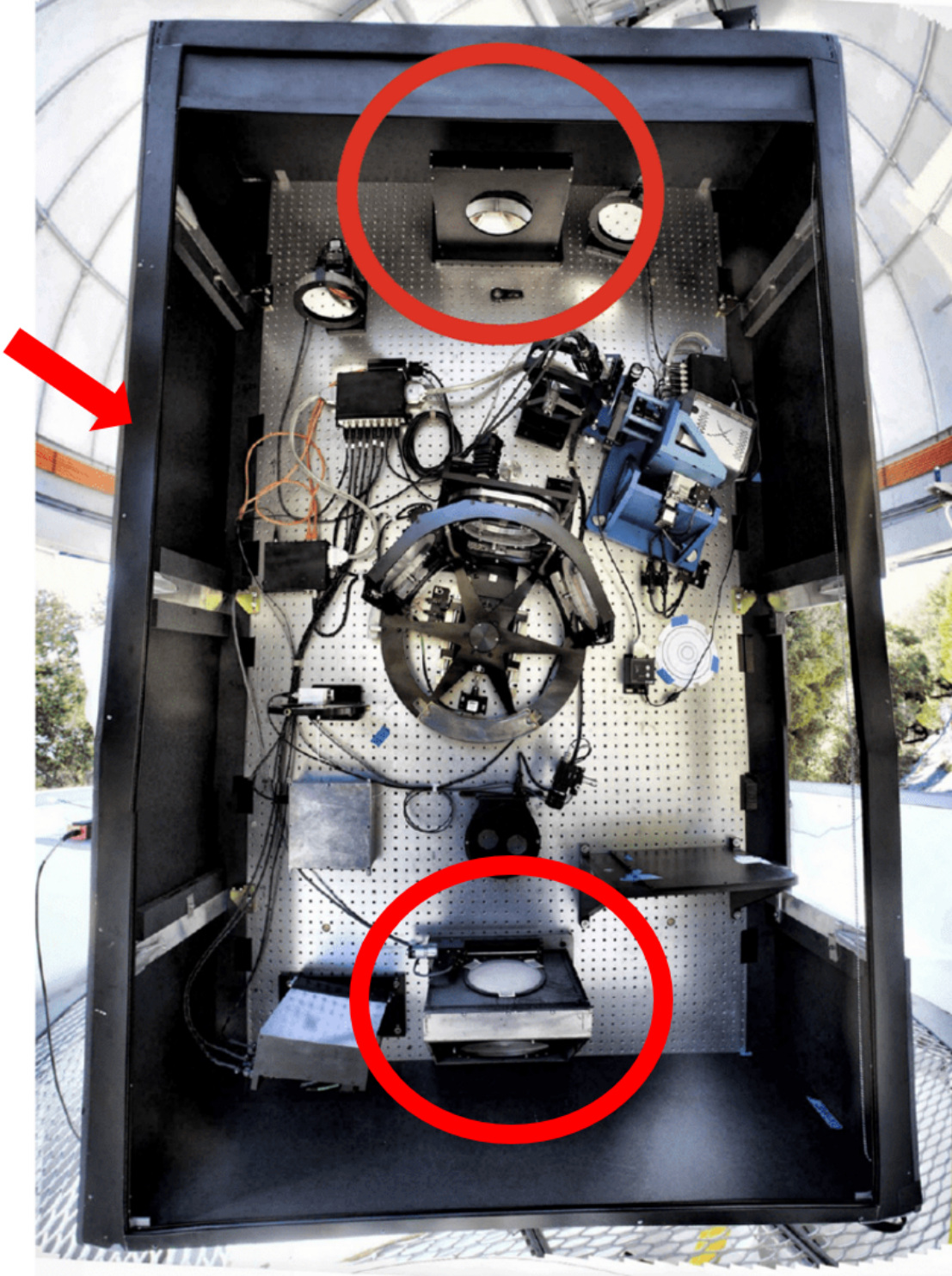


FIGURE 5. Adaptive Optics Board (AOB) with temperature sensor locations marked in red. Top circle: DM; bottom circle: M5; Arrow: TEMA (outside of the AOB). Note that temperature sensors are not present in this picture. The black box surrounding the AOB is closed during observing.

5.1 EFFECTS ON COOLING

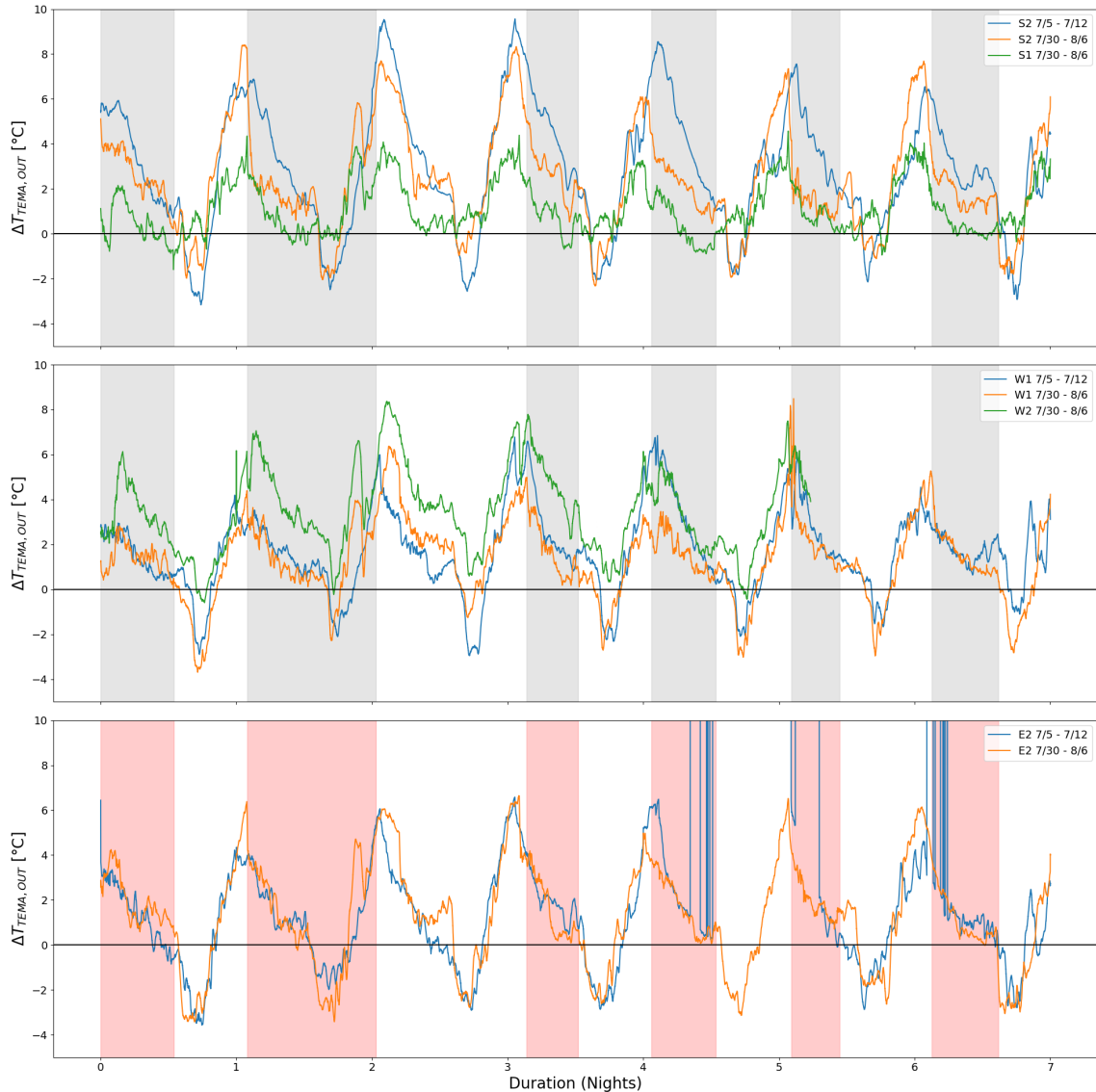


FIGURE 6. $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$ for all three telescope pairs (S1-S2, W1-W2, and E1-E2) during the control and trial periods. The grey shaded regions mark nights during the trial period where the lower cylinders were opened at S2 and W1. The red shaded regions mark the same nights at E2/E1, but the cylinders were not actually opened. **Top:** $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$ at S2 during the trial period (orange) compared with itself during the control period (blue) and S1 during the trial period (green). **Middle:** Same as top panel, but comparing W1 with its past cooling performance and that of W2. **Bottom:** Same as top and middle panels. No data for $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$ at E1 could be included due to a missing sensor.

the differences between their exterior and interior (DM/TEMA) temperatures ($\Delta T_{DM,OUT}$ and $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$) during this period. We focus on the temperature difference rather than the absolute temperatures due to variations in exterior temperatures at each telescope, and we seek to minimize these values. We compared these to the seven-night period from July 5th to July 12th, before the cylinders were operational (we will call this the control period). We also compared these parameters for each telescope pair during the same time periods.

5.1. Effects on Cooling

The telescope enclosures are sealed during daytime, leading to heating of the inside air. Prior to observing, the domes at each telescope are opened to vent the hot air. With only the lower cylinders open, S2 and W1 both showed signs of improved cooling compared to E2. When the cylinders were open, $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$ was rarely greater than $\approx 4^\circ\text{C}$ at S2 and W1 (6). At S2, the cooling effect is especially noticeable. During the trial period, nights often begin at a $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$ seen only toward the end of nights during the control period. S2 is generally hotter than S1; nevertheless, opening the cylinders allows S2 to mitigate its significant daytime heating and approach S1's nighttime temperature to within $\approx 1^\circ\text{C}$. At W1, the effect is less pronounced, but opening the cylinders still enabled W1 to reach lower temperatures sooner than it had in the control period. This is also an improvement compared to W2, which is generally hotter than W1. We compare these results to $\Delta T_{TEMA,OUT}$ at E2, whose cylinders were not open during the control or trial

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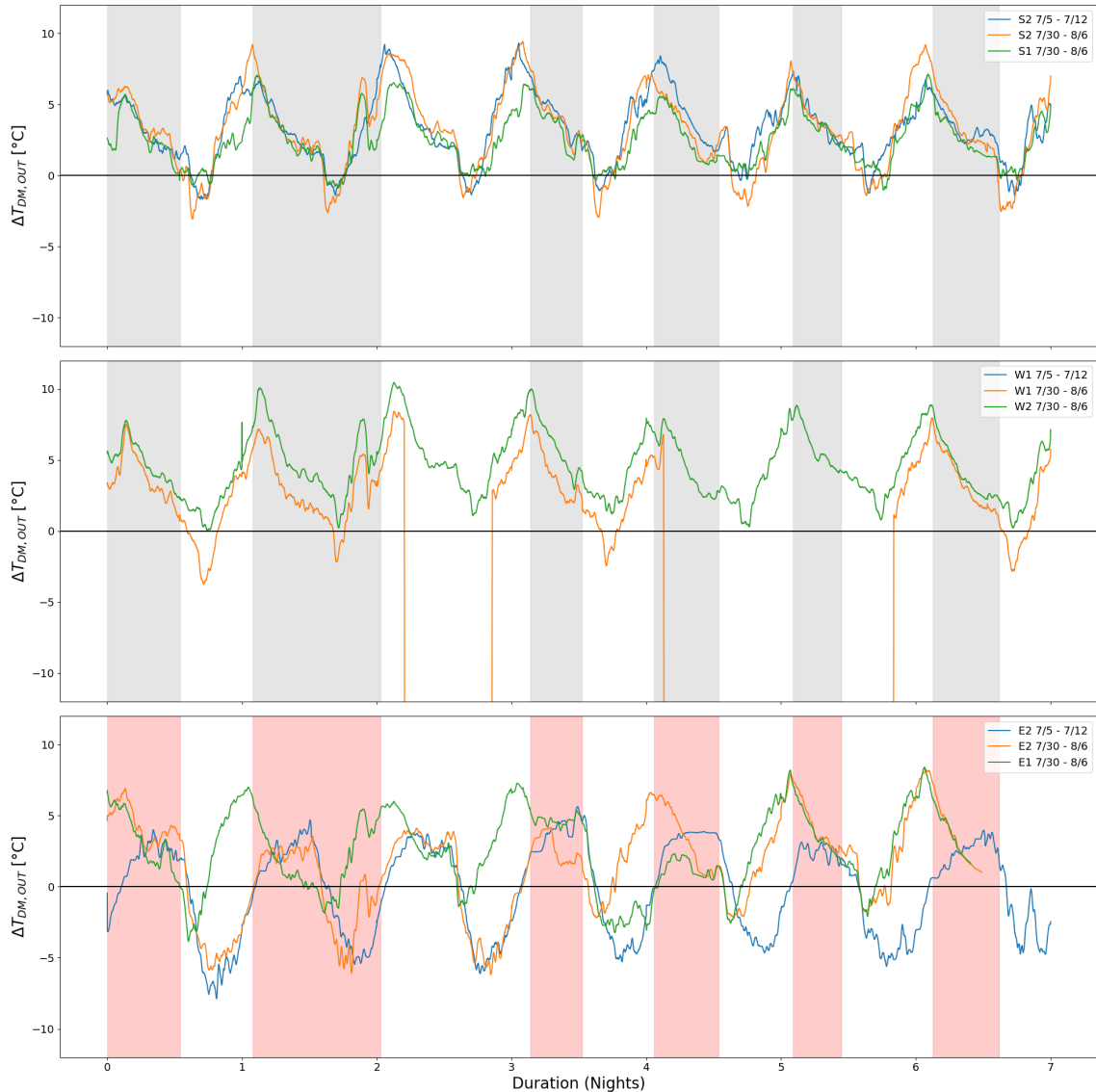


FIGURE 7. Data for $\Delta T_{DM,OUT}$ presented in the same manner as Figure 6.

periods. As seen in Figure 6, there is no significant difference in cooling rate between the two periods.

Cooling effects at the DM are not as dramatic. This is due in part to its location inside the AOB, which is closed off from external light interference by a black box (see Figure 5 and is thus somewhat insulated from the rest of the enclosure’s interior. However, Figure 7 shows that at S2, opening the lower cylinder brings its $\Delta T_{DM,OUT}$ closer to that of S1. More testing data, consisting of a longer control and trial period, is needed to determine the cooling effects at the DM, as well as at M5.

5.2. Effects on Seeing

Telescope	Control r_0 [cm]	Trial r_0 [cm]	Difference [cm]	Difference[%]
S1	13.539	14.539	1.000	7.387
S2	17.870	18.477	0.607	3.397
W1	12.008	13.041	1.033	8.597
W2	14.854	15.802	0.948	6.384
E1	18.268	18.600	0.332	1.815
E2	14.772	15.819	1.047	7.088

TABLE 3. 7-night average r_0 during the trial and control periods, their differences in cm, and their percent differences.

Although r_0 is roughly anti-correlated with air temperature (Figure 8), there are many other factors, such as relative humidity and wind speed, that also contribute to the stability of the air between a given telescope and its target. Preliminary data does not suggest a significant cooling effect on the DM for both S2 and W1, so we did not expect to see a significant difference in seeing (r_0). Here, we compare the trial period (7/31 - 8/6) with

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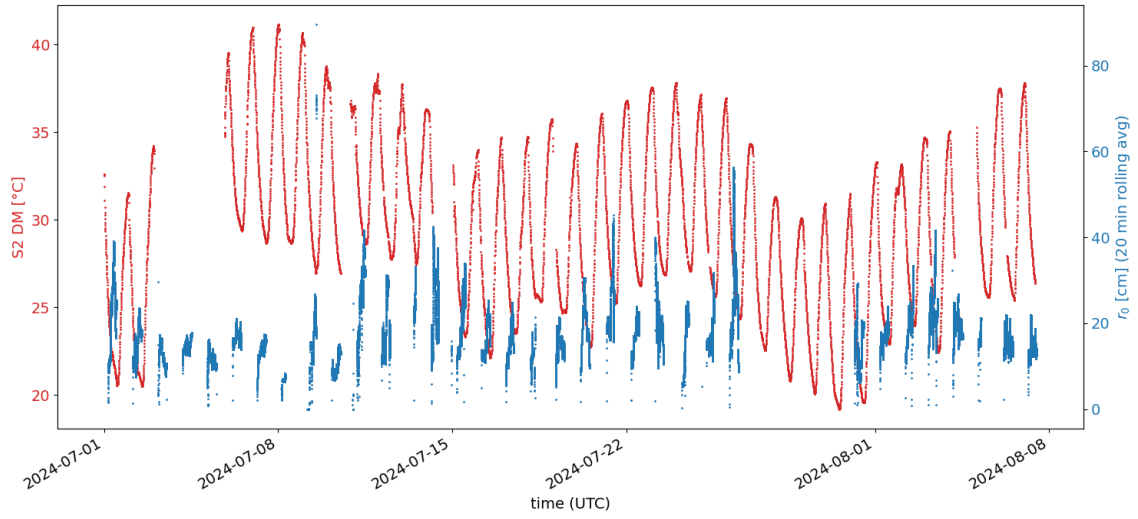


FIGURE 8. Daily variation in r_0 and DM temperature at S2 from July to August 2024.

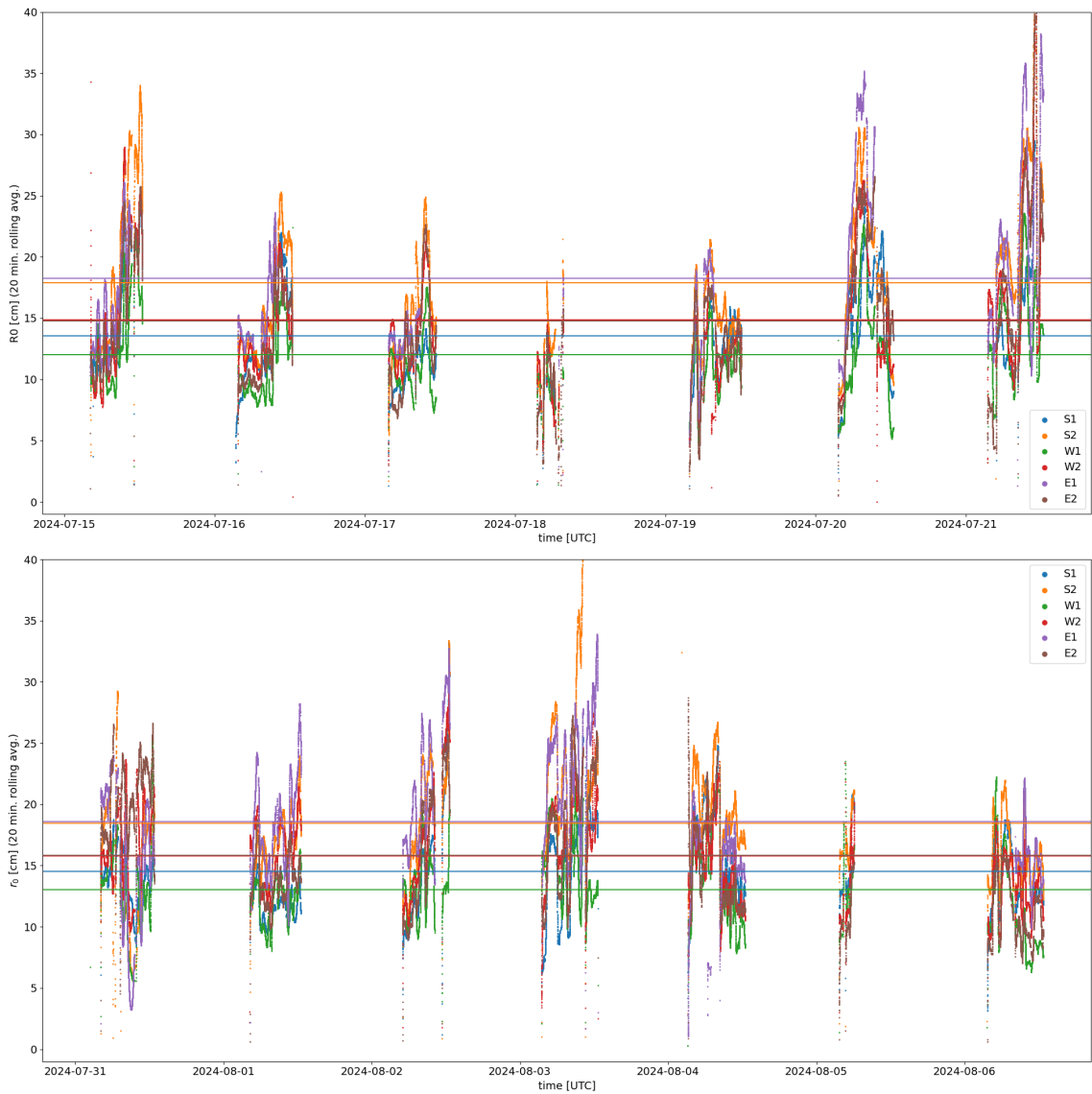


FIGURE 9. 20-minute rolling average of r_0 derived from each telescope's WFS over two seven-night periods. The horizontal lines indicate the average r_0 for each telescope during that period.

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a later 7-night control period (7/15 - 7/21) than in Section 5.1. The control period was chosen to have approximately the same average exterior temperature as the trial period (a difference of $\approx 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ across all telescopes) so that the dependence of r_0 on the interior temperature could be seen more clearly. Figure 9 shows the change in the 20-minute rolling average of r_0 throughout each night as well as the 7-night averages for each telescope. The rolling window was chosen to reduce noise in the WFS data. We see an 8.6% increase in the 7-night average r_0 for W1 and a 3.4% increase for S2. However, telescopes with non-functioning cylinders also showed increases of the same magnitude (Table 3). Further testing is required; opening the upper cylinder may result in a greater increase in average r_0 by allowing hot air to vent before rising into the optical path of the telescope.

6. SUMMARY

In this Technical Report, we have described the design and construction of a new cylinder motion control system to be implemented at all six CHARA Array telescopes. This system enables telescope operators to open additional vents on the sides of the enclosures by moving the cylinders, which leads to increased passive cooling. The new system is installed and operational at S2 and W1. The next system will be installed at E1 or E2. We expect a well-cooled telescope to reach its equilibrium temperature more rapidly, leading to an increase in r_0 at the beginning of a given night, but were unable to demonstrate this yet. Having the ability to open and close the cylinders at all six telescopes will allow us to conduct more thorough tests of this hypothesis. Although we have yet to measure a conclusive increase in r_0 , being able to cool the dome more effectively means that mirror alignment, which is sensitive to large temperature swings, will be more stable and require less correction throughout the night. Additionally, opening the upper cylinder allows access to the main telescope mirror for re-coating. Finally, a cooler dome will result in greater stability of the optical system, less wear on components and electronics, and a more comfortable daytime work environment.

A. DETAILS ON REMOTE OPERATION

Cylinders controlled by a ClearCore (currently S2 and W1) can be remotely operated by connecting to their IP address on a computer connected to the CHARA network.

A.1. Connecting

In the terminal, connect to the ClearCore through UDP using netcat: `nc -u <ipaddress> 8888`. Replace <ipaddress> with the actual IP of the ClearCore according to Table 2.

A.2. Controlling

Send commands to the ClearCore through the UDP connection. The following commands are available:

```
m#: move upper # steps (+/-), 800 steps/revolution
U: Lower Open, D: Lower Close,
O: Upper Open, C: Upper Close,
a: abort move, x: clear alerts,
s#: set #steps (+/-), v#: set velocity (+/-, limit 5333),
S: Status, M: upper cyl. movement settings
e/d: enable/disable motors
```

To send a command, type it in the command line and press enter. You will receive the above text as a reply packet every time you send a command. Please note the following:

- Position/velocity is measured in motor encoder counts/steps.
 - The upper cylinder can be positioned anywhere between 0 and 4,000,000 steps (about 12 inches of linear motion). If a move command would take the upper motor out of this range, it will move to the min/max allowed position.
 - Lower cylinder: per-step control not available. Currently moves about 12 inches (2,000,000 steps) between "open" and "closed" positions.
- The direction of positive motion is downward. Physically, the upper cylinder moves DOWN (+) to open, and the lower cylinder moves UP (-) to open.
 - e.g. 'm1000000' opens the upper cylinder by moving it downward by 1,000,000 steps. Opening the lower cylinder moves it upward by -2,000,000 steps.
 - Both cylinders have 'position = 0' when closed.
- While the cylinders are moving, the ClearCore will send **Waiting for HLFB...** through the UDP connection. When they have reached their commanded position, ClearCore will send **Move Done**. While the cylinders are moving, the ClearCore will only execute the following commands:
 - d (disable), a (abort), and S (status).
 - **Known issue:** when opening the lower cylinder, ClearCore will report **Move Done** without waiting for it to finish moving. Closing does not have this issue. Confirm by checking the status report.

A.3. Checking Status

Send S to get the status report. It should look like this:

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S2 CYLINDER STATUS
=====
Upper cyl. position:      MaxOpen (4000000 steps)
Lower cyl. position:      Closing

Button                    State | Sensor                    State
-----+-----
Upper ctrl. up            OFF | Upper cyl. home           OFF
Upper ctrl. down          OFF | Upper cyl. limit          ON
Lower ctrl.                OFF |
Clear alerts              OFF | Lower cyl. home           OFF
Enable motors             ON  | Lower cyl. limit          OFF

Alerts
-----
Upper motor:
Lower motor:
```

The first two rows report the cylinder positions. “Open” and “Closed” mean that the cylinders are open/closed and stationary. “Opening” and “Closing” mean that the cylinders are in motion toward the open/closed position. “MaxOpen” is exclusive to the upper cylinder and means it cannot open any further.

The status report also contains the momentary state of each button/sensor. The buttons are hardware controls located at the telescope. The sensors are proximity switches that are ON by default and turn OFF when triggered. Homing and limit sensors are placed at the cylinders’ closed and open positions respectively. If a given sensor is OFF, the cylinder cannot be moved further in that direction.

Known Issue: the sensors may not be triggered even when the cylinders are fully closed/open.

Note: “Lower cyl. limit” sensor is currently not in use; please ignore it.

If there are any alerts, clear them by sending x.

B. CLEARCORE CONTROL SOURCE CODE

The following C code is located in `UDP_bothcylinders_ClearCore8.ino` hosted in the [cylinders repository on the CHARA GitLab](#).

Editing and compiling the code requires Teknic’s ClearCore wrapper for the Arduino IDE. Download and installation instructions can be found on the [Teknic ClearCore API documentation page](#). This page also contains documentation for each class in the ClearCore API. Uploading the code to the ClearCore requires the Arduino IDE and a USB-A to USB-B cable.

```

1  /* Control of Upper and Lower Cylinders for CHARA telescope enclosures.
2     Authors: James Wen (jswen@usc.edu), Nic Scott (nscott14@gsu.edu)
3
4     1. Teknic ClearPath motors must be connected to the ClearCore
5        (MC to Connector M-0, SD to Connector M-3). MC controls the
6        lower cylinder, and SD controls the upper cylinder.
7
8     2. The connected ClearPath MC motor must be configured
9        through the MSP software for Move To Absolute Position mode
10       (In MSP select Mode>>Position>>Move to Absolute Position).
11
12       The connected ClearPath SD motor must be configured
13       through the MSP software for Step and Direction mode
14       (In MSP select Mode>>Step and Direction).
15
16     3. Homing must be configured in the MSP software for your mechanical system
17        (e.g. homing direction, switch polarity, etc.). To configure, click
18        "Setup..." found under the "Homing" label on the MSP's main window.
19
20     4. The ClearPath motor must be set to use the HLFb mode "ASG-Position
21        w/Measured Torque" with a PWM carrier frequency of 482 Hz through the MSP
22        software (select Advanced>>High Level Feedback [Mode]... then choose
23        "ASG-Position w/Measured Torque" from the dropdown, make sure that 482 Hz
24        is selected in the "PWM Carrier Frequency" dropdown, and hit the OK
25        button). Set the Input Format in MSP for "Step + Direction" (for the SD motor).
26
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27     5. Wire the homing sensor to Connector (for the MC motor).
28
29     6. The ClearPath must have defined Absolute Position Selections set up in the
30     MSP software (On the main MSP window check the "Position Selection Setup
31     (cnts)" box and fill in the two text boxes labeled "A off" and "A on").
32
33     7. Ensure the Input A & B filters in MSP are both set to 20ms (In MSP
34     select Advanced>>Input A, B Filtering... then in the Settings box fill in
35     the textboxes labeled "Input A Filter Time Constant (msec)" and "Input B
36     Filter Time Constant (msec)" then hit the OK button).
37
38     Links:
39     * ClearCore Documentation: https://tekninc-inc.github.io/ClearCore-library/
40     * ClearCore Manual: https://www.tekninc.com/files/downloads/clearcore\_user\_manual.pdf
41     * ClearPath Manual: https://www.tekninc.com/files/downloads/clearpath\_user\_manual.pdf
42     * ClearPath Mode Informational Video: https://www.tekninc.com/watch-video/#OpMode2
43     */
44
45     #include <string.h>
46     #include <stdlib.h>
47     #include <stdio.h>
48     #include "ClearCore.h"
49     #include "EthernetUdp.h"
50
51     // Change the MAC address and IP address below to match your ClearCore's MAC address and IP.
52     // byte mac[] = {0xDE, 0xAD, 0xBE, 0xEF, 0xFE, 0xED};
53     // byte mac[] = {0x24, 0x15, 0x10, 0xB0, 0x2A, 0xF4};
54     IPAddress ip = IPAddress(192, 168, 2, 134); //set if configured for static IP
55     unsigned int localPort = 8888; // The local port to listen for connections on.
56
57     // buffer to read incoming UDP packets
58     #define MAX_PACKET_LENGTH 10
59     unsigned char packetReceived[MAX_PACKET_LENGTH];
60     // buffer to write outgoing UDP packets
61     char intostr[10];
62     // An EthernetUDP instance to let us send and receive packets over UDP
63     EthernetUdp Udp;
64     // Set this false if not using DHCP to configure the local IP address.
65     bool usingDhcp = true;
66     bool enabled = false;
67
68     // Specify which serial to use (ConnectorUsb, ConnectorCOM0, or ConnectorCOM1) and the baud rate.
69     #define SerialPort ConnectorUsb
70     #define baudRate 9600
71
72     // The INPUT_A_B_FILTER must match the Input A, B filter setting in MSP
73     // (Advanced >> Input A, B Filtering...)
74     #define INPUT_A_B_FILTER 20
75
76     // Defines the motor's connectors
77     #define lower_motor ConnectorM0 // MC motor
78     #define upper_motor ConnectorM3 // SD motor
79     // Specifies the home sensor connector
80     #define lower_HomingSensor ConnectorA12
81     #define upper_HomingSensor ConnectorA11
82     // Specifies the Limit switch connectors
83     #define lower_LimitSwitch ConnectorA10
84     #define upper_LimitSwitch ConnectorA9
85     // Specifies buttons
86     #define lower_ctrl_button ConnectorDI8 // lower cylinder cycle Aoff/Aon (latching)
87     #define upper_ctrl_up_button ConnectorDI6 // upper cylinder dir1 (momentary)
88     #define upper_ctrl_down_button ConnectorDI7 // upper cylinder dir2 (momentary)
89     #define enable_button ConnectorIO4 // enable/disable (latching)
90     #define clear_button ConnectorIO5 // clear alerts (momentary)
91
92     // current state of button pins
93     int16_t lower_ctrl_state;
94     int16_t upper_ctrl_up_state;
95     int16_t upper_ctrl_down_state;
96     int16_t enable_state;
97     int16_t clear_state;
98     int16_t last_lower_ctrl_state = false;
99     int16_t last_upper_ctrl_up_state = false;
100    int16_t last_upper_ctrl_down_state = false;
101    int16_t last_enable_state = false;
102    int16_t last_clear_state = false;
103
104    // limit/home switch interrupt routines
105    void lower_HomingSensor_Callback();
106    void upper_HomingSensor_Callback();
107    void lower_LimitSwitch_Callback(); //lower cylinder upper limit switch
108    void upper_LimitSwitch_Callback(); //upper cylinder upper limit switch
109

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110 // movement and communication routines
111 bool UpperMoveDistance(int32_t distance);
112 bool LowerMovePosition(uint8_t positionNum);
113 bool UpperMoveAtVelocity(int32_t velocity);
114 void PrintAlerts();
115 void HandleAlerts();
116 void printStatus();
117 void printUpperMoveSettings();
118 void SerialUdpSendln(char *message);
119 uint16_t packetSize;
120
121 // motor/sensor states for status report
122 char *lowerPosition;
123 char *upperPosition;
124 char statusReport[1024];
125 char upperCtrlUpState_str[4] = "OFF";
126 char upperCtrlDownState_str[4] = "OFF";
127 char lowerCtrlState_str[4] = "OFF";
128 char clearState_str[4] = "OFF";
129 char enableState_str[4] = "OFF";
130 char upperHomeState_str[4] = "OFF";
131 char upperLimitState_str[4] = "OFF";
132 char lowerHomeState_str[4] = "OFF";
133 char lowerLimitState_str[4] = "OFF";
134
135 // Define the position, velocity, and acceleration limits to be used for each move
136 int cylinder_range = 4000000; //change this to match actual number of steps from home to limit
137 int32_t velocityLimit = 5333; // pulses per sec 800 pulses/rev, 400 rpm = 5333 pulses/sec
138 int32_t accelerationLimit = 1333; // pulses per sec^2, 100 rpm/s
139 // initial movement settings
140 int vel = velocityLimit;
141 int steps = 1000;
142 int distance = 1000;
143 int upper_homing_offset = 0; // should match "Homing Offset Move Distance (cnts)" in the MSP homing setup menu
144 bool stop = true;
145 bool lower_pos;
146 bool abort_move = false;
147 bool move = false;
148 int travel = 0;
149 int i = 0;
150
151
152 // To enable automatic alert handling, #define HANDLE_ALERTS (1)
153 // To disable automatic alert handling, #define HANDLE_ALERTS (0)
154 #define HANDLE_ALERTS (1)
155
156 // Put your setup code here, it will run once:
157 void setup() {
158     uint32_t timeout = 5000;
159     uint32_t startTime = Milliseconds();
160
161     // Sets up serial communication and waits up to 5 seconds for a port to open.
162     SerialPort.Mode(Connector::USB_CDC);
163     SerialPort.Speed(baudRate);
164     SerialPort.PortOpen();
165     while (!SerialPort && Milliseconds() - startTime < timeout) {
166         continue;
167     }
168
169     // Make sure the physical link is up before continuing.
170     while (!EthernetMgr.PhyLinkActive() && Milliseconds() - startTime < timeout) {
171         Serial.println("The Ethernet cable is unplugged...");
172         Delay_ms(1000);
173     }
174     // Run the setup for the ClearCore Ethernet manager.
175     EthernetMgr.Setup();
176     if (usingDhcp) {
177         // Use DHCP to configure the local IP address.
178         bool dhcpSuccess = EthernetMgr.DhcpBegin();
179         if (dhcpSuccess) {
180             Serial.println("DHCP successfully assigned an IP address: ");
181             Serial.println(EthernetMgr.LocalIp().StringValue());
182         } else {
183             Serial.println("DHCP configuration was unsuccessful!");
184             while (true && Milliseconds() - startTime < timeout) {
185                 // UDP will not work without a configured IP address.
186                 continue;
187             }
188         }
189     } else {
190         EthernetMgr.LocalIp(ip);
191         Serial.println("Successfully assigned a static IP address: ");
192         Serial.println(EthernetMgr.LocalIp().StringValue());

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193     }
194     // Begin listening on the local port for UDP datagrams
195     Udp.Begin(localPort);
196
197     // This section attaches the interrupt callback to the homing/limit sensor pins,
198     // set to trigger when the sensor goes from on to off.
199
200     lower_HomingSensor.Mode(Connector::INPUT_DIGITAL);
201     lower_HomingSensor.InterruptHandlerSet(lower_HomingSensor_Callback, InputManager::CHANGE);
202     upper_HomingSensor.Mode(Connector::INPUT_DIGITAL);
203     upper_HomingSensor.InterruptHandlerSet(upper_HomingSensor_Callback, InputManager::FALLING);
204     lower_LimitSwitch.Mode(Connector::INPUT_DIGITAL);
205     lower_LimitSwitch.InterruptHandlerSet(lower_LimitSwitch_Callback, InputManager::FALLING);
206     upper_LimitSwitch.Mode(Connector::INPUT_DIGITAL);
207     upper_LimitSwitch.InterruptHandlerSet(upper_LimitSwitch_Callback, InputManager::FALLING);
208     InputMgr.InterruptsEnabled(true);
209
210     // Sets the input clocking rate. This normal rate is ideal for ClearPath
211     // step and direction applications.
212     MotorMgr.MotorInputClocking(MotorManager::CLOCK_RATE_NORMAL);
213     // Sets all motor connectors to the correct modes
214     MotorMgr.MotorModeSet(MotorManager::MOTOR_MOM1, Connector::CPM_MODE_A_DIRECT_B_DIRECT);
215     MotorMgr.MotorModeSet(MotorManager::MOTOR_M2M3, Connector::CPM_MODE_STEP_AND_DIR);
216     // Set the motor's HLFb mode to bipolar pwm
217     lower_motor.HlfbMode(MotorDriver::HLFB_MODE_HAS_BIPOLAR_PWM);
218     upper_motor.HlfbMode(MotorDriver::HLFB_MODE_HAS_BIPOLAR_PWM);
219     // Set the HFLB carrier frequency to 482 Hz
220     lower_motor.HlfbCarrier(MotorDriver::HLFB_CARRIER_482_HZ);
221     upper_motor.HlfbCarrier(MotorDriver::HLFB_CARRIER_482_HZ);
222
223     // Enforces the state of the motor's Input A/B before enabling the motor
224     lower_motor.MotorInAState(false);
225     lower_motor.MotorInBState(lower_HomingSensor.State());
226     // upper_motor.MotorInBState(true);
227
228     // Set velocity and acceleration limits
229     upper_motor.VelMax(velocityLimit);
230     upper_motor.AccelMax(accelerationLimit);
231
232     // Set pos and neg limit switches for upper motor (SED only)
233     // NOTE: cannot use declared macros for clearcore pins.
234     if (upper_motor.LimitSwitchPos(CLEARCORE_PIN_A9)) {
235         Serial.println("Upper home sensor enabled on pin A11");
236     }
237     if (upper_motor.LimitSwitchNeg(CLEARCORE_PIN_A11)) {
238         Serial.println("Upper limit switch enabled on pin A9");
239     }
240
241     printStatus();
242 }
243
244 void loop() {
245     // Put your main code here, it will run repeatedly:
246
247     // Look for a received packet.
248     packetSize = Udp.PacketParse();
249
250     if (packetSize > 0) {
251         SerialPort.Send("Received packet of size ");
252         SerialPort.Send(packetSize);
253         SerialPort.Send(" bytes. ");
254         SerialPort.Send("Remote IP: ");
255         SerialPort.SendLine(Udp.RemoteIp().StringValue());
256         SerialPort.Send("Remote port: ");
257         SerialPort.SendLine(Udp.RemotePort());
258         // Read the packet.
259         int32_t bytesRead = Udp.PacketRead(packetReceived, MAX_PACKET_LENGTH);
260         SerialPort.Send("Number of bytes read from packet: ");
261         SerialPort.SendLine(bytesRead);
262         SerialPort.Send("Packet contents: ");
263         SerialPort.Send((char *)packetReceived);
264         SerialPort.SendLine();
265         // Send a reply packet back to the sender.
266         Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
267         Udp.PacketWrite(
268             "\r\nm#: move upper # steps (+/-), 800 steps/revolution"
269             "\r\nU: Lower Open, D: Lower Close, "
270             "\r\nO: Upper Open, C: Upper Close, "
271             "\r\na: abort move, x: clear alerts, "
272             "\r\ns#: set #steps (+/-), v#: set velocity (+/-, limit 5333), "
273             "\r\nS: Status, M: upper cyl. movement settings,"
274             "\r\nne/d: enable/disable motors\r\n\r\n");
275         Udp.PacketSend();

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276
277 char mode = packetReceived[0];
278 char init[0];
279 int travel = 0;
280 int i = 0;
281
282 // Define commands to be read from UDP. will only run case A or B after case 'r' for reset.
283 // B will take anything (currently 9 digits) after the first char and make it an int.
284 // This could be the #steps for the motor
285 switch (mode) {
286     case 'U':
287         if (enabled == true) {
288             LowerMovePosition(2); // Moves cylinder up to Position 2 (open) defined in MSP.
289             Delay_ms(1000);
290         } else {
291             SerialUdpSendln("Is the motor enabled?");
292         }
293         break;
294
295     case 'D':
296         if (enabled == true) {
297             LowerMovePosition(1); // Moves cylinder down to Position 1 (closed) defined in MSP.
298             Delay_ms(1000);
299         } else {
300             SerialUdpSendln("Is the motor enabled?");
301         }
302         break;
303
304     case 'O':
305         if (enabled) {
306             UpperMoveDistance(cylinder_range);
307         } else {
308             SerialUdpSendln("Is the motor enabled?");
309         }
310         break;
311
312     case 'C':
313         if (enabled) {
314             UpperMoveDistance(-cylinder_range);
315         } else {
316             SerialUdpSendln("Is the motor enabled?");
317         }
318         break;
319
320     case 'x':
321         HandleAlerts();
322         Delay_ms(1000);
323         break;
324
325     case 'e':
326         lower_motor.EnableRequest(true);
327         upper_motor.EnableRequest(true);
328         // Waits for HLFB to assert (waits for homing to complete if applicable)
329         SerialUdpSendln("Waiting for Lower Motor...");
330         while (
331             lower_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED &&
332             lower_homingSensor.State()
333         ) {
334             continue;
335         }
336         SerialUdpSendln("Lower Motor Ready");
337         SerialUdpSendln("Waiting for Upper Motor...");
338         while (upper_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
339             continue;
340         }
341         SerialUdpSendln("Homing complete.");
342         // set the upper motor's position reference after homing is complete.
343         upper_motor.PositionRefSet(upper_homing_offset);
344         SerialUdpSendln("Upper Motor Ready");
345
346         enabled = true;
347         abort_move = false;
348         break;
349
350     case 'd':
351         SerialUdpSendln("Aborting moves ...");
352         lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
353         upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
354
355         lower_motor.EnableRequest(false);
356         upper_motor.EnableRequest(false);
357         enabled = false;
358         SerialUdpSendln("Motors disabled");

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359         break;
360
361     case 'm':
362         if (enabled == true) {
363             sscanf(reinterpret_cast<const char *>(packetReceived), "%1c %9d", init, &distance);
364             upper_motor.VelMax(vel);
365             if (abs(distance) <= cylinder_range) {
366                 UpperMoveDistance(distance);
367             } else {
368                 SerialUdpSendln("\r\nError: requested move out of range.\r\n");
369             }
370             Delay_ms(1000);
371         } else {
372             SerialUdpSendln("Is the motor enabled?");
373         }
374         break;
375
376     case 'v':
377         sscanf(reinterpret_cast<const char *>(packetReceived), "%1c %9d", init, &vel);
378         if (abs(vel) <= velocityLimit) {
379             SerialPort.Send("Upper cyl. velocity set to ");
380             SerialPort.SendLine(vel);
381             Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
382             Udp.PacketWrite("\r\nUpper cyl. velocity set to ");
383             Udp.PacketWrite(itoa(vel, inttostr, 10));
384             Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
385             Udp.PacketSend();
386         } else {
387             SerialUdpSendln("\r\nError: requested velocity over limit.\r\n");
388         }
389         Delay_ms(1000);
390         break;
391
392     case 'a':
393         SerialUdpSendln("Abort move");
394         abort_move = true;
395         upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
396         lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
397         Delay_ms(1000);
398         break;
399
400     case 's':
401         sscanf(reinterpret_cast<const char *>(packetReceived), "%1c %9d", init, &steps);
402         SerialPort.SendLine("steps = ");
403         SerialPort.SendLine(steps);
404         Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
405         Udp.PacketWrite("\r\nsteps = ");
406         Udp.PacketWrite(itoa(steps, inttostr, 10));
407         Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
408         Udp.PacketSend();
409         Delay_ms(1000);
410         break;
411
412     case 'S':
413         printStatus();
414         Delay_ms(1000);
415         break;
416
417     case 'M':
418         printUpperMoveSettings();
419         Delay_ms(1000);
420         break;
421
422     default:
423         SerialUdpSendln("No case found");
424         break;
425 }
426 }
427
428 // clear the packet buffer
429 for(int i=0; i<MAX_PACKET_LENGTH; i++) packetReceived[i] = 0;
430
431
432 lower_ctrl_state = lower_ctrl_button.State();
433 upper_ctrl_up_state = upper_ctrl_up_button.State();
434 upper_ctrl_down_state = upper_ctrl_down_button.State();
435 enable_state = enable_button.State();
436 clear_state = clear_button.State();
437
438 if (enable_state != last_enable_state) {
439     last_enable_state = enable_state;
440     if (enable_state) {
441         lower_motor.EnableRequest(true);

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442     upper_motor.EnableRequest(true);
443     // Waits for HLFB to assert (waits for homing to complete if applicable)
444     SerialUdpSendln("Waiting for Lower Motor...");
445     while (
446         lower_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED &&
447         lower_HomingSensor.State()
448     ) {
449         continue;
450     }
451     SerialUdpSendln("Lower Motor Ready");
452     // SerialUdpSendln("Waiting for Upper Motor...");
453     // while (upper_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
454     //     continue;
455     // }
456     SerialUdpSendln("Homing complete.");
457     // set the upper motor's position reference after homing is complete.
458     upper_motor.PositionRefSet(upper_homing_offset);
459     SerialUdpSendln("Upper Motor Ready");
460     enabled = true;
461     SerialUdpSendln("Motors enabled");
462 } else {
463     SerialUdpSendln("Aborting moves ...");
464     lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
465     upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
466     lower_motor.EnableRequest(false);
467     upper_motor.EnableRequest(false);
468     enabled = false;
469     SerialUdpSendln("Motors disabled");
470 }
471 }
472
473 if (clear_state != last_clear_state) {
474     last_clear_state = clear_state;
475     if (clear_state) {
476         HandleAlerts();
477     }
478 }
479
480 if (lower_ctrl_state != last_lower_ctrl_state) {
481     last_lower_ctrl_state = lower_ctrl_state;
482     if (lower_ctrl_state) {
483         Delay_ms(100);
484         LowerMovePosition(2); // Move to Position 2 (open) defined in MSP.
485     } else {
486         Delay_ms(100);
487         LowerMovePosition(1); // Move to Position 1 (closed) defined in MSP.
488     }
489 }
490
491 if (upper_ctrl_up_state != last_upper_ctrl_up_state) {
492     last_upper_ctrl_up_state = upper_ctrl_up_state;
493     if (upper_ctrl_up_state) {
494         SerialUdpSendln("Upper moving up/cylinder closing");
495         Delay_ms(100);
496         UpperMoveAtVelocity(-vel);
497     } else {
498         SerialPort.SendLine("off");
499         UpperMoveAtVelocity(0);
500     }
501 }
502
503 if (upper_ctrl_down_state != last_upper_ctrl_down_state) {
504     last_upper_ctrl_down_state = upper_ctrl_down_state;
505     if (upper_ctrl_down_state) {
506         SerialUdpSendln("Upper moving down/cylinder opening");
507         Delay_ms(100);
508         UpperMoveAtVelocity(vel);
509     } else {
510         UpperMoveAtVelocity(0);
511     }
512 }
513
514
515 delay(10);
516 }
517
518 /*-----
519     LowerMovePosition (MC motor)
520
521     Move motor controlling lower cylinder to position number positionNum (defined in MSP)
522     Prints the move status to the USB serial port
523     Returns when HLFB asserts (indicating the motor has reached the commanded
524     position)

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525
526     Parameters:
527         int positionNum - 1: input A off, 2: input A on
528
529     Returns: True/False depending on whether a valid position was
530             successfully commanded and reached.
531 */
532 bool LowerMovePosition(uint8_t positionNum) {
533     // Check if an alert is currently preventing motion
534     if (lower_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent) {
535         SerialUdpSendln("Lower Motor status: 'In Alert'. Move Canceled.");
536         return false;
537     }
538     SerialPort.Send("Moving to position: ");
539     SerialPort.Send(positionNum);
540     SerialPort.SendLine();
541     Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
542     Udp.PacketWrite("\r\nMoving to position: ");
543     Udp.PacketWrite(itoa(positionNum, inttostr, 10));
544     Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
545     Udp.PacketSend();
546
547     switch (positionNum) {
548         // if motor configured in "move to sensor position" mode
549         // case 1:
550         //     lower_motor.MotorInBState(false);
551         //     lower_motor.MotorInAState(true);
552         //     SerialPort.SendLine("Input A On");
553         //     SerialUdpSendln("Lower cylinder closing (moving down) ...");
554         //     break;
555         // case 2:
556         //     lower_motor.MotorInAState(false);
557         //     lower_motor.MotorInBState(true);
558         //     SerialPort.SendLine("Input B On");
559         //     SerialUdpSendln("Lower cylinder opening (moving up) ...");
560         //     break;
561
562         // if motor configured in "move to absolute position" mode
563         case 1:
564             lower_motor.MotorInAState(false); // Sets Input A "off" for position 1
565             SerialPort.SendLine(" (Input A Off)");
566             SerialUdpSendln("Lower cylinder closing (moving down) ...");
567             break;
568         case 2:
569             lower_motor.MotorInAState(true); // Sets Input A "on" for position 2
570             SerialPort.SendLine(" (Input A On)");
571             SerialUdpSendln("Lower cylinder opening (moving up) ...");
572             break;
573         default:
574             // If this case is reached then an incorrect positionNum was entered
575             return false;
576     }
577     // Waits for HLFB to assert (signaling the move has successfully completed)
578     SerialUdpSendln("Moving.. Waiting for HLFB");
579     while (
580         lower_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED &&
581         !lower_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent
582     ) {
583         if (!enable_button.State()) {
584             break;
585         }
586         // Look for a received packet.
587         packetSize = Udp.PacketParse();
588
589         if (packetSize > 0) {
590             SerialPort.Send("Received packet of size ");
591             SerialPort.Send(packetSize);
592             SerialPort.Send(" bytes. ");
593             SerialPort.Send("Remote IP: ");
594             SerialPort.SendLine(Udp.RemoteIp().StringValue());
595             SerialPort.Send("Remote port: ");
596             SerialPort.SendLine(Udp.RemotePort());
597             // Read the packet.
598             int32_t bytesRead = Udp.PacketRead(packetReceived, MAX_PACKET_LENGTH);
599             SerialPort.Send("Number of bytes read from packet: ");
600             SerialPort.SendLine(bytesRead);
601             SerialPort.Send("Packet contents: ");
602             SerialPort.Send((char *)packetReceived);
603             SerialPort.SendLine();
604
605             char mode = packetReceived[0];
606
607             // Define commands to be read from UDP. will only run case A or B after case 'r' for reset.

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608 // B will take anything (currently 9 digits) after the first char and make it an int.
609 // This could be the #steps for the motor
610 switch (mode) {
611     case 'd':
612         SerialUdpSendln("Aborting moves ...");
613         lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
614         upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
615
616         lower_motor.EnableRequest(false);
617         upper_motor.EnableRequest(false);
618         enabled = false;
619         SerialUdpSendln("Motors disabled");
620         break;
621
622     case 'a':
623         SerialUdpSendln("Abort move");
624         abort_move = true;
625         lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
626         Delay_ms(1000);
627         break;
628
629     case 'S':
630         printStatus();
631         break;
632
633     default:
634         SerialUdpSendln("No case found");
635         break;
636 }
637 }
638
639 // clear the packet buffer
640 for(int i=0;i<MAX_PACKET_LENGTH;i++) packetReceived[i] = 0;
641
642 continue;
643 }
644 // Check if motor alert occurred during move
645 // Clear alert if configured to do so
646 if (lower_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent) {
647     SerialUdpSendln("Motor alert detected.");
648     PrintAlerts();
649     if (HANDLE_ALERTS) {
650         HandleAlerts();
651     } else {
652         SerialUdpSendln("Enable automatic fault handling by setting HANDLE_ALERTS to 1.");
653     }
654     SerialUdpSendln("Motion may not have completed as expected. Proceed with caution.");
655     return false;
656 } else {
657     SerialUdpSendln("Move Done");
658
659     return true;
660 }
661 }
662
663 /*-----
664     UpperMoveDistance
665
666     Command "distance" number of step pulses away from the current position
667     Prints the move status to the USB serial port
668     Returns when HLFB asserts (indicating the motor has reached the commanded
669     position)
670
671     Parameters:
672         int distance - The distance, in step pulses, to move
673
674     Returns: True/False depending on whether the move was successfully triggered.
675     -----*/
676 bool UpperMoveDistance(int32_t distance) {
677     // Check if a motor alert is currently preventing motion
678     // Clear alert if configured to do so
679     if (upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent) {
680         SerialUdpSendln("Motor alert detected.");
681         PrintAlerts();
682         if (HANDLE_ALERTS) {
683             HandleAlerts();
684         } else {
685             SerialUdpSendln("Enable automatic alert handling by setting HANDLE_ALERTS to 1.");
686         }
687         SerialUdpSendln("Move canceled.");
688         SerialPort.SendLine();
689         return false;
690     }

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691
692 // check if distance would take cylinder out of movement range
693 if (upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded() + distance < upper_homing_offset) {
694     SerialUdpSendln("WARNING: commanded move less than min position.");
695     SerialUdpSendln("Moving to min position instead.");
696     distance = upper_homing_offset - upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded();
697 } else if (upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded() + distance > cylinder_range) {
698     SerialUdpSendln("WARNING: commanded move greater than max position.");
699     SerialUdpSendln("Moving to max position instead.");
700     distance = cylinder_range - upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded();
701 }
702 SerialPort.Send("Moving distance: ");
703 SerialPort.SendLine(distance);
704 Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
705 Udp.PacketWrite("\r\nMoving distance: ");
706 Udp.PacketWrite(itoa(distance, inttostr, 10));
707 Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
708 Udp.PacketSend();
709 upper_motor.VelMax(vel);
710 // Command the move of incremental distance
711 upper_motor.Move(distance);
712 // Waits for HLFB to assert (signaling the move has successfully completed)
713 SerialUdpSendln("Moving.. Waiting for HLFB");
714 while (
715     (!upper_motor.StepsComplete() || upper_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) &&
716     !upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent
717 ) {
718     if (!enable_button.State()) {
719         break;
720     }
721     // Look for a received packet.
722     packetSize = Udp.PacketParse();
723
724     if (packetSize > 0) {
725         SerialPort.Send("Received packet of size ");
726         SerialPort.Send(packetSize);
727         SerialPort.Send(" bytes. ");
728         SerialPort.Send("Remote IP: ");
729         SerialPort.SendLine(Udp.RemoteIp().StringValue());
730         SerialPort.Send("Remote port: ");
731         SerialPort.SendLine(Udp.RemotePort());
732         // Read the packet.
733         int32_t bytesRead = Udp.PacketRead(packetReceived, MAX_PACKET_LENGTH);
734         SerialPort.Send("Number of bytes read from packet: ");
735         SerialPort.SendLine(bytesRead);
736         SerialPort.Send("Packet contents: ");
737         SerialPort.Send((char *)packetReceived);
738         SerialPort.SendLine();
739
740         char mode = packetReceived[0];
741
742         // Define commands to be read from UDP. will only run case A or B after case 'r' for reset.
743         // B will take anything (currently 9 digits) after the first char and make it an int.
744         // This could be the #steps for the motor
745         switch (mode) {
746             case 'd':
747                 SerialUdpSendln("Aborting moves ...");
748                 lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
749                 upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
750
751                 lower_motor.EnableRequest(false);
752                 upper_motor.EnableRequest(false);
753                 enabled = false;
754                 SerialUdpSendln("Motors disabled");
755                 break;
756
757             case 'a':
758                 SerialUdpSendln("Abort move");
759                 abort_move = true;
760                 upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
761                 Delay_ms(1000);
762                 break;
763
764             case 'S':
765                 printStatus();
766                 break;
767
768             default:
769                 SerialUdpSendln("No case found");
770                 break;
771         }
772     }
773

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774     // clear the packet buffer
775     for(int i=0;i<MAX_PACKET_LENGTH;i++) packetReceived[i] = 0;
776
777     continue;
778 }
779
780 // Check if motor alert occurred during move
781 // Clear alert if configured to do so
782 if (upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent) {
783     SerialUdpSendln("Motor alert detected.");
784     PrintAlerts();
785     if (HANDLE_ALERTS) {
786         HandleAlerts();
787     } else {
788         SerialUdpSendln("Enable automatic fault handling by setting HANDLE_ALERTS to 1.");
789     }
790     SerialUdpSendln("Motion may not have completed as expected. Proceed with caution.");
791     return false;
792 } else {
793     SerialUdpSendln("Move Done");
794     SerialUdpSendln("Current motor position: ");
795     Serial.println(upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded());
796     Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
797     Udp.PacketWrite(itoa(upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded(), inttostr, 10));
798     Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
799     Udp.PacketSend();
800     return true;
801 }
802 }
803
804 /*-----
805     UpperMoveAtVelocity
806
807     Command the motor to move at the specified "velocity", in steps/second.
808     Prints the move status to the USB serial port
809
810     Parameters:
811         int velocity - The velocity, in step steps/sec, to command
812
813     Returns: None
814 -----*/
815 bool UpperMoveAtVelocity(int32_t velocity) {
816     // Check if a motor alert is currently preventing motion
817     // Clear alert if configured to do so
818     if (upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent) {
819         SerialUdpSendln("Motor alert detected.");
820         PrintAlerts();
821         if (HANDLE_ALERTS) {
822             HandleAlerts();
823         } else {
824             SerialUdpSendln("Enable automatic alert handling by setting HANDLE_ALERTS to 1.");
825         }
826         SerialUdpSendln("Move canceled.");
827         return false;
828     }
829     SerialPort.Send("Commanding velocity: ");
830     SerialPort.SendLine(velocity);
831     Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
832     Udp.PacketWrite("\r\nCommanding velocity: ");
833     Udp.PacketWrite(itoa(velocity, inttostr, 10));
834     Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
835     Udp.PacketSend();
836     // Command the velocity move
837     upper_motor.MoveVelocity(velocity);
838     // Waits for the step command to ramp up/down to the commanded velocity.
839     // This time will depend on your Acceleration Limit.
840     SerialUdpSendln("Ramping to speed...");
841     while (
842         !upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AtTargetVelocity &&
843         !upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent
844     ) {
845         if (!enable_button.State()) {
846             break;
847         }
848         continue;
849     }
850     if (upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AtTargetVelocity) {
851         SerialUdpSendln("At Speed");
852         if (upper_motor.VelocityRefCommanded() == 0) {
853             Serial.print("Current motor position: ");
854             Serial.println(upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded());
855         }
856     }

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857
858 // Check if motor alert occurred during move
859 // Clear alert if configured to do so
860 if (upper_motor.StatusReg().bit.AlertsPresent) {
861     SerialUdpSendln("Motor alert detected.");
862     PrintAlerts();
863     if (HANDLE_ALERTS) {
864         HandleAlerts();
865     } else {
866         SerialUdpSendln("Enable automatic fault handling by setting HANDLE_ALERTS to 1.");
867     }
868     SerialUdpSendln("Motion may not have completed as expected. Proceed with caution.");
869     return false;
870 } else {
871     return true;
872 }
873 }
874
875
876 /*-----
877     PrintAlerts
878
879     Prints active alerts.
880
881     Parameters:
882         requires "motor" to be defined as a ClearCore motor connector
883
884     Returns:
885         none
886 -----*/
887 void PrintAlerts() {
888     SerialUdpSendln("Upper motor: ");
889     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledInAlert) {
890         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledInAlert ");
891     }
892     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledPositiveLimit) {
893         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledPositiveLimit ");
894     }
895     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledNegativeLimit) {
896         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledNegativeLimit ");
897     }
898     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledSensorEStop) {
899         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledSensorEStop ");
900     }
901     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledMotorDisabled) {
902         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledMotorDisabled ");
903     }
904     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotorFaulted) {
905         SerialUdpSendln("- MotorFaulted ");
906     }
907
908     SerialUdpSendln("Lower motor: ");
909     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledInAlert) {
910         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledInAlert ");
911     }
912     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledPositiveLimit) {
913         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledPositiveLimit ");
914     }
915     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledNegativeLimit) {
916         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledNegativeLimit ");
917     }
918     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledSensorEStop) {
919         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledSensorEStop ");
920     }
921     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotionCanceledMotorDisabled) {
922         SerialUdpSendln("- MotionCanceledMotorDisabled ");
923     }
924     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotorFaulted) {
925         SerialUdpSendln("- MotorFaulted ");
926     }
927     SerialUdpSendln("");
928 }
929
930 /*-----
931     HandleAlerts
932
933     Clears alerts, including motor faults.
934     Faults are cleared by cycling enable to the motor.
935     Alerts are cleared by clearing the ClearCore alert register directly.
936
937     Parameters:
938         requires "motor" to be defined as a ClearCore motor connector
939

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940     Returns:
941     none
942     -----*/
943 void HandleAlerts() {
944     if (upper_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotorFaulted) {
945         // if a motor fault is present, clear it by cycling enable
946         SerialUdpSendln("Upper Motor Faults present. Cycling enable signal to motor to clear faults.");
947         upper_motor.EnableRequest(false);
948         Delay_ms(10);
949         upper_motor.EnableRequest(true);
950     }
951     if (lower_motor.AlertReg().bit.MotorFaulted) {
952         // if a motor fault is present, clear it by cycling enable
953         SerialUdpSendln("Lower Motor Faults present. Cycling enable signal to motor to clear faults.");
954         lower_motor.EnableRequest(false);
955         Delay_ms(10);
956         lower_motor.EnableRequest(true);
957     }
958     // clear alerts
959     SerialUdpSendln("Clearing alerts.");
960     upper_motor.ClearAlerts();
961     lower_motor.ClearAlerts();
962     abort_move = false;
963 }
964
965
966 /*-----*/
967     printStatus
968
969     print Status
970     -----*/
971 void printStatus() {
972     if (lower_motor.EnableRequest()) {
973         if (lower_motor.MotorInAState() && lower_motor.HlfbState() == MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
974             lowerPosition = "Open ";
975         } else if (lower_motor.MotorInAState() && lower_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
976             lowerPosition = "Opening ";
977         } else if (!lower_motor.MotorInAState() && lower_motor.HlfbState() != MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
978             lowerPosition = "Closing ";
979         } else if (!lower_motor.MotorInAState() && lower_motor.HlfbState() == MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
980             lowerPosition = "Closed ";
981         }
982     } else {
983         lowerPosition = "Disabled";
984     }
985
986     if (upper_motor.EnableRequest()) {
987         if (upper_HomingSensor.State() && upper_LimitSwitch.State()) {
988             if (upper_motor.HlfbState() == MotorDriver::HLFB_ASSERTED) {
989                 upperPosition = "Open ";
990             } else if (upper_motor.VelocityRefCommanded() > 0) {
991                 upperPosition = "Opening ";
992             } else if (upper_motor.VelocityRefCommanded() < 0) {
993                 upperPosition = "Closing ";
994             }
995         } else if (upper_HomingSensor.State() && !upper_LimitSwitch.State()) {
996             upperPosition = "MaxOpen ";
997         } else if (!upper_HomingSensor.State() && upper_LimitSwitch.State()) {
998             upperPosition = "Closed ";
999         } else {
1000             upperPosition = "???"; //something is wrong
1001         }
1002     } else {
1003         upperPosition = "Disabled";
1004     }
1005
1006
1007     if (upper_ctrl_up_button.State()) {
1008         strcpy(upperCtrlUpState_str, "ON ");
1009     }
1010     if (upper_ctrl_down_button.State()) {
1011         strcpy(upperCtrlDownState_str, "ON ");
1012     }
1013     if (lower_ctrl_button.State()) {
1014         strcpy(lowerCtrlState_str, "ON ");
1015     }
1016     if (clear_button.State()) {
1017         strcpy(clearState_str, "ON ");
1018     }
1019     if (enable_button.State()) {
1020         strcpy(enableState_str, "ON ");
1021     }
1022     if (upper_HomingSensor.State()) {

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1023     strcpy(upperHomeState_str, "ON ");
1024 }
1025 if (upper_LimitSwitch.State()) {
1026     strcpy(upperLimitState_str, "ON ");
1027 }
1028 if (lower_HomingSensor.State()) {
1029     strcpy(lowerHomeState_str, "ON ");
1030 }
1031 if (lower_LimitSwitch.State()) {
1032     strcpy(lowerLimitState_str, "ON ");
1033 }
1034
1035 char *statRepFormat;
1036 statRepFormat = "\r\n"
1037                 "\r\n          W1 CYLINDER STATUS          "
1038                 "\r\n===== "
1039                 "\r\n Upper cylinder:          %s (%i steps)"
1040                 "\r\n Lower cylinder:          %s"
1041                 "\r\n"
1042                 "\r\nButton          State | Sensor          State "
1043                 "\r\n-----+----- "
1044                 "\r\n Upper ctrl. up      %s | Upper cyl. home    %s"
1045                 "\r\n Upper ctrl. down    %s | Upper cyl. limit    %s"
1046                 "\r\n Lower ctrl.         %s | "
1047                 "\r\n Clear alerts        %s | Lower cyl. home    %s"
1048                 "\r\n Enable motors       %s | Lower cyl. limit    %s"
1049                 "\r\n"
1050                 "\r\nAlerts"
1051                 "\r\n----- "
1052                 "\r\n";
1053
1054 snprintf(
1055     statusReport,
1056     1024,
1057     statRepFormat,
1058     upperPosition,
1059     upper_motor.PositionRefCommanded(),
1060     lowerPosition,
1061     upperCtrlUpState_str,
1062     upperHomeState_str,
1063     upperCtrlDownState_str,
1064     upperLimitState_str,
1065     lowerCtrlState_str,
1066     clearState_str,
1067     lowerHomeState_str,
1068     enableState_str,
1069     lowerLimitState_str
1070 );
1071
1072 SerialPort.Send(statusReport);
1073 Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
1074 Udp.PacketWrite(statusReport);
1075 Udp.PacketSend();
1076 PrintAlerts();
1077 }
1078
1079 void printUpperMoveSettings() {
1080     char moveSettings[1024];
1081     char *moveSettingsFormat = "\r\n"
1082                                "\r\nUpper Cyl. Movement Settings"
1083                                "\r\n----- "
1084                                "\r\nPosition increment (steps)    %i"
1085                                "\r\nVelocity (steps/sec)          %i"
1086                                "\r\nMin. position (steps)         %i"
1087                                "\r\nMax. position (steps)         %i"
1088                                "\r\n";
1089     snprintf(moveSettings, 1024, moveSettingsFormat, steps, vel, upper_homing_offset, cylinder_range);
1090
1091     SerialPort.Send(moveSettings);
1092     Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
1093     Udp.PacketWrite(moveSettings);
1094     Udp.PacketSend();
1095 }
1096
1097 /*-----
1098    HomingSensorCallback
1099
1100    Reads the state of the homing sensor and passes the state to the motor.
1101    -----*/
1102 void lower_HomingSensor_Callback() {
1103     // A 1 ms delay is required in order to pass the correct filtered sensor
1104     // state.
1105     Delay_ms(1);

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```
1106     lower_motor.MotorInBState(lower_HomingSensor.State());
1107     if (!lower_HomingSensor.State()) {
1108         SerialUdpSendln("Lower cylinder home switch triggered.");
1109     }
1110     // if motor configured in "move to sensor position" mode
1111     // lower_motor.MotorInAState(lower_HomingSensor.State());
1112
1113     // if motor configured in "move to absolute position" mode
1114     // lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
1115 }
1116
1117 /*-----
1118     HomingSensorCallback
1119
1120     Reads the state of the homing sensor and passes the state to the motor.
1121 -----*/
1122 void upper_HomingSensor_Callback() {
1123     // A 1 ms delay is required in order to pass the correct filtered sensor
1124     // state.
1125     Delay_ms(1);
1126     SerialUdpSendln("Upper cylinder home switch triggered. Aborting motion.");
1127     upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
1128 }
1129
1130 /*-----
1131     LimitSwitchCallback
1132
1133     Reads the state of the homing sensor and passes the state to the motor.
1134 */
1135 void lower_LimitSwitch_Callback() {
1136     // A 1 ms delay is required in order to pass the correct filtered sensor
1137     // state.
1138     Delay_ms(1);
1139     SerialUdpSendln("Lower cylinder limit switch triggered. Cylinder open.");
1140     // if motor configured in "move to sensor position" mode
1141     // lower_motor.MotorInAState(lower_HomingSensor.State());
1142
1143     // if motor configured in "move to absolute position" mode
1144     lower_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
1145 }
1146
1147 /*-----
1148     LimitSwitchCallback
1149
1150     Reads the state of the homing sensor and passes the state to the motor.
1151 -----*/
1152 void upper_LimitSwitch_Callback() {
1153     // A 1 ms delay is required in order to pass the correct filtered sensor
1154     // state.
1155     Delay_ms(1);
1156     SerialUdpSendln("Upper cylinder limit switch triggered. Aborting motion.");
1157     upper_motor.MoveStopDecel(100000);
1158 }
1159
1160 /*-----
1161     SerialUdpSendln
1162
1163     Sends a string + newline to the serial port and UDP connection.
1164 -----*/
1165 void SerialUdpSendln(char *message) {
1166     SerialPort.SendLine(message);
1167     Udp.Connect(Udp.RemoteIp(), Udp.RemotePort());
1168     Udp.PacketWrite(message);
1169     Udp.PacketWrite("\r\n");
1170     Udp.PacketSend();
1171 }
1172
1173
```

C. DATA ANALYSIS CODE

The analysis of the sensor data was performed using a Jupyter Notebook, available at the [CHARA GitLab cylinders repository](https://github.com/CHARA-GitLab/cylinders) as `analysis.ipynb`. The notebook contains routines for reading sensor logs and making plots such as the ones shown in this report.

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