

A photograph of several long, slender mesquite beans (Prosopis juliflora) with a mottled brown and tan pattern, resting on a light-colored wooden surface. A red cloth is visible in the upper left corner. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide.

# MESQUITE BEAN HARVESTER

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## INTERNAL REVIEW

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# Current Progress



1. Solidworks Models and Blueprints

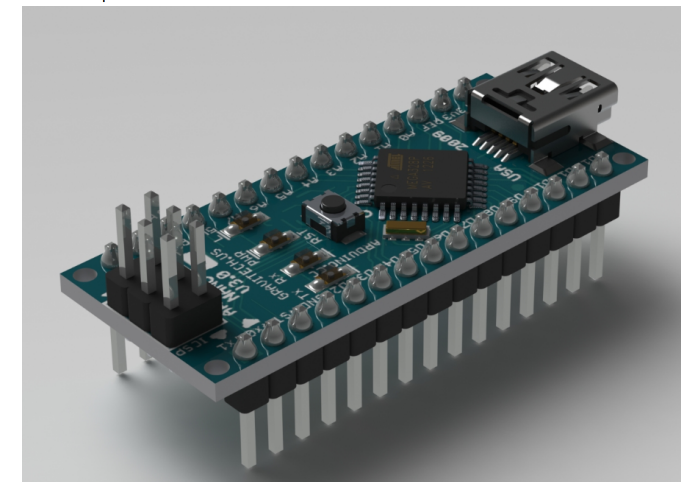
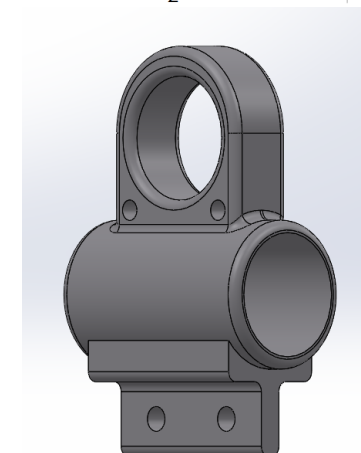
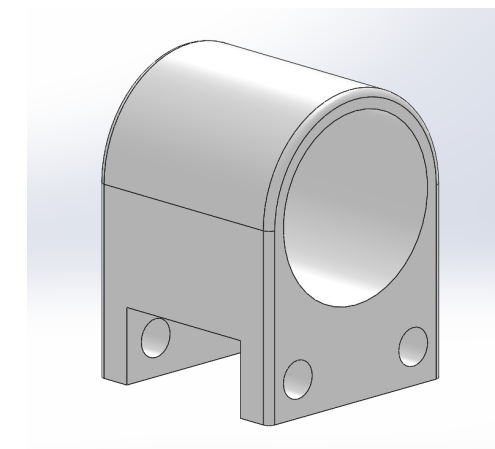
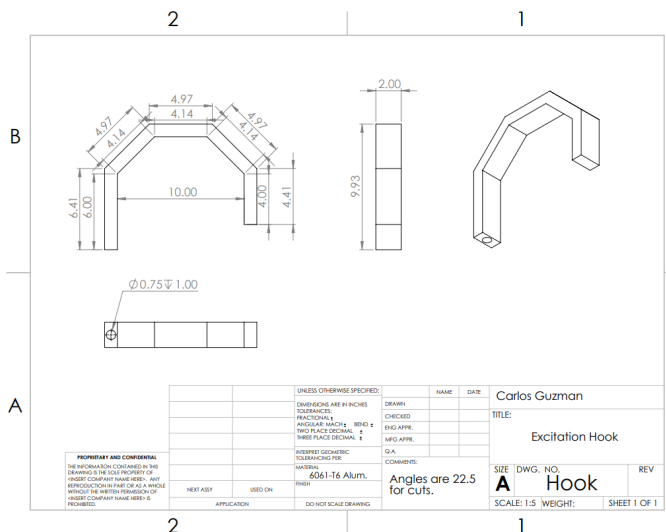


2. Prototype 1



3. Preform first set of Experiments

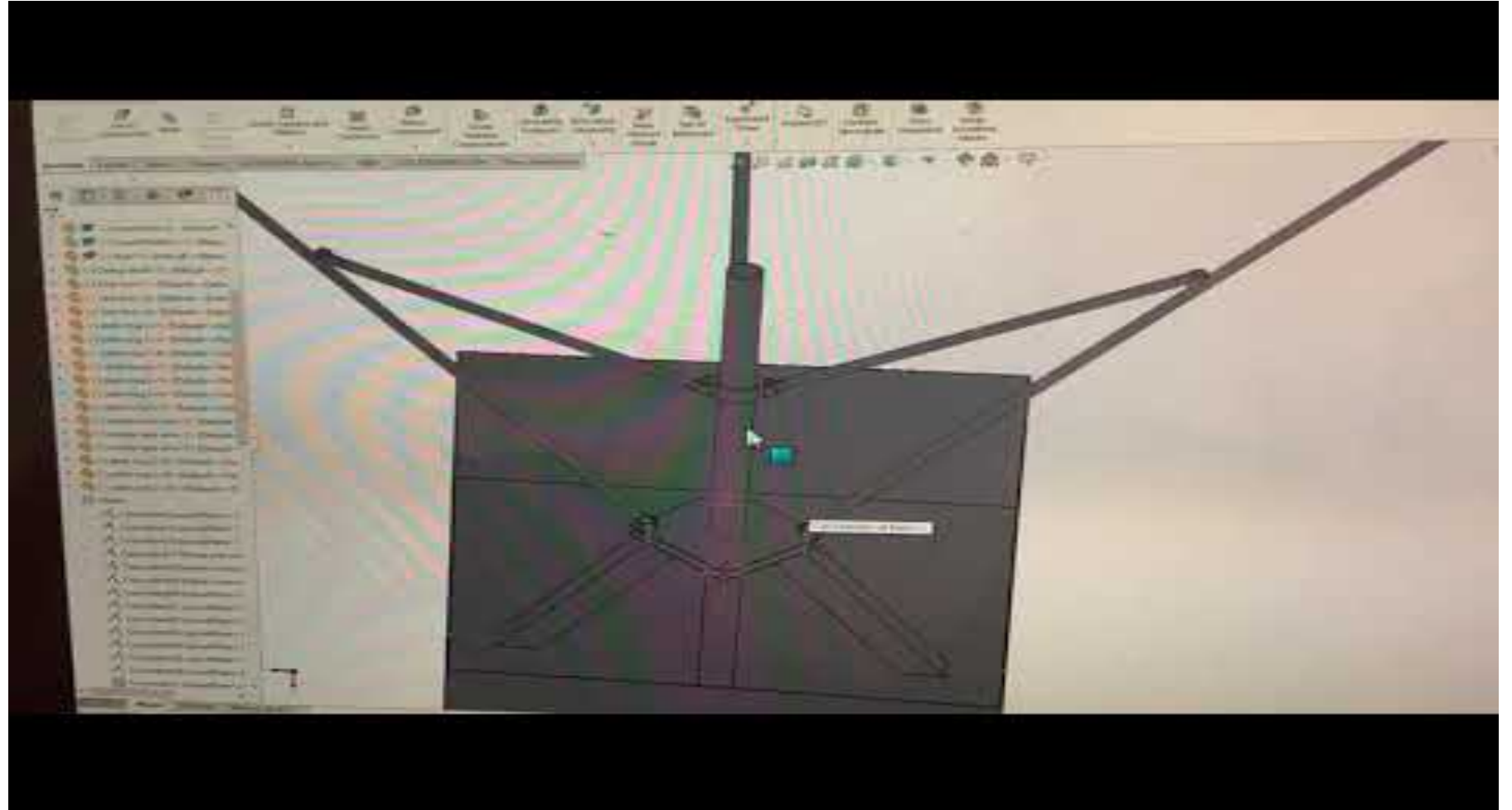
# Excitation





# 1. Solid Models and Blueprints

Collection

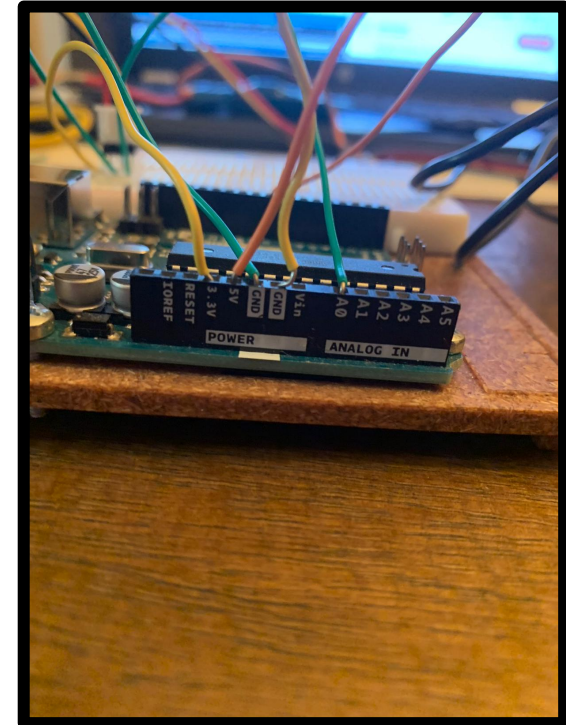
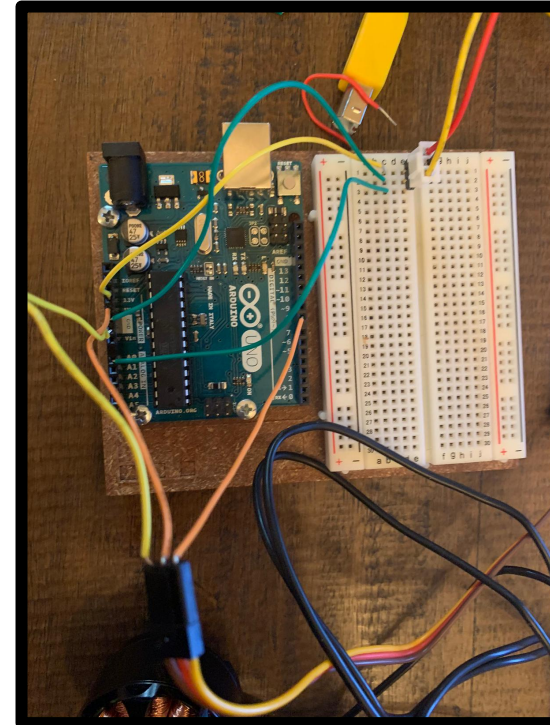


## 2. Prototype 1

Arduino Uno setup

Speed Control

Add offset mass to motor



# Engineering Challenges and Potential Solutions



1. Welding



2. Season of Harvest



3. Organizing Two Projects

# 1. Welding

Welding experience is required to assemble our collection device.



## Potential Solutions

Find someone to assist in the welding portion of the collection device.

Talk to Hector Arteaga, Mr. Jose Sanchez, or a peer with welding experience.

## 2. Harvesting Season

The harvesting season for Honey Mesquite quickly coming to an end. This season was crucial for prototype testing.



### Potential Solutions

Prototyping the excitation system in parts by constructing the vibration circuit and exciting the branch before the season is over.

3-D print and create a branch and bean pod to simulate the excitation.



# 3. Organizing Two Projects

With a two-part project, Excitation and Collection, it seems nearly impossible to complete both designs within one semester.



## Potential Solutions

Focus on excitation to get it done. If we have time, collection second.

# Other Challenges and Potential Solutions



1. Missing Materials



2. Use of Machine Shop



3. Collaboration to Create

## Within the Next Few Weeks...

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- Creating second prototype that can attach to the tree
- Perform Experiment 1 and Collect All Data
- Begin production of excitation component

