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Basketball Return Optimizer FPR

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Project Overview

- Practicing basketball alone is inefficient without someone to return the ball to you
- Even if you make all of your shots, still have to retrieve ball
- Inefficient use of practice time
 - Energy/time lost chasing rebounds
- Current return systems require manual adjustment





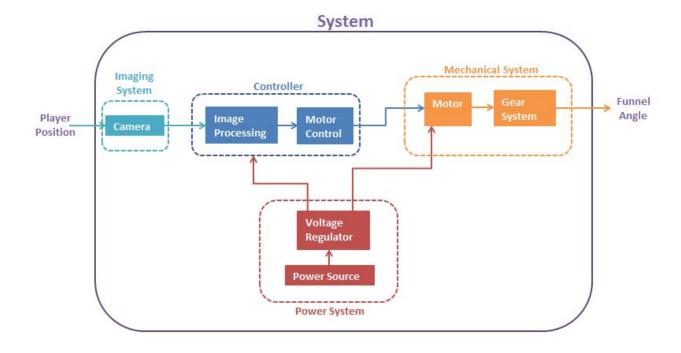
General Requirements

- Track player at distance of 5-25 feet from rim
- Accurately track lateral movement of player in real-time
- Operational for >= 1 hour at a time
- System can withstand direct hit from basketball
- System weight does not pull rim downwards
- Easy setup/teardown of electronic part of system



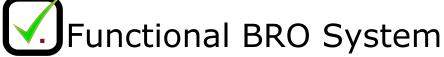


Block Diagram





FPR Deliverables



Lead: All



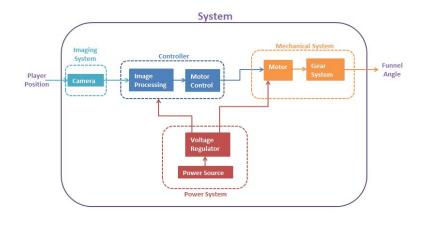
Functional PCB

· Lead: Adam

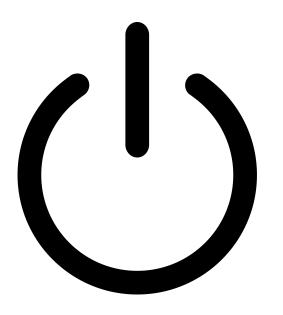


All Components Mounted to Funnel System

Lead: Devon

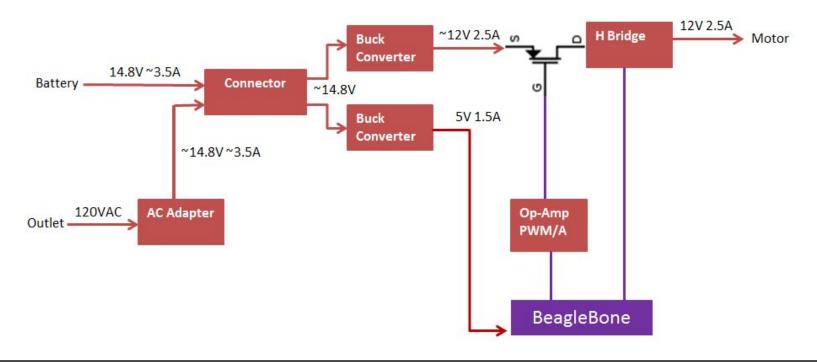


Power System Requirements



- Supply battery power for >= 1 hour at a time
 - Limited by motor size (12V, max 2A)
- Lightweight (cannot weigh rim down)
- Power both controller (5V) and motor (12V)
- Switch between battery and outlet power

Power System Implementation



UMassAmherst PCB Design

Converted working breadboard design to PCB using PCB Artist

 PCB solved finicky breadboard issues

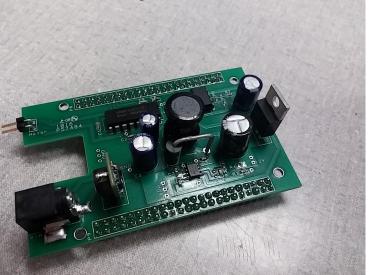


Image Processing-Code

- Grabber thread continuously grabs frames to flush out camera buffer
- Color filtering process thread searches for Red-Blue-Green striped shirt pattern
- Calculates distance between center of player and center of camera frame
- Runs motor for an amount of time that scales with that distance to center funnel on player



Image Processing-Challenges

- OpenCV frame retrieval slower than Camera fps led to buffer build up and lag
 - Color Filtering=10-30ms, camera.retrieve()~200ms
- Beaglebone OS/processor restricted access to some OpenCV and V4L2 functions/solutions
 - Multithreading, reducing fps/resolution did not work
- Possible Solution: Write custom code to move and retrieve data instead of OpenCV function



Mounting

- Designed and 3D-printed casings for the Webcam, the Motor, the PCB/BB, and the Battery/AC Charger.
- Motor, Battery, and BeagleBone are mounted in the back of the system to keep them protected from shots.
- Utilized foam under the mounted camera case to ensure a solid fit and to decrease stress of basketball hits to the case.







Total Cost

| Part | Development | Production (1000) |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Processor | \$55.00 | \$13.11 |
| SKLZ Shoot Around | \$30.00 | \$3.28 |
| PCB | \$45.14 | \$27.06 |
| Webcam | \$28.00 | \$28.00 |
| Jersey | \$20.00 | \$6.09 |
| Battery | \$40.00 | \$40.00 |
| AC Adapter (optional) | \$13.00 | \$13.00 |
| Motor | \$40.00 | \$40.00 |
| 3D Printing | \$29.74 | \$3.40 |
| Mounting Hardware | \$8.68 | \$19.65 |
| Total | \$309.56 | \$193.58 |



Questions?

