

## Web Enabled Wind Tunnel System



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## **Presentation Outline**

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## **Overall Project Summary**

- Web Interface for User
   Interaction
- Controller for Wind Tunnel Operation
- Hardware Interfacing
- Networking Setup to Support Aforementioned Functions

Goals

- Allow for Remote Starting, Stopping, and Control of Wind Tunnel
- Improve Existing Capabilities of the Wind Tunnel
- Create an Interface that is Intuitive and Easy to Use

# **Project Significance**

- Allow for More Accurate Control of Wind Tunnel Functions
- Increase the Level of Repeatability in Experiments Involving the Wind Tunnel
- Allow for Wind Tunnel Testing for Those Without Access to a Wind Tunnel(i.e. Schools or Small Businesses)

# Wind Tunnel Description



#### **Blower Motor**





### Damper/Universal Motor



### **Testing Bed**



#### Component Angle Set

#### Lift and Drag Sensors





#### Linear Actuator



#### Wind Speed Feedback



Close Up

## **Equipment Purchased**

#### • DCS-910

- Price: 67\$
  - IP Ethernet Webcam



#### • FVS-318

- Price: 89\$
- VPN Firewall Route



## **Equipment Purchased**

### • OMRON G3NA-225B-DC5-24

- Price: 26.50\$
- SPST Solid State Relay



Firgelli Automations FA-PO-150-12-8"(20:1)

- Price: 139.99\$
- 10K Ohm Potentiometer
- Built-in Limit Switches



# **Overall System Block Diagram**



# Subsystems

- Webcams
- Router
- Microcontroller
- User Interface



## Subsystems Cont.

Output Sensor Data
PI Control for Position
Wind Speed Controller



# Silabs C8051F120 Development Kit

Plenty of I/O Capability
Prior Familiarity
8 Channel A/D



# **Microcontroller Setup**



### **Progress Made**

- Analyzed and labeled wind tunnel wiring
- Researched Webcam/Router
- Tested and configured VPN router
- Tested and configured camera
- Tested camera streaming capability

# Initial JAVA GUI Designed

Wind Tunnel Co	ontroller		
Lift: O	Drag:	Probe Speed:	Wind Speed:
Ang 45 35 25 15 5 -5 -15 -25 -35 45	le:	Height: 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50	Speed: 350 300 250 200 150 100 50 0
C		0	0
1-		Run Stop	

# Linear Actuator Model

#### Linear Actuator Modeled in Simulink





#### Simulink Model and Actual Data Comparison

### **Closed Loop System Model**

Full Model of Closed Loop SystemIncludes PWM and H-Bridge Models



#### Closed Loop Output with 2V Step Input





#### Closed Loop Control Signal with 2V Step Input

# Closed Loop PWM

#### Approx. Open Loop PWM





### Closed Loop PWM

## Progress Made Cont.

 Turbine Starting and Stopping from Microcontroller



#### Wind Speed Control Methods Researched

# Future Work

- Choosing Components and Designing the Wind Speed Controller
- JAVA User Interface
- Interfacing to Sensors
- Recording Sensor Data

# Questions?

