



Active Reflector Surface Shaping

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Background

Mesh reflectors

- Pull chords and straws to adjust shape
- 8 ribs, 17 per each rib, 136 total adjustment points







Project Scope

- Main Goal:
 - Build one automated high precision adjustment mechanism
 - Generate user friendly control logic
 - Tabletop visual demonstration
 - Ability to measure accurate displacement
- Secondary Goals (if weight allows):
 - Wireless system
 - Integrated power supply





Final Design





Prototype

Rapid-prototyped base

- Issues with tolerances
- Will assemble and make improvements accordingly







Programming

- Serial input
 - Accepts input from keyboard
- Rotates set amount in certain directions
- Switch between motors







Ordering Conflicts

- Motor driver chip and lithium ion polymer battery mixed up with other teams order
 Set team back a week
- Gear order had slow process time, expected by end of next week
 - Delays fitting and necessary modifications of CAD





Budget

Component	Purpose	Cost/Unit	Total Cost	Supplier
Arduino Nano	Microcontroller	\$42.79	\$42.79	Digikey
Faulhaber AM1524	Stepper motor	\$117.6	\$352.80	Micromo
4-40 all thread	Gearing system	\$3.13	\$3.13	McMcaster
850mAh Polymer Lithium Ion Battery	Power source	\$8.95	\$8.95	Sparkfun
TI SN754410	Motor driver	\$2.35	\$4.70	Sparkfun
Gear Stock	Drive		\$74.44	SDP/SI
Rapid Prototype	Base	\$3/cm^3	<u>\$34.20</u> not included in total	FSU COE
Machine shop labor	Mill threads flat	\$60/hour	<u>\$60.00</u> not included in total	FSU COE
Total			\$487.14	
Budget remaining			\$2012.86	





Challenges

- > 3D printer prototype has inconsistent profile
- Aluminum 4-40 all thread rods unable to be milled flat from FSU COE machine shop
 - Harris has offered to help us machine
- Acquiring data acquisition hardware







Current Status





Moving Forward

- Program Arduino with motor driver chip
 - Get printed circuit board
- Review CAD model for second prototype
 - Integrate wireless components if weight allows
- Order materials for visual demonstration
 - Aluminum 80/20 T-slotted frame
 - LVDTs
 - Graphite cord alternative
- Trip to Harris Corp. facilities in Melbourne, FL





Questions/Comments



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