

EZBackUp Team 20

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Meet our Team



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Computer Engineer



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Mechanical Engineer



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Computer Engineer

Background

- Over 50,000 accidents a year are related to towing
- 800,000+ blind spot accidents occur each year
- Easy to prevent with the use of a camera system
- Difficult to back into certain spaces, increased chance of hitting something behind you



Problem Statement

Driving is a task that many Americans undertake daily, it is a necessary function of human life today and will continue to be prevalent into the future. While this may be true, there will always be a need for added safety.

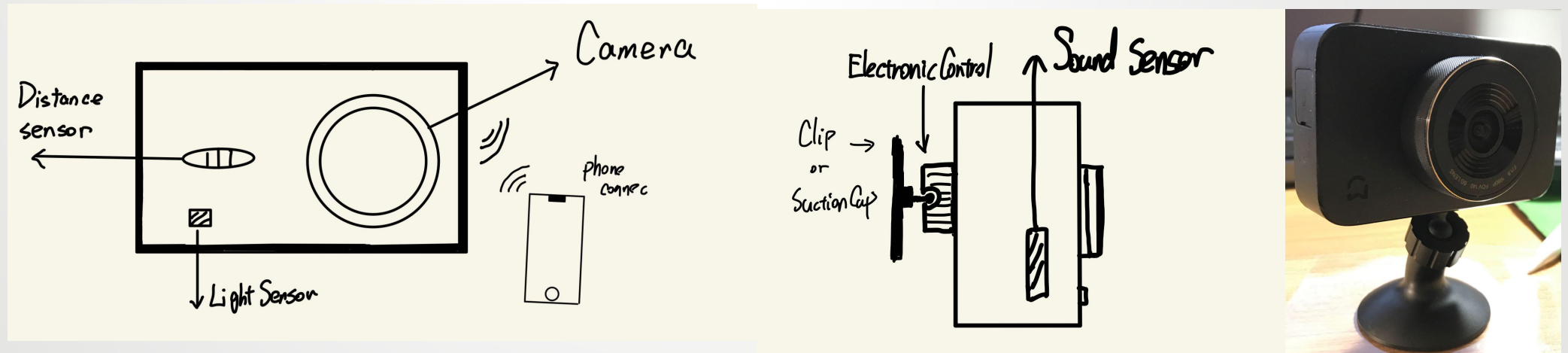


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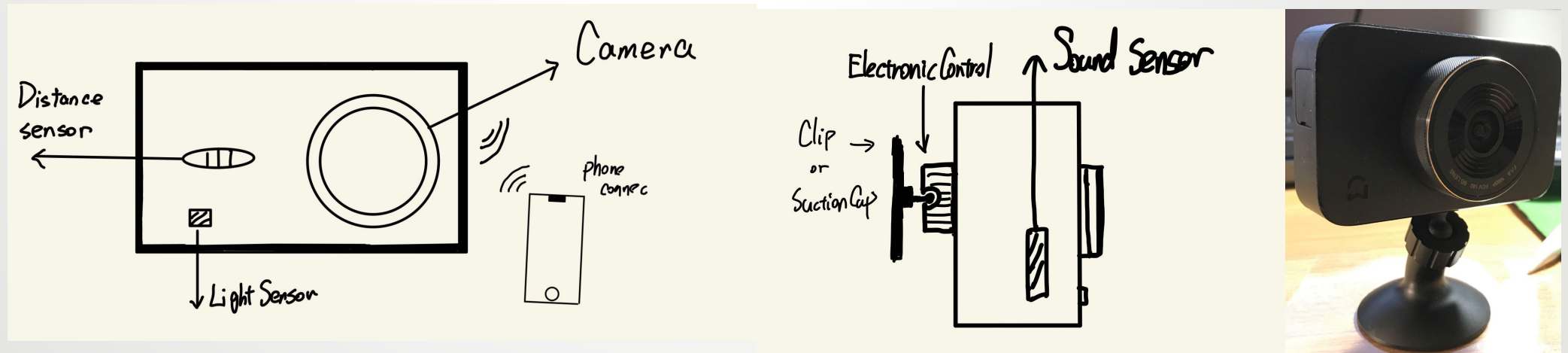
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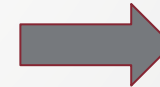
Adapted for:

- Tow Cars (boats, cars, campers, etc.)
- UHAUL, Rented Vehicles



Functionality:

- Multiple Views
- Proximity Sensing
- Easily Mounted/Dismounted
- Wirelessly connected to Phone App



Realization:

- Enhancing Safety

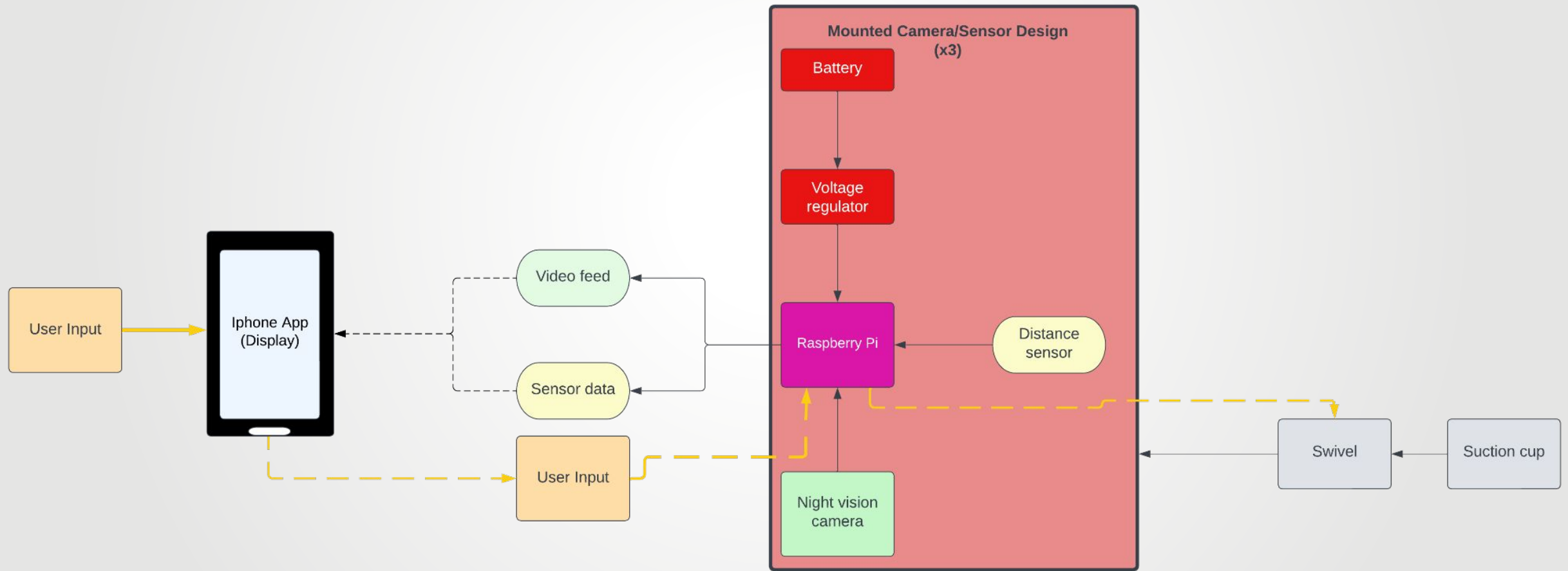
Specifications and Testing - Qualitative

System Specification	Test Plan
System will use up to 3 video systems wirelessly connected to smartphone	Inspect that up to 3 video feeds/sensors/motors will work on display
System display will show up to 3 video feeds, one feed may be chosen at a time	Inspect app to check that video feeds can be viewed and changed by user
System will provide distance and audio to the user via smartphone	Inspect app to check that distance and audio is output
Camera will have night vision capabilities	Inspect video feed at night and check that objects are visible
Camera Systems will be self powered	inspect that the system will work being self powered
Camera/Sensor system will be mountable and dismountable to vehicle	Mount system on vehicle and test by driving
System will be easy to set up	Survey 10 people with setup, ask to rate on a scale of 1-10 complexity of set up. <3 should be chosen.

Specifications and Testing - Quantitative

System Specification	Test Plan
System will give a slow audio alert when $\leq 2\text{ft}$ and an increasingly faster alert when $\leq 1\text{ft}$	Get distance using sensors, manually measure distance
System cameras will rotate in intervals of 30 degrees on a horizontal axis	Measure angle change when given rotation input for cameras
Individual camera systems will have power for up to 3 months at a time without replacement	measure change in power over a day to estimate power loss

Hardware Block Diagram

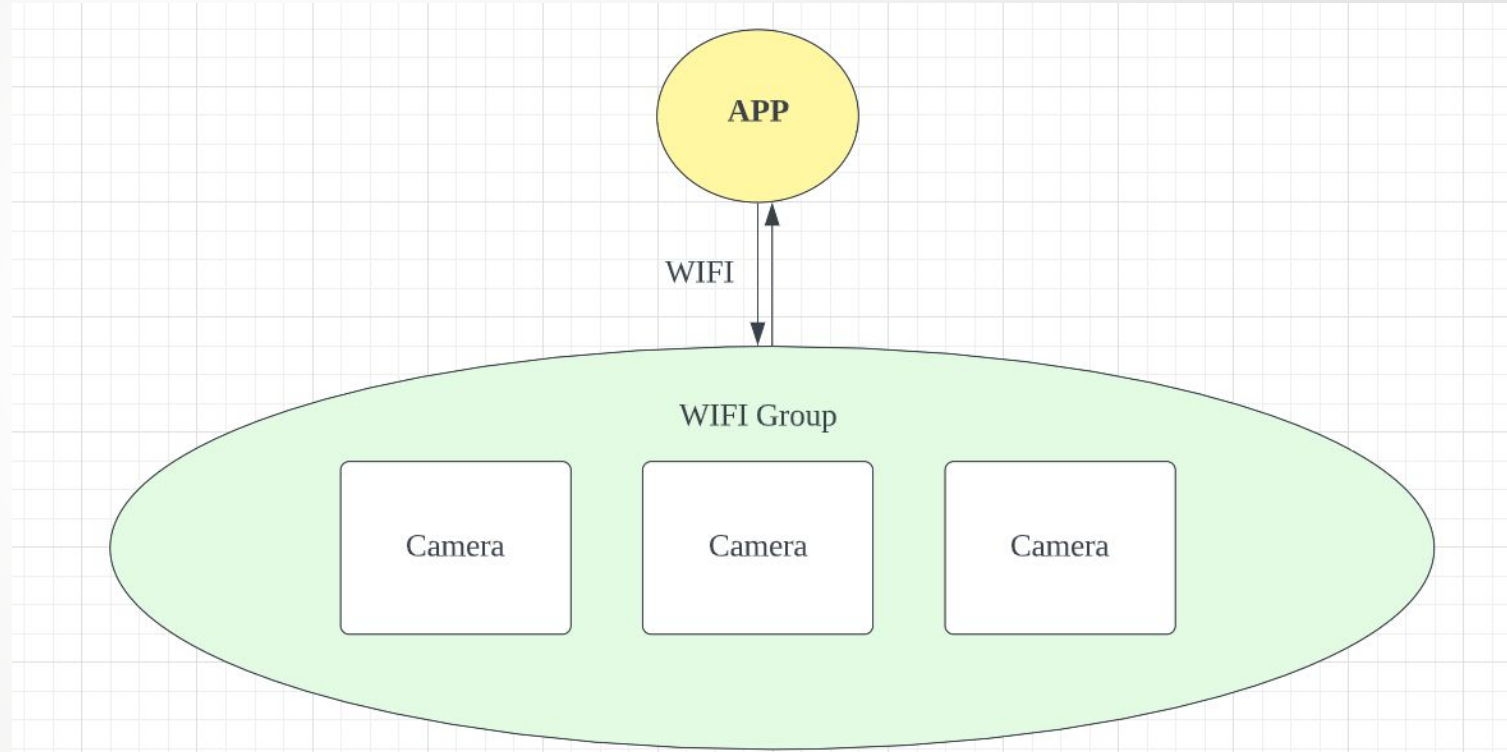


Wirelessly Data Transfer

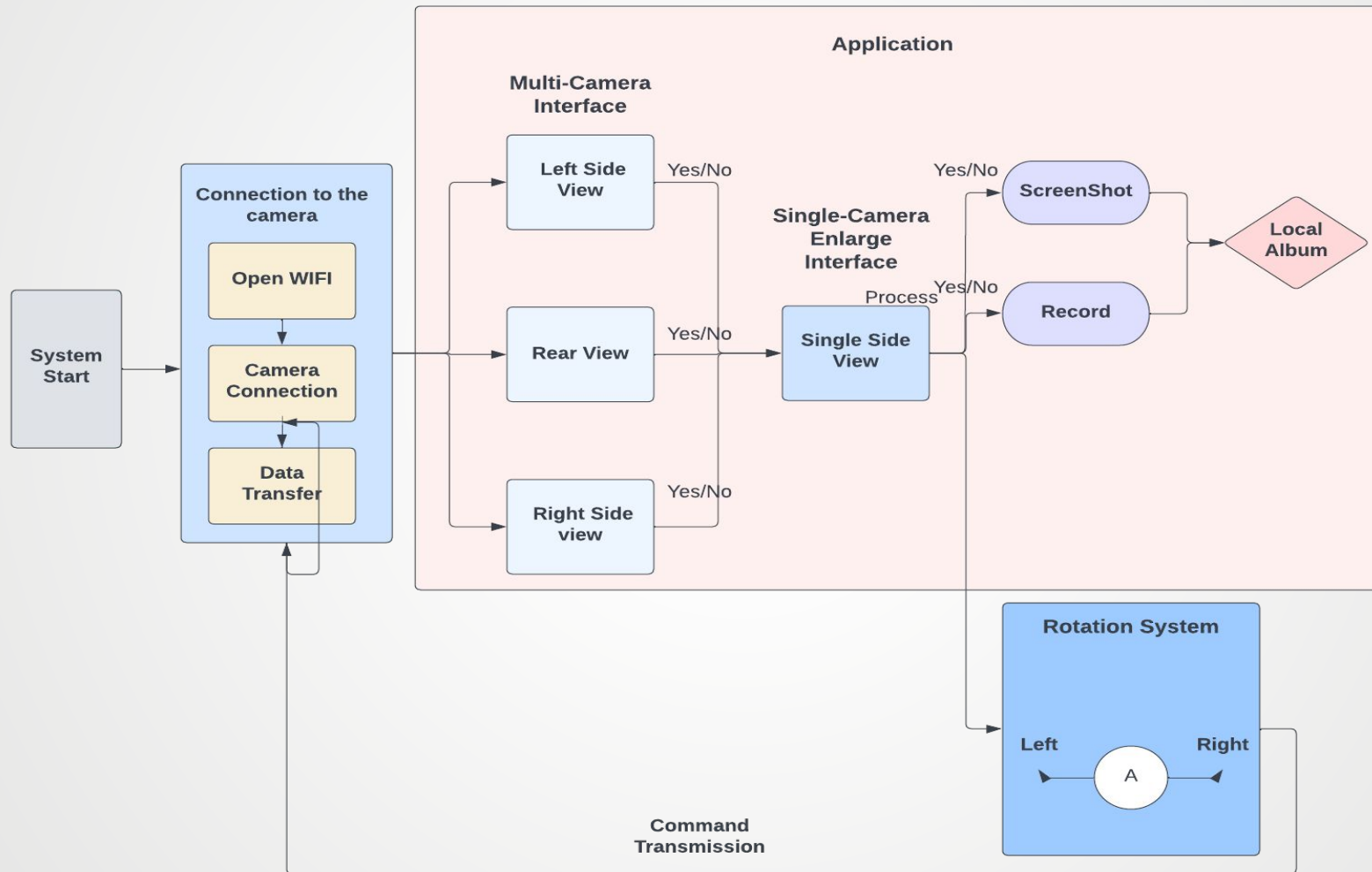
WiFi Direct

WiFi Direct is built upon the same WiFi technology used by most modern consumer electronic devices to communicate with wireless routers.

Transmission speed is 100 times faster than Bluetooth




Software Diagram




Software Design Sketch


Camera Control Center



View 1



View 2



View 3

Camera Rotation Center



Screenshot Record

Left Right

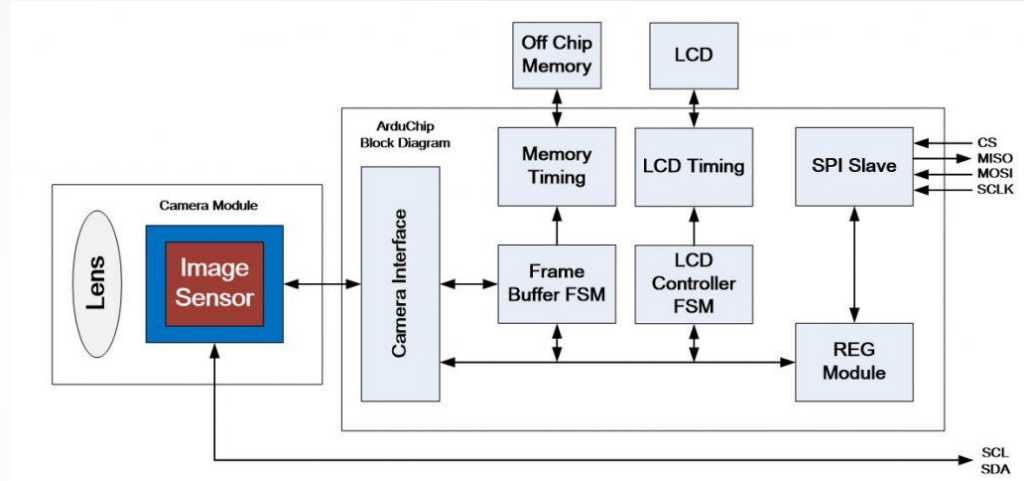
Camera

- Arducam

- Angle of view: 100 degree (D) x 80 degree (H)
- High frame rates: 30fps@1080P - 90fps@480p
- Max Resolution: 2592*1944

- Night Vision

- Camera will have night vision functionality
- Built in automatic IR cut switch



IR-CUT Switch Automatically



IR Sensitivity During the Night



Visible Light During the Daylight

Distance Sensor

- HC-SR04
 - Sensor to detect distance between vehicle and other objects

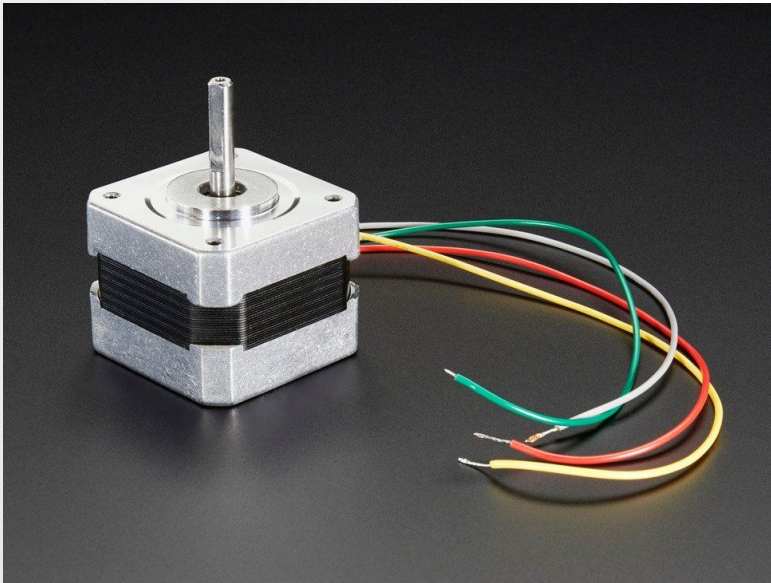


Supply voltage	1.7V to 3.6V
Measurement Range	0.8 inches to 15feet
Current Drain	0.65 μ A
Output Data Rates	100ms

Motor and Mounting System

Motor

- **Adafruit NFMA-17 12V 350 mA Stepper Motor**



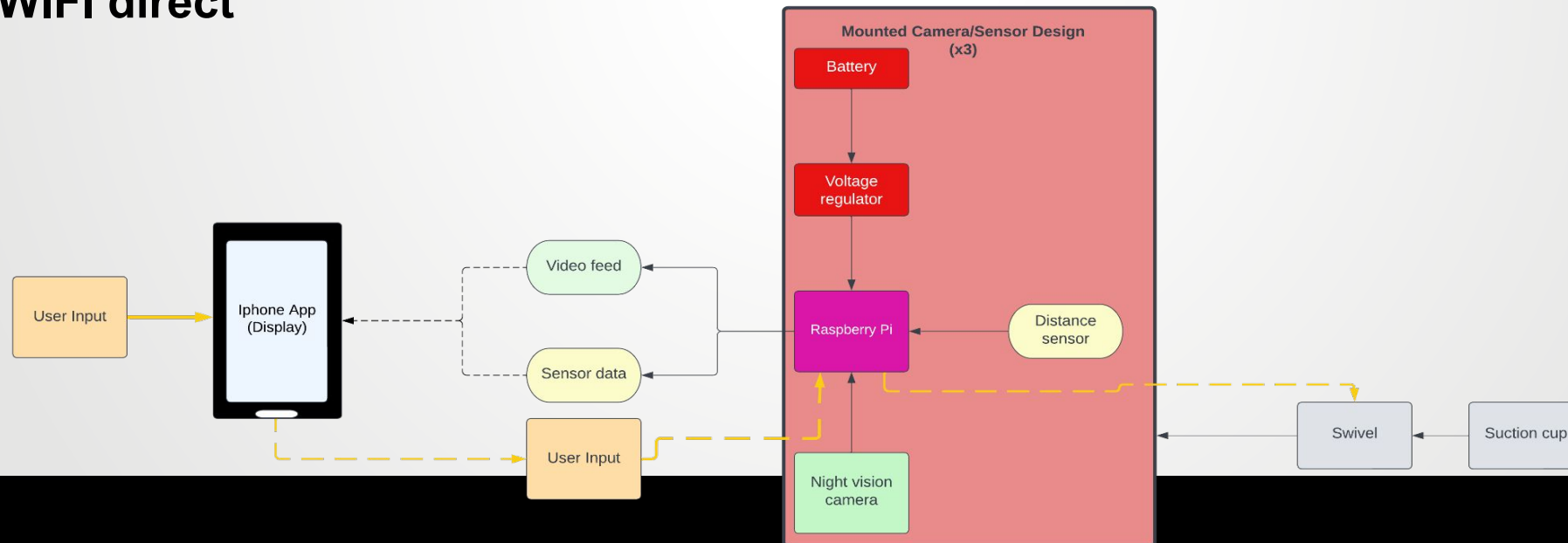
Mounting System

- **CONBOLA Heavy Duty Suction Cups**
- **3-D Printed Camera Mount**



MDR Deliverables

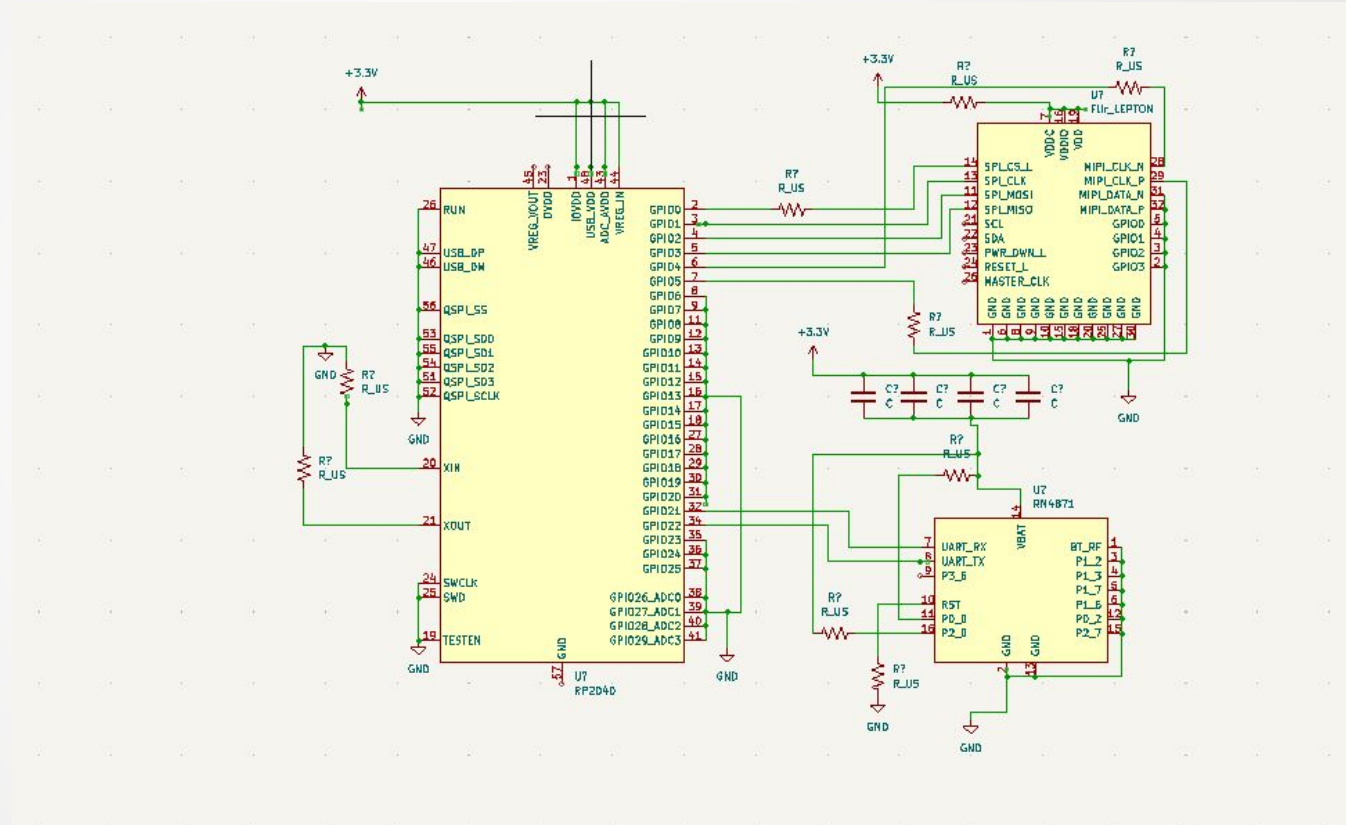
- **Camera mounts can pan horizontally**
- **Cameras can be accessed and controlled through mobile app**
- **Cameras can switch to night vision mode**
- **Sensors provide correct data and communicate with the system successfully**
- **Microcontroller correctly taking in inputs and sending output to the user through WIFI direct**



MDR PCB Deliverables

PCB Schematic

- Microcontroller, distance sensor and night vision camera PCB connection



Parts List

- **Raspberry Pi x3**
 - **Lithium Battery**
 - **HC-SR04 Distance Sensor x3**
 - **Arducam Day&Night Vision Camera x3**
 - **Suction Cup 4 Pack**
 - **Custom PCBs**
 - **A4988 Stepper Motor Driver Carrier x3**
 - **Adafruit NFMA-17 12V 350 mA Stepper Motor x3**
 - **3D Printed Parts**
- **\$30**
 - **\$18**
 - **\$84**
 - **\$20**
 - **\$200**
 - **\$15**
 - **\$42**
 - **\$0**

Total: \$409

Team Roles

Justin Charles

Logistics lead:

1. Sensor and Camera Software design
2. Communicate with team and course coordinators

Zhiyang Jin

PCB lead:

1. Breadboard design and PCB design.

Exiang Zhou

Software Lead:

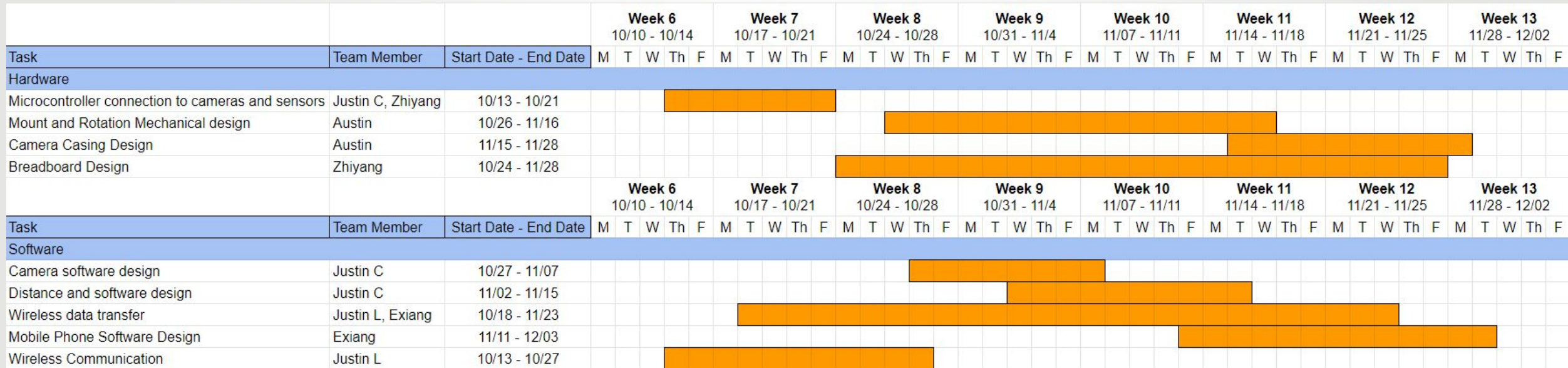
1. Mobile software design and development
2. Data transfer with cameras

Austin Carroll

Mechanical Lead:

1. Camera Mount
2. Positioning system
3. 3-D printing

Gantt Chart



Q&A

Thank You!

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