



Wind Sensor: CDR Presentation Advisor: Dr. Kuh

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Summary

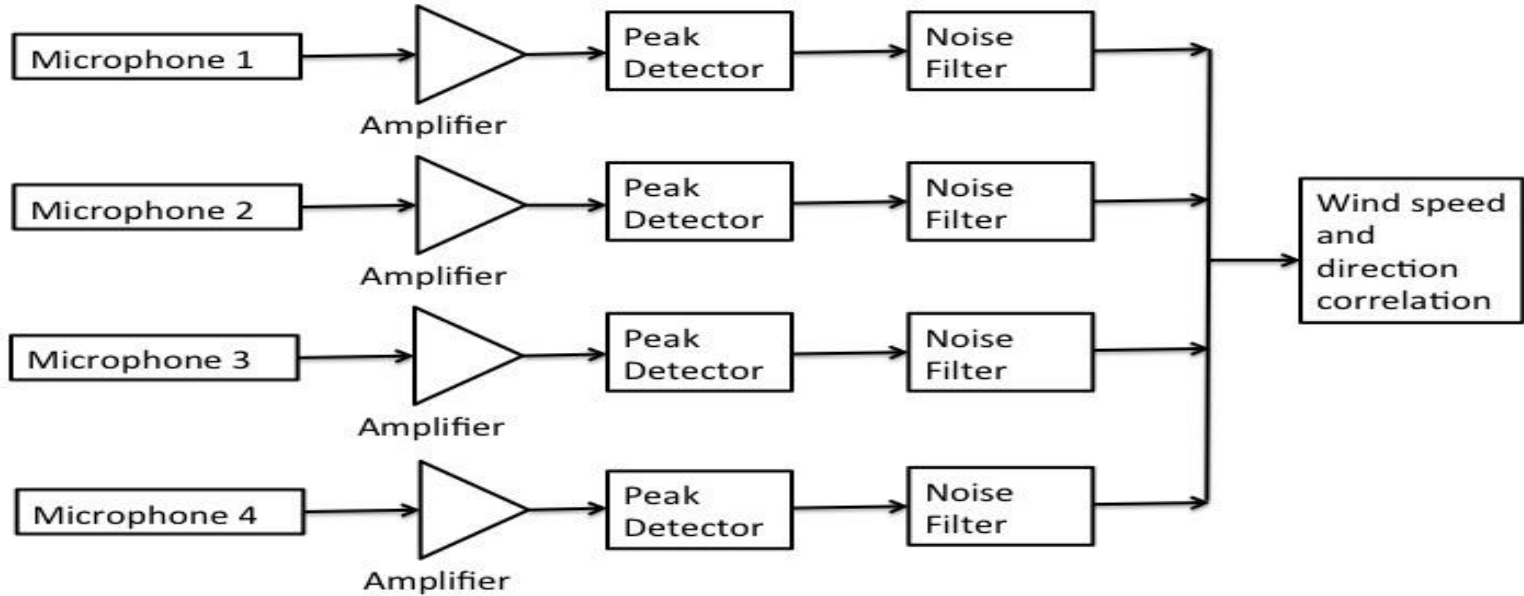
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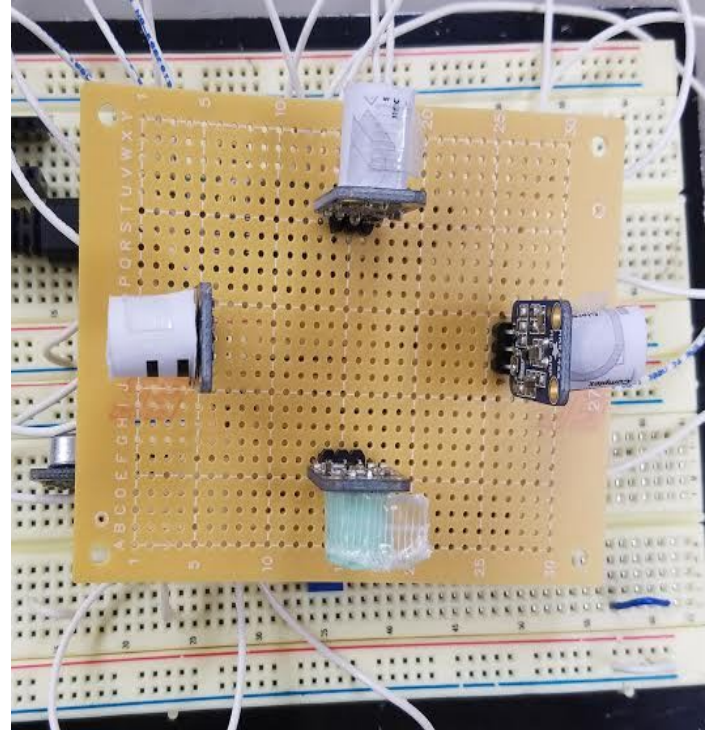
Acoustic Wind Sensor

Block Diagram



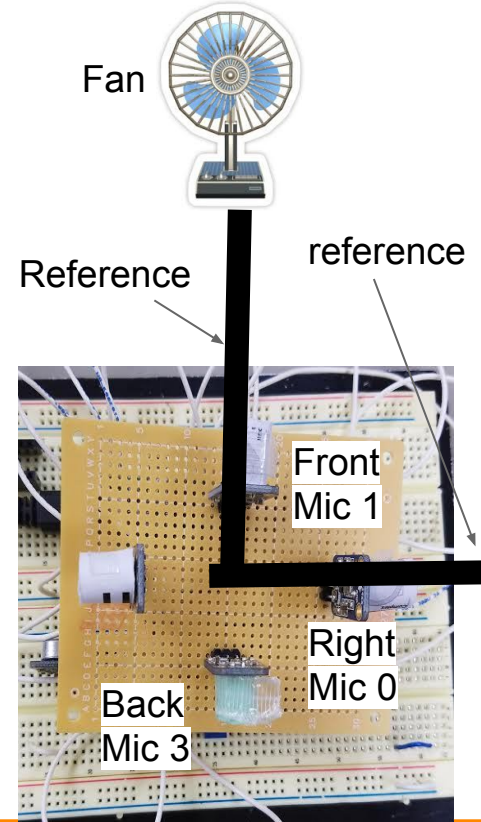
Progress

- ▶ Created perforated board for 4-microphone test
 - ▷ Values of old board inaccurate
- ▶ Tested 4 microphone setup
 - ▷ Collected raw data
 - ▷ Compared magnitudes and calculated wind speeds of each microphone
 - ▷ With and without crude wind channels
- ▶ Post-processing direction determination algorithm
 - ▷ Comparing wind speeds



Progress

- ▶ **Angle Determination**
 - ▶ Left Microphone not connected
 - ▶ Used ratios of wind speeds
 - ▶ Fan and Right mic used as references for angle
 - ▶ Front:right mics
 - ▶ ~ 1.3 at 90 degree reference angle
 - ▶ ~ 1 at 45 degree reference angle
 - ▶ ~ 0.78 at 0 degree reference angle
 - ▶ Further testing needed for 360 degree angle determination



- ▶ **Preliminary Outdoor Tests**
 - ▷ Conducted with several fan speeds
 - ▷ No audible background noise
 - ▷ Generated tones of different frequency
 - ▷ No considerable effect on single microphone real time processing algorithm

Problems

- ▶ Old PCB actually had faulty connections
 - ▷ Inconsistent results due to board
- ▶ Faulty connection on new perforated board



Tasks

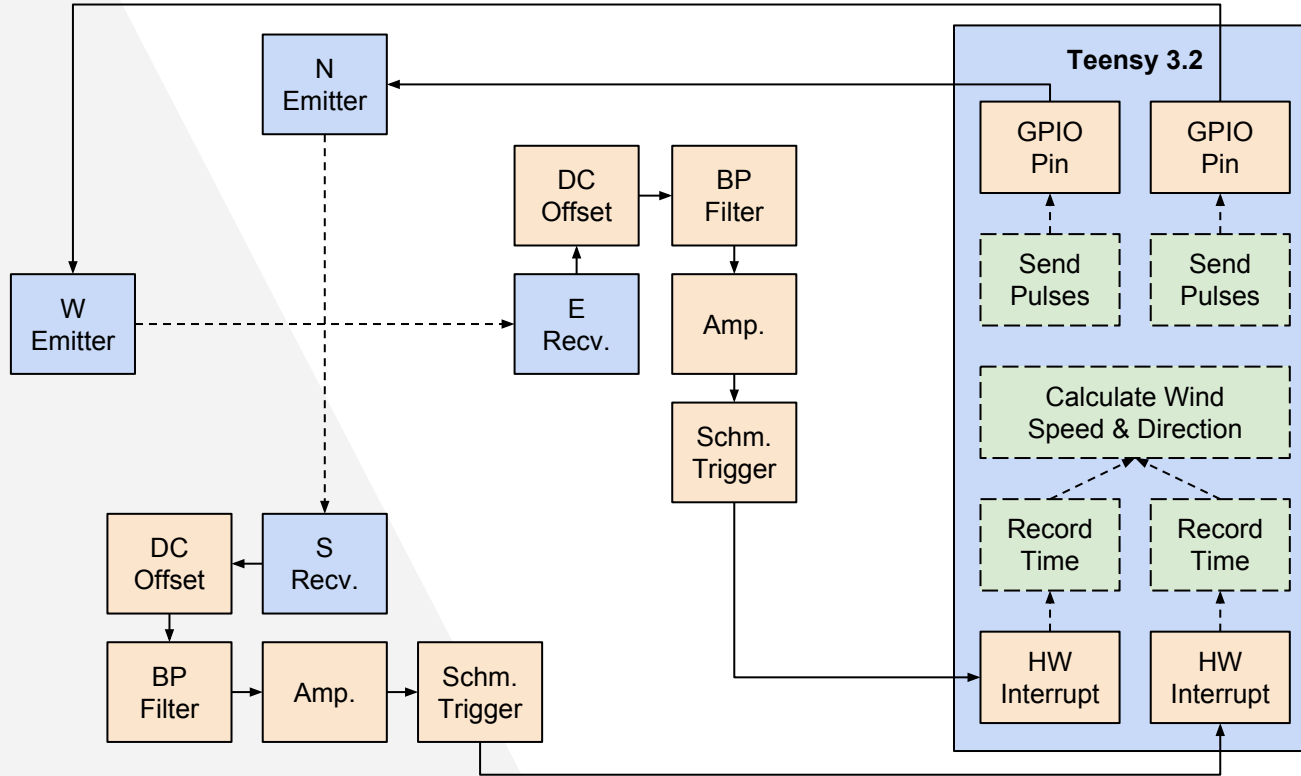
- ▶ Fix left microphone connection
- ▶ Implement real time processing algorithm to determine direction
- ▶ Conduct additional outdoor tests to verify algorithm



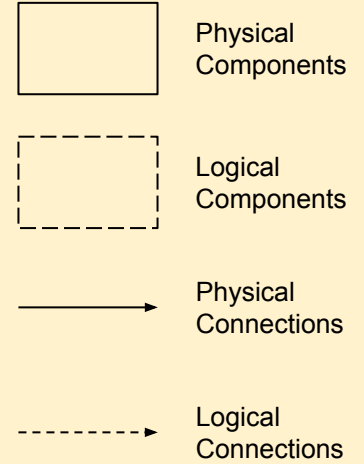


Ultrasonic Wind Sensor

Block Diagram



Key:



Pseudocode

```
setup():  
configure pins  
attach interrupts
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```
loop():  
send_pulses()  
while (count < 10)  
    do nothing  
calc_tof()  
delay 2s  
count = 0  
attach recv_pulse()
```

```
send_pulses():  
for i = 0 to 9  
    set emitter HIGH  
    send_t[i] = CYCLE  
    delay 12us  
    set emitter LOW  
    delay 12us
```

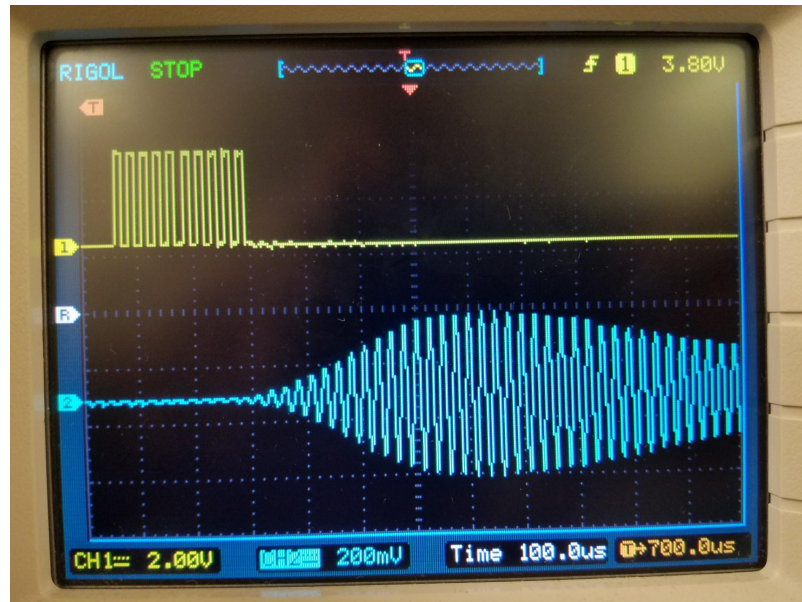
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calc_tof():  
sum_tof = 0  
for i = 0 to 9  
    sum_tof += recv_t[i] - send_t[i]  
return sum_tof/10
```

```
recv_pulse():  
recv_t[count] = CYCLE  
count++  
if count >= 10  
    detach recv_pulse()
```

* interrupt driven

Progress

- Tested a 555 timer and an amplifier circuit to test driving the emitter
 - Distorted signal, SR exceeded
- Tested driving emitter using Teensy
 - Tested [0, 3.3V] square wave at 41.67kHz, good response
- Experimentally calculated the impedance of the transducer to determine max current draw
 - $> 1\text{k}\Omega$, so $I < 3.3\text{mA}$, Teensy safe
- Observed receiver response when emitter sends 10 pulses



yellow = emitter, blue = receiver

Problems

- Receiver takes a while to “ramp up”
 - Can lead to unreliable triggers and inaccurate recordings
- Receiver takes a while to “ramp down”
 - Limits how often we can send pulses, since we don't want to be sending while still receiving
- Received signal is centered at 0V
 - Need to offset the voltage to be within the range of the Schmitt trigger



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Future Tasks

Semester Goals:

- Add the DC offset and voltage trigger to the receiver circuit so Teensy to record times
- Run experiments with current algorithm to see how precise the results are
 - Would probably need to modify the code to account for unreliable triggers
- Design, test, and integrate the remaining hardware into our design: amplifier, Schmitt trigger, bandpass filter (in that order)
- Modify algorithm to work for two sets of emitter-receivers and add direction calculation

Stretch Goals:

- Add functionality to interface with weatherboxes (or directly with the server)
- Software optimizations, custom PCB, etc.

The end.

Any questions?