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# Robot Basketball

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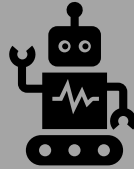
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# Motivation



Entertainment



Robot Athleticism



Technologies and skills

# Goals and Objectives



Arcade-style entertainment system



Eye-catching, engaging, and fun



Low-cost and scalable



Exciting Robot Capabilities

# Realistic Design Constraints



Economic: Budget, Scalability, Affordable



Health and Safety: Flying projectiles



Manufacturability: Produced in high Volume



Sustainability: Maintainable by technicians

# Impact

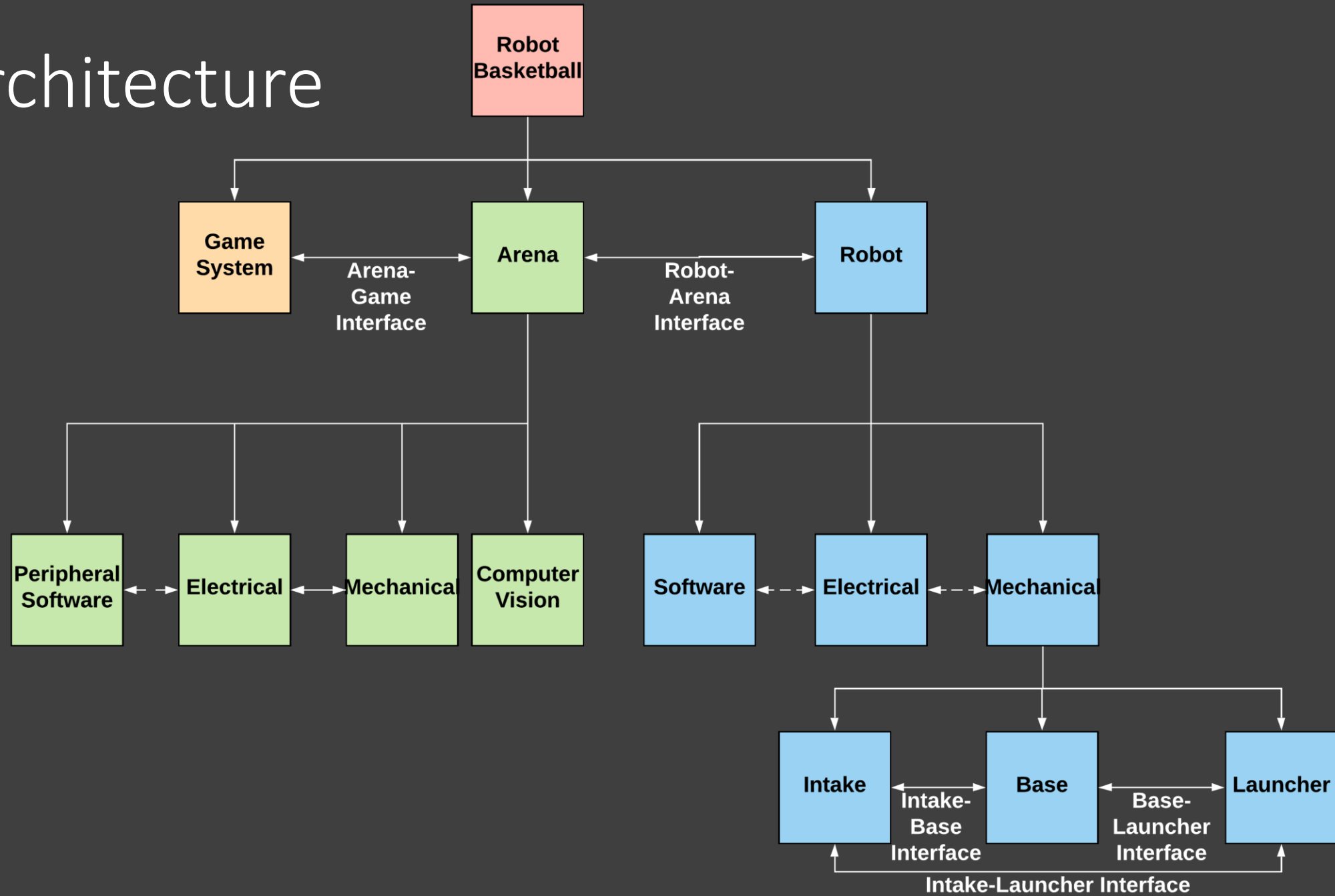
## Entertainment industry

- Interactive displays
- New, unique experiences increases repeat-visits

## Robotics Industry

- Platform to test new and unique software
- Expandable to a variety of sports and events

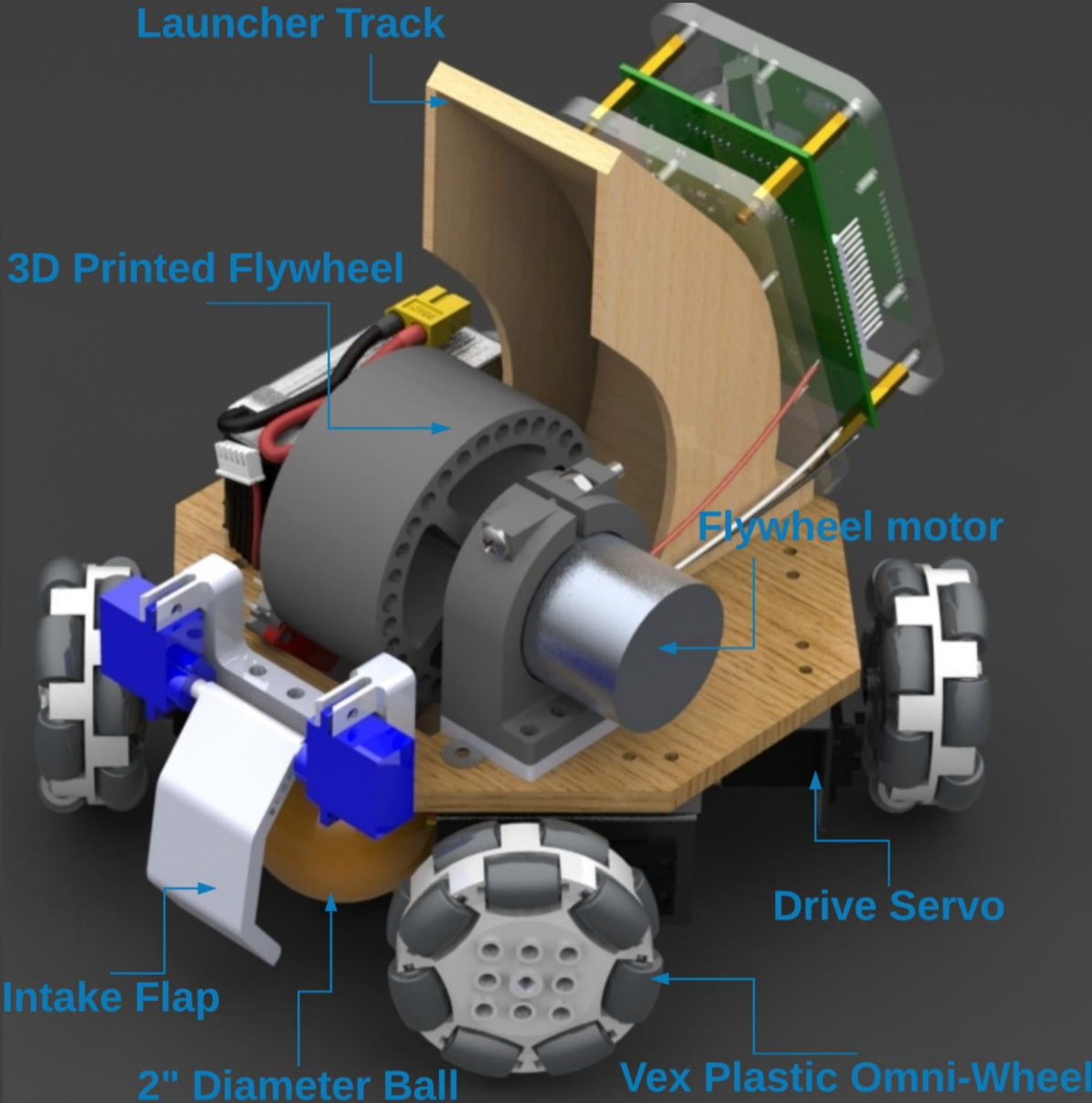
# System Architecture



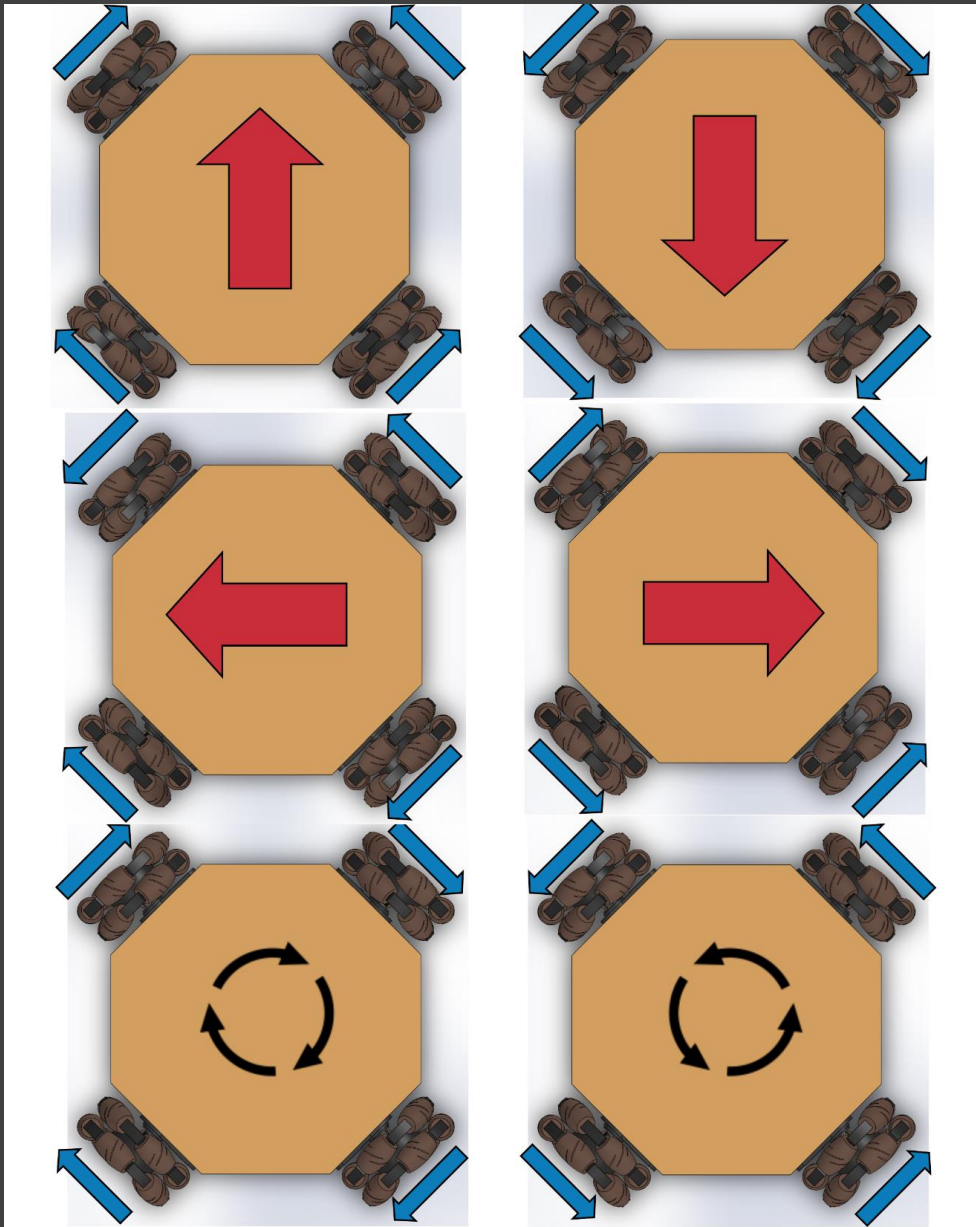
# Requirement Specifications

Requirement #	System	Requirement	Value	Unit
1	Robot	The launcher shall launch a ball with a range of...	1-5	Feet
2	Robot	The robot shall drive in any direction at a minimum velocity of at least...	1.25	Feet/ second
3	Arena	The computer vision shall detect robot and ball position with an accuracy of at least...	0.5	Inches
4	Arena	The computer vision shall detect robot orientation with an accuracy of at least...	3	Degrees
5	Game	The game shall control the robot with a gamepad at a rate of at least...	5	Hz
6	Game	The game shall prevent the robot from driving within a distance to the wall at most...	1	Inch

# Robot





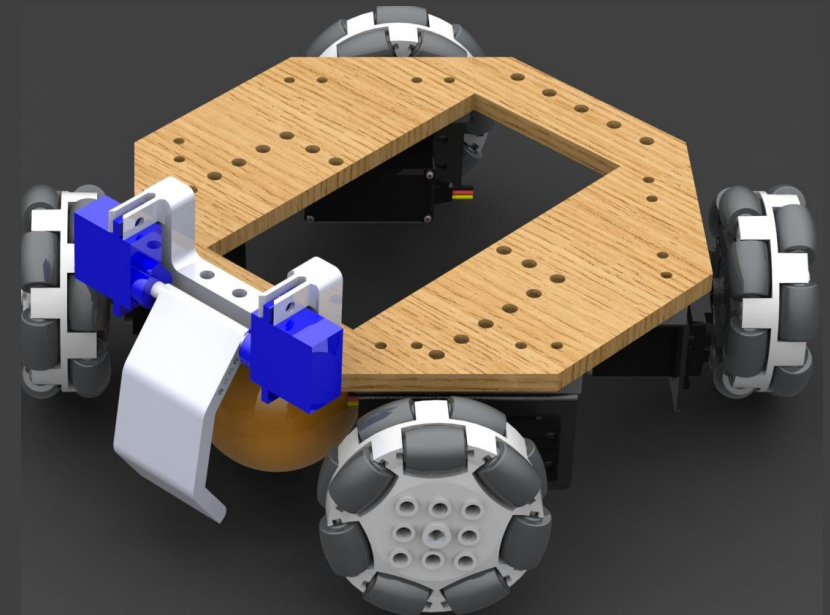
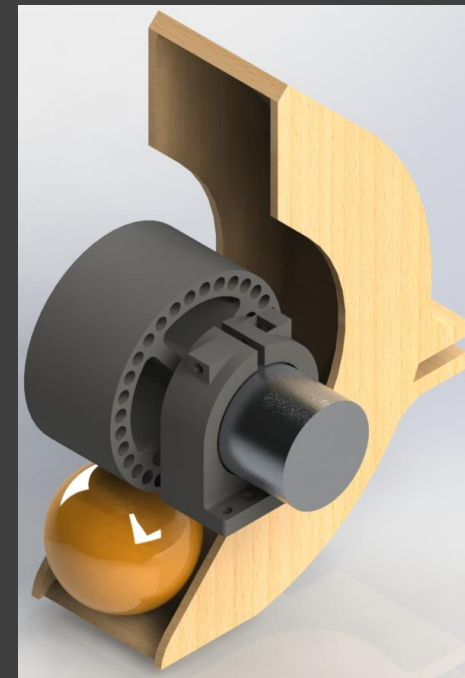


# Mobile Base Design

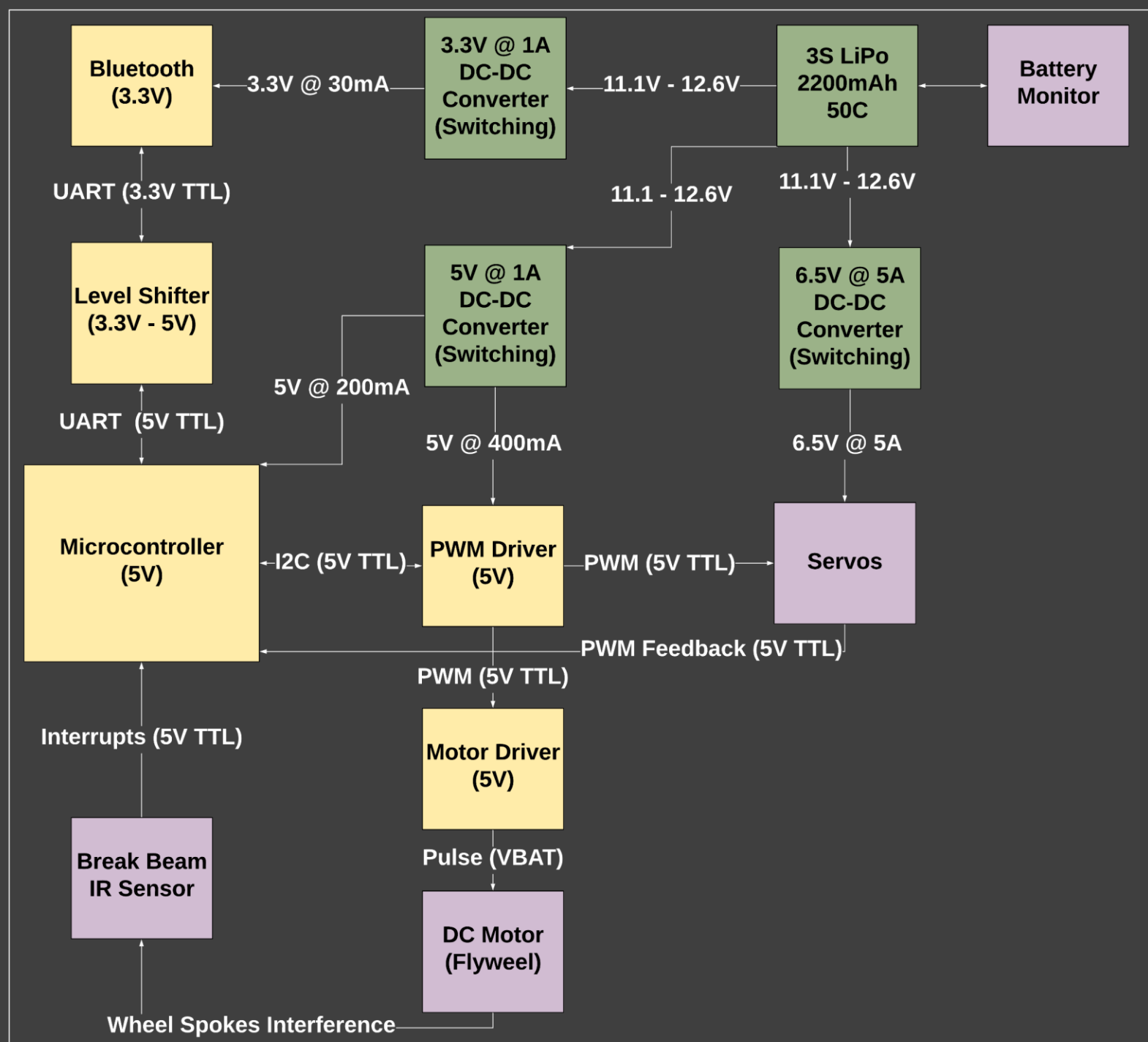
- Holonomic Drive with 4 Omni-Wheels
  - Can maintain shot angle while traversing without turning
  - Slightly faster motion
  - Requires more torque
  - Vector addition of Wheel outputs

# Robot Launcher/Intake Design

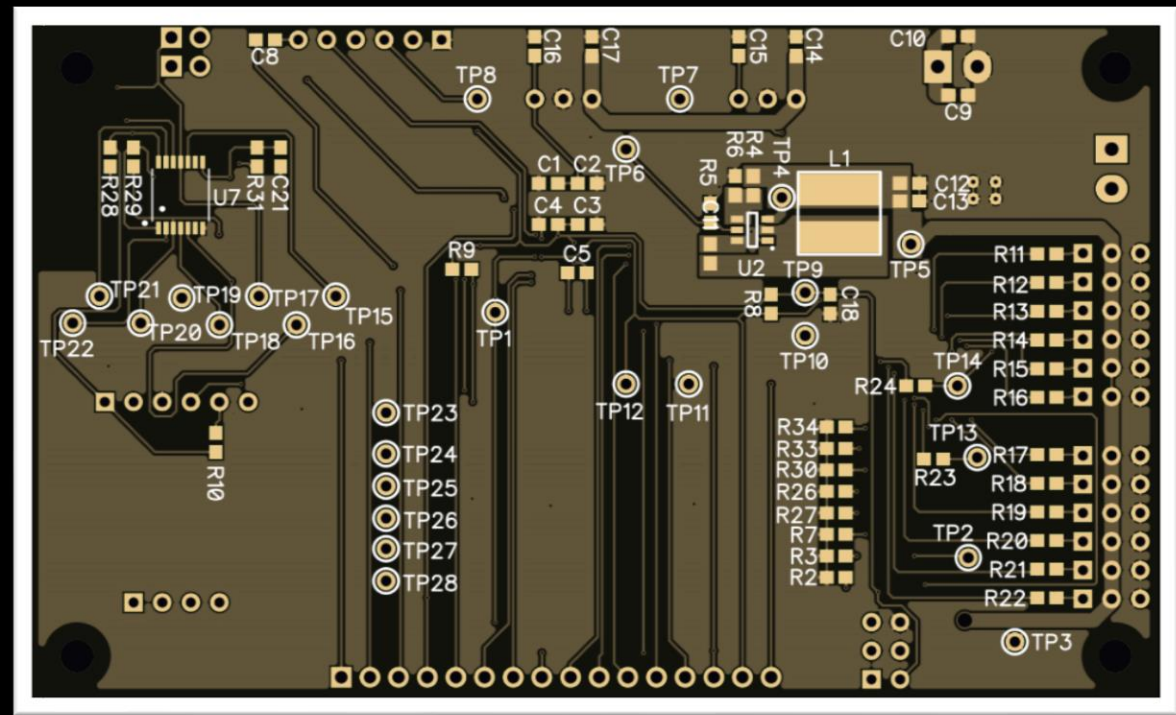
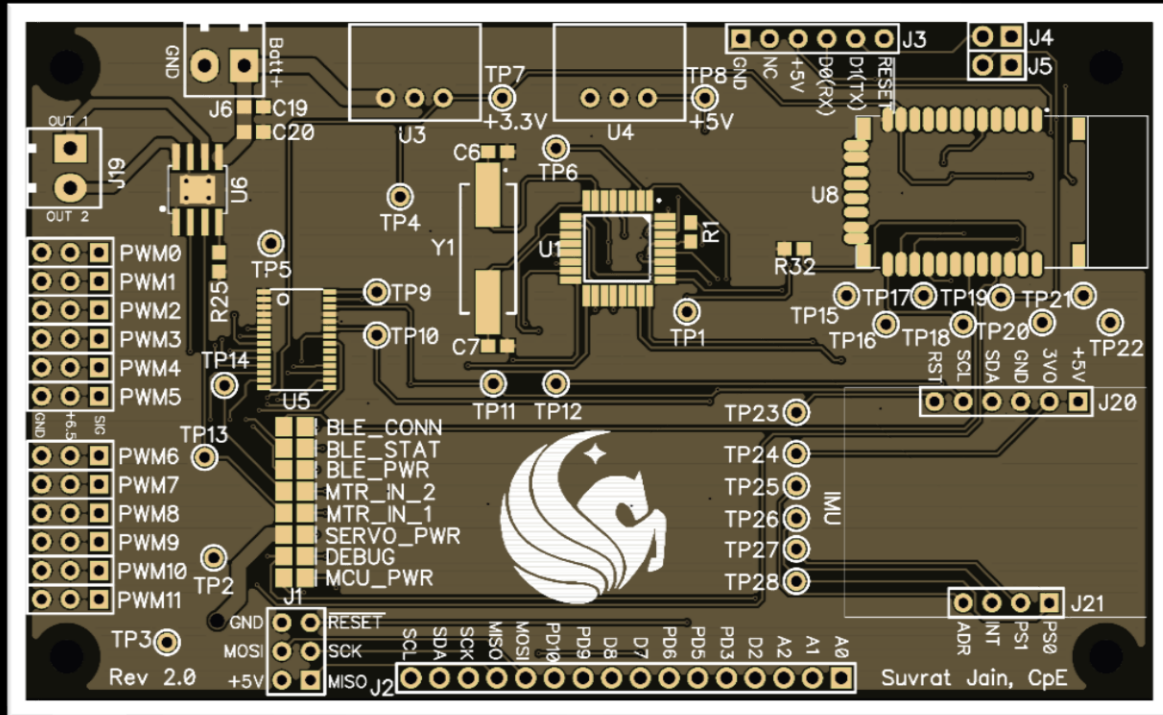
- Flipper mechanism to trap ball and feed it into intake
  - 2-Servo flap that acts grabs and engages the ball with the flywheel
- Flywheel to launch the ball from anywhere on the court
  - DC Motor with fast response, up to 3200 RPM



# Robot PCB Overview

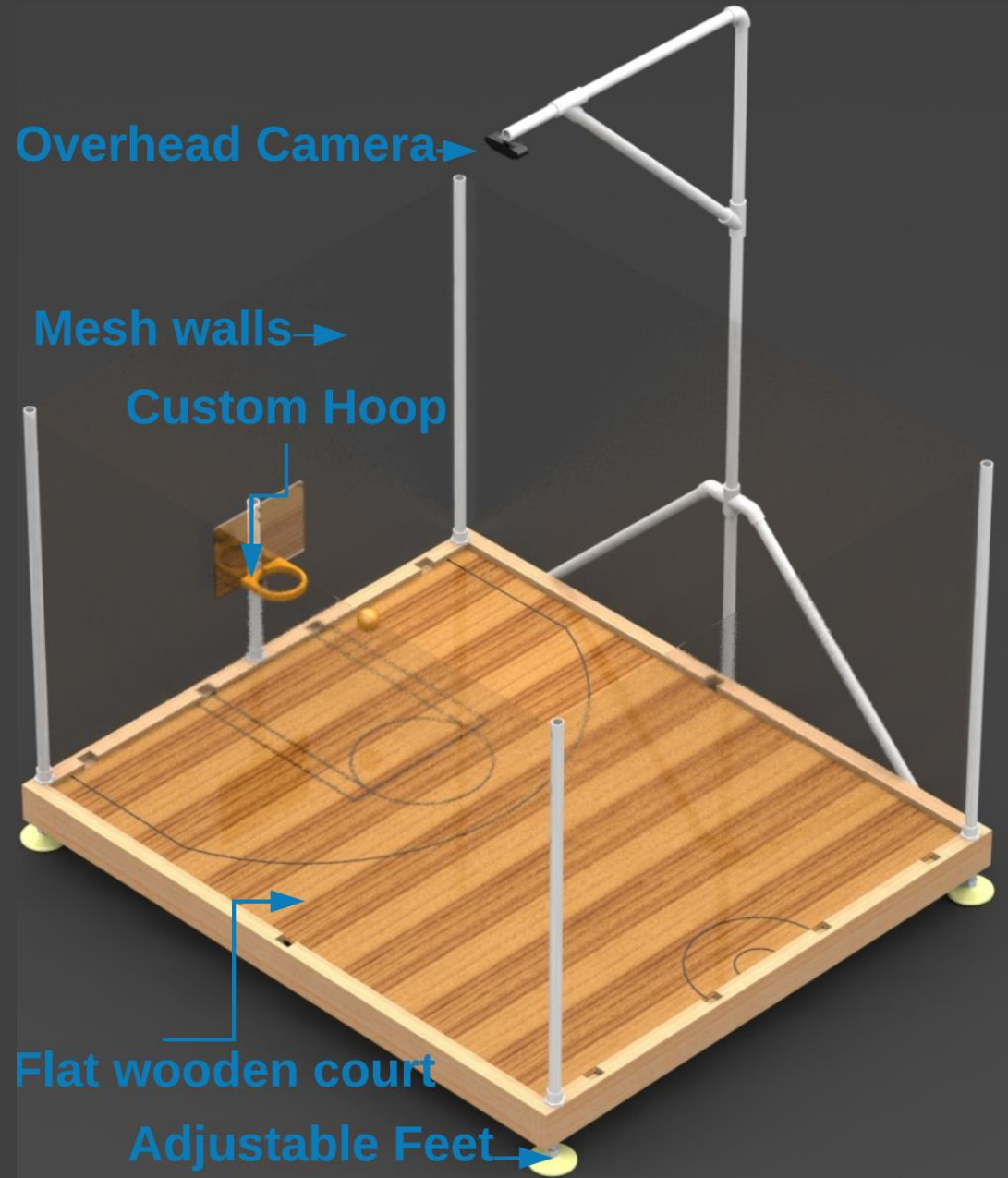


# PCB Layout



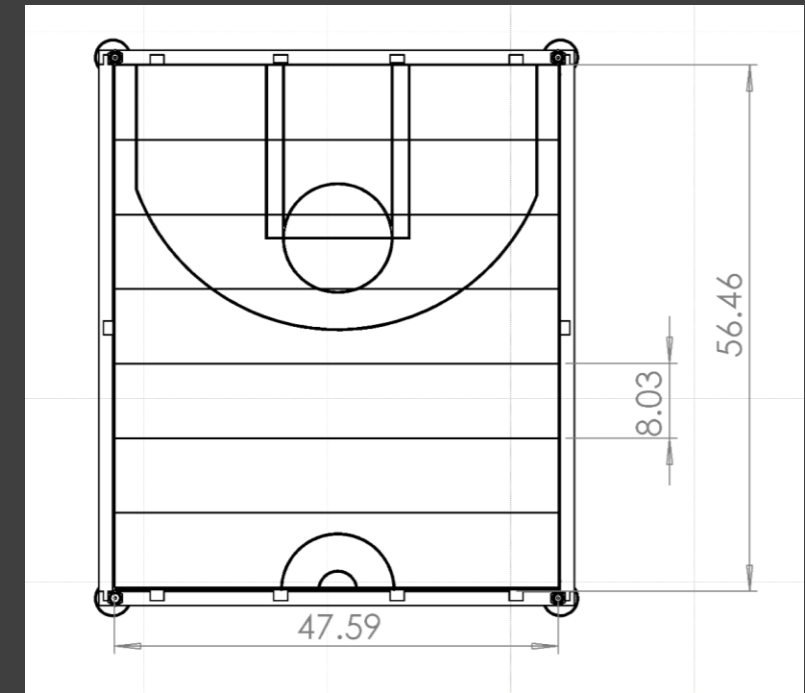
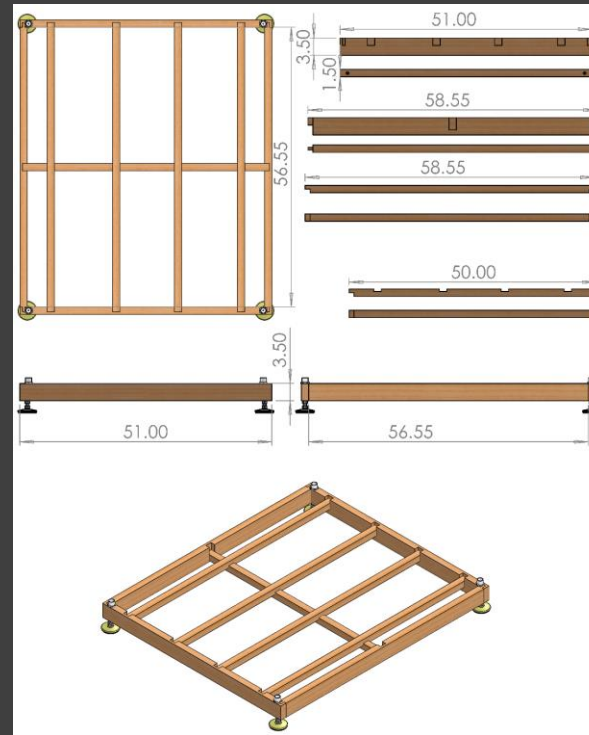


# Arena



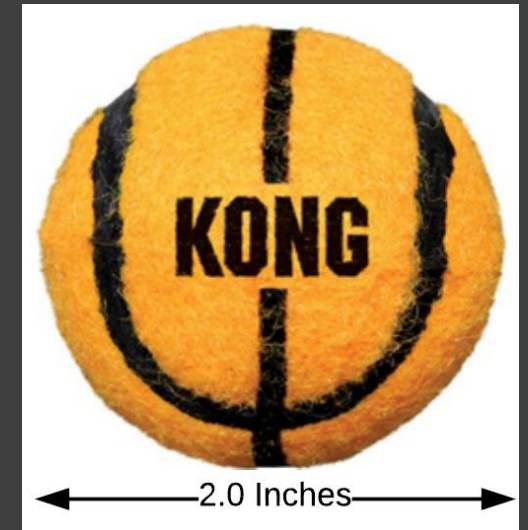
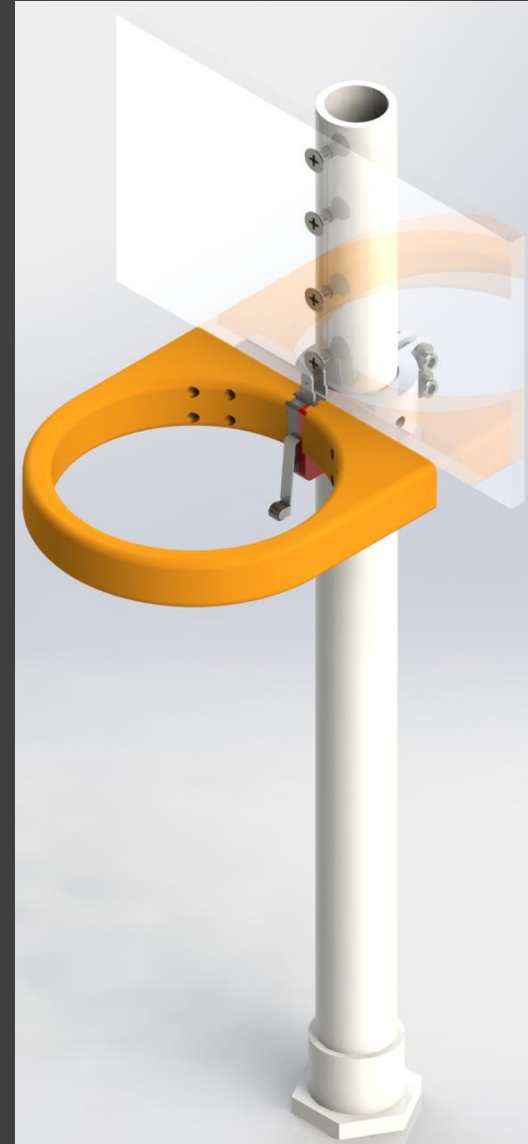
# Arena - Frame & Court Design

- Arena is 5' length by 4' Width by 3' height (Minus camera mount)
- Broken into several locking pieces without tools or hardware
- Frame mounted on adjustable feet to level the floor
- Wall mesh included to prevent projectiles flying outside the Arena



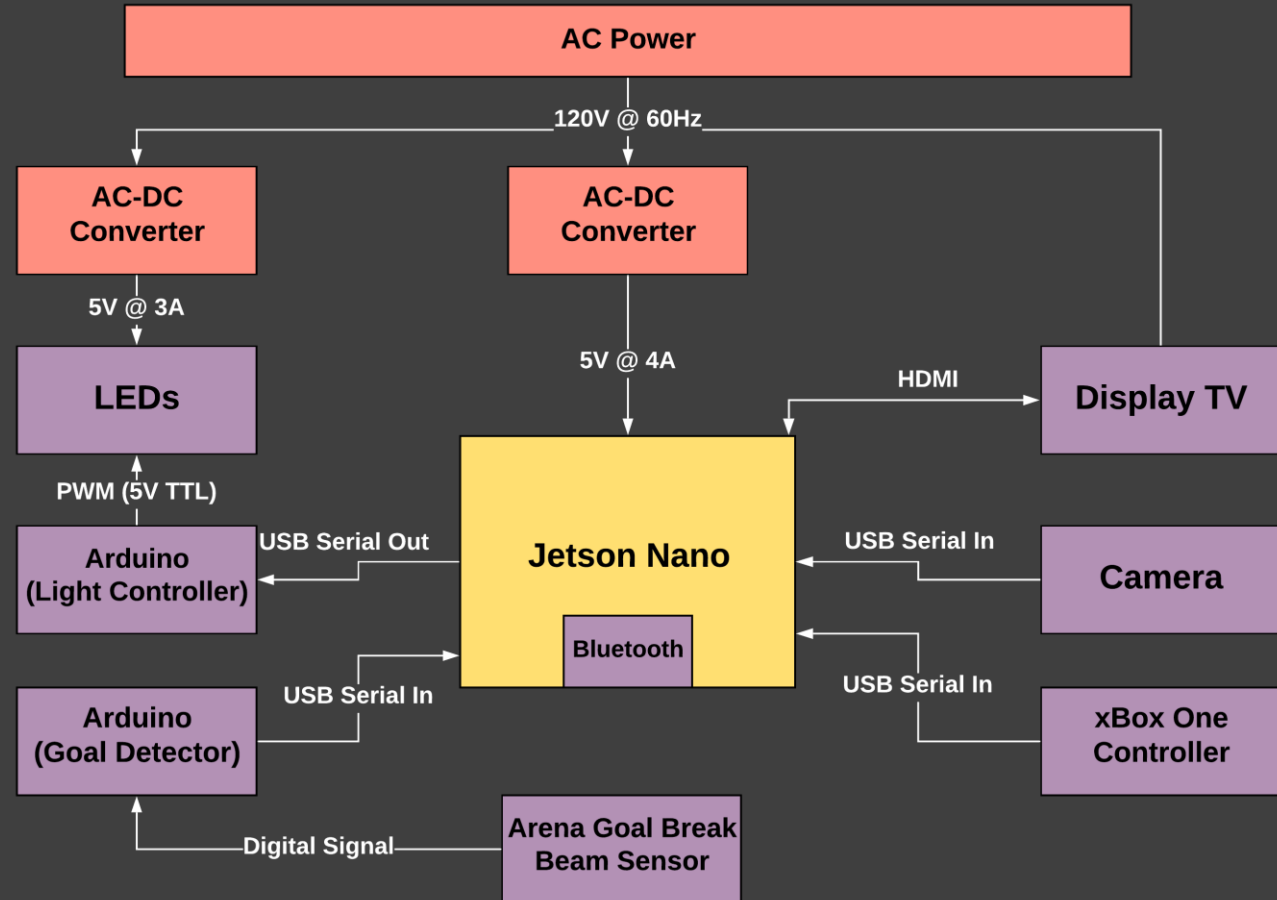
# Arena - Ball & Hoop Design

- Ball is a small-scale tennis ball with a basketball appearance
  - Chosen because of size, appearance, and higher weight than a ping-pong ball
- 3D-Printed hoop and mount attached to a PVC post and an ABS backboard
- IR Break Beam Sensor to capture when baskets are made



# Arena - Electrical Design

- The Arena is AC Powered
- A 120V to 5V AC-DC converter is used to power the Nano
- Another 5V AC-DC converter is used to power the LEDs
- Nano does most of the processing for CV and Game System onboard
- The XBox Controller inputs are taken in serially via USB and sent to the Robot via Bluetooth
- The TV/Display is powered from an AC outlet as well



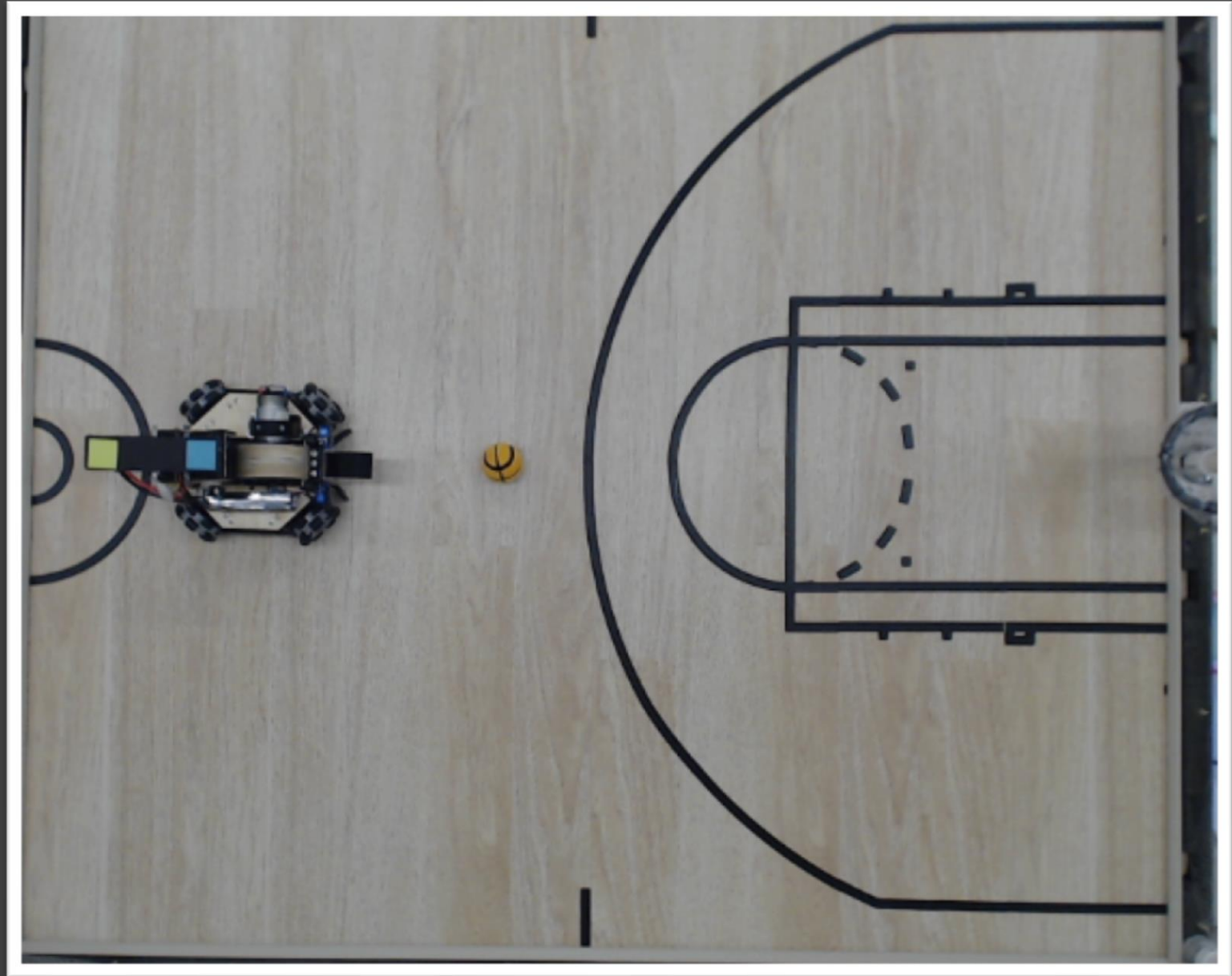


# Arena Computer Vision System

- Position & Orientation of Robot required for automatic control
- Position of ball displayed in the game
- Overhead camera used to be able to easily scale to more robots and objects

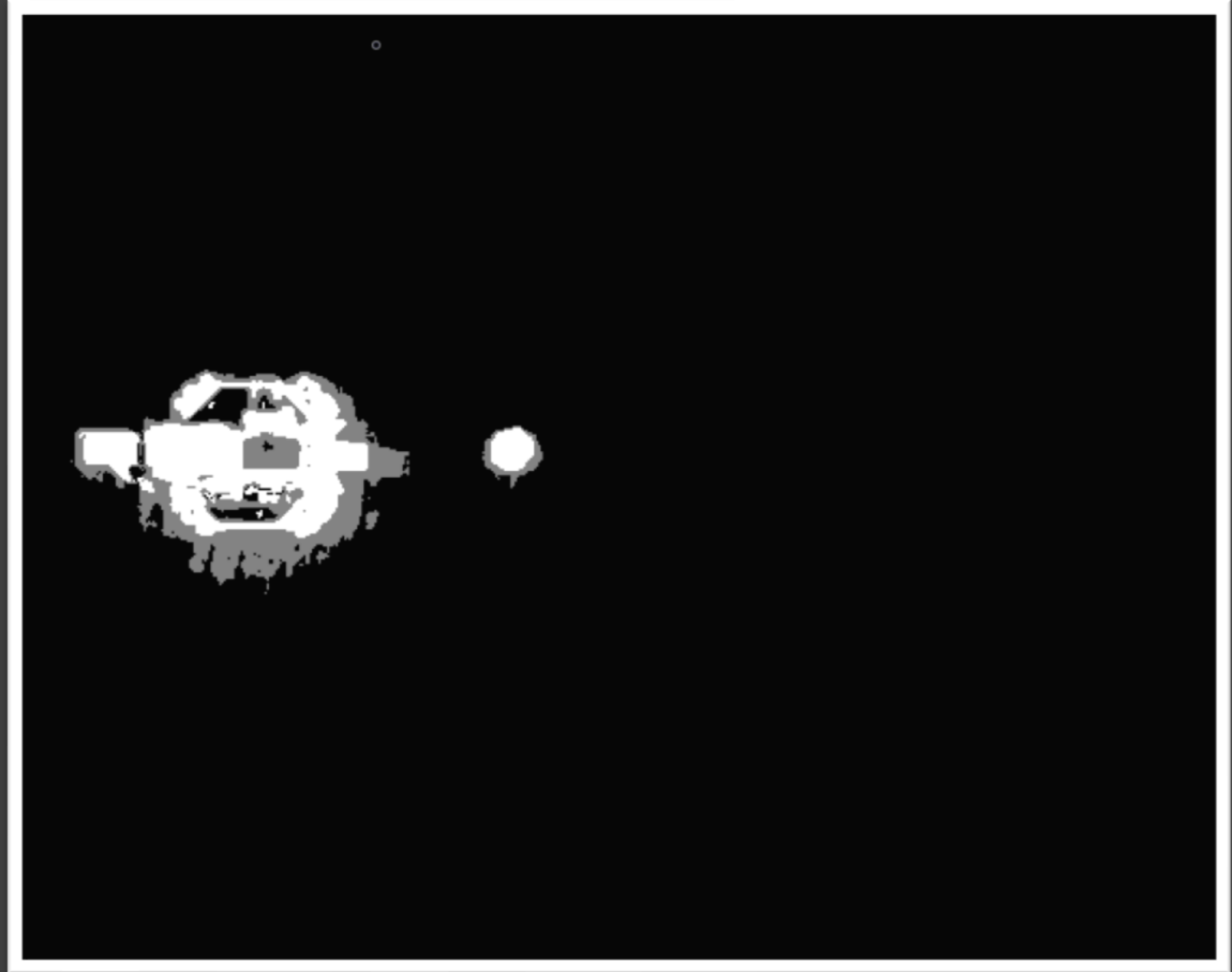
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- Capture and build a background model
- Add objects to the court



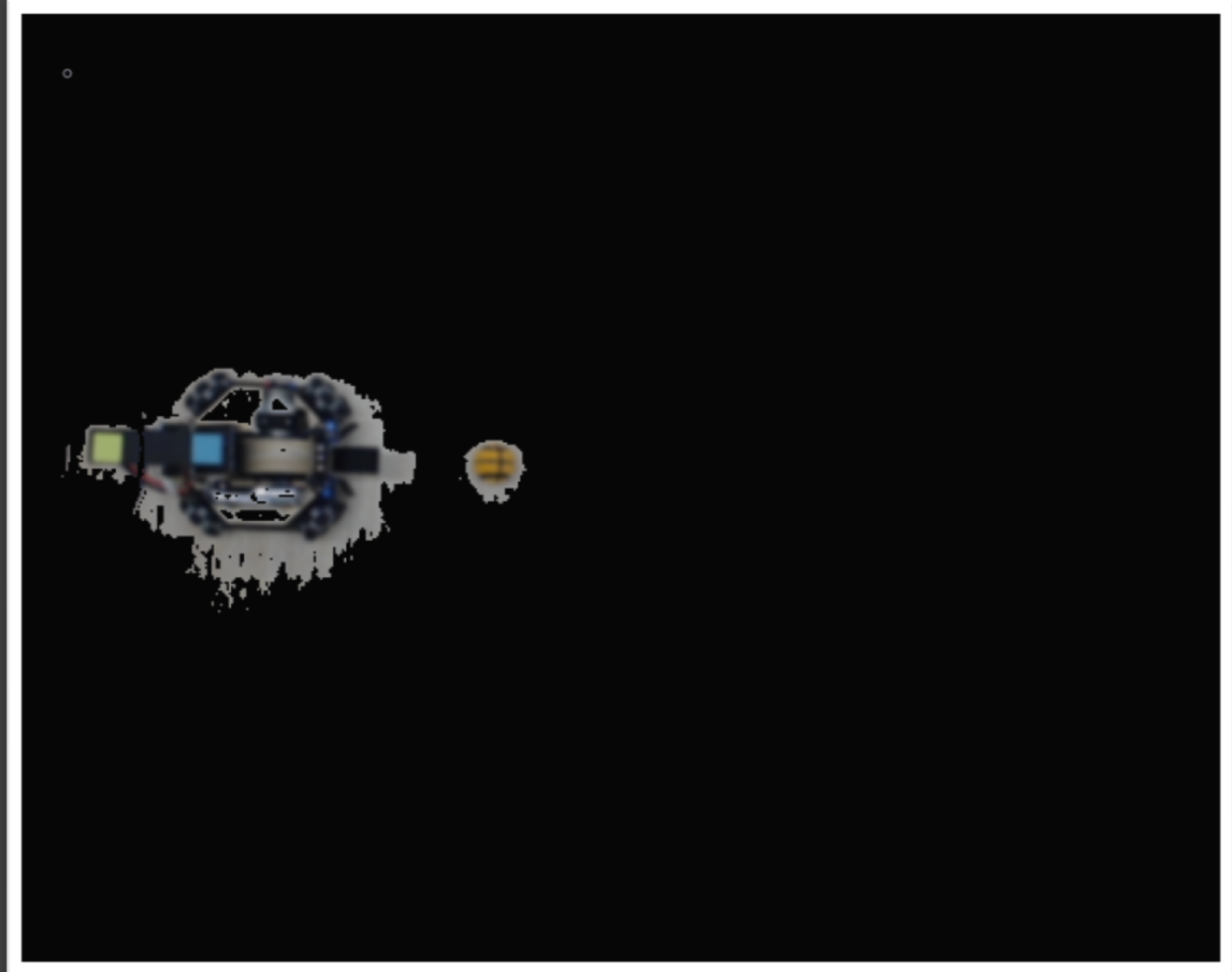
# Step 2 – Foreground Mask

- Apply background subtraction to get a foreground mask



# Step 3 – Background Mask 'AND' Frame

- Perform bitwise 'AND' on the blurred frame and foreground mask to get a color image from the results of background subtraction



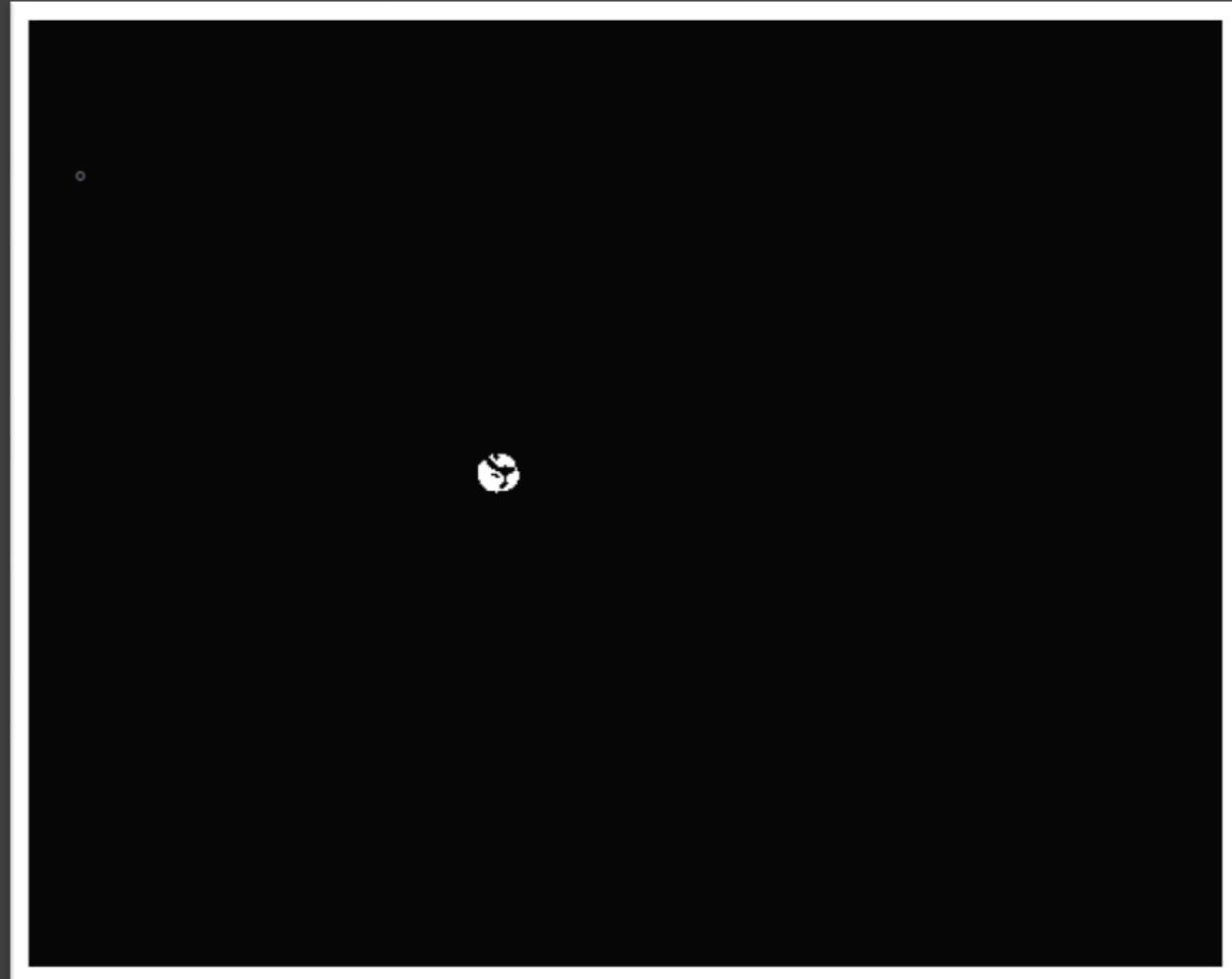
# Step 4 – Color Filtering

- Lower and Upper bounds for each color are created using the HSV color scale
- An `inRange()` function is applied and a mask for each color is created

Colored Square

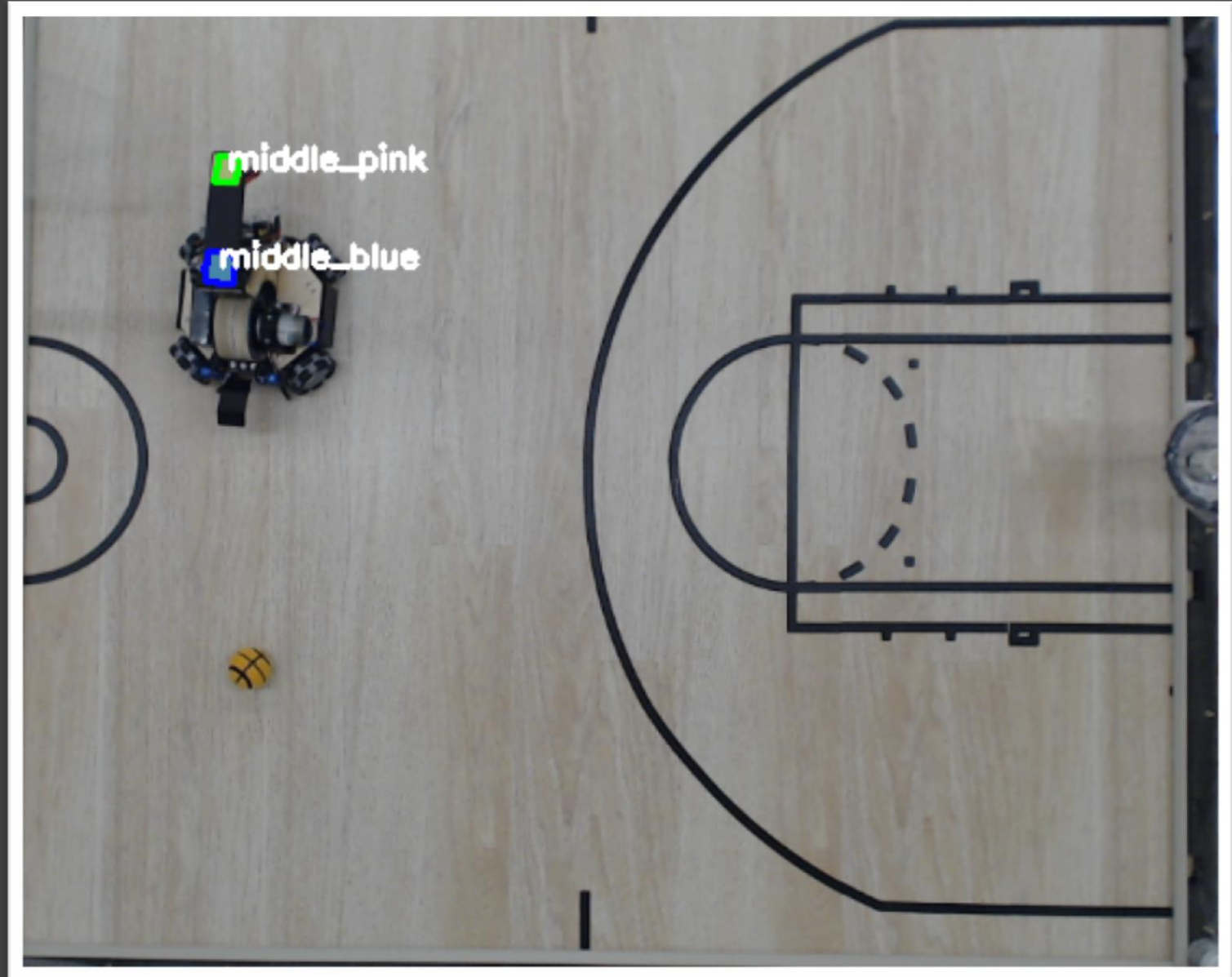


Orange Ball



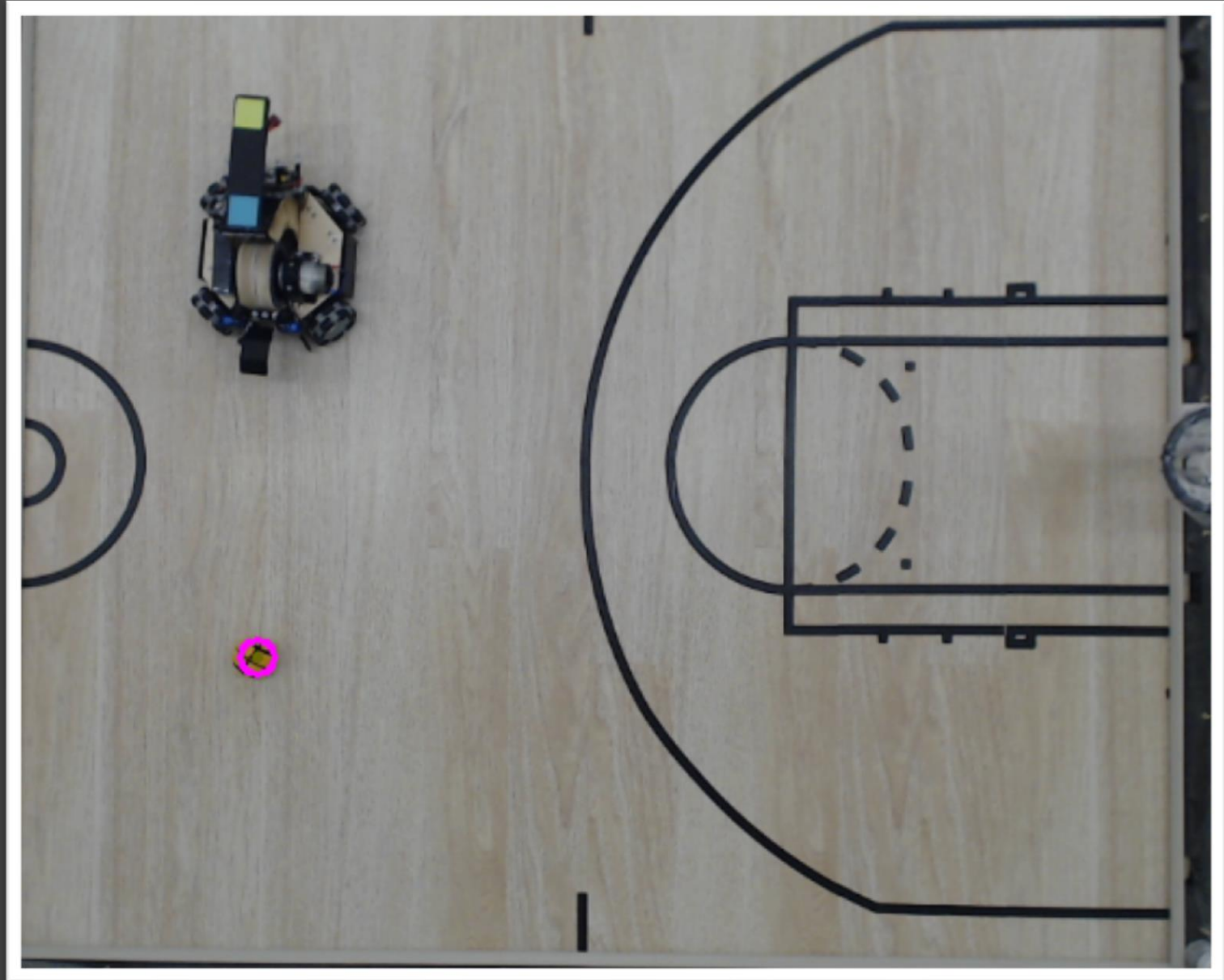
# Step 5 – Contour Detection and Midpoint

- Find the contours of the squares
- Filter the list of contours by perimeter and number of sides
- Use moments to find the midpoint of each square



# Step 6 – Canny Edge Detection & Hough Transform

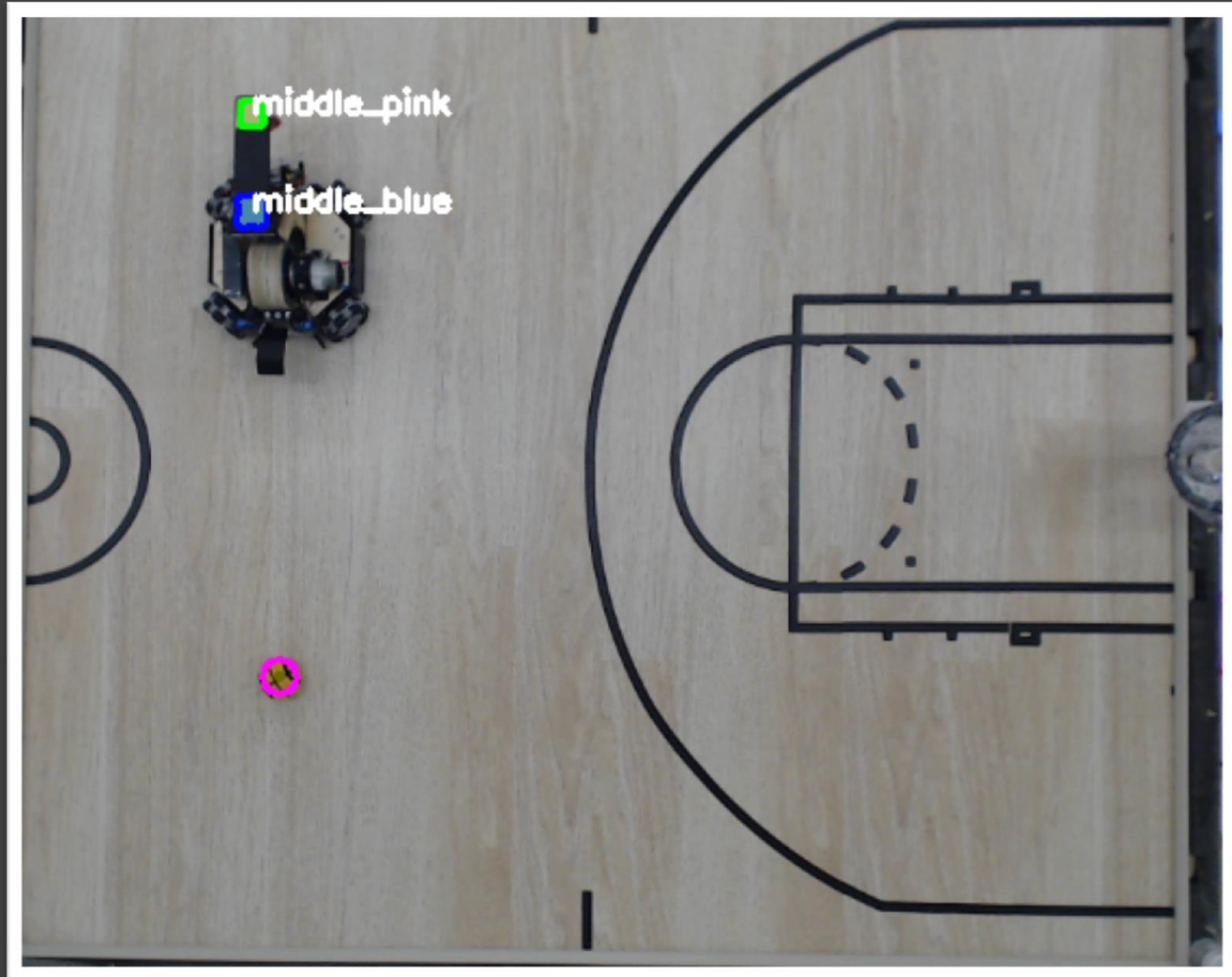
- A Canny Edge filter is applied to the orange mask
- A Circle Hough Transform is applied, and the center is found





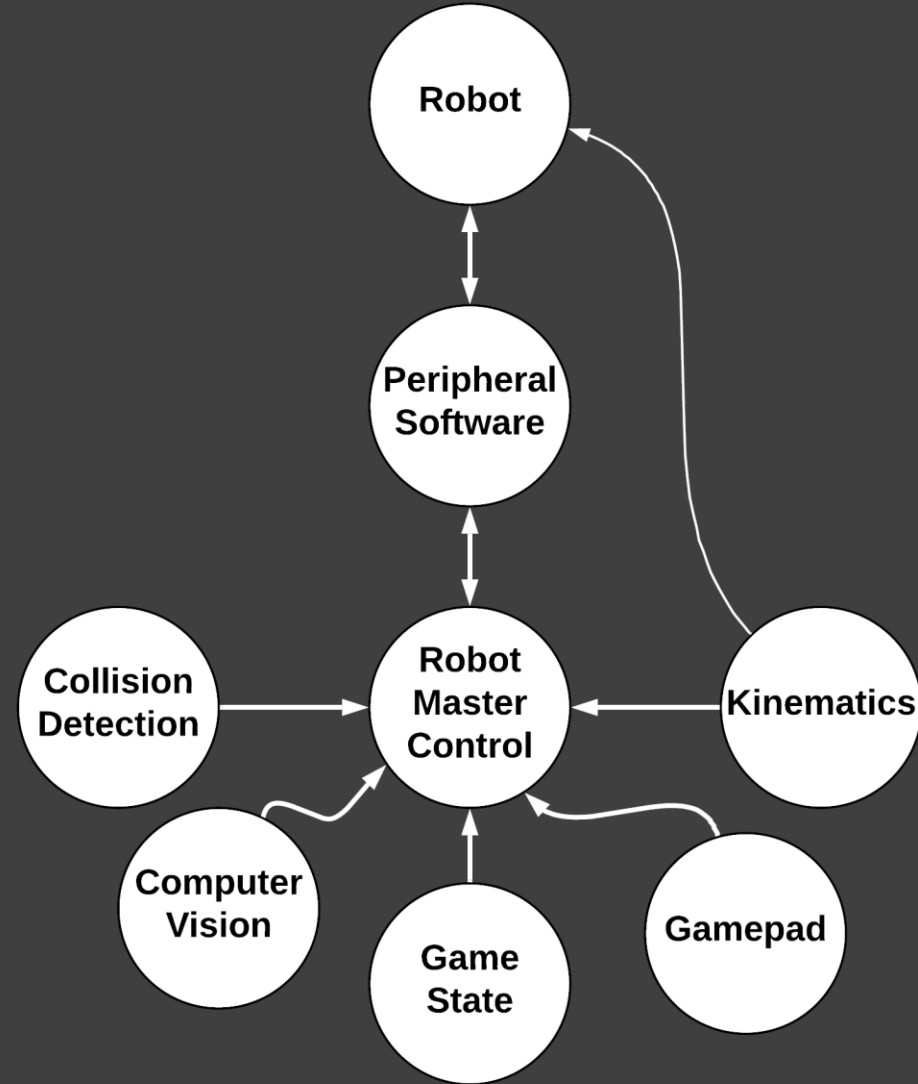
# Final Output

- A unit vector is created using the x,y center values of each square
- The center of the robot is blue
- The unit vector, center point of the robot, and center point of the ball is sent to the game



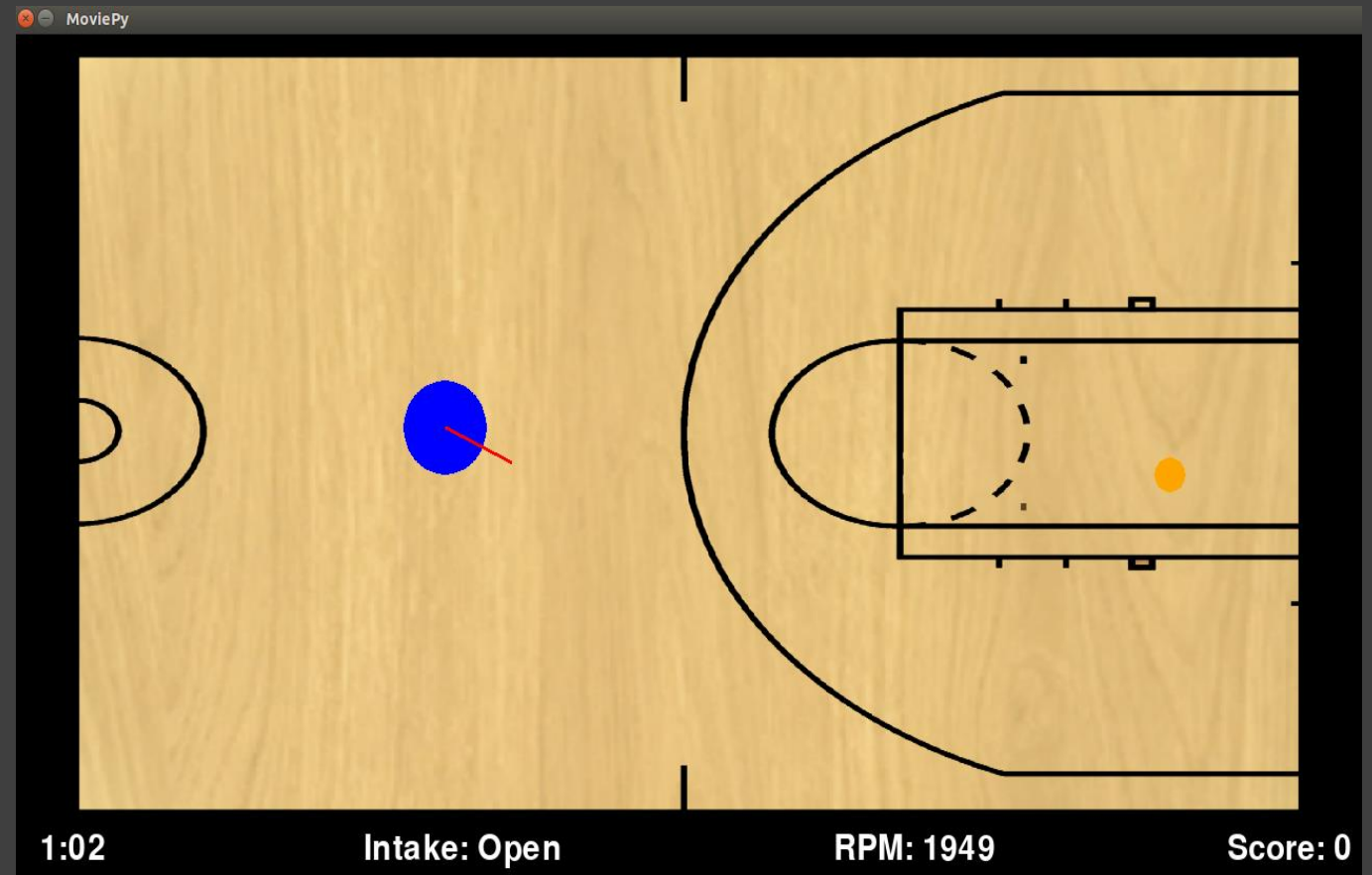


# Game Overview



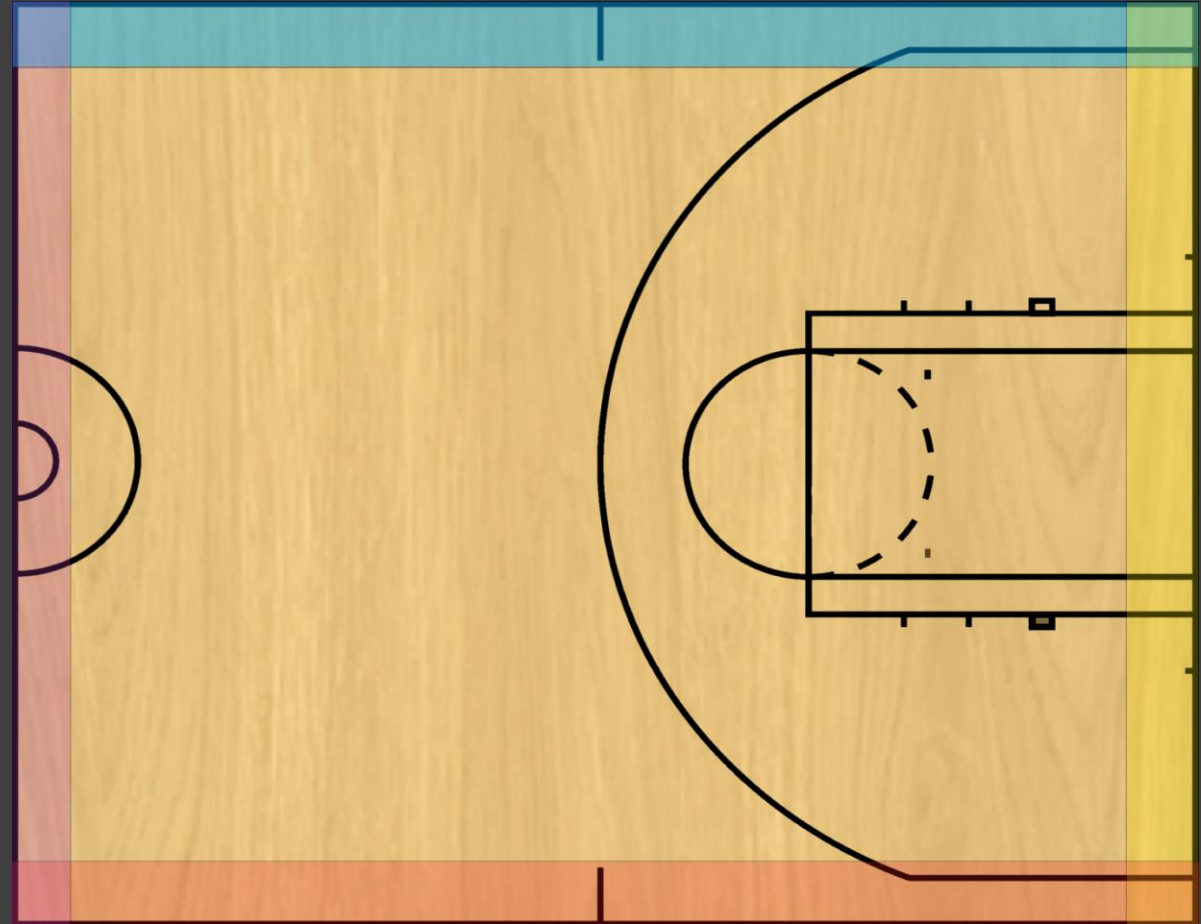
# Autonomous Control in Easy Mode

- Alignment
  - Proportional Control minimizes angle to hoop
- Flywheel Speed
  - Linear Function
  - Positional Data from computer vision



# Collision Detection

- Prevents robot from being driven off arena
- Transform Robot Space to Task Space
  - Check if components would take robot off arena, if so, remove component from vector
  - Rotate new vector back to Robot frame



# Testing

- Design Verification (Subsystem Requirement Validation)
  - Verify Robot Drive, Intake, and Launching capabilities
  - Verify Computer Vision Accuracy
  - Verify Game communication and control
- Production Test (System Requirement Validation)
  - Verify the final PCB meets specifications and performs appropriately
  - Verify Game can fully control the robot and other peripherals
  - Ensure all critical interfaces are functional and the final product functions appropriately
- Focus Group (Market Requirement Validation)
  - Ensure high-level market requirements are met by allowing players to test the final product and implement feedback as necessary

# Feedback incorporation

- Collision detection and avoidance added after walls found to be too small to stop robot from driving off the table
- Reduced speed of the robot to maximize controllability
- Added additional light animations to tell player when game is ending