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FORAY project: Autonomous blimps playing air soccer games

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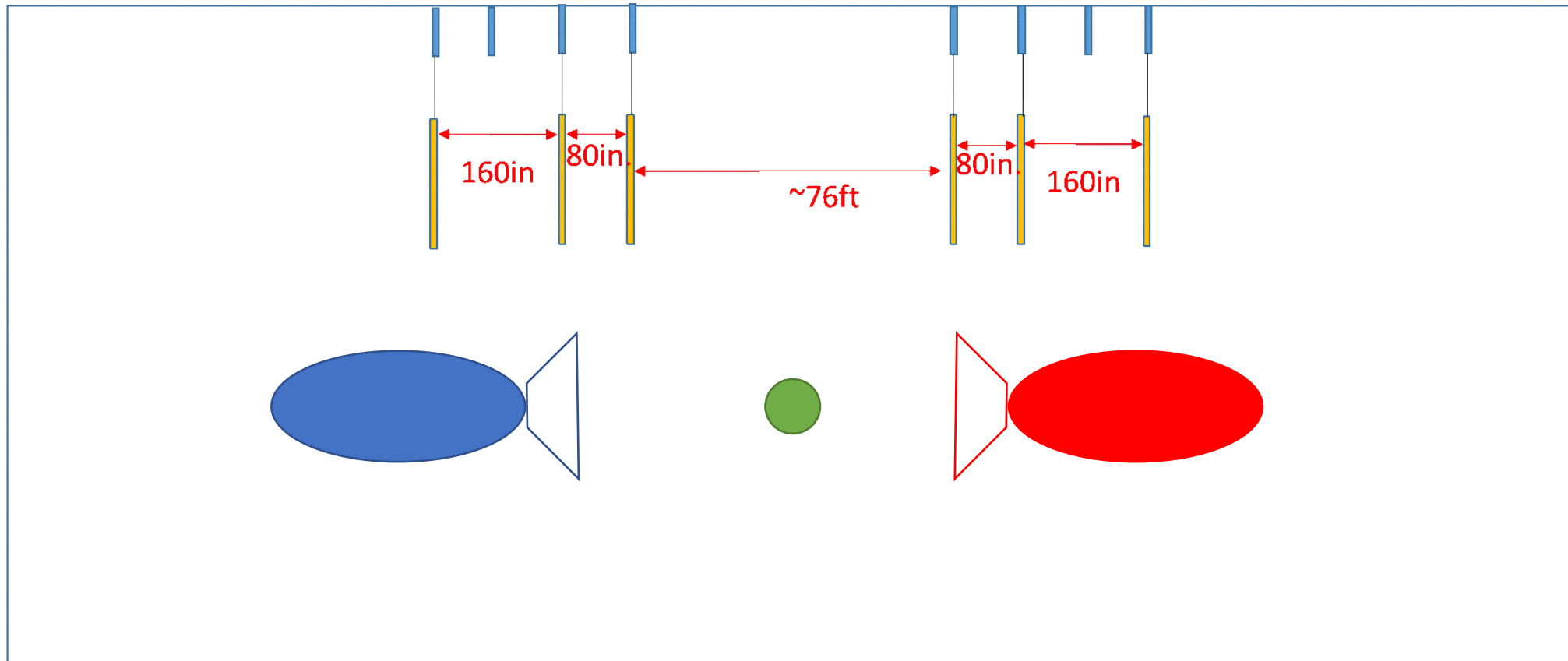
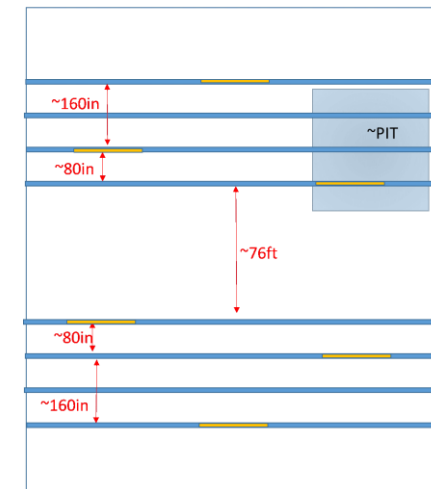
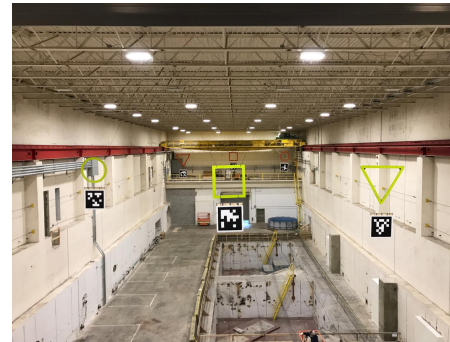
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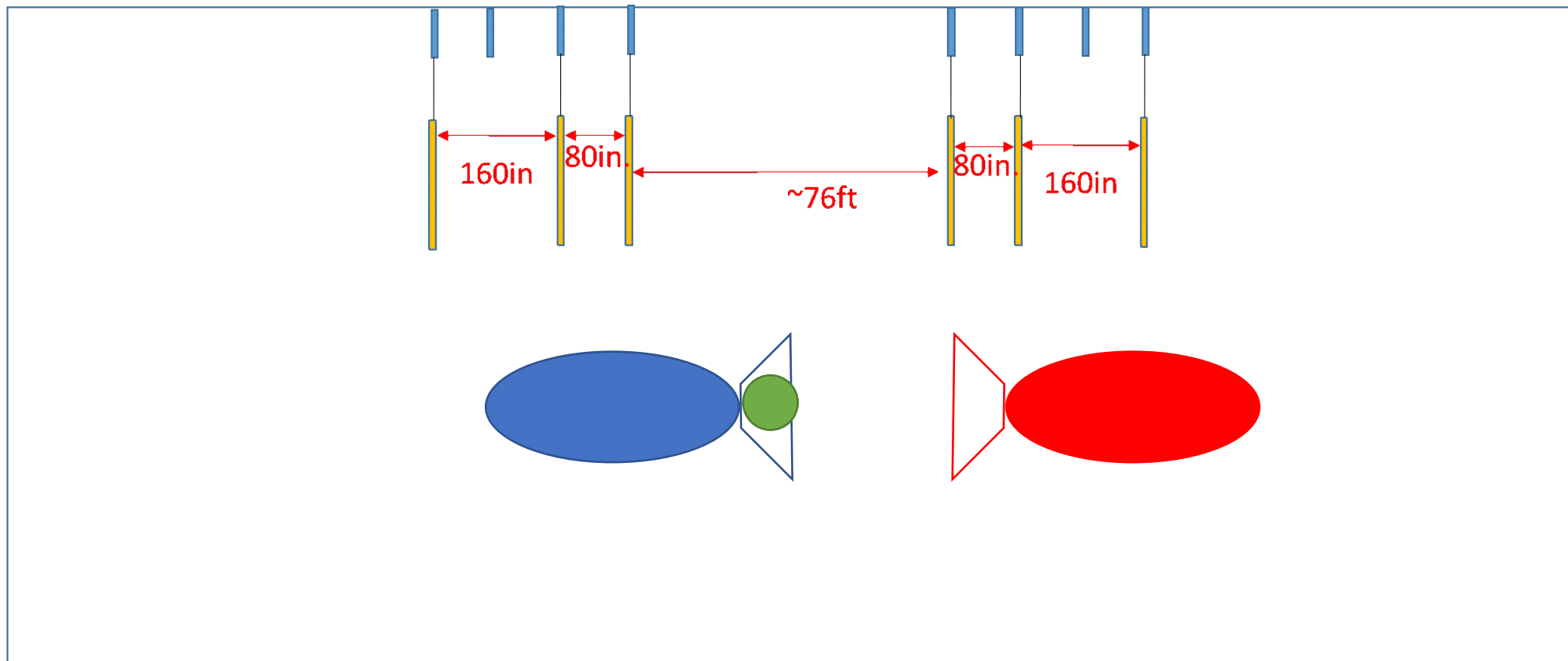
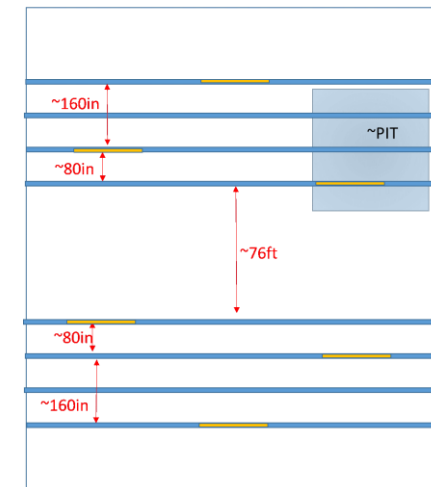
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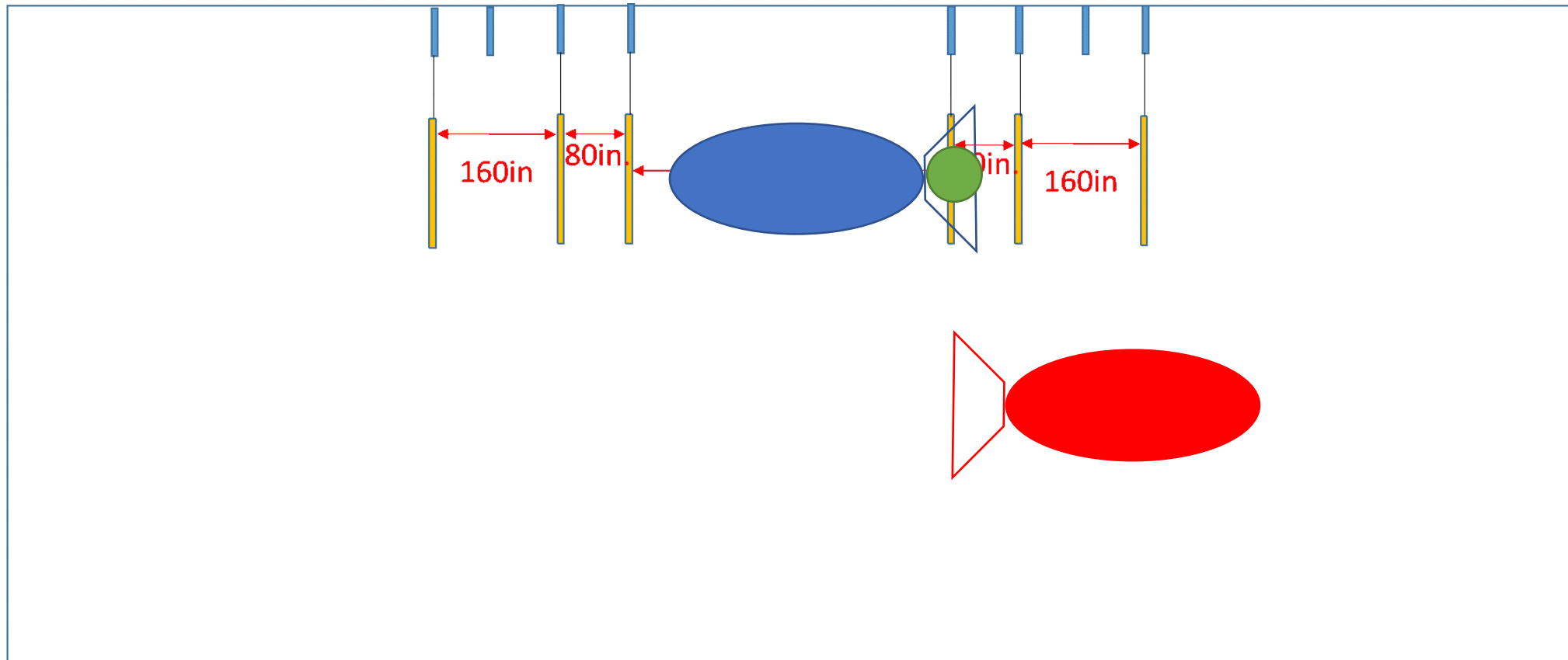
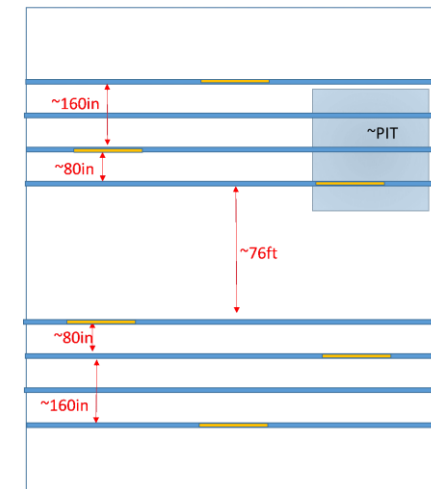
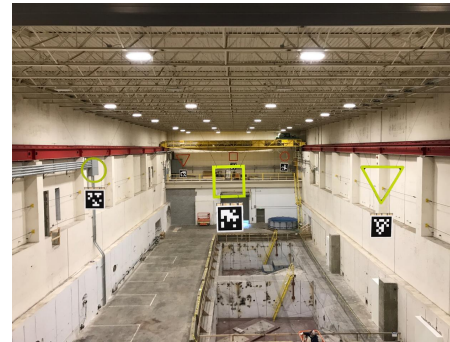
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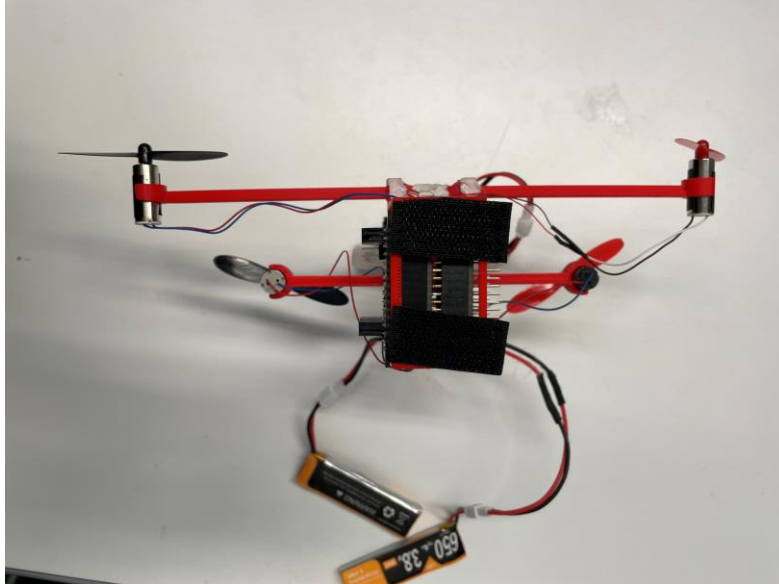
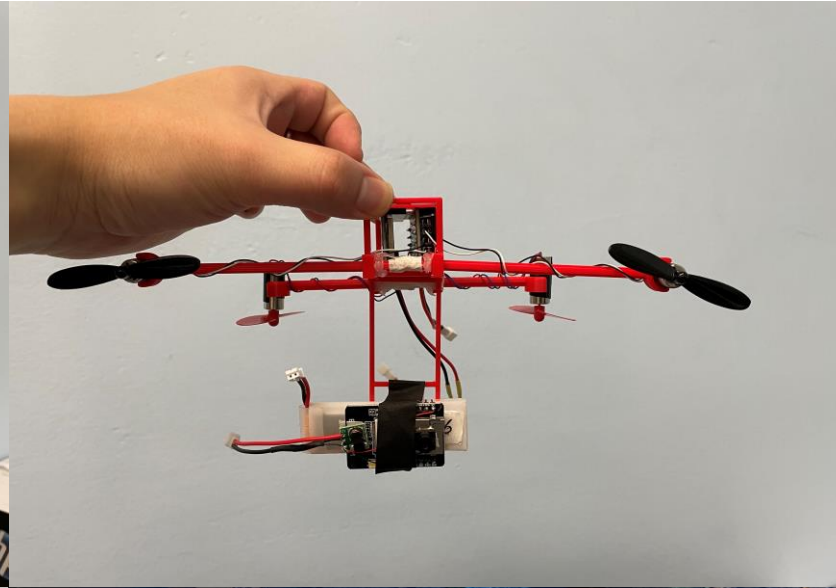
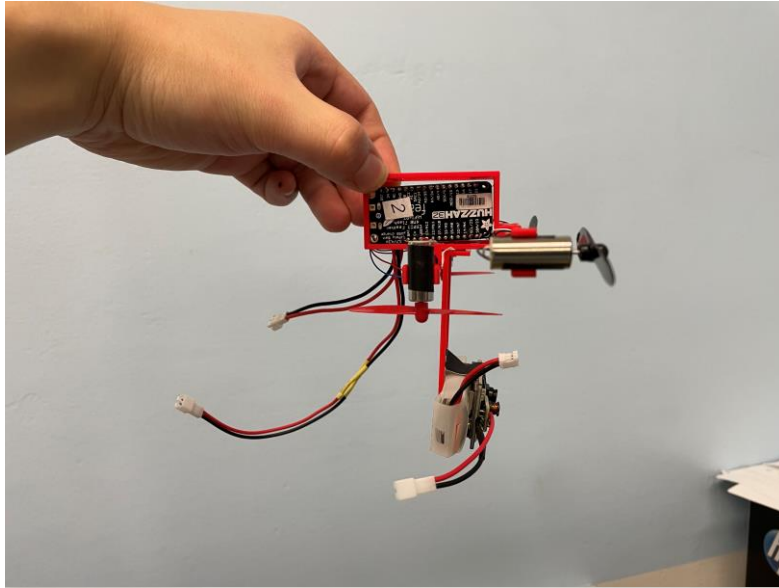
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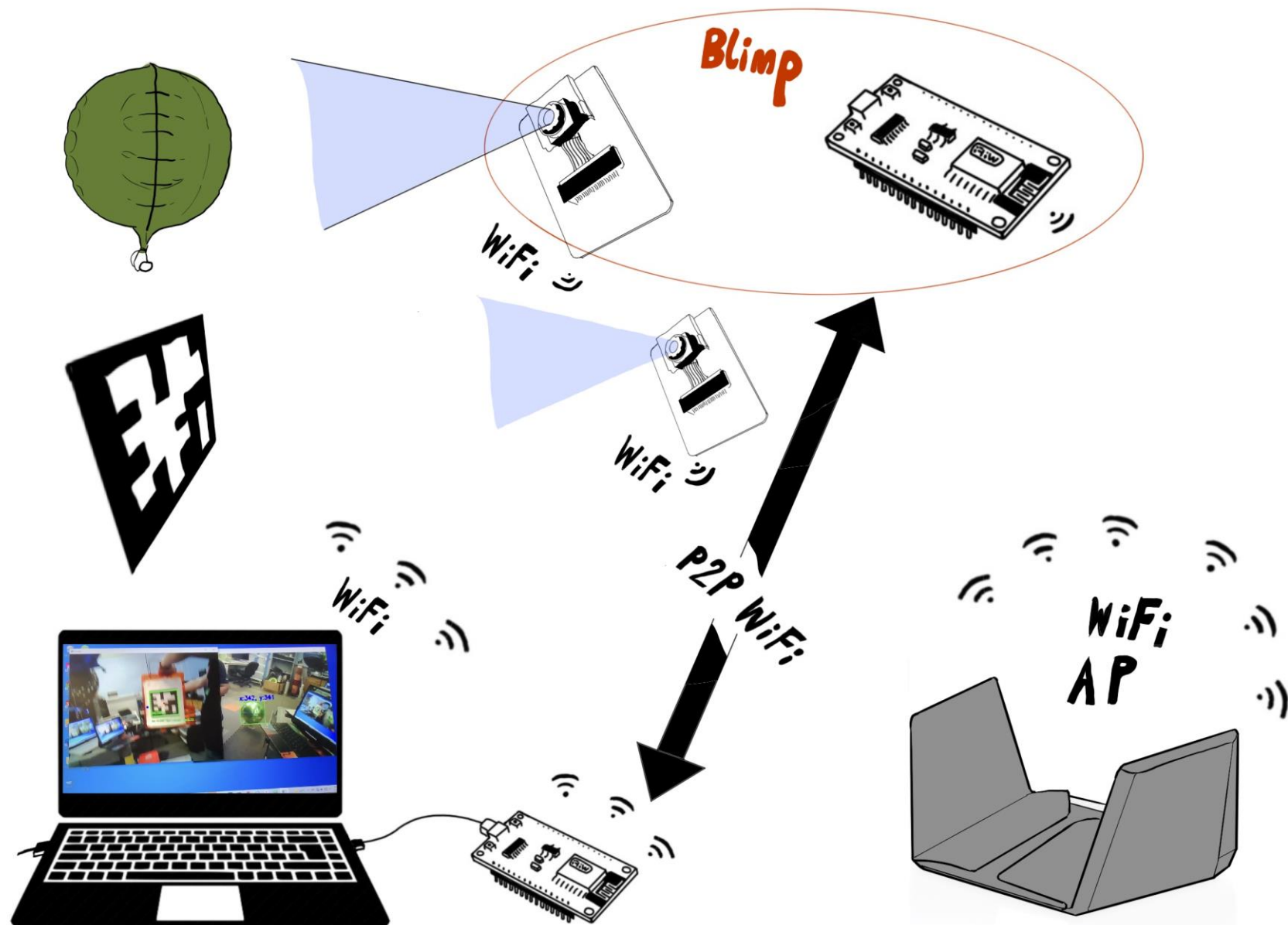
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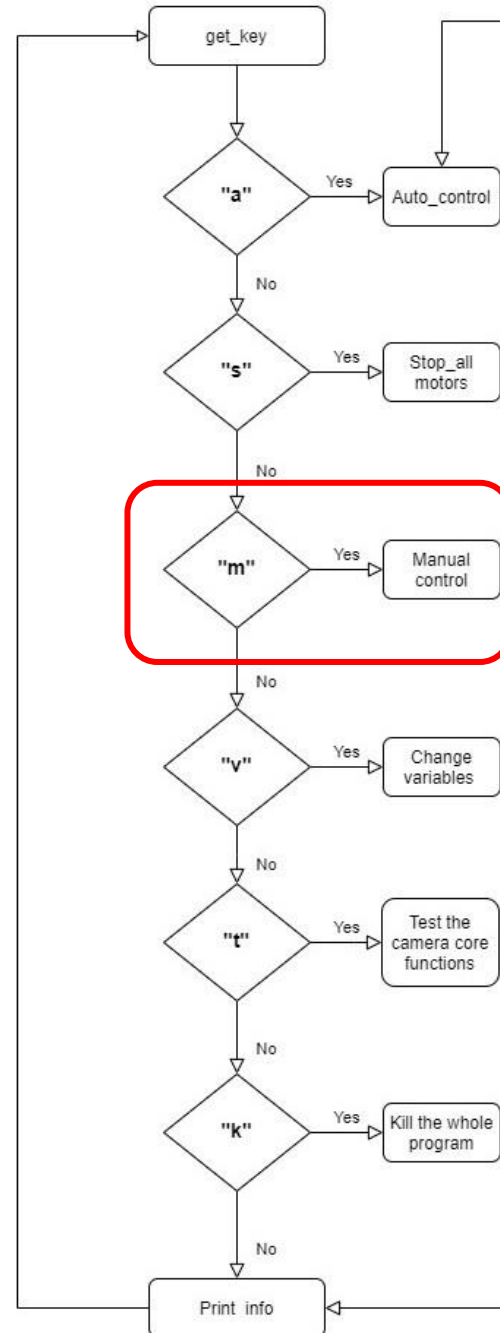
Hardware connection- propulsion system



Hardware connection- Network communication



High-level logic (1)



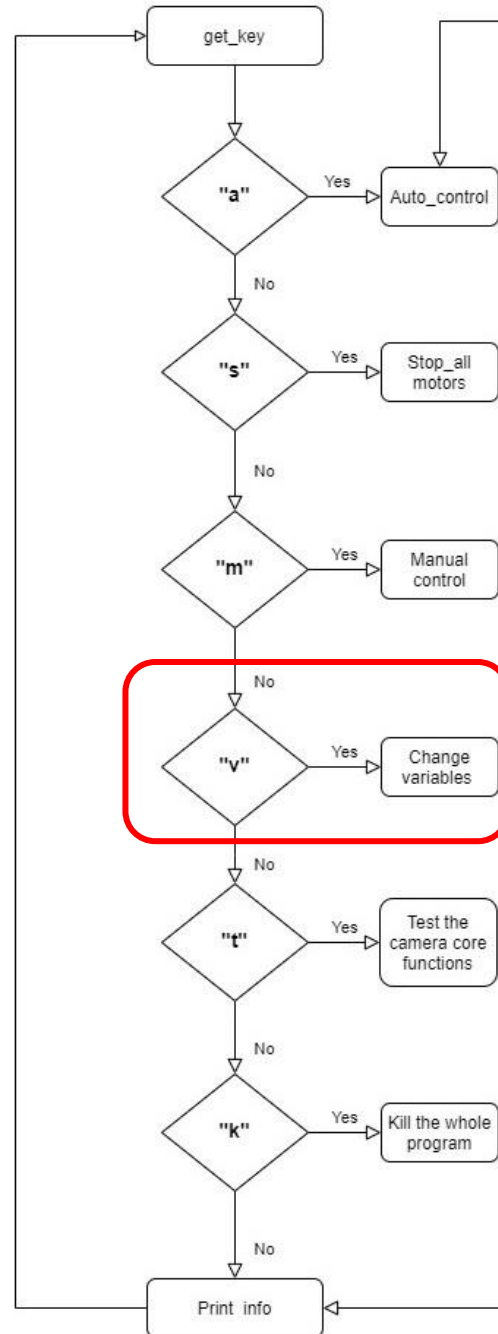
What to test?

- Check if the p2p connection is established
- Check if all motors are responding
- Check if the mapping between commands and motor+propellers is correct (you should feel the right wind flow by your hand)

High-level logic (2)



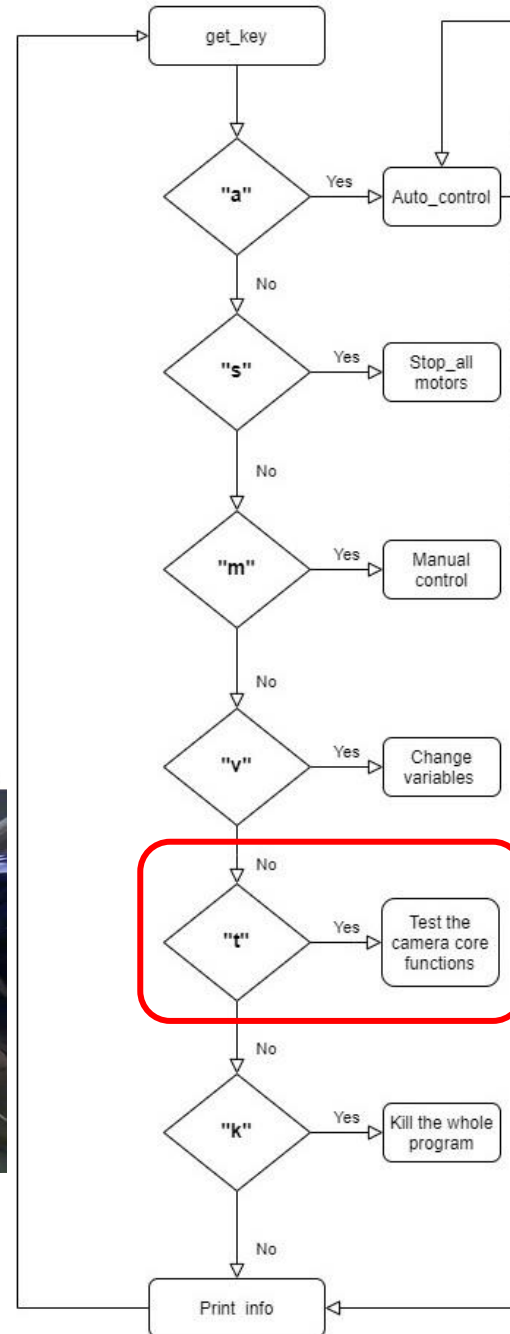
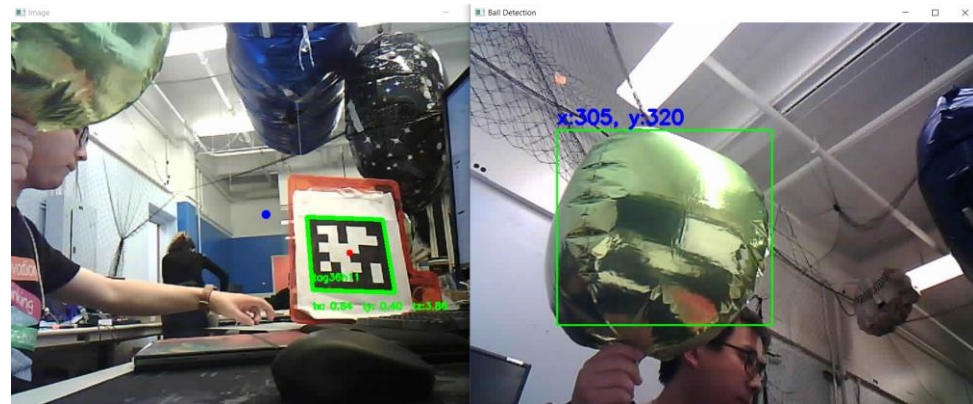
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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - python main_keyboard.py
(foray3) C:\FORAY\november-2021-blimp-competition\Code\Control\Laptop_Code>python main_keyboard.py
pygame 2.1.0 (SDL 2.0.16, Python 3.7.0)
Hello from the pygame community. https://www.pygame.org/contribute.html
Enter your variable: stsp
Enter your value: 150
start_speed:150
No subsystem is running
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What to test and check?

- Check if the variable value can be changed by inputting the variables name and value.
- The default start_speed (pwm) for all motors are 70, which is very small. We could change it to make it bigger and this value should be less than 255 (ex: 200).

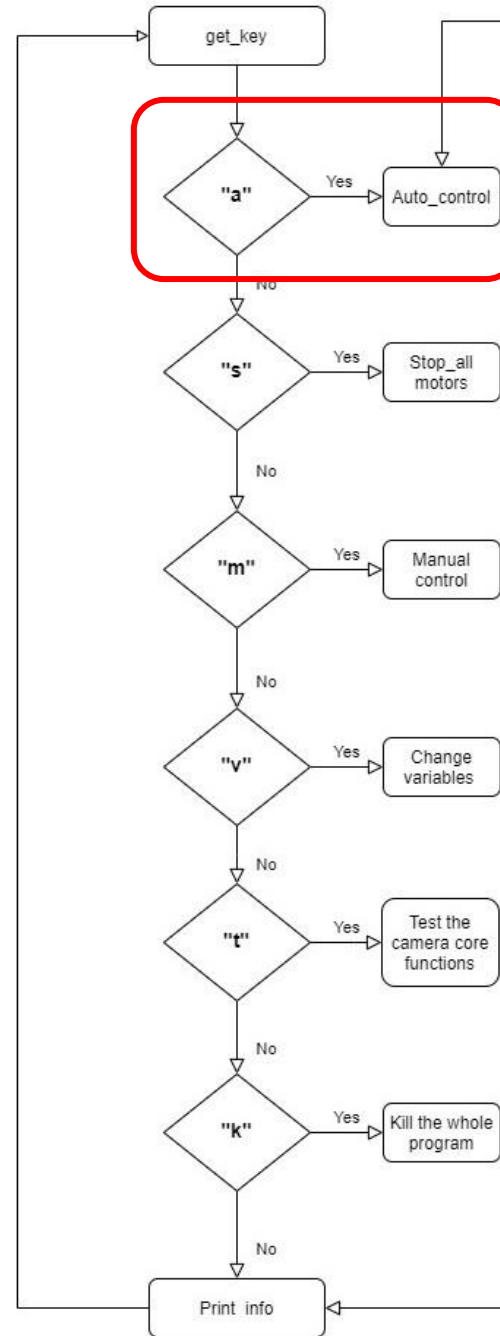
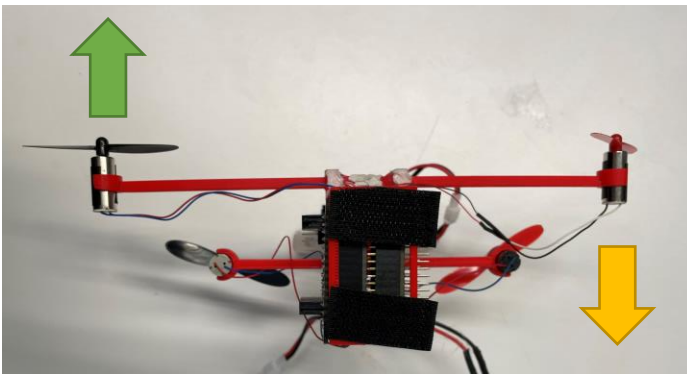
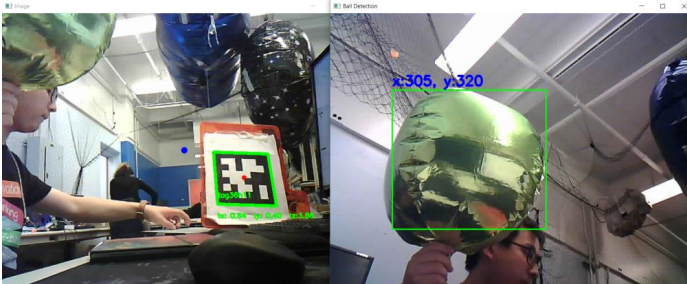
High-level logic (3)



What to test and check?

- Check if the camera address is correct
- Check if the ML model is running correctly
- Check if the April tag detection is correct
- Check the image delay, a little bit of delay is ok but huge delay is not ok and in that case, we need to change a new ESP-cam.

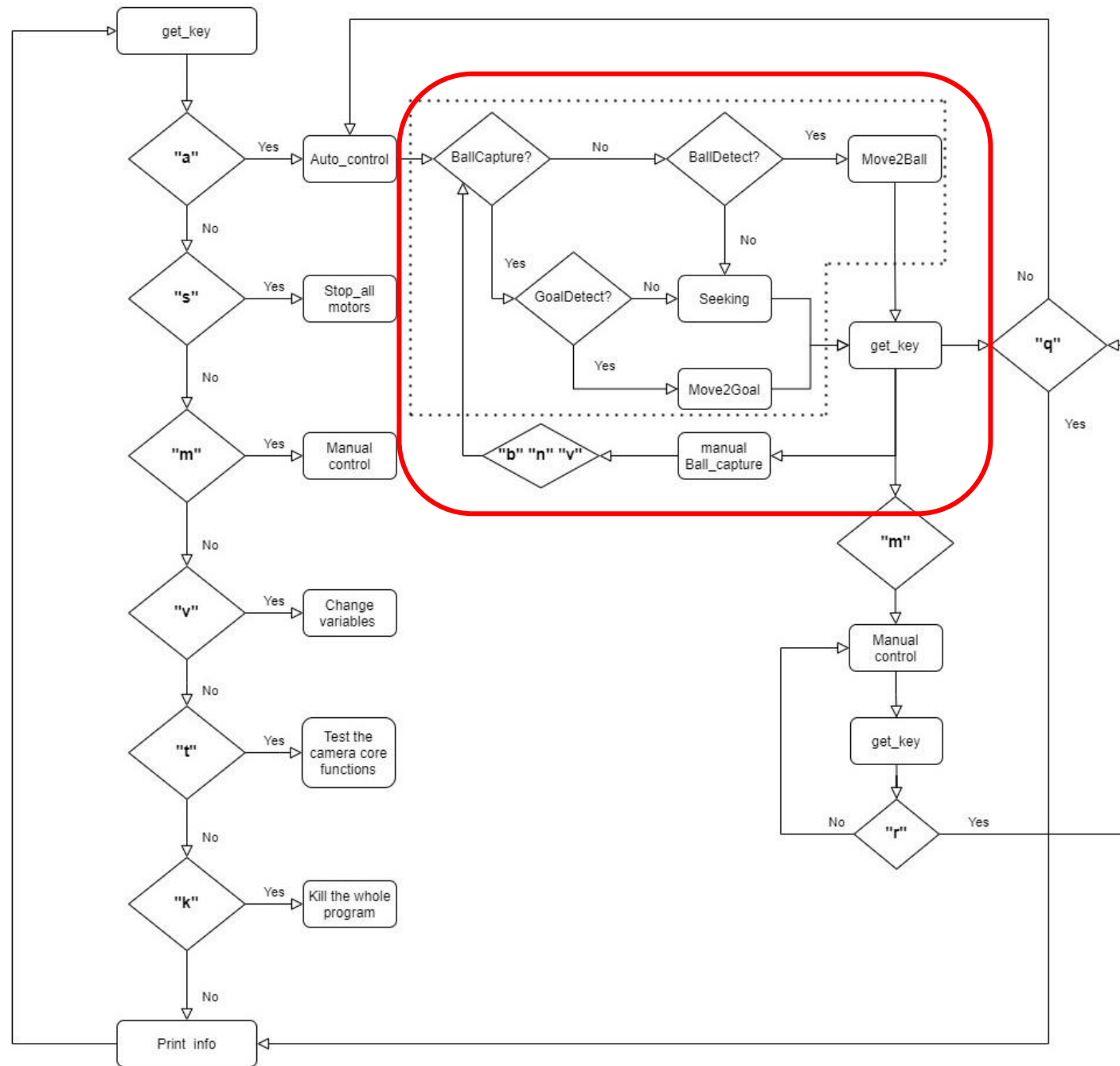
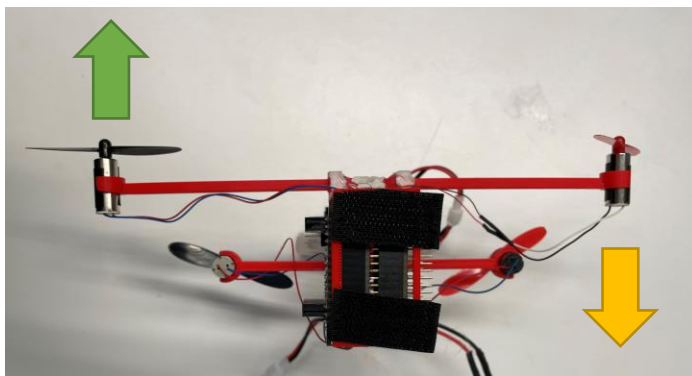
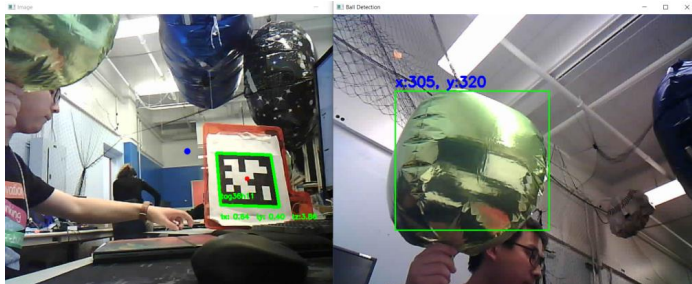
High-level logic (4)



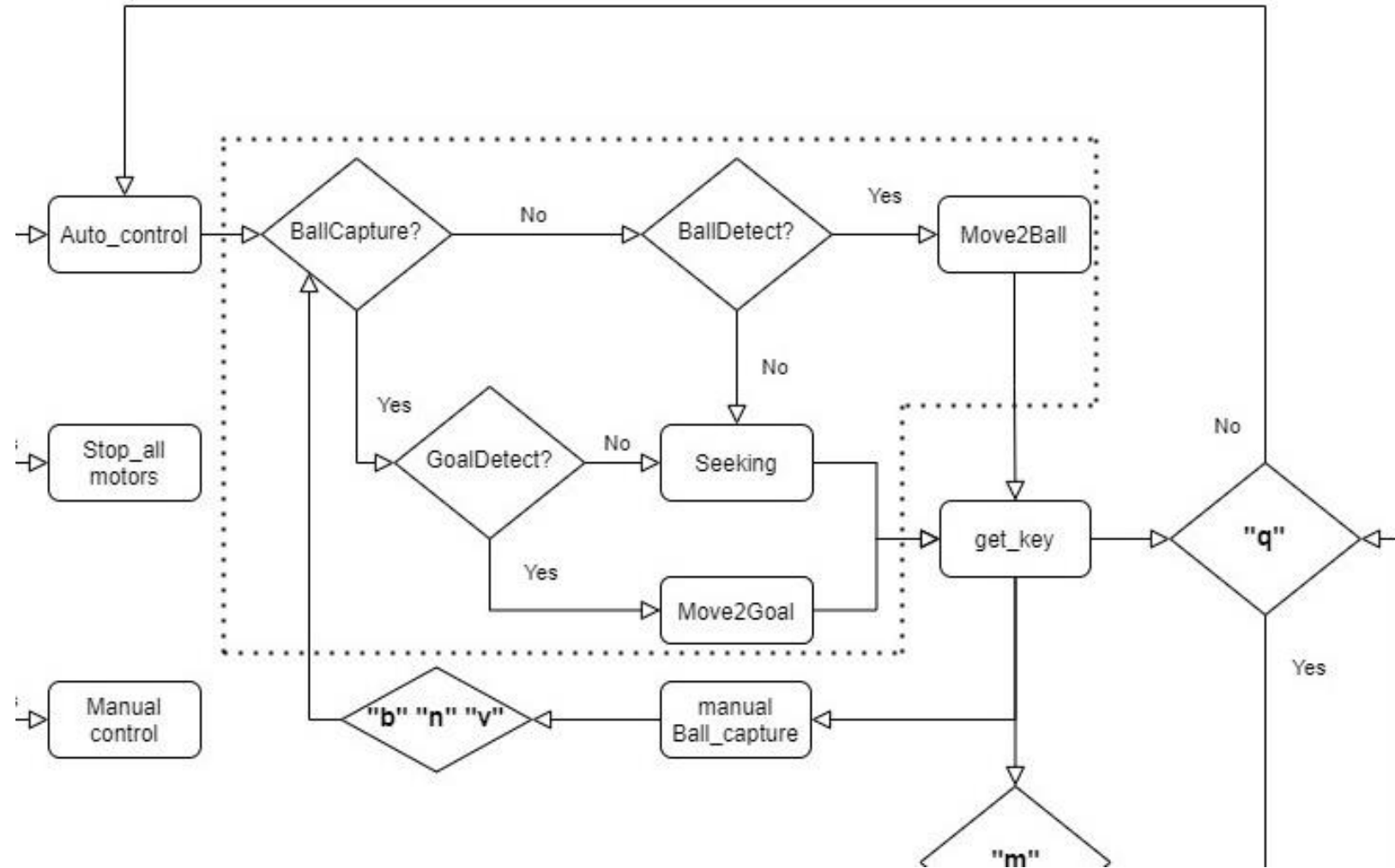
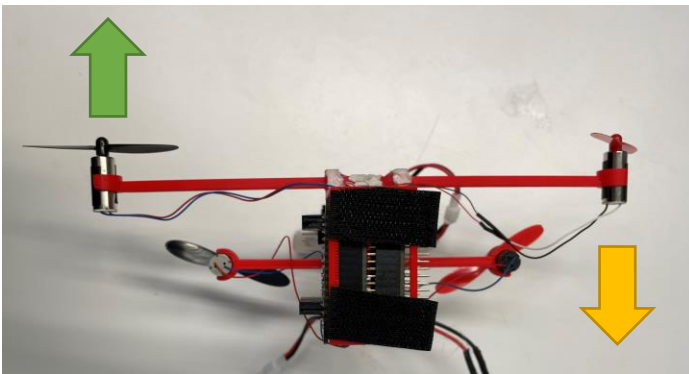
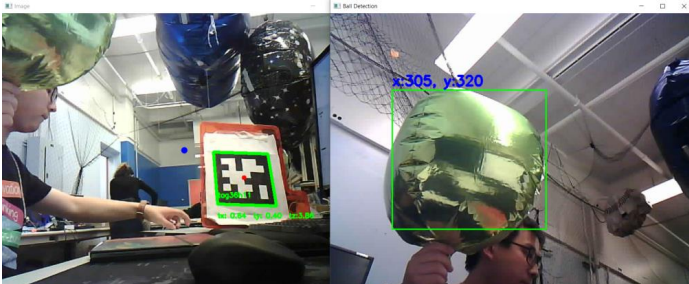
What to test and check?

- Check if the two ESP-cams are working fine with auto control
- Check if the motor will response to the green ball and April tags

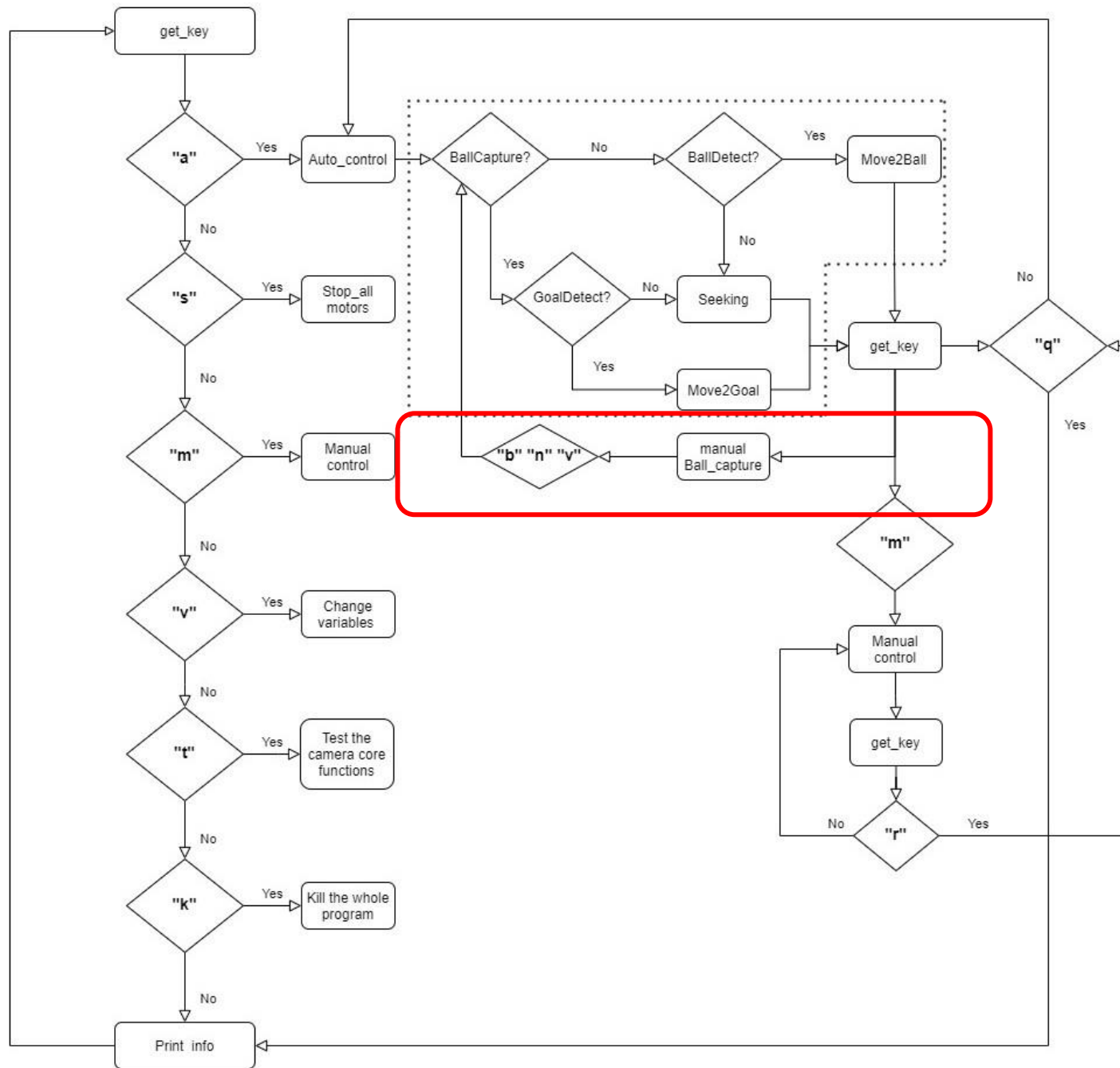
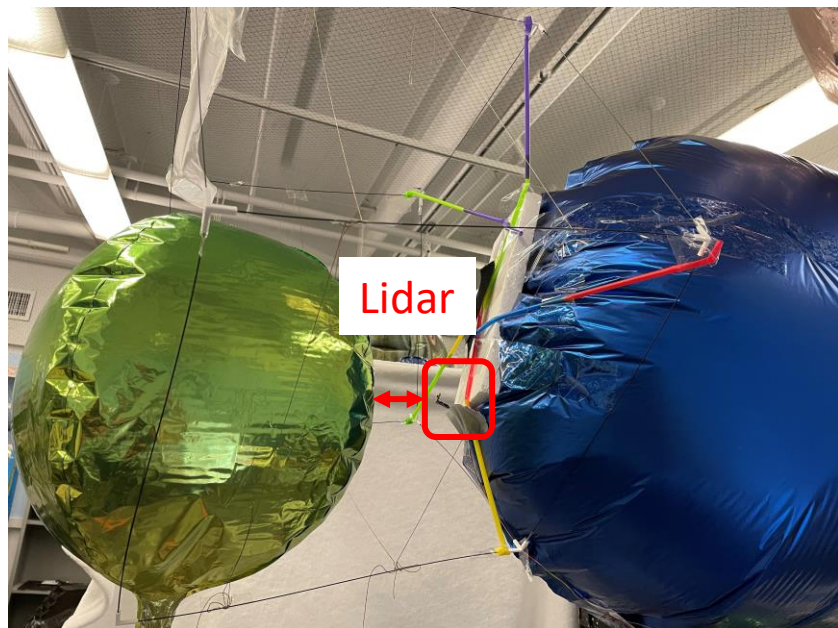
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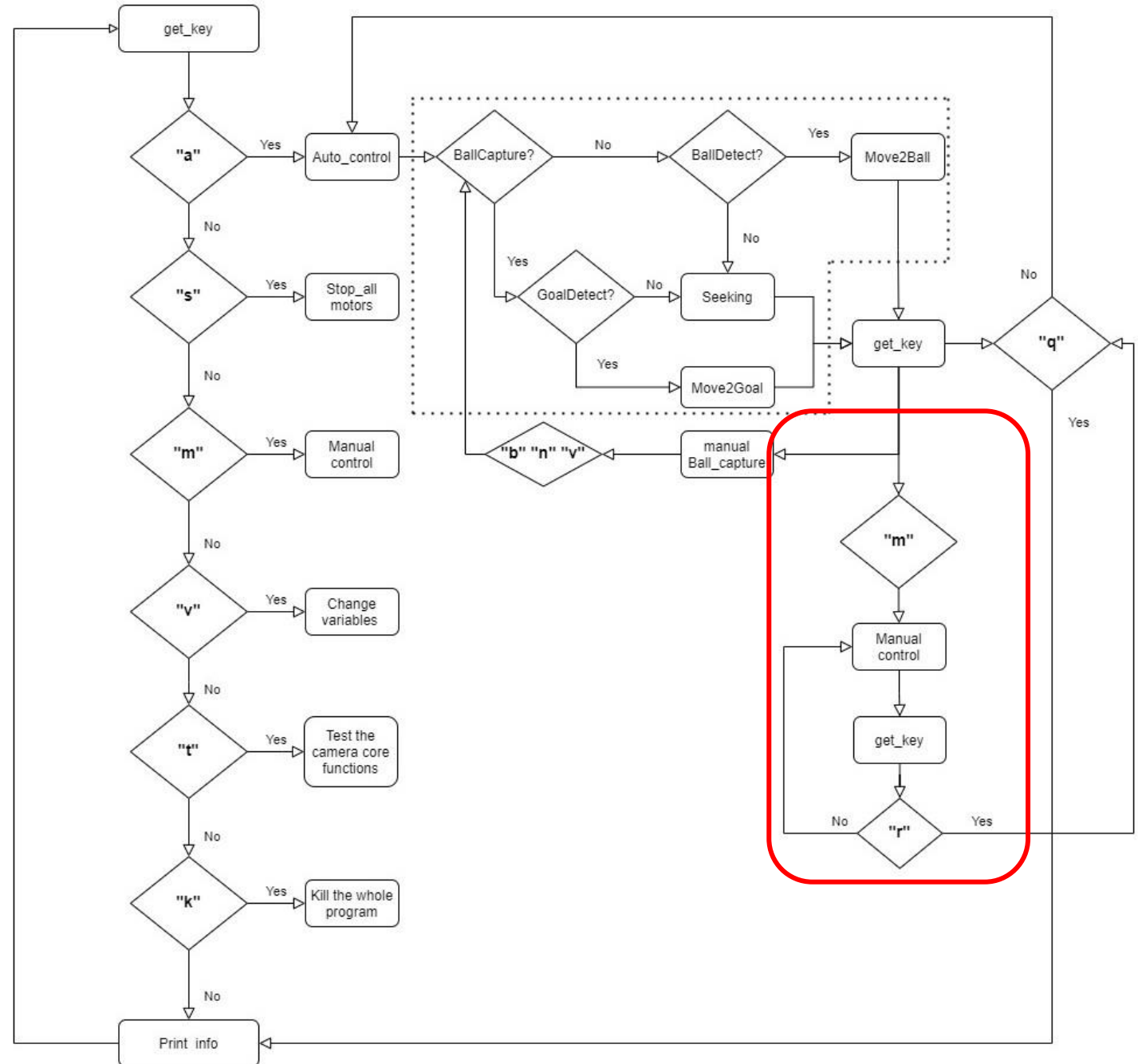
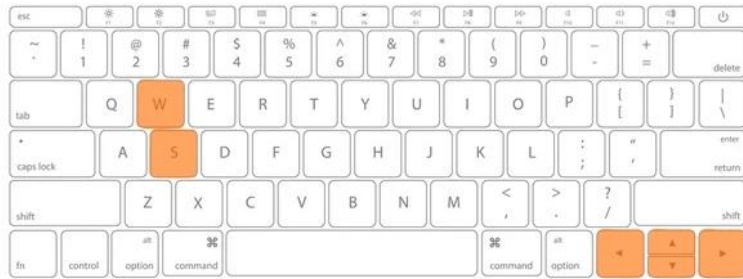
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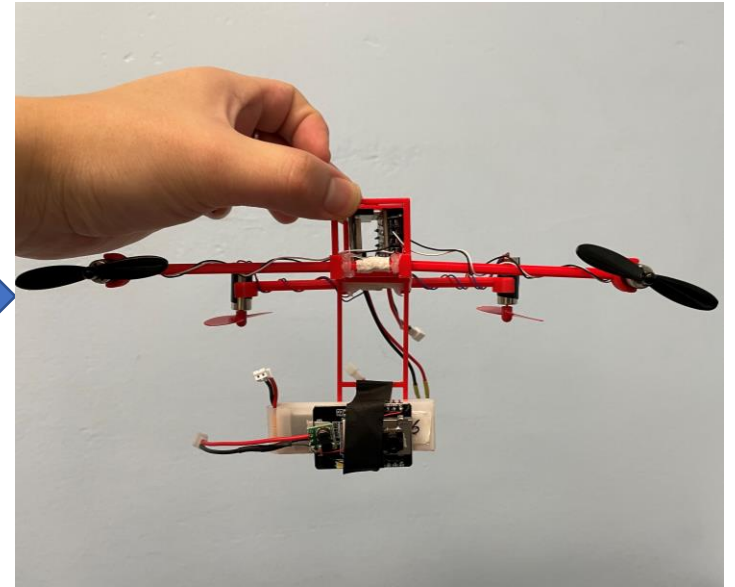
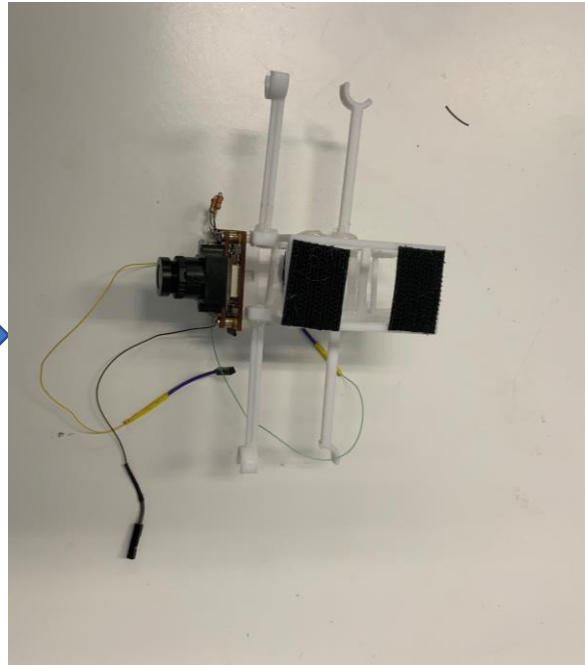
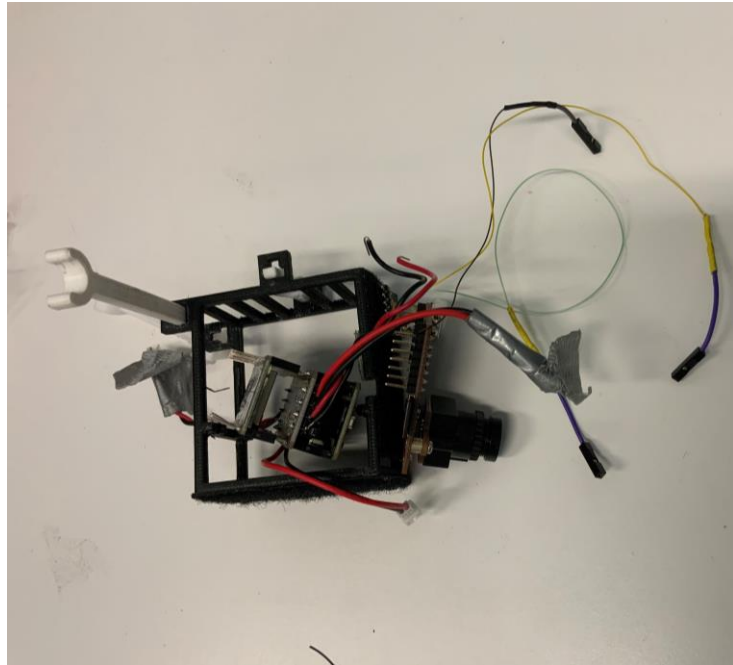
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Hardware iteration



6 Weeks Summary

- **Week1:** Used color detection on OpenMV to catch the green ball in the conference room.
- **Week2:** Used the built-in AT detection algorithm on OpenMV to make our blimp bump into the AT from 6 meters away.
- **Week3:** First integrated field test failed and started to summarize the reasons and observations. Our test room was locked and we were not allowed to use that space.
- **Week4:** Simplified the field test package and modularized and shifted all the code to Python. Used ML algorithm and ESP32 cam to detect green ball.
- **Week5:** Used ESP32-cam and OpenMV to test the High-level logic of our python code and integrated keyboard interruption into the control.
- **Week6:** Used two ESP32-cam to do green ball detection and AT detection and finally settled down our hardware on blimp. Run several field tests to test the integrated system and everything.