Automated Controlling Unit

For A Window Cleaning Robot

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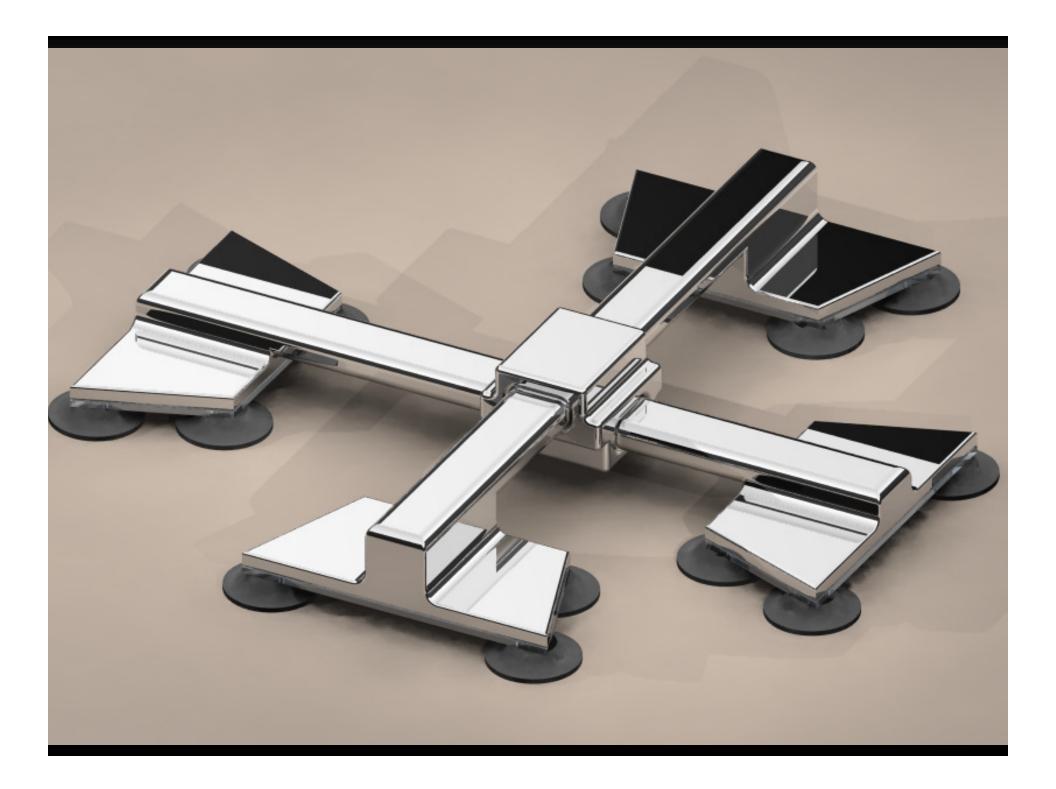
Original Robot

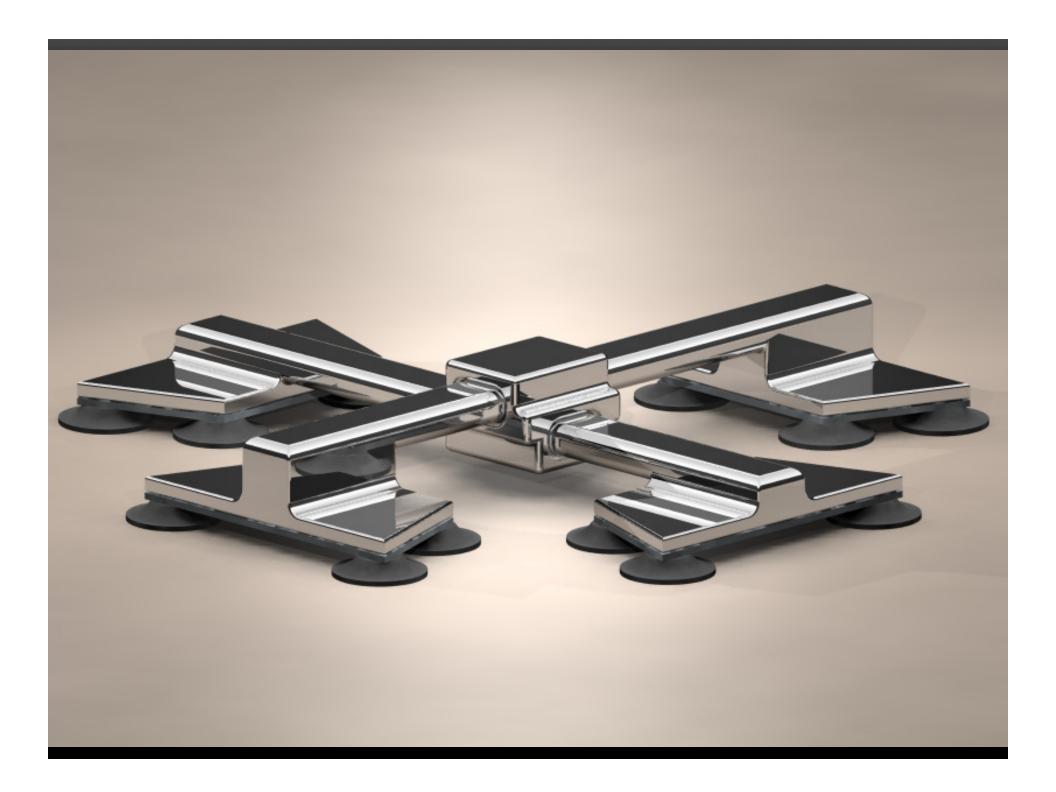
► Developed to relieve humans from the hazards of cleaning high-rise building windows

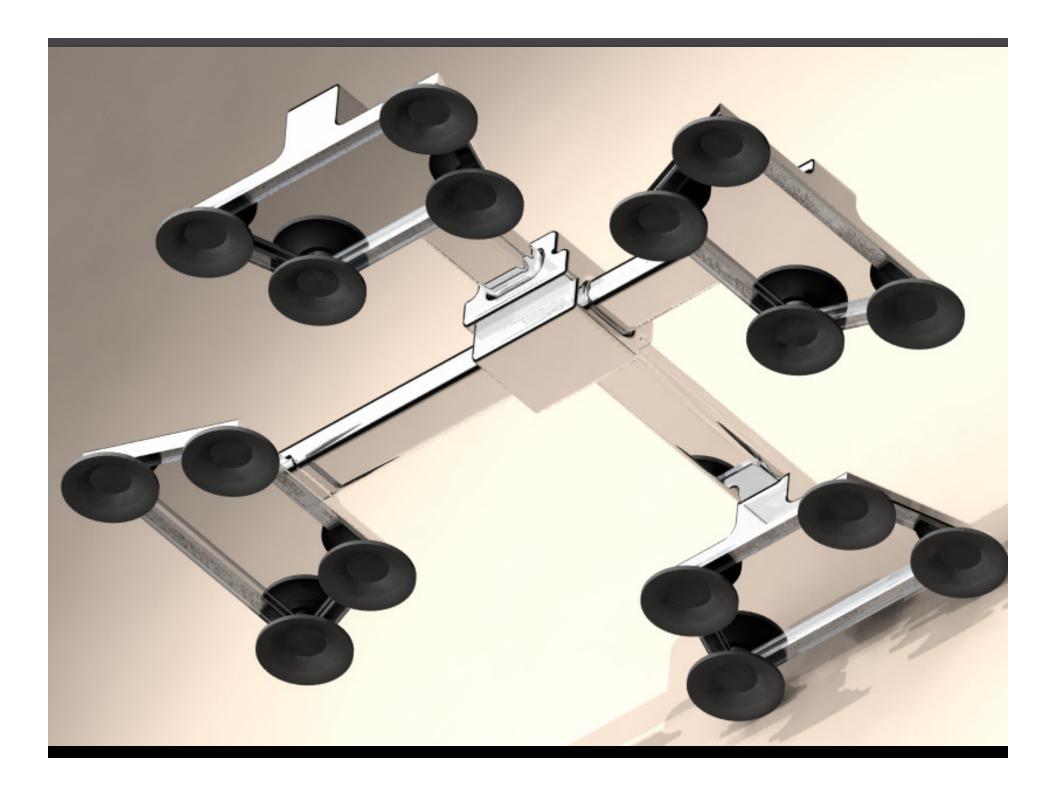


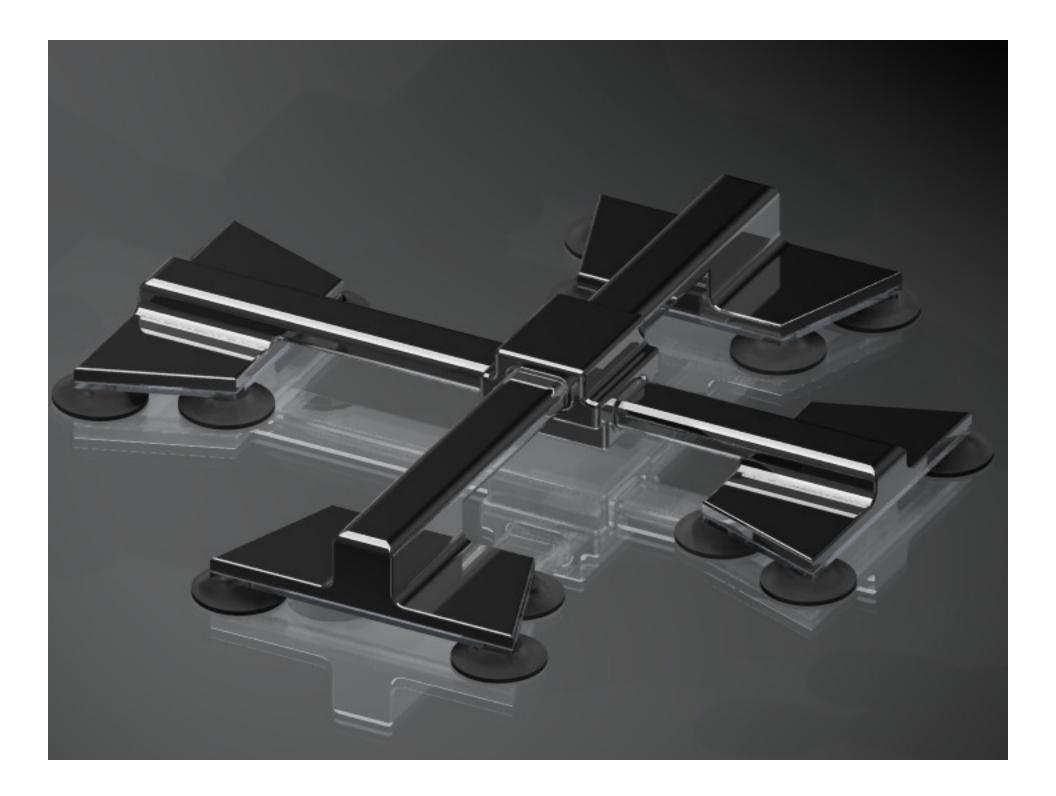
Original Robot

- ► Uses 16 vacuum powered suction cups to allow the robot to climb windows
 - ▶ Provides enough suction force to support 15 kg
- ▶ Up and down movements controlled by actuators
 - ► By controlling suction and actuators, robot is able to climb window surface
- ► Two brushes on either side of horizontal bar are used for cleaning
- Uses a visual sensor to find its position and destination



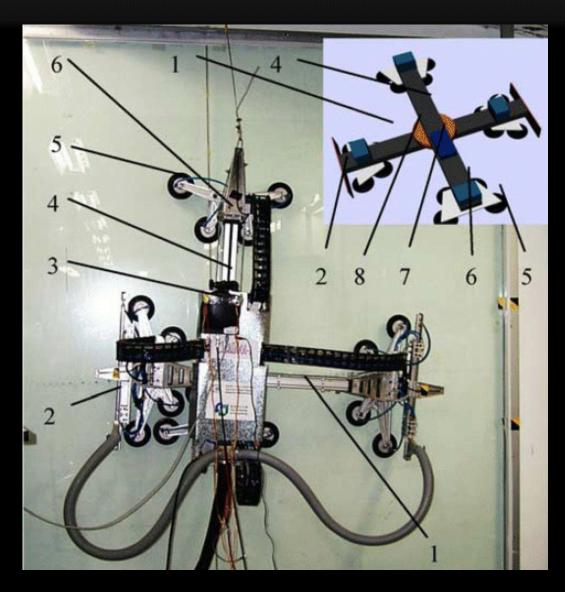






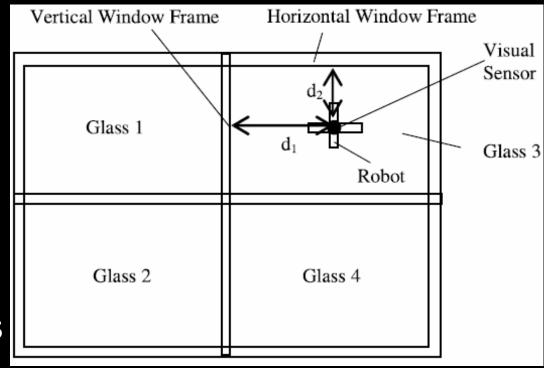
Working Original Robot

- 1. Horizontal (X-) Cylinder
- 2. Brush
- 3. Visual Sensor
- 4. Vertical (Y-) Cylinder
- 5. Suction Cup
- 6. Z- Cylinder
- 7. Slave CPU
- 8. Rotation Cylinder



Visual Sensor

- ► The visual sensor consists of a video camera with 2 lasers diodes fixed to it
- ► With the data given by these three instruments we can triangulate the robot's position within the window frame



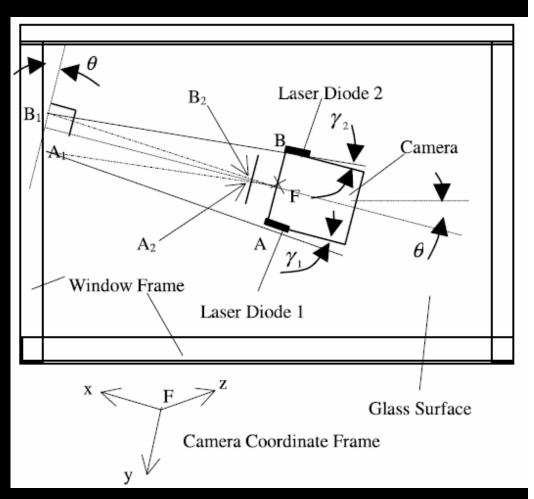
Orientation Measurement

- ➤ With our knowledge of the geometry of the lasers, the robot is able to determine is position on the window
- ► These are the main formulas that are used

$$x_{A1} = \frac{f(y_{L} - x_{L}tg\gamma_{1})}{d_{x}(u_{0} - u_{L}) - ftg\gamma_{1}}$$

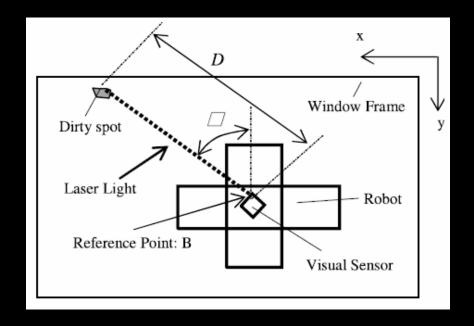
$$y_{A1} = \frac{d_x(u_0 - u_L)(y_L - x_L tg \gamma_1)}{d_x(u_0 - u_L) - f tg \gamma_1}$$

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{x_{B1} - x_{A1}}{y_{B1} - y_{A1}}\right)$$



Locating The Dirty Spot

- ▶ Dirty spots on the window are located visually by an operator looking through the robots camera
- ► The robot will then automatically travel to these spots and clean them

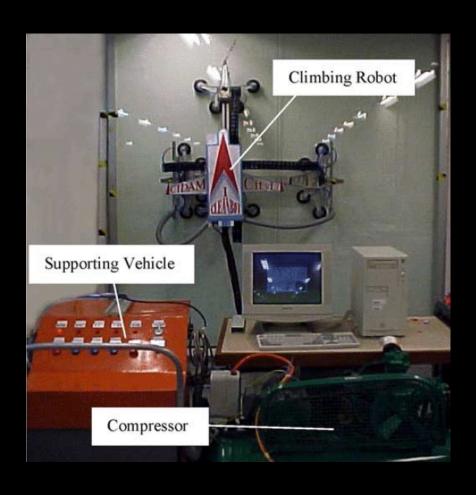


Movement of Robot

- ➤ Movement Demo
- ► Able to rotate 1.6° per step
- ► Able to step over small window ledges using Z-axis actuator

Robot and Support System

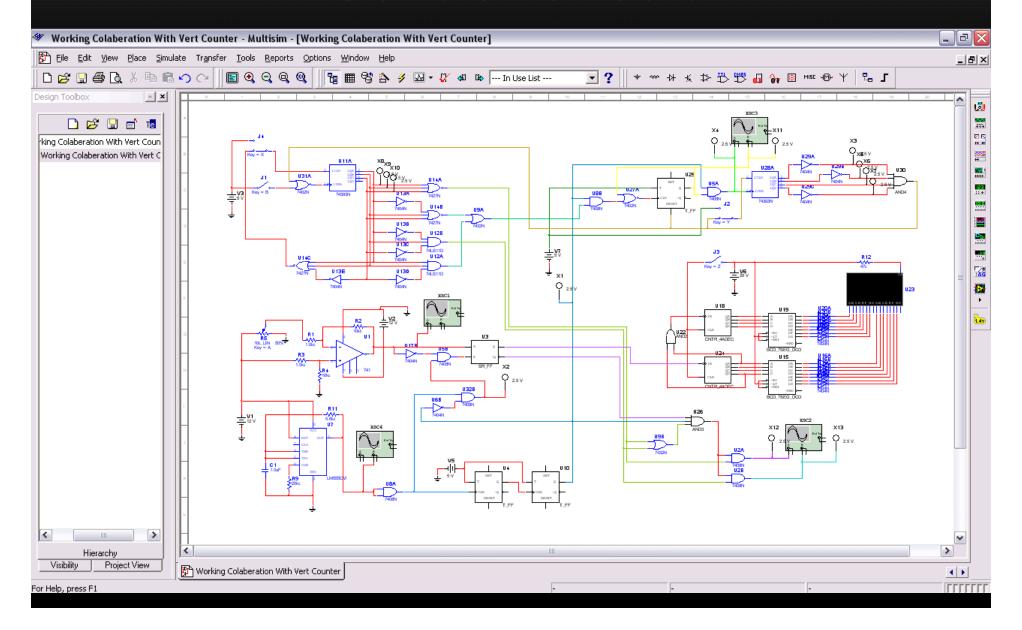
- ► The robot has the following tubes running back to the ground
 - ► Vacuum tubes
 - ► A cleaning fluid tube
 - ► A sewage tube



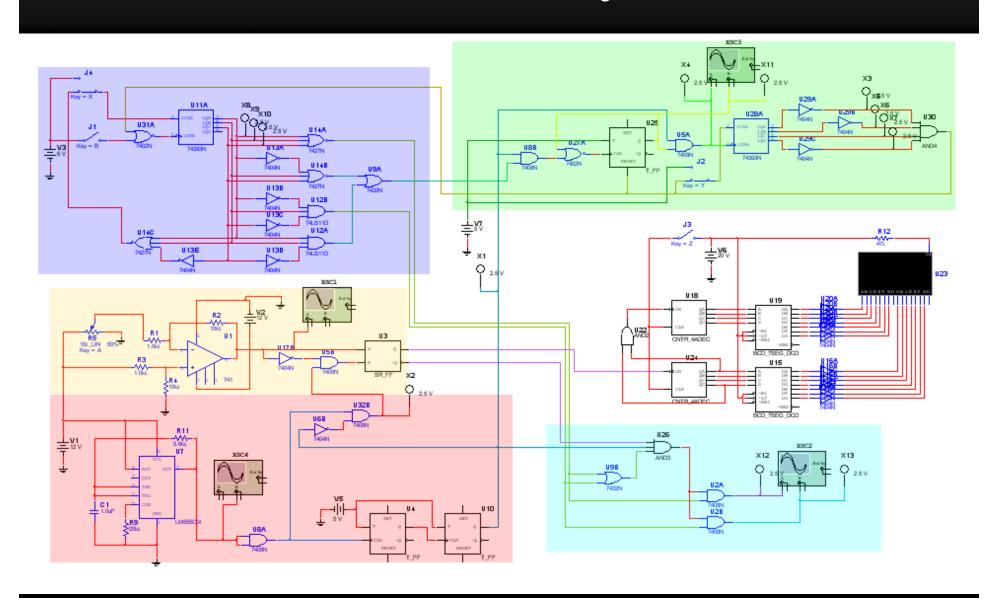
Project Focus

- ► To improve the design by developing an automated controlling unit for robot which would eliminate the need of an operator
 - ▶ Create a circuit to control the movement of the robot into a scanning pattern
 - Create sub-circuits to scan glass surface and time robot actions

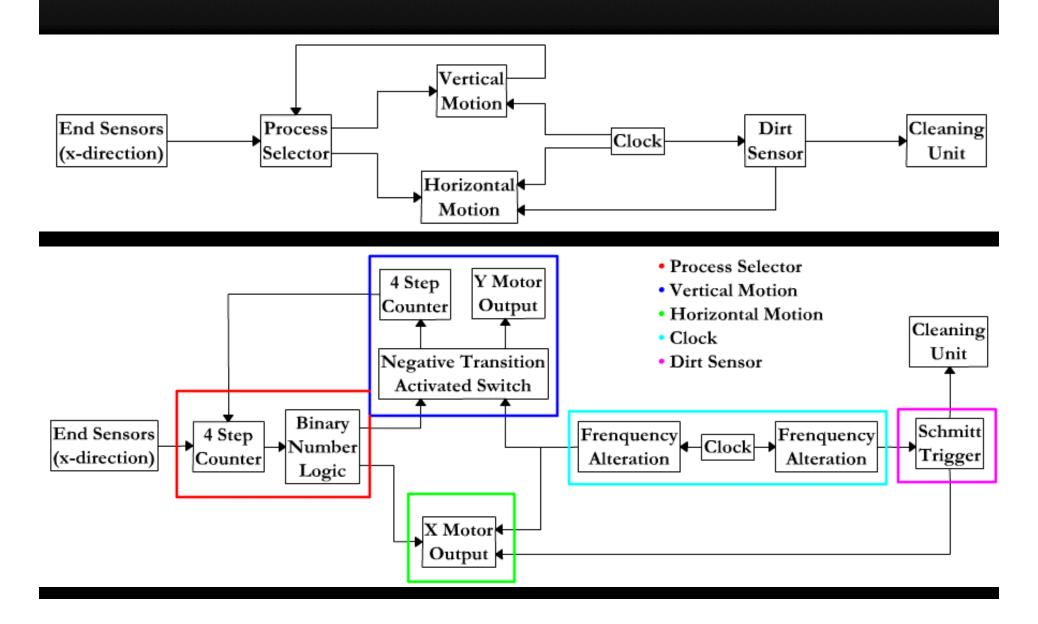
Control Circuit



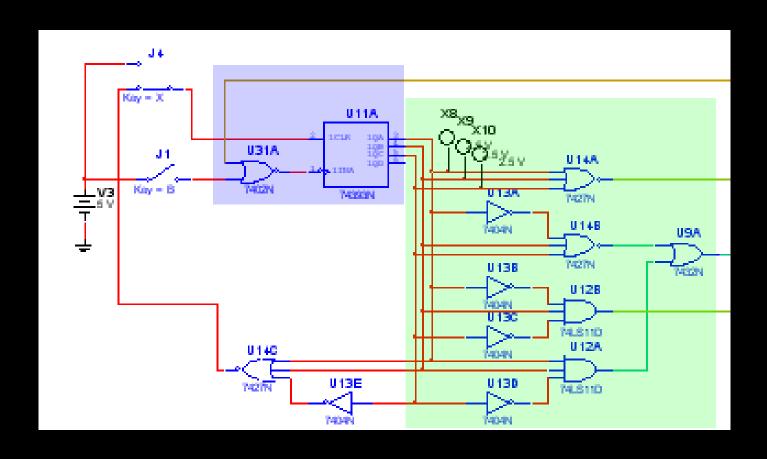
Circuit Analysis



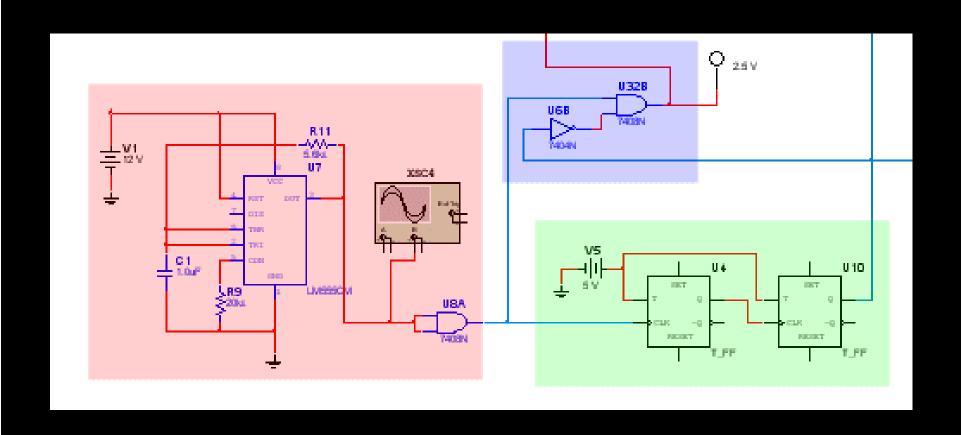
Circuit Breakdown



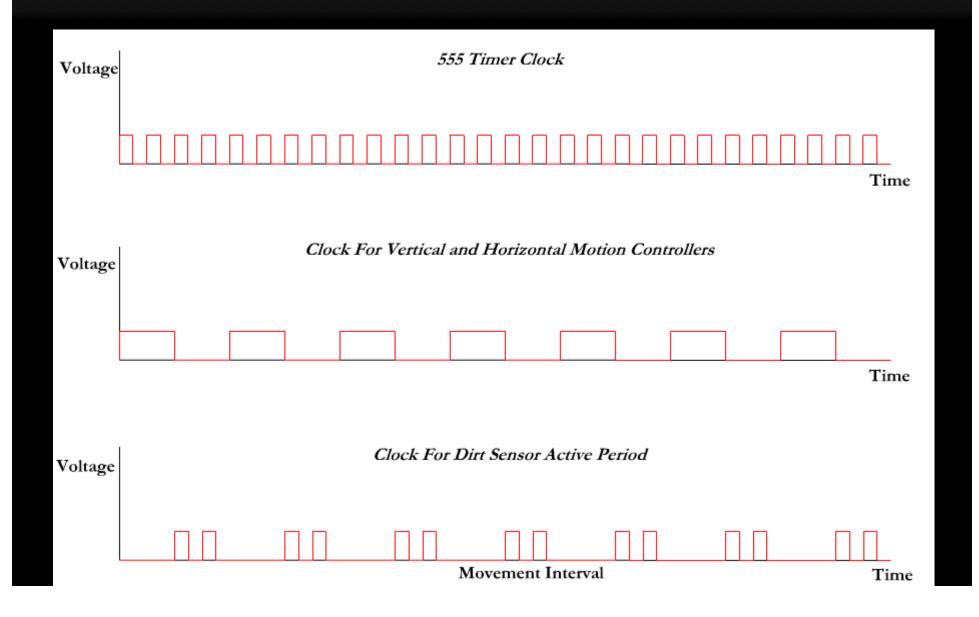
Process Selector



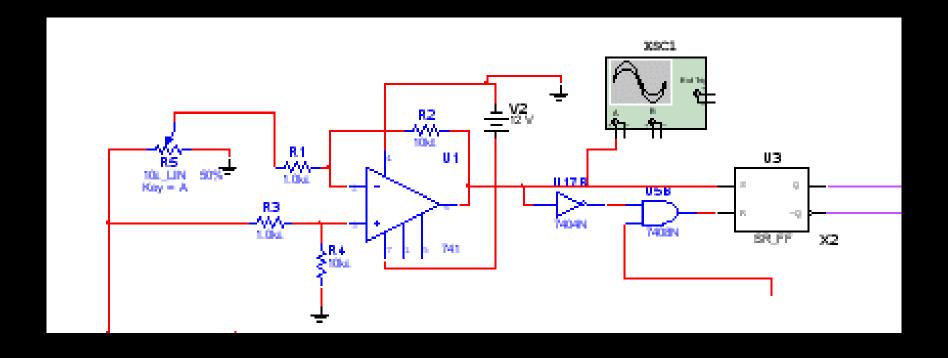
Clock



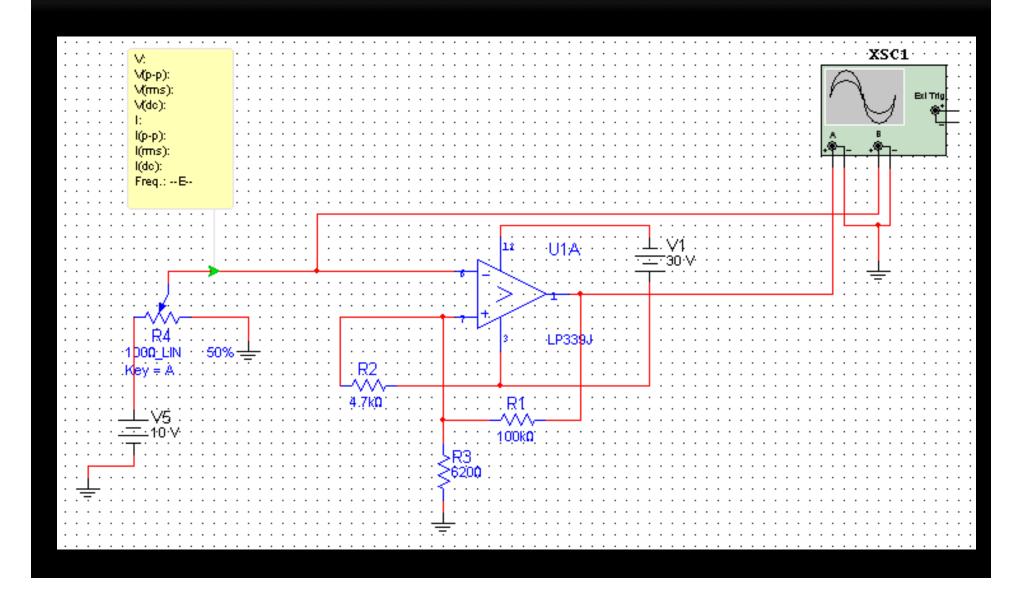
Clock Signal Analysis



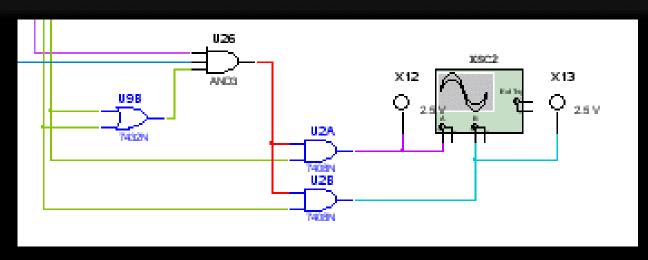
Dirt Sensor

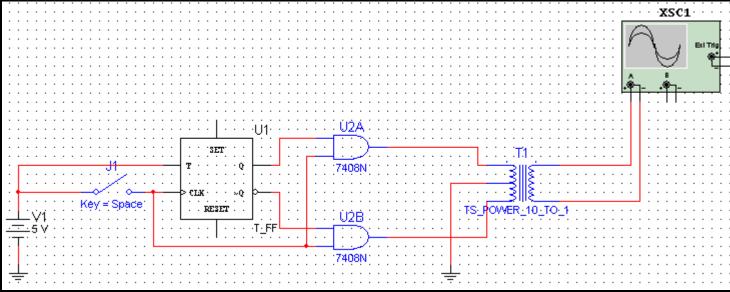


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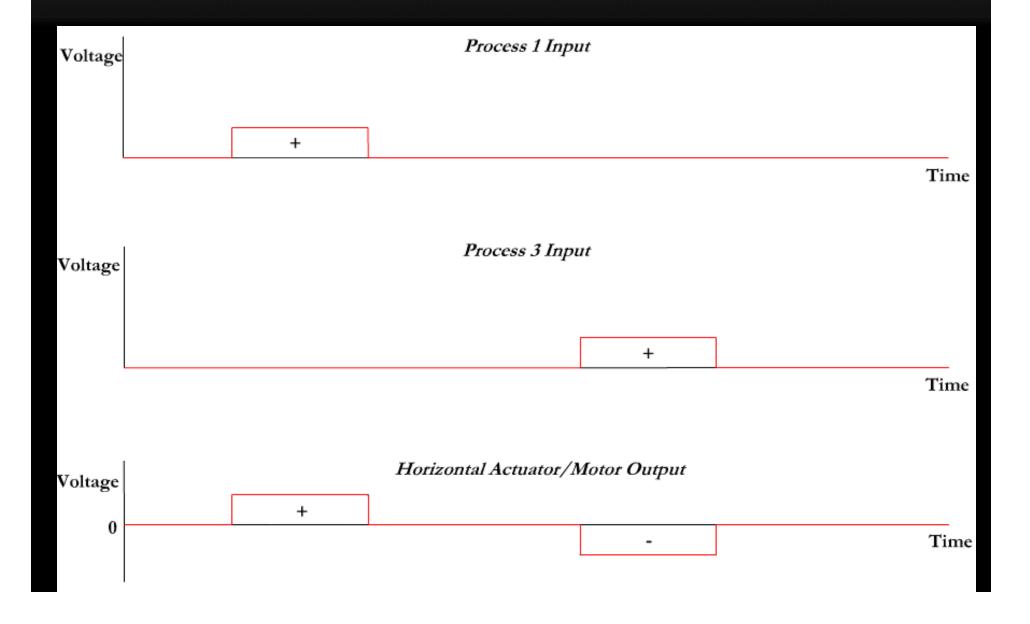


Horizontal Motion

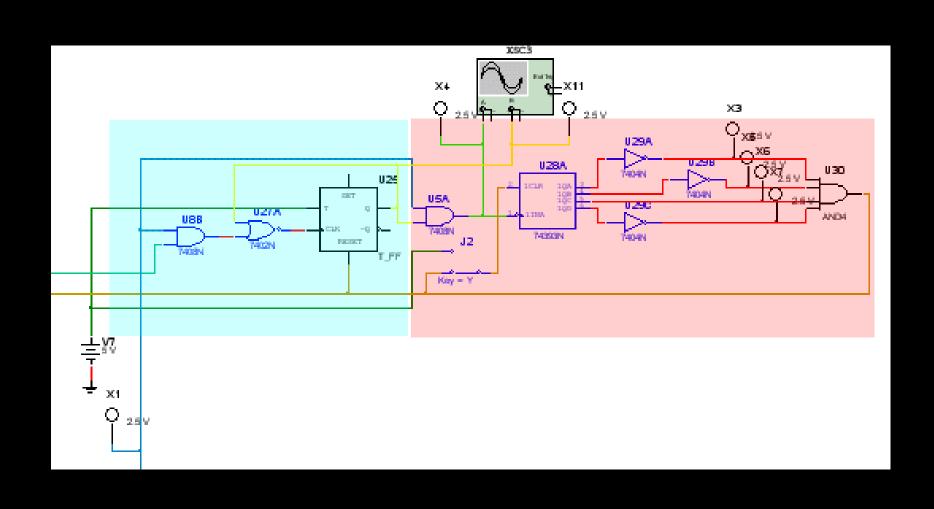




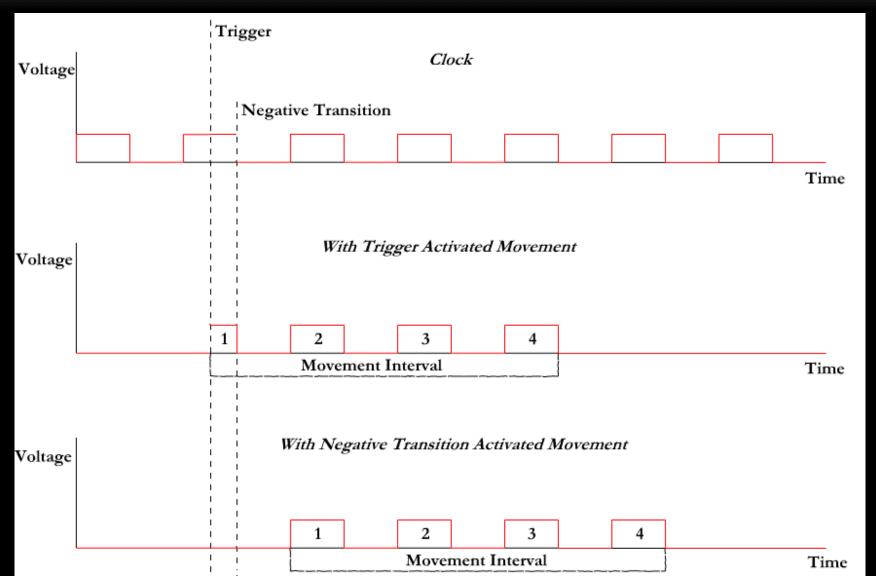
Horizontal Motion



Vertical Motion



Negative Transition Activated Switch



Output Analysis

- ► Two possible scan pattern options
 - ➤ Option 1
 - ➤ Option 2

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