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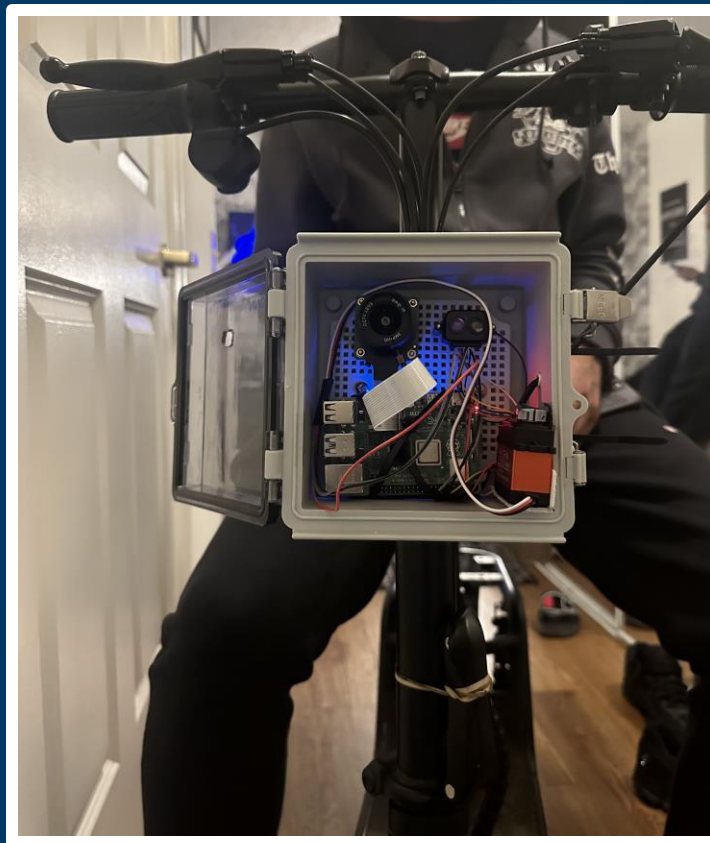
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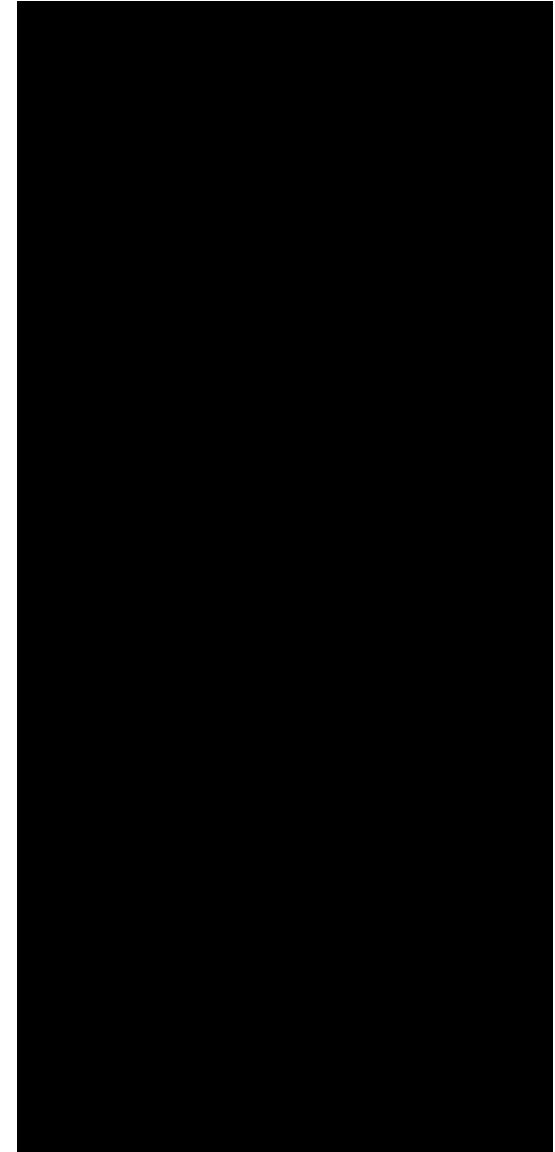




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Background

- Imagine riding an e-scooter and suddenly colliding with an obstacle unexpectedly
- We need a cutting-edge braking system made especially to help avoid unplanned collisions
- Aims to enhance safety for riders
- Provides a more reliable solution in collision scenarios





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Problem Statement

- Limited visibility on non-motor vehicles hinders timely object/pedestrian detection
- System equipped with portable, mobile sensors
- Utilizes object detection technology
- Assists in braking when approaching objects at high speeds
- Attaches to e-scooters
- Reduces collision likelihood in low-visibility conditions





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Design Constraints

Environmental Constraints

- System must be compatible with existing braking mechanisms and securely attachable/detachable to scooters and bikes
- Device must have a rechargeable power source

Socio-Cultural Constraints

- System should be simple to attach for user feasibility
- Device should be compact without interfering with vehicle functionality

Compliance

- The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) sets federal safety standards for bicycles
- CPSC does not have specific federal regulations for e-scooters
- CPSC monitors e-scooter safety under general consumer product authority, focusing on battery safety, mechanical components, and conducting recalls when necessary





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Design Constraints

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

- ❖ Protects the public from unreasonable safety risks
- ❖ Safeguards thousands of consumers from fire, electrical, mechanical and chemical hazards



IEEE P2020 - Automotive Sensors

- ❖ Sets automotive system image quality standards for all manufacturers
- ❖ Ensures regulatory compliance and meets performance expectations





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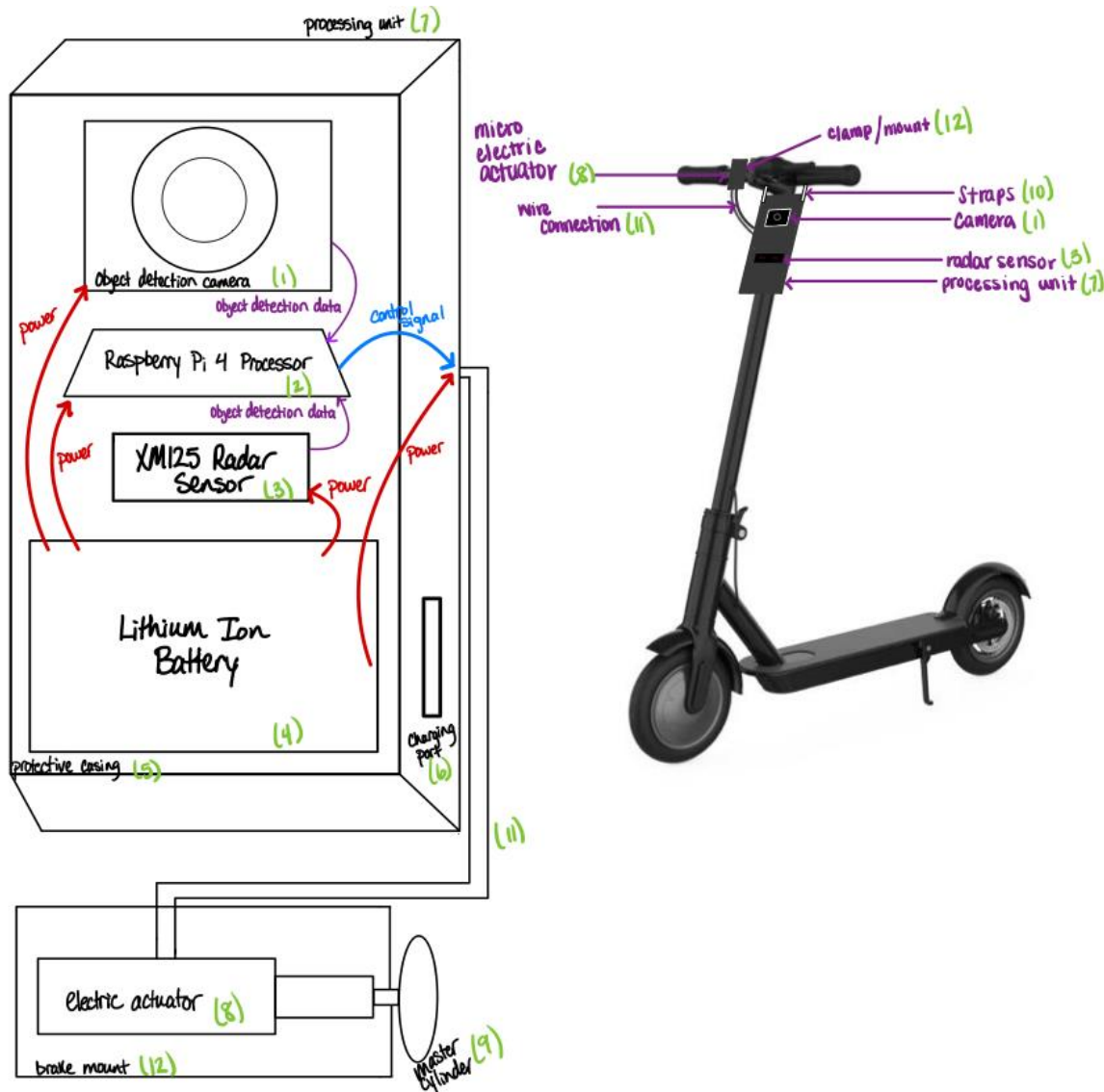
Design 3 – Top Solution

Hybrid Object Detection and Radar System with Adaptive Braking

- Object detection camera and radar sensor work together in hybrid system
- Camera detects and classifies obstacles
- Radar measures distance and speed
- Raspberry Pi calculates required braking force
- Micro electric actuator provides smooth braking
- Lithium battery powers the entire system



Details of the Top Design

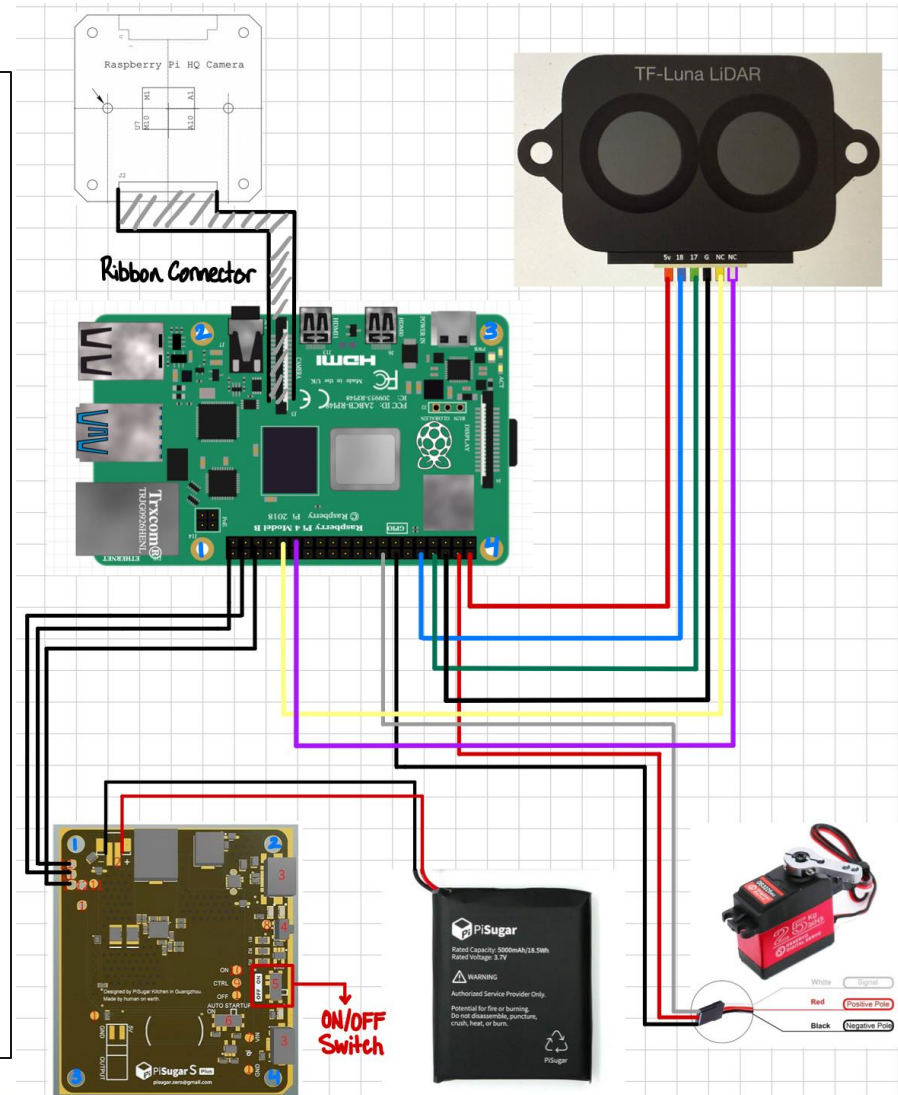




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Component-Level Schematic

- ❖ Pi Sugar Battery Pack 5V3A Input/Output (Approx. ~8+hrs)
- ❖ Raspberry Pi HQ Camera
- ❖ TF-Luna LiDAR (GPIO 14 & 15)
- ❖ Servo Motor (GPIO 23), applies mechanical force to the external string
- ❖ Implement Object Detection Algorithm





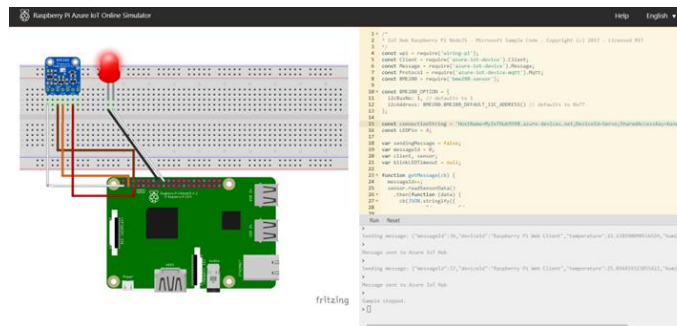
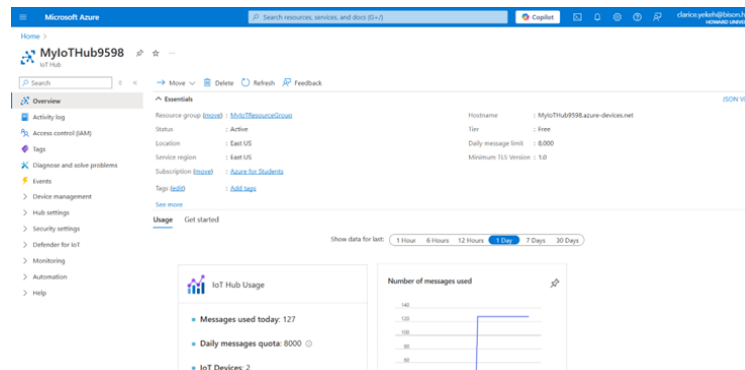
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Sprint 1: Detection algorithm that processes data from internal components

Week 1: Obtain and examine scooter braking system feasibility



Week 2: Research and develop a virtual coding environment (Microsoft Azure)



Week 3: Raspberry Pi code setup using each component (radar sensor, object detection camera, and servo motor)

```
1 import time
2 import random
3 from azure.iot.device import IoTHubDeviceClient, Message
4 import threading
5
6 # Replace with your Azure IoT Hub device connection string
7 connection_string = "HostName=MyIoTHub9598.azure-devices.net;DeviceId=CTRL_B;S
8 client = IoTHubDeviceClient.create_from_connection_string(connection_string)
9
10 # Servo simulation (sending servo position data)
11 def send_servo_data():
12     position = random.randint(0, 180)
13     telemetry = {
14         "servo_position": position
15     }
16     message = Message(str(telemetry))
17     client.send_message(message)
18     print(f"Sent servo data: {telemetry}")
19
20 # Radar simulation (sending radar distance data)
21 def send_radar_data():
22     distance = random.uniform(0, 10)
23     telemetry = {
24         "radar_distance": distance
25     }
26     message = Message(str(telemetry))
27     client.send_message(message)
28     print(f"Sent radar data: {telemetry}")
29
30 # Battery simulation (sending battery charge and voltage)
31 def send_battery_data():
32     charge = random.randint(0, 100)
33     voltage = round(random.uniform(3.0, 4.2), 2)
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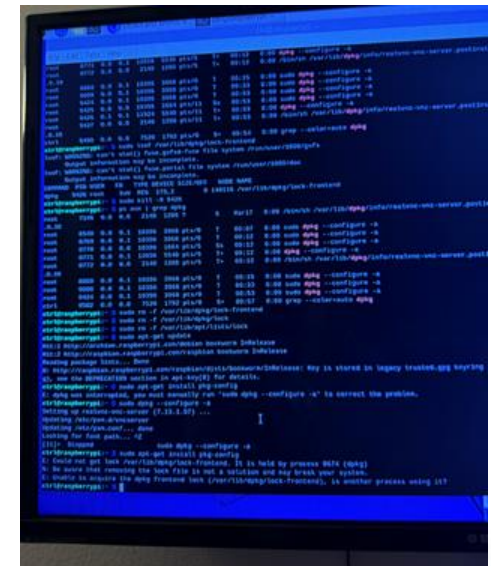
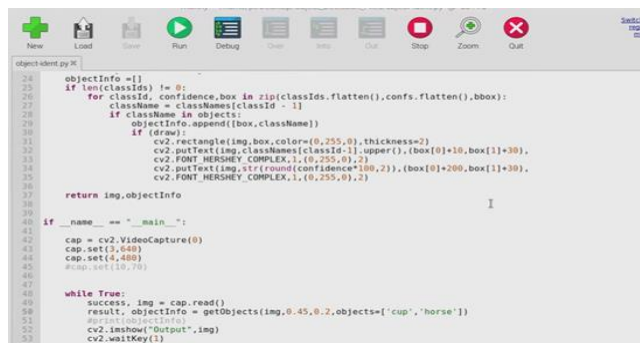
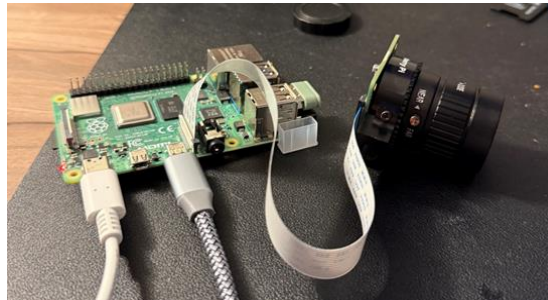
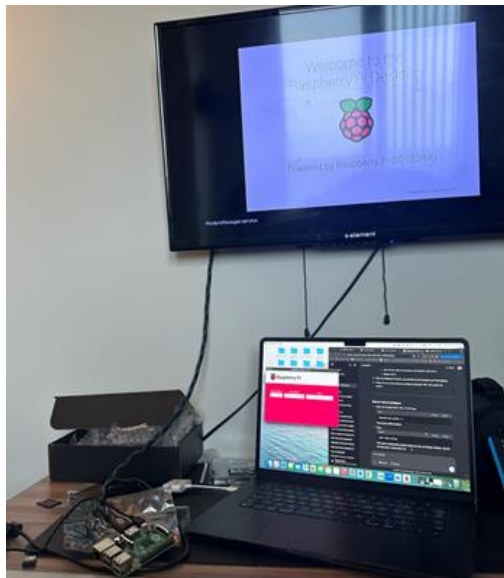
Sprint 2: Obtain Components and Wire System

Week 1: Obtain a Raspberry Pi 1B+, and set it up

Week 2: Order new Raspberry Pi, setup and connect camera

Week 3: Explore using Open CV with computer vision for Object Detection

Implement code from sprint 1

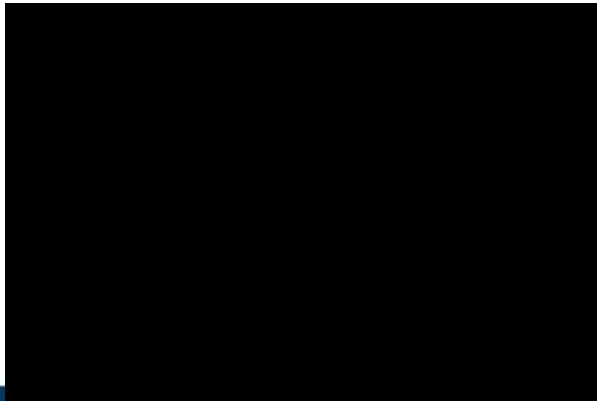
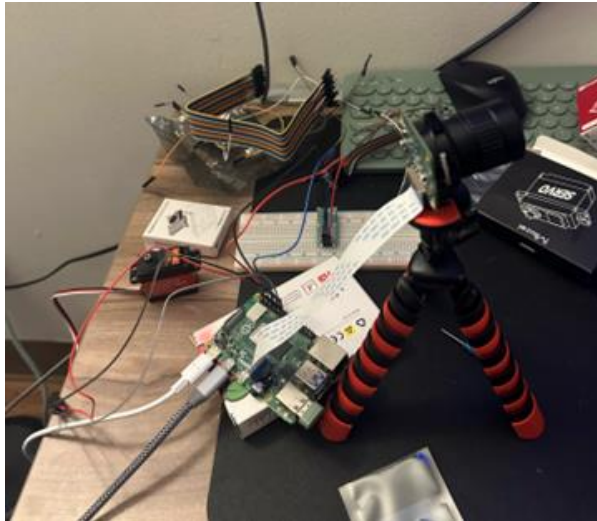




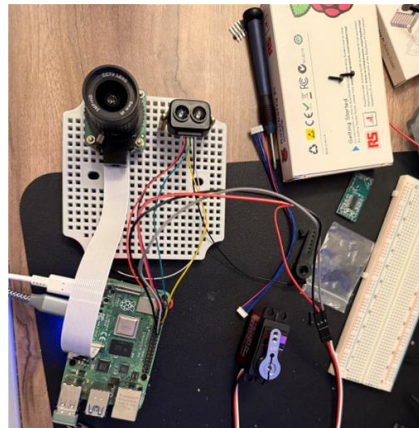
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Sprint 3: Mounting and System Level Testing

Week 1: Wire the entire system and confirm

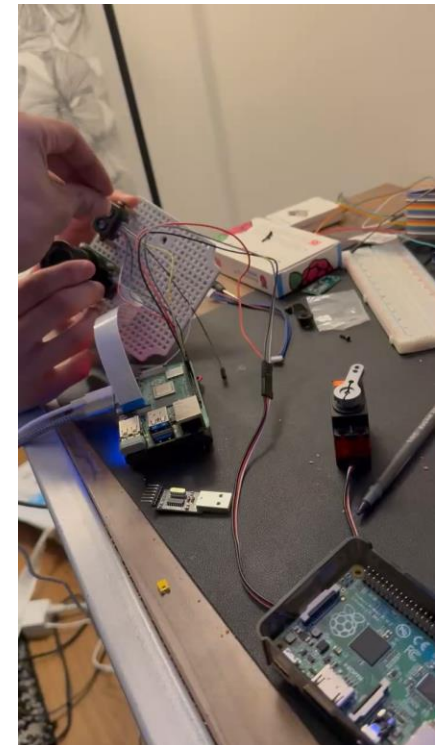


Week 2: Combine sensor and servo code and test



```
File Edit Tabs Help
Safe distance.
Distance: 142.00 cm | Strength: 2958 | Temp: 49.00°C
Safe distance.
Distance: 122.00 cm | Strength: 2463 | Temp: 49.00°C
Safe distance.
Distance: 88.00 cm | Strength: 2094 | Temp: 49.00°C
** Object within critical distance! **
Distance: 39.00 cm | Strength: 2111 | Temp: 49.00°C
** Object within critical distance! **
Distance: 6.00 cm | Strength: 1331 | Temp: 49.00°C
** Object within critical distance! **
Distance: 6.00 cm | Strength: 1509 | Temp: 49.00°C
** Object within critical distance! **
Distance: 5.00 cm | Strength: 3074 | Temp: 49.00°C
** Object within critical distance! **
Distance: 3.00 cm | Strength: 4249 | Temp: 49.00°C
** Object within critical distance! **
Distance: 3.00 cm | Strength: 4013 | Temp: 49.00°C
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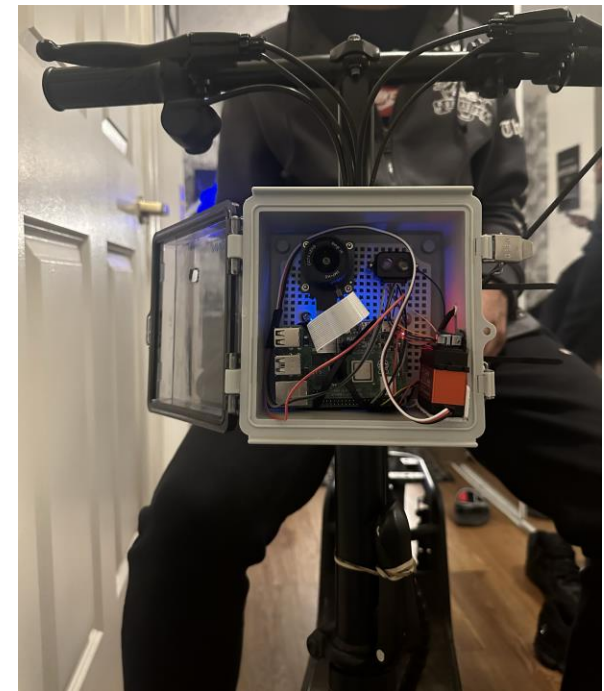
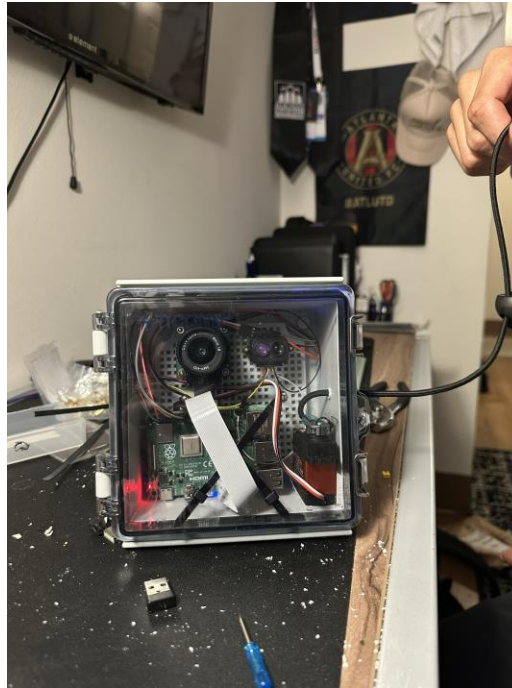
Week 3: Have portable battery power the system, mount sensing system to protective casing





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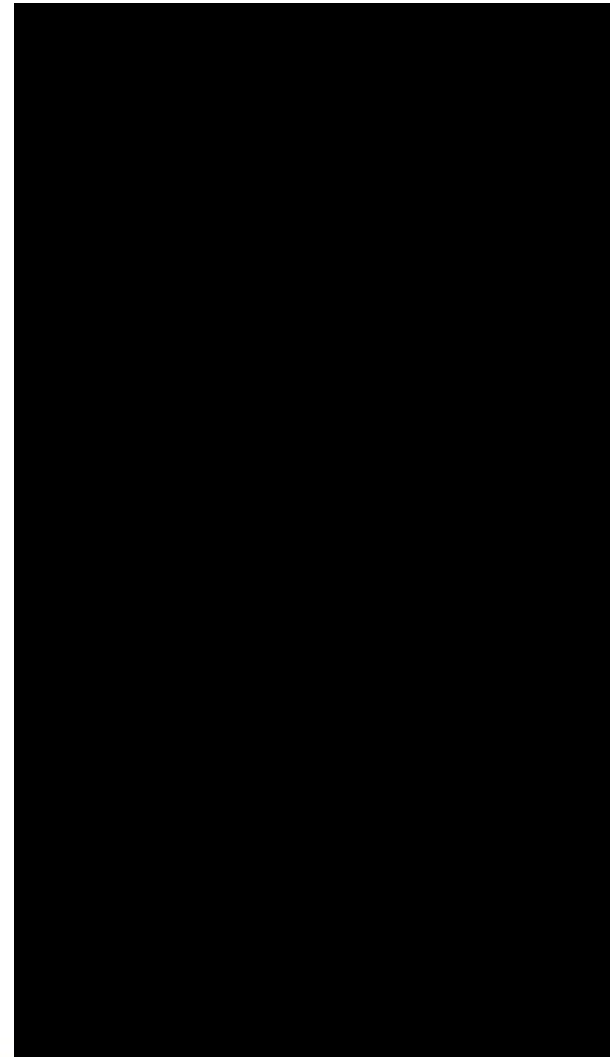
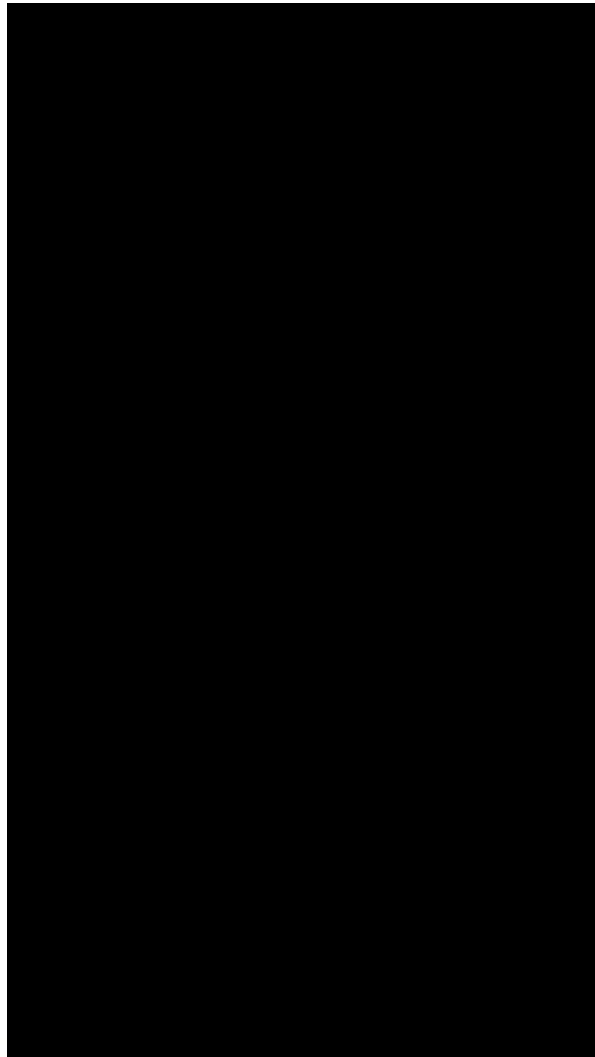
Final Solution Design





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Final Solution Design





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Conclusion

- ❖ Everything is working as intended
- ❖ With a different type of rope, we anticipate that our system will properly assist in braking
- ❖ Learned a lot about scooters, raspberry pi's and python
- ❖ Is all about the journey and not the outcome, we learned a lot from the mistakes made and will apply these lessons to future projects





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Thank You!

