IPRO 324: Measuring Power Output for Performance Bicycles

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Project Goal

- Develop an inexpensive, accurate tool for measuring the power output of a bicycle rider
- Engineering method applicable to all performance bicycles
- Improvement of the circuit and mechanical design

IPRO 324 Organization

- Team leader: Mark Rhodes
- Three subgroups: Mechanical, Electrical, Visual/Research
- Subgroup Leaders: Jon Swanson, Jeff Aigner, Brian Albee
- Mechanical Team: Jon Swanson, Yoshio Piediscalzi, Nick Gaulin
- Electrical Team: Mark Rhodes, Jeff Aigner, Jeonghun Lee, Seunggeun Lee
- Visual/Research Team: Brian Albee, Yuriy Sizyuk, David Rowell

Mechanical Team Goals

- Strain gauge fitting/testing
- Experimental calculation of strain gauge constants
- Carbon fiber crank testing
- Road Testing

Electrical Team Goals

- Reduce noise in circuitry
- Mitigate power consumption
- Increase accuracy in measurements
- Design more compact circuit board
- Provide better I/O for debugging

Visual Team Goals

- Research products
- Communication with companies
- Visual presentations and documents
- Backup for EE and ME teams

Progress

- Mechanical Team: Began strain gauge testing and carbon fiber crank testing
- Electrical Team Progress: Discovered circuit design problems and coding problems, started working out solutions
- Visual Team: Researched/purchased carbon fiber crank, researched/ordering necessary components for new circuit

Obstacles

- Mechanical: Proper strain gauge fitting to carbon fiber crank, broken pedal
- Electrical: Programming code, accurate output on computer, correcting errors in circuit design
- Visual: Finding most cost efficient components, components must have required properties within budget

Questions?