Workshop August 17th, 2024

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Schedule

| 0.00 AM | Check in and Social Media Contest | | | | |
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| 8:30 AM | Welcome and Guest Speeches | TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102) | | | |
| 8:30-8:40 | Welcome + Announce Social Media Contest # 1 winners | Fang Wang | | | |
| 8:40-9:00 | Future Factory: Robotics in high tech manufacturing | Suz Ramsbottom, Vice President at Texas Instruments | | | |
| 9:00-9:20 | Robotics Program at Collin College | Dr. Yiping Wang, Engineering Professor, Collin College | | | |
| 9:20-9:25 | Cake Cutting and Networking; Drawing #1 | | | | |
| 9:25-9:40 | FLYSET Workshop History Trivia | Technicbots Alumni | | | |
| 9:45 AM | FIRST Tech Challenge Track | TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102) | | | |
| 9:45-10:05 | Custom Pathing Analysis: Is it worth it? | 18763 Texpand | | | |
| 10:05-10:25 | FTC Summer Competition | 19458 Equillibrium EXE | | | |
| 10:25-10:45 | Sparkfun Odometry Sensor | 7172 Technical Difficulties | | | |
| 10:45-10:50 | Break (Drawing #2) | | | | |
| 10:50-11:10 | Lintangling cable management for everyone | 21455 RoSophia | | | |
| 11.10-11.30 | Consistency and Reliability in Competition | | | | |
| 11:30-11:50 | Reliable Approaches to Robot Design | 17062 Do2D2 | | | |
| 11:50 11:55 | Drawing #3 | | | | |
| 0.45 AM | FIRST eno eague Challenge Track ECSS 2 415 | | | | |
| 0:45 10:00 | A Brief Dereportive of Innevetion Broject | | | | |
| 9.45-10.00 | A Bhei Perspective of Innovation Project | 64793 PARDOBOOTS | | | |
| 10:00-10:15 | Exoskeleton | 64699 Legendary | | | |
| 10:15-10:30 | Development of ARTFeit Project | | | | |
| 10:30-10:45 | Starring: Daises' Acoustic Board 60710 Starring: Daisies | | | | |
| 10:45-10:50 | Break (Drawing #4) | | | | |
| 10:50-11:05 | Vibe: Breaking the Sound Barrier to Enjoy Music | o 1064 Golden Pheonix | | | |
| 11:05-11:20 | FLC Innovation: MangoBot An Art Companion Robot | 52402 Pythoneers | | | |
| 11:20-11:35 | Bagelbots's Innovation Project | 60389 BagelBots | | | |
| 11:35-11:55 | Submerged season SME and innovation project coach brainstorm | ing session | | | |
| 11:55-12:00 | Drawing #5 | | | | |
| | Lunch Break - Robot / Al Demos and Mark | etplace (12:00 - 1:00 PM) | | | |
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| 1:00 PM | Guest Speech and Planery Session | TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102) | | | |
| 1:00-1:25 | Going IN TO DEPTH about FIRST's Core Values | Lon Cherryholmes, PDC at FIRST in Texas | | | |
| 1:25-1:50 | Swyft Robotics New Product Line for FTC + FRC | Matthew Thomas, CEO of Swyft Robotics | | | |
| 1:50-1:55 | Swyft Robotics Product Drawings | | | | |
| 2:00 PM | OpenCV Lab (FLYSET FIRST Robotics Mentoring Forum) | rum) ECSS 2.410 | | | |
| 2:00-3:15 | Hands on learning on OpenCV | FTC Technicbots 8565 | | | |
| 2:00 PM | Blue Track | TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102) | | | |
| 2:00-2:15 | Improving Your Software Structure | FTC 19458 Equillibrium.EXE | | | |
| 2.15 2.20 | Outreach in Pural and Urban Communities | FTC 20325 Maximum Resistance | | | |
| 2.10-2.30 | Outreach in Nurai and Orban Communities | | | | |
| 2:30-2:45 | Hyperion 9614's Centerstage Robot Outtake Evolution | FTC 9614 Hyperion | | | |
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Morning Guest Speeches





Afternoon Guest Speeches



Fun Activities









FIRST Tech Challenge Track



Morning FTC Track



Texpand 18763

Cape Town, South Africa

Custom Pathing Analysis: Is it worth it?

Texpand discusses why developing custom pathing is worth your time over just using a library. They cover the pros and cons of both custom pathing and pathing libraries. This will include why even though coding your own pathing will take longer initially, it will save you a lot of time in tuning and debugging later. They also talk about why they feel it's better as a rookie team to start without pathing at all and use something like PID to point and build up to pathing so you have a better fundamental understanding of odometry and drivetrain control, which is very necessary when working with any type of pathing whether custom or library.



Equlibrium.exe 19458

Potomac, Maryland FTC Summer Competition





Equilibrium.exe's annual summer program is a crucial step in preparing students for the FTC season. Over nine weeks, 31 students participate in a mock FTC game, where they design build a robot to complete specific tasks. The program sharpens technical skills and also fosters teamwork, problem-solving, and strategic thinking. Participants learn to address challenges, adapt to constraints, and develop creative solutions. This approach helps students get accustomed to the competitive environment while allowing them to explore FTC in a lower-stakes setting.

Morning FTC Track





Technical Difficulties 7172

Plano, Texas

Sparkfun Odometry Sensor

Team 7172 Technical Difficulties discusses their use of the Sparkfun Odometry Sensor and highlights its advantages over traditional methods in improving localization for autonomous periods. This sensor provides accurate tracking while using minimal space and can be easily integrated with the FTC SDK. It also demonstrated consistent performance during practice and matchplay.



RoSophia 21455

Galati, Romania

Untangling Cable Management for Everyone





The presentation contains all sorts of tips and tricks for general wiring practices for FTC. A wide range of connectors with their pros and cons is presented, along with good practices for wiring and how people should take care of their exposed cables. Then RoSophia discusses on thinking how to keep your wiring tidy and modular using examples from their bot By this showcasing how you should 'layer' your cables to be accesable and protected. Lastly they emphasize the importance on leaving ways for cable management during CAD processes.

Morning FTC Track



AI Citizens 19066 Focsani, Romania

Consistency and Reliability in Competition

AI Citizens gives an in-depth explanation on why consistency and reliability are two very important factors in FTC robots. They explain what makes hardware reliable and why more complex bots will always be harder to make reliable. 19066 also presents some software including fail-safes, fallback modes, use of sensors and automations going over why driver practice is important in determining failure points and increasing consistency. They discuss the importance of muscle memory and how it influences the robot design. Overall, it's impossible to 100% predict what happens; all we can do is prepare for the worst and know how to fix anything that can happen.



Ro2D2 17962

Ploiesti, Romania

Reliable Approaches to Robot Design





In their presentation, Ro2D2 talks about some of the most important aspects during the 3D design process of robot iteration. To begin with, they start the presentation with the significance of a custom drivetrain, how it can be designed, and what advantages and disadvantages they discovered along the manufacturing and building process. For instance, how to use the available space on the drivetrain efficiently, without leaving empty spots.





FIRST Lego League Challenge Track







PARDOBOOTS 64793 Sao Paulo, Brazil

A Brief Perspective of Innovation Project

The first presentation in the FLL Challenge Track is team 64793 PARDOBOOTS hailing all the way from Sao Paulo, Brazil! In the masterpiece season, they won 1st place in Robot Design at regionals, were the national runner-ups, and was a finalist for the Champions Award at worlds, where they also won 3rd place in the Coach's award. Enjoy their presentation on a brief perspective of their innovation project! They walk through all the steps of designing their solution, from brainstorming to connecting with professionals to prototyping.



Legendary 64699 Hangzhou, China

Exoskeleton





Team 64699 Legendary is based in Hangzhou, China. Their dream of going to the world championship united them this season. They for the common goal of exploring their limitless and imagination. They'll be presenting on "Exoskeleton". Exoskeleton is their innovation project that teaches all populations how to dance. Through complex mathematics and ingenious designs, Team Legendary spreads the power of dance with their highly enjoyable innovation project.





EV-TR3KK3RS 50653

Dallas, Texas

Development of the ARTFelt Project

This presentation explores how 50653 created ARTFelt, a groundbreaking project designed to make art accessible to individuals with disabilities. ARTFelt was born from a desire to bridge the gap between art and inclusivity. The project involved extensive research, innovative brainstorming, and collaboration with experts. Through iterations in software and hardware development, the team transformed 2D artworks into 3D tactile experiences, complemented by custom AI-generated audio descriptions. Engaging with the community was also key to refining ARTFelt. The project's success is reflected in multiple awards, including 1st place at the American Robotics Invitational.



Starring: Daisies 60710

Dallas, Texas

Starring: Daisies' Acoustic Board





Team 60710 Starring: Daisies is a six member, all girls FLL challenge team from the Hockaday School. They won 3rd place in qualifiers as well as 1st place core values at regionals. They present their innovation project acoustic board, inspired by those in orchestra halls. After discovering the common issue that acoustic boards are ineffective, 60710 set out to create a working solution to this problem. They designed a moving set of boards made to turn with the music.





Golden Pheonix 61064

Arizona, US

Development of the ARTFelt Project

Golden Phoenix Team #61064 is rookie FLL team formed during the Master Piece season. In their inaugural year, they advanced to the Arizona State Championship and earning 2nd place as State Champions. They were also honored with the prestigious Engineering Excellence Award at the World Festival. In addition to their competition achievements, they actively promoted the FIRST program at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind and at the Barnes & Noble store in Chandler, AZ. They'll be presenting today about Vibe, their innovation project that goes hand in hand with their community efforts- removing the barrier to enjoying art for the deaf and blind.



Pythoneers 52402

Irving, Texas

FLC Innovation: MangoBot ---An Art Companion Robot





Team 52402 Pythoneers won first place in the Texas State competition for FLL-C, as well as the Breakthrough Award at the World's Championship in the Masterpiece season. In this presentation, they present our Innovation Project, MangoBot. MangoBot is a humanoid robot that detects the user's emotion, plays the right music, and dances. MangoBot revolutionizes the world of by helping kids calm down or raise their mood. They discuss the season's journey of coming up with the idea of this humanoid, their design process, and the various outreach events they participated in.





BagelBots 60389

Dallas, Texas Bagelbots's Innovation Project

BagelBots, team 60389 are a group of passionate 6th-8th graders united by their love for robotics and innovation. The MasterPiece season was their first ever in the FLL world! It was an incredible journey of teamwork and growth, earning them awards all the way up to the State level! Enjoy their presentation about their innovation project. Their project aims to teach music in an accessible manner. With their innovative technology, kids around the world can learn music easily as long as they have access to electronics.



Submerged season SME and innovation project coach brainstorming session



Join coaches and mentors with decades of FIRST experience to discuss strategies for brainstorming in the FIRST DIVE Season. This presentation will help rookie and veteran FLL teams alike as they embark on a deep dive into technological innovation!











In 19458 Equilibrium's presentation, they will cover:

- How to organize code generally
- How to make auto selection easy at the field for drive team"

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Potomac, Maryland

Improving Your Software Structure



Maximum Resistance 20325

Aledo, Texas

Outreach in Rural and Urban Communities





20325's mission is to equip your teams with the essential skills to connect meaningfully. Drawing on their experiences, including captivating stories from their podcast and impactful partnership with Parker County 4-H, they'll guide you through each step to ensure your outreach resonates. Discover the art of effective communication as they delve into how to engage with diverse audiences while staying true to the core values of FIRST. From mastering the art of the interview to uncovering the hidden gems in your community, they'll show you how to unearth stories that matter.





Hyperion 9614

Fremont, California

Hyperion 9614's Centerstage Robot Outtake Evolution

This presentation covers the process involved in designing and building Hyperion 9614's outtake subsystem from their 2023-2024 robot. This includes the ideologies for design resulting from brainstorming after kickoff, demonstrations of the CAD prototypes and simulations involved in the designing process, the first built iteration that competed up to the regional championship, and motivations for choosing to extend the horizontal extension even further and add an extra degree of compliance. The final design's features will be covered as well. Features that were covered in less detail during the Behind the Bot will be focused on more.



Roboctopi 14496

Escondido, California

Using Cuttlefish to Enhance Your Software





Cuttlefish is a software framework designed to make both the robot programming process, and the resulting code simpler, faster and better. It contains a variety of features that are useful including dead wheel odometry, waypoint based navigation, and a queue based task scheduling system. Cuttlefish is designed to be modular and expandable allowing it to work in conjunction with custom team written code. In addition, Cuttlefish also contains an alternative device system that allows users to access devices directly by port, which makes changes to robot hardware faster.





FRC Full Metal Jackets 1296

Rockwall, Texas

Beyond the Bots: Building a Winning FRC Team Off the Field

FRC Team 1296 Full Metal Jackets share valuable tips from their experienced team on running an effective robotics team. From meeting management to fundraising ideas, they walk you through all the necessary steps to keep a FIRST Team running. Specific details include team structure, meeting details, fundraising outlets, team spirit, and more.



Microchips and Queso 23350 San Antonio, Texas

What Makes a Good FTC Pit





A team's pit is more than just a workspace; it's a reflection of their team identity, team spirit, the robot. This presentation explores the art and science of creating an effective FTC pit and finding the balance between aesthetics and functionality. Learn how to design a space that not only impresses judges and other teams but also enhances team efficiency and productivity. Essential elements such as pit layout, decoration, organization, and the role of pits in competition success are covered. Teams will have the tools to transform their pit into a space that makes their team stand out.





TechnicBots 8565

Plano, Texas

AI Code Generation Agent for FTC opmodes

The AI Code Generation Agent project aims to automate the process of initializing FTC robot configurations, saving time and addressing the issue to errors during robot setup. The project combines XML parsing, AI-powered code generation via Groq, and a simple user-friendly interface built with Python's tkinter library to produce a base for future improvement. The agent's accuracy is increased using prompt engineering and implements syntax highlight for easy readability. While the current implementation shows promise in saving time and reducing errors, future improvements could include enhanced UI, integration with other tools, and upgrading to a more advanced language model.













TechnicBots 8565

Plano, Texas

FTC Lawyer AI Based on Large Language Model

Understanding the competition manual is one of the most important tasks for any FTC team. Most teams designate a "lawyer" to comb through these mountains of text, but human lawyers have significant limitations that often restrict their performance. FTC Lawyer leverages recent advancements in generative AI, such as retrieval-augmented generation (RAG), to create a conversational agent with knowledge bases from the competition manual and Q&A forum. Initial testing demonstrates FTC Lawyer's immense capability to assist both veteran and rookie teams, empowering them to unique, rule-aware robot designs and a better understanding of FTC.



Juice 16236 Folsom, California Iterating a Champion Bot: Intro to Robot Optimization





The biggest takeaway from Juice's hardware thought process is that simplicity is key. From designing to building, they balance functionality with ease. For example, in their first iteration of the robot, they had a complex gear shifter that swapped the gear ratio of our lift motors to allow us to climb during the endgame. By discovering the cause of their problems, they simplified the robot, enabling agility and functionality. While many teams put heavy emphasis on prototyping, they find that engaging in mastersketching through tools like crayola CAD help create visual models without wasting time and resources on making physical prototypes.





FRC Students Dallas, Texas

Competitive Edge: Prototyping

Prototypes can make or break your FTC or FRC Robot. In this presentation, FRC students share their experience with prototyping from initial designs to final competition robots. They discuss topics like the KISS Design, how to strengthen your prototypes while keeping them simple, and more. Prototyping greatly reduces both time and cost of the design process, as demonstrated by real-world examples from this presentation.



Terrabats 14525 San Jose, California KISS Design Process





One revolutionary design idea of the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is "Keep It Super Simple" (KISS). This talk explores how teams can improve their robot design and performance by utilizing the power of simplicity. Teams may reduce complexity, increase dependability, and expedite troubleshooting by keeping things simple, which will result in a more seamless and fruitful competition experience. For teams just starting out, this means avoiding getting caught down in elaborate, risky ideas. Less downtime and consistent performance are the results of simple, dependable solutions. Veteran teams also find the KISS design useful for their designs.





Technical Turbulance 23344 Plano, Texas

Driving Enhancements Using Software in FTC

In FTC Robotics, winning competitions isn't solely determined by the robot's capabilities. Since the majority of points are earned during the driver-controlled (TELEOP) phase of the game, the skill of the driver plays a crucial role in a team's success. Therefore, any methods that can improve driving abilities or reduce driver errors are essential. This presentation will outline some ways that programmers can enhance TELEOP scores by simplifying the driving experience. Although there are numerous ways to enhance TELEOP, Technical Turbulence will demonstrate the specific driver improvements they have implemented (and how you can apply them).



Robokings 12993 Sunshine Coast, Australia Making Complicated Designs Work





Robokings discuss the important things that you need to do on your robot to make a complicated design actually operational. Main points include: the importance of optimising weight and tips to do so, wiring over long distances, ways to optimise battery draw in a match, finding and eliminating as many failure points as possible. They will also talk a little about the code and control optimisations we have had to implement that help a complicated design run smoothly. They will also discuss the pros and cons of complicated designs, whether it's worth it depending on each teams season goal.





Iron Reign 6832

Dallas, Texas

How to Portfolio the Iron Reign Weigh

Do we know what's happening with blank sections of the new competition manual? Nope. Not a bit. But the smart money is ... not huge changes? Iron Reign shares their approach to Portfolio.













Area 52 18227

Plano, Texas

Sensor Fusion using Kalman Filters

Odometry is a great way to consistently localize your robot, especially in the autonomous period. However, odometry can be subject to heavy amount of drift when moving across long distances. That's where Area 52 uses the sensor fusion algorithm, the Kalman Filter, by combining localization data including Visionportal and AprilTags. By using concepts from statistics and probability we can develop a dynamic algorithm is able to weight location data from sources over another. From this sensor fusion algorithm, we can use the odometry wheel's high reliability along with the high accuracy of the AprilTags to create a robust localization system, which can be used for path following libraries including RoadRunner.



Quality Control 21229

Bellevue, Washington Optimizing Robot Design





Team 21229 Quality Control, the 2024 FTC World Championships Franklin Division Innovate Award Winner, will present some examples and tips on optimizing robot design. They will walk through how they improved their robot design during the Centerstage season and the unique designs on their robot. Some design improvements include designing an efficient and fast intake/ transfer ramp with higher error margin and less pixel jams, making the drone launcher more reliable, and adding failsafe mechanisms to the outtake. Some lessons learned and general advice on improving robot design will be shared as well.





Iron Reign 6832

Dallas, Texas

Summer Studies - SimplySwerve, Spines and Hoverpong

Every summer at Iron Reign 6832 is filled with experiments. They will share our progress on a from-scratch mono swerve drive, a tendon operated spine or arm joint system, and a personal hover platform.



Robolobos Green 14361

Cedar Park, Texas Networking for Beginners





- Effective networking can significantly impact a team's resources and opportunities in competitions.

- Pre-existing relationships ease the process of reaching out to companies

- Maintaining connections through consistent updates and interactions -

Have clear objectives to convey purpose

- Companies value corporate social responsibility initiatives; aligning with such programs can strengthen outreach efforts.

- Engaging with local businesses and universities can provide unique mentorship opportunities and resources tailored to your team's needs.





Lightsaders 12928

Austin, Texas The Rookie Drop-off Crisis

In the Texas region, around 50 new teams are created every year. However, around a third of those teams quit after only one year, and close to half are gone after two years. Luckily, any team can help by doing a couple of things. A veteran team can present themselves as a source of open information to Rookie teams, and be welcoming during matches. Veterans' patience also helps the FIRST community feel more calm, and less like a fight to the death tournament. Overall, the most important thing is to be a source of encouragement, and interact with them to help ease the transition.



Gearmasters 8365

Forest Hills, New York

Make Your Presentation & Portfolio Inspiring





For teams with the content to win the Inspire Award, this is the next step to distinguish themselves at fast-paced competitions. This presentation will focus on: (1. Judging Room & Pit Judging) and (2. Portfolio). We will cover: > Branding: the main way to stand out.

- > Presenting as a team: the importance of involving everyone.
- > Preparation for the Judging Room: memorization tips, what are the key focuses, how to practice your script, and more!
- > Award-oriented focuses: understanding what the judges are looking for.
- > Streamlined Portfolio: making your portfolio clear and concise.





EPIC Expedition 21354

Plano, Texas Robot Optimization

From a team that made it to regionals in their rookie season through a double qual to a team that got the most prestigious, non-inspire award at every level up till worlds, EPIC has seen a lot of growth in their team. They will show their iterations for the CenterStage robot. Their iterations were a crucial part of advancing via Think, as the judges were able to see they utilized the engineering design process in order to make the most efficient robot they could.



Roboplayers 18270

Irving, Texas The Shopping Cart Serve





In the FTC, numerous drivetrain options are available each with their respective advantages and drawbacks. 18270's presentation highlights yet another type of drivetrain known as the swerve drive, which comes in three variations: coaxial, differential, and the shopping cart swerve. The drivetrain we aim to exhibit and demonstrate is the shopping cart swerve. It resembles a differential swerve in using 4 motors, but the wheel's axis of rotation is offset from the pod's center, resulting in instantaneous pivoting and swift directional changes. While the shopping cart swerve has high traction and acceleration, its programming complexity and potential need for several design iterations before achieving optimal functionality present significant challenges.

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Prizes to the top 3 most liked posts



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