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Ball balancing on the beam class 4

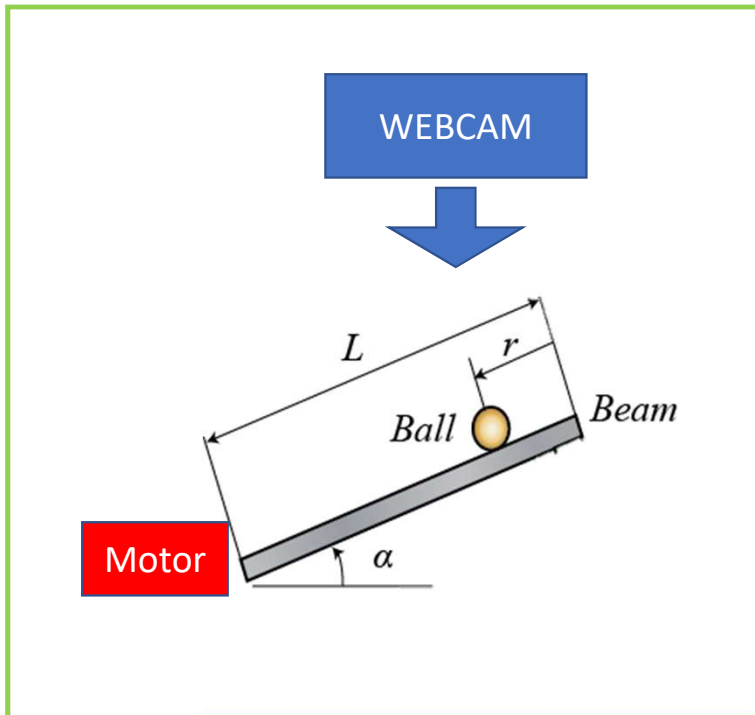
-Final Project

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1. Introduction – Final Project

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Final Project

1. Hardware selection : **Camera, Motor, and Beam**
2. Computer Simulation via **MATLAB** with integrated information of motors and beam
3. Chose the language : **C++ or Python**
4. Select **control loop frequency**
5. Make your own **ball and beam system**



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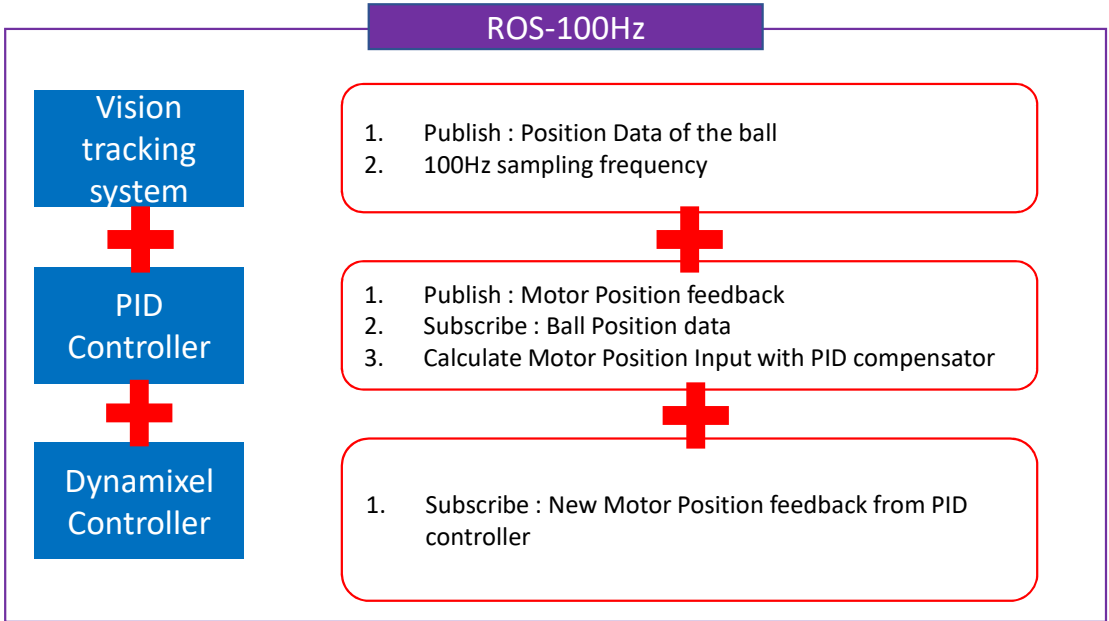
(Test Video)

Project Example

1. Hardware selection :
Dynamixel MX-28, Sony playstation camera, foam board
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3. **PID** Feedback Control.
4. **100Hz** Control loop



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(Control system scheme)

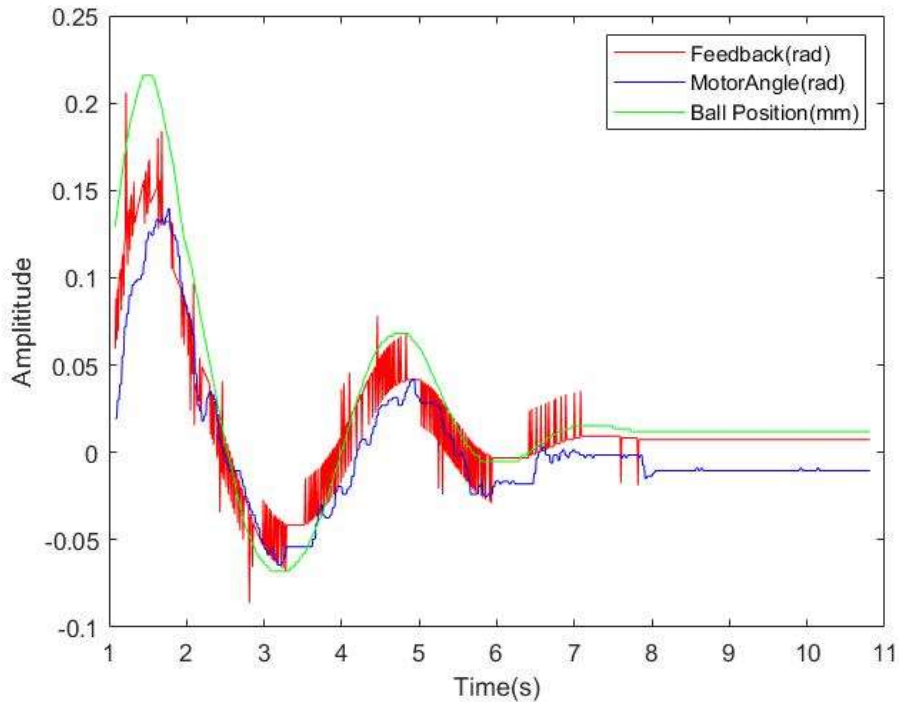
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(Results)

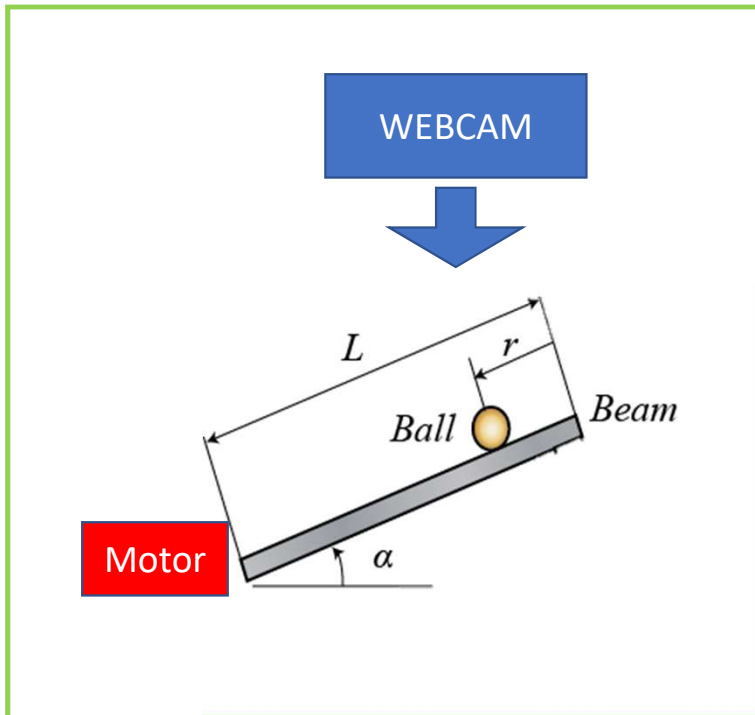
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2. Hardware Selection – Camera

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Camera Selection

- Every USB Camera has different **frame rate** (30Hz ~)
- Different **resolution**
- Some camera product has **own Software Developer's Kit (SDK)**
- **Compatible** to your computer environment



2. Hardware Selection – Motors



(Robotis Dynamixel)



(DC-Motors)



(Step Motors)

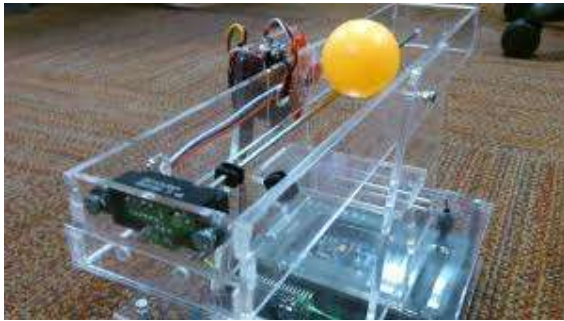
Motor Selection

- Every motor requires **different approach** to **control**, and **connect** to the computer environment
- Robotis Dynamixel : Provides **velocity, position, and torque** control. But **latency** exists
- DC-Motors : **Velocity** control by **voltage** input. **Easy and portable**
- Step-Motors : **Pulse-Width-Modulation(PWM)** Control, Position, Velocity control.

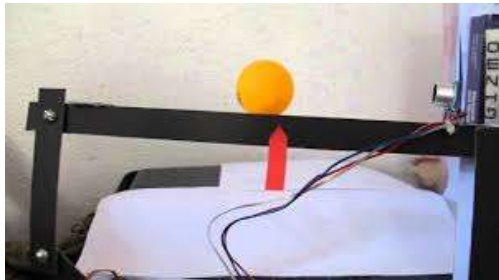


2. Hardware Selection – Beams

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(Acrylic Beam)



(Paper Beam)



(Steel Beam)

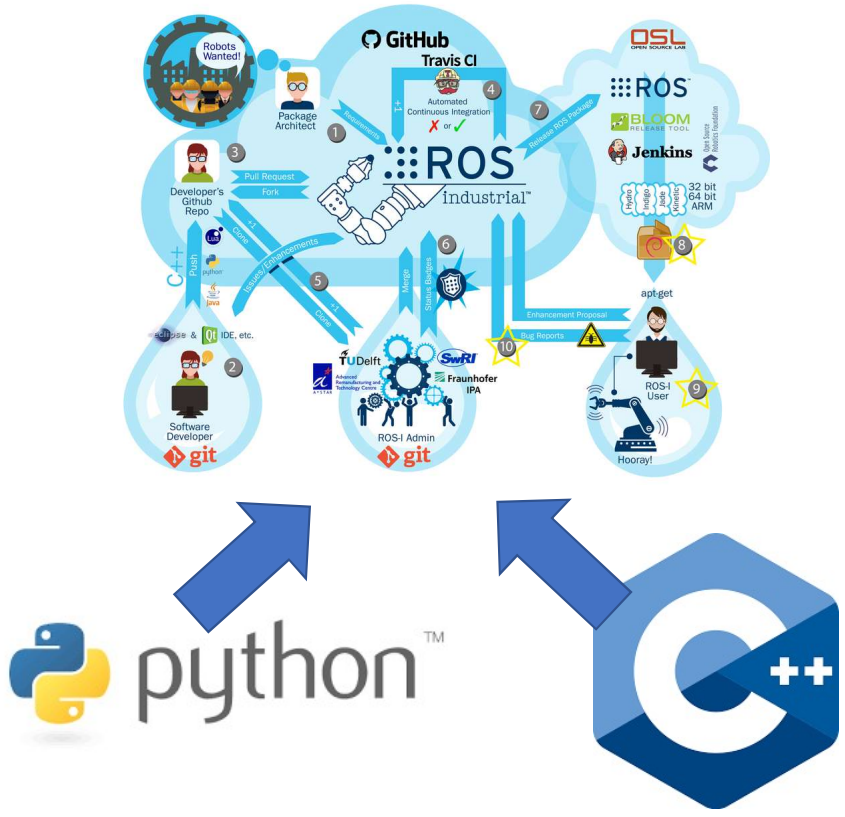
Beams Selection

- You can choose any types of materials to build the beam
- Acrylic
- Steel
- Foam board
- Paper
- Robust enough not to break by the motor torque



3. Language Selection – ROS

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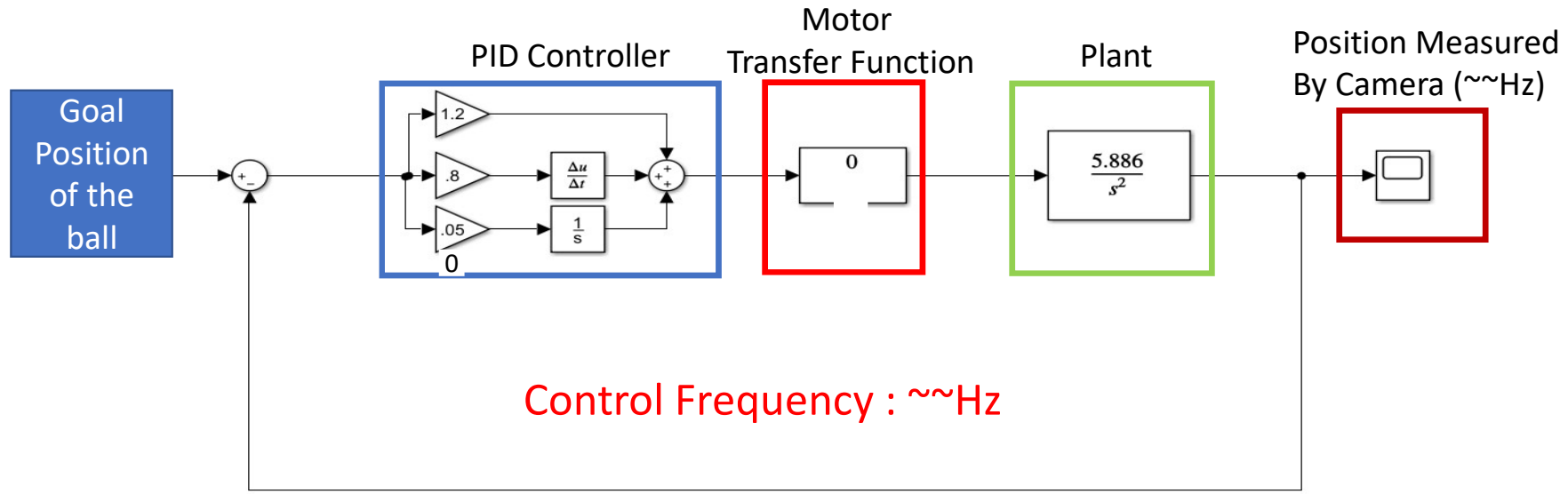
Language Selection

- ROS : Robot Operating Systems
- Languages : C++ and Python (2.7 only, no 3.x version)
- Choose the language that you feel comfortable with.
- ROS Tutorials should have been done.



4. Control Loop Scheme

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- Control Loop Scheme**
- PID Control, Motor transfer function, Plant is in the loop
 - Sampling frequency, control frequency should be defined



5. Homework

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1. With given hardware, **build your own ball and beam systems**
2. Identify **sampling rate, control frequency**
3. Submit the **simulation result** via MATLAB (Equation of motions, Transfer Functions of the system, Motor transfer function, Units)
4. Submit experimental **results, videos**

