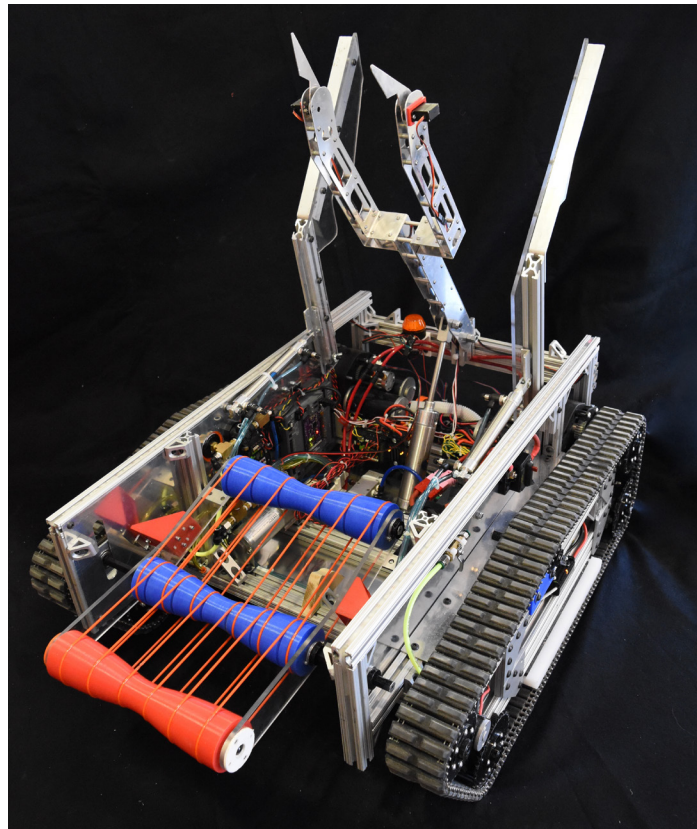




TALOS

Vision Control System



Talos, the LigerBots 2016 robot, is named after the automaton from Greek mythology that protected the island of Crete by throwing boulders at invading ships.

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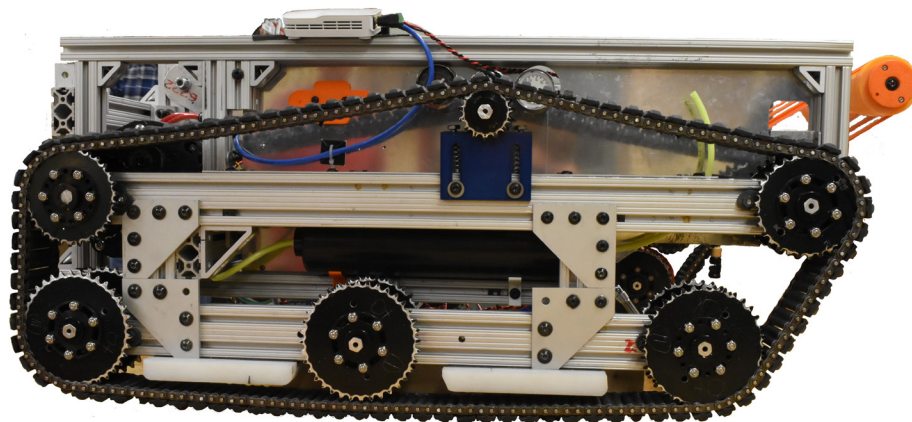
Reliable 20-Point Autonomous

- Consistent 20-point autonomous
- 75 unique defense crossing combinations selectable from the Driver Station Dashboard
 - 5 starting positions
 - 7 starting defenses
 - 3 targets
- Autonomous shots work anywhere from a 4' to 10' radius of the target



Closed Loop Driving

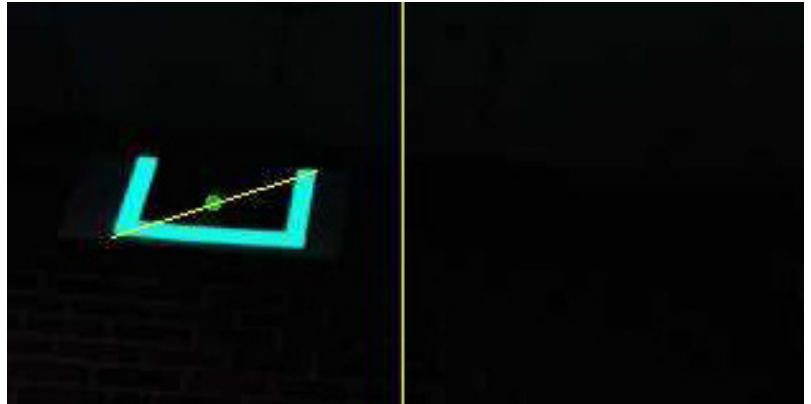
- Position tracking—the robot always knows where it is
 - Encoders for precisely measured drive distance
 - Gyroscope for precise robot rotation
- Two-speed drive train
 - High gear for longer drives when not crossing defenses
 - Low gear for power over defenses and for precision



Vision Assisted Shooting

■ Hardware and software

- Wide-angle (74°) USB web camera with LED ring illuminates retro-reflective tape
- Vision routines are written in C++ using NI Vision
- Software runs entirely on the roboRIO, no co-processor



■ Computation

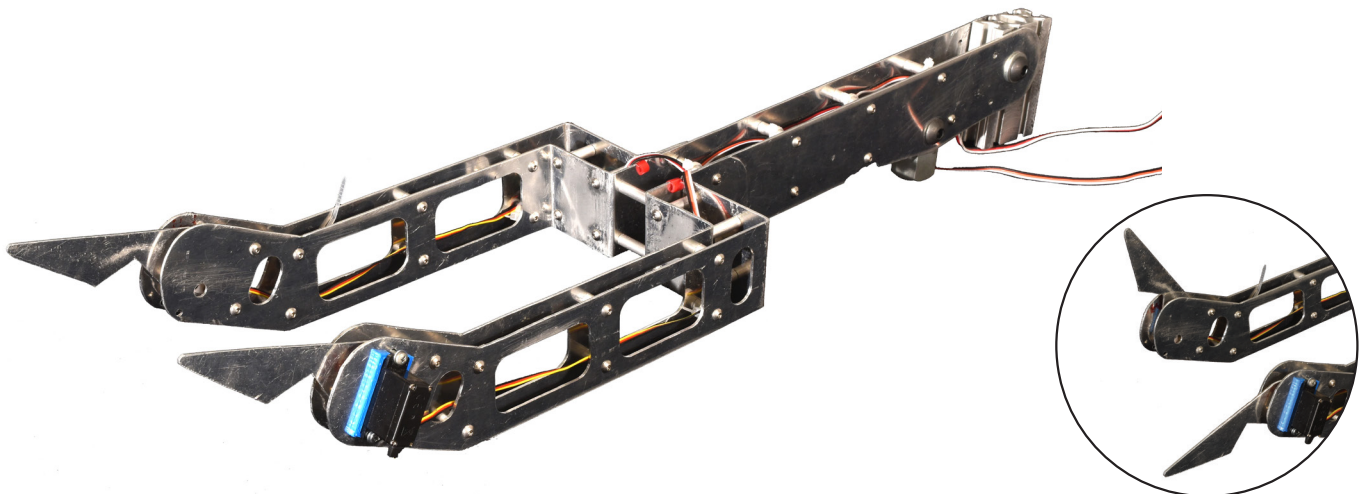
- Computes distance to target, based on vertical angle to target
- Automatically adjusts the tips of the catapult shooter for the computed distance
- Computes angle to target:

Version 1: Rotates robot to center on the target

Version 2: Differentially adjusts shooting tips for off-angle shots

■ Advantages

- Vision and adjustable tips allow for highly accurate shooting
- Vision allows for quick repositioning of robot when pushed off shot by defense
- Off-angle shooting with differentially adjustable tips speeds up the shot by allowing for less robot repositioning before shot



Controls

- Dual controller system: Xbox controller and Saitek button panel for:
 - Automatic shooting using computed distance
 - Center and shoot
 - One-button ball intake and position to shoot
 - Manual override
- Switchable camera feeds
 - First USB camera assists in shooting
 - Second USB camera assists in picking up balls
 - USB cameras assist in dual-direction driving
 - Camera select buttons on Saitek allow for quick switching between the two camera feeds
 - Custom software gives more reliable network streaming and better control over camera settings



Safety Interlocks

- Robot uses gyroscope to prevent robot tilt over 45° when driving too slowly over defenses
- Software retracts intake before shooting to prevent damage from catapult
- Software makes sure shooter tips are in a safe position before using intake

