

Guide for Ball in the Tube Device



A. Hardware Required

- a. Power Supply 7.5 volts with at least 2 amp current
- b. Arduino Uno
- c. 1/11 Voltage divider circuit – 2 Resistors were used 1Mega ohm and 100k ohm, in addition a 1 nano farad capacitor is recommended.
- d. MOSFET Switch Modules [Amazon Link](#)
- e. Short Range Sharp Infrared Sensor GP2Y0A41SK0F [Amazon Link](#)
- f. 3d printed tube [Download Here](#)
- g. DC motor acting as a generator to be coupled with the major brushless fan for speed measurement.
- h. Brushless dc fan [Amazon Link](#)
- i. Ping Pong Ball

- j. Wires
- k. Separate Power Supply for infrared sensor (5 Volt). Don't use the Arduino 5volt port as it will cause noise for the motor speed readings.

B. Setup

- a. Use Arduino pin 9 for pwm output to the mosfet switch module. Don't use other pins as some are not capable of giving pwm signal, and some can but with lower frequency.
- b. Use common ground for all system, connect ground of power supply of the fan, generator, and infrared sensor together with the Arduino ground pin.
- c. Center the tube over the direct airflow section of the fan, the fix it using hot glue or 3d print a mount optionally.

C. Software

- a. Use arduino toolbox for matlab [Link](#)
- b. If using linux, need to give read and write permission to the arduino before starting matlab, use this command : `sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyACM0`
- c. If using windows computer, replace in all the software provided the line connecting to arduino with this: `a = arduino('com3','uno');`
- d. Use the following link for reference of software implemented : [Github Link](#)