

Weekly reports are to be emailed to [atbecker@uh.edu](mailto:atbecker@uh.edu) by 5:00pm on Tuesdays. The purpose of a weekly report is to: (1) give you text and images for your papers, thesis, and dissertation, (2) document progress, (3) identify if you are stuck or need resources.

## Weekly report

### 1. My Goals from last week

- Inventory all parts on hand and tack down any missing order items. Still missing Arduino Mega. Unit in Figure 2 is a my own hardware.
- Setup work area

### 2. My Accomplishments this week

- a. Project 1: Magnetic Coil Control for Mico robots
  - **Deliverable 1:** Setup a control loop for current coils. This consisted of a current controller, a micro-controller and a coil (or some kind of restive load). See photo (Figure 2) of setup.
  - **Deliverable 2:** Begin creating a Simulink model of the control system. Specifically, determine what physical parameters allow the assumption of a relatively uniform magnetic field strength to be true.
  - **Deliverable 3:** Test interface with current control loop and Simulink. Verify Simulink can send valid current commands to control loop. (In Progress)
  - <https://github.com/aabecker>.
  - I tested 3 trials of a Current Control Loop.
  - I generated figure 1 (see below) and built figure 2

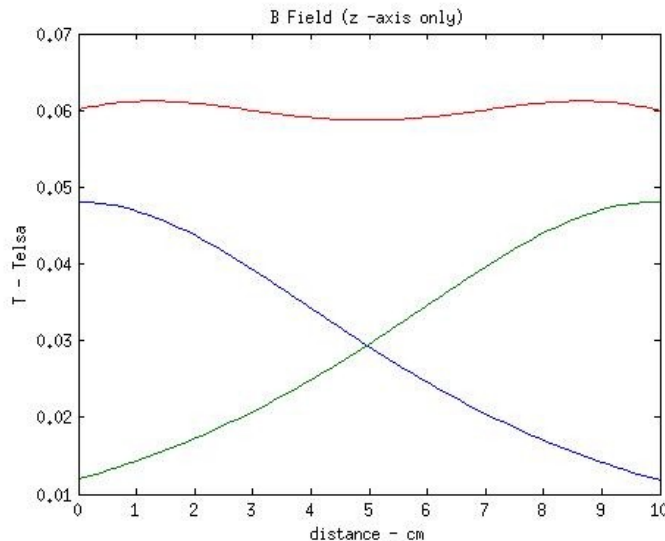


Figure 1 – Magnetic Field between two coils (operating area center at 5 cm mark)

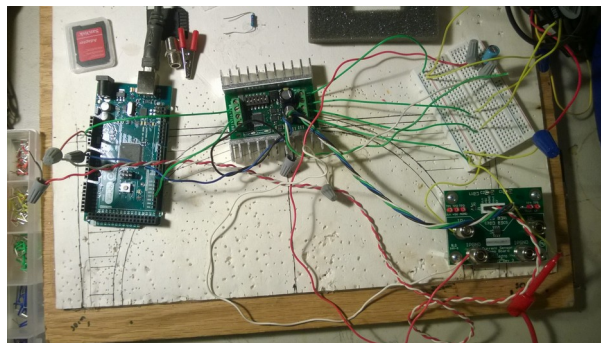


Figure 2 – First attempt to built current control coil hardware. Breadboard-mounted resistor is the “coil.”

**3. My Goals for next week**

- Objective 1. Build a coil with the electrical and physical properties required for a working coil control system.
- Objective 2: Start construction on a frame to hold the six coils and operating area for micro-robots.
- Objective 3: Work with Ademir on the best way for him to assist with the project work.
  - a. Meeting with Dr. Becker on Friday 19 JUN15 at 1300. Request confirmation via Google Calendar. Review proposed state-space equations for object.

**4. What I need Dr. Becker to do:**

- a. I am not entirely sure how to best utilize Ademir on this project. Due to the limited time I have in the lab, I think his assistance will be essential to completing the project on schedule. I think he would be best used to do the physical construction of the frame for the coils and camera while I work on the Simulink/MATLAB/control laws. A robust frame with high quality coils will be a good challenge and will take some time to complete. My question to you is twofold: 1) Does the approach I recommend for Ademir consistent with what you had in mind for his summer and 2) How do you recommend I get him started? Making a high detail drawing of the frame will take a fair amount of time and I don't think is necessary to build it.