RTCM

Real-Time Coagulopathy Measurement



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Problem

- Coagulopathy of trauma is a hypo-coagulable state with increased bleeding, heightened resuscitation requirements, and a 4x increased rate of mortality.
- To minimize mortality, coagulopathy must be assessed and addressed nearest to the time of injury and monitored throughout the course of care.

Solution

- Aptitude is developing RTCM the first POC fibrinogen sensor.
- It is a handheld sensor analogous to a blood glucose meter
- It can be used in pre-hospital, emergency department, and in perioperative settings to measure fibrinogen in 2 minutes to guide personalized treatment for trauma patients.



Alpha Prototype



Loading the sample on the sensor

Cross-section

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Prototype System

Limitations:

- No temperature control.
- No new feature expandability.
- No way to charge device without disassembling casing.
- No central controller.



Our New System

Goals:

- Temperature control
- Device charging
- Redesign enclosure
- Quick, accurate readings
- Extremely High reliability

Design Limitations:

- No bluetooth.
- Must work while charging.
- Must be handheld.
- Long battery life.
- Must work with Android.





Processor

- Microprocessor: Arduino MKRZero
- Processor Name: SAMD21 Cortex-M0+ 32 bit low power ARM MCU
- RAM: 32KB SRAM Memory
- Storage: 256KB in-system self-programmable Flash
- Type: Single-cycle hardware multiplier
- Clock: Internal and external clock options with 48MHz Digital Frequency Locked Loop (DFLL48M) and 48MHz to 96MHz Fractional





Sensors/Peripherals/Modules

Peltier Module:

- Dimensions: 24.56mm x 12.29mm x 3.40mm
- Given Voltage: 6.0-9.0V
- Our max current draw: 800mA
- Changes voltage with change in temperature
- Use: Heat/Cool blood chip

H-Bridge:

- Given Voltage: 6.0-9.0V
- Device max current draw: 6A
- Use: Control Peltier current flow direction and duty cycle



Sensors/Peripherals/Modules

Temperature Sensor

- Type: Digital/I2C
- Resolution Used: 0.125 °C
- Accuracy: 0.25 °C (typical), 0.5 °C (maximum)
- Polling: 130ms
- Operating Current: 200 µA (typical)
- Voltage Given: 3.3V
- Power Consumed: 660µW
- Use: Get current temperature of the Peltier module



Power System

Battery:

- PKCELL Li-Po rechargeable battery
- Voltage: 3.7V
- Energy Capacity: 2500mAh
- Dimension: 47mm x 61mm x 6.7mm
- Use: Supply system power

Battery Controller:

- PowerBoost 1000C
- Use: Safely charges Li-Po Battery from USB
 - Boosts output to 5V
 - Battery level reading
 - Allows pass through power from charging source





Power System

DC-DC Step-Up Boost:

- XL6009
- 5V->7V
- Use: Supply H-Bridge with enough voltage to meet Peltier current/voltage demands



USB Breakouts:

- USB-C Downstream/Upstream
- USB Micro-B
- Use: power/communication









Future System





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Software - Temperature Feedback and Control

• Initial:

- Set Goal Temperature
- Initialize PWM to 10kHZ
- Set PWM Duty Cycle to 0

• Loop:

- Get temperature sensor reading
 - Wake temperature sensor
 - Sleep temperature sensor
- Get direction from current reading
 - Set H-Bridge direction
- Get duty cycle from current reading
 - Set H-Bridge duty cycle



• 1*C stability constraint

Goal = 34 C, Starting = 25 C Temperature (C)

Time (s)

Conclusion

- Temperature Control System
- Power and USB Challenges
- Physical Design Constraints