# G12 PedalVision

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# **Project Overview**



### Responsibilities

	Primary	Secondary
Analog Effects	Jose	Ayesha
Digital Effects	Kevin	Jose
LED System	Brian	Kevin
Power Supply	Ayesha	Brian

# Motivation / Objectives

- 1. Alternative to full digital unit
- 2. Alternative for expensive single analog effect
- 3. Remove user creative limitation due to digital effect programmability
- 4. Practice or performances will be more interesting an engaging with LED matrix feedback display
- 5. More portable and less expensive



# **Requirement Specifications**

- Analog effects
  - Input impedance of at least 500K
  - Output impedance of no more than 10K
  - Bypass full frequency response from 20 Hz-20 KHz
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Knobs to adjust volume, drive, and tone
  - Foot controls to toggle effect on and off
- Digital effects
  - DSP chip/microcontroller
  - LCD User interface
  - Knobs for adjusting digital values
  - Foot control to toggle effect on and off

- LED display
  - Microcontroller for LED matrix operations
  - Multiple modes of operation
- Size, Weight, Cost
  - $\circ$  No more than 30 lbs
  - $\circ \qquad \text{No larger than 15}$
  - \$300 limit for audio
  - \$200 limit for LED system

#### Analog Effects

- Order matters
- Why?



# Input Buffer/ External Effects Interface

- Unity gain buffer implemented using op amp
- Simple implementation
- Low part count
- Why not Emitter Follower Transistor buffer?





# Op amp selection

• Why OPA164x?

Op Amp Model	Input Impedance	Output Impedance @1k	Gain Bandwidth Product	Input Voltage Noise @ 1KHz	Total Harmonic Distortion	Price
TL07xx	10^12 Ω	Not in data sheet	3 MHz	18 nV/√Hz	0.003%	Not considered
OPA827	10^13 Ω	20 Ω	22 MHz	4 nV/√Hz	0.00004%	\$10.13
OPA164x	10^13 Ω	10 Ω	11 MHz	5.1 nV/√Hz	0.00005%	\$2.88

# Compression

- LM13700
- Amplify softer signal
- "Compress" larger signal
- Add sustain



### Compression



#### Distortion and Overdrive

- Both use diodes to create clipping
- Symmetric vs Asymmetric clipping
- Why two amplification stages?



# Distortion

- Distortion at any volume level
- Hard clipping
- Adds some compression



#### Simplified Distortion Outputs





High Gain

Low Gain

#### Actual Distortion Circuit Output



#### Overdrive

- More distortion as volume level increase
- Soft Clipping
- Can be used as a volume boost after other distortion effects



#### Simplified Overdrive Outputs



#### High Gain



#### Actual Overdrive Circuit Output



#### Tone Stack

- Tone adjustment
- Versatile with only two controls

	Bass Control Position	Treble Control Position
Highpass	0	10
Lowpass	10	0
Mid boost	0	0
Mid Scoop	10	10
Flat band	5	5



• Flat Band



Mid Boost



• Mid Scoop



• Highpass



• Lowpass



#### Results so far

- Successes
  - All effects have been implemented and function as expected.
  - All effects have been sound tested.
- Issues
  - Compression circuit has audible popping sound at output even when instrument is muted.
  - Tonestack may need a volume boost

# Digital Effects - Design Approach

- Two digital effect chips (dependent on size and cost of product)
- Allows for more
  customizability for user



# **Digital Design Approach - Choices**

- Delay Based Effects
  - Echo/Delay
    - Crisp echoing effect
  - Reverb
    - Spacious and full sound
  - Flanger
    - Jet like flanging adds dimension
- How to make these effects
  - Use delay lines in a comb filter





# Digital Design Approach - Echo

- Used to create a copy of the input and delay it slightly
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Depth continues to decrease the impact of the copy the longer it continues
- Controls
  - Delay
  - Feedback
  - Level



# Digital Design Approach - Reverb

- Used to give the output sound the as if it was recorded in a large room
  - Achieved by overlaying multiple delays with comb filters, then passing through allpass filters. Ο
- Controls
  - Decay Ο



### **Digital Design Approach - Flanger**

- Used to create a unique sweeping spacelike sound.
- Function: y(n) = x(n) + d \* x(n M(x))• Slow y: Output Signal Ο Tape 1 down x: Input Signal Ο d: depth Ο Mix Equally **Output Signal** n: sample time step Ο M: Length of delay line Ο Tape 2 Controls Flanger Block Diagram Delay Ο Depth Ο Level 0 Delay Line Depth Input Output

FeedForward Comb filter

# Digital Design Approach - Interface

- Very simple user interface
  - Benefits users who want to change effects quickly between songs
  - Anyone can easily use
- Potentiometers for parameter changes
- Button for cycling/choosing effect
- I2C connection to LCD display



# Digital Effects - Component Decision

#### TMS320C6720

- Pros
  - High Speed/Quality
  - Faster and more accurate calculations
- Cons
  - High Cost Dev Board
  - High risk w/o dev board
  - Harder to code
  - Little documentation for guitar effects
  - Requires JTAG programmability

STM32F405ZGT6 (Hoxton Owl Based)

- Pros
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Lots of documentation (HW & SW)  $\;$
  - Cheaper Dev board for testing
  - Open source
  - ARM based DSP libraries
  - USB programmability
  - Owl Firmware
- Cons
  - Slower/lower quality

# **Digital Effects - Components**

- STM32F405ZGT6 ARM Cortex M4 32bit
  - Up to 168 Mhz
  - Floating Point unit
  - On chip memory
    - Flash 512 MB
    - SRAM 192 kB
  - 15 Communication interfaces
  - Serial wire debug interface
  - Low power operation

libraries)

 $\circ$  ~ Compatible with all ARM tools (including dsp

life.augmented



# Digital Effects - OWL Digital

- Open source
  - Software
  - Hardware
- Bootloader available for custom builds
- Helpful community
- Users will not be limited to the effects we create.
  - Online effect library and compiler



# **Digital Effects - Components**

- SD Ram IS61WV51216BLL-10TLI
  - Used to hold program memory
  - Also used for storing samples for effects
  - 8 MB
  - 10 nS access time
  - 100 MHz
- ADC/DAC WM8731
  - ADC: Converts input signal from analog effects to digital values
  - DAC: Converts digital values back to an analog signal
  - 24 bit Sigma-Delta
  - Supported 8kHz to 96kHz





# **Digital Effects - Components**

- Atmega328p
  - Drive the LCD display
  - Handle user interface controls
  - Display loaded effect and value



- LCD Display
  - 20x4 characters



#### **Digital Effects - Schematics**





# **Digital Effects - Difficulties**

- Change of chip due to complications
- Waiting for shipping of parts
- Overall Cost

# LED Matrix Feedback Display (LED MFD)

- General goals
  - Read a frequency and amplitude of an input analog signal
  - Display frequency as a color
  - Display amplitude as a brightness to the color
  - Introduce another way to enjoy the music you are playing

#### MCU

	Flash	EEPROM	RAM	Genral Purpose i/o	16-bit PWM	ADC Channels	Cost
ATMEGA328	32KB	1KB	2KB	23	6	8	\$1.38
ATMEGA2560	256KB	4KB	8KB	86	12	16	\$12.35
ATMEGA2561	256KB	4KB	8KB	54	6	8	\$12.07







# TLC5955: LED constant current driver

- 48-channel constant current output
- 281 trillion unique colors available
- 128 step current control per output
  - o 2mA-31mA
- Fault flags
- GSCLK of 33MHz
- SCLK speed of 25MHz
- Ability to be daisy-chained



#### PCM3060: Analog to Digital Converter

- 24-bit ADC resolution
- Sampling rate of 16-96KHz
- Ability to communicate through...
  - 3-wire SPI
  - 2-wire I2C
- SMD
- Con: Wasted pins
- It wasfree



# Kingsbright RGB LED

Photo	Part Number / Description	Wavelength /	Luminous Intensity			Viewing
Photo	Fait Number / Description	Color	Min.	Тур.	Unit	Angle
	AAA3528BGRS/129/C3 3.5X2.8MM RGB SMD LED	470nm 525nm 621nm	200 1000 120	330 1600 220	mcd @20mA	120°

- 20 mA of current draw
- SMD
- Small in size
- Large viewing angle
- Cost: \$0.38 a unit

#### Design of LED MFD



# **Color Theory**

- There will be 12 unique colors reserved for each of the 12 major notes recognized
- These frequencies are centered around the A4 = 440Hz idea
- Amplitude of input signal will determine brightness of color

# **Display Modes**

- Four display modes are currently being worked on
- More modes can be added post production

# Display Modes: Tuning mode

- The note being played read will be displayed
- Color will correlate with how far from the center of the frequency the user is
- Can be used during normal playing or during tuning



# Display Modes: Unison mode

• All 64 of the LEDs change in unison to the same value

### Display Modes: Segmented mode

• Each column from the left to the right changes in unison moving in time from left to right

#### Display Modes: Continuous mode

- Each LED holds it's own value in time shifting in from the top left most LED
- The values shift to the right and then down one row adjusting to the left most LED when it reaches the farthest right it can go

# Testing

- Created a breakout board
- Helped us understand our soldering limitations further
- Allowed for testing of individual components
- Allowed for testing of integration of components



# **LED MFD Current Problems**

- Timing
  - Time needed to capture frequency, interpret frequency, create lighting specific array and finally to output values in a time that isn't noticeable
- Fast Frequency calculation
  - Accuracy of those readings
- Efficient Coding of Display Modes
- Analog to digital converter

# Design approach

- 1st idea: All inclusive PCB
- 2nd idea: Separate power PCB from analog and digital
- 3rd and Final idea: 3 separate PCB's



How to split the power?

#### **Power Distribution**



#### Linear Vs. Switching Regulator

- A switching regulator was chosen over a linear regulator because...
- When switched off, it dissipates close to no power
- Can be a boost, buck, or an inverter
- Little heat loss, efficient
- Can be used for DC to DC conversion
- MC34063 was chosen because ....
- Capable of step-up/down/inverting
- Has a wide voltage supply range
- A full bridge rectifier circuit may still be used to help with noise

# Success/Difficulties

- Difficulties
- Design implementation
- Power Distribution
- PCB Design
- Linear vs Switching .....
- Successes
- Final Design idea
- PCB Design close to completion

#### Administrative Content





Percent Complete

#### Administrative Content

LED MFD and Power Supply Progress



Percent Complete

# **Current Build Budget**

LED MFD Breakdown				
Part	Qty	Price		
PCM3060	1	\$6.15		
ATmega2561	1	\$12.07		
TLC5955	4	\$24.08		
RGB LED	64	\$24.32		
РСВ	1	\$52		
Total		\$118.62		

Audio Unit Breakdown				
Part	Qty	Price		
OPA1641	4	\$11.52		
OPA1642	1	\$4.20		
LM13700	1	\$1.36		
R, C, & Diodes		≅\$10		
3PDT	4	\$14.36		
PCM3060	3	\$18.45		
STM32F405ZGT6	1	\$12.29		
IS61WV51216BLL-10T LI	1	\$14.64		
WM8731	1	\$4.50		
RRLCD204WB	1	\$10.99		
РСВ	2	\$70		
Total		\$172.28		

#### Questions?