

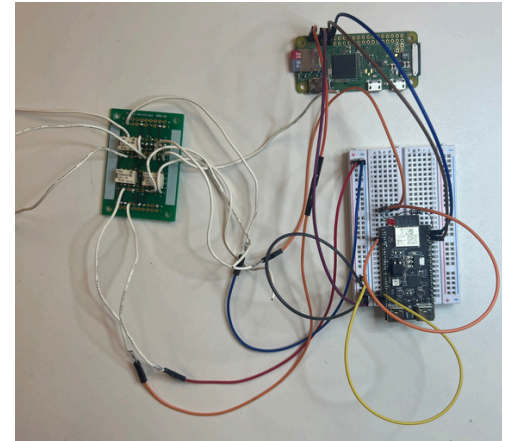
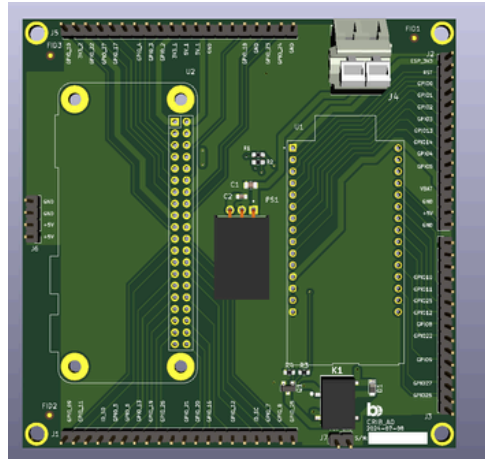
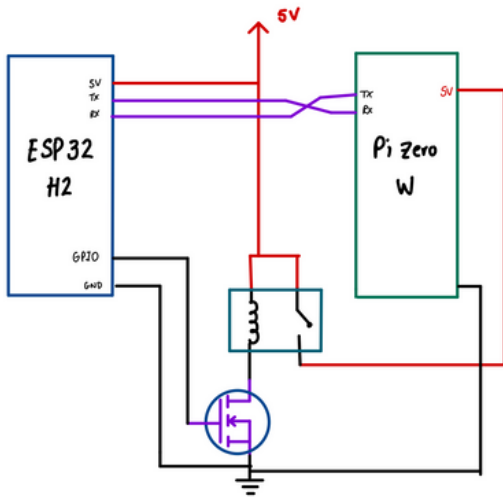
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## PORTFOLIO

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### CRIB - SLEEPING PI PROJECT



#### Project Goal

- Reduce the sleep current of the Pi Zero W from current 180 mA for battery powered applications
- Design for future expansion such as adding sensors, support for other MCUs
- Track time spent asleep during operation

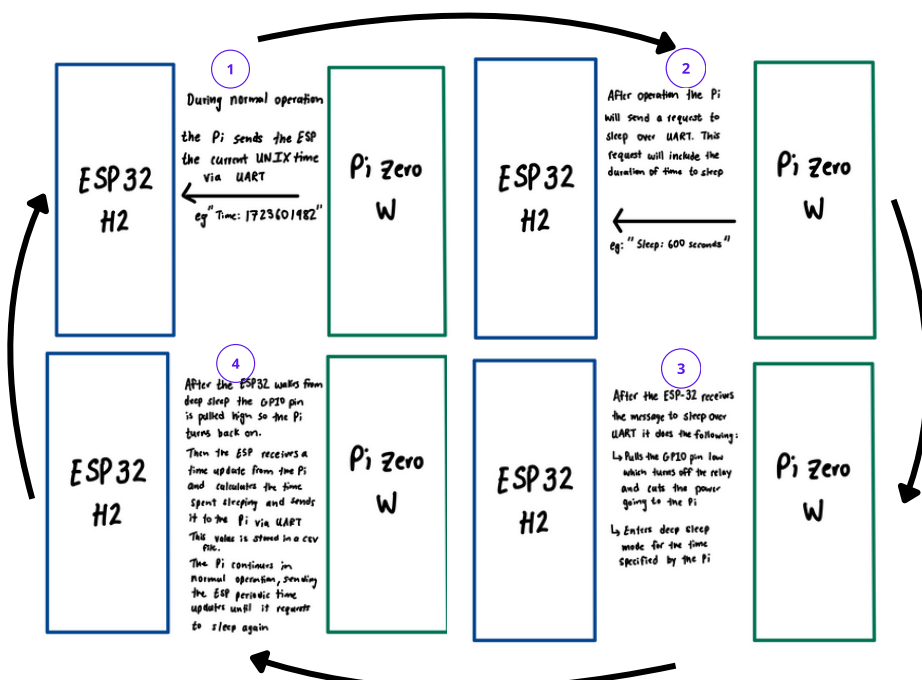
#### Key Skills

- PCB Design (KiCAD)
- ESP32
- UART (Software & Elec)
- C Programming
- FreeRTOS
- RTC
- Raspberry Pi
- Python

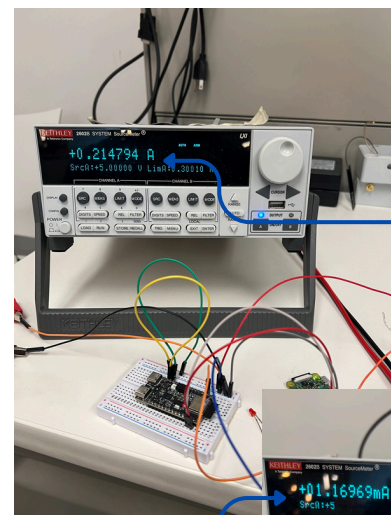
#### Project Features

- **UART** interface between ESP and Pi Zero
- Pi power controlled by Signal Relay
- Relay controlled by **MOSFET** and ESP GPIO
- On board 24V to 5V DC Converter
- Breakout Headers for expansion
- V2 PCB features support for Adafruit M0
- Sleep Current of **1 mA**

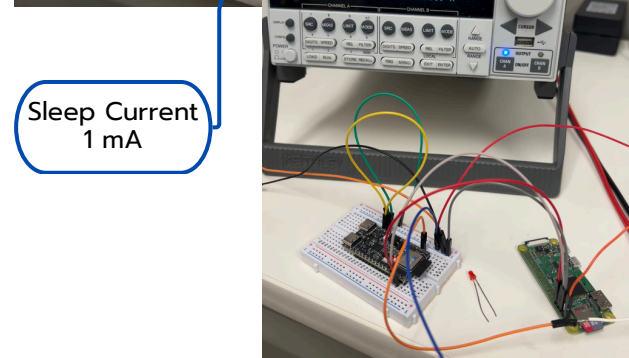
#### Sequence of Operation



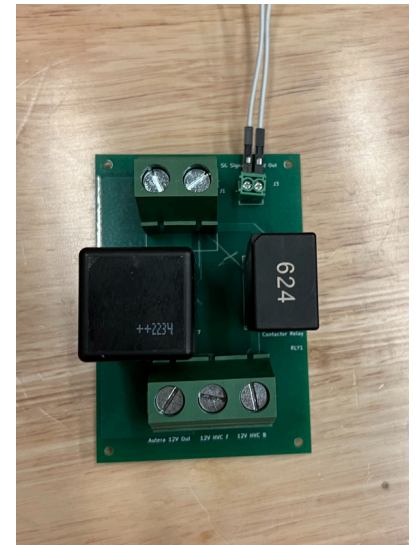
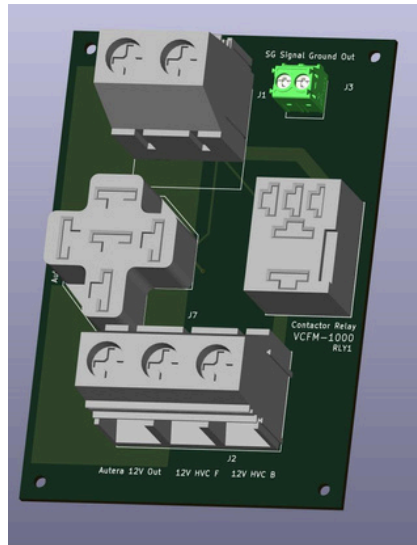
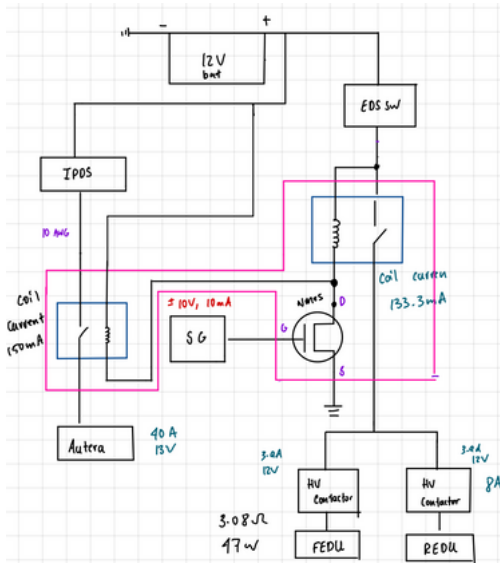
#### Idle vs Deep Sleep Current



Idle Current 200 mA



Sleep Current 1 mA



## Project Goal

- Design PCB capable of switching the power to the Autera and HV Contactors based on 3.3V signal from Speedgoat
- Be able to handle the max current draw of 40A and 8A respectively

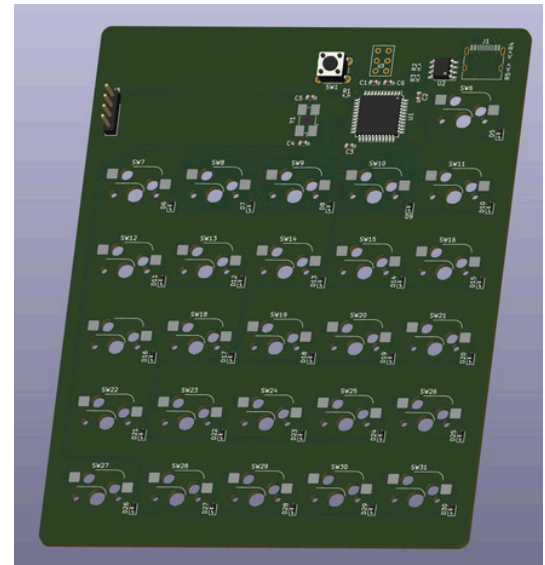
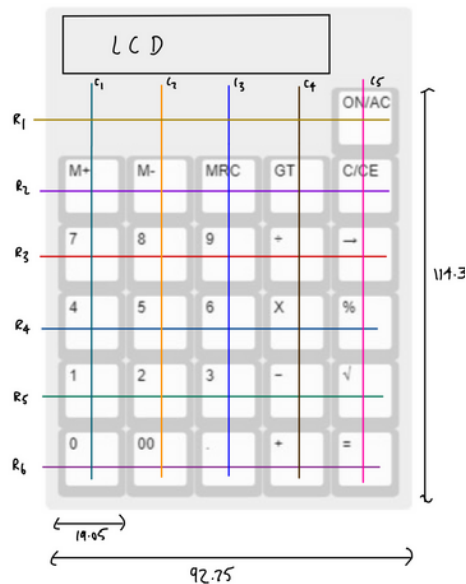
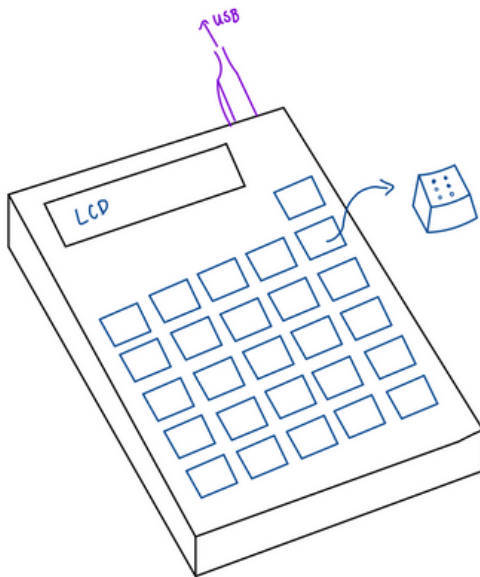
## Key Skills

- High Current PCB Design (KiCAD)
- High Capacity Power Relay
- MOSFET Relay Control

## Project Features

- Automotive grade Relays to control Power going to Autera and Contactors
- Large terminal blocks for 10 AWG wire
- nMOS to control relays from Speedgoat input

# BRAILLE KEYBOARD



## Project Goal

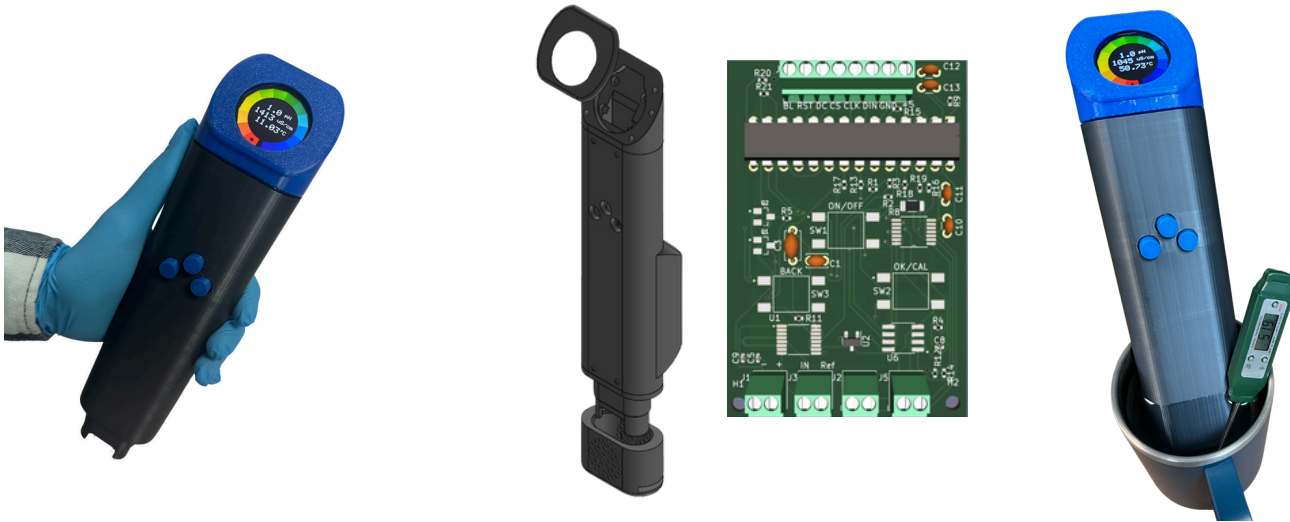
- Design a calculator interface that allows users with visual impairment to perform basic calculations and have audible feedback
- Utilize components such as mechanical switches and LCD that are already on hand

## Key Skills

- PCB Design (KiCAD)
- ATmega MCU
- I2C
- USB
- Python

## Project Features

- ATmega32U4 for detecting input from keys and performing arithmetic
- Diode array for preventing key ghosting
- ISP header as alternate flashing method
- USB connection for power and serial communication with computer
- I2C LCD for debugging purposes



## Project Goal

- Design a handheld device capable of measuring the parameters of a water sample such as PH, Temperature, Conductivity and ORP
- Modular design such that it can be interchanged for different applications and parameters

## Key Skills

- Low-Voltage PCB Design (KiCAD)
- High Resolution Sensor Measurement (ADC)
- Signal Amplification (Op-Amp)
- Digital Circuits (Latch Circuit)
- SPI (LCD)
- Fusion360
- C++
- ATMega328

## Project Features

- 2 Layer PCB to interface sensors with MCU and LCD
- 12 Bit 4 channel **ADC** for increased resolution
- Power latch circuit for auto-shutoff
- Op-amp circuit for PH Sensor amplification
- Custom GUI to display measurements
- 3D printed enclosure for prototype

Version 1



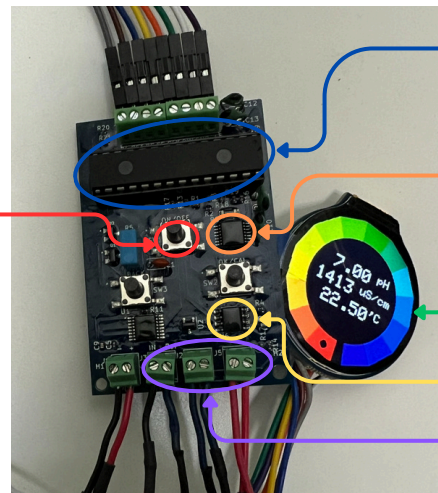
Increased Resolution with ADC



Shrunk PCB size with improved routing and SMT components

Power Button (Latch)

Version 2



Microcontroller

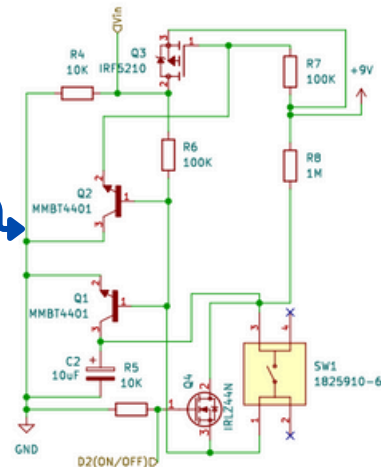
Analog-to-Digital Converter

LCD Display

Op-Amp

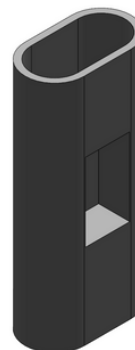
Sensors

Power Latch Circuit

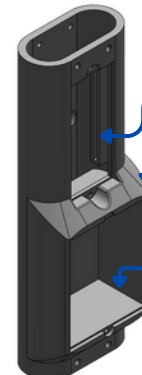


Designed Power Latching Circuit with power button that allowed for timed auto-shutoff of device, as a result saved battery usage

Version 1



Version 2



Separate access to PCB for maintenance

Ergonomic and better fit in hand

Changed opening from 9V battery to 6xAA for increased current capacity