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Build-Your-Own Hardware Implants

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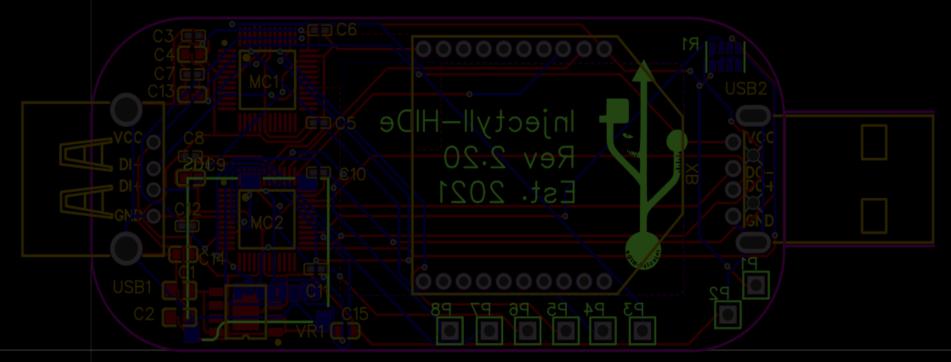
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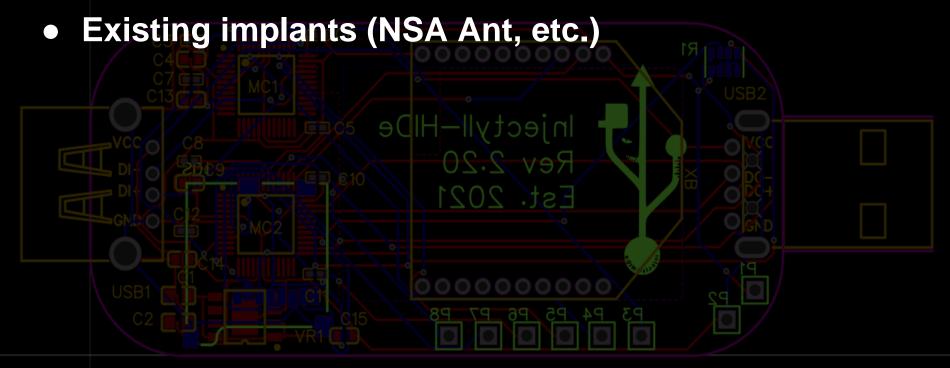
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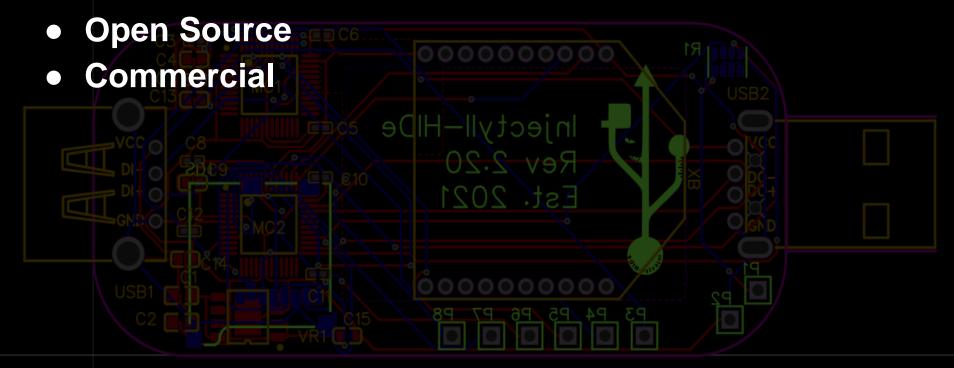
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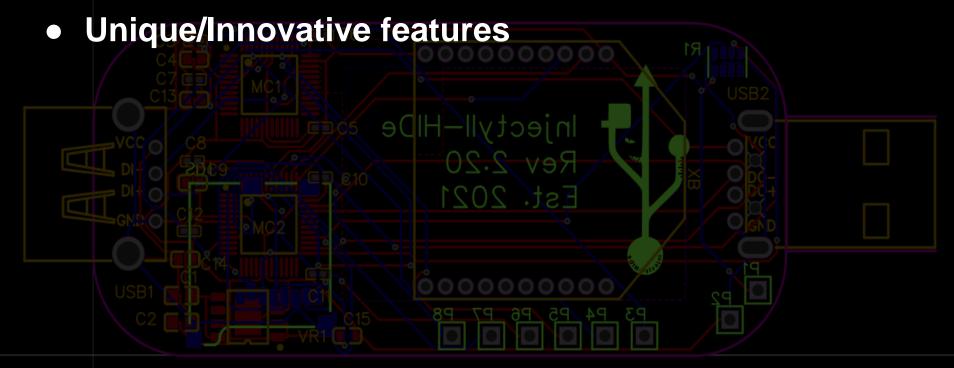
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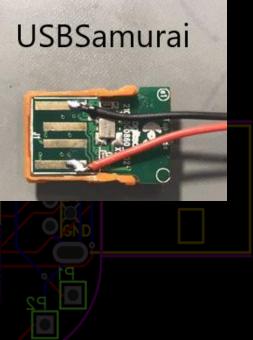


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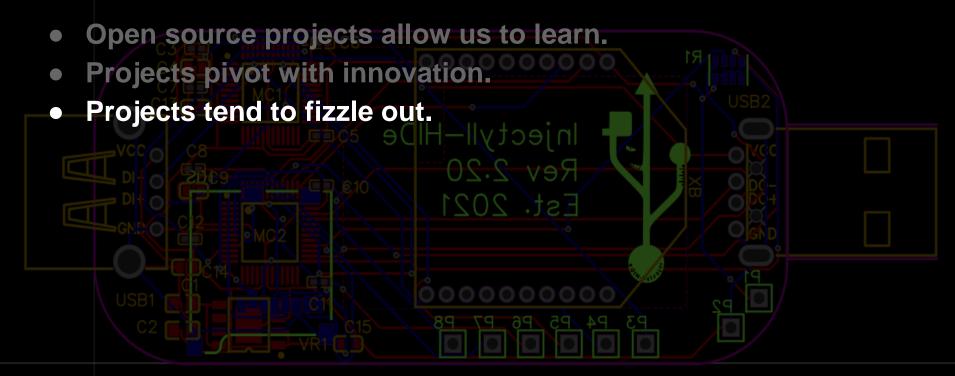
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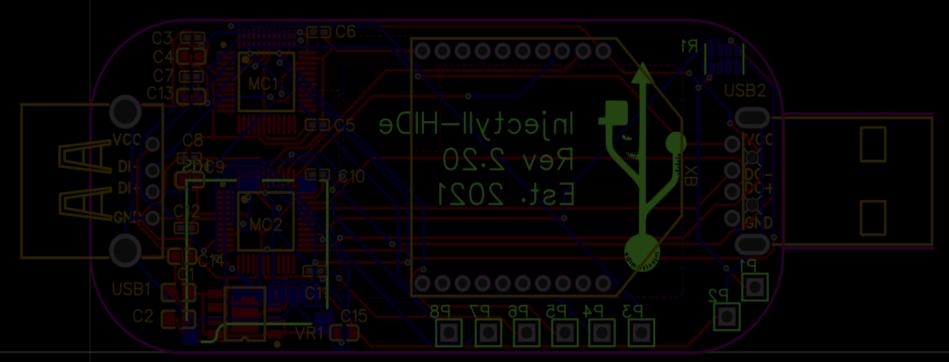


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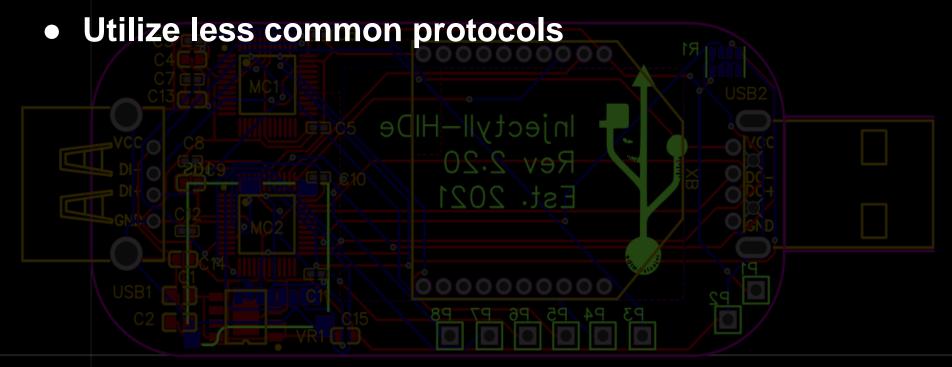
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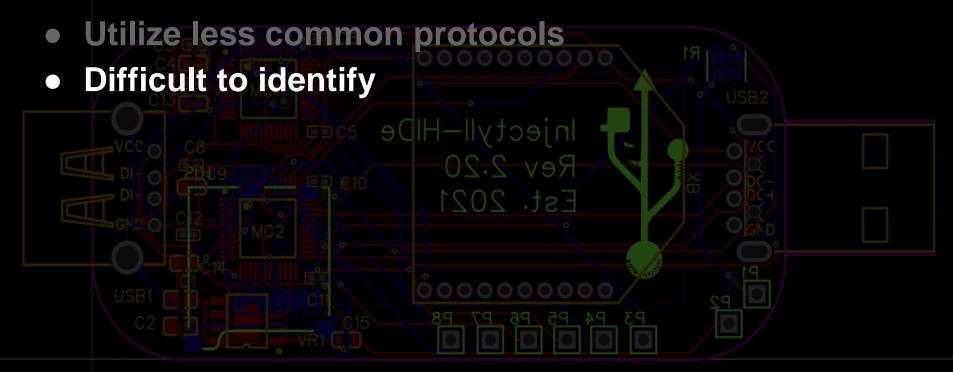


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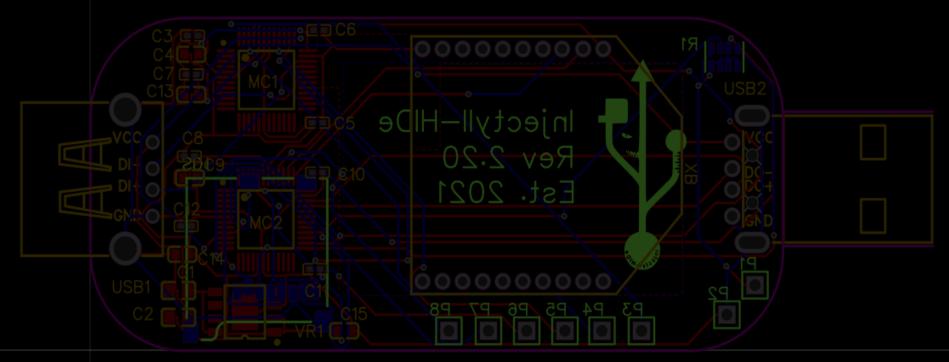


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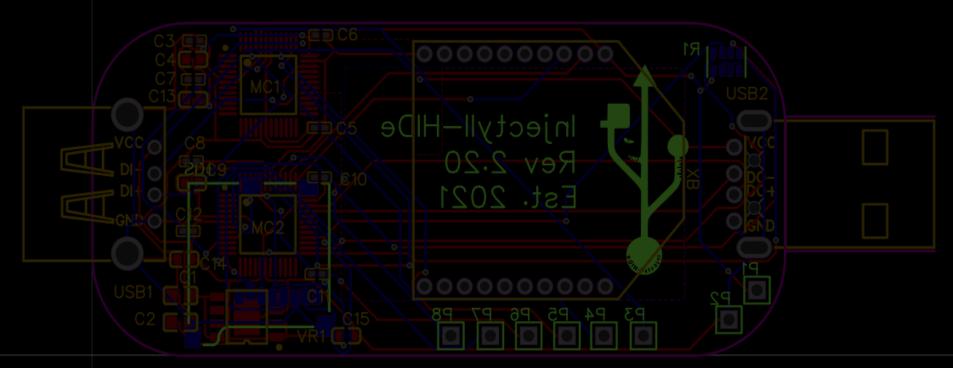
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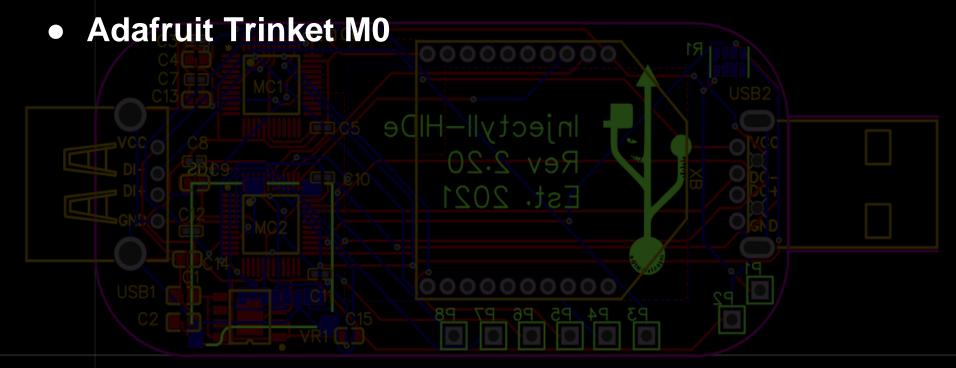
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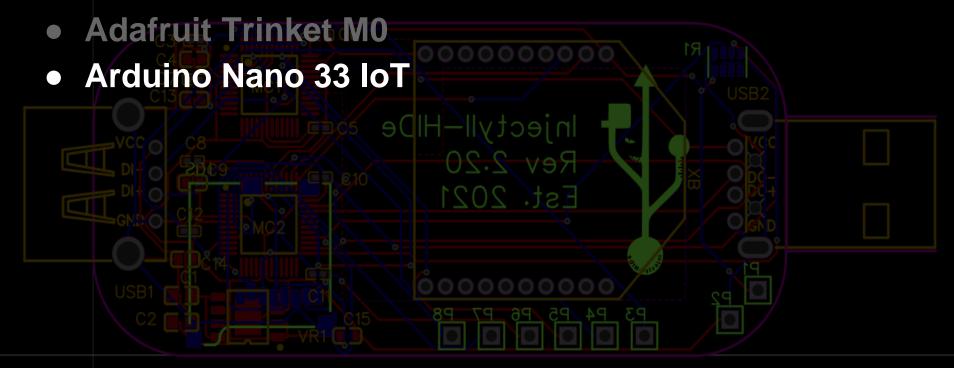
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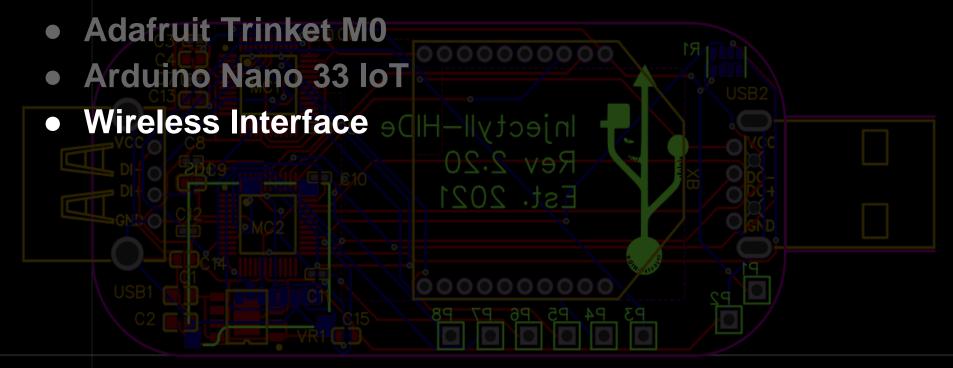


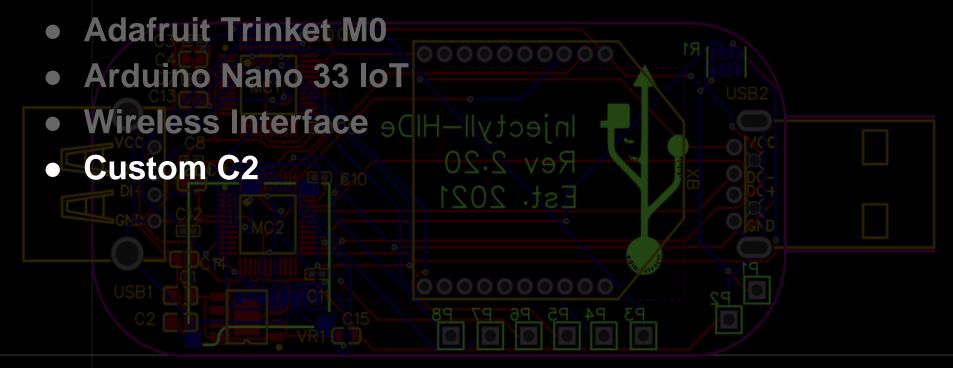
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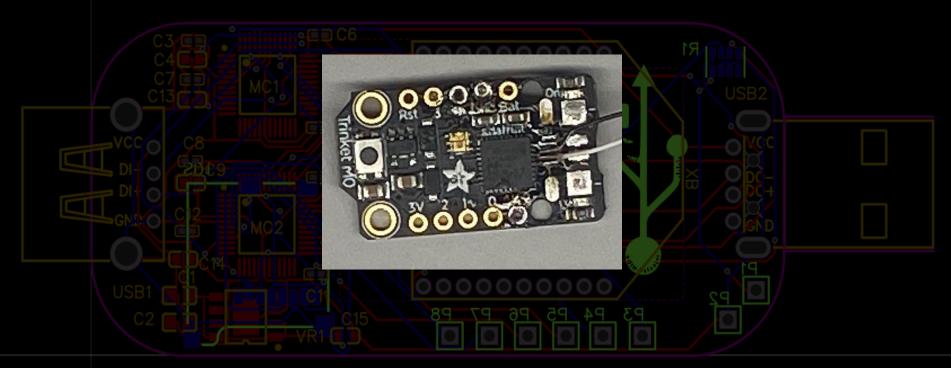


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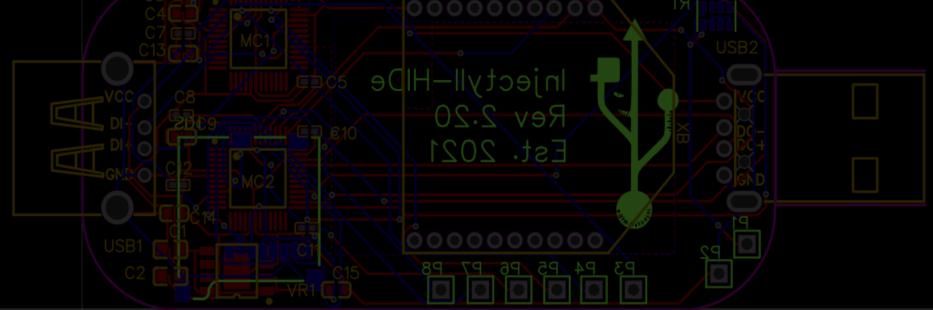


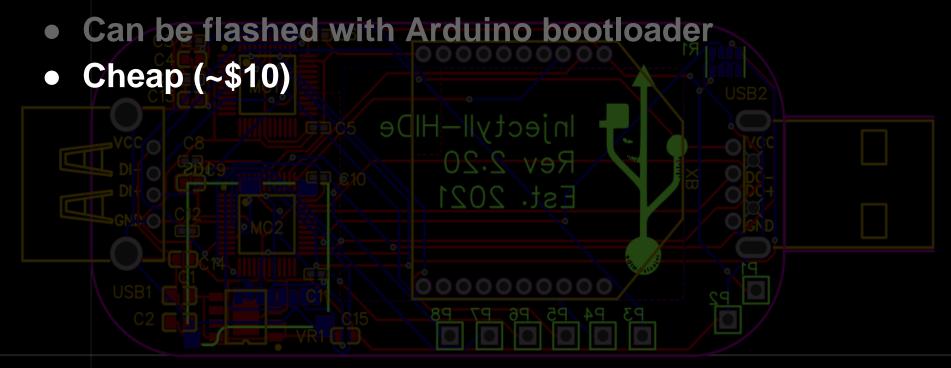




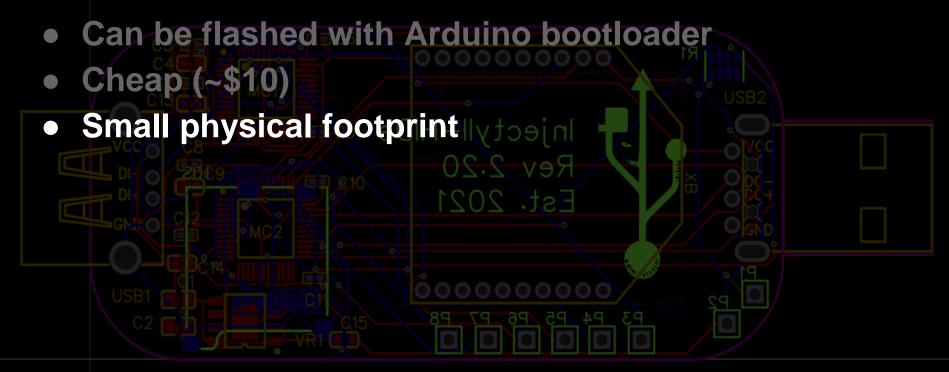
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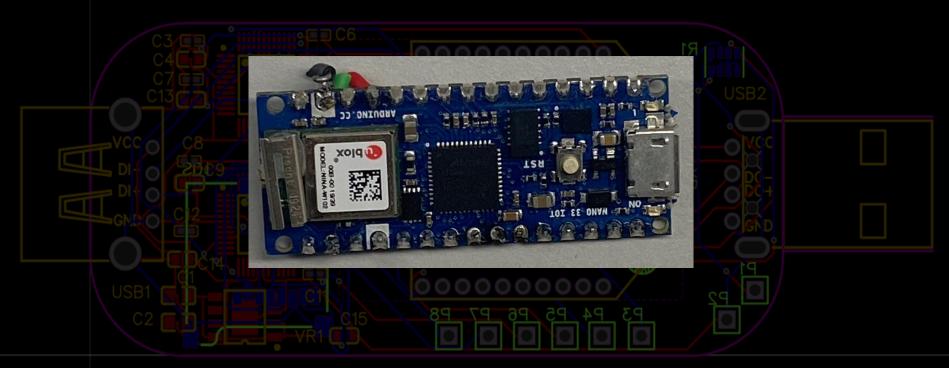
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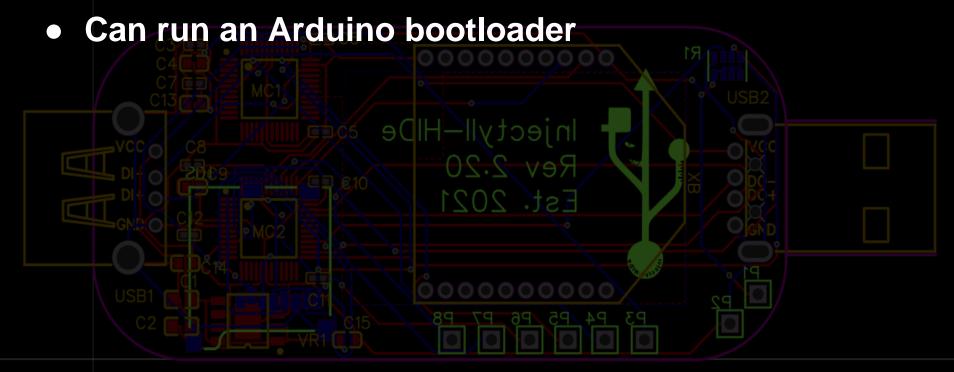


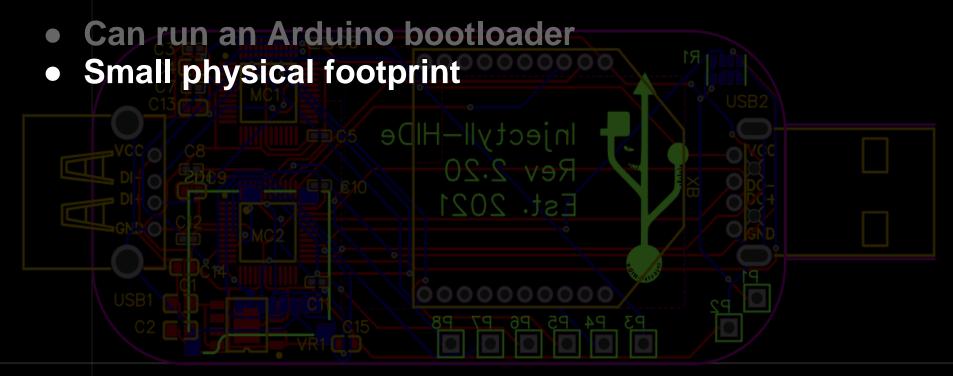
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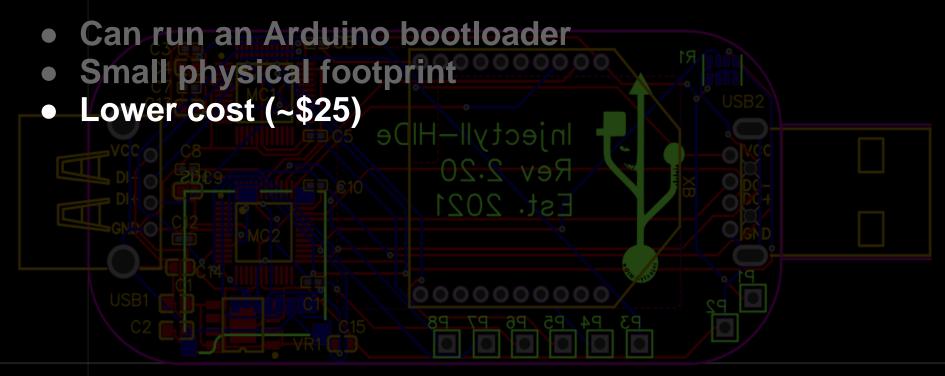
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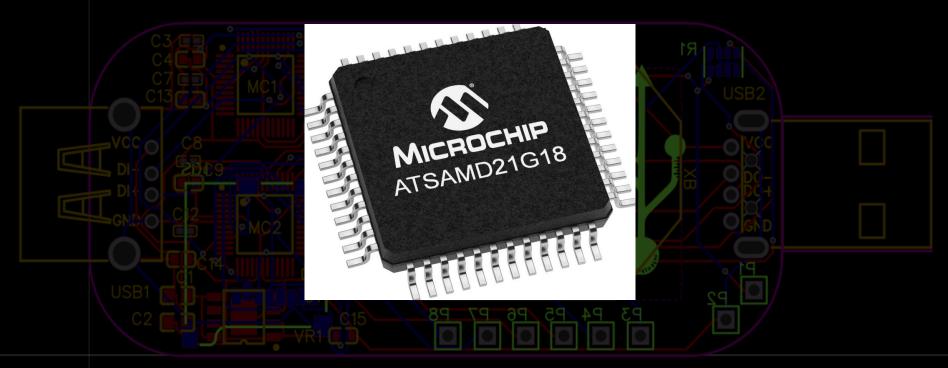


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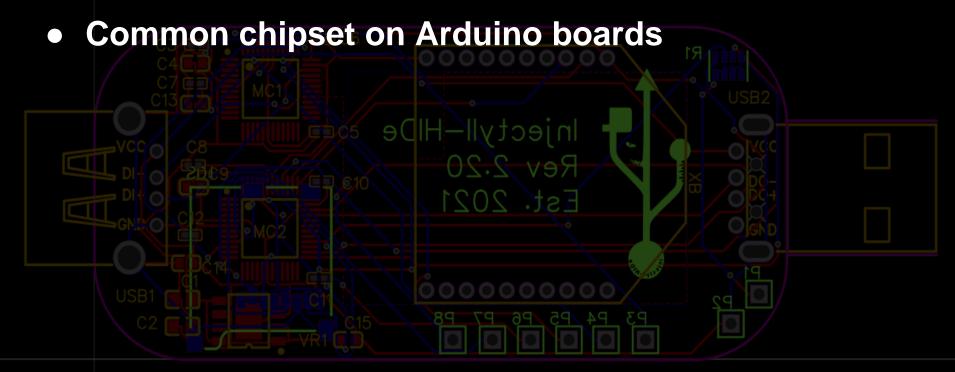
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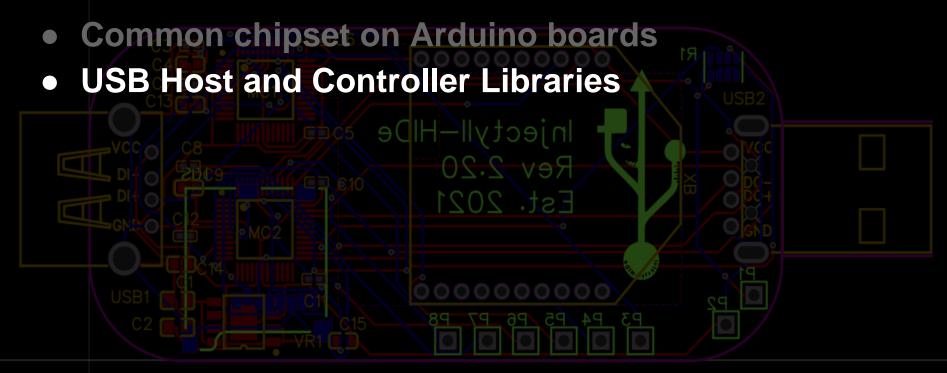
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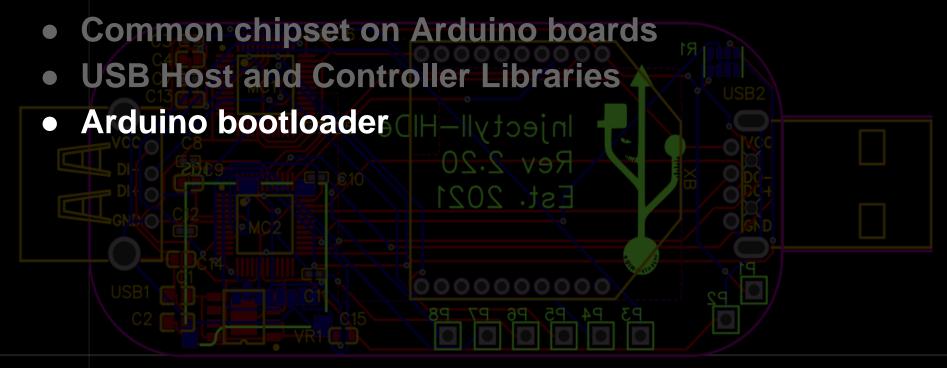


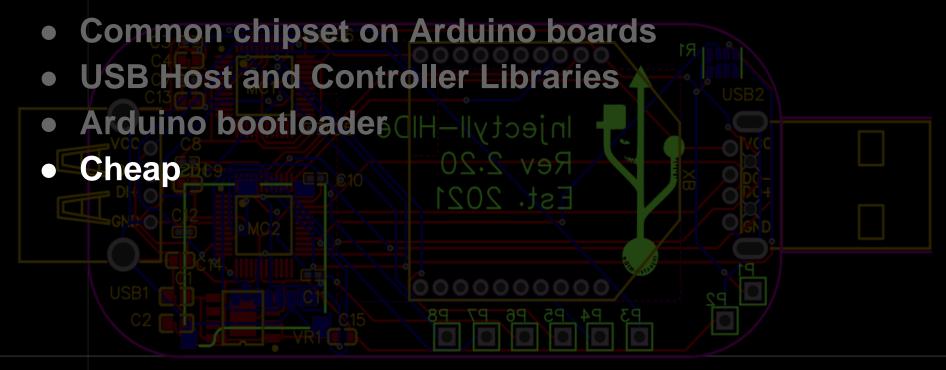
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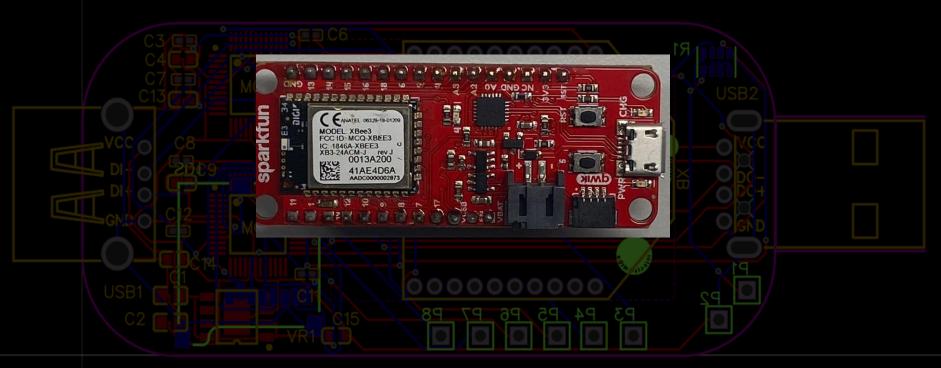


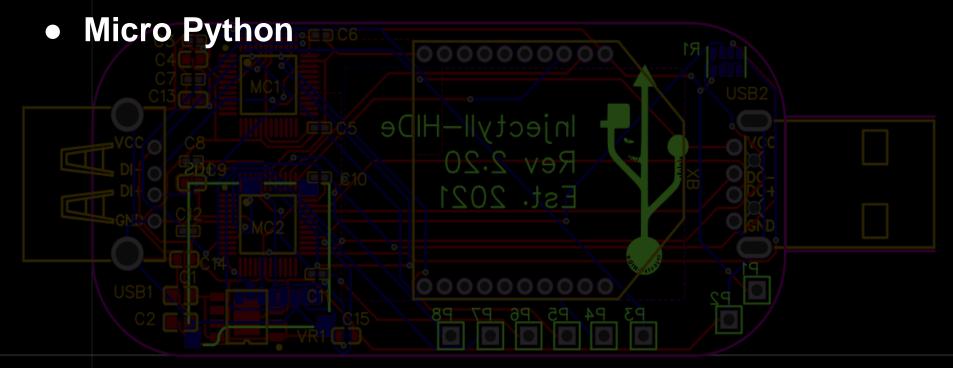


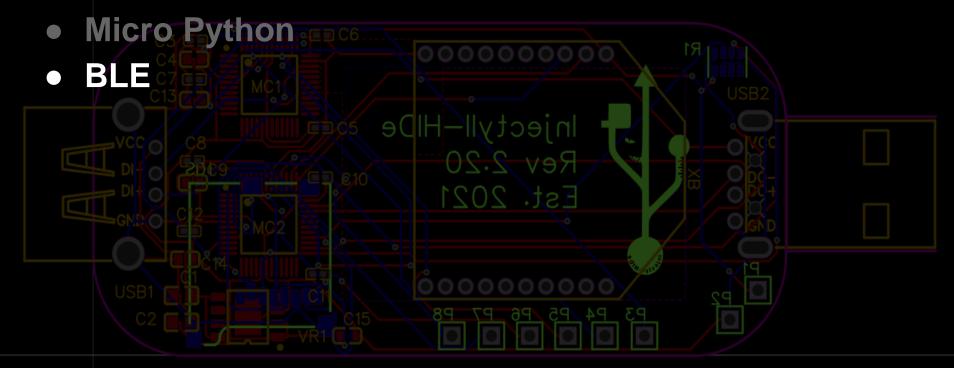
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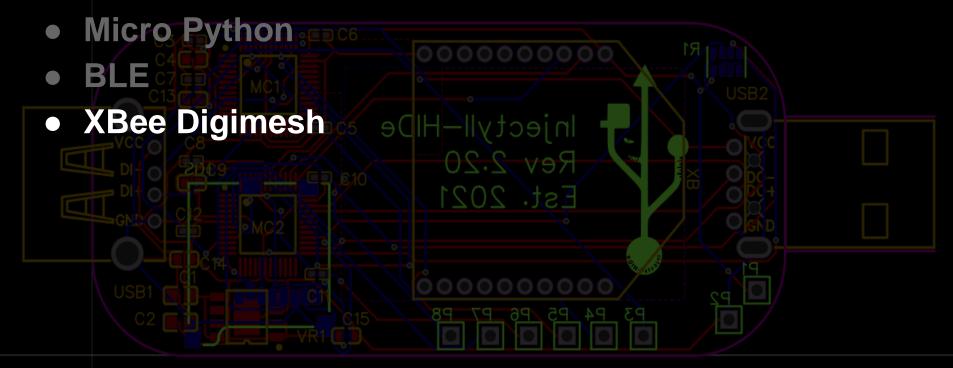
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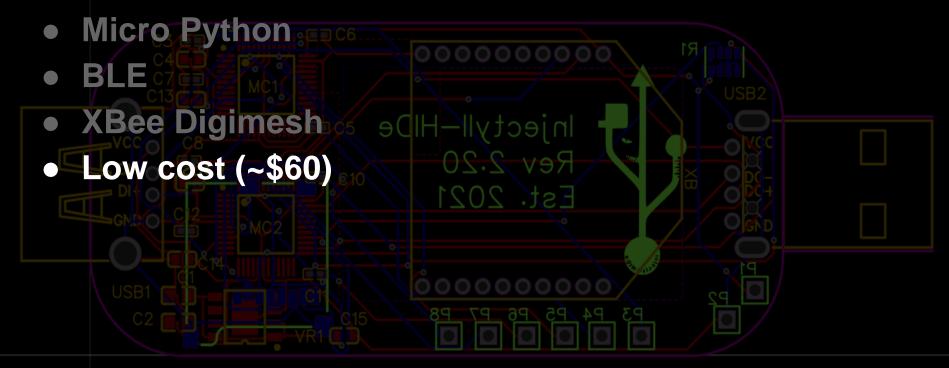
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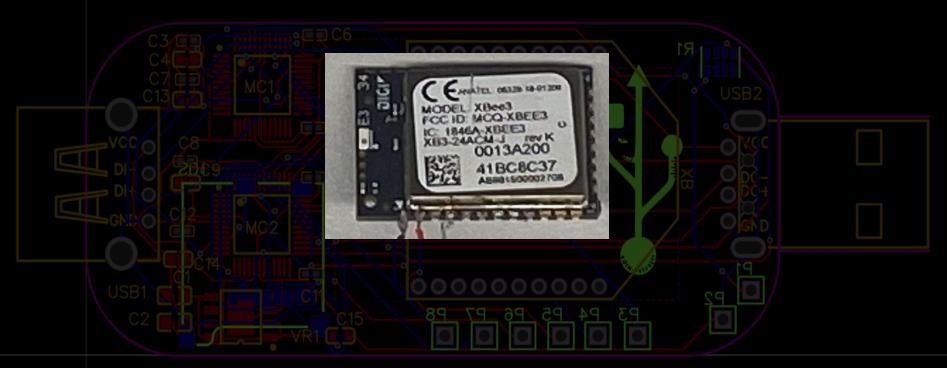


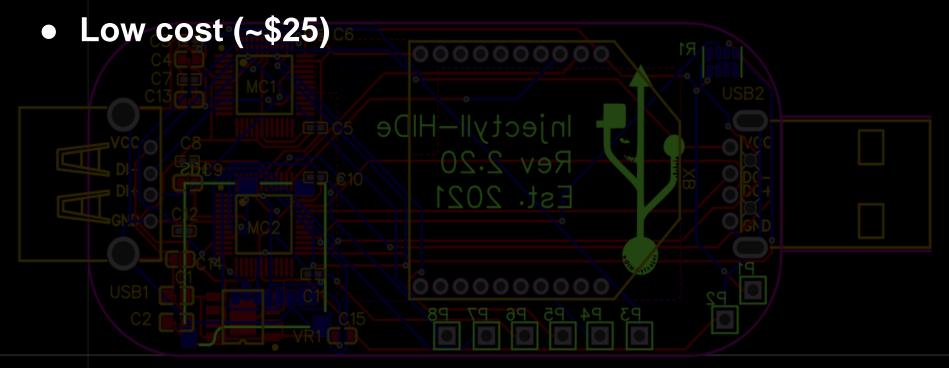




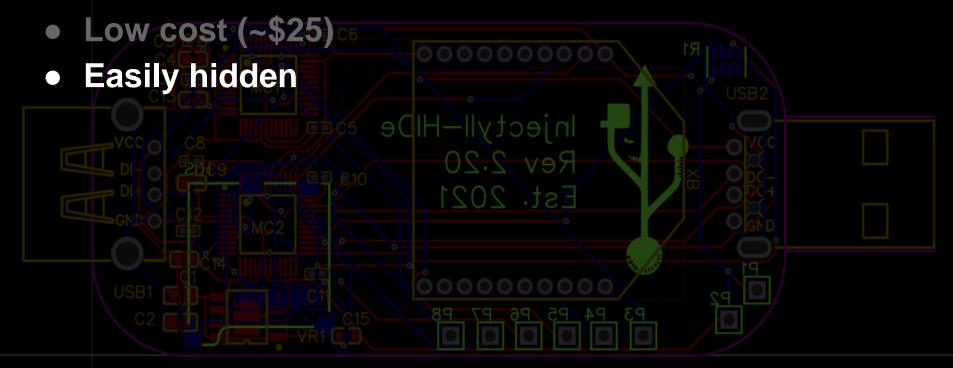








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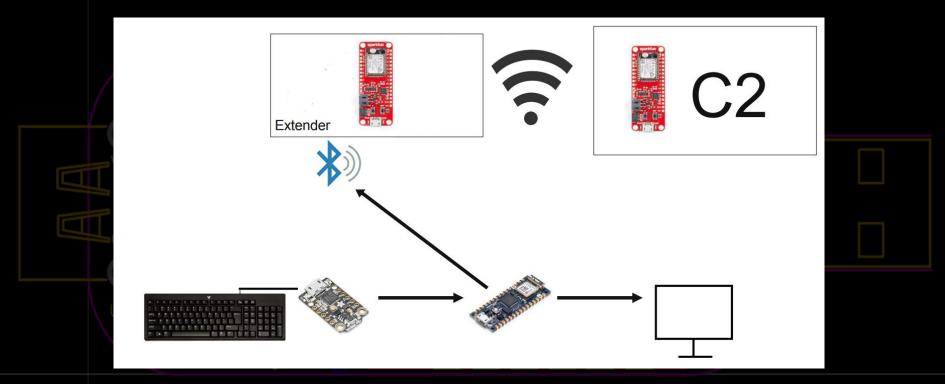


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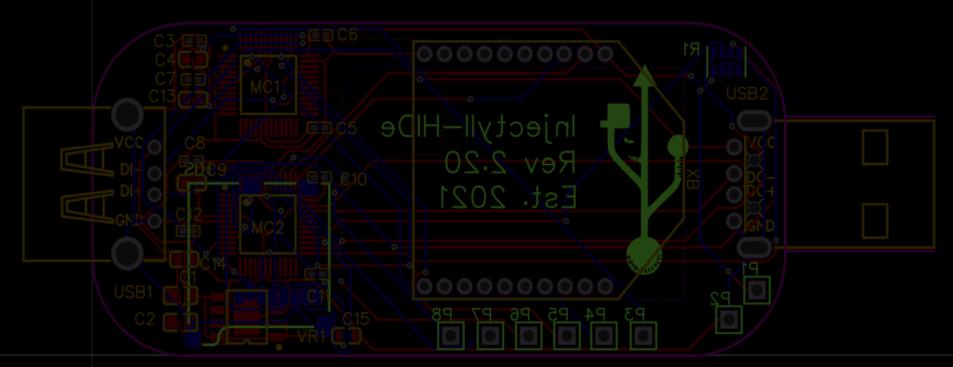
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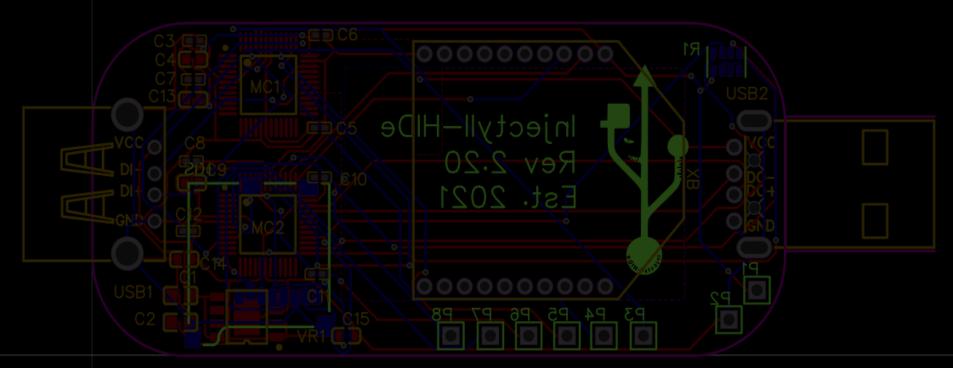
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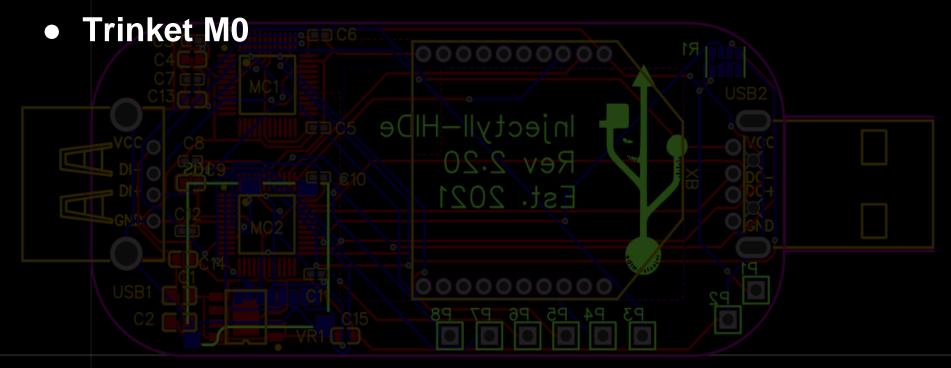
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Eliminate the use of BLE for a keystroke relay channel by adding another Nano board to handle the BLE

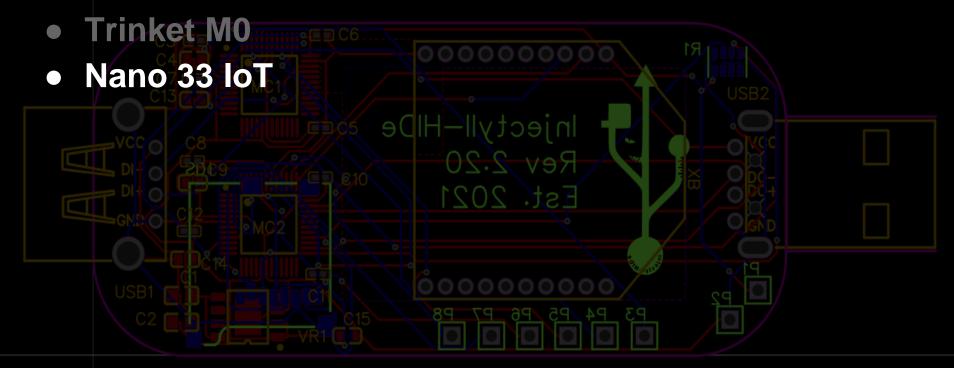




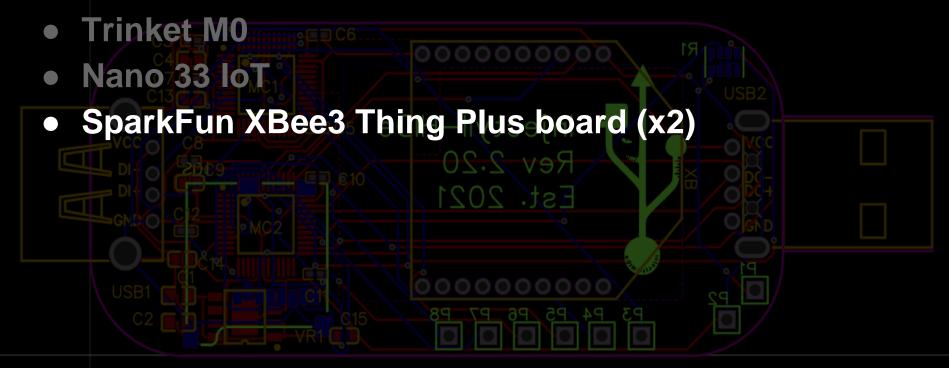
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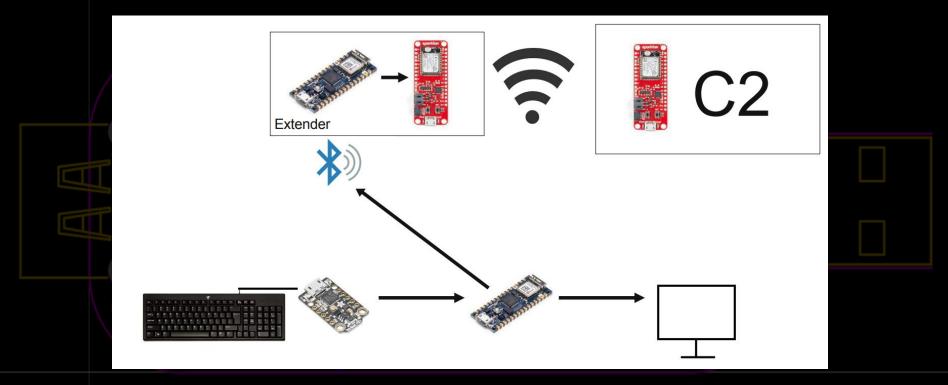
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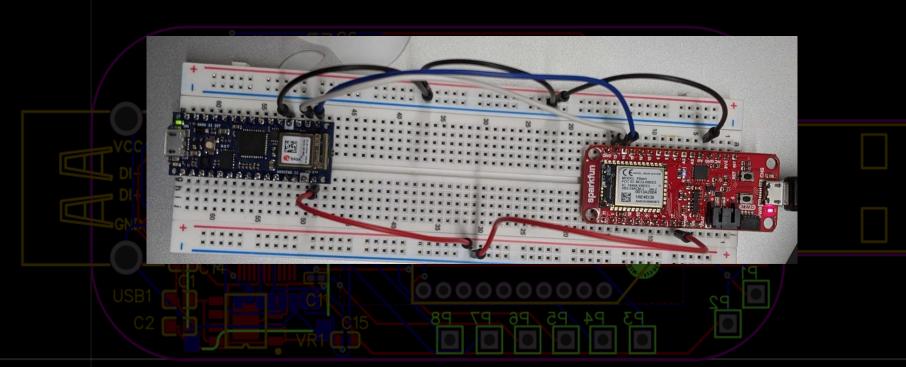
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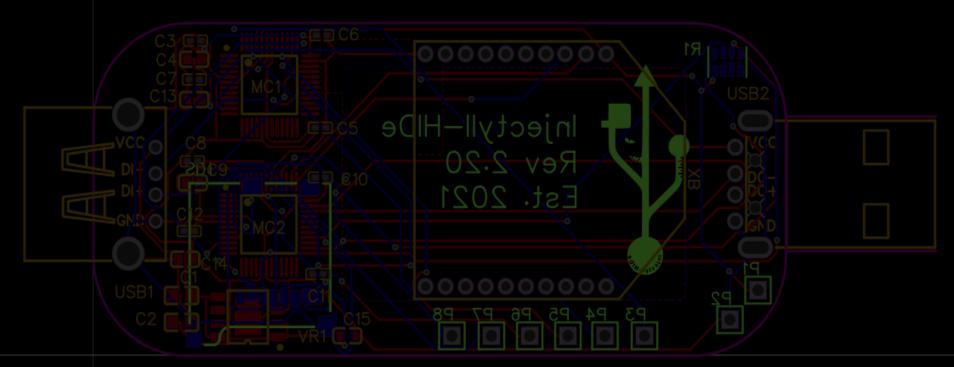
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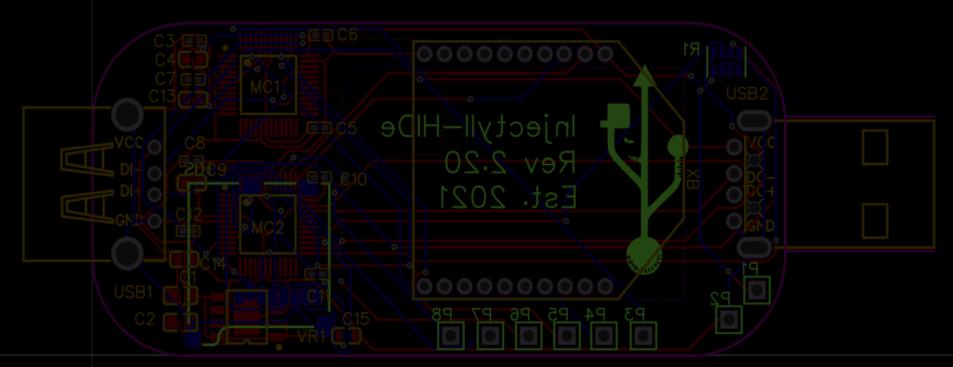
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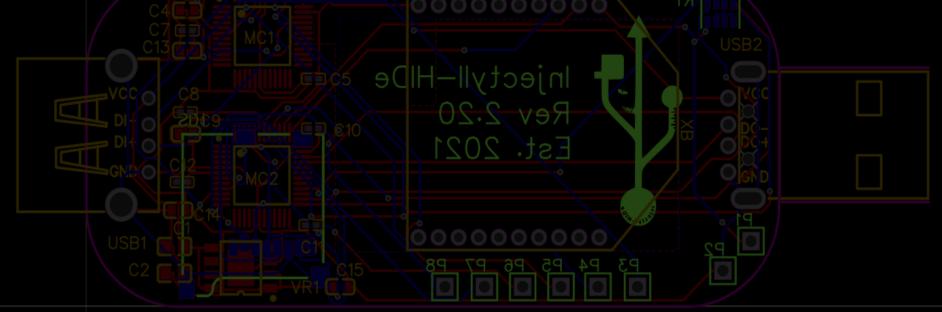
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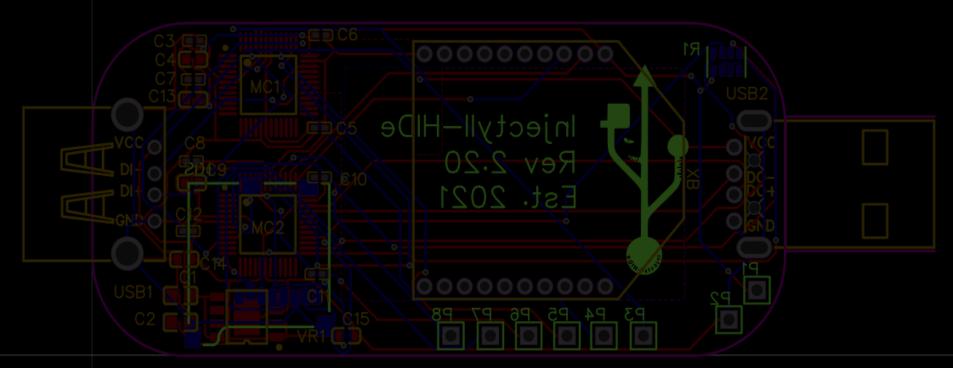
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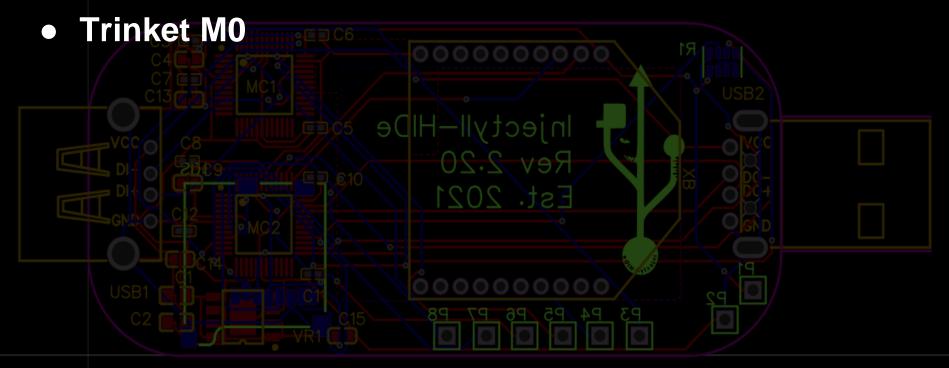
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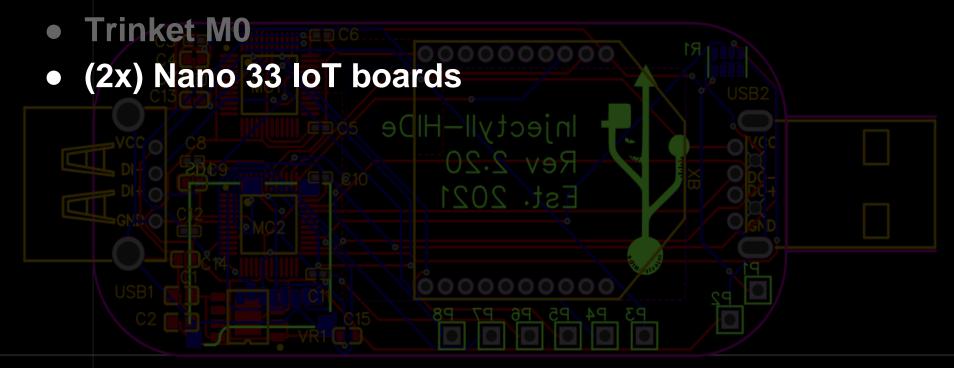
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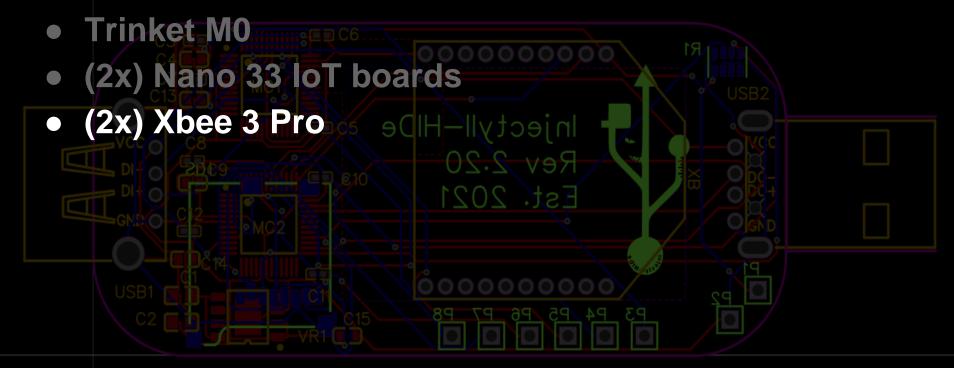


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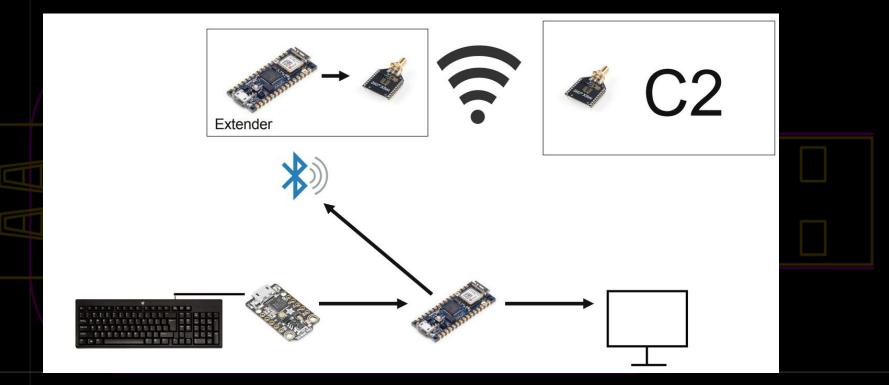
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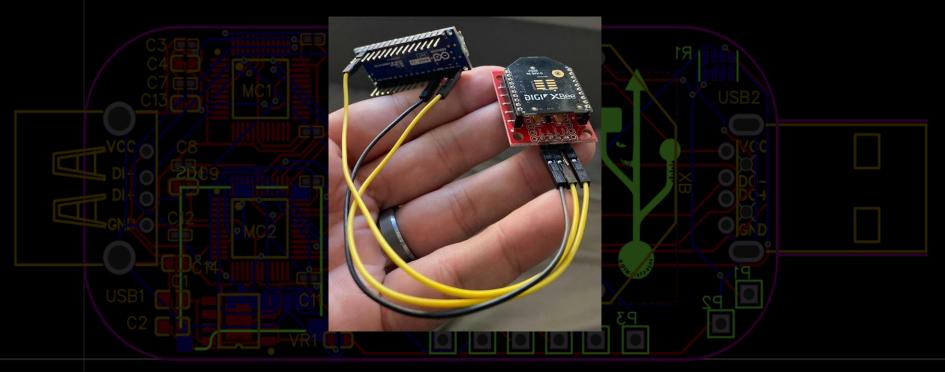


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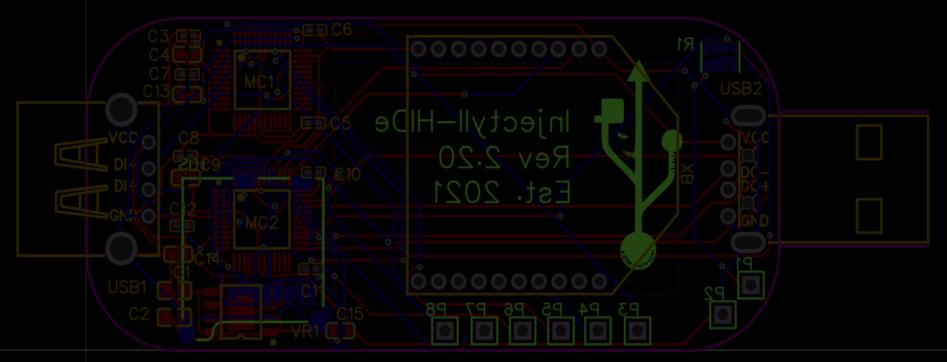


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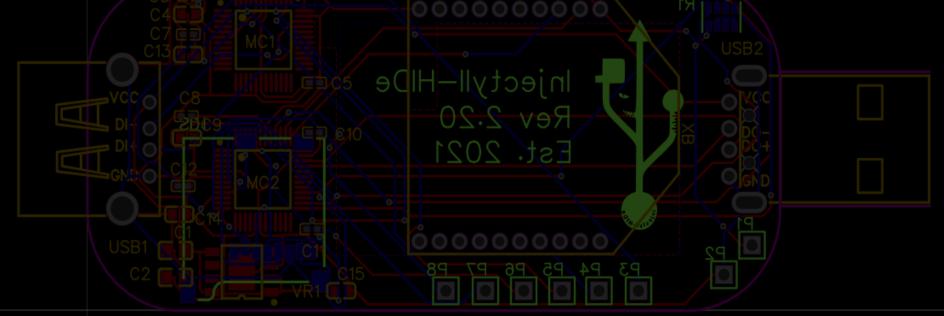
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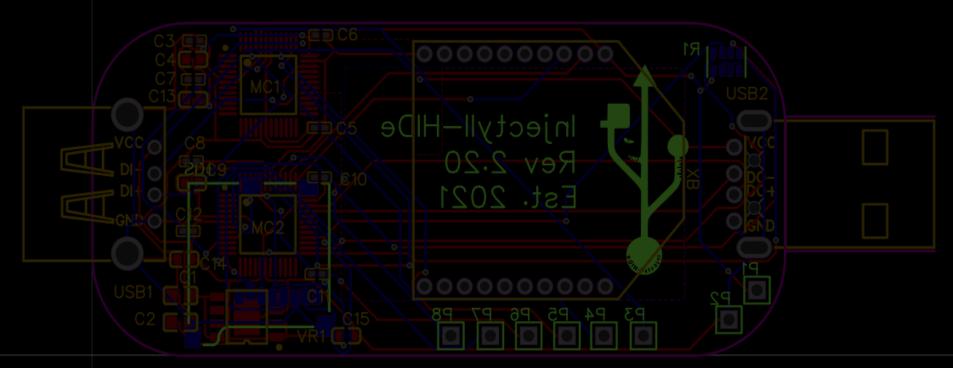
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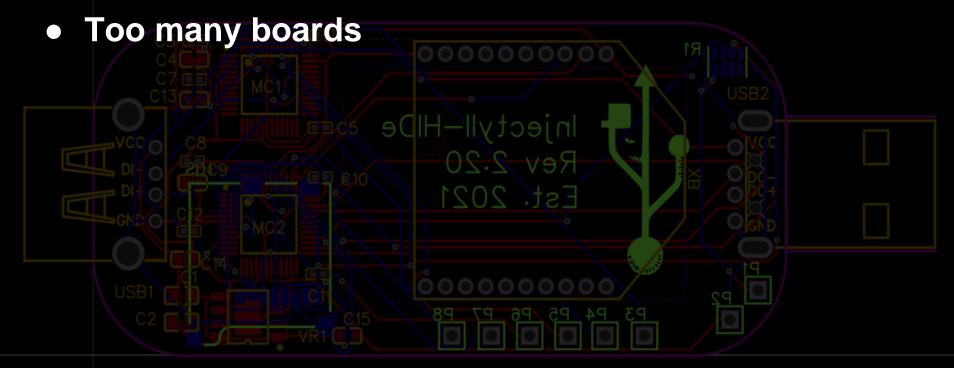
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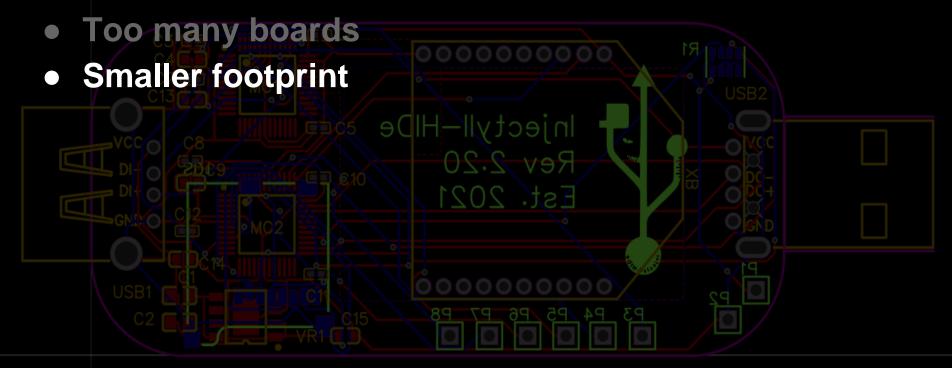


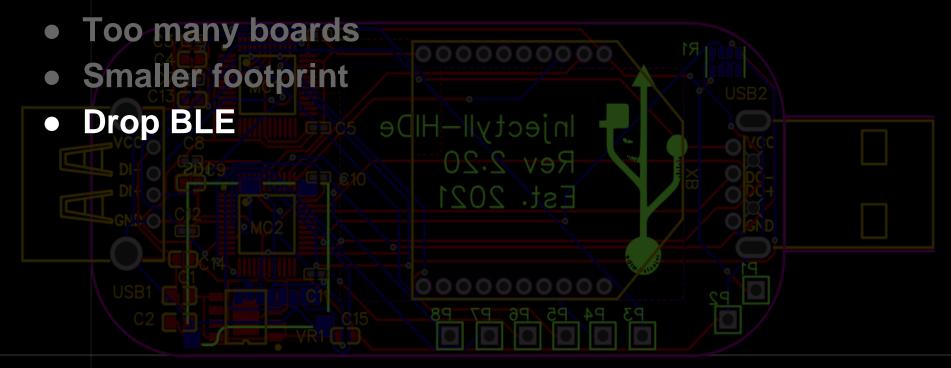


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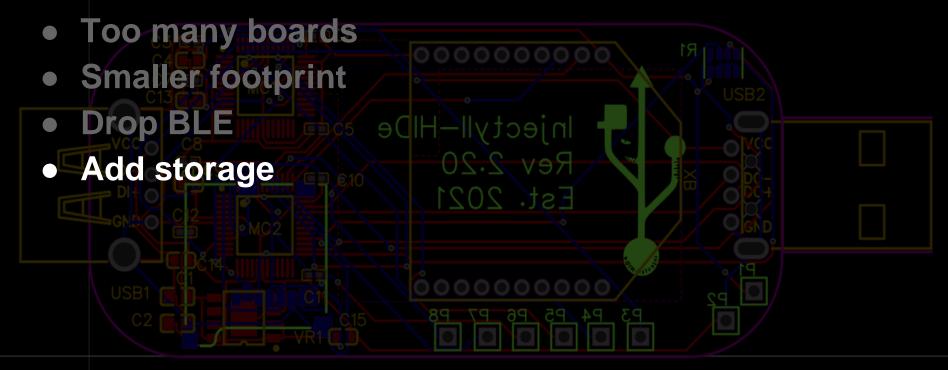


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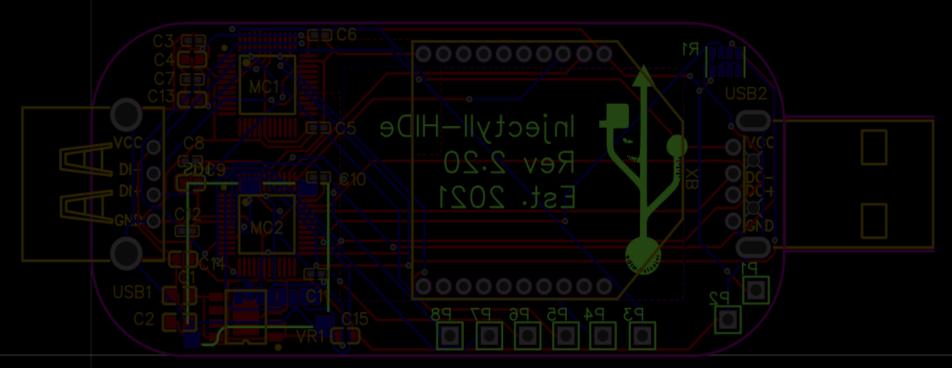




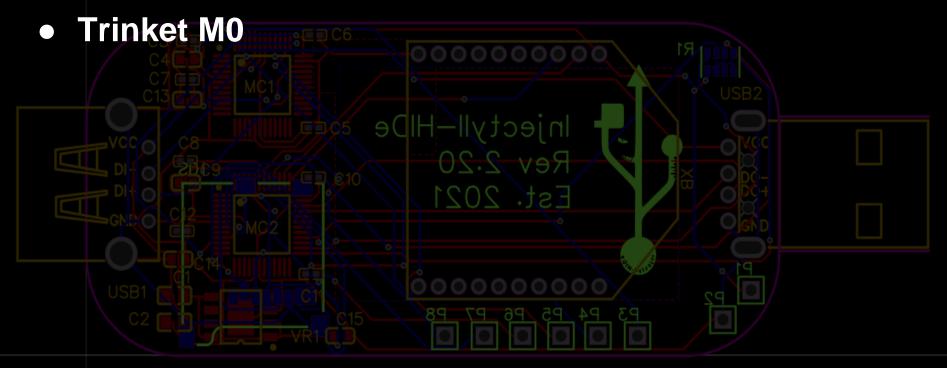
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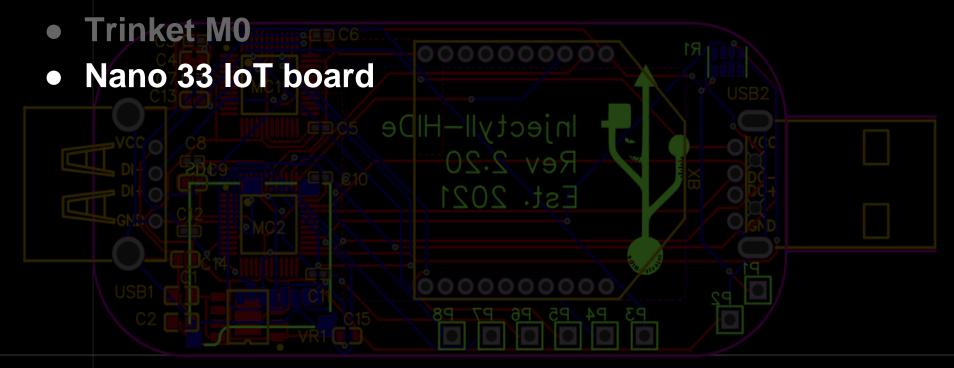
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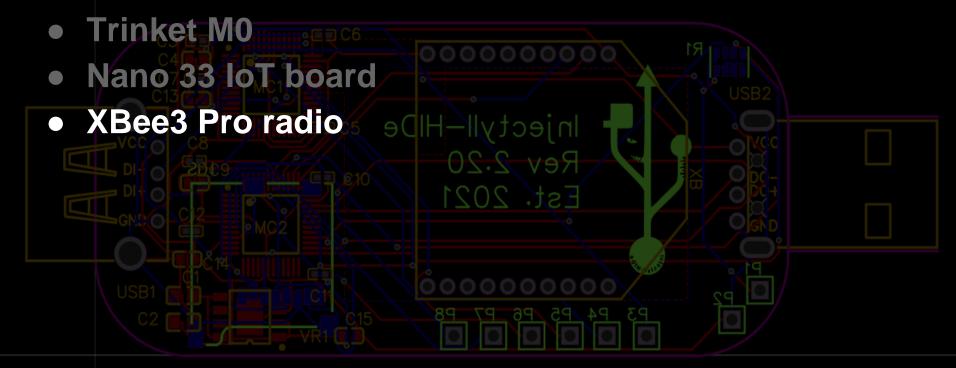


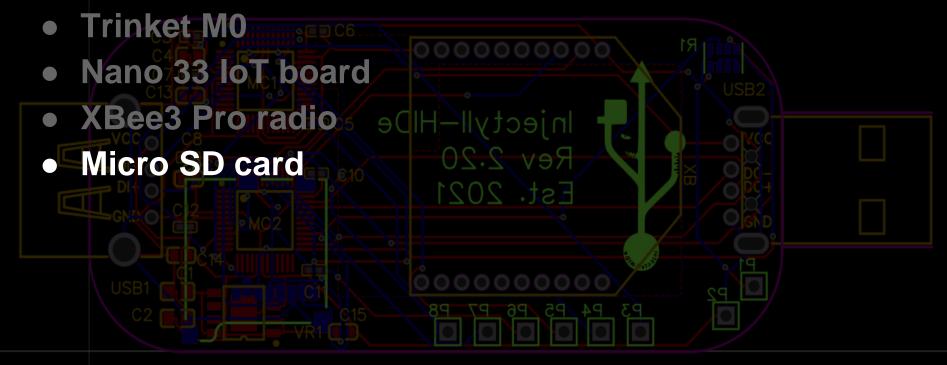
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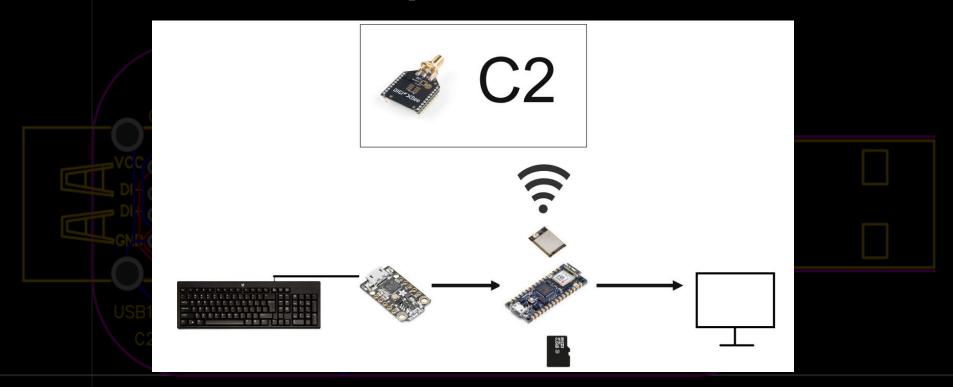




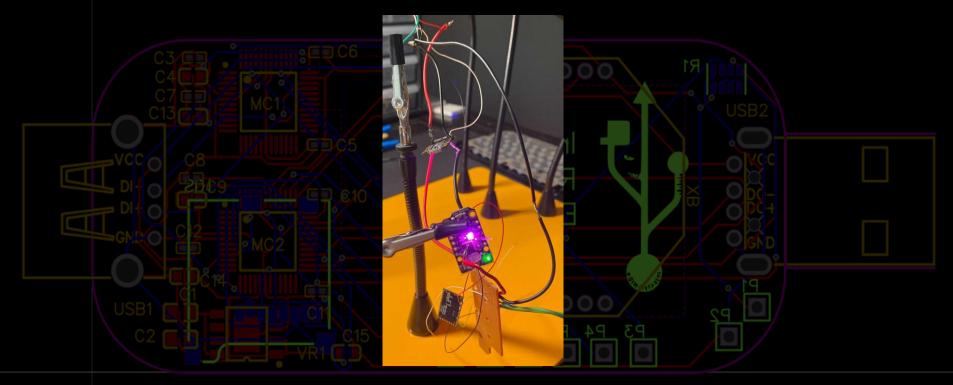
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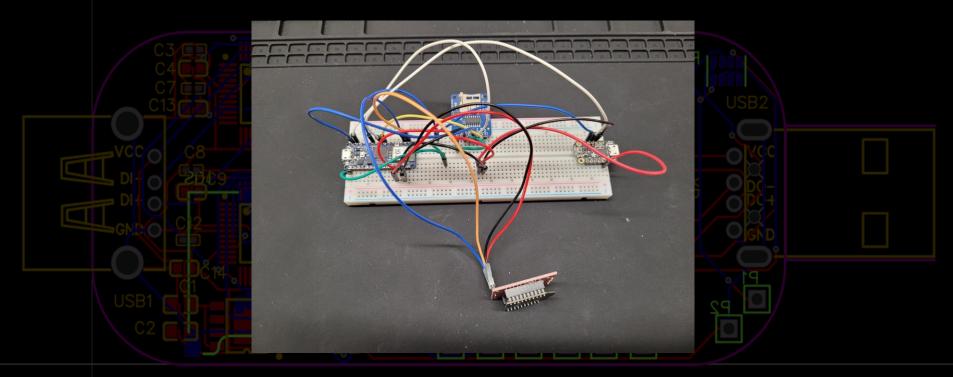
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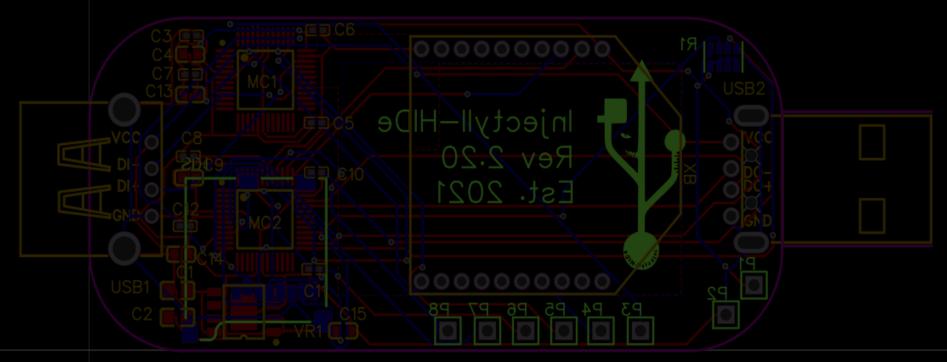


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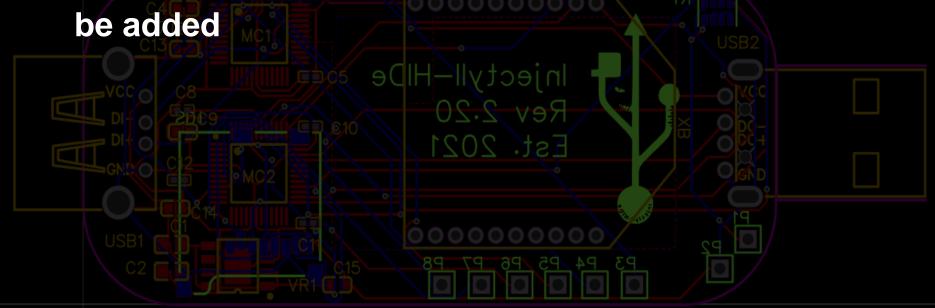
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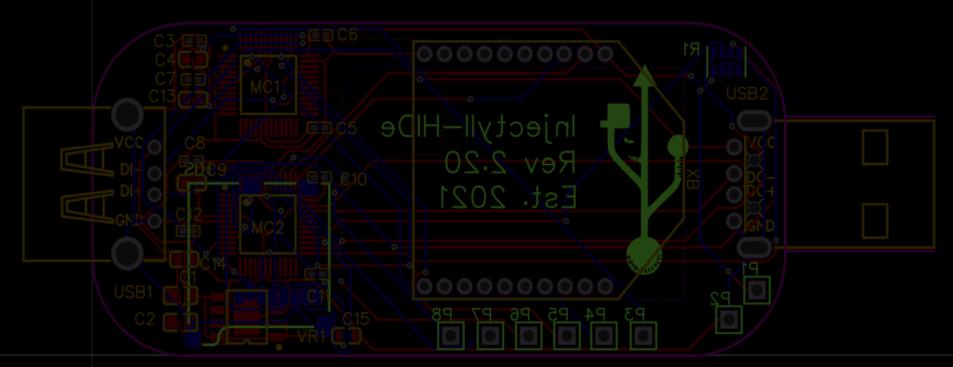
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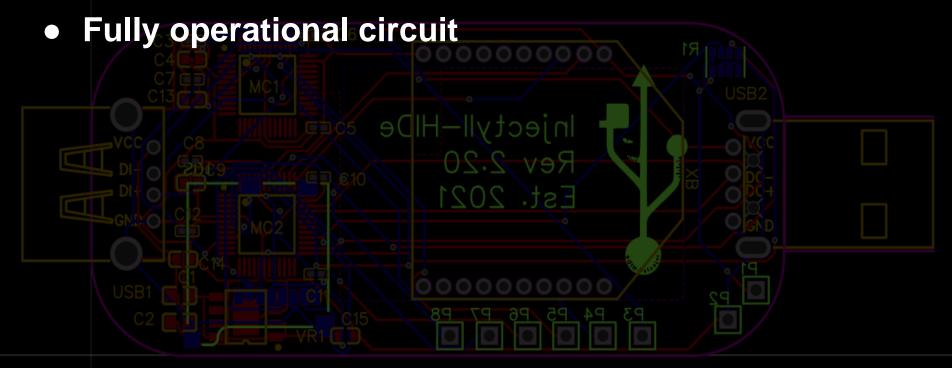


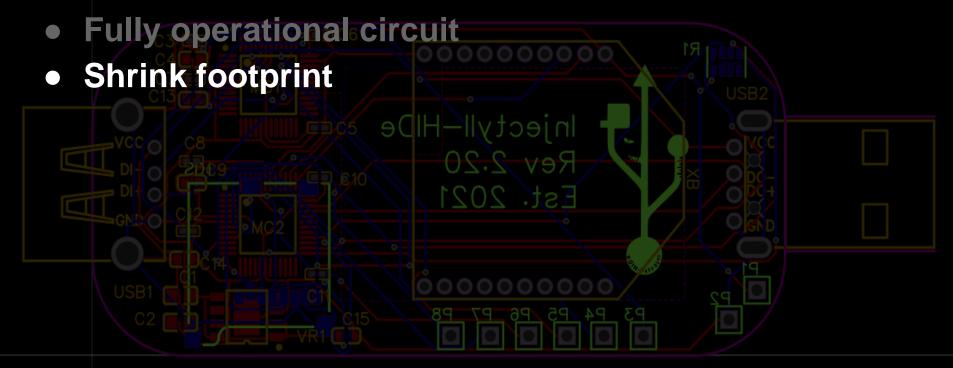
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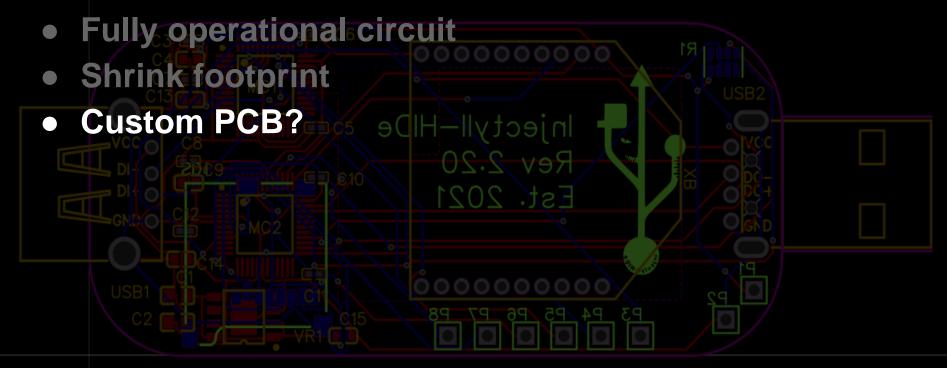


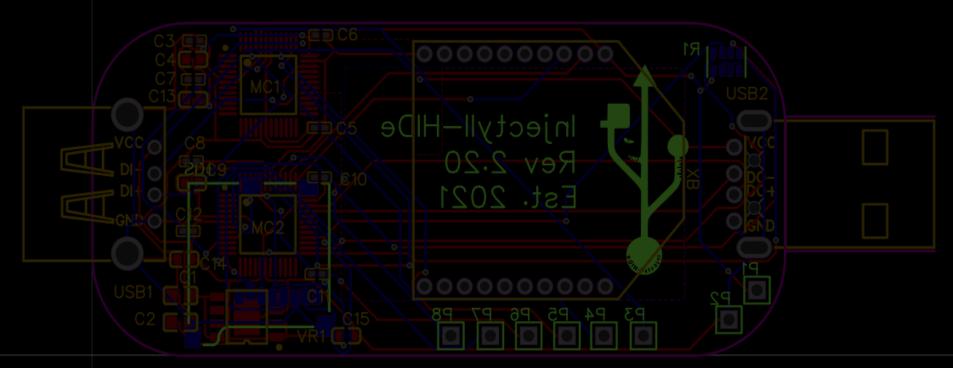
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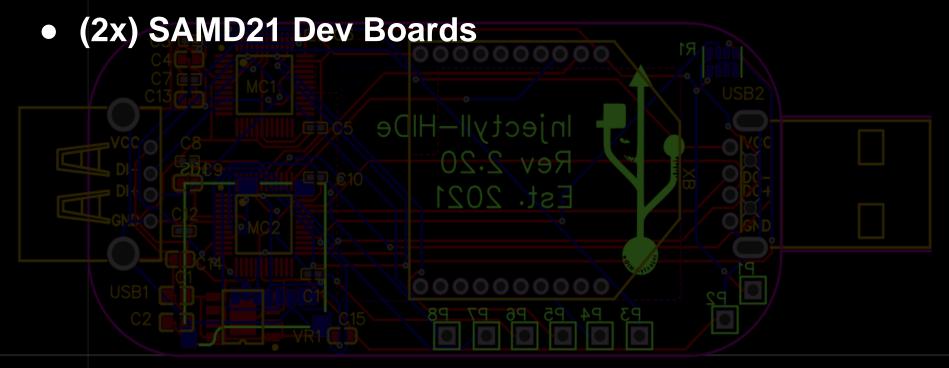


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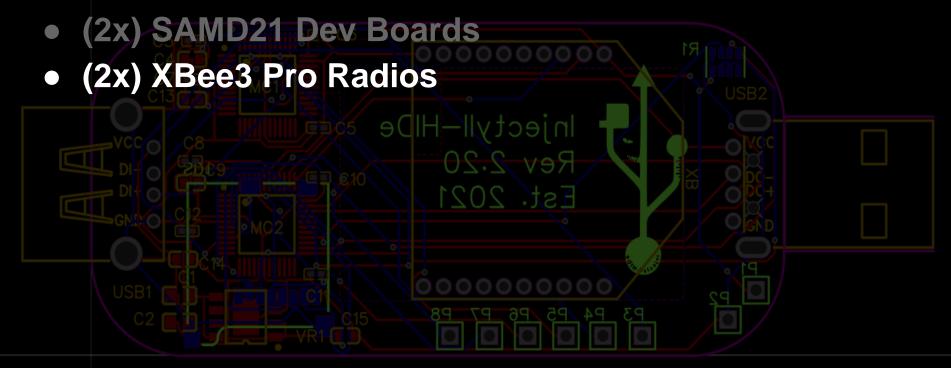


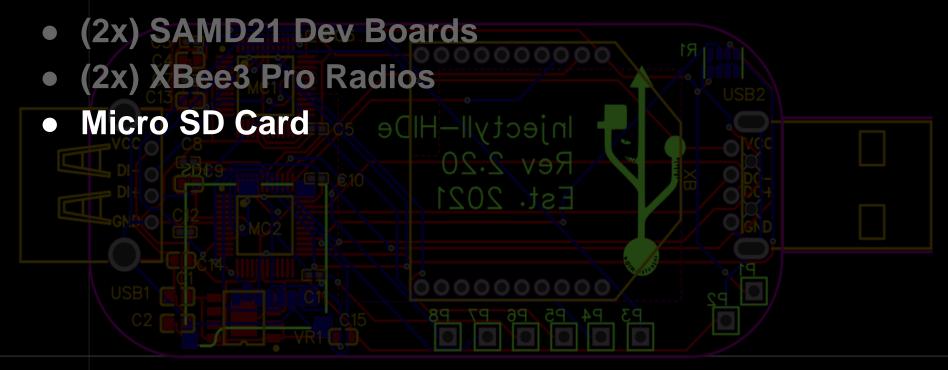
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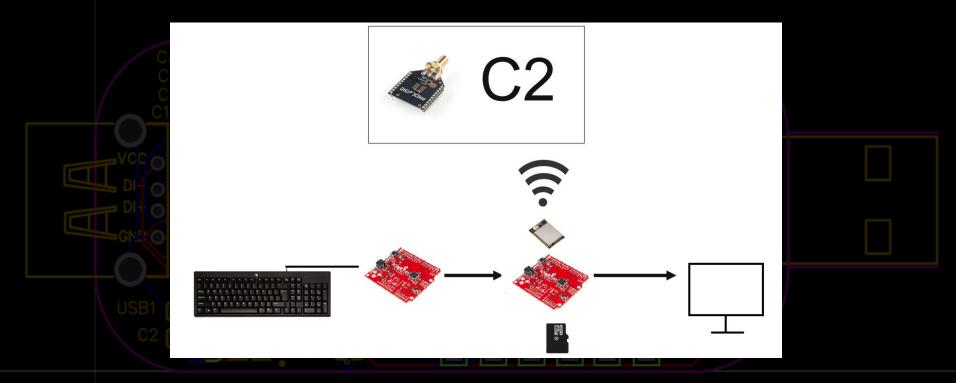
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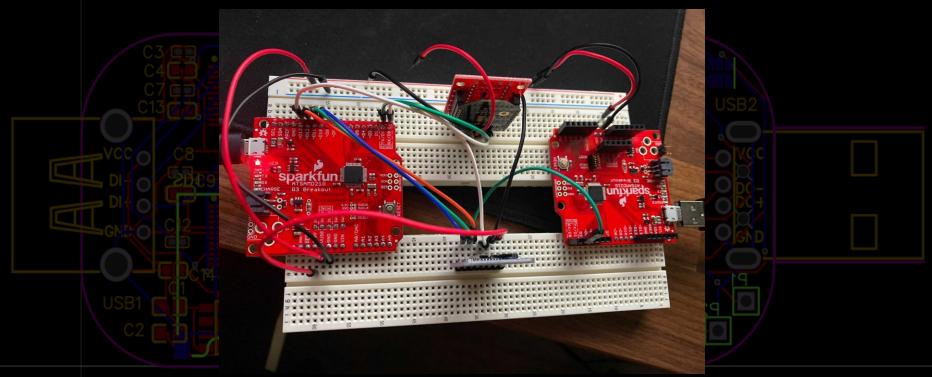
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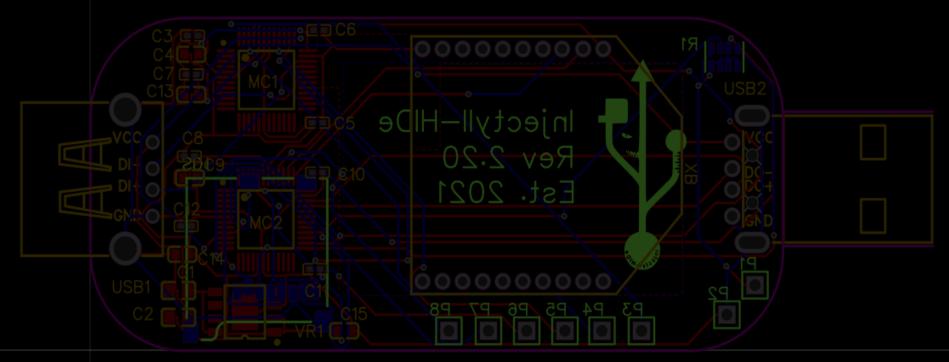




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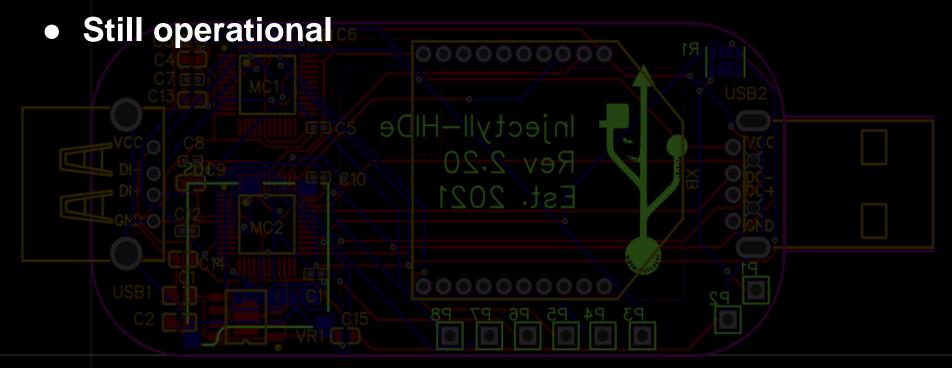
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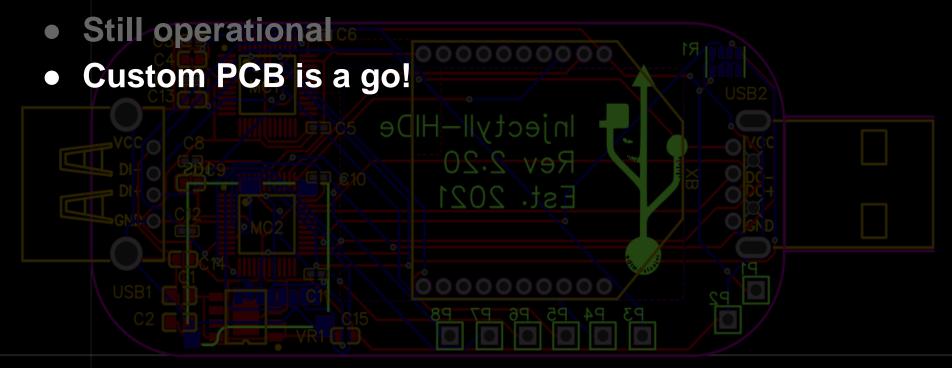


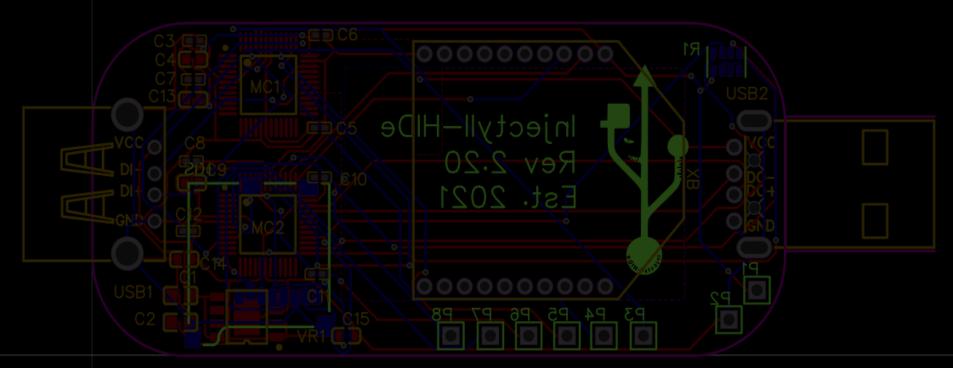
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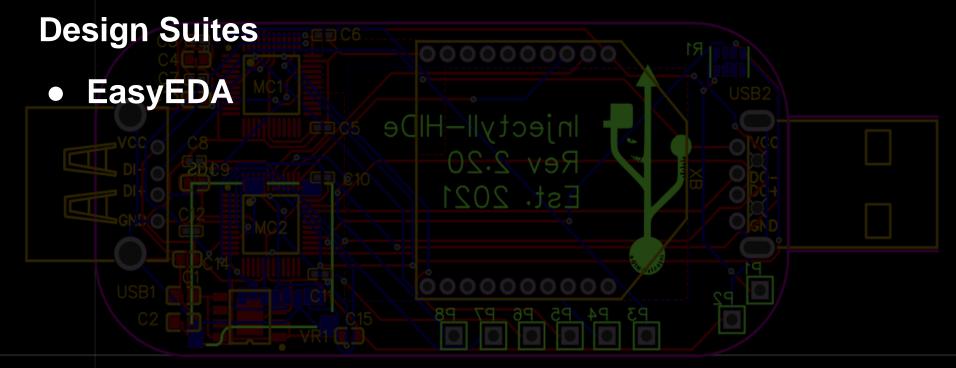


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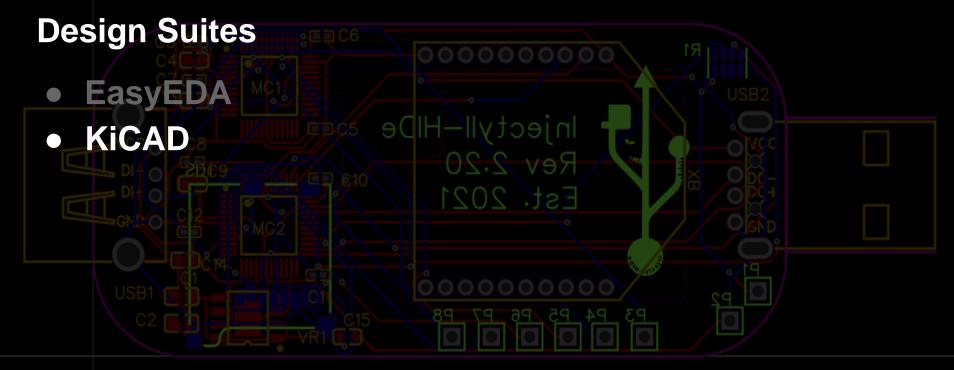




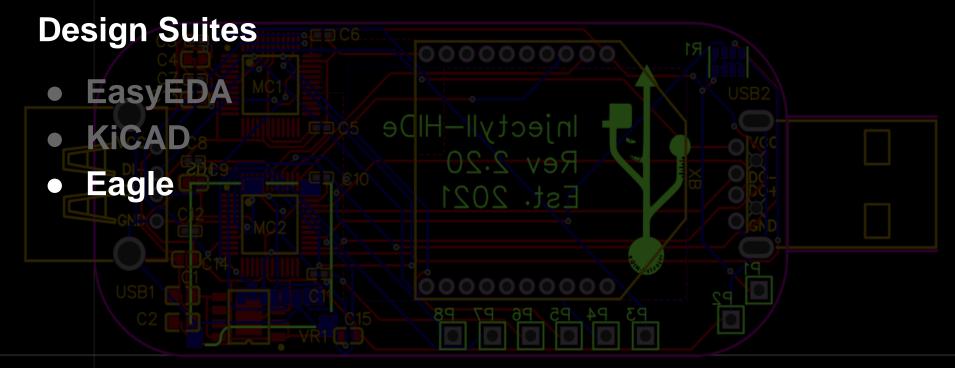
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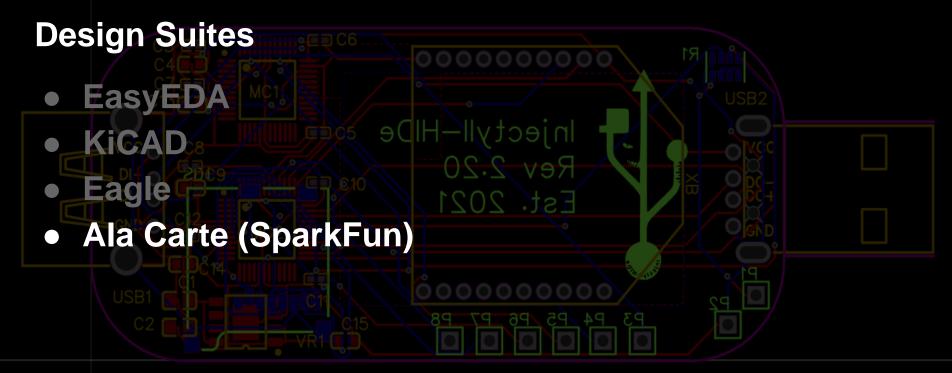


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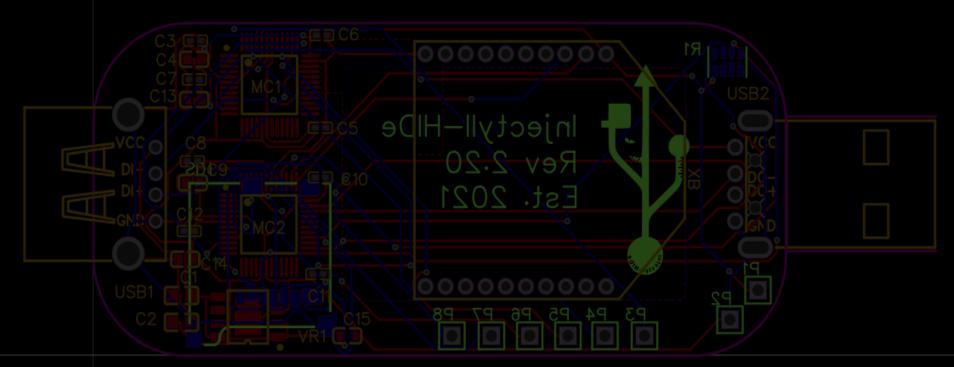


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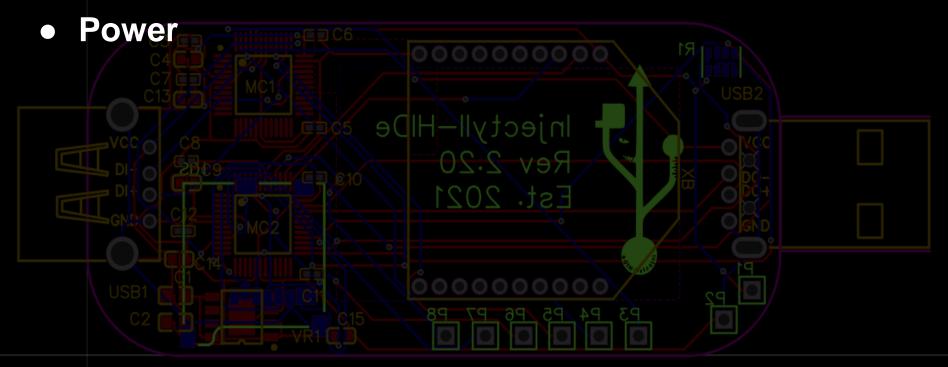




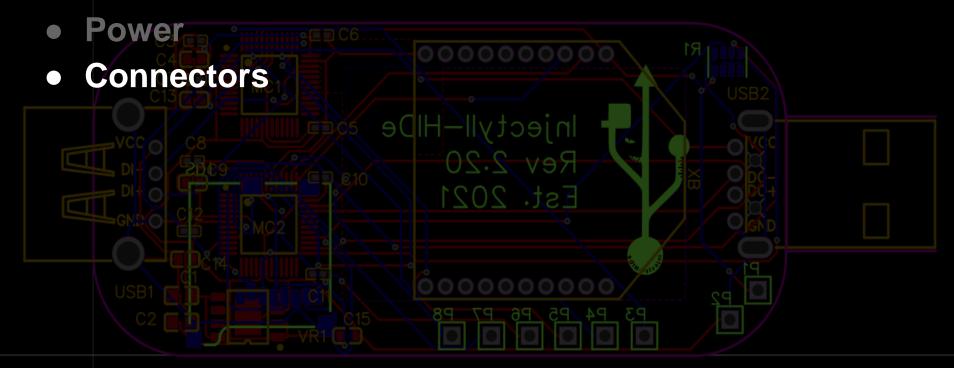
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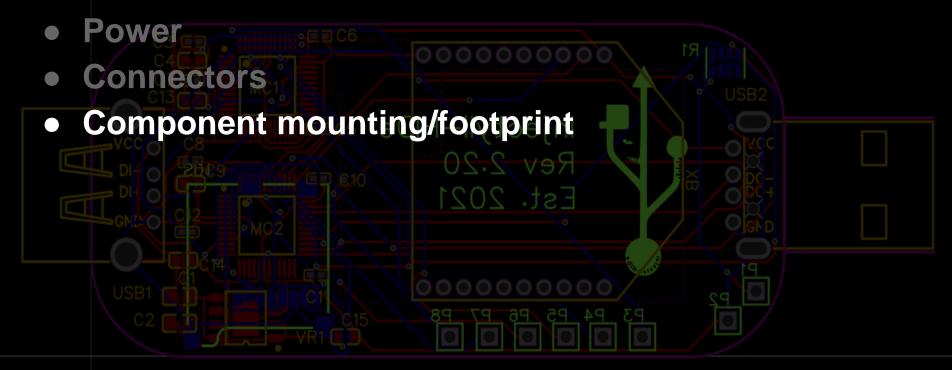


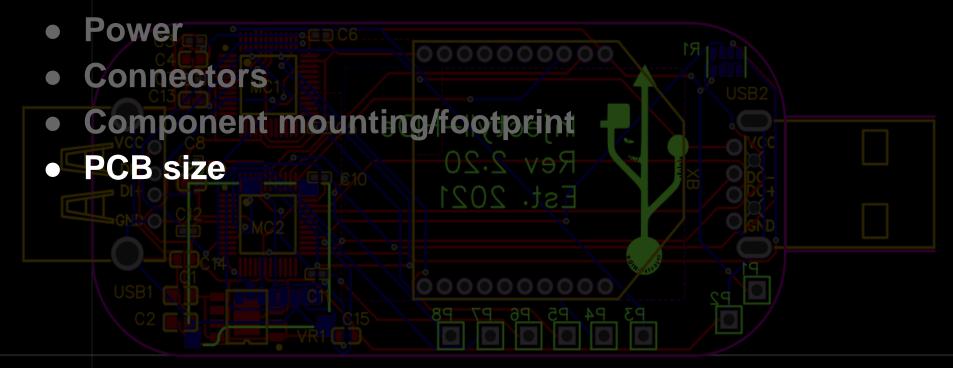
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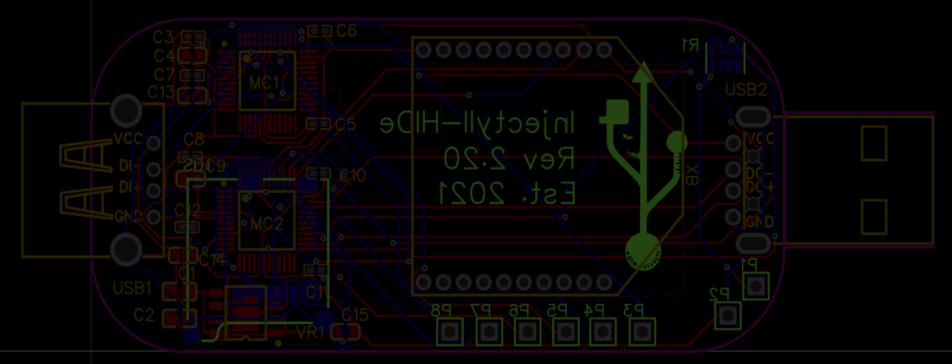
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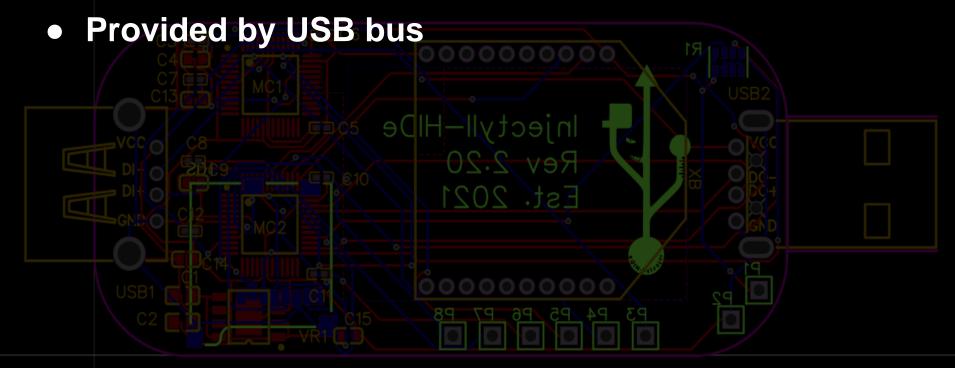




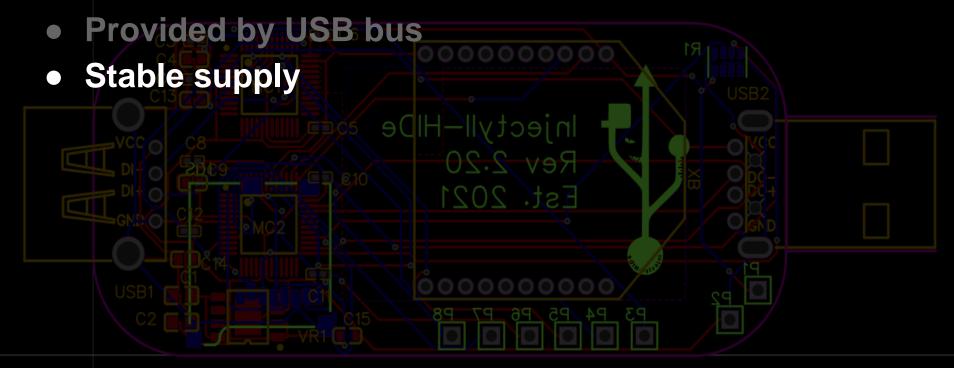
**Power** Connectors Component mounting/footprint **PCB** size Missing components

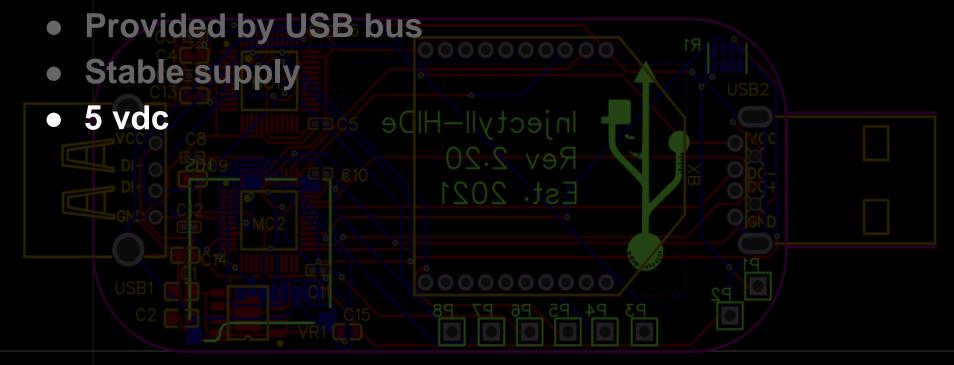


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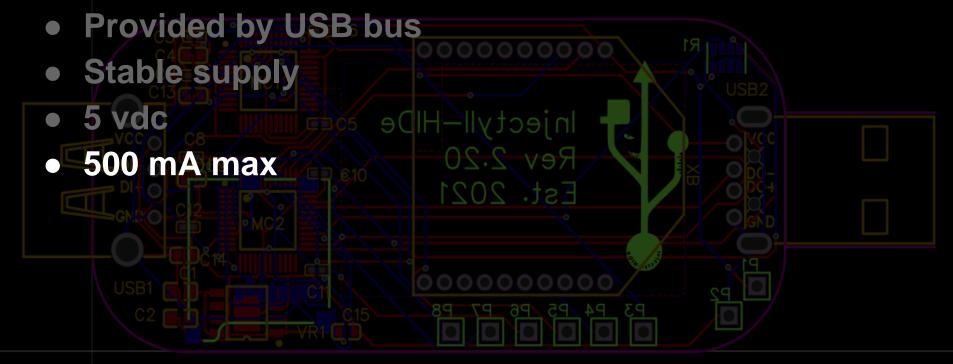


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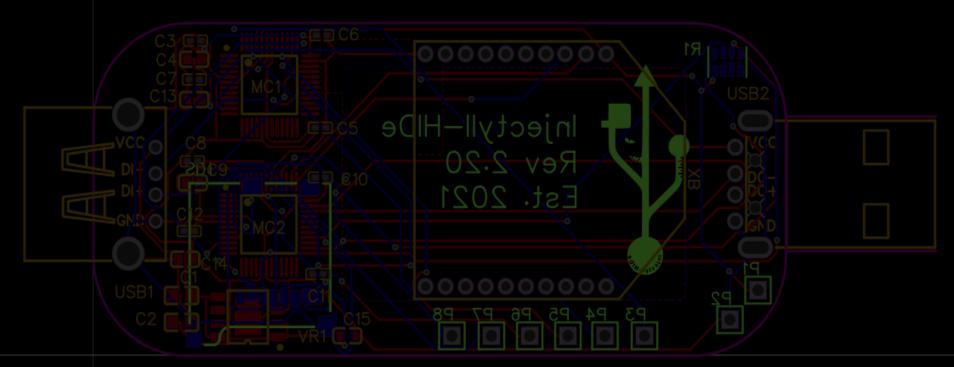




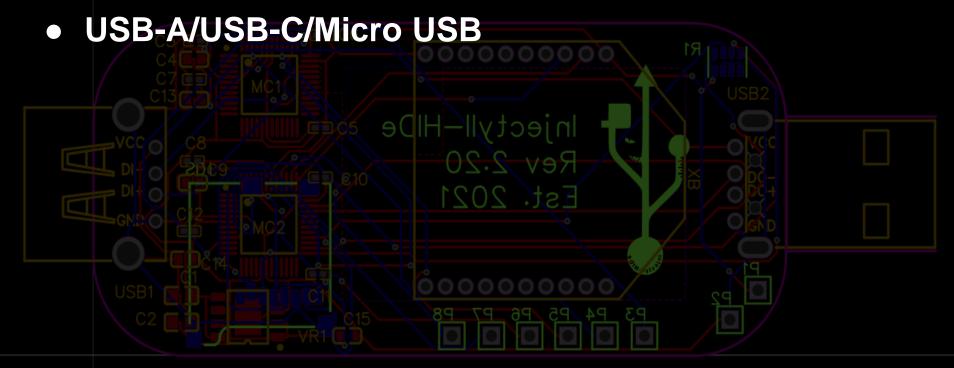
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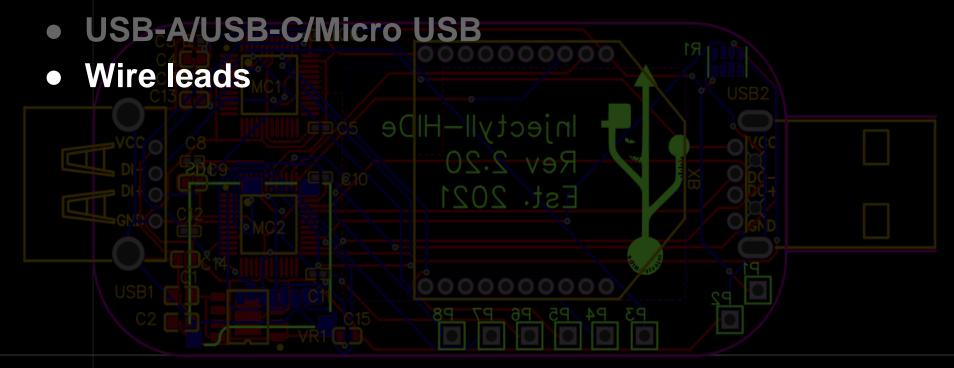


- Provided by USB bus
- Stable supply
- 5 vdc
- 500 mA max
- Components run at 3.3 vdc

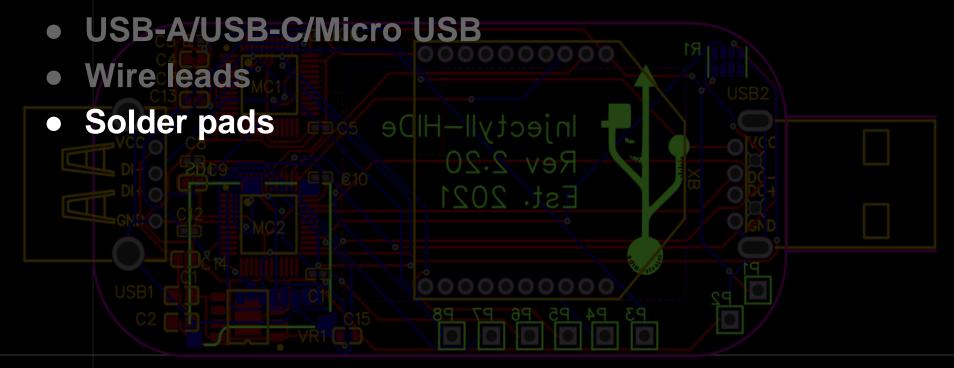


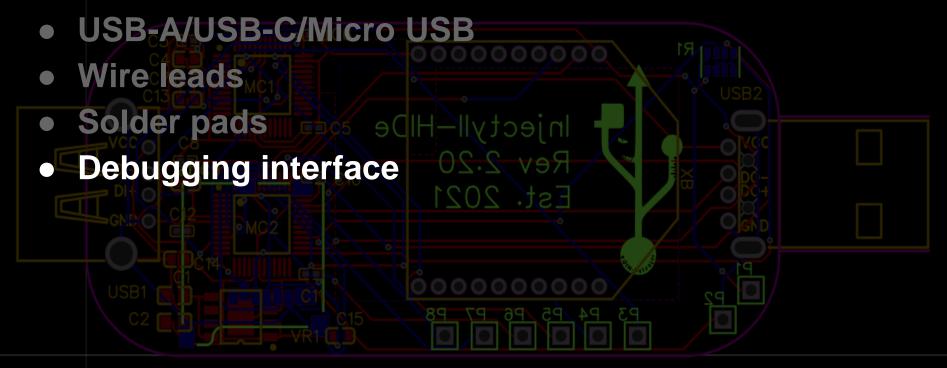
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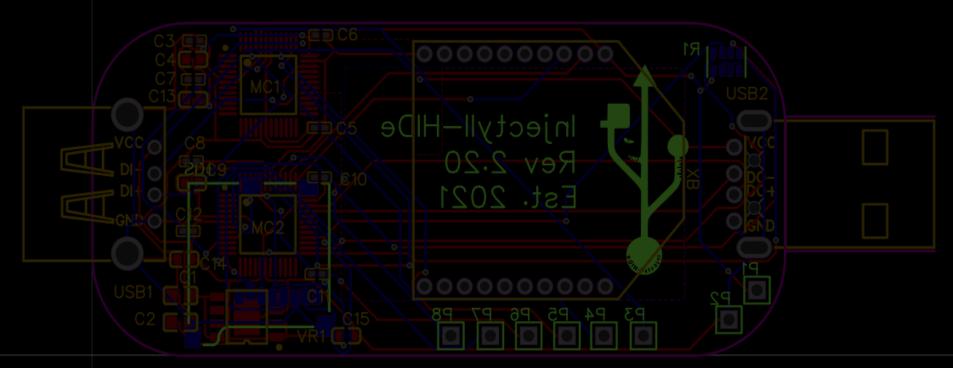
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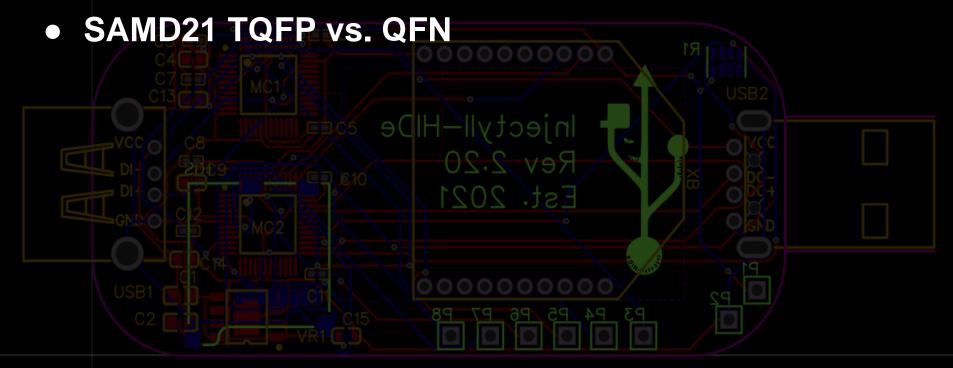
USB-A/USB-C/Micro USB Wire leads Solder pads Debugging interface Header pins

# Component Mounting



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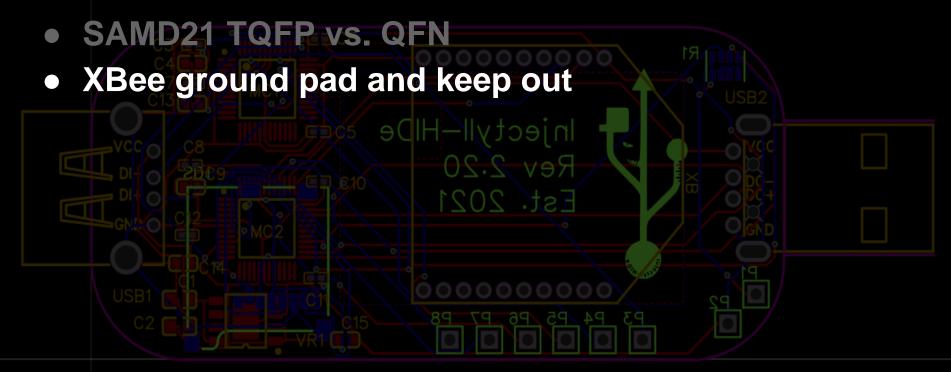
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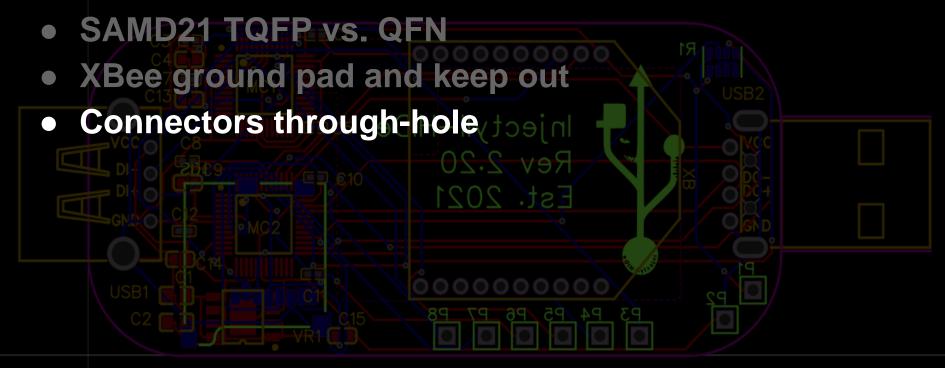
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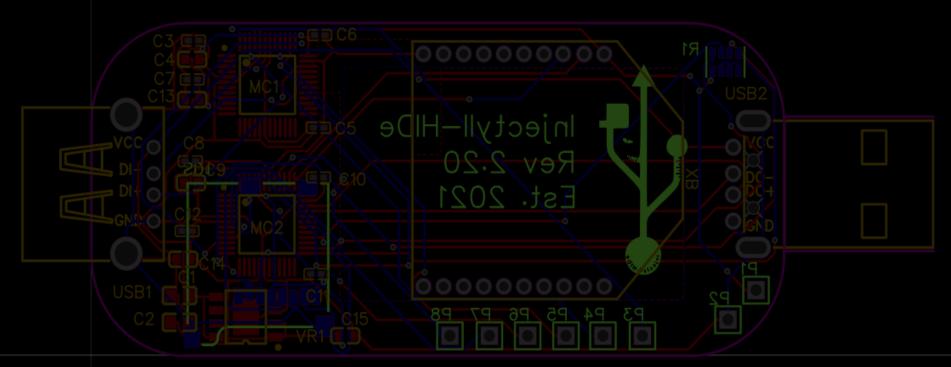


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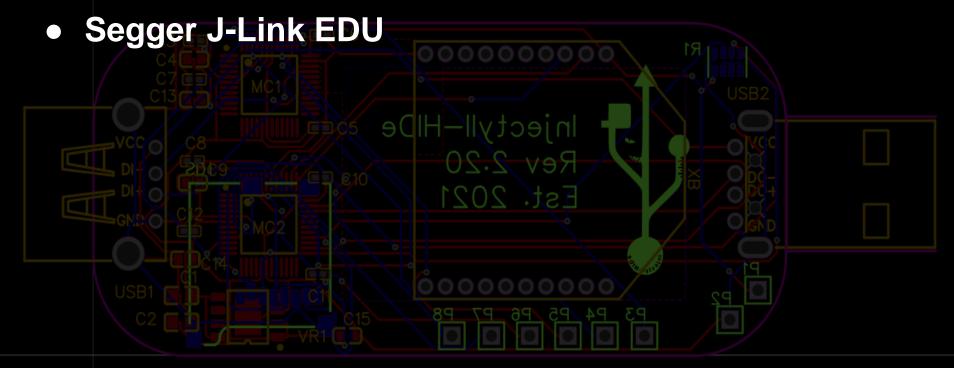
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- XBee ground pad and keep out
- Connectors through-hole togin
- SWD interface through-hole

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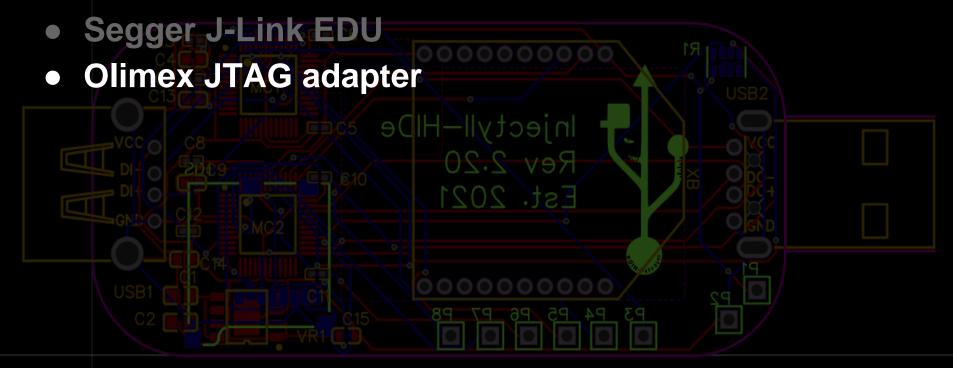
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- SWD interface through-hole
- Additional components SMT

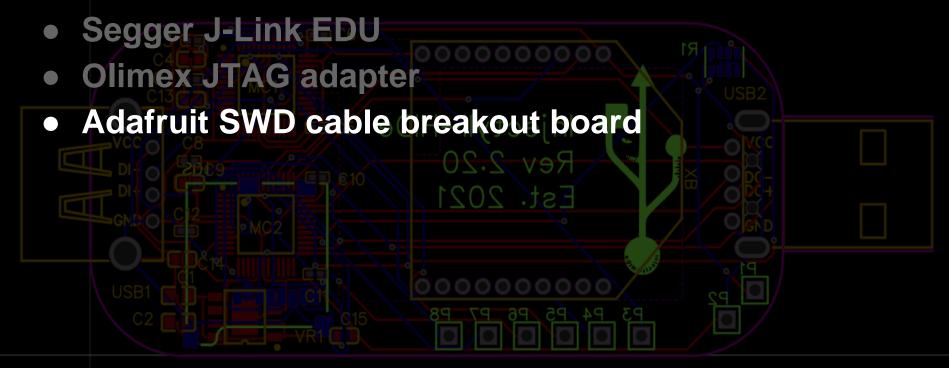


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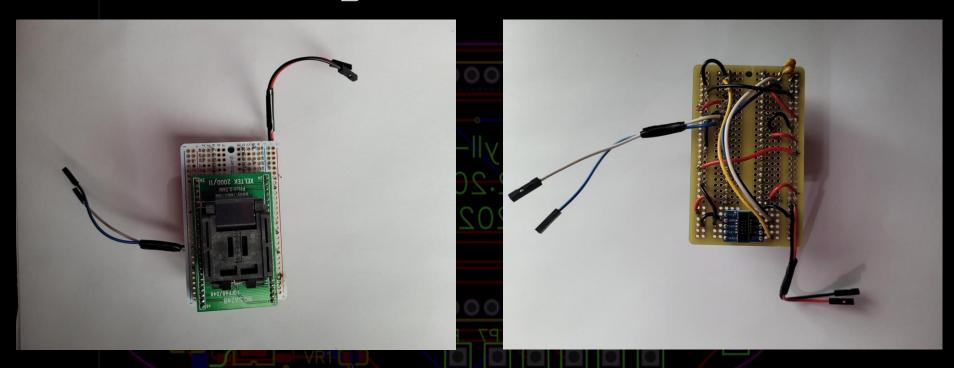
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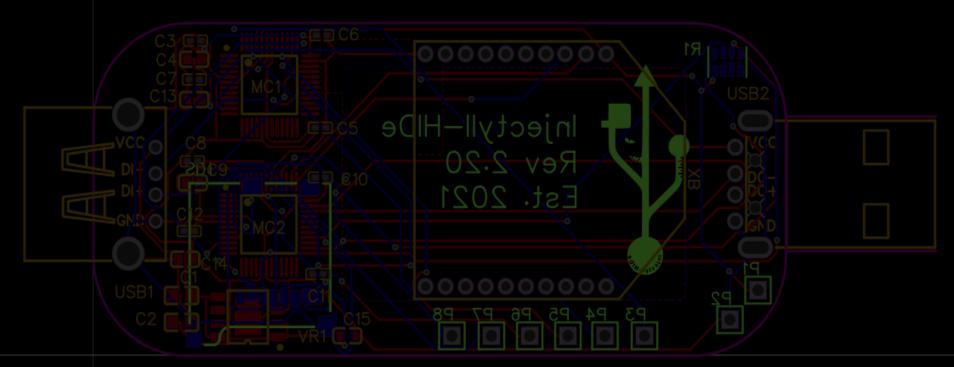


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## Single Test Socket



#### Single Test Socket Lessons Learned

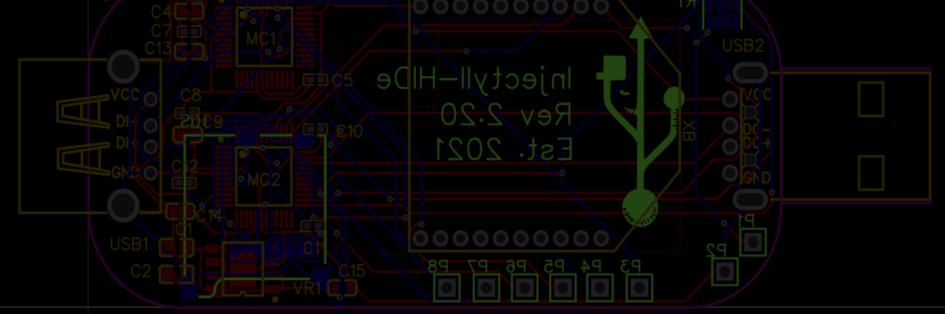


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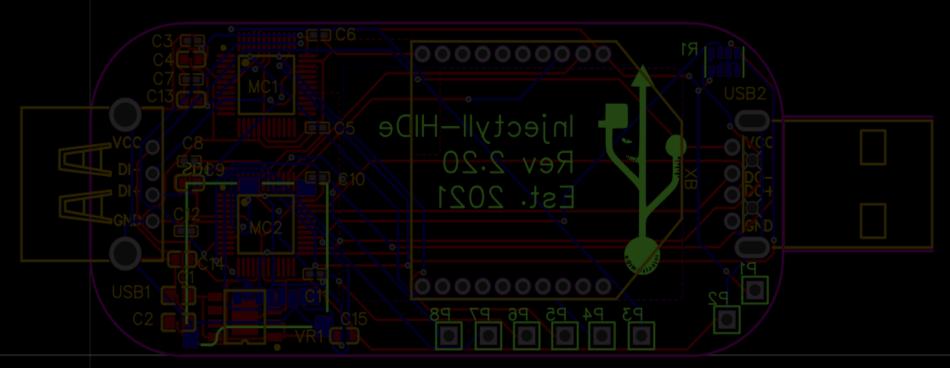
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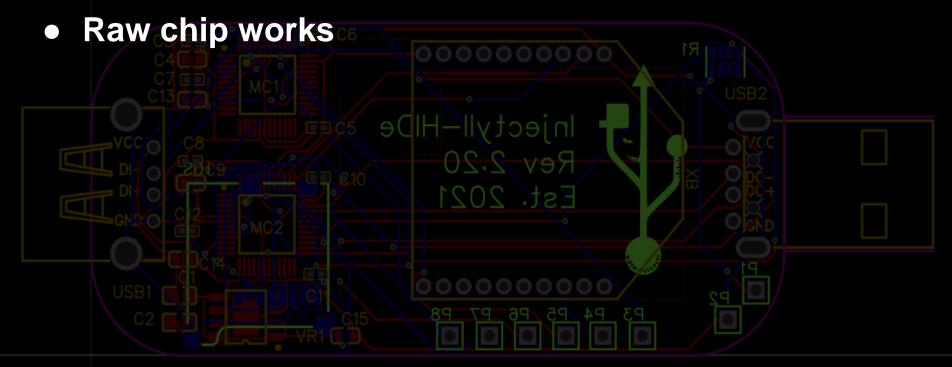
- SparkFun bootloader works with no capacitors
- Arduino bootloader needs capacitors on at least:
  - VDDCore (pin 43)
  - VDDIN (pin 44)

### Single Test Socket Conclusion

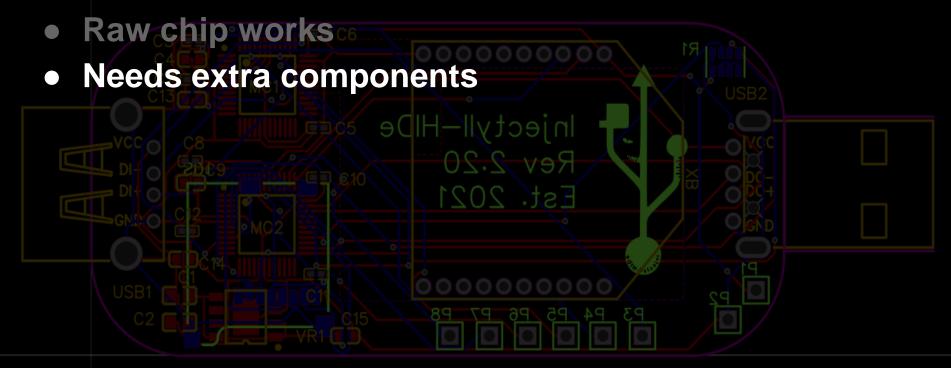


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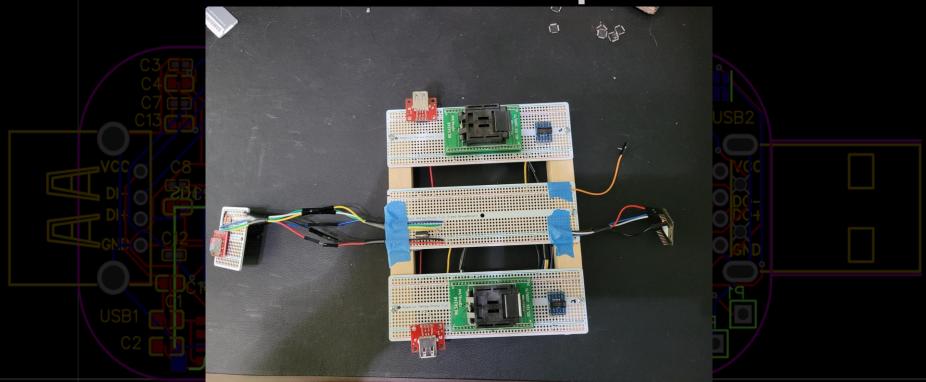
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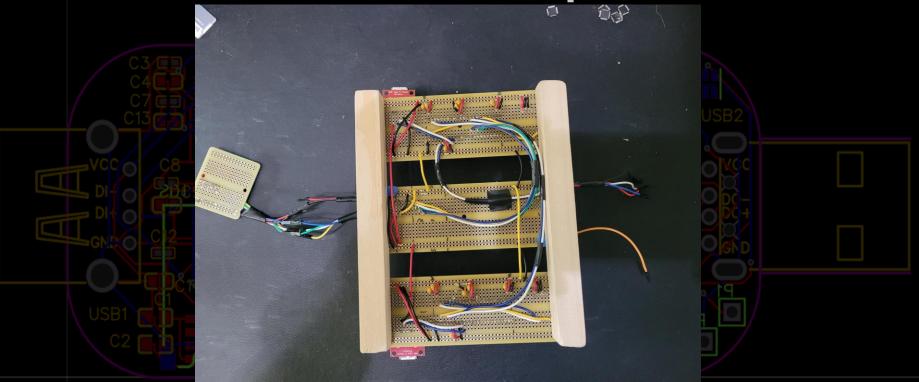


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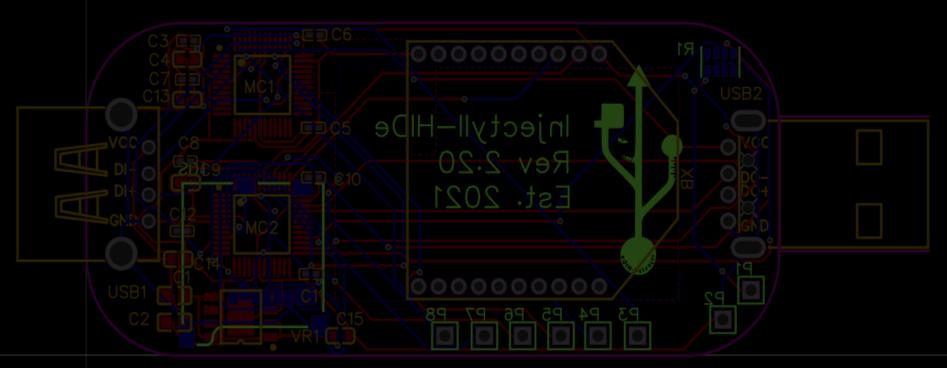
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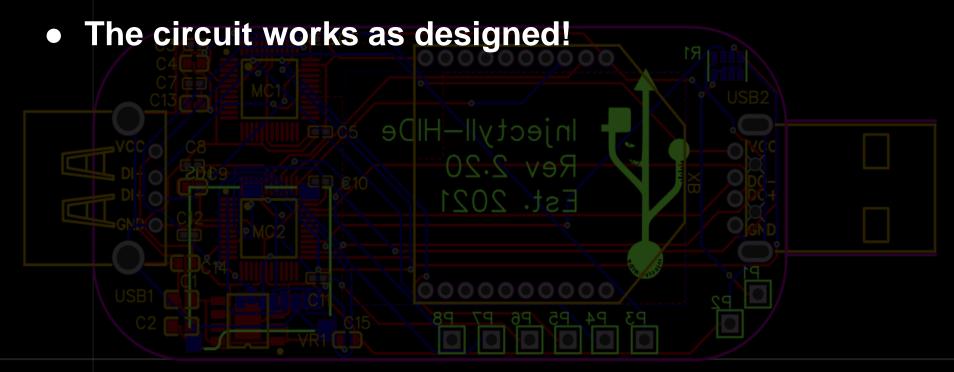
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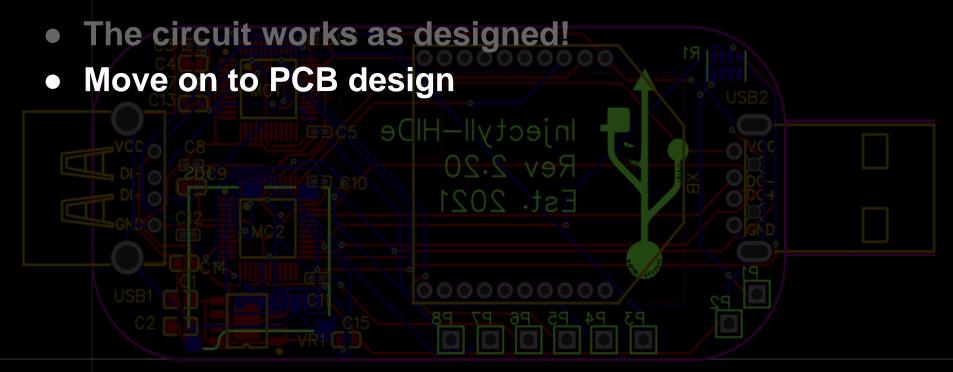
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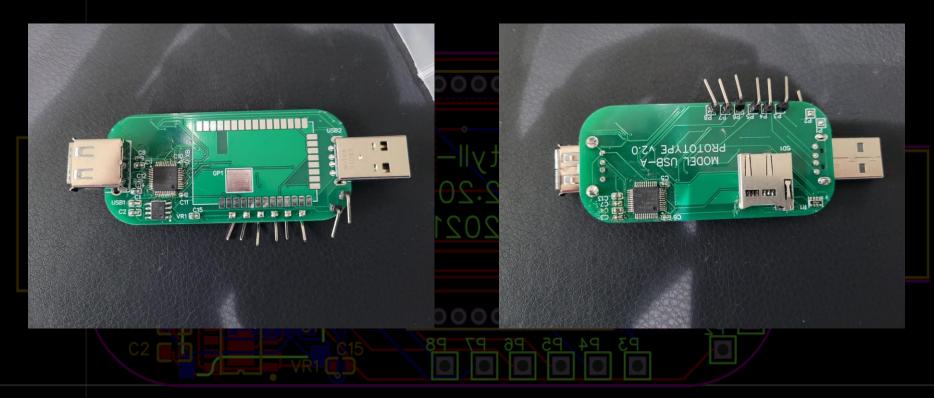


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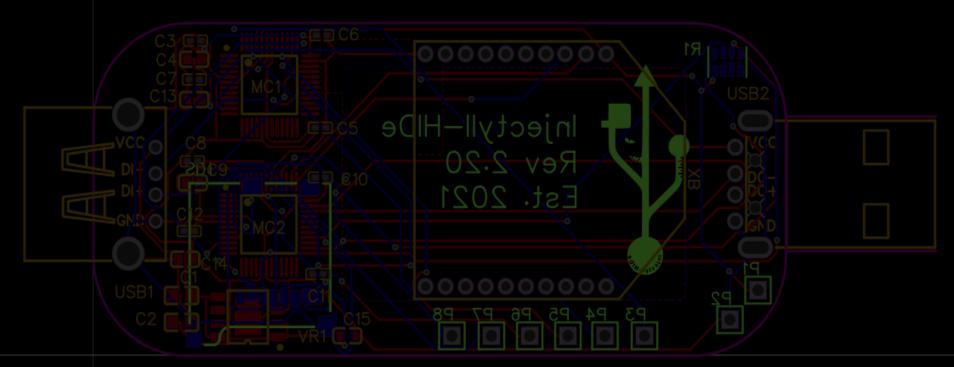
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#### PCB Prototype 1

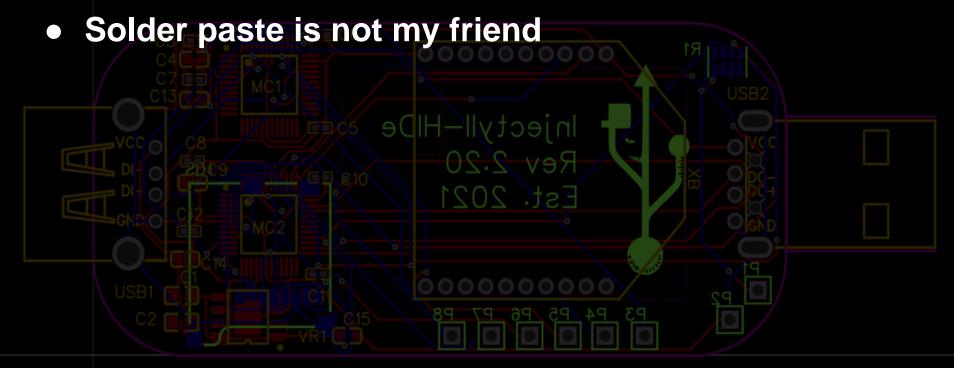


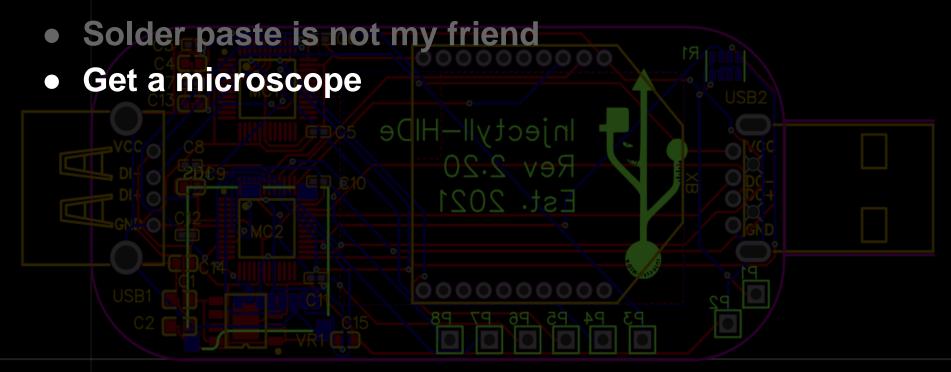
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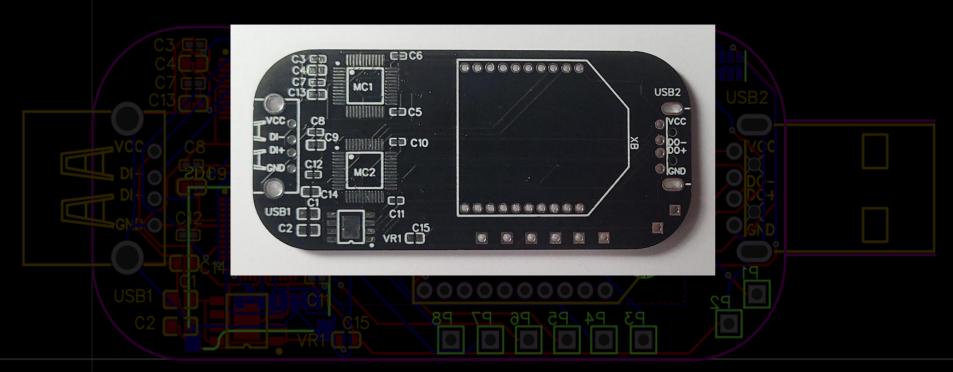


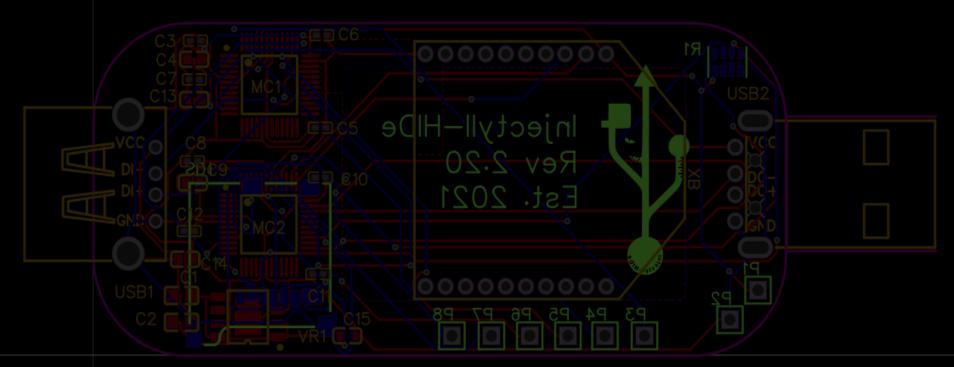
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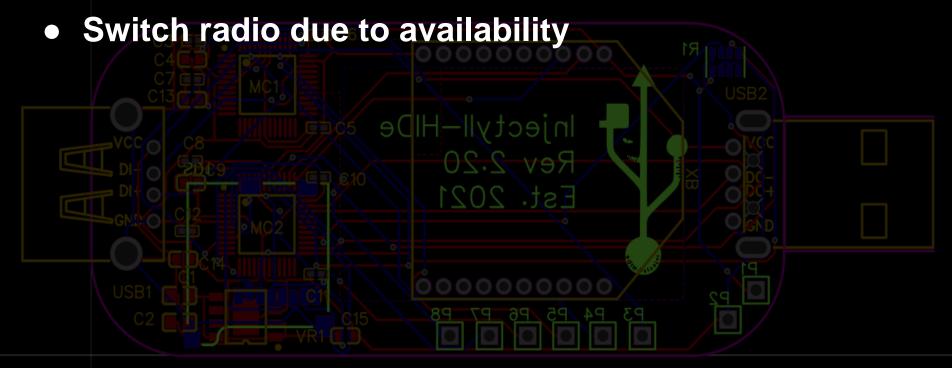
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- Move both chips to the top

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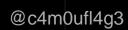


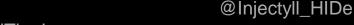


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- Switch radio due to availability
- SERCOM polarity switched at radio (Mapping issues)



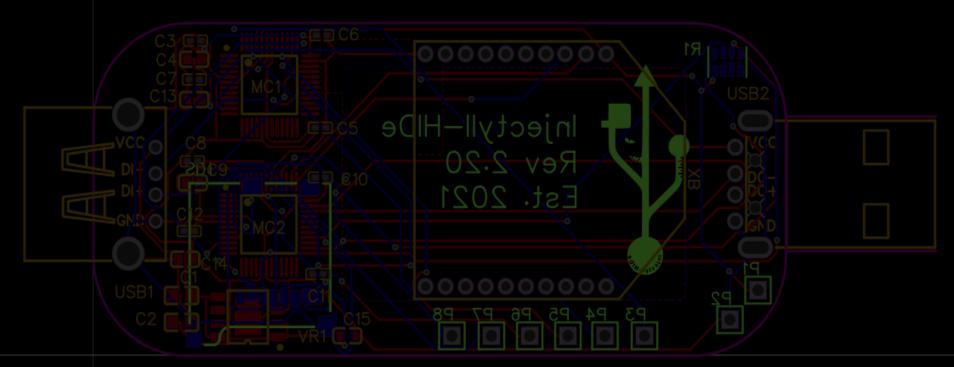


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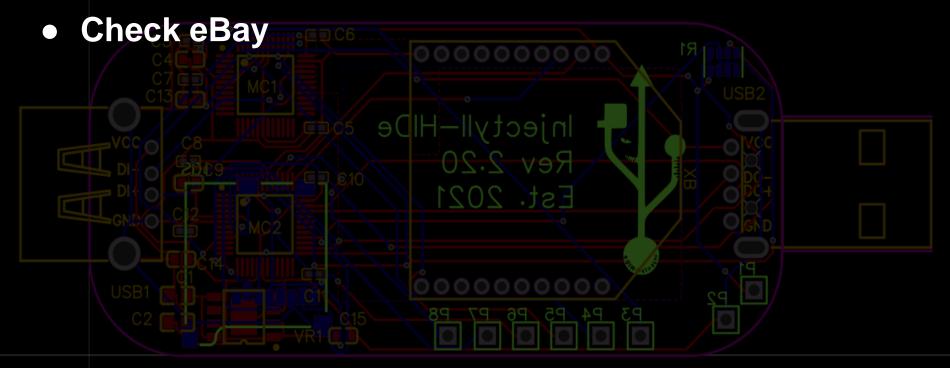




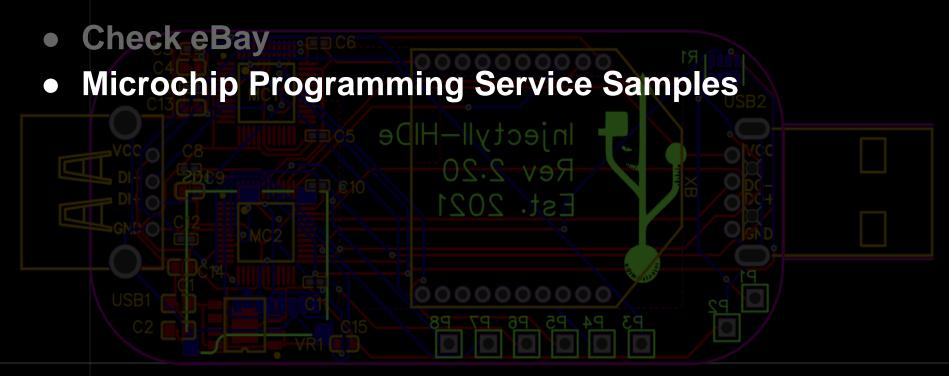




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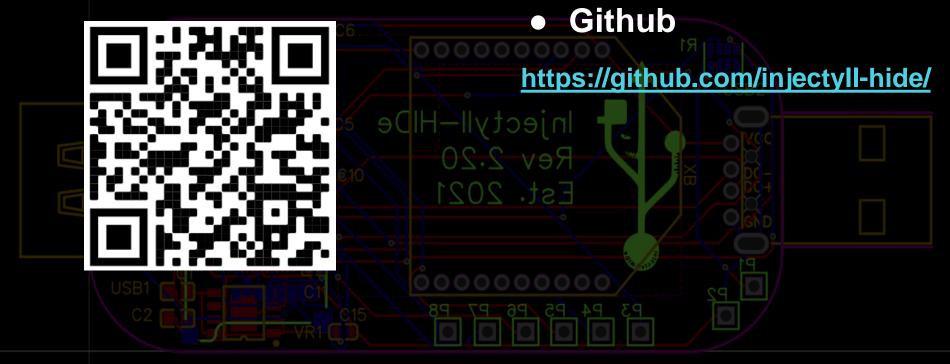
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