

## The Team



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Our Solution – A two piece system



Tempo Trainer



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Speaker: Andrew

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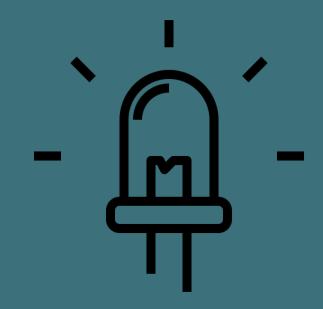
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## Project Partners and Users

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Mark Cronk – USA Deaf Swimming
Rene Massengale – USA Deaf Swimming
Shireen Hafeez – Deaf Kids CODE
Brian Bennet – Gallaudet Swimming
Larry Curran – Gallaudet Swimming



Deaf/Hard of Hearing Swimmers (including cochlear implant users and non-cochlear implant users) Gallaudet Swim Team







## History of KTT

Speaker: Bree

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

Ind. Type:

**Haptic Indicator** 

Light Indicator

Micro:

Arduino Pro Micro

Arduino Pro Mini

Adafruit Feather Huzzah

Comm. Type:

Radio Frequency

WiFi Mesh

# of Pieces:

One Device Solution

Two Device Solution

**Main Focus:** 

1st Haptic Prototype

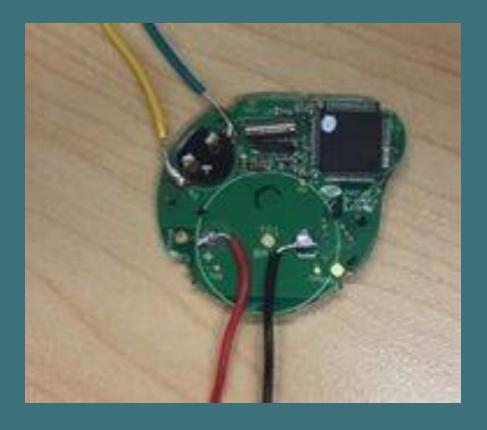
1st Light
Prototype +
Waterproof
Container

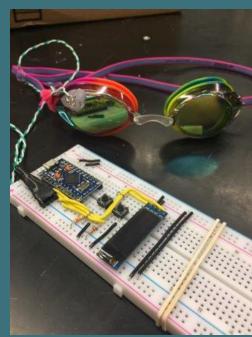
1st Remote
Prototype, 2
Device Solution
Development

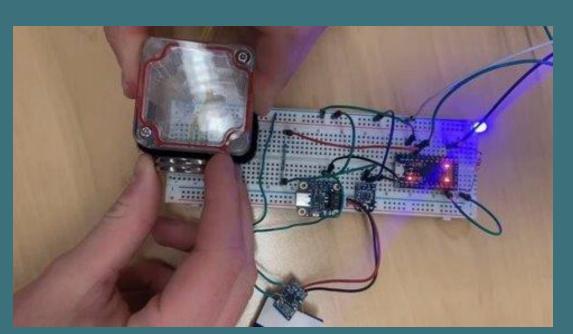
Multiple Signals to Multiple TT Devices

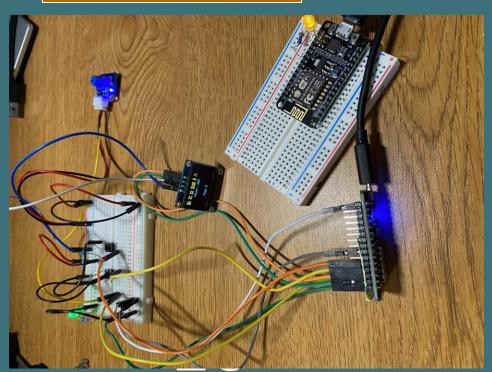
Software
Re-Design +
Connectivity I
mprovements

PCB + Waterproofing









## WiFi & Software

#### **High Range**

- Over 100 meters from research
- More testing to come



#### Reliable

 From testing, able to maintain connection with no drops for days



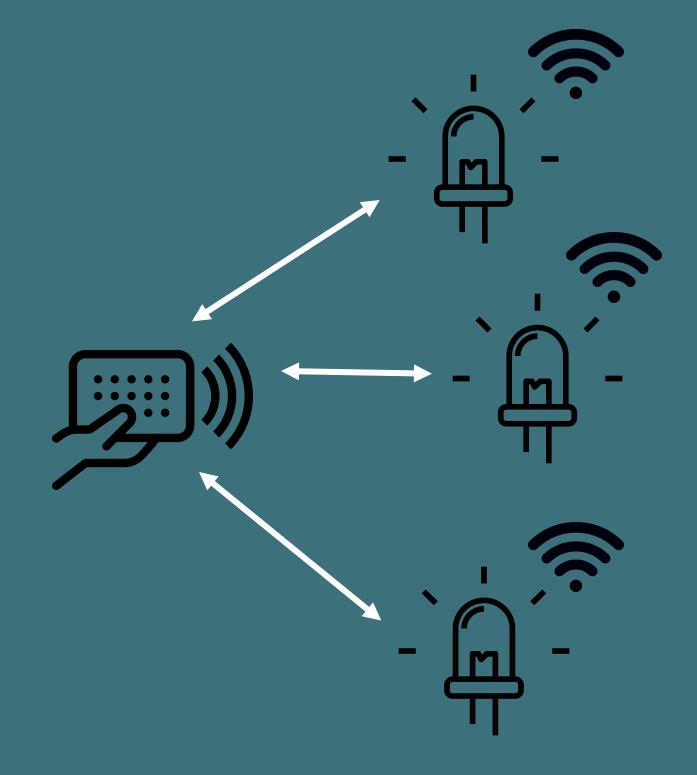
 Creates own WiFi & automatically connect to each other



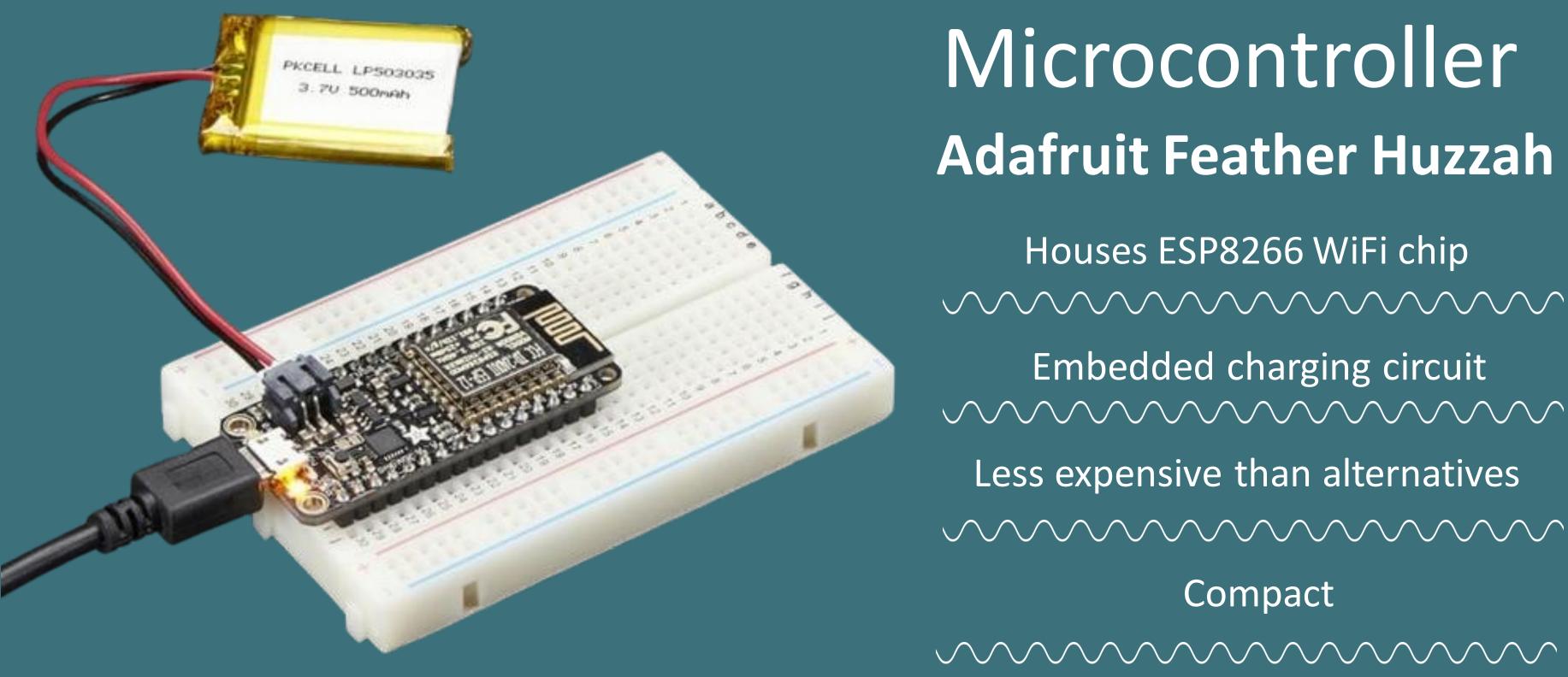


#### **Low Cost**

Integrated into microcontroller



More extensive software testing can commence now that PCBs have arrived!



## Microcontroller **Adafruit Feather Huzzah**

Houses ESP8266 WiFi chip

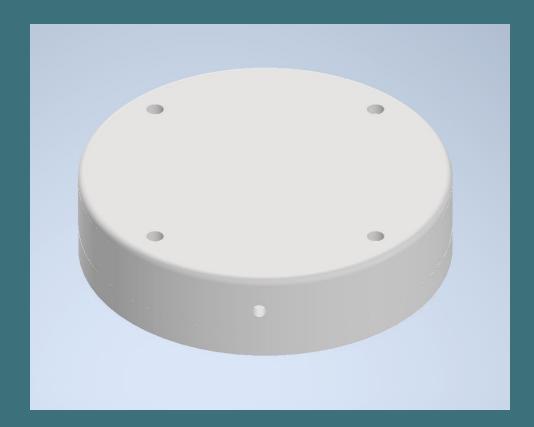
Embedded charging circuit 

Less expensive than alternatives

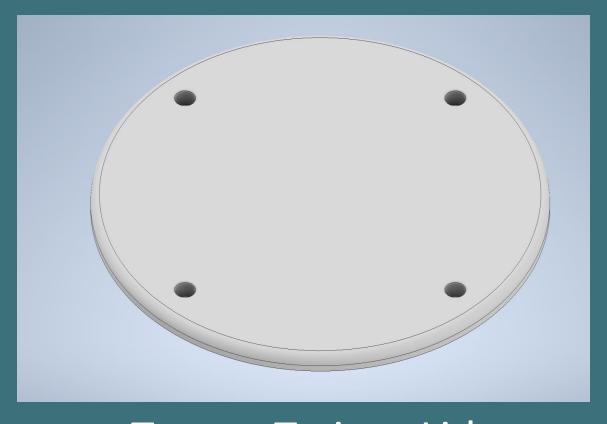
Compact

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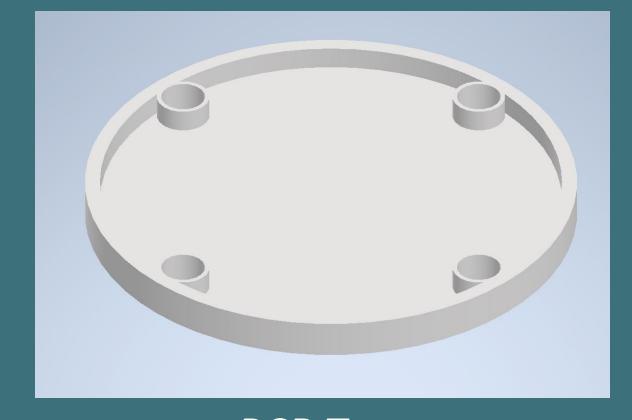
## Past - Tempo Trainer CAD



Assembled Tempo Trainer



Tempo Trainer Lid



PCB Tray

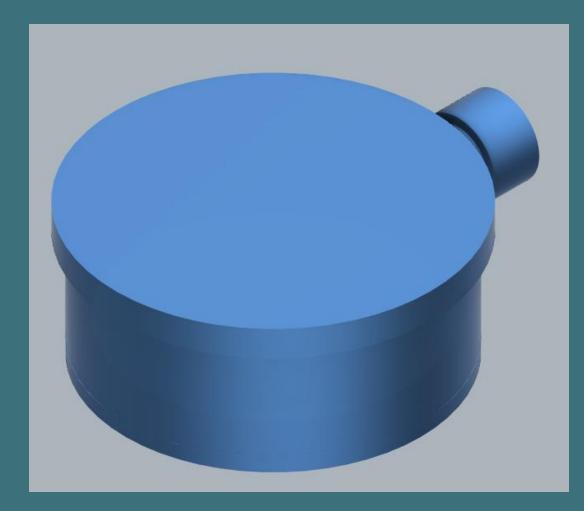


**Battery Tray** 

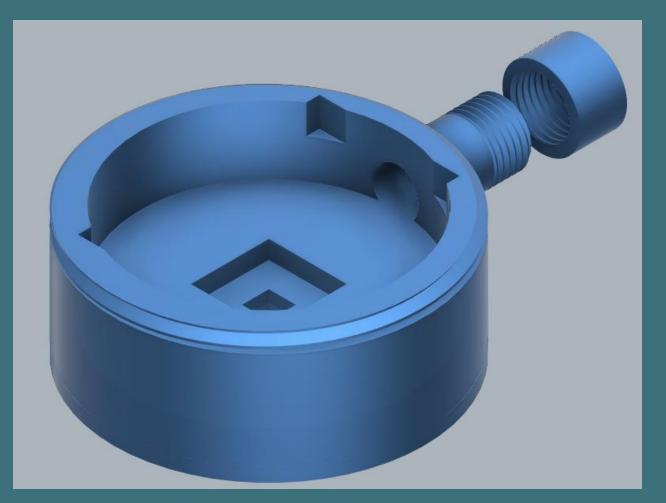
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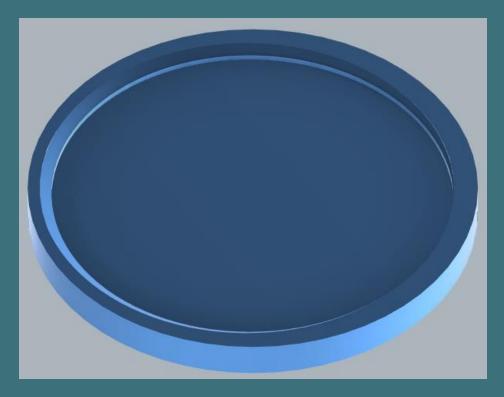
## Current - Tempo Trainer CAD



Assembled Tempo Trainer



Main Compartment and **Charging Cap** 



Cap

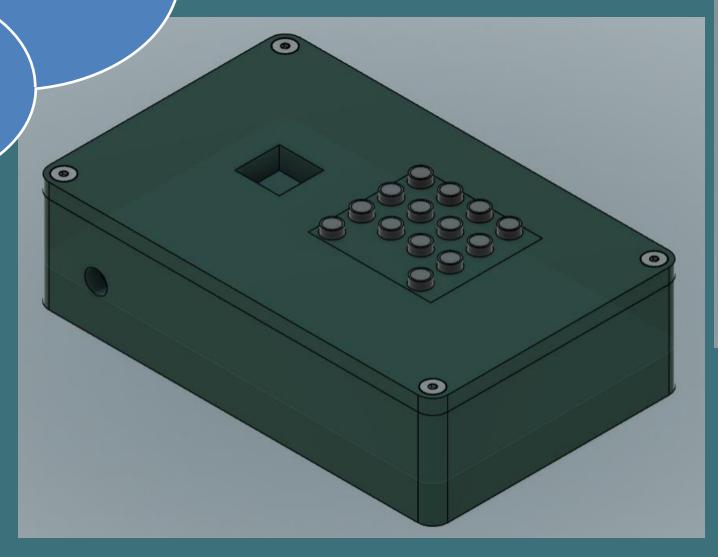


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## Remote CAD

### Future Improvements

- Add charging pipe
- Change keypad orientation
- Make remote easier to hold with one hand
- Waterproof plastic cover for keypad



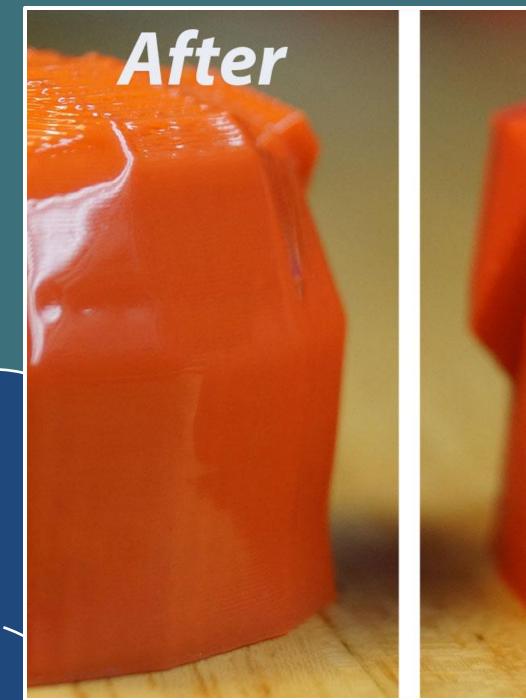


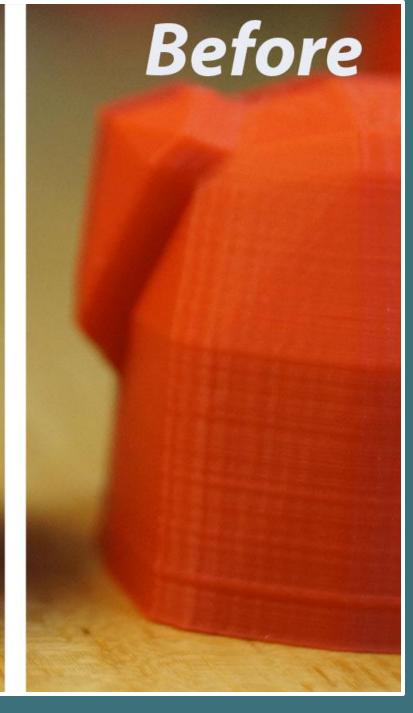
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## Waterproofing

- 3D printing allows for quick prototyping
- More complex geometry can be used
- PETG itself is not waterproof, thus wilkuse vapor smoothing

- Vapor Smoothing liquifies the filaments surface
- Elimination of print lines helps with minimizing liquid entry

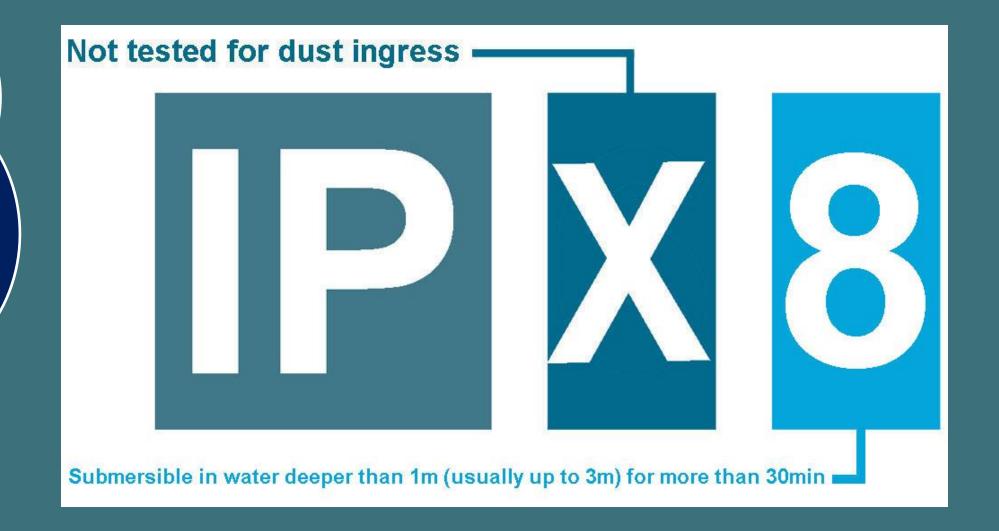




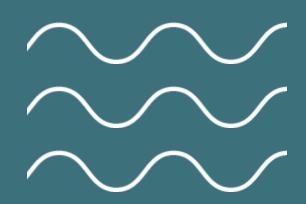
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## Testing Waterproofing

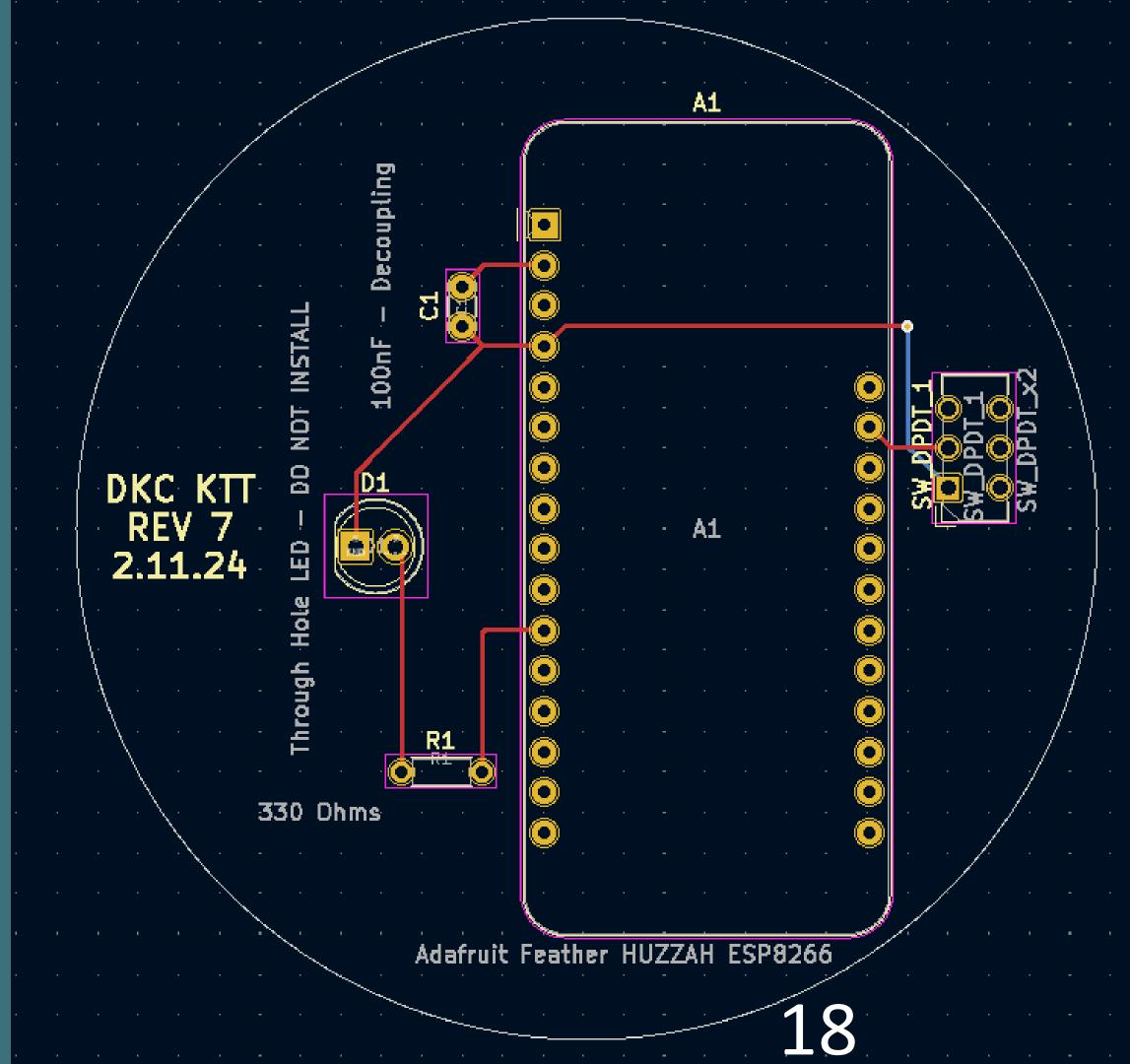
- Testing under IPX-8 waterproof conditions.
- Submersed 12+ feet of chlorinated water for 30+ minutes
- Moisture strips to test for water leaks

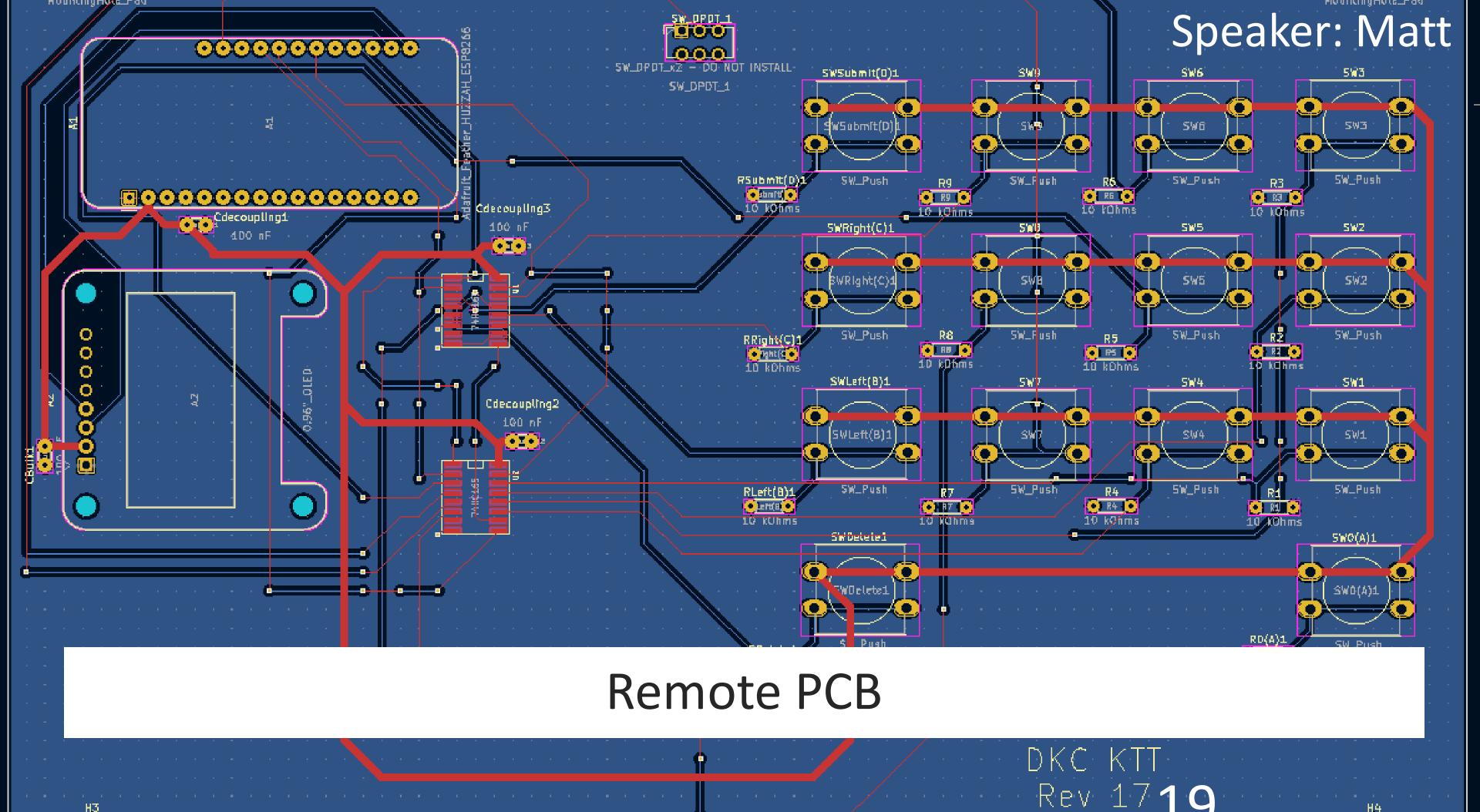


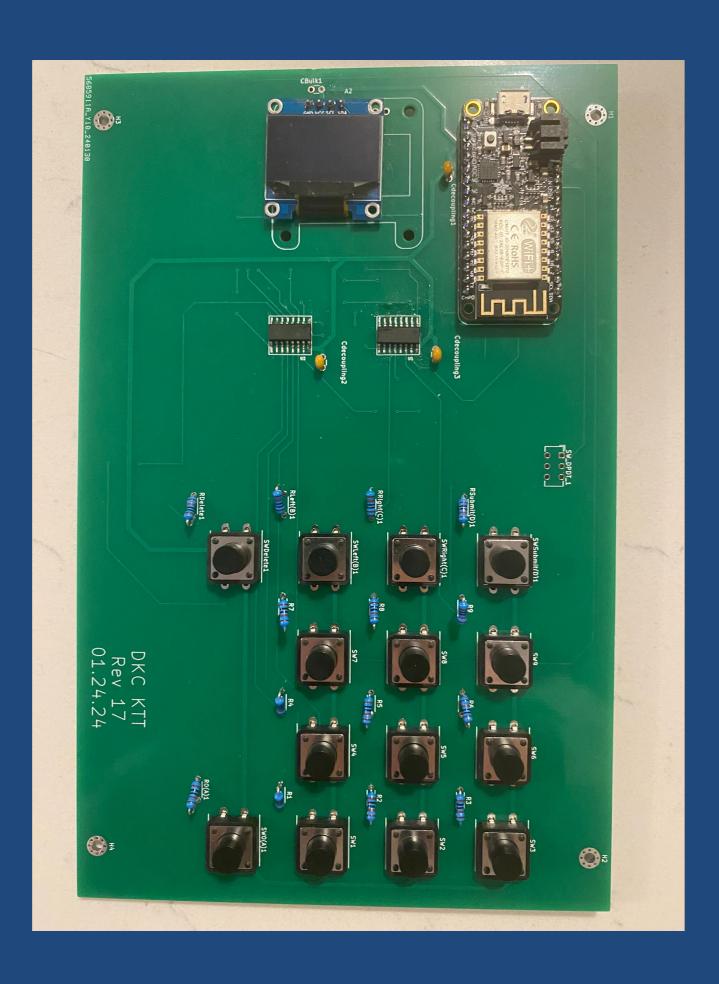
# Tempo Trainer PCB



Both Tempo Trainer & Remote PCBs have been reviewed and finalized for 1st iteration



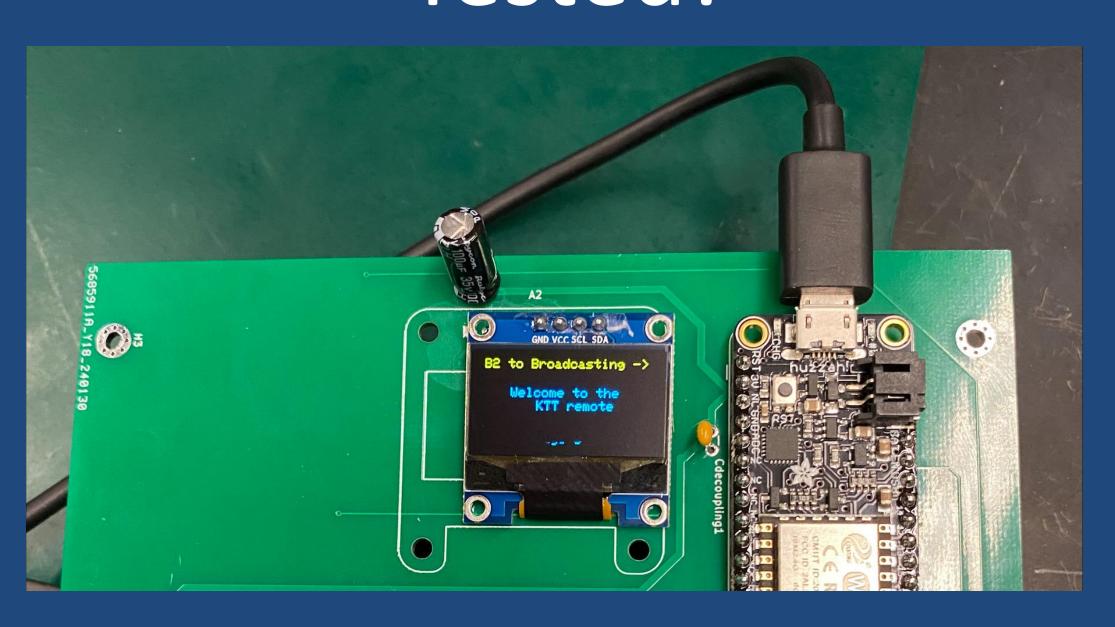




## Manufactured!

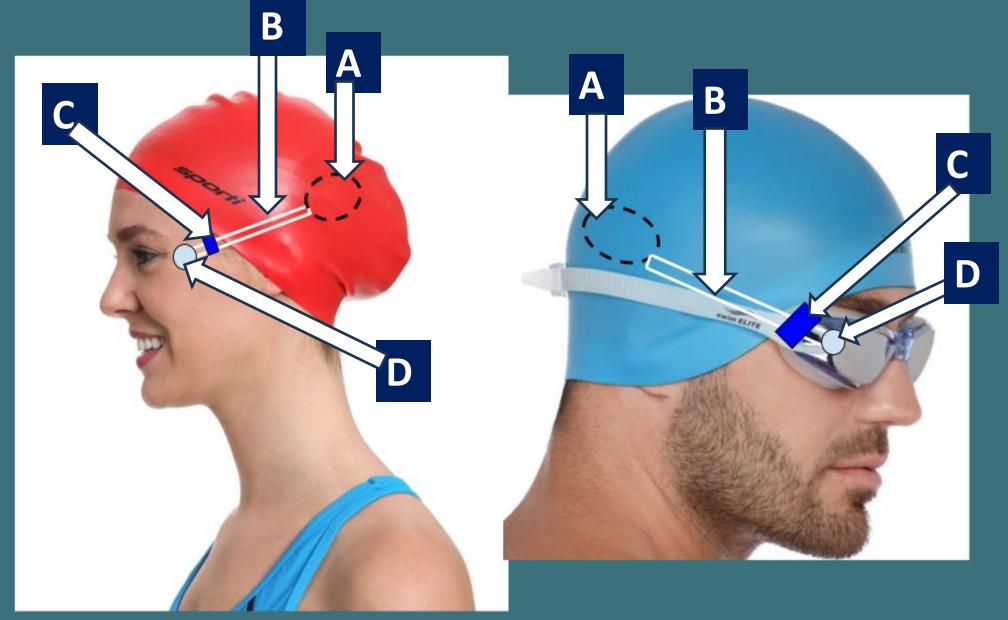
Soldered!

Tested!



## LED Light Pipe Implementation (1)

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#### Part D: Fresnel Lens

 Clear lens to allow for different colors to be used as stroke pace indicator

#### Part A: Tempo Trainer Enclosure

Light pipe connected to PCB in enclosure using Light Pipe Mount

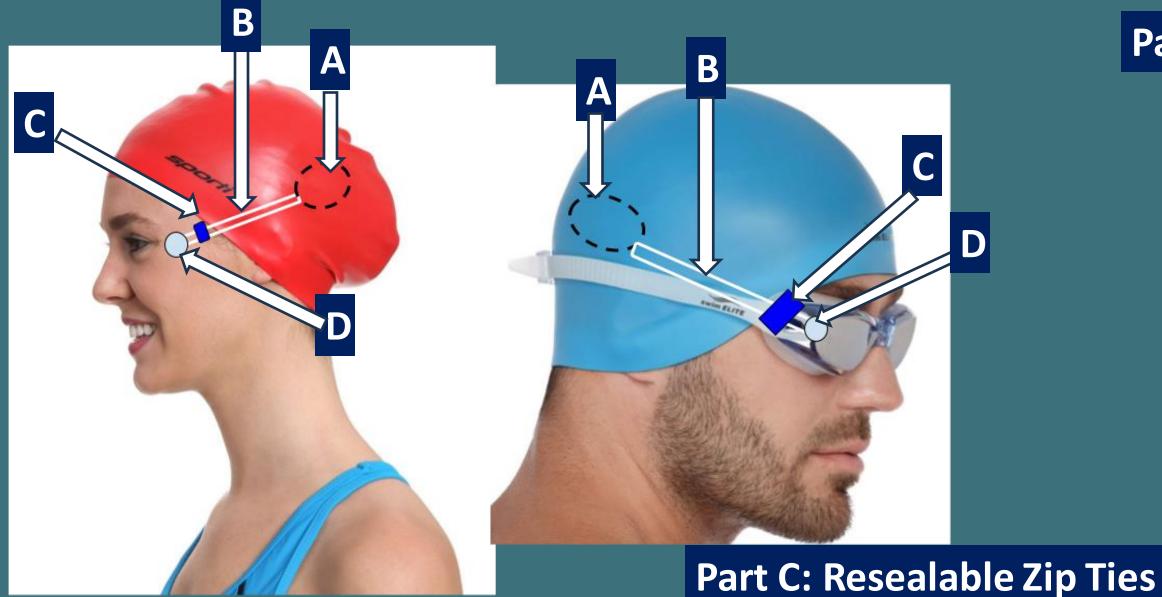
#### Part B: LED Light Pipe + Flexible Tubing

- Optical grade plastic connected to LED
- Flexible wire inside flexible tubing

#### Part C: Reusable/Detachable Zip Tie

- Allows wire to be attached to swimming goggles and held in place
- Adjustable for different goggles/face placement





Part B: LED Light Pipe + Flexible Tubing



Part A: LED Light Pipe MOUNT







## Spring 2024 Semester PROGRESS

Speaker: Bree

#### Onboarding |

- Documentation
- CAD software
- PCB software

#### Spec. Dev.

- Documentation --> GANTT Chart
- Budget --> Budget Plan, Grant Proposal, Purchases

## Conceptual Design

- Testing Protocols --> waterproofing, software, PCB
- Research --> LED light pipe implementations, waterproof solutions

## Detailed Design

- Additions --> power switch (PCB, CAD), heat threaded inserts (CAD), software implementation of shift register circuit
- More iterations on CADs + PCBs

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## Spring 2024 Semester PLAN

#### Spec. Dev.

• Documentation --> User Guide, Safety Measures, Design Document, Transition Document

#### Conceptual Design

- Draft Testing Protocols --> PCBs, safety testing measures
- Research --> safety measures for waterproofing/LED, product lifespan, battery life
- Conduct user surveys for aesthetics/comfortability improvements

#### Detailed Design

- More iterations on CADs + PCBs
- Testing --> PCBs, CAD models, comfortability, usability of LED light pipe and charging pipe, software, waterproofing at depths

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## Future Considerations & Plans

- RGB LED Color
   Customizable Light
- Adjustable Brightness
- Color Customizable 3D
   Print Filament

- User testing + surveys
- More testing, debugging, iterating, modifying

- Head shape + comfortability improvements
- Wireless charging capabilities
  - Buoyant Tempo Trainer

