

LIQUID PROPULSION TEAM WEEK 8

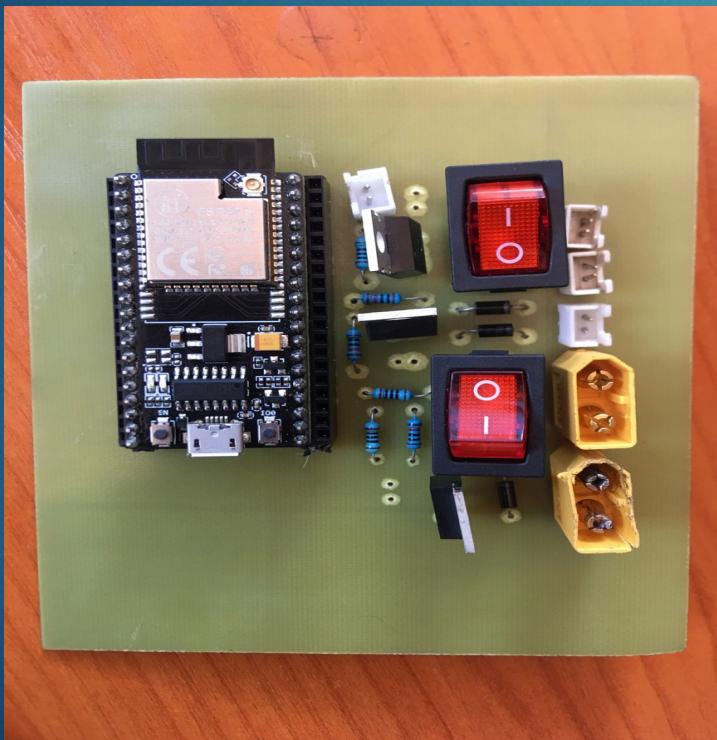


THIS WEEKS' OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Programing and fabricating the control circuit
- ▶ Testing and Integrating the Control Circuit with the Power Distribution Board
- ▶ Review of SA CUP rules

#121;Programing and fabricating the control circuit

- ▶ We managed to fabricate the control circuit
- ▶ We also programmed the board.



Objectives of the board

- Houses the microcontroller board that controls the ignition Circuit i.e: firing
- Has override switches for manually overriding the microcontroller in case it malfunctions during the engine operation.
- Is modular enabling extension of other circuitry.

#127;INTEGRATION WITH POWER DISTRIBUTION BOARD



Integrated the power distribution board with the power board.

Results

- Managed to control switching of the solenoid valves via the control board using written code.
- The board did not fire the ignition coil.

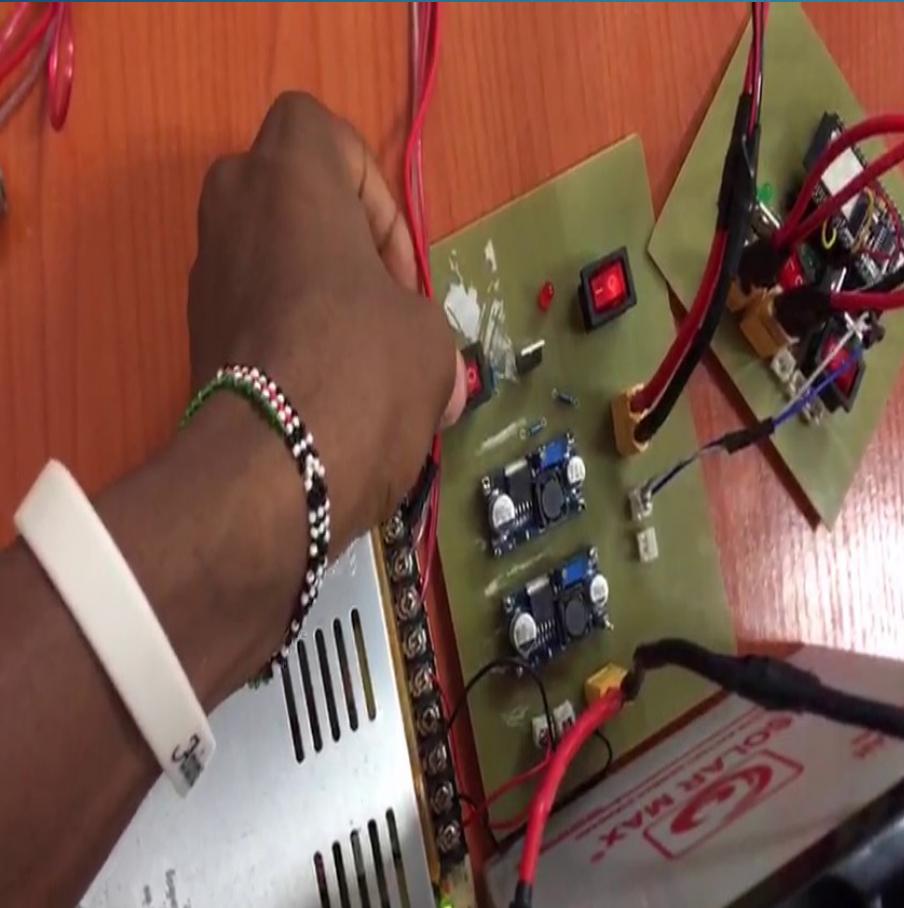
Solution.

We are doing a bench test to try trouble-shooting The circuit.

BENCH TEST

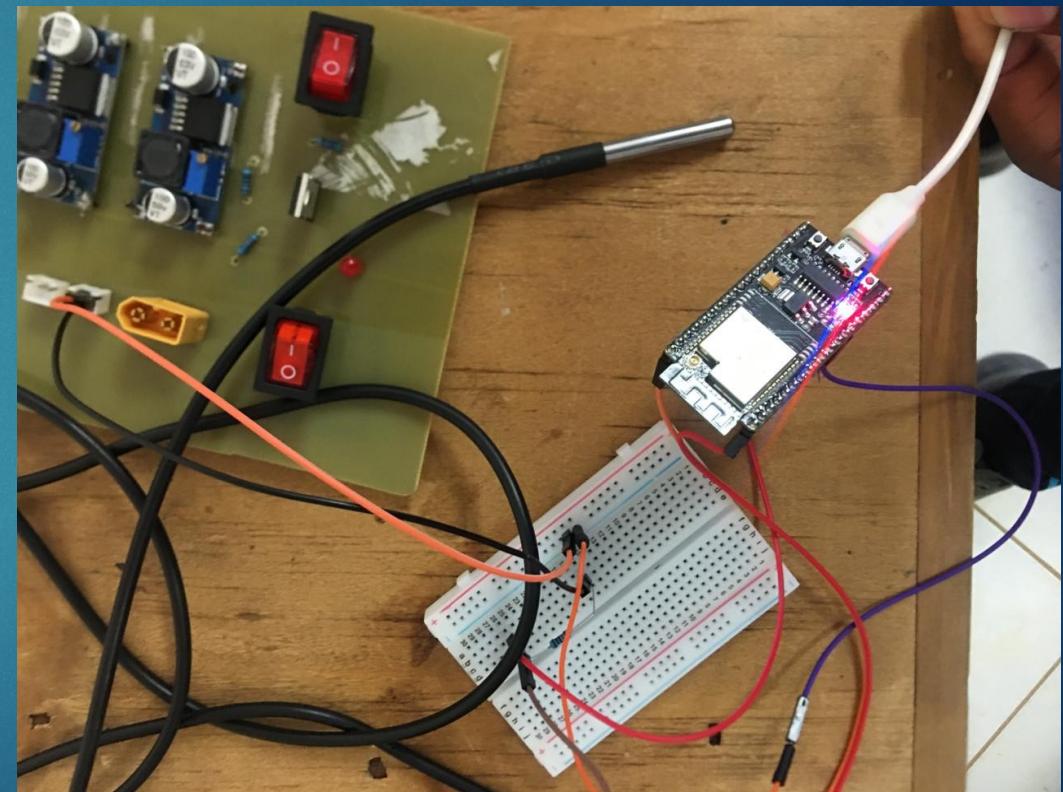


FINAL RESULT

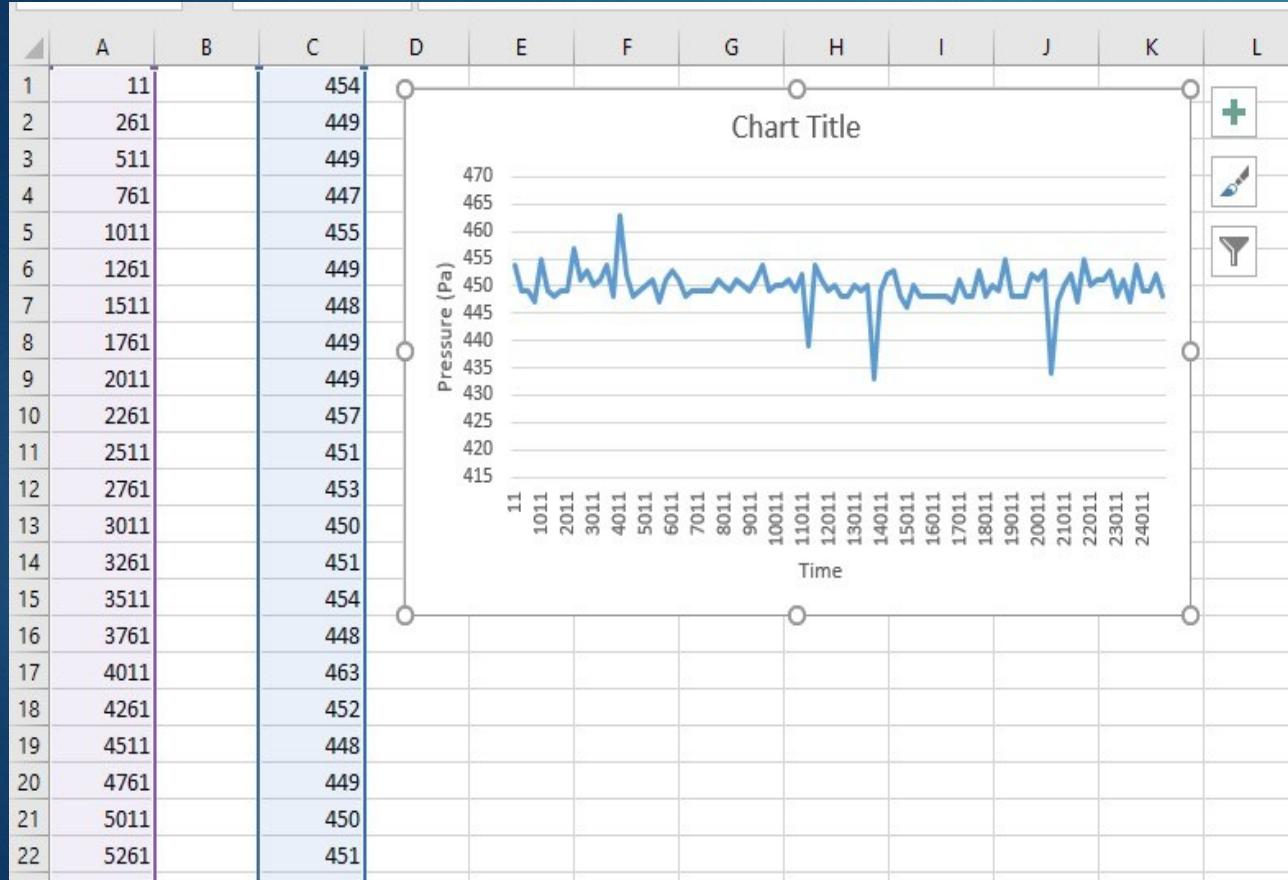


with the changes made, there was a spark ignited

TEMPERATURE SENSOR CALIBRATION



STORING OF PRESSURE SENSOR DATA



The figure shows a software interface titled "2 Dev Module". The menu bar includes File, Session, Edit, Connection, Macros, View, Remote, Window, and Help. The main window displays a list of pressure values and their corresponding timestamps. Below the list is a serial port monitor showing data capture details. At the bottom, there is a legend for serial port status indicators.

```
pressureZero = 400; //  
pressureMax = 921.4; //  
pressuretransducermaxP  
orValue = 0; //variable  
() //setup routine, run  
begin(9600); //initializ  
15,INPUT);  
() //loop routine runs  
36761 => 450.00000 Pa  
37011 => 453.00000 Pa  
37261 => 453.00000 Pa  
37511 => 449.00000 Pa  
37761 => 450.00000 Pa  
38011 => 450.00000 Pa  
38261 => 454.00000 Pa  
38511 => 448.00000 Pa  
38761 => 450.00000 Pa  
39011 => 449.00000 Pa  
39261 => 451.00000 Pa  
39511 => 451.00000 Pa  
39761 => 454.00000 Pa  
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40261 => 449.00000 Pa  
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40761 => 451.00000 Pa  
41011 => 449.00000 Pa  
41261 => 452.00000 Pa  
41511 => 448.00000 Pa  
41761 => 449.00000 Pa  
42011 => 450.00000 Pa  
42261 => 464.00000 Pa  
42511 => 450.00000 Pa  
42761 => 451.00000 Pa  
43011 => 454.00000 Pa  
43261 => 453.00000 Pa
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COM4 (USB-SERIAL CH340) / 9600 8-N-1
Connected 00:00:43, 3,957 / 0 bytes, Capturing... 3957 Bytes

TX	RTS	DTR	DCD
RX	CTS	DSR	RI

SA CUP RULES

- ▶ All liquid engines must be static fired, well characterized, and tested as per section 5.17.
- ▶ Launch vehicles entered in the SA Cup must use non-toxic propellants.
- ▶ Liquid engines are designed with stored fuel and stored oxidizer in the liquid state.
- ▶ All liquid propellants used in the engines must be non-toxic.
- ▶ Liquid and gaseous propellants in hybrid and liquid propulsion systems must have a means for remotely controlled venting or offloading.
- ▶ Static hot-fire testing is required for SRAD propulsion systems prior to the SA Cup.
- ▶ The minimum thrust-to-weight ratio for all competition launches should be 5:1, except as noted in section 5.12.
- ▶ The filling time for liquid engines should be less than or equal to 30 minutes, and rockets should vent/detank in less than or equal to 30 minutes, including in fault and failsafe conditions.

Next Week's Objectives

- ▶ Remote operation
- ▶ Addition of rails into test stand
- ▶ Addition of safety features eg buzzer
- ▶ Finding appropriate flow sensor



THANK YOU