# THOMAS SURRIDGE

ENGINEERING & DESIGN PORTFOLIO



## Wearable Gloves for Data Collection

HaptE

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#### What?

- Creating data collecting gloves for Physical Therapy
- **Developing MVP** for use in pitch competitions and customer acquisition
- · Simplifying first prototype (middle) by considering more effective sensors (right)



#### How?

- Using IMUs to apply orientation data to musculoskeletal models of human hand, creating visuals for an app
- Developed highly modular electronic system, appropriate for a glove
- Using Raspberry Pi Pico WiFi to create a wireless product



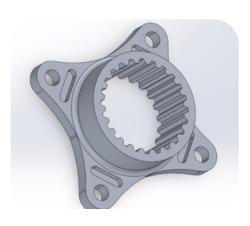
#### Results

- Self-powered system sewn on alove. transmitting orientation data wirelessly
- · Discovered issues with IMUs such as data noise
- Considering new sensors for future product (hall effects sensors, actuators)

# Differential Sprocket Adapter

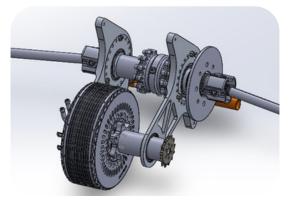
Northwestern Formula SAE Electric





#### What?

- Design differential sprocket adapter from scratch for 2025 car
- Consider design for manufacturing due to limited access to stock metal
- Conduct FEA and validation testing to prevent part failure at competition



#### How?

- Worked with drivetrain assembly (middle) to optimize design for perfect drivetrain alignment
- Created initial prototype in SolidWorks and presented 'Design Review' with entire chassis team
- Iterated design and used CAM in Fusion to manufacture with CNC Mill
- Considered various failure modes



#### Results

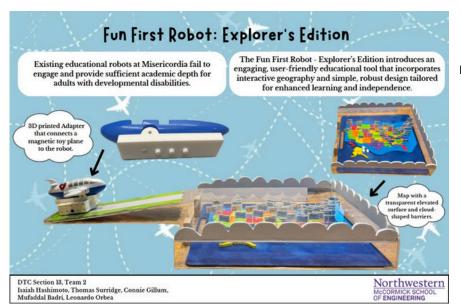
- Reduced mass by 12% from 2023/24 design
- Conducted successful **FEA**. exceeding Factor of Safety regulations by 2x
- Successfully manufactured DSA on first attempt
- First successful DSA project for club over the past 3 years



## Durable Learning Kits for Adults Northwestern Design Thinking & Communication

#### What?

- User-centred design project with client company Misericordia
- Create tech-based learning kit for adults with developmental disabilities
- Document entire design process including engineering sketches and client interactions



#### Results

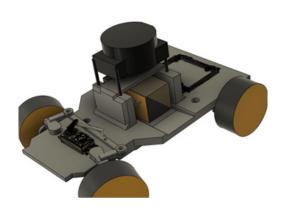
- Fully-functional prototype, adhering to user needs
- Rise in engagement levels compared to previous learning tools
- Presented at 'DTC Expo' and received feedback of 'best execution & design'

#### How?

- Worked with a team of 5 from ideation and mock-ups to final prototype through rapid prototyping
- Conducted user research and testing to fit prototype to user needs, such as safety and engagement
- Designed and 3D-printed toy parts using SolidWorks
- Manufactured acrylic and wooden play environment using laser cutter, drill press, and chemical bonding agents (epoxy and acrylic adhesives)

## Bluetooth-Controlled Car (Project Lead)

Abbeygate Engineering Society





## Results

- Achieved a fully-functional RC Car with dynamic steering mechanism
- Entered project for UK National Science Fair as the leader of 5person team

#### What?

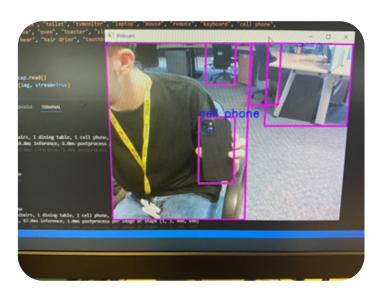
- Design and 3D Print a functional remote-controlled car from a \$600 budget
- Investigate approaches for how the car can be made autonomous using LiDAR technology

#### How?

- Used solid modelling features in Fusion 360 to create a design from scratch
- Created electronics diagrams in Fritzing based on Arduino Mega microcontroller

#### What?

- Implement a trained object detection model into a Unity application
- Enhance the scope of Augmented Reality tools used at BT Group
- Provide a tool for BT field engineers to improve their efficiency



## Results

- Trained model recognised desired equipment
- Wrote a research report on my project and computer vision
- Presented at Nuffield Research fair
- Received UK Gold CREST Award

#### How?

- Designed a webcam-enabled application on **Unity** with **interactive UI**
- Established a dataset of BT network equipment and utilised it to train a YOLOv8 detection model
- Implemented trained model into **Unity** application

# **Additional CAD Designs**

DSGN 240: Intro to Solid Modelling







5-part Wall-E Assembly