



# Water Quality Spectroscopic Analysis

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# Motivation

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1. Industrial Spectrometers are expensive

Most commercial spectrometers cost upwards of a thousands of dollars.

2. Water Quality is important to our health and well-being

Freshwater algae or cyanobacteria are known to release cyanotoxins which in high doses are hazardous to humans.

Chlorophyll is a useful protein to exploit its fluorescence capabilities in photosynthetic molecules.

# Goals and Objectives

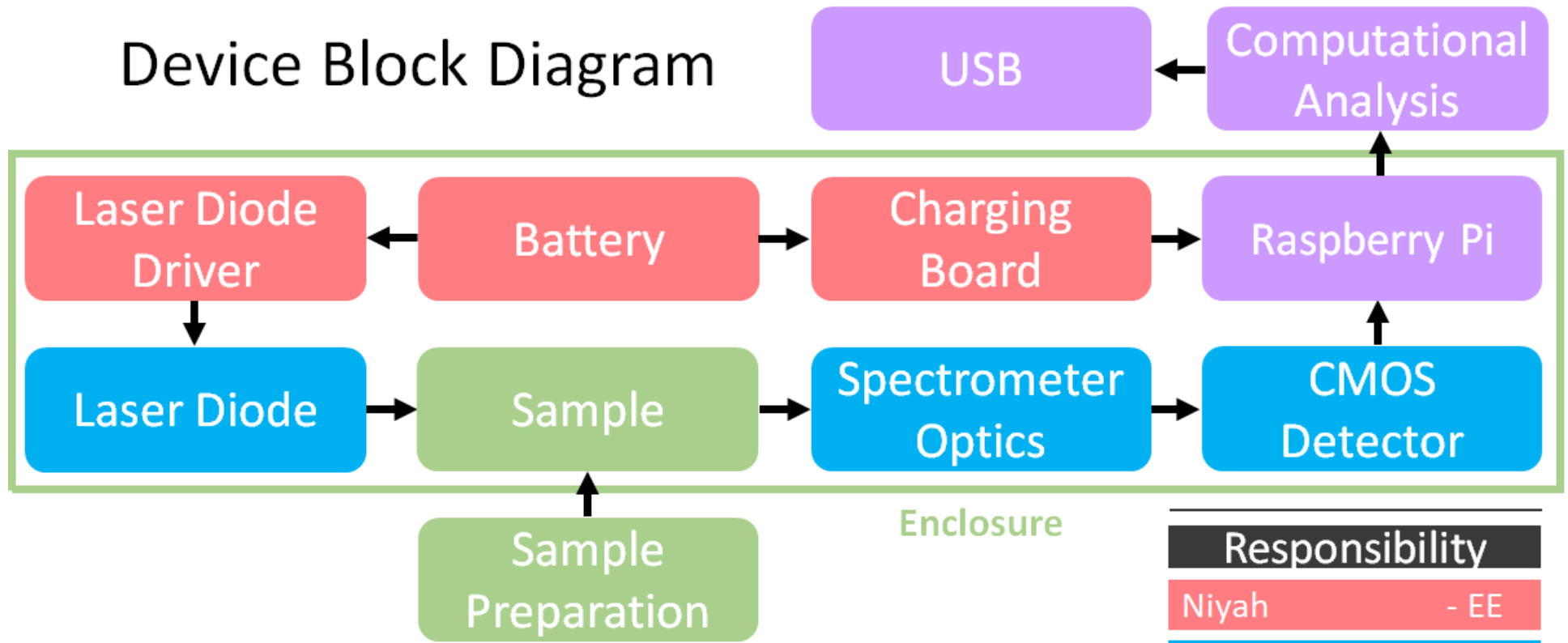
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- Must be **cheap**, **lightweight** and **portable**.
- Measure the chlorophyll in a sample between 50 micrograms/liter and 50 milligrams/liter using fluorescence spectroscopy.
- Obtain a spectrum in the 600-750 nm range.

## System Specifications

| Parameter                       | Design Specification                        |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Excitation Wavelength           | 409 nm                                      |
| Spectral Range                  | 600 – 750 nm                                |
| Resolution                      | 2.2 nm                                      |
| Target Concentration Detectable | 50 micrograms/liter to 50 milligrams/liter  |
| Sensor Type                     | CMOS 3280x2464 pixels                       |
| Input Voltage                   | 12.7 V                                      |
| Charge Time                     | 1.5 hours                                   |
| Discharge Time                  | Minimum 1 hour                              |
| Processing Time                 | Average of 30 seconds/sample                |
| Dimensions                      | 7.5x7.5x6"                                  |
| Weight                          | 4.7 lb                                      |
| Output                          | Fluorescence Spectrum Intensity Profile CSV |

# Device Block Diagram



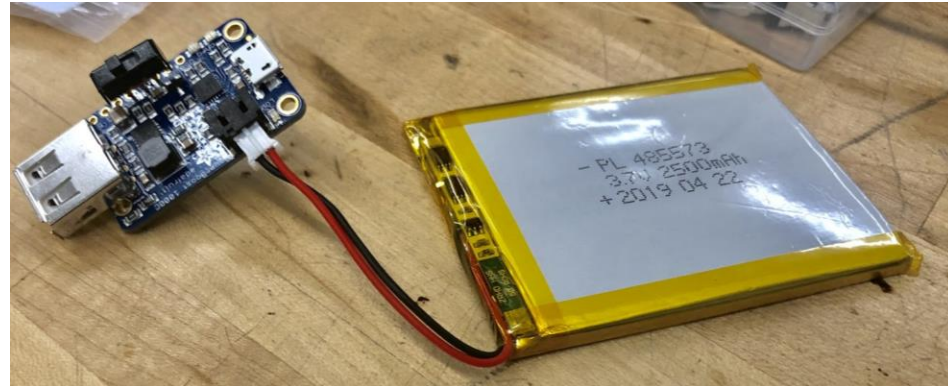
Overall Device Block Diagram

| Responsibility |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Niyah          | - EE  |
| Austin         | - PSE |
| Hee-Jun        | - PSE |
| Lavine         | - CPE |

# Power Supply

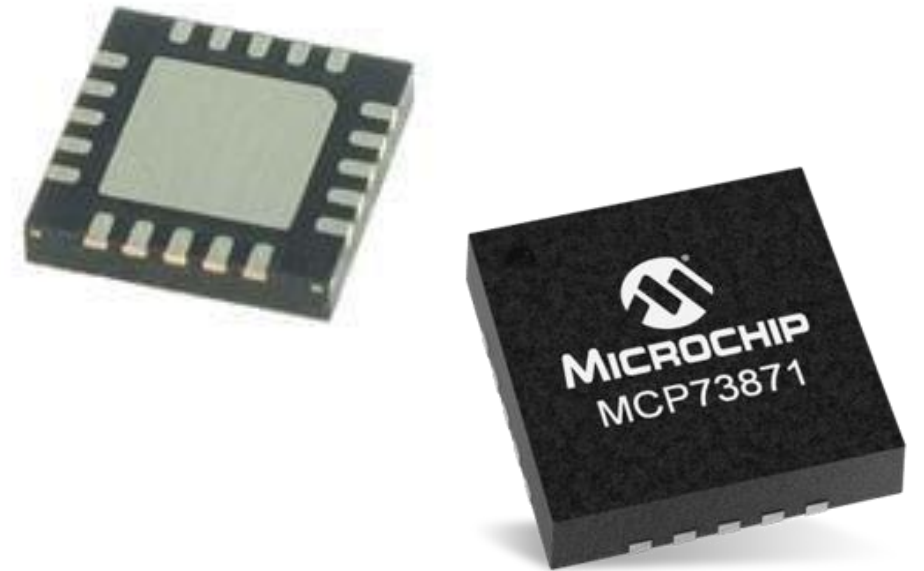
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- Lithium Polymer
- 3.7V, 3000maH
- Small
- Light
- Low self-discharge
- Rechargeable
- Charging board

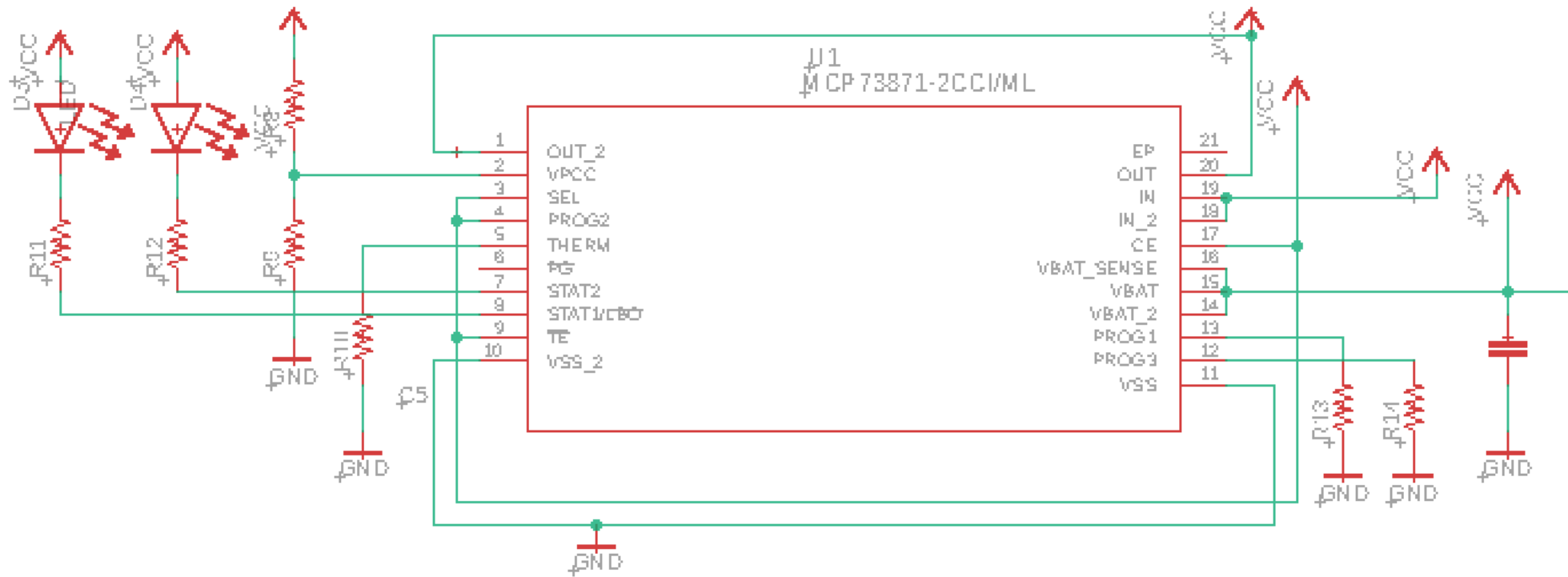


# MPC73871

| Manufacturer  | Microchip          |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Function      | Battery Management |
| Cost          | \$1.79             |
| Voltage In    | 5V                 |
| Voltage Out   | 4.2V               |
| Mounting Type | Surface mount      |



# MPC73871 Connected

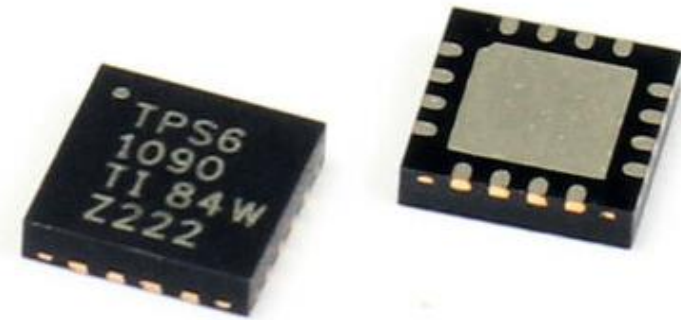




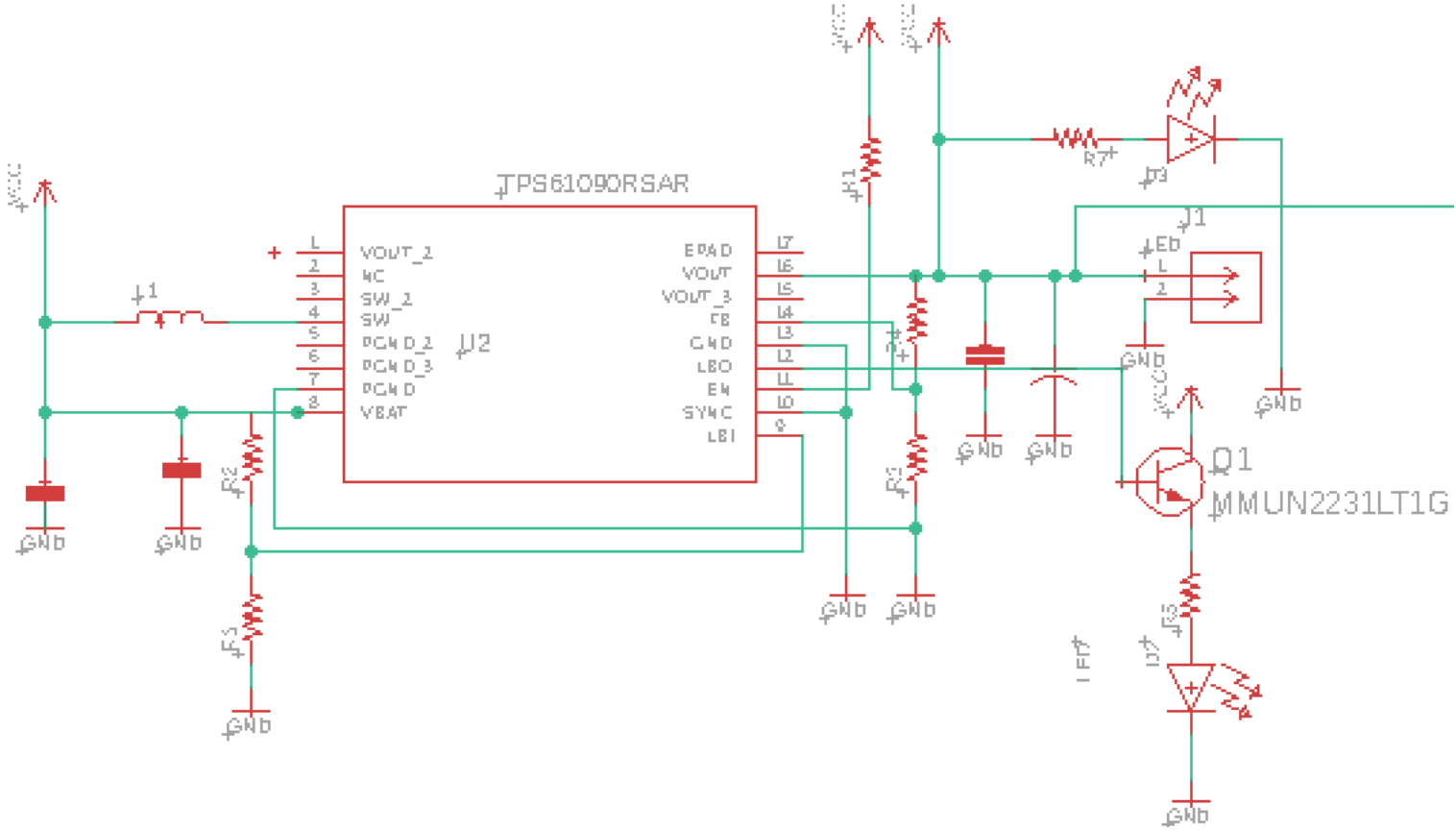
# TPS6109RSAR

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| Manufacturer  | Texas Instruments   |
|---------------|---|
| Function      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Step Up Voltage Regulator</li></ul> |
| Cost          | \$2.41  |
| Voltage In    | 1.8V-5.5V   |
| Voltage Out   | 1.8V-5.5V   |
| Mounting Type | Surface mount   |



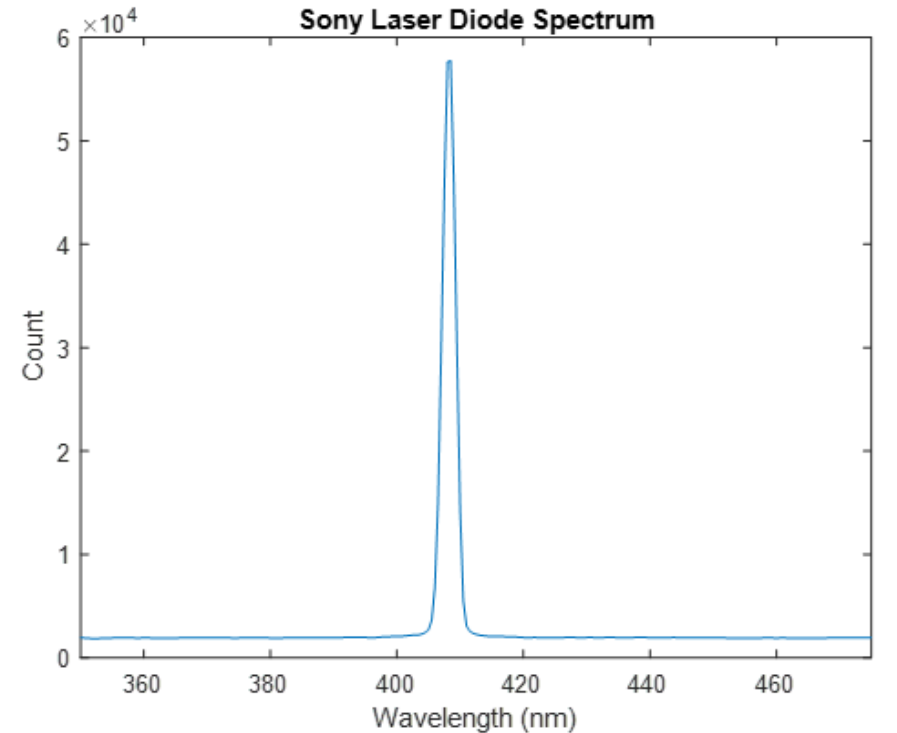
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# Laser Diode

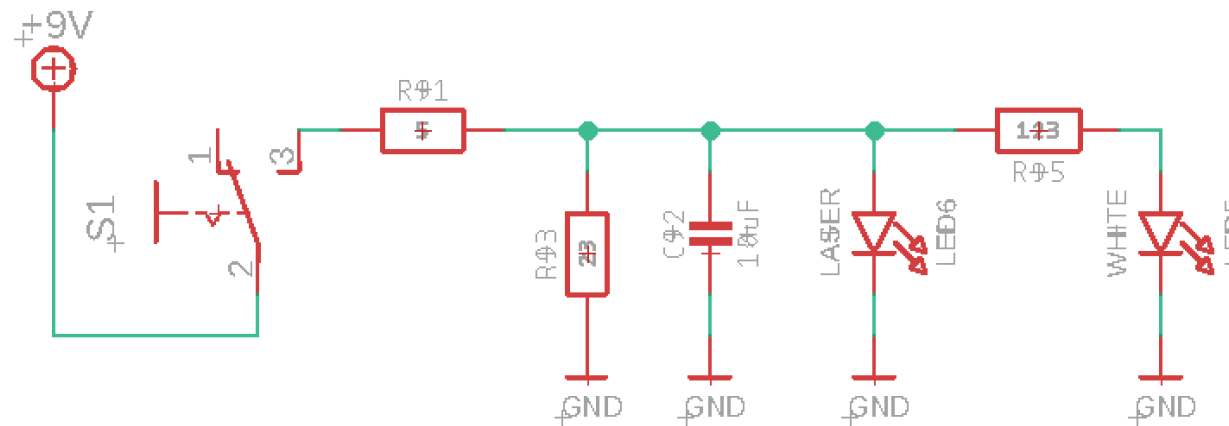
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- Sony SLD3232VF
- 405nm
- Operating voltage minimum: 5.3V
- Operating Current minimum: 50 mA



# Laser Diode Driver Circuit

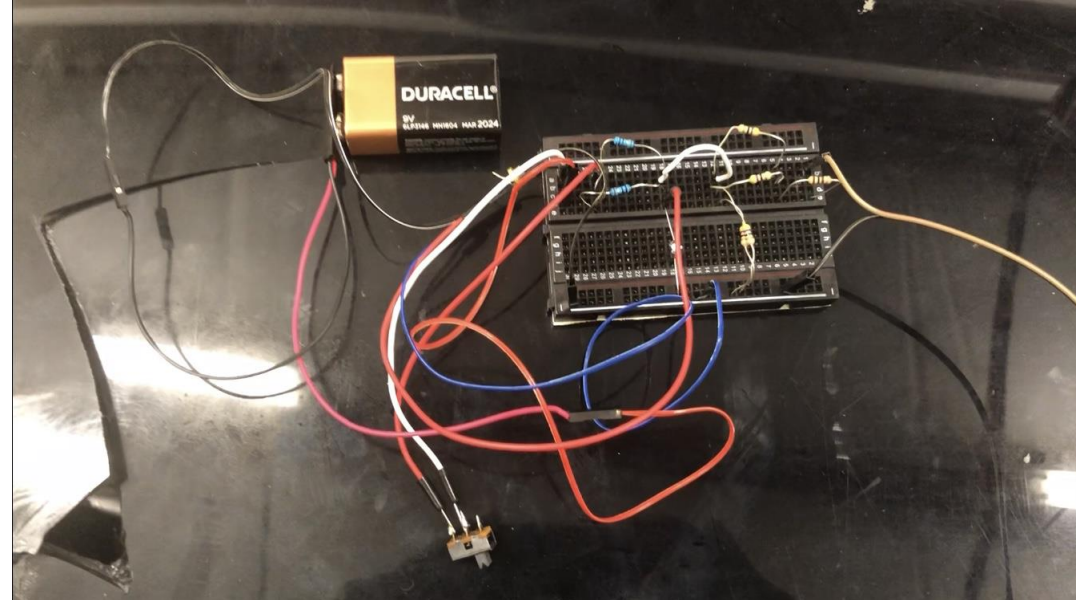
- Operating Current for LD 55mA
- Operating Voltage for LD 5.5V



# Laser Diode Driver Circuit

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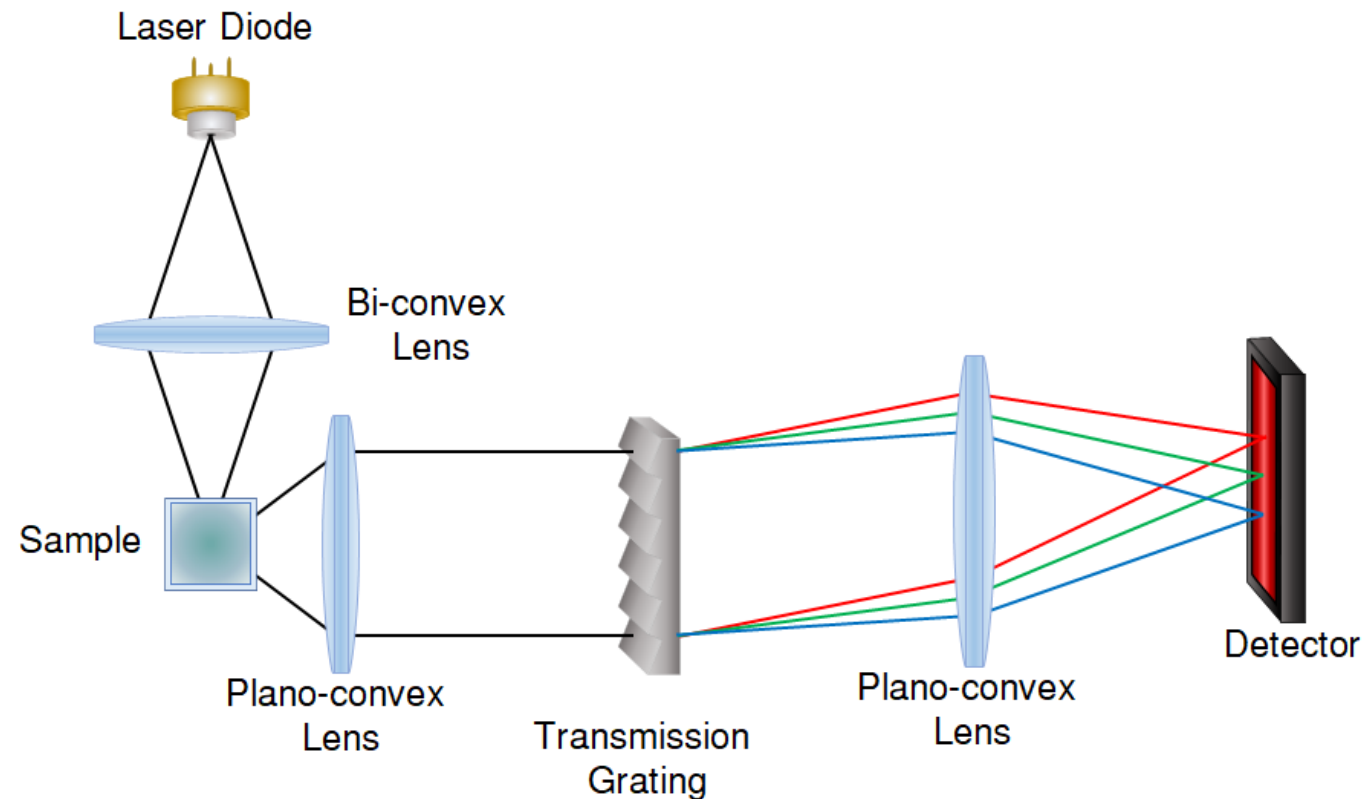
- Powered by 9V alkaline battery
- Includes indicator LED



# Optical Layout

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- Our layout is composed of a single lens to focus onto the sample and a telescope to collimate and focus onto our detector



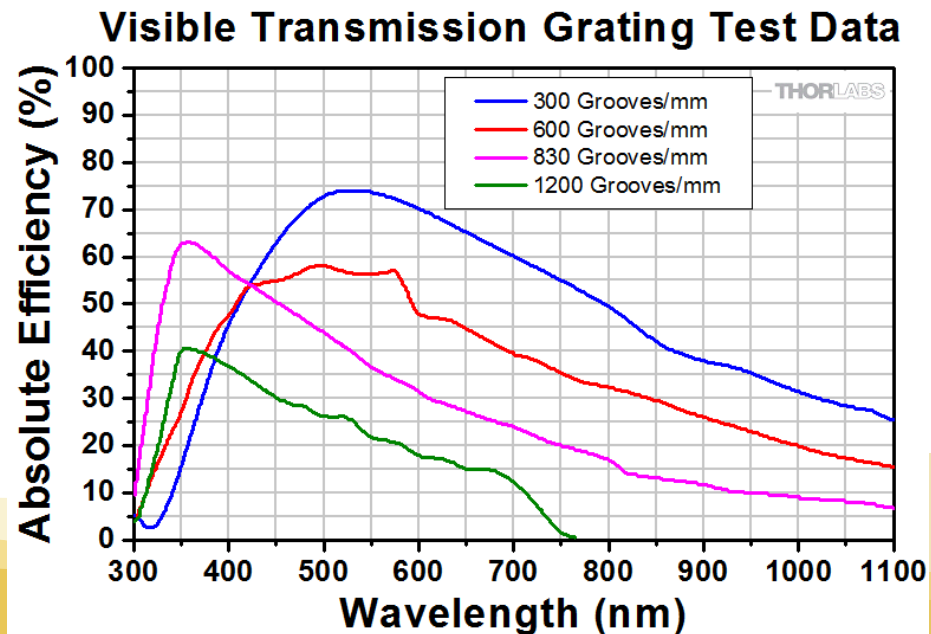
# Lenses

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- **First Lens** (focusing onto the sample)
  - Diameter: 20.0 mm
  - Focal Length: 20.0 mm
- **Second Lens** (collimating from the sample)
  - Diameter: 12.5 mm
  - Focal Length: 12.5 mm
- **Third Lens** (focusing onto the detector)
  - Diameter: 3.0 mm
  - Focal Length: 3.0 mm

# Grating

| Grating     | Diffraction Efficiency | Cost    | Size             | Compatibility            |
|-------------|------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Ruled       | 60%-70%                | \$82.78 | 12.7mm x 12.7mm  | Simpler optical setup    |
| Holographic | 45%-60%                | \$90.63 | 12.7 mm x 12.7mm | More intricate alignment |



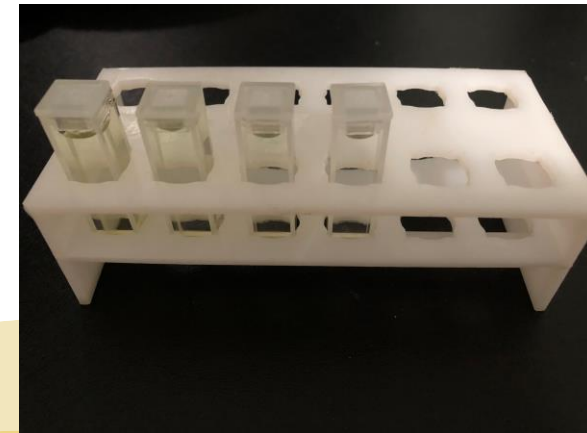
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# Sample

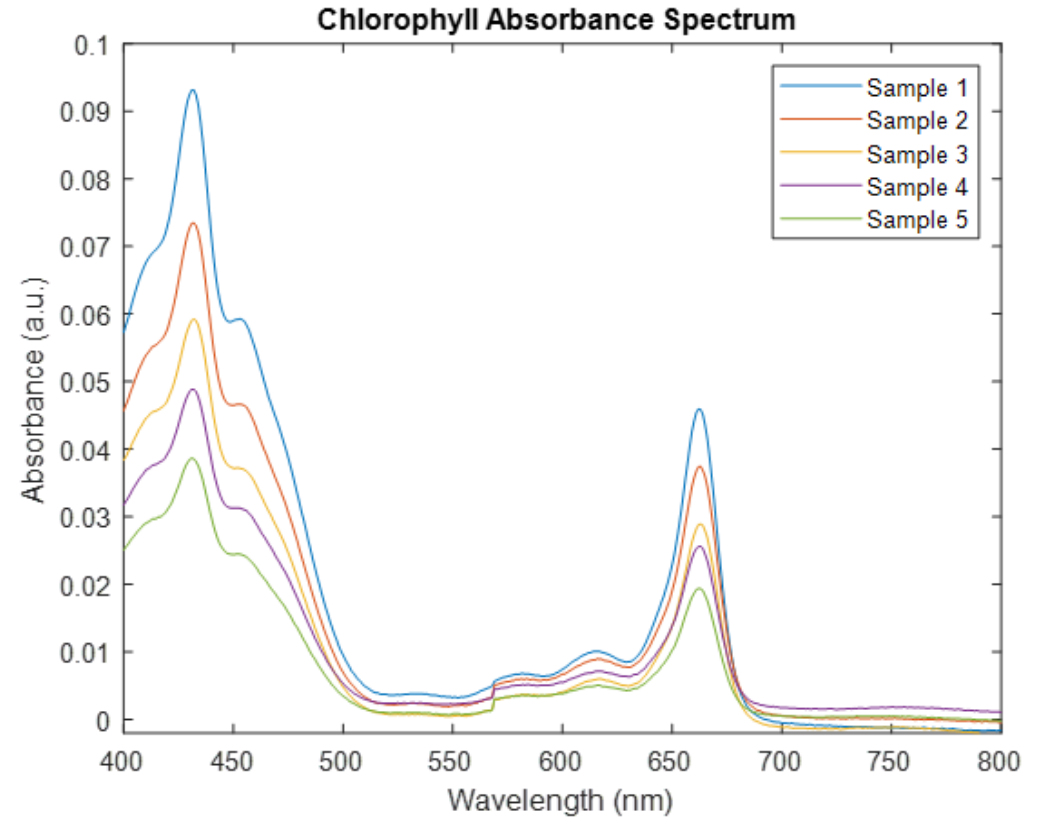
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- Peak absorption at 430 nm
- Fluorescence peak at 655 nm
- Chlorophyll-a extracted from Anabaena, cyanobacteria culture
- All samples require to be diluted in acetone >99%
- Optical density (OD) must be less than 0.1 for accurate results
- Chlorophyll-a has a quantum yield of 0.2.



# Sample

- Cary-500 spectrophotometer was used to detect the absorbance of the solution to determine the concentration
- Must use Beer's law to find the concentration with a known extinction coefficient at 662 nm



# Complications

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- Could not collect more data from spectrophotometer of different concentrations
- We required more data to match our fluorescence intensity to its matching optical density
- Our system does not tell the user the concentration of the chlorophyll inside the solution, but can still show the spectrum and the relative intensity

# Sample Cuvette

| Cuvette Material | Spectral Range | Optical Path Length | Price           |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Plastic          | 380-780 nm     | 10 mm               | \$22.77 for 100 |
| Optical Glass    | 350-2000 nm    | 10 mm               | \$39.99 for 2   |
| Quartz           | 190-2500 nm    | 10 mm               | \$49.95 for 2   |



# Raspberry Pi V3

**Purpose:** The Pi will be used to process information gained from the sensor and convert it into a spectrum.

- The Pi was chosen because it has the ability to do image processing compared to the other options:
  - The MSP430, while cheaper cannot be used because its power is too low to produce high quality image processing.
  - The Arduino Uno, while a middle ground, has very little memory to do image processing.



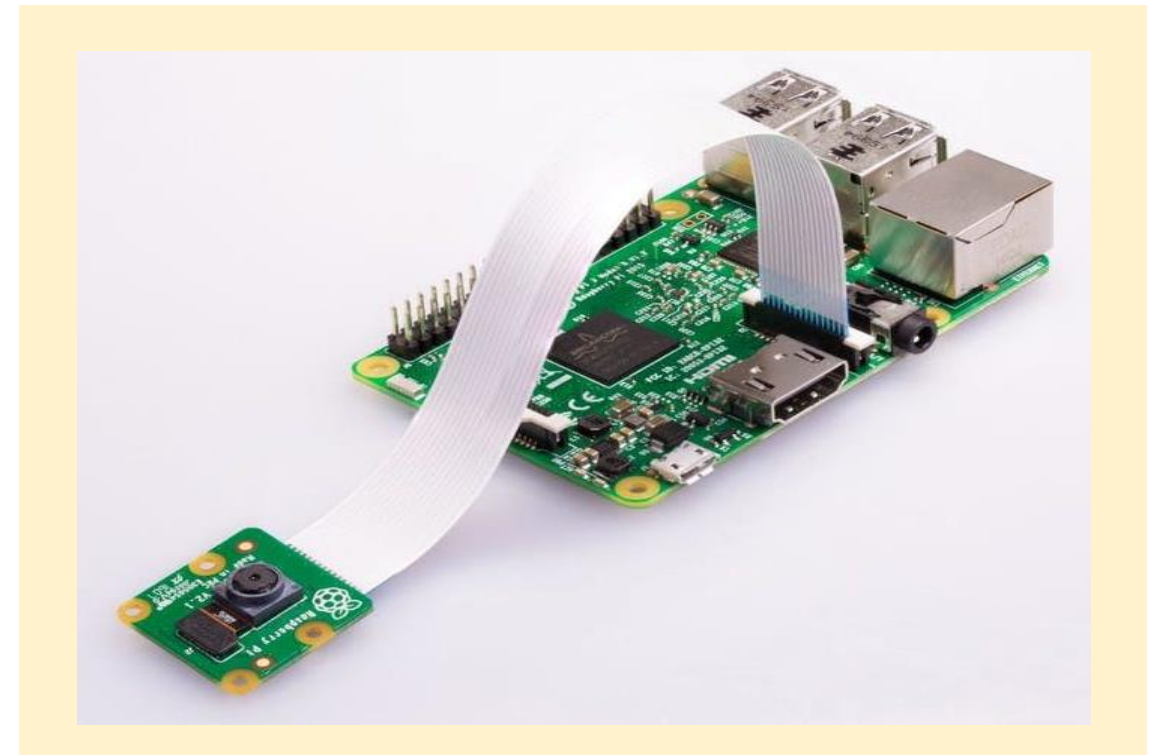
| Development Kit | Cost (\$) | RAM   | Size               | Weight      |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| Raspberry Pi 3  | 30\$      | 1 GB  | 4.9 x 3 x 1.3 in   | 2.4 ounces  |
| Arduino Uno     | 22\$      | 2 KB  | 68.6 x 53.4 mm     | 2.88 ounces |
| MSP430 G2       | 15\$      | 512 B | 6.3 x 6.1 x 1.7 in | 4.8 ounces  |

# Camera Module V2 for Raspberry Pi

**Purpose:** This will be the only detecting hardware to record the fluorescence signal from our cuvette.

- Detector size is large enough to record the whole area of the signal (3.7mm x 2.8mm)
- Quantum efficiency of this silicon-based detector is >80% for 663 nm

Originally, we wanted a monochromatic camera, but ultimately the Pi was chosen over it because of its ease of set up, cost, as well as the resources associated with the module.



| Camera           | Cost (\$) | Bayer Pattern | Resolution |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Camera Module V2 | 25\$      | BGGR          | 8 MP       |
| MT9J001 camera   | 40\$      | Monochrome    | 10 MP      |

## SanDisk Extreme Plus

**Purpose:** The SD card is used to contain the program to process the information recorded by the sensor. The SD card is chosen by the specific categories:

- SD card size (capacity) - The minimum card size needed to run the recommended software is 16GB
- SD card class - the cost of write speed is achieved at the cost of read speed and increased seek times
- We ended up only using 9 GB, so we can use a smaller SD card to reduce costs.



| SD Card         | Price | Capacity | Speed    |
|-----------------|-------|----------|----------|
| SanDisk Ultra   | 8\$   | 32 GB    | Class 10 |
| SanDisk Extreme | 20\$  | 64 GB    | Class 10 |

# Image Processing

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- To find the spectrum of the sample, the intensity profile is needed to find its wavelength.
  - The program does this by looking at the intensity of each pixel.
- The camera takes in the raw bayer data of the sample and stores the results in a 2D array.
- IMX219 sensor's bayer data is organized in a BGGR pattern.
  - For calibration, we use blue and red.
  - For data analysis, we use just red.
- The tradeoff for using a color camera is that we have less pixels for the analysis when we want it to be as high as possible.



# Sensor Calibration

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- Sensor needs to be calibrated to identify which wavelength is on which pixel.
- 2 known input sources with given wavelengths are used as reference on the sensor.
- The program looks for the index of the maximum values of the red and blue arrays found in image processing.
- The difference between these indexes is divided by the difference between the two reference wavelengths to get the position of each pixel.

# Data Analysis

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**Purpose:** The program will receive an output from the sensor and translate it to a spectrum.

- The program prompts the user to take a picture both with the diode on and off to reduce noise.
- Based on the calibration discussed in last slide, the intensity of each pixel will be mapped to a wavelength.
- The intensities are then adjusted according to the Quantum Efficiency of each wavelength.

# Output

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- The intensity across the different wavelengths will be used to provide the full spectra of the fluorescence.
- From the results of the data analysis, the spectra is plotted using the matplotlib on the monitor.
- The .csv of the spectra is saved into a usb mounted onto the Pi.

# Software Enhancements

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Additional features were planned for implementation, but could not make it due to lack of time:

1. A user-interface for the user to easily use the device.
  - Focus was to get the image process and analysis working.
  - Difficulty with display.
2. Unable to display concentration due to lack of a baseline.
3. Ability to turn on diode via software.
  - Workaround was to prompt the user to turn on the diode.

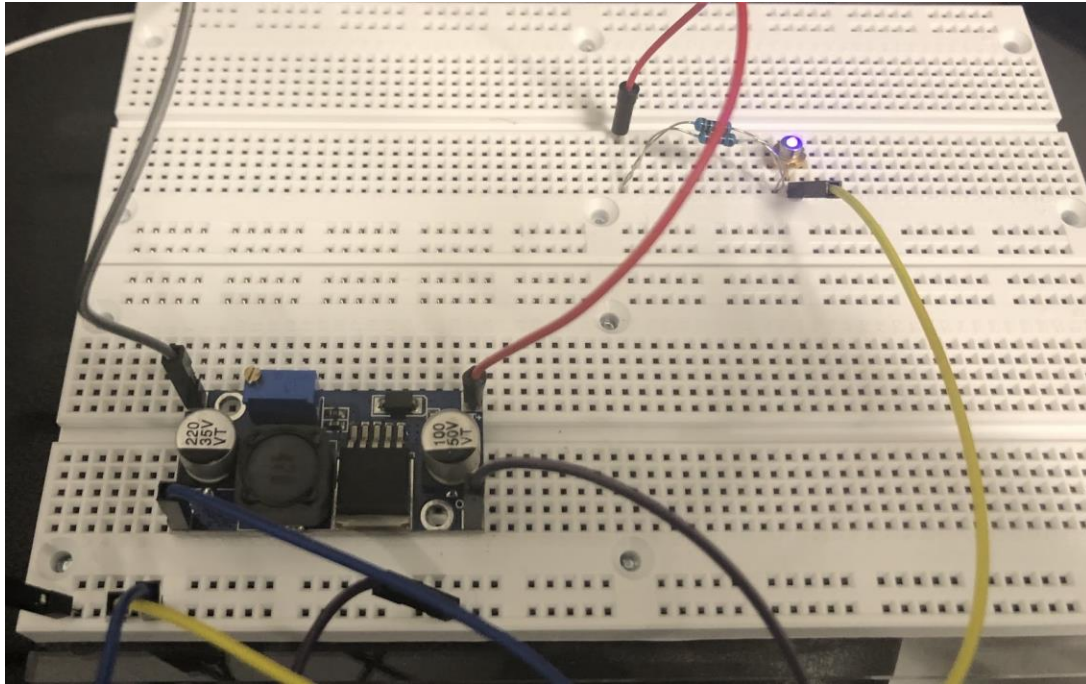
# Enclosure

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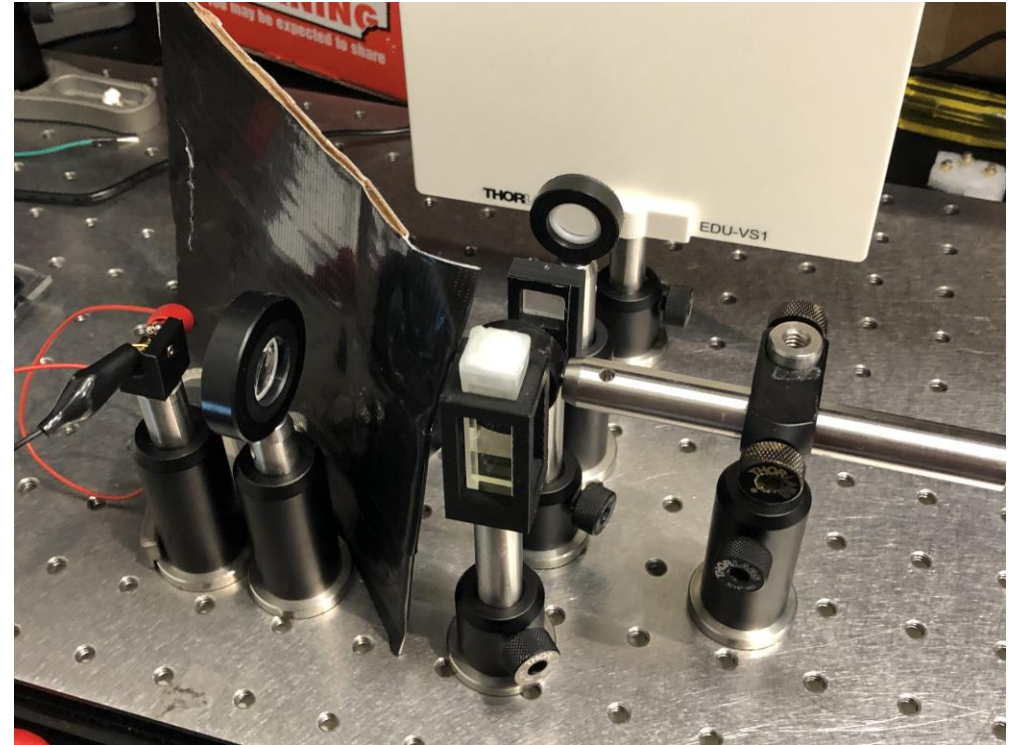
- We have chosen to construct our housing out of acrylic, being the most cost effective material.
- Base of the spectrometer is an optical breadboard; 7.5"x7.5"x5.75"

| Materials        | Aluminum 7075 | Acrylic      | Copper          | Wax      |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Prone to Defects | Little        | Moderate     | High            | Moderate |
| Dimensions       | 10"x5"x5"     | 2"x6"x6"     | 1.25"x11"x1.25" | 3"x3"x7" |
| Cost             | ~\$174.14     | ~\$68.12 (4) | ~\$159.99       | ~\$21.95 |

# Prototyping



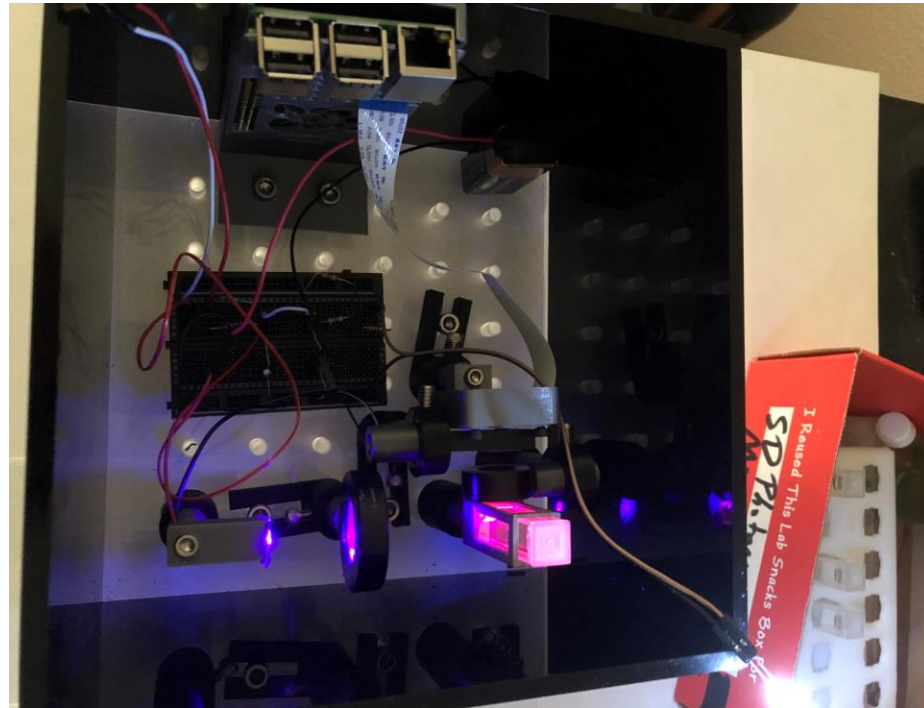
Driver Circuit Prototype



Spectrometer Prototype

# Final Design

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# Safety Precautions

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- Photonics
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- Electrical
  - Goggles when soldering
  - Laser diode eye safety



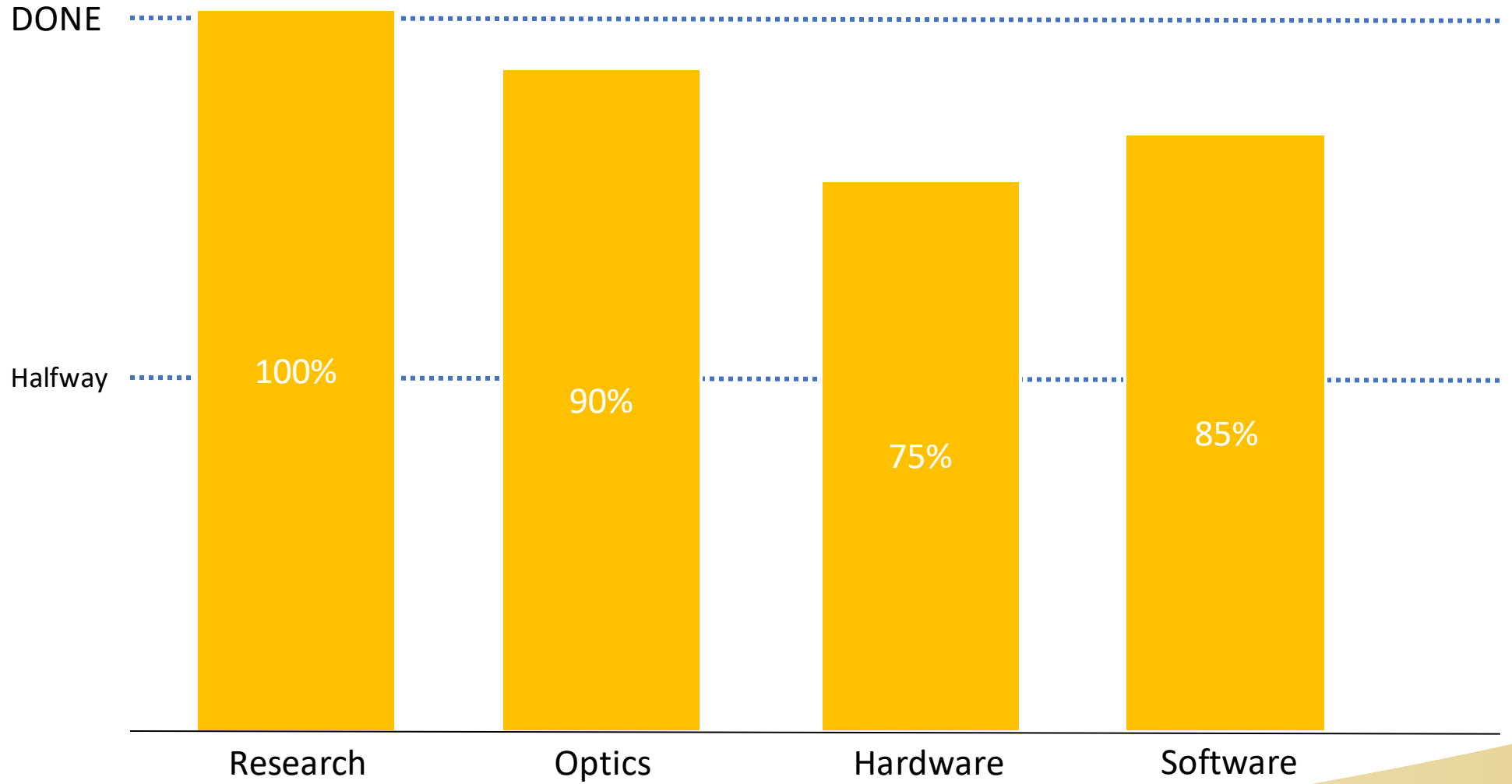
## Individual Responsibilities

| Responsibility         | Primary               | Secondary(s)          |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Power Supply           | Niyah Lowell (EE)     |                       |
| PCB                    | Niyah Lowell (EE)     |                       |
| Laser Source           | Niyah Lowell (EE)     | Hee-Jun Jang (PSE)    |
| Sample                 | Hee-Jun Jang (PSE)    | Austin Dziewior (PSE) |
| Sensor                 | Lavine Von (PSE)      | Hee-Jun Jang (PSE)    |
| Spectrometer           | Austin Dziewior (PSE) | Hee-Jun Jang (PSE)    |
| Casing                 | Hee-Jun Jang (PSE)    | Austin Dziewior (PSE) |
| Raspberry Pi           | Lavine Von (PSE)      | Niyah Lowell (EE)     |
| User Interface         | Lavine Von (CPE)      |                       |
| Computational Analysis | Lavine Von (CPE)      | Austin Dziewior (PSE) |
| Spectrum/Data          | Austin Dziewior (PSE) | Lavine Von (PSE)      |

## Budget

| Item                          | Supplier       | Unit Price | Units | Cost     |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------|----------|
| Rechargeable Battery          | Amazon         | \$7        | 2     | \$14     |
| Boosters                      | Amazon         | \$2.40     | 5     | \$12     |
| Charging Board                | Adafruit       | \$20       | 2     | \$40     |
| Laser Diode (Pack of 5)       | Sony           | \$11.99    | 1     | \$11.99  |
| Biconvex Lens f=20 mm         | EdmundOptics   | \$25.50    | 1     | \$25.50  |
| Planoconvex Lens f=12.5 mm    | EdmundOptics   | \$42.00    | 1     | \$42.00  |
| Planoconvex Lens f=75 mm      | EdmundOptics   | \$26.00    | 1     | \$26.00  |
| Transmission Grating          | ThorLabs       | \$82.78    | 1     | \$82.78  |
| Glass Cuvette (Pack of 2)     | Science Outlet | \$39.99    | 1     | \$39.99  |
| Cyanobacteria Culture         | California     | \$8.50     | 1     | \$8.50   |
| Raspberry Pi 3                | Amazon         | \$50       | 2     | \$100    |
| MicroSD Card                  | Best Buy       | \$13       | 1     | \$13     |
| Raspberry Pi Camera Module V2 | Amazon         | \$28       | 1     | \$28     |
| Total                         |                |            |       | \$443.76 |

# Progress



Questions?