

# **Preventing, Anticipating and Mitigating Off-Task Behavior in Special Needs Students**

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# PURPOSE

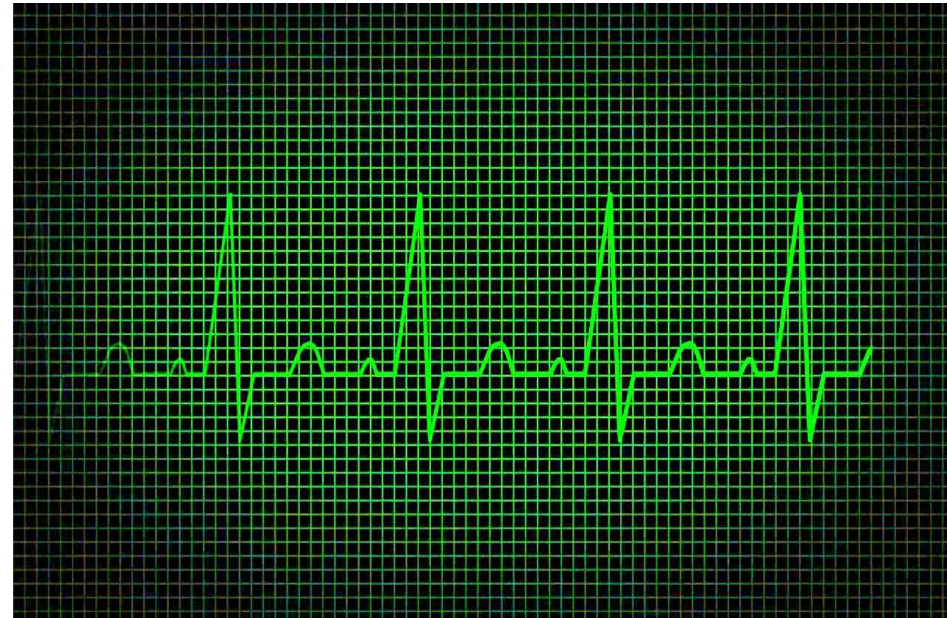
Autism Spectrum Disorder  
(ASD)  
Emotional & Behavioral  
Disorder  
(EBD)

Off-Task Behavior  
vs.  
Meltdown



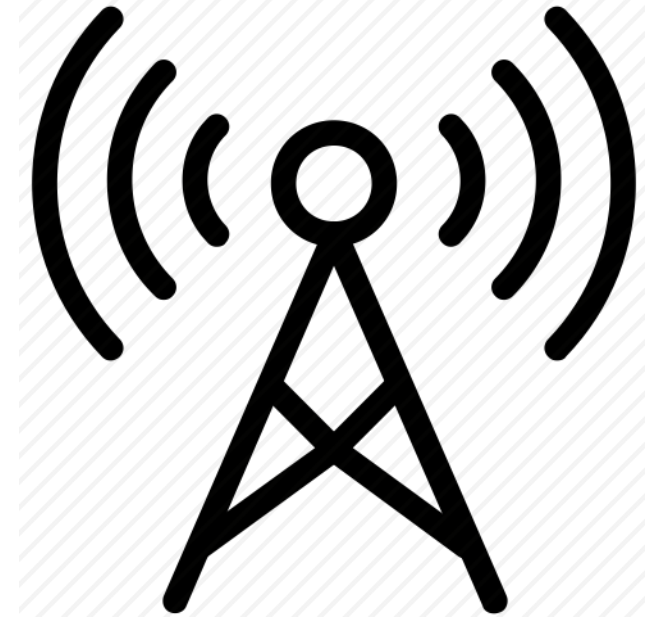
# GOALS

Prevention



Anticipation

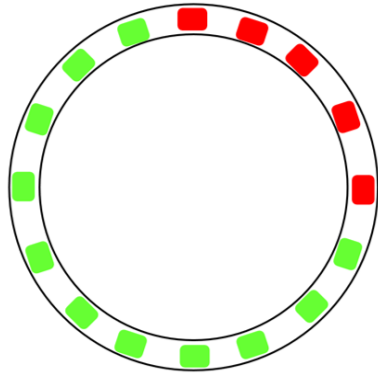
Mitigation



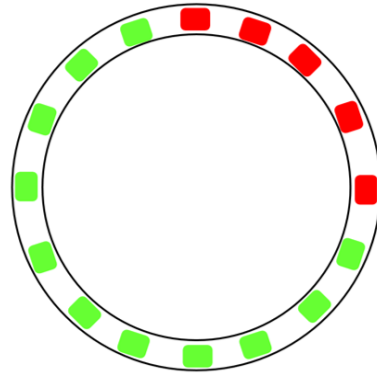
# PREVENTION METHOD

*Period-based*

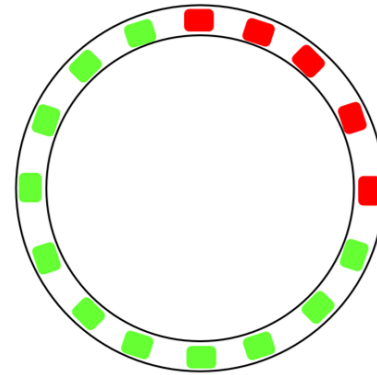
*Time-based*



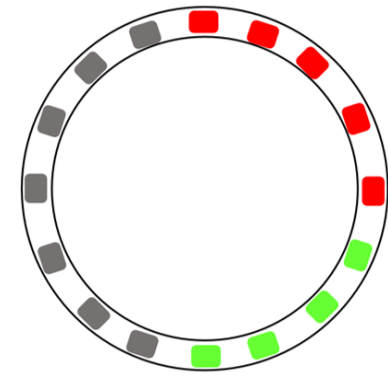
2 hr block



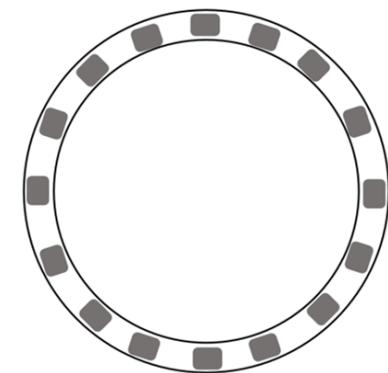
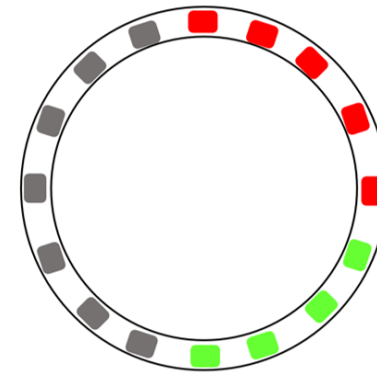
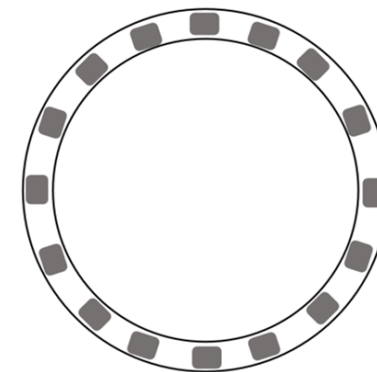
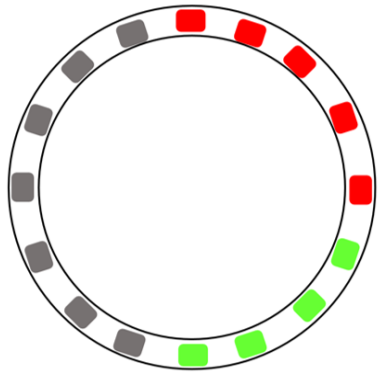
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2 hr block

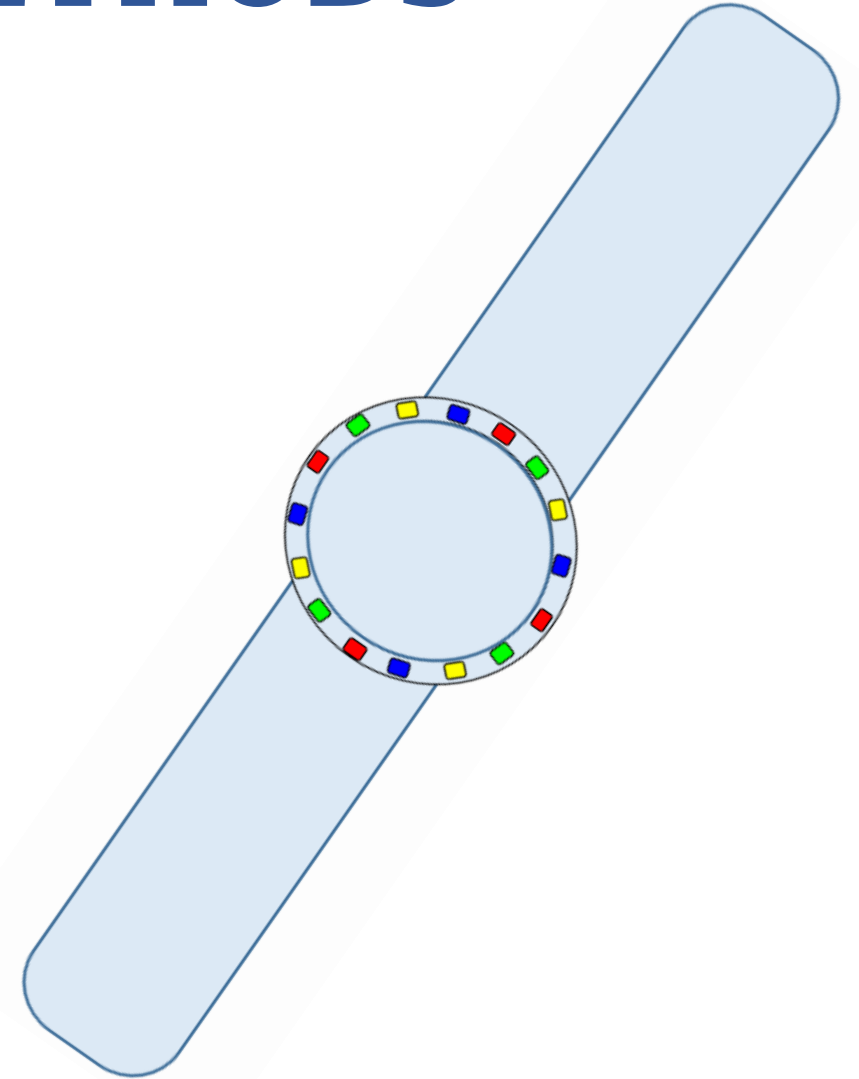


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# ANTICIPATION METHODS

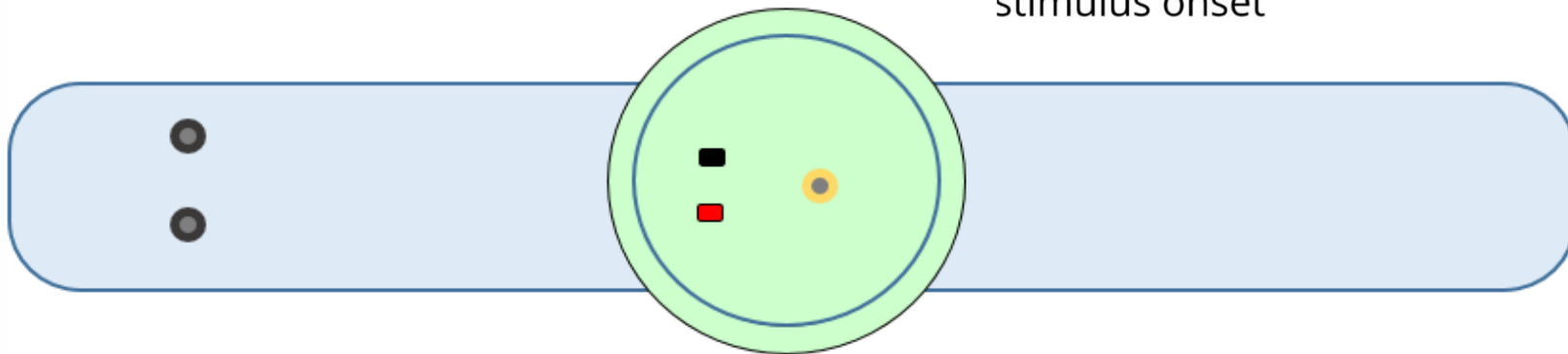
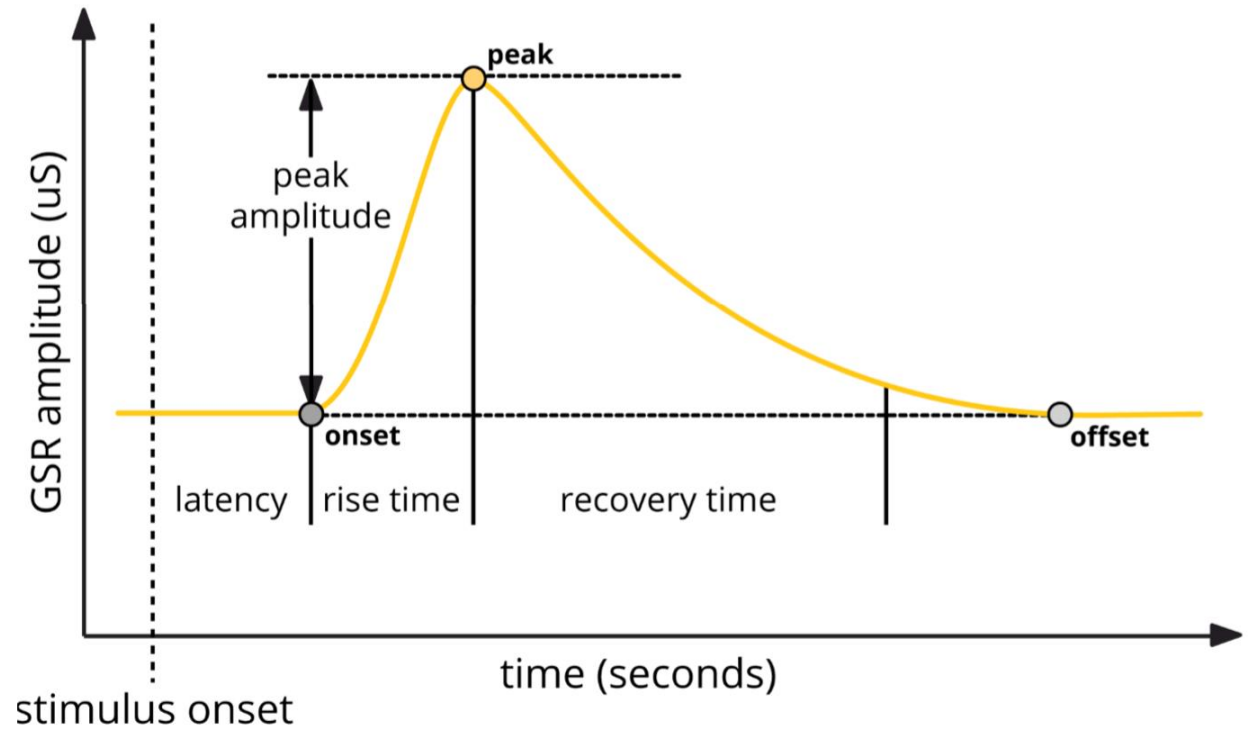
Wearable Sensors



# ANTICIPATION METHODS

Electrodermal Activity  
Galvanic Skin Response

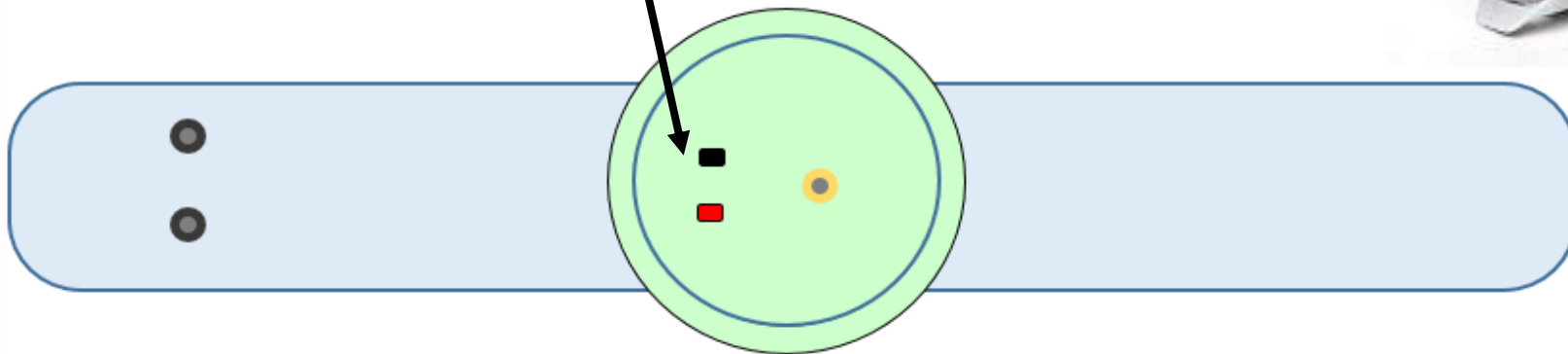
*EDA* →



# ANTICIPATION METHODS

Heart Rate by photoplethysmography

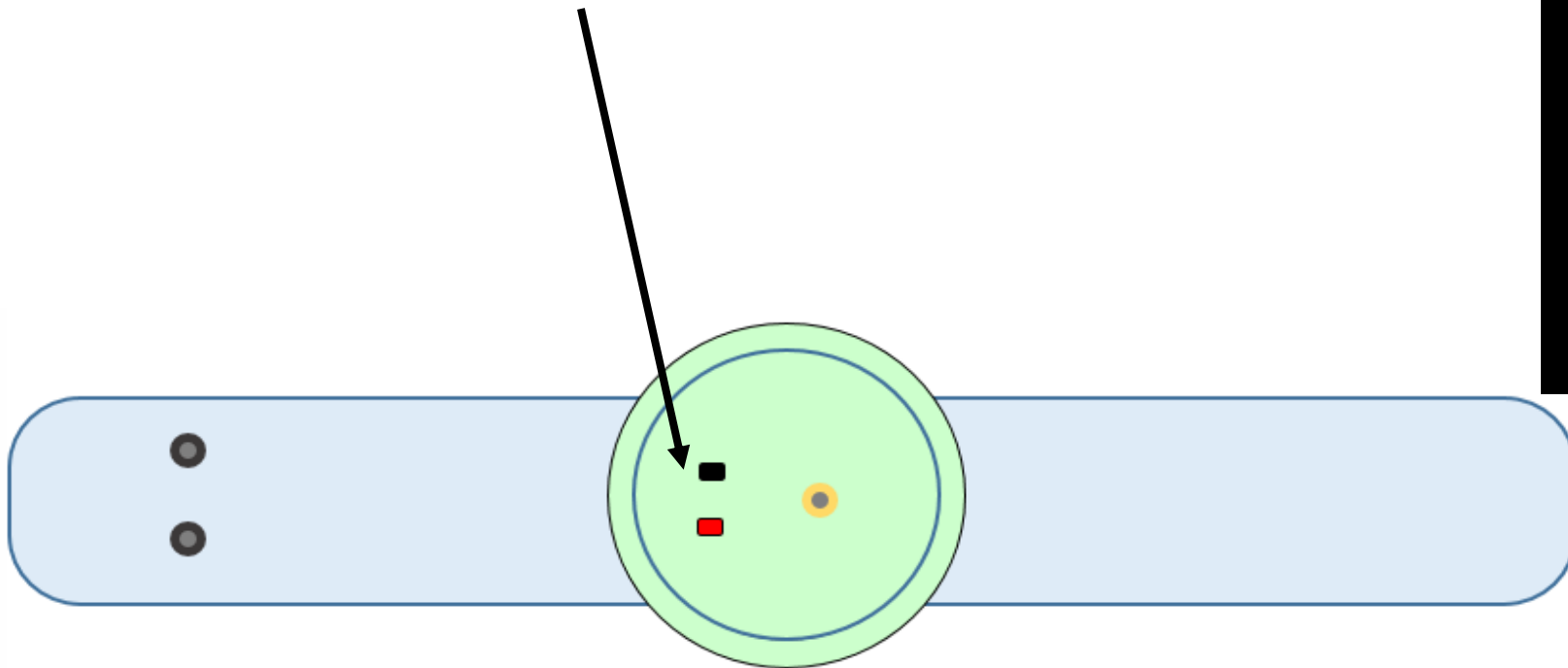
*PPG*



# ANTICIPATION METHODS

Skin Temperature by infrared

*Thermopile*





# MITIGATION METHODS

Distraction & De-escalation and/or

Intervention & Consolation

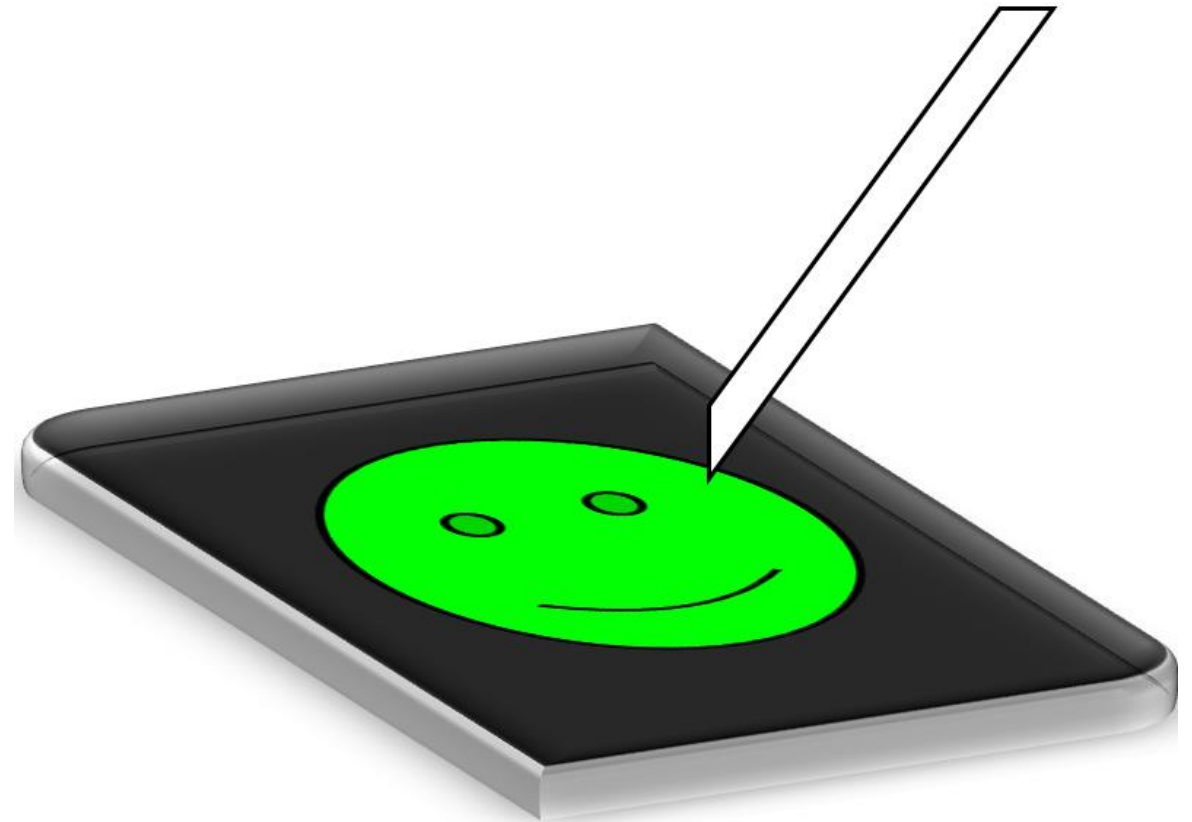


# MITIGATION METHODS

## Distraction & De-escalation

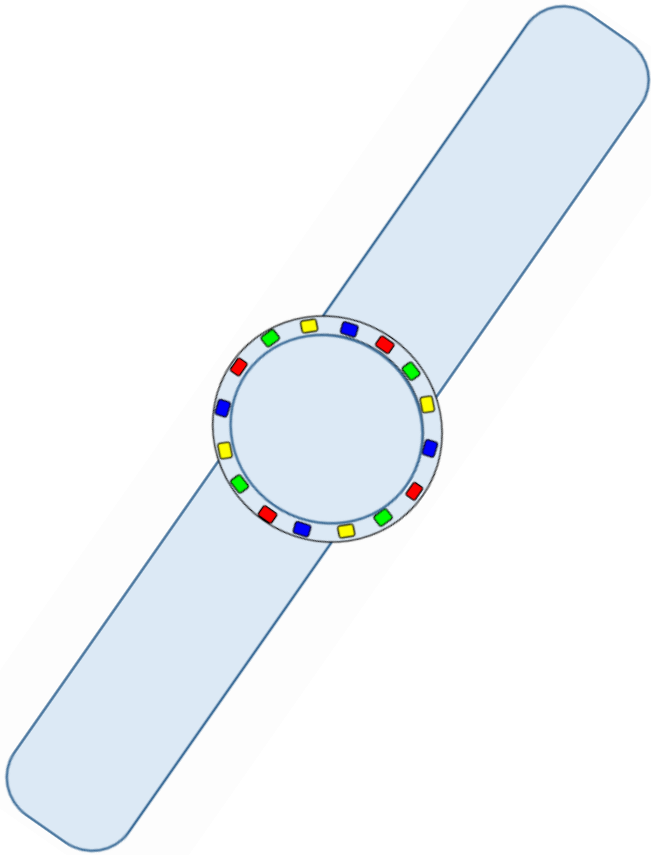
*Advantages*

*Disadvantages*



# MITIGATION METHODS

Intervention & Consolation



# REQUIREMENTS

Portable (small, light-weight)

Durable/Water resistant

Easy to use

Wireless

Low power consumption

Accurate sensors

Low cost

# SPECIFICATIONS

Wearable sensors  $2'' \times 2'' \times 0.75''$ ,  $< 8$  oz

Touchscreen  $8'' \times 4'' \times 1''$ ,  $< 3$  lbs

12-hour batter life with 50 W average consumption

$\pm 20\%$  sensor accuracy

Minimal screen prompts: "ENTER", "NEXT", numerical input

Cost  $< \$500$

# DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

YES

Qualitative

Simple Microelectronics

Small, low power

Atmega & Arduino

NO

Quantitative

Complex Circuits

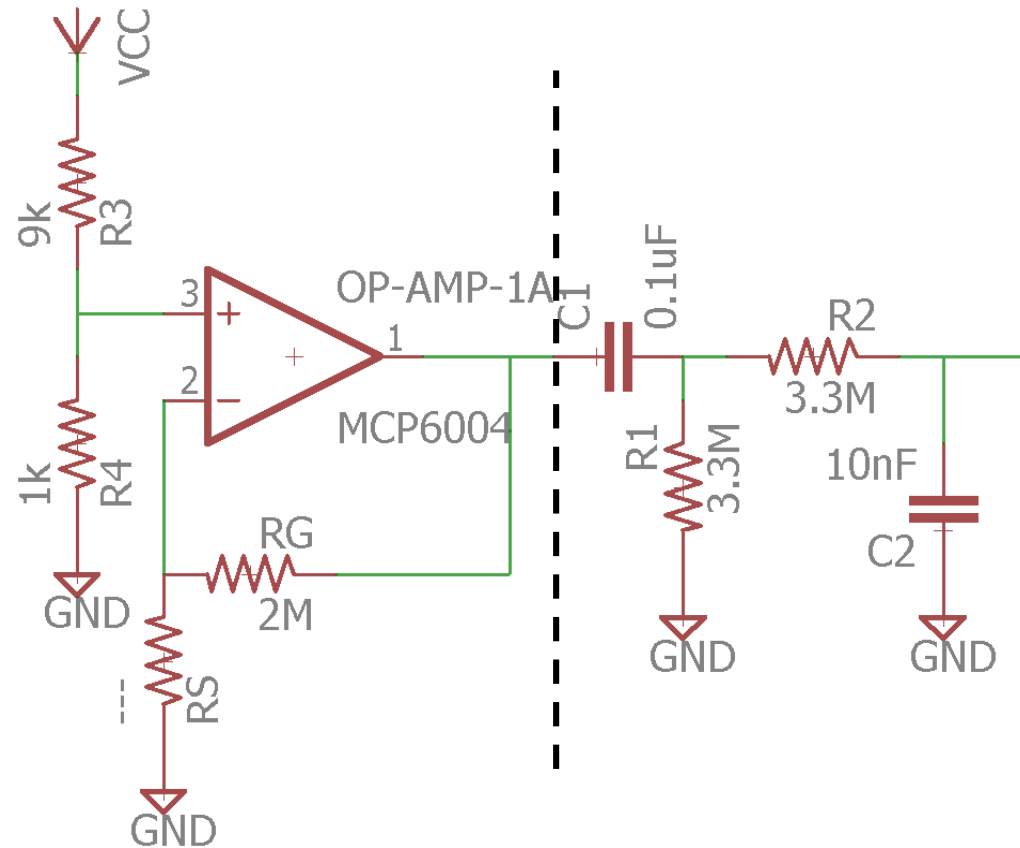
Precise

Skilled programming

# SENSORS DESIGN

*EDA*

Software filter?

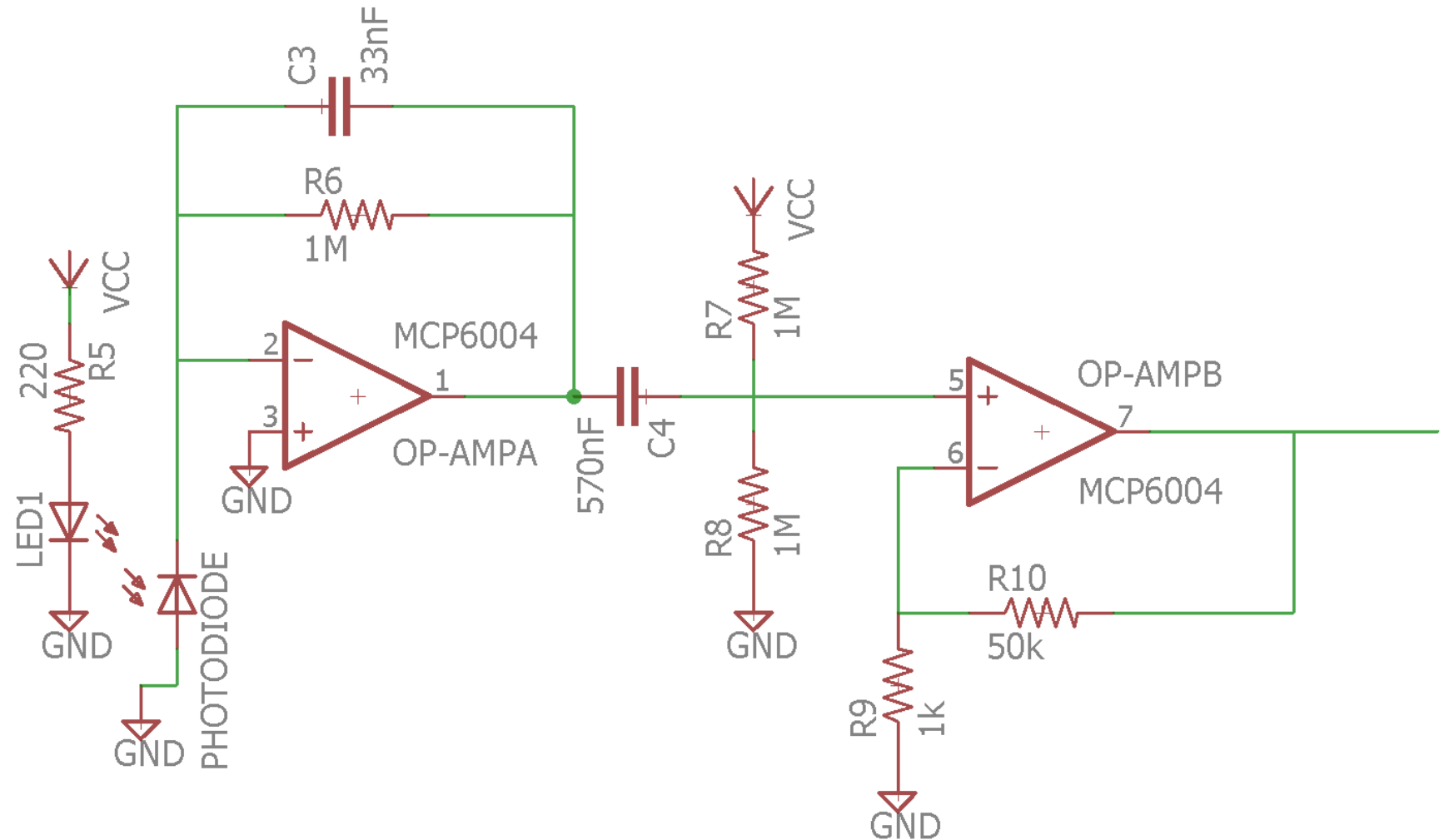


Hardware filter?

$$V_{OP-AMP} = 0.5 \left( 1 + \frac{R_G}{R_S} \right)$$

# SENSORS DESIGN

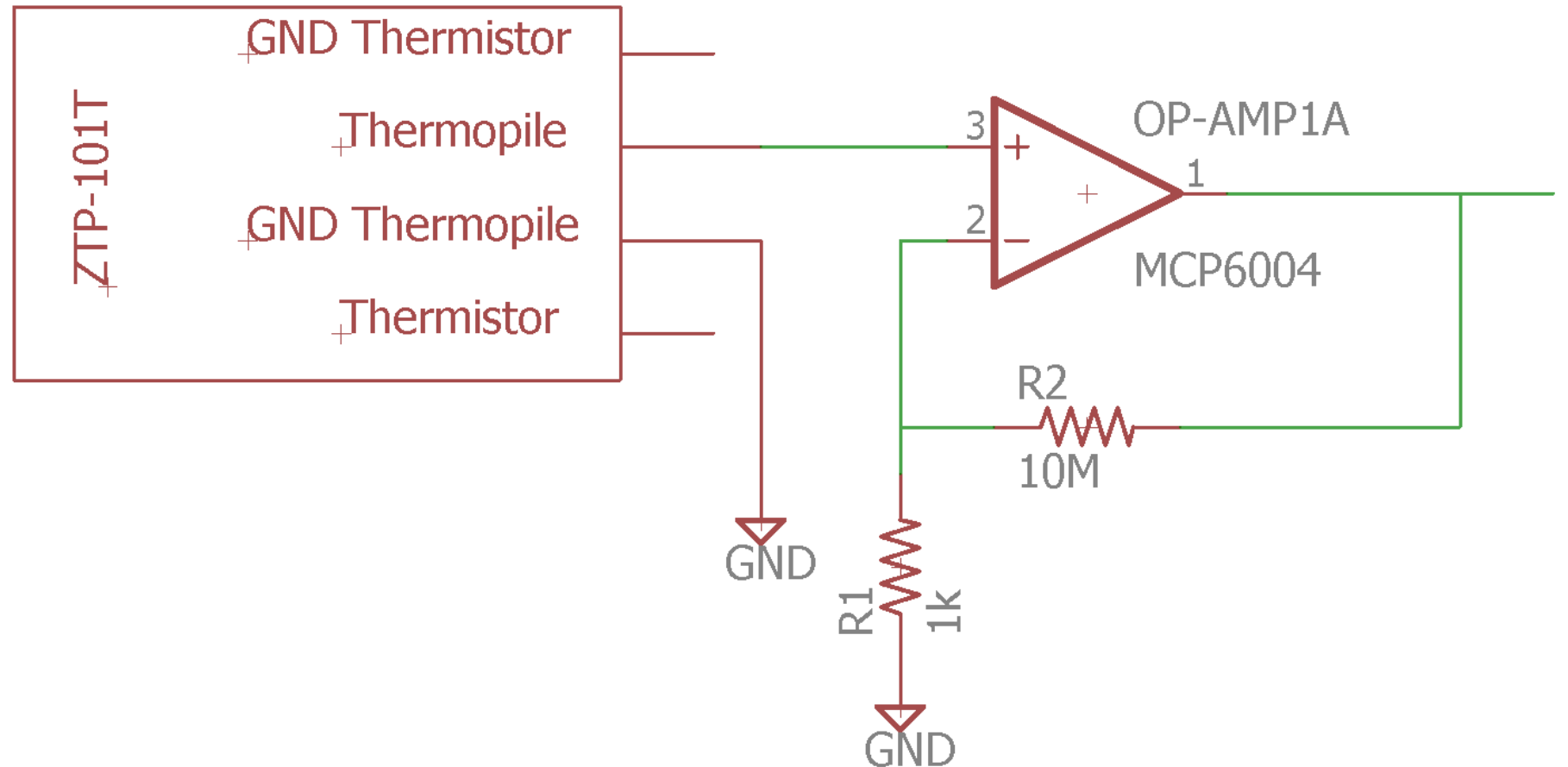
*Heart rate*



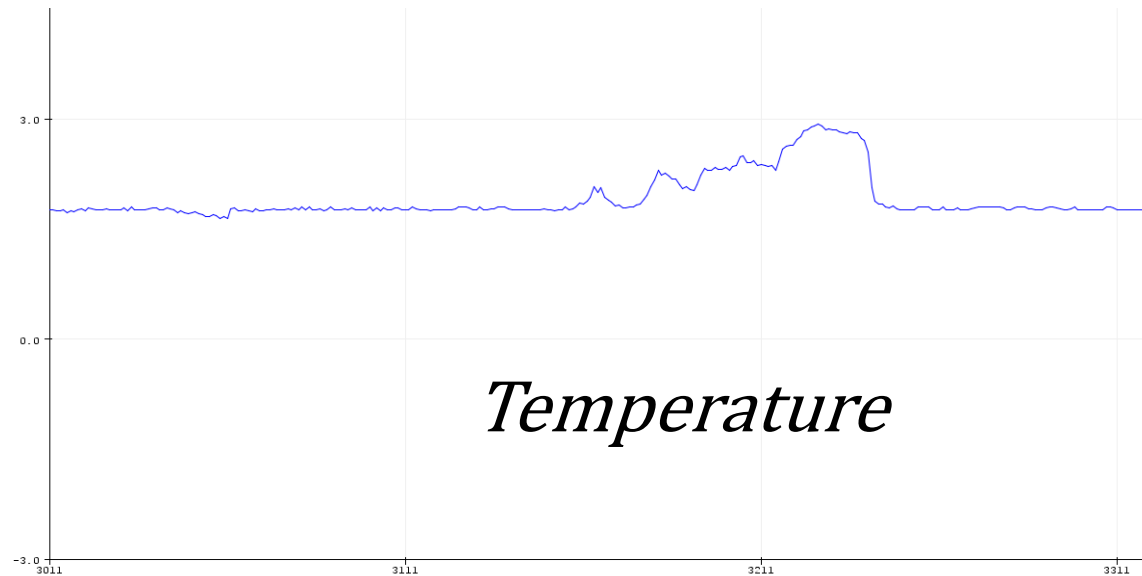
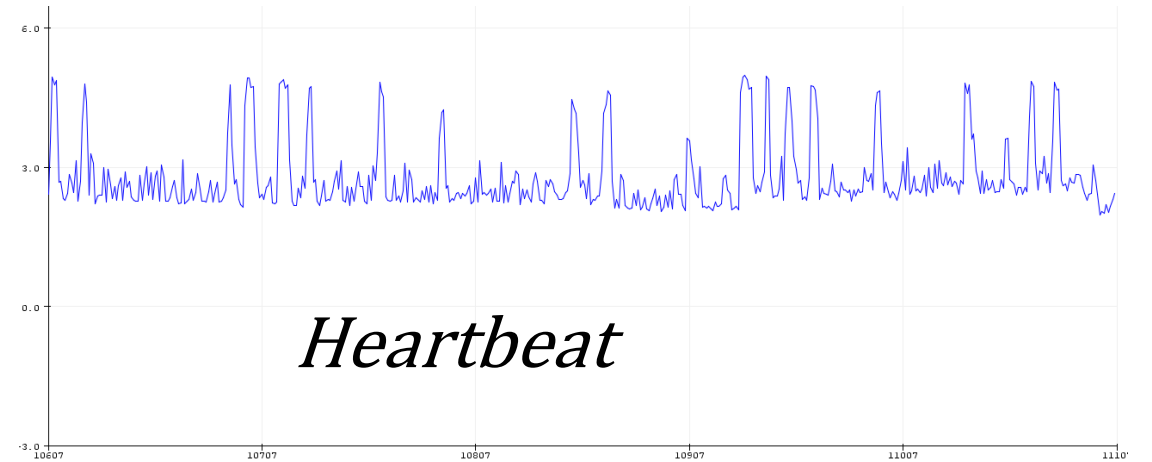
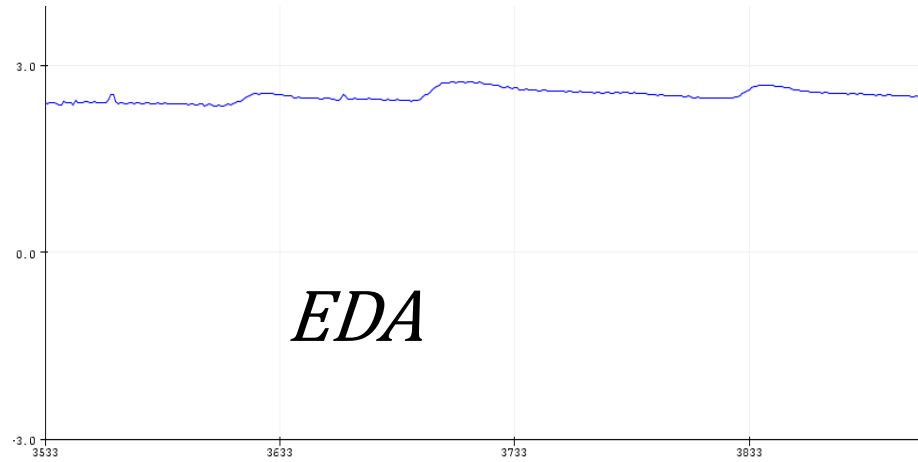


# SENSORS DESIGN

*Skin temp*



# SENSORS SUCCESSES



# SENSORS DIFFICULTIES

Test conditions

Heartbeat  $\neq$  Heartrate

Software

a.k.a.

Programming

a.k.a.

Coding

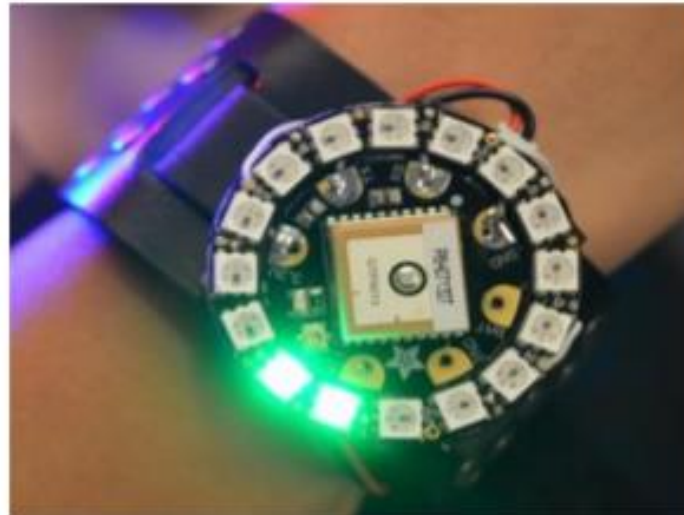
# CHOOSING A TIMER

Has to be small enough to fit on a wrist strap.

Has to be programmable.

Has to be visible but not distracting.

Needs to be colorful.



# CHOOSING THE NEOPIXEL RING

It weighs 3.3g.

The Thickness is 0.3”.

The inner diameter is 1”.

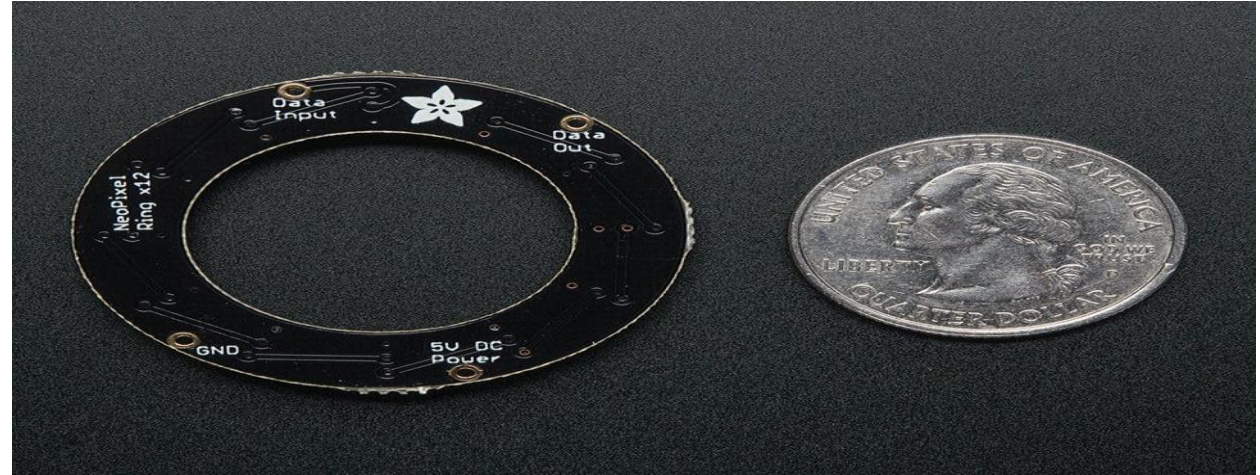
The outer diameter is 1.5”.

It has 12 RGB LED's.

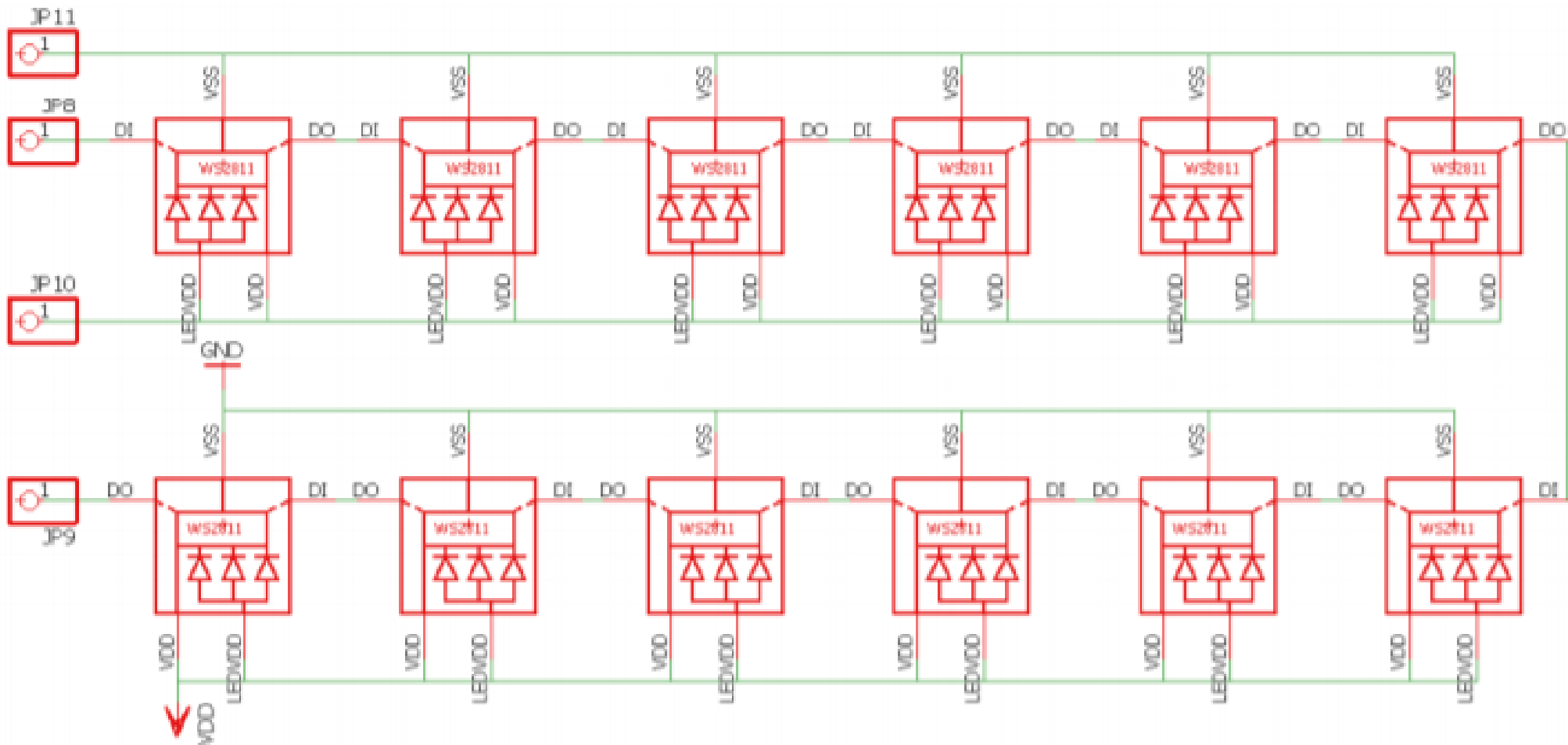
Is Programmable.

It runs on 5V Power.

Many Colors.



# NEOPIXEL RING DESIGN



# NEOPIXEL RING SUCCESS

As can be seen on the right the Neopixel ring is lit up red. All but one of the LED's are lit up indicating successful programming. We use this ring as a timer which will extinguish after each subject. It is great because it meets all of our demands and requirements.



# NEOPIXEL RING DIFFICULTIES

Finding the right size ring.

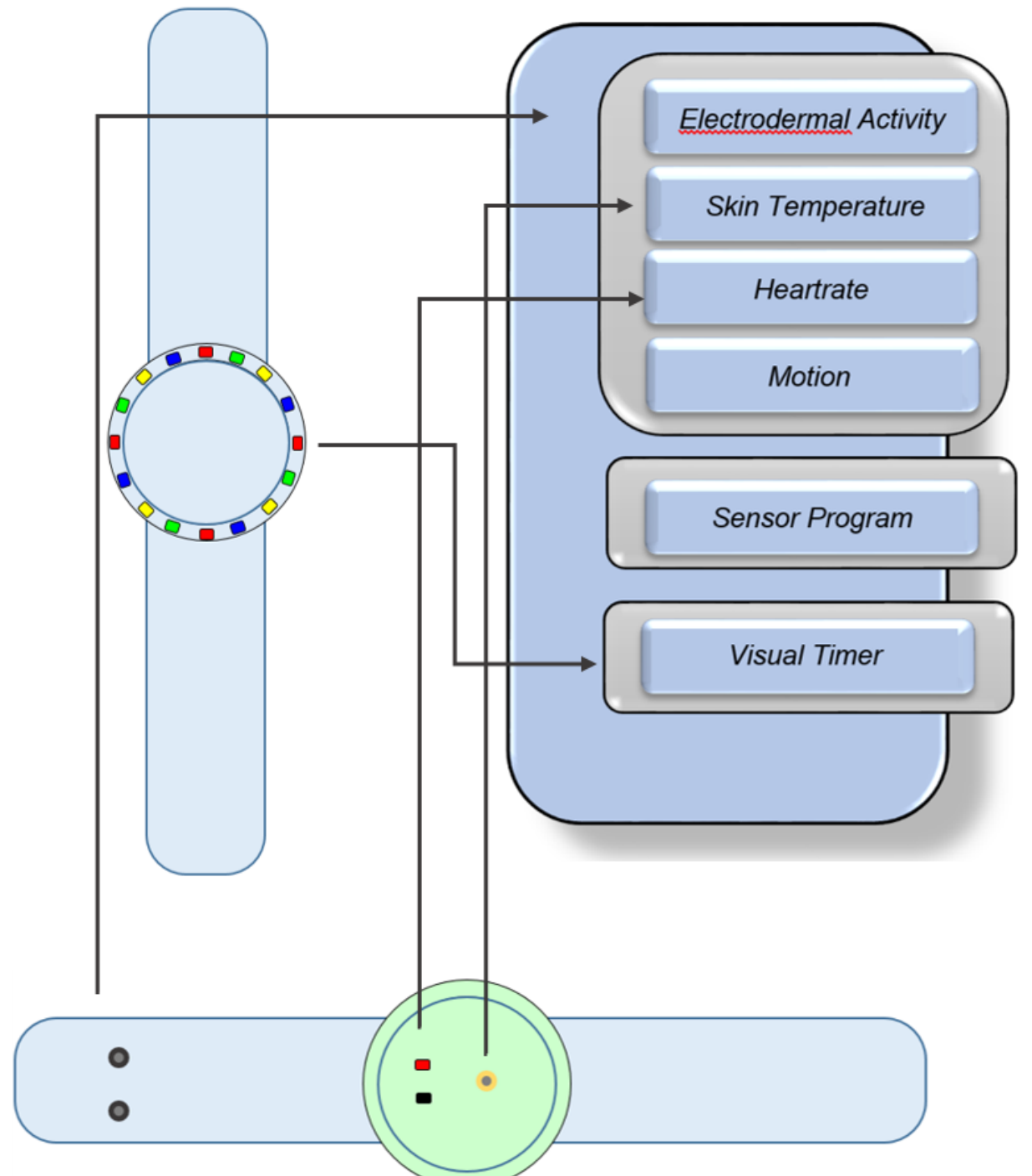
Programming each color to come on.

Getting the colors to stabilize.

Syncing it with the Bluetooth module.



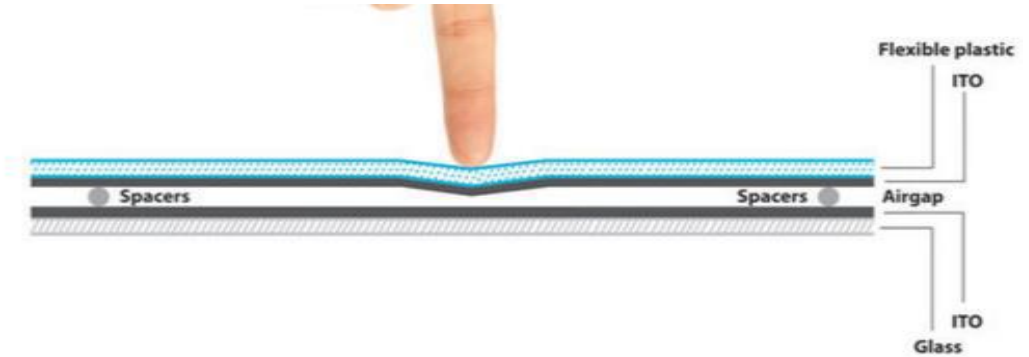
# Sensor/Timer Subsection



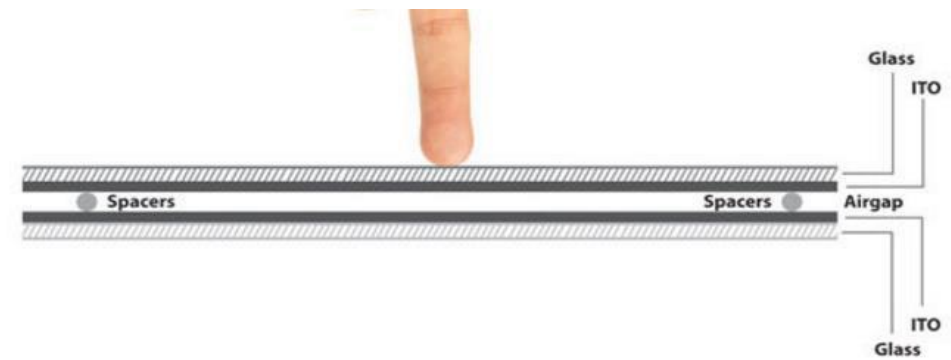
# TOUCHSCREEN CHOICES

Resistive touchscreens can be used either with a finger or stylus. However these displays are not as sharp as the capacitive ones.

Capacitive touchscreens take advantage of multi-touch gestures. These displays have thin glass.



Resistive touchscreen



Capacitive touchscreen

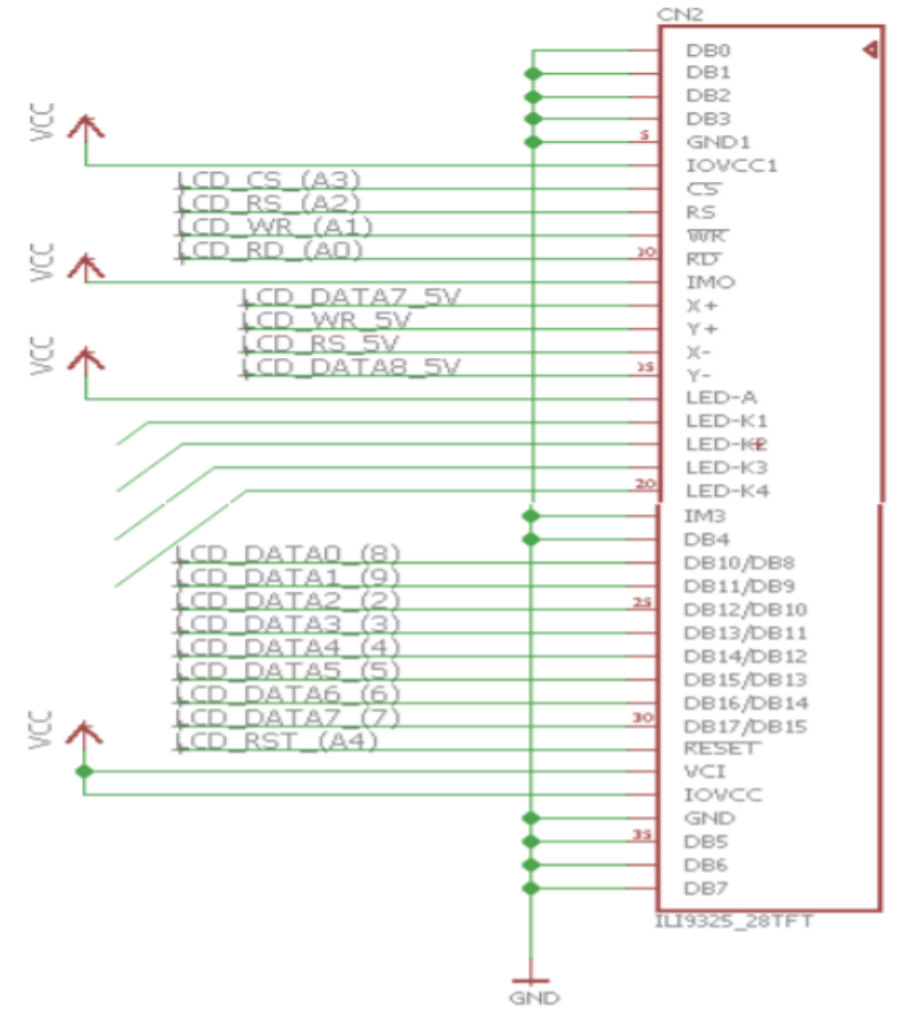
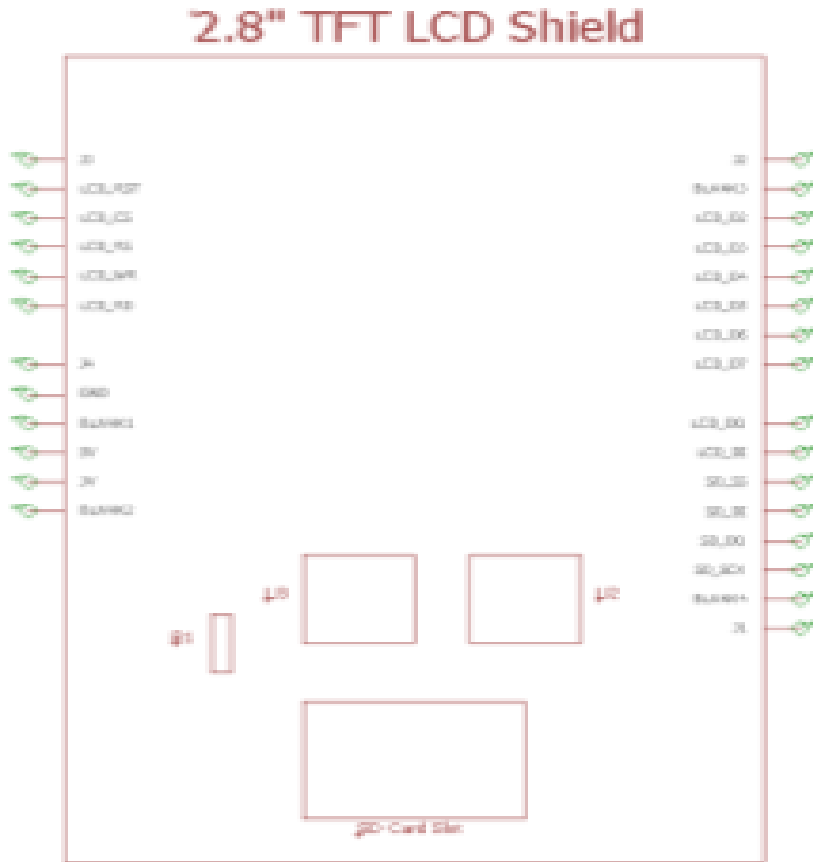
# CHOOSING THE 2.8" TFT

We chose the Uno 2.8" TFT because it can be used with your finger or a stylus.

Description	Size
Type of Display	TFT LCD Color
Response Time (typical)	25 ms
Pixels	320 x 240
Colors	16-bit
Backlight Type	4 LED
Contrast Ratio	500:1

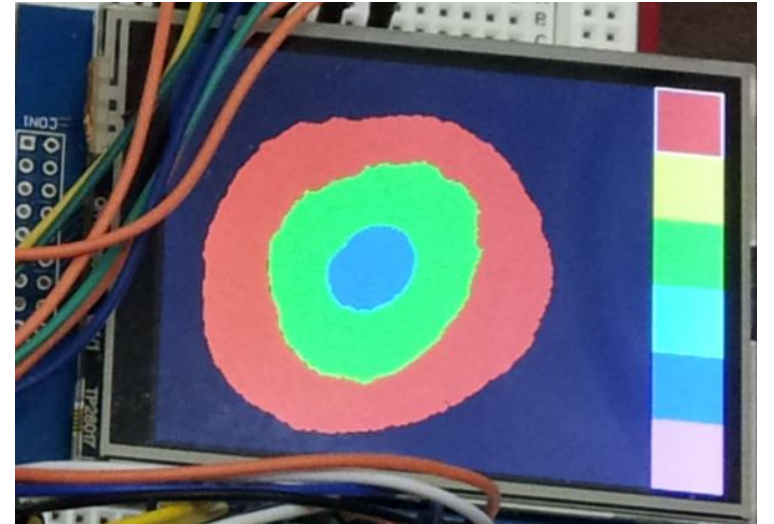
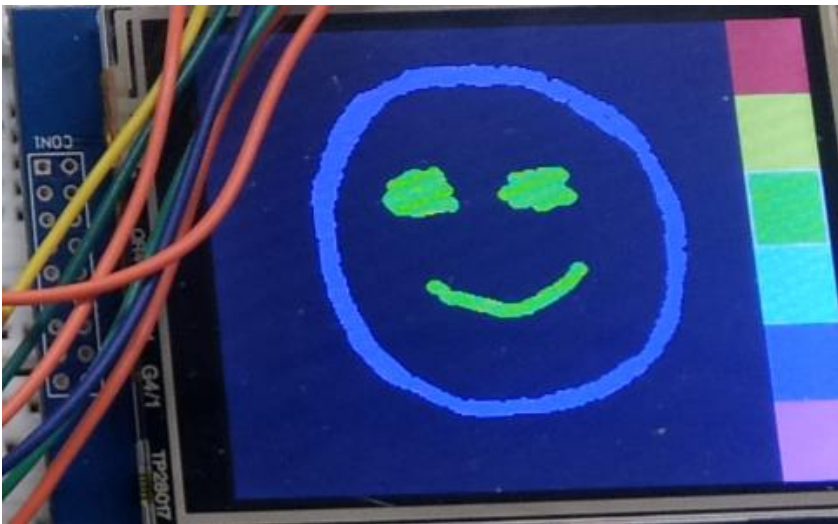


# TOUCHSCREEN DESIGN



# TOUCHSCREEN SUCCESS

Here we can see three different images created by us. The colors on each screen are to the right that can be used for the kids to draw with. The screen is used as part of their De-escalation.



# TOUCHSCREEN DIFFICULTIES

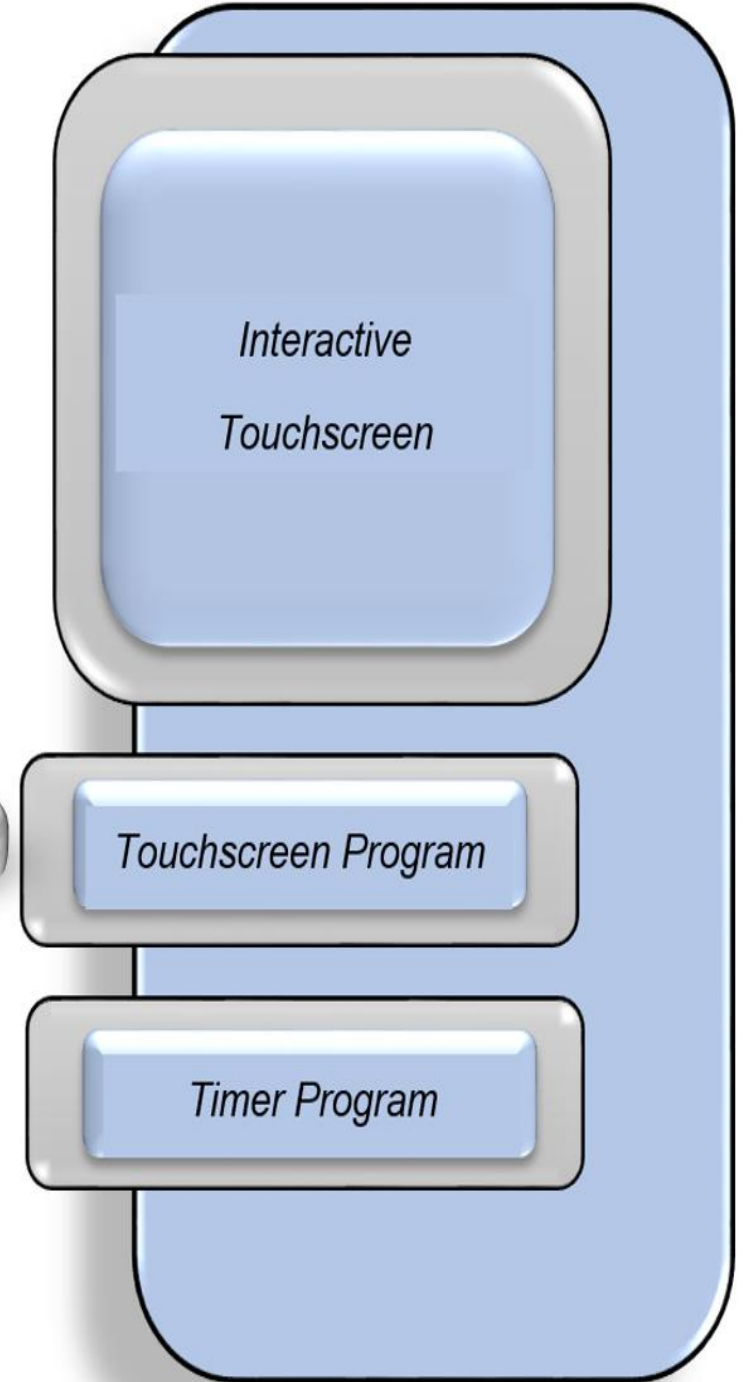
Getting all the wires connected.

Making sure the colors matched.

Finding an easy to use screen.

Getting the coordinates correct.

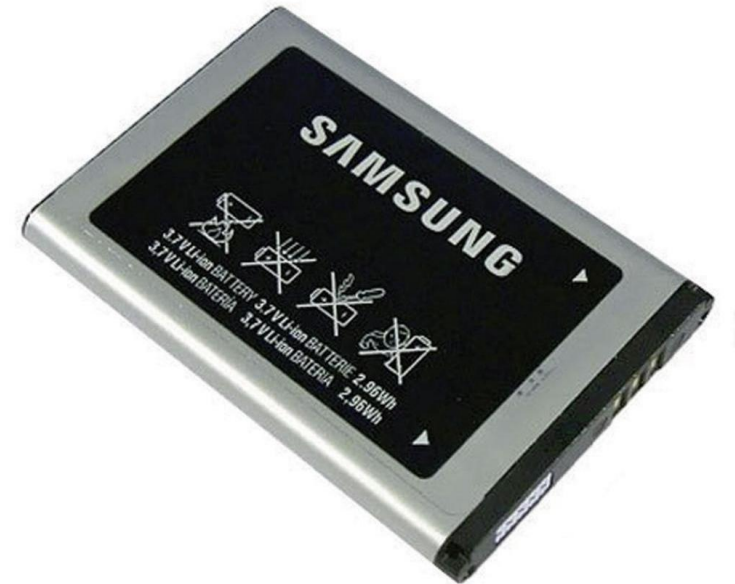
Interactive  
Touchscreen



# CHOOSING THE RIGHT BATTERY

Lithium Polymer (Li-Po) can be made thinner but the cost goes up from 10 to 30 percent from Li-Ion batteries.

Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) is cheaper and is common in phones but they are larger in size.





# CHOOSING THE LI-PO 785060

It has 3.7V.

Can be hooked up to a power boost charger to output 5V.

Small in size and flexible.

Will need 2 for the wrist strap and Display.



# CHARGING THE BATTERIES

We chose to go with the PowerBoost 500 Charger.

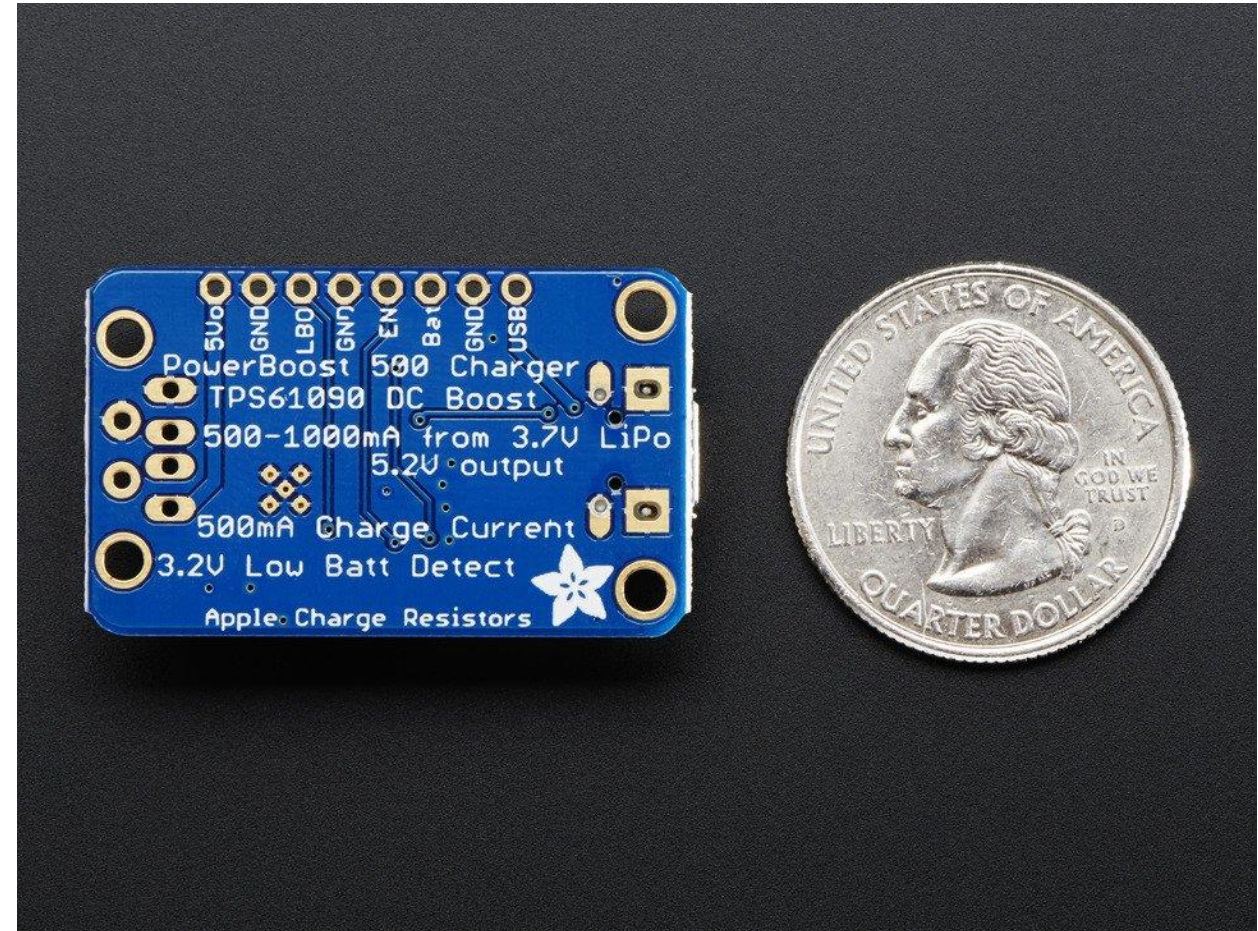
0.9" x 0.08".

Weighs 4g.

Comes with a low battery indicator.

90% operating efficiency.

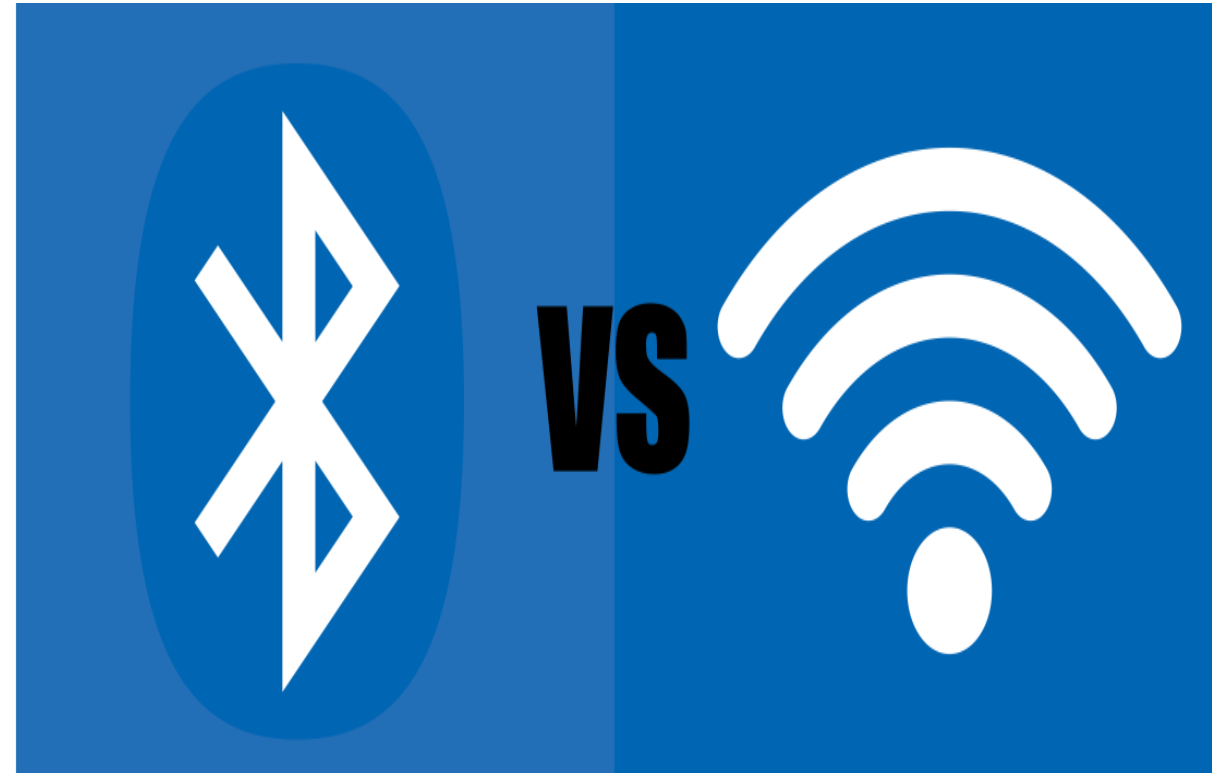
Low current at 5mA.



# CHOOSING A WIRELESS CONNECTION

Bluetooth is cheaper in cost and is easier to program for.

Wi-fi has better range and has much faster data rates.



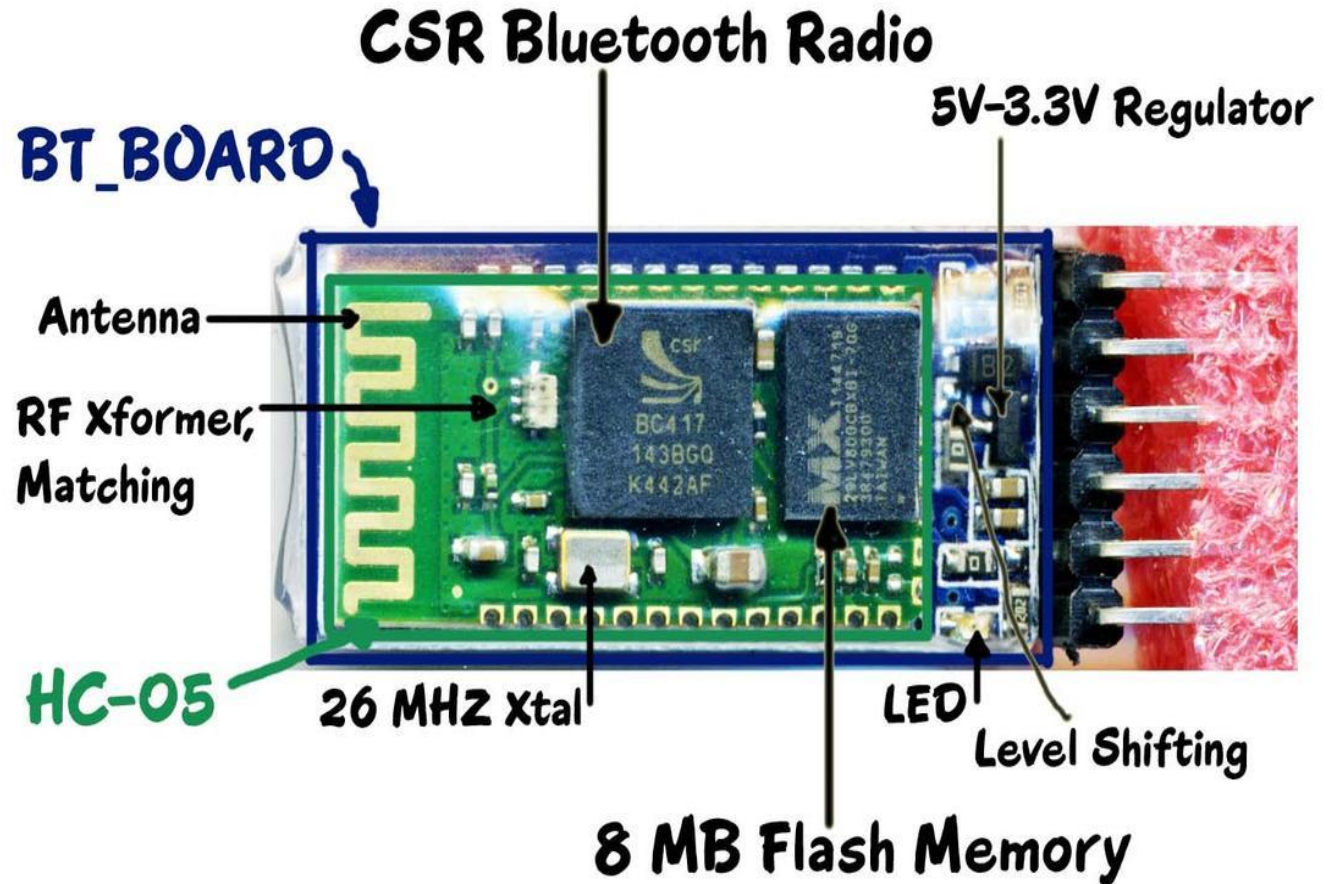
# HC-05 BLUETOOTH MODULE

The HC-05 can be set as a master or a slave.

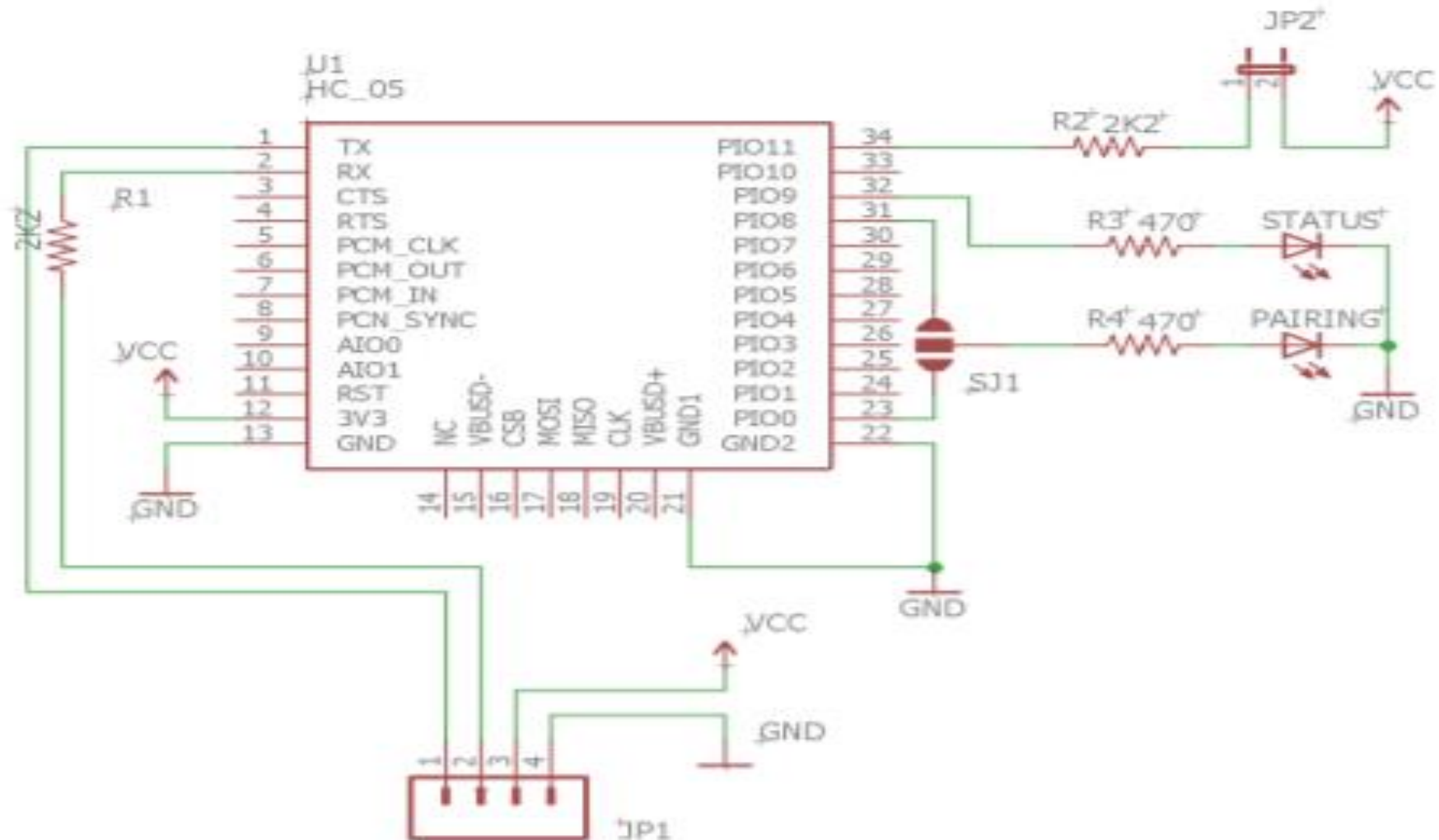
It is very small (3cm long).

It runs on 3.3V power.

It has 2.4 GHz ISM band.

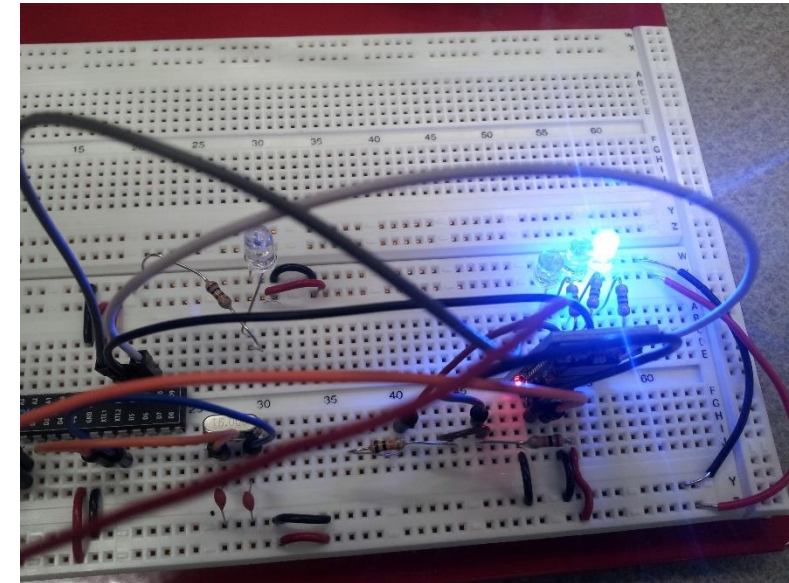
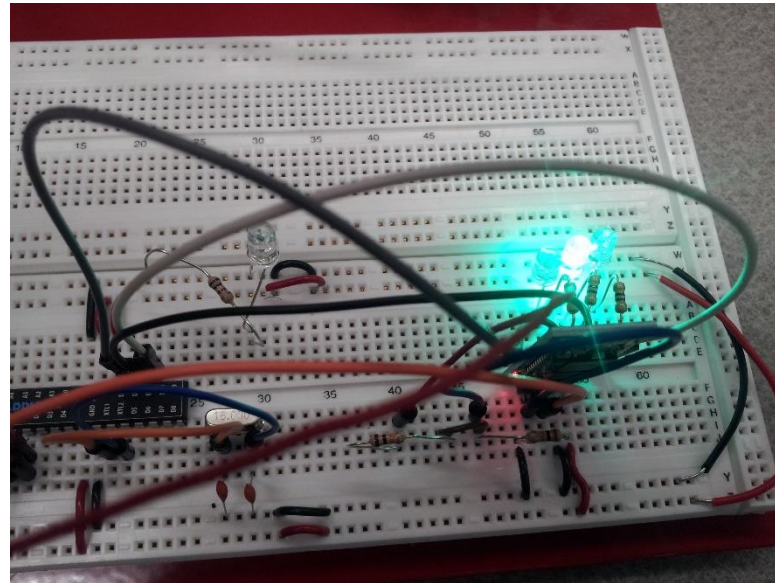
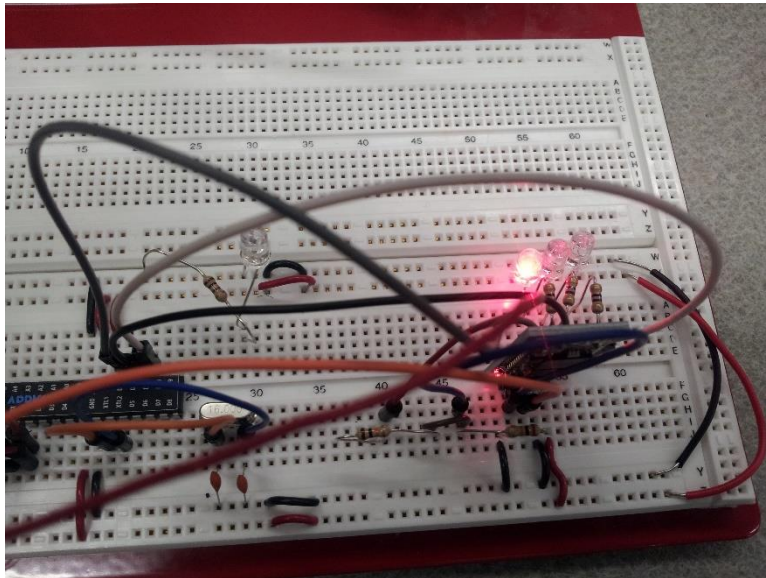


# BLUETOOTH DESIGN



# BLUETOOTH SUCCESS

Here we can see the HC-05 is connected successfully to our phone and we are able to change the LED's accordingly. The point of the LED's changing is to allow the teacher to know that a child needs to De-escalate.



# BLUETOOTH CHALLENGES

We ran into issues with testing.

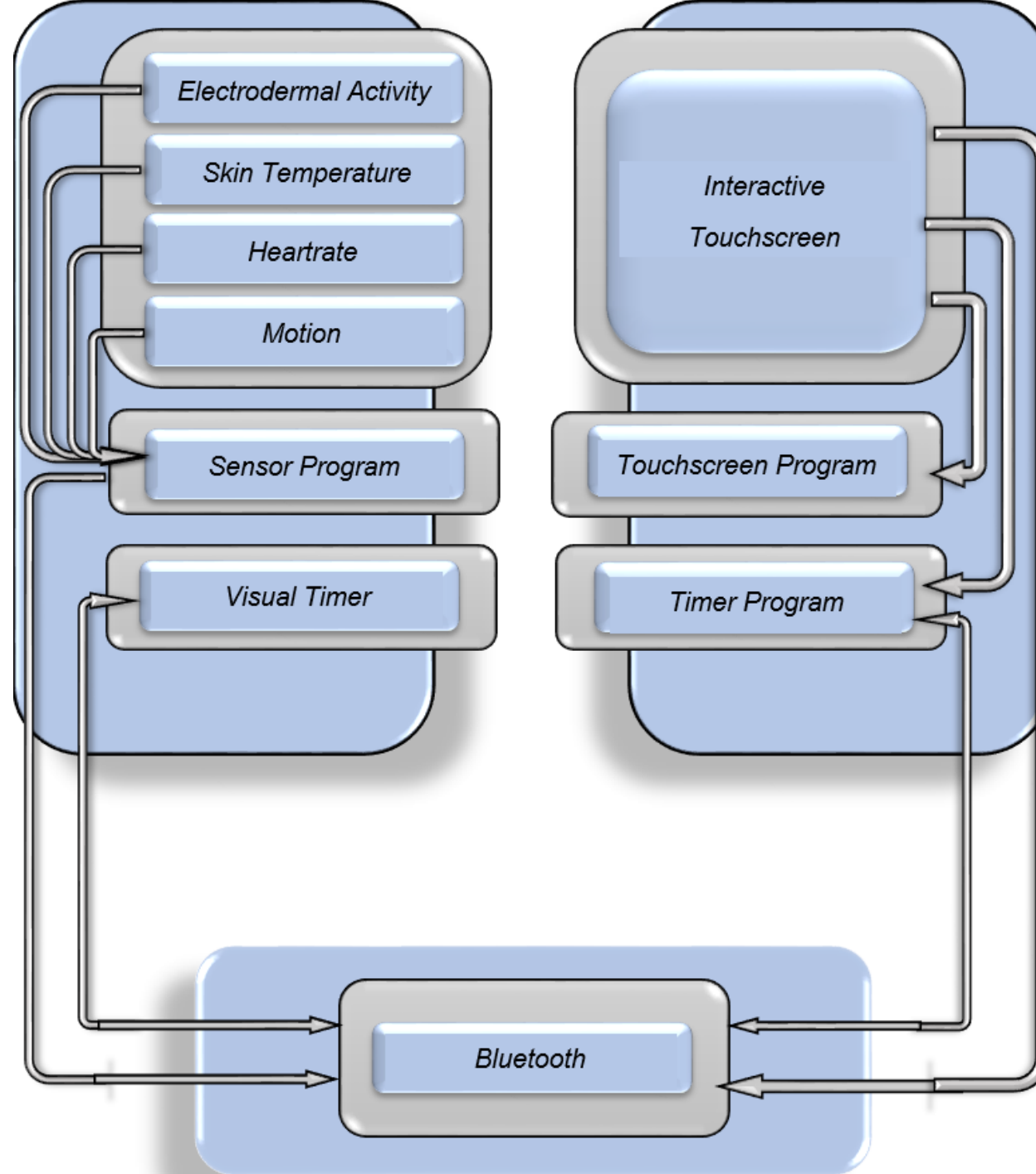
Finding a suitable app.

Programming each LED to change properly.

Making sure the connection stayed on.

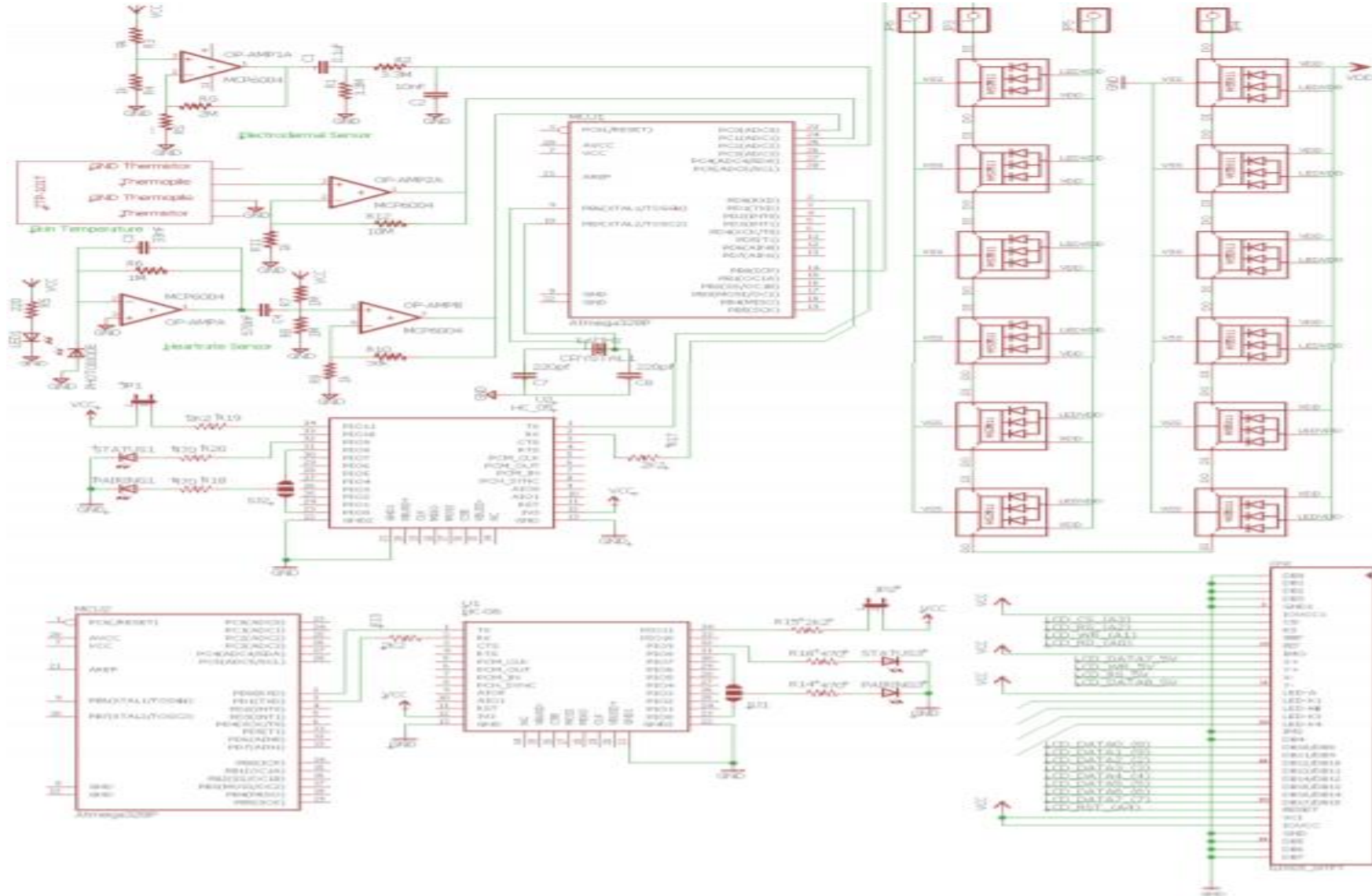
Making the program work with our MCU.

Put it all together...





# FULL PCB SCHEMATIC



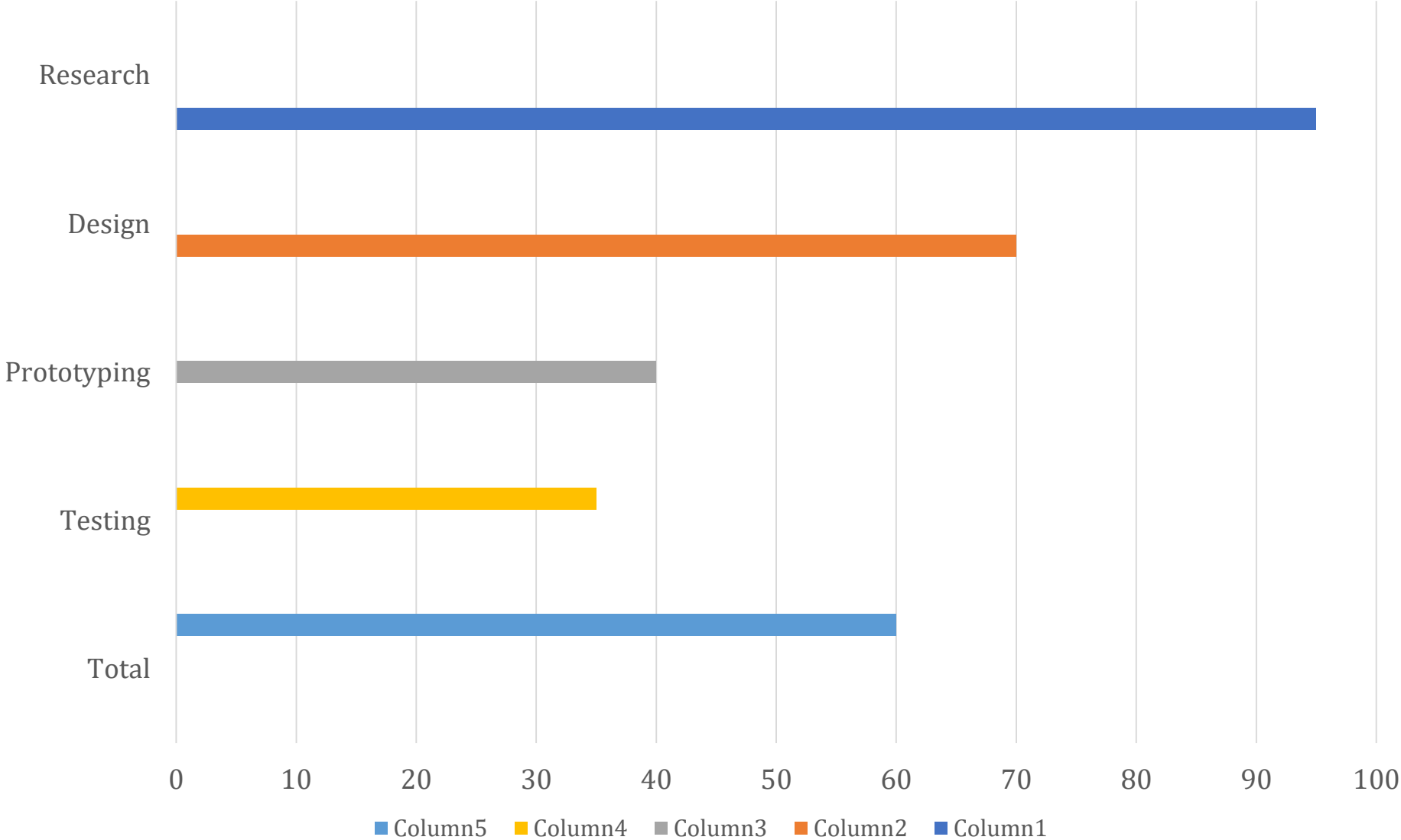
# WORK DISTRIBUTION

NAME	EDA	Heart Rate	Skin Temp	MCU	Blue-tooth	Power	Touch screen	LED Timer	PCB Design
Jeff	X	X	X	X					X
Gary					X	X	X	X	X

	Part Name	Manufacturer/Seller	Part Number	Cost
1	Electrodes (10 pk)	PLUX	EL-DRY-REUSABLE-5-10	\$14.00
2	MCP6004 Op-Amp (10 pk)	Microchip Technology	MCP6004-E/P	\$6.71
3	Thermopile (5 pk)	Amphenol Advanced Sensors	ZTP-101T	\$22.00
4	LEDs/photodiodes (50 pairs)	XLX	B01MFCFLA7	\$11.99
5	Accelerometer (10 pk)	Freescale	MMA8652FC	\$14.76
6	Microcontroller (3 pk)	Atmel	ATmega328P	\$13.45
7	Touchscreen	Amazon	LYSB00UAA2XIC	\$15.99
8	Bluetooth Master (2 pk)	DSD TECH	B01G9KSAF6	\$7.99
9	Bluetooth Slave (2 pk)	DSD TECH	B01FCQZ8VW	\$7.99
10	Timer (3 pk)	Banggood	976036	\$10.56
11	Crystal Oscillator (10 pk)	Uxcell	HC-49S	\$4.57
12	Serial Adapter (2 pk)	Gifkun	FT232RL	\$9.88
13	Breadboard Power Supply Module (2 pk)	Wangdd22	B10	\$8.99
14	PCB (	-	-	\$100*
	Battery		Pending	
* The PCB cost is estimated.			Total	\$248.88

Milestone	Start	End
<b><i>Senior Design I</i></b>	01/09/2017	04/27/2017
<b>Project Ideas</b>	01/09/2017	01/13/2017
<b>Divide and Conquer 1</b>	01/13/2017	02/03/2017
<b>Divide and Conquer 2</b>	02/03/2017	02/10/2017
<b>Research and Parts Selection</b>	02/10/2017	03/31/2017
<b>60 Page Draft Document</b>	02/10/2017	03/31/2017
<b>Breadboard Design and Testing</b>	03/31/2017	04/27/2017
<b>100 Page Draft Document</b>	03/31/2017	04/14/2017
<b>Final Document</b>	04/14/2017	04/27/2017
<b>Summer Break</b>	04/27/2017	08/21/2017
<b>Finalize Software</b>	04/27/2017	-
<b>PCB Construction</b>	04/27/2017	-
<b><i>Senior Design II</i></b>	08/21/2017	12/02/22017
<b>Build Prototype</b>	08/21/2017	-
<b>Testing and Redesign</b>	-	-
<b>Finalize Prototype</b>	-	-
<b>Critical Design Review</b>	09/22/2017	-
<b>Peer Review</b>	-	-
<b>Conference Paper</b>	-	-
<b>Final Documentation</b>	-	-
<b>Final Presentation</b>	-	-

# CURRENT PROGRESS



**QUESTIONS?/COMMENTS**