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E FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTÍCULAS

# Construction of a Particle Accelerator

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# The LHC

- The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the world's biggest and most powerful particle accelerator;
- Collide locations (ATLAS, CMS, ALICE, LHCb);
- 27 km.



# How does it Work

## Vacuum system

Beam Pipes

Magnets

Helium line

## Magnets

Lattice Magnets

Insertion Magnets

Dipole Magnets

# From the LHC to our project



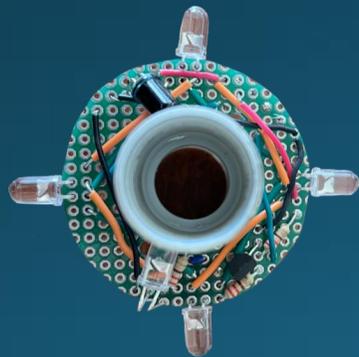
## Our little Booster

- 150 turns of 5 mm copper wire
- 0,0348 T (4A)



## The Button

- Click threshold

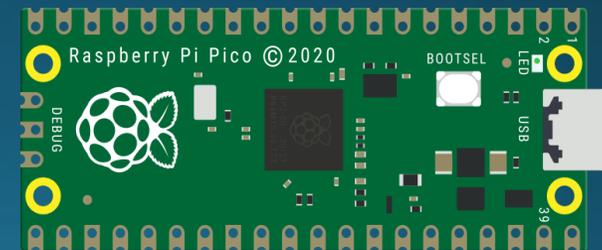
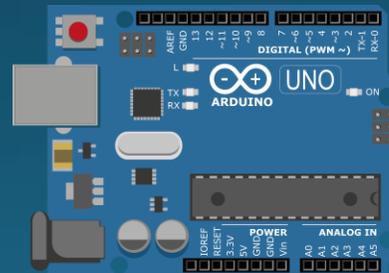


- IR emitter and receiver
- RPM function
- RPM light sensor

# Microcontroller

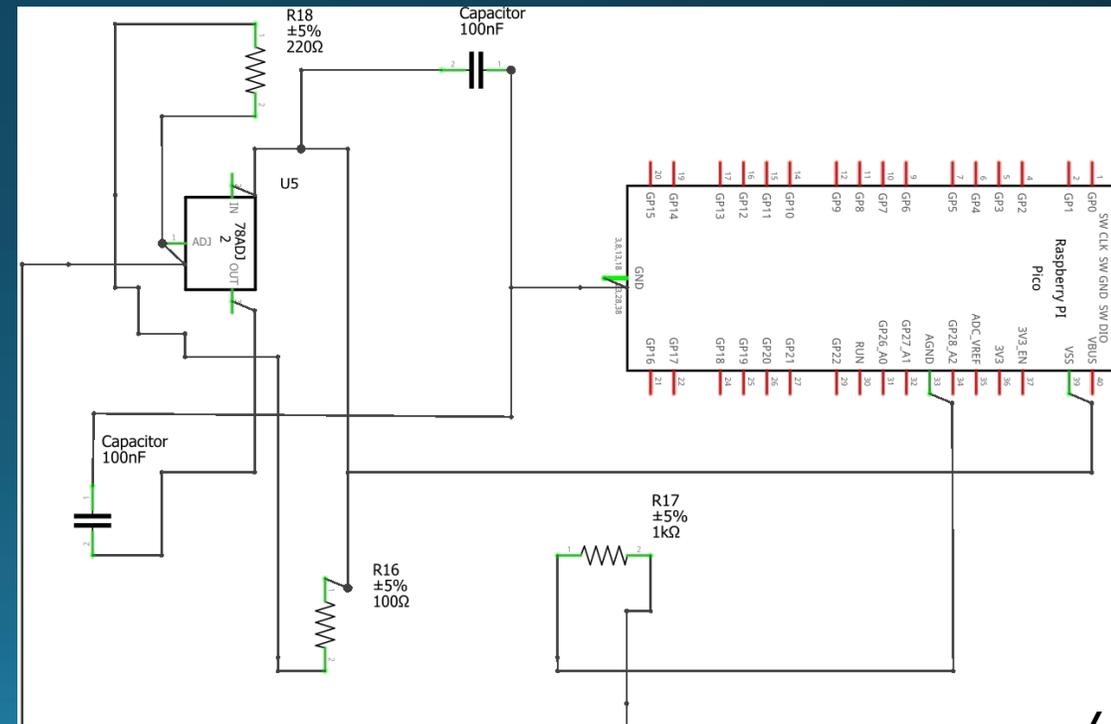
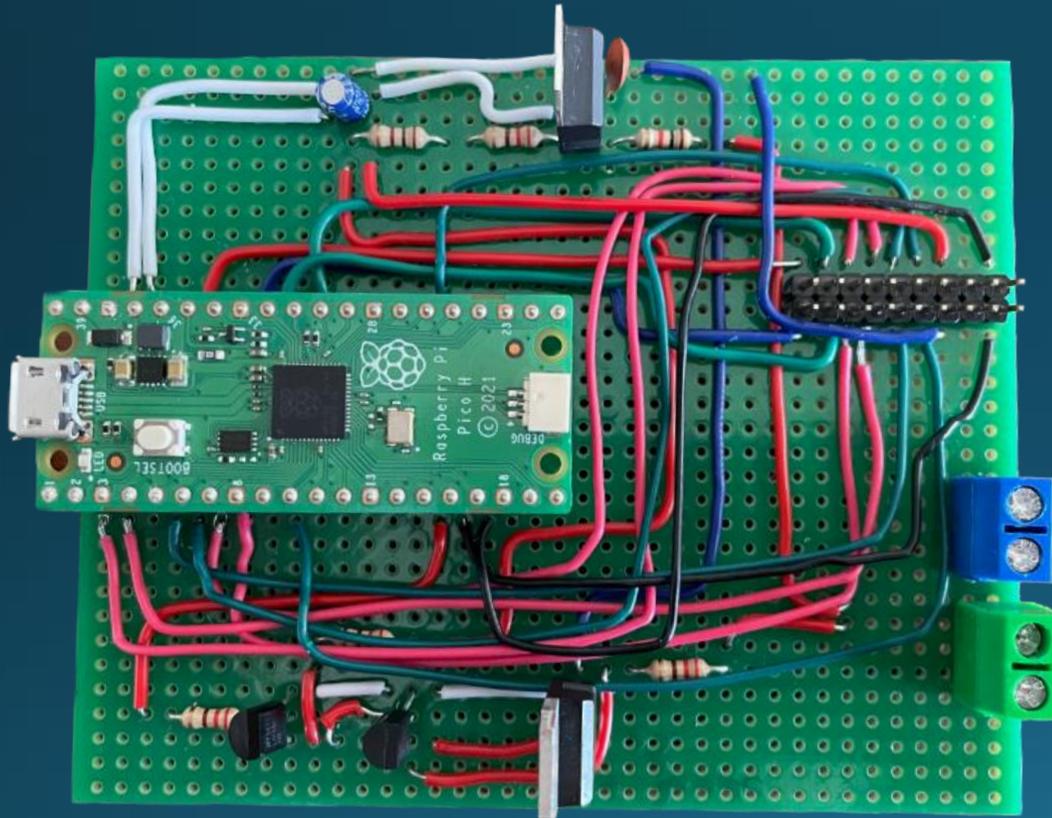
## Raspberry Pi Pico

SPECS	ARDUINO UNO	RASPBERRY PI PICO
CORE	SINGLE-CORE	DUAL-CORE
RAM	2 KB	264 KB
CLOCK	16 MHZ	48 MHZ
FLASH MEMORY	32 KB	2 MB
OUTPUTS	20	26



# Power Supply and Voltage

- 12 V to 5 V (capacitors and LM317)



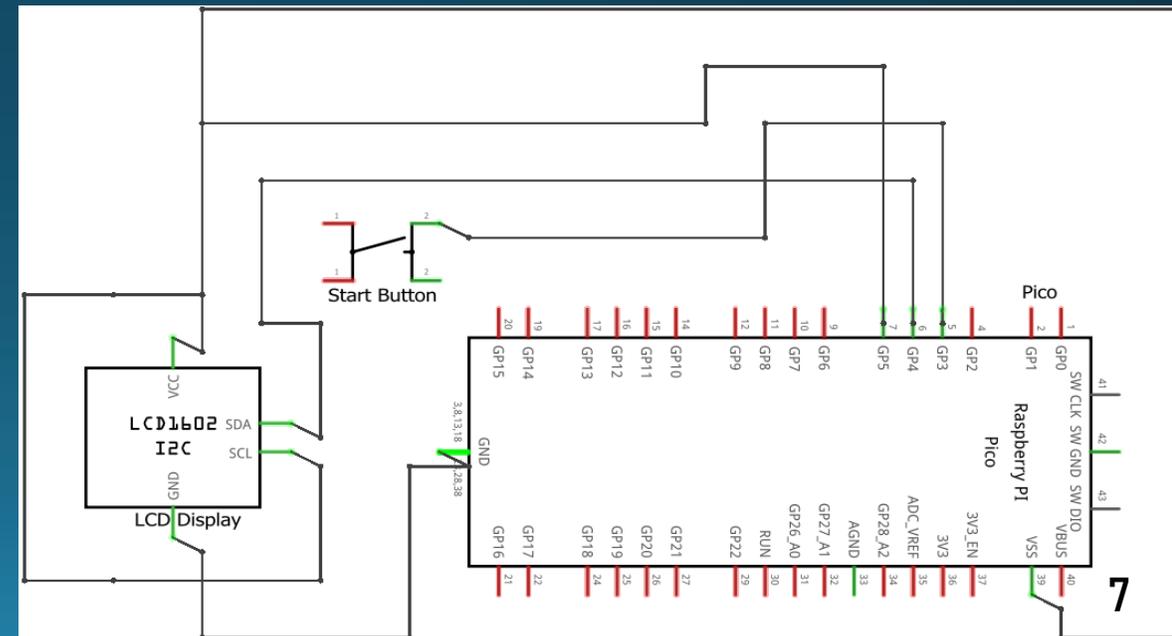
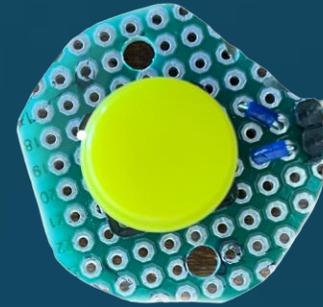
# Start Button and LCD

- Simulated EEPROM

```
#include <EEPROM.h>
```

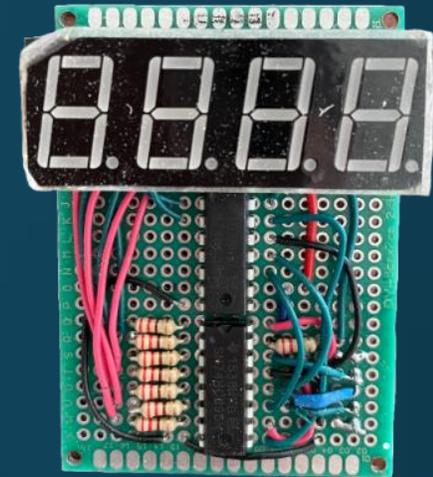
```
void setup(){  
  
  EEPROM.begin(512);  
  max_score_ever_int = EEPROM.read(address0);  
  max_score_ever_dp = EEPROM.read(address1);  
  max_score_ever = (max_score_ever_int*100 + max_score_ever_dp)/100;
```

```
  EEPROM.write(address0, max_score_ever_int);  
  EEPROM.commit();  
  EEPROM.write(address1, max_score_ever_dp);  
  EEPROM.commit();  
}
```



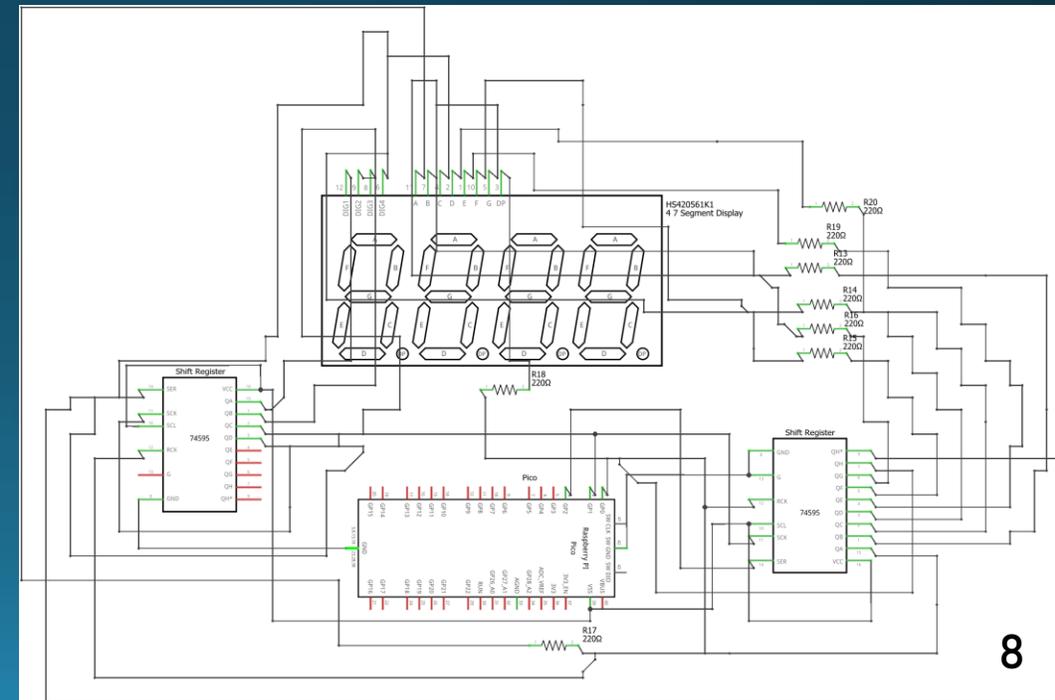
# 4 7 Segment and Shift Registers

- Multicore processing
- Communication between cores



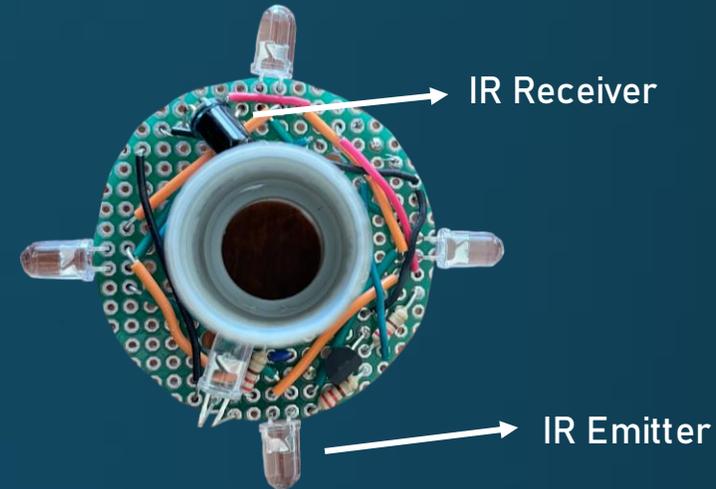
```
void setup1() {  
    pinMode(latchPin, OUTPUT);  
    pinMode(clockPin, OUTPUT);  
    pinMode(dataPin, OUTPUT);  
    pinMode(startbuttonPin, INPUT);  
}  
  
void loop1() {  
    if (rp2040.fifo.available() != 0) {  
        number_to_display_int = rp2040.fifo.pop();  
        number_to_display_dp = rp2040.fifo.pop();  
    }  
    number_to_display = number_to_display_int * 10 + number_to_display_dp;  
    writenumber(number_to_display);  
}
```

```
rp2040.fifo.push(0);  
rp2040.fifo.push(0);
```



# RPM Sensor

- Compute rotations per minute
- Handle Interrupt
- Timer Interrupt

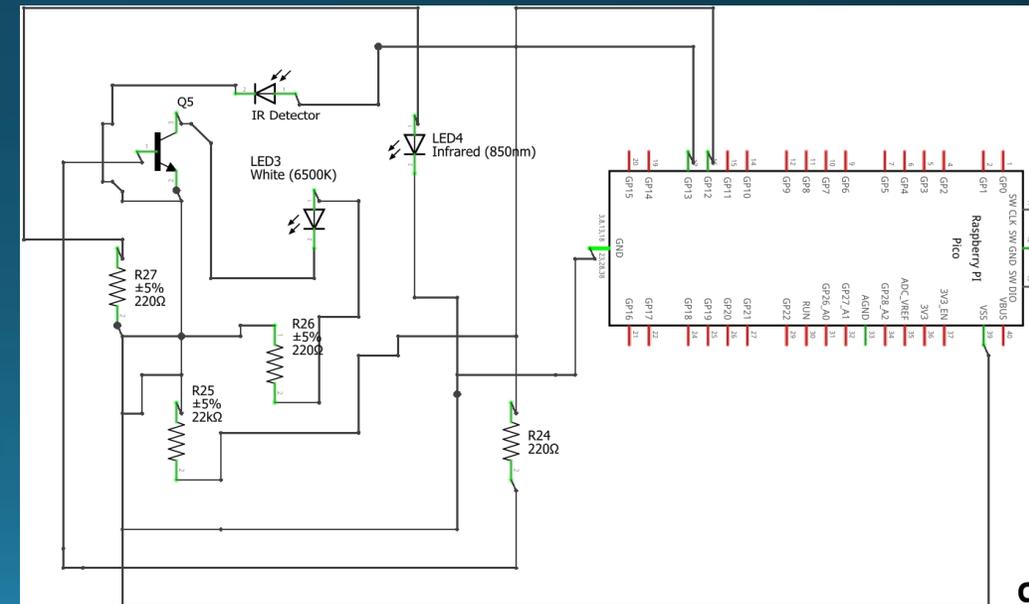


```
#include "RPi_Pico_TimerInterrupt.h"
```

```
attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(rpmPIN), interruptIR, CHANGE);
```

```
IRTimer.attachInterruptInterval(50000, IRTimerHandler);  
IRTimer.stopTimer();
```

```
// RPM calculator  
void interruptIR() {  
    interruptState = digitalRead(rpmPIN);  
  
    if (interruptState && curr_rpm > 30) {  
        digitalWrite(ledrpmPin, HIGH);  
        IRTimer.restartTimer();  
        collisions++;  
    }  
    else if (interruptState) turnoffIR();  
    else {  
        time_made_previous = time_made_now;  
        time_made_now = millis();  
        count++;  
    }  
}
```



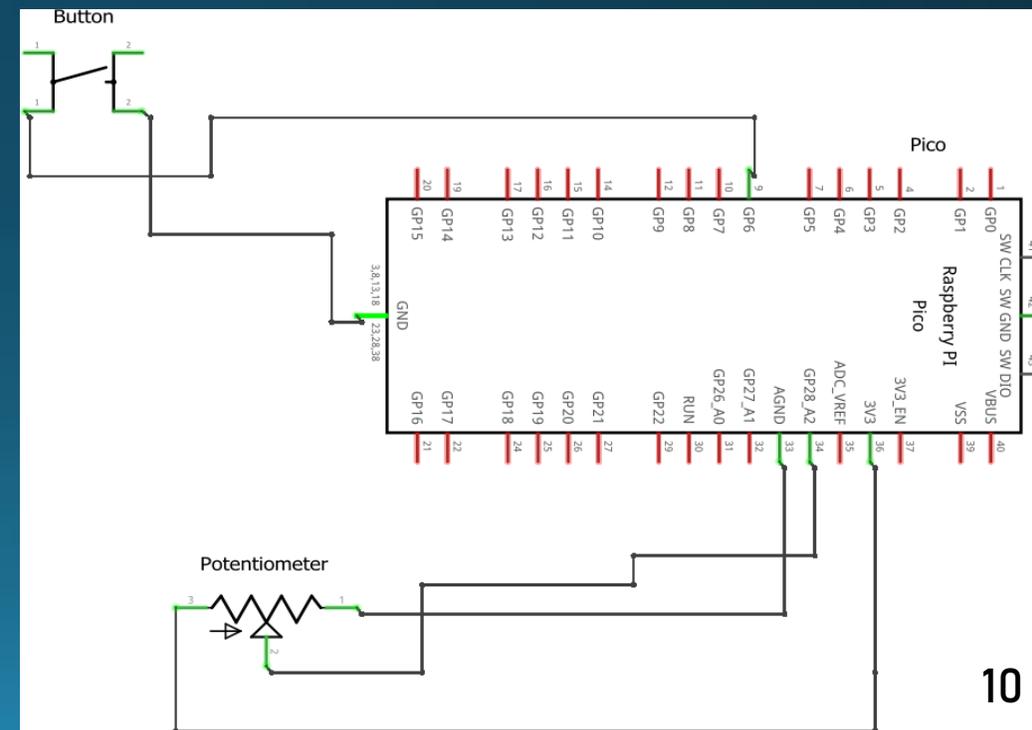
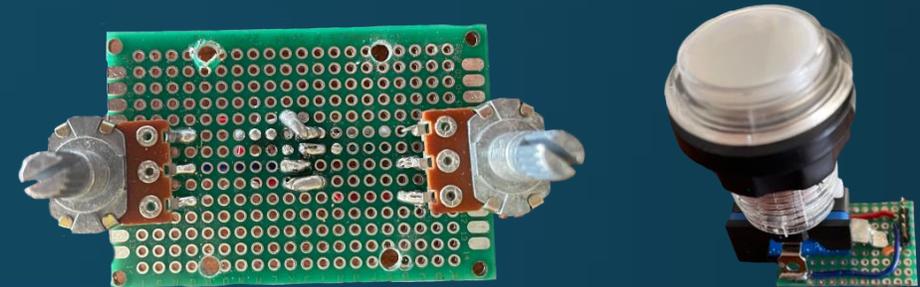
# Coil Button and Potentiometer

- Handle Interrupt
- Timer Interrupt

```
attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(pressbuttonPin), buttonchange, CHANGE);
```

```
ButtonTimer.attachInterruptInterval(500000, ButtonTimerHandler);  
ButtonTimer.stopTimer();
```

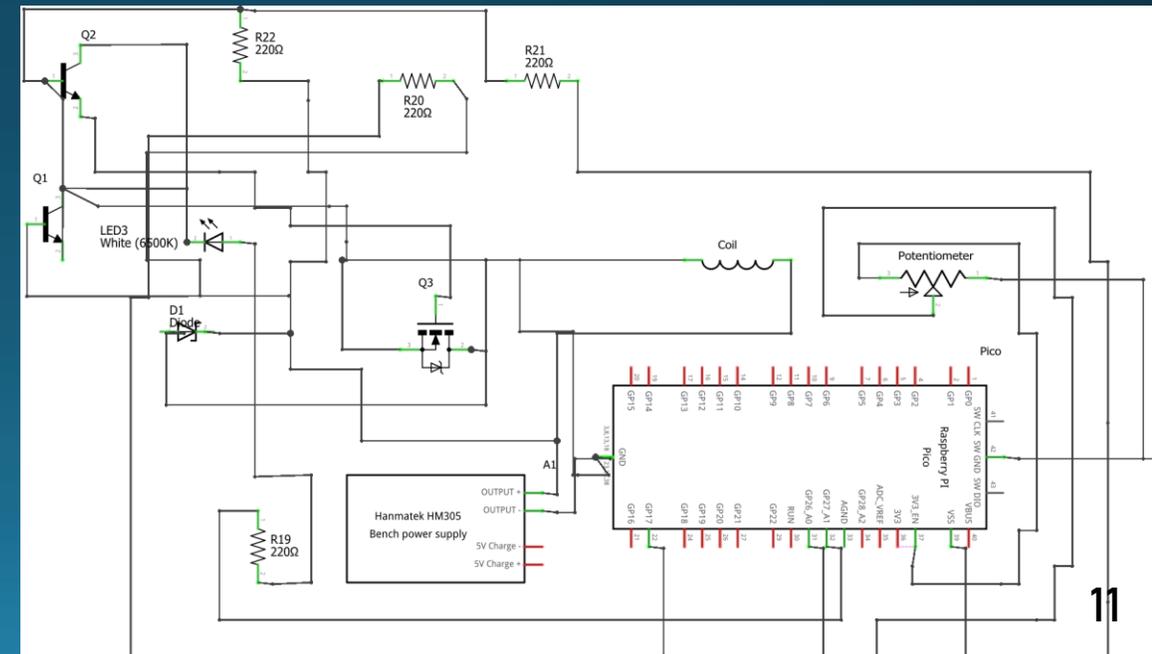
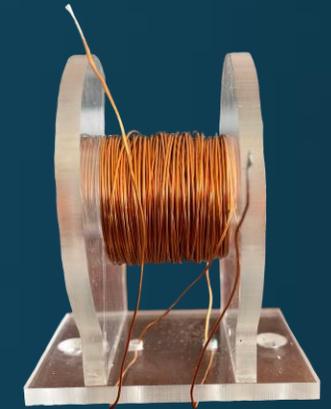
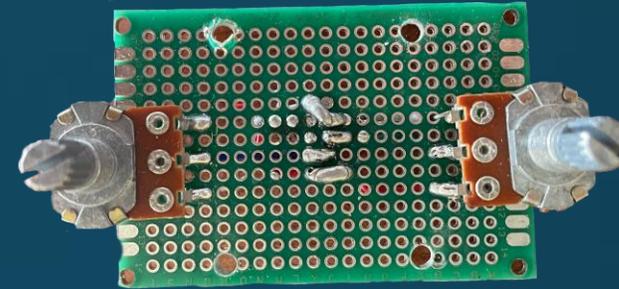
```
void pressButton() {  
    pot_coil_Val = analogRead(potcoilPin);  
  
    buttonstatus = false;  
    Serial.println(millis() - last_button_change);  
    max_press_time = (analogRead(pottimePin)*225 + 24325)/(509*3);  
    ButtonTimer.setInterval(max_press_time*1000, ButtonTimerHandler);  
    ButtonTimer.restartTimer();  
    prev_time_pressed = millis();  
  
    analogWrite(ledpressedPin, pot_coil_Val);  
    if (pot_coil_Val > 900) analogWrite(coilPin, max_coil*255);  
    else analogWrite(coilPin, (max_coil*255-40)/900 * pot_coil_Val + 40);  
}
```



# Coil Voltage Regulation

- Potentiometers with 3.3 V

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  buttonstatus = false;  
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  max_press_time = (analogRead(pottimePin)*225 + 24325)/(509*3);  
  ButtonTimer.setInterval(max_press_time*1000, ButtonTimerHandler);  
  ButtonTimer.restartTimer();  
  prev_time_pressed = millis();  
  
  analogWrite(ledpressedPin, pot_coil_Val);  
  if (pot_coil_Val > 900) analogWrite(coilPin, max_coil*255);  
  else analogWrite(coilPin, (max_coil*255-40)/900 * pot_coil_Val + 40);  
}
```



# Extra Coding Details

```
void loop(){
  startbuttonState = digitalRead(startbuttonPin);
  > if (!startbuttonState) { ...
  }
  > if (starting){ ...
  }
  > if (running){ ...
  }
  > if (ended){ ...
  }
  > if (idle){ ...
  }
}
```

- Five Core States
  - Starting
  - Running
  - Ended
  - Idle
  - New High Score
- Efficient State Transitions

```
// States of Game
bool starting = false;
bool running = false;
bool ended = false;
bool idle = true;
bool new_highest_score = false;
```

# Final Product



# Future Delelopments

- Generic build, for up to 4 players
- Semi-automatic version, with 2 separate tubes
- Calibrate spheres to the same velocity

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