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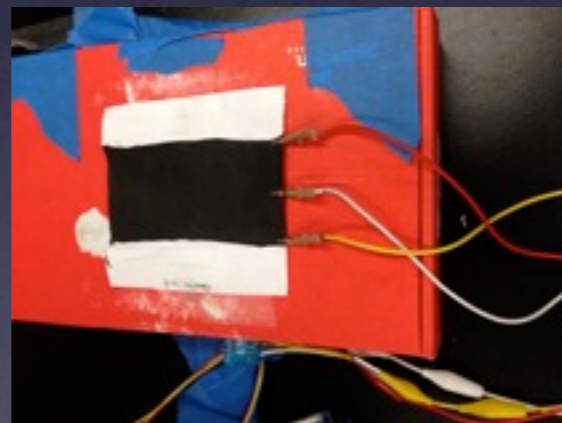
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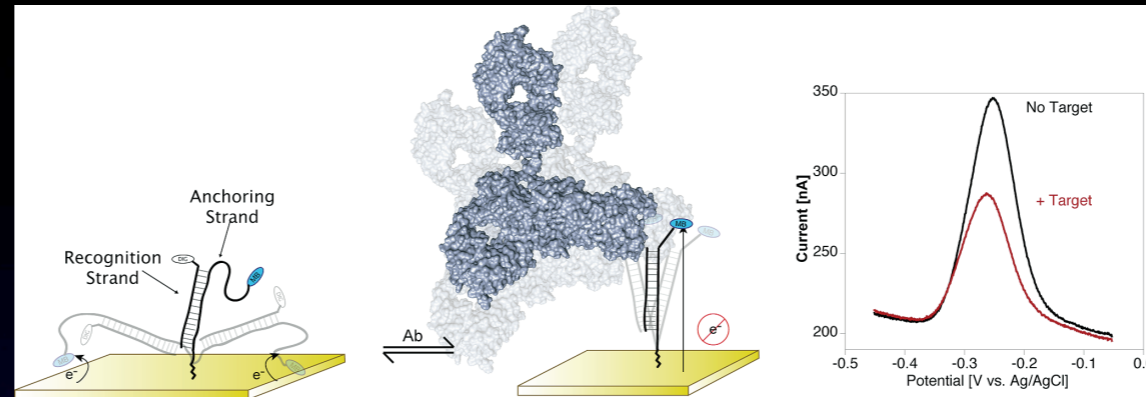
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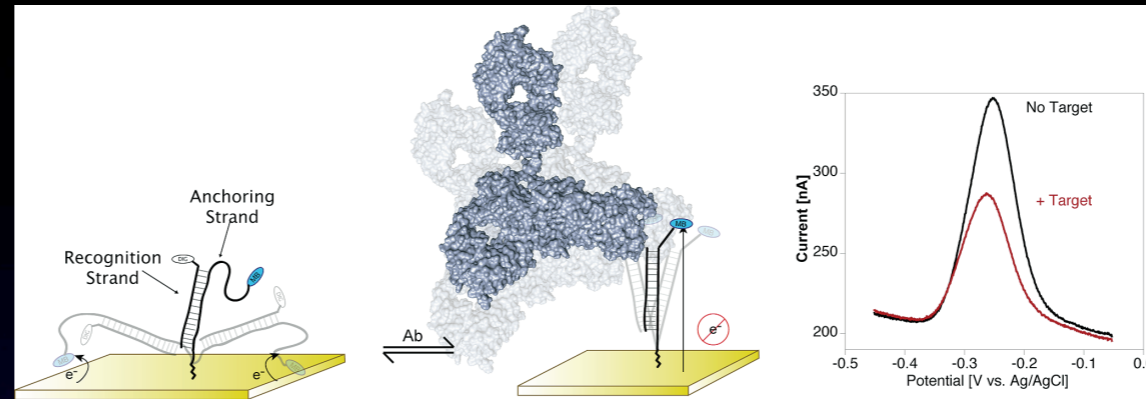
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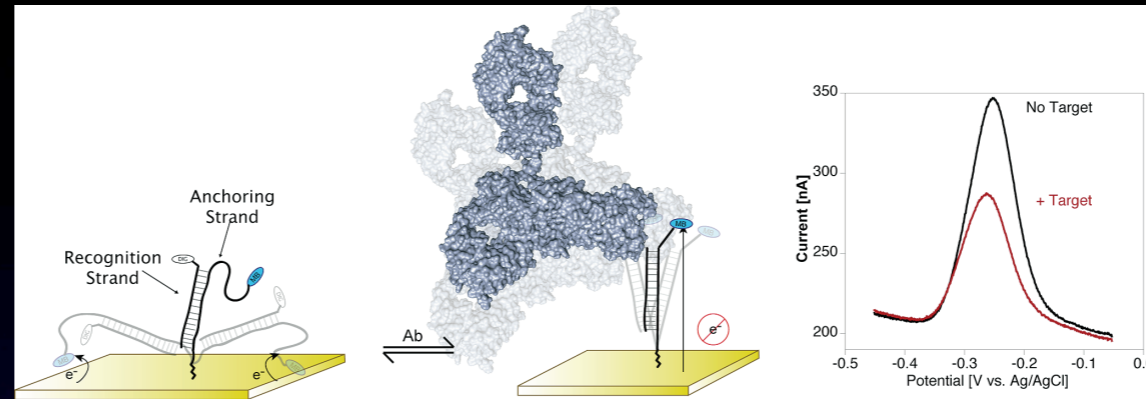


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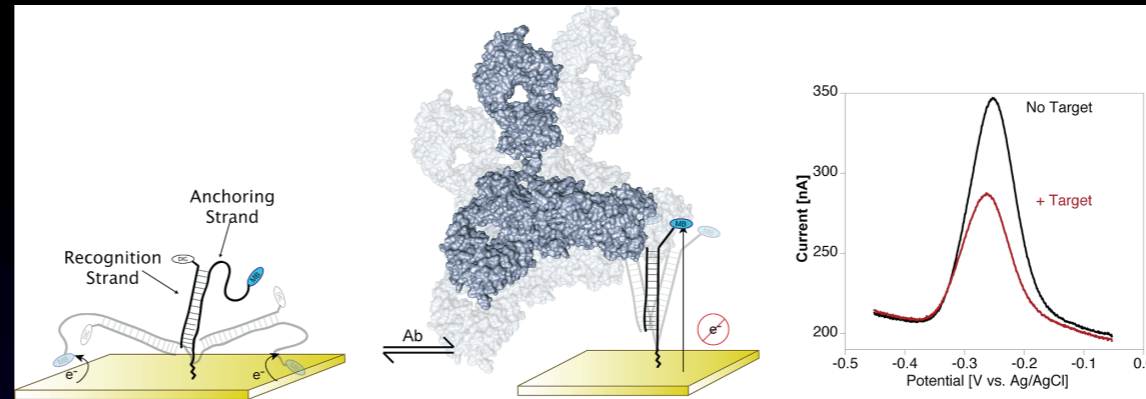
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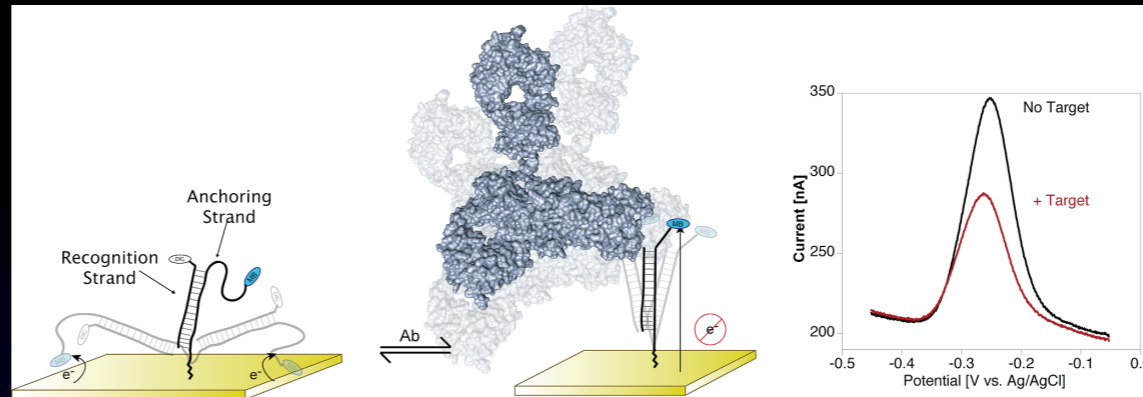
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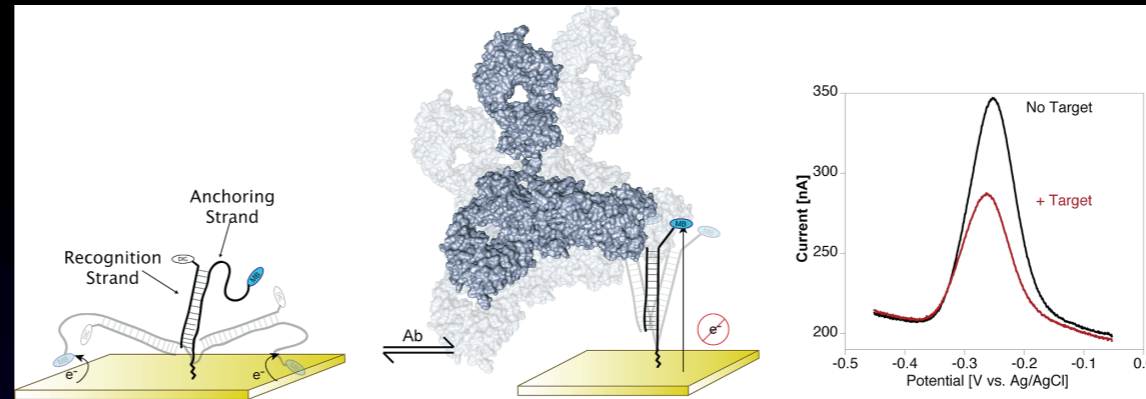




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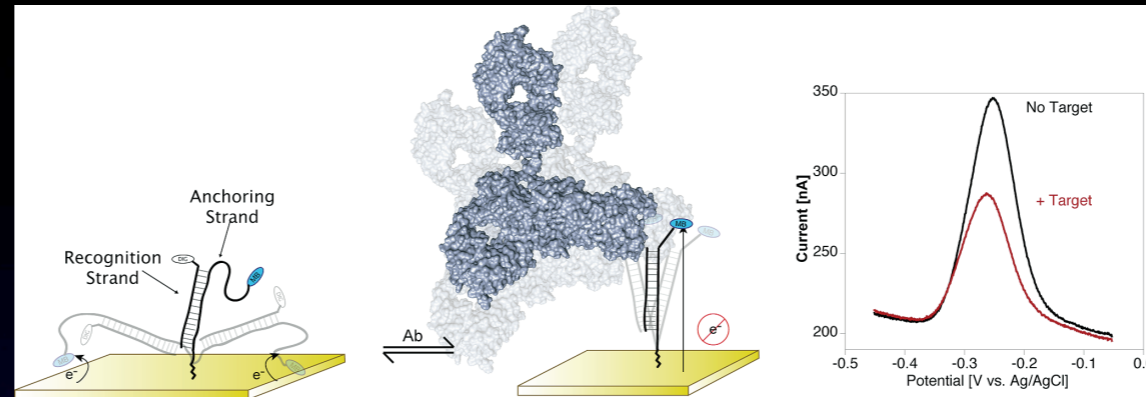




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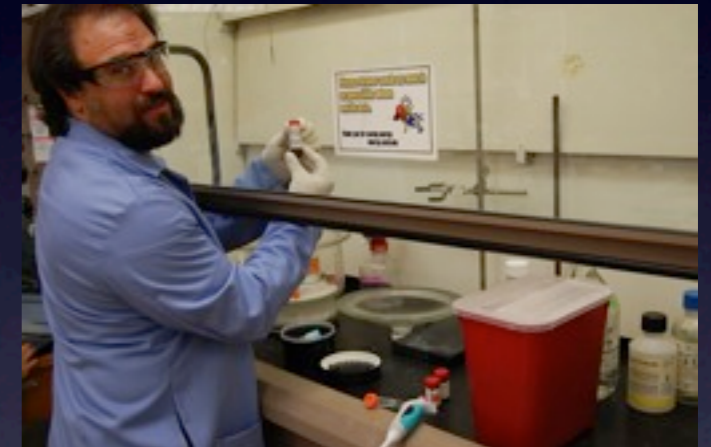
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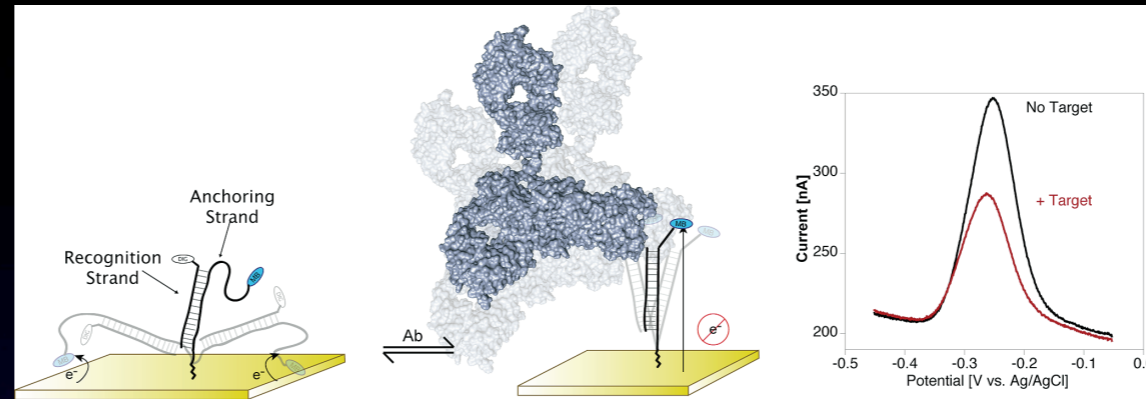


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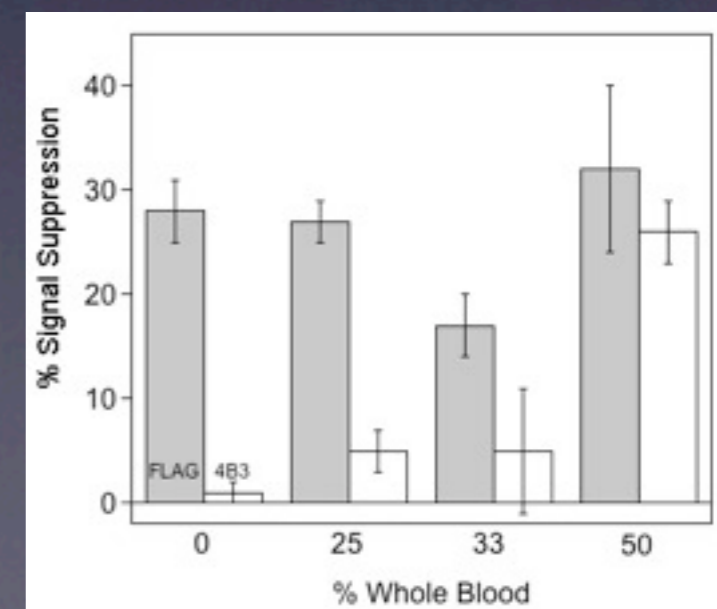
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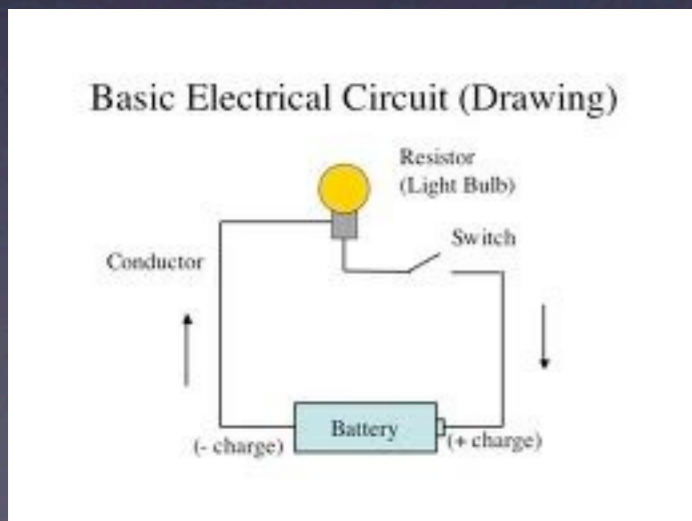
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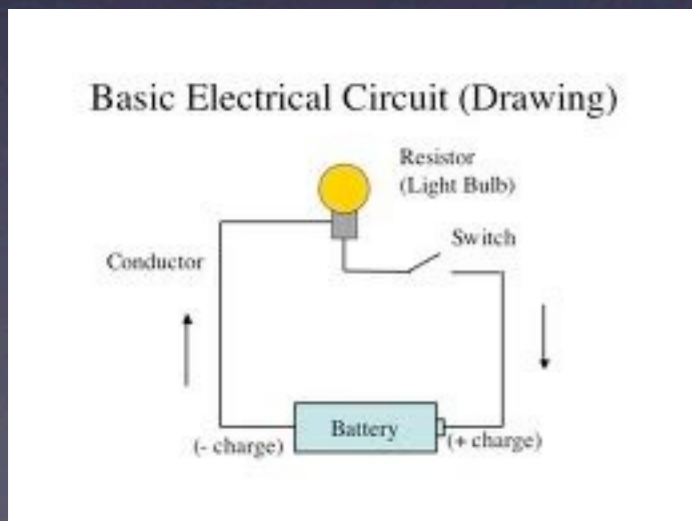
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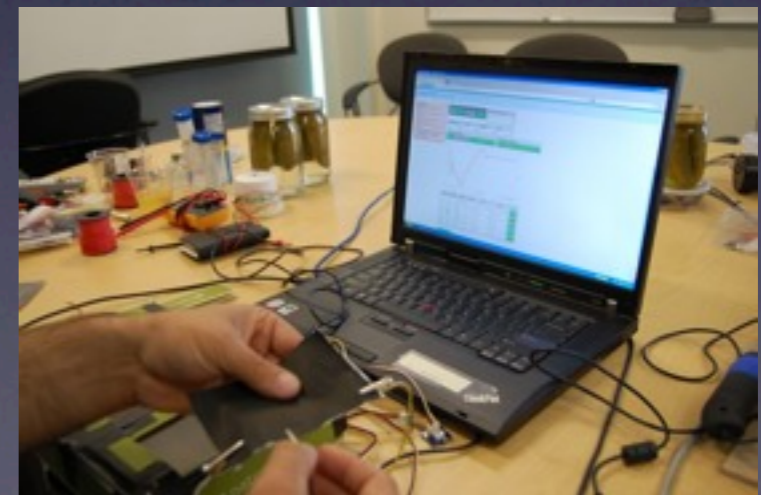
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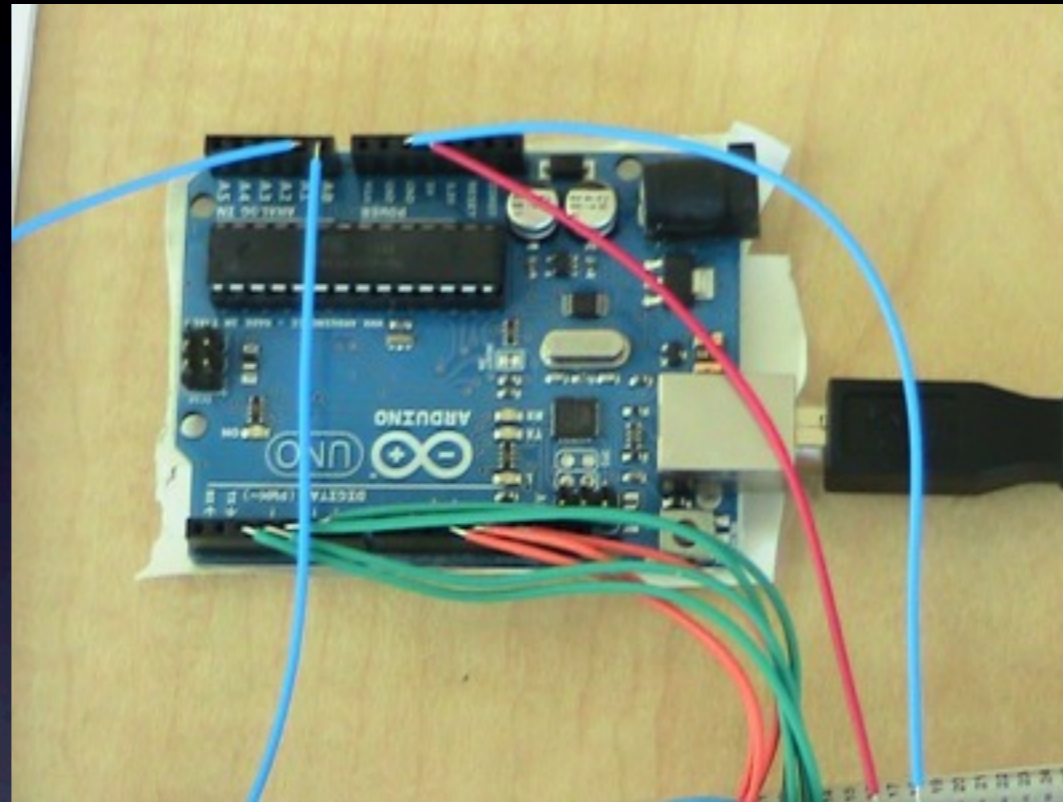
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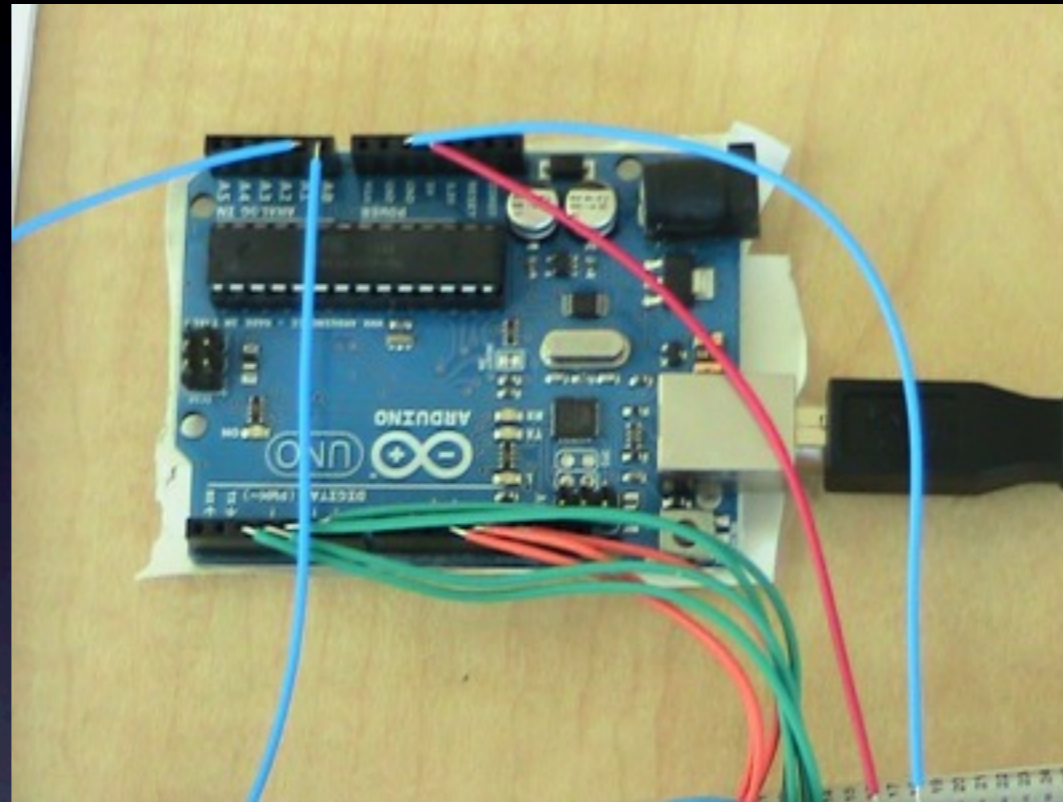


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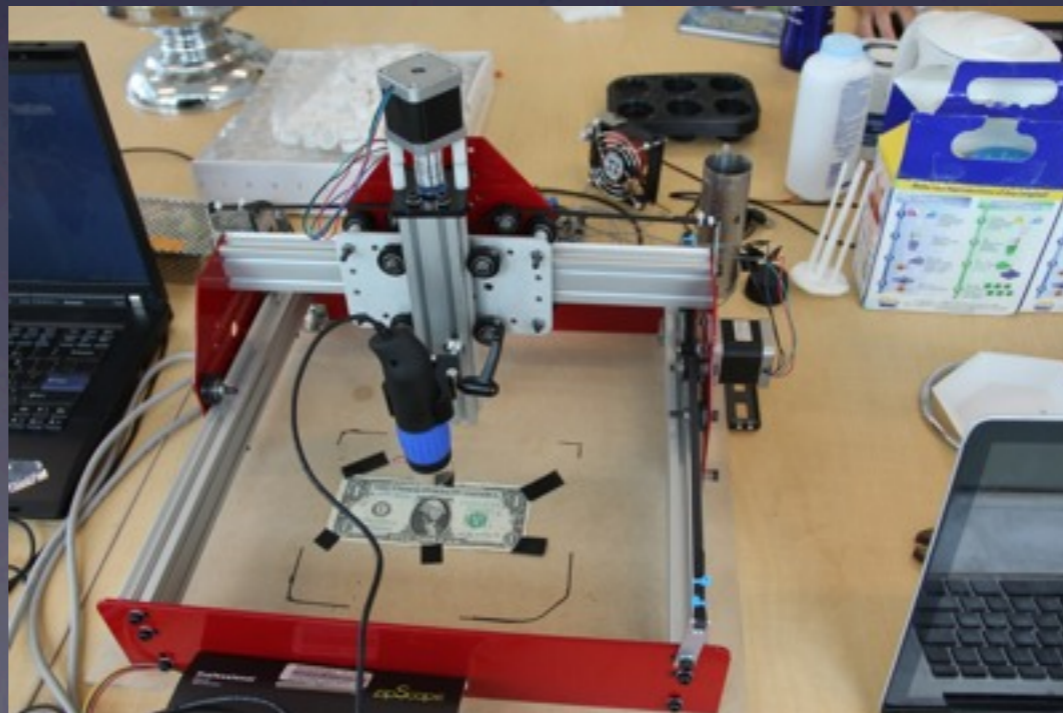
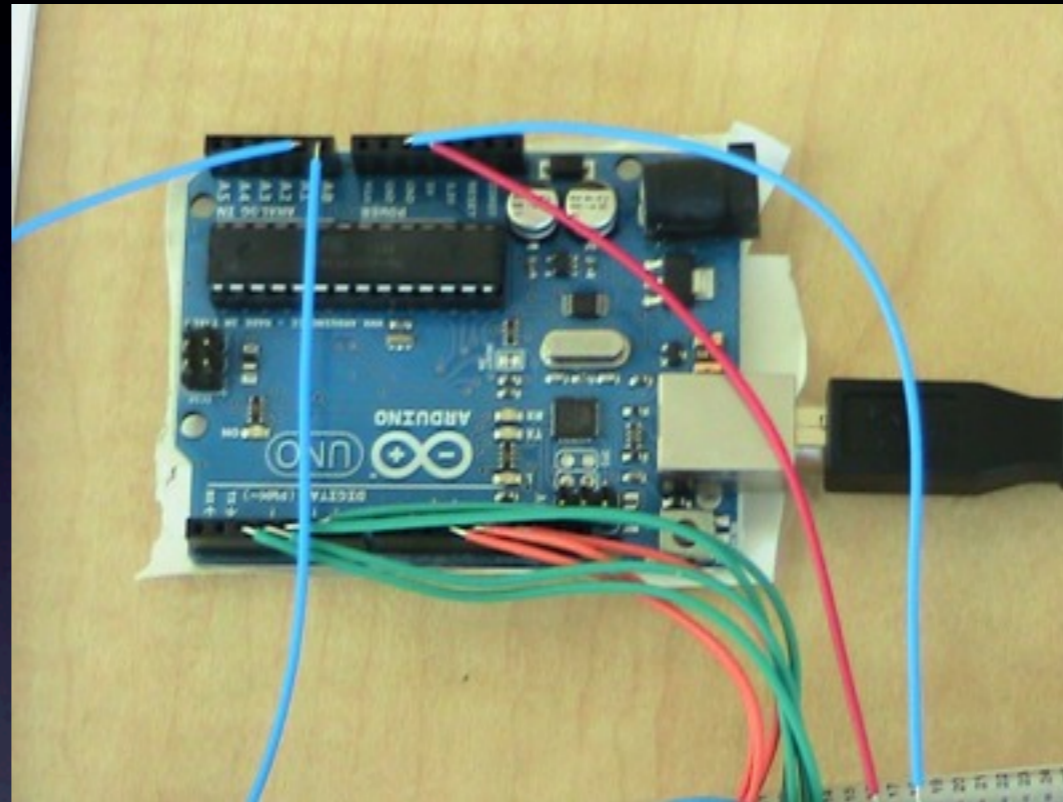


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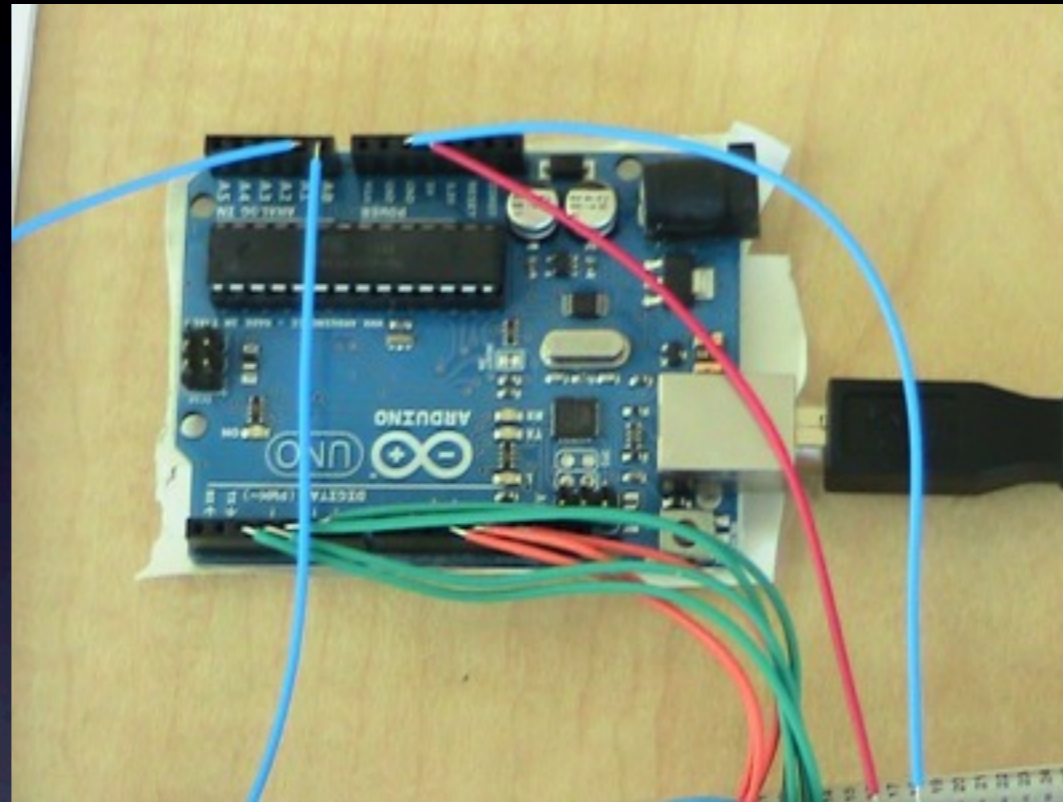




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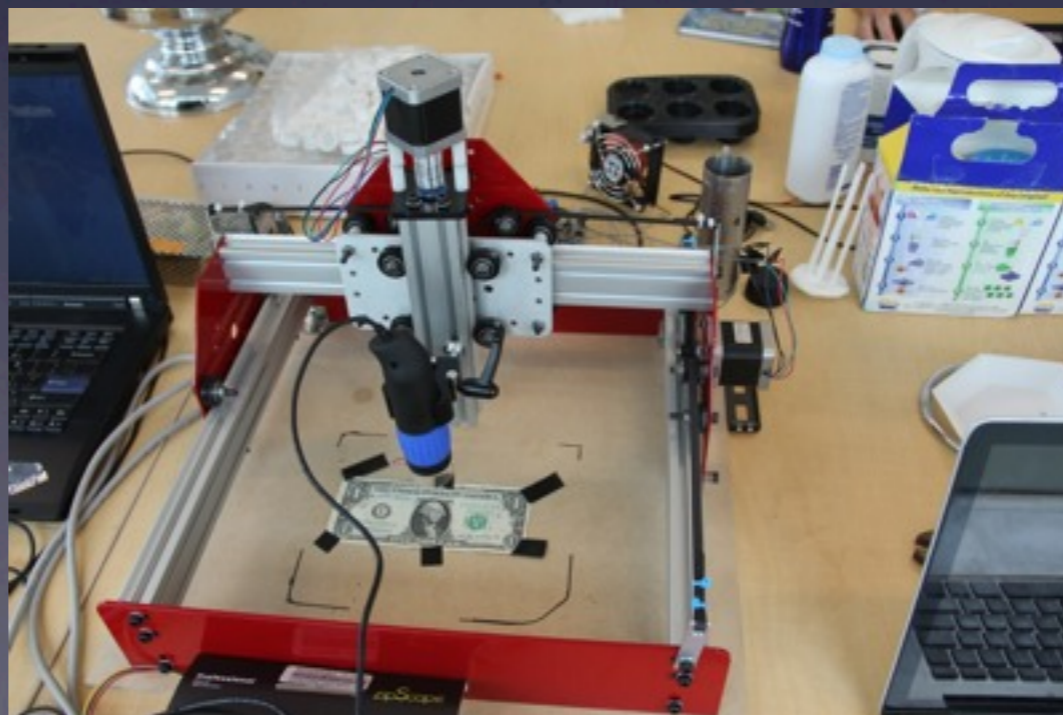
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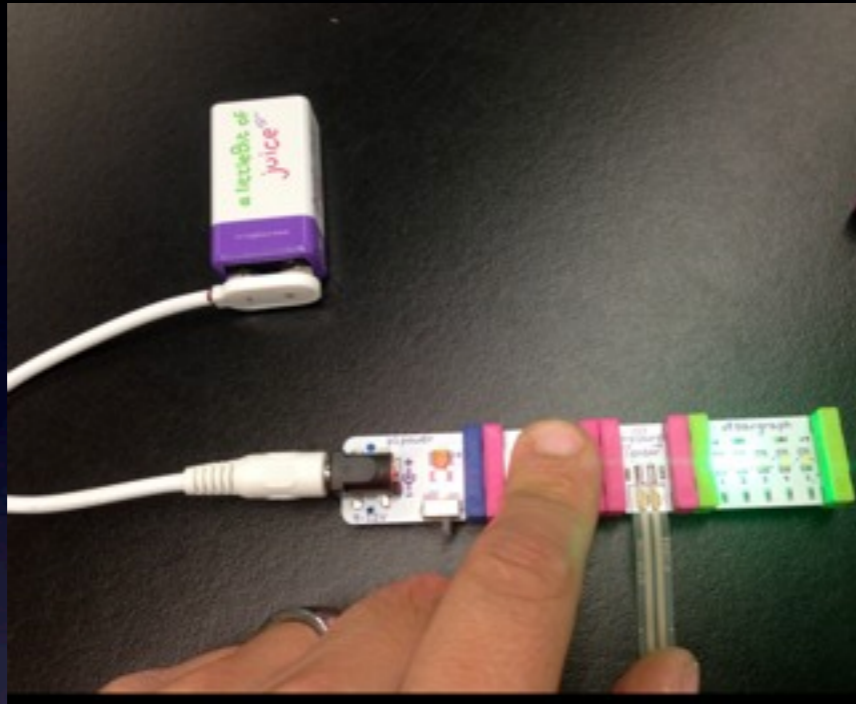


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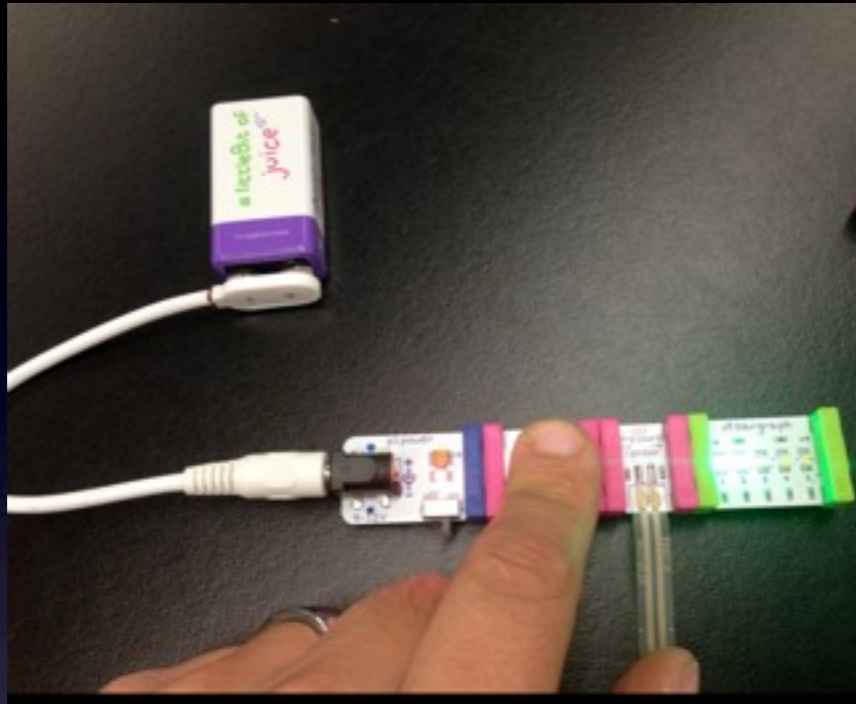
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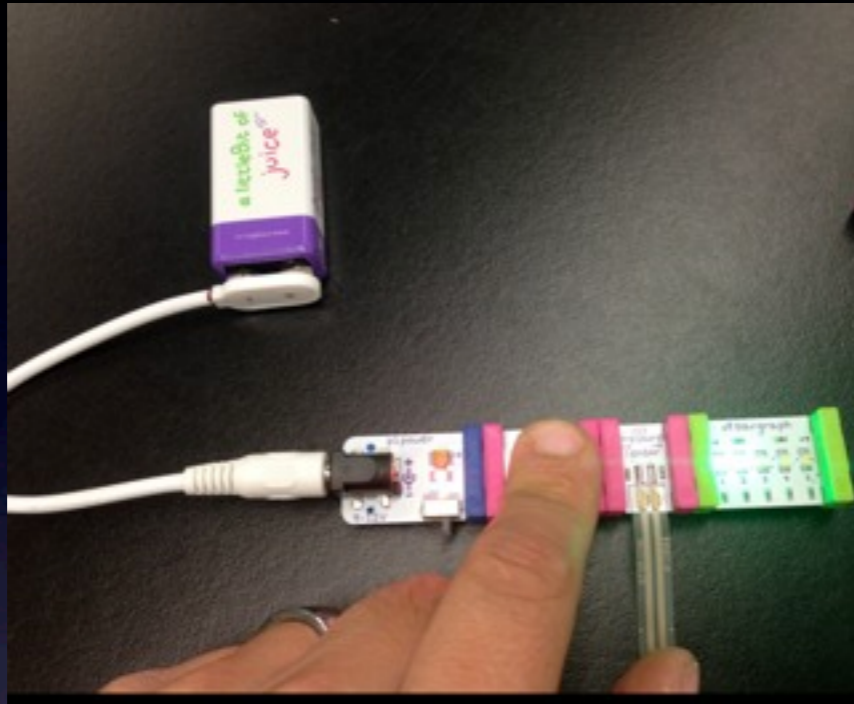
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Tilt: 0  
Light: 17  
and: ?  
or: ?  
+ : ?  
≤ 30: ?  
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**Logic Diagram:**  
A flowchart showing a button node connected to a "not" node, which is then connected to an LED node. The "not" node has a value of 1, and the LED node has a value of 1.

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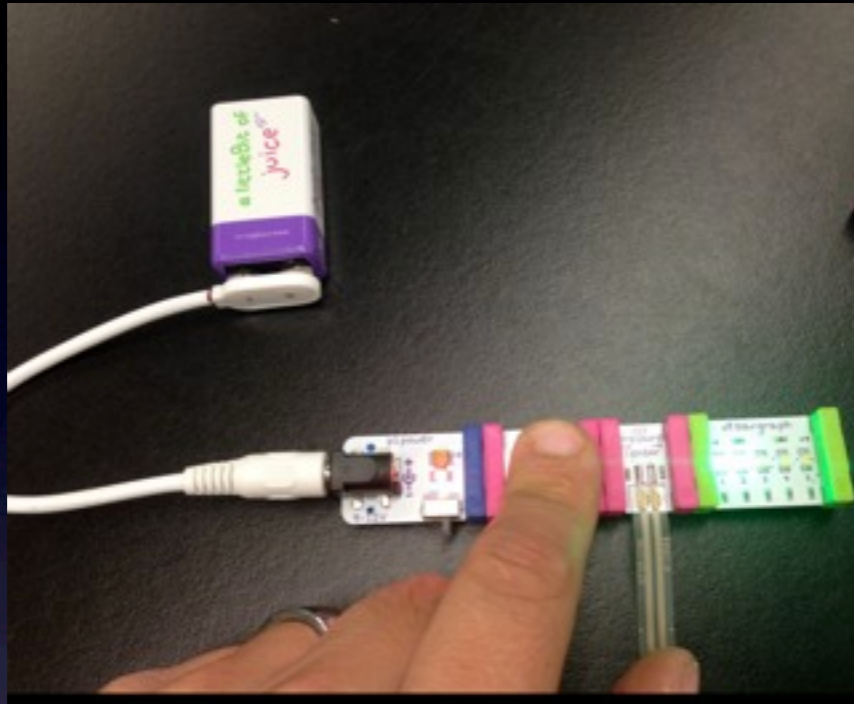
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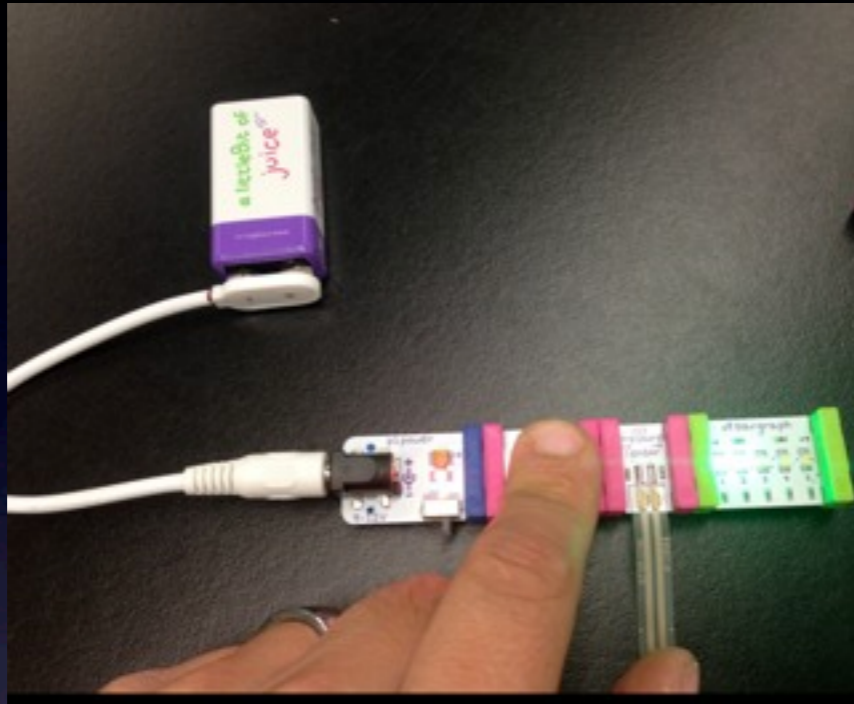
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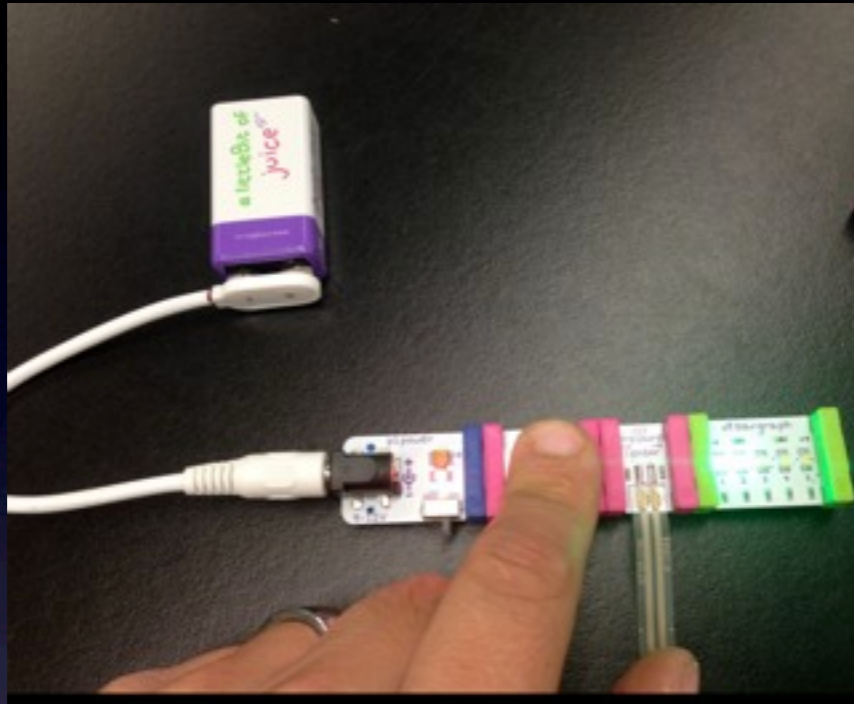
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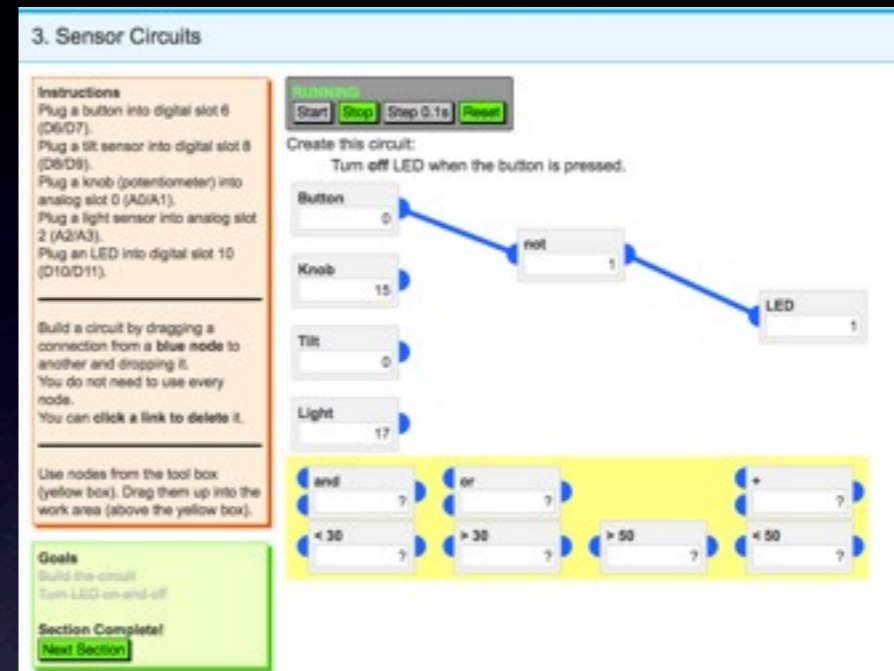


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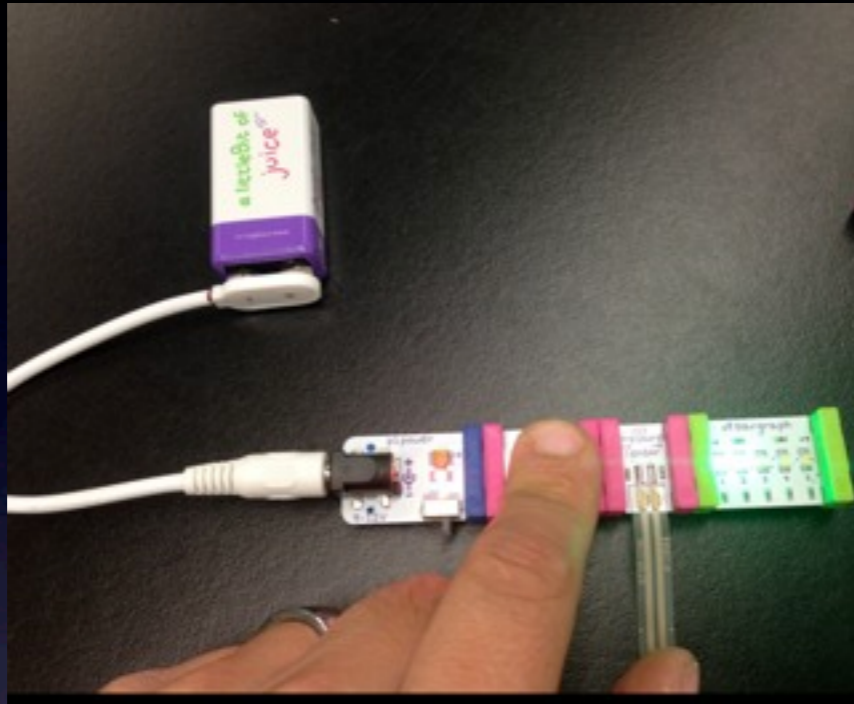
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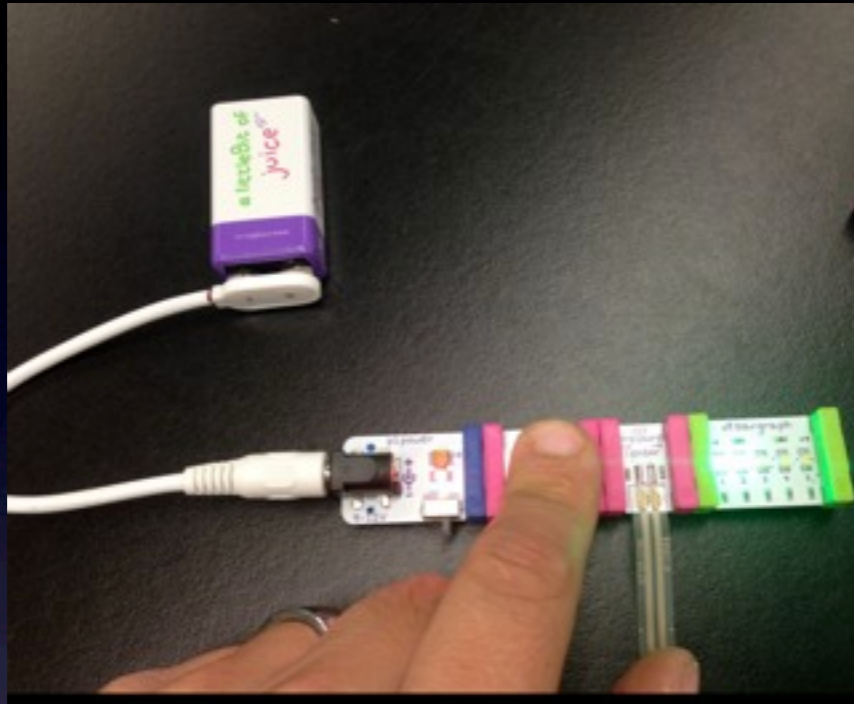
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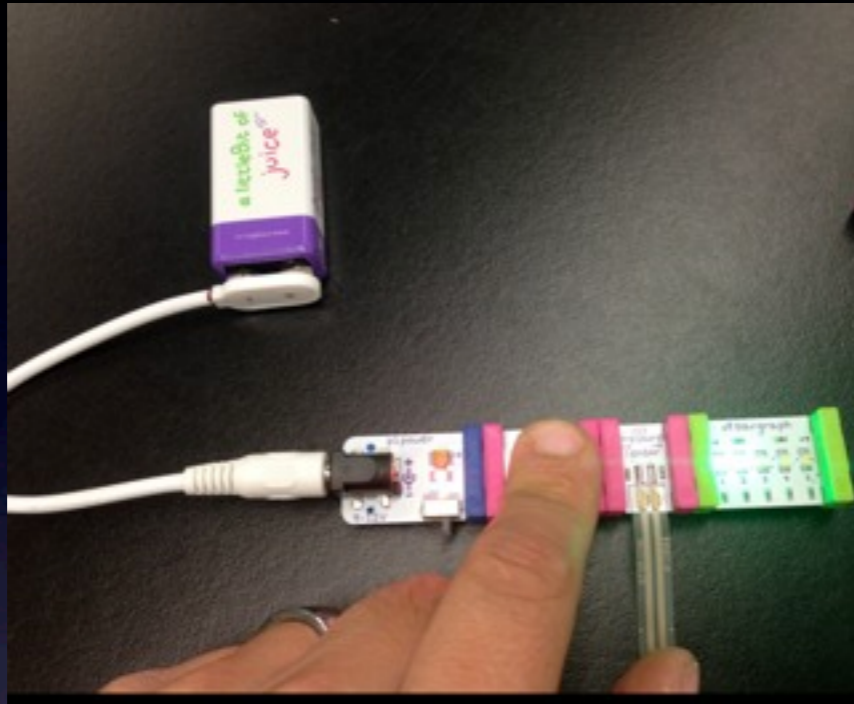
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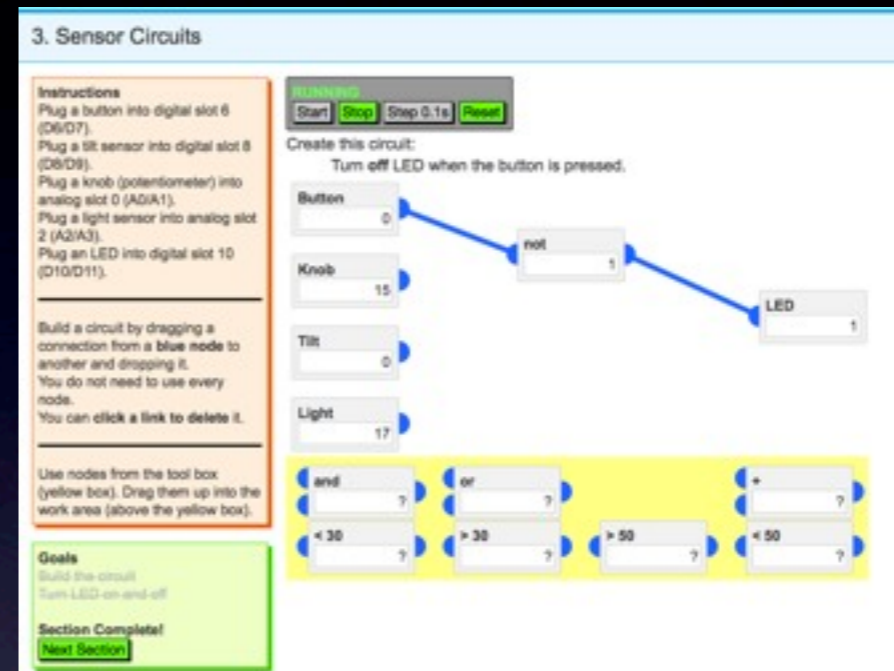
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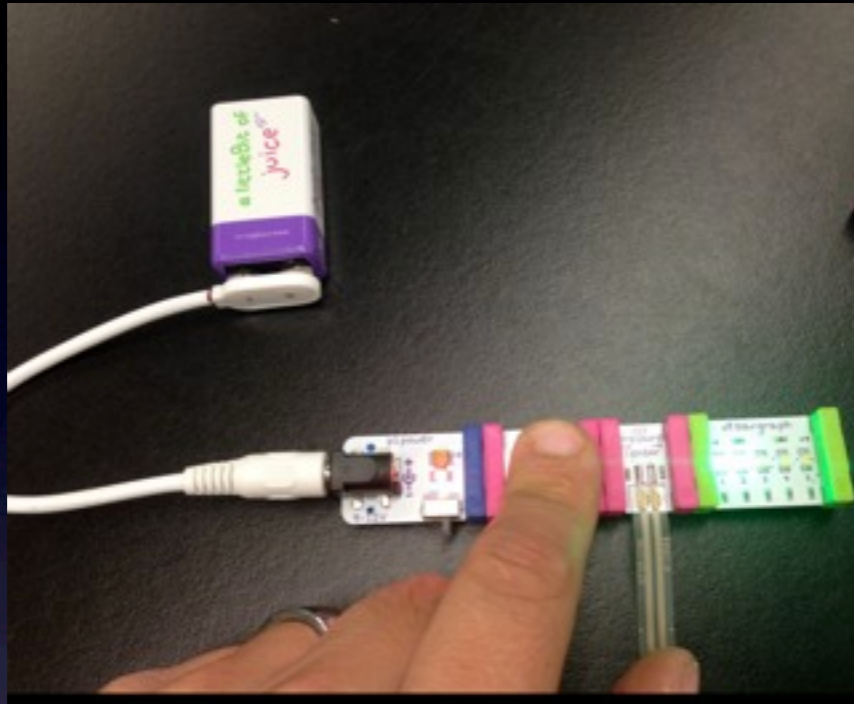


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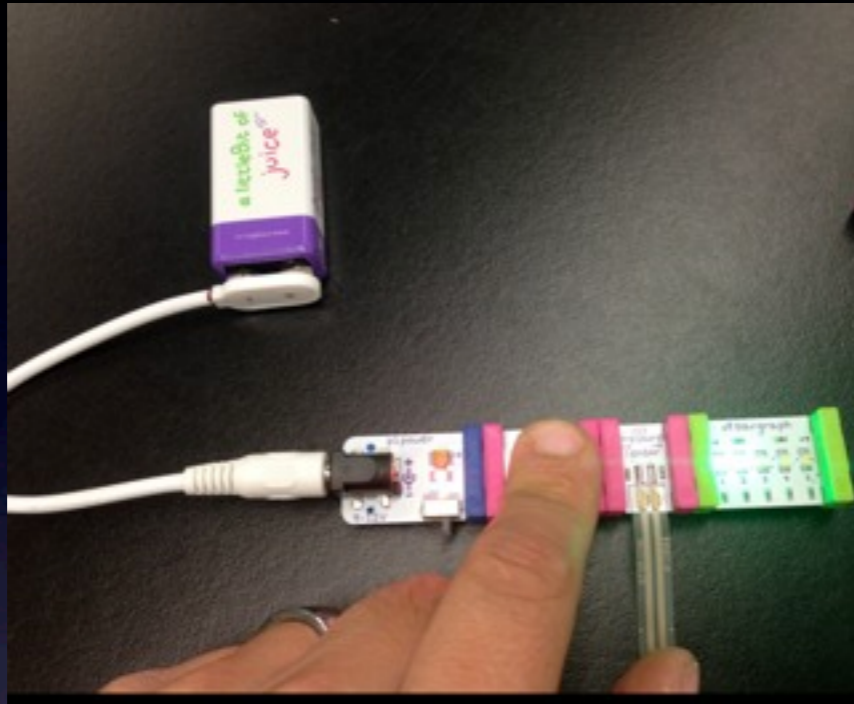


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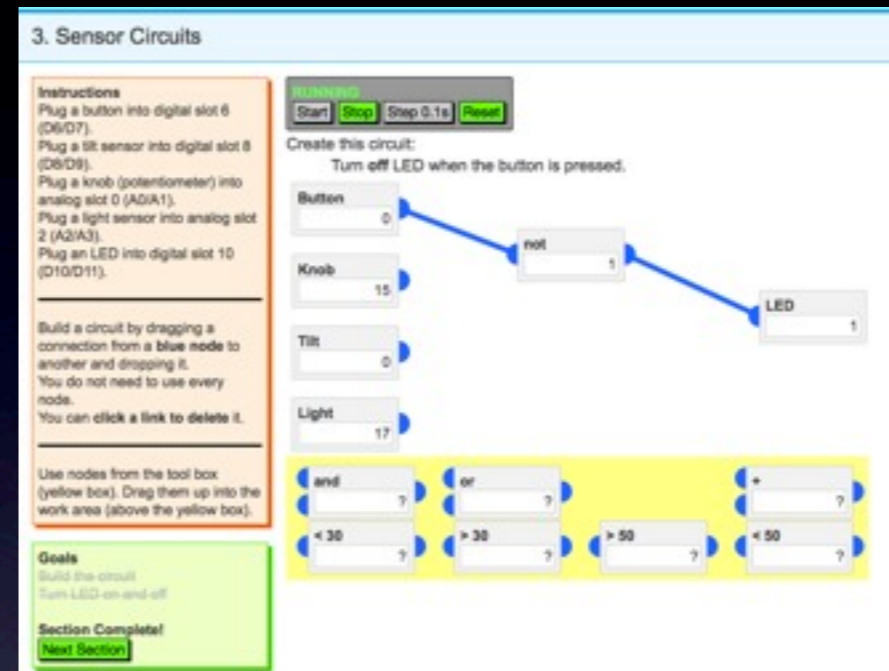
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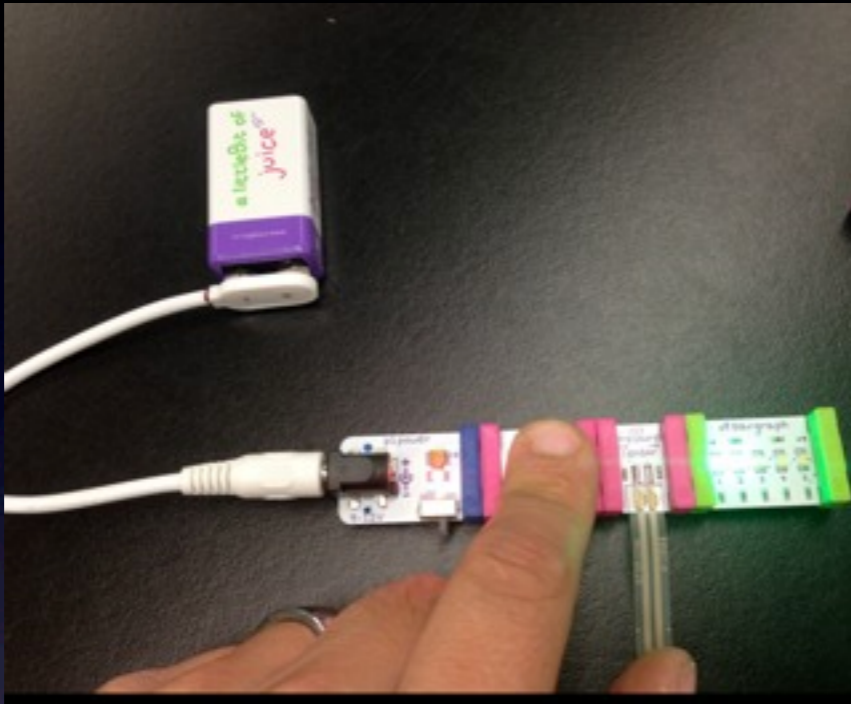
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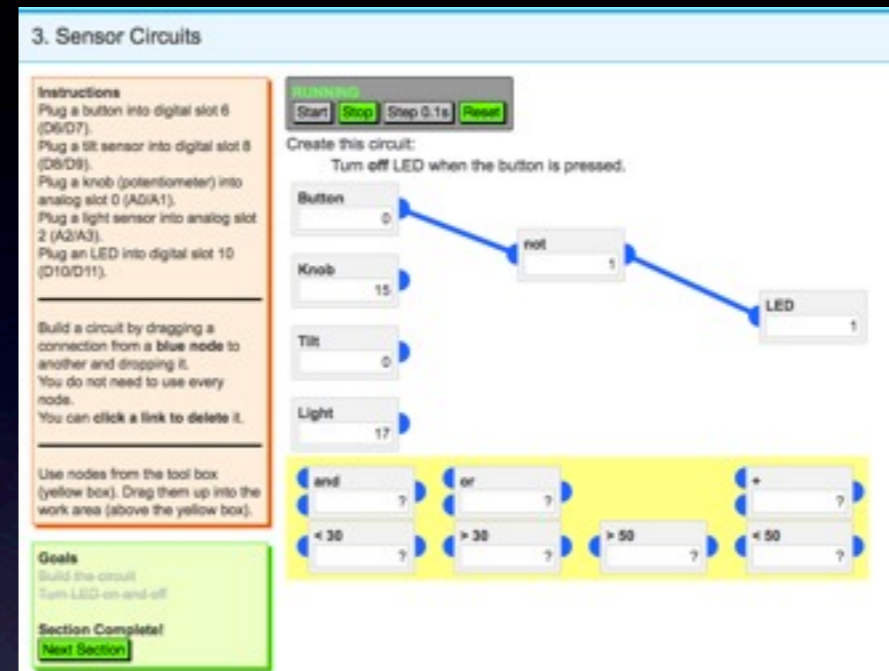


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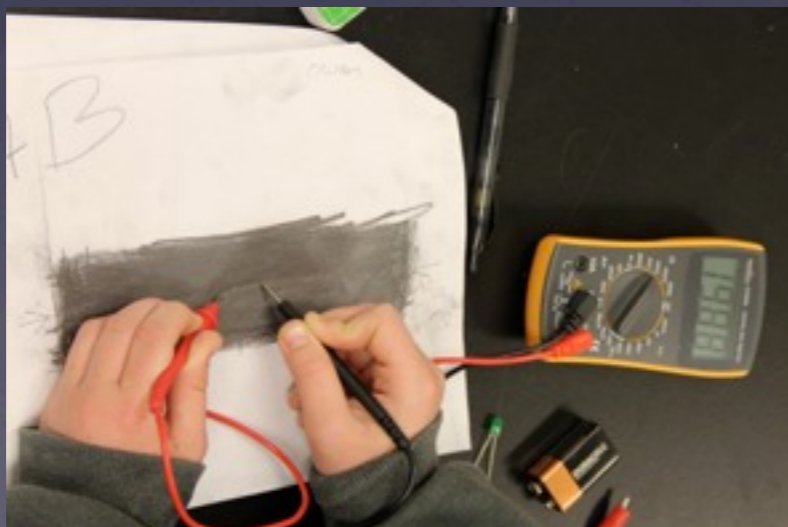


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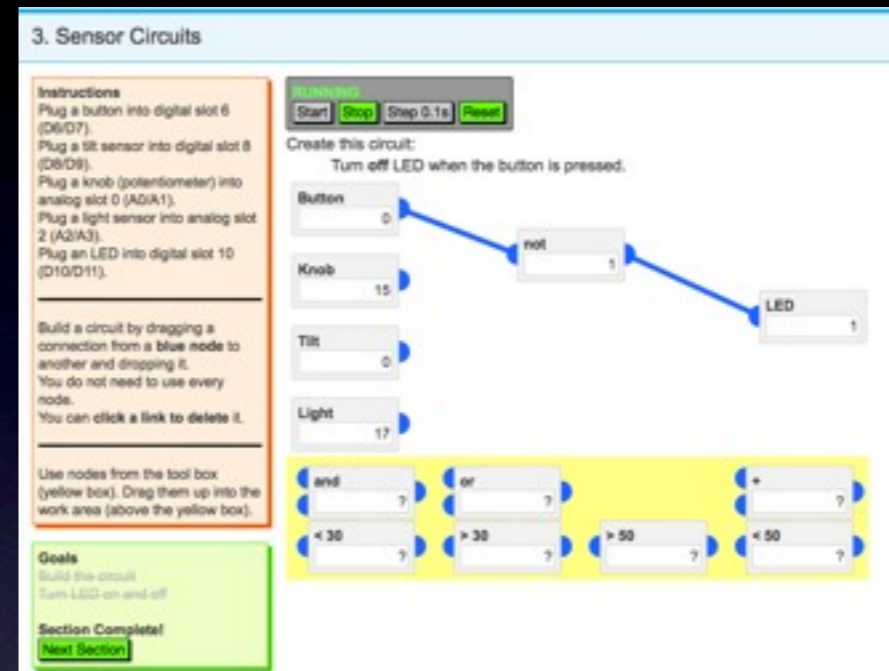
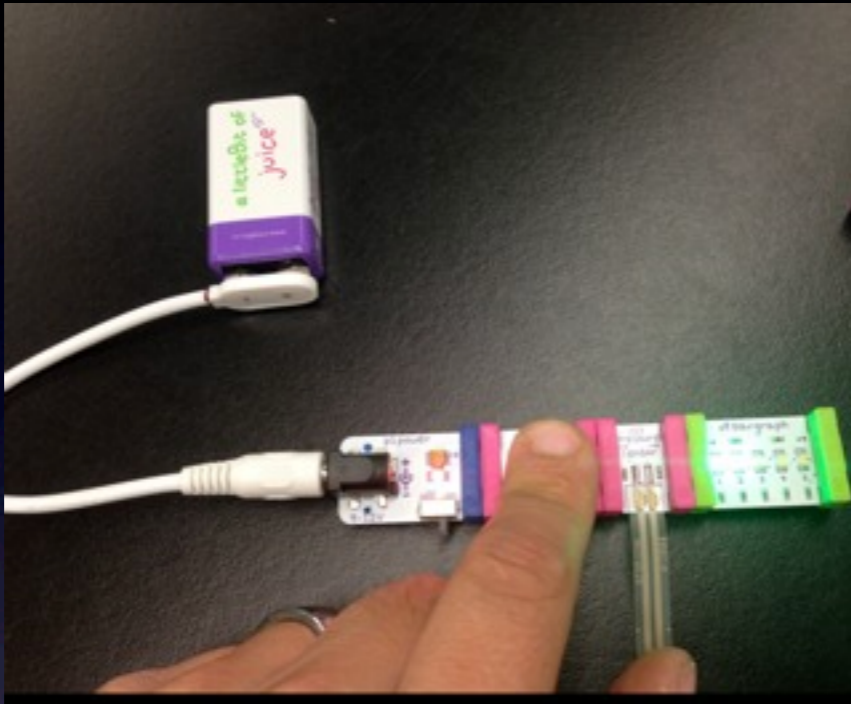
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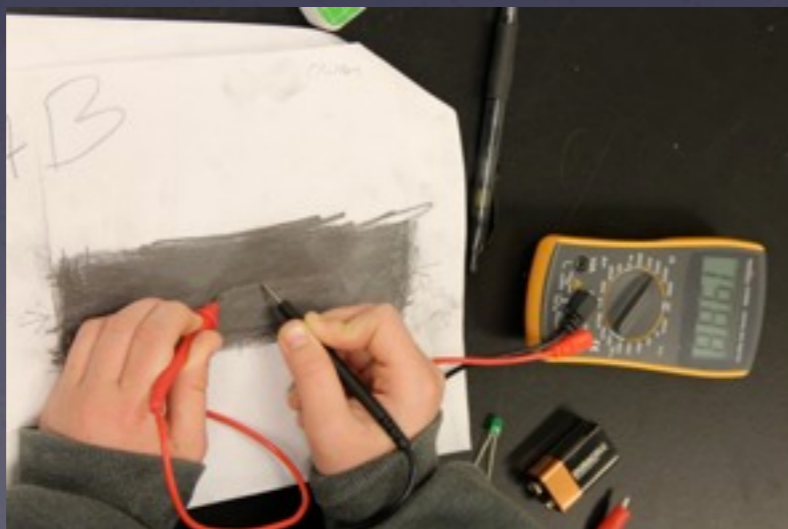
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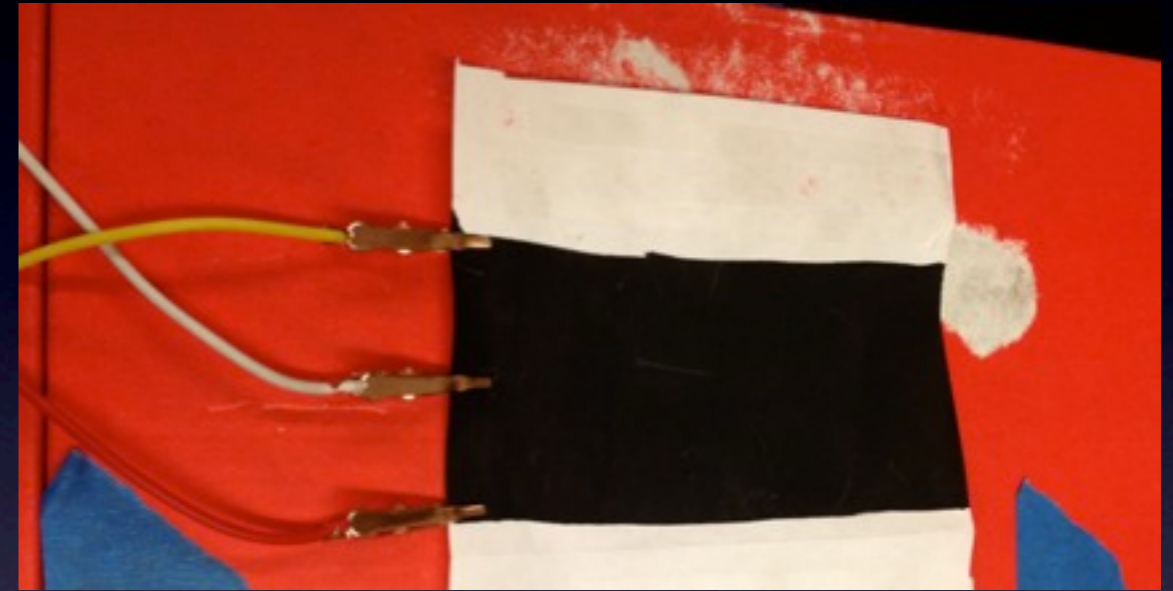
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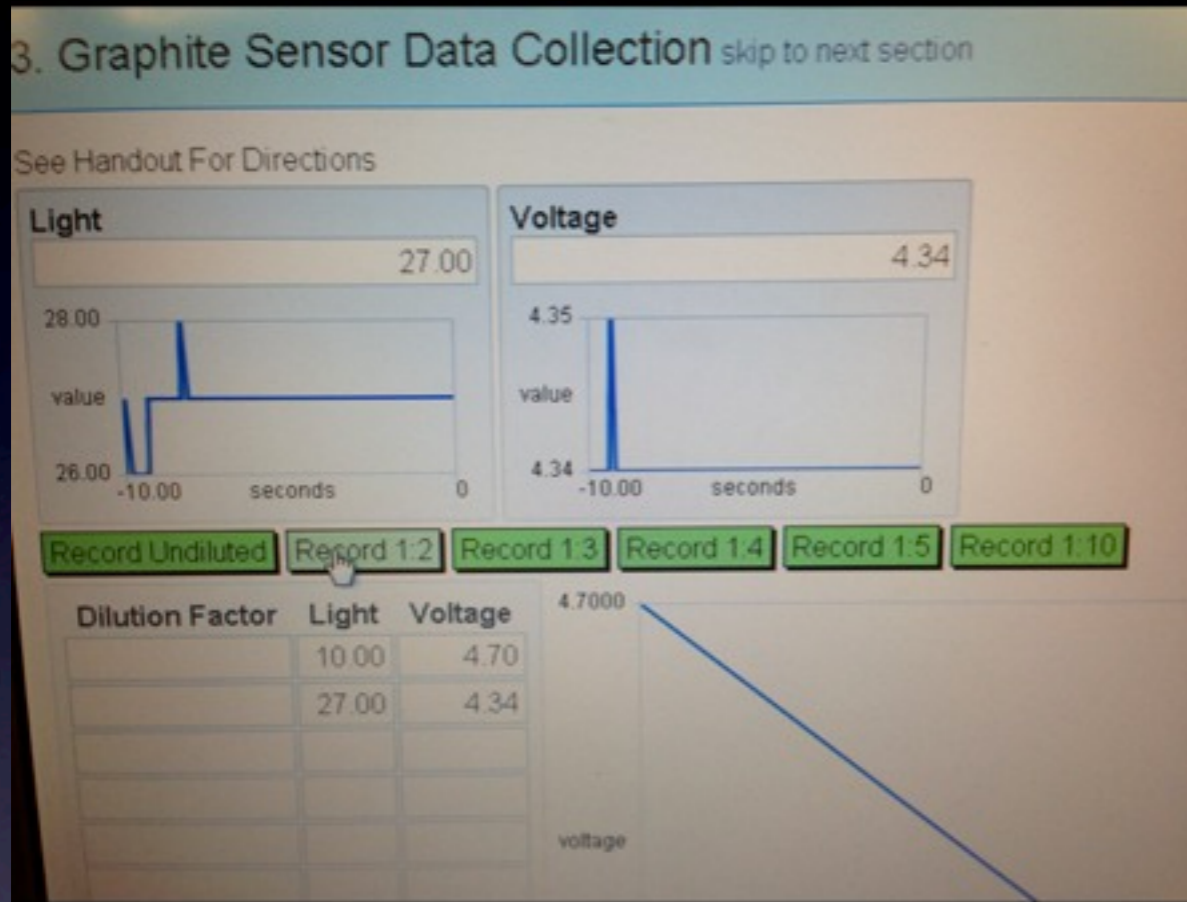
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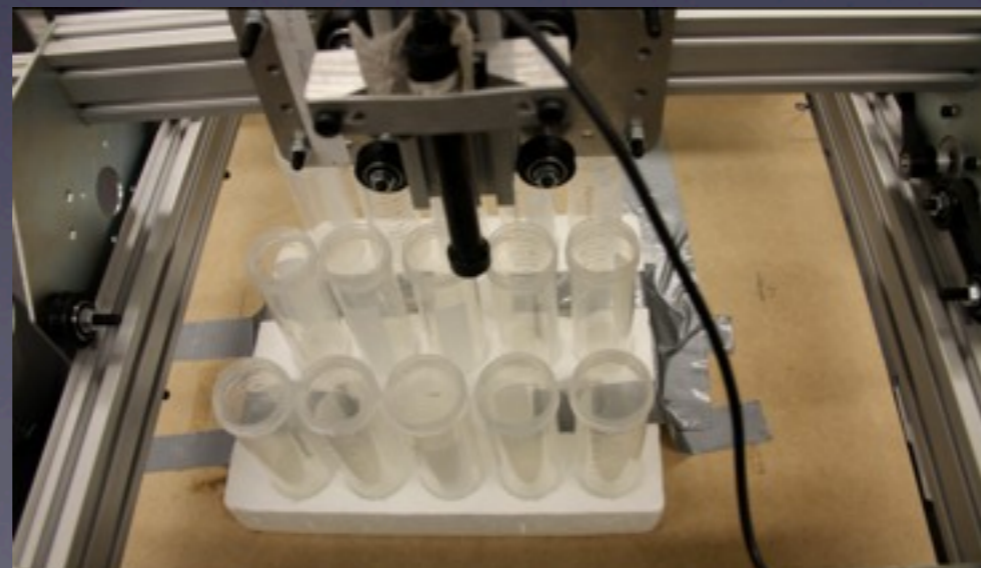


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# Lesson #1: Basic Circuitry

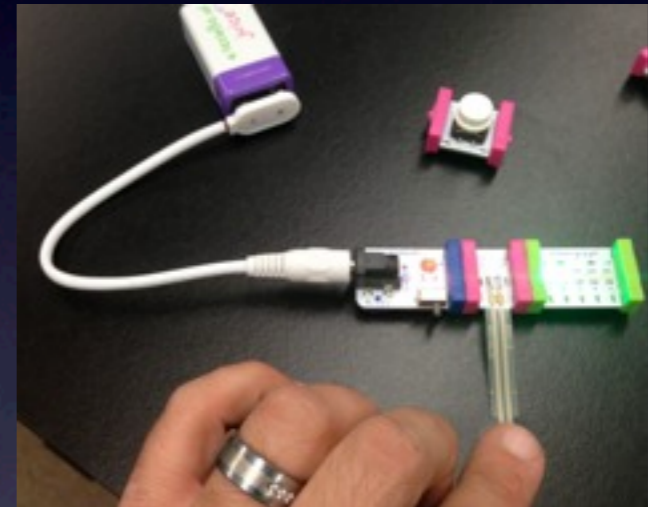
## Overview:

To understand how various input/output modes can affect an outcome in a circuit by:

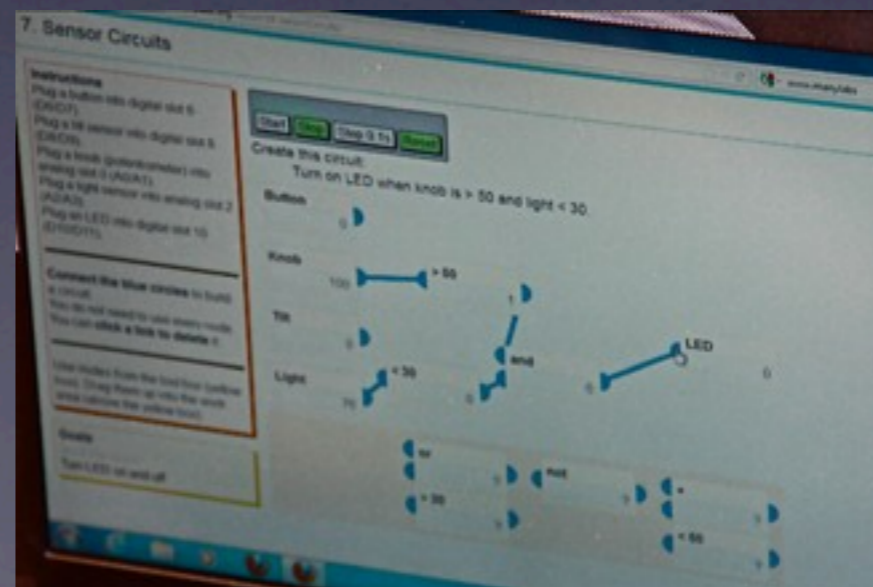
Using Little Bits parts to investigate circuits and develop input/output statements



Manipulatives are good for Kinesthetic Learners (Middle School)



Logic statements are good for forming complex circuits in codes and programming (High School)



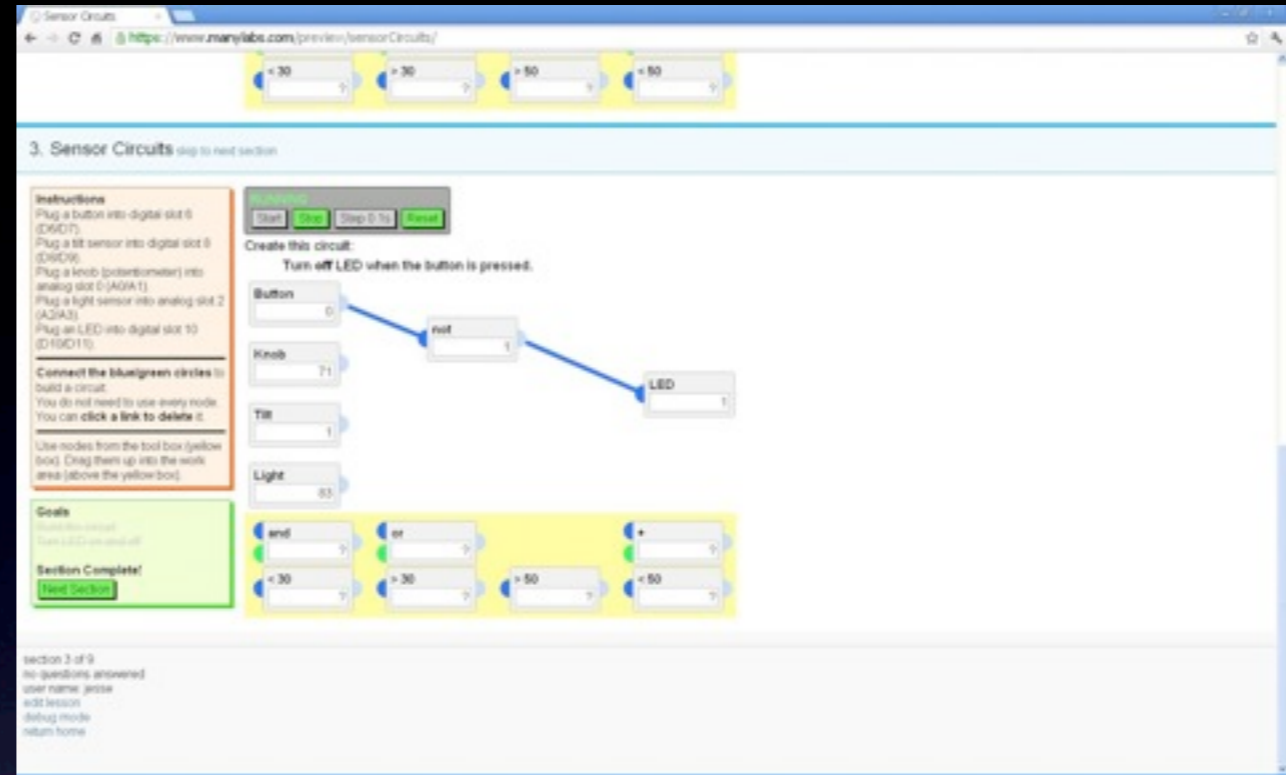


# ManyLabs Activities

Another Example of  
ManyLabs Software...

And....

A tabulation step



Circuit #	Button	Knob	Light	Tilt	And	Or	Not	+	<30	>30	<50	>50
1												
2	y						y					
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												

Place a "Y" for each part "used" to complete the circuit in the table below after completing the task on the computer for each exercise:

After tabulation, you can create coding sentence structure for programming languages.

# If you know: Button= a switch; then “Copy & Paste Code”

## <http://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Switch>

```
*
* Each time the input pin goes from LOW to HIGH (e.g. because of a push-button
* press), the output pin is toggled from LOW to HIGH or HIGH to LOW. There's
* a minimum delay between toggles to debounce the circuit (i.e. to ignore
* noise).
*
* David A. Mellis
* 21 November 2006
*/

int inPin = 2;          // the number of the input pin
int outPin = 13;       // the number of the output pin

int state = HIGH;      // the current state of the output pin
int reading;           // the current reading from the input pin
int previous = LOW;    // the previous reading from the input pin

// the follow variables are long's because the time, measured in miliseconds,
// will quickly become a bigger number than can be stored in an int.
long time = 0;         // the last time the output pin was toggled
long debounce = 200;  // the debounce time, increase if the output flickers

void setup()
{
  pinMode(inPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(outPin, OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
  reading = digitalRead(inPin);

  // if the input just went from LOW and HIGH and we've waited long enough
  // to ignore any noise on the circuit, toggle the output pin and remember
  // the time
  if (reading == HIGH && previous == LOW && millis() - time > debounce) {
    if (state == HIGH)
      state = LOW;
    else
      state = HIGH;

    time = millis();
  }

  digitalWrite(outPin, state);

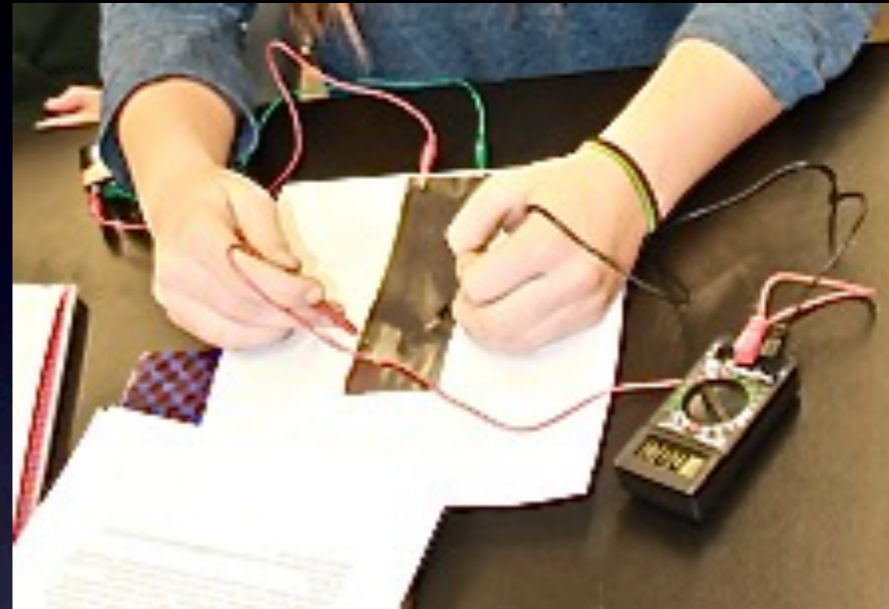
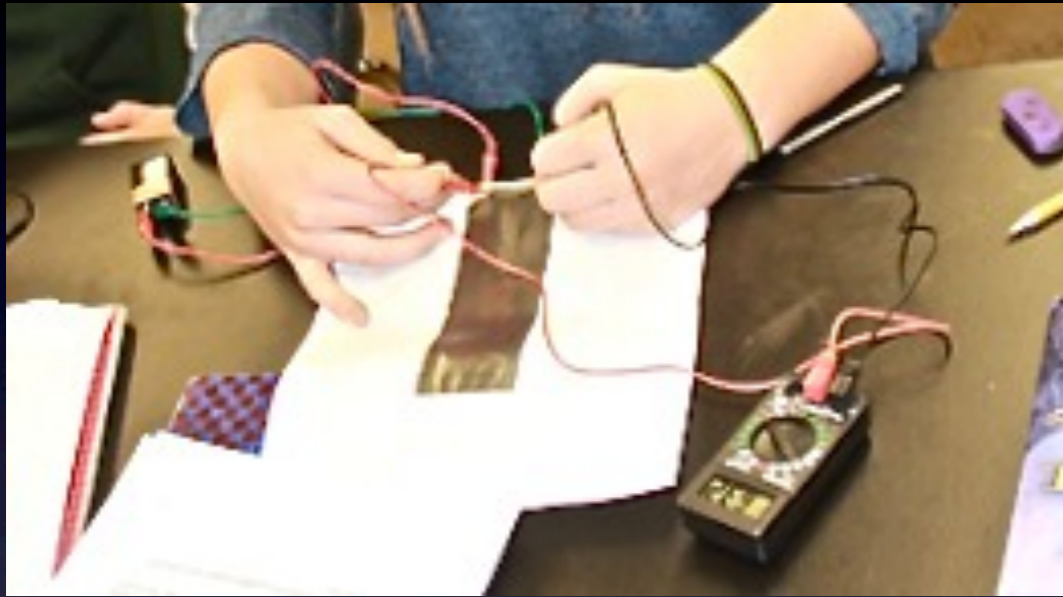
  previous = reading;
}
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# Lesson #2: Graphite Potentiometers

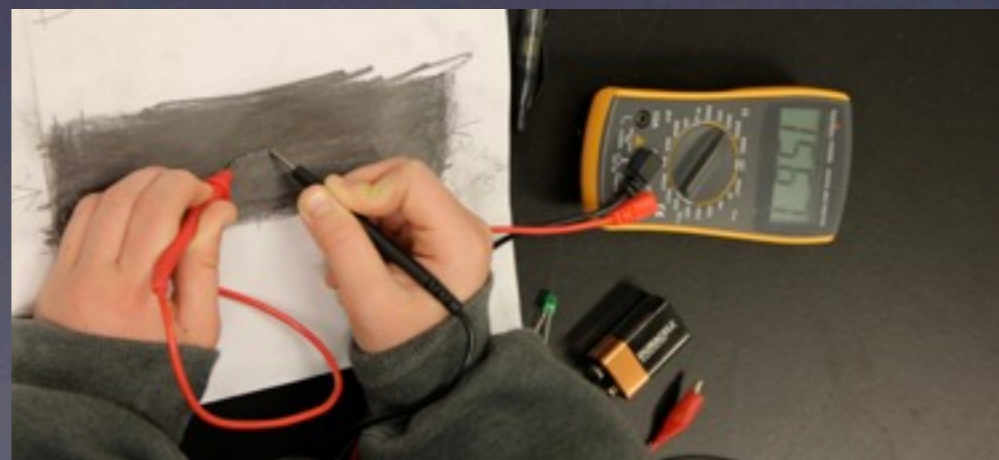
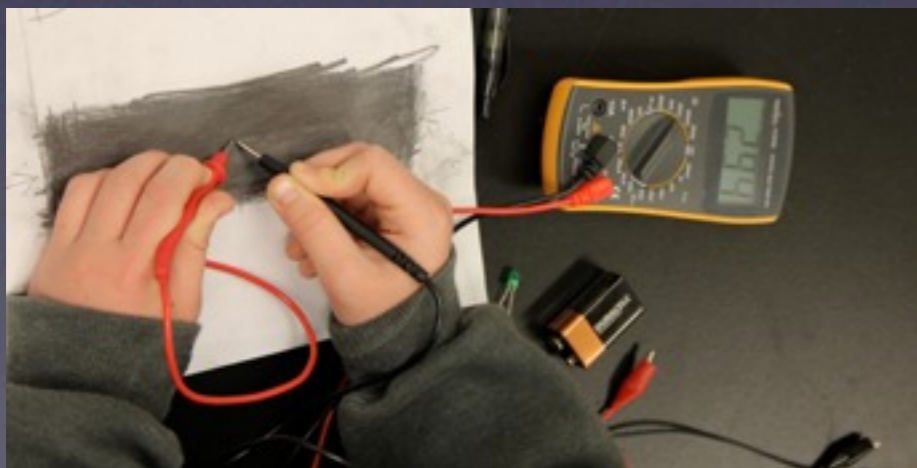
Goal: To understand what a potentiometer is and what it does

Measure Variable Voltage



Or...

Measure Variable Resistance



# Lesson #2

## Building A Graphite Circuit

Students get to create a circuit with graphite and then test its voltage or resistance using a voltmeter or LED.



Leads of Voltmeter are closest to source:  
Reading=6.15V from a 9V battery.

Leads of Voltmeter are farthest from source:  
Reading - 167.9mV from a 9V battery.



Hook an LED to resistive layer (graphite) and see what happens...



# Lesson #3: Exploring Graphite Potentiometers using ManyLabs Software

Goal: To learn how to interpret data and determine a relationship between two variables (i.e., light and voltage)

Set Up:



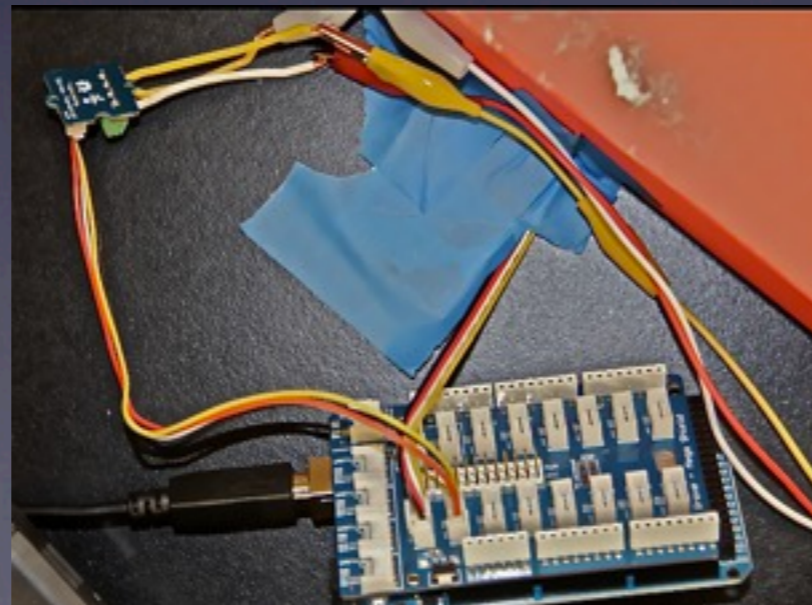
Dilution



Bare Conductive Paint



Light Box



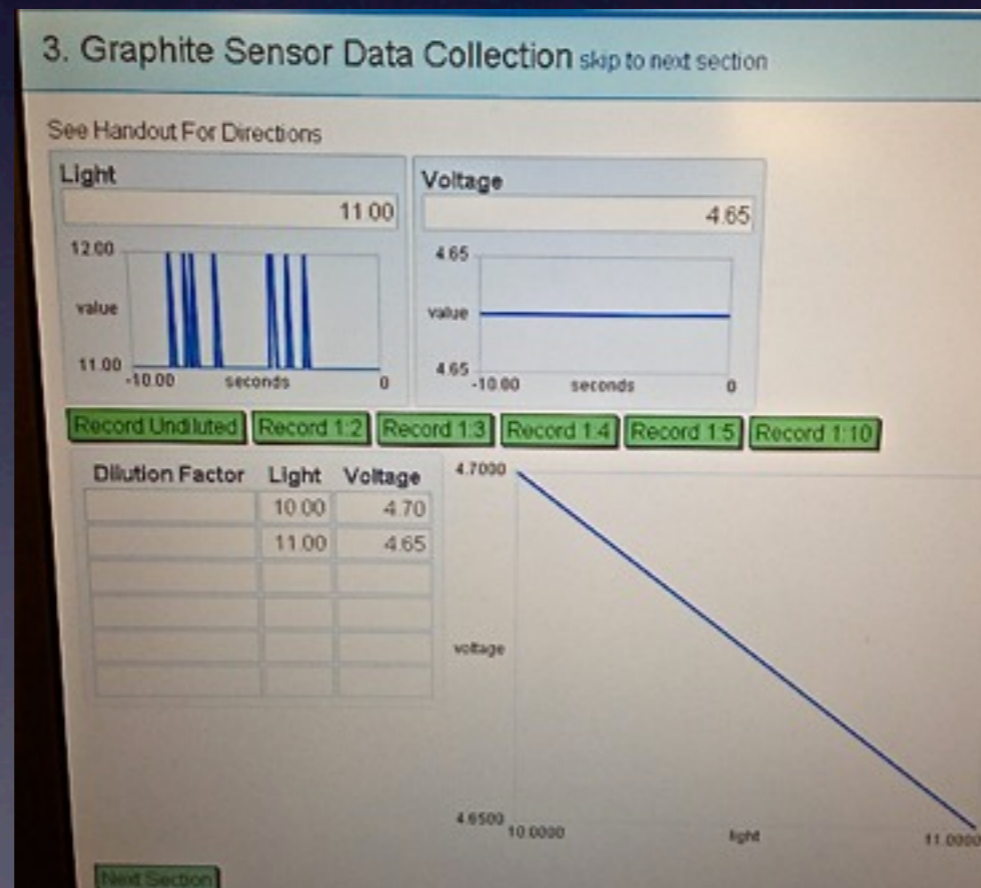
Arduino Set Up

# Preparation:

Four Dilutions,  
two beakers per  
dilution by yourself  
= 20 minutes

Light Box Setup: I  
used a box  
6"x10"x2.25" with  
~ 1"x2" slot cut out  
at top and bottom,  
with a "tail" to set  
light sensor

Arduino Uno/Mega  
with Grove shield,  
and screw terminal  
to attach three  
alligator clips for  
your voltage sensor  
+ connection for  
light sensor

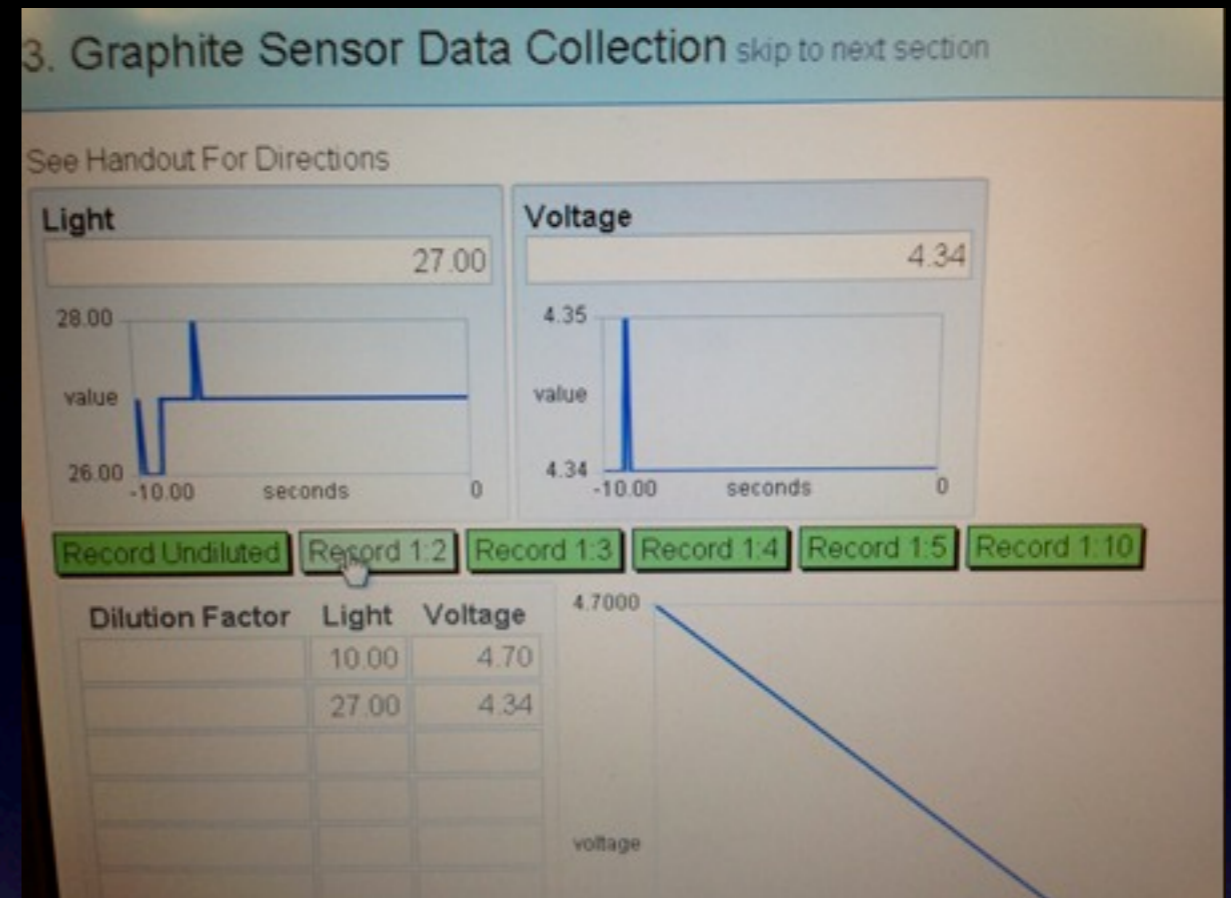
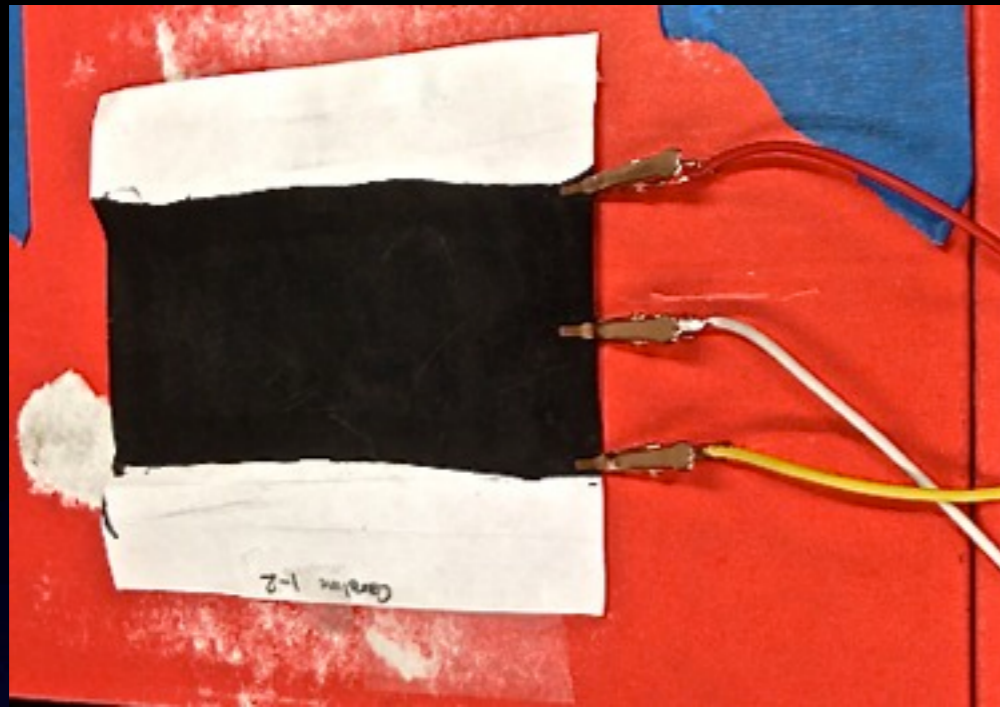


And...

Using an online  
software interface  
like ManyLabs  
[www.manylabs.org](http://www.manylabs.org)

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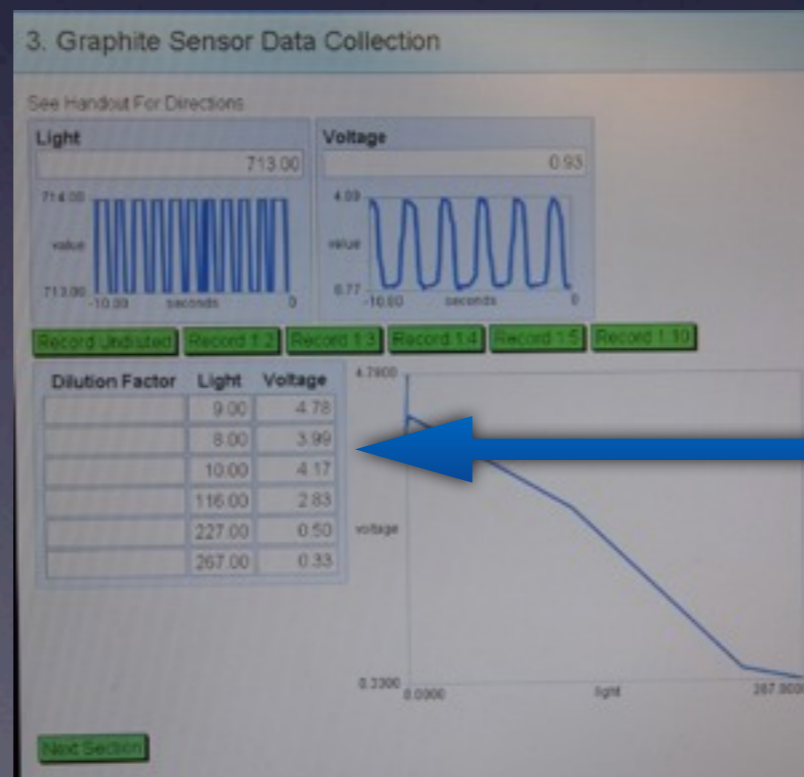




Example: Clearly marked “potentiometer” and sample ManyLabs reading

Results after five readings:

Note: Have a backup set of “control” painted strips so students can trouble shoot what went wrong if it didn’t work



Possible Problem with results: Make sure students clearly label dilutions!



# Lesson #4: Using a CNC as an Autosampler

Goal: To learn how to set up a complex experiment, collect data, and interpret that data.

## Equipment:

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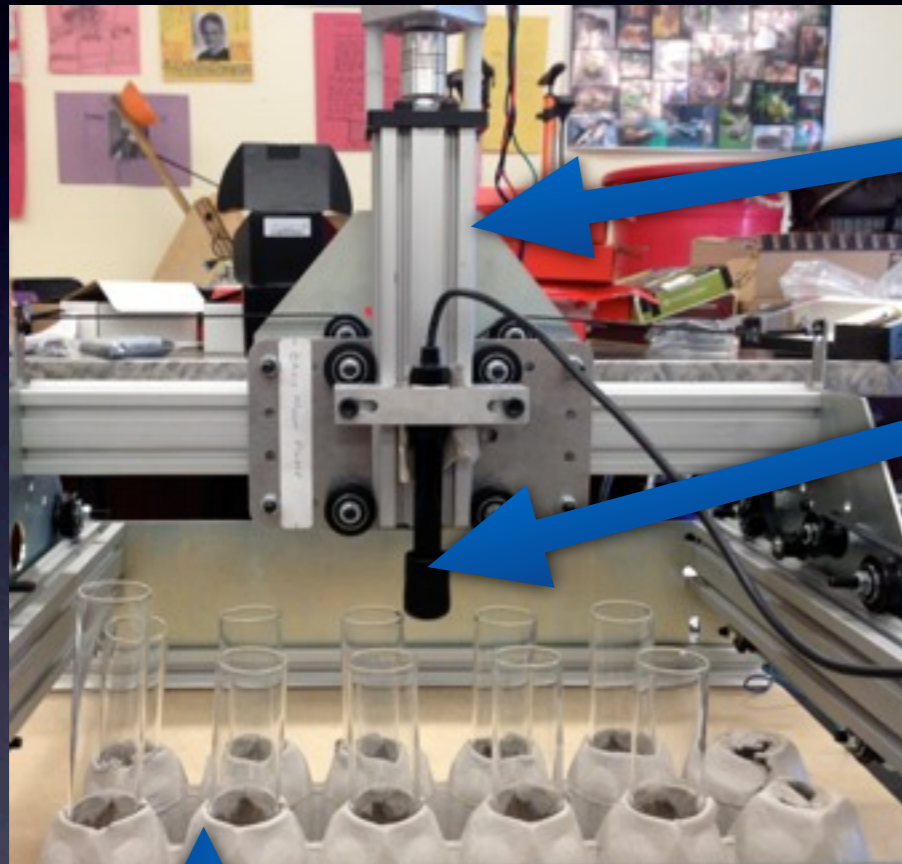
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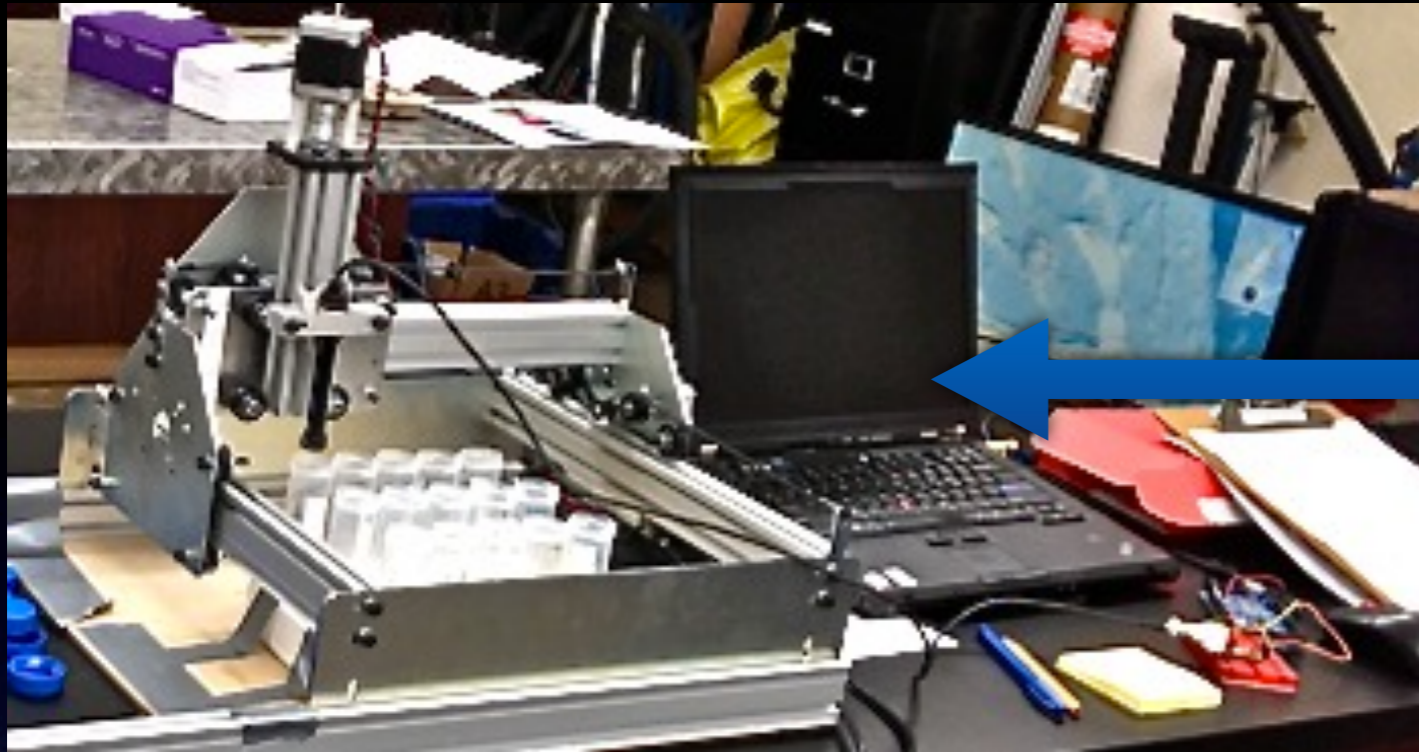
## Trouble Shooting:

1. Mount for D.O. Sensor
2. Plotting x, y, z for all samples
3. Eccentricity of Z axis rod causes problems with programming gcode for smooth run
4. Getting D.O. Sensor to read
5. Calibrating D.O. Probe
6. Collecting Data



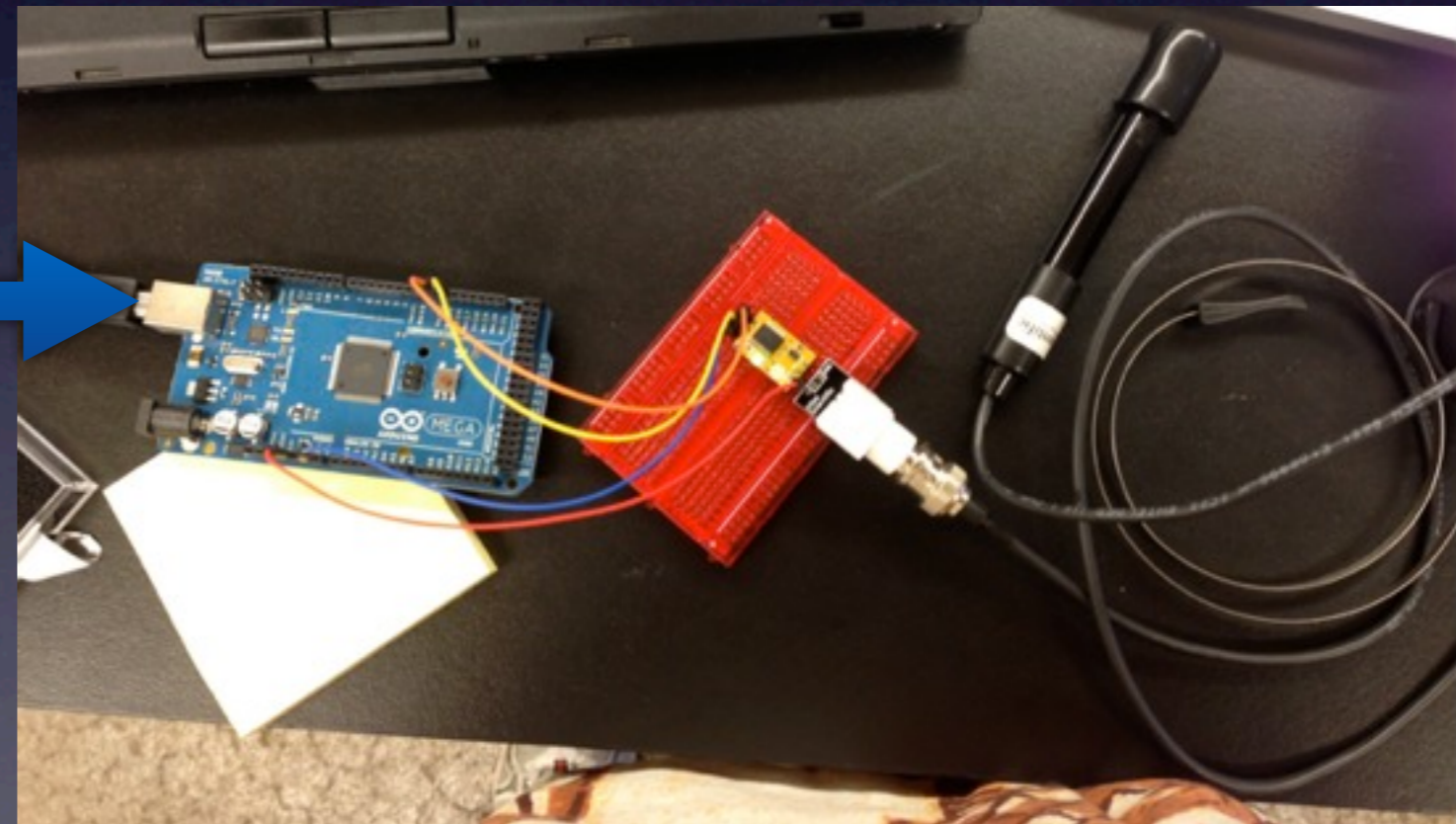
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Laptop to run CNC & D.O. Probe

Atlas Scientific Dissolved Oxygen Sensor with Arduino Mega wiring



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