CONCUSSION: HEAD BANGERS

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- 1.6-3.8 m sports and recreation related concussions occur each year in the U.S.
- 10% of all contact sport athletes sustain concussions yearly.
- For football alone, In any given season, 10% of all college players and 20% of all high school players sustain brain injuries.
- 5 to 10 concussions for every 1 concussion goes unreported
- Brain injuries cause more deaths than any other sports injury

Concussions are serious life altering traumatic brain injuries and not everyone reports them or know that they've occured at impact. <u>Our device plans to change that.</u>

 By notifying of the occurrence of a possible concussion hit, the player can be taken out instead of risking a second impact now in that game, or later which causes <u>Second</u>
<u>Impact Syndrome</u> and can lead to irreversible brain damage or even death

SENSOR/APPLICATION



- Sensors
 - A. Detect a neutral position of the head
 - B. Measure the change of position of the head during a potential hit
 - C. Identify changes of pressure to the head during a potential hit
 - D. Transmit position of head to application
- II. Application
 - A. Store data provided by the acceleration and pressure sensors
 - B. Organize the data into programmable formats
 - C. Distinguish between a potential concussion hit and a regular hit from the organized acceleration and pressure data
 - D. Add regular hits together to account for potential concussions from consecutive hits
 - E. Display a functional and easy-to-use interface for users to see the live-data from the sensors on their phones
 - F. Alert the user on their phone when a possible concussion has occurred
- III. Design
 - A. Create a light-weight, sweat-resistant, and heat-repellent headband that houses the acceleration and pressure sensors
 - B. Fabricate the headband such that it fits in various helmet types and sizes

Available tech

- 1. Wireless Communication: Available on ESP32 Free
- 2. Application: Available to build online Free
- 3. Circuit Board \$50
- 4. Accelerometers
 - a. IIS2D Series 3.6 V Ultra-Low-Power 3-axis Digital Magnetic Sensor LGA-12 \$2.62/unit
 - b. <u>LIS2MDL Series 3.6V 50 Hz High Performance 3-Axis Digital Magnetic Sensor-LGA-12</u> -\$1.81/unit
- 5. Pressure Sensors
 - a. Digi-key 101020031 Grove Piezo Vibration Sensor \$6.50/unit
 - b. Piezo Vibration Sensor \$5.50/unit
- 6. Headbands
 - a. <u>Acozycoo HeadBands</u> \$11.99/5 units
 - b. <u>BEACE SweatBands</u> \$16.95/3 units
- 7. Helmets
 - a. Hockey Helmet \$49.99
 - b. <u>Football Helmet</u> \$150.00
 - c. <u>Boxing Helmet</u> \$17.99
 - d. Rugby Helmet \$39.99





CONCLUSION

We plan to

- report to a team when a concussion occurs at impact to reduce traumatic brain injuries on the field from being unreported and potentially harming someone's life.
- Reduce the cost of equipment needed to detect a concussion
 - Currently, only professional and college football teams can afford to have concussion detection and even that is after the fact not during.
 - Detection equipment even then is thousands of dollars for DOI's or EEG's -

