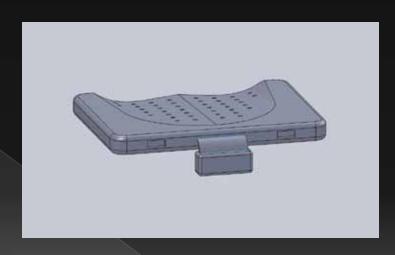
# WHEEL CHAIR THERMAL SYSTEM







#### MARKET

11,000 new spinal cord injuries occur each year

18% of spinal cord injuries lead to complete quadriplegia

Key user need: controlled heating and cooling

# SKETCH MODEL QUESTION

How much power consumption for cooling?

#### SKETCH MODEL IDEA

Three experiments:



- Water cooling (Peltier)
- Conductive cooling (Peltier)
- Forced air convective cooling (Fan)



## DATA AND POWER ANALYSIS

Power available to fan

36 W

Energy to cool 5 deg

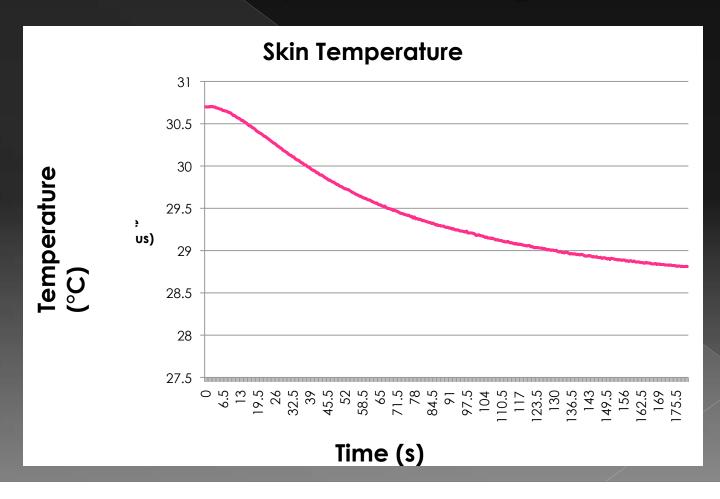
10.8 kJ

Energy available from a laptop battery

306 kJ, so 3:45 hr of operation

### GRAPH: SKIN TEMPERATURE

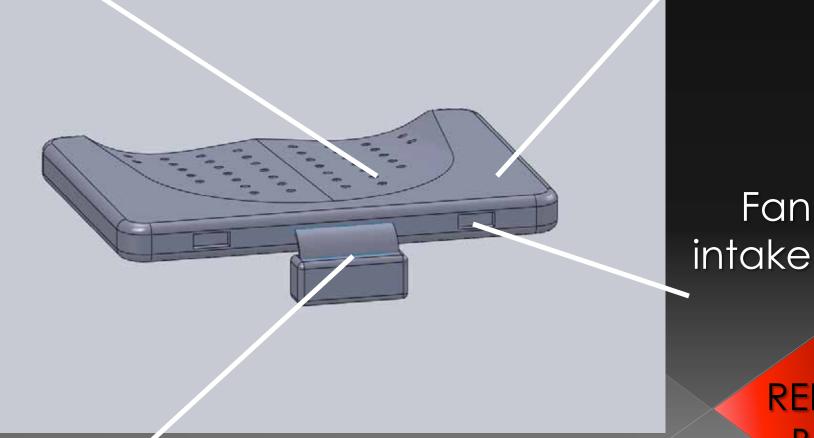
Tested with a person sitting on the pad





### NEXT STEPS

Comfortable seat Air vents



Fan

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Controller and batteries