



SP13 ECE 445 Senior Design

Brain-controlled Portable Programmable Embedded System

Group 44

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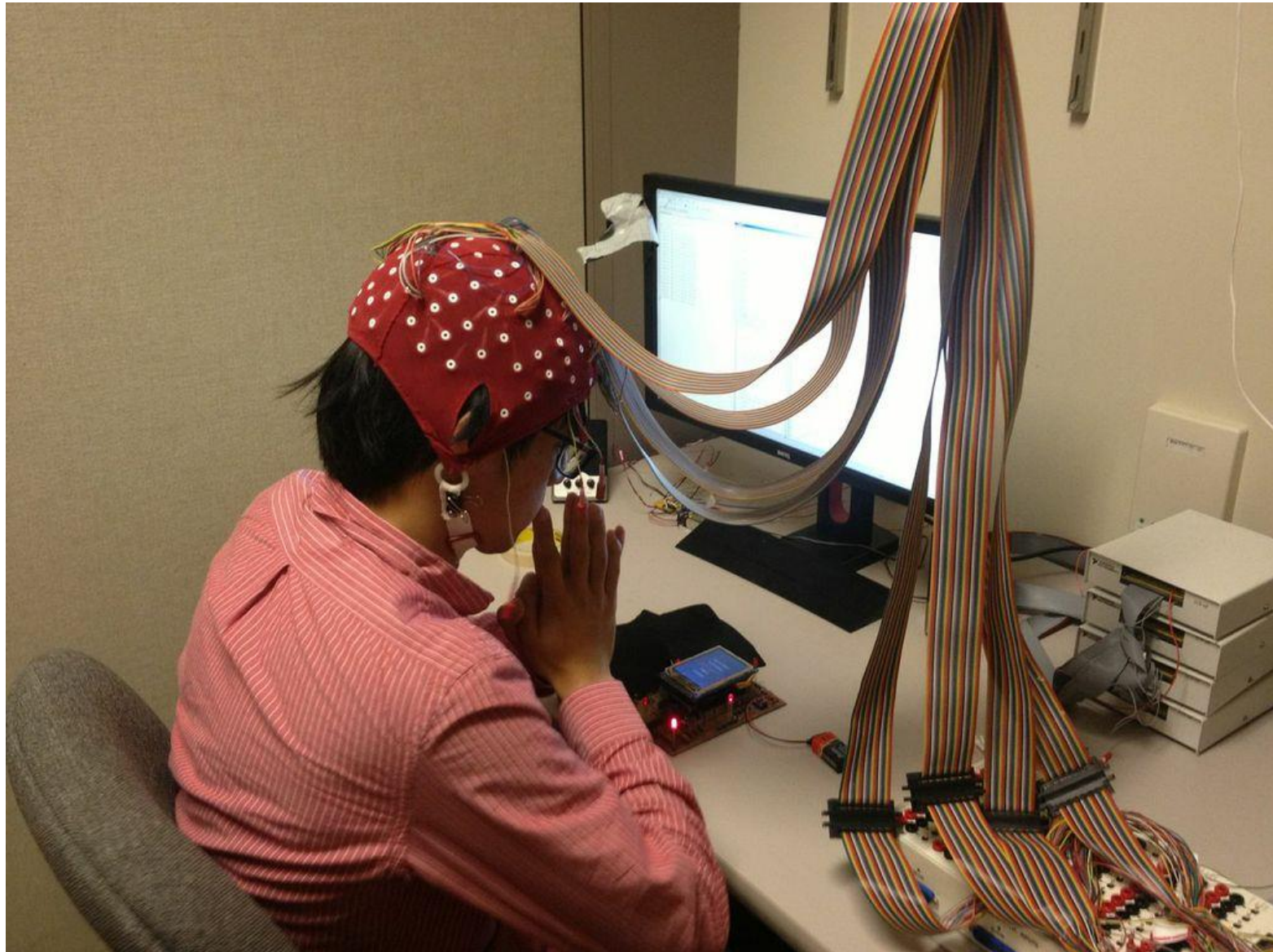
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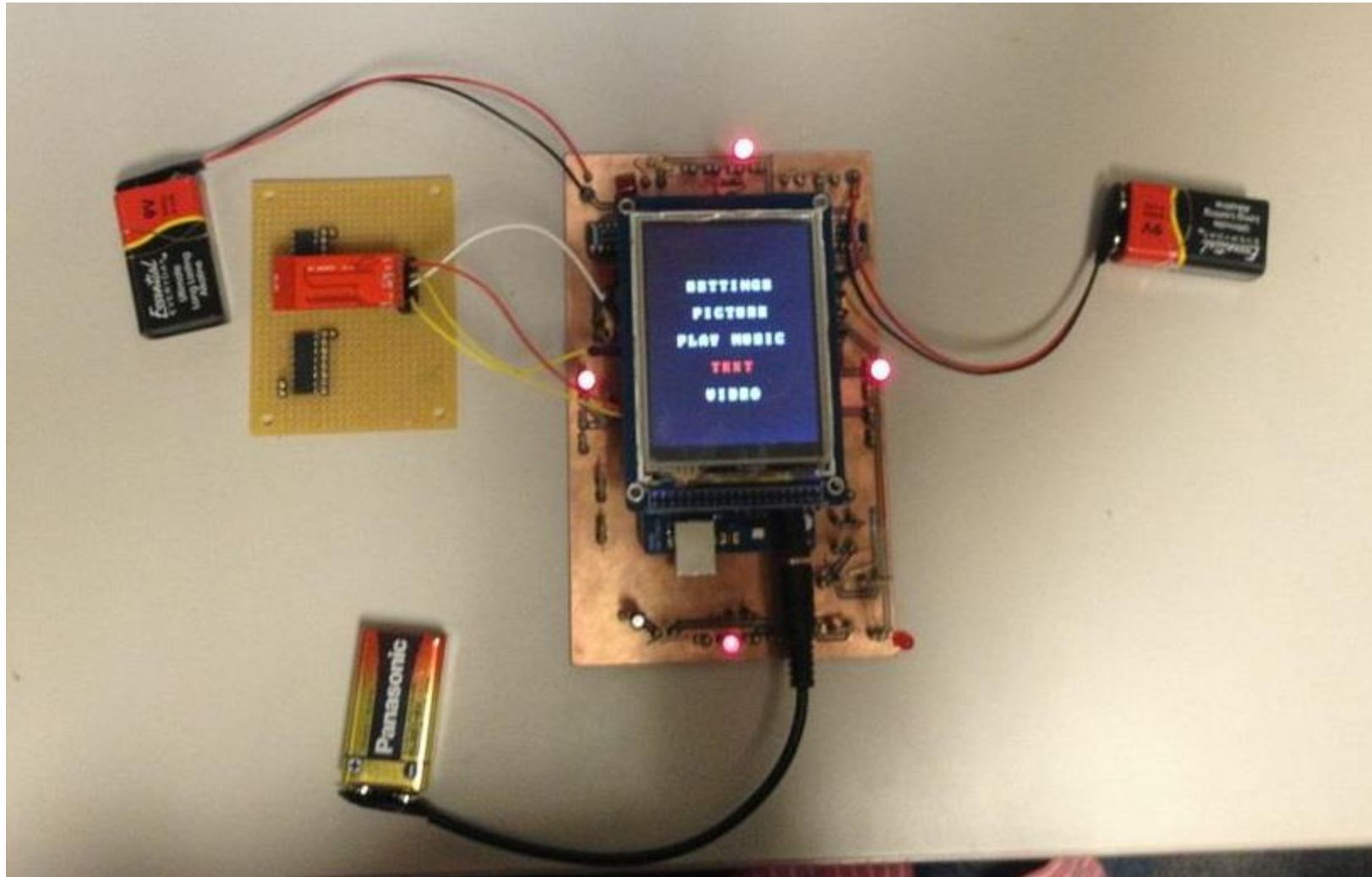
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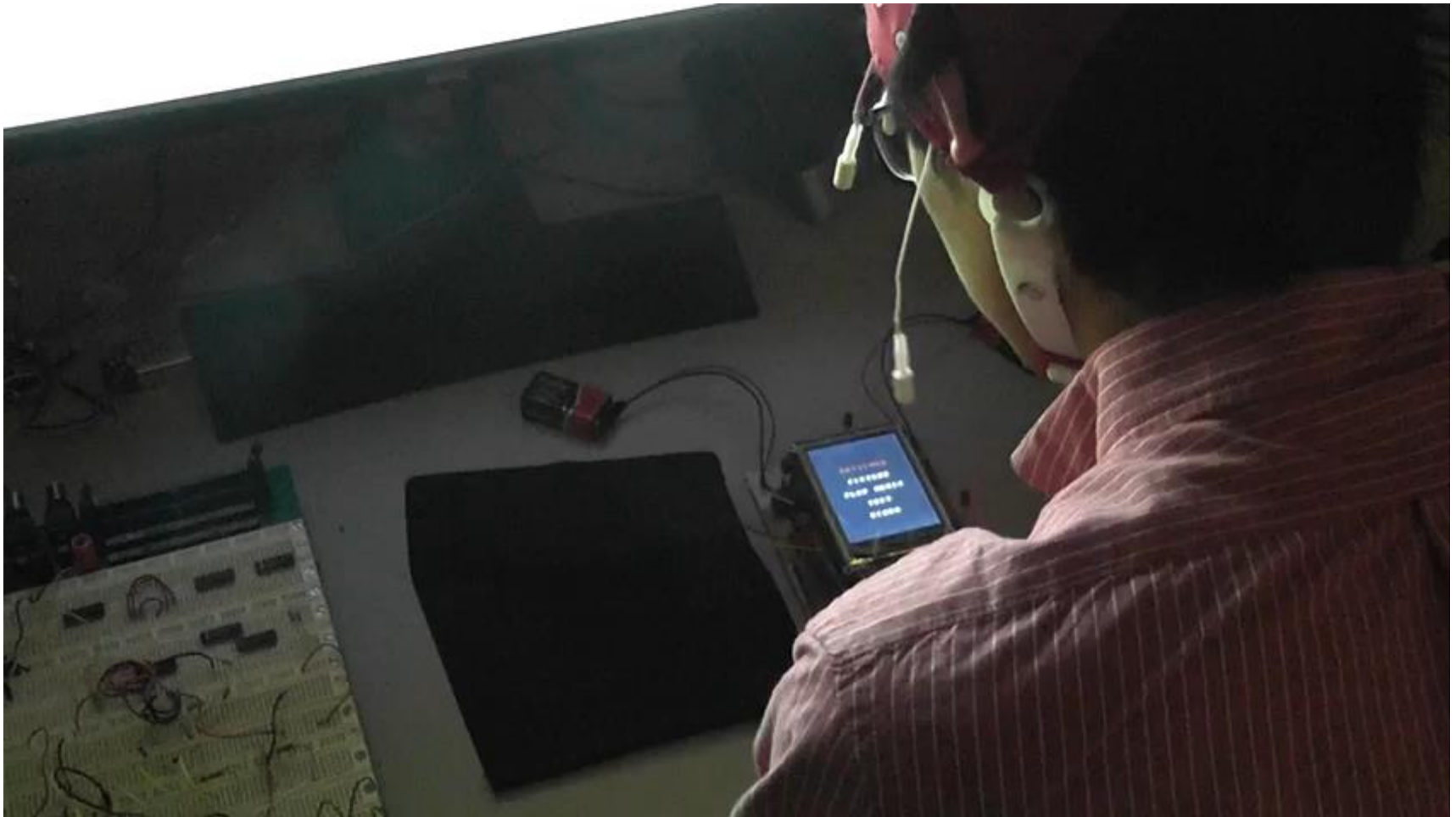
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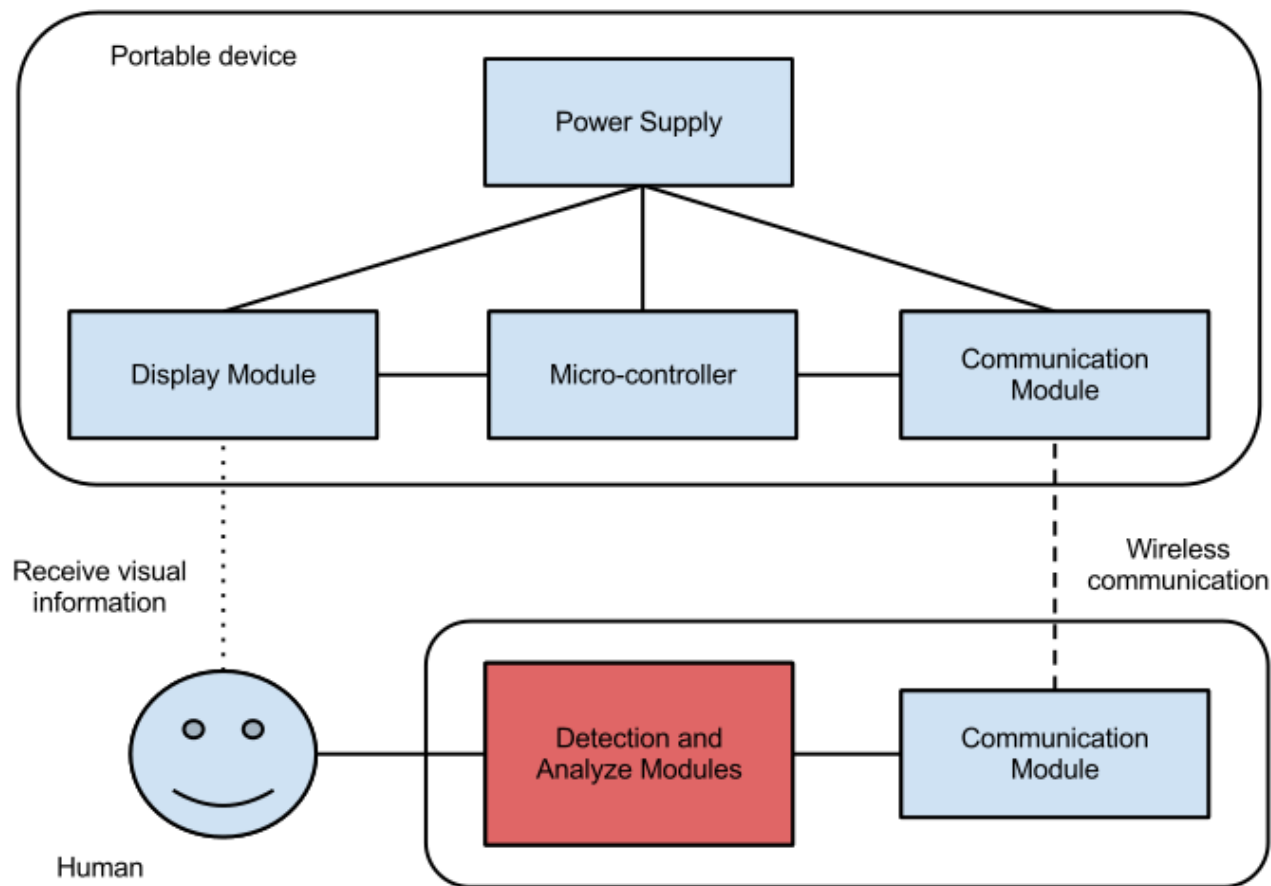
Features

- Wireless signal transmission (Bluetooth)
- Interactive displays (LCD)
- Effective signal stimulation (LEDs)
- EEG signal detection (Sponsored)
- Brain-control-friendly software system

System Overview

- Hardware:
 - Power Supply
 - Micro-controller Unit
 - Bluetooth (communication)
 - LCD screen, LEDs (display)
- Software:
 - Arduino-based embedded programming
- Sponsored:
 - EEG detection module (device & software)

Block Diagram



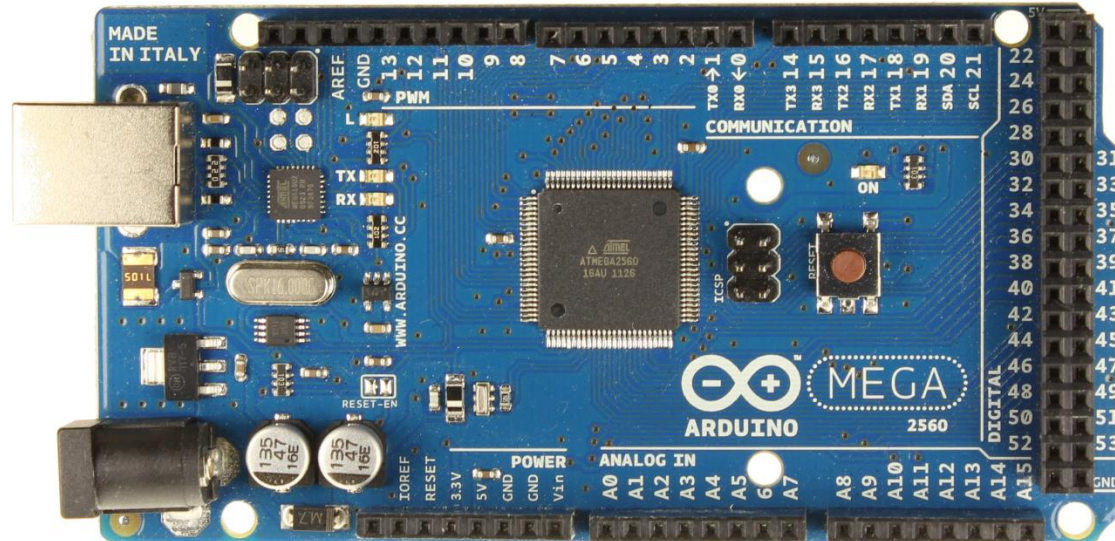
Hardware – Power Supply

- 9V Alkaline batteries
- 5V/3.3V modulator on Arduino board



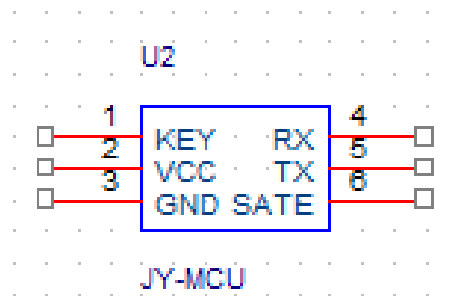
Hardware – Micro-controller

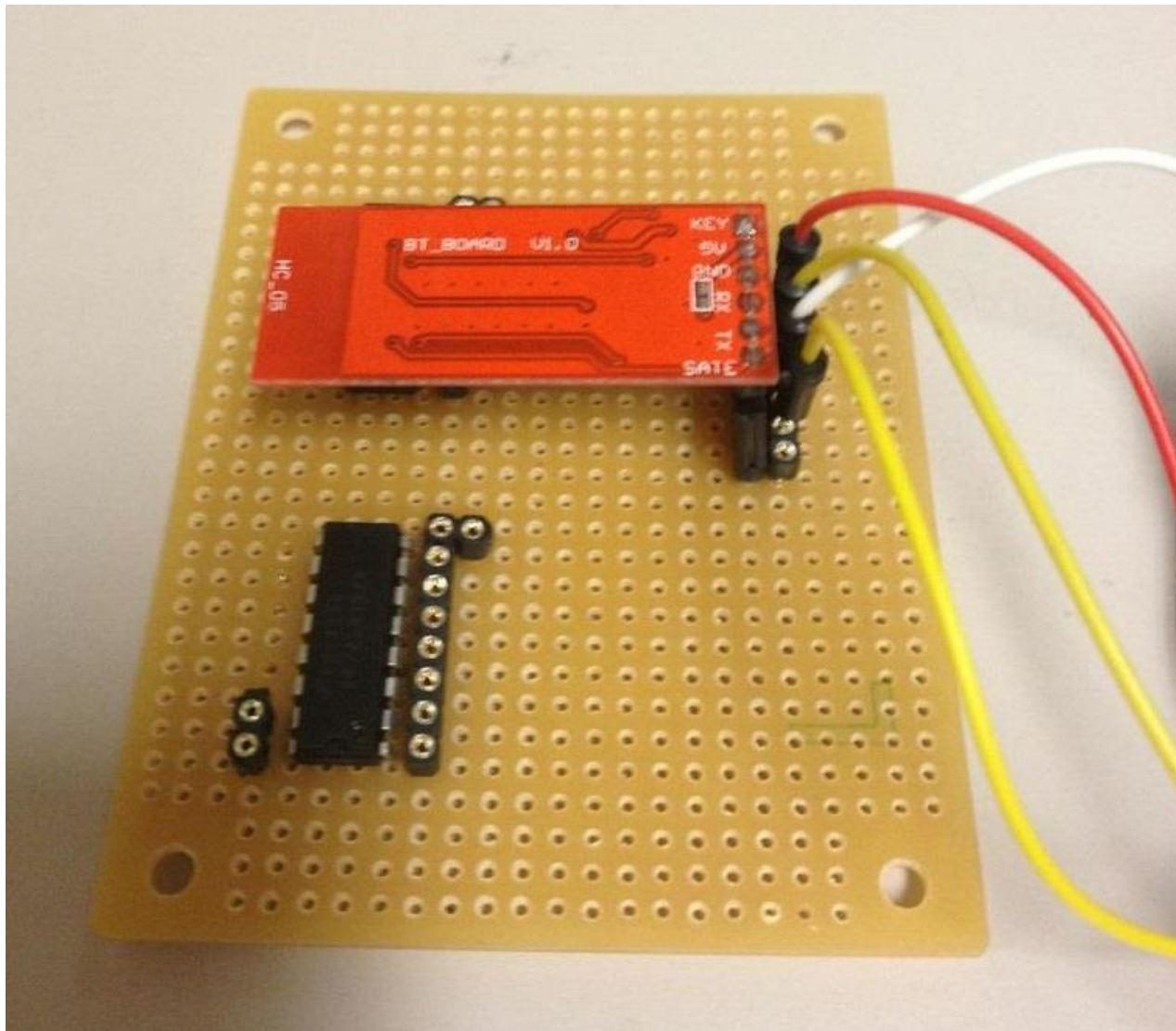
- Arduino Mega 2560 board



Hardware – Bluetooth

- HC-05 Bluetooth transceivers (slave)
- USB Bluetooth module for PC (master)
- Serial connection set-up using Matlab





Bluetooth Matlab Sample Code

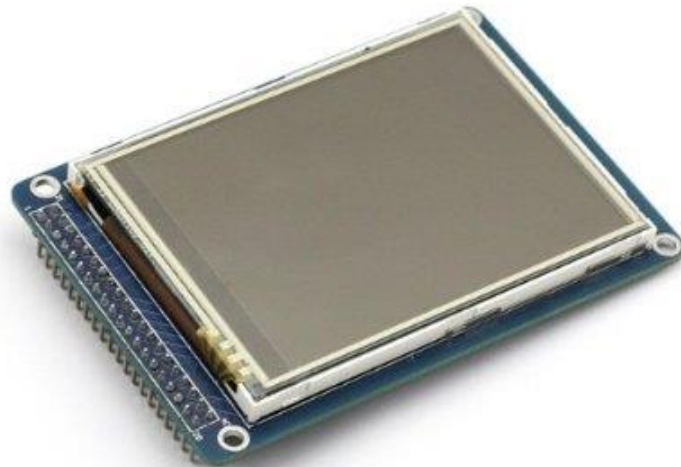
- `b = Bluetooth('S1', 1);`
- `fopen(b);`
- `up = 'w'; down = 's';`
- `fwrite(b, up, 'uchar');`
- `fwrite(b, down, 'uchar');`
- `fclose(b);`
- `clear(b);`

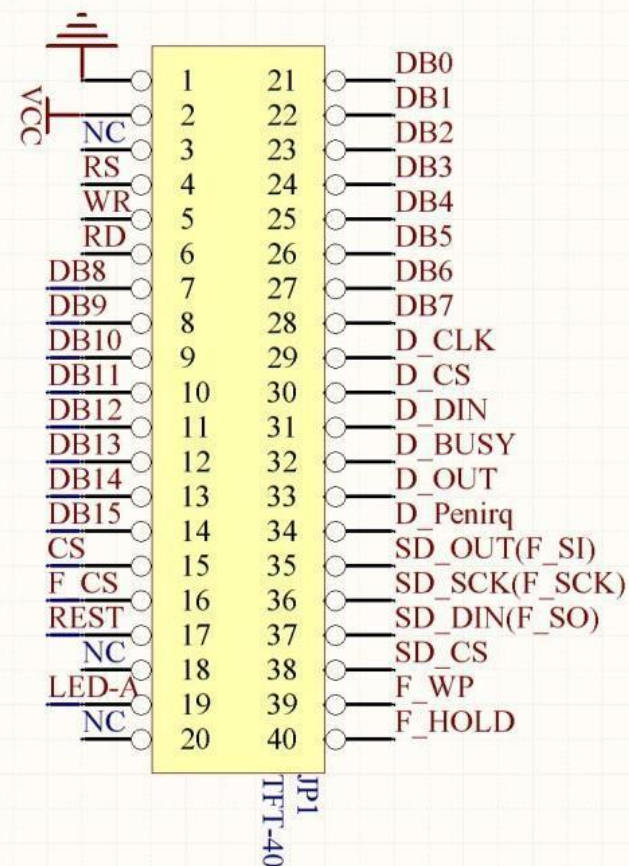
Bluetooth Arduino Sample Code

- `Serial.begin(9600);`
- `val = Serial.read();`

Hardware – Display (LCD)

- SainSmart 3.2" TFT LCD screen w/ touch panel
- Screen shield for Arduino Mega 2560



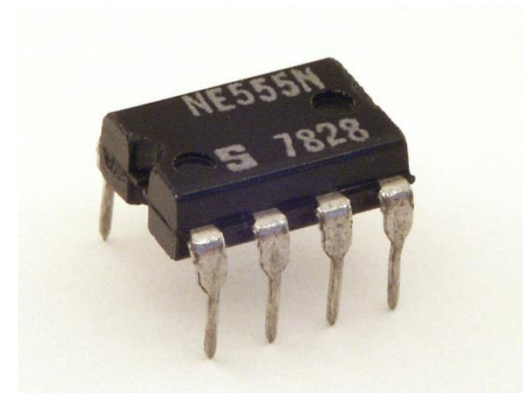


Hardware – Display (LED)

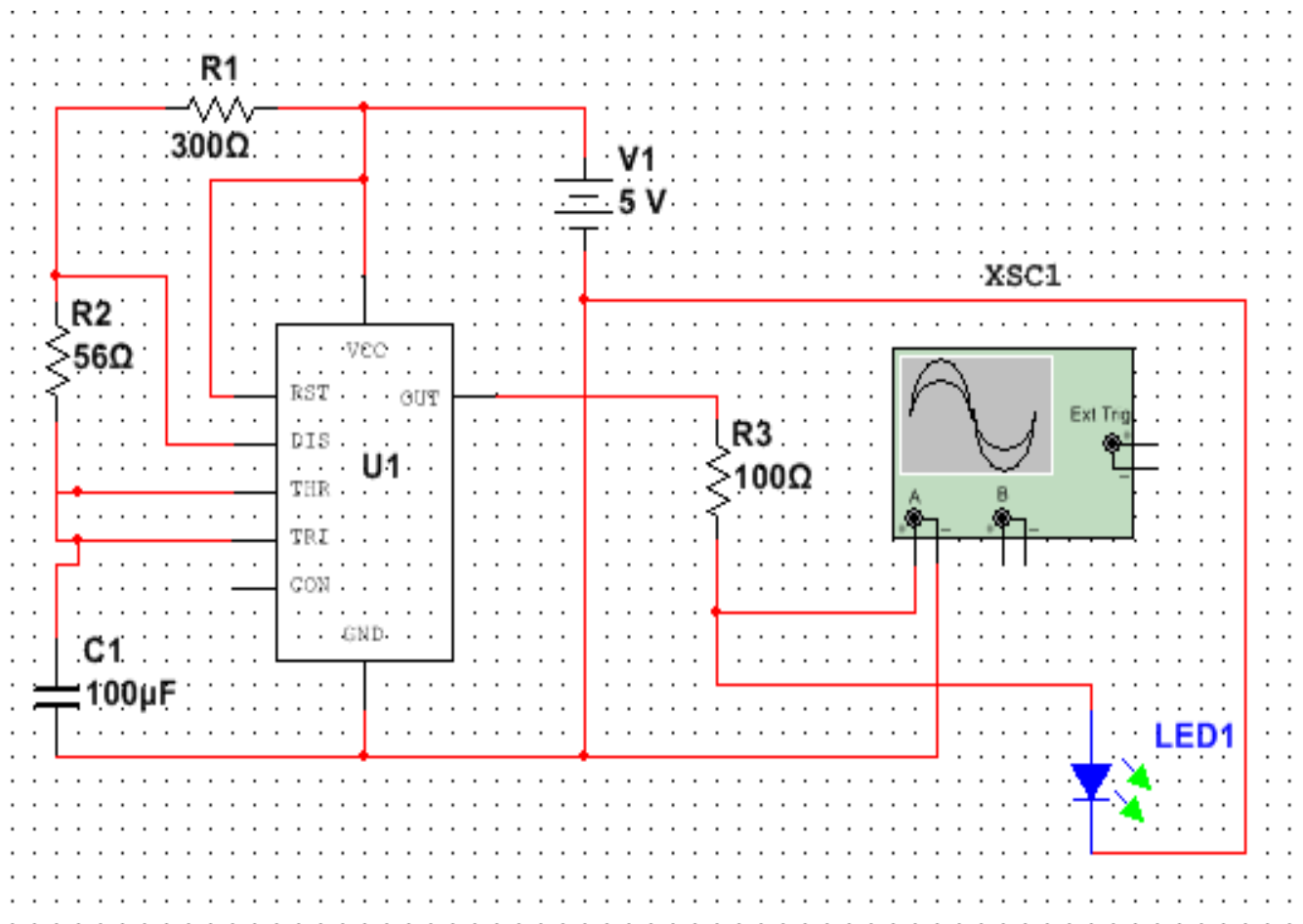
- LED flashing circuitry
- 4 groups of LEDs flash at 4 different frequencies (combinations of capacitors and resistors of different values):
 - 5.7Hz, 7.1Hz, 7.9Hz, 9.4Hz
- LM348 Op Amp chip

LED Flashing Circuit (Original)

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Schematics (Timer 555)



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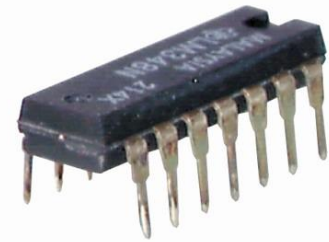
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Waveform (Timer 555)

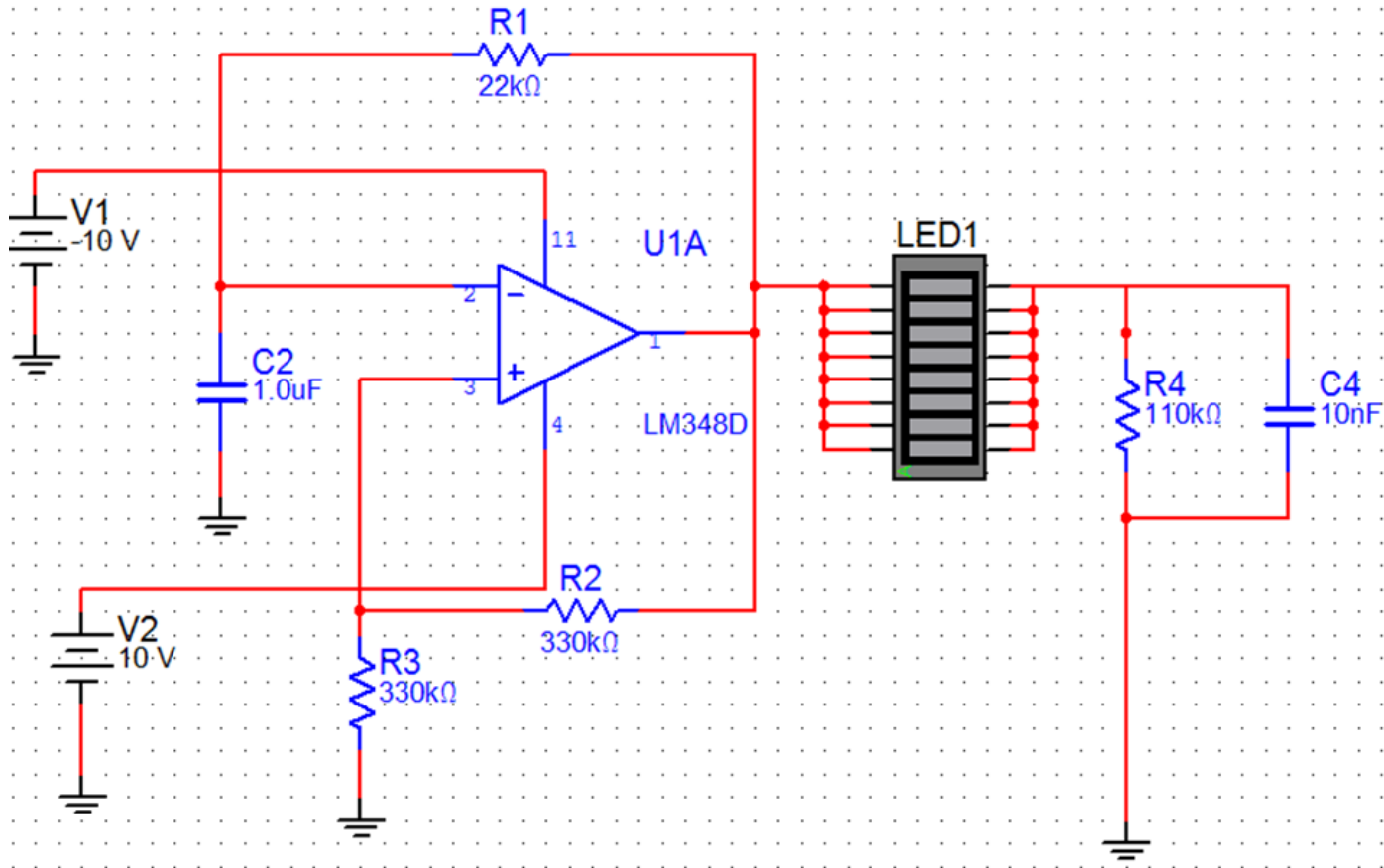


LED Flashing Circuit (Revised)

- **LM348 Op Amp Chip**
- Improvements
 - Duty cycle is 50% on/off
 - Frequencies are stable
 - Cleaner square wave
 - Capable to stimulate/detect signals



Schematics (LM348)



Simulation & Calculation (LM348)

The **theoretical** value of the frequency is:

$$T = 2 R1 * C2 * \ln\left(\frac{1+k}{1-k}\right) = 0.04834 \text{ second}$$

$$k = \frac{R3}{R2 + R3} = \frac{330}{330 + 330} = 0.5$$

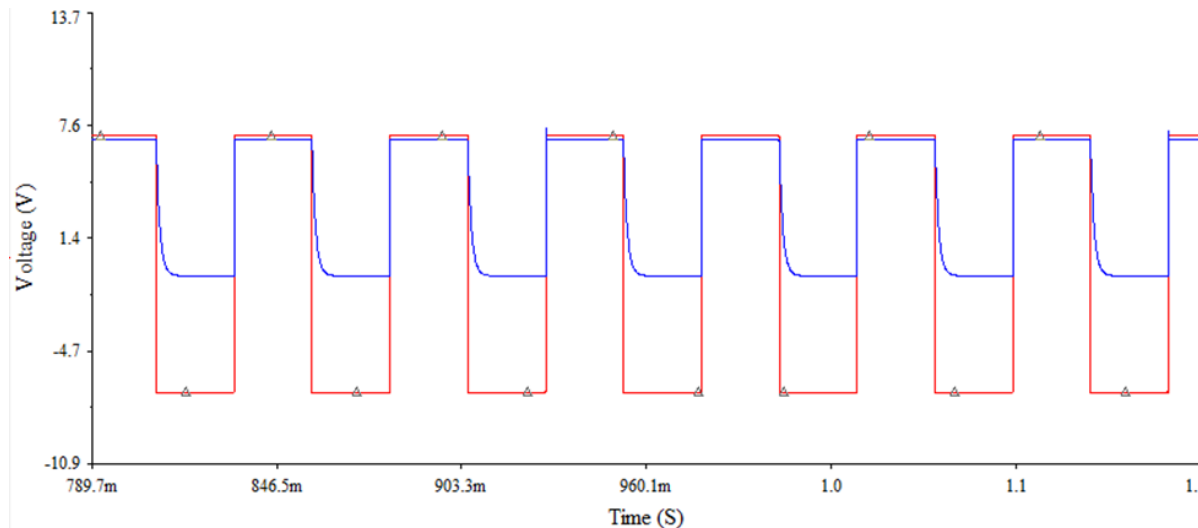
$$f = \frac{1}{T} = 20.69 \text{ Hz}$$

The **simulated** result of the frequency is:

$$T = 0.492 \text{ second}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = 20.32 \text{ Hz}$$

Voltage(V)



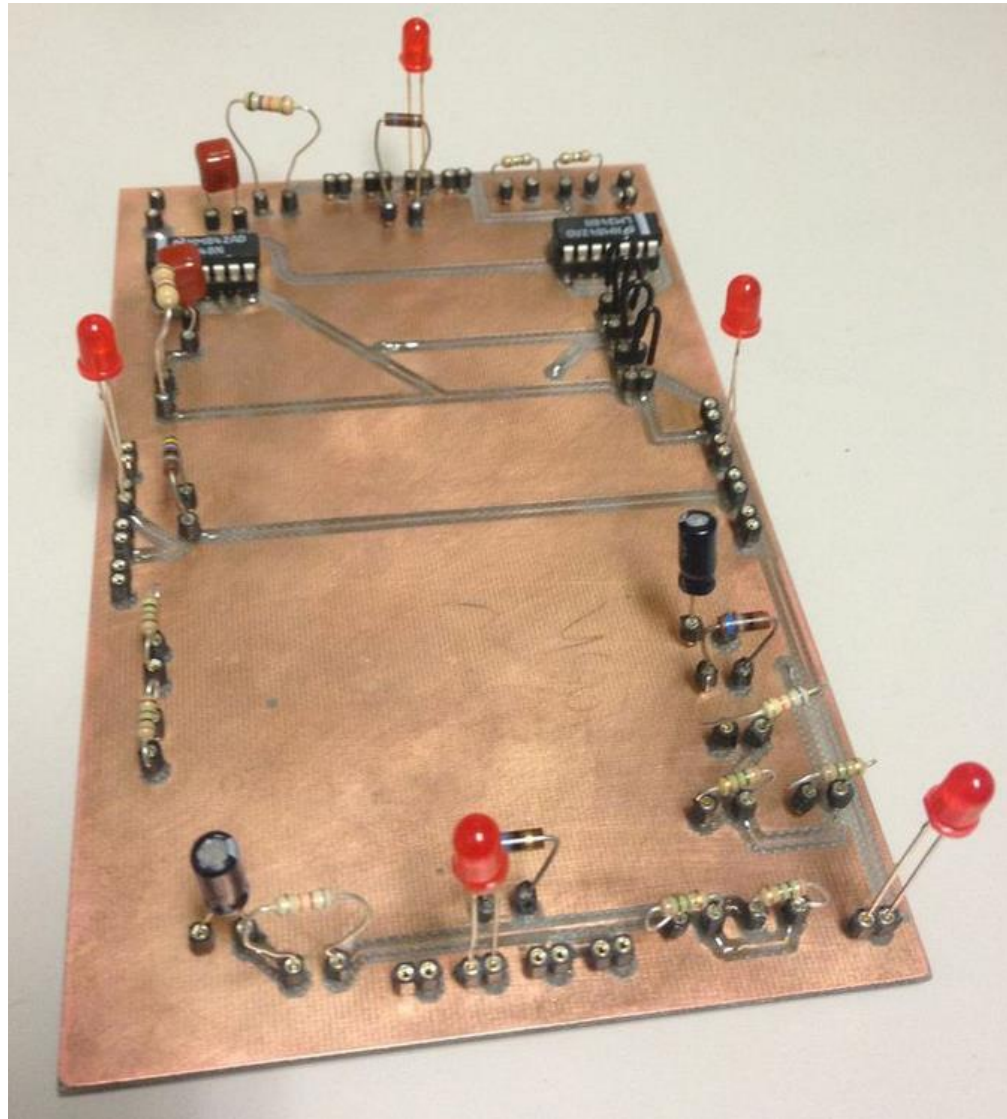
Time(s)

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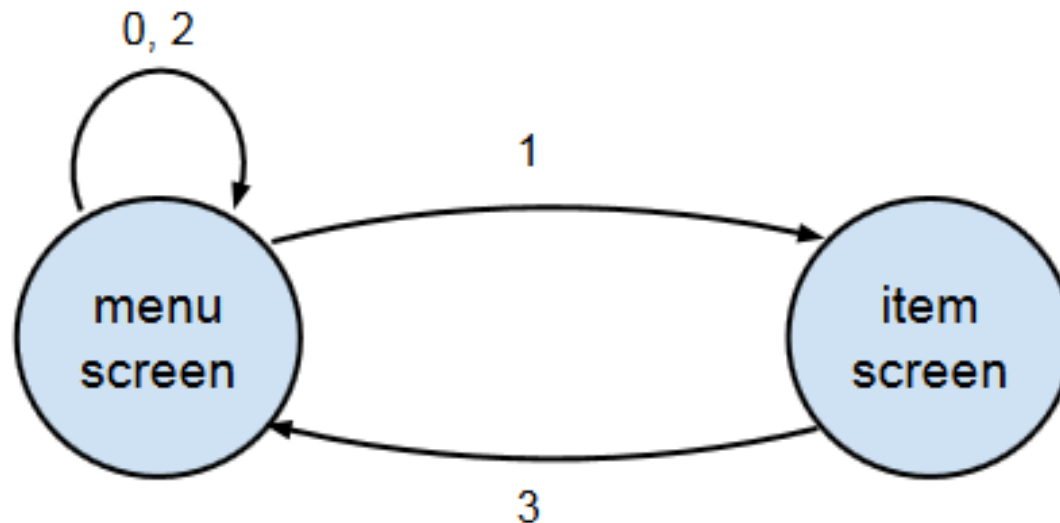
UTFT Sample Code

- `ITDB02 myGLCD(19,18,17,16);`
- `myGLCD.initLCD(0);`
- `myGLCD.setColor(255,0,0);`
- `myGLCD.print("Hello World",CENTER,0);`
- `myGLCD.drawBitmap(0,0,64,64,image,2);`

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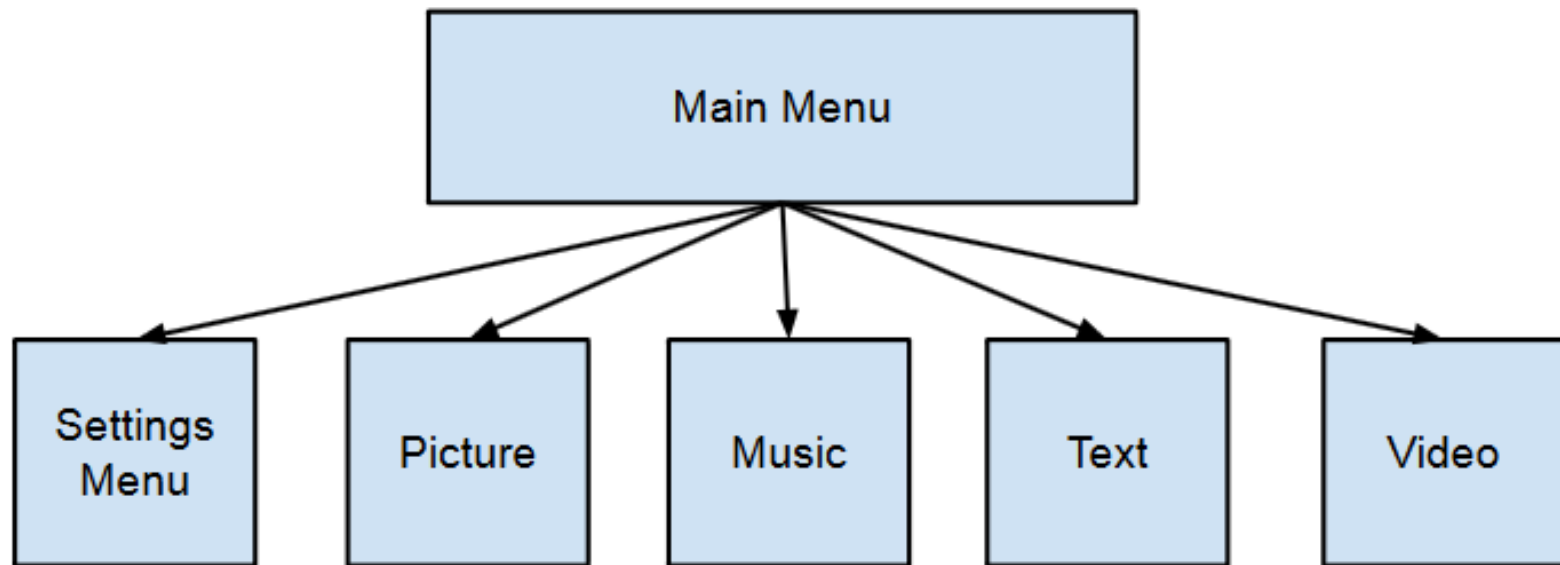
Software Logistic Flow Chart



Inputs:

- 0 - top selected (scroll up)
- 1 - center selected (select)
- 2 - bottom selected (scroll down)
- 3 - bottom-right selected (exit)

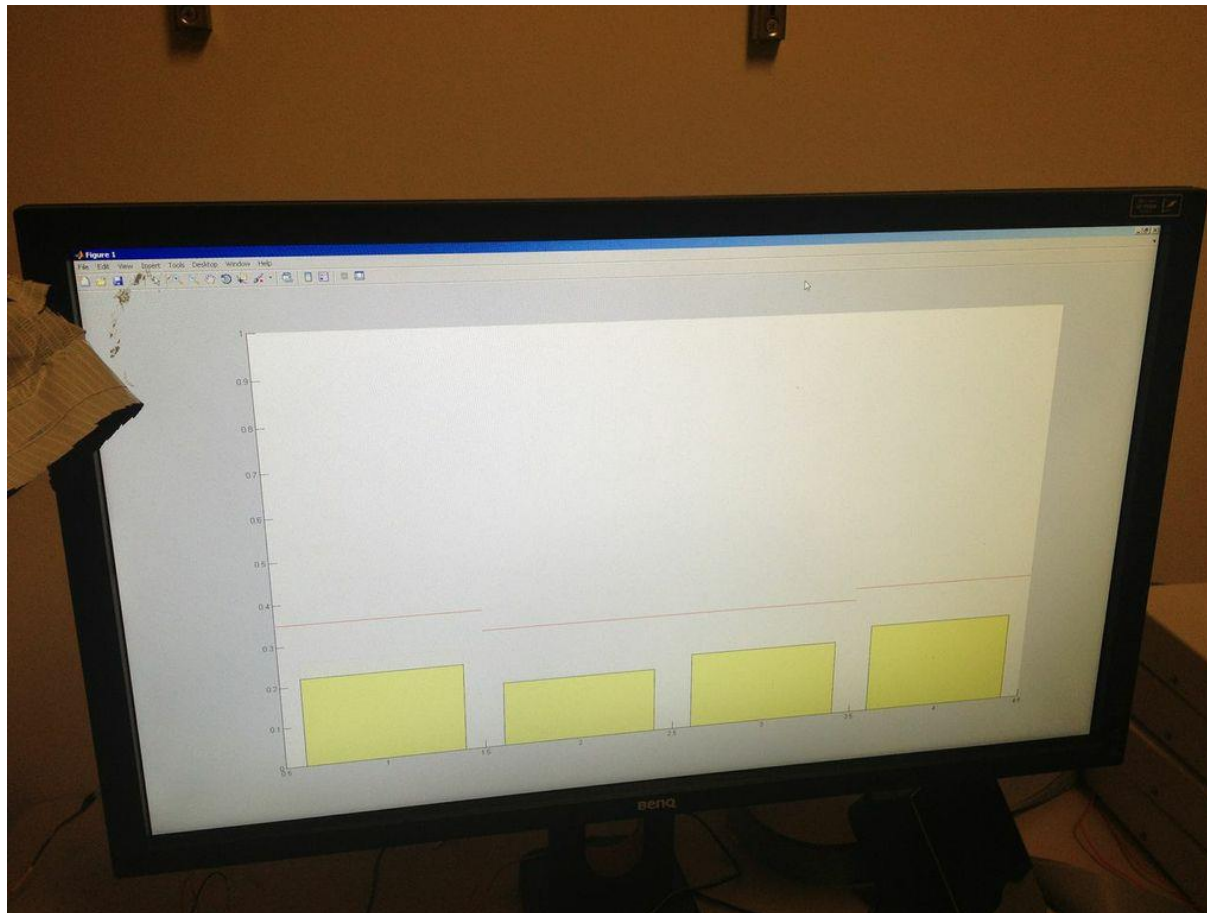
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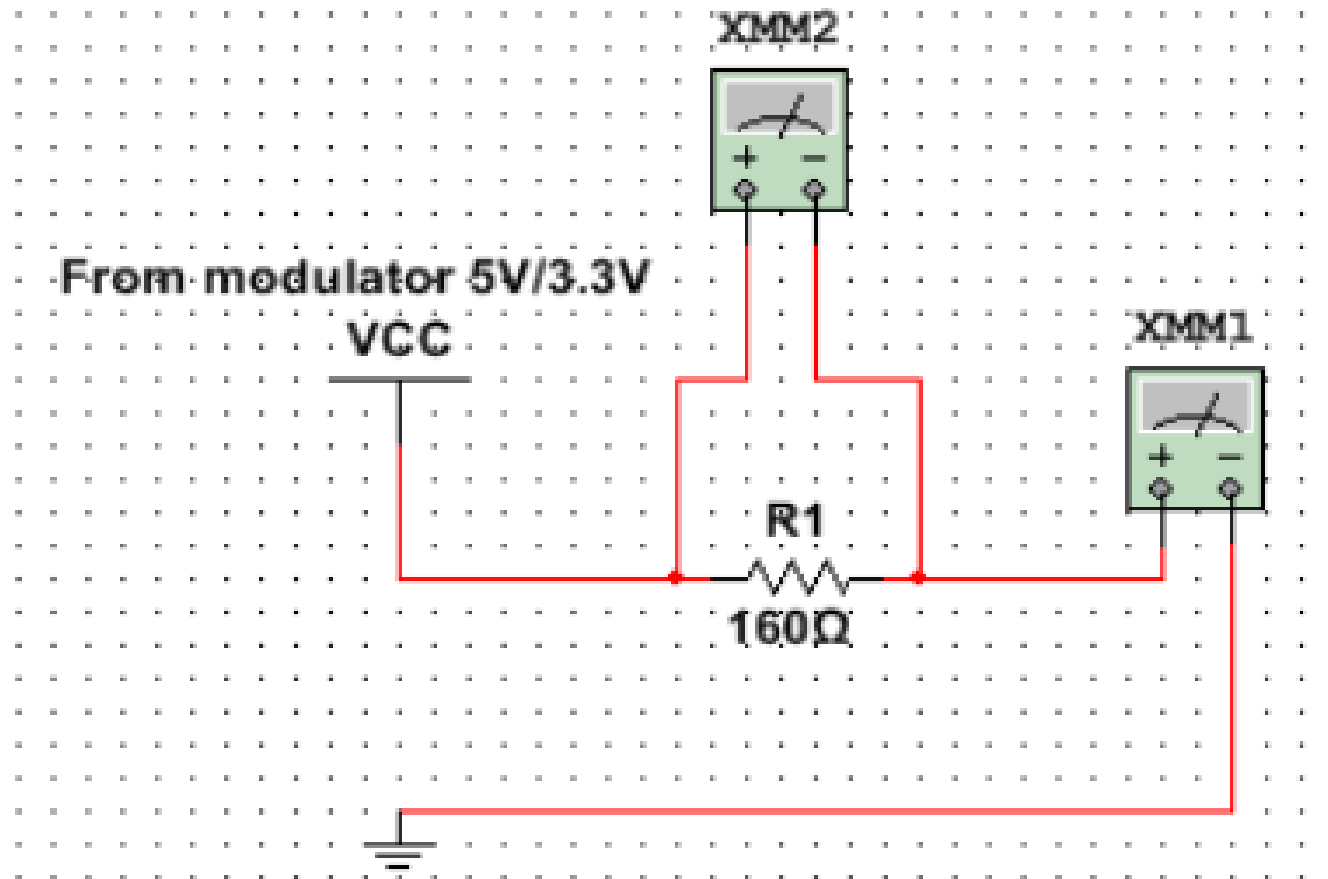
Sponsored – Detection module



Requirements – Power Supply

- Supply steady 9V input to Arduino board and LED flashing circuit
- Output steady 5V from modulator to drive Bluetooth module

Verification – Power Supply (5V)



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- Use a set of different configurations (R1) and obtain result by measuring the current across R1.

Resistance (Ω)	Voltage (V)
33	4.83
45	4.83
56	4.86
78	4.84
88	4.86

Requirements – Bluetooth

- Receive transmitted input signal correctly and pass it to Arduino microcontroller
- On detection module side, once a EEG signal detected, a transmission should be triggered

Verification – Bluetooth

- Use Bluetooth app on Android cellphone to send commands to HC-05 module and check if the indicator on Arduino responds; Repeat 10 times
- Use detection device and check if the indicator on Arduino responds every time there is a signal detected; Repeat 10 times

Verification – Bluetooth (RESULTS)

Test#	Result (indicator)
1	Y
2	Y
3	Y
4	Y
5	Y
6	Y
7	Y
8	Y
9	Y
10	Y

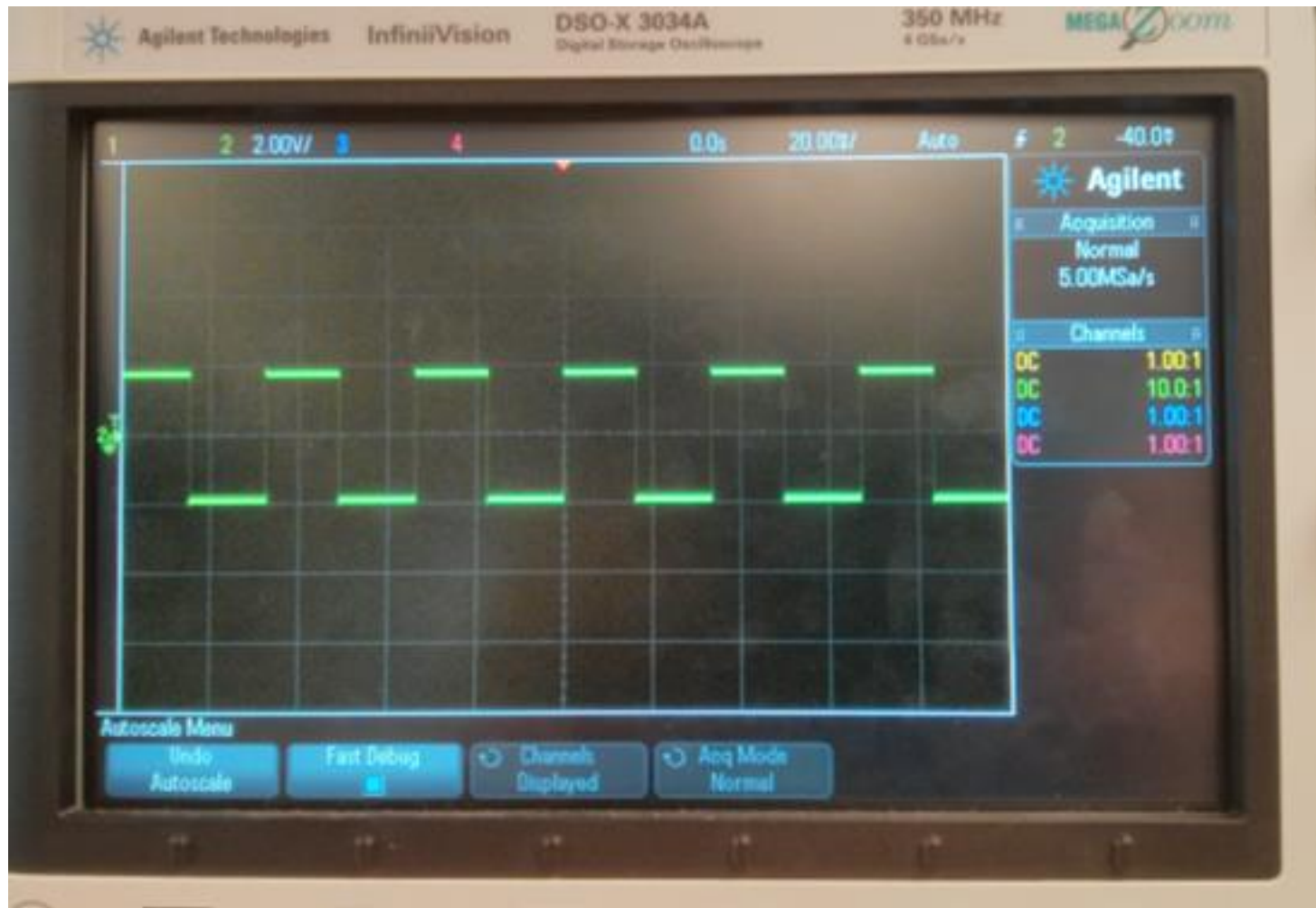
Requirements – Display (LED)

- Blinks at frequencies (5hz to 15hz) with 50% duty cycle, and stable waveforms
- LEDs at different frequencies not interference to each other so that detection module can tell which LED is being stared at

Verification – Display (LED)

- **Use oscilloscope to observe the waveforms and check duty cycles and stability**
- Set up detection module and 4 groups of LEDs; Look at one LED and check if correct frequency is detected; Repeat 20 times

Waveform Observation



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Verification – Display (LED) (RESULT)

Frequency intended (Hz)	Frequency detected (Hz)
5.7	5.7
7.1	7.1
7.9	7.9
9.4	5.7
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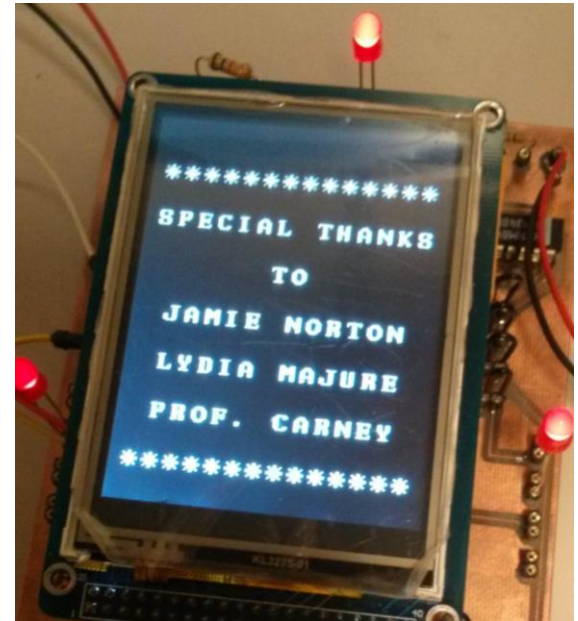
$$\% \text{Accuracy} = (20 - 1 \text{ mis-detection}) / 20 = 95\%$$

Future Work

- Add logic circuit (or muxes) to turn off some LEDs when not being used
- Add frosted plastic/glass covers on top of LEDs to defuse light for better detection
- Integrate Arduino/LCD screen better with PCB (a more integrated product)

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Questions



Thank You!

