



SP13 ECE 445 Senior Design

# Brain-controlled Portable Programmable Embedded System

## Group 44

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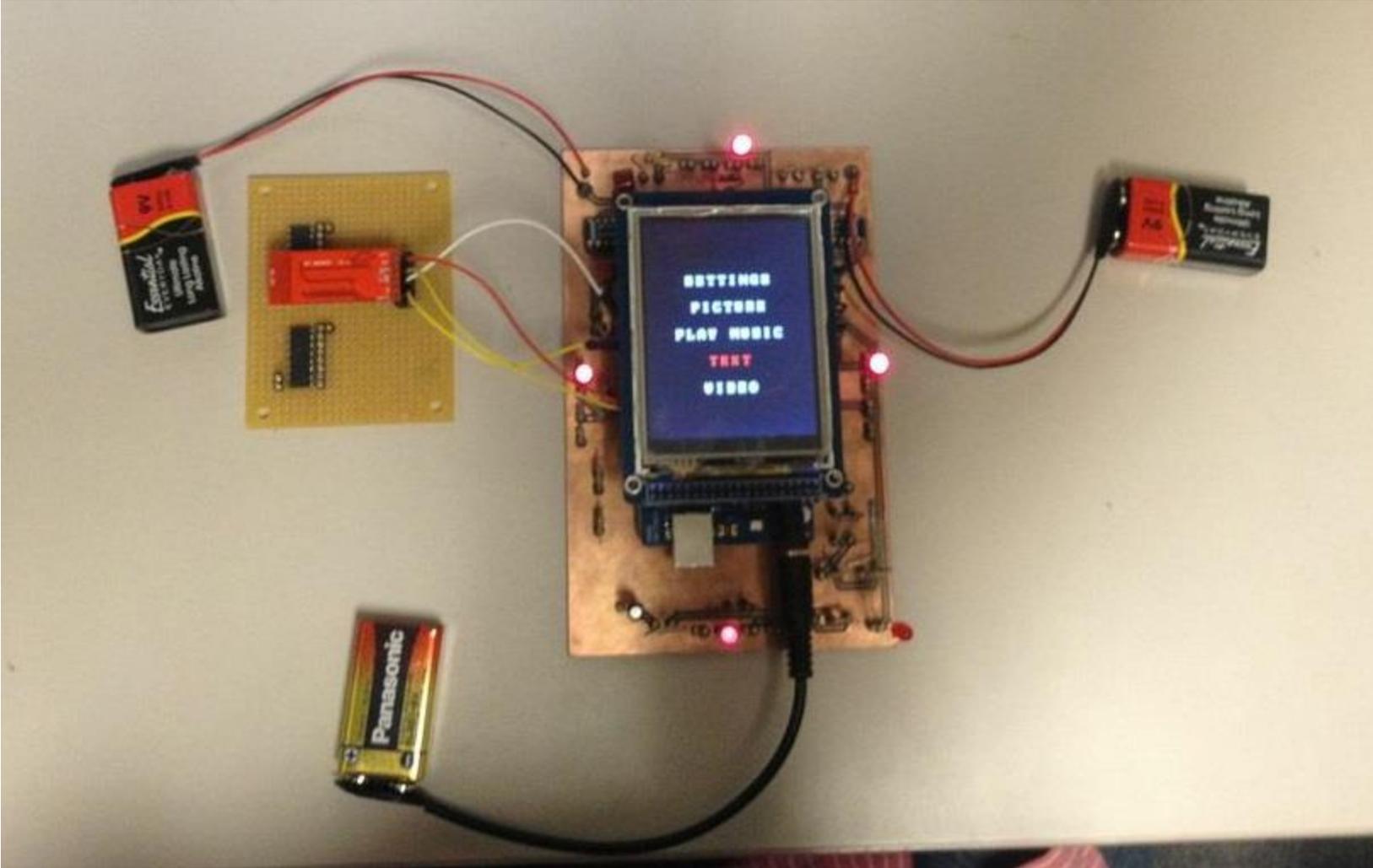
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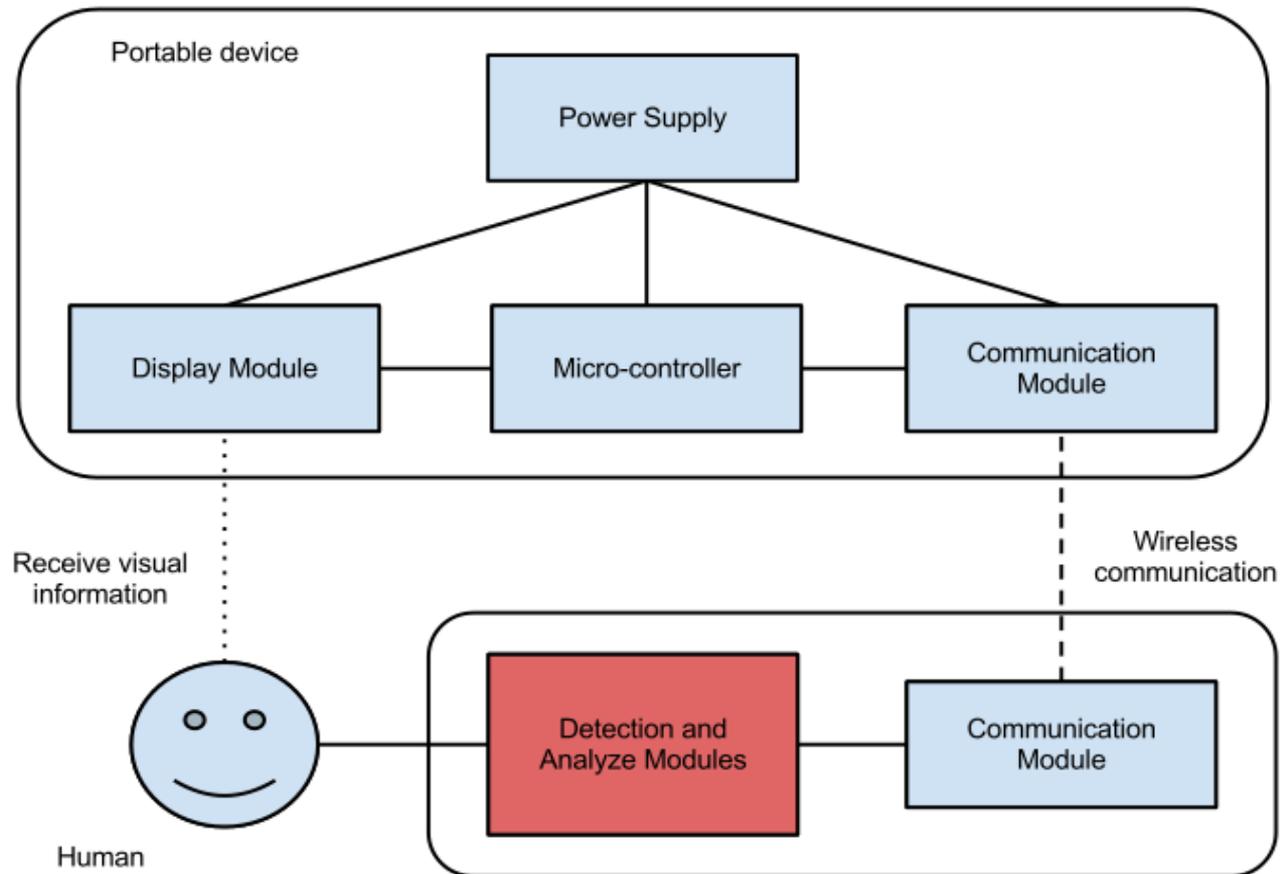
# Features

- 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



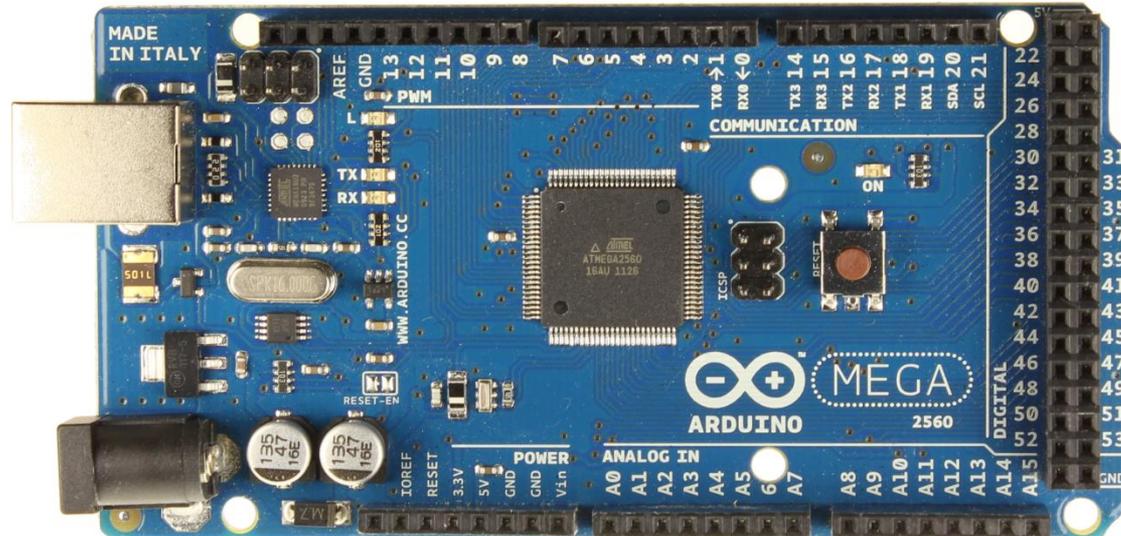
# Hardware – Power Supply

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



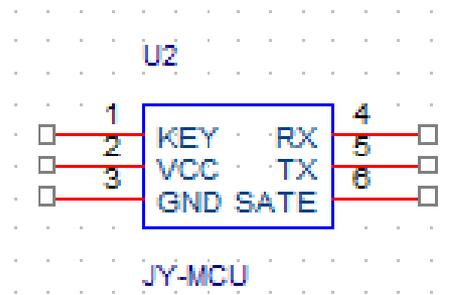
# Hardware – Micro-controller

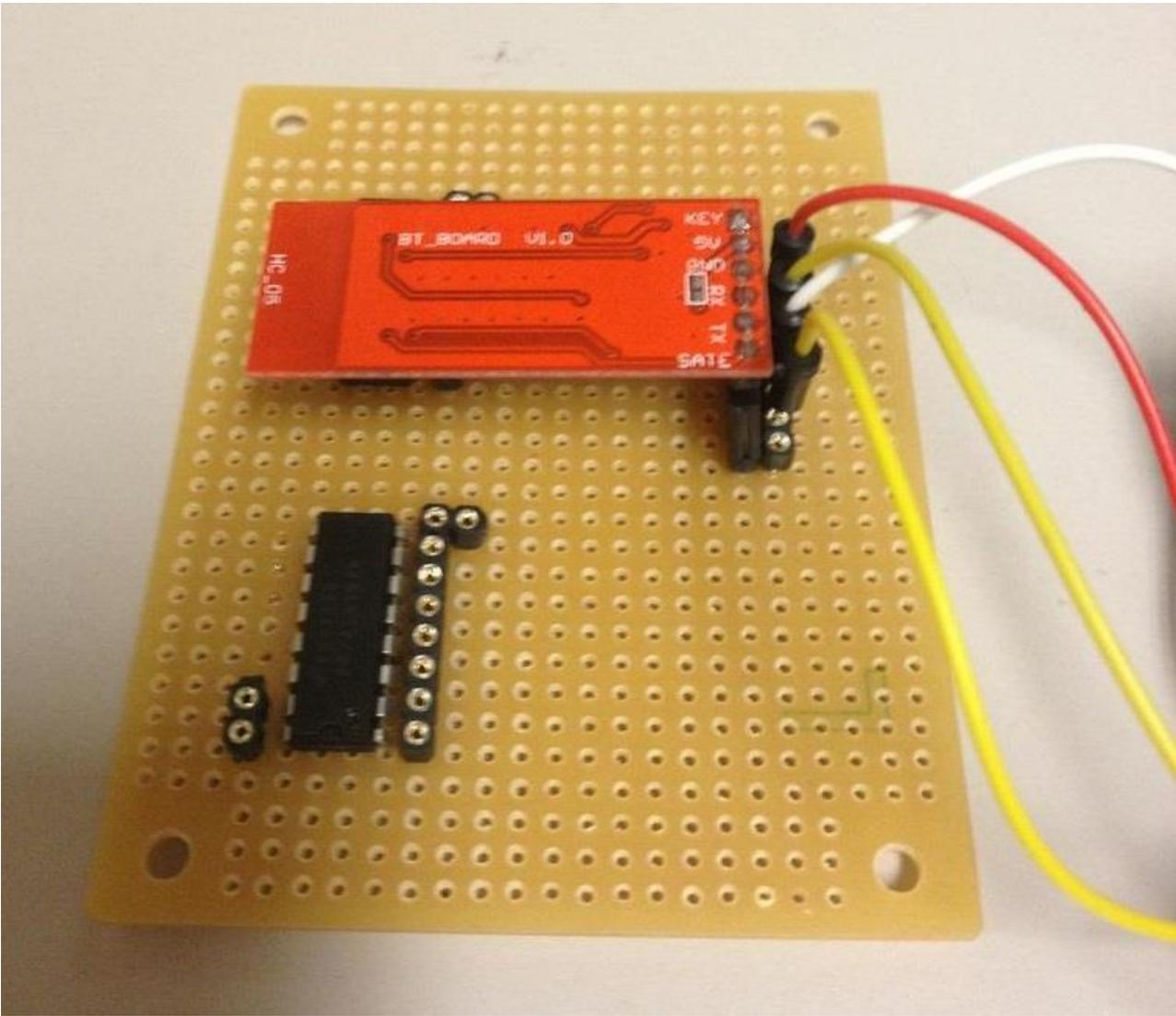
- Arduino Mega 2560 board



# 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);`

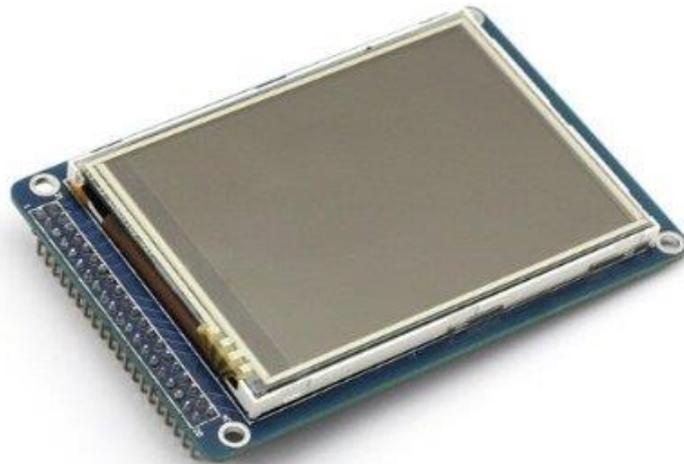


# Bluetooth Arduino Sample Code

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

# Hardware – Display (LCD)

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



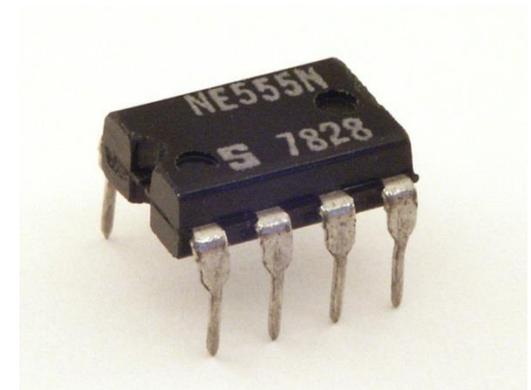


# Hardware – Display (LED)

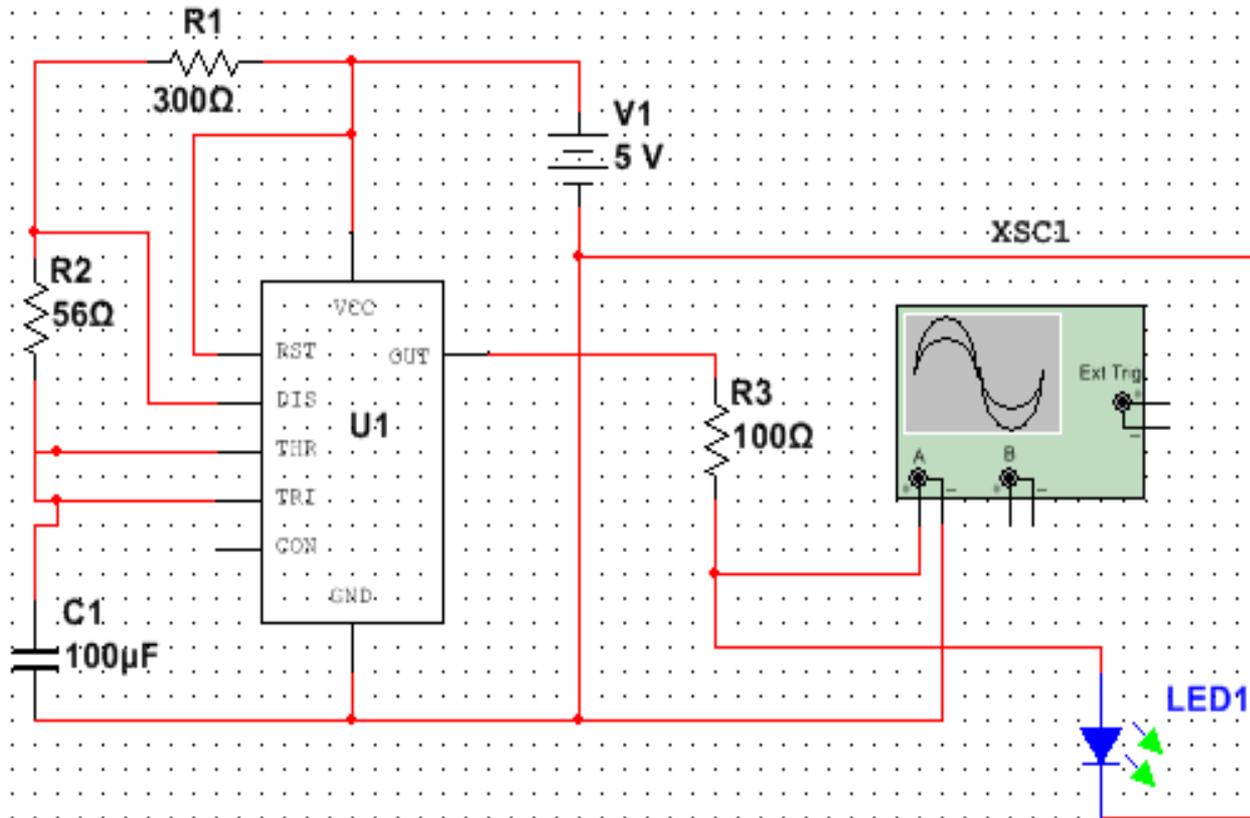
- LED flashing circuitry
- 4 groups of LEDs flash at 4 different frequencies (combinations of capacitors and resistors of different values):
  - 5.7Hz, 7.1Hz, 7.9Hz, 9.4Hz
- LM348 Op Amp chip

# LED Flashing Circuit (Original)

- **Timer 555 IC**
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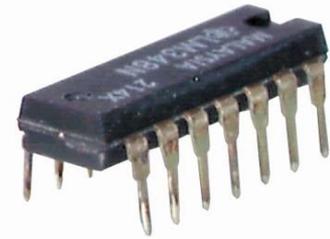
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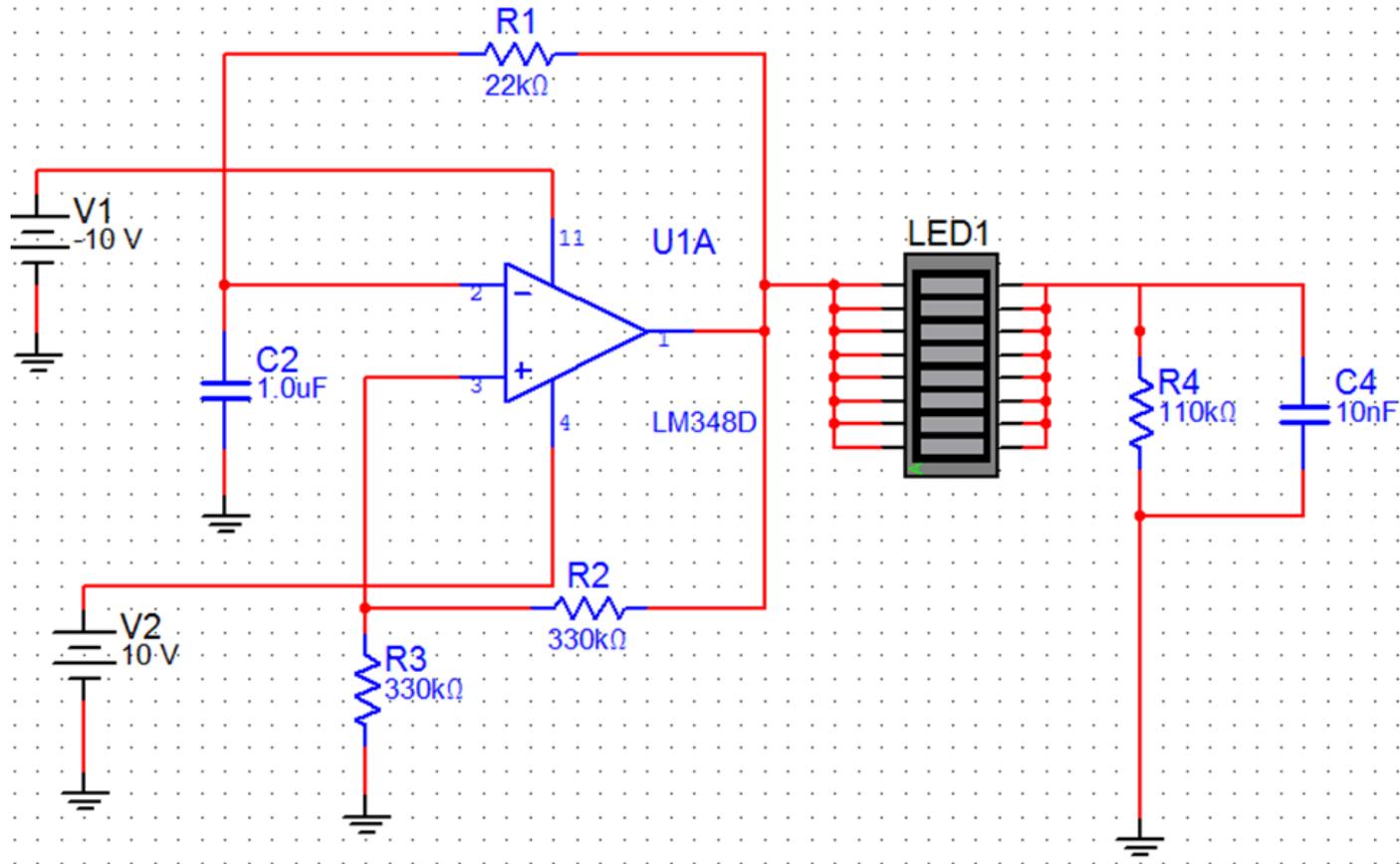


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- Improvements
  - Duty cycle is 50% on/off
  - Frequencies are stable
  - Cleaner square wave
  - Capable to stimulate/detect signals



# Schematics (LM348)



# Simulation & Calculation (LM348)

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

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

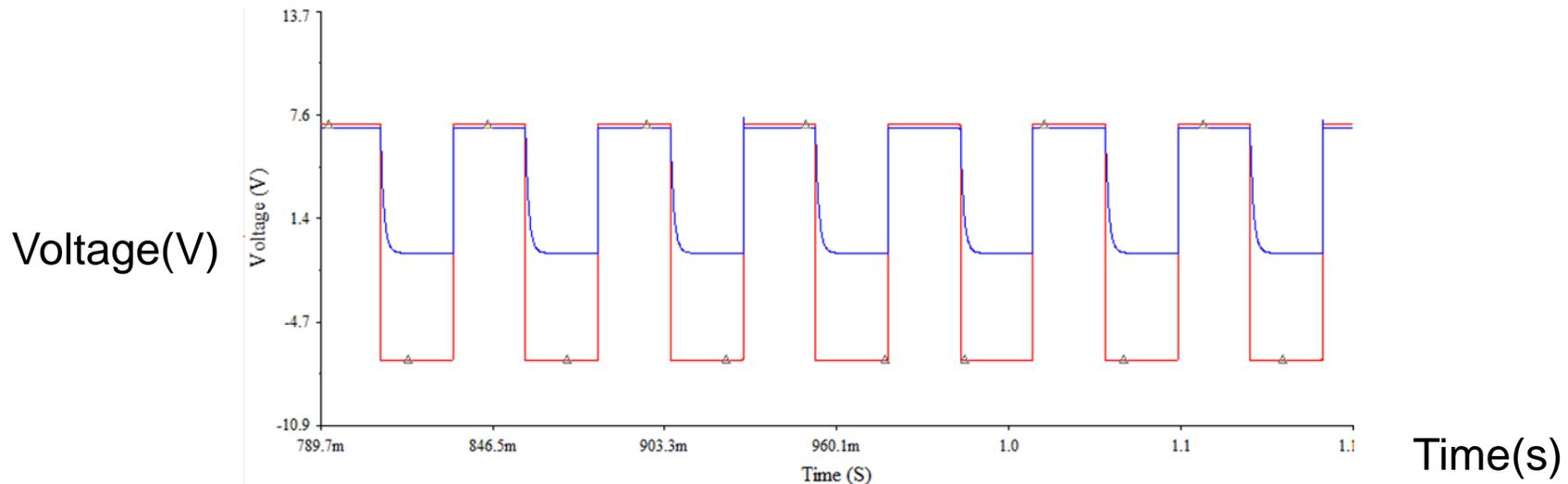
$$k = \frac{R3}{R2 + R3} = \frac{330}{330 + 330} = 0.5$$

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

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

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

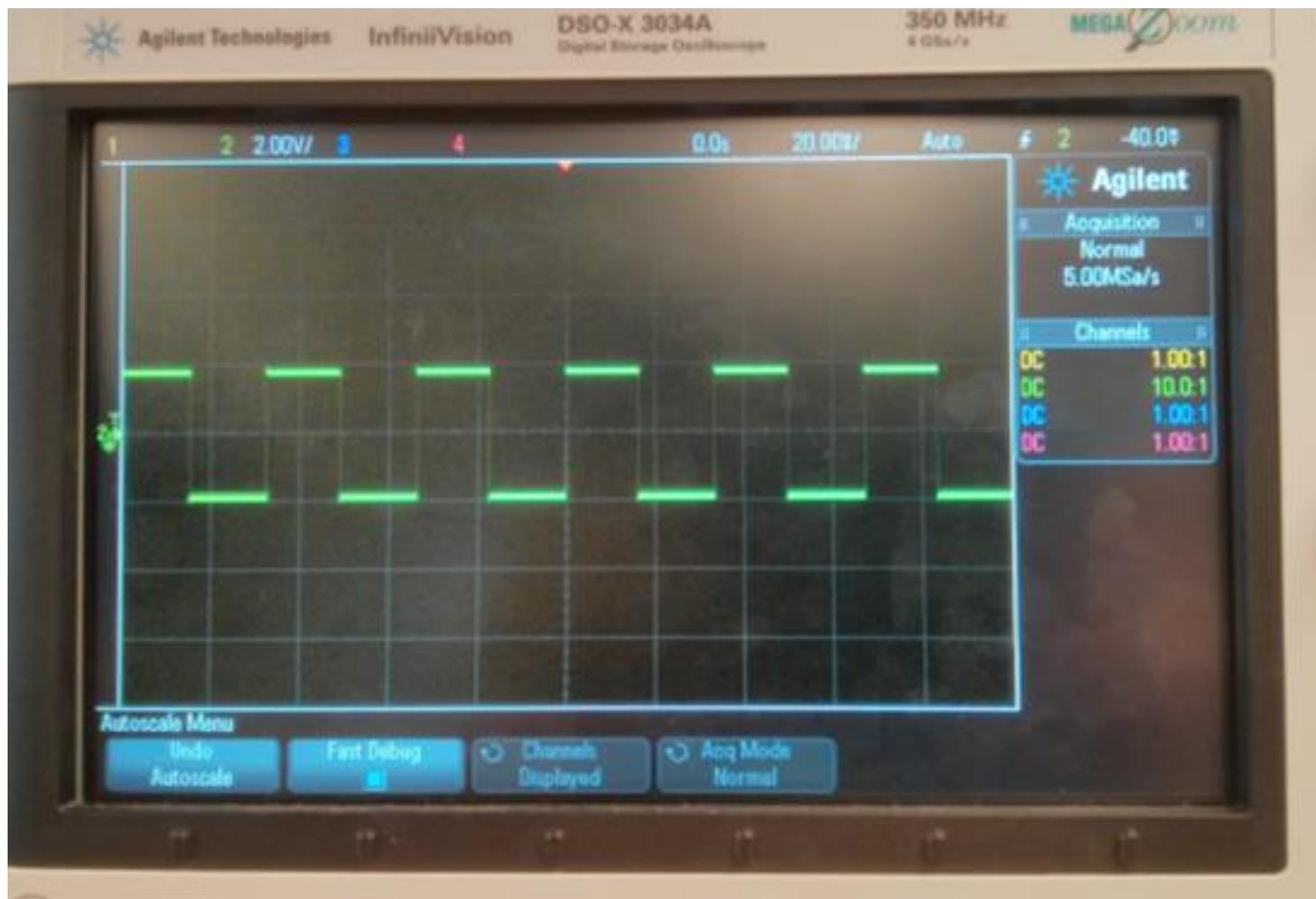
$$f = \frac{1}{T} = 20.32 \text{ Hz}$$

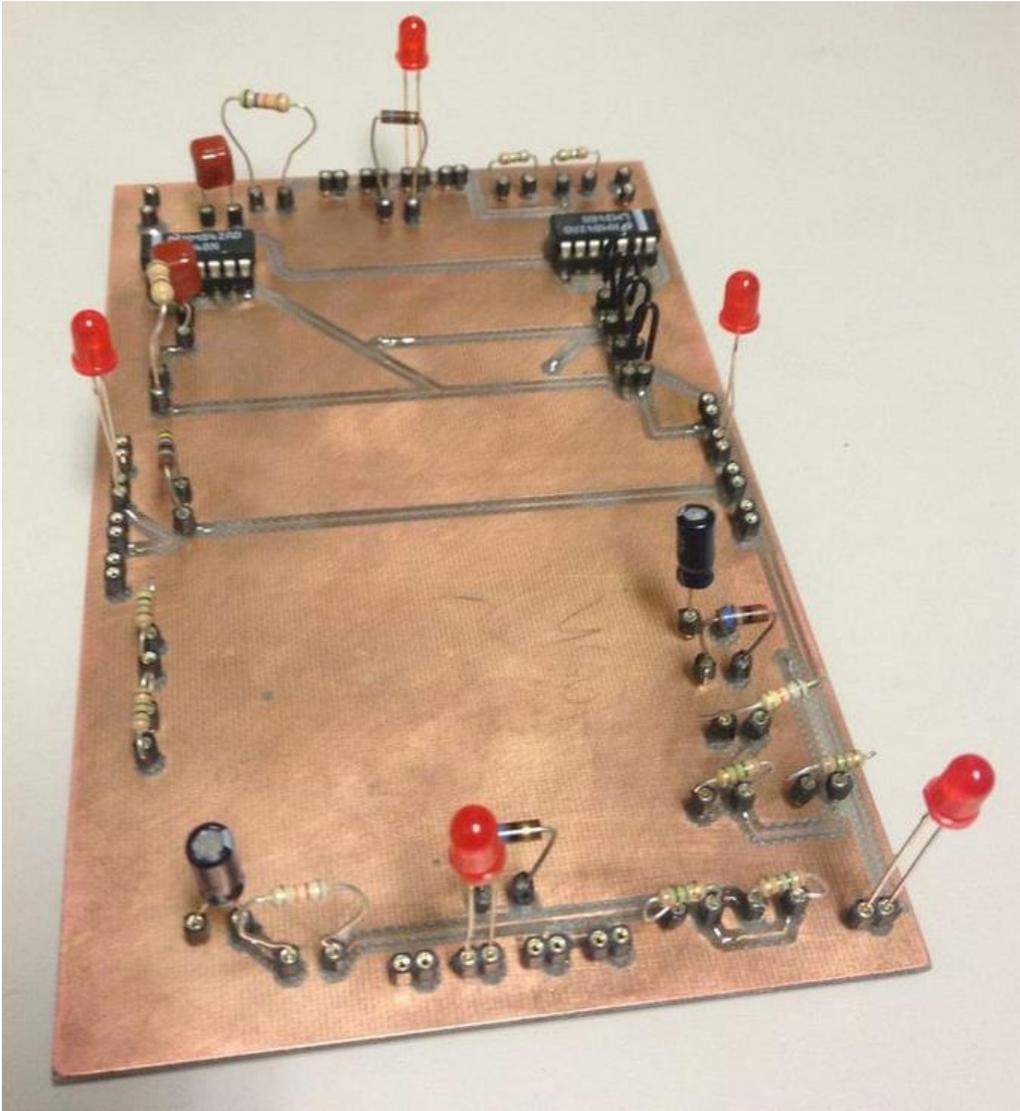


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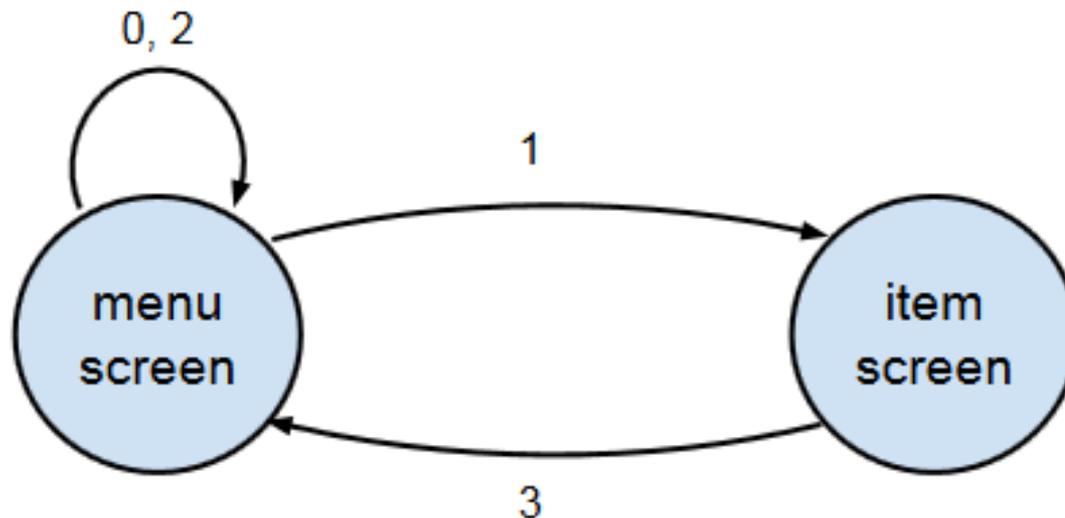
# UTFT Sample Code

- `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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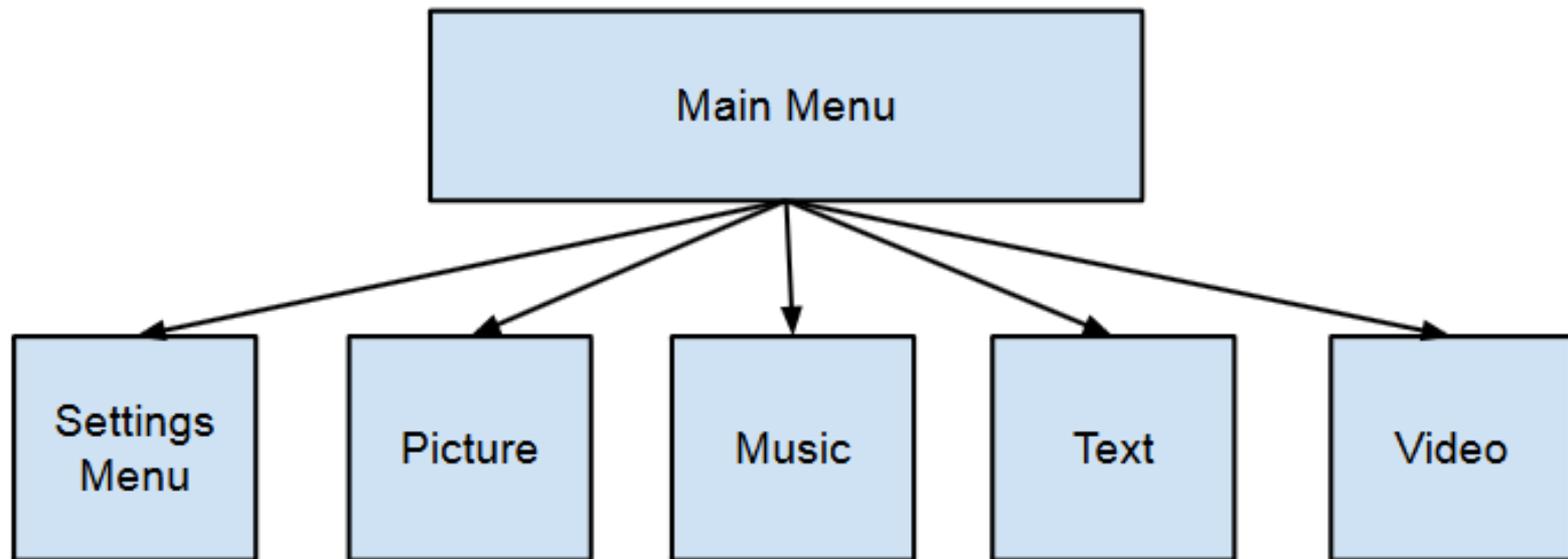
# Software Logistic Flow Chart



Inputs:

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

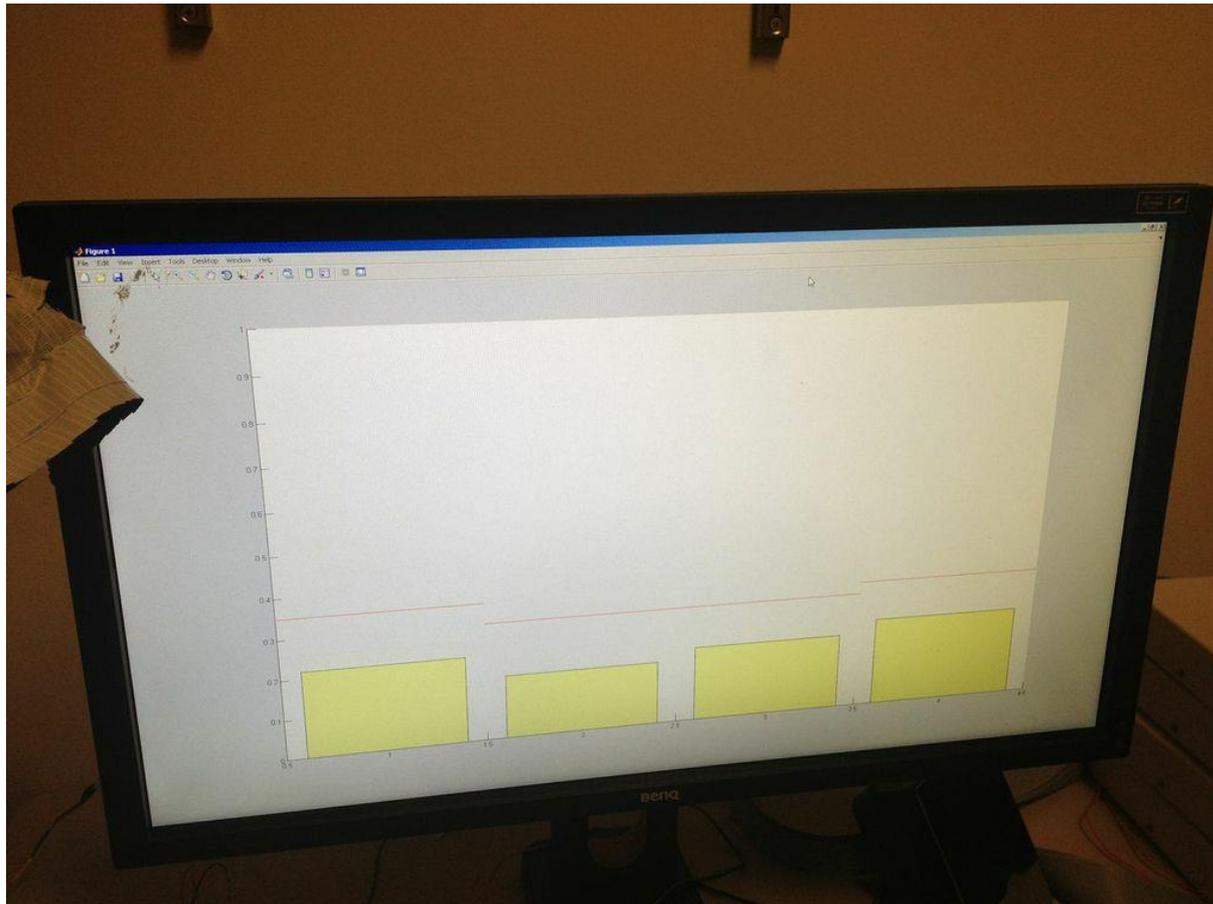
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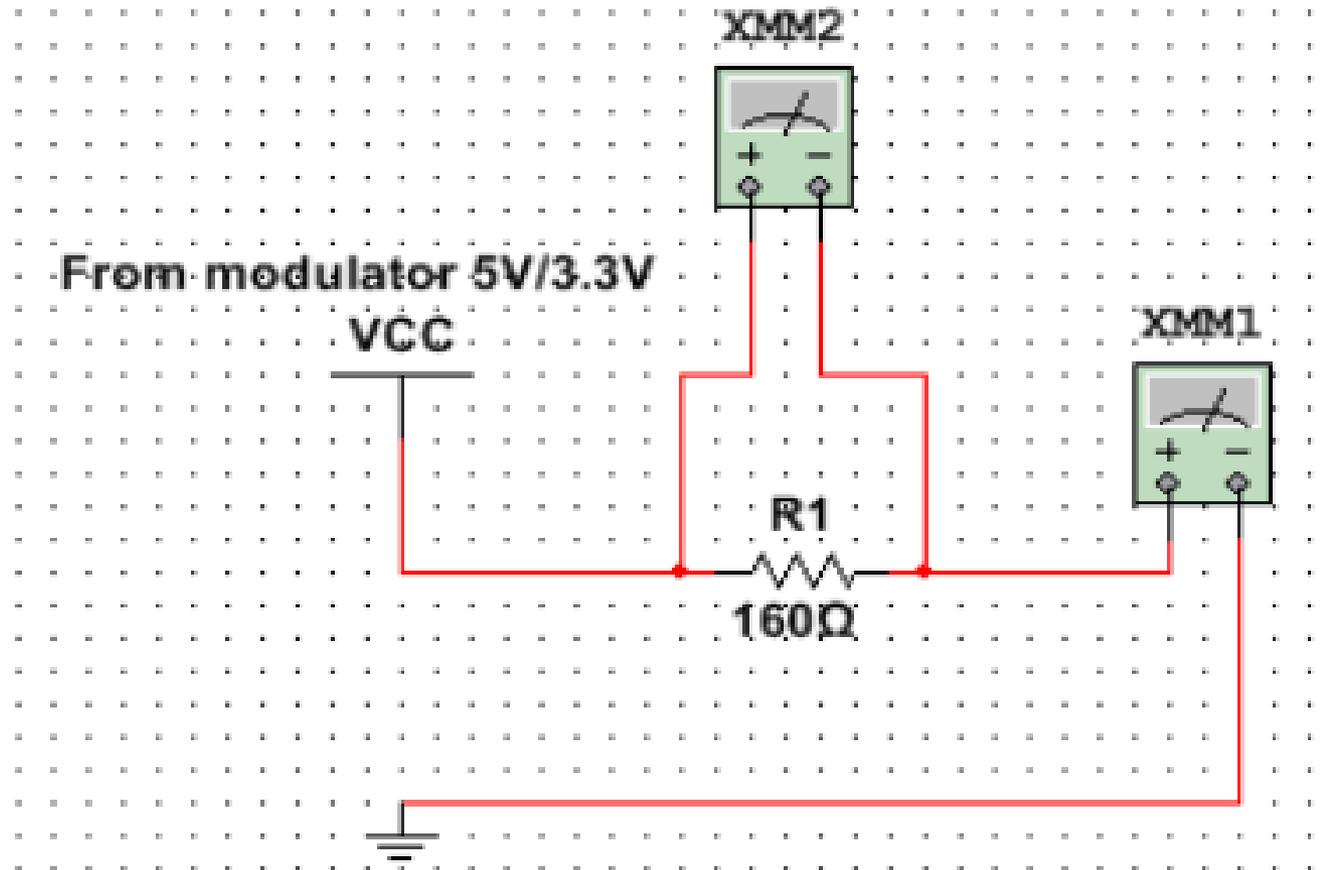
# Sponsored – Detection module



# 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 ( $\Omega$ ) | 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                  |

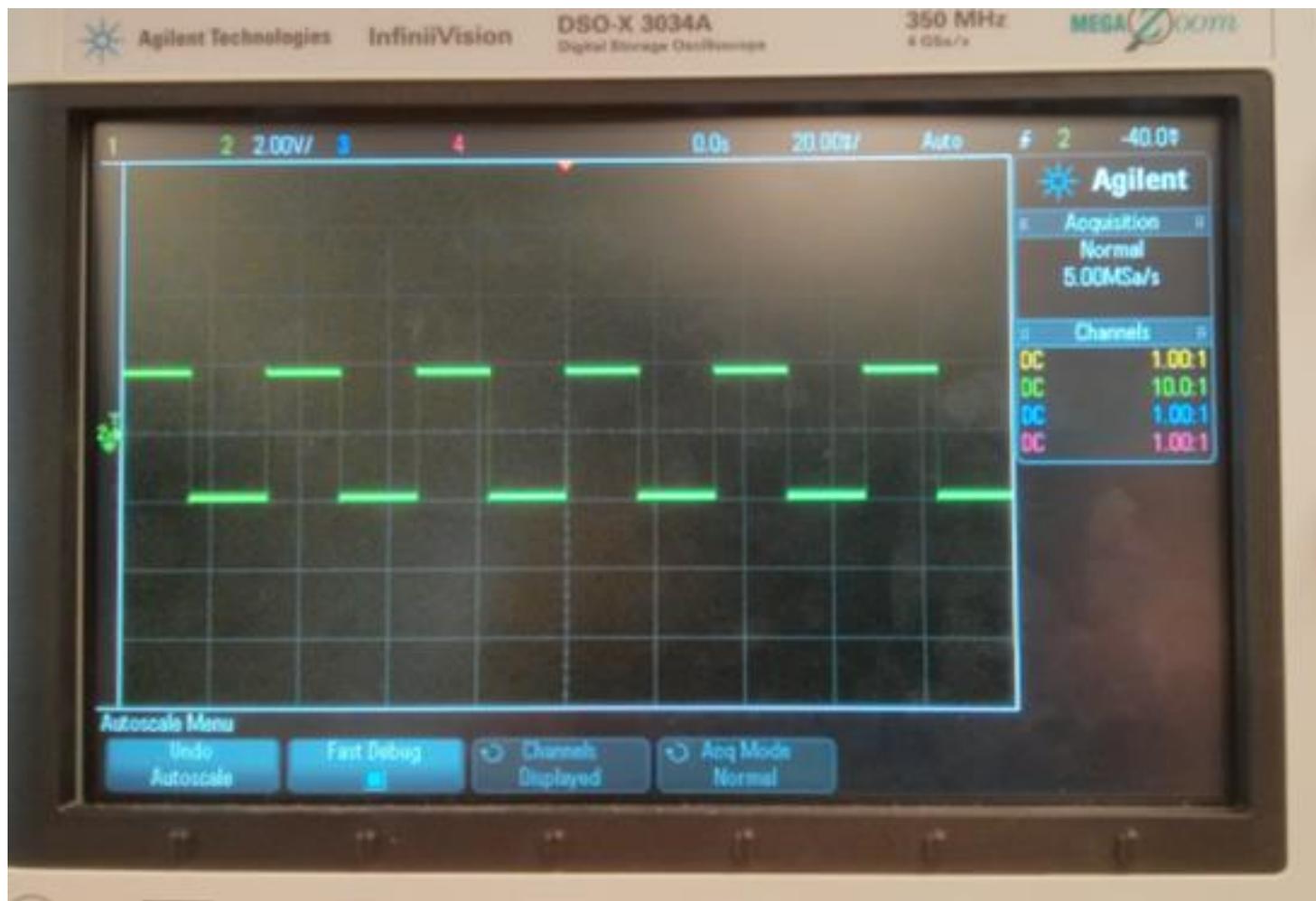
# Requirements – Display (LED)

- 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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$$\%Accuracy = (20 - 1 \text{ mis-detection})/20 = 95\%$$

# 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)

# Credits

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# Questions



# Thank You!

