

Distributed Sniffer Nodes for Batteryless Sensor Nodes (sdmay24-25)

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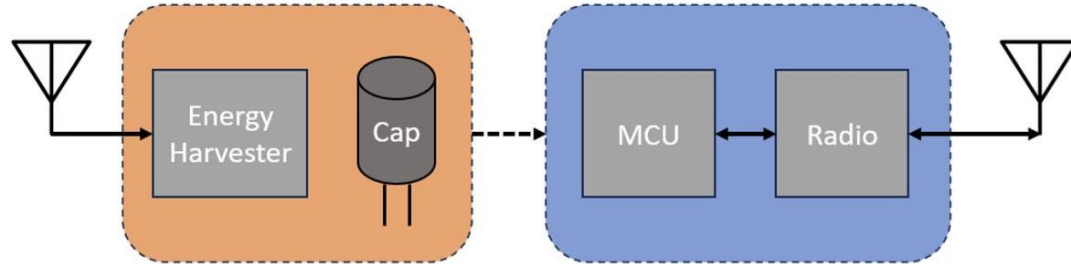
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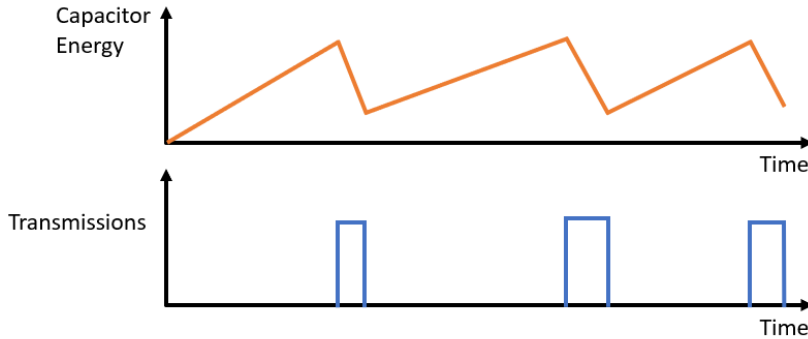
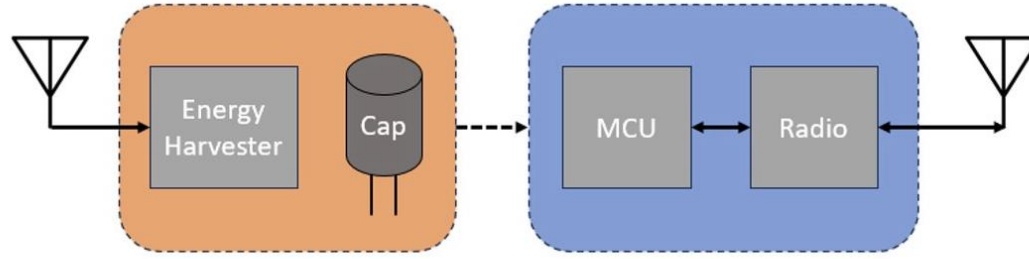
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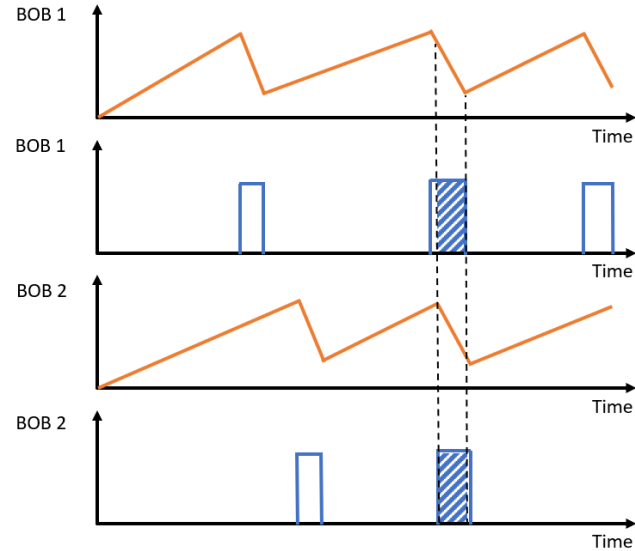
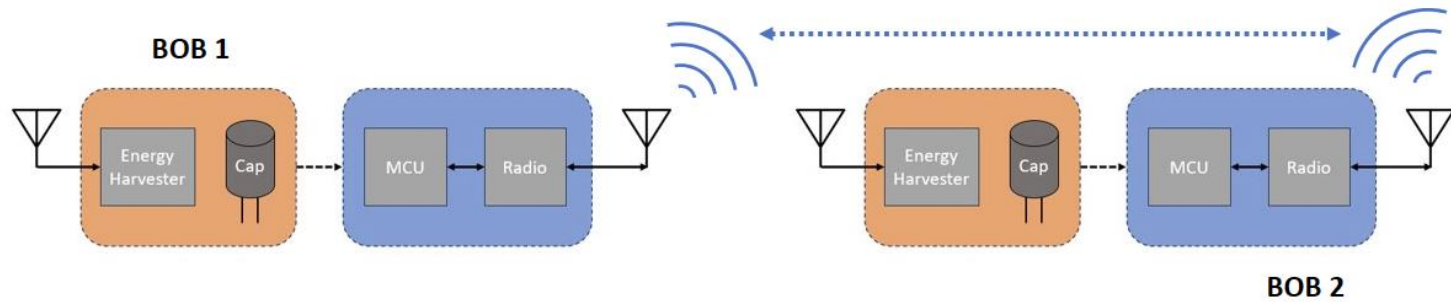
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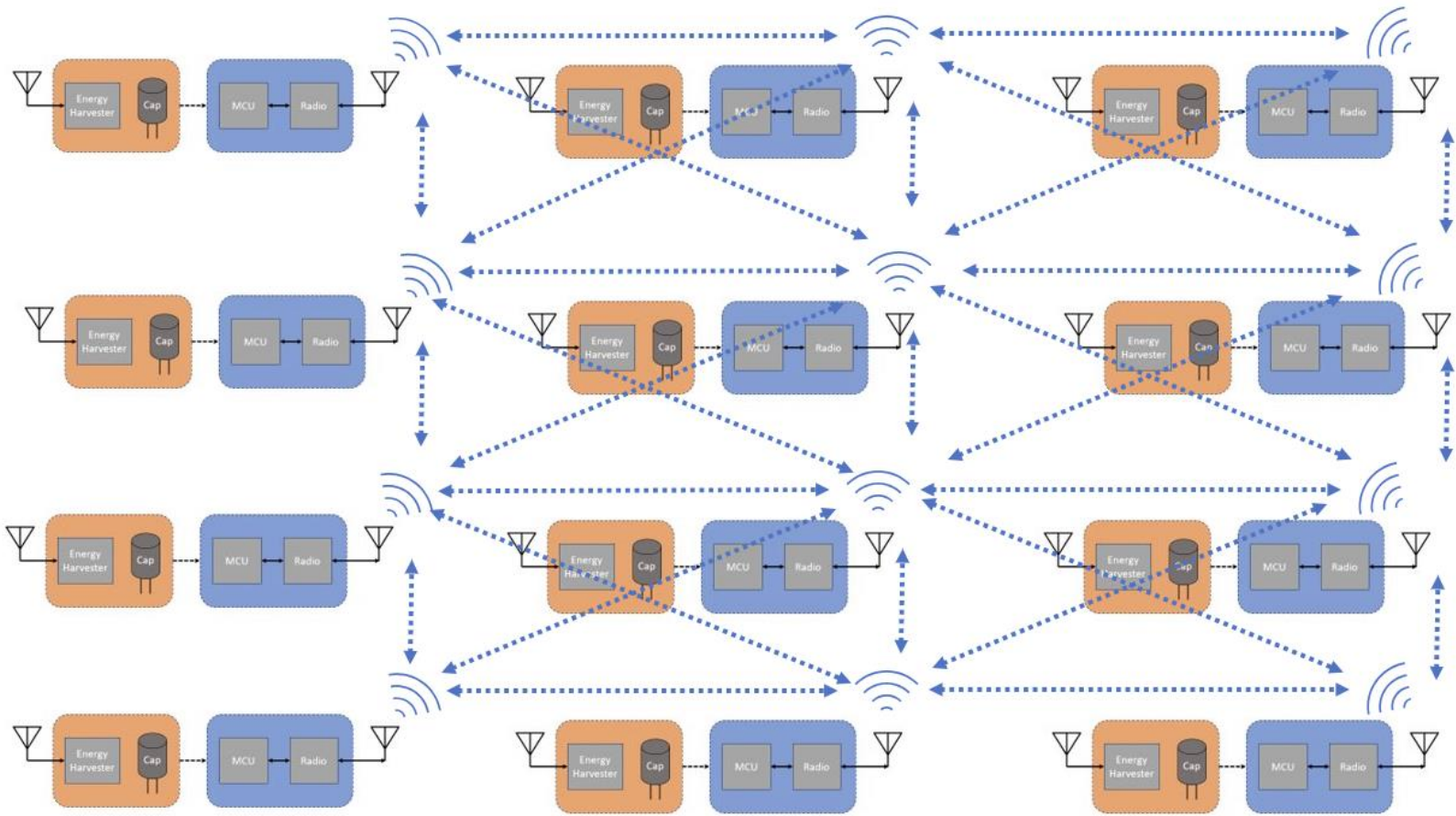
BOB Node - Batteryless sensor designed by client.



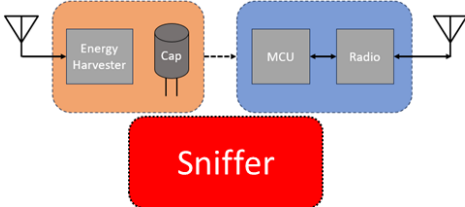
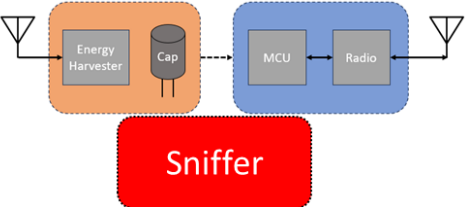
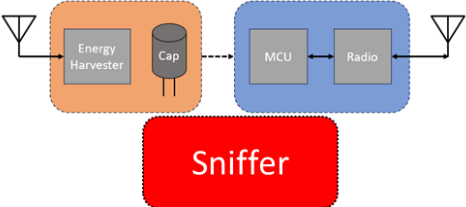
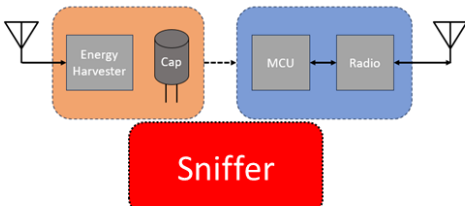
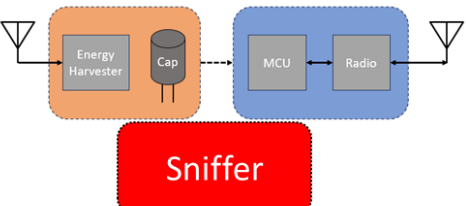
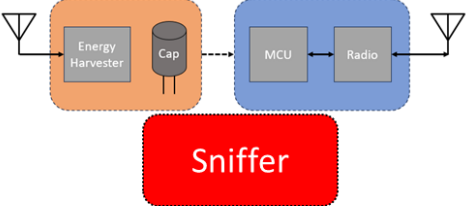
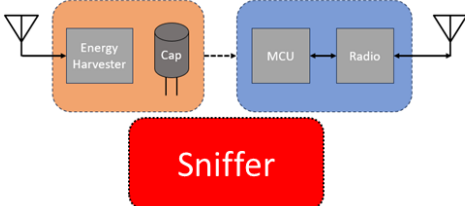
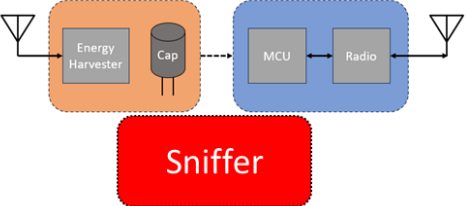
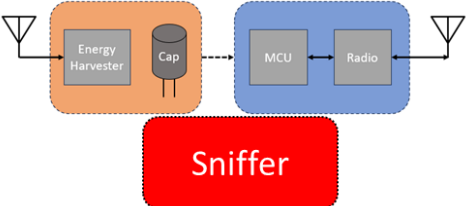
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Goal: Create testbed for researchers to use for the batteryless nodes they are developing.



Use Cases

Scenario Node Tests

- Single node tests
- Multi-node and single lab testing (goal of 9)
- Large scale testing (goal of 100 – 1000)

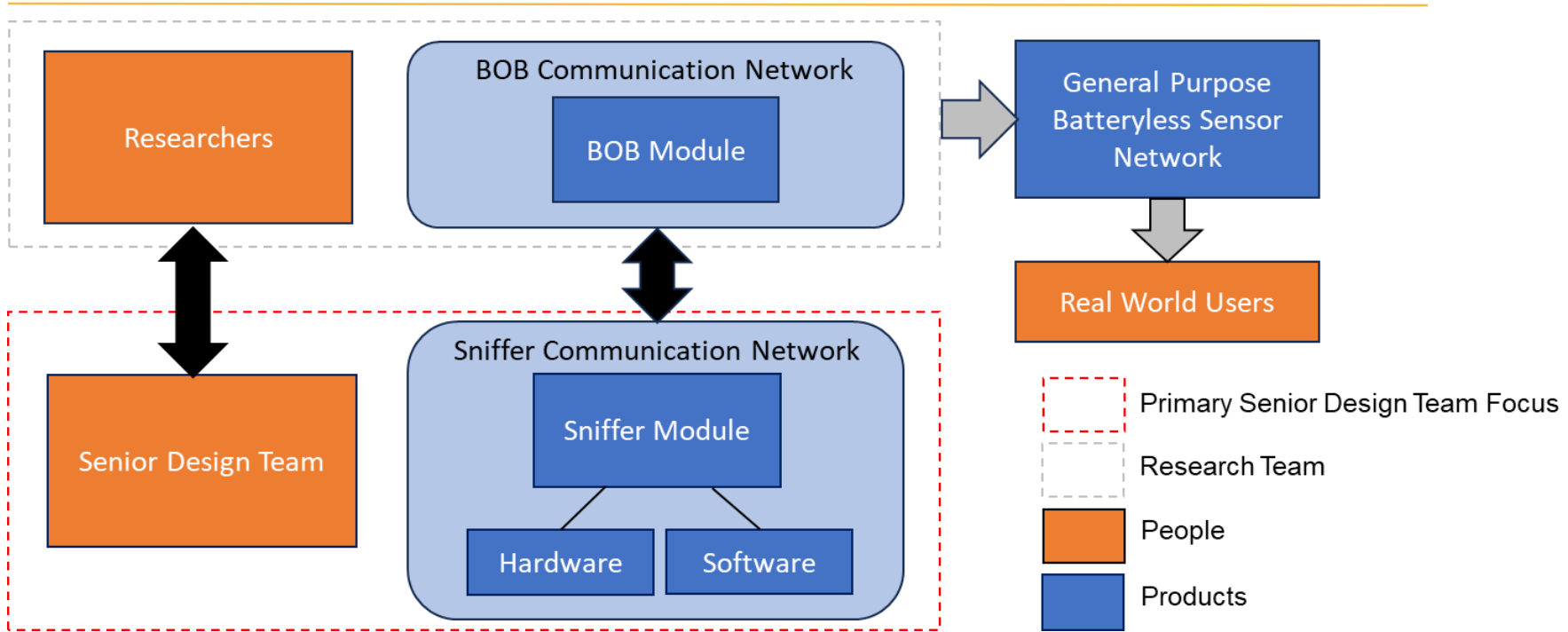
Users

- Dr. Duwe's research group
- Universities, companies, hobbyists through open-source nature

Potential Impact

- Forest fire detection in national parks
- Factory condition monitoring
- Weather monitoring and recording

Visual Sketch



Requirements

Functional

- 9 BOB/Sniffer pairs
- Sink Sniffer Node with continuous power
- Host system to organize and store Sniffer logs
- Sniffer Nodes powered for one week
- Sniffer Nodes inflict minimal effects on BOB Nodes
- BOB Nodes electrically isolated from one another
- Modular stack of BOB and Sniffer custom boards

Non-functional

- Scalable for a potential larger (100+ node) design
- Documentation
- Mechanical durability of system

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Requirements

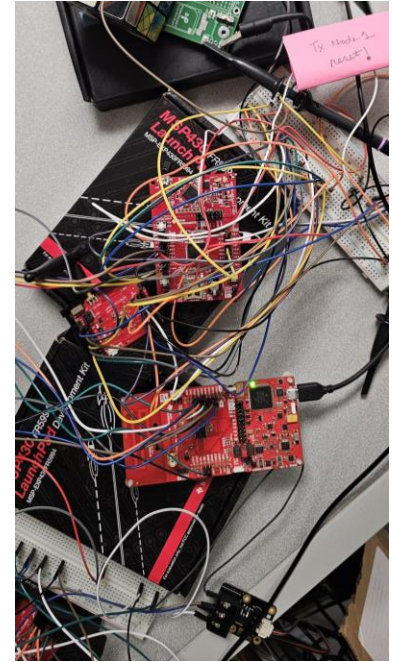
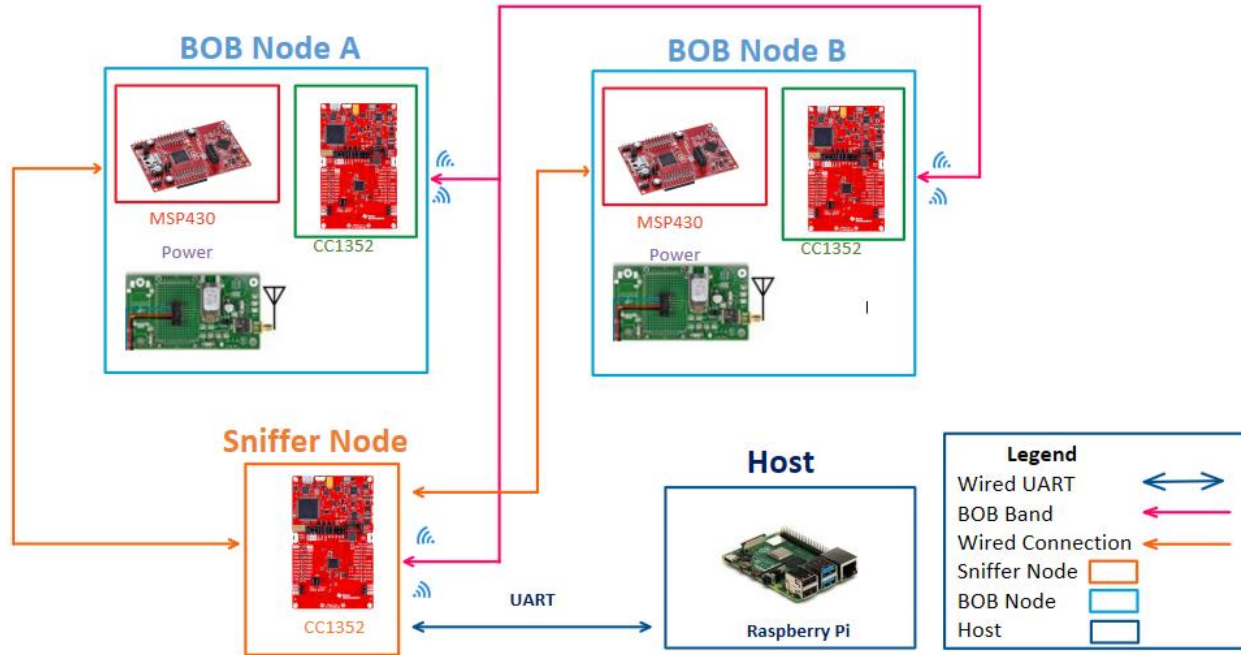
Engineering Standards

- UART communication protocol to connect Sink Sniffer Node to Host (RS-232)
- Radio communication standards (TI Proprietary 2.4 GHz)
- Bluetooth™ (IEEE 802.15.1)
- PCB design Standards

Deliverables

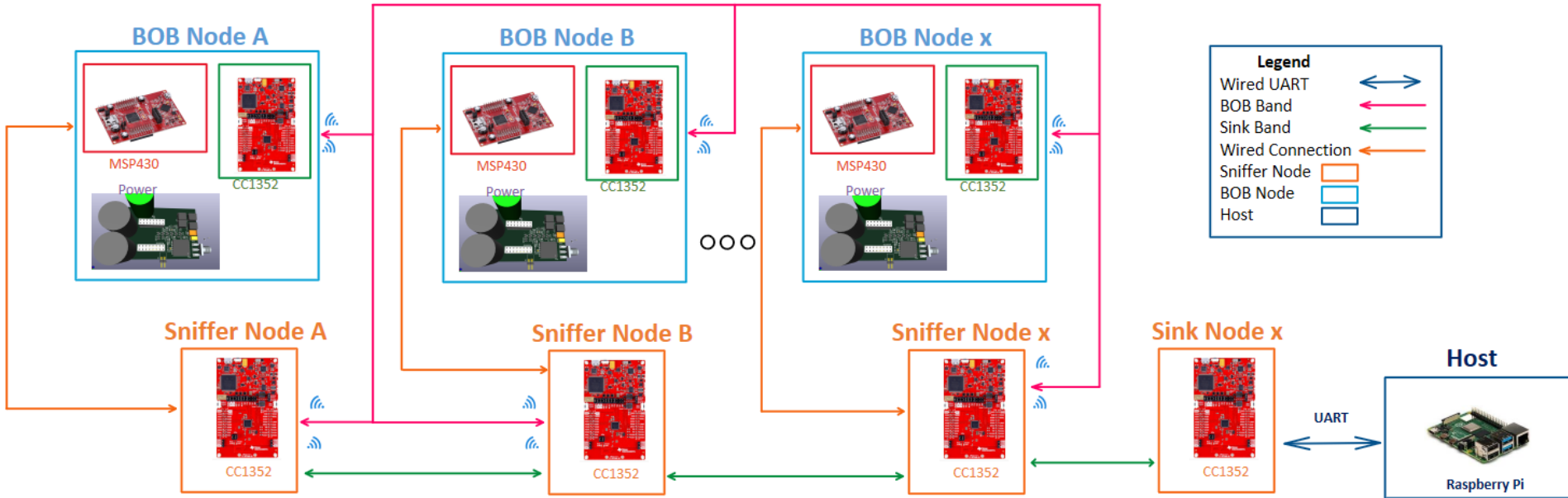
- Breakout Board Hardware
- MSP Simplified Hardware
- Sniffer Node Hardware
- Sniffer Node Software
- Open-Source Documentation
- Mechanically Sound System

Current Design



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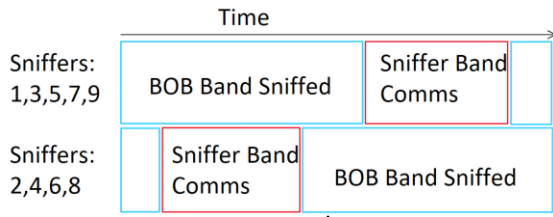
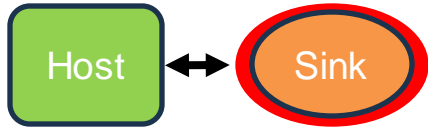
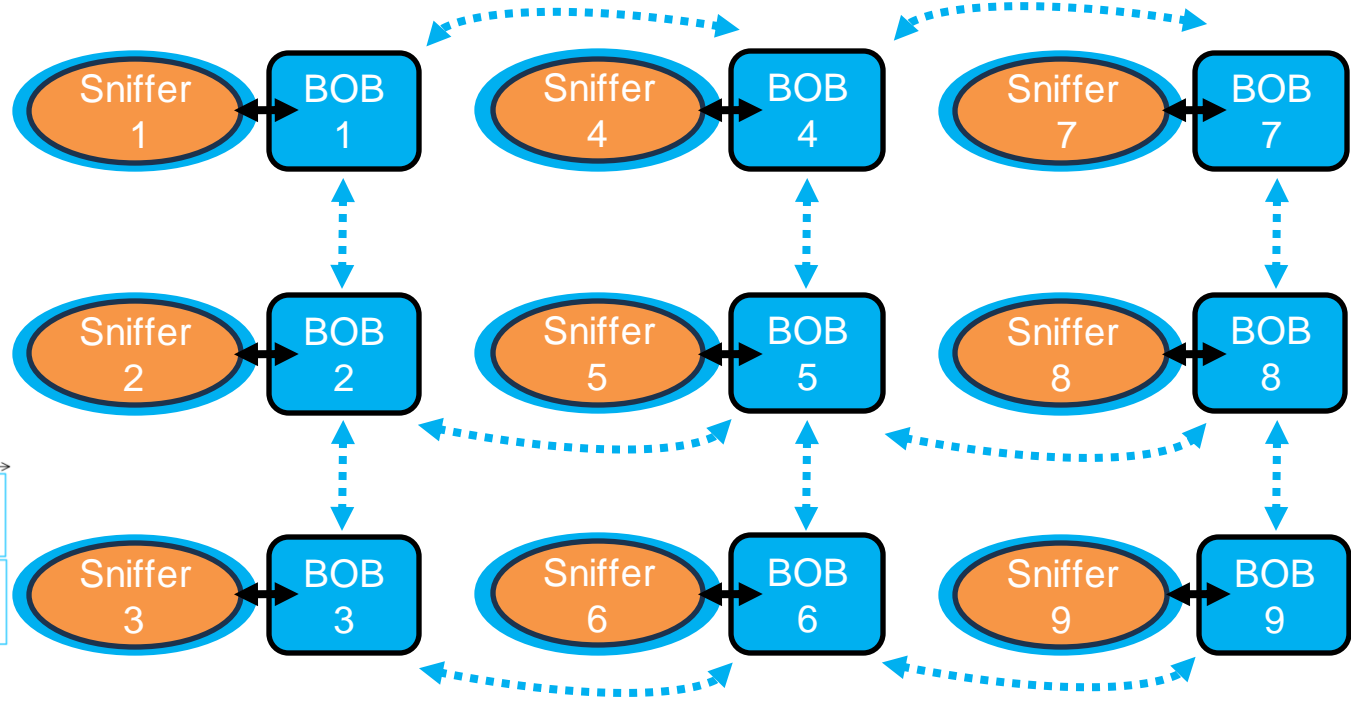
System Design



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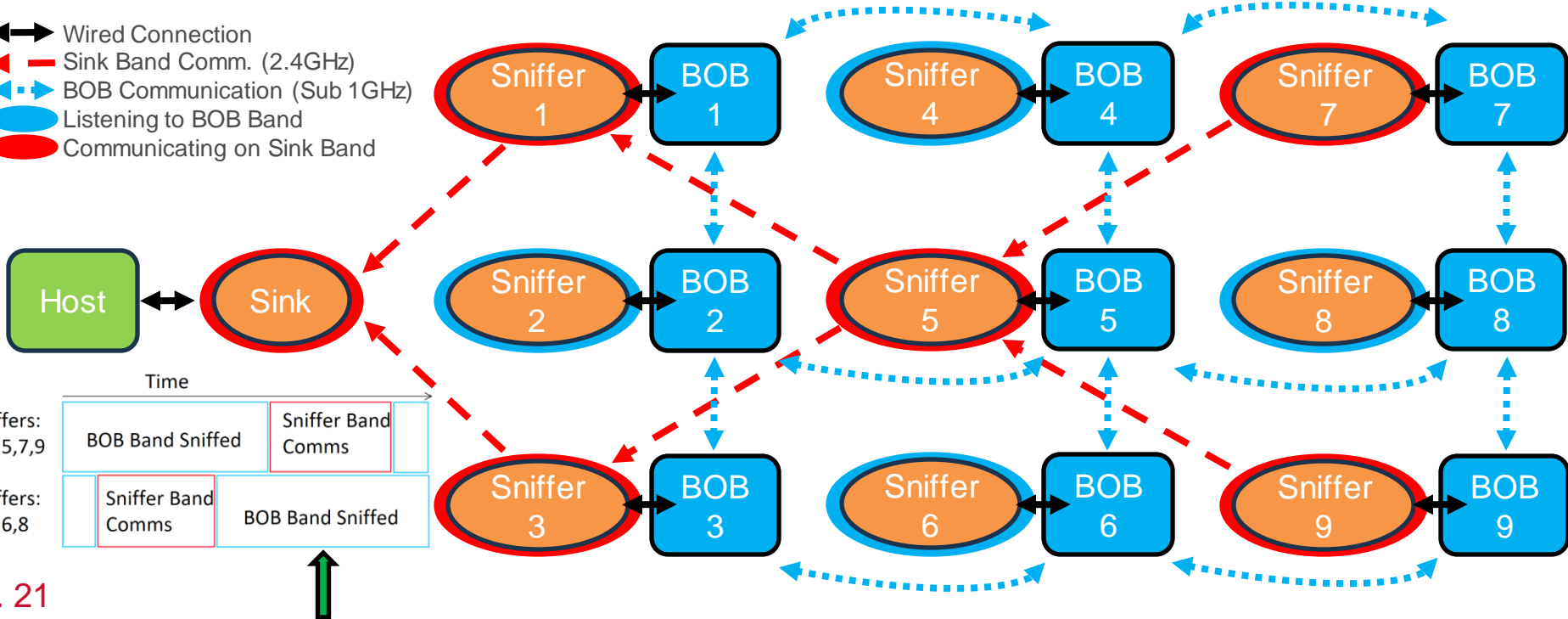
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- BOB Communication (Sub 1GHz)
- Listening to BOB Band
- Communicating on Sink Band



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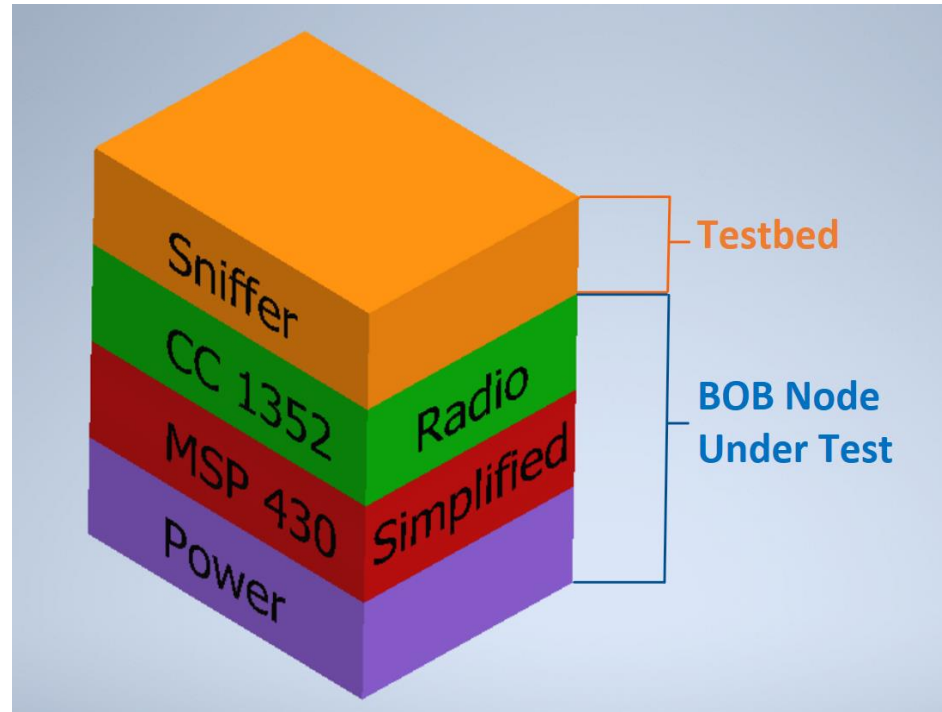
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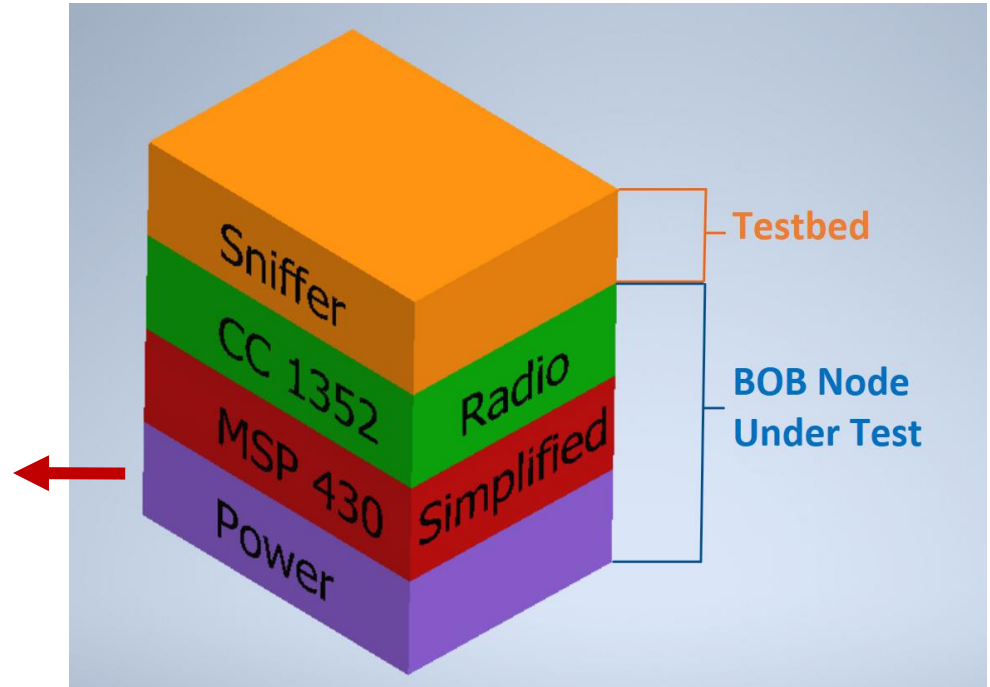
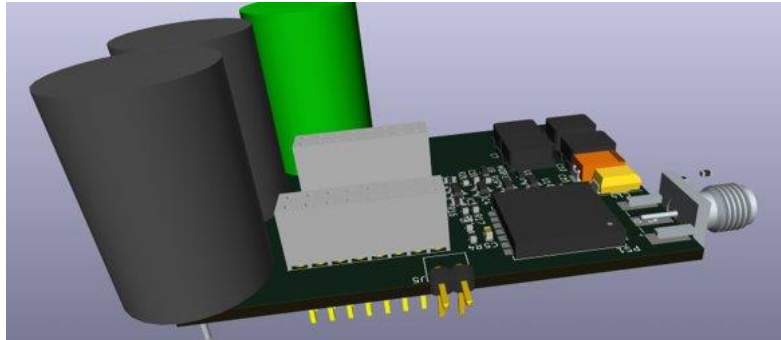


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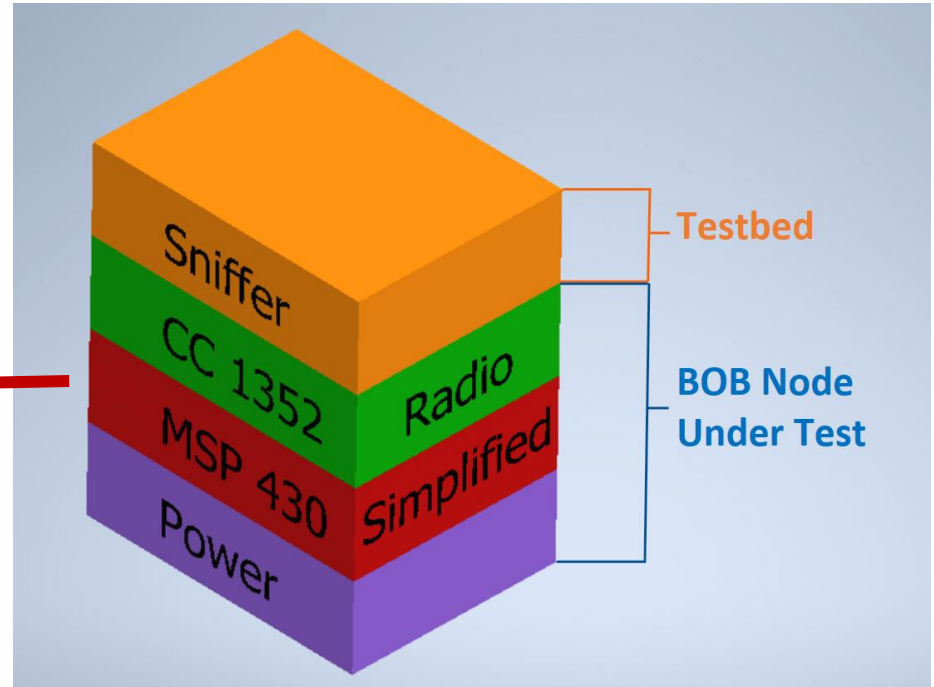
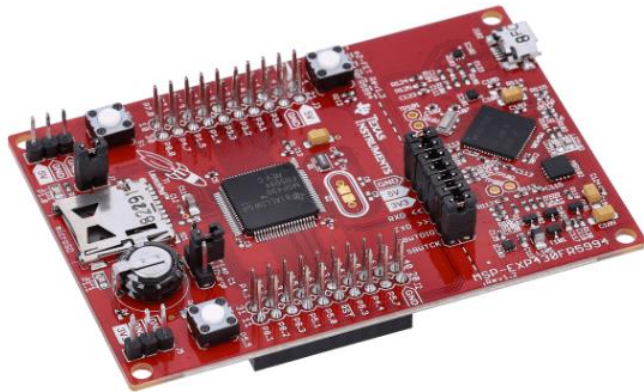


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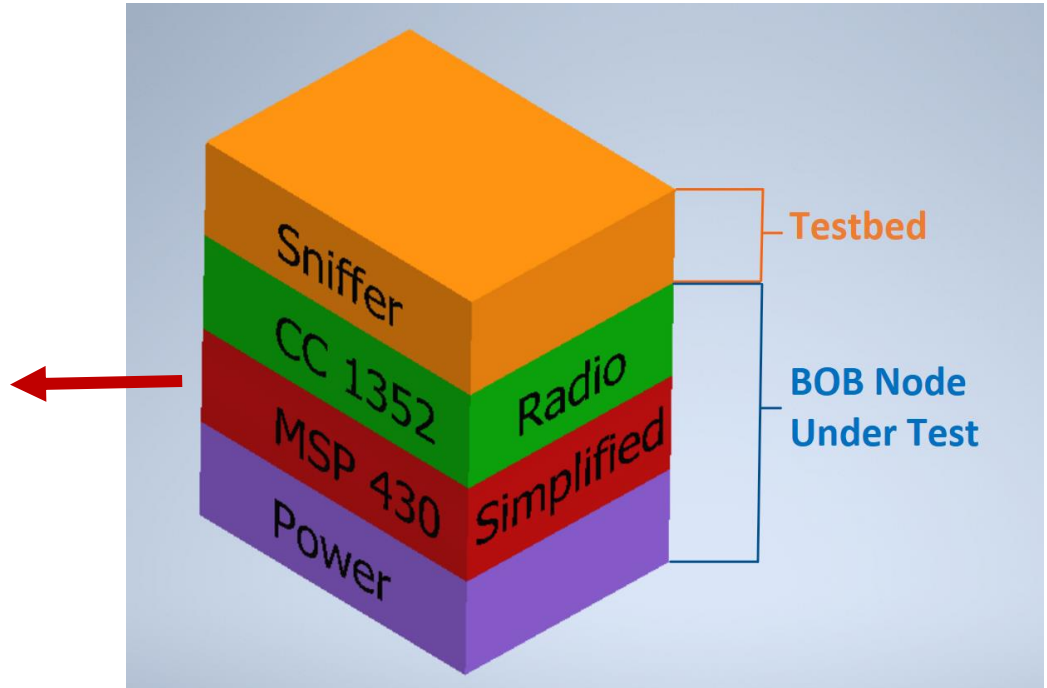
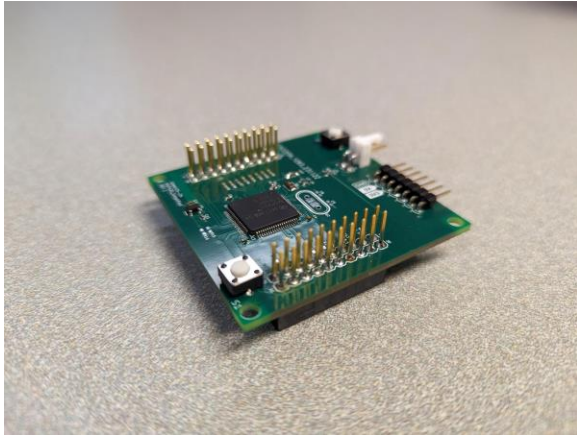


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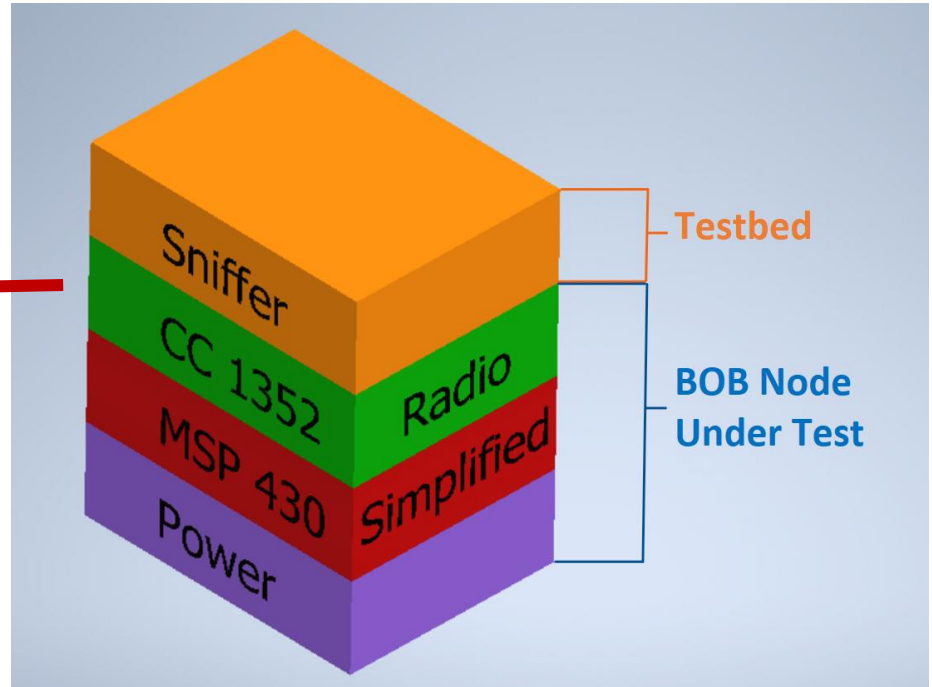
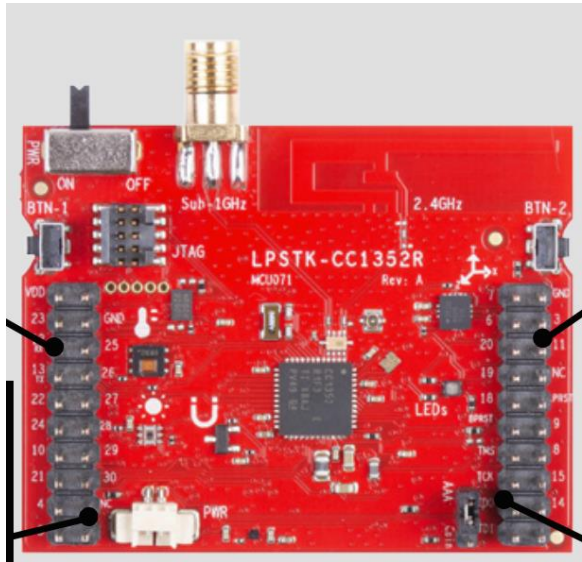
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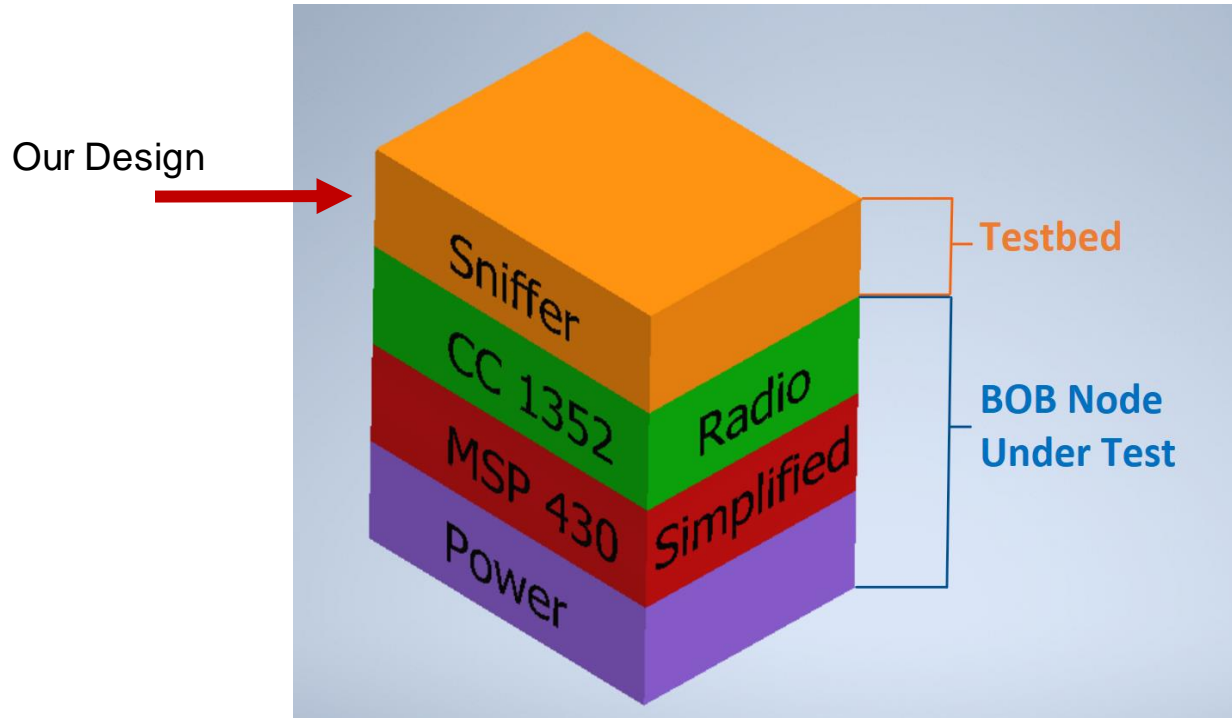
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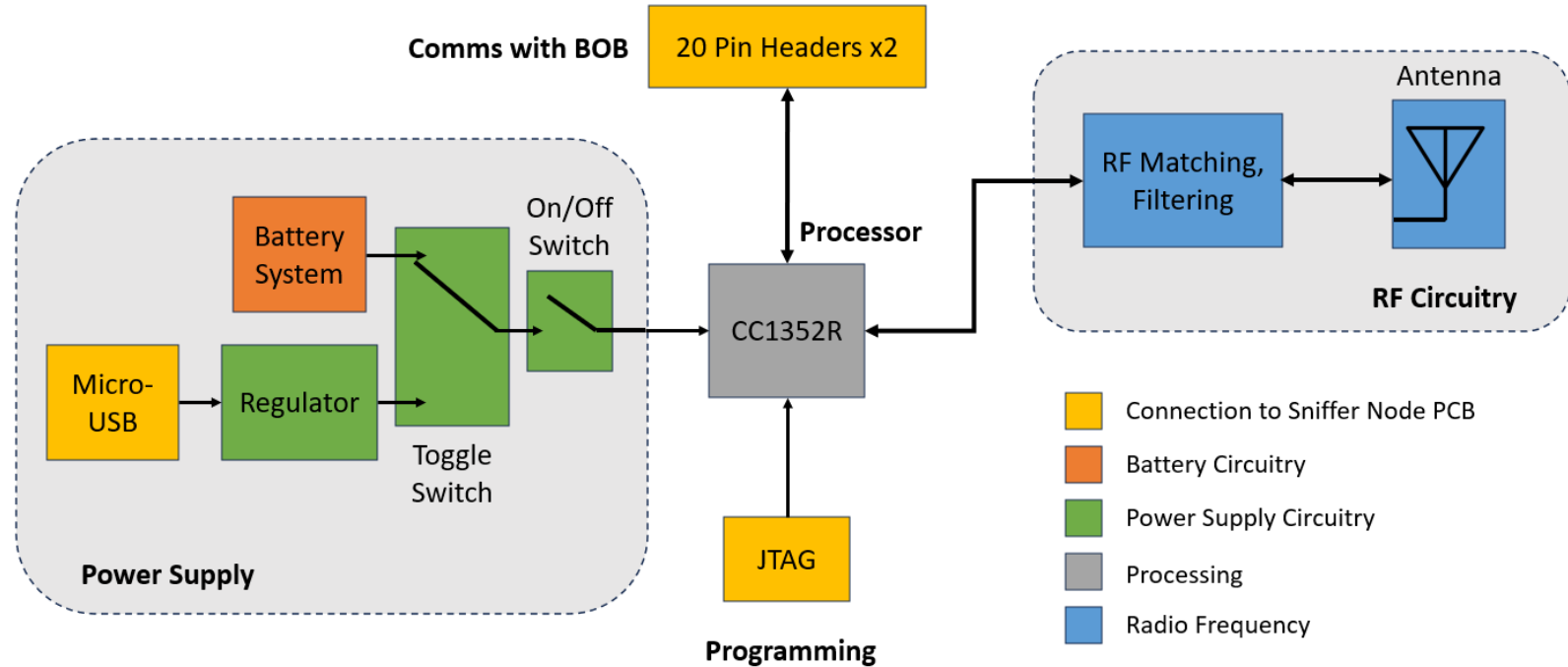
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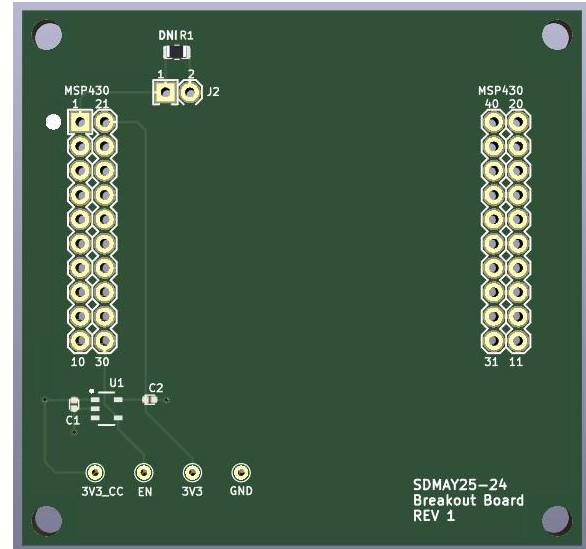
Conceptual Design Diagram - Hardware



Prototype Implementations - Hardware

Breakout Board was designed to eliminate unknowns with the MSP_Simplified

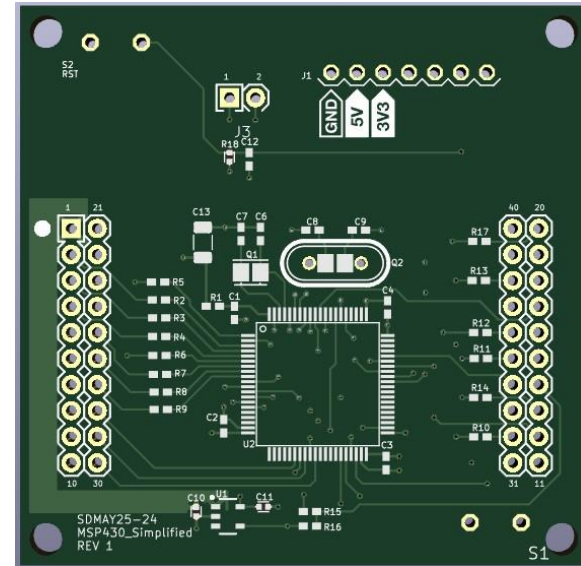
- Load Switch
- Connector spacing
- First order with KiCAD
- Grad Student testing



Breakout Board Revision 1

Prototype Implementations - Hardware

- Removed Debugger Logic
- DNP for unused GPIOs
- Load Switch for CC1352 rail
- PCB Dimensions

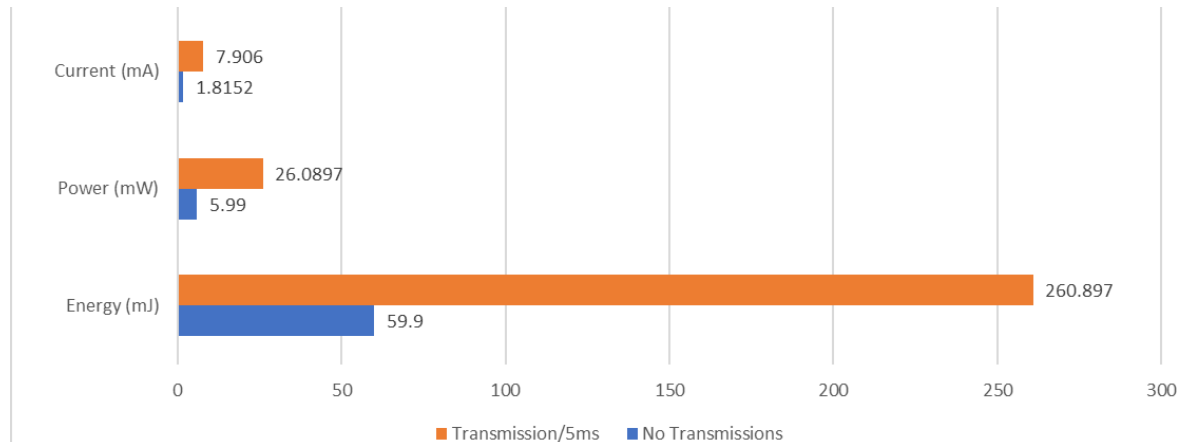


MSP_Simplified Revision 1

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Prototype Implementations - Hardware

Energytrace Energy Consumption



Max sample time: 10s
Voltage: 3.3V

Prototype Implementations - Hardware

Rechargeable LIPO Battery

- 2.8 V - 3.6 V typical output
- Using voltages, required capacity ~ 820 - 1060 mAh
- Range of capacities available with many in needed range
- Charger on board sniffer

Pros:

- High capacity
- Sustainable
- No replacement of batt.
- High voltage supplied

Cons:

- Electronics complexity
- Mechanical complexity
- Design time

Prototype Implementations - Software Timing

Parameter Given:

One 8-byte packet every 5ms

Array Based Queue:

Holds up to 2500 10 bytes packets

Test Observations:

12ms to send a max packet length 128 bytes

Band Swapping:

~30ms to swap bands

Time(ms)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
Odd	From Sink to BOB Band								From BOB to Sink Band											
Odd(Bytes)	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	64	64	64	64	64	64			0	0	0	0
Even	From Sink to BOB Band																			
Even(Bytes)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104
Time(ms)	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195	200
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Odd(Bytes)	0							8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104
Even	From BOB to Sink Band																			
Even(Bytes)	112	120	128	136	144	152	160	168	168	168	168	168	168	168			40			0

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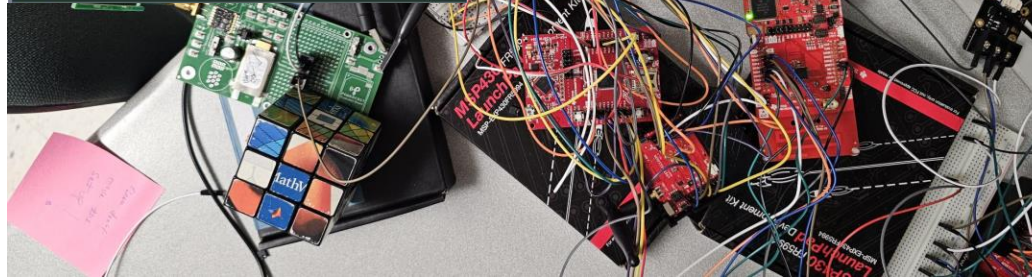
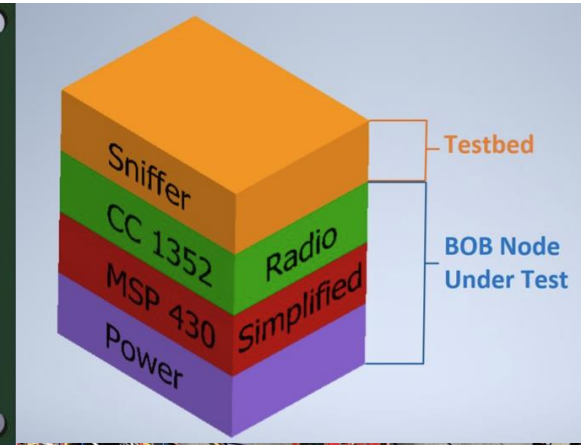
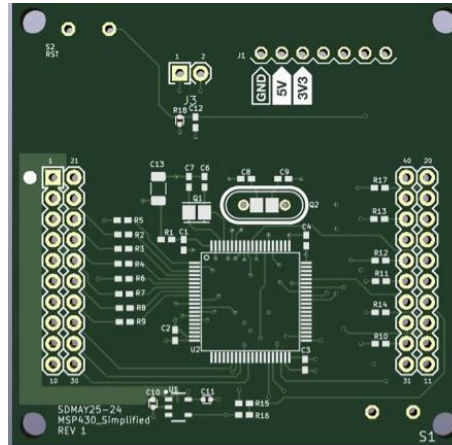
Design Complexity

Design Elements Discussed:

- PCB design
- PCB stacked integration
- Software Timing
- EnergyTrace Battery Consumption

Design Iterations:

- PCB Breakout Board
- Tester battery system
- Sniffer Communications



Project Plan – Schedule/Milestones

Project	CPRE/EE 492														
	Week 1-2	Week 2-3	Week 3-4	Week 4-5	Week 5-6	Week 6-7	Week 7-8	Week 8-9	Week 9-10	Week 10-11	Week 11-12	Week 12-13	Week 13-14	Week 14-15	Week 15-16
Develop Sniffer schematic	█	█	█	█											
Develop Sniffer layout			█	█	█										
Hardware Stack Physical Design					█	█	█								
Test Functionality of Sniffer Hardware					█	█	█	█							
Integrate New Hardware into Test Setup							█	█	█	█	█	█			
Hardware Documentation										█	█	█	█	█	
Implement Checkerboard Communication	█	█	█	█											
Develop Sniffer -- Bob Physical Data Collection		█	█	█	█										
Develop Sniffer -- Bob Radio Data Collection			█	█	█	█									
Develop Host PC Data Logging			█	█	█	█	█								
Software Documentation						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Full System Testing								█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Produce 10 functioning BOB and sniffer pairs.											█	█	█	█	█

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Risk Mitigation

- Band-switching non-functional -> Swap to two CC1352 implementation
- Custom hardware non-functional -> Return to using off-the-shelf boards
- Hardware orders delayed -> Order ASAP
- Hardware becomes damaged -> Have extras on-hand

Test Plan – Unit Testing

Hardware

- Visual inspection, benchtop tools, units of test code
- Test plans generated for each board
- Isolation, power supply, programmability, communication, specific functionality

Software

- Test activation of all interrupts
- Time-based interrupts
- Receive based interrupts
- Queue loading and emptying

Test Plan – Interface/Integration

Hardware

- Inputs and outputs (antenna, headers) with test code and probing as needed
- Test isolation and power supply with all PCBs connected

Software

- UART
- Radio
- GPIO
- Interrupt Integration

Test Plan – System Level

Elements to test: Functionality, Accuracy, Usability

Mock BOB Emulation

1. Ensure system functions and network communicates - **Functionality**
2. Compare against old system with identical tests – **Accuracy**

Implementation Testing

1. Test system with research team's setup – **Functional**
2. Hand off system with documentation to researchers - **Usability**



Thank you!

Literature Study

- "Experimental Study of Lifecycle Management Protocols for Batteryless Intermittent Communication"[2]
- "Toward a Shared Sense of Time for a Network of Batteryless, Intermittently-powered Nodes"[3]
- "Reliable Timekeeping for Intermittent Computing"[4]

Stack Pinouts

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Table 1				Table 2					
GPIO	MSP430	CC1352 radio	I/O (as seen from the msp430)	GPIO	MSP430	CC1352 radio	CC1352 sniffer	Harvester	I/O
Data Received	P5.0	DIO22	I	Powered ON	P7.7		DIO25	DIO28	O
Transmit Request	P5.1	DIO3	O	Event Gen	P7.4		DIO26	DIO29	I
Transmit Done	P5.2	DIO24	I	Testbed Reset	P7.5		DIO27	DIO30	I
SPI Master Ready	P5.3	DIO19	O	Easylink Tx		DIO25	DIO24	DIO21	
SPI Slave Ready	P5.4	DIO7	I	Event drop	P7.6		DIO9	DIO8	O
FRAM Written	P5.5	DIO11	O	Reset	P7.3			Reset	I
Power radio	P1.4								
SPI MOSI	P6.4	DIO9							
SPI MISO	P6.5	DIO8							
SPI CLK	P6.6	DIO10							
SPI SS	P6.7	DIO20	O						

Note currently in our setup we have only one sniffer for two msp430 nodes. I/O are defined with respect to msp430 node
Code needs update

Figure 12: Plan to Create Extra NC Pins on the CC1352R Development Board

Stack Pinouts

MSP Board Pinout								
Pin #	Func	Pin #	Func		Pin #	Func	Pin #	Func
1	3V3 to CC	21	3V3		40	P5.4	20	GND
2	GPIO	22	GND		39	GPIO	19	P5.1
3	GPIO	23	NC		38	P6.7	18	P5.5
4	GPIO	24	GPIO		37	P3.5	17	GPIO/EN
5	P5.0	25	GPIO		36	GPIO	16	NC
6	P5.2	26	GPIO		35	GPIO	15	P6.4
7	P6.6 (SPI)	27	GPIO		34	RST_MSP	14	P6.5
8	P1.0	28	P7.3		33	P1.1	13	P1.6
9	P7.4	29	P7.5		32	P1.7	12	P2.6
10	P7.6	30	P7.7		31	P2.5	11	GPIO

Figure 14: MSP Simplified Pinout

Stack Pinouts

Harvester Board Pinout							
Pin #	Func	Pin #	Func	Pin #	Func	Pin #	Func
1	NC	21	3V3	40	P5.4	20	GND
2		22	GND	39		19	P5.1
3		23	NC	38	P6.7	18	P5.5
4		24		37	P3.5	17	
5	P5.0	25		36		16	NC
6	P5.2	26		35		15	P6.4
7	P6.6	27		34		14	P6.5
8	P1.0	28	P7.3	33	P1.1	13	P1.6
9	P7.4	29	P7.5	32	P1.7	12	P2.6
10	P7.6	30	P7.7	31	P2.5	11	

Figure 15: Power Harvester Pinout

LIPO Cost Estimate (Slightly Outdated)

Item	Cost per Item	Quantity	Total Cost
LIPO	\$5.00	10	\$50.00
Battery Mount	\$3.00	10	\$30.00
Protection/Management ICs	\$0.50	10	\$5.00
Charger ICs and parts	\$1.00	10	\$10.00
Charger PCB	\$15.00	1	\$15.00

Cost per board: \$11.00

Updated cost per board (no
charging board): \$9.5

Time Skew Analysis

CC1352 clock was ran with constant time reporting, compared to real-time clock

Skew ended up $> .005\%$, $.01\%$ between any given 2 nodes

Two nodes skewing in opposite directions: take 50 seconds to skew by 5 ms

Prototype Implementations - ????

No Transmit	Min	Max	Mean
Power (mW)	4.6707	7.5945	5.9900
Current (mA)	1.4154	2.3014	1.8152

Transmit every 5ms	Min	Max	Mean
Power (mW)	4.6707	7.5945	5.9900
Current (mA)	1.4154	2.3014	1.8152

$$P_{avg} = 0.5(5.99) + 0.5(26.09) = 16.04mW$$

$$E_{wk} = P_{avg}(7)(24)(60)(60) = 9.701kJ$$

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$$capacity - needed = (0.5(I_{normal}) + 0.5(I_{trans,5ms}))(7)(24)$$

$$capacity - needed = ((0.5)(1.8152) + (0.5)(7.9060))(7)(24) = 816.581 mAh$$

$$capacity - needed = \left(\frac{P_{avg}}{V_{supplied}}\right)(7)(24) = \frac{2695}{V_{supplied}} mAh$$

+10% buffer

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