

Sound Asleep

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Objective

- Slow Wave Sleep is an important factor in the quality of sleep
 - <1 Hz EEG Signal</p>
- Shown to cause cardiovascular issues and mental health problems
- Often slow wave sleep can be too short, which causes feelings of tiredness when you wake up
- Pink noise stimulation during rise time of SWS causes amplitude and longevity enhancement
- Need full, closed-loop device for EEG readings and stimulation



The Project

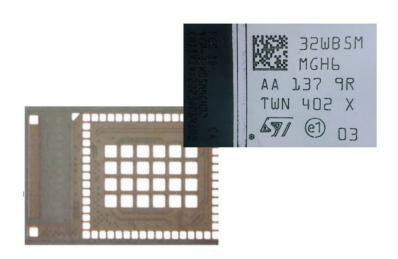
- Sound Asleep is a wearable headband based device designed to transmit EEG signals to a phone or laptop app
- App uses ML algorithms to analyze slow wave sleep and send pink noise stimulation
- User audio device enhances user sleep when paired with phone or laptop

Microcontroller



STM32WB5MMG

- Arm® Cortex®-M4 CPU based MCU
- Land Grid Array(LGA)
 - LGA 86 since 86 pin package
- Bluetooth® LE with inbuilt RF Antenna
 - No need for separate ESP32
- Ultra-low power modes for efficiency



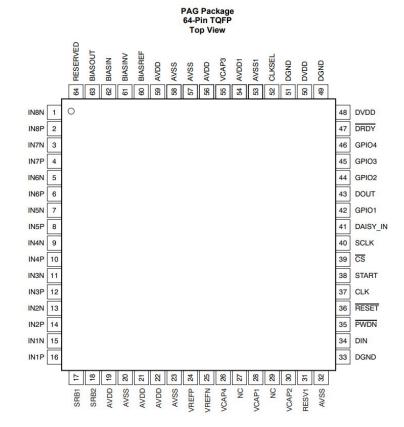
Datasheet: https://www.st.com/resource/en/datasheet/stm32wb5mmq.pdf

Analog to Digital Converter(ADC)



ADS1299IPAG

- 8-channel ADC
- 64-pin TQFP(Thin Quad Flat Pack)
- Designed for EEG/Biopotential Measurements
- Extreme Low Noise Performance
 - Very low input-referred noise (1 uV at 70-Hz bandwidth)
- High Resolution and Simultaneous Sampling
 - 24-bit resolution
 - 8 simultaneously sampling ADCs
 - Allows for synchronized capture of brainwave signals





Power Regulation/Consumption of Components



Component	Supply Voltage Requirement	Current Draw (Typical)	Source / Note
STM32WB5MMG (MCU)	3.3 V	~8–12 mA	Radio: 5.2mA, CPU: 3.4mA
ADS1299 (ADC)	5.0 V	~5-6mA	Analog Supply
ADS1299 (ADC)	3.3 V	~0.7-1 mA	Digital Supply
LDO Regulators (Quiescent Current)	9.0 V	~10-20 mA	5-10mA per LDO (x2)
Load Current	5.0 V	~15-19mA	
Load Current	3.3 V	~1mA	
Total Current	-	~40 mA	< 50mA Requirement Met





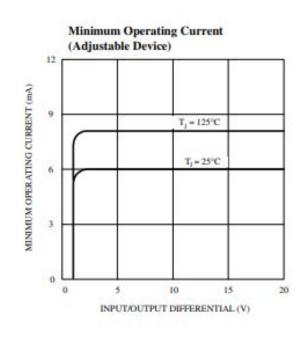
Max Total Current ~ 40mA 20mA + 20mA(max quiescent current) Project Requirement <= 50mA

Datasheet: http://www.advanced-monolithic.com/pdf/ds1117.pdf

Power Supply and Heat Dissipation



- LDO Regulator dissipates heat due to linear nature
 - Acts as variable resistor which burns off excess voltage to maintain output
- Power Supplied ~ 9V * 40mA = 360mW
- Power Consumption ~ 261.7mW
 - 5V LDO ~ (9-5V) * 19mA + 9V * 10mA= 166mW
 - 3.3V LDO ~ (9-3.3V) * 1mA + 9V * 10mA= 95.7mW
- Power dissipated as Heat ~ 98.3mW (27.3%)



Battery and Charging



Standard 500mAh 9V Alkaline Battery

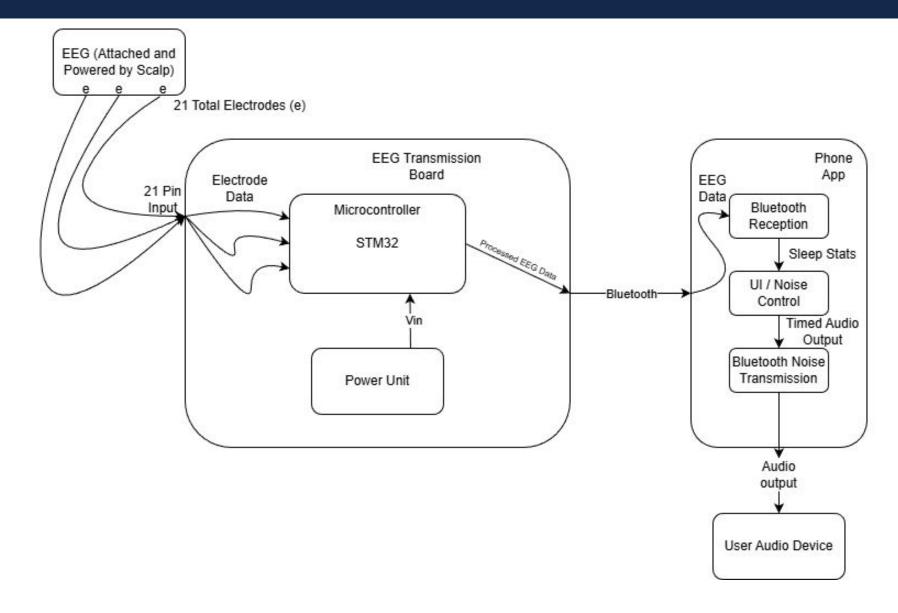
- Battery Life at full use ~ 580mAh/40mAh = 14.5 hours
 - Could be higher based on lower idle power consumption
 MCU and ADC + overestimated approximations
- Not tested due to PCB challenges
- Satisfies project requirement of 8 hr capacity
- Considerations made for rechargeable battery design
 - Micro-USB port placed on PCB
 - TP4056 Battery Charging IC
 - Not delivered in time



Original Block Diagram



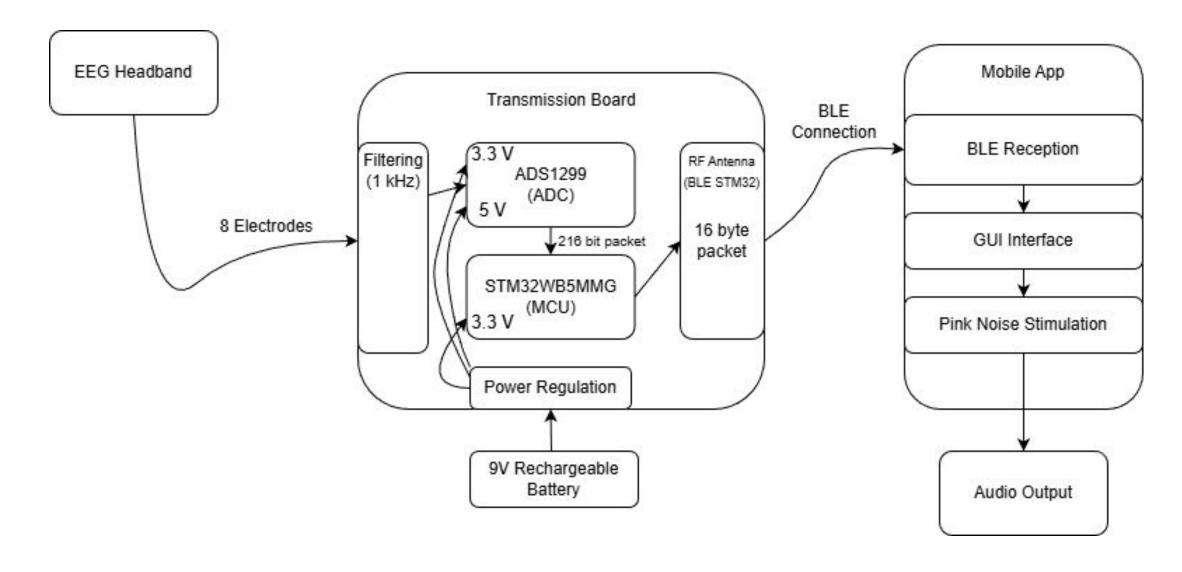




Updated Block Diagram

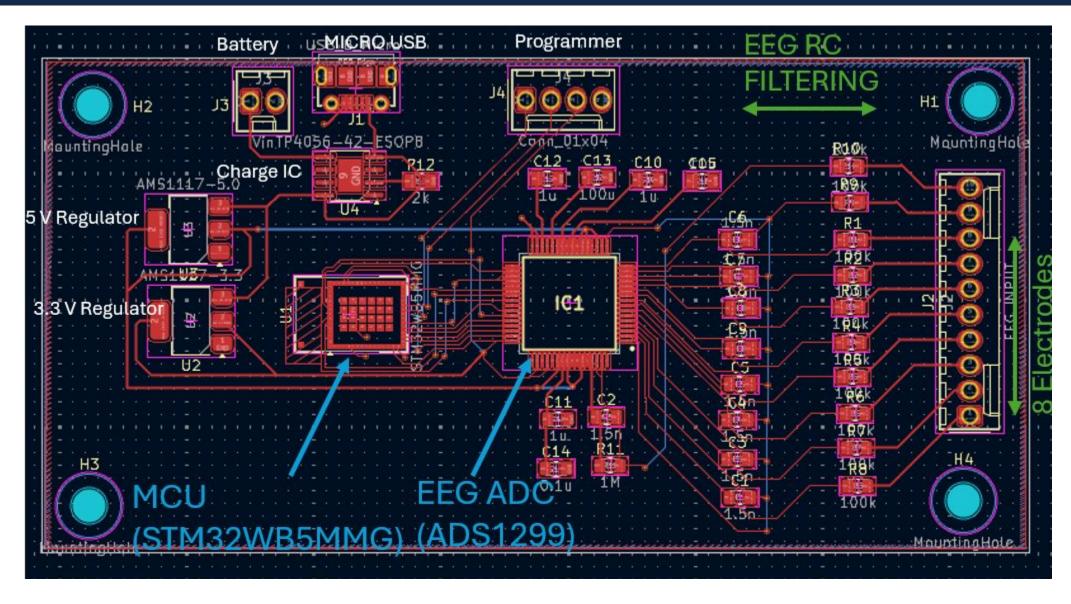






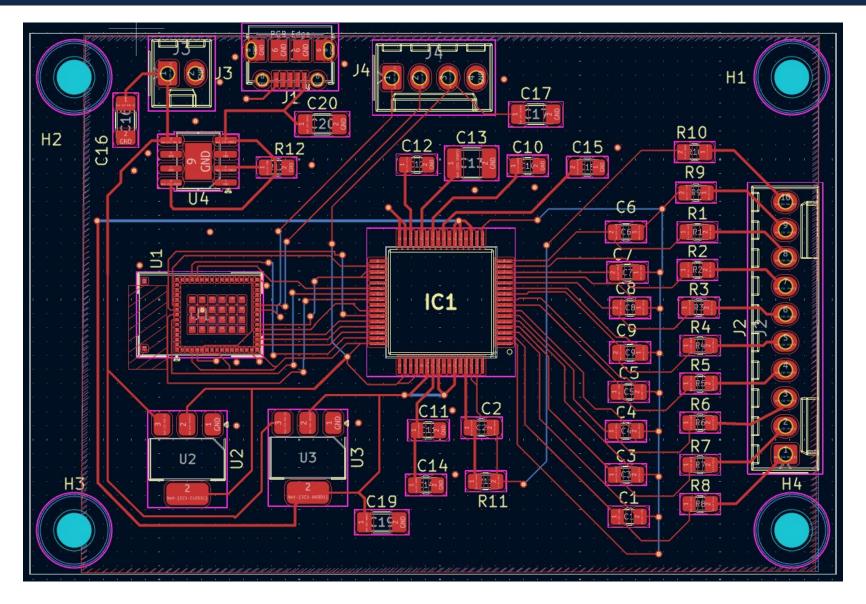










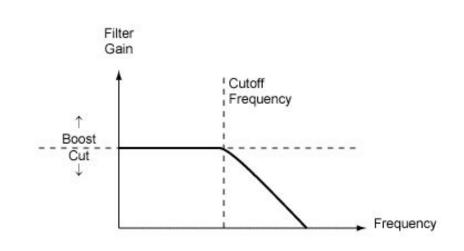




- 8 electrode filtering in order to reduce noise
 - Highest frequency EEG waves reach 500-2000 Hz
- Select 1000 Hz frequency cutoff to not attenuate frequency band and cut noise

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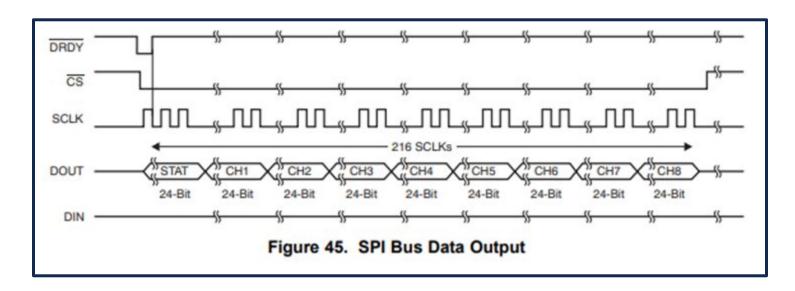
$$1062 \text{ Hz} = \frac{1}{2\pi (100 \text{ k})(1.5 \text{ nF})}$$





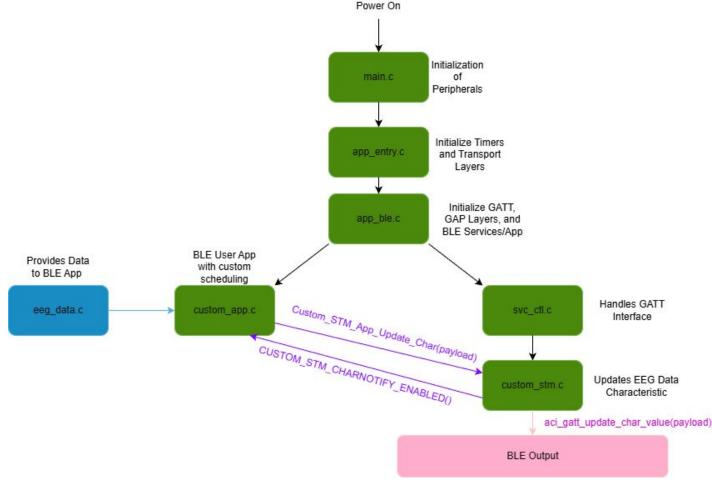


- STM32WB5MMG
 - Supports Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
- ADS1299
 - EEG ADC
 - Communicates to MCU via SPI





STM32WB5MM-DK Development Board Firmware Design



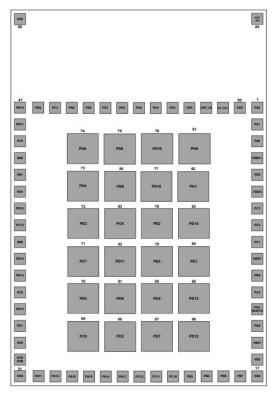
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Transmission Board Negative Results

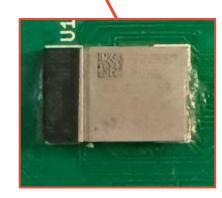




- MCU not functional
 - Stencil not sent (required for LGA packages)
- Recharge IC 4V limit
- ADS Testing Impossible
- 8 hour charging has not been tested







Transmission Board Positive Results



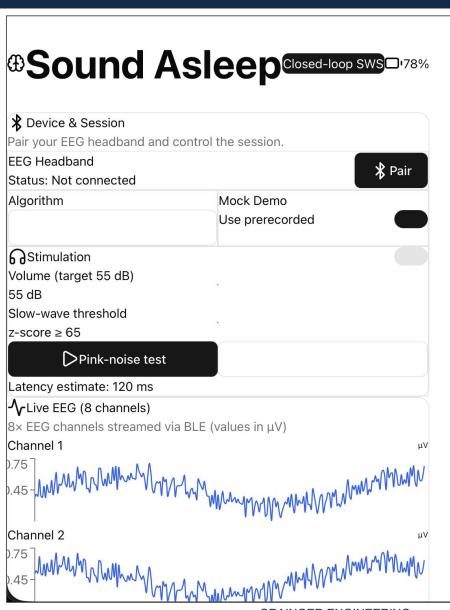


Requirement	Result	
BLE Update Frequency of 250 Hz	Upsampled data resulted in equivalent response on app interface	
Transmission Latency < 100 ms	Sent 10 Hz time stamped messages Received (5220 ms): 0001 D761 = 120,673 ms Received (5310 ms): 0001 D7C6 = 120,774 ms Time Difference: 5220 ms - 120,673 ms = -115,453 Latency: (5310 + 115453) - 120,774 = 11 ms	
Transmission Latency +/- 10 ms	Same method, Calculated 3 more times Result 1: 18 ms Result 2: 7 ms Result 3: 14 ms	
Current Draw of PCB < 50 mA	Set multimeter in series with battery and Vin Measured 13.3 mA when active	

The Mobile App



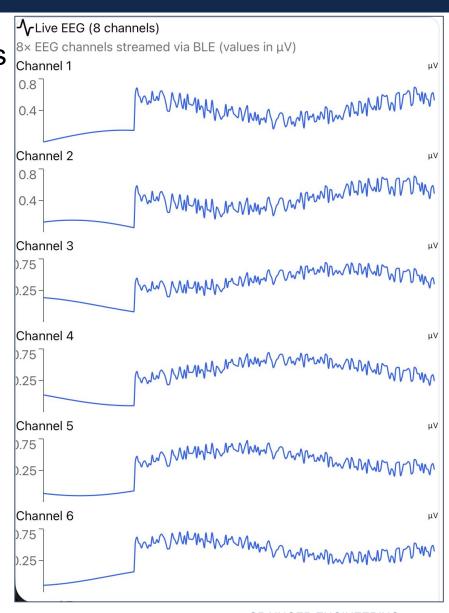
- App made in React, hosted online.
- Visualise the EEG data.
- Connect to the STM32 microcontroller via BLE.
- Play Pink-Noise on user audio device (headphones).
- Integrate YASA and CoSleep algorithm selections.
- Control the volume and duration of Pink-Noise sleep.
- Mock Demo mode and real-time EEG data.



EEG Graphs



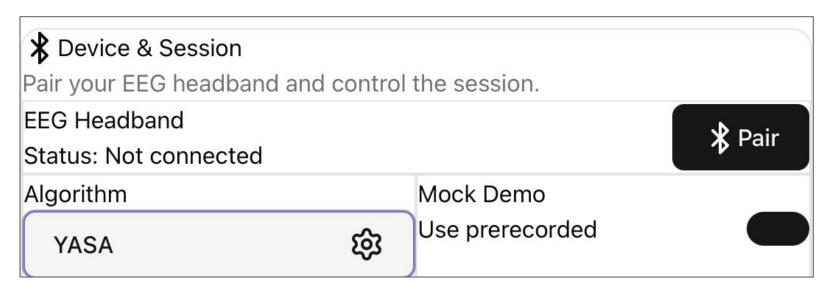
- Stream live 8 channel EEG over BLE. The headband sends
 16-byte packets (8× int16 values) at 50 Hz.
- The app decodes, scales to µV, and plots in real time with minimal delay.
- Each electrode updates as its own graph to verify the
 ADS1299 + STM32 pipeline is functioning properly.
- Signal stability & artifact detection The graphs help verify
 1 µV rms noise during baseline.

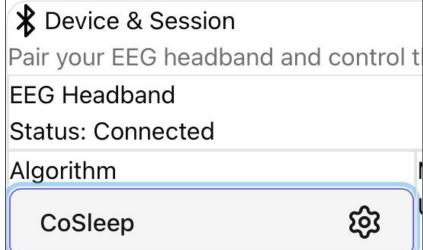


Sleep Stage Algorithms



- Choose between YASA (Yet Another Sleep Algorithm) and CoSleep (uses Machine Learning).
- YASA is a linear algorithm which selects a standard Pink Noise test duration.
- CoSleep uses PyTorch to analyse sleep patterns and adapt the Pink Noise duration to user needs.





Sleep Stage Classification





YASA

- Identifies SWS between 0.1 0.2 μV EEG voltage and characteristic
 < 1Hz oscillations.
- Schedules 55 dB pink-noise bursts, each lasting 10 seconds.
- Repeats stimulation across a 1 hour training window to enhance slow-wave sleep depth.

CoSleep

- Uses deep learning models (CNN style architectures) to evaluate multi-channel EEG patterns jointly.
- Captures microarousals, asymmetric waves, and transient EEG features that classical algorithms may miss.





Event Logs



- Log events such as STM32 and user audio device pairing, Pink Noise test.
- Also shows the peaks and troughs of the 8 EEG channels from the OpenBCI EEG.
- Stores up to 32mB of log data on the user device as part of the app storage.

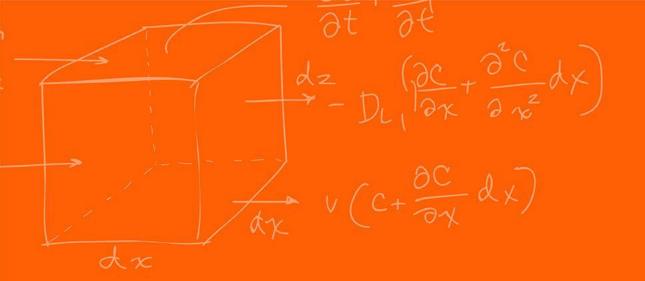
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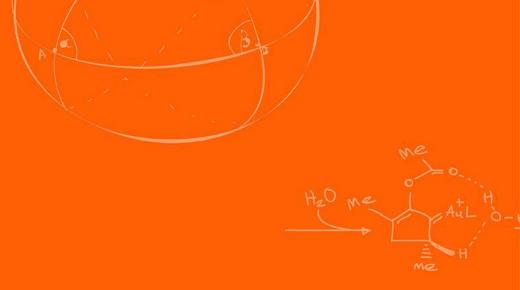
Most recent first.

- 5:36:15 PM Pink noise triggered.
- 5:36:15 PM Playing pink noise test...
- 5:35:58 PM Device paired + streaming.
- 5:35:58 PM Subscribed to EEG notifications (8× int16).
- 5:35:58 PM EEG characteristic acquired.
- 5:35:58 PM EEG service acquired.
- 5:35:56 PM GATT connected.
- 5:35:56 PM Selected device: SNDASLEEP
- 5:35:50 PM Requesting BLE EEG device...
- App initialized.
- Awaiting device pairing...

Conclusion

- Learnings:
 - EEG data collection and analysis of slow wave sleep
 - PCB soldering
 - MCU + App firmware design
- Possible Improvements for Board Design:
 - PCB Functionality with Stencil based resoldering
 - Alternate design without LGA based package
 - Additional sampling channels (Headband supports 16)
- Possible Improvements for Comfort and Modularity:
 - Electrode leads are not comfortable to wear while sleeping
 - Several long wires connected to the Transmission Board



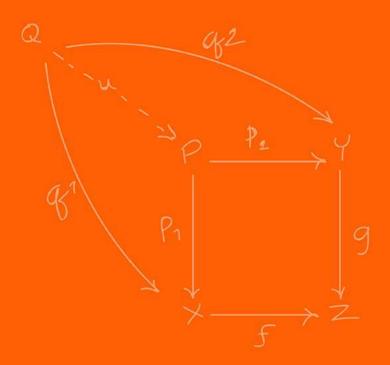






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OpenBCI Headband Demo (Removed)





- Eye Blink Artifact
- 10 Hz Spike while eyes closed



