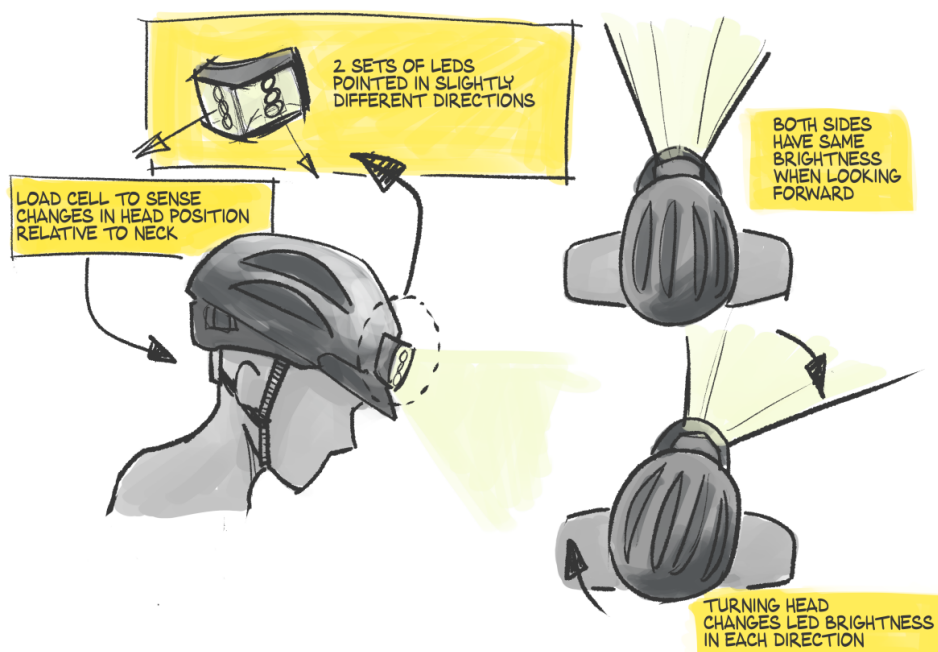


Arduino Shield HeadLight

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1 Introduction

Cyclists often use lights for nighttime bicycle rides. The cyclist may fix these lights on the bicycle handles or their helmet. These lights often do not illuminate where the rider wishes. When biking at night, a rider may attempt to view potential obstacles by looking to the side but not be able to focus directly on where they are looking due to the wide range of light.

This report details the prototyping process for a startup that has developed a possible solution to this problem. The developed prototype is a headlight that illuminates two distinct LED arrays pointing in different directions based on the cyclist's head position; when the rider turns their head, the brightness of one LED array increases while the brightness of the other decreases. We used an Arduino Uno microcontroller and developed a corresponding shield printed circuit board (PCB) and software to create the prototype.

2 Design Context

A startup has produced an initial concept for a new headlight for cyclists to help them navigate the road at night. The working name for this concept is 'HeadLight'. The currently envisioned design utilises a load cell to change the focus of light when moving your head while riding. By focusing the light when moving your head, the HeadLight aims to make it easier to see objects without light flooding your peripheral vision. These features are present in the rudimentary concept sketch provided by the startup to help with development (figure 1). The startup has asked us to develop a functional prototype as a proof of concept to see if the idea is feasible.

To evaluate the feasibility of this design, we opted for a medium-fidelity prototype. The prototype will include a microcontroller with an added shield that independently controls two LED arrays depending on load cell readings. Considerations relating to the physical form will be left out. If deemed feasible, the final product will also involve a microcontroller controlling two distinct groups of LEDs pointing leftward and rightward. Still, the startup will refine the physical construction, and they will likely change the implementation details, such as the microcontroller used and the form of the shield.

These requirements and specifications are specifically for the HeadLight prototype, not for the final product. Therefore, the scope of these requirements and specifications are very constrained. Considerations relating to other road users, the road code, and the physical nature of the device are intentionally excluded.

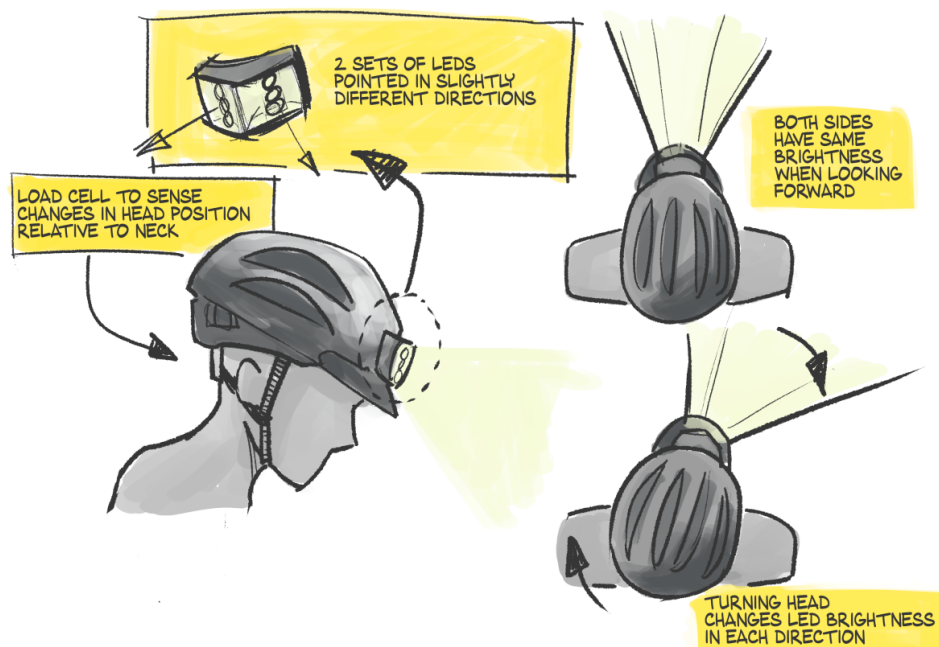


Figure 1: A sketch of the HeadLight

3 Requirements & Specifications

3.1 Requirements

The requirements for the HeadLight prototype are as follows:

R1 Response

R1.1 The headlight must detect the force applied by the rider's head-turning and record this information.

R1.2 The headlight must respond to the riders head movement from -90° (leftwards) to 90° (rightwards) and track their movement.

R2 Illumination

R2.1 The headlight must be bright enough to show obstacles at a distance of 20 m effectively.

R2.2 The headlight must be able to focus in a specific direction.

R3 Operating Modes

R3.1 'Follow'—light follows head as they turn.

R3.2 'Full'—light is at maximum brightness to achieve [R2](#)

R4 External Functionality

R4.1 The prototype must provide the capability to get the voltage reading from the load cell.

3.2 Specifications

The specifications below relate to the requirements above on a one to one basis. We provide additional details in sub specifications. The specifications for the HeadLight prototype are as follows:

S1 Response

S1.1 The prototype must use an Arduino as a 'controller', which reads the load cell and outputs appropriate PWM signals. The current team has experience working with Arduino hardware and software making this the optimal choice.

S1.1.1 The prototype should include an Arduino Sketch, which implements all the required functionality and is easily maintainable and extensible.

S1.2 The prototype must use a TAL221 strain gauge to detect deviations in head movement.

S1.2.1 The input should be sufficiently conditioned and amplified to be readable by the Arduino. (TAL221 with 5V excitation voltage, outputs 3 mV when peaked at 100g, therefore requiring amplification [\[5\]](#)).

S1.2.1.1 To facilitate the amplification and filtering, the prototype must take the form of an Arduino Shield. We will use an instrumentation amplifier for amplification and a passive lossless filter for filtering.

S2 Illumination

S2.1 The prototype must power six high-power LEDs to provide the light required to meet [R2.1](#).

S2.1.1 The PWM output from [S2.2](#) should be inputted into a MOSFET gate, allowing more current from the Arduino's 5V output in proportion to the Arduino PWM output. MOSFETs are required as the PWM pins can only supply 40mA, insufficient for the high power LEDs we are utilising [\[3\]](#).

S2.2 The LEDs should be organised evenly into two separate LED arrays that the Arduino can individually modify using PWM signals.

S3 Operating Modes

S3.1 The prototype should implement modes for the HeadLight and provide a method to switch between them, likely a button.

S3.1.1 The Arduino should appropriately debounce this button to reduce the chance of erroneous triggering.

S4 External Functionality

S4.1 The shield prototype should include an additional digital / PWM output for extensibility purposes.

4 Design Overview & Rationale

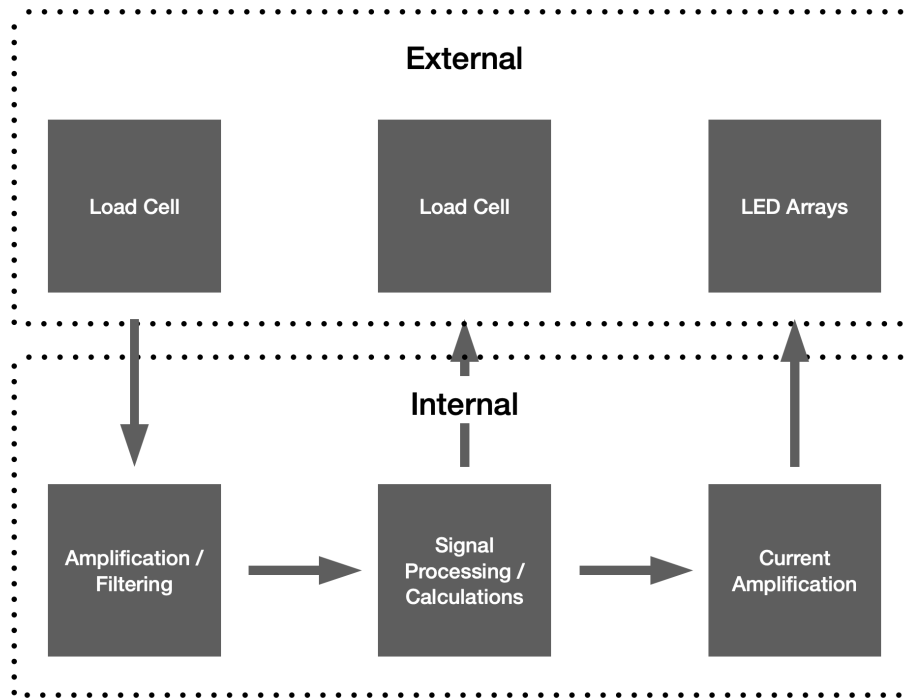


Figure 2: A block diagram of the function of the HeadLight

4.1 Arduino Shield

A load cell is used to measure the force of the head rotation, which has an internal Wheatstone bridge. The output from the Wheatstone bridge goes into an instrumentation amplifier. The instrumentation amplifier consists of non-inverting amplifiers on the output of the Wheatstone bridge, which then goes into a differential amplifier, as shown in figure 3. The output of the differential amplifier goes into an LC low pass filter to remove high-frequency noise.

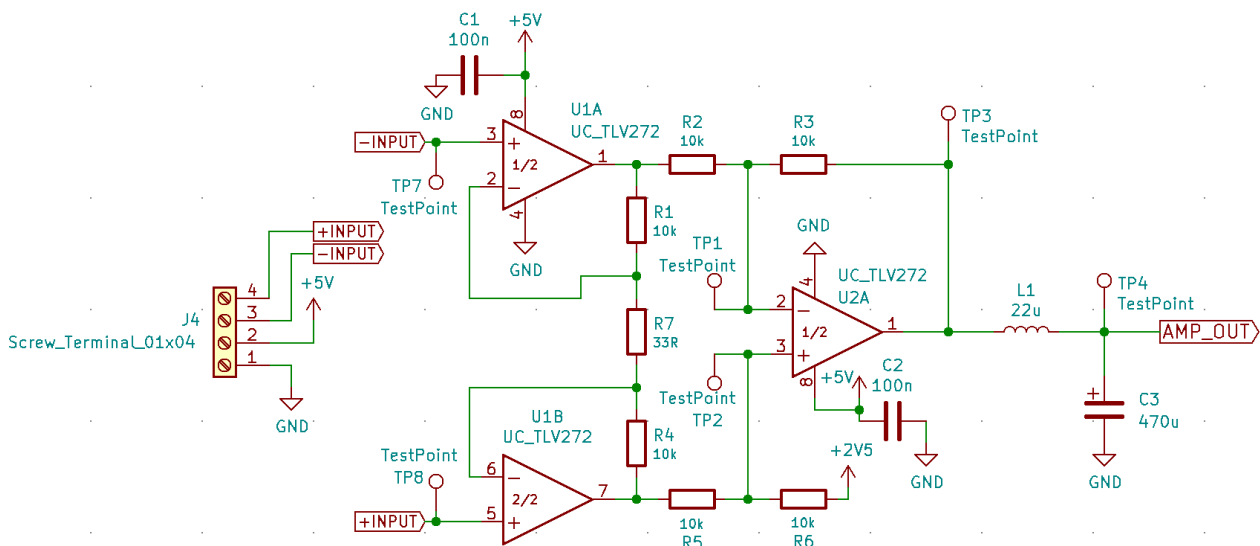


Figure 3: The layout of the instrumentation amplifier.

The output of the differential amplifier can end up being a negative value, as the Arduino can not read negative voltage, and there is no negative supply for the differential amplifier; the differential amplifier has to be biased. A voltage reference was constructed out of a voltage divider of equal values and a buffer to bias the instrumentation amplifier (shown in figure 4).

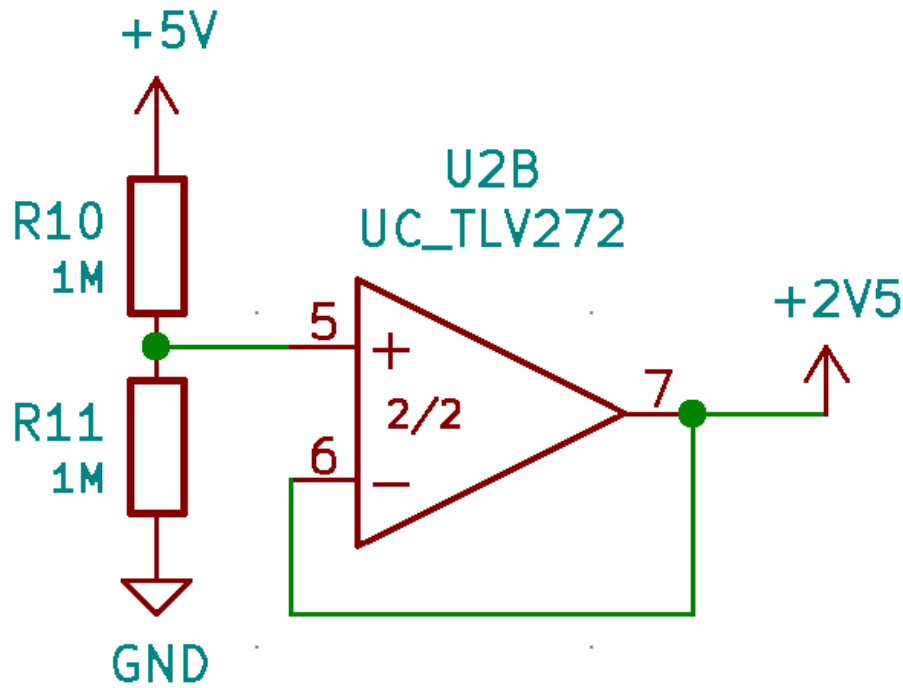


Figure 4: The layout of the voltage reference.

For each LED array, the PWM output from the Arduino goes into the gate of a MOSFET. The current limiting resistor is connected to the anode of the LEDs, and the cathode of the LEDs is connected to the drain of the MOSFET.

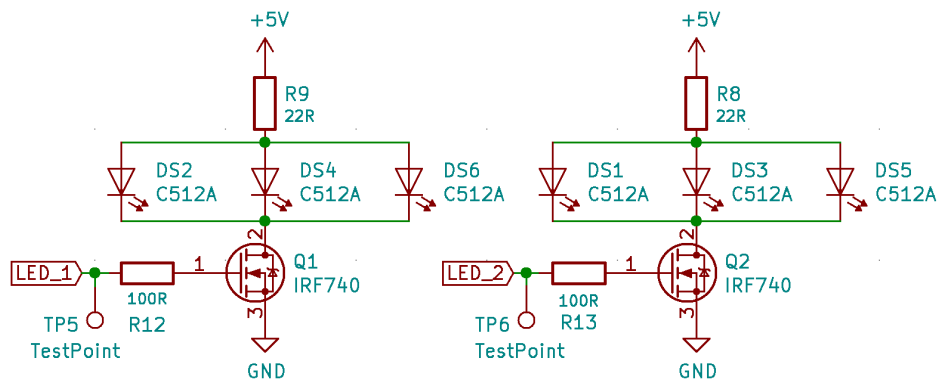


Figure 5: The layout of the LED arrays.

4.1.1 PCB Layout

The PCB was laid out to ensure that the ground plane would have no cuts, maximising EMC performance. Decoupling capacitors were placed right next to the power pins of the ICs. Additional care was taken so that traces were not too close to any antipads, as having traces too close to antipads can worsen EMC [11]. Test points were added so that we can troubleshoot any problems when assembling the prototype. 1x1 header were used as ground test points so that the ground clip of the oscilloscope probe can be attached.

4.1.2 Amplifier

An instrumentation amplifier was chosen to amplify the signal from the load cell. The instrumentation amplifier consists of two non-inverting amplifiers, of which the outputs go into a differential amplifier. As the Arduino cannot read negative voltages, nor is there a negative supply, the differential amplifier was biased with 2.5 V. This results in the positive difference being between 2.5 V and 5 V, and the negative difference is between 0 V and 2.5 V. A one op-amp differential amplifier has an extremely low input impedance; thus the Wheatstone bridge must have a matched impedance. A two op-amp instrumentation amplifier would require one less package but would be less stable than the

three op-amp instrumentation amplifier. The three op-amp instrumentation amplifier also has a spare op-amp which is then utilised for the voltage reference.

An initial gain of 24Ω was calculated (as shown in equation (4)) [7], but after some test on a breadboard, the gain was changed 33Ω . This was partly due to the load cell's ability to measure $\sim 50\%$ more than rated [5].

$$V_O = [(\text{Sig}^+) - (\text{Sig}^-)] \left[\frac{R_4}{R_2} \left[\frac{2R_f}{R_g} + 1 \right] \right] \quad (1)$$

$$R_g = \frac{2R_f}{\left[\frac{V_O}{(\text{Sig}^+) - (\text{Sig}^-)} \frac{R_2}{R_4} \right] - 1} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 10 \text{ k}\Omega}{\left[\frac{2.5 \text{ V } 10 \text{ k}\Omega}{3 \text{ mV } 10 \text{ k}\Omega} \right] - 1} \quad (3)$$

$$= 24.03 \Omega \quad (4)$$

4.1.3 Voltage reference

A voltage divider was used to produce 2.5 V to bias the differential amplifier. It was decided to use a buffer on the output of the voltage divider so that the common-mode rejection error is minimised. This is due to the op-amp's low output impedance, which does not introduce any noticeable common-mode rejection error. A 2.5 V Zener diode would have been preferred. The resistors in the voltage divider have tolerances and therefore may not give exactly 2.5 V; however, 2.5 V Zener diodes were not available from the store. 1 M Ω resistors were chosen to limit the current and thus power consumption.

4.1.4 Filter

A filter was used to filter out high-frequency noise from the load cell. The filter was chosen to be an LC filter. An RC filter could have been used, but it would have caused the signal's voltage to drop slightly due to the voltage drop across the resistor. The LC filter does require more space on the PCB, but the PCB had enough room for the capacitor and the inductor. LC filters also have better attenuation as the attenuation slope is twice as steep as an RC filter. The filter was placed on the output of the differential amplifier. If filters were placed on the inputs of the differential op-amp, more components would be needed, and there would not be enough space on the board. A 22 μH inductor was chosen due to its availability in the electronics store. A 470 μF capacitor was selected as a compromise of its physical size, cutoff frequency, and availability. The cutoff frequency was found to be 1.595 kHz, as shown below:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{22 \mu\text{H} 470 \mu\text{F}}} \quad (6)$$

$$= 1.595 \text{ kHz} \quad (7)$$

4.1.5 LED arrays

Each LED array has a MOSFET; this was done to have enough current supplied to the LEDs. The pins that can output PWM are only able to supply 40 mA, so the outputs from these pins were connected to the gates of the MOSFETs. This allows the LEDs to take full current and are thus brighter. IRF740 MOSFETs were chosen due to their availability in the store and their low resistance. They have a max current of 10 A, so more LEDs can be added if required. The low resistance of the IRF740 (0.55 Ω), reduces the power losses when the MOSFET is on. Individual resistors could have been matched to each LED; however, this would increase the number of components and take up extra space on the PCB. 100 Ω resistors were placed between the PWM output from the Arduino and the gate of the MOSFETs, this was done to minimise ringing and to limit current.

4.2 Microcontroller Overview

The microcontroller selected for the HeadLight prototype was the Arduino Uno Rev 3. The Arduino Uno provides many advantages over other options. Mainly, it provides a simple interface, through C++ libraries, for accessing core hardware facilities and corresponding functionality, such as GPIO and PWM manipulation. The HeadLight design makes extensive use of both GPIO pins and PWM output, therefore having the ability to access and manipulate these rapidly is important to expedite the early prototyping stages.

We wrote the software for the Arduino in C as opposed to C++. C++ is the natural choice as the Arduino libraries are written in C++, and the source code is compiled as C++. Still, after analysing the advantages and disadvantages of each option, we decided that C was the better choice. The benefits of using C over C++ are as follows:

- We collectively have more experience with C than C++, making collaboration easier and coding quicker.
- The Arduino doesn't provide the C++ standard library [12], as it uses too much dynamic memory.
- Software written in C is likely to be easier to port to another, more appropriate microcontroller if the product matures past the prototyping stage.

There are disadvantages to this decision, which we took into due consideration:

- In the way we would've written the code, C++ is easier to read to those without C/C++ experience. The primary advantage of C++ in this context is the use of the OOP paradigm through classes, encapsulation, and polymorphism. This programming style would be more similar to those with Python experience than the procedural style of C.
- There is some essential boilerplate required in the header files containing function prototypes. This boilerplate is a set of preprocessor directives that ensure the C++ linker doesn't mangle the function names.
- Following the previous point, C++ is a superset of C, meaning all C code is valid (if not best practice) C++ code. Unfortunately, this is not true in the other way. Therefore, to use C++ code in C, a linker library must be written, which requires significant work. Thus, the Arduino libraries that provide access to the GPIO pins and PWM functionality cannot be accessed in functions linked as C code. Consequently, we can only use the Arduino library functions within the `main.ino` file.

4.2.1 Software Functionality

In the whole system seen figure 2, the Arduino's job is to calculate and process the signal from the load cell after it has been amplified and filtered and utilise that information to determine the required PWM outputs of the two LED arrays. The software has two modes programmed:

- The first is the 'follow' mode, which changes the intensity of the LED array associated with the direction of head rotation, as seen in Figure 1. For example, if someone was looking 90° left, the left LED array would be full intensity while the right LED array would be off. This is the mode the headlight is in when turned on.
- The second is 'full' mode, in which both of the LED groups are at full brightness regardless of the load cell state.

Overview When someone turns on the Arduino, it goes through an initial setup process. Once the Arduino has completed this, it enters a loop that handles all the sensor polling, calculations, and PWM output manipulation. A high-level overview of the loop that the Arduino runs through is as follows:

- Get the current button reading and debounce it:
 - Update the mode if it is determined the user pressed the button
- Check if that either are true:
 - Poll the load cell and check if it has detected a deviation of at least 0.1 V.
 - Check if the mode has changed this loop.
 - If either of these is true:
 - * Calculate and update the PWM outputs of the two LED arrays.
- Stop execution for 20 ms to reduce power usage while maintaining a high polling rate to detect button presses and rapid head movements.

A complete code listing can be found in Appendix B.

Reading Load Cell Signal Every time the Arduino loops, it polls the load cell to check if the currently read voltage differs from the previously read voltage reading by a defined constant, `DEVIATION_VOLTAGE`, set to 0.1. The deviation check code snippet is shown below:

```
Deviation = (load_cell->voltage - read_voltage) > load_cell->deviation_voltage_breakpoint
```

If this is true, the Arduino updates the load cell reading and other associated values, specifically strain and angle. The deviation flag is also set to true, which indicates that the PWM outputs of the LED arrays need to be updated.

Calculating PWM Output Once the Arduino has detected a sufficient deviation in load cell voltage, it can calculate the new PWM outputs. Assuming the mode is 'follow', the amplified load cell voltage is mapped to the range of PWM output values [0, 255]. The paraphrased code snippet used to get the left LED array PWM output is shown below. Constants have been substituted with their values for convenience.

```
left_group_brightness = (uint8_t) round(((load_cell->voltage - COMMON_MODE_VOLTAGE) /
    load_cell->max_voltage) + 0.5) * 255);
```

This value is then rounded to the closest integer and cast to a `uint8_t`, an unsigned 8-byte integer that can hold values [0, 255]. The value for the right LED array is the max PWM write value minus the calculated value for the left LED array shown below:

```
right_group_brightness = (255 - group_one_brightness);
```

Button The Arduino switches between the modes by using a user interaction through a button. To ensure the button isn't triggered arbitrarily, we utilised two methods to reduce noise triggering.

Firstly, we used the Arduino's internal pullup resistor on the button, ensuring a logical high when the button is not pressed instead of a floating voltage. Unfortunately, this doesn't solve the problem of the button rapidly changing state when pressed and released. Therefore, secondly, the Arduino, through software, also debounces the button before its state is confirmed. The button must hold a different state (released after being pressed, for example) for 20 ms before being registered. 20 ms was determined to be a good intermediary between not interfering with user interaction and removing the rapid switching through testing. The function used to debounce the button state is shown in listing 1, lines 23 through to 38.

5 Testing

The PCB will be assembled and attached to an Arduino. The code will be uploaded to the Arduino. The load cell will be manipulated, and the PWM signal will be probed using an oscilloscope. The duty cycle of the PWM signal will be compared to the expected duty cycle. The LEDs will then be connected, and the load cell manipulated to check that the LEDs behave as expected in terms of brightness and direction changes. The load cell signal will be probed to ensure that the gain resistor is the correct value. This will be done by placing an appropriately 100 g mass on the load cell and measuring the voltage that is output by the instrumentation amplifier.

6 Conclusion

This report detailed the prototyping process undertaken to test the feasibility of the HeadLight concept. We achieved our goal of developing a medium-fidelity prototype which allowed us to demonstrate the functionality of HeadLight. The prototype developed contained six distinct parts, as shown in the block diagram 2. All the parts work together to implement the required functionality as well as the additional mode functionality. The load cell output first goes through an amplification and conditioning stage, which involves an instrumental amplifier and filtering section and takes place on the shield. The modified signal then enters the Arduino through a GPIO pin. The Arduino then determines if sufficient deviation has been detected to alter the PWM outputs. These outputs enter the gates of MOSFETs, which 'amplifies' the current received by the LED arrays. This general loop is what could be expected from a final product. The startup's design team has indicated that they know that the Arduino Microcontroller is not suitable long term for this project but is very applicable during the prototyping process.

Developing this prototype provided many insights into the advantages and disadvantages of design decisions set by the specifications, specifically related to the load cell. Although we didn't house the prototype in a helmet enclosure, we have concerns about using a load cell to detect head movement. Although the load cell could be attached to the helmet in such a way as to produce a reliable reading for purely horizontal deviation, we are worried that vertical head deviation could have unintended consequences. Therefore, if we undertook future prototyping, we would recommend switching to a gyroscope and accelerometers to attain head movement. This would provide more accurate, precise readings and more relevantly isolate movement on a specific axis.

Overall, we also have concerns about the ability of HeadLight to offer any appealing additional functionality. Further testing within context would have to be undertaken by stakeholders to establish if the HeadLight in its current form provides any significant advantage over a standard headlight.

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Appendices

A Applications of the Design Toolkit

Table 1: Applications of the Design Toolkit

Tool Type	Tool Name	Where/How Used
Strategy	Divide & Conquer	<p>Divide and conquer was used to split up the hardware design into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instrumentation amplifier ▪ LED arrays and driver ▪ 2.5 V reference ▪ LC filter <p>The project itself was also divided up so that one person did the software, and the other person did the hardware.</p>
Design Principle	PCB layout	<p>The layout of the PCB was done with the aim of complying with the PCB design rules, e.g. Having components neatly lined up, minimising acute angles of tracks, increasing clearance between components and tracks, and having high current tracks where needed.</p>
Design Principle	Schematic layout	<p>The schematic was done with the aim to follow the layout guidelines, for example, using labels, using power ports, separating major parts of the circuit, and ensuring that the labels are clear and easy to read.</p>
Design Principle / Strategy	Modularity	<p>The code was written with the aim to be modular, e.g. multiple header files and task specific files.</p>
Design Principle	Testability	<p>Test points were added around the circuit to aid in easy testing of the circuit's function.</p>
Strategy	Get another perspective	<p>Both the PCB and the schematic were checked by people other than the designer, such as the other group member and people external to the group.</p>
Building Block	Amplifier	<p>An instrumentation amplifier was constructed out of operational amplifiers to appropriately amplify the signal from the Wheatstone bridge in the load cell.</p>
Building Block	Filter	<p>An LC filter was used to filter out noise from the load cell, and to not attenuate the signal.</p>
Building Block	Buffer	<p>A buffer was used to create a low impedance voltage reference. Buffers were also used on the output of the Wheatstone bridge to provide a high impedance for the Wheatstone bridge so that the signal was not excessively attenuated.</p>
Building Block	Current Limiting Resistor	<p>Current limiting resistors were used to limit the gate current for the MOSFETs and the current through the LEDs.</p>

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Tool Type	Tool Name	Where/How Used
Building Block	Arduino microcontroller	The Arduino is the main controller for the circuit, it controls the brightness and reads the load cell.
Background	Arduino programming	The functionality of the LED arrays is controlled by the Arduino through PWM signals which are manipulated using programming
Building Block	Pull up resistor	An internal pull up resistor is used for the button. A pull up was chosen so that the internal pull up resistor could be utilised, keeping the parts count down.
Building Block	Analog input	An analog input was used to read the amplified signal from the Wheatstone bridge of the load cell.
Building Block	Digital output	Digital outputs were used for the MOSFETs that control the LEDs, and for the auxillary output. Digital outputs are capable of outputting PWM.

B Code

```

1  #include <stdint.h>
2  #include <stdbool.h>
3
4  #include "button.h"
5
6  Button_t init_button(uint8_t pin_number, void (*callbackFunction)()) {
7      Button_t button = {
8          .pin_number = pin_number,
9          .debounce_delay = DEBOUNCE_DELAY,
10         .last_trigger_time = 0,
11         .state = true,
12         .last_state = true,
13         .callbackFunction = callbackFunction
14     };
15
16     return button;
17 }
18
19 void button_clicked(Button_t* button) {
20     button->callbackFunction();
21 }
22
23 void debounce_state(Button_t* button, bool read_button_state, long unsigned current_time)
24 {
25     if (read_button_state != button->last_state) {
26         button->last_trigger_time = current_time;
27     }
28
29     if ((current_time - button->last_trigger_time) > button->debounce_delay) {
30         if (read_button_state != button->state) {
31             button->state = read_button_state;
32             if (button->state) {
33                 button_clicked(button);
34             }
35         }
36     }
37     button->last_state = read_button_state;
38 }

```

Listing 1: Button code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file button.h
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Provides the types and function prototypes required for the button.
5   * @version 0.1 alpha
6   * @date 2021-08-15
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  */
11
12  #ifndef BUTTON_H
13  #define BUTTON_H
14
15  #if defined(__cplusplus)
16  extern "C" {
17  #endif
18
19  #include <stdint.h>
20  #include <stdbool.h>
21
22  #define DEBOUNCE_DELAY 20 // Debounce delay in ms

```

```

23
24 typedef struct Button_s Button_t;
25
26 struct Button_s {
27     /* General */
28     uint8_t pin_number;
29
30     /* Debounce */
31     long unsigned debounce_delay;
32     long unsigned last_trigger_time;
33
34     bool state;
35     bool last_state;
36
37     /* Callback */
38     void (*callbackFunction)();
39 };
40
41 Button_t init_button(uint8_t pin_number, void (*callbackFunction)());
42 void buttonClicked(Button_t* button);
43 void debounce_state(Button_t* button, bool read_button_state, long unsigned current_time)
44     ;
45 #if defined(__cplusplus)
46 }
47 #endif
48
49 #endif // BUTTON_H

```

Listing 2: Button header code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file LED_Group.c
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Contains the source code for a LED group.
5   * @version 0.1
6   * @date 2021-08-13
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  * This source file provides the functionality to get and set the group's brightness (
11   * from 0 to 255) as required by the Arduino's PWM output.
12   * It also provides getters for the group pin number and direction.
13   */
14
15 #include <stdint.h>
16
17 #include "LED_Group.h"
18
19 /**
20  * @brief Get the group brightness
21  *
22  * @param led_group
23  * @return int8_t
24  */
25 uint8_t get_group_brightness(const LED_Group_t* const led_group) {
26     return led_group->group_brightness;
27 }
28
29 /**
30  * @brief Set the group brightness
31  *
32  * @param led_group
33  * @param group_brightness
34  */
35 void set_group_brightness(LED_Group_t* const led_group, uint8_t group_brightness) {

```

```

36     led_group->group_brightness = group_brightness;
37 }
38
39 /**
40  * @brief Get the group pin number
41  *
42  * @param led_group
43  * @return int8_t
44  */
45 uint8_t get_group_pin_number(const LED_Group_t* const led_group) {
46     return led_group->group_pin_number;
47 }
48
49 /**
50  * @brief Get the group direction
51  *
52  * @param led_group
53  * @return Direction_t
54  */
55 Direction_t get_group_direction(const LED_Group_t* const led_group) {
56     return led_group->direction;
57 }

```

Listing 3: LED group code.

```

1  k ai/**
2   * @file LED_Group.h
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Provides the types and function prototypes required for the LED groups.
5   * @version 0.1 alpha
6   * @date 2021-08-13
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  */
11
12 #ifndef LED_GROUP_H
13 #define LED_GROUP_H
14
15 #if defined(__cplusplus)
16 extern "C" {
17 #endif
18
19 #include <stdint.h>
20
21 #include "voltage.h"
22
23 typedef enum {
24     LEFT = 0,
25     RIGHT
26 } Direction_t;
27
28 typedef struct {
29     uint8_t group_pin_number;
30     Direction_t direction;
31     uint8_t group_brightness;
32 } LED_Group_t;
33
34 uint8_t get_group_brightness(const LED_Group_t* const led_group);
35 void set_group_brightness(LED_Group_t* const led_group, uint8_t group_brightness);
36
37 uint8_t get_group_pin_number(const LED_Group_t* const led_group);
38
39 Direction_t get_group_direction(const LED_Group_t* const led_group);
40
41 #if defined(__cplusplus)
42 }

```



```

43 #endif
44
45 #endif // LED_GROUP_H

```

Listing 4: LED group header code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file LED_Group_Collection.c
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Contains the source code for manipulating all the individual LED groups (see
5   *        LED_Group.c)
6   * @version 0.1 alpha
7   * @date 2021-08-13
8   *
9   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
10  *
11  * This source file provides the functionality to add and get individual LED groups.
12  * It also provides the ability to update the required PWM output to each of the
13  * individual groups, given a load voltage.
14  */
15 #include <stdint.h>
16 #include <stdio.h>
17 #include <stdlib.h>
18 #include <math.h>
19
20 #include "LED_Group_Collection.h"
21
22 /**
23  * @brief Create a LED group collection, and add an LED group to each direction (LEFT and
24  *        RIGHT) with the pins set to left_pin_number and right_pin_number respectively.
25  *
26  * @param left_pin_number
27  * @param right_pin_number
28  * @return LED_Group_Collection_t
29  */
30 LED_Group_Collection_t init_led_group_collection(uint8_t left_pin_number, uint8_t
31 right_pin_number) {
32     LED_Group_Collection_t led_group_collection = {.led_groups = {0}, .mode = FOLLOW, .
33 mode_changed = false};
34
35     LED_Group_t led_group_one = {
36         .group_pin_number = left_pin_number,
37         .direction = LEFT,
38         .group_brightness = 0
39     };
40
41     LED_Group_t led_group_two = {
42         .group_pin_number = right_pin_number,
43         .direction = RIGHT,
44         .group_brightness = 0
45     };
46
47     set_led_group(&led_group_collection, led_group_one, LEFT);
48     set_led_group(&led_group_collection, led_group_two, RIGHT);
49
50     return led_group_collection;
51 }
52
53 /**
54  * @brief Get a led group
55  *
56  * @param led_group_collection
57  * @param direction
58  * @return LED_Group_t*
59  */

```

```

57 LED_Group_t* get_led_group(LED_Group_Collection_t* led_group_collection, Direction_t
    direction) {
58     return &(led_group_collection->led_groups[direction]);
59 }
60
61 /**
62  * @brief Set a direction's led group
63  *
64  * @param led_group_collection
65  * @param led_group
66  * @param direction
67  */
68 void set_led_group(LED_Group_Collection_t* led_group_collection, LED_Group_t led_group,
    Direction_t direction) {
69     led_group_collection->led_groups[direction] = led_group;
70 }
71
72 /**
73  * @brief Set a led group brightnesses
74  *
75  * @param led_group_collection
76  */
77 void set_led_group_brightnesses(LED_Group_Collection_t* led_group_collection, Load_Cell_t
    * load_cell) {
78
79     led_group_collection->mode_changed = false;
80
81     uint8_t group_one_brightness;
82     uint8_t group_two_brightness;
83
84     if (led_group_collection->mode == FOLLOW) {
85         group_one_brightness = (uint8_t) round((map_voltage_to_range(load_cell->voltage,
            load_cell->max_voltage, 1) + 0.5) * ARDUINO_PWM_WRITE_RANGE);
86         group_two_brightness = (ARDUINO_PWM_WRITE_RANGE - group_one_brightness);
87     } else if (led_group_collection->mode == FULL) {
88         group_one_brightness = ARDUINO_PWM_WRITE_RANGE;
89         group_two_brightness = ARDUINO_PWM_WRITE_RANGE;
90     }
91
92     set_group_brightness(get_led_group(led_group_collection, LEFT), group_one_brightness)
        ;
93     set_group_brightness(get_led_group(led_group_collection, RIGHT), group_two_brightness
        );
94 }

```

Listing 5: .LED group collection code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file LED_Group_Collection.h
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Provides the types and function prototypes required for the collection of LED
        groups.
5   * @version 0.1
6   * @date 2021-08-13
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  */
11
12 #ifndef LED_GROUP_COLLECTION_H
13 #define LED_GROUP_COLLECTION_H
14
15 #if defined(__cplusplus)
16 extern "C" {
17 #endif
18
19 #include <stdint.h>

```

```

20 #include <stdbool.h>
21
22 #include "voltage.h"
23
24 #include "Load_Cell.h"
25 #include "LED_Group.h"
26
27 #define NUM_MODES 2
28
29 typedef enum {
30     FOLLOW = 0,
31     FULL
32 } Light_Mode_t;
33
34 typedef struct {
35     LED_Group_t led_groups[2];
36     Light_Mode_t mode;
37     bool mode_changed;
38 } LED_Group_Collection_t;
39
40 LED_Group_Collection_t init_led_group_collection(uint8_t left_pin_number, uint8_t
    right_pin_number);
41 LED_Group_t* get_led_group(LED_Group_Collection_t* led_group_collection, Direction_t
    direction);
42 void set_led_group(LED_Group_Collection_t* led_group_collection, LED_Group_t led_group,
    Direction_t direction);
43 void set_led_group_brightneses(LED_Group_Collection_t* led_group_collectionm,
    Load_Cell_t* load_cell);
44
45 #if defined(__cplusplus)
46 }
47 #endif
48
49 #endif // LED_GROUP_COLLECTION_H

```

Listing 6: LED group collection header code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file Load_Cell.c
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Contains the source code for the TAL221 load cell.
5   * @version 0.1 alpha
6   * @date 2021-08-13
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  * This source file provides the functionality to poll the load cell.
11  * Polling the load cell updates the voltage and dependant variables if required.
12  *
13  */
14
15 #include <stdint.h>
16 #include <stdbool.h>
17 #include <math.h>
18
19 #include <stdio.h>
20
21 #include "Load_Cell.h"
22
23 /**
24  * @brief Create a load cell, with the pin set to LOAD_CELL_ANALOG_PIN and the deviation
    voltage breakpoint to DEVIATION_VOLTAGE_BREAKPOINT
25  *
26  * @return Load_Cell_t
27  */
28 Load_Cell_t init_load_cell(uint8_t load_cell_pin_number) {
29     Load_Cell_t load_cell = {

```

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30     .voltage = COMMON_MODE_VOLTAGE,
31     .strain = 0,
32     .angle = 0,
33     .pin_number = load_cell_pin_number,
34     .deviation_voltage_breakpoint = DEVIATION_VOLTAGE_BREAKPOINT,
35     .max_voltage = ARDUINO_MAX_VOLTAGE,
36     .strain_range = STRAIN_RANGE,
37     .angle_range = ANGLE_RANGE
38 };
39
40
41 return load_cell;
42 }
43
44 /**
45  * @brief Poll the load cell (by reading the voltage input at the LOAD_CELL_ANALOG_PIN)
46  * and compare it to the currently recorded voltage.
47  * The methodology for detecting noise is rudimentary, lacking any requirement for the
48  * voltage to remain in a constrained range for a given time, reminiscent of button
49  * debouncing.
50  * A more straightforward method is utilised due to hardware filtering using an active
51  * low pass filter. See shield schematic for details.
52  *
53  * @param load_cell pointer to Load_Cell_t struct
54  * @return Whether a voltage deviation was read
55  */
56 bool poll_sensor(Load_Cell_t* load_cell, float read_voltage) {
57     bool deviation = false;
58
59     // Compare to the current voltage to see if deviation detected
60
61     if (fabsf(load_cell->voltage - read_voltage) > load_cell->
        deviation_voltage_breakpoint) {
62         // Update the recorded voltage of the load cell
63         load_cell->voltage = read_voltage;
64         // Update the strain
65         load_cell->strain = map_voltage_to_range(load_cell->voltage, load_cell->
            max_voltage, load_cell->strain_range);
66         // Update the angle
67         load_cell->angle = map_voltage_to_range(load_cell->voltage, load_cell->
            max_voltage, load_cell->angle_range);
68         deviation = true;
69     }
70
71     return deviation;
72 }

```

Listing 7: Load cell code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file Load_Cell.h
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Provides the types and function prototypes required for the TAL221 load cell.
5   * @version 0.1 alpha
6   * @date 2021-08-13
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  */
11
12 #ifndef LOAD_CELL_H
13 #define LOAD_CELL_H
14
15 #if defined(__cplusplus)
16 extern "C" {
17 #endif
18

```

```

19 #include <stdint.h>
20 #include <stdbool.h>
21
22 #include "voltage.h"
23
24 #define STRAIN_RANGE 200
25 #define ANGLE_RANGE 180
26 #define DEVIATION_VOLTAGE_BREAKPOINT 0.1
27
28 typedef struct {
29     // State of load cell at given time
30     float voltage;
31     int8_t strain;
32     int8_t angle;
33
34     // Specific details of load cell
35     uint8_t pin_number;
36     float deviation_voltage_breakpoint;
37     float max_voltage;
38     uint8_t strain_range;
39     uint8_t angle_range;
40 } Load_Cell_t;
41
42 Load_Cell_t init_load_cell(uint8_t load_cell_pin_number);
43 bool poll_sensor(Load_Cell_t* load_cell, float read_voltage);
44
45 #if defined(__cplusplus)
46 }
47 #endif
48
49 #endif // LOAD_CELL_H

```

Listing 8: Load cell code.

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdint.h>
3 #include <stdbool.h>
4 #include <stdlib.h>
5
6 #include "voltage.h"
7
8 #include "LED_Group_Collection.h"
9 #include "LED_Group.h"
10 #include "Load_Cell.h"
11 #include "button.h"
12
13 #define LOAD_CELL_ANALOG_PIN 0
14
15 #define LEFT_GROUP_PIN 5
16 #define RIGHT_GROUP_PIN 6
17
18 #define BUTTON_PIN 7
19
20 #if !defined(ARDUINO)
21
22 LED_Group_Collection_t led_group_collection;
23 Load_Cell_t load_cell;
24 Button_t button;
25
26 void callbackFunction() {
27     led_group_collection.mode = ++led_group_collection.mode % NUM_MODES;
28 }
29
30 int main(void) {
31     led_group_collection = init_led_group_collection(LEFT_GROUP_PIN, RIGHT_GROUP_PIN);
32     load_cell = init_load_cell(LOAD_CELL_ANALOG_PIN);
33     button = init_button(BUTTON_PIN, &callbackFunction);

```

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34
35     long unsigned current_time = 0;
36     bool button_state = 0;
37
38     debounce_state(&button, button_state, current_time);
39
40     if (poll_sensor(&load_cell, 3.75)) {
41         set_led_group_brightnesses(&led_group_collection, &load_cell);
42
43         printf("Load Cell Voltage: %.1f/5 V\n", load_cell.voltage);
44         printf("Left Group Brightness: %d/255 | Right Group Brightness: %d/255\n",
45             get_group_brightness(get_led_group(&led_group_collection, LEFT)),
46             get_group_brightness(get_led_group(&led_group_collection, RIGHT)));
47         printf("Load Cell Strain: %d grams\n", load_cell.strain);
48         printf("Head Angle: %d deg\n", load_cell.angle);
49     }
50     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
51 }
52 #endif

```

Listing 9: Main code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file voltage.c
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Provides helper functions when dealing with Arduino voltage
5   * @version 0.1
6   * @date 2021-08-13
7   *
8   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
9   *
10  */
11
12  #include "math.h"
13
14  #include "voltage.h"
15
16  float map_voltage_to_range(float voltage, float max_voltage, float range) {
17      return ((voltage - COMMON_MODE_VOLTAGE) / max_voltage) * range;
18  }

```

Listing 10: Voltage ADC code.

```

1  /**
2   * @file voltage.h
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @brief Contains definitions regarding the max voltage provided by the arduino and the
5   *        common mode.
6   * @version 1
7   * @date 2021-08-13
8   *
9   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
10  *
11  */
12  #ifndef VOLTAGE_H
13  #define VOLTAGE_H
14
15  #define ARDUINO_MAX_VOLTAGE 5
16  #define ARDUINO_PWM_READ_RANGE 1023
17  #define ARDUINO_PWM_WRITE_RANGE 255
18  #define COMMON_MODE_VOLTAGE 2.5
19
20  float map_voltage_to_range(float voltage, float max_voltage, float range);
21

```

```
22 #endif // VOLTAGE_H
```

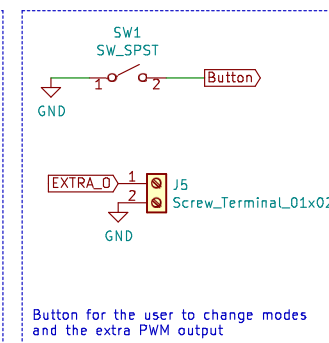
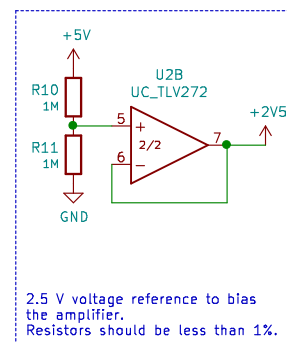
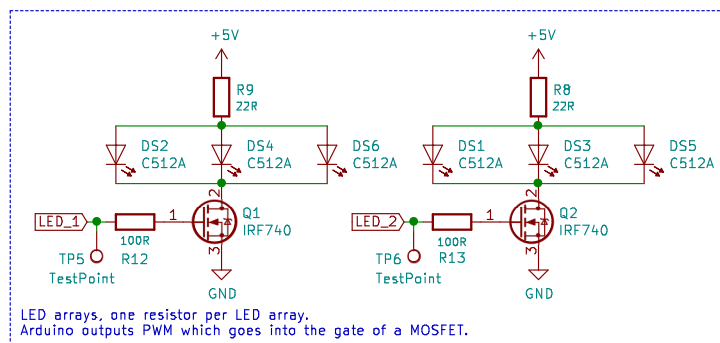
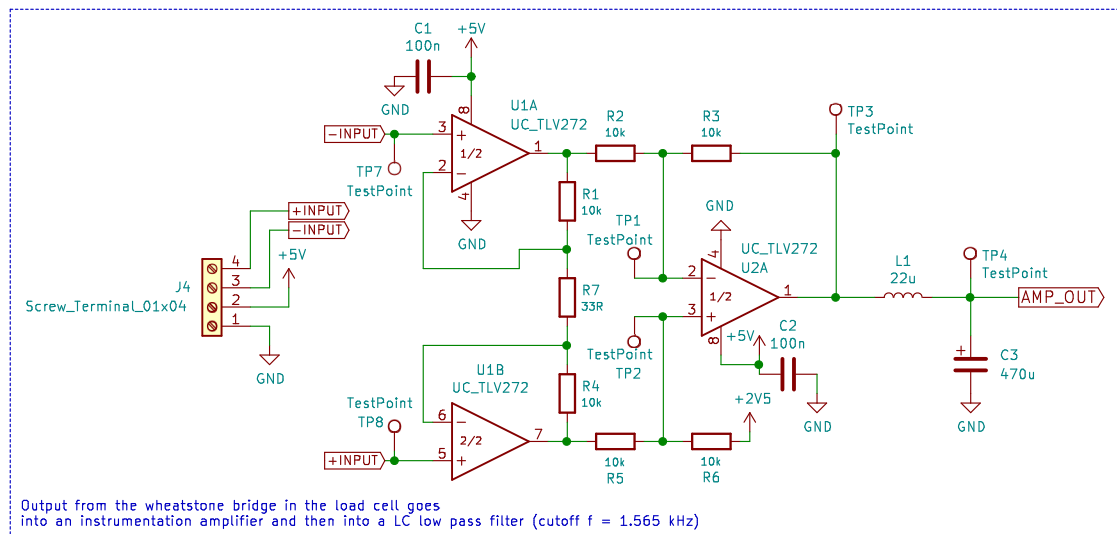
Listing 11: Voltage ADC header code.

```
1  /**
2   * @file main.ino
3   * @author Alex Stiles
4   * @details
5   * @brief Entry point. Contains high level logic and polling loop.
6   * @version 0.1 alpha
7   * @date 2021-08-13
8   *
9   * @copyright Copyright (c) 2021
10  *
11  * The entry point for compilation when compiling on Arduino.
12  * Contains the setup() and loop() functions required for the Arduino.
13  * C headers included are appropriately linked.
14  *
15  */
16
17 #include <stdio.h>
18 #include <stdint.h>
19 #include <stdbool.h>
20 #include <stdlib.h>
21
22 #include "voltage.h"
23
24 #include "LED_Group_Collection.h"
25 #include "LED_Group.h"
26 #include "Load_Cell.h"
27 #include "button.h"
28
29 #define LOAD_CELL_ANALOG_PIN 0
30
31 #define LEFT_GROUP_PIN 5
32 #define RIGHT_GROUP_PIN 6
33
34 #define BUTTON_PIN 8
35
36 LED_Group_Collection_t led_group_collection;
37 Load_Cell_t load_cell;
38 Button_t button;
39
40 /* Button */
41
42 void callbackFunction() {
43     led_group_collection.mode = (Light_Mode_t) ((led_group_collection.mode + 1) %
44         NUM_MODES);
45     led_group_collection.mode_changed = true;
46 }
47
48 /* Load Cell */
49
50 float read_load_cell_voltage() {
51     return (analogRead(LOAD_CELL_ANALOG_PIN) / (float) ARDUINO_PWM_READ_RANGE) *
52         ARDUINO_MAX_VOLTAGE;
53 }
54
55 /* LED Groups */
56
57 void update_led_group_pwm_signals() {
58     set_led_group_brightnesses(&led_group_collection, &load_cell);
59
60     Serial.println("Left: " + String(get_group_brightness(get_led_group(&
61         led_group_collection, LEFT))));
62     Serial.println("Right: " + String(get_group_brightness(get_led_group(&
63         led_group_collection, RIGHT))));
```

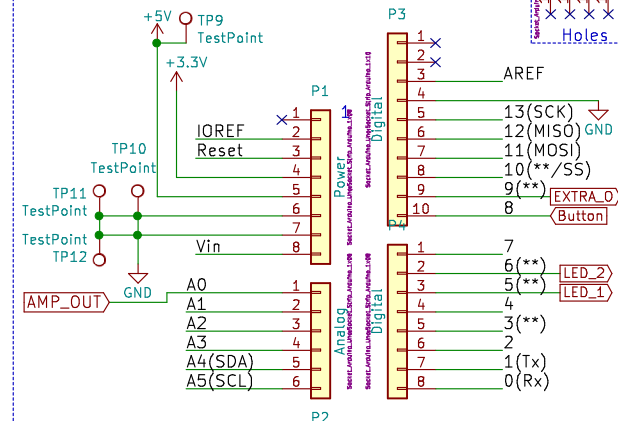
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60
61     analogWrite(LEFT_GROUP_PIN, get_group_brightness(get_led_group(&led_group_collection,
62         LEFT)));
63     analogWrite(RIGHT_GROUP_PIN, get_group_brightness(get_led_group(&led_group_collection
64         , RIGHT)));
65 }
66
67 void setup() {
68     Serial.begin(9600);
69
70     led_group_collection = init_led_group_collection(LEFT_GROUP_PIN, RIGHT_GROUP_PIN);
71     load_cell = init_load_cell(Load_CELL_ANALOG_PIN);
72     button = init_button(BUTTON_PIN, &callbackFunction);
73
74     pinMode(Load_CELL_ANALOG_PIN, INPUT);
75     pinMode(BUTTON_PIN, INPUT_PULLUP);
76
77     pinMode(LEFT_GROUP_PIN, OUTPUT);
78     pinMode(RIGHT_GROUP_PIN, OUTPUT);
79 }
80
81 void loop() {
82     long unsigned current_time = millis();
83     bool button_state = digitalRead(BUTTON_PIN);
84
85     debounce_state(&button, button_state, current_time);
86
87     if (poll_sensor(&load_cell, read_load_cell_voltage()) || led_group_collection.
88         mode_changed) {
89         update_led_group_pwm_signals();
90
91         Serial.println("Load Cell Voltage: " + String(load_cell.voltage));
92         Serial.println("Load Cell Strain: " + String(load_cell.strain));
93         Serial.println("Load Cell Angle: " + String(load_cell.angle));
94     }
95
96     delay(20);
97 }
```

Listing 12: Main Arduino code.

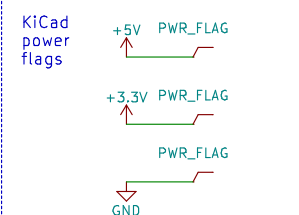
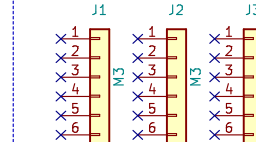
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