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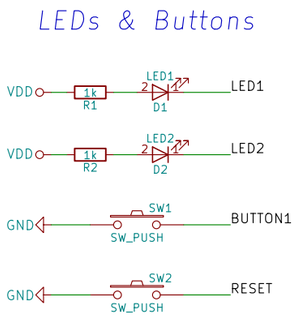
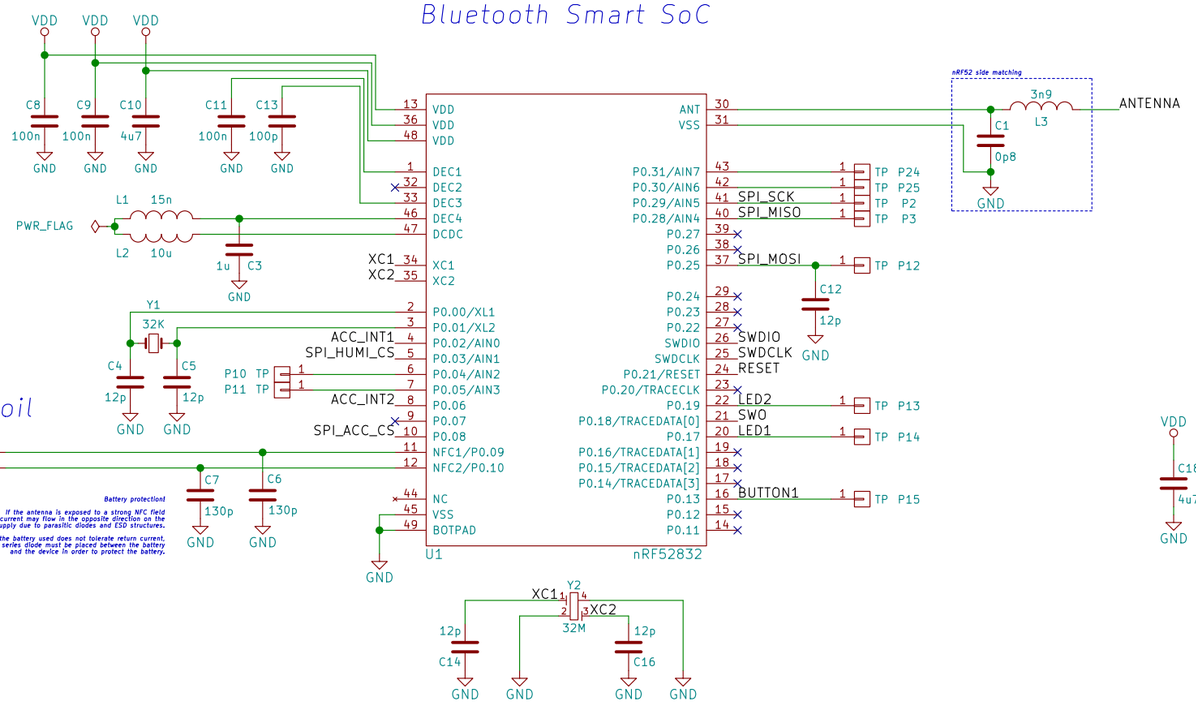


Bluetooth Smart SoC

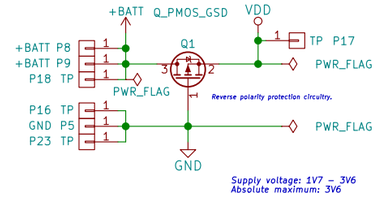


Battery protection!

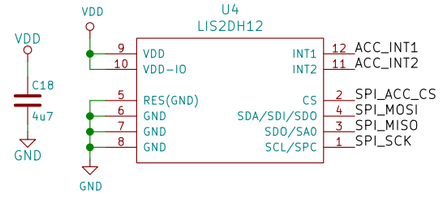
If the antenna is exposed to a strong NFC field current may flow in the opposite direction on the supply due to parasitic diodes and ESD structures.

If the battery used does not tolerate return current, a series diode must be placed between the battery and the device in order to protect the battery.

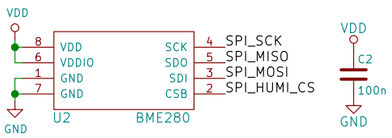
Power Source



Accelerometer



Pressure + Humidity + Temperature

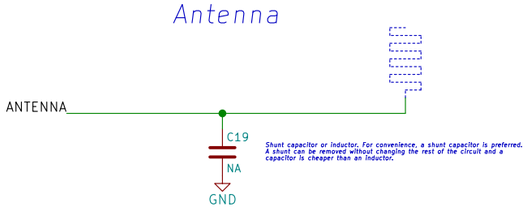


Bosch BME280 = Pressure + humidity + temperature (2.5mm x 2.5mm x 1mm)

Average current consumption (1Hz data refresh rate):
1.8 µA @ 1 Hz (H, T)
2.8 µA @ 1 Hz (P, T)
3.6 µA @ 1 Hz (H, P, T)

Average current consumption in sleep mode 0.1 µA

Antenna



Shunt capacitor or inductor. For convenience, a shunt capacitor is preferred. A shunt can be removed without changing the rest of the circuit and a capacitor is cheaper than an inductor.

Nordic Semiconductor's 1/4 wavelength monopole antenna design guide states:
When implementing the monopole as a trace on the PCB, the length of the trace should be extended somewhat to allow for some fine-tuning of the antenna to resonance at 2.45GHz. If the size of available ground plane is approaching the ideal size and the antenna trace is uniformly surrounded by the FR4 substrate, then the length of the trace should be extended by about 20%. If the ground plane size is considerably smaller than the ideal size and/or much of the antenna trace is routed close to the edge of the PCB, then the length of the antenna trace should be extended by about 30%.

Theoretical length: L = 92mm / 4 = 23mm -> 23mm * 1.3 = 30mm.

There are the following two methods to tune an antenna:

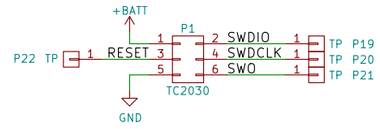
• If the physical dimensions of the antenna can be altered, for example, withe PCB antenna, adjusting the length will be one part of the tuning. Another part is to add a component, inductor, or capacitor, to pull the antenna impedance towards the 50 ohm center point.

• If the antenna cannot be altered physically, more external components must be used to tune the antenna. These external components are called the matching network.

If it is not possible to get the impedance exactly 50 ohm by adjusting the length of the antenna, a component must be used to pull the impedance to the 50 ohm point. It is preferable to use a shunt capacitor since a capacitor is cheaper than an inductor and because a shunt component can be removed without any impact.

For more info, check Nordic Semiconductor's White Paper about antenna tuning: Google "nWP-017_Antenna_Tuning"

Debug Port



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