

Plant Life Monitoring System

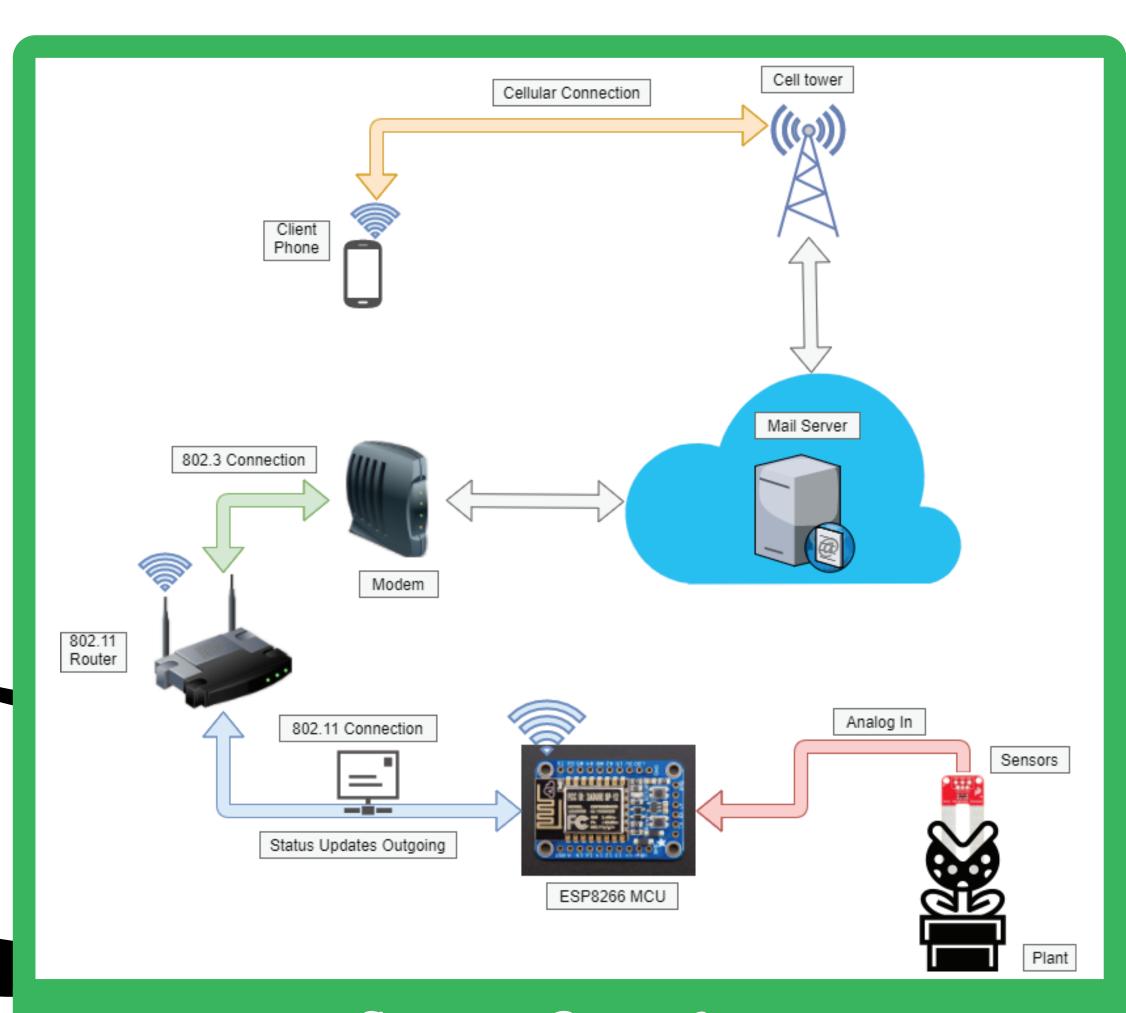
Jeremy Maxey-Vesperman, Zachary Goldasich | Girma Tewolde





Project Goal

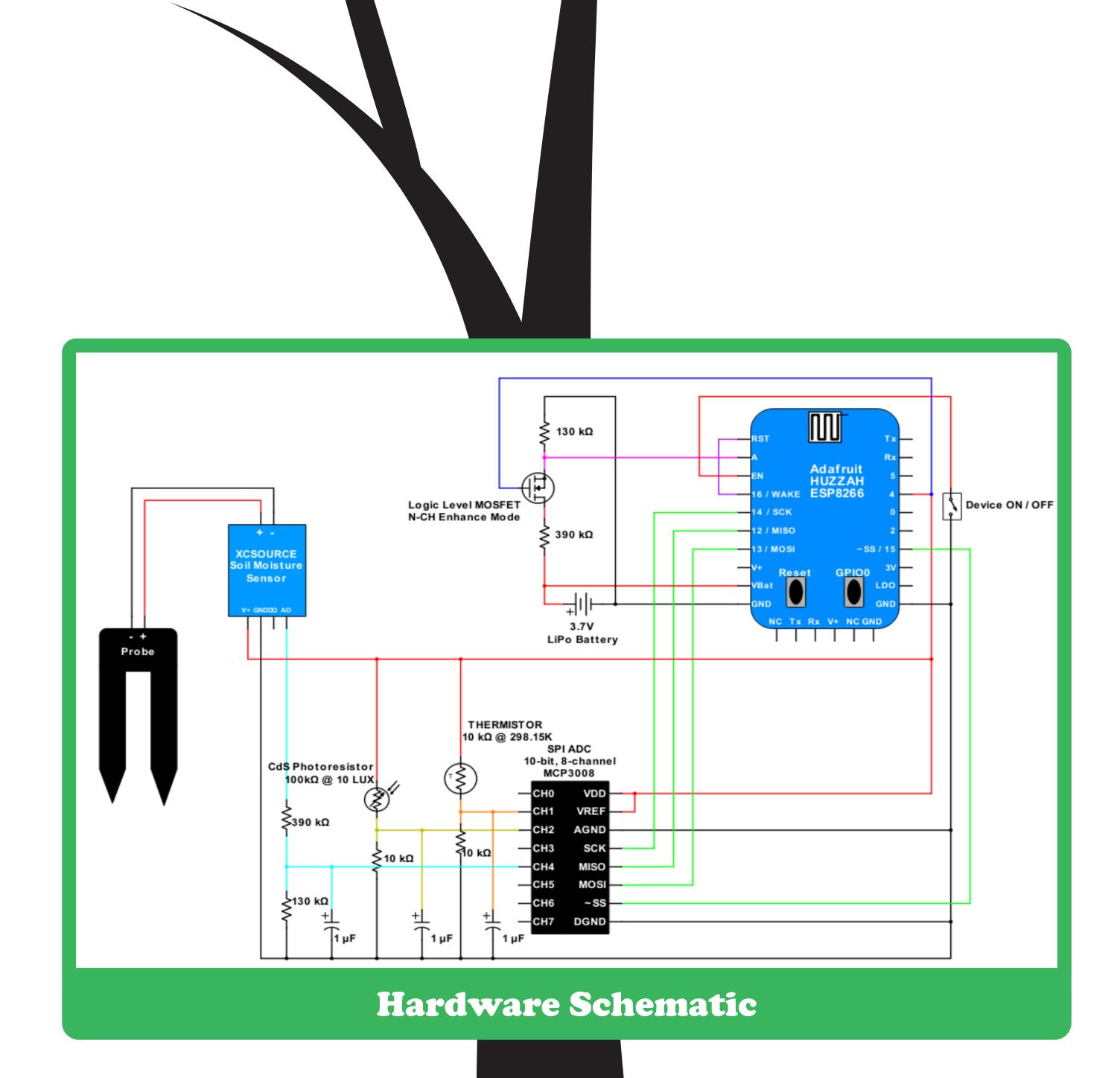
Design and implement a low-cost, low-power, wireless sensor package that is capable of monitoring various metrics of indoor plants.



System Overview

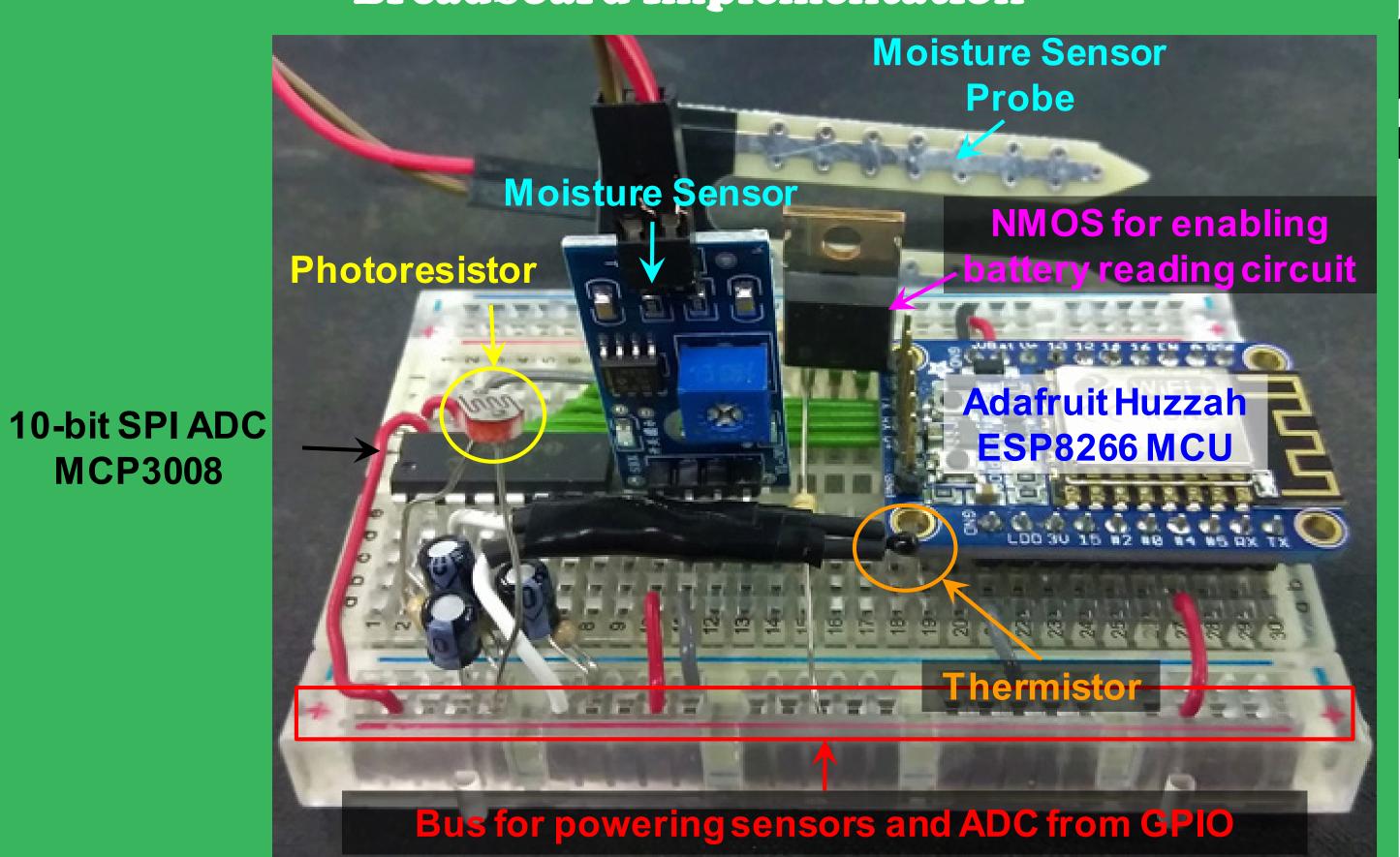
Ultra-Low Power

- •Sensor Read Mode: 1.172mA (~1 second to read all sensors)
- •Transmit Mode: 120mA (~1 minute to Tx)
- •Deep Sleep Mode: 20μA
- •Average consumption: ~2mA with hourly updates
- •2200mAh battery gives ~45 day lifespan with hourly updates



Breadboard Implementation

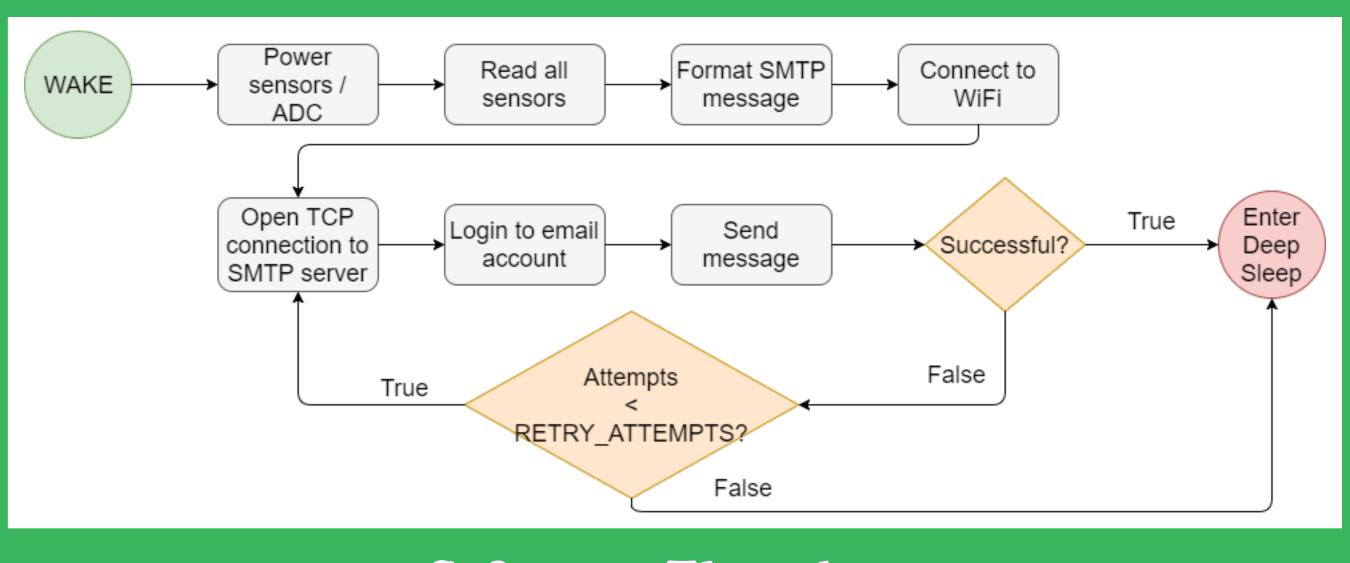
MCP3008





Core Features

- •Low-power 32-bit MCU w/ full WiFi front-end easily connects to any wireless network
- •Low-cost: Each node under \$20 in materials
- Calibrated photoresistor to measure light intensity
- Thermistor allows for temperature monitoring
- Soil moisture sensor measures resistivity of soil to estimate moisture content
- Battery life monitoring built-in
- •SMTP-based plant updates with userconfigurable update interval



Software Flowchart



Future Additions

- •Integrate auto-watering capabilities
- Create waterproof enclosure for outdoor usage
- •Implement mesh network of sensor nodes to extend connection range capabalities
- •Develop fully-featured mobile app to wrap SMTP update messages for clean display of metrics and allow individual node configuration
- Add solar panel to further extend battery life