
Week 2 Progress Report

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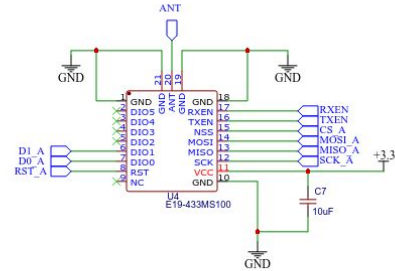
Tasks

- [Issue #140](#) Review LoRa matching circuit
 - Testing ESP32-LR mode
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LoRa module Matching circuit

No matching is required since the antenna is already matched at 50 ohms

LORA MODULE



LORA ANTENNA



Testing LoRa LR mode

ESP32 LR(Low Rate hence Long Range) protocol promises 1km point-to-point range even without external antennas. This low data rate is 10X greater than LoRa data rates.

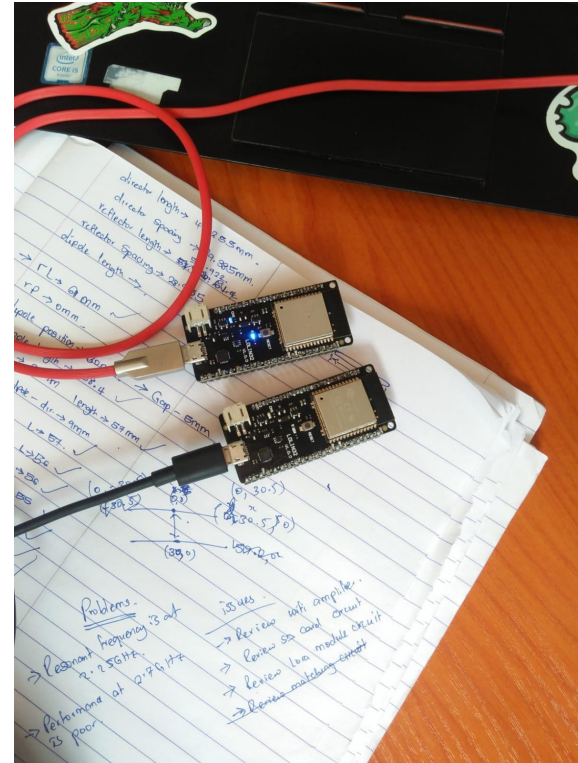
The best RSSI values at 70m (-64dBm). Beyond 70m the RSSI values worsened (-90 dBm)

From theory, performance below -70dBm is classified as poor

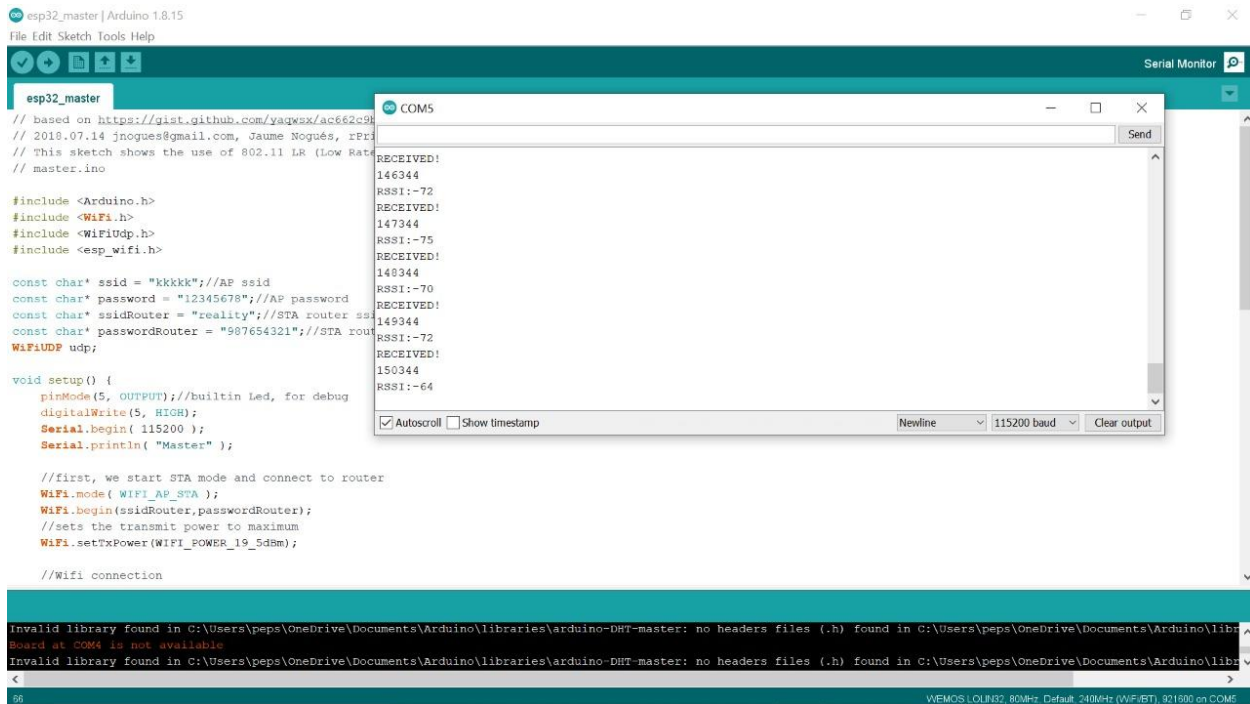
Since the ESP32 PCB antenna has only 2dBi gain, we will require an external antenna of 24dBi at the ground station to receive telemetry data reliably.

We will be re-using the ESP modules with hand-mounted ipex connectors. However, industry-calibrated ESP modules that come with already matched external connectors (ESP32 Wroom 32UE) are known to yield better results.

ESP LR Mode



Best RSSI



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface. The sketch editor displays a file named `esp32_master` with the following code:

```
// based on https://gist.github.com/yaqwx/ac662c9b
// 2019.07.14 jnoques@gmail.com, Jaume Nogués, rPi
// This sketch shows the use of 802.11 LR (Low Rate)
// master.ino

#include <Arduino.h>
#include <WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiUdp.h>
#include <esp_wifi.h>

const char* ssid = "kkkkk";//AP ssid
const char* password = "12345678";//AP password
const char* ssidRouter = "reality";//STA router ssid
const char* passwordRouter = "987654321";//STA router password
WiFiUDP udp;

void setup() {
  pinMode(5, OUTPUT);//builtin Led, for debug
  digitalWrite(5, HIGH);
  Serial.begin( 115200 );
  Serial.println( "Master" );

  //first, we start STA mode and connect to router
  WiFi.mode( WIFI_AP_STA );
  WiFi.begin(ssidRouter,passwordRouter);
  //sets the transmit power to maximum
  WiFi.setTxPower(WIFI_POWER_19_5dBm);

  //Wifi connection
}
```

The Serial Monitor window is open, showing the following received data:

```
RECEIVED!
146344
RSSI:-72
RECEIVED!
147344
RSSI:-75
RECEIVED!
148344
RSSI:-70
RECEIVED!
149344
RSSI:-72
RECEIVED!
150344
RSSI:-64
```

The Serial Monitor window has the following settings: ☒ Autoscroll, ☐ Show timestamp, Newline, 115200 baud, and Clear output.

At the bottom of the IDE, there are error messages:

```
Invalid library found in C:\Users\peps\OneDrive\Documents\Arduino\libraries\arduino-DHT-master: no headers files (.h) found in C:\Users\peps\OneDrive\Documents\Arduino\lib
Board at COM4 is not available
Invalid library found in C:\Users\peps\OneDrive\Documents\Arduino\libraries\arduino-DHT-master: no headers files (.h) found in C:\Users\peps\OneDrive\Documents\Arduino\lib
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates: 96 WEMOS LOLIN32, 80MHz, Default, 240MHz (WiFi/BT), 921500 on COM5.