

Freescale Wireless Design Challenge – Entry # FZ1548

Electronic Scarecrow

For the past dozen years, I have lived in a small rural section of an otherwise urban area, with a forest for a backyard. Although there are many advantages of living in a natural setting, one of the more annoying problems comes from the steadily increasing population of wild animals looking for food in more populated areas. As housing developments take over what once were feeding grounds for wildlife, animals are becoming accustomed to eating whatever might be growing in a nearby garden.

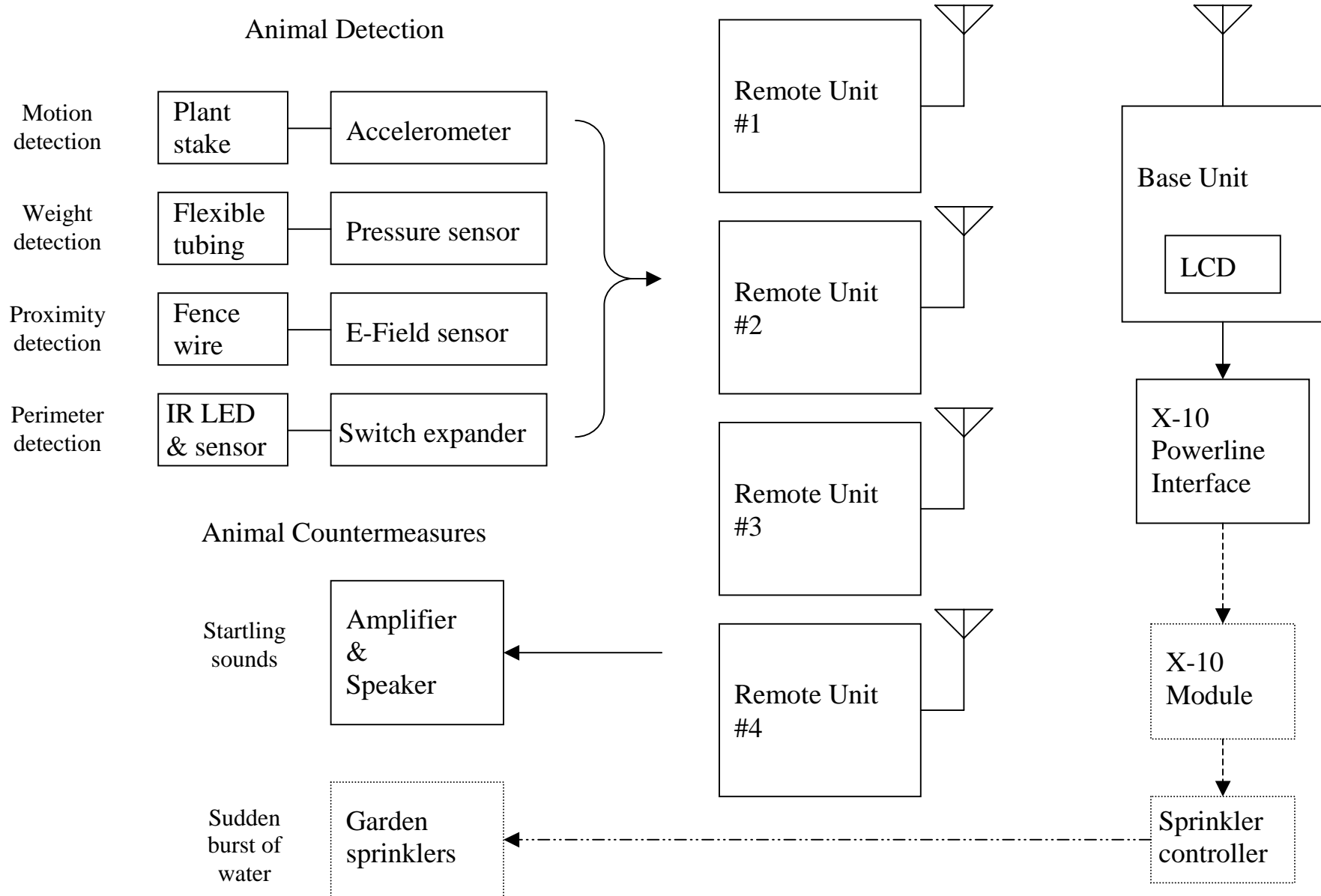
The area where I live has a healthy deer population, which seems to be increasing every year. Several times a day I can look out a window and see them munching on anything from garden plants, hedges, and sometimes even dead leaves during the dry season in early Fall. Most of the conventional methods to keep them away no longer work, as they have become used to being around people, can jump over most fences, and are willing to put up with foul tastes or smells from deer repellents if they have no other source of food. One of my neighbors once got so frustrated that he even put up an electric fence, but even that didn't deter them! It appears the deer eventually get accustomed to whatever obstacles they encounter. The only way to scare them away is to startle them with something that they won't have a chance to get accustomed to.

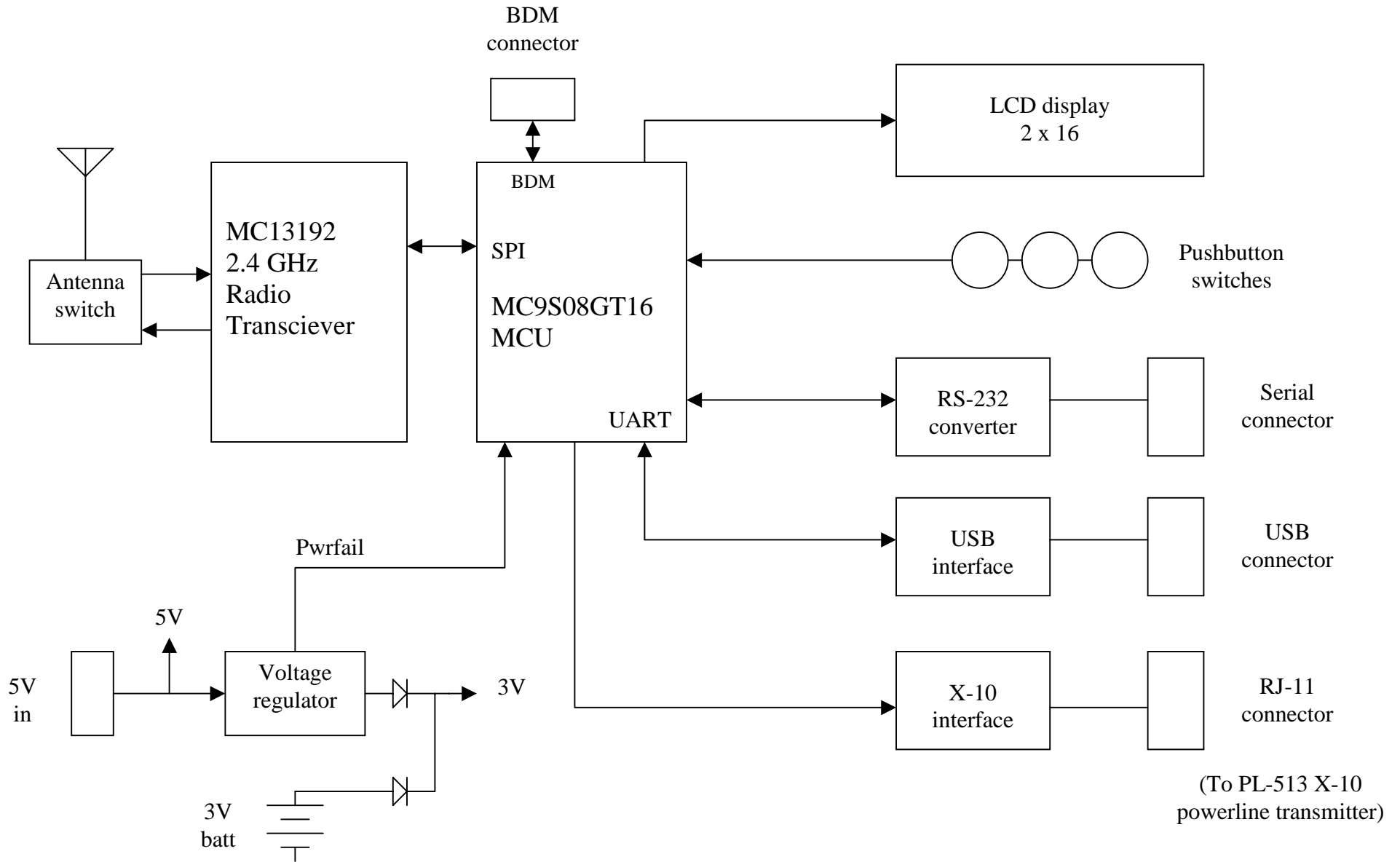
I had thought before about coming up with some technology-based method of scaring the deer away, but hadn't been able to figure out how to tie a network of sensors together without having to bury lots of cables. The Zigbee hardware seemed like the perfect solution, and the various sensors turned out to be just what I needed to detect a nearby animal.

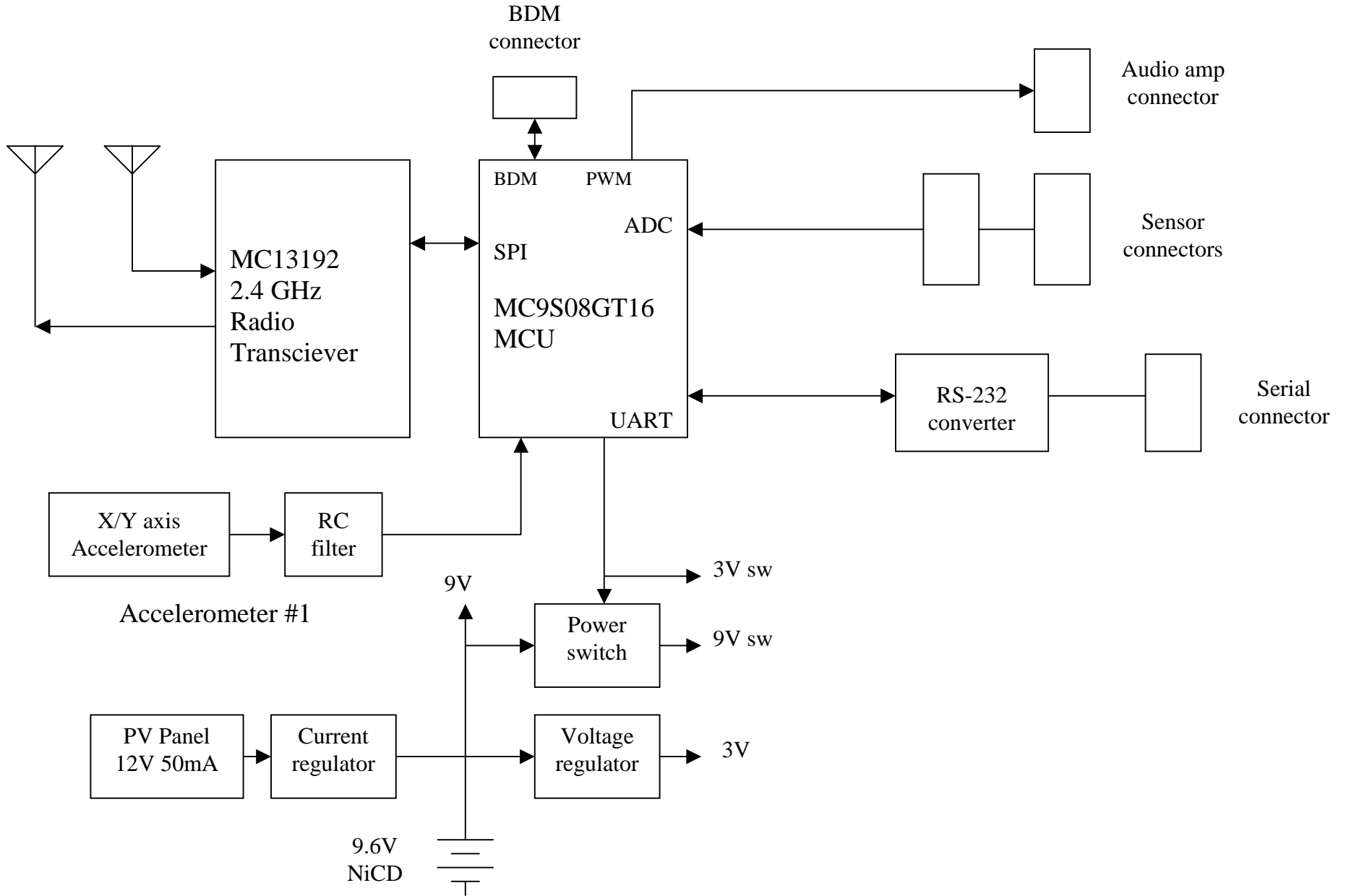
The Electronic Scarecrow uses up to four Freescale SARD boards as remote stations, each connected to several sensors and powered by a NiCd battery pack charged by a photovoltaic array. These transmit to the base station's EVB board when an animal is detected. Then the base can activate various countermeasures, such as signaling to the SARD board to play a loud sound over an outdoor speaker, or sending a command over the power line using the X-10 protocol to a central sprinkler controller to activate the garden sprinklers for a few seconds.

Both remote and base stations are based on a Freescale MC13192 2.4 GHz transceiver controlled by a MC9S08GT16 MCU. The remote is dynamically configurable with up to two MMA6261Q accelerometers, a MMA1260D accelerometer or a MPXM2010GS pressure sensor, a MC33794 E-field sensor, a MC33993 switch expander connected to IR beam perimeter sensors, and a TDA2822M audio amplifier and speaker. The base has an LCD display and three pushbuttons used to configure and control the system, an X-10 powerline transmitter interface, and a serial port for downloading local and remote code updates and sound files.



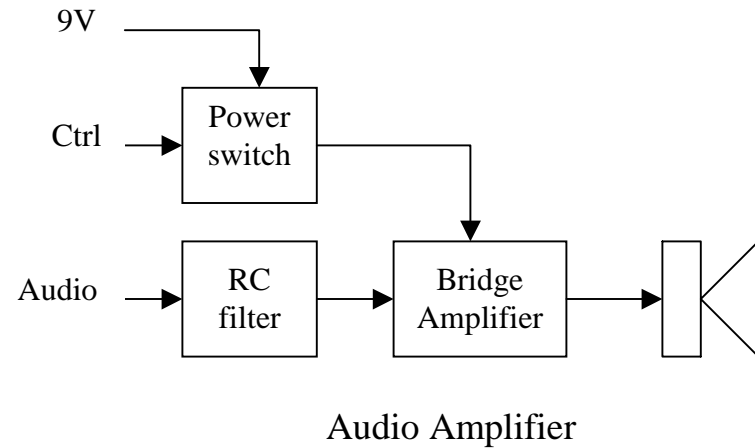
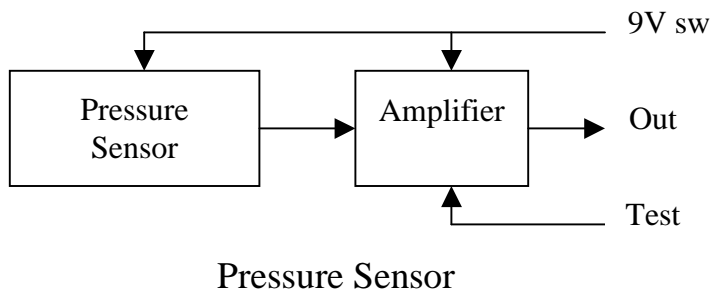
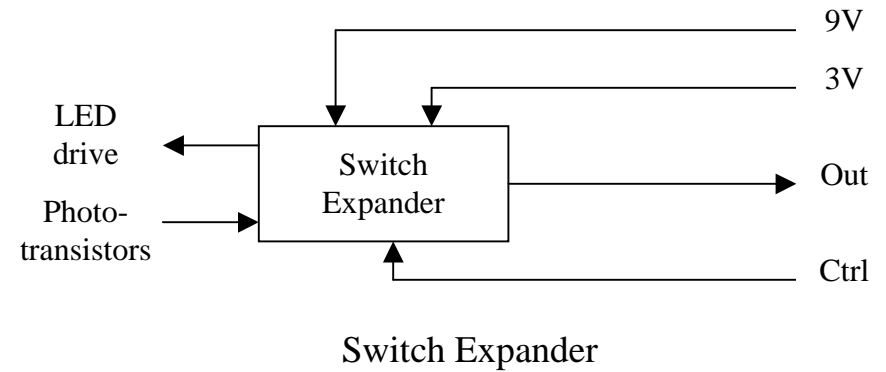
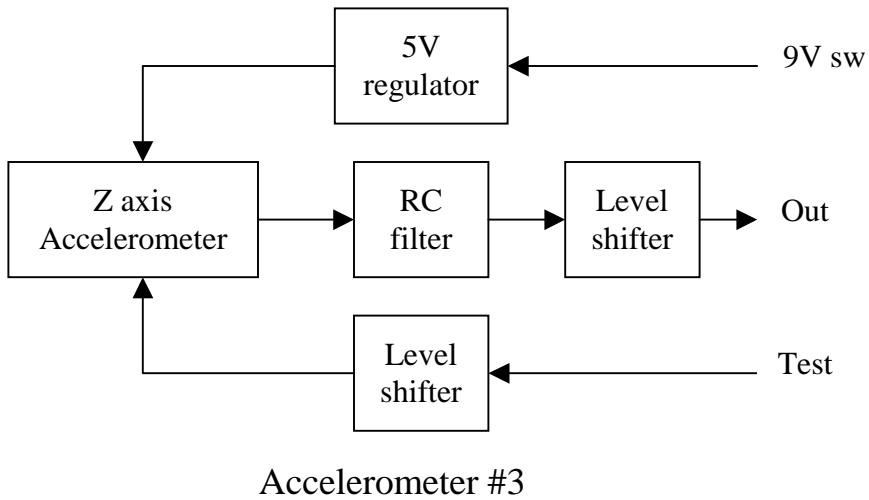
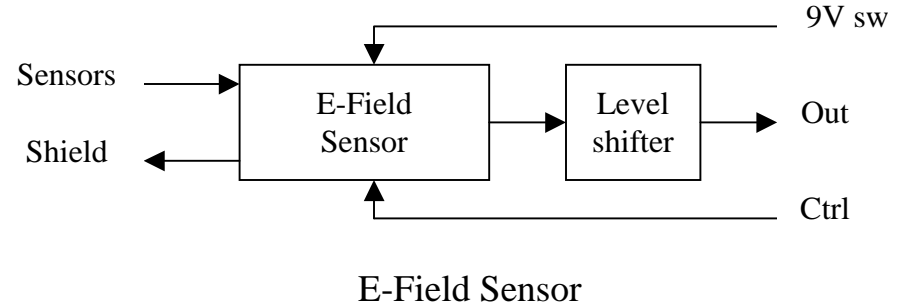
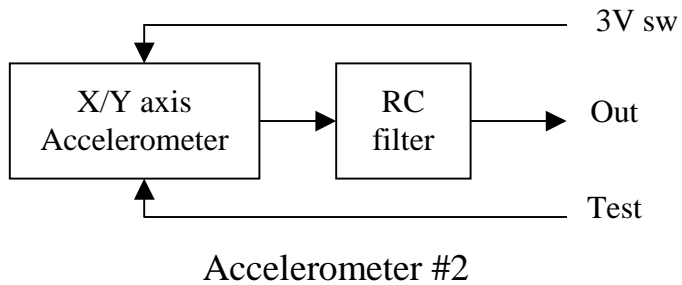






Block Diagram
Sensors

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byte check_outputs (byte inputs)
{
    struct OUTTRIG *trigp;
    struct OUTPUT *outp;
    byte out_no, outputs, i, j;

    outputs = 0;

    for (out_no = 0; out_no != NOUTPUTS; out_no++) {           // Check each output channel

        trigp = &out_trig[out_no];                          // Get ptrs for faster access
        outp = &Outputs[out_no];

        // If output enabled, and sensor triggered & enabled
        if (outp->dev_type != DEV_TYPE_none && (inputs & outp->sns_sel) != 0) {

            trigp->rpt_dly = outp->rpt_dly;                    // Init repeat delay time

            if ((inputs & trigp->sns_sel) != 0)                // If sensor was active before,
                trigp->sns_rpt++;                             // then incr repeat count

            trigp->sns_sel |= inputs & outp->sns_sel;          // Save active sensor bits

            for (i = trigp->sns_sel, j = 0; i != 0; i >>= 1) // Count number of active sensors
                if (i & 1)
                    j++;

            if (j >= outp->sns_mult                            // Do we have enough sensors,
                && (byte) (trigp->sns_rpt + 1) >= outp->sns_rpt // and enough repeats,
                && trigp->wait_dly == 0                        // and have waited long enough,
                && (*(word *) &Time.hour) >= (*(word *) &outp->on_time) // and are within the
                && (*(word *) &Time.hour) <= (*(word *) &outp->off_time)) { // activation window?

                trigp->sns_sel = 0;                            // Clear the repeat stats
                trigp->sns_rpt = 0;
                trigp->rpt_dly = 0;

                Last_trig.time.hour = Time.hour;              // Update the activation stats
                Last_trig.time.min = Time.minute;
                Last_trig.days = 0;

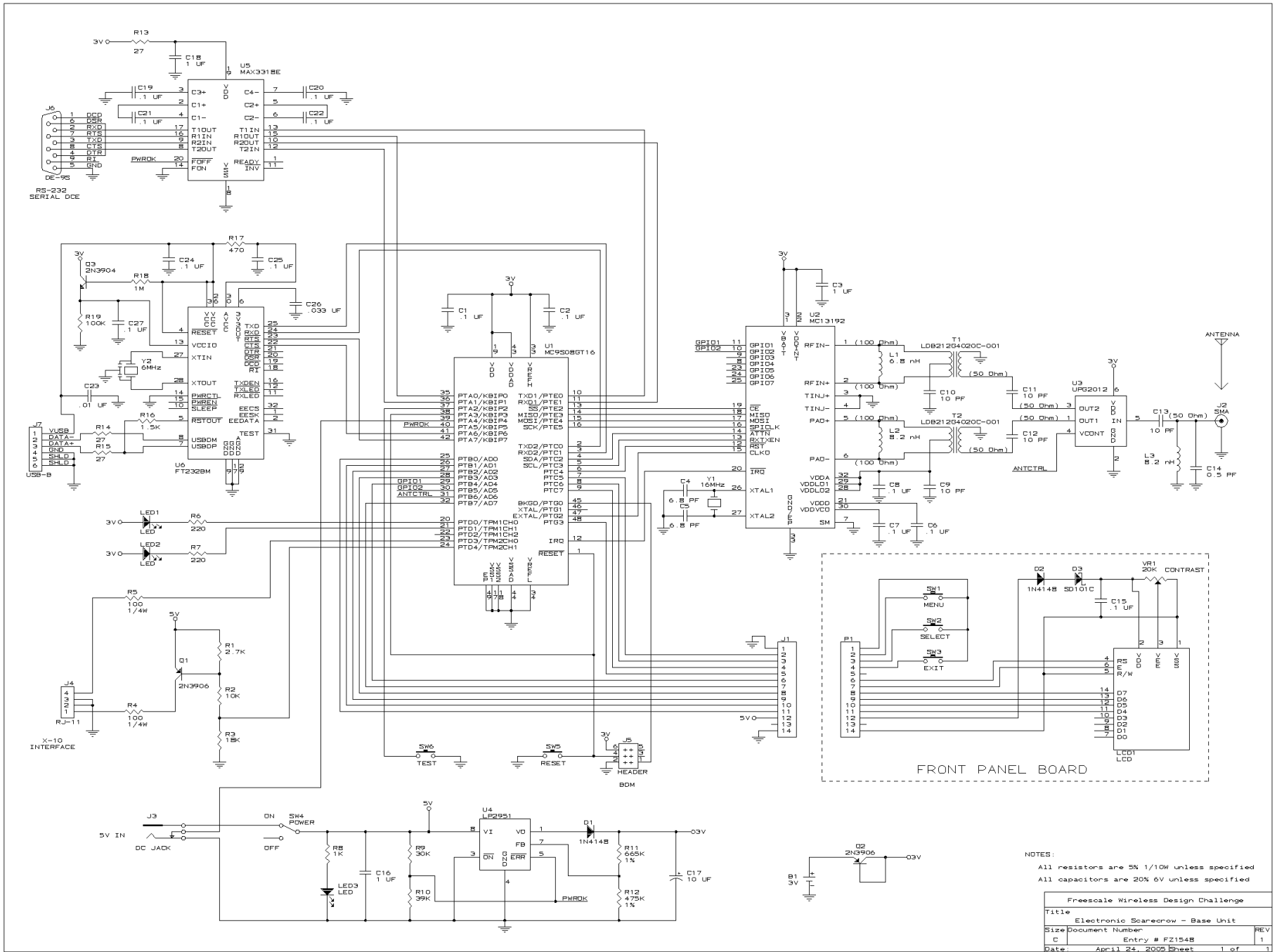
                if (Syscfg.enabled != 0) {                    // Check master system enable flag

                    outputs |= bit_mask (out_no);             // Now set the channel's output bit

                    trigp->wait_dly = outp->wait_dly;         // Update the wait delay time

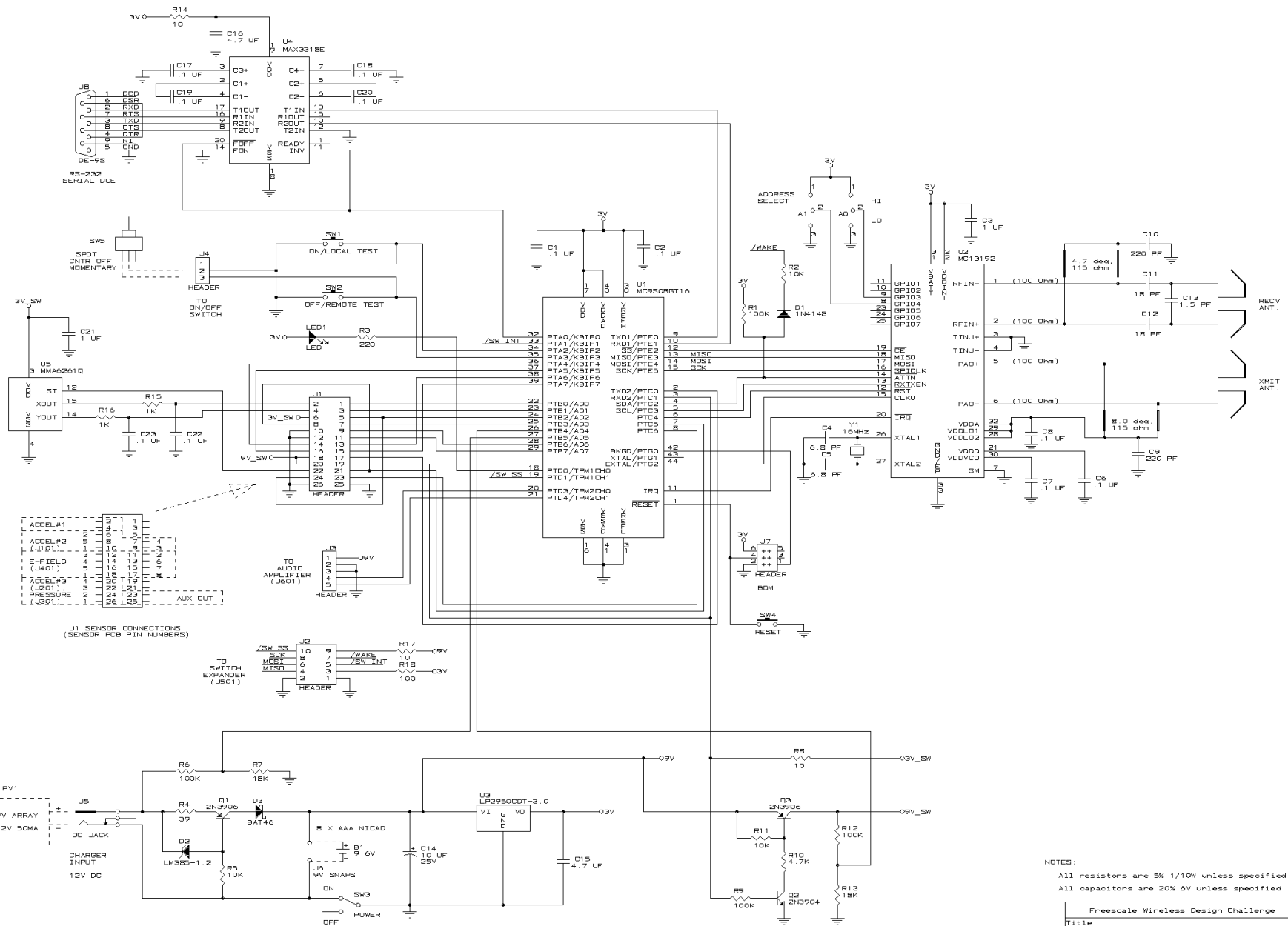
                }
            }
        }
    }
    return (outputs); // Return with bitmask of triggered channels
}

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NOTES:
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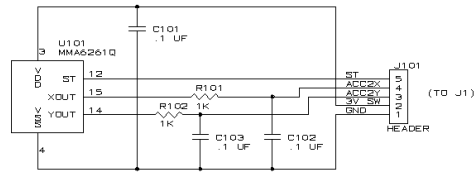


J1 SENSOR CONNECTIONS (SENSOR PCB PIN NUMBERS)

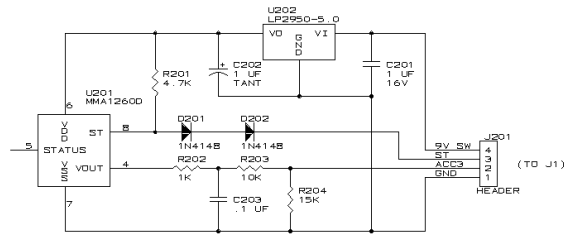
ACCEL#1	1	1
ACCEL#2	1	3
(J401)	8	7
E-FIELD	10	9
(J401)	12	11
ACCEL#3	14	13
(J401)	16	15
PRESSURE	18	17
(J401)	20	19
AUX OUT	22	21
(J401)	24	23
	26	25

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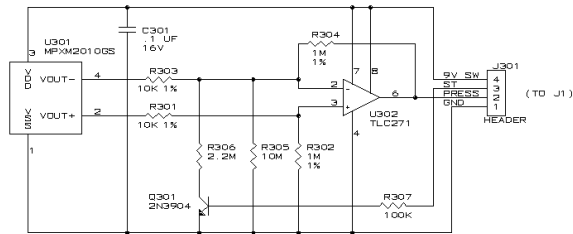
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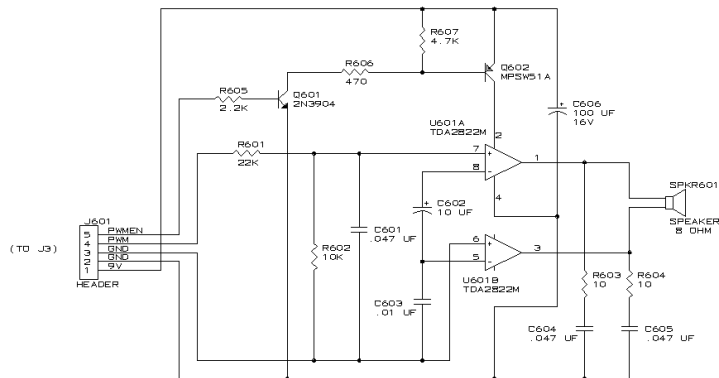
ACCELEROMETER #2



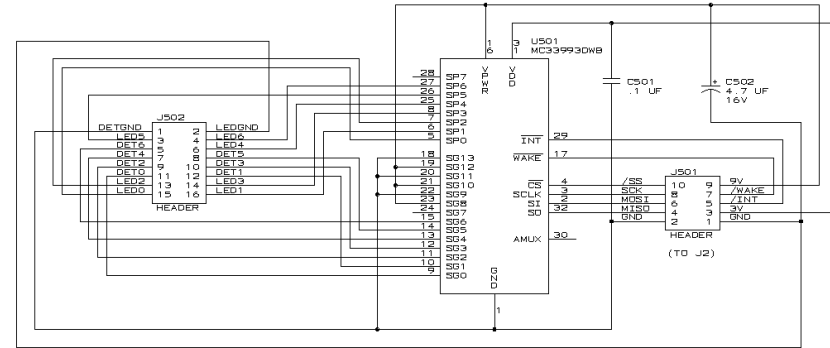
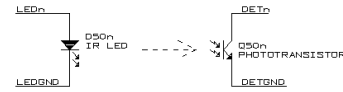
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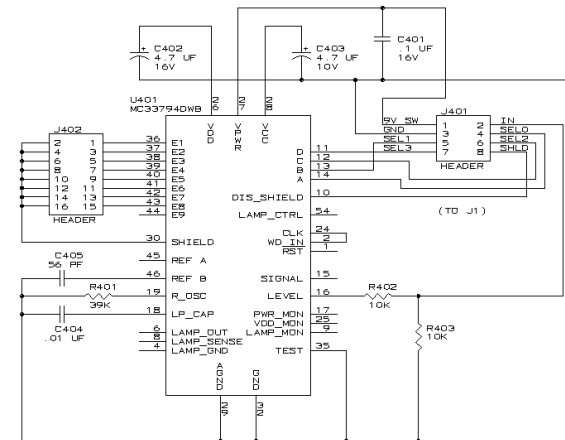
PRESSURE SENSOR



AUDIO AMPLIFIER



SWITCH EXPANDER



E-FIELD SENSOR

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