

Getting started with X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 BLE expansion board based on the BlueNRG-M0 module for STM32 Nucleo

Introduction

The X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 Bluetooth low energy expansion board is based on the BlueNRG-M0 BLE network processor module.

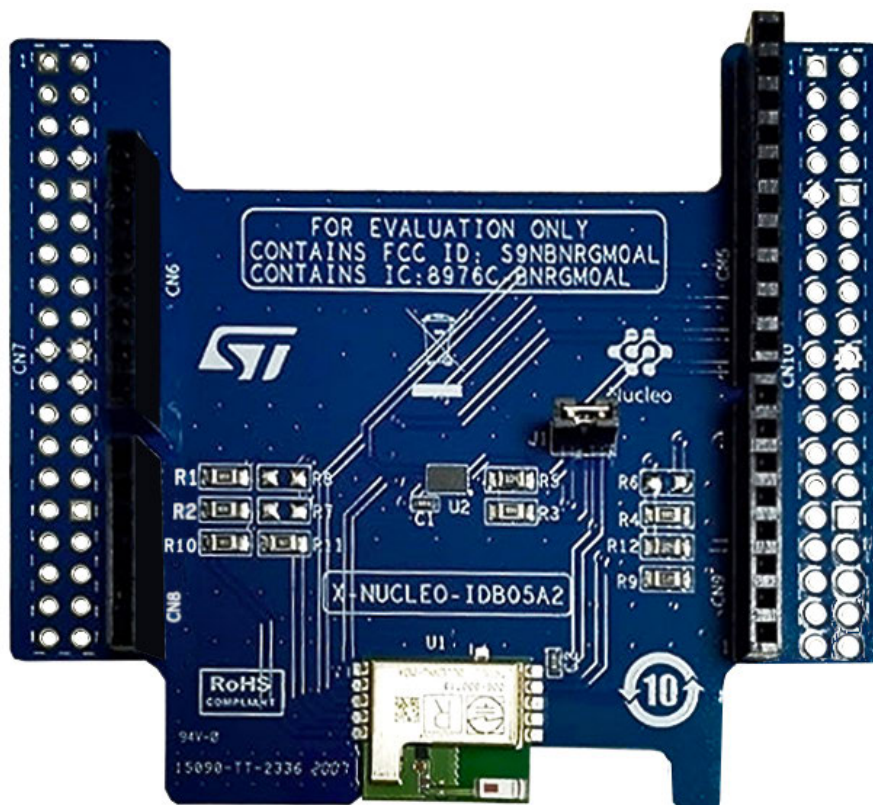
The BlueNRG-M0 is Bluetooth v4.2 compliant, FCC and IC certified (FCC ID: S9NBNRGM0AL; IC: 8976C-BNRGM0AL). It supports simultaneous master/slave roles and can behave as a Bluetooth low energy sensor and hub device at the same time.

The BlueNRG-M0 provides a complete RF platform in a tiny form factor, with integrated radio, antenna, high frequency and LPO oscillators.

The X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 is compatible with the ST morpho (not mounted) and Arduino UNO R3 connector layout.

The X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 interfaces with the STM32 microcontroller via the SPI pin and allows changing the default SPI clock, SPI chip select and SPI IRQ by replacing a resistor on the expansion board.

Figure 1. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 expansion board



1 Getting started

1.1 Overview

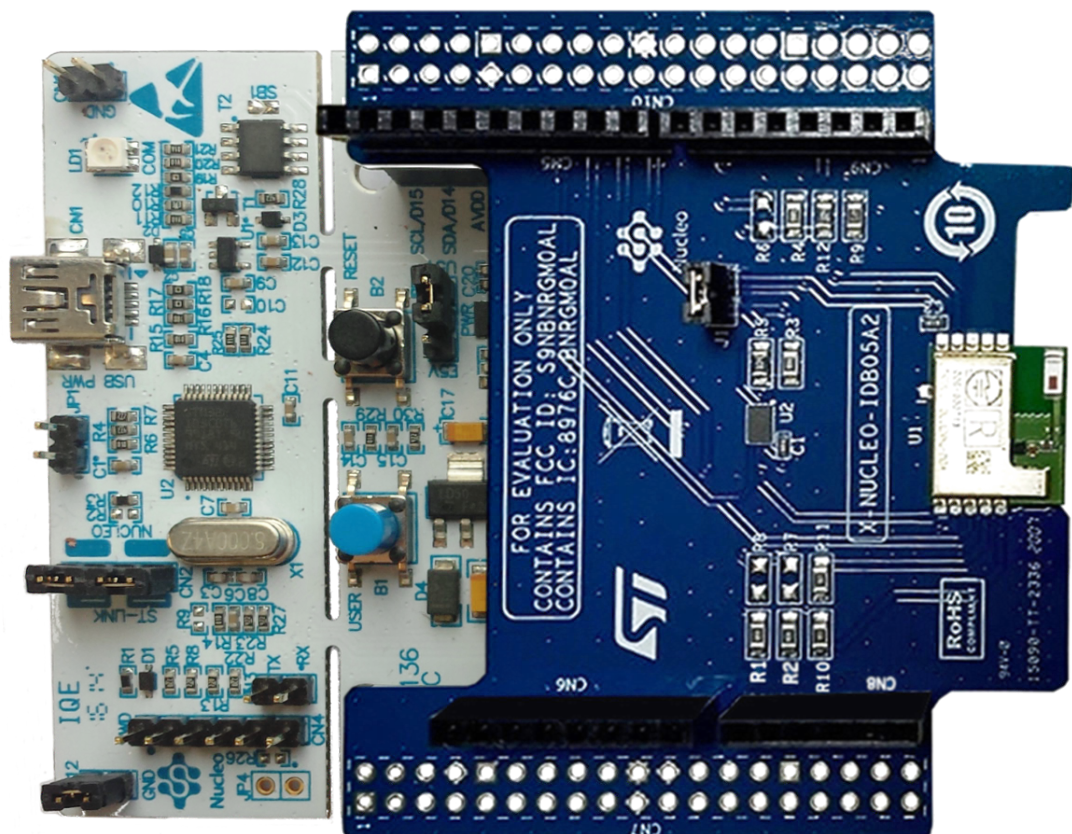
The main features of the [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board are:

- [STM32 Nucleo](#) expansion board based on the [BlueNRG-M0](#) Bluetooth v4.2 compliant, FCC and IC certified module (FCC ID: S9NBNRGM0AL; IC: 8976C-BNRGM0AL)
- [BlueNRG-M0](#) main features:
 - Embedded Bluetooth low energy protocol stack (GAP, GATT, SM, L2CAP, LL, RFPHY)
 - Embedded [BlueNRG-MS](#) network processor
 - On-board chip antenna
- Small form factor: 11.5 mmx13.5 mm
- Equipped with Arduino UNO R3 connector
- Scalable solution capable of cascading multiple boards for larger systems
- Free comprehensive development firmware library and samples for [BlueNRG-MS](#), compatible with [STM32Cube](#) firmware
- RoHS compliant

1.2 Hardware requirements

The [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board can be plugged onto any [STM32 Nucleo](#), although complete testing has only been performed using the [NUCLEO-L053R8](#) and [NUCLEO-F401RE](#) development boards. To function correctly, the [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) must be connected to the STM32 Nucleo board as shown below.

Figure 2. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 and STM32 Nucleo stack



1.3 System requirements

To use the [STM32 Nucleo](#) development boards with the [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board, you need:

- a Windows PC/laptop (Windows 10 or above) to install the firmware package ([X-CUBE-BLE1](#))
- 128 MB of RAM
- 40 MB of hard disk free space
- a type A to Mini-B USB cable to connect the [STM32 Nucleo](#) board to the PC
- an STM32 Nucleo development board ([NUCLEO-F401RE](#) or [NUCLEO-L053R8](#))
- an [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board

1.4 Board setup

Step 1. Connect the jumper on J1 connector.

Step 2. Connect the [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board to the [STM32 Nucleo](#) development board as shown in [Figure 2](#).

Step 3. Power the [STM32 Nucleo](#) board via the Mini-B USB cable.

Step 4. Program the firmware in the STM32 MCU using the firmware example provided.

Step 5. Reset the board MCU using the reset button available on the [STM32 Nucleo](#) board.
The evaluation stack is ready to be used.

2 Hardware description and configuration

2.1 Connection details

The BlueNRG-M0 module embedded in the X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 expansion board can be connected to the STM32 Nucleo development board through connectors CN5, CN6, CN8 and CN9.

Table 1. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 and NUCLEO-L053R8 connection details (left connector)

Signal name													
NC	IOREF	RESET	3V3	5V	GND	GND	VIN	A0	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
Connector name													
CN6 Power								CN8 Analog					
Pin number													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6
NUCLEO-L053R8 MCU port													
								PA0	PA1	PA4	PB0	PC1/PB9	PC0/PB8
X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 expansion board signals													
			3V3		GND	GND		SPI_IRQ ⁽¹⁾	SPI_CSN ⁽¹⁾				

1. Alternative pin.

Table 2. X-NUCLEO-EEPRMA2 and NUCLEO-L053R8 connection details (right connector)

Signal name																	
D15	D14	AREF	GND	D13	D12	D11	D10	D9	D8	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Connector name																	
CN5 Digital										CN9 Digital							
Pin number																	
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
NUCLEO-L053R8 MCU port																	
PB8	PB9			PA5	PA6	PA7	PB6	PC7	PA9	PA8	PB10	PB4	PB5	PB3	PA10	PA2	PA3
X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 expansion board signals																	
			GND	SPI_CLK ⁽¹⁾	SPI_MISO	SPI_MOSI	SPI_CSN ⁽¹⁾	SPI_IRQ ⁽¹⁾	SPI_EEPROM_nS	BlueNRG_RST				SPI_CLK ⁽²⁾			

1. Optional.

2. Alternative pin.

2.2 SPI and GPIO connection options

SPI and GPIO connection options between the STM32 and BlueNRG-MS hosted on the BlueNRG-M0 module can be used for board operation in different configurations when several expansion boards are used and there is a conflict of signals.

Table 3. BlueNRG-MS interface (optional) with the STM32 Nucleo board

BlueNRG-MS signal	BlueNRG-M0 pin	Default STM32 port	Optional STM32 port
BlueNRG-MS_IRQ	4 – SPI_IRQ	PA0	PC7 To use the optional connection mount R8, unmount R1
BlueNRG-MS_CS _n	10 – SPI_CS	PA1	PB6 To use the optional connection mount R7, unmount R2
BlueNRG-MS_SCLK	7 – SPI_CLK	PB3	PA5 To use the optional connection mount R6, unmount R4

2.3 Current measurements

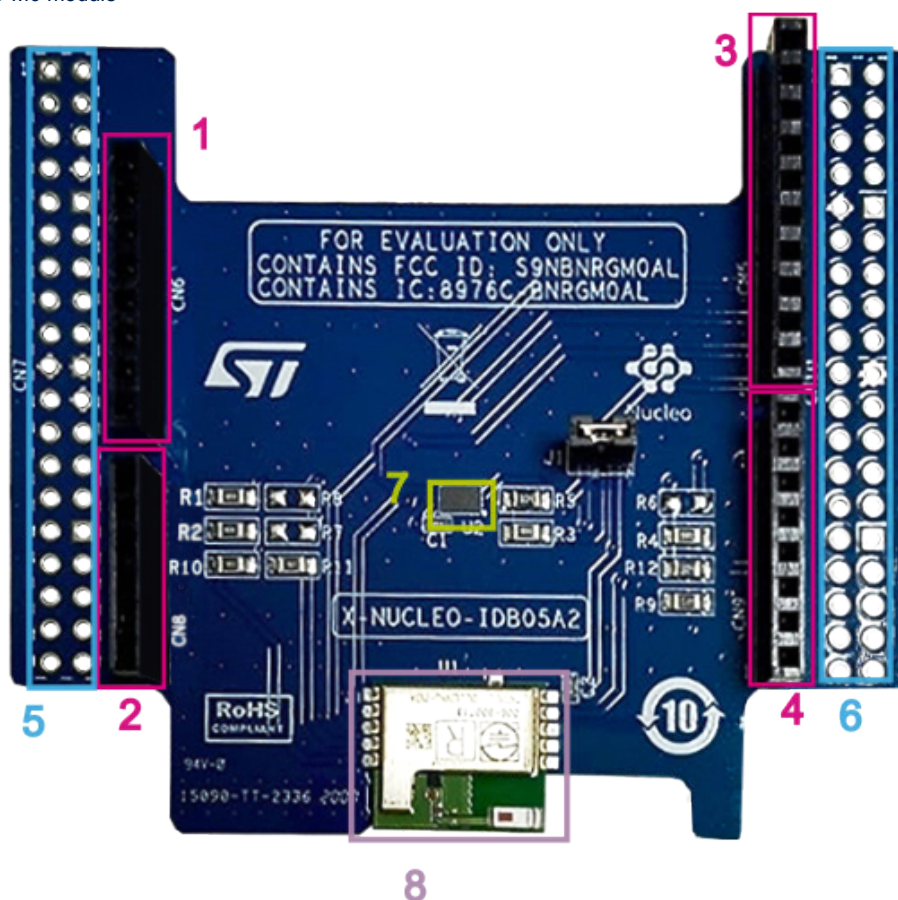
To monitor the power consumption of the [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) board, insert an ammeter probe between pins 1 and 2 of the jumper on the J1 connector.

Since the power consumption of [BlueNRG-MS](#) is very low during most of its operating time, an accurate instrument in the range of a few μA may be required.

2.4 X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 component placement

Figure 3. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 component placement details

1. Arduino UNO R3 connector
2. Arduino UNO R3 connector
3. Arduino UNO R3 connector
4. Arduino UNO R3 connector
5. ST morpho connector (not mounted)
6. ST morpho connector (not mounted)
7. SPI EEPROM
8. BlueNRG-M0 module



3 Component description

3.1 BlueNRG-M0 module

The [BlueNRG-M0](#) is an easy-to-use, Bluetooth v4.2 compliant, BLE master/slave network processor module. It supports multiple simultaneous roles and can behave as a Bluetooth low energy sensor and hub device at the same time.

Table 4. BlueNRG-M0 details

Feature	Description
Sales type	BlueNRG-M0
Package	ECOPACK2
Operating voltage	1.7 to 3.6 V

3.2 SPI EEPROM

The [M95640-R](#) is a 64 Kbit serial SPI bus EEPROM with high-speed clock interface. The device can be used to store the configuration parameters related to applications or settings of the [BlueNRG-M0](#) module.

Table 5. SPI EEPROM details

Feature	Description
Sales type	M95640-RMC6TG
Package	MLP8
Operating voltage	1.8 to 5.5 V

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The [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board embeds the [BlueNRG-M0](#) certified module (FCC ID: S9BNRGM0AL).

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The [X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2](#) expansion board embeds the [BlueNRG-M0](#) certified module (IC: 8976C-BNRGM0AL).

6 Schematic diagrams

Figure 4. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 circuit schematic - ST morpho and Arduino UNO R3 connectors

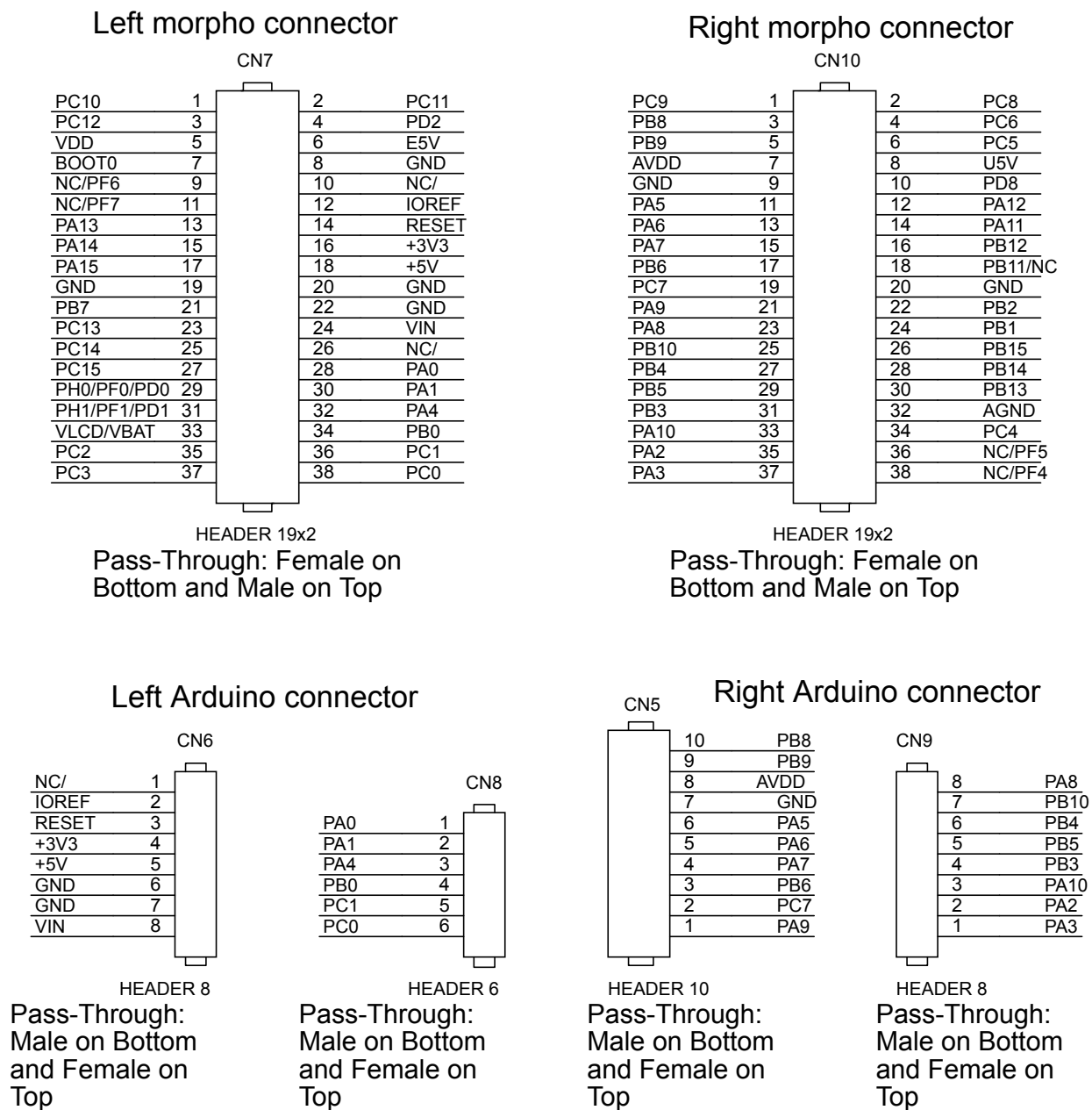


Figure 5. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 circuit schematic - STM32 Nucleo connections

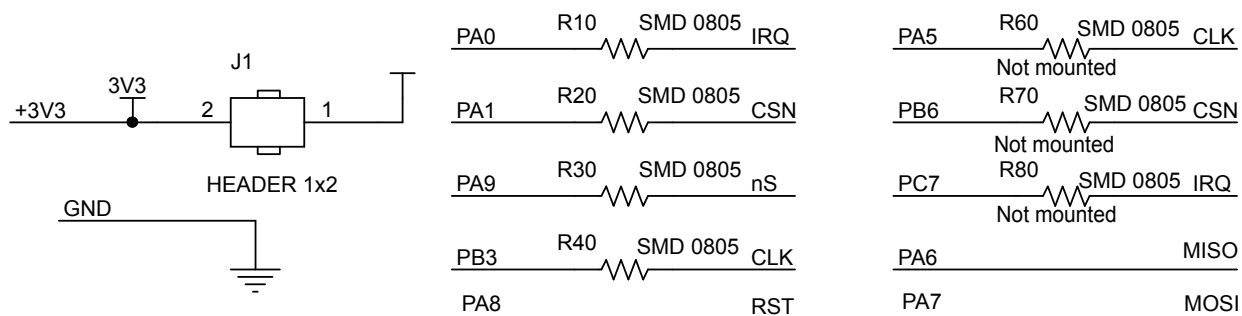


Figure 6. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 circuit schematic - BlueNRG-M0A module

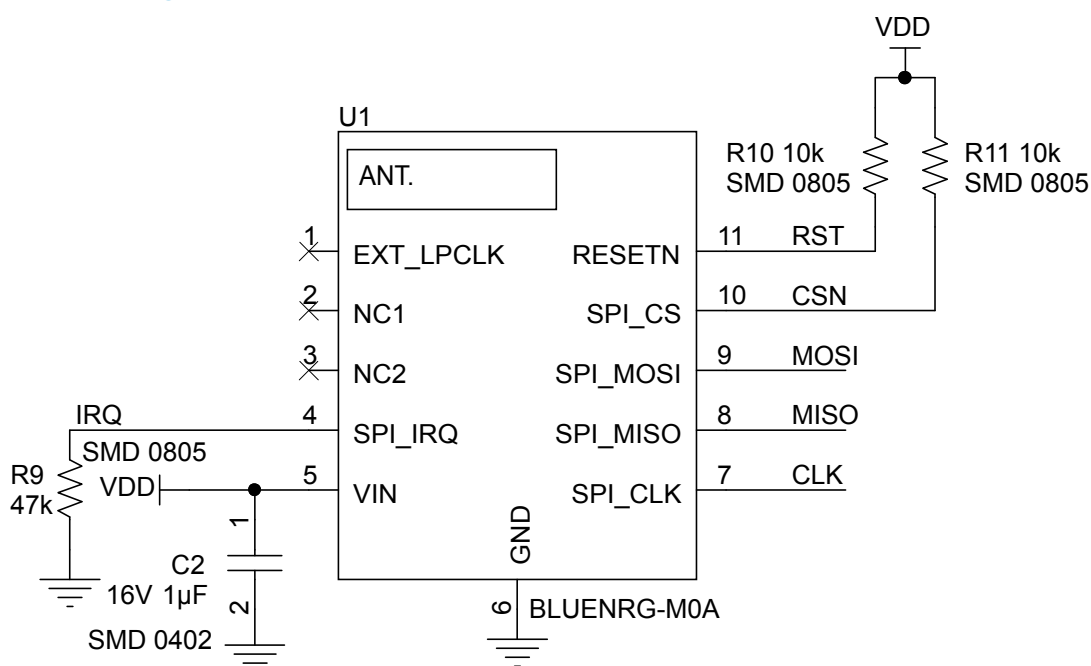
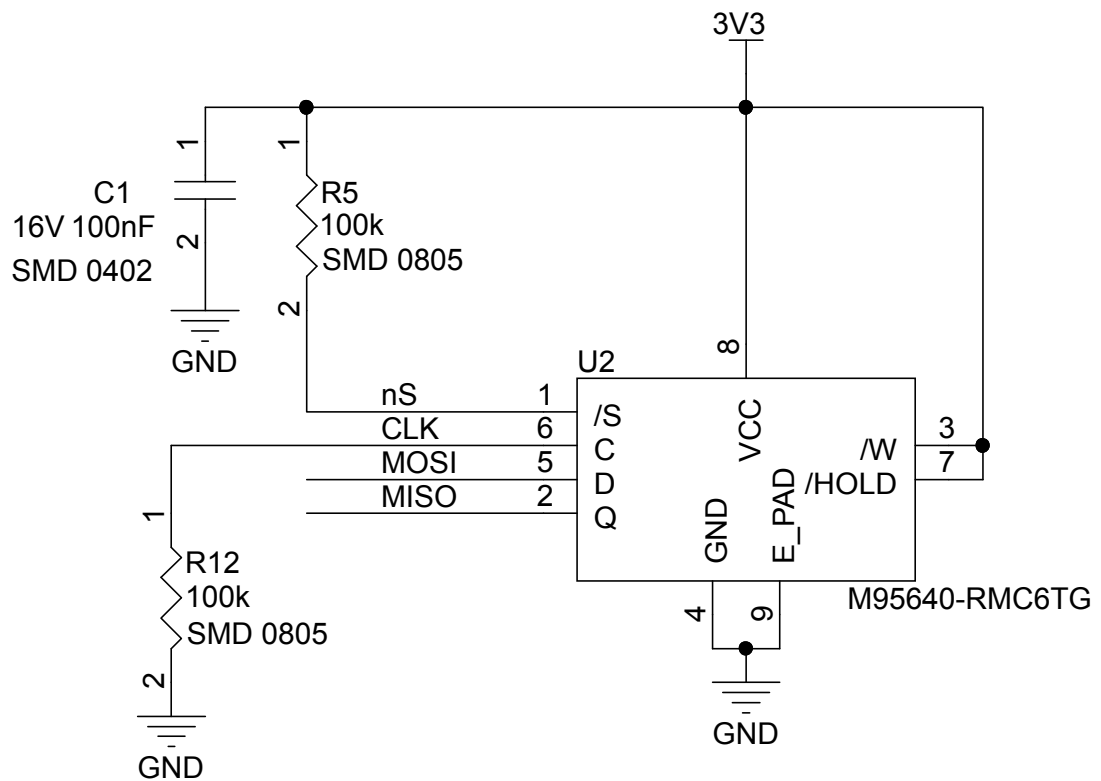


Figure 7. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 circuit schematic - EEPROM



7 Bill of materials

Table 6. X-NUCLEO-IDB05A2 bill of materials

Item	Q.ty	Ref.	Part/Value	Description	Manufacturer	Order code
1	1	C1	100 nF, SMD0402, 16 V, $\pm 10\%$	Ceramic X7R	Murata	GRM155R71C104KA88D
2	1	C2	1 μ F, SMD0402, 16 V, $\pm 10\%$		Any	
3	1	CN5	CN5 10 pins, Pass-Through: Male on Bottom, Female on Top. 10x1, 2.54 mm pitch	Arduino Connector	SAMTEC	SSQ-110-03-F-S
4	2	CN6, CN9	CN6 and CN9 8 pins, Pass-Through: Male on Bottom, Female on Top. 8x1, 2.54 mm pitch	Arduino Connector	SAMTEC	SSQ-108-03-F-S
5	2	CN7, CN10 NOT MOUNTED	Morpho Connectors CN7 and CN10 38 pins, Pass-Through: Female on Bottom, Male on Top. 19x2, 2.54 mm pitch	Morpho Connector	SAMTEC	
6	1	CN8	Arduino Connector CN8 6 pins, Pass-Through: Male on Bottom, Female on Top. 6x1, 2.54mm pitch	Arduino Connector	SAMTEC	SSQ-106-03-F-S
7	1	J1 2 pin jumper required with 2 pin header	HEADER 1X2	Jumper	Any	
8	7	R1,R2,R3,R4,R6,R7, R8 R6,R7,R8 NOT MOUNTED	0, SMD 0805, $\pm 1\%$	Resistors		
9	2	R5,R12	100k, SMD 0805, $\pm 1\%$,	Resistors	Any	
10	1	R9	47k, SMD 0805, $\pm 1\%$,	Resistors	Any	
11	2	R10, R11	10k, SMD 0805, $\pm 1\%$	Resistors	Any	
12	1	U1	BLUENRG-M0A, SMD 11 pins	Very low power network processor module	ST	BLUENRG-M0A
13	1	U2	M95640-RMC6TG, UDFDPN8	64 Kbit SPI bus EEPROM with high-speed clock	ST	M95640-RMC6TG

Revision history

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Date	Revision	Changes
07-Apr-2020	1	Initial release.

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