

# UM1686 User manual

BlueNRG development kit

### Introduction

This document describes how to use the BlueNRG development kit based on BlueNRG network processor. The kit is composed of a BlueNRG module (daughterboard) and an STM32L-based motherboard. The software package includes a graphical user interface application to control the BlueNRG through a simple ACI protocol.

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# 1 Getting started

This section describes all the software and hardware requirements for running the BlueNRG GUI utility as well as the related installation procedure.

### 1.1 Kit contents

The kit is composed of the following items:

- 1 x development motherboard
- 1 x BlueNRG daughterboard
- 1 x 2.4 GHz Bluetooth antenna
- 1 x USB cable



#### Figure 1. BlueNRG kit motherboard with daughterboard connected

### **1.2** System requirements

The BlueNRG graphical user interface utility has the following minimum requirements:

- PC with Intel® or AMD® processor running one of the following Microsoft<sup>®</sup> operating systems:
  - Windows XP SP3
  - Windows Vista
  - Windows 7
- At least 128 Mb of RAM
- 2 x USB port
- 40 Mb of hard disk space available
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 6.0 or later.

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### 1.3 BlueNRG development kit setup

- Extract the content of BlueNRG\_DK\_-x.x.x-Setup.zip file into a temporary directory.
- Launch the BlueNRG-DK-x.x.x-Setup.exe file and follow the on-screen instructions.

### 1.4 Hardware setup

- 1. Plug the BlueNRG daughterboard into the J4 and J5 connectors as shown in *Figure 1*.
- 2. Ensure the jumper configuration on the daughterboard is as in *Figure 1*.
- 3. Connect the motherboard to the PC with a USB cable (through connector CN1).
- 4. Verify that the PWR LED light is on.
- 5. Verify the new COM port is listed in the Port box in the left upper section of the GUI (click the combo box to update the list of system COM ports).



## 2 Hardware description

The development kit includes a generic motherboard and a BlueNRG daughterboard. The following sections describe these two components.

### 2.1 Motherboard

The motherboard included in the development kit allows testing of the functionality of the BlueNRG processor. The board can be used as a simple interface between the BlueNRG and a GUI application on the PC. The STM32L microcontroller on the board can also be programmed, so the board can be used to develop applications using the BlueNRG. A connector on the motherboard (*Figure 2*) allows access to the JTAG interface for programming and debugging. The board can be powered through a mini-USB connector that can also be used for I/O interaction with a USB Host. The board includes sensors, and buttons and a joystick for user interaction. The RF daughterboard can be easily connected through a dedicated interface.

This is the list of some of the features that are available on the boards:

- STM32L151RBT6 64-pin microcontroller
- Mini USB connector for power supply and I/O
- JTAG connector
- RF daughterboard interface
- One RESET button and one USER button
- One LIS3DH accelerometer
- One STLM75 temperature sensor
- One joystick
- 5 LEDs
- One PWR LED
- One battery holder for 2 AAA batteries
- One row of test points on the interface to the RF daughterboard





Figure 2. Motherboard for the BlueNRG development kit

#### 2.1.1 Microcontroller and connections

The board features an STM32L151RB microcontroller, which is an ultra low-power microcontroller with 128 KB of Flash memory, 16 KB of RAM, 32-bit core ARM cortex-M3, 4 KB of data EEPROM, RTC, LCD, timers, USART, I<sup>2</sup>C, SPI, ADC, DAC and comparators.

The microcontroller is connected to various components such as buttons, LEDs and connectors for external circuitry. The following table shows which functionality is available on each microcontroller pin.

|          |     | Board function |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
|----------|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----|------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Pin name | PIN | LEDs           | DB<br>connector | Buttons /<br>Joystick | Accelerometer | Temperature<br>sensor | USB | JTAG | Ext.<br>conn |  |  |  |
| VLCD     | 1   |                |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
| PC13     | 2   |                | DB_SDN_RST      |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
| PC14     | 3   |                |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      | 3            |  |  |  |
| PC15     | 4   |                |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      | 5            |  |  |  |
| OSC_IN   | 5   |                |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
| OSC_OUT  | 6   |                |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
| NRST     | 7   |                |                 | RESET                 |               |                       |     |      | 7            |  |  |  |
| PC0      | 8   | LED1           |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
| PC1      | 9   | LED2           |                 |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |
| PC2      | 10  |                | DB_PIN3         |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |  |  |  |

| Table 1. MCU | pin description versus board function |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
|--------------|---------------------------------------|



|          | Board function |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
|----------|----------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----|------|--------------|
| Pin name | num.           | LEDs | DB<br>connector        | Buttons /<br>Joystick | Accelerometer | Temperature<br>sensor | USB | JTAG | Ext.<br>conn |
| PC3      | 11             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      | 9            |
| VSSA     | 12             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| VDDA     | 13             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PA0      | 14             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      | 11           |
| PA1      | 15             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      | 13           |
| PA2      | 16             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      | 15           |
| PA3      | 17             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      | 17           |
| VSS_4    | 18             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| VDD_4    | 19             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PA4      | 20             |      |                        |                       | SPI1_NSS      |                       |     |      |              |
| PA5      | 21             |      |                        |                       | SPI1_SCK      |                       |     |      |              |
| PA6      | 22             |      |                        |                       | SPI1_MISO     |                       |     |      |              |
| PA7      | 23             |      |                        |                       | SPI1_MOSI     |                       |     |      |              |
| PC4      | 24             | LED4 |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PC5      | 25             | LED5 |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB0      | 26             |      |                        | JOY_DOWN              |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB1      | 27             |      |                        | JOY_RIGHT             |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB2      | 28             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      | 18           |
| PB10     | 29             |      |                        |                       | INT1          |                       |     |      |              |
| PB11     | 30             |      |                        |                       | INT2          |                       |     |      |              |
| VSS_1    | 31             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| VDD_1    | 32             |      |                        |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB12     | 33             |      | DB_CSN <sup>(1)</sup>  |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB13     | 34             |      | DB_SCLK <sup>(1)</sup> |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB14     | 35             |      | DB_SDO <sup>(1)</sup>  |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PB15     | 36             |      | DB_SDI <sup>(1)</sup>  |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PC6      | 37             |      |                        | PUSH_BTN              |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PC7      | 38             |      | DB_IO0 <sup>(1)</sup>  |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PC8      | 39             |      | DB_IO1 <sup>(1)</sup>  |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PC9      | 40             |      | DB_IO2 <sup>(1)</sup>  |                       |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PA8      | 41             |      |                        | JOY_LEFT              |               |                       |     |      |              |
| PA9      | 42             |      |                        | JOY_CENTER            |               |                       |     |      |              |

Table 1. MCU pin description versus board function (continued)







|          | Pin  |      |                           |                       | Board function | n                     |        |        |              |
|----------|------|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Pin name | num. | LEDs | DB<br>connector           | Buttons /<br>Joystick | Accelerometer  | Temperature<br>sensor | USB    | JTAG   | Ext.<br>conn |
| PA10     | 43   |      |                           | JOY_UP                |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PA11     | 44   |      |                           |                       |                |                       | USB_DM |        |              |
| PA12     | 45   |      |                           |                       |                |                       | USB_DP |        |              |
| PA13     | 46   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        | JTMS   | 16           |
| VSS_2    | 47   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| VDD_2    | 48   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PA14     | 49   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        | JTCK   | 14           |
| PA15     | 50   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        | JTDI   | 12           |
| PC10     | 51   |      | DB_IO3_IRQ <sup>(1)</sup> |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PC11     | 52   |      | DB_PIN1                   |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PC12     | 53   |      | DB_PIN2                   |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PD2      | 54   | LED3 |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PB3      | 55   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        | JTDO   | 10           |
| PB4      | 56   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        | JNTRST | 8            |
| PB5      | 57   |      |                           |                       |                | TSEN_INT              |        |        |              |
| PB6      | 58   |      |                           |                       |                | I2C1_SCL              |        |        |              |
| PB7      | 59   |      |                           |                       |                | I2C1_SDA              |        |        |              |
| BOOT0    | 60   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| PB8      | 61   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        | 4            |
| PB9      | 62   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        | 6            |
| VSS_3    | 63   |      |                           |                       |                |                       |        |        |              |
| VDD_3    | 64   |      |                           |                       | 1              |                       |        |        |              |

Table 1. MCU pin description versus board function (continued)

1. These lines are also available on the test point row

#### 2.1.2 Power

The board can be powered either by the mini USB connector CN1 (A in *Figure 2*) or by 2 AAA batteries. To power the board through USB bus, jumper JP1 must be in position 1-2, as in *Figure 2* (B). To power the board using batteries, 2 AAA batteries must be inserted in the battery holder at the rear of the board, and jumper JP1 set to position 2-3.

When the board is powered, the green LED DL6 is on (C).

If needed, the board can be powered by an external DC power supply. Connect the positive output of the power supply to the central pin of JP1 (pin 2) and ground to one of the four test point connectors on the motherboard (TP1, TP2, TP3 and TP4).



#### 2.1.3 Sensors

Two sensors are available on the motherboard:

- LIS3DH, an ultra-low power high performance three-axis linear accelerometer (D in *Figure 2*). The sensor is connected to the STM32L through the SPI interface. Two lines for interrupts are also connected.
- STLM75, a high precision digital CMOS temperature sensor, with I<sup>2</sup>C interface (E in *Figure 2*). The pin for the alarm function is connected to one of the STM32L GPIOs.

### 2.1.4 Extension connector

There is the possibility to solder a connector on the motherboard to extend its functionality (F in *Figure 2*). 16 pins of the microcontroller are connected to this expansion slot (*Table 1*).

#### 2.1.5 Push-buttons and joystick

For user interaction the board has two buttons. One is to reset the microcontroller, while the other is available to the application. There is also a digital joystick with 4 possible positions (left, right, up, down) (G in *Figure 2*).

#### 2.1.6 JTAG connector

A JTAG connector on the board (H in *Figure 2*) allows the programming and debugging of the STM32L microcontroller on board<sup>(a)</sup>, using an in-circuit debugger and programmer such as the ST-LINK/V2.

#### 2.1.7 LEDs

Five LEDs are available (I in *Figure 2*).

- DL1: green
- DL2: orange
- DL3: red
- DL4: blue
- DL5: yellow

#### 2.1.8 Daughterboard interface

The main feature of the motherboard is the capability to control an external board, connected to the J4 and J5 connectors (L in *Figure 2*). *Table 1* shows which pins of the microcontroller are connected to the daughterboard.

Some of the lines are connected also to a row of test points (M).



a. The STM32L is preprogrammed with DFU firmware that allows the downloading of a firmware image without the use of a programmer.

### 2.2 BlueNRG daughterboard

The BlueNRG daughterboard (*Figure 3*) included in the development kit is a small circuit board to be connected to the main board. It contains the BlueNRG network processor (in a QFN32 package), an SMA antenna connector, discrete passive components for RF matching and balun, and small number of additional components required by the BlueNRG for proper operation (see the schematic diagram in *Figure 10*).



Figure 3. BlueNRG daughterboard

The main features of the BlueNRG daughterboard are:

- BlueNRG low power network processor for Bluetooth low energy, with embedded host stack
- High frequency 16 MHz crystal
- Low frequency 32 kHz crystal for the lowest power consumption
- Balun, matching network and harmonic filter
- SMA connector

The daughterboard is also equipped with a discrete inductor for the integrated highefficiency DC-DC converter, for best-in-class power consumption. It is still possible to disable the DC-DC converter. In this case the following changes must be performed on the daughterboard (see *Figure 10*):

- Remove inductor from solder pads 1 and 2 of D1
- Place a 0 ohm resistor between pads 1 and 3
- Move resistor on R2 to R1

For proper operation, jumpers must be set as indicated in *Figure 3*.

The following tables show the connections between the daughterboard and the main board.



| Pin | J4 motherboard | J3 daughterboard |  |  |
|-----|----------------|------------------|--|--|
| 1   | DB_PIN1        | NC               |  |  |
| 2   | 3V3            | 3V3              |  |  |
| 3   | DB_PIN3        | NC               |  |  |
| 4   | NC             | NC               |  |  |
| 5   | GND            | GND              |  |  |
| 6   | DB_PIN2        | nS               |  |  |
| 7   | GND            | GND              |  |  |
| 8   | 3V3            | U2 pin 1         |  |  |
| 9   | DB_SDN_RST     | RST              |  |  |
| 10  | 3V3            | U2 pin 1         |  |  |

Table 2. Connections between BlueNRG board and motherboard on left connector

Table 3. Connections between BlueNRG board and motherboard on right connector

| Pin | J5 motherboard | J4 daughterboard |  |  |
|-----|----------------|------------------|--|--|
| 1   | GND            | GND              |  |  |
| 2   | GND            | GND              |  |  |
| 3   | DB_CSN         | CSN              |  |  |
| 4   | DB_IO3_IRQ     | IRQ              |  |  |
| 5   | DB_SCLK        | CLK              |  |  |
| 6   | DB_IO2         | NC               |  |  |
| 7   | DB_SDI         | MOSI             |  |  |
| 8   | DB_IO1         | NC               |  |  |
| 9   | DB_SDO         | MISO             |  |  |
| 10  | DB_IO0         | NC               |  |  |

#### 2.2.1 Current measurements

To monitor power consumption of the entire BlueNRG daughterboard, remove the jumper from U2 and insert an ammeter between pins 1 and 2 of the connector. Since power consumption of the BlueNRG during most operation time is very low, an accurate instrument in the range of few microamps may be required.



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### **3 GUI software description**

The BlueNRG GUI included in the software package is a graphical user interface that can be used to interact and evaluate the capabilities of the BlueNRG network processor.

This utility can send standard and vendor-specific HCI commands to the controller and receive events from it. It lets the user configure each field of the HCI command packets to be sent and analyzes all received packets. In this way BlueNRG can be easily managed at low level.

### 3.1 Requirements

In order to use the BlueNRG GUI, make sure you have correctly set up your hardware and software (BlueNRG GUI installed). The STM32L in the kit has been preprogrammed with a demo application (see *Section 5*). Hence, new firmware must be loaded into the STM32L. Firmware images can be found within the firmware folder. The firmware image that must be programmed is BlueNRG\_VCOM.hex. The GUI has the ability to Flash new firmware.

In order to download binary images into the internal Flash of the STM32L, the microcontroller must be put into a special DFU (device firmware upgrade) mode. To enter DFU mode:

- Power up the board
- Press and hold USER button
- Reset the board using RESET button (keep USER button pressed while resetting) The orange LED DL2 will start to blink
- Release USER button
- Use BlueNRG GUI to Flash the device with new firmware (Tools -> Update Motherboard FW).

### 3.2 The BlueNRG graphical user interface

This section describes the main functions of BlueNRG GUI application.

You can run this utility by clicking on the BlueNRG GUI icon on the Desktop or under:

Start  $\rightarrow$  STMicroelectronics  $\rightarrow$  BlueNRG DK X.X.X  $\rightarrow$  BlueNRG GUI



### 3.2.1 GUI main window

| File             | Help            |                          |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               |               |          |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Port: [          | COM27           | * Close                  |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               | Reset         |          |
| HCI              | Commands        |                          |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               |               |          |
| BLU              | JEHCI_GAP_SE    |                          | Command Pa | acket             | 500      |                  | 5 20              |               | 2 10          |          |
| BLU              | JEHCI GAP SE    |                          | Par        | ameter            | Value    | Li               | teral             | Ir            | ifo           |          |
| BLU              | EHCI_GAP_SE     | DIRECT_CONNECTABLE       | Opcode     | Uxi               | -C83     | BLUEHCI_GAP_SE   | I_DISCOVERABLE    |               |               |          |
| BLU              | JEHCI_GAP_SE    | LO_CAPABILITY            | Advertisin | Total Length 0x   | 15       | ADV IND          |                   | 0:00 Connect  | table undire  |          |
| BLL              | IENCI_GAP_SE    | LAUTH_REQUIREMENT        | Advertisin | g_interval 0x     | 1800     | SPACING NAME     |                   | Minimum ad    | vertising int |          |
| BLU              | EHCI_GAP_PA     | SS_KEY_RESPONSE          | Advertisin | g Interval 0x     | 0900     |                  |                   | Maximum ad    | vertising int |          |
| BLU              | JEHCI_GAP_AU    | THORIZATION_RESPONSE -   | Own_Add    | ress_Type 0x      | 00       | Public Device Ad | dress             | 0x00 Public D | evice Addre   |          |
| 1                |                 | 111                      | Advertisin | - Filter Del . Or | 0        | Allan Casa Dam   |                   | 0.00 Allance  | Demonst       | 3        |
| Filt             | er              |                          |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               |               | 1        |
|                  | SELECT ALL      |                          |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               |               |          |
| V                | GAP             |                          | GATT       |                   |          | J                | HAL               |               |               |          |
|                  | L2CAP           |                          | Test       |                   |          | 1                | BLE Standard      |               |               |          |
|                  |                 |                          |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               |               | <u> </u> |
| Clea             | r List 🛛 🔽 Up   | date 📝 Autoscroll        |            |                   |          |                  |                   |               | Send          |          |
| Sent/R           | eceived Packets |                          |            | Packet Details    |          |                  |                   |               |               |          |
| N.               | Time            | Туре                     |            | Paramet           | er       | Value            | Liter             | al            | Info          | -        |
| 0                | 17:41:50.068    | BLUEHCI_GATT_INIT        |            | Event Code        |          | 0x3E             | HCI_LE_META       |               |               |          |
| 1                | 17:41:50.078    | HCI_COMMAND_COMPLETE     |            | Parameter Tota    | I Lengti | n 0x13           |                   |               |               |          |
| 2                | 17:41:56.266    | BLUEHCI_GAP_INIT         |            | Subevent_Code     | e        | 0x01             | HCI_LE_CONNEC     | TION_COMP     |               |          |
| 3                | 17:41:56.276    | HCI_COMMAND_COMPLETE     | 1015       | Status            | 1000     | 0x00             | Success           |               |               | E        |
| 11251            | 17:42:01.930    | BLUEHCI_GAP_SET_DISCOVER | ARLE       | Connection_Ha     | andle    | 0x0801           | Claure            |               | 0.00 Cara     |          |
| 4                | 17:42:01.940    | HCL_COMMAND_COMPLETE     |            | Role Address 7    | 1000     | 0x01             | Dublic Dovice Adv | lease         | 0x00 Connec   |          |
| 4                | 17:40:01/       | HCL DISCONNECTION COME   | IFTE       | Peer_Address_1    | уре      | 0x123456780A     | Public Device Add | 1025          | Dublic Devic  |          |
| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7 | 17-43-55 417    | THE DISCONNECTION COMP   | CE I E     | Conn Interval     |          | 0x0050           |                   |               | Connection    |          |
| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7 | 17:43:55.417    |                          |            |                   |          | V//V//V          |                   |               | connection in |          |
| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7 | 17:43:55.417    |                          |            | Conn Latency      |          | 0x0000           | +                 |               | Connection    |          |

Figure 4. BlueNRG GUI main window

The BlueNRG GUI main window is characterized by different zones. Some of these zones can be resized.

#### Port and interface selection

The uppermost zone allows the user to open the COM port associated to the BTLE controller.

#### **HCI commands**

The HCI Commands tab contains a list of all the available HCI commands. Commands can be filtered by checking/unchecking boxes under the filter section. After clicking on one of the commands, all the packet fields will be displayed on the command packet table in the upper-right section of the tab (see *Figure 5*).



| BLUEHCI_GATT_INIT            |   | Command Packet         |        |                          |                              |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| BLUEHCI_GATT_ADD_SERVICE     | Ξ | Parameter              | Value  | Literal                  | Info                         |
| BLUEHCI_GATT_INCLUDE_SERVICE |   | Opcode                 | 0xFD02 | BLUEHCI_GATT_ADD_SERVICE |                              |
| BLUEHCI GATT ADD CHAR DESC   |   | Parameter Total Length | 0x05   |                          |                              |
| BLUEHCI_GATT_UPD_CHAR_VAL    |   | Service_UUID_Type      | 0x01   | 16-bit UUID              | 0x01 = 16-bit UUID, 0x02 = 1 |
| BLUEHCI_GATT_DEL_CHAR        |   | Service_UUID_16        | 0xA001 |                          |                              |
| BLUEHCI_GATT_DEL_SERVICE     |   | Service_Type           | 0x01   | Primary Service          | 0x01 = Primary Service, 0x02 |
| BLUEHCI_GATT_DEL_INC_SERVICE |   | Max_Attribute_Records  | 0x05   |                          | Maximum number of attrib     |
| Filter                       |   |                        |        |                          |                              |
| SELECT ALL                   |   |                        |        |                          |                              |
| GAP GAP                      |   | GATT                   |        | I HAL                    |                              |
| I JCAR                       |   | HCI Test               |        | I HCI                    |                              |

Figure 5. Command packet table

The command packet table contains four columns:

- **Parameter**: name of the packet field as they are named in volume 2, part E of Bluetooth specification.
- **Value**: field value represented in hexadecimal format (right-click on a cell to change its representation format).
- Literal: meaning of the current field value.
- Info: description of the corresponding field.

Only the yellow cells of this table can be modified by the user. The Parameter Total Length is fixed or automatically calculated after modifying cell content.

After the fields have been modified (if required) the command can be sent using the Send button.

#### **HCI Packet history and details**

At the bottom of the main window, two tables show packets sent to and received from the BTLE controller, as well as other events. The left table (sent/received packets) holds a history of all packets (see *Figure 6*). The right one (packet details) shows all the details of the selected packet as is done in the command packet table (*Figure 6*).



Figure 6. Packet history and details

Double-clicking on a row of the sent/received packets table shows the raw packet.



| AV Raw Packet   | ?            |
|---|--------------|
| [0x01,0x0D,0x20,0x19,0x00,0x40,0x00,0x40,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x0 | x00,<br>80,0 |

Figure 7. Raw packet dump

Some events (displayed in yellow cells) can provide other information. HCI packets sent towards the BTLE controller are displayed in gray cells while received packets are shown inside white cells.

The Sent/received packets table can be cleared by clicking on clear list button. Update and auto-scrolling check boxes enable or disable updating and auto-scrolling of the Sent/received packets table while new packets are sent or received (however, information will still be printed).



## 4 **Programming with BlueNRG network processor**

The BlueNRG provides a high level interface to control its operation. This interface is called ACI (application-controller interface). The ACI is implemented as an extension to the standard Bluetooth HCI interface. Since BlueNRG is a network processor, the stack runs inside the device itself. Hence, no library is required on the external microcontroller, except for profiles and all the functions needed to communicate with the BlueNRG SPI interface.

The development kit software includes sample code that shows how to configure BlueNRG and send commands or parsing events. The source library is called Simple BlueNRG HCI to distinguish it from the library for the complete Profile Framework (not present in the software development kit). This library is able to handle multiple profiles at the same time and supports several Bluetooth GATT-based profiles for BlueNRG. Documentation on the ACI is provided in a separate document.

| Figure 8 | Profile | framework | structure |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|

| Proximity               | FindMe | HOGP |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Basic profile framework |        |      |  |  |  |  |

### 4.1 Requirements

In order to communicate with BlueNRG network processor very few resources are needed by the main processor. These are listed below:

- SPI interface
- Platform-dependent code to write/read to/from SPI
- A timer to handle SPI timeouts or to run Bluetooth LE Profiles

Minimum requirements in terms of Flash and RAM space largely depend on the functionality needed by the application, on the microprocessor that will run the code and on the compiler toolchain used to build the firmware.

On the STM32L (Cortex-M3 core), the memory footprint for the code interfacing the BlueNRG requires few kilobytes of Flash and RAM (typically 2-4 KB of Flash, and 0.8-1.5 KB of RAM). So a complete simple application (like the BlueNRG sensor demo) could require just 15 KB of Flash and 2 KB of RAM.

If using the complete BlueNRG Profile framework, the memory footprint is around 9 KB of code and 3 KB of data for just the ACI interface and the profile framework functions. The memory required for the profiles can vary depending on the complexity of the profile itself. For example, code for HID-over-GATT host is around 6 KB, while for heart rate monitor is around 2.3 KB.

### 4.2 Software directory structure

The project folder contains some sample code that can be used on the application processor to control the BlueNRG. Platform-dependent code is also provided for STM32L1 platforms. The example project provided in the package will run "as is" on the development kit.



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The files are organized using the following folder structure:

- Bluetooth LE. Contains the code that is used to send ACI commands to the BlueNRG network processor. It contains also definitions of BlueNRG events.
- platform. Contains all the platform-dependent files. These can be taken as an example to build applications that can be run on other platforms.
- examples. Contains source code that can be used as an example to build other applications that will use the Bluetooth technology with the BlueNRG. Project files for IAR embedded workbench are also available.

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### 5 BlueNRG sensor profile demo

The software development kit contains an example, which implements a proprietary Bluetooth profile: the sensor profile. This example is useful for building new profiles and applications that use the BlueNRG network processor. This GATT profile is not compliant to any existing specification. The purpose of this project is simply to show how to implement a given profile.

This profile exposes two services: acceleration service and environmental service. *Figure 9* shows the whole GATT database, including the GATT and GAP services that are automatically added by the stack.

One of the acceleration service's characteristics has been called free-fall characteristic. This characteristic cannot be read or written but can be notified. The application will send a notification on this characteristic (with value equal to 0x01) if a free-fall condition has been detected by the LIS3DH MEMS sensor (the condition is detected if the acceleration on the 3 axes is near zero for a certain amount of time). Notifications can be enabled or disabled by writing on the related client characteristic configuration descriptor.

The other characteristic exposed by the service gives the current value of the acceleration that is measured by the accelerometer. The value is made up of six bytes. Each couple of bytes contains the acceleration on one of the 3 axes. The values are given in mg. This characteristic is readable and can be notified if notifications are enabled.

Another service is also defined. This service contains characteristics that expose data from some environmental sensors: temperature, pressure and humidity<sup>(b)</sup>. For each characteristic, a characteristic format descriptor is present to describe the type of data contained inside the characteristic. All of the characteristics have read-only properties

b. An expansion board with LPS25H pressure sensor and HTS221 humidity sensor can be connected to the motherboard through the expansion connector (F in *Figure 2*). If the expansion board is not detected, only temperature from STLM75 will be used.



| #  | # Handle IIIID /10 ar 120kit) Attribute Tune Drementine Initial Decementar Value |  |                 |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   |  |
|----|--|--|-----------------|------------------------|------------|---|---------|-----|------|---|--|
|    | # Handle UUID (16 or 128bit)   |  | Attribute Type  |                        | Properties |   |         |     |      |   |  |
|    |  |  |                 |                        | BRD RD     | NO<br>RES   | WR<br>P | NOT | ND 3 | NGN EX                                      | r<br>L   |
|    |  |  |                 |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   |  |
| 1  | 0001   | 2800   | Primary Service |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   | {Service=0x1801 ("Attribute Profile")}                         |
| 2  | 0002   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        |            |   |         |     | х    |   | {handle=0x0003, UUID=0x2A05}                                   |
| 3  | 0003   | 2A05   | Service Cha     | nged                   |            |   |         |     |      |   | {start handle=0x0001, end handle=0xFFFF}                       |
| 4  | 0004   | 2902   | Client Charac   | teristic Configuration |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0x0000   |
| 5  | 0005   | 2800 Primary Service   |                 |                        |            |   |         |     |      | {Service=0x1800 ("Generic Access Profile")} |  |
| 6  | 0006   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        | х          | Х   | Х       |     |      | х   | {handle=0x0007, UUID=0x2A00}                                   |
| 7  | 0007   | 2A00   | Device Nam      | e                      |            |   |         |     |      |   | "bluenrg"  |
| 8  | 8000   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        | х          | Х   | Х       |     |      |   | {handle=0x0009, UUID=0x2A01}                                   |
| 9  | 0009   | 2A01   | Appearance      |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×0000   |
| 16 | 0010   | 010 2800 Primary Service (Service=0x02366E80CF3A11E19AB40002A5D5C511                     |                 |                        |            | {Service=0x02366E80CF3A11E19AB40002A5D5C51B<br>("Acc Service")}         |         |     |      |   |  |
| 17 | 0011   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        |            |   |         | х   |      |   | {handle=0x0012,<br>UUID=0xE23E78A0CF4A11E18FFC0002A5D5C51B}    |
| 18 | 0012   | E23E78A0CF4A11E18FFC0002A5D5C51B   | Free Fall       |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×00   |
| 19 | 0013   | 2902   | Client Charac   | teristic Configuration |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×0000   |
| 20 | 0014   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        | х          |   |         | х   |      |   | {handle=0x0015,<br>UUID=0x340A1B80CF4B11E1AC360002A5D5C51B}    |
| 21 | 0015   | 340A1B80CF4B11E1AC360002A5D5C51B   | Acceleration    | ı                      |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×00000000000  |
| 22 | 0016   | 2902   | Client Charac   | teristic Configuration |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×0000   |
| 23 | 0017   | 017 2800 Primary Service (Service=0x02366E80CF3A11E19AB40002A5D5C51B<br>("Env Service")) |                 |                        |            | <pre>{Service=0x02366E80CF3A11E19AB40002A5D5C51B ("Env Service")}</pre> |         |     |      |   |  |
| 24 | 0018   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        | х          |   |         |     |      |   | {handle=0x0019,<br>UUID=0xA32E5520E47711E2A9E30002A5D5C51B}    |
| 25 | 0019   | A32E5520E47711E2A9E30002A5D5C51B   | Temperatur      | e                      |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×0000   |
| 26 | 0075   | 2904   | Characteristi   | : Format               |            |   |         |     |      |   | {format=0x0E, exp=-1, unit=0x272F, n_sp=0x00,<br>descr=0x0000} |
| 27 | 001B   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        | х          |   |         |     |      |   | {handle=0x001C,<br>UUID=0xCD20C480E48B11E2840B0002A5D5C51B}    |
| 28 | 001C   | CD20C480E48B11E2840B0002A5D5C51B   | Pressure        |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×000000   |
| 29 | 0075   | 2904   | Characteristi   | : Format               |            |   |         |     |      |   | {format=0x0F, exp=-5, unit=0x2780, n_sp=0x00,<br>descr=0x0000} |
| 30 | 001E   | 2803   | Characteristic  |                        | х          |   |         |     |      |   | {handle=0x001F,<br>UUID=0x01C50B60E48C11E2A0730002A5D5C51B}    |
| 31 | 001F   | 01C50B60E48C11E2A0730002A5D5C51B   | Humidity        |                        |            |   |         |     |      |   | 0×0000   |
| 32 | 0075   | 2904   | Characteristi   | : Format               |            |   |         |     |      |   | {format=0x06, exp=-1, unit=0x2700, n_sp=0x00,<br>descr=0x0000} |

Figure 9. Demo GATT

### 5.1 BlueNRG app for smartphones

An application is available for smartphones (iOS and android), that works with the sensor profile demo. The development kits are preprogrammed with the sensor profile demo firmware. If the development board has been flashed with another firmware, it can be programmed with the correct firmware. Refer to *Section 4.1* for the programming procedure using the device firmware upgrade feature and BlueNRG GUI. The correct pre-compiled firmware can be found inside firmware folder (SensorDemo.hex). The source file for the demo is inside the project folder.

This app enables notifications on the acceleration characteristic and displays the value on the screen. Data from environmental sensors are also periodically read and displayed.





Figure 10. BlueNRG app



## 6 Connection with a central device

This section describes how to interact with a central device, while BlueNRG is acting as a peripheral. The central device can be another BlueNRG acting as a master, or any other Bluetooth smart or smart-ready device.

First, BlueNRG must be set up. In order to do this, a series of ACI command need to be sent to the processor.

### 6.1 Initialization

BlueNRG's stack must be correctly initialized before establishing a connection with another Bluetooth LE device. This is done with two commands:

- BLUEHCI\_GATT\_INIT
- BLUEHCI\_GAP\_INIT(Role=0x01)

See ACI documentation for more information on these commands and on those that follow as well. Peripheral role must be specified inside the GAP\_INIT command.

### 6.2 Add service and characteristics

BlueNRG's Bluetooth LE stack has both server and client capabilities. A characteristic is an element in the server database where data are exposed. A service contains one or more characteristics. Add a service using the following command. Parameters are provided only as an example.

 BLUEHCI\_GATT\_ADD\_SERVICE(Service\_UUID\_Type=0x01, Service\_UUID\_16=0xA001, Service\_Type=0x01, Max\_Attributes\_Records=0x06)

The command will return the service handle (e.g., 0x0010). A characteristic must now be added to this service. This service is identified by the service handle.

 BLUEHCI\_GATT\_ADD\_CHAR(Service\_Handle=0x0010, Char\_UUID\_Type=0x01, Char\_UUID\_16=0xA002, Char\_Value\_Length=10, Char\_Properties=0x1A, Security\_Permissions=0x00, GATT\_Evt\_Mask=0x01, Enc\_Key\_Size=0x07, Is\_Variable=0x01)

With this command a variable-length characteristic has been added, with read, write and notify properties. The characteristic handle is also returned (Char\_Handle).

### 6.3 Set security requirements

BlueNRG exposes a command that the application can use to specify its security requirements. If a characteristic has security restrictions, a pairing procedure must be initiated by the central in order to access that characteristic. Let's assume we want the user to insert a passcode during the pairing procedure.

 BLUEHCI\_GAP\_SET\_AUTH\_REQUIREMENT(MITM\_Mode=0x01, OOB\_Enable=0, OOB\_Data=0, Min\_Encryption\_Key\_Size=7, Max\_Encryption\_Key\_Size=16, Use\_Fixed\_Pin=0, Fixed\_Pin=123456, Bonding\_Mode=1)

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### 6.4 Enter connectable mode

Use GAP ACI commands to enter one of the discoverable and connectable modes.

 BLUEHCI\_GAP\_SET\_DISCOVERABLE(Advertising\_Type=0x00, Advertising\_Interval\_Min=0x800, Advertising\_Interval\_Max=0x900, Own\_Address\_Type=0x00, Advertising\_Filter\_Policy=0x00, Local\_Name\_Length=0x08, Local\_Name='\x08BlueNRG', Service\_UUID\_Length=0x00, Service\_UUID\_List=0x00, Slave\_Connection\_Interval\_Min=0x0000, Slave\_Connection\_Interval\_Max=0x0000)

The Local\_Name parameter contains the name that will be present in advertising data, as described in Bluetooth core specification version 4.0, Vol. 3, Part C, Ch. 11<sup>(c)</sup>.

### 6.5 Connection with central device

Once BlueNRG is put in a discoverable mode, it can be seen by a central device in scanning.

Any Bluetooth smart and smart-ready device can connect to BlueNRG, such as a smartphone. LightBlue is one of the applications in the Apple Store for iPhone<sup>®</sup> 4S/5 and later versions of Apple's iPhone.

Start the LightBlue application. It will start to scan for peripherals. A device with the BlueNRG name will appear on the screen. Tap on the box to connect to the device. A list of all the available services will be shown on the screen. Touching a service will show the characteristics for that service.

BlueNRG has added two standard services: GATT Service (0x1801) and GAP service (0x1800).

Try to read the characteristic from the service we have just added (0xA001). The characteristic has a variable length attribute, so you will not see any value. Write a string into the characteristic and read it back.

BlueNRG can send notifications of the characteristic that has been previously added, with UUID 0xA002 (after notifications have been enabled). This can be done using the following command:

 BLUEHCI\_GATT\_UPD\_CHAR\_VALUE(Service\_Handle=0x0010, Char\_Handle=0x0011, Val\_Offset=0, Char\_Value\_Length=0x05, Char\_Value='hello')

Once this ACI command has been sent, the new value of the characteristic will be displayed on the phone.

c. The first byte of the value is the AD Type. In BlueNRG GUI the \xHH notation is used to specify a byte in hexadecimal format inside a string.



# 7 Revision history

| Table 4. | Document | revision | history |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|----------|----------|----------|---------|

| Date          | Revision | Changes          |
|---------------|----------|------------------|
| 28-Nov-2013 1 |          | Initial release. |



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