

BME 484 Biomedical Engineering Capstone Design  
**Project Proposal**

Project Title: Real-time Spectrogram of Electromyogram Using Android Tablet

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Abstract: The aim of this project is to produce a real-time spectrogram of electromyography signals that can be displayed on an android app. The spectrogram will provide the time-frequency information of the signal that cannot be seen with only the EMG signal. Creating an app for the EMG spectrogram allows for easy use at home or easy portability for physical therapists/doctors. This app will provide an efficient way of seeing a spectrogram to diagnose and/or track progression of multiple muscle or nerve impairments, physical therapy progress, or helping with correct form during exercise to avoid injuries. To accomplish this, electrodes, an EMG amplifier, and a PIC microprocessor will be used to obtain the electrical signals produced by the muscles to record and display the spectrogram using the short-term fast Fourier transform on a smartphone device via Bluetooth in real time.

Innovation: This app will allow people to see the spectrogram of the electromyography signal recorded from their muscles in real-time using the short-term fast Fourier transform as opposed to seeing the raw EMG signal.

Materials: electrodes, Android tablet, Android Operating System, PIC Microprocessor, EMG amplifier PCB

Subtasks:

1. Research spectrogram significance for EMG
- 2.. Obtain source code, electrodes, set up android studio
3. Optimize functionality of circuit
4. Create app to output emg signal
5. Determine frequency range for emg signal
6. Write code for spectrogram using short time fast fourier transform(STFT)



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