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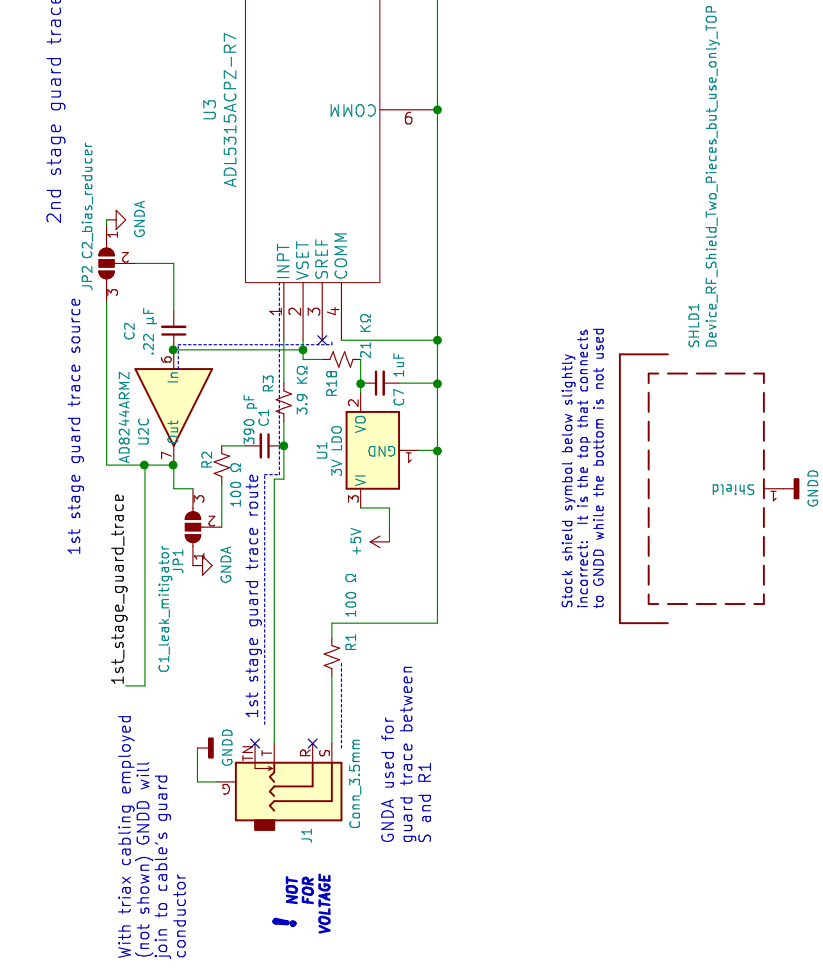
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Blue dashes indicate traces that ought to be guarded using similar voltage guard trace. Remove solder mask from the guard traces to guard signal source. Reagents used: contaminant guard trace, avoid vias in the input net on the other side of the board as well.



When used as designed (body removed), the height of the shield is 10mm and not hermetically sealed.

Instead, hermetic sealing is suggested to provide you with the ultimate in long term sensitivity stability in scientific applications. The height of the shield will also benefit from J1 being a triax connector instead of the phone connector shown.

Hermetic sealing is achieved by:

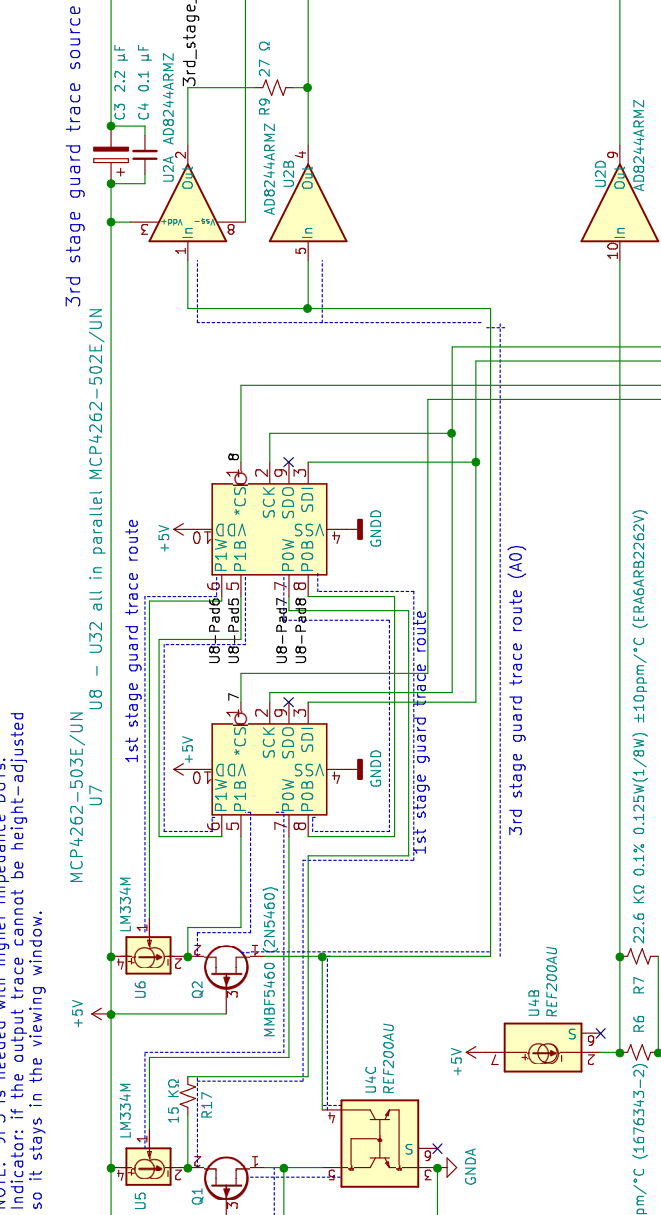
- #1) Solder sealing all micro-vias of the PCB under the shield, and #2) not using the shield body, only the triax cable and thoroughly soldering the triax cable to the shield using dried dessicant package (supplied by manufacturer with U4) stuffed inside to minimize moisture degradation. Hermetic sealing degrades U4 performance slightly over time in humid environments.

NOTE: Vcc net will remain labeled +5V until +3.3V operation is fully validated. Operation currently at +3.3V is a little sickly, likely due to the following.

NOTE FOR 3.3V OPERATION – In 3.3V operation, the voltage drop that Q2 adds for the sake of the highest output impedance of U4C may not allow for the use of the 3.3V operation. It is possible that JET may be shorted across D to S with the expected result to be reduced signal sensitivity.

MMBF5460 (2N5460) Notes: SMD Source & Drain MUST BE interchangeable due to starting off this project with a backwards SMD footprint. This restriction should not be a problem b/c the manufacturer states that specific interchangeability is not required for MMBF5460. Also note: Q1 contributes nothing to functionality except to permit using the same voltage guard trace for both U7 and U8 since they are co-located, distant between board sides leaving no room for another.

NOTE: JP3 is needed with higher impedance DUTs. Otherwise the voltage guard trace cannot be height-adjusted so it stays in the viewing window.

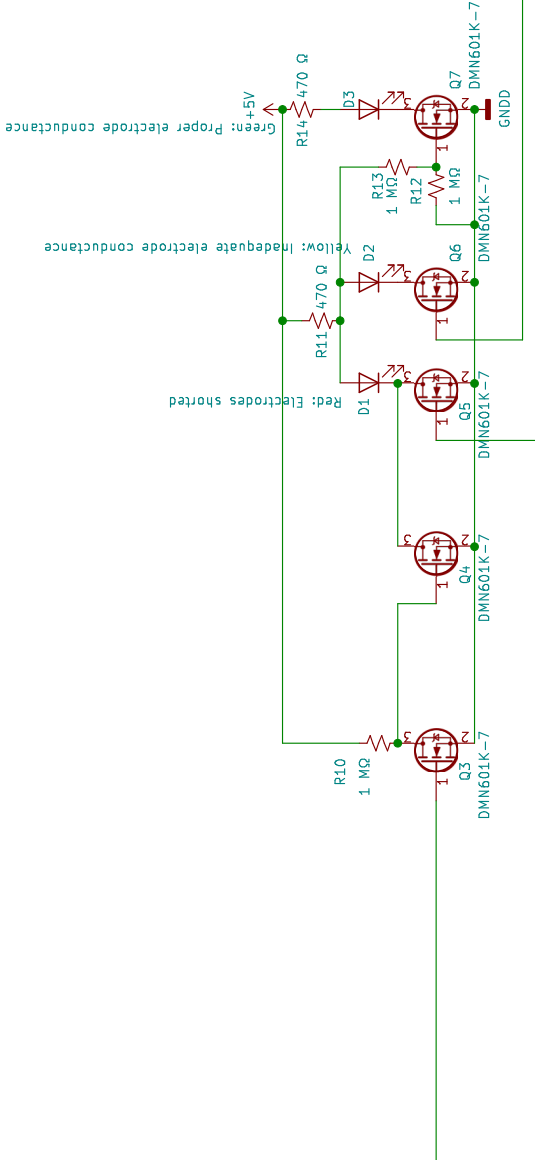


NOTE – These resistors are valued for 5V operation to the reference input of the HX711. Future research is apt to be done for 3.3V operation. The value of the HX711 to determine if this value will need to be changed. It is not expected to be different, based simply on the reasoning that this reference voltage is about half of 3.3V already.

NOTE – These resistors are spec'd tightly to mitigate temperature drift. If a different tempo is found to be needed, the temps of these resistors would be the solution.

NOTE – Due to this current mirror being referenced low, the signal gets inverted (higher current=lower voltage). No stage following is also inverting, so unfortunately it is not inverted. I have not tested this circuit with both, but I haven't done that due to it being unessential to the lay operator – not worth my time right now, all things considered. For now, the operator may just need to be aware of the current mirror and U4 stress or electrical resistance instead of conductance.

Q1.2 pinch-off testing: Q1.2 need to place enough voltage across IM334 to permit full current capability of 1 mA to 5 mA (equi-spaced steps at 68K to 1.1M setting in 50K device, 50K setting in 50K device) to 1.1M setting in 100K device. The 100K device presents very high impedance load to U4C pin 6 as found by proving Q2 has not saturated.



NOTE: Check sketch macros for which LED is controlled by which MCU pin.

## Helpful Parts Not In Circuit

- 1. roll Polyimide (Kapton) tape 3/8" wide 6' length or greater. Use as electrical insulator and place assist. P/N 3057 from Arrow or equivalent
  - 38ga magnet wire for trace repairs. P/N 3522 from Arrow or equivalent
  - Solder wick P/N TOL-09327 from Arrow or equivalent
  - Soldering colophony (pine or gum ROSIN – NOT with zinc or ammonium chloride) flux (can make it yourself)
  - RG316 Coaxial cable 2m/6ft min length
  - Multi-conductor flat IDC ribbon cable or hookup wire. P/N 2001 to 2006 from Arrow
  - Electrode clamsheils; one per leaf electrode. Having attachment means and gripping orientation needed.
  - Electrode suspension device of your own making that won't sink into ground and extends a guy strings hang point above DUT
  - Carbon fiber tow, non-impregnated with a gold-plated connector per electrode (we have no source yet). The connector will interface between the carbon fiber and wiring to the receptacle that receives the coaxial cable plug.
- NOTE – Very high temp solder (K100) not allowed on U4. The best solder will always be "No Heat SAC305" if you can find it, but you still MUST cleanse gold from pads. Avoid Pb (lead) solder unless you understand the behavior of eutectics, how Pb ruins other solders, and how gold from ENIG ruins it.

**NOTE: Except where indicated otherwise, component part numbers and vendors are suggested based on likely imperfect research of pricing and availability for the USA in the spring of 2019.**

Only a single jumper to be used at a time. Jumper J2 is used for the HX711 module and a third for ESP-01 adapter, though only one of the modules can be chosen from that lineup. If ESP-01 is needed to be GND for JPA shunt but also solder-jumper on board front to surrounding copper. If it is needed for connect to Rx, pad jumpering is available for both U7 and U8 since they are co-located, distant between board sides leaving no room for another. That is why you'll notice Tx printed on the wireless module goes to MCU Rx.

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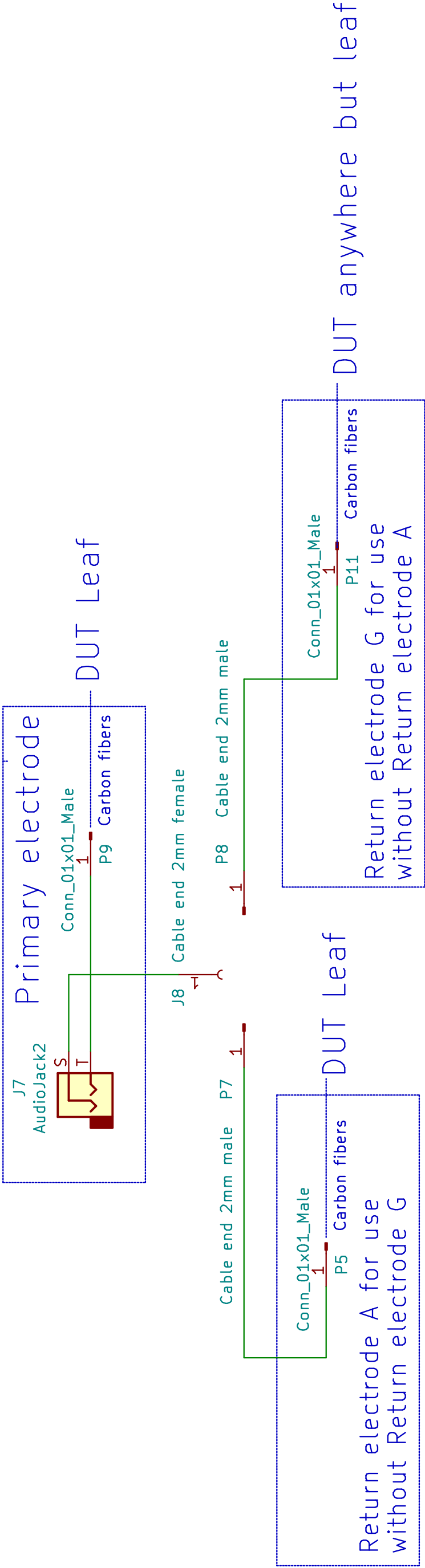
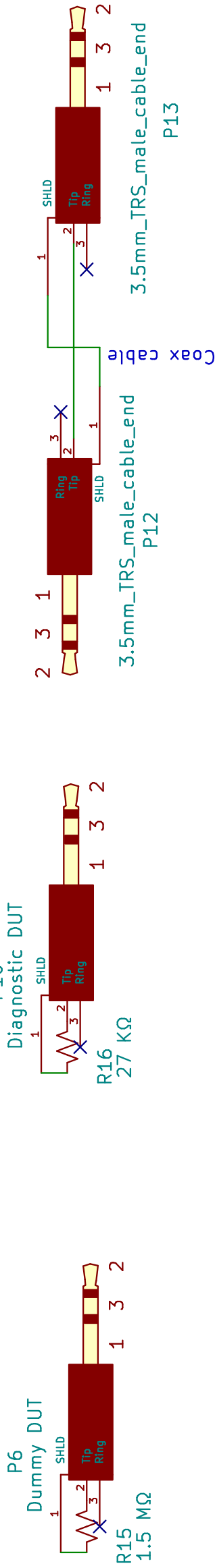
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The pins inside the electrodes are to enable gold compatible finish electrical contact in the electrode assemblies for the carbon fiber. One pin belongs in each electrode assembly.

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