

## MCU

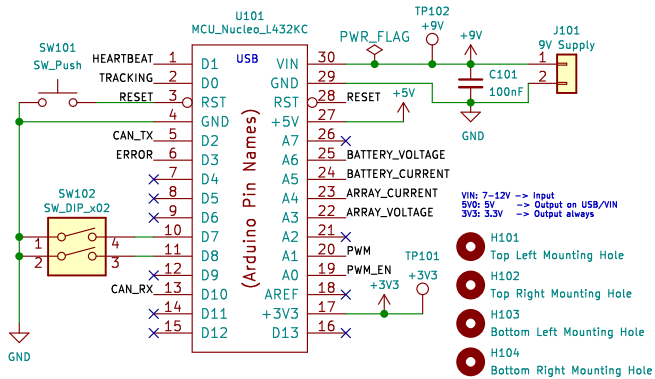
Powered and controlled by USB through STLink UART.

STM32L432KC Nucleo is the microcontroller unit of the PCB.

Requires A7 (PA2) and A2 (PA3) to be reserved for STLink UART–USB communication.

Can be powered through the following:

- 10.8–13.2VDC (Car Power)
- 7–12VDC (External 9V Supply)
- 5VDC (Nucleo USB)



### power\_regulation

+12V  
+5V  
+9VA

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### boost\_converter

+ARR → +ARR  
–ARR → –ARR  
+BATT → +BATT  
–BATT → –BATT  
DRIVE\_PWM → DRIVE\_PWM

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### sensors

ARRAY\_VOLTAGE → ARRAY\_VOLTAGE  
ARRAY\_CURRENT → ARRAY\_CURRENT  
BATTERY\_VOLTAGE → BATTERY\_VOLTAGE  
BATTERY\_CURRENT → BATTERY\_CURRENT  
+ARR → +ARR  
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### can\_driver

CAN\_TX → CAN\_TX  
CAN\_RX → CAN\_RX

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### gate\_driver

PWM → PWM  
PWMLEN → PWMLEN  
DRIVE\_PWM → DRIVE\_PWM

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### leds

HEARTBEAT → HEARTBEAT  
TRACKING → TRACKING  
PWM → PWM  
CAN\_TX → CAN\_TX  
CAN\_RX → CAN\_RX  
ERROR → ERROR

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## Sunscatter MPPT

v3.4.0

Praise the sun. A student designed maximum power point tracker custom built for the Longhorn Racing Solar car. Optimized to run the latest and greatest MPPT algorithms.

## Errata

### v3.2.0

#### Schematic:

- Reannotated all component labels and reverted rescued schematic symbols.
- Rearranged schematic and cleaned up component positioning.
- Created Array.lib for array–relevant schematic symbols.
- Swapped out zener diodes going into the uC from 3.6V to 3.9V.
- Updated the LEDs and resistors for Xx\_live Indicators.
- Added Error Indicator LED.
- Shifted pins for voltage/current sensors to accommodate STLink UART2.
- Added fuse on the array side.
- Added unity gain filter to voltage sensors.
- Errata: swapped 0.22uF and 10uF capacitors on CAN circuit to correct positions.

#### Layout:

- Created MPPT–PrimaryPCB.pretty for custom footprints.
- Specified that board should be 2oz copper/ft.
- Re–specified snubber circuit footprints.
- Comprehensive redesign of layout.

### v3.3.0

#### Schematic:

- BoM consolidation to JLCPCB.
- BoM merged into schematic component fields.
- Removed RC filters from voltage sensors.
- Replaced MAX chip with LM358.
- Downshifted 3.9V zeners to 3.3V.
- Removed general purpose switching diodes.

#### Layout:

- Moved footprints from MPPT–PrimaryPCB.pretty to Footprints.
- Dropped copper weight down to 1oz/ft.
- Places JLCPCB passives on same side.
- Reduced power path area.
- Moved sensor paths away from high power current path.
- Stitching vias and secondary GND plane for thermal and EMI improvement.

### v3.3.1

#### Schematic:

- Vout and GNDout pins swapped to correct pins for IES01\_PD51 (U6).
- EN pin for UCC37321 given an MCU DIO to be SW ambiguous to UCC37321 (U3).
- Maxim Integrated 40075 voltage op amp switched to TI OPA990 to run on +9VA.

#### Layout:

- Slight changes around power, gate driver routing.

### v3.4.0

#### Schematic:

- Broke out schematic into hierarchical sheets and re–enumerated all components.
- Fixed ERC power pin checks.

#### Layout:

- Updated silkscreen.

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# Power Regulation

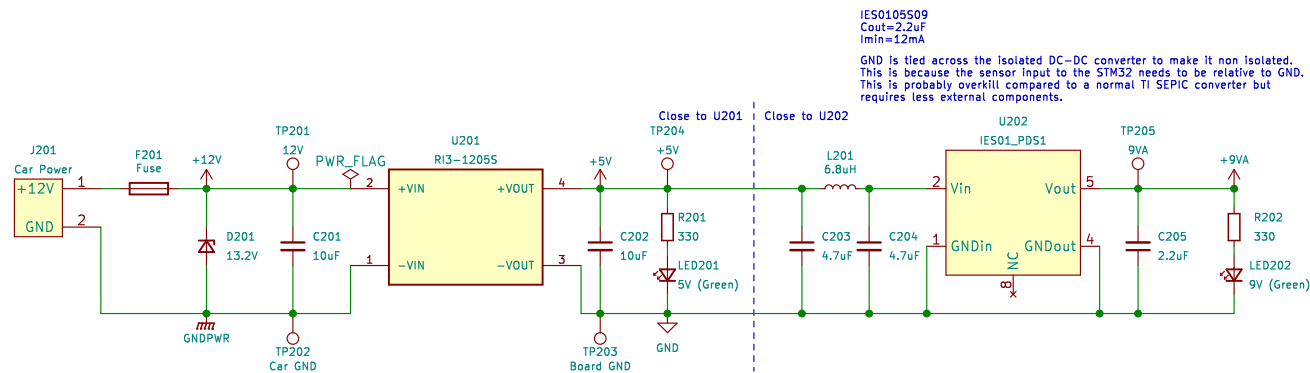
The power regulation circuit manages three supply voltages: +12V, +5V, and +9VA.

The +12V supply is a 10.8–13.2 VDC input coming from the solar vehicle. This supply is fed through a fixed output buck converter to generate the +5V line, which feeds the STM32 MCU and the IsoCAN chip. This +5V line can also be generated from the STM32 MCU, regulating from its +5V USB input or 9V VIN input when the PCB is not hooked up to the solar car.

The +5V supply feeds into boost converter to generate +9VA. This +9VA is produced solely from the +5V source, and is used to power the MOSFET gate driver and all onboard sensors.

Isolated Power Regions:

- \* Car Power
  - +12V
  - GNDPWR
- \* Device/Board Power
  - +/–Arr
  - +/–Batt
  - +9VA, +5V, +3.3V
  - GND



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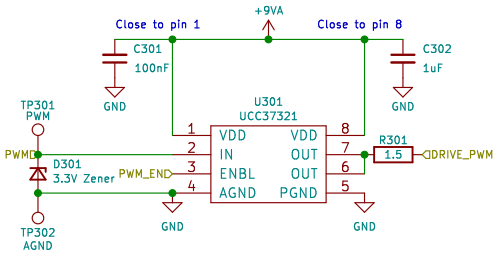
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# PWM Gate Driver

Drives the two DC-DC converter MOSFETs.



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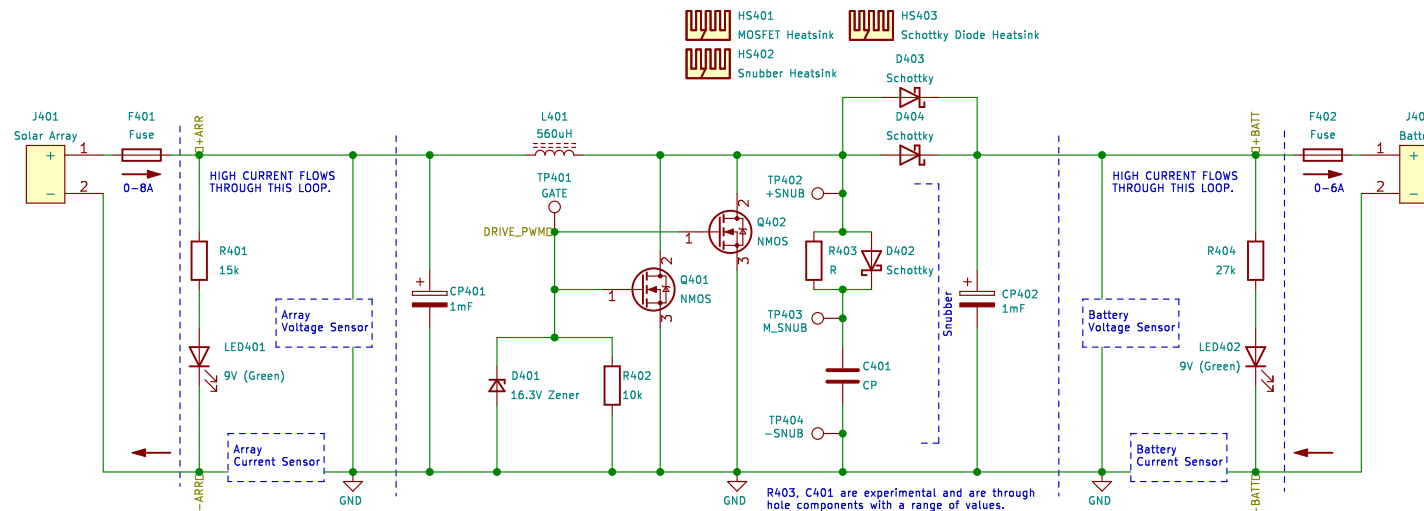
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# DC-DC Boost Converter

0-115V to 0-175V boost converter.  
Maximum 8A current flow.



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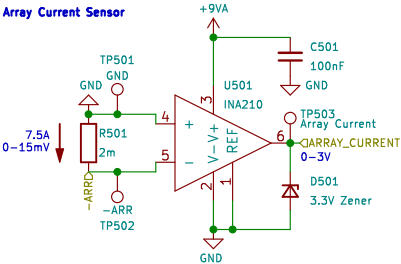
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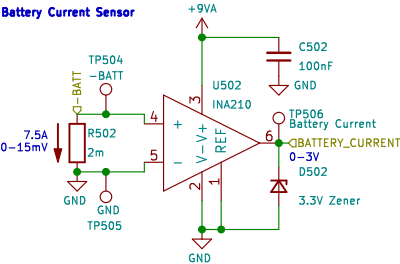
# Sensors

2 voltage sensors and current sensors, one of each for the array side and battery side.  
Used for identifying DC-DC converter operation and informing MPPT operation.  
8A support through current sense resistors.  
100V / 150V support for voltage sensor scaling.

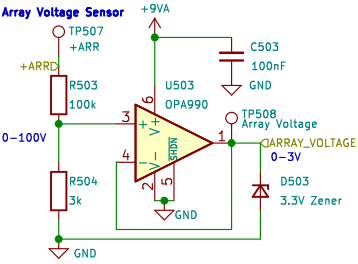
Array Current Sensor



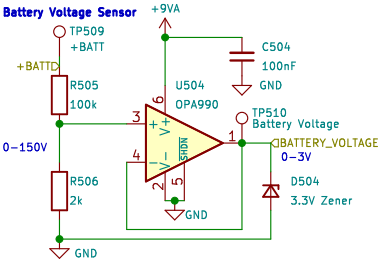
Battery Current Sensor



Array Voltage Sensor



Battery Voltage Sensor



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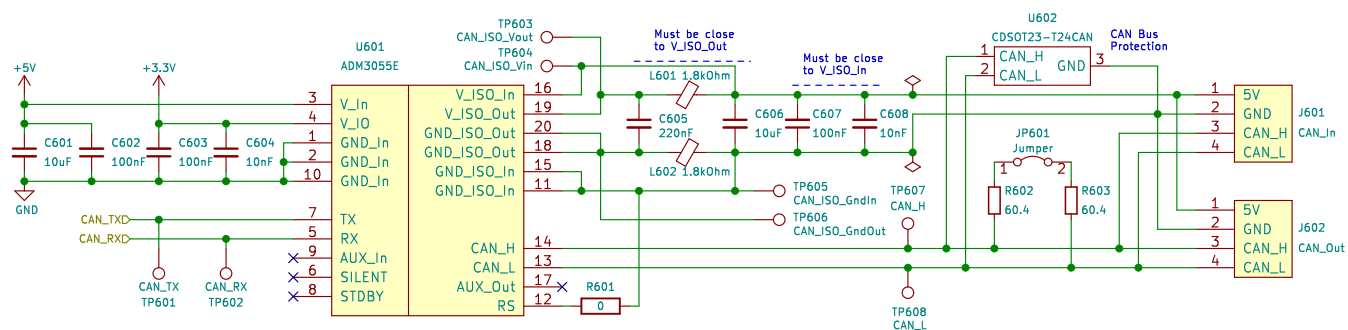
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Isolated CAN chip.



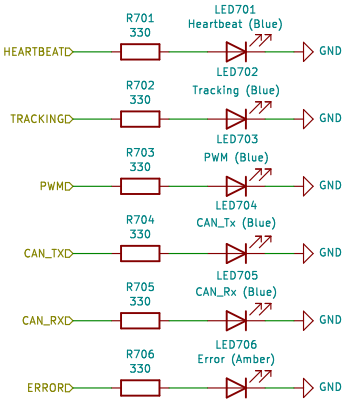
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LEDs

Status LEDs for at-a-glance Information



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