

MindPX

Autopilot System



Specification

V1.1

AirMind

Catalog

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Summary

MindPX is a new generation autopilot system branched from Pixhawk, been revised in schematic and structure, and been further enhanced with new features to make un-manned vehicle more smart and more friendly to use.

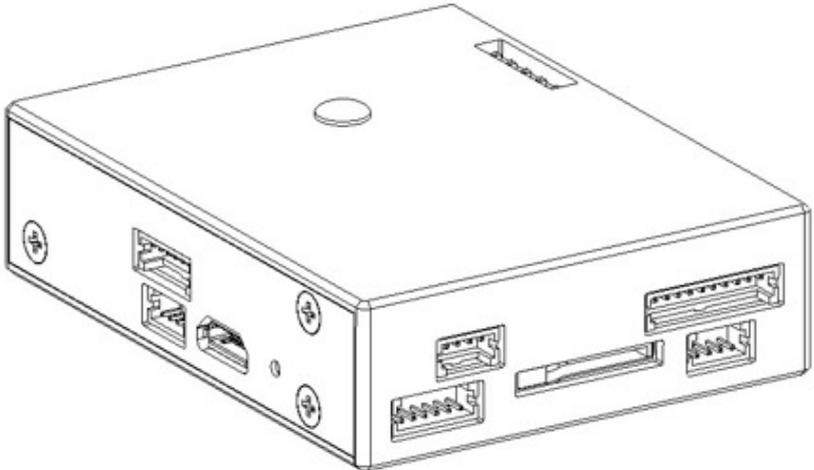
Equipped with the most powerful processor in class of industry, MindPX out stands other similar systems by strong performance, highly reliable flight control, comprehensive set of functions, and great expandability.

With ingenious internal design, MindPX is an extremely optimized system with lower total cost while has no trade off on performance.

As the platform designed for next generation smart un-manned vehicle, MindPX has following exciting new features:

- off-board access
- stackable assembly mode
- support new type of sensors like distance sensors, optical flow
- support new type of remote controller including smart phone, etc
- support auto take-off & landing
- support data fusion from multiple sensor sources

Specification

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|--|--------------|
| Dimension (mm) | | 61×48.2×16.5 | |  | |
| Weight (g) | | 45g | | | |
| Case material | | Aluminium Alloy | | | |
| Case color | | Silver | | | |
| Processor | | STM32F427 | | | |
| Sensors | Magnetometer | LSM303D | Rated Voltage | | DC 5.0±0.5 v |
| | | | Output | | PWM |
| | Accelerometer | MPU6500 & LSM303D | Temp (°C) | Stock Temp | 15~35 |
| | | | | Working Temp | -10~85 |
| | Gyro | L3GD20H & MPU6500 | Humidity (RH) | Stock Humidity | 30%~40% |
| | | | | Working Humidity | 10%~90% |
| Barometer | MS5611 | Vibration Dampening | | Built-in Vibration Dampen | |

1. Hardware

MCU

- 32bit, STM32F427, Cortex M4 with FPU
- 168 MHz
- 1256 KB RAM
- 2 MB Flash

Sensors

- ST Micro L3GD20H 16 bit gyroscope
- ST Micro LSM303D 14 bit accelerometer/magnetometer
- MEAS MS5611 barometer
- InvenSense MPU6500 integrated 6-axis sensors

Communication

Full set of interfaces with no compromise:

- 5x UART(UART), 1 high-power capable, 2x with W flow control
- CAN x 1
- PPM sum signal
- I2C x 2
- SPI
- 6.6/3.3V ADC inputs
- microUSB1 (Ground Station)
- microUSB2 (External Controller)

Power

- All peripheral outputs over-current protected
- Input voltage: $5\pm 0.5V$

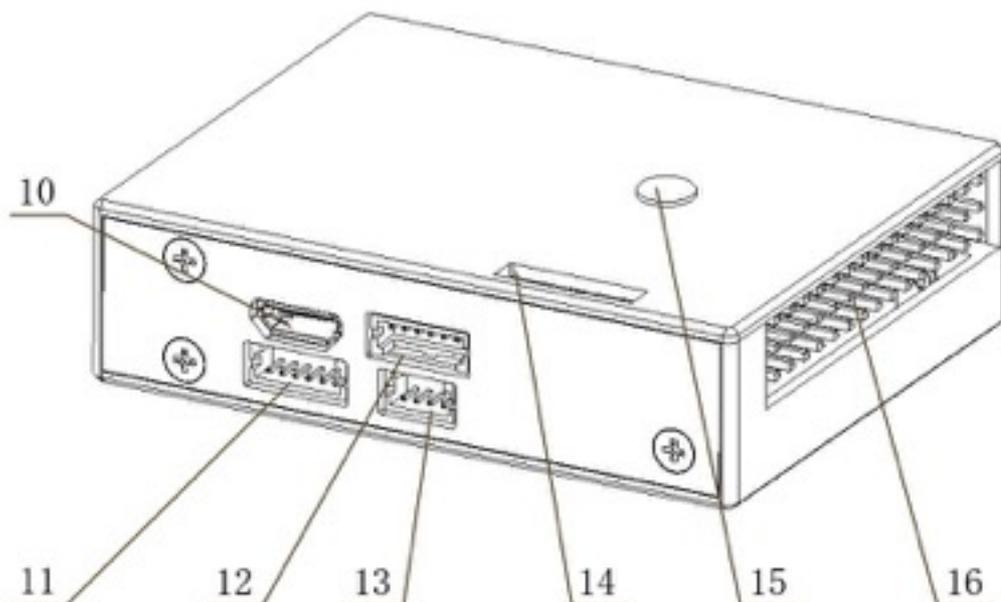
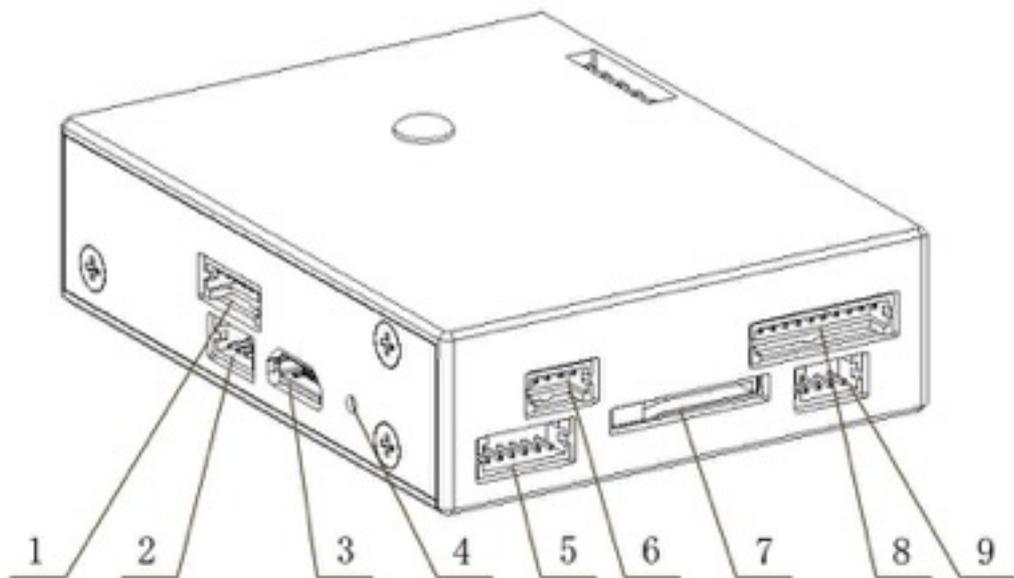
Extension

- External full color LED
- I2C splitter(normally not needed as MindPX already has 2 I2C ports)
- MindFLOW
- USB2 port for development and external control

- GPS port

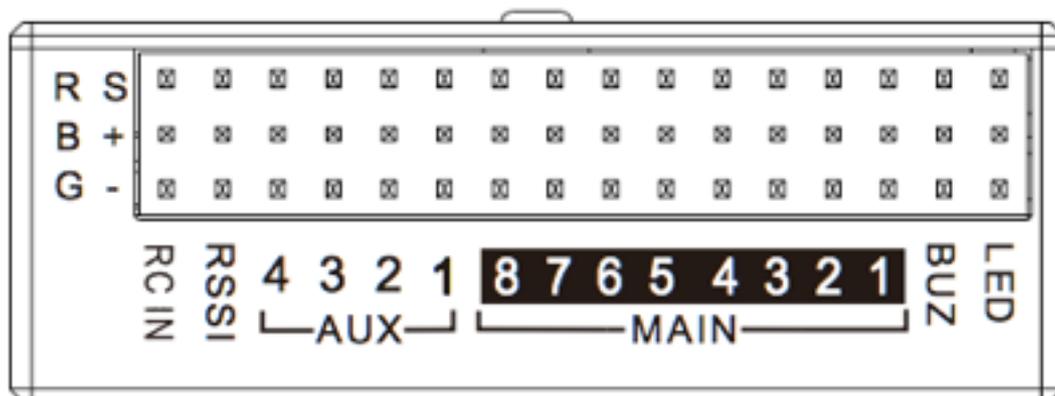
2. Interface

1) PIN



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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Power | 9. I2C2 (MindFlow) |
| 2. Debug (refresh bootloader) | 10. USB2 (Serial 2 to) |
| 3. USB1 (refresh firmware) | 11. UART4,5 |
| 4. Reset | 12. UART1 (Telemetry) |
| 5. UART3 (GPS) | 13. CAN |
| 6. I2C1(external compass) | 14. ADC |
| 7. TF card slot | 15. Tricolor LED |
| 8. NRF/SPI(Remote Control) | 16. Looper |

2) Looper

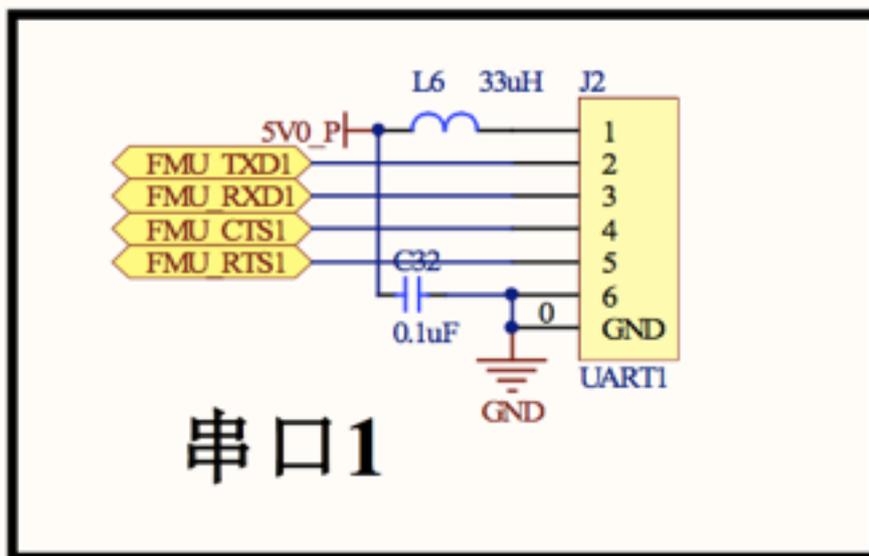


3) Schematics

UART1 port

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Signal | +5V | TXD | RXD | CTS | RTS | GND |
| Volt | +5V | +3.3V | +3.3V | +3.3V | +3.3V | GND |

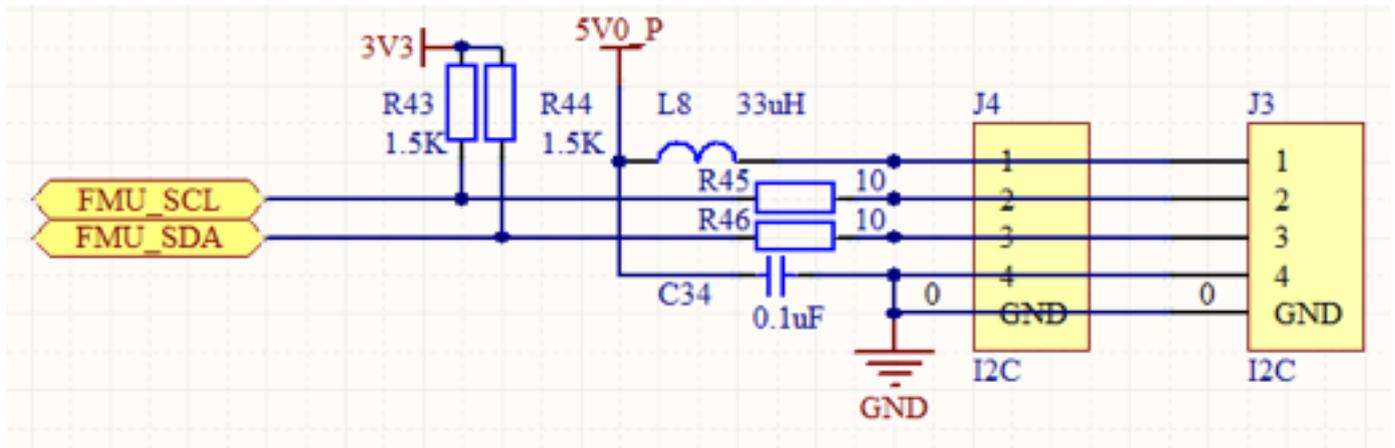
UART1 schematic



I2C port

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------|-----|-------|-------|-----|
| Signal | VCC | SCL | SDA | GND |
| Volt | +5V | +3.3V | +3.3V | GND |

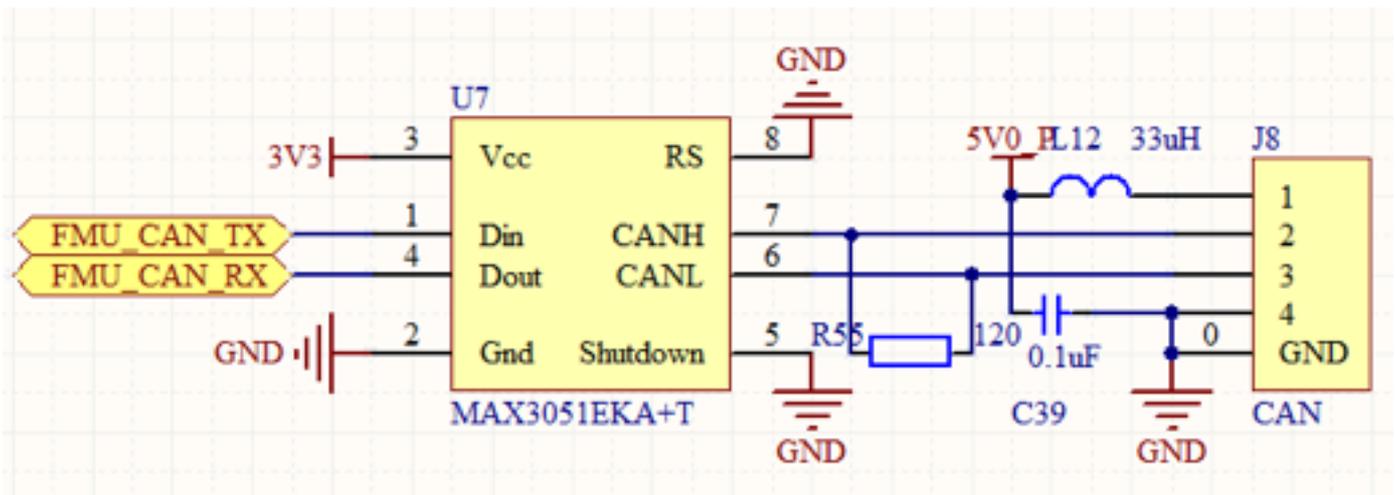
I2C schematic



CAN port

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------|-----|-------|-------|-----|
| Signal | VCC | CAN_H | CAN_L | GND |
| Volt | +5V | +12V | +12V | GND |

CAN schematic

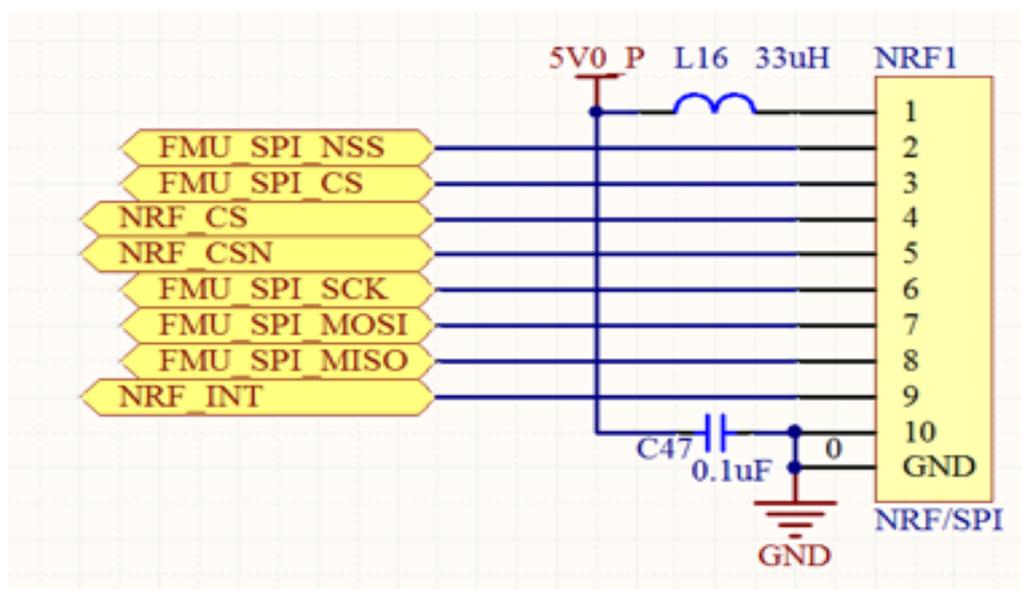


SPI port

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| Signal | VCC | N/A | N/A | NRF_CS | NRF_CSN |
| Volt | +5V | | | +3.3V | +3.3V |

| Pin | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----|
| Signal | FMU_S PI_SCK | FMU_SPI_- MOSI | FMU_SPI_MISO | NRF_INT | GND |
| Volt | +3.3V | +3.3V | +3.3V | +3.3V | GND |

SPI schematic

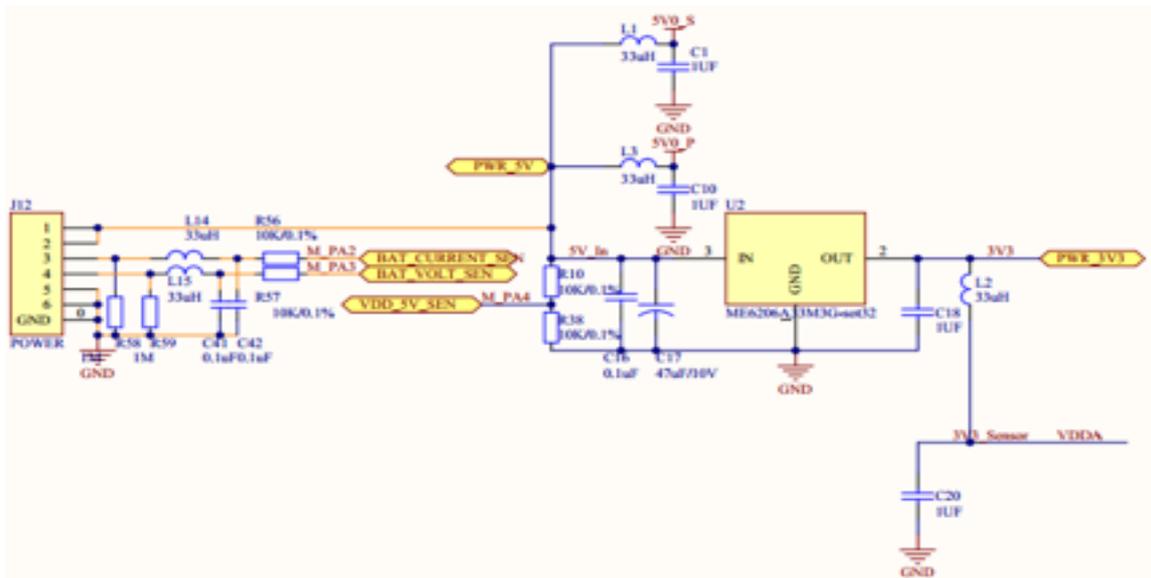


(Shared by NRF2.4G remote communication module and external SPI)

POWER port

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|-----|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|
| Signal | VCC | VCC | CURRENT | VOLTAGE | GND | GND |
| Volt | +5V | +5V | +3.3V | +3.3V | GND | GND |

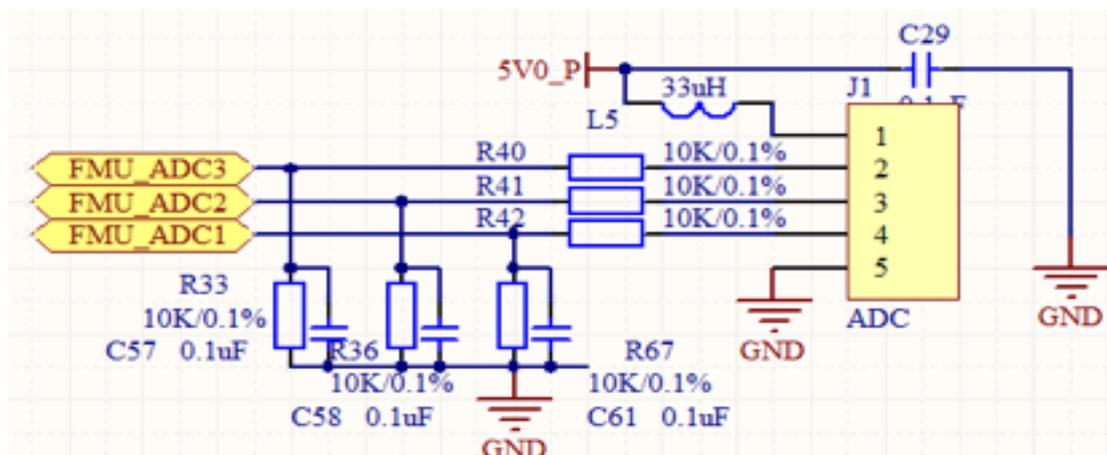
POWER schematic



ADC port

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------|-----|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| Signal | VCC | FMU_ADC3 (Pressure) | FMU_ADC2 | FMU_ADC1 | GND |
| Volt | +5V | Up to +6.6v | Up to +3.3v | Up to +3.3v | GND |

ADC schematic

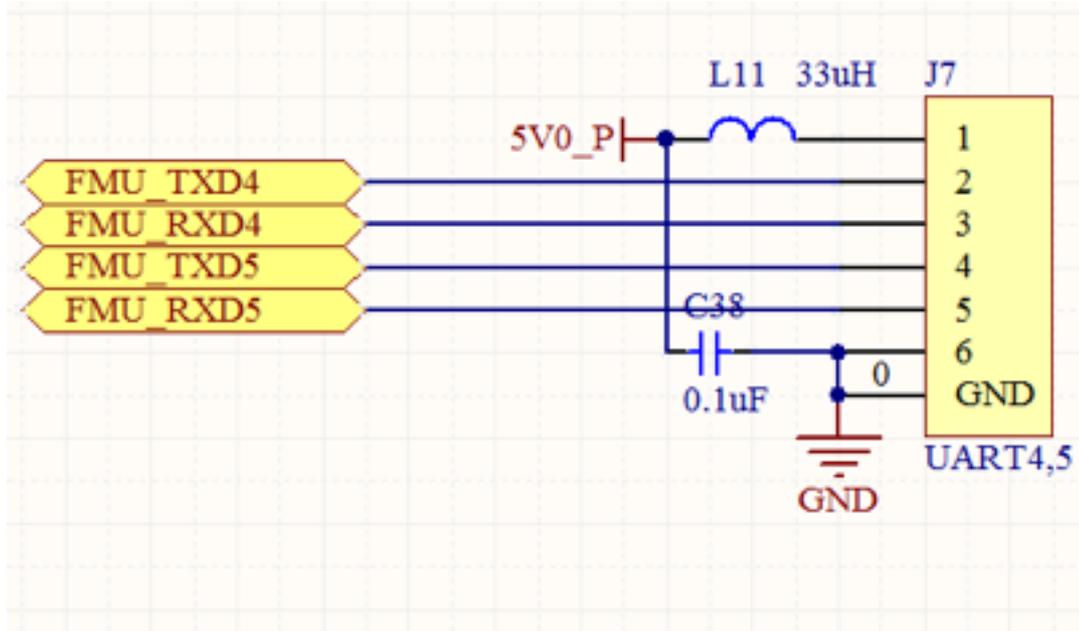


UART4/5 port

Due to space constraints two ports are on one connector.

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----|
| Signal | VCC | FMU_TXD4 | FMU_RXD4 | FMU_TXD5 | FMU_RXD5 | GND |
| Volt | +5V | +3.3v | +3.3v | +3.3v | +3.3v | GND |

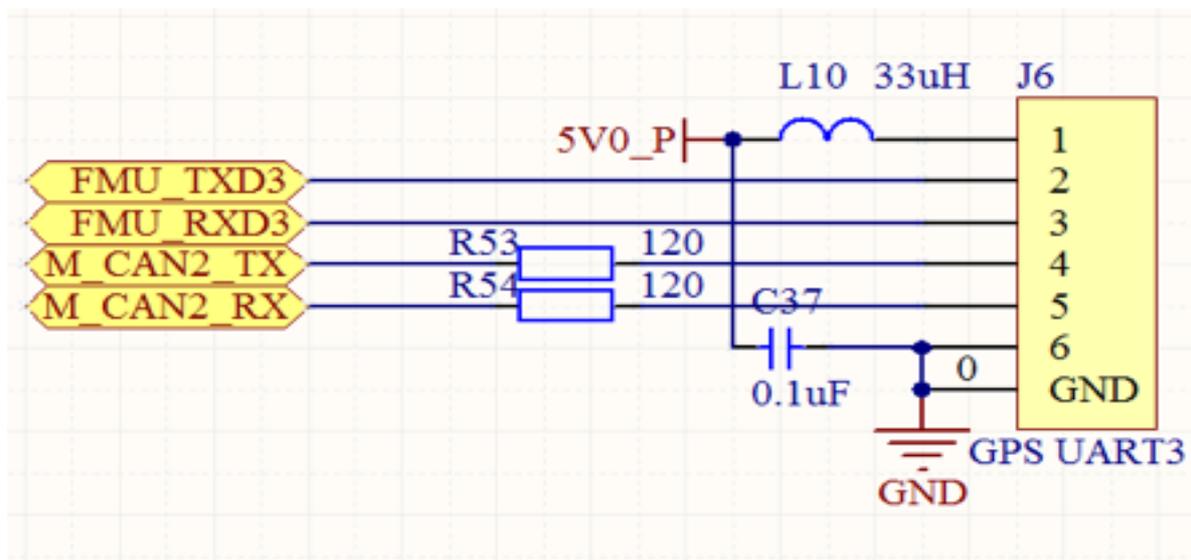
UART4/5 schematic



GPS PIN

| Pin | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Signal | VCC | FMU_TXD3 | FMU_RXD3 | N/A | N/A | GND |
| Volt | +5V | +3.3v | +3.3v | | | GND |

GPS schematic



3. Support Vehicle & Configuration

MindPX supports a variety of air frames:

dual-rotor, tri-rotor, 4x, 4+, 6x, 6+, 6Y, 8x, 8+, Y6, X8, X16

4. Flight Mode

1) **Manual mode** Control drone flight manually

2) **Assist mode**

Altitude control: Hold altitude during the flight

Position control: Hold position during the flight

3) **Auto mode**

One-click taking off: Take off and fly to specific altitude by using MindPX app

One-click landing: Easily land by using MindPX app

Navigation mode: Set waypoints or air line to make drones fly automatically

RTL: Easily return back to launch

5. Compatibility

MindPX hardware is compatible with PX4 flight stack. You can download compatible PX4 flight stack from:

<https://github.com/airmind/OpenMindPX>

6. Open Source

MindPX is an entirely open source pilot system which include both hardware and software. You can download schematics and PCB layout from here :

<https://github.com/airmind/Hardware>

Software code is available here:

<https://github.com/airmind/OpenMindPX>

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