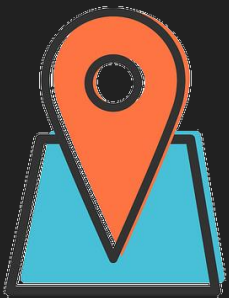


NextGen Asset Tracking Device (NAT)

Group 1 – NAT



Brianna Thomason
Brittney Fry
Lucas Dickinson
Ralph Baird
Wayne Marshall

Computer Engineer
Computer Engineer, Project Manager
Electrical Engineer, Computer Engineer
Computer Engineer
Electrical Engineer

Sponsored Project



- Young Engineering Services, LLC
 - Professor Michael Young
- This project is multilayered
 - This SD project is only starting point
 - CS Team(s) will develop further
 - INS Algorithm
 - Other beneficial software features
 - Additional Firmware functionality

Problem and Motivation



- Objects get lost all of the time
 - Both for individuals and companies
- US = ~20 to 50 billion dollars in lost or stolen equipment (Incorp, 2017)
- Companies embed software and hardware
 - Find my iPhone (Apple)
 - Find my mobile (Samsung)
 - Car keys tracker dongles
 - OnStar©
- INS Tracking

Goals and Objectives



- Main Goal
 - Produce a low-cost IOT module that can be attached to objects and report back its location
- Other Goals
 - Small device
 - Low power consumption

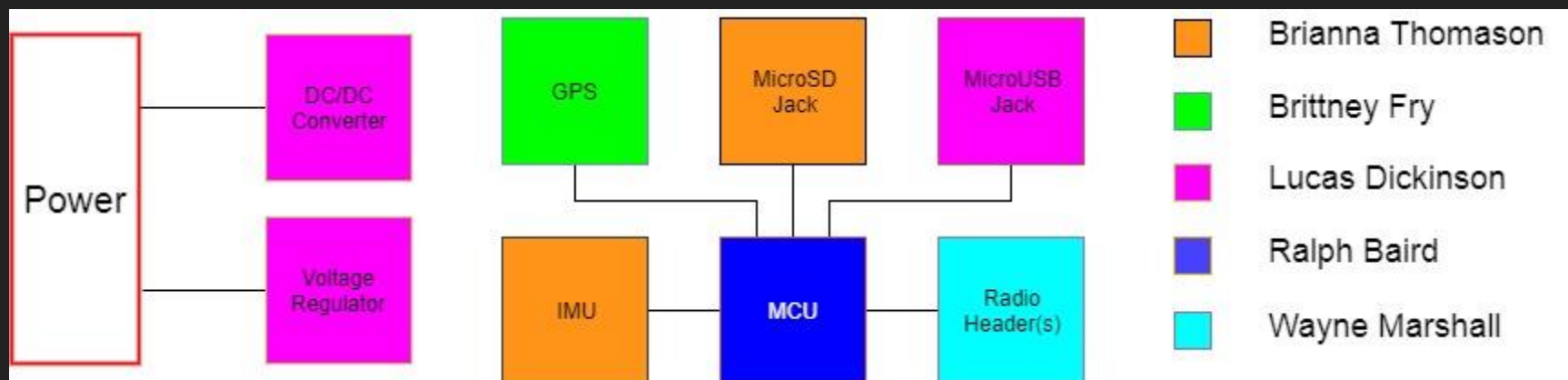
Uniqueness



- The NAT device is unique from other GPS trackers
 - Meant for industrial market, not consumer
 - One company = thousands of NATs
- Backup INS

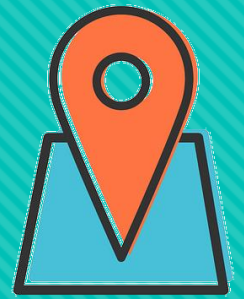


Overall Block Diagram



- The main processing power = Microcontroller
- Communication = Radio Modules
- Location = GPS
- Backup Location/Motion Data = IMU
- Main information storage = SD
- Power = Battery
- Everything communications with and through Microcontroller

Responsibilities



Research					
	MCU	Radio	GPS	Power	IMU
Brianna					Primary
Brittney			Primary		
Lucas		Secondary		Primary	
Ralph	Primary				
Wayne		Primary		Secondary	

Responsibilities



Design/Implementation						
	Schematic	Preliminary Testing HW	PCB	Firmware	Configuration GUI	Client GUI
Brianna				Secondary	Secondary	Primary
Brittney				Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Lucas	Primary	Secondary	Primary			
Ralph				Primary	Secondary	Secondary
Wayne	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			

Specifications



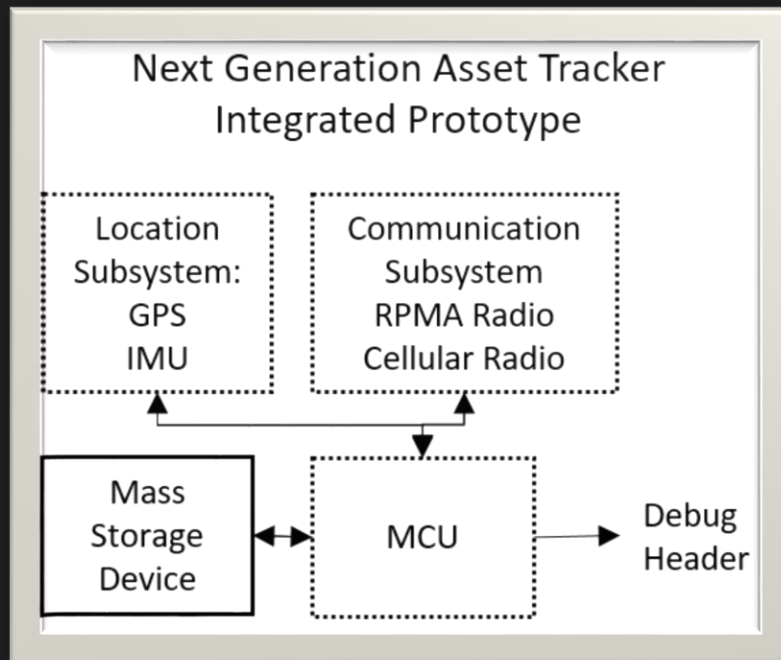
General Specifications		
PCB	Size	Approx. size of credit card
Power	Voltage	Operate on 3.7V battery
Location	Accuracy	< 3m
Software	Type	Firmware, Configuration GUI, Client GUI
Motion	Accuracy	< 10degrees

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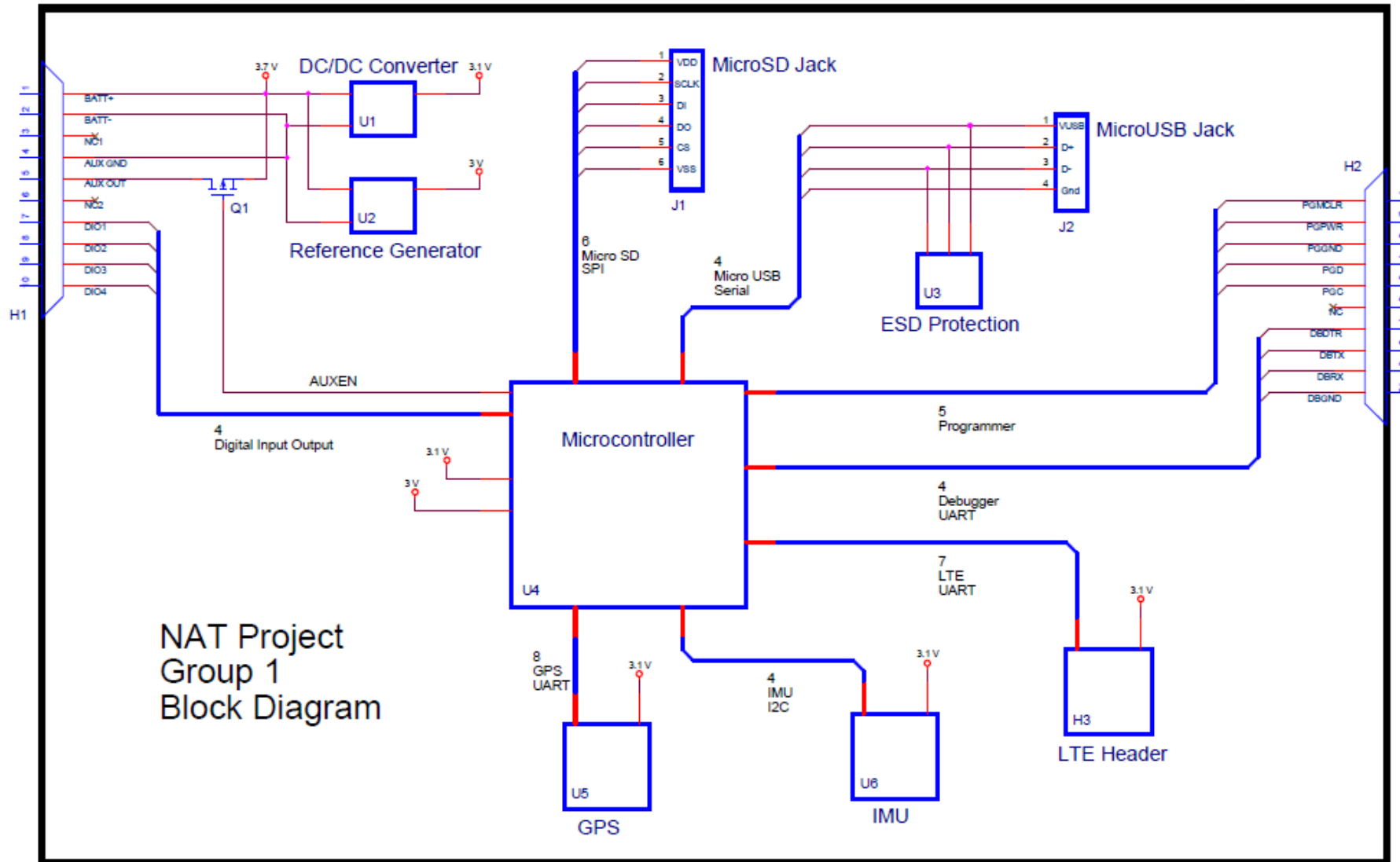
Hardware Specific	Software Specific
Integrate low power 16-bit MCU	Windows based Config GUI
Integrate GPS receiver	Configure Device with MSD/HID
Integrate 9-axis MPU	Communicate with Config GUI over USB
Integrate Radio Module	Web Based Client GUI
Able to record data	Communicate with Client GUI over radio modules
Able to recharge battery	Firmware that interfaces MCU with Radio, MPU, and GPS modules
Able to move between power modes	Firmware that creates data packet(s) to be sent on the network

Hardware Architecture

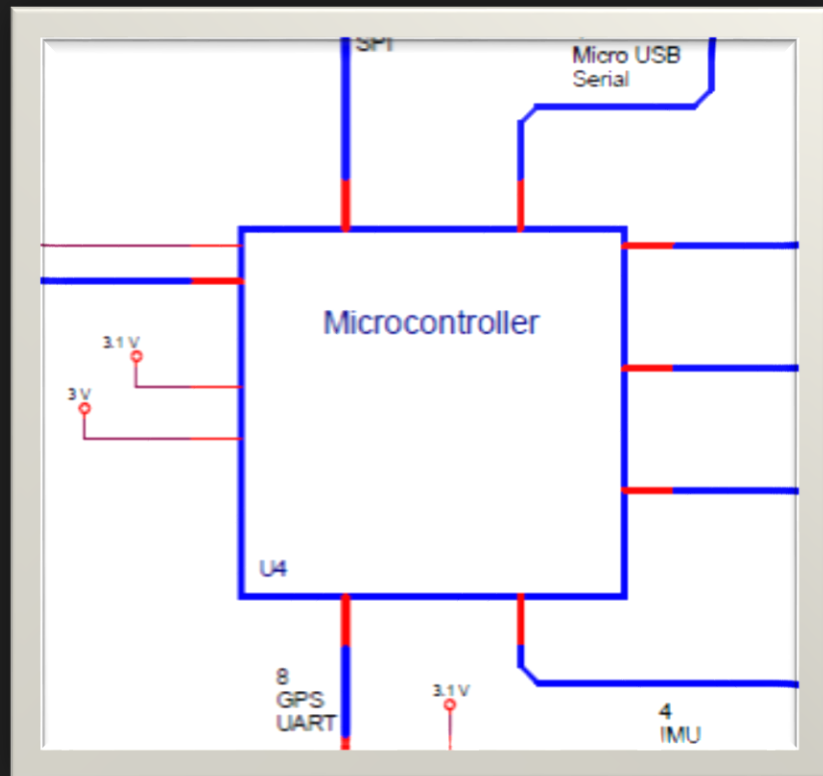


- MCU, IMU, and GPS chips integrated to single board design
- Traces for I²C and UART from MCU to IMU and GPS respectively
- USB, UART, MSD and programming header on main board
- Off the shelf radio modules attaching to daughterboard interfaces
 - Removable and swappable during development

Electrical Block Diagram



Microcontroller Section



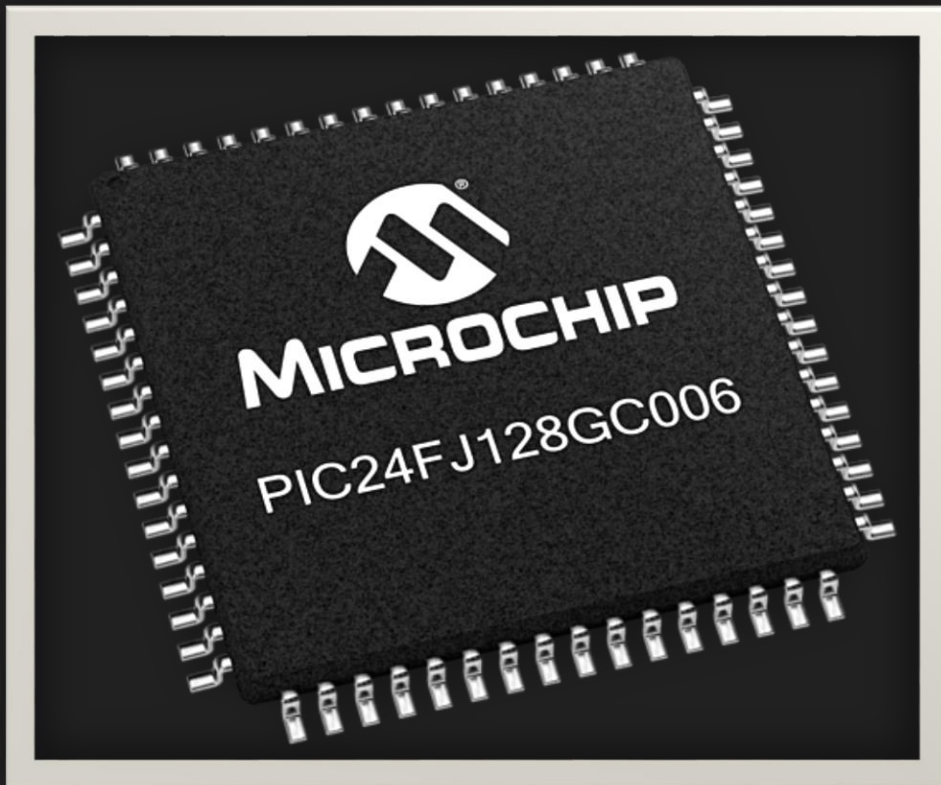
Central digital logic

- Coordinates communication between GPS, IoT communication, IMU, and SD card
- Controls full and low-power states of all of the above

Microcontrollers

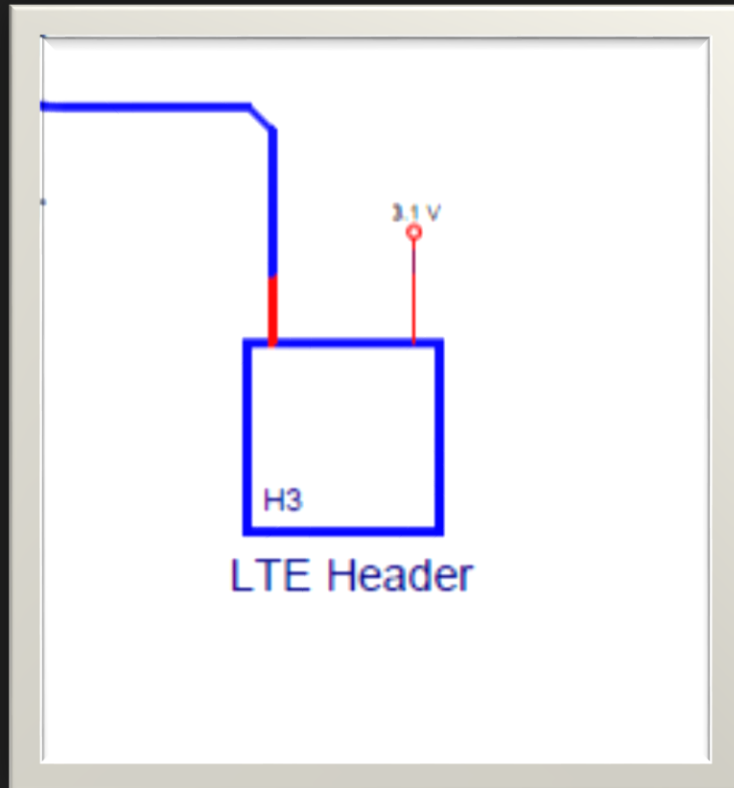
- Most straightforward solution
- Classroom experience in Embedded Systems
- Low power chips meet battery life requirement
- Flash programmability massively simplifies firmware development

PIC24FJ128GC006



- 16-bit architecture optimized for C programming
- Free (Gratis) development toolchain
- Configuration and diagnostics
 - UART communications ports
 - GPS (NMEA standard)
 - LTE (Hayes command set derivative)
 - Debug interface (TTY terminal emulator)
 - I2C interfaces
 - Inertial measurement unit
 - SPI Interfaces
 - MircoSD
- USB interfaces

Communications Section



- Purpose
 - Communication between NAT device and GUI application.
 - GPS and IMU data to application software
- LTE CAT 1
 - Similar to 4G LTE on cell phones
 - Designed with IoT and M2M in mind
 - 2G and 3G will be phased out
 - Operates on pre-existing networks

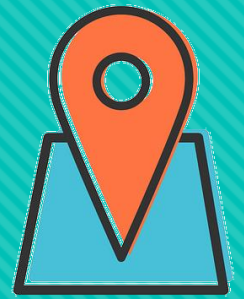
LPWAN



- Designed for M2M communication with embedded devices on the IoT
 - Low power communication protocol
 - Effective over a wide area
- Most effective when used with infrequent, low bit-rate communications

	Sigfox	LoRa	Ingenu	LTE Cat M1
Range	~ 13 km	~ 11 km	~ 15 km	~ 15 km
Data Rate	100 bps	10 kbps	624 kbps	1 Mbps
Battery Life	> 10 years	> 10 years	> 10 years	> 10 years

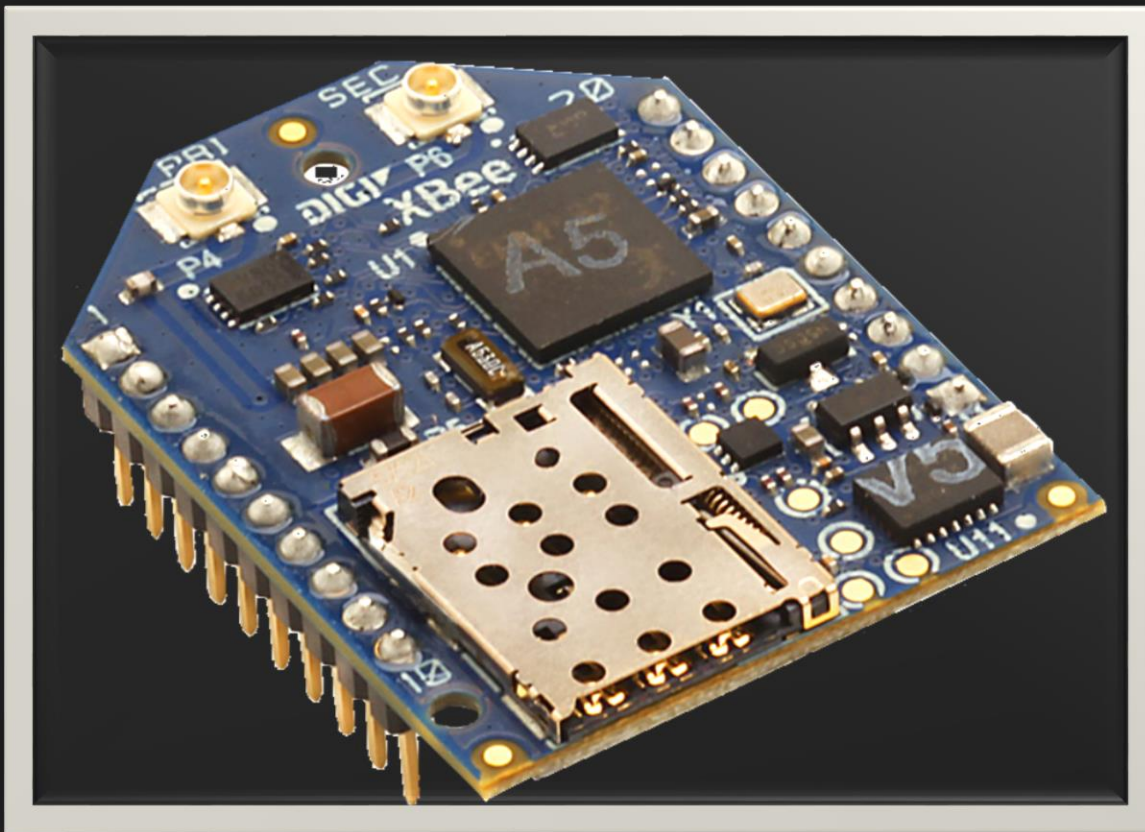
LTE CAT1



	CAT 4	CAT 1
Downlink peak rate	150 Mbps	10 Mbps
Uplink peak rate	50 Mbps	5 Mbps
Duplex mode	Full duplex	Full duplex
Maximum Transmit power	23 dBm	23 dBm

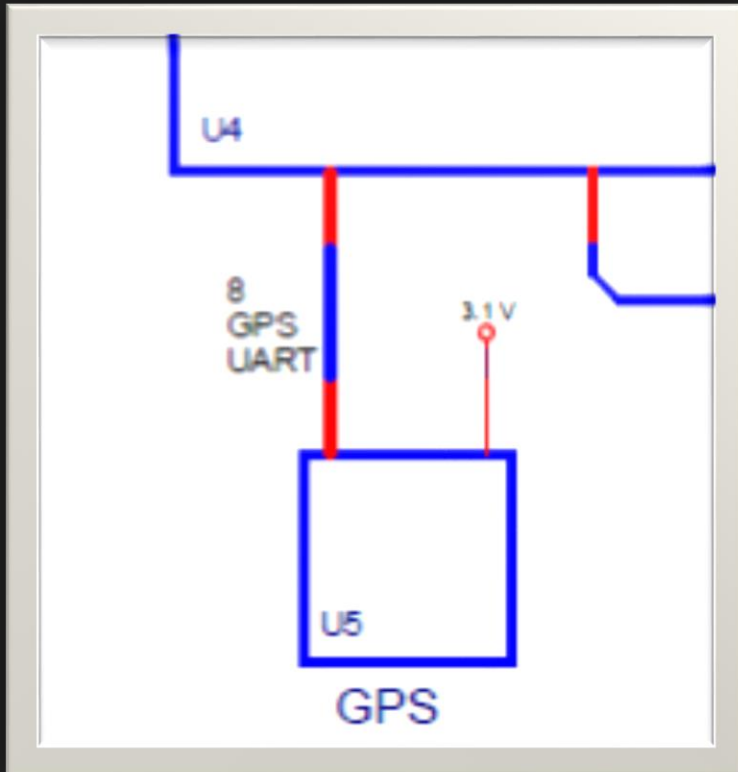
- Low throughput
- Less power hungry than LTE CAT 3 or 4
- Full duplex
- Less complex

Digi XBEE LTE CAT1



- Evaluation board for easy prototyping
- XCTU for easy configuration and testing
- XBee 20-pin form factor
 - Future upgrade
- Free* data for 6 months
- Large online support
 - Forums
 - Customer Support

GPS Section



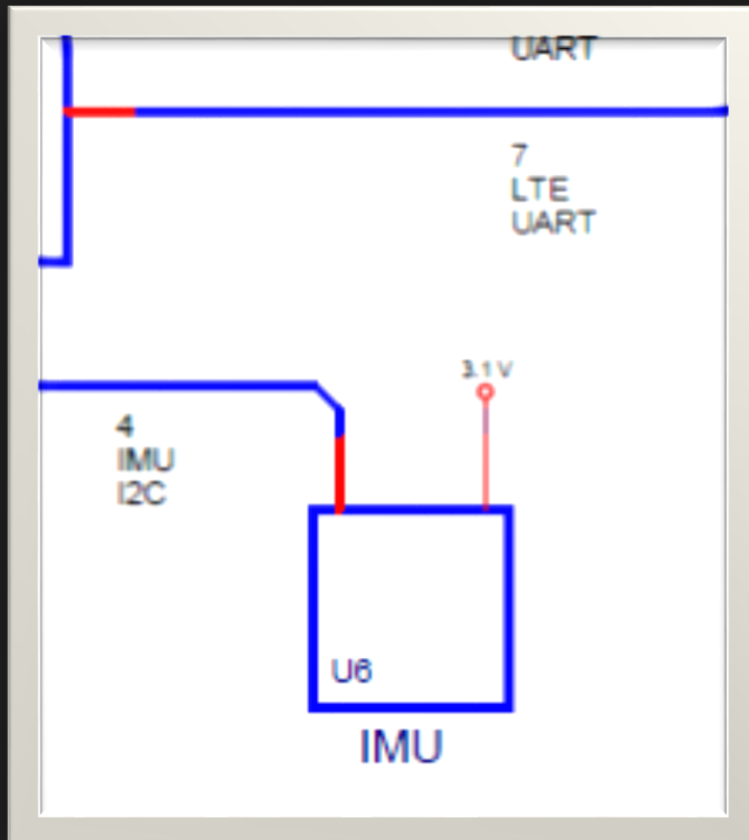
- Tracker device
 - Location hardware necessary
- GPS = Main Location Hardware
- Only communicate with MCU
- Receive the latitude, longitude, and altitude data and report
- Data will be
 - reported directly to users
 - Radio modules and client software
 - Stored on SD card
 - Used in INS software
 - future implementation

OriginGPS NanoHornet



- NanoHornet meets all of the needs of the NAT device
 - Small Size (10mmX10mm)
 - Horizontal accuracy of <2.5m
 - Quick TTF (<1 second)
 - Supply power within given range
 - Embedded Antenna on the module
 - No extra design necessary
 - Autonomous operation
 - Self Managed Low power modes
 - Selectable interface between UART, SPI, and I²C
 - Programmable baud rate

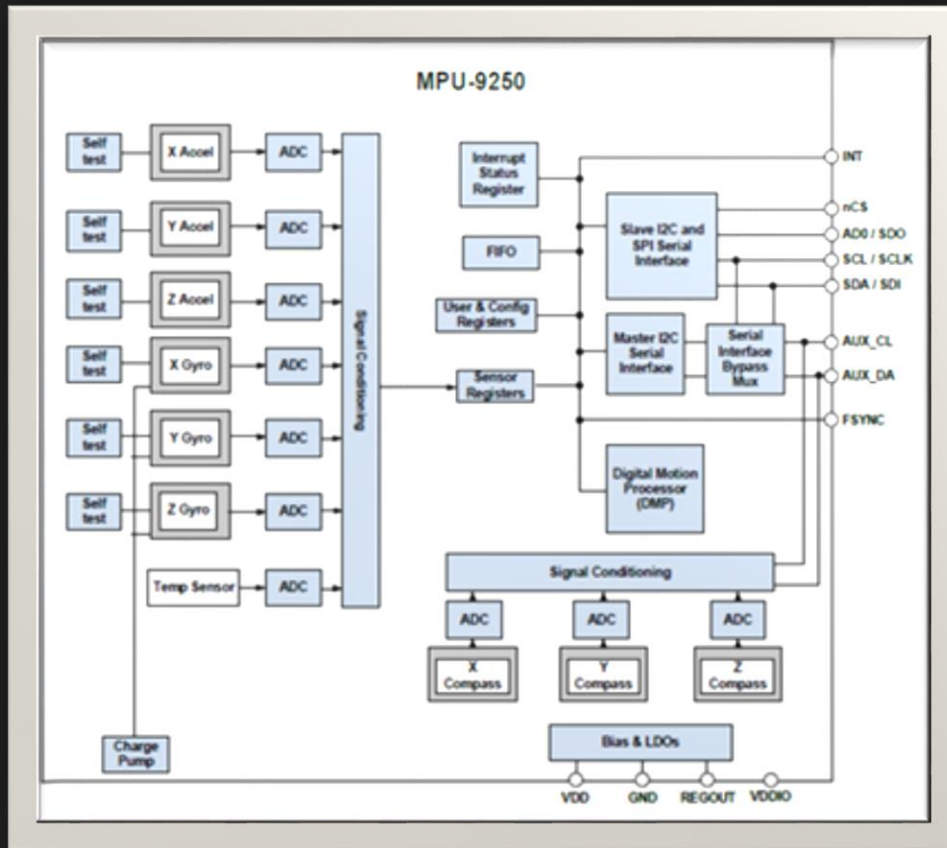
Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) Section



○ IMU and GPS

- Force, angular rate and magnetic field
- Sense motion, track position
- Accelerometers, gyroscopes and magnetometers
- Inertial Navigation System (INS)

InvenSense MPU 9250



- Small size 3x3x1 mm package
- Digital-output x, y, and z-axis angular rate sensors
- Programmed to collect data continuously or when triggered

3-Axis MEMS Gyroscope



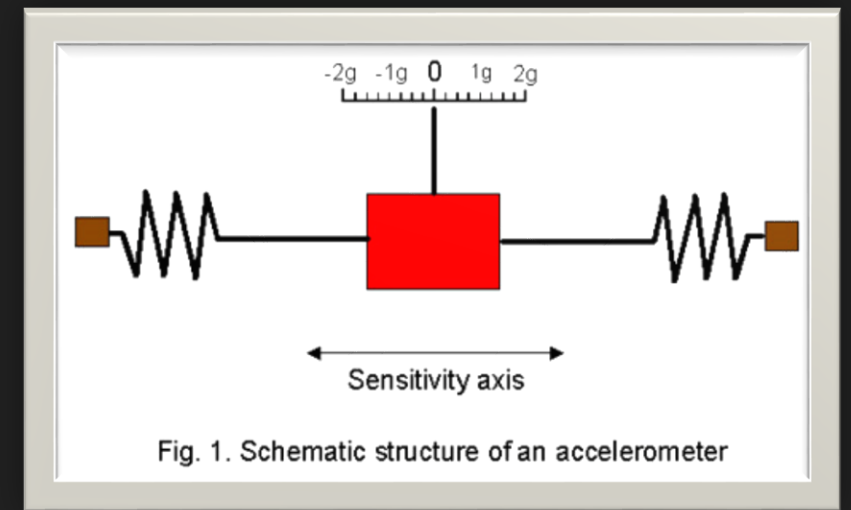
- Rotate about x, y and z-axes
 - Maintains a reference direction
 - Vibration sensed
 - Signal amplified, demodulated and filtered
 - Produces voltage proportional to angular rate



3-Axis MEMS Accelerometer



- Rate of change of velocity
- Detects and monitors vibration
- Multi-axes detects
 - Magnitude
 - Direction



Source: Innoventions, INC

3-Axis MEMS Magnetometer



- Measures magnetic field
 - Relative change of a magnetic field at a particular location
- 3-axis measurements
 - Direction and intensity of the magnetic field around the sensor

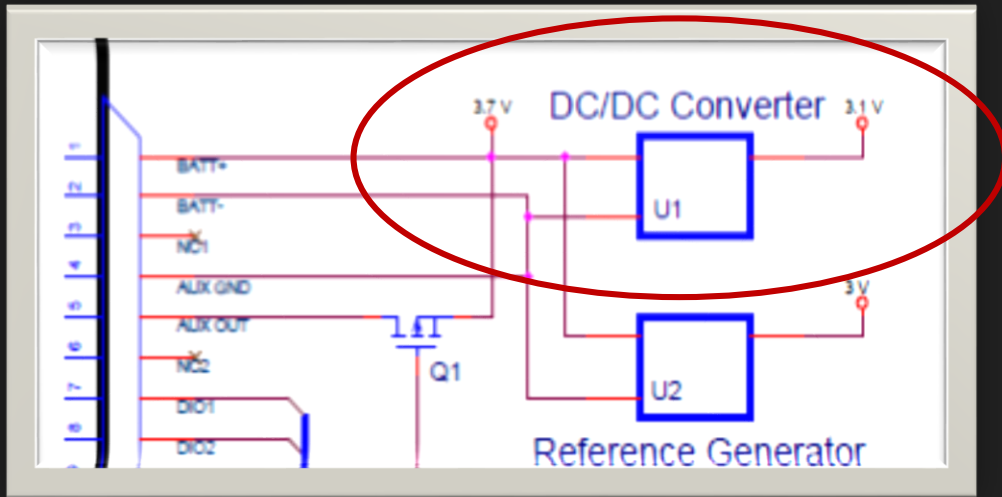


USB Interface



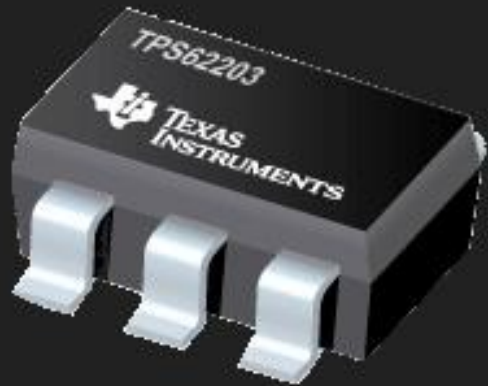
- USB 2.0 standard allows for one USB device to expose multiple interfaces – “composite device”
- HID
 - Streams diagnostic data from each NAT peripheral for display on workstation
- Mass Storage Device (MSD)
 - Exposes SD card for configuration updates and access to the debug and operational logs
- USART
 - Provides UART over USB, adding second option for UART debugging interface

DC/DC Converter Section



- Converts one voltage level to another.
- Step up (boost), step down (buck), inverts.
- Higher efficiency than linear regulator
- Low waste heat

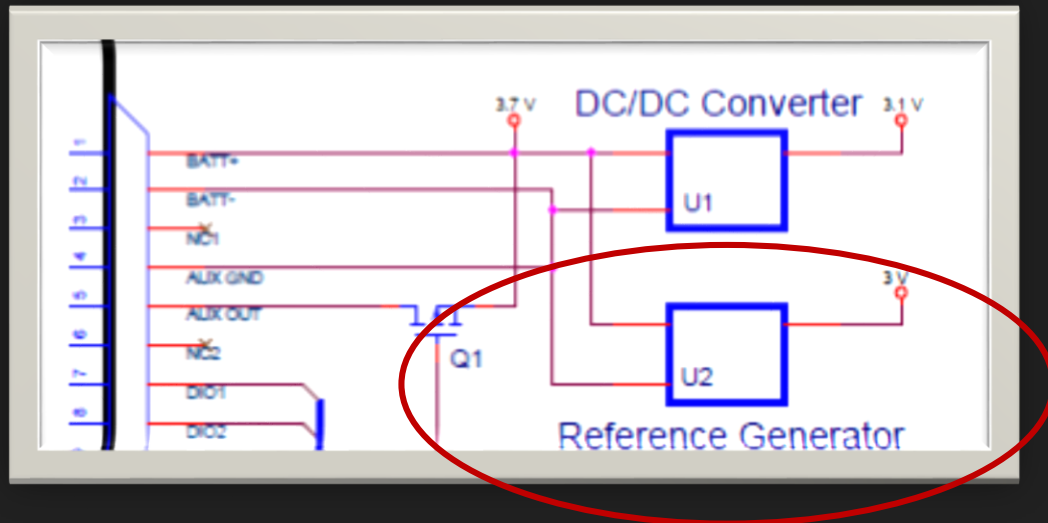
DC/DC Converter Selection



	LDO	Quiescent Current	Low Power	Output Current	Cost
TPS6220	Yes	15 μ A – 30 μ A	Yes	\leq 300 mA	\$0.96
LTC1701	Yes	135 μ A	No	\leq 500 mA	\$2.12
FAN5307	No	15 μ A – 30 μ A	Yes	\leq 300 mA	\$1.23

- Texas Instruments TPS6220
- high efficiency operation under normal loads
 - 95 % efficiency
- Low Drop Out (LDO) operation
- Low power mode
- Minimal size and part requirements

Reference Generator Section

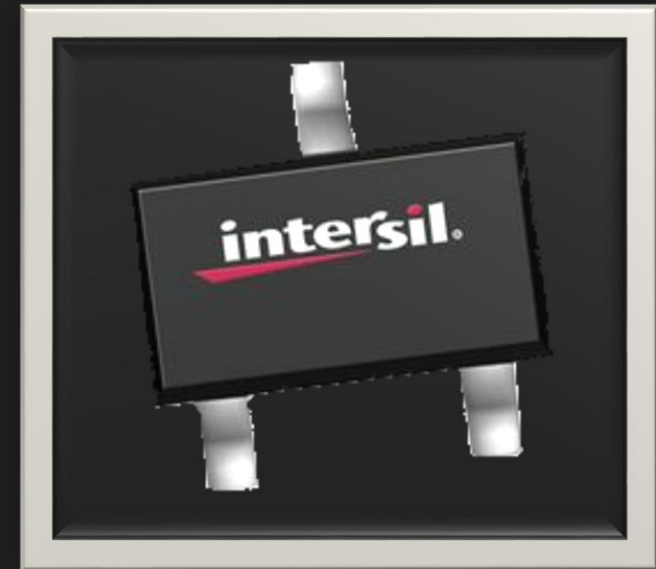


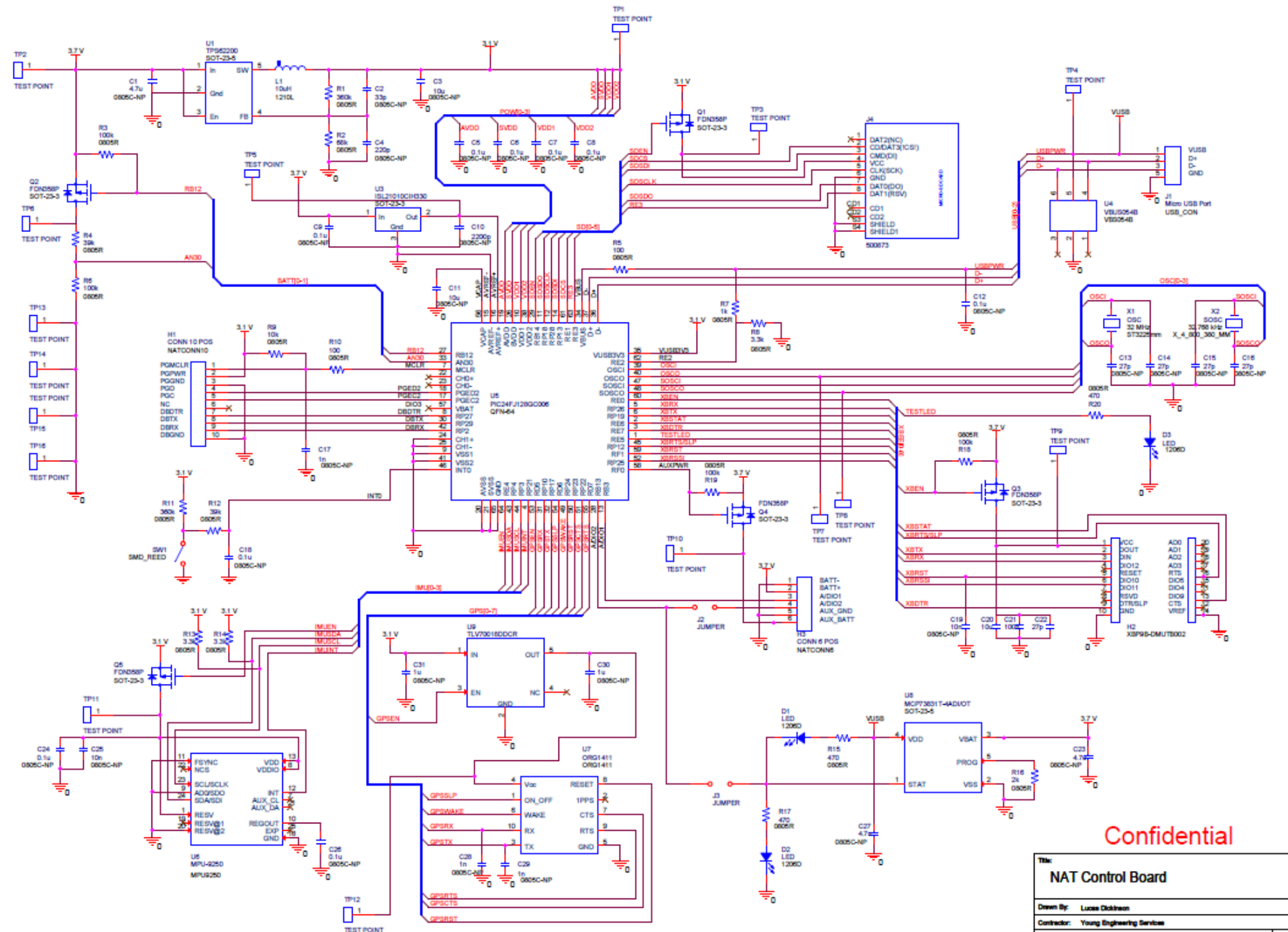
- Similar to voltage regulators
- Tighter output voltage tolerances
- Easy and cheap implementation
 - PN junction diodes
 - Diode connected transistors

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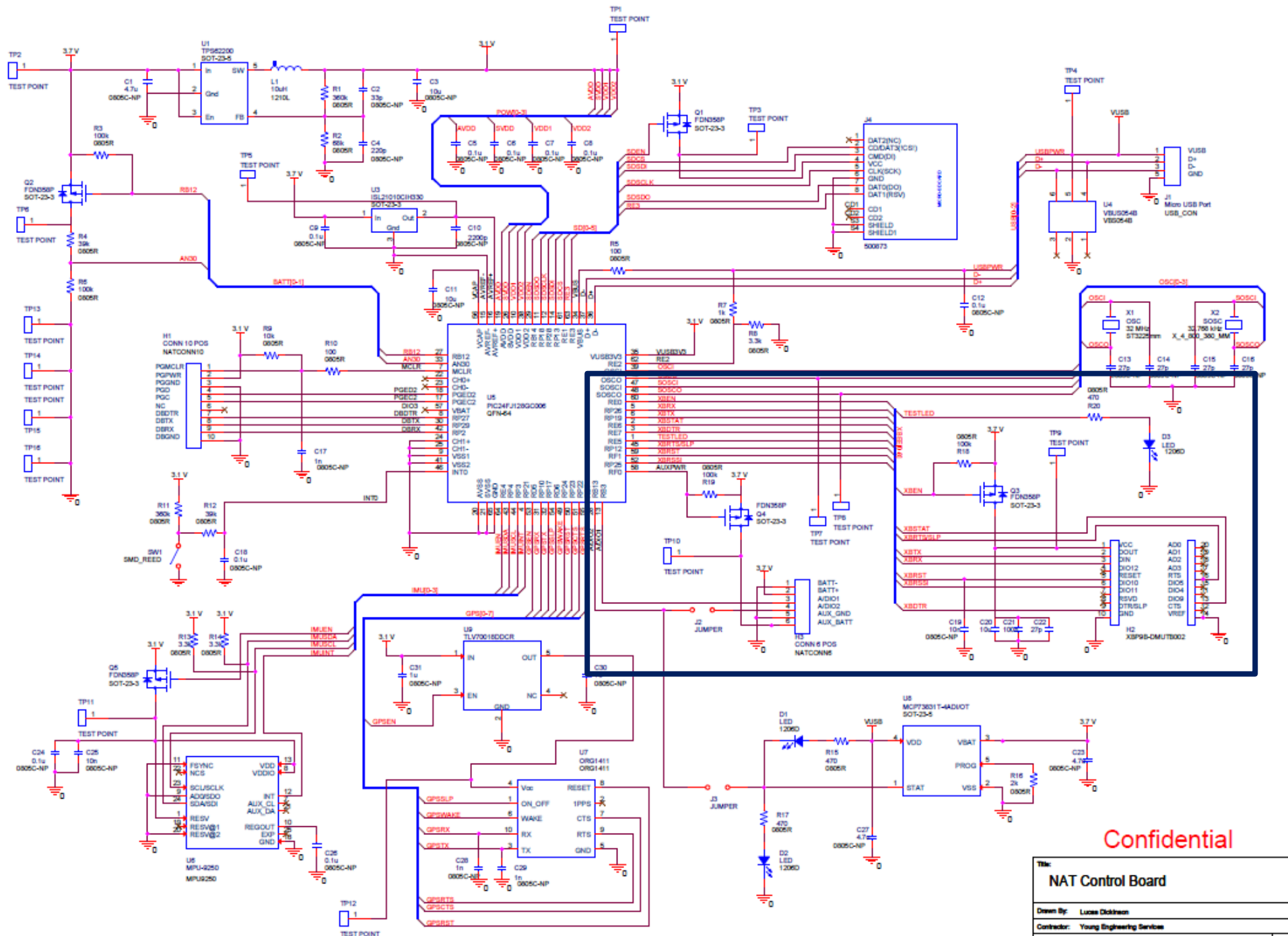
- ISL21080
 - 3.0 volts reference generator
 - Provides Initial accuracy 0.2%
- Used to calibrate 16-bit ADC or DAC
- Maintains high accuracy over long periods





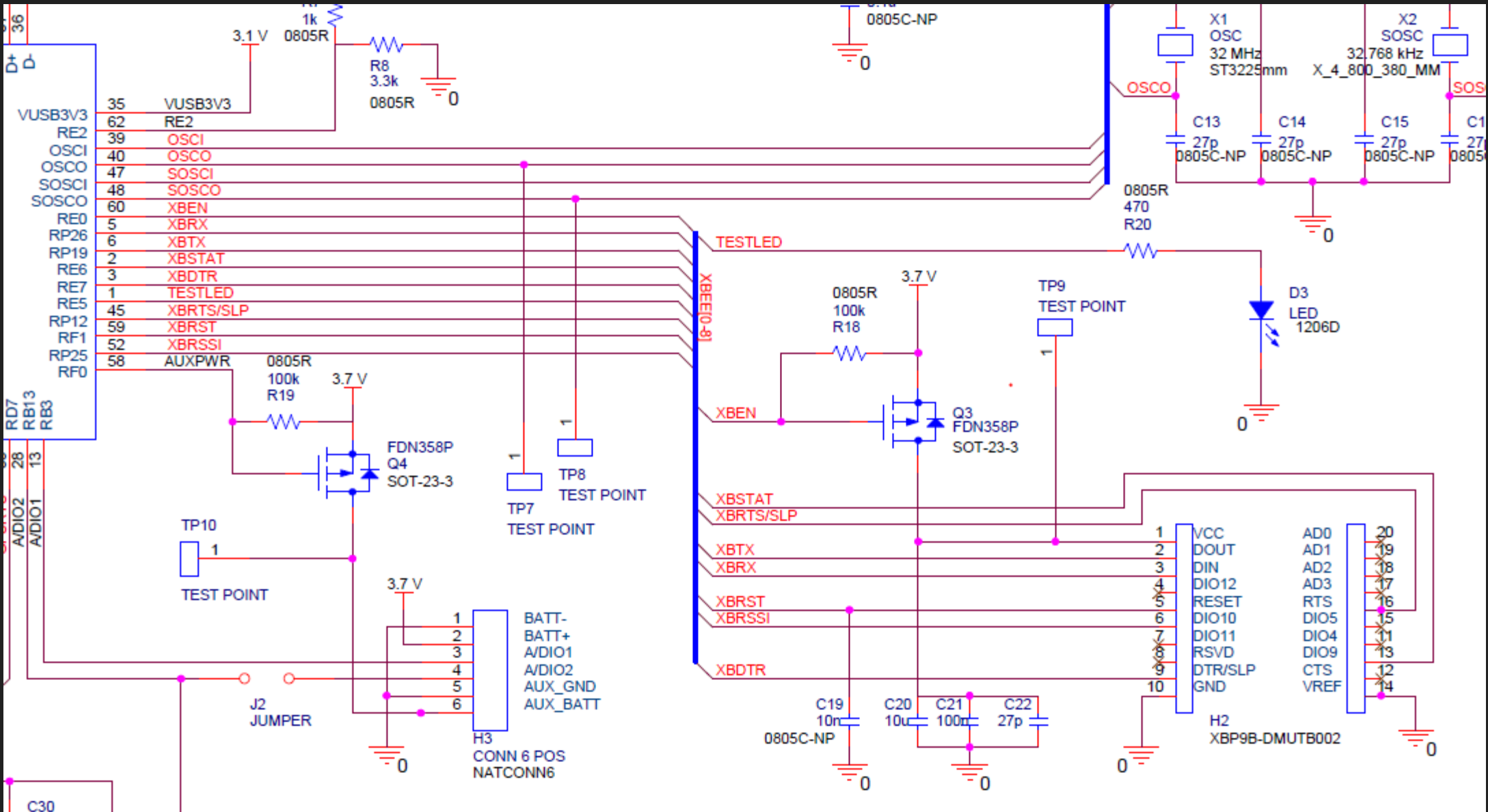
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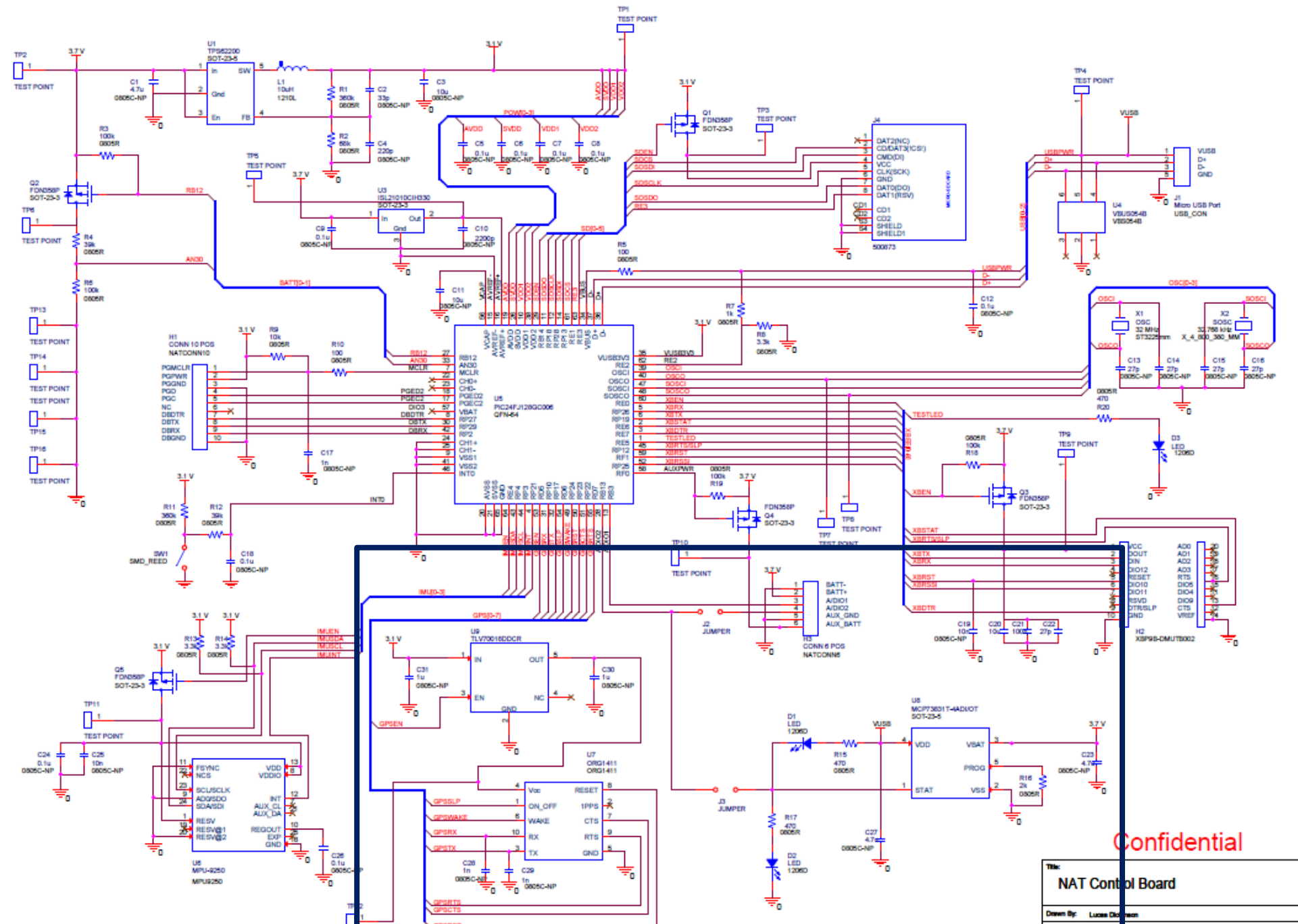
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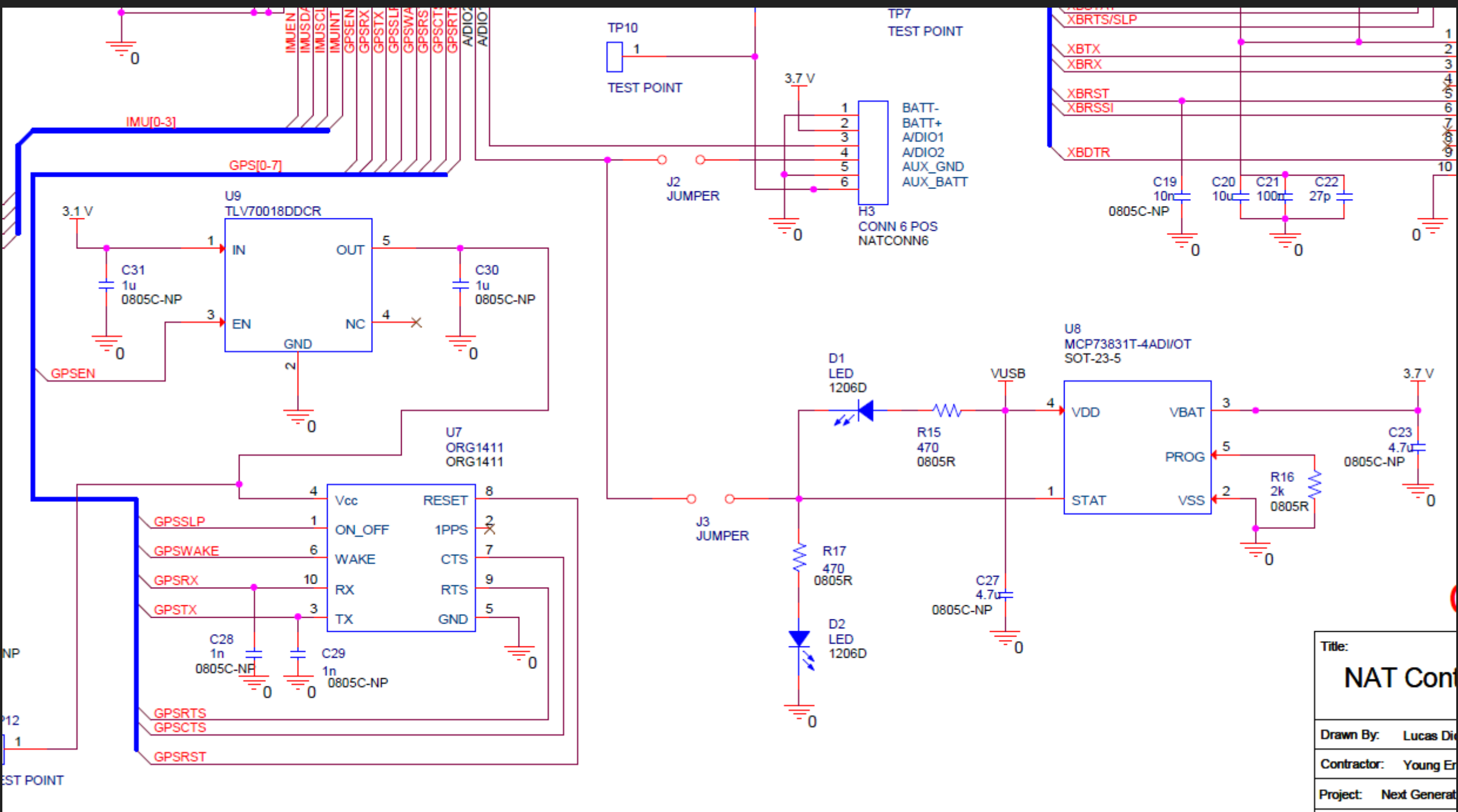
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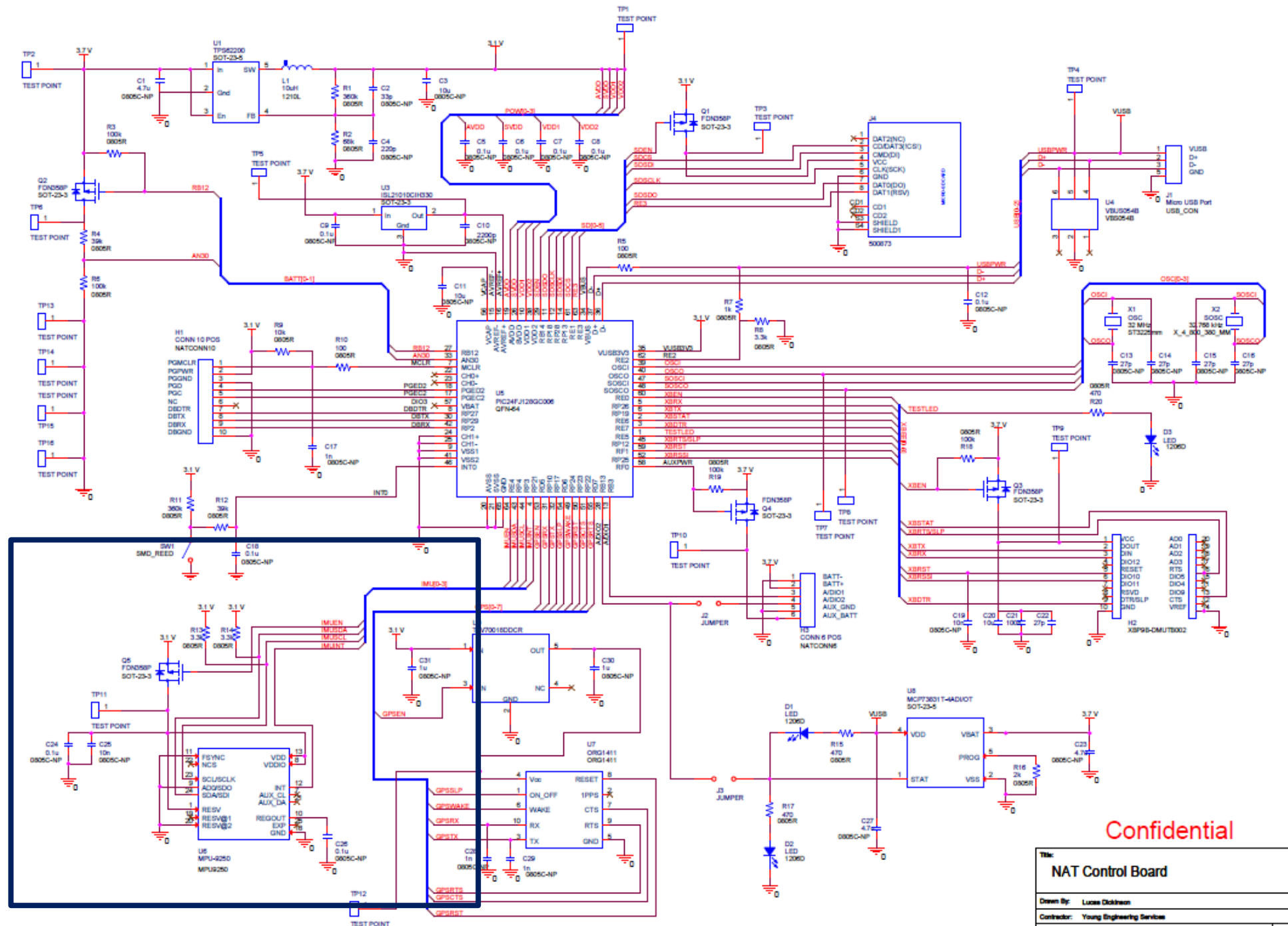


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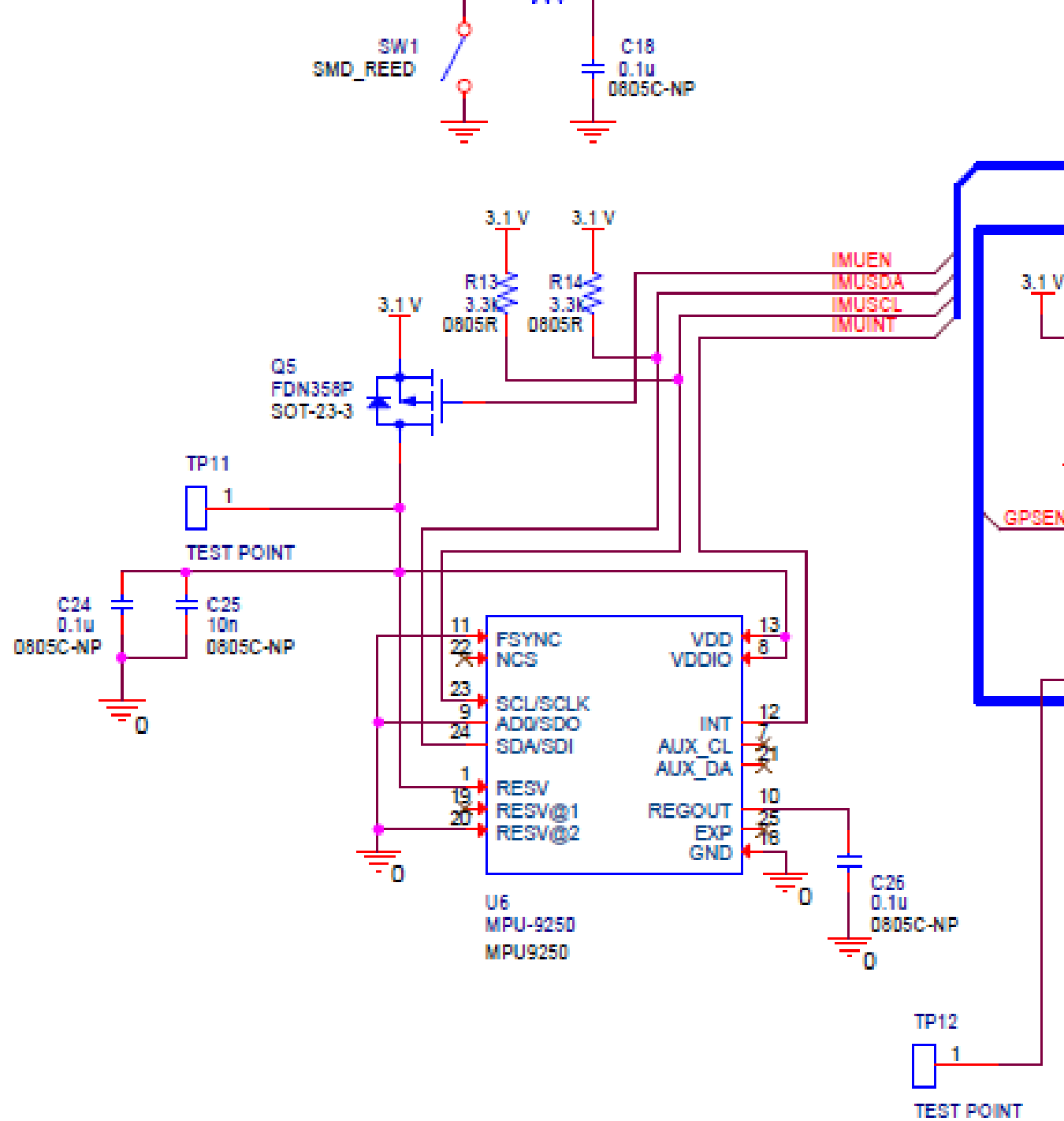


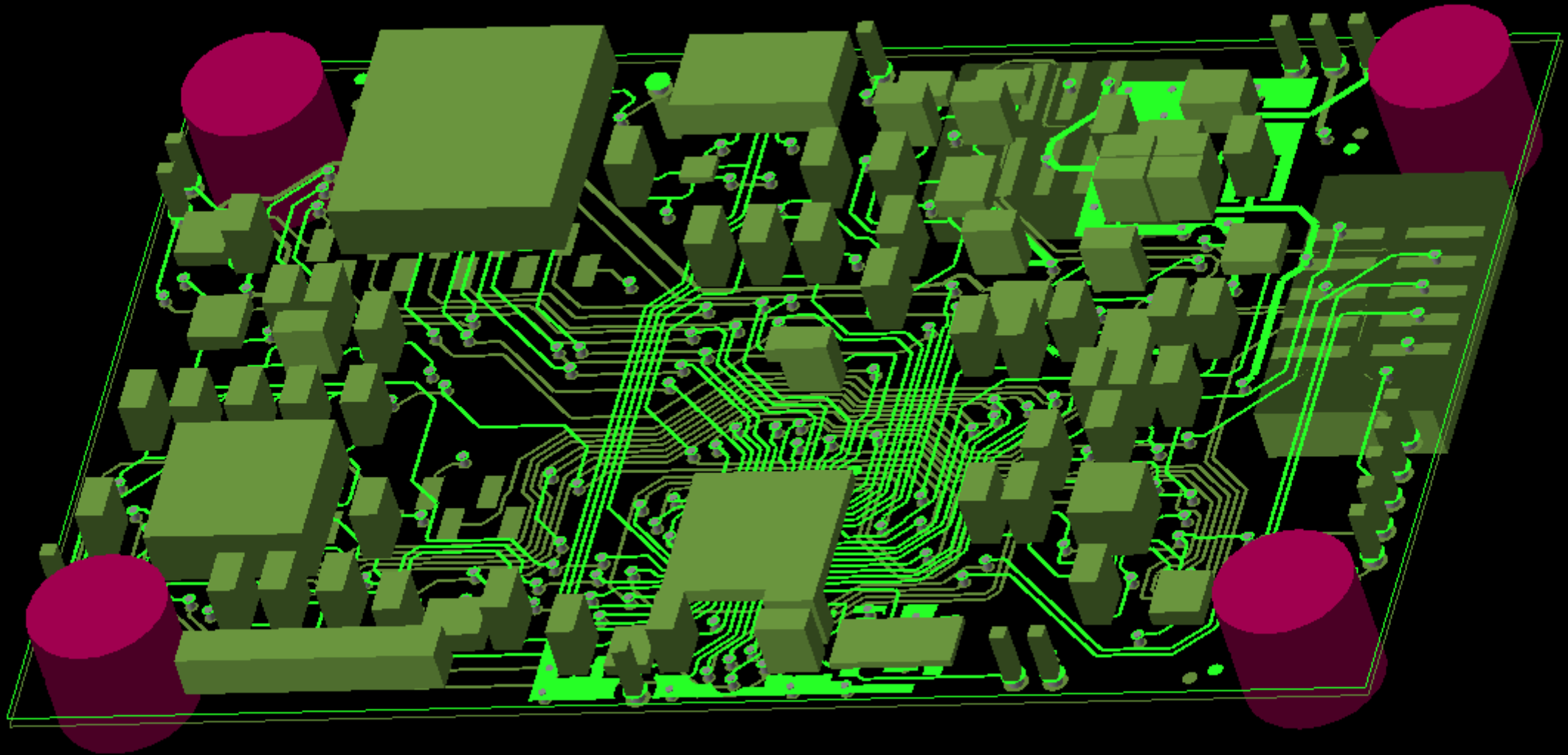
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PCB Layout

Hardware Issues



INGENU

- Ingenu going through changes
- No RPMA module
 - Had to redesign to implement LTE

Software Components



- 3 Major Pieces of Software
 - Firmware
 - Software inside the device itself
 - Windows Configuration GUI
 - Software the distributor will use to configure the device to the specific settings the user wants
 - Web Client GUI
 - What the client will use to find their device

Software Development



○ IDE

- Configuration GUI = Visual Studio
- Firmware = MPLab X

○ Version Control

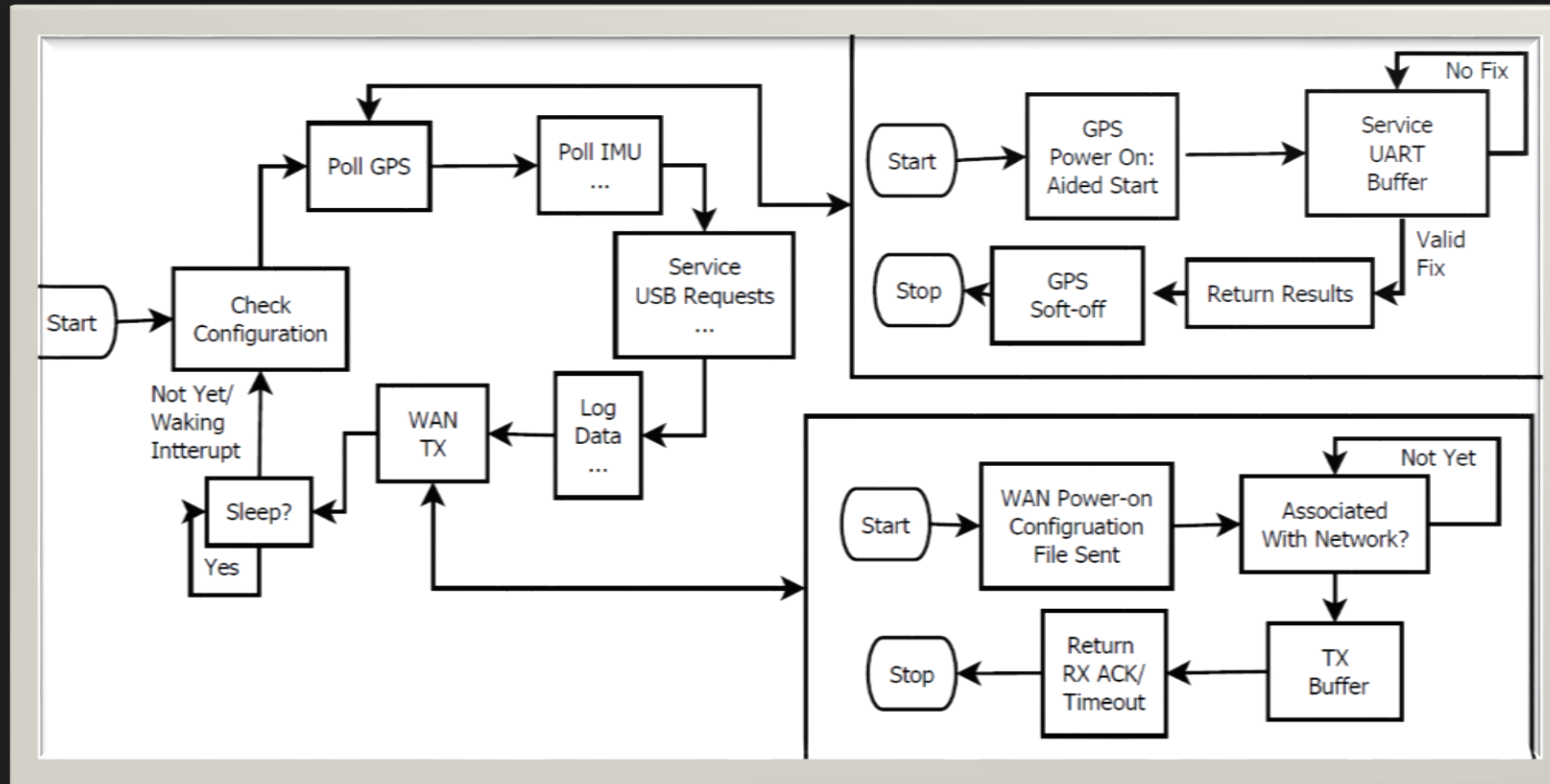
- Every software component will use GIT
- Configuration GUI:
 - GIT through Visual Studio Team Services

Firmware



- PIC24 program executes main loop, polling each peripheral for status and data
 - State machines acting in a cooperative multitasking environment
- After position data is collected
 - Switches to low power mode once IoT transmission buffers are empty or configured timeout interval reached
 - Returns to active processing based on configured timer or inertial measurement interrupts

Firmware Flowcharts



Configuration GUI



- Software utilized by the manufacturer and distributor
 - Will configure to settings client designated
- Developed as a Windows form
- Connected to device over USB
- Not accessible to the client
 - Client has their own software

Status

■ Connection Status: Connected

Device not set to sleep

Sync Device Date/Time

Current PC Time: label32 label27

Set Wakeup Time: label32 label27

GPS Record GPS

Longitude: 0 ■ Connection Status: Unaccessible
 Latitude: 0
 Altitude: 0 Get GPS data every 2 minute(s)
 Active Satellites: 0

External Sensors

Temperature: 0
 Pressure: 0

Record Barometer

Location Frequency

Report Location on Frequency

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 Start Time:
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SD

Save to:
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GB Used of GB Available

Motion Trigger Report Location on Motion Trigger

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 Duration (ms):
 Dwell (s):

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Report on Motion Trigger IMU (samp/s):
 Report continuously

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Hardware Status

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- GPS Status: Unaccessible
- IMU Status: Unaccessible
- LTE Status: Unaccessible
- RPMA Status: Removed from Design
- SD Status: Connected as MSD
- SD Card Storage 99.99% Available

SETTINGS IN DEVICE

Date and Time in Device: 11 / 19 / 2017 @ 1357

Location Frequency

D W M Y

Start Time1:
 Stop Time1:
 Day of Week: -
 Month: -

Motion Trigger

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View Contents

Save All to Host PC

Save to:

Clear SD Card

as:

0.0004 GB Used of 3.9526 GB Available

Motion Trigger Report Location on Motion Trigger

Magnitude: 20

Duration (ms): 15

Dwell (s): 15

Program Device

Retrieve

Hardware Test

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Altitude: 0

■ Connection Status: Unaccessible

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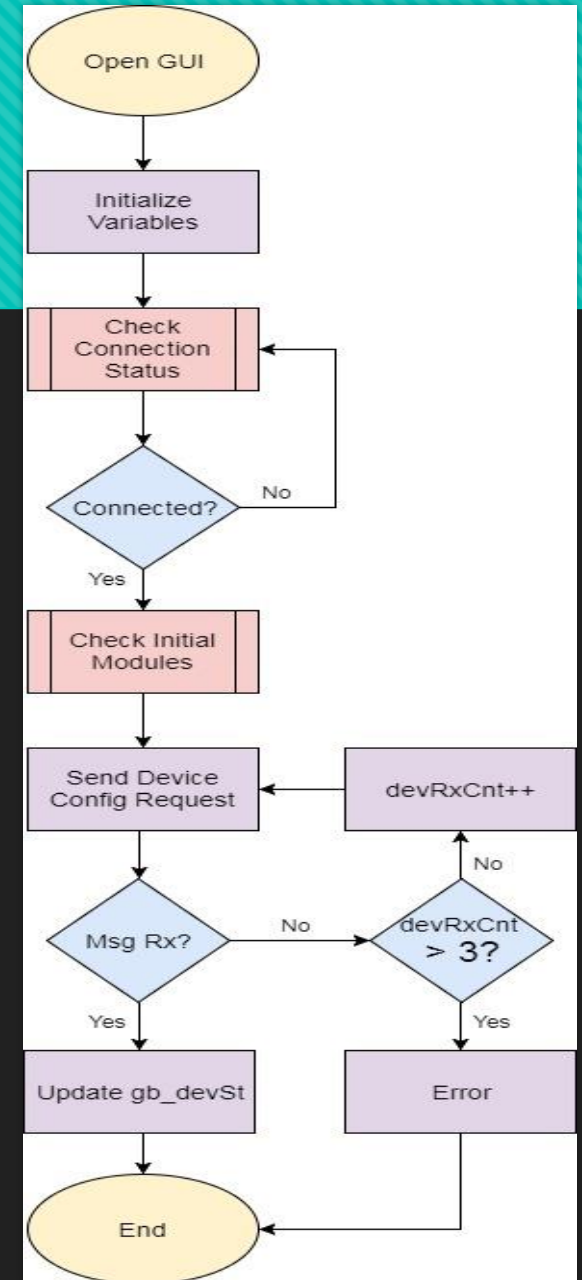
Communication With Firmware

- nat.conf file transmitted between device and GUI
- Will be stored always on the device
 - Storing current communication settings
- Configuration GUI will download the file from the device
 - Update this file directly with any updates from the GUI
 - Send the device the new file
 - The device will update its configuration settings based on changes in the file
 - Overwrite the old file with the new one

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3 Month: 19 ;1-12
4 Year: 2017 ;2017-3000
5 Time: 1357 ;0000-2400
6 [Interrupt]
7 Wake-Up Interval: False ;true/false
8 Month: 0 ;0-12
9 Day: 0 ;0-28
10 Weekday: UMTWRFS ;UMTWRFS/U/M/T/W/R/F/S/*
11 strt_Time: 0000 ;0000-2400
12 stp_Time: 0000 ;0000-2400
13 [Motion Trigger]
14 Wake on Motion: True ;true/false
15 Magnitude: 20 ;0-9999
16 Duration: 15 ;0-9999 milliseconds
17 Dwell: 15 ;0-9999 seconds
18 [GPS]
19 GPS Record: True ;true/false
20 GPS Poll: 2 ;2-30 minutes
21 [IMU]
22 IMU record: True ;true/false
23 INS record: False ;true/false
24 Record: MotionTrigger ;Continuous/MotionTrigger
25 Sample Rate: 10 ;1-100 samples/second
26 [Server]
27 Location: warthog.eastus.cloudapp.azure.com ;
28 END
```


Configuration GUI Initialization

- When GUI is opened
 - Initialize all variables in the software
 - Check to see if connected
 - If not connected sit in loop until connected
 - Get devices current nat.conf file
 - If the file does not arrive after certain time request again
 - Only request 3 times before failing and exiting loop
 - Update the group of current device settings

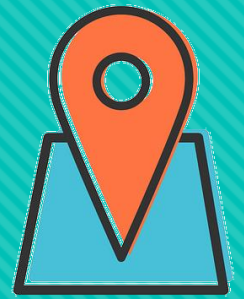


Configuration GUI Operation



- While GUI is running
 - Wait for a button to be pushed
 - Have a Background Worker
 - Constantly check device connection
 - If a button is pushed run that button's specific code flow

Client Web GUI



- Client will create an account
 - View profile page
 - Edit username and password
 - Add device(s) to user's list of current devices
 - Register device through its serial number and 1 time access code
 - Track device(s)
 - View current and history of locations for each current, registered device

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:62856/MemberPages/TrackDevice.aspx`. The page title is "Track your Device(s)". At the top right, there are two buttons: "Return Home" and "Logout". Below these buttons is a dropdown menu labeled "Select the Device you want to Track" with the value "soldier" selected. The main content area features a Google Map of Orlando, Florida, with two red location pins. One pin is located near Union Park, and the other is near VISTA EAST. At the bottom of the page, there is a table with the following data:

DeviceID	Latitude	Longitude
123698745632	28.475676	-81.259270
123698745632	28.595347	-81.385461

Administrative Content - Budget



	Qty/Board * 4	Price/Unit	Total
LTE Module	4	\$99.00	\$396.00
IMU	4	\$8.50	\$34.00
MCU	4	\$5.00	\$20.00
GPS Module	4	\$20.50	\$82.00
DC-DC Converter	4	\$1.50	\$6.00
Voltage Reference	4	\$1.50	\$6.00
SD Socket	4	\$10.50	\$42.00
USB ESD Protection Unit	4	\$1.00	\$4.00
TOTAL EST BUDGET		\$147.50	\$590.00

Thank You For Your Time



DEMONSTRATION

- Inside
 - Configuration of device through Configuration GUI
- Outside (HEC Courtyard)
 - Running of the device
 - GPS location on Client Website