



PGF-SP CDR

Part Three

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Agenda



Part Three

- **Electronics and Software**
 - Electronics
 - Software



Electronics and Software Design



Electronic Modules for the PGF-SP

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Microcontroller Modules



- The concept of this design is to allow fail-safe procedures to be executed and for the experimental plant growth to continue in event of a partial hardware failure
- This has been accomplished by controlling devices such as fans, blowers solenoid valves and pumps with individual modules each with its own microcontroller on board
- Each module is responsible for monitoring the temperature of the device it is controlling as well as sensing changes in temperature on the PCB itself.



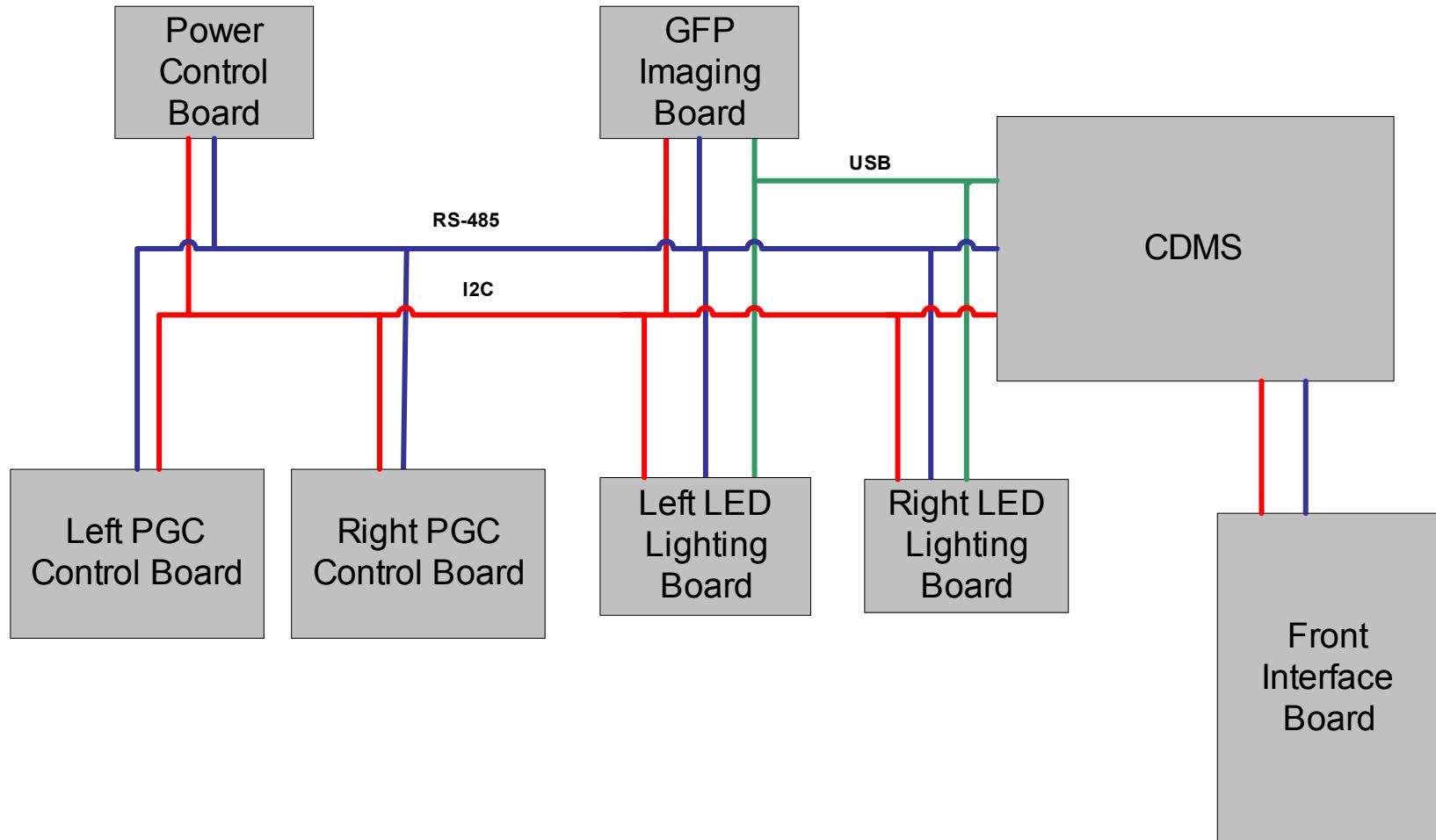
Microcontroller Modules (cont)



- **Provisions have been made for monitoring the current consumption of each controlled device**
If a change in temperature or current consumption is detected the module can take the appropriate steps to go into a fail safe mode and report its actions including time stamping back to the CDMS
- **The use of the satellite modules allows for extensive set of sensors to be implemented in the system without the addition of wiring complexity**
- **Flash Programmable for ease of software updates**



Controller Functional Block Diagram





PGF Controller Boards



- **PIC Microcontroller boards control and monitor system temperatures, relative humidity, light levels and imaging**
- **Each controller board is interfaced to CDMS through an RS-485 and an I2C data bus**
- **Data buses provide data and command capability from CDMS to each controller board**
- **Current monitors on actuators**
- **I2C EEPROMS store set-points and some data**
- **Watchdog timers on each PIC controller**
- **Operates autonomously if CDMS control lost**



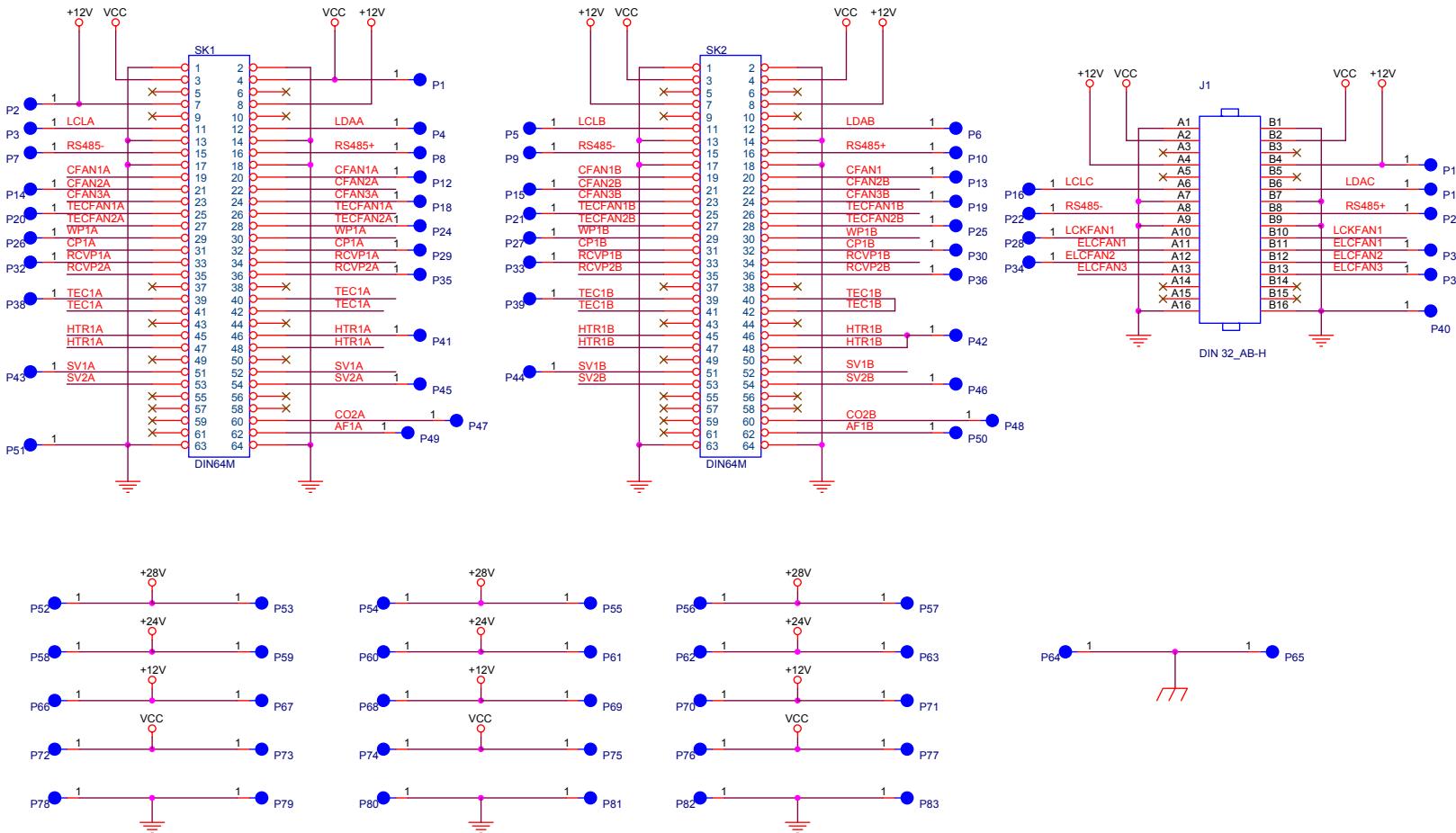
Right/Left PGC Controller Board



- **Controls PGC temperatures, relative humidity and CO₂ level and recovers condensate**
- **Similar in design to prototype PGC controllers**
- **Heater is Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) controlled**
- **Thermal Electric Cooler (TEC) is PWM controlled**
- **TEC and air flow fans are on/off controlled**
- **Water pump and solenoids are on/off controlled**
- **Recovery pump is two-way reversible**
- **Sensors are I2C interfaced**

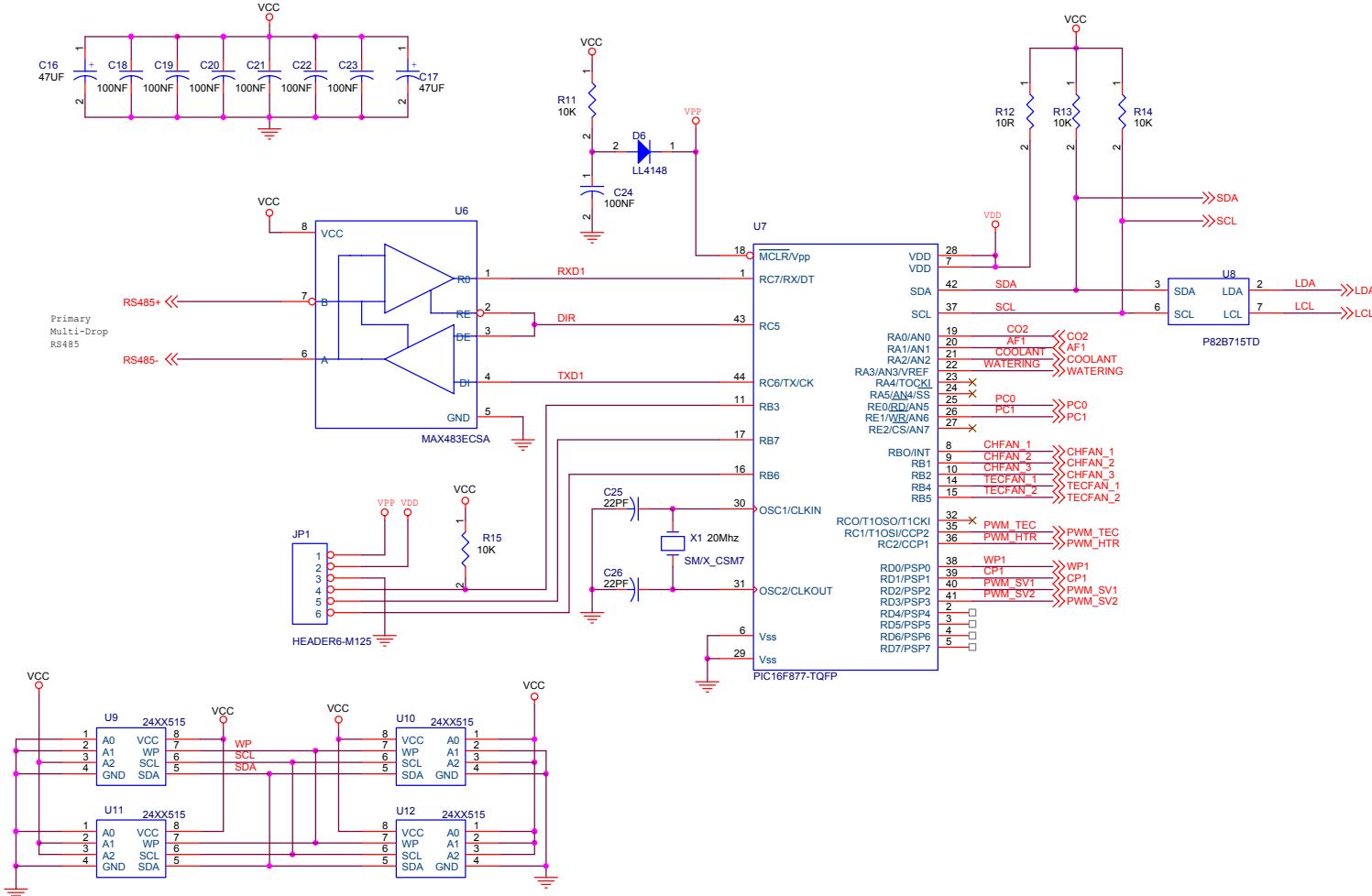


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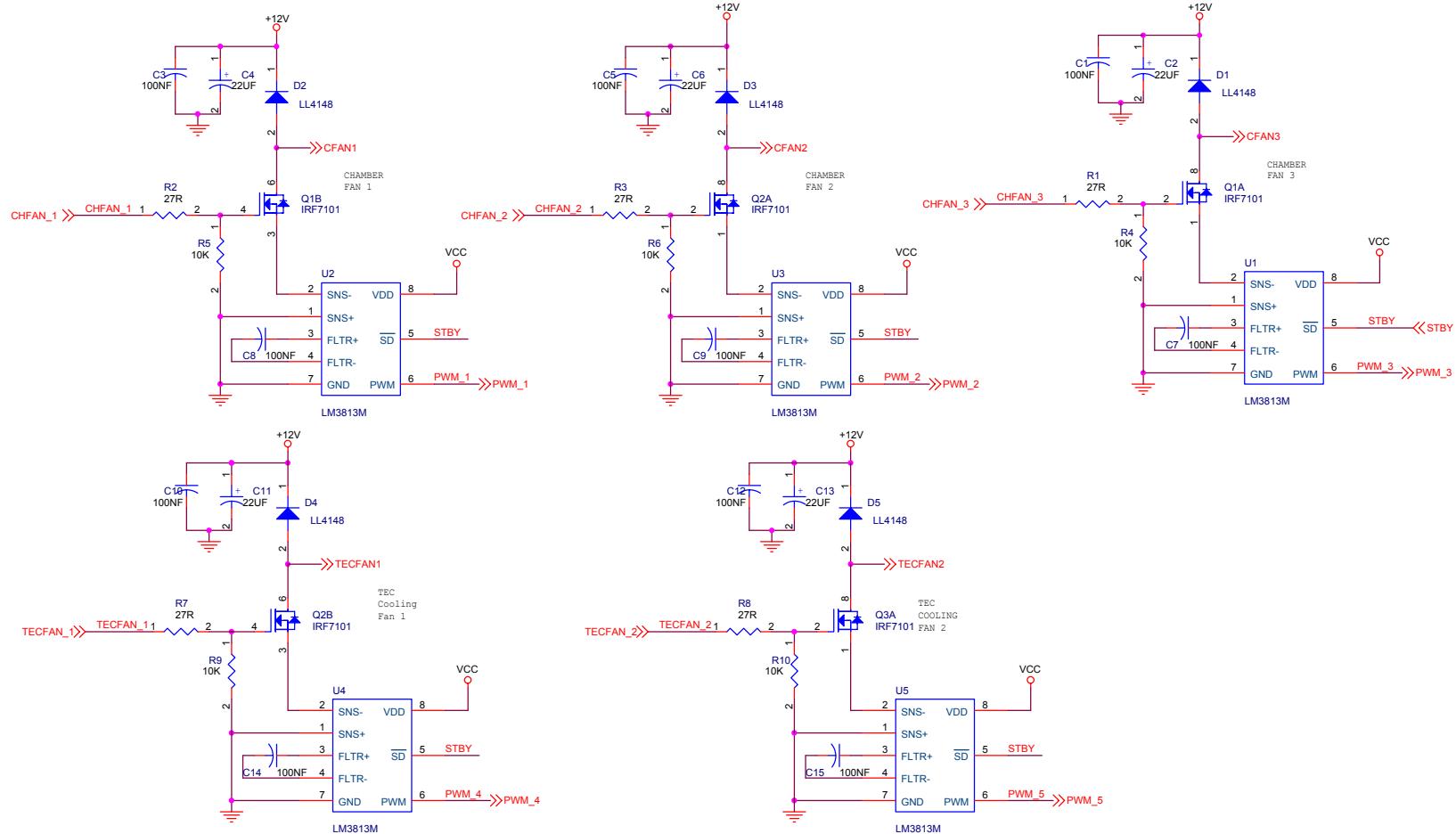


Microcontroller PGC



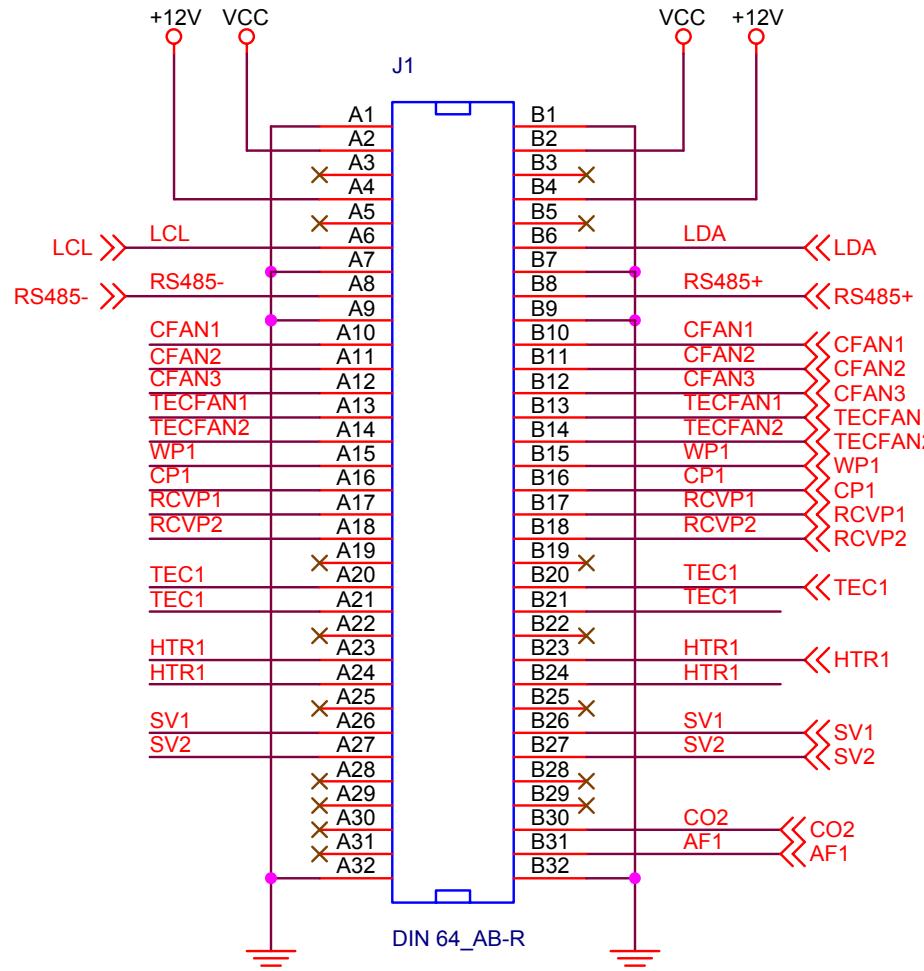


Fan Control & Monitoring



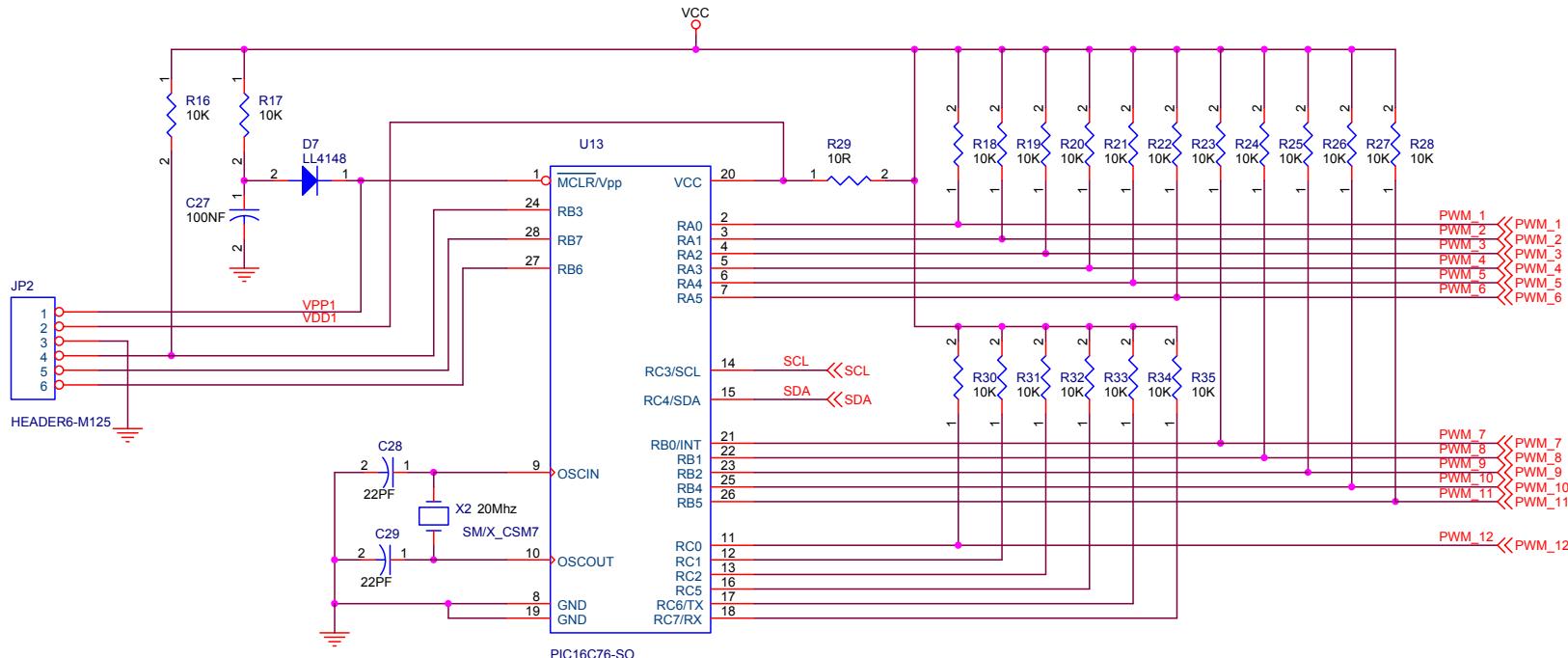


Interconnect



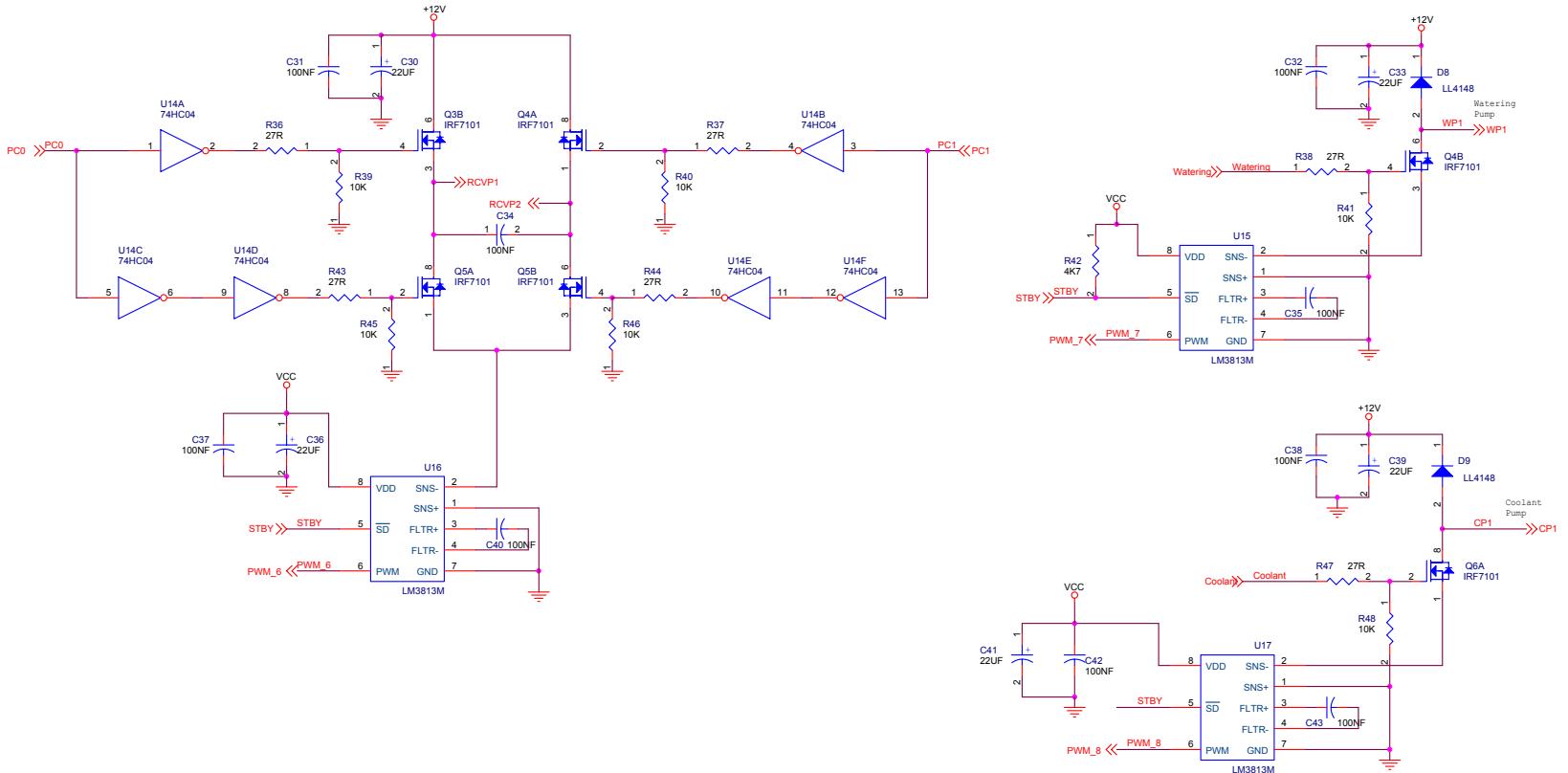


Monitoring Microcontroller



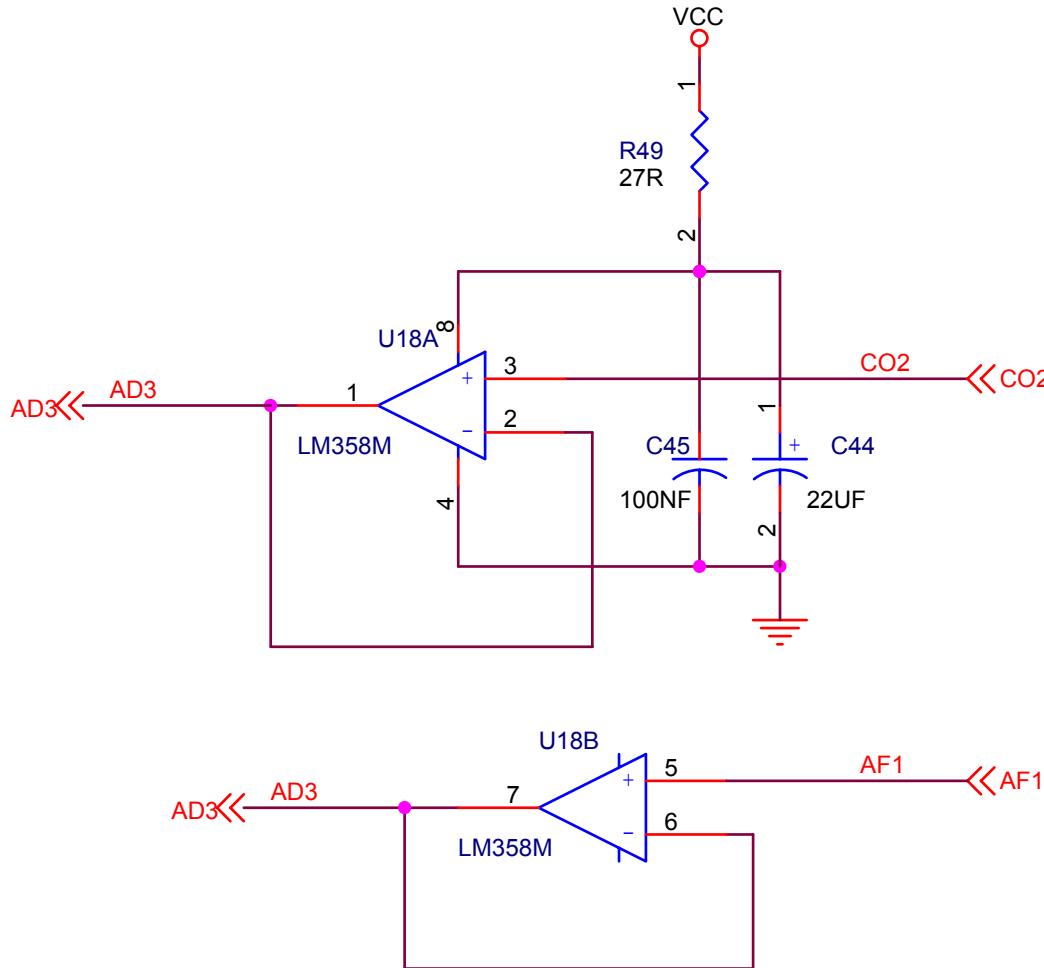


Valve Control & Monitoring



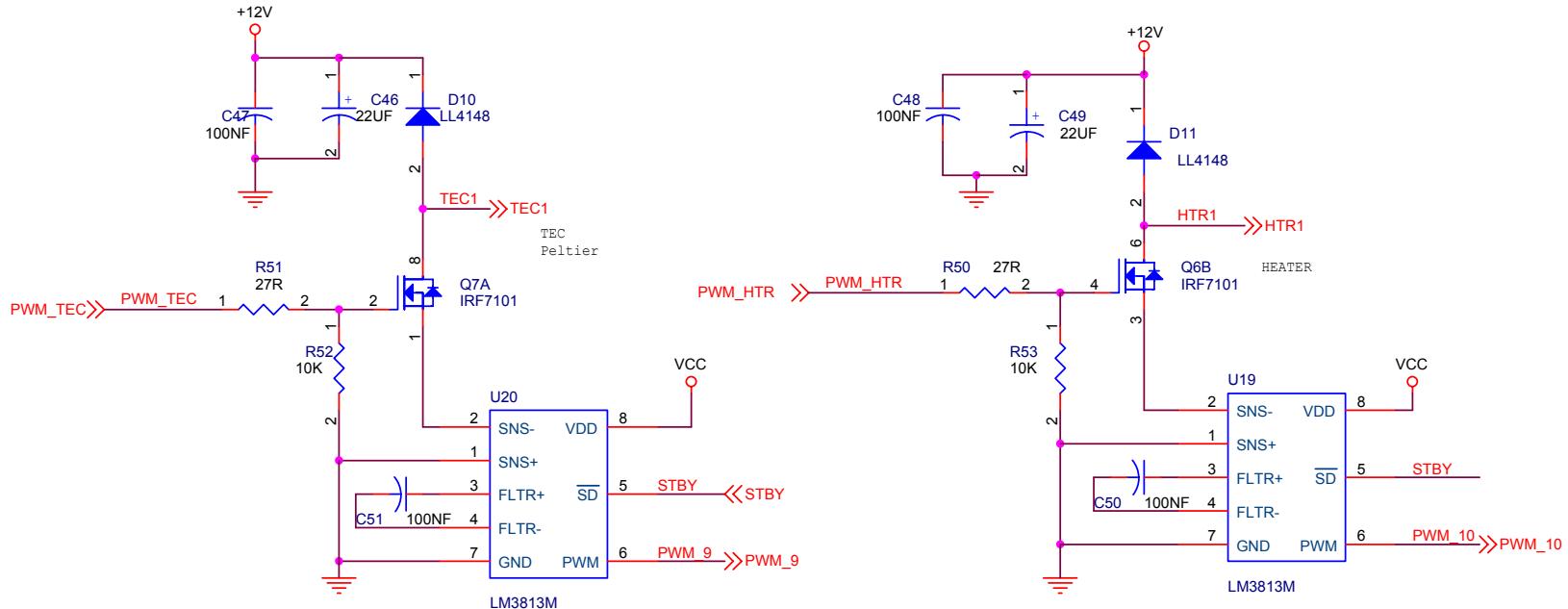


CO₂ Sensor Interface



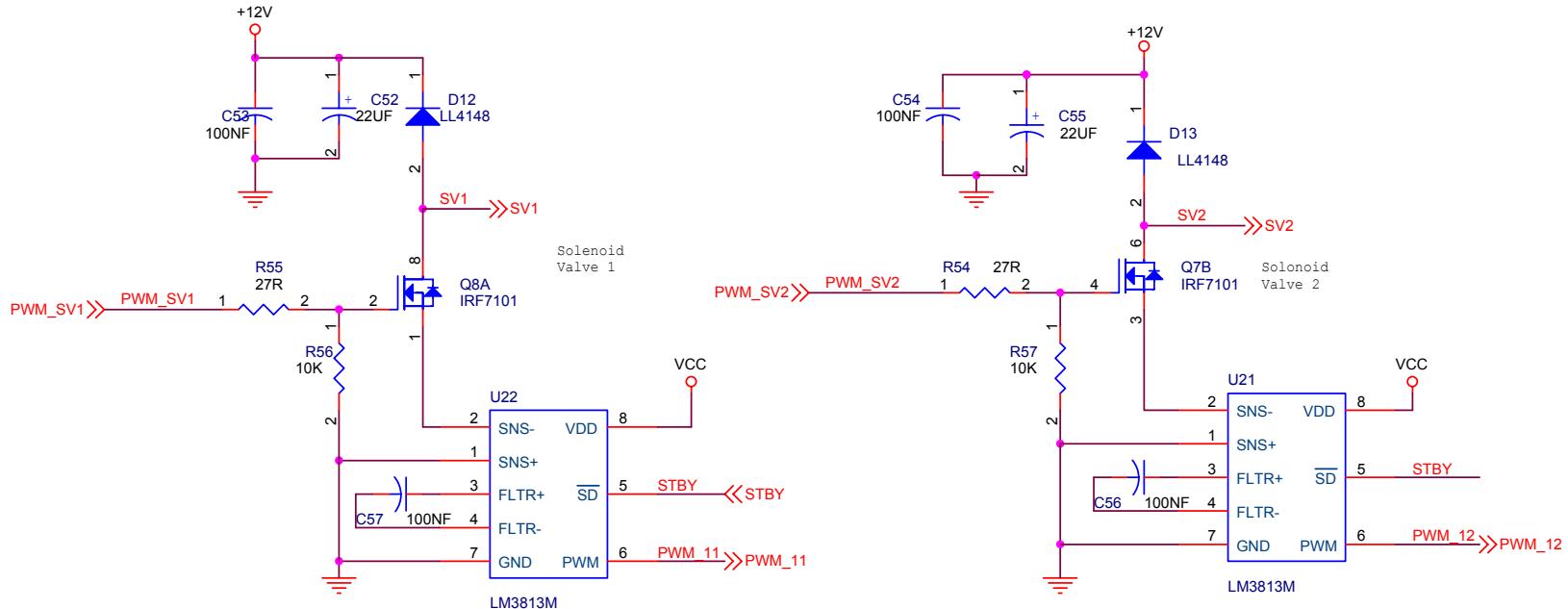


TEC Control & Monitoring



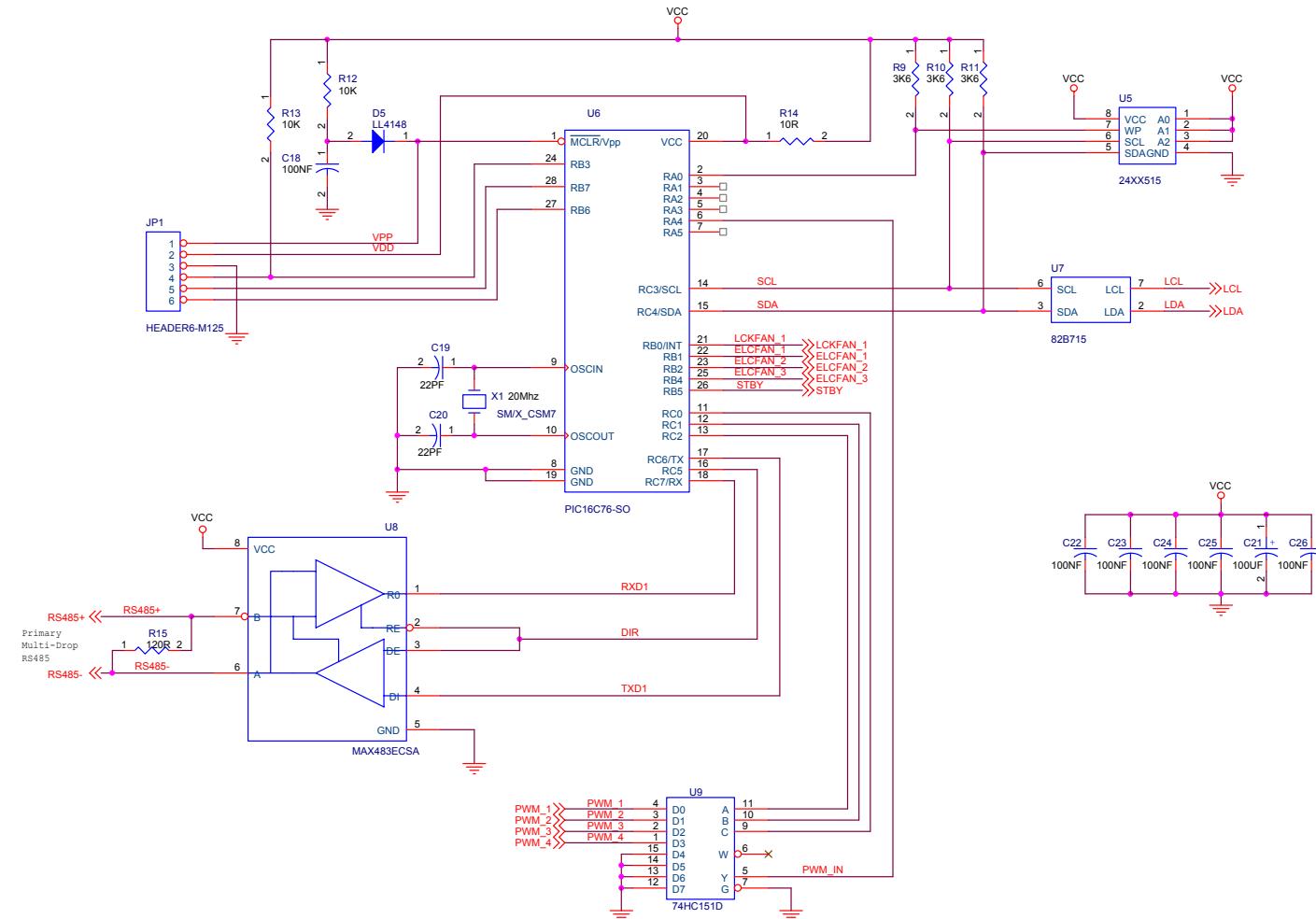


Solenoid Valve Control & Monitoring



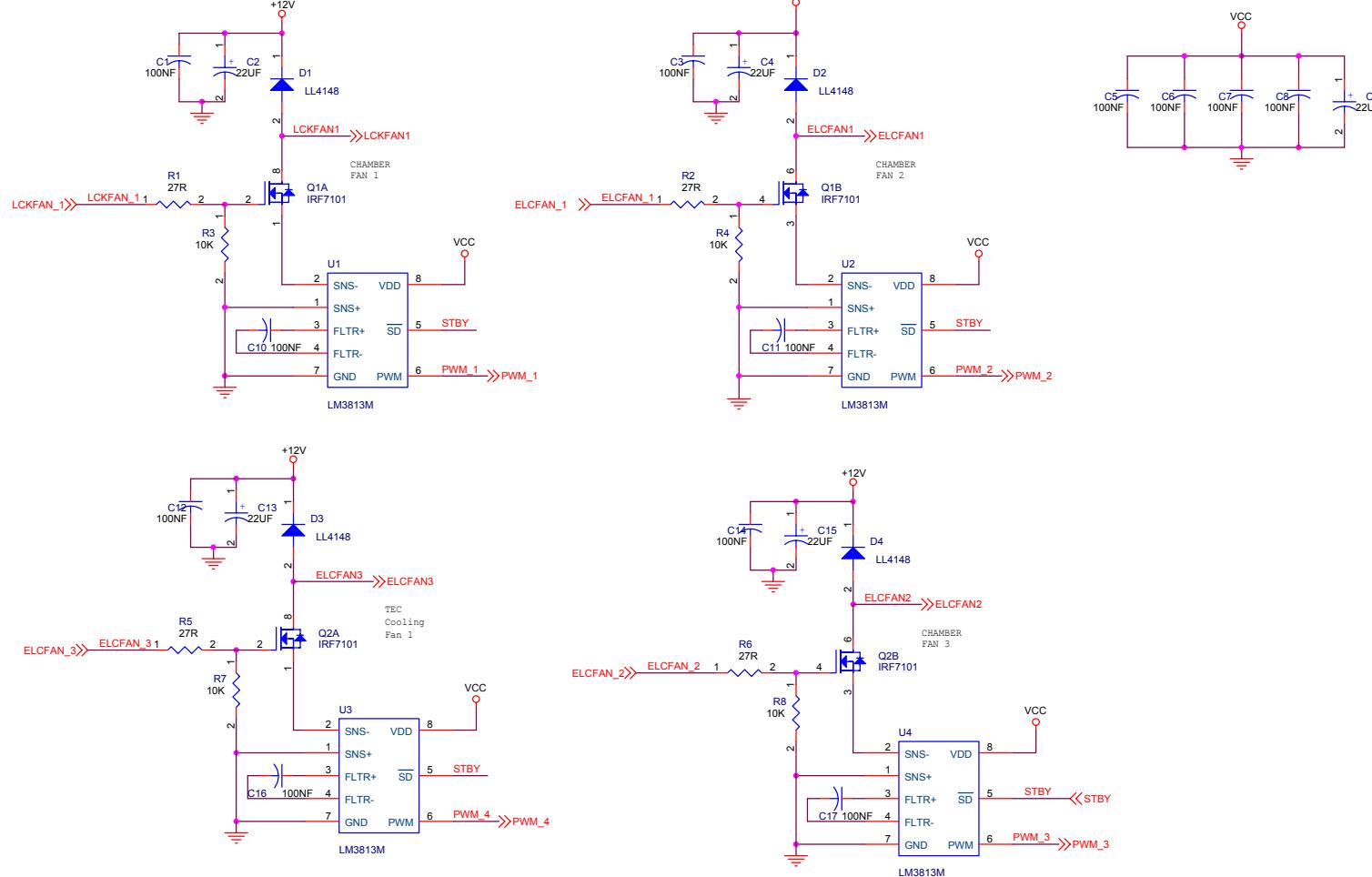


Locker Microcontroller



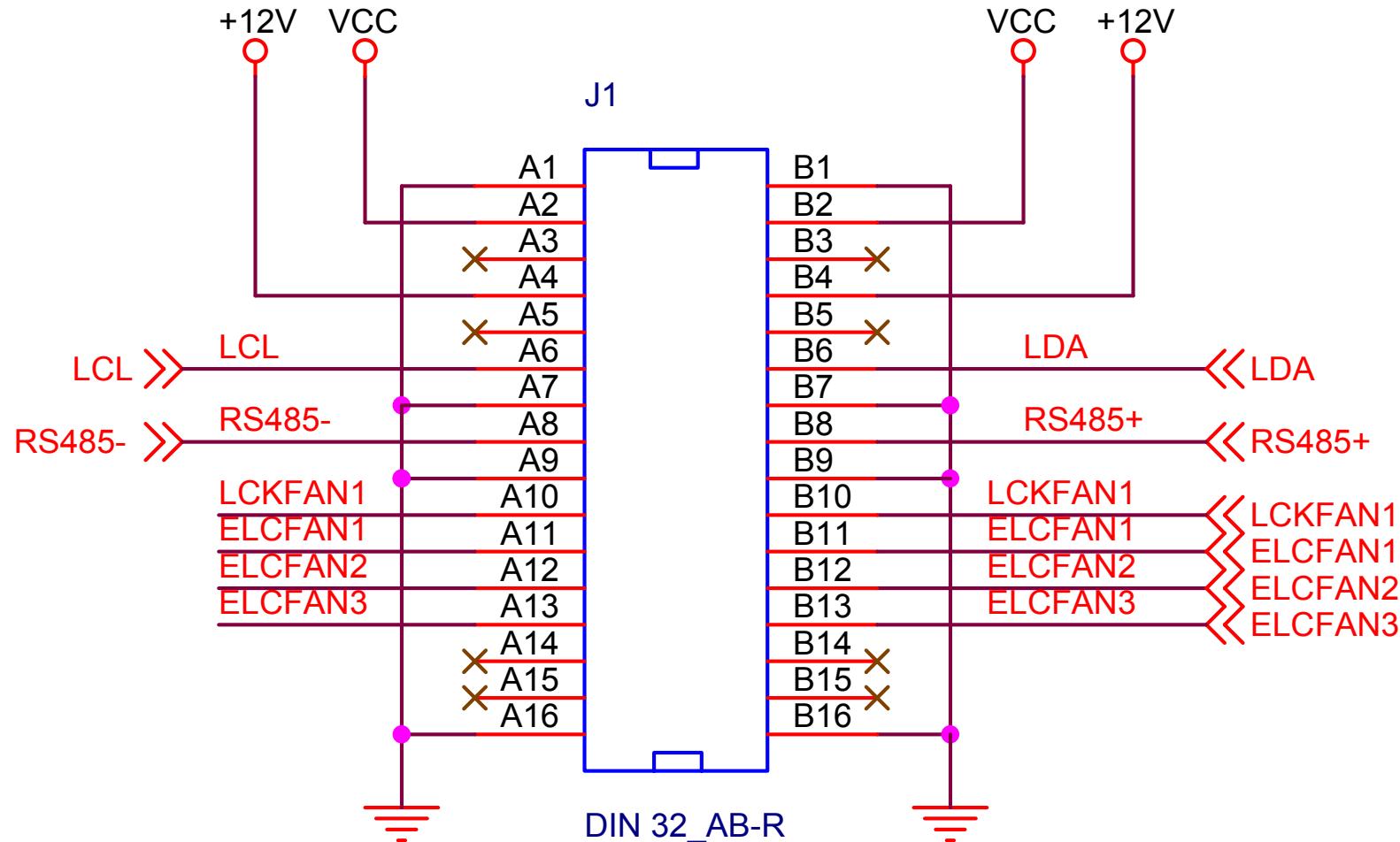


Locker Fan Control Circuit





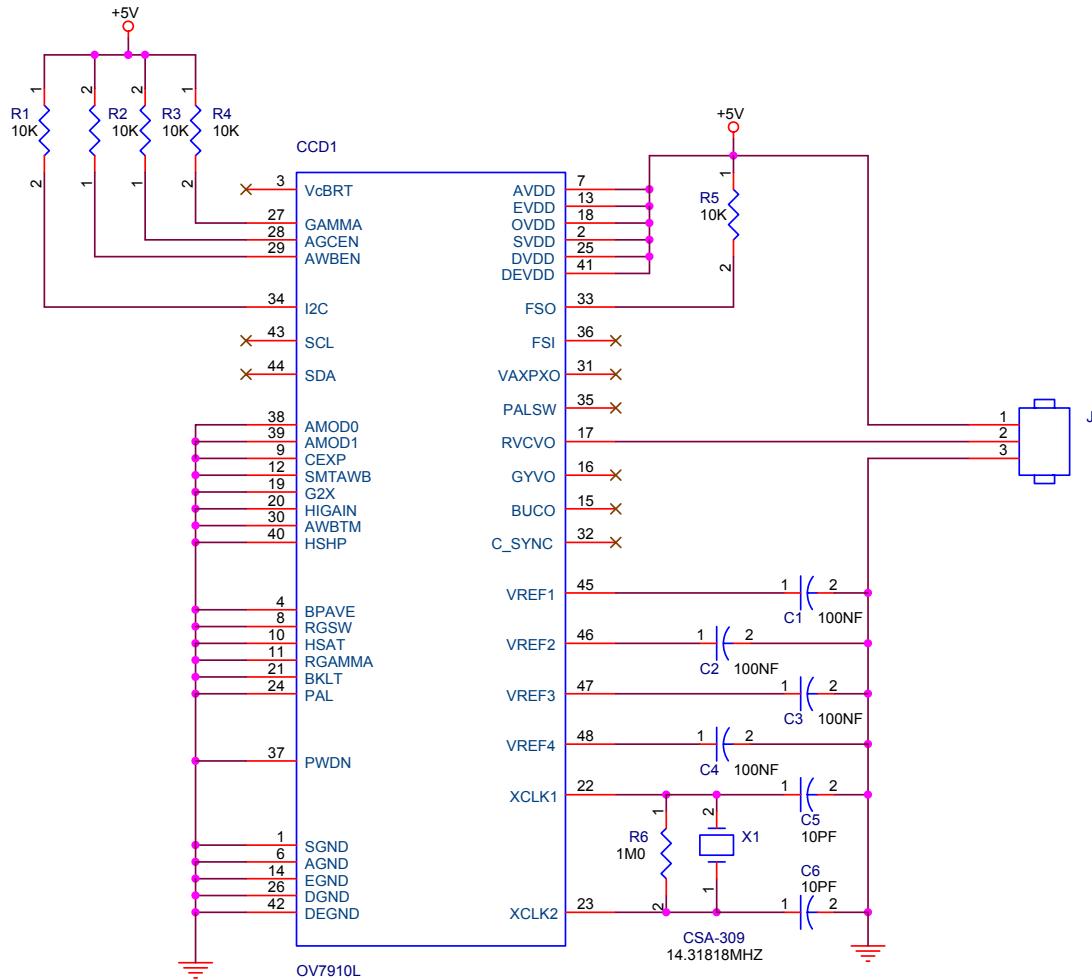
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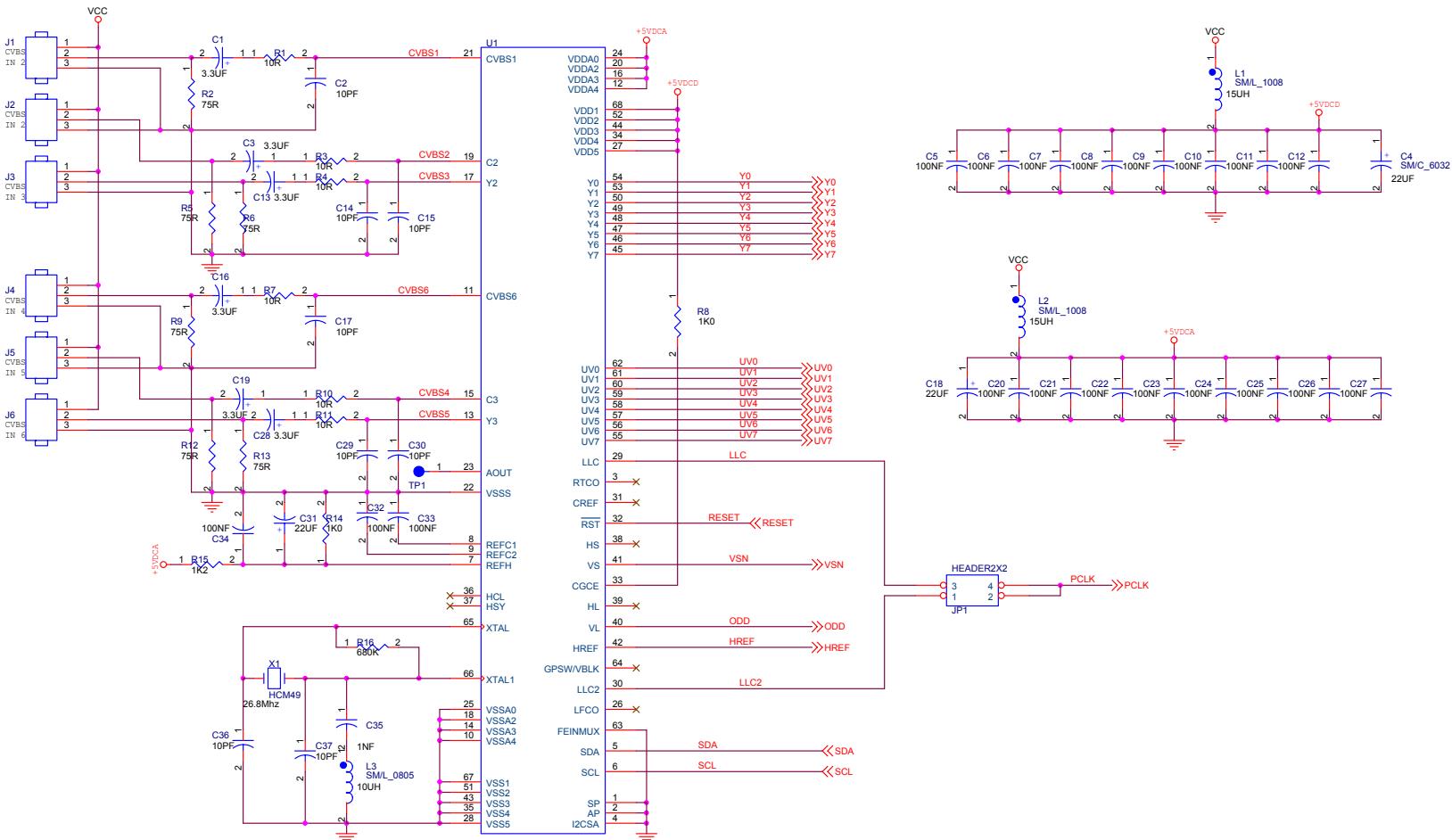
Locker Camera

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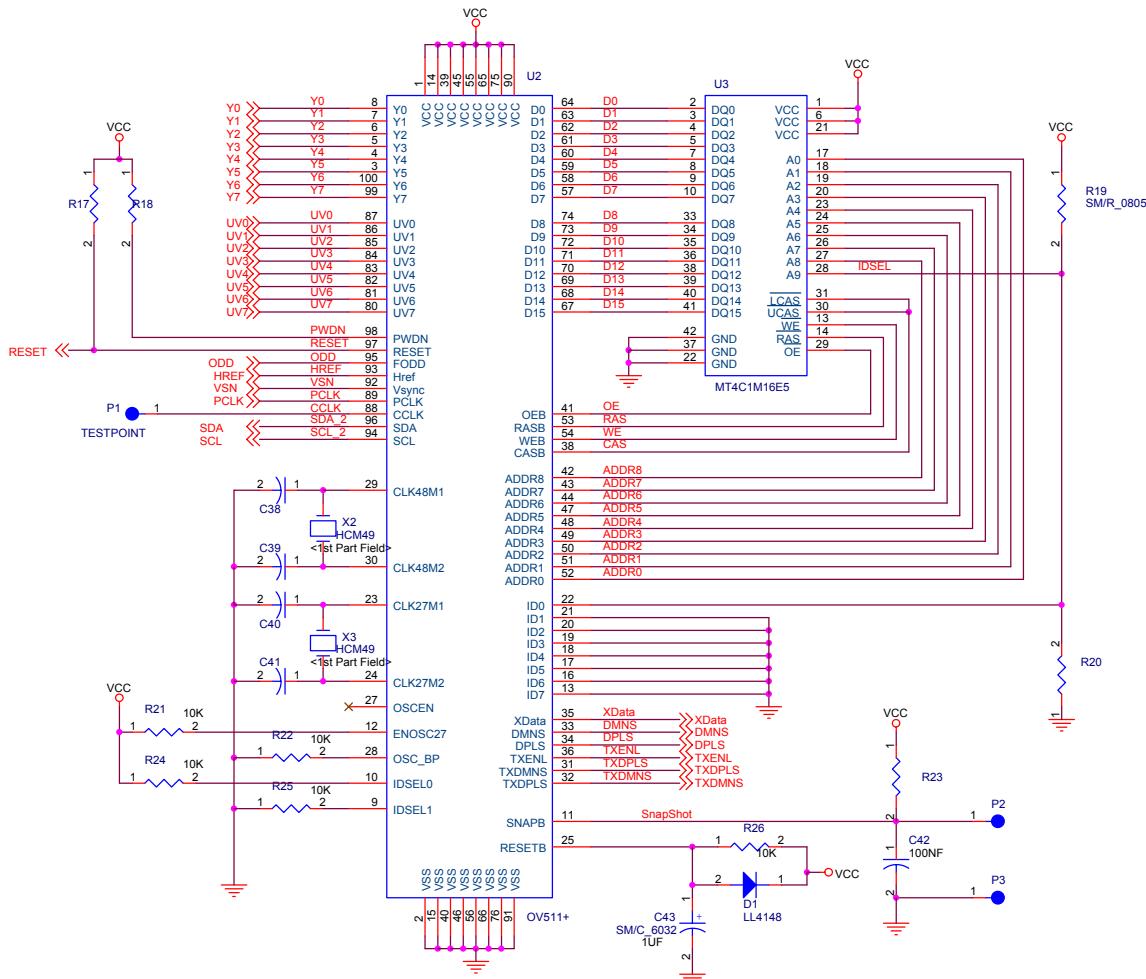


Locker Camera Interface



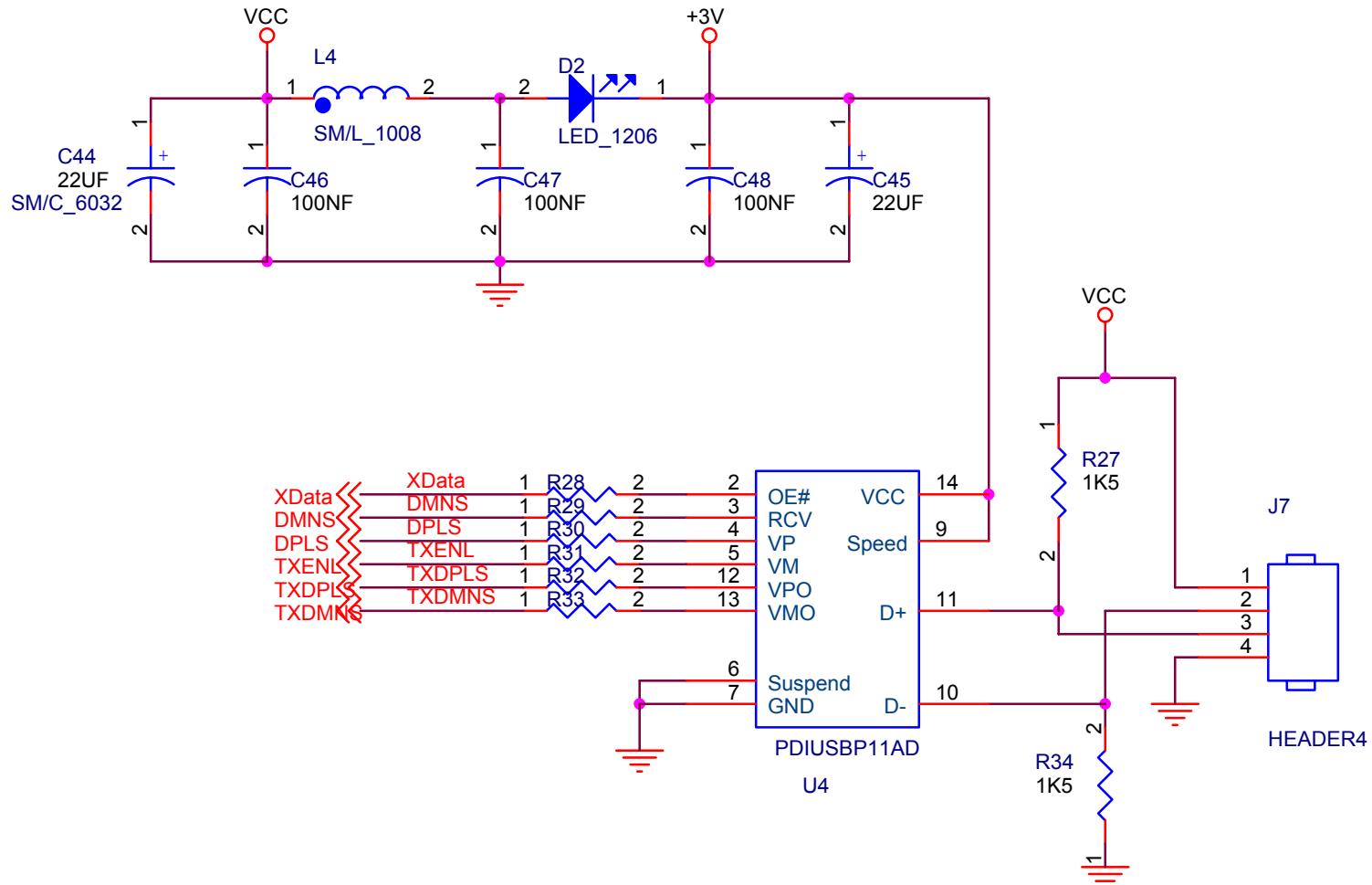


Locker Camera Interface





Locker Camera Interface





LED Light Module



The LED subsystem is composed of the following components and capabilities:

LED Board

- RED 660nm LED's
- BLUE 470nm LED's
- WHITE LED's

Separate outer housing for LED and Control Boards

- Provide heat sinking and EMI shielding



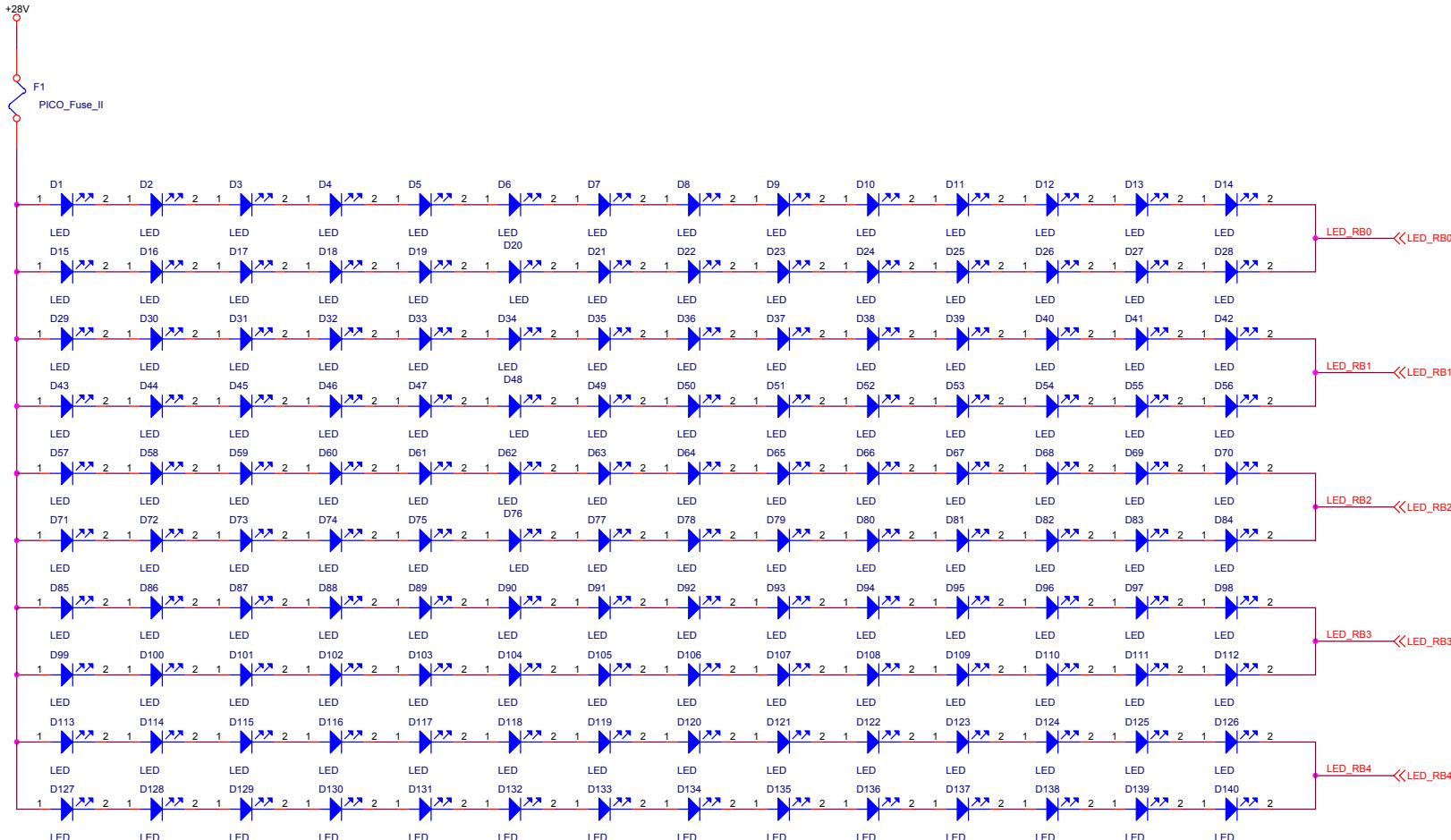
Right/Left Lighting Board



- **4 banks of LEDs that are PWM controlled when images are not being taken**
- **4 cameras per board that are multiplexed to the USB bus**
- **Light sensors to monitor chamber light levels**
- **Interrupt switch to turn LEDs off when chamber is opened**

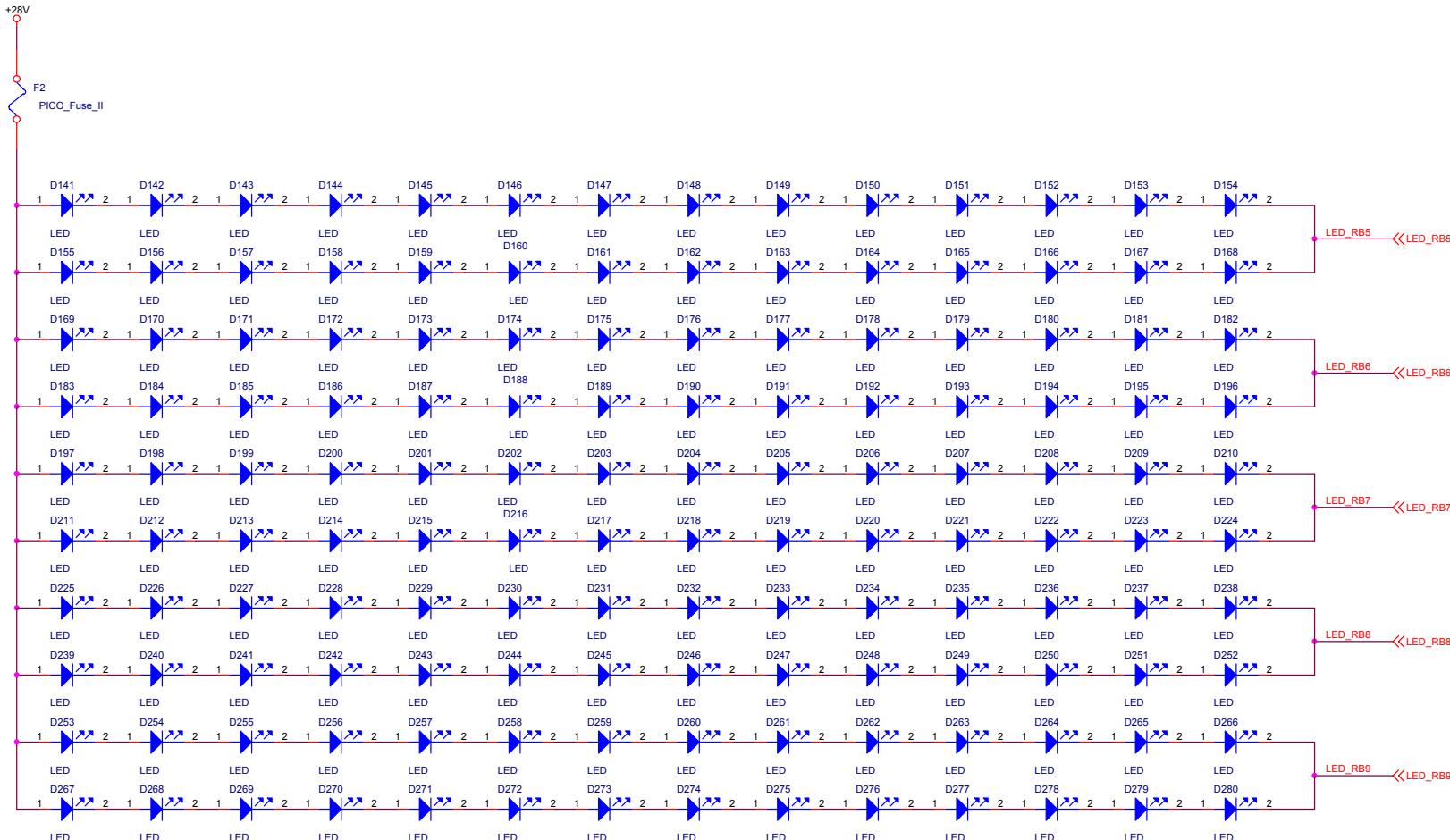


Growth Chamber RED LED's



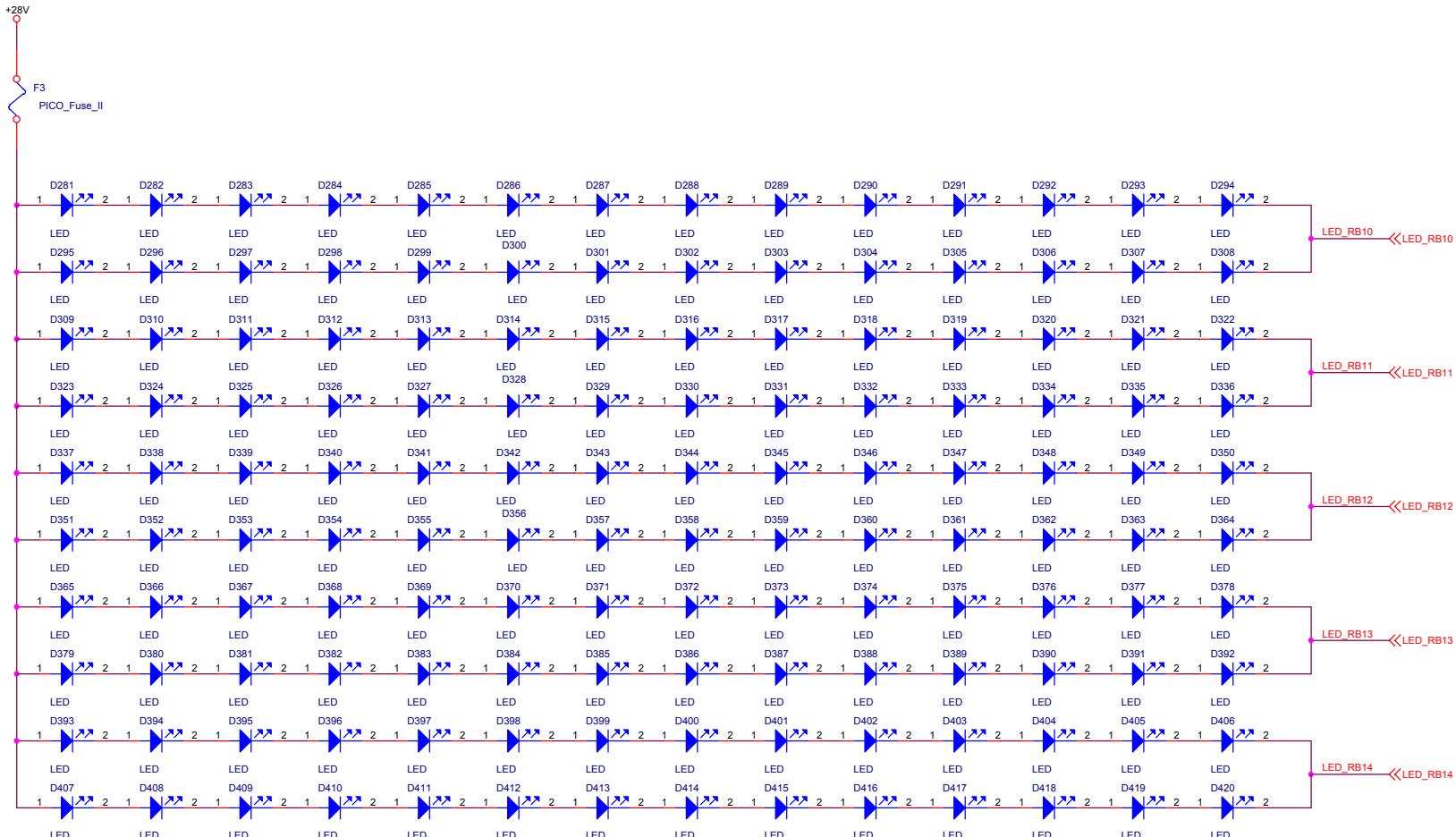


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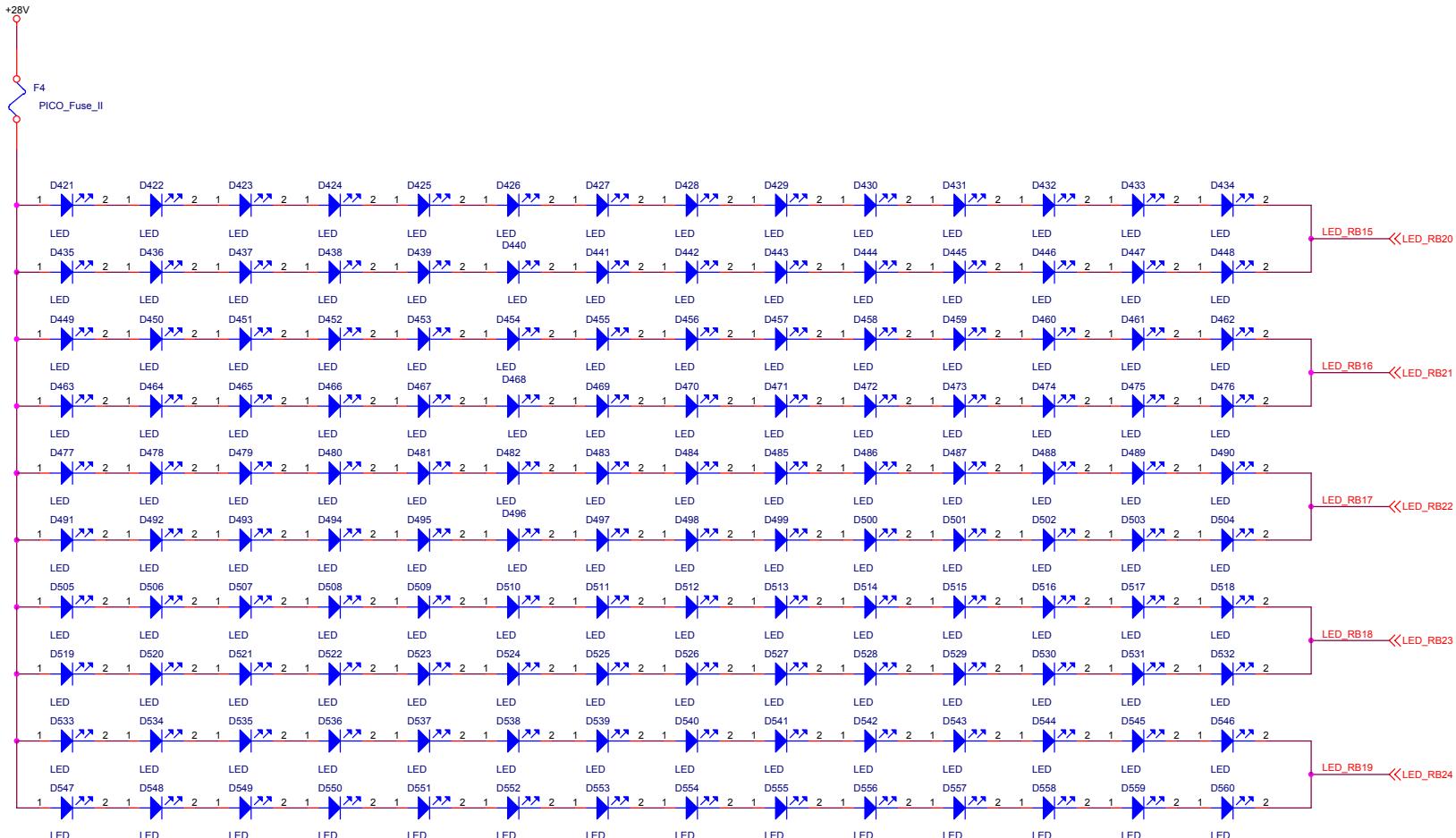


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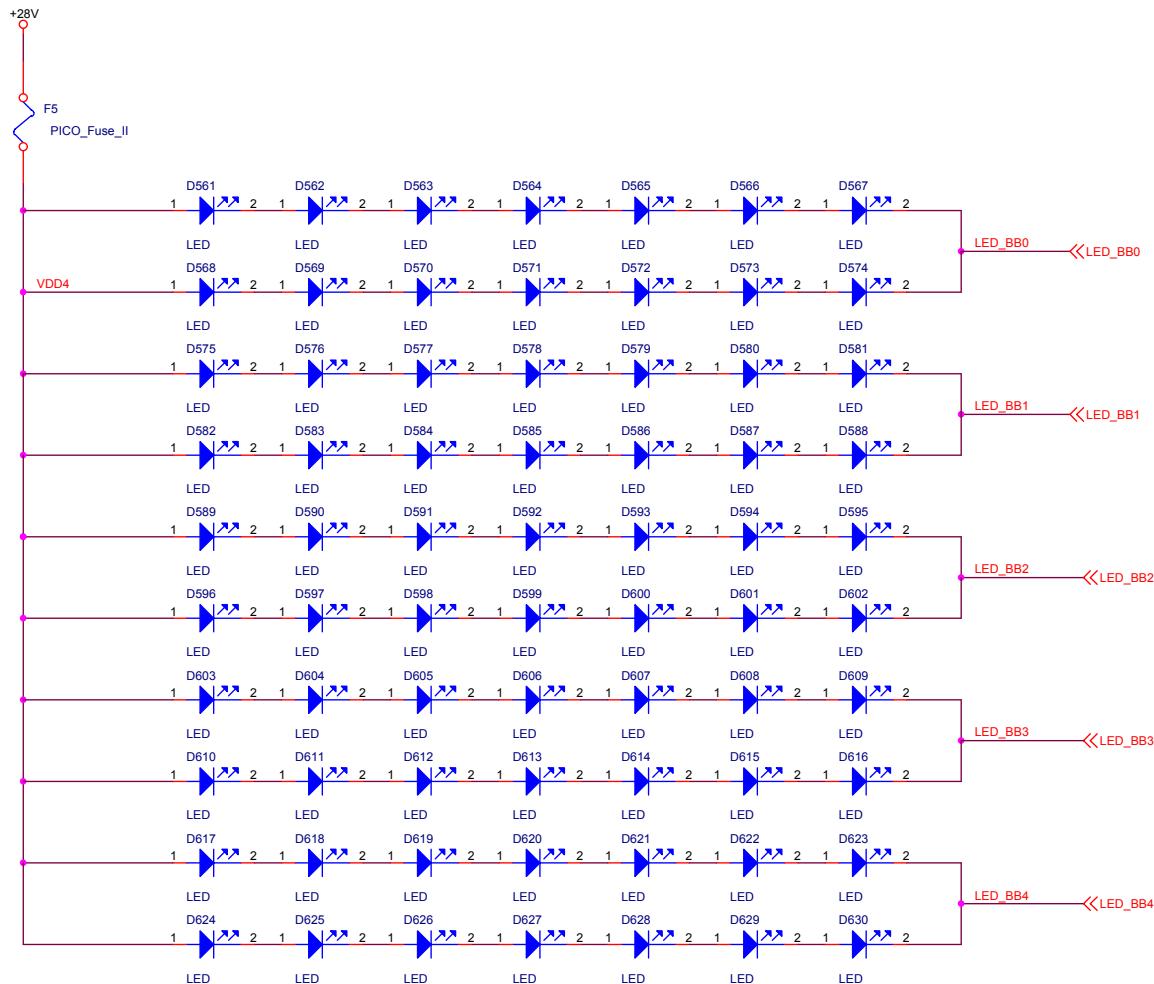


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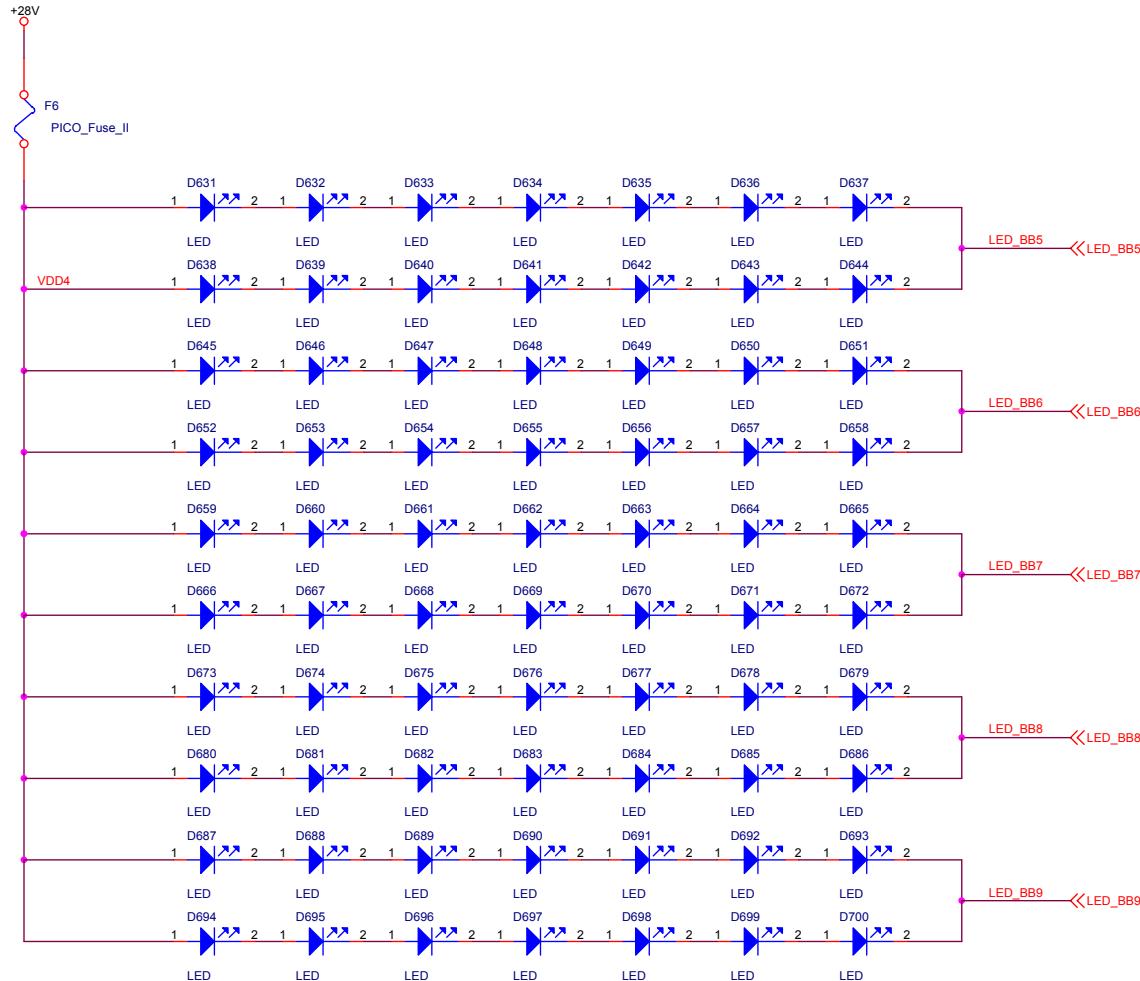


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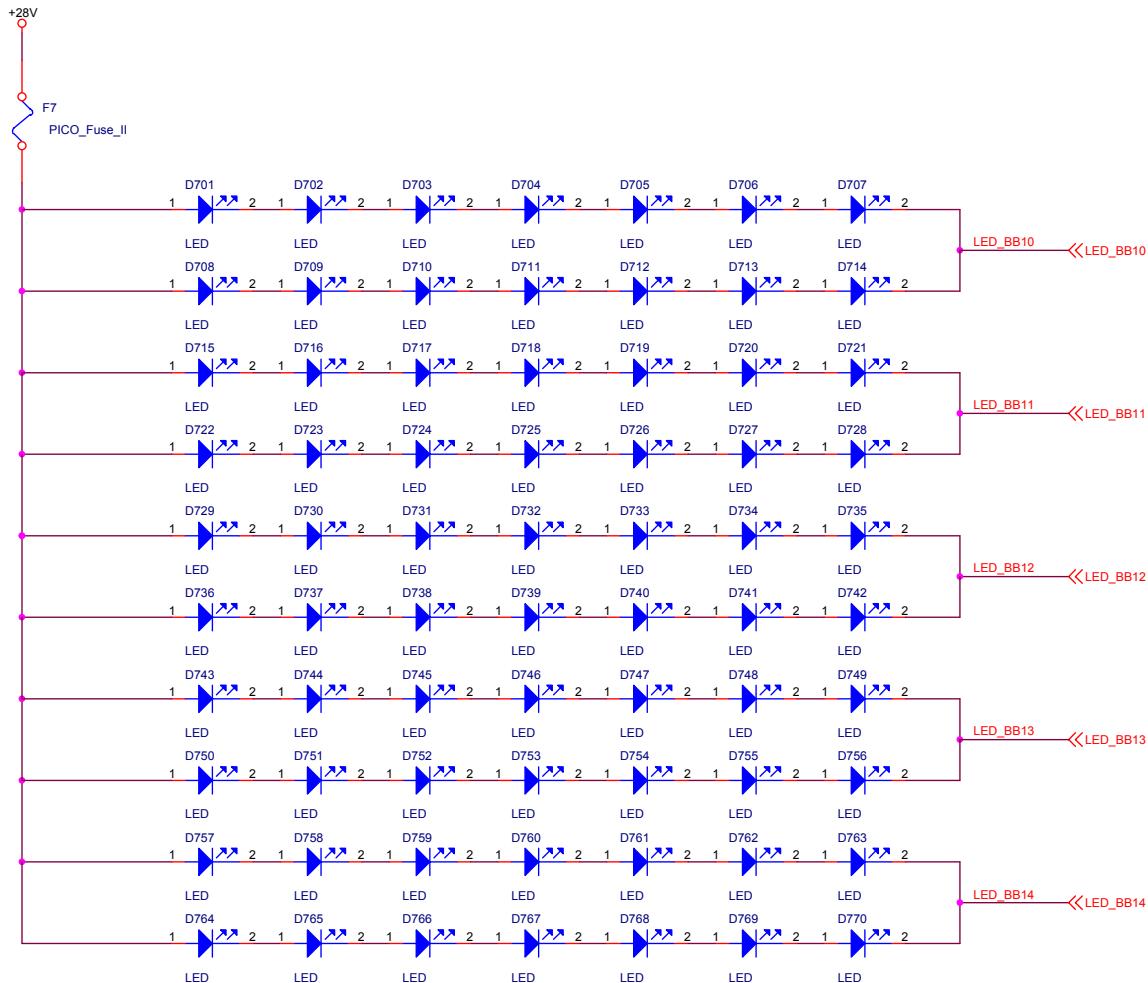


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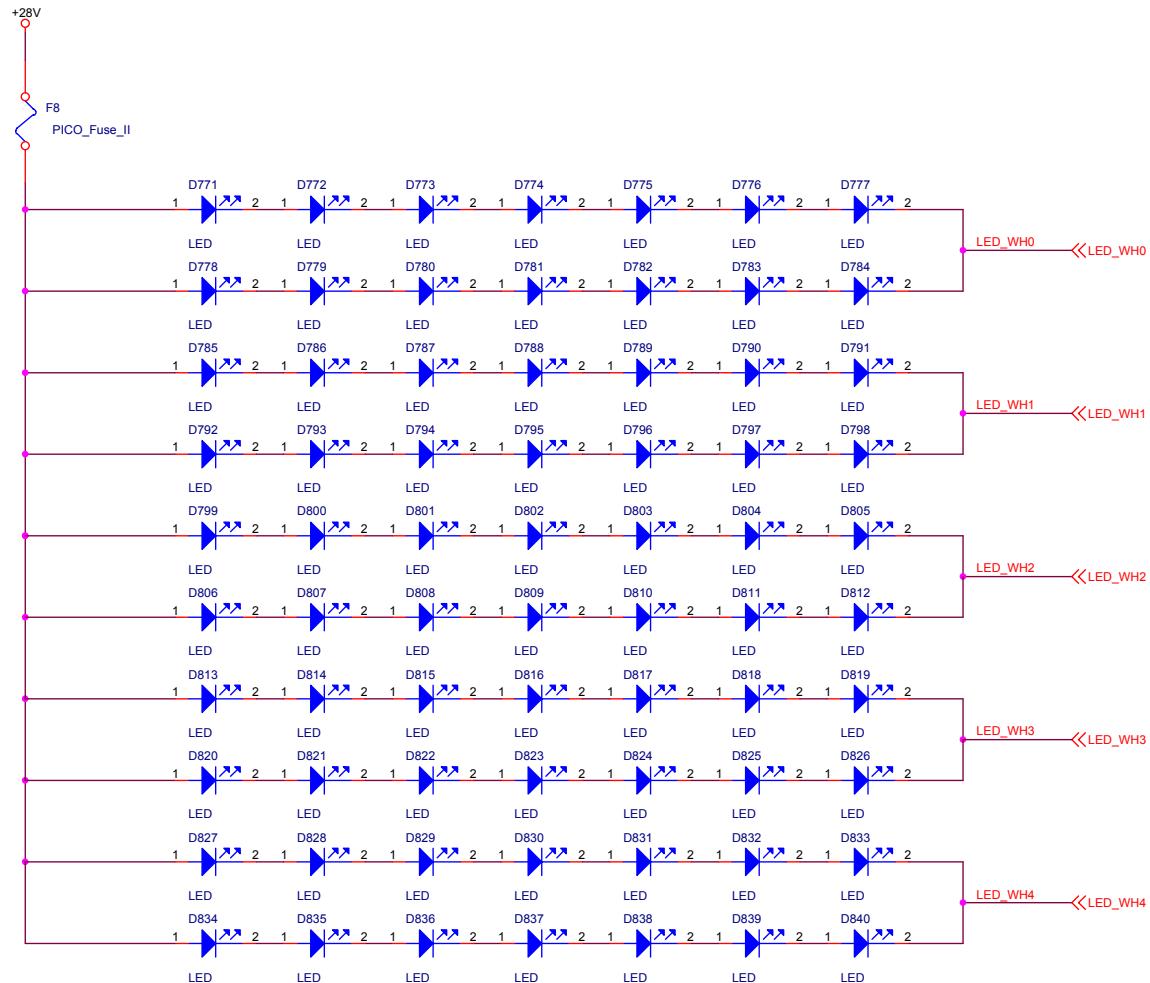


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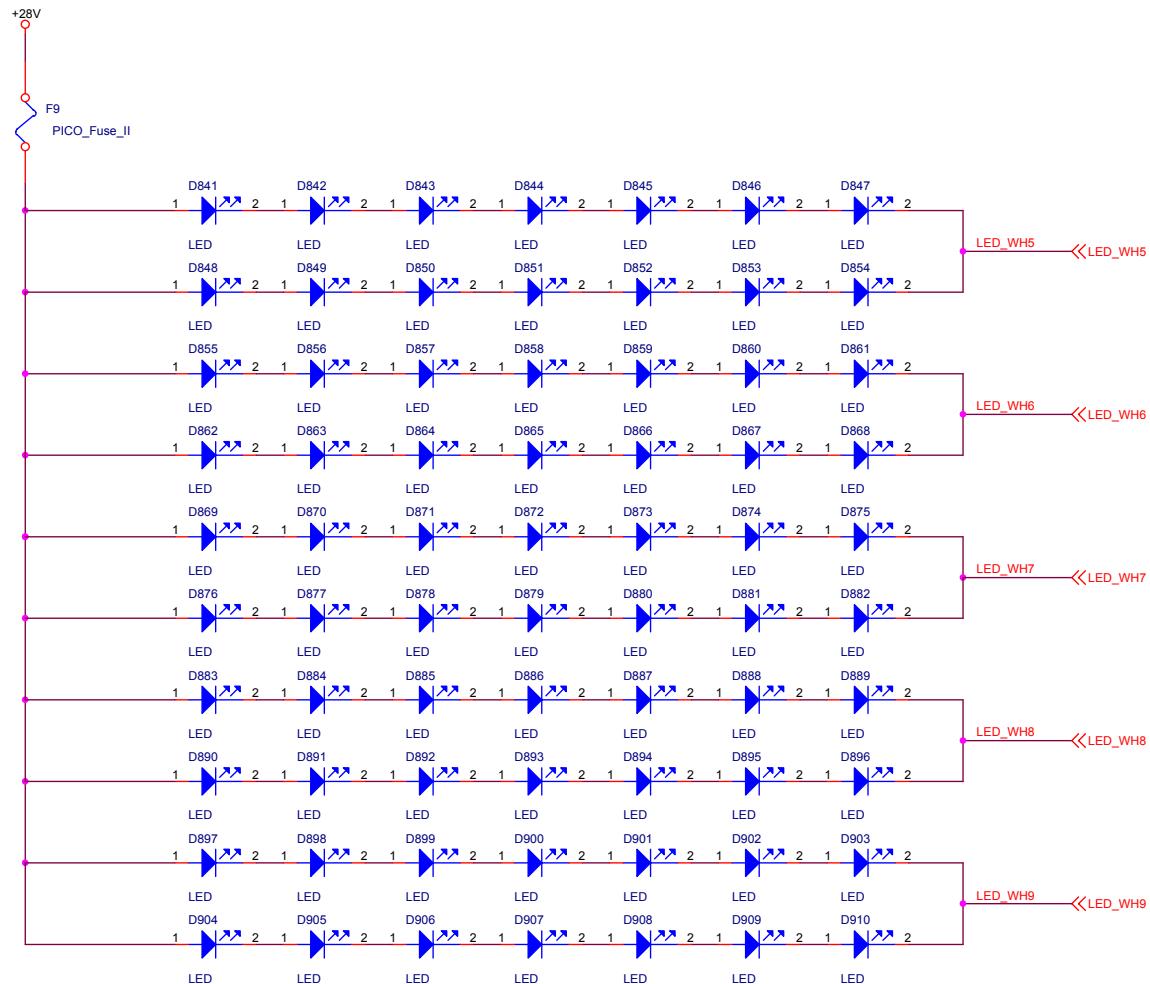


Growth Chamber White LED's



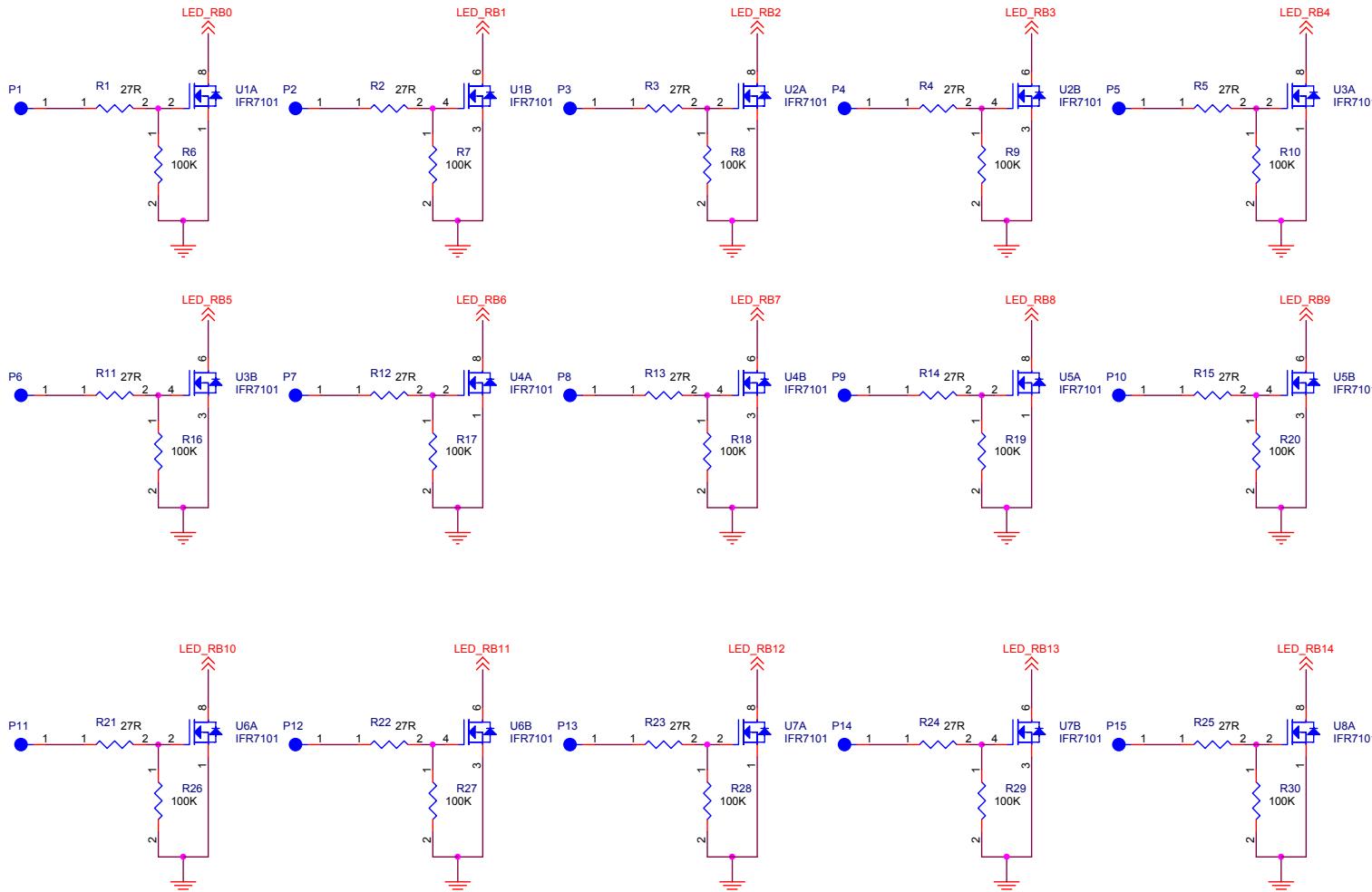


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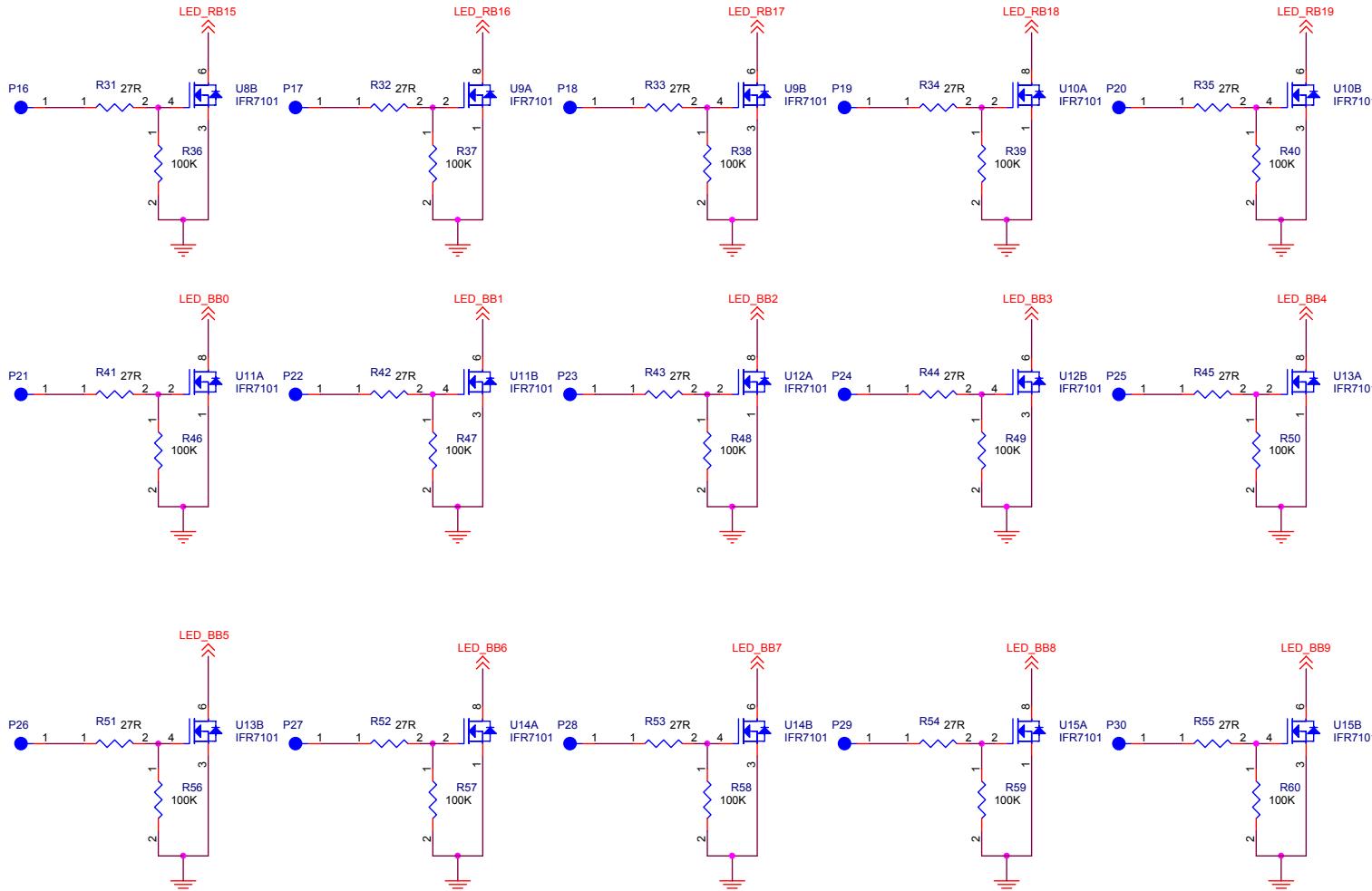


Growth Chamber LED Driver's



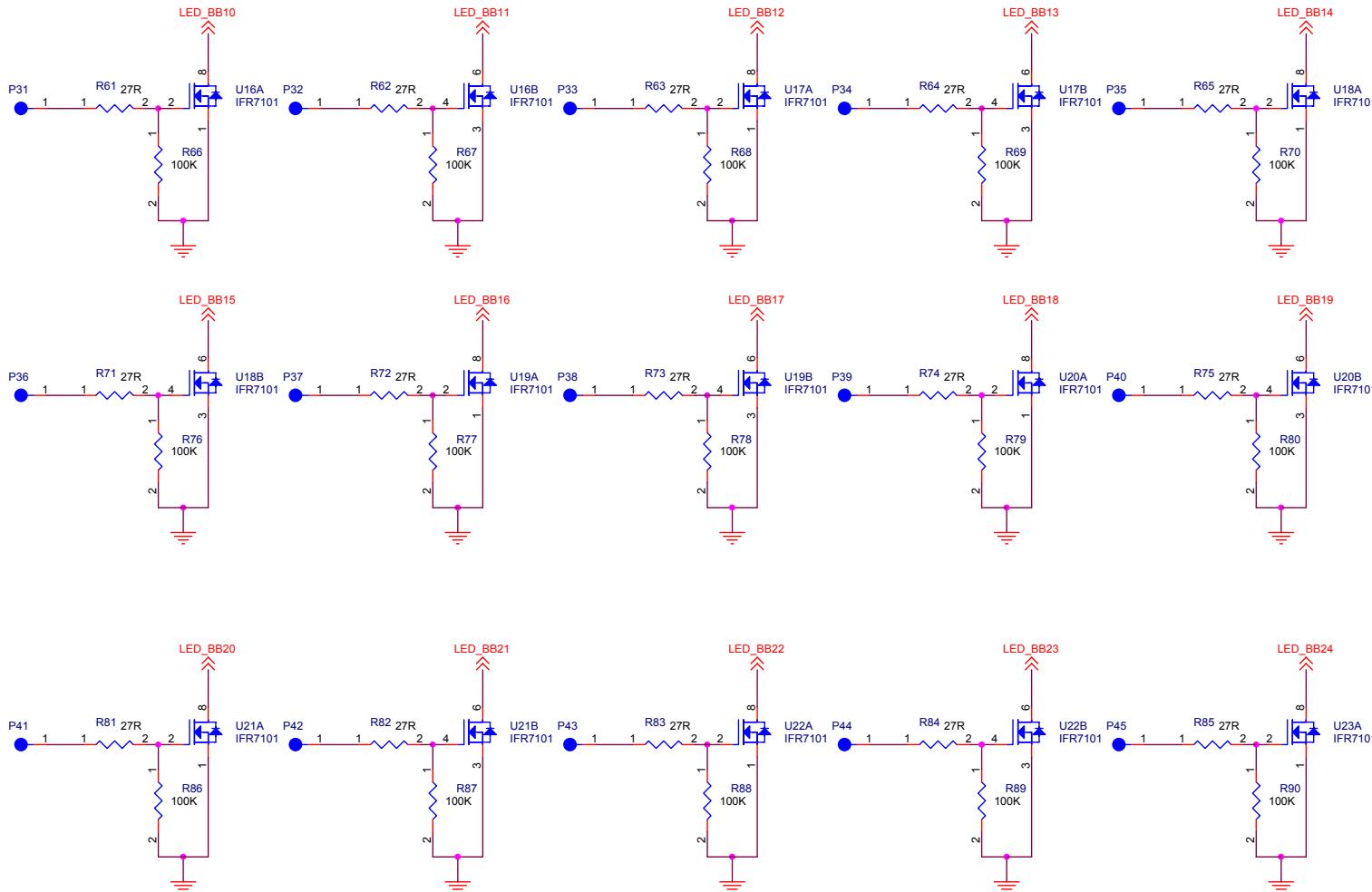


Growth Chamber LED Driver's





Growth Chamber LED Drivers





Growth & Imaging LED Driver



PWM Driver and Controller Board

- PIC16F877 Microcontroller
- Pulse width modulation Multiplexed Drivers for setting up different Light Levels.
- RED, WHITE and BLUE LEDS individually switched for Growth and Imaging as dictated by the Science
- White light for Imaging system can be controlled independently for time lapse.



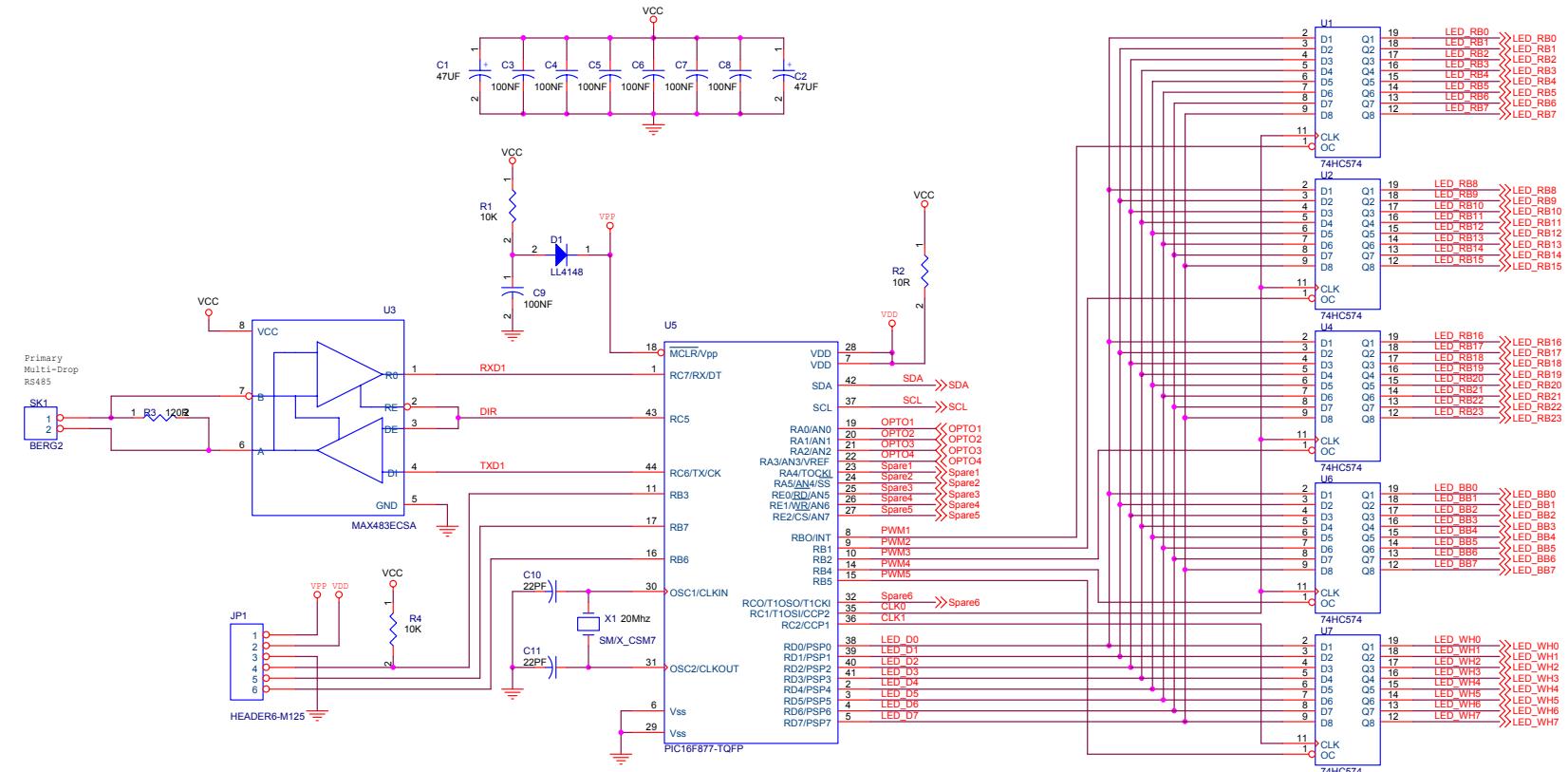
GFP Imaging Board



- Multiplexes four cameras onto USB
- I2C camera control
- LEDs PWM controlled

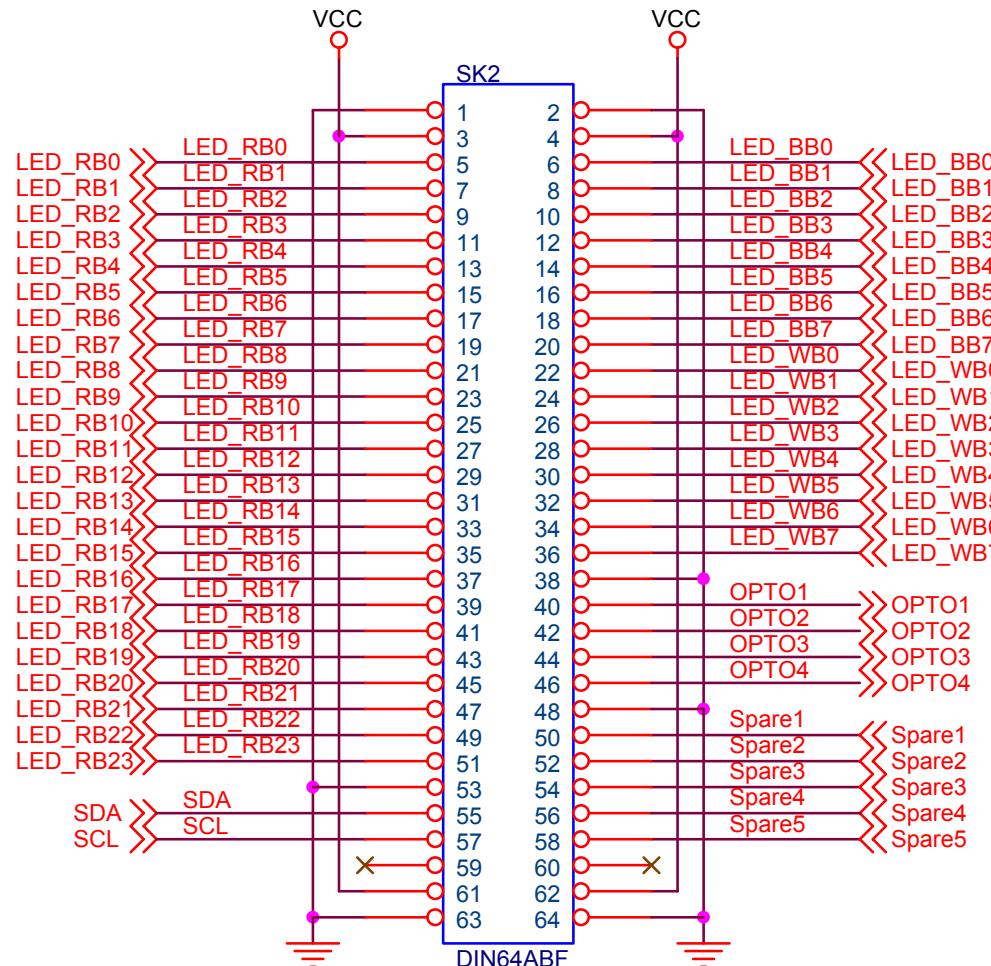


LED PWM Controller





LED PWM Controller Interconnect





Power Conditioning Module



The PCM subsystem is composed of the following components and capabilities:

- **DC-DC Converters**

- Provide power to various of electronic components
- Enable to PGF-SP to operate within NSTS 21000-IDD-MDK, REV B specifications
- 24 VDC converter
- 12 VDC converter
- 5 VDC converter



Power Control Board



- **Monitors inlet/outlet temperature and relative humidity**
- **Limits:**
 - Inlet 31 degrees C
 - Outlet 40 degrees C
 - Humidity delta between inlet and outlet
- **Monitors current on fans cooling locker and electronics**
- **Off nominal conditions will cause an alert to be sent to CDMS to send system into stand-by mode**



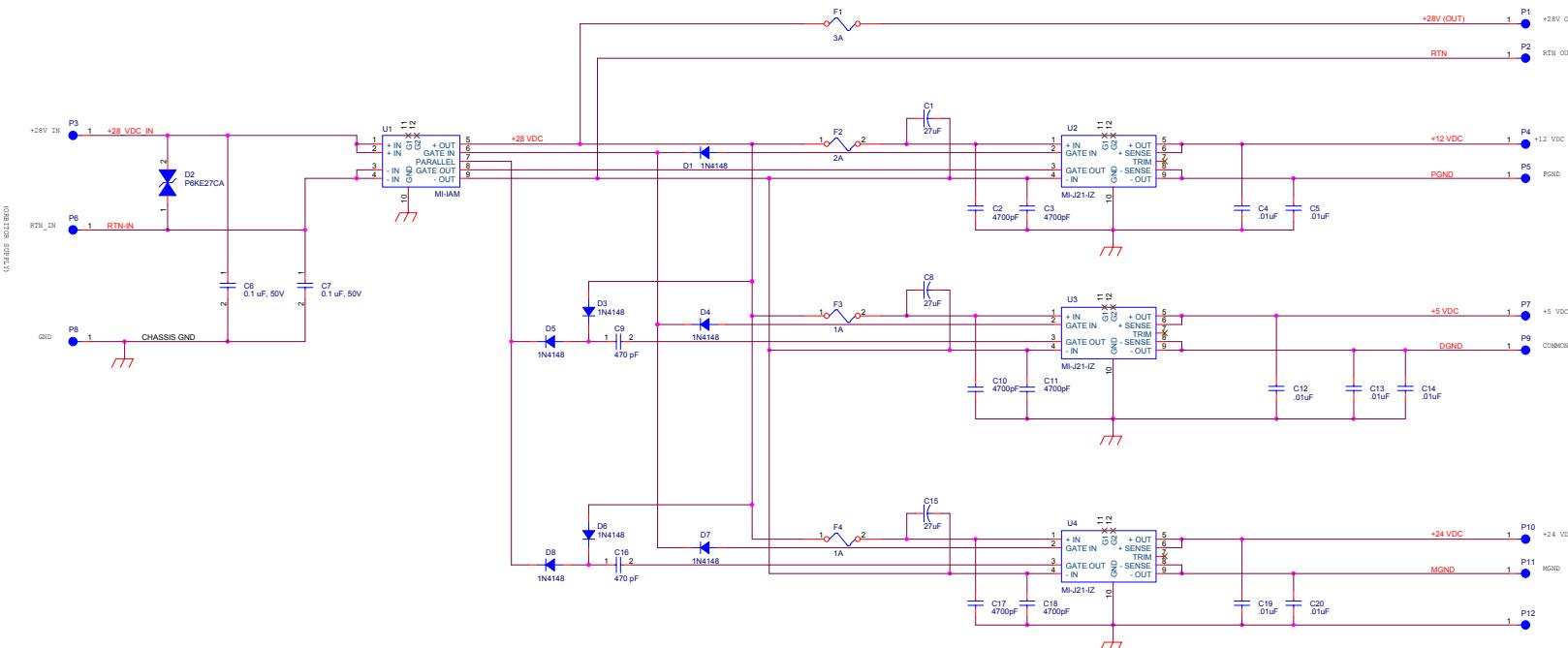
Power Control Board



- Monitors inlet/outlet temperature and relative humidity
- Provides fan cooling of locker and electronics



POWER CONDITIONING MODULE





Front Panel Control Board



- **Serves as a back-up watchdog to CDMS**
- **If communication with CDMS is broken, will poll controller boards for status and provide RTC**
- **Illuminates front panel LEDs from commanding by CDMS or standalone**



Front Panel Control Board



- Provides interface to outside
- USB to RS232 translation
- Serial interface
- Ethernet interface
- 6 LEDs
 - Power on
 - CDMS heartbeat
 - Status
 - Park mode
 - Stand-by
 - Experiment mode
- Polls other controller boards, provides RTC, in case of CDMS Failure



EMI – EMC - RFI

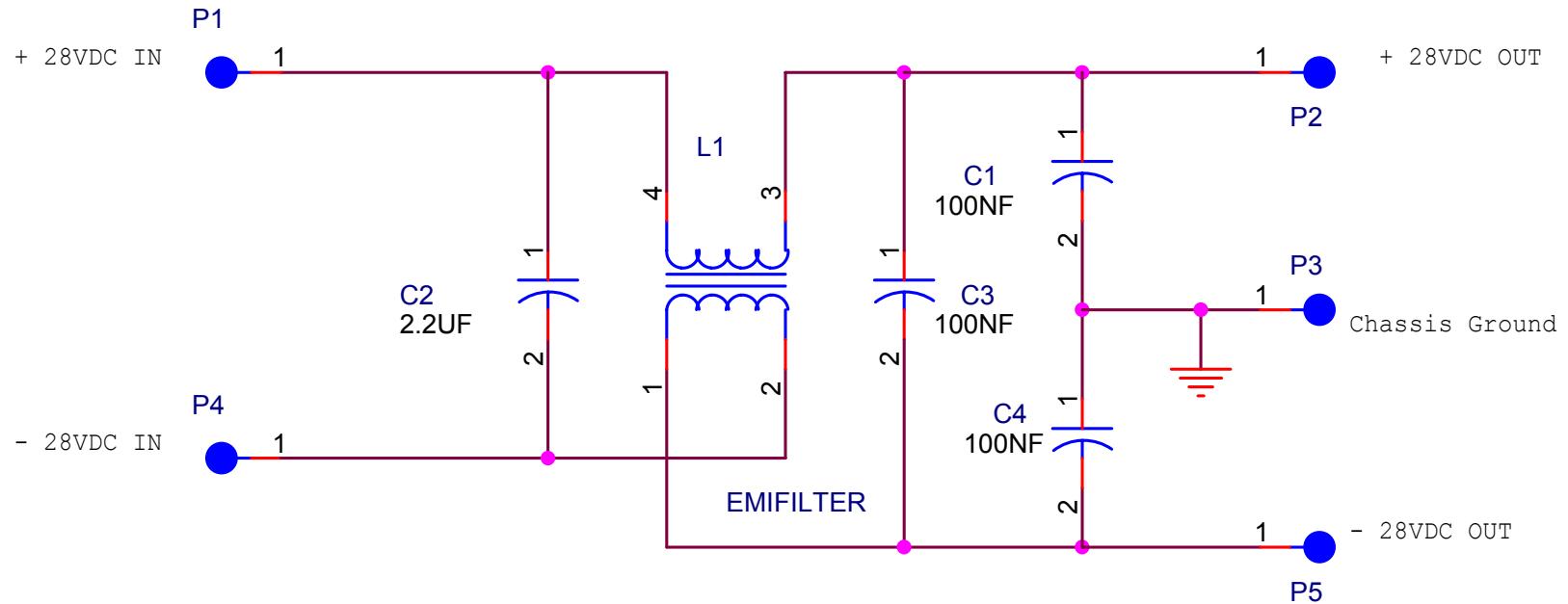


EMI suppression

- **Suppress and or eliminate Electro Magnetic Interference to meet IDD requirements.**
- **Suppress Radio Frequency Interference to below the acceptable limits imposed by the IDD.**
- **Meet Requirements for Electro Magnetic Compatibility**
- **Ensure we have no Susceptibility issues from other pieces of equipment outside our control.**



EMI – EMC FILTER BOARD





Sensor List



Name	Location/Component	Qty per module	Extended
Assembly, Tray Insert			
Temperature Sensor	Inlet	1	1
Temperature Sensor	Exhaust	1	1
Temperature Sensor	Inside Locker Rear	3	3
Current Sensor	Main Input Power 28VDC	1	1
Current Sensor	Exhaust Fan	1	1
Assembly, PGC			
Hycal, Temp. & RH Sensor	PGC	1	2
Light Intensity Sensor	PGC	1	2
Temperature Sensor	TEC Cold Plate	1	2
Temperature Sensor	Dehumidifier Cold Plate	1	2
Temperature Sensor	Exhaust	2	4
Temperature Sensor	Root Zone	1	2
Current Sensor	Dehumidifier	1	2
Current Sensor	TEC	1	2
Current Sensor	DC Muffin Fans	3	6
Current Sensor	Micro Pump	1	2
Pressure Sensor	Dehumidifier	1	2
Assembly, FLM			
Temperature Sensor	FLM	1	2
Temperature Sensor	Ballast Assembly	1	2
Current Sensor	Ballast Assembly	1	2
Current Sensor	DC Muffin Fans	2	4
Assembly, CDMS			
Temperature Sensor	CDMS Assembly	1	1
Assembly, Filtration System			
CO2 Sensor	PGC CO2 Detector	1	2
Current Sensor	Pump	1	2
Current Sensor	Solenoid	3	6
Flow Sensor	CO2 & VOC	1	2
Assembly, Power Conditioning Module			
Temperature Sensor	PCM Assembly	1	1
Total			59

Update Data



CDMS



- Provides commanding of set-points for environmental control and imaging
- Receives and logs data and errors from controller boards
- Based on a Pentium DIMM PC CPU board on a custom carrier board (133 MHz)
- Provides I2C, USB, ethernet and RS-485 bus control
- Watchdog timer to guard against lockups
- IDE Hard drives (30 GB)



CDMS (cont)



- Communication to Handheld Visual indication Unit with RS-485 interface
- Communication to ISS via LAN
- Communication to Laptop on Orbiter is achieved with a RS-232C interface

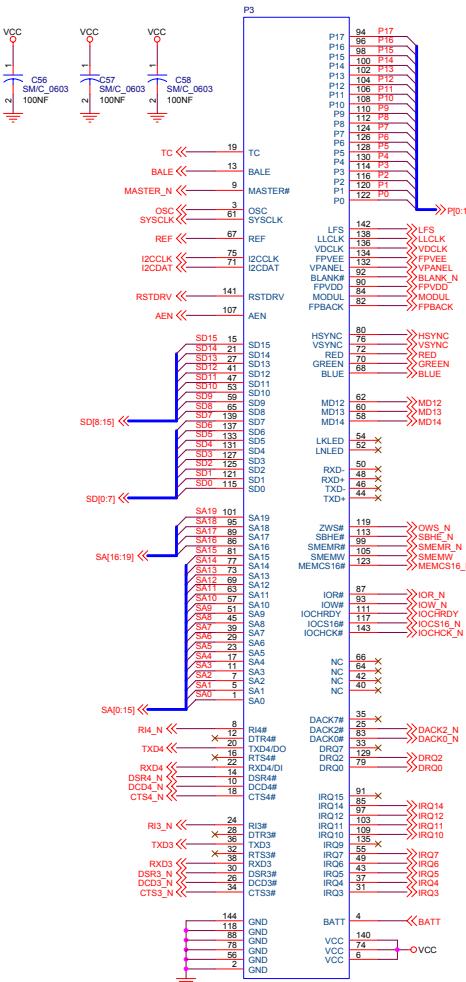


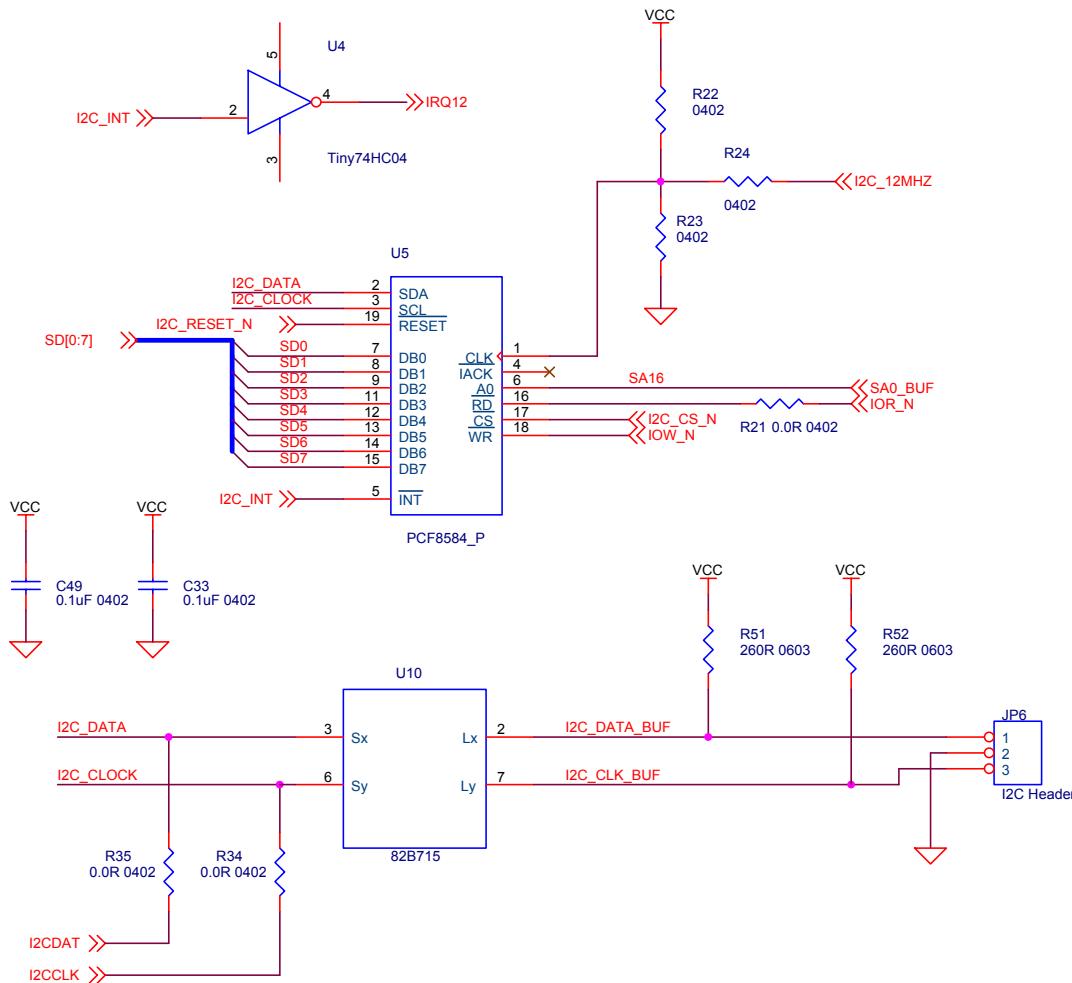
Mass Storage Device



IBM Hard Drive (2 units)

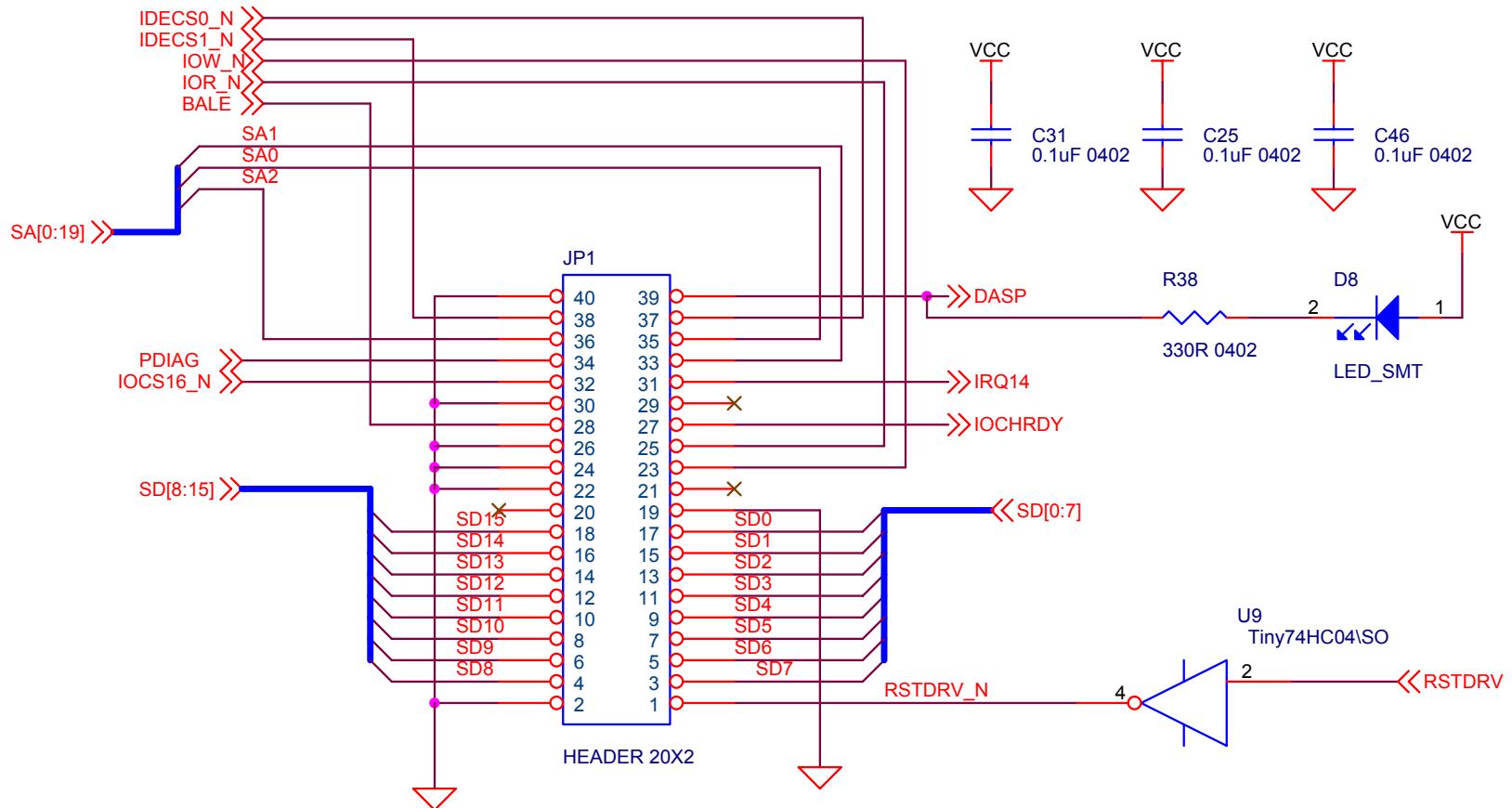
- Hard drives, Capable of storing 10 Giga bytes of data each.
- Capable of storing at least 16,000 images per hard drive, uncompressed.





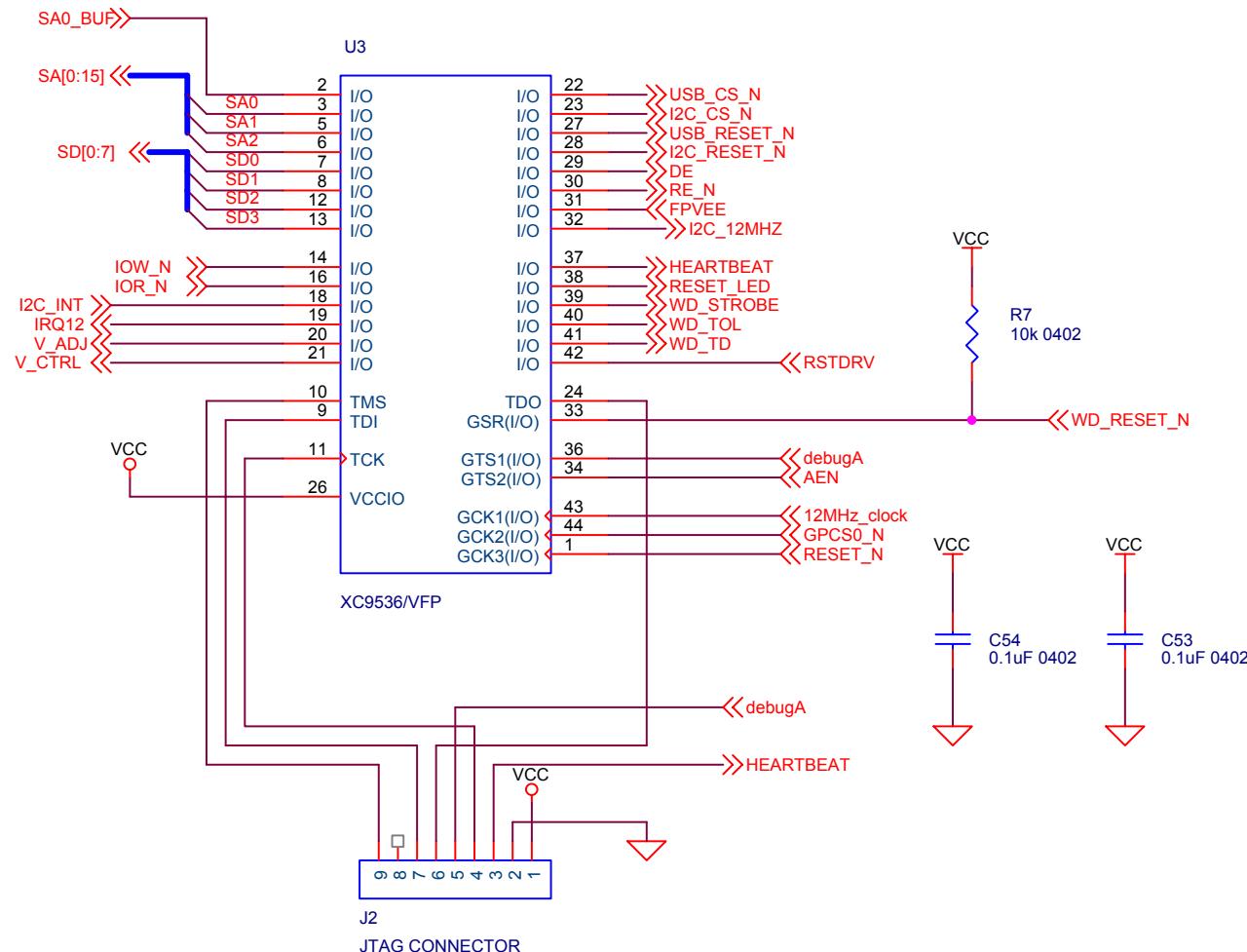


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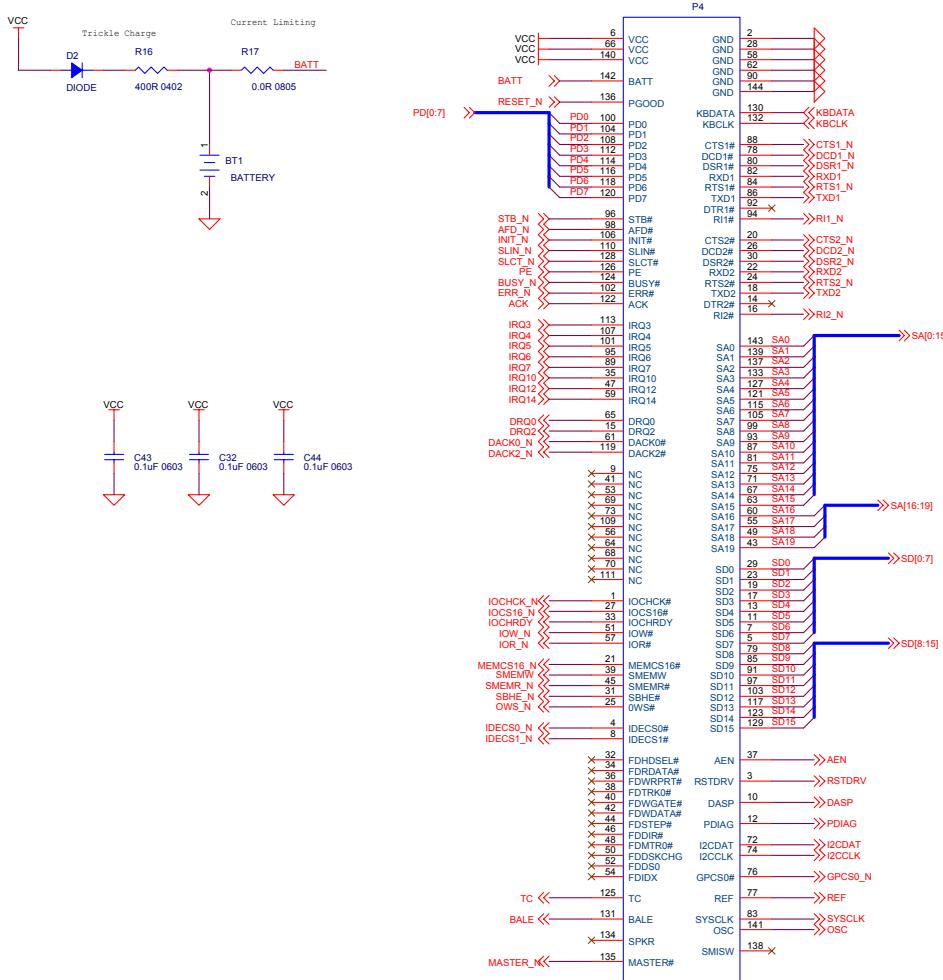


I/O DECODE



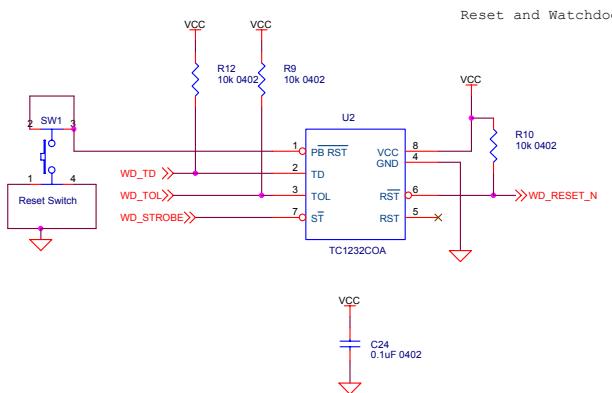
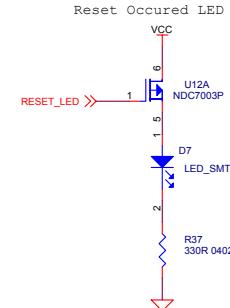
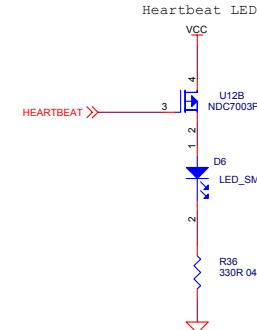
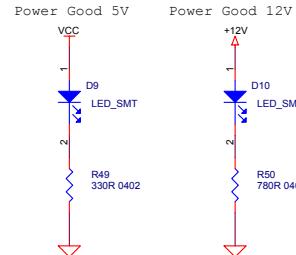
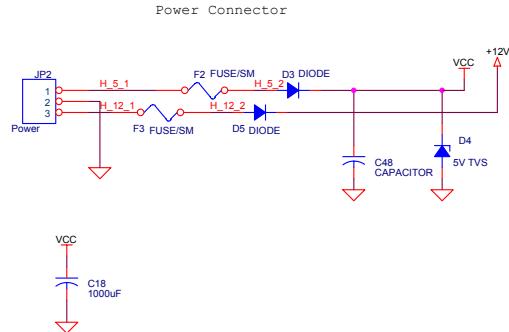


MASTER CPU



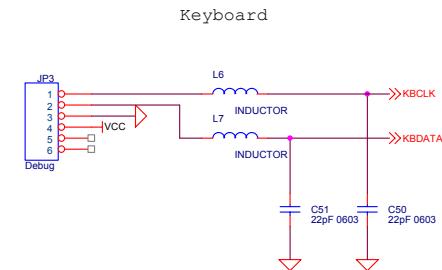


WATCHDOG TIMER



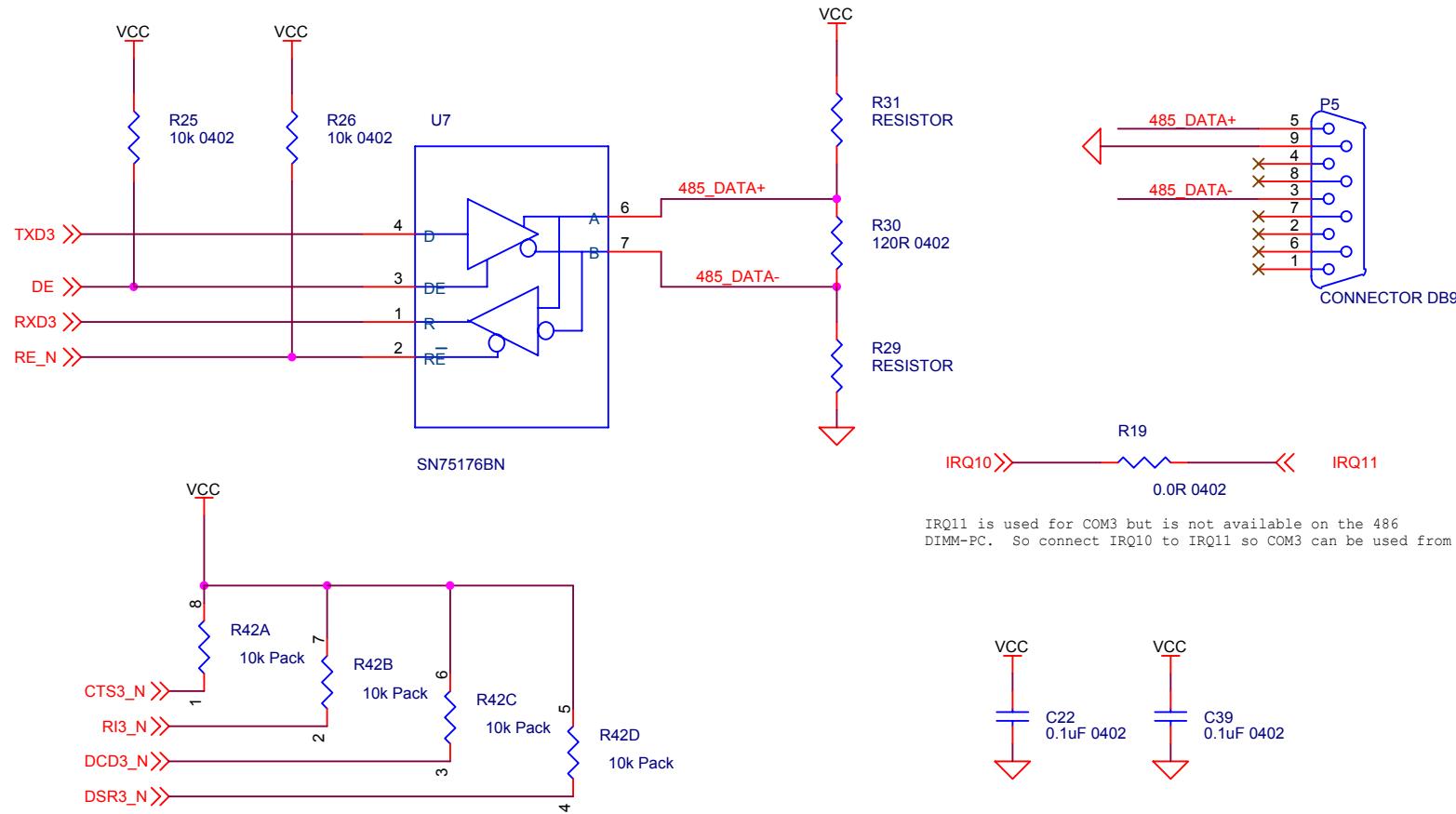
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TD = 0V, Timeout = 150mS
TD = Float, Timeout = 600mS
TD = 5V, Timeout = 1.2 Sec

JP5, TOL: Power Supply Tolerance select
TOL = 0V for 5% tolerance
TOL = 5V, for 10% Tolerance



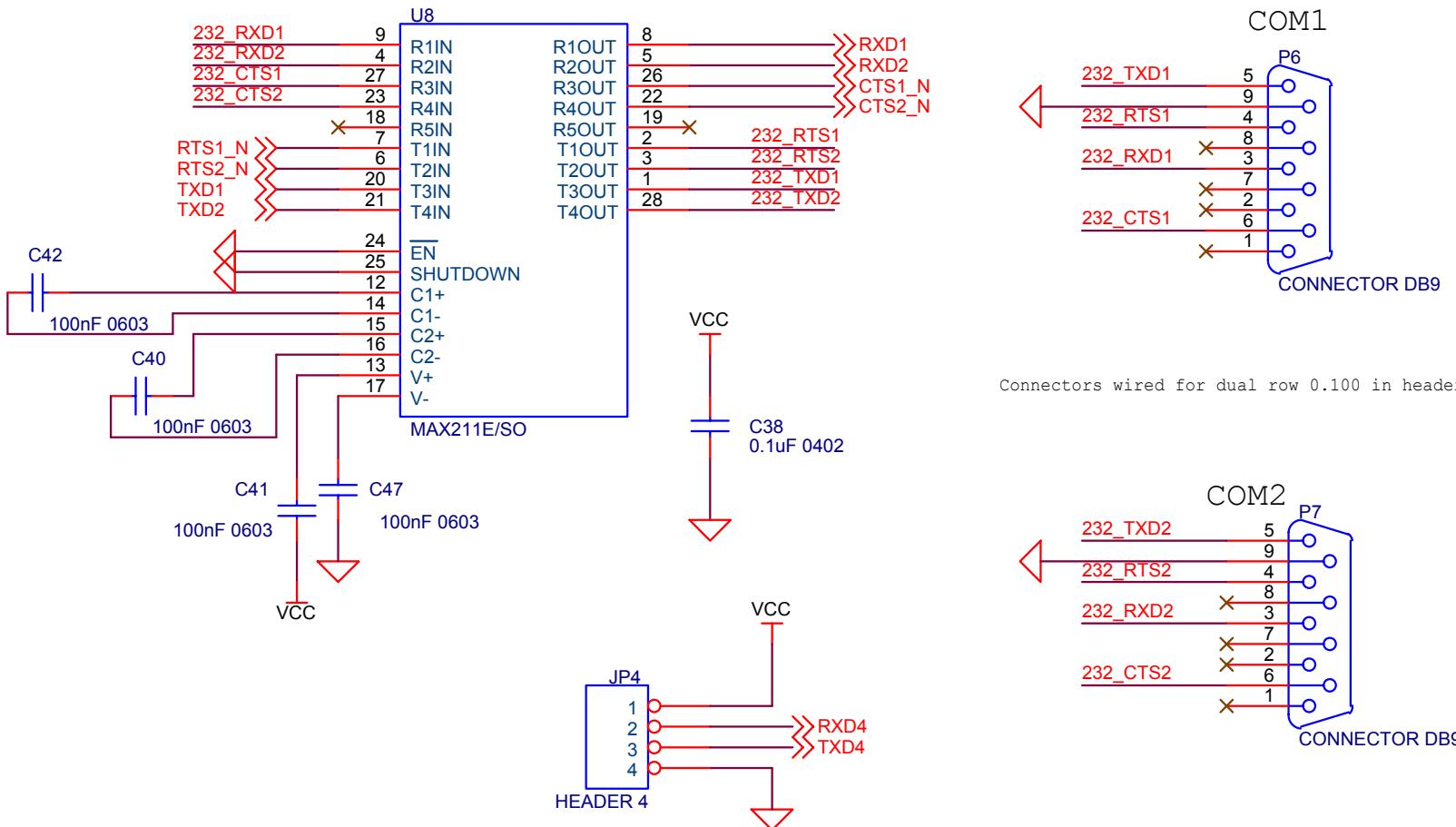


RS485 Interface





RS232 INTERFACE

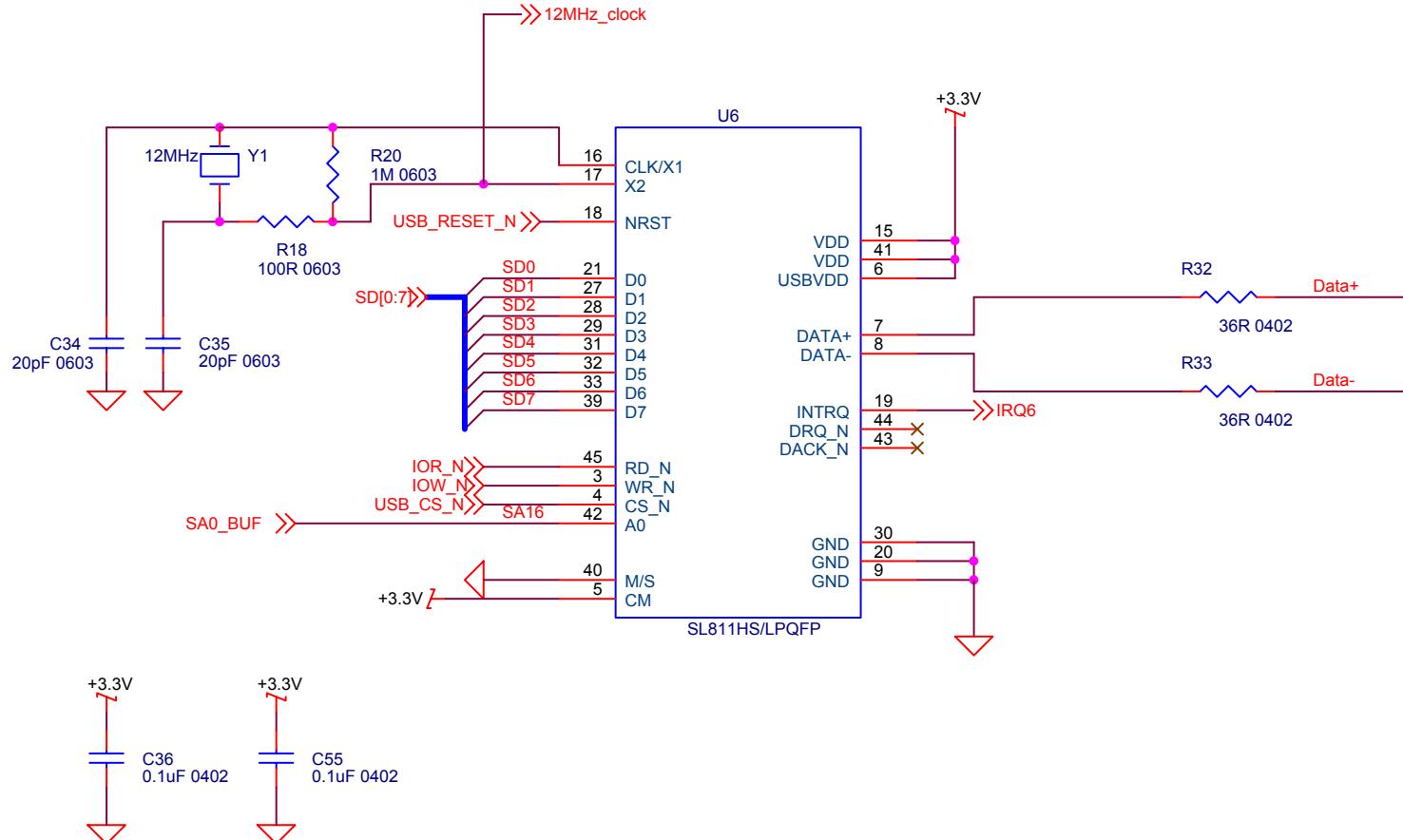




USB INTERFACE



USB Interface

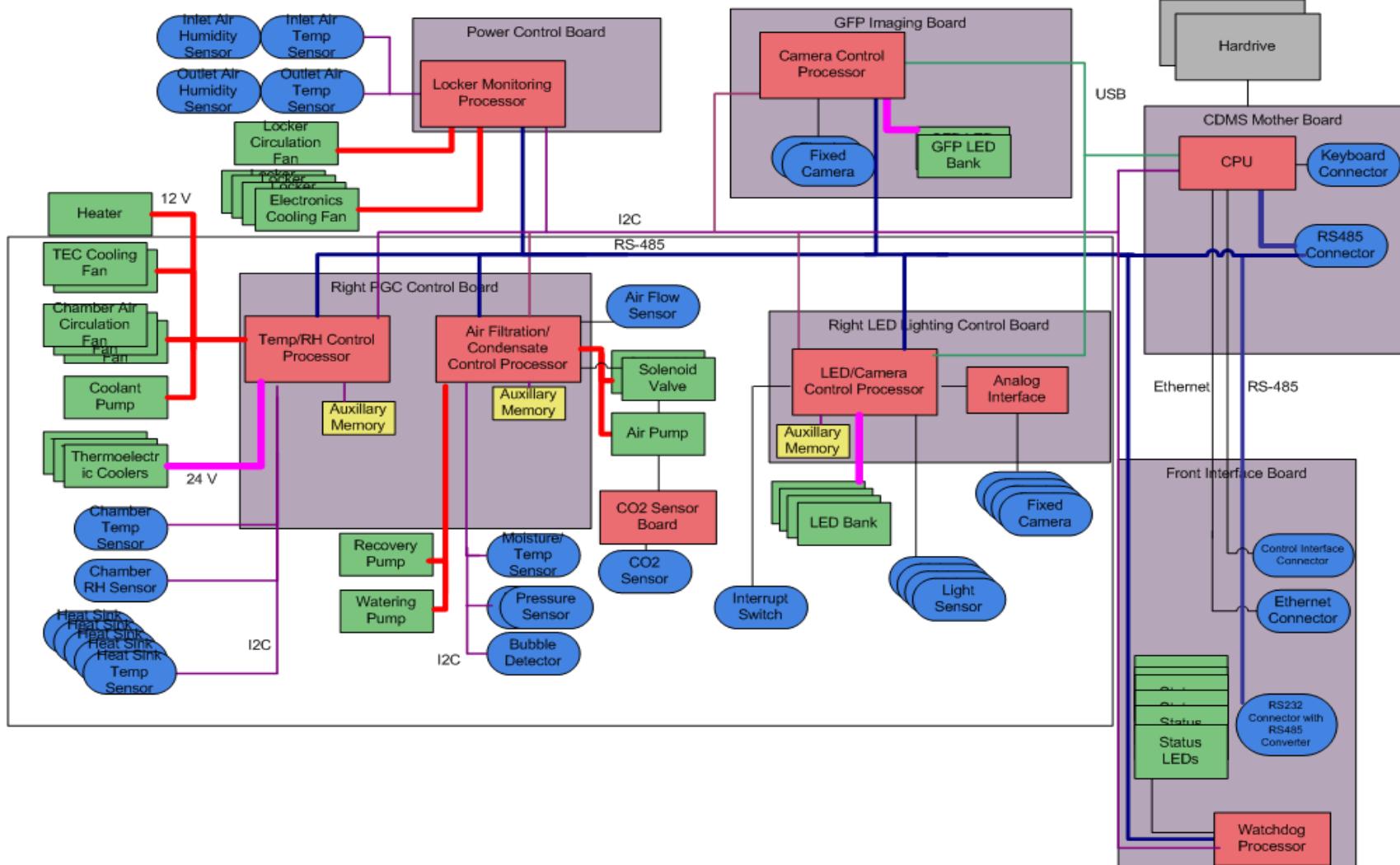




PGF-SP Software



Controller Functional Block Diagram





PGC Controller Board Software



- **Controls PGC temperatures, relative humidity and CO₂ level and recovers condensate**
- **Temperature control is based on Proportional, Integral, Derivative (PID) control loop**
 - A set-point will be issued through CDMS command
 - Receives sensor data feedback to determine how much cooling or heating required to maintain set-point
- **PWM control of Heater and Thermal Electric Cooler (TEC)**
- **Fans, valves and water pump are on/off control**
- **Recovery pump is two-way reversible**
- **Sensors are read by I2C**



PGC Controller Board Software (cont.)



- The Heater is open loop PWM control based on light-bank and humidity settings
 - If lights on, no more heat is needed
 - Take error between set-point and current temp.
 - Determine if too hot or too cold and run system accordingly
- TEC cools to dehumidify
 - Slow fans to add heat (maybe for 5 minutes)
 - Turn on full speed (1 minute) to clear water off heat sink
- Bang-bang control of fans also to control temperature
- Condensate Recovery
 - Monitor pressure and bubble detector
 - Adjust with recovery pump (bi-directional)
- Coolant pump is on all the time, monitor current
- Valves control air flow through CO₂ scrubber if needed



Right/Left Lighting Board Software



- 4 banks of LEDs are PWM controlled by a set-point when images are not being taken
- When images are being taken, red and blue LEDs are turned off so only white LEDs are illuminating
- 4 cameras per board that are multiplexed to the USB bus
- A mux selects camera video output to USB
- Light sensors to monitor chamber light levels (A/D conversions)
- Interrupt switch to turn LEDs off when chamber is opened (safety feature)
 - Read a switch, if open, turn off LEDs



GFP Imaging Board Software



- Multiplexes four cameras onto USB when commanded by CDMS
- I2C camera control, sets up cameras, writes camera setup to EEPROM
- Open loop PWM of LED bank



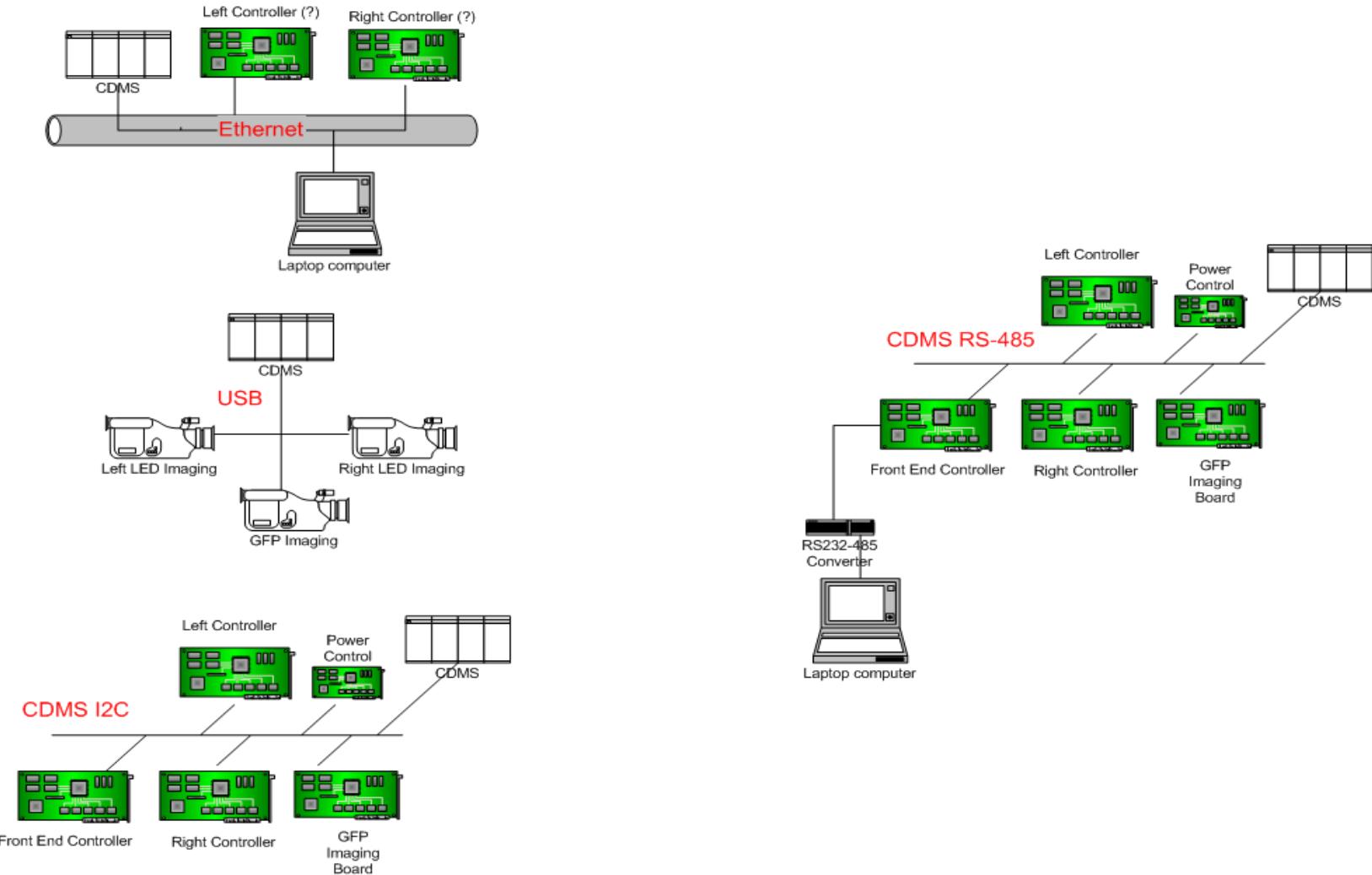
CDMS Software



- **Collect and log data per EIS spec:**
 - Maximum: 10 samples/min
 - Minimum: 1 sample/hour
 - Nominal: 1 sample/10 min
 - Store image data
- All data stored to IDE hard drives
- Provide serial interface to display control screen
- Provide Ethernet, I2C, USB and RS-485 bus control
- Watchdog timer implemented to guard against lockups (< 30 second update)



CDMS Networks





CDMS Operating System Trade-Off



Operating System	MS Windows Embedded CE	MS Windows Embedded XP	Embedded Linux	DOS
Cost			X	X
Features		X		
Small Footprint	X		X	X
Ease of programming				X
Software tools	X	X		
GUI interface without add-ons	X	X		
Ease of Networking	X	X		
Reliability			X	
Near real-time performance			X	
Technical support			X	



CDMS Operating System



- **Linux chosen as operating system**
- **Currently being used on PTIM-WONDER**
- **Small footprint**
- **Reliable**
- **ANSI-C code capability**