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PanL Hub Developers' Guide

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This document provides comprehensive instructions for understanding, configuring, and extending the capabilities of the PanL Hub44/80.

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1 Introduction

The PanLHub44/80 is a multi-port networked hub based on a Linux platform and can house various wireless connectivity modules such as Wi-Fi, ZigBee or RF433 Transmitter to connect to a vast array of wireless smart devices. The hub also allows wired RS-485 based devices to be connected to its RJ45 and RJ11 ports for data and power transmission via Ethernet cables. The Hub can be connected to a local network either through the 10/100T Ethernet Port or through the in-built Wi-Fi module if it's present in the hub.

Following are the main features of PanL Hub44/80:

- Quad-core 1.2GHz 64-bit quad-core ARM Cortex A53
- Built-in 1GB LPDDR2 RAM memory
- Built-in 4GB eMMC flash primary storage
- Linux Operating System
- 10/100BASE TX Ethernet Port
- RJ45 RS485 Ports for PanL Hub44/80
- RJ11 RS485 Ports only for PanL Hub44
- Real Time Clock (RTC)
- Built-in Temperature sensor
- Built-in Crypto Authentication
- Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n (optional)
- Zigbee (optional)
- RF433 Transmitter (optional)
- Power switch
- DC power Input: +24V / 2.5A (PanL Hub44), +24V / 5.0A (PanL Hub80)
- Operating temperature range: 0°C to +55°C
- FCC ID: 2ATZF-PH4404XXA (PanL Hub44),
  2ATZF-PH8004XXA (PanL Hub80)

1.1 Intended Audience

The PanL Hub Developer's guide is designed to assist developers in understanding, configuring, and extending the capabilities of the PanL Hub44/80. This document provides technical information on hardware components, software interfaces, and communication protocols that enable seamless integration with a wide range of connected devices.

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1.2 FCC Compliance Statement

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) These devices may not cause harmful interference, and

(2) These devices must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: The equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If the equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Re-orient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

To maintain compliance with FCC's RF exposure guidelines, at least 20cm of separation distance between the device and the user's body must be always maintained.

FCC Radiation Exposure Statement

This device complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment and it also complies with Part 15 of the FCC RF Rules. This equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with the instructions provided and the antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. End-users and installers must be provided with antenna installation instructions and consider removing the no-collocation statement.

Caution

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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2 Specifications

Platform	OS	Linux
	CPU	Quad Core 1.2GHz 64bit ARM Processor
	Chipset	Broadcom BCM2837
Memory	Internal Memory	1GB RAM, 4GB eMMC Flash
Wireless Connectivity	Wi-Fi	802.11 b/g/n (2.4GHz), up to 150 Mbps (Optional)
	ZigBee	802.15.4 (2.4GHz) (Optional)
	RF433	SRD 433.92MHz (Optional)
I/O Interface	Ethernet	1 x 10/100BASE TX
	RJ45	4 x Ports to support RS485 **(for PanL Hub44)** 8 x Ports to support RS485 **(for PanL Hub80)**
	RJ11	4 x Ports to support RS485 **(for PanL Hub44)**
Features	Temperature Sensor	Built-in
	Crypto Authentication	Built-in
	RTC	CR1225 Battery (Lasts ~ 3 Years)
	Reset Button	Push Switch
	Power ON/OFF Switch	Rocker Switch
	Power Indicator LED	Red LED
	Status Indicator LED	Health Status (A/B) - 2 x RGB LEDs
		RJ45/RJ11 Ports - 8 x RGB LEDs **(for PanL Hub44)** RJ45 Ports - 8 x RGB LEDs **(for PanL Hub80)**
Power	Input Voltage	24V DC (60W-AC-DC-Adapter 100~240 VAC to 24V DC **(for PanL Hub44)** 24V DC (120W-AC-DC-Adapter 100~240 VAC to 24V DC **(for PanL Hub80)**
	Power Connector	24V DC / 2.5A Jack **(for PanL Hub44)** 24V DC / 5A Jack **(for PanL Hub80)**
	Output Voltage	RJ45 - 4 x 24V DC @500mA; RJ11 - 4 x 5V DC 100mA **(for PanL Hub44)**
		8 x 24V DC @500mA **(for PanL Hub80)**
Physical Characteristics	Housing	Polycarbonate ABS
	Dimensions	129.44mm x 256.3mm x 35.0mm
	Weight	450 grams
Environmental Limits	Operating Temperature	0 to +55°C
	Storage Temperature	0 to +70°C
	Ambient Relative Humidity	20 to 85% (non-condensing)
Standards& Certifications	EMC (FCC/CE)	EN 55032:2015+AC:2016 Class B; CISPR 32:2015+C1: 2016 Class B; EN 55035:2017; FCC PART 15, Subpart B
	Radio Equipment Directive (RED)	EN 301 489-1 V2.2.0; EN 301 489-3 V2.1.1; EN 301 489-17 V3.2.0 **(for PanL Hub44)**
	Safety (LVD)	IEC 62368-1: 2014; IEC 62368-1: 2014 +A11:2017 **(for PanL Hub44)**
	RFID (FCC/CE)	EN 300 328 V2.1.1; EN 300 220-1 V3.1.1; EN 300 220-2 V3.1.1; EN 62311:2008; FCC PART 15, Subpart C (15.225) **(for PanL Hub44)**
Package Contents	Hardware Components	1 x PanL Hub44; 1 x 60W Power Adapter; 4 x RS485 PanL Terminators 1 x PanL Hub80; 1 x 120W Power Adapter; 8 x RS485 PanL Terminators
	Documentation	1 x Quick Start Guide

Table 1 - PanL Hub44/80 Specifications

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3 Hardware Setup and Description

3.1 PanL Hub44/80 Hardware Features

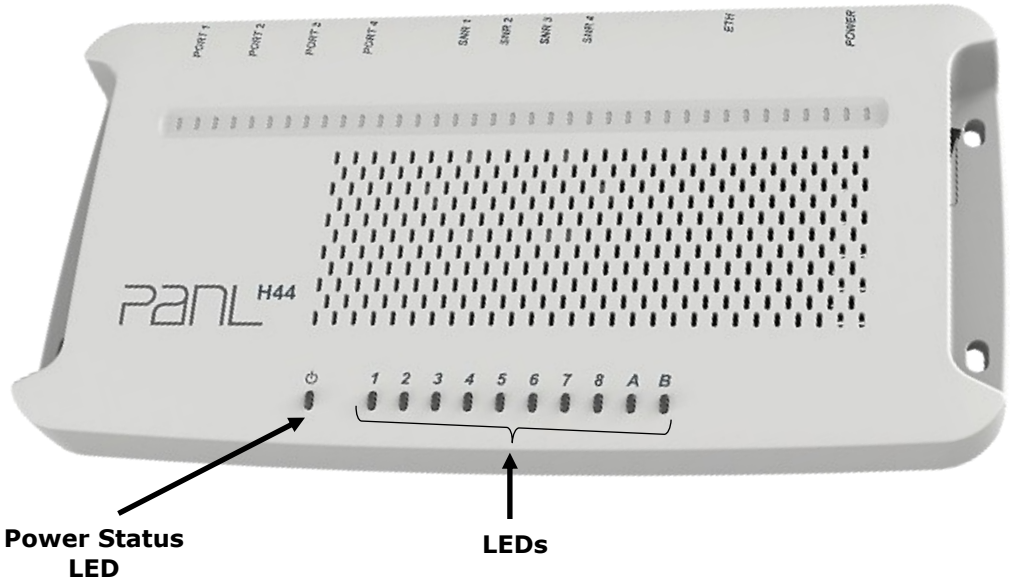

Figure 1 - PanL Hub44 Top View

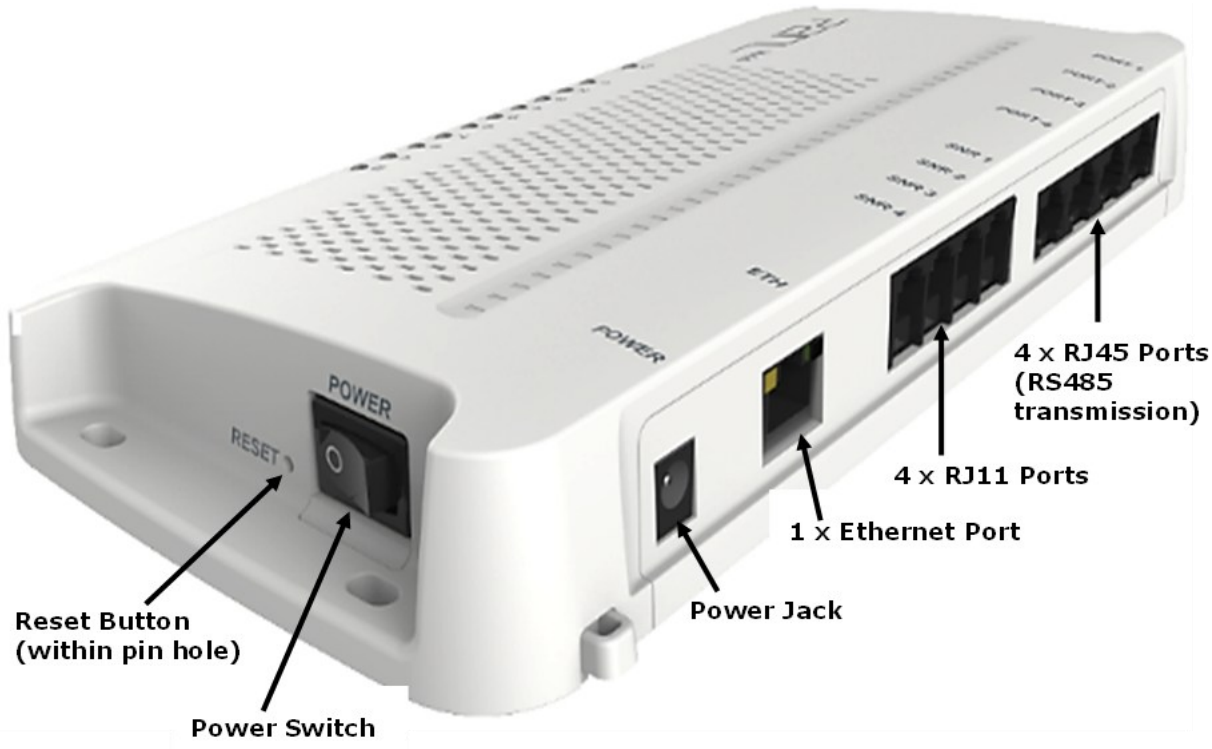

Figure 2 - PanL Hub44 Side View

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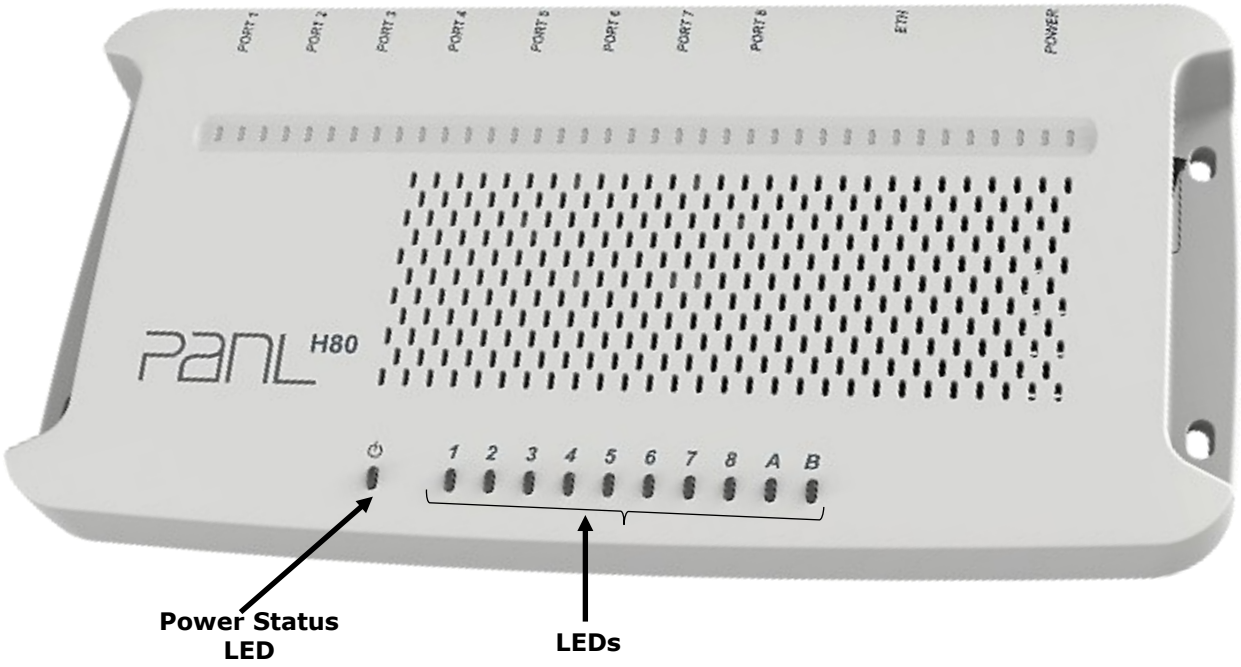

Figure 3 - PanL Hub80 Top View

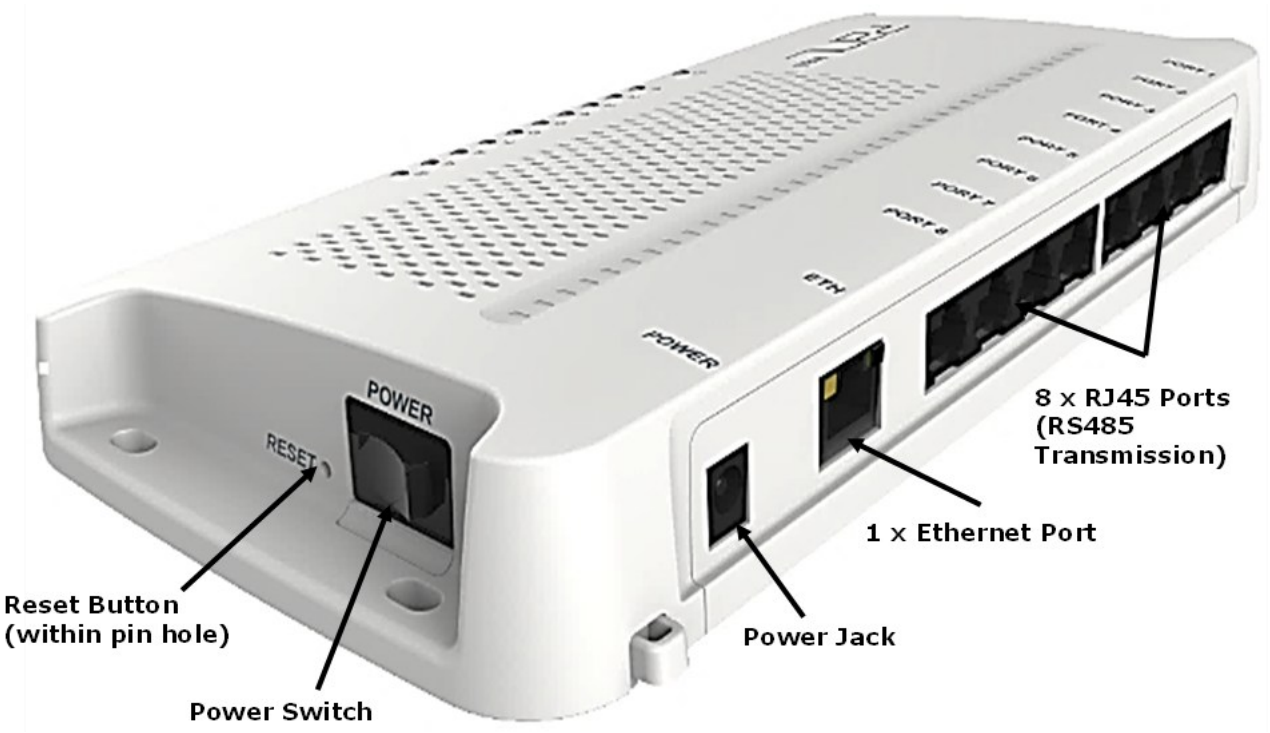

Figure 4 - PanL Hub80 Side View

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3.1.1 Power Supply

3.1.1.1 PanL Hub44

PanL Hub44 is powered by a 24VDC/2.5A adaptor which is provided along with the package. It is highly recommended to use a powered adapter with the recommended power rating (such as the one included with the package) to ensure the hub operates within its specified parameters. Power input from the Power Jack and switch ON/OFF by using the Power Switch.

3.1.1.2 PanL Hub80

PanL Hub80 is powered by a 24VDC/5A adaptor which is provided along with the package. It is highly recommended to use a power adapter with the recommended power rating (such as the one included with the package) to ensure the hub operates within its specified parameters. Power input from the Power Jack and switch ON/OFF by using the Power Switch.

3.1.2 CPU System

Both PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80 runs on Linux platforms and is powered by a Raspberry Pi Compute Module 3, which features a Quad Core 1.2GHz 64bit ARM Processor. A designated heat sink and DC5V fan provide CPU cooling system.

3.1.3 Wireless Connectivity

PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80 comes with three types of connectivity modules: Wi-Fi, Zigbee and RF433.

3.1.3.1 Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi module provides an alternative option to connect to a local network to communicate with other Wi-Fi enabled devices if Ethernet network cable wiring is not feasible.

Standard: IEEE 802.11 b/g/n Wi-Fi Module
Data Rate: Up to 150Mbps
Antenna: Integrated 2.4 GHz PCB Antenna

3.1.3.2 ZigBee

The ZigBee module is powered by the latest System-On-Chip (SOC) from Texas Instruments™, the CC2538 and it uses an on-board antenna. The CC2538 is an integrated platform for IEEE 802.15.4 ZigBee® applications.

The device integrates a low power 2.4 GHz transceiver, an MCU based on an ARM Cortex-M3 core (32 bit) and a hardware accelerator for the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC layer.

3.1.3.3 RF433 Transmitter

The RF433 module operates on 433.926MHz frequency, ASK/OOK modulation and up to 4.8kbps speed transmission rate.

3.1.4 Power Indicator

A red colour LED indicator to indicate the power status (ON/OFF) of the PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80.

3.1.5 RGB LED Indicator

There is a total of 10 user-definable RGB LED indicators on the PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80. Refer to Section 5.1.3 for instructions on configuring the LEDs.

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3.1.6 Ethernet Port

Both PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80 have an Ethernet port 10/100 BASE TX which can be used to connect the hub to a local network through a standard network CAT cable.

3.1.7 RJ45 Ports (RS485 Transmission and Power)

There are four RJ45 ports (PORT1 to PORT4) available on PanL Hub44 (Refer to Figure 2) which provides a communication and power channel to any devices with an RS485 interface and powered at +24V DC.

There are eight RJ45 ports (PORT1 to PORT8) available on PanL Hub80 (Refer to Figure 4) which provides a communication and power channel to any devices with an RS485 interface and powered at +24V DC.

Pin 3 connected to MCU IO with pull up resistor, the feature can be defined by user. A standard network CAT 8P8C cable can be used. The length of the RJ45 8P8C cables from the port should account for power drop and remain within the RS485 specification.

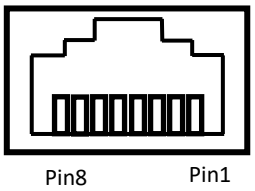

Figure 5 - RJ45 Port

Pin Number	1	2	3	4,5	6,7,8
Function	RS485 B/Z	RS485 A/Y	I/O	DC24V OUT	GND

Table 2 - RJ45 Port Pin Function

3.1.8 RJ11 Ports for PanL Hub44 (RS485 Transmission and Power)

There are four RJ11 ports (SNR1 to SNR4) available on the PanL Hub44 (Refer to Figure 6), providing both communication and power to any device with an RS485 interface and powered by 5V DC. A standard RJ11 4P4C cable can be used. The length of the cable from the sensor port should account for power drop and remain within the RS485 specification.

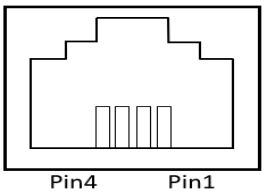

Figure 6 - RJ11 Port

Pin Number	1	2	3	4
Function	GND	DC5V OUT	RS485 A/Y	RS485 B/Z

Table 3 - RJ11 Port Pin Function

3.1.9 Reset Button

Both the PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80 are equipped with a reset button. Note that this button is not limited to the reset function; it can be configured according to the user's design. Refer to the Section 5.1.2 for more details.

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3.1.10 Micro-SD Card Slot

Both the PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80 include a Micro-SD card slot for user-defined functionality.

3.1.11 RTC Battery and Battery Switch

Both the PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80 comes with a CR1225 battery for the RTC circuitry. A slide switch located on the bottom side allows the user to turn the battery on or off.

Figure 7 - Battery Switch Location- Enclosure Assembled

3.2 PanL Hub44 - PCB Profile

The circuit board sits beneath the enclosure. The following images show the board and highlight key components.

Dimension of main board: 217.0mm (L) X 115.0mm (W) X 1.6mm (T) with tallest component height of approximately 16.5mm.

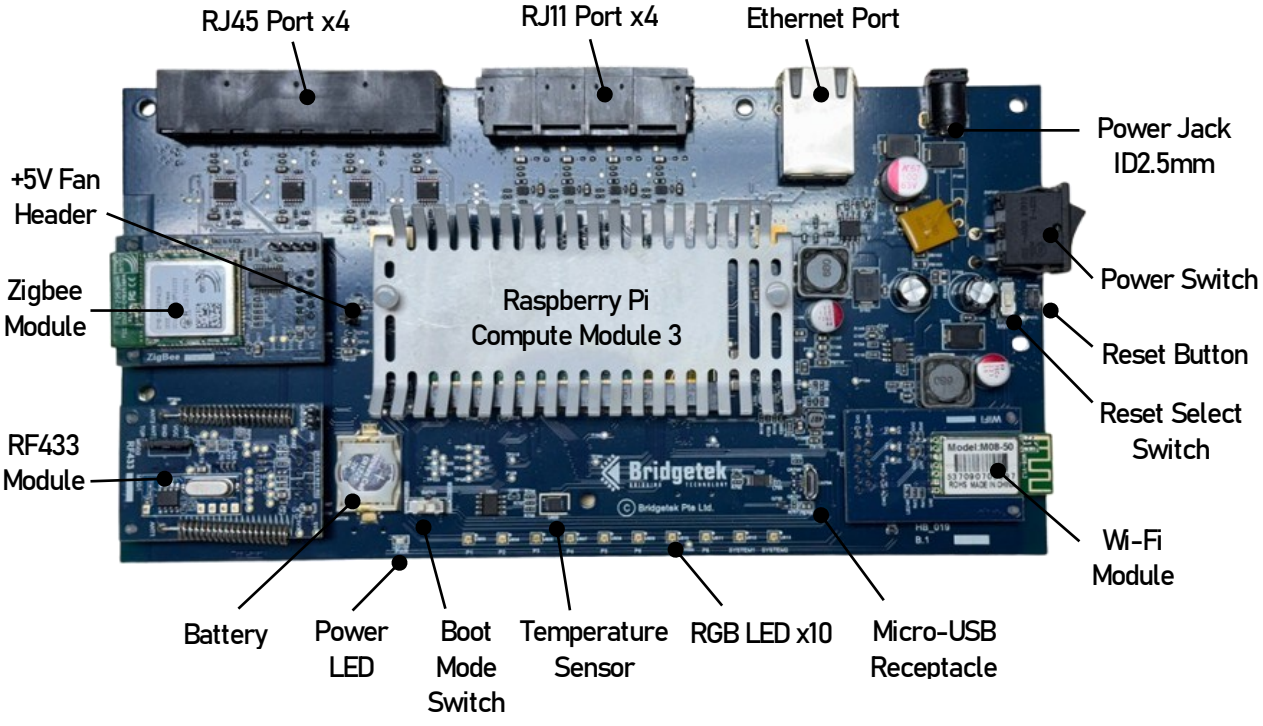

Figure 8 - PanL Hub44 PCB Top View

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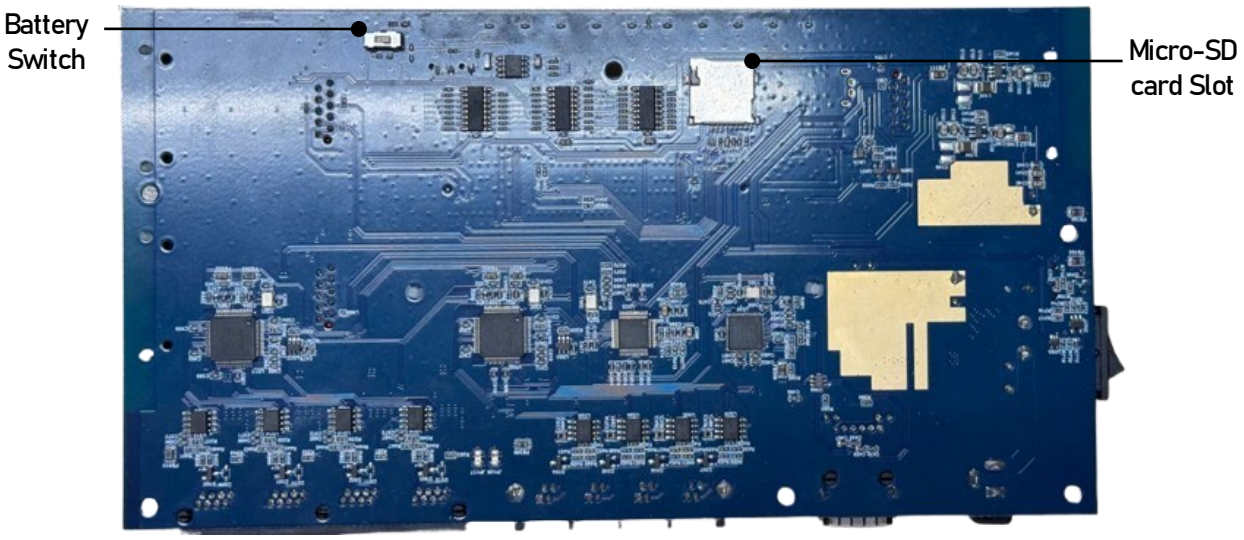

Figure 9 - PanL Hub44 PCB Bottom View

Refer to the board schematics for detailed PanL Hub44 diagrams.

3.3 PanL Hub80 - PCB Profile

Dimension of main board: 217.0mm (L) X 115.0mm (W) X 1.6mm (T) with tallest component height of approximately 16.5mm.

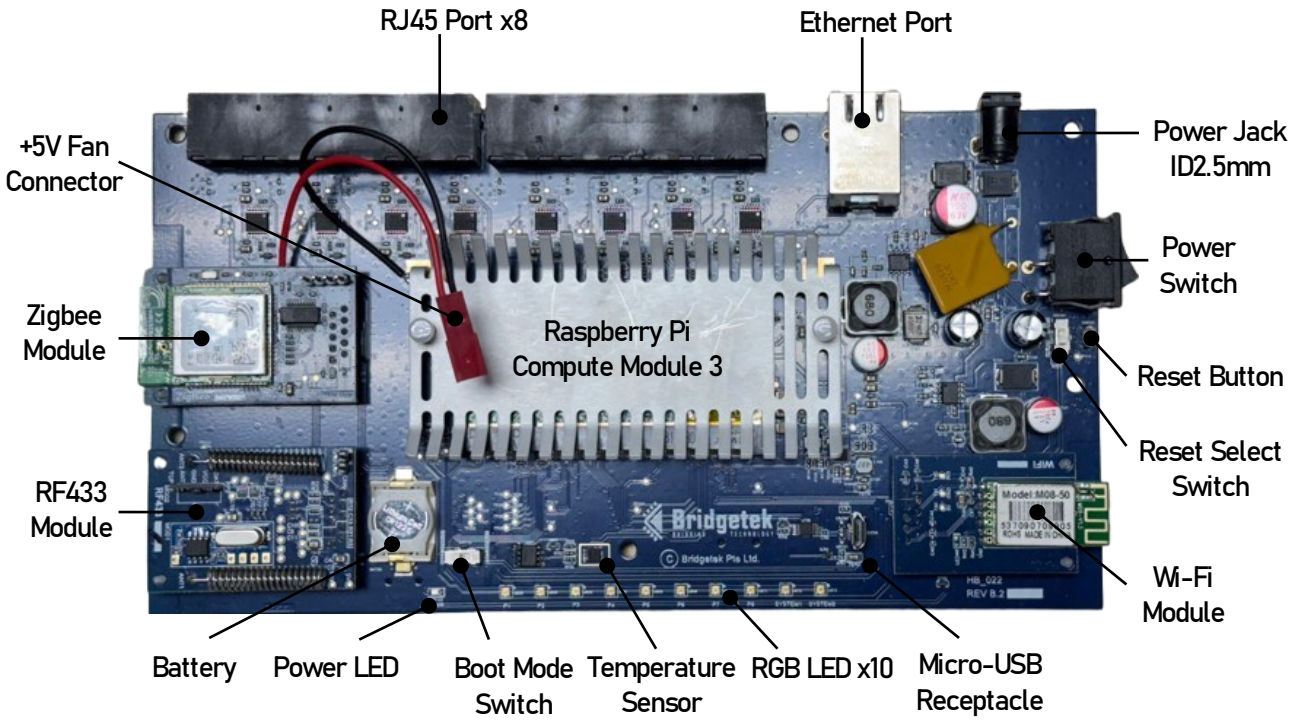

Figure 10 - PanL Hub80 PCB Top View

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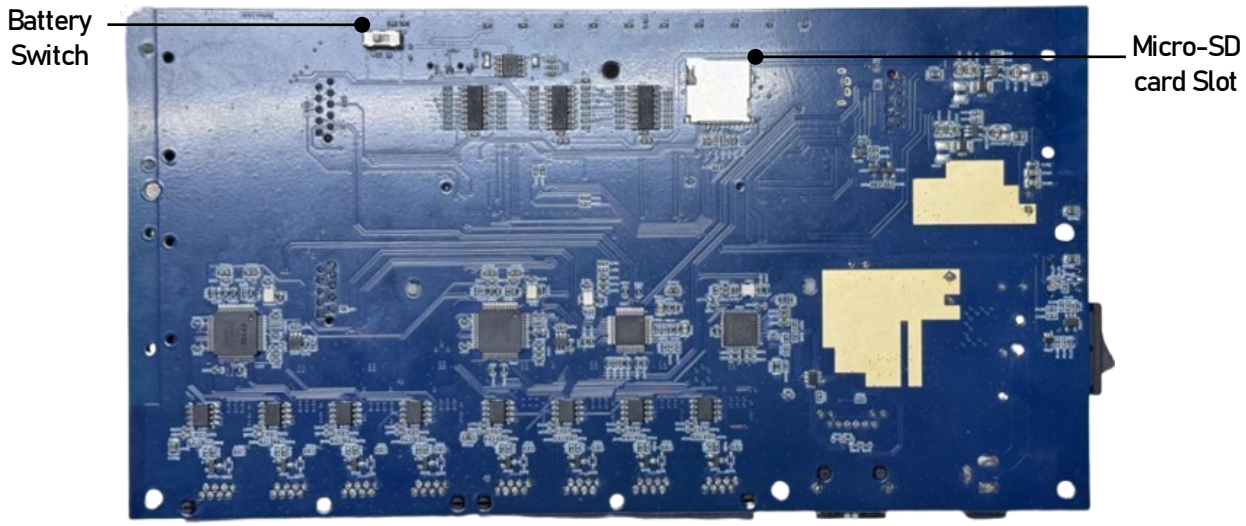

Figure 11 - PanL Hub80 PCB Bottom View

Refer to the board schematics for detailed PanL Hub80 diagrams.

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4 Getting Started with PanL Hub

4.1 Setup Instructions

1. Take note of the following recommendations when setting up PanL Hub:
   - Ensure the availability of an AC outlet nearby.
   - Place the hub on a flat surface area.
   - Best to place the hub in an open area with good ventilation.
   - Best to position the hub central to all wired or wireless devices (if any).
   - Place the hub near to Ethernet network point if using wired Ethernet connection.
   - Apply screws to the sides of the hub to secure the hub.

2. Connect an RJ45 Ethernet cable (not included in PanL Hub package) to the Ethernet port of the hub. Alternatively, the hub can be connected to a wireless network if the Wi-Fi module is built-in the hub.

3. Connect any wired devices to the hub through the RJ45 ports or RJ11 ports. Ensure that the length of the RJ45 8P8C cables do not exceed 100 Meters from the port to the wired device. In the event that a single port is used to power up a few devices in a daisy chain configuration, the first connection to a device and the subsequent connections between the devices must not exceed 50 meters in cable length. The total combined cable length must not exceed 100 meters. For RJ11 port connections, the RJ11 6P4C cable length must not exceed 50 meters from the port to the device.

Note: Ensure that the power cable connection and all device connections are in place before powering on the PanL Hub.

It is not advisable to add or remove any connected devices from the hub while the hub is in ON condition. Instead, switch OFF the power and plug in or out the PanL devices first if required.

4. Attach an AC power plug cable to the power adaptor included and connect to the hub's power jack. Switch on the power button located at the side of the hub.

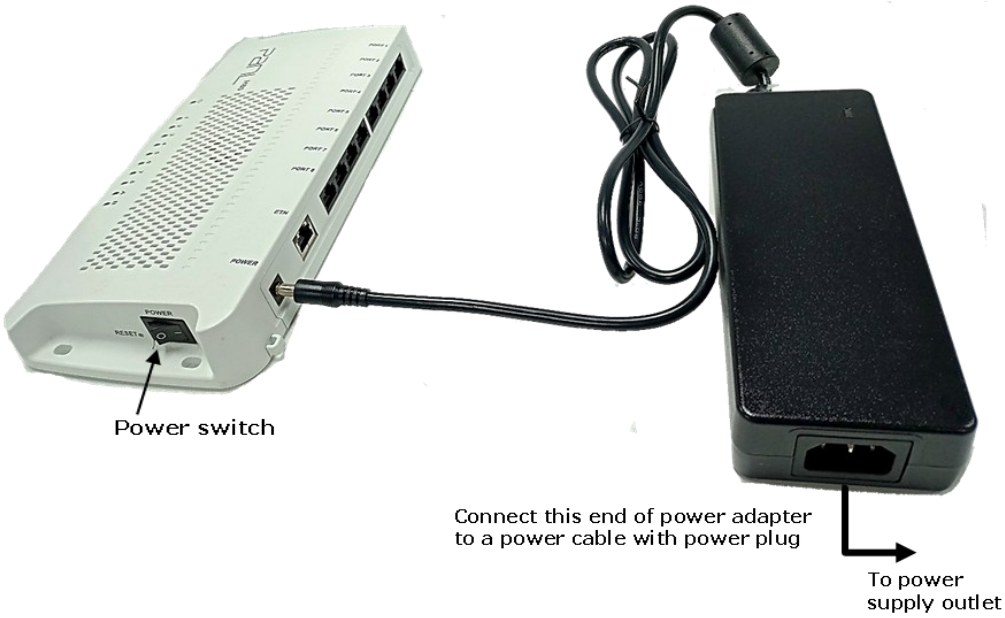

Figure 12 - Powering on PanL Hub

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4.2 Running Sample Applications on PanL Hub

4.2.1 Required Switch Configuration

Before running any application or SDK example, ensure the following switches on the PCB are set:

Switch	Function	Required Setting	Description
SW701	Reset Switch	**SW_RST**	Enables software detection of the Reset button.
SW702	Boot Mode Switch	**BOOT_DISABLED** (default)	Leave disabled during normal operation. Enable only when flashing OS via USB.
SW703	Battery Switch	**BATT_ENABLED**	Powers the real-time clock.

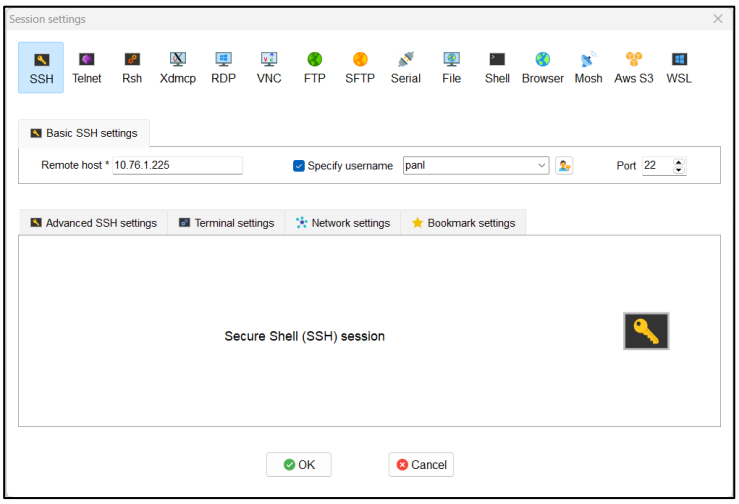
Table 4 - Switch Configuration

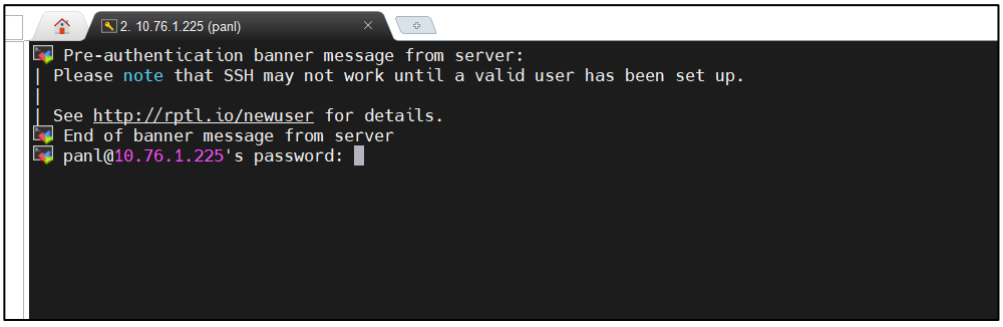
4.2.2 How to Connect to PanL Hub

1. Connect the device to your local network via an Ethernet cable.

2. Determine the PanL Hub's IP address by checking your router configuration or using a network scanning tool. (e.g., Advanced IP Scanner).

3. **Launch MobaXterm** (or any other SSH connection tool). Select *SSH.* Enter *Remote Host* IP (PanL Hub) address and following default credentials:
    - *Username:* panl
    - *Password:* panlhub





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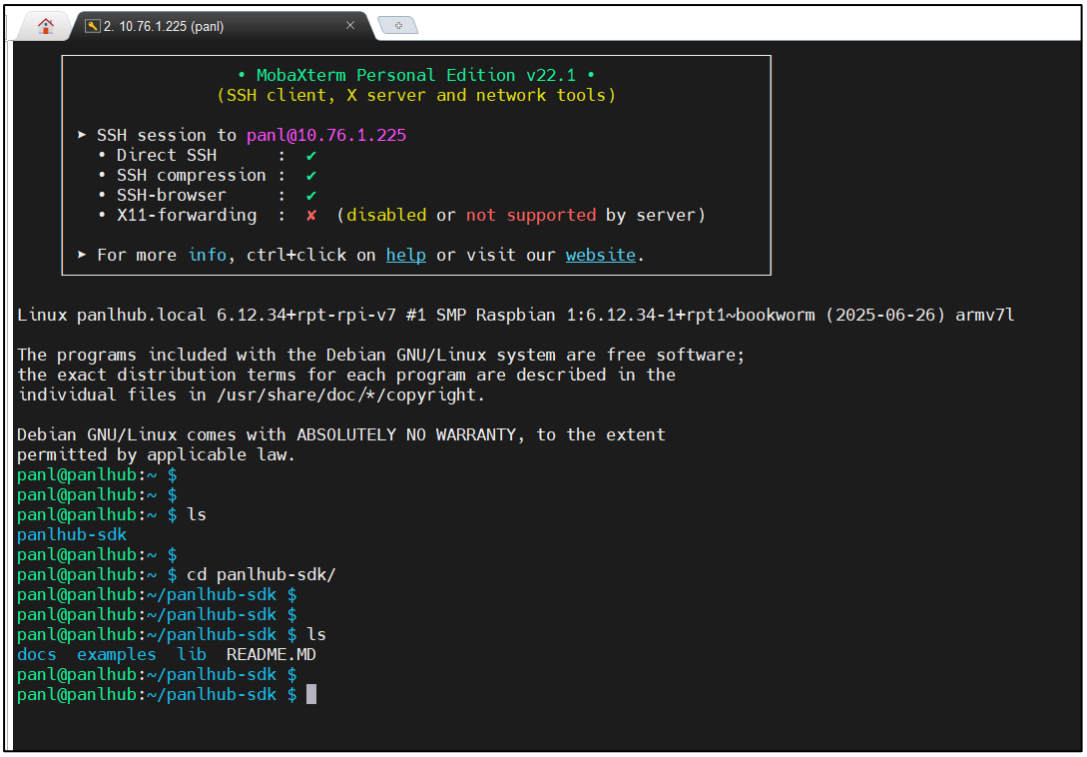
4.2.3 SDK Installation and Directory Structure

The PanL Hub SDK comes pre-installed at the following location: **/home/panlhub/panlhub-sdk**

Directory layout:

```
panlhub-sdk/
├── docs/          # API references and technical docs
├── examples/      # Sample applications (Zigbee, Wi-Fi, RF433, board control)
├── lib/           # Core libraries for PanL Hub APIs
└── README.txt     # Summary of SDK usage
```

Refer to figure below for the SDK directory structure.



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4.2.4 Run a sample test (Zigbee)

Here is an example demonstrating how to control Zigbee devices using the PanL Hub. Ensure that your PanL Hub has a Zigbee daughterboard installed before proceeding.

The steps below demonstrate how to discover Zigbee devices, select a Zigbee light device, and control it by turning it ON or OFF.

1. **Run Zigbee Gateway -** The Zigbee gateway, running on the PanL Hub, communicates with the Zigbee module via a serial connection, allowing clients to connect to and control devices within the Zigbee network.

```
# Install the external libraries (if you haven't done so).
sudo cp examples/zigbee/zbgw/lib/libprotobuf.so.8 /usr/lib
sudo cp examples/zigbee/zbgw/lib/libprotoc.so.8 /usr/lib
sudo cp examples/zigbee/zbgw/lib/libsocket++.so /usr/lib
sudo ldconfig

# Run server:
cd examples/zigbee/zbgw/servers

chmod +x GATEWAY_SRVR_arm NPI_lnx_arm_server NWKMGR_SRVR_arm OTA_SRVR_arm ZLSZNP_arm logger
chmod +x start_application track_servers zigbeeHAgw

sudo ./zigbeeHAgw beaglebone

# After it's up, let it run and in another terminal, run the Zigbee client.
```

2. **Run Zigbee Client -** The Zigbee client is an application running on the PanL Hub that communicates with the Zigbee gateway to discover and control Zigbee devices.

```
# Run client:
cd examples/zigbee/zbapp

chmod +x main

sudo ./main
# Install the external libraries (if you haven't done so).
sudo cp examples/zigbee/zbgw/lib/libprotobuf.so.8 /usr/lib
sudo cp examples/zigbee/zbgw/lib/libprotoc.so.8 /usr/lib
sudo cp examples/zigbee/zbgw/lib/libsocket++.so /usr/lib
```

3. Zigbee client interactive commands

- Discovery

```
FTDI> discovery 300
[10:51:32.626] [16893] [info] HandleDiscoveryDuration() PROCESSING(18)...
[10:51:33.626] [16893] [info] HandleDiscoveryDuration() PROCESSING(19)...
...
[10:51:36.627] [16893] [info] HandleDiscoveryDuration() PROCESSING(300)...
sudo ldconfig
```

- Show list of devices

```
FTDI> device list
[10:53:54.687] [16893] [info] [158D00067CEFE1-1] name=ZbLightGeneric
```

- Turn off the light

```
FTDI> device off 158D00067CEFE1 1
```

- Turn on the light

```
FTDI> device on 158D00067CEFE1 1
```


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- Remove the light

```
FTDI> device remove 158D00067CEFE1 1
```

- Exit

```
FTDI> exit
```


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5 Supported APIs

This section describes all the PanL Hub SDK API modules located in*:*
~/panlhub-sdk/lib/board_control

These APIs allow developers to control hardware components such as LEDs, buttons, RF modules, and RS-485 devices.

5.1 API Classes

5.1.1 Class Board

This class defines the information necessary for board configuration and control. It serves as a dependency for other classes that implement the control logic.

The following is an example script demonstrating how to use the class.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, Button
from time import sleep

try:
    board = Board()
    button = Button(board)
    print('Press and hold the side button (Reset button).')
    print('Or press CTRL+C to halt.')

    while True:
        if button.is_being_pressed():
            print(f"Button is being pressed.")

        sleep(1)
finally:
    board.cleanup()
```

In this script, the board object is initialized and passed to the button object during initialization. Before the script exits, `board.cleanup()` is called to finalize internal resources and restore the board to its default state, preventing warnings in subsequent uses.

5.1.2 Class Button

The Button class provides a simple API for checking the state of the Reset button. It is initialized with a Board instance, and the `button.is_being_pressed()` method returns the current press state.

The example script checks the button state every second, which is not efficient for real-time applications. See the example script provided in Section 5.1.3.

For event-driven detection of press and release actions, refer to the `test_event.py` example, which uses asynchronous file descriptor monitoring.

5.1.3 Class LedStrip

The LedStrip class provides APIs for controlling the board's LED strip. Here are some useful methods provided by the class.

- The `configure_led()` method modifies the configuration of a specific LED.
- The `configure_all_leds()` method modifies the configuration of all LEDs in the strip.
- The `apply_changes()` method commits the configuration changes to the LED hardware. After this method is called, all of the configuration that has been modified earlier will be reflected on the LED strip.

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The following script sets the first three LEDs of the strip to red, green and blue colors respectively.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, LedStrip
from time import sleep

try:
    board = Board()
    led_strip = LedStrip(board)
    led_strip.configure_led(0, True, 0xFF0000, 0.1)
    led_strip.configure_led(1, True, 0x00FF00, 0.1)
    led_strip.configure_led(2, True, 0x0000FF, 0.1)
    led_strip.apply_changes()
    print('Press CTRL+C to exit.')

    while True:
        sleep(1)
finally:
    # Reset LED strip's state:
    led_strip.configure_all_leds(False, 0, 0)
    led_strip.apply_changes()
    board.cleanup()
```

5.1.4 Class LoadSense

The LoadSense class provides APIs for querying load states of the RS485 physical ports. The following methods are available.

- The `has_load()` method returns True if a port is connected to external hardware; otherwise, it returns False. It is possible to pass a port index to check load state of a specific port.
- The `read_load()` method returns a list of load states of all RS485 ports.

The following script regularly checks the load states of RS485 ports. Try changing port usage to see the output.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, LoadSense
from time import sleep

try:
    board = Board()
    sense = LoadSense(board)
    print('Try using a port.')

    while True:
        if sense.has_load():
            print('Load states:', sense.read_load())

        sleep(1)
finally:
    board.cleanup()
```

The example script polls the button state every second, which is inefficient for real-time applications. For event-driven detection, see the `test_event.py` example, which uses asynchronous file descriptor monitoring.

5.1.5 Class PortPowerController

The PortPowerController class provides API functionality to regulate power delivery to RS485 physical ports.

The `set_power()` method configures the power distribution to the ports. It accepts a list of power states, one for each port. Possible values of a state include:

- `True`: Power enabled.
- `False`: Power disabled.

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The following example enables the power supply for the first two ports. Connect devices to these ports to verify functionality.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, PortPowerController
from time import sleep

try:
    board = Board()
    power_controller = PortPowerController(board)
    power_controller.set_power([True, True, False, False, False, False, False, False])
    print('Power will be supplied on port indices 0 and 1.')

    while True:
        sleep(1)
finally:
    board.cleanup()
```

5.1.6 Class ThermalReader

The ThermalReader class provides APIs for retrieving temperature data from the board and the core processing unit. The following methods are supported.

- The `get_board_temp()` method returns the temperature of the board.
- The `get_core_temp()` method returns the temperature of the core processing unit.

Here is an example usage.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, ThermalReader

try:
    board = Board()
    reader = ThermalReader(board)
    print(f"Core temperature is {reader.get_core_temp()} C degrees")
    print(f"Board temperature is {reader.get_board_temp()} C degrees")
finally:
    # Although ThermalReader does not use GPIO, there is no harm to call a board.cleanup()
here.
    board.cleanup()
```

5.1.7 Class PanlRf433Device

The PanlRf433Device class provides APIs for using the RF433 extension module. Here are some available methods.

- The `connect()` method establishes a logical connection to the RF433 module.
- The `check_status()` method tests if the connection is made and the RF433 module is reachable.
- The `fetch_version()` method retrieves version information of the RF433 module.
- The learn method puts the RF433 module into learning mode where it listens for and returns a received RF433 radio message.
- The `play()` method asks the RF433 module to emit a RF433 radio message.
- The `reset()` method resets the RF433 module.

Use the following example with an RF433 device to observe the output. After displaying version information and connection status, the script puts the RF433 module into learning mode. Any captured messages will be replayed after 5 seconds.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, PanlRf433Device
import time
try:
    board = Board()
    device = PanlRf433Device(board)
    device.connect()
    print('RF module status:', device.check_status())
    print('RF module version (HW, FW):', device.fetch_version())
```


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```
    key = device. Learn()
    print('Learned key:', key)

    print('The key will be replayed after 5 seconds.')
    time.sleep(5)
    print('Playing...')
    result = device.play(key)
    print('Played:', result)
except Exception as ex:
    print('Exception:', ex)
finally:
    board.cleanup()
```

5.1.8 Class Rtc

The Rtc class provides APIs for getting and setting RTC time. Although the RTC is perfectly integrated to the OS, users can use this class to handle the RTC time.

- The `get time()` method returns time data of the RTC clock.
- The `set_time()` method sets time data to the RTC clock.

Here is the example usage of Rtc class.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, Rtc

try:
    board = Board()
    rtc = Rtc(board)
    print('sec, min, hour, day, mon, year, week day (unused), year day (unused), is DST
(unused)')
    print(rtc.get_time())
finally:
    board.cleanup()
```

It is recommended to use the standard Linux `hwclock` commands for RTC interaction. Use `sudo hwclock -r` for reading and `sudo hwclock -w` for writing.

5.2 Advanced Usage

5.2.1 Monitor Board Events

Polling component states is inefficient for real-time applications. This example demonstrates an event-driven approach using `gpiod` and `select.epoll`. It monitors the GPIO pin of the Reset button and prints messages on both press and release events.

```
import gpiod
import select

# GPIO settings
GPIO_CHIP = "/dev/gpiochip0"
GPIO_PIN = 45 # Reset button. Change the pin number to the GPIO pin that you want to
monitor.

# Open GPIO chip and request the line
chip = gpiod.Chip(GPIO_CHIP)
line = chip.get_line(GPIO_PIN)

# Configure GPIO as input with edge detection
line.request(consumer = "gpio_epoll", type=gpiod.LINE_REQ_EV_BOTH_EDGES)

# Get the file descriptor for epoll
fd = line.event_get_fd()
epoll = select.epoll()
epoll.register(fd, select.EPOLLIN)
```


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```
print(f"Monitoring GPIO {GPIO_PIN} for events using epoll...")
print(f"<Press and release the Reset button>")
try:
    while True:
        events = epoll.poll()

        for fileno, event in events:
            if fileno == fd:
                gpio_event = line.event_read()
                edge_type = "RISING" if gpio_event.type == gpiod.LineEvent.RISING_EDGE else
"FALLING"
                print(f"GPIO {GPIO_PIN} event detected! Type: {edge_type}")
finally:
    epoll.unregister(fd)
    epoll.close()
    line.release()
```

5.2.2 Control a Modbus Device

This example demonstrates using the PanL Hub to control and read data from a 4-in-1 ModBus sensor connected via an RS-485 port. Note that the `baudrate`, `parity`, `bytesize`, `stopbits`, and register addresses may vary in your setup. The example assumes the specified values are correct. Below is the register map:

Name	Starting Address	Quantity of Registers	Supported Function Codes	Parameter Range and Description
Address	0x0000	1	0x03, 0x10	1 to 126.
Device UUID	0x0026	8	0x03	MSxxxxxxxxxxxxyy where x is ASCII char and yy is 16bit running number.
Identify	0x0152	1	0x06	Write 1 to start blinking the device @1Hz.

Table 5 - Register Map

Note: Remember to use `PortPowerController` to supply power to the active port.

This example uses `pymodbus` with a serial client to communicate with the sensor. Enable `handle_local_echo` in the configuration, as the hardware loops back sent data.

```
from lib.board_control import Board, PortPowerController
from pymodbus.client import AsyncModbusSerialClient
from pymodbus.framer import FramerType
from pymodbus import ModbusException
from time import sleep
import asyncio

def to_uuid(registers: list[int]):
    r = ''

    for reg in registers[:-1]:
        r += chr((reg >> 8) & 0xFF) + chr(reg & 0xFF)

    return f"{r}{registers[-1]:05d}"
```


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```
async def test_modbus_4in1_sensor(if_name: str):
    try:
        client = AsyncModbusSerialClient(
            port= if_name,
            framer= FramerType.RTU,
            baudrate= 9600,
            bytesize= 8,
            parity= 'E',
            stopbits= 1,
            name= 'testmodbus',
            timeout= 0.1,
            handle_local_echo= True,
        )


        if await client.connect():
            res = await client.read_holding_registers(address= 0x0000, count= 1, slave=
126)
            print(f"Device address: {res.registers}")

            res = await client.read_holding_registers(address= 0x0026, count= 8, slave=
126)
            print(f"Device UUID: {to_uuid(res.registers)}")

            res = await client.write_register(address= 0x0152, value= 1, slave= 126)
            print("The sensor's LED should be blinking now.")
            sleep(5) # Wait a bit to observe the blinking
            client.close()
    except ModbusException as ex:
        print(ex)

try:
    board = Board()
    power_controller = PortPowerController(board)
    power_controller.set_power([True, False, False, False, False, False, False, False])
    print('Please connect the 4-in-1 sensor to the first RS485 port.')
    asyncio.run(test_modbus_4in1_sensor(board.RS485_IF0))
finally:
    power_controller.set_power()
    board.cleanup()
```

The first `read_holding_registers()` function call should return the sensor address (which is 126, in the example).

The second `read_holding_registers()` function call should return the sensor UUID (in this format: MS01010101272105632).

The `write_register()` function call will make the sensor LED blink.

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Appendix A – FAQ

How to open the PanL Hub case?

When performing tasks such as flashing the operating system image or modifying system configurations, it may be necessary to access the main circuit board. The board is housed beneath the device enclosure. Refer to Sections 3.2 and 3.3 for the PCB profiles for PanL Hub44 and PanL Hub80, respectively.

How to flash OS image to PanL Hub?

When there is an error with the PanL Hub, resolving it may require flashing an OS image to the hub, which involves re-writing the operating system into the hub's memory.

Follow the steps below to flash an OS image to a PanL Hub.

1. **Prepare the Image**
    - Obtain the OS image (*2025-09-22-raspbian-12-cm3-lite.img*) by downloading it from the BRTSys website, contacting BRTSystems directly, or creating a custom OS image.
2. **Power Off and Open the Hub**
    - **Note: Turn off the PanL Hub.**
    - Open the enclosure to access the internal circuit board.
3. **Configure Switch**
    - Locate **SW702** on the board, next to the battery. By default, it is set to *BOOT_DISABLED*. Switch it to *BOOT_ENABLED* (slide right) to enable USB boot.
    - Locate switch SW701 on the board and flip it upward.

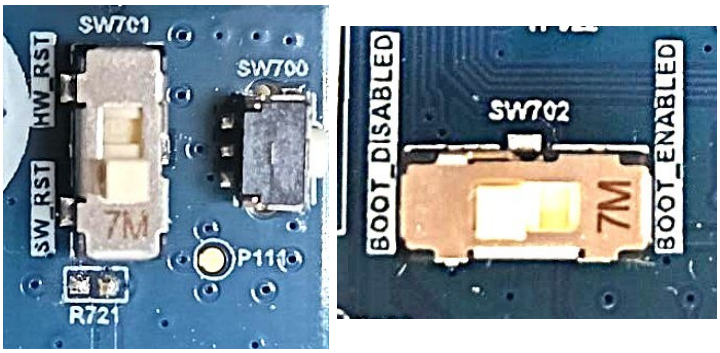

Figure 13 - SW701 and SW702

4. **Connect to Computer**
    - Connect the PanL Hub to your computer using a micro-USB cable.
    - Power on the board. It is now ready for USB boot.

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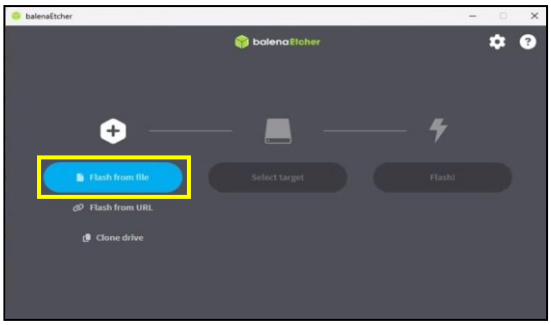
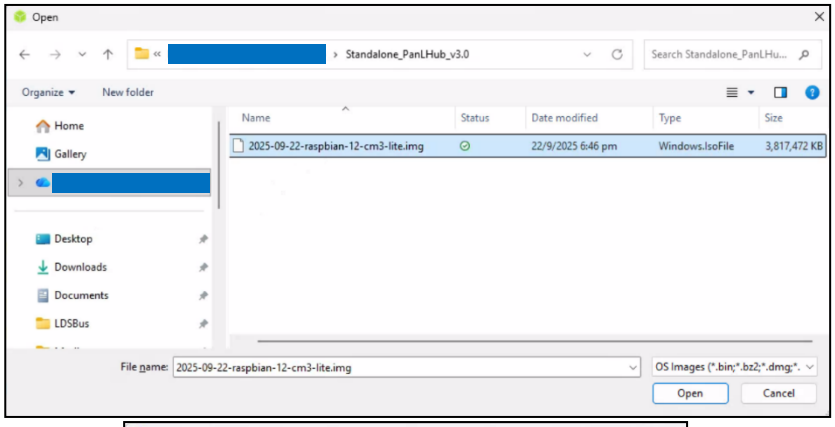
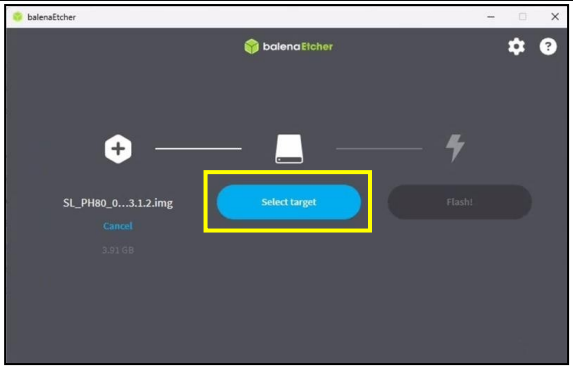
5. Flash the Image

- Download balenaEtcher tool.
- Open balenaEtcher and Select *Flash From file*

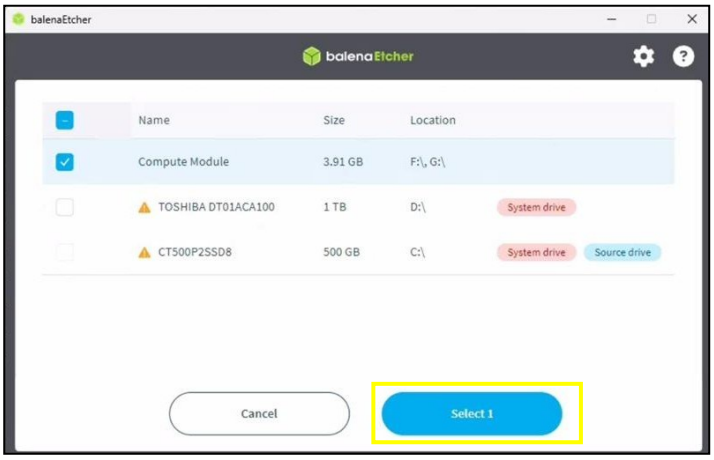


- Navigate to the location of the OS image file and select it.





- Click *Select target* and choose **USB port driver** as Compute Module.



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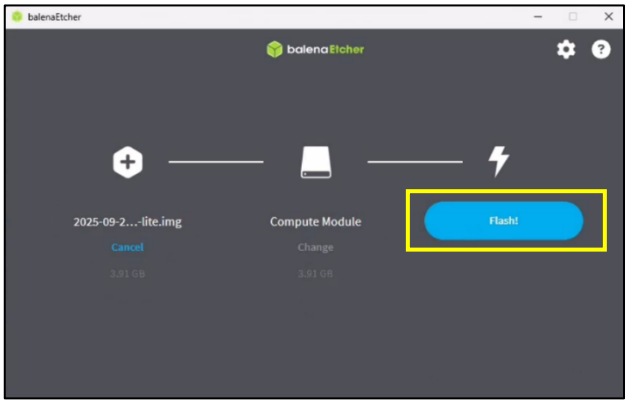
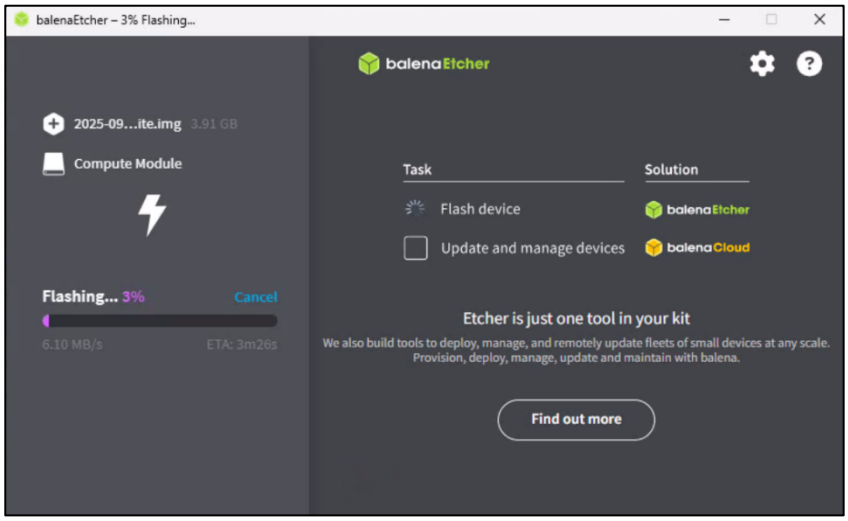
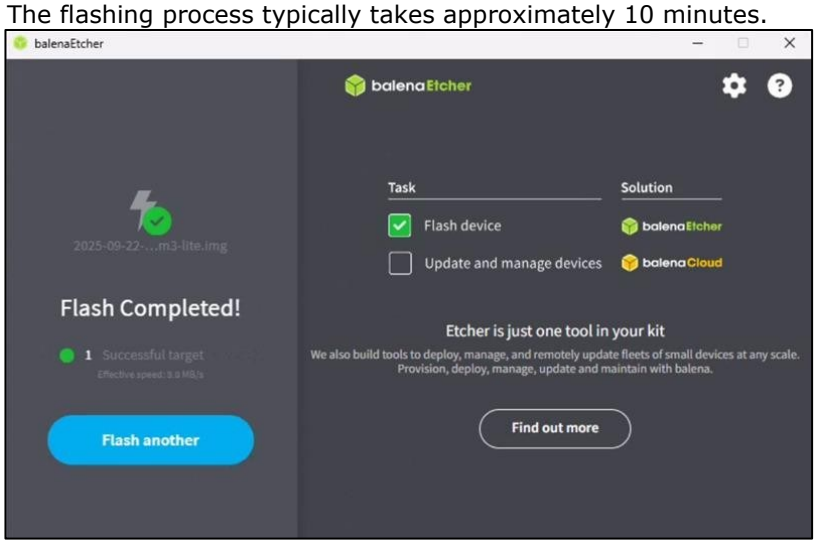
- Click *Flash* and wait for the process to complete.





- The flashing process typically takes approximately 10 minutes.



6. Restore Normal Boot

Note: After the flashing process is complete, power off the PanL Hub and disconnect the micro-USB cable.

- Switch **SW702** back to *BOOT_DISABLED*.
- Power on the PanL Hub. The device is now ready for normal operation.

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Why does the Reset button not respond?

Ensure that the **SW701** switch, located in front of the Reset button on the bare circuit board, is set to **SW_RST** (slide downward).

Why is RTC not working?

Ensure that the **SW703** switch, located at the back of the bare circuit board, is set to **BATT_ENABLED** (slide right). Replace the battery if it is drained.

Can external storage be used?

The PanL Hub has a micro-SD card slot located at the back of the bare circuit board (**CN701**). Insert your micro SD card and restart the PanL Hub. Once it is powered on, verify the detection by running the command:

```
sudo lsblk
```

You should see an additional MMC device corresponding to the inserted card.

Note: In rare cases, the PanL Hub may fail to boot if the micro-SD card is not supported. If this occurs, remove the card and restart the device; it should boot normally.

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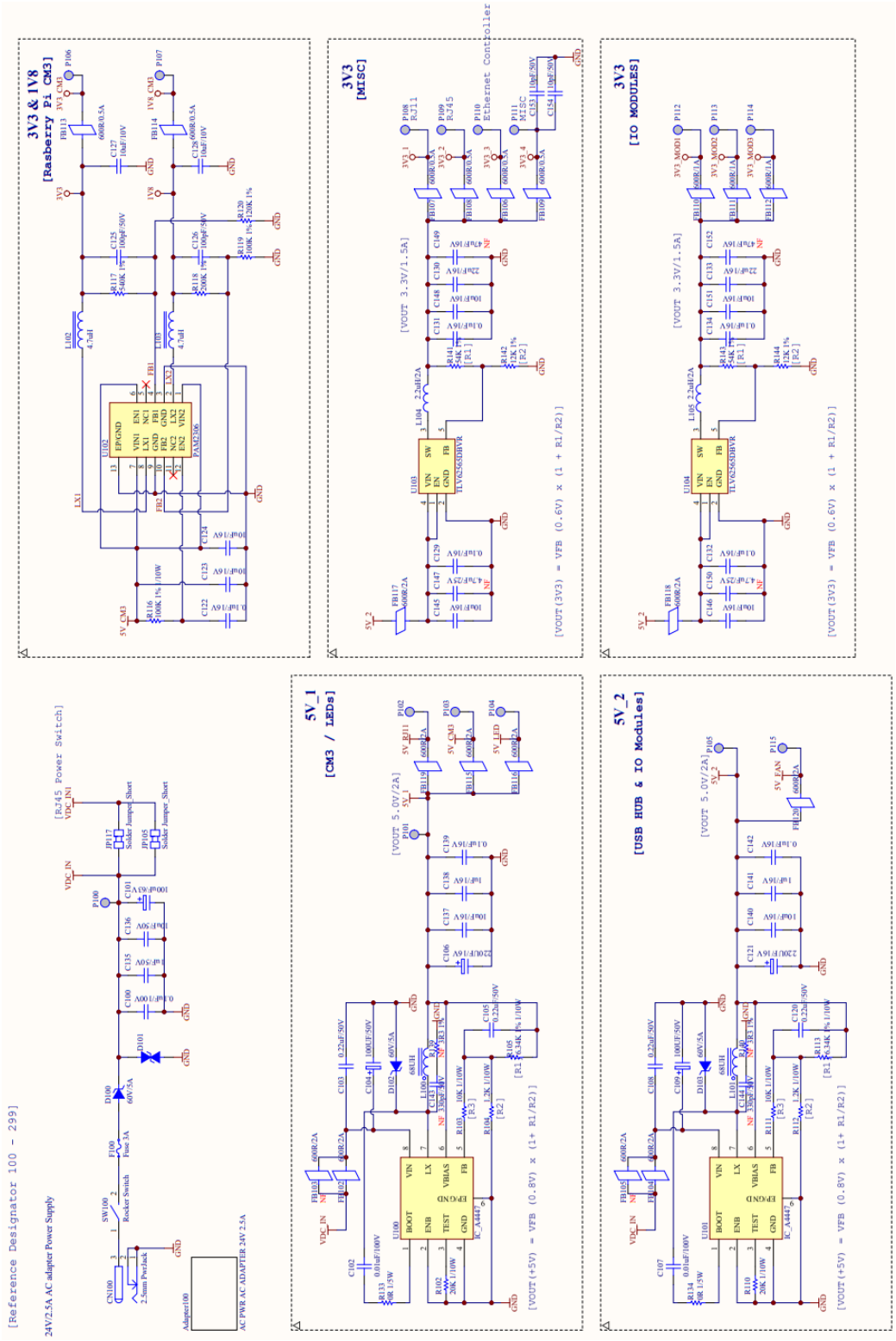
Appendix B – Board Schematics

PanL Hub44 Board Schematics

Mainboard Schematics



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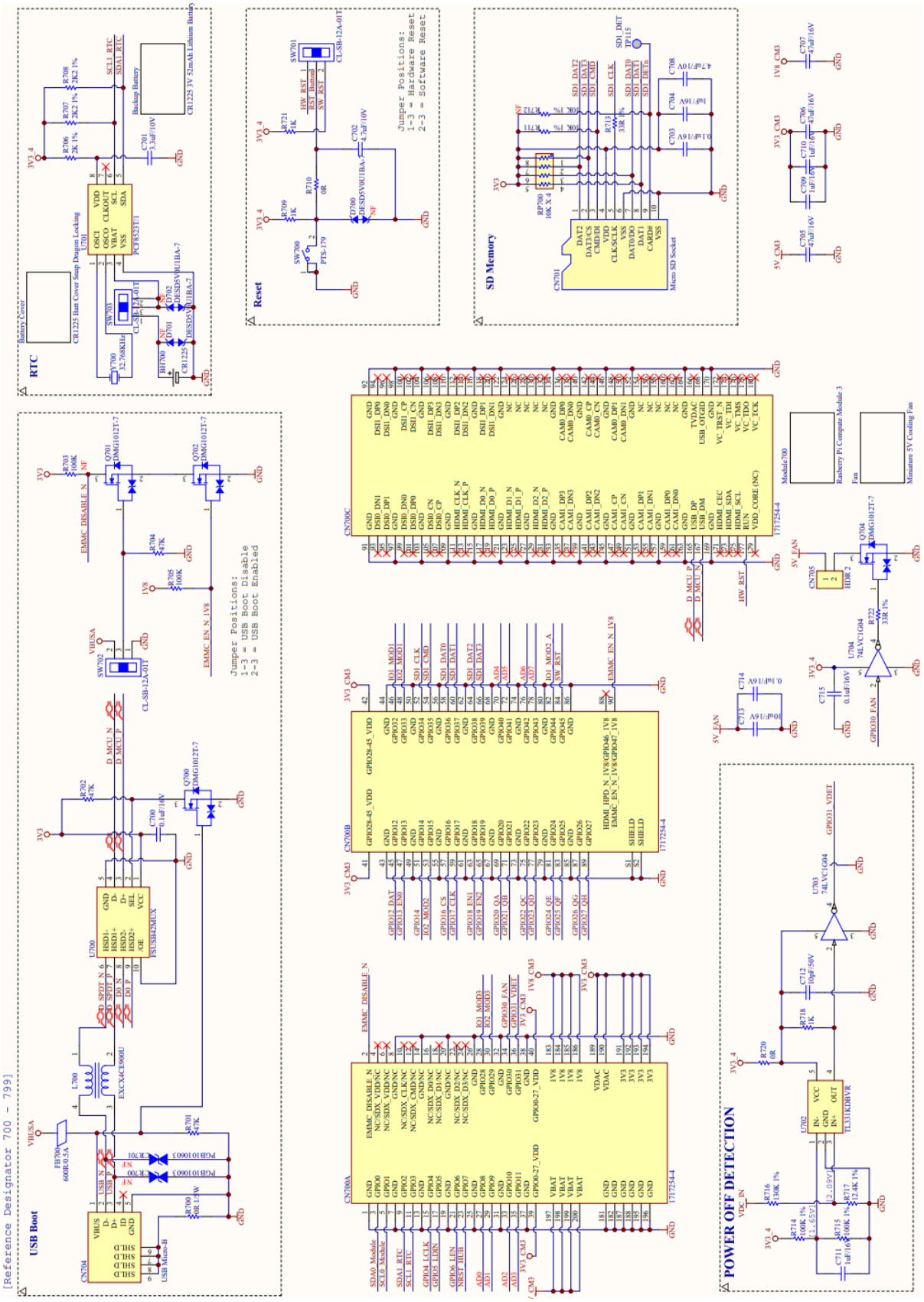

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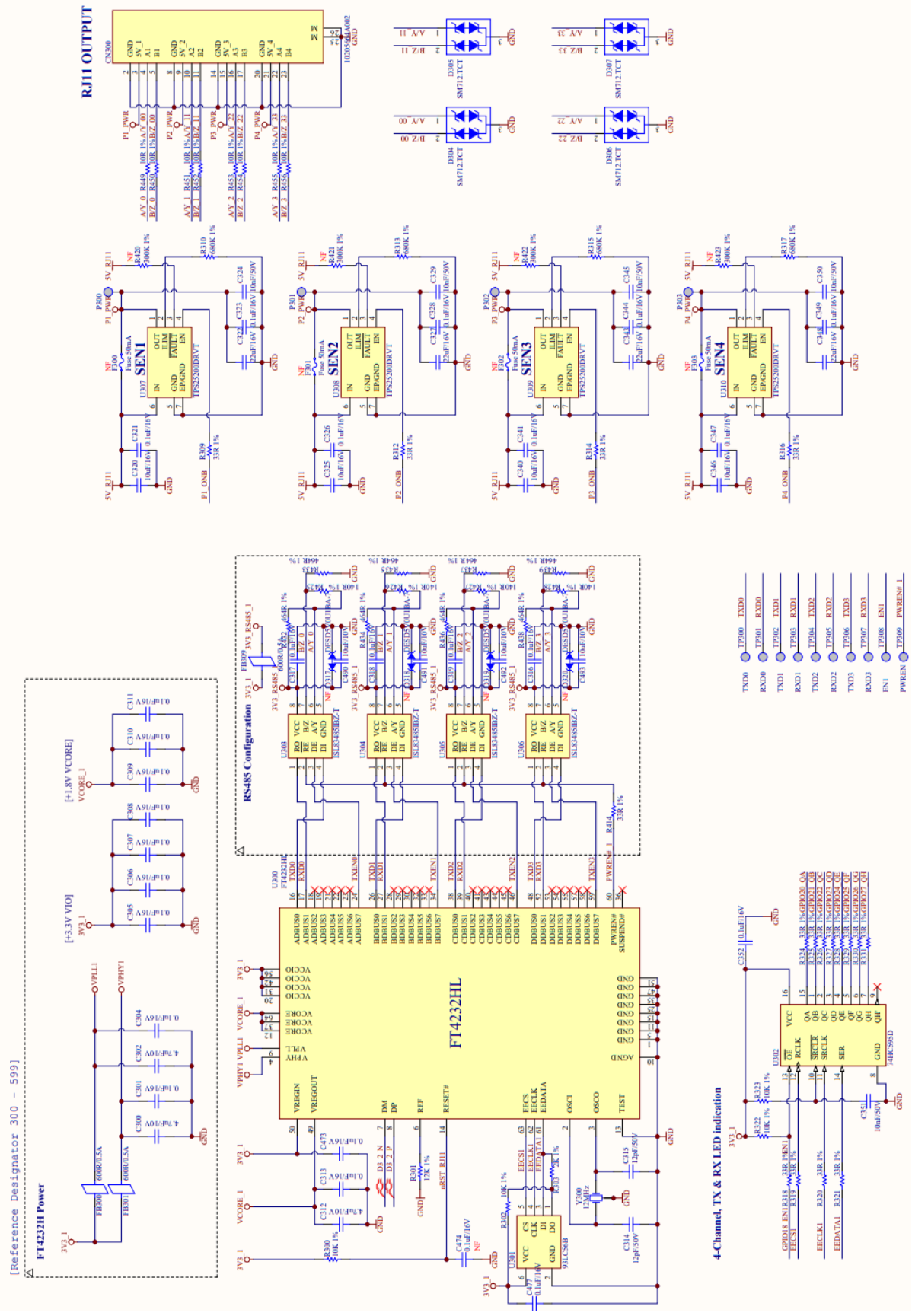

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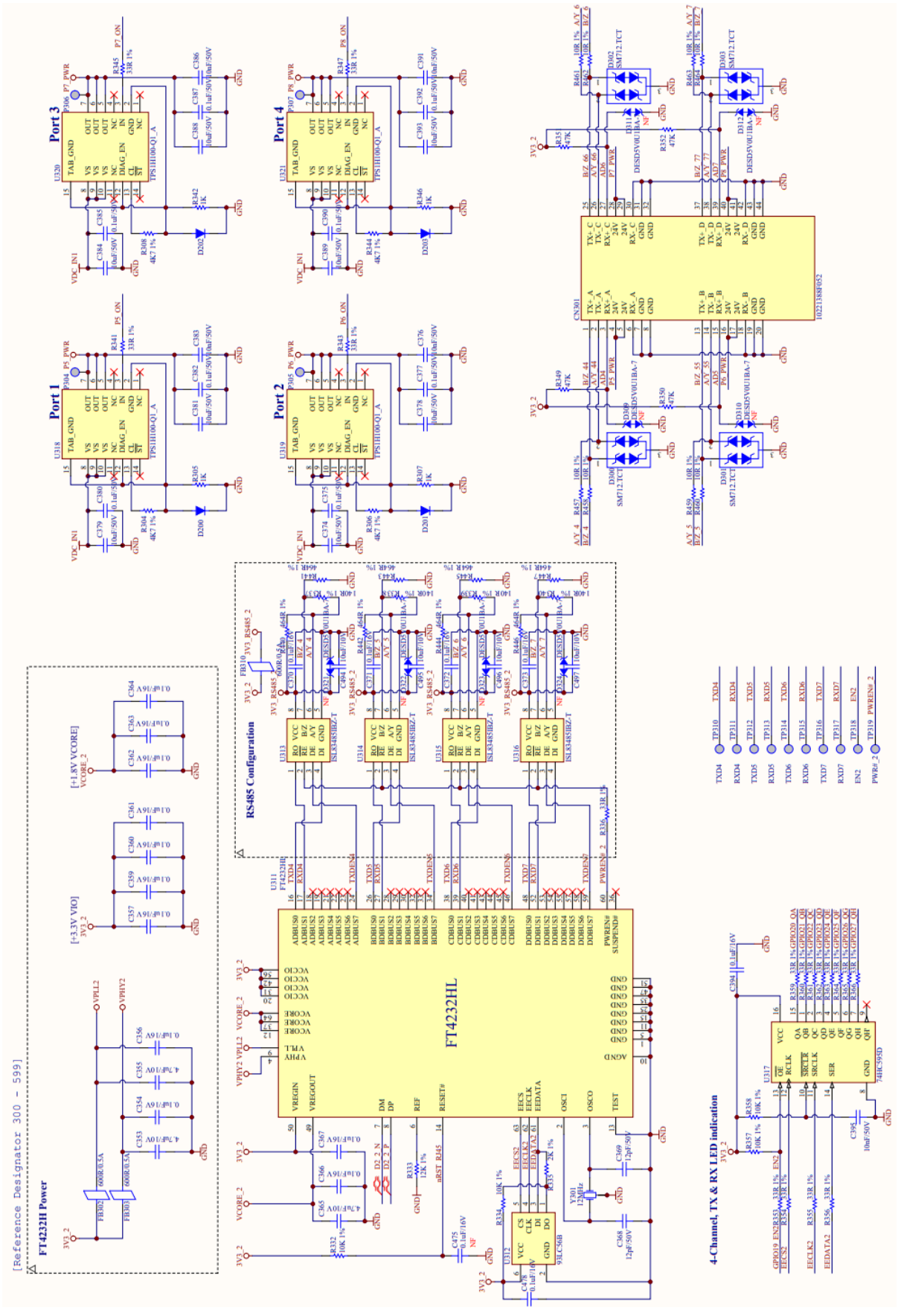

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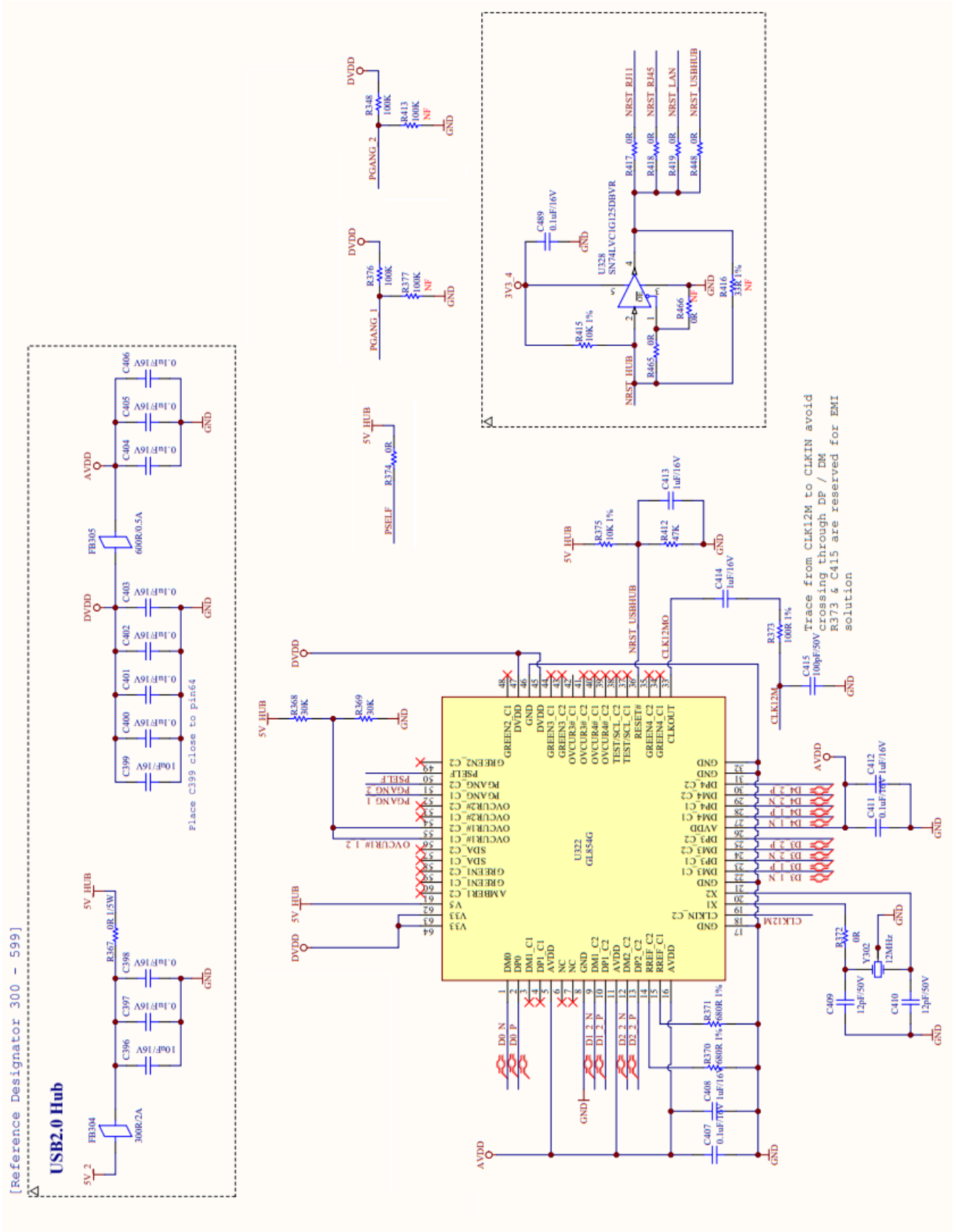

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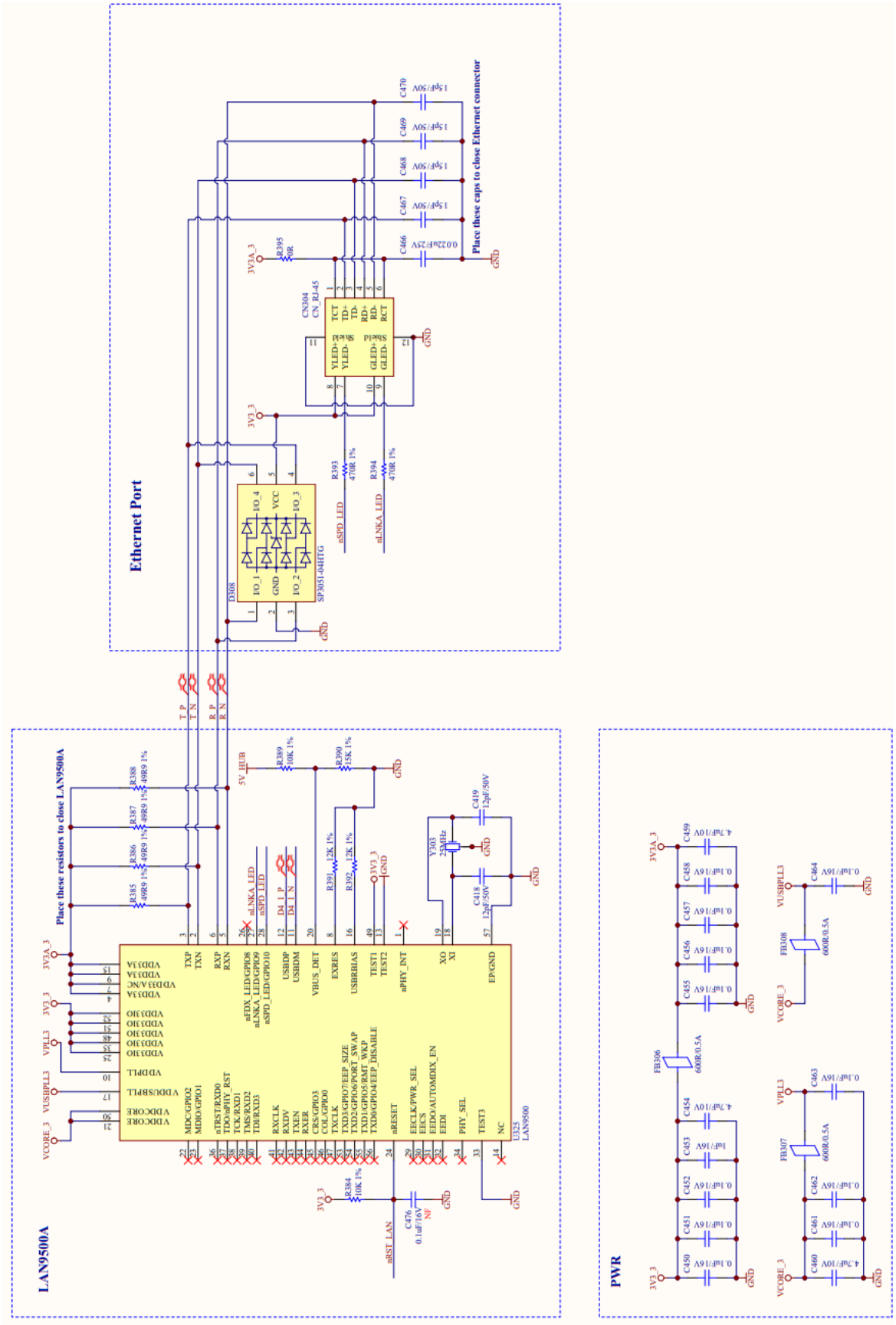

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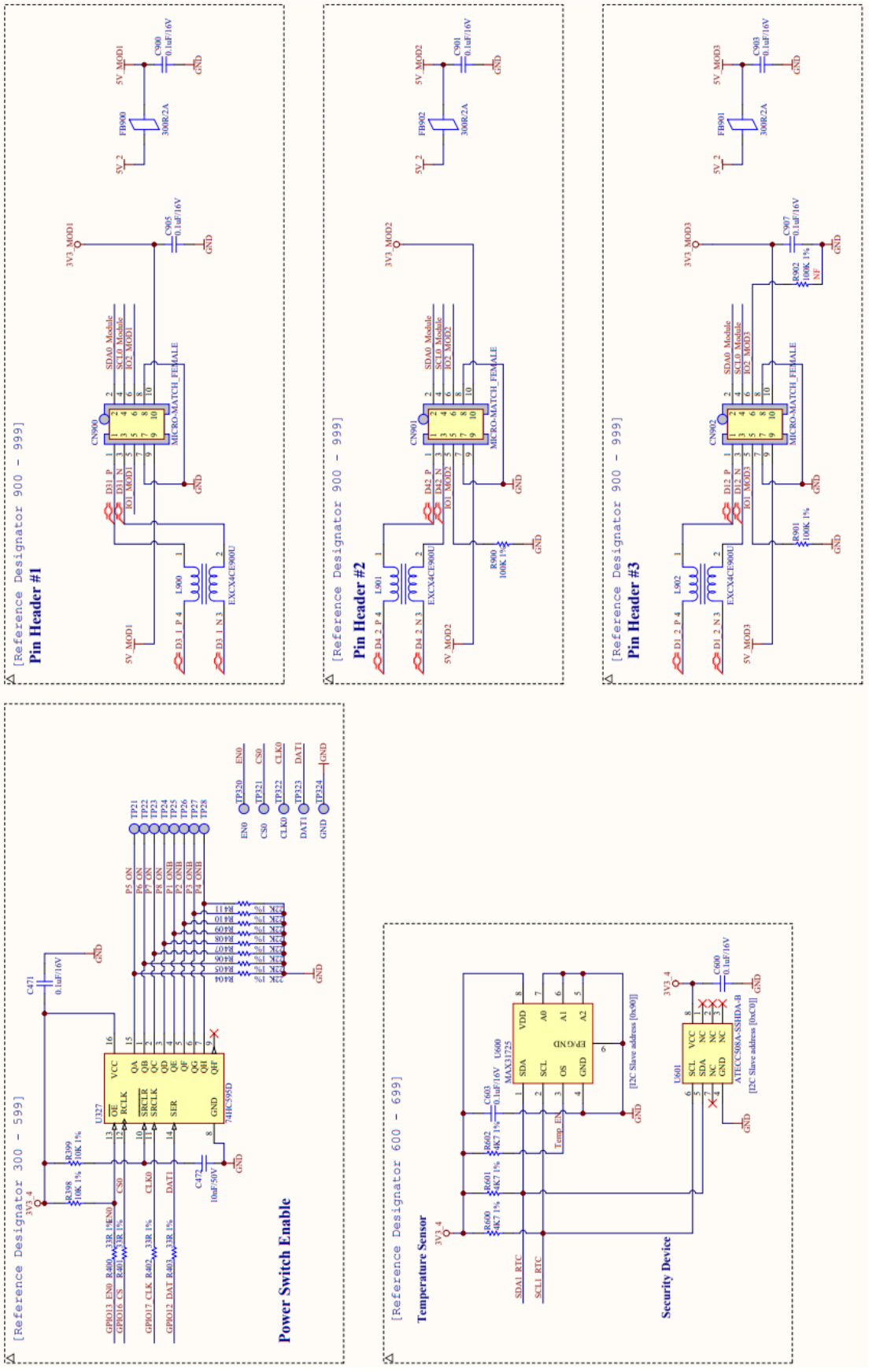

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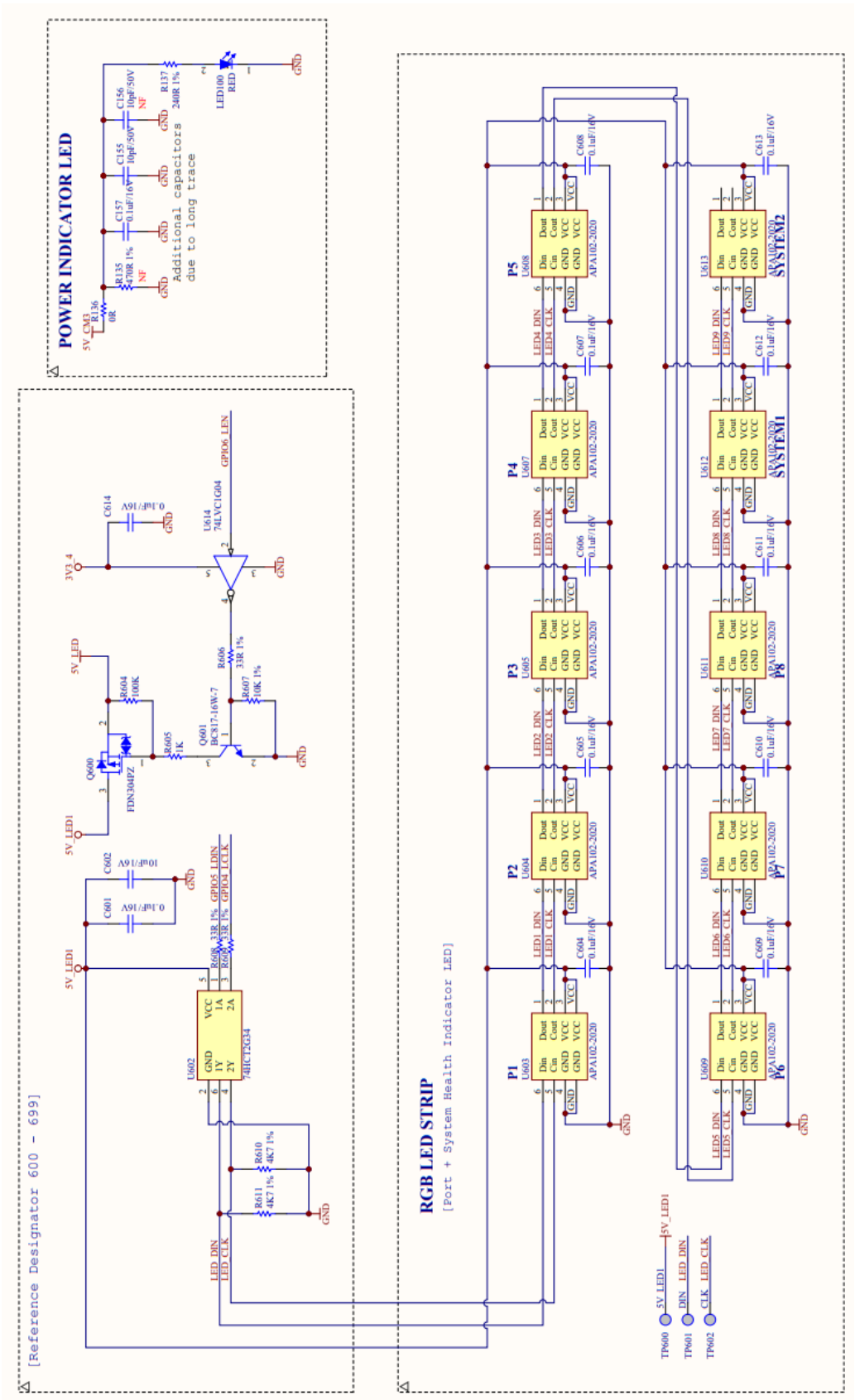

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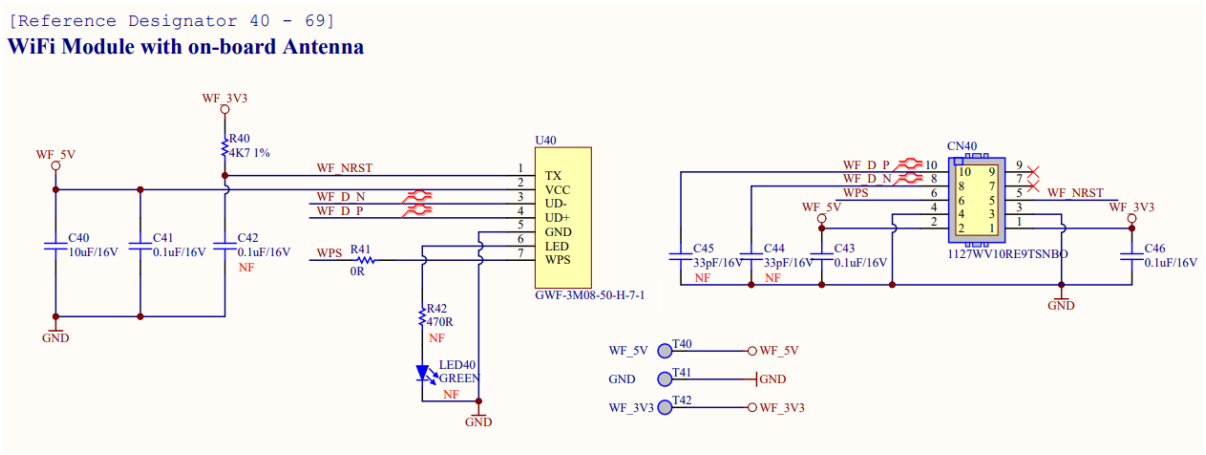

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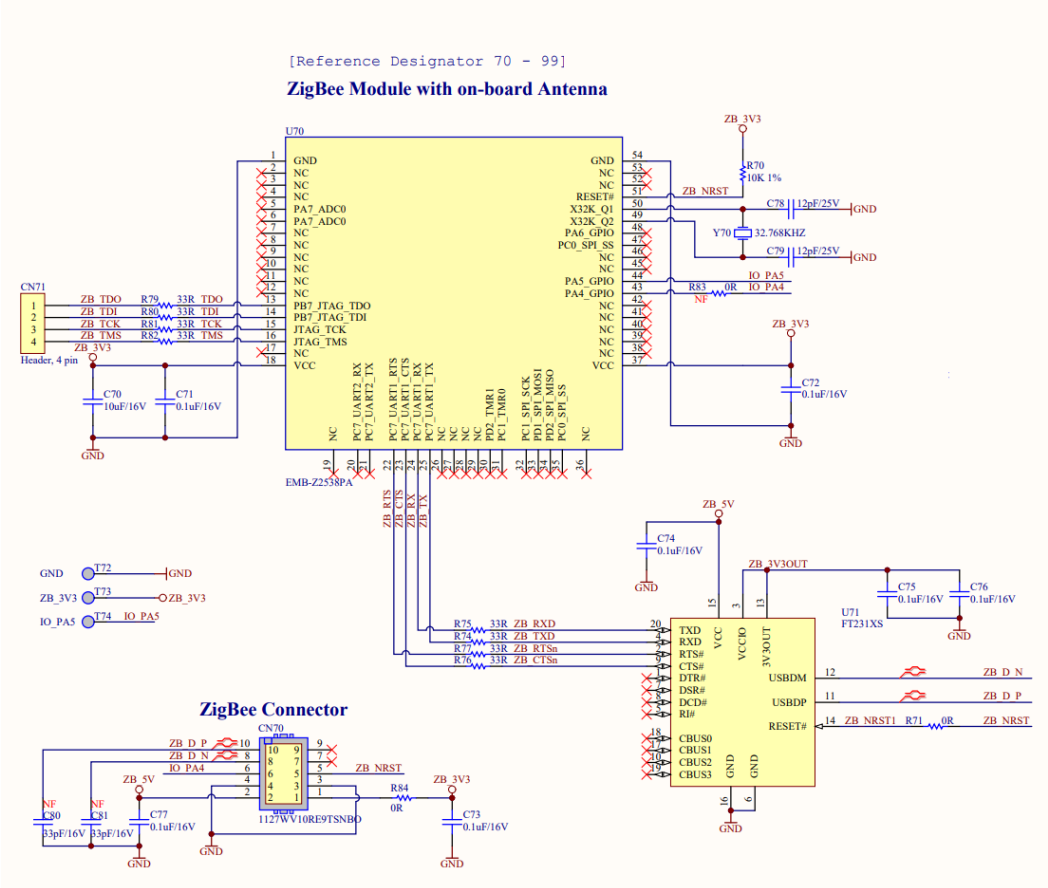
ZigBee Module Schematics



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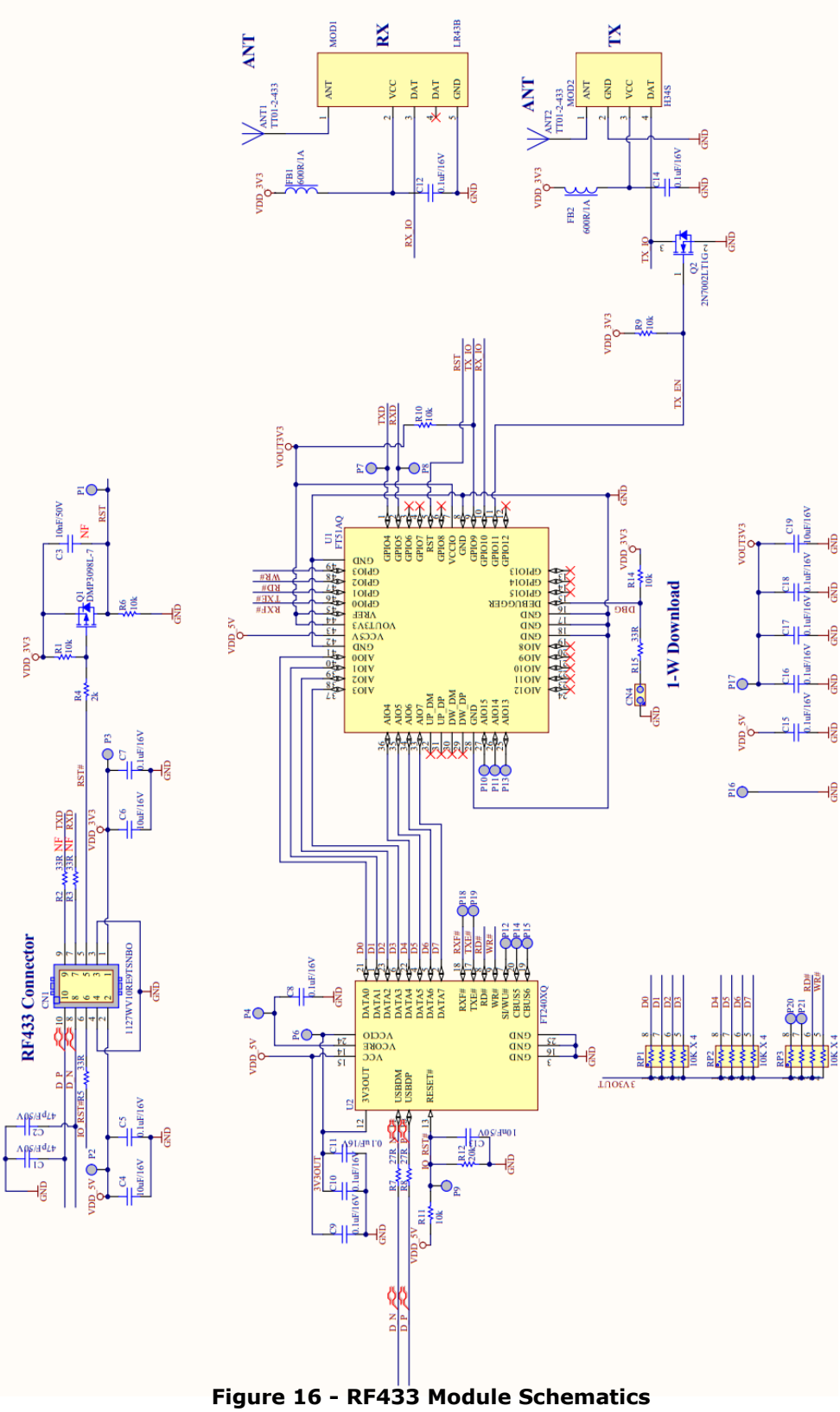

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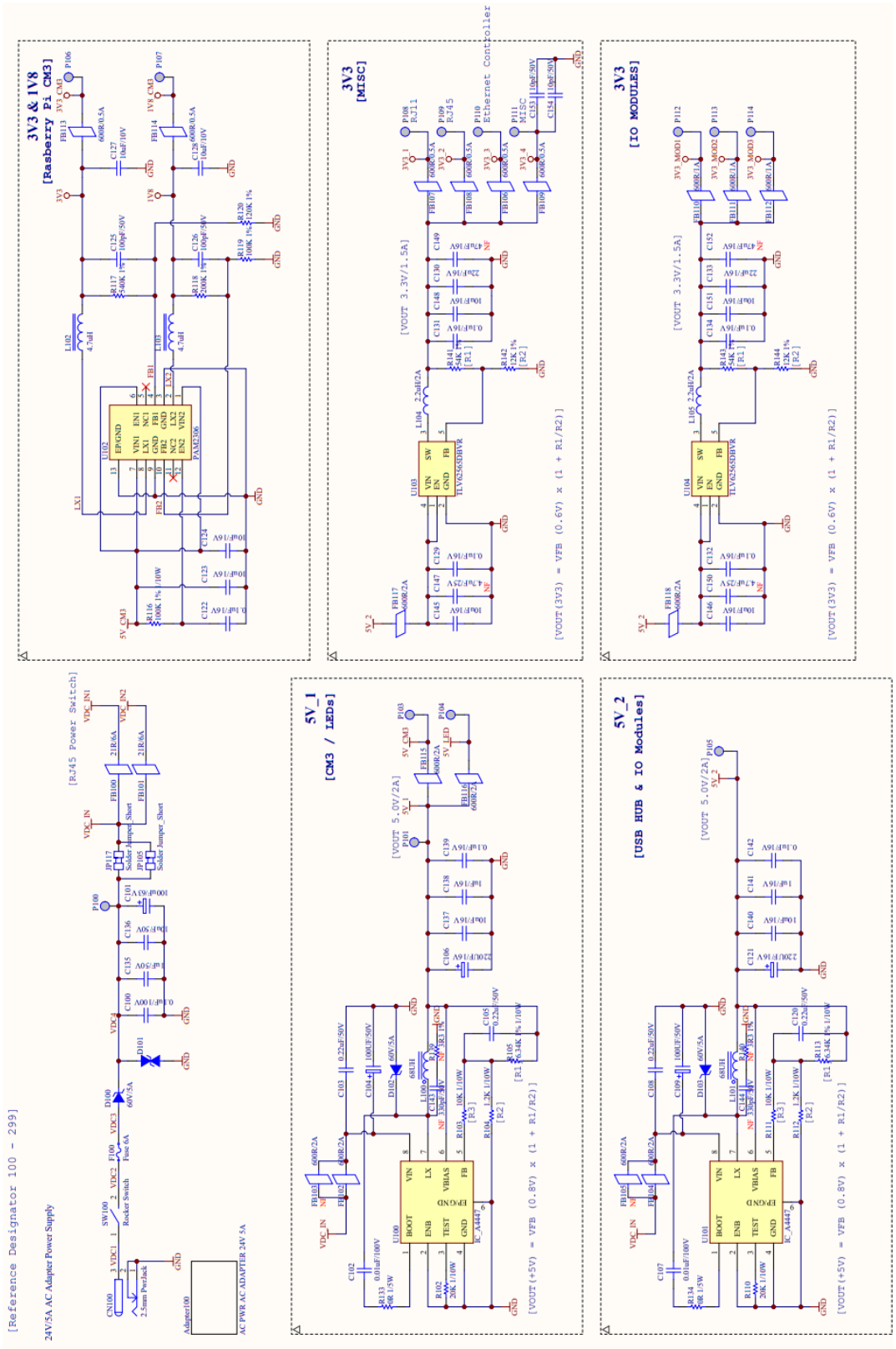
PanL Hub80 Board Schematics

Mainboard Schematics



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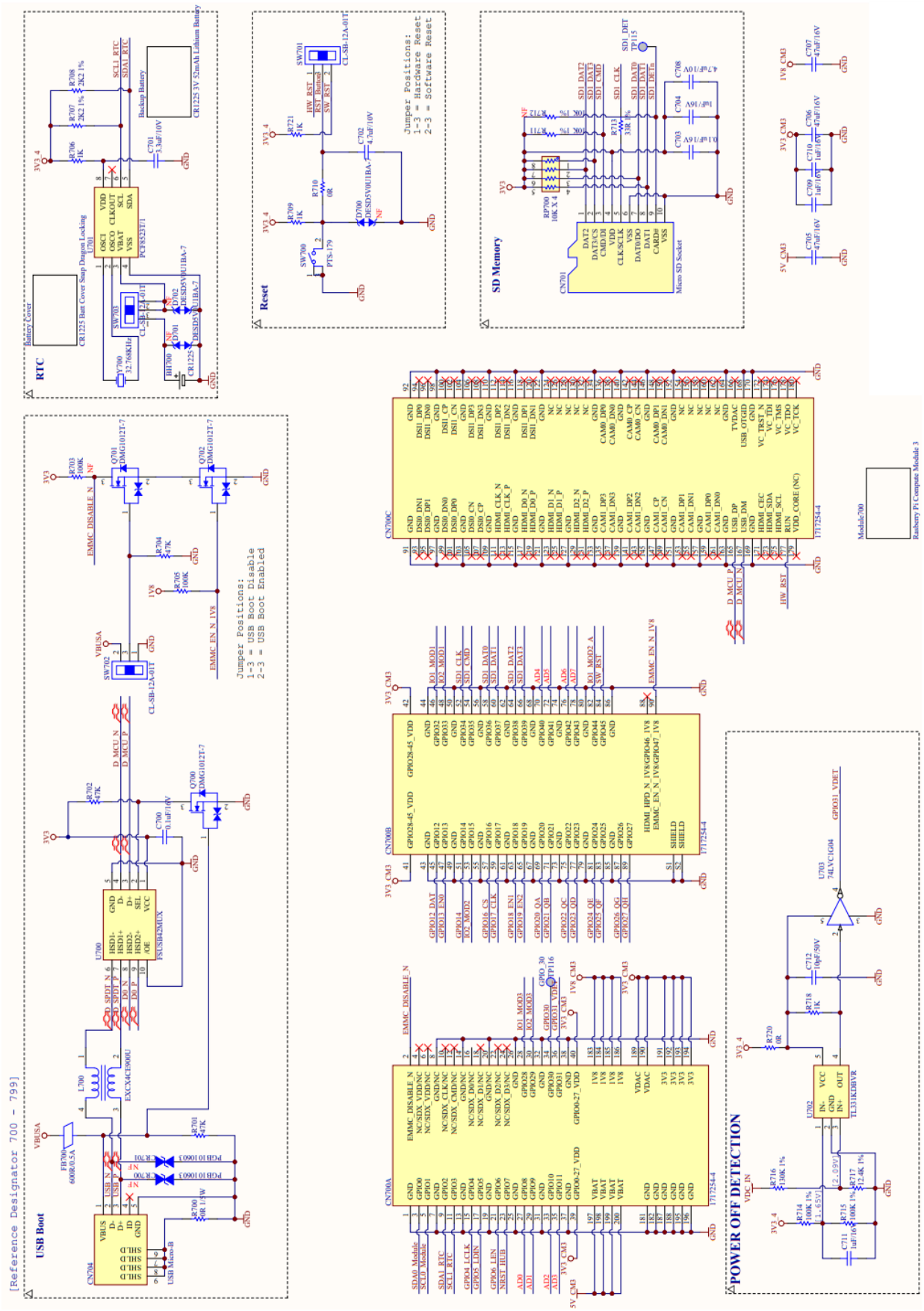

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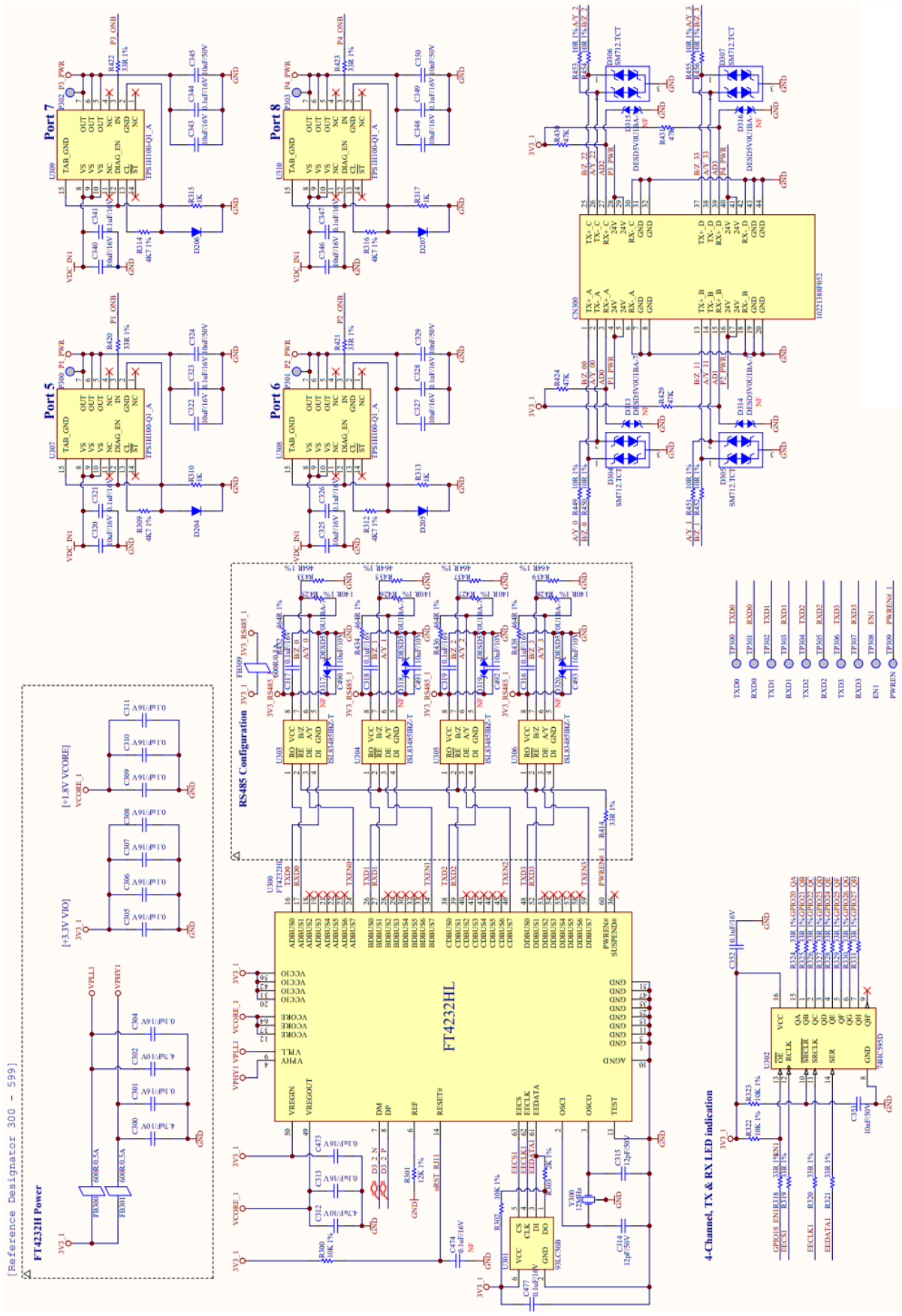

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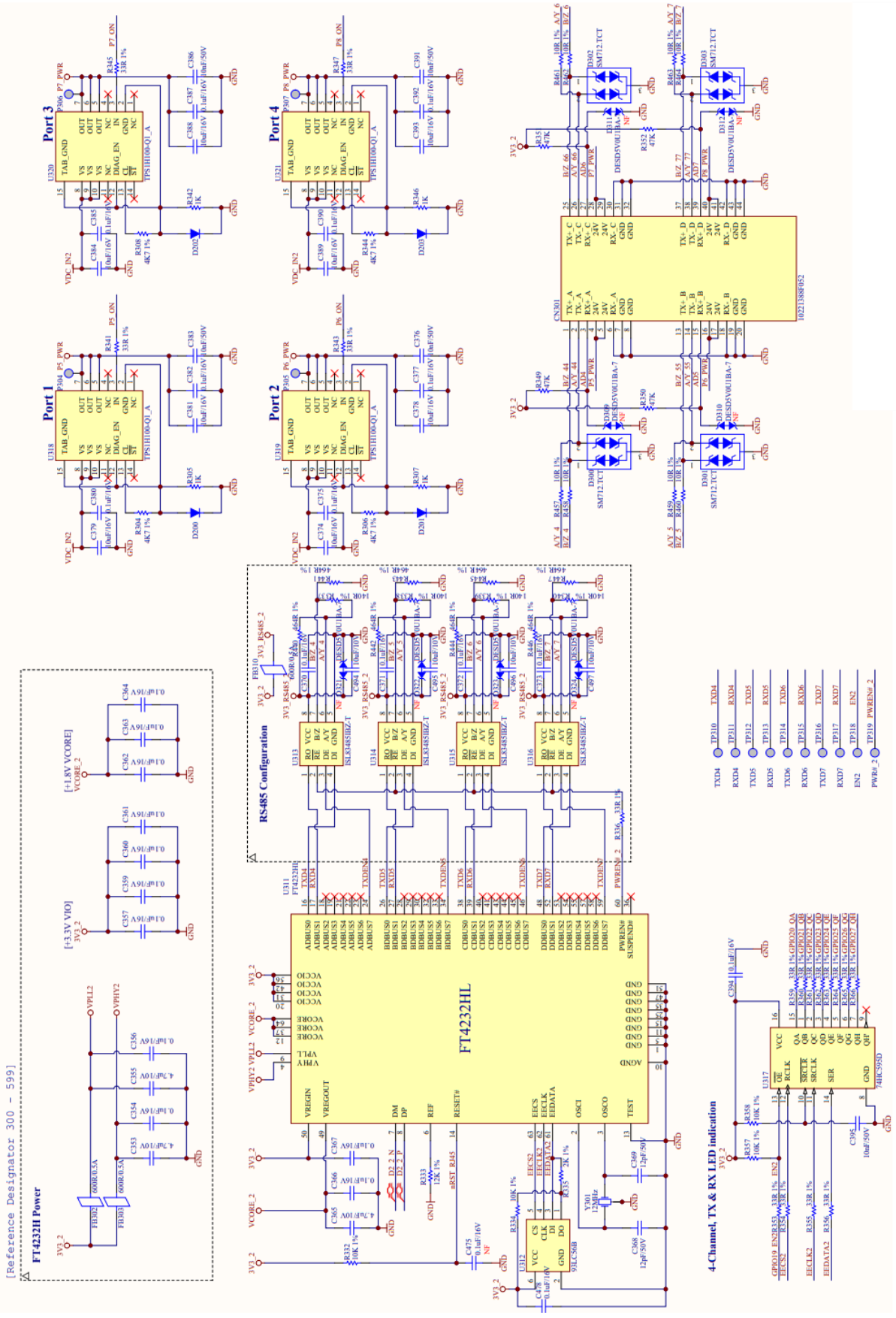

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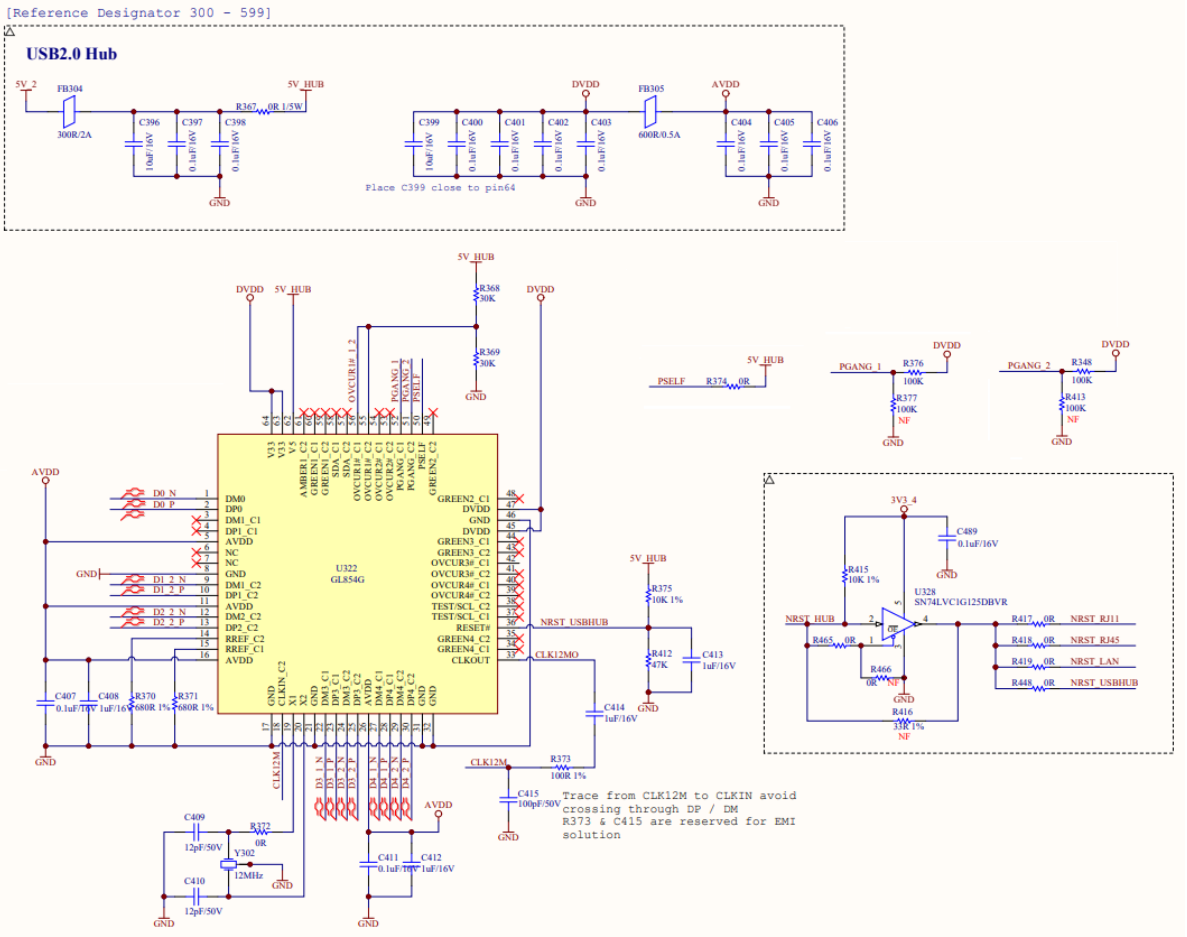

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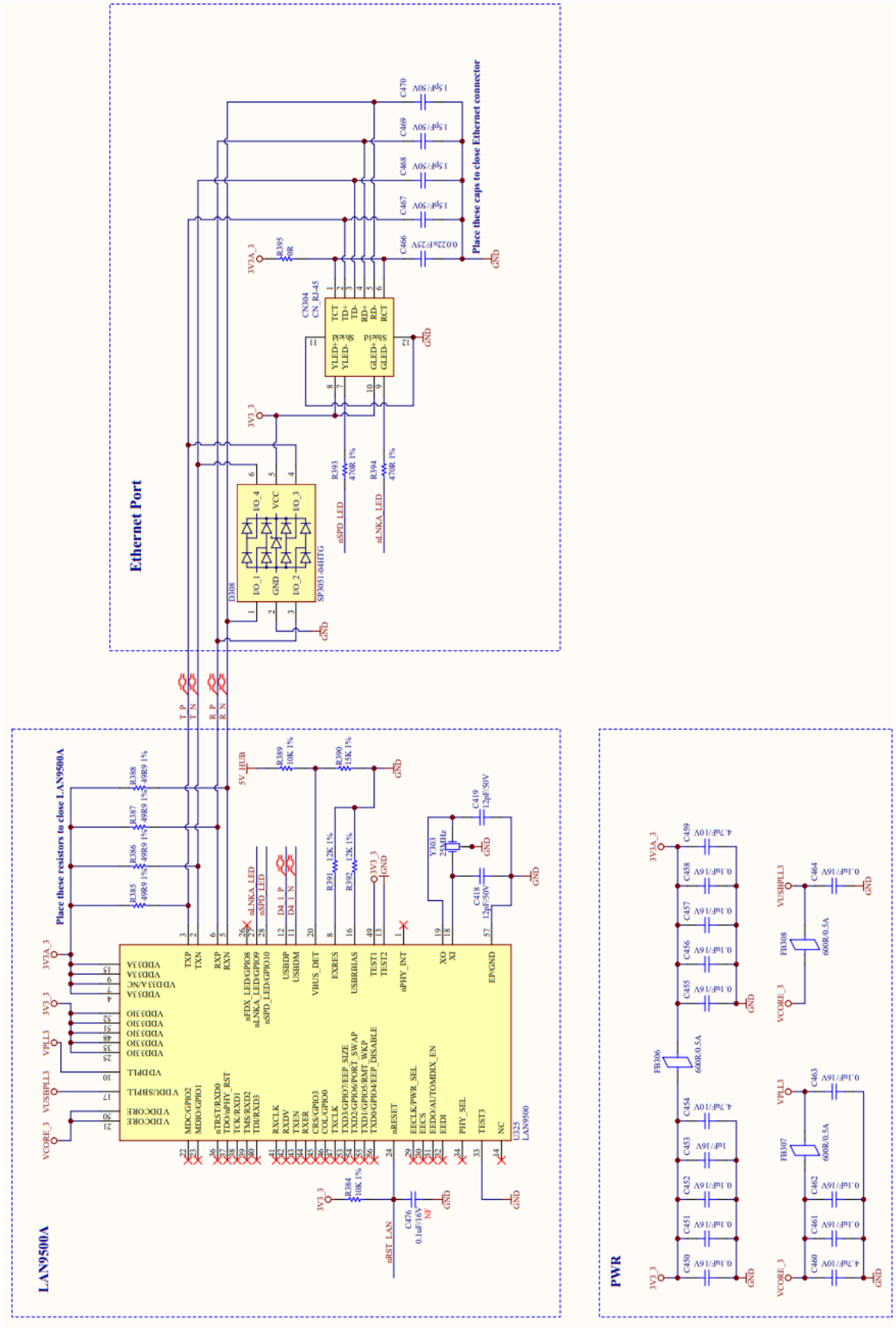

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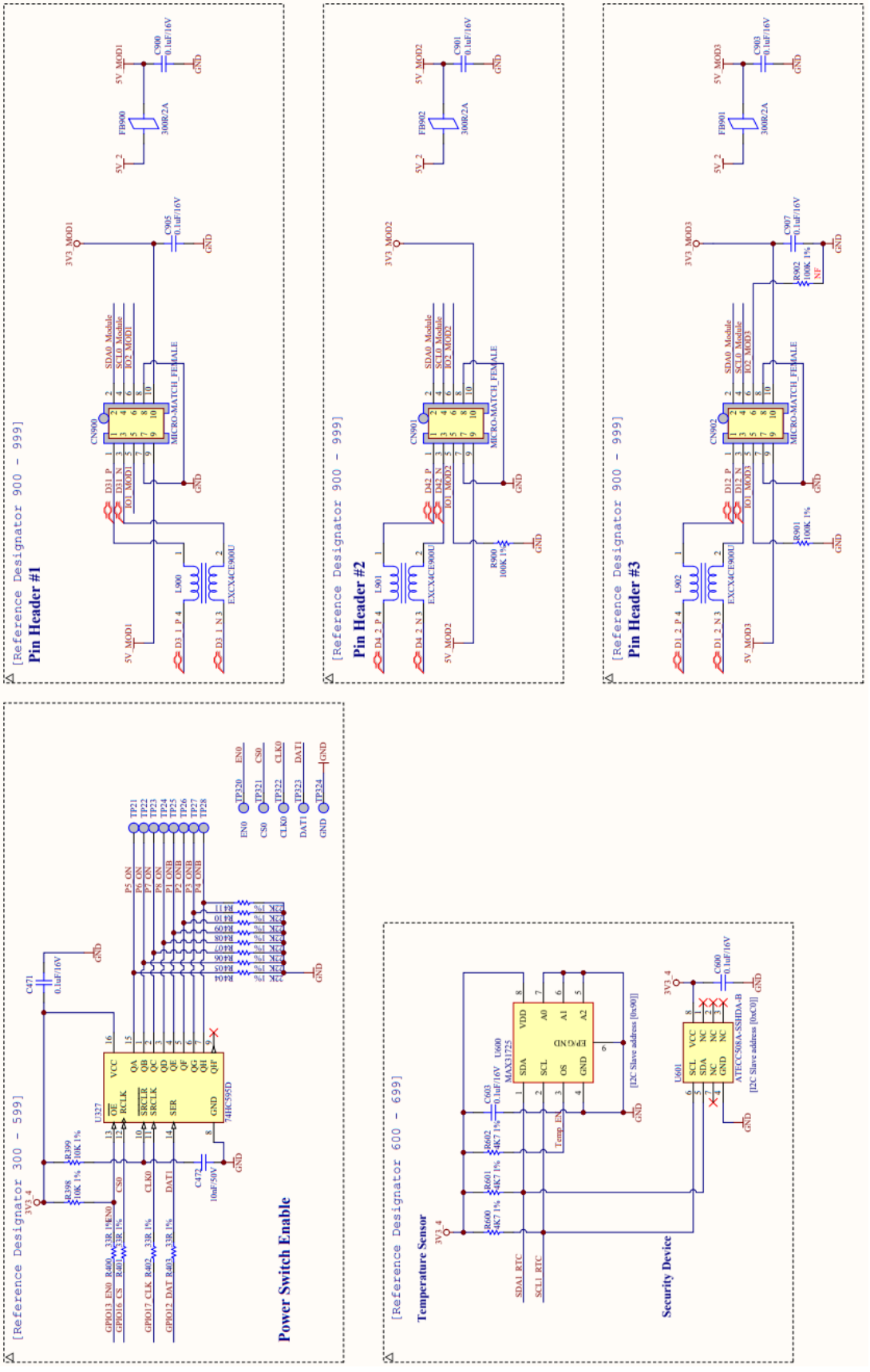

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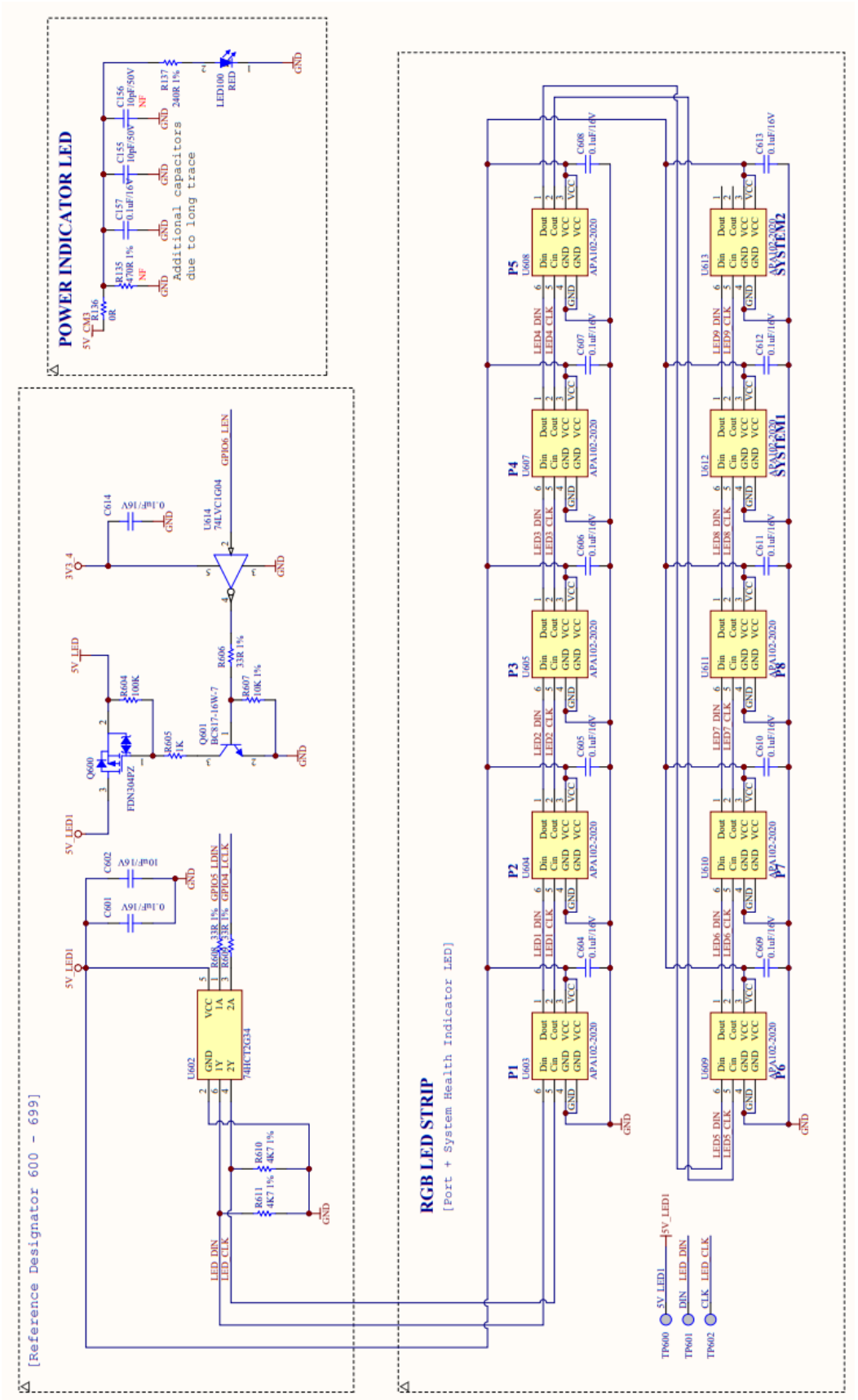

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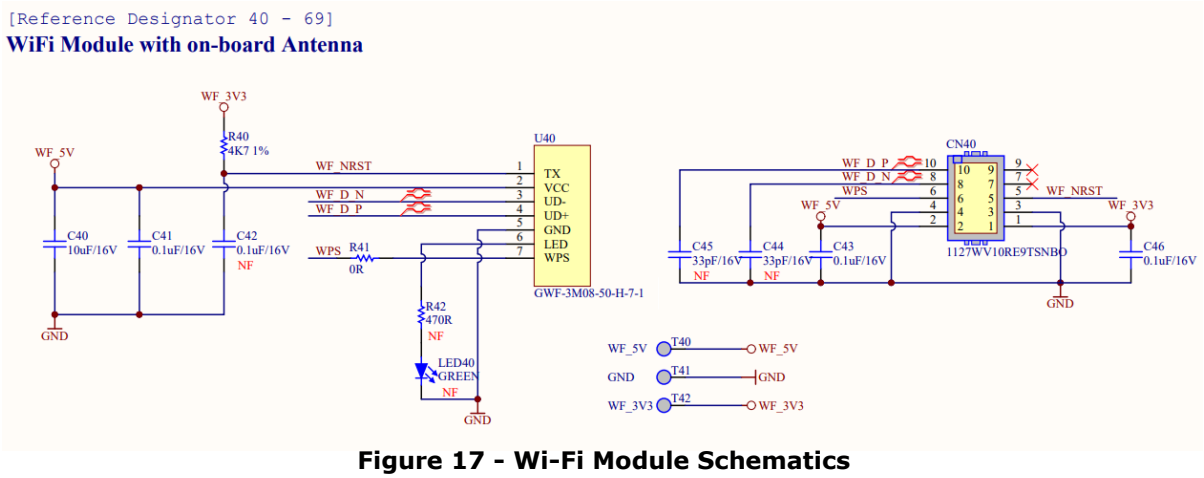

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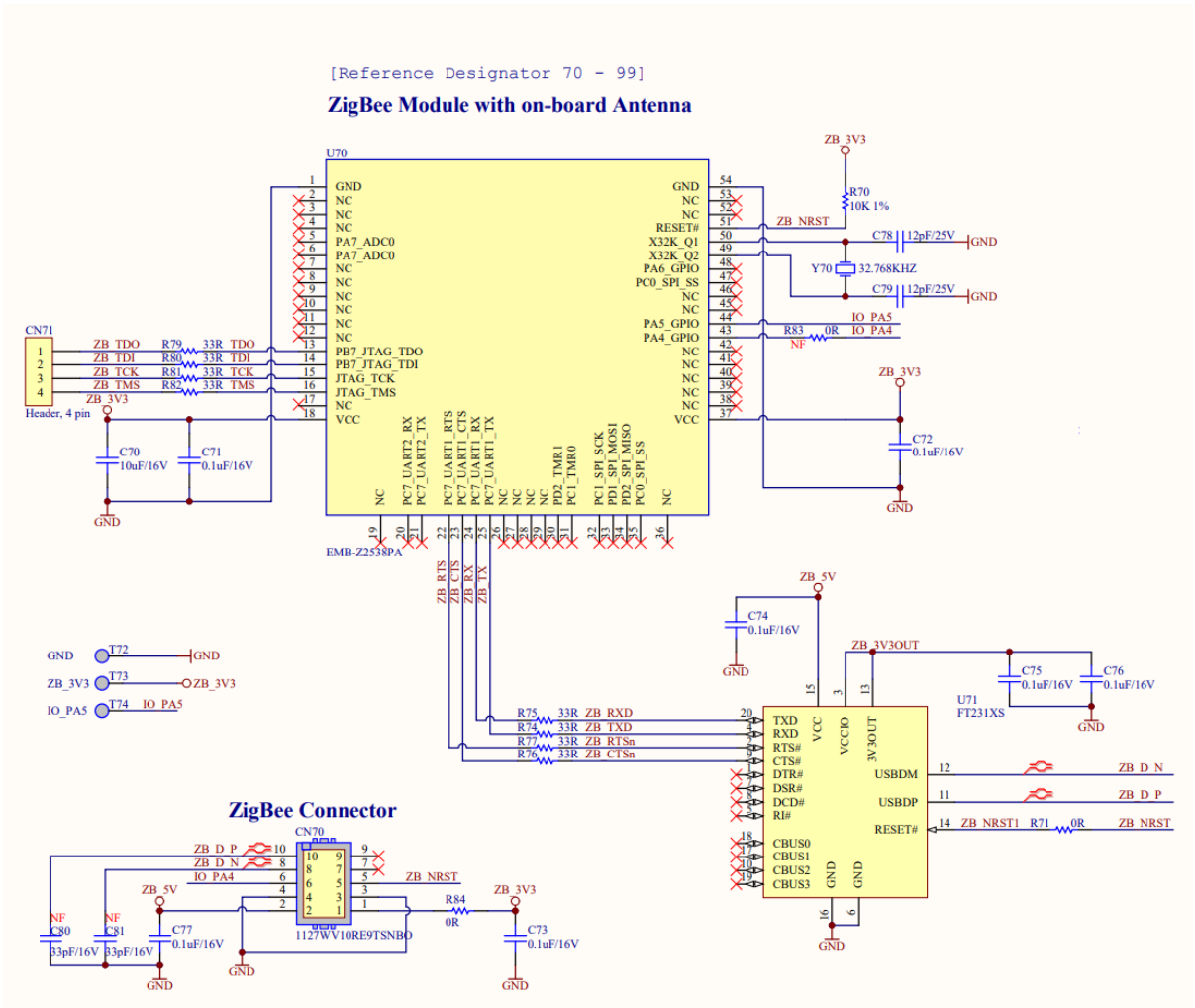

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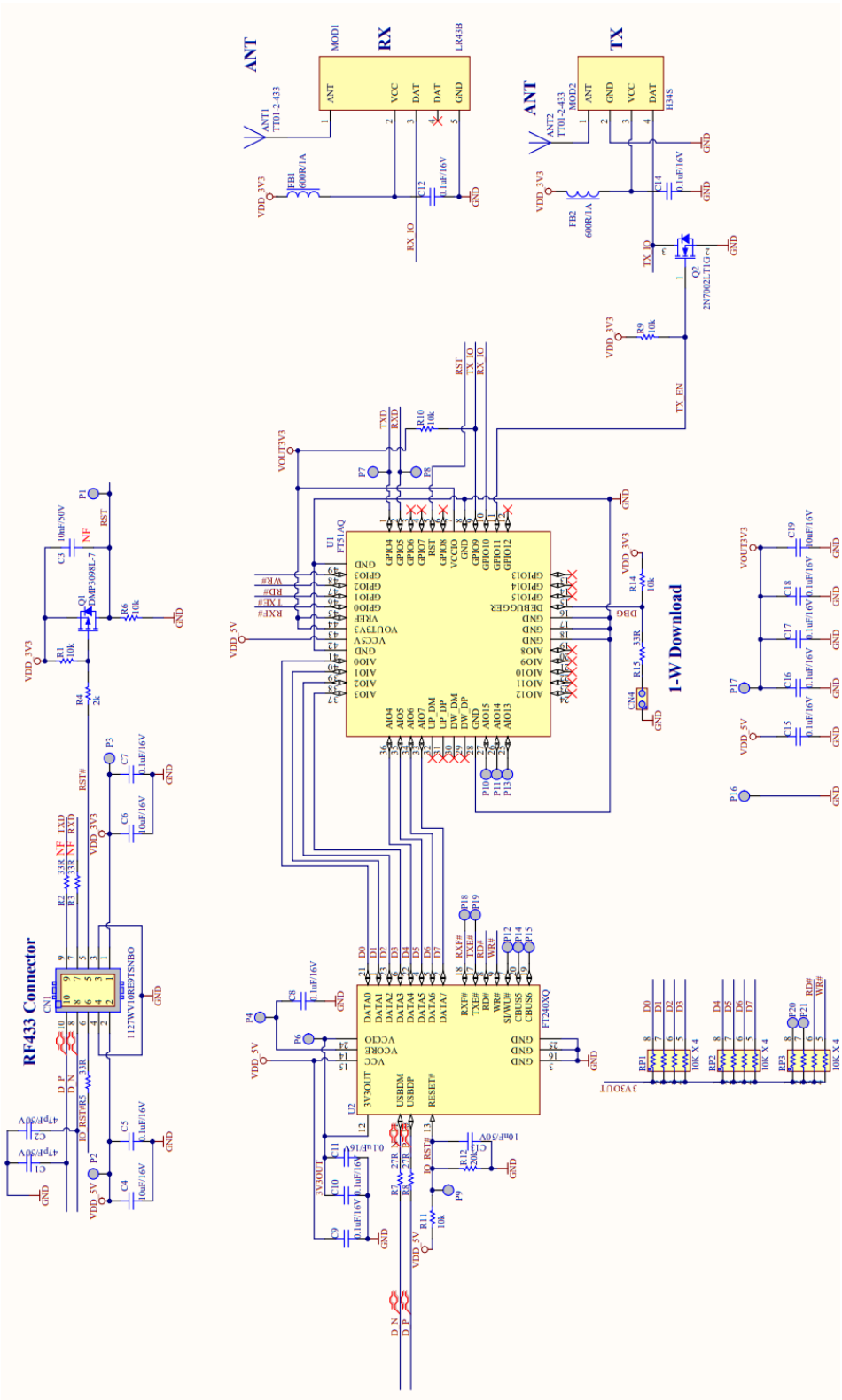

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Terms	Description
API	Application Programming Interface
ARM	Advanced RISC Machine
eMMC	Embedded MultiMediaCard
GPIO	General Purpose Input/Output
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LPDDR	Low Power Double Data Rate
Mbps	Million bits per second
MCU	Microcontroller Unit
OS	Operating System
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
RAM	Random Access Memory
RGB	Red Green Blue
RTC	Real-Time Clock
SDK	Software Development Kit
SOC	System On Chip
SSH	Secure Shell

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