

Stellaris[®] LM4F211 controlCARD Module (MDL-LM4F211CNCD)

User Manual



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Stellaris® LM4F211 controlCARD Overview

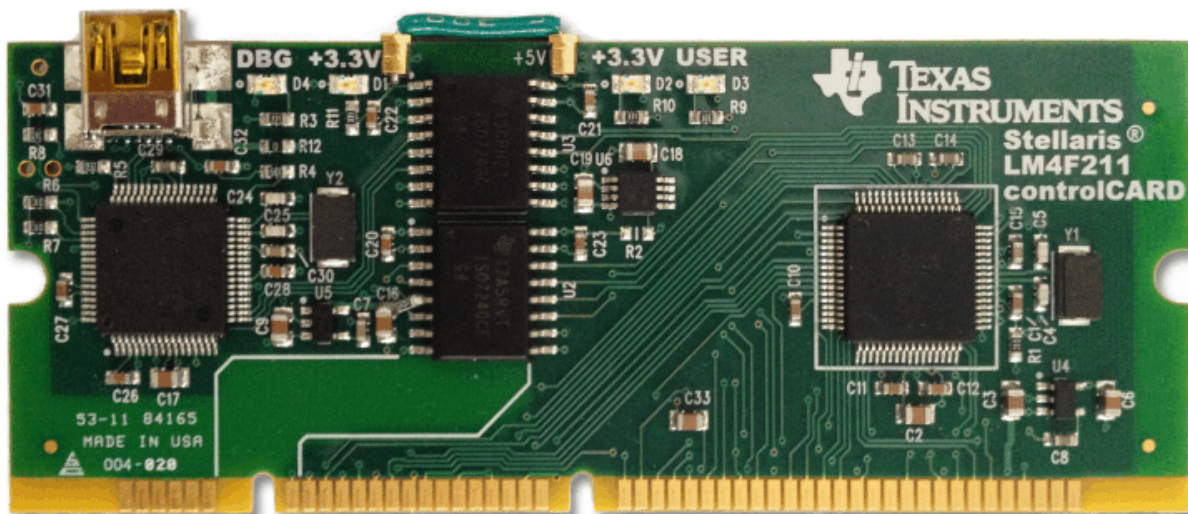
The Stellaris® LM4F211 controlCARD module is a DIMM form-factor evaluation board that can be used as a standalone module or with a range of baseboards to accelerate evaluation and development.

Texas Instruments offers a range of controlCARD baseboards for motor and power-control applications. In most cases, these baseboards are available as complete kits that include a controlCARD module and a baseboard. The Stellaris MDL-LM4F211CNCD module is part of Texas Instruments' controlCARD lineup that includes cards for Stellaris, C2000™, Hercules™, and MSP430™ devices.

Not all controlCARD and baseboards configurations are supported. See the [Compatibility Matrix](#) for more information on baseboard options.

The Stellaris LM4F211H5QR microcontroller is an ARM® Cortex™-M4F device with 256 KB Flash and operation at up to 80 MHz. [Figure 1-1](#) shows a photo of the Stellaris MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD module.

Figure 1-1. MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD Module



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1.1 MDL-LM4F211CNCD Kit Contents

The LM4F211 controlCARD module kit comes with the following items:

- MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD module
 - On-board [Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface](#) (ICDI)
- Cables/Accessories
 - USB-miniB to USB-A plug cable (for debug and serial communication)
 - 1/2-inch (1.27 cm) jumper wires (for bridging power)
- Development Kit CD
 - For the controlCARD module in standalone use:
 - Complete documentation
 - StellarisWare® Peripheral Driver Library and example source code
 - For the controlCARD module when used with a supported baseboard:
 - Source code and binaries
 - Documentation specific to each supported baseboard
 - GUI Microsoft® Windows®-based application
- Tools CD
 - Texas Instruments' Code Composer Studio™ Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - Other tool chains

NOTE: The MDL-LM4F211CNCD board may be populated with an [LM4F231H5QR](#) microcontroller. This device contains a superset of the features of the LM4F4211H5QR microcontroller. There is no difference in functionality.

1.2 Compatibility Matrix

[Table 1-1](#) shows which baseboards are compatible with the MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD module.

Table 1-1. Compatibility Matrix

Baseboard	Description	Electrical Compatibility?	Supported with Software?	Complete Kit Available?
DRV8312	3-Phase, 6.5-A BLDC motor driver	Yes	Yes	DK-LM4F-DRV8312
DRV8301	3-Phase BLDC motor pre-driver	Yes	No	No

1.3 Using the LM4F211 controlCARD Module

To start using the controlCARD module as a standalone module, see the MDL-LM4F211CNCD *Read Me First* document (included on the CD).

To start using the controlCARD module in conjunction with a Texas Instruments' controlCARD baseboard, see the *Read Me First* document specific to that platform.

1.3.1 Features

The Stellaris MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD module includes the following features:

- LM4F211H5QR Stellaris microcontroller
 - 32-bit ARM Cortex-M4 floating point core
 - 80 MHz max speed
 - 256 KB Flash, 32 KB RAM
- DIMM form-factor
- GPIO signals available on DIMM edge-connector
- User LED
- Debug
 - Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI)
 - Isolated to 300 V working voltage using Texas' Instruments' digital isolators

1.3.2 Board Dimensions

The MDL-LM4F211CNCD board measures 3.55 in x 1.40 in (9.02 cm x 3.556 cm). See the [Component Locations](#) section for more details.

Schematics

Complete schematics for the MDL-LM4F211CNCD are appended to this document.

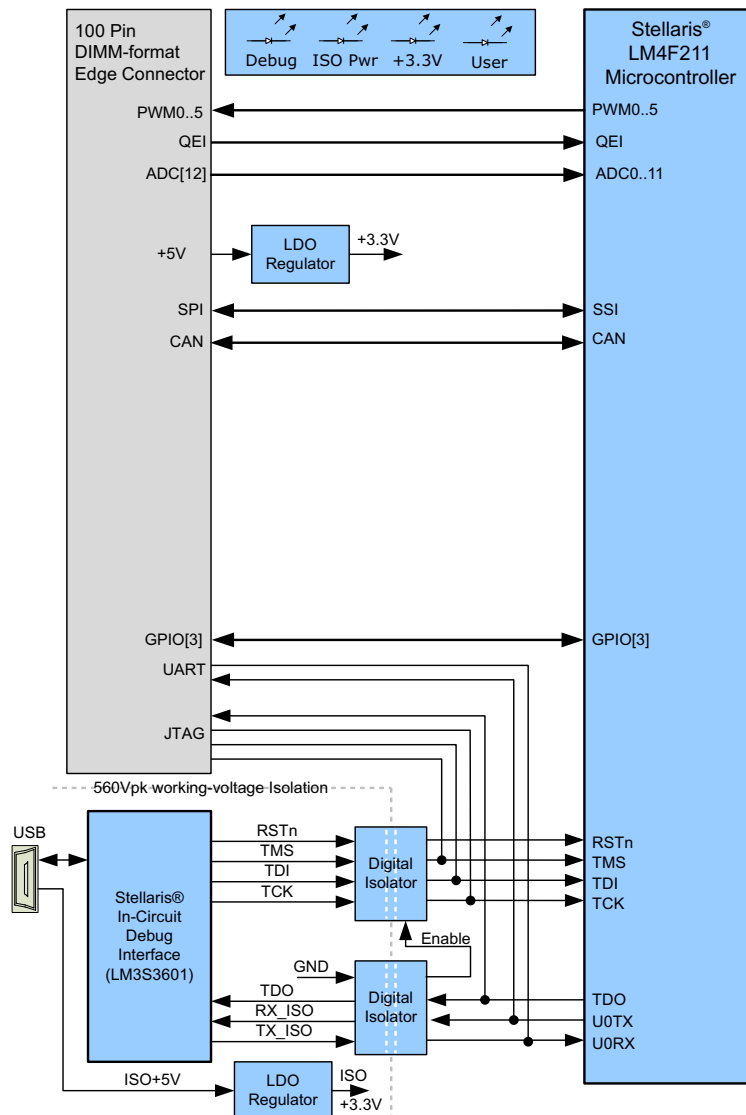
Hardware Description

In addition to an LM4F211H5QR microcontroller, the controlCARD module includes some simple multiplexing logic and an integrated Stellaris in-circuit debug interface (ICDI). This chapter describes how the hardware interfaces to the microcontroller.

2.1 Block Diagram

Figure 2-1 shows the controlCARD module block diagram.

Figure 2-1. Block Diagram



2.2 Functional Description

This section provides a detailed description of the LM4F211 controlCARD module hardware.

2.2.1 Microcontroller and Interfaces (Schematic Page 1)

LM4F211H5QR Microcontroller

The Stellaris LM4F211H5QR microcontroller is an ARM Cortex-M4-based microcontroller with 256-KB flash memory, 32-KB SRAM, 80-MHz operation, motion control PWMs, controller area network (CAN), and a wide range of other peripherals. See the [LM4F211H5QR microcontroller data sheet](#) for complete device details.

The LM4F211H5QR microcontroller is factory-programmed with a simple quickstart demo program. The quickstart program resides in on-chip Flash memory and runs each time power is applied, unless the quickstart has been replaced with a user program.

DIMM Edge Connector

Most of the Stellaris microcontroller GPIO signals are routed to the DIMM-style edge connector.

The controlCARD module is compatible with standard DIMM sockets, such as Molex part number 87630-1001.

User LED

The board also has a green user LED connected to GPIO PG5.

Signal Multiplexing

The DRV8312 and DRV8301 baseboards have Hall inputs on different DIMM pins. U11 multiplexes these signals under the control of GPIO PB6.

An analog switch (U12) under the control of PB4 selects between bus current (I-total) and Phase B current (IB-FB). See the associated ZIP file with a spreadsheet that details the signals for the module (available for download from the [MDL-LM4F211CNCD tool folder on the TI website](#); click on the *Technical Documents* link).

Reset

The $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ signal into the LM4F211H5QR microcontroller connects to an R-C network (R1/C1) and to the ICDI circuit for a debugger-controlled reset. A voltage supervisor (U8) monitors the +5-V rail to ensure that the microcontroller is held in reset well before the +3.3-V supply rail moves below the -10% limit.

External reset is asserted (active low) under any one of these conditions:

- Power-on reset
- By the ICDI circuit when instructed by the debugger (this capability is optional, and may not be supported by all debuggers).
- By the +5-V voltage supervisor if the rail drops below +4.38 V.

Power Supplies

The controlCARD module is typically powered by the baseboards via the DIMM edge connector. When used as a standalone module, without a baseboard, install wire jumpers to support USB-powered operation.

WARNING

Do not install the wire power links if the controlCARD module is installed in a baseboard. Damage to the board may result. In high-voltage applications, the power supplies must remain electrically isolated for personal safety.

2.2.2 Debug Interface, Virtual COM Port, and Isolators (Schematic Page 2)

Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI) and Virtual COM Port

The MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD module includes an onboard Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI). The Stellaris ICDI allows for the programming and debug of the LM4F211H5QR microcontroller using LM Flash and/or any of the supported tool chains.

The debug interface incorporates Texas Instruments' digital isolators ([ISO7240M](#) and [ISO7242M](#)) for safety isolation between the ICDI and the Stellaris microcontroller. Due to the presence of the unidirectional isolators, only JTAG debugging and programming is supported. Serial Wire Debug (SWD) and Serial Wire Trace (SWT) are not supported.

Virtual COM Port

When plugged in to a PC, the device enumerates as a debugger and a virtual COM port. The COM port is connected to the following pins on the microcontroller as shown in [Table 2-1](#).

Table 2-1. COM Port Pin Connections

GPIO Pin	Pin Functions	Virtual COM Port
PA0	U0RX	TXD
PA1	U0TX	RXD

The UART signals are also electrically isolated.

Electrical Isolation

The PCB layout incorporates IEC standard reinforced isolation for over-voltage category II and pollution degree 2. Creepage and clearance distances are 6.4 mm. The digital isolators limit the working voltage to 560 Vpk, which is sufficient for most 115 Vrms and 230 Vrms line-powered designs.

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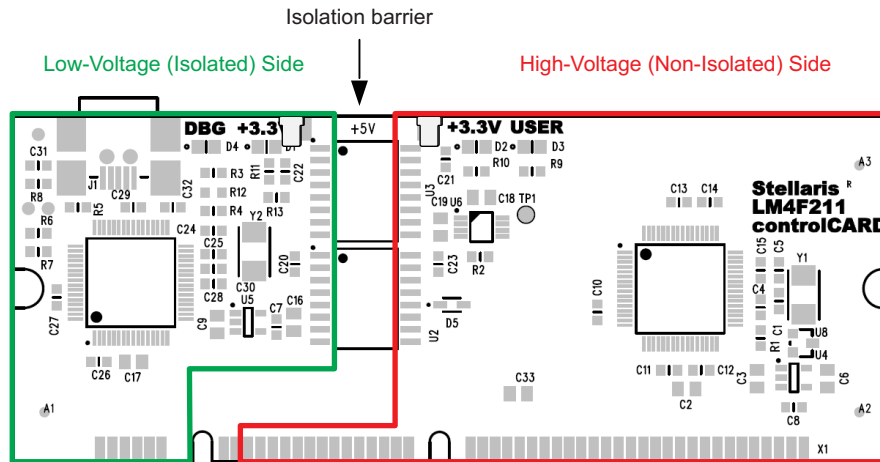
If using the controlCARD as a module in a new design, refer to the safety regulations that apply to that product and its environment to determine the safe working voltage.

The integrated isolation feature allows the Stellaris microcontroller to operate at the same common-mode voltage as the baseboards which simplifies circuit design in high-voltage motor control designs. Firmware programming, debugging, and serial communication is supported using the isolated, low-voltage debug interface. [Figure 2-2](#) shows controlCARD module isolation.

WARNING

When installed in a high-voltage power board, the microcontroller and non-isolated circuitry may be at high voltage. Read and understand the safety warnings included in the power board documentation before using the controlCARD module in a high-voltage application.

Figure 2-2. controlCARD Module Isolation



NOTE: Non-isolated means that these circuits will be at the same voltage potential as the baseboard.

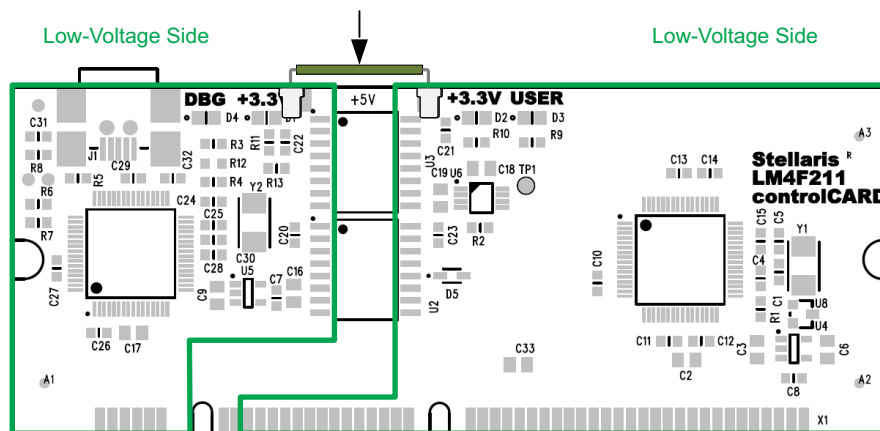
The controlCARD module may be used without a baseboard. In order to power the non-isolated circuitry, power must be bridged across the isolation barrier as shown in Figure 2-3.

WARNING

Do not install the controlCARD module in a baseboard if the jumpers are installed. The isolation barrier is compromised and an electric shock hazard exists. Power-supply contention may also damage the controlCARD module or the baseboard.

Figure 2-3. Using controlCARD without a Baseboard

To bridge power, install 0.5" wire power-jumpers into J2 and J3 (both sides of PCB). Ensure that wires do not short to other components.



WARNING: Do not install controlCARD in a baseboard when wire power-jumpers are installed!

Software Development

This chapter provides general information on software development as well as instructions for Flash memory programming.

3.1 Software Description

The CD supplied with the controlCARD module includes the StellarisWare® Peripheral Driver Library which contains a rich set of functions for developing software for the Stellaris microcontroller and its on-chip peripherals.

The software includes a set of example applications that utilize the StellarisWare® Peripheral Driver Library. These applications demonstrate the capabilities of the LM4F211H5QR microcontroller, as well as providing a starting point for developing user applications.

Source Code

The complete source code is included on the controlCARD Development Kit CD. See the quickstart guide for the respective toolchain to get information on how to install the source code and toolchain. The source code and binary files are installed in the StellarisWare tree.

Tool Options

The source code installation includes directories containing projects and/or makefiles for the following toolchains:

- Keil ARM RealView® Microcontroller Development System
- IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM
- Sourcery CodeBench™
- Code Red Technology Red Suite
- Generic Gnu C compiler
- Texas Instruments' Code Composer Studio IDE

Baseboards from Texas Instruments may not support all toolchain options.

Evaluation versions of these tools may be downloaded from www.ti.com/stellaris. Due to code size restrictions, the evaluation tools may not build all example programs. A full license is necessary to re-build or debug all examples.

Instructions for installing and using each of the evaluation tools can be found in each toolchain quick-start guide (for example, Quickstart-Keil, Quickstart-IAR) which are available for download from the evaluation kit section of our web site at www.ti.com/stellaris.

For detailed information on using the tools, see the documentation included in the toolchain installation or visit the website of the tool supplier.

3.2 Programming the MDL-LM4F211CNCD controlCARD Module

The MDL-LM4F211CNCD software package includes pre-built binaries for each of the example applications. If you installed StellarisWare to the default installation path (C:\StellarisWare), you can find the example applications in C:\StellarisWare\boards\mdl-lm4f211cncd. The onboard Stellaris ICD1 is used along with the Stellaris LM Flash Programmer tool to program applications on the MDL-LM4F211CNCD board.

Follow these procedures to program example applications into the MDL-LM4F211CNCD evaluation board using the Stellaris ICD1:

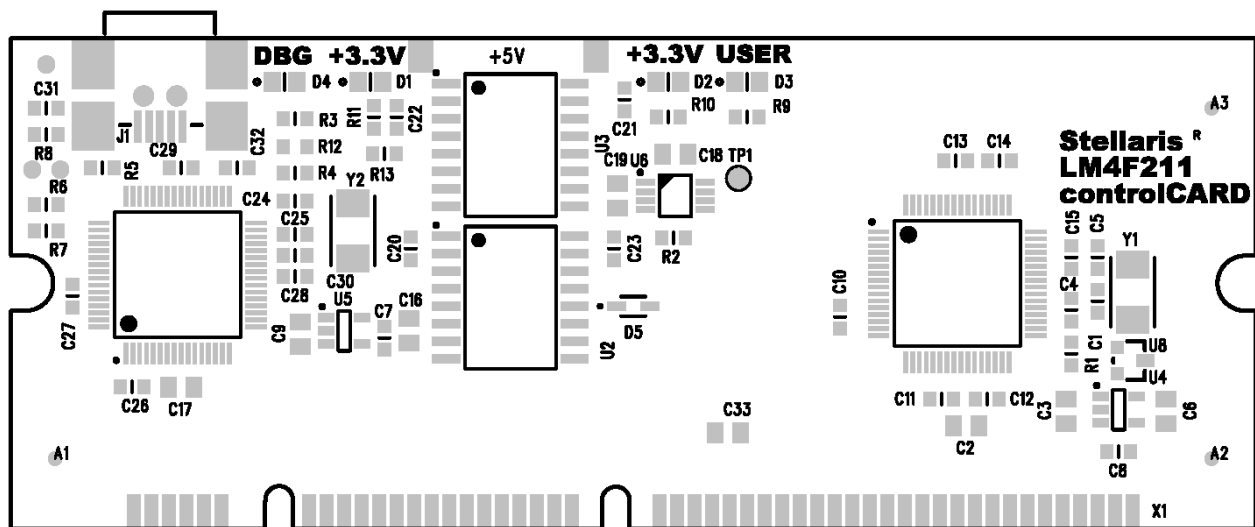
1. Install LM Flash Programmer on a Windows-based PC.
2. Connect the USB cable A-plug to an available port on the PC and the miniB-plug to the board.
3. Verify that both power LEDs are lit. LED D2 indicates the status of the non-isolated microcontroller power and LED D1 indicates the status of the isolated USB power.
4. Run LM Flash Programmer.
5. In the Configuration tab, use the Quick Set control to select *LM4F232 Evaluation Board*. Move to the Program tab and click the **Browse** button. Navigate to the example applications directory (the default location is C:\StellarisWare\boards\MDL-LM4F211CNCD).
6. Each example application has its own directory. Navigate to the example directory that you want to load and then into the directory which contains the binary (*.bin) files. Select the binary file and click *Open*.
7. Set the *Erase Method* to *Erase Necessary Pages*, check the **Verify After Program** box, and check *Reset MCU After Program*.
8. Next, click the **Program** button to start the Erase, Download and Verify process. The DEBUG ACTIVE LED (D1) on the board turns on at this time.
9. Program execution starts once the Verify process is complete.

PCB Layout and References

4.1 Component Locations

Figure 4-1 shows the plot of the top-side component locations.

Figure 4-1. Top-Side Component Location



4.2 References

In addition to this document, the following references are included on the Stellaris controlCARD Development Kit CD and are also available for download from the TI website at www.ti.com:

- Stellaris Development and Evaluation Kits for Code Composer Studio Quickstart Guide
- Stellaris LM4F211H5QR Microcontroller Data Sheet (literature number [SPMS323](#))
- StellarisWare Driver Library User's Manual, publication SW-DRL-UG (literature number [SPMU019](#))
- Associated ZIP file with a spreadsheet that summarizes the signals for the MDL-LM4F211CNCD (literature number [SPMU294](#))

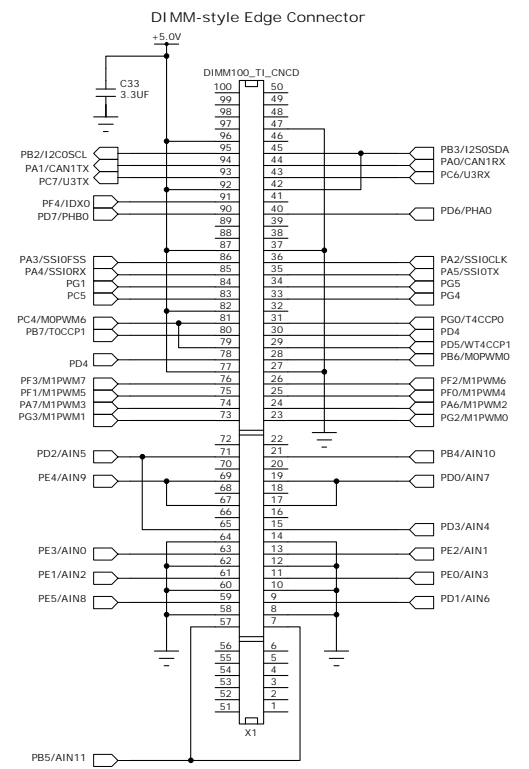
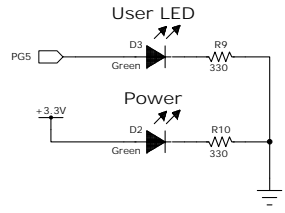
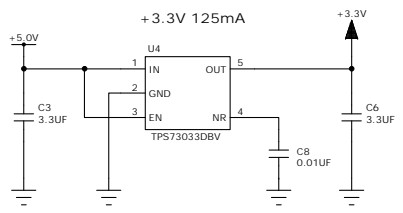
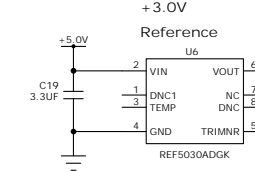
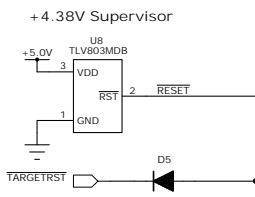
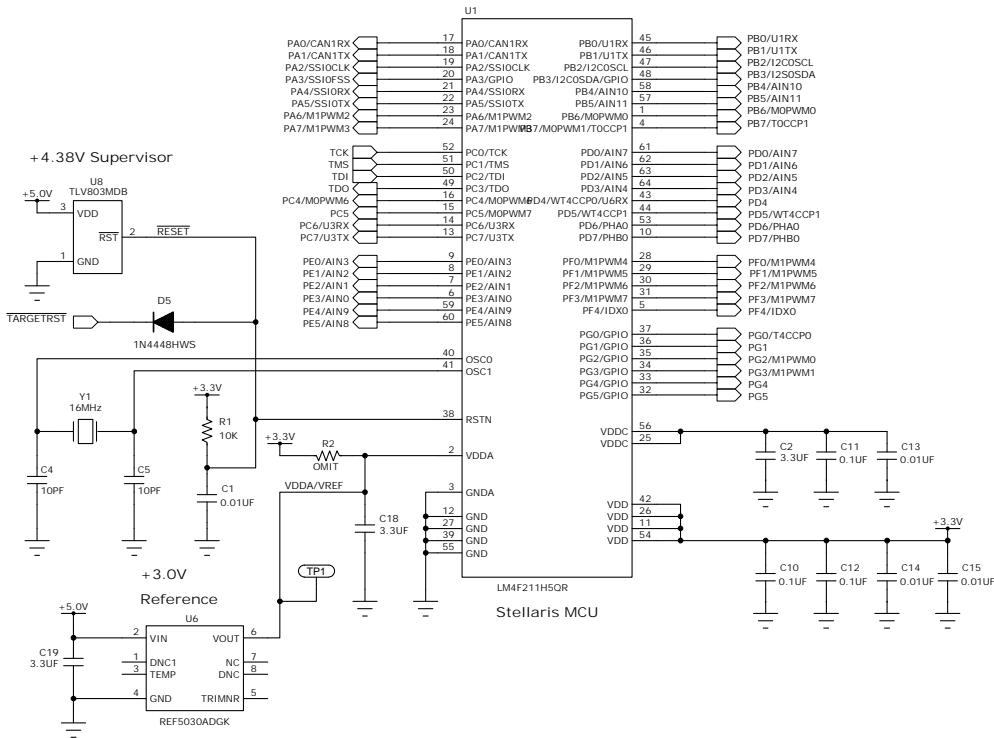
Information on development tool being used:

- Texas Instruments' Code Composer Studio IDE website: www.ti.com/ccs

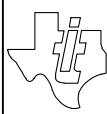
Schematics

The following schematics for the LM4F211 controlCARD module are appended to this document:

- Stellaris Contents (sheet 1)
- Debug Interface, Virtual COM Port, and Isolators (sheet 2)



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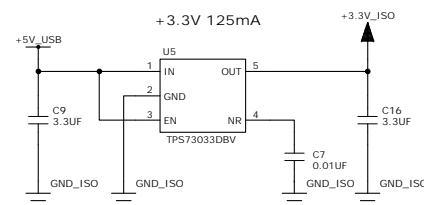
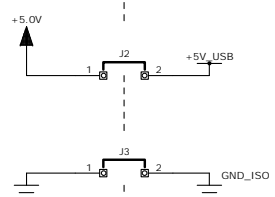
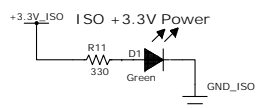
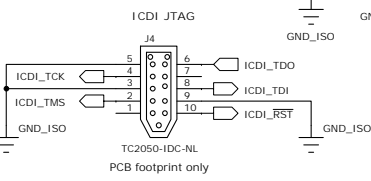
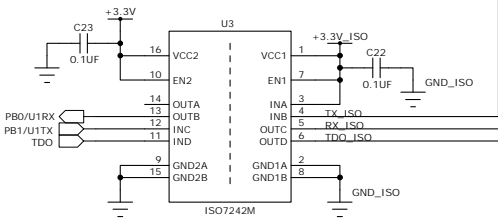
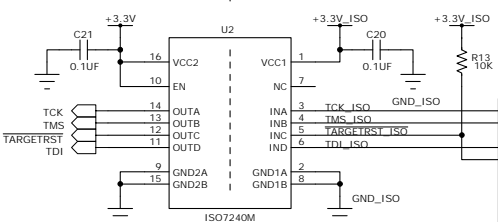
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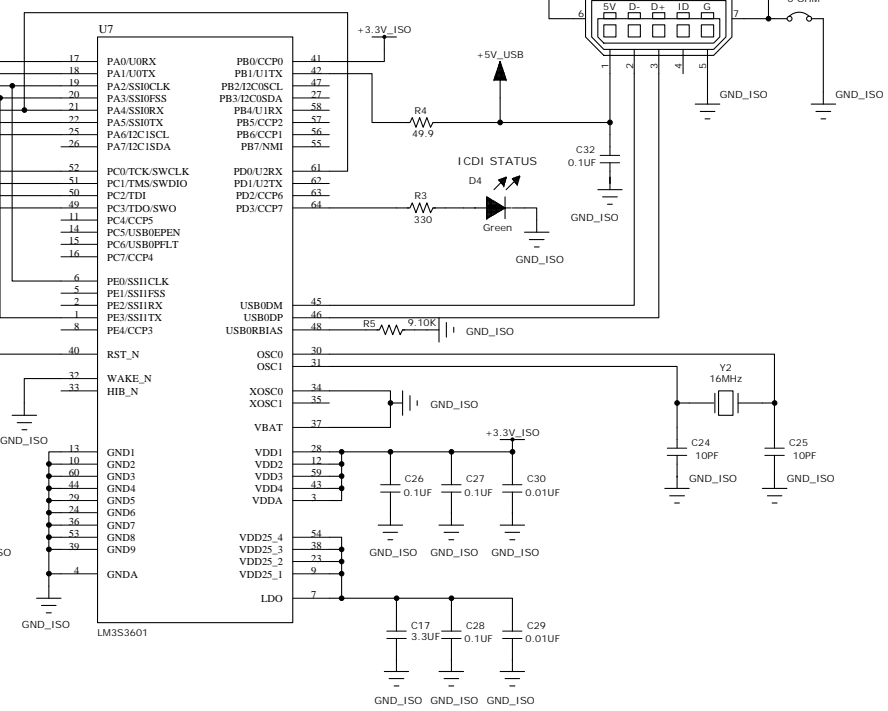
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NON-ISOLATED MCU CIRCUIT

ISOLATED DEBUG INTERFACE



Stellaris In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI)



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Caution

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

FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices

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- Reorient 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.

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Concerning EVMs including detachable antennas

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.

This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed in the user guide with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A ou B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

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Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio

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Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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