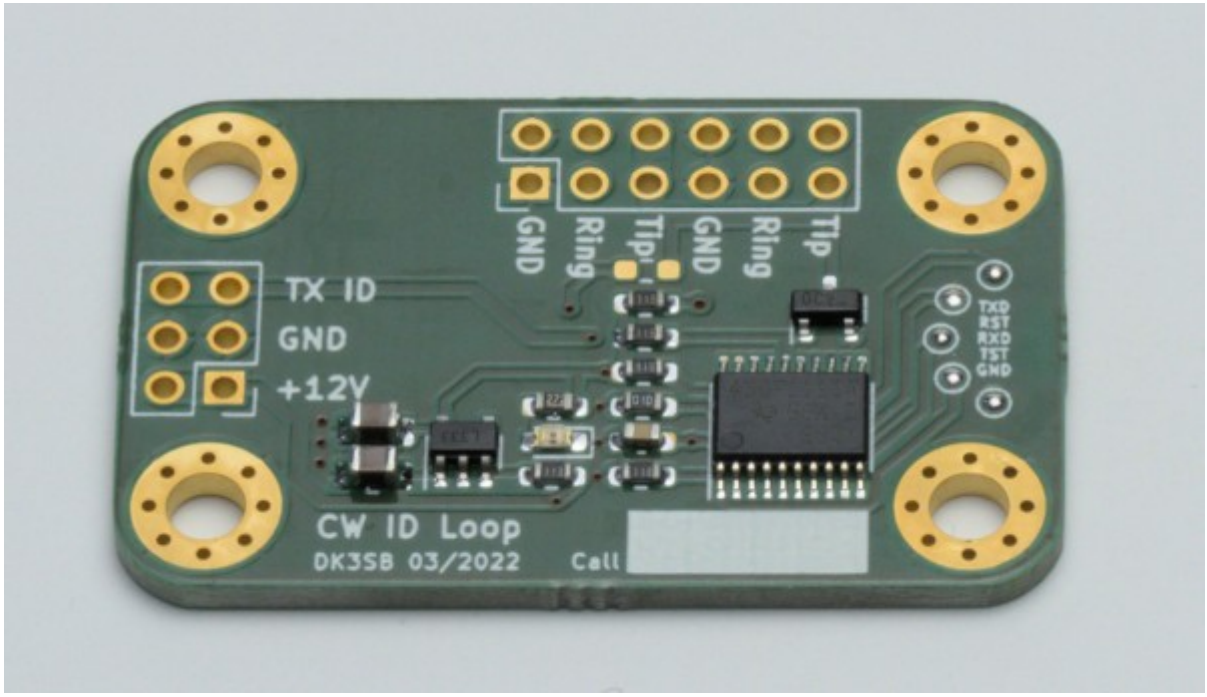
Morse Code Callsign Loop

When establishing RF communications, in particular in a portable setting, an automated CW callsign loop can be a handy capability of any transverter. Since this issue has repeatedly come up, a quick design was whipped up to satisfy this gap.



Design

The design is extremely simple: A small PCB is connected to the CW input of any chosen transceiver. A tiny on-board MSP430 CPU monitors a front-panel switch and automatically keys the transceiver by repeating a programmable text.

The design is available publicly in KiCAD format here: https://git.loetlabor-jena.de/thasti/cwloop

Software

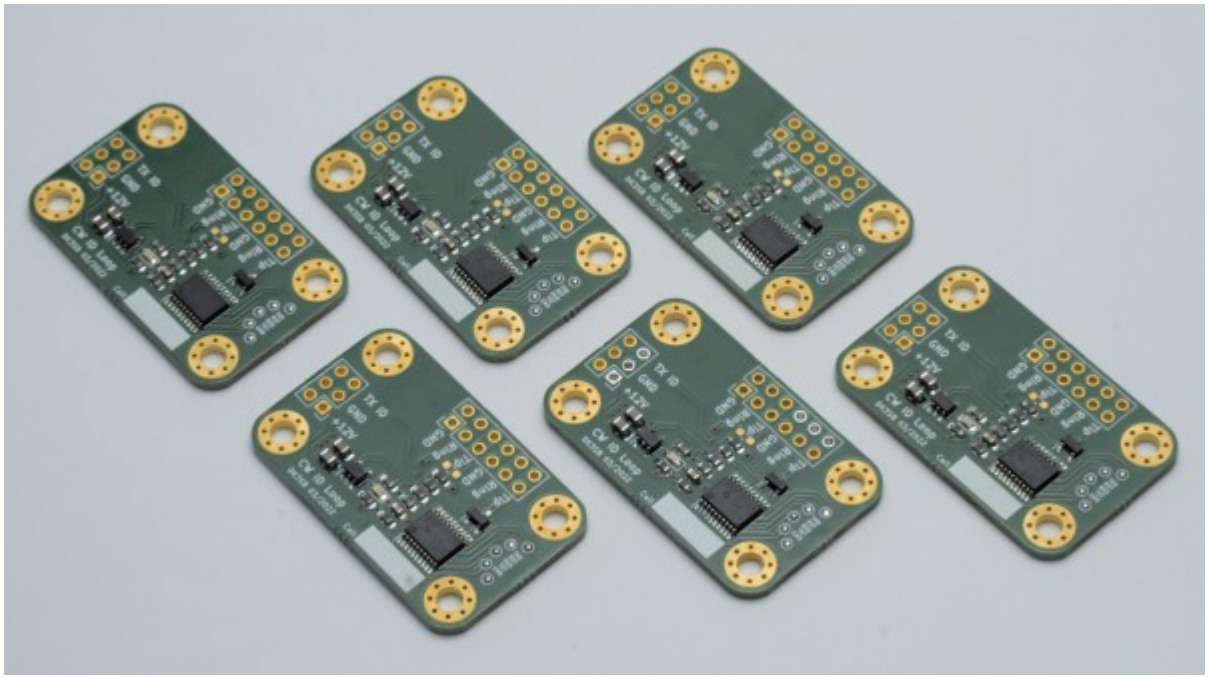
The MSP430F1111A software is open source and included in the Gitlab Repository. The transmission text can be modified in the source code.

For building, an installation of `mspgcc` is required. Additionally, `msp430-bsl` from https://pypi.org/project/python-msp430-tools/ can be used for programming, a Makefile is included. The wiring described on the MSP430dev page is applicable for programming.

Hardware

6 PCBs were assembled on 19.03.2022 and software was tested. Power consumption is around 1 mA (mostly consumed by the bright red LED power indicator). The LDO offers reverse polarity protection, which was confirmed to work properly. The design is considered working and may be reproduced if desired. For fabrication at AISLER, the following project was used: https://aisler.net/p/YIPXJVDW

Complete mini production lot after testing:



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