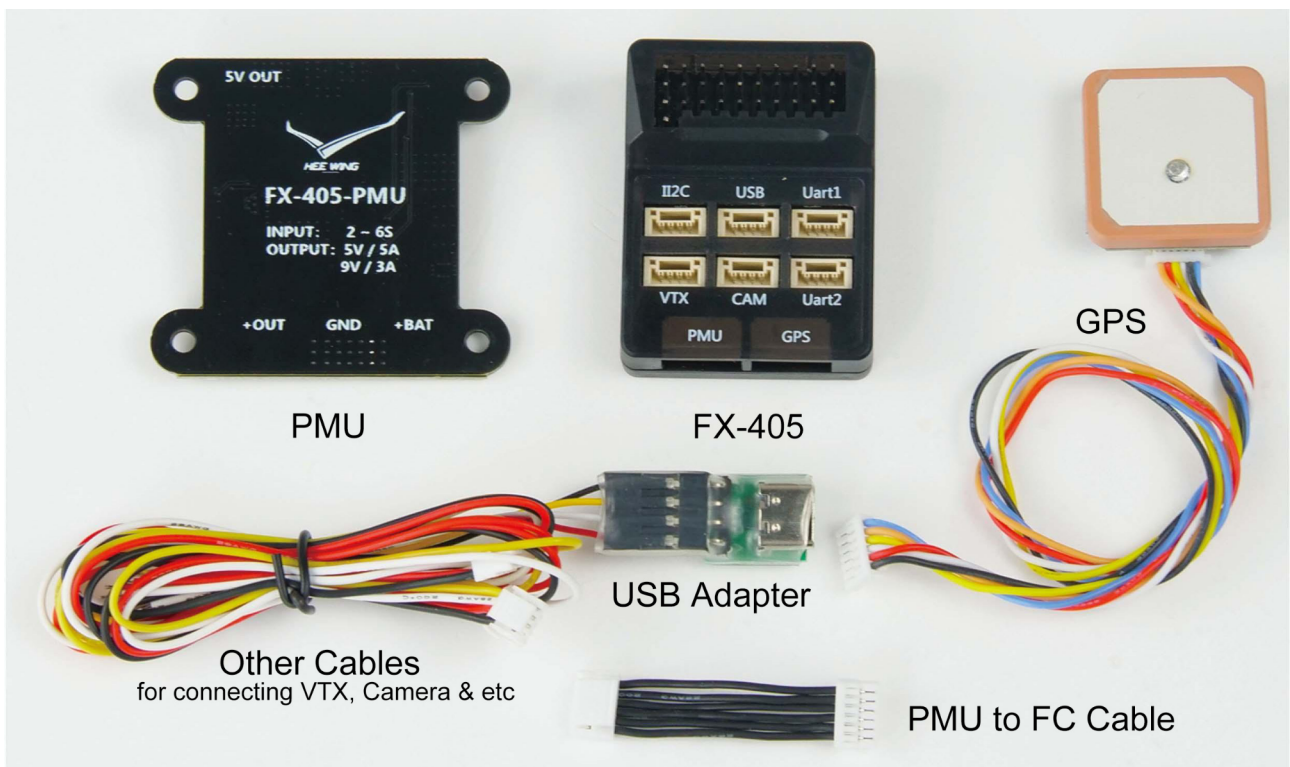


# FX-405 Flight Controller Instruction Manual

Heewing FX-405 Flight Controller is a F405 based flight controller that is small but powerful and capable of VTOL flying configuration.

## Specification,

- STM32F405 Microcontroller
- ICM42688 IMU
- SLP06 barometer
- Dataflash (V2 board only)
- MAX7456 OSD
- 4 UARTs
- 9 PWM outputs
- FC Input Voltage : 5V
- PMU Input Voltage : 7.4V to 22.2V
- FC Dimension : 44.3mm (L) x 34.4mm (W) x 13.7mm (H)#
- FC Weight : 14.2gram (without PMU & wires)



## 1. Connecting Receiver

i. connect your preferred receiver to the RC-In Port on the flight controller

ii. Supported Receiver Types

### a. SBUS, IBUS, PPM Receiver

- factory parameter is already pre-configured for this type of receiver and the flight controller will auto recognise the type of signal.

BRD\_ALT\_Config = 0

SERIAL6\_PROTOCOL = -1

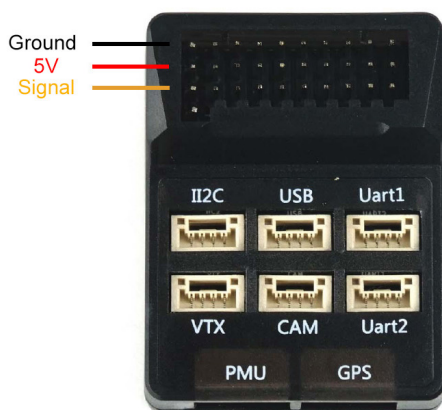
### b. ELRS & CRSF Receiver

- please set the parameter to the values below, “write params” to the flight controller then reboot.

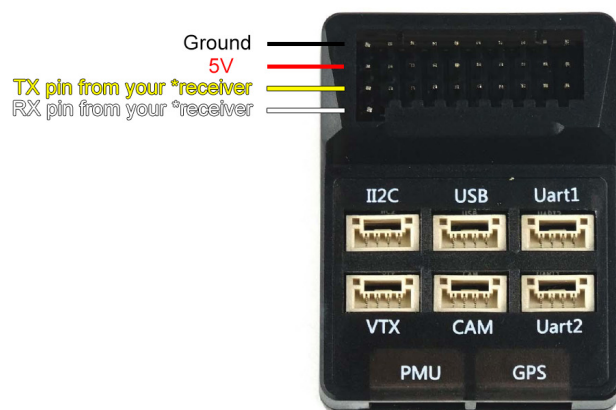
BRD\_ALT\_Config = 1

SERIAL6\_PROTOCOL = 23

## For SBUS Receiver



## For ELRS/CRSF Receiver



## 2. Setting Failsafe

i. it is important to set your receiver failsafe setting accordingly. Please refer to your receiver manual and verify that the intended failsafe setting is correct before flight ie flight controller going into RTL mode when the radio is off/signal lost.

\*have propeller removed when testing this

ii. in the case of VTOL enabled FC, the plane will go into fixed wing mode and transition into VTOL mode during landing at the home position.

### 3. Starting the Motors

- i. the flight controller is set to disarm the motors during every reboot. Please hold full rudder Right for about 4 seconds to disarm/unlock the motors.
- ii. as ARMING\_CHECK=0 is set to zero, there are no arming conditions checked by the flight controller before the motors are disarmed so please ensure that you have GPS Home locked and sensors are all ready.

To disarm or stop the motors spinning

- i. hold full rudder left for about 4 seconds

#### Note :

- motors will go into idle mode/spinning slowly when it's disarmed so please take off the propellers when testing this for the first time.

### 4. Serial Interface

- i. Serial interface 1 : default Mavlink 1
- ii. Serial interface 2 : default Mavlink 2

### 5. IIC

Default : ASP5033

### 6. Setting Up for Digital FPV

- i. For new Avatar / SharkByte / DJI O3 (MSP Display Port)

Method 1 - using UART1 or UART2

a. Set the below parameters,

- OSD\_TYPE = 5
- SERIAL2\_PROTOCOL = 42 (or SERIAL1\_PROTOCOL = 42)
- MSP\_OPTIONS = 0 (or you may use 4 or 5 if there's font incompatibility)

b. connect your Air Unit RX & TX to the TX & RX on the UART1 or UART2

c. power your Air Unit from the 9V from the VTX or CAM port on the flight controller

Method 2 - UART5 (labeled as VTX port on the FC)

a. Set parameters OSD\_TYPE = 5 & SERIAL5\_PROTOCOL = 42

b. connect your Air Unit RX to the TX pin on the VTX port and power it from the 9V & Ground

\* TX from the Air Unit is not connected if you are not using the SBUS from the Air Unit

## **7. MSP OSD Protocol**

for the old DJI Google V1 & V2

i. Use UART1 or UART2

Set the below parameters,

- OSD\_TYPE = 3

- SERIAL2\_PROTOCOL = 33 (or SERIAL1...)

- MSP\_OPTIONS = 0

ii. Have RX & TX connected to either UART1 or UART2 and power it from the 9V of VTX or CAM port on the FC

iii. DJI OSD must be enabled on your goggles. Go to Settings > Display > Custom OSD

Optional : You may set OSD\_TYPE to 1 to output both analog OSD and MSP OSD.

## **8. First Flight Preparation**

Step 1 - Create new model in your Radio, set up a 3 position switch on your channel 6 for flight modes

Step 2 : Connect your flight controller to Mission Planner, perform Accelerometer Calibration and Radio Calibration

Step 3 : Before your first flight, ensure there is GPS HOME lock and control surfaces are moving at the correct directions

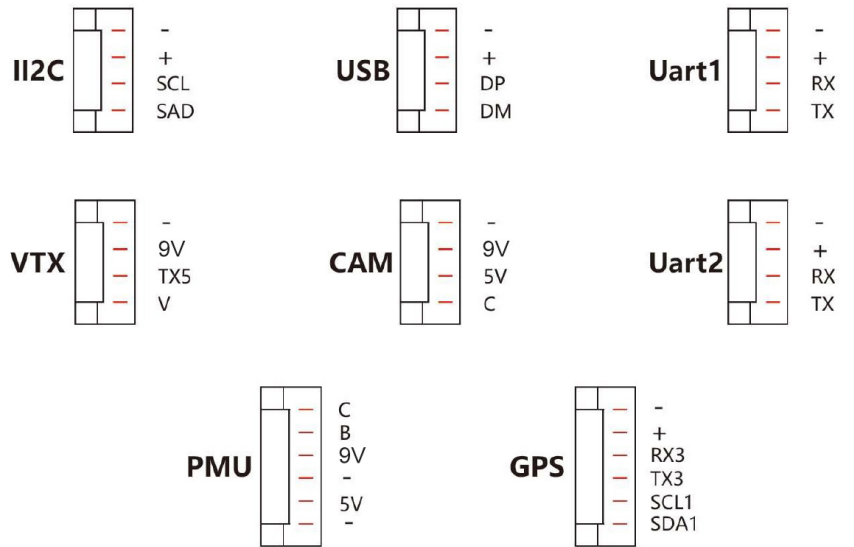
Step 4 : Switch flight mode to QLoiter, full Right Rudder for about 4 seconds to Arm the motors, the motors will start to spin slowly, increase the throttle gradually to take off

Step 5 : Push your sticks to confirm Pitch, Roll and Rudder are reacting to the correct direction

Step 6 : Now you may raise your altitude and switch to FBWA mode for forward flying



## 9. Flight Controller Pin-out



I2C : Blank  
 VTX : Analog VTX

USB : to PC  
 CAM : to Analog Camera

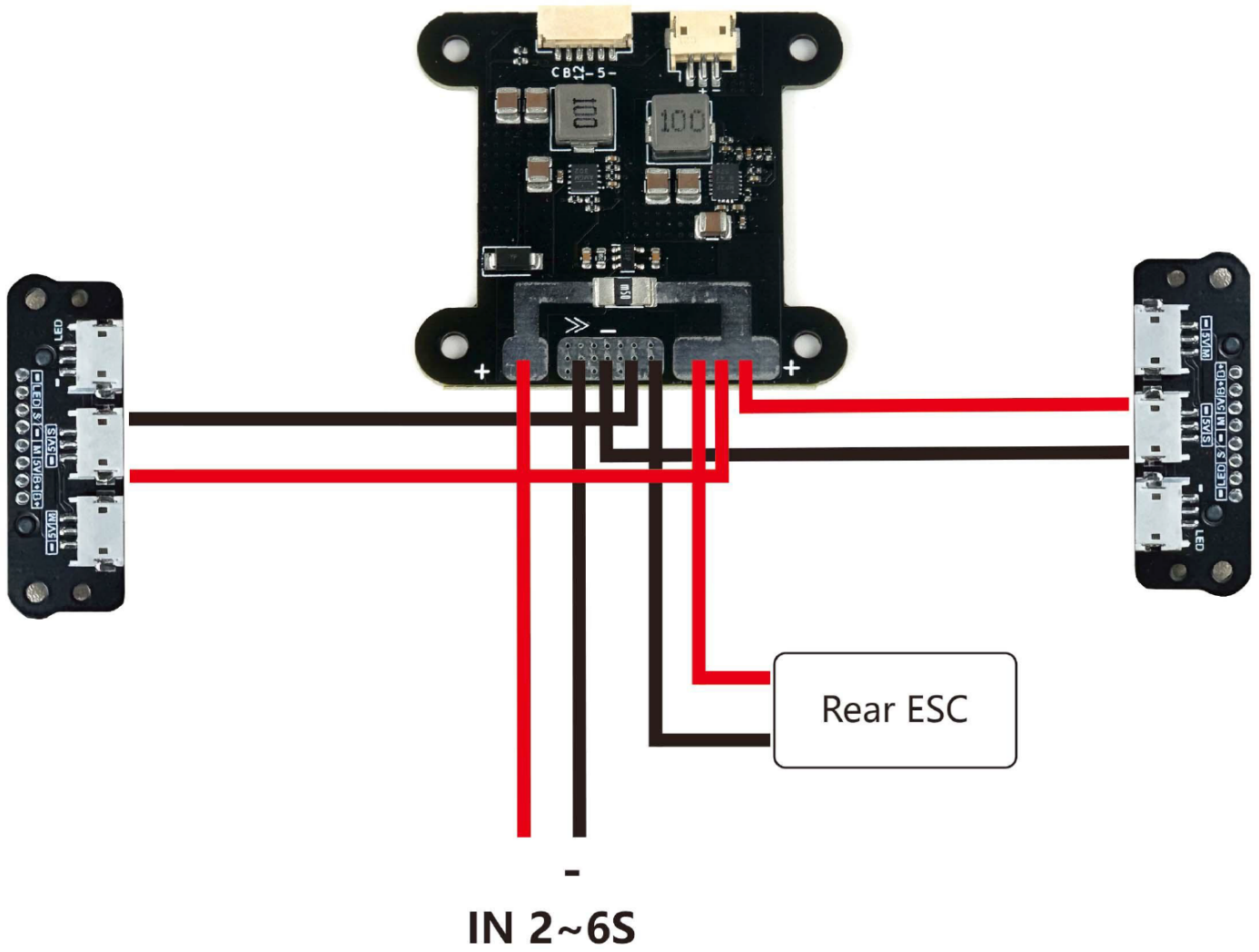
UART 1 : Digital VTX  
 UART 2 : Digital VTX



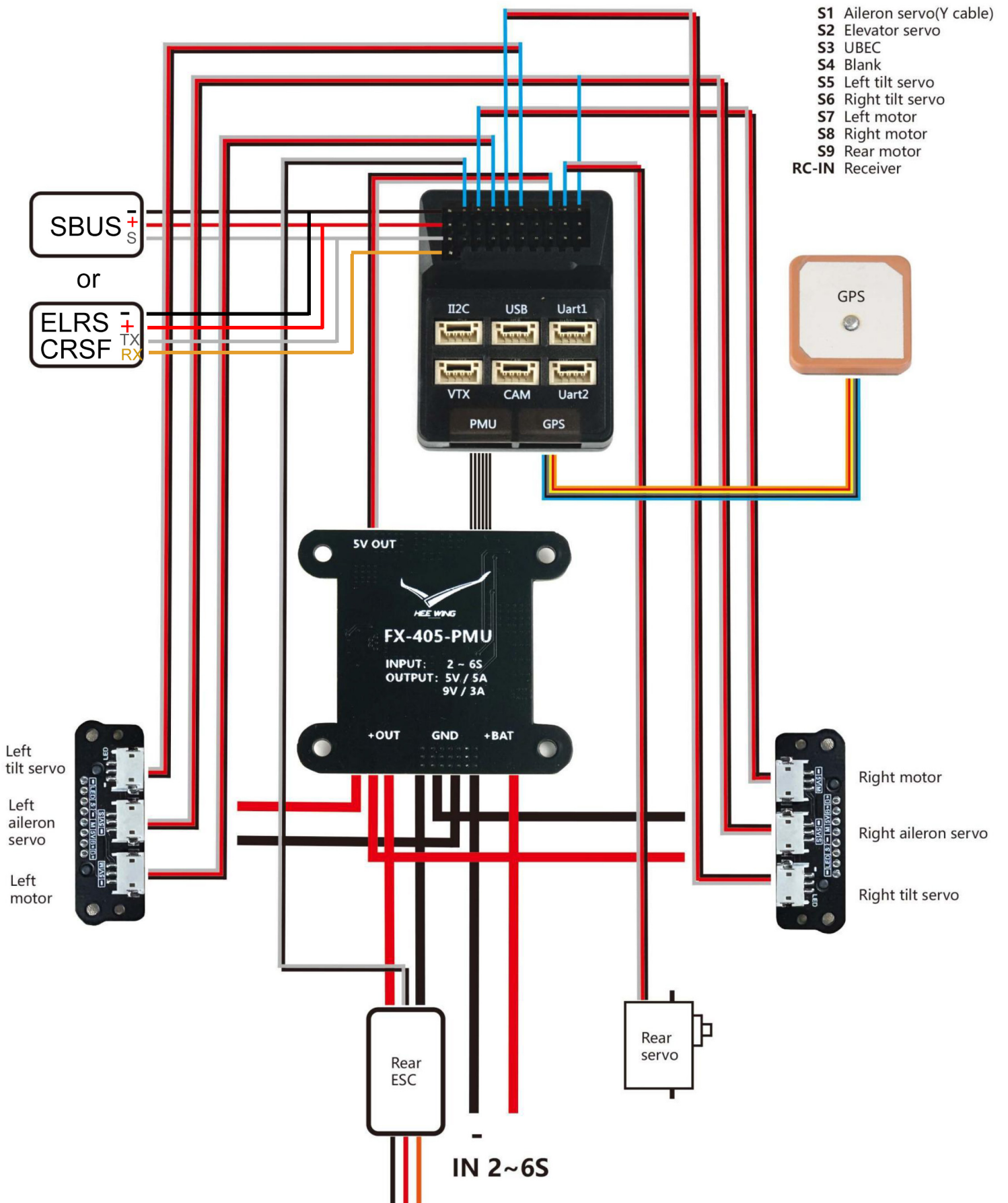
- S1** Aileron servo(Y cable)
- S2** Elevator servo
- S3** UBEC
- S4** Blank
- S5** Left tilt servo
- S6** Right tilt servo
- S7** Left motor
- S8** Right motor
- S9** Rear motor
- RC-IN** Receiver

\*Above connection is for T1 Ranger VTOL. You may change it based on your own configuration on other planes

## 10. PMU Connection



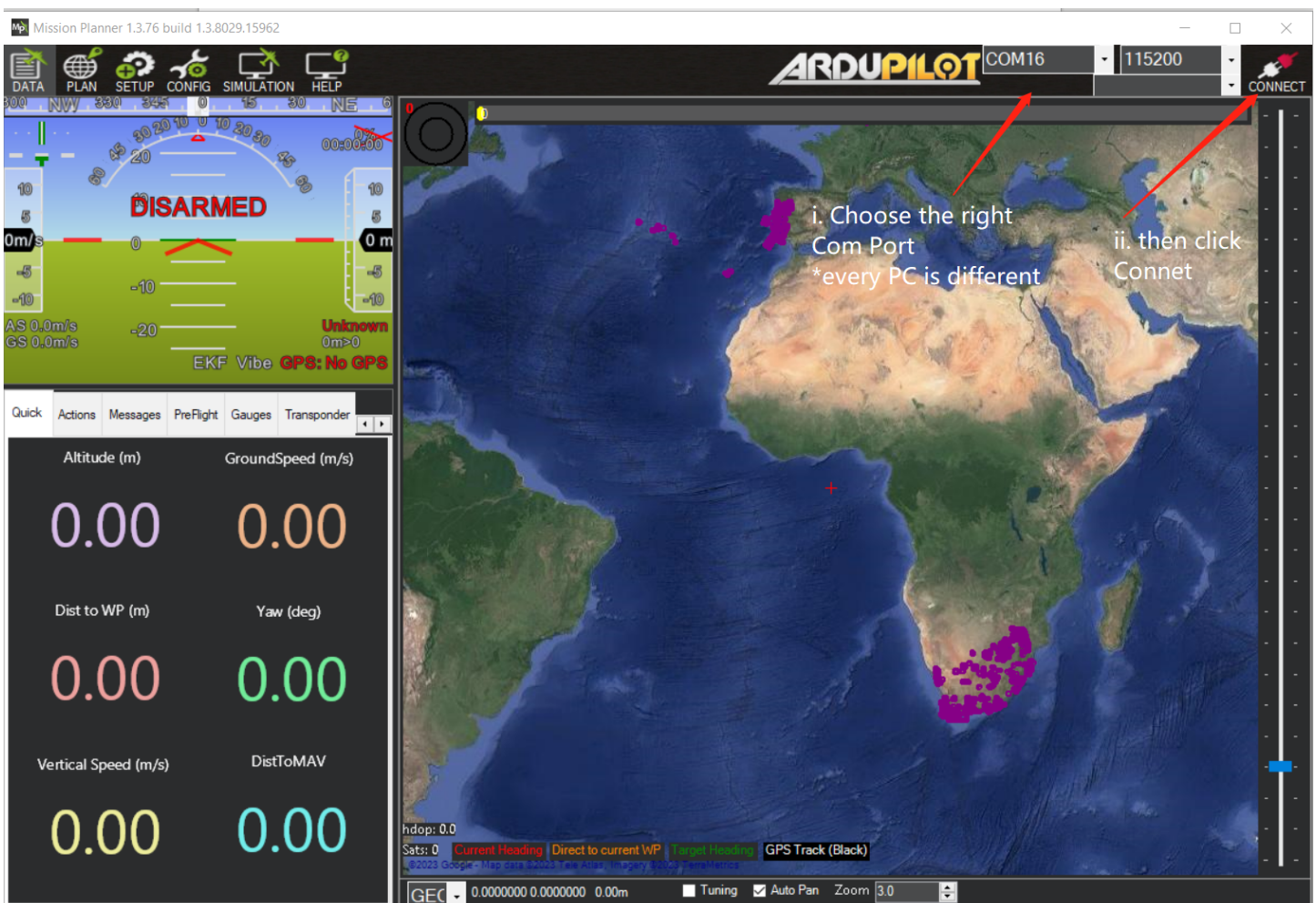
# 11. Master Wiring



## Mission Planner Configuration

- i. Visit [www.heewing.com](http://www.heewing.com) for the latest instruction manual and build video.
- ii. Download the latest Mission Planner from the link below.  
<https://ardupilot.org/planner/docs/mission-planner-installation.html>
- iii. Open Mission Planner after it has been installed. Connect your flight controller to your PC via the USB adapter provided and your own USB C cable.

Choose the correct Com Port from the dropdown menu on the top left and click “Connect”.





iv. If you are using SBUS, IBUS or PPM, your receiver signal is automatically recognised by the flight controller. No action is needed in this step.

If you are using ELRS or CRSF, go to CONFIG > Full Parameter List > please configure the following parameters,

BRD\_ALT\_Config = change the value to 1

SERIAL6\_PROTOCOL = change the value 23



\*the receiver is not powered via USB, you need to connect your flight battery

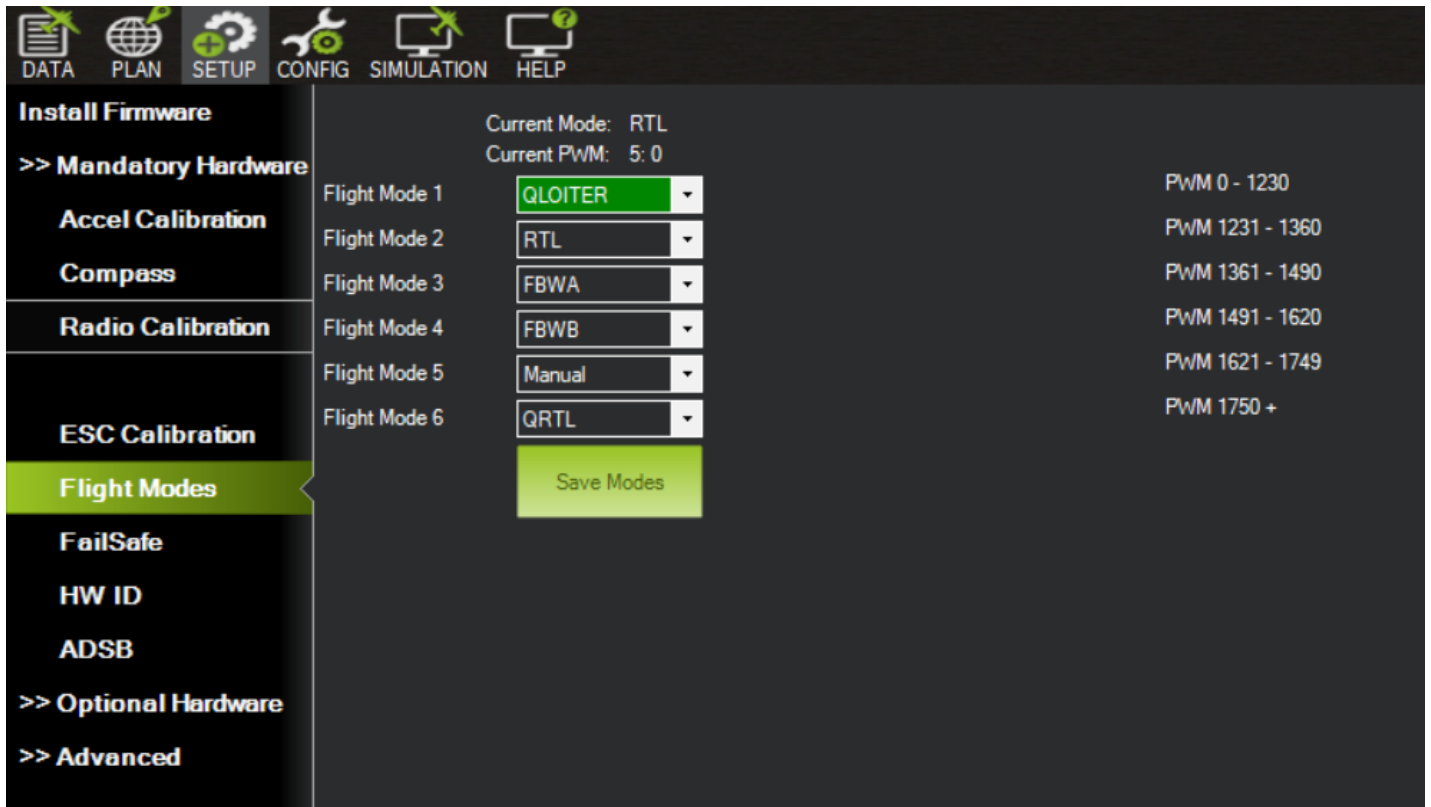
v. On your preferred Radio, set a 3 position switch to Channel 6.

vi. Go to Setup > Mandatory Hardware > Radio Calibration > Click Calibrate Radio and follow the step by step instructions shown on the screen



vii. Then go to Flight Modes

Toggle your 3 position switch we have set earlier. You should see the flight modes in the screenshot below changes between QLOITER(FM1), FBWA(FM4) & QRTL(FM6)



vii. With the propellers off the motors, you may now power up your VTOL plane and perform the preflight checks such as your control surface direction, VTOL controls, flight modes and etc.

## WARNING

Although extensive testing and tuning has been done, the provided VTOL parameters are for your reference only. Heewing RC does not take responsibility for any issue arised from this. If you know what you are doing, you may adjust it accordingly to your flying enviroment or requirement.

Respect the rules of your local flying site or flying club. Choose an appropriate flying site, vast open space and far away from people and property.

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