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This document explains the function of the +X Panel, its schematic level design, its board level design, and its functional testing

+X Panel

Exterior PCB Panel Design

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# Introduction

This document explains how the +X Panel will fulfil the following Functions and conform to the following Requirements. This document refers to the +X Panel version 1.0.

## Functions

The +X panel is responsible for the following:

* Bi-directional low gain antenna for communicating with the ground station (with deployment mechanism)
* GPS Patch Antenna
* Photodiode sensor for ADCS

## Requirements

The system requirements and Comms design requirements can be viewed [on GitHub](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/CougSat1-Readme/blob/master/CougSat1-Requirements.pdf).

# Detailed Description

This section references the +X Panel [schematic](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/CougSat1-Hardware/blob/master/CougSat1-RadioBoard/Documentation/%2BXPanel.pdf). Page numbers will be listed and may have coordinates listed (number and letter combination found around the frame).

## Functional Block Diagram

The block diagram can be found on the first page of the schematic.

### Low-Gain Antenna

The low-gain antenna is deployed via high-power resistors, thermal knife, burning through a monofilament. Once deployed, the low-gain antenna is used to transmit/receive data to/from the Ground. Transmission from this antenna consists of lower speed data transfers to the ground. Faster data rate transmissions, such as sending images, are handled by the high-gain antenna on the [-Z Panel](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/CougSat1-Hardware/blob/master/CougSat1-RadioBoard/Documentation/-ZPanel-Design.pdf).

### GPS Patch Antenna

The GPS antenna is used to receive GPS information for the attitude determination and control subsystem ([ADCS](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/CougSat1-Hardware/tree/master/CougSat1-AvionicBoard/Documentation)).

### Photodiode Sensor

The +X Panel board has a photodiode which is used to sense light intensity which pertains to the position of the sun. The ADCS uses an I2C ADC to read this intensity.

## Schematic

### Photodiode

The photodiode[[1]](#footnote-1) can be found on page 2 of the schematic. The photodiode is placed near the center of the board facing outward. This particular photodiode has a spectral sensitivity of and the expected illuminance is on the order of .

### Low–Gain Antenna

The low-gain antenna that can be found on page 3 (B1), of the schematic is a half wave dipole: length of , impedance of , gain of , and linear polarization. It interfaces with the communications board via a coaxial cable (page 3, B2). As the coax is unbalanced and the antenna requires a balanced signal, a balun[[2]](#footnote-2) does this conversion. The antenna is deployed using a thermal knife (page 3, B4:B6) consisting of two resistors. When power is applied, they burn through a monofilament tied to the stowed antenna, releasing the antenna. The power for the thermal knife is provided by the EPS.

While stowed, the antenna is wrapped around metal pegs (page 3, C1:C4) shorting them together. Upon deployment, the short is removed. The EPS senses this change and can determine the deployment state of the antenna.

### GPS Patch Antenna

The GPS patch antenna (page 3, B3) [[3]](#footnote-3) is connected to the avionics board via a coaxial cable (page 3, B3). The antenna has an impedance of , a center frequency of , a bandwidth of for , and right-hand circular polarization. The antenna is compatible with GPS and GALILEO signals.

### Thermistors

The +X Panel contains seven thermistors[[4]](#footnote-4) (page 2, C4:C6). These will be used to record temperature data at various points of the +X Panel for monitoring purposes. The thermistor measurements are passed to the ADC on page 2 of the schematic where they are then read by the ADCS.

## Board

The board shall be double layered with copper and ENIG finish.

### Layout Constraints

Unless specified in the following subsections, all signals shall use the default parameters specified below. Signals in the following subsections do not include their sense signals unless specified. Trace width can be broken if a trace needs to bottleneck down to a pin, the bottleneck shall be minimized.

Trace Width:

Vias: , unlimited count

Separation:

Length: Unlimited

Devices with specific placement and routing considerations are noted in the schematic, see “CAD Note”.

#### I2C – I2C\_[SDA\_ADCS, SCL\_ADCS]

Length: Each node shall be length matched ±

Stubs: <

#### RF Traces – LOW\_GAIN\_[P, N, COAX], GPS\_COAX

Track Width:

Gap Width:

Impedance:

#### Power Resistors

Trace Width:

# Testing

All tests shall be performed at room temperature and not under vacuum unless otherwise specified. If any modifications are performed, take note. Include enough information to understand circuit behavior and for others to replicate the results. Include any software written to execute the test and link it in the test notes section. Save all software, waveforms, etc. in a subfolder of the board’s test folder for each test. All tests shall be performed prior to attaching the solar cells to the solar panel.

* Waveforms shall be captured whenever appropriate.
* Have the event take fill the screen (for fast events, zoom in, for slow events, zoom out)
* Label each channel accurately
* Only have bandwidth limiting if necessary, for the test (this applies to the oscilloscope and probe settings)
* If ringing or overshoot occurs, use a ground spring or differential probe

Results location: https://github.com/CougsInSpace/CougSat1-Hardware/tree/master/CougSat1-RadioBoard/Testing/+XPanel.1.0

Common test instructions can be found on the [wiki](https://cis.vcea.wsu.edu/wiki/index.php/Cougs_in_Space_Wiki).

## Before First Power-On Check

**Configuration: Jacques**

This test is required to be executed before any external power is applied to the +X-Panel.

### Test Instructions

Measure the resistance of various points in reference to PGND, DGND, and RFGND depending on whatever is appropriate.

### Test Data

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Node | Resistance |  | Node | Resistance |
| *AVREF\_UNBUF* |  |  | *3.3V* |  |
| *AVREF* |  |  | *AVDD* |  |
| *I2C\_SDA\_ADCS* |  |  | *SENSE* |  |
| *I2C\_SCL\_ADCS* |  |  | *LOW\_GAIN\_COAX* |  |
| *PHOTODIODE* |  |  | *LOW\_GAIN\_P* |  |
|  |  |  | *LOW\_GAIN\_N* |  |
|  |  |  | *GPS\_COAX* |  |
|  |  |  | *Deployable* |  |

### Test Notes

## Antenna Deploy Release

**Results: Fail**

**Configuration:**

This test evaluates the circuit described in Low–Gain Antenna.

### Test Instructions

Setup the antenna and flaps in the stowed position. Connect the EPS and Comms boards. Apply to thermal knife resistors. Verify sense node changes from low to high. Verify antennas and flaps properly deploy.

### Test Data

| Test the antenna deployment release | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| State | Property | Passing Criteria | Pass / Fail |
| Stowed | Sense node |  | Fail |
| Deployed | Sense node |  | Fail |
| Stowed | Antenna | Properly stowed | Fail |
| Deployed | Antenna | Properly deployed | Fail |

### Test Notes

Wasn’t very well stowed in. Took too long and too much power. Efficiency of thermal knife was too low.

## Antenna

**Results: Pass**

**Configuration:**

This test evaluates the circuit described in Low–Gain Antenna.

### Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR)

**Results: Pass**

This describes how well the impedance is matched between source and load.

#### Test Instructions

Connect a directional coupler to the spectrum analyzer’s input and tracking generator (TG) output. Run a sweep, with the TG, normalize, and store this reference. There should be a flat line at . Connect the antenna, the line should drop. Isolate the antenna as much as possible like space. Capture the antenna’s response. Record the VSWR for .

#### Test Data

| Test the antenna’s VSWR | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Frequency | VSWR | Passing Criteria | Pass / Fail |
|  | Sense node |  | Pass |
|  | Sense node |  | Pass |

#### Spectrum Analyzer Plot

Add the antenna’s response from the spectrum analyzer

#### Test Notes

### Gain

**Results: Information only**

#### Test Instructions

Connect a dipole antenna to both the spectrum analyzer’s input and tracking generator (TG) output. Separate the antennae by . Run a sweep, with the TG, normalize, and store this reference. There should be a flat line at . Connect the antenna to the TG output. The line should go up. Capture the antenna’s response.

#### Test Data

Add the antenna’s response from the spectrum analyzer

#### Test Notes

Delete me if no notes are required.

## Photodiode

**Results: Pass**

**Configuration:**

This test evaluates the circuit described in Photodiode.

### Test Instructions

Connect the ADC to the ADCS. Illuminate the photodiode with a bright light, measure the output voltage. Repeat with a dim light and a dark room. Verify the voltage changes accordingly

### Test Data

| Test the photodiode’s response | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Light source | Voltage | Passing Criteria | Pass / Fail |
| Dark room Or shaded |  |  | Pass |
| Dim light |  |  | Pass |
| Bright light |  |  | Pass |

### Test Notes

Delete me if no notes are required. Dark was covering it up with a finger. Dim was room light and bright light used a cell phone flashlight.

## Deployment

Result: Fail

Configuration:

This test evaluates that the antenna deploys.

### Test Instructions

Apply 3.7V to deployable. Measure sense to ensure high impedance.

| Antenna Deployment | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Passing Criteria | Pass / Fail |
|  |  | Antenna deploys | Fail |
|  |  | Sense High Impedance | Fail |

### Test Notes

Efficiency of thermal knife was too low.

1. CIS PN: [63-0003](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/Resources/tree/master/SupplierDocuments/66%20-%20Sensor/66-0003) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CIS PN: [39-0001](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/Resources/tree/cad-libraries/SupplierDocuments/39%20-%20Coils%20Misc/39-0001) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. CIS PN: [65-0010](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/Resources/blob/master/SupplierDocuments/65%20-%20RF/65-0010/TAOGLAS_GP.1575.25.4.A.02.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. CIS PN: [26-0008](https://github.com/CougsInSpace/Resources/blob/master/SupplierDocuments/26%20-%20Resistor%20Misc/26-0008/VISHAY_ntcs0603e3t.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)