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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BCR	Battery Charge Regulator
PCM	Power Conditioning Module
PDM	Power Distribution Module
МРРТ	Maximum Power Point Tracker
USB	Universal Serial Bus
ESD	Electro Static Discharge
TLM	Telemetry
EPS	Electrical Power System
EoC	End of Charge
AMUX	Analogue Multiplexer
ADC	Analogue to Digital Converter
AIT	Assembly, Integration and Testing
3U	3 Unit
rh	Relative Humidity

Related Documents

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RD-1	Battery board User Manual	C3-USM-5003-CS-EPS
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RD-4	NASA General Environmental Verification Standard	<u>GSFC-STD-7000 April 2005</u>
RD-5	CubeSat Kit Manual	<u>UM-3</u>
RD-6	Solar Panel User Document	твс
RD-7	Power System Design and Performance on the World's Most Advanced In-Orbit Nanosatellite	<u>As named</u>

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#	⚠ Warning ⚠	Risk
1	Ensure headers H1 and H2 are correctly aligned before mating boards	If misaligned, battery positive can short to ground, causing failure of the battery and EPS
2	Ensure switching configuration is implemented correctly before applying power to EPS	If power is applied with incorrect switch configuration, the output of the BCR can be blown, causing failure of the EPS
3	Observe ESD precautions at all times	The EPS is a static sensitive system. Failure to observe ESD precautions can result in failure of the EPS.
4	Ensure not to exceed the maximum stated limits	Exceeding any of the stated maximum limits can result in failure of the EPS
5	Ensure batteries are fully isolated during storage	If not fully isolated (by switch configuration or separation) the battery may over-discharge, resulting in failure of the battery
<u>6</u>	No connection should be made to H2.35-36	These pins are used to connect the battery to the EPS. Any connections to the unregulated battery bus should be made to pins H2.43-44
∱	H1 and H2 pins should not be shorted at any time	These headers have exposed live pins which should not be shorted at any time. Particular care should be taken regarding the surfaces these are placed on.

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1. Introduction

This document provides information on the features, operation, handling and storage of the Clyde Space 3U EPS. The 3U EPS is designed to integrate with a suitable battery and solar arrays to form a complete power system for use on a 3U CubeSat.

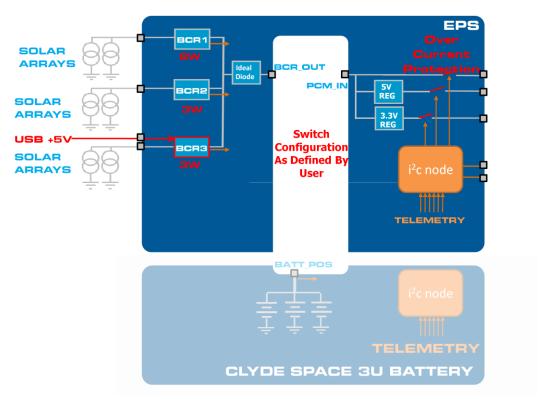


Figure 1-1 System Diagram

1.1 Additional Information Available Online

Additional information on CubeSats and Clyde Space Systems can be found at www.clyde-space.com. You will need to login to our website to access certain documents.

1.2 Continuous Improvement

Clyde Space is continuously improving its processes and products. We aim to provide full visibility of changes and updates, and this information can be accessed by logging in to www.clyde-space.com.

1.3 Document Revisions

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2. OVERVIEW

This is the second generation of Clyde Space CubeSat Electronic Power System, developed by our team of highly experienced Spacecraft Power Systems and Electronics Engineers.

Since introducing the first generation in 2006, Clyde Space has shipped over 120 EPS to customers in Europe, Asia and North America. The second generation EPS builds on the heritage gained with the first, whilst adding over 50% additional power delivery capability. Furthermore, we have also implemented an ideal diode mechanism, to ensure zero draw on the battery in launch configuration.

Clyde Space is the World leading supplier of power system components for CubeSats. We have been designing, manufacturing, testing and supplying batteries, power system electronics and solar panels for space programmes since 2006. Our customers range from universities running student led missions, to major space companies and government organisations.



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3. MAXIMUM RATINGS⁽¹⁾



OVER OPE	RATING TEMPERATURE RAN	IGE (UNLESS OTHE	RWISE STATED)	
		BCR	Value	Unit
	SA1 (pin 1 or pin 4)	BCR1 (8W)	10	V
Input Voltage ⁽²⁾	SA2 (pin 1 or pin 4)	BCR2 (3W)	10	V
	SA3 (pin 1 or pin 4)	BCR3 (3W)	10	V
	Battery		8.3	V
	5V Bus		5.05	V
	3.3V Bus		3.33	V
			Value	Unit
	SA1	@16V	750	mA
Input Current	SA2	@16V	750	mA
	SA3	@6V	1750	mA
	BCR1-3	@6.2V	1500	mA
Output Current	Battery Bus	@8.26V	6	Α
Output current	5V Bus	@5V	3	Α
	3.3V Bus	@3.3V	3	А
Operating Temperature			-40 to 85	°C
Storage Temperature			-50 to 100	°C
Vacuum			10 ⁻⁵	torr
Radiation Tolerance			15	kRad
Shock			(TBC)	
Vibration			(TBC)	

Table 3-1 Performance Characteristics of the 3U EPS

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under maximum ratings may cause permanent damage to the EPS. These are the stress ratings only. Operation of the EPS at conditions beyond those indicated is not recommended. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for extended periods may affect EPS reliability
- (2) De-rating of power critical components is in accordance with ECSS guidelines.



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4. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Description	Conditions	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
8W BCR (1)					
Input Voltage		3.5		8	V
Output Voltage		6.2		8.26	V
Output Current		0		1.2	А
Switching Frequency		245	250	255	KHz
Efficiency	@16.5V input, Full Load	85%	90%	92%	
3W BCR (2-3)					
Input Voltage		3.5		8	V
Output Voltage		6.2		8.26	V
Output Current		0		0.5	Α
Operating Frequency		245	250	255	KHz
Efficiency	@6V input, Full Load	85%	90%	92%	
Unregulated Battery Bus					
Output Voltage		6.2		8.26	V
Output Current				4	Α
Operating Frequency					
Efficiency	@3.3V input, Full Load	98.5%	99%	99.5%	
5V Bus					
Output Voltage		4.95	5	5.05	V
Output Current				2.5	А
Operating Frequency		245	250	255	kHz
Efficiency	@5V input, Full Load	95%	96%	98%	
3.3V Bus					
Output Voltage		3.276	3.3	3.333	V
Output Current				2.5	Α
Operating Frequency		245	250	255	kHz
Efficiency	@3.3V input, Full Load	95%	96%	98%	
Communications					
Protocol			I ² C		
Transmission speed			100	400	KBps
Bus voltage		3.26V	3.3V	3.33V	
Node address			0x2B		Hex
Address scheme			7bit		
Node operating frequency			8MHz		
Quiescent Operation					
	Flight Configuration of				
Power Draw	Switches			<0.1	W
Physical		L	W	Н	
	Height from top of PCB to				
Dimensions	bottom of next PCB in stack	95	90	15	mm
Weight		80g	83g	86g	

Table 4-1 Performance Characteristics of the 3U EPS

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5. HANDLING AND STORAGE

The EPS requires specific guidelines to be observed for handling, transportation and storage. These are stated below. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in damage to the units or degradation in performance.

5.1 Electro Static Discharge (ESD) Protection



The EPS incorporates static sensitive devices and care should be taken during handling. Do not touch the EPS without proper electrostatic protection in place. All work carried out on the system should be done in a static dissipative environment.

5.2 General Handling

The EPS is robust and designed to withstand flight conditions. However, care must be taken when handling the device. Do not drop the device as this can damage the EPS. There are live connections between the battery systems and the EPS on the CubeSat Kit headers. All metal objects (including probes) should be kept clear of these headers.

5.3 Shipping and Storage

The devices are shipped in anti-static, vacuum-sealed packaging, enclosed in a hard protective case. This case should be used for storage. All hardware should be stored in anti-static containers at temperatures between 20°C and 40°C and in a humidity-controlled environment of 40-60%rh.

The shelf-life of this product is estimated at 5 years when stored appropriately.

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6. MATERIALS AND PROCESSES

6.1 Materials Used

	Material	Manufacturer	%TML	%CVCM	%WVR	Application
1.	Araldite 2014 Epoxy	Huntsman	0.97	0.05	0.33	Adhesive fixing
2.	1B31 Acrylic	Humiseal	3.89	0.11	0.09	Conformal Coating
3.	DC 6-1104	Dow Corning	0.17	0.02	0.06	Adhesive fixing on modifications
4.	Stycast 4952	Emerson & Cuming	0.42	0.17	0.01	Thermally Conductive RTV
5.	PCB material	FR4	0.62	0	0.1	Note: worst case on NASA out- gassing list
6.	Solder Resist	CARAPACE EMP110 or XV501T-4	0.95 or 0.995	0.02 Or 0.001	0.31	-
7.	Solder	Sn62 or Sn63 (Tin/Lead)	-	-	-	-
8.	Flux	Alpha Rosin Flux, RF800, ROL 0	-	-	-	ESA Recommended

Table 6-1 Materials List

Part Used	Manufacturer	Contact	Insulator	Туре	Use
DF13-6P-1.25DSA(50)	Hirose	Gold Plated	Polyamide	PTH	Solar Array Connectors
ESQ-126-39-G-D	Samtec	Gold Plated	Black Glass Filled Polyester	PTH	CubeSat Kit Compatible Headers
DF13-6S-1.25C	Hirose	N/A	Polyamide	Crimp Housing	Harness for Solar Arrays (sold separately)
DF13-2630SCFA(04)	Hirose	Gold Plated	N/A	Crimp	Harness for Solar Arrays (sold separately)

Table 6-2 Connector Headers

6.2 Processes and Procedures

All assembly is carried out to IPC610 Class 3 standard.

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7. System Description

The Clyde Space 3U EPS is optimised for Low Earth Orbit (LEO) missions with a maximum altitude of 850km. The EPS is designed for integration with spacecraft that have six or less body mounted solar panels (i.e. one on each spacecraft facet). The EPS can accommodate various solar panel configurations, and has been designed to be versatile; please consult our support team if you have specific requirements for connecting the EPS to your spacecraft.

The Clyde Space EPS connects to the solar panels via three independent Battery Charge Regulators (BCRs). These are connected as shown in Figure 7-1 and Figure 7-2 with panels on opposing faces of the satellite connected to the same BCR (e.g. –X array and +X array are connected to BCR1, -Y and +Y to BCR2 and –Z and +Z to BCR3). In this configuration only one panel per pair can be directly illuminated at any given time, with the second panel providing a limited amount of energy due to albedo illumination. Each of the BCRs has an inbuilt Maximum Power Point Tracker (MPPT). This MPPT will track the dominant panel of the connected pair (the directly illuminated panel).

The output of the three BCRs are then connected together and, via the switch network, (described in Section 7.2), supply charge to the battery, Power Conditioning Modules (PCMs) and Power Distribution Modules (PDMs) via the switch network. The PCM/PDM network has an unregulated Battery Voltage Bus, a regulated 5V supply and a regulated 3.3V supply available on the satellite bus. The EPS also has multiple inbuilt protection methods to ensure safe operation during the mission and a full range of EPS telemetry via the I²C network. These are discussed in detail in Sections 10 and 11 respectively.



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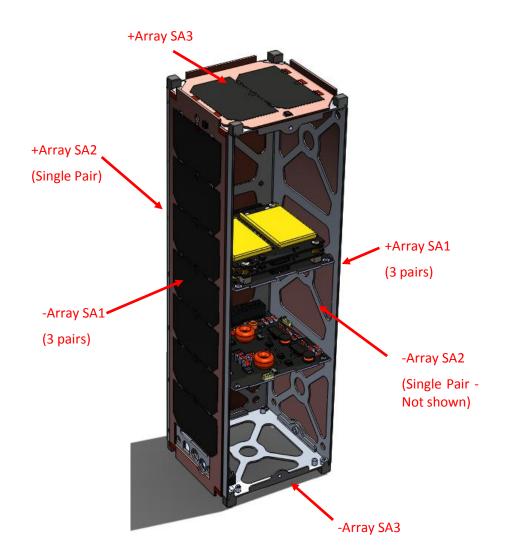


Figure 7-1 Example Array Configuration (not directly representative of Cinema)

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7.1 System Overview

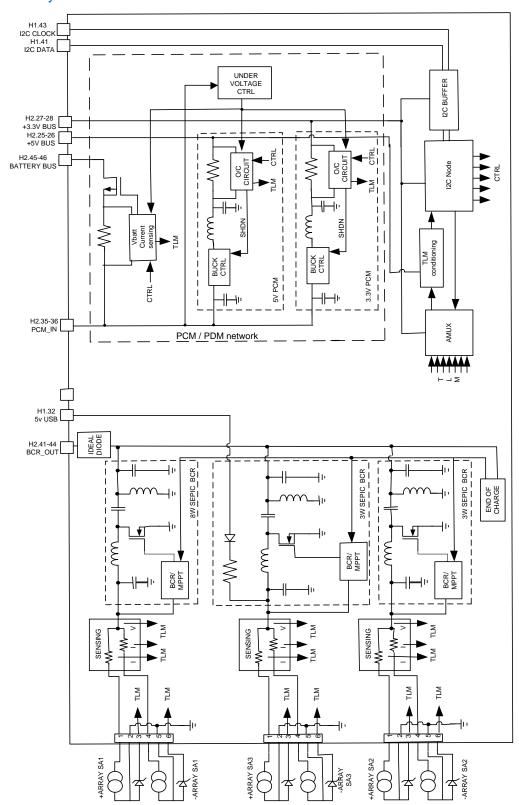


Figure 7-2 Function Diagram



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7.2 Autonomy and Redundancy

All BCR power stages feature full system autonomy, operating solely from the solar array input and not requiring any power from the battery systems. This feature offers inbuilt redundancy since failure of one BCR does not affect remaining BCRs. If a fault occurs in the battery system, the BCRs are capable of continuing to power the buses when the panels are illuminated, depending on the fault condition encountered. The remainder of the power system is a robustly designed single string.

7.3 Quiescent Power Consumption

All power system efficiencies detailed (for BCRs and PCMs) take into consideration the associated low level control electronics. As such, these numbers are not included in the quiescent power consumption figures.

The I^2C node is the only circuitry not covered in the efficiency figures, and has a quiescent power consumption of $\approx 0.1W$, which is the figure for the complete EPS.

7.4 Mass and Mechanical Configuration

The mass of the system is approximately 83g and is contained on a single PC/104 size card, compatible with the Cubesat Kit bus. Other versions of the EPS are available without the Cubesat Kit bus header.

The dimensions of the EPS, including all the connector locations, are given Figure 7-3.

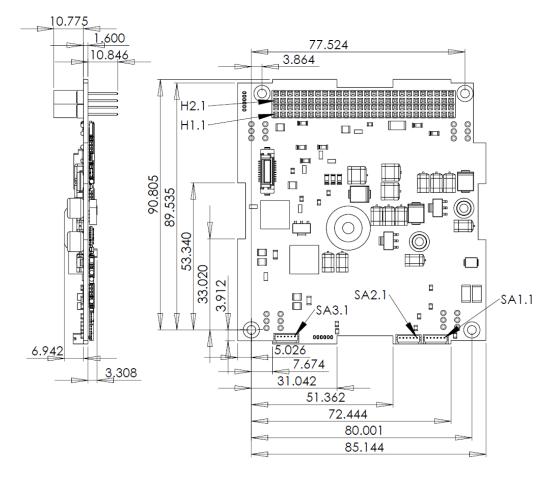


Figure 7-3 Board dimensions (mm)



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8. INTERFACING

The interfacing of the EPS is outlined in Figure 8-1, including the solar array inputs, connection to the switch configuration, output of the power buses and communication to the I²C node. In the following section it is assumed that the EPS will be integrated with a Clyde Space 3U Battery.

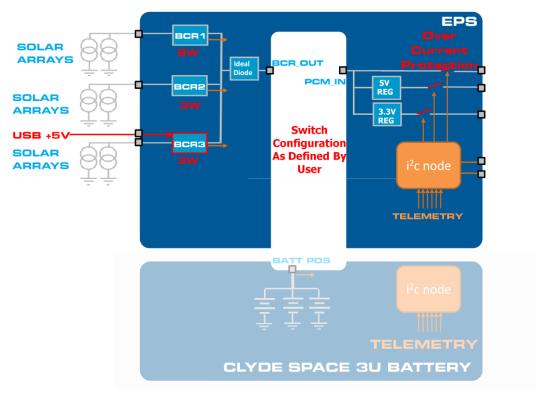


Figure 8-1 Clyde Space EPS and Battery Simplified Connection Diagram

8.1 Connector Layout



The connector positions are shown in Figure 7-3, and described in Table 8.1.

Connector	Function
SA1	Solar Array connector for 8W +/- arrays
SA2	Solar array connector for 3W +/- arrays
SA3	Solar array connector for 3W +/- arrays
H1	Cubesat Kit bus compatible Header 1
H2	Cubesat Kit bus compatible Header 2

Table 8-1 Connector functions



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8.2 Solar Array Connection

The EPS has three connectors for the attachment of solar arrays. Each interface accommodates inputs from two arrays with temperature telemetry for each.

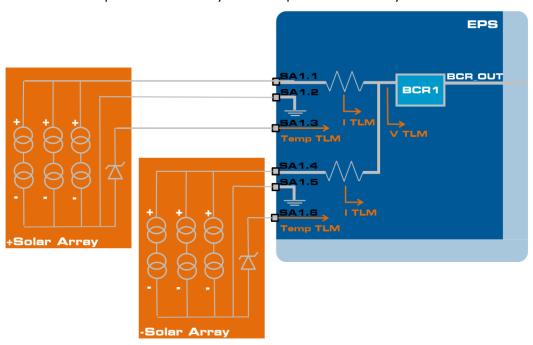


Figure 8-2 Solar Array Configuration

HIROSE DP12-6P-1.25 DSA connector sockets are used on the EPS. These are labelled SA1, SA2 and SA3. SA1 and SA2 are routed to BCR1 and BCR2 respectively. BCR1 and BCR2 are capable of interfacing to 8W panels and should be harnessed to arrays with multiples of 2 cell strings (up to 3 in parallel). Up to three strings per panel may be joined per panel.

SA2 and SA3 routes to BCR2 and BCR3 respectively, each of which are 3W channels that should be harnessed to the small arrays. The array lengths should be the same on joined panels, with 2 cells each.

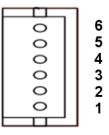


Figure 8-3 Solar Array Pin Numbering



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Pin	Name	Use	Notes
1	+ ARRAY (8W)	+ Power Line	Power
2	GND	Ground Line	Power RTN and GND connection for Temp Sensor
3	+ARRAY_TEMP_TELEM	+ Array Telemetry	Telemetry
4	- ARRAY (8W)	- Power Line	Power
5	GND	Ground Line	Power RTN and GND connection for Temp Sensor
6	-ARRAY_TEMP_TELEM	- Array Telemetry	Telemetry

Table 8-2 Pin out for Header SA1

Pin	Name	Use	Notes
1	+ ARRAY (3W)	+ Power Line	Power
2	GND	Ground Line	Power RTN and GND connection for Temp Sensor
3	+ARRAY_TEMP_TELEM	+ Array Telemetry	Telemetry
4	- ARRAY (3W)	- Power Line	Power
5	GND	Ground Line	Power RTN and GND connection for Temp Sensor
6	-ARRAY_TEMP_TELEM	- Array Telemetry	Telemetry

Table 8-3 Pin out for Header SA2

Pin	Name	Use	Notes
1	+ ARRAY (3W)	+ Power Line	Power
2	GND	Ground Line	Power RTN and GND connection for Temp Sensor
3	+ARRAY_TEMP_TELEM	+ Array Telemetry	Telemetry
4	- ARRAY (3W)	- Power Line	Power
5	GND	Ground Line	Power RTN and GND connection for Temp Sensor
6	-ARRAY_TEMP_TELEM	- Array Telemetry	Telemetry

Table 8-4 Pin out for Header SA3



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8.3 Solar Array Harness

Clyde Space supply harnesses (sold separately) to connect the solar panels to the EPS, comprising two Hirose DF13-6S-1.25C connected at each end of the cable; one end connects to the EPS, with two halves of the harness connecting to opposing solar panels. Clyde Space solar arrays use Hirose DF13-6P-1.25H as the interface connector to the harness.

8.4 Temperature sensing interface

Temperature sensing telemetry is provided for each solar array connected to the EPS. A compatible temperature sensor (LM335M) is fitted as standard on Clyde Space solar arrays (for non-Clyde Space panels refer to section 4.5). The output from the LM335M sensor is then passed to the telemetry system via on board signal conditioning. Due to the nature of the signal conditioning, the system is only compatible with zener based temperature sensors i.e. LM335M or equivalent. Thermistor or thermocouple type sensors are incompatible with the conditioning circuit.

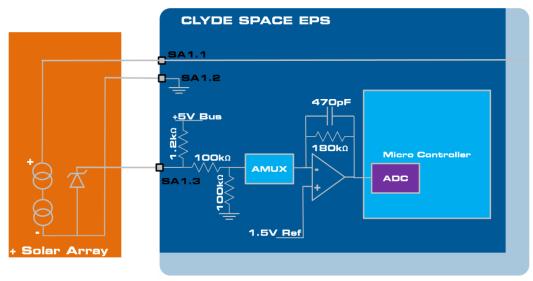


Figure 8-4 Temperature sensor block diagram

8.5 Non-Clyde Space Solar Arrays

When connecting non-Clyde Space solar arrays care must be taken with the polarity, Pins 1,2 and 3 are for array(+)and pins 4, 5 and 6 relate to the opposite array (-). Cells used should be of triple junction type. If other cells are to be interfaced please contact Clyde Space.



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8.6 CubeSat Kit Compatible Headers



Connections from the EPS to the bus of the satellite are made via the CubeSat Kit compatible headers H1 and H2, as shown in Figure 8-5.



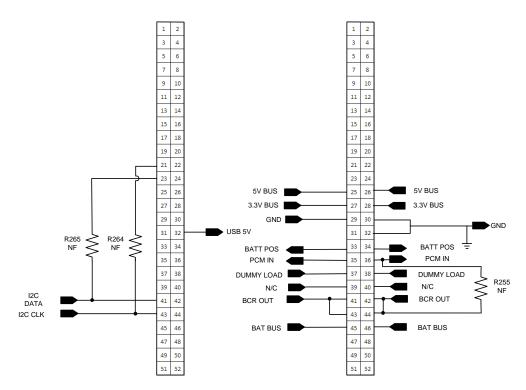


Figure 8-5 CubeSat Kit Header Schematic

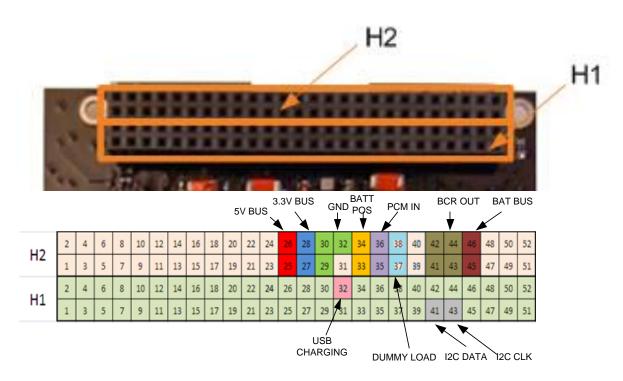


Figure 8-6 EPS Connector Pin Identification



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8.7 Cubesat Kit Header Pin Out

		HEADER 1			HEADER 2			
Pin	Name	Use	Notes	Pin	Name	Use	Notes	
1	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	1	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
2	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	2	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
3	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	3	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
4	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	4	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
5	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	5	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
6	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	6	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
7	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	7	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
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16	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	16	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
17	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	17	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
18	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	18	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
19	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	19	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
20	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	20	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
21	ALT I ² C CLK	Alt I ² C clock connection	0ohm resistor R265 (must fit to	21	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
22	NC	Not Connected	operate) Not Connected	22	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
23	ALT I ² C DATA	Alt I ² C data connection	Oohm resistor R264 (must fit to operate)	23	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
24	ON_I2C	Selection pin for I ² C	Alternative I ² C clock	24	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
25	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	25	+5V BUS	+5V Power bus	Regulated 5V bus	
26	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	26	+5V BUS	+5V Power bus	Regulated 5V bus	
27	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	27	+3.3V BUS	+3V3 Power bus	Regulated 3V3 bus	
28	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	28	+3.3V REG	+3V3 Power bus	Regulated 3V3 bus	
29	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	29	GND	Ground connection	System power return	
30	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	30	GND	Ground connection	System power return	
31	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	31	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
32	USB_5	USB 5+v	Use to charge battery via USB	32	GND	Ground connection	System power return	
33	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	33	POS	Power line	Pull pin normally connected pin	
34	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	34	BATT POS	Power line	Pull pin normally connected pin	
35	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	35	PCM IN	Power line	Sep SW normally connected pin	
36	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	36	PCM IN	Power line Dummy Load	Sep SW normally connected pin	
37	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	37	DL	Protection	Pull pin normally open pin	
38	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	38	DL	Dummy Load Protection	Pull pin normally open pin	
39	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	39	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
40	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	40	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
41	I ² C DATA	I ² C data	Data for I ² C communications	41	BCR OUT	Power line	Common point PP +SS pins	
42	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	42	BCR OUT	Power line	Common point PP +SS pins	
43	I ² C CLK	I ² C clock	Clock for I ² C communications	43	BCR OUT	Power line	Common point PP +SS pins	
44	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	44	BCR OUT	Power line	Common point PP +SS pins	
45	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	45	Battery Bus	Power line	Output to battery bus	
46	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	46	Battery Bus	Power line	Output to battery bus	
47	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	47	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	
48	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	48	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	



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		HEADER 1				HEADER	2
Pin	Name	Use	Notes	Pin	Name	Use	Notes
49	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	49	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected
50	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	50	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected
51	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	51	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected
52	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected	52	NC	Not Connected	Not Connected

Table 8-5 Pin Descriptions for Header H1 and H2



NODE	HEADER	CUBESAT KIT NAME	NOTES
+5V BUS	2.25-26	+5V	5V Regulated Bus Output
+3.3V BUS	2.27-28	VCC_SYS	3.3V Regulated Bus Output
BATT POS	2.33-34	SW0	Positive Terminal of Battery (not Battery Bus)
			DO NOT CONNECT
PCM IN	2.35-36	SW1	(Switches →)
			Input to PCMs and PDMs
DUMMY LOAD	2.37-38	SW2	(Switches →)
N/C	2.39-40	SW3	(Switches N/C)
			Unused connection of launch switch closed state
BCR OUT	2.41-44	SW4	Output of BCRs
			(→ Switches)
BCR OUT	2.41-44	SW5	Output of BCRs
			(→ Switches)
BATTERY BUS	2.45-46	VBATT+	Battery Unregulated Bus Output

Table 8-6 Header pin name descriptions relating CubeSat Kit names to CS names



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8.8 Switch Options

The Clyde Space EPS has three connection points for switch attachments, as shown in Figure 8-7. There are a number of possible switch configurations for implementation. Each configuration must ensure the buses are isolated from the arrays and battery during launch. The batteries should also be isolated from the BCRs during launch in order to conform to CubeSat standard [RD-3].

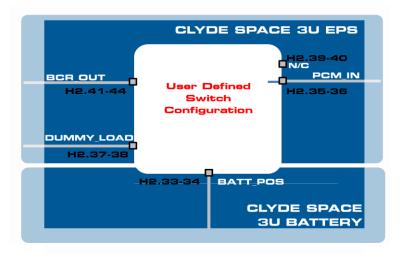


Figure 8-7 Switch connection points

Options 1 and 2 below are two suggested methods of switch configuration, but are by no means exhaustive. If you wish to discuss other possible configurations please contact Clyde Space.

Dummy Load

The Dummy Load is available as an additional ground support protection system, providing a load for the BCRs when the pull pin is inserted using the normally open (NO) connection of the Pull Pin. By connecting this Dummy Load to the NO pin BCR damage can be circumvented. The wiring arrangement for the dummy load is indicated in Figure 8-8.

The load protects the battery charge regulator from damage when the USB or array power is attached and the batteries are not connected. This system is not operational during flight and is only included as a ground support protection.

The Clyde Space Dummy Load system has been a standard feature from revision D of the EPS onwards. If the Dummy Load is required for an earlier revision please contact Clyde Space for fitting instructions.



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Option 1

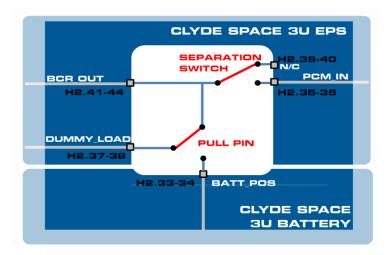


Figure 8-8 Switch Configuration Option 1

Option 1 accommodates the CubeSat Kit bus available switches offering two-stage isolation. The separation switch provides isolation of the power buses during the launch. The pull pin may be used for ground based isolation of the batteries, though it does not provide any isolation during launch.

NOTE: The second generation Clyde Space EPS has zero-current draw when the pull pin is removed – i.e. there will be no current drawn from the battery while on the launch vehicle.

When pull pin is inserted, the battery is isolated from the output of the BCRs. Under these conditions, if power is applied to the input of the arrays, or by connecting the USB, there is a possibility of damaging the system. In order to mitigate this risk a "Dummy Load" is fitted on the EPS.

Option 2

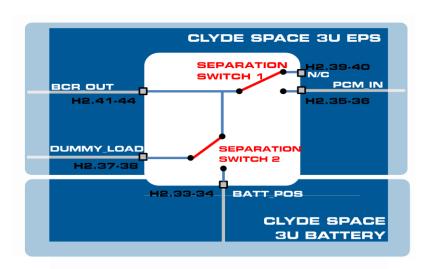


Figure 8-9 Switch Configuration Option 2

Option 2 is compatible with structures incorporating two separation switches, providing complete isolation in the launch configuration. The dummy load is not activated in this configuration.



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Care should be taken to ensure that the switches used are rated to the appropriate current levels. An alternative soft switch can be installed.

Please contact Clyde Space for information on implementing alternative switch or dummy load configurations.

8.9 Battery connection

Connection of the battery systems on the 3U EPS is via the Cubesat kit bus. Ensure that the pins are aligned, and located in the correct position, as any offset can cause the battery to be shorted to ground, leading to catastrophic failure of the battery and damage to the EPS. Failure to observe these precautions will result in the voiding of any warranty.

When the battery is connected to the EPS, the battery will be fully isolated until implementing and connecting a switch configuration, as discussed in Section 8.8. Ensure that the battery is fully isolated during periods of extended storage.

When a battery board is connected to the CubeSat Kit header, there are live, unprotected battery pins accessible (H2.33-34). These pins should not be routed to any connections other than the switches and Clyde Space EPS, otherwise all protections will be bypassed and significant battery damage can be sustained.

8.10 Buses

All power buses are accessible via the CubeSat Kit headers and are listed and described in Table 8-5. These are the only power connections that should be used by the platform since they follow all battery and bus over-current protections.

All I²C communications can are accessible via the CubeSat kit header. See Section 11.

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9. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

This section gives a complete overview of the operational modes of the EPS.

9.1 Charge Method

The BCR charging system has two modes of operation: Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) mode and End of Charge (EoC) mode. These modes are governed by the state of charge of the battery.

MPPT Mode

If the battery voltage is below the preset EoC voltage the system is in MPPT mode. This is based on constant current charge method, operating at the maximum power point of the solar panel for maximum power transfer.

EoC Mode

Once the EoC voltage has been reached, the BCR changes to EoC mode, which is a constant voltage charging regime. The EoC voltage is held constant and a tapering current from the panels is supplied to top up the battery until at full capacity. In EoC mode the MPPT circuitry moves the solar array operation point away from the maximum power point of the array, drawing only the required power from the panels. The excess power is left on the arrays as heat, which is transferred to the structure via the array's thermal dissipation methods incorporated in the panels.

The operation of these two modes can be seen in Figure 9-1.

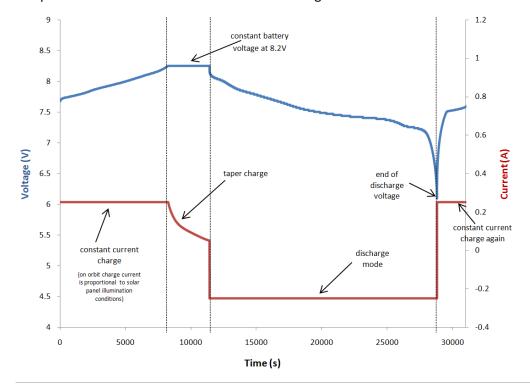


Figure 9-1 Tapered charging method

The application of constant current/constant voltage charge method on a spacecraft is described in more detail in RD-7. In this document there is on-orbit data showing the



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operation and how the current fluctuates with changing illumination conditions and orientation of the spacecraft with respect to the Sun.

9.2 BCR Power Stage Overview

As discussed in Section 8, the EPS has three separate, independent BCRs, each designed to interface to two parallel solar arrays on opposing faces of the satellite. Two 8W BCRs interface to the panels in the X and Y axes, and a third, smaller, 3W BCR interfaces to the panels on the Z axis.

Each design offers a highly reliable system that can deliver 90% or greater of the power delivered from the solar array network at full load.

8W BCR power stage

The 8W BCR is a high efficiency SEPIC converter, allowing the BCR to interface to multiple strings of 2 cells in series. The design will operate with input voltages between 3V and 6V and a maximum output of 10V (7.4V nominal).

3W BCR Power Stage Design

The 3W BCR uses a high efficiency SEPIC converter, interfacing to the smaller array on the Z axis. This will deliver 90% or greater output at full load. The BCR will operate with an input of between 3V and 6V and a maximum output of 10V (7.4V nominal).

9.3 MPPT

Each of the BCRs can have two solar arrays connected at any given time; only one array can be illuminated by sunlight, although the other may receive illumination by albedo reflection from earth. The dominant array is in sunlight and this will operate the MPPT for that BCR string. The MPPT monitors the power supplied from the solar array. This data is used to calculate the maximum power point of the array. The system tracks this point by periodically adjusting the BCRs to maintain the maximum power derived from the arrays. This technique ensures that the solar arrays can deliver much greater usable power, increasing the overall system performance.

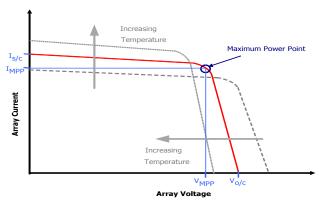


Figure 9-2 Solar Array Maximum Power Point

The monitoring of the MPP is done approximately every 2.5 seconds. During this tracking, the input of the array will step to o/c voltage, as shown in Figure 9.3.



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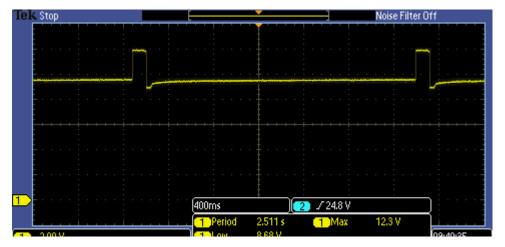


Figure 9-3 Input waveform with Maximum Power Point Tracking

9.4 5V and 3.3V PCM

The 5V and 3.3V regulators both use buck switching topology regulators as their main converter stage. The regulator incorporates intelligent feedback systems to ensure the voltage regulation is maintained to +/- 1% deviation. The efficiency of each unit at full load is approximately 96%. Full load on each of the regulator have a nominal output current of 2.5A (which is upgradable to 4.5A). Each regulator operates at a frequency of 150 kHz.



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10. **GENERAL PROTECTION**

The EPS has a number of inbuilt protections and safety features designed to maintain safe operation of the EPS, battery and all subsystems supplied by the EPS buses.

Over-Current Bus Protection 10.1

The EPS features bus protection systems to safeguard the battery, EPS and attached satellite sub-systems. This is achieved using current monitors and a shut down network within the PDMs.

Over-current shutdowns are present on all buses for sub system protection. These are solid state switches that monitor the current and shutdown at predetermined load levels, see Table 10-1. The bus protection will then monitor the fault periodically and reset when the fault clears. The fault detection and clear is illustrated in the waveform in Figure 10-1.

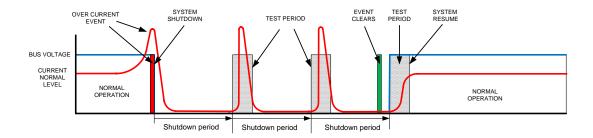


Figure 10-1 Current protection system diagram

Bus	Trip point / trip duration (approximation)					
	Battery bus					
Shutdown period	648ms					
Test period	60mS					
	5v bus					
Shutdown period	584mS					
Test period	31mS					
	3.3v bus					
Shutdown period	524mS					
Test period	31mS					

Table 10-1 Bus protection data

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Battery Under-voltage Protection 10.2

In order to prevent the over-discharge of the battery the EPS has in-built under-voltage shutdown. This is controlled by a comparator circuit with hysteresis. In the event of the battery discharging to ~6.2V (slightly above the 6.1V that results in significant battery degradation) the EPS will shutdown the supply buses. This will also result in the I²C node shutting down. When a power source is applied to the EPS (e.g. an illuminated solar panel) the battery will begin charging immediately. The buses, however, will not reactivate until the battery voltage has risen to ~7V. This allows the battery to charge to a level capable of sustaining the power lines once a load is applied.

It is recommended that the battery state of charge is monitored and loading adjusted appropriately (turning off of non critical systems) when the battery capacity is approaching the lower limit. This will prevent the hard shutdown provided by the EPS.



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11. Telemetry

The telemetry system monitors certain stages of the power system and allows a small degree of control over the PDM stages. The telemetry system transfers data via an I²C bus. The telemetry system operates in slave mode and requires an I²C master to supply commands and the clock signal. Control systems within the EPS offer the user the ability to temporarily isolate the EPS buses from the on-board computer systems.

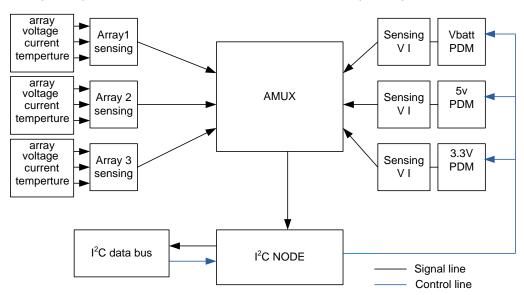


Figure 11-1 Telemetry functional diagram

11.1 I²C Node

The I²C Node is based on the Microchip PIC16F690. The device node is configured to act as a single channel analogue to digital converter. The microcontroller controls the analogue multiplexer that routes the signals from the sensors. The PIC16F690 program is designed to operate as a slave sensor node on the I²C bus. The program will select and then convert the desired signal data from the telemetry network on demand. There is also a control feature that can briefly shutdown PDMs within the EPS.

The following sections briefly describe the hardware that is used.

Analogue Multiplexer

A 32 channel analogue multiplexer is used for selecting the correct sensor signal. The multiplexer is controlled from the microcontroller.

Additional Hardware

Further required hardware includes an oscillator and an I²C bus extender. The oscillator provides a robust clock signal for the microcontroller. The bus extender provides greater robustness to signal noise on the I²C bus during integration and operations.

11.2 I²C Command Interface

All communications to the Telemetry and Telecommand, TTC, Node are via an I²C interface. The TTC Node is configured as a slave and only responds to direct commands from a master I²C node. No unsolicited telemetry is transmitted. A maximum 400Kbit



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bus speed is supported, with typical bus speeds of 100Kbit. The address of the TTC Node is factory set. The address is 0x2B. This can be changed on request.

Message Formats

Two message structures are available to the master; a write command and a read command. The write command is used to initiate an event and the read command returns the result. All commands start with the 7 bit slave address and are followed by two data bytes. The first data byte should be the command. The second byte represents the data that is used as part of the command. An example of the data is the analogue to digital channel to read.

An example of a read command would be:

- The master transmits the slave address with write flag, command type (0x00) and data (ADC channel)
- The slave acts on the commands, sets the correct channel and reads the analogue to digital converter
- The master transmits the slave address with read flag
- The slave responds with a two-byte value

If a read message does not have a preceding write message, the value 0xF000 is returned. All bit level communication to and from the board is done by sending the MSB first. If both bytes are not read then the system may become unstable.

ADC

The I²C node acts as a multi channel Analogue to digital convertor which allows the board to supply sensor data to the user. When the command is received, a delay, approximately 1.2ms, is inserted to allow the analogue reading to settle. After this delay the result can be retrieved. The result is a 10 bit value with the first byte received containing the two most significant bits and the second byte received the remaining 8 bits.

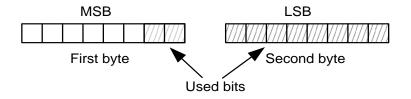


Figure 11-2 ADC 10bit data packet

To retrieve a sensor reading the following procedure should be used:

Send 0x00 followed by 0x0X, where X represents the channel number in Hex format. This instructs the I^2C node that the user wishes to retrieve a sensor value and which sensor to take the reading from.

After a small delay, approximately 1.2ms, the user can issue a read command and the result will be transmitted. The most significant byte is sent first followed by the least significant byte.

The result received should then be entered into the conversion equations, covered in a further section, which calculates the requested parameter.



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If the reading is not yet ready 0xF000 is returned

This process should be followed for all ADC channels.

11.3 **Command Summary**

Table 11-1, below, provides a list of the commands for the EPS. The data that should accompany the commands is included in the table. Descriptions of the commands follow the table.

Command Type Decimal Name		Command Value Range	Description
		Decimal	
0	ADC	0-31	Read ADC Channel
1	1 Status		Request Status Bytes
2	PDM Off	0-7	Turns off the selected PDM for a short time
4 Version		N/A	Request Firmware Version
128	Watchdog	N/A	Causes a soft reset of the micro

Table 11-1 Command Summary

Status

The status bytes are designed to supply operational data about the I²C Node. To retrieve the two bytes that represent the status the command 0x01 should be sent. The meaning of each bit of the status byte is shown in Table 11-2.

PDM Off

There may be a time when the user wishes to turn of the PDM's for a short period. They may wish to do this to create a hard reset of a circuit. To carry this out the command 0x0002 is sent followed by the data byte. The data byte has a range of 0 to 7. Bit 0 corresponds to the battery bus, bit 1 the 5V bus and bit 2 the 3.3V bus. Any combination of busses can be turned off, however is should be noted that if the user switches the 3.3V PDM off the I²C node will be reset.

Version

The firmware version number can be accessed by the user using this command. Please contact Clyde Space to learn the version number on your board.

WatchDog

The Watchdog command allows the user to force a reset of the I²C node. If the user detects or suspects an error in the operation of the I²C node then this command should be issued. When issued the I²C node will reset and return to an initial state.

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Byte	Bit	Description	If Low (0)	If High (1)	Note
	0	Unknown Command Type	Last command OK	Last Command Unknown	Bit cleared when read
	1	Unknown Command Value	Last Command Value OK	Last Command Value Out of Range	Bit cleared when read
	2	ADC Result Not Ready	ADC Result Ready	ADC Result Not Ready	Bit cleared when read
	3	Not Used	-	-	Reads as '0'
0	4	Oscillator bit	External Oscillator running	External Oscillator failure	-
	5	Watchdog Reset Occurred	No Watchdog Reset	Watchdog Reset Occurred	Bit cleared when read
	6	Power On Reset Occurred	Power On Reset Occurred	No Power On Reset Occurred	Bit cleared when read
	7	Brown Out Reset Occurred	Brown Out Reset Occurred	No Brown Out Reset Occurred	Bit cleared when read
	0	I ² C Error	No I ² C Errors	I2C Error Occurred	Bit cleared when read
	1	I ² C Write Collision	No I ² C Write Collision	I2C Write Collision Occurred	-
1	2	I ² C Overflow	No I ² C Overflow	I ² C Overflow Occurred	-
	3	Received Message to Long	Received Messages Correct Length	Last Message incorrect Length	
	4-7	Not Used	-	-	Reads as '0'

Table 11-2 Status Bytes



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11.4 ADC Channels

ADC Channel	Signal	Units
0	GND	
1	+Array SA1 Current	1
2	+Array SA1 Temperature	°C
3	Array SA1 Voltage	V
4	-Array SA1 Current	1
5	+Array SA1 Temperature	°C
6	Array SA2 Voltage	V
7	-Array SA2 Current	1
8	-Array SA2 Temperature	$\circ c$
9	Array SA3 Voltage	V
10	+Array SA3 Current	1
11	+Array SA3 Temperature	$\circ c$
12	GND	
13	+Array SA2 Current	1
14	+Array SA2 Temperature	$\circ c$
15	GND	
16	GND	
17	Battery Bus Current	1
18	GND	
19	GND	
20	GND	
21	GND	
22	GND	
23	GND	
24	GND	
25	GND	
26	5V Bus Current	1
27	3.3V Bus Current	I
28	GND	
29	GND	
30	-Array SA3 Temperature	℃
31	-Array SA3 Current	1

Table 11-3 ADC Channels

Note: +Array refers to pins 1-3 of the SAx connector; -Array refers to pins 4-6 of the SAx connector.

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Conversion Equations 11.5

Each of the analogue channels, when read, returns a number between 0-1023. To retrieve the value of the analogue signal this number, ADC, is to be entered into an equation. When the equation is used the value calculated is the value of the input analogue signal. Table 11-4 contains example equations of the conversions of each of the channels. To get more accurate equations full calibration test should be carried out.

ADC Channel	Conversion Equation	Units
0	N/A	
1	(-1.94483×ADC)+1940.8	mA
2	(-0.1619× <i>ADC</i>)+110.119	°C
3	(-0.03532×ADC)+36.57826	V
4	(-1.955×ADC)+1953.464	mA
5	(-0.1619× <i>ADC</i>)+110.119	°C
6	(-0.03474×ADC)+36.00065	V
7	(-0.49928×ADC)+517.6608	mA
8	(-0.1619× <i>ADC</i>)+110.119	°C
9	(-0.0.00855×ADC)+8.810868	V
10	(-0.48533×ADC)+502.9626	mA
11	(-0.1619× <i>ADC</i>)+110.119	°C
12	N/A	
13	(-0.49881×ADC)+517.4618	mA
14	(-0.1619× <i>ADC</i>)+110.119	°C
15	N/A	
16	N/A	
17	(-4.94124× <i>ADC</i>)+4784.404	mA
18	N/A	
19	N/A	
20	N/A	
21	N/A	
22	N/A	
23	N/A	
24	N/A	
25	N/A	
26	(-4.39965x <i>ADC</i>) + 4136.184	mA
27	(-3.20202× <i>ADC</i>)+2998.972	mA
28	N/A	

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ADC Channel	Conversion Equation	Units
29	N/A	
30	(-0.1619× <i>ADC</i>)+110.119	°C
31	(-0.51985× <i>ADC</i>)+521.7786	mA

Table 6-4 ADC Channel Equations



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12. TEST

All EPS are fully tested prior to shipping, and test reports are supplied. In order to verify the operation of the EPS please use the following outlined instructions.

Step by step intro of how to connect and verify operation:

In order to test the functionality of the EPS you will require:

- Battery (or simulated battery)
- Breakout Connector (with connections as per Figure 12-1)
- Array Input (test panel, solar array simulator or power supply and limiting resistor)
- Oscilloscope
- Multimeter
- Electronic Load
- Aardvark I²C connector (or other means of communicating on the I²C bus)

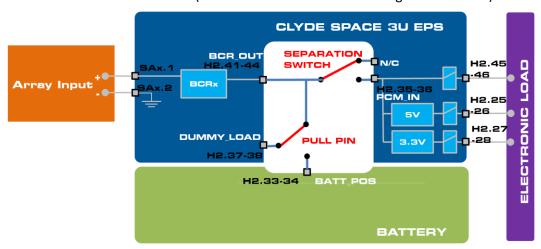


Figure 12-1 Suggested Test Setup

The breakout connector should be wired with the switch configuration to be used under mission conditions.

12.1 Power up/Down Procedure

The order of assembly should follow the order detailed below:

- Breakout connector assembled with switches set to launch vehicle configuration (as shown in Figure 12-1)
- Fit Breakout connector to EPS
- Connect battery to stack
- Connect electronic load (no load) to buses
- Remove Pull Pin
- Activate Separation Switch
- Connect array input

When powering down this process should be followed in reverse.

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12.2 Solar Array Input

There are 3 options for the array input section:

- A solar array
- A solar array simulator
- A benchtop power supply with current limiting resistor

When using a solar array or solar array simulator the limits should not exceed those outlined in Table 12-1

	Voc (V)	Isc (mA)
BCR1 (SA1)	6.13	1500
BCR2 (SA2)	6.13	464
BCR3 (SA3)	6.13	464

Table 12-1 solar array limits

When using a power supply and resistor setup to simulate a solar panel the required setup is shown in Figure 12-2.

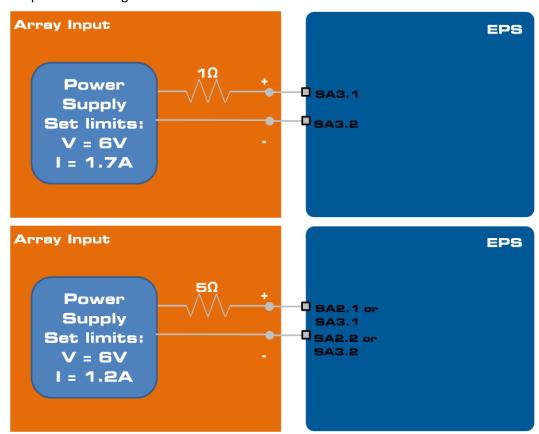


Figure 12-2 Solar Panel using power supply

12.3 Battery Setup

The system should be tested with a battery in the system. This can be done using a Clyde Space Battery by stacking the boards, or by using a power supply and load to simulate the behavior of a battery. This setup is shown in Figure 12-3.

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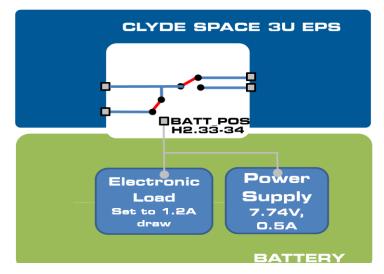


Figure 12-3 Simulated Battery Setup

Configuration and Testing 12.4

The following section outlines the procedure for performing basic functional testing

PCM Testing

In order to test the PCMs power must be applied to the PCM_IN connection. In order to do this the "Pull Pin" should be removed, connection the battery, as shown in Figure 12-4.

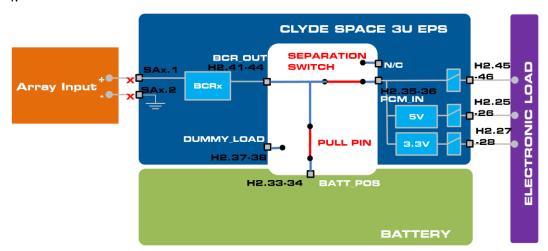


Figure 12-4 Test set-up with Pull Pin Removed

In this configuration all buses will be activated and can be measured with a multimeter.

By increasing the load on each of the buses you will be able to see the current trip points' activation, as discussed in Section 10.1.

Undervoltage Protection

When using a simulated battery it is possible to trigger the undervoltage protection. Using the same test setup as detailed above, with a simulated battery if the voltage is dropped to below ~6.2V the undervoltage will be activated. This can be observed by the power buses shutting down.

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BCR Testing

In order to test the operation of the BCRs the separation switches should be moved to flight configuration, as shown in Figure 12-5, (with the pull pin still removed). Once this is done the array input can be connected.

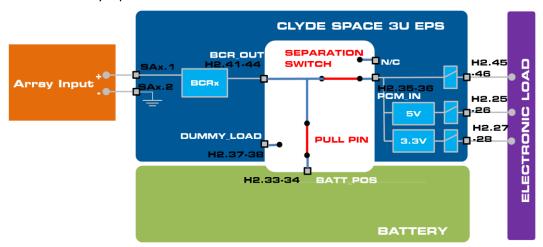


Figure 12-5 Test set-up in Flight Configuration

To check the operation of the BCR/MPPT an oscilloscope probe should be placed at pin 1 of the active solar array connector (not at the power supply). The wave form should resemble Figure 12-6.

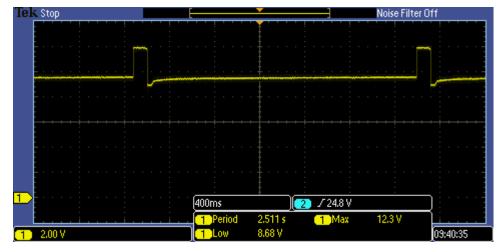


Figure 12-6 Waveform of Solar Array Input

EoC Operation

Using the test setup detailed in Figure 12-5 the EoC operation can be demonstrated. By raising the voltage of the simulated battery above ~8.26V the EoC mode will be activated. This can be observed using an ammeter coming from the Array input, which will decrease towards 0A.

5V USB Charging

Figure 12-7 shows the test setup for the 5V USB charging.

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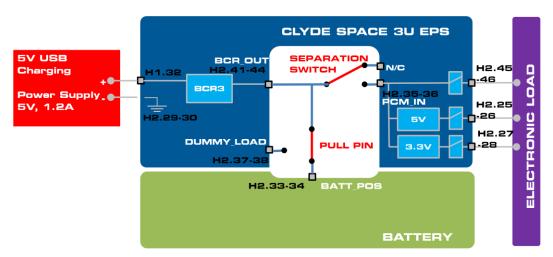


Figure 12-7 Waveform of Solar Array Input

This setup should only be used for top up charge on the battery, not for mission simulation testing.



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13. DEVELOPER AIT

AIT of the EPS with other CubeSat modules or subsystems is the responsibility of the CubeSat developer. Whilst Clyde Space outlines a generic process which could be applicable to your particular system in this section we are not able to offer more specific advice unless integration is between other Clyde Space products (or those of compatible products), see Table 14-1. AIT is at the risk of the developer and particular care must be taken that all subsystems are cross-compatible.

Throughout the AIT process it is recommended that comprehensive records of all actions be maintained tracking each subsystem specifically. Photo or video detailing of any procedure also helps to document this process. Comprehensive records are useful to both the developer and Clyde Space; in the event of any anomalies complete and rapid resolution will only be possible if good records are kept. The record should contain at least;

- Subsystem and activity
- Dates and times of activity (start, finish, key milestones)
- Operator(s) and QAs
- Calibration of any equipment
- Other subsystems involved
- Method followed
- Success condition or results
- Any anomalous behaviour

Before integration each module or element should undergo an acceptance or preintegration review to ensure that the developer is satisfied that the subsystem meets its specification through analysis, inspection, review, testing, or otherwise. Activities might include:

- Satisfactory inspection and functional test of the subsystem
- Review of all supporting documentation
- Review of all AIT procedural plans, identifying equipment and personnel needs and outlining clear pass/fail criteria
- Dry runs of the procedures in the plan

Obviously testing and analysis is not possible for all aspects of a subsystem specification, and Clyde Space is able to provide data on operations which have been performed on the system, as detailed in Table 13-1.



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	Performed on	Availability
Functional	Module supplied	Provided with module
Calibration	Module supplied	Provided with module
Vacuum	Performed on module prototype	In manual
Thermal	Performed on module prototype	In manual
Simulation & modelling	Not performed	Not available

Table 13-1 Acceptance test data

Following this review, it is recommended the system undergoes further testing for verification against the developer's own requirements. Commonly requirement compliance is presented in a compliance matrix, as shown in Table 13-2.

13.1 ID	13.2 Requirement	13.3 Procedure	13.4 Result (X)	13.5 Success criteria	13.6 Comp liance 13.7 (pass / fail)
13.8 SYS- 0030	The system mass shall be no more than 1 kg	TEST-01	0.957 kg	X < 1 kg	PASS
SYS-0040	The error LED remains off at initialisation	TEST-02	LED flashing	LED off	FAIL
SYS-0050					

Table 13-2 Compliance matrix example

All procedural plans carried out on the EPS should conform to the test setups and procedures covered in Section 12.

During testing it is recommended that a buddy system is employed where one individual acts as the quality assurance manager and one or more perform the actions, working from a documented and reviewed test procedure. The operator(s) should clearly announce each action and wait for confirmation from their QA. This simple practice provides a useful first check and helps to eliminate common errors or mistakes which could catastrophically damage the subsystem.

Verification is project dependant, but should typically start with lower-level subsystem-specific requirements which can be verified before subsystems are integrated; in particular attention should be paid to the subsystem interfaces to ensure cross-compatibility. Verification should work upwards towards confirming top-level requirements as the system integration continues. This could be achieved by selecting a base subsystem (such as the EPS, OBC or payload) and progressively integrating modules into a stack before structural integration. Dependent upon the specific systems and qualification requirements further system-level tests can be undertaken.

When a subsystem or system is not being operated upon it should be stowed in a suitable container, as per Section 5.



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14. COMPATIBLE SYSTEMS

	Compatibility	Notes
	CubeSat Kit Bus	CubeSat Kit definition pin compatible
Stacking Connector	Non-standard Wire Connector	User defined
Connector	Other Connectors	Please contact Clyde Space
	Clyde Space 3U Battery Systems	10W/hr – 30 W/hr Lithium Ion Polymer
	Lithium Polymer 8.2v	(2s1p) to (2s3p) ⁽¹⁾
		More strings can be connected in parallel to increase capacity if required
Batteries	Lithium Ion 8.2v	(2s1p) to (2s3p) (1)
		More strings can be connected in parallel to increase capacity if required
	Other Batteries	Please contact Clyde Space
	Clyde Space 3W solar array	Connects to BCR 3 via SA3
	Clyde Space 8W solar array	Connects to BCR 1/2 via SA1/2
Solar Arrays	3W triple junction cell arrays	2 in series connection
Solar Arrays	8W triple junction cell arrays	6-8 in series connection
	Other array technologies	Any that conform to the input ratings for Voltage and Current ⁽²⁾
	Pumpkin	CubeSat 3U structure
Structure	ISIS	CubeSat 3U compatible
	Other structures	Please contact Clyde Space

Table 14-1 Compatibilities

- (1) Refers to series and parallel connections of the battery cells within the battery system. e.g. 2s1p indicates a single string of two cells in series.
- (2) Will require some alteration to MPPT. Please contact Clyde Space.