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## ABSTRACT

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## INTRODUCTION

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## BACKGROUND

CubeSats are a growing industry and are becoming increasingly more capable and affordable space mission options. Off-the-shelf components can be used to develop complex missions....

## DESIGN STUDY - SOLAR CELL EXPERIMENT

This subsystem design was part of the FIREBIRD-II mission, and was an electronic load used to measure the performance of a spacecraft's solar cells on orbit. By working with an industry partner, the SSEL was able to utilize cutting edge solar cell technology in exchange for providing the customer with low-cost flight heritage and useful environmental data. This chapter will focus on the design method used to fulfill the requirements as defined by the collaboration between the SSEL team and the customer. After discussing the subsystem requirements, the concept design can take shape, followed by the analyses and calculations performed to verify circuit functionality.

At this time, the SSEL relied on the Mentor Graphics PADS Suite for electrical computer aided design (ECAD), and integrated SPICE simulation was not a feature that was readily available. Therefore, simulations of the critical circuits and subcircuits was performed using LTSpice developed by Linear Technology. Then, a full schematic was captured in PADS for creating the PCB layout files and bill-of-materials needed for fabrication and assembly of the subsystem.

### Requirements and Conceptual Design

### Circuit Simulations and Calculations

### PCB Layout and Mechanical Design

### Calibration and Results

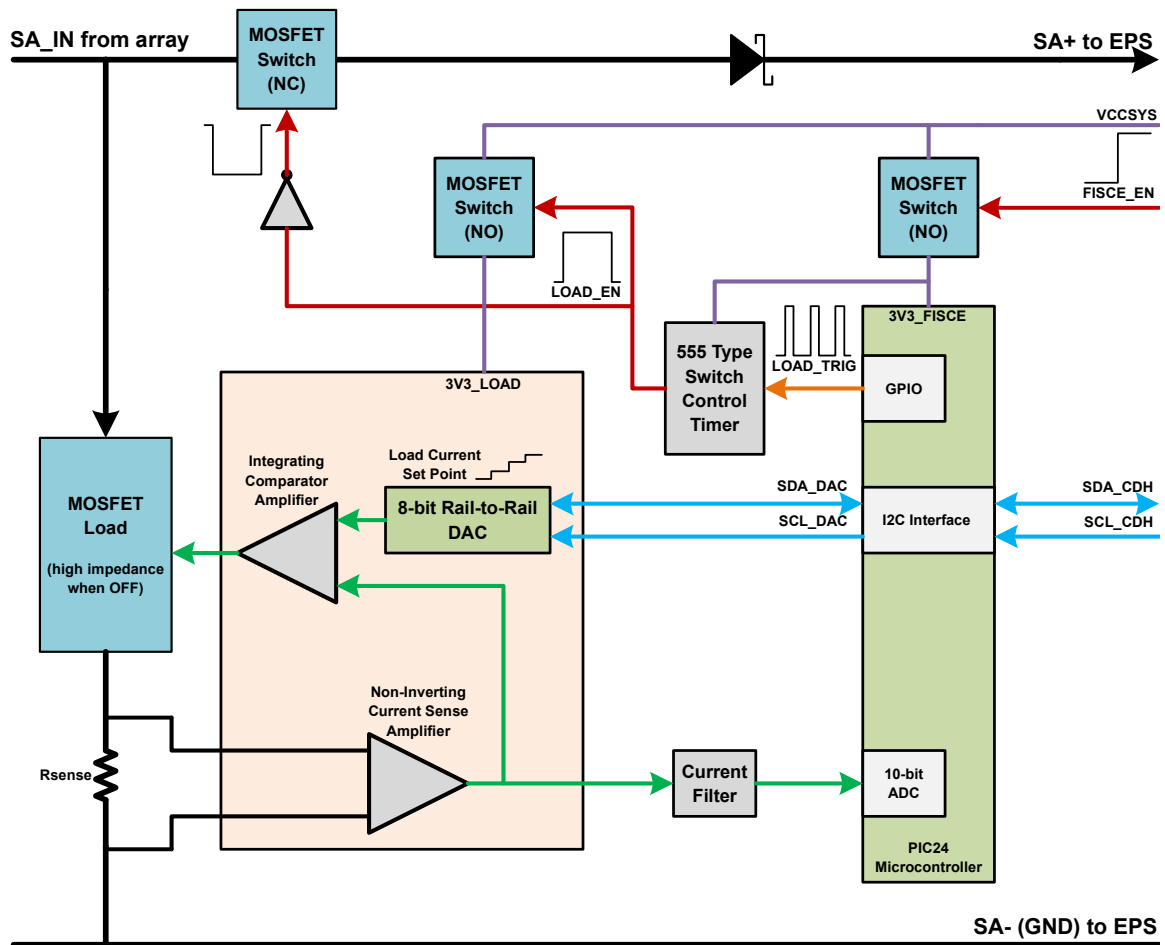


Figure 3.1: This block diagram represents the components of the FISCE load circuit and their functions.

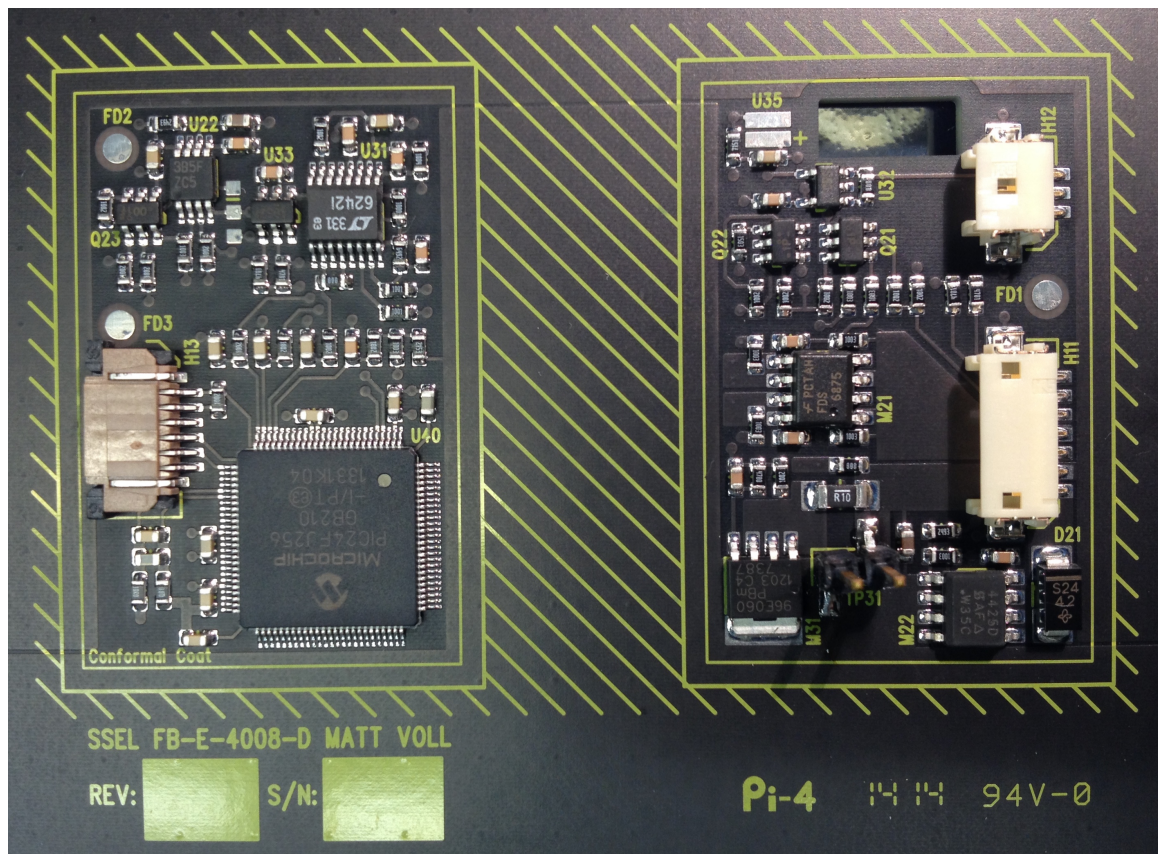


Figure 3.2: The assembled FISCE load circuit on the backside of the solar panel substrate.

## DESIGN STUDY - ELECTRICAL POWER SUBSYSTEM

This subsystem was designed to facilitate the expanded mission capabilities of the IT-SPINS mission. Building on the success of the electrical power subsystem (EPS) designed for the FIREBIRD-II mission, an updated version of the Phoenix EPS was conceptualized in the Spring of 2016.

Requirements and Conceptual Design

Circuit Simulations and Calculations

PCB Layout and Mechanical Design

Lessons Learned and Future Work

## DESIGN STUDY - ELECTRICAL GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

This is the VOID EGSE design example.

Requirements and Conceptual Design

Circuit Simulations and Calculations

PCB Layout and Mechanical Design

Lessons Learned and Future Work

## FUTURE METHODS

Investigating the possible methods for future use.



## CONCLUSION

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## REFERENCES CITED

## APPENDICES

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EXAMPLE CODE

*% MATLAB code to say 'hello world'*

**disp**('Hello world')

APPENDIX B

EXAMPLE SCHEMATIC

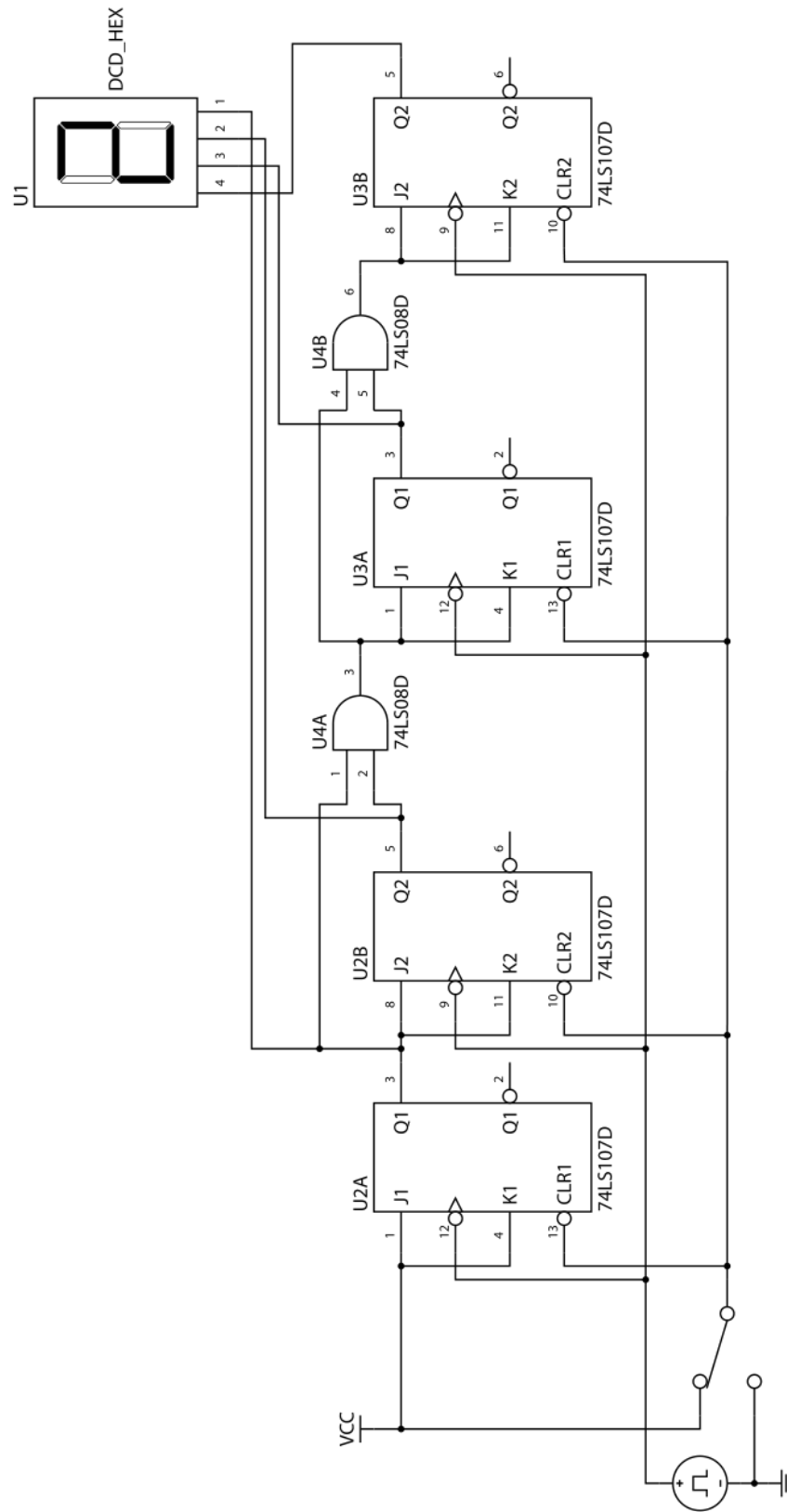


Figure B.1: Large schematic on landscape page