



# Electrical Power System

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# Top Level Requirements (1 of 2)



- **Energy** Supply Electrical Energy to All Spacecraft Subsystems and Instrument During All Mission Phases
- **System Survival** The EPS Shall Not be Damaged by and Shall Be Fully Recoverable From Operational, Electrical and ACS Faults
- **Attitude Disturbances** The EPS Shall Minimize Torque Disturbances to the Spacecraft Attitude
- **Telemetry** EPS Health and Status Shall Be Provided to Spacecraft Telemetry
- **Control Functions** The EPS Shall Provide Control of All Spacecraft Motors and Heaters
- **Ordnance** The EPS Shall Provide Electrical Energy to Activate All Ordnance Devices
- **Harness** The EPS Shall Provide Signal and Power Connectivity Between All Spacecraft Subsystems and Between the Instrument and Spacecraft Subsystems



# Top Level Requirements (2 of 2)



- **Environment**                      **The EPS Shall Meet the Environmental Requirements Outlined in the Fame Test Plan NCST-TP-FM001**
  
- **Parts**                                      **EPS EEE Parts Shall be Selected, Screened and Qualified Per the GSFC311-INST-001 Document for a Level 2 Program**



# Derived Requirements (1 of 7)



- **Energy**

**Generate Energy - Solar Array, With GaInP/GaAs/Ge Cells, to Convert Sunlight to DC Power**

**Store Energy - Battery With Capacity to Handle Longest Eclipse Duration**

**Distribute Primary Power - Bus Voltage of 30+/-6Vdc to Instrument and All Subsystems**

**Distribute Secondary Power - +/-5Vdc and +/-15Vdc to IMUs**

**Charge Control - Automatic Battery Charge Control  
- Elimination of Excess Solar Array Energy**



# Derived Requirements (2 of 7)



- **System Survival**

**Operational Faults - Survive All Operator Command Misapplication**

**Electrical Faults - Sufficient Battery Capacity to Clear Electrical Faults**

**Battery Overdischarge - Undervoltage Detection at 23.5Vdc Activates Load Shed**

**Circuit Protection - Remove Harness/Load Shorts**

**ACS Faults - Sufficient Battery Capacity to Survive Temporary Misalignment of Sun-Solar Array Angle**



# Derived Requirements (3 of 7)



- **Attitude Disturbances**

## Solar Cell String Layout

- Identical on Each Panel
- Thermal Gradients Minimized
- Magnetic Moments Minimized
- Cell Array to be Flat to TBD Requirements

## Harness Design - Power and Return Lines Twisted and Paired

## Power Switching - Solid State Switching to Replace Electromechanical Switching Wherever Attitude Disturbance Possible



# Derived Requirements (4 of 7)



- **Control Functions**

## Motors

- Drive Six CG Trim Mass Motors
- Drive Six Radiation Trim Tab Motors
- Instrument Aperture Cover Motors (TBD)

## Heaters

- Switch Power to All Primary, Thermostatically Controlled Heaters
- Switch Power to Both Star Tracker Cameras' Cover Heaters

- **Telemetry**

## Active Analog Signals

- Voltage
- Currents

## Passive Analog Signals

- Temperatures

## Bi-levels

- Low Level Status
- High Level Status



# Derived Requirements (5 of 7)



- **Ordnance**

**Safety - Design to Meet EWRR-127 Requirements**

**Configuration - Ordnance Control Box Contains:**

- Device Control Circuits
- Device Firing Circuits

**Isolation - Source-to-Device Electrical Isolation**  
**- Source-to-Device Mechanical Isolation**

**Devices - EEDs/Non-Explosive Devices for:**  
**- Solid Rocket Motor Ignition**  
**- Solar Array Deployment**  
**- Spacecraft/Interstage Separation**

**EMI/EMC - Ordnance Lines to Devices Shielded**



# Derived Requirements (6 of 7)



- **Harness**

**Safety - Turn-on-Plugs For:**

- Solar Array
- Battery
- Ordnance
- RCS
- Paraffin Actuators

**Minimize Magnetic Moments - Power and Return Lines Twisted and Paired**

**EMI/MC - Power and High Speed Data Lines Separated**

**Voltage Drop - Wire Sizing to Meet GSFC311-INST-001 Requirements**

**High Speed Data Lines - 1553 Compatible Lines**



# Derived Requirements (7 of 7)



- **Environment**

## Temperatures

- EPS Electronic Boxes                      0C - +40C
- Battery    0C - +30C
- Solar Array                                        -100C - +120C

Radiation - EEE Parts to Meet Requirements As Stated in MRD Section 3.2.8.7.3 on Particle Radiation

Vibration - EPS Components Designed to Meet Limits As Stated in the Fame Design and Analysis Plan, NCST-D-FM003

Shock - EPS Components Designed to Meet Limits As Stated in the Fame Design and Analysis Plan, NCST-D-FM003

- **Parts**

All EEE Parts Per GSFC311-INST-001

- Selected                      Quality Level 2
- Screened                      Quality Level 2
- Qualified                      Quality Level 2



# Major Trade Studies



- **Battery Chemistry**
  - Lithium-Ion
  - Nickel-Hydrogen
- **Ordnance Box Location**
  - Electronics Deck
  - Interstage
- **Load Switching/Protection**
  - Solid State Relay With Integral Current Limiting
  - Electromechanical Relay With Fuse



# Issues



**None Identified at This Stage of Design**



# Back-Up



# Load Interfaces, Preliminary



<u>Loads</u>	<u>Input Voltage</u>	<u>Input Avg GEO Power (Watts)</u>	<u>Input Max Power (Watts)</u>	<u>Relay</u>	<u>Fuse</u>
ISC	30	24.1	36.5	No	Yes
IMU 1	+/- 5, +/- 15	20	20	Yes	Yes
IMU 2	+/- 5, +/- 15	20	20	Yes	Yes
Sun Sensor	30	1	1	Yes	Yes
Star Tracker 1	30	20	20	Yes	Yes
Star Tracker 2	30	20	20	Yes	Yes
Receiver 1	30	7.6	7.6	No	Yes
Receiver 2	30	7.6	7.6	No	Yes
Transmitter 1	30	24	24	Yes	Yes
Transmitter 2	30	24	24	Yes	Yes
Power Amp 1	30	58	58	Yes	Yes
Power Amp 2	30	58	58	Yes	Yes
Heaters	30	64	154	Yes	Yes
RCS	30	0.0	TBD	Yes	Yes
Motors	30	0.0	TBD	Yes	Yes
Instrument	30	321	321	Yes	Yes
Survival Heaters (Inst)	30	0.0	60	No	Yes



# Equipment List



<u>Component</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Heritage</u>
30-35 A-H Battery	Competitive Bids Among 4 Companies	New
GaInP/GaAs/Ge Solar Cells	Competitive Bids Among 3 Companies	New
Power, Control & Distribution Electronics	NRL	New But Based on ICM & Clementine Designs
Ordnance Box	NRL	New But Based on Clementine Design



# Status



## Procurement Items

**Battery**

**Solar Cells**

**DC-DC Converters**

## Specifications

**Preliminary Specs  
Being Identified**

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**Not Started**

## Procurement Stage

**Not Started.  
Possible Vendors Known.  
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## Design Items

**PCDE**

**Ordnance Box**

## Specifications

**Not Started**

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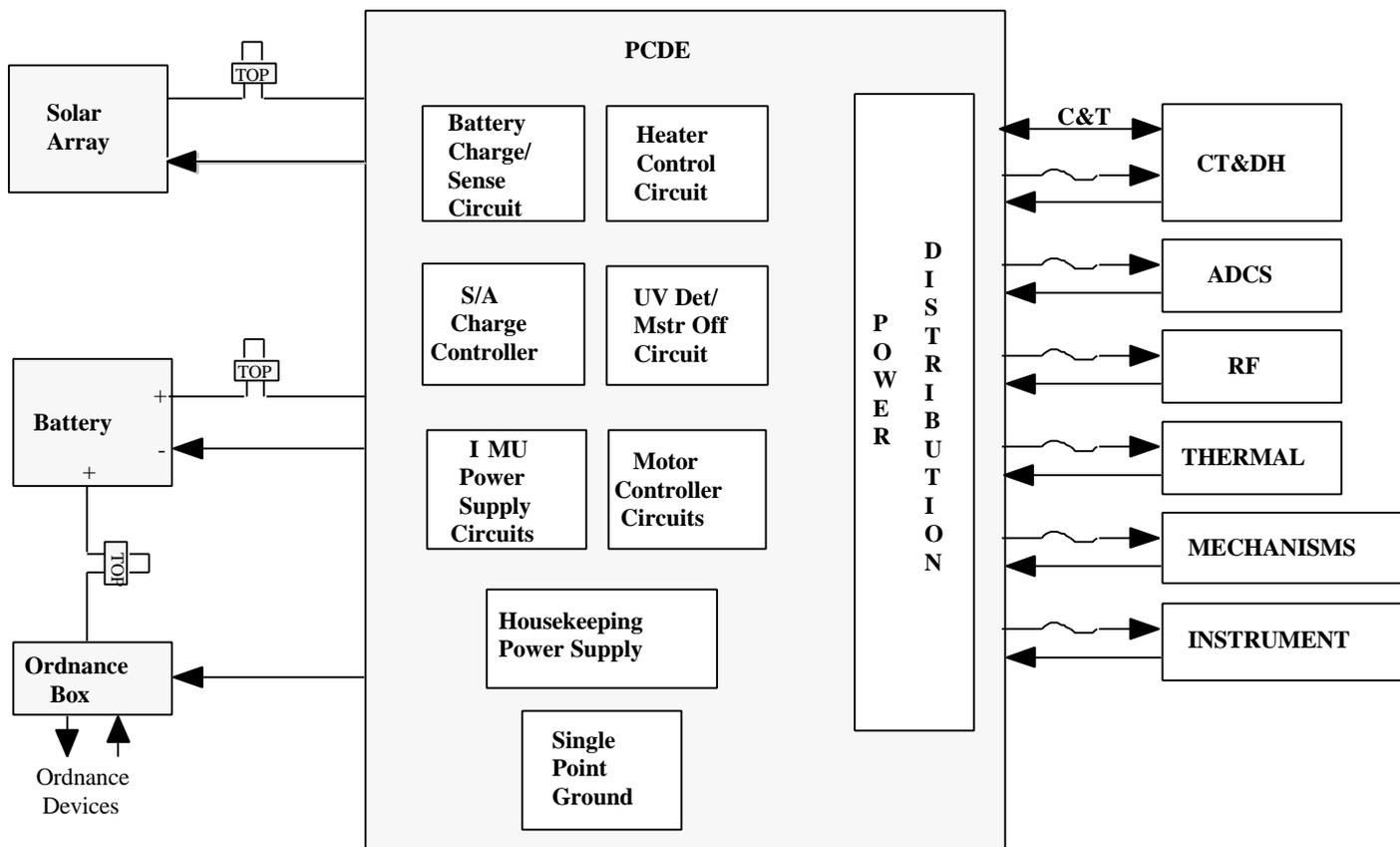
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**Block Diagram Level**

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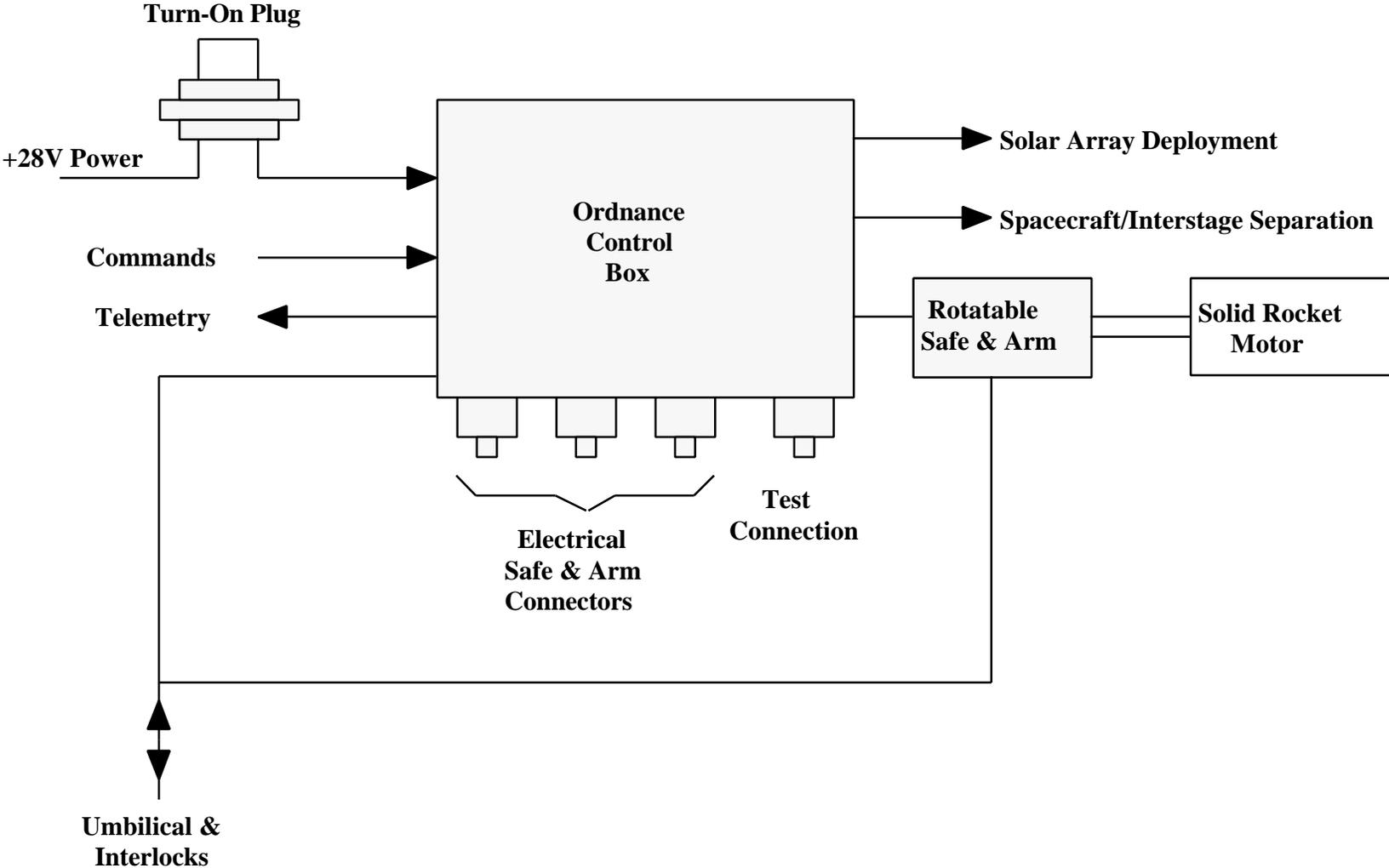


# EPS Block Diagram





# OCS Block Diagram





# Preliminary EPS, OCS Design Details (1 of 3)



## **Energy Energy Balance Solar Array Design**

**GaInP/GaAs/Ge Solar Cells, Arranged on Six Deployable Panels Each With Ten Strings and Sixteen Cells Per String, Having Sufficient Energy Production to Support All Phases of a Five Year Mission. This Design Produces 552 Watts BOL and 485 Watts EOL at a 45 Degree Sun Angle. Strings to be Switched Symmetrically About Spacecraft Center of Rotation to Distribute Energy Production Evenly About the Six Panels.**

## **Excess Energy**

**Groups of Solar Array Strings Will be Switched, As Needed, to Satisfy a Selected VT Curve, Leaving Excess Energy at the Solar Array.**

## **Energy Storage**

**Battery With a 30-35 Amp-Hour Capacity**

## **Battery Charge Limits**

**Battery Depth of Discharge Will be Limited to 80% and Battery Overcharge Will be Controlled by Charger V/T Curves.**

## **Bus Voltage**

**All Spacecraft Busses Will be Maintained at 30 +/- 6 Vdc**

## **System Survival**

**Undervoltage Detection of 23.5 Vdc Will Cause Shedding of Non-Critical Loads. Fuses Will be Inserted In-Line With All Non-Critical Loads and Redundant Critical Loads.**

## **Motor Control**

**Motor Drive Electronics to Sequentially Drive Six CG Trim Mass Stepper Motors and Six Radiation Trim Tab Stepper Motors.**



# Preliminary EPS, OCS Design Details (2 of 3)



## **Autonomy**

**Overridable Autonomy Shall be Designed Into the Battery Charger/Solar Array Controller Circuits Such That, After a Certain VT Curve is Chosen, Battery Charge and Solar Array Switching Shall Occur Automatically.  
Load Shedding, Due to an Undervoltage Condition, Shall Occur Automatically**

## **Power Distribution**

**Non-Critical Load Switching to be Performed Using Electromechanical Relays.  
Isolated Secondary Voltages of +/- 5Vdc and +/- 15Vdc Will be Provided for the Two Inertial Measurement Units.**

## **EPS Telemetry**

**Current Monitors of Solar Array, Battery and All Loads.  
Voltage Monitors of Battery, Critical Bus and All Secondary Voltages.  
Temperature Monitors of the PCDE and Selective Components.  
Status Monitors of All Relays and Selective Digital Circuits.**

## **Ordnance Functions**

**Provide Ordnance Control Box to House Control and Firing Circuits. Provide Electrical & Mechanical Isolation Between Power Source and EEDs/Non-Explosive Devices. Provide Filtered and Shielded Circuits, Two Independent Inhibits and Safe Plugs, and Required Currents and Pulse Widths for Ordnance and Non-Explosive Devices.**

## **Ordnance Safety**

**Ordnance Design Will Meet Safety Requirements as Specified in NASA Document 127-1 for Non-Manned Flights**



# Preliminary EPS, OCS Design Details (3of 3)



## **Spacecraft Harness**

**Harness Will be Designed to Handle Instrument High Speed Data Lines, 1553 Bus Lines, Battery and Solar Array Power Cables, Ordnance Cables and Power, Command and Data Lines from All Subsystems. Connectors and Wires Will be Selected Using Guidelines as Specified in GSFC311-INST-001. Magnetic Moments Will be Minimized by Pairing Power Lines With Their Return Lines.**

## **Parts Selection**

**Electrical Parts Will be Selected Using Guidelines as Specified in GSFC311-INST-001.**

## **Design Environment**

**All Electronic Designs Capable of Performing Properly Over the Flight Temperature Range of 0C to +40C; Solar Array from -100C to +120C; Battery from 0C to +30C.**

**All Parts/Designs Will Survive FAME Vibration and Shock Levels as Specified in the Design and Analysis Plan, NCST-D-FM003**

**All Parts/Designs Will Survive FAME Radiation Levels as Specified in the Mission Requirements Document, NCST-D-FM002**