

T11- CAN Bus usage in High Resolution earth Observation Missions

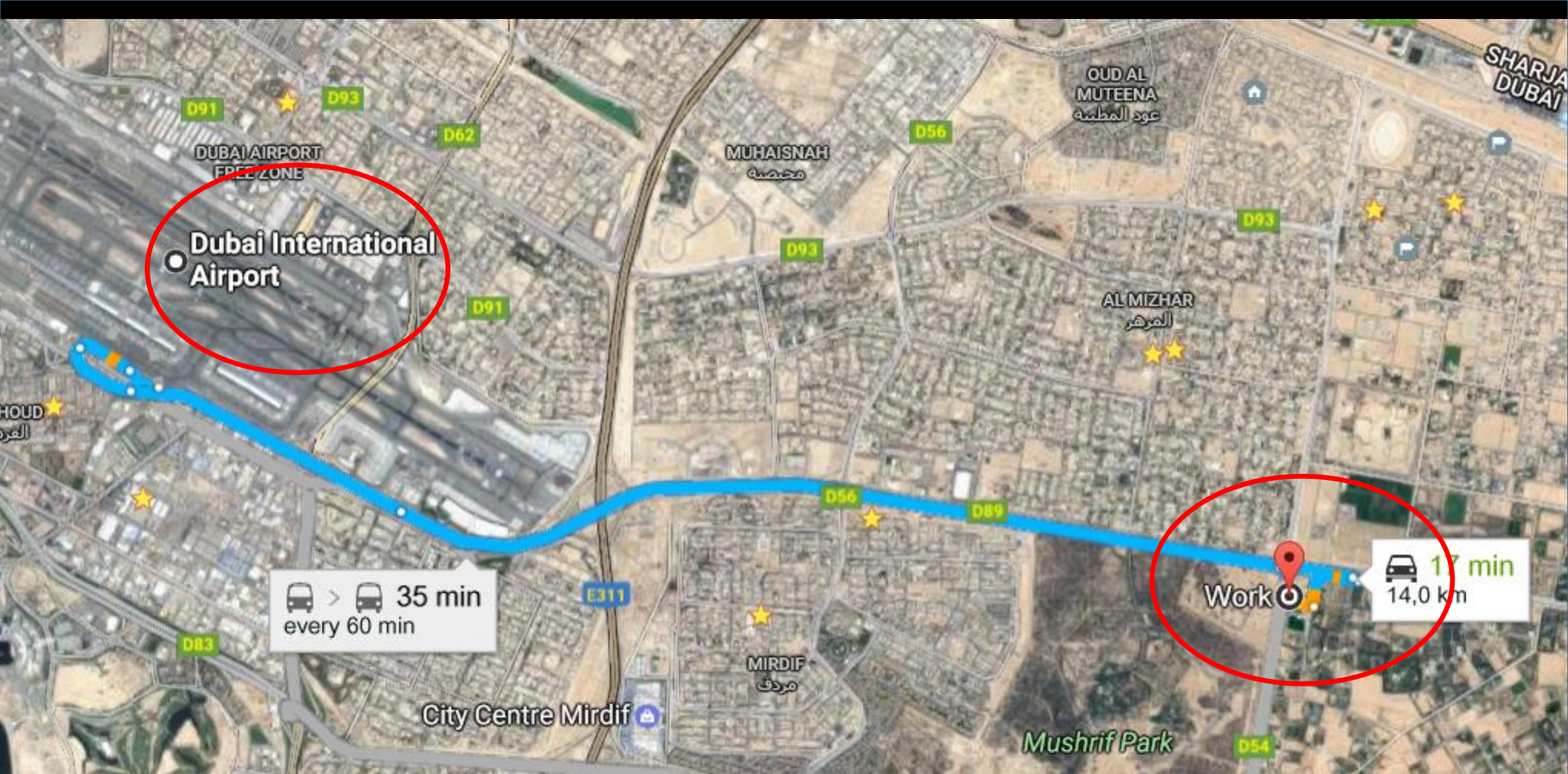
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Outline

- Introduction to MBRSC
- DubaiSat System Architecture
- CAN-Bus Protocol
- Verification
- Upcoming Work


Introduction to MBRSC

- Started in 2006 with Decree from Dubai Government
- Less than 300 employees.
- Total Launched Satellites 4 (3 Small Sats <500kg + 1 Cube Sat)



MBRSC Location

Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Ce



Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre

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An aerial satellite map of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) complex in Dubai. A red dashed line outlines the perimeter of the main facility. Overlaid on the map are several colored boxes: a blue box labeled 'A + B' on the left, and a row of four boxes on the right labeled 'C' (blue), 'C' (purple), an unlabeled orange box, and 'D' (blue). A red pin marks the 'Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre' location. Other labels on the map include 'Dubai Municipality Veterinary Section' and 'D54'. A small inset map in the bottom left shows the location within Dubai. The Google logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

MBRSC Location



High Big Clean room class 100,000



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Mission Control Room

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And The First Satellite Fully Manufactured By
Emirati Engineers In The Clean Rooms At
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Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan revealed the
formation of the UAE Space

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DMSAT-1

DMSAT-1 Earth Observation mission launched in LEO orbit to monitor aerosols, dust. Green house gases. Launch window in 2019



MBRSC PASSIVE HOUSING

An -energy plus house that provides sustainability and uses smart technologies and sensors, innovative techniques for wall insulation...



NAYIF-1

Nayif-1 is the first Nanosatellite that provides scientific and practical training for engineering students in the field of space science and advanced technology...



Dubai International Airport Taken by DubaiSat-2



Abu Dhabi International Airport Taken by Khalifasat

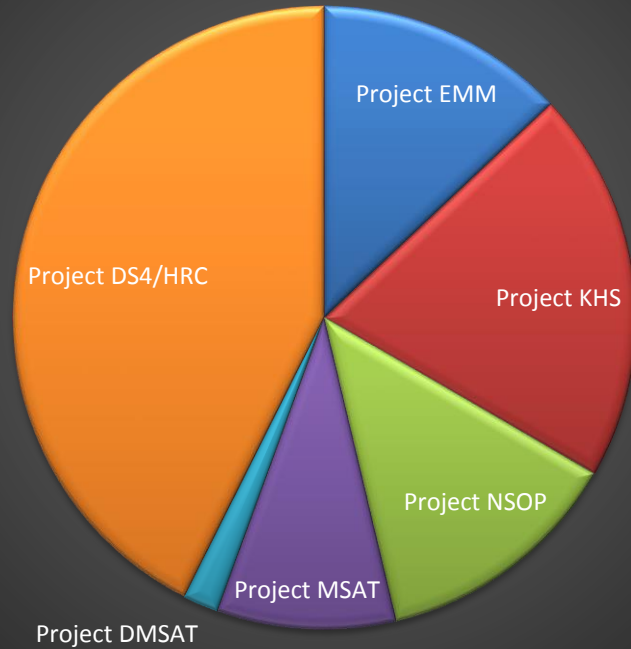


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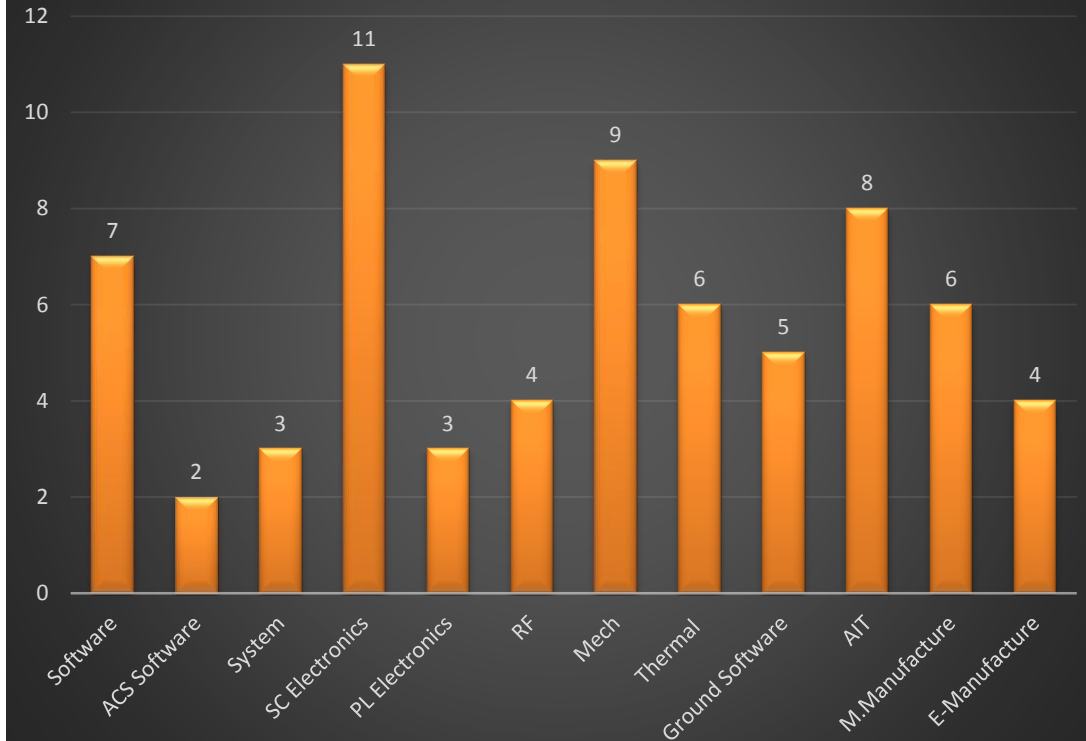




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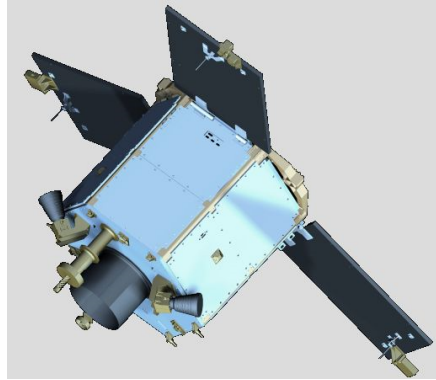


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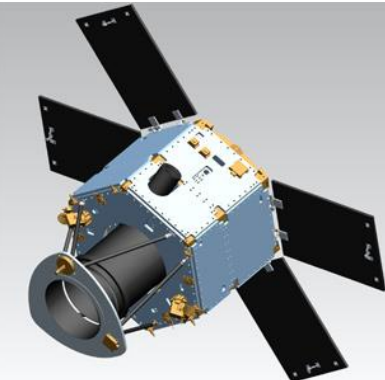


CAN Bus is a key element in the MBRSC's success story

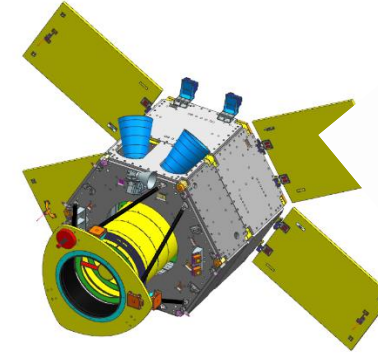
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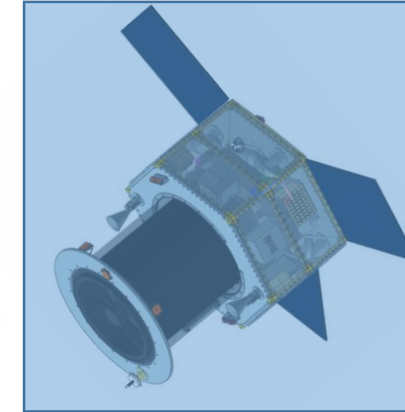
DubaiSat-1



DubaiSat-2



KhalifaSat
(Used to be DubaiSat-3)



DubaiSat
(Not Officially Announced yet)

Point-to-Point System

GSD = 2.5m	GSD = 1m	GSD = 0.7m	GSD = <0.3m
32Gbit	256Gbit	512Gbit	8 TBit
X-band 33Mbps	X-band 160Mbps	X-band 320Mbps	X-Band 1.2Gbps
<200kg	<300kg	<330Kg	<700kg
July 2009	Nov 2013	Oct 2018	Q3 2023

CAN-Bus System

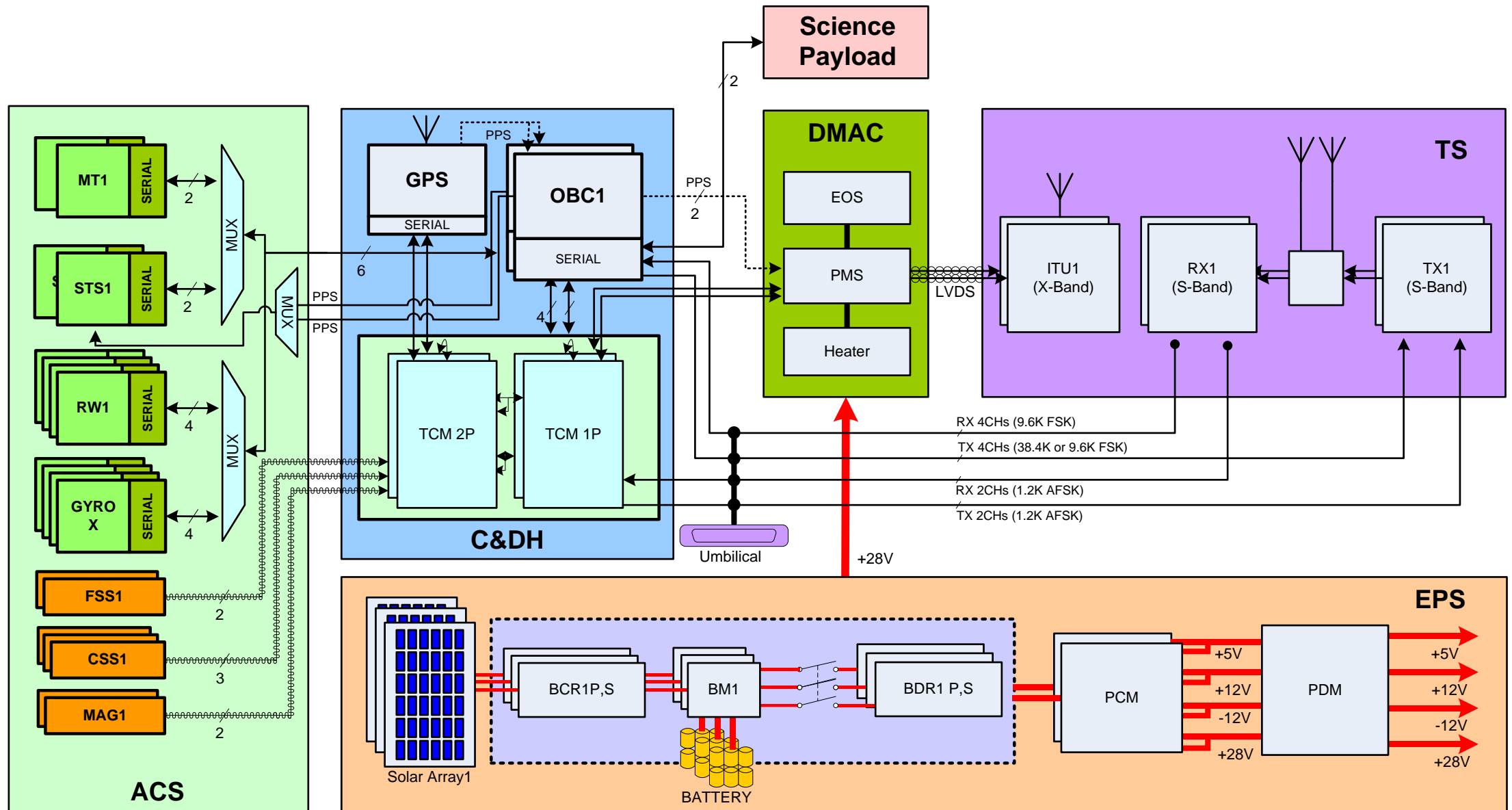
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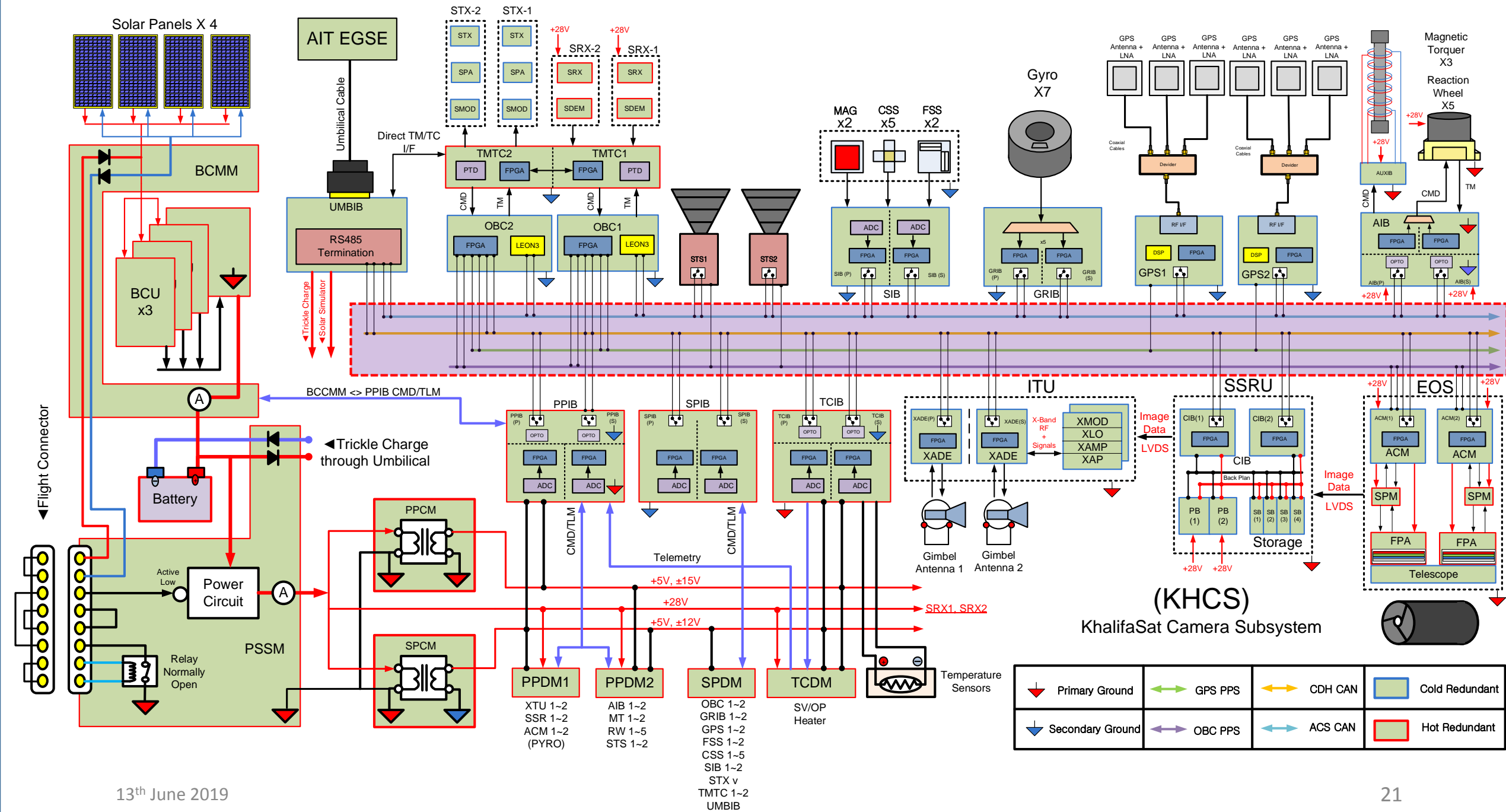
- CAN-Bus (2.0B) was first introduced in DubaiSat-2
- Flexible, reliable and easy to implement
- Two CAN Bus Interfaces for C&DH and ADCS Systems
- Both C&DH and ADCS CAN Bus have cold Redundancy
- 20 CAN-Bus active Nodes.
- Only 3 Type of CAN Bus circuits are made
- Speed of 500kbps (CAN 2.0B)
- Simple Protocol for Telecommand and Telemetry
- **Note: These are exact the same system features for DS2, KHS and DS4**

DubaiSat System Architecture

- DubaiSat-2 and Khalifasat and upcoming missions are all based on high resolution payloads
- Bus system evolved in performance to Match and support the specs of the Payload.
- Each system required different Data throughput, command and telemetry. Still the Specs shown before can handle such mission.







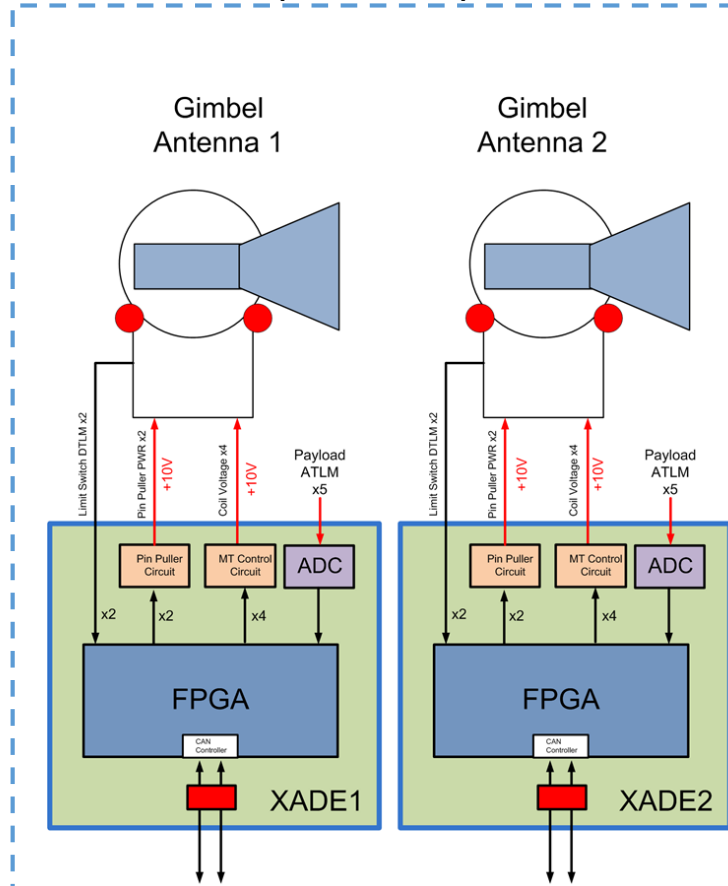


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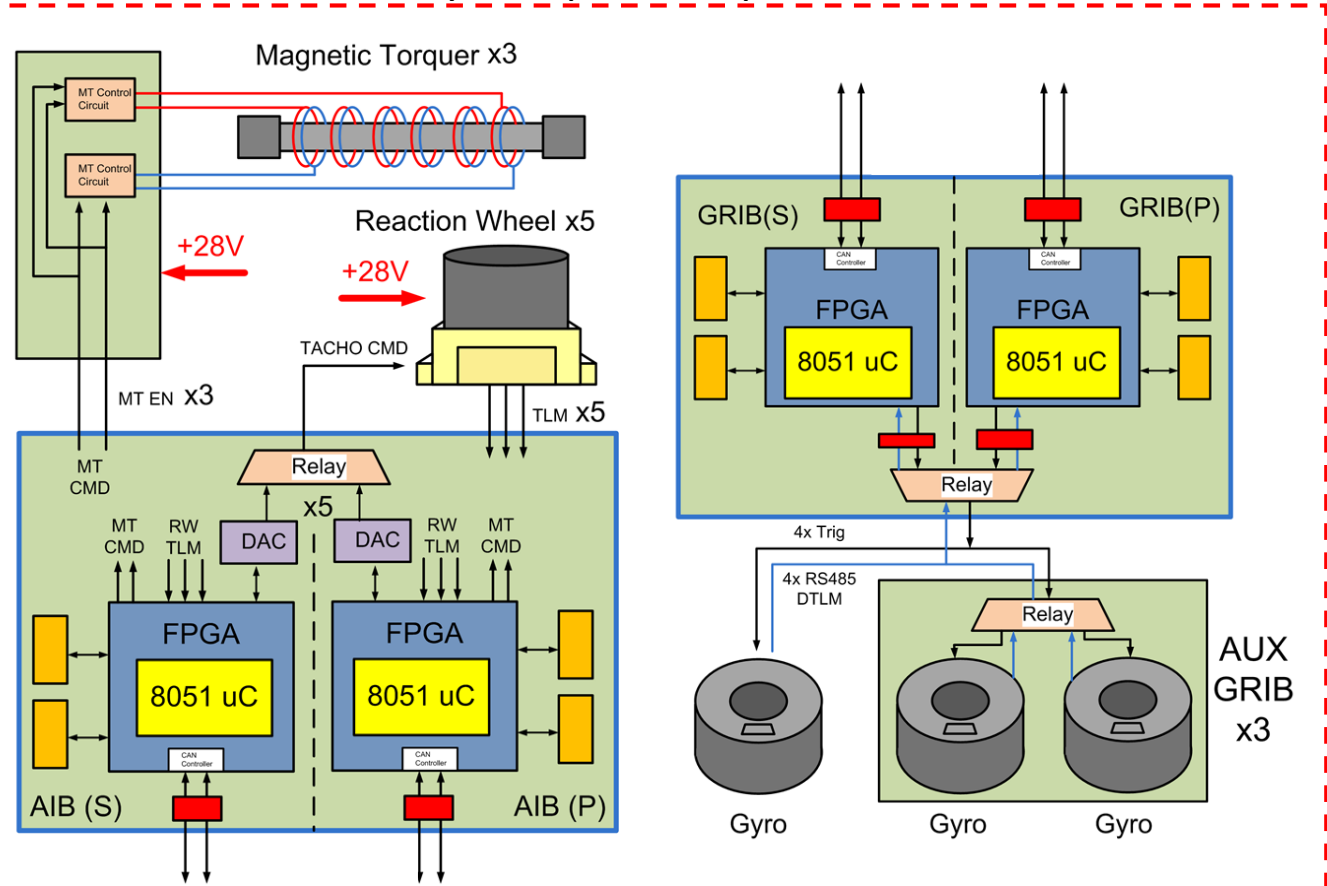
- How we were able to achieve this:
- CAN Bus Interface is a requirement in every mission.
- CAN Bus meets both early Data flow analysis at early design stage and meet the operation during Ground testing.
- CAN Nodes with higher data requirements are moved to Less busy bus.
- Commands/telemetry are used in an efficient way.
- Investment into EGSE, Software development, hours of Establishing robust FMECA all point toward using CAN Bus Again.
- Vendors negotiations always include request to have CAN-Bus Data interface (CAN2.0B).
- We support Vendors implement CAN-Bus (Joint Development)
- For off the shelf components that are not CAN-Bus compatible we develop an interface board. Or if the Price for adaptation is too high.

DubaiSat System Architecture

No complex Computation

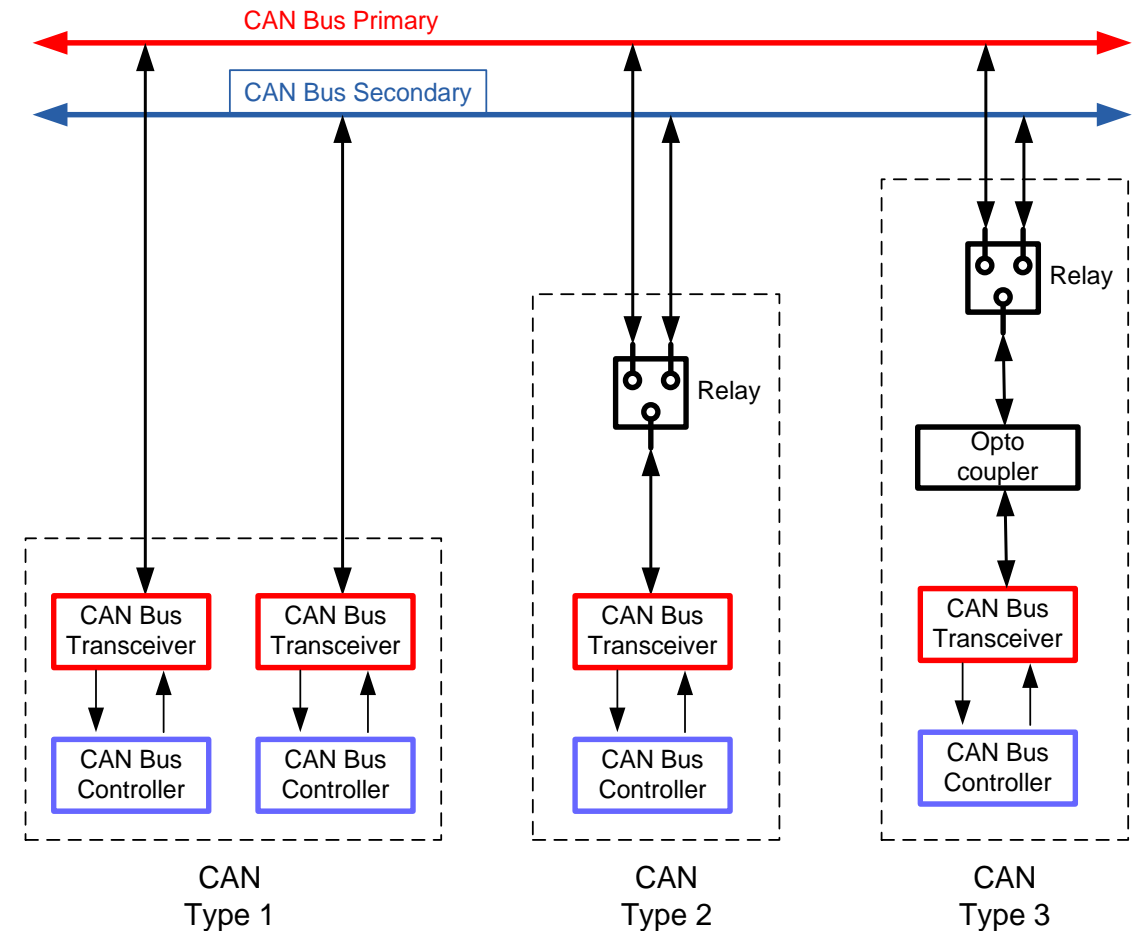


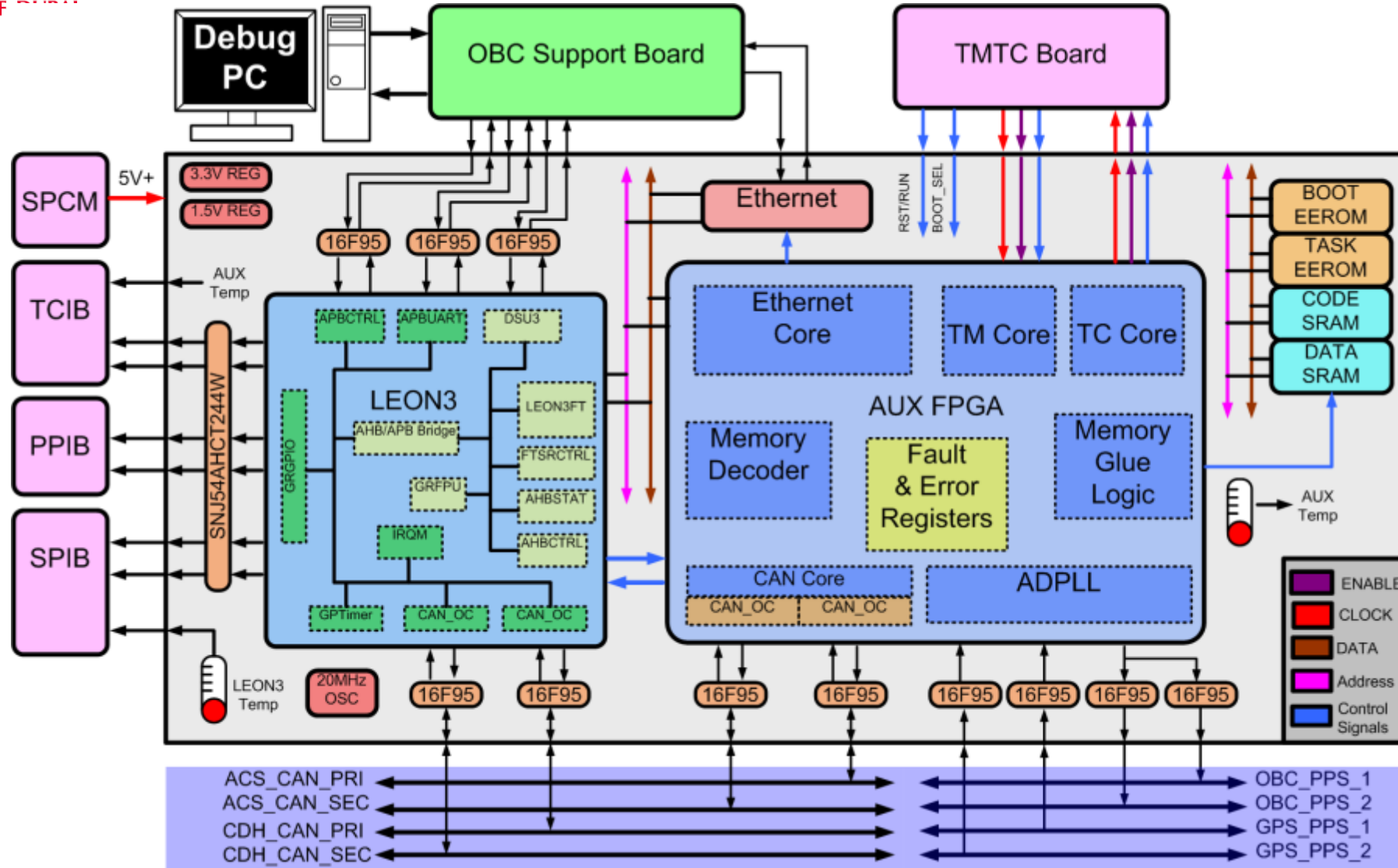
Relatively Complex computation is needed



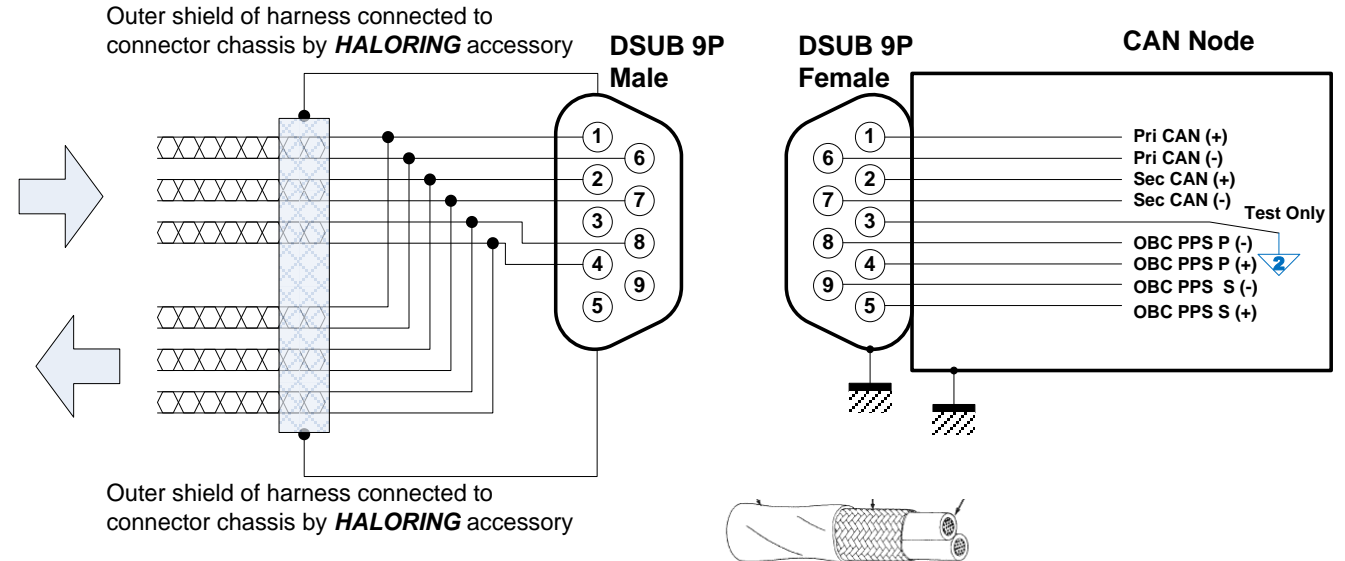
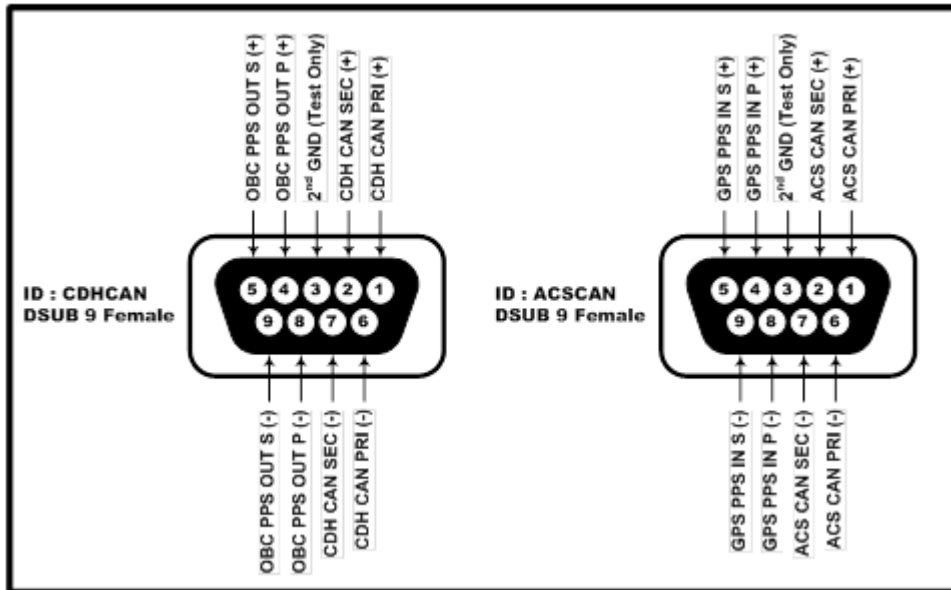
DubaiSat System Architecture

- Limit the Design of CAN Bus circuit to only three to limit issues of compatibility.
- On Board computer (OBC) One Master controlling the Network.
- Each Node can connect to either CAN Bus (Primary or redundant)
- System auto Detect failure in communication and re-configure the system to change from Primary to redundant CAN Bus.

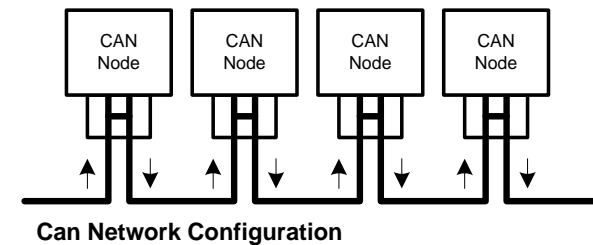




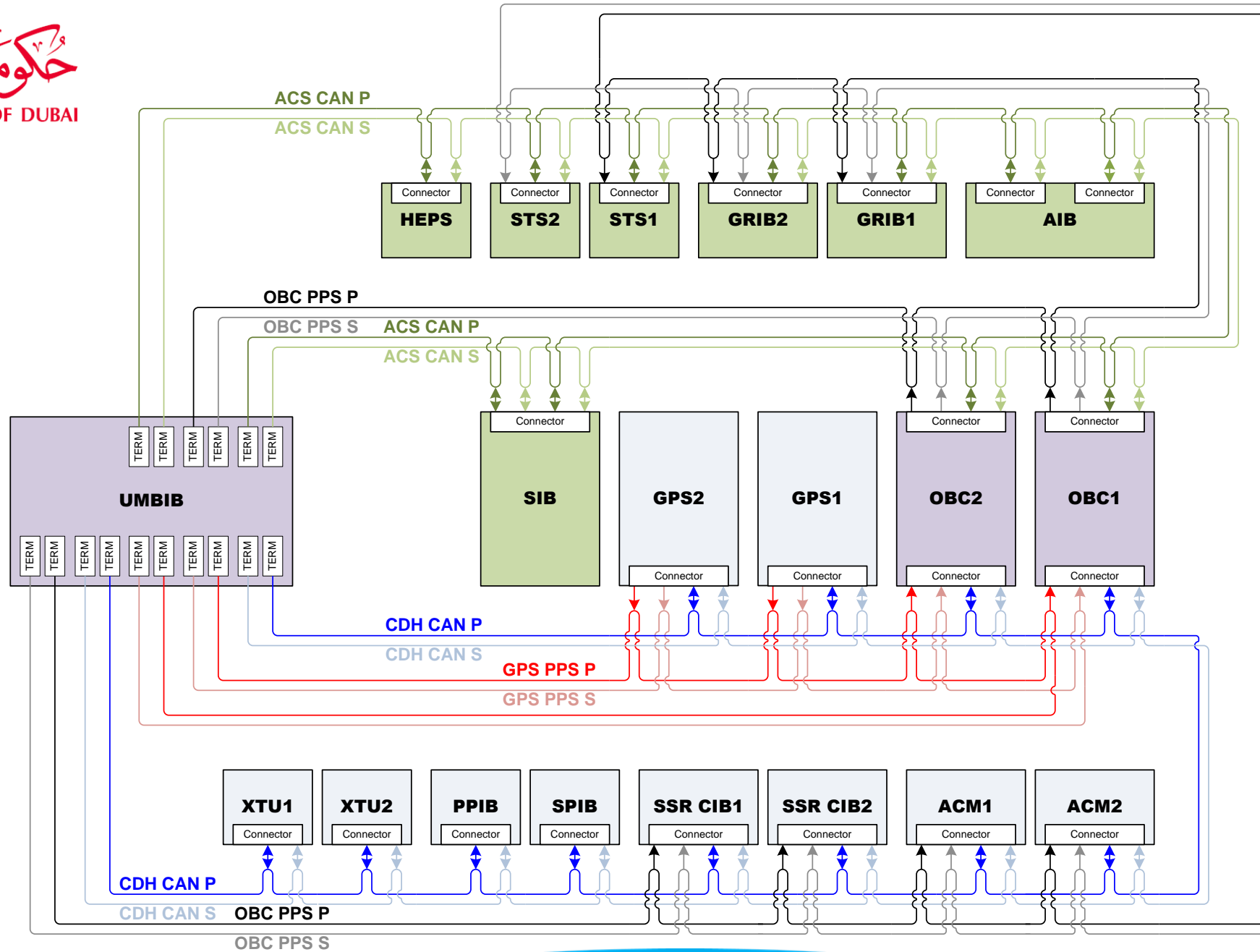
DubaiSat System Architecture



Setting Rules in the Electrical interface document is important



- **Harness** : Use three single pair shielded cables manufactured by RAYCHEM
- Can network must not be disconnected without CAN node.



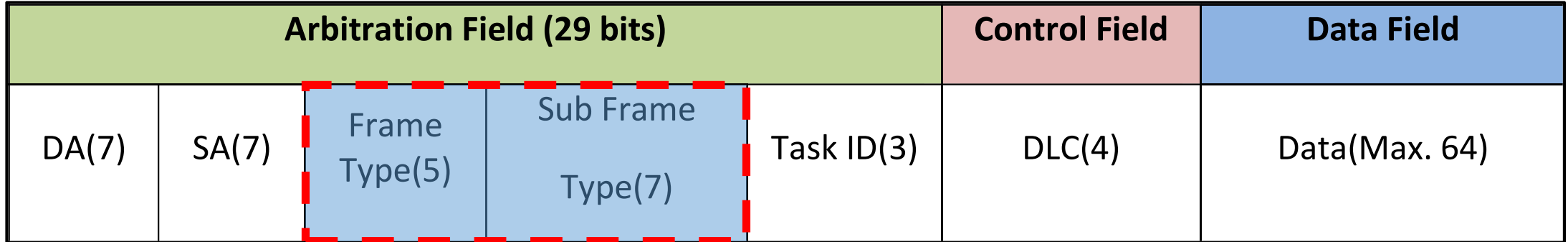
CAN Bus Protocol

- Protocol is simple to implement
- Implementation of the protocol is left not to the controller but to the logic interfacing with the controller:
 - Processor (example Onboard computer or Solid state Recorder)
 - Micro-controller (example GPS, or Gyro Control or Reaction wheel control)
 - FPGA (example: Power Interface Boards)

Arbitration Field (29 bits)					Control Field	Data Field
DA(7)	SA(7)	Frame Type(5)	Sub Frame Type(7)	Task ID(3)	DLC(4)	Data(Max. 64)

Two Ways to send telecommand and receive telemetry:

- **STSR** (Single transmission Single Reply)
 - Example: turn ON/OFF Module, Set Frequency
- **STMR** (Single Transmission Multi-reply)
 - Example: Gather Telemetry from a Node, Gather Ancillary Data from GPS
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Field Name	(bits)	Description
DA	7	It is abbreviation for Destination Address
SA	7	It is abbreviation for Source Address
Frame Type	5	It specifies the type of frame
Sub Frame Type	7	It is used to provide additional information about the frame type. It is only applied some specific frame type like PMC and MDT. (Ex. It is used to contains PMC index for PMC frame type)
Task ID	3	It is used to deliver the received frame to specific task on multi-tasking system. Therefore, this field only applies to the system which has OS.
DLC	4	It is abbreviation for Data Length Count. It is used to indicate the number of valid data in data field.

TRx Type	Frame Type	Frame No.	Description
STSR	NMT Request	0x001	Node Monitoring, Bus Switching
	NMT Reply	0x002	Reply NMT
	B-CMD	0x003	Bi-Level Command
	B-CMD Reply	0x004	Bi-Level Command Reply
	Reserved	0x005	
	Reserved	0x006	
	TLM Request	0x007	Telemetry Request
	TLM Reply	0x008	Telemetry Reply.
	TLM NAK	0x009	To notify invalid PMC index
	G-CMD	0x00A	General Command
	G-CMD Reply	0x00B	General Command Reply
	Bootload CMD	0x00C	Bootload Command
	Bootload CMD Reply	0x00D	Bootload Command Reply
STMR	M-CMD	0x00E	Multiple Packet Request Command
	M-CMD Reply	0x00F	Multiple Packet Command Reply
	Reserved	0x012-0x01F	

CAN Bus Protocol

- CAN Bus is used for all commands in the satellite except for few commands that are executed in Bi-Level (0~5V).
- CAN Bus is used for Payload:
 - Upload the best compression algorithm and compression table to the Video Signal Processors (VSPs)
 - Update the Gain, Offset and other parameters of the Sensors.
 - Update VSP parameters.
 - Imaging command, Image Stopping Command, image Storing...etc
 - Telemetry gathering from Payload (Current, Temperature...etc)
 - Control the Solid state Recorder and re-configure it.
 - Store Attitude Control information into the Captured image for easy

Command

Arbitration Field (29 bits)					Control	Data Field							
DA	SA	FT	Sub FT	Task ID	DLC	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7
ACM_ID	OBC_ID	0x0A	0x10		0x08	0x10	"0000 0" & PAN Pattern [2:0]	"0000 0" & MS1 Pattern [2:0]	"0000 0" & MS2 Pattern [2:0]	"0000 0" & MS3 Pattern [2:0]	"0000 0" & MS4 Pattern [2:0]	"0000 000" & Clk_Sel [0]	"0000 00" & CIB_Sel [1:0]

Reply

Arbitration Field (29 bits)					Control	Data Field							
OBC_ID	ACM_ID	0x0B	0x10		0x00								



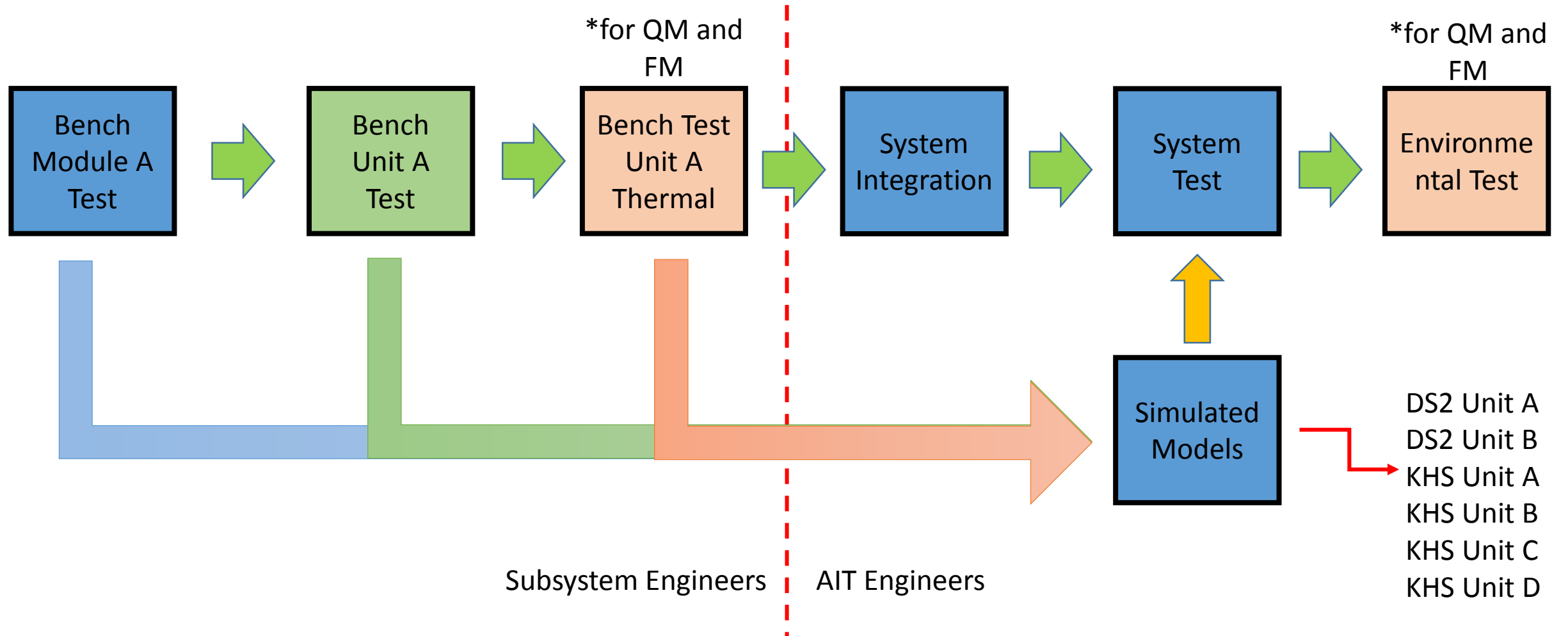
General Command List

Pattern & Select Programmable Clock
Ext Programmable Clock
Reserved
Line Rate Control
VSP #1&3 Gain/Offset – PAN
VSP #5&7 Gain/Offset – PAN
VSP #9&11 Gain/Offset – PAN
VSP #13&15 Gain/Offset – PAN
VSP #17&19 Gain/Offset – PAN
VSP #21&23 Gain/Offset – PAN
VSP Gain/Offset – MS1 & MS2
VSP Gain/Offset – MS3 & MS4
TDI Step
PAN VSP CDS Control
MS VSP CDS Control
Reserved
CCD Operation Start/Stop
Image Save Start/Stop
TIME_DIFF_ACM_GET
TIME_DIFF_OBC_GET

CAN Bus Protocol

- Khalifasat CAN-Bus adaptation:
- All engineers understand the rules, regulations, CAN Controllers features, ways to send telemetry, EGSEs..etc
- We built a good experience of what could go wrong.
- All work went smoothly and we had only 2 Non-Conformance Due to CAN-Bus (Failure in Driver)
- Robust and proven technology to the point of not even considering it during issue resolving or During Non-conformance Meetings.

Verification



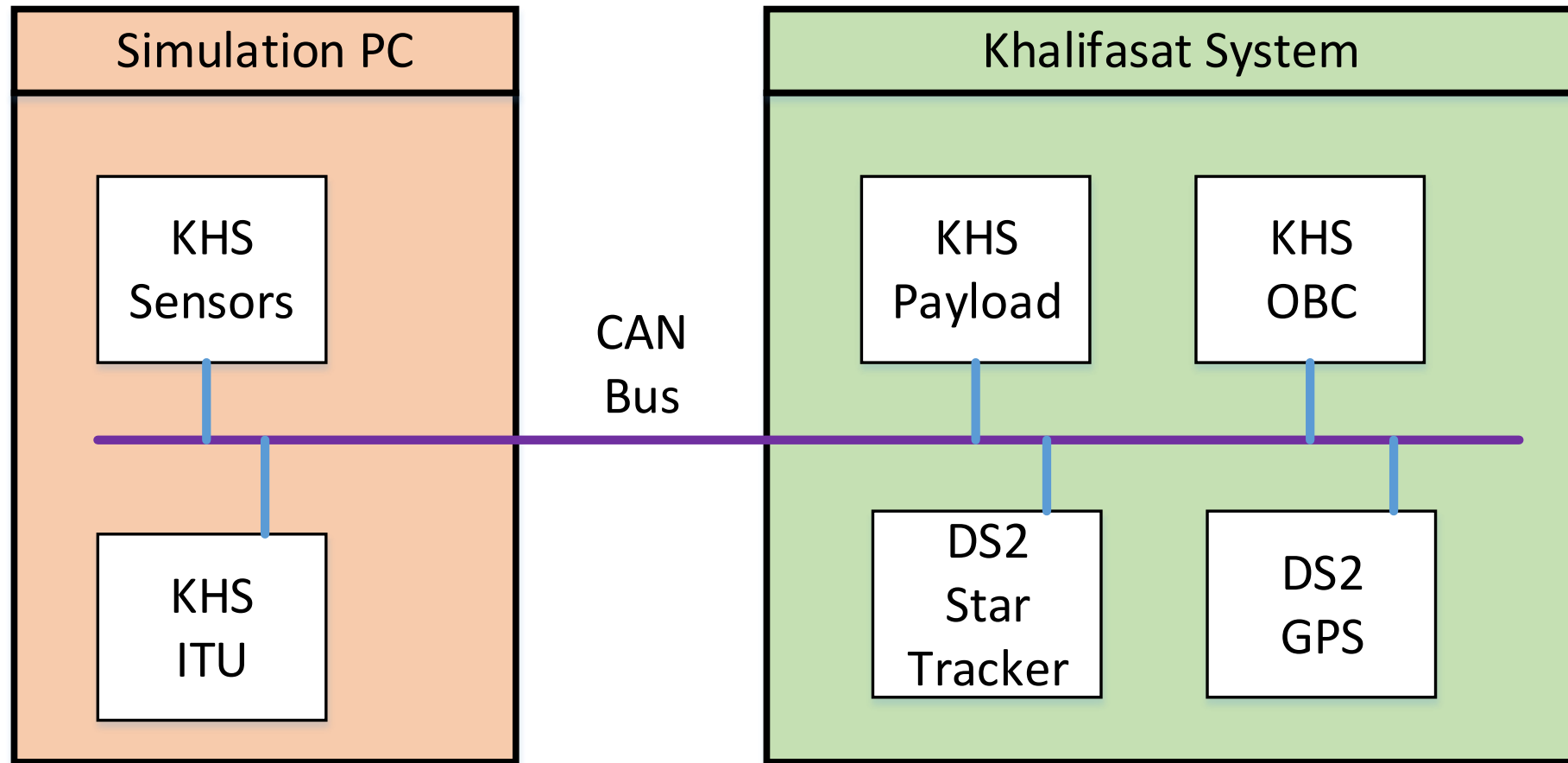


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Module/Unit



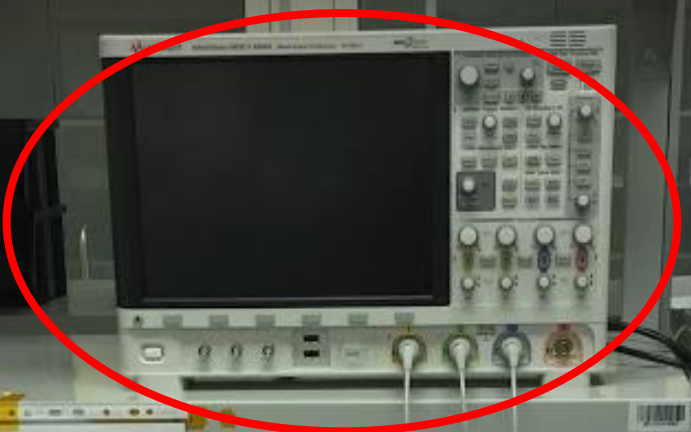
Focus performance of Whole System
Verification

Verification



Verification

- CAN-Bus Verification is emphasis on Bench test rather than System
- We make sure that the Module/unit is tested prior to integration with the whole system.
- CAN-Bus commands that are only used during Bench test are not tested on System level. (example: PID controller testing for AIB)
- In case of comprehensive Test is required for the module due to uploading of a new software (example GPS) or due to Uploading new control Coefficients (Example PID controller for AIB) then such test can be made on system.



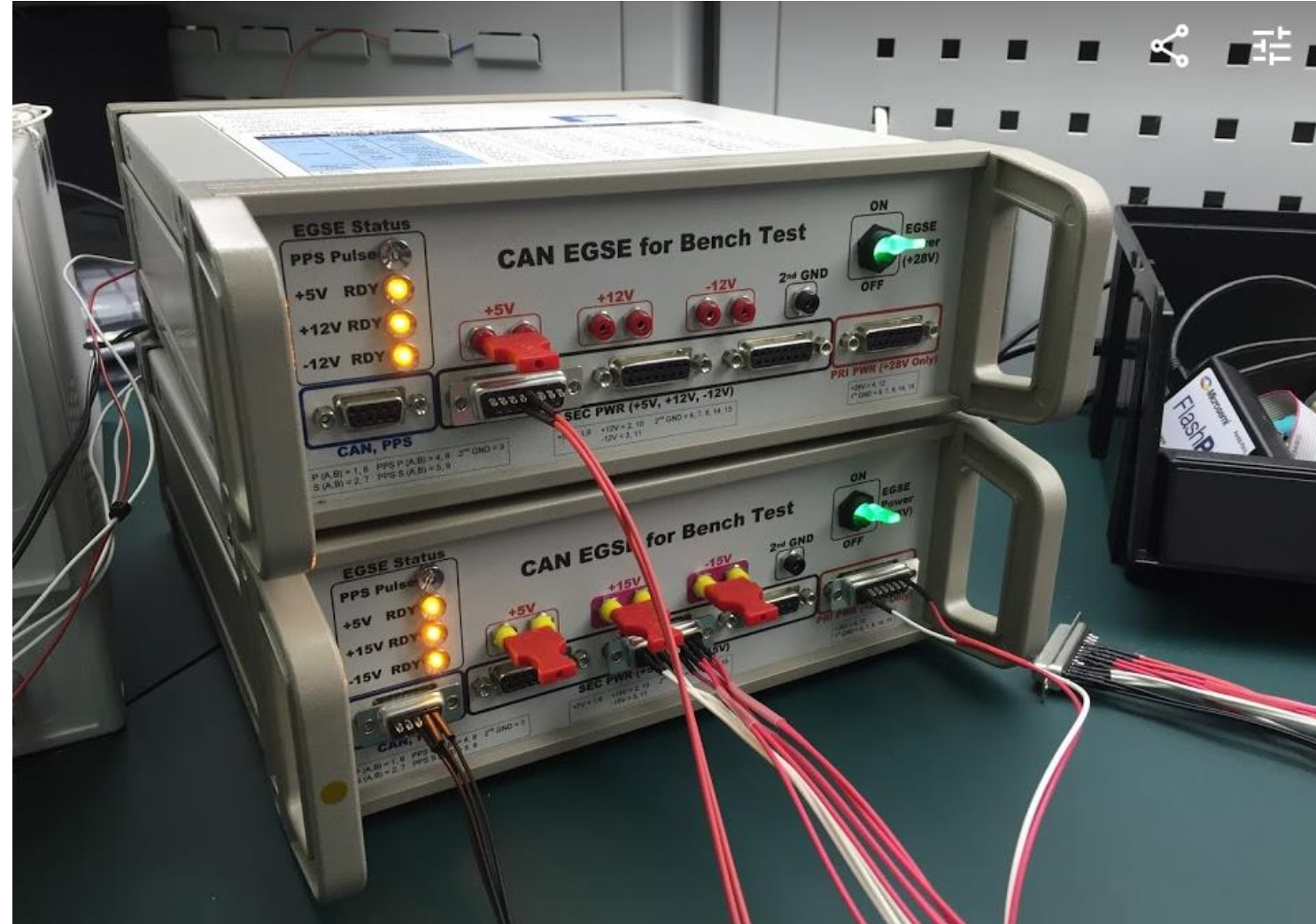
KHS-AIB-EM2
Bench test
Don't Annoy the Engineer



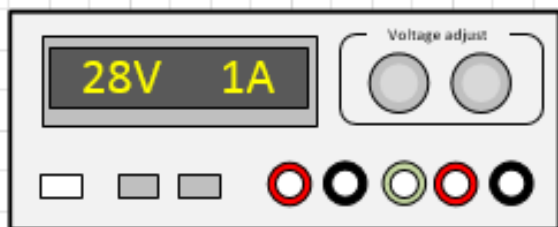
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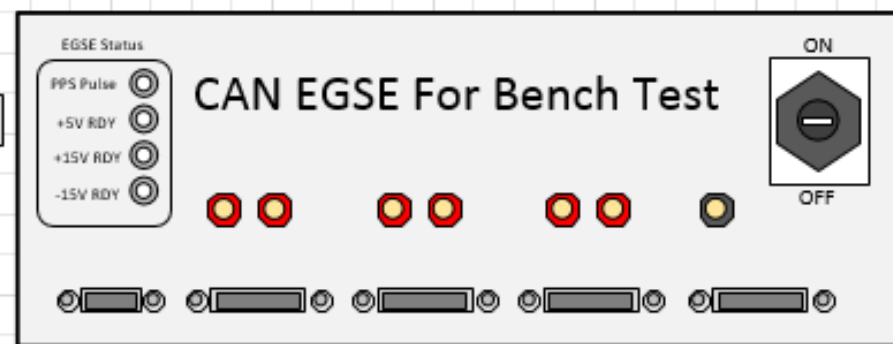
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- Simple EGSE provide CAN interface with the help of CAN-KVASER CAN-to-USB Hardware to connect to PC.
- Provide PPS Signals
- Provide Power Interface +5V, $\pm 12V$, $\pm 15V$, +28V.



Power Supply # 1



CAN EGSE #1



9Pin Male

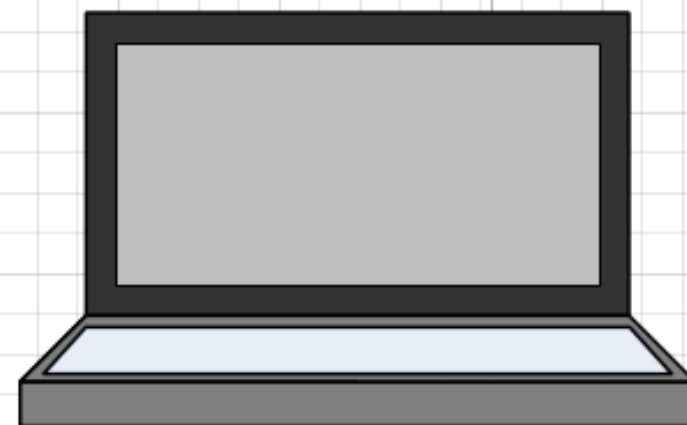
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9Pin Male

CAN_Sec

CAN Kaver

Computer



BNC Male Solder

Port_PWR_1

Port_PWR_2

Port_EGSE_VIN_1

9Pin Male

Port_EGSE_CANPPS

Port_EGSE_VOUT_1

15Pin Male

15Pin Male

Port_EGSE_VOUT_2

Port_AIB_J1

25Pin Female

Port_AIB_J2

9Pin Female

Port_Contact_A

9Pin Male

Port_Contact_B

AIB

JTAG

Flash Pro 3

Port_AIB_J4

69Pin Male

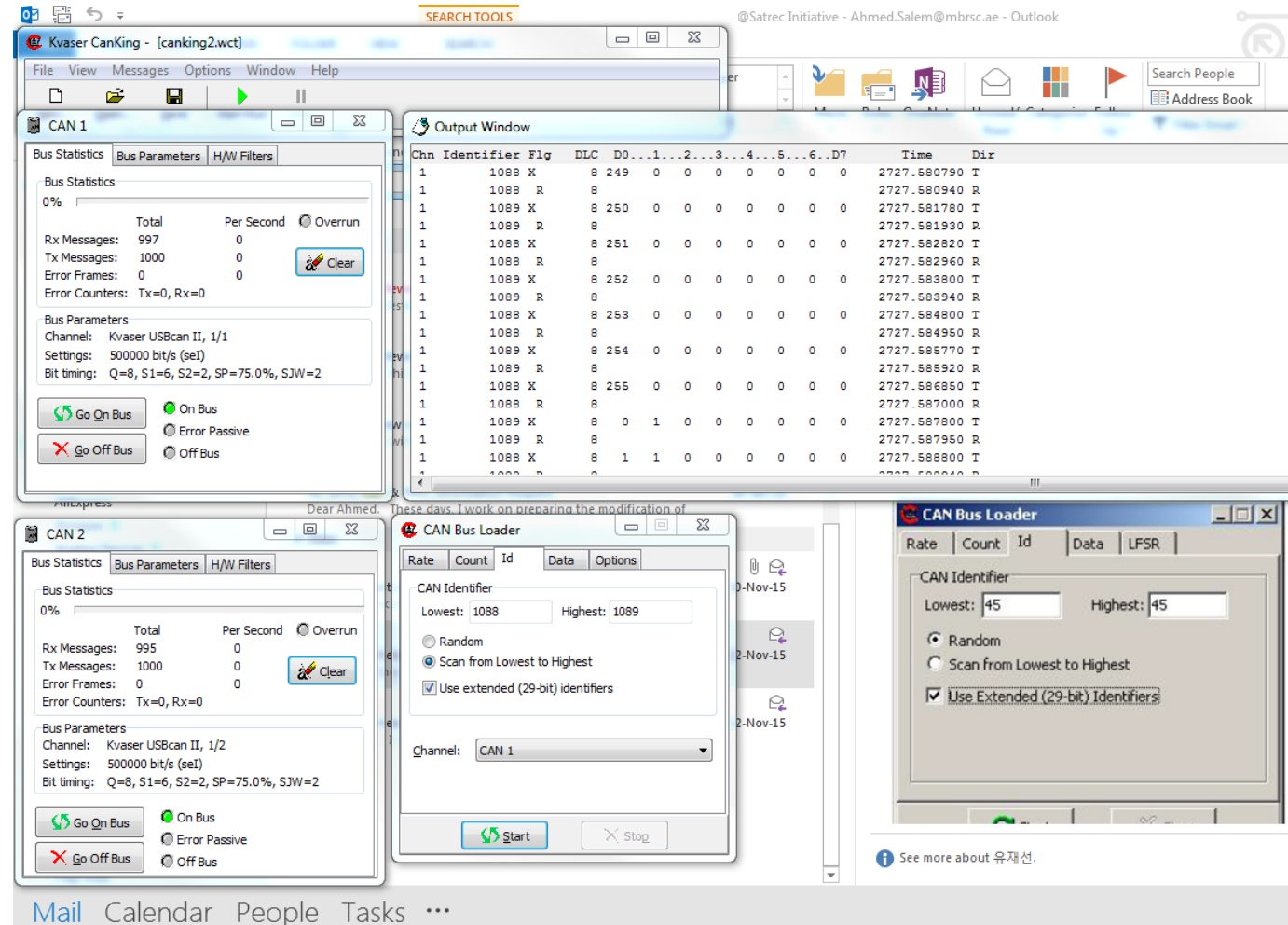
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15Pin Female

Port_AIB_J3

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Verification

- CAN-Script-Library
- All commands are already defined in the script library and we don't have to create our own commands.
- All engineers share the same Script library however they can

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67 #####
68 CanSIObj.UpdateAllTLMs(Conn)
69 time.sleep(1)
70
71 print("Start Send Full torque CW Command")
72 CanSIObj.SendCmd(Conn, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00,0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x1F) #Send a 10V Command to ALL DAC
73 CanSIObj.SendCmd(Conn, 0x11, 0x00, 0x00,0x00, 0x00, 0x1F) #Send a 10V Command to ALL DAC
74 for i in range (0, 45):
75     CanSIObj.SendSTMRReq(Conn, 0,70)
76     time.sleep(1)
77
78 print("Stabelize the Speed")
79 CanSIObj.SendCmd(Conn, 0x10, 0xFF, 0xFF,0x00, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x00, 0x1F) #Send a 10V Command to ALL DAC
80 CanSIObj.SendCmd(Conn, 0x11, 0x00, 0x00,0x00, 0x00, 0x1F) #Send a 10V Command to ALL DAC
81 for i in range (0, 5):
82     CanSIObj.SendSTMRReq(Conn, 0,70)
83     time.sleep(1)
84
85 print("Parking Command")
86 CanSIObj.SendCmd(Conn, 0x12, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00)
87 for i in range (0, 45):
88     CanSIObj.SendSTMRReq(Conn, 0,70)
89     time.sleep(1)
90
91 print("Start Send Full torque CCW Command ")
92 CanSIObj.SendCmd(Conn, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00,0x80, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x1F) #Send a 10V Command to ALL DAC
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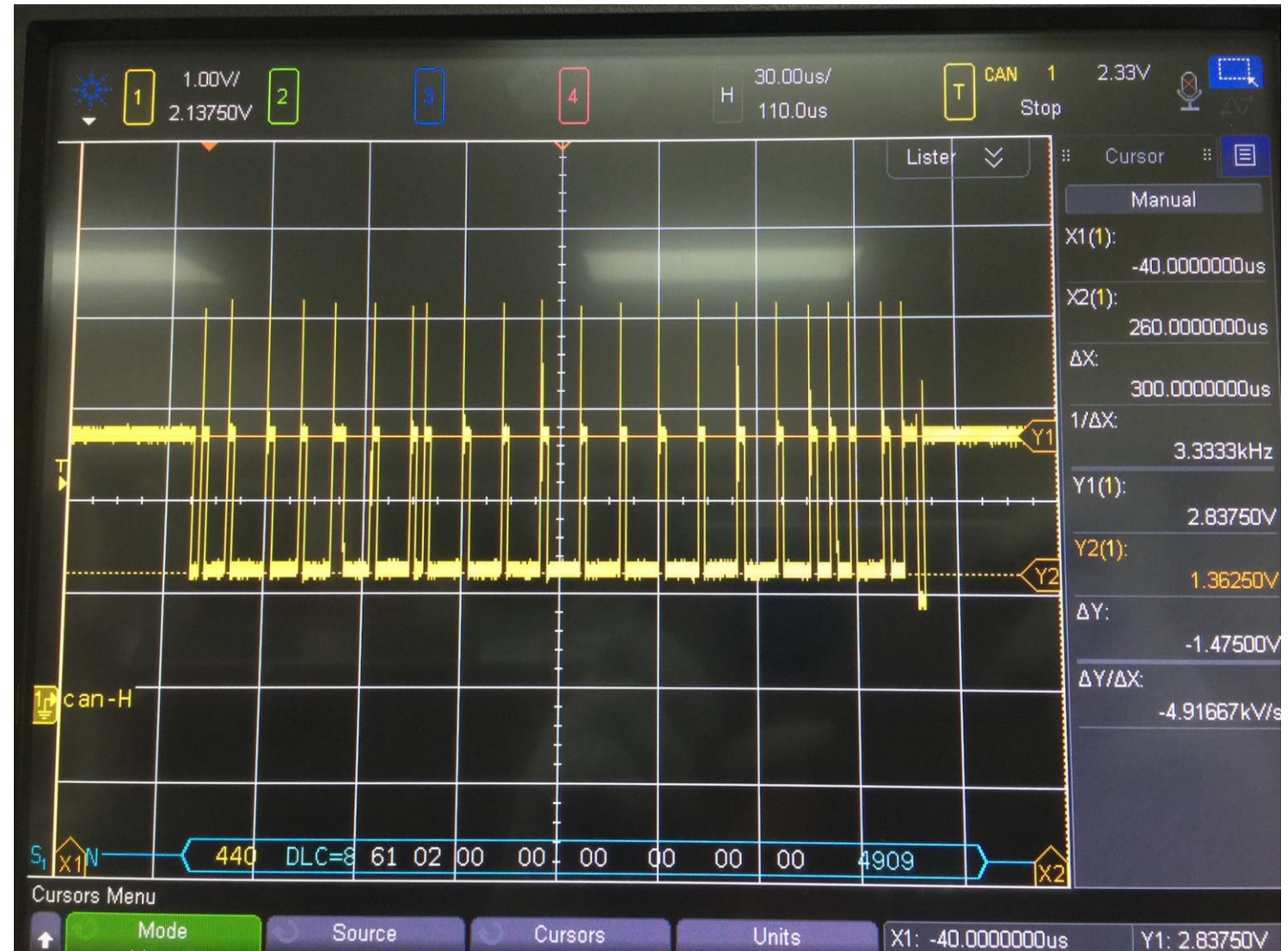

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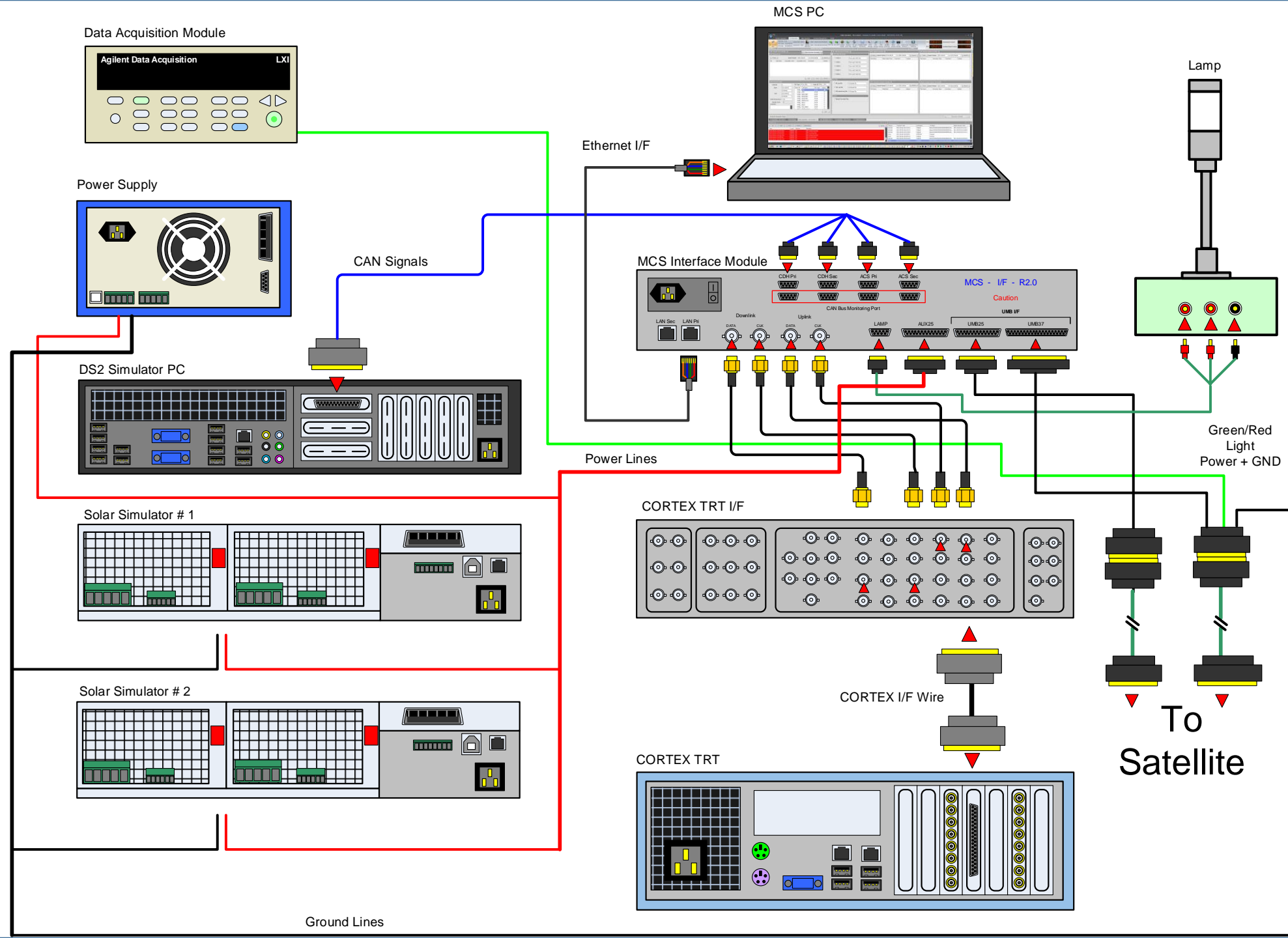
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- Not necessary to Engineers but it does simplify troubleshooting.



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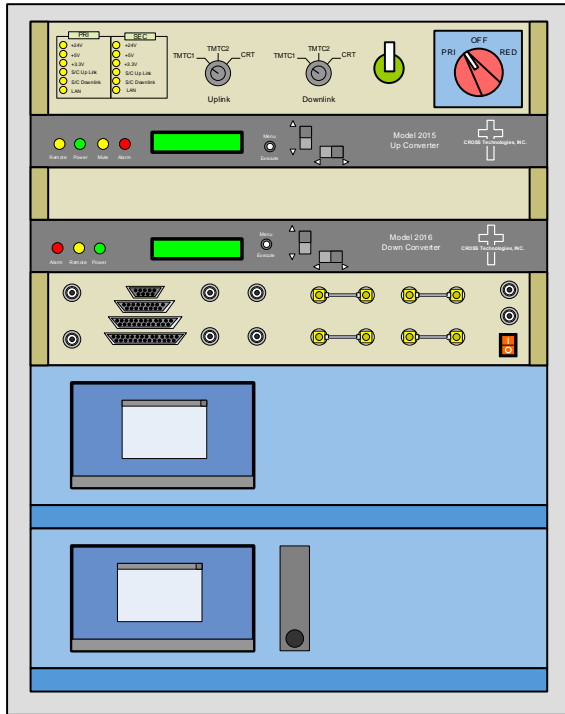
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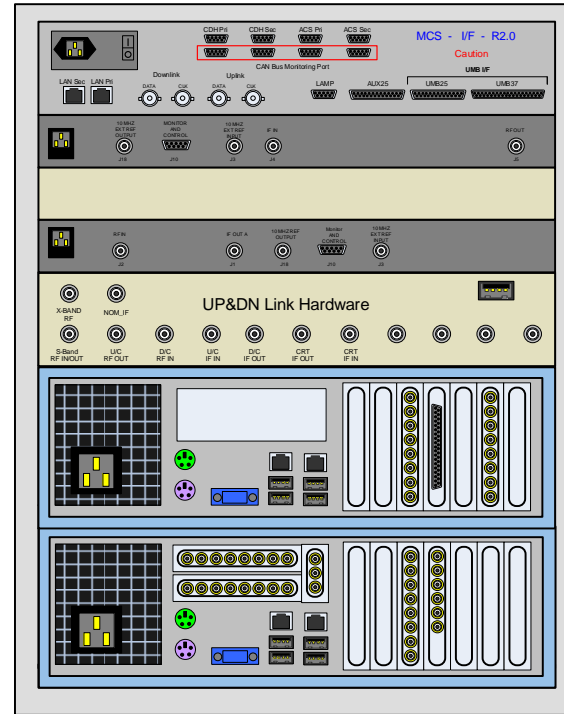


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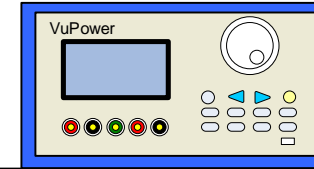
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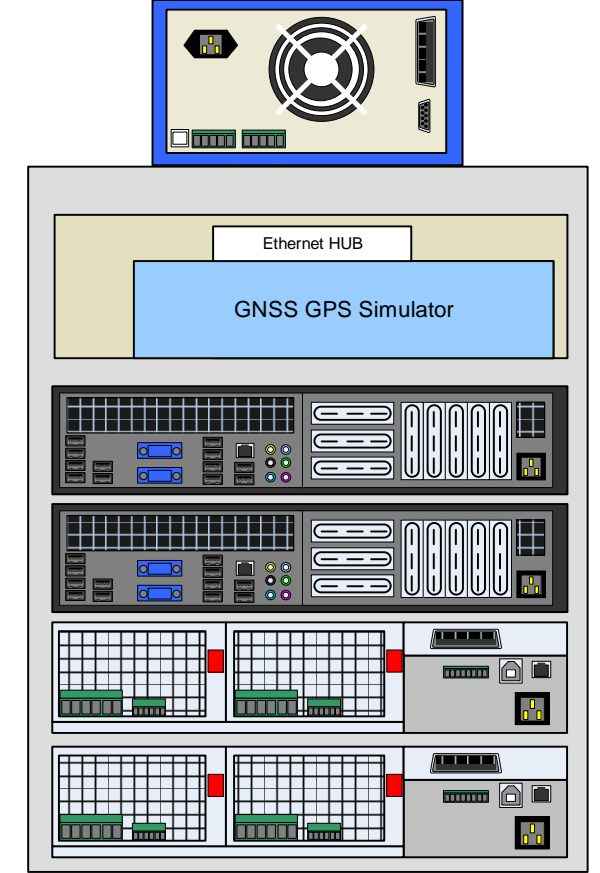
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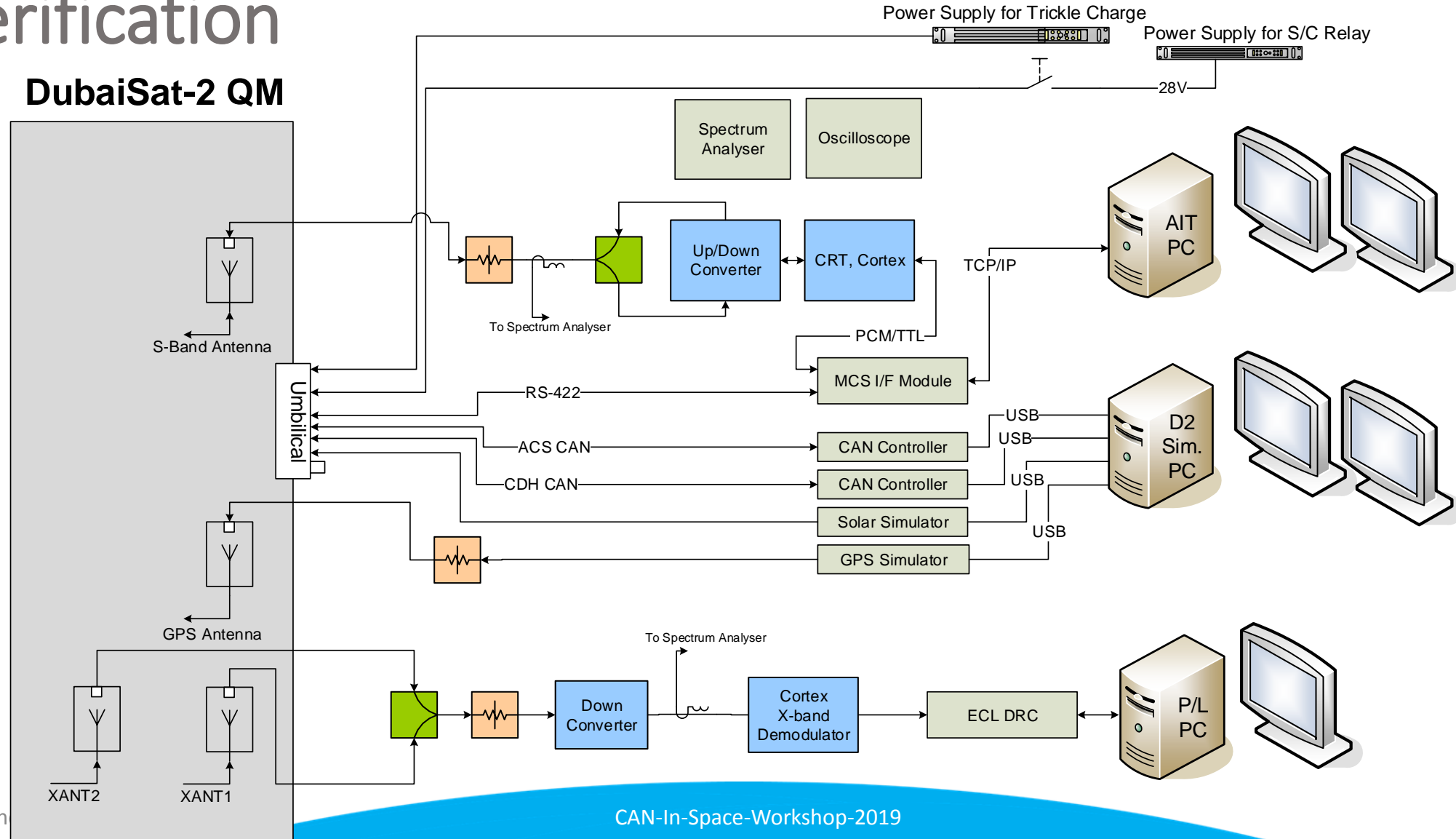


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DubaiSat-2 QM



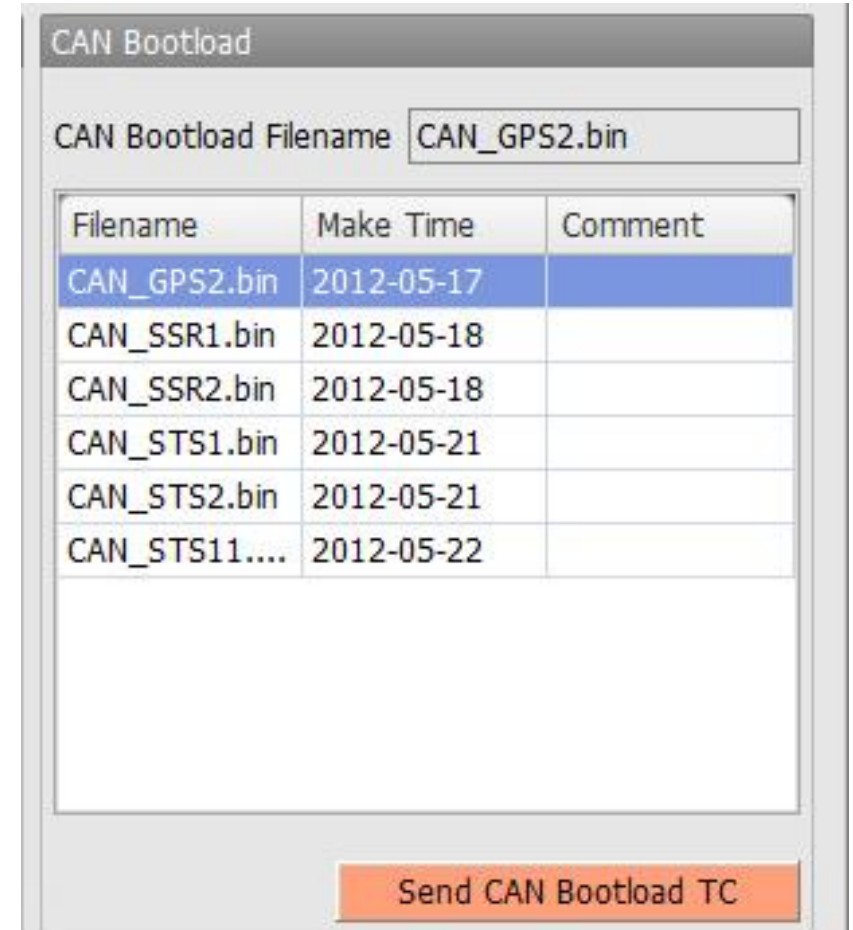
Verification

- **System Level CAN Bus**
- DubaiSat system allows direct injection of CAN Bus packet through Main Communication link (S-Band or Umbilical)
- CAN Bus packet are encapsulated in a CCSDS telecommand format. the OBC sends the commands to the correct bus.

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Verification

- **System Level CAN Bus**
- DubaiSat system allows also updating the Software in some modules. This is called CAN Bootloading.
- Usually all modules are updated with the final software Version prior to launch. Still in case of issues or better performing software updates can be made.



CAN Bootload

CAN Bootload Filename

Filename	Make Time	Comment
CAN_GPS2.bin	2012-05-17	
CAN_SSR1.bin	2012-05-18	
CAN_SSR2.bin	2012-05-18	
CAN_STS1.bin	2012-05-21	
CAN_STS2.bin	2012-05-21	
CAN_STS11....	2012-05-22	

Upcoming Work

- Work on next mission CAN Bus System.
- Upgrade from RS485 Drivers to Actual CAN-Bus transceivers (COBHAM)
- Update the Electrical Interface Document to reflect circuit changes.
- Work on Selecting/developing of new EGSE for Bench Level and System.
- Work on Vendors CAN-Bus Adaptation (Command list, telemetry, circuit, FPGA IP, Joint testing...etc).
- Prepare for PDR is in August 2019

Thank You