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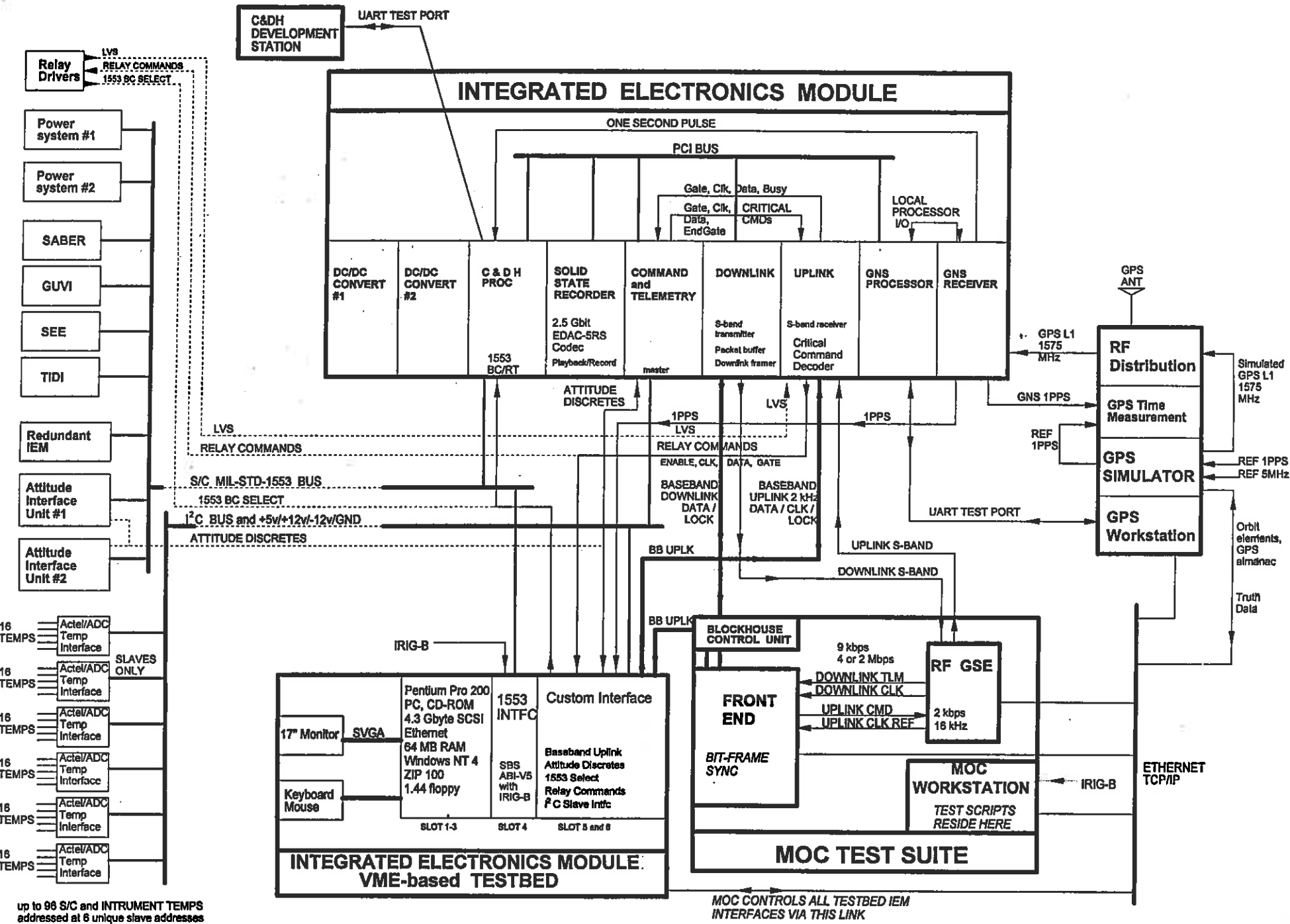
# **Integrated Electronics Module Test-bed**

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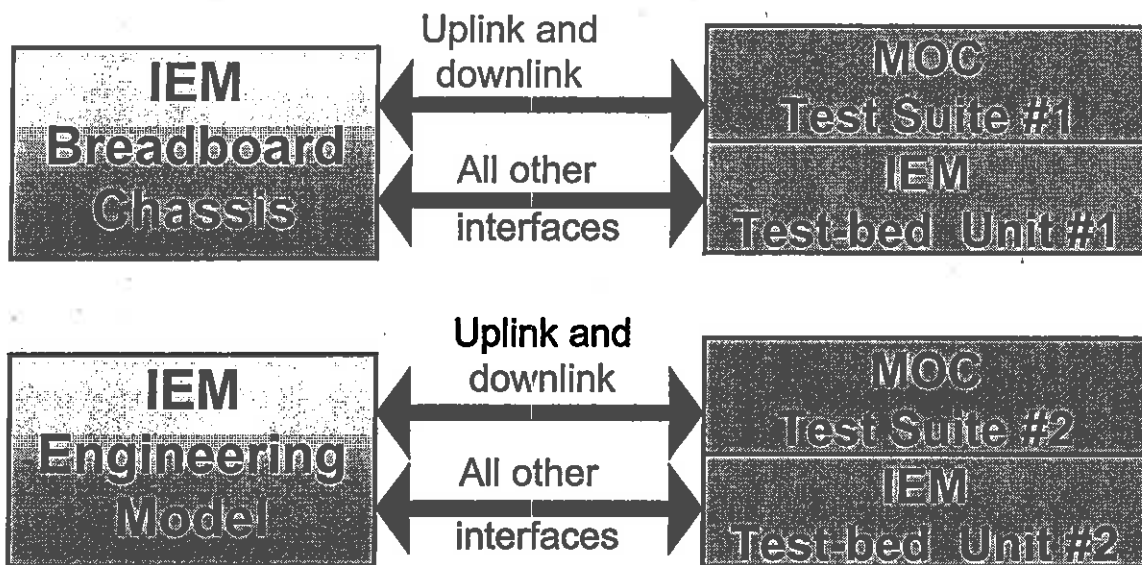
## IEM Test-bed Configurations

- *Two* IEM Test-beds with associated Mission Operation Center test suites being built to support *two* IEM development units and *two* IEM flight units.
- MOC test suite consists of
  - MOC workstation
  - Bit and Frame Sync Front End
  - Blockhouse Control Unit
  - RF Ground Station rack(s)
- Capable of functionally testing **all input and output interfaces** of an IEM.
- Supports
  - 1) **Software development**
  - 2) **Environmental qualification**
  - 3) **Autonomy rule verification**
- MOC workstation will control the **test scenarios** via MOC resident **script files**. The IEM Test-bed acts as a slave to the MOC via Ethernet.
- All baseband and RF **uplink commanding** and **downlink telemetry** will be controlled by the MOC.



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IEM Flight Unit #1

IEM Flight Unit #2

Two *IEM Test-beds / MOC Test Suites* are shared by four *IEM units* being developed.



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## IEM Test-bed Features

- VME-based chassis with embedded Pentium PC, 4 Gbyte disk drive, Ethernet, 64 Mbyte RAM running Windows NT 4.0.
- MIL-STD-1553 dual-redundant interface card.
- Custom wire-wrap card containing all interfaces to the IEM except Uplink/Downlink/GPS RF and MIL-STD-1553 bus.  
Custom interfaces include:
  - 1) Serial Relay Command interface to Power Switching Unit (PSU)
  - 2) Low Voltage Sense discrete signals from PSU
  - 3) Serial spacecraft temperature bus
  - 4) MIL-STD-1553 Bus Controller Select
  - 5) Attitude Interface Unit discrete signals
  - 6) Uplink baseband port (local or MOC controlled)
- The Test-bed *does not* support emulation of missing cards during system integration, i.e., internal PCI-bus emulation of GPS card, internal temperature sensors, etc.)



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## IEM Test-bed Features (cont'd)

- PC-based MIL-STD-1553 bus analyzer is used to debug 1553 traffic.
- CCSDS formats will be composed and decomposed within the MOC
- Verification of proper test scenario telemetry response is handled by the MOC scripting language and logged in the MOC.
- Baseband uplink may be directed to originate from the Test-bed in the form of **pre-composed CLTU files**. These files allow low-level testing of IEM uplink, i.e., **bad commands, missing bits, bad CRC, bad code blocks**.
- The MOC *Command* and *Telemetry dictionaries* are populated and exercised early in IEM development phase.
- **No porting** effort involved with dictionaries since they always reside on the MOC workstation throughout the program.



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## **IEM Test-bed Status**

- **Two Test-beds** with their custom interface cards are available for use.
- **Cabling** to the breadboard chassis from either Test-bed is complete.
- Uplink baseband testing of the **Critical Command Decoder** using Test-bed resident files has been completed.
- **All serial Relay Commands** have been verified by the Test-bed.
- **Serial temperature interface** is presently being verified on the Test-bed using a stand-in for the IEM circuitry.
- Main **graphical user interface window** and 11 sub-windows have been identified and some controls implemented.



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## **IEM Test-bed Status (cont'd)**

- **Test-bed 1553 interface** has been exercised and awaits fuller definition of message parameters.
- The **IRIG time code interface** has been verified.
- **MOC to Test-bed command and telemetry Ethernet socket connections** have been established.
- **Test-bed command and telemetry database entry is underway.** IEM command and telemetry database entry is awaiting definition.
- **Front-End Processor** has arrived with its uplink channel presently being cabled and verified.
- **Test-bed Requirement Document (APL/JHU #7363-9326)** has been written.
- **Custom Interface Board Specification Document** has been written.