

# 14-Channel Power Supply System Employing LTC3880/LTC2974/LTC2977 Power System Managers with EEPROM

## DESCRIPTION

The DC1962C is a demonstration system that showcases three different Linear Technology devices—the [LTC3880](#), [LTC2974](#), and [LTC2977](#). The LTC2974 and LTC2977 devices are I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus power system managers with EEPROM. The LTC3880 is a dual output PolyPhase<sup>®</sup> step-down DC/DC controller with digital power system management. The LTC3880 monitors and controls 2 power supply rails, the LTC2974 monitors and controls 4 power supply rails, and the LTC2977 monitors and controls 8 power supply rails. The DC1962C demonstrates the ability of these devices to sequence, trim, margin, supervise, monitor, and log faults for fourteen power supplies. Each power supply channel's output voltage is monitored and each device monitors its own internal die temperature. Six channels have current and external temperature sensing.

The DC1962C is a single circuit board that contains fourteen independent power supply rails. The board employs twelve LTC3405A 300mA switch-mode regulators, which are configured to be controlled by the LTC2974 (4) and LTC2977 (8). The LTC3880's two channels have much of the switching regulator integrated, only requiring the external power stage (power MOSFETs), inductor, and other passives. This board provides a sophisticated fourteen channel digitally programmable power supply system. The rail voltages are programmable within the trim range shown in Table 1.

This demonstration system is supported by the LTpowerPlay<sup>™</sup> graphical user interface (GUI) enabling complete control of the features on all three devices. Together, the LTpowerPlay software and DC1962C hardware system create a powerful development environment for designing and testing configuration settings of the LTC3880, LTC2974, and LTC2977. These settings can be stored in each of the devices' internal EEPROM or in a file. This file can later be used to order pre-programmed devices or to program devices in a production environment. The software displays all of the configuration settings and real time measurements from the three digital power ICs. Telemetry allows easy access and decoding of the fault log created by each device. The board comes pre-programmed with the EEPROM values appropriate for the fourteen power supply rails on the DC1962C. Just plug and play!

Multiple DC1962C boards can be cascaded together to form a high channel count power supply (see the Multi-Board Arrays section). This allows for the formation of a single, coherent

power supply system. The user configures up to eight DC1962C boards, thereby controlling up to 112 separate power supply rails. This cascaded configuration demonstrates features of the LT power system management ICs which enable timing and fault information to be shared across multiple ICs.

The DC1962C demo board can be powered by an external power supply, such as a +12VDC supply. Communication with the software is provided through the DC1613 USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller. The following is a checklist of items which can be obtained from the LTC website or LTC Field Sales.

- USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller (DC1613)
- LTpowerPlay Software

### DC1962C Features

- I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus Serial Interface
- PMBus Compliant Command Set
- Configuration EEPROM with CRC
- Black Box Fault Logging to Internal EEPROM
- Differential Input, 16-Bit  $\Delta\Sigma$  ADC with less than  $\pm 0.25\%$  of Total Unadjusted Error ( $\pm 0.5\%$  for LTC3880)
- Voltage Servos Precisely Adjust Supply Voltages
- LTC2974 and LTC2977 Utilize 10-Bit trim DACs with Soft-Connect
- Telemetry Reads Back  $V_{IN}$ ,  $I_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ ,  $I_{OUT}$ , Temperature (Int. and Ext.)
- Output Sequencer - Time Based or Tracking (Tracking support on LTC2974 Only)
- Supports Multichannel Fault Management
- Operates Autonomously without Additional SW
- Powered from 6V to 14V
- Packaging:
  - LTC2974/LTC2977 in 64-lead QFN
  - LTC3880 in 40-lead QFN

**Design files for this circuit board are available at <http://www.linear.com/demo>**

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## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY Specifications are at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| POWER SUPPLY CHANNEL                                | CH(0:1)  | CH(2:5)                | CH(6:13)  |
|---|--|------------------------|---|
| Manager/Controller                                  | LTC3880  | LTC2974                | LTC2977   |
| Nominal Untrimmed Output Voltages                   | 0.85V, 1.1V<br>(Defined by Config)                       | 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.0V, 2.2V | 0.9V, 1.0V, 1.1V, 1.2V,<br>2.5V, 2.7V, 3.0V, 3.3V |
| Rated Output Current                                | 0.3A   |                        |   |
| Default Margin Range                                | $\pm 5\%$  |                        |   |
| Output Trim Range ( $V_{FS\_VDAC} = 1.38\text{V}$ ) | Each Channel Is Adjustable<br>from 0.5V to 4.5V (Note 1) | 15%/-11%               | 15%/-11%  |
| Temperature   | 1 Internal, 2 Ext.                                       | 1 Internal, 4 Ext.     | 1 Internal  |

### Common Characteristics. Specifications Valid Over Full Operating Temperature Range

| PARAMETER                            | CONDITIONS  | VALUE |     |            |       |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|-----|------------|-------|
|                                      |   | MIN   | TYP | MAX        | UNITS |
| $V_{PWR}$ Supply Input Voltage Range |   | 6     |     | 14         | V     |
| ADC Total Unadjusted Error           | $V_{IN\_ADC} \geq 1\text{V}$ , Applies to LTC2974/LTC2977         |       |     | $\pm 0.25$ | %     |
|                                      | $V_{IN\_ADC} \geq 1\text{V}$ , Applies to LTC3880                 |       |     | $\pm 0.5$  | %     |
| ADC Voltage Sensing Input Range      | Differential Voltage: $V_{IN\_ADC} = (V_{SENSEPN} - V_{SENSEMN})$ | 0     |     | 6          | V     |

Note 1: Note that  $V_{OUT\_MAX}$  limit is set to 2.5V by default.  $V_{OUT\_MAX}$  clamps the voltage setpoint to 2.5V. It is recommended that you change the  $V_{OUT\_MAX}$  register and associated  $V_{OUT\_FAULT}$  limit registers when changing  $V_{OUT}$  to prevent the channel from faulting off.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following list contain terms used throughout the document.

**Channel** – The collection of functions that monitor, supervise, and trim a given power supply rail.

**EEPROM** – Non-volatile memory (NVM) storage used to retain data after power is removed.

**Margin** – Term used typically in board level testing that increases/decreases the output voltage to look for sensitivity/marginality problems

**NVM** – Non-volatile memory, see EEPROM.

**Monitor** – The act of measuring voltage, current, and temperature readings.

**PMBus** – An industry standard power-management protocol with a fully defined command language that facilitates communication with power converters and other devices in a power system.

**Rail** – The final output voltage that the power supply controller manages.

**Supervise** – The act of quickly responding (warning or faulting) to a voltage, current, temperature condition that is compared to pre-programmed values.

**Trim** – The act of adjusting the final output voltage. A servo loop is typically used to trim the voltage.

## LTPOWERPLAY GUI SOFTWARE

LTpowerPlay is a powerful Windows-based development environment that supports Linear Technology power system management ICs with EEPROM, including the LTC2974 and LTC2977 4-channel and 8-channel PMBus power system managers, and the LTC3880 dual output PolyPhase step-down DC/DC controller with digital power system management. The software supports a variety of different tasks. You can use LTpowerPlay to evaluate Linear Technology ICs by connecting to a demo board system. LTpowerPlay can also be used in an offline mode (with no hardware present) in order to build a multi-chip configuration file that can be saved and re-loaded at a later time. LTpowerPlay provides unprecedented system level diagnostic and debug features. It becomes a valuable diagnostic tool during board bring-up to program or tweak the power management scheme in a system or to diagnose power issues when bringing up rails. LTpowerPlay utilizes the DC1613 I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller to communicate with one of many potential targets, including the DC1962C demo system or a customer board. The software also provides an automatic update feature to keep the software current with the latest set of device drivers and documentation. The LTpowerPlay software can be downloaded from:

<http://www.linear.com/ltpowerplay>

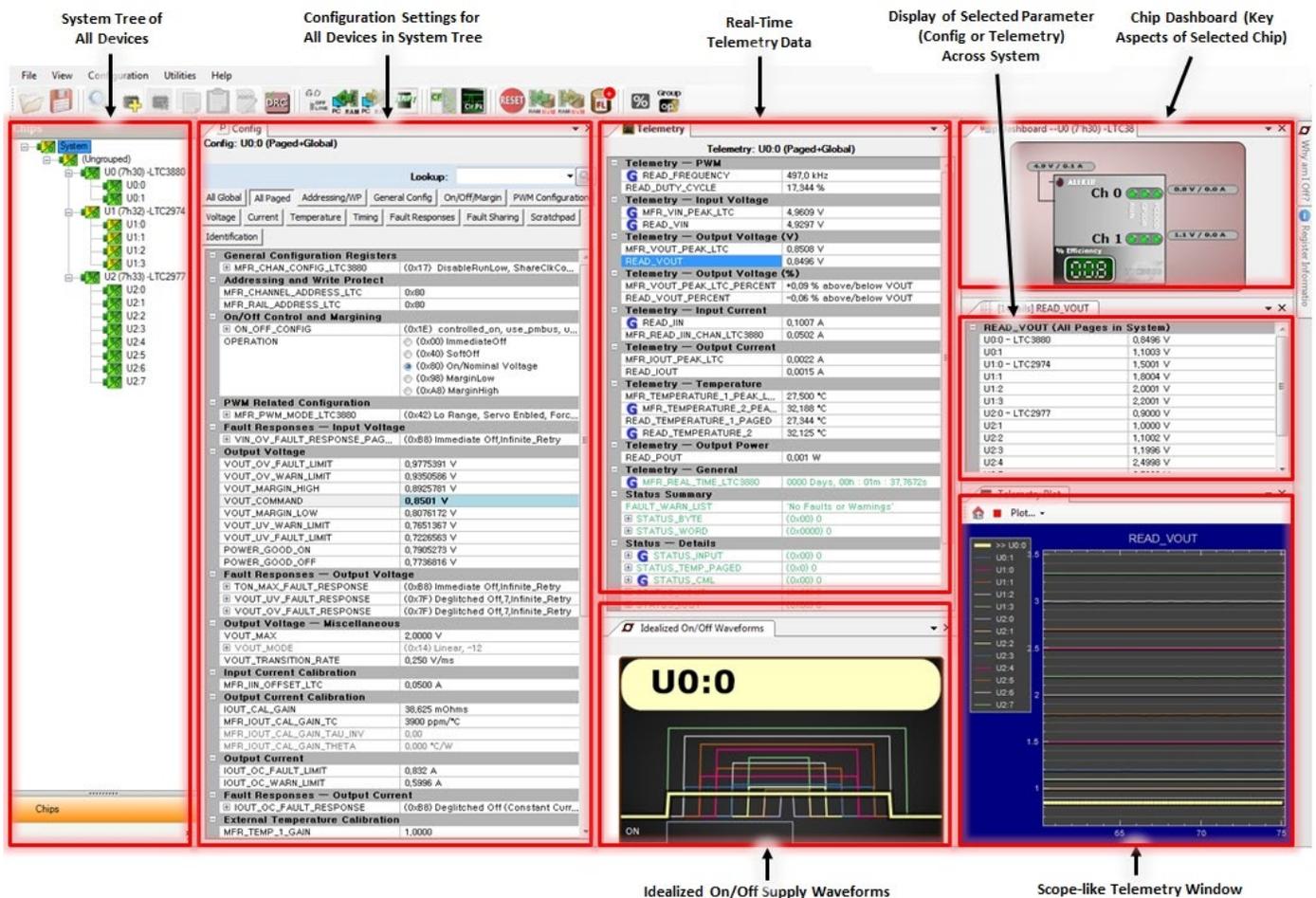


Figure 1. Screenshot of the LTpowerPlay GUI

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## QUICK START PROCEDURE

To access technical support documents for LTC Digital Power Products visit “Help, View Online help” on the LTpowerPlay menu.

The following are examples of content available in the online help:

1. Demonstration and Tutorial Videos

- An updated Quick Start Demonstration video of LTpowerPlay and this demo board
- Product/Feature-specific demonstration and tutorial videos

2. Detailed Technical Documentation

- Schematic Checklists
- Device Programming Options
- Firmware ‘Getting Started’ guides with sample code (margining, reading telemetry, etc.)

The following procedure describes how to set up a DC1962C demo system.

1. Download and install the LTpowerPlay GUI: [www.linear.com/ltpowerplay](http://www.linear.com/ltpowerplay)

2. Remove the board from the ESD protective bag and place it on a level surface. Connect the DC1613 I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller to the DC1962C board using the 12-pin ribbon cable.



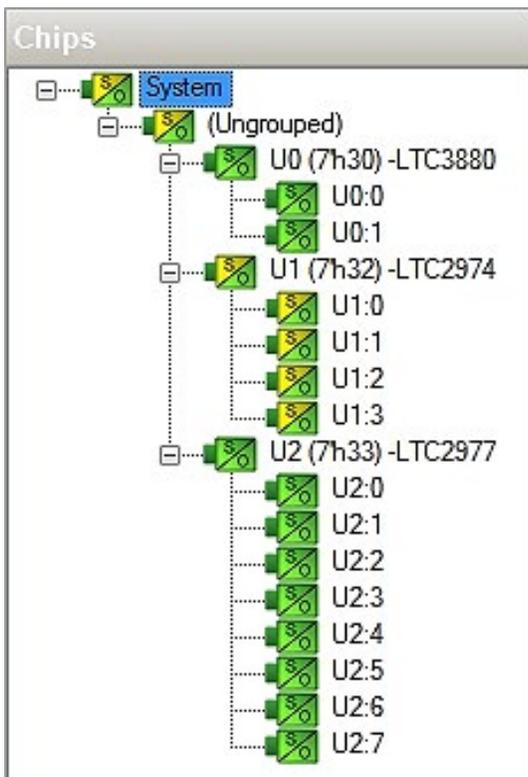
Figure 2. Connecting DC1962C Board and the DC1613 I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

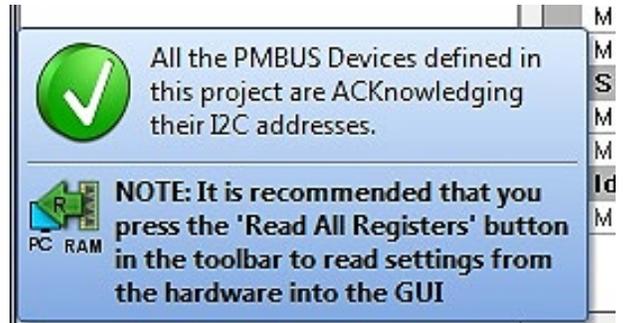
3. Confirm that the CONTROL switch is set to the RUN position.
4. Plug the USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller into a USB port on your PC. The board should power up with all power good LEDs and 5V LED illuminated green. The USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller supplies ~100mA of current which should be sufficient for a single demo board.
5. Connect a 12VDC power supply with > 0.5A capacity to the V<sub>IN</sub> input jack of any DC1962C, if multiple boards are being powered.
6. Launch the LTpowerPlay GUI.

- a. The GUI automatically identifies the DC1962C and builds a system tree for each power system manager. The system tree on the left hand side will look as below:

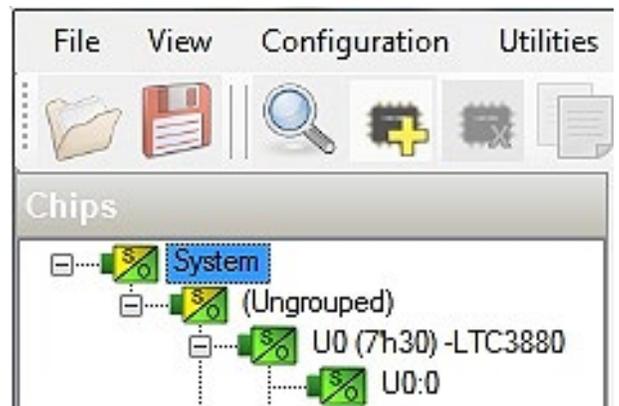
Note: For multiple board arrays, the GUI automatically ensures each device has a unique address. In this scenario, it is recommended at this point to store these addresses to NVM (EEPROM) by clicking the “RAM to NVM” icon in the toolbar.



- b. A green message box will be displayed momentarily in the lower left hand corner confirming that the DC1962C is communicating.



- c. Save the demo board configuration to a (\*.proj) file by clicking the “Save” icon. This creates a backup file. Name it whatever you want.



7. The CONTROL switch is configured to control all 14 channels. Slide the switch to RUN to enable, OFF to disable all channels. For multiple board arrays, the CONTROL switch is wired to a signal that is common across all boards. All CONTROL switches must be set to the RUN position to enable all boards.

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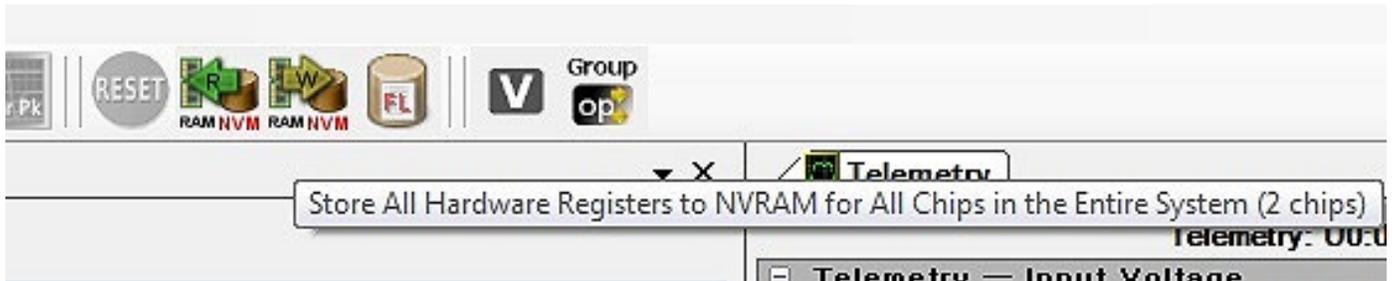
## QUICK START PROCEDURE

### Loading a DC1962C Configuration (\*.proj) File with the GUI

1. In the upper left hand corner of the GUI, File > Open > browse to your \*.proj file. This will load the file into the GUI.

2. Click on the “Go Online”  icon, then click on the “PC → RAM”  icon. This loads the configuration into the working RAM of the devices.

3. To store the configuration to NVM (EEPROM), click on the “RAM → NVM” icon as shown below.



## DC1962C DETAILS - TOP SIDE

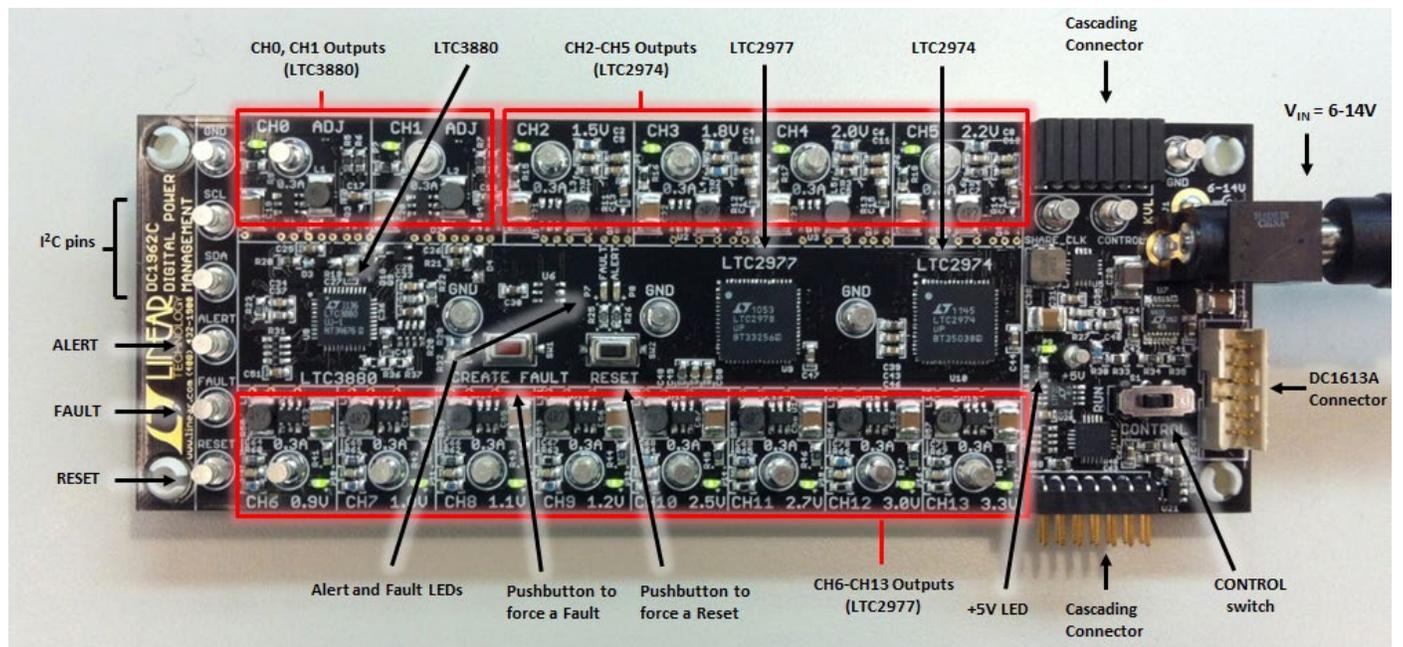


Figure 3. DC1962C Top Side Details

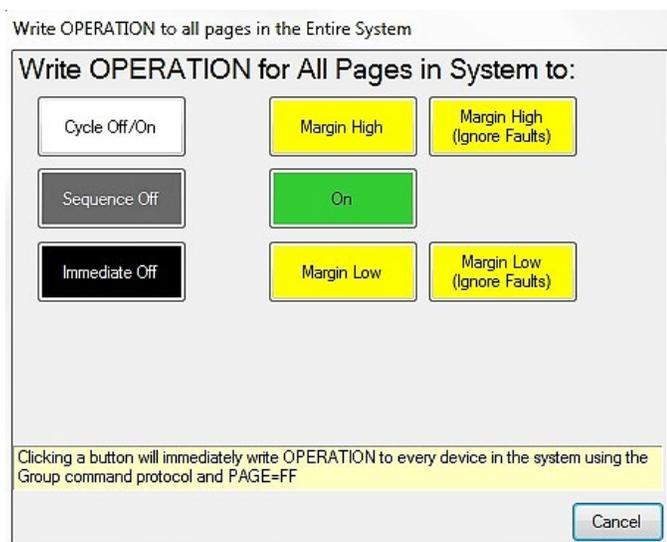
## COMMON DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### Margin All Rails

The digital power products on the DC1962C not only monitor each of their respective outputs but can margin the outputs either high or low. Margining is the operation that moves a rail either up or down for testing purposes. It allows a system to be fully characterized over supply limits without the use of external hardware or resources. The GUI provides an easy way to margin all rails high or all low by clicking one of four buttons. To invoke the margining dialog, click the GroupOp icon in the toolbar.

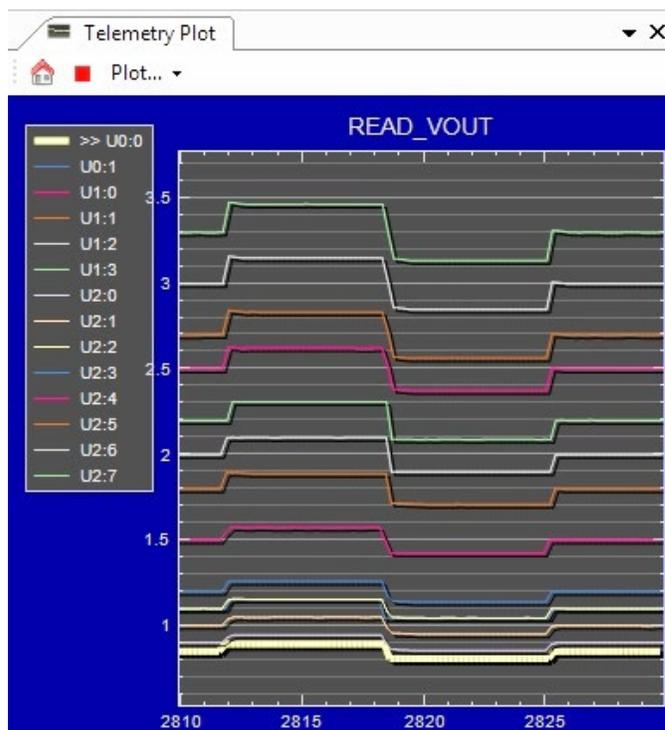


The buttons labeled “ignore faults” will margin without creating a fault even if the fault limits are exceeded (LTC2974 and LTC2977 only).



A look at the telemetry window shows the effect of the margin high or margin low operation. The following screen shot shows all rails going from nominal set points to margin high, margin low, and back to nominal voltages.

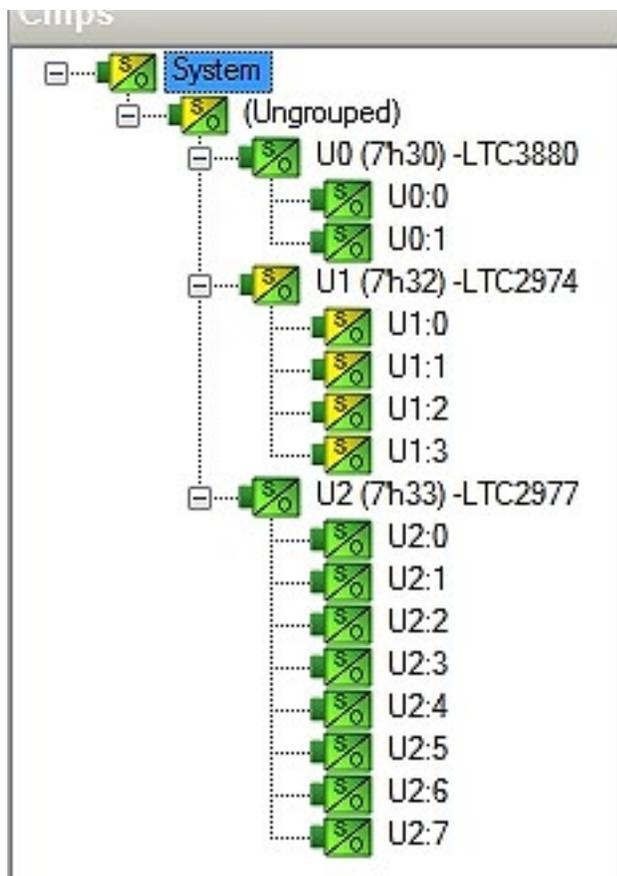
Each of the power management ICs has a multiplexed ADC that is used to provide voltage, current, and temperature readback values. The telemetry plot in the GUI is similar to a multichannel oscilloscope which is capable of displaying any parameter that is displayed in the telemetry window. Due to the nature of a multiplexed ADC converter, it has an associated ADC loop time. The total ADC loop time (~100ms to 160ms) for a given channel is dependent on the device’s configuration. See corresponding data sheet.



## COMMON DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### Creating a Fault

There is a pushbutton on the DC1962C board that is used to force a fault and demonstrate the demo board's ability to detect it and respond according to the configuration. When depressed, the pushbutton creates a fault on channel 2, the 1.5V output (GUI channel U1:0). The user should see all outputs power off, the fault LED momentarily illuminate, the alert LED illuminate continuously, and all rails sequence back on after a retry period. The user may also short any power supply output indefinitely. This is a good way to induce UV faults and shows that a shorted channel will not be damaged. Use a jumper wire or a coin to short any output.



### Clearing a Fault



To clear a fault, the user may click the CF icon in the GUI or simply push the RESET pushbutton on the demo board. In both cases, the red (+) on the CF icon and alert LED on the board will be cleared. You will notice that all rails are automatically re-enabled after a programmable retry period. The alert LED may be cleared by clicking the Clear Faults (CF) icon in the GUI. After clearing faults, the system tree may remain "yellow" if any non-volatile fault logs are present. For further information, see the Working with the Fault Log section.

### Reset the DC1962C

A reset pushbutton is provided on the board. To reset all devices on the DC1962C board and reload the EEPROM contents into operating memory (RAM), press RESET (SW2) on the DC1962C. Note that the "RESET" icon in the GUI tool bar issues a software reset for any LTC3880 device in the system. It is recommended that you use the reset pushbutton on the board to provide a reset condition to the entire system.

### DC1962C LEDs

Each individual channel on DC1962C also has its own green power good LED (RUN\_CH0 through RUN\_CH13). When USB power (DC1613 Controller) or external power (6V to 14V jack) is applied, the +5V green LED will illuminate, indicating that the power system managers are powered. The red LEDs will illuminate when an alert or a fault has occurred.

## COMMON DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### Sequencing Output Channels

The LTC3880, LTC2974, and LTC2977 have been pre-configured with different TON\_DELAY values for each channel. The TON\_DELAY parameter is applied to each device relative to the respective CONTROL pin (RUN on the LTC3880). On this demo board, all CONTROL/RUN pins are wire OR'd. Therefore the TON and TOFF delays are enforced relative to one edge. Figure 4 shows an oscilloscope screen capture of four output rails sequencing up.

The same applies to TOFF\_DELAY values. When the CONTROL switch is set to the OFF position, all rails will

power down sequentially based on each of the device's TOFF\_DELAY values. Each channel has an LED which visually indicates if the channel has power. When the CONTROL pin is switched on and off, you will observe the relative on/off timing of the 14 channels. Figures 5 and 6 show TON and TOFF delays for all channels at once. You will notice in Figure 1 that the GUI shows idealized on/off waveforms. This graphical view shows the relative TON and TOFF delays in response to an on/off command, whether it comes from the CONTROL switch or PMBus command. Once a new timing value is entered, the timing change will be reflected in the idealized waveforms.



Figure 4. Sequencing Output Channels with DC1962C Using TON\_DELAY

| [14 rails] TON_DELAY            |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| TON_DELAY (All Pages in System) |            |
| U0:0 - LTC3880                  | 0,000 ms   |
| U0:1                            | 100,000 ms |
| U1:0 - LTC2974                  | 200,000 ms |
| U1:1                            | 300,000 ms |
| U1:2                            | 400,000 ms |
| U1:3                            | 500,000 ms |
| U2:0 - LTC2977                  | 700,000 ms |
| U2:1                            | 600,000 ms |
| U2:2                            | 500,000 ms |
| U2:3                            | 400,000 ms |
| U2:4                            | 300,000 ms |
| U2:5                            | 200,000 ms |
| U2:6                            | 100,000 ms |
| U2:7                            | 0,000 ms   |

Figure 5. TON\_DELAY Configuration

| [14 rails] TOFF_DELAY            |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| TOFF_DELAY (All Pages in System) |            |
| U0:0 - LTC3880                   | 600,000 ms |
| U0:1                             | 500,000 ms |
| U1:0 - LTC2974                   | 400,000 ms |
| U1:1                             | 300,000 ms |
| U1:2                             | 200,000 ms |
| U1:3                             | 100,000 ms |
| U2:0 - LTC2977                   | 0,000 ms   |
| U2:1                             | 100,000 ms |
| U2:2                             | 200,000 ms |
| U2:3                             | 300,000 ms |
| U2:4                             | 400,000 ms |
| U2:5                             | 500,000 ms |
| U2:6                             | 600,000 ms |
| U2:7                             | 700,000 ms |

Figure 6. TOFF\_DELAY Configuration

## COMMON DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### "Why Am I Off?" Tool

Use the "Why am I Off?" tool in the LTpowerPlay GUI to diagnose the reason a power supply channel is turned off. The tool can be located in the top right corner of the GUI, above the Register Information tab. Hover your cursor over this tab to show the tool.

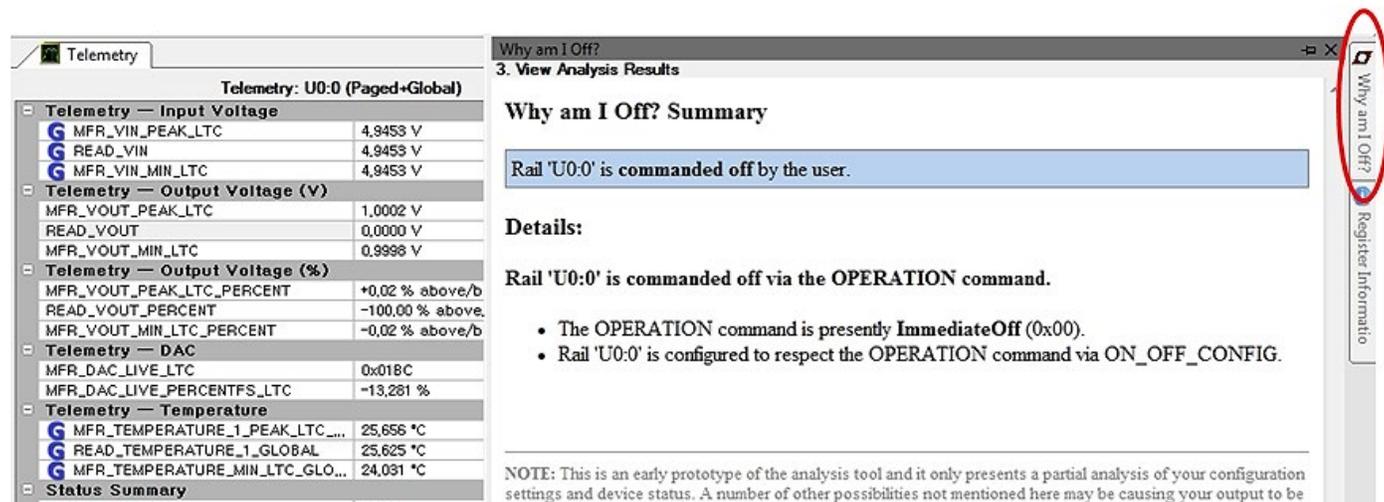


Figure 7. "Why Am I Off" Tool in the LTpowerPlay GUI

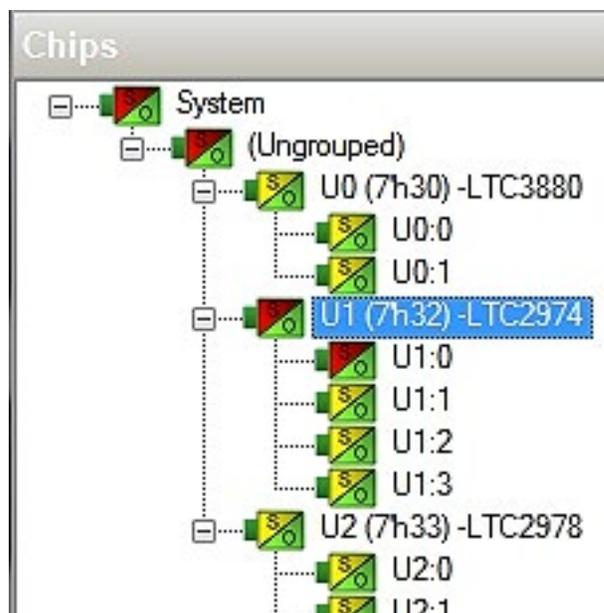
## ADVANCED DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### What Is a Fault Log?

A fault log is a non-volatile record of the power system leading up to the time of fault. It holds the most recent monitored values (uptime, voltage, current, temperature) that can be analyzed to help determine the cause of the fault. It is a powerful diagnostic feature of each of the digital power managers on the DC1962C demo board.

### Create a Fault and Fault Log

To create a fault log, you must create a fault, as described in the Creating a Fault on page 8. Select the appropriate device in the system tree by clicking on the U1 LTC2974 chip. We will proceed to work with the LTC2974 fault log.



## ADVANCED DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### Working with the Fault Log



Once a fault has occurred, the Fault Log (FL) icon will show a red (+) sign on it, indicating that the GUI has detected a fault log in one of the devices. Clicking the icon will bring up a dialog box. Note that it is context sensitive. Be sure that the desired device is selected in the system tree.

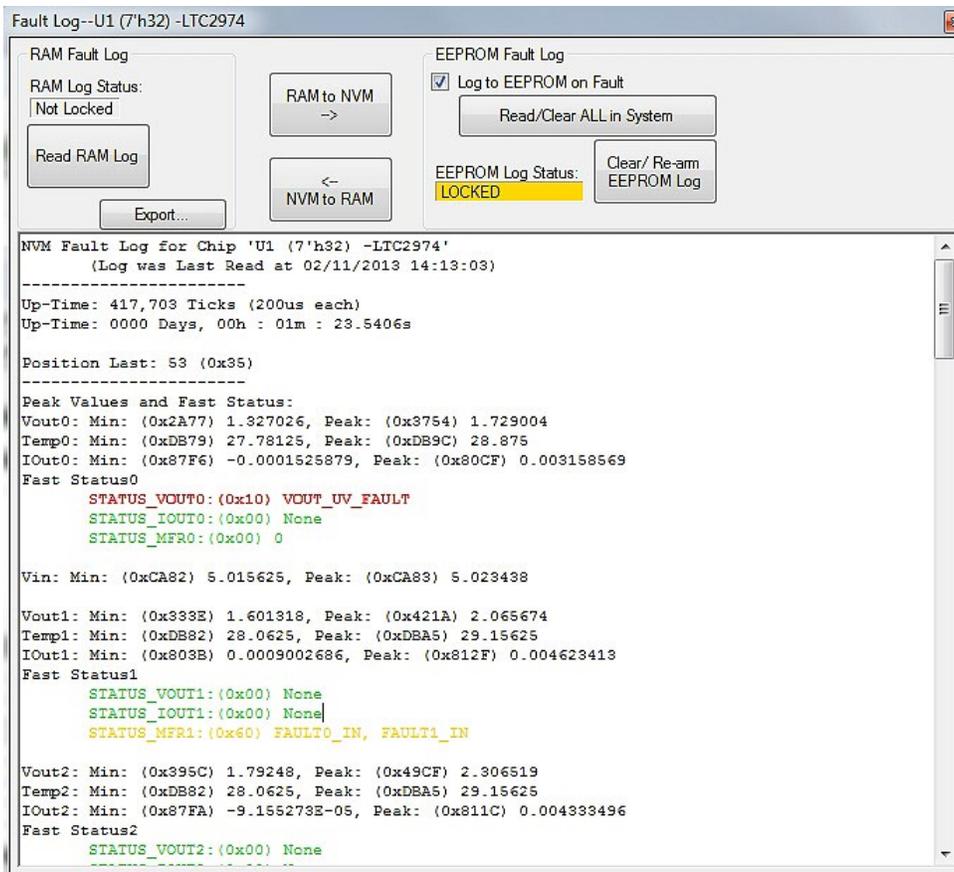
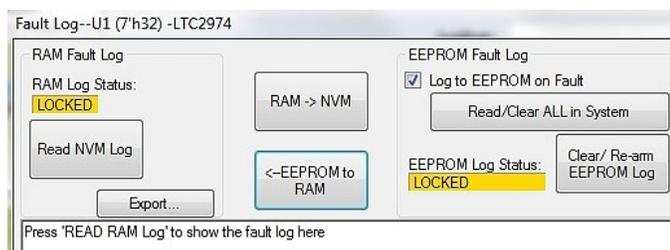
Notice that the checkbox “Log to EEPROM on Fault” is checked. Once a fault occurs, the device will automatically write the fault log data to EEPROM (NVM). At this point, the log is locked and will not change until it is cleared by the user. To read the EEPROM log data, first click the

“EEPROM to RAM” button. At this point the RAM Log is locked and not updated even though the telemetry readings continue. Click the “Read NVM Log” button. The log data will appear in the text box below.

The log contains timestamp, up-time, channel voltage readings, an input voltage reading, an on-chip temperature reading, etc. There will be a number of loops; each loop contains data obtained in one ADC loop time with the most recent ADC loop data on top and the oldest data at the bottom of the log. The up-time indicates, at the time of fault, the amount of time the device has been powered up or time since the previous reset.

In this case, the fault log will show that channel U1:0 faulted due to a VOUT\_UV\_FAULT condition. On the previous telemetry loop, the channel voltage reading was a nominal value (1.5V).

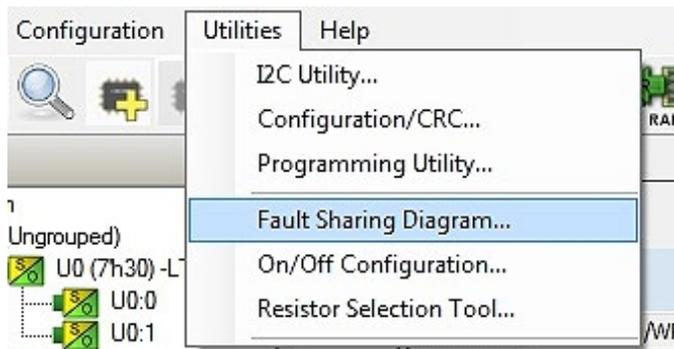
To clear the fault log, click the “Clear/Rearm EEPROM Log” button. This allows the selected device to be ready for a new fault event.



## ADVANCED DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### Fault Sharing Setup in the GUI

Fault sharing provides a means of propagating a fault detected by a power manager to other power managers via FAULT pins. Use the Fault Sharing Setup Tool to configure the fault sharing in the GUI. Select the LTC2974 in the system tree. Go to Utilities > Fault Sharing Diagram. For more details on this topic, please refer to the MFR\_FAULTB propagate and response sections in the data sheet.



The LTC2974 fault sharing dialog will appear as shown in Figure 8. All Response and all Propagate switches are closed by default. In this configuration, a fault on an LTC3880 or LTC2977 channel will shut down all LTC2974 channels, and a fault on any LTC2974 channel will propagate to all

channels on the DC1962C demo board since the fault pins are tied together.

NOTE: All FAULT pins on all power managers are tied together on the DC1962C demo board. These pins are open drain and have a common pull-up resistor to provide a logic high level (inactive). All FAULT pins are active low.

There are two types of actions to fault conditions: How a channel responds to another channel's fault and whether a particular channel propagates its fault to other channels. FAULT pins are bi-directional, meaning the device may drive its fault pin low (output) or may respond to the fault pin when another device drives it low (input). Because all fault pins are wire OR'd on the DC1962C, this hardware configuration allows one to program each device's fault settings on a channel-by-channel basis. By default, the LTC2974 is configured to shut down its channels if other devices fault and to propagate its own fault via the FAULT pins. The LTC2977 is configured the same as the LTC2974, however zone 1 (U2:4-U2:7) is configured to not propagate a fault. A fault on these channels will cause only that channel to fault off. You can think of the "Response" switches as "shut this channel down when another channel faults", and the "Propagate" switches as "drive a fault pin to broadcast to other channels that this channel faulted."

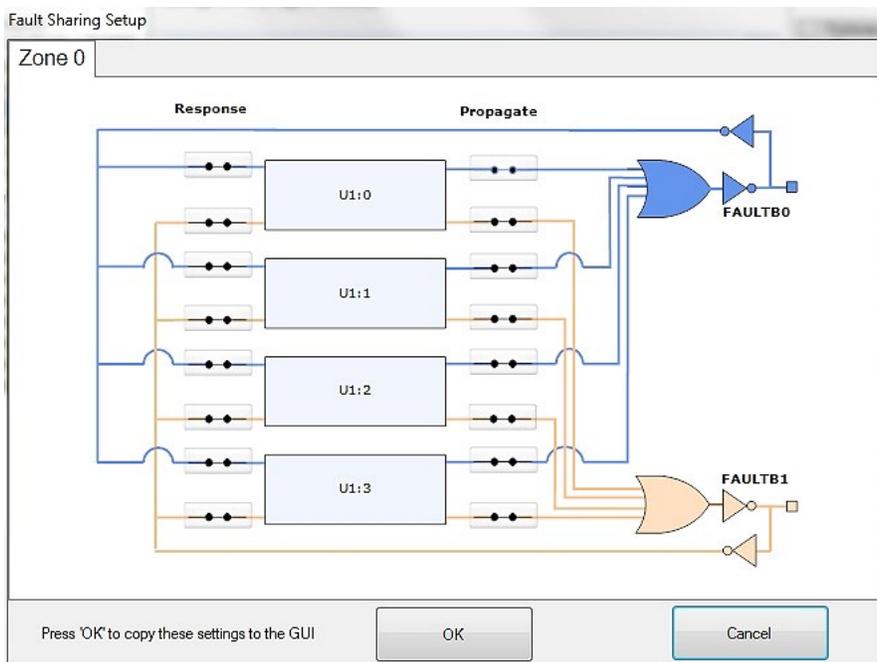


Figure 8. Fault Sharing Utility in LTpowerPlay GUI

## ADVANCED DEMO BOARD OPERATIONS

### Fault Configuration Example

Let's explore two different examples. Suppose we do not want channel U1:0 (CH2 1.5V rail) to propagate its fault to the other channels when U1:0 faults. And suppose we do not want channel U1:1 (CH3 1.8V rail) to shut down in response to another channel's fault. We can configure the switches as shown in Figure 9. Simply click the switches to open/close. Click OK to close the dialog box. Click the "PC → RAM" icon to write the changes to the DC1962C.

We can now create a fault on U1:0 (CH2) by shorting the output to ground. Press the CREATE FAULT button on the board. You will notice that the channel shuts off but the other channels remain powered up because its fault is not propagated to the other channels. After the retry period, channel U1:0 (CH2) will power back up. We can now observe the effect of changing the response setting on U1:1 (CH3). If you short U1:2 (CH4 2.0V rail) to ground, notice that all rails shut down except U1:1 (CH3). This is an example of a keep-alive channel that remains powered up independent of faults to other channels.

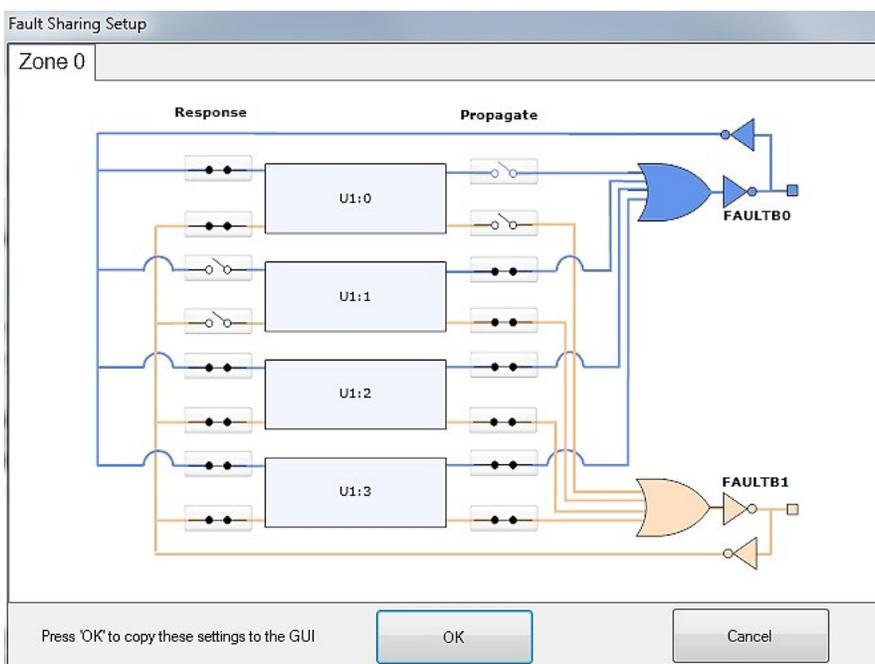


Figure 9. Updated Fault Sharing Configuration

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The two LTC3880 channels can be uniquely configured and any fault can be propagated or not. Since the LTC3880 GPIO pins are tied together, a fault on CH0 may be used to

turn off CH1. This is achieved by setting the appropriate MFR\_GPIO\_PROPAGATE command code and the MFR\_GPIO\_RESPONSE command to “inhibit.”

| General Configuration Registers |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_LTC3...         | (0x17) DisableRunLow, ShareClk...  |
| Fault Sharing — Propagation     |  |
| MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_...          | (0x2997) TON_MAX_FAULT, INTER...   |
| VOUT_ENABLE_WHILE_NO...         | <input type="checkbox"/> (0x0) Does Not Affect on GPIO+B                 |
| SHORT_CMD_CYCLE                 | <input type="checkbox"/> (0x0) Does Not Affect on GPIO+B                 |
| TON_MAX_FAULT                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| VOUT_BELOW_UV                   | <input type="checkbox"/> (0x0) Does Not Affect on GPIO+B                 |
| INTERNAL_OT_FAULT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| CHANNEL1_POWER_NOT_...          | <input type="checkbox"/> (0x0) Does Not Affect on GPIO+B                 |
| CHANNEL0_POWER_NOT_...          | <input type="checkbox"/> (0x0) Does Not Affect on GPIO+B                 |
| EXTERNAL_UT_FAULT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| EXTERNAL_OT_FAULT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| RESERVED6                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 0x0   |
| RESERVED5                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 0x0   |
| VIN_OV_FAULT                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| RESERVED3                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 0x0   |
| IOUT_OC_FAULT                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| VOUT_UV_FAULT                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| VOUT_OV_FAULT                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (0x1) Asserts GPIO+B low on fa...    |
| Fault Sharing — Response        |  |
| MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE_LT...         | (0xC0) Inhibit   |
| action                          | <input type="radio"/> Ignore<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> Inhibit |

## SETUP PROCEDURE FOR MULTIBOARD ARRAYS

Up to eight DC1962C boards can be cascaded to control up to 112 independent power supplies. The number of boards is limited by an I/O expander chip that has three address pins, allowing 8 different combinations. This setup demonstrates the coordinated fault responses and accurate time base shared across multiple power system managers.

### Procedure:

- Stack the boards side-by-side by plugging JP1 of one board into JP2 of another DC1962C board.
- Ensure different slave address settings for each of the boards. The address of each DC1962C board is determined by pins A2, A1 and A0 of the DIP switch JP1 on the backside of the board. The setting must be unique for each board in the array.
- Plug in the +12V  $V_{IN}$  power into one of the boards as shown in Figure 10. Only one +12V power source is allowed.

## SETUP PROCEDURE FOR MULTIBOARD ARRAYS

4. The USB-to-I<sup>2</sup>C/SMBus/PMBus Controller may be plugged into any board. If no DC1962C boards show up in the GUI, click the magnifying glass icon to enumerate the I<sup>2</sup>C bus and find the addresses of the parts. Go to step #2 to ensure that each board has a unique DIP switch setting.
  5. Since the individual CONTROL lines are connected across the boards (CTRL is a common signal across all boards in the array), make sure that all CONTROL switches are set to the RUN position.
  6. Re-launch LTpowerPlay. After launching, LTpowerPlay will enumerate the entire board array and build a representative system tree and read all hardware settings into the GUI.
- ATTENTION: Once the GUI has launched, click the “RAM → NVM” button in the tool bar to ensure that the slave addresses are retained after a power off or reset. Otherwise you may lose communication with the slaves after a power cycle or reset event.



Figure 10. Array of Multiple DC1962C Demo Boards

## SETUP PROCEDURE FOR MULTIBOARD ARRAYS

### Ensuring Slave Addresses Do Not Conflict

There is a small DIP switch on the backside of the DC1962C. It is used to set the slave address of an I/O expander which allows the addition of multiple boards to a setup. The I/O

expander has a base address of 0x20. The DIP switch settings set the offset. The three switches that may be changed are labeled A0, A1, A2. Examples below set the boards to address 0x20 and 0x27.

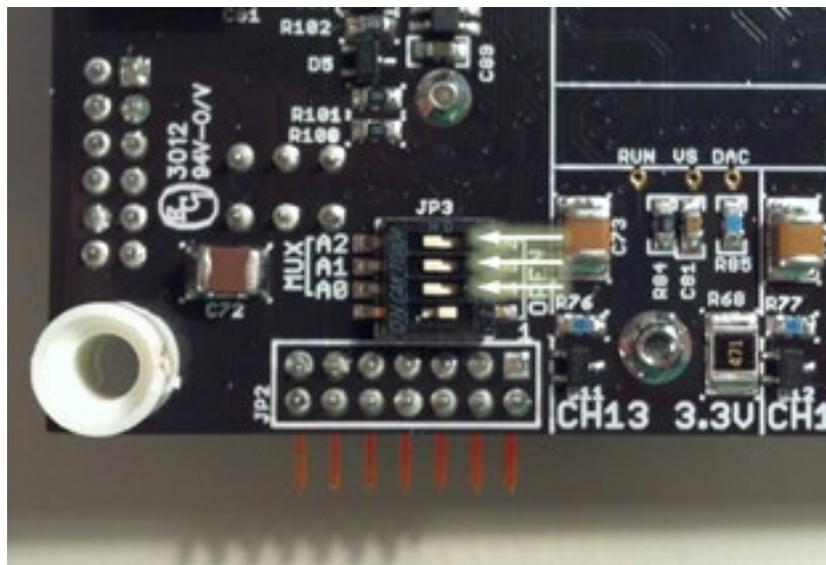


Figure 11. DIP Switch Set to All 0's

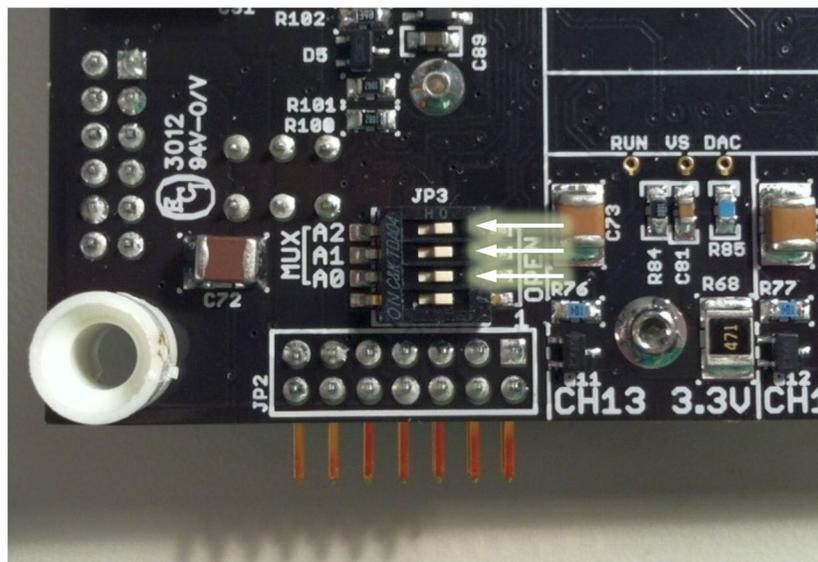


Figure 12. DIP Switch Set to All 1's

### DC1962C DETAILS - TOP

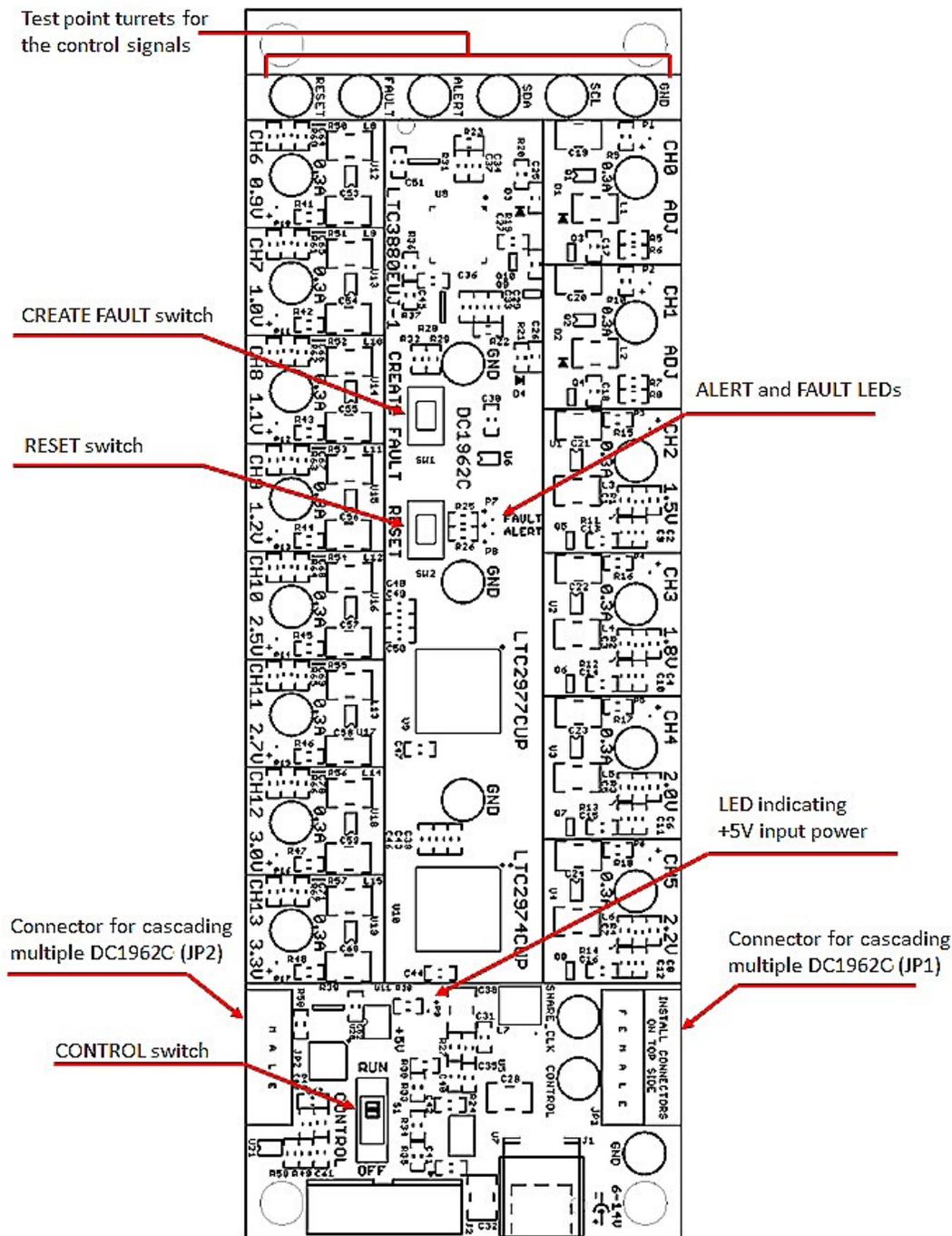


Table 3. DC1962C - Default Switch Configuration (Default Position Shown in Grey in the Figure Above)

| REFERENCE DESIGNATOR | SIGNAL NAME | USAGE   | DEFAULT |
|----------------------|-------------|---|---------|
| JP3                  | A0, A1, A2  | DIP switch used to set the address offset   | OPEN    |
| S1                   | CONTROLO    | Switch used to enable/disable the CONTROLO input pin of LTC3880, LTC2974, and LTC2977 | RUN     |



## PARTS LIST

| ITEM  | QTY | REFERENCE  | PART DESCRIPTION                     | MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER                 |
|---|-----|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Required Circuit Components</b>              |     |  |                                      |  |
| 1   | 1   | U8   | IC DUAL PolyPhase CONTROLLER 40-QFN  | Linear Technology: LTC3880EUJ-1          |
| 2   | 1   | U9   | IC 8-CH PWR SYSTEM MANAGER 64-QFN    | Linear Technology: LTC2977CUP            |
| 3   | 1   | U10  | IC 4-CH PWR SYSTEM MANAGER 64-QFN    | Linear Technology: LTC2974CUP            |
| <b>Additional Demo Board Circuit Components</b> |     |  |                                      |  |
| 4   | 12  | C1, C3, C5, C7, C64, C65, C66, C67, C68, C69, C70, C71   | CAP CER 220pF 50V 10% NPO 0603       | NIC: NMC0603NPO221J50TRPF                |
| 5   | 8   | C2, C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C11, C12  | CAP CER 2200pF 50V 20% X7R 0603      | Murata: GRM188R71H222MA01D               |
| 6   | 30  | C13, C14, C15, C16, C25, C26, C31, C43, C44, C46, C47, C49, C50, C51, C52, C81, C82, C83, C84, C85, C86, C87, C88, C92, C96, C97, C98, C99, C115, C117 | CAP CER 0.1µF 16V 10% X7R 0603       | NIC: NMC0603X7R104K16TRPF                |
| 7   | 11  | C17, C18, C106, C107, C108, C109, C110, C111, C112, C113, C118   | CAP CER 10000pF 50V 10% X7R 0603     | TDK: C1608X7R1H103K                      |
| 8   | 16  | C19, C20, C21, C22, C23, C24, C32, C53, C54, C55, C56, C57, C58, C59, C60, C72   | CAP CER 10µF 10V 10% X5R 1210        | Kemet: C1210C106K8PACTU                  |
| 9   | 3   | C27, C90, C93  | CAP CER 4.7µF 16V 10% X5R 0603       | TDK: C1608X5R1C475K                      |
| 10  | 1   | C28  | CAP CER 10µF 25V 20% X5R 1210        | Taiyo Yuden: TMK325BJ106MM-T             |
| 11  | 2   | C29, C34   | CAP CER 3300pF 50V 10% X7R 0603      | Murata: GRM188R71H332KA01D               |
| 12  | 13  | C30, C36, C39, C41, C42, C45, C48, C61, C62, C63, C89, C114, C116  | CAP CER 1µF 16V 10% X7R 0603         | Taiyo Yuden: EMK107B7105KA-T             |
| 13  | 2   | C33, C37   | CAP CER 100pF 50V 10% X7R 0603       | AVX: 06035C101KAT2A                      |
| 14  | 2   | C35, C95   | CAP CER 68pF 50V 5% NPO 0603         | AVX: 06035A680JAT2A                      |
| 15  | 13  | C38, C73, C74, C75, C76, C77, C78, C79, C80, C102, C103, C104, C105  | CAP CER 22µF 10V 10% X5R 1210        | Kemet: C1210C226K8PACTU                  |
| 16  | 1   | C40  | CAP CER 47pF 50V 5% NPO 0603         | AVX: 06035A470JAT2A                      |
| 17  | 1   | C91  | CAP TANT 47µF 16V 20% 7343           | Kemet: T520D476M016ATE035                |
| 18  | 1   | C94  | CAP CER 4.7pF 50V NPO 0603           | Murata: GRM1885C1H4R7CZ01D               |
| 19  | 2   | C100, C101   | CAP CER 47µF 10V 20% X7R 1210        | Murata: GRM32ER71A476ME15L               |
| 20  | 4   | D1, D2, D3, D4   | DIODE SCHOTTKY 20V 1A SOD323         | NXP Semiconductors: PMEG2010EA,115       |
| 21  | 1   | D5   | DUAL SCHOTTKY DIODE 30V CC SOT-323-3 | STMicroelectronics: BAT30CWFILM          |
| 22  | 2   | L1, L2   | INDUCTOR SHLD POWER 10.0µH SMD       | Abracon Corporation: ASPI-0315FS-100M-T2 |
| 23  | 12  | L3, L4, L5, L6, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12, L13, L14, L15   | INDUCTOR SHLD POWER 4.7µH SMD        | Abracon Corporation: ASPI-0315FS-4R7M-T2 |
| 24  | 1   | L7   | INDUCTOR POWER 2.2µH 2.85A SMD       | Vishay: IHLP1616BZER2R2M01               |
| 25  | 15  | P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P9, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15, P16, P17   | LED GREEN HIGH BRIGHT ESS SMD        | Panasonic: LNJ337W83RA                   |
| 26  | 2   | P7, P8   | LED RED HI BRT SS TYPE LO CUR SM     | Panasonic: LNJ208R8ARA                   |
| 27  | 2   | Q1, Q2   | MOSFET N-CH DUAL 20V SSOT-6          | Fairchild Semiconductor: FDC6401N        |
| 28  | 1   | Q10  | MOSFET P-CH 8V 860MA SOT323-3        | Vishay/Siliconix: SI1305DL-T1-E3         |
| 29  | 6   | Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8   | TRANS GP SS PNP 40V SOT323           | ON Semiconductor: MMBT3906WT1G           |
| 30  | 14  | Q9, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16, Q17, Q18, Q19, Q20, Q21, Q22, Q23  | MOSFET N-CH 30V 900MA SOT323-3       | Vishay/Siliconix: SI1308EDL-T1-GE3       |

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## PARTS LIST

| ITEM | QTY | REFERENCE   | PART DESCRIPTION            | MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER            |
|------|-----|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 31   | 21  | R1, R2, R3, R4, R29, R60, R61, R62, R63, R76, R77, R78, R79, R80, R81, R82, R83, R118, R119, R120, R121 | RES 100k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603100KFKEA            |
| 32   | 4   | R5, R6, R7, R8  | RES 1.50k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Yageo: RC0603FR-071K5L              |
| 33   | 15  | R9, R10, R15, R16, R17, R18, R38, R41, R42, R43, R44, R45, R46, R47, R48                                | RES 3.01k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Yageo: RC0603FR-073K01L             |
| 34   | 1   | R11   | RES 115k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603115KFKEA            |
| 35   | 1   | R12   | RES 80.6k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060380K6FKEA            |
| 36   | 1   | R13   | RES 66.5k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060366K5FKEA            |
| 37   | 1   | R14   | RES 57.6k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060357K6FKEA            |
| 38   | 9   | R19, R24, R33, R49, R58, R59, R100, R101, R130  | RES 10.0k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060310K0FKEA            |
| 39   | 4   | R20, R21, R112, R113  | RES 4.7Ω 1% 0603 SMD        | Vishay: CRCW06034R70FKEA            |
| 40   | 2   | R22, R23  | RES 13.3k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | NIC: NRC06F1332TRF                  |
| 41   | 4   | R25, R26, R122, R123  | RES 698Ω 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603698RFKEA            |
| 42   | 3   | R27, R56, R103  | RES 73.2k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060373K2FKEA            |
| 43   | 3   | R28, R31, R39   | RES ARRAY 10k 4 RES 1206    | Vishay/Dale: CRA06S08310K0JTA       |
| 44   | 1   | R30   | RES 46.4k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | NIC: NRC06F4642TRF                  |
| 45   | 0   | R32 (OPT)   | RES 10.0k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | N/A                                 |
| 46   | 2   | R34, R40  | RES 249Ω 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | NIC: NRC06F2490TRF                  |
| 47   | 1   | R35   | RES 1.00k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Yageo: RC0603FR-071KL               |
| 48   | 0   | R36, R37 (OPT)  | RES 0603 OPTION             | N/A                                 |
| 49   | 1   | R50   | RES 806k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603806KFKEA            |
| 50   | 2   | R51, R89  | RES 402k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603402KFKEA            |
| 51   | 2   | R52, R106   | RES 267k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603267KFKEA            |
| 52   | 5   | R53, R64, R65, R66, R67   | RES 200k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603200KJNEA            |
| 53   | 1   | R54   | RES 93.1k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060393K1FKEA            |
| 54   | 1   | R55   | RES 84.5k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060384K5FKEA            |
| 55   | 1   | R57   | RES 63.4k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Vishay: CRCW060363K4FKEA            |
| 56   | 14  | R68, R69, R70, R71, R72, R73, R74, R75, R124, R125, R126, R127, R128, R129                              | RES 470Ω 1/4W 5% 1210 SMD   | Rohm Semiconductor:<br>MCR25JZHJ471 |
| 57   | 12  | R84, R86, R88, R90, R92, R94, R96, R98, R105, R107, R109, R111  | RES 100Ω 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603100RFKEA            |
| 58   | 1   | R85   | RES 316k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603316KFKEA            |
| 59   | 2   | R87, R110   | RES 348k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603348KFKEA            |
| 60   | 1   | R91   | RES 422k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603422KFKEA            |
| 61   | 1   | R93   | RES 442k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603442KFKEA            |
| 62   | 1   | R95   | RES 475k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603475KFKEA            |
| 63   | 1   | R97   | RES 523k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Yageo: RC0603FR-07523KL             |
| 64   | 1   | R99   | RES 590k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603590KFKEA            |
| 65   | 1   | R102  | RES 2.49k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD | Yageo: RC0603FR-072K49L             |
| 66   | 1   | R104  | RES 237k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603237KFKEA            |
| 67   | 1   | R108  | RES 294k 1/10W 1% 0603 SMD  | Vishay: CRCW0603294KFKEA            |

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| 68   | 4   | R114, R115, R116, R117                                 | RES ARRAY 2.7k 4 RES 1206                 | Vishay/Dale: RA06S0832K70JTA               |
| 69   | 12  | U1, U2, U3, U4, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19 | IC BUCK SYNC ADJ 0.3A SOT23-6             | Linear Technology:<br>LTC3405AES6#TRMPBF   |
| 70   | 1   | U5   | IC BUCK SYNC 2.5A 16QFN                   | Linear Technology: LTC3604IUD#PBF          |
| 71   | 1   | U6   | IC COMP DUAL 400MV REF TSOT23-6           | Linear Technology:<br>LT6700CS6-2#TRPBF    |
| 72   | 1   | U7   | IC DUAL 4A DIODES 16-MSOP                 | Linear Technology:<br>LTC4415IMSE#PBF      |
| 73   | 1   | U11  | IC 2-WIRE BUS BUFFER 8MSOP                | Linear Technology:<br>LTC4313CMS8-2#PBF    |
| 74   | 1   | U20  | IC I/O EXPANDER I <sup>2</sup> C 8B 20QFN | Microchip: MCP23008-E/ML                   |
| 75   | 1   | U21  | IC EEPROM 2KBIT 400kHz SOT23-5            | Microchip Technology: 24AA02T-I/OT         |
| 76   | 1   | U22  | IC VREF SERIES PREC TSOT-23-6             | Linear Technology: LT6654BMPS6-1.25#TRMPBF |
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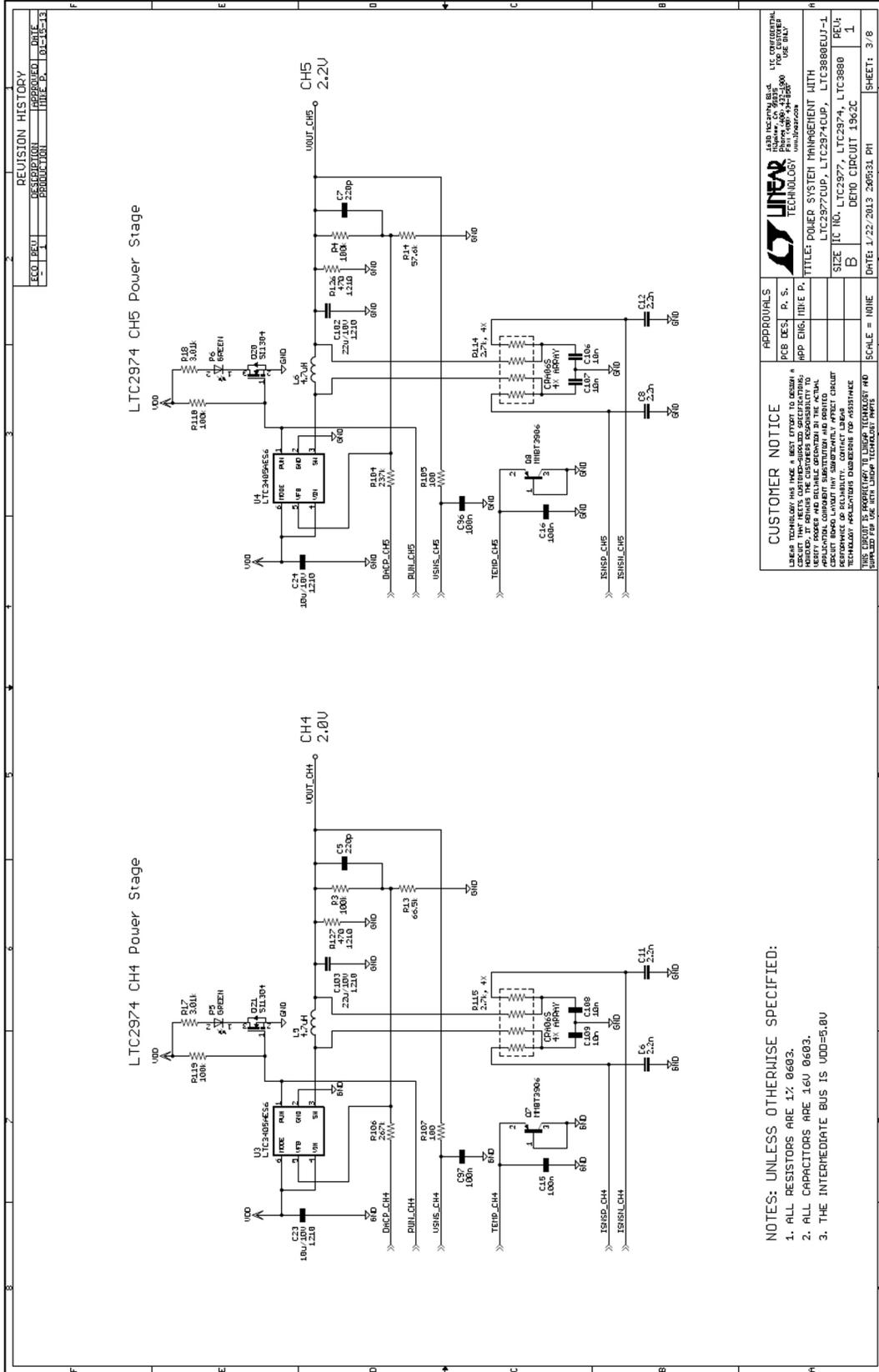
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| 79 | 1  | J2  | CONN HEADER 12POS 2MM STR DL PCB     | FCI: 98414-G06-12ULF                           |
| 80 | 1  | JP1   | CONN RECEPT 2MM DUAL R/A 14POS       | Sullins Connector Solutions:<br>NPPN072FJFN-RC |
| 81 | 1  | JP2   | CONN HEADER 14POS 2MM R/A GOLD       | Molex Connector Corporation:<br>87760-1416     |
| 82 | 1  | JP3   | SWITCH DIP 4POS HALF PITCH SMD       | C&K Components: TDA04H0SB1                     |
| 83 | 4  | MH1, MH2, MH3, MH4  | SPACER STACKING #4 SCREW NYLON       | Keystone: 8831                                 |
| 84 | 1  | S1  | SW SLIDE DPDT 6VDC 0.3A PCMNT        | C&K Components: JS202011CQN                    |
| 85 | 1  | SW1   | SWITCH TACTILE RED SPST-NO 0.05A 12V | C&K Components:<br>PTS635SK25SMTR LFS          |
| 86 | 1  | SW2   | SWITCH TACTILE BLK SPST-NO 0.05A 12V | C&K Components:<br>PTS635SL25SMTR LFS          |
| 87 | 26 | TP1, TP2, TP3, TP4, TP5, TP6, TP7, TP8, TP9, TP10, TP11, TP12, TP13, TP14, TP15, TP16, TP18, TP19, TP20, TP21, TP22, TP23, TP24, TP25, TP26, TP27 | TERM SOLDER TURRET 0.219" 0.078"L    | MILL-MAX: 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0              |
| 88 | 1  | TP17  | TERMINAL PIN TURRET 0.109" SOLDER    | MILL-MAX: 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-0              |





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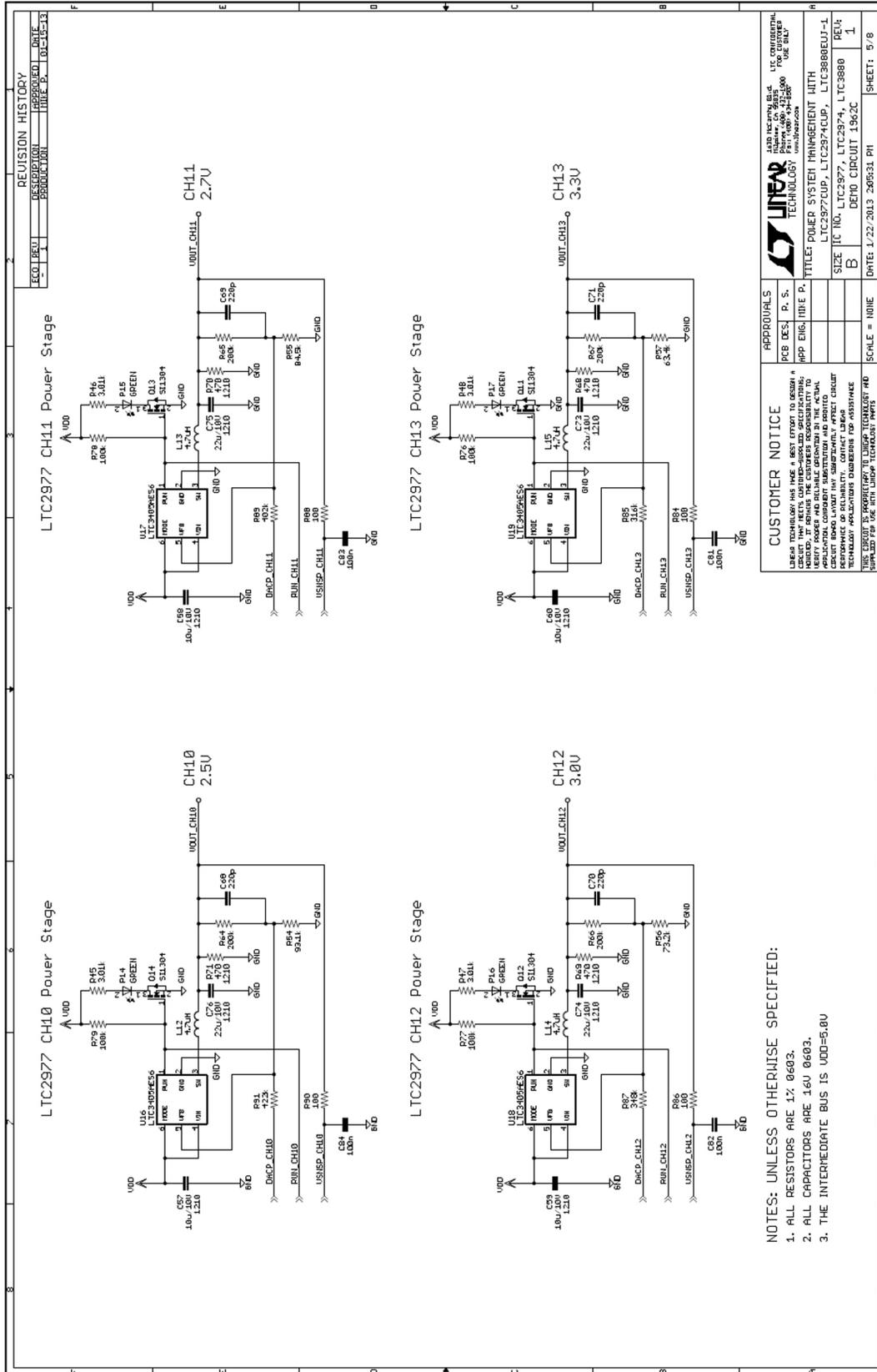
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3. THE INTERMEDIATE BUS IS VDD=5.0V

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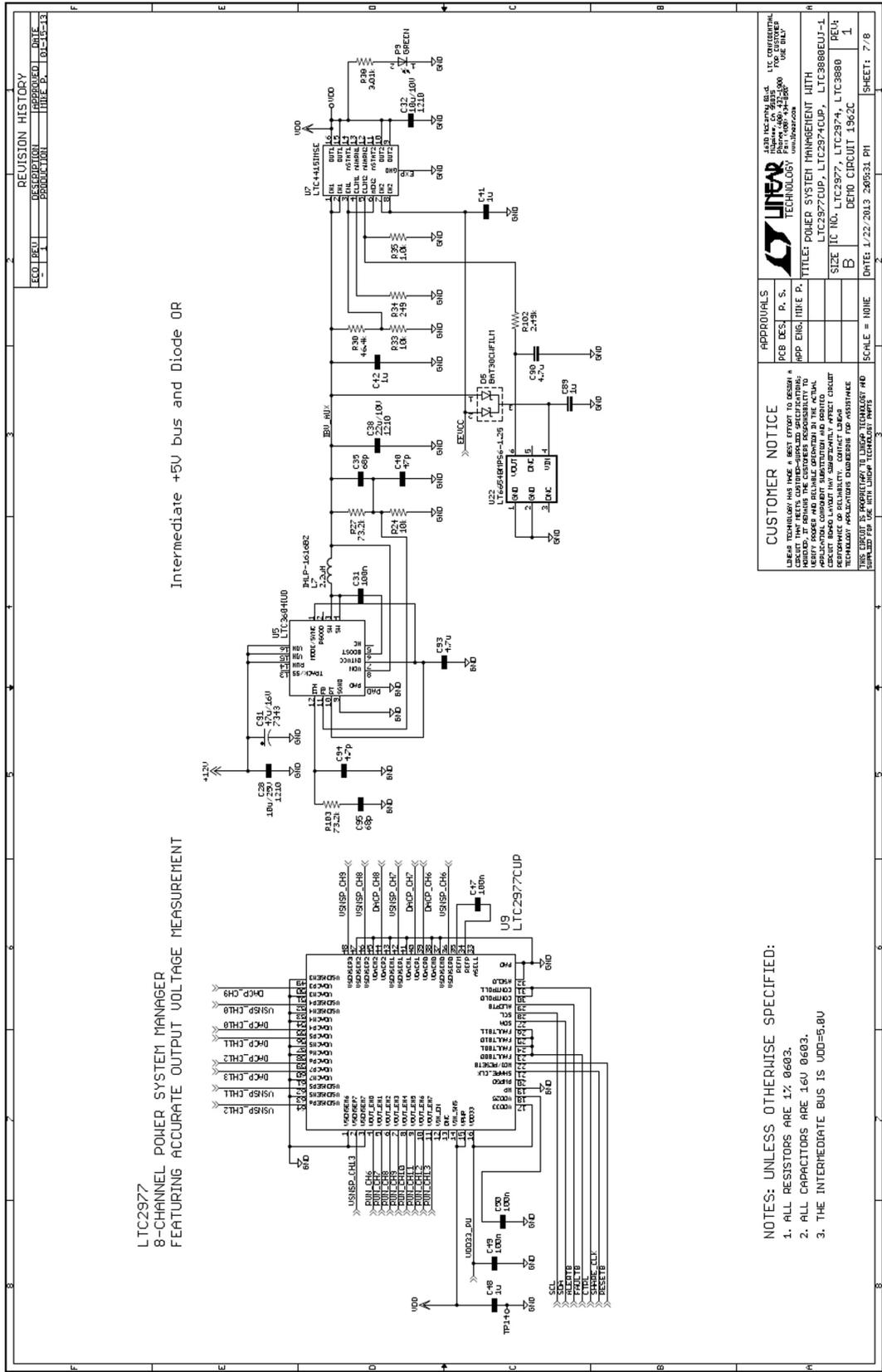
  

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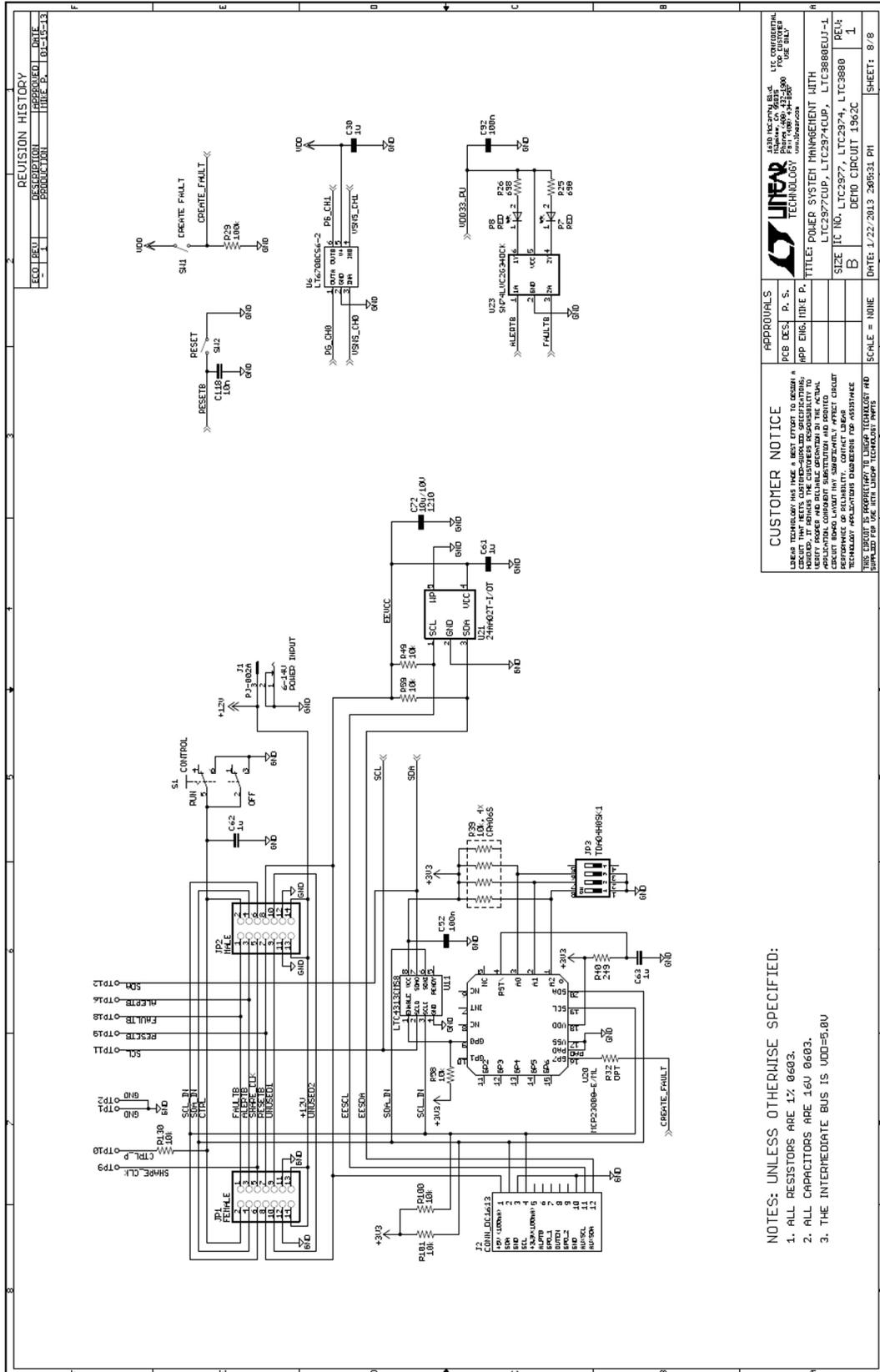
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