3.4 ANALOG CIRCUITS (A2)

3.4.1 Introduction

This paragraph describes the circuits on the analog A2 PCB in detail. Refer to circuit diagrams A2a, A2b, and A2c (figures 10.5, 10.6, and 10.7 in chapter 10).

3.4.2 Overview analog circuits

The analog A2 PCB contains several functional parts:

- circuits in the acquisition path
 - attenuator sections
 - EXTernal (banana) input/output circuitry
 - Analog ASIC and ADC circuitry
- control circuitry
- signal generator
- power supply and battery charger

Each of these parts will be described separately. First a short introduction is given, followed by a detailed description.

3.4.3 ATTENUATOR sections, CHANNEL A and B

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See figure 3.7.

The attenuator sections of both channels A and B are identical. In the following only channel A is described. The corresponding components for channel B have the same numbering, except the second number, which is '1' instead of '2'. For example: R2202 in channel A corresponds with R2102 in channel B.

The attenuator section consists of a high frequency (here after referred to as H.F.) path and a low frequency (here after referred to as L.F.) path, which are combined again in the impedance converter (see figure 3.7). To get a flat frequency characteristic, both paths must overlap over a wide frequency range. Circuits are provided for automatic offset compensation.

The output of the attenuator sections of channel A and B is processed further by the A-ASIC.