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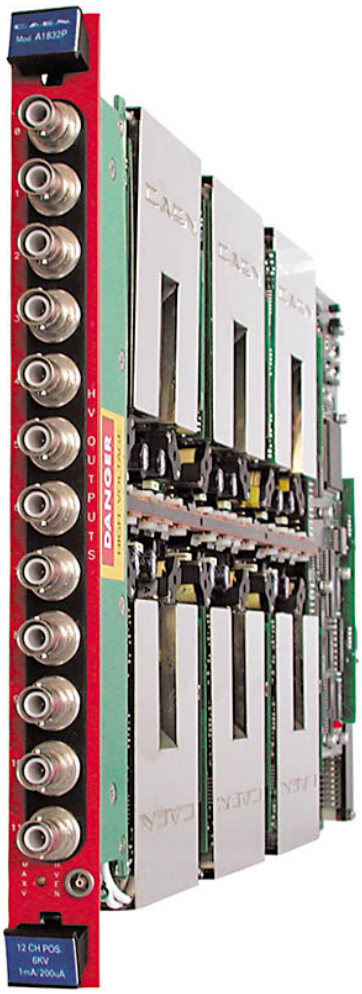

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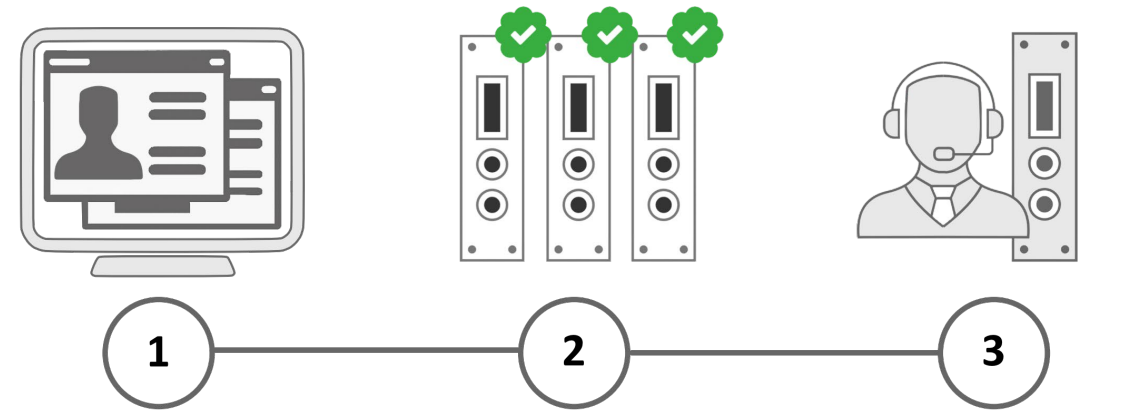

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MOD. A 1821 series

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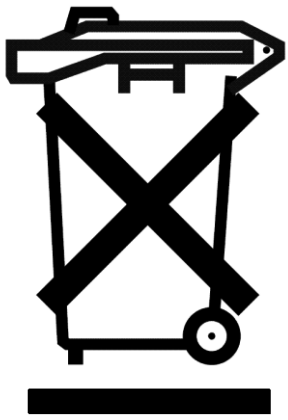

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1. Overview

1.1 Functional description

The Model A 1821 board houses 12 H.V. channels with either positive (A 1821P) or negative (A 1821N) polarity. The Mod. A 1821 output channels offer either 3 kV / 200 µA or 3 kV / 20 µA full scale range (dip-switch selectable). The Model A 1821H board houses 12 H.V. channels with either positive (A 1821HP) or negative (A 1821HN) polarity. The Mod. A 1821H output channels offer either 3 kV / 200 µA or 3 kV / 10 µA full scale range (dip-switch selectable). Two special versions with different channel configuration (A1821HM and A1821HMP are also available). All boards are compatible with the CAEN Universal Multichannel Power Supply System (SYx527).

If the output voltage differs from the programmed value by more than 3% of voltage full scale range, the channel is signalled to be either in OVERVOLTAGE or UNDERVOLTAGE condition. Moreover, for each channel, a voltage protection limit SVMAX can be fixed via software with 1 V resolution and the output voltage can not be programmed beyond this value.

The HV RAMP-UP and RAMP-DOWN rates may be selected independently for each channel in the range 1÷ 500 V/s in 1 V/s steps.

The output current is monitored with 2 nA / 20 nA resolution depending on current range; if a channel tries to draw a current larger than its programmed limit it is signalled to be in OVERCURRENT condition; the SY 1527 system detects this state as a fault and reacts according to the setting of the TRIP parameter, namely:

1) TRIP=infinite (= 1000 s)

When the set output current value is reached the channel behaves like a constant current generator.

2) TRIP=finite (< 1000 s)

The output current keeps the set value only for programmed time interval and then is switched off.

The TRIP time (i.e. the maximum time an OVERCURRENT condition is allowed to last) can be programmed in 0.1 s steps.

The maximum output voltage (VMAX Hardware) can be fixed, through a potentiometer located on the front panel, at the same common value for all the board channels and this value can be read out via software.

The boards host also a temperature sensor located on the PCB near the HV channels: the temperature values measured by this sensor are used to signal Over Temperature condition on the POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

The boards are provided with an "HV EN" input that disables the channels when it is not connected to ground

1.2 Channel Characteristics Table

Table 1.1 - Channel characteristics of the A1821 series

Channel	A1821 (ch 0..11), A1821H (ch 0..11), A1821HM (0..9), A1821HMP (0..9)	A1821HM (ch 10, 11), A1821HMP (ch 10, 11)
Polarity:	A1821/A1821H: Positive / Negative depending on version A1821HM: ch0..5 neg; ch6..9 pos A1821HMP: Positive	A1821HM: negative; A1821HMP: Positive
Output Voltage:	0÷3 kV	0÷6 kV
Max. Output Current:	high range 200 μA low range 20 μA (A1821)/10 μA (A1821H, A1821HM, A1821HMP)	low range 200 μA high range 1 mA
Voltage Set/Monitor Resolution:	250 mV	500 mV
Current Set/Monitor Resolution:	20 nA / 2 nA depending on current range (A1821) 20 nA / 1 nA depending on current range (A1821H, A1821HM, A1821HMP)	20 nA / 100 nA depending on current range
VMAX hardware:	0÷3 kV common for all the board channels	0÷6 kV common for all the board channels
VMAX hardware accuracy:	± 2%	± 2%
VMAX software:	0÷3 kV settable for each channel	0÷6 kV settable for each channel
VMAX software resolution:	1 V	1 V
Ramp Up/Down:	1÷500 Volt/sec, 1 Volt/sec step	1÷500 Volt/sec, 1 Volt/sec step
Voltage Ripple: [1]	< 30 mV pp	< 30 mV pp
Voltage Monitor vs. Output Voltage Accuracy: [2]	± 0.3% ± 0.5 V	± 0.3% ± 1 V
Voltage Set vs. Voltage Monitor Accuracy: [2]	± 0.3% ± 0.25 V	± 0.3% ± 0.5 V
Current Monitor vs. Output Current Accuracy: [2]	± 2% ± 0.01 μA (A1821 low range) ± 2% ± 0.005 μA (A1821H, A1821HM, A1821HMP low range) ± 2% ± 0.1 μA (high range)	± 2% ± 0.5 μA (1 mA range) ± 2% ± 0.1 μA (200 μA range)
Current Set vs. Current Monitor Accuracy: [2]	± 2% ± 0.002 μA (A1821 low range) ± 2% ± 0.001 μA (A1821H, A1821HM, A1821HMP low range) ± 2% ± 0.02 μA (high range)	± 2% ± 0.1 μA (1 mA range) ± 2% ± 0.02 μA (200 μA range)
Threshold temperature parameters (TMIN, TMAX)	+5 ÷ +65 °C	+5 ÷ +65 °C

[1] From 10 Hz to 15 MHz at full load

[2] From 10% to 90% of Full Scale Range

1.3 Front Panel

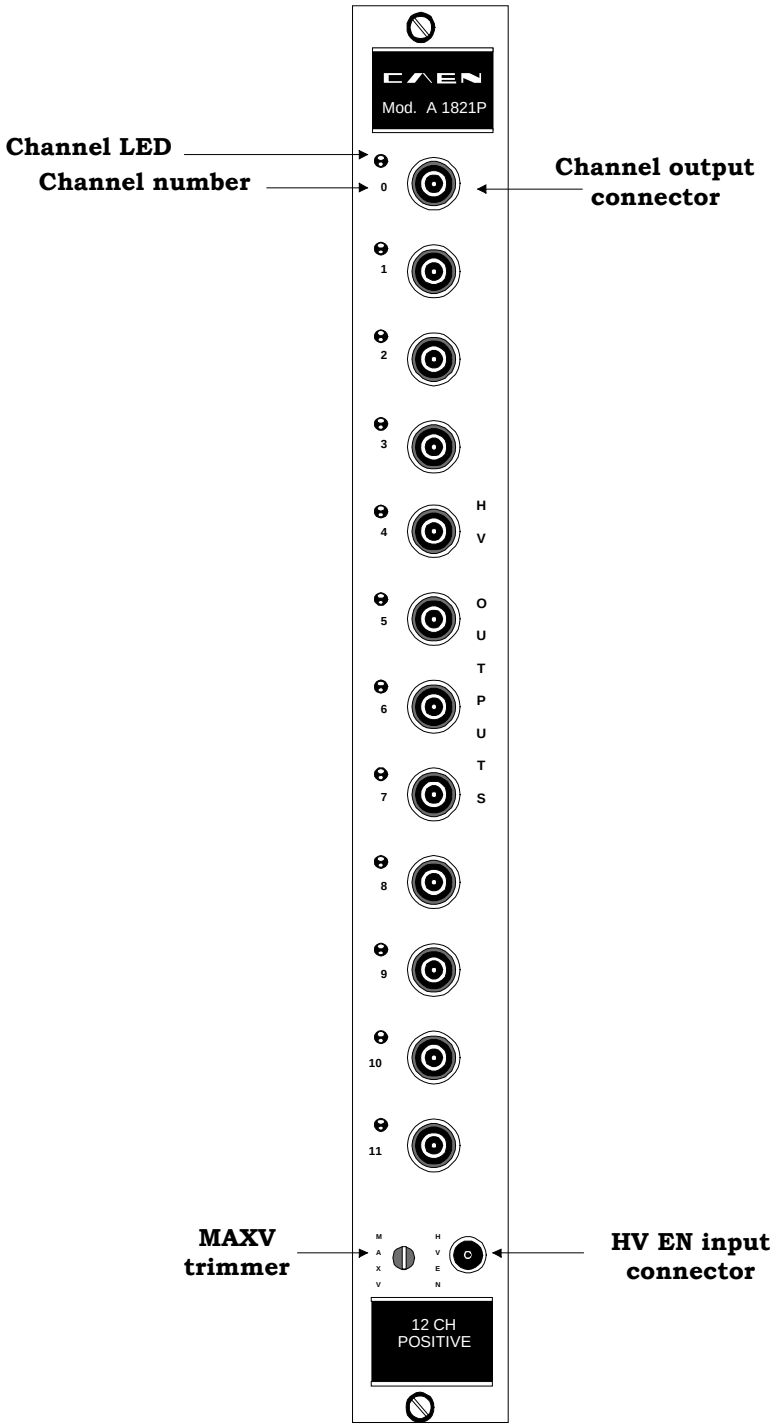

Fig. 1.1 – Mod. A1821 SERIES front panel

1.4 Technical Specifications

1.4.1 Packaging

The module is housed in a 5TE-wide, 6U-high mechanics.

1.4.2 External connections

The location of all components of the front panel is shown in Fig. 2.1, p. 8. The function and electro-mechanical specifications of the external connectors are listed in the following subsections.

CH 0…11 HV CONNECTORS:

Mechanical specifications:
HV coaxial connectors
Radiall SHVR317580-type
Electrical specificationt; high voltage output according to specifications given in Table 2.1, p.**Errore. Il segnalibro non è definito.**.

HV EN CONNECTOR

Mechanical specifications:
00-type LEMO connector.
Electrical specifications: board ENABLE input, if it is connected to ground, the channels are enabled. Refer to § 4.2, p.12 for further details.

1.4.3 Displays

CH ON 0..11 LEDs:

Function: they light up as the relevant channel is on.

Type: red LEDs for positive polarity version; yellow LEDs for negative polarity version

1.4.4 Other components

VMAX trimmer:

Function: it allows to adjust the hardware maximum voltage VMAX common to all the channels. Its value can be read out via software.

2. Safety information and installation requirements

2.1 General safety information

This section contains the fundamental safety rules for the installation and operation of the boards. Read thoroughly this section before starting any procedure of installation or operation of the product.

2.1.1 Injury Precautions

Review the following precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to this product or any products connected to it. To avoid potential hazards, use the product only as specified. Only qualified personnel should perform service procedures.

Avoid Electric Overload.
To avoid electric shock or fire hazard, do not apply a voltage to a load that is outside the range specified for that load.

Avoid Electric Shock.
To avoid injury or loss of life, do not connect or disconnect cables while they are connected to a voltage source.

Do Not Operate Without Covers.
To avoid electric shock or fire hazard, do not operate this product with covers or panels removed.

Do Not Operate in Wet/Damp Conditions.
To avoid electric shock, do not operate this product in wet or damp conditions.

Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere.
To avoid injury or fire hazard, do not operate this product in an explosive atmosphere.

Do Not Operate With Suspected Failures.
If you suspect there is damage to this product, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.

2.2 Safety Terms and Symbols on the Product

These terms may appear on the product:

- **DANGER** indicates an injury hazard immediately accessible as you read the marking.
- **WARNING** indicates an injury hazard not immediately accessible as you read the marking.
- **CAUTION** indicates a hazard to property including the product.

The following symbols may appear on the product:

DANGER

High Voltage

ATTENTION

Refer to Manual

2.3 Installation

The Mod. A1821 SERIES is a single-width board (5 TE-wide) which can be inserted in any slot of the SYX527 crate. At power ON the SYX527 system processor will scan all the slots in the crate to find out where the module is plugged and what kind of module it is.

3. Operating modes

The Mod. A1821 SERIES board can be controlled, either locally or remotely, through the SYX527 software interface. For details on SYX527 system operation, please refer to the User's Manual of this product. The following sections contain a description of commands available for the board control and status monitoring.

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THE MOD. A1821 SERIES BOARD REQUIRES

SYX527 FIRMWARE VERSION 1.09.04 OR LATER

3.1 Output control and monitoring

For each output channel, it is possible, through the SY 1527 system, to perform the following operations:

- Assign to channel a symbolic name
- Set output voltage (VSET)
- Set max. output current (ISET)
- Set output voltage software limit (SVMAX)
- Set voltage ramp-up speed (RAMP-UP)
- Set voltage ramp-down speed (RAMP-DOWN)
- Set TRIP parameter
- Enable/disable POWER ON option
- Switch channel ON/OFF
- Monitor output voltage (VMON)
- Monitor output current (IMON)
- Monitor channel status

If the POWER ON option is enabled, the channel, at POWER ON, is restored in the same condition it was before the POWER OFF or RESET; if this option is disabled, at POWER ON or after a RESET, the channel is kept OFF independently from its previous condition.

The following messages may be returned by the SYX527 when monitoring the channel status:

- OFF (channel turned OFF)
- RUP (channel ramping up)
- RDWN (channel ramping down)
- OVC (channel in OVERCURRENT condition)
- OVV (channel in OVERVOLTAGE condition)

- UNV (channel in UNDERVOLTAGE condition)
- EXTTRIP (channel OFF due to external TRIP line signal)
- INTTRIP (channel OFF due to internal OVERCURRENT condition)
- EXT_DIS (channel disabled by board INTERLOCK protection)

Moreover it is possible to monitor board temperature and to check board status; the following messages may be returned by the SYX527 when monitoring the board status:

- UNDER_TEMP (board temperature < 5°C)
- OVER_TEMP (board temperature > 65°C)

3.2 Output Enable

The board is provided with an "HV EN" input that enables the channels when it is connected to ground.

When the channels are disabled the voltage outputs drop to zero at the maximum rate available; when the output disable cause is removed, i. e. the "HV EN" connector is connected to ground, the channels remain OFF until the User turns them ON via software.

3.3 Full scale range setting

The output voltage and current full scale range, common to all channels, can be selected by dip-switches (please refer to the figure below for the dip-switches location on the board).

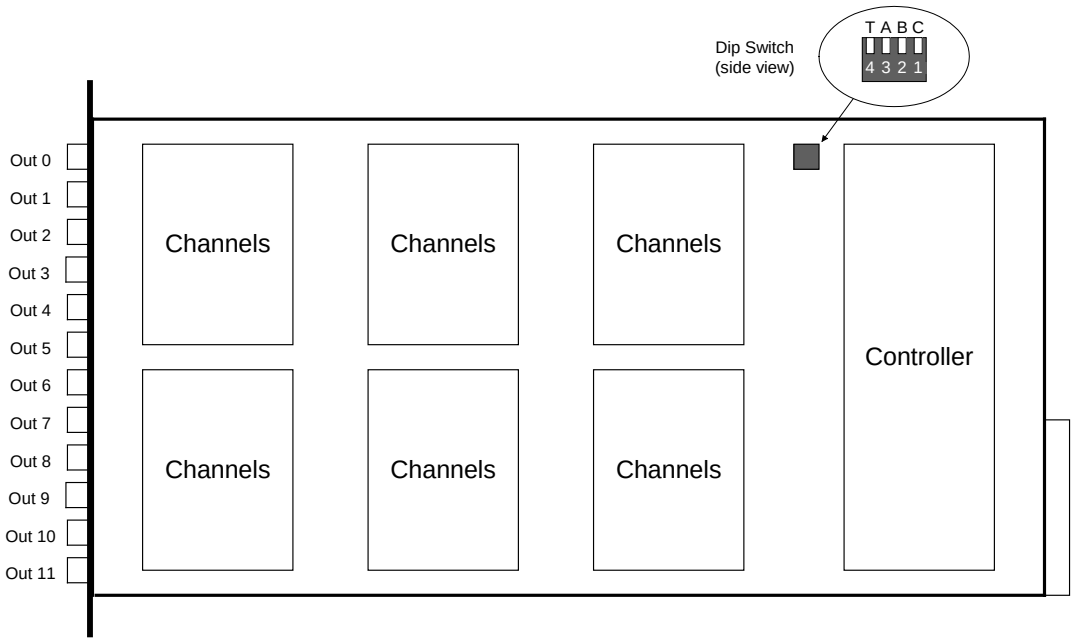

Fig. 3.1 – Mod A1821 SERIES side view

In order to select the desired current Full Scale Range (common to all channels), the dip-switch must be set, by looking at the board's top side, as illustrated in Fig. 4.3.

Current range selection must be performed before inserting the board into the crate.

Default factory setting is 20 μA Full Scale Range.

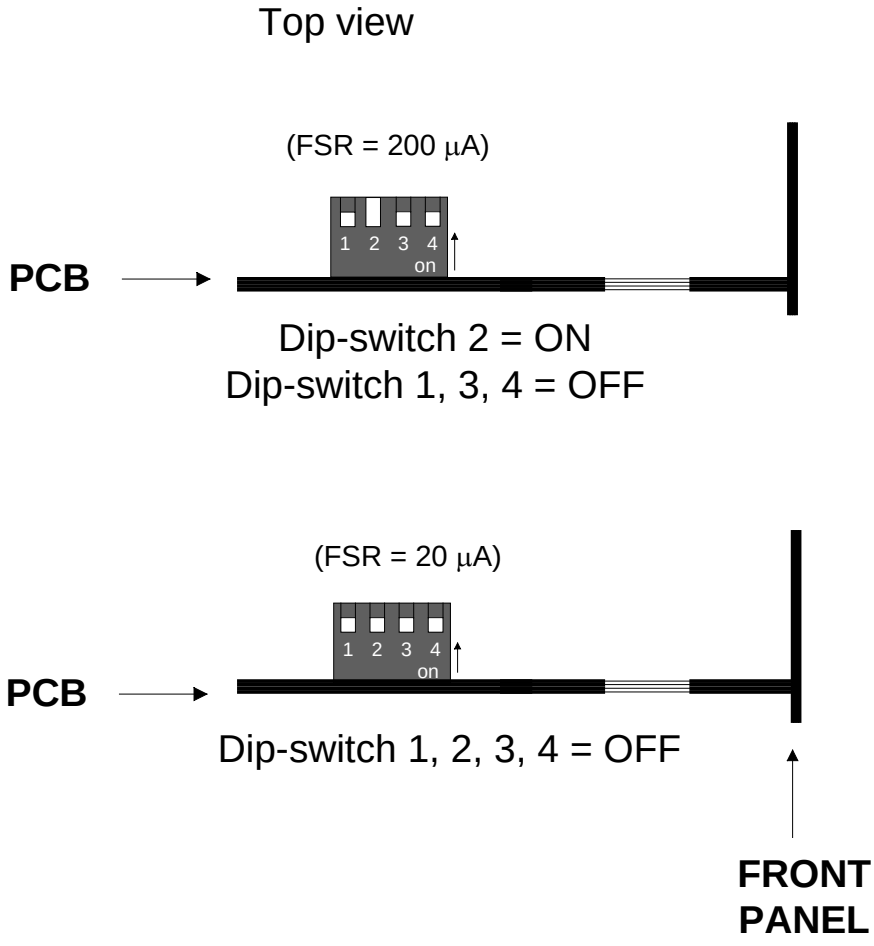

Fig. 3.2 – Full scale range dip-switch top view

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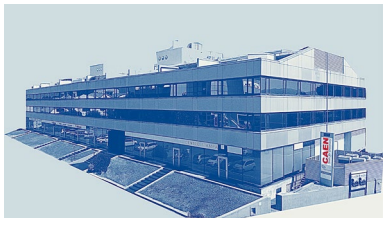

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