

The Ag102 STAT output can be used for visual indication (with an external LED) or by a μ -controller for automatic status monitoring, see Figure 1.

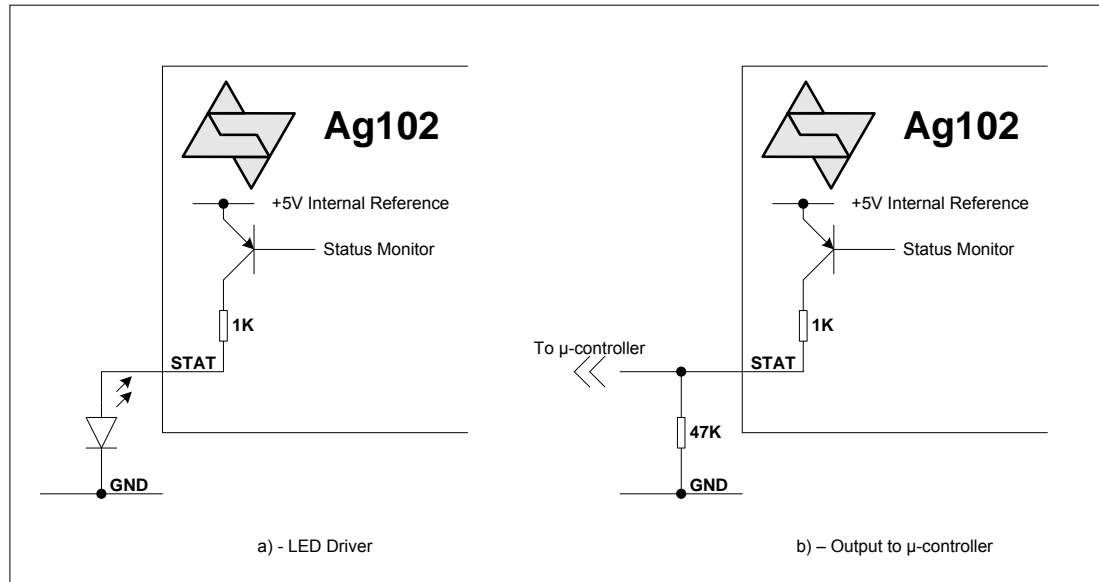


Figure 1: Ag102 STAT output

The LED drive current is limited by an internal 1K resistor (and the +5V internal reference voltage), but this can easily be increased with an external transistor, if required.

Mode 0 – Normal Operation

During a normal charge cycle the ‘STAT’ output will be a steady state ‘Logic 1’ (Mode 0).

After the Ag102 has entered the float cycle it will periodically check the battery capacity - approximately once an hour. It does this by stopping the top-up pulses for a short duration and checking the battery terminal voltage response.

If the battery terminal voltage does not drop below the capacity threshold, the Ag102 will resume operation in Mode 0 and the STAT output will remain at a steady state ‘Logic 1’,

Mode 1 – Battery Capacity Warning

If the terminal voltage drops below the threshold level (during the battery capacity check), then the Ag102 will go into Mode 1.

In Mode 1 the STAT output will change to indicate a battery capacity low warning by generating an inverse pulse (‘Logic 0’) for ~100ms (then returns to ‘Logic 1’). The interval between these (inverse) pulses can vary, but will usually be < 10 seconds.

It is important to remember that even if the Ag102 detects a low battery capacity it will continue to charge the battery. Mode 1 is a warning that the battery capacity is getting low and that the battery may need to be changed.

If the Ag102 detects an error condition (Modes 2 to 4), then the STAT output will go to 'Logic 0' for 1 second then will send 'Logic 1' pulse(s) with a ~200ms mark (and a ~200ms space between pulses), which will be repeated with ~1 second gap (Mode 3 does have an exception to this which is described in Section 5.5.4).

Mode 2 – Defective or Disconnected battery

If the battery is disconnected or is completely defective, the Ag102 will go into Mode 2 and cycle here until a healthy battery is connected. When a healthy battery is reconnected the Ag102 will return to Mode 0 (normal operation) unless the Ag102 detects a problem.

Mode 3 – Over Temperature

If a battery over temperature condition occurs, the Ag102 will shutdown its DC-DC converter to protect the battery and will go into Mode 3. The STAT pin will output five sets of two pulses with the standard 1s delay in between each set of pulses. But after the fifth set of pulses, the Ag102 will restart to check the temperature during an extended 'Logic 0' period (> 3seconds). If the battery is still over temperature the Ag102 will shut down and continue to cycle on Mode 3. When the Ag102 detects that the battery temperature has dropped below 50°C (the maximum operating temperature), the part will return to Mode 0 (normal operation).

Mode 4 – Over Current

If an output over current condition is detected, the Ag102 will again shutdown its DC-DC converter and will go into Mode 4. This is considered to be a major fault condition and the Ag102 will need to be power cycled to resume normal operation to protect the battery and itself.

Mode	Status Mode	STAT Output
0	Normal Operation	Steady State 'Logic 1'
1	Battery Capacity Warning	1 Inverse Pulse
2	Defective or Disconnected Battery Error	1 Pulse
3	Over Temperature Error	2 Pulses
4	Over Current Error	3 Pulses

Table 1: Ag102 STAT output codes

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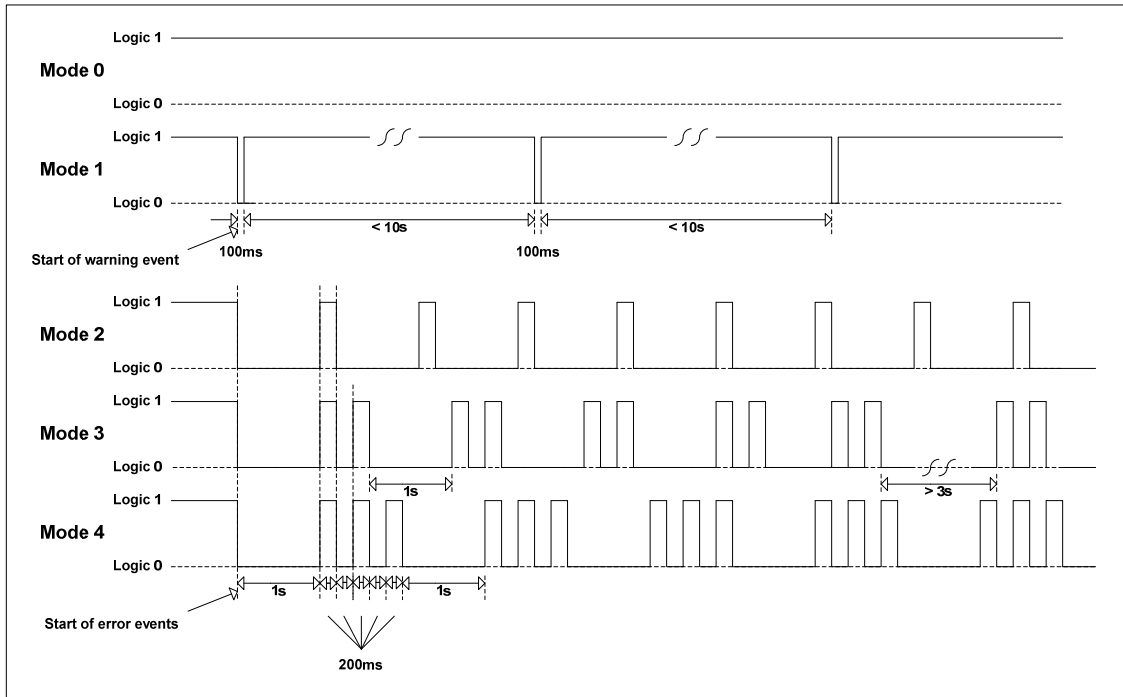


Figure 2: Ag102 STAT output timing

When using a μ -controller the STAT output needs to be monitored and any error codes handled when detected. This can be done easily as demonstrated by the example shown in Figure 3 which uses a very basic PIC10F200 - 8-Bit flash μ -controller from Microchip.

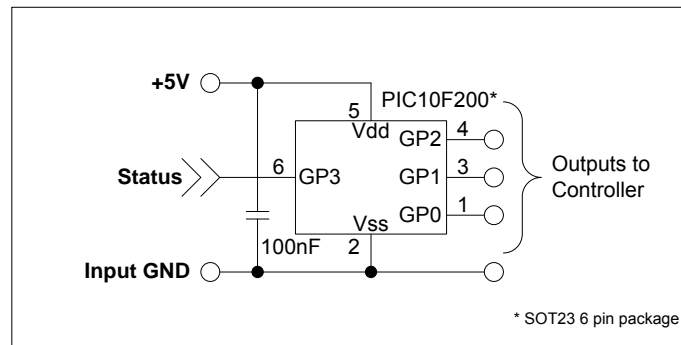


Figure 3: μ -controller interface

The “Status” input shown in Figure 3 connects directly to the “Status” output shown in Figure 1-b. Table 2 shows the output status of the GP0 – GP2 pins when using the example code shown below.

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STAT Output	Mode	GP2	GP1	GP0
1 Inverse Pulse	Battery Low Warning	0	0	1
1 Pulse	Battery Disconnected	0	1	0
2 Pulses	Over Temperature	0	1	1
3 Pulses	Over Current	1	0	0
Steady State 'Logic 1'	Normal Operation	1	1	1

Table 2: GP0 – GP2 Outputs

The code shown below is purely for demonstrative purposes, but can be adapted to suit your own μ -controller and application.

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;*****
; Filename:      Battery-Status-4.asm          *
; Date:         09/04/09                     *
; File Version:                               *
; Author:       Tony Morgan                  *
; Company:      Silver Telecom Ltd           *
;*****
; Files Required: P10F200.INC                *
;*****

list    p=10F200      ; list directive to define processor
#include <p10F200.inc> ; processor specific variable definitions

__CONFIG _MCLRE_OFF & _CP_OFF & _WDT_OFF & _IntRC_OSC
__idlocs 0x0100

; '_ __CONFIG' directive is used to embed configuration word within .asm file.
; The tables following the directive are located in the respective .inc file.
; See respective data sheet for additional information on configuration word.

RAMTRIS    RES 1 ; this is a baseline part so have to create
            ; own tris register in RAM to keep track of
            ; input and output pins (very important!)

;*****
;**** VARIABLE DEFINITIONS
;*****

NormalMode    equ          0x00
WarningMode   equ          0x01
ErrorMode     equ          0x02
STATHigh      equ          0x03
STATLow       equ          0x04
ModeChanged   equ          0x07

cblock 10h ; list of variables used in the program

    Delay1 ; three delay loop bytes
    Delay2
    Delay3
    Counter ; loop counter
    LowCount ; low loop counter
    Pulses ; number of pulses
    StatusFlag ; status flag
    WarningCounter ; warning message 10 seconds counter

endc

;*****
; ORG 0x000 ; coding begins here
;*****

start

    movlw    b'00000000'

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movwf OSCCAL           ; update register with factory cal value

movlw b'11011111'     ; set options register to allow GP2 to be set as an output
option

movlw b'00001000'     ; GP0 - GP2 = Output, GP3 = Input
movwf RAMTRIS
tris GPIO

clrf Pulses           ; clear the pulse counter
clrf WarningCounter   ; clear the warning counter
clrf StatusFlag       ; clear the operating mode flag

startloop

call delay10ms        ; delay 10ms
btfss GPIO, 3         ; check if the status pin has gone high
goto startloop        ; repeat the startloop until the Ag102 output pin goes high

movlw B'10001001'     ; set NormalMode, STATHigh and ModeChanged
movwf StatusFlag      ; update the status byte

mainloop

btfsc StatusFlag,ModeChanged ; check if the mode has changed
call statusupdate     ; update the output pins if the mode has chnaged

movlw d'200'          ; set the counter to 200 (x 10ms delay) = 2000ms
movwf Counter

highloop              ; loop until STAT goes low or counter = 0

call delay10ms        ; delay 10ms
btfss GPIO, 3         ; test the STAT output pin
goto STATlow          ; exit the loop when this pin goes low

btfss StatusFlag,STATHigh ; check if the STAT high flag is set
incf Pulses, f        ; if it isn't than increment the pulse counter

bsf StatusFlag,STATHigh ; set the STAT high flag
decfsz Counter, f     ; decrement the counter
goto highloop         ; repeat highloop until the counter reaches zero

btfss StatusFlag,WarningMode ; check if in warning mode
goto checknormalmode ; jump to check normal mode if not

decfsz WarningCounter,f ; this counter allow STAT to be high for 10s before clearing
goto mainloop         ; go back to the main loop if the counter in not zero

checknormalmode

btfsc StatusFlag,NormalMode ; check if already in normal mode, skip the next instruction if not
goto mainloop         ; go back to the main loop

movlw B'10001001'     ; set NormalMode, STATHigh and ModeChanged
movwf StatusFlag      ; update the status byte
goto mainloop         ; go back to the main loop

STATlow              ; the STAT output is low

movlw d'015'          ; set the counter to 15 (x 10ms delay) = 150ms
movwf Counter

lowloop1

call delay10ms        ; delay 10ms
btfsc GPIO, 3         ; test the STAT output pin
goto warningpulse     ; exit the loop when this pin goes high

decfsz Counter, f     ; decrement the counter
goto lowloop1        ; repeat the lowloop1 until the counter reaches zero

movlw d'010'

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    movwf    Counter            ; set the counter to 10 (x 10ms delay) = 100ms

lowloop2

    call    delay10ms          ; delay 10ms
    btfsc  GPIO, 3             ; test the STAT output pin
    goto   lowloopexit        ; exit the loop when this pin goes high

    decfsz Counter, f          ; decrement the counter
    goto   lowloop2           ; repeat the lowloop2 until the counter reaches zero

    movlw  d'250'
    movwf  Counter            ; set the counter to 250 (x 20ms delay) = 5000ms

lowloop3

    call    delay20ms          ; delay 20ms
    btfsc  GPIO, 3             ; test the STAT output pin
    goto   HighSTAT1         ; exit the loop when this pin goes high

    decfsz Counter, f          ; decrement the counter
    goto   lowloop3           ; repeat the lowloop3 until the counter reaches zero

    movlw  B'10010000'         ; set STATLow flag and the Mode Changed flag
    movwf  StatusFlag          ; update the status byte
    goto   mainloop           ; return to the mainloop

HighSTAT1

    btfss  StatusFlag,ErrorMode ; check if already in error mode, skip the next instruction if not
    goto   HighSTAT2

    movlw  B'10000100'         ; set ErrorMode and the Mode Changed flag, clear the STATHigh flag
    movwf  StatusFlag          ; update the status byte
    goto   mainloop           ; return to the mainloop

HighSTAT2

    movlw  B'00000100'         ; set ErrorMode, clear the Mode Changed flag and STATHigh flag
    movwf  StatusFlag          ; update the status byte
    goto   mainloop           ; return to the mainloop

lowloopexit

    movlw  B'00000100'         ; set ErrorMode, clear the STATHigh flag and clear the Mode Changed flag
    movwf  StatusFlag          ; update the status byte
    goto   mainloop           ; go back to the main loop with STAT set low

warningpulse

    movlw  B'10001010'         ; set WarningMode, STATHigh and ModeChanged
    movwf  StatusFlag          ; update the status byte
    movlw  D'005'              ; set the warning counter to 5 x 2s = 10s
    movwf  WarningCounter
    goto   mainloop           ; go back to the main loop

;*****
; Update outputs pins relative to the lower three Pulses register bits
;*****

statusupdate

    btfss  StatusFlag,ModeChanged ; Test if the mode has changed
    goto   statusupdateexit      ; jump to exit if the mode is unchanged

    btfsc  StatusFlag,STATLow     ; Test if the warning mode has been set
    goto   InvalidMode           ; goto invalid mode check output steady low

    btfss  StatusFlag,WarningMode ; Test if the warning mode has been set
    goto   errorcheck            ; goto error mode check if it hasn't

    movlw  b'00000001'           ; set Pulses to 1 to indicate single warning pulse
    movwf  Pulses                 ; save in Pulses
  
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    goto    outputchanged    ; jump to set the output

errorcheck

    btfss  StatusFlag,ErrorMode ; Test if the error mode has been set
    goto   normalcheck      ; goto normal mode check if it hasn't

    incf   Pulses, f
    goto   outputchanged    ; jump to set the output

normalcheck

    btfss  StatusFlag,NormalMode ; Test if the normal mode has been set
    goto   InvalidMode      ; goto invalid mode if non of the mode flags have been set

    movlw  b'00000111'      ; set all the outputs high to indicate normal mode
    movwf  Pulses           ; save in Pulses
    goto   outputchanged    ; jump to set the output

InvalidMode

    movlw  b'00000000'      ; clear all the outputs to indicate an invalid mode
    movwf  Pulses           ; save in Pulses

outputchanged

    btfsc  Pulses,0         ; test if the bit has been cleared
    bsf    GPIO,0          ; clear output GP0 if true
    btfss  Pulses,0         ; test if the bit has been set
    bcf    GPIO,0          ; set GP0 if true

    btfsc  Pulses,1         ; test if the bit has been cleared
    bsf    GPIO,1          ; clear output GP1 if true
    btfss  Pulses,1         ; test if the bit has been set
    bcf    GPIO,1          ; set GP1 if true

    btfsc  Pulses,2         ; test if the bit has been cleared
    bsf    GPIO,2          ; clear output GP2 if true
    btfss  Pulses,2         ; test if the bit has been set
    bcf    GPIO,2          ; set GP2 if true

    clrf   Pulses           ; clear the Pulses byte before returning
    bcf    StatusFlag,ModeChanged ; clear the mode changed flag

statusupdateexit

    retlw  0

;*****
; delay routine using simple loops
;*****

delay100ms

    movlw  D'100'          ; ~100mS delay
    movwf  Delay3
    goto   delayLoop3

delay20ms

    movlw  D'020'          ; ~20mS delay
    movwf  Delay3
    goto   delayLoop3

delay10ms

    movlw  D'010'          ; ~10mS delay
    movwf  Delay3
    goto   delayLoop3

delay1ms

    movlw  D'001'          ; ~1mS delay

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        movwf    Delay3
delayLoop3
        movlw    0x02
        movwf    Delay2
delayLoop2
        movlw    0x95
        movwf    Delay1
delayLoop1
        decfsz  Delay1, f
        goto    delayLoop1
        decfsz  Delay2, f
        goto    delayLoop2
        decfsz  Delay3, f
        goto    delayLoop3
retlw 0
        END          ; directive 'end of program'
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The PIC10F200 shown in Figure 3 (with the code detailed above) can be connected to a 3 to 8 decoder as shown in Figure 4. Alternatively the 74HC138 outputs can be connected to the main system μ -controller.

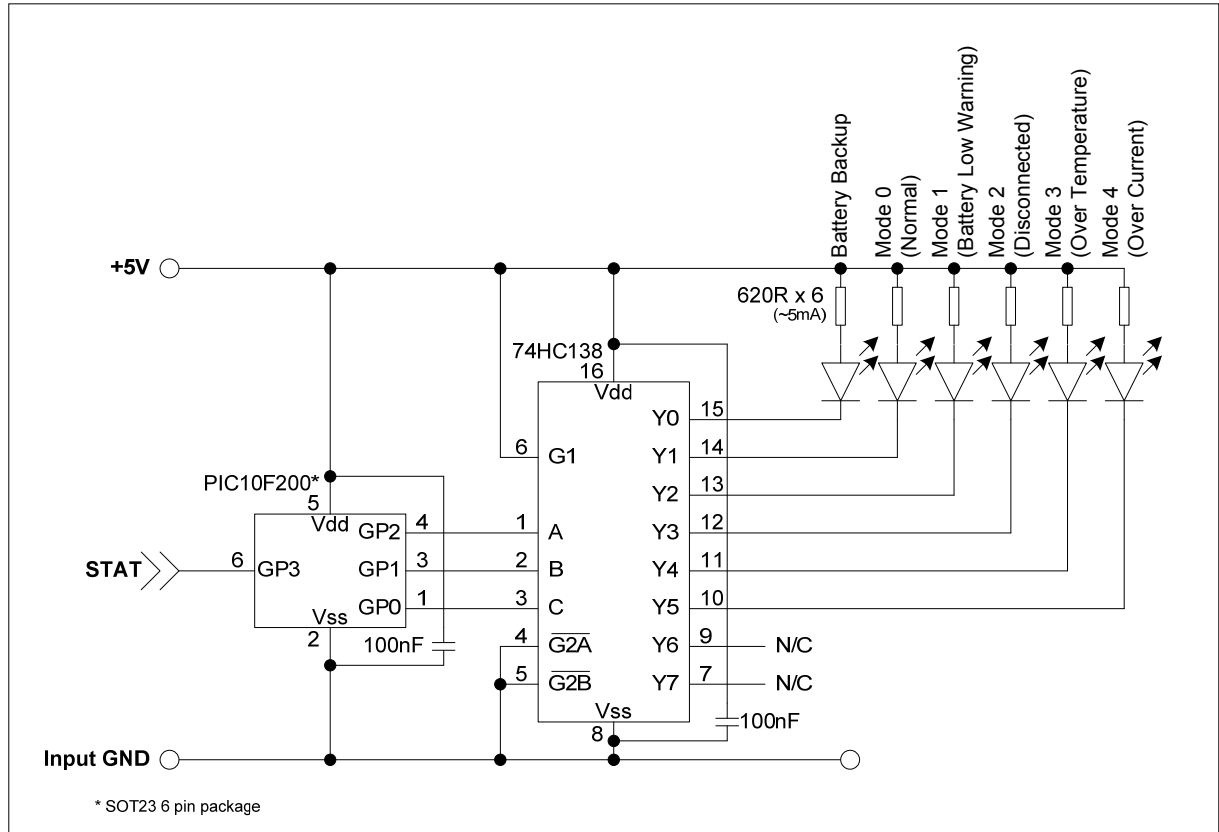


Figure 4: μ -controller with decoder

The way in which outputs GP0 – GP2 respond to the error code can be modified by changing the code in the “statusupdate” section.

A copy of the ‘Bat-Status-4.asm’ file is available upon request.