Power Budgeting – An example Canon GL-1 digital camcorder

From the specifications:

7.2V dc power supply
6.7 W (using viewfinder)
7.4 W (using the LCD and not the viewfinder)
Professional standards -- 20:1 zoom, f/1.6-2.9
3 CCD's of 250,000 pixels each auto or manual zoom, focus, white balance, exposure optical image stabilization

Experimental protocol:

Identify the relevant separable components, power it from our instrumented power supply, devise scenarios that will separate each component, and see what happens:

Components:

Imaging systems:

Zoom mechanism
Autofocus mechanism
Image stabilizer
Exposure and white balance
3 CCDs

Recording subsystem:

Motors for tape transport playback channel record and erase electronics

results: