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Model Based AOCS Design and Automatic Flight Code Generation: Experience and Future Development

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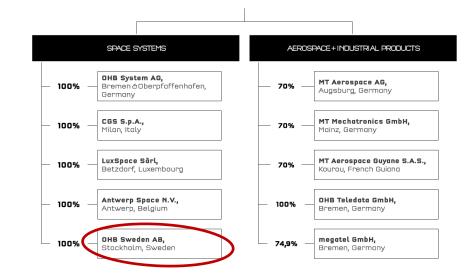
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Company Overview



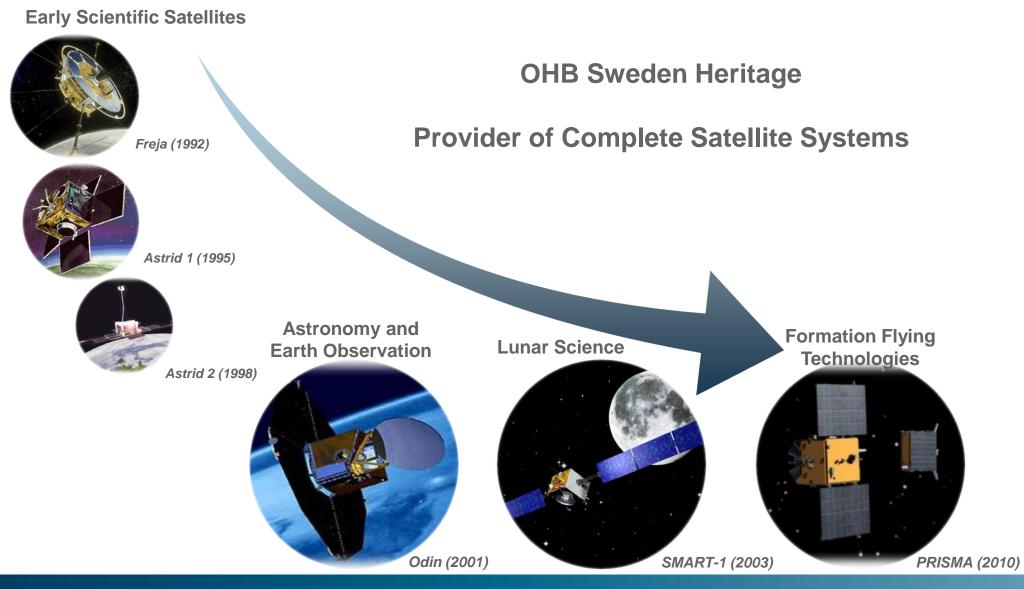
OHB Sweden

- Former Space Division of the Swedish Space Corporation
- Founded in 2011
- Swedish center of competence for space systems and satellites
- ~70 employees
- New facilities in Kista (Stockholm) since beginning of 2014 including new cleanroom
- Belongs to OHB Group which has subsidiaries in several European countries
- OHB Sweden is a self supporting company within the group



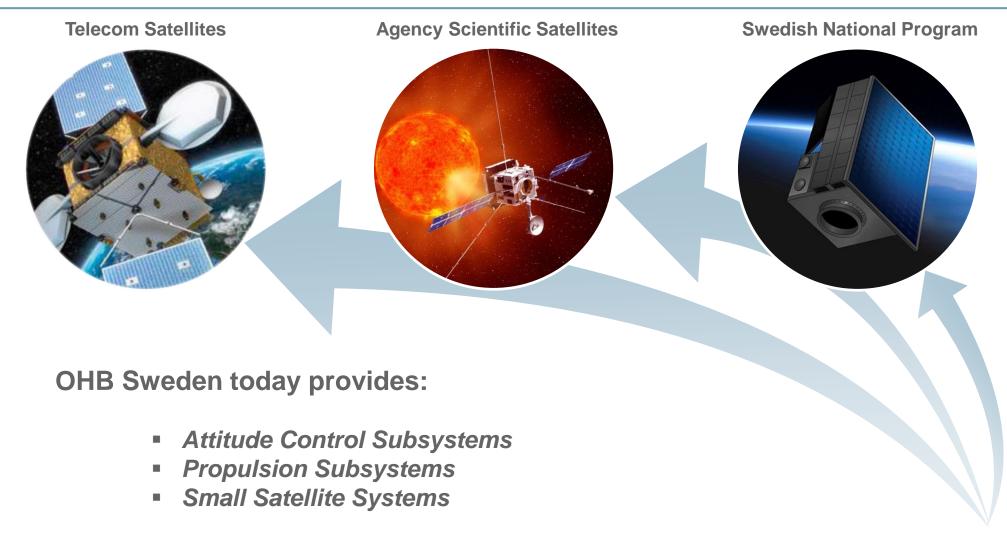






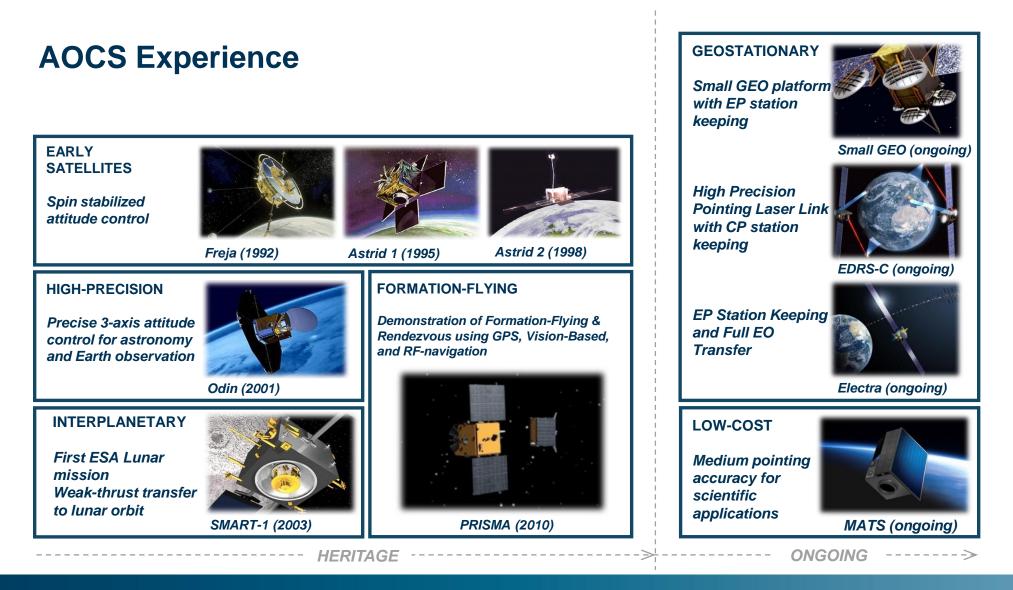
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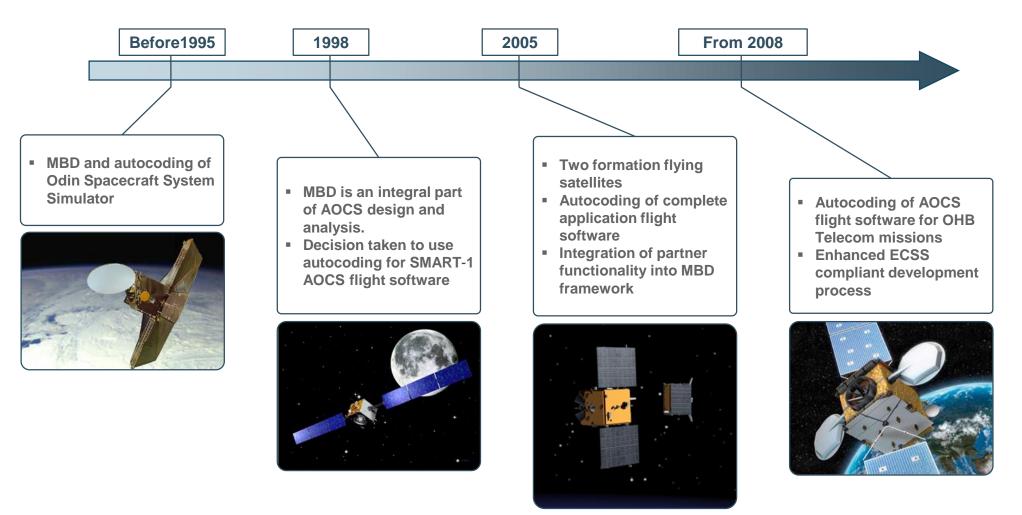
within Telecom, Agency and National Programmes







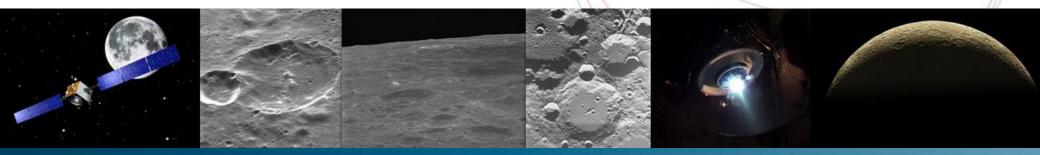
Model Based Design and Autocoding Experience





SMART-1: Overview

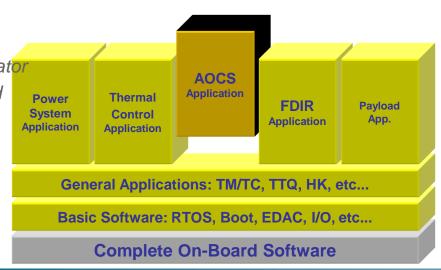
- SMART-1: Small Missions for Advanced Research and Technology
- Space Division of SSC (now OHB Sweden) was the prime contractor for SMART-1
- Mission
 - Primary: Go to the Moon using Electric Primary Propulsion (Plasma Engine with 7 g thrust)
 - Secondary: X-ray/IR spectrometry, NIR camera, several technology experiments
- SMART-1 was launched on September 27, 2003
- Reached Lunar orbit in November 2004
- Mission end with planned Lunar impact on September 3, 2006





AOCS Development Approach in SMART-1

- Decision in 1998 to use single on-board processor with SPARC architecture
- Opened for possibility to use automatic coding for C-code generation
- SMART-1 was first ESA mission to use MathWorks coding technologies for flight code production
- Separate application software parts (Software Cores) were developed in-house for AOCS, Thermal, Power and FDIR
- C-code was generated for each Core. Code was compiled and linked into On-Board Software
- General On-Board Software was developed by SpaceBel (Belgium)
- Software Core: One single I/O+state function. Cyclically executed.
- Integrated in "Shell" structure interfacing with the I/O of the Core
- Development process essentially followed PSS-05-0
 - Unit Testing (Black and white box) in Simulink + ERC32 emulator
 - Black box testing on integrated software running on EM-board against spacecraft simulator
 - Process "lightweight" in terms of documentation
 - No particular focus on coding standard
 - "Common sense" modeling standards applied





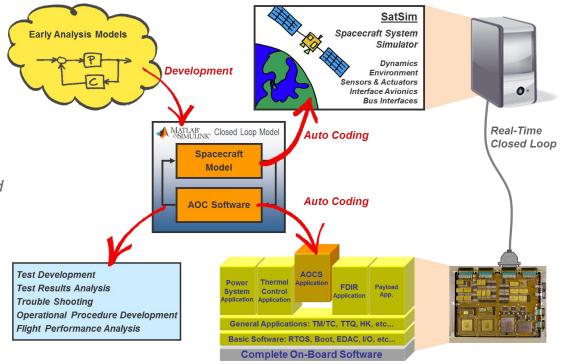
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Experience from Model Based Design in SMART-1

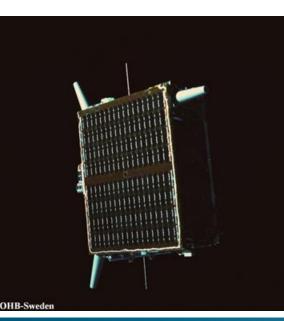
- Core/shell intefrace:
 - Efficient interface between two organizations
- Keep it simple:
 - Core is single task with functions configured by mode handler
 - Resticted set of simulink blocks
 - Predictable behavior of generated code
 - Clarity of implementation
- Code robustness:
 - No traditional "bugs" found during Unit Testing
 - Only logical software problems found and corrected
- Simulink Closed Loop Model
 - Efficient tool througout project
 - High correspondence w.r.t system behavior
 - Used for:
 - Test development for AIT
 - Test results analysis
 - Operational procedure development
 - Flight performance analysis

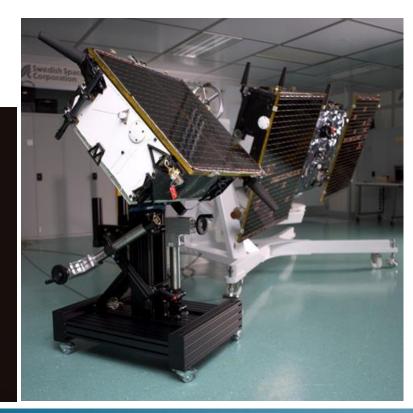




PRISMA: Overview

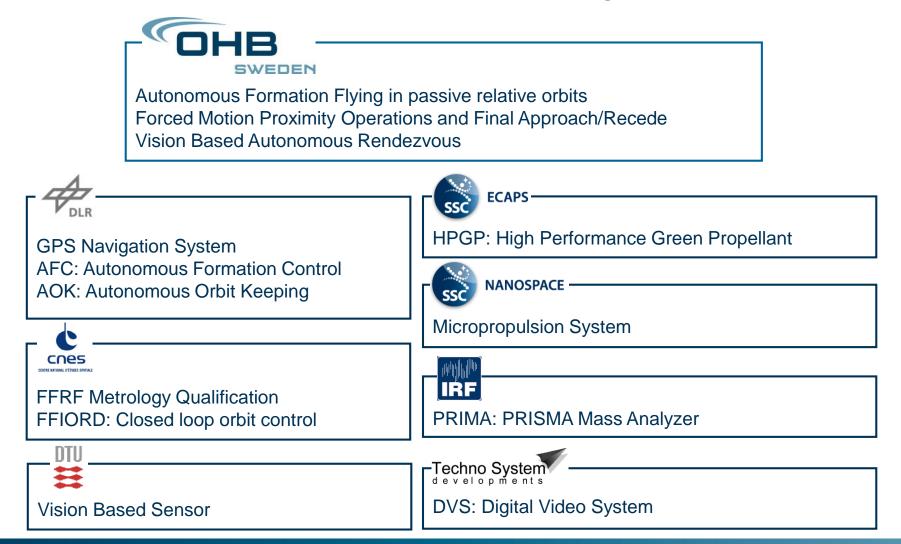
- Two satellites to demonstrate strategies and technologies for formation flying and rendezvous
- Initiated by SSC (now OHB Sweden) in 2004, funded by the Swedish National Space Board
- Supported by the DLR, CNES and by the Technical University of Denmark (DTU)
- Launched in June 2010
- Nominal and extended mission phases ended in Dec. 2012
- Technologies
 - Relative GPS navigation
 - Vision Based Navigation
 - RF Sensor Navigation
 - Propulsion Systems
- Distances
 - 30 km to 1 m





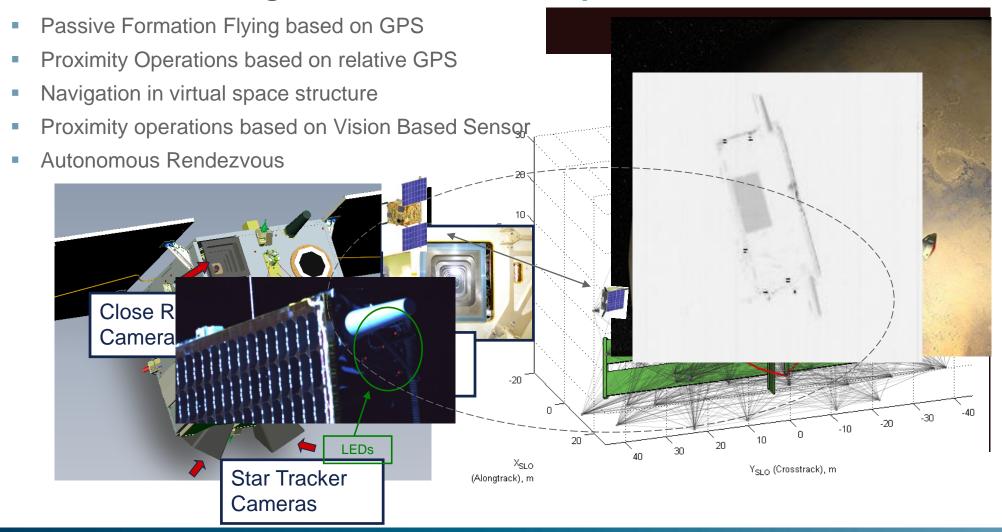


PRISMA: Nominal and Extended Mission Experiments





Guidance, Navigation and Control Experiments





AOCS and Software Development Approach in PRISMA

- Single on-board computer: LEON based on FPGA technology
- Model Based Design with MATLAB/Simulink + Embedded Coder for complete on-board software except low-level parts
- As in SMART-1: AOCS, Thermal, Power, Failure Handling
- Now also: Data handling, interface of application software parts, implementation of PUS services
- All on-board software developed in-house but with a separate team for the AOCS part
- Swedish national project: More freedom for design decisions and quality level
- Less rigorous development than in SMART-1 (w.r.t. code coverage, requirements, etc...)
- More focus on testing on Real-Time System Simulator (developed in xPC Target) and on FM satellite tesing







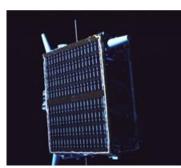






Experience from Model Based Design in PRISMA

- Complete flight application software was generated from a Simulink model
 - Simulink works best for "signal-oriented" functions, such as controllers, filters, etc.
 - Less efficient for data-handling, ended up as S-functions in many cases
- Simplified development process
 - Reduced testing of non-critical functions
 - 100% coverage not required on unit level
 - Still very robust behavior in system testing and in flight
 - Representative system level tests of critical functionalities: Closed loop testing with RF-stimulation of the relative GPS navigation system
- Closed Loop Simulink Model (two spacecraft)
 - Used for generation of test and flight procedures
 - Framework for Automatic generation of PLUTO scripts from Matlab test descriptions (used in AIT and in flight)











Telecom Projects

- OHB Sweden is responsible for the AOCS algorithm and flight software development for the OHB Telecom missions
 - Small GEO HAG1: Chemical Propulsion for orbit transfer and Electric Propulsion for station keeping
 - EDRS-C: Chemical Propulsion for orbit transfer and station keeping
 - Electra: Electric Propulsion for orbit transfer and station keeping
- AOCS application software is developed using Model Based Design and autocoding built on the heritage from the SMART-1 and PRISMA missions
- ECSS compliant development process
 - Unit Testing on simulated target processor (TSIM)
 - Scenario Testing: Software qualification on Simulink Closed Loop model with complementary testing on SVF
 - Unit and Scenario Test framework developed allowing for automatic execution and test reporting
 - Coding Standards
 - Modeling Standard developed control the use of Simulink blocks and code generation settings
 - Tailored MISRA coding standard developed
 - Simulink model checking tools used to ensure adherence to modeling and coding standards









Current Status and Observations

- Efficient use of Model Based Design and autocoding
- Integrated AOCS and Software teams
 - Focus on the AOCS design
 - Software expertise primarily used for infrastructure, framework, and static testing
- Too much time is spent on validation against TS and structural tests
- The ECSS compliant processes requires a significant amount of manual work other than the coding itself:
 - Verification steps are often manual
 - Manual development of coverage testing
 - Retrieval of evidence and documentation
 - Administration of software milestone reviews
- Possibilities for automation of all the steps within the software development process needs to be examined in order to fully make use of the benefits from MBD and autocoding
- When assessing the benefits from MBD and autocoding for AOCS, it is important to compare Model Based AOCS & Software together against AOCS & Manual Software development





Future Development

- Simulink Models
 - View models as Executable Design Specifications
 - Design should rely on analyses conatined in the AOCS DJF
 - Document inside models and do not produce other descriptions of the algorithms
- Reduction of testing time
 - Focus on validation against TS: The engineer developing the model shall also (simultaneously) develop the associated functional tests within the design framework
 - Structural testing: Automation of Model, Code, Signal, and Condition coverage as well as out-of-range testing
 - Examine the possibility to qualify functions separately
- Automation of software development processes
 - Possibilities for automation of verification and documentation steps within the software development process should be examined
 - OHB Sweden participates in the AMASS* (H2020) project in which some process automation aspects will be addressed

*AMASS: Architecture-driven, Multi-concern and Seamless Assurance and Certification of Cyber-Physical Systems