



A New Network Paradigm for the On-board Reference Architecture (OSRA-NET)

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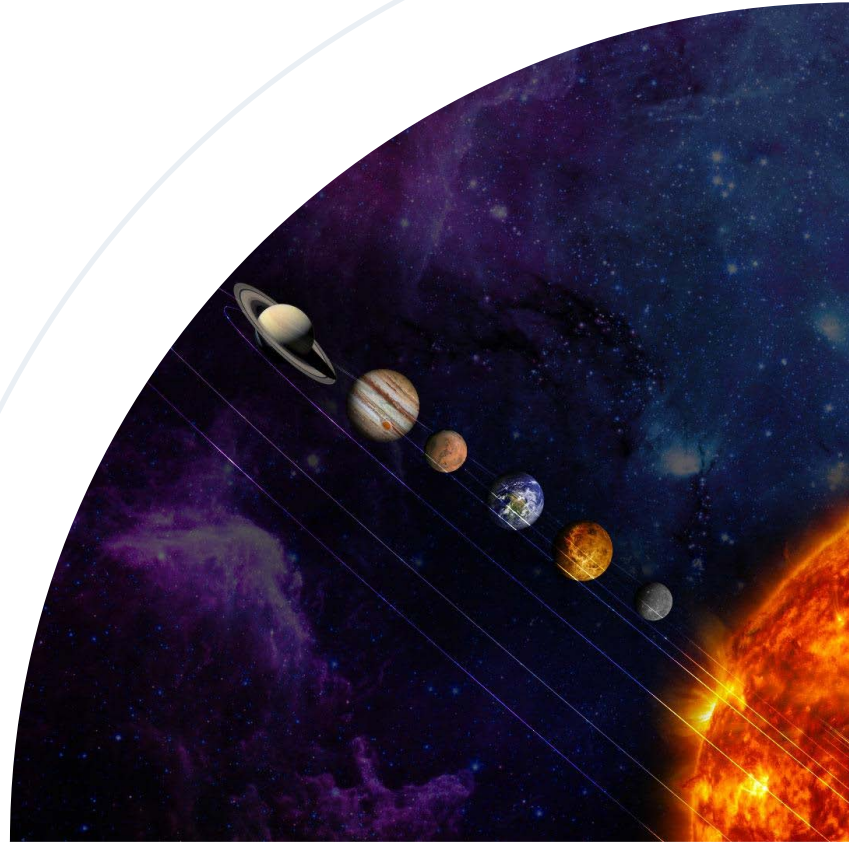
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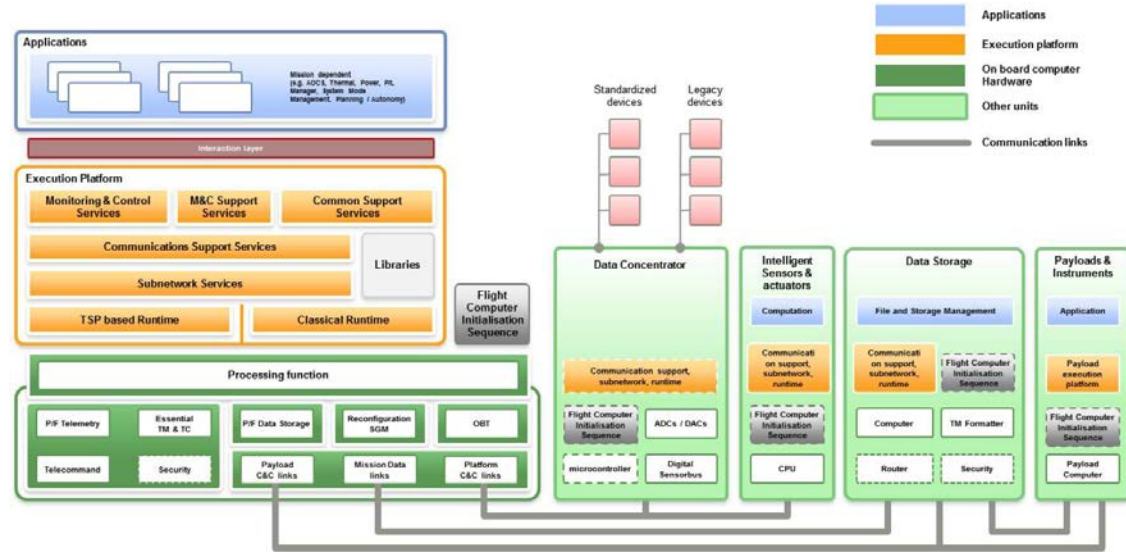
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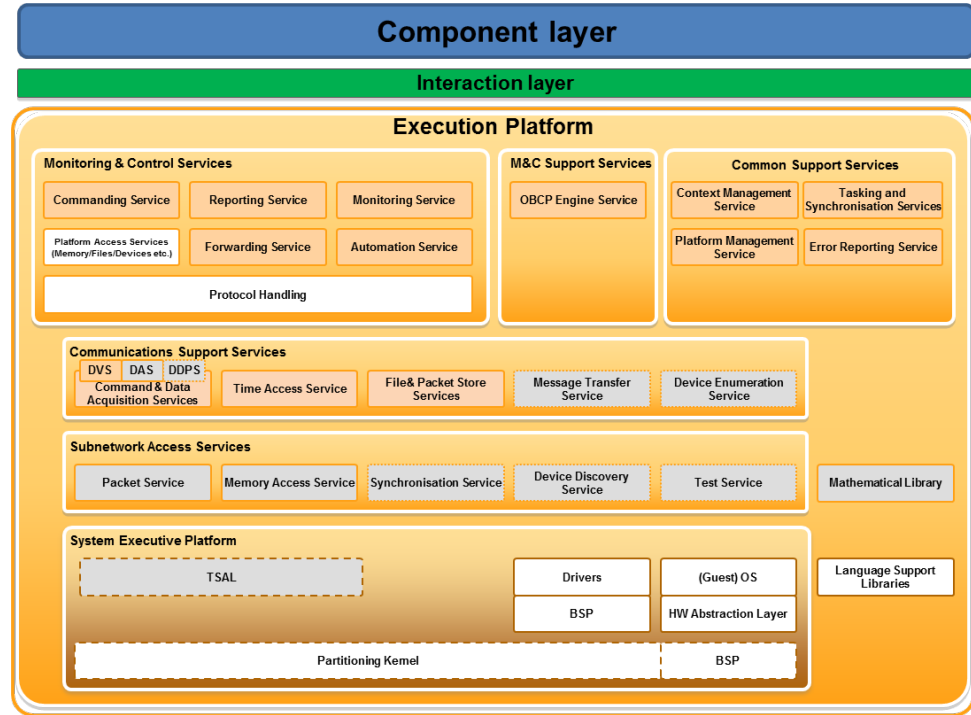
SAVOIR Avionics System Reference Architecture (ASRA)

- Reference avionics architecture (HW + SW vision)
 - Addressing the full platform avionics perimeter
 - Payload C/C, Data Storage, Telemetry, Routing and Security
- Stays as agnostic as possible w.r.t. technology and implementation choices
 - "Functional Reference Architecture"
 - Yet mapping to current reference implementation technologies are provided and discussed (e.g., 1553, SpW, CAN)



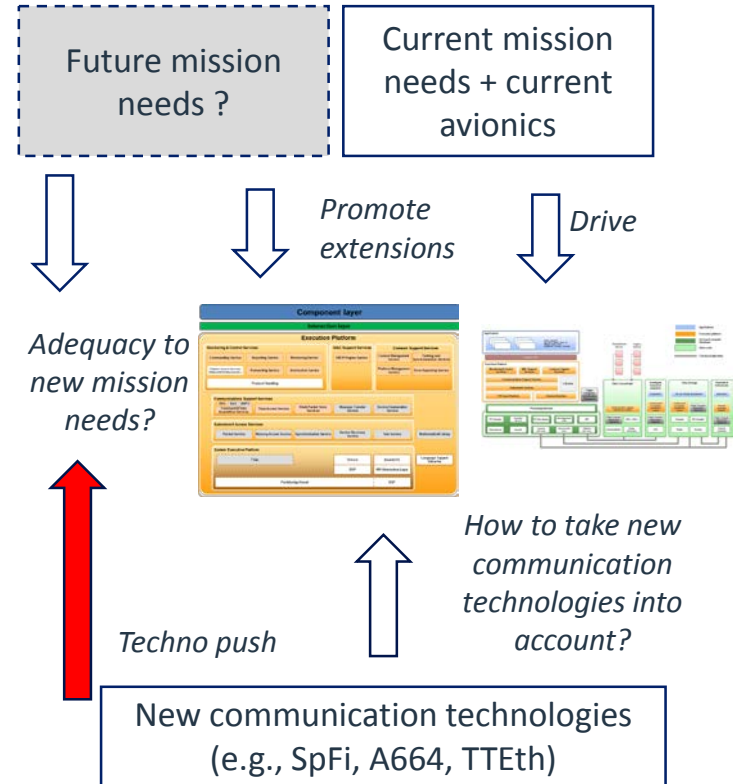
SAVOIR On-board Reference Architecture (OSRA)

- Proposes a reference organisation of platform SW architecture in 3 layers
 - Component layer
 - for Mission-specific software
 - Execution platform
 - For Mission-independent software (e.g., generic services)
 - Oriented to re-use
 - Interaction layer
 - To guarantee independence of components from execution platform
 - Automatically generated
- Comes with an associated Model-Driven Engineering process
 - Semi-formal modeling of SW architecture design
 - Increased abstraction of design + precise SW / SW interface definition
 - Automated code generation
- Supports both “Classical” and Time and Space partitioning execution platform



Assessment (2015)

- ASRA + OSRA could adequately describe existing avionics and on-board software
- Technology references in the technical notes is mostly related to currently flying technology
 - e.g., 1553, SpaceWire, CAN in the OBC generic specification
- Strong **techno push** of new communication technologies (e.g., SpaceFibre, ARINC 664 P7, TTEthernet)
 - They require possible extensions of standards, methodologies, development practices and reference architectures (at avionics and software level)
 - Albeit they promise interesting advantages, what are the needs these technologies respond to? How is their design driven?
- How to ensure that new communication technology developments are driven so as to best respond to the right mission needs?
- How to ensure that the SAVOIR reference architectures can take into account these new needs, possibly by leveraging on new communication technologies?



Goals of the OSRA-NET study

- 🚀 To extend the concept of On-board Software Reference Architecture (OSRA) to new communication paradigms emerged in the past few years
 - 🚀 Such as those promoted by SpaceFibre, ARINC 664 Part 7 or TTEthernet
- 🚀 To enable the implementation of a multi-node On-Board Software Reference Architecture (OSRA-NET)
- 🚀 To perform an impact analysis on all relevant SAVOIR, ECSS and CCSDS documents
- 🚀 Two major areas of work
 - 🚀 The specification of the high-level communication system requirements for the OSRA
 - 🚀 The definition of an extended OSRA methodology and process for the analysis of communication needs
 - 🚀 So as to confirm the feasibility of an architecture design spread on multiple nodes
 - 🚀 To possibly refine such architectural design into OSRA components
 - 🚀 To perform automated code generation and implementation
- 🚀 To prototype an implementation of the new OSRA-NET methodology and of a suitable communication stack on spaceborne hardware
 - 🚀 Extension of reference OSRA Toolchain
 - 🚀 Execution of a case study demonstration of the new approach

Overview of the OSRA-NET TRP Study

R&D study (TRP) started in December 2015 and concluded in December 2017

Analysis phase

- Analysis of existing SAVOIR, ECSS, CCSDS standards
- Methodology definition
- Demonstrator technology selection
- Case study preliminary definition

Specification phase

- Specification of OSRA-NET communication requirements
- Impact analysis on existing standards
- Consolidated Case Study

Demonstrator implementation and case study execution

- OSRA toolchain extension for OSRA-NET
- Implementation of prototype OSRA-NET communication stack
- Integration of communication stack into OSRA toolchain / TASTE
- Case study modeling, implementation and execution
- Extension of case study results to full-scale spacecraft

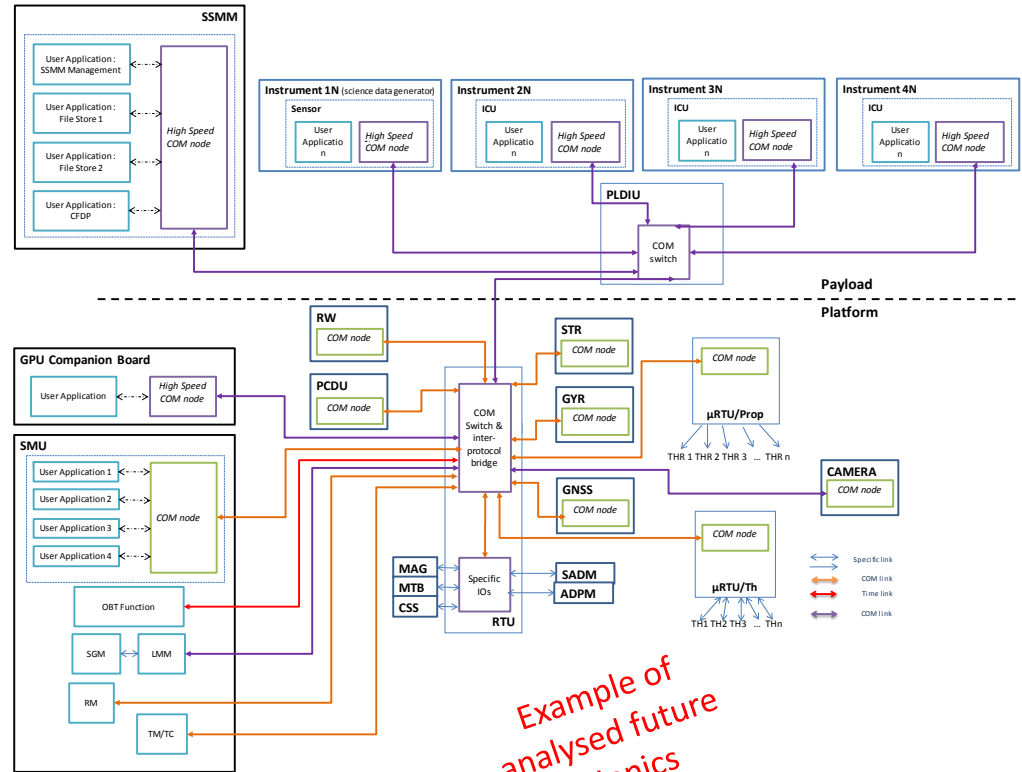
Study Organisation

- ESA
 - Technical Officer: Christophe Honvault – TEC-SWE
- Thales Alenia Space (Study Prime)
 - Analysis Phase – *Leader*
 - Process and Methodology Definition
 - Case Study Definition – *Leader*
 - OSRA-NET Communication Requirements Specification
 - Impact Analysis – *Leader*
 - Demonstrator and case study - *Support*
 - Extensions of the OSRA Component model (SCM)
 - Extension of case study results to full-scale spacecraft avionics
- GMV
 - Analysis Phase – *Support*
 - Case study definition – *Support*
 - Impact Analysis – *Support* for OSRA-related standards
 - Demonstrator and case study – *Leader*
 - Extension of OSRA Component model editor and SCM to TASTE transformation
 - Integrated communication and middleware architecture (with TASTE)
 - Case study execution
- Teletel
 - Technology selection – *Support*
 - Implementation of prototype OSRA-NET communication stack
- Bright Ascension
 - Analysis phase and Impact Analysis – *Support* for SOIS, MOS, CCSDS recommended practices



Analysis of communication needs for current and future avionics

- Exomars TGO used as example of current avionics
- Star Tracker SW processing on platform OBC taken into account in the analysis
 - By using Iridium Next as example of operational avionics
- Analysis extended with needs for future science, EO, exploration missions



Example of analysed future avionics

Analysis of communication needs for current and future avionics

The analysis permitted to extract expected communication needs for devices of future avionics

- Expected min-max message size
- Frequency
- Max Jitter / Latency
- Need for timestamp

Equipment	Datatype	Max Cargo size (bits)	Frequency (Hz)	Period (ms)	bit rate	AOC's sensitivity	Jitter requirement		Latency (ms)		Other requirements	CoS level	Time stamp (B/cycle)	Proposed Class of Comm	
							Value (ms)	ROM	Value (ms)	ROM					
Magnetometers	AOC's	12	8	125	200bit/s	> 1 cycle	1000	< 1 cycle	1000	< 1 cycle	order of msg		No	2	
Coarse Sun Sensors	AOC's	96	8	125.00	770bit/s	Low	10	< 1 cycle	100	< 1 cycle	order of msg		No	2	
Gyro (Coarse/Safe mode)	AOC's	876	8	125.00	4.8kbit/s	< 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle	order of msg		No	2	
Gyro (Fine-grained)	AOC's	876	50	81.25	18kbit/s	< 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle			Yes	8	
Gyro (Future)	AOC's	876	60	81.25	18kbit/s	< 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle			TBD	8	
Star-Tracker (Smart)	AOC's	8194 - 132777	8	125.00	68 to 262 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	1	< 1 cycle	100	< 1 cycle			Yes	2	
Star-Tracker (Smart)	AOC's-Geo	8194 - 132777	8	125.00	68 to 262 kbit/s	> 1 cycle	2	< 1 cycle	100	> 1 cycle			TBD	2	
Star-Tracker	AOC's-Agility	8194 - 132777	30	88.33	245 to 980 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	0	< 1 cycle	1	< 1 cycle			Yes	5	
Camera-High Res	AOC's- Rendezvous	41943040	8	125.00	335 Mbit/s	< 1 cycle	20	< 1 cycle	100	< 1 cycle			Yes	6	
Camera	AOC's- Nav. Cam	10485760	8	125.00	64 Mbit/s	> 1 cycle	300	< 1 cycle	100	> 1 cycle			Yes	4	
Camera	AOC's- Multi image (24x4)	2000000	1000	1.00	1000 Mbit/s	> 1 cycle	300		100				Yes	6	
HS Spectrum Camera	AOC's	2457600	1	2000.00	2.5 Mbit/s	> 1 cycle	300		100				Yes	6	
Payload sensors	Various- closed loop	Mission dependent	300	10.00	Mission dependent	< 1 cycle	Mission dependent	< 1 cycle	Mission dependent	< 1 cycle			TBD	5	
Tachometer	AOC's	30720	8	125.00	345 kbit/s	> 1 cycle	20	< 1 cycle	100	< 1 cycle			No	3	
Tachometer	AOC's-Agility Multi stage	High rate (up to 1000000) Mission dependent	300	10.00	TBD	< 1 cycle	1	< 1 cycle	1	< 1 cycle		1	Yes	5	
GNSS	AOC's	10000	1	3000.00	33 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	10	< 1 cycle	10	< 1 cycle			Yes	1	
GNSS	AOC's	14	1	3000.00	12 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	0.00	< 1 cycle	0.00	< 1 cycle			Yes	1	
Magneto-Torque Bars	AOC's	12	0.125	8000.00	mag/turnable	< 1 cycle	800	< 1 cycle	8000	< 1 cycle			1 or 2	No	1
Thrusters (28)	AOC's	2800	8	125.00	22 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	Mission dependent		Mission dependent				1 or 2	No	3
Thrusters-chemical	AOC's	2800	200	3.91	720 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	0.1	< 1 cycle	0.1	< 1 cycle	no loss		2	TBD	5
Thrusters-electrical	AOC's	No hard constraints due to propulsion cycles: several minutes and the impact on trajectory is not immediate											1 or 2	TBD	1
Reaction Wheels	AOC's	30720	8	125.00	262 kbit/s	< 1 cycle	10.00	< 1 cycle	10.00	< 1 cycle			1 or 2	Yes for some	2
Reaction Wheels (high speed)	AOC's-Agility	30720	100	10.00	3 Mbit/s	< 1 cycle	0.30	< 1 cycle	1.00	< 1 cycle	Loss of msg. End of process in same cycle		2	TBD	5
Spectrometer	Science	2.06E+06	10	100.00	200 Mbit/s	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			0 or 1	No	4
Ultra-D Camera (4K)	Science	9.95E+07	10	100.00	1000 Mbit/s	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			0 or 1	No	4
X-Ray detector	Science	1.80E+10	0.0030	8800.00	245 Mbit/s	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			0 or 1	No	4

Experimental value, Approximation

OSRA-NET Communication System Requirement Specification

- 🚀 Provides generic requirements related to the communication needs for avionics systems currently under development and that could be foreseen in future missions
- 🚀 It can therefore be considered as a common-core of requirements that is expected to be relevant to a sizeable range of future missions
- 🚀 Addresses
 - 🚀 Capability requirements (Communication needs requirements, QoS)
 - 🚀 Communication infrastructure requirements
 - 🚀 Error handling and FDIR
 - 🚀 System-level communication requirements
- 🚀 Reviewed at study level and separately by SAVOIR-UNION Working Group
- 🚀 Already getting attention in the community
 - 🚀 e.g., mapping to SpaceFibre performed by ESA / University of Pisa, ADCSS 2017
- 🚀 Currently being transformed in a SAVOIR document by ESA

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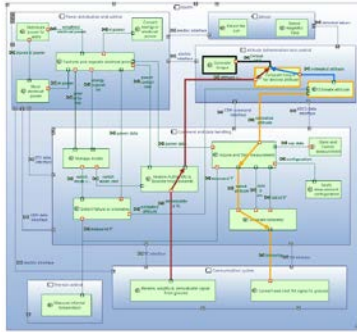
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A major output of the activity!

OSRA-NET methodology

System /
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OBSW
modeling



System / Avionics modeling

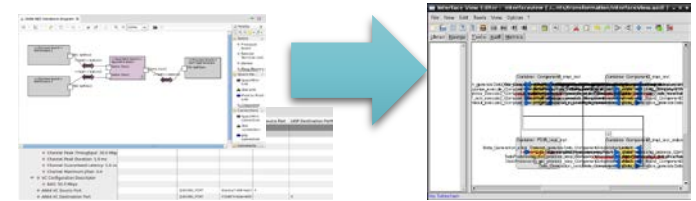
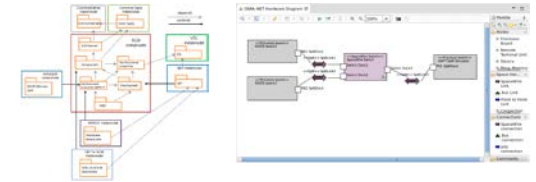
- Modeling languages such as Capella or SysML
- Goal: Enable **Coarse-grained** communication analysis
 - Oriented to
 - Preliminary communication sizing
 - Avionics system feasibility

OBSW modeling

- Leveraging on e.g., the OSRA component model
- Goal: Enable **Fine-grained** communication analysis
- Capitalise on avionics modeling effort => coherent model transformation is required
- Refinement of communications with knowledge of
 - Communication patterns used at OBSW level
 - E.g., send, request / response, etc...
 - Overhead due to full communication protocol stack
 - Hardware Comm Protocol + SW comm protocols + software real-time architecture

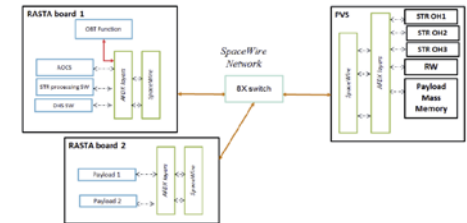
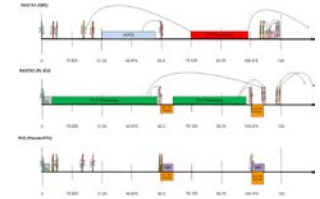
Demonstrator infrastructure development

- 🚀 Development of an ARINC 664 P7 SW stack for spaceborne technology
 - 🚀 ARINC 664 P7 over SpW physical medium
 - 🚀 For RASTA LEON2 and iSAFT PVS (SpW EGSE)
- 🚀 Development of extensions to the OSRA component model and editors
 - 🚀 Communication properties, Virtual Channels, new hardware entities...
- 🚀 Extension of the TASTE toolchain
 - 🚀 To support the same new modeling concepts
 - 🚀 To integrate the ARINC 664 P7 Communication Stack
- 🚀 Verification tests and Integration Tests (Communication Timing)



Overall case study process flow

- 🚀 Definition of a small-scale yet representative case study
 - 🚀 Not representative of functionality but of communication traffic
 - 🚀 Star Tracker with processing on OBC, Reaction Wheels, Payload Science TM, PF HK, PL HK
- 🚀 Case study modeling with the OSRA(-NET) Component model + code generation with TASTE
- 🚀 Deployment of case study on final demonstrator configuration
 - 🚀 1 RASTA board as PF, 1 RASTA board as PL, 1 iSAFT PVS as pseudo-RTU
- 🚀 Case study execution and verification report
- 🚀 Extension of results via analysis to full-scale spacecraft avionics



Overall results

Major results

- An analysis phase to gather communication needs of current and future avionics
- Impact analysis on ASRA, OSRA, generic OBC specification, SAVOIR MASAIS, etc...
- OSRA-NET communication
- OSRA-NET methodology
- Extension of OSRA metamodels, and toolchain
- Implementation of ARINC 664 P7 over SpW network
 - On RASTA LEON2 + iSAFT PVS
- Prototype demonstrator with small-scale yet representative case study



Overall results

🚀 Lessons learnt and future work

🚀 Feasibility and performance of complex communication stack in SW

- 🚀 Take advantage of future heterogenous target such as the Compact Reconfigurable Avionics (multi-core processor + reconfigurable FPGA)

- 🚀 Benefit from HW / SW algorithm co-design!

🚀 Communication analysis engines

- 🚀 And relationship with avionics and OBSW modeling process

- 🚀 Detailed communication protocol information for fine-grained protocol overhead

- 🚀 Recommendations for improvement of TASTE middleware real-time architecture

- 🚀 Avionics modeling to SW modeling transformation bridges (e.g., Capella to OSRA SCM)



- 🪐 Curious? Want to know more?
- 🪐 You are kindly invited to the complete final presentation of OSRA-NET
 - 🪐 To be held in the next TEC-ED / TEC-SW FPD session! (*)
 - 🪐 May 2018

(*) Weather permitting...

