Electronical Data Sheets in practical use

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ASTRO APS a highly modular design

Power Interfaces: 5
Operational Data Interfaces: 10
Detector types: 2
Hardware Revisions: 2

Possible Configurations: 200

How to handle and test?

Unit Tester Next Generation



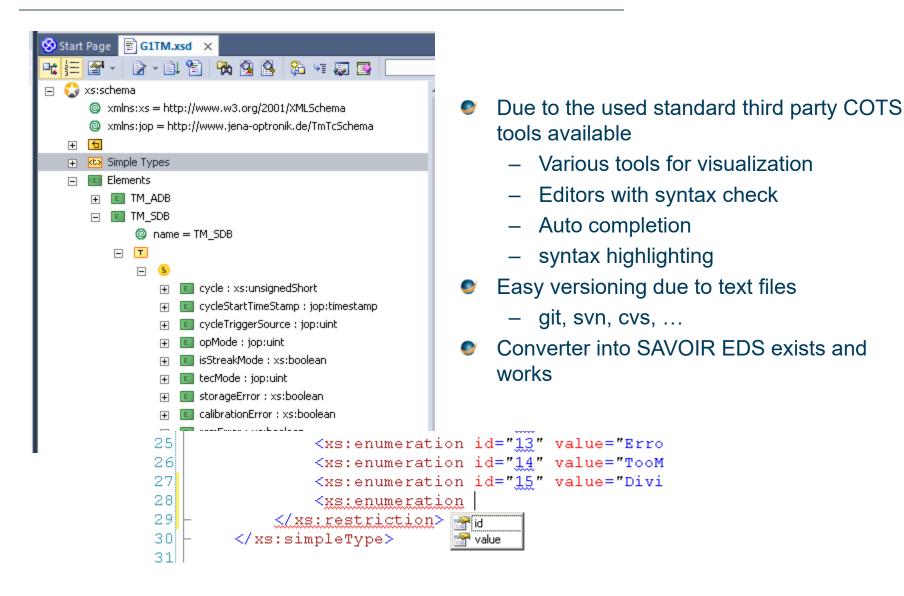


- Highly configurable test system
- Build upon standards
 - Python Test control
 - PDF Test protocols
 - HDF5 / FITS For data exchange
 - XSD For TM/TC description
 - XML For test and system configuration

EDS

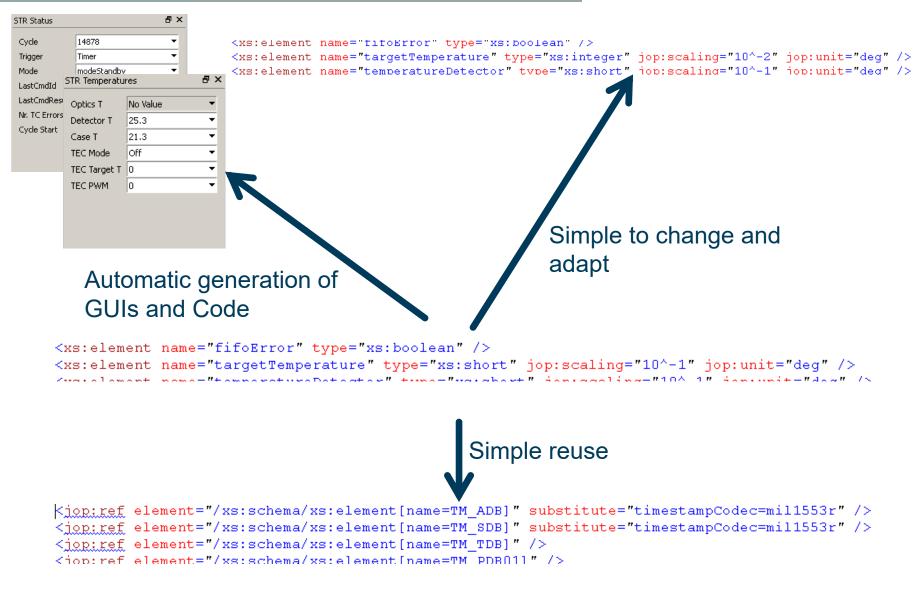
Supported by Tools





Benefit





Drawbacks



Some errors are hard to spot

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- Some things are hard to express
 - Variable length packets (e.g. PUS Service 1.2 & 1.4)
 - User adjustable packet layout (e.g. PUS Service 3)
- Interchangeability with other parties can be problematic if the other party imposes additional limitations
 - Unlimited identifier length vs. limited identifier length

Lessons learned so far



- An EDS has the potential to speed up and reduce cost for delta developments
- For an EDS to work there needs to be exactly defined what is minimum supported EDS feature set
- Sooner or later someone will find things that are not expressible by the format, so there needs to be a standardized way to extend the format
- There needs to be a freely available format validator so that everyone can check that the EDS is syntactically correct
- We write our EDS by hand so there is a need for a good editor with auto completion and syntax checking / highlighting
- Be prepared for hard to spot errors



Thank you for your Attention! Questions?

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