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SPACE SYSTEMS

CAN-Bus usage in OHB Satellites

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- OHB System AG (Bremen) and its product lines
- CAN-Bus in telecom payloads
- FDIR
- Reference test bench
- Avionics bus in other satellites
- Conclusion







Programs:

- Hispasat36W-1
 - In orbit; realization under the ARTES
 11 program
- EDRS-C
 - ESAARTES 7: European data relay satellite
- Heinrich Hertz
 - German program: testing innovative communications and platform technologies
- Electra
 - ESA ARTES 33: fully electrical propulsion system





Telecom payloads currently main driver for CAN-Bus implementation:

- Number of addressable nodes
- Availability of units

Electra: CAN as payload control bus directly driven by SMU/OBC

One payload unit on CAN-Bus (limited functionality)

125 kbps





• ISO 11898-1

- Data link layer and physical signaling
- ISO 11898-2
 - High-speed medium access unit
- ISO 16845
 - Conformance test suite
- CiA (CAN in Automotive) standards
 - Definition of CANOpen protocol
- ECSS-E-ST-50-15C
 - CANbus extension protocol

Tailoring at OHB System:

- Node requirements (Available)
 - Single Master
 - CANOpen subset
 - Redundancy
 - Master active switching
 - Slaves with edge detection



- Errors on the Bus detected by CAN
 - Bit monitoring (read-back of the transmitted bit)
 - Bit stuffing (6 consecutive bits of the same level)
 - Frame check (fixed format of some part of the CAN frames)
 - ACK check (all nodes must ACK the correct reception of any message)
 - CRC (15-bit contained in all frames)



• Transition to error passive and bus off





- Some errors in a node's CAN controller not directly detectable
- Request reply scheme not inherent to CAN-Bus
 - Needs to move to protocol or node control layer
 - Out of order messages due to arbitration possible
 - Response deadlines hard to define





- ISO 16845 gives good guidelines for node conformance tests
- No standard for system integration interoperability tests and complete bus
- Topics for system integration test in development
 - Basic Message exchange
 - Overload frames
 - No Acknowledge
 - Status of all nodes (TEC & REC read from nodes)
 - Error Counting in Master (OBC)
 - Babbling idiot
 - Bus switching interaction
 - Failure detection at all participants
 - One Node is not available





- Zynqberry based low cost slave nodes a single master node
- CANoe analyzer by VECTOR
- Training of AIT
- Software development (Zynq/ARM instead of LEON2)

- Navigation
 - Galileo
- Earth observation
 - MTG (Geostationary weather forecast)
- Security
 - SARah (Constellation comprises 3 radar satellites)
 - OPT-SAT (global electro-optical reconnaissance)
- Science
 - PLATO (ESA)









- Harmonization
 - Common units
 - Common architectures
 - Common documentation
- Distributed
 - RTU concept
 - Modular Units
 - TC: HPC
 - TM: ASM, BSM, TSM
 - Dedicated modules
 - Orbit Control Module (Valves)
 - Attitude Control Module
 - AIT advantages
 - MIL-Bus based (CAN considered)
- No further granularization (Not considered)
 - FDIR concerns (ON/OFF TC and TM)
 - Cost of more FPGAs of µControllers





CAN-Bus usage as platform bus

Challenges:

- Real-time
- Data rate (not better than heritage MIL-Bus)
- FDIR and protocol software implementation
- Heritage units

Advantages

- Number of nodes, EMC, Power and weight
- CAN Bus is considered for new data handling system, but currently no advantage is significant enough to convince projects to switch bus system.



- Interest on CAN for platform bus, but concern over FDIR and software maturity overweigh
- New FDIR and software driver/middleware concepts required
- CAN-Bus in telecom payloads and some platform units in development



Thanks for your attention!

Any questions?