

Final Presentation Days, December 2013



Thursday, December 12

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12:30 Lunch Break



13:30 OBSW reference architecture consolidation *Contractor: SSF/Terma ~ ESA TO: Andreas Jung*

14:30 Methods and Tools for On-Board Software Engineering



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On- board software reference architecture consolidation







Outline of Presentation



- Findings summary
- What is the on-board software reference architecture?
- Background and objectives
- Process
- Findings

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Finding Summary



- Gap between functional chain analysis and OSRA (component model).
- The level of details required to apply OSRA to real missions revealed omissions.
- Separation of concern requires combinations of concerns. This is not covered in the baseline documents.
- Building blocks are nothing but components with a business case.
- Component model is not expressive enough.



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Finding Summary



- Generally, the component model is sound and fit for the purpose of developing real-time embedded applications
- Current state of OSRA is very promising and provides a very good basis upon which our (and other people's) findings can be studies and resolved
- Ideas reused in ASIM project
- OSRA offers potential for systematic reuse at different levels







Background and objectives





Objective

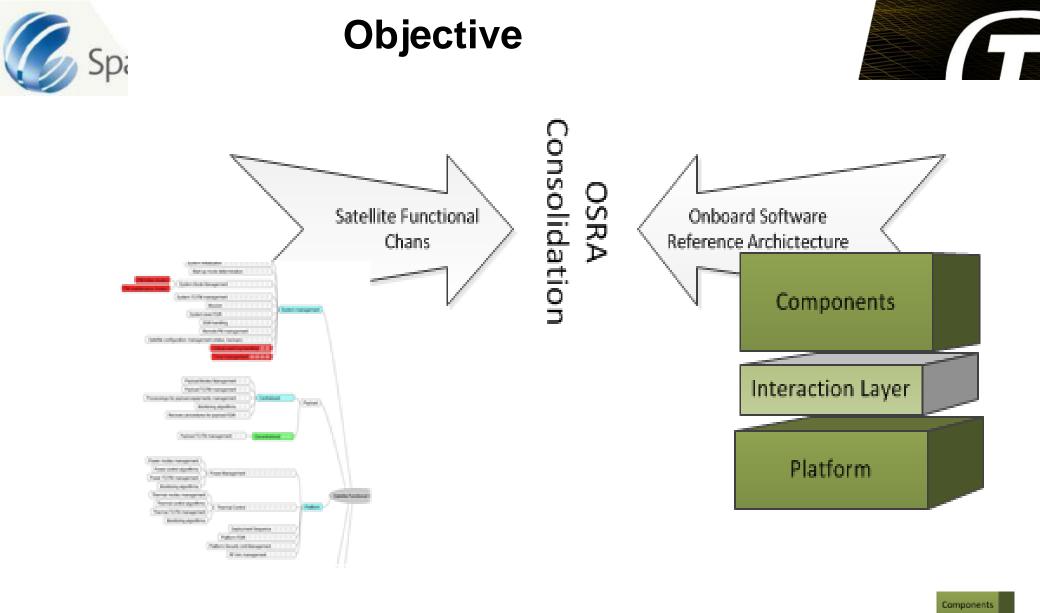




The objective of the activity is to identify all building blocks and interfaces of the core onboard software reference architecture and to verify and consolidate the software architectural concepts described in the SAVOIR-FAIRE document and developed in COrDeT2.

- Parallel projects with same objective, but distributing the functional chains.
- Consolidate OSRA using actual or previous missions



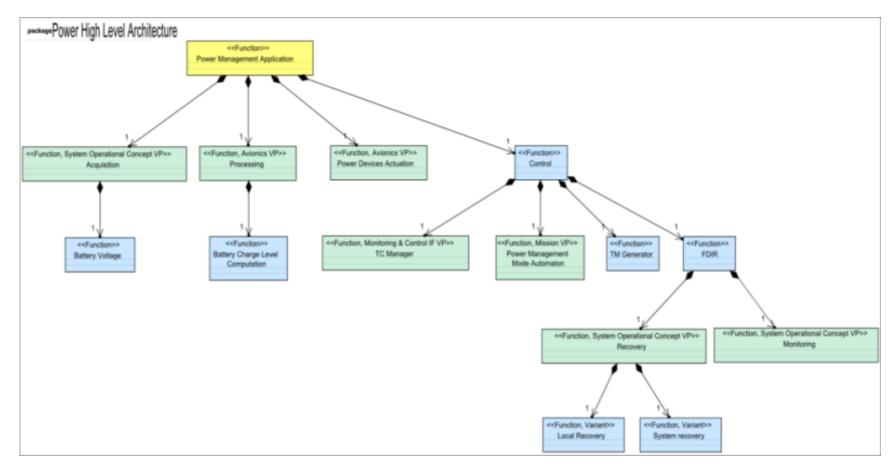


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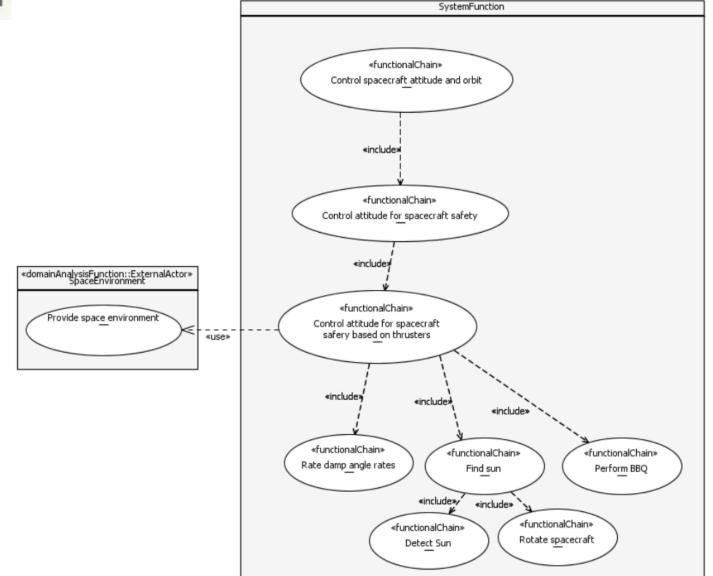


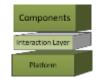




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OBSW Reference Architecture



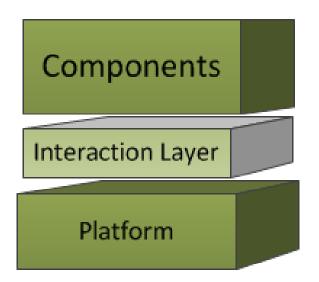
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On-boards software reference architecture



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- Later:
- Softer: ...



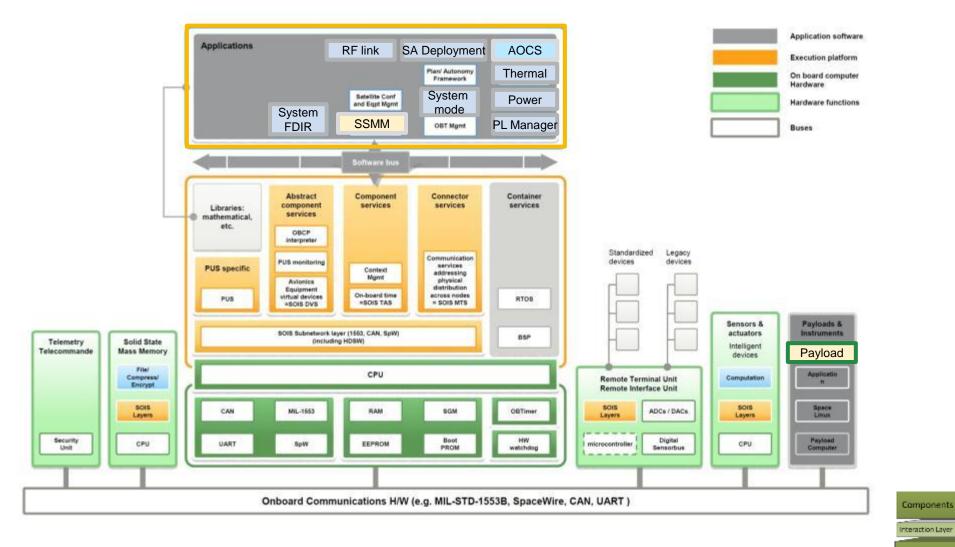
- Component Layer: On-board software applications
- Interaction Layer: tool generated
- Execution Platform: predefined set of services



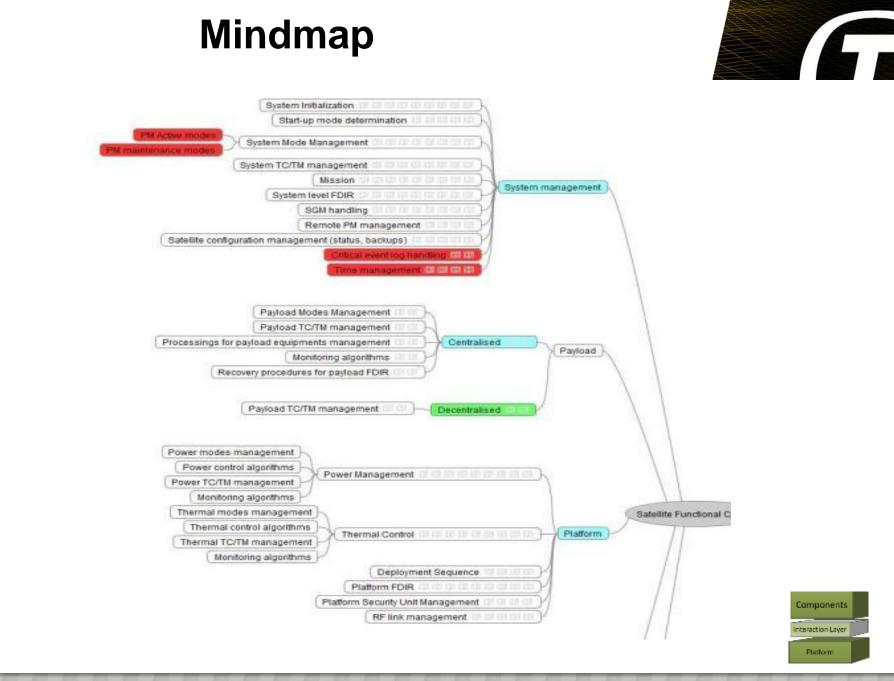


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Process (of the projects)



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The Process



- Mindmap (mission analysis)
- Domain engineering approaches
- Functional chain analysis
- OSRA verified by mapping functional chains.
- Academic verification of software reference architecture.
- Relation to ECSS-E-ST-40C
- Building block example





Domain Engineering



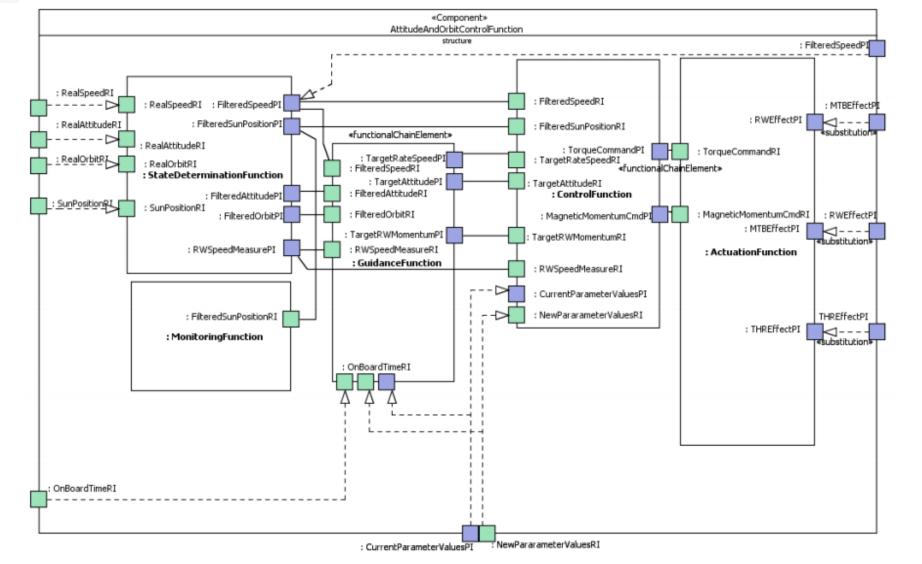
- Domain model
- Variability factors
- Functional decomposition
- Resolve variability to get to a functional decomposition
- SRS requirement generation





Functional decomposition





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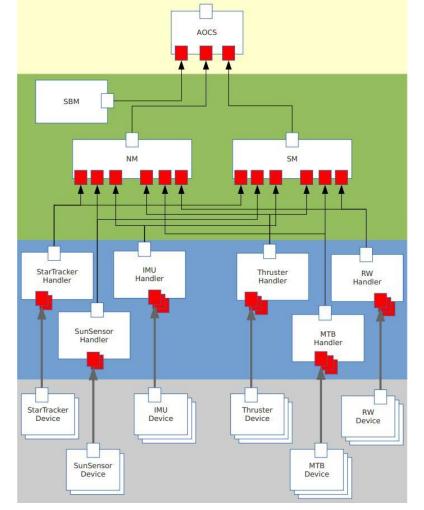


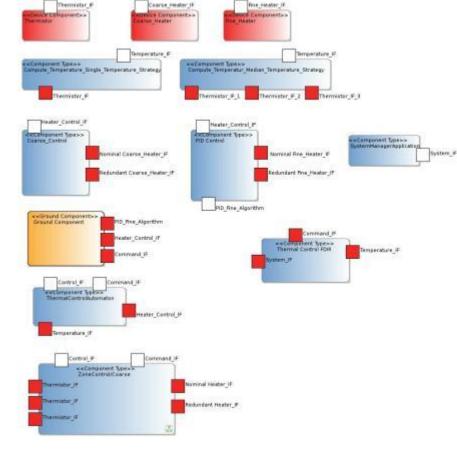
Example Functional Chain Mapping

Thermistar F

Coarse Heater IF







AOCS Example from SSF

Screendump from SCM – instance diagram - on Thermal Example (Terma)





Mapping Experience



Experience gained by paper exercise and SCM tool usage.

- Ad-hoc approach from functional decomposition to OSRA component architecture
 - Based on experience of OBSW development
 - Following the steps of the OSRA design flow
 - But start from component instances
 - · Manually checking if all functions are covered
- Expressive power of OSRA
 - How to specify order of component operations?
 - How to do mode handling?
 - How to combine concerns (views)?
 - How to do load-balancing?
- Issues and recommendations recorded as part of our consolidation efforts







Building blocks



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Building block (SSF)



- Has a clear, open, well-defined, specified, documented function and Interfaces
- Meets defined performance, operation and other requirements
- Is self-contained so as to be compatible with utilization at higher integration levels, e.g. board, equipment, subsystem
- Composability and Compositionality of its properties shall be guaranteed
- Has a TRL and quality level which can be assessed
- Is applicable in an envelope of well defined physical and software Environment
- Results from a process that can be repeated with guarantees
- Is worth developing, i.e. utilization is envisaged at least for the bulk of the ESA missions
- Is designed for reuse by different users, in different projects (it may be configurable depending on the variability factors)
- Can be made available off-the-shelf, under defined conditions.





Building block (Terma)



- Is intended for reuse
- Has a well-defined objective, well understood in the target domain (building blocks are identified during the functional chain analysis).
- Is completely specified:
 - Has a clear and well-defined interface specification
 - Has a clear and well-defined specification of resource requirement
 - Has a clear and well-defined specification of performance guarantees
- Has a complete specification of validation and verification needs





Components as Building blocks



- OSRA components have the technical properties of BB
- Non-technical properties are not elaborated much
 - they seem to highlight business potential

Conclusion: A building block is a component with business case







Reuse



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Reuse



- ECSS comprehensively covers reuse:
 - Reuse of software
 - Software developed to be reused
- ECSS does leaves process and documentation freedom
- OSRA approach makes reuse more systematic
- Types of reuse in OSRA setting
 - 1. Functional reuse
 - 2. Component type reuse
 - 3. Implementation reuse
 - 1. On different execution platforms
 - 2. On the same execution platform

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Conclusions



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