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On Representative Spaceflight Instrument and Associated Sensor Web Framework

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Agenda

Introduction

- Heritage sensor web architecture
- Proposed Instrument Sensor Web (ISW) architecture
- Examples of applications

Summary

Introduction

- A Representative Instrument is an instrument of sufficient complexity, such as that of OCEaNS and MMS FPI (See Acronyms), to be considered as a sensor web platform.
- Need for reconfigurable, intelligent, low cost, redundant, data processing, reusable SpaceIP
- FPGA, as well as other programmable logic technology, applicable for *on-board reconfiguration* or adaptation of flight structures
- New approach for Instrument Sensor Web that is scalable and spaceflight worthy



Heritage Sensor Web Shortcomings

- Transmit specific
- Long time range detection, ground based
- Not real-time

Proposed ISW Architecture

- Bi-directional digital communication
- Real time, on-orbit extraction of data
- Time stamping of signals at source (vs. at destination)
- Battery and on-demand powered sensors
- Self describing smart sensor architecture
- Internet connectivity of ISWs [7]-[8]
- Heritage sensor web with portability, reconfigurability

Spaceflight Instrument Sensor Web



ISW scenarios

- Heritage sensors or instruments on ICs or electronics can be networked with a programmable SNR and programmable number of data channels, and flexible instrument configuration
- Heritage instruments reconfigured for new ISW sub-webs
 - Thermal subsystem
 - Integration and Test subsystem
 - Focal Plane subsystem
 - Solid State Recorder (SSR) subsystem

Adaptable ISW System Level Diagram



Summary

- Reconfigurable and Adaptable ISW is important for future spaceflight instruments
- Possible to implement with ROIC, FPGA, DSP
- Future Work Development of ISW Theoretical Framework along [1] and [3]
- Immediate upgradeable systems
 - LISA, MMS with complex instruments and identical electronic instances are perfect
 - ROMPS-based Robotics
 - OCEaNS
 - Any spaceflight where redundancy and reusability and on-board realtime reconfiguration is of value.

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Acronyms

- ISW Instrument Sensor Web
- FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array
- GIS Geographical Information System
- SSR Solid State Recorder
- JTAG Joint Test Action Group
- DSP Digital Signal Processor and Processing
- SNR Signal to Noise Ratio
- ROIC Read-Out Integrated Circuit
- **ROMPS Robot Operated Material Processing System**
- LISA Laser Interferometer Space Antenna mission
- MMS Magnetosphere Multi-Scale mission
- OCEaNS Ocean Carbon Ecosystem and Near Shore mission