

Radio Communication Managment

ERTMS Subset-026-3.5

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Abstract

This document describes the model of the radio communication management. The model has been made from the specification description of the ERTMS subset-026-3.5 baseline 3.

1 Model description

The radio communication management module (MoRC) is the user application interacting with Euroradio protocol. In the following model only the general behaviour is presented, the actual details of how messages are transported are not relevant for this description.

1.1 Interfaces

The MoRC is the part of the EVC (European vital computer) responsible for the management of radio communication. According to the specification this module interacts directly with the following on-board modules, as shown in figure 1:

- (DMI) driver module interface : receives/displays information from/to the driver,
- (RTM) radio transmission module : receives/gives commands from/to the radio network,
- (BTM) balise transmission module : sends transmission request from a balise group,
- (JRU) Juridical recorder unit : records part of the data exchange for
- (OBU tasks) other on-board functions (cf. Subset-026-4.5) used by the MoRC such as:
 - track conditions management function (Subset-026-3.12.1) for example determine if the ECTS system of the track is compatible with the system on-board.
 - debug purpose.

The orders to initiate or terminates a radio communication may come from the DMI, the BTM, and the RBC (radio block centre) through the RTM. The EVC may also order a radio communication the subsection 1.3 will give more details. on how we have modelled this.

1.2 Abstraction

The MoRC model has been made by direct translation of the specification described in ERTMS subset-026-3.5. In order to keep the complexity low, some abstractions have been made. The model's behaviour would be refined in a next step of the model's design process. In a first step we focus on the communication protocol between the MoRC and the RTM. This leads us to abstract some behaviours.

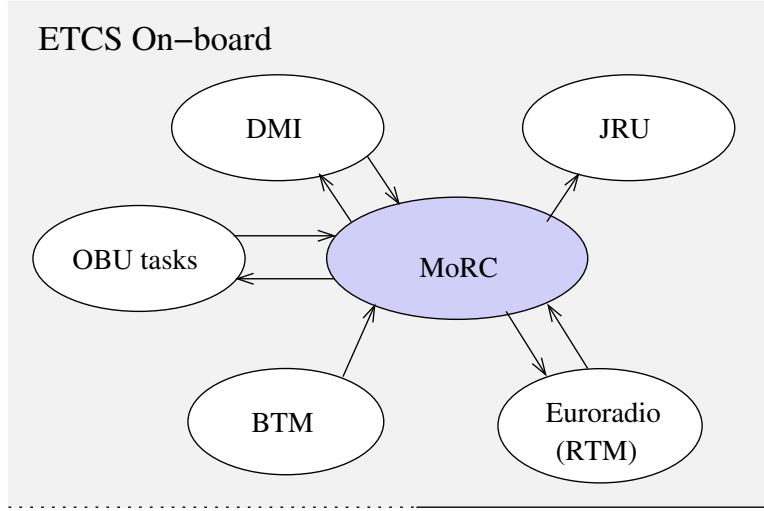


Figure 1: Interactions of the MoRC and others On-board modules

First, our representation will not consider the interfaces with the JRUI since it only recorded existing signals and is not relevant for tests generation. Secondly, the orders coming from BTM, DMI, EVC will be abstracted as only one message from the on-board. This message will indicate that a communication session should be started or be ended. We will not distinguish between the different events that may occur since they follow the same connection protocol. Moreover the discrimination between these events is not well defined in the specification, we will assume that the decision is taken by another task of the EVC and that the MoRC task only starts or terminates a radio communication. Finally, the output messages from MoRC to DMI are not considered for the first version.

1.3 Inputs and outputs messages

Figure 2 shows the messages exchanged at the interface of the radio communication management module. The numbers in brackets represent the maximal value the message may have. Note that in a first version the communication will only be set up with an RBC, communication with a RIU (radio in-fill unit) are not taken into account.

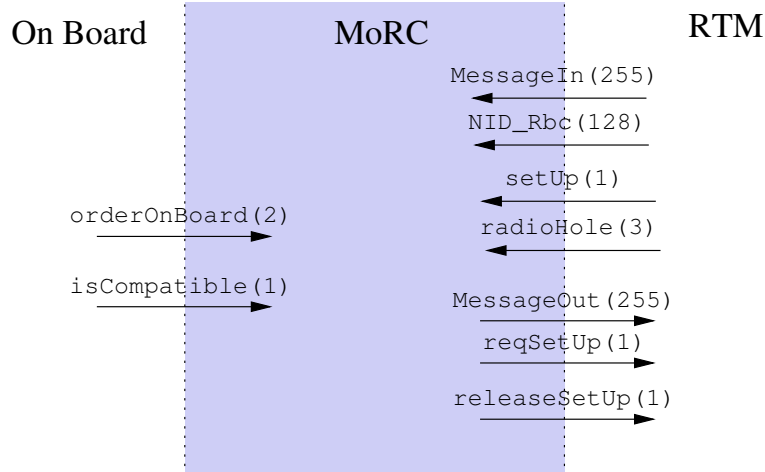


Figure 2: Radio control manager interfaces.

1.3.1 RTM interface

`MessageOut`, `MessageIn` are the Euroradio messages, their possible values are defined in the subset-026-8.4 and the subset-026-7.4. The test cases define by the subset-076 are performed by analysing the recording of these messages. In our model we have consider only the relevant messages. Furthermore, messages are decomposed in variable and packets, these are not taken into account by our modeling. Our model considers messages only as a number corresponding to an action. Table ?? summarizes the considered messages, the message name are those used in the model, Id and Packets are those defined in Subset-026-7 and Subset-026-8.

Message Name	Id	Packets	Description
TERM_SESSION_TRACK	24	Packet 42 ; Q-RBC = 0	The RBC orders the EVC to terminate a communication with RBC
INIT_SESSION_ORDER	24	Packet 42 ; Q-RBC = 0	The RBC orders the initiation of a communication
SYS_VERSION	32		The RBC acknowledge the initiation of a communication and gives its system version
INIT_SESSION_TRACK	38		The RBC initiates a communication
TERM_ACK	39		The RBC acknoledge the termination of a communication
TRANS_OVER_ORDER	131		The RBC orders a transition over another RBC
SYS_NO_COMP	154		The EVC acknowledge the establish-ment with error .
INIT_SESSION	155		The EVC initiates a communication
TERM_SESSION	156		The EVC terminates a communication
SESSION_ESTABLISHED	159		The EVC acknowledge the establish-ment of a communication
NO_MESSAGE	255		No messages are send.

Table 1: Messages exchange during The Managment of Radio Communication

`NID_Rbc` identifies the RBC it joins the `NID_RBC` and `NID_C` (Subset026-3).

`setUp`,`reqSetUp`,`releaseSetUp` messages are used for setting or releasing a safe radio communication.

`radioHole` may have the value `BEGIN`, `INSIDE`, `END` or `NONE` regarding if the train enters, leaves or is in a announced radioHole are compatible.

1.3.2 Interface with others on board functions

The different cases to initiate or terminate a communication have been abstract by a single signal. Since the behavior is the same regardless the different events, we assume that others tasks of the EVC will activate the signal wen needed.

`orderOnBoard` represents the order from the on-board EVC to initiate or terminate a communication. The possible values are the following ones :

- `NONE`: no order;
- `INIT` represents one of these cases :
 - Start of mission procedure,
 - Report a mode change,

- Driver change level to 2 or 3,
- End of a radio hole,
- The balise group orders a radio communication.
- **TERM** represents one of these cases
 - End of mission procedure,
 - Driver closes the desk,
 - Error condition detected on-board.
 - The balise group orders to end up a radio communication.

isCompatible is set to 1 if a the track and the on-board systems (function system version managment)

1.4 Internal variables

The radio management module should take some decision with respect to internal ERTMS on-board variables. This variable are listed blow. The variable definition are detailed in subset-026-7.

- **M_LEVEL** $\in [0..4]$ represents the levels 0,1,2,3 or STM.
- **M_mode** $\in [0..15]$ represents the on-board operating mode.
- **safeRadioLink** $\in \{\text{NOCOM}, \text{COM}, \text{LOST}\}$ indicates if a safe radio communication is on.
- **radoComSession** $\in \{\text{TERMINATED}, \text{ESTABLISHED}\}$: indicates if a radio session is established with the track.

Note that the **safeRadioLink** may be used for the messages given to the driver.

1.5 Behaviour

The behaviour is described figure 3. A classical transaction starts with an order to established a communication with an RBC. In this model we assume that the RBC belongs to the RBC accepting list. Note that we have abstracted the different ways to contact an RBC (last known number, number entered by the driver ...). Secondly, the MoRC sets up a safe radio connection, then it initiates a radio communication with the RBC. An order to terminate a radio communication session may occurred, in this case, the MoRC sends a termination message to the RBC waits for the acknowledgement and then releases the safe radio communication. Our model does not manage the consistency of the successive order, we do not impose any constraints to when the orders may occur. This may be done by external tasks.

States **INIT_COM** and **TERM_COM** are decomposed as state automata handling the maximal number of try and the time out of requests.

Sate **COM** is decomposed as an automaton, it handles the lost of safe radio.

