End to end developments for the Multipurpose Interferometer Array Pathfinder from the IAR Electronics Laboratory.

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Front-End



Back-End



The Smart Network ADC Processor (SNAP) board consists of three HMCAD1511 8-bit analogue to digital converters (ADCs), capable of sampling 500 MHz for three signals per board.

The ADCs are connected to a Kintex-7 160T field-programmable gate array (FPGA),

with an associated dual 10 GbE port.

Each SNAP board is controlled via Raspberry Pi, which interacts with a controlling PC over ethernet via a series of PYTHON scripts.

System features



Parameter	Value
Sample Frequency	500 MHz
BW	250 MHz
Centered Frequency	1325 MHz
Board	SNAP (Casper)
Development environment	Casper Toolflow

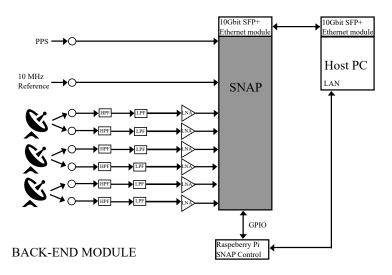
Back-End





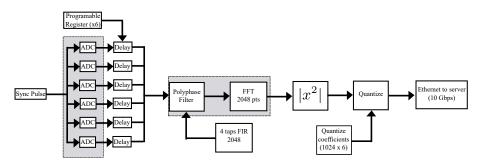
Back-End Module





Spectrometer for system verification







Design based open hardware and open software

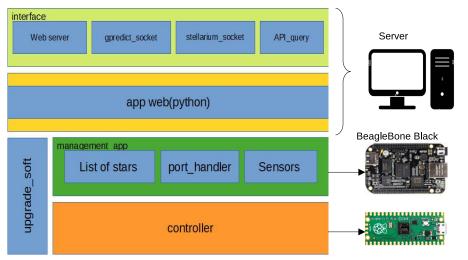
- Python: Generate path trajectories stars for testing system.
- CMake: Tool for compile project and independent system build.
- Languaje programming: C/C++ and Python
- Ceedling: Framework for testing embebbed systems.





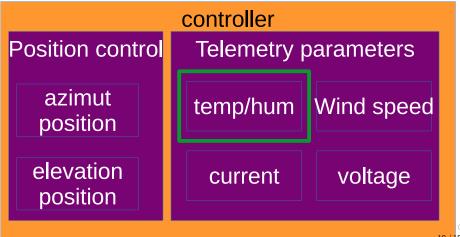


The software design using architecture of layers.



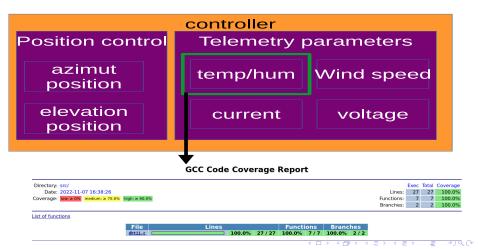


The controller layer obtains environmental parameters and applies the control algorithm. A distributed system has been created using Raspberry Pi Pico (RP2040 microcontroller).





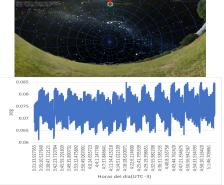
Example reports generate automatically using ceedling (reports for Code Coverage using Ceedling).

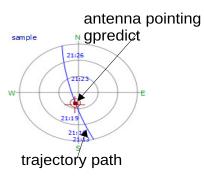




Connect antenna pointing to Gpredict and Stellarium software. Compute sidereal time using eight 8 bits microcontroller for a test and error obtained is 0.07 s .RP2040 is a 32 bits it is expected to improve the error. Testbench using astropy and algoritms for a calculus sidereal time.

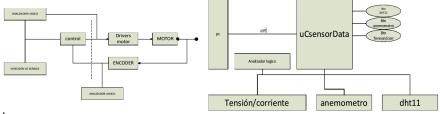
antenna pointing stellarium







Tests for a final system controller.



Next steps:

- create a software diagrams (UML,state machines, etc) for a total system
- Talk to system management to define terminal interfaces.
- Create a test for a diagrams software.
- Integration systems with a mechanical movement antenna and test using a radiosource.
- Create repository to share with the community(TBD)



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