



Core Flight System (cFS) Training

Community Apps: Runtime Environment



Runtime Environment App Agenda



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- OSK-to-Flight Transition
- NASA's Open Source Scheduler(SCH) App



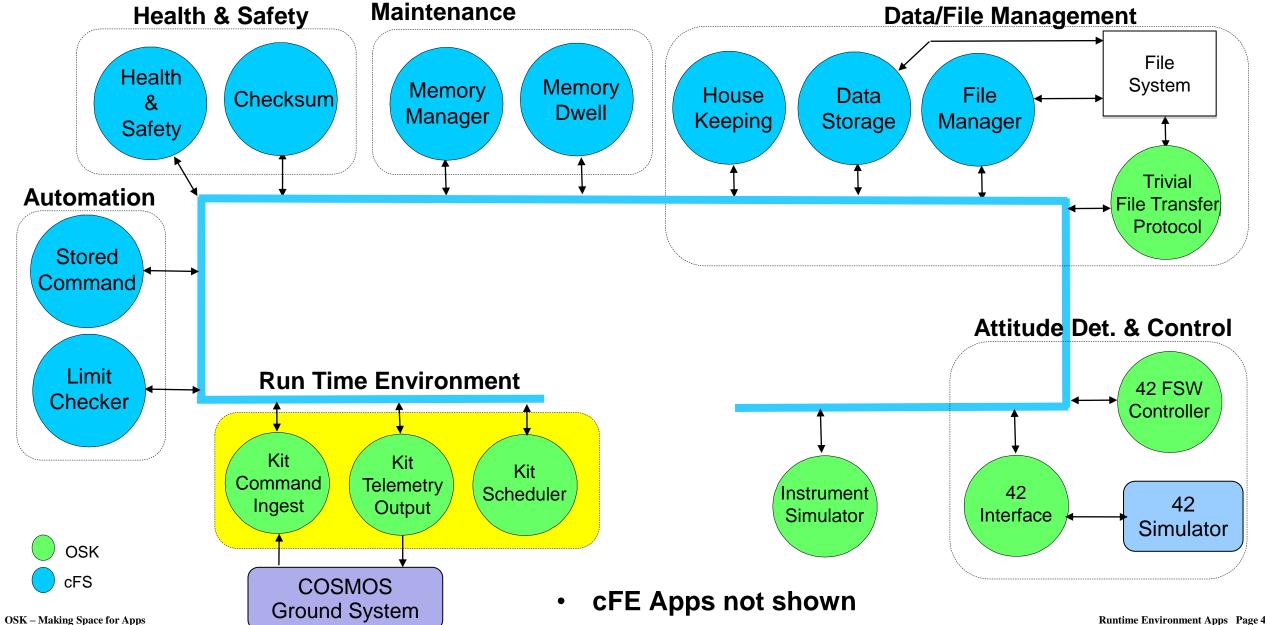


Runtime Environment Application Overview



OSK FSW SimSat Applications

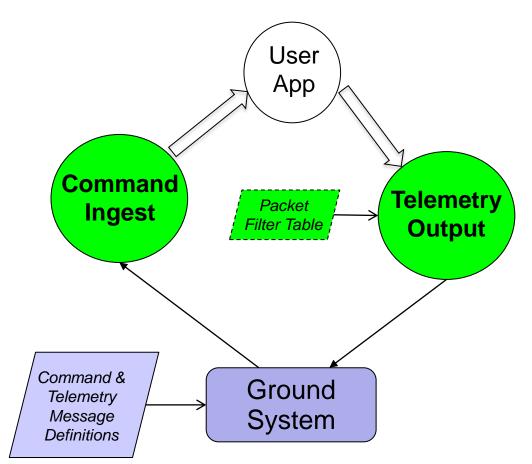






Command & Telemetry Context





Command Ingest (CI) App

 Receives commands from an external source, typically the ground system, and sends them on the software bus

Telemetry Output (TO) App

- Receives telemetry packets from a the software bus and sends them to an external source, typically the ground system
- Optional Packet Filter Table that provides parameters to algorithms that select which messages should be output on the external communications link

Different versions of CI and TO used on different platforms

- cFS Bundle includes 'lab' versions that use UDP for the external comm
- JSC released versions that use a configurable I/O library for a different external comm links
- OSK versions use UDP and a JSON tables
 - ITAR-restricted flight versions typically used inflight



KIT_TO Packet Table



KIT_TO Packet Table Excerpt

```
"packet": {
   "name": "CFE EVS EVENT MSG MID",
   "stream-id": "\u0808",
  "dec-id": 2056,
  "priority": 0,
  "reliability": 0,
  "buf-limit": 40,
  "filter": { "type": 2, "X": 1, "N": 1, "O": 0}
"packet": {
   "name": "CFE EVS HK TLM MID",
  "stream-id": "\u0801",
  "dec-id": 2049,
  "priority": 0,
  "reliability": 0,
  "buf-limit": 4,
  "filter": { "type": 2, "X": 1, "N": 1, "O": 0}
"packet": {
   "name": "CFE SB HK TLM MID",
  "stream-id": "\u0803",
  "dec-id": 2051,
   "priority": 0,
  "reliability": 0,
  "buf-limit": 4,
  "filter": { "type": 2, "X": 1, "N": 1, "O": 0}
},
```

- Default file: cfs/osk_defs/cpu1_osk_to_pkt_tbl.json
- Array of packet objects
- KIT_TO subscribes to receive all packets defined in the table using id, priority, reliability, and buf-limit

 Filter allows "N of X" packets to be sent starting at offset 0

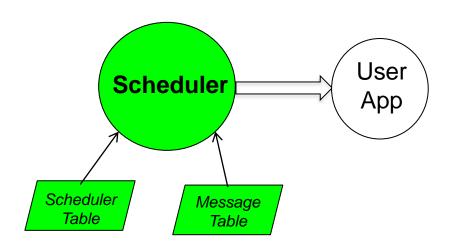
```
1 = Time based (rare)2 = Sequence count based((sequence count + O) modulo X) < N</li>
```

If (X=0) then do not send the packet



Application Scheduling Context





Scheduler (SCH) App

- Synchronizes execution with clock's 1Hz signal
- Sends software bus messages defined in the Message
 Table at time intervals defined in the Scheduler Table

Application Control Flow Options

- Pend indefinitely on a SB Pipe with subscriptions to messages from the Scheduler
 - This is a common way to synchronize the execution of most of the apps on a single processor
 - Many apps send periodic "Housekeeping" status packets in response to a "Housekeeping Request message from Scheduler
- Pend indefinitely on a message from another app
 - Often used when an application is part of a data processing pipeline
- Pend with a timeout
 - Used in situation with loose timing requirements and system synchronization Is not required
 - The SB timeout mechanism uses the local oscillator so the wakeup time may drift relative to the 1Hz



SCH Schedule Table Processor

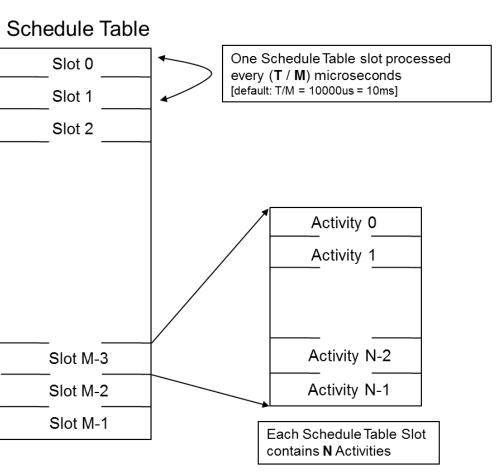


KIT_SCH Scheduler Table

(Slot 1 Excerpt)

Entire schedule processed once per Major Frame (**T** microseconds)

[default: T = 1000000us = 1s]



- SCH maintains a count of number of times entire table is processed and reports it in housekeeping telemetry

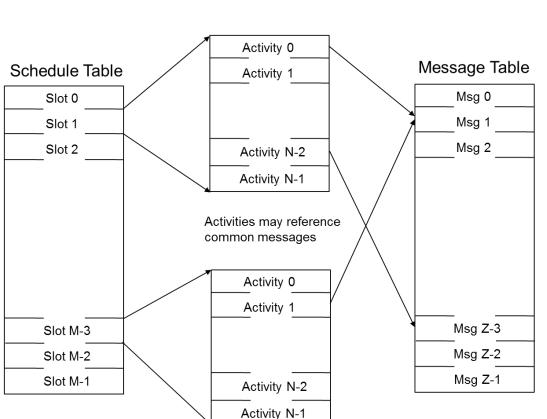
```
{"slot": {
   "index": 1,
   "activity-array" : [
      {"activity": {
         "name":
                    "LC Execution (Sample AP)",
         "descr":
         "index":
         "enabled": "false",
         "period":
         "offset": 0,
         "msq-idx": 17
      }},
      {"activity": {
         "name":
                    "HK Combined Pkt 1",
         "descr":
                    "Period can be shortened }
         "index":
         "enabled": "true",
         "period":
         "offset": 2,
         "msq-idx": 24
      }},
```



SCH – Activity Messages



KIT_SCH Message Table



```
{"message":
  "name": "LC SAMPLE AP MID",
  "descr": "0x18A6(6310), 0xC000(49152), 0x0005, [fc|cs, Start Inc
  "id": 17.
  "stream-id": 6310,
  "seq-seg": 49152,
  "length": 7
  "data-words": "0,0,10,0"
} } ,
{"message":
  "name": "MD SEND HK MID",
  "descr": "0x1891(6289), 0xC000(49152), 0x0001",
  "id": 18,
  "stream-id": 6289,
  "seq-seq": 49152,
  "length": 1
} } ,
{"message": {
  "name": "MD WAKEUP MID",
  "descr": "0x1892(6290), 0xC000(49152), 0x0001",
  "id": 19,
  "stream-id": 6290,
  "seq-seq": 49152,
  "length": 1
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Integrating Apps into the Runtime Environment

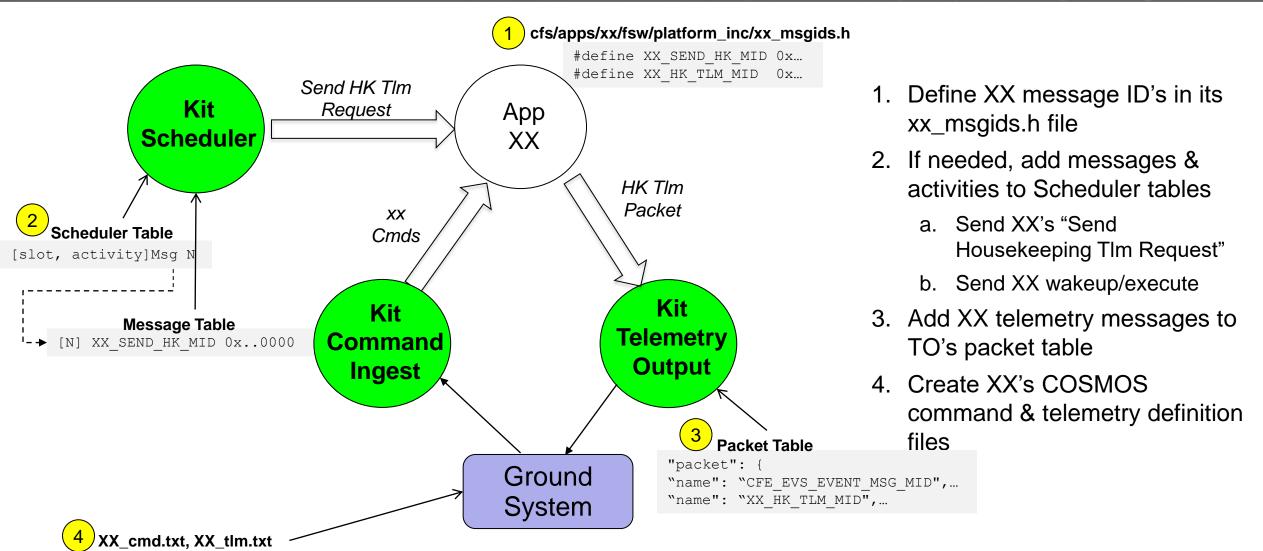
Integrating a single app

Design a scheduler-based system



Integrating a Single App







OSK Message Definition Files



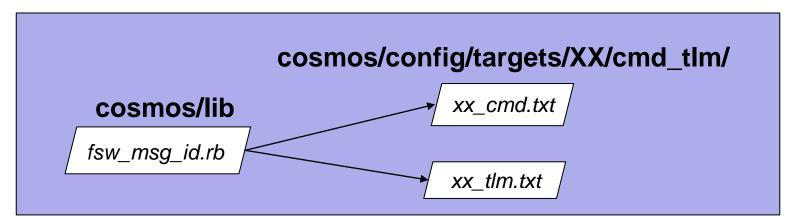
Core Flight System

cfs/osk_defs/ cpu1_osk_sch_msg_tbl.json cpu1_osk_to_pkt_tbl.json cfs/apps/xx/fsw/platform_inc/ xx_msgids.h

Long term
goal is for a single
message definition
location and automatic
file generation for all
dependencies

Manual process to keep files in synch

COSMOS





Designing a Scheduler-based System



What are the hard real-time requirements?

- They're often driven by
 - Attitude Determination and Control (ADC) and Guidance Navigation and Control (GNC) controller frequencies
 - Payload control and data management cycles

What control and data flows are involved with the real-time requirements?

- What are the hardware devices and how do they interface with the processor?
- Does the scheduler app need to coordinate I/O?
 - Some architectures use a distributed1Hz timing pulse to synchronize the processor with sensors, actuators and payloads
 - Since the schedular app can be synchronized to the 1Hz timing pulse it can be used to manage a synchronous system

Are there relative hardware timing requirements?

- For example a rate measurement may need to correlated to a star tracker measurement
- What apps require scheduled messages?
 - Are there optimal relative timings between apps?
- After the initial system is designed and prototyped it can measured and tuned



Main Loop Control for Community Apps



Application	Main Loop Control	Control Notes
CF – CFDP	Pend Forever	Scheduler wakeup and HK request
CS – Checksum	Pend Forever	Scheduler wakeup and HK request
DS - Data Storage	Pend Forever	Subscribed message wakeup and HK request
F42 - 42 FSW Controller	Pend with timeout	Pends for sensor data packet from I42
FM – File Manager	Pend Forever	Ground Command, Scheduler HK request
HK - Housekeeping	Pend Forever	Scheduler combo pkt request and HK request
HS – Health & Safety	Pend with timeout	Scheduler HK request, no scheduler control
I42 – 42 Simulator I/F	Synched with 42	Flight equivalent depends upon H/W interfaces
KIT_CI – Command Ingest	Task Delay, Socket	
KIT_SCH – Scheduler	Synched with CFE_TIME	
KIT_TO – Telemetry Output	Pend with timeout	Subscribed message wakeup and HK request
LC – Limit Checker	Pend Forever	Scheduler wakeup and HK request
MD – Memory Dwell	Pend Forever	Scheduler wakeup and HK request
MM – Memory Manager	Pend Forever	Ground Command, Scheduler HK request
SC – Stored Command	Pend Forever	Scheduler wakeup and HK request
TFTP	Task Delay, Socket	Simulation environment (see CF for flight app)

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SimSat Scheduler Table



Activities²

Slot 0	Slot 1	Slot 2	Slot 3
Collect Sensor Data ¹	Run Limit Checker	Collect Sensor Data ¹	Run Limit Checker
Run Stored Command	Send HK Run Health & Safety		Send HK Combo Pkt
Run Memory Dwell		Run Memory Dwell	
Checksum		Collect Payload Data	
	Run File Transfer App		Run File Transfer App
Send App HK Requests ³	Send App HK Requests	Send App HK Requests	Send App HK Requests

- Simplified assumption that sensor data initiates a 'pipeline' of app executions to perform attitude determination & control and guidance navigation & control
 - a. Sensor and actuator interfaces drive the
- 2. All activities in a slot are executed immediately without delays
 - a. Slots are used to control delays
- 3. Offsets can be used to help load balance a particular slot for activities with a period longer than 1 Hz
 - a. HK requests are often on the order of 3-5 seconds



Configuration Parameters (1 of 2)



KIT_CI

Parameter	Description	Default Value
KIT_CI_RUNLOOP_DELAY	Delay in milliseconds between main loop executions	500
KIT_CI_RUNLOOP_MSG_READ	Number of messages read during each execution	10
KIT_CI_PORT	UDP port	1234
UPLINK_RECV_BUFF_LEN	Maximum bytes in an uplink message	1024

KIT_SCH

Parameter	Description	Default Value
SCHTBL_SLOTS	Number of divisions within a Major Frame (1s period)	4
SCHTBL_ACTIVITIES_PER_SLOT	Number of activities performed per slot	15
MSGTBL_MAX_ENTRIES	Maximum number of messages defined in message table	200
MSGTBL_MAX_MSG_WORDS	Maximum number of words defined in a message table message	8



Configuration Parameters (2 of 2)



KIT_TO

Parameter	Description	Default Value
KIT_TO_RUN_LOOP_DELAY_MS	Delay in milliseconds between main loop executions	500
KIT_TO_MIN_RUN_LOOP_DELAY_MS	Minimum commanded value for run loop delay	200
KIT_TO_MAX_RUN_LOOP_DELAY_MS	Maximum commanded value for run loop delay	10000
KIT_TO_TLM_PORT	UDP port	1235





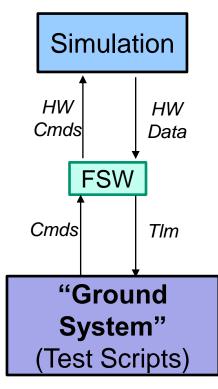
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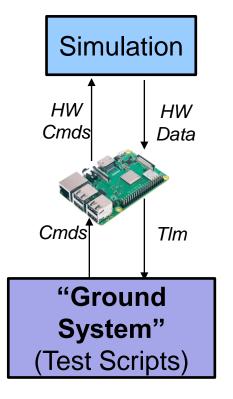
FSW Runtime Environments (1 of 2)



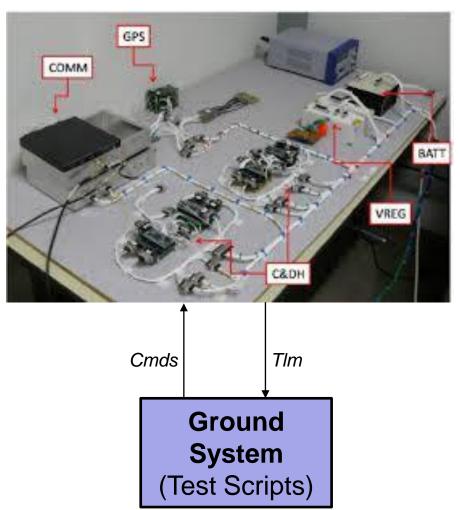




Processor in the Loop (PIL)



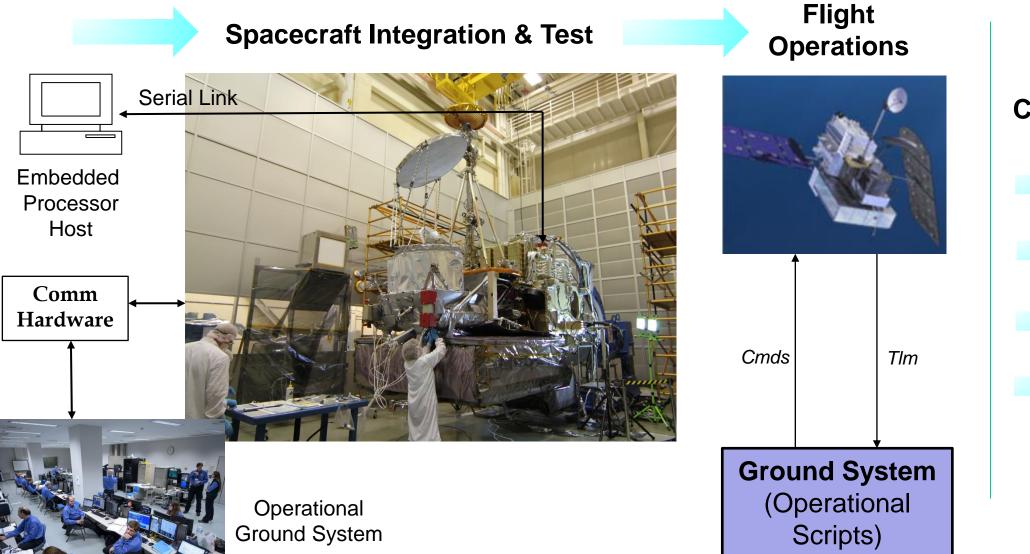
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FSW Runtime Environments (2 of 2)





FSW Test Environment Considerations







Test
Reuse &
Repeatability



Kit App Operational Considerations



- The runtime apps are configured during the build process for each test/operational environment and typically don't require much operational reconfiguration
- TO's packet filter table is the one exception
 - Multiple TO packet tables can be created for different downlink rates and real-time packet selection
 - These table definitions are coordinated with the stored packet definitions managed by an app such as Data Storage

KIT TO commands

- Enable telemetry, Set run loop delay
- Add/remove packet, Update a packet's filter
- Send a packet table entry telemetry packet

KIT_SCH commands

- Enable/disable scheduler [slot, activity] entry
- Load message/scheduler table entry
- Send message/scheduler table entry telemetry packet

NASA's SCH app commands

Resynch to 1Hz, Enabled/disable groups



Packet Table Filter Demo



KIT_SCH: Scheduler Table

(tst1_to_sch_tbl.json)

Slot 0

- > cFE ES HK Request
- > cFE EVS HK Request

Slot 1

- > cFE SB HK Request
- cFE TBL HK Request

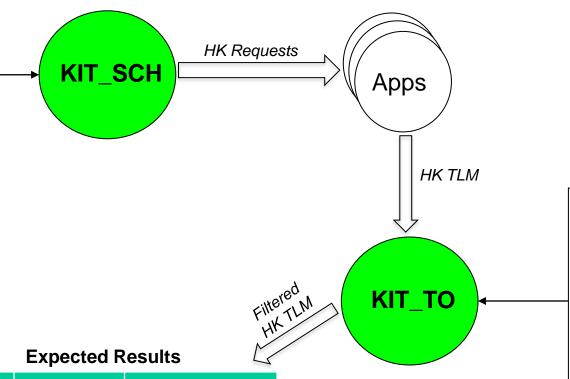
Slot 2

- > cFE TIME HK Request
- > cFE KIT_CI HK Request

Slot 3

- cFE KIT_SCH HK Request
- > cFE KIT_TO HK Request

All HK requests sent at 1Hz



KIT TO: Packet Table

(tst1_to_sch_tbl.json, tst4_to_sch_tbl.json)

Packet Array

- > CFE ES HK TLM MID
- CFE_EVS_HK_TLM_MID
- CFE_SB_HK_TLM_MID
- CFE_TBL_HK_TLM_MID
- CFE_TIME_HK_TLM_MID
- CFE_KIT_CI_HK_TLM_MID
- CFE_KIT_SCH_TLM_MID
- CFE_KIT_TO_TLM_MID

Two test tables:

Tst1_ - Sends all packets

Tst4 - - Sends 1 of 4 packets

Test Case	Packets Per Sec	Bytes Per Sec
1Hz	8	842
0.25Hz	2	210



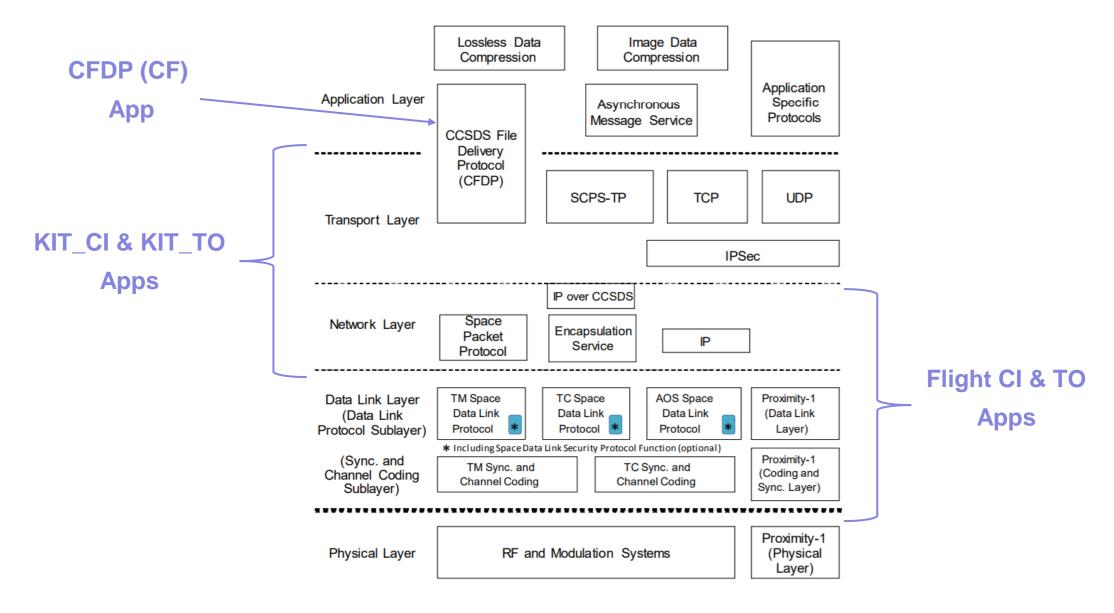


OSK-to-Flight Guidelines



CCSDS Space Communication Protocol Overview



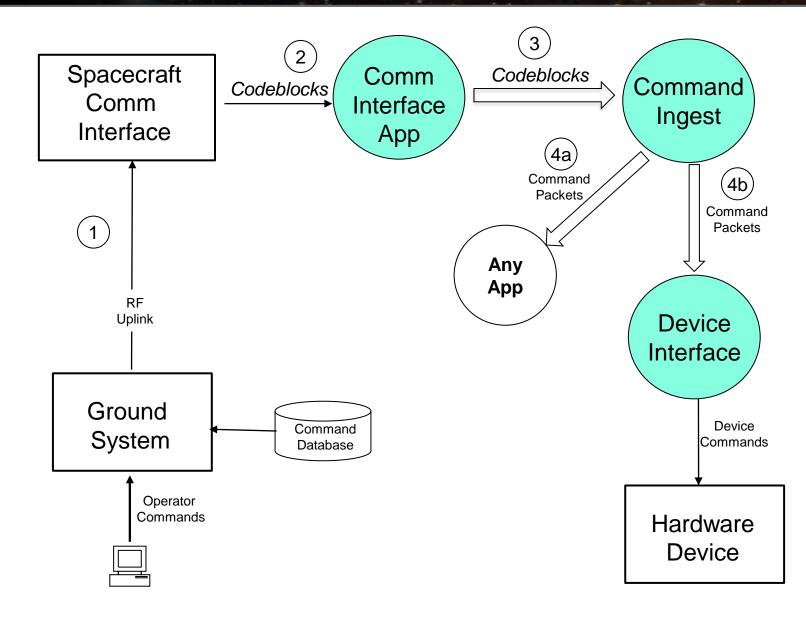




Command Ingest Flight Context



- 1) Commands sent from ground system are received by Comm Interface
- 2) Comm Interface processes
 Communications Link
 Transmission Units and sends
 Code Blocks to Comm Interface
 App
- 3) Comm Interface App extracts, validates and forwards Code Blocks to CI
- 4) CI constructs, validates and processes transfer frames, then extracts, validates and sends Command Packets on the software bus
 - a) Command packets processed by apps
 - b) Command packets processed by hardware devices. A device interface routes the commands to the device and performs any necessary reformatting if the device does not interpret CCSDS command packets





Flight Command Ingest (CI) Overview

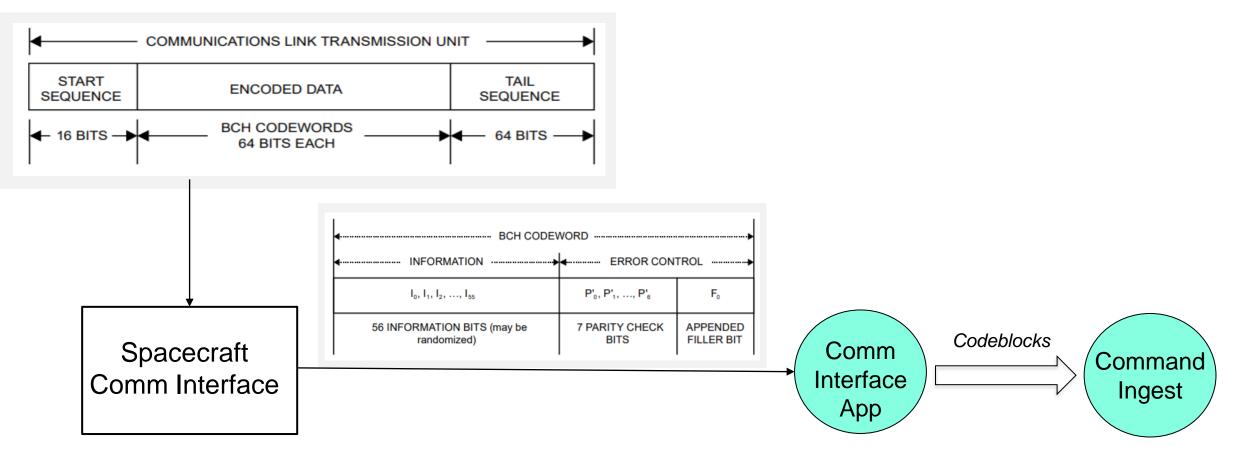


- These slides describe a 4 step process that a flight CI app would perform to implement a minimal implementation of the CCSDS telecommand standards
- The CCSDS standards provide several implementation variations that trade quality attributes such as scalability, efficiency, security and complexity
- There are many heritage ground and flight systems that can be used as starting points
- Each step should provide buffers that retain all intermediate data for troubleshooting & diagnostics





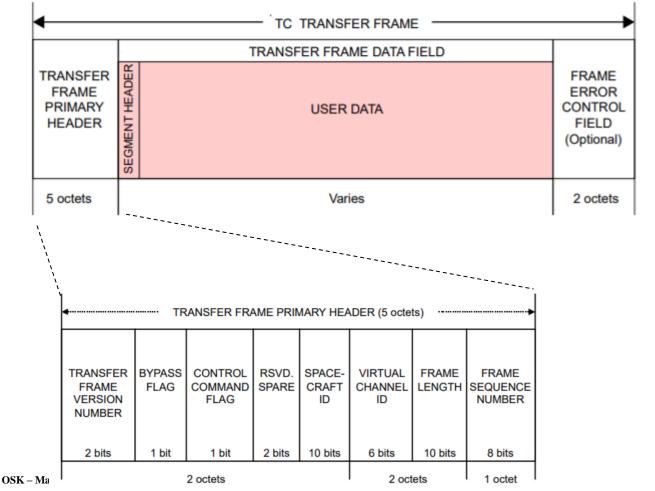
- 1. Receive and validate code blocks
 - a. Defined in CCSDS 231.0-B-3, Telecommand Synchronization and Channel Coding
 - A separate comm interface app is typically required that sends "BCH Codewords" aka Codeblocks to CI

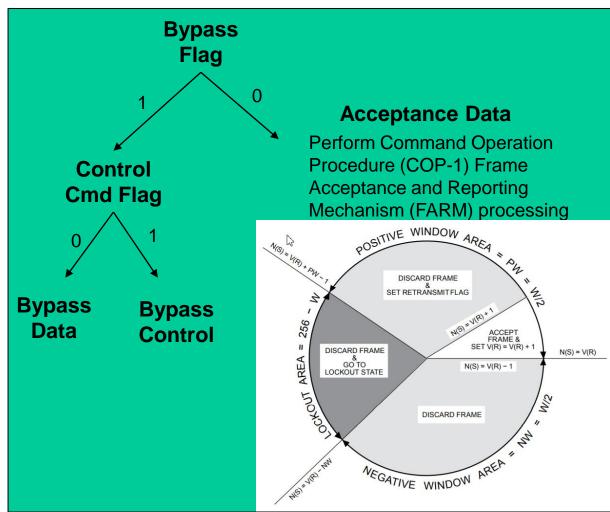






- 2. Construct, validate and process transfer frame
 - a. Transfer frame defined in CCSDS 232.0-B-3, Telecommand Space Data Link Protocol
 - b. Data acceptance algorithms defined CCSDS 232.1-B-2, Communication Operation
 Procedure-1



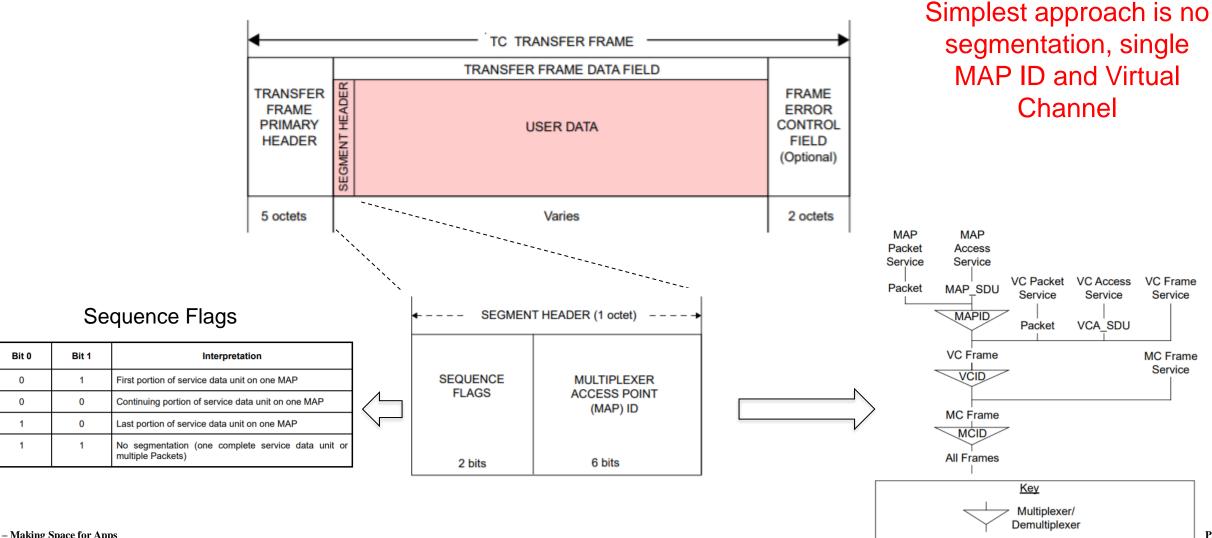






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- Validate and process segmentation header
 - Defined in CCSDS 232.0-B-3, Telecommand Space Data Link Protocol

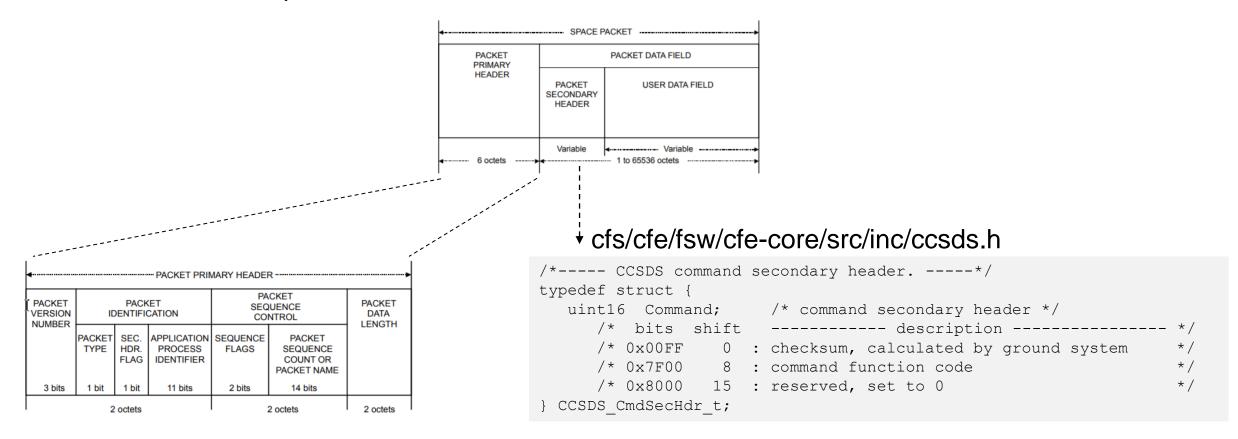






4. Command packet validation

- a. Defined in CCSDS 133.0-B-2, Space Packet Protocol
- b. Validate packet length
- c. Validate checksum defined in cFS command secondary header
- d. Send command packet on the software bus

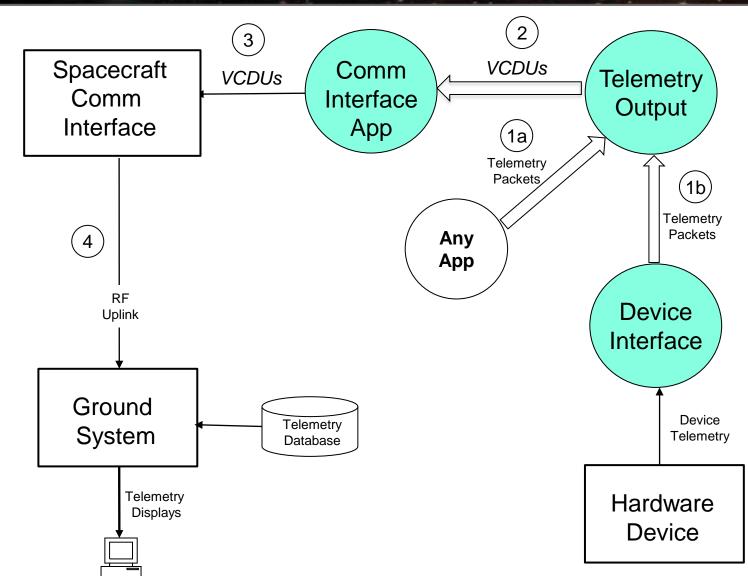




Telemetry Output Flight Context



- 1) Telemetry routed to TO on the software bus
 - a) Apps send telemetry packets
 - b) Device Interface apps collect hardware telemetry and package it into CCSDS telemetry packets if needed
- 2) TO collects, filters, builds and sends real-time AOS Transfer Frame on the software bus
- 3) Comm Interface App packages and sends AOS Transfer Frames to Comm Interface
- 4) Telemetry is received by the ground system from communication hardware bus







Flight Telemetry Output (TO) Overview



- Additional considerations
 - Virtual channel management
 - Security
 - Fill frames
 - Real-time vs playback data
- Data rate management between and between apps sending data to TO
- Defined in CCSDS 133.0-B-2, Space Packet Protocol
- Defined in CCSDS 732.0-B-3, Advance Orbiting System (AOS) Space Data Link Protocol
- Historical Documents
 - VCDU







Telemetry Packet

VCDU Data Field

('0000' – Pkt Hdr at first byte

"'07FF" – No Pkt Hdr in frame

X'07FE' – Fill Pkt only

VCDU Primary Header VCDU Data **VCDU** Trailer Replay Time **VCDU ID** Version Corr Spare **VCDU** Flag CLCW (32) 1772 Octets CRC Space-VC AOS=1 Counter RT=0 Bit $(1772 \times 8 = 14176 \text{ bits})$ ID craft ID (6) (24)(1) (1) (6) (8)

Synchronization Marker

0x1ACFFCID

(4 Bytes)

Packet Sequence Control

Source Sequence

Count

(14)

Packet Identification

Sec

Hdr Flag

M PDU Header

First Header Ptr

(11)

Packet Header

Version Type

Spare

Application Segmentation

(11)

Flag

Packet Length

Length

(16)

M PDU Packet Zone

Source Packet Data

1770 Octets

 $(1770 \times 8 = 14160 \text{ bits})$

SpaceWire Cargo

Secondary Header

Res. Seconds

(31)

Sub

Seconds

(16)

Downlink Data

(1784 Bytes)

Packet Data

Application

Data

(n*8)

Real-Time VCDU (X'7FC0000000000')

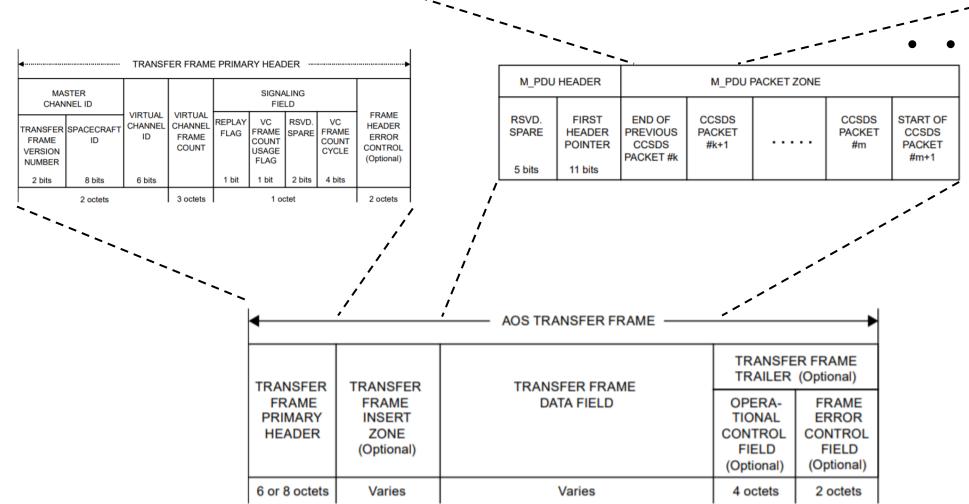
Message Sent to SW application





Telemetry Packet

	Packet Identification Packet Sequence Control F		Packet Length Secondary Header		Packet Data					
Varaian	Tuna	Sec	Application	Segmentation	Source Sequence	Pkt	Res.	Seconds	Sub	Application
Version	1 ype	Hdr Flag	ID	Flag	Count	Length			Seconds	Data
(3)	(1)	(1)	(11)	(2)	(14)	(16)	(1)	(31)	(16)	(n*8)





VCDU Primary Header

(24)

ID

VC ID

VCDU Flag Corr Spare
Counter RT=0 Bit

(1)

(1)

(6)





Telemetry Packet

	Pac	ket Identifi	cation	Packet Sequence Control		Packet Length	Length Secondary Header			Packet Data
Version (3)	Type (1)	Sec Hdr Flag (1)	Application ID (11)	Segmentation Flag (2)	Source Sequence Count (14)	Pkt Length (16)	Res.	Seconds	Sub Seconds (16)	Application Data (n*8)

	M_PDU HEADER			M_PDU F	PACKET ZONE		
VCDU D	5 bits	FIRST HEADER POINTER 11 bits	END OF PREVIOUS CCSDS PACKET #k	CCSDS PACKET #k+1		CCSDS PACKET #m	START OF CCSDS PACKET #m+1
$(1772 \times 8 = 1417)$		(32)	(16)				

TRANSFER FRAME PRIMARY HEADER								
ER EL ID				SIGNALING FIELD				
PACECRAFT ID	VIRTUAL CHANNEL ID	VIRTUAL CHANNEL FRAME COUNT	REPLAY FLAG	VC FRAME COUNT USAGE FLAG	RSVD. SPARE	VC FRAME COUNT CYCLE	FRAME HEADER ERROR CONTROL (Optional)	
8 bits	6 bits		1 bit	1 bit	2 bits	4 bits		
2 octets		3 octets		1 00	tet		2 octets	

•		AOS TRANSFER FRAME ———		
TRANSFER	TRANSFER	TRANSFER FRAME		R FRAME (Optional)
FRAME PRIMARY HEADER	FRAME INSERT ZONE (Optional)	TRANSFER FRAME DATA FIELD	OPERA- TIONAL CONTROL FIELD (Optional)	FRAME ERROR CONTROL FIELD (Optional)
6 or 8 octets	Varies	Varies	4 octets	2 octets





Historical Changes



- 732.0.B-1 AOS Space Data Link Protocol
- 701.0.B-3 Network Data Link Architecture Spec, VCDU?





NASA's Open Source Scheduler (SCH) App

https://github.com/nasa/SCH





SCH Overview



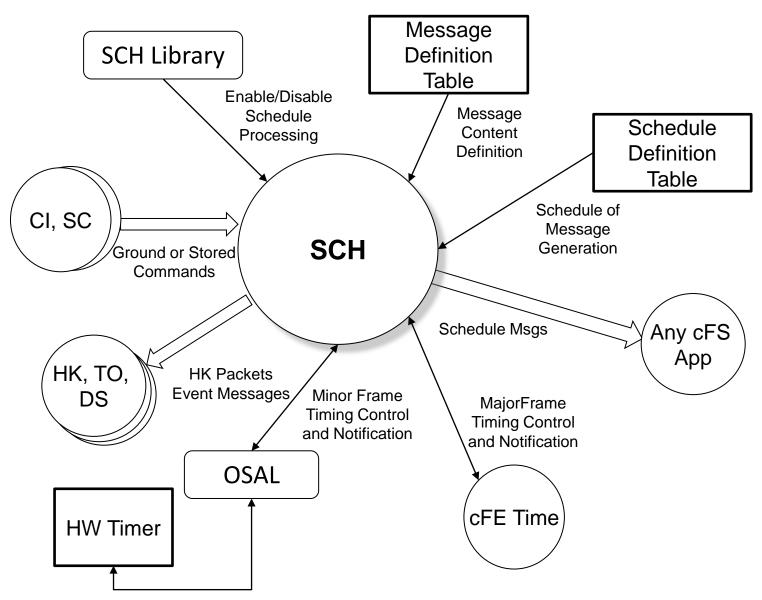
- Provides method of generating messages at pre-determined timing intervals
 - Operates in a Time Division Multiplexed (TDM) fashion with deterministic behavior
 - Synchronized to external Major Frame cFE TIME 1 Hz signal
 - Each Major Frame split into a platform configuration number of smaller slots (typically 100 slots of 10 milliseconds each)
 - o Each slot can contain a platform configuration number of software bus messages that can be issued within that slot

Same table structure but binary
Groups are good for redundancy management



SCH Context Diagram

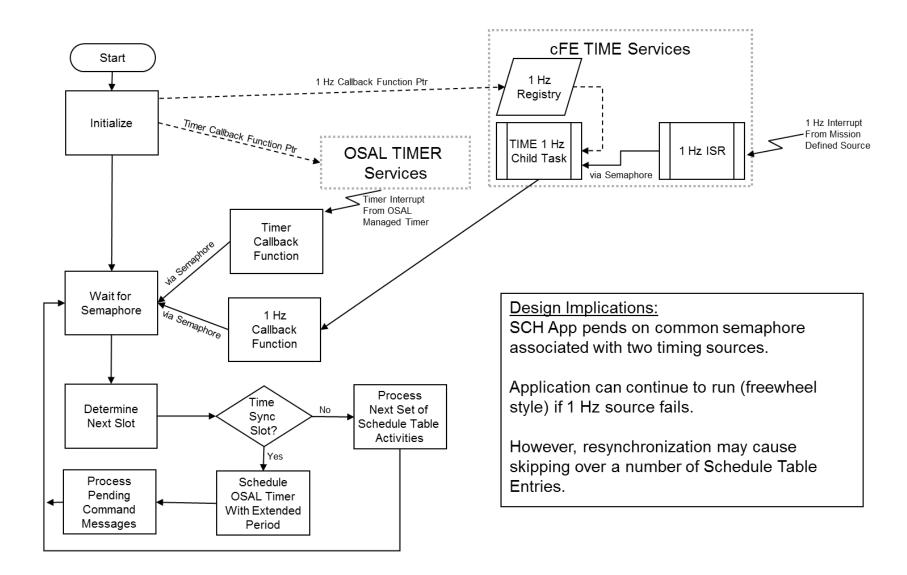






SCH Flow Control







SCH Configuration Parameters (1 of 2)



Parameter	Description	Default Value
SCH_PIPE_DEPTH	Software bus command pipe depth	12
SCH_TOTAL_SLOTS	Minor Frame Frequency (in Hz)	100
SCH_ENTRIES_PER_SLOT	Maximum Activities per slot	5
SCH_MAX_MESSAGES	Maximum Number of Message Definitions in Message Table	128
SCH_MDT_MIN_MSG_ID	Minimum Message ID allowed in Message Definition Table	0
SCH_MDT_MAX_MSG_ID	Maximum Message ID allowed in Message Definition Table	CFE_SB_HIGHEST_VALID_MSGID
SCH_MAX_MSG_WORDS	Maximum Length, in Words, of a Message in the message table	64
SCH_MAX_LAG_COUNT	Maximum Number of slots allowed for catch-up before skipping	(SCH_TOTAL_SLOTS/2)
SCH_MAX_SLOTS_PER_WAKEUP	Maximum Number of Slots to be processed when in "Catch Up" mode	5
SCH_MICROS_PER_MAJOR_FRAME	Conversion factor for how many microseconds in a wake-up period	10000000



SCH Configuration Parameters (2 of 2)



Parameter	Description	Default Value
SCH_SYNC_SLOT_DRIFT_WINDOW	Additional time allowed in Sync Slot to wait for Major Frame Sync	5000
SCH_STARTUP_SYNC_TIMEOUT	Timeout on waiting for all applications to start at initialization	50000
SCH_STARTUP_PERIOD	Number of microseconds to attempt major frame synchronization	(5*SCH_MICROS_PER_MAJOR_FRAME)
SCH_MAX_NOISY_MAJORF	Maximum noisy major frames prior to desynchronization	2
SCH_LIB_PRESENCE	Presence of SCH Library	1
SCH_LIB_DIS_CTR	Processing disabled counter at startup	0
SCH_SCHEDULE_FILENAME	Default schedule table filename to load at startup	"/cf/apps/sch _def_schtbl.tbl"
SCH_MESSAGE_FILENAME	Default message table filename to load at startup	"/cf/apps/sch _def_msgtbl.tbl"
SCH_MISSION_REV	Mission revision number	0



SCH Commands



Command	Description
No-op	Increments the Command Accepted Counter and sends a debug event message
Reset Counters	Initializes housekeeping counters to zero
Enable Entry	Enables an entry in the Schedule Definition Table
Disable Entry	Disables an entry in the Schedule Definition Table
Enable Group and/or Multi- Group(s)	Enables a group and/or multi-group(s) of entries in the Schedule Definition Table
Disable Group and/or Multi- Group(s)	Disables a group and/or multi-group(s) of entries in the Schedule Definition Table
Enable Sync	Enables usage of Major Frame Signal if previously autonomously disabled for being "noisy"
Send Diagnostic Tim	Generates and sends the SCH Diagnostic Telemetry Packet that contains the current state of all activities defined in the Schedule Definition Table



SCH Housekeeping Telemetry Message (1 of 2)



Telemetry Point	Description
CommandCounter	Number of accepted ground commands
CommandErrCounter	Number of rejected ground commands
ScheduleActivitySuccessCounter	Number of scheduled activities processed
ScheduleActivityFailureCounter	Number of scheduled activities failed due to error
SlotsProcessedCounter	Number of schedule slots processed
SlotsSkippedCounter	Number of instances when one or more slots were skipped
MultipleSlotsCounter	Number of instances when two or more slots were processed at once
SameSlotCounter	Number of instances when SCH woke up in the same time slot as previously
BadTableDataCount	Number of table entries with an error that have been encountered
TableVerifySuccessCount	Number of successful table verifications performed
TableVerifyFailureCount	Number of failed table verifications performed
TablePassCounter	Number of times Schedule Table was completely processed
ValidMajorFrameCount	Number of Valid Major Frame Signals received
MissedMajorFrameCount	Number of Major Frame Signals that did not occur when expected
UnexpectedMajorFrameCount	Number of Major Frame Signals that occurred when nor expected to occur
MinorFramesSinceTone	Number of Minor Frames processed since last Major Frame



SCH Housekeeping Telemetry Message (2 of 2)



Telemetry Point	Description
NextSlotNumber	The next slot to be processed in the Schedule Definition Table
LastSyncMETSlot	Slot Number when last Time Synchronization occurred
IgnoreMajorFrame	Major Frame Signals are ignored because they are deemed "noisy"
UnexpectedMajorFrame	Last Major Frame Signal occurred when not expected
SyncToMET	Minor Frames are synchronized to MET.
MajorFrameSource	Identifies the source of the Major Frame Signal (timer, MET, etc)