SPACEWIRE APPLICATION FOR THE X-RAY MICROCALORIMETER INSTRUMENT ONBOARD THE ASTRO-H MISSION

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ABSTRACT

SpaceWire application for the X-ray microcalorimeter instrument onboard the Japanese Astro-H Mission (2013) is presented. The instrument, Astro-H SXS (Soft X-ray Spectrometer), will be the first satellite-borne microcalorimeter experiment, and will investigate the hot-gas dynamics in galaxies and in clusters of galaxies with >20 times better energy resolution of <7 e V (FWHM) at 5.9 keV than the previous experiments. The Astro-H SXS will make use of SpaceWire as high speed data and command interfaces. In this paper, we present the data network architecture and the development status.