A Portable SpaceWire/RMAP Class Library for Scientific Detector Read Out Systems

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Context

- Developing satellite-onboard scientific instruments.
- Developing SpaceWire/RMAP-based data acquisition system (DAQ).
 - From the beginning of R&D or Bread Board Model phases.
 - Expect smooth transition to Flight Model developments.
 - Hardwares for ground-based experiments were developed by JAXA, Universities and Enterprises.
 - Odaka et al. and Yuasa et al. (ISC2007) for practical applications.
- Upgraded SpaceWire/RMAP class library used in readout programs (user programs) on SpaceCube computers.
 - Emphasis on Modularity, Portability and Documentation.
 - Based on experience in SDS-I/SWIM development (poster by Kokuyama et al. in this conference).



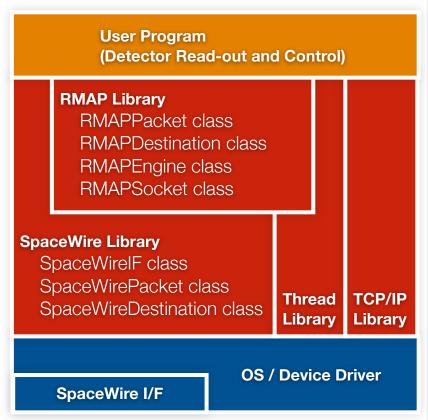
SpaceCube Computer



Front-end SpW I/F Boards

SpaceWire/RMAP Library : Concept and Structure

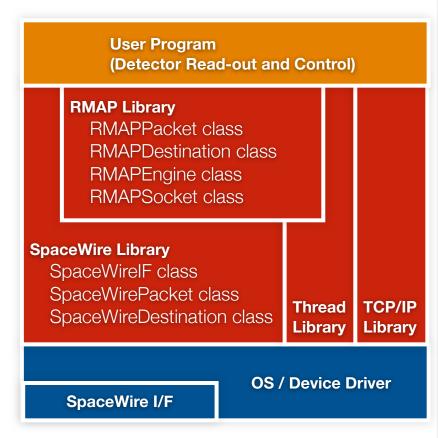
- Modular and Layered structure.
- Encapsulation of OS-dependent and hardware-dependent functions.
 - SpaceWire I/F hardware and driver
 - Thread (or Task in RTOS)
 - TCP/IP socket
- RMAP Software Interpreter.
 - RMAPEngine and RMAPSocket classes
 - Abstract expression of RMAP Destinations and RMAP Packets
 - Multiple- and concurrent-RMAP transactions from multithreads



SpaceWire/RMAP Library : Implementation

Fully written in C++.

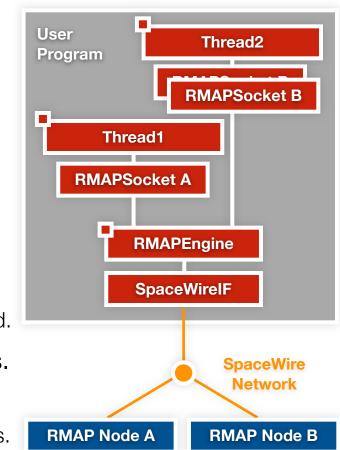
- ~30,000 lines including Doxygen-style insource documentations.
- No dependency on external libraries except for STL (almost always available).
- API Reference (English), and Tutorial (Japanese) are also available.
- SpaceWireIF wrapper class for
 - SpW I/F by NEC Soft, Ltd.
 - SpW I/F by Shimafuji Electric Inc.
- Thread and TCP/IP Libraries for
 - POSIX (ordinary Linux, Mac OSX)
 - T-Kernel (RTOS)



SpaceWire/RMAP Library : Usage

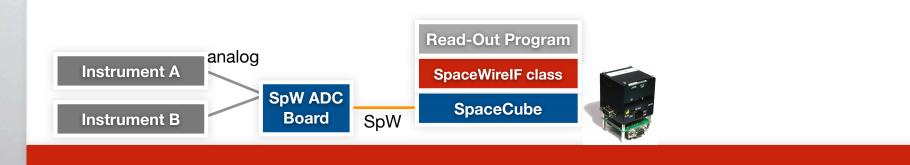
Example of Simple RMAP Read/Write

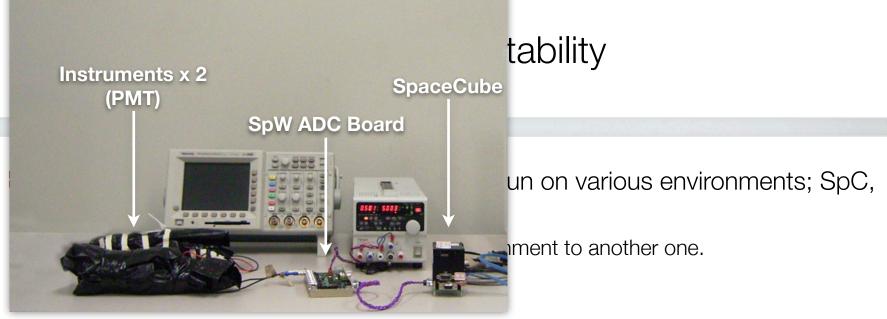
- 1. Create a SpaceWireIF instance.
- 2. Create an RMAPEngine instance.
- 3. Set an RMAPDestination instance.
 - Logical/Path Addresses of Destination and Source.
 - Destination Key, etc.
- 4. Open an RMAPSocket instance.
 - Giving the RMAPDestination instance.
 - Multiple instances can be opened from single thread.
- 5. Invoke RMAPSocket::read() or write() methods.
 - Data are passed as vector class
 - Errors could be thrown as exception class instances.



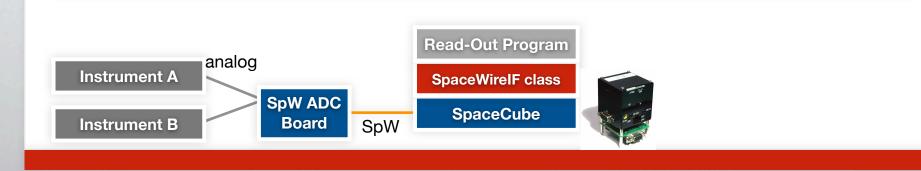
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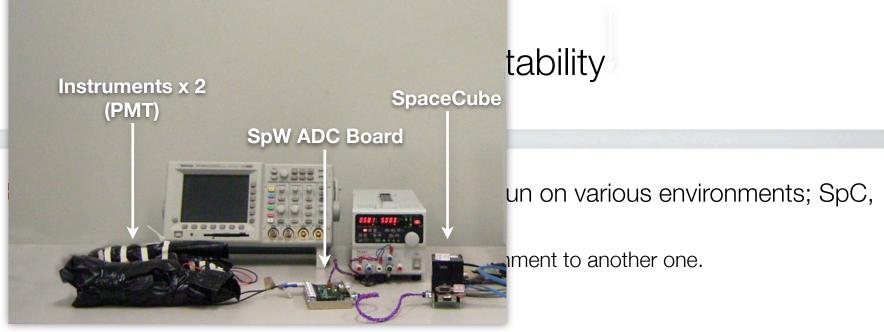
- The portability enables user programs to run on various environments; SpC, PC and Mac.
 - Easily ported from a BBM development environment to another one.
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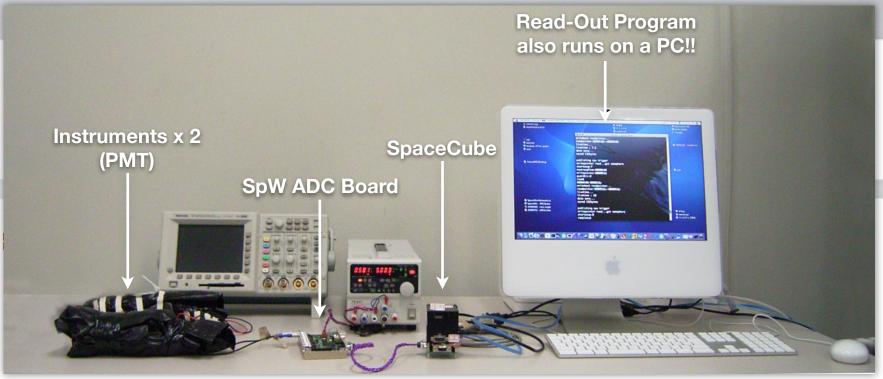




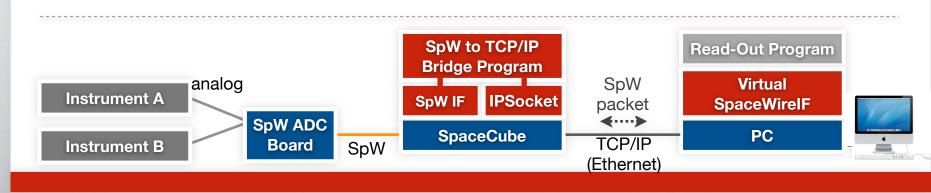
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 - First executed on SpaceCube computer, successfully acquired data.
 - Then, the same program (same code) was also successfully compiled and executed on a PC (SpaceWireIF of SpaceCube computer was used via TCP/IP bridge).



Performance and Applications

Transfer Speed

- Using SpaceWire I/F IP Core by Shimafuji Electric Inc. (link speed 100MHz) on SpaceCube (CPU 200MHz).
- SpaceWire layer ~ 32Mbps (without RMAP packet interpretation or data copy to user memory space)
- RMAP layer ~ **3Mbps** (with RMAP packet interpretation, CRC calculation, data copy to user memory space)
- Applications
 - In the X-ray CCD and the X-ray micro-calorimeter experiments.
 => For next Japanese X-ray astrophysical mission ASTRO-H.
 - "SpaceCube Cube" demo displayed in <u>Exhibition Room</u> also uses SpaceWire/RMAP Library.
 => Example of error handling and network topology description.



Summary

- We developed SpaceWire/RMAP Library in C++ language improving portability and modularity. We showed the validity of the portability in a practical instrument read-out experiments.
- Using Shimafuji Electric SpaceWire I/F on SpaceCube, we obtained transfer speeds of 32Mbps (SpaceWire layer) and 3Mbps (RMAP layer).
- The library has been used in developments of some scientific instruments.