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Recent ASIC Developments by NEC

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Space Cube Architecture

- a mutual subset of T-Engine architecture (2)



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□ Basic CPU module for Space Cube 2



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Space Cube[®] 2

- Technical Features



Base Model

- SpaceWire interface: 3ch (additional ports are available)
- UART interface: 2ch @ RS422
- System Memory:
 - FLASH Memory (2MB) and/or PROM/EEPROM
 - Burst SRAM (4MB)
 - Asynchronous SRAM (4MB)
- Data Recorder Memory:
 - SDRAM (1GB)
 - Back-up FLASH Memory (1GB)
- Size (mm): 71(W) x 220.5(D) x 175.5(H)



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Key ASICs for Space Cube 2 64bit MPU and Burst SRAM developed by JAXA

HR5000

- 320MIPS 64bit micro-controller with integrated peripheral devices on one chip
- 0.18 μ process
- Peripherals
 - PCI Ver. 2.2
 - eight-bank memory controller with EDAC
 - 2ch UART
 - 2ch Timer
 - 2ch DMA controller
 - Interrupt controller
- □ Burst SRAM

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- 36Mbit / chip





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Road Map Overview for SpaceWire in Japan

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Satellite Assembly Kit with SpaceWire ASICs for standardized satellite bus

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□ Space Cube 2, Router ASIC, and NIC ASIC



User-side SpaceWire interface ASIC - SpaceWire-NIC07



Common network interface chip for components

- Two SpaceWire ports
- Selectable Monitor Function





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Platform extension for exploiting SpaceWire ASICs





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Common Software Interface for SpaceWire ASICs



Common API with UoD

 developed in joint development activity

T-Kernel

- State-of-the-Art real-time operating system
- the successor of TRON operating system, developed in TRON project
- standardized by
 Ubiquitous Networking
 Laboratory, Tokyo.



Reference Software Architecture on Space Cube



Test equipments for developing components using SpaceWire ASICs

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□ SpaceWire test set with legacy interface support



Multi Protocol Tester with SpW and Legacy I/F by NEC/NTSpace

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SpW CUBA Software with Space Cube

by UoD and NTSpace





□ The same RMAP protocol analyzer software runs on both USB brick and Space Cube[®]







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□ SpaceWire CUBA Software on Space Cube



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Onboard software development Platform using SpaceWire ASICs



□ SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

- Commercial level Space Cube®-mini
 - Engineering model with HR5000 micro-controller
- Palm top size model (original Space Cube®)
 - VR5701

 (commercial 64bit micro-controller
 by NEC Electronics Corp.)
- JTAG ICE (In-circuit Emulator) by Yokogawa-Digital Corp.







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