

NASA SpaceWire Status

SpaceWire Working Group Meeting

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Agenda



- Overview of some spacecraft architectures using SpW
- Protocol recommendations for standardization
- Improvements to standard

Mission #1 SpW Data Flow









Protocol Recommendations for Standardization



- CCSDS is an international standard
 - Recommend assigning it a protocol ID
- MIL-STD-1553 exists in many architectures using SpW and should be considered as a candidate for a protocol over SpW
 - Assumes alternate path for all destinations
 - Assumes ability to broadcast mode codes to all destinations
 - Present Time-Code definition does not have enough information to encode all mode codes
 - Consider expanding use of Time-Code to multiple bytes
 - Based upon Time-Code upper 2 reserved control bits
 - Sent mode code to all nodes in a sequential fashion and trigger by timecode
 - Suitable alternative for robotic missions
 - For man missions physical layer issues need to be resolved
 - Galvanic isolation (mostly for lower ESD susceptibility)
 - Connector ruggedness
 - Recommend to replace command & control functions
 - Science data needs another protocol to reduce overhead

General Recommendations to Standard



- Standard needs method to provide for validation of compliant interfaces
 - Loop-back capability for stand-alone links (no routers)
 - Physical level
 - FIFO level
 - Ability to program links (codec) remotely
- Recommendations for standard to include an interface circuit that allows the ability to monitor bus traffic without breaking harness configuration or modifying signal characteristics