

**SPACEWIRE/RMAP-BASED DATA ACQUISITION FRAMEWORK FOR
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS:
OVERVIEW, APPLICATION, AND RECENT UPDATES**

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ABSTRACT

To develop and test satellite-borne scientific instruments, we, Japanese SpaceWire Users Group, have been developing and utilizing a modular SpaceWire-based data acquisition system (Yuasa et al. in SpaceWire Conference 2007, 2008). The core components, such as circuit boards with SpaceWire/RMAP-capable FPGAs, the SpaceCube computers with the TRON real-time OS, and the portable class library running on the SpaceCube, have been available for more than four years. They have already been deployed in several actual examples; development and test of SpaceWire Interface Module (SWIM) of Japanese Small Demonstration Satellite I (SDS-I; see Kokuyama et al. in SpaceWire Conference 2008) and developments of instruments onboard the next Japanese X-ray satellite ASTRO-H as reported by Fujinaga et al. and Kouzu et al. in this conference. We note that SDS-I/SWIM successfully performed RMAP data transfer in orbit about one month after its launch in January 2009, and have been operational more than half a year obtaining precise data of satellite

vibration which give vital information for planned gravitational wave detector in space.

In this paper, as an introduction to above-mentioned individual applications, we present an overview of the data acquisition system reviewing our design concept and its implementation in each component. We also report recent upgrade of the SpaceCube computer and an open SpaceWire/RMAP IP cores used in our framework.