RMAP protocol SystemC model: detailed description and modelling features

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# Importance of modelling

Modelling takes an important role in the development process.

Modelling abilities:

- Detailed check of the specification
- Verification of the project
- Allow to save efforts, time and money
- Combining of a number of specified protocols into a single model

# Benefits of using SystemC

- Includes essential possibilities for functional modelling
- Based on C++ language and provide ability to use already implemented C++ high-level models for further hardware modelling

#### SystemC hardware modelling abilities

- Modules and Hierarchy
- Hardware Data Types
- Methods and Threads(backbone for hardware modelling, represent processes in SystemC)
- Events, Sensitivity
- Interfaces and Channels

# SpaceWire protocol

SpaceWire is a spacecraft communication embedded network, which is developed and supported by large companies like ESA, NASA, JAXA.

The purposes of SpaceWire are:

- to facilitate the construction of high performance on board data handling systems;
- to reduce system integration costs;
- to promote compatibility between data handling equipment and subsystems;
- to encourage reuse of data handling equipment across several different missions.

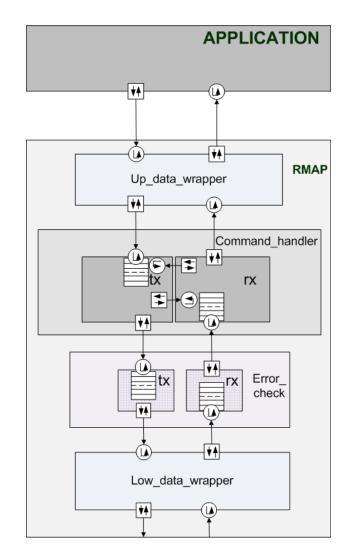
#### Remote Memory Access Protocol (RMAP)

#### Features:

- supports wide range of SpaceWire applications;
- configures SpaceWire network;
- controls SpaceWire units;
- gathers data and status information from those units;
- may operate alongside other communications protocols running over SpaceWire;

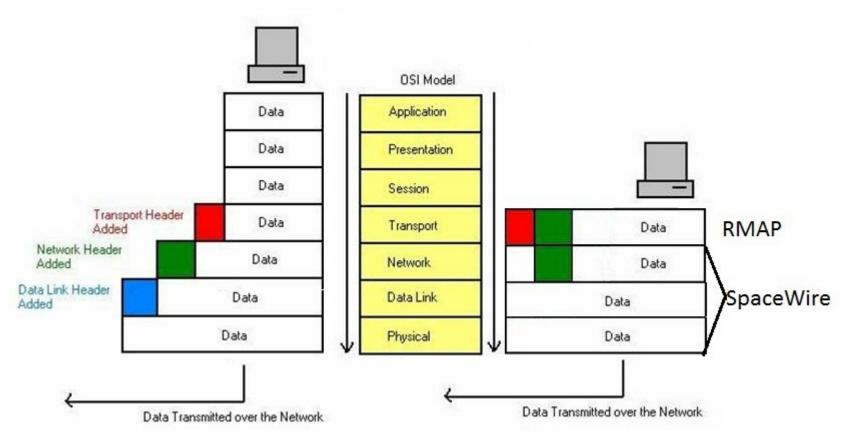
#### **RMAP Model**

- Implementation based on SystemC modelling abilities;
- Event-oriented;
- Implemented with the accurate respect to RMAP specification;



- A vaste number of tests
- Variaty of functions provided by RMAP interface to upper layer
- Modelling and testing was based on iterative approach to development

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Bits in Packet Type / Command / Source Path Address Length Byte

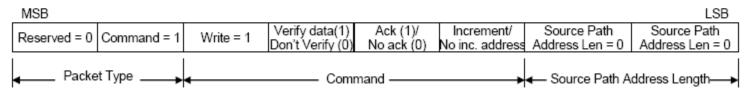
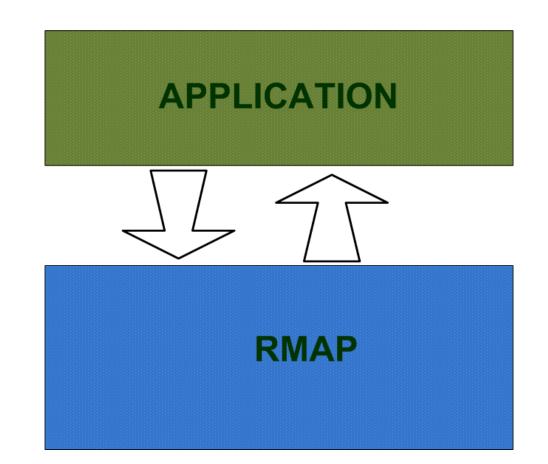
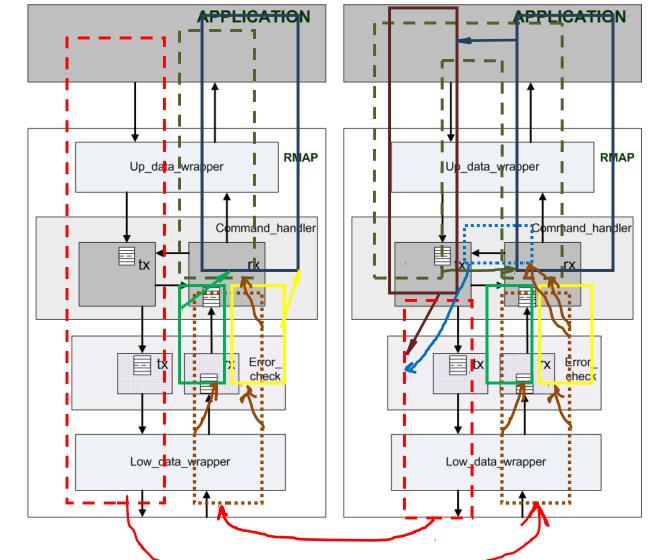


Figure 6-1 Write Command Format (Logical Addressing)

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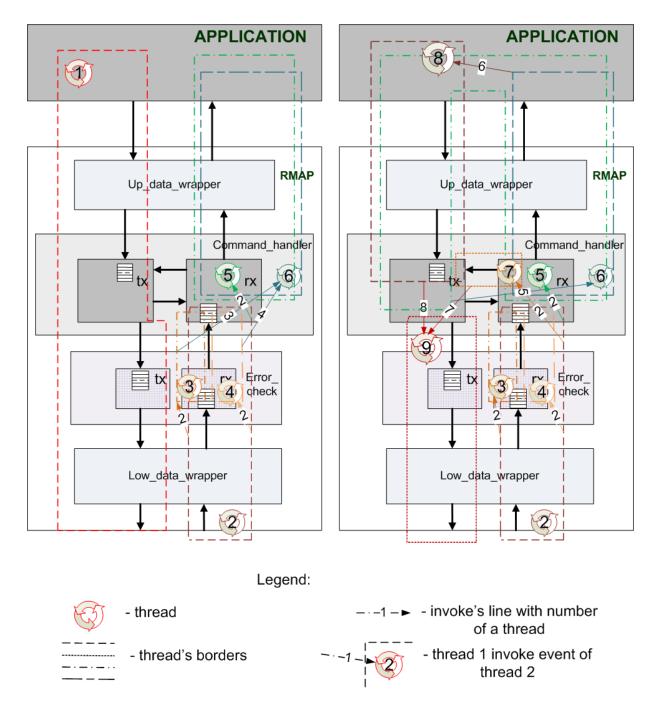
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#### Conclusion

- The ambiguous places and inconsistencies were found
- Also bugs in specifications were found
- RMAP & SpaceWire models were combined and tested
- An essential point in checking correctness of errors processing is generation errors in channel with certain probability
- the usability of the iterative approach was affirmed

# Thank you!



#### **RMAP** write command

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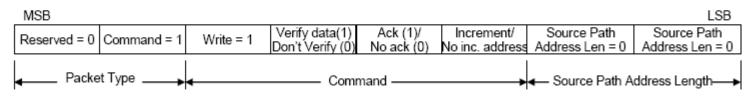


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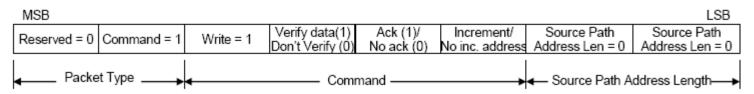


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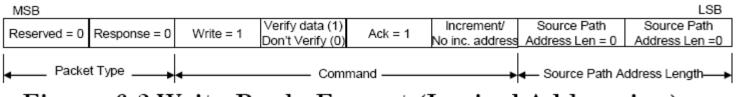
The Extended Write Address byte holds the most-significant 8-bits of the memory address to be written to. This extends the 32-bit memory address to 40-bits allowing access to 1 Terabyte of memory space in each node. The Extended Write Address may be used to identify different banks of memory or registers to be written to, to specify a target application for the data, or to reference a specific mail box.

#### **Specification Bug**

#### First byte transmitted

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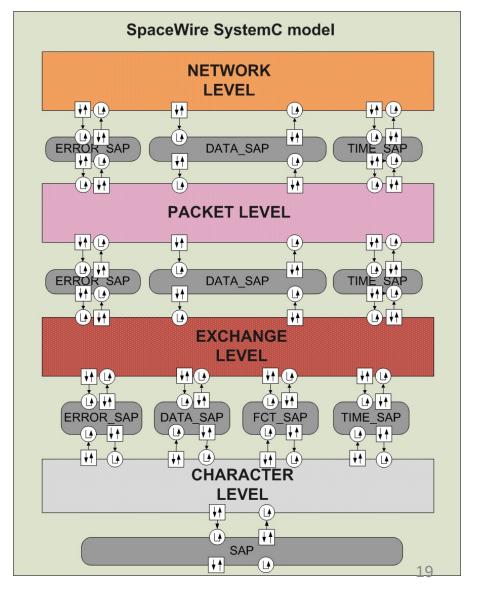


#### Figure 6-2 Write Reply Format (Logical Addressing)

#### SpaceWire model overview

#### Model features:

- Without signal and physical layer
- Service access points (SAPs)
- The modelling per layer method is used

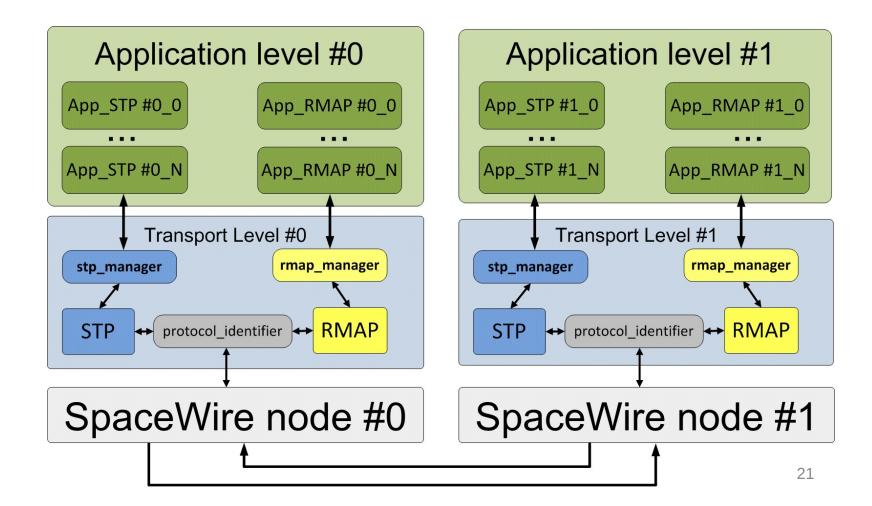


#### **Project overview**

Total SystemC model architectural diagram:

#### **Testing method**

Diagram of point-to-point connection for models testing:



# Testing method

Number of benefits provided by this method:

- The model could test all the internal mechanisms
- There is a possibility to trace the whole data exchange process in both directions
- The traffic analysis are done by the model itself according to the specification
- There is a possibility to check the joint work of protocols

# Application level simulation

During the complex models step-by-step development it is necessary to have a testing system.

Model's application layer functionality:

- generation of different kinds of traffic;
- received data processing;
- response traffic generation;
- error and critical situations handling.

Application level has two modules App\_RMAP and App\_STP. They perform an application role and they can simultaneously work with STP and RMAP transport protocols.