SwissCube Project Phase D

SwissCube Ground Segment Software

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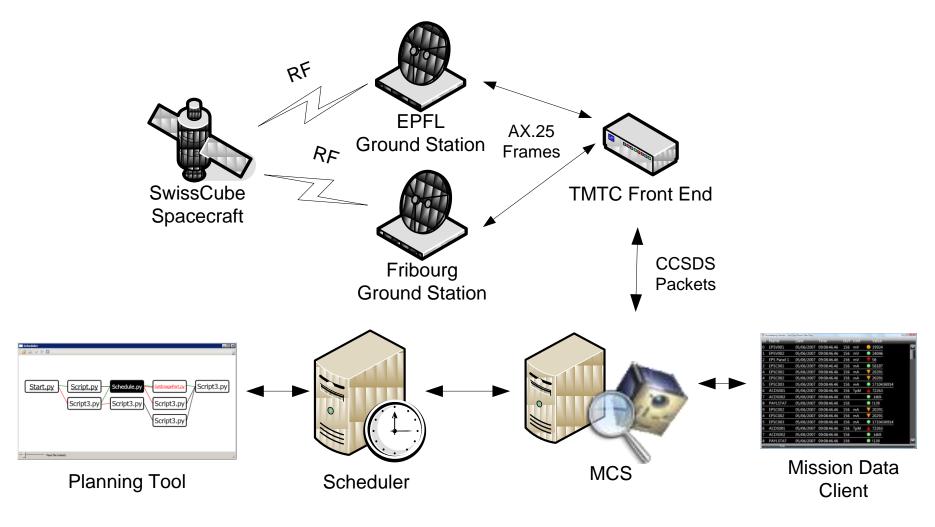


Driving Requirements for the Ground Segment

- Monitor and control the spacecraft during in-flight operation and spacecraft testing at system and subsystems level
- Use of compliant CCSDS/PUS packets
- Deliver payload data to the scientific team
- Interface to the space system
- The communication link with the spacecraft shall comply with the Amateur Radio requirements
- Provide graphical user interfaces useable by nonprofessional ground segment operators
- Can be operated remotely and securely



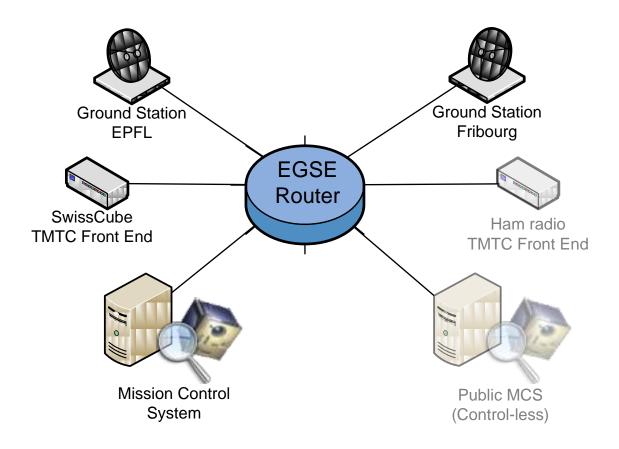
Ground Segment Architecture





EGSE Router

- Central software component in our ground infrastructure
 - Link the MCS, TMTC Front End and Ground Stations together





Ground Stations

- Listen to beacon
- Establish RF link to spacecraft
- Transmit telecommand frames to the spacecraft
- Transmit received telemetry frames to TMTC Front End
- Modulation and demodulation of AX.25 Frames
 - Bit stuffing of AX.25 and frame error detection
- At Lausanne and Fribourg



TMTC Front End

- Layer between the ground stations and the MCS
 - AX.25 Frames ←→ CCSDS Packets
 - Packets reconstruction from telemetry frames
- Archiving of raw telemetry
 - Replay functionality
- Connected to the GS and MCS through EGSE Router infrastructure
 - Not tied to SwissCube MCS, should work with any EGSE Router and CCSDS compliant MCS

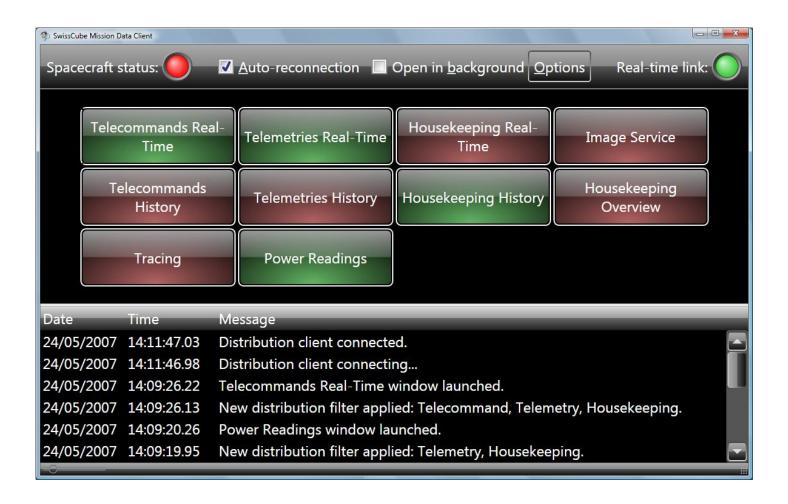


Mission Control System (MCS)

- ESA Packet Utilization Standard support (CCSDS/PUS)
- Create and send CCSDS packet telecommands
 - Track their status (acknowledgements)
- -Process CCSDS packet telemetry
 - Calibration and monitoring of housekeeping
- Data distribution to scheduler and other clients even through Internet
- Application to configure the mission (MIB)
 - Import/export in progress



Mission Data Client



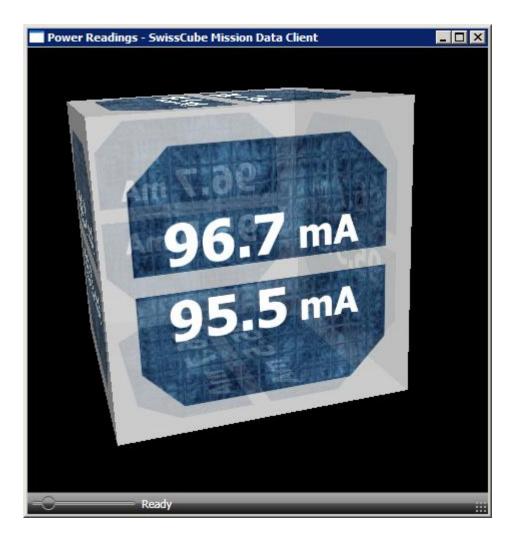


Mission Data Client – Telecommand view

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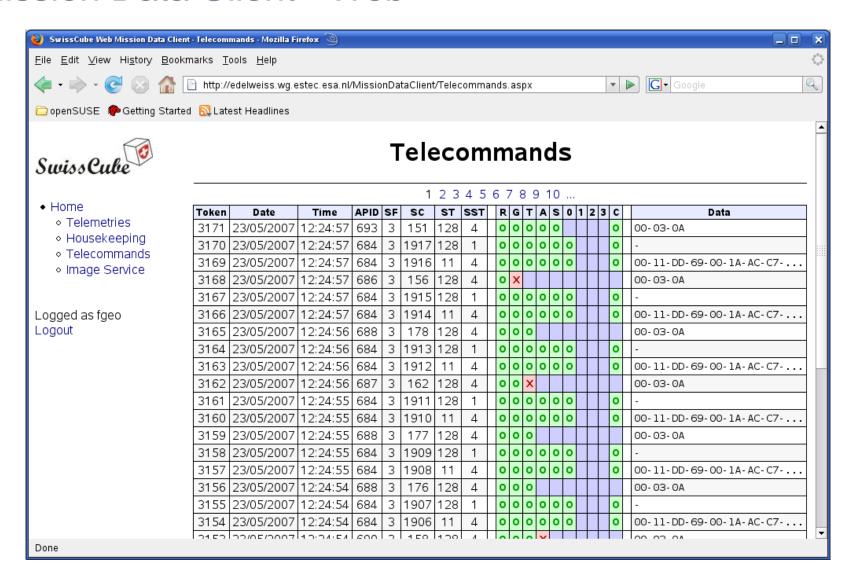


Mission Data Client - Custom module





Mission Data Client - Web





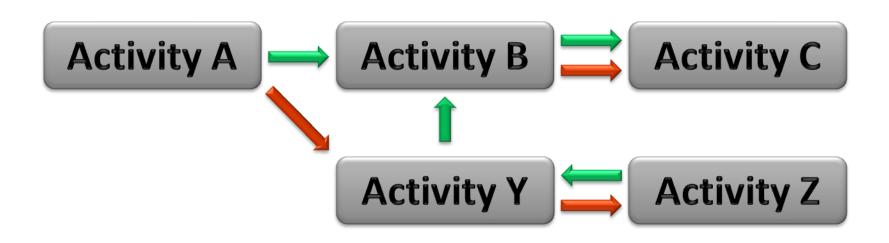
Scheduler

- Window of visibility small (few minutes per pass), all the actions taking place during the passes must be planned in advance.
 - To have no decision taken on-the-fly by the control operator
- Execute plans that contain the actions happening before/during/after a pass.
- Connected to MCS (Uplink and Distribution)
 - Need link state, acknowledgements and housekeeping to make flow decisions
- Plan execution reporting



Scheduler

- XML files containing a plan of activities
 - An activity execution can be successful or not (boolean)
 - Another activity is referenced for each of the two possible outcomes
- An activity is a script that access real-time telemetry and uses the telecommand service exposed by the MCS





Technologies

- Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5
 - Windows Communication Foundation
 - Unifies Inter-Process Communication mechanisms
 - Windows Presentation Foundation
 - Vector-based hardware-accelerated GUI
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005
 - Runs on the Express Edition which is free even for commercial use
- Microsoft Message Queuing (MSMQ)
 - Decoupling of MCS Core and Distribution



Current State

- EGSE Router
 - Complete and in use for the tests of the other components
- Mission Control Software
 - Almost complete, missing time correlation integration
- Ground Stations software
 - Almost done
- Scheduler / Planning tools
 - Prototype with Python scripting
- TMTC Front End
 - Complete and tested
- User interfaces
 - MIB Configuration
 - Real-time Mission Data Client and Web Mission Data visualization



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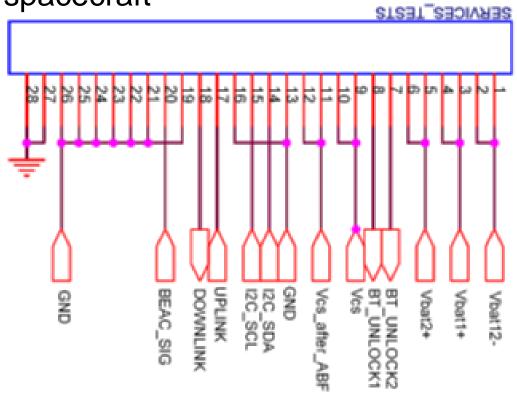
SwissCube Ground Segment Software in Remote Electrical and Data Verification (REDV)

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Remote Electrical and Data Verification (REDV)

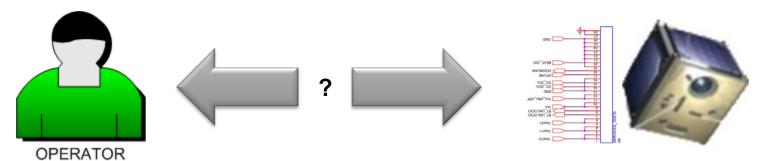
- Thermal cycles / Vibrations / ...
 - Not always on-site (Bern, Berlin, ...)
- Service Connector on the spacecraft
 - Digital signals
 - Uplink
 - Downlink
 - Beacon
 - I²C BUS
 - Analog signals
 - Batteries voltage





How to monitor the satellite during REDV tests?

- Send commands (uplink)
- Analyze data (downlink)

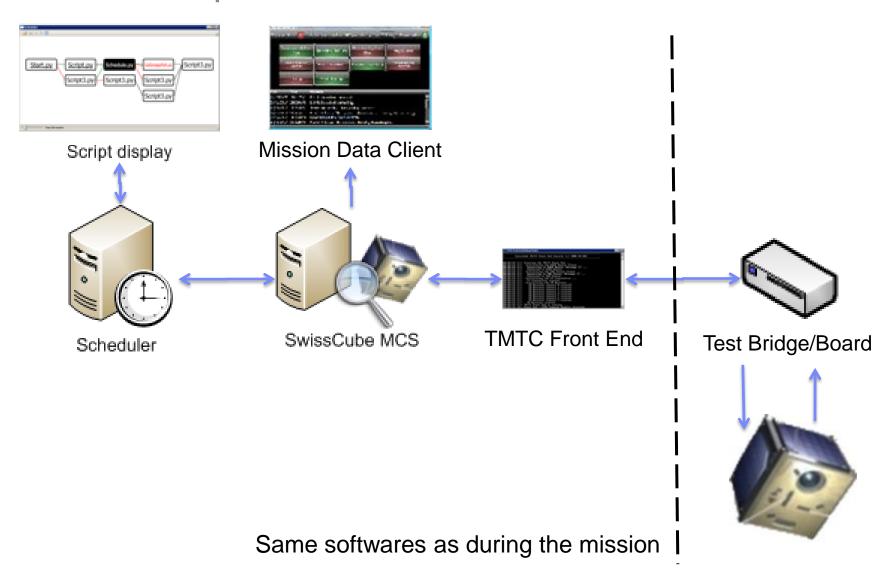


SwissCube with its service connector

- Send telecommands manually
- Read raw data (hex values, analog instruments, ...)
- => Use the existing Ground Segment Software capabilities!



Tests Set-Up





Thank you for your attention