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# **The ATV Vehicle**





# **The ATV Mission**

- □ After the docking to the ISS, the 40 m<sup>3</sup> pressurised module of the ATV delivers up to 7.2 tons of equipment, fuel, food, water and air for the Crew.
- With up to 4.7 tons of propellant, ATV raise the ISS altitude during Reboost manover
- 6 months later, the ATV is loaded with 6.5 tons of waste and leave the Station to fully burn up during a guided and controlled reentry.



#### **Overview ATV Test Facilities**

# The ATV Test Facilities are grouped by family and built in an incremental way around a common S/W kernel (CGS)



# The Software Validation Facilities (SVF)

- □ Integration & Test of on-board S/W on real target
- □ Validation of algorithms for
  - **GNC (Guidance, Navigation, Control)**
  - □ MVM (Missions Vehicle Management)
  - **FDIR (Failure, Detection, Isolation, Recovery)**
  - □ MSU (Monitoring and Safety algorithms)
- □ Validate the real-time closed-loop performance
- □ Check the CPU load, sequence, 1553 and TM/TC links
- Simulation of avionics equipment via EUROSIM model responses on the 1553 busses

### **The SVF Architecture**



# The Functional Simulation Facility (FSF)

- **Qualification of the on-board S/W on target computers**
- Check of electrical interfaces between H/W equipment and on-board S/W
- Qualification end to end of Electrical chains (measurements, propulsion, thermal chains ...)
- Check of correct system performance in representative operational scenarios
- Simulation of environment und missing H/W equipment through EUROSIM models

#### **The FSF Architecture**



# The Interface Validation Facilities (IVF)

- Bilateral tests with the ISS, performed in Moscow, with the Russian service module
- Rendez-Vous bilateral tests, at DLR, Oberpfaffenhofen, on the EPOS facility
  - Validation of the rendez-vous in final approach phase
  - Real-time closed-loop tests with real RdV sensors
- □ The IVF configuration is a reduced FSF

## **The EGSE Facilities**

Flight System Integration and Qualification including launch support

- □ The tests performed are:
  - □ Acoustic tests
  - Deployment of the solar panels
  - **EMC** tests
  - Compatibility test with the TDRS system
  - Overall System Test
- The EGSE configuration is a reduced FSF without the simulator
- **Two set of EGSE are built-up in the ATV Project**

# The Spacecraft Simulators (SCSIM)

- Electrical interface verification of the Russian equipment embedded inside ATV
- Simulates the ATV avionics that are connected to the Russian Units.
- □ The SCSIM configuration comprises:
  - ✓ Test Supervisor (TSUP) CGS based
  - ✓ 1553 Front End Equipment
  - ✓ Power Front End Equipment
  - ✓ UIS Front End Equipment (hardwire links)
  - Load Simulation (IAPIS) simulating the ATV load for the ISS power delivery.

## **ATV Ground Facilities Overview**



#### **Common S/W Architecture ATV Test Facilities**



## **CGS extensions for the ATV Test Facilities**

The common CGS S/W version used for all ATV Test Facilities is S/W Version V5. This CGS version is based on the proven Columbus version V4.5, with the following main updates:

- □ S/W upgrade to Ada95 using GNAT compiler
- □ Implementation of PUS Standard (ATV)
- □ Access to database end items via nicknames
- Database input and update via MDB EXCEL Tool to manage "bulk data"
- Increased resolution of time (in particular for FEECP protocol to satisfy FSF needs)
- Handling of TC authorization, pre-conditions and execution verification

#### **Communication protocols with Front End Equipment**

Three types of communication protocols have been used to connect with the various Front End Equipments:

- FEECP: Front End Communication Protocol The standard communication protocol already used in the Columbus Project; suitable for response time not more than 100msec
- RPC: Remote Procedure Calls Used for FEEs, where this protocol was already implemented
- Proprietary message based protocols

The underlying communication interface H/W is: TCP/IP, RS422, IEE488, reflective memory or a PCI/VME bridge

#### **Status of ATV Test Facilities**

- Most of the ATV Test Facilities have been delivered and installed (at Les Mureaux, Moscow) and the usage has been started
- □ Integration of EGSE in Bremen started
- The feedback received from the SVF and FSF users in Les Mureaux:

#### It took us quite an effort to understand the complexity of the system in the beginning, but after that, we got a very powerful and helpful system.

# **H/W Layout of FSF Kernel**



# **Synoptic Display Example**



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## **FSF Control Workstations in Les Mureaux**



# **FSF: Equipped Avionics Bay & FEEs**



#### **FSF: Inside view of the EAB**



**Backup Charts** 

## **ATV User Feedback: CGS Good Points**

- The system-wide coherence provided by the MDB mechanism.
- **The Synoptic displays ; providing low cost MMI.**
- The powerful command-line interface allowing to reach easily, any acquired data or to trigger any command.
- The unified description of all kind of signals (TMTC, bus, wire)
- The central timing capability allowing to compare the events across the whole facility.

# **ATV User Feedback: CGS Negative Points**

- A poor ergonomic MMI for preparation and analysis tasks.
- **The reduced capabilities of post-analysis tool.**
- A rather specific logic for data organisation resulting in :
  - Restrictions in data handling (moving a sub-tree within the MDB requires a significant effort).
  - The long "scoe file generation" process before each execution.
  - A "one facility" design which implies a lot of data distributions and deliveries on the many ATV facilities.