Bachelor Thesis Work
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Implementation of a Generic Iridium Device Handler for the SOURCE On-Board Software
Implementierung eines generischen Iridium Device Handler für die SOURCE On-Board Software

Motivation:
The Institute of Space Systems and the Small Satellite Student Society of the University of Stuttgart (KSat e.V.) are currently developing the Stuttgart Operated University Cubesat for Evaluation and Education (SOURCE), a 3-Unit Nanosatellite. The SOURCE project is structured into several subsystems similarly to the structure of other major satellite projects. One of these subsystems is the communication subsystem, which ensures that the satellite can be commanded, and that telemetry can be received.

SOURCE has two Iridium 9603 backup communication modules which can be used if the primary communication path has issues. Some basic tests were already performed using a Rockblock 9603 module. The next step is to implement a generic device handler of the Iridium 9603 device in the SOURCE On-Board Software (OBSW). The Flight Software Framework (FSFW) developed at the Institute of Space Systems provides some building blocks which take care of a lot of common tasks required by a physical device and also allows to write generic code for a device so the same device handlers can be used on different platforms.

The candidates task is to implement this device handler, test it and document the software so operators can use it. The work is completed with a presentation and documentation of the work.

Task:
- Research of the Flight Software Framework (FSFW) and the components it provides to write device handlers
- Study of device documents, existing device handlers and existing test reports for the Rockblock 9603 test hardware
- Getting familiar with the AT91 development board target hardware
- Implementation of the generic device handler
- Testing and Verification the device handler on the development board. Functional test is possible with a host computer as well.
- Documentation for satellite operators

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