

# Generic AOCS/GNC Techniques & Design Framework for FDIR (GAFE)

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# Agenda

- Study Objectives and Team
- GAFE Framework
  - GAFE Methodology
  - GAFE Structural Analysis
  - GAFE Simulator
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- Summary & Status

# Study Objectives and Team

## Study Title

- Generic AOCS/GNC Techniques & Design Framework for FDIR (GAFE)

## Objective

- Develop engineering approach & prototype tools to support AOCS/GNC FDIR design and V&V in early project phases

## Study Motivation

- “FDIR engineering for Space Systems is lacking a systematic approach and engineering transparency”
- “FDIR systems design often experiences significant growth in complexity and cost late in the development cycle, causing launch delays or delayed completion of the FDIR capabilities after launch.

## Study Team



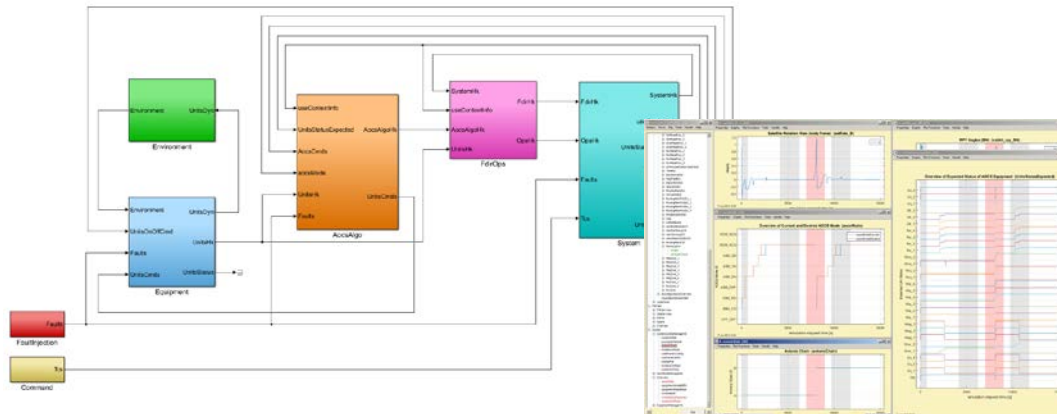
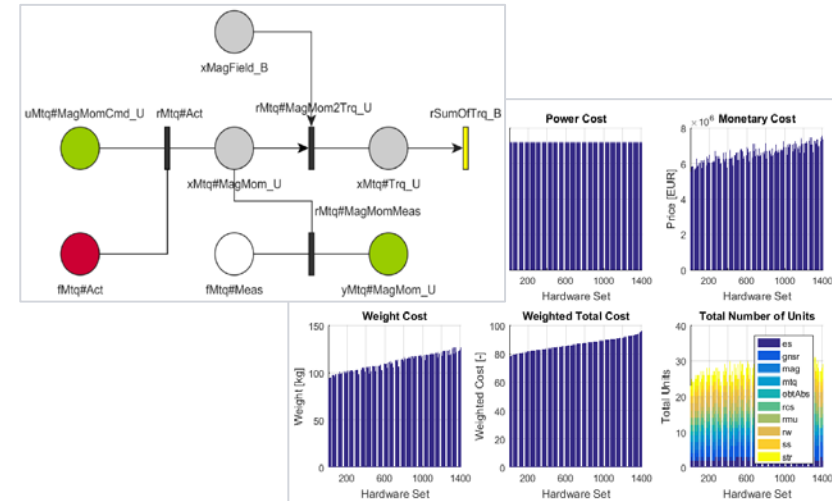
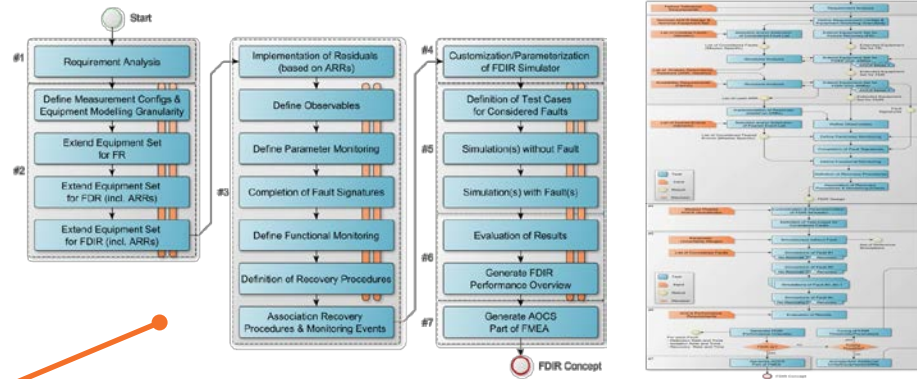
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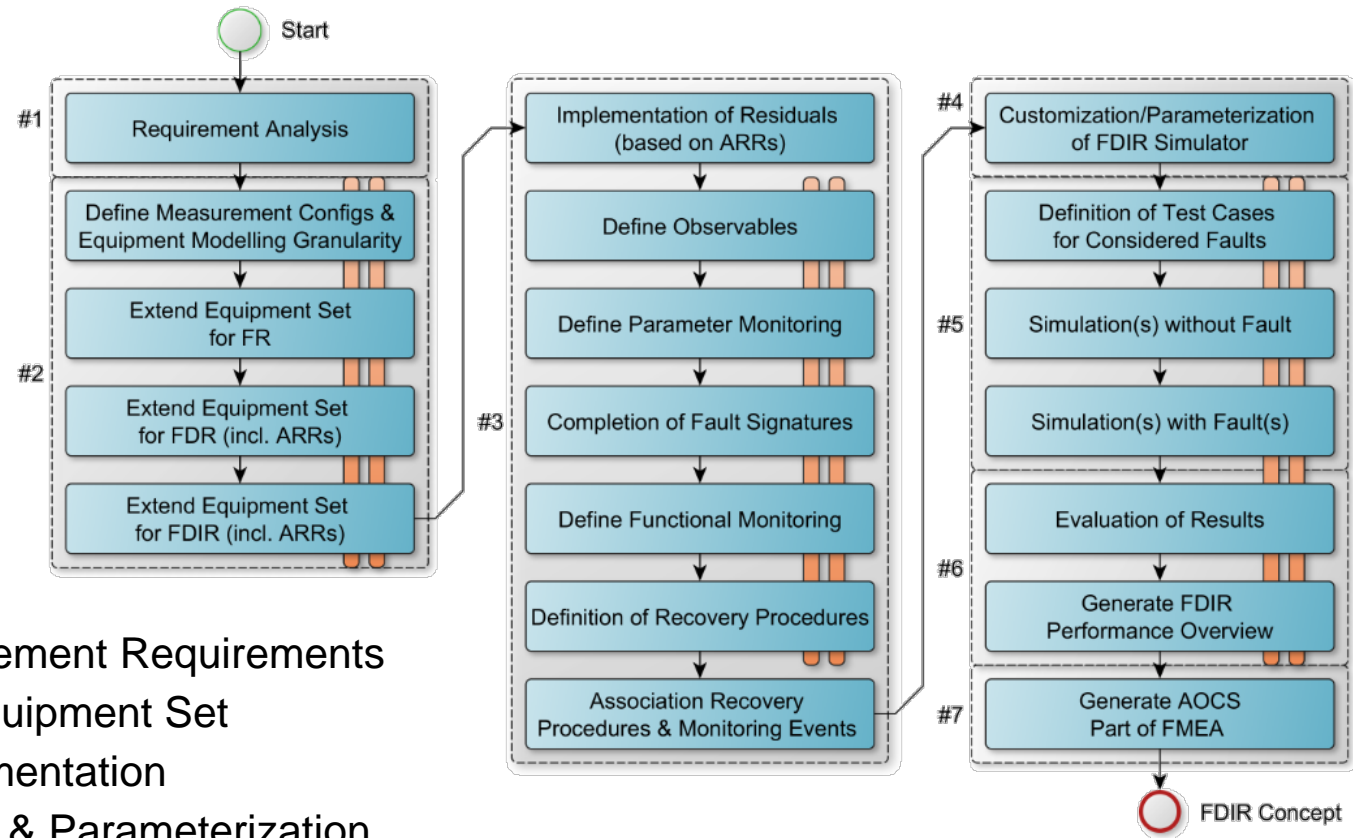
## GAFE Framework

- GAFE Methodology
- GAFE Structural Analysis
- GAFE Simulator



# GAFE Methodology

## High Level Flow – GAFE Tool Support



### GAFE Methodology Tasks:

- #1: Analysis of Fault Management Requirements
- #2: Extension of Nominal Equipment Set
- #3: FDIR Definition & Implementation
- #4: Simulator Customization & Parameterization
- #5: Definition & Simulation of Test Cases
- #6: Evaluation of FDIR Performance
- #7: Generation of FDIR Documentation

# GAFE Structural Analysis

## Overview

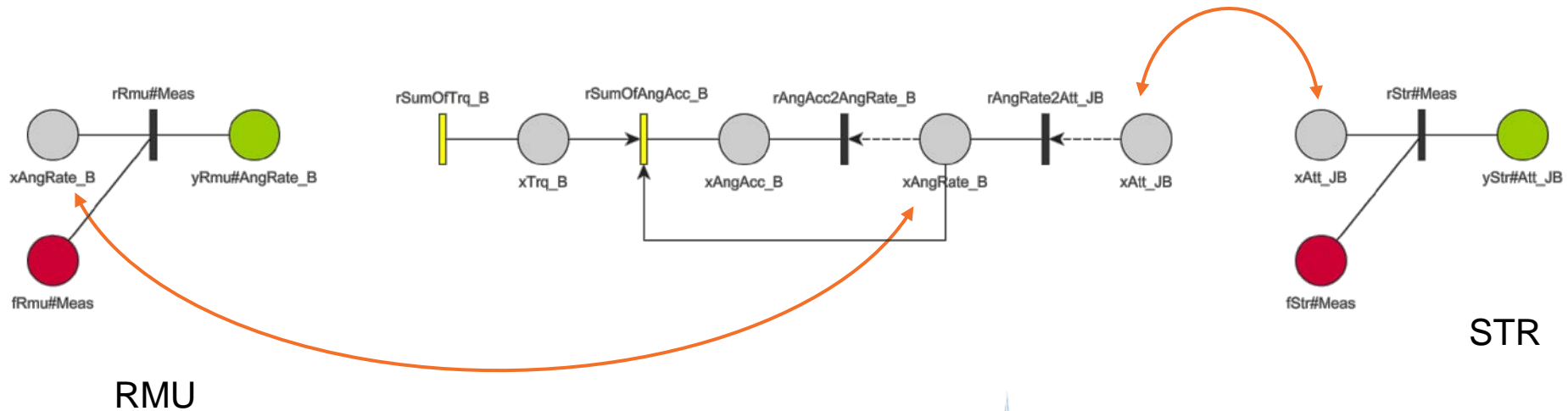
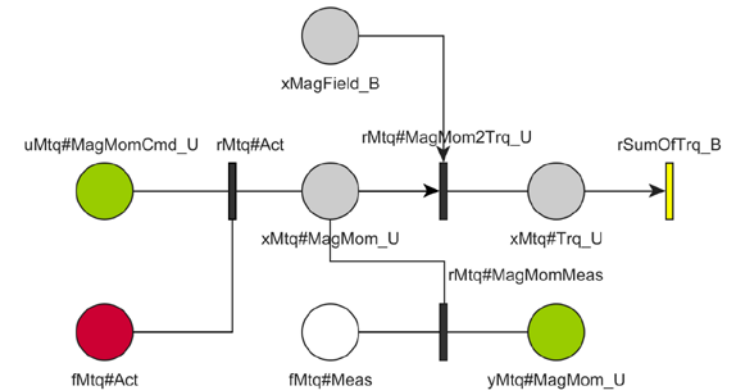
### What is a “Structural Analysis”?

- Mathematical method focused on structural relations between known and unknown “states” of a system

### What is a “Structural Model”?

- Abstract model of physical or mathematical relationships

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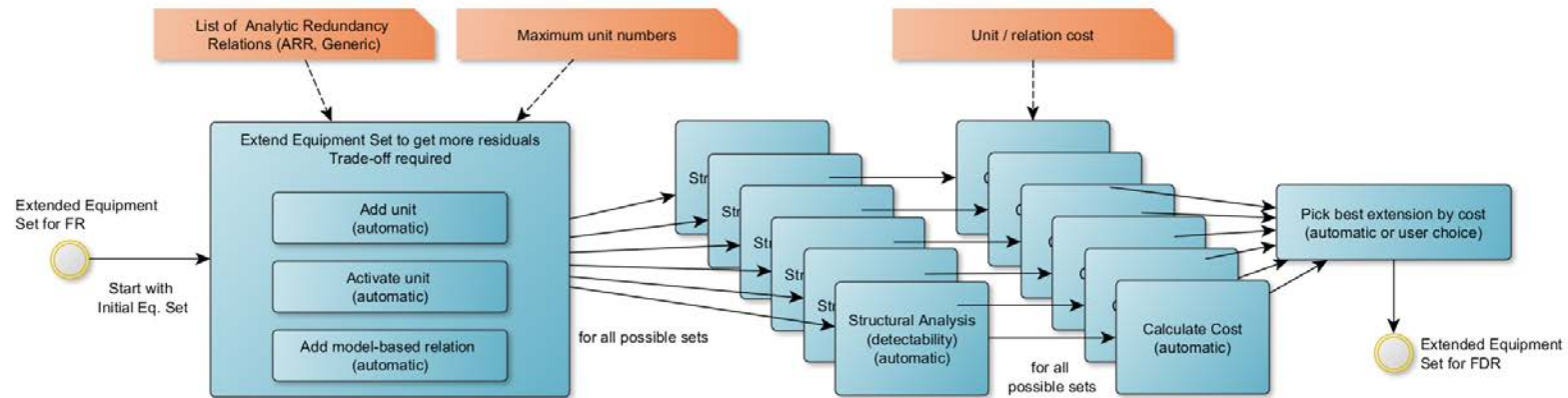


# GAFE Structural Analysis

## Usage and Outputs

### What is the “Structural Analysis” used for?

- To identify if faults in predefined system elements can be detected and/or isolated



### What are the outputs?

- AOCS/GNC equipment set to be integrated (redundant, FD/FDI)
- Active AOCS/GNC equipment per mode
- Required analytic redundancy models for FDIR purposes
- Residuals to be computed onboard
- Fault signatures required for identification of faults

# GAFE Structural Analysis

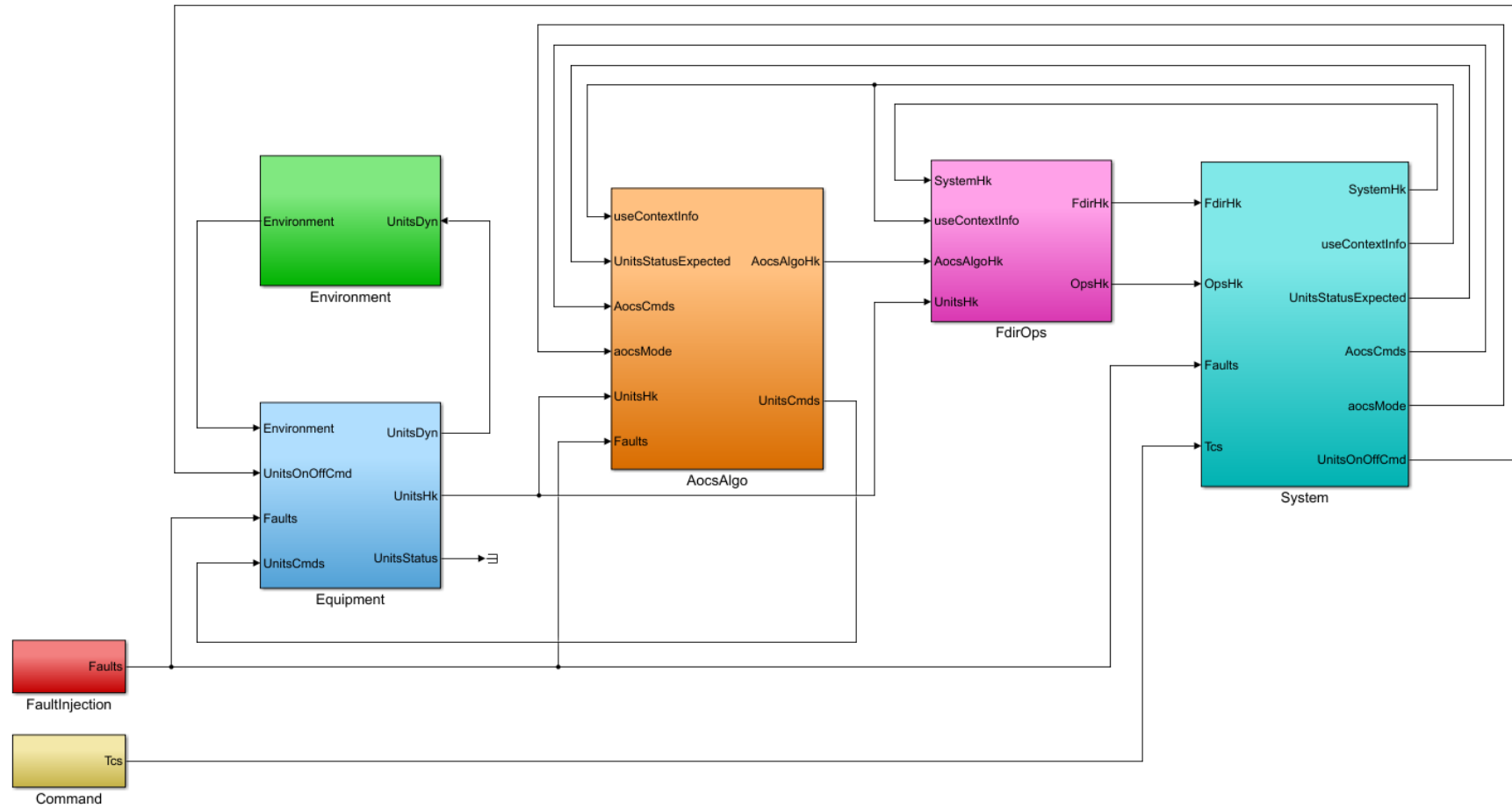
## Structural Model Library (5 actuators, 14 analytical modes, 11 sensors)





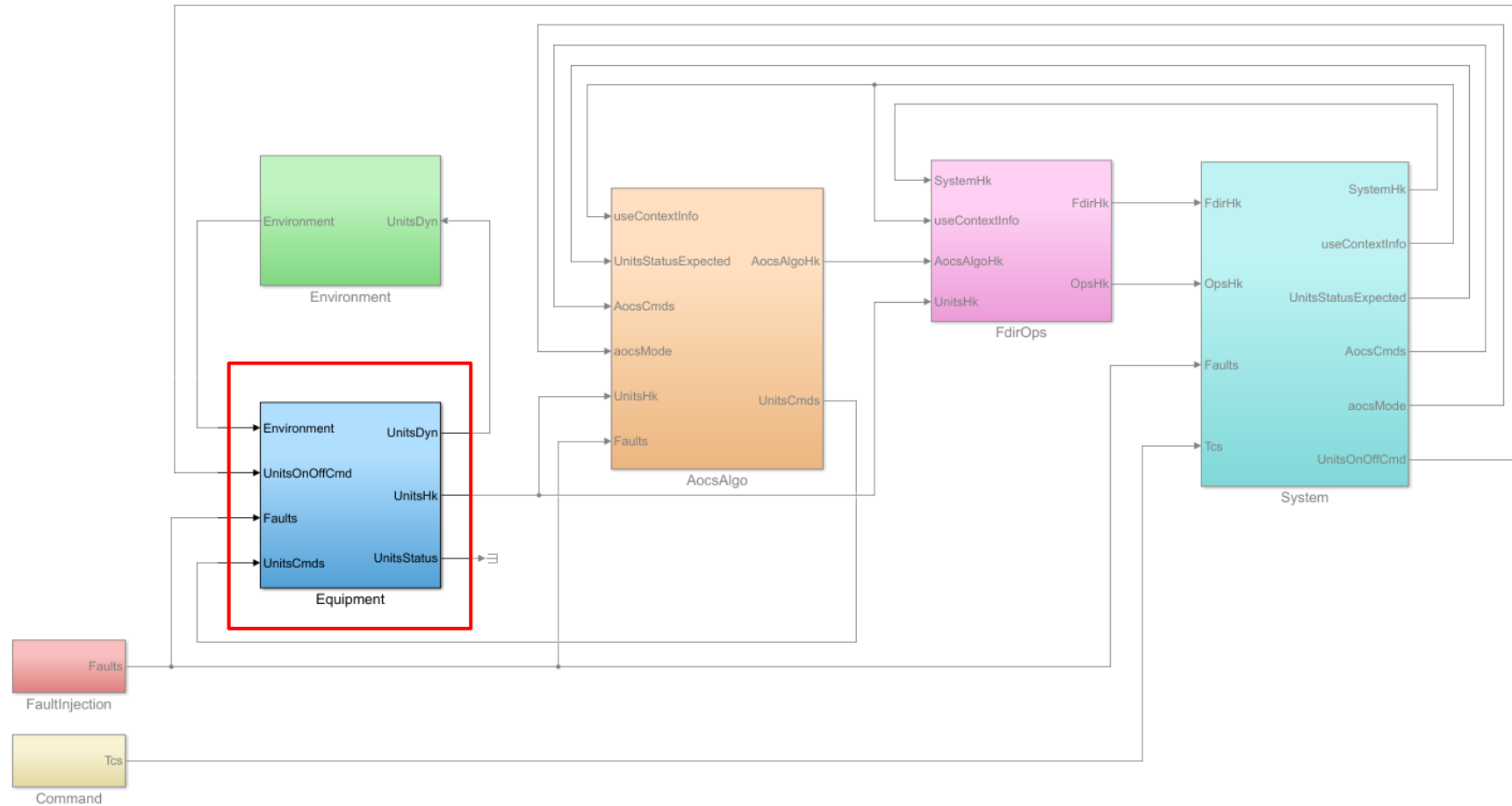
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## Top-Level Architecture



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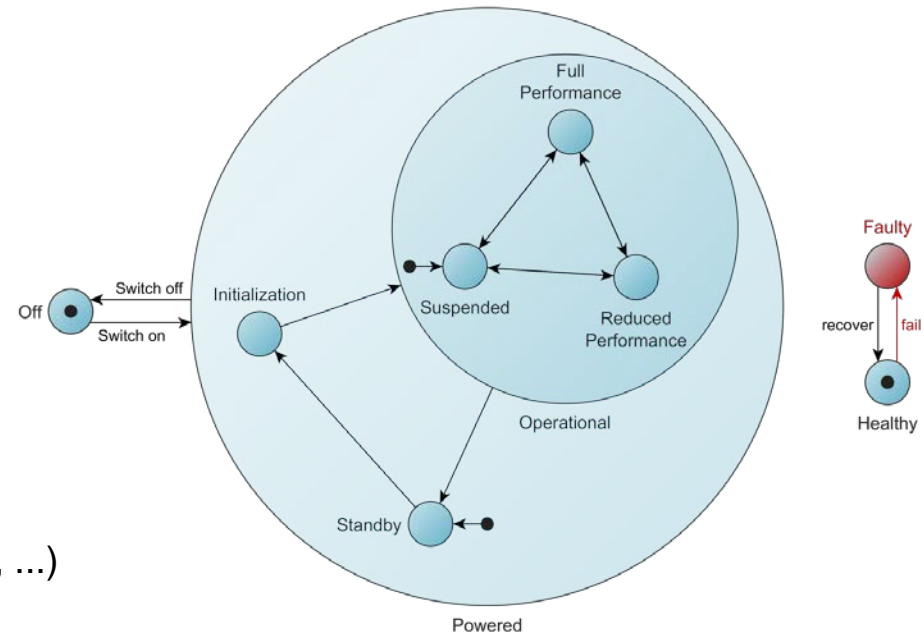
## Equipment Module



# GAFE Simulator

## Generic Equipment Model (GEM)

- Serves as “host” for specific equipment models (SEM)
  - Behavioural model
    - Generic states with generic functionality
  - Fault handling
    - Injection
    - Ejection
    - Persistency
    - Performance impact  
(noise increase, drift, bias, stale data, random walk, ...)
  - Instantiation of Units
    - Number of units via parameter
    - User specifies just the differences



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## Specific Equipment Models - Library

### ■ Sensors

- Magnetometer
- Earth Sensor
- Sun Sensor
- Startracker
- GNSR
- Lidar
- Camera
- Clock
- Rate Measurement Unit
- Accelerometer

### ■ Actuators

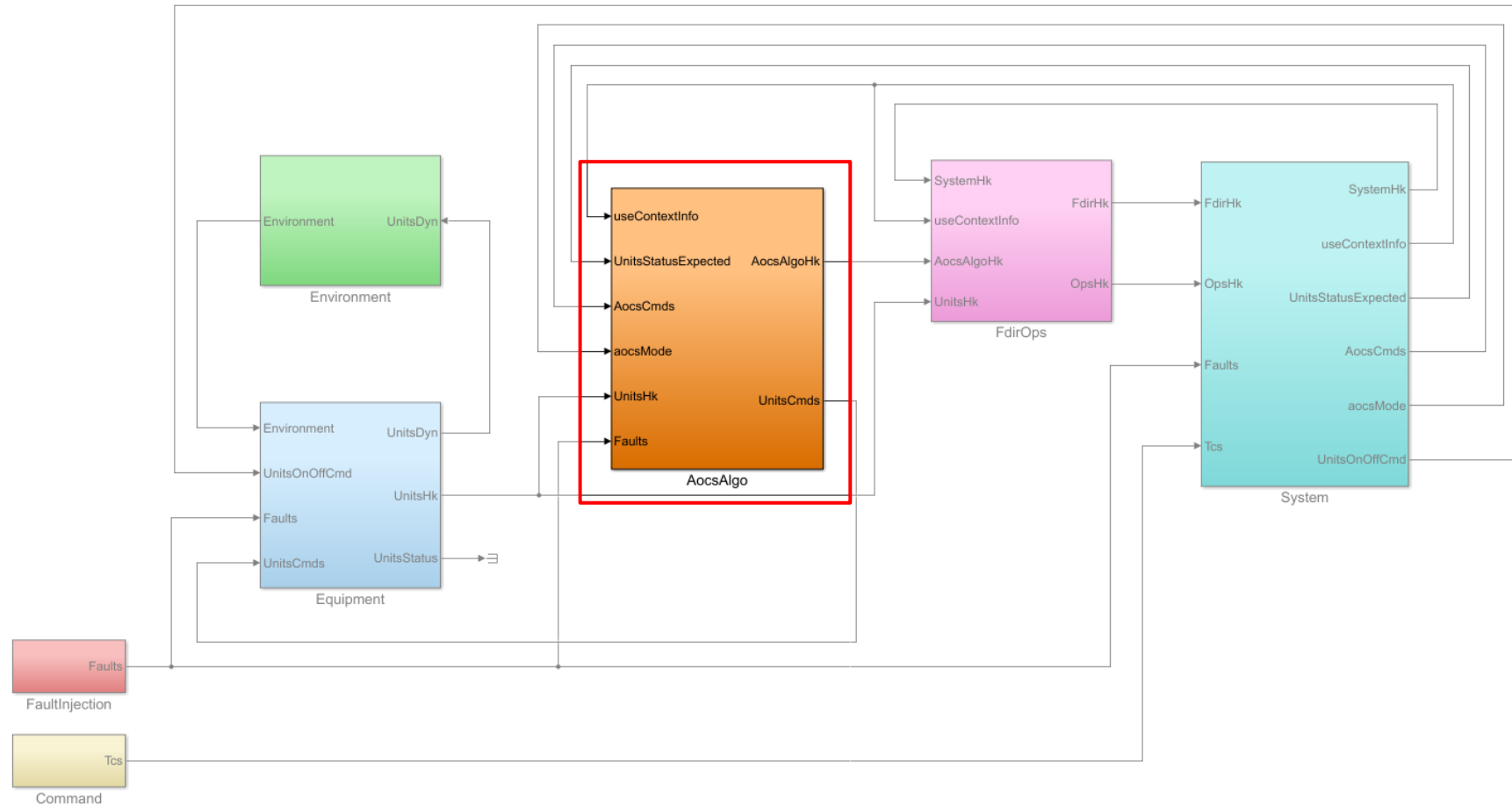
- Magnetorquer
- Reaction Wheel
- Reaction Control System (Thrusters)

### ■ Non-AOCS/GNC Actuators

- Solar Array Drive Mechanism
- Antenna Pointing Mechanism

# GAFE Simulator

## AOCS/GNC Algorithms Module



# GAFE Simulator

## AOCS/GNC Algorithms - Concepts

- **Modularity** on AOCS/GNC Algorithmic „Component“ level
  - e.g. rmuMeasProc, oop, nomAcqCtrl, rcsCmd
- **Parametric configurability**
- **Identical interface** of all „Components“
  - Data => intra Component
  - Status => for FDIR / OPS
  - States
  - Parameters
- **Status Flag concept**
  - „isValid“ Status Flag from one „Component“ to the next
  - Tristate logic: NOTEVAL, OK, NOK
  - „Common“ and „Individual“ flags
- **Systematic collection of all States**
  - all States accessible
  - States reset overall, of single Components or even selectable individually (SGM)
- **Sampling**
  - sample time and offset
  - reset/hold Output and States

# GAFE Simulator

## AOCS/GNC Algorithms – Components Library

### ■ Sensor Processing

- Magnetometer
- Earth Sensor
- Sun Sensor
- Startracker
- GNSR
- Lidar
- Camera
- Clock
- Rate Measurement Unit
- Reaction Wheel

### ■ Determination functions

- Satellite attitude and rate
- Earth direction
- Sun direction
- Magnetic field and rate,
- Orbit (OOP),
- Earth ephemeris,
- Reaction Wheel friction estimation
- Relative position and orbital elements (to target)

### ■ Controller

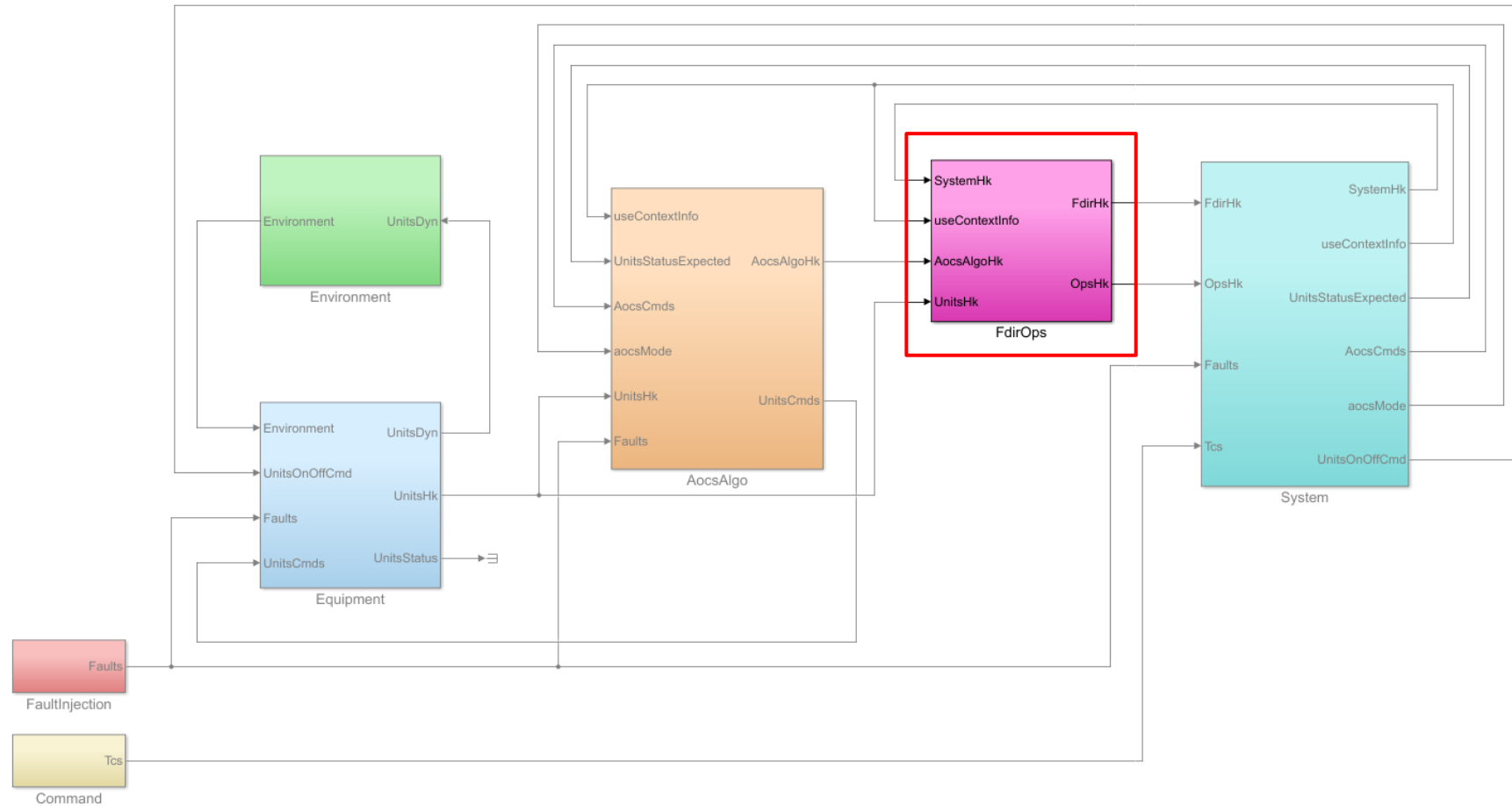
- Rate Damping
- Attitude Acquisition and Safe Mode
- Nominal Mode, ...

### ■ Actuator Commanding

- Magnetorquer
- Reaction Wheel
- Reaction Control System (Thrusters)

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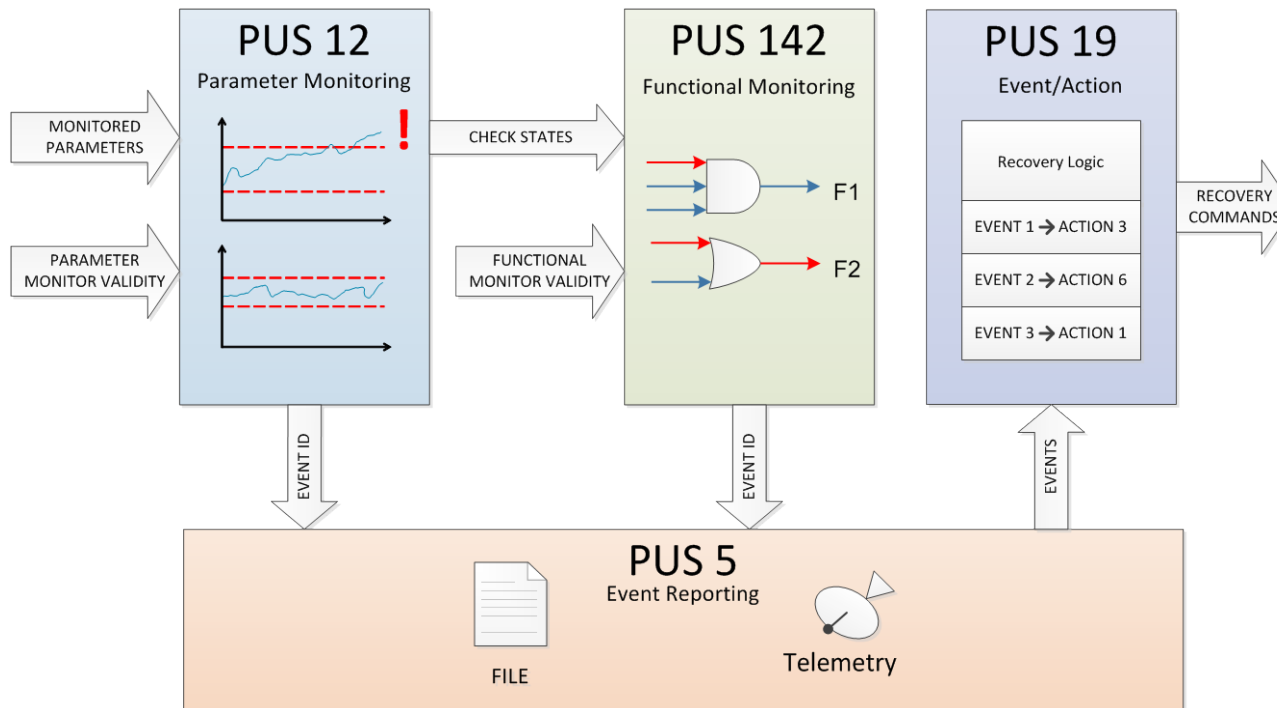
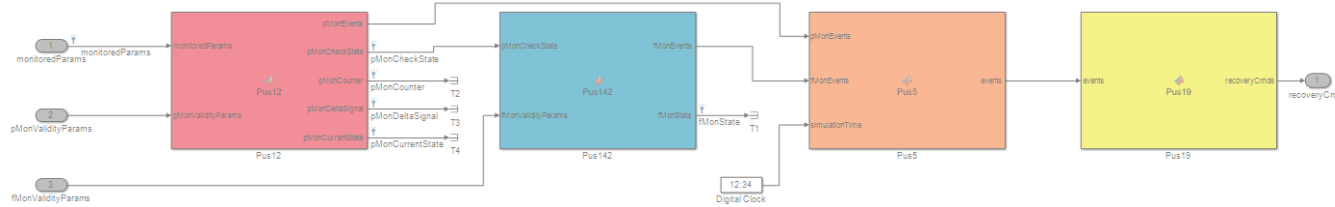
## FDIR/OPS Module



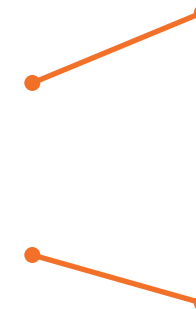


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## FDIR/OPS Module – PUS Services



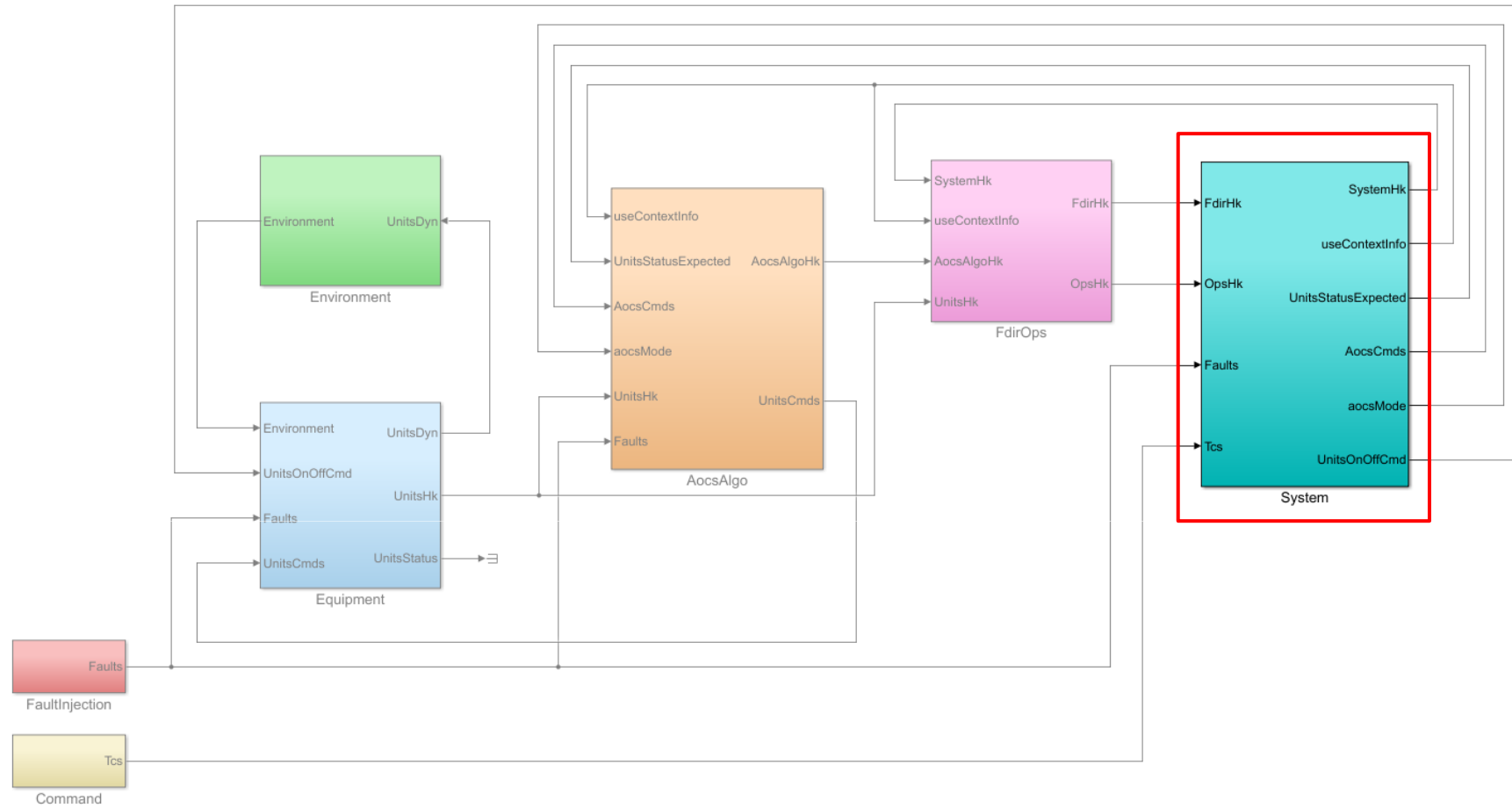
for FDIR purposes



New:  
for OPS purposes  
=> AOCS/GNC  
mode management

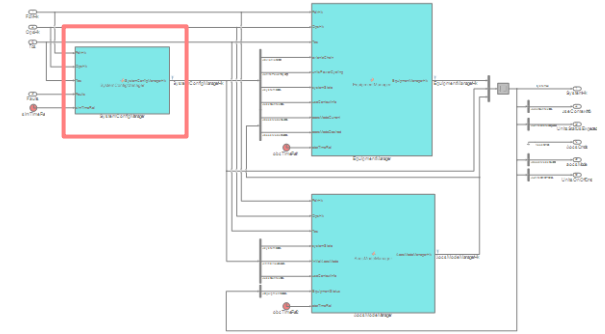
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## System Module



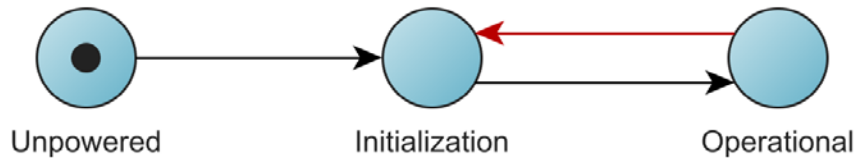
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## System – System Configuration Manager



### Tasks:

- Models operational state of OBC



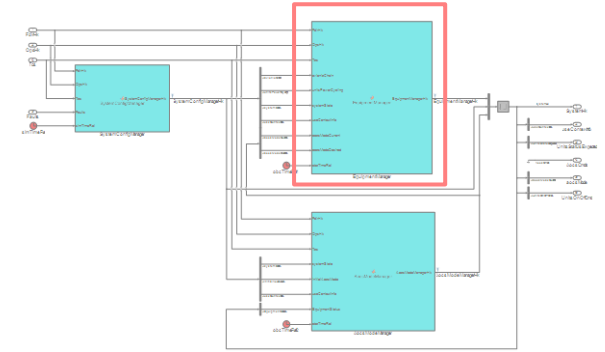
- Handles OBC (re)boots
- Maintains and distributes System Configuration

- Processor module
- Avionic chain
- Initial AOCS mode to use
- Equipment power-cycling
- Use of context information from non-volatile memory (SGM, RAM)
- Enable/disable FDIR
- Next system configuration

System Config	Processor Module	Avionic Chain	Initial AOCS Mode	Units Power Cycling	Use Context Info	Enable FDIR	Next System Config
1	A	A	ASM	No	Yes	Yes	2
2	A	B	ASM	No	Yes	Yes	3
3	B	A	SAME	Yes	Yes	Yes	4
4	B	B	ASM	Yes	No	Yes	5
5	A	A	ASM	Yes	No	Yes	6
6	B	A	ASM	Yes	No	No	1

# GAFE Simulator

## System – Equipment Manager



### Tasks:

- **Equipment Configuration using ECT**
  - Mode setup
  - Mode transition
  - Reconfiguration
- **Unit Health Status**
  - Keeps record and handles “unitFailed” notification

AOCS Mode 3												
AOCS Mode 2											Unit 4	
AOCS Mode 1										Unit 4		Unit 4
Avionic Chain A					Avionic Chain B					Unit 4		Unit 4
Equipment 1	Config	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Config	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 4	Unit 4
	1	1	1			1			1	1	1	1
	2	1		1			1	1		1		1
	3	1			1	1				1		1
	4		1	1			1	1			1	
	5		1		1		1		1			*
	6				1	1						
	7	1								1		
	8		1						1			*
	9				1			1				
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Equipment 2	Config	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3		Config	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3		Unit 4	Unit 4
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	2	1		1		1	1		1			1
	3		1	1		1	1					1
	4	1							1			
	5			1				1				
6				1		1						
x	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Equipment 3	Config	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Config	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 4	Unit 4
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# GAFE Simulator - Examples

## Scenario & Demonstration Cases

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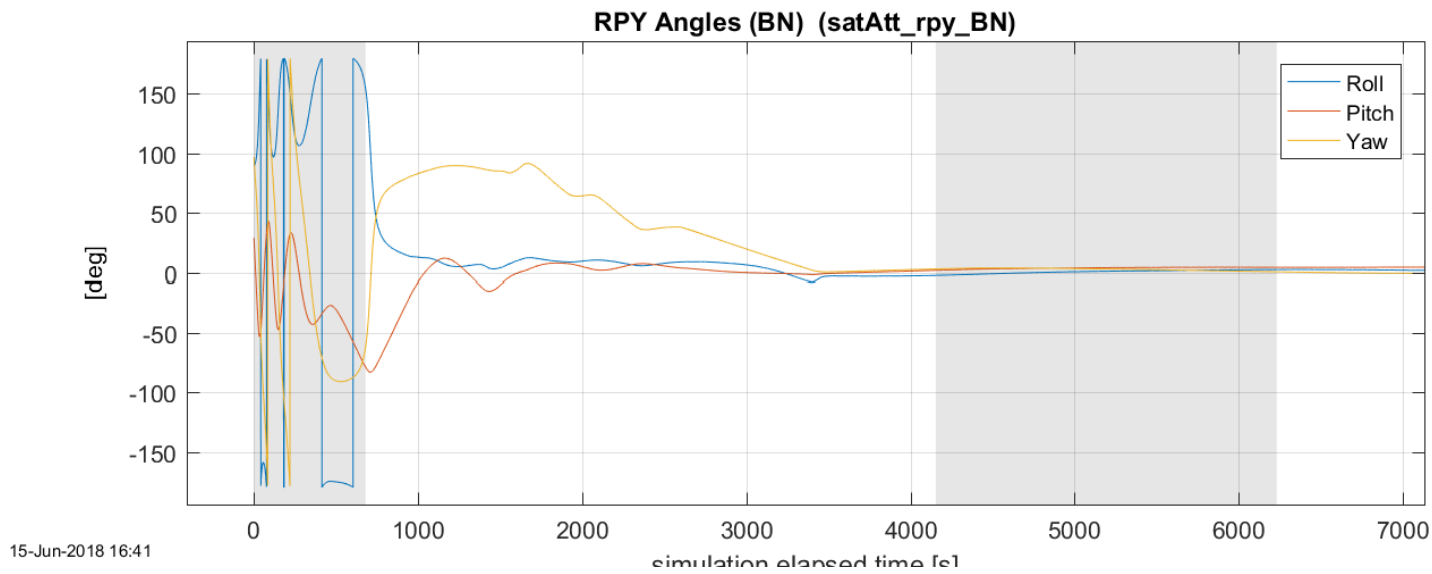
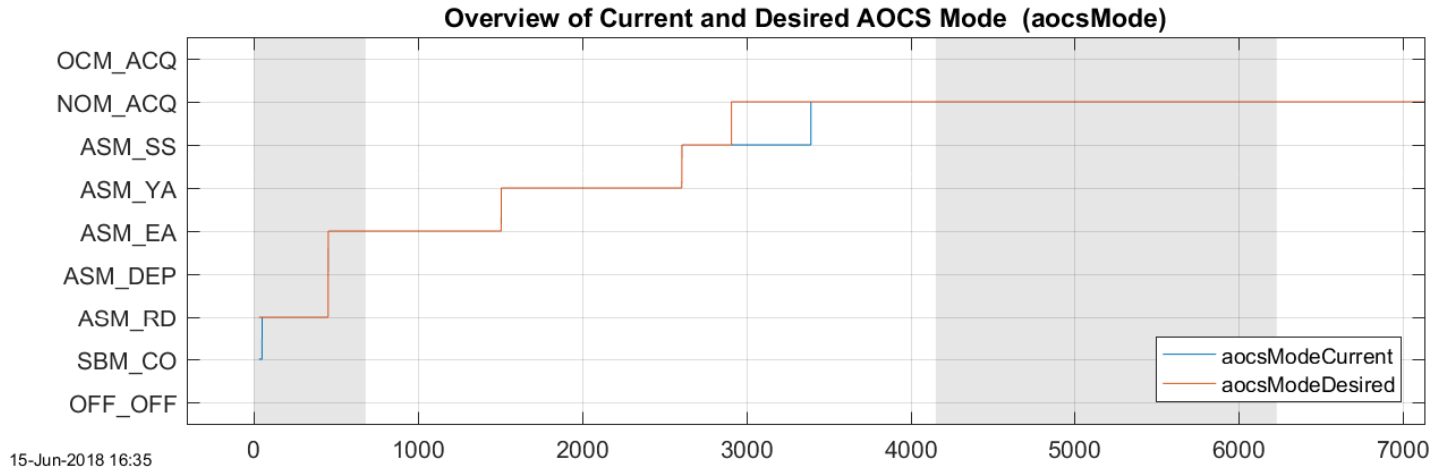
- EarthCARE (from the re-engineered study case):
  - Wakeup in Acquisition & Safe Mode, transition to Nominal Mode

### Demonstration Cases:

- Nominal Part: No faults
- Fault Case 1:
  - Fault: Star Tracker Unit 2 – Drift
  - Injection time: 4700s & 5450s
- Fault Case 2:
  - Fault: Reaction Control System – Thruster Stuck Open
  - Injection times: between 7000s and 9000s (Monte-Carlo)

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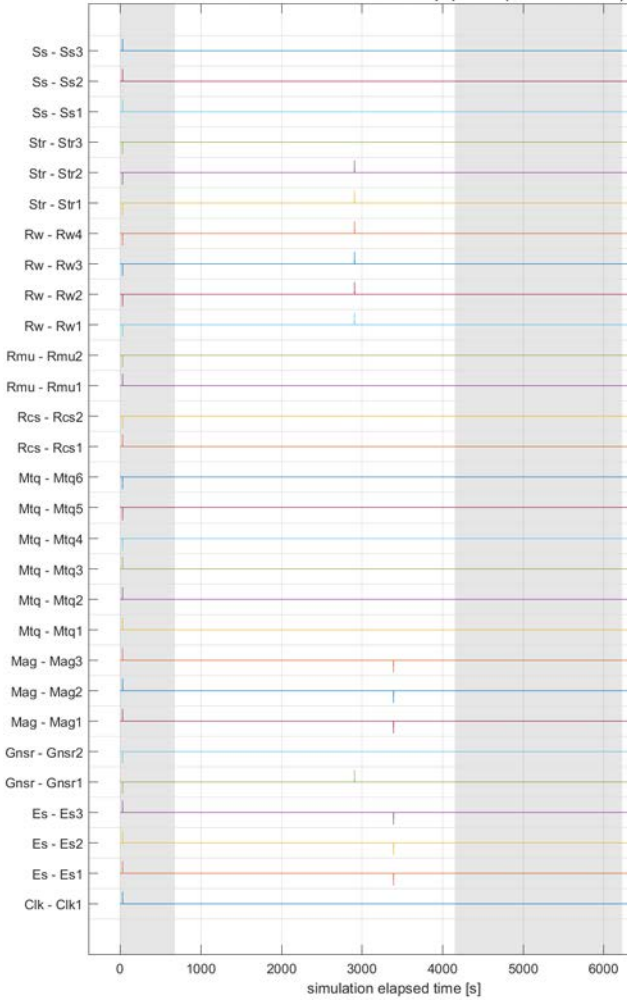
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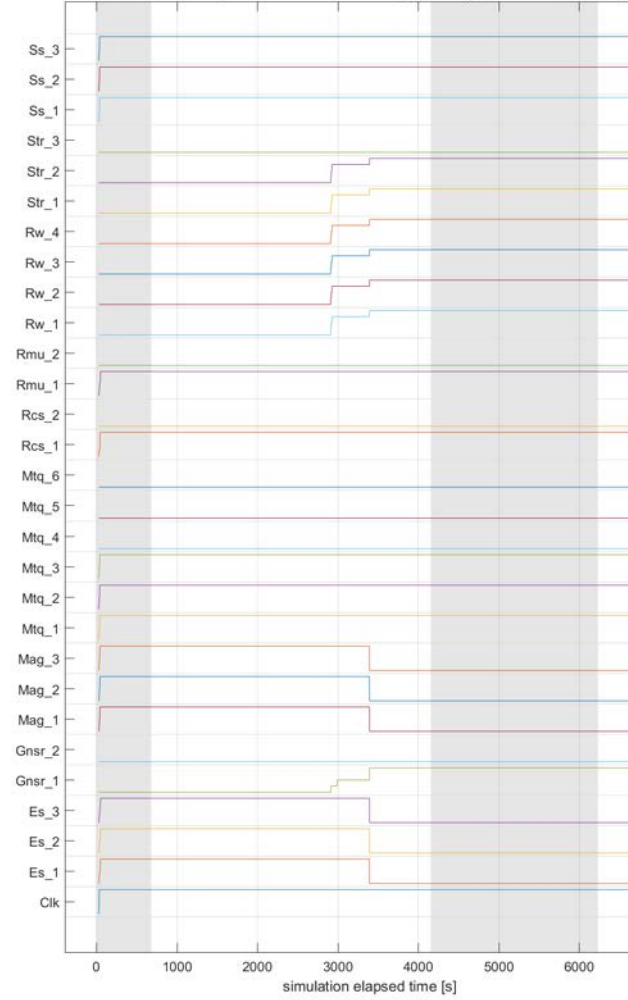
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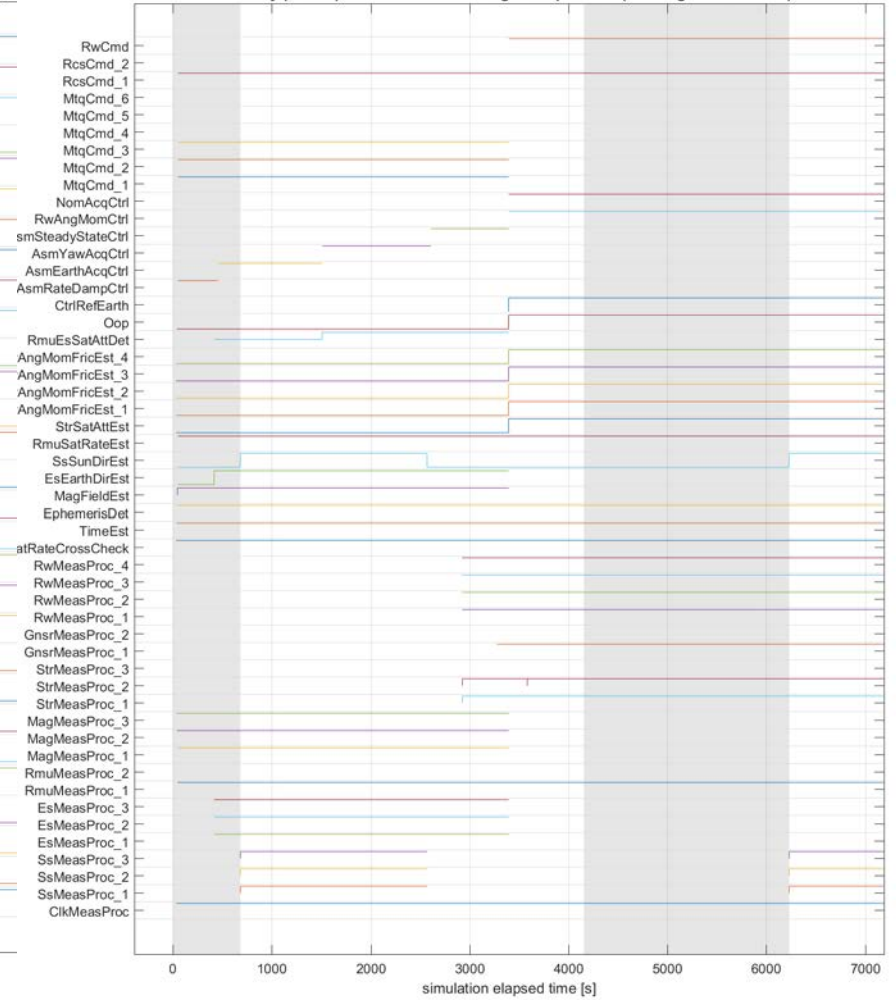
Current On/Off Commands of AOCS Equipment (UnitsOnOffCmd)



Overview of Expected Status of AOCS Equipment (UnitsStatusExpected)



Validity (isValid) overview of all AocsAlgo Components (AocsAlgoStatusValid)

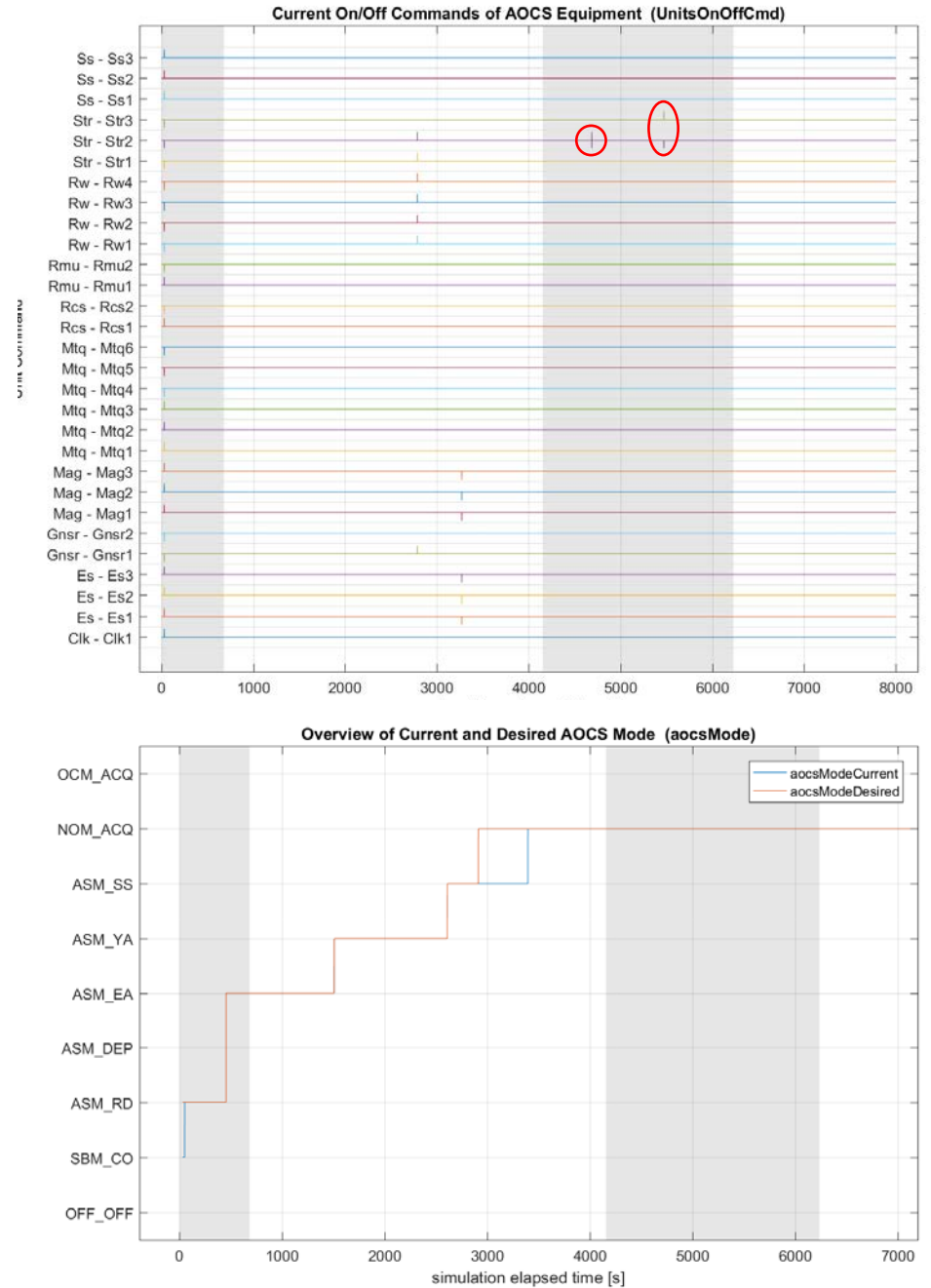


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## Fault Case 1: Star Tracker Unit 2 – Drift



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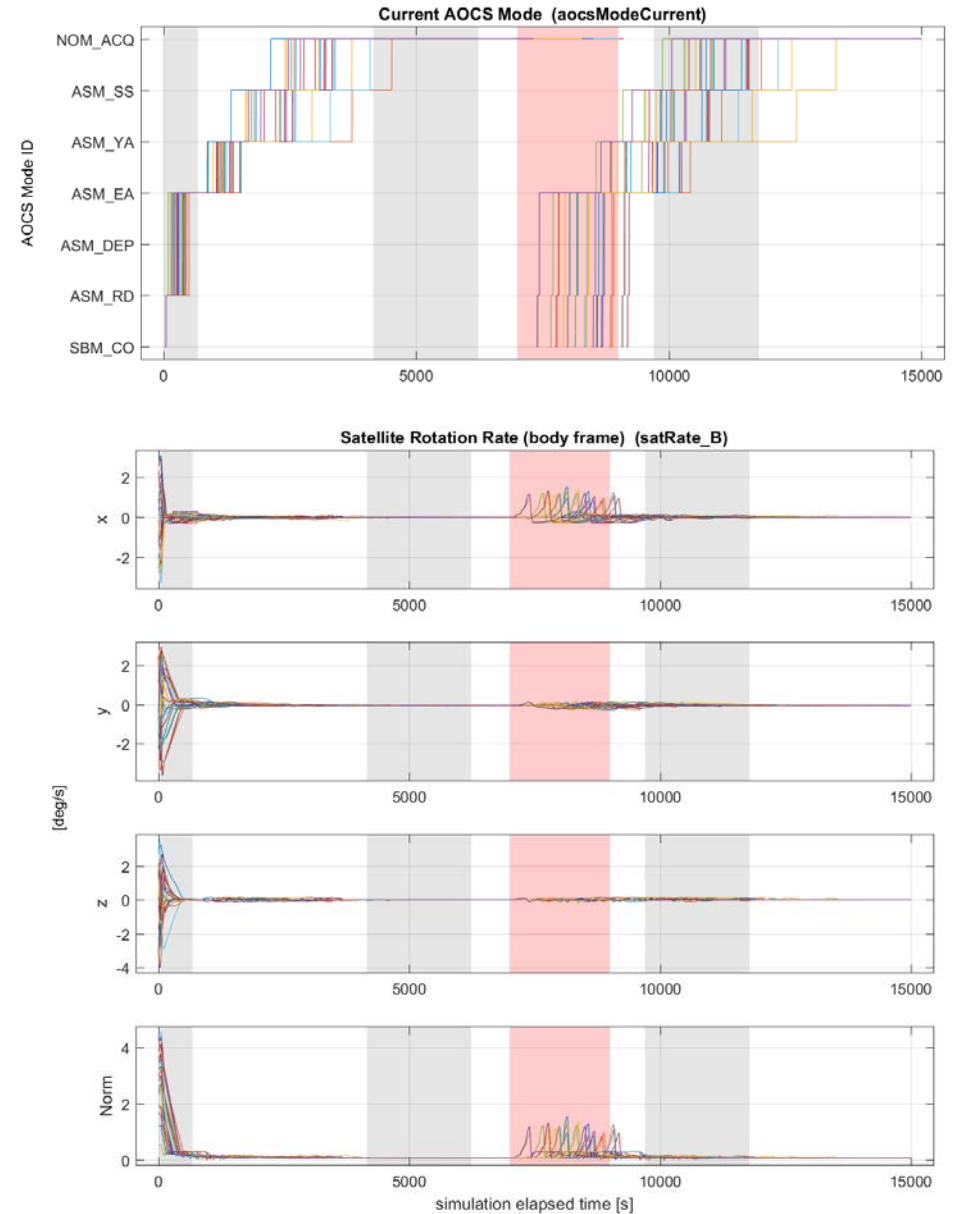
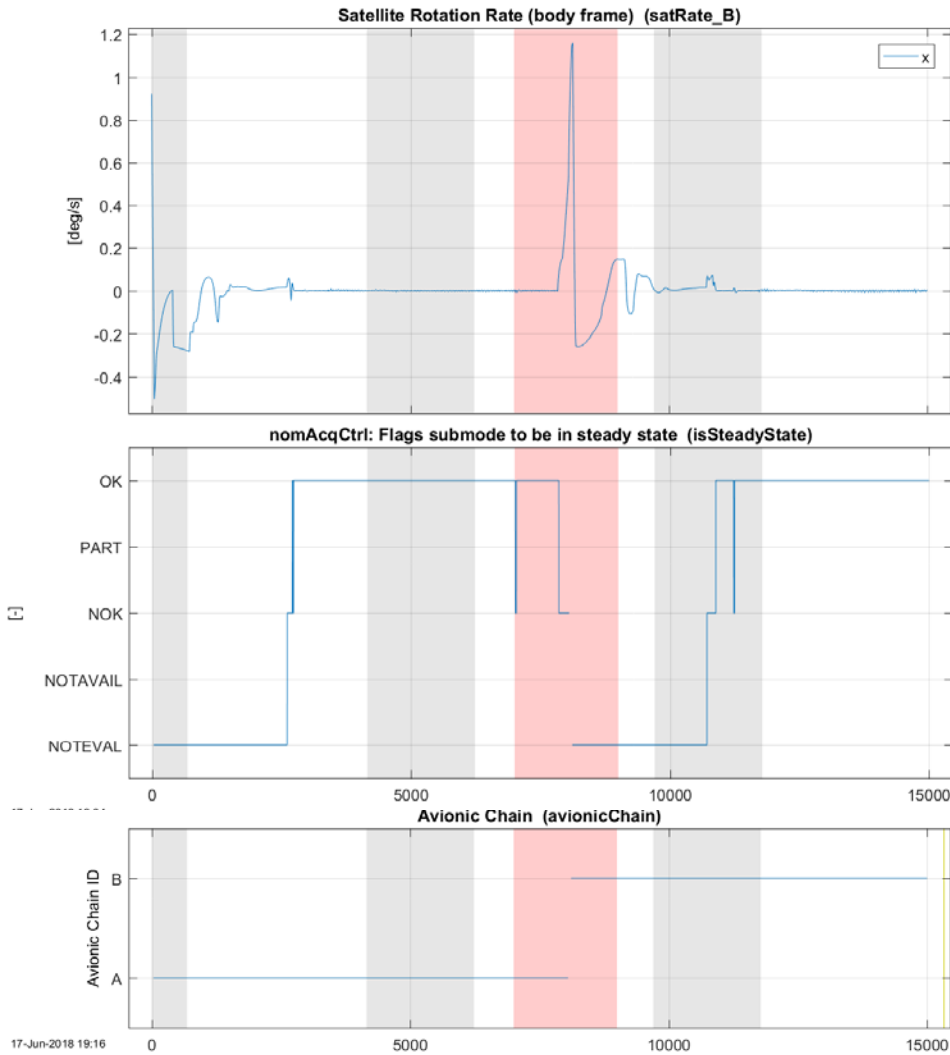


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# GAFE Simulator - Examples

## Fault Case 2: RCS - Thruster Stuck Open



# Summary & Status

## ■ GAFE Framework

- Ready-to-use for european space industry
- TRL level 3
- Requires MATLAB Release 2016b + Simulink

## ■ Website and Download at: <https://gafe.estec.esa.int>

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## ■ Outlook

- Include electrical & communication layers  
RIU, PCDU, MilBus and cross-strappings
- Extend the „libraries“ with more analytical  
models
- Add high-level automatic configuration  
capabilities
- Upgrade to PUS-C
- Increase automatisaton level for post-  
processing
- Include event-based fault injection
- ...