

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

Alexander Neidhardt (TUM Wettzell)

Experience level: Beginners, Advanced.

Description: This course describes how to write station specific code with C. We discuss how other programs can easily interact with the FS shared memory and how to manage them.

**Code: FSb1, FSb2**

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

### What about FS?

- What does a station has to offer to the FS?
- How to control your antenna from FS?
- How to control your equipment from FS?
- How to fill data sets of the FS?
- How to add functionality to the FS?
- How to extend number of parallel devices?
- How to combine functionalities to the FS?

## What about FS?

For general FS basics see:

TOW2023 - Maintenance Workshops

### FS Operations

Alexander Neidhardt (TUM Wettzell)

Experience level: Beginners.

Description: This course describes the general structure of the NASA Field System, including important control files, program locations, handling, and so on. We will take a look into installation and setup. Main part is the use of the FS and the adaption of the PC for the Field System.

Thanks for input from Simon Seidl (TUM Wettzell),  
Katherine Pazamickas (PERATON), and Ed Himwich (NVI)

**Code: FSo1, FSo2**

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

**What does a station has to offer to the FS?**

How to control your antenna from FS?

How to control your equipment from FS?

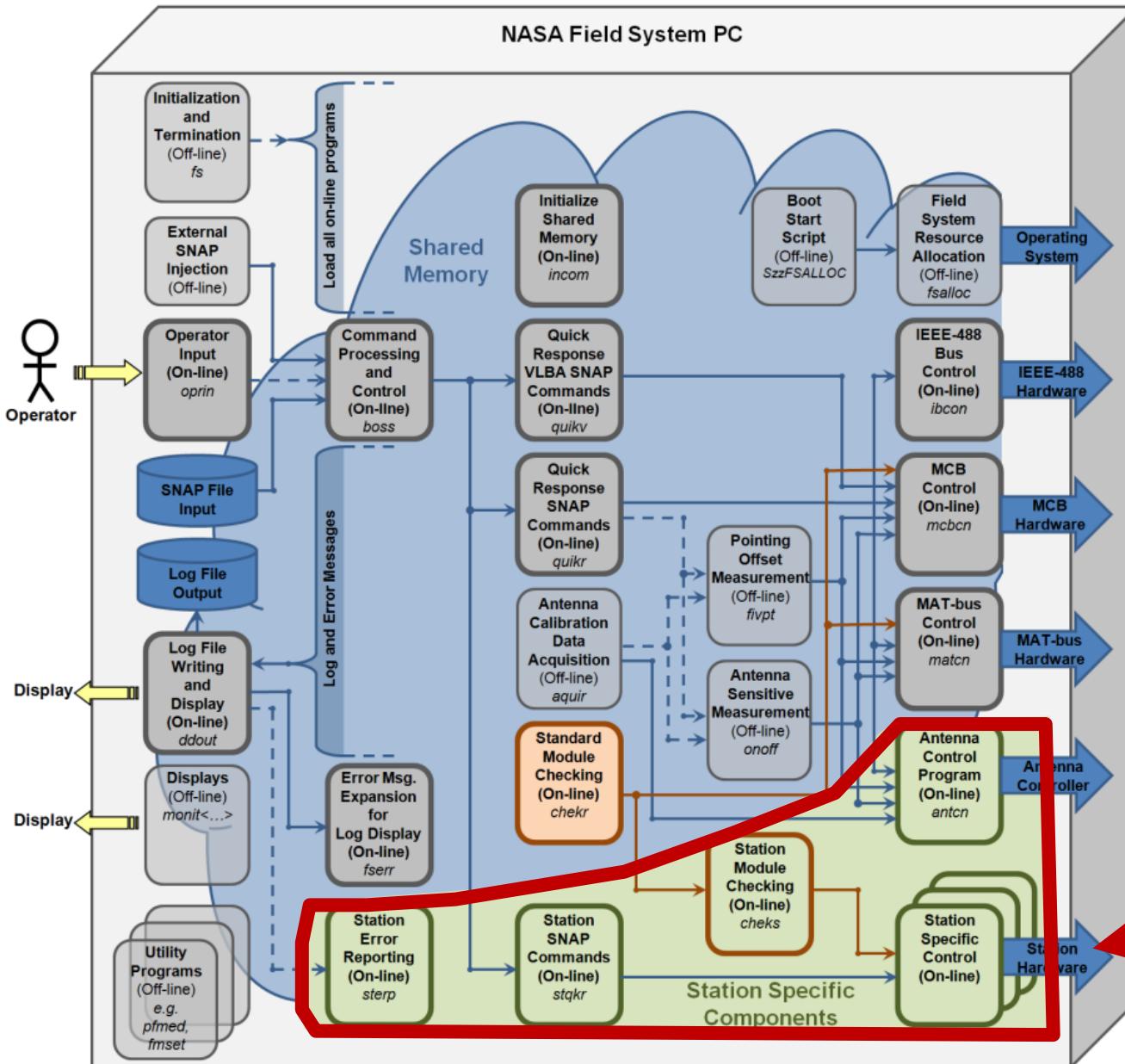
How to fill data sets of the FS?

How to add functionality to the FS?

How to extend number of parallel devices?

How to combine functionalities to the FS?

# What does a station has to offer to the FS?



The NASA Field System can be split into six main layers:

1. Programs for hardware control (hardware driving)
2. Programs for (module) checking (monitoring)
3. Programs for the SNAP command interpretation
4. Programs for Command Processing and Control (coordination: «boss» or, e.g., the Antenna Calibration Data Acquisition «aquir»)
5. Programs for error reporting
6. Programs for user interfacing

The NASA Field System can be split into two categories, according to where the code is developed:

1. the general Field System programs from NASA/NIVI (Himwich Horsley et al.)
2. station code, individually programmed by station staff

## What does a station has to offer to the FS?

### Station-specific programs

Antenna Control („antcn“)

Activated in dev.ctl

Station specific commands („stqkr“)

Activated in stpgm.ctl

Station specific programs  
to fill shared memory  
(„wx2fs“, „cable2fs“)

Activated in stpgm.ctl

Station specific programs  
do local tasks  
(e.g. local data monitoring)

## What does a station has to offer to the FS?

### Station-specific programs

Station specific  
procedures  
("station.prc")

Antenna Control ("antcn")

Activated in dev.ctl

Station specific commands ("stqkr")

Activated in stpgm.ctl

Station specific programs  
to fill shared memory  
("wx2fs", "cable2fs")

Activated in stpgm.ctl

Station specific programs  
do local tasks  
(e.g. local data monitoring)

## What does a station has to offer to the FS?

### Station-specific programs

```
cd /usr2/fs/st.default  
→ "Copied" to /usr2/
```

```
control      oper      proc      prog      sched      st-0.0.0      tle_files  
Station code
```

## What does a station has to offer to the FS?

### Station-specific programs

```
cd /usr2/fs/st.default
→ "Copied" to /usr2/
```

control	oper	proc	prog	sched	st-0.0.0	tle_files
---------	------	------	------	-------	----------	-----------

**Station code**

```
/usr2/fs-9.11.19/st.default/st-0.0.0/
→ Copied to /usr2/st-x.x.x/ linked with /usr2/st/
```

Makefile	autoftp	cheks	include
stalloc	stlib	tacdclient	antcn
metclient	misc	pcald	sterp

**Antenna control**

metserver	ntpq_dummy
<b>bin</b>	<b>help</b>
stqkr	

**Station command interpreter**

## What does a station has to offer to the FS?

### Station-specific programs

```
cd /usr2/fs/st.default
→ "Copied" to /usr2/
```

control	oper	proc	prog	sched	st-0.0.0	tle_files
---------	------	------	------	-------	----------	-----------

**Station code**

```
/usr2/fs-9.11.19/st.default/st-0.0.0/
→ Copied to /usr2/st-x.x.x/ linked with /usr2/st/
```

Makefile	autoftp	cheks	include
stalloc	stlib	tacdclient	<b>antcn</b>
metclient	misc	pcald	sterp

**Antenna control**

metserver	ntpq_dummy
<b>bin</b>	<b>help</b>
stqkr	

**Station command interpreter**

Station code can be very individual. Default programs are principally suggestions.

At least, you need:

- Antenna control program  
(usually „antcn“, but can have any name, must just fit to entries in /usr2/control/stpgm.ctl)
- Station QKR  
(usually „stqkr“, but can have any name, must just fit to entries in /usr2/control/stpgm.ctl)
- Meteo program
- Dotmon, cable (counter-reading) programs

Useful is:

- A directory with help pages
- A directory for binaries
- Maybe a directory for local control (configuration) files

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

What does a station has to offer to the FS?

**How to control your antenna from FS?**

How to control your equipment from FS?

How to fill data sets of the FS?

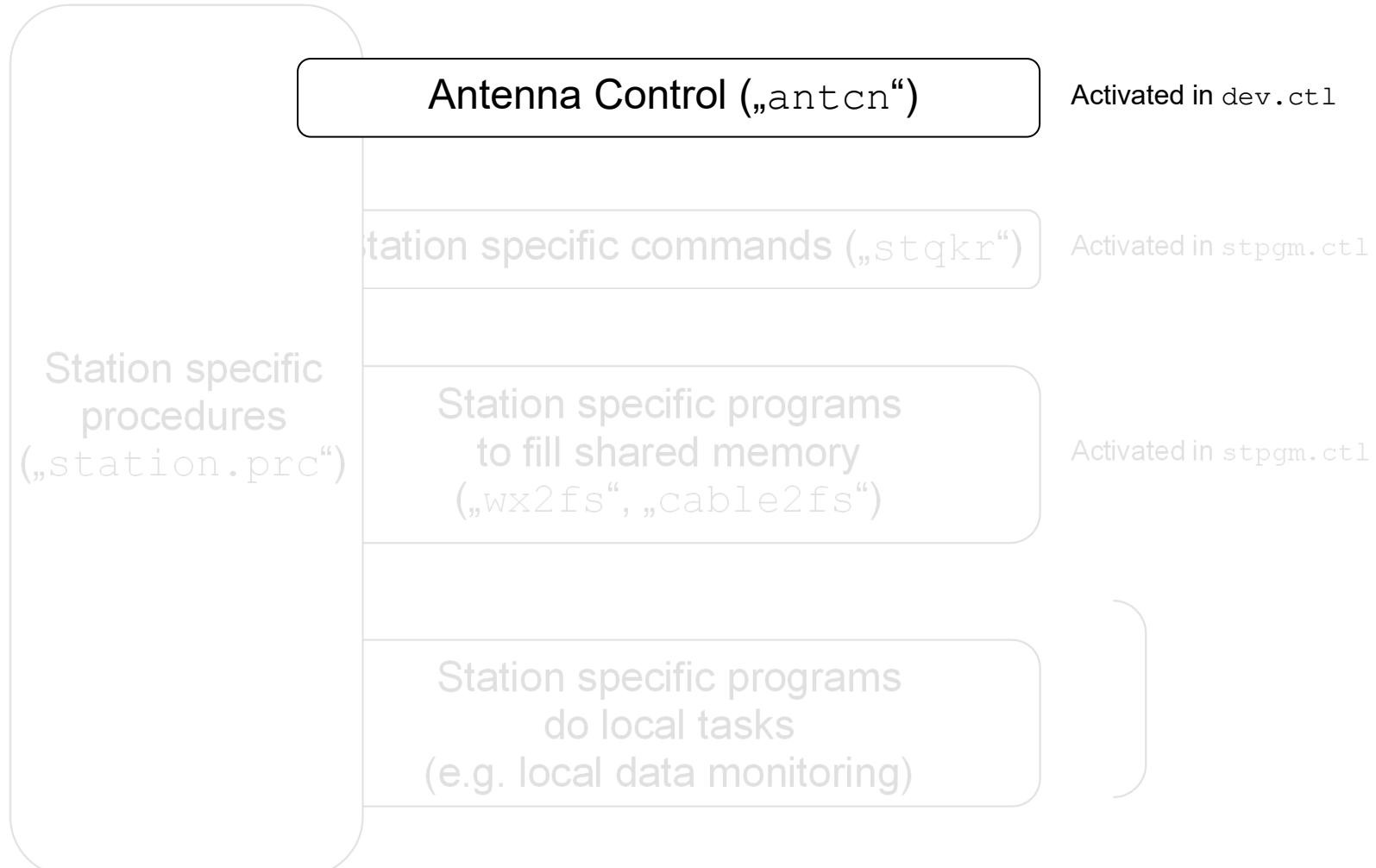
How to add functionality to the FS?

How to extend number of parallel devices?

How to combine functionalities to the FS?

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Station-specific programs



# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“)

Sample „/usr2/control/stcmd.ctl“:

```
* /usr2/control/dev.ctl
***** Field System LU control file
/dev/null      GPIB board device name, gpib0, or serial port /dev/ttys* for GPIB-232CT
/dev/null      Mark III MAT device name
9600          Mark III MAT baud rate
/dev/null      Mark III Data Buffer device name
9600          Mark III Data Buffer baud rate
antcn         Antenna interface
/dev/null      Barcode reader device name
/dev/null      VLBA MCB device name
57600         VLBA MCB baud rate
/dev/null      ATNF Dataset device name
38400         ATNF Dataset baud rate
```

Activate „antcn“ program

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

```

/*
 * antcn.c
 *
 * This is the stub version of antcn (ANTenna CoNtrol program).
 * This version sends a log message whenever it is called.
 */

...
/* Defined variables */
#define MINMODE 0 /* min,max modes for our operation */
#define MAXMODE 10

/* Include files */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

#include "../../fs/include/params.h" /* FS parameters
*/
#include "../../fs/include/fs_types.h" /* FS header files
*/
#include "../../fs/include/fscom.h" /* FS shared mem. structure
*/
#include "../../fs/include/shm_addr.h" /* FS shared mem. pointer
*/

struct fscom *fs; = NULL;

/* Subroutines called */
void setup_ids();
void putpname();
void skd_run(), cls_clr();
int nsem_test();
void logit();

```

**Include section**

**Shared memory**

**Corresponding Functions to include section**

>>>

*Better in your program:  
-I with path  
in compiler call  
and just file names  
here, e.g.  
#include <params.h>*

*Functions have arguments => better define them  
=> or directly use .h/.c file modules*

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

```
/* antcn main program starts here */
main()
{
    int ierr, nrec, nrecr;
    int dum = 0;
    int r1, r2;
    int imode,i,nchar;
    long ip[5], class, clasr;
    char buf[80], buf2[100];

    /* Set up IDs for shared memory, then assign the pointer to
     * "fs", for readability.
    */
    setup_ids();
    fs = shm_addr;

    /* Put our program name where logit can find it. */
    putpname("antcn");
    /* Return to this point to wait until we are called again */
}
```

**Init shared memory  
(just once!!!)**

**Define program name  
in FS environment**

>>>

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

```

Continue:
  skd_wait("antcn",ip,(unsigned)0);

  imode = ip[0];
  class = ip[1];
  nrec = ip[2];
  /* Handle each mode in a separate section */
  switch (imode) {
    case 0:      /* initialize */
      ...
    case 1:      /* source= command */
      ...
    case 2:      /* offsets          */
      ...
    case 3:      /* onsource command with error message */
      ...
    case 4:      /* direct antenna= command */
      ...
    case 5:      /* onsource command with no error logging */
      ...
    case 6:      /* reserved          */
      ...
    case 7:      /* onsource command with additional info */
      ...
    case 8:      /* Station dependent detectors access */
      ...
    case 9:      /* Satellite tracking mode */
      ...
    case 10:     /* normally triggered on FS termination if
                   environment variable FS_ANTCN_TERMINATION
                   has been defined */
      ...
  }
  default:
    ...
} /* end of switch */

  /* Prepare answer
   - Class
   - Number of msg. parts
   - Error number
   - Application letter code
  */
  End:
  ip[0] = clasr;
  ip[1] = nrecr;
  ip[2] = ierr;
  memcpy(ip+3,"AN",2);
  ip[4] = 0;
  goto Continue;
}

>>>

```

**Wait for new command and receive command ID**

**Split command ID:**

- Mode (com. number)
- Class (for com. receive)
- Number of msg. parts

**Init return values**

**Check error in command ID**

**Command Processing Loop**

**Better: while (true)**

**Command switch and Call of antenna interface**

**Prepare answer**

- Class
- Number of msg. parts
- Error number
- Application letter code

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

```

Continue:
skd_wait("antcn",ip,(unsigned)0);

imode = ip[0];
class = ip[1];
nrec = ip[2];

nrecr = 0;
clasr = 0;

if (imode < MINMODE || imode > MAXMODE) {
    ierr = -1;
    goto End;
}
  
```

&gt;&gt;&gt;

**Command Processing Loop**

```

/* Hand
switch(cas
...
case 1: /* source= command */
...
case 2: /* offsets */
...
case 3: /* onsource command with error message */
...
case 5: /* onsource command with no error logging */
...
case 7: /* onsource command with additional info */
...
case 8: /* Station dependent detectors access */
...
case 9: /* Satellite tracking mode */
...
case 10: /* normally triggered on FS termination if
environment variable FS_ANTCN_TERMINATION
has been defined */

...
default:
...
} /* end of switch */
  
```

&gt;&gt;&gt;

})

```

End:
ip[0] = clasr;
ip[1] = nrecr;
ip[2] = ierr;
memcpy(ip+3,"AN",2);
ip[4] = 0;
goto Continue;
  
```

Page 17

On-source must be very conservative and not say the antenna is on-source when it isn't. This especially important when a new source or offset has been requested. We don't want the status for the previous source/offset, we want the latest commands taken into account (better say off-source sometimes when on-source than every say on when off).



# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

Sample:

```

case 0:          /* initialize */
{
    strncpy(acAnswerText, "Initializing Vertex ACU antenna interface", 79);
    logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
    iFSErrorNumber = 0;

    if (iInitError)
    {
        strncpy(acAnswerText, "[ERROR] FS shared memory: init pointer is NULL", 79);
        logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
        logit("", -5, "AN");
        exit(1);
    }
    fs->ionsor = 0;
    if (usCOpenInterface ("127.0.0.1", 0,
                          &ACUDescriptor) == CACUNOK)
    {
        strncpy(acAnswerText, "[ERROR] ACU: can't open interface", 79);
        logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
        logit("", -5, "AN");
        ACUDescriptor = NULL;
    }
    if (usCStopAllAxis (&ACUDescriptor) == CACUNOK)
    {
        logit("", -5, "AN");
        strncpy(acAnswerText, "[ERROR] ACU: can't stop movement", 79);
        logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
    }
    usFSTrackingMode = FSTRACKINGMODE_IDLE;
    if (usCMeteoOpenInterface ("127.0.0.1", 0,
                               &MeteoDescriptor) == CMETEO_NOK)
    {
        strncpy(acAnswerText, "[ERROR] Meteo: can't open interface", 79);
        logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
        logit("", -5, "AN");
        MeteoDescriptor = NULL;
        usUseMeteo = 0;
    }
    break;
}

```

Write message to log

Write message to log defined in „/usr2/fs/control/fserr.ctl“

...

""

AN -5

Error returned from antenna

...

or in „/usr2/control/sterr.ctl“

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

Sample:

```
case 1:      /* source= command */
{
    ...
    /* Convert RADEC string */

    ...
    /* Get parameters for refraction correction */

    ...
    if (usCMoveToRaDecPosition (&ACUDescriptor,
                                (short)SFSTime.iYear,
                                (short)SFSTime.iDoY,
                                (short)SFSTime.iHour,
                                (short)SFSTime.iMinute,
                                (short)SFSTime.iSecond,
                                0.0,
                                dRightAscensionHour,
                                dDeclinationDegree,
                                SSSourceStatus.acSourceStatus,
                                usWrapIdentifier,
                                usEpochIdentifier) == CACUNOK)
    {
        logit("", -5, "AN");
        strncpy(acAnswerText, "[ERROR] ACU: can't command position", 79);
        logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
        goto Continue;
    }

    ...
    break;
}
```

**SNAP:**

**source=1909+161,191158.26,161146.9,2000.0,cw**

<b>source</b>	<b>RA</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Cable wrap</b>
<b>Catalog</b>				

Please also read cable-wrap memo to get cable-wrap right:  
<https://ivsc2.gsfc.nasa.gov/meetings/tow2013/Himwich.Sem2.pdf>

# How to control your antenna from FS?

## Antenna Control („antcn“)

Sample:

```

case 4:          /* direct antenna= command */
{
    if (class == 0)
        goto End;
    for (i=0; i<nrec; i++) {
        strcpy(buf2,"Received message for antenna: ");
        nchar = cls_rcv(class,buf,sizeof(buf),&r1,&r2,dum,dum); Receive command
        buf[nchar] = '\0'; /* make into a string */
        strcat(buf2,buf);
        logit(buf2,0,NULL);
    ...
    for (iCommandCharIndex = 0; iCommandCharIndex < strlen(buf); ++iCommandCharIndex)
    {
        acCommand[iCommandCharIndex] = (char)toupper((int)buf[iCommandCharIndex]);
    }
    ...
    /*****
    /* antenna=halt or antenna=stop
    *****/
    if (strlen(acCommand) == 4 &&
        (!strncmp ("HALT", acCommand, 4) || !strncmp ("STOP", acCommand, 4)) &&
        nrec == 1)
    {
        usFSTrackingMode = FSTRACKINGMODE_IDLE;
        strncpy(acAnswerText, "ACU: stop all axis", 79);
        logit(acAnswerText, 0, NULL);
        if (usCStopAllAxis (&ACUDescriptor) == CACUNOK)
        {
            logit("", -105, "AN");
        }
        else
        {
            strcpy(buf, "ACK");
            cls_snd(&clastr,buf,3,0,0); Process command
            nrecr += 1;
        }
    }
    /* OR: cls_clr(class); */
    break;
}

```

**SNAP:  
antenna=halt**

**Reply command**

**Prepare command**

**Process command**

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

What does a station has to offer to the FS?

How to control your antenna from FS?

**How to control your equipment from FS?**

How to fill data sets of the FS?

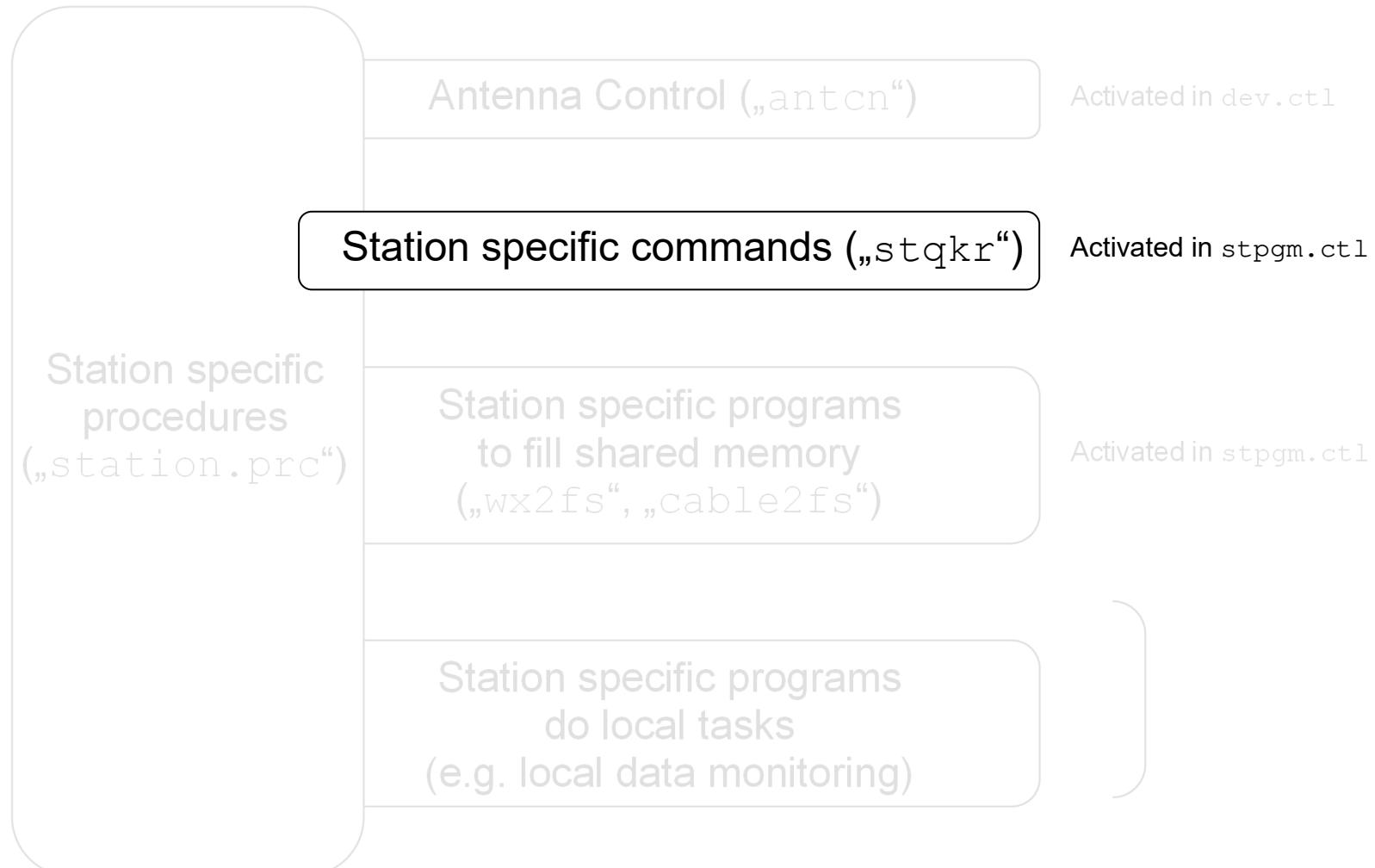
How to add functionality to the FS?

How to extend number of parallel devices?

How to combine functionalities to the FS?

# How to control your equipment from FS?

## Station-specific programs



# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“): **stqkr.c**

**Classic C-Code**

```
/* stqkr - C version of station command controller */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/types.h>

#include "../../fs/include/params.h"
#include "../../fs/include/fs_types.h"
#include "../../fs/include/fscom.h"
#include "../../fs/include/shm_addr.h"
    /* shared memory pointer */

#include "../include/stparams.h"
#include "../include/stcom.h"

struct stcom *st;
struct fscom *fs;

#define MAX_BUF    257

main()
{
    long ip[5];
    int isub,itask,idum,ierr,nchars,i;
    char buf[MAX_BUF];
    struct cmd_ds command;
    int cls_rcv(), cmd_parse();
    void skd_wait();

/* Set up IDs for shared memory, then assign the pointer to
 * "fs", for readability.
 */

    setup_ids();
    fs = shm_addr;
    setup_st();
```

**Initialize**

→ Principle similar to „antcn“



```
loop:
    skd_wait("stqkr",ip,(unsigned) 0);
    if(ip[0]==0) {
        ierr=-1;
        goto error;
    }

    nchars=cls_rcv(ip[0],buf,MAX_BUF,&idum,&idum,0,0);
    if(nchars==MAX_BUF && buf[nchars-1] != '\0') {
        /*does it fit?*/
        ierr=-2;
        goto error;
    }
    /* null terminate to be sure */
    if(nchars < MAX_BUF && buf[nchars-1] != '\0')
        buf[nchars]='\0';

    if(0 != (ierr = cmd_parse(buf,&command))) { /* parse it */
        ierr=-3;
        goto error;
    }

    isub = ip[1]/100;
    itask = ip[1] - 100*isub;

    switch (isub) {
        case 1:
            call routine here to handle a task */
            break;
        case 2:
            call routine here to handle next task */
            break;
        default:
            ierr=-4;
            goto error;
    }
    goto loop;

error:
    for (i=0;i<5;i++) ip[i]=0;
    ip[2]=ierr;
    memcpy(ip+3,"st",2);
    goto loop;
```

**Loop**

**Wait for incoming orders**

**Receive command and arguments**

**Parse (interprete) command and arguments**

**Perfome action according to command => Call function**

**Prepare return Values => ACK**

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“): **stqkr.cpp**

C/C++-Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "fsshm.h"
#include "simple_structured_conf.hpp"
#include "meteo.hpp"
#include "rxmon.hpp"
#include "testequip.hpp"

int main (int iArgc, char * pcArgv[])
{
    BOSSCOM BOSSCOMIdentifier = NULL;    /// BOSSCOMIdentifier = Identification of current communication (it is a pointer to the data set
                                         /// "ip" of the field system)
    char acProgramName[6] = "stqkr";     /// pcProgramName = name of the program, which waits for a message
    char acReceivedMessage[4096];         /// acReceivedMessage = complete message sent from boss
    CSimpleStructuredConf CConfiguration; // CConfiguration = the whole configuration parameters of the stqkr program
    unsigned long ulCurrentLineNumber;   /// ulCurrentLineNumber = line number of the configuration file, where an error occurred
    std::string strCurrentTag;           /// strCurrentTag = tag in the configuration file, where the error occurred

    printf ("stqkr: Startup ... \n");

    /// Open communication to NASA FS boss
    if (usOpenBossCommunication (&BOSSCOMIdentifier))
    {
        printf ("[ERROR] stqkr: Cannot open connection to NASA FS boss\n");
        return 1;
    }

    /// Check program parameters
    if (iArgc != 2)
    {
        (void) usPrintError2Log (&BOSSCOMIdentifier, acProgramName, "SQ", -1, "");
        goto CloseBossCommunication;
    }

    /// Read configuration
    if (CConfiguration.usReadConfig (pcArgv[1], ulCurrentLineNumber, strCurrentTag))
    {
        if (strCurrentTag.empty())
        {
            (void) usPrintError2Log (&BOSSCOMIdentifier, acProgramName, "SQ", -2, "No file found");
        }
        else
        {
            (void) usPrintError2Log (&BOSSCOMIdentifier, acProgramName, "SQ", -2, "Error in line %ld arround tag '%s'", ulCurrentLineNumber, strCurrentTag.c_str());
        }
        goto CloseBossCommunication;
    }
}
```

Initialize

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“): **stqkr.cpp**

C/C++-Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "fsshm.h"
#include "simple_structured_conf.hpp"
#include "meteo.hpp"
#include "rxmon.hpp"
#include "testequip.hpp"

int main (int iArgc, char * pcArgv[])
{
    BOSSCOM pBOSSCOMIdentifier = NULL; // BOSSCOMIdentifier
                                       // "ip" of the field
    char acProgramName[6] = "stqkr"; // pcProgramName =
    char acReceivedMessage[4096]; // acReceivedMessage
    CSimpleStructuredConf CConfiguration; // CConfiguration
    unsigned long ulCurrentLineNumber; // ulCurrentLineNumber
    std::string strCurrentTag; // strCurrentTag = t
    printf ("stqkr: Startup ... \n");

    // Open communication to NASA FS boss
    if (usOpenBossCommunication (&pBOSSCOMIdentifier))
    {
        printf ("[ERROR] stqkr: Cannot open connection to NASA FS boss\n");
        return 1;
    }

    // Check program parameters
    if (iArgc != 2)
    {
        (void) usPrintError2Log (&pBOSSCOMIdentifier, acProgramName);
        goto CloseBossCommunication;
    }

    // Read configuration
    if (CConfiguration.usReadConfig (pcArgv[1], ulCurrentLineNumber))
    {
        if (strCurrentTag.empty())
        {
            (void) usPrintError2Log (&pBOSSCOMIdentifier, acProgramName);
        }
        else
        {
            (void) usPrintError2Log (&pBOSSCOMIdentifier, acProgramName, "SQ", -2, "Error in line %d arround tag '%s'", ulCurrentLineNumber, strCurrentTag.c_str());
        }
        goto CloseBossCommunication;
    }
}
```

## Module „fsmonitor“ (Wettzell)

Communication with NASA FS boss

```
typedef long * BOSSCOM;
unsigned short usOpenBossCommunication (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier);
unsigned short usCloseBossCommunication (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier);
unsigned short usWaitForMessageFromBoss (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier,
                                         char * pcProgramName,
                                         char acReceivedMessage[4096]);
long lGetCommandIdentifierOfIncomingCommand (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier);
long lGetIPCClassNumberForIncomingMessage (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier);
long lGetNumberOfElementsInIncomingMessage (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier);
unsigned short usAcknowledgeMessageProcessing (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier);
unsigned short usPrintMessage2Log (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier,
                                   const char acProgramNameInput[6],
                                   const char * pcFormat,
                                   ...);
unsigned short usPrintError2Log (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier,
                                 const char acProgramNameInput[6],
                                 const char acFSErrorIdentCodeInput[3],
                                 int iErrorCode,
                                 const char * pcFormat,
                                 ...);
unsigned short usReplyMessageToBoss (BOSSCOM * pBOSSCOMIdentifier,
                                    const char * pcFormat,
                                    ...);
unsigned short usWriteSatEphemToFile(void);
```

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“): **stqkr.cpp**

C/C++-Code

```

/// Start processing loop
while (1)
{
    /// Wait for incoming messages from boss
    if (usWaitForMessageFromBoss (&BOSSCOMIdentifier,
                                 acProgramName,
                                 acReceivedMessage))
    {
        continue;
    }

    /// Switch between the different commands according to the class number
    switch (lGetIPCCClassNumberForIncomingMessage (&BOSSCOMIdentifier))
    {
        // ****
        // Command "wx"
        // ****
        case 100: /* wx */
        {
        }
        // ****
        // Command "rx" and "rxall"
        // ****
        case 200: /* rx */
        case 201: /* rxall */
        {
        }
        ...
    }

    if (usAcknowledgeMessageProcessing (&BOSSCOMIdentifier))
    {
        continue;
    }
}

CloseBossCommunication:
    /// Close communication to NASA FS boss
    if (usCloseBossCommunication (&BOSSCOMIdentifier))
    {
        printf ("[ERROR] stqkr: Cannot close connection\n");
        return 1;
    }

    printf ("[ERROR] stqkr: While loop failed\n");
    return 1;
}

```

**Wait for incoming Orders and Receive command and arguments**

**Identify command**

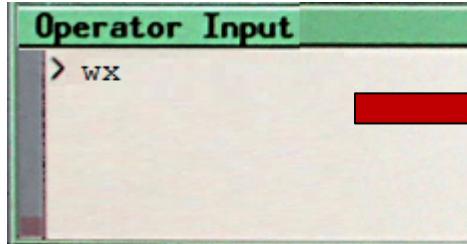
**Interprete and Performe action according to command  
=> Call function**

**Prepare return values**

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“)

Sample „/usr2/control/stcmd.ctl“:



*****STATION SPECIFIC COMMANDS*****					
*COMMAND	SEG	SUBPA	BO		
sthelp	stq	00001	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
wx	stq	00100	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
wxreport	stq	00101	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
wxreference	stq	00102	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
wxwind	stq	00103	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
wxwindstow	stq	00104	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
rx	stq	00200	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
dotmon	stq	00210	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
cable	stq	00212	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	
maser	stq	00213	01	FFFFFFFFFFFF	

## Classic C-Code

```
switch (isub) {  
    ...  
    case 100:  
    ...  
}
```

```
C/C++-Code  
switch (lGetIPCClassNumberForIncomingMessage  
        (&BOSSCOMIdentifier))  
{  
    case 100: /* wx */  
    {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Station QKR („stqkr“)

Sample „/usr2/control/sterr.ctl“:

```
""  
AN -200  
antenna warning (see antenna=status).  
"  
CA -1  
Cable data are not correct  
"  
SQ -1  
stqkr startup failed, because of missing program argument for the configuration file.  
"  
SQ -2  
stqkr startup failed, because of erroneous configuration file.  
"  
SQ -3  
there is no procedure defined for the entered station command.  
"  
SQ -4  
help output does not work.  
"  
SQ -100  
command wx failed.  
"  
SQ -101  
meteo call false.  
"  
SQ -102  
meteo open failed.  
"  
SQ -103  
meteo close failed.  
"  
SQ -104  
meteo read failed.  
"  
--More-- (35%)
```

Classic C-Code

 `logit("", -101, "SQ");`

or: `usPrintError2Log (...)`

C/C++-Code

Log file

2023.111.09:58:37.02?ERROR sq -101 meteo call false.

## How to control your equipment from FS?

Difference 32-bit to 64-bit in station code

32-bit	====>	64-bit
long	====>	int

See:

[https://hvi-inc.github.io/fs/misc/64-bit\\_conversion.html](https://hvi-inc.github.io/fs/misc/64-bit_conversion.html)

For automatic conversion of station code see:

<https://github.com/dehorsley/unlongify>

But better (my personal opinion):

- Install a completely new computer with 64-bit Debian
- Install FSL10 or greater for 64-bit
- Copy your station code
- Go manually through your code and change it manually to int,  
where required (so that you can also validate address operations etc.)

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Difference 32-bit to 64-bit in station code

32-bit  
long

====>  
====>

64-bit  
int

```
/* from /usr2/fs/clib/skd_util.c */
void skd_wait (char name[ 5],
               long ip[5],
               unsigned centisec);
void skd_run (char name[5],
              char w,
              long ip[5]);
/* from /usr2/fs/clib/cls_util.c */
int cls_rcv long iIPCClassNumberForIncomingCommand,
            char * acAnswerTextfer,
            int length,
            int * rtnl,
            int * rtn2,
            int msgflg,
            int save);
void cls_snd long * iIPCClassNumberForIncomingCommand,
            char * acAnswerTextfer,
            int length,
            int parm3,
            int parm4);
void cls_clr long iIPCClassNumberForIncomingCommand);
```

```
/* from /usr2/fs/clib/skd_util.c */
void skd_wait (char name[ 5],
               int ip[5],
               unsigned centisec);
void skd_run (char name[5],
              char w,
              int ip[5]);
/* from /usr2/fs/clib/cls_util.c */
int cls_rcv (int iIPCClassNumberForIncomingCommand,
             char * acAnswerTextfer,
             int iength,
             int * rtnl,
             int * rtn2,
             int msgflg,
             int save);
void cls_snd (int * iIPCClassNumberForIncomingCommand,
             char * acAnswerTextfer,
             int iength,
             int parm3,
             int parm4);
void cls_clr (int iIPCClassNumberForIncomingCommand);
```

```
/* antcn main program starts here */
main()
{
  int ierr, nrec, nrecr;
  int dum = 0;
  int r1, r2;
  int imode,i,nchar;
  long ip[5], class, clasr;
  char buf[80], buf2[100];
```

```
/* antcn main program starts here */
main()
{
  int ierr, nrec, nrecr;
  int dum = 0;
  int r1, r2;
  int imode,i,nchar;
  int ip[5], class, clasr;
  char buf[80], buf2[100];
```

# How to control your equipment from FS?

Difference 32-bit to 64-bit in station code

32-bit

====>

long

====>

64-bit

int

Expect more warnings

```
./src/antcn.c:2171:25: warning: strcpy output truncated before terminating null copying 79 bytes from a string of the same length [-Wstringop-truncation]
    strcpy(acAnswerText, "*****", 79);
    ^~~~~~
~~~~~
./srcext/fsmonitor/fsshm.c:687:5: warning: memset used with length equal to number of elements without multiplication by element size [-Wmemset-elt-size]
    memset(it, 0, 6);
    ^~~~~~
~~~~~
./srcext/fsmonitor/fsshm.c:2061:9: warning: unused variable ip [-Wunused-variable]
    int ip[5];
    ^~~
~~~~~
./srcext/fsmonitor/fsshm.c:2589:70: warning: format %li expects argument of type long int, but argument 9 has type int [-Wformat=]
    fprintf(pFilePointer, "%4d %02d %02d %02d:%02d:%02d %13li %17.8f %10.5f %10.5f %10.5f %10.5f\n", sYear, sMon, sDay, sHour, sMin, sSec, shm_addr->ephem[iIndex].t, dJD,
    ~~~~~^
~~~~~
    %13i
~~~~~
./srcext/fsmonitor/fsshm.c:1440:13: note: snprintf output 8 bytes into a destination of size 7
    sprintf(SFSMark5->acCheckTime[iBank], 7, "      ");
    ^~~~~~
~~~~~
./srcext/fsmonitor/fsshm.c:1452:60: warning: snprintf output truncated before the last format character [-Wformat-truncation=]
    sprintf(SFSMark5->acGB[iBank], 10, "      ");
    ^~~
~~~~~
...
```

➔ Take warnings seriously and fix all of them!

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

What does a station has to offer to the FS?

How to control your antenna from FS?

How to control your equipment from FS?

**How to fill data sets of the FS?**

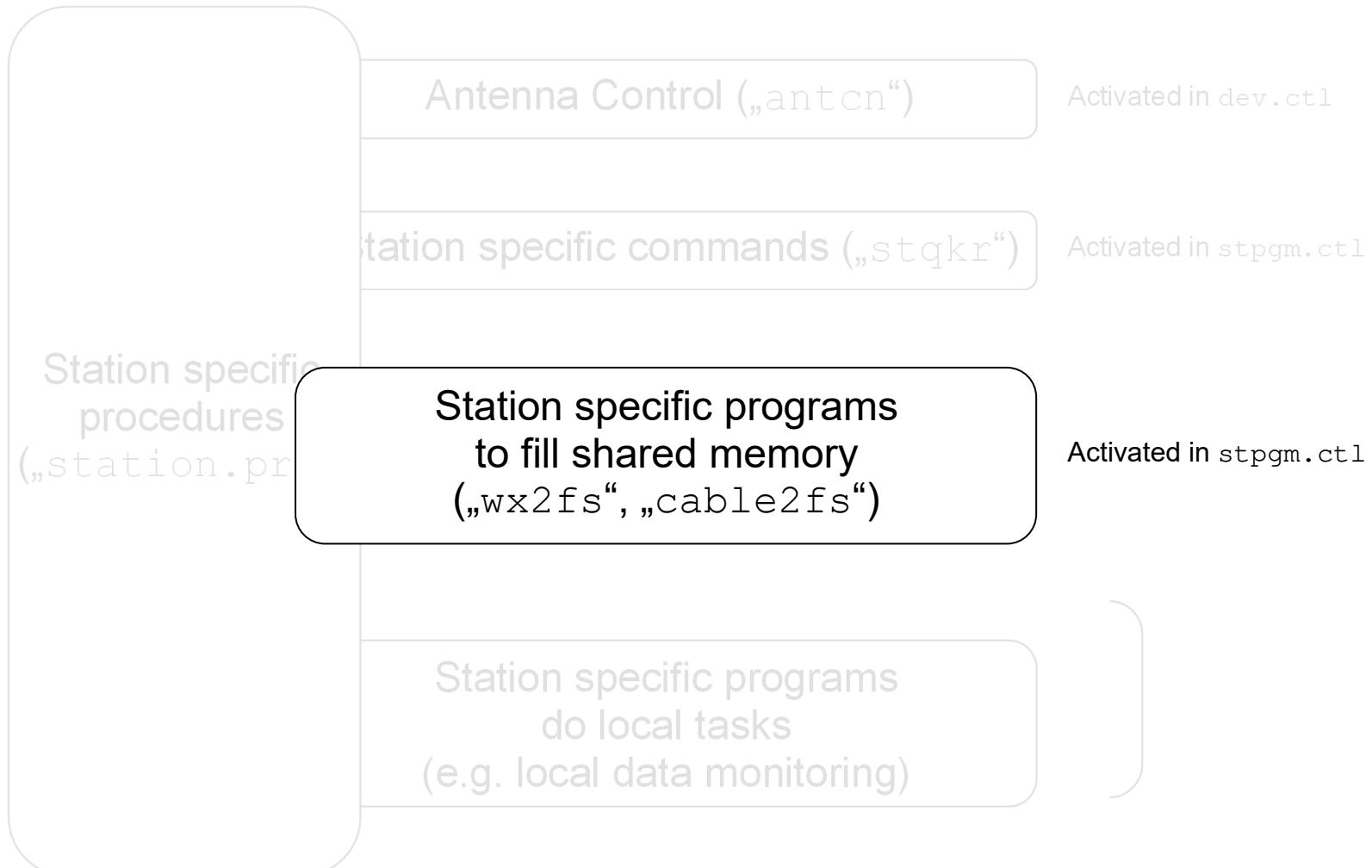
How to add functionality to the FS?

How to extend number of parallel devices?

How to combine functionalities to the FS?

# How to fill data sets of the FS?

## Station-specific programs



# How to fill data sets of the FS?

Sample for an own meteorological sensor

```
/* Include section similar to stqkr.c */

...
struct stcom *st;
struct fscom *fs;

main()
{
    ...
    setup_ids();
    fs = shm_addr;
    if (nsem_test(NSEMNAME) != 1)
    {
        /* ERROR */
    }
    while (1==1)
    {
        ...
        if (usGetMeteoFromReference (fTempWX,
                                    fPresWX,
                                    fHumiWX) != METEO_OK)
        {
            logit("", -1, "WX");
            ...
        }
        ...
        shm_addr->tempwx = fTempWX;
        shm_addr->humix = fHumiWX;
        shm_addr->preswx = fPresWX;
        ...
    }
}
```

# How to fill data sets of the FS?

Sample for an own meteorological sensor

```
/* Include section similar to stqkr.c */
```



Img. source:  
<https://www.bkg.bund.de/>

```
...
struct stcom *st;
struct fscom *fs;

main()
{
    ...
    ...
    setup_ids();
    fs = shm_addr;
    if (nsem_test(NSEMNAME) != 1)
    {
        /* ERROR */
    }
    while (1==1)
    {
        ...
        if (usGetMeteoFromReference (fTempWX,
                                    fPresWX,
                                    fHumiWX) != METEO_OK)
        {
            logit("", -1, „WX");
            ...
        }
        ...
        shm_addr->tempwx = fTempWX;
        shm_addr->humiwx = fHumiWX;
        shm_addr->preswx = fPresWX;
        ...
    }
}
```

System Status Monitor													
WETTZELL		2023.111.23:55:15			UT				TEMP	10.8	2000+472	SLEWING	
MODE	RATE	07:15:00			NEXT				HUMID	53.9	RA	20h 02m 10.42s	( 2000)
		SCHED=			LOG=		station		PRES	942.2	DEC	47d 25m	( 2000)
		TSYS:		IFA	IFB	IFC	IFD	CABLE	0.006370	AZ	59.7837	EL	39.7989
					37	55	132	-47	WIND	5.04	DIR	74	
NO CHECK: rx													

## How to add functionality to the FS?

### Control files /usr2/control/stpgm.ctl

```
* Put site-specific programs here that should
* be started by the Field System.
* antcn should not be here.
erchk x xterm -name erchk -e erchk &
moni2 x xterm -name monit2 -e monit2 &
scnch x xterm -name scnch -e 'fsclient -n -w -s | grep /!\*scan_check..' &
wx2fs n wx2fs > /dev/null 2> /dev/null &
stqkr n stqkr /usr2/st/control/stqkr.conf &
cable2fs n cable2fs /usr2/st/control/cable2fs.conf &
patch_mark6.sh x /usr2/st/bin/patch_mark6.sh init:192.168.1.1:14 &
```

FS  
programs

Station  
programs

## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

What does a station has to offer to the FS?

How to control your antenna from FS?

How to control your equipment from FS?

How to fill data sets of the FS?

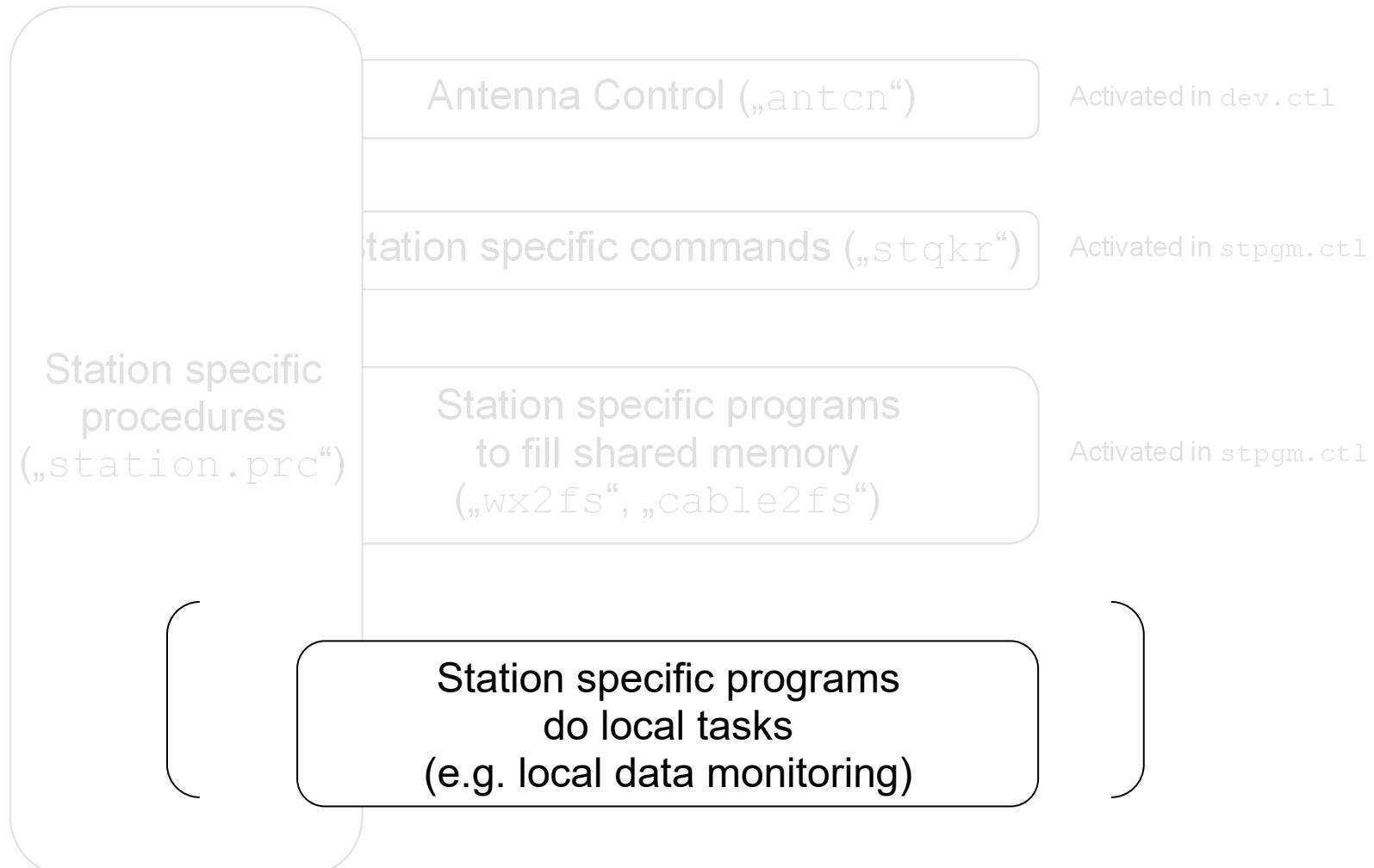
**How to add functionality to the FS?**

How to extend number of parallel devices?

How to combine functionalities to the FS?

## How to add functionality to the FS?

### Station-specific programs



## How to command the FS in your code?

### Command injection

`/usr2/fs/bin/inject_snap`

`/usr2/fs/bin/inject_snap -w log` → Output of current log filename  
e.g. log/station

`/usr2/fs/bin/inject_snap <command>` → Send command to FS  
e.g.  
`/usr2/fs/bin/inject_snap wx`

`/usr2/fs/bin/inject_snap "" Test"` → Send comment to FS

## How to read answers from the FS in your code?

**Command reply catching („streamlog“)**

FS Display Server to get log messages



“streamlog” is recommended for FS 10.2 or greater to get log messages.

[https://github.com/nvi-inc/fs/blob/main/misc/display\\_server.md](https://github.com/nvi-inc/fs/blob/main/misc/display_server.md)

## How to read answers from the FS in your code?

Command reply catching („streamlog“)

`/usr2/fs/bin/fsclient`

`/usr2/fs/bin/fsclient -n`

→ Get all log messages on standard out

`/usr2/fs/bin/fsclient -s -n`

→ Get all log messages on standard out  
inclusively some historic lines

```
12:46:47;rx=dewar?
12:46:47/rx/dewar,NOK,19.00,0.00,292.00,1.0900e+01
15:14:14;-help
15:14:14?ERROR sp -4 Unrecognized name (not a function or procedure).
15:17:12;log
15:17:12/log/station
15:19:02;wx
15:19:02#stqkr#wx/Used meteo site: GOW Meteo Database (Wetterstation Wettzell)
15:19:02#stqkr#wx/Height of pressure sensor: 656.025 m
15:19:02/wx/10.30,937.80,52.00
15:20:51;" Test
15:29:51;wx
15:29:51#stqkr#wx/Used meteo site: GOW Meteo Database (Wetterstation Wettzell)
15:29:51#stqkr#wx/Height of pressure sensor: 656.025 m
15:29:51/wx/9.90,938.00,53.60
15:29:55;wx
15:29:55#stqkr#wx/Used meteo site: GOW Meteo Database (Wetterstation Wettzell)
15:29:55#stqkr#wx/Height of pressure sensor: 656.025 m
15:29:55/wx/9.90,938.00,53.60
```

==> pipe the output to a program which can read it as standard in so  
that you can use it in other programs or scripts e.g.

`fsclient -s -n | grep "wx"`

End with Ctrl - C

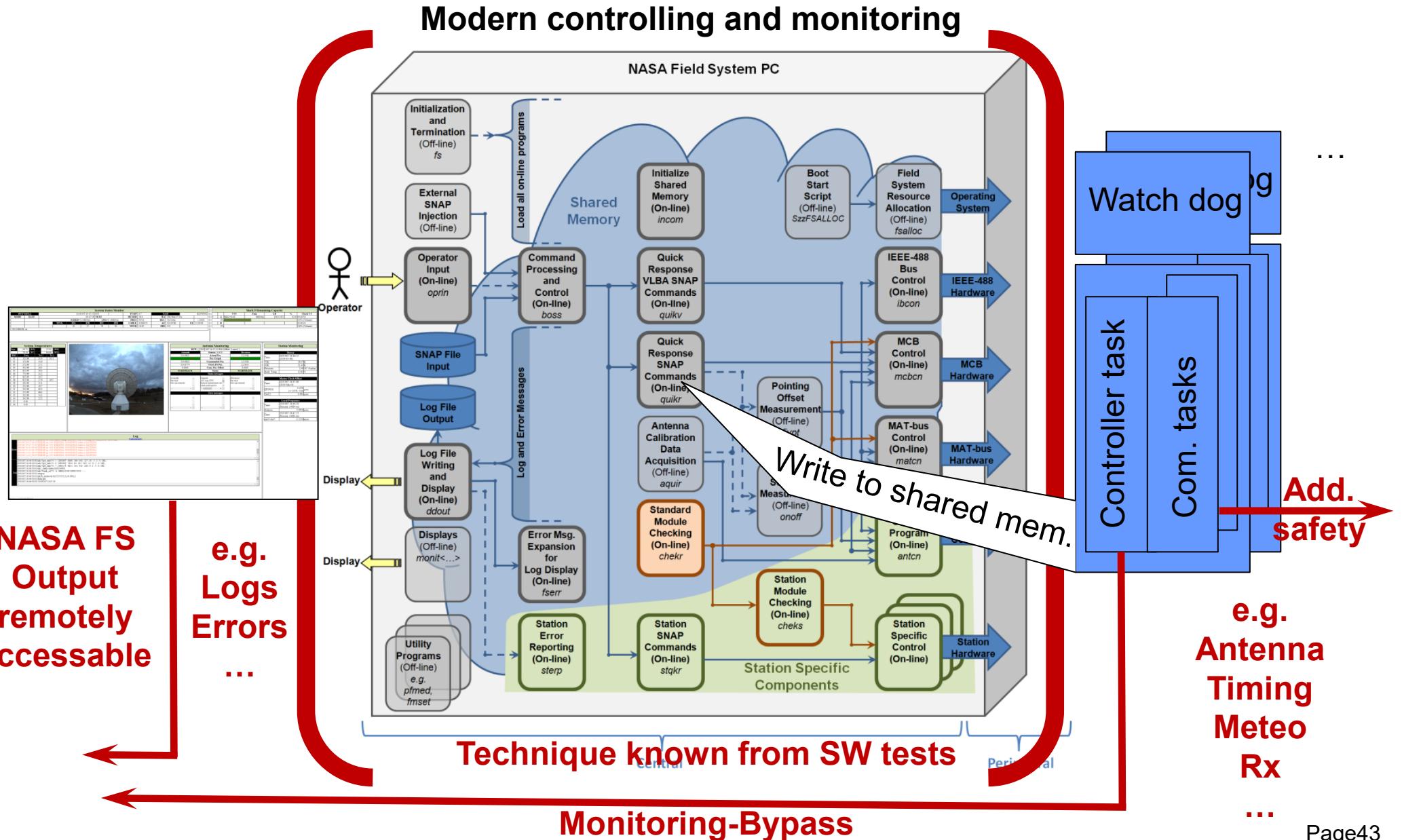
## How to add functionality to the FS?

### SNAP system calls

Sample SNAP file of schedule r4999wz

```
scan_name=140-1933,r4999,wz,60,60
source=3c418,203837.03,511912.7,2000.0,ccw
setupsx
!2021.140.19:33:07
preob
!2021.140.19:33:17
sy=cmd2flexbuff.py net2file=open:/raid/r4999wz/r4999_wz_140-1933,n ;
data_valid=on
midob
!2021.140.19:34:17
data valid=off
sy=cmd2flexbuff.py net2file = close
postob
```

# How to add functionality to the FS?



## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

What does a station has to offer to the FS?

How to control your antenna from FS?

How to control your equipment from FS?

How to fill data sets of the FS?

How to add functionality to the FS?

**How to extend number of parallel devices?**

How to combine functionalities to the FS?

## How to extend number of parallel devices?

Sample 2 DBBCs:

/usr2/control/dbbad.ctl

/usr2/control/dbba2.ctl

→ Commands

...

dbbc=power=1

...

fila10g=arp off

...

→ Commands

...

dbbc2=power=1

...

fila10g2=arp off

...

But what if you have more than  
the allowed standard devices?

Attention ... here comes a hack!!!

## How to extend number of parallel devices?

But what if you have more than  
the allowed standard devices?

**socat – Multipurpose relay**

e.g. **socat TCP-LISTEN:142,fork,reuseaddr TCP:192.168.1.1:142**

### Extend station.prc

```
define mydev3      0000000000x
sy=/usr2/st/bin/myscript_device3.sh > /dev/null 2> /dev/null
enddef
```

### Script myscript\_device3.sh

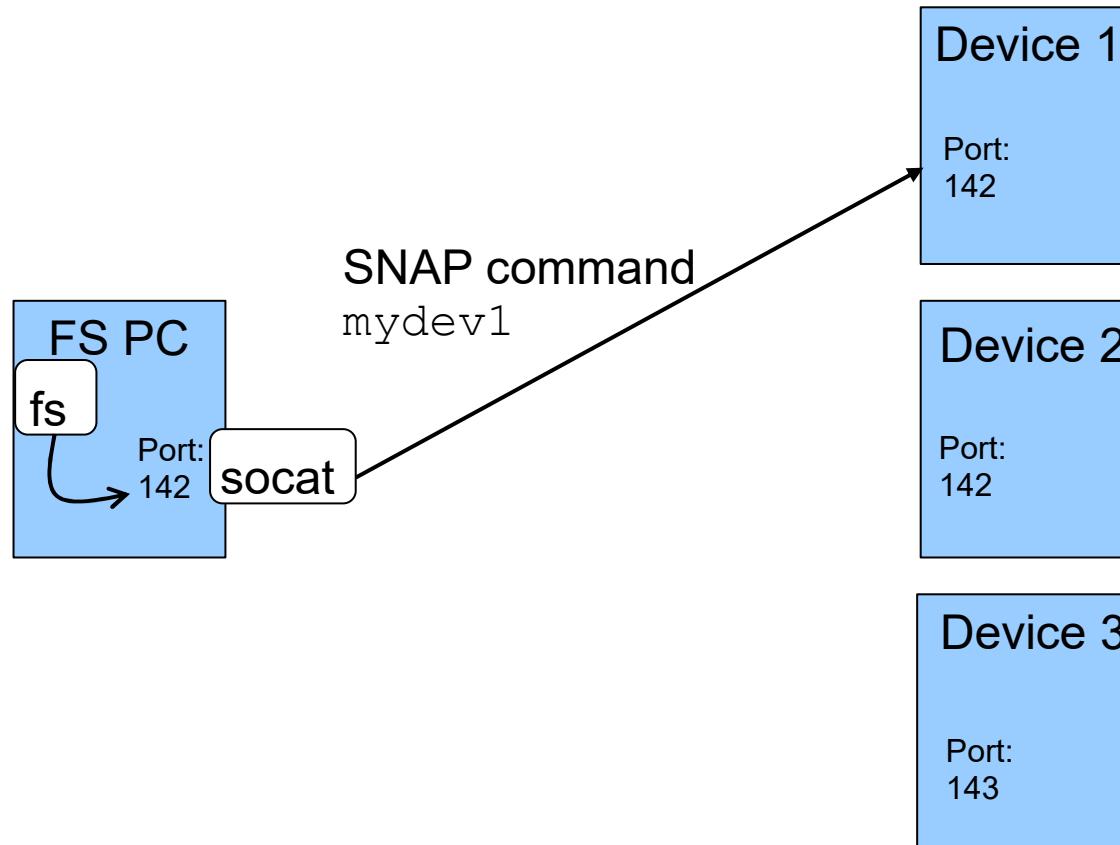
```
socat_basic_call="socat TCP-LISTEN:140,fork,reuseaddr TCP:"
# Kill previous patching
COMMAND="ps ax | grep \"${socat_basic_call}\" | grep -v grep | grep -o -E \"^[\ ]*[0-9]+\\" | tr '\n' ' '
SOCAT_PIDS=`eval $COMMAND`
if [[ -n $SOCAT_PIDS ]]; then
    kill -9 $SOCAT_PIDS
    #echo -e "Killing processes with \"kill -9 $SOCAT_PIDS\""
fi
# Start patching of communication with socat
SOCAT_CALL="${socat_basic_call}192.168.1.1:143 > /dev/null 2> /dev/null &
eval $SOCAT_CALL
```

## How to extend number of parallel devices?

But what if you have more than  
the allowed standard devices?

**socat – Multipurpose relay**

e.g. `socat TCP-LISTEN:142,fork,reuseaddr TCP:192.168.1.1:142`

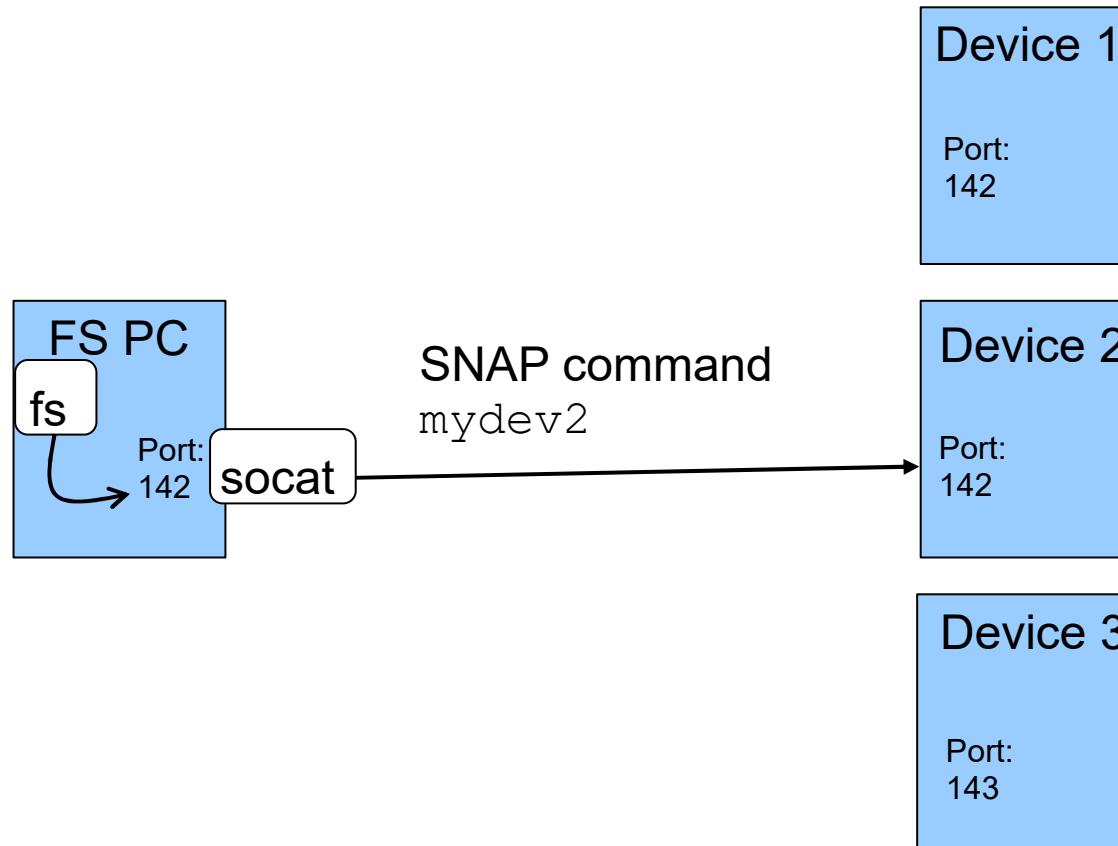


## How to extend number of parallel devices?

But what if you have more than  
the allowed standard devices?

**socat – Multipurpose relay**

e.g. `socat TCP-LISTEN:142,fork,reuseaddr TCP:192.168.1.2:142`

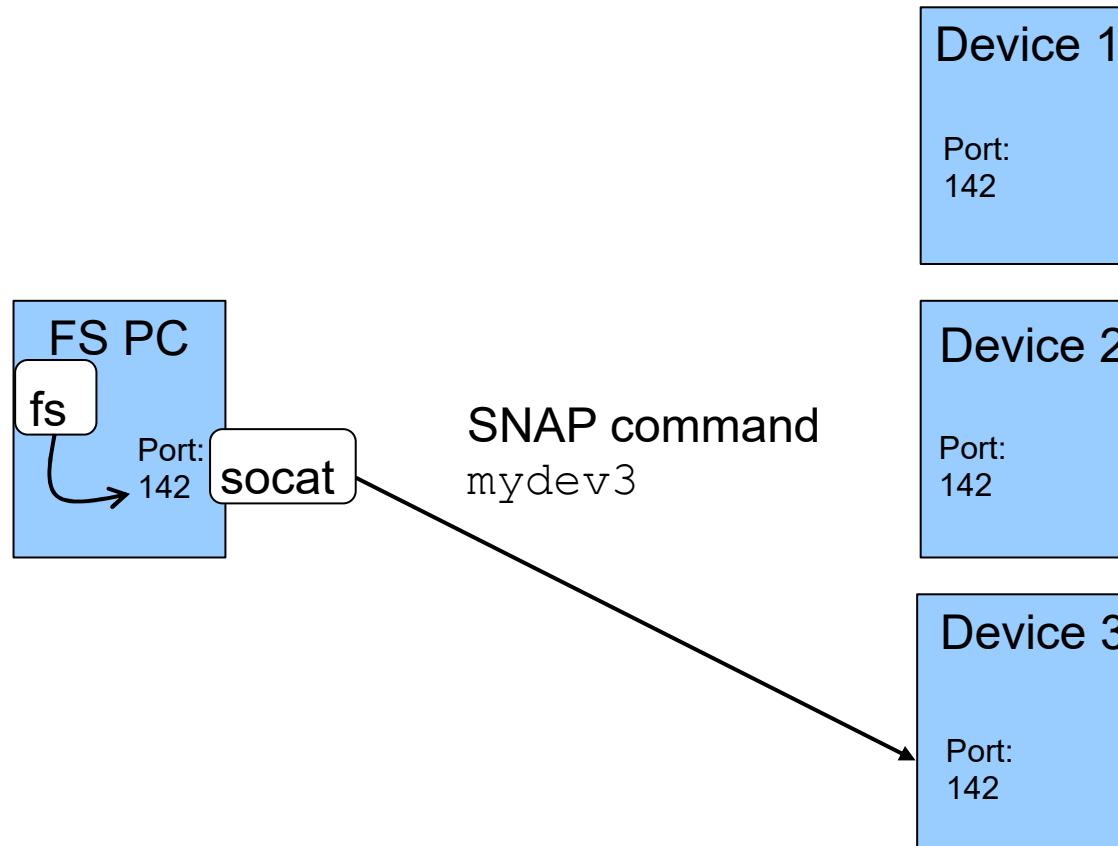


## How to extend number of parallel devices?

But what if you have more than  
the allowed standard devices?

**socat – Multipurpose relay**

e.g. `socat TCP-LISTEN:142,fork,reuseaddr TCP:192.168.1.3:142`

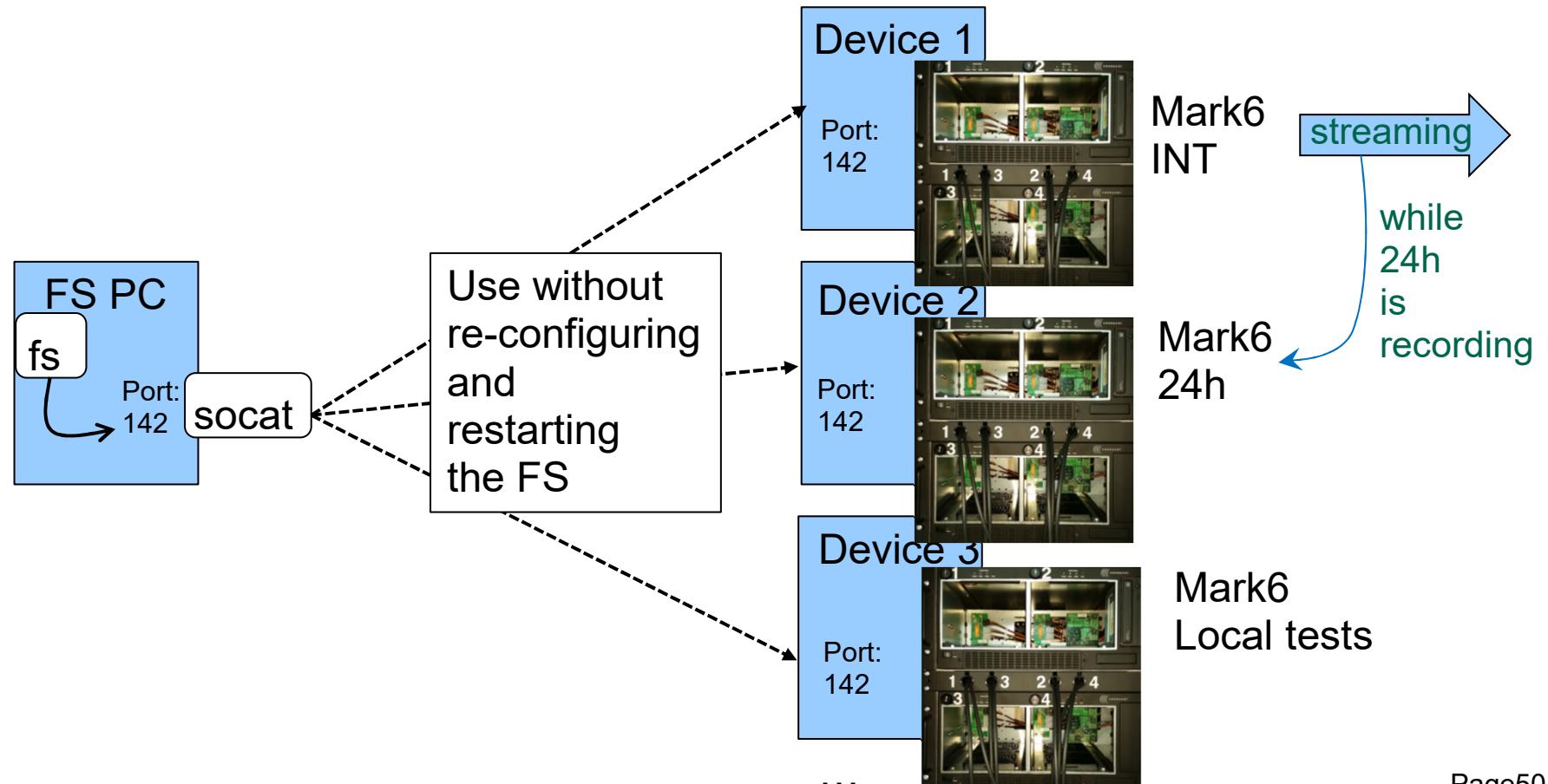


## How to extend number of parallel devices?

But what if you have more than  
the allowed standard devices?

**socat – Multipurpose relay**

e.g. `socat TCP-LISTEN:142,fork,reuseaddr TCP:192.168.1.1:142`



## TOW2025 - Seminar

# FS Station Code

What about FS?

What does a station has to offer to the FS?

How to control your antenna from FS?

How to control your equipment from FS?

How to fill data sets of the FS?

How to add functionality to the FS?

How to extend number of parallel devices?

**How to combine functionalities to the FS?**

## How to combine functionalities to the FS?

### Station-specific programs

Station specific  
procedures  
(„station.prc“)

Antenna Control („antcn“)

Activated in dev.ctl

station specific commands („stqkr“)

Activated in stpgm.ctl

Station specific programs  
to fill shared memory  
(„wx2fs“, „cable2fs“)

Activated in stpgm.ctl

Station specific programs  
do local tasks  
(e.g. local data monitoring)

## How to combine functionalities to the FS?

### Procedures in „station.prc“

```
define preob      23111184450x
if=cont_cal,,!*+4s
if=cont_cal,,caltsys_man
onsource
"caltsys
check=*
enddef
define midob      23111184501x
onsource
antenna=status
wx
rx=dewar?
cable
ifa
ifb
ifc
ifd
bbc01
bbc05
bbc09
bbc13
mk5c_mode
!+ls
sy=run setcl adapt &
enddef
define postob     23111184541x
dotmon
sy=lgput2 `lognm` &
enddef
```

```
define casa        000000000000x
check=
source=casa,232324.8,+584859.,2000.0,null
enddef
define safepos    000000000000x
antenna=safepos
enddef
```

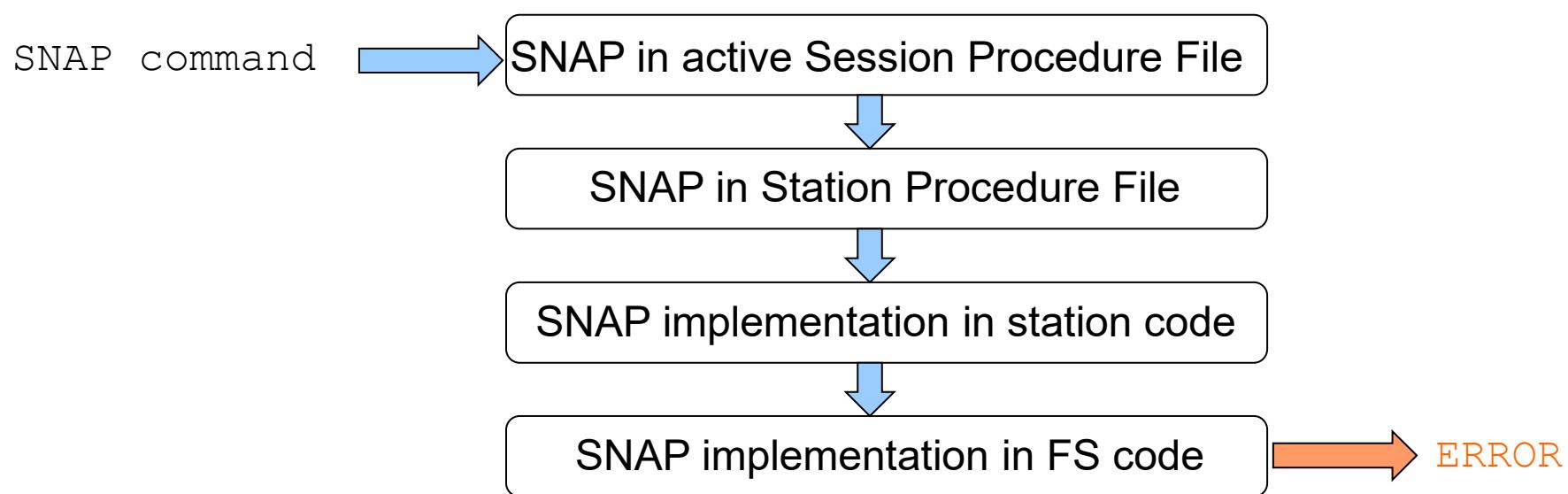
**calon**

**caloff**

...

## How to combine functionalities to the FS?

### SNAP commands (Standard Notation for Astronomical Procedures)



**TOW2025 - Seminar**

# **FS Station Code**

*Thank you ...*