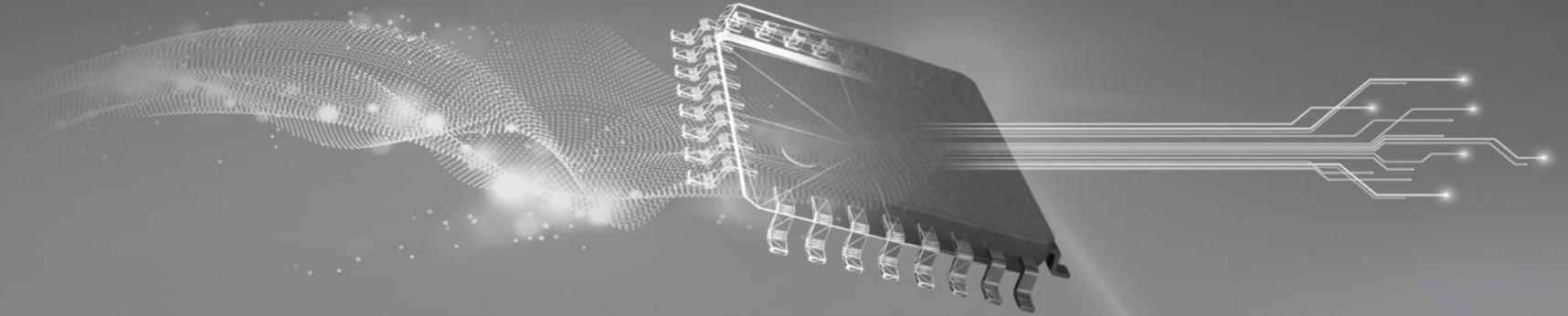


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Enabling Functional Safety in TI mmWave Devices

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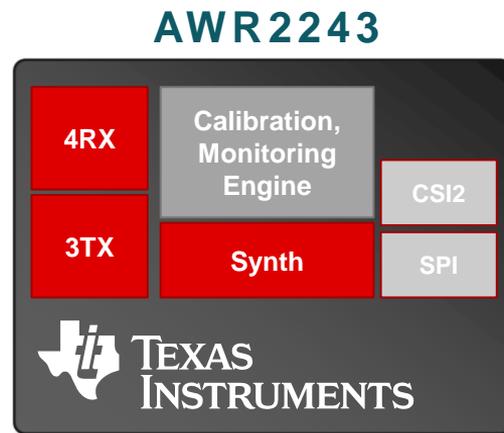
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mmWave Device Introduction

AWR2243 – High Performance Front End

- Integrated transceiver with 4 Rx and 3 Tx
- Higher sampling frequency (45 Msps) & IF BW (20 MHz)
- Enhanced RF performance vs. Gen1
 - Better phase noise
 - Lower noise figure
 - Superior bumper handling
- 0.65 mm 10.4x10.4 mm² FCBGA
- ASIL-B capable
- Use cases:
 - MRR, LRR: 1x AWR2243 + External MCU
 - Imaging Radar Sensor: 2x or 4x AWR2243 (cascade) + External MCU



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mmWave Functional Safety Concept

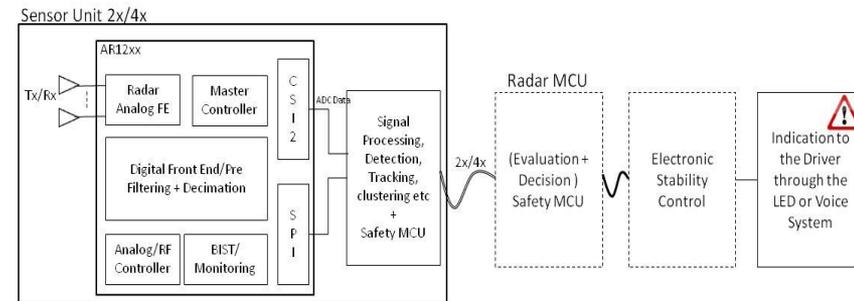
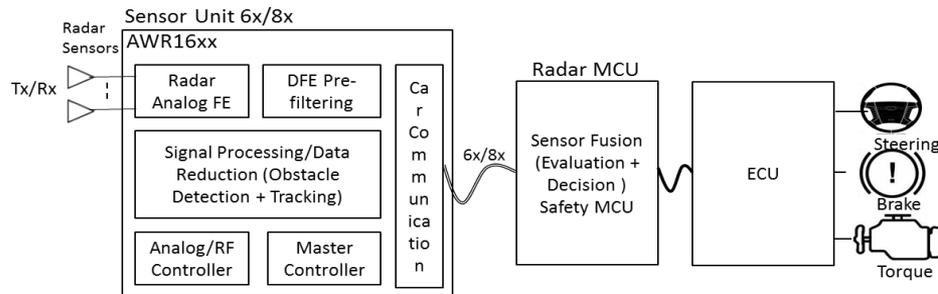
SEooC and Safety Concept

Industrial Applications	Automotive Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Automation • Displacement Sensing • Gesture • Robotics • Traffic Monitoring • Proximity and Position Sensing • Security and Surveillance • Factory Automation • Safety Guards • People Counting • Motion Detection • Occupancy Detection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind Spot Detection • Lane Change Assistance • Cross Traffic Alert • Parking Assistance • Occupancy Detection • Simple Gesture Recognition • Car Door Opener Applications • City Auto Breaking • Low Speed Adaptive Cruise Control • Autonomous Emergency Breaking

Identified Safety Goals for the Sensor

- Do not miss an Object when it is present
- Timely identification of Object if it is present
- Do not detect/ misidentify an object if it is not present

“TI mmWave Sensor Safety Concept and requirements are driven to address the above Safety Goals”



Architecture For Management of Random Faults

- **Operating States**

- Power Off → Safe State AR1 → Cold Reset → Warm Reset → Operational
- Safe States
 - AR 1 – Reset Assertion
 - AR 2 – “NERROR” Error Signal Indication.

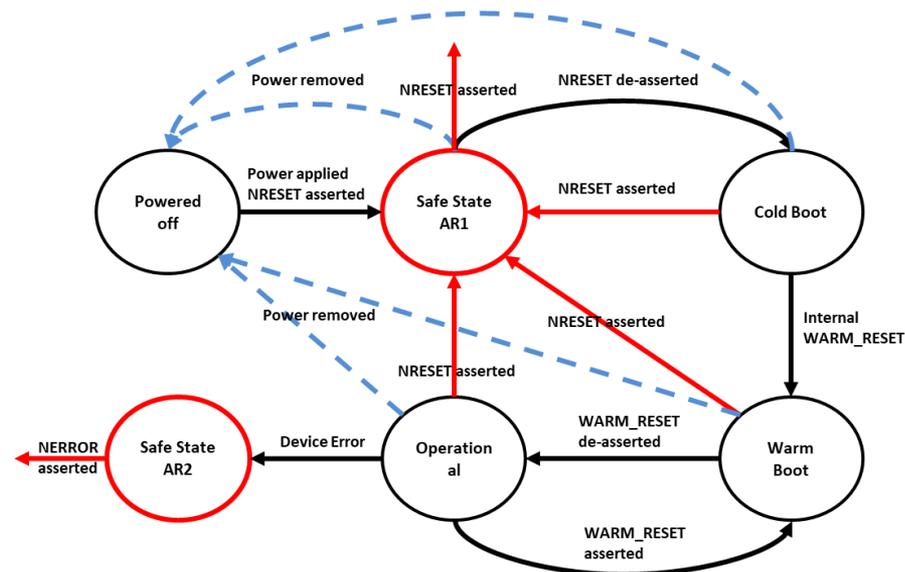
Safety Island Philosophy

- **Safety Concept**

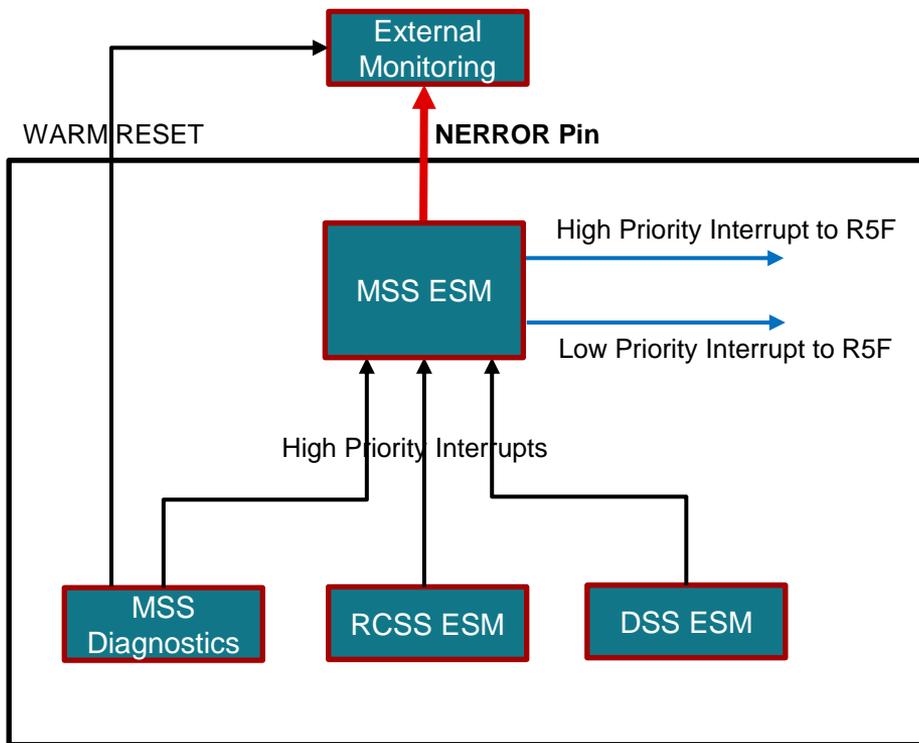
- Hardware Diagnostics
- HW + SW Diagnostics
- Software Diagnostics
- System Level Diagnostics Recommendation.

- **Management of Errors**

- Error Reporting / Signaling
- Error Response



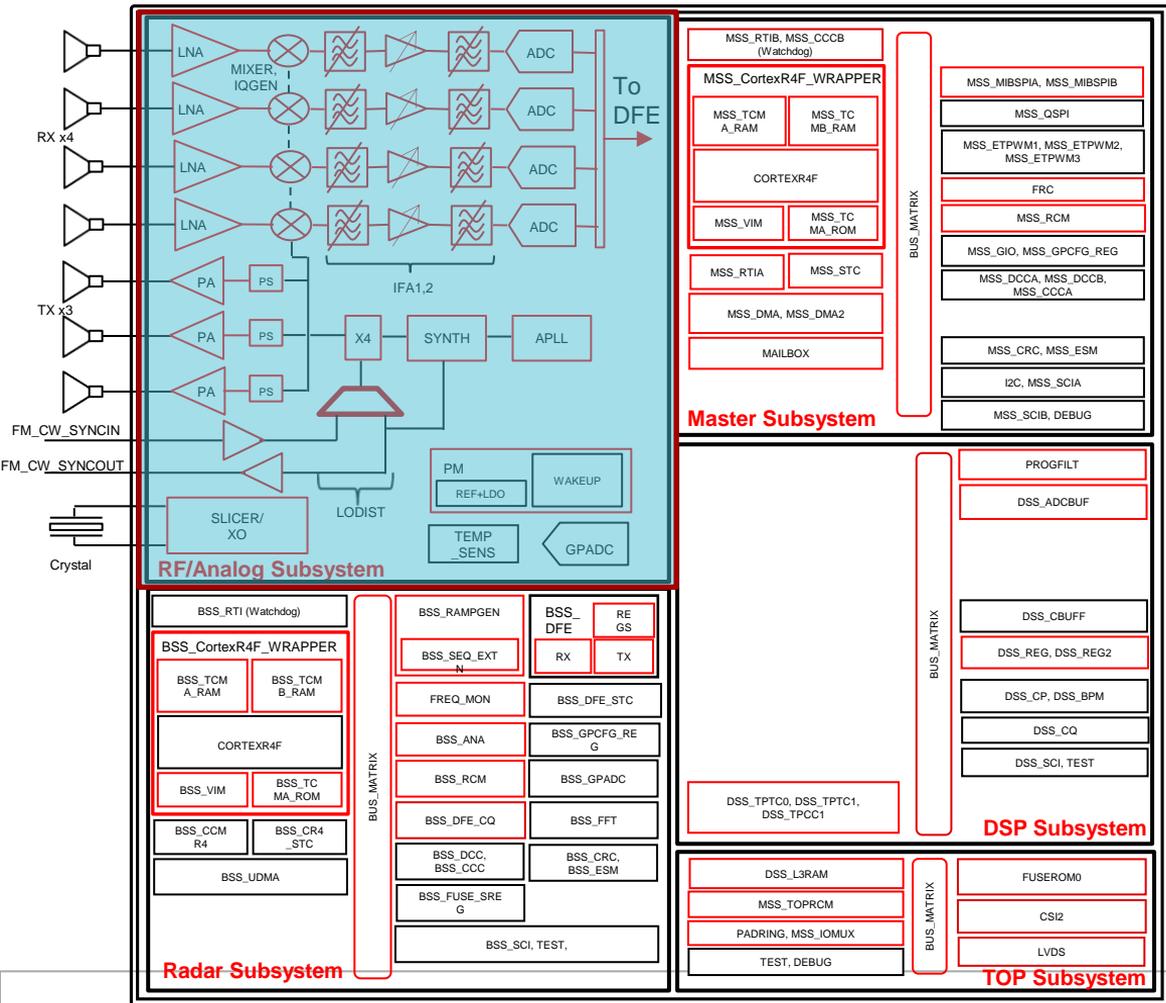
Error Signaling Module



Different Error Response

- NERROR Pin
- Generation of WARM RESET
- Generation of NRESET
- CPU Abort
- CPU Interrupts

Safety Critical Functions



Power

- Internal VMON, Temp Sensor

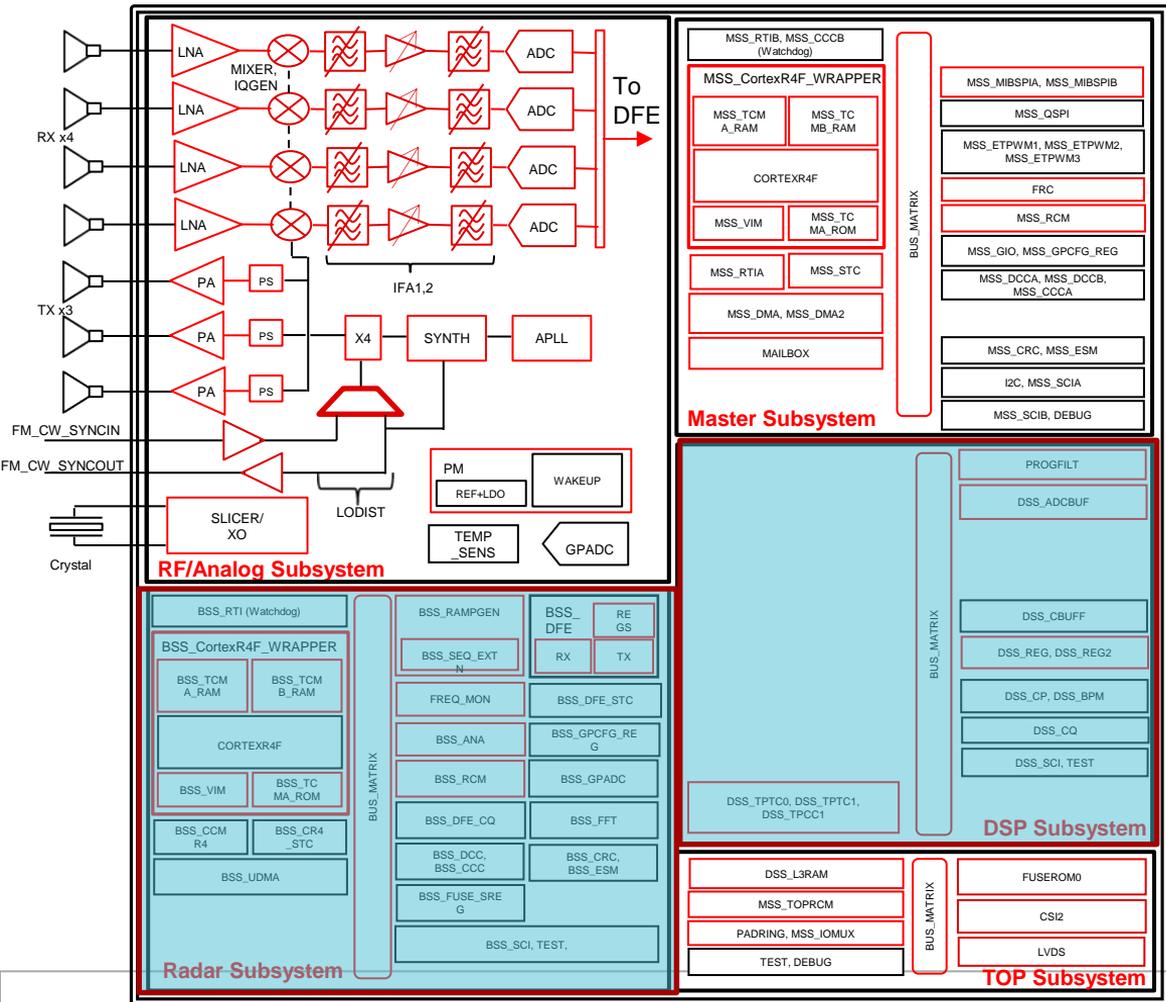
Clock

- DCC , Internal & External Watchdog
- APLL Lock Detection

RF / Analog Modules

- Internal Analog Signal Monitoring
 - PLL Control VMON
 - TX Internal
 - RX Internal
 - PM, CLK & LO
 - GPADC Monitoring
- External Analog Signals Monitoring
- Temperature Sensors
- TX Power Monitoring
- TX Ball Break Monitoring
- RX Loopback Test
 - RX Gain, Phase & Noise Monitoring
- RX IF Loopback Test
- Synthesizer Chirp Freq Monitoring
- BSS Clock Monitoring
- RX Saturation Detector & Monitoring
- TX Loopback Test
- Analog Fault Injection

Safety Critical Functions



DFE Filters

- Boot time PBIST & LBIST
- Parity

Ramp Generation

- Boot Time PBIST of Chirp RAM's
- ECC on RAM
- Lock Step for Sequencer Logic
- Periodic SW Read back of Config Reg.
- SW read back of written configuration

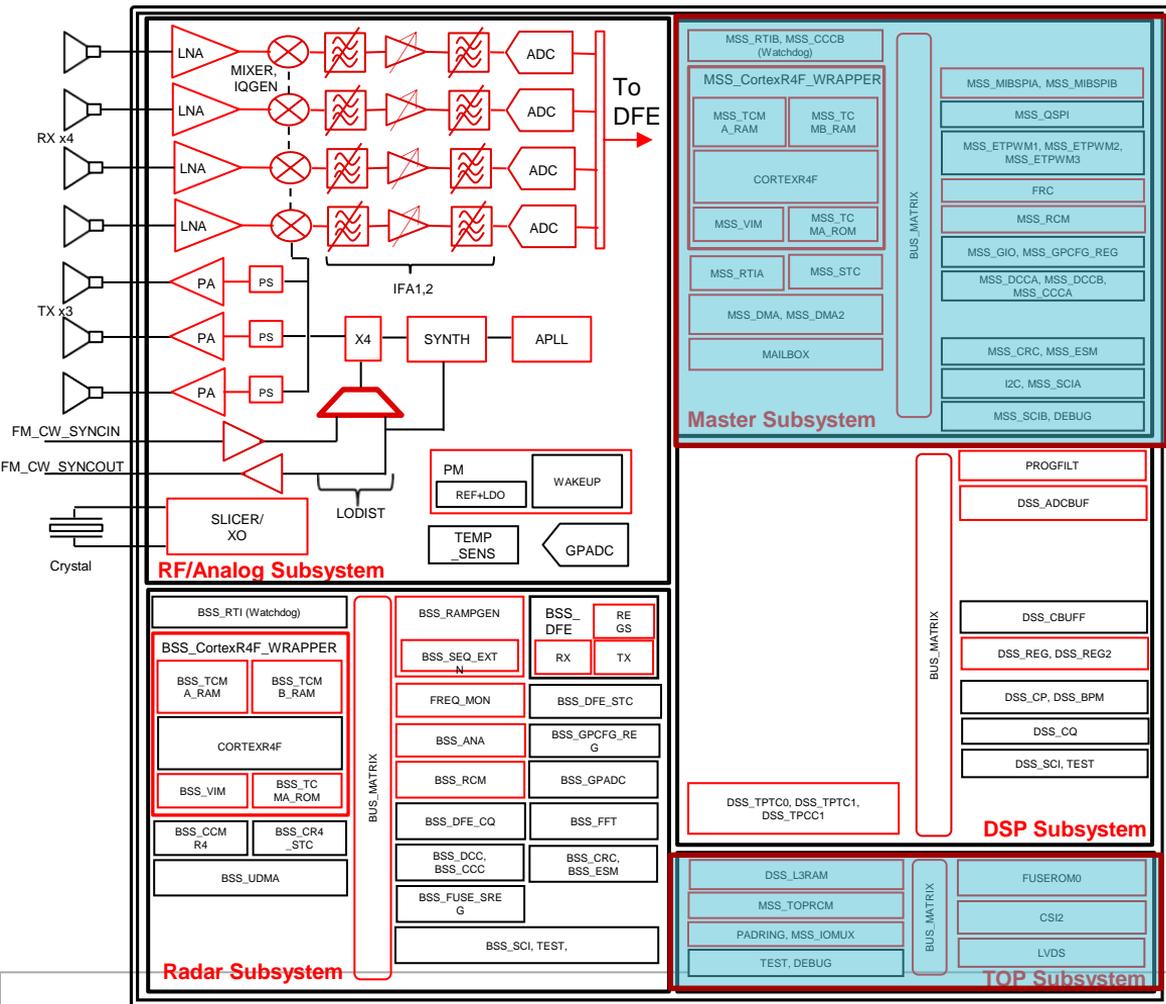
BSS Microcontroller Element

- Boot time LBIST – CPU , VIM
- Boot time PBIST – TCM , VIM
- E2E ECC – TCM , VIM
- Redundant Address Decode
- MPU, PMU
- Illegal Operation & Instruction Trapping
- Periodic SW read back of Config Reg
- Internal Watchdog

ADC BUFFS

- Boot Time PBIST
- ECC on RAM

Safety Critical Functions



MSS Microcontroller Element

- Boot time LBIST – CPU , VIM
- Boot time PBIST – TCM , VIM
- E2E ECC – TCM , VIM
- Redundant Address Decode
- MPU, PMU
- Illegal Operation & Instruction Trapping
- Periodic SW read back of Config Reg
- Internal Watchdog

DMA

- SRAM Data Parity
- Boot Time PBIST
- Periodic SW Read back of Config Reg.
- SW Watchdog Timer
- MPU, Non-Privileged Bus Master Access

IPC

- CRC, ECC on SRAM
- Error Monitoring (ACK, Stuff, Form & Bit)

SPI

- End to End Staffing, using CRC.
- Error Signal Monitoring.

IO ESM

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Safety Features in mmWave devices

Analog/RF And Digital Monitoring

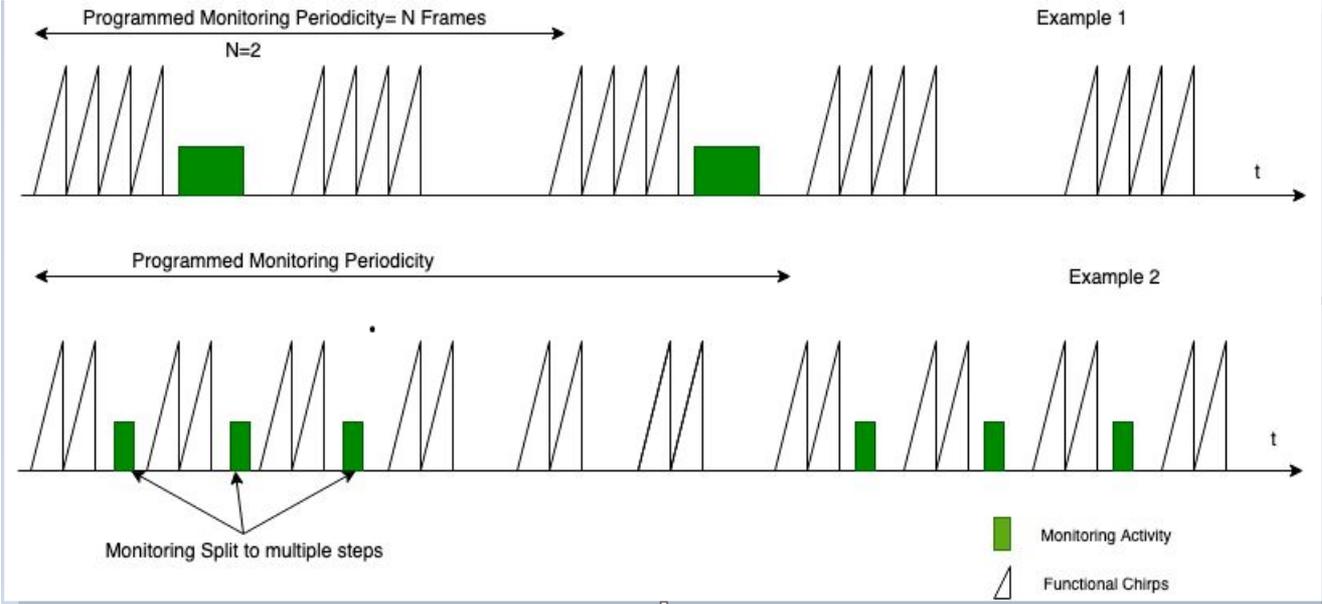
- RF/Analog monitoring is an important aspect to consider in the context of Safety.
- mmWave device include hardware and firmware elements to enable monitoring of its analog and digital sections.
- These built-in features are exposed to users through firmware APIs.
- Help users build their software to program and use these APIs to achieve their end-product's safety goals.
- The APIs offer a high amount of programmability:
 - The built-in monitoring features the customer wants the device to execute
 - The periodicity of such execution
 - The verbosity of the monitor reports,
 - Measurement comparison thresholds the device should use in reporting.

Analog/RF and Digital Monitor Supported

- Key monitors in mmwave devices include:
 - RX Gain/phase monitor
 - IF stages monitor
 - TX power monitors
 - TX ball break detection
 - Synth (chirp) frequency error monitor
 - Clock monitors
 - Temperature sensors
 - Internal signals monitors

Programming of Monitors

Monitoring Concept/Scheduling



Common Configuration Messages

- Setting the CALIB_MON_TIME_UNIT
 - The periodicity of monitoring is configured by setting the calibration and monitoring time unit using “AWR_CALIB_MON_TIME_UNIT_CONF_SB”.
- Analog Monitors Configuration
 - The set of analog monitors to execute cyclically at this periodicity is configurable through “AWR_MONITOR_ANALOG_ENABLES_CONF_SB”
- Digital Monitor Configuration
 - The consolidated configuration of all the digital monitoring is done using AWR_MONITOR_RF_DIG_LATENTFAULT_CONF_SB.

RX Gain, Phase Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_RX_GAIN_PHASE_CONF_SB
- Thresholds
 - Tolerable thresholds for deviation of gain from the programmed value and the imbalances in gain and phase.
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_RX_GAIN_PHASE_REPORT_AE_SB.
- Report
 - Measured RX gain and phase values of receivers across RF frequencies

RX IF Stage Monitor

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_RX_IFSTAGE_CONF_SB
- Thresholds
 - tolerable gain error and cutoff frequency error (thresholds).
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_RX_IFSTAGE_REPORT_AE_SB.
- Report
 - Measured RX IF amplifier gain and cutoff frequency errors.

TX Power Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_TXn_POWER_CONF_SB (TXn)
- Thresholds
 - Absolute Power and the flatness
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_TXn_POWER_REPORT_AE_SB (TXn)
- Report
 - The measured TX power for each enabled channel at each enabled RF frequency.

TX Ball Break Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_CAL_MON_FREQUENCY_TX_POWER_LIMITS_SB
 - AWR_MONITOR_TXn_BALLBREAK_CONF_SB(TXn)
- Thresholds
 - Maximum allowable threshold for the TX reflection coefficient
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_TXn_BALLBREAK_REPORT_AE_SB (TXn)
- Report
 - Status of the ball-break. TX ball breaks are assumed to result in a high degradation in the reflection coefficient.

PM, CLK, and LO Systems Internal Analog Signals Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_PMCLKLO_INTERNAL_ANALOG_SIGNALS_CONF_SB
- Thresholds
 - 20G signal min and max threshold.(In case of Cascade Configuration)
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_PMCLKLO_INTERNAL_ANALOG_SIGNALS_REPORT_AE_SB
- Report
 - Supply voltage/DCBIAS of the PM, CLK, LO distribution circuits

TX and RX Internal Analog Signals Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_TXn_INTERNAL_ANALOG_SIGNALS_CONF_SB(for TXn)
 - AWR_MONITOR_RX_INTERNAL_ANALOG_SIGNALS_CONF_SB (for all RXs)
- Thresholds
 - Phase shifter DAC monitor delta threshold.
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_TXn_INTERNAL_ANALOG_SIGNALS_REPORT_AE_SB(For TXn)
 - AWR_MONITOR_RX_INTERNAL_ANALOG_SIGNALS_REPORT_AE_SB (for all RXs)
- Report
 - Status flags indicating the supply voltage failures

PLL Control Voltage Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_PLL_CONTROL_VOLTAGE_SIGNALS_CONF_SB
- Thresholds
 - None
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_PLL_CONTROL_VOLTAGE_REPORT_AE_SB
- Report
 - Measured control voltage values and failure flags

Synthesizer Frequency Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_SYNTHESIZER_FREQUENCY_CONF_SB
- Thresholds
 - Tolerable frequency error
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_SYNTHESIZER_FREQUENCY_REPORT_AE_SB
- Report
 - Number of threshold violations in a monitoring duration and maximum frequency error during the monitoring duration

DCC-Based Clock Frequency Monitoring

- API
 - AWR_MONITOR_DUAL_CLOCK_COMP_CONF_SB
- Thresholds
 - None
- Monitoring Report
 - AWR_MONITOR_DUAL_CLOCK_COMP_REPORT_AE_SB
- Report
 - Measured clock frequency from the enabled clock pairs

Monitoring in Cascaded Configuration

- In Cascaded application, monitoring execution in one device may interfere with those executing in another device
 - Simultaneous execution of the non-interfering monitors
 - Time Division and Frequency Division based separation of mutually interfering monitors among the cascaded AWR devices.
- Categorization of Monitors
 - Type 1
 - These are predominantly non-transmitting(TX is Off) monitors.
 - Type 2
 - These are monitors that transmit but don't receive any test signal through RX LNA.
 - Type 3
 - These are monitors that transmit and receive test signal through the RX LNA and are susceptible to interference .

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Customer Safety Enablers

Safety Diagnostics Library(SDL)

- SDL is a collection of functions for access to safety functions and response handlers for various safety mechanisms for TI mmWave sensors.
- Diagnostic runs in the context of the caller's protection environment and all responses are handled in the context of interrupt or exception.
- It implements diagnostic mechanism that are indicated in the device safety manual.
- The SDL is provided to customers in source code form.(.c and .h) along with the quality artifacts(Compliance Support Package)
- Released via mySecureSoftware .

FMEDA worksheet

Safety Analysis Report for AWR

User's Guide



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Available under Safety NDA

Detailed Safety Analysis Report

- Assumptions of use applied in calculation of safety metrics
- Summary of IEC 61508 or ISO 26262 standard safety metrics at the AWR Device component level
- A fault model used to estimate device failure rates and an example of customizing this model for use with the example application.
- FMEDA with details to the sub-module level of the Device, that enables calculation of safety metrics based on customized application of diagnostics
- Use of FMEDA worksheet
 - **FIT Estimation sheet** to tailor use conditions
 - **Product Function Tailoring sheet** to select AWR modules used in safety function
 - **Pin Level Tailoring sheet** to select AWR pins used in safety function
 - **Safety Mechanism Tailoring sheet** to select applied Safety mechanisms
 - **Summary and Details-ISO26262 or IEC61508 sheets** to determine if AWR and modules safety metrics are met.

Safety Manual

Safety Manual for mmWave Devices

User's Guide



- An overview of the safety architecture for management of random failures
- The details of architecture partitions, implemented safety mechanisms, and recommended usage
- Failure modes and failure rates
- Use Diagnostics Mechanism Summary Table to determine applicable safety mechanisms by AWR module such as modules in Safe Island region, RF Analog, SPI, CAN, etc. with API Level details

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Monitoring Application Notes

- This application note aims to help customers build their software to program and use these APIs to achieve their end-product's safety goals.
- This application note describes these monitoring mechanisms, explains the programming options offered by the APIs.
- Illustrates example post-processing of the monitoring reports produced by these APIs, and illustrates the reports in example programming conditions in TI's internal labs.
- Shared with customers under Safety NDA and via the mySecureSoftware Link.

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