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« Message by smgvbest on November 22, 2020, 04:33:33 am »

Quote from: hpls on November 22, 2020, 04:08:44 am

Hi
 I have an e4403B, I would like to start activating the option 049 color display ...
 I tried to follow these steps but I believe I am doing something ...
 can someone detail the steps more?
 I'm using Putty as a serial monitor ...
 I can make the morning calls until 9 ...

doing this procedure I need to do what else?

- My steps:
0. Set the serial terminal to 19200,8n1
 1. DIP sw # 4 set to ON
 2. break the boot process with 0x06
 3. sword 04139614 4ef9
 4. sword 04139618 d8a4
 5. DIP sw # 4 set to OFF
 6. gu
 7. SA restart in normal mode
 8. Press "r" and we are in the monitor now 😊
 9. Change the serial port speed.
 > slong 815F4 1001A
 10. Change speed of the serial terminal to 115200, 8n1

does you SA actually have a Color Display?
 depending on the Unit some where not shipped with a Color Display and hence the need for Opt 049 when installing a color display
 if you have a color display and its not showing color then you need to create a license for 049, information of which is in this
 thread on how to do

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« Message by [mankan](#) on November 20, 2020, 08:44:40 pm »

Many thanks PA0PBZ, now have a updated option 227 **to** A.02.08 and latest version of J25/J36 B01.02. A friend reminded me that I have a oscilloscope running Windows 98. HP54820A FTW 🙏

I tried 2 browsers myself, Firefox and Chrome on Windows 7. **How** did you succeed?

So now I'm just lacking the 226 Phase noise.

Regarding J35/J36: I could install both, but I ended up keeping the J35/J36 B.01.02 version since its newer and it seems option J36 is included in J35 newer versions which requires extra memory A72. My unit reports personality J35 as installed but reports no name for its J35 license. **However** J36 license is still installed and reports FM deviation.

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« Message by [analogRF](#) on September 30, 2020, 06:58:11 pm »

let me pose a fresh and more useful and interesting challenge with regard **to** these analyzers:

how can we convert E4404B (6.7GHz) **to** E4405B (13.2GHz) if at all?

All boards and modules including the critical ones (attenuator and RYTHM) are common between these two so the frequency must be limited by software only

of course calibration after such upgrade is a must and can pose a problem since the cal procedure is not possible by hobbyist

but still it would be awesome 🙏

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« Message by [xymox](#) on September 24, 2020, 04:18:19 am »

Yea I have been thru the "calibration" guide.. Hehehe.. Im still not sure **how to** set Course and Fine in the timebase in the service menu..

I do have something off on both my units. If I give them my rubidium clock std 10Mhz it displays slightly off center if I set the SA for 1hz res bw and 100 hz span. Also the freq counter is off a bit..

Amplitude is reading slightly off at various frequency points.

These are not much off, but with this many years on these devices, its normal **to** have drift.

Also if we want **to** swap boards around between units and maintain these over the next 10 years we just gotta be able **to** calibrate them.

These calibration adjustments must also be kept in some flash. If the flash goes or gets wiped, thats it. No hope of recovery.

We gotta be able **to** do TME.. I can't find old versions of TME. Or maybe some old different program used **to** calibrate.

I have sent a nice email **to** Ron Nersesian. He has a awesome career that goes way back with HP. Back **to** the good old days of HP. I have suggested that hobbyists fuel young engineers and so thier future customers could well be buying this older gear from ebay. i suggested its helpful for EoL devices that are locked away with keys **to** maybe get a free online key gen process. This would fuel many hobbyists **into** engineers and maybe future customers. It wont hurt Keysight sales as hobbyists cannot afford **to** buy new gear and companies using this kind of test equipment don't buy old gear like this.

Im sure I wont get a response. BUT the email did not reflect back. So I did find the right email **to** use for him.

WTH... Why not try...

BTW the self calibration license has provisions for a single serial number instrument. That would have **to** be way cheaper then a single seat.

Maybe I can get a trial license. If so, I can capture all the GPIB..AND calibrate my unit at least once..

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« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 24, 2020, 03:45:43 am »

Quote from: xymox on September 24, 2020, 03:26:45 am

Quote from: smgvbest on September 24, 2020, 01:40:07 am

BTW: I just started a new thread in the repair forum for repairing the Tracking Generator that's getting a Source Unlevel error if anyone is interest

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I want this <https://cal.software.keysight.com/?id=2525023> under this license.. <https://www.keysight.com/us/en/assets/7018-01623/data-sheets/5989-6956.pdf> for 1 unit, a ESA E4402B.. Its supported..

I VASTLY prefer to use software legitly. As long as its not too expensive, I am happy to pay it.

Keysight seems to be unpleasant and stupid.

What they should do is just allow all these tools and things to go free. Real businesses are not buying these older devices, hobbyists are. Like me, a Ham radio guy.. They are NOT loosing sales to this old gear..

Maybe I need to target someone higher up the chain at Keysight..

Keysight is not in business to support hobbyist. that's not their business model. for TME you're looking at 5K+ i believe. Hobbyist arent buying these usually either, at a cost of 3K+ for a broken one most hobbyist can not afford that. every now and then you find you for much less. I did, I got very lucky and the repair was simple. the TG may be a different issues. it's been repaired before. I need to figure out if the Source Unlevel is the LO Control board (i hope) or the BITG which is not documented

Far as calibration, first run a performance test to see if it need to be calibrated. All documented in the calibration guide

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« Message by xymox on September 23, 2020, 05:23:07 am »

Well this software is nearly unusable for my use. For some freaky reason its limited to a 10Mhz span no matter what I do. This is comeptly useless for me. At the high freq is useless. Like how do you look at wifi ? This limitation seems to be with the hardware. I can simulate other devices and they have different max spans, but still not full. Even brand new keysight gear does not do the full span like the actual device will..

Because of this, the software seems crippled for my use.

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8 Test Equipment / Re: Enabling options on Agilent ESA series E4402B E4404B E4405B E4407B« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 19, 2020, 05:06:15 pm »

Just got back from work, amazing whats gets done when I am tied up

@tv84
@abyrvalg

you both are awesome!! thanks for the hard work
I would love **to** have a PM chat **to** understand a bit of **how** you do this, it intrigues me

@subj thank you for your help as well

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9 Test Equipment / Re: Enabling options on Agilent ESA series E4402B E4404B E4405B E4407B« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 19, 2020, 01:02:54 pm »

Quote from: tv84 on September 19, 2020, 12:51:20 pm

Stop the press! (and the dumps...) 🤖📱

Enc_seeds validated OK!

@subj license correctly validated.

How dumb!! **How** could I've missed that structure!!!! 🤔🤔

Other than some banging head on wall this sounds good right?

I was just getting ready **to** do the dump 🤖

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EDIT: Mystery solved! This proc is BIG ENDIAN and my search function only searches in LITTLE ENDIAN (will correct it)! Sorry all for all the trouble but it was a new experience. A special recognition **to** @abyrvalg. Amazing talent! 🤖

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Dumping "vendor key 5" should be enough - this is old FLEXIm, the seeds are **stored** in VENDORCODE xored with this vk5 (look down from the location I'm patching - they verify if the seeds are "demo" 12345678 87654321 by direct xoring with this value. Various **tutorials** from 6.0 era says the same).

I have an universal recipe **how to** start feeling at home with any CISC asm - spend some time in QDSP (Hexagon) asm 🤖

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12 Test Equipment / Re: Enabling options on Agilent ESA series E4402B E4404B E4405B E4407B« Message by [tv84](#) on September 19, 2020, 11:13:02 am »

Quote from: abyrvalg on September 19, 2020, 11:00:14 am

@tv84, now I understand why you need such big dumps, your values of interest are local variables with no fixed addresses - right?

Right. 🙌 Your suggestion was also on my mind. I hope we don't need it but, if we do, I will need your help. I also need **to** have a full confirmation of what is being hashed and, for that, the dump should provide the definitive answer.

I have a hard time recognizing **how** the registers of this thing work. It's almost like Blackfin! 😞

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« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 18, 2020, 03:46:38 pm »

Quote from: [tv84](#) on September 18, 2020, 02:29:07 pm

Quote from: [abyrvalg](#) on September 18, 2020, 01:49:30 pm

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Do you want the same dump we've had before or a different one?

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« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 18, 2020, 02:54:58 pm »

Quote from: [suj](#) on September 18, 2020, 02:45:58 pm

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Respect for you 🙌🙌🙌🙌

Cool, I wake up and you all have done allot.

@suj **how** are you flipping the DIP SW without removing the Processor Card?
a long stick??? LOL

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« Message by tv84 on September 18, 2020, 10:29:45 am »

Quote from: abyrgal on September 18, 2020, 10:13:48 am

Interesting, there is a "syscall" to execute a single ROM Monitor command from the main app (at 04132418: trap #0E with arg=0A. All "trap #0E" functions are BootROM calls leading to handler at D1EC), but I see no refs to it.

What about patching one of the ones that we (I mean you! 😊) know how to trigger, like arg=03, 04, 05 ? 😊

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« Message by abyrgal on September 17, 2020, 07:02:57 pm »

More info:

"bulk" flash starts from C000000.

How to enter ROM monitor before jumping to FW:

BootROM loads ESALoader (from floppy) or main fw (from bulk flash) to DRAM then sends a 05 byte (ascii ENQ char) and waits for 06 (ascii ACK) reply with timeout. If this wait times out - jump to DRAM normally, otherwise - bypass jump and enter ROM monitor.

This can be used to try patches without flashing them:

- don't insert ESALoader floppy
- interrupt normal start by replying to 05 with 06
- modify firmware in RAM (with smem/sbyte/sword/slong cmds)
- jump to modified firmware (with gu cmd)

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« Message by smgvbest on September 17, 2020, 04:07:58 pm »

Quote from: suj on September 17, 2020, 02:06:37 pm

Quote from: tv84 on September 17, 2020, 01:02:59 pm

..Try them in the ESAFW.

I tried. I changed the text on the first floppy disk (first disk of the upgrade, not loader disk). In the menu for the external mixer, I changed the text: "Prese!" to "11974Q". I started the upgrade. After the last floppy disk was loaded, a message was displayed on the SA screen. Nothing special on the serial terminal.

Well Pooh

So the LOADER must run a cksum on the FW before continuing

That would mean either find that routine in the loader or find how to patch the active system I would think

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« Message by smgvbest on September 14, 2020, 10:49:40 pm »

Quote from: tv84 on September 14, 2020, 09:13:22 pm

Quote from: smgvbest on September 14, 2020, 08:23:09 pm

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The way to proceed is to try a patch.

Please test if you can flash a patched FW (or live patch the ESAFW). You can test with a string used in any message onscreen.

If you are successful, I think I can craft a special patch.

If you know the address where the ctrl+c code is then I think in the debug menu the gu address command will jump to that address???

Maybe we can force it there?

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« Message by [andrew9875](#) on September 14, 2020, 10:08:55 pm »

Quote from: [smgvbest](#) on September 14, 2020, 08:23:09 pm

Any recommendations on **how to** proceed?

Has anyone looked at the service information for these analyzers? Maybe another **vector** we can explore:

DRAM and flash EPROM can be erased by flipping switches on S1 or holding down front panel **buttons** during boot. Maybe there's some hidden features there...

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Quote from: [tv84](#) on September 14, 2020, 05:17:36 pm

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EDIT

<https://www.eevblog.com/forum/testgear/enabling-options-on-agilent-esa-series-e4402b-e4404b-e4405b-e4407b/msg3228528/#msg3228528> should I do according **to** this description (post #120 written by Sandra)?

That method is what she has just tried and doesn't work. It dumps the ESALOADR environment. The reset crushes all the ESAFW previous state.

yeh it was worth a try but its a no-go

it looks like we need **to** find out who **to** get the **monitor** menu from a normal boot.

You mention though that CTRL+C is disabled in the BootRom? or is it disabled in the ESAFW?

would it be hard **to** patch **to** enable that function?

the other thing is SCPI, There's suppose **to** be a debug interface (but undocumented) via SCPI and it may be faster than the serial interface.

Any recommendations on **how to** proceed?

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« Message by [tv84](#) on September 11, 2020, 07:20:50 pm »

Quote from: [smgvbest](#) on September 11, 2020, 07:07:40 pm

Just **to** be sure we're all on same Page

How do you trigger DEBUG MENU?

For information:

DEBUG MENU is inside ESALOADR

MONITOR MENU is inside BOOTROM (called from within DEBUG MENU via ^C)

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« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 11, 2020, 02:38:24 pm »

Quote from: [andrew9875](#) on September 11, 2020, 01:44:50 pm

Quote from: [tv84](#) on September 11, 2020, 11:42:08 am

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So far the dump is at least slightly different, just need **to** wait several hours for it **to** complete.

Have you tried the (J, CTRL+C) on a normal boot that's what we're after, if it will work

anytime loading ESALOADER you won't get ESAFW loaded off flash and executed.
the ideal is
Boot Normally
Get **into** **Monitor**
then Dump Memory

probably should let TV84 know your HOSTID and be sure your running 14.06 of the firmware (I know you are, this is more for anyone else who tries in the future)

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« Message by **smgvbest** on September 10, 2020, 04:03:08 pm »

Quote from: **su** on September 09, 2020, 09:35:49 pm

How do I enter the monitor? Sandra, you wrote about a planned error. **How to** do it?

Cause a error.

I was playing with this before I had the issue om the Processor Board and i think if you put in the ESALoader disc you can get the Monitor Program that way.

of course this might be a problem for you with the FD issue your having

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« Message by **su** on September 09, 2020, 09:35:49 pm »

OK, I prepared the hardware **to** handle the serial port, set up 19200 8n1. After start, E4407B sends information.

Code: [\[Select\]](#)

```
**** Mosquito Bootrom ****
Copyright 1988-1997,
Hewlett-Packard Company, all rights reserved.

@(#)HEWLETT-PACKARD, E4401 Bootrom, 5.00
@(#)LDS Rev: 3.02 - Module Incremental (Sep 9 2003)
@(#)Linked: Sep 9 2003 14:46:44

Bootrom Checksum ...
Bootrom DRAM:   Testing 69632 bytes at 0x04000000
Non Destructive SRAM Test ...
Main Firmware DRAM:   Testing 33484800 bytes at 0x04011000
Main FW Checksum ...
Self-tests complete.SRAM selftest results:
  Start = 0xa000000
  End   = 0xa007fa3
```

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I am ready **to** deliver information from my device with the options installed, please just keep in mind that I am not an experienced hacker 😊

I will also point out that my SA has the A.14.01 firmware installed. Can't install the latest firmware yet, FDD can't read floppy disks reliably. It crashes on 2nd or 3rd disk when trying **to** update. I have **to** look for a new FDD.

EDIT

I'm now motivated **to** solve the FDD problem in my SA. I ordered 2 used SLIM FDD from the local auction site. One type NEC FD3238T and the other Teac FD-05HG. The FDD Teac FD-05HF was originally installed in my E4407B, but I haven't found one. Hope one of them will work well, both have a 26 pin connector. If they work, I will update the firmware **to** version A.14.06.

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« Message by **smgvbest** on September 09, 2020, 04:05:32 pm »

Guess what I just found.

This is the monitor program I was after.

to get it i caused an error. the error was planned, getting the monitor program was not question will be **how to** get this when loading normally.

Code: [\[Select\]](#)

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Main FW Checksum ...
    ROM Checksum Failure. Bad Checksum. 01, 0
Self-tests complete.SRAM selftest results:

```

Serial is at 19.2Kb so dumping memory will be slow but may be doable soon (I hope)
and if you notice the menu you can dump and write memory 🤖

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« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 07, 2020, 05:48:07 pm »

I'm trying **to** figure out **how to** read out the FLASH SIMM without de-soldering the Flash ICs
I've created a map between the LH28F320STKD -> SIMM -> T56 Programmer
There's a few signals that need investigation, **shown** in RED.

mainly the LCS_FLASH (CS Selects), Program Voltage ,RYBY (why are there 6 of these, 3 makes sense) , PA0 (possible tried low)
,PA1 (should be straight thru), byte# (likely tied high)
I'll have **to** ohm out the simm **to** figure out

Ill still have **to** de-solder U74 from the processor board (no way around that)

has anyone ever use JTAG on a 68040?

I dont' see a def for it in OCD

if all you can do is a boundary scan can you access memory or do you need debug for that?

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« Message by [tv84](#) on September 04, 2020, 09:10:49 am »

Quote from: smgvbest on September 03, 2020, 09:15:37 pm

how did you manage **to** get the load address?

Educated trial & error... 🤖

I would like **to** know if there is any way **to** manually upload a license.dat file **to** the instrument? (If this is not possible we can't do an universal license file.)

Also, can anyone provide a printscreen of the license input menu?

Edit: Now that you asked... 🤖🤖🤖🤖🤖

Quote from: smgvbest on August 31, 2020, 04:12:44 pm

```

Bootrom Checksum ...
Bootrom DRAM:   Testing 69632 bytes at 0x04000000
Non Destructive SRAM Test ...
Main Firmware DRAM:   Testing 33484800 bytes at 0x04011000
Main FW Checksum ...

```

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« Message by [smgvbest](#) on September 03, 2020, 09:15:37 pm »

Quote from: tv84 on September 03, 2020, 08:46:24 pm

Those that want **to** play in IDA with @smgvbest's ESAFW can use these settings:

```

Proc: Motorola Coldfire
Load address: 0x04011000

```

Is the Motorola Coldfire same as a M68040?

the Motorola 68LC040 is the actual processor on the board is why I ask

how did you manage to get the load address?

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« Message by tv84 on September 03, 2020, 02:41:58 pm »

Quote from: smgvbest on September 03, 2020, 11:59:58 am

If this does not work the other way I could brute force this is I could remove all of the FLASH memory and read them out with the Xgpro (formerly TL866) reader/programmer.
I have a spare processor card I'm willing to experiment on.

This seems the best option. How many flash chips are there? Isn't just one?

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« Message by analogRF on September 03, 2020, 10:37:54 am »

Quote from: tv84 on September 03, 2020, 10:31:32 am

Quote from: analogRF on September 03, 2020, 10:28:48 am

Another way would be to figure out how to combine the 9 floppy disks to create a single file firmware and then "explore" it 😊

Where are those 9 disks?

on keysight website

<https://www.keysight.com/main/software.jsp?cc=CA&lc=eng&key=1000001085:epsg:sud&nid=-32406.536879915.02&id=1000001085:epsg:sud&cmpid=92448>

EDIT: i dont have the instrument so I have never gone through the process of making the firmware update. I just know that it creates 9 floppy disks

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« Message by analogRF on September 03, 2020, 10:28:48 am »

Quote from: xymox on September 03, 2020, 05:43:27 am

Ive done jtag in a bunch of things.. Its not normally what is in your pic ? Maybe that is something else ? OR I am just stupid,, I CAN be that.. Normally its a 4 pin header. +5, tx, rx, gnd.. With ther TTL or RS232 voltages. I will look more at the board shortly..

TX,RX,GND is not a JTAG, it's UART . you dont even need the Vcc necessarily.

this thing has a JTAG interface but i dont think it will be of much help. The content of bootrom is not what we need. you only need the dump of flash memory to access the file system of the main OS, nothing else really. Another way would be to figure out how to combine the 9 floppy disks to create a single file firmware and then "explore" it 😊

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« Message by tv84 on September 03, 2020, 10:22:20 am »

Quote from: smgvbest on September 03, 2020, 12:41:34 am

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the part at the moment is how to get that dump, flash and sdram from a running system

I don't think flexLM is in the update file. It should be already inside the machine. That's why a flash dump would be great.

The FlexLM version should be no problem. Regarding the places where to find the seeds it's not so simple as the several guides don't cover this lang/processor.

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i figured out the JTAG pins and where you can pick them up but JTAG is not something I'm good with

if all you have is a boundary scan ability can you get a dump of memory?
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anyone who can help with that and setting up OCD I'll do it on my ESA
I just need the help

the processor is a 68LC040 I believe (its the LC part i'm not 100% sure of off top of the head)

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« Message by analogRF on August 28, 2020, 12:57:32 am »

all you need to do is to attach two small grabbers to pin9 and pin10 of the MAX232 chip (TTL level) and you are good to go. Any cheap UART-USB converter will do the job. I prefer my BUSPirate. That's how I have always done this in numerous instruments.

But which RS232 connector is this? Is it the one at the back of instrument? or is it something just on board for debugging?

Because if it is the one at the back of instrument, you won't get any boot log on that or access to the OS

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« Message by tv84 on May 20, 2020, 09:51:05 pm »

Quote from: PA0PBZ on November 11, 2019, 09:17:43 pm

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Have you succeeded? Do you have JTAG access?

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« Message by PA0PBZ on November 11, 2019, 09:17:43 pm »

I'm trying to find a way into the ESA to be able to patch the FlexLM part. It looks like the code disassembles fine as a Coldfire processor but you could be right that it is a 68LC040. It looks like it's not that different and it disassembles fine. The method I used to get around the FlexLM stuff in the other instruments is always returning "ok" on an entered license but you have to patch the

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« Message by [mbielman](#) on November 11, 2019, 08:59:44 pm »

Not sure what you are trying **to** convey here. The ESA instruments use the MC68LC040 (integer only version) and as far as I know do not have a "traditional" OS at all, unlike the newer units.

If there is a way **to** interrogate the system, I would love **to** know **how**!

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