



# ADHA Status and Future Tasks, and ADS ADHA Module Status

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# Agenda

- ADHA Module Development in Airbus
  - ADHA Power Module
  - Stream
  - NICE
- Status
- Future Tasks and challenges
- Conclusion



# Airbus Space Electronics (Elancourt): ADHA Power Module: Project & Product Description

## Project:

- Contractual framework: ESA TDE
- Objective: to develop an engineering model for a power module aimed meeting with ADHA requirements
- Project kicked-off in Oct 2023.

## Generic power module with the following characteristics:

- Unregulated power bus 21V to 37V
- +5V / 5A (25W)
- +12V / 12.5A (150W)
- +28V / 1A (28W)
- Total power = 203W
- Nominal and Redundant module on the same board
- High Efficiency
- Dimensions = 6U cPCI that is 220mm x 233mm x 35mm

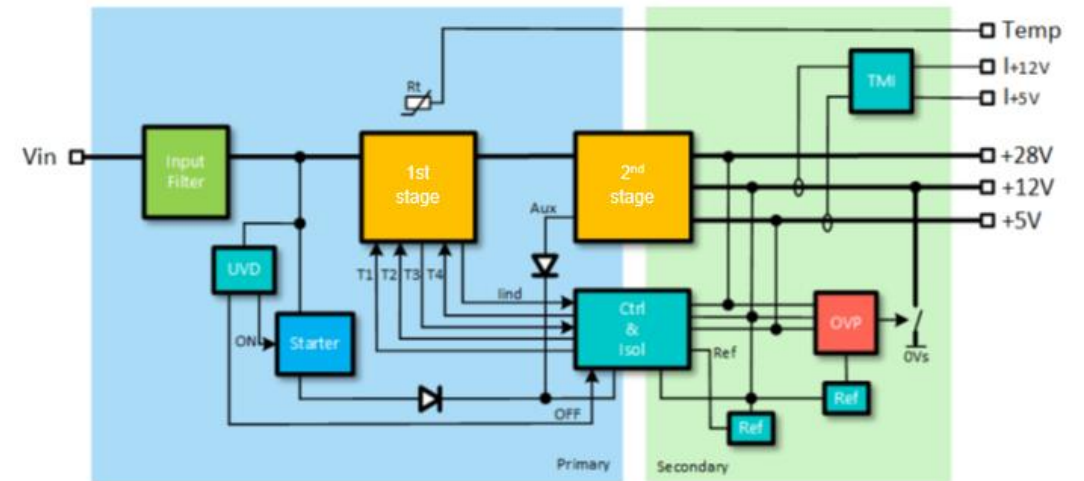
# ADHA Power Module: Architecture

## Solution

- Two stages solution:
  - 1st stage in charge of regulation
  - 2nd stage in charge of insulation and output voltages delivery
- Soft-switching solutions to achieve high efficiency
- Use of GaNFETs

## Main features

- Barycentric Regulation at converter outputs.
- Overvoltage protection on all outputs with short circuit of the +12V to stop the converter.
- Current TM on +12V and +5V
- Automatic restart in case of converter malfunction



ADHA Power Module block diagram

# ADHA Power Module: Project status

## Milestones and schedule:

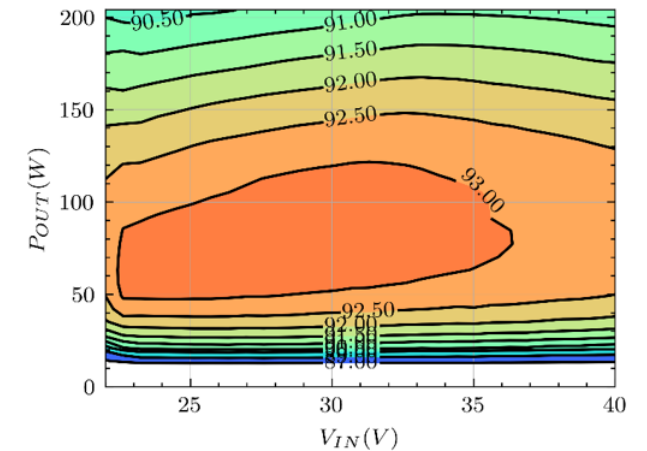
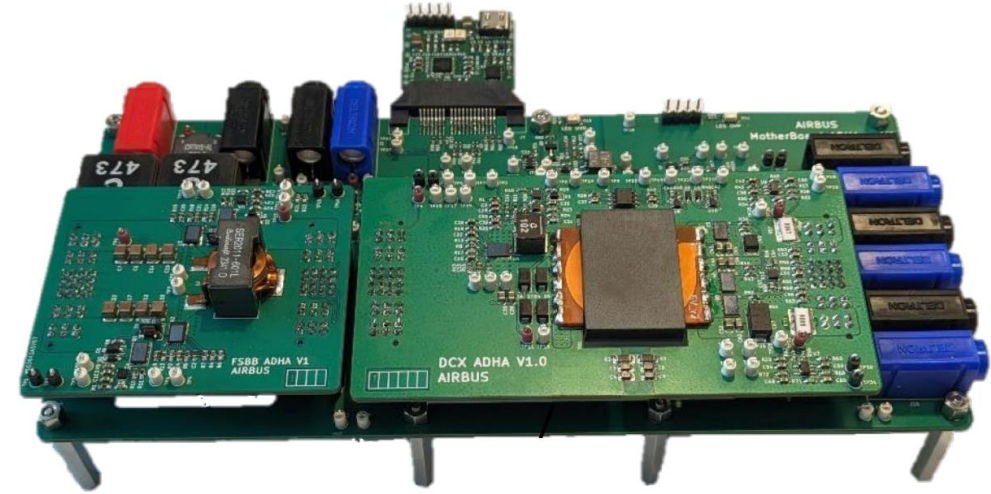
- System Requirements Review held in Nov 2023
- Conceptual Design Review held in June 2024
- Engineering Model Preliminary Design Review to be held end 2024-early 2025
- Final Review Q3 2025

## Progress overview

- Breadboarding & validation of all functions completed
- Peak efficiency is above 93%
- Optimization in progress to improve efficiency performances on the whole operating range

## Way forward

- Thermal & mechanical design in progress
- Engineering Model layout



# Airbus CRISA: STREAM project

## Scope of work

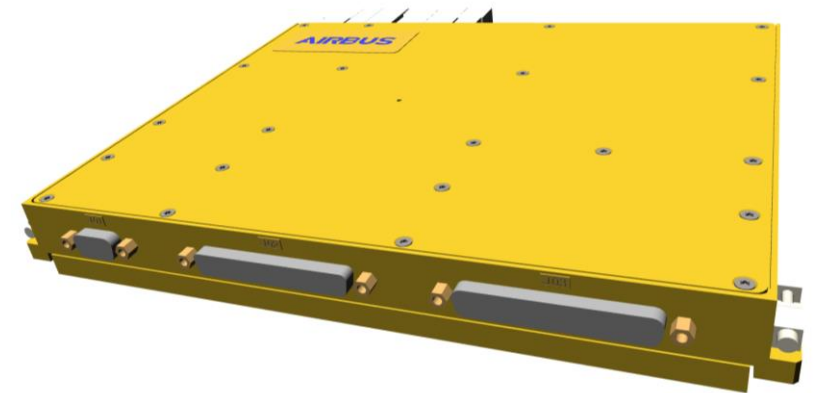
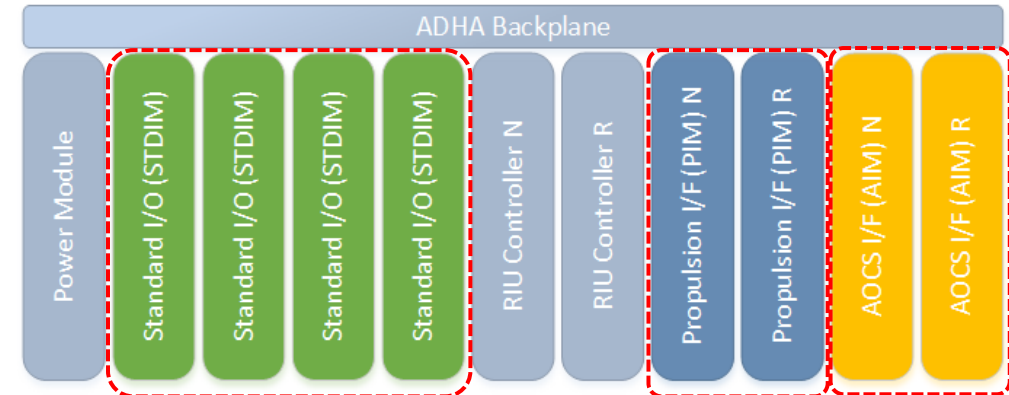
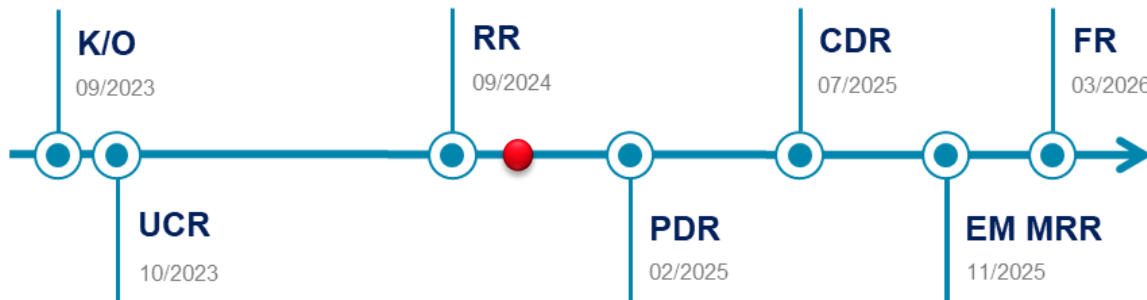
- Development of ADHA-compatible RIU / RTU modules: Standard I/Fs + AOCS I/Fs + Propulsion I/Fs
- Manufacturing, in EM quality, one board of each type

## Targeted uses cases

- Stand-alone RIU in a centralized architecture
- RIU boards integrated in a S/C management unit, together with the OBC

## Features

- Board format: 6U, 220 mm depth, 6 HP
- High density of interfaces
- Possibility to configure standard interfaces, depending on the system's needs



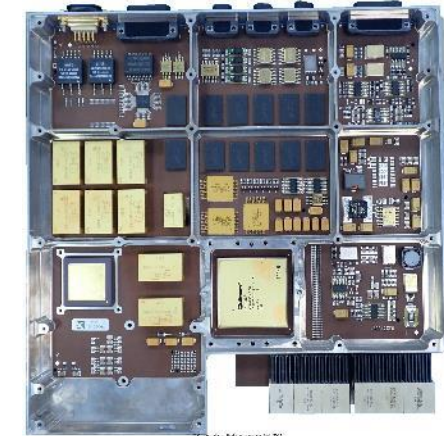
# Airbus CRISA: GR40 PCM & NICE IncuBed project

## GR740 Payload Controller Module (PCM)

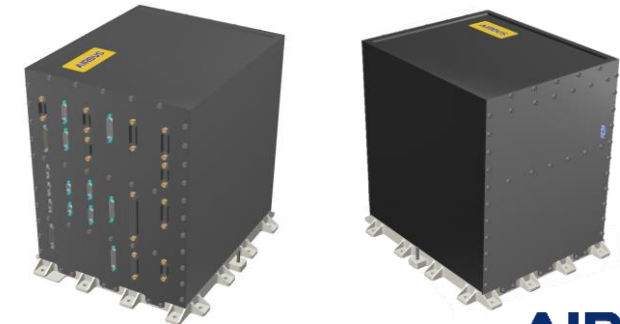
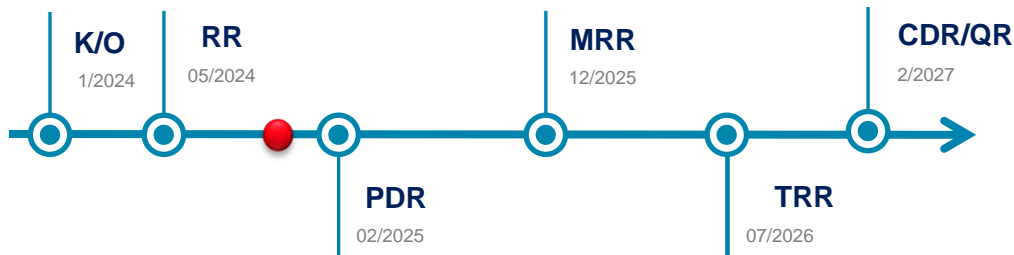
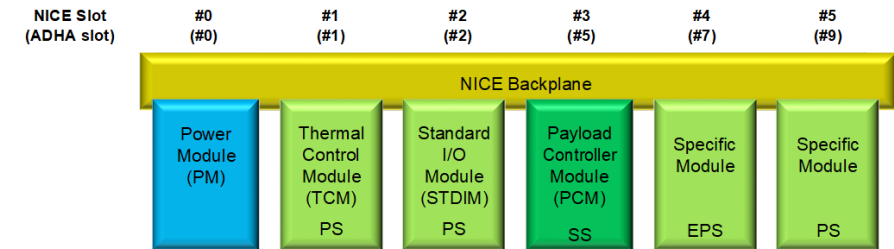
- General purpose Payload Controller Board for ADHA standard equipment
- High performance processing for Payload applications
- Optical links at rear side (SpaceFibre)
- 2x EMs manufactured and submitted to full characterization (TRL5 achieved)
- Thermal testing on an EM planned for 1Q25 (TRL6)

## New Instrument Control Electronic (NICE)

- New Generation of Instrument Control Units AHDA compliant
- Single redundancy (redundancy achieved by two separated units)
- Implements the core functions of the Payload Control Units
  - C&C implemented by GR740 PCM (internal development)
  - TM/TC Standard interfaces implemented by STDIM (developed in STREAM)
  - Power Module (80W output power), non redundant
  - Thermal Control Module (out of scope of this activity)
- An EQM will be manufactured and will undergo qualification testing (TRL7 by 1Q27)

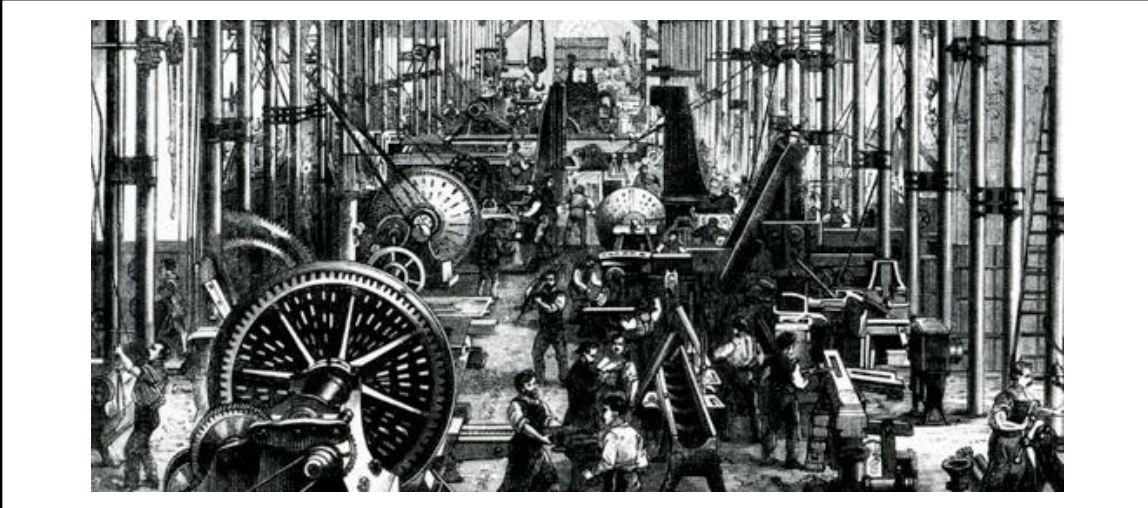
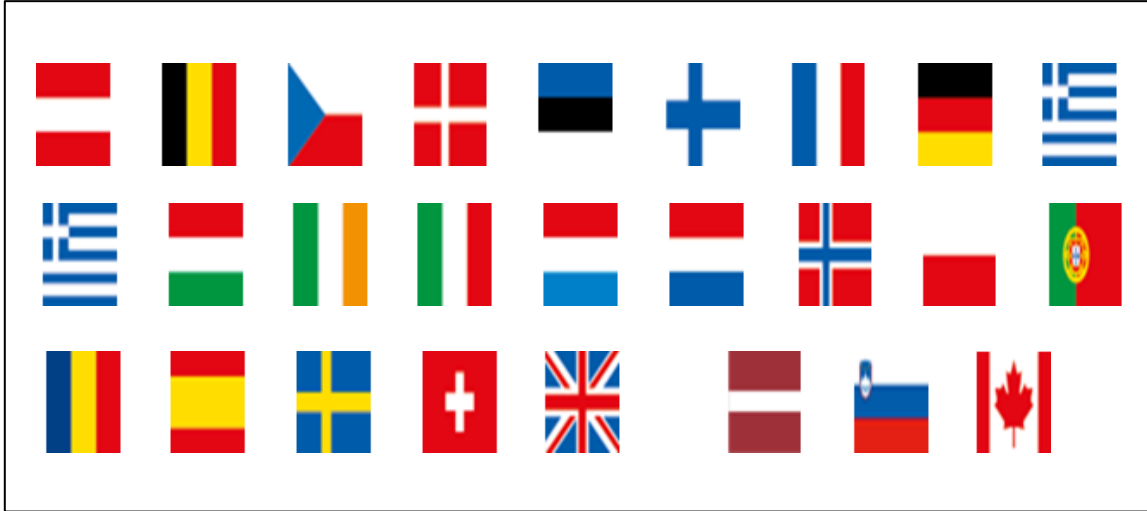


GR740 PCM EM model





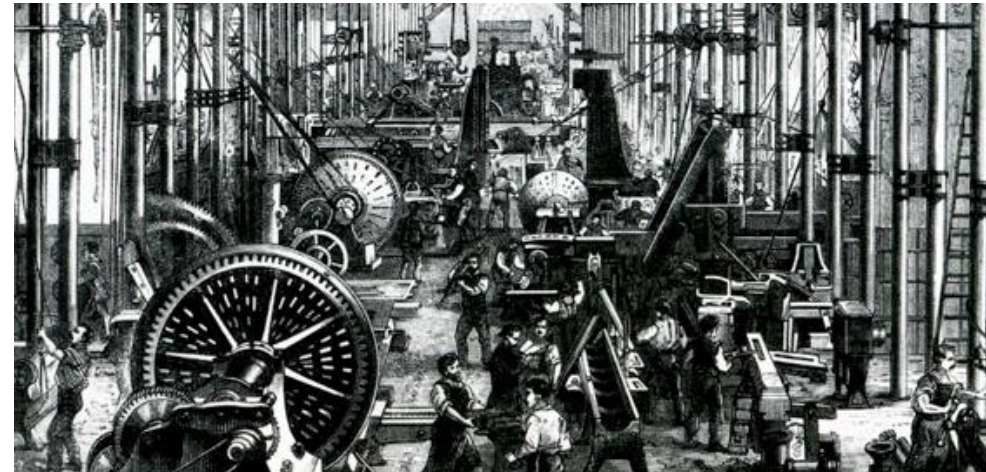
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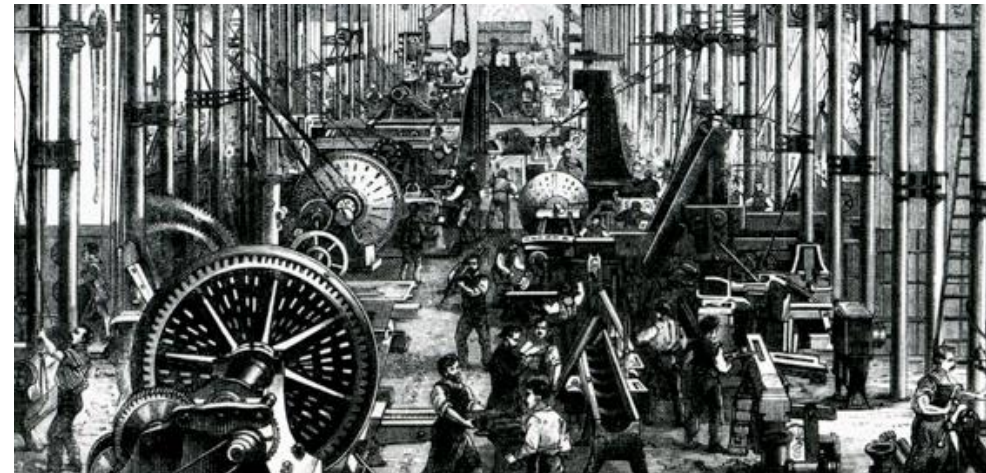
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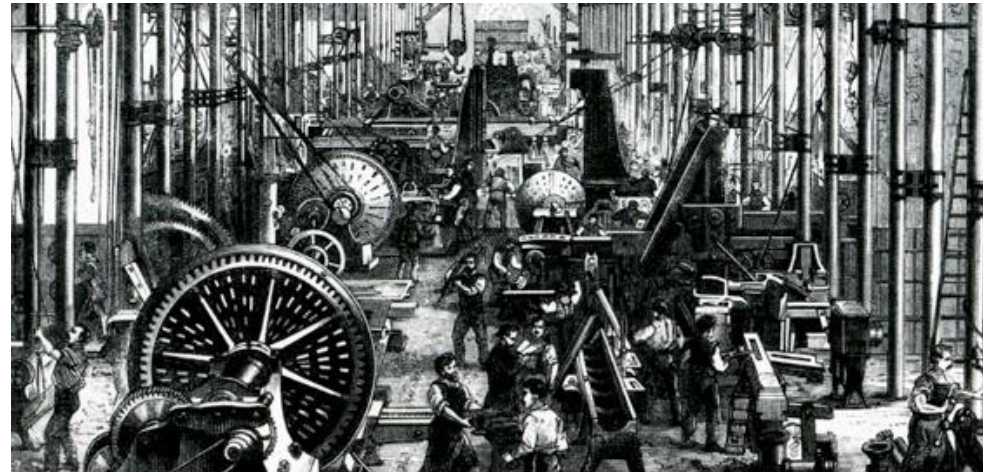
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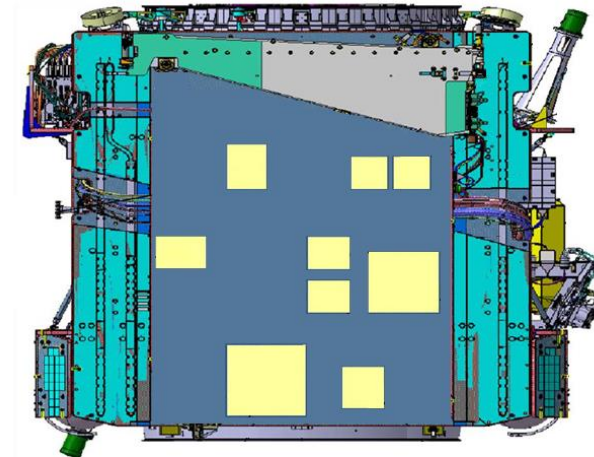
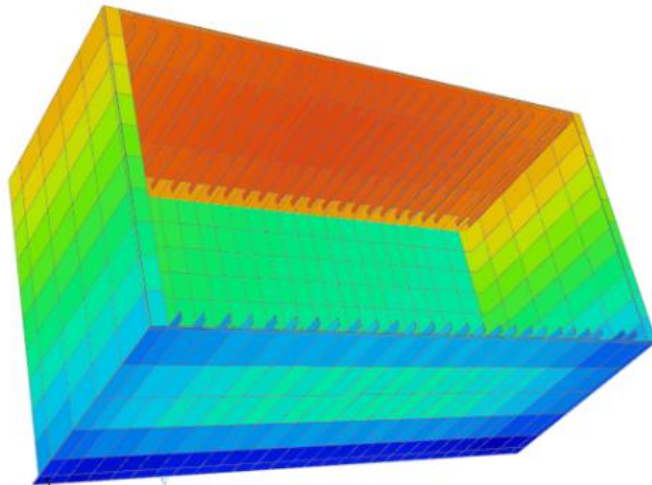
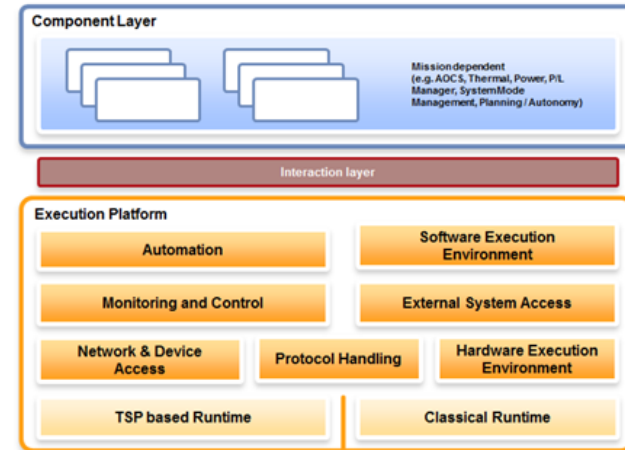
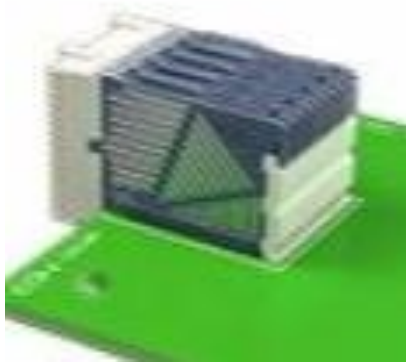
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**Industrial benefits:**

- ADHA ease for SMEs, newcomers and non-space companies to enter the market.
- ADHA ease integration of “payload of opportunities”.
- Late exchange of a module from one supplier to another possible.
- ADHA allows more competition which reduce the cost.

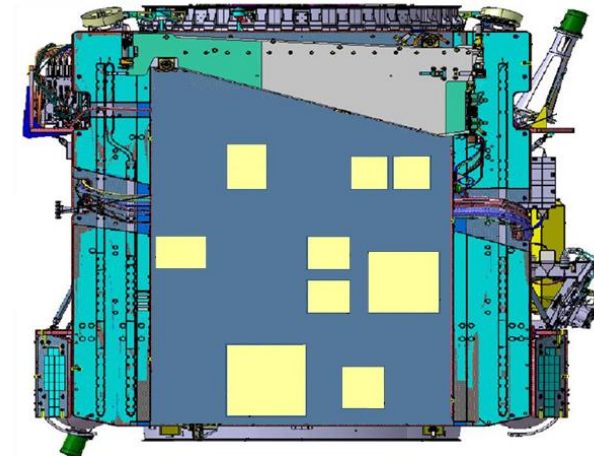
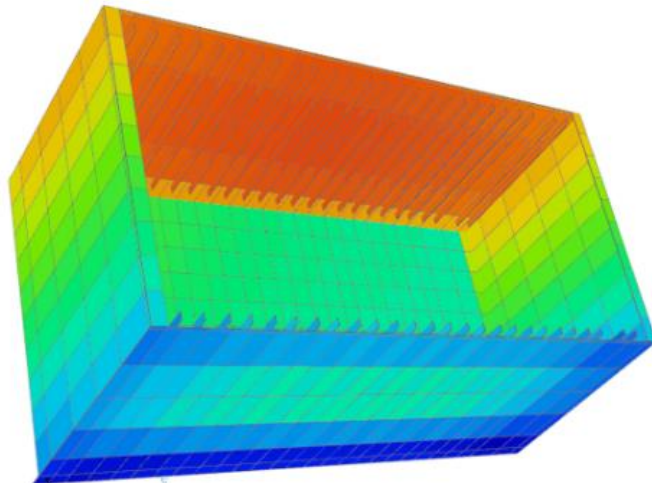
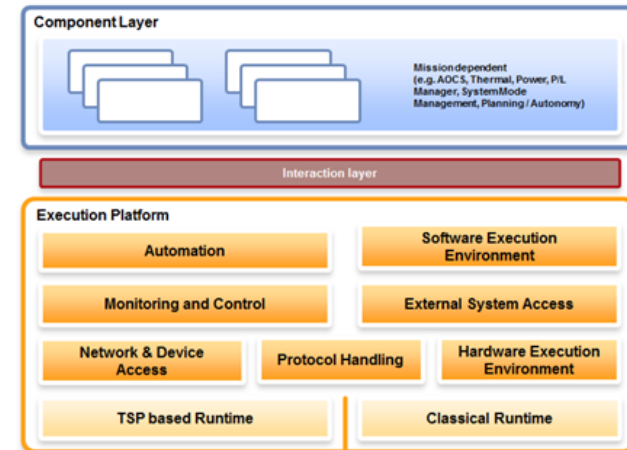
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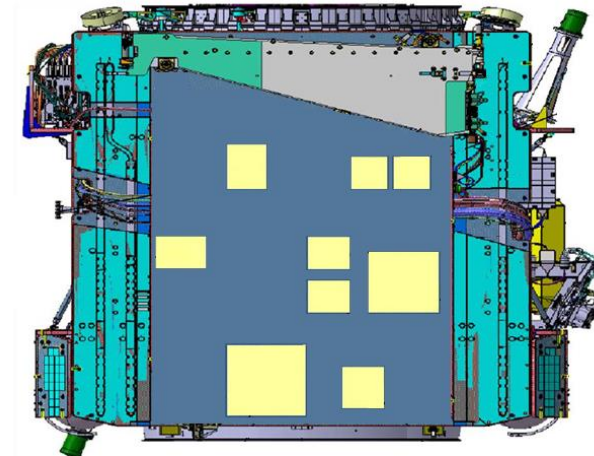
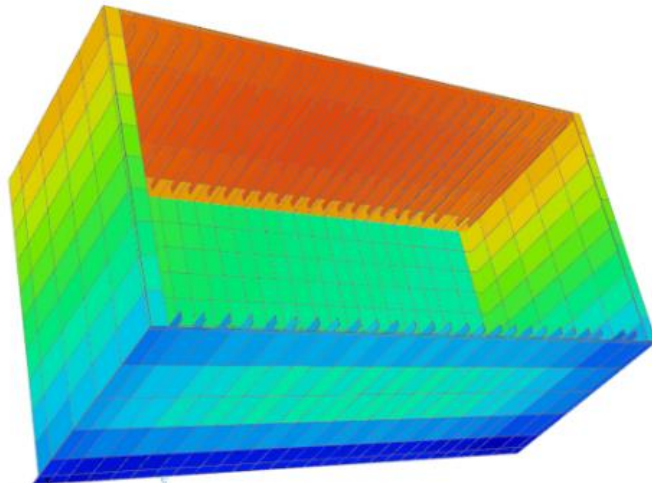
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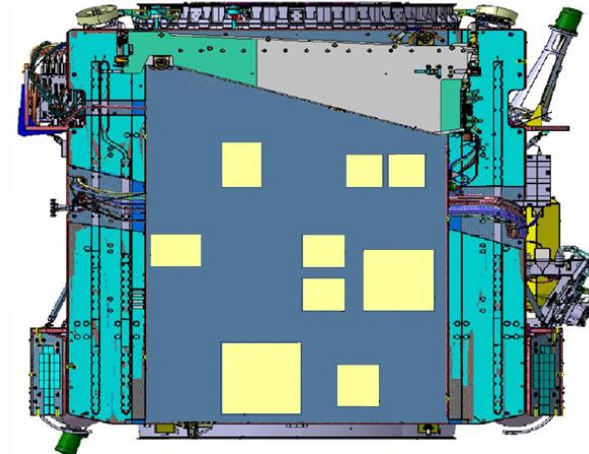
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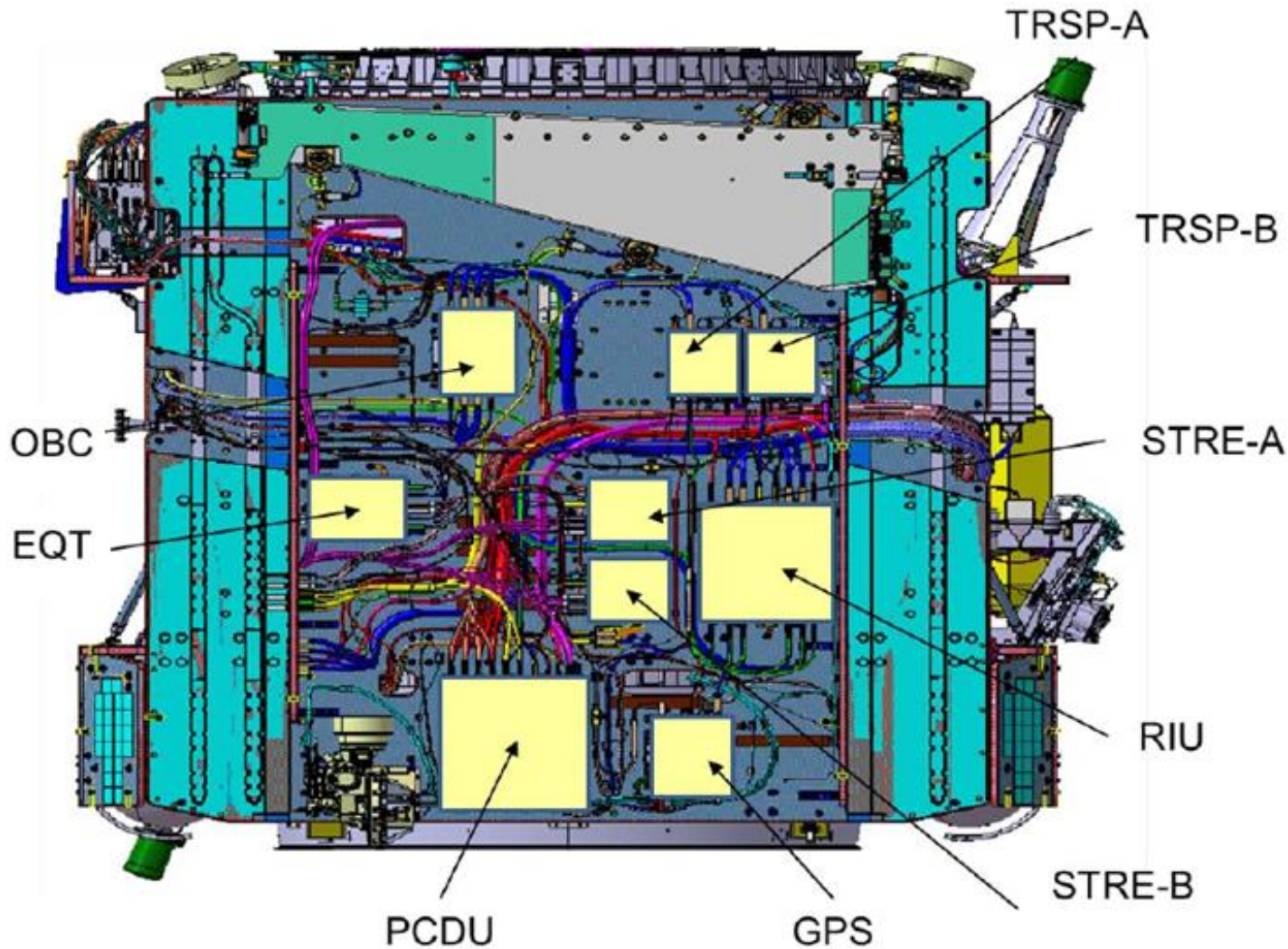
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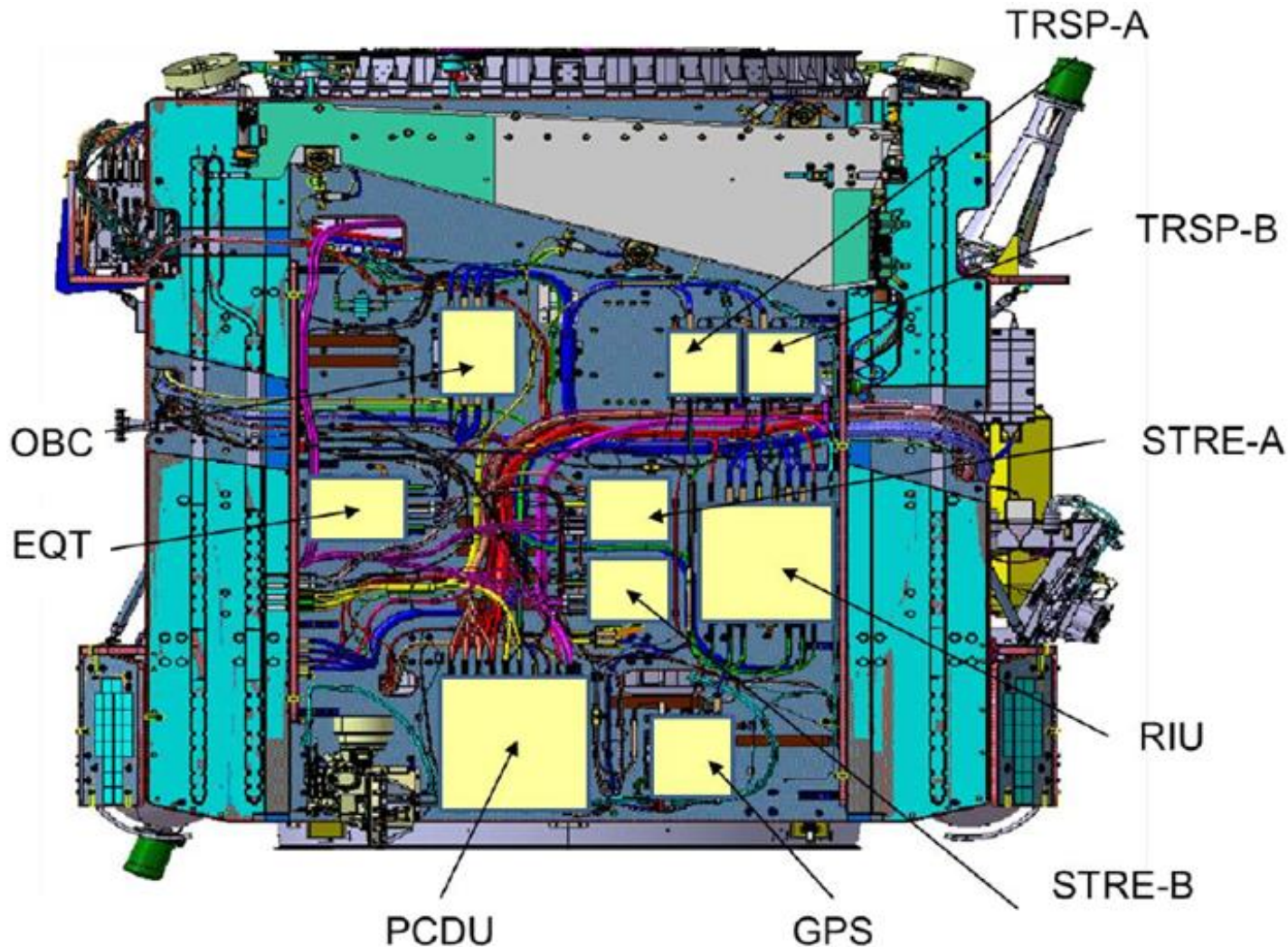
- The form factor (6U extended or 3U extended) will not perfectly fit the function
- PCB surface not fully used or
- Function to be split over several modules
- Will ADHA add mass and size?
  - On unit level: yes, probably... but on system level...

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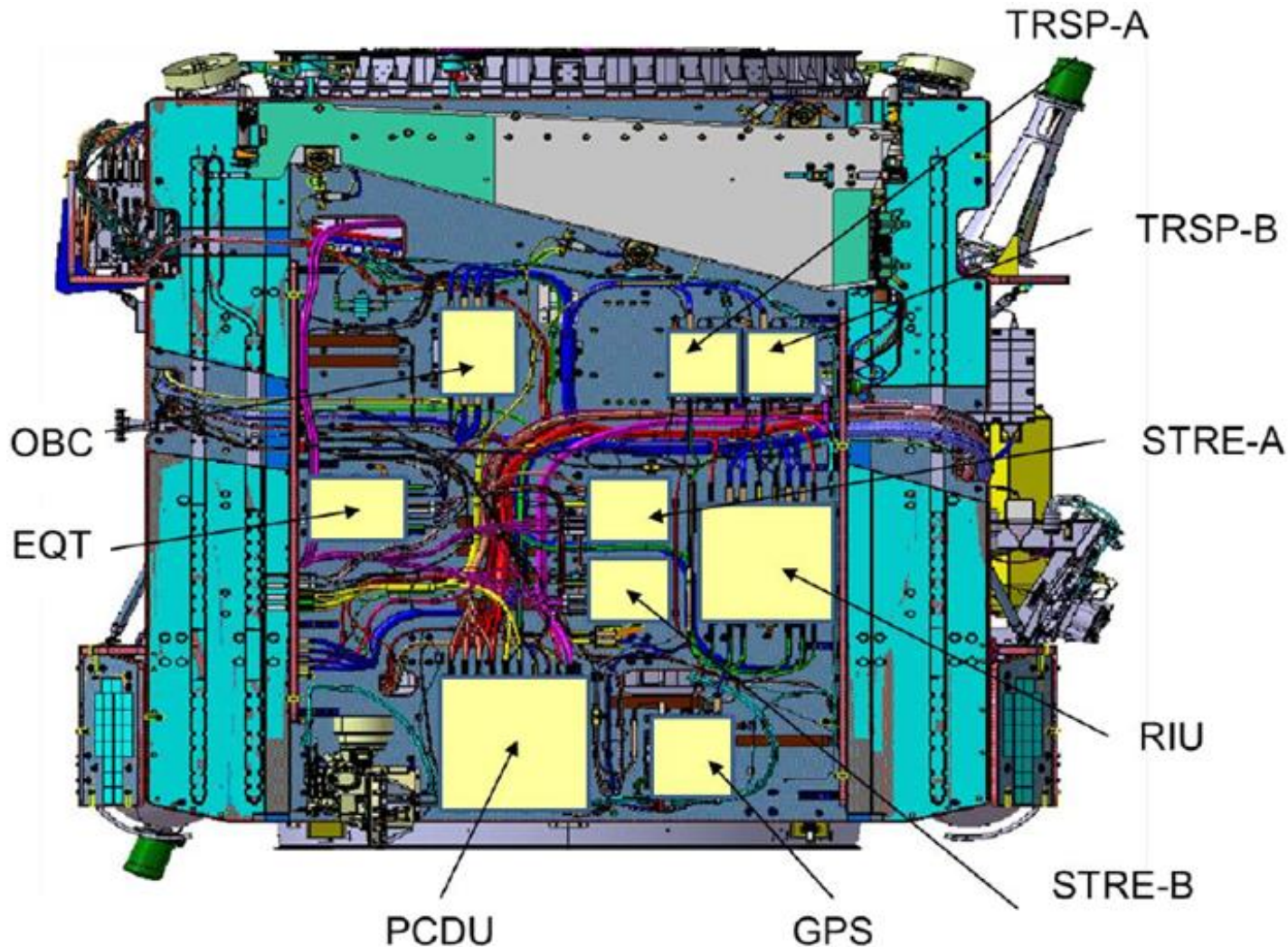


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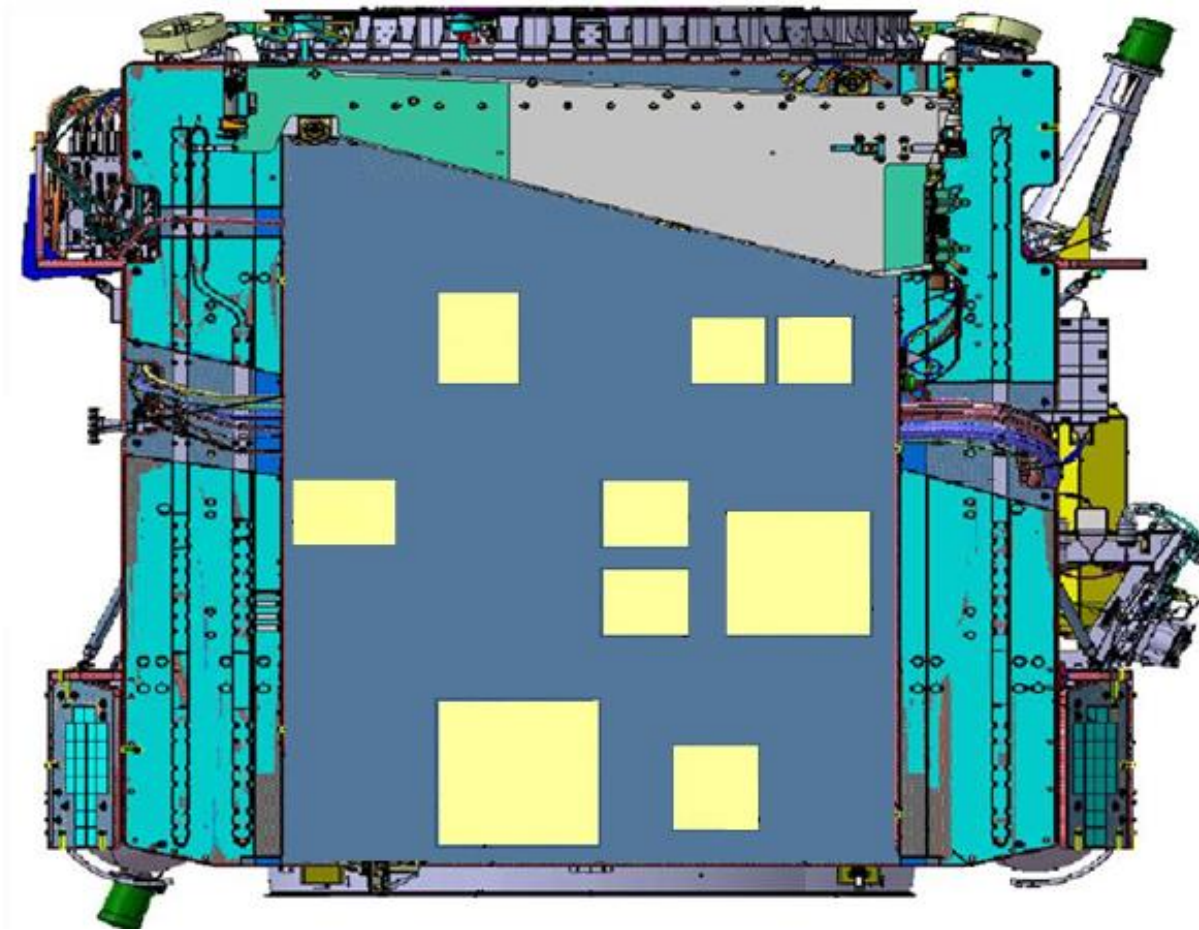
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Units do not share resources (e.g. power or processing)

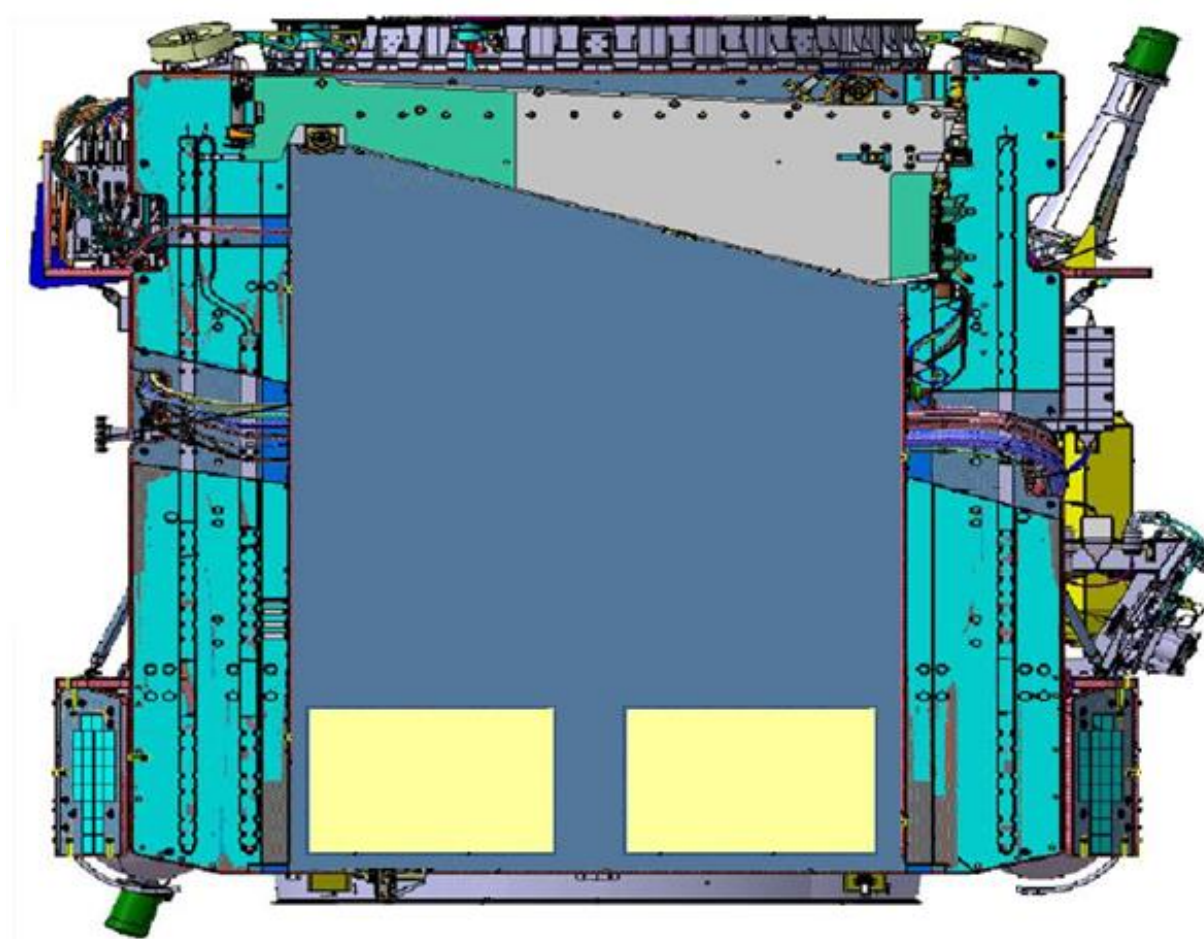
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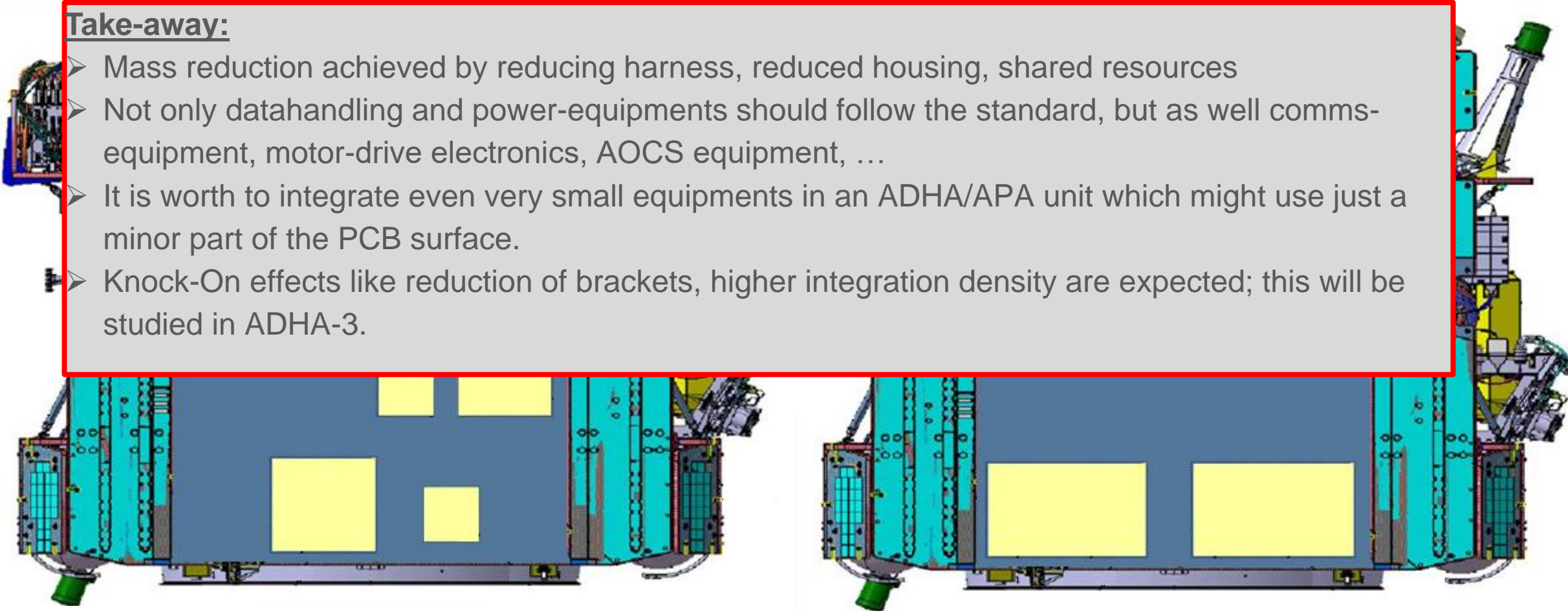
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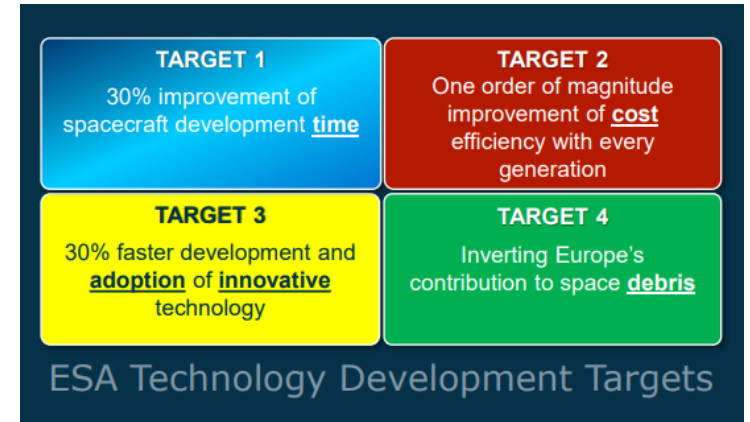
### Take-away:

- Mass reduction achieved by reducing harness, reduced housing, shared resources
- Not only datahandling and power-equipments should follow the standard, but as well comms-equipment, motor-drive electronics, AOCS equipment, ...
- It is worth to integrate even very small equipments in an ADHA/APA unit which might use just a minor part of the PCB surface.
- Knock-On effects like reduction of brackets, higher integration density are expected; this will be studied in ADHA-3.



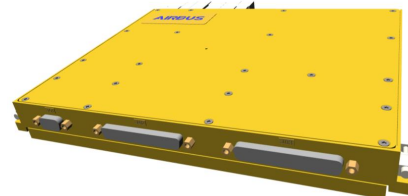
# Conclusion

- ADHA support the ESA technology development targets fully shared by Airbus
- ADHA-2 Phase 1 „Consolidation & Standardization“ is successfully completed
- ADHA-2 Phase 2 for Integration, Test and Verification started.
- ADHA-3 under final preparation with the target to widen the scope and to improve on some limitations.



- Many ADHA-module developments started like:

- the ADHA Power Module,
- Stream and
- NICE





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