

# Introduction and Status of SAVOIR

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# What is this all about.



- Improve the way we deliver space system
- Support industrial competitiveness
- Become more product oriented



# The melting pot of ideas



# SAVOIR.



**SAVOIR** means *Space Avionics Open Interface aRchitecture*.

It is an initiative to federate the space avionics community and to work together in order to improve the way that the European Space community builds avionics subsystems.



**SAVOIR** is coordinated by the Savoir Advisory Group including representative of ESA, CNES, DLR, Astrium, Thales, OHB, RUAG, Selex Galileo, Terma.



# Motivation for the SAVOIR initiative



Improve the way we deliver Space Systems (cost & schedule) by

- **Pre-developed Products / Building Blocks based on**
- **Well defined Specification & Interfaces based on**
- **An agreed Reference Architecture**



# SAVOIR objectives



- to reduce the **schedule** and **risk** and thus cost of the avionics procurement and development, while preparing for the future,
- to improve **competitiveness** of avionics suppliers,
- to influence **standardization** processes by standardizing at the right level in order to get equipment interchangeability (the topology remains specific to a project).
- to define the **governance** model to be used for the products, generic specifications, interface definition of the elements being produced under the SAVOIR initiative.

The process is intended to be applied as part of the Agencies ITTs, and throughout the subsequent procurements and development process. A particular goal is to have Savoir outputs exploited in future projects and relevant products as part of European supplier's portfolios.





The primary outputs of Savoir are:

- **reference avionics architecture** for spacecraft platform hardware and software,
- a set of avionics external and internal **interface specifications**,
- the definition of building blocks composing the architecture,
- the **functional specification** of selected building blocks comprising the architecture,
- the implementation of selected building blocks at the right TRL level,
- process definition and assessment.

Example of SAVOIR output:

- input to the harmonization process
- definition of reference architectures for avionics and software
- generic specification of CDMU



# SAVOIR expected benefits



SAVOIR supports:

- the space avionics **customers** and **system architects**,
- the **system integrators**,
- the avionics and technology **suppliers**,
- the standardization bodies.

It is a tool for the industrial policy and R&D planning makers



The expected benefits of SAVOIR are:

- for **customers**, streamline the procurement process of spacecraft avionics,
- for **system integrators**, facilitate the procurement and integration of the spacecraft avionics,
- for **suppliers**, prepare the technical conditions for an efficient product line organization.





# Organisation



SAVOIR  
Advisory  
Group



Software  
reference  
architecture



Sensor/Actuator  
Functional  
Interface



Electrical  
interface  
(Data & Power)

Sub-domain  
Working  
groups



# SAVOIR perimeter



- SAVOIR focus on the Platform Avionics including Payload Interfacing
- Build on 4 pillars
  - Data Handling Hardware
  - Control Sensors & Actuators
  - On-board Communication
  - Flight Software
- Potential extension
  - Power systems
  - The operations view
  - Design for AIV/AIT



# The SAVOIR wheel



## Domain of reuse

Agree on which functions compose the perimeter of avionics and how to allocate them to BB if needed.

**System Reference Architecture**

1

Define Interface (IRD)

**Product Use Assessment**

4

Measure the effectiveness of SAVOIR recommendations and approach, in terms of costs and effectiveness.

## Key Performance Indicators

## Domain design

Agree on the most important BB to standardize and develop. Propose a roadmap to implement them.

**Building Blocks**

2

Refine Interface (ICD)

**Reference Functional Specifications**

3

Agree on variability and modularity of the specifications for the selected BB or for groups of BB.

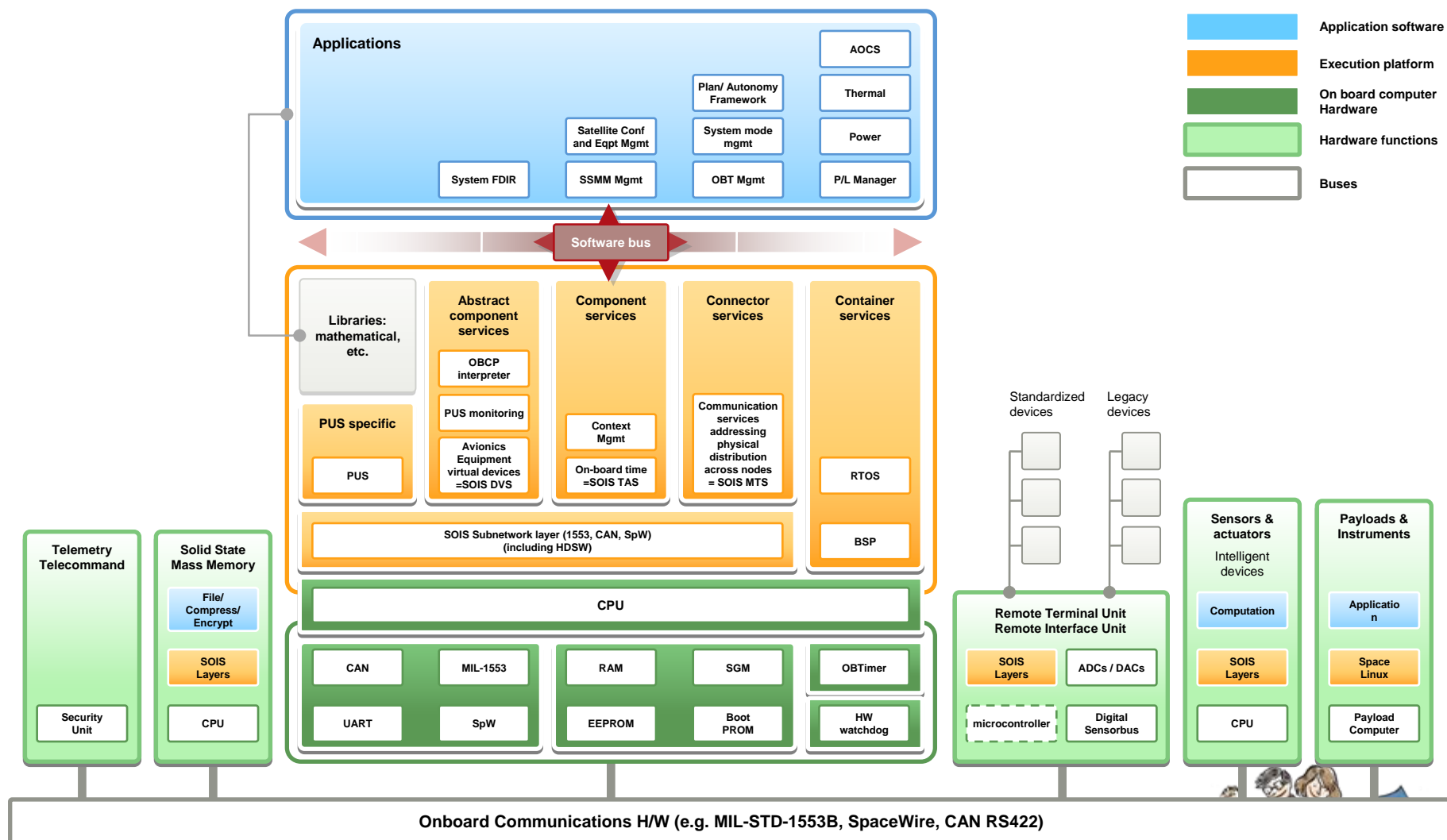
## Reusable spec & I/F standards

**SAVOIR is an initiative to federate the space avionics community to work together in order to:**

- Improve the way to deliver space programs (cost & efficiency).
- Set a « product philosophy » approach.
- Deliver elements usable by the customers, the system integrators and the suppliers.



# The avionics reference architecture (HW + SW)





- Phase-1: Concept definition
  - Establish consensus of common goal – concept definition
  - Define the perimeter
  - Establish product orientation, while still respecting individual commercial interests.
  - Strive for standardisation without killing innovation.
- Phase-2 (2011 → ) From concept to implementation
  - Priorities - Choices (select building blocks)
  - Details – Formalism (produce generic specs)
  - Maturity (verify consistency – completeness)
  - Cost – Schedule (development plan)





- Disseminate the SAVOIR results and plans to the European Space Community.
- Solicit feedback / opinions / views / criticism from all stakeholders in the European Space Community.
- The round-table will specifically query the end-users view.

**“Are we building the right thing?”**

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**“Are we building it right?”**



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