



Software aspects of the reference architecture

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- Supporting activities and status
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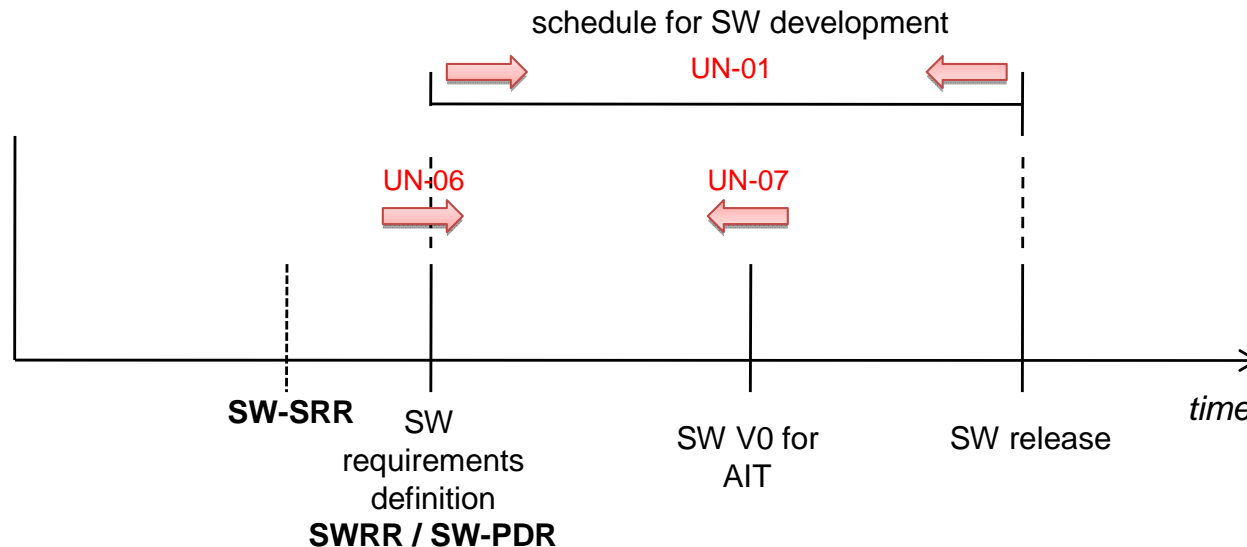
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On-board software schedule *issue*



The **schedule** for the software development is getting tighter:



Nevertheless:

Spacecraft platforms have **similar functionalities**. There are families of spacecrafts (for science, earth observation, ...).

The **platform software is even more similar**... but currently, there are few opportunities to spend effort on advanced functions.



Software Engineering *needs*: Faster, Later, Softer



FASTER (increase productivity)

- Shorter software development time
- Reduce Verification and Validation effort
- Reduce recurring developments (don't redevelop recurring software: about 50% of platform sw)
- Increase cost-efficiency (more requirements same cost)
- Quality of the product (at least same quality)

LATER (increase reactivity)

- Mitigate the impact of late requirement definition or change
- Optimize flight maintenance
- Simplification and harmonization of FDIR

SOFTER (increase flexibility)

- Support for various system integration strategies (customer-supplier)
- Industrial policy support
- Role of software suppliers (multi-vendor policy)
- Dissemination activities (concept usable by system engineers)
- Future needs



Why a *reference architecture* reply to these needs?...



Faster? → **automation of life cycle**, model driven engineering:

yes, but not enough...

Need also **predevelopment of software** for faster configuration, later configuration, softer developments (6 years, 6 months, ...)

E.g. missionisation of launchers

Predevelopment of what? → Of **building blocks**

Are they Lego? → No, they are flexible (parameters)

Compose Building Blocks? → Therefore need **interface standard**

Where are the interface? → Therefore a **reference architecture**

Reduce validation? → Composability and compositionability,

Separation of concerns, correct by construction, component model



Reference architecture principles (1/2)



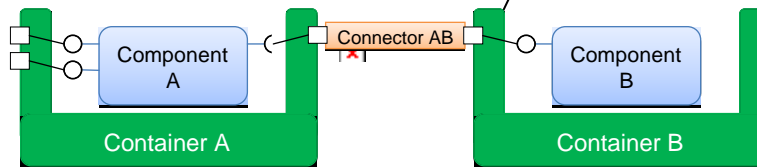
Architectural concepts: Component model (component + container + connector)

Component model

"Decorated interface"

Computational model

Components



Properties
Verification

Execution platform

services for container,
services for connector,
services for component



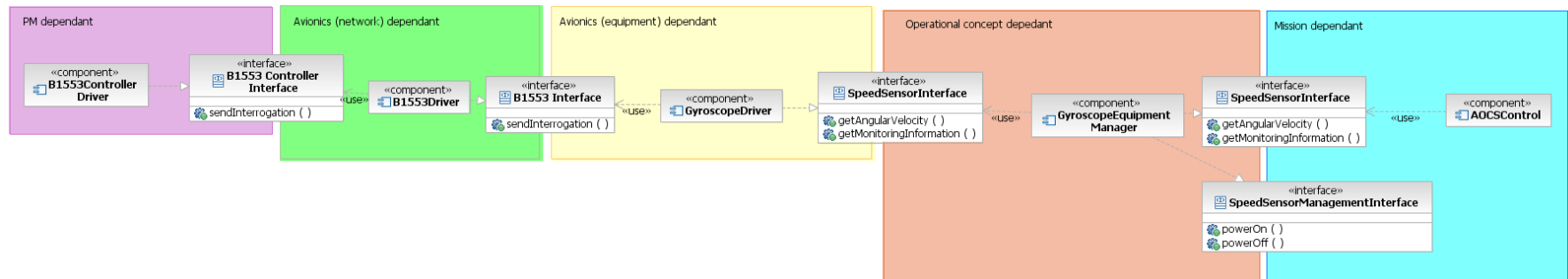
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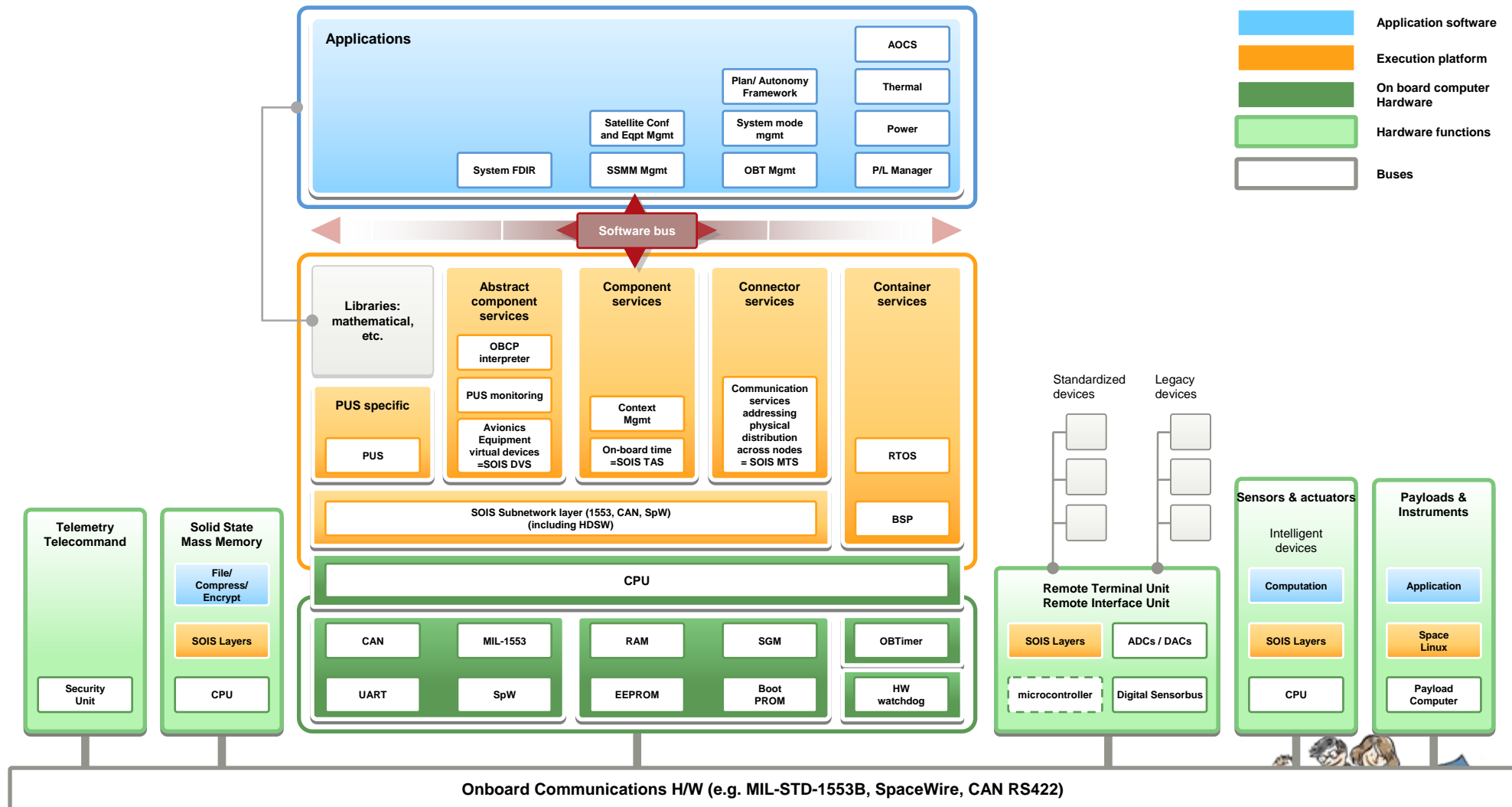
Mapping functional chains on the architectural concept

- Functional chain = AOCS, power management, thermal control
- **Domain engineering** to make functions **reusable** in a given domain
- **Variability factor** are used to describe the extend of flexibility of the domain.

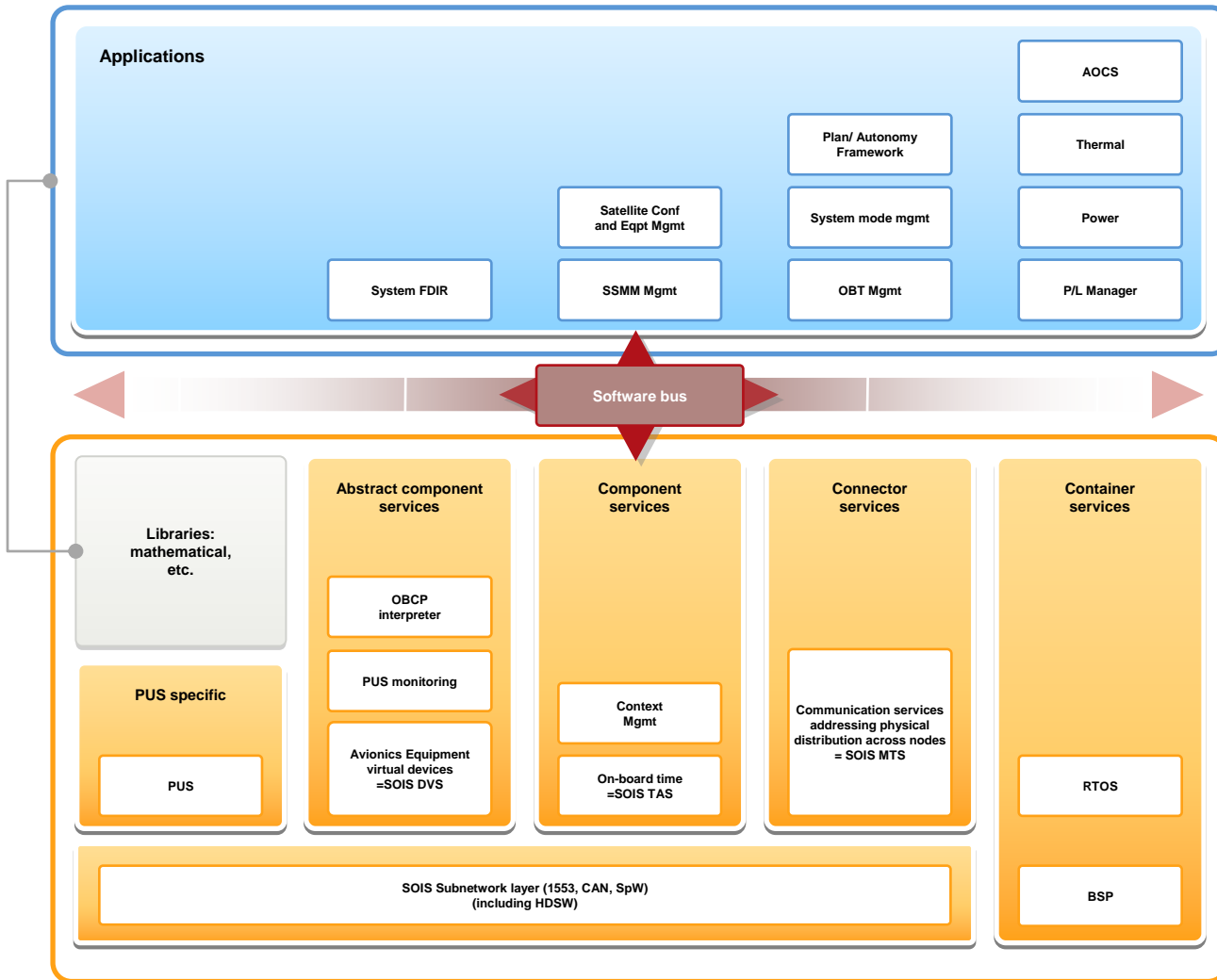
hardware | network | equipments | operation | mission



The avionics reference architecture (HW + SW)



The software reference architecture



Application level hosts the components of the functional chains

Software bus is a tool that generates the interaction layer between both

Execution platform hosts the services needed by the application (mediated through the interaction layer)



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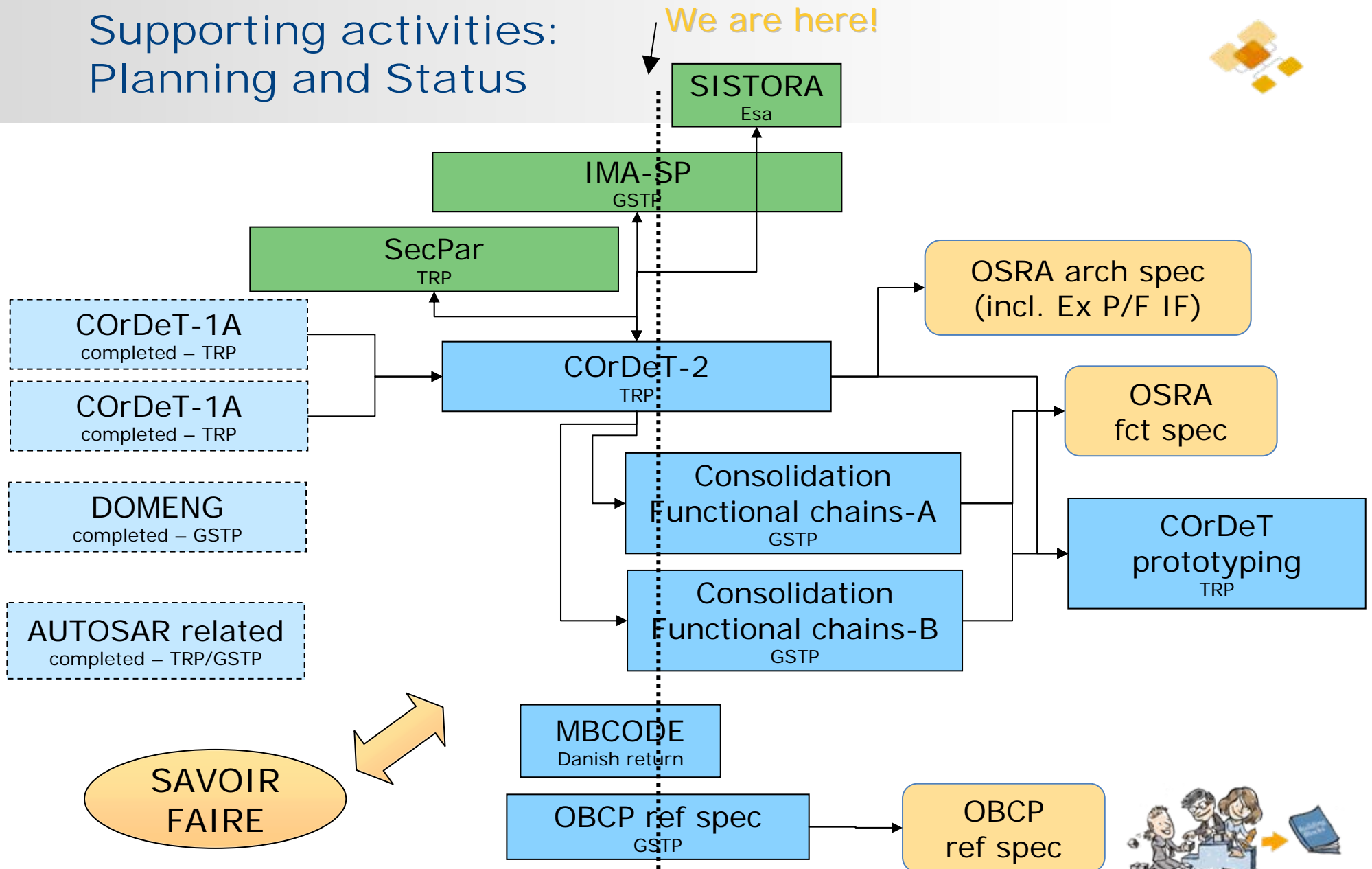


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Supporting activities: Planning and Status

We are here!



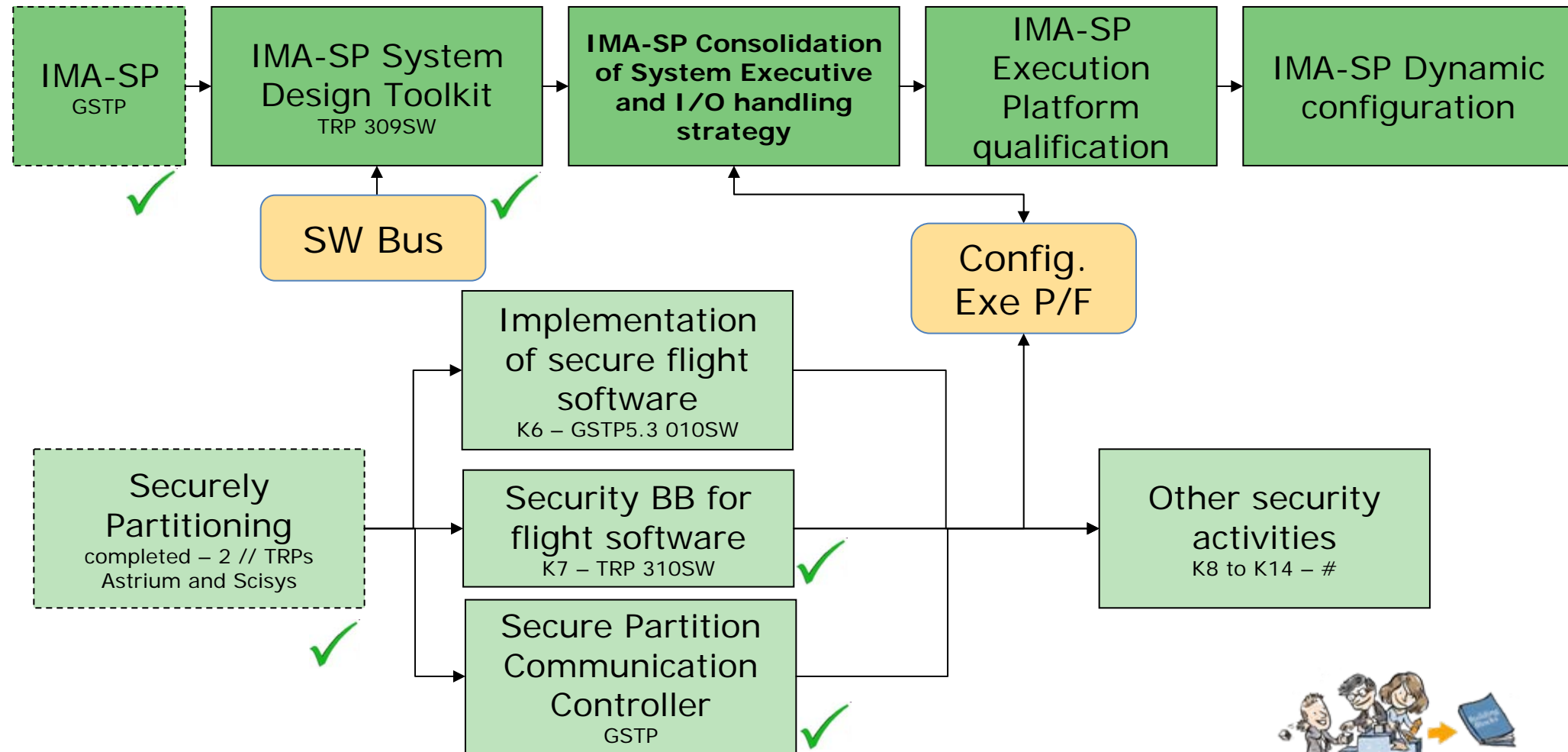
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IMA and Security roadmap



Status of IMA & Security



- IMA-SP and COrDeT compatibility shall be ensured via SISTORA
- Mapping of IMA-SP middleware to execution platform needs to be performed
 - Middleware services to be defined as part of IMA-SP use cases
- Security can be added via separation kernel into the Execution Platform
 - MILS and reduced trusted computing base concept
 - Security strategy needs to be defined (!)
- SAVOIR TSP Execution Platform **round table** on 26th January 2012 at ESTEC
 - Gather all TSP and Security stakeholders to coordinate ESA & non-ESA activities, report on roadmap progress, gain feedback from community and start the definition of future work
 - HW and SW focus

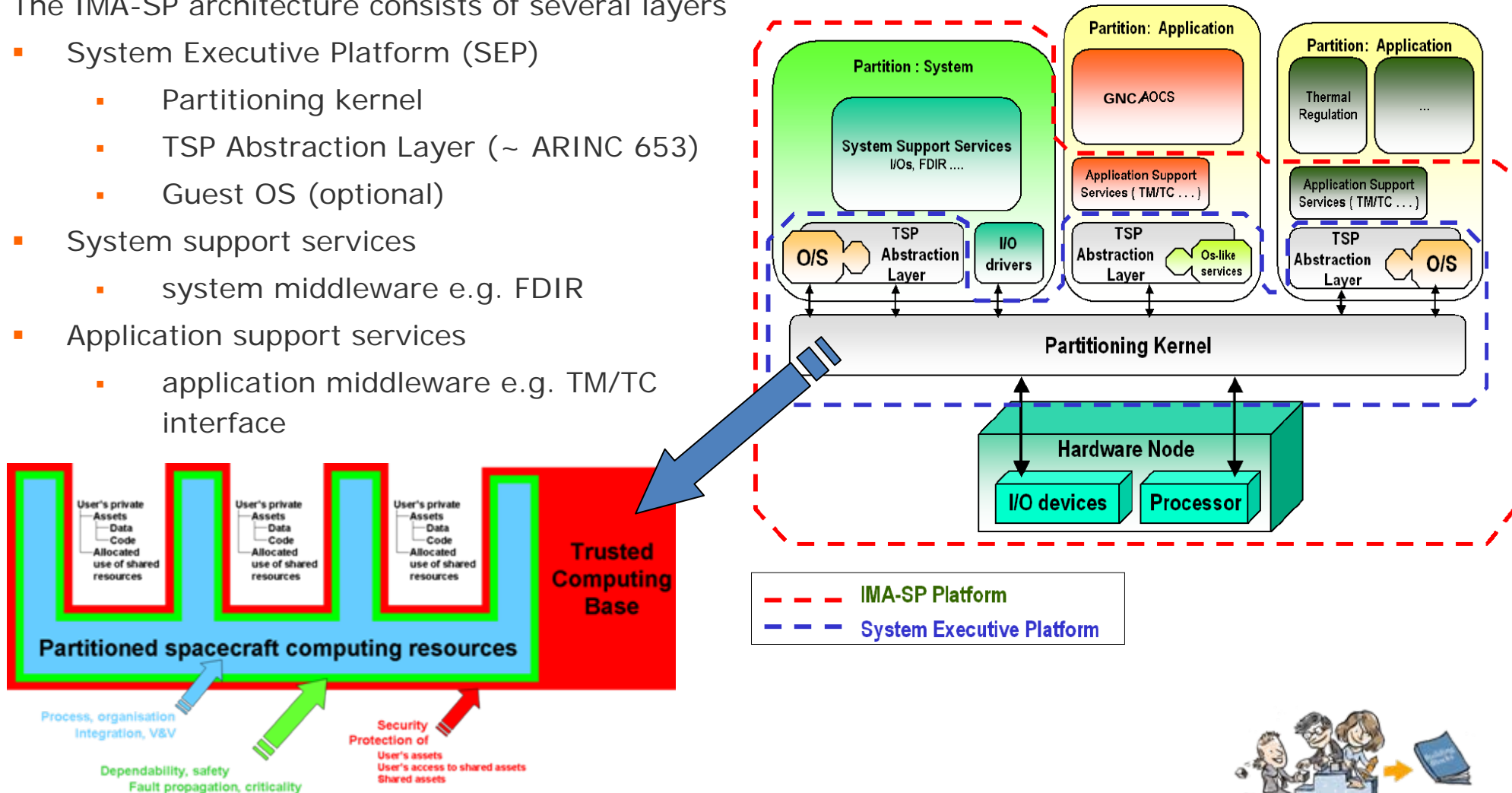


IMA-SP and Security architectures



The IMA-SP architecture consists of several layers

- System Executive Platform (SEP)
 - Partitioning kernel
 - TSP Abstraction Layer (~ ARINC 653)
 - Guest OS (optional)
- System support services
 - system middleware e.g. FDIR
- Application support services
 - application middleware e.g. TM/TC interface



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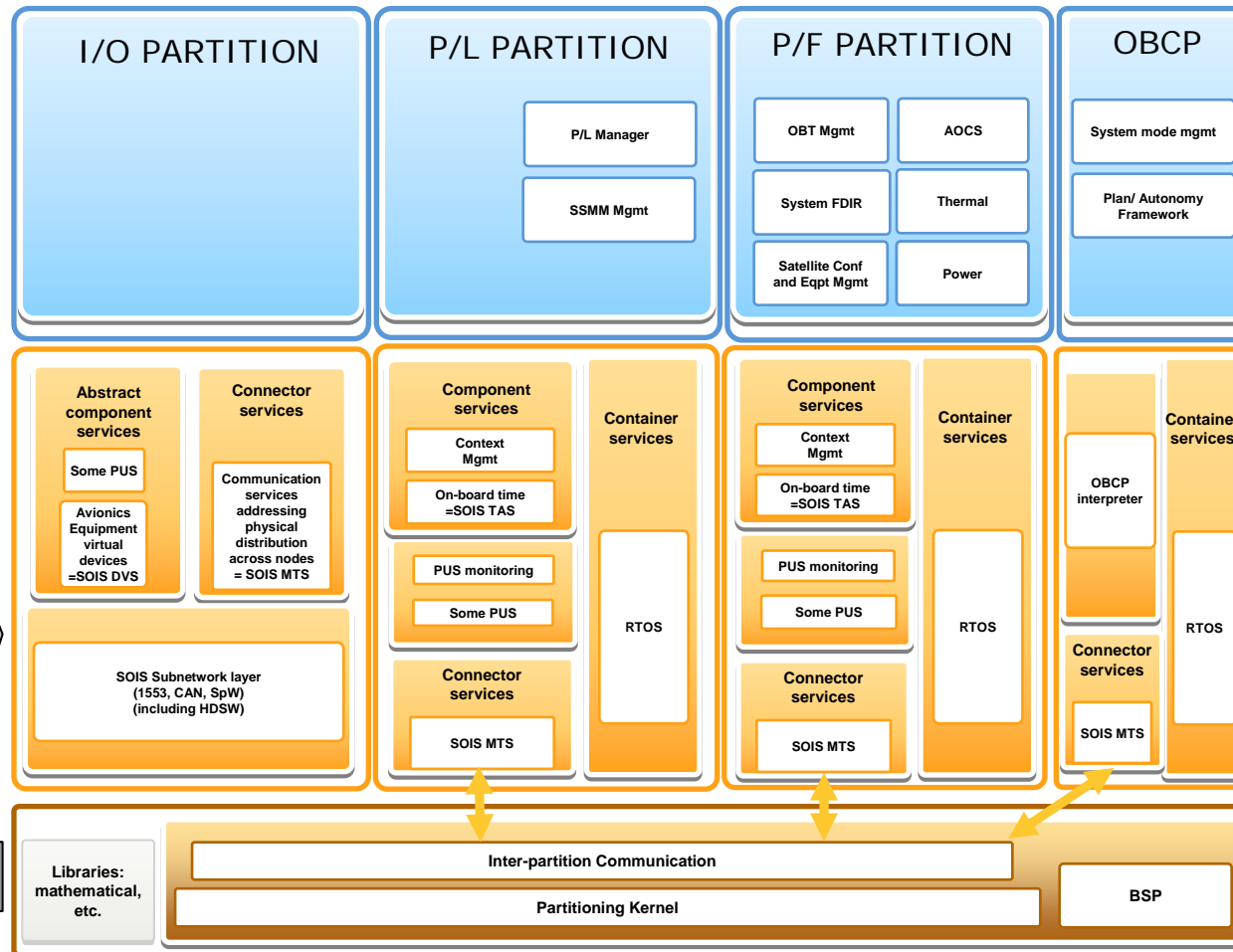


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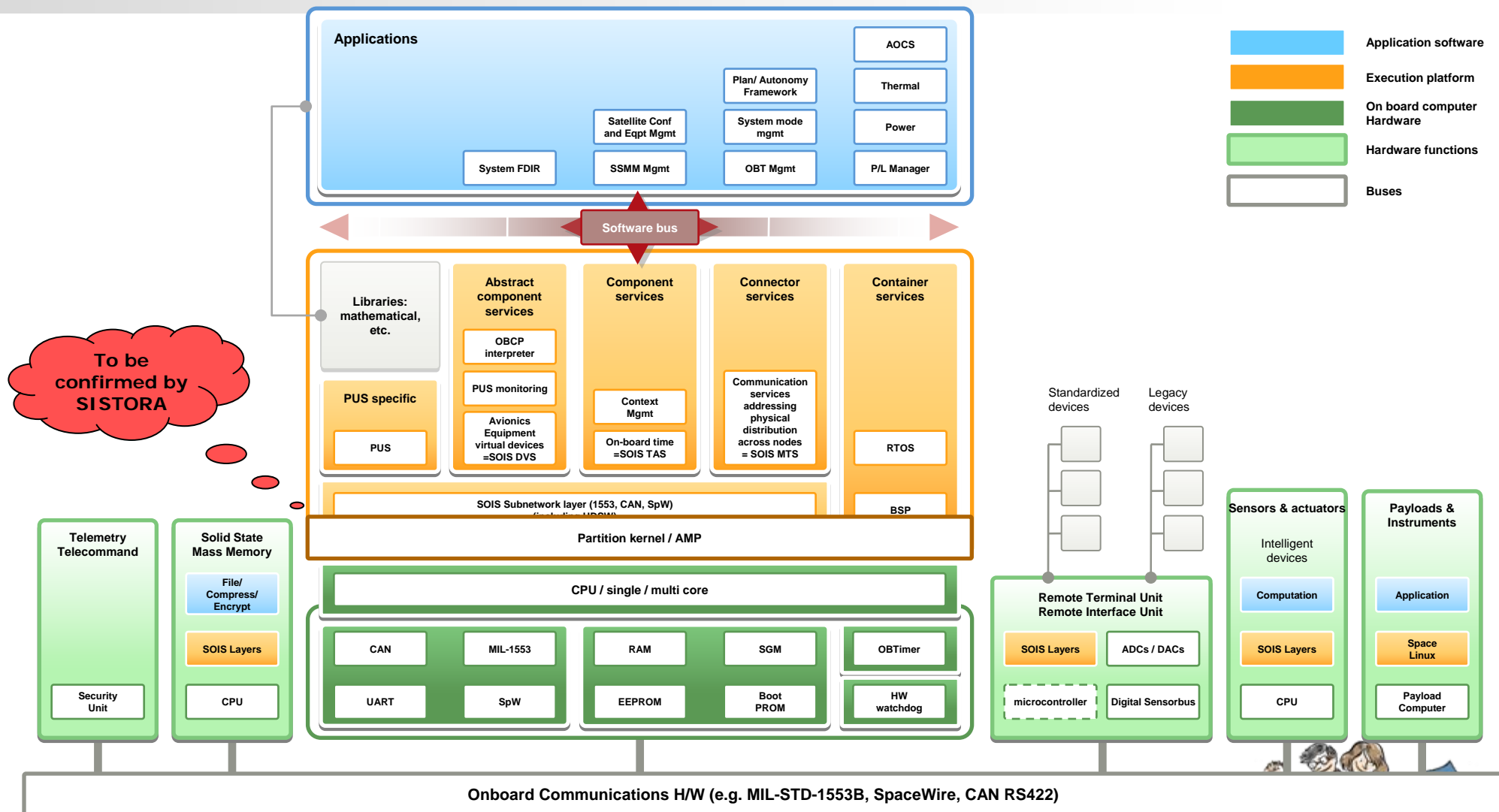
The configurable execution platform



- A partitioning kernel schedules partitions
- Any OS (service for containers) can run in each partition
- Communication services (services for connectors) are in the I/O partition, only the API is in application partitions
- The SOIS MTS service must now include the inter partition communication mechanism of ARINC653
- Other services for components, and the application, are in other partitions
- Potential OBCP partition



The avionics reference architecture (HW + SW + TSP)



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