



**CMSE '24  
COTS Mission Success Improvement  
Workshop Update**

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# Commercial off the Shelf Parts (COTS) MSIW

## Outline/Goal

- Why a COTS MSIW?
- Charter and Core Team membership
- Overview documents produced
- Examples of other collaborative efforts
- The need for additional COTS efforts
- Path forward open discussion

### Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) components are:

A cataloged EEE (Electrical, Electronic, Electromechanical) part designed for commercial applications for which the item manufacturer or vendor solely establishes and controls the specifications for performance, configuration, and reliability (including design, materials, processes, and testing) without additional requirements imposed by users and external organizations.

### Goals of this Briefing

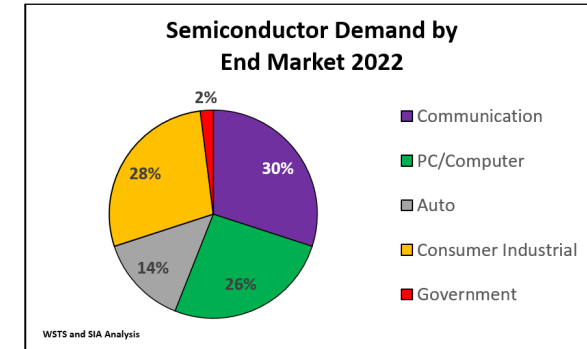
1. Increase awareness of COTS MSIW documents produced and collaborative effort value
2. Discuss our follow-on activity

# Why a COTS MSIW? US Space Dominance Is Under Threat



*We must innovate, procure, design, and launch faster*

- MIL-SPEC and Space Qualified part challenges:
  - *Becoming more expensive and harder to get*
  - *Do not meet performance needs of next generation space assets*
- COTS Opportunities for Space Applications:
  - *Used successfully on new launch vehicles, CubeSats, LEO constellations and commercial GEO satellites:*
    - Less expensive and more readily available (eases supply chain challenges)
    - Higher performance (with SWAP benefits and reduced part count)
    - Flexible (programmable and scalable)
    - Reliable if used properly (built on high volume automated production lines)
  - *USG moving toward constellation architectures and disaggregated systems and willing to take more risk: **Frank Calvelli**, Assistance Sec of Air Force, Memo 4/2023 “...transform space architecture to a more proliferated and resilient form”*



*USG is not driving the market*



***The Space Industry must pivot to meet the rapidly evolving changes and needs of the space industry. Use of COTS must be part of this strategy***

# COTS Mission Success Improvement Workshop (MSIW)



- COTS MСИW Charter:

- “Define and develop practical guidance and tools to navigate through the complicated process of assessing the viability and use of COTS for space applications”

- Industry and US Government team including reps from:

- Ball Aerospace Corp, Blue Canyon, Boeing, L3 Harris, Lockheed Martin, MAXAR, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and SEAKR Engineering
- NASA: JPL and Goddard Space Flight Center
- Aerospace Corporation



**Two documents produced move us in the right direction  
Collaboration, relationships formed, shared briefings etc. equally important  
...extremely grateful for everyone’s efforts and contributions**



# ***Acquisition Considerations to Expand Space Design Options Using COTS Electrical, Electronic and Electromechanical (EEE) Parts and Units, ATR-2023-01981***

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  - *Eli Minson (MAXAR), Barbara Braun, Steve Mo, Art McLellan, John Ranaudo, & Allyson Yarborough (Aerospace) for valuable content additions, suggestions, and editing*

**PM&P**  
**Reliability**  
**Counterfeit Parts**  
**Prohibited Materials**  
**Traceability**  
**CDRLs**  
**QMS**

Acquisition Areas Addressed  
(excerpt from ATR-2023-01981)



# ***Acquisition Considerations to Expand Space Design Options Using COTS Electrical, Electronic and Electromechanical (EEE) Parts and Units, ATR-2023-01981***

**Abstract:** This Aerospace technical report (ATR) is intended for reference when a customer is considering the use of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) electrical, electronic, and electromechanical (EEE) parts and units in offerors' proposals. It provides examples of contract language that can inadvertently prevent an offeror from bidding a COTS solution and offers suggestions for alternative wording. This ATR was created in conjunction with ATR 2023-01935, Expanding Space Design Options Using COTS. These reports, when used in concert, will enable the performance benefits, shorter procurement times, and reduced costs needed to achieve critical mission needs.

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*Executive Summary (refers to Expanding Space Design Options Using COTS, ATR-2023-01935)*

- 1. Introduction*
- 2. Acquisition Considerations and Recommendations for using COTS Parts and Units*
- 3. Conclusion*



## ***Expanding Space Design Options Using COTS, ATR-2023-01935***

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  - *Steve Hogan who did the bulk of the work. Without his efforts and knowledge this work would not have been possible*
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  - *The many reviewers who submitted over 400 comments (!) during the review cycle*

# Expanding Space Design Options Using COTS, ATR-2023-01935



**Abstract:** The usage of Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) components can provide impactful benefits to space programs. Space programs can benefit by accessing the latest performance technology and shorten procurement times for faster pace programs. [This Aerospace Technical Report \(ATR\) provides guidance for determining the risk \(cost, schedule, technical\) of inserting COTS components or units on space vehicles as well as potential best practices and mitigations for many known COTS component or unit concerns.](#)

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1. *Executive Summary*
2. *Discussion (with Acquisition Considerations/ References “Acquisition Considerations to Expand Space Design Options using COTS, ATR-2023-01981”)*
3. *Informed Risk Flow (Flow Charts for Customer and Contractor COTS decision making)*
4. *Best Practices*
  - 4.1 *General COTS Best Practices*
  - 4.2 *COTS Best Practices by Component*
5. *COTS Mitigations (including at unit and system level)*
6. *Flow Usage Examples (Three real world COTS usage examples intended as an aid for navigating the mitigation flow and detailed mitigations in this document)*





# Sample ATR-2023-01935 Flow Charts and Tables

## “Tiered” Decision Flowcharts

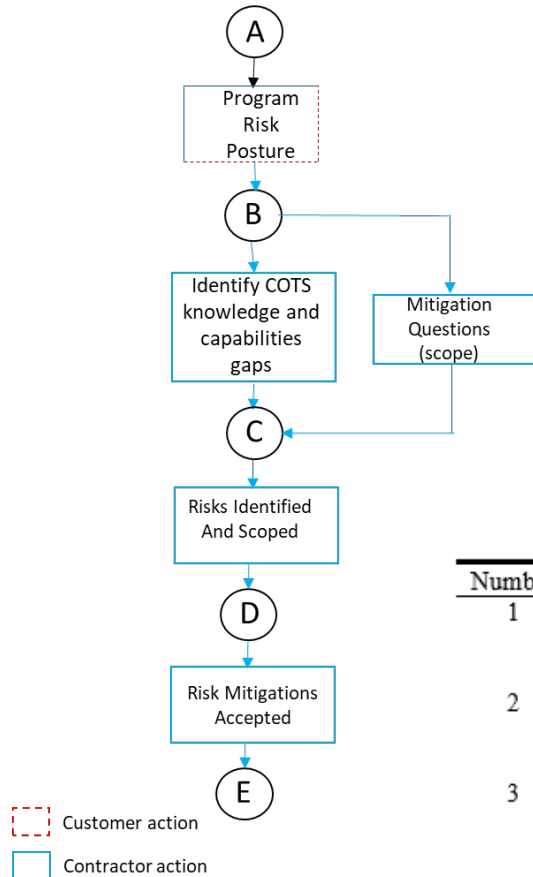


Table 1 Supplier Best Practices

Best Practices for COTS Components (Supplier)	
Process stability for at least one year <sup>2</sup>	
Product produced in high volume <sup>2</sup>	
100% electrical test <sup>2</sup>	
Multi-lot characterization <sup>2</sup>	
Fully automated line <sup>2</sup>	
Undergoes in-process testing <sup>2</sup>	
Maintains consistent yield <sup>2</sup>	

### Supplier Selection Best Practices

Table 2 General Best Practices for the Component User

Number	Best Practices for COTS component (user)
1	For a given COTS, once the program has defined the necessary best practices and mitigations, develop a plan to deal with the higher cost and schedule risk items first <sup>3</sup>
2	Consider not having the COTS in a critical timing/ mission path (although it is recognized that COTS is likely a part of the critical path for performance reasons) <sup>2, 5, 12, 16</sup>
3	Consider the fault management implications (fault/degradation mechanisms) <sup>4, 5, 12, 16, 23</sup>

### General COTS Usage Best Practices

### Informed Risk Flow

(excerpt from ATR-2023-01935)

*...Plus three real-world example that pull it all together*

Table 20. Potential Radiation Mitigations

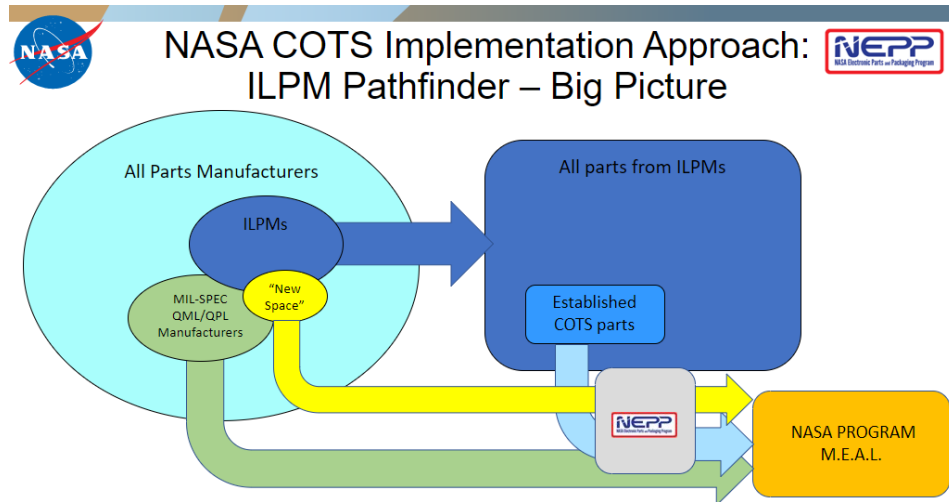
Mitigation	Radiation
Total Dose Radiation	
1a	Local Shielding
1b	Power Strobing
1c	Increased Redundancy
1d	N for M redundancy
1e	Multiple Images
1f	Multiple components in parallel
Single Event Upsets (SEU)	
1g	Periodic Refresh Period
1h	Error Detection And Correction (EDAC)
1j	Triple Modular Redundancy (TMR)
1k	FPGA based scrubbing
1l	Zener Diodes/clamps/Filters
1m	Software Rollback
Single Event Functional Interrupt (SEFI)	
1n	Local Refresh
1o	Component Reset
1p	Power Cycle
1q	CONOPS/System
Latchup	
1r	Current limiting
1s	Swap/Power Cycle (OBFM)
1t	Auto Power Cycle (hardware)
Single Event Gate Rupture	
1u	Conservative Derating

### Potential Radiation Mitigations

# Examples of Additional COTS MSIW Efforts and Collaborations



Equally important as the two documents produced!



## NASA COTS Phase II and ILPM Briefings

Launched	End of Use	Years	Sum years	Vehicle	Initial perigee km	Initial apogee km	Inclination deg
09/13/12	6/17/20	8	8	AC4 A	495	800	66.4
09/13/12	09/20/12	0	0	AC4 B	495	800	66.4
09/13/12	01/30/20	7	7	AC4 C	495	800	66.4
12/06/13		9	18	AC5 A,B	469	972	120
06/19/14		8	8	AC6 A	650	650	98
06/19/14	9/16/21	7	7	AC6 B	650	650	98
10/08/15		7	7	AC5 C	500	780	64
10/08/15		7	7	AC7 A	500	780	64
05/20/15	10/9/2021	6	6	AC8 A	390	700	60
05/20/15	10/1/2021	6	6	AC8 B	390	700	60
11/11/16		5	10	AC8 C,D	550	580	98
11/12/17	8/4/2022	5	5	AC7 B	450	450	51.6
11/12/17	8/12/2022	5	5	AC7 C	450	450	51.6
11/12/17	2/21/2022	4	4	ISARA	450	450	51.6
12/16/18		4	8	AC11 A,B	500	500	85
05/21/18		4	8	AC12 A,B	450	450	51.6
04/15/19		3	6	AC10 A,B	450	450	51.6
11/02/19		3	6	AC14 A,B	450	450	51.6
11/02/19		3	6	AC15 A,B	450	450	51.6
12/01/21	6/25/22	0.5	0.5	DAILI	420	420	51.6

## Aerospace AeroCube COTS On-Orbit Success

Failure Mode	Physics Impact	Physics Equation	Assumed Distribution	Logical Effort Impact
Hot Carrier Injection (HCI)	Reduction in transistor drive current. Note: HCI and BTI both contribute to this reduction.	Median reduction in saturated drain current: $\frac{\Delta I_{Dsat}}{I_{Dsat}} = A \exp\left(-\frac{E_A}{kT}\right) \times \left(\frac{V_D}{V_{nom}}\right)^m \times t^n$ Note: Calculated for both nmos and pmos transistors	lognormal	Increased logical effort, g: $+\Delta g = \begin{cases} g \left(1 + \frac{\Delta I_{Dsat,n}}{I_{Dsat,n}}\right) & \text{for nmos, maximum} \\ g \left(1 + \frac{\Delta I_{Dsat,p}}{I_{Dsat,p}}\right) & \text{for pmos} \end{cases}$ Note: increase due to HCI only
Bias Temperature Instability (BTI)		Median reduction in saturated drain current: $I_{D0} \rightarrow I_{D0n} \left(\frac{V_{DD} - (V_{TN} + \Delta V_{TN})}{V_{DD} - V_{TN}}\right)^{\alpha_n}$ , for nmos $I_{D0} \rightarrow I_{D0p} \left(\frac{V_{DD} - (V_{TP} + \Delta V_{TP})}{V_{DD} - V_{TP}}\right)^{\alpha_p}$ , for pmos	normal	Increased logical effort, g: $-\begin{cases} g \left(1 + \frac{\Delta I_{Dsat,n}}{I_{Dsat,n}}\right) \times \left(\frac{V_{DD} - \Delta V_{TN}}{V_{DD} - (V_{TN} + \Delta V_{TN})}\right)^{\alpha_n} & \text{for nmos, maximum} \\ g \left(1 + \frac{\Delta I_{Dsat,p}}{I_{Dsat,p}}\right) \times \left(\frac{V_{DD} - \Delta V_{TP}}{V_{DD} - (V_{TP} + \Delta V_{TP})}\right)^{\alpha_p} & \text{for pmos} \end{cases}$ Note: increase due to both HCI and BTI

## CMOS Physics of Failure Modeling

Risk Factors	Scores	
	Resource Usage	Performance/Tech Infusion
1. COTS by exception, RHA or lot-specific radiation testing	10	10
2. COTS inclusive, RHA or lot-specific radiation testing	7	5
3. COTS inclusive, RHA or strategic (non-lot-specific) radiation testing	4	2
4. COTS inclusive, RHA, strategic (non-lot-specific) radiation testing with select radiation tolerant design	4-5	2
5. COTS inclusive, strategic (non-lot-specific) radiation testing with select rad-tolerant design	4-5	2
6. COTS inclusive, full rad-tolerant design, RHA or strategic rad testing for front-line defenders and NVRAM	1-2	2, 4
7. COTS inclusive, no radiation testing or RHA, select rad-tolerant design	4-6	1-2
8. COTS inclusive, no consideration of radiation	10	1
9. MIL-SPEC exclusive, no radiation testing, RHA, or rad-tolerant design	10	6

Traditional space  
Traditional space w/expanded COTS  
Newspace conservative  
Aerocube  
NASA ARC  
Cheap and fast  
For reference only

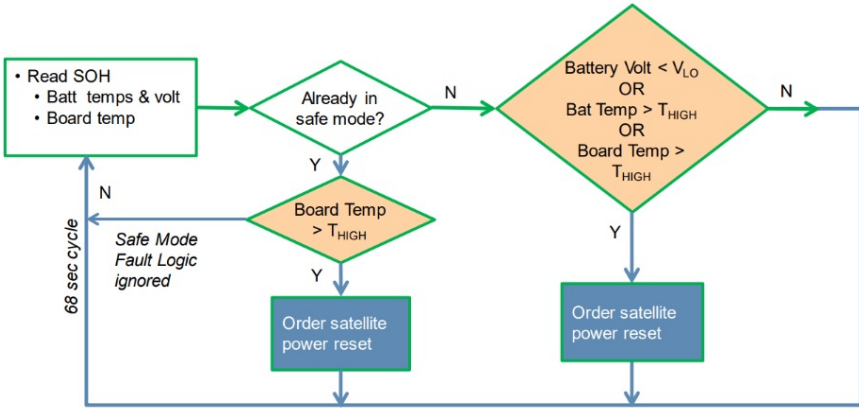
Low risk modern approach     Medium-high risk Rapid technology infusion     Traditional COTS     Fast, cheap, high risk

## Radiation Approach Risk Categorization



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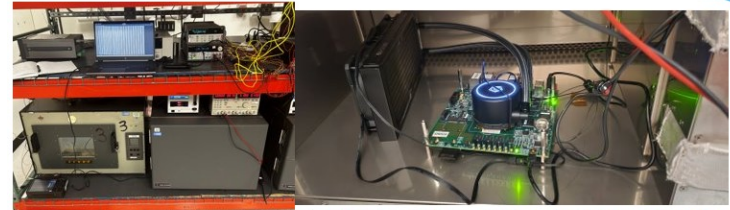
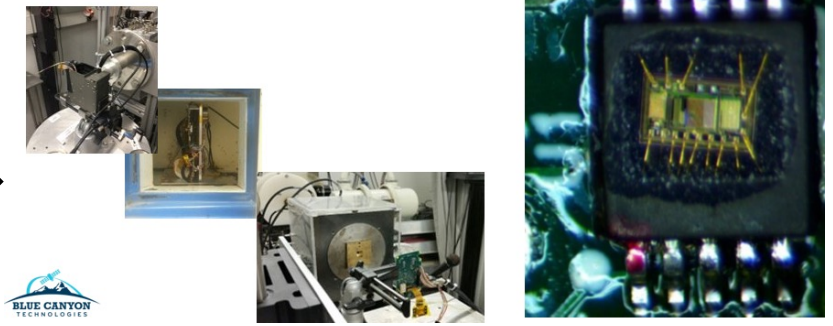
**Reset logic to guard against SEL**

**Part vs Board level radiation testing**

## Board Level Testing

H/W biased and monitored for DSEE, NDSEE and TID degradation

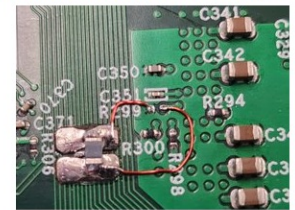
- Verifies use case for all designs
- Characterize Resets
- Verify NDSEE mitigation strategies



Instrumentation for stressing LS1043A board & attached cooler in temp. chamber

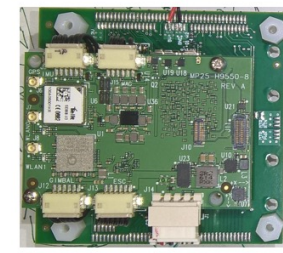


LS1043A box in Co<sup>60</sup> chamber



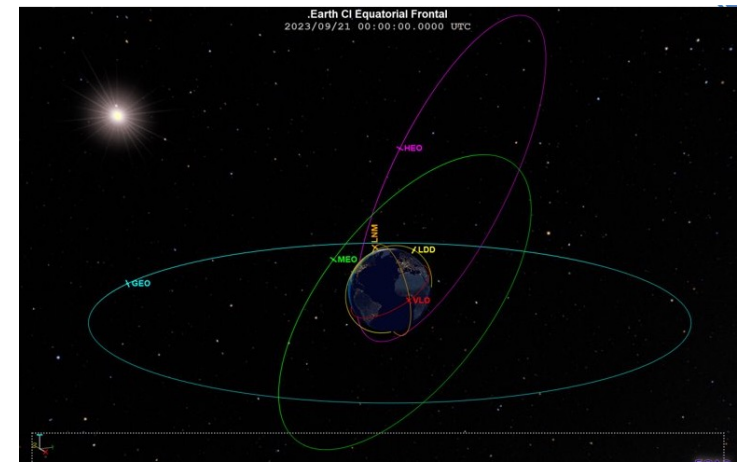
Attachment of programming resistor to affect each increase in core voltage

- **Snapdragon® 801 (28nm) CPU - 4 cores are used**
  - implement visual navigation via velocity estimation
  - Filter propagation for flight control
  - Data management
  - Command processing
  - Telemetry generation
  - Radio communication
  - Samsung Galaxy S4/HTC One Generation phones
  - Used for Extended Kalman Filter State Estimation and vision processing corner detection algorithms
- **Navigation Camera - Omnivision OV7251**
  - 640x480 pixel sensor @ 10 frames/sec
  - Visual features are extracted from images and tracked frame to frame to provide velocity estimate
- **Return to Earth Camera – Sony IMX 214**
  - 4208 X 3120 pixel sensor (13MP), 4K video @ 30fps



**SNAPDRAGON 801 PROCESSOR**

- Quad-core CPU at up to 2.8 GHz per core
- Adreno 330 GPU for premium graphics and console-quality gaming
- Manage-OS/PA for ultra-low power applications and custom program connectivity
- Integrated Dual-Cell LTE World Mode™, VSW 802.11ac™, USB 3.0 and BT 4.0 offers broad array of high-speed connectivity
- Ultra-HD Capture and Playback, H.264, H.265 support, BT-L2, HD and Dolby Digital Processors
- Low-power Snapdragon Sensor Engine increases sensor accuracy and efficiency
- Higher speed 21MP with 4K ISP
- Support for up to 256GB storage
- 64 GB with support for 8K, 8K and 8K



## Small Gate Size CMOS SOC Life and Radiation Testing

## Mars Ingenuity Helicopter: COTS

## Orbit Environment Characterization



# COTS MSIW Path Forward

*The effort continues*

- Collaboration has been as valuable as the documents we produced
- Continue monthly meetings to foster implementation and collaboration
  - *Christine Rink, Aerospace Corp. Electronics and Sensors Division (ESD) is the new lead for 2024*
- Some of the near term team objectives will build off of the ATR products
  - *Discuss real world examples to “test drive” (obtain user feedback): improve the two documents we produced*
  - *Develop briefing material and “road show” to various companies and organizations (gain more awareness)*
- Additionally targeting focus areas that align with our charter
  - *Continue common interest presentations*
  - *Partner with other organizations that are pursuing similar goals (e.g. NASA ILPM pilot efforts)*

***As Doug Sheldon, JPL, said “Now is the time to leverage what commercial vendors are making.”  
We did some great work, but there is much more to be done***



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