

# THE OPEN SOURCE APPROACH TO ON-BOARD DATA PROCESSING

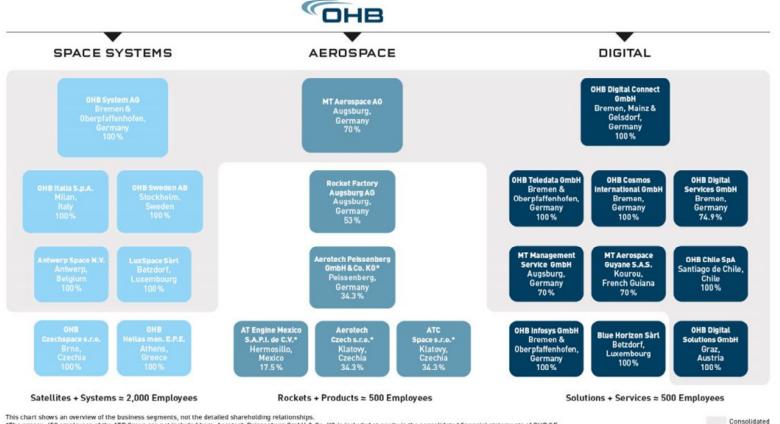
VIEWED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF OHB-HELLAS

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#### OHB. VISIONARY. EUROPEAN.



- OHB SE is Germany's first listed technology & space corporation
- Independent entity in the European aerospace sector, contributing to all major space programmes



<sup>\*</sup>The approx. 650 employees of the ATP Group are not included here. Aerotech Peissenberg GmbH & Co. KG is included at equity in the consolidated financial statements of OHB SE.

## OHB HELLAS: 1<sup>ST</sup> DEDICATED SPACE SYSTEMS COMPANY IN GREECE



- Founded in July 2018 in Marousi, Athens, Greece, as a 100% subsidiary of OHB SE
- Establishment follows the signed MoU in December 2017 with the General Secretariat of Telecommunications & Post

### Technologies

- 1. Al on board a Satellite
- 2. Additive Manufacturing
- 3. High Performance Data Processing

#### Services

- . Space Architect
- System Engineering
- 3. Space studies
- 4. Digital transformation and Innovation

#### **Space Missions**

- .. Satellite as a Service
- 2. Space Defence Situation Awareness
- 3. Optical Ground Stations
- 4. Industry 4.0 Smart Manufacturing

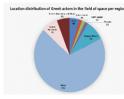




AI/ML Compatible Space Hardware



PLATO Spacecraft



Space studies





ESA Optical Ground Station in Tenerife

#### **OPEN SOURCE IN SPACE**

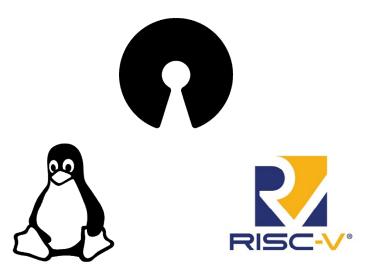


**OHB PERSPECTIVE** 

#### **Growing need for open source**

- New-Space approach requires moving away from traditional approaches
- Technology independence. Open Source enabling innovative developments
- Community-based developments, sharing knowledge and resources





#### Open Source approach in on-board data processing

- Hypervisors already used in space allowing for SW flexibility (Open-source implementations being explored)
- Linux increasingly used in missions (ISS modules, High-Performance Payload Processing).
- RISC-V (open-source ISAs) (Major new developments for space, e.g. Cobham-Gaisler, Microsemi)

#### **NEXT GENERATION DATA HANDLING SYSTEMS**



**TECHNOLOGY TRENDS AND NEEDS** 

#### **Need for increased flexibility**

- Modular HW based on building blocks
- Mixed Criticality
- Open Architectures
- Easier to program, test and maintain
- Reusable SW frameworks, TSP

#### Need for increased performance on-board

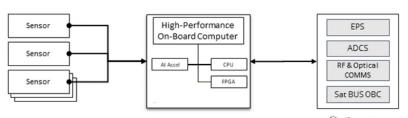
- Increased adoption of AI processing on-board
- Enormous data generation by modern satellites
- Shift towards IoT and cloud-based processing
- App-store concept



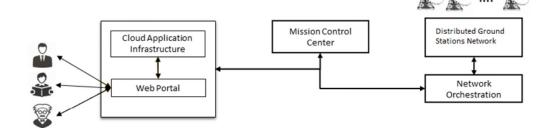
#### SATELLITE AS A SERVICE



- Flexible on-board processing, an enabler for Satellite-as-a-Service (SaaS)
  - Reconfigurable on-board HW/SW, cloud services



- SaaS, a service of renting out satellite time, offering easy access to smart satellites
  - Community-based platform
  - Any kind of satellite can be listed
  - Cultivating sharing economy and maximizing resources in orbit



- OHB-Hellas is committed to develop this technology in Greece
  - A new service targeting commercial and institutional markets
  - Relying on developments and existing open-source activities in Greece



# THANK YOU!