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COTS in (Deep) Space

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Abstract:

The usage of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) technologies in (deep) space missions might be a risk for the mission. But sometimes radiation tolerant parts are not feasible due to space or performance requirements. This paper gives a brief overview of the usage of COTS in (deep) space missions at the DLR Institute of Robotics and Mechatronics and the associated radiation assurance activities.

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