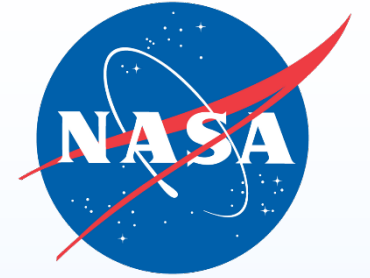


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# NASA Electronic Parts and Packaging (NEPP) Program: Overview and Technology Focus Areas

*Responsive Technology Assurance for Civil Space*

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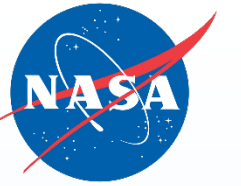
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# Acronyms



Abbreviation	Definition
AMD	Advanced Micro Devices
BoK	Body of Knowledge
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate
CMOS	Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor
COTS	Commercial Off The Shelf
CPU	Central Processing Unit
DoD	Department of Defense
DoE	Department of Energy
EEE	Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical
ETW	Electronics Technology Workshop
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform
FPGA	Field Programmable Gate Array
GaN	Gallium Nitride
GIDEP	Government Industry Data Exchange Program
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit
GRC	Glenn Research Center
GSFC	Goddard Space Flight Center
GSN	Goal Structuring Notation
GUI	Graphical User Interface
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
JSC	Johnson Space Center
LaRC	Langley Research Center
MAPLD	Military and Aerospace Programmable Logic Devices (Workshop)
MBMA	Model-Based Mission Assurance
MRAM	Magnetic Random Access Memory

Abbreviation	Definition
MSFC	Marshall Space Flight Center
NEPAG	NASA Electronic Parts Assurance Group
NEPP	NASA Electronic Parts and Packaging (Program)
NESC	NASA Engineering and Safety Center
NODIS	NASA Online Directives and Information System
OGA	Other Government Agency
OSMA	(NASA) Office of Safety and Mission Assurance
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
PoF	Physics of Failure
RDL	Redistribution Layer
RH	Radiation-hardened
RHA	Radiation Hardness Assurance
SDRAM	Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory
SEAM	Systems Engineering and Assurance Modeling
SEE	Single-Event Effects
SiC	Silicon Carbide
SMA	Safety and Mission Assurance
SMD	Science Mission Directorate
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SoM	System-on-Module
SSAI	Science Systems and Applications, Inc.
STMD	(NASA) Space Technology Mission Directorate
STT	Spin-Transfer Torque
TBD	To Be Determined
TSV	Through-Silicon Via



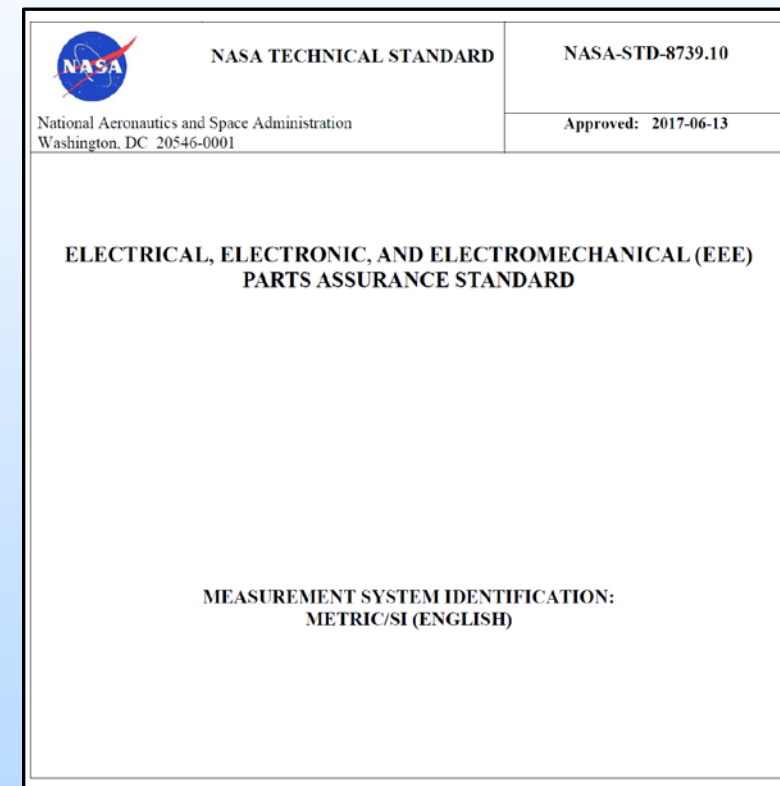
# Outline

- **Continued evolution of NASA Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical (EEE) parts management**
  - EEE Parts Manager & NEPP Program structure
  - General NASA EEE parts interfaces
- **NEPP Program**
  - Overview
  - Standards development and support
  - Key technology efforts for 2019
- **Summary**

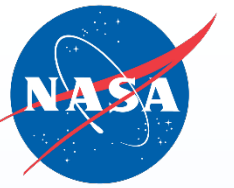
# NASA EEE Parts – Evolving Structure



- **NASA EEE parts and radiation engineering consolidation:**
  - Primary agency test and analysis activities will be at the **Goddard Space Flight Center (lead Center)** and the **Jet Propulsion Laboratory**
  - Agency EEE Parts Manager, **Jonathan Pellish**, leads capability
- **NEPP Program remains the same:**
  - Owns the EEE parts assurance processes and related technical efforts
  - NEPP Program management evolution
- **New NASA-wide document activities**



<https://standards.nasa.gov/>



# NASA EEE Parts – Interfaces

## Agency EEE Parts

### Assurance

Office of Safety & Mission Assurance

- **NEPP Program**
- Quality
- Reliability
- Workmanship

### Development

Office of the Chief Engineer

Capability Leadership  
NESC

Flight Projects

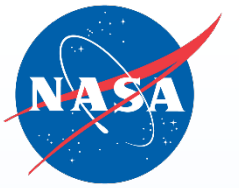
Field Centers  
Mission Directorates

### Facilities

Mission Support

Space Environments Testing Management Office

# NEPP Overview – Mission Statement



**Provide NASA's leadership for developing and maintaining guidance for the screening, qualification, test, and reliable use of EEE parts by NASA, in collaboration with other government agencies and industry.**

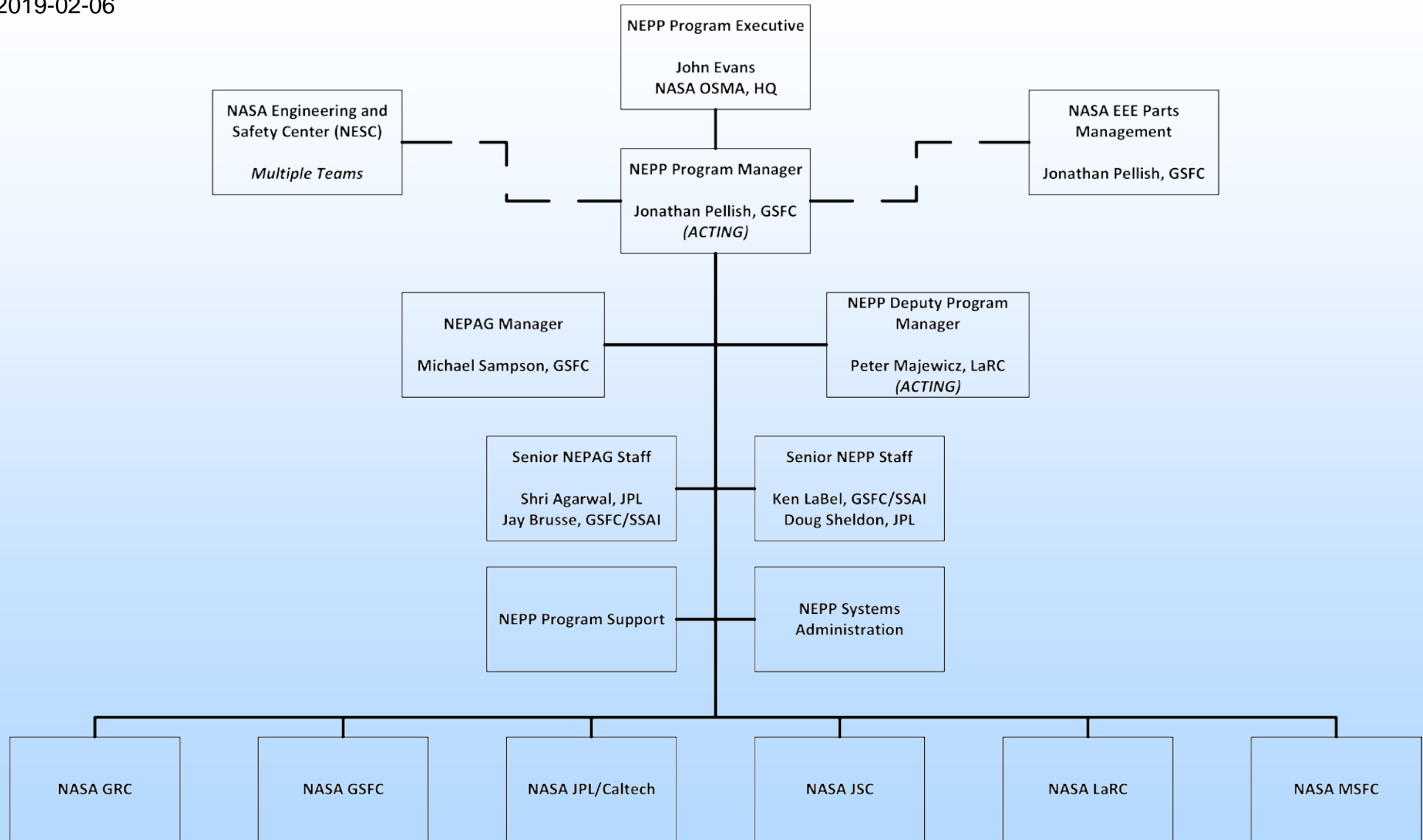
***Accessible & Product-Oriented***

***Note: the NASA Electronic Parts Assurance Group (NEPAG) is a core portion of NEPP***



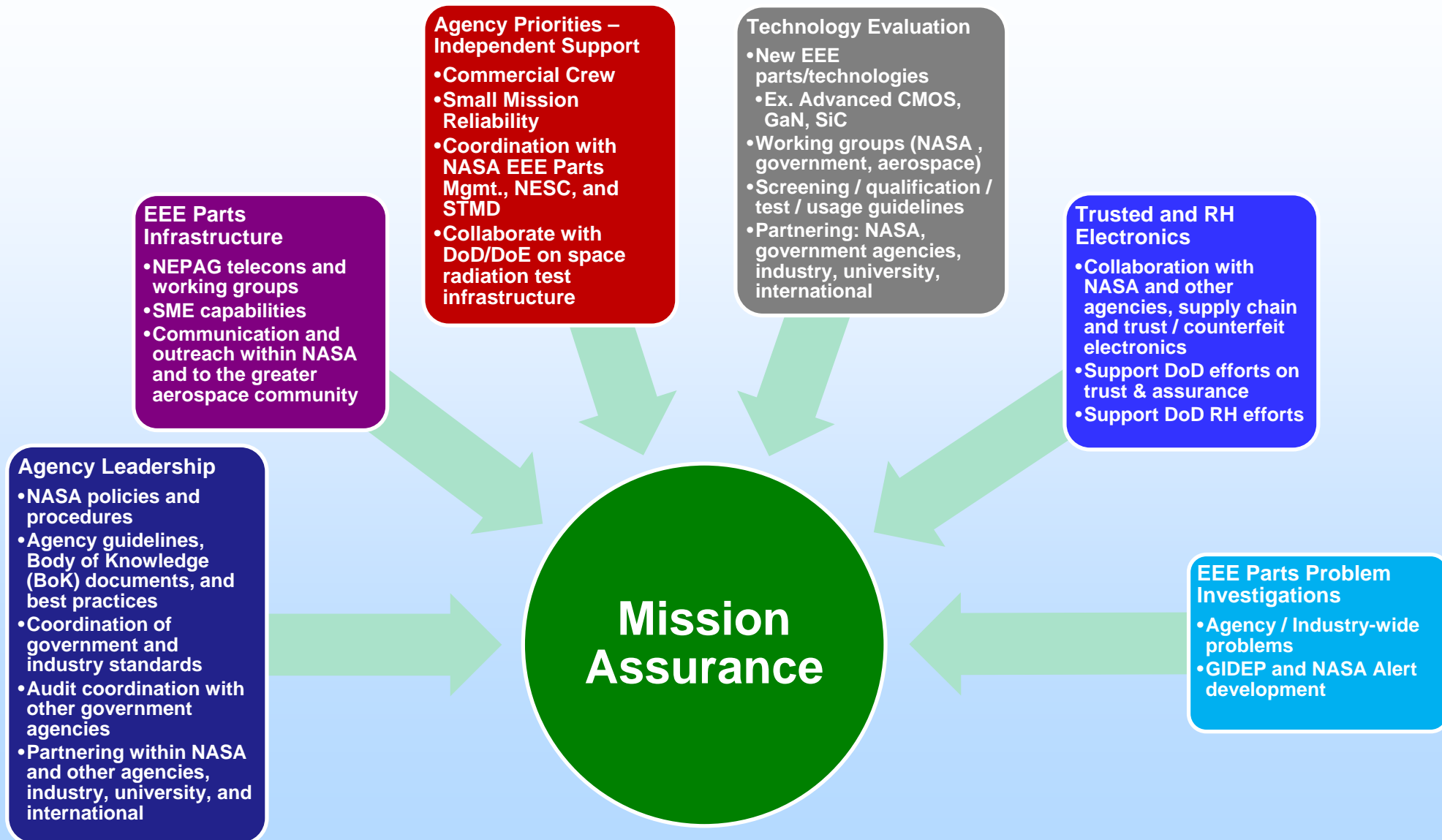
# NEPP Program – Organization Chart\*

\*as of 2019-02-06





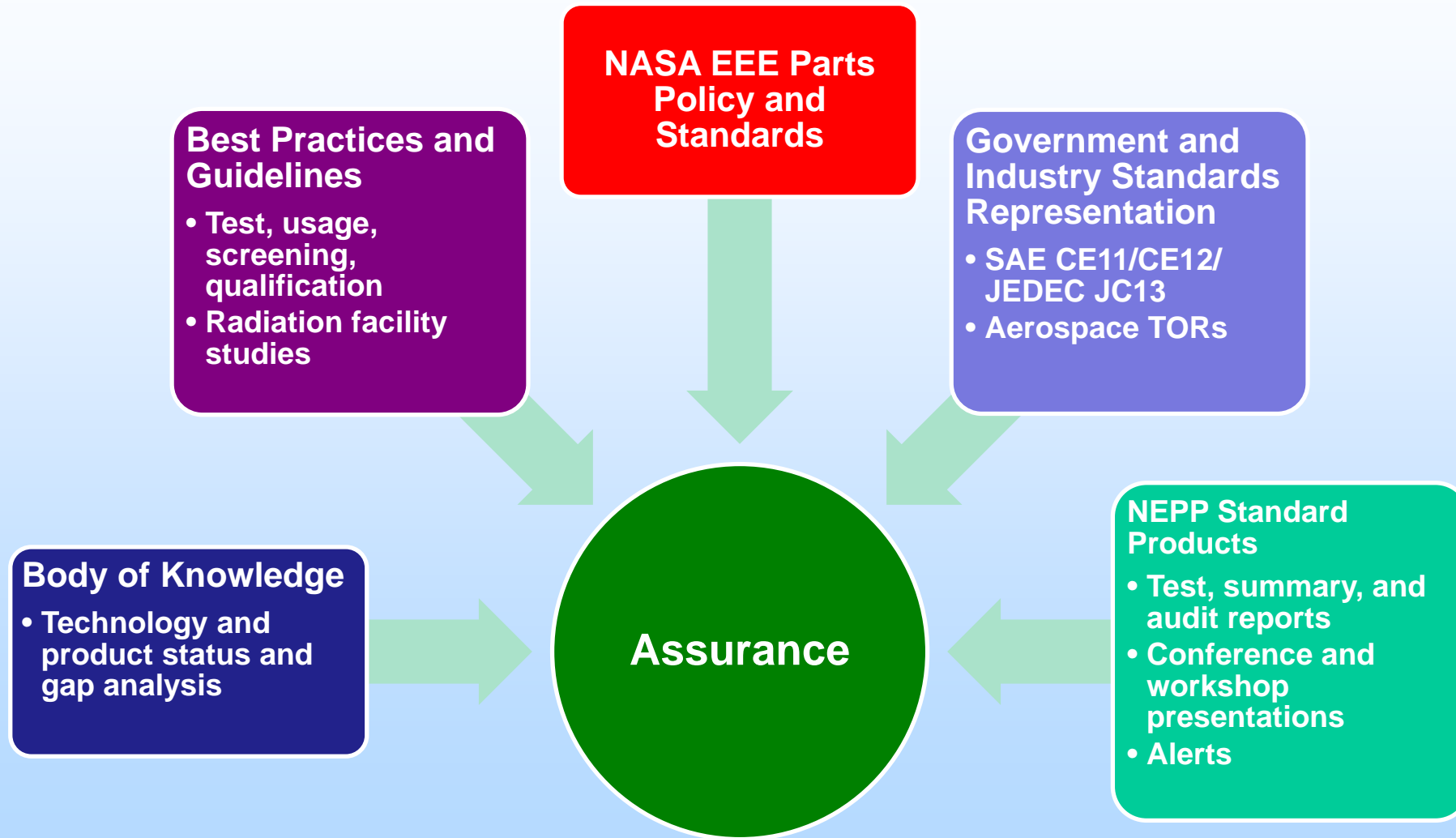
# NEPP Charter Breakdown







# NEPP Product Delivery



# NEPP Program / NEPAG Standards & Policy Development



- **Released NASA-STD-8739.10**
  - *NASA EEE Parts Assurance Standard*
  - Allows projects more flexibility to differentiate between critical/non-critical functions
- **Updating EEE-INST-002**
  - *Instructions for EEE Parts Selection, Screening, Qualification, and Derating*
  - Will become new Agency-wide document
  - Goal is to modernize and harmonize existing Agency documents
  - Ongoing throughout 2019
- **Updating NPR-8705.4**
  - *Risk Classification for NASA Payloads*
  - Appendix C – Recommended SMA-Related Program Requirements for NASA Class A-D Payloads
  - Goal for EEE parts is a mapping that recommends parts with respect to payload class (A-D), mission criticality (critical/noncritical), and part grade level (space, military, industrial, COTS, etc.)

NASA Technical Standards: <https://standards.nasa.gov/>

NASA Online Directives Information System (NODIS): <https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/>



# Major Technology Assurance Areas for 2019

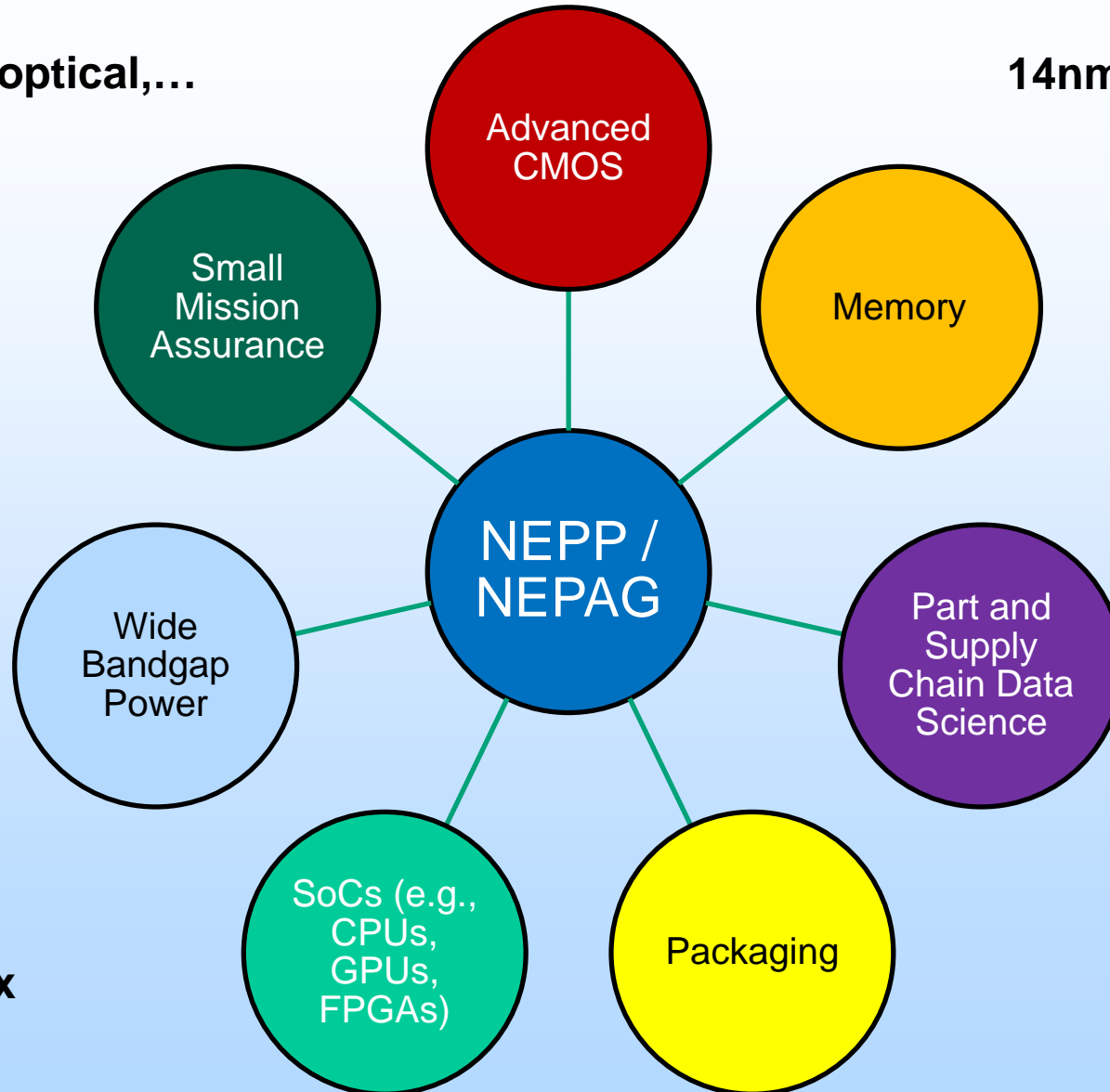
Other: data conversion, optical,...

14nm, 22nm, 32nm, & 45nm

**Model-Based Mission Assurance (MBMA)**

**GaN (enhancement & RF) and SiC**

**AMD, Intel, Microsemi, Nvidia, Qualcomm, Xilinx**



**NAND/NOR, SDRAM  
Discrete & Embedded  
STT-MRAM, Crosspoint**

**Supply Chain Studies,  
Web Scraping, Metadata  
Analysis, Formal  
Methods**

**2.5D / 3D solutions,  
Ever-Evolving Market,  
Supporting Qualification  
Efforts**



# Other 2019 NEPP Program Highlights

- Increasing focus on advanced packaging assurance (2.5D / 3D)
- Executing SmallSat industrial base assessment with support from partner organizations
- Developing additional Radiation Hardness Assurance products
  - Best practices for testing at medical proton therapy facilities
  - GaN body of knowledge ([in review now](#)) and SiC RHA testing best practices
- Supporting evaluation and comparison of *Fides* vs. Physics-of-Failure (PoF)-based EEE parts reliability assessment
- Supporting commercial-off-the-shelf copper wire interconnect assessment with the NASA Engineering and Safety Center
- Examining opportunities for more significant integration of NEPP documentation into future community-consensus products (e.g., SAE)
- Continuing delivery of standard assurance products / services
  - Audit support, domestic / international coordination telecons, Government Working Group
  - BoKs, guidelines, tools, information sharing, and training

# CPU and GPU Testing Highlights

## Development Milestones:

- Software payloads test suite includes:
  - Math (FFT, LinPack, PI)
  - Memory hierarchy
  - Neural networks
  - Output buffer (colors, patterns)
- Conduction cooling system and adapter plates
- Test system GUIs to control and monitor

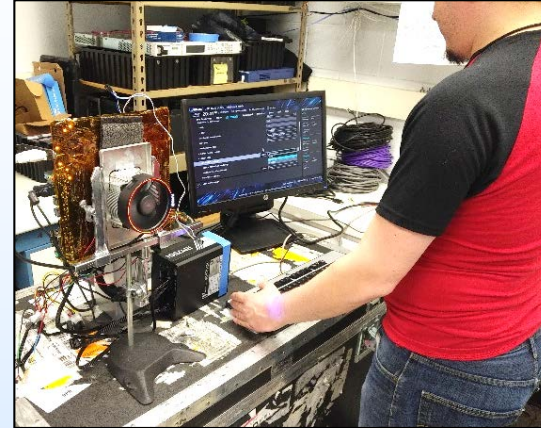
Algebra and Matrices	Pixel Color Output	Neural Networks
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## Deliverables:

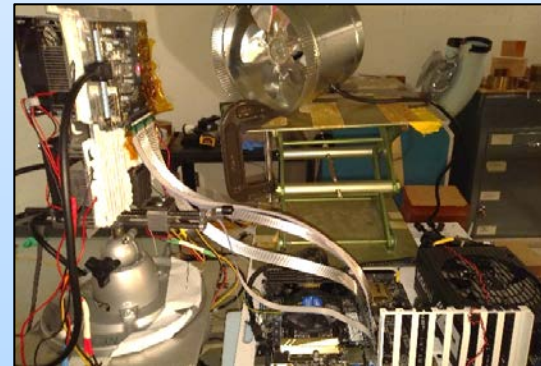
- Test reports and quarterly reports
- [NEPP Body of Knowledge on Graphics Processing Devices](#)



Nvidia GTX 1050 GPU (left),  
Nvidia TX1 SOM (above)



AMD Ryzen 2600 CPU – delidded, cooled through backside and socket



Nvidia GTX 1050 GPU – No heat sink, die thinned, cooled through backside

## Test Devices

### CPUs

- 14nm++ Intel
- 10nm AMD (Global)

### CPU with eGPUs

- 14nm++ Intel
- 10nm AMD (Global)
- 10nm Qualcomm (Samsung)

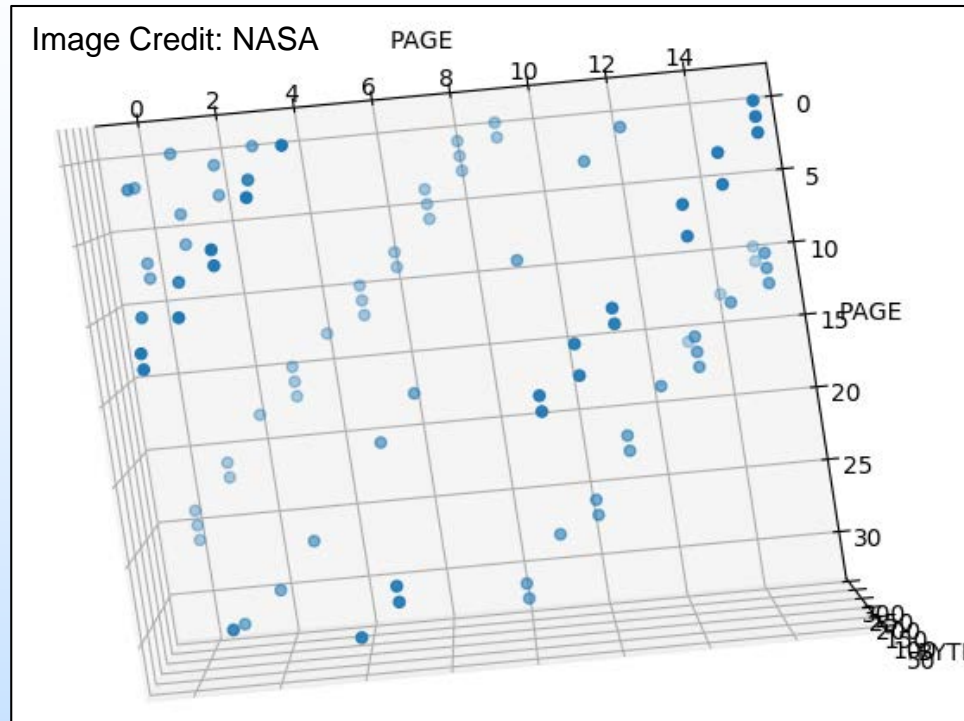
### GPUs

- 14nm Nvidia GTX 1050 (& 1080)
- 12nm Nvidia RTX
- 14nm AMD Radeon RX580 & E9173
- 14nm Intel “Odyssey” GPU (TBD)

### System-on-Chip

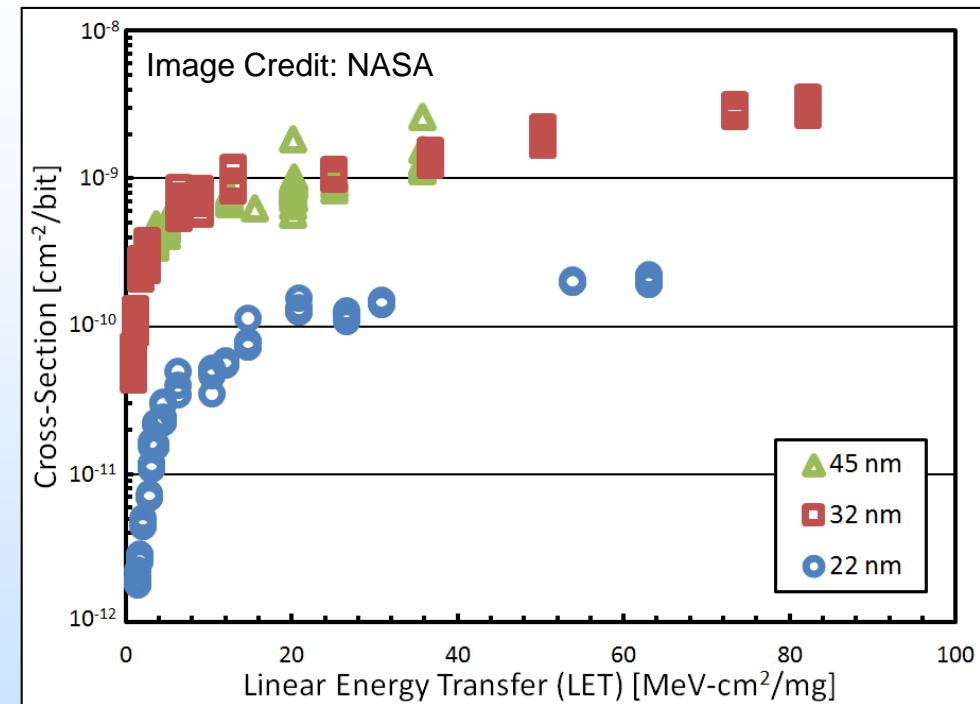
- 20nm Nvidia Tegra X1
- 16nm Nvidia Tegra X2
- 12nm Nvidia Tegra Xavier
- 10nm Qualcomm Snapdragon 850
- 7nm Qualcomm Snapdragon 8cx

# Advanced Technology Evaluation Examples



**Angled heavy ion tracks in 3-D NAND Flash**  
**Micron MT29F1T08CMHBB**  
**256 Gb die, MLC, 32 layers, piece-part testing**

T. Wilcox et al., SEE/MAPLD 2018.



**Heavy ion cross sections**  
**GlobalFoundries 45 & 32 nm PDSOI, 22 nm FDSOI**  
**Static Random Access Memories**

M. Casey et al., IEEE NSREC 2018.

Collaboration with DMEA, Sandia, and GlobalFoundries

**Pace of technology evolution and growth of evaluation requirements continue to generate new demands:**

- 1) diversified subject matter expertise;**
- 2) more access to a wider variety of radiation test facilities**

# Ever-Changing Advanced Packaging

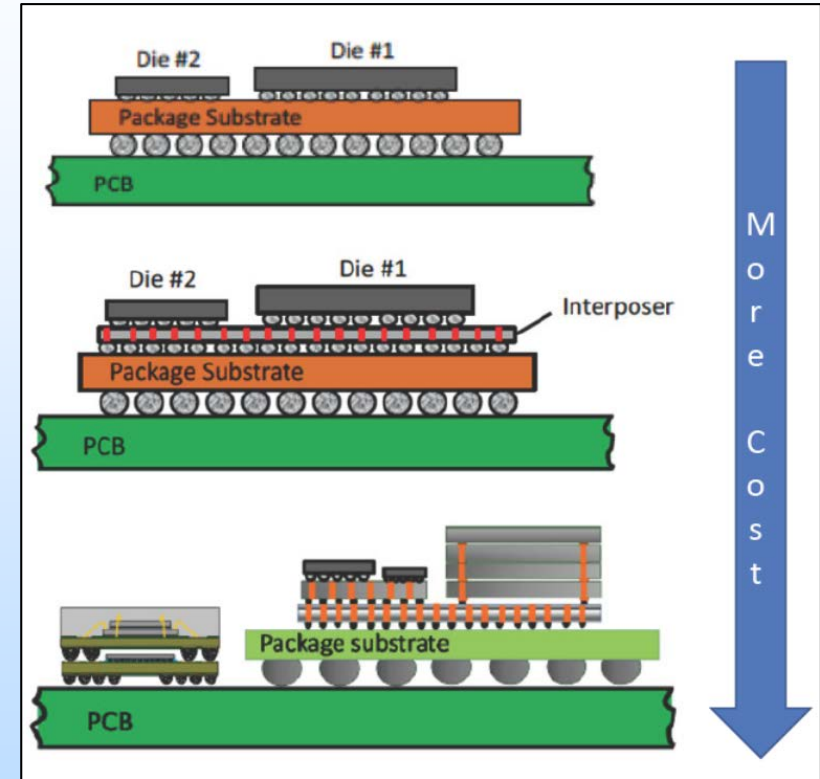
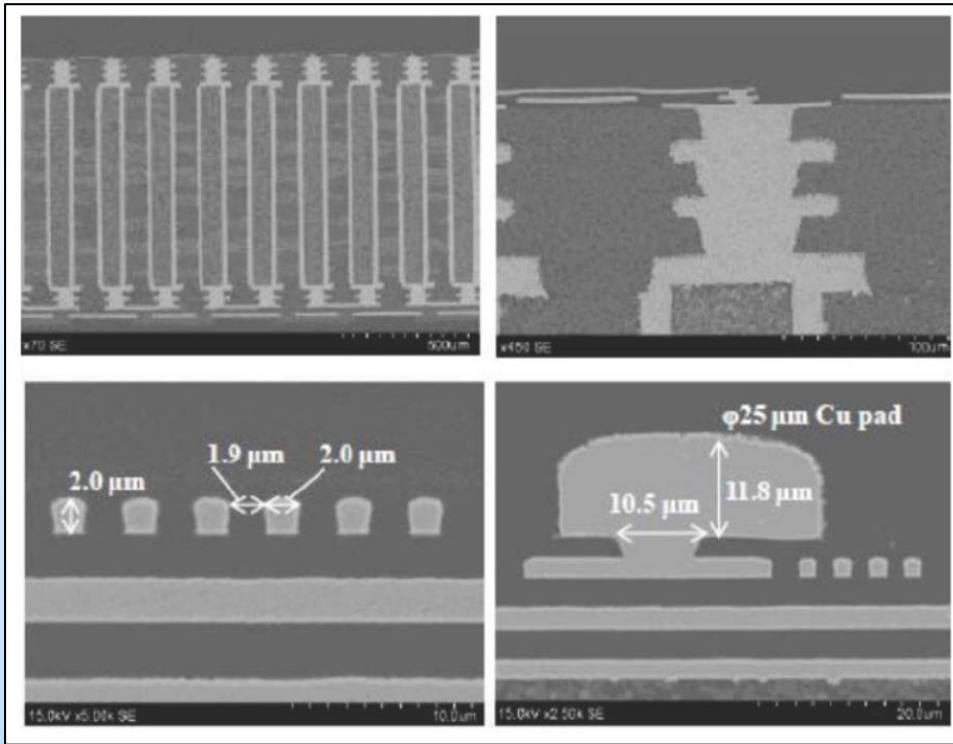


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- Driven almost entirely by size, weight, and power – not to improve reliability
- Unless very explicitly designed from the ground up, these technologies are expected to have at best break even reliability compared with heritage Plastic Encapsulated Microcircuits
- Are there general approaches for essentially custom solutions?

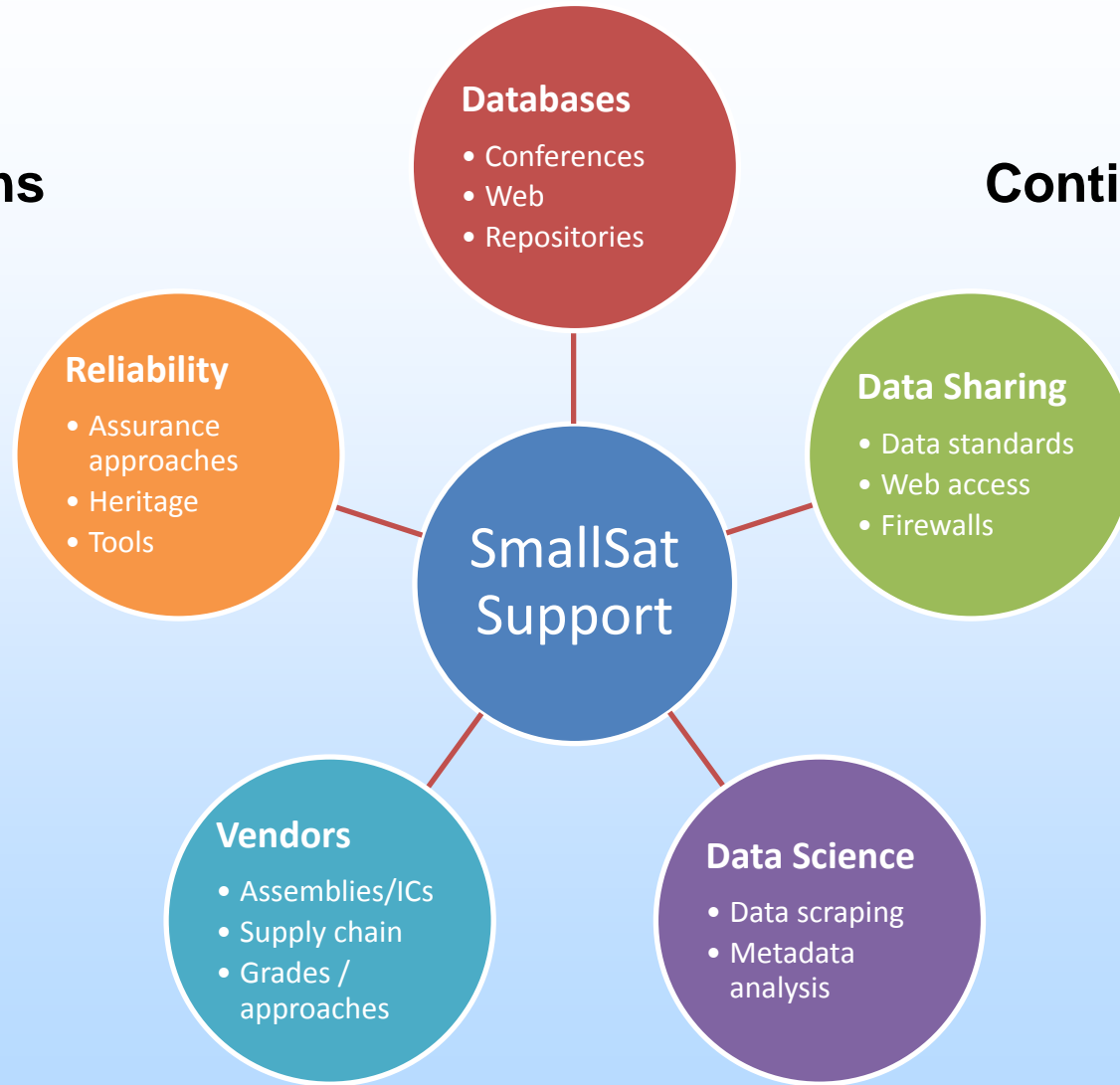


# Evolving Landscape for SmallSat Assurance Support

## Multiple Collaborations

- Academia
- Industry
- OGAs

## Continued focus on Model-Based Mission Assurance (MBMA)



*Accessible*

*Product-Focused*

***Linking Program Tasks to Community Focus Areas / Needs***



# MBMA Toolset Example



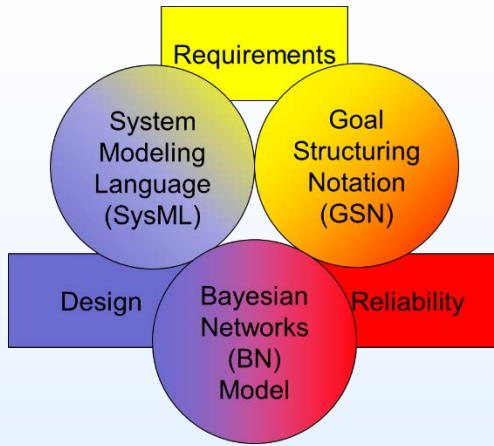
<https://modelbasedassurance.org/> (hosted at Vanderbilt University)

- NASA's Reliability and Maintainability Standard (NASA-STD-8729.1) serves as a template to build assurance cases for systems in space missions
  - Starting with RHA cases for COTS and small missions
- Supports the Goal Structuring Notations (GSN) standard to build assurance case models
- Supports a subset of block diagram models in the SysML modeling standard
- Extends the internal block diagram models to allow specification of discrete fault propagation

# Concluding Thoughts (no particular order)



- **High-performance components imply complex testing and qualification. Cost of qualification is increasing at an exponential (aka “Moore’s law”) rate and can reduce new technology options.**
- **Flight heritage on smallsat missions is not sufficient justification for use on flagship missions**
  - **Challenge of how leverage smallsat mission success remains an open area for study and collaboration**
- **Modeling and simulation of complex 2.5D/3D packaging technologies will be required to understand root cause failure mechanisms**
- **GaN commercial growth is expected to be almost 80% CAGR – implies that reliability issues dominate the ability to grow**
  - **Significant motivation on vendors to improve reliability of GaN and for us to leverage this improvement – GaN-on-Silicon will be a turning point in device reliability and needs to be evaluated**
- **Data analytics (e.g., machine learning, data scrapping, etc.) techniques are a unique opportunity to enhance and foster collaborations between organizations in order to share data bases**



*Emerging Assurance Methods*  
(Witulski, Vanderbilt University, NEPP ETW 2017)

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# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NEPP Electronics Technology Workshop (ETW)

Scheduled dates:  
June 17-20, 2019  
NASA/GSFC and on-line

<https://nepp.nasa.gov/>

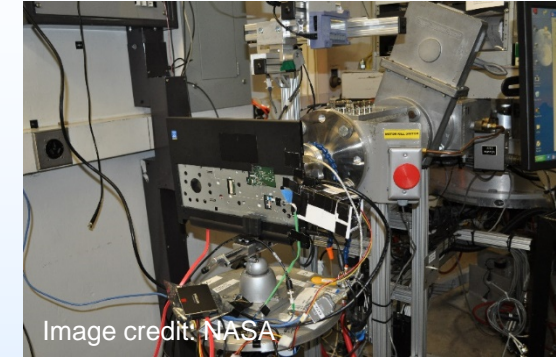


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*Radiation Testing*

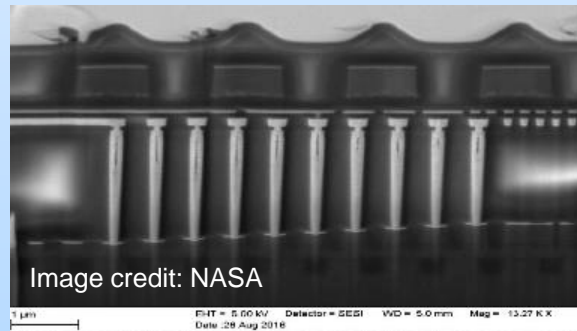


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*Advanced Technology Reliability*

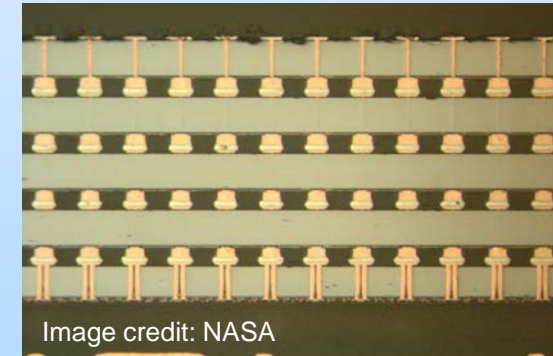
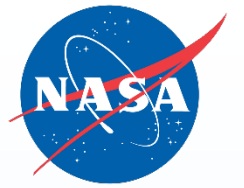


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