

## Development of a standard modular docking interface for On Orbit assembly and servicing

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#### On orbit servicing

In space manufacturing and assembly

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End of life management and active debris removal

On orbit infrastructures for energy and/or data exchanges

Return to Earth





#### **Docking interfaces analysis**

MICE

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**HotDock** 

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#### **Refuelling analysis**



#### Cassini



#### Rafti



**Orbital Express** 









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#### **Technologies analysis**



#### **Mechanical docking mechanism**

Hooks Hook Clamp Carribena Mating Roto-lock Clamp Passive Latched Passive



Peg enters roto-lock hole



#### **Electrical connections**



Data transfer	Milbus	SpaceWire	CANbus	Firewire
Thermal transfer	Heat Pipes	Water Sublimators	Fluid Loops	Pulsating Heat Pipes

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#### Interfaces design and prototyping 1/3







#### **ADAMS docking simulation**



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#### Interfaces design and prototyping 3/3



#### Docking interface

#### + Refuelling module

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#### + Alignment module







#### Mechanical part docking

#### Mechanical and refuelling parts docking







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#### Mechanisms and interfaces design

- Actuators and critical mechanical parts sizing
- Sensors analysis

Refuelling subsystem design

**Experimental campaign** 

- Breadboarding phase
- Test phase





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