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Information through the  
Compatible C2 Framework.

# NASA and Compat C2

(we call it GMSEC)

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# Introduction

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The Goddard Mission Services Evolution Center (GMSEC) is a satellite mission operations center software framework.

We've had close collaboration with others to ensure its success and increase its value and broad use.

- Command and Control system product vendors
- Major integration contractors
- Other NASA Centers
- Other U.S. government space organizations

**GMSEC** is referred to as **CompatC2** across much of the DoD and as **Mission Services Interface (MSI)** at the ORS.

# GMSEC Background and Introduction

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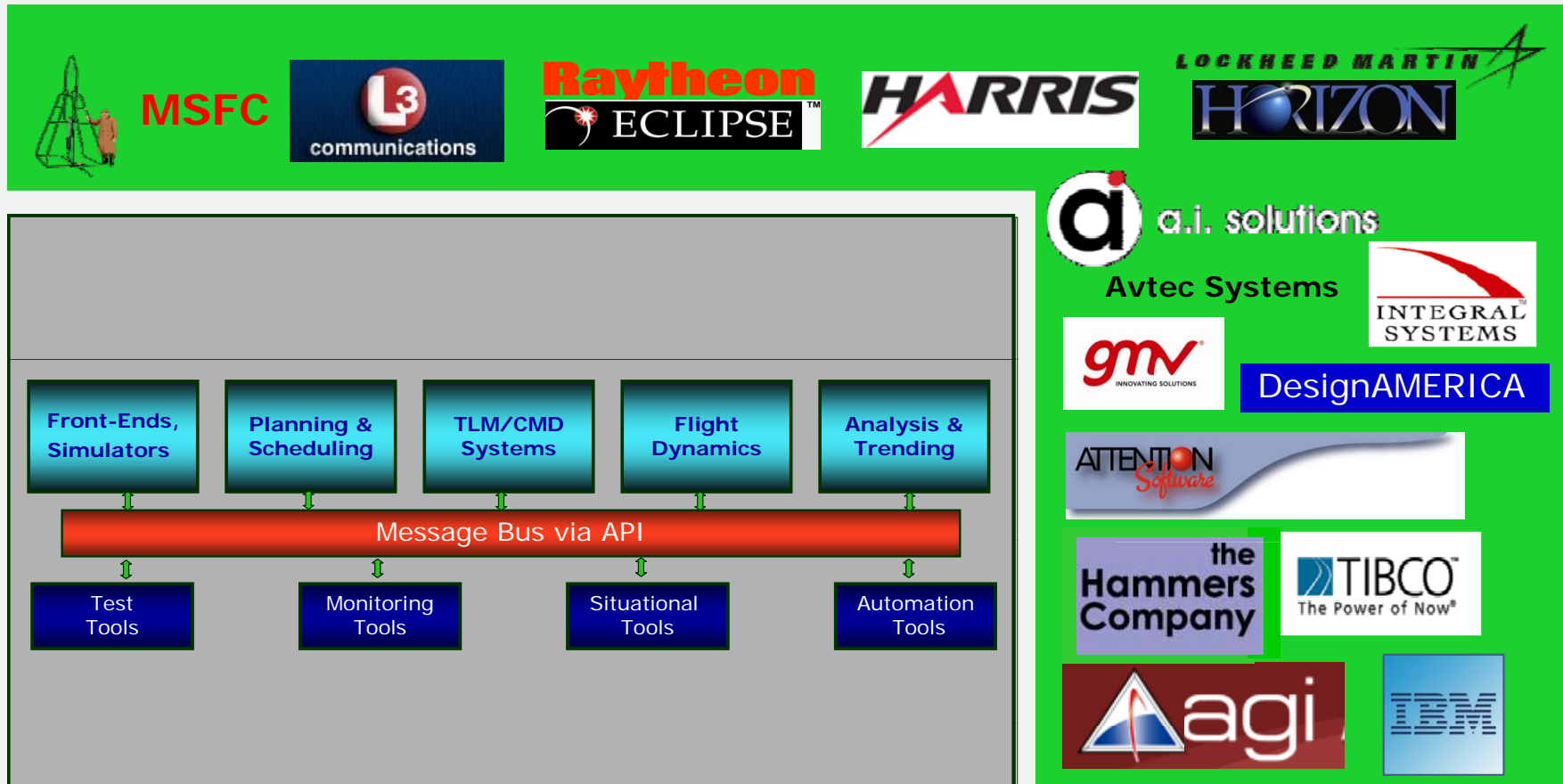


GMSEC was established in 2001 to coordinate ground and flight data systems development and services at GSFC. It has been operational since 2005.

- Goals
  - Simplify development, integration and testing
  - Facilitate technology infusion over time
  - Support evolving development and operational concepts
  - Allow for mix of heritage, COTS and new components while avoiding vendor lock-in
- Concepts
  - Standardize interfaces – not components
  - Provide a middleware infrastructure
  - Allow users to choose – GMSEC doesn't decide which components are best or dictate which components a mission must use. It's the mission/user's choice!
- Some say it is like what Apple has done – created a simple interface standard and communications approach and let others develop compatible tools beyond anyone's expectations.

***Other NASA Centers and U.S. government space organizations are now recognizing the benefits of these simple concepts and are each working with NASA/GSFC's GMSEC Team.***

# GMSEC and the Satellite Control Domain



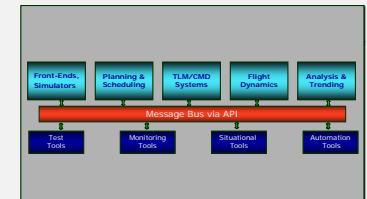
***Users can choose the best products for their needs. Many COTS command and control systems are now GMSEC compatible, and other products can be easily adapted.***

# Examples of GMSEC's Mission Benefits

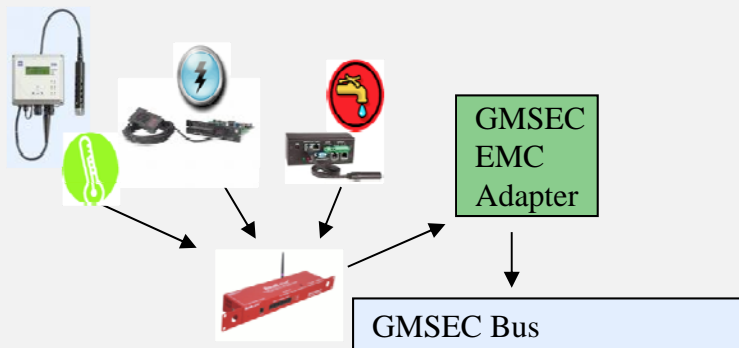


The architecture enables new approach for automation

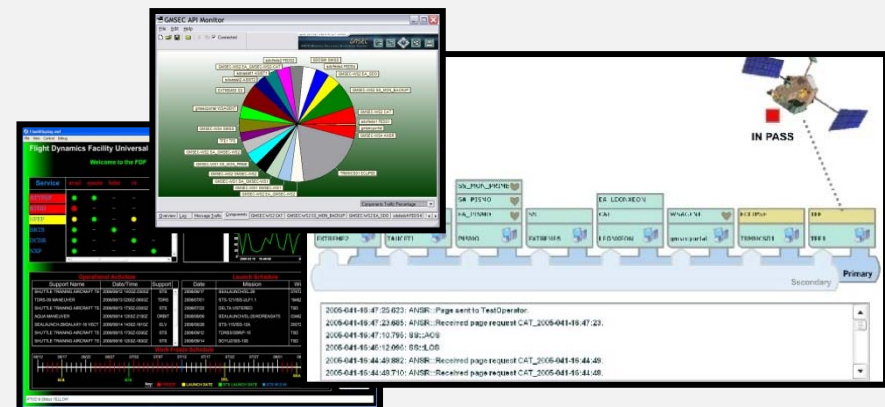
- Can “listen” for status from all components → situational awareness
- Can direct actions of component → system-wide control
- Recognize status and respond → event-driven automation



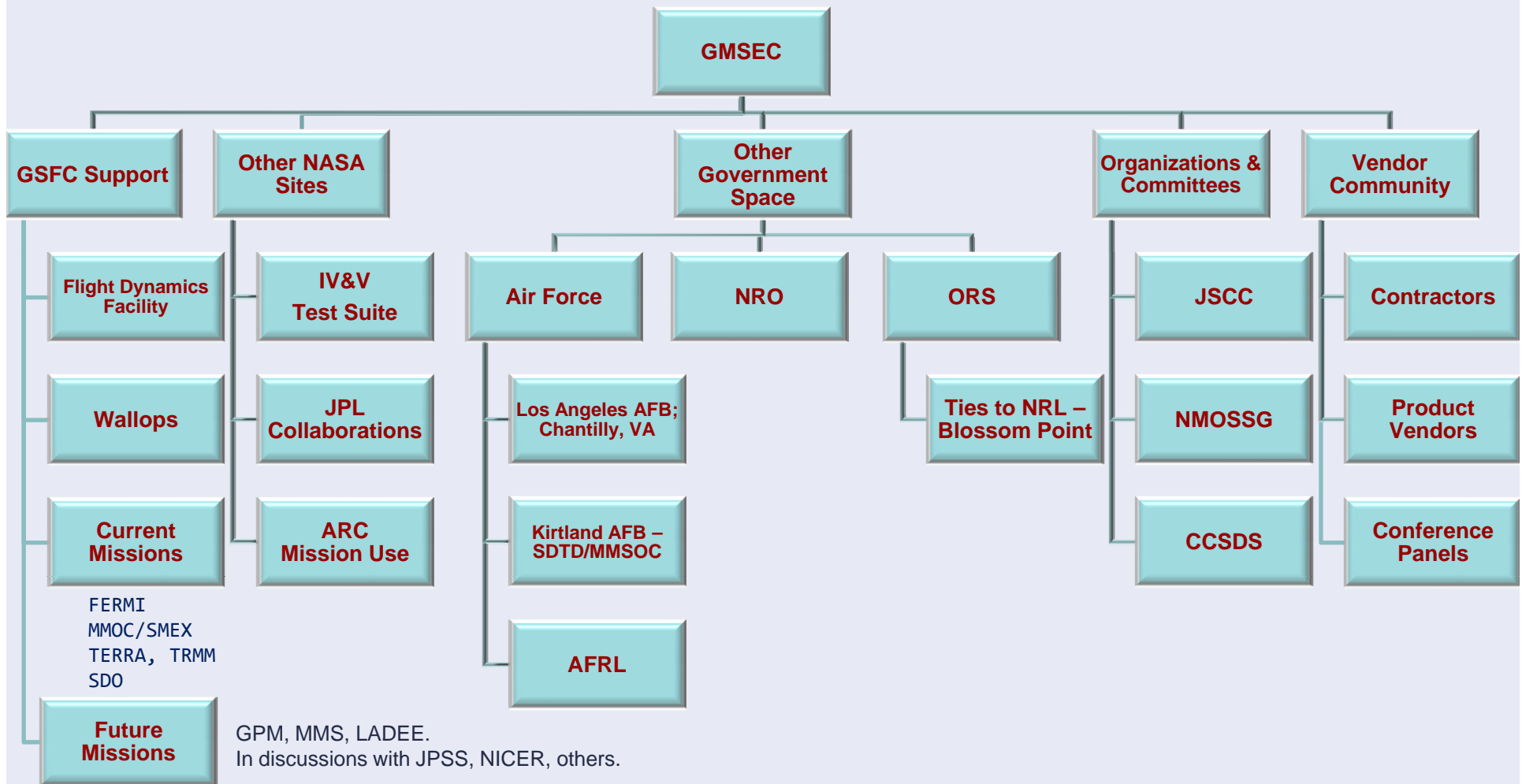
GMSEC will allow for monitoring of temperature, humidity, disk usage, etc. for GSFC control centers.



New tools show network performance, system configuration, and processing status.



# GMSEC Community



# Current GMSEC Activities / Status

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- Recently upgraded NASA's GMSEC Lab and began work on portable demo
  - Will provide both product and ops scenario demos
  - Will be able to perform before/after tests to assess virtualization changes
- Adding IBM Websphere and Apache Active MQ as recommended middlewares
  - TIBCO SmartSockets is near the end of its product life – replacements needed
  - Demonstrates a key value of GMSEC
- Working on IA controls and approval
  - Coordinating with Air Force
  - Receiving support from NASA's IV&V Facility
  - "Secure API" now available
- Still working w/ standards bodies to formally publish tailored XTCE "GOVSAT" guide
- Starting work on idea of common data access services for archive data access
- Working with the JSCC and others on long-term governance concepts





# Final Comments



***The GMSEC architecture and software is enabling new levels of collaboration between government and industry to efficiently meet the long-term goals we all share. The benefits of simplified integration, a broader set of available components, increased automation and the enabling of new operations concepts are realized through the open GMSEC architecture.***





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# Backup Charts

# Possible Governance Concept

