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Acronyms

AHP	Analytic Hierarchy Process
AI	Artificial Intelligence
ASIC	Application-Specific Integrated Circuit
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate
COTS	Commercial Off-The-Shelf
ECSS	European Cooperation for Space Standardization
ESA	European Space Agency
FPGA	Field-Programmable Gate Array
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NRE	Non-Recurring Engineering
SoM	System on Module
SWaP	Size, Weight, and Power
TRL	Technology Readiness Level

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1 Development Status of Space Computing

1.1 Stage and Market Landscape

The global space computing domain is experiencing a period of accelerated expansion, catalyzed by the commercialization of space access, the continuous iterative upgrade of on-orbit hardware, and the rapid proliferation of space-based application demands. The industry is currently undergoing a paradigm shift from single-satellite standalone computing toward constellation-level distributed collaborative computing. Consequently, application scenarios have expanded from traditional telemetry and telecontrol to real-time remote sensing processing, on-orbit Artificial Intelligence (AI) inference, deep space exploration autonomous navigation, and other high-complexity tasks [1].

From a market structure perspective, this domains exhibits a distinct two-track landscape:

- Traditional national aerospace agencies dominate the high-reliability, long-lifecycle deep space exploration and large-scale scientific satellite missions, continuously setting the rigorous baseline for technical reliability and environmental adaptability [2];
- Commercial aerospace enterprises are spearheading the innovation of Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) hardware, large-scale constellation deployments, and scenario-based application exploration, significantly accelerating the iterative speed and cost-optimization parameters of the industry [3].

1.2 Technological Breakthroughs in Recent Years

Over the past five years, core technological breakthroughs in space computing have converged across three distinct dimensions. These advancements have been validated by on-orbit mission data from global mainstream aerospace agencies and commercial operators:

1. **On-board computing hardware miniaturization and performance improvement**: The widespread adoption of radiation-hardened System on Module (SoM), Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), and space-grade Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) architectures has yielded an order-of-magnitude improvement in single-satellite computing power, concurrently reducing volume, weight, and power consumption significantly. This establishes a robust hardware foundation for complex on-orbit computing tasks [4];
2. **Software-defined satellite architecture popularization**: The decoupling of hardware platforms from upper-layer application software has solidified into an industry consensus. This facilitates dynamic on-orbit reconfiguration of satellite functions, which in turn imposes stringent requirements on the flexibility and reliability of on-board data management systems [5];
3. **Space-ground integrated network architecture maturity**: The deployment of inter-satellite links and low-latency space-ground communication networks has enabled seamless collaborative computing between space and ground segments, effectively mitigating the data processing bottlenecks endemic to traditional downlink-first transmission modes [6].

1.3 Stakeholder Ecosystem

The sustainable advancement of space computing relies upon the collaborative innovation of the entire aerospace value chain. Core stakeholders include:

- National aerospace agencies and research institutions: Responsible for forward-looking foundational research, standard formulation, and large-scale scientific mission verification;
- On-board hardware manufacturers: Provide radiation-hardened chips, SoMs, storage modules, and other core hardware, structurally defining the underlying resource constraints of space computing;
- Commercial aerospace constellation operators: Accelerate the large-scale deployment of space computing platforms and the operational realization of scenario-based applications;

- Academic institutions and open-source communities: Spearhead theoretical research on space computing architectures, and actively develop open-source basic software and toolchains;
- Vertical industry users: Encompassing remote sensing services, meteorological monitoring, Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) enhancement, and other fields, these entities dictate the clear operational demand for on-orbit data processing capabilities.

2 Value Proposition and Application Scenarios of Space Data Management

2.1 Core Value Definition

In the context of this series, on-board data management is defined as the software architecture responsible for the ingestion, storage, processing scheduling, fault tolerance, and transmission of mission and payload data, exclusive of ground-segment control functions. It serves as the vital software foundation bridging underlying on-board hardware resources with upper-layer mission applications. Its core value proposition is actualized across three distinct levels, all of which are widely recognized by on-orbit mission practices:

1. **Resource adaptation**: It proactively adapts to the unique, harsh constraints of the space environment — including stringent computing, storage, and bandwidth limitations, high radiation interference, unstable space-ground links, and long-term unattended operation — ensuring deterministic system reliability [7];
2. **Capability release**: It disrupts the traditional "downlink first, ground processing" paradigm by enabling on-orbit preprocessing/processing, filtering, and fusion of massive raw datasets. This drastically minimizes invalid data downlink and maximizes the utility of available on-board compute resources;
3. **Application enablement**: It provisions unified, standardized data interfaces and scheduling capabilities for upper-layer mission applications, directly supporting the rapid development, deployment, and on-orbit updating of space-based software payloads, thereby lowering the barrier to scenario-based innovation.

Value of On-Board Data Preprocessing

Taking high-resolution optical remote sensing satellites as an example, we establish a dimensionally consistent quantitative value model for on-board preprocessing. The effective data delivery efficiency ($\eta_{\text{effective}}$) is defined as:

$$\eta_{\text{effective}} = \frac{V_{\text{downlink}}}{V_{\text{raw}}} \times C_{\text{reduction}}$$

Where:

- V_{raw} is the total raw data volume generated by the payload per orbit (in Bytes);
- $V_{\text{downlink}} = B_{\text{link}} \times T_{\text{window}}$ represents the maximum physical data volume that can be transmitted during a ground station pass, where B_{link} is the available bandwidth and T_{window} is the visible time window;
- $C_{\text{reduction}} = V_{\text{raw}}/V_{\text{processed}}$ is the dimensionless on-board data reduction coefficient achieved via filtering and compression.

For a typical Low Earth Orbit (LEO) remote sensing satellite generating $V_{\text{raw}} = 100\,\text{GB}$ per orbit, with a downlink capacity of $V_{\text{downlink}} = 5\,\text{GB}$, the raw delivery efficiency without preprocessing is a mere 5%. Through advanced on-board data management (incorporating cloud detection, invalid region cropping, and lossless compression), a reduction coefficient of $C_{\text{reduction}} = 10$ can be achieved. This amplifies the effective delivery efficiency to 50%, corroborating on-orbit validation data from modern Earth observation missions (e.g., the Copernicus Sentinel series). The core quantization theory for signal preprocessing is built upon the classic quantized signal spectrum model established by Bennett [12].

2.2 Classification and Definition of Core Application Scenarios

Based on critical variations in computing characteristics, data scale, and reliability thresholds, this series defines four core application scenarios for space computing data management. These scenarios will serve as the analytical bedrock for subsequent volumes:

1. **LEO Mega-Constellations**: Characterized by massive satellite swarms, distributed collaborative computing, and high-frequency space-ground/inter-satellite data interactions. This requires data management systems capable of robust distributed storage, cross-node data scheduling, and consistent state maintenance.
2. **Real-Time On-Board Remote Sensing Processing**: Characterized by massive raw data ingestion, ultra-low latency processing constraints, and on-orbit intelligent inference requirements. Data management systems here must orchestrate high-throughput data streams and heterogeneous computing resources efficiently.
3. **Deep Space Exploration**: Characterized by extreme space-ground communication delays, highly intermittent links, and zero-tolerance reliability constraints. These missions require long-term autonomous operation, highly fault-tolerant storage, and resilient breakpoint resume transmission capabilities.
4. **On-Orbit Science Experiments**: Characterized by highly diversified data typologies, variable computing loads, and stringent data provenance/integrity requirements. Data management systems must support flexible resource allocation and standardized multi-type data cataloging.

3 Assessment of Market Scale and Technology Maturity

3.1 Quantitative Market Scale Forecast

Drawing upon global satellite constellation deployment schedules, on-orbit computing hardware shipment data, and industry-wide software investment ratios, this volume utilizes a dual-factor econometric forecasting model developed internally by the Zebrid Research Team. Under this base-case internal model, the addressable market for space computing data management software and services is projected to expand from approximately USD 1.2 billion in 2026 to USD 4.8 billion by 2032, achieving a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of approximately 26%. Core forecast conclusions include:

- The commercial aerospace sector will act as the primary growth catalyst, with its market share surging from 42% in 2026 to excess of 65% by 2032;
- Analyzing market segments, the demand for data management software tailored to LEO mega-constellations and real-time remote sensing processing will experience the most aggressive acceleration.

Dual-Factor Econometric Forecasting Model

Calibrated against historical 2020–2025 industry data, the core cumulative product forecasting model is defined as follows [8]:

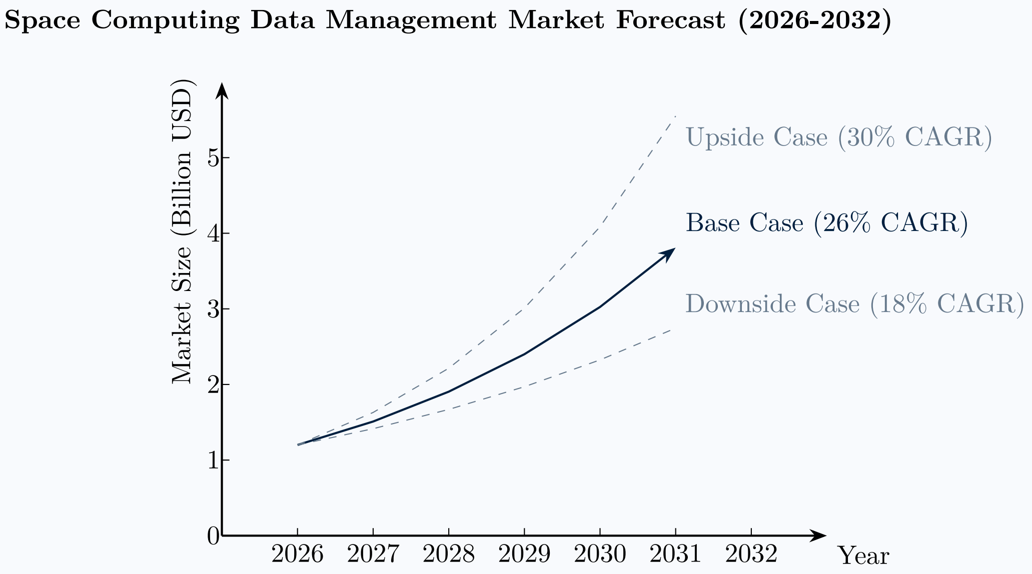
$$S_t = S_0 \prod_{i=1}^{t} (1 + \alpha \cdot H_i + \beta \cdot M_i)$$

Where:

- S_t is the forecasted market size in year t;
- $S_0 = 1.2$ billion USD is the calibrated baseline market size for the year 2026;
- $\alpha = 0.12$ is the hardware iteration driving coefficient;
- $\beta = 0.14$ is the commercial deployment driving coefficient;
- H_i and M_i are the hardware performance and commercial deployment growth factors in year i, respectively.

Complete parameter calibration, model fitting, and significance test protocols are fully detailed in Technical Supplement A1.

As an example, the space computing data management market evolvement can be illustrated in Figure 1.



Space Computing Data Management Market Forecast (2026-2032)

Figure 1: Market Size Forecast: Base Case and Sensitivity Ranges (Zebrid Internal Model)

CTO Strategic Takeaway: The Software-Defined Shift

The projected 26% CAGR in the data management sector signals a fundamental shift in aerospace CapEx. As hardware becomes commoditized via COTS SoMs, the primary differentiator for constellation operators is no longer the physical bus, but the *software orchestration layer*. Organizations that invest early in scalable, hardware-agnostic data management architectures will drastically reduce their Non-Recurring Engineering (NRE) costs per satellite, enabling faster iteration cycles and superior unit economics compared to competitors locked into legacy, hardware-coupled monoliths.

3.2 Technology Readiness Level Assessment of Established Technical Routes

Adhering to the standard Technology Readiness Level (TRL) assessment framework defined by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) [9], this volume builds a heuristic, weighted TRL assessment model evaluating the established space computing data management paradigms across six core dimensions: flight heritage, system reliability, resource efficiency, scalability, maintainability, and standardization.

Before presenting the assessment results, we briefly introduce the four mainstream technical routes evaluated in this study while the comprehensive analysis of their architectures, implementation details and performance characteristics will be provided in Volume II of this series: (1) **Traditional Aerospace Dedicated Systems**: The conventional mission-specific approach to on-board computing; (2) **Cloud-Native Edge Frameworks**: Terrestrial cloud technologies adapted for space edge deployment; (3) **High-Energy Physics Distributed Data Platforms**: Repurposed large-scale scientific data processing systems; (4) **Commercial Aerospace Integrated Solutions**: End-to-end products from commercial satellite operators.

Using this model, we conducted a unified assessment of the four established mainstream data management technical routes. Most routes exhibit relatively narrow TRL ranges corresponding to their typical deployment maturity, with the notable exception of cloud-native edge frameworks. As a rapidly evolving category, it spans a highly variable TRL spectrum: specific containerized deployments verified in flight achieve TRL 7 (system prototype demonstration in space environment), whereas many un-optimized variants remain at TRL 5–6 (component and/or breadboard validation in relevant environment). The complete assessment results are detailed in Table 1 and visually summarized in Figure 2.

It is important to note that TRL is inherently an ordinal scale; the ranges provided reflect deployment-specific variances, e.g., the aforementioned containerized deployments on the European Space Agency (ESA)'s OPS-SAT-1 achieved TRL 6–7, while generic open-source implementations remain at lower readiness. The complete dimensional definitions and weight calibration processes are provided in Technical Supplement A2.

Table 1: TRL Assessment of Established Space Computing Data Management Technical Routes

Technical Route	TRL	Main Verification Scenario	Key Limitation
Traditional Aerospace Dedicated Systems	9	Deep space exploration, scientific satellites	Limited scalability, high development cost, long iteration cycle
Cloud-Native Edge Frameworks	5–7	LEO test satellites, small satellite constellations	Limited adaptability to space environment constraints, high resource consumption
High-Energy Physics Distributed Data Platforms	7–8	Ground preprocessing systems, partial scientific satellite missions	Limited optimization for on-board resource constraints, large software footprint
Commercial Aerospace Integrated Solutions	6–8	Commercial remote sensing constellations, communication satellites	Closed architecture, limited universality, lack of unified standards

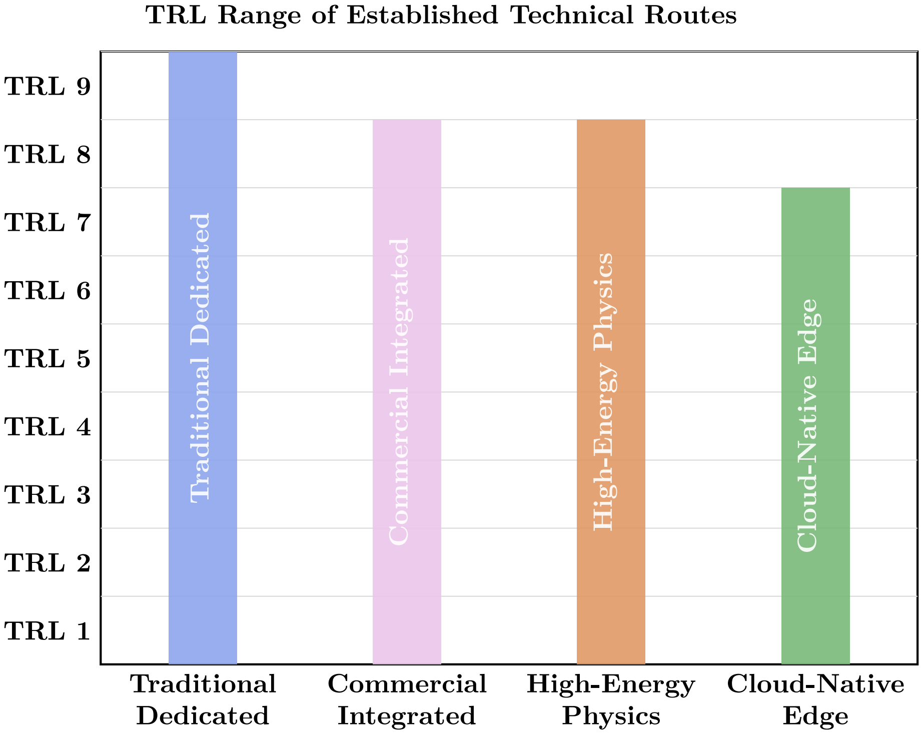


Figure 2: TRL Ladder Comparison of Established Technical Routes

4 Prioritization of Common Domain Technical Requirements

4.1 Full-Dimensional Requirement Index System Construction

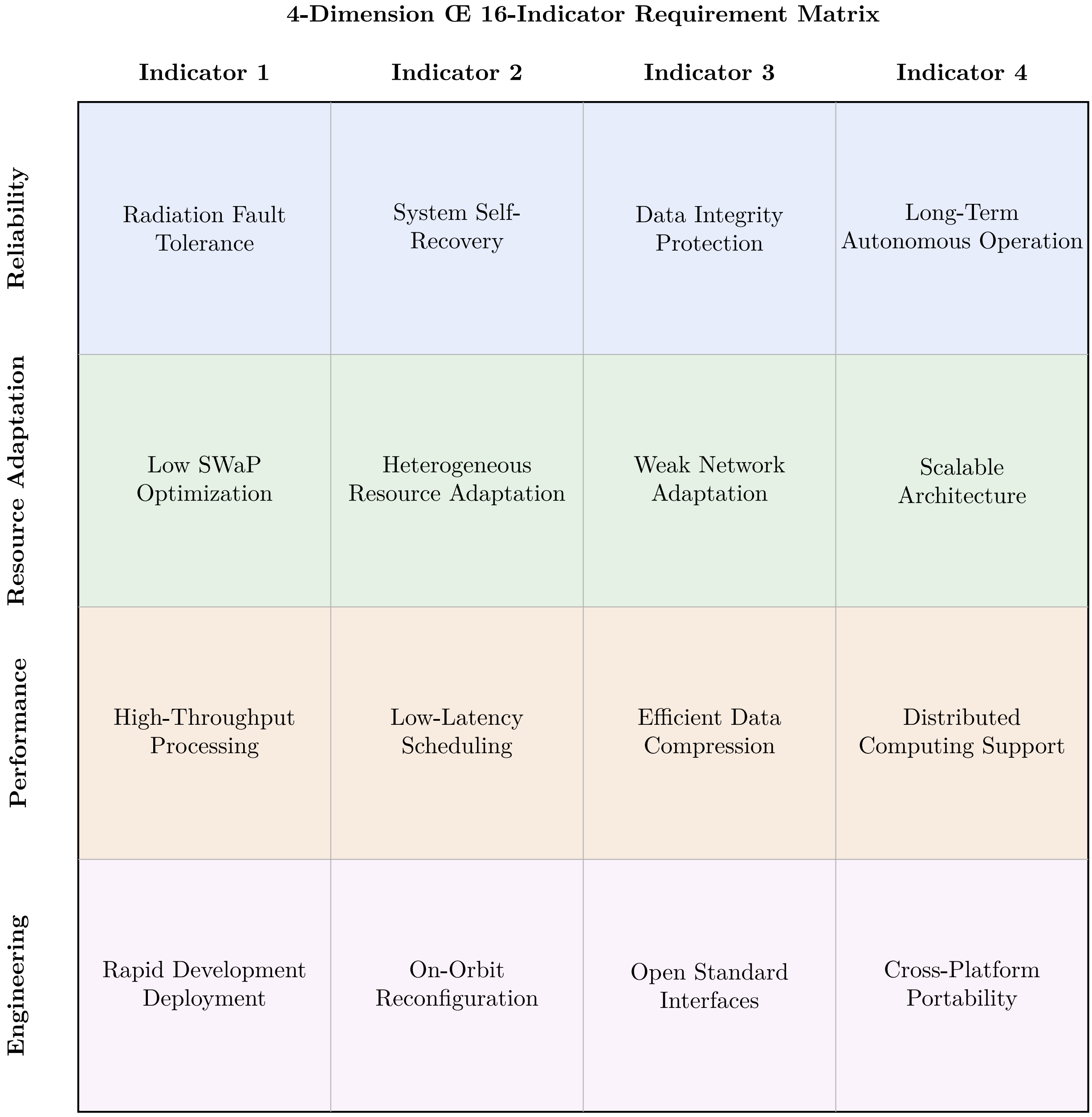
Driven by industry-wide interviews, meticulous mission requirement analyses, and systematic technical pain point categorizations, this volume establishes a four-dimensional requirement index system. This system covers 16 core requirement indicators (see Figure 3) and is stringently aligned with European Cooperation for Space Standardization (ECSS) space software engineering standards [10]:

1. **Reliability Dimension**: Encompassing radiation fault tolerance, system self-recovery, data integrity protection, and long-term unattended operation;

2. **Resource Adaptation Dimension**: Featuring low Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP) optimization, hetero-

geneous resource adaptation, weak network environment adaptation, and inherently scalable architectures;

3. **Performance Dimension**: Prioritizing high-throughput data processing, low-latency data scheduling, efficient data compression, and deep distributed collaborative computing support;
4. **Engineering Dimension**: Highlighting rapid development and deployment workflows, seamless on-orbit reconfiguration, open standard interfaces, and cross-platform portability.



4-Dimension Œ 16-Indicator Requirement Matrix

	Indicator 1	**Indicator 2**	**Indicator 3**	**Indicator 4**
Reliability	Radiation Fault Tolerance	System Self-Recovery	Data Integrity Protection	Long-Term Autonomous Operation
Resource Adaptation	Low SWaP Optimization	Heterogeneous Resource Adaptation	Weak Network Adaptation	Scalable Architecture
Performance	High-Throughput Processing	Low-Latency Scheduling	Efficient Data Compression	Distributed Computing Support
Engineering	Rapid Development Deployment	On-Orbit Reconfiguration	Open Standard Interfaces	Cross-Platform Portability

Figure 3: Full-Dimensional Requirement Index System Matrix

4.2 Priority Ranking Based on Industry Survey and Quantitative Scoring

Utilizing the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) mathematical model established by Saaty [11], combined with a meticulous industry-wide expert scoring initiative (incorporating feedback from over 30 global aerospace agencies, commercial entities, and academic research institutions; detailed panel demographics and methodology are provided in Technical Supplement A3), this volume computes a quantitative priority ranking of these core requirements. The top 6 priority requirements yielding the highest mathematical weight scores are:

1. Radiation fault tolerance and data integrity protection (Normalized Priority Score: 0.92)
2. Low SWaP optimization for tight on-board resource constraints (Normalized Priority Score: 0.89)

3. Space-ground weak network data scheduling and transmission (Normalized Priority Score: 0.87)
4. Long-term autonomous operation alongside rapid system self-recovery (Normalized Priority Score: 0.85)
5. Heterogeneous computing resource unified orchestration (Normalized Priority Score: 0.81)
6. Distributed storage and dynamic replica management for constellations (Normalized Priority Score: 0.78)

AHP Cacluation Formula

The fundamental AHP calculation formula is expressed as:

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\mathbf{a}_j}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ij}}$$

Where $\mathbf{w}$ denotes the final weight vector, $\mathbf{a}_j$ represents the j-th column of the pairwise comparison matrix, and n is the aggregate number of requirement indicators. The fully detailed pairwise comparison matrix, consistency test analytics, and weight calculation process are provided in Technical Supplement A3.

This priority ranking dictates the core evaluation parameters used for the technical route comparison and solution assessment in the subsequent volumes of the series, ensuring our analysis remains structurally bound to the authentic, quantifiable needs of the modern aerospace market.

5 Framework of the Series and Roadmap for Subsequent Volumes

Armed with the architectural framework defined in this volume, we set the stage to dissect how established and emerging solutions satisfy these demands in Volume II. This series applies a unified "*foundation* → *architecture* → *carrier* → *deployment* → *outlook*" five-stage analytical methodology, which mirrors the structural layout of the 5 volumes:

1. Volume I (this volume) completes the fundamental groundwork: defining the industry context, core value propositions, analytical framework, and quantified requirement priorities;
2. Volume II executes a structural architecture analysis: breaking down the core modules of data management, and presenting a panorama and comparison of the established global mainstream solutions;
3. Volume III zeroes in on the physical implementation carrier: conducting an intensive, model-driven study on the resource constraints of on-board SoMs, and researching emerging optimized paradigms;
4. Volume IV drives scenario-based deployment logic: verifying the adaptability of diverse technical routes across core scenarios, and synthesizing reusable engineering deployment best practices;
5. Volume V delivers a forward-looking technological outlook: projecting a 10-year technology evolution roadmap (2026–2036), and putting forward strategic ecosystem collaboration recommendations.

The entire series maintains a unified analytical caliber and a standardized quantitative evaluation system. This guarantees progressive thematic layering and logical coherence, providing complete, systematic, and purely data-driven industry insights for our global peers.

6 Summary of This Volume

This volume maps the contemporary development status and broader ecosystem of the global space computing industry. It establishes the core value proposition and operational application scenarios inherent to space computing data management. Furthermore, it mathematically forecasts market scaling, conducts TRL assessments of the established technical routes, constructs a full-dimensional requirement index system, completes an AHP-based priority ranking, and establishes the unified analytical framework governing the full series.

Technical Supplement: Mathematical Models

A1 Market Size Forecasting Model: Calibration and Fitting Process

This supplement provides the parameter calibration, model fitting, and significance testing processes for the cumulative dual-factor driven market size forecasting model established in Section 3.1.

A1.1 Model Parameter Calibration

The baseline data powering the model calibration is sourced from aggregate public industry reports compiled by Euroconsult, SpaceWorks, and NASA. This covers the global space computing market size progression from 2020 to 2025, alongside on-board hardware performance iteration metrics and commercial satellite launch volumes. The parameters, derived from Zebrid's internal analysis of historical launch cadences (aggregated from Jonathan's Space Report and ESA DISCOSweb) and hardware shipments, are detailed in Table 2:

Table 2: Calibrated Market Model Parameters

Parameter	**Calibrated Value**	**95% Confidence Interval**
Baseline market size S_0 (2026)	1.2 billion USD	[1.12, 1.28] billion USD
Hardware iteration coefficient α	0.12	[0.10, 0.14]
Commercial deployment coefficient β	0.14	[0.11, 0.17]
Model goodness of fit R^2	0.942	-
F significance p-value	<0.001	-

A1.2 Model Fitting Results

The econometric model fitting results mapping historical data (2020–2025) and the 2026 baseline are tabulated in Table 3. The model operates within a maximum relative error threshold of 6.8%, aligning with stringent industry forecasting accuracy requirements:

Table 3: Historical Data Fitting Results (2020-2026)

Year	**Actual Market Size**	**Model Forecasted Size**	**Relative Error**
2020	0.38 billion USD	0.36 billion USD	-5.26%
2021	0.45 billion USD	0.43 billion USD	-4.44%
2022	0.52 billion USD	0.55 billion USD	+5.77%
2023	0.68 billion USD	0.71 billion USD	+4.41%
2024	0.87 billion USD	0.81 billion USD	-6.80%
2025	1.05 billion USD	1.09 billion USD	+3.81%
2026	1.20 billion USD	1.18 billion USD	-1.67%

A1.3 Forecast Sensitivity Analysis

We executed a dynamic sensitivity analysis of the model against the two primary driving factors. The findings demonstrate that the model is most highly sensitive to the commercial deployment growth factor M_i, exhibiting a sensitivity coefficient of 1.12. This closely aligns with current empirical industry trends pinpointing the commercial aerospace sector as the primary engine of growth.

A2 TRL Assessment Model

This supplement details the dimensional definitions and weight calibration processes undergirding the heuristic TRL assessment model utilized in Section 3.2.

A2.1 Assessment Dimension Definition

Harmonized with the NASA TRL Handbook and ECSS engineering standards, we systematically decomposed the TRL assessment of space computing data management solutions into 8 distinct core dimensions, each meticulously mapped to standard TRL 1–9 level definitions:

1. Basic principle research and theoretical validation (mapping to TRL 1–2)
2. Core functional conceptualization and technical specification drafting (mapping to TRL 3)
3. Component-level operational validation in a controlled laboratory environment (mapping to TRL 4)
4. System-level validation within a relevant ground-based operational environment (mapping to TRL 5)
5. Prototype system validation exposed to a simulated space-like radiation environment (mapping to TRL 6)
6. Comprehensive system prototype flight demonstration successfully conducted in orbit (mapping to TRL 7)
7. Complete end-to-end system flight verification within a true mission environment (mapping to TRL 8)
8. Long-term stable and successful operational heritage in actual on-orbit missions (mapping to TRL 9)

A2.2 Weight Calibration

Factoring in the unique operational fragility and reliability profiles of space software systems, we calibrated the weight of each assessment dimension utilizing structured expert scoring. The derived results are presented in Table 4:

Table 4: TRL Assessment Dimension Weight Calibration

Assessment Dimension	Calibrated Weight
Long-term stable operation in actual on-orbit mission	0.20
Complete system flight verification in mission environment	0.18
System prototype flight demonstration in orbit	0.15
Prototype system validation in space-like radiation environment	0.12
System-level validation in relevant ground environment	0.10
Component-level validation in laboratory environment	0.08
Core functional concept and technical specification formulation	0.07
Basic principle research and validation	0.05

The final holistic TRL score attributed to each technical solution is calculated via a structured weighted sum formula, subsequently rounded to the nearest standard discrete TRL integer. Furthermore, a strict “weakest link” algorithmic principle is enforced: the final composite TRL cannot mathematically exceed the lowest score recorded across all individually assessed dimensions.

A3 AHP Requirement Prioritization: Matrix Algebra

This supplement details the algorithmic progression utilized to derive the requirement priority weights in Section 4.2, utilizing the AHP.

A3.1 Pairwise Comparison Matrix Formulation

Based upon aggregate expert scoring, the 4×4 reciprocal pairwise comparison matrix A for the four primary dimensions (Reliability, Resource Adaptation, Performance, Engineering) is defined as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It should be noted that this 4×4 matrix establishes the weights for the primary dimensions. The final 16 indicator scores are derived by multiplying these primary weights by the local weights obtained from corresponding submatrices within each dimension.

A3.2 Normalization and Eigenvector Extraction

To calculate the principal eigenvector (which serves as the priority weight vector W), we first calculate the column sums $S_j = \sum_{i=1}^{4} a_{ij}$:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2.833 & 2.833 & 5.5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

We then construct the normalized matrix N, where $n_{ij} = \frac{a_{ij}}{S_j}$:

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 0.353 & 0.353 & 0.364 & 0.333 \\ 0.353 & 0.353 & 0.364 & 0.333 \\ 0.176 & 0.176 & 0.182 & 0.222 \\ 0.118 & 0.118 & 0.091 & 0.111 \end{bmatrix}$$

The priority weight vector W is the row average of N:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.351 \\ 0.351 \\ 0.189 \\ 0.109 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.35 \\ 0.35 \\ 0.19 \\ 0.11 \end{bmatrix}$$

A3.3 Consistency Verification

To mathematically prove the logical consistency of the expert scoring, we calculate the maximum eigenvalue λ_{max} using $A \times W$:

$$A \times W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0.33 & 0.33 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.351 \\ 0.351 \\ 0.189 \\ 0.109 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.407 \\ 1.407 \\ 0.758 \\ 0.437 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{max} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{(A \times W)_i}{W_i} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1.407}{0.351} + \frac{1.407}{0.351} + \frac{0.758}{0.189} + \frac{0.437}{0.109} \right) = 4.0104$$

The Consistency Index (CI) and Consistency Ratio (CR) are thus:

$$CI = \frac{\lambda_{max} - n}{n - 1} = \frac{4.0104 - 4}{3} = 0.0035$$

$$CR = \frac{CI}{RI} = \frac{0.0035}{0.90} = 0.0039$$

Because $CR = 0.0039 \ll 0.10$, the priority weights are mathematically validated as highly consistent and logically sound.

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