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Mosar a European Space Robotic Technology for Sustainable Space Access

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Europe has embarked on a strategic research effort in developing a suite of space robotics technologies for future space missions both for planetary explorations and in on-orbit servicing. This has been and is being investigated through a structured mechanism called strategic research cluster (SRC) in Space Robotics Technologies. The first group of projects in the form of operational grants have completed and they have developed five common building blocks for these future missions.

The second group of the projects have recently started to develop demonstrations for both planetary and in-orbit applications. MOSAR is one such a project focusing on the use of space robotic connectors to assemble, configure satellites in space. Specifically, MOSAR project aims to create a new paradigm technology to address an increasing challenge of developing a sustainable space approach to enable more affordable access to space for all stakeholders. This invited talk provides an overview of two of the five common building blocks and then MOSAR technology's preliminary development to enable on-orbit servicing.

MOSAR is built on five successful projects which collectively created all required common building blocks for both planetary explorations and in-orbit missions, a novel architecture is proposed to create a walking manipulator to demonstrate its unique capability in both space system assembly and on-orbit servicing.

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