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Research and Technology Implications and Applications for Very Small (MesoScale) Spacecraft

{THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF NANOSATS
FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, MICROGRAVITY AND BIOLOGY}



**6U CubeSat low cost
space missions workshop**

17 & 18 July 2012
AITC, Mt Stromlo Observatory, Canberra Australia

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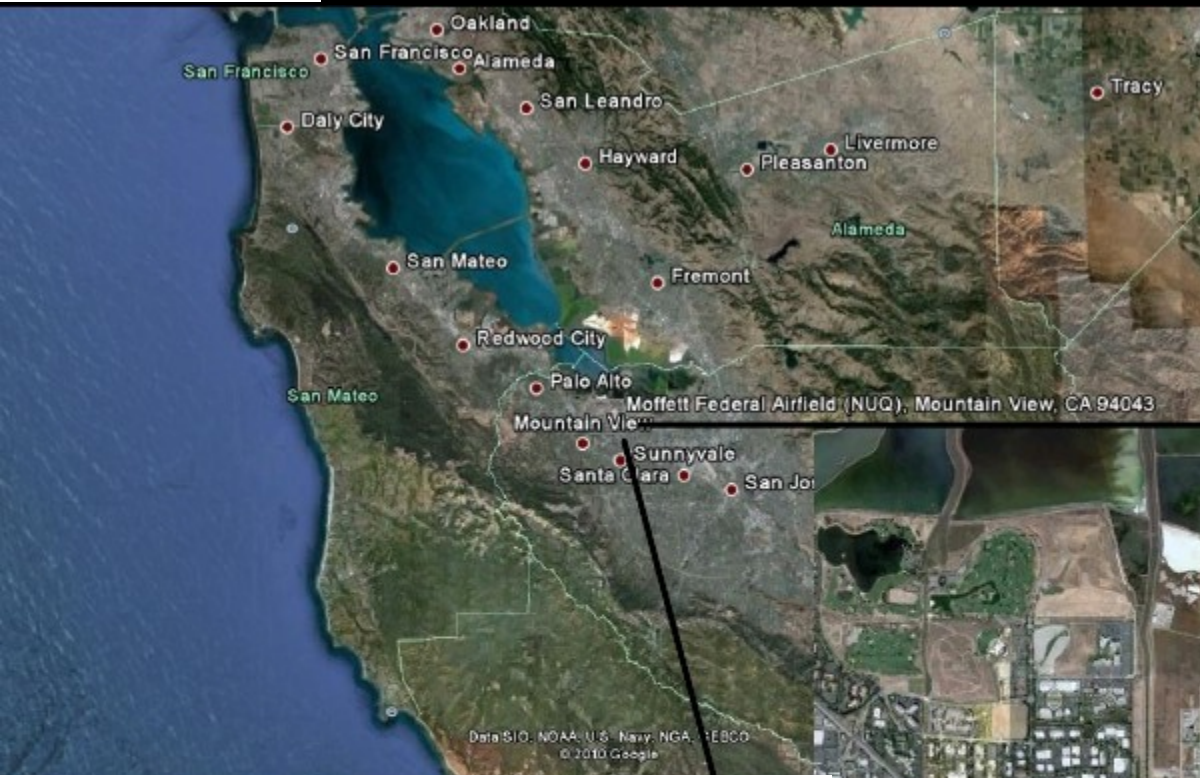
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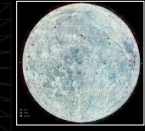


NASA Ames: 7 Decades of Innovation

2010+



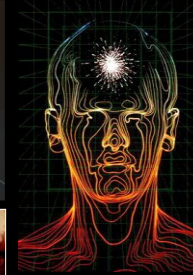
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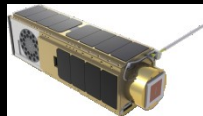


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2000

Human Centered Computing



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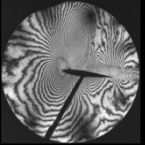
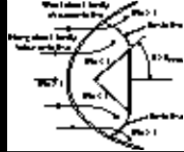
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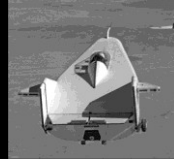
Pioneer



Blunt Body Concept



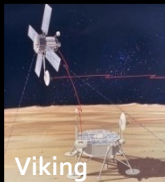
Lifting Body



Life Sciences Research



Pioneer Venus



Viking



Air Transportation System

1990

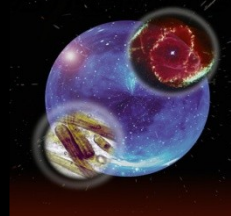


Lunar Prospector



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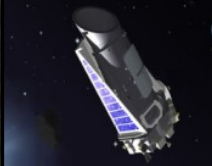
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Astrobiology



NASA Research Park



Kepler

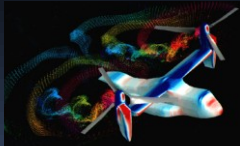


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Flight Research

1960



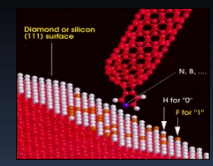
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Nanotechnology



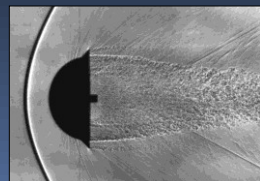
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Conical Camber



Arcjet Research



Hypervelocity Free Flight

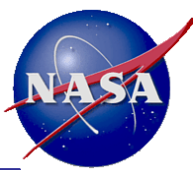


80x120 Wind Tunnel

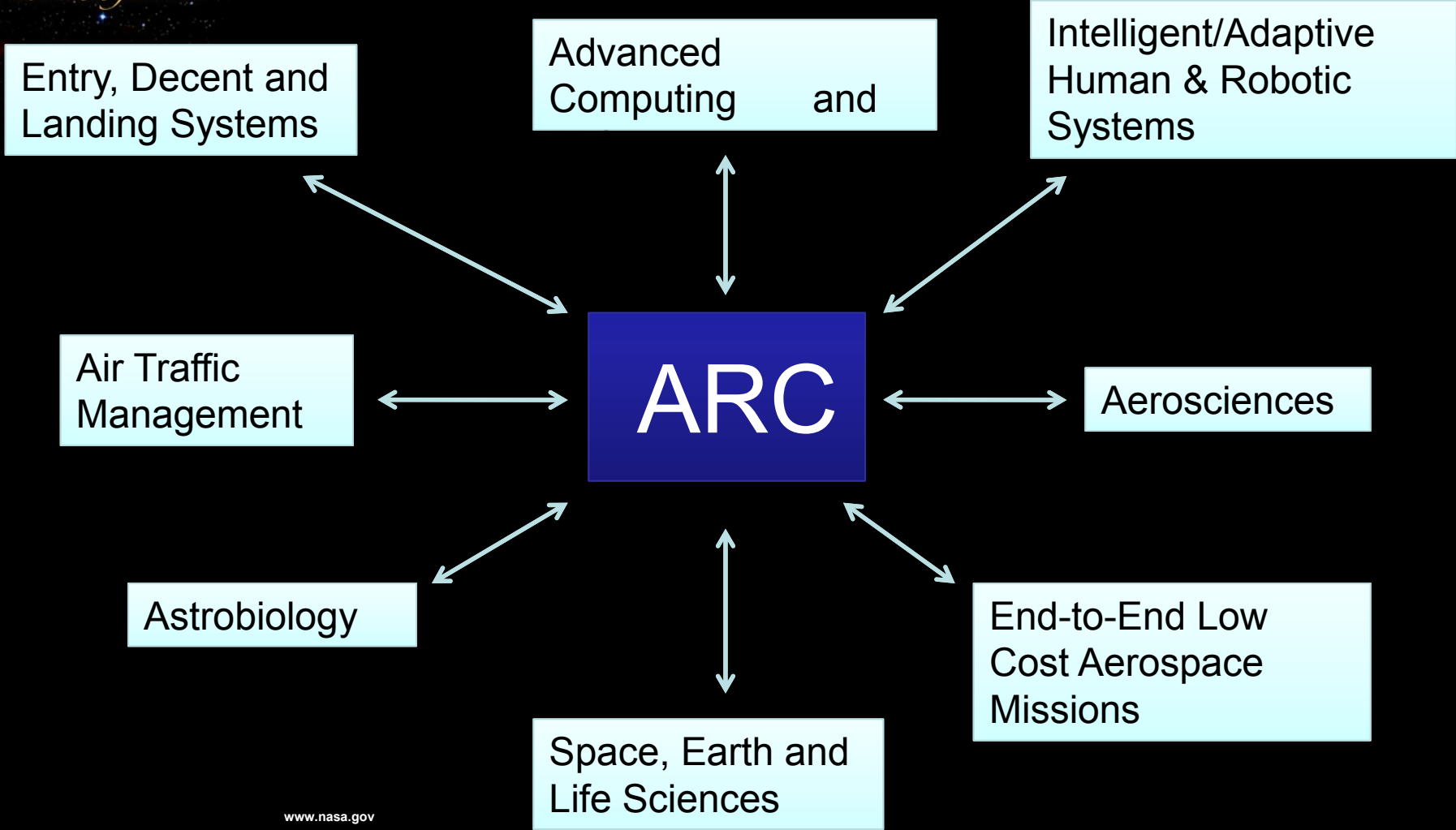


One of the World's Fastest Operational Supercomputers

1940



ARC CORE COMPETENCIES





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New Technology Solicitations Announced

Three Space Technology Program solicitations have been released: NIAC, Game Changing and TDM.

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Solicitations

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› TDM Solicitation

NASA SPACE TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP TECHNICAL AREA BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE



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TA01  • LAUNCH PROPULSION SYSTEMS

TA02  • IN-SPACE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGIES

TA03  • SPACE POWER & ENERGY STORAGE

TA04  • ROBOTICS, TELE-ROBOTICS & AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

TA05  • COMMUNICATION & NAVIGATION

TA06  • HUMAN HEALTH, LIFE SUPPORT & HABITATION SYSTEMS

TA07  • HUMAN EXPLORATION DESTINATION SYSTEMS

TA08  • SCIENCE INSTRUMENTS, OBSERVATORIES & SENSOR SYSTEMS

TA09  • ENTRY, DESCENT & LANDING SYSTEMS

TA10  • NANOTECHNOLOGY

TA11  • MODELING, SIMULATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & PROCESSING

TA12  • MATERIALS, STRUCTURES, MECHANICAL SYSTEMS & MANUFACTURING

TA13  • GROUND & LAUNCH SYSTEMS PROCESSING

TA14  • THERMAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

OCT - Complete Technology Maturation Pipeline



- **Space Technology Research Grants**



- **NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC)**



- **Center Innovation Fund**



- **Centennial Challenges Prize**



- **Small Business Innovation Research & Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)**



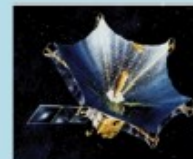
- **Game Changing Development**



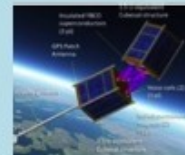
- **Franklin Small Satellite Subsystem Technologies**



- **Flight Opportunities**



- **Technology Demonstration Missions**



- **Edison Small Satellite Demonstration Missions**

SSTP





SMALL SPACECRAFT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Develop subsystem technologies that will result in transformational capabilities for small spacecraft.

"Push" technologies/capabilities considered for TRL advancement from 3/4 to 5/6 may include:

- formation flying
- long life power systems
- precision pointing
- deployable apertures
- autonomous swarm operations
- miniaturized payload instrumentation
- multifunctional systems
- plug-and-play systems
- advanced thermal management systems
- heat- and radiation-tolerant electronics
- propellant-less or highly efficient propulsion
- other technology enablers
- proximity operations
- robotics
- space-to-space power transmission
- other system interoperability
- electro-optics imaging & sensing

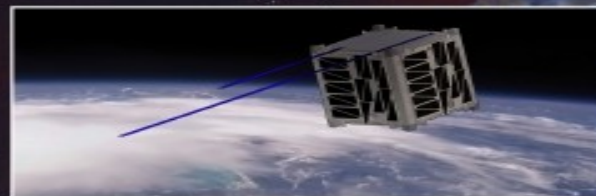
Program Investment Strategy:

- solicit technology development projects
- solicit technology flight demonstration projects
- direct technology and flight projects
- small spacecraft infrastructure and standards

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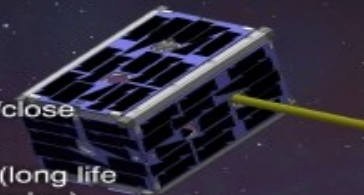
TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

Develop and operate a series of NASA-focused small spacecraft demonstration missions.



Competitively selected missions are expected to provide technology focused demonstrations such as:

- formation flying
- payload recovery
- orbital debris removal
- autonomous/collaborative/close proximity operations
- advanced power systems (long life or space-to-space transmission)
- advanced propulsion
- miniaturized remote sensors
- deployable apertures
- autonomous swarm
- robotics
- interoperable systems



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Small Spacecraft at Ames: Where We are Going

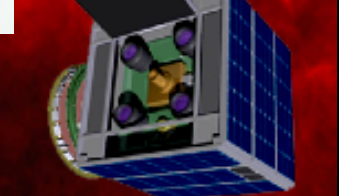
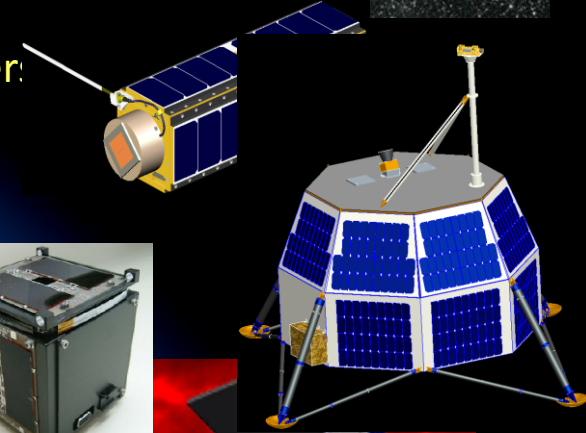
- Trend is for Smaller Technology
- Concurrent applications
- Solid R&D Foundations
- Well-Informed Make or Buy Decisions
- Constrained Budgets
- International Collaborative Focus
- Next Generation Workforce Training

ARC Small Spacecraft and Missions Enterprise



Spacecraft Mission Sizing

- **Larger Spacecraft Excel at:**
 - Large Diameter Sensors, Optics, Antennas, Detectors
 - Large Scale Investigations, Several Instruments
 - Lower calculated risk per individual mission
 - Lower cost per kilogram
 - Utilize “Proven Launchers”
- **Smaller Spacecraft Excel at:**
 - Simple Focused Missions, Science, Technology or Ops Demo
 - Unique Data Obtained in Near Term (Solar Cycle)
 - Short Duration Missions (<14 days for Landers, <2 years orbiter)
 - Diversity of operating sites, landing sites or Orbits
 - Lower Cost Enables Increased Number Of Missions
 - Faster Learning Cycle, Lead to Lower Costs
 - If New Technology Sooner, Lowers Cost of Flagship Missions
 - Smaller Teams, Fewer Interfaces, Improved Collaboration



ADVANCES IN MINIATURIZATION ARE CLOSING THE GAP!

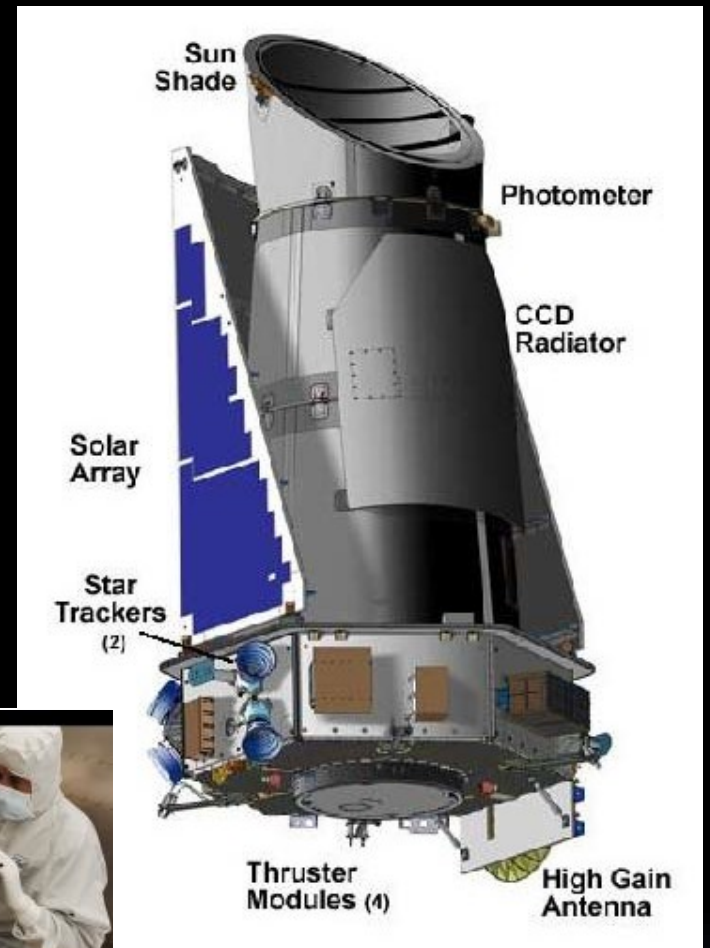
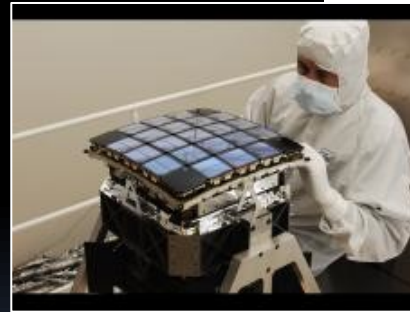
Kepler Spacecraft

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Kepler is a space observatory launched by NASA to discover Earth-like planets orbiting other stars. The spacecraft, named in honor of the 17th-century German astronomer Johannes Kepler,

Launch date: March 7, 2009 3:49 AM
Orbit height: 92,955,807 miles (149,597,871 km)
Speed on orbit: 3.661 miles/s (5.892 km/s)
Cost: US\$ 550 million
Launch site: Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Launch Complex 17
Manufacturer: Ball Aerospace

Kepler Planet Count
Confirmed Planets: 74
Planet Candidates: 2,321
Eclipsing Binary Stars: 2,165

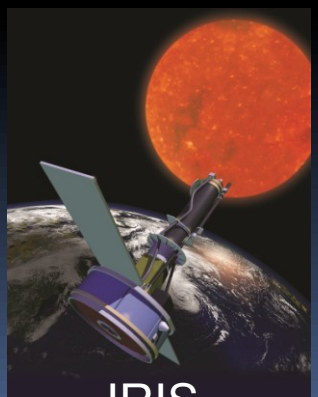
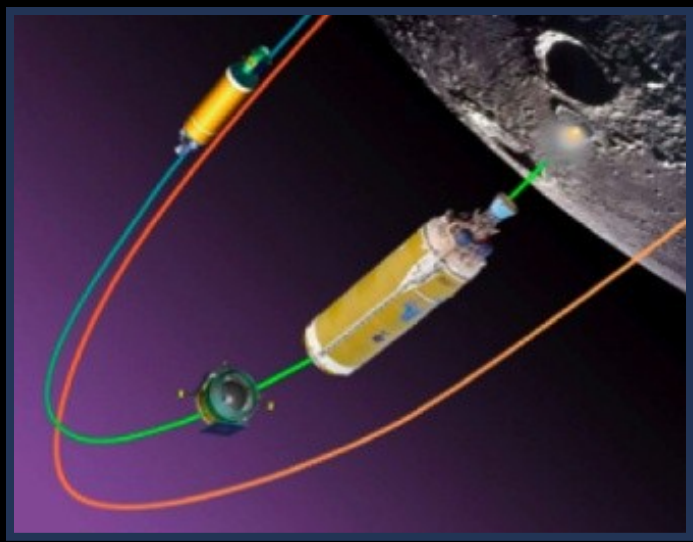


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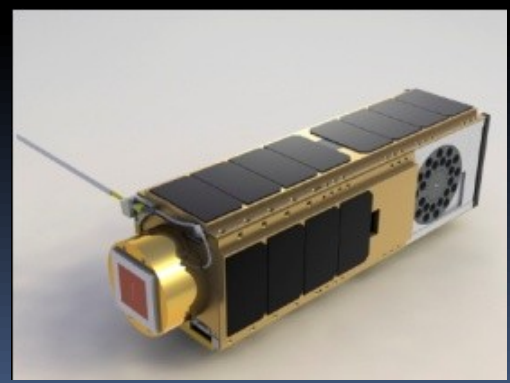
The Kepler photometer is basically a Schmidt telescope design with a 0.95-meter aperture and a 105 square deg (about 12 degree diameter) field-of-view (FOV). It is pointed at and records data from just a single group of stars for the three and one-half or more year duration of the mission. The photometer is composed of just one "instrument," which is, an array of 42 CCDs (charge coupled devices). Each 50x25 mm CCD has 2200x1024 pixels.



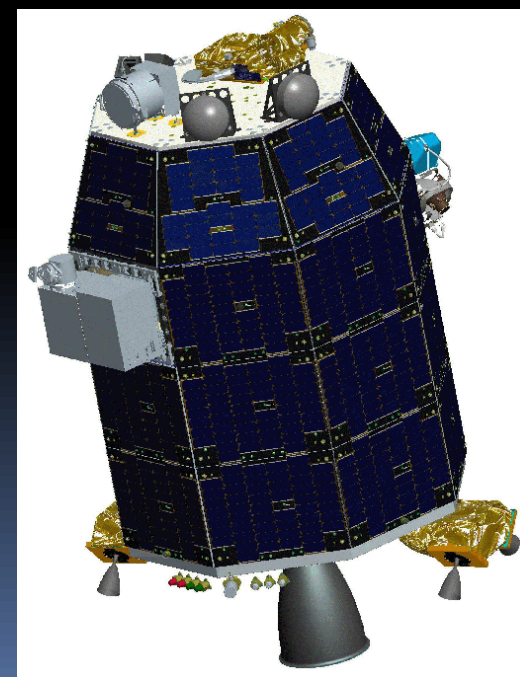
Innovation in Small Satellites



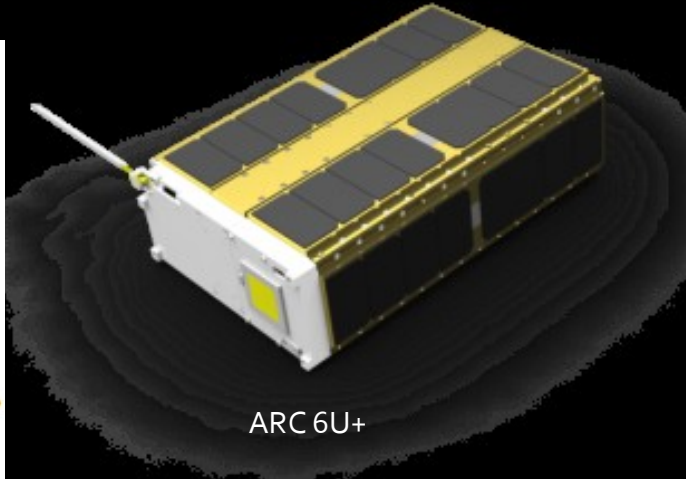
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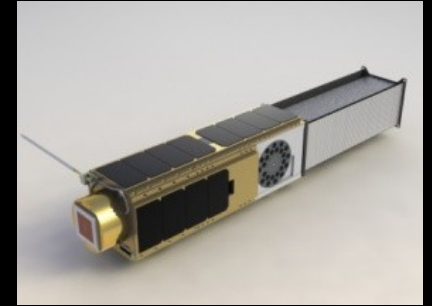
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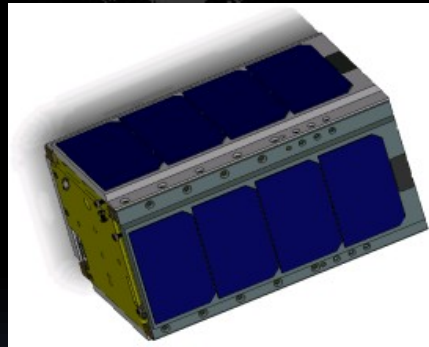
Platform Versatility



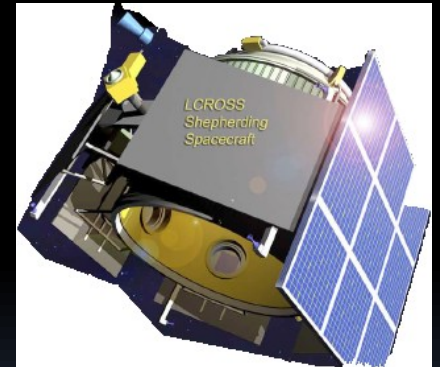
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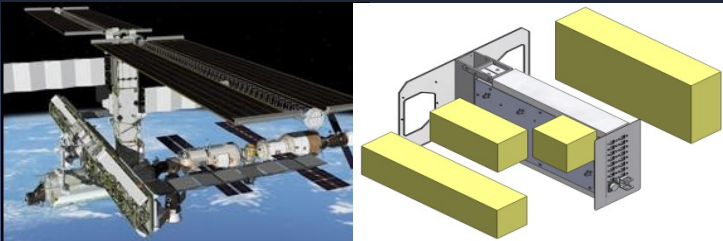
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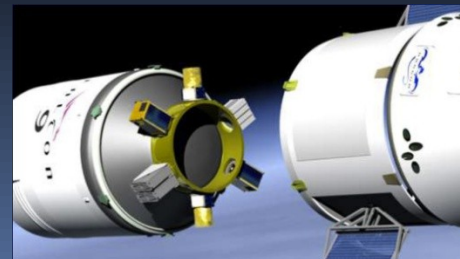
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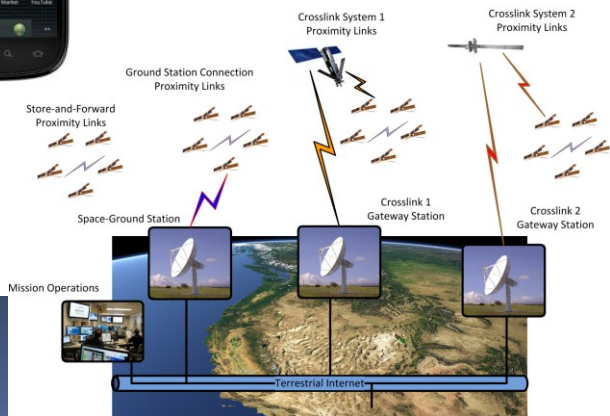
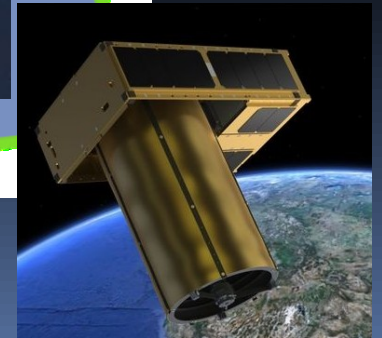
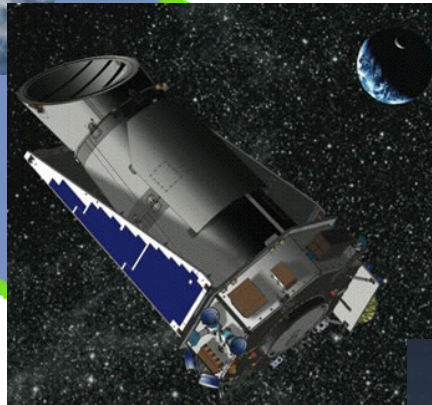
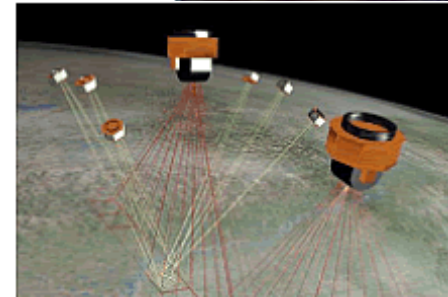
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ISS NanoRacks Cubelab



SpaceX
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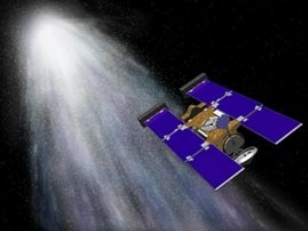
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Science: Key Research & Applications Areas



Earth Science

- Atmospheric science
- Biospheric Science
- Applications for Societal Benefit
- Airborne Science
- New Concepts for Earth Science



Space Science

- Research
- Advanced Instruments & Sensors
- Missions

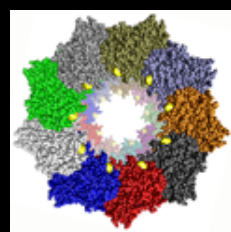


Biosciences

- Human Research Program
- Synthetic Biology
- Exploration Life Support
- Radiation & Space Biotechnologies
- Flight Systems Implementation



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Space Missions Directorate

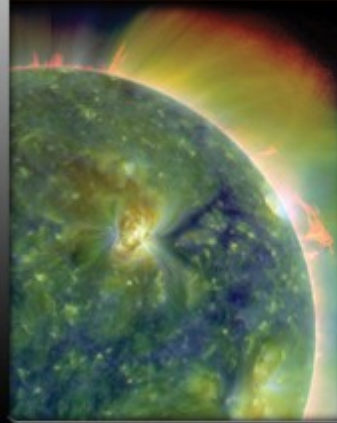
Earth



To develop a scientific understanding of Earth's system and its response to natural or human-induced changes, and to improve prediction of climate, weather, and natural hazards.

- [-Atmospheric Composition](#)
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- [-Carbon Cycle & Ecosystems](#)
- [-Water & Energy Cycles](#)
- [-Climate Variability & Change](#)
- [-Earth Surface & Interior](#)

Heliophysics



Understanding the Sun, Heliosphere, and Planetary Environments as a single connected system

- [Heliosphere](#)
- [Magnetospheres](#)
- [Space Environment](#)

Planets



Observation and discovery of our solar system's planetary objects. ...strategy based on progressing from flybys, to orbiting, to landing, to roving and finally to returning samples from planetary bodies

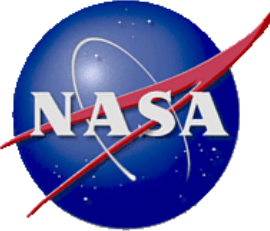
- [Inner Solar System](#)
- [Outer Solar System](#)
- [Small Bodies of the Solar System](#)
- [Mars Program Planning](#)

Astrophysics



Discover how the universe works, explore how the universe began and developed into its present form, and search for Earth-like planets.

- [Planets Around Other Stars](#)
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- [Dark Energy, Dark Matter](#)
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- [Galaxies](#)
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Astrophysics Priorities



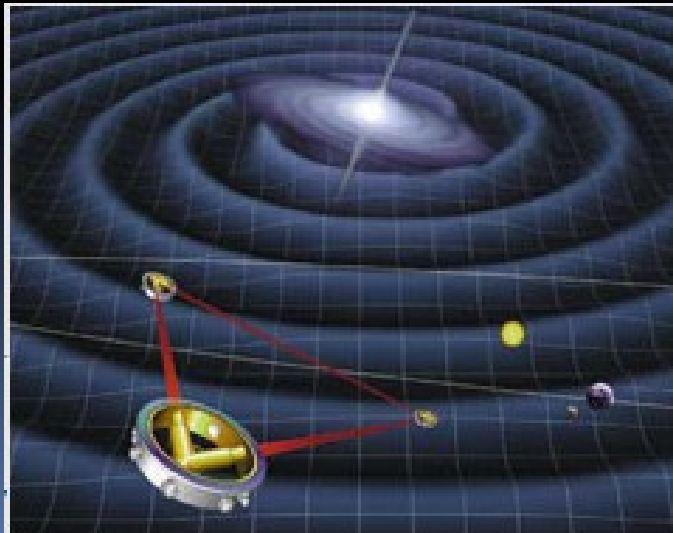
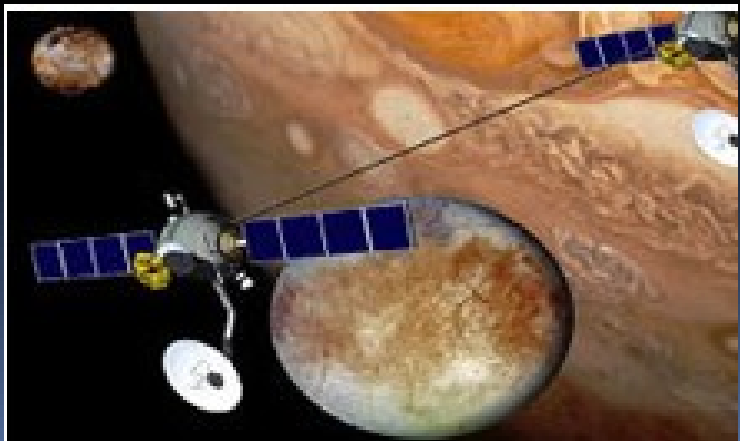
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Kepler

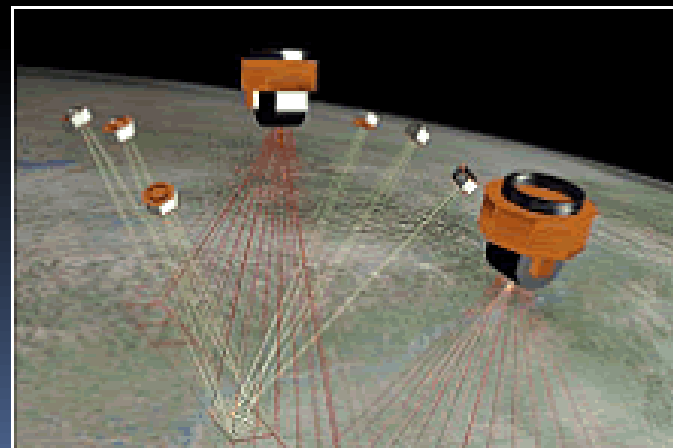
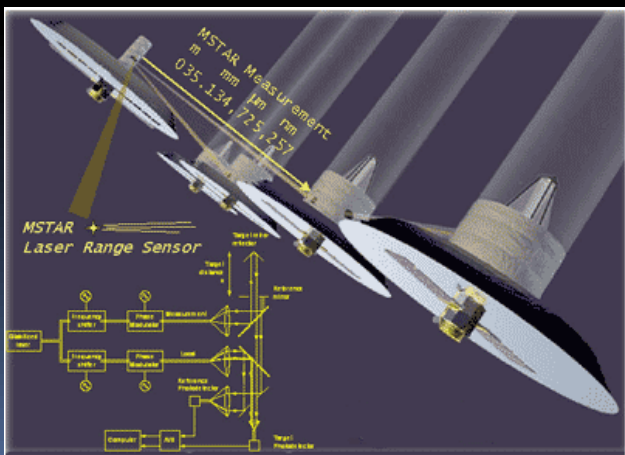
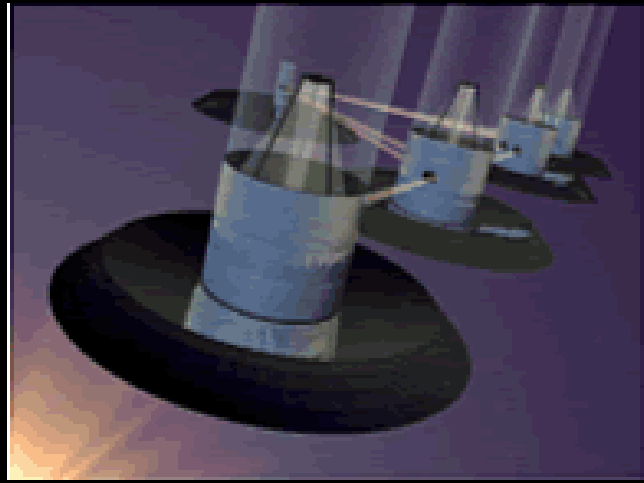


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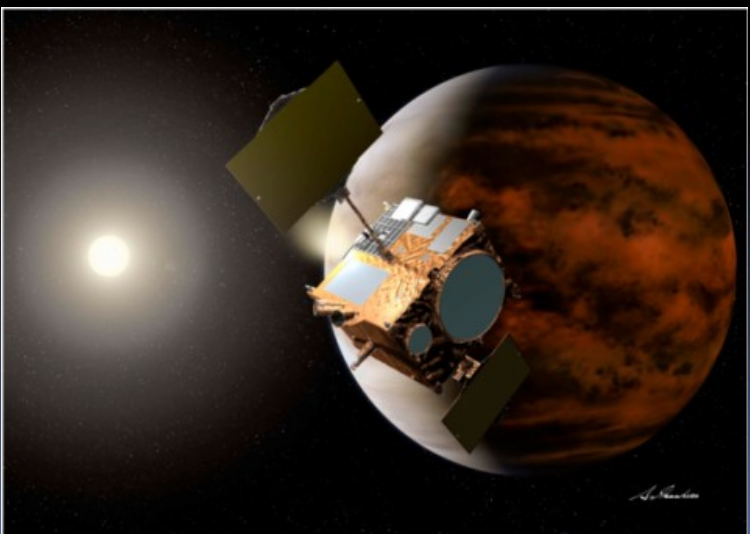
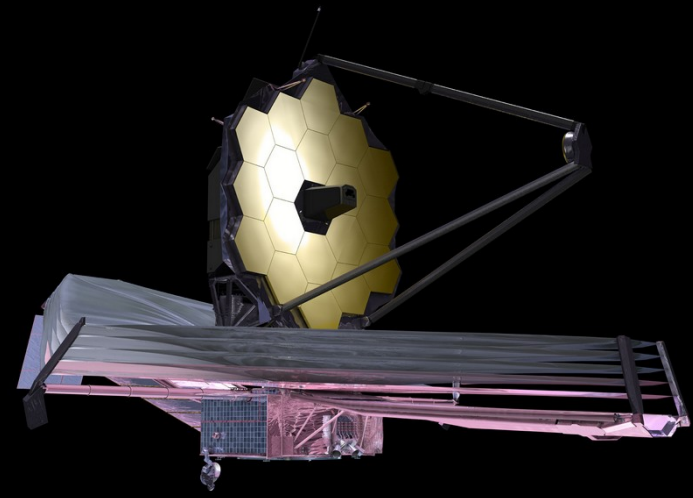


Distributed Spacecraft





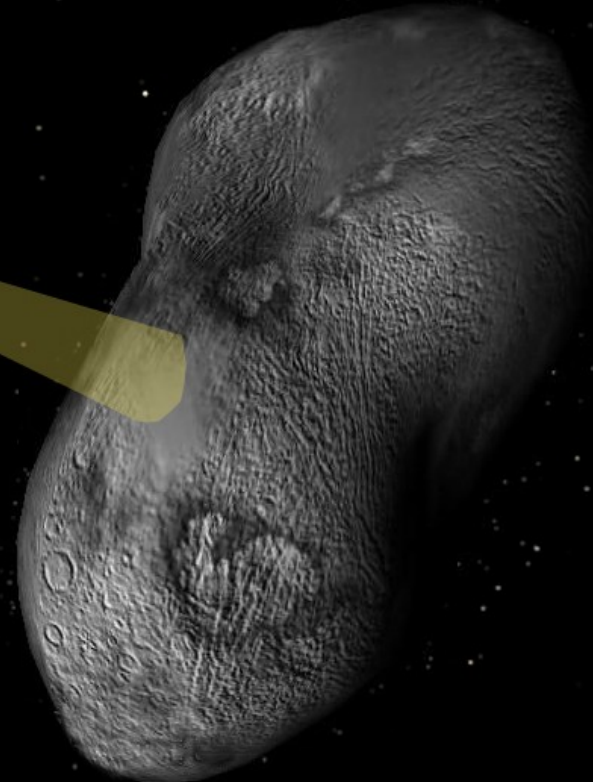
Planetary Science Priorities



MAAT: Small Satellite Rendezvous and Characterization of Asteroid 99942 Apophis

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**Measurement &
Analysis of
Apophis
Trajectory**



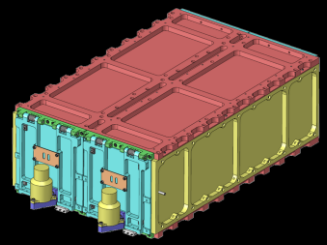
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Planetary Hitch Hiker

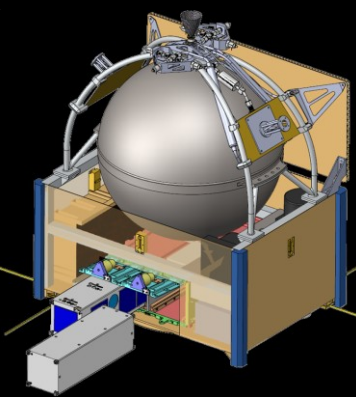
Green propulsion



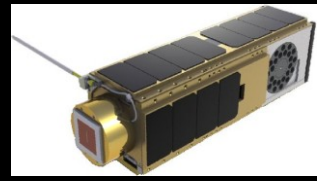
Modularity enables payload, propulsion, and launch flexibility.



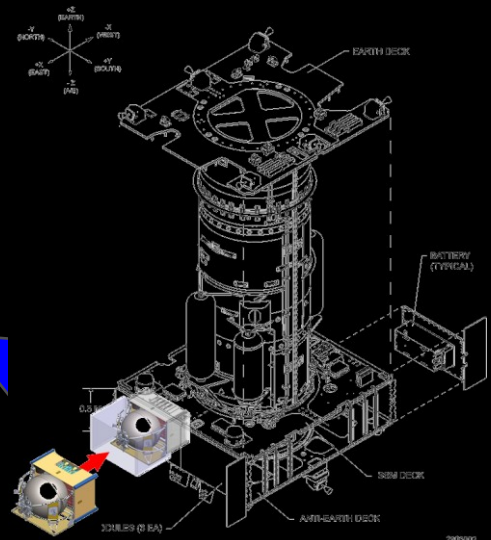
6U nanosat dispenser



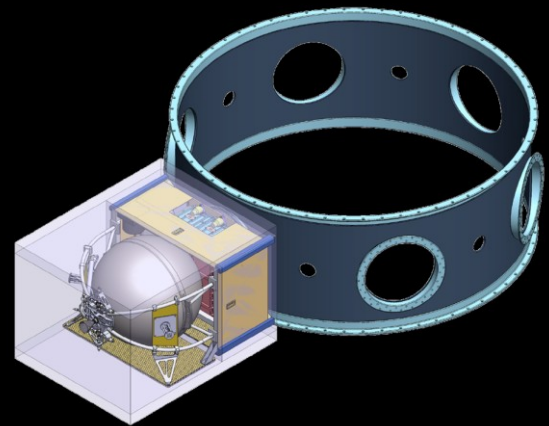
Low-cost and versatile platform



Standardized nanosat payloads

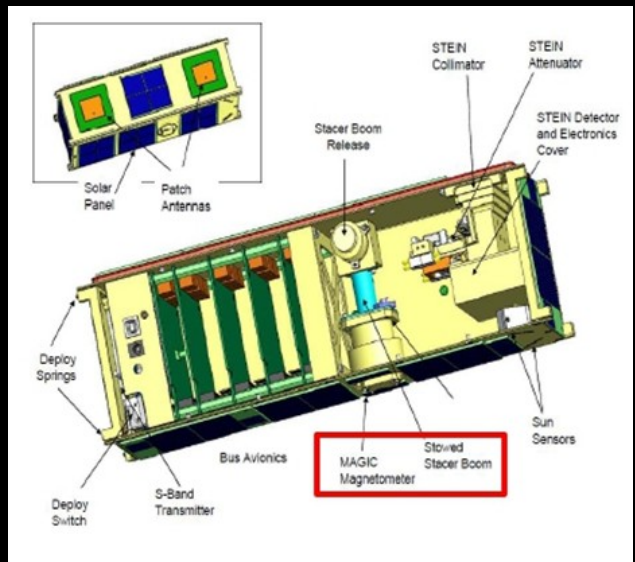


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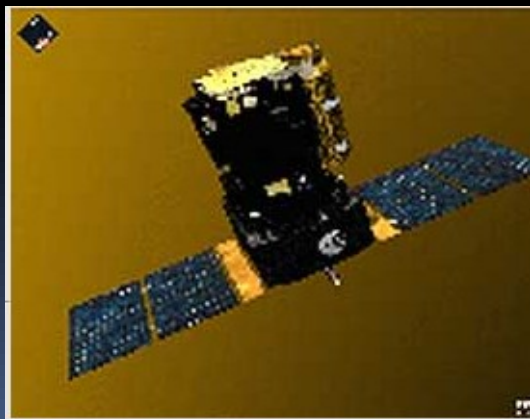
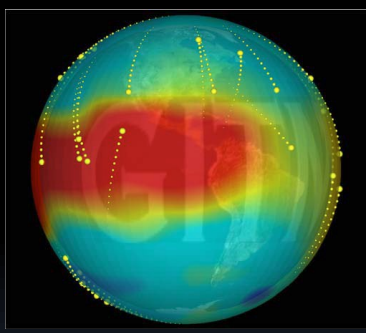




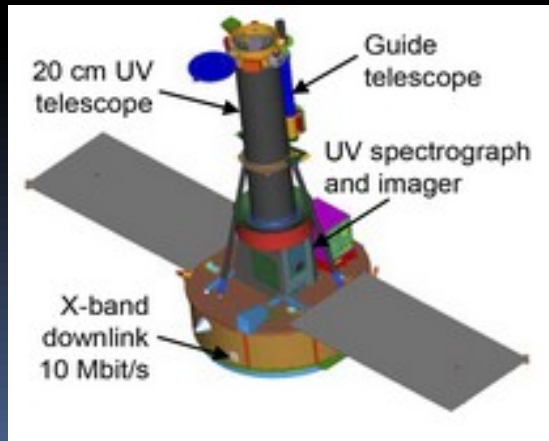
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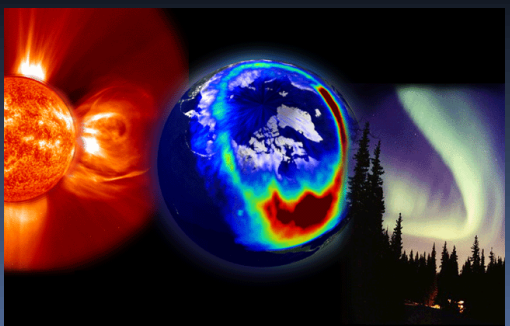
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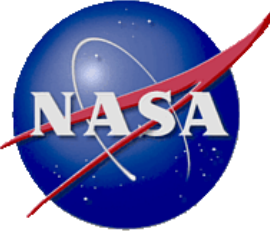


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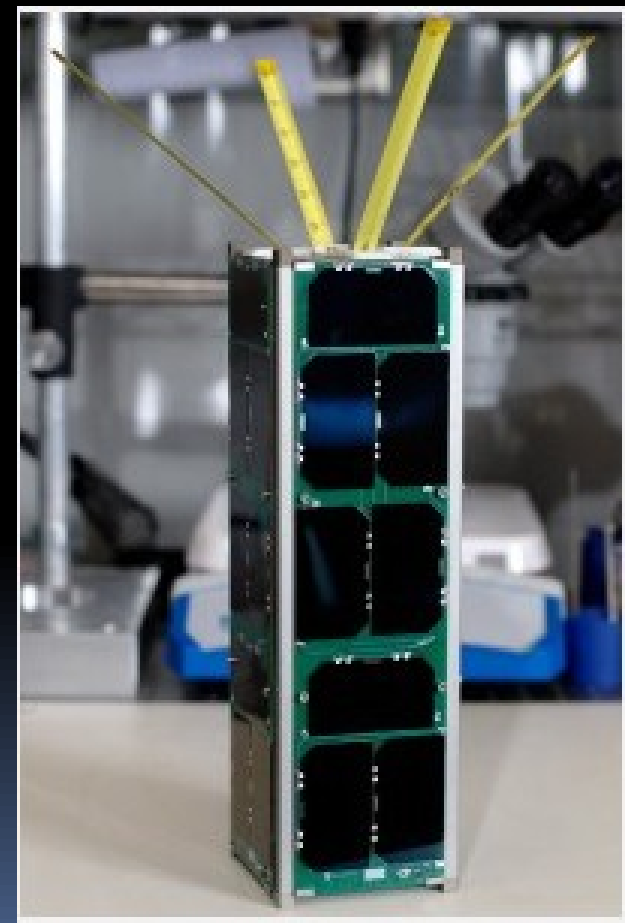




Cubesats: Space Weather and Thermosphere



SPHERES



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Earth Science Priorities

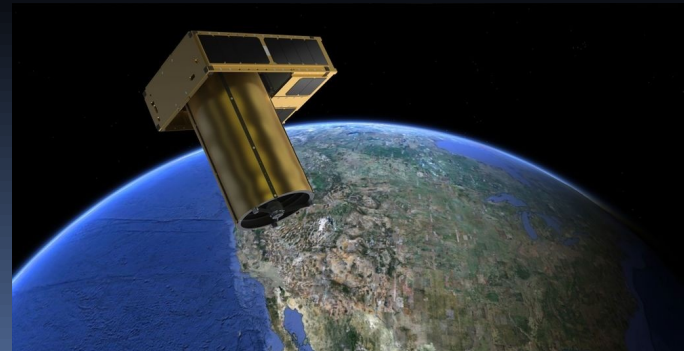
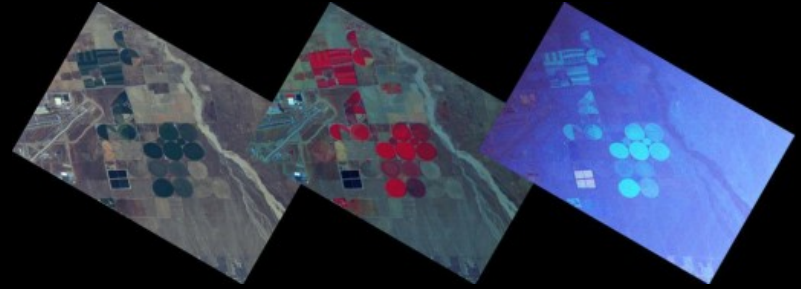
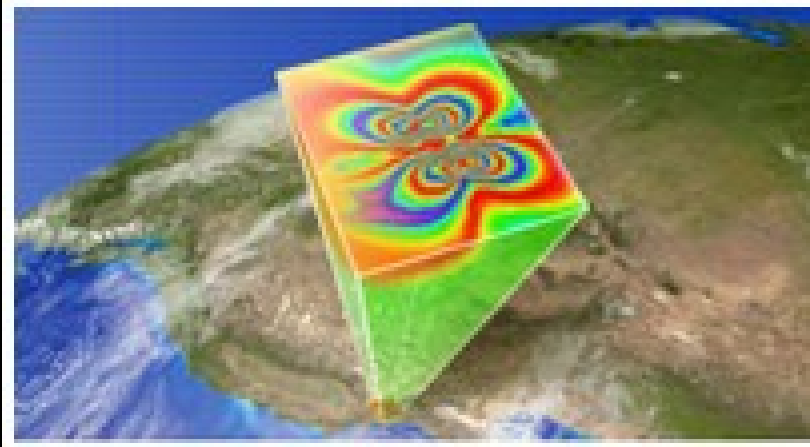
Earth Science: develop a scientific understanding of Earth's system and its response to natural or human-induced changes, and to improve prediction of climate, weather, and natural hazards



- Atmospheric Composition
- Weather
- Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems
- Water and Energy Cycles
- Earth Surface and Interior

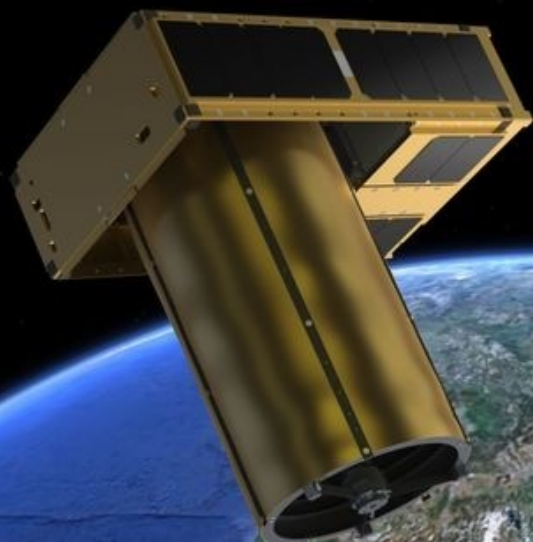


Earth Science Programs





Nanosats: Earth Science and Remote Sensing





Roles of Very Small Spacecraft

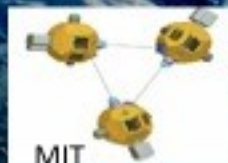
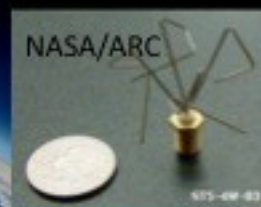
• Science and Exploration Missions

- Planetary Science
- Biological Sciences
- Astrobiology
- Astrophysics
- Space Sciences
- Space Physics
- Lunar Sciences



• Technology Demonstrations

- Propulsion
- Communications
- Mass reduction - MEMS and smaller
- Autonomous operations
- Formation flying/constellations
- Novel space architectures - tethers
- Evolvable, reconfigurable satellites

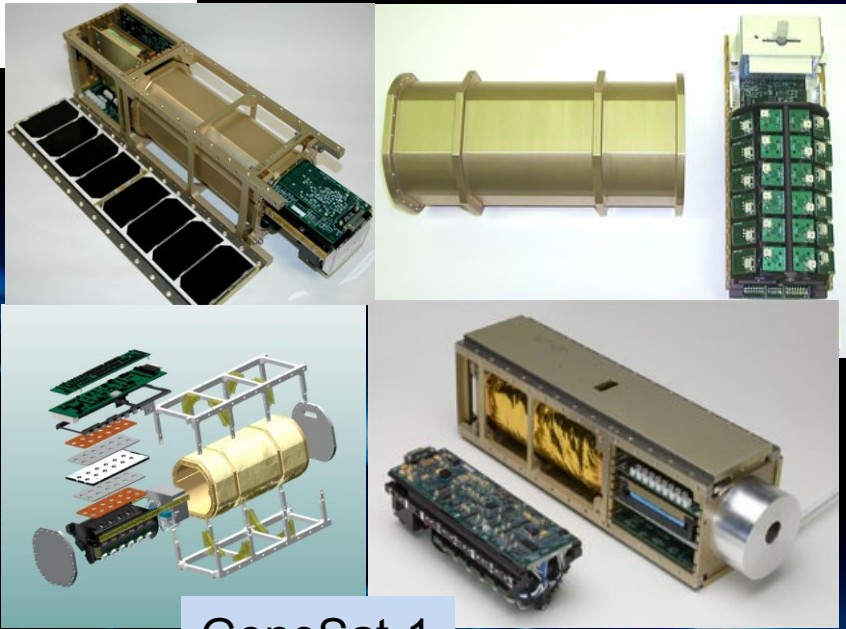


• Payload packages on larger spacecraft

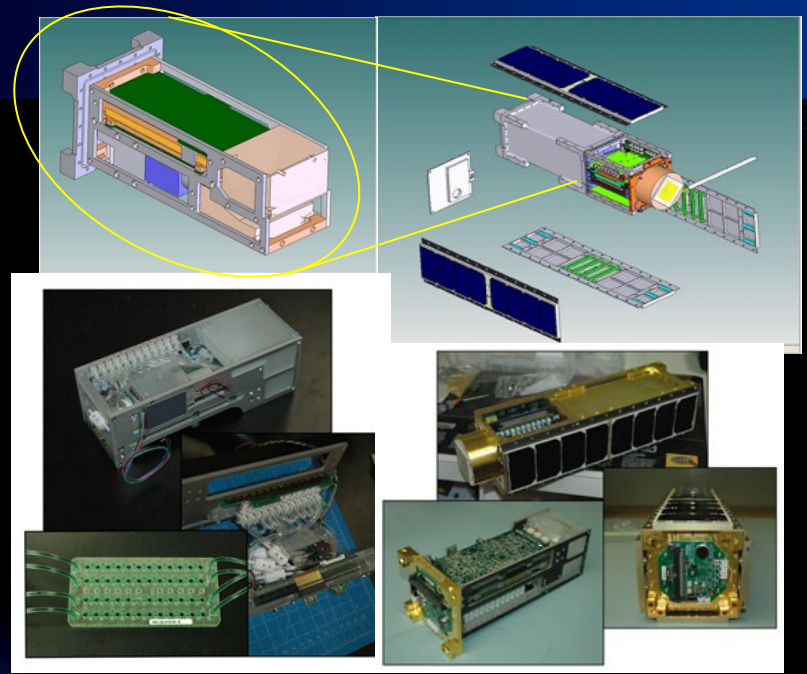
- Flight heritage from Cubesat missions
- Use Cubesat derived technologies to support other spacecraft missions
 - › Lunar Orbiters
 - › Lunar Landers



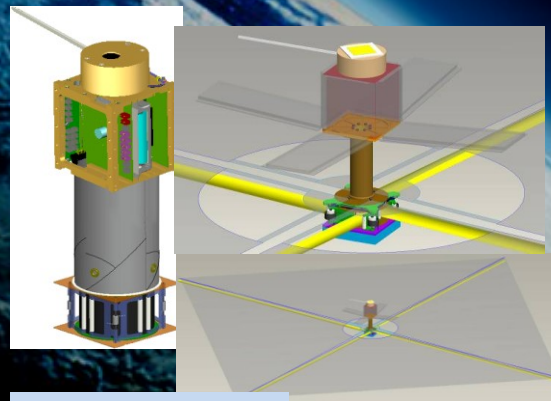
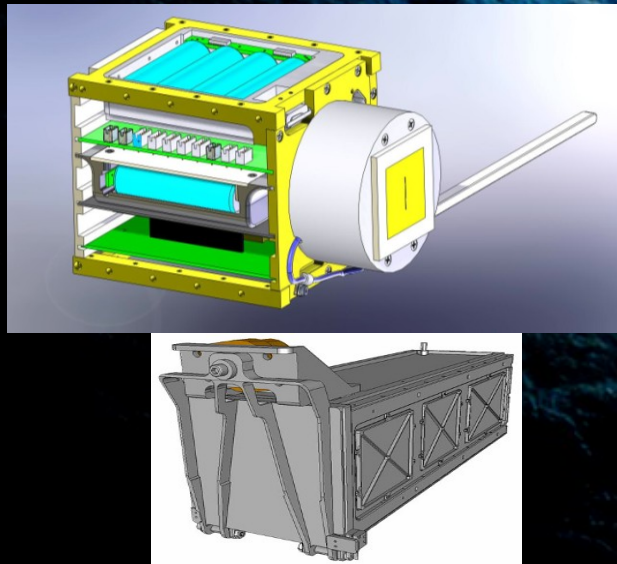
NASA-Ames Nanosatellite Projects



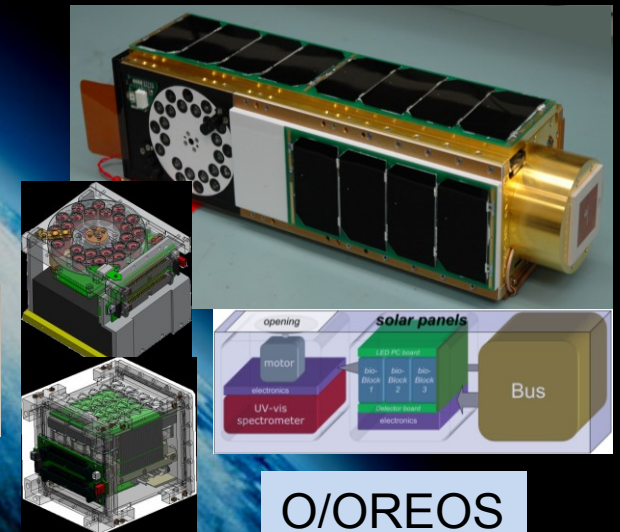
GeneSat-1



PharmaSat-1



Nanosail-D



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Pharma & Biotech on Small Satellites

- **Pharmaceutical Efficacy / Drug Development**

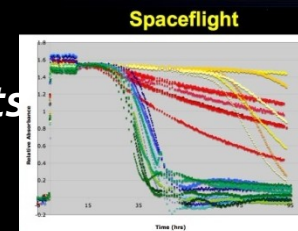
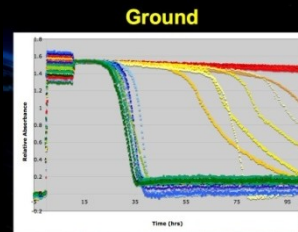
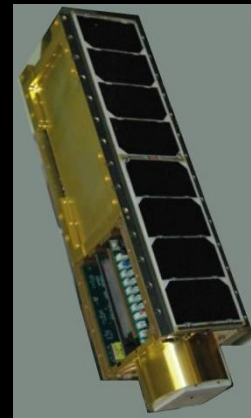
- Dose dependence altered in microgravity: PharmaSat (TRL 8)
 - Voriconazole antifungal less effective at high doses in μ -grav.
 - **May mimic behavior in “biologically difficult” infections**
- PharmaSat-ECAM (*E. coli* antimicrobial): SALMON MoO-1 (AC Martin, PI)
 - *Hypothesis*: antibiotic resistance of mutant *E. coli* enhanced in μ -gravity
 - **Space-based development/testing of more robust antibiotics**
- Space environment increases virulence of some pathogens (C. Nickerson)
 - **Proactive ID of virulence targets for drug development**

- **Protein Crystal Growth: often cited as “killer app”**

- Fewer defects \Rightarrow better structures \Rightarrow more effective drugs (site binding)
- Primary impediments: *sample return; reliable & frequent space access*
- Free-flyers with sample return can address both issues
- **Advance experiments: grow and “protect” crystals on nanosats**

- **Accelerated Test Platform for Afflictions that Need Better Drugs**

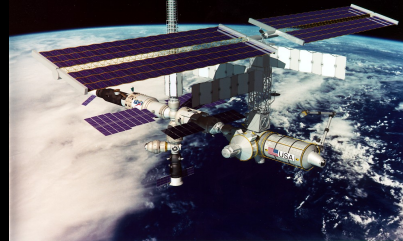
- Loss of bone density
- Degradation of immune function
- *Some biological effects are accelerated in space: mechanistic insights can lead to new, more effective terrestrial therapies*
- Muscle atrophy
- Radiation damage



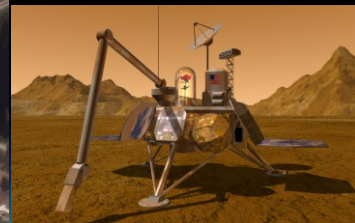
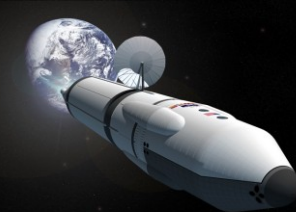
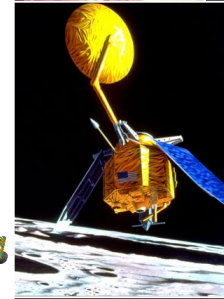
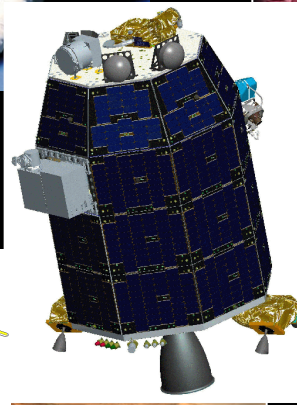
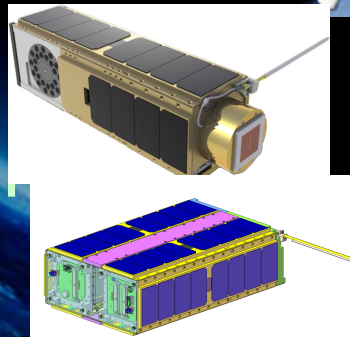


Synthetic Biology

(Disruptive Technology Example and Potential Applications)



- Food Production
- Biological-ISRU
- Advanced Sensors
- Advanced Materials
- Life support loop-closure
- Space Medicine
- Life Detection
- ...



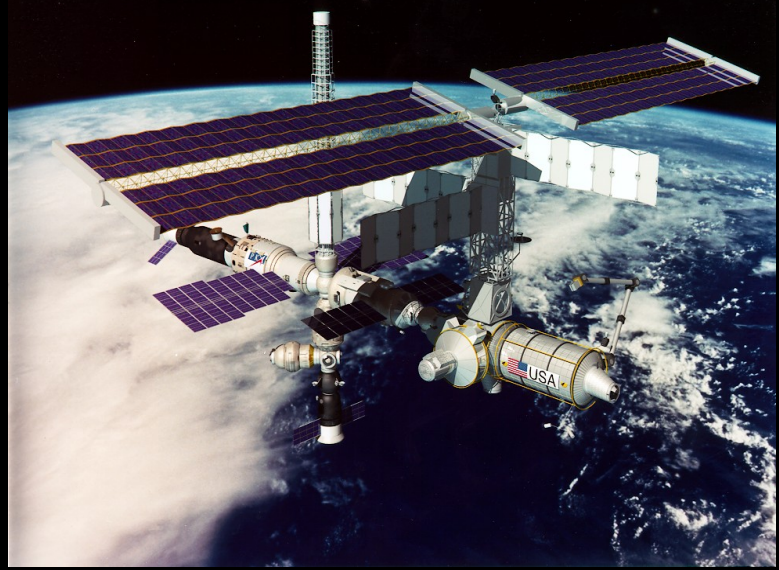
Vision: To harness biology in reliable, robust, engineered systems to support NASA's exploration and science missions, to improve life on Earth, and to help shape NASA's future

NASA AMES

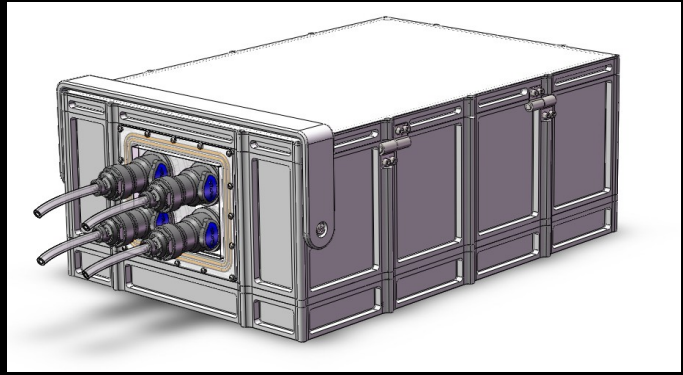


YEARS OF INNOVATION
Platinum Jubilee

Cubesat Payloads on the ISS

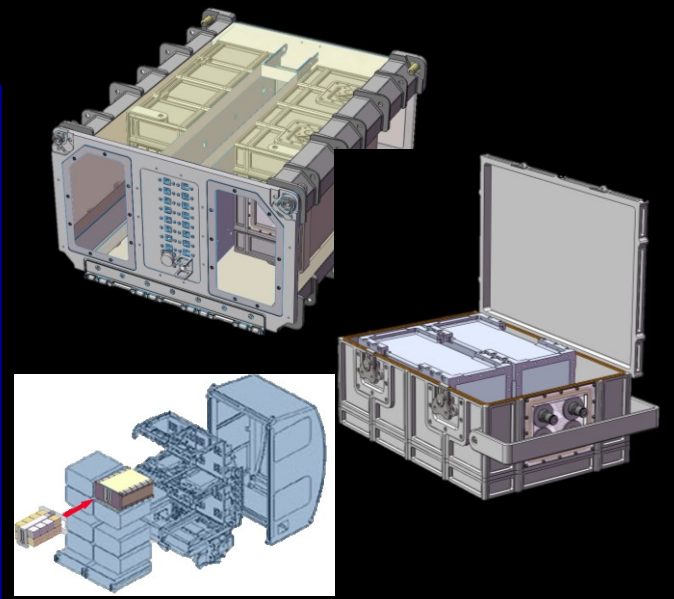


NanoLab



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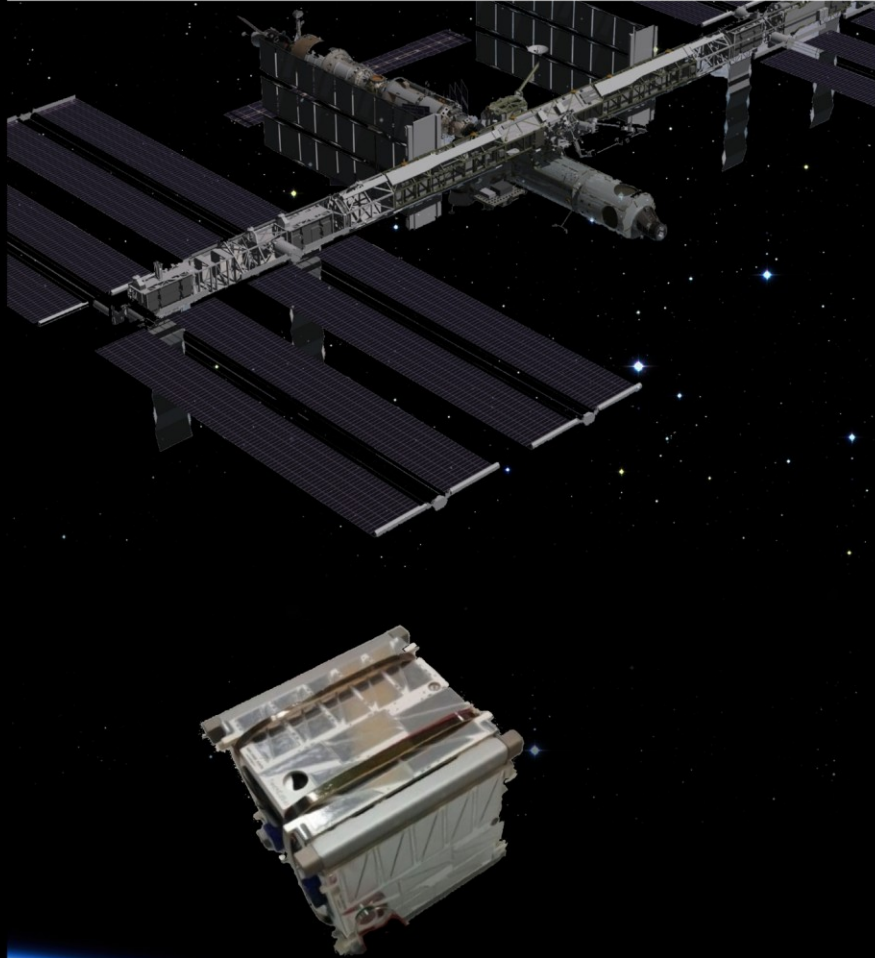




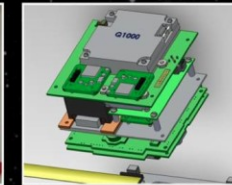
TechEdSat

NASA Technology Demonstration Mission

Sponsored by the Office of the Chief Technologist, this mission will demonstrate NASA Ames Research Center's first Space Plug-and-Play Avionics (SPA) satellite with cross-link communications capability.



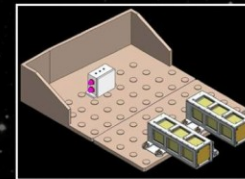
TechEdSat with the Remove Before Flight pin installed



Internal CAD configuration, showing Quake Global's Q1000 ORBCOMM modem



AAC Microtec's nanoRTU™ device with SPA



Deployer plate with the two Japanese Experiment Module (JEM) Small Satellite Orbital Deployer (J-SSOD) cases installed



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) JEM Remote Manipulator System with the J-SSOD's deploying CubeSats

TechEdSat will deploy from the J-SSOD in 09/2012

Project Schedule

- PDR Date: 12/02/2011
- CDR Date: 04/10/2012
- Hardware Delivery Date: 05/12/2012
- Launch Date: 06/26/2012
- Release from ISS: 09/2012
- End of Mission: Approximately 12/17/2012



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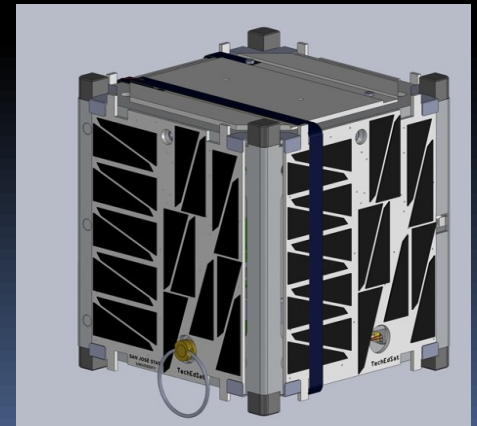
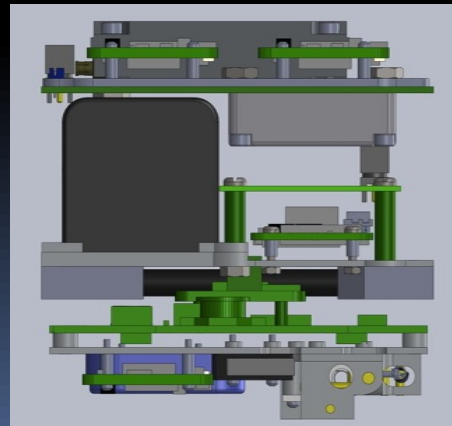
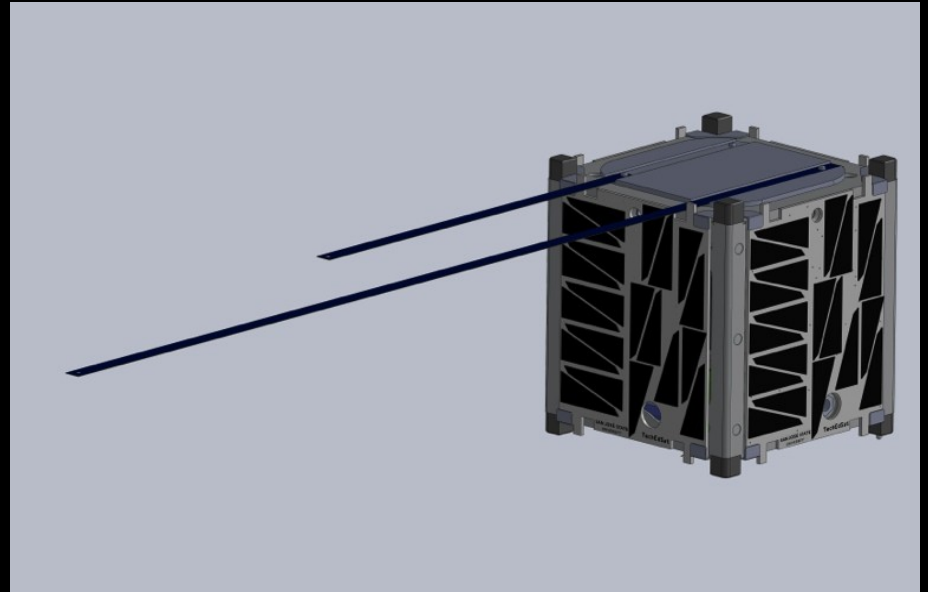
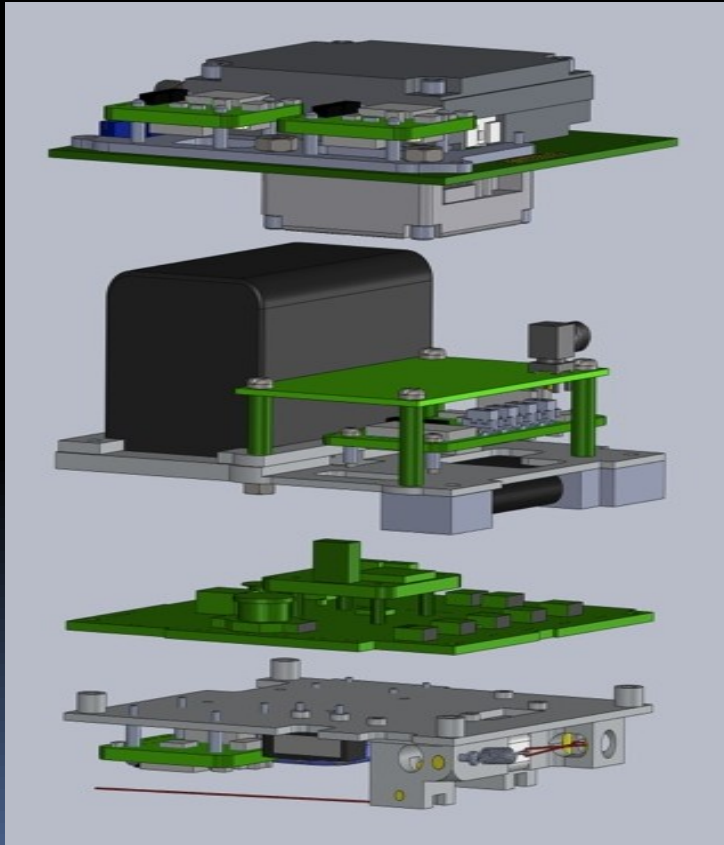
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Nanosail D

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Nov. 19, 2010
5:24 pm PST
650 km, 72 deg
inclination

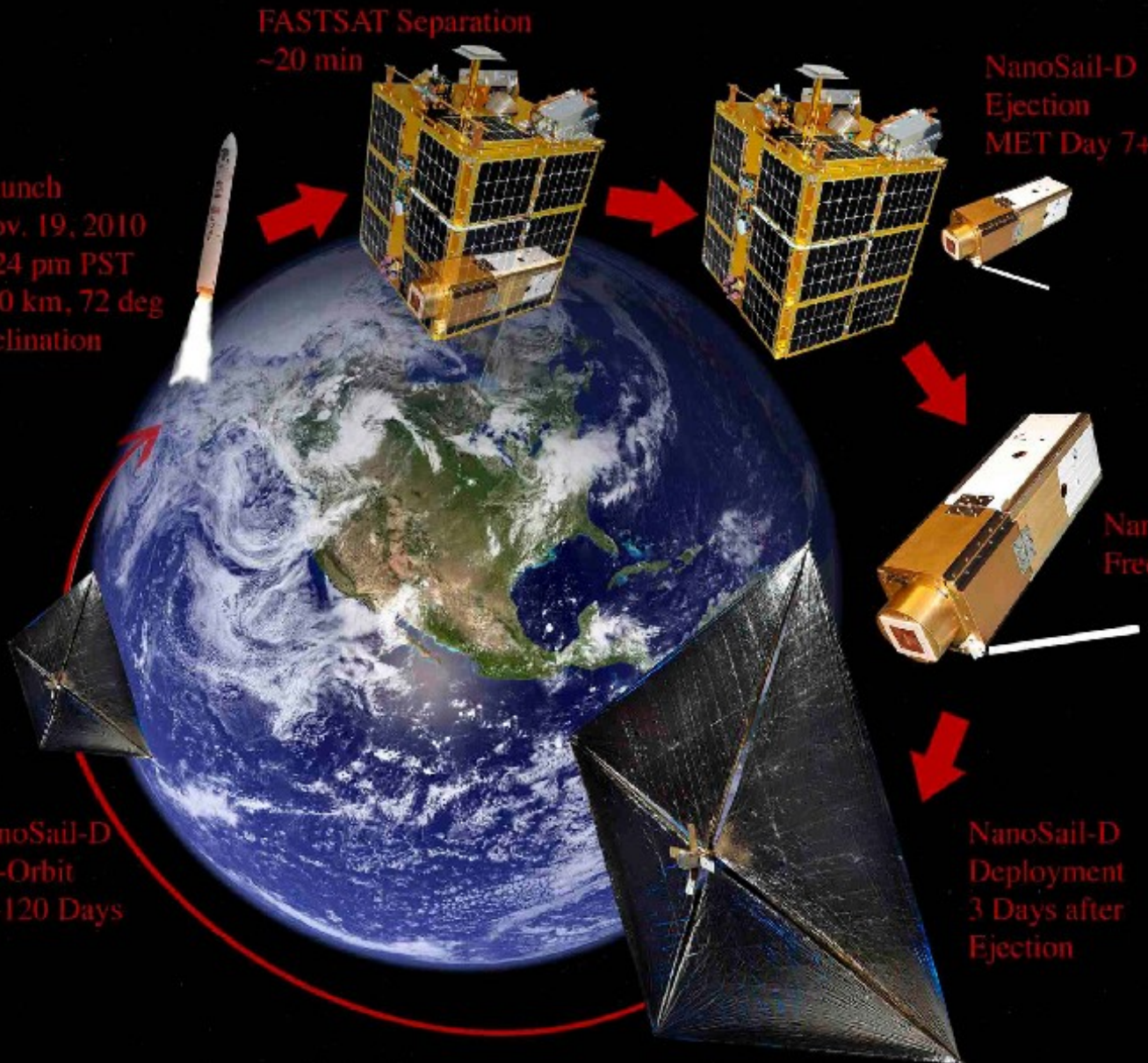
FASTSAT Separation
~20 min

NanoSail-D
Ejection
MET Day 7+

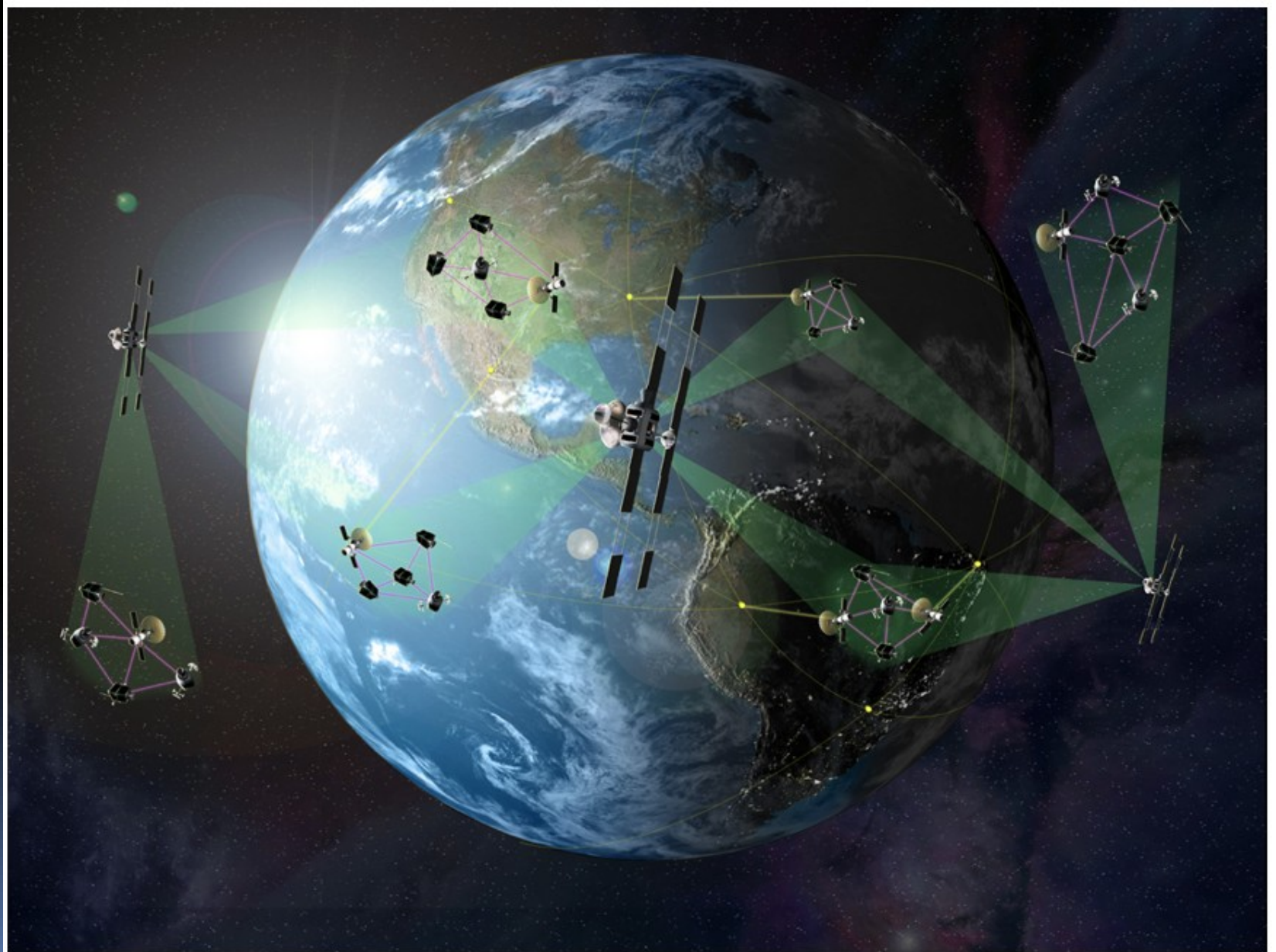
NanoSail-D
De-Orbit
70-120 Days

NanoSail-D
Free Flight

NanoSail-D
Deployment
3 Days after
Ejection



DARPA F6 Program





INnovative-technology Demonstration Experiment REIMEI (JAXA 2005)

The "Reimei" (INDEX) is a small scientific satellite that was launched as a piggyback on the Dnepr Launch Vehicle from Baikonur Cosmodrome in the Republic of Kazakhstan at 6:10 a.m. on August 24, 2005 (Japan Standard Time.)

REIMEI will perform in-orbit demonstrations of cutting edge satellite technology over a brief period of time, it will carry **onboard instruments for physical observation suitable for a small satellite**, aimed at obtaining the world's most advanced scientific results.

.Actively verifying latest engineering technology and observing auroras through scientific observation methods. **Not all scientific missions require a large-size scientific satellite. In the astronomical satellite field, small satellites are not popular as an aperture of a telescope must be installed.**

REIMEI aims to verify the high-performance and high-accuracy attitude control for a small satellite.



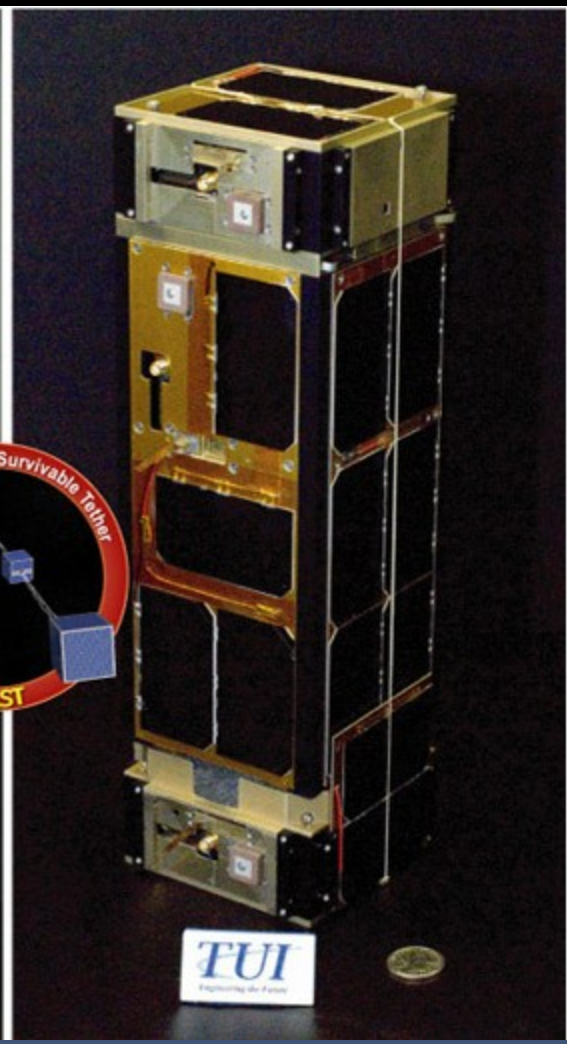
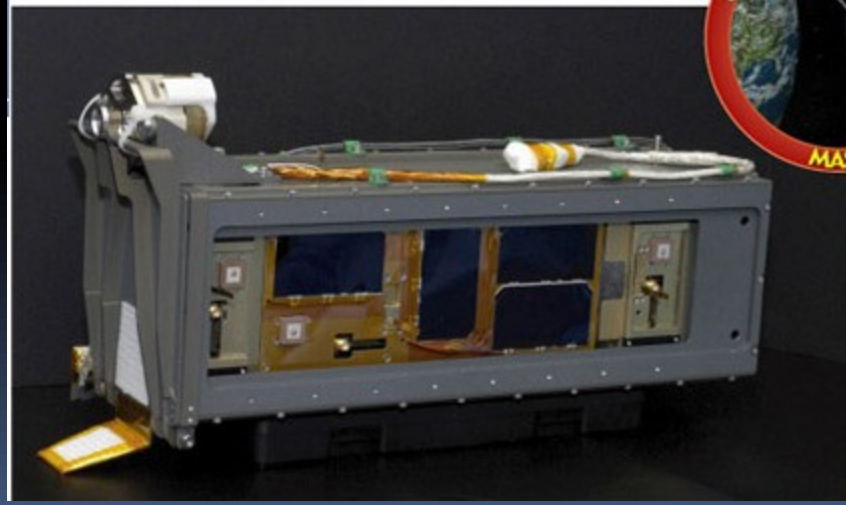
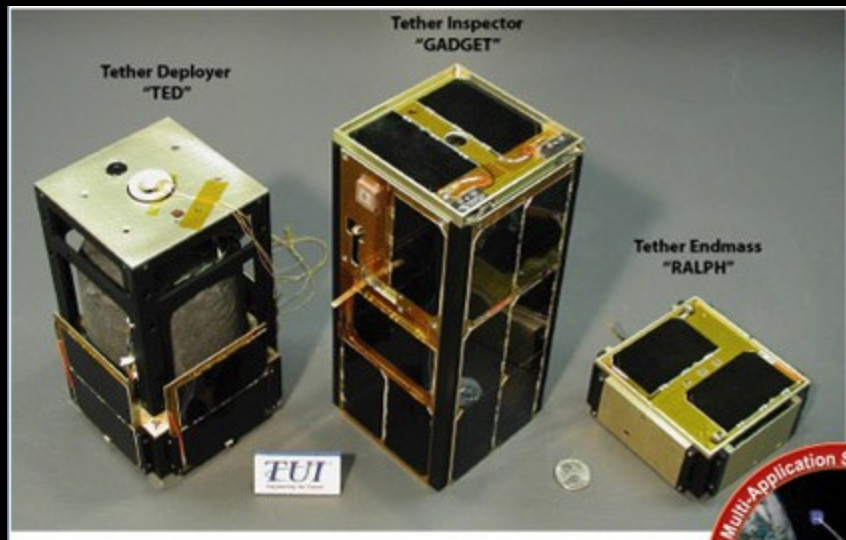
Major Characteristics

International Designation Code 2005-031B
Launch Date 06:10, August 24, 2005 (JST)

Launch Vehicle	Dnepr launch vehicle
Location	Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan
Shape	60cm x 60cm x 70cm
Weight	60kg
Orbiter	Quasi-circular orbit
Altitude	Perigee 610 km, Apogee 654 km
Inclination	97.8 degrees
Period	97 minutes
Attitude Control	Three-axis stabilization (Bias momentum method)

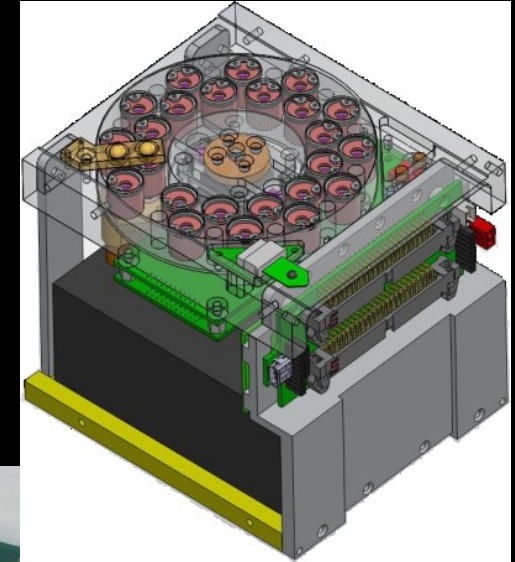
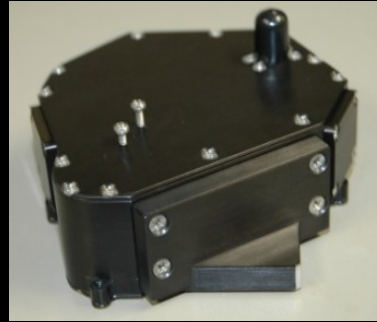


Cubesats:



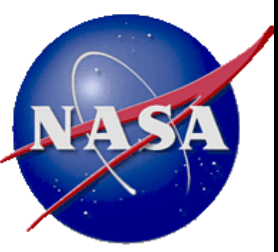
Spectroscopy on Small Satellites

- **O/OREOS NanoSat UV/visible**



- **LCROSS MEMS-Based NIR**





Cubesats: Technology Architectures and Demos

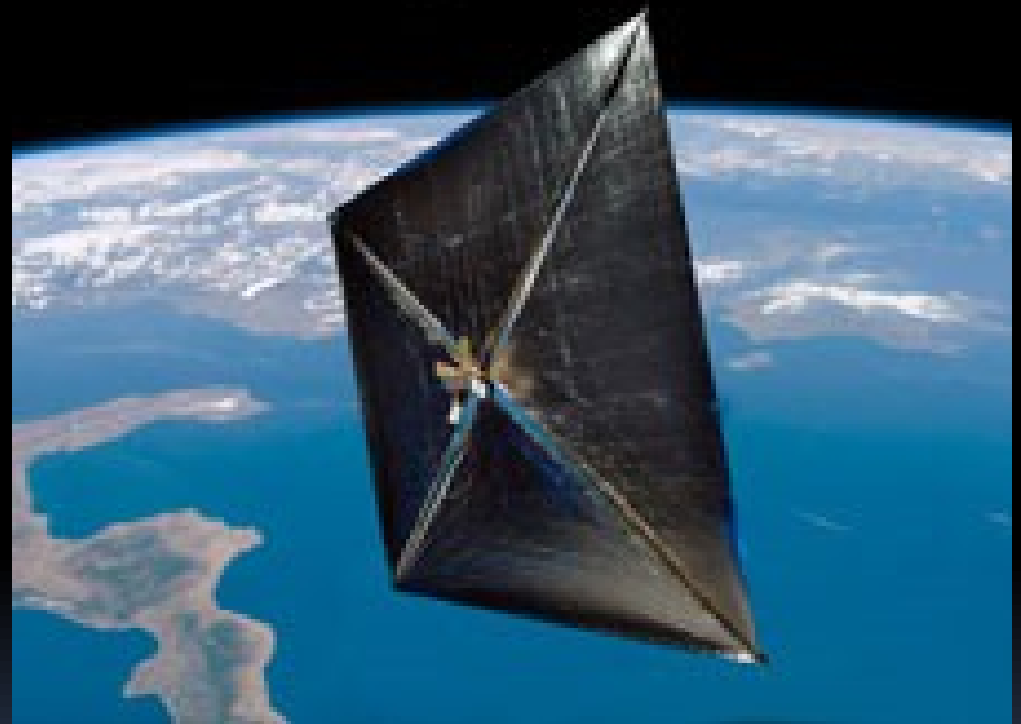
- Plug and Play
- Arrays
- Instruments
- COTS (e.g., phonesats)



Nanosatellite Deployment from Microsatellite

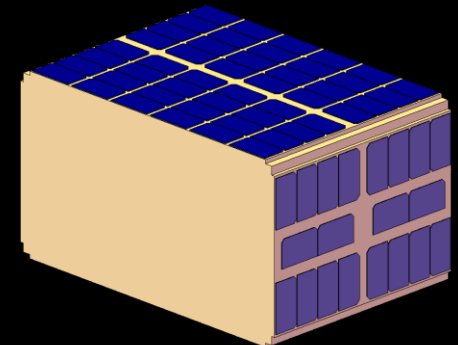
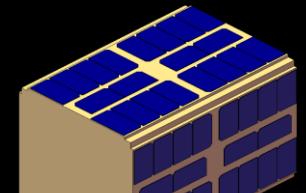
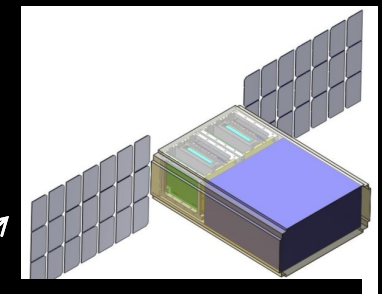
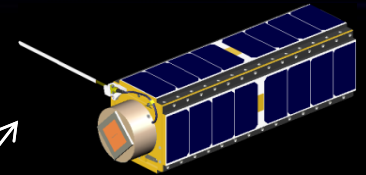
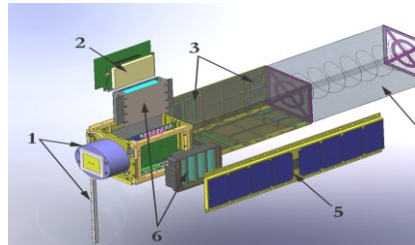
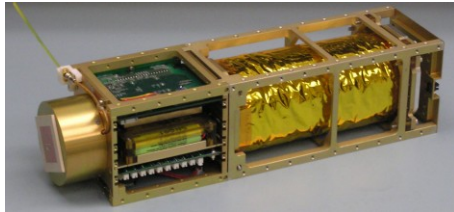


FASTSAT





MesoScale Micro-Nano Satellite Option



- Maximum 2.0 kg per cube equiv or 6.0 kg.
- Triple cube equiv baseline designated as 1N, configs = 1N, 2N, 3N, 4N.
- 4N quad = 1Q; 1Q = 4 ea 1N in 2x2 (or 1x4) form factor;
- Configs = 1Q, 2Q, 3Q (Special cases only right now).
- Maybe also 1.5 Q (= 32N). (Special cases only)

Mass
(kg)

Name

Vol

6

NanoCube

1N

12

2Cube

2N

24

Quad (2x2)

1Q

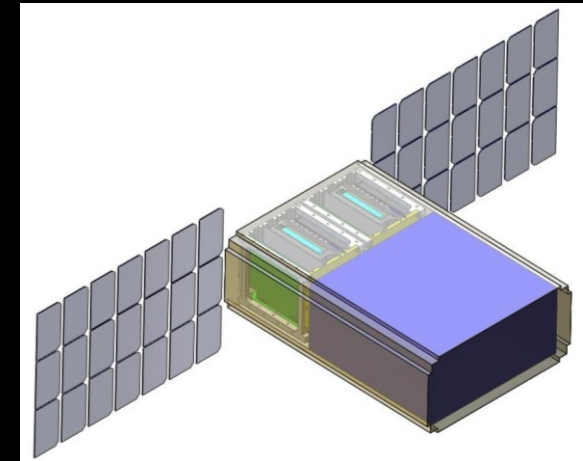
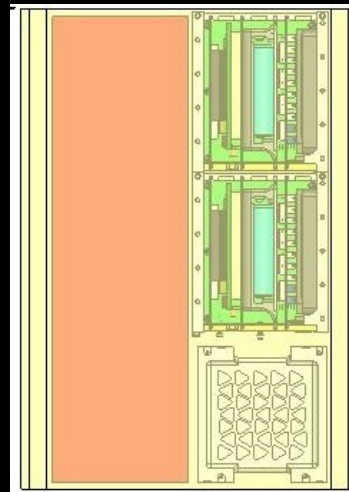
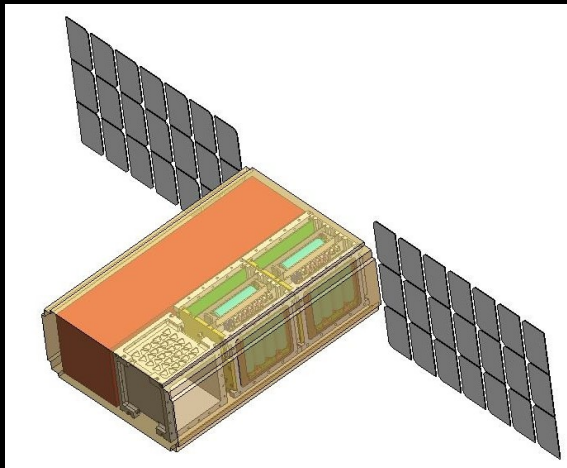
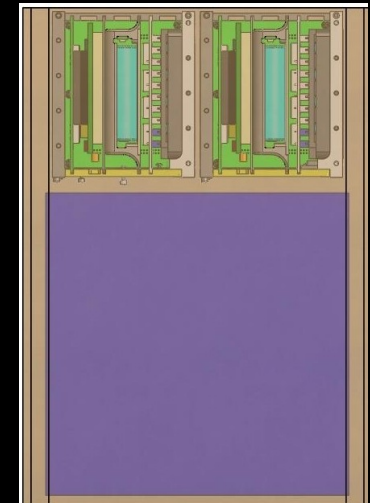
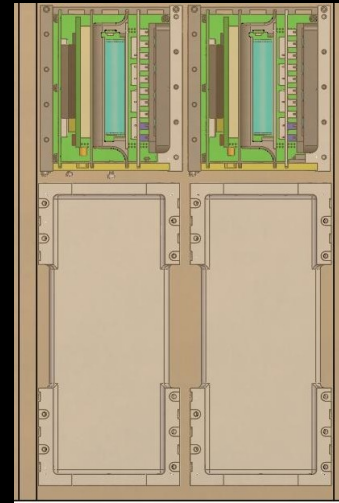
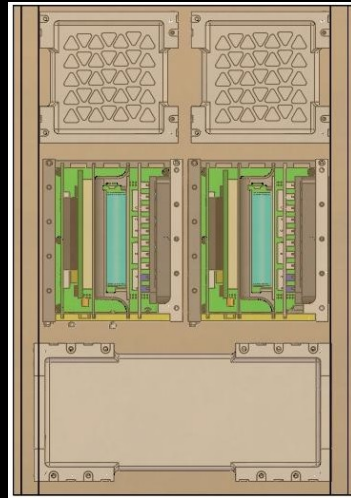
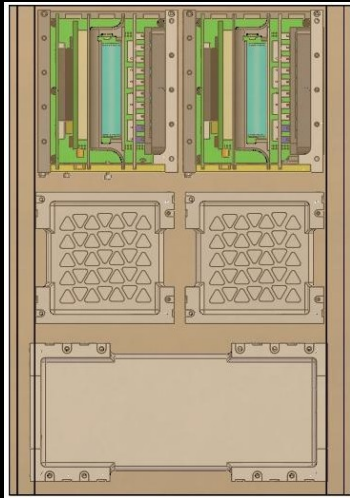
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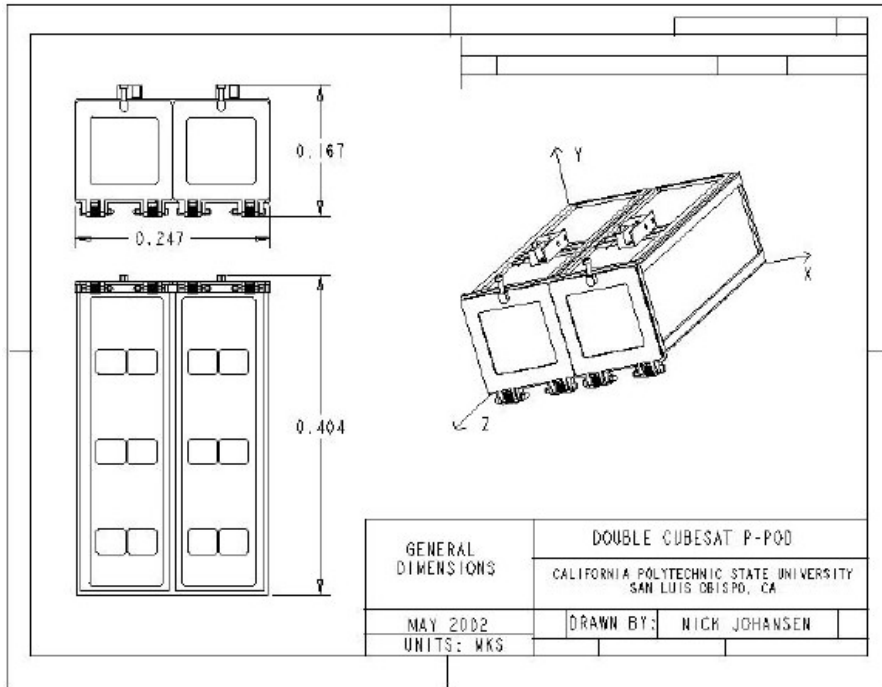
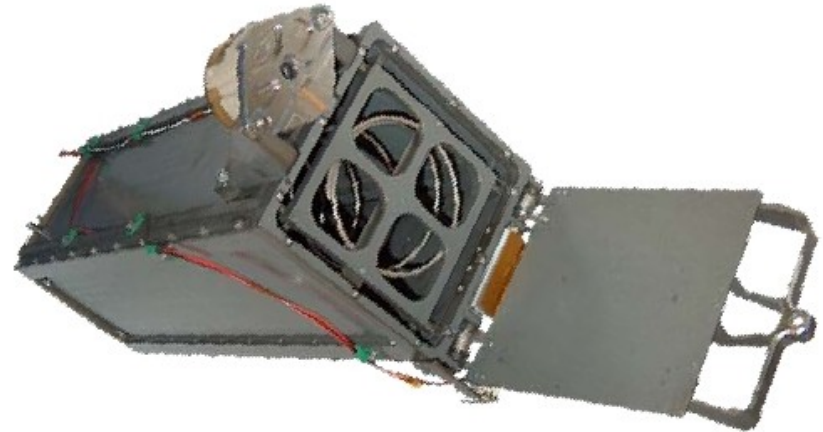
2Q

6-Pack Nanosatellite Possible Configurations (2N/6Cube)

[assumes 2U equivalent bus, 4U payload volume]



ARC 6U+ Design Strategy

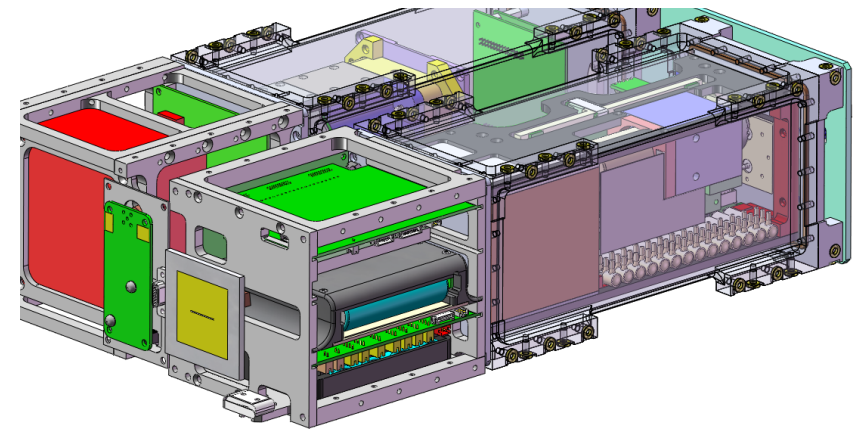
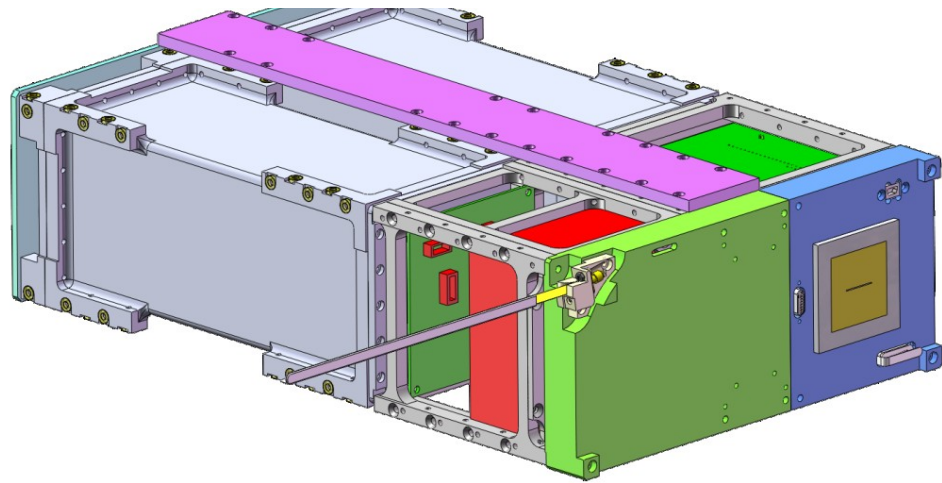
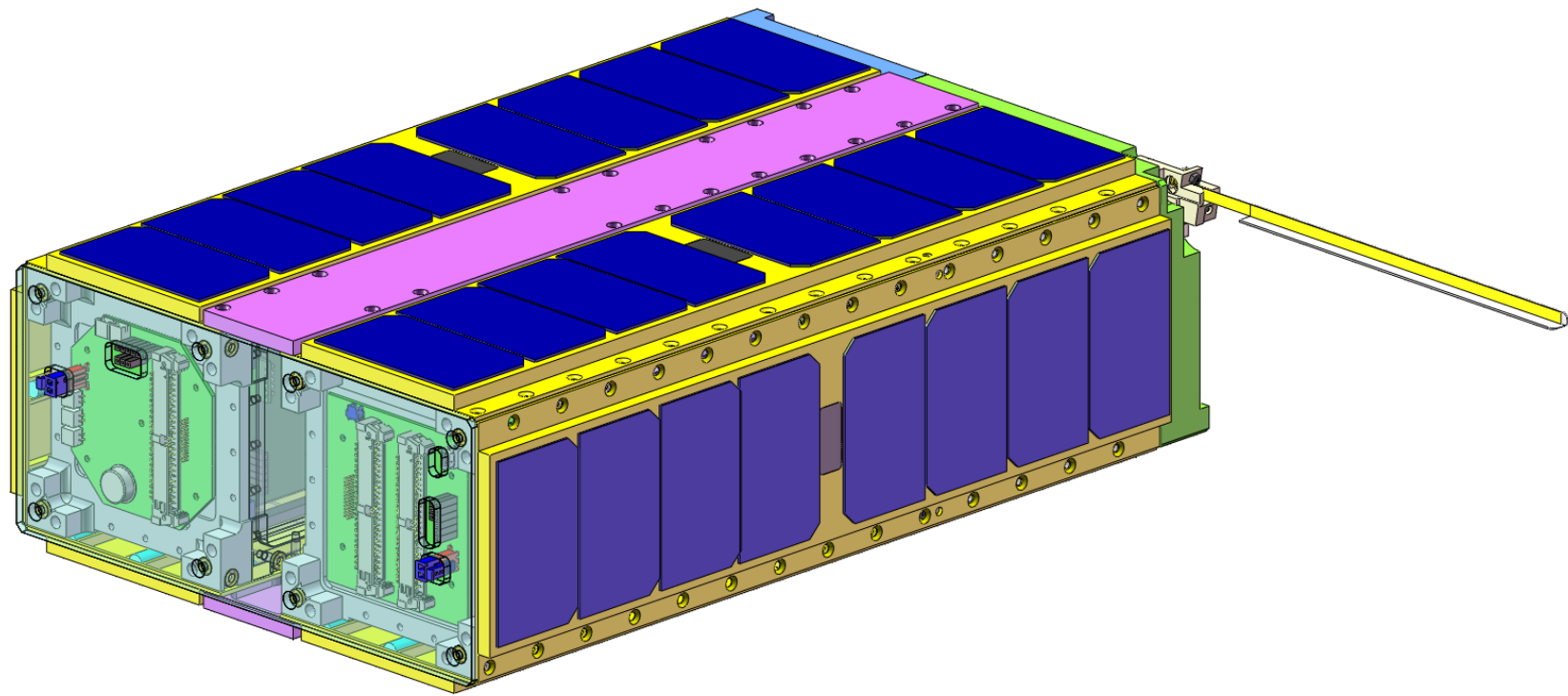


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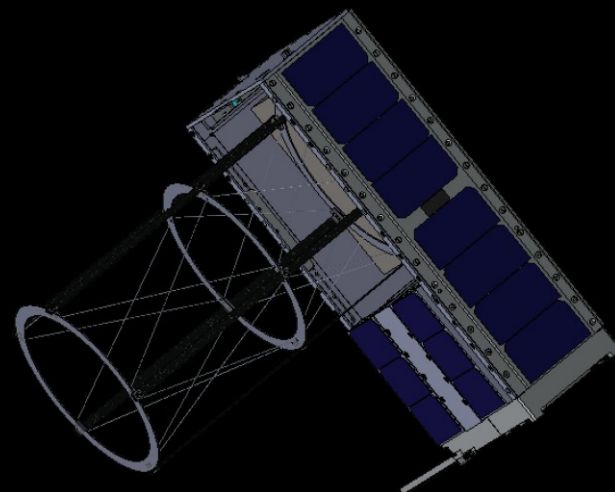
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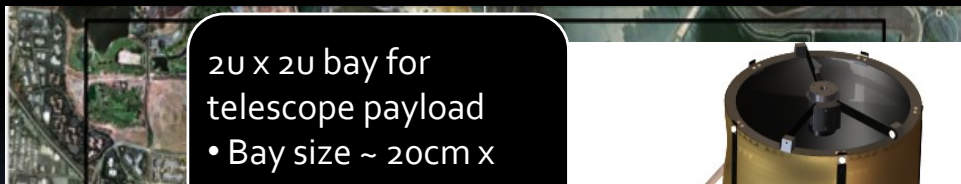
Collapsible Dobson Space Telescope

A. Rademacher, NASA-Ames



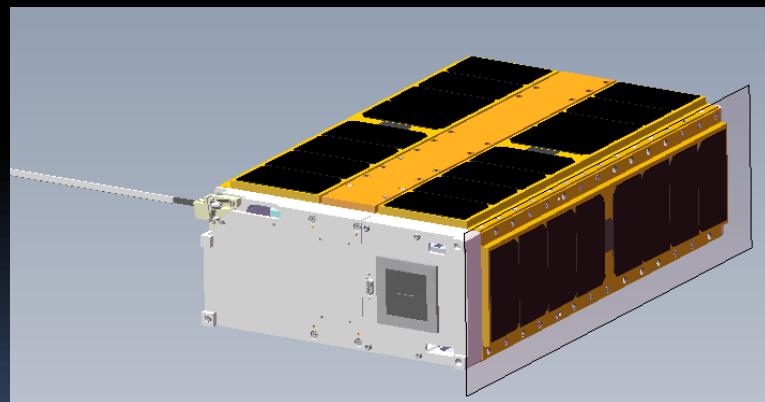
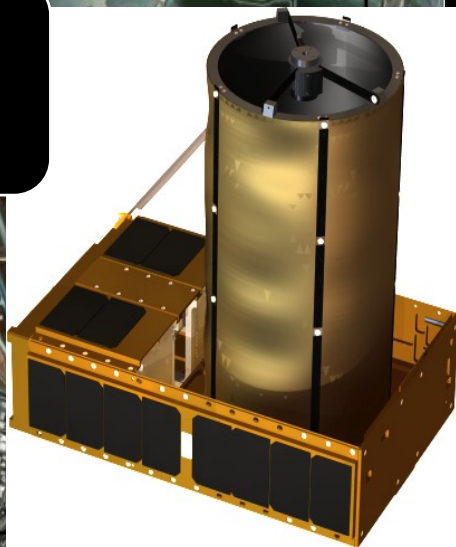
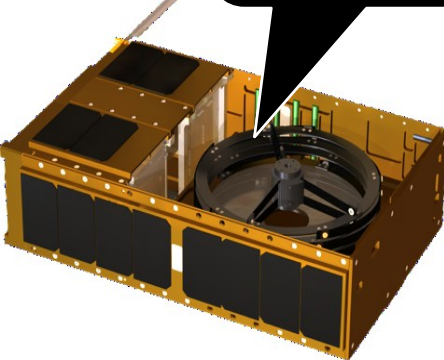
Design to fit within a 6u nanosatellite architecture

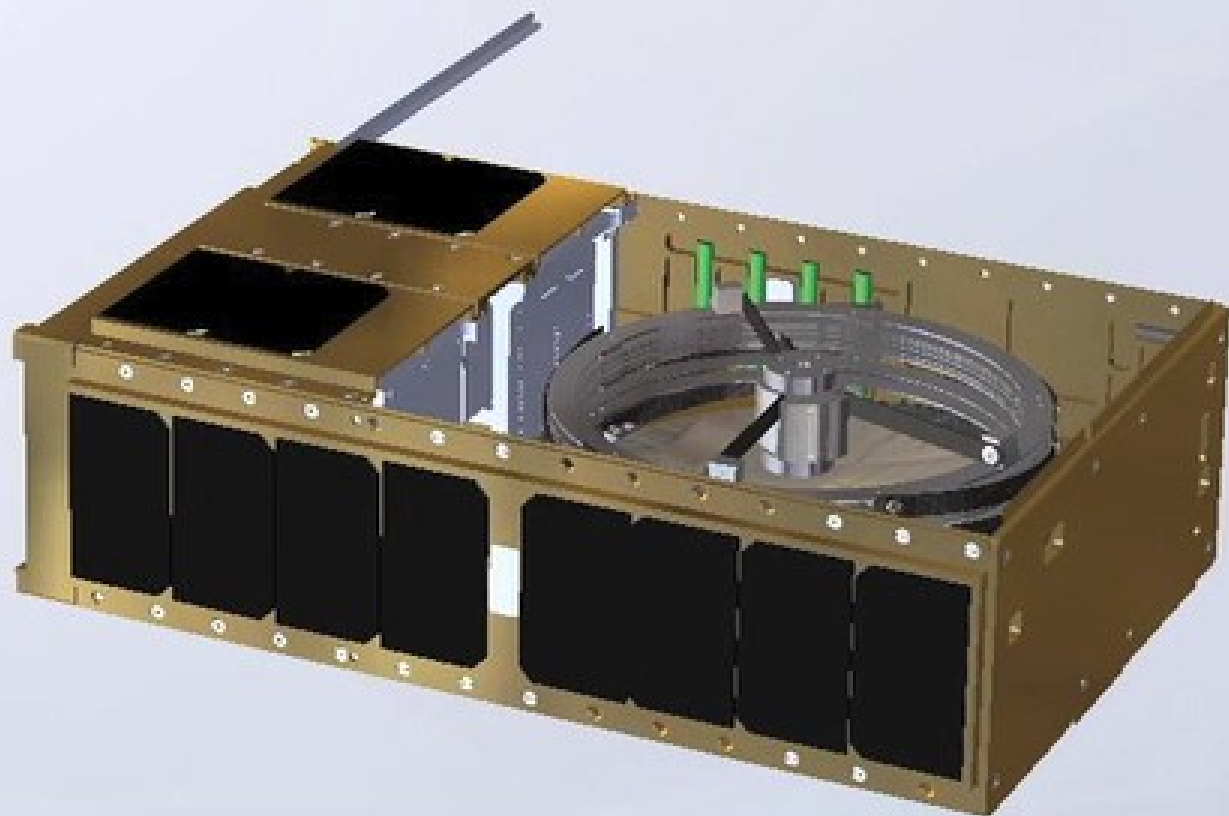
- 6in, f8 Telescope
- 1250mm focal length



2U x 2U bay for telescope payload

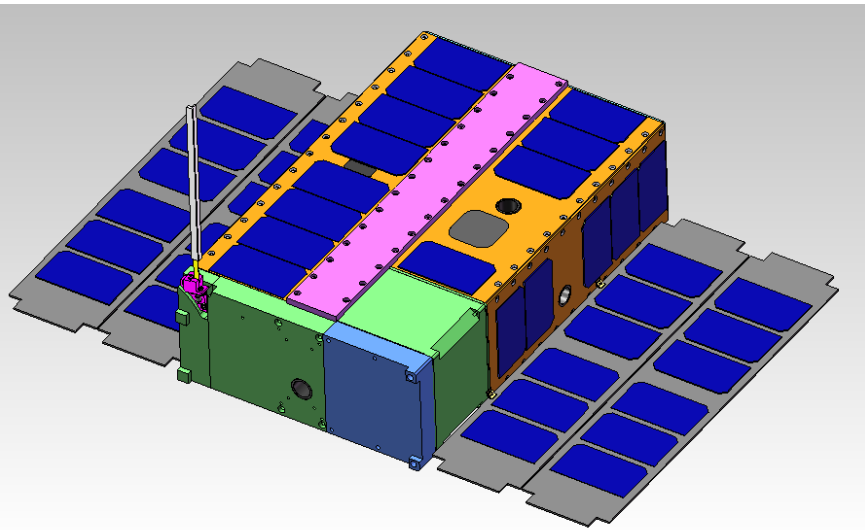
- Bay size ~ 20cm x 20cm x 10 cm





HyCube: Hyperspectral Imager for Coastal Ocean Color

(A. Ricco, NASA-Ames)



CONFIGURATION: 6U Small Satellite

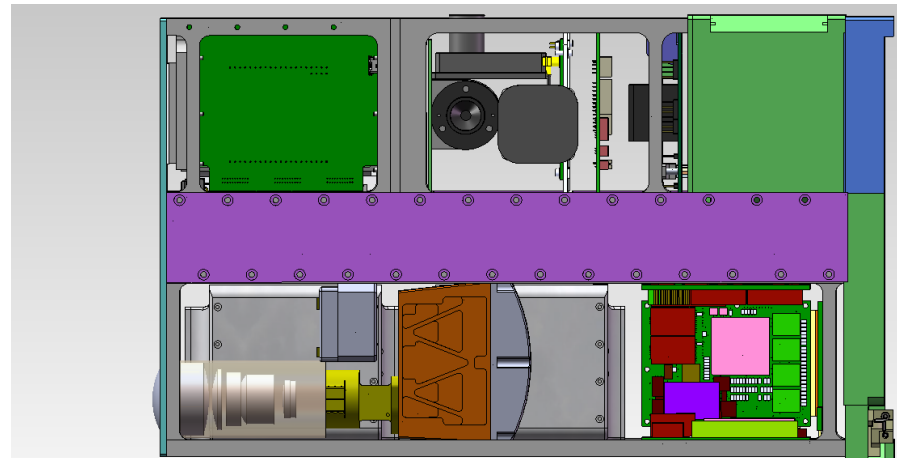
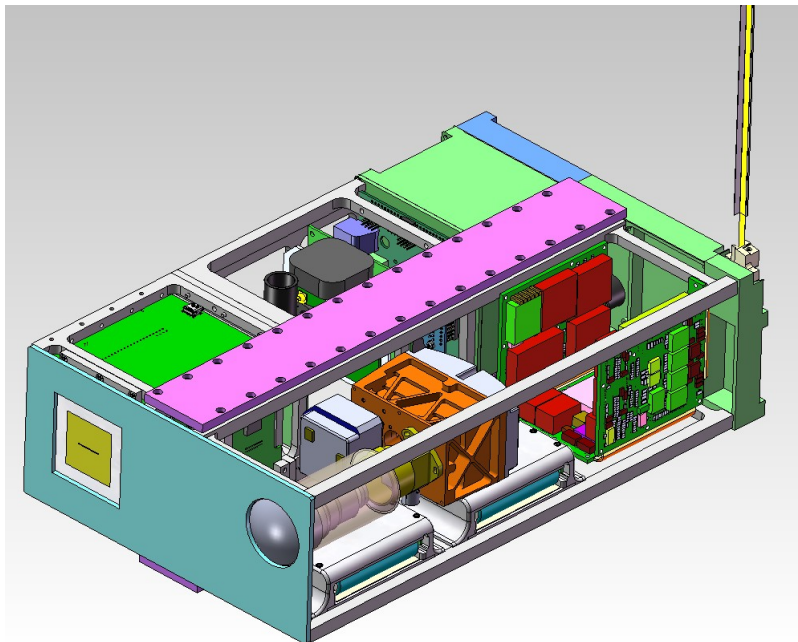
Bus: 1U, ADCS: 1.5 U

HyperSpectral Imager: 2U; Processor: 1U

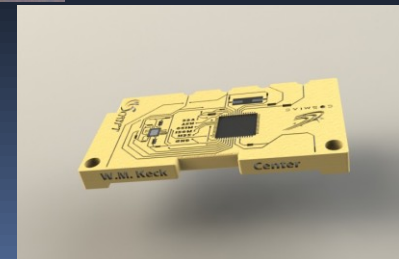
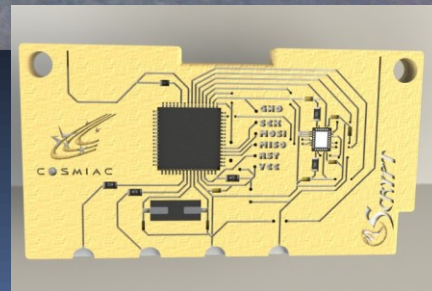
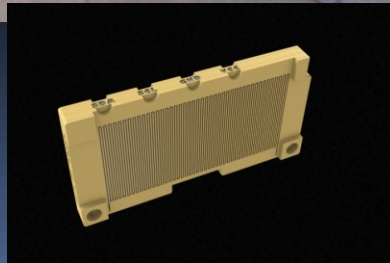
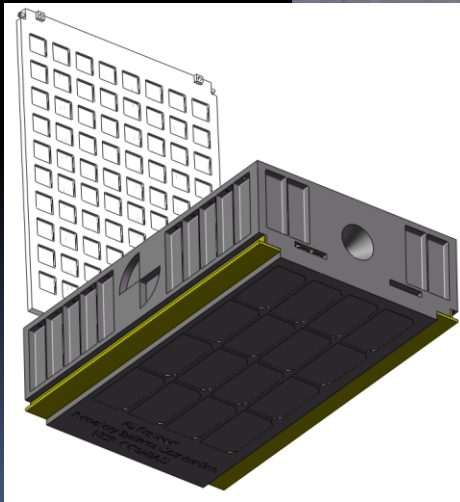
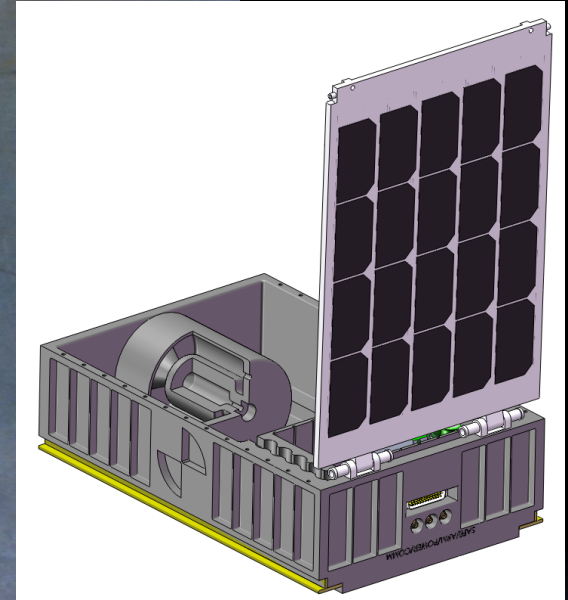
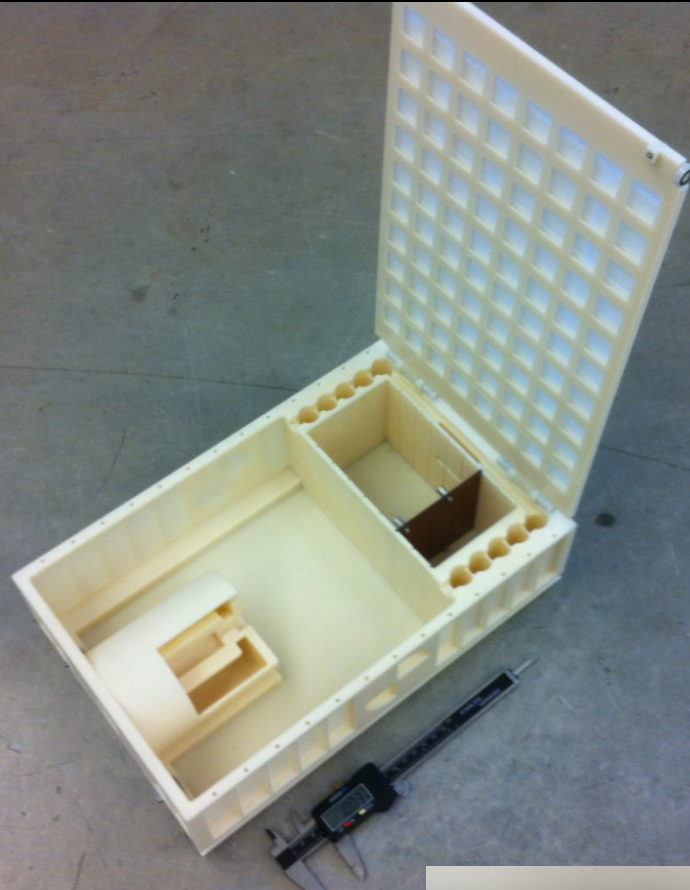
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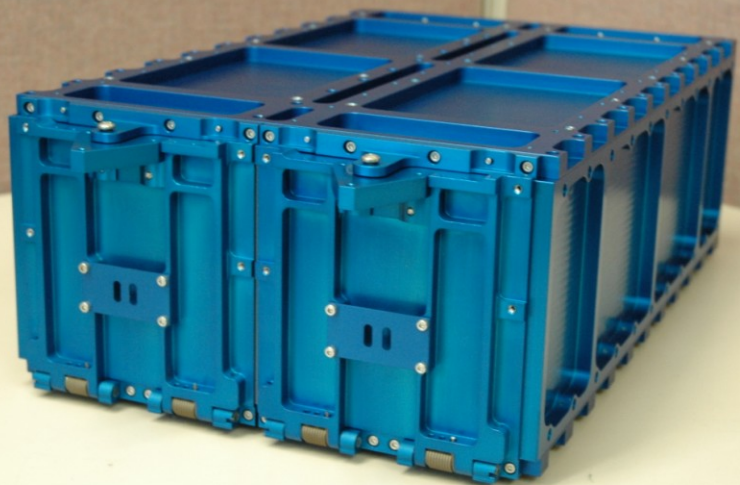
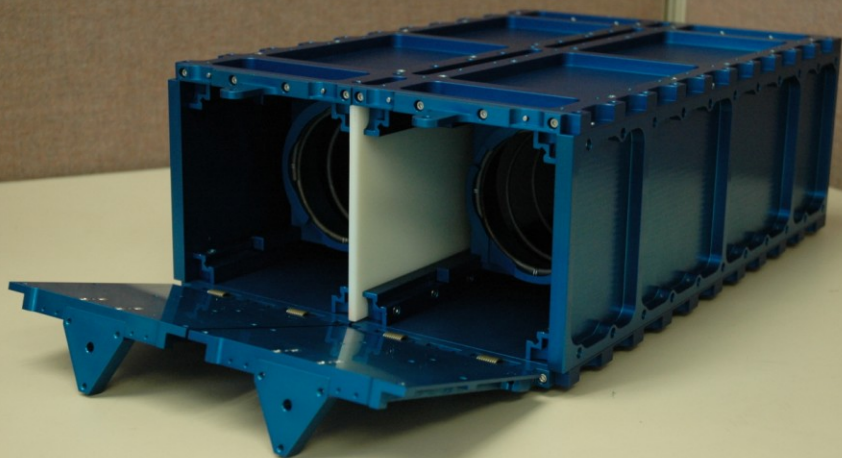
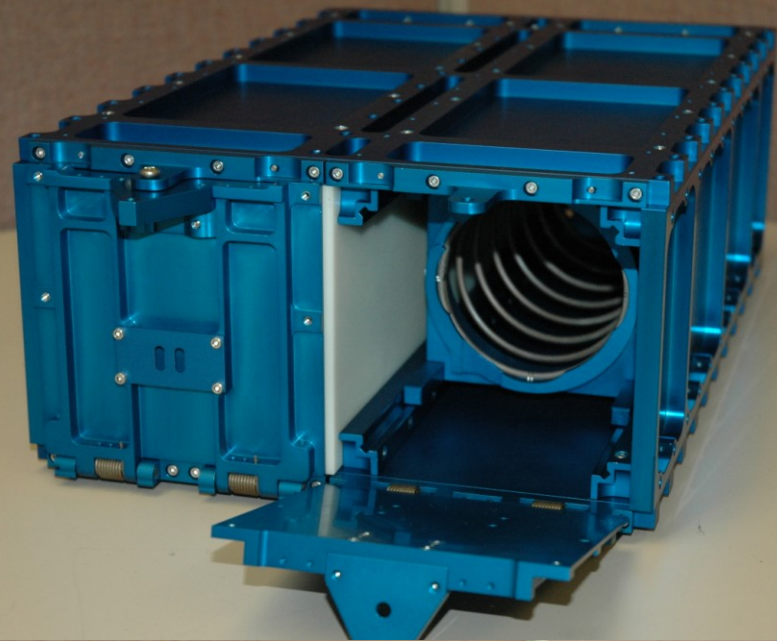
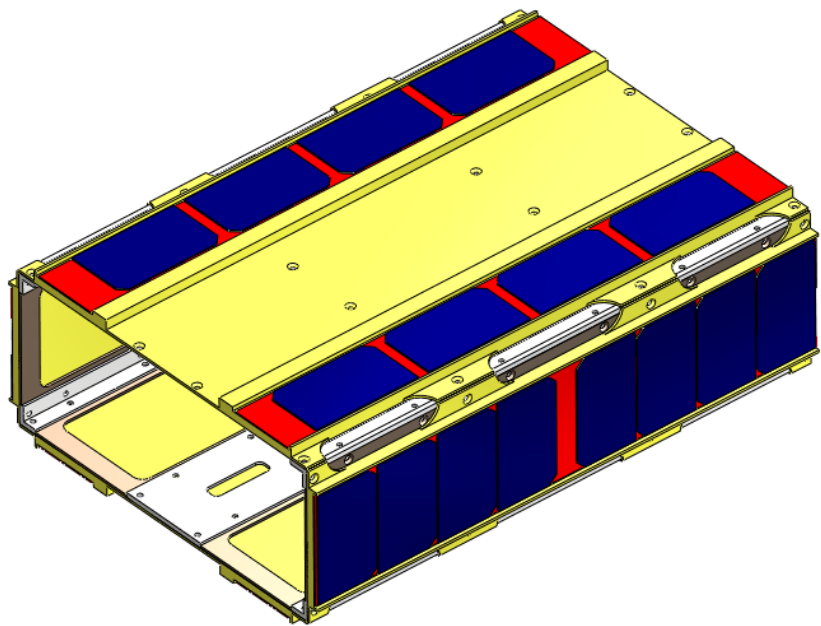
Key capability demos. in a small sat:

- High-performance ADCS for science: Earth imaging & astronomy
- “Large sat” data processing in a 6U
- 10x - 100x data volume thruput improvement
- Formation flying: single launch, multiple orbits

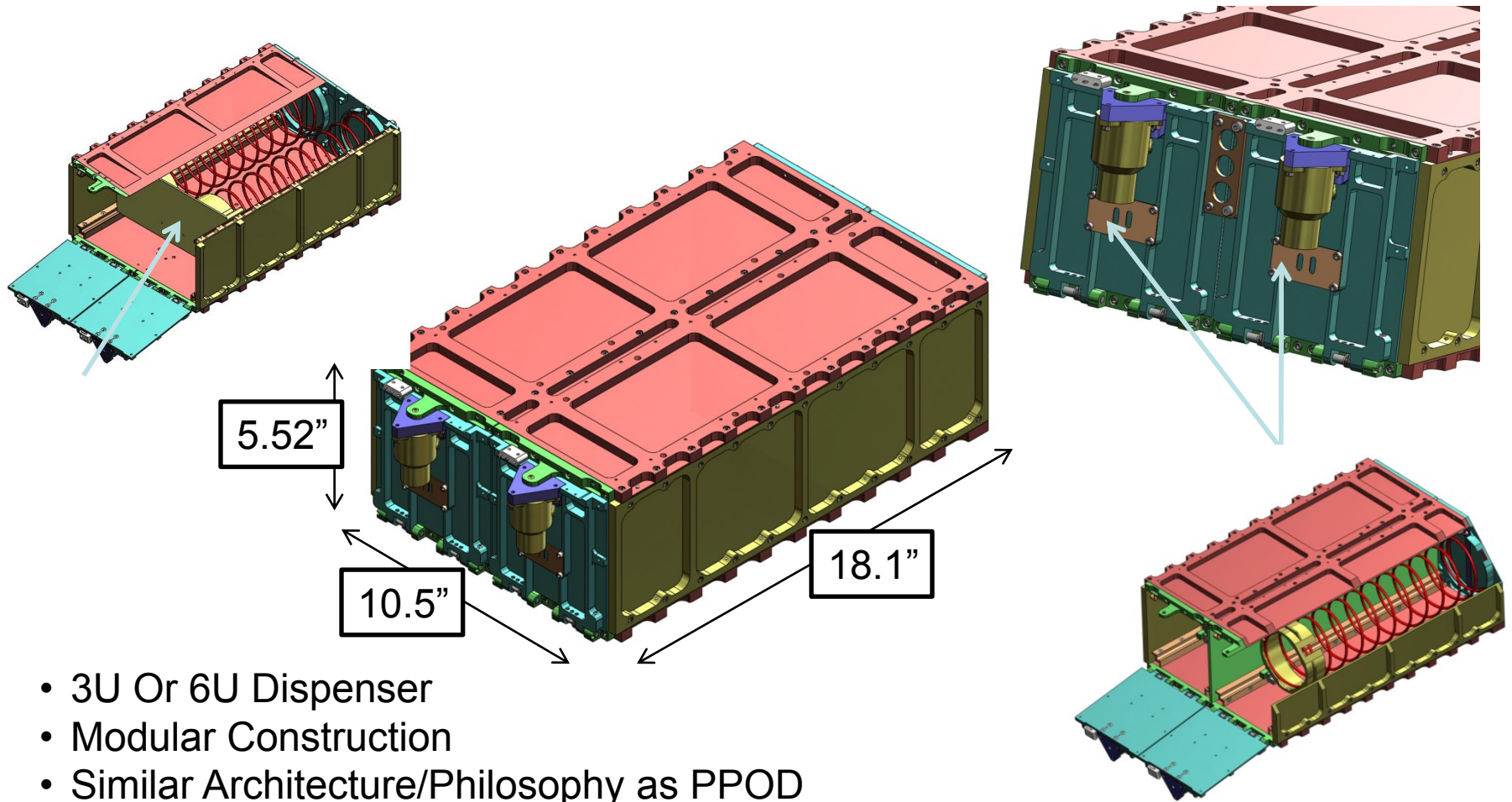


AFRL-COSMIAC 6U+ (3D printed)





ARC 6U+ Dispenser



- 3U Or 6U Dispenser
- Modular Construction
- Similar Architecture/Philosophy as PPOD
- Mounts Identically as Two 3U PPODs Side by Side
- Dispenser Satellite Release Velocity Range: 1.18 M/S –2.03 M/S

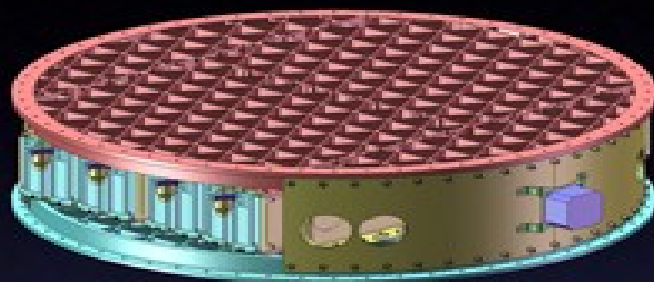


WAFER NANOSATELLITE RIDESHARE ADAPTER

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DESCRIPTION

- Fully functional, integrated, deployment system
- Supports multiple NanoSats, up to 50kg total mass
- Accommodates 450kg primary spacecraft
- Compatible with Falcon 1/1E and Minotaur 1
- Standard 38.81 inch Lightband interface

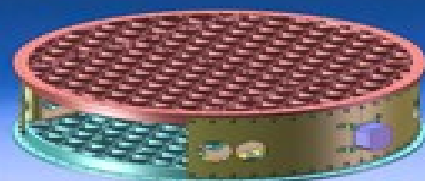


- The Wafer adapter is designed to safely deploy multiple spacecraft per launch
- Flexibility in design allows for easy expansion to multiple configurations

*Reconfigurable,
Non Load-Bearing
Dispensers*



*Four Reconfigurable
Dispensers*



Adapter



NanoSatellite



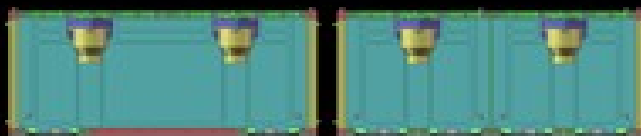
ADVANTAGES



- Potential rapid, standardized space access
- Reduced cost of spacecraft per mission
- Enhanced ability to carry additional payloads
- Increased payload sophistication and efficiency
- CubeSat compatible

WAFER DISPENSER CONFIGURATIONS

- Four NanoSat spacecraft
- One NanoSat equals $\approx 10 \times 10 \times 30$ cm

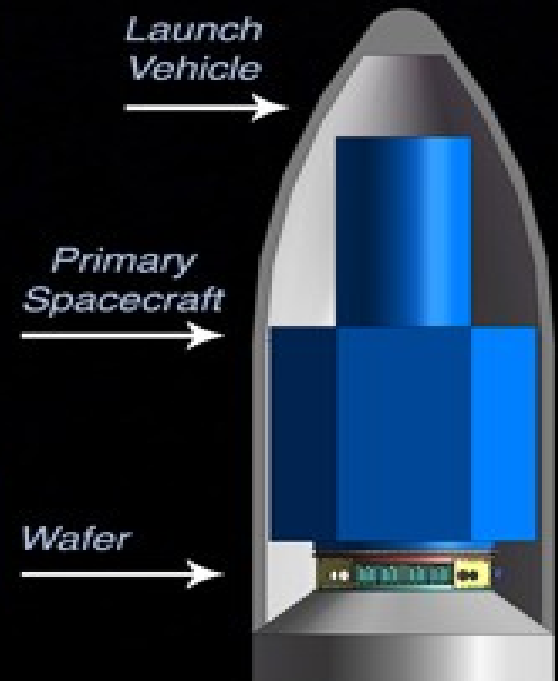


- One SixPack and Two NanoSat spacecraft
- One SixPack equals $\approx 10 \times 23 \times 30$ cm

- Two SixPack spacecraft
- Each SixPack equals $\approx 10 \times 23 \times 30$ cm



- Maximum 2.0 kg per cube equivalent
- Triple cube equivalent baseline designated as 1N
- Configurations of 1N (NanoSat) & 2N (SixPack)



Commercially Available 6U+ Dispensers



FEATURES

A Canisterized Satellite Dispenser (canister or CSD) is a box that encapsulates the payload (PL) during launch and dispenses it on orbit. Canisters reduce risk to the primary payload and so maximize potential launch opportunity. Their relatively small size enables placement on most launch vehicles (LV). Canisters also ease restrictions on payload materials and components. This specification currently encompasses canisters for three sizes of payloads. The 6U, 12U and 27U incorporate two tabs running the length of the ejection axis. The canister may grip these tabs, providing a secure, modelable, preloaded junction during launch. To maintain compatibility with existing standards the 6U can be made with typical rails as used in CubeSat. Note however with rails the payload is not preloaded in its canister and may chatter during launch.

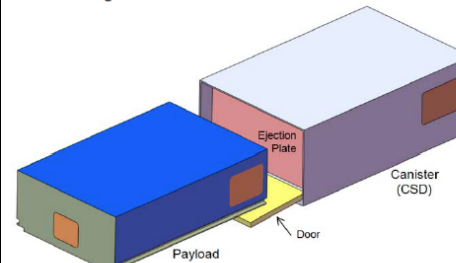


Figure 1: Payload Deploying From CSD

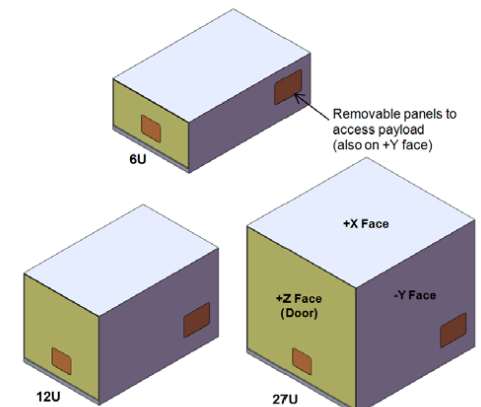
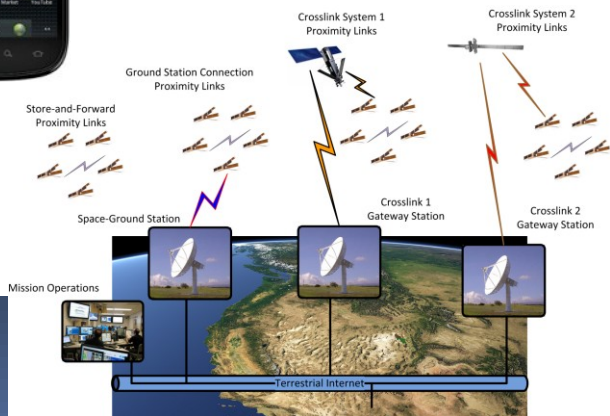
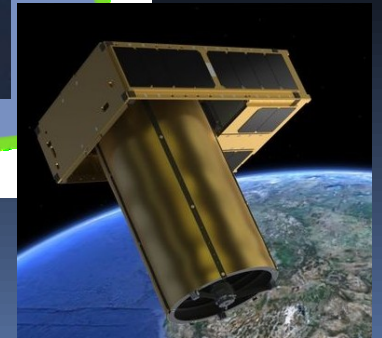
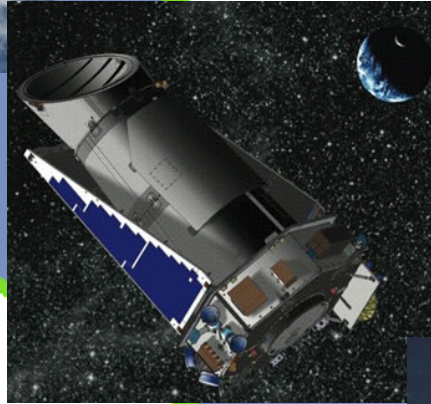
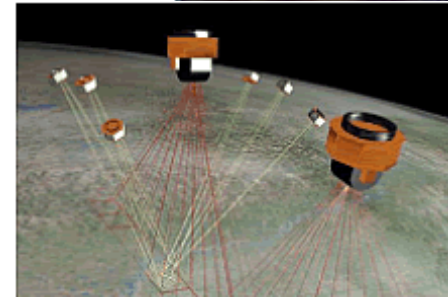


Figure 2: CSD

ELECTRICAL INTERFACE TO LV



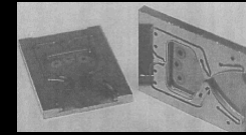


Spacecraft Technologies

- Advanced Bus Architectures
 - Plug and Play
 - Autonomous Operations
- Data Handling
- Communications
- Guidance, Navigation and Control
 - MEMS Accelerometers and Gyroscopes
 - Miniaturized GPS Devices
 - Propellantless Attitude Control
- Multisatellite Operations
 - Formation Flying/Constellations
- Power
 - Long-life, High-density, Scalable Power Storage
 - Deployable Solar Arrays
- Structure
 - Evolvable, Reconfigurable Satellites
- Thermal Management
 - MEMS-based



Nano-ACS Thrusters



Micro-Propulsion



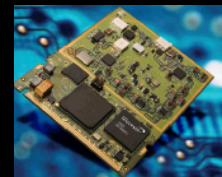
High Capacity, Lightweight Batteries



GPS Receiver



High Performance, Low Power Computing



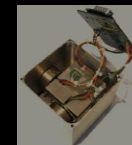
5.8 GHz Transceiver



Sun Sensor



Mini Star Tracker



Nano Reaction Wheels



Ultra light weight IMU

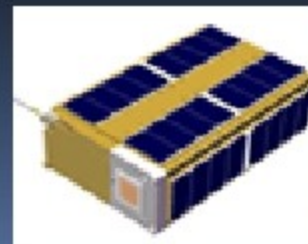
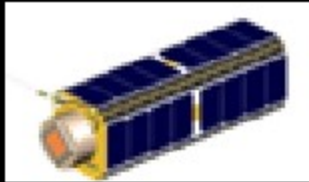
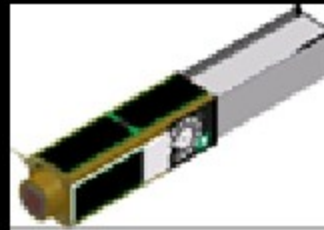
Enables a Variety of Science Missions:

Precision Formation Flying
Remote Imaging- Earth/Lunar Science
Autonomous Satellite Maintenance
Space Physics & Astrophysics
Exploration- Lunar, NEOs, Comets

NASA Nanosatellite Mission Heritage



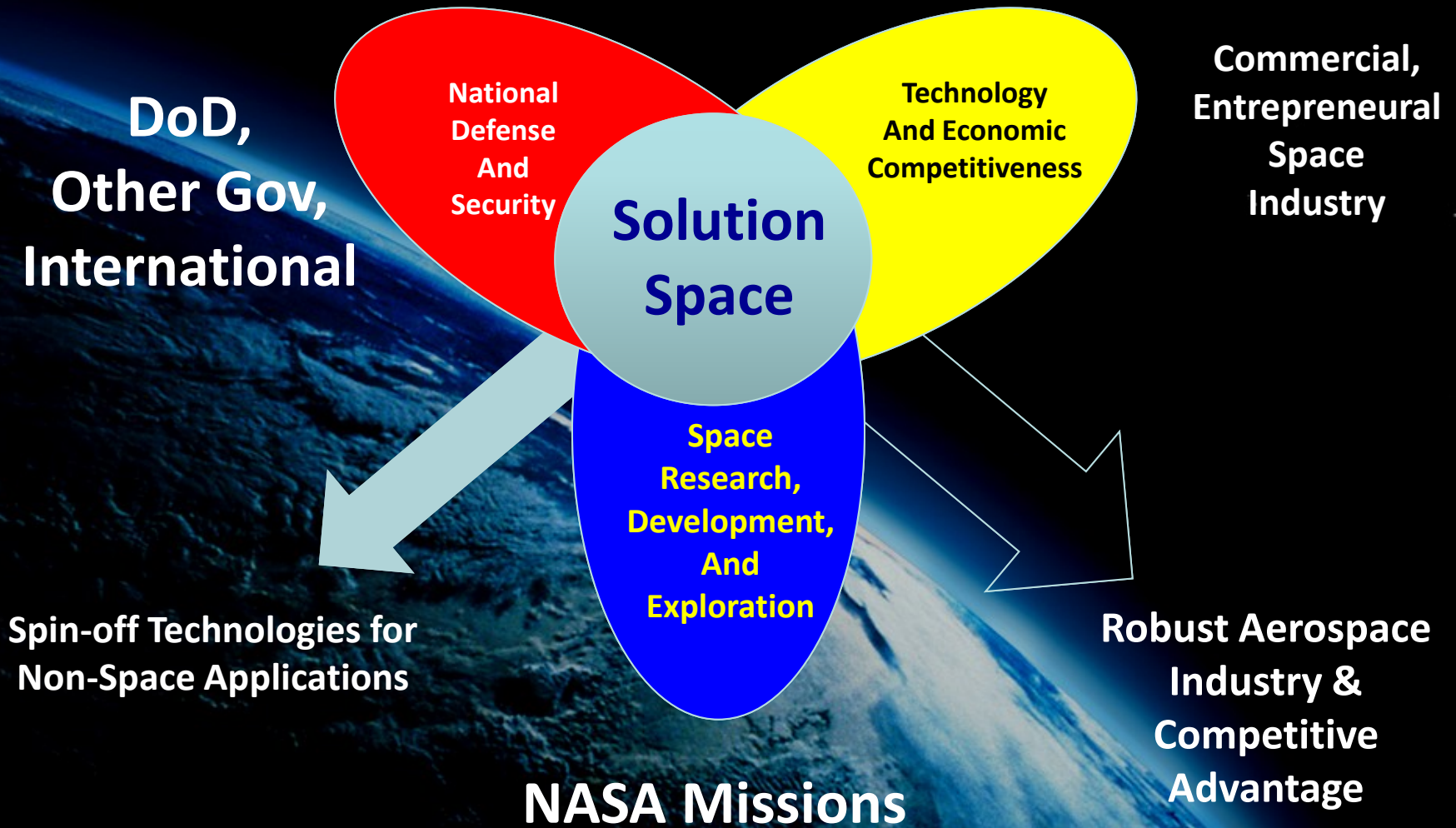
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Technology and Innovation Strategy

... Addressing Global Needs



ARC Strategic Technology Initiatives 2012

Active Initiatives

1. Biological Technologies for Life Beyond Low Earth Orbit (BT4LBLEO)
2. Small Spacecraft and Missions Enterprise (SSME)
3. Science Instruments for Small Missions (SISM)
4. Advanced Digital Materials and Manufacturing for Space (ADMMS)
5. Designing High-Confidence Software and Systems (DHCSS)
6. Cyber-Physical Systems Modeling and Analysis (CPSMA)

Other Suggested Initiatives

1. First Responder, Emergency, and Disaster Assistance (FREDA)
2. Emerging Aeronautics Systems and Technologies (EAST)
3. GREEN Technologies (Technologies for Sustainability)

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Cubesats: Biological Missions

- Gene-Sat 1
- Pharmasat-1
- **O/OREOS**

