

Spaceborne Flight Validation of NASA ESTO Technologies: HypIRI IPM

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Earth Science Technology: Overview and Program Elements

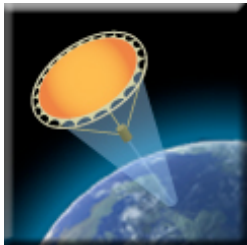


The Earth Science Technology Office (ESTO) is a **targeted, science-driven, competed, actively managed, and dynamically communicated technology program** and serves as a model for technology development.

Competitive, peer-reviewed proposals enable selection of best-of-class technology investments that **retire risk** before major dollars are invested: a cost-effective approach to technology development and validation.

ESTO investment elements include:

Observation Technologies:



Instrument Incubator Program (IIP)

provides robust new instruments and measurement techniques

Advanced Component Technologies (ACT)

provides development of critical component and subsystem technologies for instruments and platforms

Information Technologies:



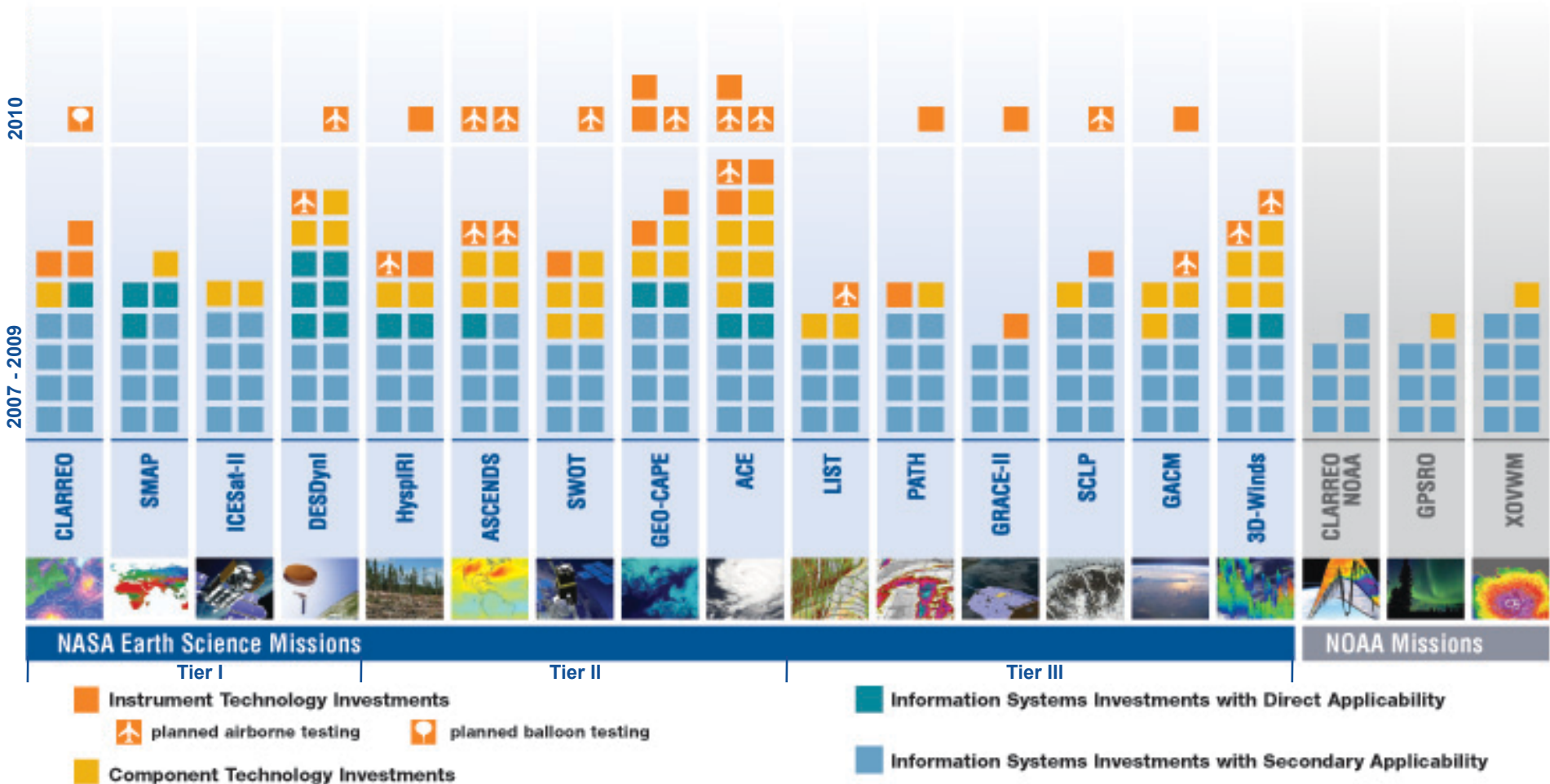
Advanced Information Systems Technology (AIST)

provides innovative on-orbit and ground capabilities for communication, processing, and management of remotely sensed data and the efficient generation of data products and knowledge

Earth Science Technology: New Investments Enabling the Decadal Survey



Upon publication of the Earth Science Decadal Survey in 2007, ESTO investments **already supported all 18 of the recommended mission concepts**. Since then, ESTO has awarded **73 additional technology projects** representing an investment of **over \$172M directly related to the Earth Science priorities outlined by the Decadal Survey**.

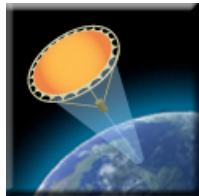


Earth Science Technology: Incremental TRL Advancement Strategy



Current ESTO program lines generally advance technologies to TRL-6: System/
subsystem prototype demonstration in the relevant environment (ground or space)

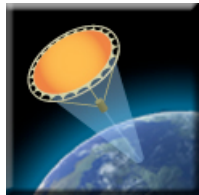
ESTO now seeks to develop a new program line to **flight qualify** technologies through
successful spaceborne demonstrations to TRL-8/9



Concept
Formulation

Component Demo
(Relevant Environment)

Advanced Component Technology (ACT)
TRL 2 - 5



Characteristic
Proof of Concept

(Sub)-System Prototype Demo
(Operational Environment)

Instrument Incubator Program (IIP)
TRL 3 - 6



Concept
Formulation

System Prototype Demo
(Operational Environment)

Advanced Information Systems Technology (AIST)
TRL 2 - 7



Component Demo
(Lab Environment)

Flight Qualified

Technology Flight Validation (ATI)
TRL 4 - 8/9

Technology Space Flight Validation

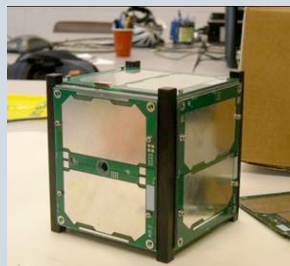
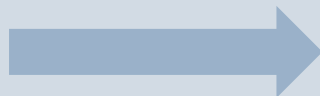


- Non-validated technology is generally acknowledged as a primary cause of NASA and DoD mission delays and cost overruns. For SMD, instrument development problems occur in > 60% of all missions, leading to cost and schedule delays.
- We propose a nimble, competitive program which takes advantage of recent advances in alternative opportunities to access space to retire risk and validate technologies. (*No requirement for science data campaign*).
- ESTO was requested to put some “skin in the game” to demonstrate this capability.

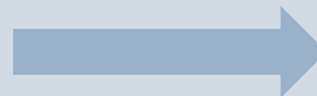
Onboard Processing – Two orders of magnitude data reduction for the Multiangle Spectro-Polarimetric Imager (MSPI)



Realtime Onboard Processing for MSPI (AIST)



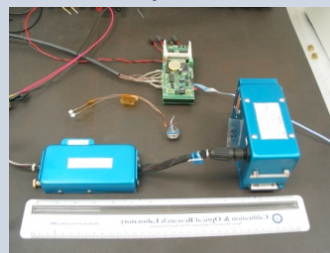
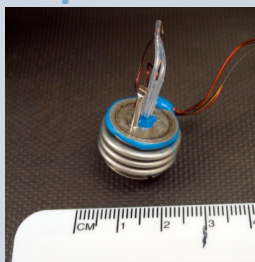
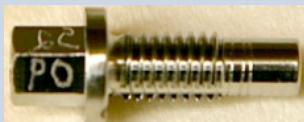
CubeSat Flight Validation (U Michigan/JPL) MRR 6/11



Launch on NPP

Phase Change Temperature Calibration – Black Body Calibration to 0.01K for Radiance Measurements

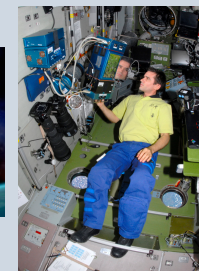
Phase Change Cells from Utah State and Wisconsin (IIP)



Flight Housing with Utah State Cell



Launch to ISS in 2011 & 2012



Flight Validation Drivers



Increased number of flight opportunities for secondary payloads

- NASA Launch Services' CubeSat Launch Initiative (CLI) Program also known as Educational Launch of Nano-Satellites (ELaNa)
- DOD Space Evaluation Research Board (SERB)
- US Government Rideshare Working Group (USGRWG)

Cost effectiveness of CubeSat platforms

- 18-24 months from concept formulation to deployment
- Approximately \$1M including launch and basic operations

Rapid TRL advancement and risk reduction

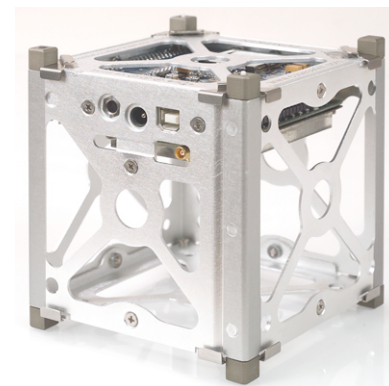
- Meaningful risk reduction for hardware components and information systems developed for future flight instruments
- Demonstrated success stories across industry and educational institutions with substantial future growth

Emergence of industry standards

- 1U and 3U bus designs
- Orbital deployment mechanisms (P-POD) and others



ULA Delta II



CubeSat Kit (Pumpkin Inc.)

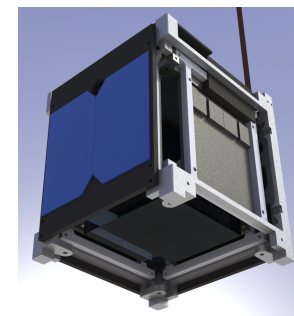
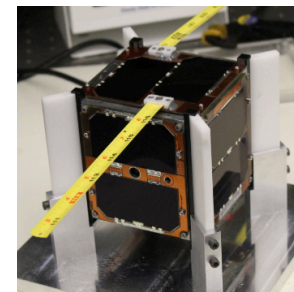
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ESTO Technology Space Flight Validation

Partnering to flight qualify technologies through successful spaceborne demonstrations



- **MCubed/COVE – Paula Pingree**
 - CubeSat spaceborne validation of ACE/MSPI instrument signal processing algorithm on new Xilinx Rad-hard by design FPGA reducing data downlink by 2-orders of magnitude per camera
 - Partners: JPL, U. Michigan, Xilinx
- **IPEX – Steve Chien**
 - CubeSat spaceborne validation of Intelligent Payload Module (IPM) capability providing a 20-times reduction in data volume for low-latency urgent production generation planned for HypIRI
 - Partners: JPL, GSFC, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- **GRIFEX – David Rider**
 - CubeSat spaceborne validation of state-of-the-art ROIC/FPA assessing functionality and data integrity for high frame rate imaging planned for GEO-CAPE
 - Partners: JPL, U. Michigan
- **First Launch with NPOESS Preparatory Project**
 - MCubed/COVE: Secondary payload on NPP (VAFB on Oct 25, 2011)
 - IPEX: Awaiting ELaNu manifest (2012/2013)
 - GRIFEX: TBD (2013?)

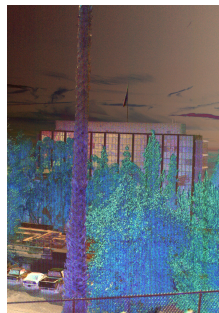


ESTO CubeSat Flight Validation for Multiangle Spectropolarimetric Imager (MSPI) Processing for ACE



David Diner, Paula Pingree et al., JPL

MSPI Ground-based measurements



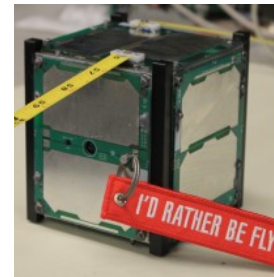
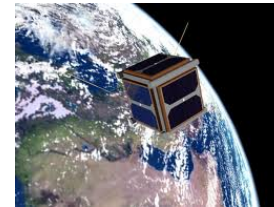
470, 660, 865 nm Intensity

470, 660, 865 nm DOLP

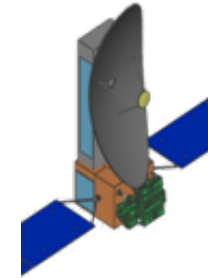
MSPI Airborne engineering flight testing



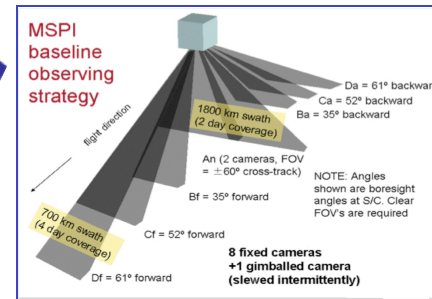
MSPI algorithms/FPGA on CubeSat operating in space environment



Multiangle polarimetric spectroscopy



MSPI on ACE

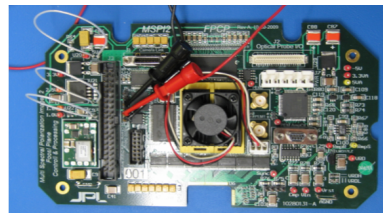


2011 **Flight Validated** MSPI instrument processor and algorithms

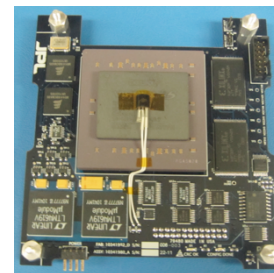
On-board instrument processing enables downlink by reducing data rate by 2-orders of magnitude in real time with no science data lost



IIP-07 and AIST-08 Ground Testbed Development and Demonstration



AIST-08 AirMSPI board with algorithms on Xilinx Virtex-5 FPGA



ATI-10 COVE CubeSat board with algorithms on Xilinx SIRF FPGA



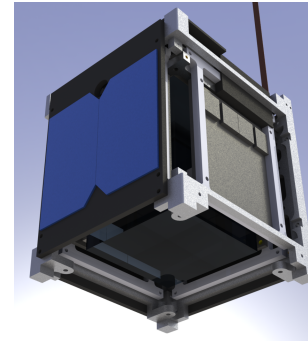
IPEX: Intelligent Payload Flight Experiment

PI: Steve Chien, JPL



Objective

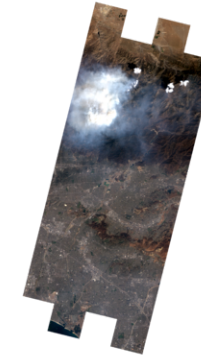
- Demonstrate hybrid onboard and ground capability (Intelligent Payload Module) for HypsIRI to deliver high value low-latency products via Direct Broadcast with at least 20x reduction in Gbps instrument raw data rate.
 - Spaceborne technology validation of the SpaceCube Mini hardware onboard computing platform.
 - Demonstrate web-based autonomous payload operations with event/overflight-based onboard product generation.
- Enhance NASA/University partnerships by engaging students and faculty in small satellite mission operations.



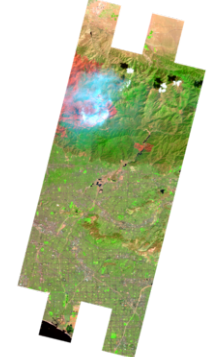
- 1U IPEX CubeSat carries:
- 2 Imaging cameras
 - SpaceCube mini onboard processor
 - IPM autonomy software

Candidate HypsIRI Low-latency Product
'09 Station Fire Burn Scar Severity Product (EO-1)

Raw Image



Product



20x reduction via prioritization/compression

Approach

- Integrate SpaceCube Mini, high data rate camera, and autonomy algorithms into a 1U Cubesat as the onboard processing payload.
- Manifest CubeSat flight on a NASA, or other, launch vehicle.
- Downlink on-board derived and raw data for verification against ground tests.
- Validate onboard processing reliability and error rate on orbit.

Co-Is/Partners:

T. Flatley, GSFC, J. Puig-Suari, J. Bellardo, Cal Poly SLO

Key Milestones

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| • Hold preliminary design review; confirm CubeSat provider | 06/11 |
| • Hold critical design review | 10/11 |
| • Complete hardware subsystems; flight software operational on testbed | 12/11 |
| • Complete assembly and integration | 03/12 |
| • Complete integrated test; Flight readiness review | 05/12 |
| • First opportunity launch date (pending manifest) | 06/12 |
| • Nominal operations complete (pending launch) | 12/12 |

TRL_{in} = 4 TRL_{current} = 4

ESTO CubeSat Technology Validation of Intelligent Payload Modul for HypsIRI (IPEX)

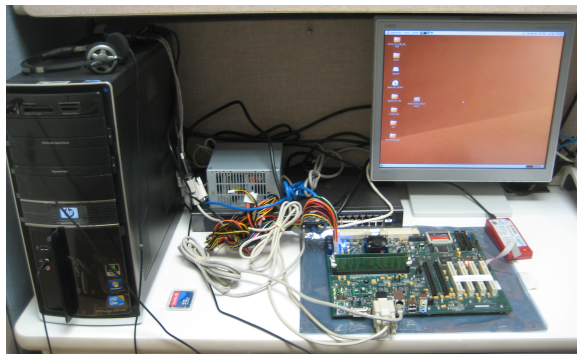


Intelligent Payload Module (IPM) for HypsIRI Decadal Survey Mission

- Provides low-latency Direct Broadcast mechanism for urgent products
- Visible to Shortwave Infrared Hyperspectral Spectrometer (VSWIR) and Thermal Infrared Imager (TIR) acquire 5 Tb/day of data
- IPM will provide 20x reduction in data volume for low-latency products

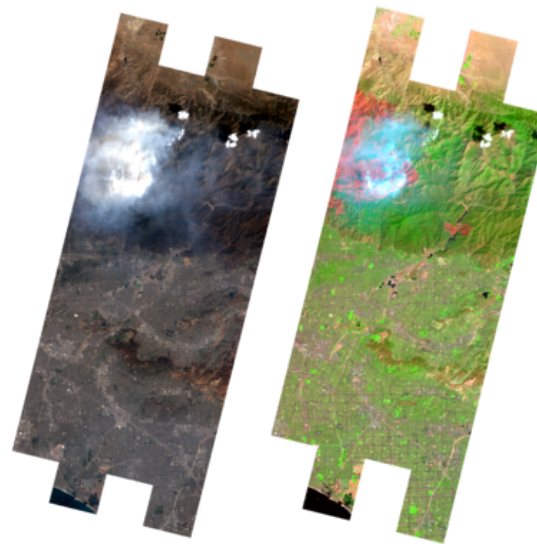


SpaceCube 1.5



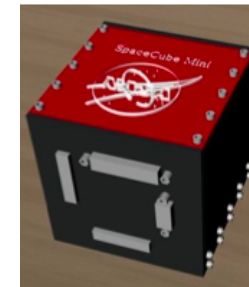
Ground Test

Development board with autonomous processing in laboratory environment

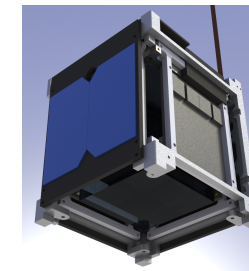


Burn Scar Severity Product (EO-1 ALI)
2009 Station Fire
Candidate HypsIRI Low-latency Product

SpaceCube Mini



Spacecube Mini used for instrument data processing for Direct Broadcast downlink



Spaceborne Validation

IPEX CubeSat will verify on-board product selection for the HypsIRI mission



IPEX System Design

Onboard Processing

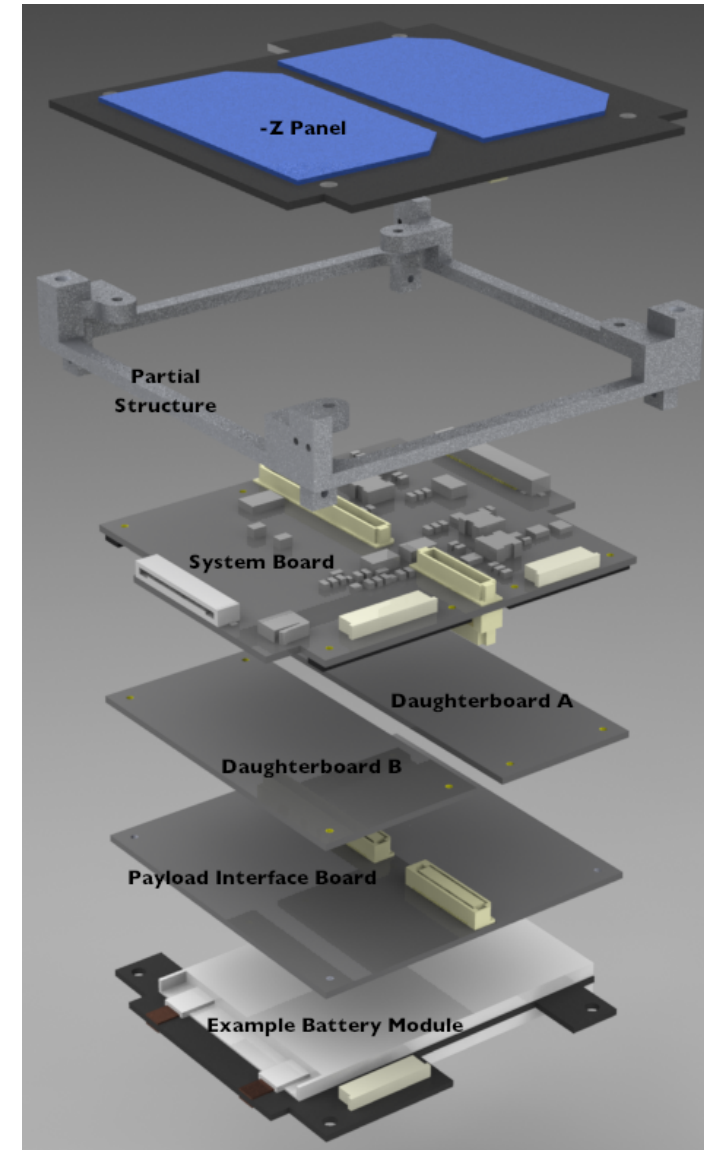
- Process images on ATMEL and SC Mini 2
- Compare products
- For some very small percentage, downlink products and raw data to verify (planned, or anomalies in compared results)
- For vast majority of products, downlink status of comparison (e.g. all checked out, same results)

OBP Candidate Algorithms

- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- Normalized Burn Ratio
- Brightness Temperature
- Support Vector Machine Classification Algorithms
- Others in evaluation

Autonomous Ground/Space Operations

- ASPEN (ground): Creates baseline schedule producing observations and processing activities
- CASPER (flight): Creates on-board science schedule based on previous observations



Path-to-Flight Challenges



Spacecraft and Payload Design and Testing

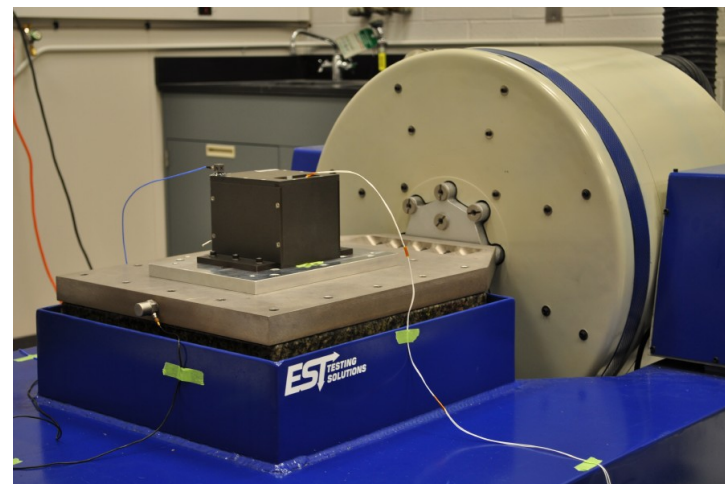
- Parts acquisition and fabrication
- Safety and Mission Assurance signed agreements
- ITAR / Export Control for specific parts and CubeSat spacecraft
- Testing and “safe-to-mate” procedures

Documentation

- Interface Control Documents (ICDs)
- FCC licensing
- End-of-Life (EOL) de-orbit plan
- NOAA licensing for Earth observing missions

NASA Launch Services Requirements

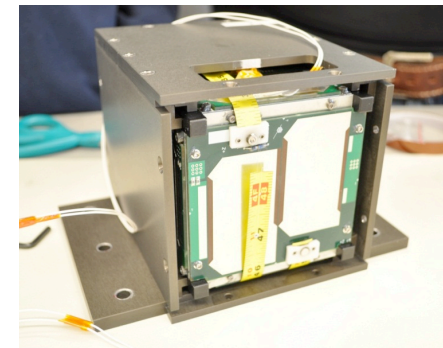
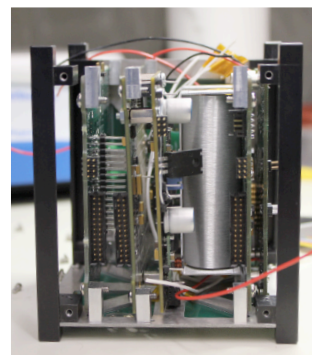
- CubeSat Interface Review (CIR)
- Launch Services Program Standard Material List
- Orbital Debris Assessment Report (ODAR)
- CubeSat Transmitter Characteristics Survey
- ELaNa Requirements Verification Documentation



Mcubed/COVE mounted for vibration test

Qualification random vibrate: (23.68 G's for 104s)

Protoflight random vibrate: (16.74 G's for 180s)





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