

CanSat & Rocket Experiment('99~)



Hodoyoshi-1 '14

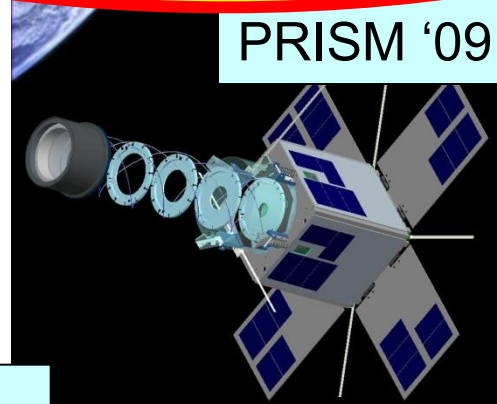


Possibilities and Future Vision of Micro/nano/pico-satellites - From Japanese Experiences

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CubeSat 03,05



PRISM '09



Nano-JASMINE '15

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Micro/nano/pico-satellite

“Lean Satellite”

Micro-satellite: 20-100kg

Nano-satellite: 2-20kg

Pico-satellite: 0.5-2kg

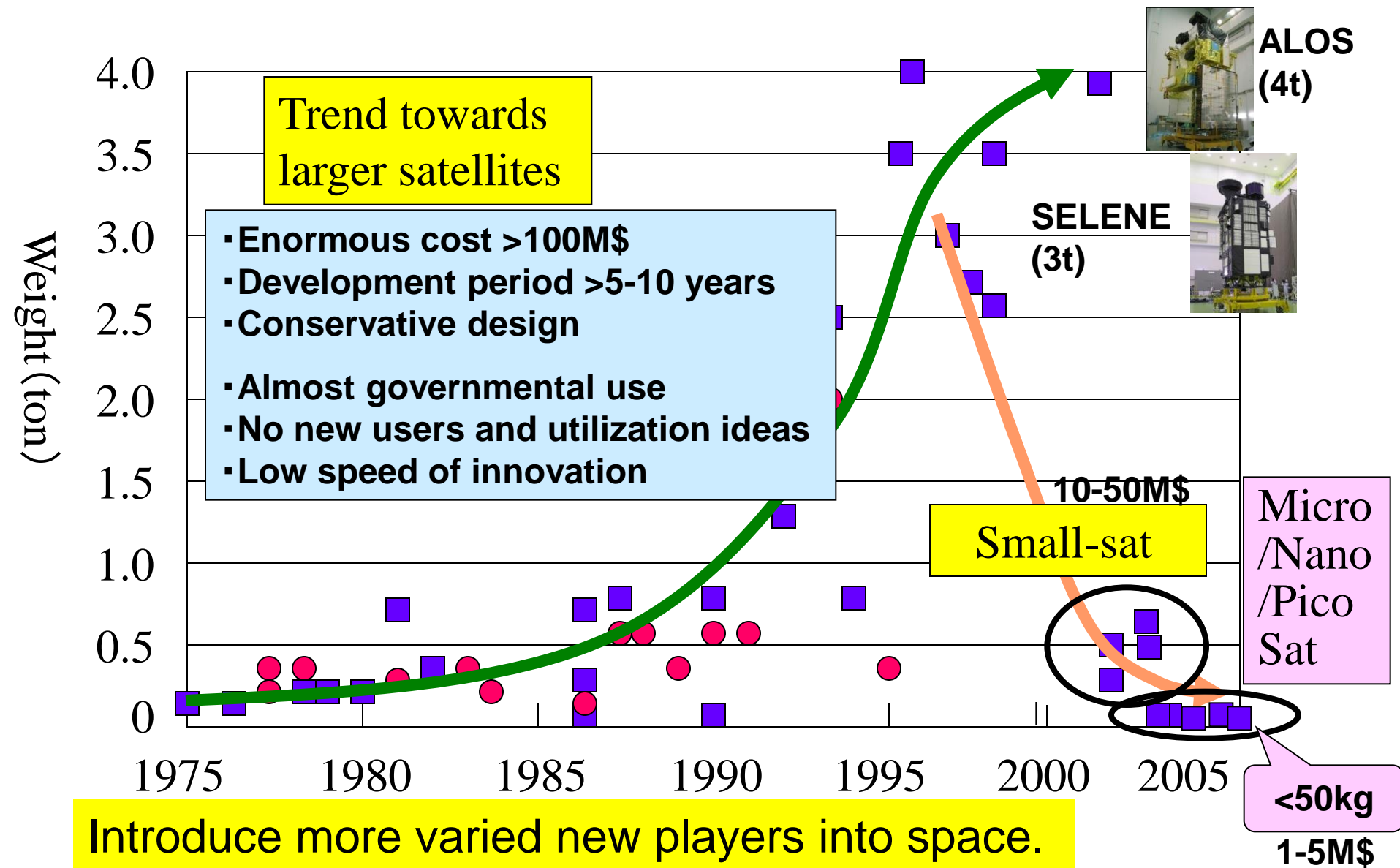
Japanese Governmental Satellites

ALOS-1: 4 ton ASNARO: 500 kg

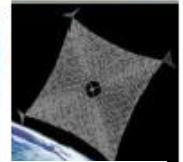
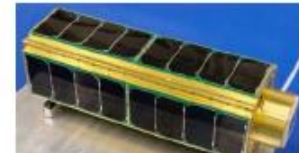
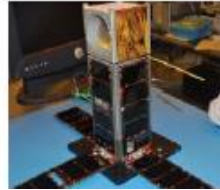
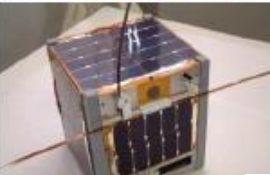
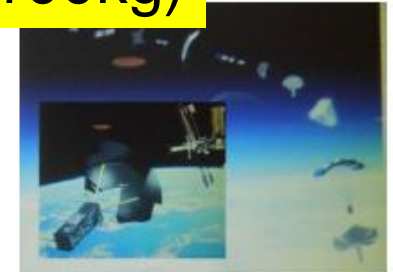
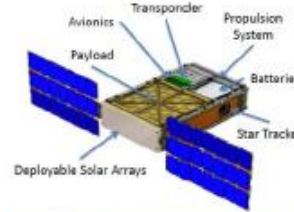
Kaguya: 3 ton Hayabusa: 510 kg

Motivation of Smaller Satellites

Current Problem of Mid-large Satellites



Innovation by Micro/nano/pico satellites (<100kg)



Education Remote sensing Telescope

Weather

Bio-engineering

Re-entry

OPUSAT (1U: 1kg)
XI-IV (1U: 1kg)

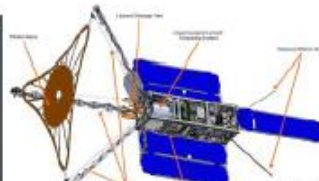
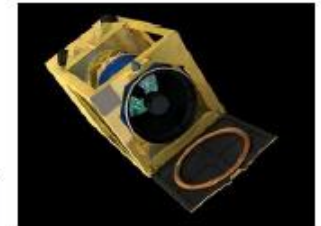
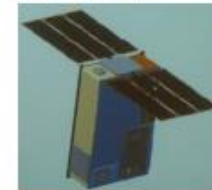
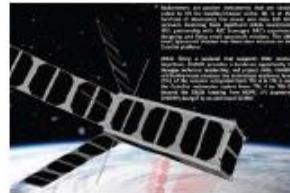
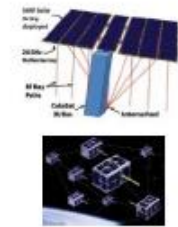
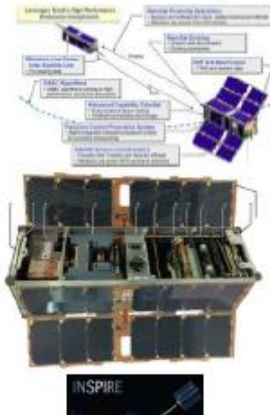
AeroCube(1.5U: 2kg)
Dove, Flock (3U: 4kg)

AAReST

MiRaTA (3U)
MicroMAS (3U)

BioSentinel計画案(6U)
SPORESAT (3U: 5.5kg)

再突入回収(3U)
Sunjammer



Rendezvous/ docking

Communication

Space Science

Atmosphere

Exploration

High Resolution.

INSPIRE (3U)

高速通信・ISARA (3U)
低速通信・AISAT-1 (6kg)

RACE (3U)
FS-7 (3U)

(可視・近赤外)
NEMO-AM (15kg)

LWaDi (6U)
CAT (3U)

SCOUT (50kg)
Skysat (120kg)

University/venture companies' innovative idea and development process
<10M\$ < 2 years < 100kg, education, constellation of many satellites

Features of Micro/nano/pico-satellites

- VERY low cost (from >100M\$ to <5M\$)
 - Leads to new missions, business, sciences...
 - Introduce new users (companies, countries..)
 - Can be an educational tools
 - Can be very challenging
- Short life cycle (from >5 years to <1-2 years)
 - One cycle possible during university years
 - More iterations (from “project” to “program”)
 - Early return of investment (good for business)
- Simple and transparent satellite system
 - Easy to design, operate and trouble shoot
 - Each team member can see the total system

Educational Significances of Micro/Nano/Pico-Satellite and CanSat Projects

- ***Practical Training of Whole Cycle of Space Project***
 - Mission conceptualization, satellite design, fabrication, ground test, modification, launch and operation
 - Know what is important and what is not.
- ***Importance for Engineering Education***
 - Synthesis (not Analysis) of an really working system
 - Feedbacks from the real world to evaluate design, test, etc.
 - Learning from failures (while project cost is small)
- ***Education of Project Management***
 - Four Managements: “*Time, human resource, cost and risk*”
 - Team work, conflict resolution, discussion, documentation
 - International cooperation, negotiation, mutual understanding
- ***The effects were found more than expected !!***
- ***Also contribute to other technological areas !!***

University Satellites in Japan

37 university satellites launched in 2003-2015



From CanSat to CubeSat, Nano-Satellite
From Educational purpose to Practical application

Launchers for 37 university satellites

- **Foreign Rocket: 12**

– ROCKOT (Russia)	2	(2003)
– COSMOS (Russia)	1	(2005)
– PSLV (India)	3	(2008, 2012)
– DNEPR (Russia)	6	(2014)

- **Japanese Rocket: 25**

– M-V	2	(2006)
– H-IIA	17	(2009~)
– HTV⇒ISS deploy	6	(2012)

JAXA has been helping us for our activities!!



RAIKO, FITSAT-1 first deployment from ISS (2012.10)

What is the special features about space systems?

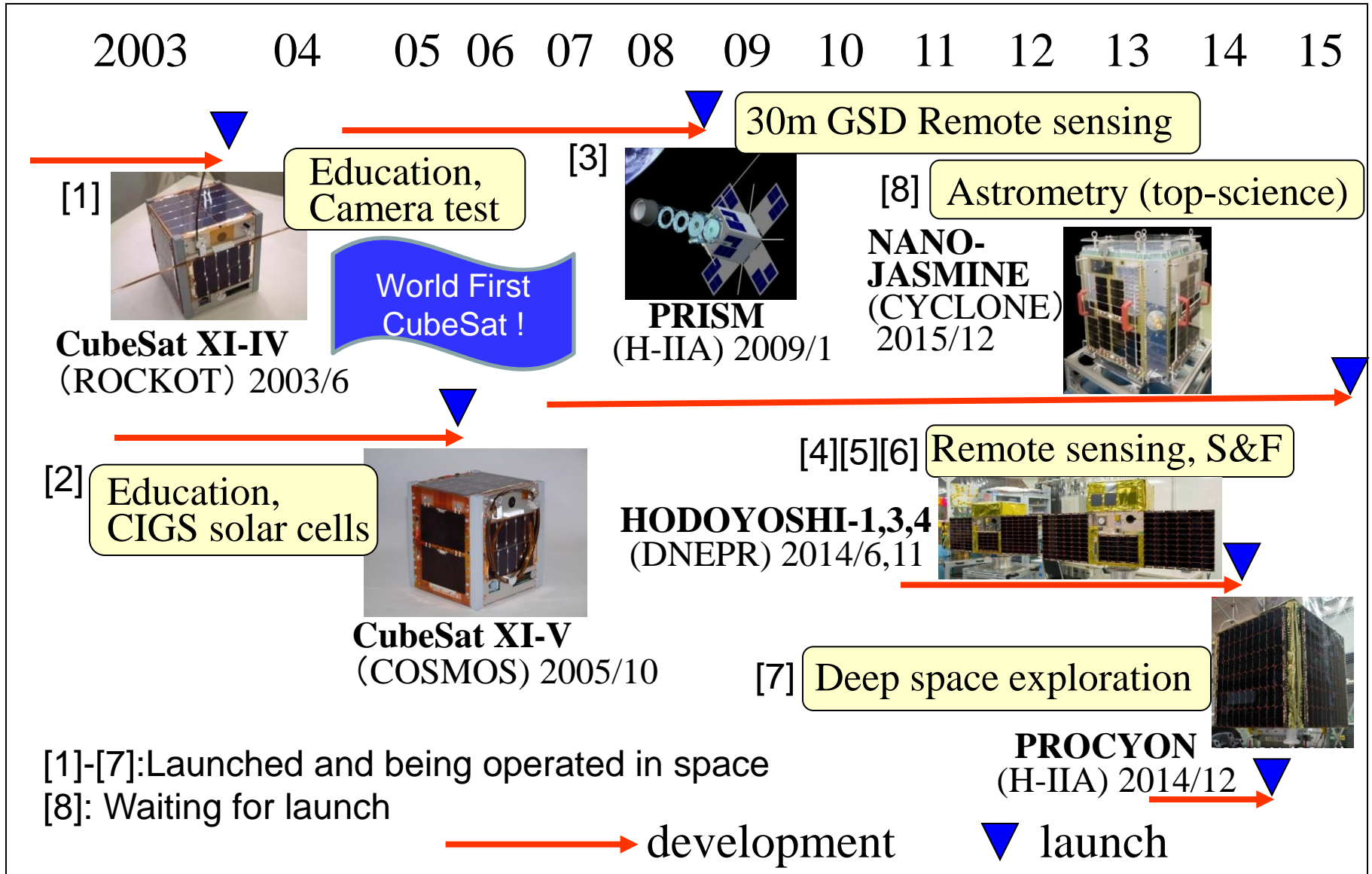
- A satellite cannot be contacted until the end of its mission once it is loaded on a rocket and launched
 - “Non-maintainable system”

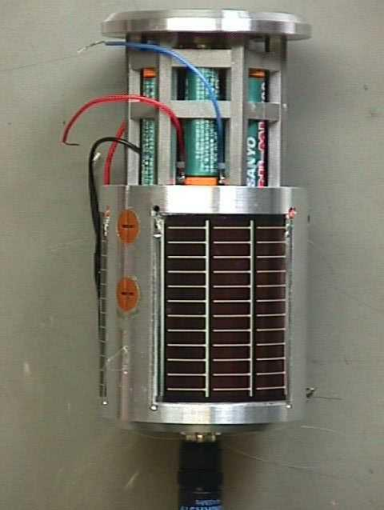
- Sometimes it should survive in space for more than 5 years without any human interactions, so

Carefully consider how to survive in space !!

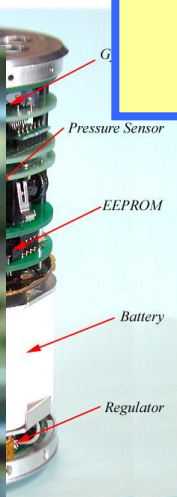
- Imagine all possible events and anomalies which may happen on satellites and prepare countermeasures for them as many as possible
- Focus on power system and communication system: to make it survive in any circumstances
- Don't skip required ground tests

University of Tokyo's History 8 satellites developed (7 launched)





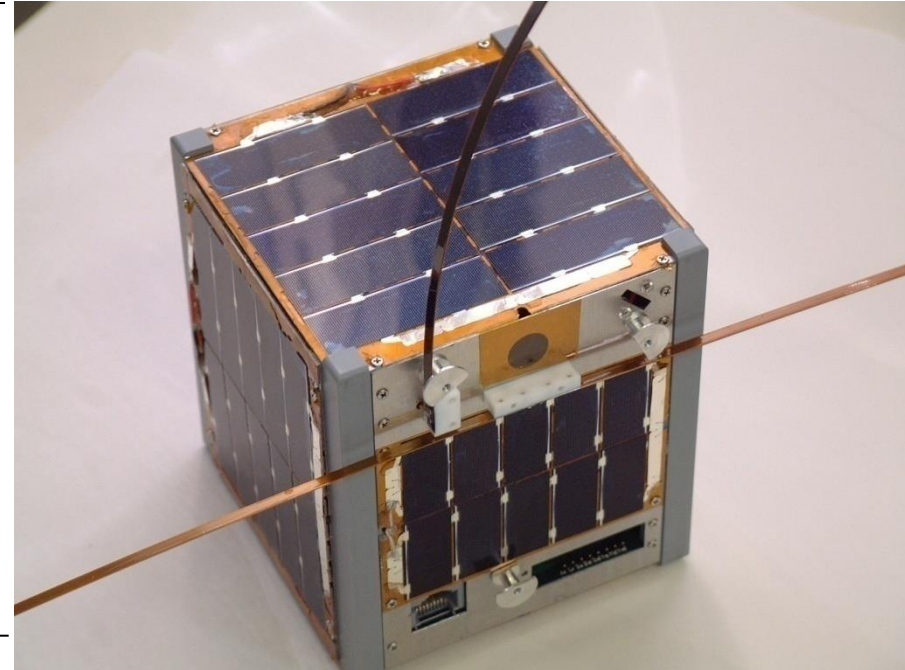
*Training step: CanSat
1999-now*



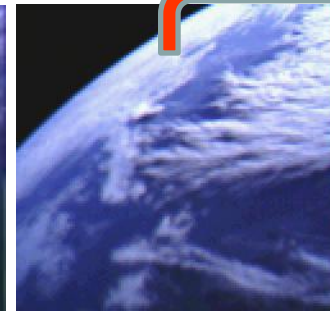
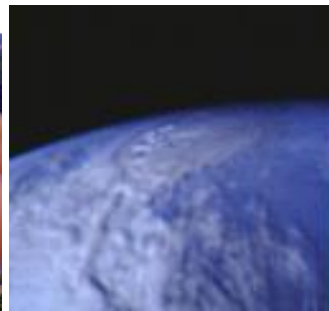
CubeSat “XI-IV (Sai Four)”

Mission: Pico-bus technology demonstration in space, Camera experiment
Developer: University of Tokyo
Launch: ROCKOT (June 30, 2003) in Multiple Payload Piggyback Launch

Size	10x10x10[cm] CubeSat
Weight	1 [kg]
Attitude control	Passive stabilization with permanent magnet and damper
OBC	PIC16F877 x 3
Communication	VHF/UHF (max 1200bps) amateur frequency band
Power	Si solar cells for 1.1 W
Camera	640 x 480 CMOS
Expected life time	??

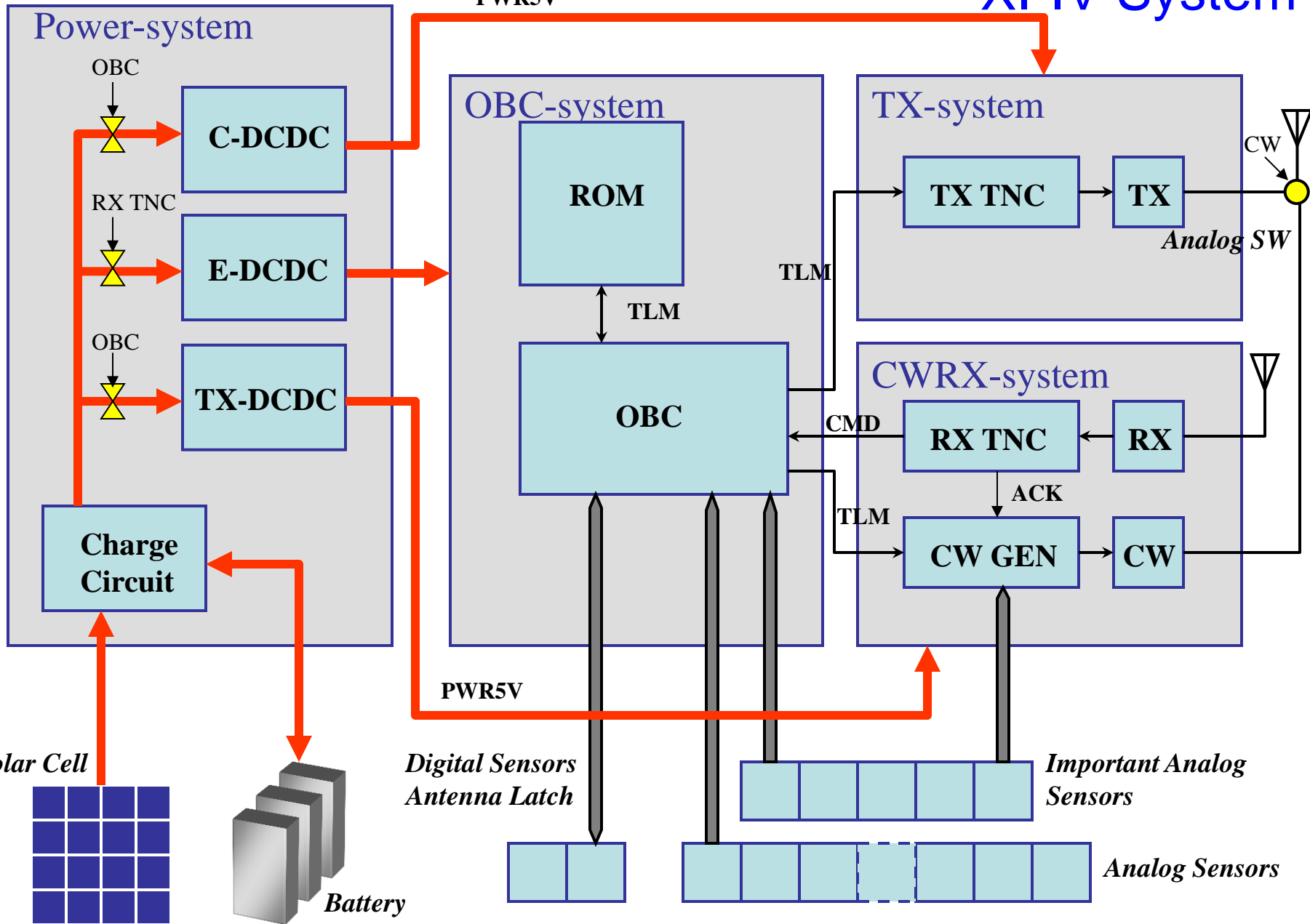


Captured Earth Images are Distribution to Mobile Phones



Structure

XI-IV System



Launch of the World First CubeSat (XI-IV, Cute-1 and others) by “ROCKOT”

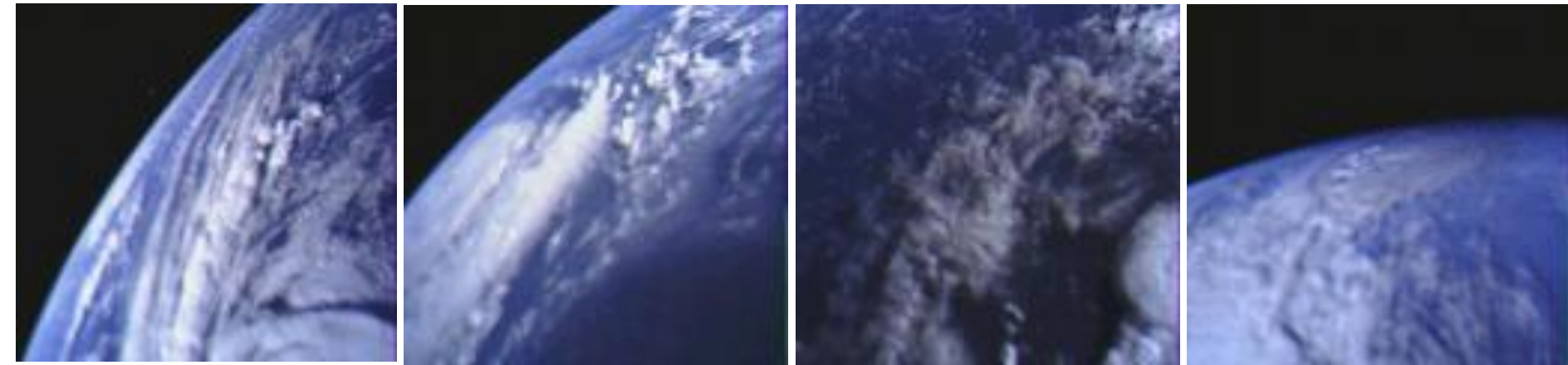
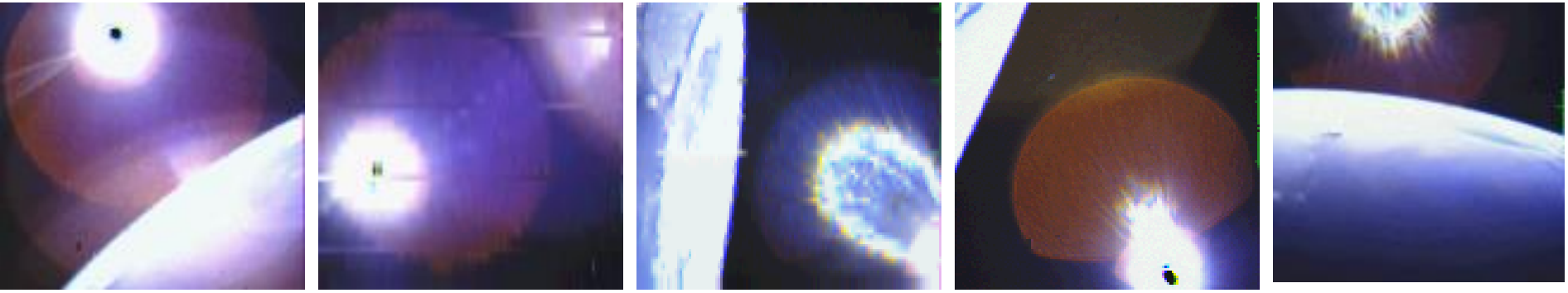
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Project Manager
of Hayabusa-2



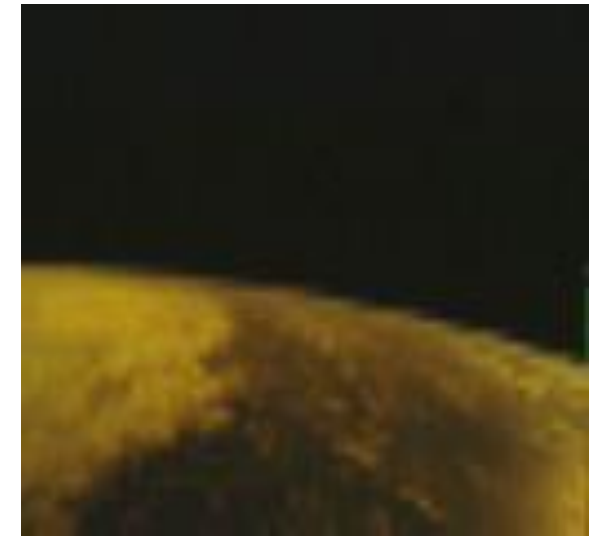
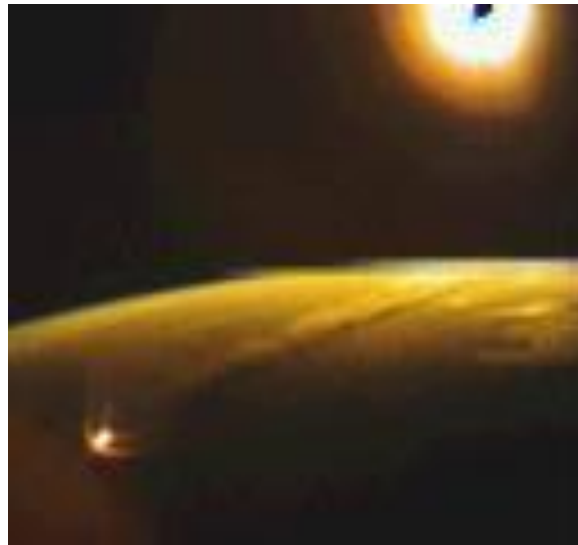
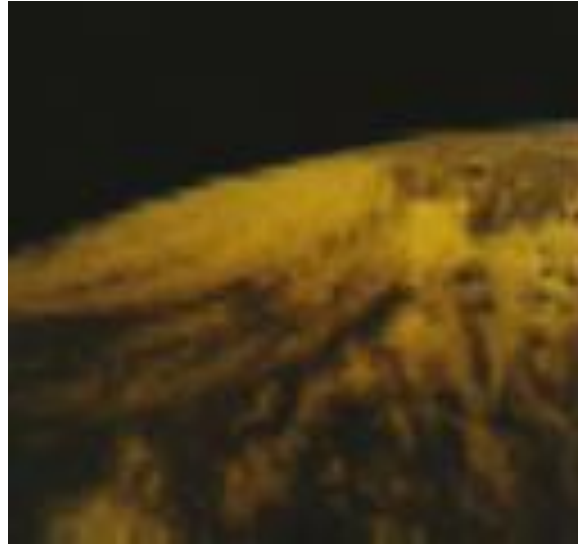
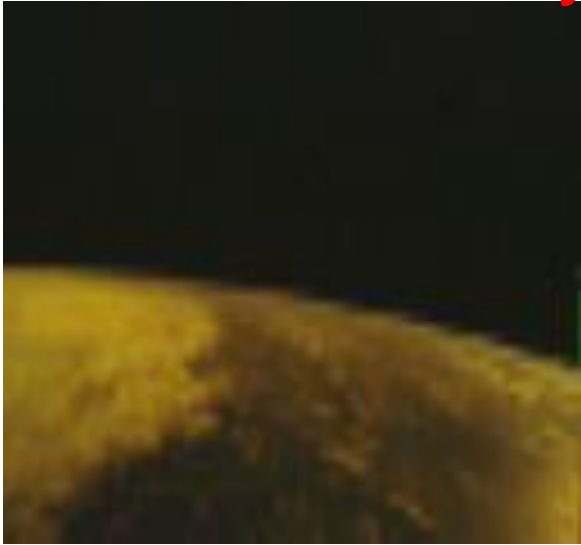
Surviving 13+ years with 500+ pictures downlinked



XI-IV is still perfectly working
after 13 years in orbit

*Sepia color !
Get older ?*

Recently Downlinked Photos



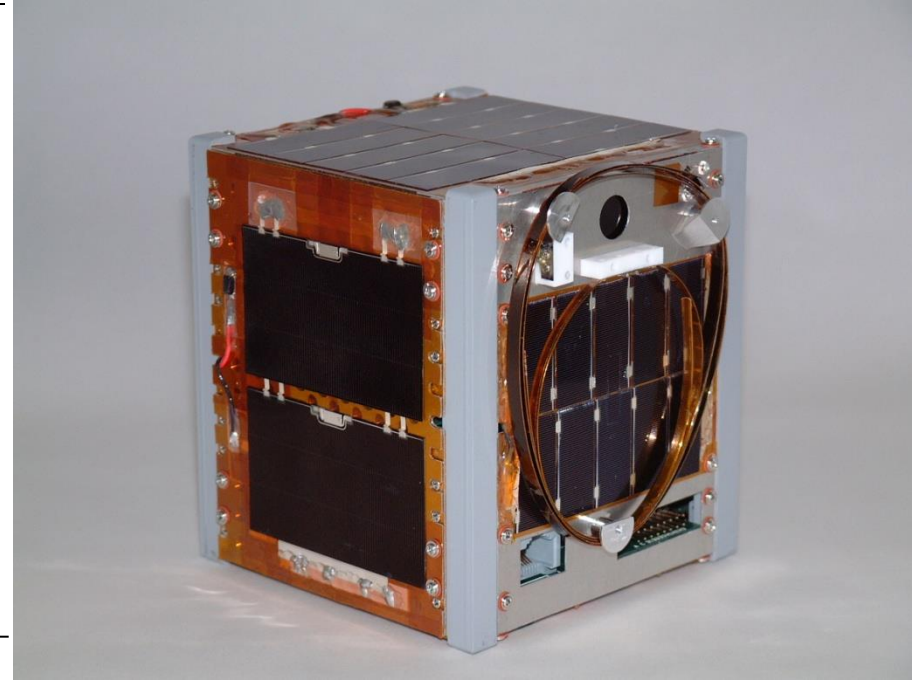
2000 We started in situations that...

- No components on sales for CubeSat
 - Everything should be “hand-made” by ourselves
- No ground test facility in our university
- Please find out what you can do with your small money or not-so-good facility
- Please find out the persons who know how to do and who are willing to support you
 - We don't know how to find launchers
 - We don't know how we can get frequency
 - We don't know how we can get export license
- But we could take much time to think & test

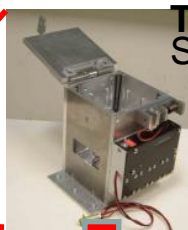
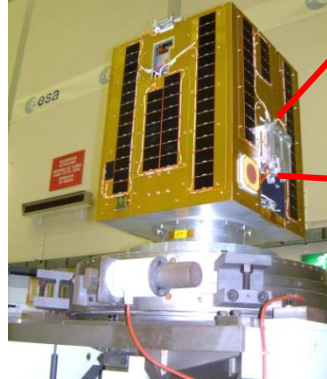
CubeSat "XI-V (Sai Five)"

Mission: CIGS solar cell demonstration, Advanced camera experiment
Developer: University of Tokyo
Launch: COSMOS (October 27, 2005) deployed from "SSETI-EXPRESS"

Size	10x10x10[cm] CubeSat
Weight	1 [kg]
Attitude control	Passive stabilization with permanent magnet and damper
OBC	PIC16F877 x 3
Communication	VHF/UHF (max 1200bps) amateur frequency band
Power	Si, GaAs, CIGS cells
Camera	640 x 480 CMOS
Mission life	> 5 years



SSETI-EXPRESS



T-POD deployment System

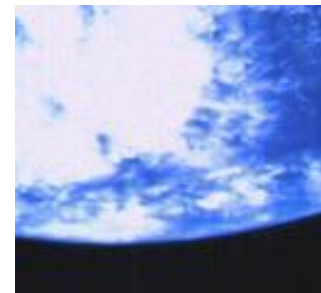


Deployed from
SSETI-EXPRESS
in space

JAXA/NEDO CIGS
Solar Cells



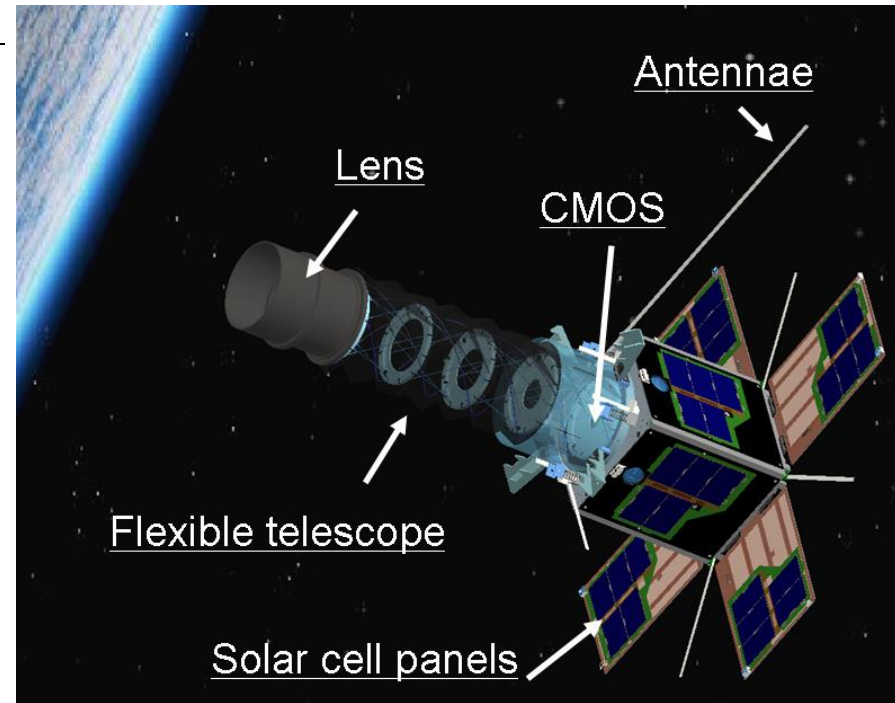
Captured Earth Images



PRISM "Hitomi"

Mission: Earth Remote Sensing (20 m GSD, RGB) with Deployable Boom
Developer: University of Tokyo
Launch: H-IIA (Jan 23, 2009) Piggyback with GOSAT (CO₂ monitoring sat)

Size	20x20x40[cm] in rocket 20x20x80[cm] in space
Weight	8.5 [kg]
Attitude control	3-axis stabilization with Sun, Magnet sensor, MEMS gyro magnetic torquers
OBC	SH2, H8 x 2, PIC x 2
Communication	VHF/UHF (max 9600bps)
Mission life	> 2.5 years



Captured images

Mexico Seashore



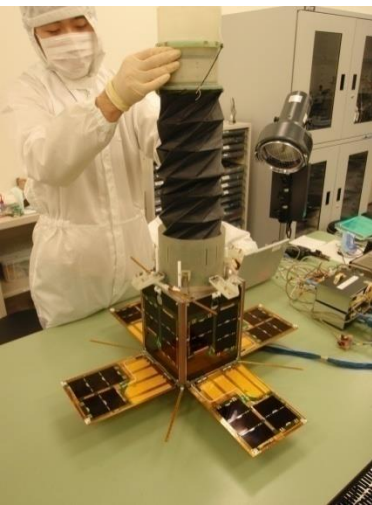
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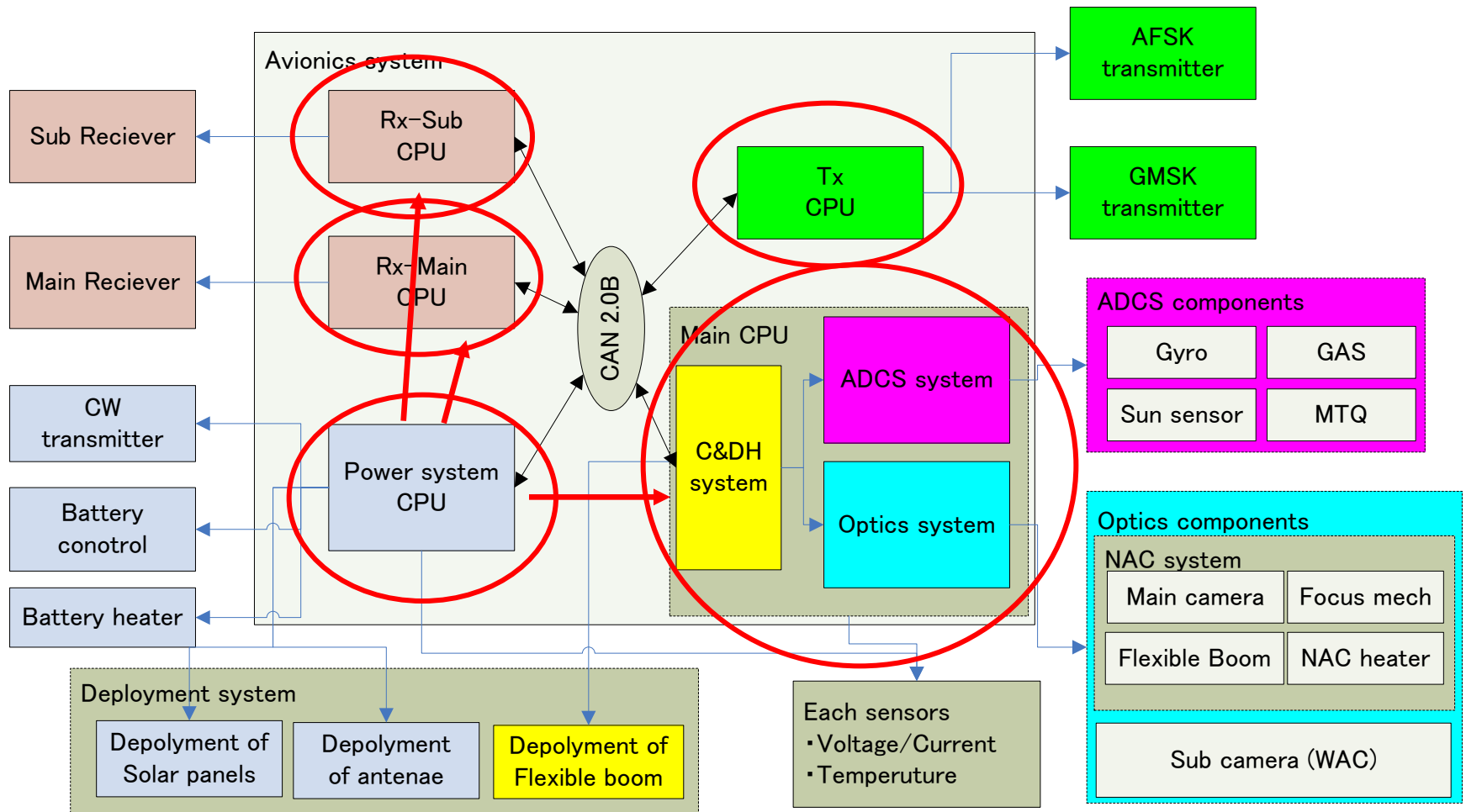
Kita-Kyushu (Japan)



Wide Angle Camera

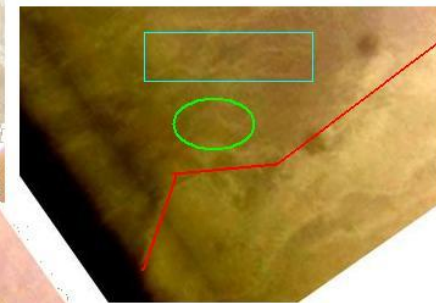
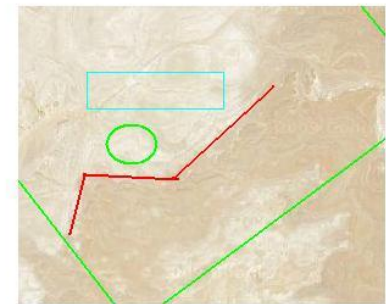
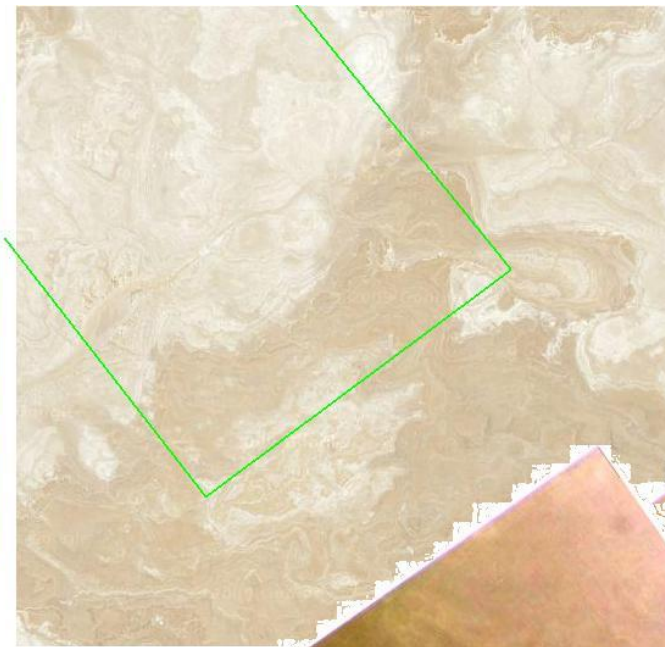
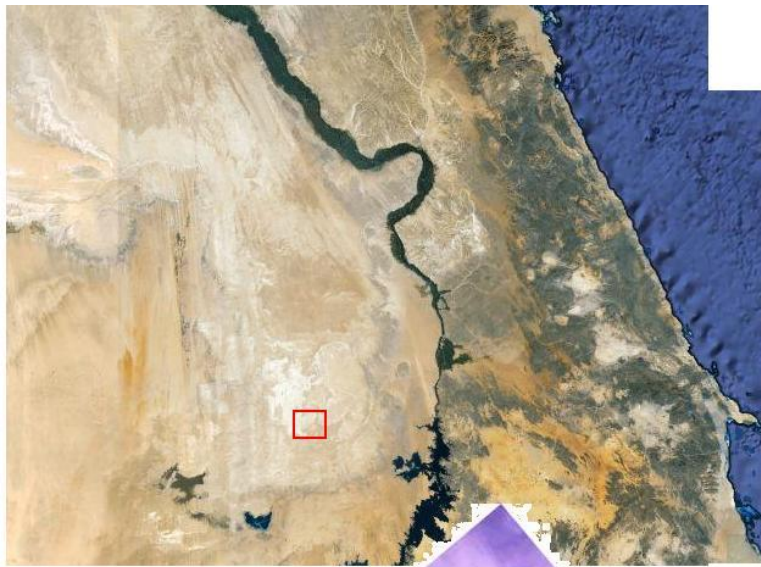


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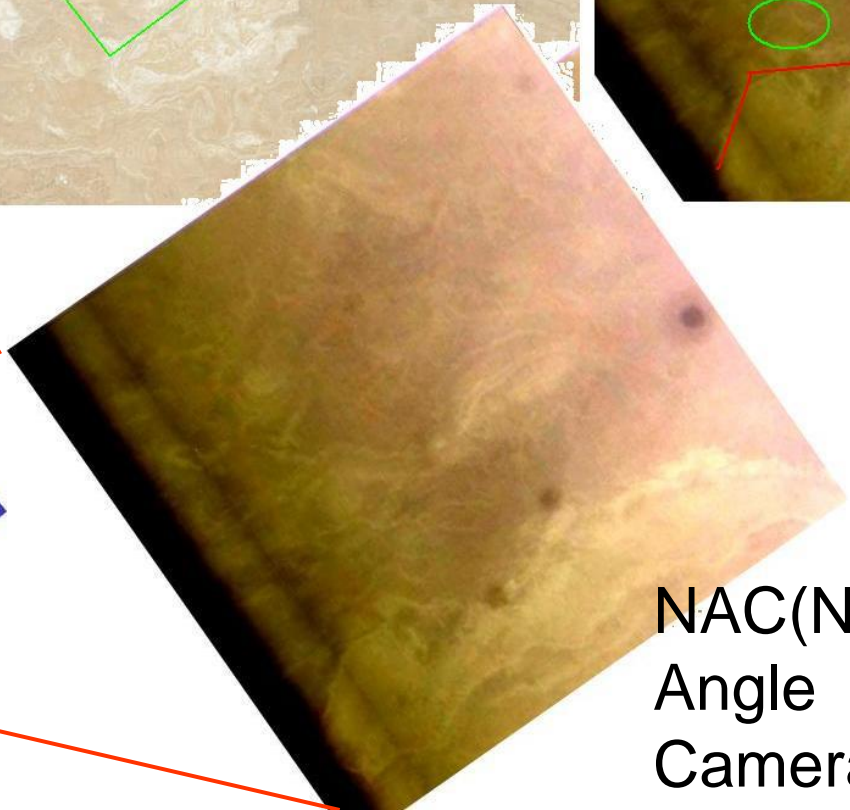


Combination of “High performance but may-be-weak” processor and “Low performance but very robust and proven” processor

Photos of The Nile River



WAC(Wide
Angle
Camera)



NAC(Narrow
Angle
Camera)

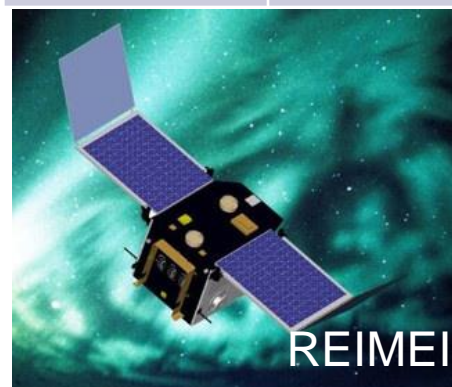
Important Tips for Development

- **Target level (“mission” or “bus” level)**
 - Stepping up from Low/simple to High/complex
 - Transfer technology/experiences to next step
 - You can find highlight in even simple satellite
- **“Kit” vs “Self-made”**
 - Kit is very good to quickly get orbital results
 - But cannot understand the “inside of box”
 - “Self-made” will get deep understanding
 - Please find good combination of both strategy
- **Don’t think it an easy task**
 - 100,000 man-hour were required for XI-IV

Vision on Applications to Space Science and Exploration

Space Science and Exploration - Japanese Missions and Players -

Size(kg)	Category	Players	Project Examples
>500	Mid-large	JAXA	Science: Ginga, Akari, Suzaku, Hitomi— Exploration: Hayabusa & 2, Kaguya, Akatsuki--
100-500	Small	JAXA	Science: Hisaki (2013), ERG (2016) ---- Engineering: Ikaros (2010)
20-100	Micro	JAXA University	Science: Reimei (Index, 72kg, 2005) Nano-JASMINE(38kg, 2017), RiseSat (2018) Exploration: PROCYON (58kg, 2014)
2-20	Nano	University	Science: CUTE-1.7+APD II (3kg 2008)
<2	Pico		Exploration: ECUULEUS (6U EM-1 2018)



UT's 4th Satellite: Nano-JASMINE



Mission: Astrometry (Getting precise 3D map of stars and their movements)
Developer: University of Tokyo, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, Shinshu University, Kyoto University
Launch: Initially CYCLONE-4 was planned but changed to another launcher

Size	50 [cm-cubic]
Weight	38 [kg]
Attitude control	3-axis stabilization with Star, Sun, Magnet sensor, FOG, RW, Magnetic torquers
OBC	FPGA
Communication	S-band 100 [kbps]
Mission life	2 [year]

Special features:

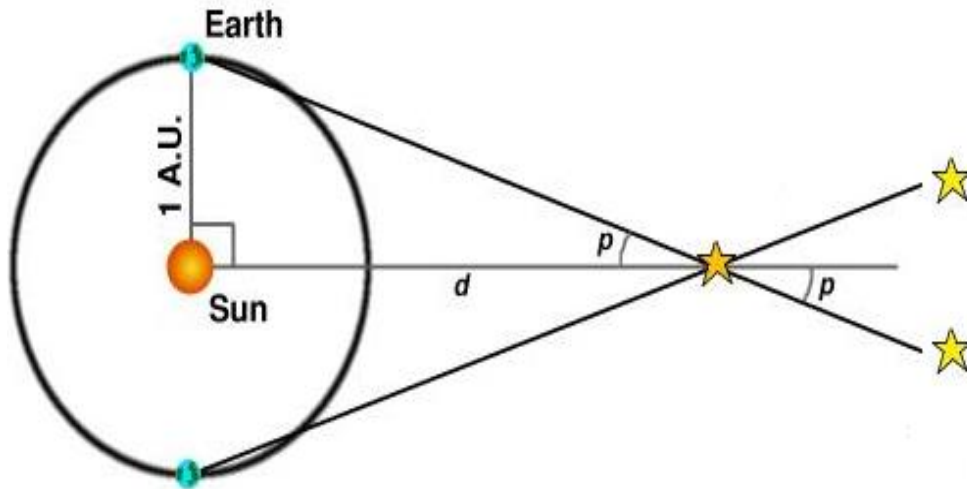
- Attitude Stability 0.8 arcsec for 8.8 sec
 - Thermal Stability < 0.1K (at -50 degree)
 - Map Accuracy Compatible with "Hipparcos" Satellite ('89)
 - Telescope two CCDs with TDI
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NJ's "Astrometry" Mission

- **Mission**

- Estimate 3 Dimensional positions of stars and their movement
- Demonstration for "JASMINE" mission

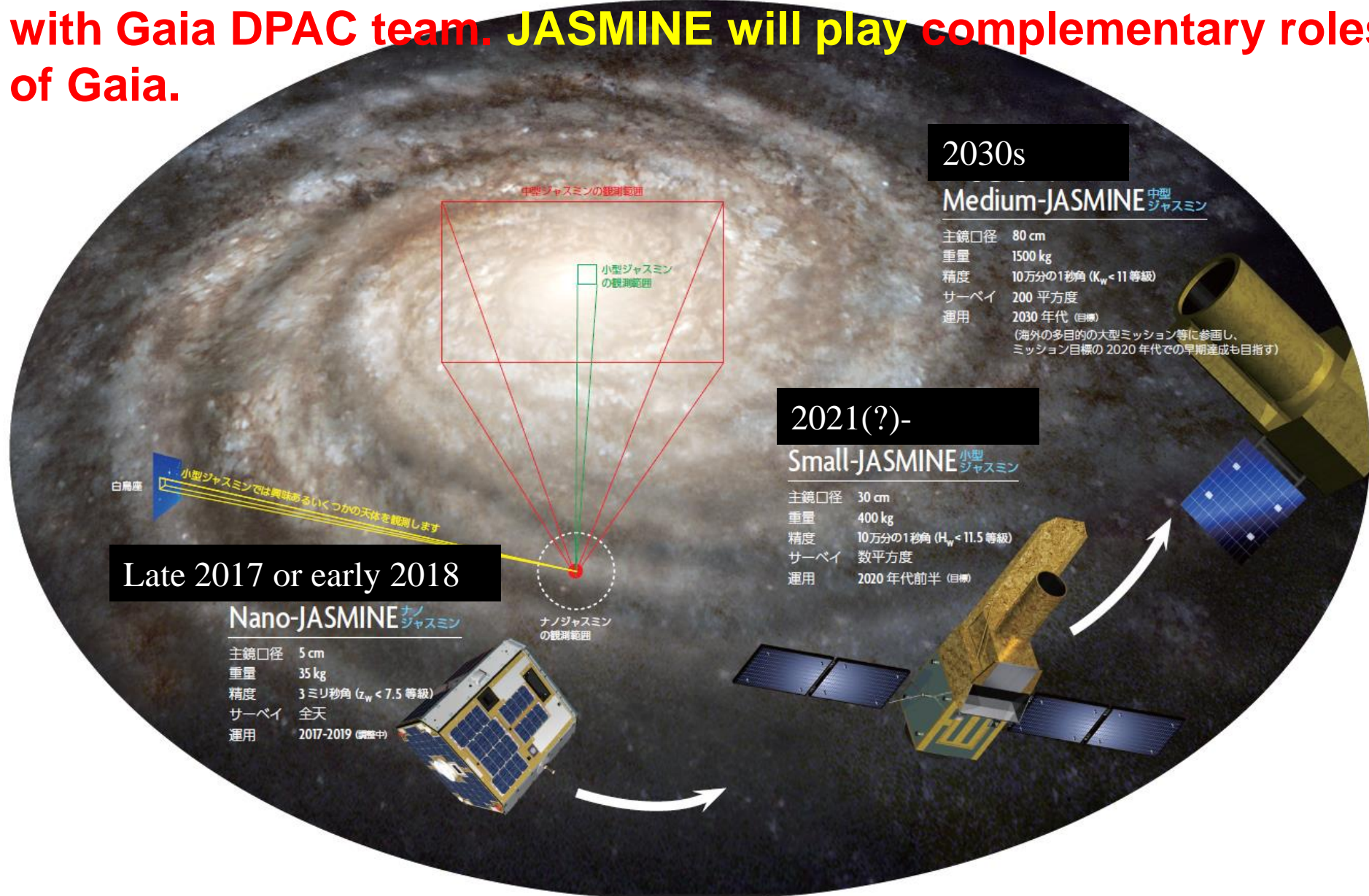


Star position determination by
Annual Parallax

- Attitude stabilization
740 m-arcsec /8.8s
- Temperature
– 50°C, $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$
stability

- Long exposure time required.
- Two telescope angular separation should be kept constant.

Japanese group is promoting series of space astrometry missions, “JASMINE program”, in international collaboration with Gaia DPAC team. **JASMINE will play complementary roles of Gaia.**



2030s

Medium-JASMINE 中型ジャズミン

- 主鏡口径 80 cm
- 重量 1500 kg
- 精度 10万分の1秒角 ($K_w < 11$ 等級)
- サーベイ 200 平方度
- 運用 2030 年代 (目標)
- (海外の多目的の大型ミッション等に参画し、ミッション目標の 2020 年代での早期達成も目指す)

2021(?) -

Small-JASMINE 小型ジャズミン

- 主鏡口径 30 cm
- 重量 400 kg
- 精度 10万分の1秒角 ($H_w < 11.5$ 等級)
- サーベイ 数平方度
- 運用 2020 年代前半 (目標)

Late 2017 or early 2018

Nano-JASMINE ナノジャズミン

- 主鏡口径 5 cm
- 重量 35 kg
- 精度 3 ミリ秒角 ($\alpha_w < 7.5$ 等級)
- サーベイ 全天
- 運用 2017-2019 (観測中)

白鳥座
小型ジャズミンでは興味あるいくつかの天体を観測します

ナノジャズミンの観測範囲

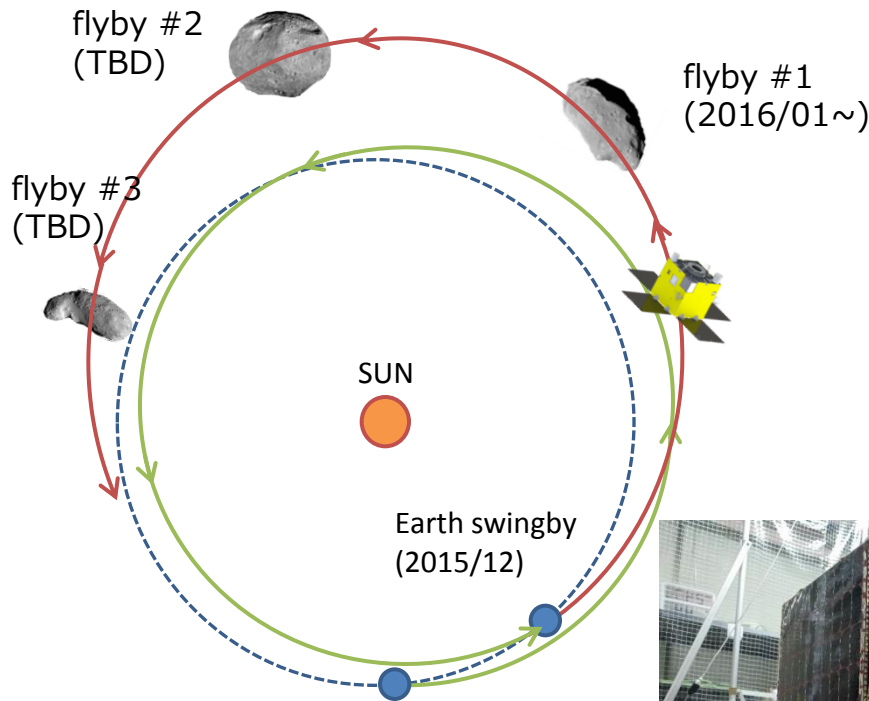
小型ジャズミンの観測範囲

中型ジャズミンの観測範囲

50kg-class deep space probe “PROCYON”

(PROCYON: PRoximate Object Close flyby with Optical Navigation)

Developer: **Univ. of Tokyo and JAXA** (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)
Launch: H2A rocket (together with Hayabusa-2 asteroid explorer, 2014 Dec.)
Mission: Demo. of 50kg deep space exploration bus system (nominal mission)
Asteroid flyby observation (advanced mission)



<Asteroid close flyby observation>

High resolution asteroid observation enabled by onboard image feedback control of scan mirror

Flyby velocity > a few km/s

LOS (Line of sight) control

Close flyby (altitude: ~30km)

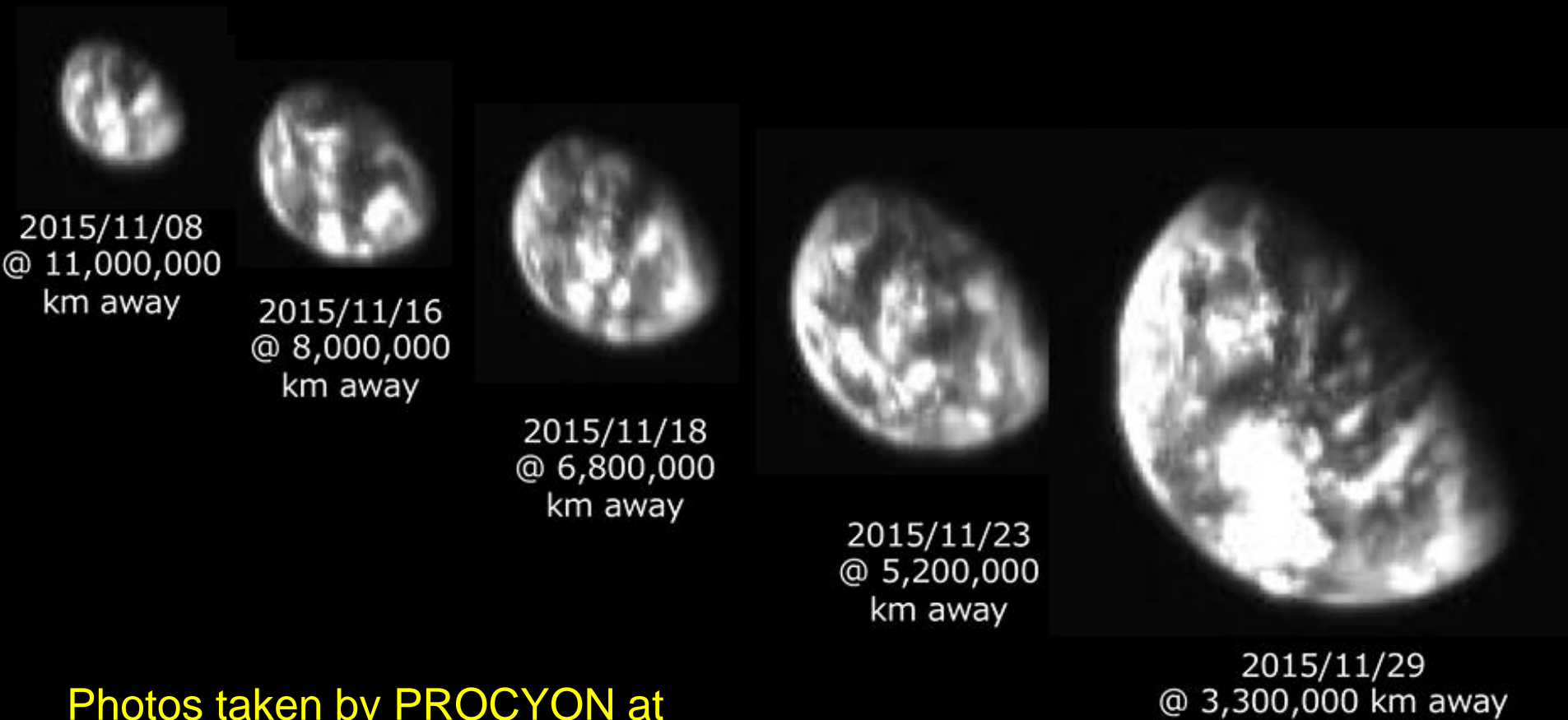
LOS (Line of sight) control



Used Hodoyoshi compo.
Developed within 1.2 years

**Launched (2014/12,
together with Hayabusa-2
asteroid explorer)**

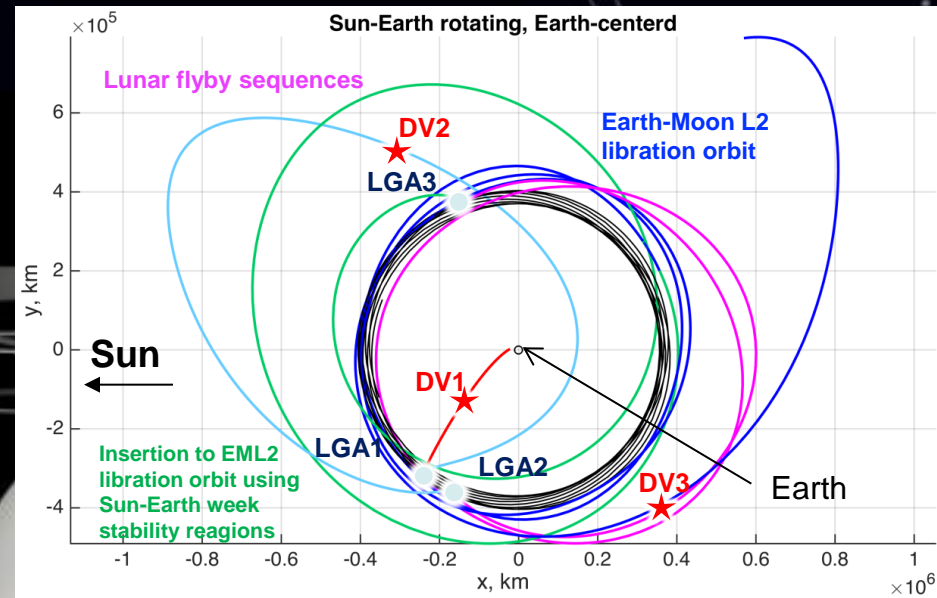
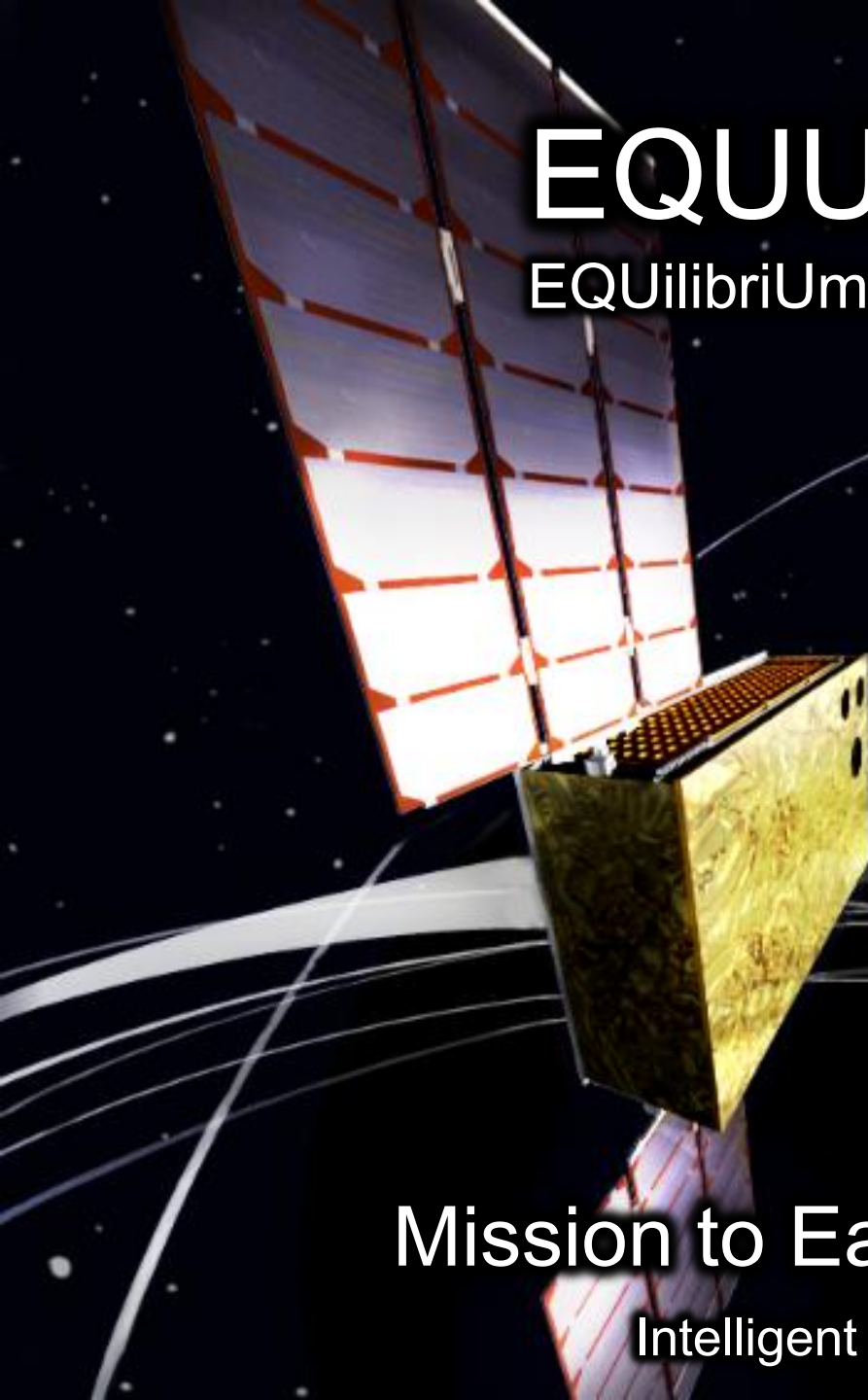
Earth photos captured from deep space by PROCYON



Photos taken by PROCYON at close encounter of Earth in 2015/12 (one year after launch)

EQUULEUS One of 13 EM-1 CubeSats

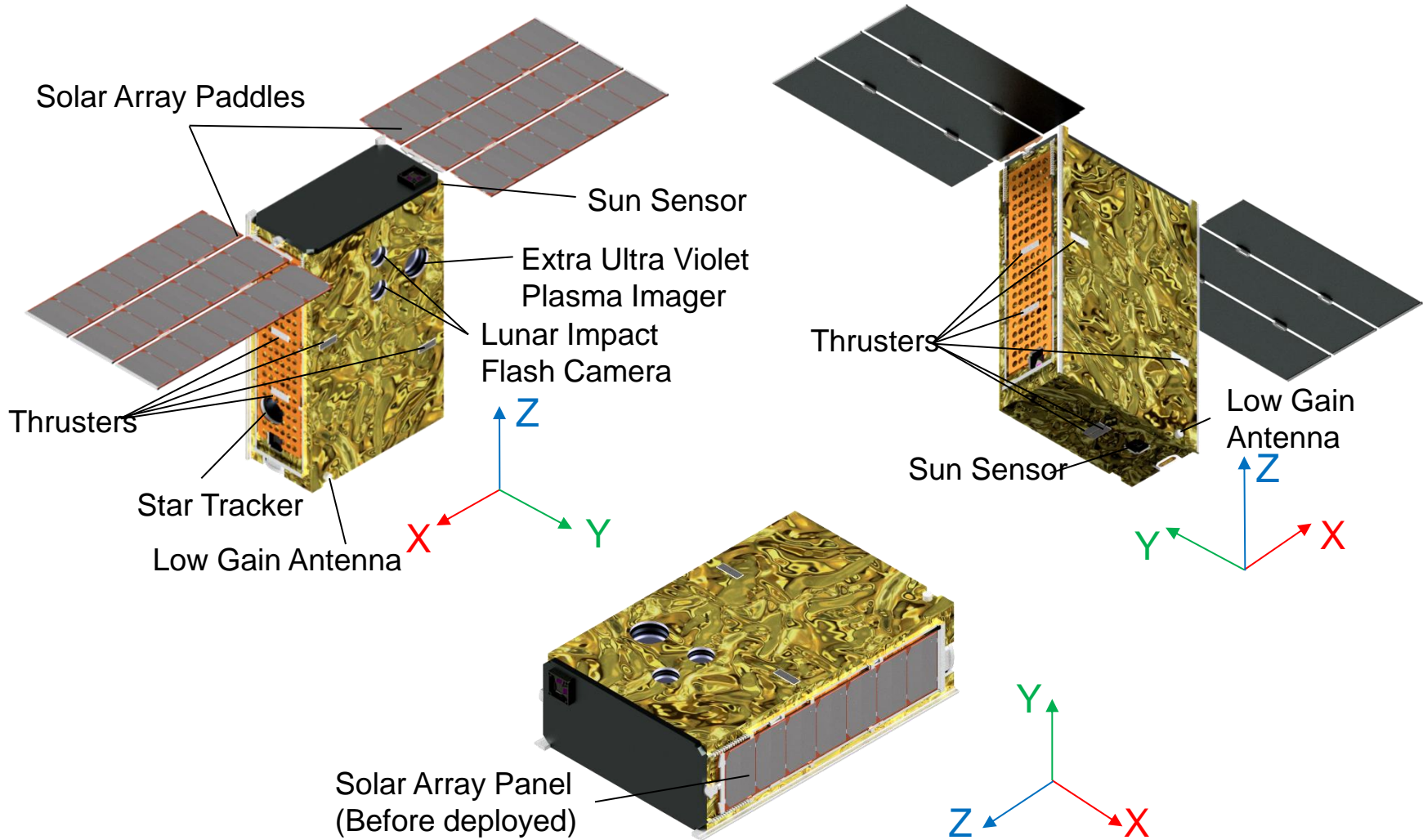
EQUilibriUm Lunar-Earth point 6U Spacecraft



Mission to Earth Moon Lagrange Point

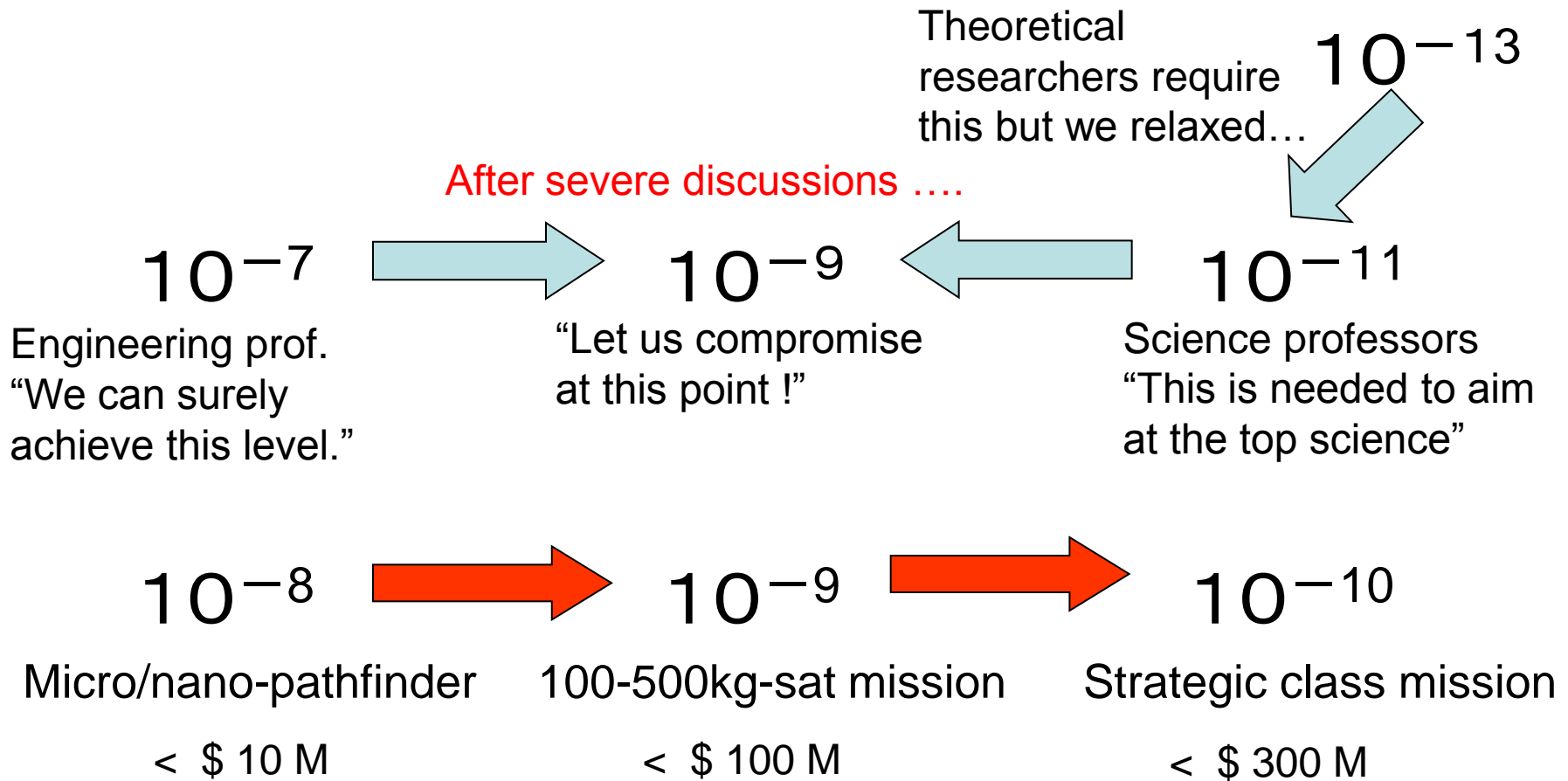
Intelligent Space Systems Laboratory, 2016/08/01

Spacecraft Overview



EQUULEUS has fundamental bus systems for deep space missions within 6U CubeSat (deep space communication, power, thermal control, attitude control, propulsion).

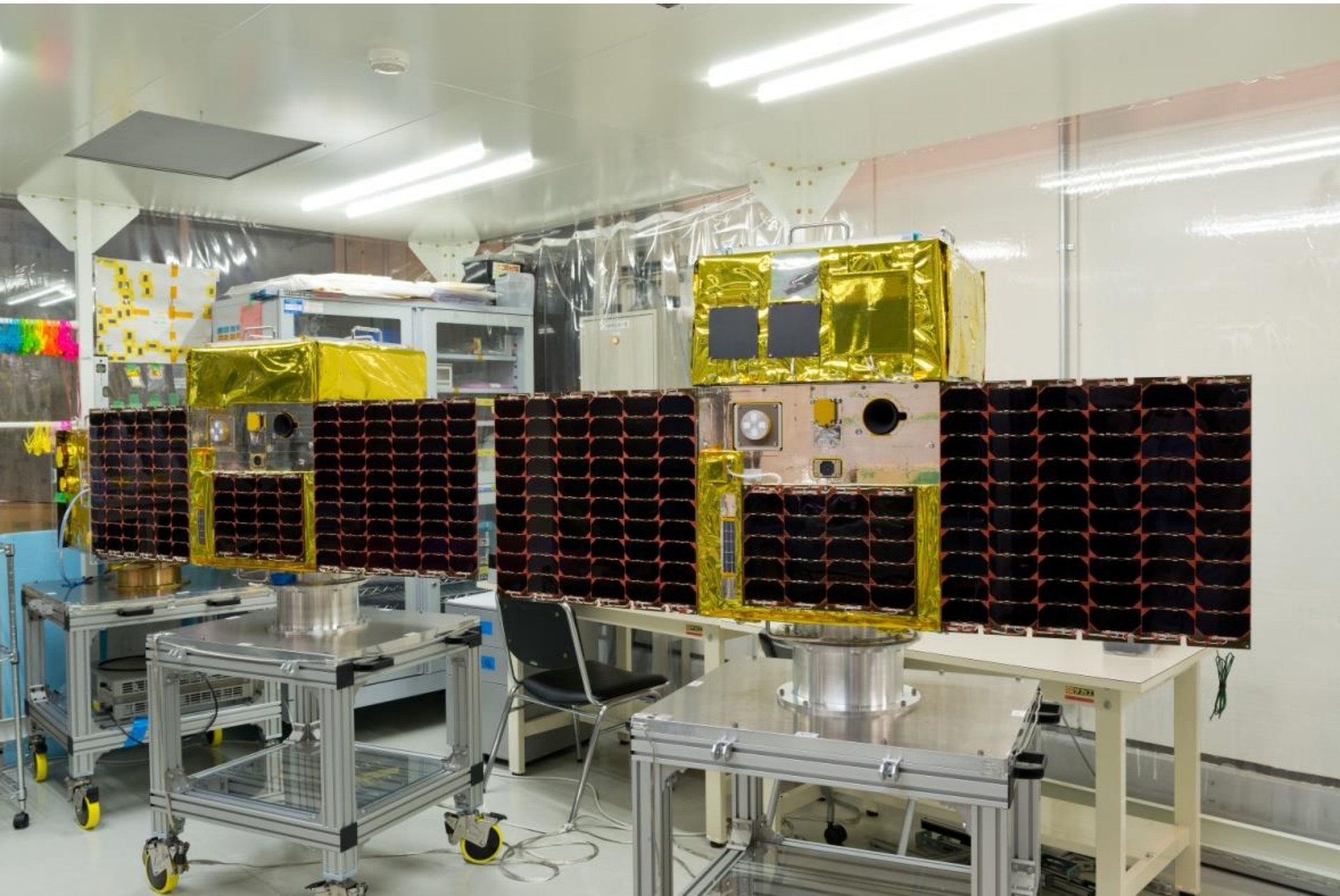
Logic of “order”



If you pursue the “perfect” objective from initial, you cannot get money and you cannot realize as it is very difficult to get the public approval and funding. *Quickly start with “not perfect” but “good enough” science mission!*

Vision on Applications to Earth Observation

Hodoyoshi-3 (left) and Hodoyoshi-4 before Shipment (April, 2014)



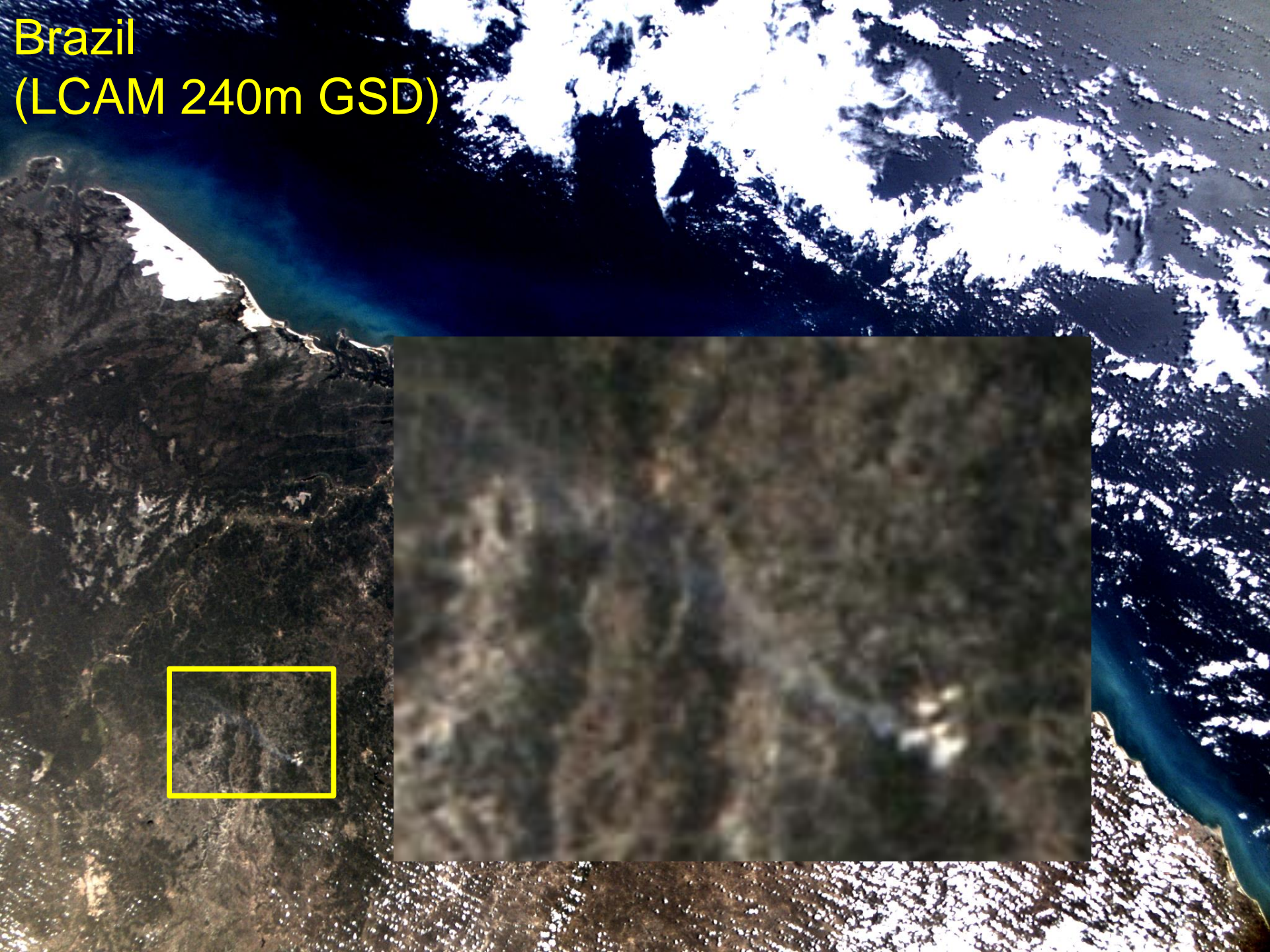
Implementation to Dnepr SHM 2014/6/10



Sri Lanka
(LCAM 240m GSD)

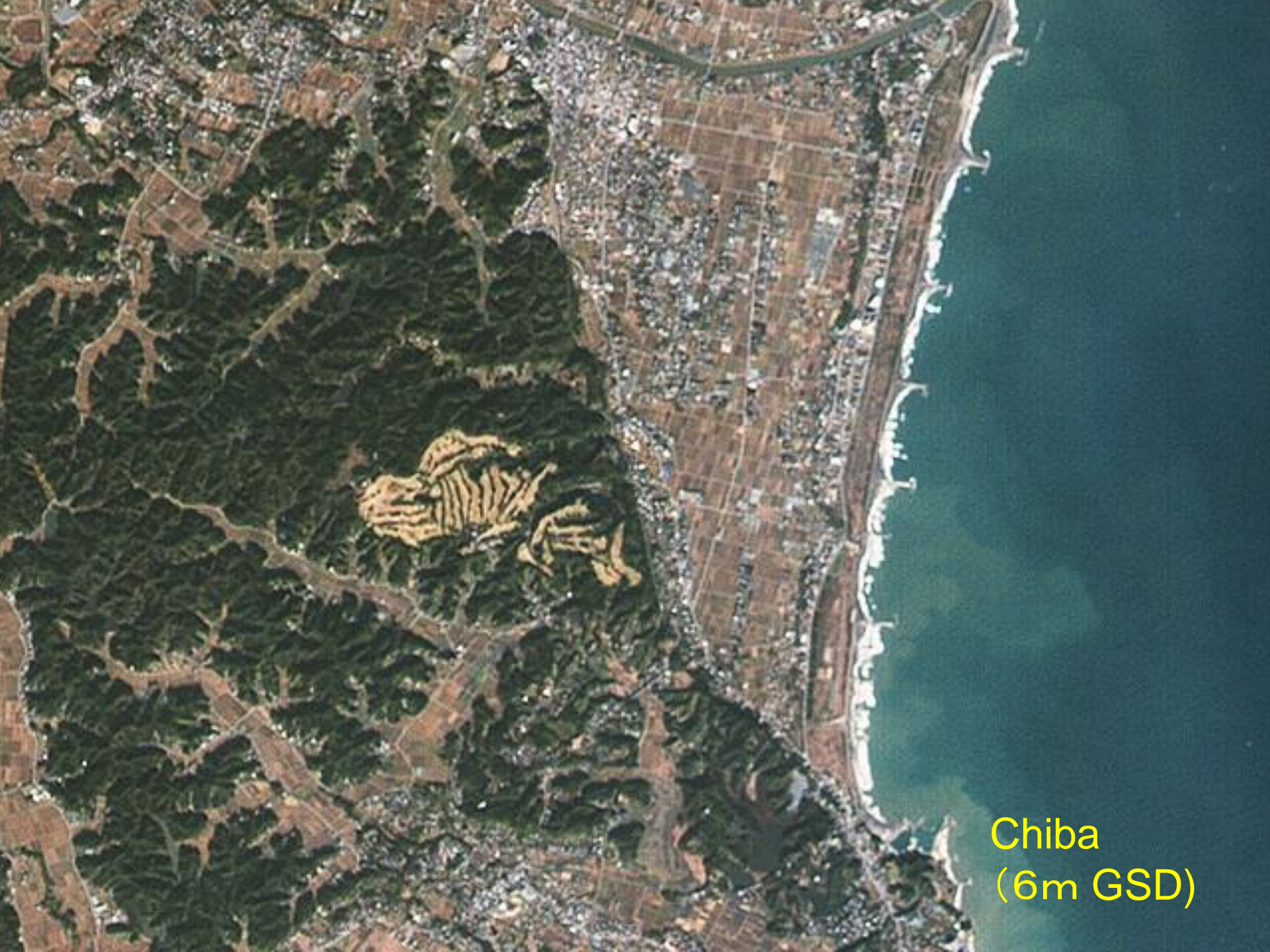


Brazil
(LCAM 240m GSD)





Greek (false color)
(MCAM 40m GSD)

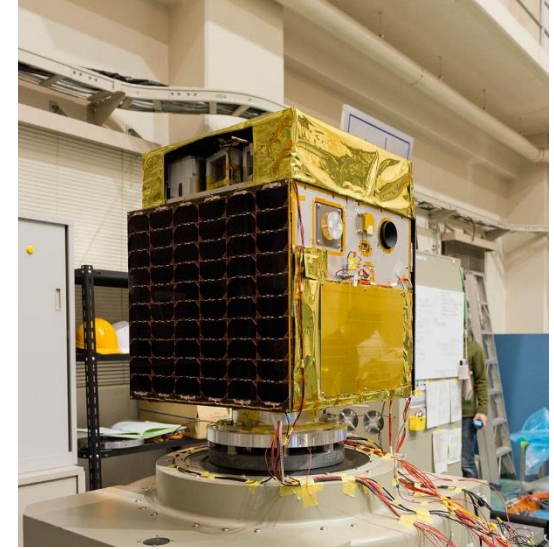


Chiba
(6m GSD)

MicroDragon Project

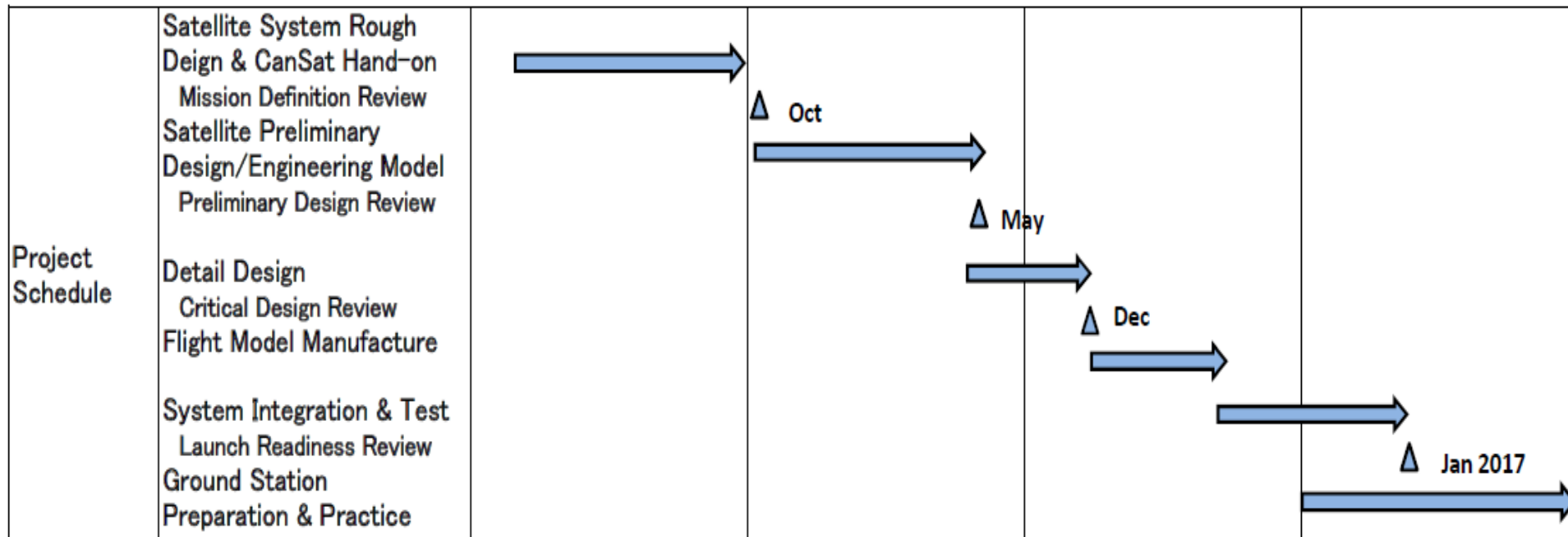
(50kg Earth Remote Sensing Satellite for Vietnam Engineers)

Total 36 engineers study and join the project in 5 Japanese universities. Launch by Epsilon rocket has been decided. (mid 2018).



The University of TOKYO

1st Academic Year 2013/10-2014/9	2nd Academic Year 2014/10-2015/9	3rd Academic Year 2015/10-2016/9	4th Academic Year 2016/10-2017/9
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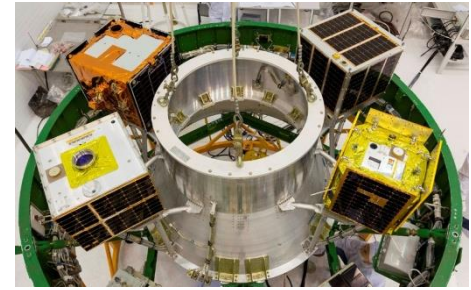


HODOYOSHI-1



Mission: Earth Remote Sensing (6.7m GSD, 4 bands: RGB & NIR)
Developer: AXELSPACE, University of Tokyo, NESTRA
Launch: DNEPR launch on November 6, 2014

Size	about 50 [cm-cubic]
Weight	60 [kg]
OBC	FPGA
Communication	UHF, X (10-20 Mbps)
Average power	50 W
Attitude control	3-axis stabilization with STT, SAS, Magnetometer, Gyros, RW, Magnetic torquers
- stability	0.1 deg/sec
- pointing accuracy	5 arcmin
- determination	10 arcsec
Optical sensor:	15kg, 6.7m GSD (500km alt.)
- Focal length	740mm (F# 7)
- Swath	27.8 x max 179km (500km alt.)
- Bands(SNR)	B(57), G(74), R(80), NIR



Optical Camera (6.7m@500km)
developed by Genesia Corporation



New Zealand

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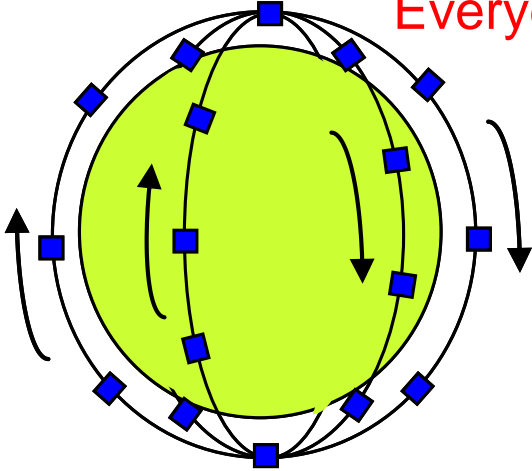
Dubai (6.7mGSD)



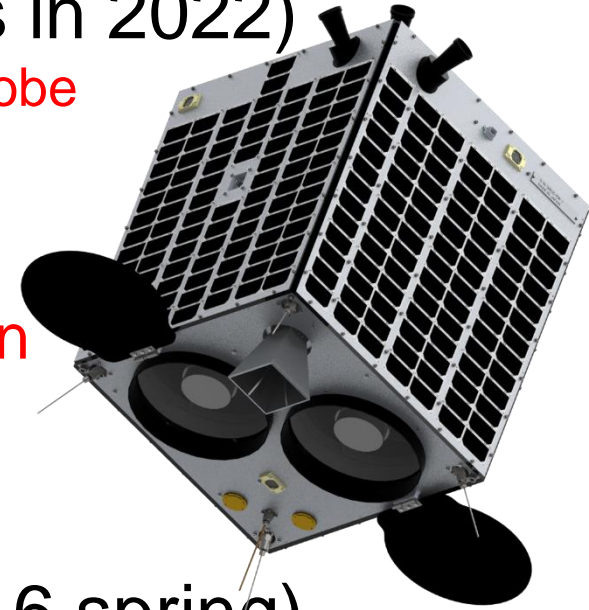
Future Plan of AXELSPACE

- GRUS (3 satellites in 2017, 50 sats in 2022)

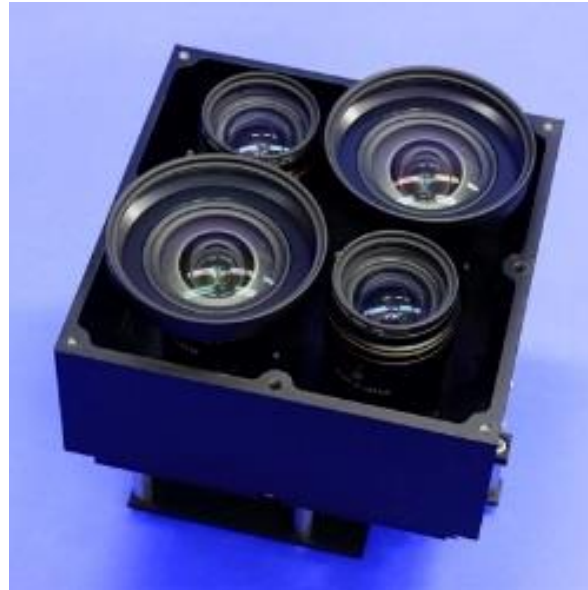
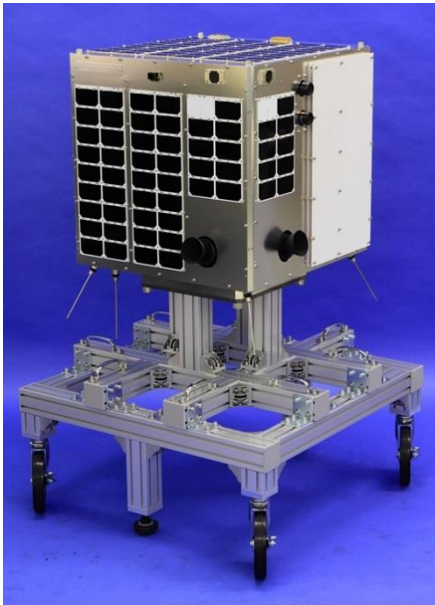
Everyday coverage of the whole globe



2.5m
resolution
images



- WNISAT-1R (to be launched in 2016 spring)



- Glacier Observation of arctic ocean
- GNSS-R reflection experiment
- Laser communication experiment

Vision on Applications to Novel Type of Missions

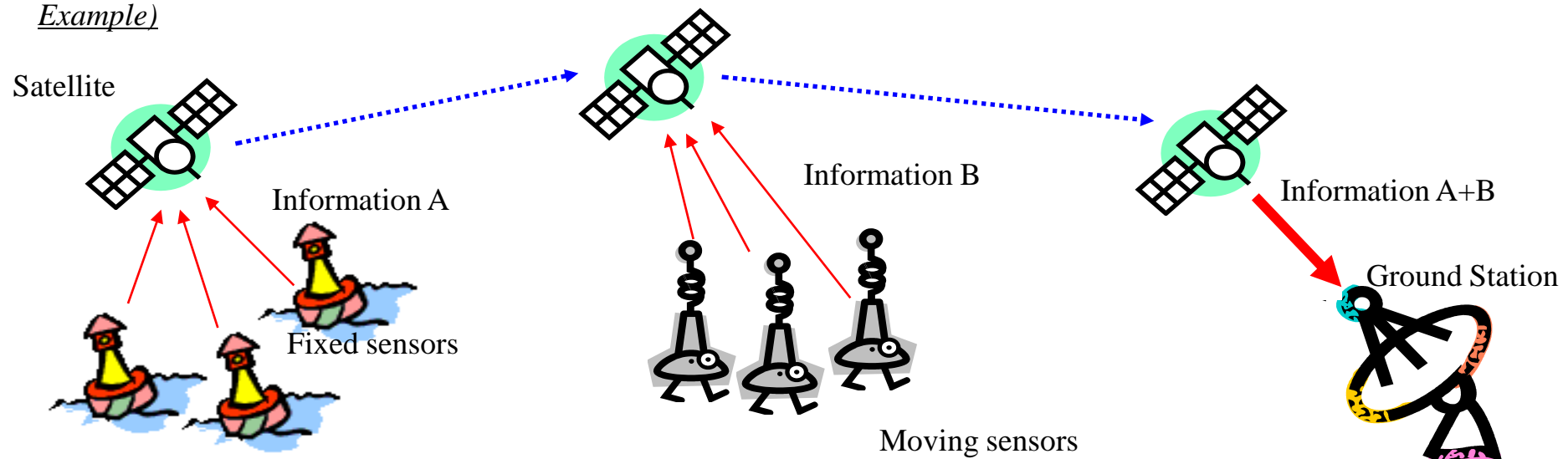
“Store & Forward” gets ground information

- UHF receiver onboard Hodoyoshi-3 & 4 can collect data from ground Sensor Network (fixed points or mobile)

S&F mission outline

1. Fixed or mobile sensors on the earth get ground information and transmit them to Hodoyoshi-3&4 when they fly over the area
2. Hodoyoshi 3&4 receive and store the information, and forward (transmit) it to Ground Stations when it flies over them

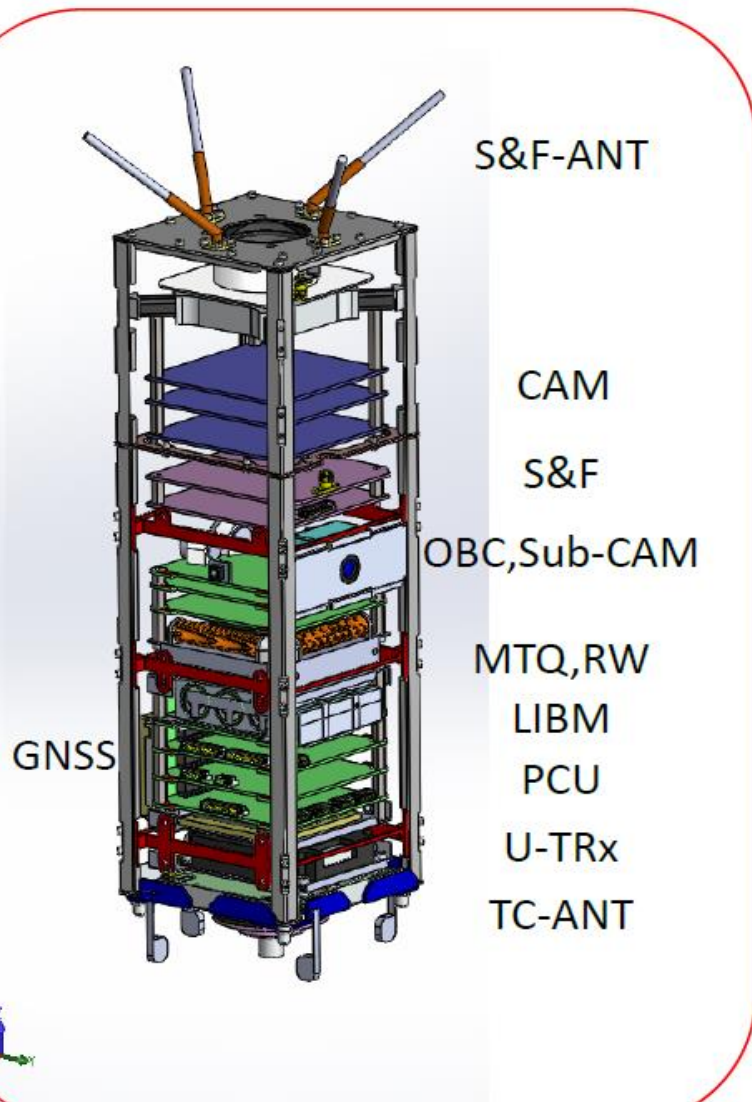
Example)



Application areas: disaster prediction, water level monitoring, forest data acquisition.....

3U CubeSat "TriCom-1"

- Store & Forward Test Satellite -



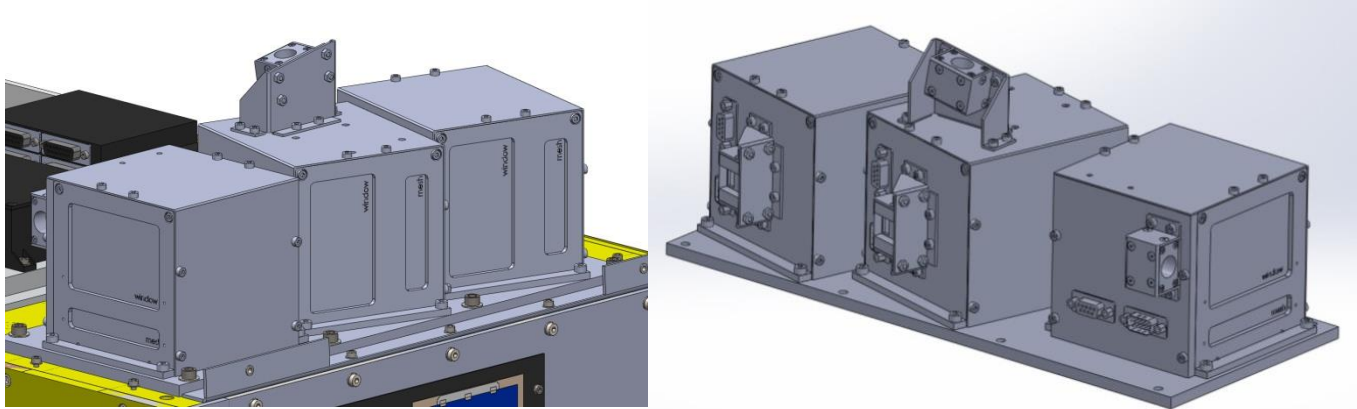
Items	Values	Miscellaneous
Size	10x10x30cm	3U size
Weight	< 3kg	
OBC	"Bocchan"board	Internal made
Power (average)	4W	AZUR GaAs cell
Battery	Li-Ion 41 wh	LIBM
Downlink (H/K&data)	W 1.2kbps	460MHz AFSK "U-TRx"
Uplink(H/K)	50W 9600bps	401MHz
Attitude	Simple 3 axis	B-dot law only
Sensor	magnetic sensor, gyro GPS receiver	"GNSS"
Actuators	magnet torquer despun wheel	"MTQ" "RW"
Camera	GSD 314 m VGA @180km	"CAM"
Sub-Camera	GSD 67 m @600km	"Sub-CAM"

Weak Signal Receiver for Data Collection Capability

Item	Specification
bit rate	100 bps, maximum 8 channels in parallel
Transmission duration	< 300 sec
Transmission power from ground	20 mW
Frequency band	920 MHz (no license of usage is required if using 20mW power)



“Rental Space” in Hodoyoshi 3 & 4



Provided Services:

- Electric power
- Information line
- Camera
- Windows

- Vacant spaces of 10cm cubic size, which are sold to customers
- To provide the “orbiting laboratory” or “advertisement room” opportunity for companies, researcher, public
 - Space demonstration of new products
 - Space environment utilization (micro-gravity)
 - Space science, etc.

Inside of 10cm Cubic Space

HELLO KITTY
40TH
ANNIVERSARY

This message can be
uplinked

“Moving Earth” as seen
through the window

20 second
video clip is
downlinked
and sent to
Sanrio

UNISEC and International Collaborations

University Educational Community **UNISEC** (UNiversity Space Engineering Consortium)

- Founded in 2002, became NPO in 2003
- 70 laboratories from 50 universities (2015)
- 811 students, 267 individual/company members
- **UNISEC Missions:**
 - Education and human resource training for space development/utilization
 - Innovative space technology “seeds” development
- **Activities to be Supported:**
 - Joint experiment, joint development, joint education, etc.
 - Workshop, symposium, technology exchange, etc.
 - Consultation on legal matters (frequency, export law, etc.)
 - Finding “rivals” within the community !
 - “UNISEC Lecture Series”



Ground Station Network (GSN)

- If many universities' ground stations are connected by internet, then it provides
 - Extended operation windows of their own satellite.
 - Backups of failed ground stations and rapid satellite operation



- Worldwide network is under construction
 - Germany (Wurzburg), Sweden (Lurea Univ. in Kiruna),
 - USA (Calpoly, Hawaii, Stanford, Santa Clara, etc)

CLTP History & Participants

48 participants from 25 countries

CLTP1 (Wakayama Univ. in Feb-March, 2011)

12 participants from 10 countries, namely Algeria, Australia, Egypt, Guatemala, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Sri Lanka, Turkey (3), Vietnam.

CLTP2 (Nihon Univ. in Nov-Dec, 2011)

10 participants from 10 countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Vietnam, Ghana, Peru, Singapore, Mongolia, Thailand, Turkey.

CLTP3 (Tokyo Metropolitan Univ. in July-August, 2012)

10 participants from 9 countries, namely Egypt (2), Nigeria, Namibia, Turkey, Lithuania, Mongolia, Israel, Philippines, Brazil.

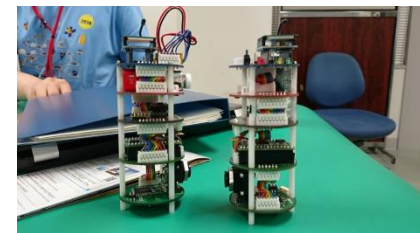
CLTP4 (Keio Univ. in July-August, 2013)

9 participants from 6 countries, namely Mexico(4), Angola, Mongolia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Japan.

CLTP5 (Hokkaido Univ. in Sept 8-19, 2014)

7 participants from 5 countries, namely Korea (2), Peru, Mongolia, Mexico (2), Egypt.

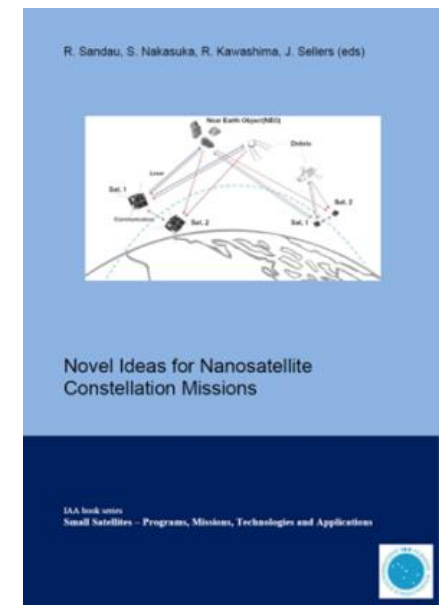
CLTP6 (Hokkaido Univ. in Aug, 2015)



Mission Idea Contest (MIC) for Micro/nano satellite utilization



- Mission and satellite design idea for less than 50kg micro/nano/pico-satellites
- Regional coordinators: 33
- History
 - MIC1 in Tokyo, March 14, 2011
 - MIC2 in Nagoya, Oct. 10, 2012
 - PreMIC3 in Tokyo, Nov. 23, 2013
 - MIC3 in Kitakyushu, Nov 19, 2014
 - PreMIC4 in Tokyo, July 3, 2015
 - **MIC4 to be held in Varna, Oct, 2016**



**Global network through MIC and CLTP
(MIC:33, CLTP: 21 nations) 38 countries in total
260 attendants from 47 nations in 5th Nano-sat Sympo 2013.
7th Nano-sat Sympo will be held in October 2016 in Varna.**



- MicroDragon is developed with 36 Vietnam young engineers in four years
- Collaboration with Kazakfstan, Brazil, Ukraine, etc. is under discussion

“UNISEC-Global” activities

33 regions/countries are interested to start UNISEC in their countries: **South Africa**, Angola, Namibia, **Egypt**, Ghana, Kenya, **Nigeria**, **Tunisia**, **Bangladesh**, Korea, Mongolia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, **Turkey**, Australia, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Canada, USA, Guatemala, **Mexico**, **Peru**, Brazil, Bulgaria, **Italy**, **Samara (Russia)**, Switzerland, **Germany**, Slovenia, **Lithuania** and **Japan**.



12 Local Chapters and 1 Association of Local Chapters have been acknowledged. (red part)

UNISEC-GLOBAL meeting will be held in Varna in October 2016

Summary

- The era of micro/nano/pico-satellites has come !!
- Not only “launch”, but also make it really work and perform missions in space !!
 - To make it survive in space !
- Stepping up from simple to sophisticated satellites would be a good strategy !!
- Enjoy this one week joint event and find new friends and collaborators !!