



CubeSat Flight Software Workshop

# Spacecraft Architecture

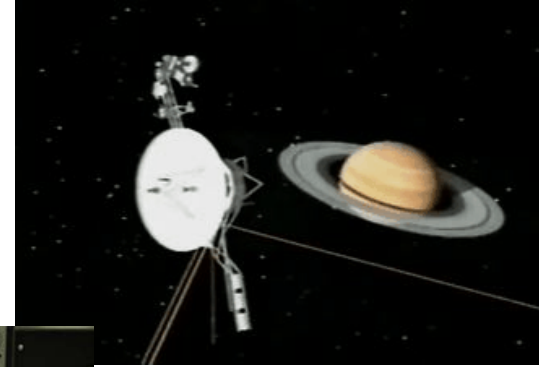
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# Introduction to Spacecraft Architectures

- Many different kinds of spacecraft
  - Explorers
  - Communications
  - Weather
  - Military
  - Cubesats



Voyager



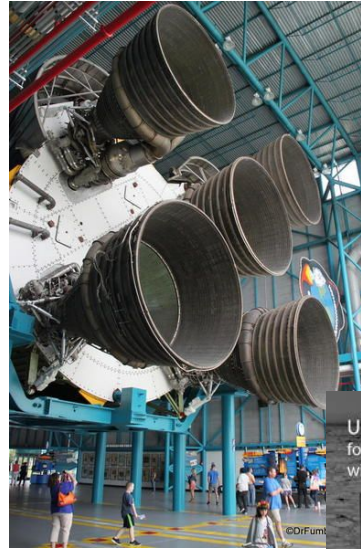
Asteria



Iridium

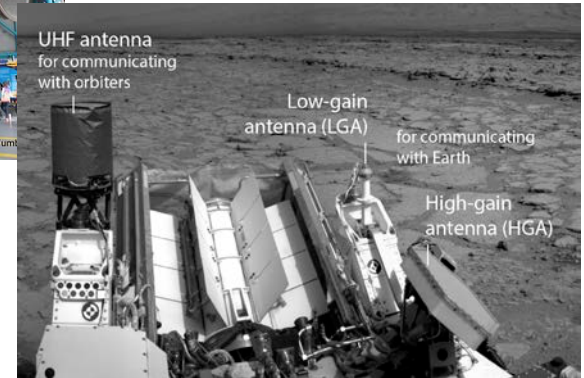
# Spacecraft Subsystems

- Propulsion
  - Thrusters (main, RCS)
  - Valves
  - Fuel delivery
- Telecom
  - Data encoding
  - Amplification and transmission
  - Reception
  - Radio Science
  - Antenna system

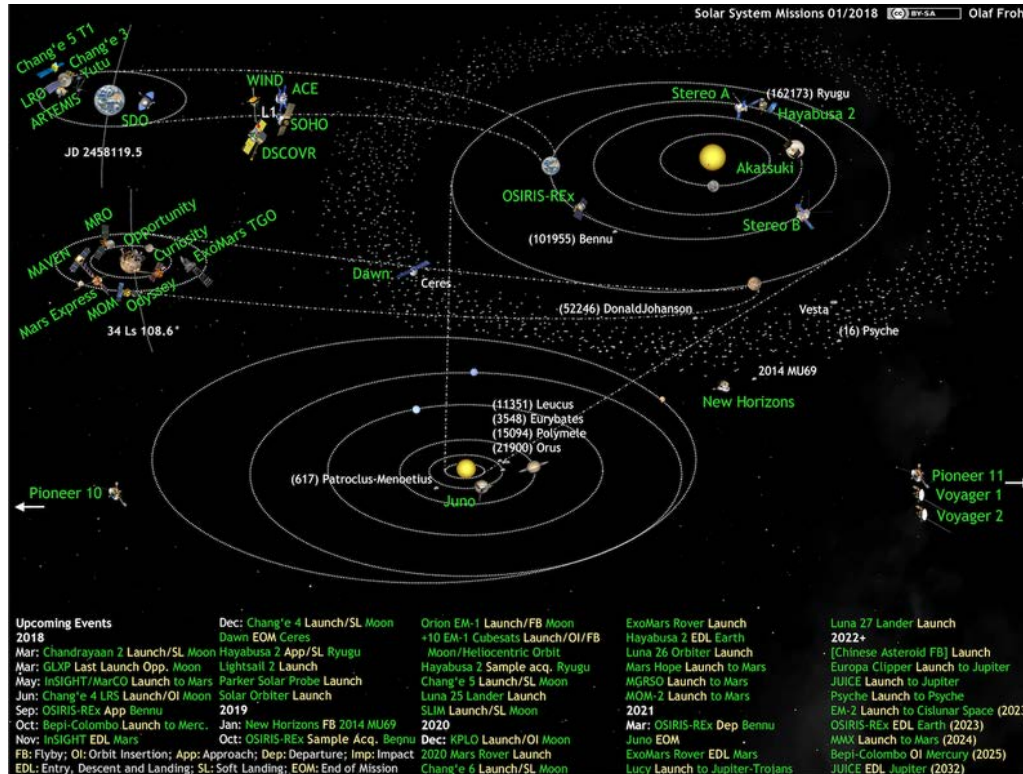


Saturn V

Curiosity



# Active Spacecraft





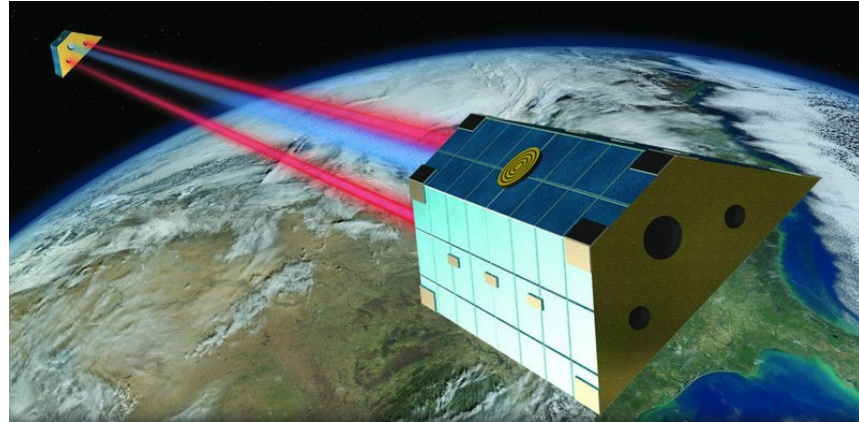
# Introduction to Spacecraft Architectures

- Payloads
  - Instruments
  - Radars
  - Experiments

Jason 2

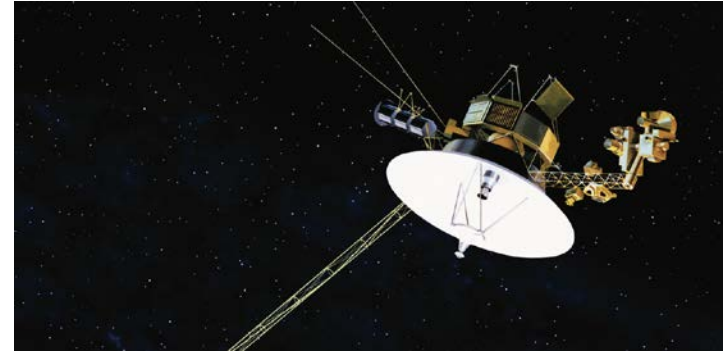


Grace Follow-On

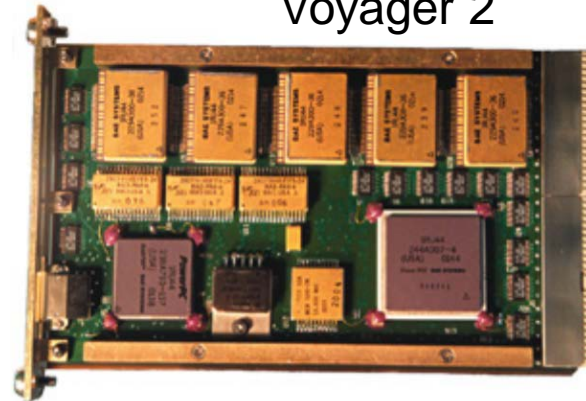


# Introduction to Spacecraft Architectures

- Characteristics of Spacecraft
  - Rugged
    - Survive for many years
    - Over-engineered
    - Old but reliable tech
  - Space-worthy
    - Radiation
    - Thermal
    - Power
  - Autonomous
    - Respond to faults
    - Guidance algorithms
    - Research on even more



Voyager 2



BAE  
RAD750

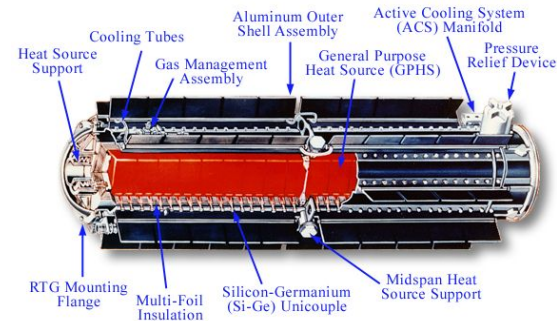
# Spacecraft Subsystems

- Command and Data Handling (C&DH)
  - Computer processor(s)
  - Storage
  - Input/Output devices
    - UARTs, SpaceWire, SPI, I2C
  - Communication Busses
    - PCI, AMBA, 1553, VME
- Power
  - Power source
  - Battery system
  - Power switching

Cassini



GPHS-RTG



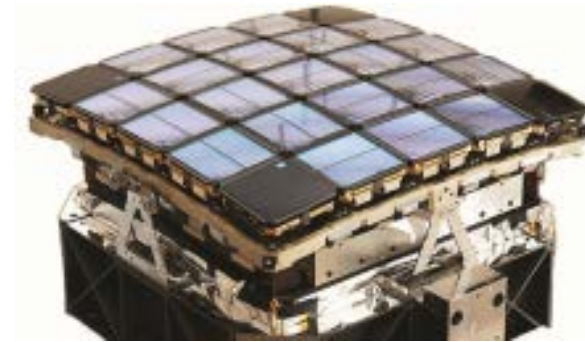
# Spacecraft Subsystems

- Mechanical
  - Structure of the system
    - Rigid
    - Articulating
    - Rotating
- Payloads
  - Instruments
  - Sensors
  - Experiments
  - Imagers

Insight



Kepler



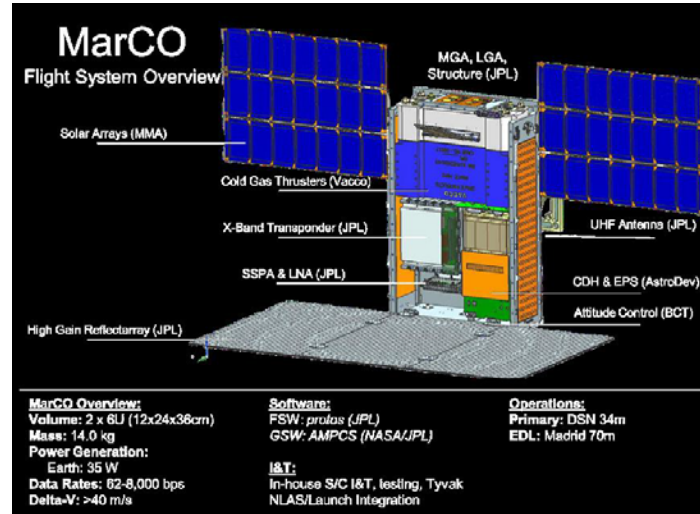


# Spacecraft Subsystems – Hardware Layering

Peripheral  
(Payload, Power,  
Telecom, etc)

I/O  
Device

Processor



MarCo Cubesat

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