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- SPEC(ifications) Tables
- Your CubeSat discoveries!



- Optical Designers use them to communicate design requirements
- Tables to organize key design constraints
- Enables **CLEAR COMMUNICATION** between design collaborators

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3	Date		March 1st, 2020	
4	Project Title		PODSat - A Cubesat Concept	
5	Brief Description		A CubeSat payload for variable objectives	
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16	Pixel Pitch	=	1.4 x 1.4 um	Detector Datasheet
17	Nyquist	=	714 lp/mm	1/Pixel Pitch
18	Other Detector Info		Paper using detector for 310nm observations	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5087437/pdf/sensors-16-01649.pdf
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21	Distortion	<	1%	
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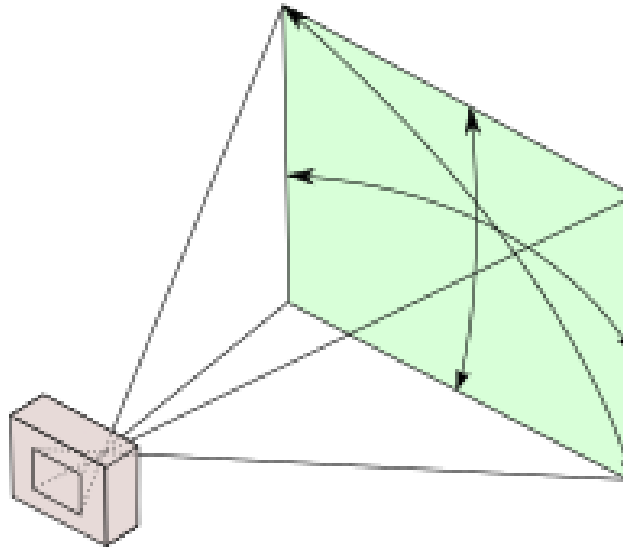


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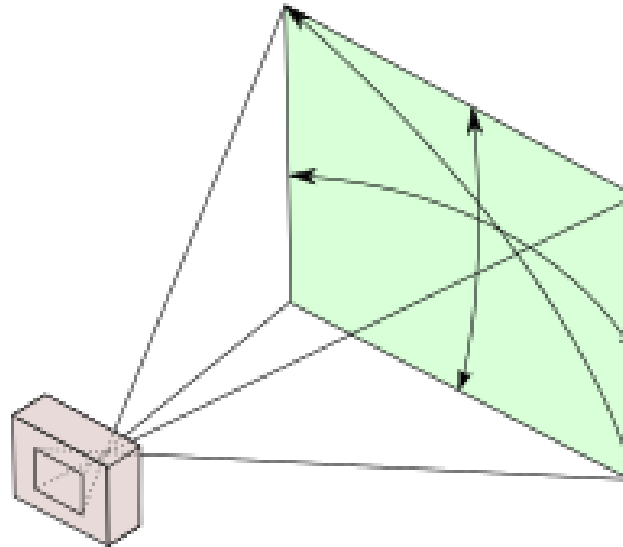
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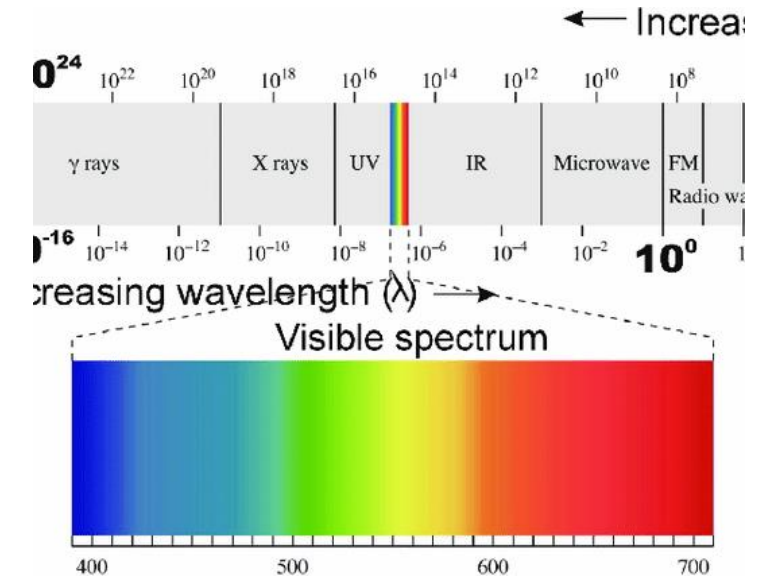
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Aperture

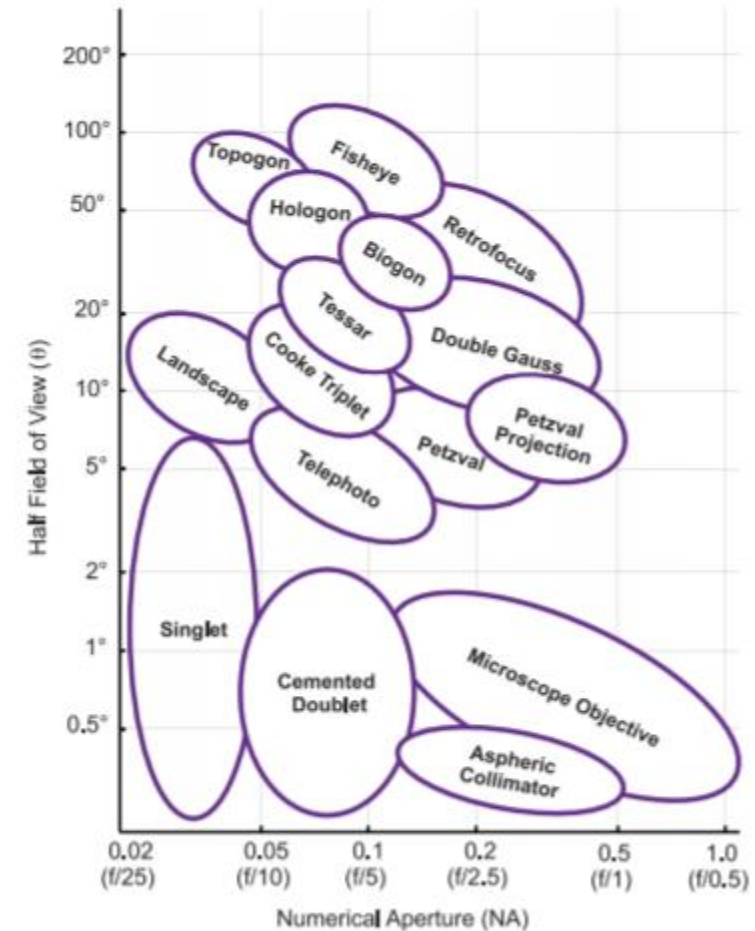


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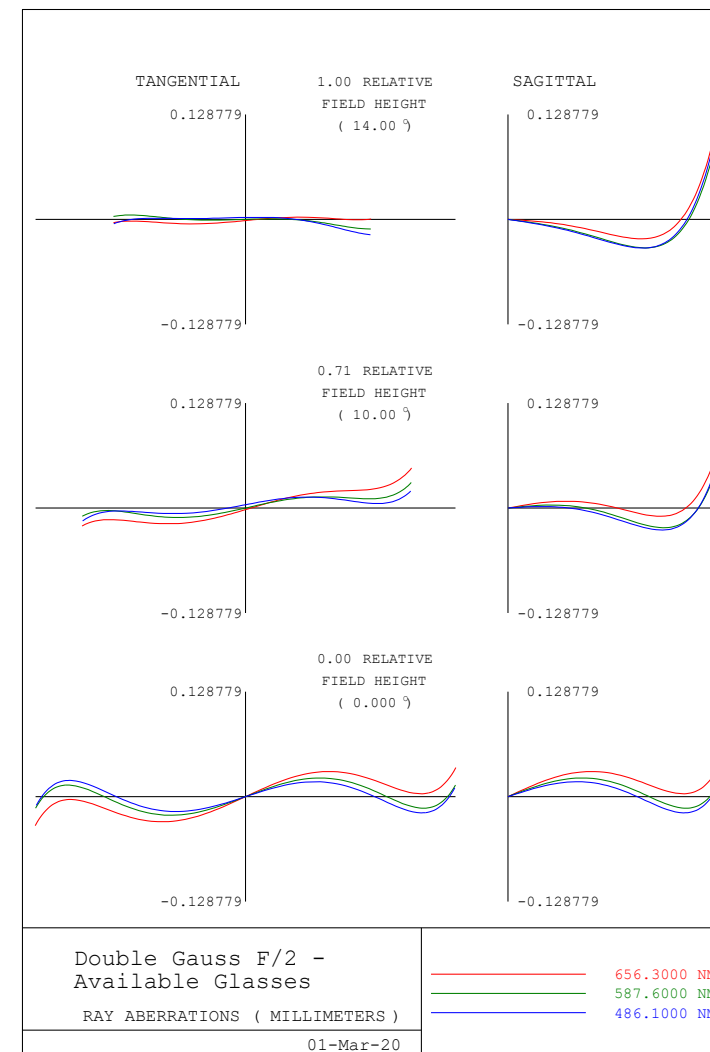
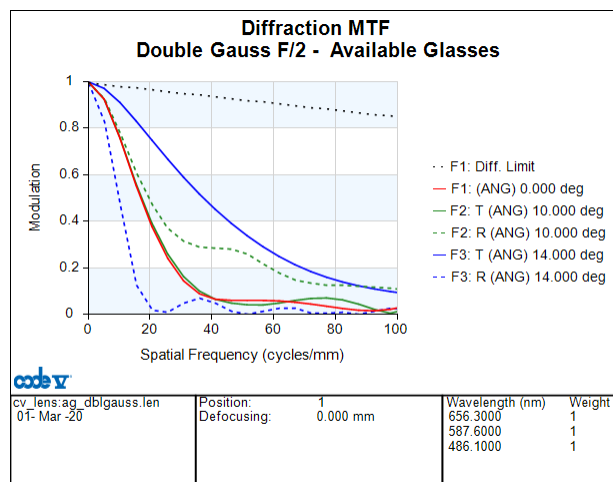
Wavelength

- Aperture & Field constrain your design variant
- Wavelength constrains your available material
- Any “Black Box” system will have at least these three parameters



Source: *Field Guide to Lens Design*, Bentley (2012)

- Detector (pixel size, Nyquist frequency)
- Image Quality (MTF, RMS Wavefront, Spot Size)
- Distortion
- Ray angles (AOI, AOR, Telecentricity)
- Relative Illumination
- Vignetting



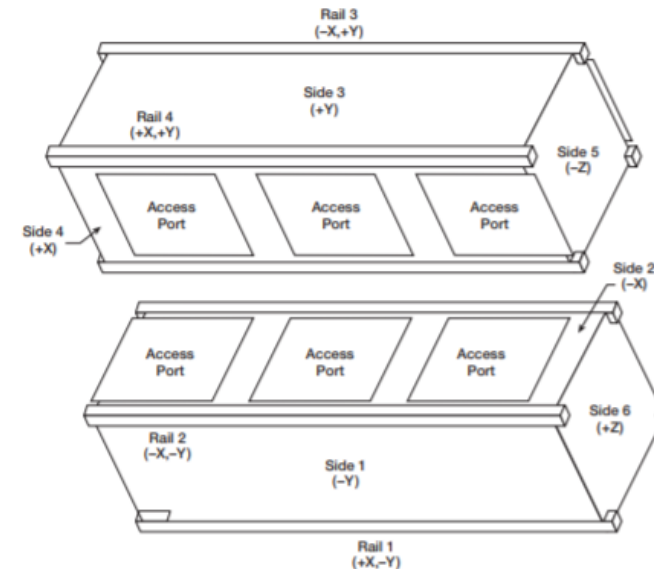
- Regrettably – optics don't float perfectly in space
- Leave room to hold your optics!
- Glasses also have blanks of finite size
 - Cost contribution
- This is particularly relevant in CubeSats where space is VERY LIMITED

3U+ CubeSat Acceptance Checklist

Project: _____ Date/Time: _____ Engineers: _____
 Organization: _____ Location: _____
 Satellite Name: _____ Satellite S/N: _____ Revision Date: 02/20/2014

Mass (< 4.00 kg)	_____	RBF Pin (≤ 6.5 mm)	_____
Spring Plungers (Depressed)	Functional Y / N Flush with Standoff Y / N	Rails Anodized	Y / N
Deployment Switches (Depressed)	Functional Y / N Flush with Standoff Y / N	Deployables Constrained	Y / N

Mark on the diagram the locations of the RBF pin, connectors, deployables, and any envelope violations.



Authorized by:

IT 1: _____

IT 2: _____

Passed: Y / N

3U+ Volume

Length (Z): _____ ≤ 36 mm

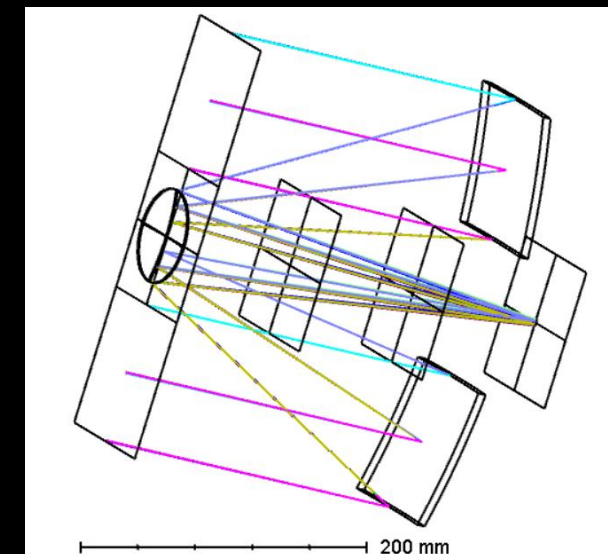
Diameter: _____ ≤ 64 mm

3U+ Centered: Y / N



Sample Spec Table

- Missing anything?
- Is the information clear?
- Link to reference material for transparency
- Could benefit from pictures



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CubeSat Spec Inspiration

- Shao M. et al. (2017) [A constellation of SmallSats with synthetic tracking cameras to search for 90% of potentially hazardous near-Earth objects](#)
- Constellation of Solar-Orbiting 9U CubeSats using “Synthetic Tracking”
 - No Optical Design!
 - NO W A V E L E N G T H *ANGRY GRAD STUDENT NOISES* (Other reading has me thinking MWIR)
 - 3.6x3.6 deg FOV, 20cm EPD w/ 8K detector, 10cm EPD w/ 4K

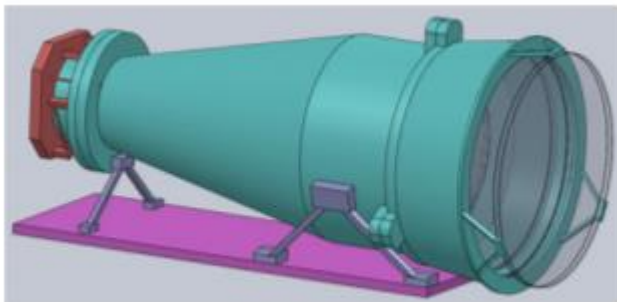


Fig. B.1. A CAD design for the synthetic tracking camera for a CubeSat.

Table 1. Parameters for an advanced synthetic tracking camera.

Parameters	Value	Units
Telescope Diameter	20	cm
Image	2X	diff limit
Pixel size	1.6	arcsec
Effective background	2.8	arcsec
Magnitude limit	22.15	mag
Integration time	800	s
Number of satellites	9	
EG size	50	m
H magnitude	24.24	mag

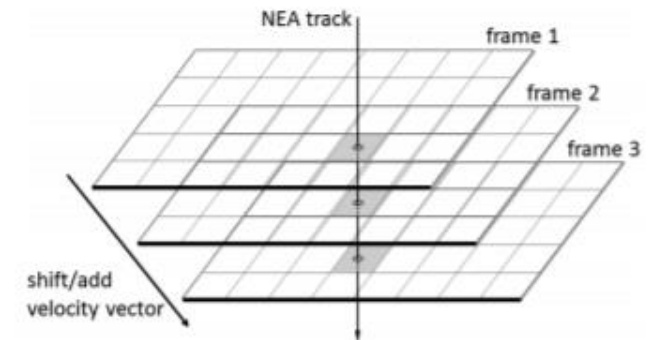
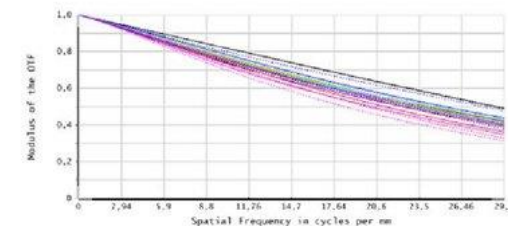
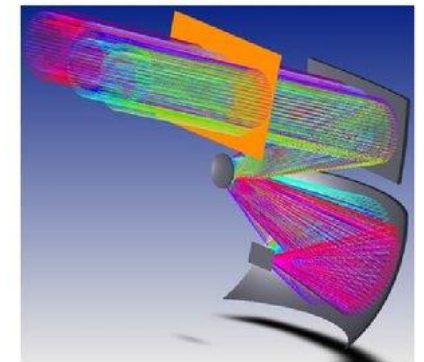
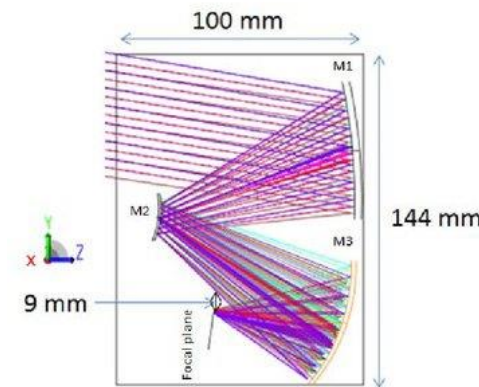
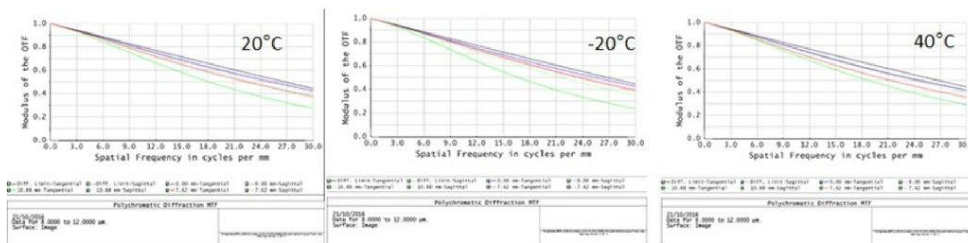
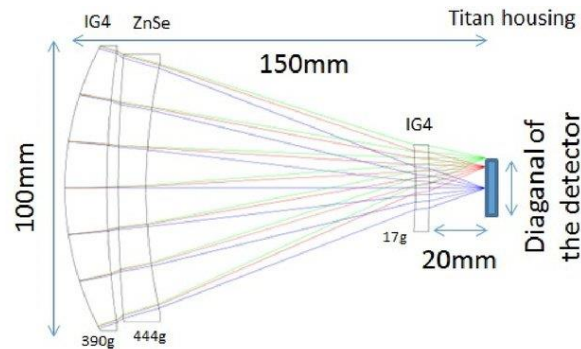


Fig. A.1. Schematic showing the integration of frames by using synthetic tracking. Frames are displaced according to the velocity of a NEO so that it is at the same location in all the frames during the integration (adopted from Shao et al. 2014).

- Druart G. et al. (2018) [Study of infrared optical payloads to be integrated in a nanosat](#)
- Environmental / Industrial Monitoring
- 2U, F/1.5, 11x1 deg pushbroom FOV
- Study that inspired this project – compared refractive & reflective solution





CubeSat

Uses, Missions, Goals

JPL CubeSat Missions

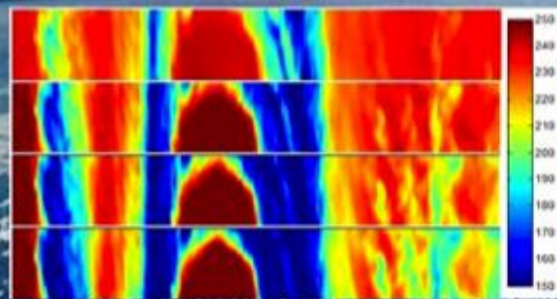
- RACE: Radiometer Atmospheric CubeSat Experiment (3U)
 - Measures liquid water path and precipitable water vapor that is pertinent to the water cycle and Earth energy budget
 - Microwave radiometer primarily observing the 183 GHz water vapor line
- GRIFEX: GEO-CAPE ROIC In-Flight Performance Experiment (3U)
 - Perform engineering assessment of a JPL-developed all digital in-pixel high frame rate Read-Out Integrated Circuit (ROIC)
 - High throughput capacity enables proposed Geostationary Coastal and Air Pollution Events (GEO-CAPE) mission concept
 - Make hourly high spatial and spectral resolution measurements of rapidly changing atmospheric chemistry and pollution transport with the Panchromatic Fourier Transform Spectrometer (PanFTS) instrument in development
- M-Cubed/COVE-2: Michigan Multipurpose Minisatellite/CubeSat On-board processing Validation Experiment (1U)
 - Image the Earth at mid-resolution, approximately 200m per pixel, carrying the JPL developed COVE technology validation experiment
 - Validate an image processing algorithm designed for the Multiangle Spectropolarimetric Imager (MSPI) utilizing the first in-space application of a new radiation-hardened-by-design Virtex5-QV FPGA by Xilinx
- IPEX: Intelligent Payload Experiment (1U)
 - VSWIR hyperspectral imaging spectrometer and a thermal infrared imager that would perform global mapping producing approximately 5TB of data per day
 - Advance technology required for future spaceborne IPM for near real-time low-latency autonomous product generation relevant to climate, ecosystems, fire, geological resource, and coastal ocean science

Mission	Value
Launch	ELANA-8/ORB-3
Launch Date	Oct 2014
Orbit Altitude	~415 km
Orbit Inclination	51.6°
Primary Mission	~60 days

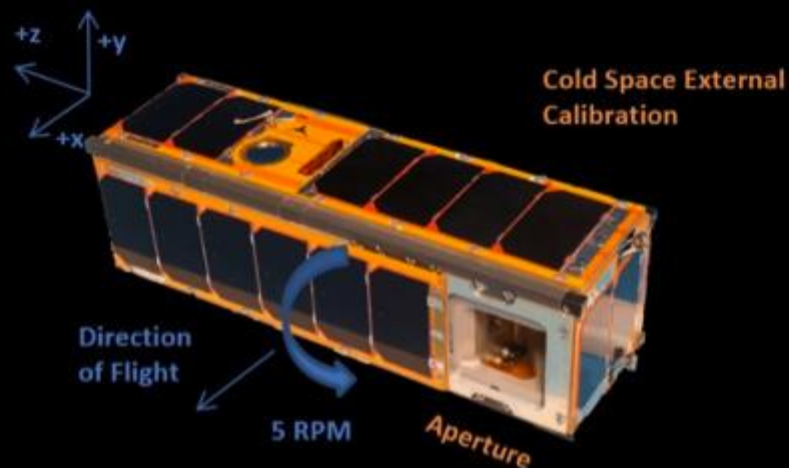


NanoRacks ISS
Deployment

Sample HAMSR brightness temperature data from Hurricane Karl (2010). Four 183 GHz channels are shown at a higher spatial resolution. RACE would measure 2 channels and basically integrate the swaths shown into pixels.



RACE Mission Operations Concept



Vicarious Scene
Calibrations

Along Track

Earth Limb

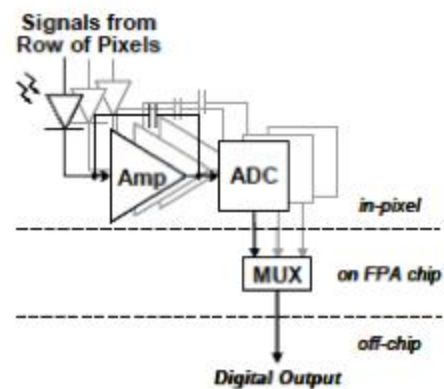
~20km Nadir
Footprint

RACE	Value
Nadir Footprint	~20 km
Instrument	Radiometer
Frequency	183 GHz
Channels	2
NEΔT	<1 K
Science	Water Vapor T_{bs}

CubeSat	Value
Payload Power	< 1.5 W
Data	~100 MB
Energy Storage	39 W-hr
OAP Body	~4.5 W
Pointing Accuracy	<10°
Pointing Knowledge	<1°

Ground Station :
University of Texas at Austin
Backup : JPL

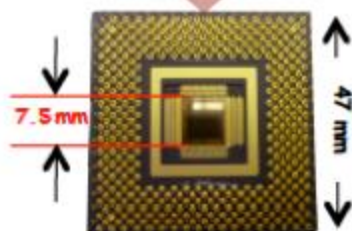
*Not to scale
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In-pixel ADC ROIC concept
with unprecedented
throughput (4.2 Gbits/s)

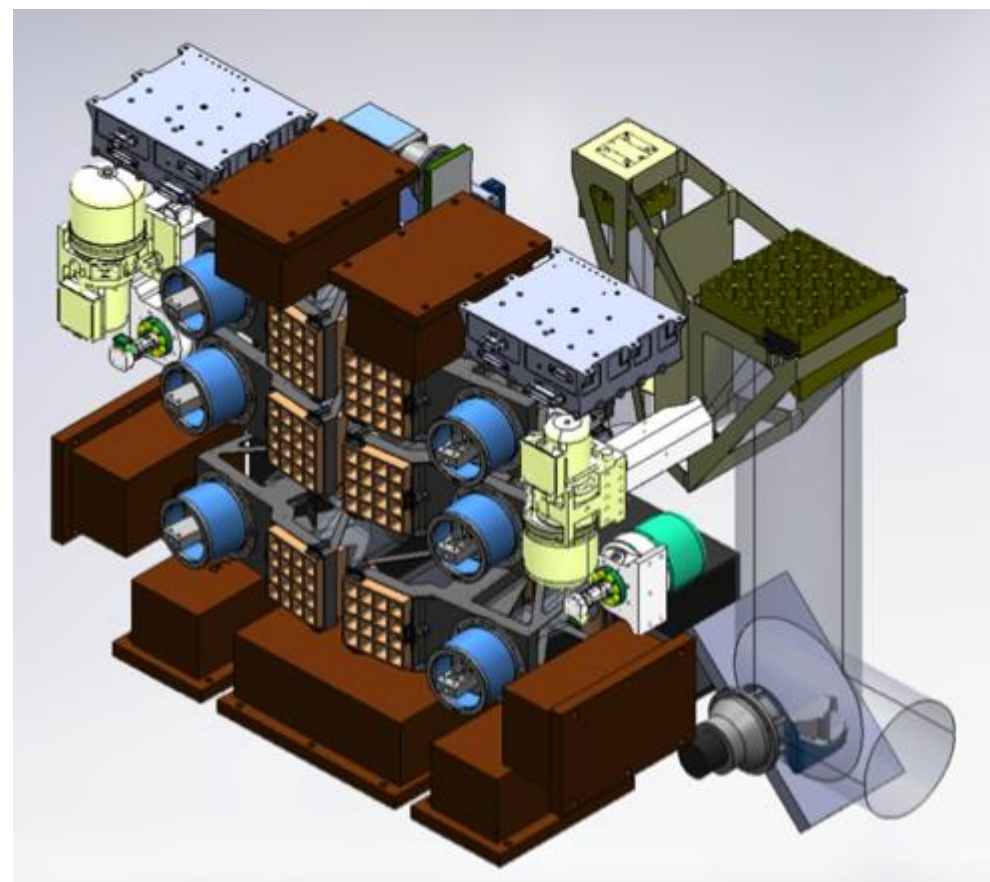


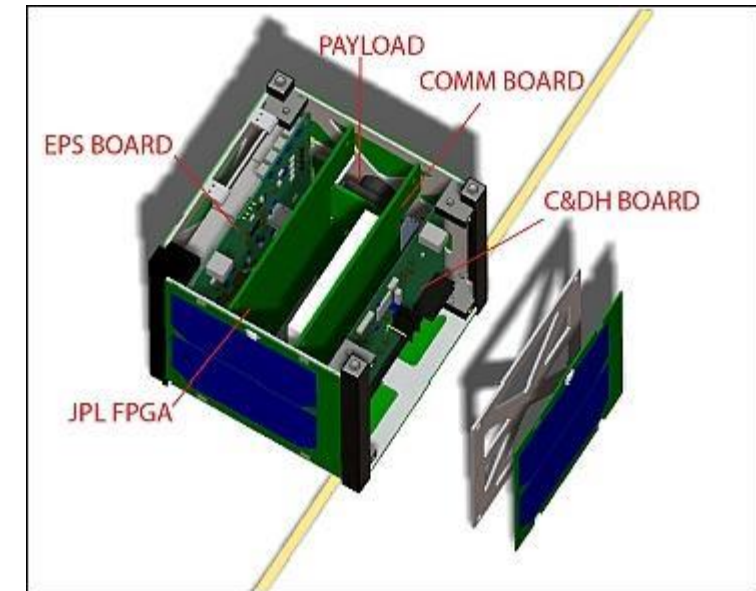
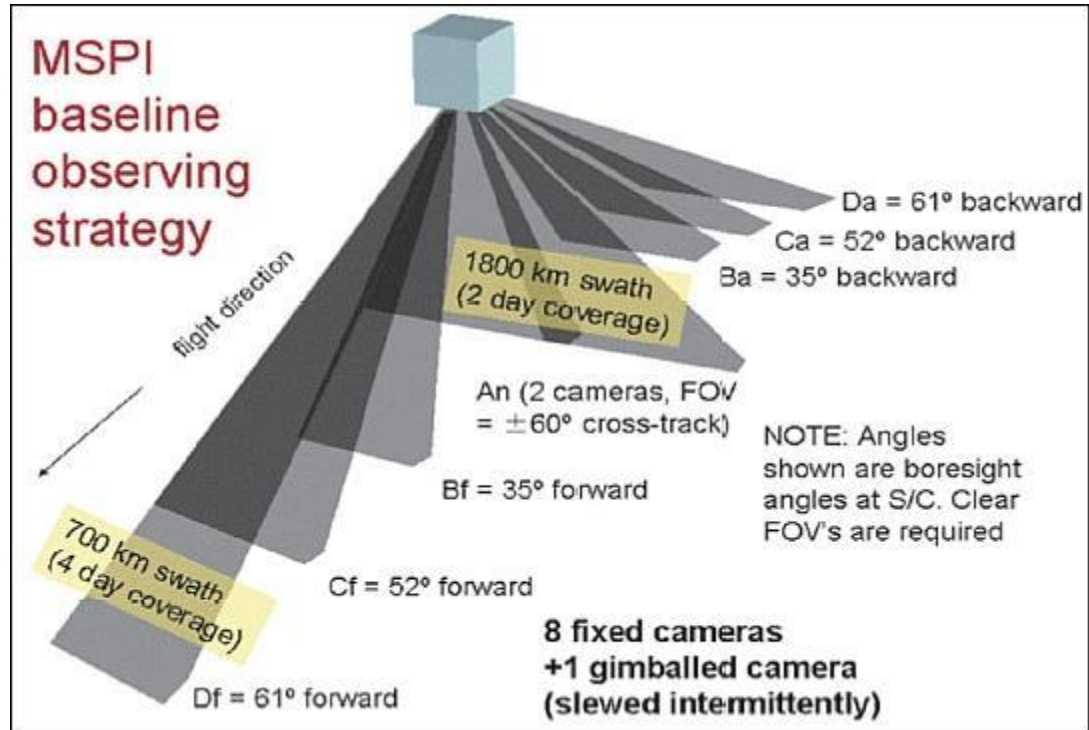
Mass: 2.5 kg
Power: 7 W
Frame rate: 3KHz

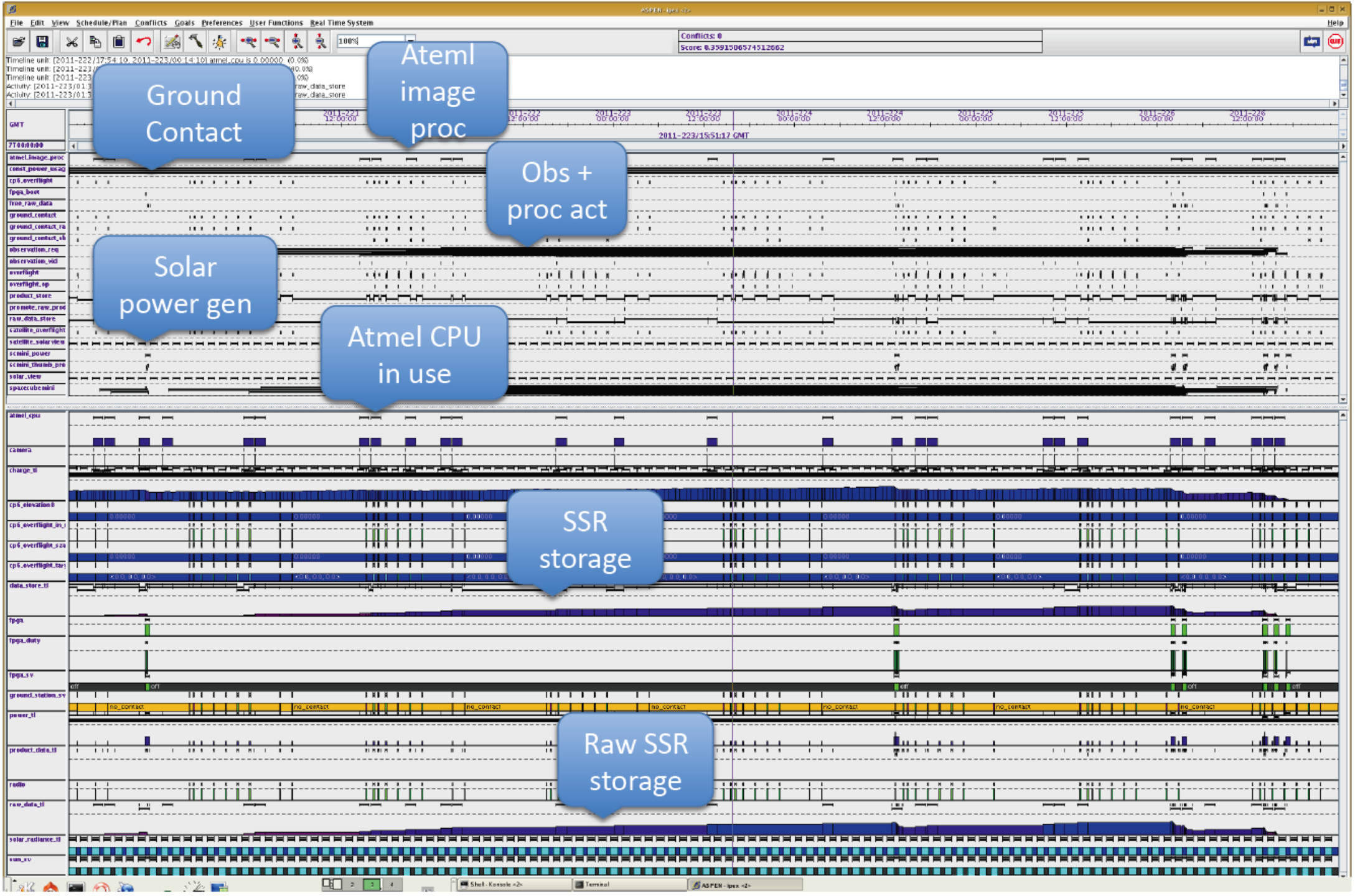


In-pixel digitization ROIC
developed by this task

Mass: < 0.1 kg
Power: 1.1 W
Frame rate: 12KHz









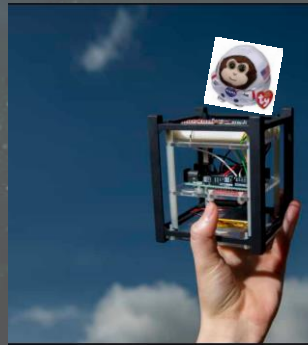
PODS

What are cubesats used for?

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- “The idea for the CubeSat came in part from the miniature toy craze of the day, Beanie Babies, according to Spaceflight Now. Inspired by the individualized stuffed animals, Twiggs' idea was to allow students to build their own miniature satellites.”
<https://www.space.com/34324-cubesats.html>
- **Space walkie talkies**
 - “One of the MarCO spacecraft will serve as a relay satellite to send data back to Earth during InSight's entry, descent and landing operations at the Red Planet in September 2016. The other spacecraft will serve as a backup.”
<https://www.space.com/29489-marco-cubesats-mars-landing-2016.html>
 - IceCube – measurements of ice clouds in space to assist with weather and climate models.
- **Weather walkie talkies**
 - RainCube – monitor severe storms on earth
- **Space sensors**
 - CubeSat Compact Radiation Belt Explorer – High energy particle Measurement in earth’s radiation belt
- **Low Risk Proofs Of Various Concepts**
 - CubeSail – deployment and control of solar sail blade
 - Shields 1 – demonstrate radiation shielding
- **Planet Probers**
 - CUVE – Collect data about Venus’ atmosphere.
 - Lunar Flashlight – lasers to search for water ice on the south pole of the moon.

<https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/news/834/10-things-cubesats-going-farther/>



Existing CubeSat Optical Design

- Refractive (Example: AtmoCube A1, 6U)

Limitation: Shorter focal length, limiting sample distance

- Reflective

Limitation: Difficult to fit mirror mounts into the cube

- Ritchey-Chretien (Example: EOSESS LLC design, 3U, Visible through MWIR)

Limitation: Aperture size, reduced MTF in mid-frequency

- Off-axis Ritchey-Chretien (Example: KAIST design, 3U, Visible)

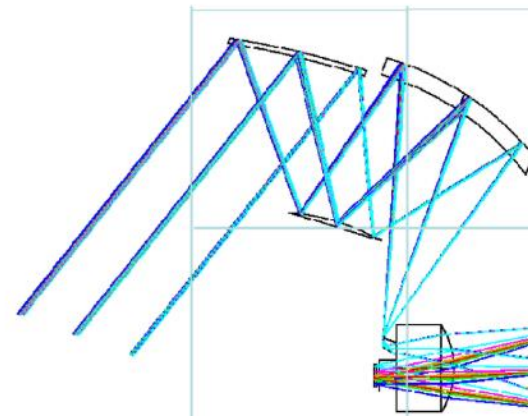
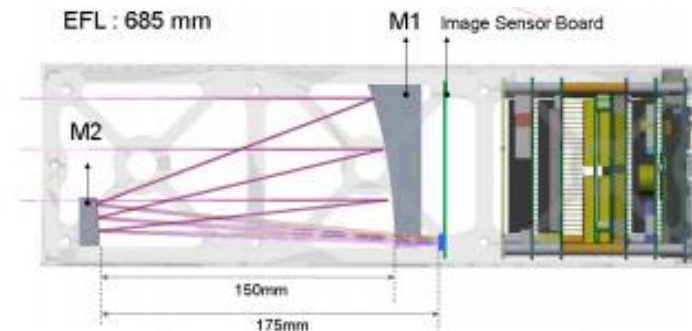
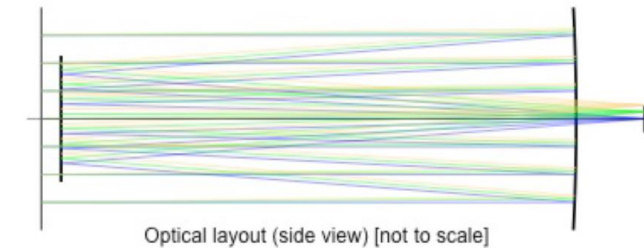
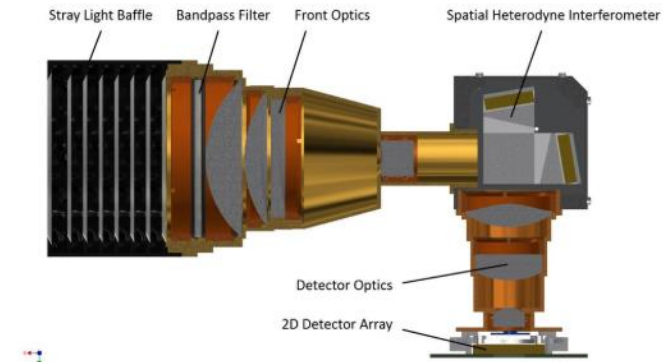
Limitation: Aperture size

- TMA (Example: PRISM, 6U, 350-1700 nm)

Limitation: Large size

Problems:

Small satellite payload limits optical aperture size, which limits spatial resolution.



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A couple ideas...

- Biggest limitations: Aperture diameter and packaging :
 - [Deployable Mirrors](#)
- Big future application of cubesats: Laser Comm
 - How to align?
 - Small telescopes on each CubeSat with LED beacon for rough alignment?
 - Current Pointing Accuracy 0.05 deg. Can we do better? (based on [2017 Article](#))
- Still a big hyperspectral imaging fan...
 - Optical->SWIR($\sim 2\mu\text{m}$)
 - Multipurpose: identifying/mapping oil spills, crop health, etc
- FYI: [NASA CubeSat Launch Initiative](#)

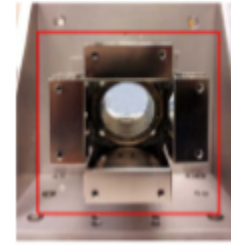


Figure 4: Stowed Primary Mirror with 10 cm x 10 cm Cross-Section Outlined in Red

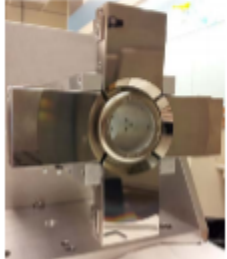


Figure 3: Deployed Primary Mirror