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PREFACE

The Rocket and Balloon Experiments for University Students (REXUS/BEXUS) programme is realized under a bilateral Agency Agreement between the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and the Swedish National Space Board (SNSB). The Swedish share of the payload has been made available to students from other European countries through a collaboration with the European Space Agency (ESA).

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The Student Experiment Documentation (SED) is a continuously updating document regarding the BEXUS student experiment IRISC - InfraRed Imaging of astronomical targets with a Stabilized Camera and will undergo reviews during the preliminary design review, the critical design review, the integration progress review, and final experiment report.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scientific Background

1.2 Mission Statement

1.3 Experiment Objectives

1.4 Experiment Concept

1.5 Team Details



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2 Experiment Requirements and Constraints

A list of requirements and constraints are listed below. The requirements are separated in functional, performance, design and operational requirements.

2.1 Functional Requirements

- F.1 The telescope shall successfully track the celestial bodies of interest.
- F.2 The camera shall take images in the near infrared (NIR) spectrum.

2.2 Performance Requirements

- P.1 The gimbal stabilization system shall point the telescope towards the celestial body with an accuracy of at least 1 arc seconds.
- P.2 The optics shall be cable of making pictures of 0.5-1.5 x 0.3-1 degrees.
- P.3 The NIR camera shall make images in the range of 720-850 to 1200 nm.
- P.4 The NIR camera shall have a resolution of at least 16 MP.
- P.5 The NIR camera shall be able to make images with exposure times between 0.5 and 150 seconds.

2.3 Design Requirements

- D.01 The experiment shall be able to operate in the temperature profile of the BEXUS environment.
- D.02 The experiment shall be able to operate in the pressure profile of the BEXUS environment.
- D.03 The experiment shall be able to operate in the vibration profile of the BEXUS environment.
- D.04 The absolute position of the telescope relative to the gondola shall be known with an accuracy of ... degrees.
- D.05 The supporting structure shall not twist by more than ... degrees.
- D.06 The experiment shall never be pointed directly at the sun.
- D.07 The experiment shall be able to fly during the entire day.
- D.08 The temperature of the NIR camera shall be held at $0 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$.
- D.09 The images obtained shall be sent to a ground station by the E-link system.
- D.10 The experiment shall be mounted at the side of the gondola.
- D.11 The experiment shall not consume more power than Wh.
- D.12 The volume of the experiment shall not exceed ... x ... x ... meters.
- D.13 The mass of the experiment shall not exceed ... kg.
- D.14 The experiment shall be able to run for at least 3 hours.
- D.15 The experiment shall be able to function autonomously.

2.4 Operational Requirements

- O.1 The experiment shall be able to be controlled by the ground station when requested.
- O.2 The experiment shall rotate to a 'safe' location while descending.

2.5 Constraints

- C.1 The shared E-link data transfer rates are limited by coverage and quality of reception.
- C.2 There shall be no direct internet connection on the ground station.
- C.3 The mass and volume should fit inside the gondola together with the other experiments.
- C.4 The budget for the experiment is limited by the generous companies and organizations that sponsor IRISC.

3 Project Planning

3.1 Work Breakdown Structure

3.2 Schedule

3.3 Resources

3.3.1 Manpower

3.3.2 Budget

Category	Total Mass [g]	Total Price [EUR]
Structure	0.00	00.0
Electronics Box	000.0	0.00
Cables and Sensors		
CAC		
AAC		
Tools	—	
Travel	—	
Contingency	—	
Total without Error Margin		
Shipping Costs and Error Margin		
Total with Error Margin		

Table 3: Mass and Cost Budget.

3.3.3 External Support

3.4 Outreach Approach

3.5 Risk Register

Risk ID

TC – Technical/Implementation
MS – Mission (operational performance)
SF – Safety
VE – Vehicle
PE – Personnel
EN – Environmental
OR - Outreach
BG - Budget

Adapt these to the experiment and add other categories. Consider risks to the experiment, to the vehicle and to personnel.

Probability (P)

- A Minimum – Almost impossible to occur
- B Low – Small chance to occur
- C Medium – Reasonable chance to occur
- D High – Quite likely to occur
- E Maximum – Certain to occur, maybe more than once

Severity (S)

1. Negligible – Minimal or no impact
2. Significant – Leads to reduced experiment performance
3. Major – Leads to failure of subsystem or loss of flight data
4. Critical – Leads to experiment failure or creates minor health hazards
5. Catastrophic – Leads to termination of the REXUS/BEXUS programme, damage to the vehicle or injury to personnel

The rankings for probability (P) and severity (S) are combined to assess the overall risk classification, ranging from very low to very high and being coloured green, yellow, orange or red according to the SED guidelines.

Whether a risk is acceptable or unacceptable has been assigned according to the SED guidelines. Where mitigation is written for acceptable risks this details the mitigation undertaken in order to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.

ID	Risk (& consequence if)	P	S	P * S	Action
TC10	Software fails to store data	B	2	Very Low	Acceptable Risk: Extensive testing will be done. Using telemetry, all data gathered from sensors will be sent to ground station.
TC20	Failure of several sensors	B	2	Very Low	Acceptable Risk: Thermal test (Test Number 5) to approve the functionality of the experiment.
TC30	Critical component is destroyed in testing	B	1	Very Low	Acceptable Risk: Spare components can be ordered but for expensive ones, they will be ordered and tested early in the project in case we need to order more.
TC40	Electrical connections dislodges or short circuits because of vibration or shock	B	4	Low	Acceptable Risk. D-sub connections will be screwed in place. It will be ensured that there are no loose connections and zip ties will be used to help keep wires in place. Careful soldering and extensive testing will be applied.

Table 4: Risk Register.

4 Experiment Design

4.1 Experiment Setup

4.2 Experiment Interfaces

4.2.1 Mechanical Interfaces

4.2.2 Thermal Interfaces

4.2.3 Electrical Interfaces

4.2.4 Radio Frequencies (Optional)

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4.6.2 The Critical Stages

4.6.3 Overall Design

4.6.4 Internal Temperature

4.6.5 Calculations and Simulation Reports

4.7 Power System

4.8 Software Design

4.8.1 Purpose

4.8.2 Design

4.8.3 Implementation

4.9 Ground Support Equipment

5 Experiment Verification and Testing

5.1 Verification Matrix

The verification matrix is made following the standard of *ECSS-E-10-02A*. [?].

There are four established verification methods:

A - Verification by analysis or similarity

I - Verification by inspection

R - Verification by review-of-design

T - Verification by testing

ID	Written requirement	Verification	Test number	Status
F.2	The experiment <i>shall</i> collect air samples by the CAC.	A, R	-	Pass
F.3	The experiment <i>shall</i> collect air samples by the AAC.	A, T	2, 16	Pass
F.9	The experiment <i>should</i> collect data on the air intake flow to the AAC.	A, T	24, 31, 32	Pass ¹
F.10	The experiment <i>shall</i> collect data on the air pressure.	A, T	24, 31, 32	Pass ¹
F.11	The experiment <i>shall</i> collect data on the temperature.	A, T	24, 31, 32	Pass ¹
P.12	The accuracy of the ambient pressure measurements <i>shall</i> be -1.5/+1.5 hPa for 25°C.	R	-	Pass
P.13	The accuracy of the temperature measurements <i>shall</i> be +3.5/-3°C(max) for condition of -55°C to 150°C.	R	-	Pass

Table 5: Verification Matrix.

¹sensor libraries are available online and used by many users

5.2 Test Plan

5.2.1 Planned Tests

The planned tests are as follows:

1. Test 1
2. Test n

5.2.2 Test Descriptions

Test Number	4
Test Type	Vacuum
Test Facility	IRF, Kiruna
Tested Item	Sampling System
Test Level/ Procedure and Duration	Test procedure: Take sampling system down to 5 hPa and verify all systems work. If the size of the vacuum chamber is restrictive testing just the pump with the airflow and pressure sensors, one valve and one bag will suffice. Ensure valves and pump still perform as expected by checking the flow rate with the airflow sensor and visually observing the bag inflating. In addition the insulating foam will be checked to ensure it does not deform when exposed to low pressures. Test duration: 5 hours
Test Campaign Duration	1 week
Test Campaign Date	18th July, 20th July and August ²
Test Completed	YES

Table 6: Test 4: Low Pressure Test Description.

²Testing date dependent on valve arrival. A problem arose with the order which we are in contact with the company about.

Test Number	5
Test Type	Thermal
Test Facility	FMI, Finland, Esrange, Kiruna
Tested Item	The entire experiment
Test Level/ Procedure and Duration	Test procedure: Place experiment in thermal chamber and take the temperature down to at least -40°C but preferably -80°C and verify all systems still work. Make sure that the Brain stays between -10°C and 25°C . Test duration: 5 hours
Test Campaign Duration	1 week
Test Campaign Date	3rd-7th September, 29th September, 5th October
Test Completed	YES

Table 7: Test 5: Thermal Test Description.

5.3 Test Results

The results shown here provide the key information obtained from testing. A full report for each test can be found in Appendix ??.

6 Launch Campaign Preparations

6.1 Input for the Campaign / Flight Requirements Plans

6.1.1 Dimensions and Mass

The data shown in Table 8 below is based on the design presented in Section 4.4.

	xxx	xxx	TOTAL
Experiment mass [kg]			
Experiment dimensions [m]			
Experiment footprint area [m^2]			
Experiment volume [m^3]			
Experiment expected COG position	$X = cm$	$X = cm$	$X = cm$
	$Y = cm$	$Y = cm$	$Y = cm$
	$Z = cm$	$Z = cm$	$Z = cm$

Table 8: Experiment Summary Table.

6.1.2 Safety Risks

6.1.3 Electrical Interfaces

Please refer to Table 9 for details on the electrical interfaces with the gondola.

BEXUS Electrical Interfaces		
E-link Interface:		
	Number of E-link interfaces	
	Data rate - Downlink	
	Data rate - Uplink	
	Interface type (RS232, Ethernet)	
Power system: Gondola power required?		
	Peak power (or current) consumption:	
	Average power (or current consumption)	
Power system: Experiment includes batteries?		

Table 9: Electrical Interface Table.

6.1.4 Launch Site Requirements

6.1.5 Flight Requirements

6.1.6 Accommodation Requirements

6.2 Preparation and Test Activities at Estring

6.3 Timeline for Countdown and Flight

Table 10 is the estimated timeline during countdown and flight.

Time	Altitude	Events
T-	0	
T-	0	
T-3H	0	Experiment is switched on external power
T-3H	0	Experiment goes to Standby mode
T-1H	0	Experiment switches to internal power
T=0	0	Lift-off
T+1s	~5 meter	Experiment goes to Normal - Ascent mode
T+	km	
T+	km	
T+~1.5H	~25 km	Float Phase
T+~2.5H	~25 km	Cut-off
T+~2.6H	~25 km	Experiment goes to Normal - Descent mode
T+~2.75H	~20 km	Parachute is deployed
T+	km	
T+	km	

Table 10: Countdown and Flight Estimated Timeline.

6.4 Post Flight Activities

6.4.1 Recovery Checklist

6.4.2 Analysis Preparation

7 Data Analysis and Results

7.1 Data Analysis Plan

7.1.1 Analysis Strategy

7.2 Launch Campaign

7.2.1 Flight preparation activities during launch campaign

The flight preparations can be found in Section 6.2.

7.2.2 Flight performance

7.2.3 Recovery

7.2.4 Post flight activities

7.3 Results

No results for now. More will come after the launch campaign in an updated version of the SED.

7.3.1 Expected Results

7.4 Lessons Learned

7.4.1 Management

- Friendship
- Sleep deprivation

7.4.2 Scientific

- Friendship
- Sleep deprivation

7.4.3 Electrical

- Friendship
- Sleep deprivation

7.4.4 Software

- Friendship
- Sleep deprivation

7.4.5 Mechanical

- Friendship
- Sleep deprivation

7.4.6 Thermal

- Friendship
- Sleep deprivation

8 Abbreviations and References

8.1 Abbreviations

8.2 References

Appendix A Experiment Reviews

Appendix B Outreach

Appendix C Additional Technical Information

Appendix D Checklists