

ThingSat, Open-Source CubeSat Payload Deployment

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Abstract—

I. INTRODUCTION

Satellites, CubeSat:
IoT, Internet of Space Things: : Iridium, LoRa, 5G
Cube-Sat, Open-Source Initiatives:
RIOT, Open-Source:
Paper contributions:
Paper organization:

II. BACKGROUND & RELATED WORK

A. CubeSat

B. Cube Sat Protocol (CSP)

Architecture:

C. Open Source

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Why Open-Source Satellite Initiatives:
pyCube, etc.:

D. LoRa

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CubeSat LoRa missions:
Research topics, challenges of LoRa in space:

E. RIOT

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a) *Overview of the Project:*
b) *Overview of the architecture:*

III. THINGSAT

A. Overview

Project timeline and participants:
Mission Goal:
Broad overview of Segments:

B. Architecture

Ground Segment Description:
Space Segment Description:
Control Segment:
OBC & Payload Communication Bus:

C. Telecommunications

link-budget Mission Control:
link-budget Mission:
available phy:

IV. LOW POWER ORBITAL COMMUNICATION ARCHITECTURE

A. Requirements

communication protocols:
software/firmware updates:
software/configuration updates requirements:

B. Architecture

1) *OS: : RIOT*
2) *Network Stack: : COAP/LibCSP/CAN*
3) *Mission Workflow: : mission files*
4) *DevOps Workflow: : SUIT + containers*
SUIT:
Containerization:

V. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Payload

1) *Hardware:*
MCU:
LoRa Radio:
LoRa Gateway:
2) *Firmware:*
libCSP:
CoAP:
CAN:
LoRaWAN:
Application Code:
3) *Code Structure:*

B. OBC Simulator

C. Continuous Integration - Leveraging OpenSource

RIOT:
ThingSat:

VI. EVALUATION

A. *Memory Footprint*

B. *Energy Footprint*

C. *Link-budget Footprint*

D. *Updates Latency*

VII. LESSONS LEARNED

VIII. NEXT STEPS & FUTURE WORK

IX. CONCLUSION

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