WORLD CANSAT/ROCKETRY CHAMPIONSHIP

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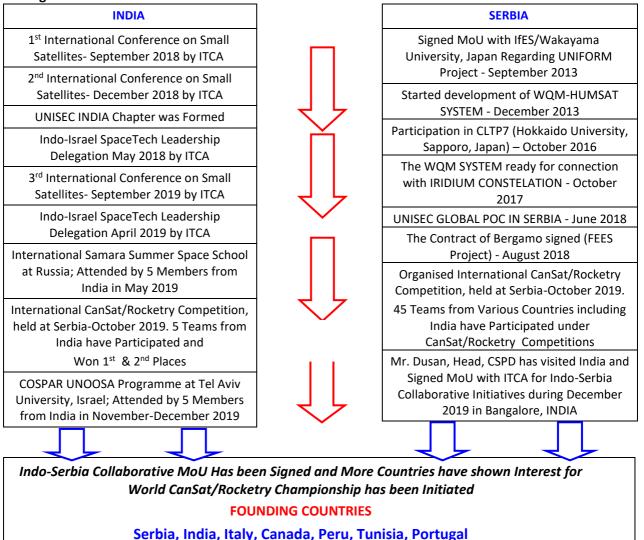
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International Webinar

Preamble

Every nation, be it a small or big, aspires to launch their own satellite to space and wishes to provide an opportunity to their scientists/students, in order to encourage them to continue space research. For the majority of the nations and academic institutions/universities, it is still a distant dream! Including former Yugoslavian Countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia). Committee for Space Programme Development (CSPD), Serbia, has been striving hard to provide an opportunity for building and launching satellites for former Yugoslavian countries. In continuation of their sustained efforts since last 2-3 years, CSPD has succeeded in establishing a working relationship with India and paved the way for Indo-Serbian Collaborative Research leading to the realisation of the launching of satellites of small nations. To realize the dream of launching nanosatellites to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), a systematic organic approach has been adopted in creating, sustaining the interest of space science and engineering education from schools to higher education eco system through such CanSat/Rocketry Competitions, CubeSat Workshops, Seminars etc, since last 3-4 years at various countries in general and Serbia/India in particular. CSPD, Serbia has conducted International CanSat/Rocketry Competition during Oct 2019 at Serbia and 5 Teams from India have participated among other countries! Mr. Dusan, Head, CSPD has visited India for an International Conference and signed an MoU with Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) for conducting World CanSat/Rocketry Championship and negotiations with likeminded Countries/Organisations have been initiated.

Background



INTERCONTINENTAL AEROSPACE COMMAND

Due to the growing need for global coverage of reliable antenna networks for communication with satellites, Serbian, Indian, Italian, Russian*, Hungarian*, Canadian, Peruvian, Argentinean* and Australian* partners agreed to establish an *Intercontinental Aerospace*

Command (hereinafter: ICAS Command).

The program holder is *Committee for Space Programme Development* (hereinafter: CSPD) (a formal headquarters is in Novi Sad), the existence of the **ICAS Command** has the following reasons:

- reliable global coverage (real-time communication, regardless of the position of the satellite);
- support and strengthening of SATNOGS network;
- raising radio amateurism to a higher level;
- gaining importance of the operators/owners/participating countries;
- global benefit;
- a global player;
- cooperation (unity) and assistance (help);
- motivation of young people for this area, etc.

The goal of the **ICAS Command** is that certain numbers of antennas become of greater global importance, and that their functionality be constantly reliable (as well as strengthening of SATNOGS network since all Antennas are at the same time and part of SATNOGS).

The **ICAS Command** functions according to the principle of rotating the chairperson, i.e. on every 3 months other operator/owner/country is chaired.

In essence, we also want to contribute to strengthening and expanding the SATNOGS network, as well as increasing its reliability for the benefit of all. We believe that SATNOGS is an idea of noble, wide and that must be supported and that everything necessary for SATNOGS survival must be done.

Status:

Active Ground Stations and connected to SATNOGS: Serbia, Italy, India, Canada Ground Stations under construction: Peru, Russia, Argentina, Australia

1. INTRODUCTION

A World CanSat/Rocketry Championship (hereinafter: WCRC) is generally an international competition open to elite competitors from around the world, representing their nations (as university student Teams or as independent student Teams), and winning this event will be considered the highest or near highest achievement in this field.

After holding *the International CanSat/Rocketry Competition* in Serbia in October 2019, as a pilot project, Serbia and India agreed to launch the initiative to establish CanSat/Rocketry Championship at the Global level, so that the CanSat/Rocketry program can be raised to a higher level, involving even more students and countries, i.e. to make this program got a place in the World that deserves, because there is a lot to be learned through it. Both countries believe that this is very important globally, primarily in terms of education, and in promoting Space engineering in general.

The **WCRC** was formulated and negotiated among the Organizations from 6 countries: Serbia, India, Italy, Tunisia, Canada and Peru (hereinafter: **Founders**) from October 2019 to January 2020 and they agreed on the aims, structure and functioning of the **WCRC**.

This event is important for everyone, and for each founder country and for organizations, institutions and companies, and most important for education and students because the CanSat/Rocketry program is a vertical type of education compared to the horizontal they have in their studies.

2. BACKGROUND

What is a CanSat?

A CanSat is a simulation of a real satellite. All components are housed inside a can up to 350 ml. CanSat provides an affordable way to gain basic knowledge and skills in Space engineering for teachers and students, as well as experience engineering challenges when designing Satellites. Students are able to design and build a small electronic payload that can fit into the cans to 350 ml. CanSat is launched by Rocket, Balloon, Plane or Drone and delivered in apogee. With the Parachute, the CanSat slowly descends to the ground and carries out its mission during descent (for example: measures air pressure and temperature and sends telemetry). By analyzing the data collected by CanSat, students will explore the reasons for the success or failure of its mission.

Space engineering learning, based on the CanSat/Rocketry concept, enables students to gain hands-on experience through a specific interdisciplinary project. Since this is a Space engineering project, teachers and students will gain experience from mission defining, conceptual design, through integration and testing, to launching and actual system operation, i.e. experience from the whole Space project cycle and then participate in the CanSat/Rocketry competition with their peers at home country and abroad. One of the main advantages of the CanSat/Rocketry concept is its interdisciplinary: combination of mathematics, physics, informatics/programming, mechatronics, telecommunications, aviation and rocketry, mechanics, etc. CanSat is a simulation of a real, large, Satellite and contains all the components as a real Satellite, but with limited complexity.

Benefits of CanSat/Rocketry Based Education:

CanSat/Rocketry is an effective educational tool for:

- Learning by doing;
- Involving students in technology and engineering as a practical complement to other, fundamental, subjects they study, such as mathematics and physics;
- Emphasizing teamwork where each student has a specific task/role that creates a sense of responsibility for him/her;
- Students gain experience of the complete process: defining the mission, design, development/constructing, programming, testing, launching and analysis;
- Conducting simple experiments with balloon/rocket/plane/drone;
- Learning methods can be adapted to the age level of students, or to their needs and abilities;
- Students are able to analyze the reasons for success or failure after descending CanSat and Rocket to the ground;
- Acquired knowledge and experience can be applied to other projects as this concept enables obtaining of ideas and stimulates students' thinking;
- Useful for a further education/career guidance process;
- Provide Opportunities and Network for Launching their Own Small Satellites (Pico/Nano Satellites/PocketQube/ UNITYsat) to Low earth Orbit in a frugal way!
- Provide Opportunities and Network for Sharing and Learning from each other teams from various countries.

Today, almost every country in the higher education system has a CanSat program, so the initiative to establish CanSat/Rocketry Championship at the Global level is additionally justified.

4. COMMON RULES

- a) India will be the organizer and host of the CanSat/Rocketry Competition for Asian and Australian Continents, as Qualification for World Finals. Which means that India sets all rules for organizing and holding the Competition (Competition propositions, number of Teams, Teams rules in general, participation fee, place, date, rules on site etc.).
- b) Italy and Serbia will organize together Competition for European Continent, as qualification for World Finals. Which means that Italy and Serbia set all rules for organizing and holding the Competition (Competition propositions, number of Teams, Teams rules in general, participation fee, place, date, rules on site etc.). The Competition will take place in Italy.
- c) Tunisia will be the organizer and host of the Competition for African Continent and the Middle East, as qualification for World Finals. Which means that Tunisia sets all rules for organizing and holding the Competition (Competition propositions, number of Teams, Teams rules in general, participation fee, place, date, rules on site etc.).
- d) Canada will be the organizer and host of the Competition for North American Continent, as qualification for World Finals. Which means that Canada sets all rules for organizing and holding the Competition (Competition propositions, number of Teams, Teams rules in general, participation fee, place, date, rules on site etc.).
- e) Peru will be the organizer and host of the Competition for South American Continent, as qualification for World Finals. Which means that Peru sets all rules for organizing and holding the Competition (Competition propositions, number of Teams, Teams rules in general, participation fee, place, date, rules on site etc.).
- f) Portugal and Serbia will organize together Competition for World Finals. Which means that Serbia and Portugal set all rules for organizing and holding the Competition based on its capacities and capabilities, and by adhering to a common document (*The basic rules for World Finals*). The Competition will take place one year in Serbia and second year in Portugal.

With the understanding that each founder country in particular is best aware of the situation on its continent and its own capacities and capabilities, this kind of independence in decision making and organizing is the best solution, with of course continuous mutual cooperation.

All founder countries have the adequate experience and the infrastructure, the necessary knowledge and skills. All founder countries will together define: *The basic rules of the qualification Competitions* and all other details for the World Finals (*The basic rules for World Finals*) as separate documents which will change every year for the purpose of development and progress. When participating in the final Competition in Serbia the Teams from India, Tunisia, Italy, Canada and Peru will have a special status, which includes lower costs and participation in the jury for representatives of the country. Founder countries may propose and agree on additional benefits related to World Finals at any time. Founder countries may propose and agree on anything which is important for constant improvement of the Championship, cooperation and this field in general, at any time. Voting is by simple majority.

Each founder country is responsible for its Continent and the Organization of the Competition and has the opportunity, if it wishes, to organize the Competition on its continent and with another country from the same continent and on the soil of that country. So, the Competition may not always be in the same country, but the founder country from that continent must be co-organizer with another country on which the Competition is organized.

The responsibility of each founder country is to promote, organize and hold the Competition on its continent by the end of the current year, the World Finals will be held always next year.

More precisely, to invite all students from their Continents to the Competition, to find the adequate place for this event (outdoor and indoor), to decide what they will use for Launch (Rocket or Balloon or Drone or Plane) and provide launch permissions (if required) and safety measures, related equipment, staff and everything else that is necessary to hold the event safe and successful. All founder countries should assist one another in all these processes.

Material for CanSat assembling is set by India and will be placed on Amazon for sale. Also, all Video Manuals and Handbooks are prepared by India and will be available to every country. Launch equipment (Rocket or Balloon or Drone or Plane) is on each founder country. Each founder country has the right to make a surplus or profit from the event and has the right to use **WCRC** for its own promotion.

Each year all founder countries will agree on the basic rules (primarily for: **FLIGHT MISSION**), as a separate document (*The basic rules of the qualification Competitions*), for qualifying Competitions across continents, with the **aim** of making the Competitions as similar as possible to all participants Worldwide. Each founder country may make certain changes to these basic rules for the purposes of its Competition only if such changes will improve the Competition itself and will not deviate much from the mentioned **aim**.

Each founder country has the same status in this project. All founder countries are completely equal, therefore, all founder countries have the same rights and obligations and that makes **WCRC** stronger, unique and successful. Between founder countries must be completely openness and honesty in communication and cooperation. Also, it is necessary that every country makes efforts to create a sustainable beautiful and perspective atmosphere.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP PHASES

The WCRC consists of 3 phases:

- Phase 1 National CanSat/Rocketry Competition as qualification for Continental CanSat/Rocketry Competition.
 In this Competition student Teams participate across their own state. If the state does not have a National Competition, then all student Teams can directly participate in the Continental CanSat/Rocketry Competition (i.e. Phase 2).
- 2. Phase 2 **Continental CanSat/Rocketry Competition** as qualification for World Finals (Based on document: *The basic rules of the qualification Competitions*)
- Phase 3 World Finals CanSat/Rocketry Competition (Based on document: *The basic rules for World Finals*)

6. EVALUATION AND SCORING IN CHAMPIONSHIP PHASES 2 AND 3

6.1 The Jury

The Jury, appointed by founder countries, will be comprised of CanSat Experts, Education Experts, Engineers and Scientists who will evaluate the Teams' Performances during **Phases 2 and 3**.

The Jury will typically have 3-5 members, and their fields of expertise can vary from science to engineering or education. The Jury board will be usually comprised of:

- Space Science/Engineering Expert
- IT/Electronics Expert
- Education Expert
- Radio Communication Expert
- Rocketry Expert

6.2 Scoring

Performance in the following areas will be evaluated during Phases 2 and 3:

A. Technical Achievement

The Jury will take into account how the Teams obtained the results, how reliable and robust the CanSat was, visual appearance and how the CanSat performed. Innovative aspects of the project will be judged (e.g. the tools selected and the hardware/software used).

The aspects evaluated will be:

- Mission's Technical Complexity,
- Performance of the Mission.

B. Scientific value

The scientific value of the Teams' missions and the Teams' scientific skills will be evaluated. This includes the scientific relevance of the mission, the quality of the technical reporting (both written and oral) and the Team's scientific understanding that will be assessed from the Team's ability to analyze and interpret results appropriately.

The aspects evaluated will be:

- Scientific relevance,
- Scientific understanding,
- Technical reporting.

C. Professional competencies

The Jury will assess the Team's collaboration and coordination, adaptability and communication skills.

The aspects evaluated will be:

- Teamwork,
- Adaptability,
- Communication.

D. Outreach

The Team will be rewarded with additional points based on explanation: How the project is communicated to the local community, taking into account web pages, blogs, presentations, promotional material, media coverage etc.

6.3 Marking scheme

The overall balance between the items to be evaluated is as follows:

Technical Achievement 35% Scientific Value 35% Professional Competencies 20% Outreach 10%

TOTAL 100%

6.4 Prizes for Phases 2 and 3

- 1st Prize
- 2nd Prize
- 3rd Prize

The following rule will apply:

• A Team can't receive more than one prize.

6.5 Quotas for World Finals

A total of 37 Teams can compete in the World Finals:

From Asian/Australian Continent 15 Teams From African Continent 5 Teams From North American Continent 5 Teams From South American Continent 5 Teams From European Continent 7 Teams Each Team can consist of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members.



The **World CanSat/Rocketry Championship (WCRC)** was formulated and negotiated among the Organizations from 6 countries: **Serbia, India, Italy, Tunisia, Canada** and **Peru**. Then, **Portugal** has been added. WCRC is open for adding many more countries in this process! This event is an international competition open to elite competitors from around the world, representing their nations (as university student Teams or as independent student Teams), and winning this event will be considered the highest or near highest achievement in this field!

Website: www.wcrc.world

This event is important as it boosts students in a vertical type of education as compared to horizontal. It aims to give an insight and build ambience of a practical space mission. The WCRC originally consists of 3 phases, hence, the formal inauguration of **International Webinar** has been marked as **Phase 0** held from **22-26 June 2020**!

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| | Introduction to Amateur Radio, | | | | |
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Phase 0 - Online International Webinar + Quiz Assessment Video 2020-06-15 to 2020-07-13 World CanSat & Rocketry Championship:



Video 2020-06-15 to 2020-07-13 World CanSat & Rocketry Championship Phase 0: International Webinar + Quiz Assessment

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| 9. | Egypt | 69 | 1.6462 |
| 10. | Bahrain | 61 | 8.377 |
| 11. | Peru | 61 | 8.0418 |
| 12. | France | 60 | 2.3527 |
| 13. | Russia | 55 | 0.4178 |
| 14. | Philippines | 52 | 1.6588 |
| 15. | United Kingdom | 49 | 3.1913 |
| 16. | Algeria | 49 | 1.2063 |
| 17. | Argentina | 46 | 7.8581 |
| 18. | Portugal | 44 | 2.9003 |
| 19. | Thailand | 43 | 0.9169 |
| 20. | Brazil | 39 | 0.8181 |
| 21. | Bangladesh | 36 | 2.5298 |
| 22. | Rwanda | 36 | 0.383 |
| 23. | Pakistan | 36 | 0.0732 |
| 24. | Poland | 34 | 0.6378 |
| 25. | Malaysia | 34 | 0.628 |
| 26. | United States | 33 | 1.9166 |
| 27. | Romania | 32 | 3.7608 |
| 28. | Spain | 32 | 0.609 |
| 29. | Ukraine | 31 | 1.2864 |
| 30. | Chile | 28 | 3.1044 |
| 31. | South Korea | 25 | 1.8508 |
| 32. | Iraq | 24 | 0.9021 |
| 33. | Tunisia | 22 | 0.3537 |
| 34. | Indonesia | 15 | 0.0408 |
| 35. | Vietnam | 14 | 1.1498 |
| 36. | Uzbekistan | 11 | 0.0155 |
| 37. | Angola | 3 | 1.1554 |
| 38. | Others | 37 | 0.629 |



WCRC International Webinar-Phase 0: Promoters/Partners

World CanSat/Rocketry Championship (WCRC) – Phase 0

The Phase 0 of the WCRC objective is to help students around the world understand about Nanosatellites. This Phase has a series of Webinar and a bundle of fun quizzes. The adversity of the pandemic can be turned into an opportunity for the focused learning of satellites.

The webinar began from 22nd June, 2020 to 26th June, 2020. The webinar also provided information for others who wish to organise the National CanSat/Rocketry Competition or to be promoters of WCRC. The speakers of Webinar Series represented various countries. The diverse speakers covered a variety of topics in the field of Nanosatellites.

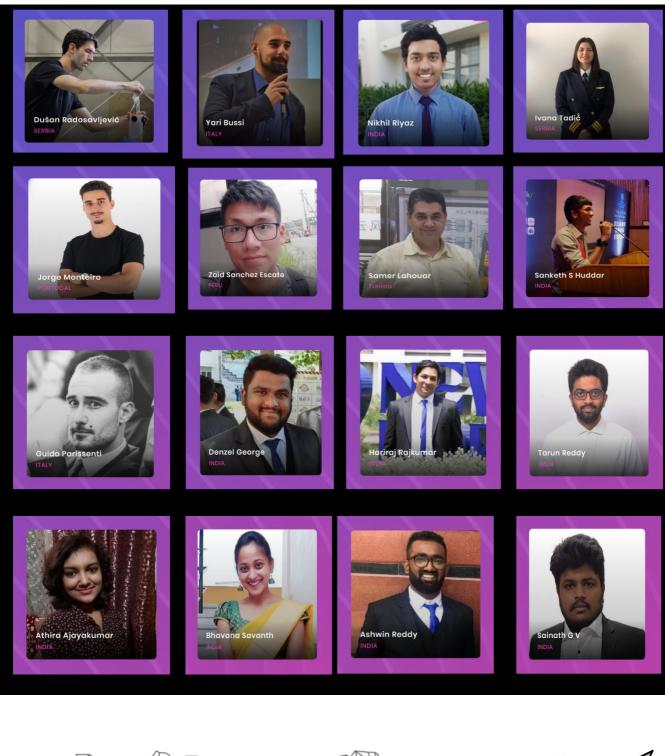
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| Indian Technological Congress Association (ITCA), India | https://www.itca.org.in/ |
| BRICS Federation of Engineering Organisations', Brazil, Russia, India, China and | https://infobrics.org/ |
| South Africa | |
| Committee for Space Programme Development | http://2comnet.info/ |
| UNISEC (University Space Engineering Consortium) Global | http://www.unisec-global.org/ |
| NHCE MHRD Institutions' Innovation Council, India | https://www.mic.gov.in/iic.php |
| National Design and Research Forum (NDRF), India | https://www.ndrf.res.in/ |
| Engineers Without Borders | http://ewb-international.com/ |
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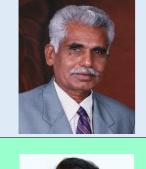








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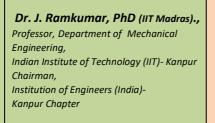
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WCRC: Highlights of Webinar Speakers!



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Official Introduction to World CanSat/Rocketry Championship (Mr. Sanketh, GEEKSPACE, India)

The Webinar series started off with the first ticket to enter the WCRC Championship, that is Phase 0. This video highlighted the mission and milestones of WCRC and of course, about WCRC. The presenter also revealed the official logo of WCRC. The founding countries of WCRC are - Serbia, India, Italy, Tunisia, Canada and Peru. The phases of the WCRC were mentioned, that is: *Phase 1 – National Competition; Phase 2 – Continental Competition; Phase 3 – Grand Finale Championship.* There was also an announcement of opportunity! If some universities/ industries/ activists want to organise a CanSat/Rocketry Competition in a Region, WCRC Secretariat will provide all the support to make sure the event happens!

What is a CanSat? Importance of Existence and Education (Mr. Dusan, CSPD, Serbia)

The presentation started with CanSat History, CanSat/Rocketry building and it covered the explanation of the advantages of building one for Space Engineering Learning. Then explained about Concept of Operations (CONOPS) which describes the mission operations from Idea to Launch. The CanSat Design, Ground Station and Rocket constraints were given in brief, that was a necessary element while building and launching a CanSat. Few payload components were also presented.

Next section covered the main subsystems and chassis structure of the CanSat. The presenter explained about Satellite and Data Management Subsystem, Power Supply Subsystem, Communication Subsystem, Satellite Attitude Control Subsystem, Satellite bus and finally about the Payload.

Then the CanSat Bus was briefed, keeping the model CanSat DHU. Critical points that are involved when building the CanSat CONOPS in Field/Outdoor and Indoor Operations were listed. Lastly, the presenter motivated the participants by manifesting his resources on Rocketry and The Journey of 2019 CanSat/Rocketry International Competition organized by CSPD.

About WCRC (Mr. Dusan, CSPD, Serbia)

The speaker has begun the presentation talking about how WCRC came into existence, and the motive behind it. After mentioning the founding countries, the benefits and the experience, the World Cansat/Rocketry Championship brings for a nation, institution, and a student is spoken about.

More detail is given upon the roles, responsibilities, of the founding countries and the common rules for the competition. It is also mentioned that, Material for CanSat Assembling (WCRC Standard) is set by India, and will be listed on Amazon for sale. All video manuals and handbooks are prepared by India and will be available for every country.

The following slides cover Championship phases in detail, succeeding which, a detailed explanation about the Jury, how the Evaluation and Scoring will take place, the marking scheme and also about the number of prizes. Lastly, the quotas for the World Finals is shown and spoken about.

Basic Rules of WCRC - India, Italy, Peru and Tunisia

A presentation of the Basic rules and Regulations for WCRC were made by representatives of 4 countries, India, Italy, Peru and Tunisia. Each of the videos contains a basic description of the hosts and a brief introduction about the country.

Following which, the representatives brief the Key Parameters like the mission objective, CanSat Technical Requirements, Evaluation and Scoring, and the Basic Rules for WCRC in their respective countries. Representative from Tunisia has also included the flow of the event in his presentation. However, a detailed list of all the Rules and Important Regulations to keep in mind during the participation will be shared at the time of the competition.

Each member country has an unique and wide range of expertise in the Space Sector, which has been shown in the presentations in short.



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CanSat Kit Made in India (Mr. Nikhil and Tarun, UNISEC India and TSC, India)

The presentation starts with Nikhil describing the CanSat. He describes the different areas CanSats can be used. He also describes the objective, functionality, and the physical characteristics.

Further into the presentation Nikhil talks about the various subsystems present in the advanced CanSat kit (CanSat Model S) built by TSC.

Tarun takes over to explain the basic model (CanSat Model E) In detail. He lays emphasis on the simplicity of the kit. Giving users the ability to experiment with this kit without having deep knowledge in the working of electronic systems was the object with which this kit was designed.

Tarun later goes throws light on the different software development tools used to program the CanSat. He mentions that the design of the OBC is based on Arduino UNO which is among the top most used Arduino boards, giving users access to a plethora of online learning resources.

Introduction to PocketQube (Mr. Denzel and Hariraj, TSC and ITCA, India)

The presenters, Denzel George and Hariraj R, gave an overview of PocketQube. The main goal is to give an insight into how PocketQube has evolved and also to give a few technical pointers to take account into when developing one. The takeaway here is to give intuition on the basics of a PocketQube.

The presentation started with the miniaturizing of technologies in day-to-day life with respective to Satellites and it covered the explanation of the advantages of building one. Then the practical general, mechanical requirements and design constraints were given in brief, that was a necessary element while building a PocketQube. Some payload ideas were also presented.

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Founding Countries/Many More Countries are Welcome!



Speakers: Sanketh S. Huddar (TSC)

Date: 21st June, 2020

YouTube: https://youtu.be/wF-w3TZmrFQ







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The presenter also revealed the official logo of WCRC.

The founding countries of WCRC are - Serbia, India, Italy, Tunisia, Canada and Peru. The phases of the WCRC were mentioned, that is:

Phase 1 – National Competition

Phase 2 – Continental Competition

Phase 3 – Grand Finale Championship

There was also an announcement of opportunity! If some universities/ industries/ activists want to organise a CanSat/Rocketry competition in a region, WCRC Secretariat will provide all the support to make sure the event happens! Speakers: Dr.Mylswamy Annadurai, Mr. M.V Kannan, Padmashri Prof.R.M. Vasagam, Dr. V. Dillibabu Padmashri, Dr. Y.S. Rajan, Dr. L.V.Muralikrishna Reddy, Mr. Rajangam and Prof. Ramkumar J.

Date: 22nd June,2020

YouTube: <u>https://youtu.be/vPqH0jucgXo</u>



World CanSat/Rocketry Championship

WCRC Official Inauguration

WCRC Inauguration – Phase 0

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Dr.Mylswamy Annadurai – Former Director ISRO Satellite Centre, Project Director of India's First Moon mission "Chandrayaan 1 and 2", Programme Director of Mars Orbiter Mission "Mangalyaan", Chairman of National Design and Research Forum (NDRF)

M.V Kannan – General Secretary, Planet Aerospace (Association of 300+ Retired Scientists from ISRO)

Padmashri Prof.R.M. Vasagam – Project Director, APPLE – India's First Geostationary Communication Satellite

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3. CanSat bus

 To meet mission requirements CanSat must have several subsystems. The CanSat bus contains the same subsystems like any other satellite, ie. everything that has been presented in earlier texts can be apply to CanSat as well.

- CanSat is powered by a 9 V battery;

- DHU is a processor module (microcontroller, VREG, ADC ...);

- The communication subsystem is a transmitter that sends data to the Ground station;



What is a CanSat? Importance of Existence and Education

The presentation started with CanSat History, CanSat/Rocketry building and it covered the explanation of the advantages of building one for Space Engineering Learning. Then explained about Concept of Operations (CONOPS) which describes the mission operations from Idea to Launch. The CanSat Design, Ground Station and Rocket constraints were given in brief, that was a necessary element while building and launching a CanSat. Few payload components were also presented.

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6. EVALUATION AND SCORING IN CHAMPIONSHIP PHASES 2 AND 3

6.5 Quotas for World Finals

A total of 37 Teams can compete in the World Finals:

- From Asian/Australian Continent 15 Teams
- From African Continent 5 Teams From North American Continent 5 Teams From South American Continent 5 Teams From European Continent 7 Teams

- Each Team can consist of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members.



The speaker has begun the presentation talking about how WCRC came into existence, and the motive behind it. After mentioning the founding countries, the benefits and the experience, the World Cansat/Rocketry Championship brings for a nation, institution, and a student is spoken about.

More detail is given upon the roles, responsibilities, of the founding countries and the common rules for the competition. It is also mentioned that, Material for CanSat Assembling (WCRC Standard) is set by India, and will be listed on Amazon for sale. All video manuals and handbooks are prepared by India and will be available for every country.

The following slides cover Championship phases in detail, succeeding which, a detailed explanation about the Jury, how the Evaluation and Scoring will take place, the marking scheme and also about the number of prizes. Lastly, the quotas for the World Finals is shown and spoken about.

Speakers: Representatives from India, Italy, Tunisia and Peru

Date: 23rd June, 2020

YouTube:

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Key Parameters

- A mission objective will be given by the hosts to all participating teams.
- The CanSat must meet all the technical requirements given by the hosts. Failing to meet any of the requirements may lead to disqualification.

The scoring will be based on four parameters namely,

- Technical Achievement Scientific Value
- Professional Competencies Outreach

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CanSat/Rocketry International Competition Middle East and Africa

- Will be organized by the end of 2020 at the CRMN Sousse, Tunisia
- ♦ Organizing team:
 - Prof. Kamer Besbes: Director General
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Basic Rules of WCRC – India, Italy, Peru and Tunisia

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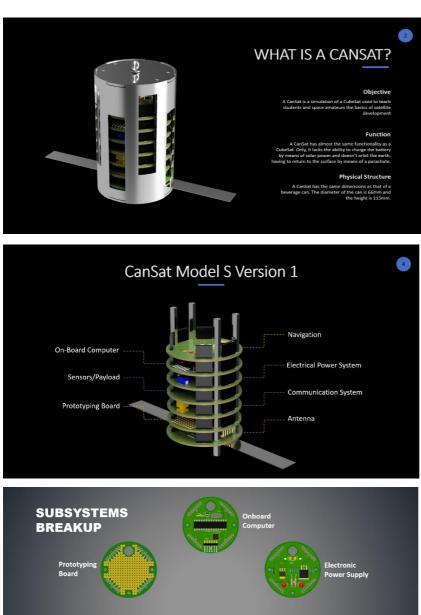
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Speakers: Nikhil Riyaz /TSC and Tarun Sai Reddy/TSC

Date: 23rd June 2020

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQO45Cx_gEo





Nikhil

CanSat Kit Made in India

The presentation starts with Nikhil describing the CanSat. He describes the different areas CanSats can be used. He also describes the objective, functionality, and the physical characteristics.

Further into the presentation Nikhil talks about the various subsystems present in the advanced CanSat kit (CanSat Model S) built by TSC.

Tarun takes over to explain the basic model (CanSat Model E) In detail. He lays emphasis on the simplicity of the kit. Giving users the ability to experiment with this kit without having deep knowledge in the working of electronic systems was the object with which this kit was designed.

Tarun later goes throws light on the different software development tools used to program the CanSat. He mentions that the design of the OBC is based on Arduino UNO which is among the top most used Arduino boards, giving users access to a plethora of online learning resources.

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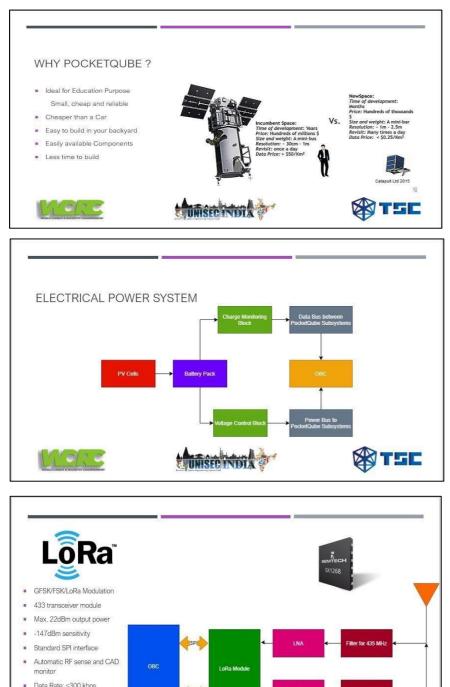


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Date: 24th June 2020

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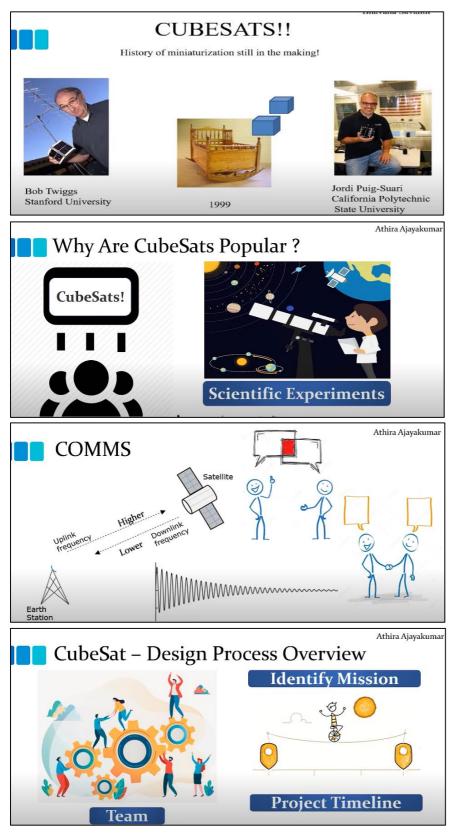


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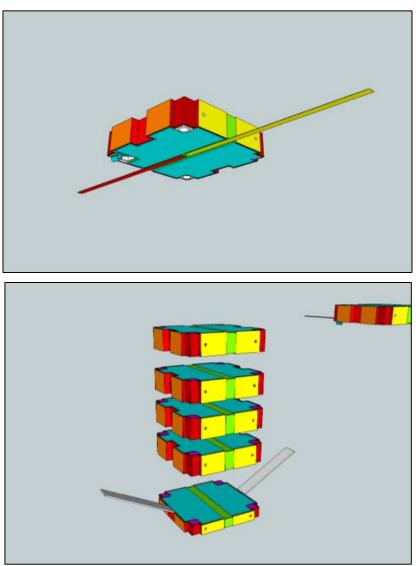


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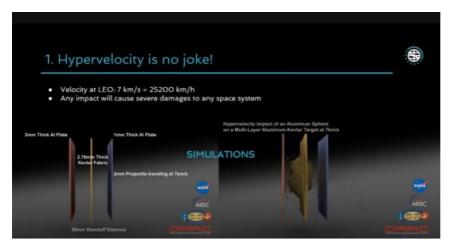
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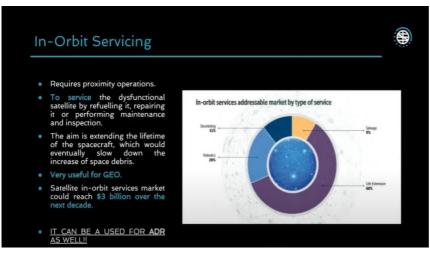
Speakers: Jorge Monteiro / Spaceway.pt

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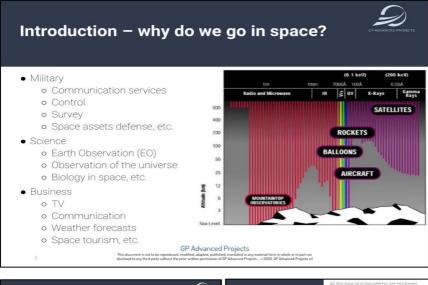
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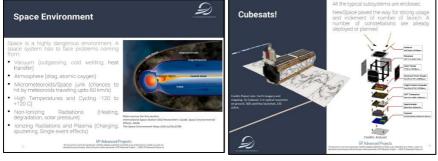
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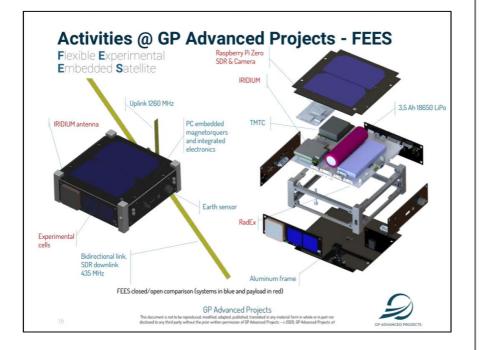
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Abstract

Every nation, be it a small or big, aspires to launch their own satellite to space and wishes to provide an opportunity to their scientists/students, in order to encourage them to continue space research. For the majority of the nations and academic institutions/universities, it is still a distant dream! Including former Yugoslavian Countries (*Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia*). Committee for Space Programme Development (CSPD), Serbia, has been striving hard to provide an opportunity for building and launching satellites for former Yugoslavian countries. In continuation of their sustained efforts since last 2-3 years, CSPD has succeeded in establishing a working relationship with India and paved the way for Indo-Serbian Collaborative Research leading to the realisation of the launching of satellites of small nations. This paper highlights the opportunities opened up globally during Space 2.0 era and need for the Pico, Nano and Micro Satellites (PNM Sat) as a frugal way to access space and sustain space research by academic institutions and small nations to realize their dream in a more frugal way!

Keywords: Pico, Nano and Micro Satellites (PNM Sat), CanSat, PocketQube, CubeSat, UNITYsat

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| AOCS | Attitude and orbit control subsystem | MoS | Margin of safety |
| ASD | Acceleration spectral density | MEO | Medium Earth orbit |
| ΑΤΟΧ | Atomic oxygen | OBCS | On-board computer subsystem |
| СОМ | Communication subsystem | PA/QA | Product and Quality Assurance |
| CoG | Center of gravity | PSD | Power spectral density |
| CoM | Center of mass | PCB | Printed circuit board |
| EO | Earth observation | PDF | Probability density function |
| EPS | Electric power subsystem | PNMSat | PicoSat, NanoSat and Micro Sat |
| E-sail | Electric solar wind sail | PR | Public relations |
| EMC | Electromagnetic compatibility | RBF | Remove Before Flight |
| ESD | Electrostatic discharge | RF | Radio frequency |
| EM | Engineering model | RW | Reaction wheel |
| ESA | European Space Agency | SDOF | Single-degree-of freedom |
| FEA | Finite element analysis | SPL | Sound pressure level |
| FPGA | Field-programmable gate array | SS | Stainless steel |
| FH | Flight hardware | SSO | Sun Synchronous Orbit |
| GEO | Geosynchronous orbit | ST | Star tracker |
| CG | Gold gas | STEM | Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics |
| HW | Hardware | STR | Structure subsystem |
| HS | High-level sine | Ti | Titanium |
| HSCOM | High-speed communication | UHF | Ultra-high frequency |
| IFA | Inverted-F antenna | VHF | Very high frequency |

Introduction

The first man-made object that was launched into space was the Sputnik-1 satellite [1] in 1957. That was fascinating and appealing to all humankind and escalated the Space Race [2], consequently developing technologies and bringing attention to space science around the globe. Space became more accessible and open to not only governmental space agencies and huge companies but also universities and other educational institutions in recent years. Technologies and devices have a tendency of becoming smaller in size and more powerful in performance (an ideal example is the Smartphone industry). A similar development has occurred in small satellite design, they have decreased in size as well as became more of a standard in their build-up. This trend was introduced by the California Polytechnic State University and Stanford University as CubeSat in 1999.

CubeSat concept introduced by Bob Twiggs and Jordi Puig-Suari in 1999

- small (10x10x10 cm, 1 kg Picosatellite)
- low cost
- short development time
- ideal for education
- involvement in all phases of Space project

Acknowledgement to NHCE Students' Satellite Team/Start-up TSC: We acknowledge the contributions of the Research Engineers of NHCE/TSC!

Cube Satellite (CubeSat)

A CubeSat is a cubic-shaped satellite identified by the number of units. One unit, more commonly known as 1U, is a cube with a volume equivalent to one litre and a side-length of 10 cm. By merging a few cubes on top of each other, the variety of sizes increases (1U, 2U, 3U, 6U...). Satellites can be categorised by their mass. The one with a mass below 1 kg is a picosatellite, which is very often a 1U CubeSat (by default the mass of each unit should not exceed 1.33 kg), or a PocketQube (0.25U). The majority of the launched or built CubeSats are nanosatellites with a mass of 1-10 kg, shown in Figure 1, as per March 14th 2017 [3].

Majority of 3U CubeSats mentioned in Figure 1 below have a nominal mass limitation equivalent to 4 kg, however, depending on the deployer (mechanical interface between the CubeSat and the launch vehicle (LV)), the mass can be higher. As in the case of ISIPOD, the maximum allowable mass for 3U is 6 kg [4]. A spacecraft with a mass range from 10 to 100 kg is a microsatellite, below 1 kg a picosatellite, and below 0.1 kg a femtosatellite. The smallest publicly-known femtosatellite is called a KickSat, which is a 3.5 by 3.5 cm single printed circuit board (PCB) with a microprocessor, gyroscope, magnetometer, radio with antennas, and solar cells [5].

As with any piece of hardware (HW), a satellite needs a structure for holding it together or deploying into the orbit, even in the case of KickSat. Moreover, the development process for space structures is somewhat similar to the ground-application with more strict requirements and constraints.

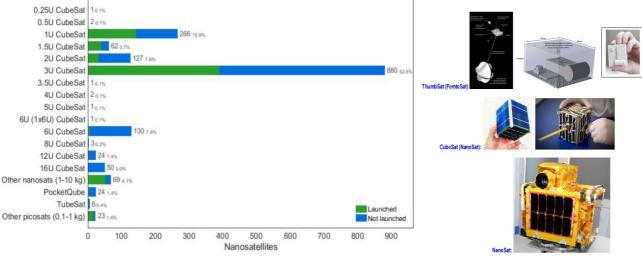


Figure 1. Nanosatellites by type

Development process initiates with the list of requirements and ends up with the product delivering for LV integration; it consists of designing, verification, manufacturing, and testing. The design includes developing requirements, identifying options, doing analysis and trade studies, and defining a product in enough detail so one can build it or manufacture it[7, p.1]. For the ground applications, one also considers the outer appearance (how it looks like and how it feels like), however, for the space mission the main target in designing is functionality under certain requirements (some exceptions exists for public relations (PR) purposes). Hence, the structure has to be cost-effective which means obtaining high performance, reliability, and confidence for spent money, considering not only knowns but also variables and uncertainties [7, p.1].

In this particular case, the satellite consists of payloads (which conduct scientific and technologic demonstration and performance) and subsystems or satellite bus (which operates the spacecraft). The structure supports the payload and spacecraft subsystems with enough strength and stiffness to preclude any failure (rupture, collapse, or detrimental

Nanosatellites (NanoSat)

- First CubeSats launched in early 2000
- By now: > 800 nanosatellites launched
- Record in 2017: 104 on a single PSLV launcher
- Exponential increase in recent years
- Standard deployers important
- XPOD, P-POD, ISIPOD, Nanoracks (from ISS)
- Standardized launcher interfaces
- Initially mostly 1U, 2U, 3U CubeSats
- Trend to larger nanosatellites 6U, 8U, 12U
- Nanosatellite classification 1...10 kg mass

deformation) that may keep them from working successfully [7, p.23]. Key requirements consist of functional (what must be done), operational (how well it must be done), and constraints (limit the available sources, schedule, or physical characteristics) [7, p.26]. The risk has to be evaluated and if the elimination is not feasible due to constraints in terms of time, cost, or schedule shift, then one has to accept the certain probability of failure or damage. In addition, the level of risk has to be evaluated with its influence on the entire mission – will it cause full mission failure or just minor element deformation that does not affect the mission success. Any risk evaluation starts with the estimation of failure probability and resolving the consequences of that failure.

Space Mission Habitat

After the satellite reaches the specific orbit, it will be exposed to other harmful habitats in the near-Earth space environment. The list consists of, but is not limited to, vacuum, thermal radiation, charged-particles radiation, neutral atomic and molecular particles, micrometeorites and space debris, magnetic fields, and gravitational fields [7, p.61]. Various sources are influencing the man-made objects as a function of orbit (Figure 2), where LEO is a low Earth orbit (160-2000 km), MEO is a medium Earth orbit (2000-35000 km), and GEO is a geosynchronous orbit (35876 km).

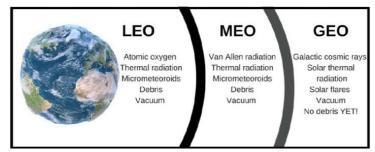


Figure 2. Space environment as the function of altitude

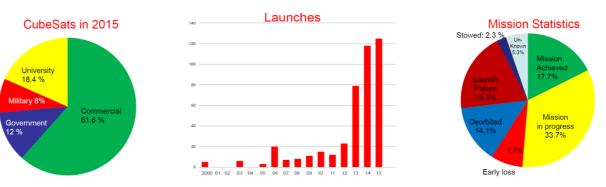
The term **vacuum** describes the extremely low pressure in space. A vacuum has various effects on the structure. In vacuum, polymer-based materials (thermal insulators, adhesives and the matrices for advanced composites) release substances in a gaseous form [7, p.63]. The substance is one of an organic origin or absorbed nitrogen, oxygen, and carbon dioxide on the ground. Moreover, the material has issues with water desorption that was absorbed by the material during on-ground processes. The aforementioned effects may degrade certain properties of the material and might cause condensation on critical surfaces (lenses, mirrors, and sensors). Another effect is the internal pressure of sealed structures that were assembled at the ambient Earth pressure.

Thermal radiation is mainly a reference to direct solar flux (1309-1400 W/m2) which means the intensity of radiation, planetary albedo (global annual average is 0.3) which originates from the reflected solar flux, planetary emission flux (189-262 W/m2), and the satellite electronics' infrared thermal emission. This results in non-uniform heating of spacecraft which causes materials (especially with various thermal expansion coefficients) to expand differently, resulting in structural stresses. In addition, certain components require a precise operating temperature range (e.g. batteries, propellant tanks). The solution is to implement an active (requires power) and/or a passive (materials and coatings) thermal control system.

Charged-particle radiation is a high flux of energetic particles. The major sources are trapped radiation (Van Allen belt) which contains electrons and protons in the MEO, galactic cosmic radiation which contains 90% of protons and 10% of helium nuclei in the GEO and further, and solar radiation which is largely continuous solar wind (electrons, protons, and helium nuclei low in energy) and solar flares (high energetic protons and heavy ions) [7, p.69]. The radiation has a negative effect on the electronic components and may cause damage or failure to the systems. There is no way to predict or to be protected against galactic cosmic radiation, thus electronics have to tolerate it.

Classification/Category of Satellites (Based on Weight)

- a) Minisatellite (100–500 kg)
- b) Microsatellite (10–100 kg)
- c) Nanosatellites (1 -10 kg)
- d) Picosatellites (100 gm-1 kg)
- e) Femtosatellites (10-100 gm)



Space Debris

- Increasing number of nanosatellites imposes a space debris risk
- LEO orbit crowded
- Orbit to comply with < 25 year orbital life-time
- Or: Active De-orbiting Mechanisms
 - Deployable sails/structures
 - Drag mechanisms
 - Propulsion (e.g. micro arc-jets)

Figure 3. NanoSats Launched till 2015Source: M.Swartwout

LEO contains relatively stable atomic and molecular particles. When the spacecraft moves at orbital hypervelocity, its surface is struck by particles that cause material recession. The most damaging is atomic oxygen (ATOX) [8]; among other impactors are N_2 , O_2 , Ar, He, H. The erosion process and rates rely on the material's composition. The most damaging are polymer based

materials, while the impact on metals is not that significant, especially on aluminium (AI) which is commonly used for space structures due to its low density, radiation shielding capabilities, and manufacturability. For instance, an exposed AI surface to ATOX at an altitude of 500 km has an erosion rate of 7.6e-6 mm/year, however the same parameters applied to silver results in the erosion rate of 0.22 mm/year [9].

Against trapped and solar radiations, shieldings are implemented. The structure of the satellite can act as a radiation shield as well. For instance, in order to keep the total radiation dose below 10e4 rads per year at 4000 km, the required thickness of aluminium is 9 mm [7, p.71].

Micrometeoroids and Space Debris can have a fatal impact on the spacecraft structure at the orbital hypervelocity due to impacts (if the size of impactor is large enough). One can implement shielding against smaller objects. Also, thermal blankets decrease the impact of small objects [10, p.10-11].

The **plasma brake** (Figure 4a) is an end-of-life disposal technique for objects in the LEO. The infamous space debris issue was regulated with a limit in the orbital post-mission lifetime of 25 years or 30 years after launch for all satellites in the LEO [11]. The problems behind already existing debris are upcoming large constellations shown in Figure 4b. The probable collisions at orbital hyper-velocities (over 3 km/s) will cause defragmentation which will consequently result in an enormous escalation of small objects, better known as the Kessler syndrome, which will disable access to LEO if the escalated problem is ignored.

Mission Success: Testing!

- Environmental tests on unit and system level: thermal, thermal-vacuum, vibration, EMC, open-field tests
- Burn-in tests (1000 hours on BRITE)

Orbit trajectory



- Communications
- Telemetry mostly in VHF (145 MHz) and UHF (4 MHz) amateur radio bands
- Low data rates (kbit/s)



- S-Band (2.2 GHz) so far less used
- Higher frequency bands available (C, X, Ka)

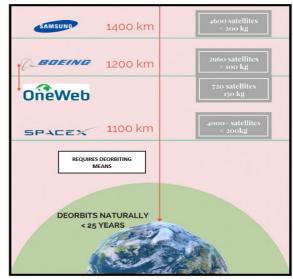


Figure 4b. Upcoming large constellations

Space Missions with Few Examples

Figure 4a. Plasma brake concept

for the gravity-stabilised tether

- Astrobiology
 - Astronomy
 - BRITE
 - CANIVAL-X (NASA): formation flying, virtual telescope
 - Atmospheric Science
- Biology
- Pharmaceutical Research
- Earth Observation
 - Planet Labs (commercial)

- Space Weather
- Telecommunications
 - AIS (UTIAS, SPIRE- commercial)
 - ADS-B monitoring
 - Messaging
 - Amateur Radio
- Material Science
- Technology (OPS-SAT)

Major Components of Satellite Programmes

Space: Antenna systems, Attitude Control Systems, Communication Systems, Command Data Handling Systems, CubeSat Structures, Solar Panels,

Launch: CubeSat Deployers,

Ground: Ground Stations, Ground Support Equipment, Generic Engineering Model

- a) Size & Objectives : CubeSat and Nanosat/Picosat Missions
- b) CubeSat Platforms
- c) Payload Development and Integration
- d) Launch Services
- e) Ground Stations
- f) Commissioning and Operations Support

| Work Group | Major Team/Core Activities | |
|--|--|--|
| Antenna Systems | | |
| Attitude Control Systems | | |
| Communication Systems | Selection of Payload (Novelty) | |
| Command Data Handling Systems | | |
| CubeSat Structures | | |
| Solar Panels | | |
| CubeSat Platforms | | |
| Payload Identification/Development | - Payload Design and Development | |
| System Integration | Payload Integration | |
| Software Programming | Mission Software Development (Programming) | |
| Launch Service | Launch Logistics | |
| Ground Control Station | GCS | |
| Commissioning and Operations Support | Observation | |
| Review of Literature/Case Studies | Documentation | |
| Testing and Analysis/ Failure Analysis | System-Level Testing | |

Applications of Satellite Programmes:

ISISpace has been working on training next generation scientists and engineers, performing small scale science missions or planning a novel application using a globe-spanning constellation etc. Potential space applications are listed below (but not limited to the following):

- 1. Earth Sciences: Nanosatellites for better understanding of our own planet
- 2. Ship Tracking Services: Near real time vessel tracking using satellite-AIS
- 3. Aircraft Tracking: Keeping track of aircraft on a global scale using ADS-B
- 4. **Space Research:** Small scale astronomy and exploration missions
- 5. Climate Monitoring: Network of satellites to monitor climate change
- 6. Earth Observation: Provide real-time imaging capability with satellite swarms
- 7. Agriculture Monitoring: Improve crop production using remote sensing data
- 8. Microgravity Research: Use the space environment to gain new insights
- 9. **Pipeline Monitoring:** Monitor critical infrastructure using satellites
- 10. Signal Intelligence: Use small satellites to ensure the security of our nation
- 11. Education and Training: Train the next generation scientists & engineers
- 12. Telecommunications: Provide global connectivity using small satellites
- 13. Technology Validation: Test your latest technologies onboard a small satellite

Various Successful Strategies to Nurture Interest and Mobilize Passionate Workgroups/Team What is a CanSat?

A CanSat is a simulation of a real satellite. All systems and subsystems are housed in a soft drink "can" shaped structure which can hold up to 350 ml. Building a CanSat is an economical way to gain basic knowledge and skills in Space Engineering for teachers and students, also, to experience engineering challenges when designing Satellites which has to survive in the hostile space environments! Students are able to design and build a small electronic payload that can fit into the cans of 350 ml. CanSat is launched by Rocket, Balloon, Plane or Drone and is carried to apogee. With the Parachute, the CanSat slowly descends to the ground and carries out its mission during descent (for example: measures air pressure and temperature and sends telemetry). By analysing the data collected by CanSat, students will analyse the reasons for its success or failure of the mission. It is an affordable process to keep the passionate students engaged and in the process the team acquires adequate fundamentals/knowledge of system engineering along with necessary systems and subsystems to build their CubeSat!

Space engineering learning, based on the CanSat/Rocketry concept, gives an opportunity to the students to gain hands-on experience through a specific interdisciplinary project. Since this is a Space engineering project, teachers and students will gain experience from mission definition, conceptual design, through integration and testing, up until launching and actual system operation, i.e. experience from the whole Space project cycle and then participate in the CanSat/Rocketry Competition with its peers at home country and abroad. One of the main advantages of the CanSat/Rocketry concept is its interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary in nature: combination of mathematics, physics, informatics/ programming, mechatronics, telecommunications, aviation and rocketry, mechanics, etc. Whenever the CanSat/Rocketry Teams Win or Lose in the Competitions, they have enough lessons learned in the process to cement their unity with the project and dos and don'ts as well! It helps the team members to get motivated and sustain their interest for learning and doing continuously till they launch their own CubeSat/PocketQube to LEO!

Benefits of CanSat/Rocketry Based Education:

CanSat/Rocketry is an effective educational tool for:

- Learning by doing and also provides an opportunity to "create" new CanSat/Rocket/PocketQube, which is the highest level of learning pedagogy as per Revised Bloom's Taxonomy (RBT);
- Involving students in technology and engineering as a practical complement to other, fundamental, subjects they study, such as mathematics and physics;
- Emphasizing teamwork where each student has a specific task/role that creates a sense of responsibility for him/her;
- Students gain experience of the complete process: defining the mission, design, development/ constructing, programming, testing, launching and analysis;
- Simple conducting experiments with balloon/rocket/plane/drone;
- Learning methods can be adapted to the age level of students, or to their needs and abilities;
- Students are able to analyze the reasons for success or failure after descending CanSat and Rocket to the ground;
- Acquired knowledge and experience can be applied to other projects as this concept enables obtaining of ideas and stimulates students' thinking;
- Useful for a further education/career guidance process;

Today, almost every country in the higher education system has a CanSat/CubeSat program, so the initiative to establish CanSat/Rocketry Championship at the Global level is additionally justified.

Facts as of 2020 January 1 (Nanosatellite Database by Erik: https://www.nanosats.eu/)

Nanosats launched: 1307 CubeSats launched: 1200 Interplanetary CubeSats: 2 Nanosats destroyed on launch: 87 Most nanosats on a rocket: 103 Countries with nanosats: 65 Companies in database: 467 Forecast: over 2500 nanosats to launch in 6 years

Design and Development of Indo-Serbian PocketQube, CanSat and UNITYsat:

TSC PocketQube V1(50 mm x 50 mm x 50 mm):

Power Specifications

- Total unit works at 3.3V.
- Battery Specs (planned to use): Li-po 3.6V @ 1240mAh.

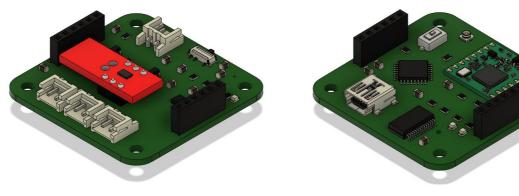
Board Specifications

- Per board: 44.45mm (L) x 44.45mm (W) x 8.5mm (header height) + desired board thickness
- Available Board thickness 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1, 1.2, 1.6, 2.0 in mm
- 2 Layer Board.
- 4 M3 Mounting Holes.
- All Boards are interconnected in two rail configurations using Stack headers.

Board Description

EPS

- Can plug 3no of 2V @ 150mA solar cells (Dimension 5cm x 5cm x 4mm).
- Discharge Protection Circuit.
- 3V3 Voltage regulator.
- LiPo Fuel gauge (to monitor battery).
- Power Switch.

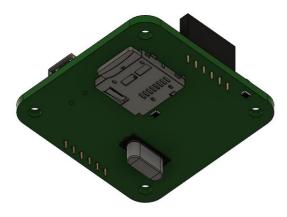


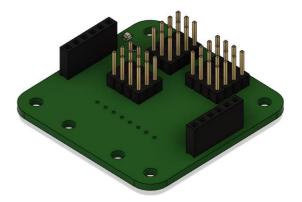
Snapshot of EPS v1

Snapshot of OBC (Isometric Top View)

OBC (with COM)

- Has On-board USB Interface for uploading and serial monitoring.
- Uses 8-bit AVR RISC-based microcontroller combines 32kB Flash, 2KB SRAM
- Uses SX1268 433/868 MHz LoRa Module. (<u>http://www.dorji.com/products-detail.php?Prold=64</u>)
- Can plug in 16GB micro SD Card for Data storage.
- Contains UFL Male Connector for antenna extension.





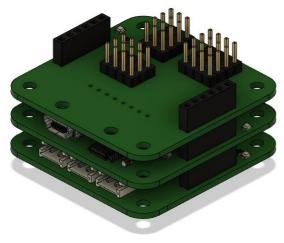
Snapshot of OBC (Isometric Bottom View)

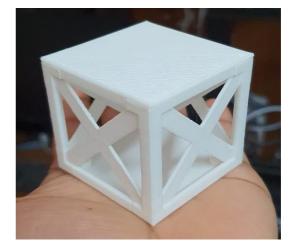
Snapshot of Sensor Breakout Board (Isometric Top View)

Sensor Breakout

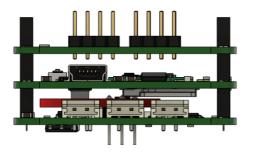
- Holds Temperature and 9-DOF (BMP280 + MPU9250) Sensors On-Board
- 4 I2C Ports.
- 4 Analog Pinouts
- 4 Digital Pinouts. (1 PWM).

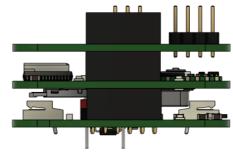
Complete PocketQube View





ISOMETRIC VIEW

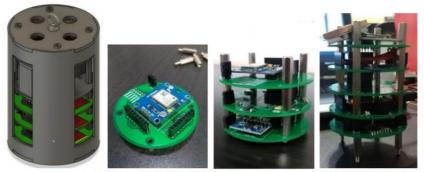




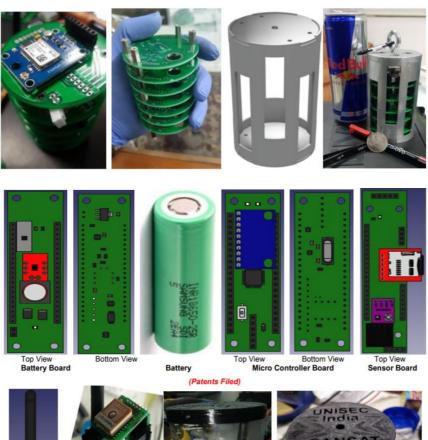
FRONT VIEW

RIGHT VIEW

Indo-Serbian CanSat:



Views of Final Assembly of CanSat Built during above Workshops (Patents Filed)





Indo-Serbian Collaboration has paved the way for Conducting Capacity Building CanSat Workshops in Eastern Europe along with CSPD, Serbia! Also planned to Organize Continental and Global CanSat/Rocketry Competitions 2020/2021 at Serbia and Other Host Countries by the end of 2020 onwards and Global Finals will be held at Serbia! Students' Exchange/Higher Education/Joint Development of Satellites for Former Yugoslavia Regions also have been planned.

UNITYsat:

The Unity Program (originally conceived by CSPD, Serbia has been evolved into Indo-Serbian Collaboration) represents a response to the increasing need of people and groups for easier access to Space, so as to attain sustainable progress in their work and development of this area. The concept itself emerged within the post-conflict region as an endeavour to reestablish the cooperation of the people within the region, but now during a completely different way, which in itself goes beyond the present mode of thinking and demands a brand new approach in international relations, whereby independence in creation of every participant isn't jeopardized, and on the other hand there's a relentless presence of the need of cooperation among the participants. In this way, everyone achieves both individual and group goals, and progress is inevitable. Technically, the Unity program relies on CubeSat standards (http://www.cubesat.org/), primarily by dimensions and basic characteristics. The 3U POD deployer carries several small satellites (UNITYsat) which will be delivered in Orbit.

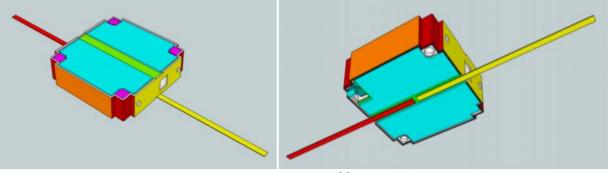
The main characteristics of the UNITYsat are as follows:

- a) The chassis of every UNITYsat is made by combining of anodized aluminium and 3D printed filament;
- b) Basic dimensions of every UNITYsat are 10.0cm x 10.0cm x 2.5cm or 1.25cm;
- c) User/developer defines payload of its own UNITYsat with respect of the standards defined in this document;

The price is formed on the one UNITYsat: development kit + launch service. Although the volume of the one UNITYsat is 250 cm³, the same rules (rights and obligations) are valid as for large satellites. The user/developer can put all the basic subsystems and payload in its own UNITYsat if meets the defined standards. Testing of each UNITYsat before the launching process is mandatory and this is also defined by mentioned standards.

- Each UNITYsat is sorted one on the other.
- The Remove Before Flight (RBF) must be on designated side of the UNITYsat (yellow side) in the form of switch, which must not exceed the external dimension of the designated side, i.e. it must be in the same plane.
- RBF is a mandatory part of each UNITYsat regardless of whether the user/developer has chosen to power its own UNITYsat only from batteries or uses other Solar Cells.
- Batteries may be fully charged during launching, but the user/developer must provide a place (port) on a designated (yellow surface in UNITY.skp) side of UNITYsat for external battery charging and diagnostics if desired. External battery charging and diagnostics will not be allowed after placing UNITYsat in 3U POD deployer!

The *Unity program* is an Open source program, which means that all components except the external structure can be designed and standardized by third parties, under a condition that everything complies with the standards defined in program document. This is one of the reasons why this program is called *Unity*.



UNITYsat Assembly

Defined Standards for UNITYsat

a) General Requirements

- All parts shall remain attached to the UNITYsat during launch, ejection and operation. No additional space debris shall be created. After few weeks (3-8 weeks) of useful life of the UNITYsat, it will deorbit naturally.
- Pyrotechnics shall not be permitted.
- No pressure vessels shall be permitted.
- No hazardous materials shall be used on a UNITYsat. If you are not sure if a material is considered hazardous contact us.

- UNITYsat materials shall satisfy the following low out-gassing criterion to prevent contamination of other spacecraft during integration, testing, and launch. (*Note: A list of NASA approved low out-gassing materials can be found at:* <u>http://outgassing.nasa.gov</u>)
- The latest revision of the UNITYsat Define Standards shall be the official version (<u>http://2comnet.info/komsat/en/unity-program/</u>), which all UNITYsat users/developers shall adhere to.

b) UNITYsat Mechanical Requirements

The UNITYsat configuration and physical dimensions shall be per UNITY.skp mentioned in Program Document (which will be shared among interested Teams/Countries after signing NDA).

- The UNITYsat shall be 109.0+0.1 mm wide (X dimensions per UNITY.skp).
- The UNITYsat shall be 109.0+0.1 mm wide (Y dimensions per UNITY.skp).
- A single UNITYsat (basic dimension) shall be maximum 25.0 mm tall (Z dimension per UNITY.skp), including antennas and Solar cells (if exist). (Note: Users/developers should keep in mind that external structure (Anodized aluminium) of the UNITYsat will be delivered to each user/developer after additional purchase of structure. It is a prerequisite for participation in the program! In this way deviations in the external dimensions will be prevented. The internal/core structure which holds electronics can be 3D printed (ABS filament). User/developer can design the internal/core structure as it likes, but with respect of the Defined Standards in this document. In the UNITY.skp is given only an example of internal/core structure and changes are allowed!)
- Mass: Each single UNITYsat (basic dimension) shall not exceed 220g mass; Two UNITYsat shall not exceed 440g mass and Three UNITYsat shall not exceed 660g mass etc.
- **Materials:** For external structure material is Anodized aluminium. For internal/core structure material ABS (3D printing filament) shall be used.
- The UNITYsat shall use separation springs with characteristics defined in Table 1 on the designated place (white holes at the Bottom side in UNITY.skp). Separation springs with characteristics can be found using McMaster Carr P/N 84985A76. The separation springs provide relative separation between UNITYsats after deployment from the 3U POD Deployer.

| Characteristics | Value |
|-------------------------|--|
| Plunger Material | Stainless Steel |
| End Force Initial/Final | 0.5 lbs./1.5 lbs. |
| Throw Length | 0.05 inches minimum above the standoff surface |

Table 1: UNITYsat Separation Spring Characteristics



Spring Plunger

c) UNITYsat Electrical Requirements

Electronic systems shall be designed with the following safety features:

- No electronics shall be active during launch to prevent any electrical or RF interference with the launch vehicle and primary payloads. UNITYsat with batteries shall be fully deactivated during launch or launch with discharged batteries.
- The UNITYsat shall include deployment switch on the designated place (Blue switch on the Bottom side in UNITY.skp) to completely turn off satellite power once actuated. In the actuated state, the deployment switch shall be centered at the level of the bottom side of external structure (black surface in UNITY.skp).
 - All systems shall be turned off, including real time clocks.
 - The UNITYsat diagnostics and battery charging after the UNITYsat have been integrated into the 3U POD Deployer are not allowed. Note: All diagnostics and battery charging shall be done while the UNITYsat deployment switch is depressed.
- The UNITYsat shall include a Remove Before Flight (RBF) switch. The RBF switch shall be ON after UNITYsat integration into the 3U POD Deployer.
 - The RBF switch shall be accessible from the Access Port location (yellow surface in UNITY.skp).
 - The RBF switch shall cut all power to the UNITYsat once it is OFF.
- Batteries may be full charged during launching, but the user/developer must provide a place (port) on a designated (yellow surface in UNITY.skp) side of UNITYsat for external battery charging and diagnostics if desired. External battery charging and diagnostics will not be allowed after placing UNITYsat in 3U POD Deployer!

- An example of setting the Antenna and bending method will be performed live through the Workshop during the development process (example of dipole antenna 17.3cm x 2). This example is extremely important because based on it must be set up and bend and the Antenna(s) with other dimensions. The contact between the Antenna and the interior side of the 3U POD Deployer is NOT allowed!
- Deploying of Antennas and/or Solar cells etc. are allowed only by using Timer Switch (e.g. NiChrome timer switch) which countdown is triggered by separation of UNITYsats after ejection from the 3U POD Deployer in Orbit. The Timer countdown must last at least 15 minutes before deploying of Antennas and/or Solar cells.

d) Operational Requirements

UNITYsats shall meet certain requirements pertaining to integration and operation to meet legal obligations and ensure safety of other UNITYsats.

- Deploying of Antennas and/or Solar cells etc. are allowed only by using Timer Switch (e.g. NiChrome timer switch) which countdown is triggered by separation of UNITYsats after ejection from the 3U POD Deployer in Orbit. The Timer countdown must last at least 15 minutes before deploying of Antennas and/or Solar cells.
- Users/developers shall obtain and provide documentation of proper licenses for use of frequencies.
 - For amateur frequency use, this requires proof of frequency coordination by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). Applications can be found at <u>www.iaru.org</u>.
- Instead of using of UNITYsat Acceptance Checklist (UNITYsat AC) CSPD&ITCA/TSC shall conduct a minimum of one fit check in which user/developer hardware shall be inspected. A final fit check shall be conducted prior to launch.

e) Testing Requirements

Testing shall be performed to meet all requirements deemed necessary to ensure the safety of the UNITYsats and the 3U POD Deployer. Test plans that are not generated by the CSPD, Serbia & ITCA/TSC, India are considered to be unofficial. Requirements derived in this document may be superseded by launch provider requirements. All flight hardware shall undergo protoflight and acceptance testing.

At the very minimum, all UNITYsats shall undergo the following tests.

- Random Vibration Random vibration testing shall be performed as defined by CSPD & ITCA/TSC and/or LV provider, or if unknown, GSFC-STD-7000.
- Thermal Vacuum Bakeout Thermal vacuum bakeout shall be performed to ensure proper outgassing of components. The test cycle and duration will be outlined by CSPD & ITCA/TSC and/or LV provider, or if unknown, GSFC-STD-7000.
- Visual Inspection Visual inspection of the UNITYsat and measurement of critical areas shall be performed both by user/developer and by CSPD & ITCA/TSC.
- Qualification UNITYsats may be required to survive qualification testing as outlined by the CSPD & ITCA/TSC and/or LV provider. If are unknown, GSFC-STD-7000 (NASA GEVS). Qualification testing will be performed at developer facilities. In some circumstances, CSPD & ITCA/TSC can assist developers in finding testing facilities or provide testing for the developers. Additional testing may be required if modifications or changes are made to the UNITYsats after qualification testing.
- Protoflight All UNITYsats shall survive protoflight testing as outlined by the CSPD & ITCA/TSC and/or LV provider. If
 are unknown, GSFC-STD-7000. Protoflight testing will be performed at developer facilities. In some circumstances,
 CSPD & ITCA/TSC can assist developers in finding testing facilities or provide testing for the developers. UNITYsats
 SHALL NOT be disassembled or modified after protoflight testing. Additional testing shall be required if
 modifications or changes are made to the UNITYsats after protoflight testing.
- Acceptance (depends in first place of LV provider / could be subject of changes) After delivery and integration of
 the UNITYsats into the 3U POD Deployer, additional testing shall be performed with the integrated system. This
 test ensures proper integration of the UNITYsats into the 3U POD Deployer. Additionally, any unknown, harmful
 interactions between UNITYsats may be discovered during acceptance testing. The 3U POD Deployer Integrator
 shall coordinate and perform acceptance testing. After acceptance testing, the UNITYsats will be removed from 3U
 POD Deployer to perform diagnostics through the designated UNITYsat diagnostic ports and then again integrated
 into the 3U POD Deployer to repeat the process one more time. Visual inspection of the system shall be performed
 by the 3U POD Deployer Integrator. The 3U POD Deployer SHALL NOT be disintegrated at this point.

f) Responsibilities

CSPD & ITCA/TSC responsibilities are to deliver purchased development kit to users/developers, to enable launch (through its LV provider partner) at a contracted price once capacity of 3U POD Deployer is full, to integrate the users/developers UNITYsats with 3U POD 7 Deployer, to ensure the safety of the 3U POD Deployer and protect the launch vehicle (LV), primary payload, and other Satellites. Responsibility for deploying UNITYsats in Orbit is on LV provider. Responsibility for functionality of the UNITYsats is on users/developers.

g) Applicable Documents

The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. In the event of conflict between the documents referenced herein and the contents of this document, the contents of this document shall take precedence.

- Cal Poly CubeSat Design Specifications Document (www.cubesat.org)
- LSP Program Level P-POD and CubeSat Requirements Document (LSP-REQ-317.01)
- General Environmental Verification Standard for GSFC Flight Programs and Projects (GSFC-STD-7000)
- Procedural Requirements for Limiting Orbital Debris (NPR 8715.6)

Frugal Way to Access Low Earth Orbit (LEO): Indo-Serbian Collaborative Efforts as a Case Study

Problems Identified by Space Enthusiasts to Access LEO:

Limited knowledge, Insufficient Experience, Money for Launch/Cheaper Launch, Time in General, Period of Time to Launch etc.

Tools Available to Access LEO: Acquired Knowledge, Technology, Collaboration / Teamwork, Motivation

Let's start with the problems of Limited Knowledge and Insufficient Experience using the Tool at our disposal. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of Space Engineering, Acquired Knowledge allows you to be aware of what you do not know and thus save you time and direct you. Collaboration/Teamwork makes up for time and knowledge- because not everyone knows everything, so teams are made up of people from many fields (inter disciplinary and multi-disciplinary teams). Technology speeds up the process and helps you to gain experience because it allows you to make mistakes that you can easily correct during the process.

Motivation is, of course, the basis of everything and is constantly present when someone is doing most exciting project such as "building their own satellite"! However, you all knew this, let's see specifically; we want to make a satellite, and we have the problems and tools listed. We decided to start gradually, from the beginning. We adapted the CanSat concept to elementary school age and started learning the same way as making a real satellite because CanSat is a replica of a real satellite and contains everything (all systems and subsystems) that has a real satellite, but with limited complexity. We made teams, shared tasks and everyone was given their own scope of work and responsibility. All participants (members of each team) are equally important. Then we raised everything to a higher level, high school and started studying Rockets. Both Rocket Engine Rockets and Water Rockets, constantly applying the acquired knowledge of fundamental subjects. We put together CanSat and Rocket and launch CanSat as a true satellite. Then things got even more interesting. Then the study at University came, we asked ourselves, what now ... it's not a problem to raise CanSat and Rockets to an even higher level, and even accredit Space engineering programs, but what's the point if we can't reach the goal because we are so small, how do we continue to improve ourselves? How can we contribute to development now? Do we have to wait for employment in some big Aerospace company or Agency?

History has taught us that no one should be underestimated and everyone should be given a chance if possible, if the goal is justified/correct/legitimate/democratic/inclusive. These issues occur even at the very beginning and therefore we again applied engineering approach and again start with thinking and rethinking... then we realized that we are constantly going around in circles, because new problem that has not been present has now appeared. And that problem is money for the launch / the cost of launch must be cheaper. OK, now we have the knowledge and we have some experience, but how to apply it completely, how to go further during study period. (Digression: The cheapest launch is \notin 30,000-40,000-60,000 for PQ, which is unrealistic and unaffordable for many institutions/organizations, especially individuals).

Then we applied a tool that has been used all the time, but in the process of learning, and that is collaboration. India and Serbia have found an optimum solution that big players made possible for small players and beginners (anyone either individuals or institutions who are interested to build and launch their own satellite). The UNITY Program was created, these big players are from ISRO/Roscosmos etc. India and Serbia have proposed a new approach in the educational process in which students have the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge through the creation of a real satellite during their studies and to motivate one another through competition with their colleagues/students from other institutions and automatically promote this program, which is actually common goal. This is UNITY because you cannot reach the goal easily (and cheaply through a frugal way). You are all independent in your work and will be independent in Orbit, but only together you can achieve that goal.

Consider the breadth (wideness) of this Program and how much UNITYs we actually have here and whether it may be a symbolic representation of humanity. Finally, remember the price of \notin 30k-40k-60k for PQ, Our proposed UNITYsat has allowed you to get twice as much (in satellite capacity) for \notin 25k-30k (Rs.21-26 Lakhs @ 1Euro = Rs. 84), and the whole Program applying the Open Source principle of development (which means you can save money, too). Cost effective launch opportunities have been studied extensively by Indo-Serbian Collaborative Team and they wish to share such knowledge to interested workgroups and teams Institutions) of various countries! World CanSat/Rocketry Championship (WCRC) has also been announced under consortium! (For more details, visit: https://wcrc.world/)

Hence, the entire project cost will be approx. Rs. 25-30 Lakhs (Euro 27k-35k) to design, fabricate, test and fulfil all the certifications before launching the UNITYsat and also including the cost launch etc! All this is very important because, the future of Space Science depends on our ability to attract and engage students into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

Reaching students earlier in their educational development cycle is critical in the development of a workforce for all countries so that they may remain competitive in the global marketplace. Teachers in K-12 education must engage students in STEM curriculum earlier to generate interest, develop skills and provide the educational foundation for students to build upon. The CanSat/Rocketry Program is made for this purpose and UNITY is a logical continuation for the common good. "Collaborative opportunities are always open for interested teams from any countries!"

Summary

- Nanosatellites and CubeSats have matured from pure educational projects to in-orbit demonstrators
- Proof that demanding scientific and technological missions can be carried out with small satellites at low cost and within short timescales
- Industry and Space agencies are increasingly using nanosatellite technology
- Commercial services are already in place using constellations
- Reliability increased: professional implementation
- Tailored PA/QA standards introduced
- Next astronomy mission can make use of recent developments in processors and communication subsystems
- Coordinated frequency bands should be used instead of traditional amateur radio bands to avoid interference and to provide higher data throughput
- Large number of spacecraft require strict adherence to existing rules and procedures to avoid harmful interference and space-debris problems
 - Authorisation, Registration, Frequency coordination and Compliance with "Code of conduct"

Turn-key CubeSat and nanosat/picosat missions are possible with the help of Innovative Solutions from Consortium of Space Scientists, MSMEs in Space Programmes under the initiative of CSPD/ITCA/TSC. ISISpace engineers were responsible for the integration of 101 CubeSats onto the PSLV launch vehicle of ISRO, a true world record has been created on 14 February 2017 with a launch of 104 Satellites (3 more by ISRO) by PSLV! Among these 101 satellites, there are 3 satellites where ISISpace, Netherlands played a major role in the design, development and implementation of the spacecraft. They are able to deliver small satellites ready for launch in 6 to 18 months. They also have ample experience with working with a broad range of standardized CubeSat and nanosat parts from various vendors and if needed, customized solutions will be implemented. Customers for satellite missions include government agencies, research institutes, universities and commercial companies. Good numbers of start-ups including TSC, India are working in the area of small satellites and building CanSats, CubeSats and PocketQubes!

Conclusion

The future of Space Science depends on our ability to attract and engage students into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Authentic, hands-on experience with space applications enhances engagement and learning in the STEM disciplines and can help to attract students to STEM careers [17]. The goal of the UNITY program is to provide interested students and small nations the opportunity to lead and participate in the development of a spacecraft payload through its life cycle in a frugal way. The learning experience will be enhanced with CanSat/Rocketry Competitions and development of PocketQube/CubeSat by the team through learning by doing and creating their own "satellite" (which is the highest in RBT Level of learning pedagogy) right from manufacturing, environmental testing, satellite integration, spaceport, launch vehicle, range and spacecraft operations etc. The UNITYsat Program of Serbia will provide a unique and important STEM opportunity for students/researchers in small countries to develop critical skills in systems engineering and space science that will complement their existing programs and initiatives. It is a cost effective, short-term program that provides students/researchers in small countries with an exciting opportunity to conduct valuable scientific space-based research.

Indo-Serbian Collaboration have paved the way for Global Competitions, starting at Continent Level to International Levels along with various knowledge Conferences, Workshops and exclusive Sensitization Seminar/ Workshop on "Capacity Building for Student Satellites and Rocketry" has been planned with the help of International experts, which will cover and provide overall bird's eye view of the above major components of Satellite Programmes. Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) and Committee for Space Programme Development (CSPD), Serbia has also agreed to network with Global leaders to get various opportunities for funding the entire projects on affordable terms and conditions. ITCA has also initiated 75 Students' Satellites Programme: Mission 2022 which has envisaged to launch 75 Students built Satellites to LEO to celebrate India's Freedom 75 Years (1947-2022) in India! Good amount of Academic Institutions and Universities have shown interest and started their own space projects at their campuses enthusiastically, since 2017-18.

Lead Agencies for 75 Students' Satellites Programme: Mission 2022:

Israel: The Herzliya Science Center and Tel Aviv University

India: Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA)

Opportunities for Launch Support and Technical Collaborations: Identified Agencies:

- 1. Indian Space Research Organization , ISRO
- 2. Israel Space Agency and Israel Aerospace Industry
- 3. French National Space Research Center, CNES
- 4. United Nations Space Office UNOOSA
- 5. GK Launch Services (GK) is an operator of Soyuz-2 Commercial Launches from the Russian Spaceports (Vostochny, Plesetsk) and the Republic of Kazakhstan (Baikonur)
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- 7. BRICS Federation of Engineering Organisations
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Signing MoU: Indo-Serbia Collaborations; Looking for Stronger Ties!







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ITCA's Partnership with CSPD, Serbia

WCRC Core Team @International Summer School Samara University, Russia



WCRC Core Team Members @ COSPAR EVENT, Tel Aviv University, Israel



WCRC Core Team @ UNISEC Global meet, Tokyo University, Japan



TSC Team Represented by Nikhil, Denzel, Sainath and Our Mentor Dr. K. Gopalakrishnan



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Interactions with Dr. Mylswamy Annaduari, Outstanding Scientist, ISRO

At his Residence in Bangalore, India

Dr. M. Annadurai is Former Project Director, Chandrayaan 1 & 2 (Moon Mission) & Programme Director, Mars Orbiter Mission and Director, ISRO Satellite Centre



Celebrate India's Freedom: 75 Years! 75 Students' Satellites will be Launched by 2022!



Supporting Countries/Agencies: India, Israel, France, Russia, Canada, Netherlands, UK, USA, Japan, Italy, Serbia & Germany



International Space University, Strasburg, France



1st International Seminar on Students' Satellites, Bangalore, INDIA





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1st International Seminar on Students' Satellites, Bangalore, INDIA



2nd International Seminar on Students' Satellites, Bangalore, INDIA



2nd International Programme on Students' Satellites: Mission 2022" held during 28-29 Nov 2018 in Association with ITCA, TMIsat, Israel, CSPD, Serbia and UNISEC India at FKCCI Auditorium, Bangalore, INDIA









National Seminar on New Space-An Era of Small Satellites: Opportunities and Challenges 11 April 2019 at New Horizon Knowledge Park, Bangalore, INDIA



L to R: Dr.K.Gopalakrishnan, Secretary General, UNISEC India, Mr. R.K Rajangam, President, Planet Aerospace, Padmashri. Prof. Vasagam, Dr.Manjunatha, Principal, NHCE and Mr. Venkat Rao, Former Systems Engineer for Electro-Optical Payloads of ISRO



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22 November 2019 at NHCE, Bangalore: Representative from 15 Technical Institutions Attended Margdarshan Scheme Inauguration/Workshop on CanSat!



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