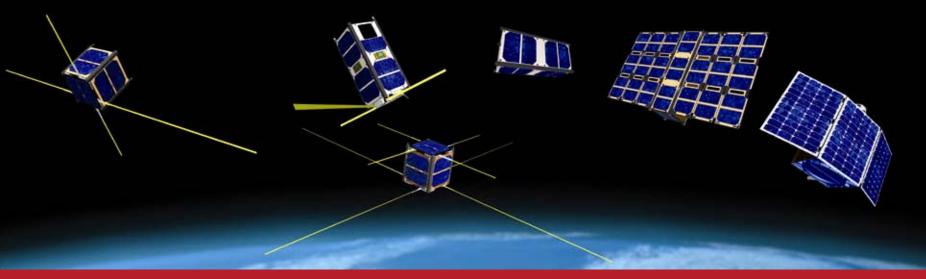


#### **Next generation Power Systems**

#### High Power Systems for Next Generation Big Nanosatellites

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  - High-end miniaturized scientific instruments
  - Many commercial / defense applications
  - Bridging the gap with small micro satellites
  - Cubesats going up in weight / size, microSats going down!



- Available power
  - Breaking the 30W barrier
- Redundancy
  - One string is not always enough
- Scalability
  - Modularity



## Breaking the 30W barrier





- Satisfy needs of high-end payloads
  - 30W peak power are not enough
  - Target: 60W
- Support a higher number of solar cells strings
  - Deployable panels are becoming common
- How to transfer 60W to the payload?
  - CSKB connector not suited
  - Useless to route high power to the whole satellite
  - Dedicated power bus to the payload
  - Customizable high voltage bus (up to ~28V)

# ISIS One string is not always enough



- Most of the Cubesats are single string designed
  - Simple system
  - Low cost
  - Risk has to be tolerated
- Risk is not always tolerable
  - Need of High-reliability EPS
  - Power is one of the most critical systems
- Why not using 2 power systems?
  - Divide the risk
  - Graceful performance degradation



- One solution to fit a wide range of missions
  - Reuse the Core design
  - Scalability is critical
- Scalability on power generation
  - Modular MPPT units to accommodate multiple deployables
  - Modular BCR to accommodate different needs
- Scale the number of power buses available
  - Advanced power control on-board



# ISIS iEPS: a possible solution set Systematic

- ISIS and SystematIC Design are cooperating in the development of a Power System
- Develop an EPS targeted for
  - High-end nanosatellites
  - Satisfy needs from 2U to 24U
  - Focus on a scalable and robust design





### **ISIS** Introduction to the ISIS iEPS



#### High output power

- Up to 60W in a single subsystem
- Targeted for multiple deployable panels
- Scalable energy storage
- Next generation EPS
  - Fully redundant solution possible
  - Graceful performance degradation



#### **ISIS** Introduction to the ISIS iEPS







- 4 MPPT controllers (4 8 TJ solar cells)
  - Stackable MPPT controllers for supporting deployable / body mounted cells
- Stackable battery boards
- Multiple power busses available
  - Standard 3V3, 5V
  - High voltage bus (up to ~ 28V)
  - Customizable output voltages
  - Redundant power switch units



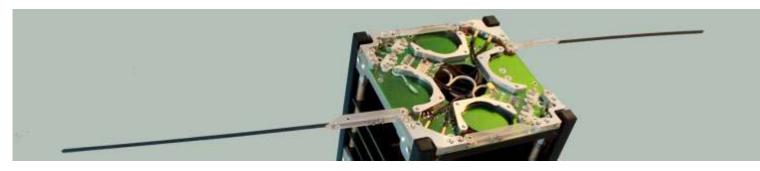
- EPS features
  - Backdoor access:
    Achieve EPS control even with main bus stuck
- Ground support equipment
  - Fast development & test of single systems
  - Use the board without an OBC
- "Conventional Space Industry" PA/QA
  - Elaborate documentation
  - Professional customer support
  - Extensive Test reports











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