FlyMateTM

The Next Generation of Picosatellite Deployers

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Who we are

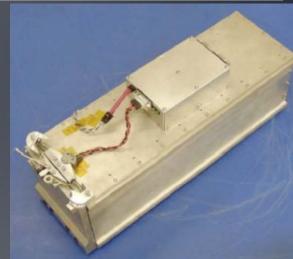
- INSA de Lyon Grande École
 - Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
 - Substantial experience with aerospace technologies in several French projects
- CNES Support (French Space Agency)
 - Technical & legal aspects
- Project birth = CubeSat community needs
 - Increasing number of projects
 - No deployers with increased capabilities





Existing Solutions

- Different products:
 P-POD, X-POD, T-POD, ISIS-POD...
 - Most of them flight proven
 - Simple and reliable
- Same technical solution for all
 - Satellites compressed inside the body
 - Spring-Based "All-At-Once" Ejection
- No European Flight proven solution





FlyMate TM: Research Added Value

Dedicated service for passengers

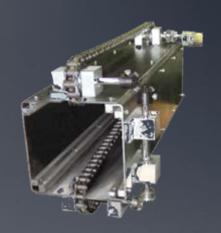
Passengers ejected one after the other

- Adjustable temporization
- Adjustable ejection velocity
- More space for passengers
 - Accommodation of satellites with protruding elements
- Formation flying ready



FlyMate TM: Concept

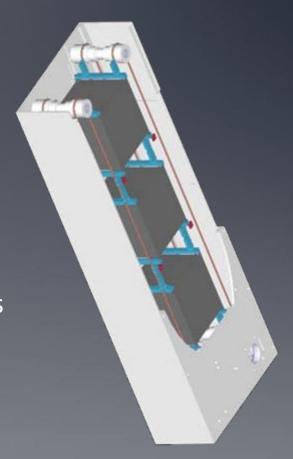
- No springs, No door-locking
 - Controlled ejection mechanism
 - Guidance and locking provided by the same mechanism
- Adaptable on different LVs:
 - VEGA, PSLV, Rockot, American launchers, ...
 - Plug'n'play concept: 10 screws / 1 connector
- Energy autonomous





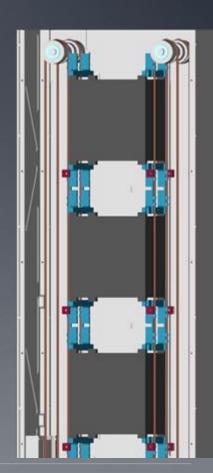
FlyMateTM : Solution

- Ejection system based on:
 - Motorized mechanism
 - Electronic control module
 - Composite ropes
- Rigid body ensures multiple functionalities
 - Protection (thermal, collision, EM, ...)
 - Guidance
- Standard mechanical and electrical interfaces
- No hazardous items, no pyrotechnics
- Worldwide Patented system

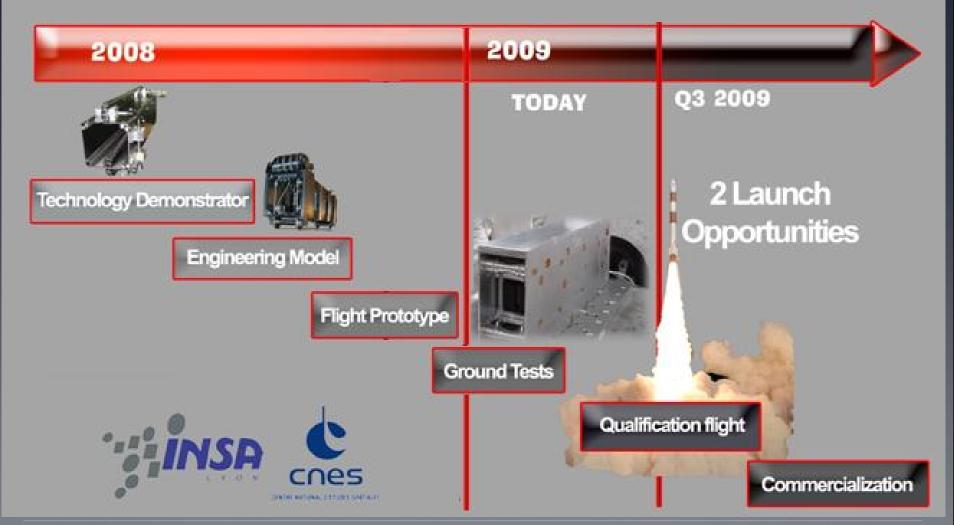


FlyMate™: Conclusions

- Passenger oriented :
 - Up to 60 mm distance between each cube
 - Easy access by two lateral sides + top side
 - Adjustable ejection speed up to 2m/s
 - Adjustable temporisation up to 10 hours
 - No RF interferences with other CubeSats
 - No cross-tagging errors in multiple launches
 - Possibility of ejection video recording
- Launch operator oriented :
 - Allow to keep control of the ejection process
 - No power consumption
 - Plug'n play interface with launcher



Schedule



Thank you for your attention

If you are interested in flying with us:

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