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# **CubeSat Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) Reference Model - Development and Distribution – Interim Status #3**

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# Project Objectives

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- Demonstrate Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) methodology as applied to a CubeSat mission
- Provide a CubeSat Reference Model (CRM) that CubeSat teams can use as starting point for their mission-specific CubeSat model (MCM)
- Develop the CRM as an Object Management Group (OMG) specification



# SSWG Team Composition

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Aerospace Students and Professors

Engineers and Software Developers from  
NASA Centers, Aerospace Companies, and  
Modeling and Simulation Tool Providers

Telecons on Friday at 1pm eastern time

Meeting materials and links to meeting recordings  
in Google docs

# Model-Based Systems Engineering

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## Model Based Systems Engineering

Formalized application of modeling to support requirements, design, analysis, validation, and verification

## Systems Modeling Language (SysML)

A graphical modeling language for modeling complex systems including hardware, software, information, personnel, procedures, and facilities

Engineering  
Methodology

System  
Modeling  
Tools

Interfaces  
with Other  
Models



# Systems Engineering Methodology

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Logical architecture decomposes the system into components that interact to satisfy system requirements.

The components are abstractions of physical components that perform system functionality but without imposing implementation constraints

Physical architecture defines physical components that interact to satisfy the system requirements.

The physical components of the system include hardware, software, persistent data, and operational procedures

The CubeSat Reference Model will provide the logical architecture.

# Project Phases

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INCOSE MBSE  
Challenge Project

Initiated 2007

## Phase 1

CubeSat  
Framework  
Prelim. RAX  
Model [1]

## Recent Efforts

### Phase 3

RAX CubeSat Model  
Trade Studies [3]

INCOSE SSWG

2007-2010

### Phase 0

Modeled a Space  
System in SysML  
Hypothetical FireSat  
- SMAD

## Phase 2

RAX Behavior  
Modeling Power,  
Comm, State [2]

## Current Efforts

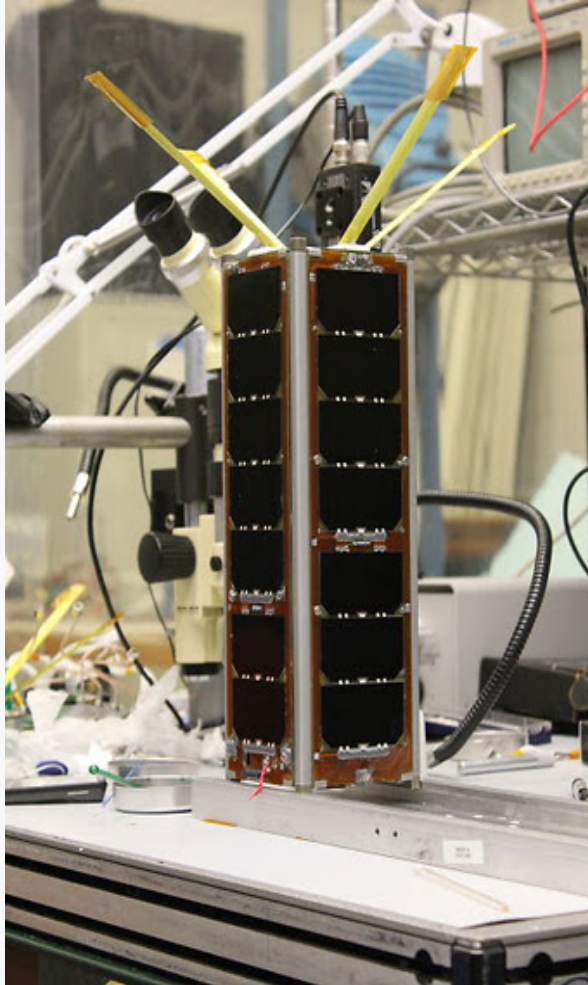
### Phase 4

Develop a  
CubeSat MBSE  
Ref. Model [4] – [9]



# Concept Phase Trade Studies

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## [Radio Aurora Explorer \(RAX\) CubeSat Mission](#)

Michigan Exploration Lab and  
SRI International mission

Studies formation of magnetic field aligned plasma  
irregularities in the lower polar ionosphere

Radar signal is transmitted by Incoherent Scatter  
Radar site in Poker Flat, Alaska and received  
by RAX's radar receiver

Science data processed on-board, compressed,  
transmitted to the primary ground station and control  
center in Ann Arbor, Michigan

# Concept Phase Trade Studies

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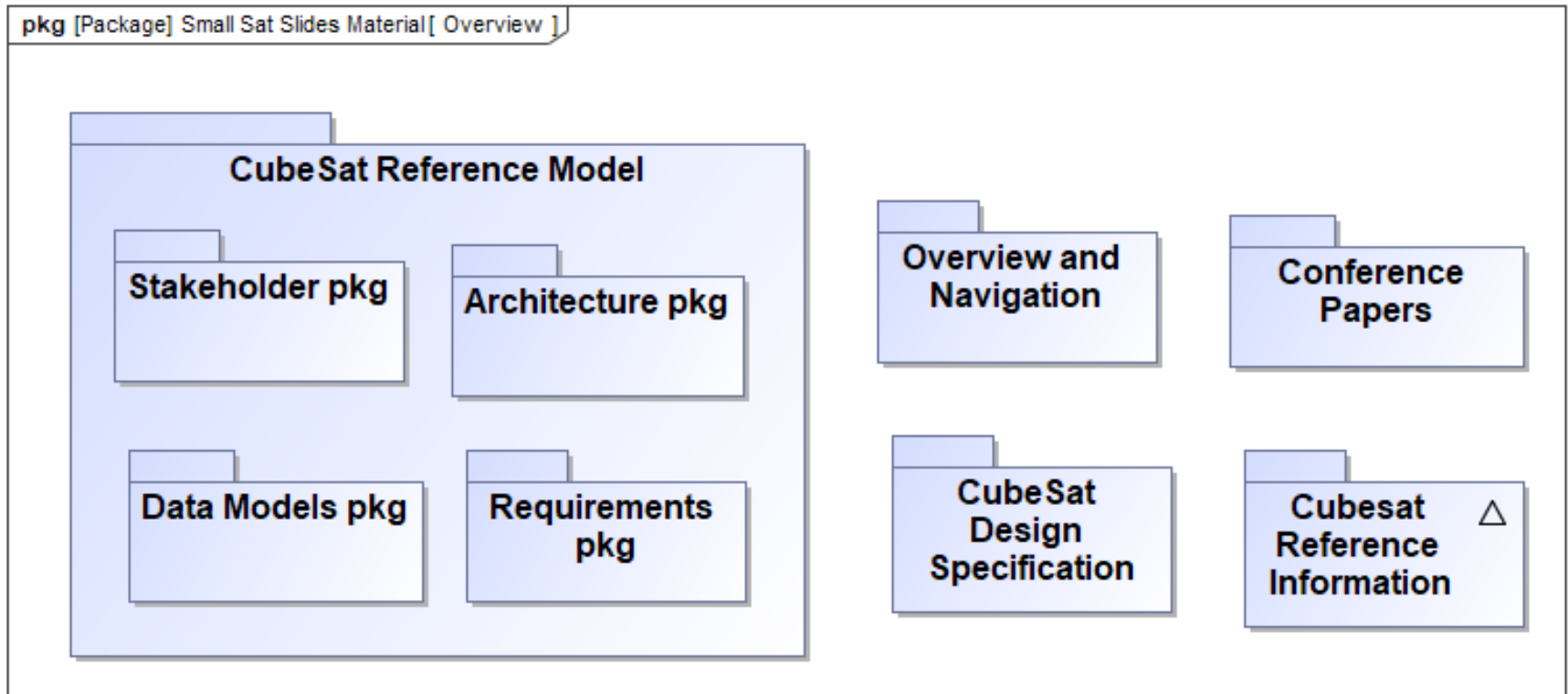
Trade Studies	Trade Space	Performance Metric
Solar panel area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominal: 18.2 cm<sup>2</sup>/slide</li><li>• ½ of nominal</li><li>• ¼ of nominal</li></ul>	On-board energy
Max battery capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominal: 115,000 J</li><li>• Reduced: 100,000 J</li></ul>	On-board energy
Orbital altitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominal: 811 km x 457 km</li><li>• Low: 593 km x 250 km</li><li>• High: 1311 km x 932 km</li></ul>	Quantity of data downloaded
Ground station network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ann Arbor &amp; Menlo Park</li><li>• Ann Arbor &amp; Fairbanks</li><li>• Fairbanks &amp; Menlo Park</li></ul>	Quantity of data downloaded



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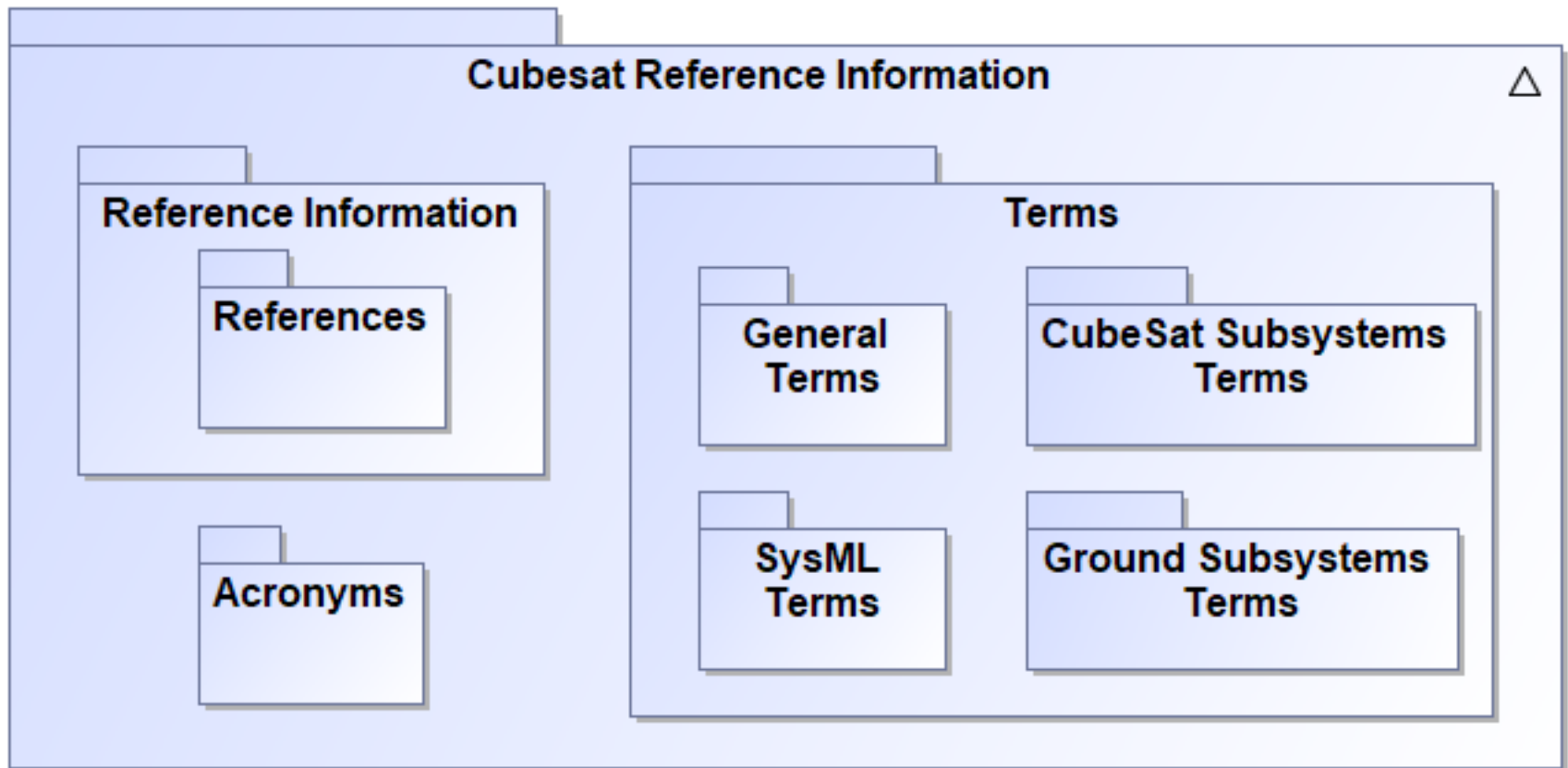
# Current Phase – Develop CubeSat Reference Model

# Model Overview



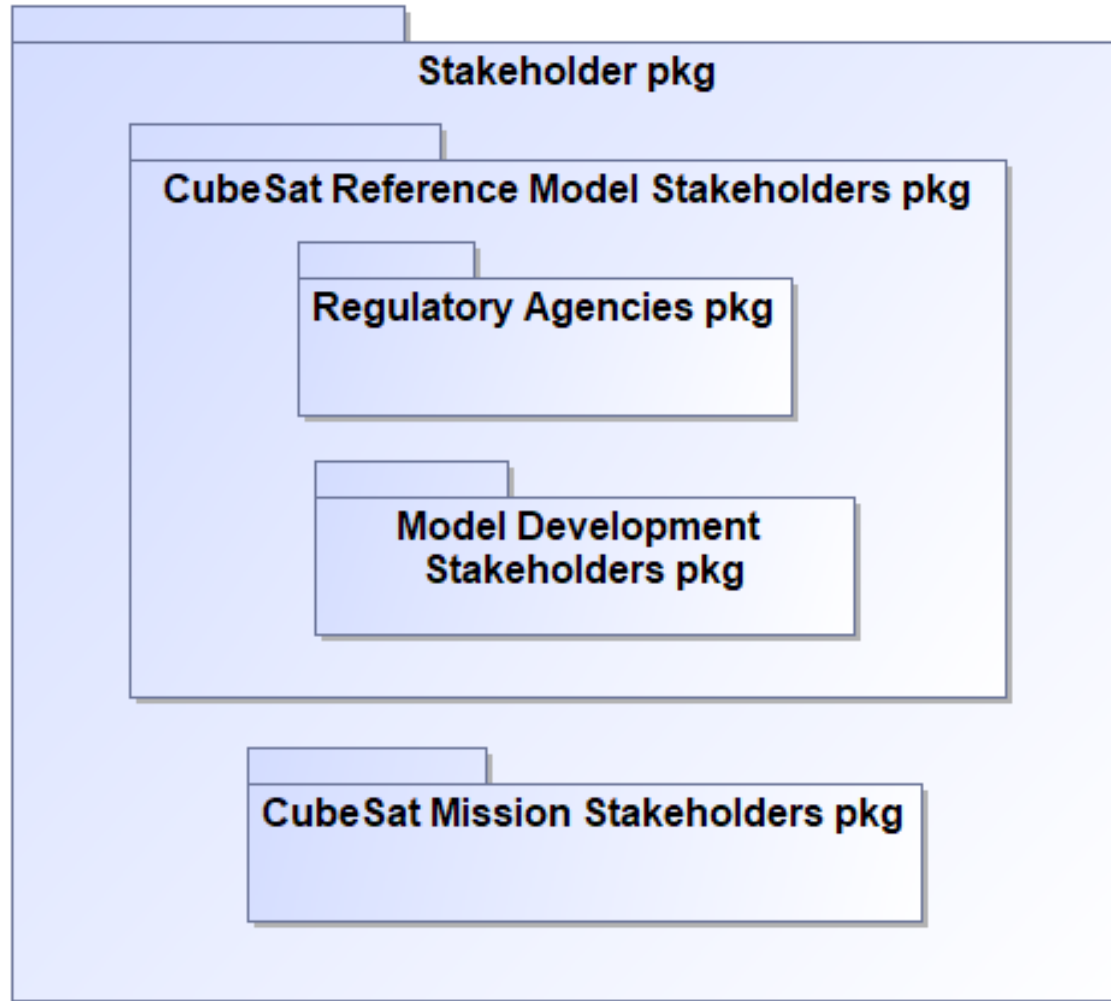
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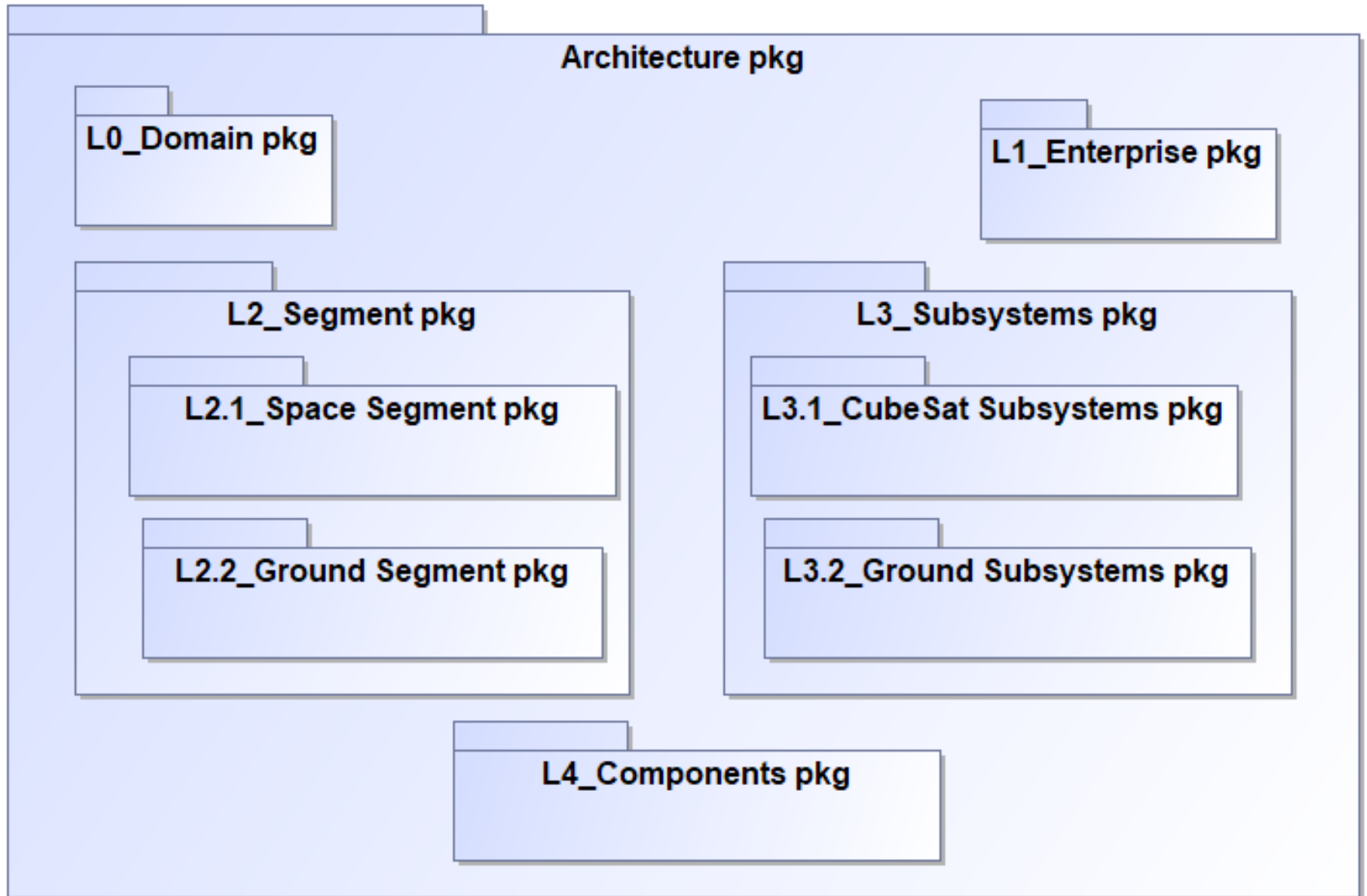


# Stakeholders

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# Architecture



# CubeSat Mission Enterprise

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## CubeSat Mission Enterprise

Space Segment

Ground Segment

CubeSat

CubeSat Orbit

Developed by CubeSat Project

Ground Station Services

GPS

Transport, Launch, and Deploy Services

Provided to CubeSat Project

# CubeSat Subsystems

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## CubeSat

**Mission Payload**

**Attitude Determination and Control  
Subsystem**

**Communication Subsystem**

**Guidance, Navigation, and Control  
Subsystem**

**Command and Data Handling  
Subsystem**

**Structures and Mechanisms  
Subsystem**

**Power Subsystem**

**Propulsion Subsystem**

**Thermal Subsystem**

# Ground Segment

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## Ground Segment

**Plan and Schedule  
Subsystem**

**Mission Data Processing  
Subsystem**

**Spacecraft Command  
Subsystem**

**Mission Data Dissemination  
Subsystem**

**Ground Equipment Control  
Subsystem**

**Network Subsystem**

**Space - Ground  
Communication Subsystem**

**Facilities Subsystem**



# Requirements

pkg [Package] Small Sat Slides Material[ Requirements ]

## L1 Enterprise Requirements pkg

L1.1 Mission  
Need pkg

L1.2 Mission  
Objective pkg

L1.3 Mission  
Constraint pkg

L1.4 Mission  
Requirement pkg

## L2 Segment Requirements pkg

L2.1 Space Segment  
Requirements pkg

L2.2 Ground Segment  
Requirements pkg

## L3 Subsystem Requirements pkg

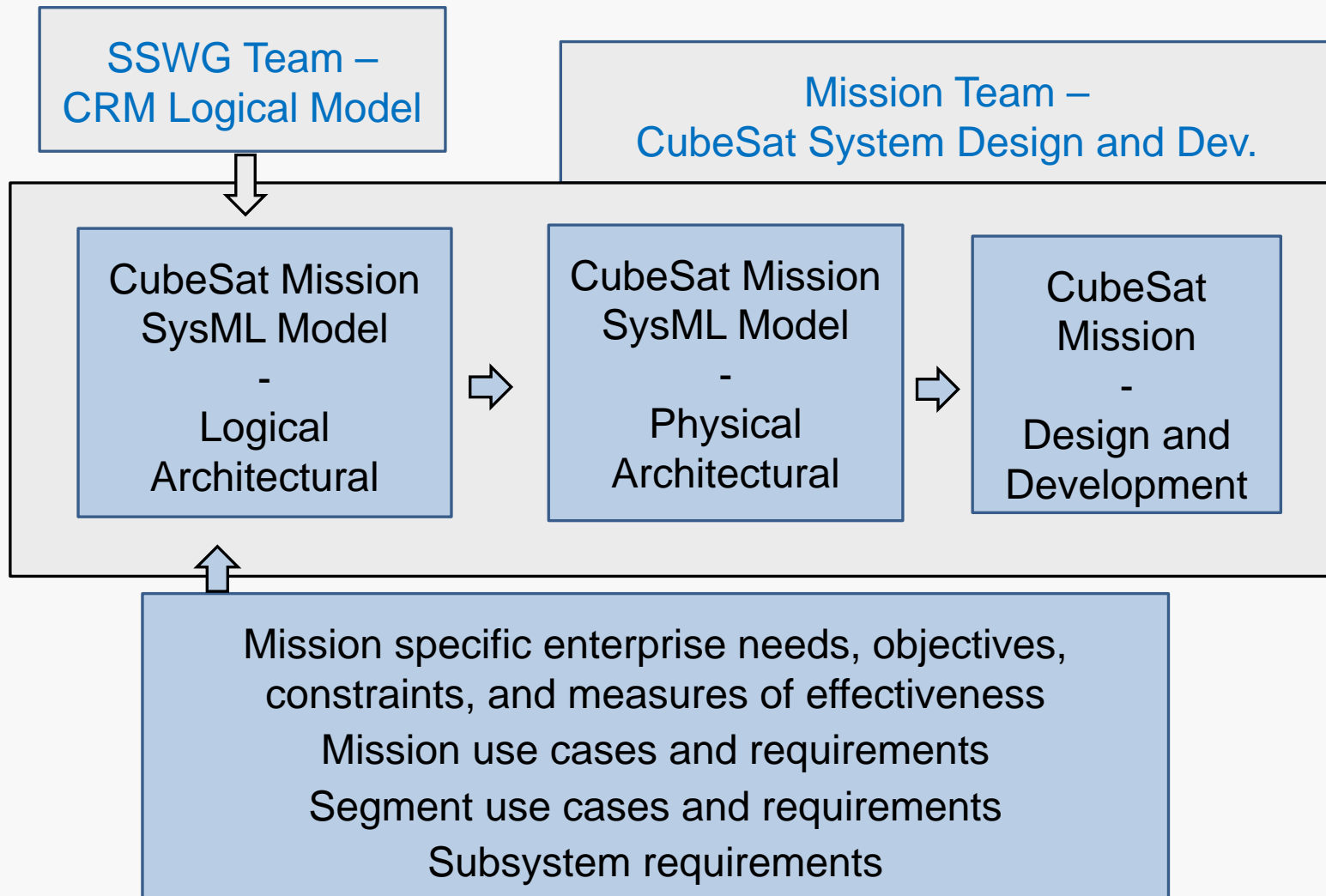
L3.1 CubeSat  
Subsystem Rqts pkg

L3.2 Ground  
Subsystem Rqts pkg

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# Mission Modeler

# CRM and Mission Modeler



# Architecture and Mission Modeler

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- The space and ground architectural elements shall provide the capability of a mission modeler to:
  - Roll-up power, cost, mass starting at the CubeSat component level
  - Create use cases such as mission data collection and distribution
  - Update add, delete, or combine subsystems
  - Populate data model, validation, and verification packages

# Requirements and Mission Modeler

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- The CRM requirements architecture shall provide the capability for the mission modeler to:
  - Use requirements tables to create and manage requirements starting with the mission stakeholders
  - Modify the predefined requirements prefix and numbering scheme
  - Create requirements diagrams to establish relationships including: traced to, refined by, satisfied by, and verified by
  - Export requirements table

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## Next Steps, Side Sessions, References

# Next Steps

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- Populate with an example starting with stakeholder needs, objectives, and constraints
- Incorporate and populate technical measures at enterprise, segment, and subsystem levels
- Initiate OMG process for adopting a CRM as a specification



# Side Sessions

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## Development of a CubeSat Reference Model as an OMG Specification

Old Main (MAIN) Room #203

Sunday 6:00 – 7:00pm

Monday 9:00 – 10:00am



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