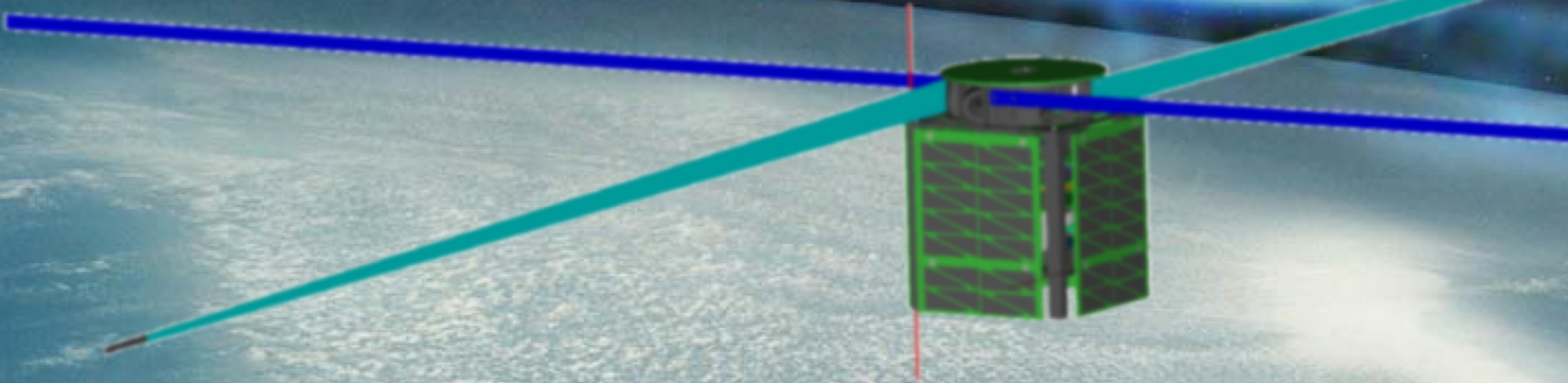




# SU-SAT

*Space Dynamics Laboratory-Utah State University Satellite*



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LABORATORY

Utah State University Research Foundation

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# SU-Sat Team



## Utah State University

- Dr. Don Thompson, Principal Investigator
- Dr. Jan Sojka, Co- Investigator
- Microgravity Research Team

## Space Dynamics Laboratory

- Chad Fish, Program Manager
- Mark Wilkinson, Systems Engineer
- Bryan Bingham, Mission Design Engineer
- Robert Burt, Electrical Engineer
- Joel Nelsen, Communication Engineer
- Mike Watson, Structural Engineer
- Wayne Sanderson, Electrical Engineer



# SDL and Utah State



- Space Dynamics Laboratory
  - SDL is a not for profit corporation owned by Utah State University
  - Cooperative relationship with Utah State faculty
  - UARC – University Affiliated Research Center
  - Employs about 60 students in technical fields
- Utah State University
  - Located in Logan, Utah
  - Has flown more experiments in space than any other university

# Mission Objectives



## Engineering

Develop and demonstrate technologies for future CubeSat science missions. Provide mission experience for university students.

## Science

To observe and resolve magnetosphere-ionosphere-thermosphere global electric field forcing, coupling dynamics and evolution over a wide range of spatial and temporal scales.



# SU-Sat Mission Objective



SU-Sat will validate several CubeSat technologies, including:

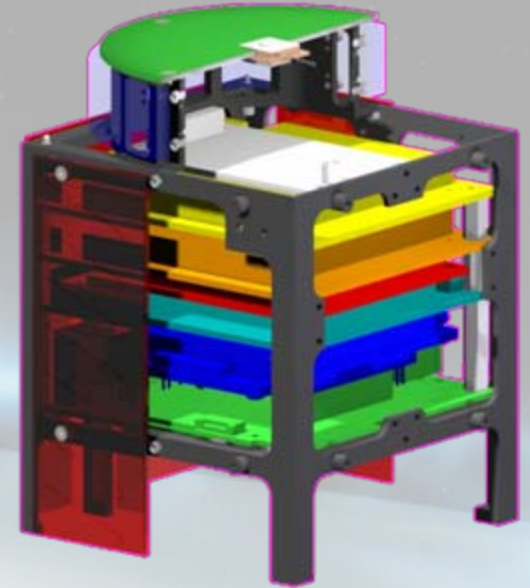
- An instrumentation suite for measuring space dynamics
- Miniaturized attitude determination sensors
- Magnetorquer-based attitude control system
- Deployment mechanisms
- Communication software and hardware



# SU-Sat Characteristics



- LEO, polar orbit, spin-stabilized science satellite
- SU-Sat is a standards-compliant 1.5U CubeSat
- Utilizes COTS components where possible
- Designed to deploy from P-POD
- Will utilize amateur radio communications (store and forward methodology)



# SU-Sat Subsystems



## A: Mechanisms Driver

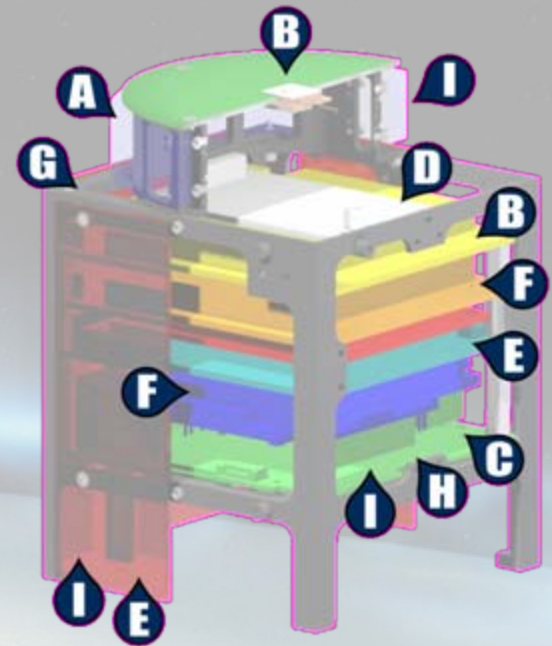
- VHF Antenna and Science Sensor Booms on Mandrel
- UHF Antenna Deployment

## B: Navigation

- NovAtel GPS Receiver
- Honeywell 3-axis Magnetometer

## C: Command & Data Handling

- Pumpkin FM430 Flight Module
- SDL/USU Command and Data Handling Software





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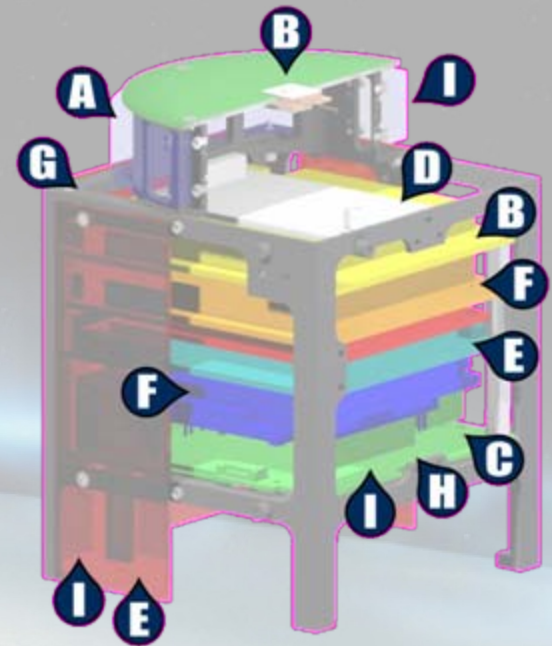


## D: Science Sensors

- Electric Field Passive Sensor Electronics
- DC Probe

## E: Electric Power

- Clyde Space Power Control Card
- Clyde Space GaAs Solar Cells
- Clyde Space Lithium Polymer Battery





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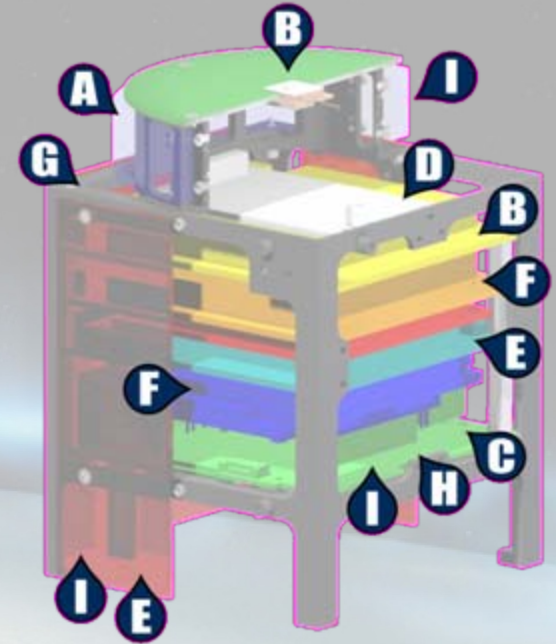


## F: Communications

- Stanford Transceiver: UHF Transmit, VHF Receiver
- Amateur Frequencies with AX.25 Protocol

## G: Structure

- Pumpkin chassis body
- SDL/USU mandrel
- Passive Thermal Control



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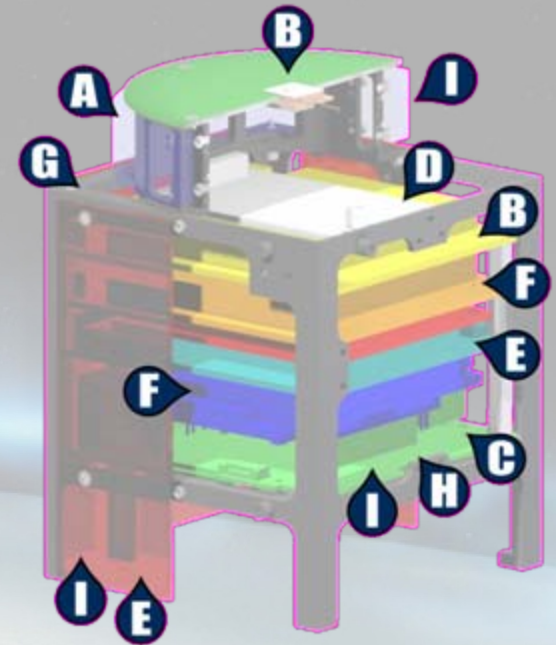


## H: Flight Software

- Salvo RTOS
- SDL/USU Mission-specific Software

## I: Attitude Determination and Control

- AeroAstro Sun Sensor
- Honeywell 3-axis Magnetometer
- Gyroscopic Rate Sensors
- Horizon Crossing Indicator
- Solar Panel Embedded Magnetorquers
- SDL/USU Control Algorithms





# Technology Demonstrations



- Deployment Mechanisms
  - Mandrel design
  - Resistive heater monofilament cutter
  - VHF antennas, E-field sensor, DC probe
- Science Sensors
  - E-field sensor, DC probe
  - Sensor electronics
- Attitude Sensors
  - Miniaturized Sun Sensor
  - Miniaturized Horizon Crossing Indicator
- Attitude Control Algorithm
  - Spin stabilized, magnetorquer controlled
  - Additional attitude sensors on SU-Sat will provide high fidelity understanding of control law for future missions.

# Summary



- SU-Sat provides opportunities for Utah State students to participate in a satellite mission program.
- A future satellite constellation is being designed to obtain data on the Magnetosphere-Ionosphere-Thermosphere global electric field forcing, coupling dynamics, and evolution.
- The SU-Sat mission will validate technologies for future missions.

Questions?