

Status of the Standards and Launch Integration Service within the US



## **CubeSat Initial Objectives**



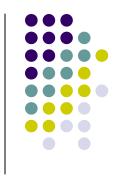
- Started in 1999: Stanford-Cal Poly Team
- Facilitate Access to Space
  - Rapid Development Time (1-2 years, Student Career)
  - Low-Cost
  - Launch Vehicle Flexibility
- Use Standards
- University Projects
- Industry Testbed



#### **Some Facts**

- 24 CubeSats in LEO (40 Launched)
- Over 100 Developers Worldwide
- Dedicated Workshops/Meetings
- CubeSat Industrial Suppliers







### Challenges

- Moving from University to Industrial Model
  - Industry/Government Customers
  - Higher Performance/Cost Satellites
  - Increased Quality Required
  - Potential Cost Increases
- Must Maintain Access to Universities
  - Including New Developers
- Allow Risk (Failure is OK)
- Support higher launch rates
  - Address orbital debris issues
  - Ground station capability
- Maintain standard model
- Coordinate Across Community





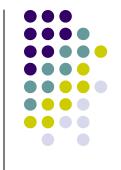
# Cal Poly's Current Launch Activities



- Provide CubeSat Access to US Launch Vehicles
  - SpaceX, OSC, ULA
- Support University Launches
  - ESA (VEGA), NASA, NSF
- Support US Government Activities
  - NASA, NRO, ARMY, . . .
- NEEDED PARTNERS!!
  - NPS & SRI International

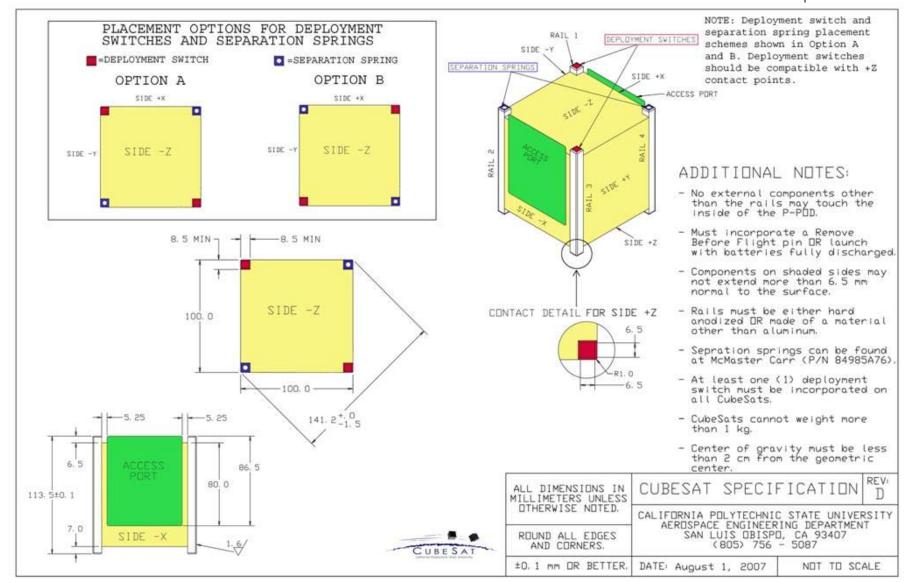


### Cal Poly-NPS-SRI Partnership

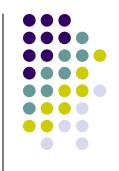


- P-POD™ Integration Services for any type of user
  - US Gov Organization, or partner countries
  - University or Industry, US or foreign
  - Centralized standard procedures and flight heritage
- Industrial, but not-for-profit Integration service
  - Low cost, rapid access to launch for all CubeSat developers
  - Create and support shared community resources
  - Avoid proprietary barriers to space access
- Interaction with Integration Team Should Start Early in the Development Process
  - Fit Check and Early Testing
  - Launch Vehicle Interfacing and Integration
  - ICD Documentation

#### The CubeSat Standard



# Standards Committee Established



- There are now many stakeholders including major government groups
- A standards committee was convened to allow for a controlled evolution of the Standard
  - Members include NRO, ORS, NASA (KSC and ARC), ULA, Orbital Science, SpaceX, Cal Poly
  - First formal meeting took place yesterday
- New Standard Documents for P-POD & CubeSat
  - Adopted by all Committee Members
  - Waiver Process for Deviations from the Standard
  - Cost/Restrictions for Non-Standard CubeSats