#### **Study of the Small:** POTENTIAL FOR OPERATIONAL MILITARY USE OF CUBESATS

#### Overview

- Growing military interest in CubeSats
- CubeSat Development Partners
- Meeting Military Mission Areas
  - Space Situational Awareness (SSA)
    - Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR)
    - Communications (COMM)
  - Offensive & Defensive Counterspace Operations (OCS) (DCS)

Future CubeSat Capabilities of Value to DoD



# **Growing Military Interest**

- Increase in Military Sponsored CubeSat Initiatives
  - Space Experiments Review Board (SERB) Experiments
  - CubeSat Specific Programs
  - CubeSat Technology Development NRO COLONY I

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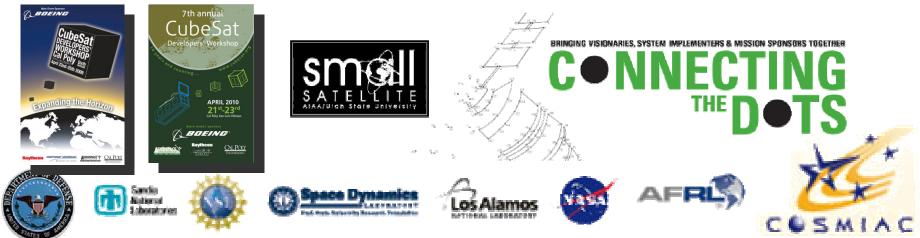
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SDL PEARL BUS & REACTION WHEELS

### **CubeSat Development Partners**

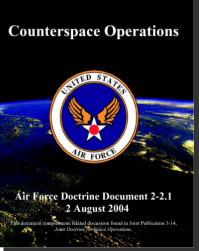
- DoD: NRO, AFRL, SMC/XR, Navy, Army, Academies (USAFA, NPS, USNA)
- DoE: Los Alamos National Labs, Sandia National Labs
- NASA: ARC, KSC, MSFC
- Other: NSF, Boeing, COSMIAC, SDL, Universities



## **Meeting Military Mission Areas**

- AFDD 2-2: Space Operations
- AFDD 2-2.1: Counterspace Operations
  - SSA
    - ISR
    - SEM
  - DCS
  - OCS





### **Future Capabilities of Value**

- Accurate 3 Axis Pointing
- Propulsion
- Proximity Operations
- 20 Watt + On Orbit Average Power
- Crosslink Communications
- Multispectral Imaging
- Hardware Encryption
- Software Reconfigurable Radios
- Dedicated Ground Network
- Dedicated Small Launch