

Adapting a RocketCam[™] Digital Video Controller Avionics Unit to be a P-POD Deployment/Monitoring Unit

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RocketCam™





RocketPod™

- Based on the externally mounted RocketCam[™] system
- 1U CubeSat deployer
 - Can accommodate a slightly larger CubeSat
- Payload is kinematically restrained during launch
- Environmental closeout protects payload after integration
 - Nitrogen purge option available
- Access port available after integration
- Zero-G test (Sep 2004)
- Suborbital test (Aug 2008)







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RocketCam[™] Digital Video Controller (DVC) cPCI to PC-104 Migration



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DVC-104 Avionics: Based on PCIe/104 Standard

- Stackable modules support a variety of applications and configurations
 - Launch vehicles, spacecrafts, UAVs, marine systems, combat systems, test facilities, etc.
 - Digital Video System
 - Payload controller / Data handling unit
 - Bus controller
 - Instrument / Data acquisition controller
 - Flight control computer
 - Missile / Launch vehicle managements system



92 Ecliptic systems launched (85 rockets; 7 spacecraft) >230 cameras and 19 digital avionics controllers ** No known Ecliptic hardware or software failures **





Adapting DVC for Deployment Control: Genesis of Concept

- Proposed to DARPA for STTR
 - Phase I and II funded, with Cal Poly SLO as partner
- Employ DVC capabilities to control and monitor multiple P-POD and RocketPod systems
 - Up to 8 deployments
 - Deployment video coverage
 - Environmental data capture

"RocketPod and P-POD on Steroids"





Key Design Features



• DVC –104

- Launch vehicle configuration
- Size: 99.6mm x 98.5mm x 132.8mm
- Mass: ~ 1.2 kg
- 5 slice system
- 8 NTSC camera inputs
- 8 actuator drive outputs
 - Supports redundant outputs
- 8 channel analog inputs (environmental sensors)



Optional Capabilities



- Illuminator
 - Independent or camera mount
- High speed and High Definition camera
 - Large selection of sensors from 800x600
 @ 500 fps to 4872x3238
 @ 3 fps
- Primary/Secondary battery
- S-Band transmitter
 - 150mW to 20W
- Solid State Drive
 - Store and forward applications
 - Up to 320GB



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Functional Diagram

Digital Video System (DVS-104)



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"Master P-POD" Concept: P-POD Mk.III(+)

- P-POD + DVC + Care package
- Takes advantage of space on top of P-POD
- Mechanically repackaged DVC-104 form factor
 - Same capabilities as current DVC
 - Does not increase rectangular envelope of P-POD







Development Status

- Phase II STTR completion 2011 2Q
- Sequencer baselined in 2010 for (rescheduled) ADAMSat mission
 - 8 P-PODs on NPS Cul-Lite
- Development on DVC and P-POD Mk.III(+) continued since
- Deliverables expected by end of effort:
 - Launch-ready DVC + 1 cameras (up to 8)
 - Protoflight environmental testing
 - Prototype of P-POD Mk.III(+)
 - Qualification environmental testing
 - Mature EM of RocketPod
- Investigating multiple launch options
 - Environmental testing performed to envelope most launch vehicles





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