

Highly Integrated Design Approach For High Performance CubeSats

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Tyvak™ Company Background and Overview

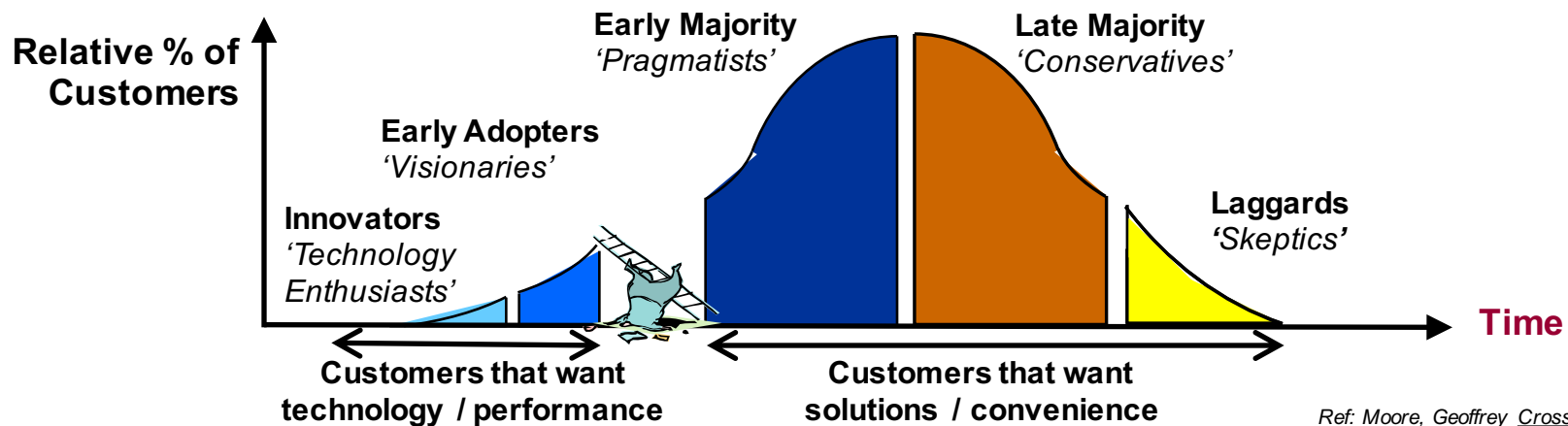
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- **Tyvak™ was Created to Address Unfulfilled and Growing CubeSat Needs**
 - Feedback From Customers Concerned that Needed Performance and Complete Solutions Were Not Supported by Existing Component & Kit Focused Suppliers
 - Advanced “Next Generation” CubeSat Components & Complete Vehicles To Support Operational and Scientifically Relevant Missions
 - Provide Complete Program Life-Cycle Expertise and Mission Development
- **The Tyvak™ Team Brings Experience and Unique Skills in CubeSats**
 - Co-Founders Scott MacGillivray and Jordi Puig-Suari Leaders in CubeSat Community
 - Experienced Developing, Testing, Operating and Launching “First Generation” CubeSats
- **Tyvak™ is Currently Undergoing Start-Up Operations**
 - Defining Details of Initial Products
 - Initial R&D and Consulting Services Work
- **Wide Range of Products and Services**
 - Complete CubeSat Bus and Vehicles for Advanced Missions
 - Direct Sales of Key Components and Product Suites to Support Other Organization’s In-House Projects
 - Research and Development of Advanced “Next Generation” Products
 - Consulting Services for Mission and Vehicle Design
 - Launch Integration Services
- **Quick Response and Low Cost Solutions**
 - Experienced in Rapid Turn-Around Projects
 - Focus on Value-Added Work to Maintain Low Operating Cost Infrastructure
- **Blend of Creativity and Proven Engineering Expertise**
 - Custom Products and Services From Advanced Components to Full Space Vehicles
 - New Mission and Space Vehicle Approaches that Leverage the Unique Features and Capabilities of CubeSats

Diversification and Maturing of the CubeSat Marketplace

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- **CubeSat Principles Were Built Upon Keeping It Low Cost and Therefore Accessible on University Budgets**
- **As With Most New Technologies, It Is Morphed by Other Parties Who See Its Potential (Visionaries)**
- **CubeSat Technologies Are Moving To The Point Where People Are Thinking of Real Applications (Pragmatists)**
 - Have we crossed the technology chasm?
- **Diversification is Evident with Wider Variation of Educational and Industry Applications (e.g., NSF, Colony II, SENSE, GAINSTAM)**



Ref: Moore, Geoffrey *Crossing the Chasm*

Growing Need for Mission Assurance and Advanced Capability

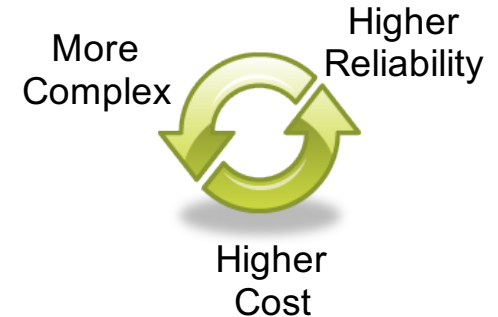
- Need to Balance with Keeping CubeSats Simple and Low Cost

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- As a Natural Progression of Technology, Things Become Increasingly Complex and More Diversified

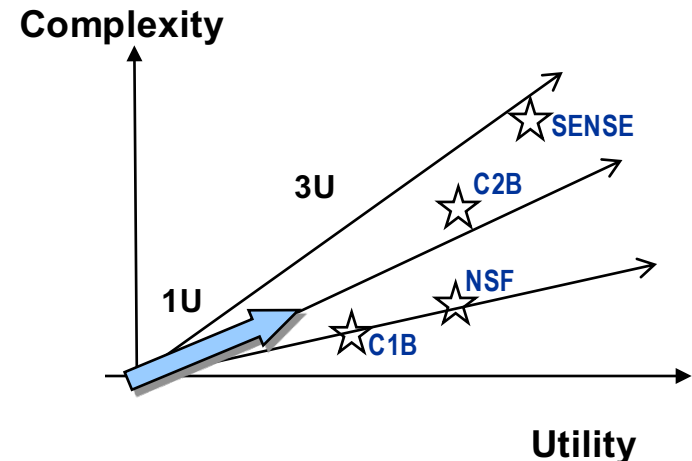
- In The Beginning...

- Predominantly 1U CubeSats
- Simple payloads
- Mission life of weeks to months
- Simple attitude control
- Simple communications leveraging amateur equipment
- ‘Disposable’



- ... Progressing To ...

- Numerous 3U CubeSats
- Multiple payloads on a single CubeSat
- Mission life of greater than a year
- Precision 3 axis attitude control
- Higher frequencies, larger bandwidth, and increasing COMSEC requirements
- ‘Higher Reliability’



Subsystem Performance Will Continue to Increase

- Driven by Mission Needs and Technology Development

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Subsystem/ Requirement	Parameter	[units]	Current * [Today]	Mid-Term [3 - 5 Years]	Far-Term [5 - 10 Years]
C&DH	Performance	[MIPS/W]	< 500	<1000	>2,000
	Storage	[GB]	< 4?	< 24	> 64
TT&C	Frequency	[Band]	UHF/ ISM	S-Band	X-Band
	Bandwidth	[kbps]	< 50	< 500	> 2,000
	Data Security		AES/256	NSA Type 1	NSA Type 1
ADCNS	Knowledge	[deg]	<0.02	< 0.005	< 0.001
	Control	[deg]	< 0.5	< 0.05	< 0.01
	Navigation	[m]	> 200	> 50	< 10
Propulsion	Delta-V	[m/s]	< 25 ?	< 600	> 1,000
	Thrusters	[#]	1 - 2?	<= 8	> 8
	I _{sp}	[s]	< 60	< 280	> 320
EPS	Storage	[W-hr]	< 50	> 100	> 200
	P/L OAP	[W]	< 4?	> 10	> 20
Special Needs	Prox Ops		No	< 5km	< 200 km
	Re-Docking		No	Simple	Complex
	Re-Fueling		No	Yes	Yes
Mission Assurance	Redundancy	[strings]	None - Minimal	Selective	Multi-String
	Reliability	[%]	< 80 %	> 80%	> 95 %
Mission Life		[yrs]	< 1	< 3	< 7

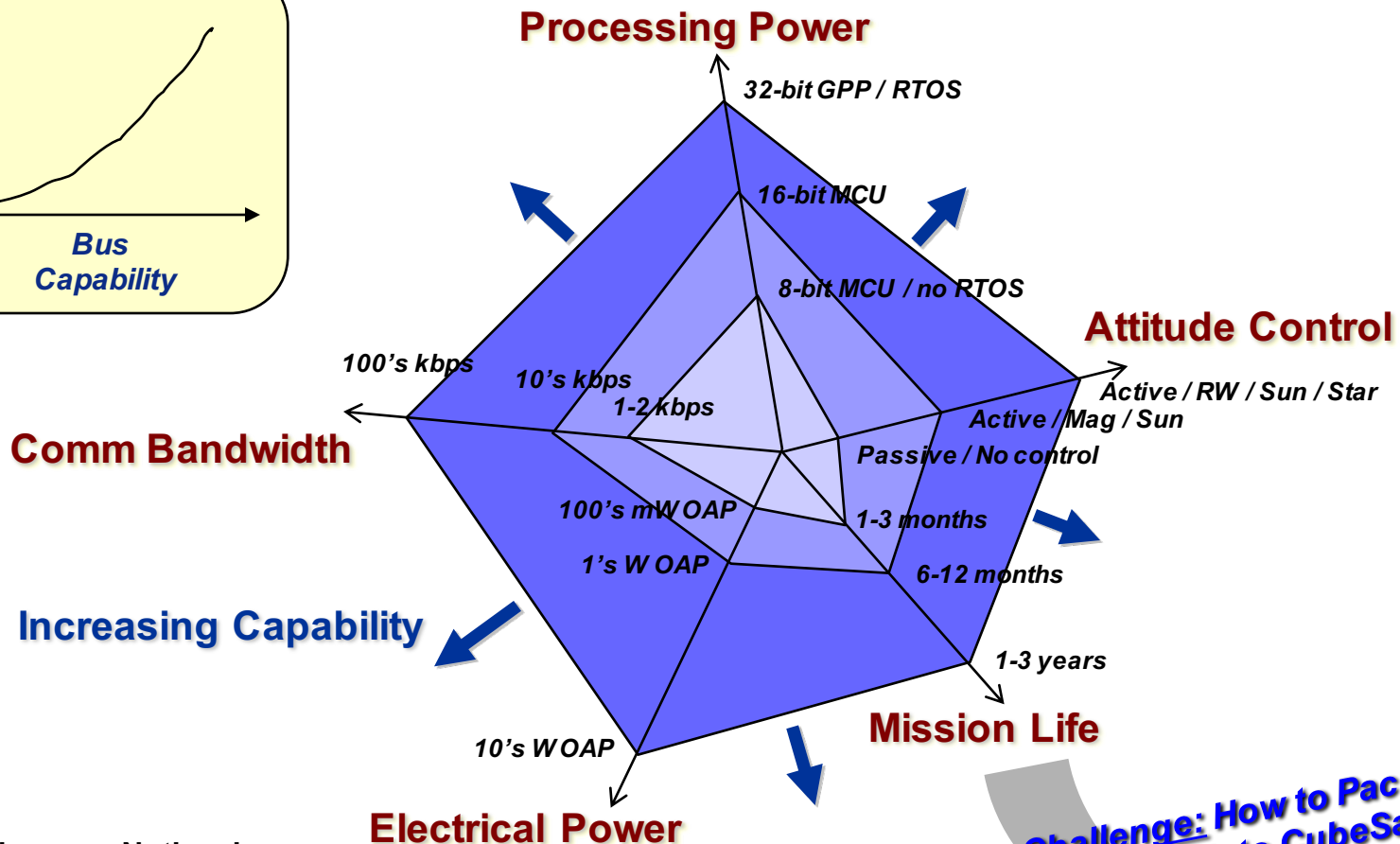
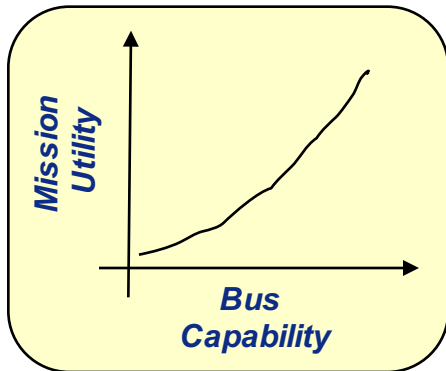
* Generally known to have flown



Technology Needs are Inter-Related

- Additional Capability Needed to Enable New CubeSat Missions

Evolution of Nano-Satellites- Capability Growth is Inter-Related



Note: Values are Notional

Challenge: How to Package More Capability into CubeSat Envelope

New Approach Needed to Support Highly Integrated Systems

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Current Approach to Small Satellites



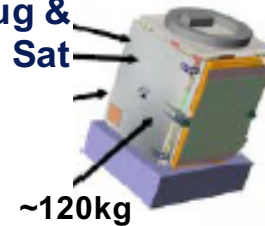
SoA Space-Rated Boxes / Components

(smallest mass, power, and size)

Collection of Subsystems (Integration of boxes and systems)

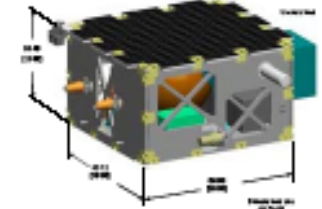
Examples:

AFRL Plug & Play Sat



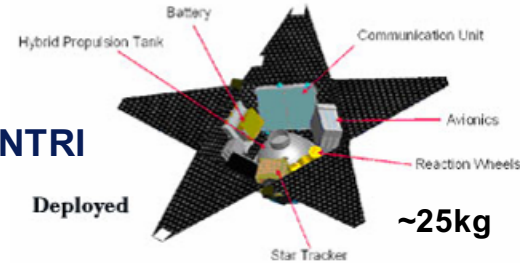
~120kg

LM ANGELS



~50kg

SpaceDev SENTRI



Deployed

~25kg

Needed Approach to Get To Ultra Low Power & Size



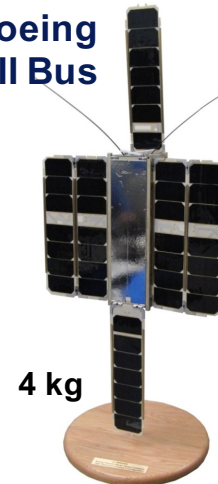
SoA Space and Commercial Components

(smallest mass, power, and size)

Highly Integrated System (Integration of lower level components)

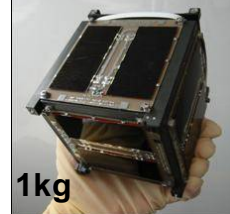
Examples:

Boeing Colony II Bus



4 kg

Cal Poly CP2 CubeSat



1kg

SSTL Snap



6-12kg

Unique Needs of Miniature, High Performance Systems

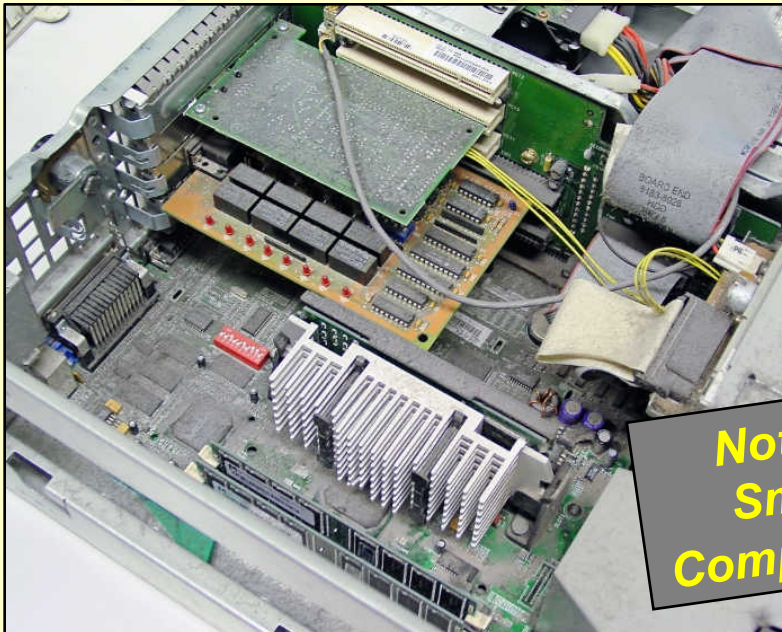
- A Different Design Approach is Required

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- **Miniaturization Requires a Highly Integrated System Solution Approach**
 - Can't just bolt together group of disparate components
 - Need to be designed as an Integrated System
 - Kit and modular approach can support low tech needs, but not high performance

• Personal Computer

- Plug and Play allows for rapid customization by end user, however is highly inefficient packaging



Not Just
Smaller
Components!

• Laptops and Smartphones

- Specialized components and design approach needed to provide highly efficient packaging



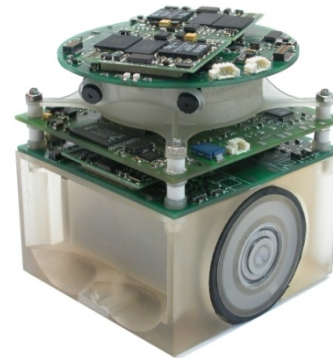
Examples of Other Complex Miniature Systems

- Utilize Different & New Approaches to Fabrication and Assembly

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• Use of Novel Manufacturing Technologies

- Printed Circuit Boards as Structural and Multi-Functional Elements
- MEMS Technology
- Rapid Prototyping; plastics and metals
- Other Manufacturing Materials and Processes
 - Etched Ceramics, Layered Metal Foils, etc.



• Require Many Similar Functions to Space Vehicles

- Attitude Determination and Control
- Power Storage
- Ultra-Low Power Use
- Communication Interfaces



• Modularity Becomes Less Beneficial

- The “Module” May Now Be at The System Level

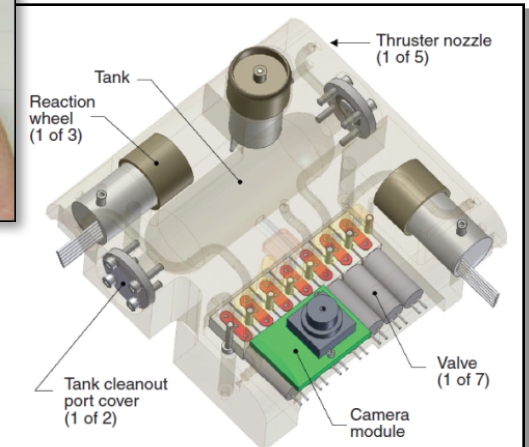


Fig. 20.17. STS-116 MEPSI “inspector” propulsion module assembly.

The Tyvak™ *Intrepid* Pico-Class CubeSat Suite

- *Integrated High Performance System Bundle*

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- **Intrepid System Board**

- 400Mhz ARM Processor; >512MB of Storage, 64MB RAM at <0.3 Watts
- Embedded Linux
- Integrated Power Regulation System and Sensor Suite

- **Low Profile UHF Radio Daughterboard**

- 1W RF Out, Up to 250 kbps

- **Multi-Functional Side Panels**

- 28% Solar Cells, Sensors, Torque Coils

- **High Strength Aluminum Structure**

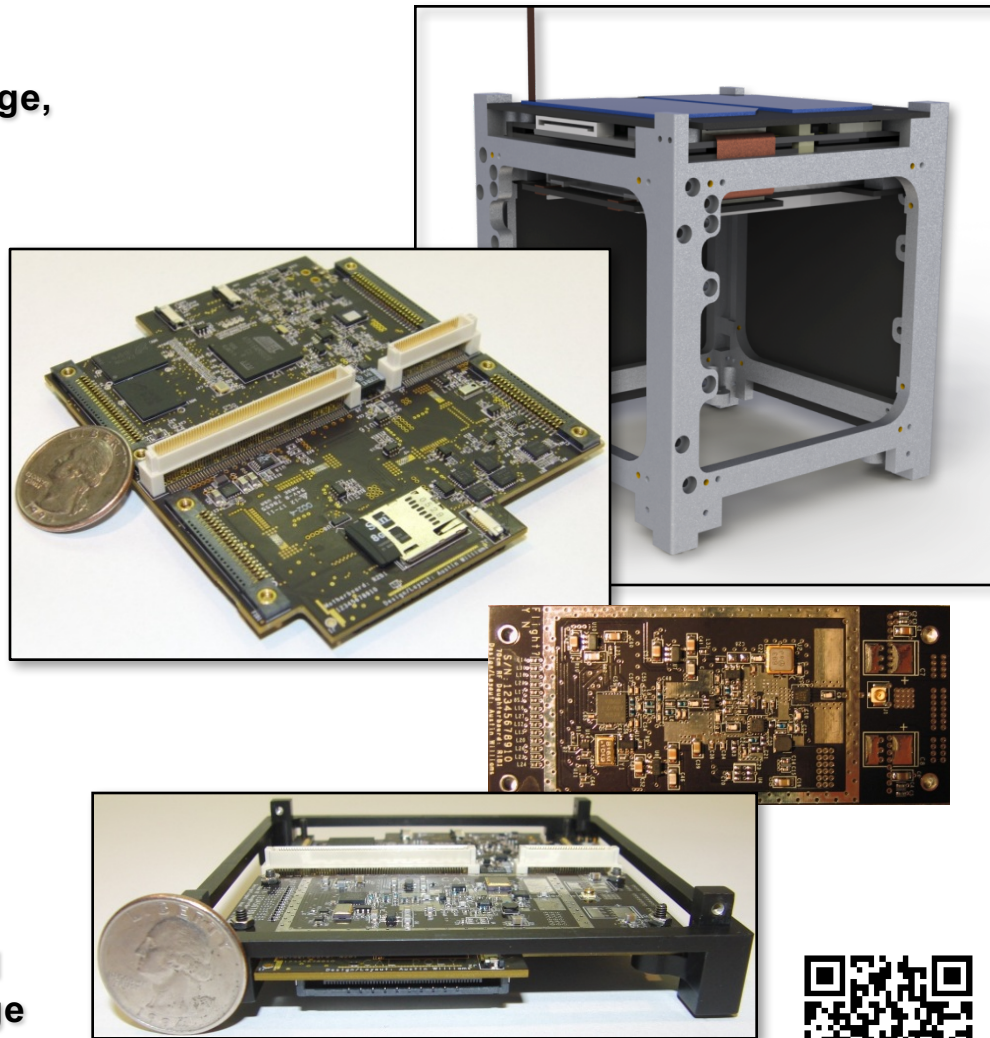
- “Pegboard” of Mounting Holes

- **Software Tools**

- Open Source OS and Drivers
- Simple Development Platform Available

- **Minimal Bus Volume**

- Core Avionics, EPS, Communication, and Payload Interface in a 9 x 9 x 3 cm Package



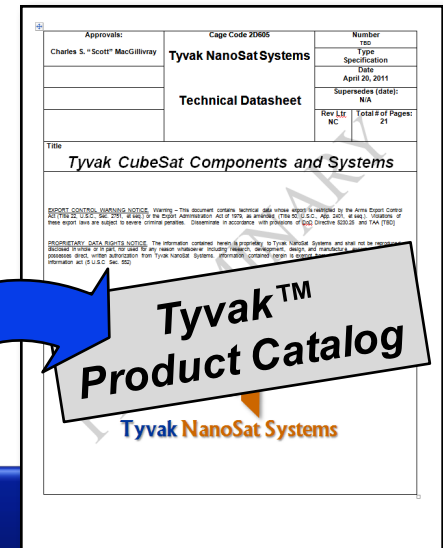
Tyvak™ CubeSat Product Family

- Suites of Highly Integrated High Performance Products

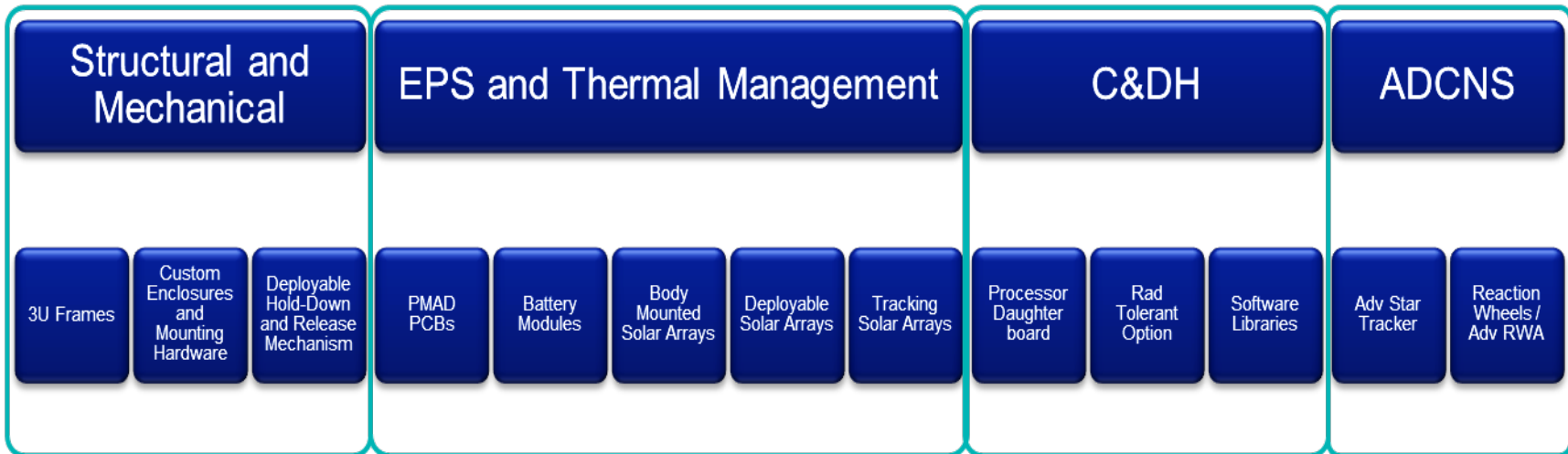
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Two Complementary Product Groups

- **“Pico-Class” CubeSats**
 - **Advanced Core Capabilities: System Board & Suite**
- **“Nano-Class” CubeSats**
 - **Cutting Edge Capabilities: Higher Power, Precision Attitude Knowledge & Control, Radiation Tolerant, High Bandwidth, Fault Handling**



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