

Implementation of SDM-Lite for Space Plug and Play Avionics (SPA) CubeSats

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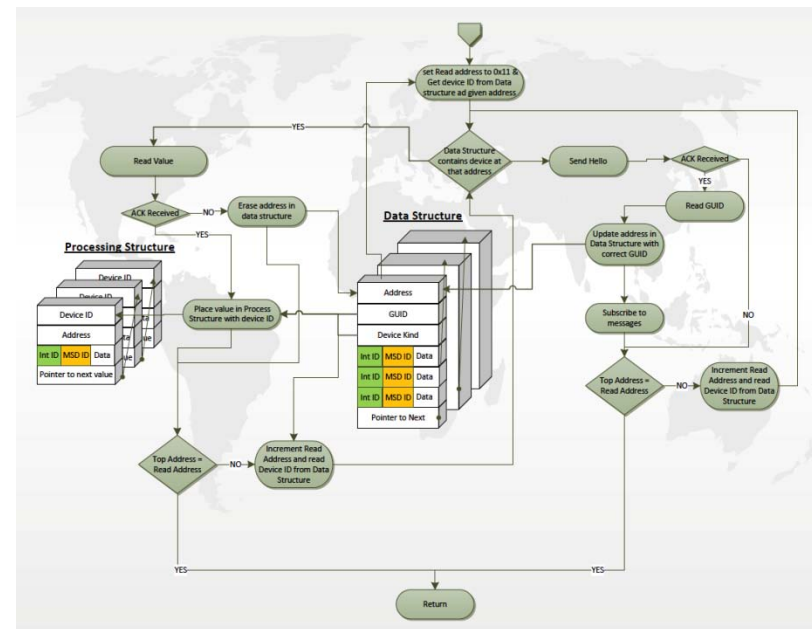


- ▶ Partnerships: COSMIAC – Brian Zufelt, Craig Kief



Overview

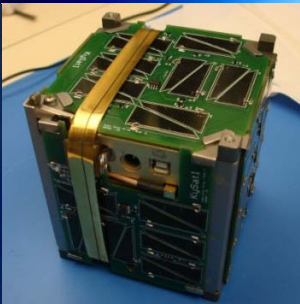
- ▶ Space Systems Lab and COSMIAC background
- ▶ SPA in low power and low data rate environments
- ▶ 8051–based ASIM
- ▶ SDM–Lite applications



Space Systems Lab Missions



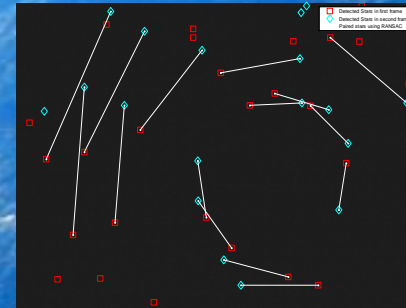
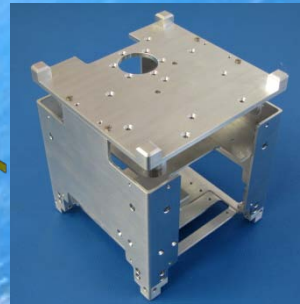
New NanoRacks/CubeLab Standard on the ISS, July 2010



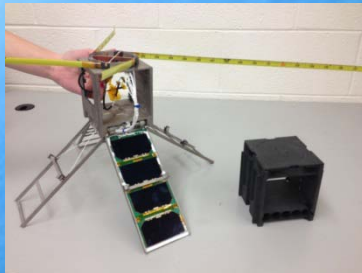
KYSat-1 2006



KYSat-2 2013



First CubeSats Ejected into Sub-Orbital Space, March 2010



PRINTSat and RAMPART 2012



High Altitude Balloons (Background Image)



Garvey P-12A



First Flight, Composite Super Loki, December 2007

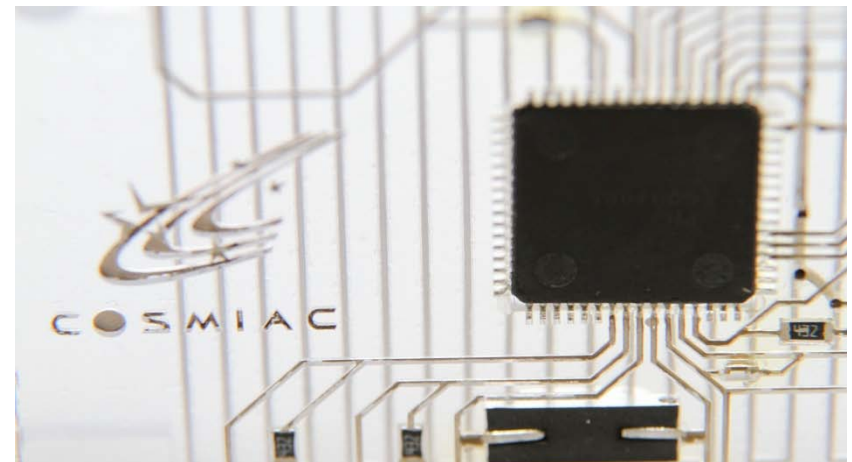


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- ▶ COSMIAC provides Years of experience in design and consulting for SPA development
- ▶ Recent development includes
 - ORS² SPA centered 6U satellite (scheduled launch 2013)
 - Trailblazer SPA centered 1U Satellite (scheduled launch 2013)
 - Consulted on a SPA interface for the MAI-400 ADACS
 - Provides training on new and Innovative SPA products (AAC Virtual Satellite Integrator)



SPA Network Overview

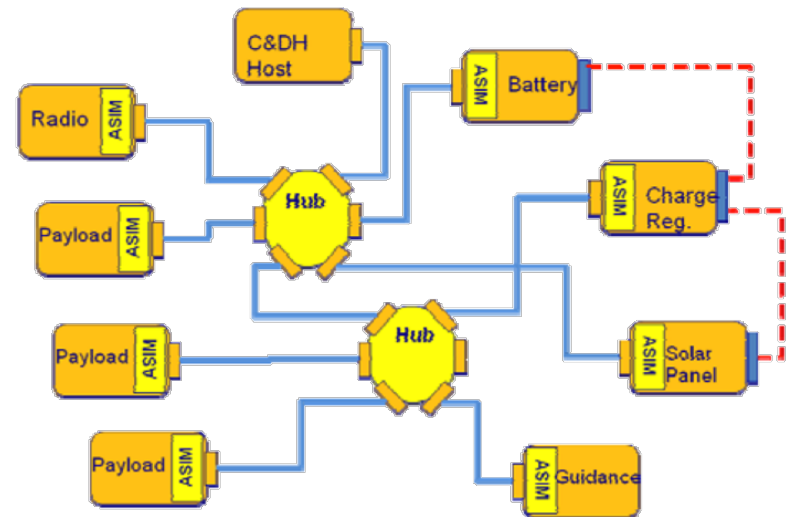
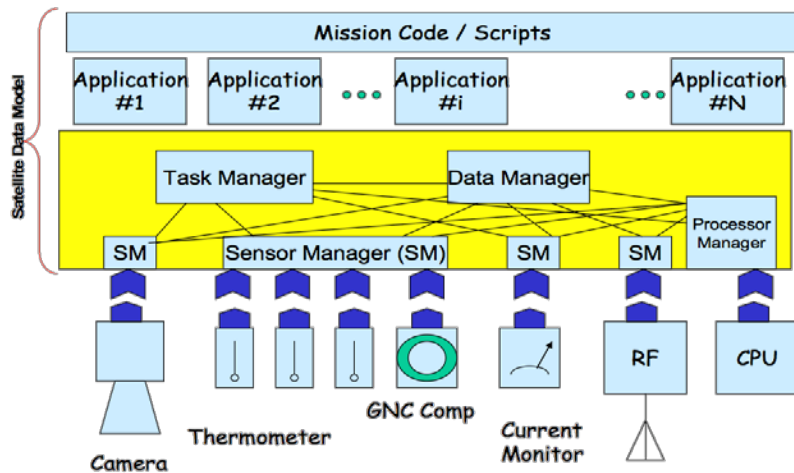


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SPA-1 (I2C based)

- ▶ SPA-1 developed for small spacecraft (NanoSats, CubeSats)
- ▶ SPA-1 utilizes I2C as the communication layer between ASIM and SDM
- ▶ The CubeLab bus is currently being modified to allow SPA-1 devices to be tested on orbit
 - Rapid SPA-1 device testing in microgravity
 - Increase TRL



SDM-Lite Bus

▶ SDM

- Compiled for VXWorks and Linux
- 32-bit microcontroller
- Supports SPA-O, SPA-S, SPA-U and SPA-1
- Supports high power and high data rate SPA devices
- Very large code base

▶ SDM-Lite

- Targets low-power, low-resource microcontrollers
- Full XTEDS support being supported soon
- Targets SPA-1 devices
- Small code base

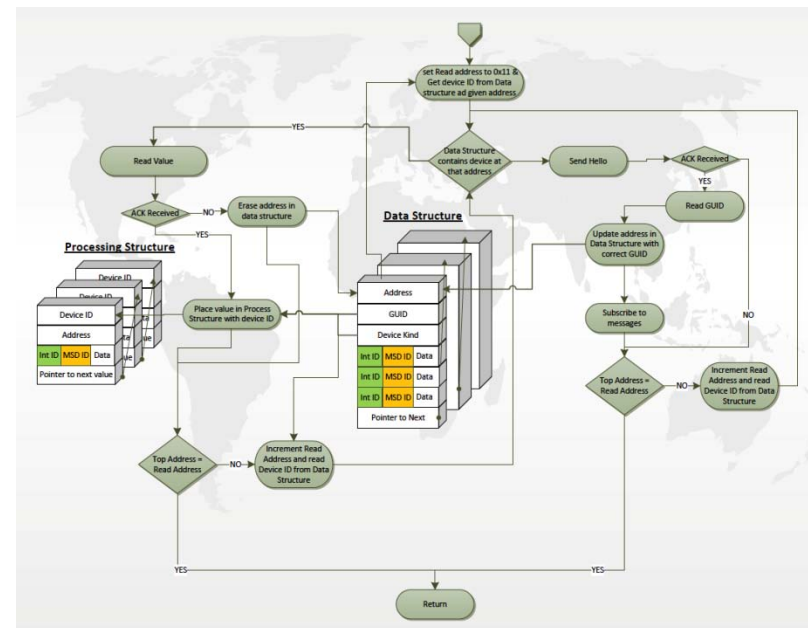


SDM-Lite Bus



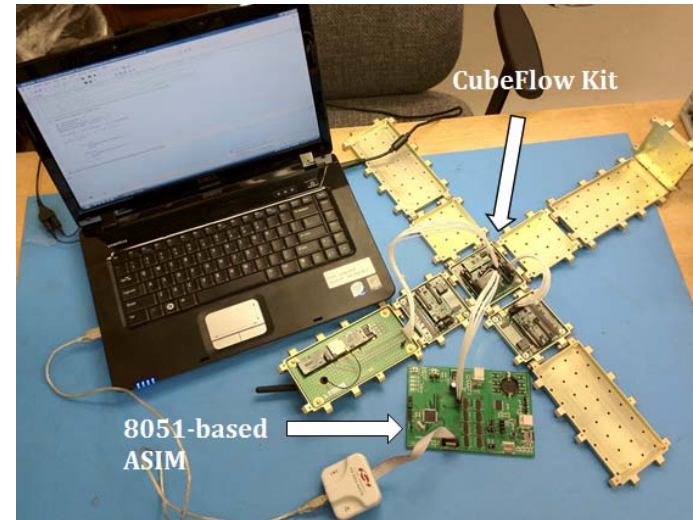
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- ▶ Applications for a SDM-Lite Bus
 - Lower power design for smaller spacecraft (1U-2U)
 - Ability to manage smaller portions of a larger SPA network and bridge connections to a faster SPA protocol like SPA-U(USB), and SPA-S (Spacewire)



8051-based ASIM

- ▶ 3K RAM
- ▶ 7K Flash
- ▶ SPI, UART, I2C
- ▶ Useful for ASIM in CubeSats
- ▶ Tested with Full SDM
- ▶ Tested with SDM-Lite



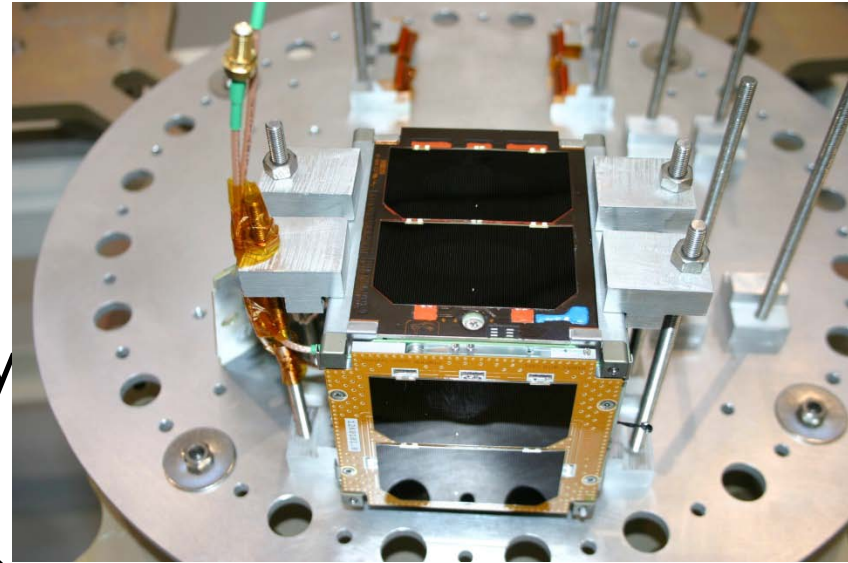
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  TempC:27.48
TemperatureF data received:
  TempF:81.446
Options
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2. Unsubscribe to TemperatureC Msg
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Trailblazer



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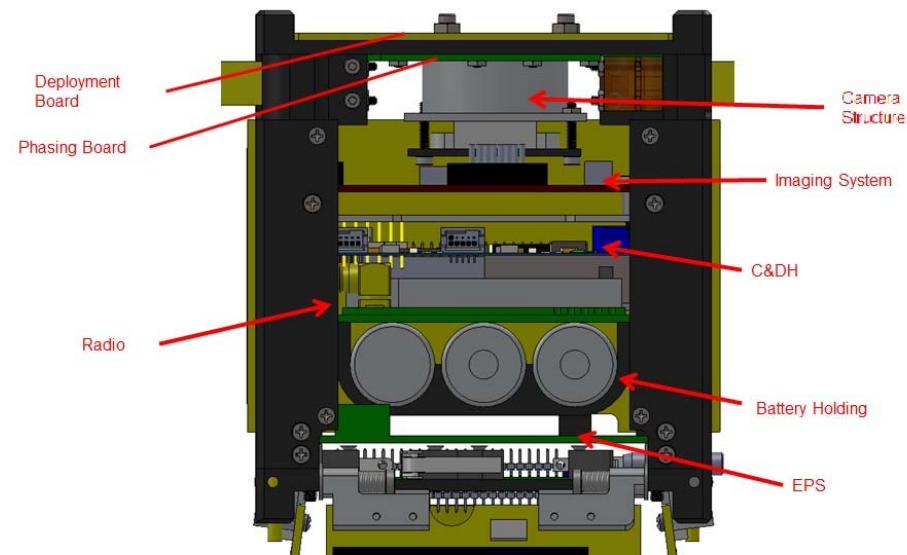
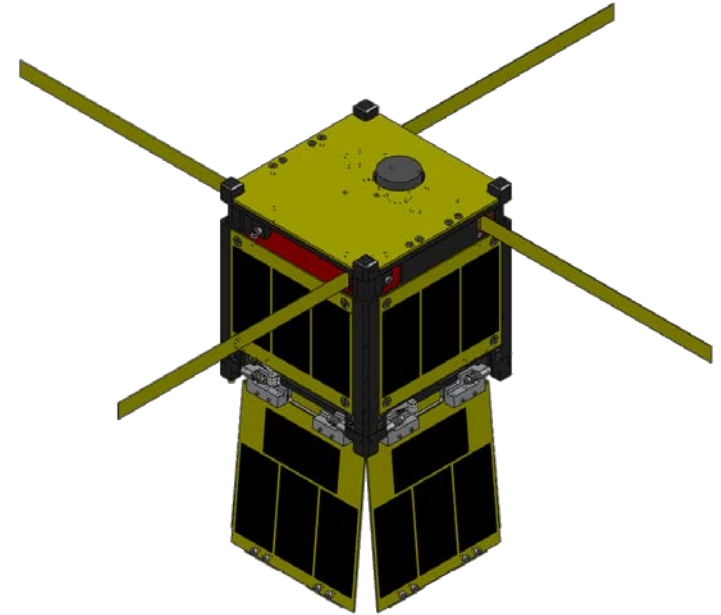
- ▶ 1U Satellite
- ▶ SPA Centered Bus with a SDM-Lite approach
 - Manages 5 ASIMs through an 8-bit microcontroller
 - Allows modules to be directly integrated into another SPA bus design without modification. (Radio on ORS²)
- ▶ Manifested on ORS3 through ELaNa IV



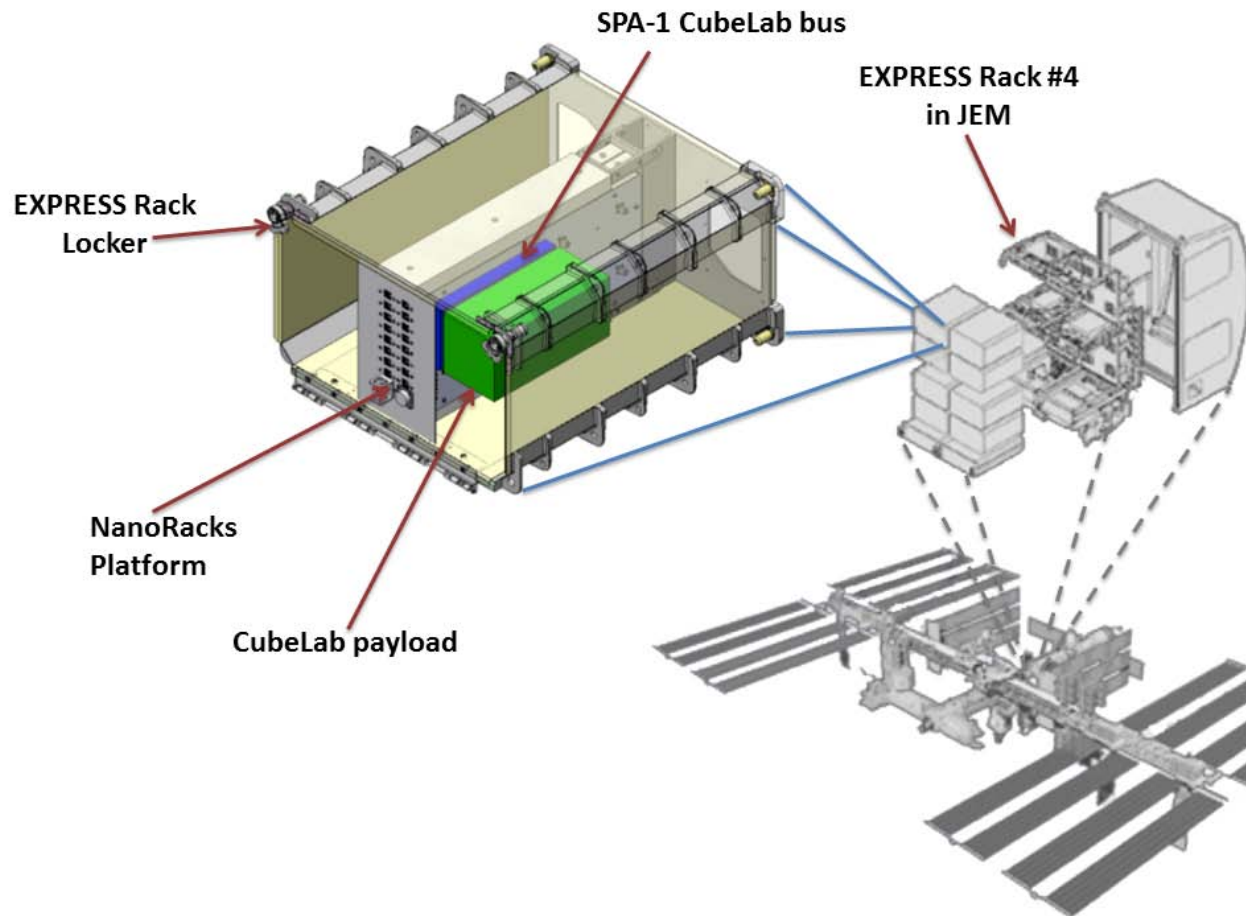
KySat-2 Mission

▶ Goals:

- Educational/Public Outreach through photos and sensor data for K-12
- Distributed processing architecture
- Verify Stellar Gyroscope method for attitude determination

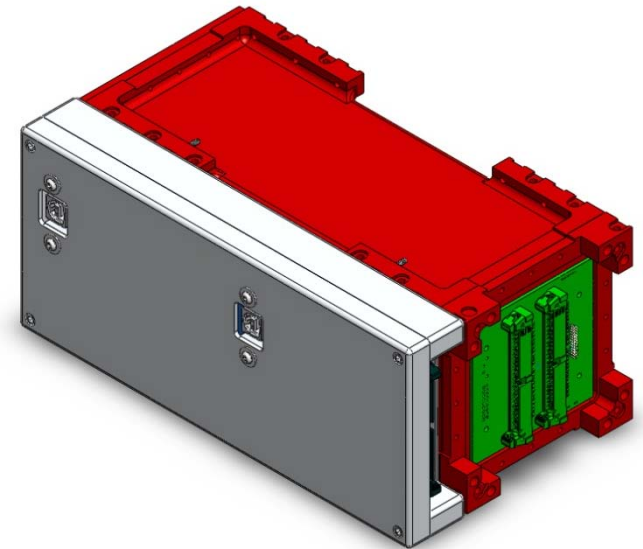


NanoRacks and CubeLabs on the ISS

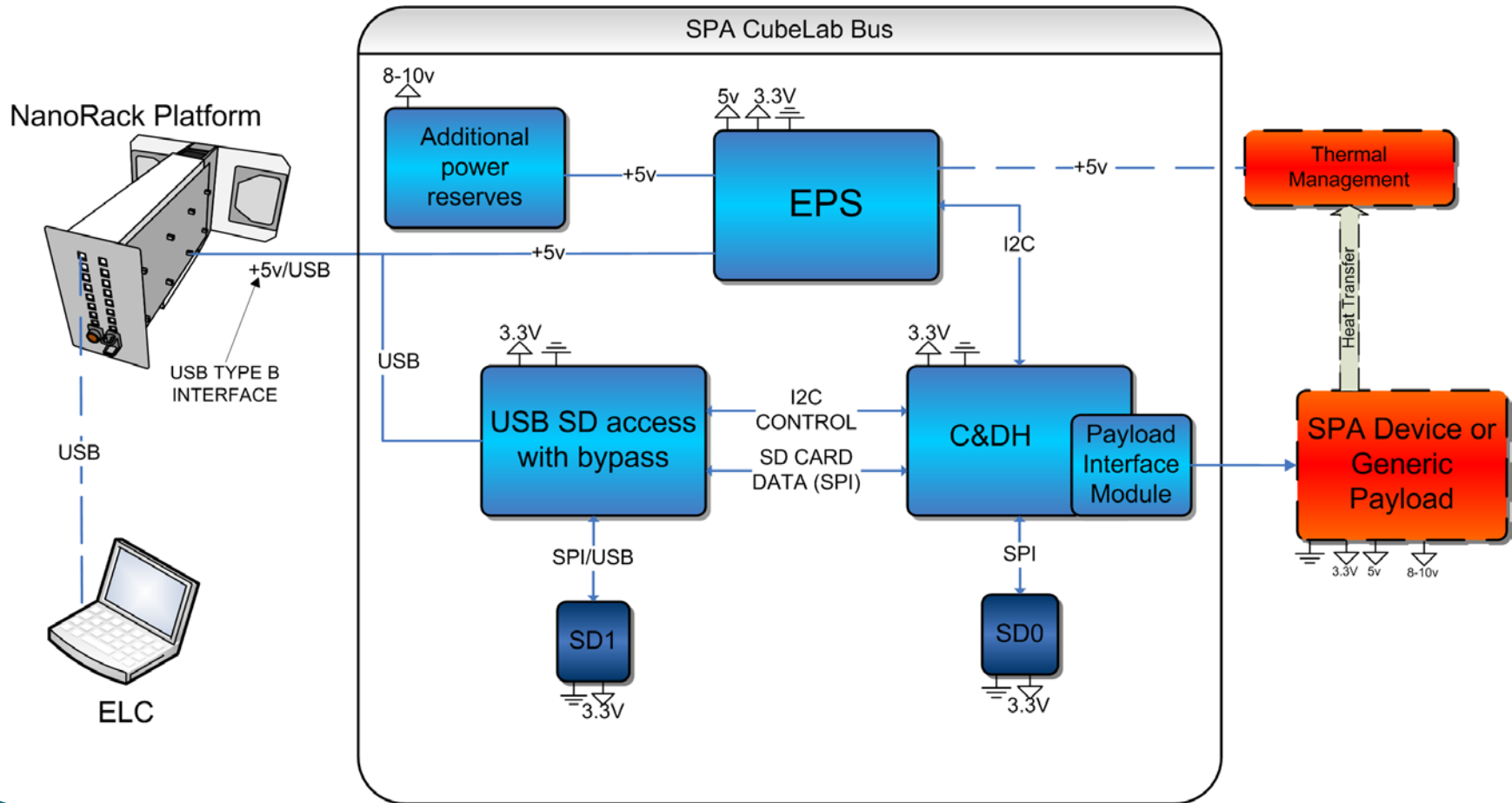


SPALab Overview

- ▶ Extension of collaboration with NASA Ames Research Center
- ▶ Enables SPA-1 devices to be rapidly tested in microgravity on the ISS
- ▶ Reconfigurable experiments through the use of upload scripts
- ▶ Can be reconfigured by astronaut mid-flight
- ▶ Data and experiment return available



SPALab bus



Summary

- ▶ SPA in low power and low data rate environments
- ▶ 8051–based ASIM
- ▶ SDM–Lite applications
 - Trailblazer
 - KYSat–2
 - SPALab



Thank You

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