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CONFIGURABLE SPACE MICROSYSTEMS INNOVATIONS & APPLICATIONS CENTE



# **COSMIAC Overview**

- COSMIAC proudly serves as a Tier-2 Research Center under the School of Engineering at the University of New Mexico
- COSMIAC's role is to promote aerospace innovation through the reliable and responsible use of configurable technology in military and defense systems
- COSMIAC's 13,000 square foot facility provides excellent design capabilities including labs and cleanrooms
- All COSMIAC personnel are US citizens with active security clearances (up to TS or Q for DOE)
- 2014 operating budget approximately \$2M





#### **COSMIAC Capabilities**

- Cleanroom
  - COSMIAC has a sixteen foot by eight foot cleanroom designed for satellite integration and testing
- Helmholtz Cage
  - Six foot cubed Helmholtz cage for attitude control testing





#### The Partners in 3D

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

**BUSEK** 















#### The Contracts

#### NASA SmallSat Technology Program

- 24 month activity with UNM/COSMIAC as the lead
- Focus on radiation mitigation, communications and propulsion

#### **America Makes**

- 18 month activity with UTEP/Keck as the lead
- Focus on wiring, propulsion, communication, workforce development, and equipment development

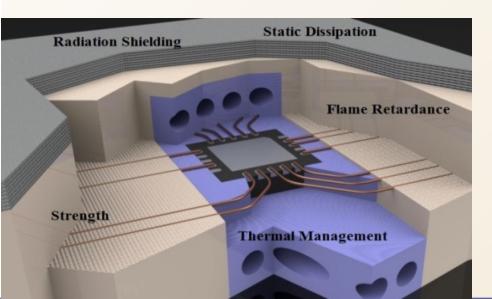
Both activities ending this fiscal year



#### **AM Overview**

#### Additive Manufacturing (AM) and Micro Dispensing (MD)

- AM in general
- The game changing component
- SMDC Challenge



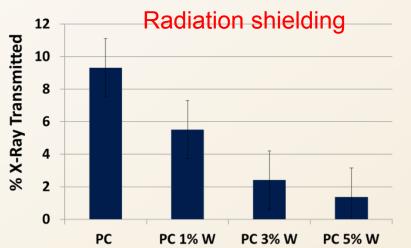
#### COSMIAC's 3D Lab

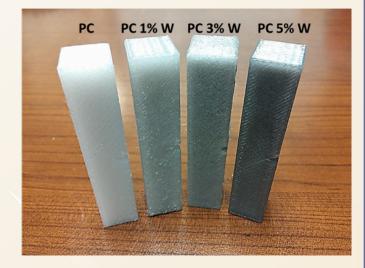




# **Radiation Testing**

- Tungsten powder in Polycarbonate
  - Trade-off between:
    - Weight
    - Strength
    - Thermal / electrical conductivity
    - Radiation attenuation
  - 3D printed geometries for shielding
  - Optimize unused volume for protection





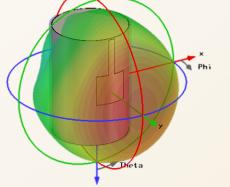
#### Publications available











### Communications

#### **Printing and Testing Antennas**

- Planar
- Nonplanar
- Holy Grail phased array with embedded mems in nonplanar shape
- ALASA
- Publications available





### Thrusters

- Busek Pulsed Plasma Thrusters
  - requiring high voltage (1-10kV)
  - non-toxic Teflon propellant
- Dielectric strength and leakage testing coupons created in three materials:
  - ULTEM
  - Polycarbonate
  - Nylon
- Propulsion (micro-newton) testing will be done at NASA Glenn.





#### SnapSat Version 3.0 Bluetooth

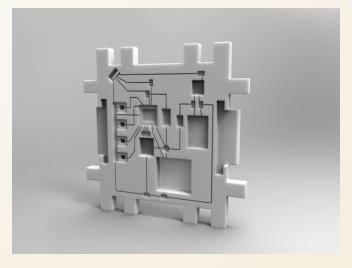
Bluetooth module now added.

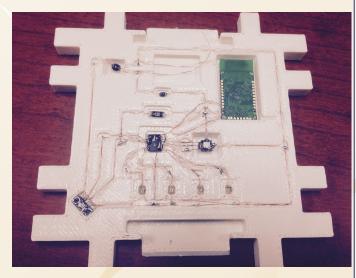
RF module with RX and TX

Will control with phone app

Shows attitude on python program.

Picture shows during mid-fabrication.







# Rad Hard M0 for Space

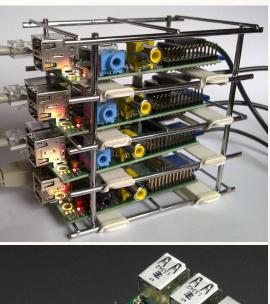
- Ongoing work with the Silicon Space Technologies (SST) company to develop projects with Rad Hard ARM processor
- NASA SBIR funded activity to develop CubeSat Compute Module



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#### **Game Changing Hardware**





- Raspberry Pi
- Raspberry Pi Networks
- Beaglebone Black
- Globalstar
- Almost anything from Sparkfun

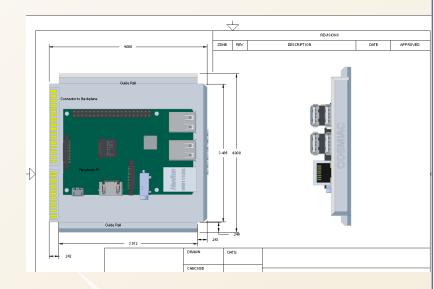


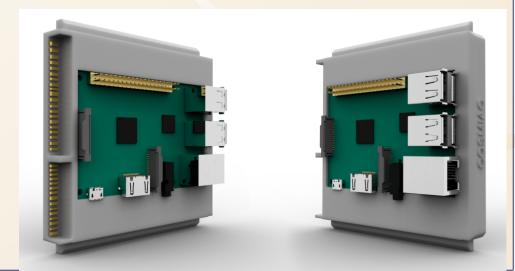


# Easily adaptable "tray"

 Quickly adaptable 3D printed tray that will slide into a 1U – 6U printed backplane



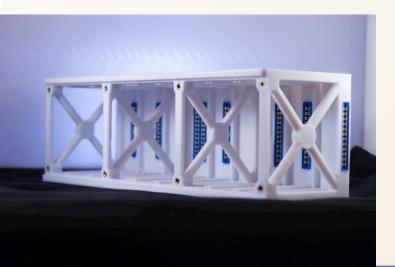






# KainotomíaSat

- Kainotomía (καινοτομία) Greek for Innovation
- Creating a 2U Demo of the printed backplane printed in polycarbonate
- Joint ARC, AFOSR, UTEP/Keck and COSMIAC project
- Easily adapt off the shelf hardware to a spacecraft frame
- Going into Shake and Bake next couple of weeks







#### Backup Plan

If the engineering CubeSat thing doesn't work out, Brian and can always become miners.





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