

A Framework for Mission Assurance Exploiting Automation

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Maritime domain awareness

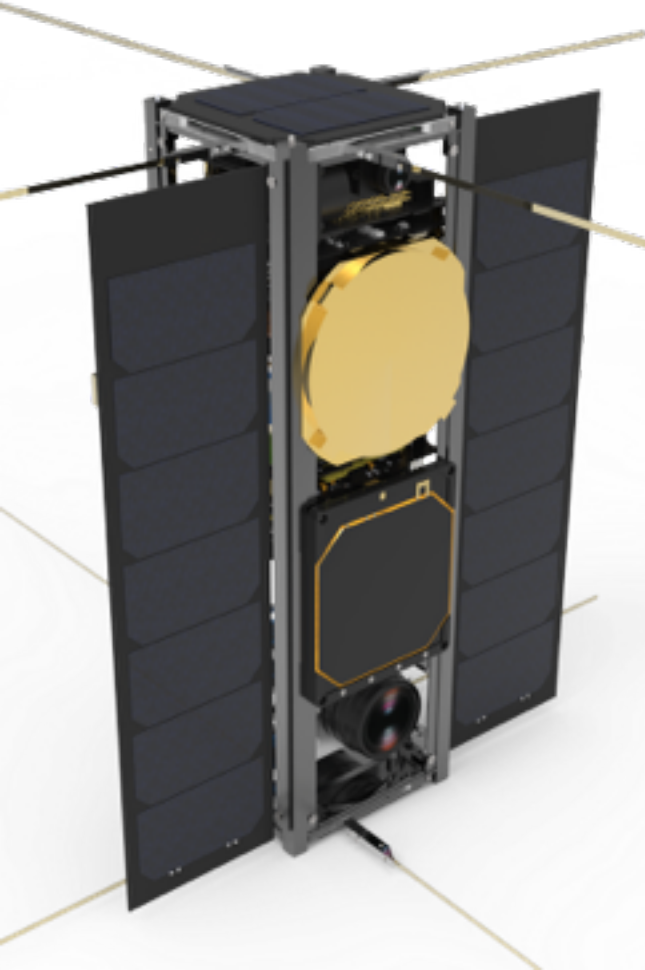


The nano-satellite constellation enables the effective monitoring of South Africa's extensive ocean and coastal areas to facilitate national maritime domain awareness.

Benefits:

- effective vessel tracking
- enhanced security and safety
- monitor activities within ocean economy
- marine protection
- maritime trade information

ZACUBE-2 | MDA Precursor



- Feature AIS/VDES vessel tracking capability
- Flexible Software Defined Radio to enable rural connectivity to remote health clinics and educational facilities
- Medium resolution imager to monitor field fires, oil spills, ...
- Launch-ready 2017

CPUT NANOSATELLITE PROGRAMME

ZACUBE-1

ZACUBE-2

Continual innovation via HCD program

Technology demonstrator

Precursor mission

PHAKISA CONSTELLATION

Prototype

Production

Initial Launches

Constellation on-line

Constellation Management & Replenishment

Constellation Management Entity

MANUFACTURING FACILITY

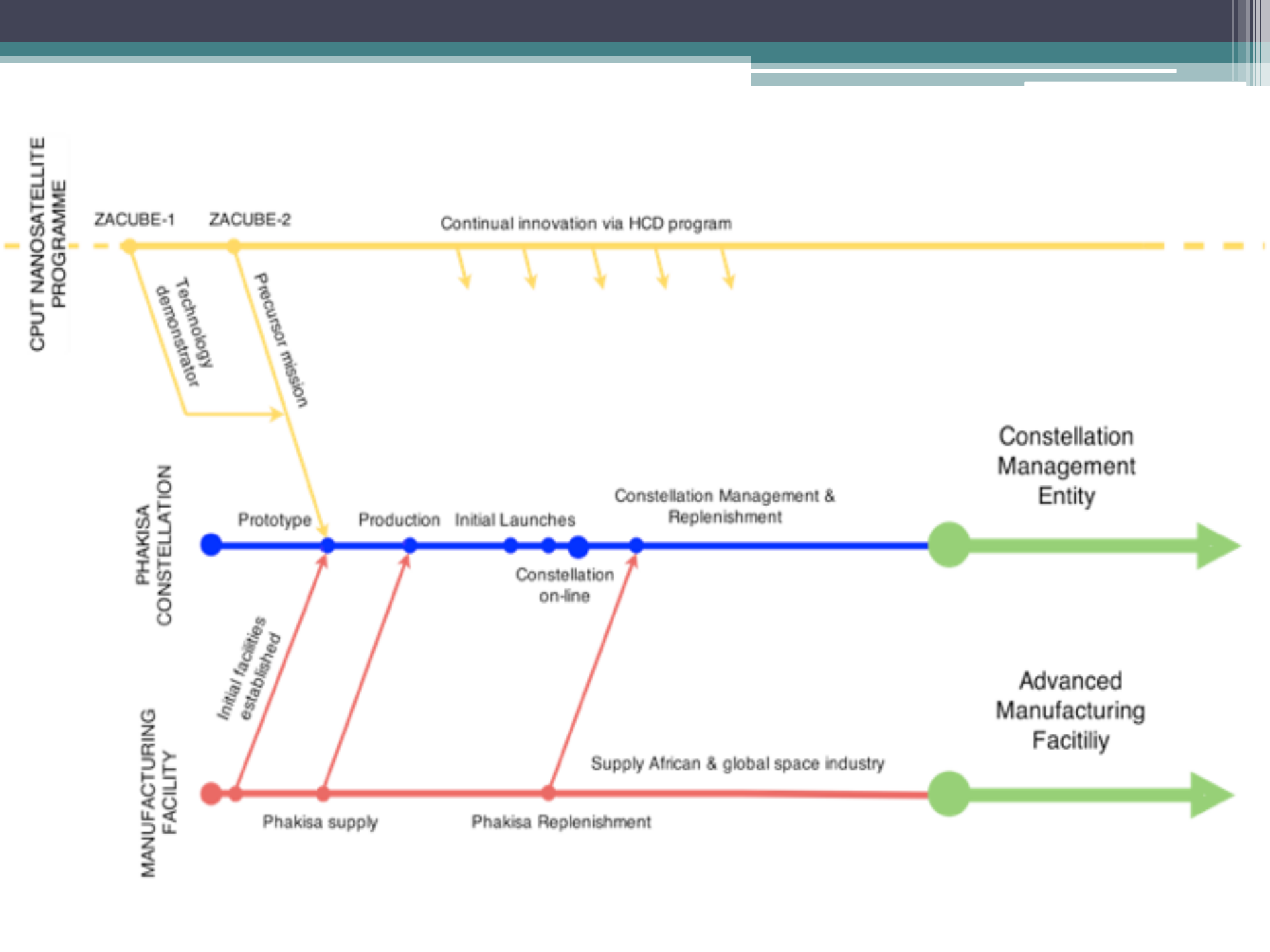
Initial facilities established

Phakisa supply

Phakisa Replenishment

Supply African & global space industry

Advanced Manufacturing Facility



Verification & Validation (V&V)

- 1992 survey of 2500 spacecraft failures 1962-1988
(Musgrave, Larsen & Sgobba 2009)
- 48% of nanosats survive after launch
(Bouwmeester & Guo 2010)

Failure Cause	%
Design	24.8
Environment	21.4
Operations	4.7
Parts	16.3
Quality	7.7
Other	6.3
Unknown	18.9

Module or Subsystem	%
Bus	73.3
Telemetry, Tracking and Command	24.6
Guidance and Navigation	13.6
Electric Power	13.2
Data Handling	9.1
Thermal Control	5.6
Propulsion	3.7
Structure	3.5
Payload	26.7
VIS and IR Optical	13.1
Comms	5.2
Special Payloads	4.9
Navigational	3.5

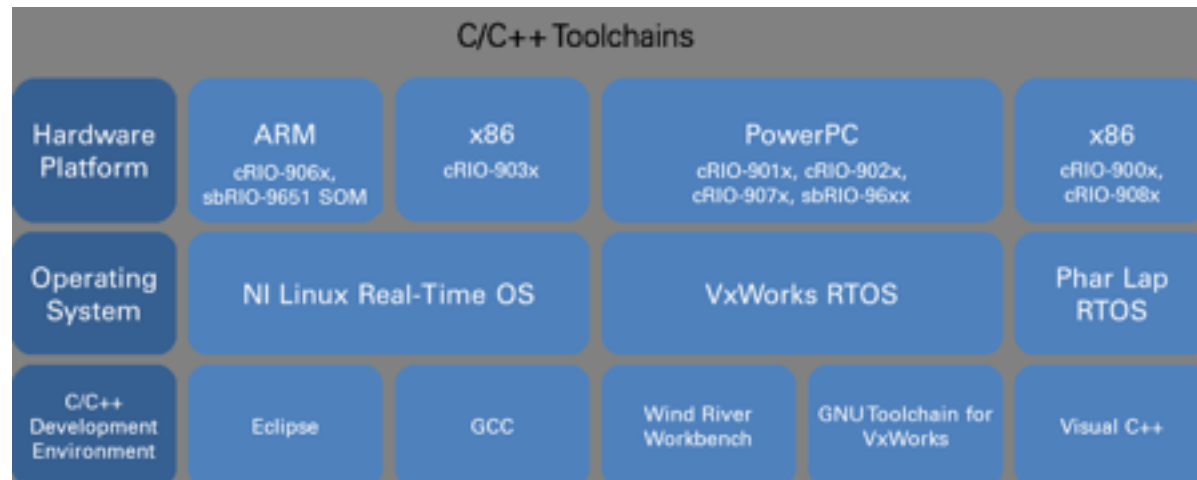
Testbed (Functional & Environmental)

- Student project
- LabWindows™/CVI
 - C for Virtual Instrumentation with Real Time Module
 - IDE, GUI development, ATE drivers, measurements, analysis
- Communication interfaces
- Automatic Test Equipment
- Thermal chamber



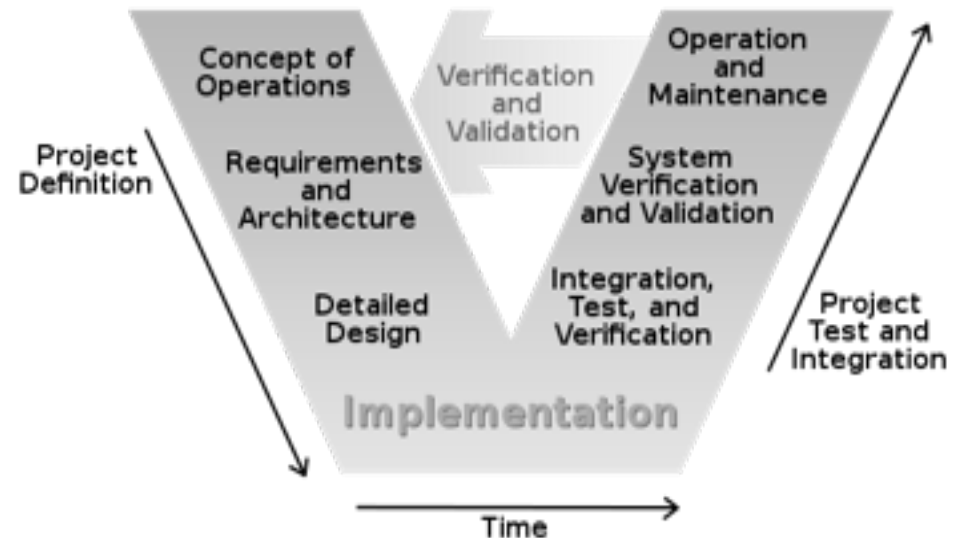
Futuristic Development/Test/V&V in C

- Control ATE using algorithms e.g., in-orbit wattage profile, power management
- C data types: access to ext. sims thru TCP/IP sockets
- Interface with HDL EDA (VHPI/VPI)
- Custom protocols e.g., for thermal chamber
- FPGA interface C API
- Low-level system debugging and precision execution



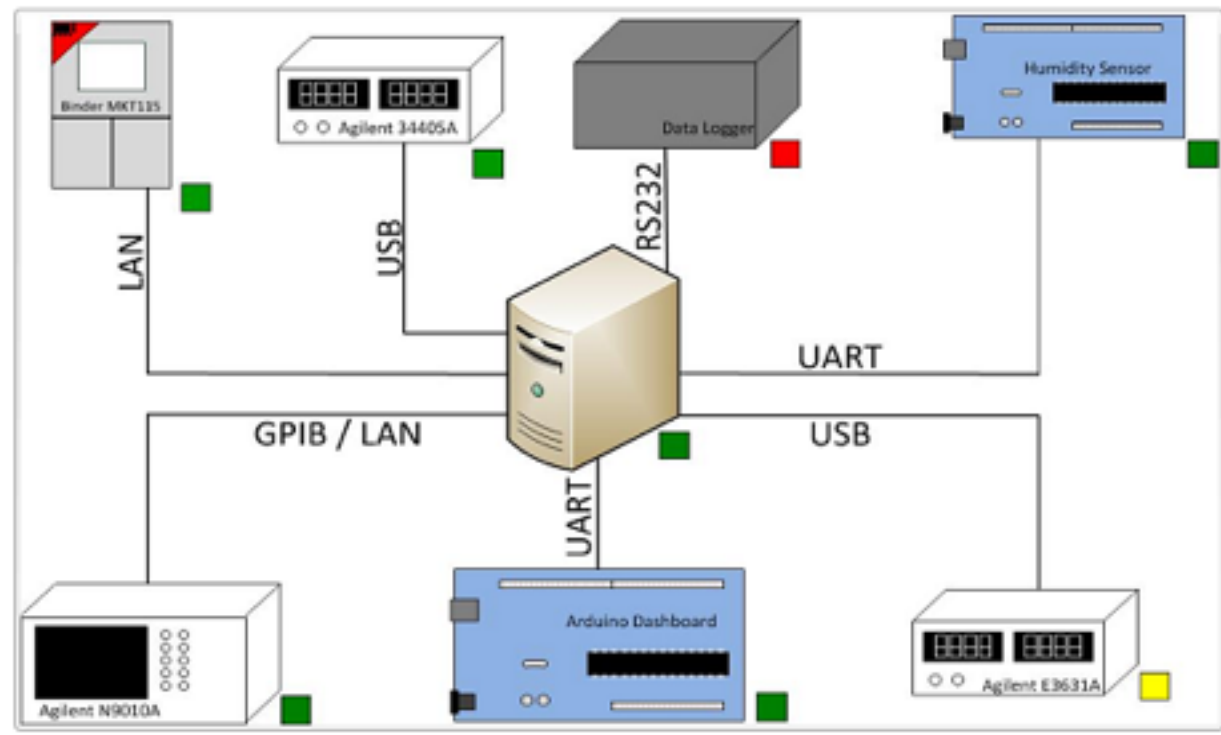
Goals of Automation

- Co-engineering
- Efficiency (time, resource and cost control)
- Acceptance level testing
- Product profiling, test report
- Theses and internships
- Not to find hardware/
software bugs





Overview



Testbed & Automation Features

- Event-driven, human interface
- DUT configuration (e.g., FPGA registers)
- Encapsulation
 - Test methods and test logic
 - ATE configuration
- Measurement visual display
- Ilities
 - Modular (multiple, independent developers)
 - Readable (common enforced style for VIs)
 - Tabular (abstraction for test centric, ATE centric and product centric views)
 - Scalable (limited versions)
 - Re-usable (common ATEs, tests methods)
 - Adaptable (product variants)

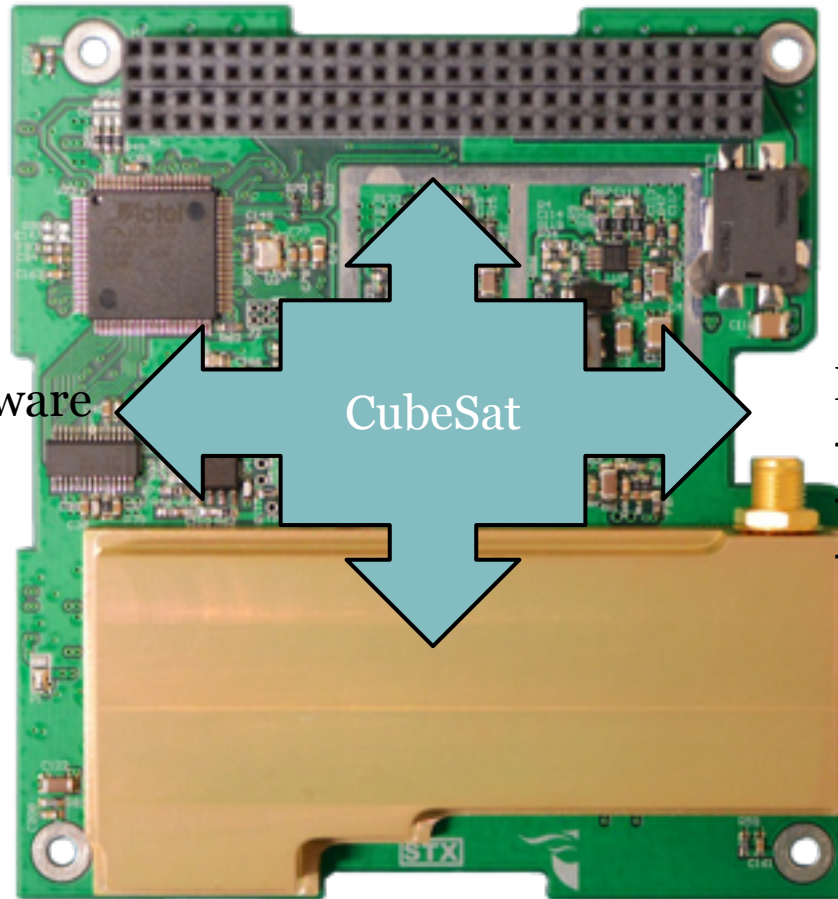
DUT Configuration Loop

The screenshot shows the 'STX Dashboard' window of the 'Missurance v1.0' application. The window title bar includes 'Survey', 'Thermal Chamber', 'STX Dashboard', 'CMC Dashboard', 'Agilent N5010A', 'Humidity Sensor', 'Agilent 34405A', 'Auto T-Func', 'Agilent E3631A', and 'HP B20A'. The 'STX Dashboard' section contains three main configuration areas: 'Set Mode' with radio buttons for 'Config', 'Sync Mode', 'Data Mode', and 'Test/Data Mode', and a 'Power amplifier' checkbox; 'Set DataRate' with radio buttons for '1', '1/2', '1/4', and '1/8', and options for 'QPSK', 'GPSK', and 'Filter'; and 'Set Power' with radio buttons for '1', '1/2', '1/4', and '1/8', an 'Offset frequency' input field with a 'Write' button, and 'LED0', 'LED1', 'LED2' radio buttons. A 'COM Port' dropdown is set to '4' with a 'Connect' button. To the right, the 'Received Data' section lists various parameters with input fields: 'Config Register', 'Encoder Register', 'Frequency Offset', 'Version Number', 'TX Buffer Underruns', 'TX Buffer Overruns', 'TX Count', 'VDET', 'PA Temp', 'Top Temp', 'Bottom Temp', 'Battery Current', 'Battery Voltage', 'Current SV', and 'Voltage SV'. A 'Reset' button is located at the bottom right of this section.

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Functional Test Loop

Simulators, Emulators, Debuggers



Payload Hardware/Software
- Optical
- Comms

Bus Hardware/Software
- OBC
- EPS
- Etc.

ATE on Instrumentation Bus



Agilent N9010A Output

Directory: FileName:

Increment?

1

Spektrum Analyser

Channel Power

Occupied BW

ACP

No Config

No Config

No Config

89600B Software

VISA Adress Spektrum Analyzer

VISA Adress 89601B

Connection Status



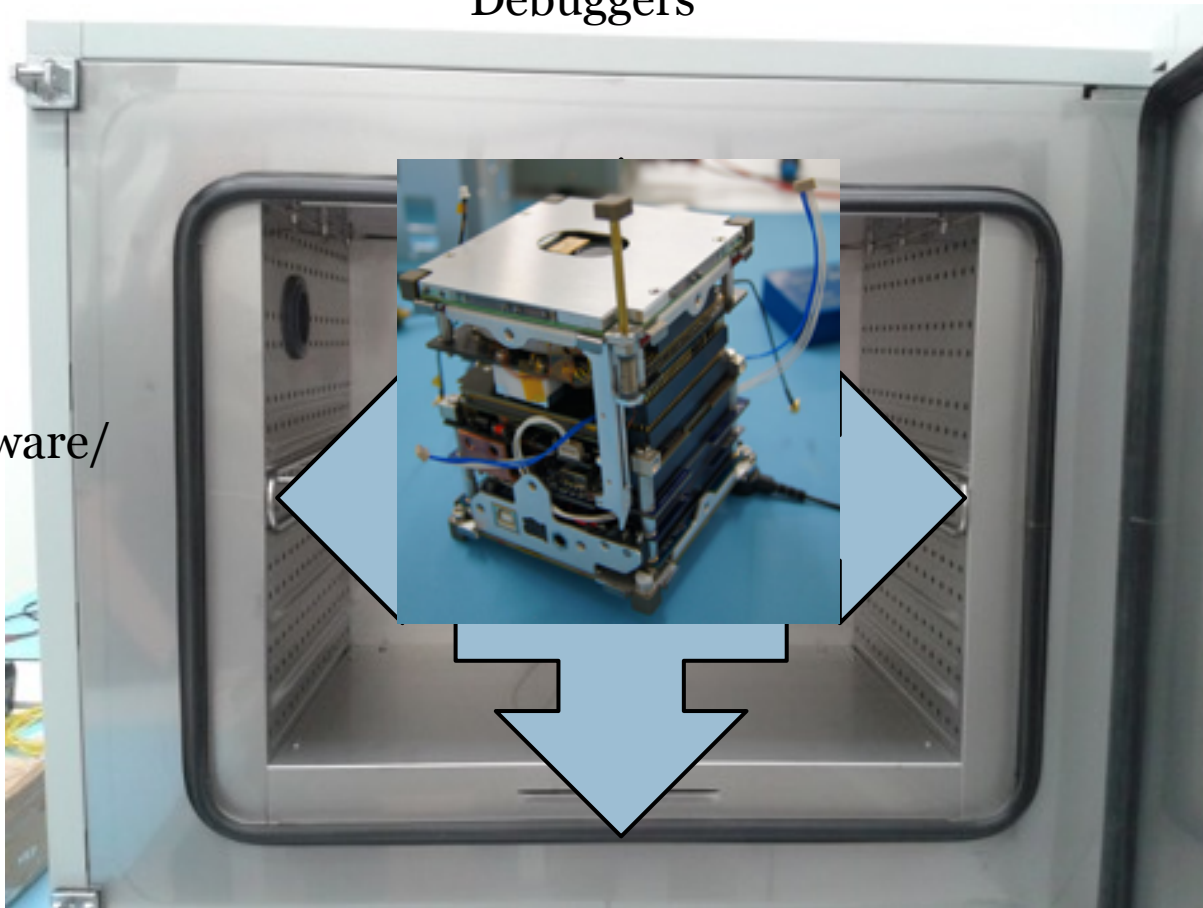
Standby

Error Code

0

Thermal Test Loop

Debuggers



Payload Hardware/
Software

- Optical
- Comms

Bus Hardware/
Software

- OBC
- EPS
- ADCS

ATE on Instrumentation Bus



Power Supply E3631A

Power Supply 1

VISA Adress

GPIB0::3::INSTR

Connect



Load CH1



Standby

Load CH2



Load CH3



Power Supply 2

VISA Adress

GPIB0::5::INSTR

Connect



Power Supply 3

VISA Adress

GPIB0::5::INSTR

Connect



Power Supply 4

VISA Adress

GPIB0::5::INSTR

Connect



Power Supply 5

VISA Adress

GPIB0::5::INSTR

Connect



Read Table

Start

Device 1

Ch1 V

5.00

Ch2 V

5.00

Ch3 V

5.00

Ch1 Power

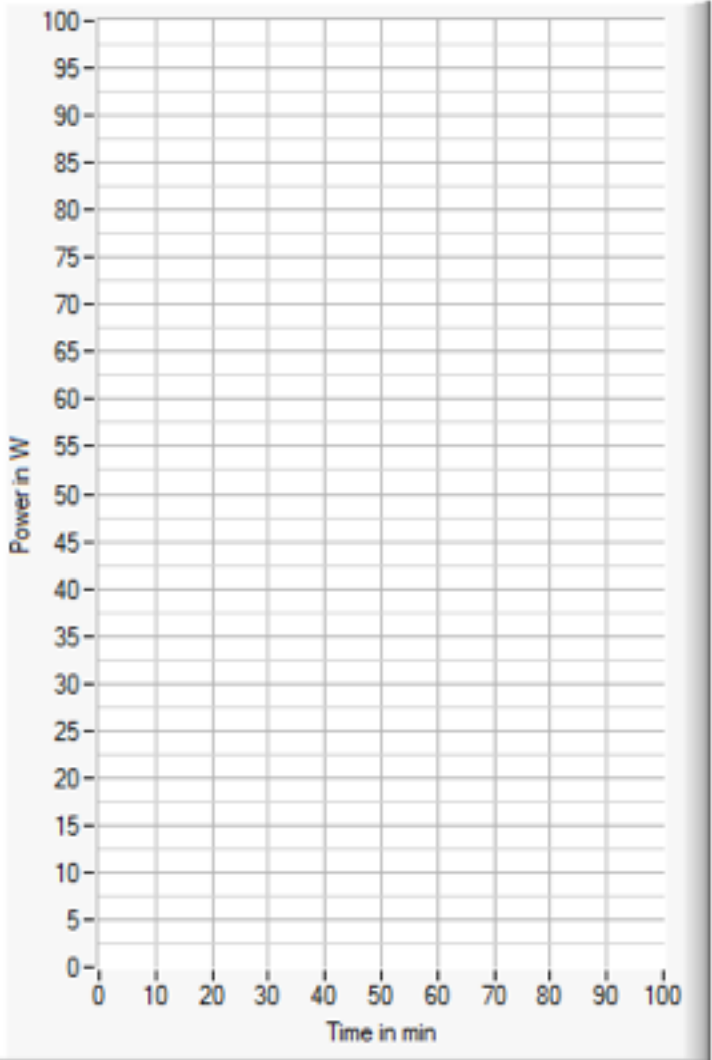
0.00

Ch2 Power

0.00

Ch3 Power

0.00



Empty rectangular box

Temperature Extern



Value

Humidity



Value

Send T-Request

Send H-Request

Read T

Read H

Send Bytes Temperature Request

97 4 1 1 98

Send Bytes Humidity Request

97 4 2 1 98

Max COM-Port

10

Refresh

Select COM-Port

Select Baud-Rate

Select Parity

Select Data-Bits

Select Stop-Bits

Connection Status

Connect



Standby

Automated Thermo-Functional Testing of ZACUBE-2 Flatsat

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5276 int CVICALLBACK AutoCheckN9010ASetup (int panel, int control, int event,
5277                                     void *callbackData, int eventData1, int eventData2)
5278 {
5279     switch (event)
5280     {
5281         case EVENT_COMMIT:
5282             //Test every Window
5283             int ErrorN9010CP = 0;
5284             int ErrorN9010OBW = 0;
5285             int ErrorN9010ACP = 0;
5286             int ErrorN9010VSA = 0;
5287
5288             if(AutoStateCPScreenShot == 1)
5289                 ErrorN9010CP = N9010ASwitchScreenCPEExt();
5290
5291             Sleep(1000);
5292
5293             if(AutoStateOBVScreenShot == 1)
5294                 ErrorN9010OBW = N9010ASwitchScreenBWEExt();
5295
5296             Sleep(1000);
5297
5298             if(AutoStateACPScreenShot == 1)
5299                 ErrorN9010ACP = N9010ASwitchScreenACPEExt();
5300
5301             Sleep(1000);
5302
5303             if(AutoStateVSAScreenShot == 1){
5304                 ErrorN9010VSA = N9010AStartVSABExt();
5305                 Sleep(4000);
5306                 N9010AStartSAExt();
5307             }
5308
5309             Sleep(1000);
5310
5311

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Measurement



5500

COM4 COM-Port STX Dashboard

Max temperature Dashboard

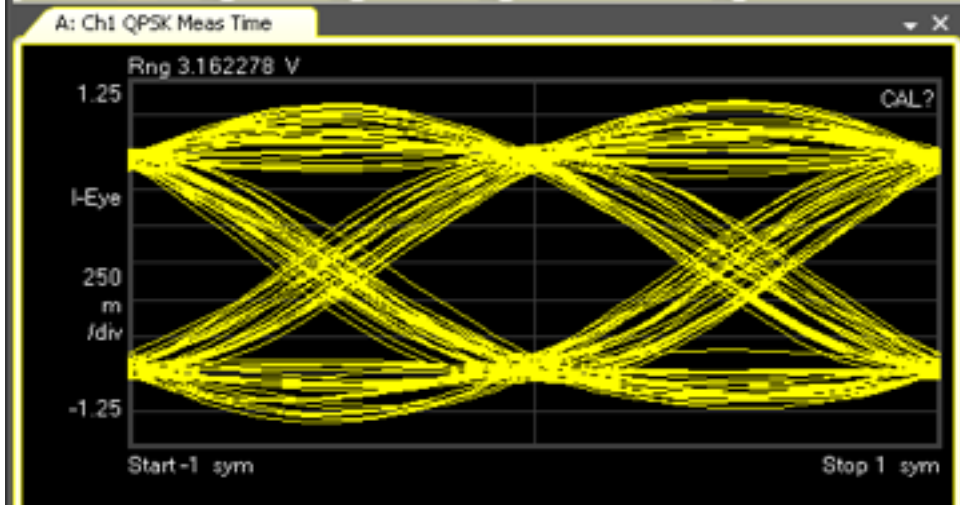
COM5 COM-Port Humidity Sensor

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Automised Test

Start





Timestamp	24dBm	Channel Pc	Current	Temperatu	External T	Humidity	26dBm	Channel Pc	Current	Temperatu	External T	Humidity
Sat Dec 12 11:05:26 2015		25.25058	0.5453	24.96222	24.71	33.06		0	0.5745	24.96222	24.71	33.06
Sat Dec 12 11:11:30 2015		25.64965	0.5464	29.05847	29.59	30.71	26.22217	0.5753	29.05847	29.59	30.71	
Sat Dec 12 11:22:30 2015		25.47747	0.55	39.55362	39.84	23.89	25.91594	0.5786	39.55362	39.84	23.89	
Sat Dec 12 11:33:30 2015		25.22803	0.5537	49.5785	49.61	17.66	25.8598	0.5821	49.5785	49.61	17.66	
Sat Dec 12 11:40:30 2015		25.36371	0.5553	51.41293	50.1	17.45	26.0409	0.5836	51.41293	50.1	17.45	
Sat Dec 12 11:42:28 2015		25.32284	0.5558	50.69706	49.12	16.75	26.30206	0.5836	50.69706	49.12	16.75	
Sat Dec 12 11:53:30 2015		25.36527	0.5523	40.56045	39.84	16.87	26.08379	0.5807	40.56045	39.84	16.87	
Sat Dec 12 12:04:30 2015		25.23703	0.5482	30.61646	30.08	20.59	26.09836	0.5767	30.61646	30.08	20.59	
Sat Dec 12 12:15:26 2015		25.48039	0.5444	20.60337	20.31	29.63		0	0.5729	20.60337	20.31	29.63
Sat Dec 12 12:26:28 2015		25.27929	0.5415	10.31057	11.04	34.33	25.94497	0.5701	10.31057	11.04	34.33	
Sat Dec 12 12:37:29 2015		24.91901	0.5378	-0.93887	-1.17	34.52	25.83508	0.5667	-0.93887	-1.17	34.52	
Sat Dec 12 12:48:30 2015		24.81304	0.5344	-8.61453	-10.94	25.53	25.80922	0.5628	-8.61453	-10.94	25.53	
Sat Dec 12 12:59:29 2015		25.129	0.5307	-19.5315	-22.17	26.48	25.66288	0.5589	-19.5315	-22.17	26.48	
Sat Dec 12 13:06:28 2015		24.85319	0.5297	-20.9881	-22.17	39.51	25.58882	0.5582	-20.9881	-22.17	39.51	
Sat Dec 12 13:18:29 2015		24.48984	0.5323	-10.5805	-10.45	51.23	25.7446	0.5605	-10.5805	-10.45	51.23	
Sat Dec 12 13:29:28 2015		25.13193	0.5294	-0.53537	-1.17	51.09	25.61821	0.5575	-0.53537	-1.17	51.09	
Sat Dec 12 13:40:29 2015		24.85287	0.5314	9.567438	9.57	51.17	25.79823	0.5623	9.567438	9.57	51.17	

Center Freq 2.20000000 GHz

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Radio Std: None

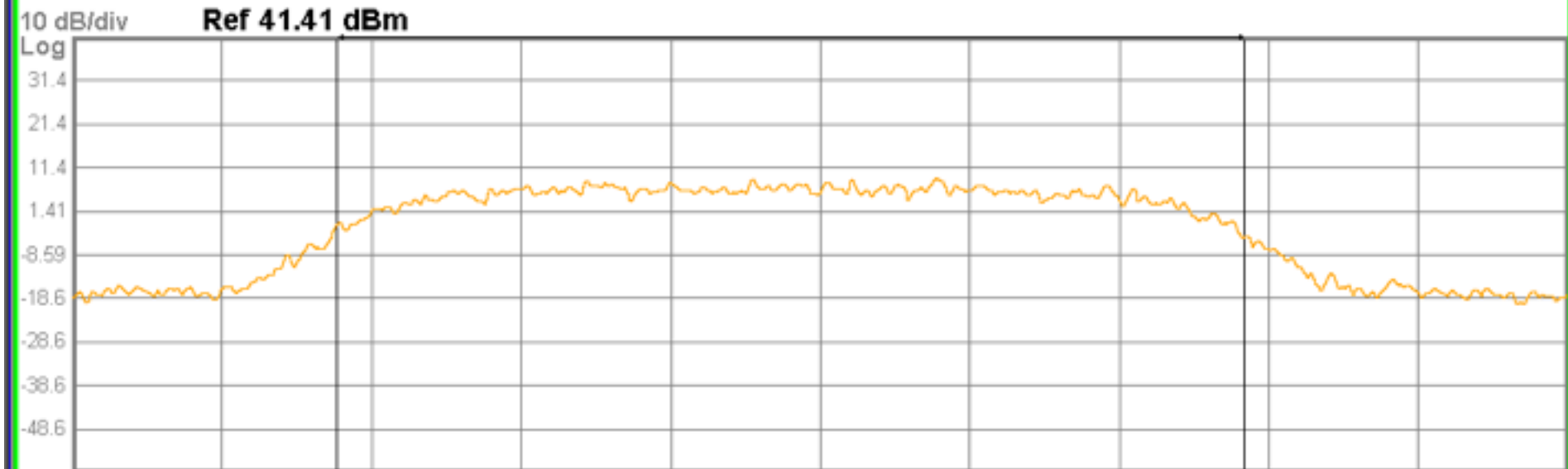
Trig: Free Run

Avg|Hold> 10/10

Radio Device: BTS

#IFGain:Low

#Atten: 10 dB



Center 2.2 GHz
Res BW 18 kHz

VBW 180 kHz

Span 2 MHz
Sweep 7.4 ms

Occupied Bandwidth

1.2124 MHz

Total Power

23.7 dBm

Transmit Freq Error

-39.017 kHz

OBW Power

99.00 %

x dB Bandwidth

1.928 MHz

x dB

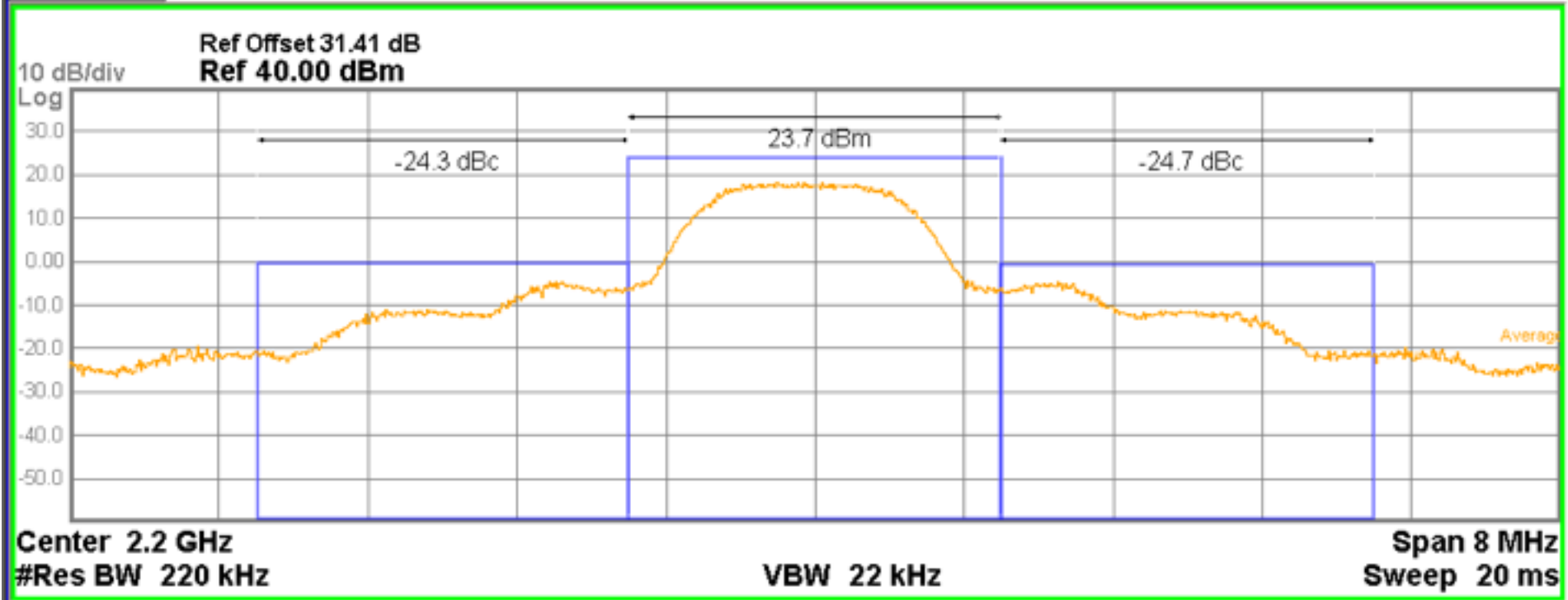
-26.00 dB

Center Freq 2.20000000 GHz

Center Freq: 2.20000000 GHz
 Trig: Free Run Avg|Hold> 10/10
 #Atten: 10 dB

Radio Std: None
 Radio Device: BTS

IFGain:Low



Total Carrier Power 23.730 dBm/ 2.00 MHz ACP-IBW

Carrier Power	Filter	Offset Freq	Integ BW	Lower		Upper		Filter
				dBc	dBm	dBc	dBm	
1	23.730 dBm/ 2.000 MHz OFF	2.000 MHz	2.000 MHz	-24.30	-0.571	-24.69	-0.959	OFF

WiP

- Compact TM & Command Radio

Future Work

- Helmholtz coil
- EPS simulation/in-orbit solar panel emulation
- Susceptibility test in reverberation chamber
- OBC
- HIL
- EM model

