

A 6U CubeSat for Lunar Orbit and Beyond

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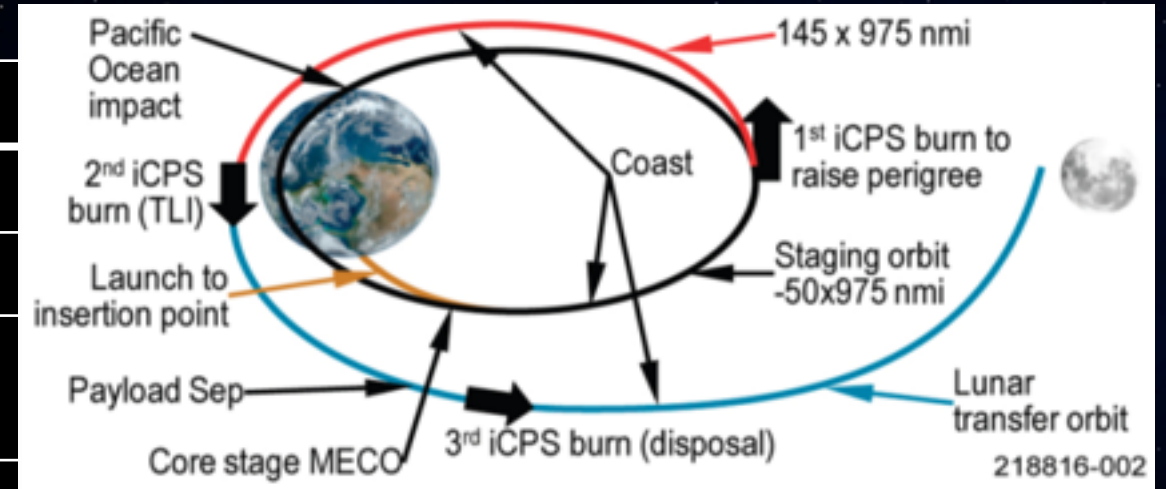
Miles Mission and NASA Cube Quest

- NASA Cube Quest is a Centennial Challenge to build flight-qualified, 6U satellites capable of advanced communication and propulsion near and beyond the moon
- Miles to compete in Lunar Derby
- Team Miles accomplishments to date:
 - Won first position in ground tournament 1
 - Finished in top 5 in ground tournament 2
 - Miles qualifies as 1 of 6 teams eligible for EM1 launch
- EM1 launch scheduled for 2018



Summary of Miles Mission

Time	Action
0s	Deployment from SLS
>30s	CDH on, internal checks
10 to 30 min.	Deploy solar panels, RF transmission remaining subsystems on
>40 min.	Attitude Stabilization
>1Hr.40min. to 8 days	Calculate and execute trans-lunar insertion plan
60 days	Lunar Derby, NASA DSN confirms orbit
> 60 days to 75 days	Calculate and execute storage orbit (Earth- Mars orbit)
>75 days	Execute kill sequence and powers down.



Mission autonomy enabled by:

- Customs mission s/w
- Open source trajectory prediction s/w
- RACP performance and reliability

Summary of Miles Bus

14 ConstantQ Thrusters:
Iodine Plasma propulsion
> 1.1mN/W
0.5U for 4 thrusters
Fluid & Reason, LLC

RACP:
hybrid platform
scalable performance:
350MIPS at 0.8W
25k MIPS at 8.7W
9cm X 9cm size
Yosemite Space, LLC

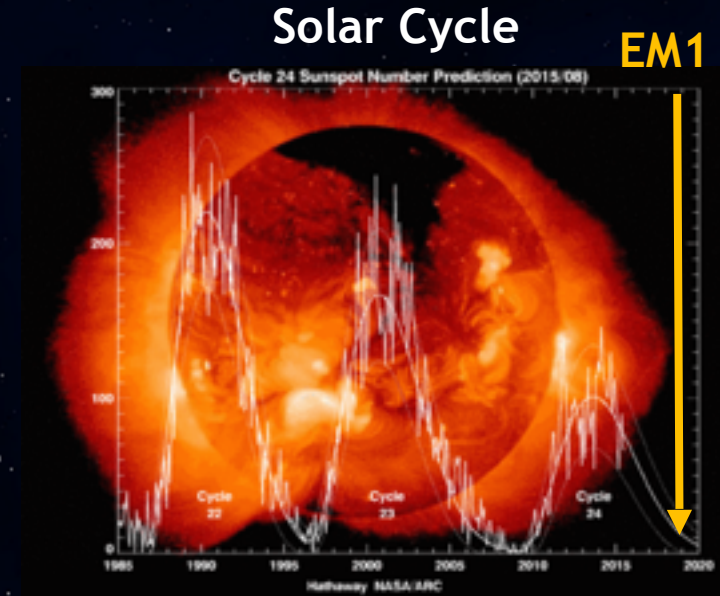
18 Li-ion batteries
Orbtronics



Miles Spacecraft Specs	
Size	6U
Initial Mass	14kg
Available Power	30-35W
Available Thrust	39.5mN
Position Accuracy	1-10km

Miles Design Mitigates Radiation Effects

- Screen electronics with ground based radiation testing
 - Catastrophic failures
 - TID radiation hardness (10X margin for mission)
- Shielding
- SEE detection and protection
- Redundancy
- Health Monitoring and Management system



Proton Testing- MGH

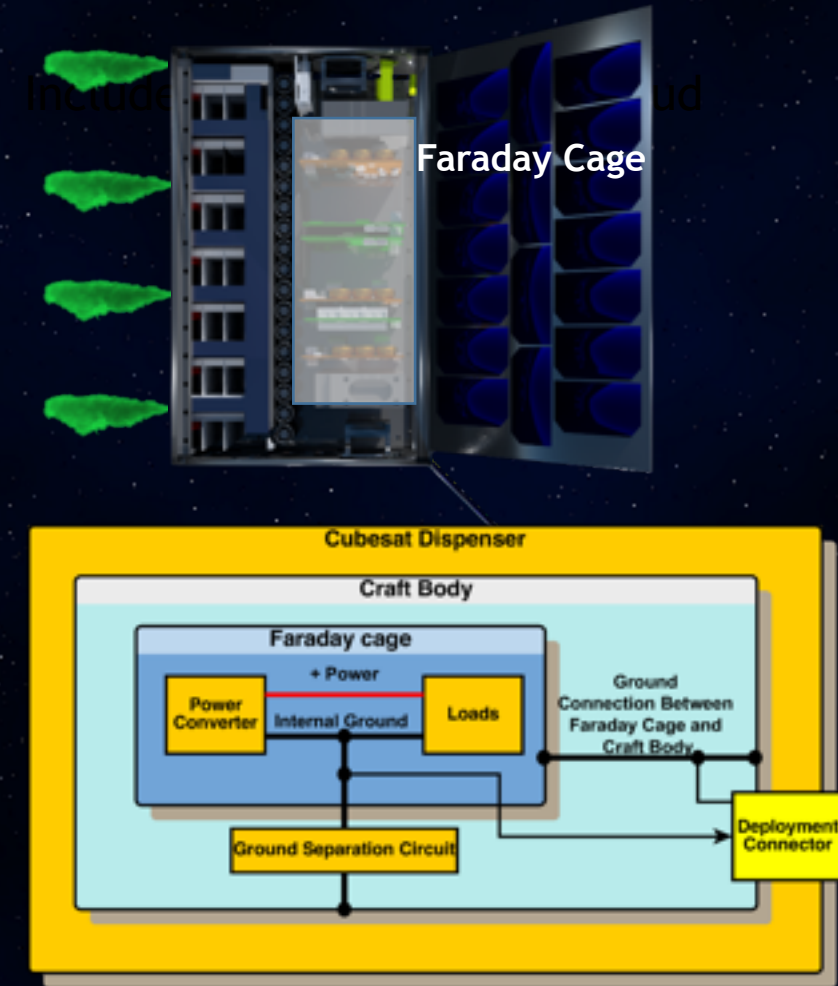


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Miles Design Mitigates Space Charging Effects

- Faraday Cage
- Grounding controlled by thyristor that only conducts when voltage is above its set point.
- Leaky dielectric coatings prevent charge build-up on dielectric surfaces



ConstantQ Thruster



ConstantQ Thruster Properties	
Thrust	2.4mN (observed), 4-5mN (2016 Q2)
I_{sp}	>250s (observed)
Power	2.2W per thruster
ΔV	327m/s (1kg iodine propellant)
Dry Mass	39 grams
Volume	0.5U for 4 thruster system



Prototype firing with Xenon

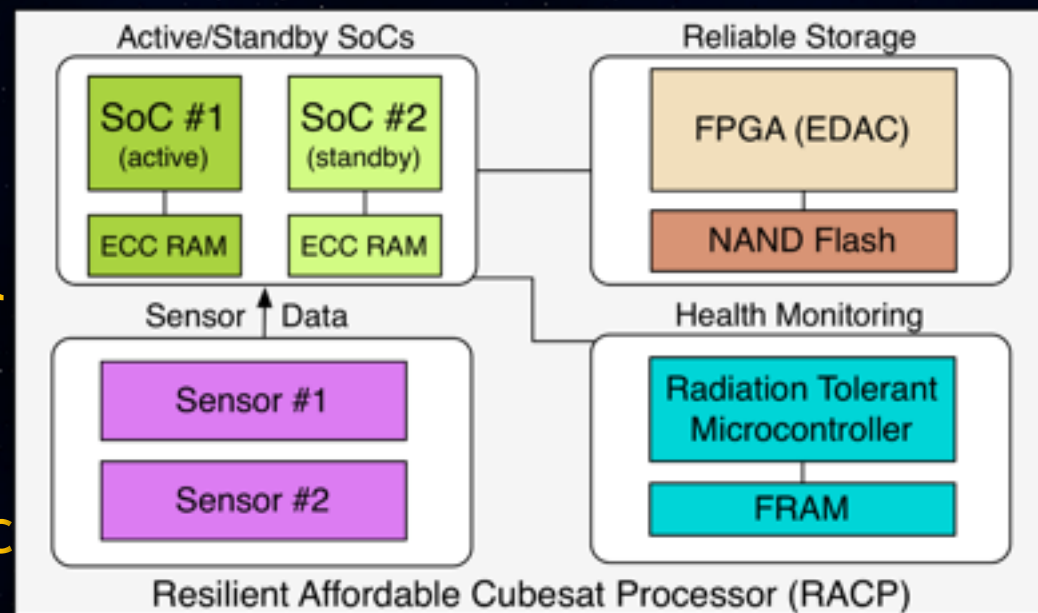
- Engine performance validated using a static thrust stand at 10^{-6} Torr with Xenon.
- Propellant options include solid iodine, traditional ablated solid propellant, and noble gases.
- Custom tank and delivery systems are available.

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Resilient Affordable Cubesat Processor

- Multi-processor fault tolerant space computer that integrates current generation SoC
- Compatible with existing CubeSat products
- Designed for graceful degradation and minimal interruptions in processing
- Supports multiple sensor platforms
- Components screened through ground and space radiation testing



"Other upcoming hybrid platforms share some of the same concepts, but the degree of adaptability and performance capabilities of RACP is superior."- NASA SBIR review



Thank you

