ZACube-2 - Launch and Early Operations Phase

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CPUT Satellite Programme





- Near Cape Town in South Africa
- Satellite programme established in 2009
- The only University of Technology in the Western Cape
- The largest university in the Western Cape, 32 000 students
- Merger of two technikons in 2005 we are only 14 years young!

Workshops



F'SATI Industry Seminar Series 2012



Thematic areas:

- Value proposition and business opportunities
- Emerging technologies
- Applications
- Quality assurance
- STEM education and awareness

Abstract deadline: 17 October

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Facilities













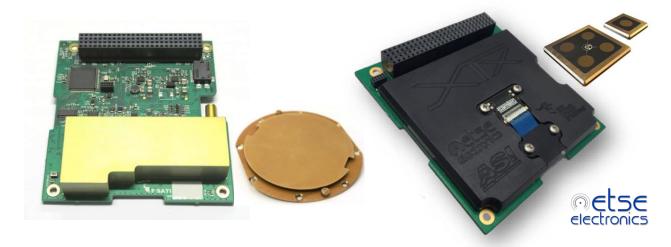


What we do

Technology innovation | Subsystems Payloads Missions



UHF/VHF and UHF/UHF Transceivers (Amateur and commercial)

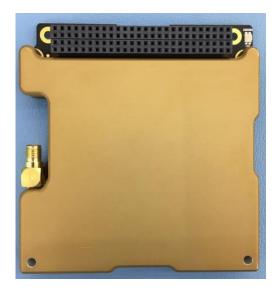


S-band Transmitter and Antenna (Amateur and commercial)

X-band Transmitter and Antenna (Commercial)

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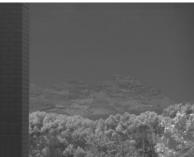




SDR for ship tracking AIS/VDES receiver (Phakisa)





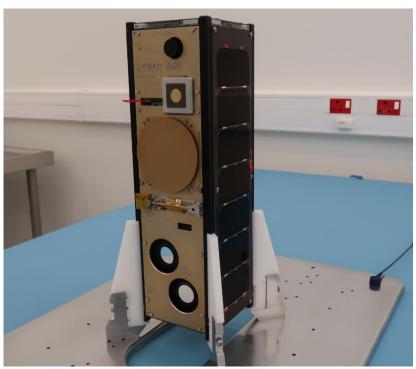




Fire detection camera (ZACube-2)

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ZACube-2 (Launched 27 December 2018)











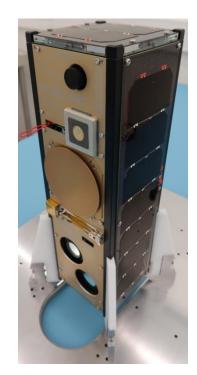
ZACUBE-1 / "TshepisoSAT"
Launched 21 November 2013

Phakisa Phase 1 | ZACube-2



Mission Objectives

- Precursor to MDASat constellation
- Technology demonstration
 of AIS/VDE message reception using the
 primary payload
- Technology demonstration of a medium resolution imager payload











Phakisa Phase 1 | ZACube-2



Software Defined Radio AIS/VDES receiver



K-line fire detection imager

















Phakisa Phase 1 | ZACube-2

- CPUT UHF/UHF telemetry and telecommand transceiver (UTRX)
- Two CPUT payload data transmitters
 - S-band HSTX (10 Mbit/s)
 - X-band XTX (50 Mbit/s)
- CubeSpace ADCS 3-Axis stabilised
- SPACETEQ Mission Control System (MCS)
- In-flight reprogrammable













Phakisa Phase 2 | MDASat



- Maritime Domain Awareness constellation
- Collection of statistical data in the South African maritime zone, with a special focus on vessel detection.
- The primary geographic focus is the coastal waters of South Africa but also offers MDA expansion to a global scale.
- Three satellite constellation funded







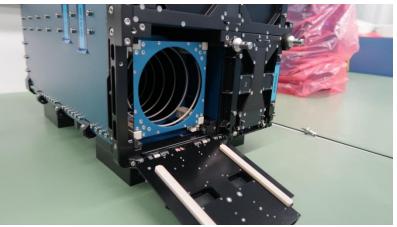


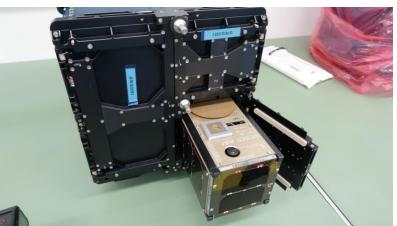


Checkout and integration

Innovative Space Logistics (ISL) in Delft, Netherlands















Launch

• 27 December 2018 02:07:00 UTC from the Vostochny Cosmodrome















Launch - Soyuz

• 27 December 2018 02:07:00 UTC from the Vostochny Cosmodrome













Ground stations

- CPUT Bellville Campus
- Spaceteq at Houteq near Grabouw















CPUT Ground Station

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- FUNcube dongle Pro Plus *
- ETTUS USRP SDR
- GNURadio
- Spaceteq MCS
- Load shedding
- RF interference





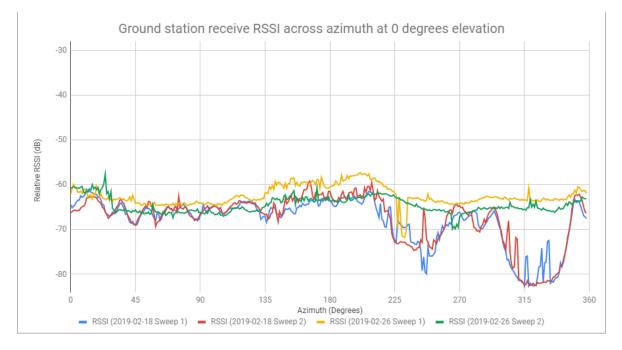






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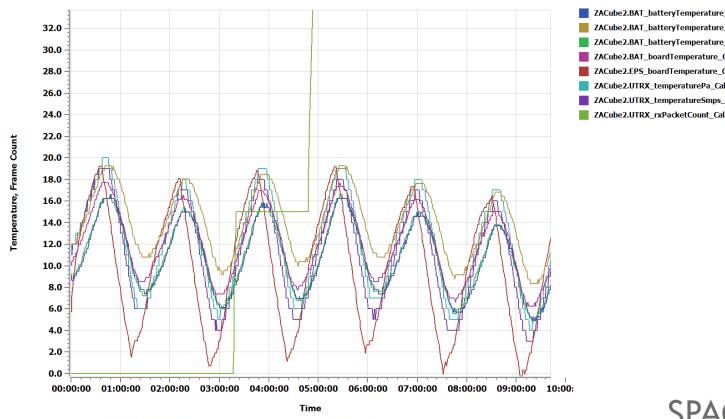






ZACube-2 Platform data

Whole orbit data













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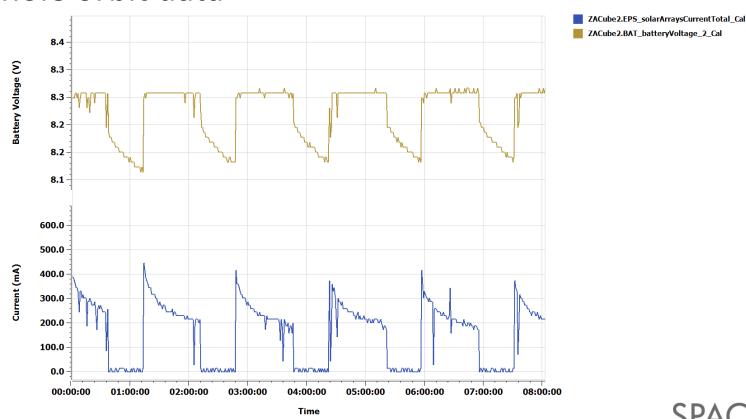
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• Whole orbit data









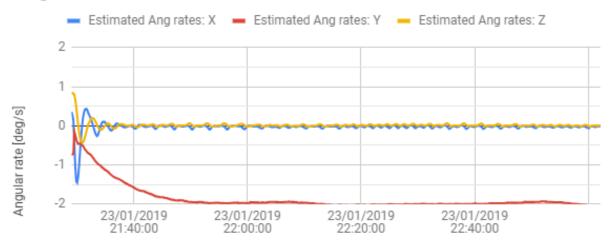




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ADCS commissioning

Estimated Ang rates: X, Estimated Ang rates: Y and Estimated Ang rates: Z



Datetime







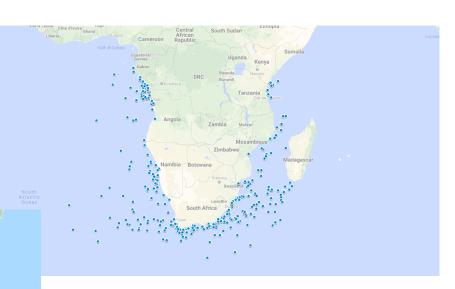




SDR AIS receiver payload data

Preliminary data









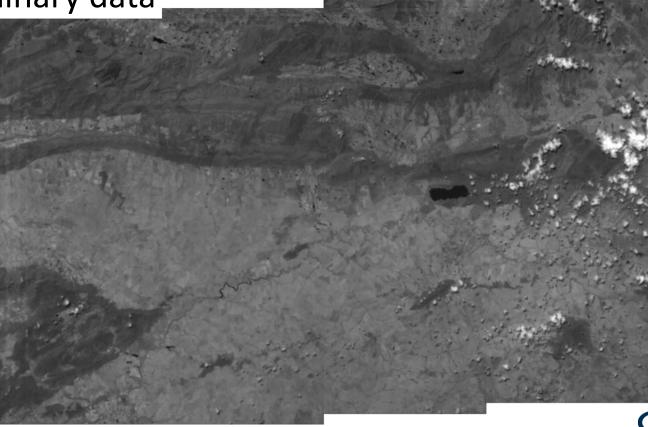






K-line imager payload data

Preliminary data











Phakisa Phase 2 | Partners









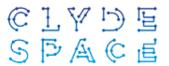








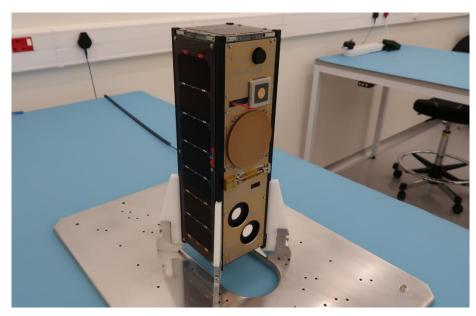








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 UK Space Agency International Partnership Programme

Global fire detection services



