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# EMERGING RIDESHARE ACTIVITIES

A Report Back to the Small Payload  
Rideshare Community

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# Background

- ❑ In 2008, I initiated a session at the IEEE Aerospace Conference.
- ❑ “Access to Space and Emerging Mission Capabilities” was meant to provide a “cross-fertilization” of information gained at this Rideshare conference (launch experts) with the experts at IEEE Aerospace (payloaders)
- ❑ Sam Sims of Aerospace Corp. and the Air Force STP Program joined me shortly thereafter to Co-Chair

Here is a window into how rideshares are being used.



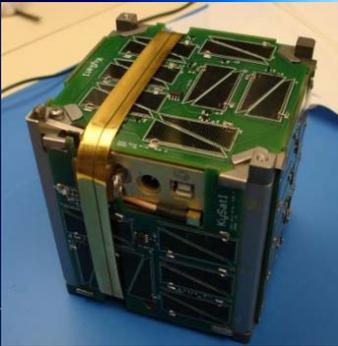
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IEEE SESSION 2.04, "ACCESS TO SPACE AND EMERGING  
MISSION CAPABILITIES"

# Kentucky Space Missions



New NanoRacks/CubeLab Standard on the ISS, July 2010



First Student Built Satellites to be Launched by NASA (ELaNa/Glory) March 4, 2011

First CubeSats Ejected into Sub-Orbital Space, March 2010



Balloon-1, July 2008  
(Background Image)



Garvey  
P-12A



First Flight, Composite Super Loki, December 2007

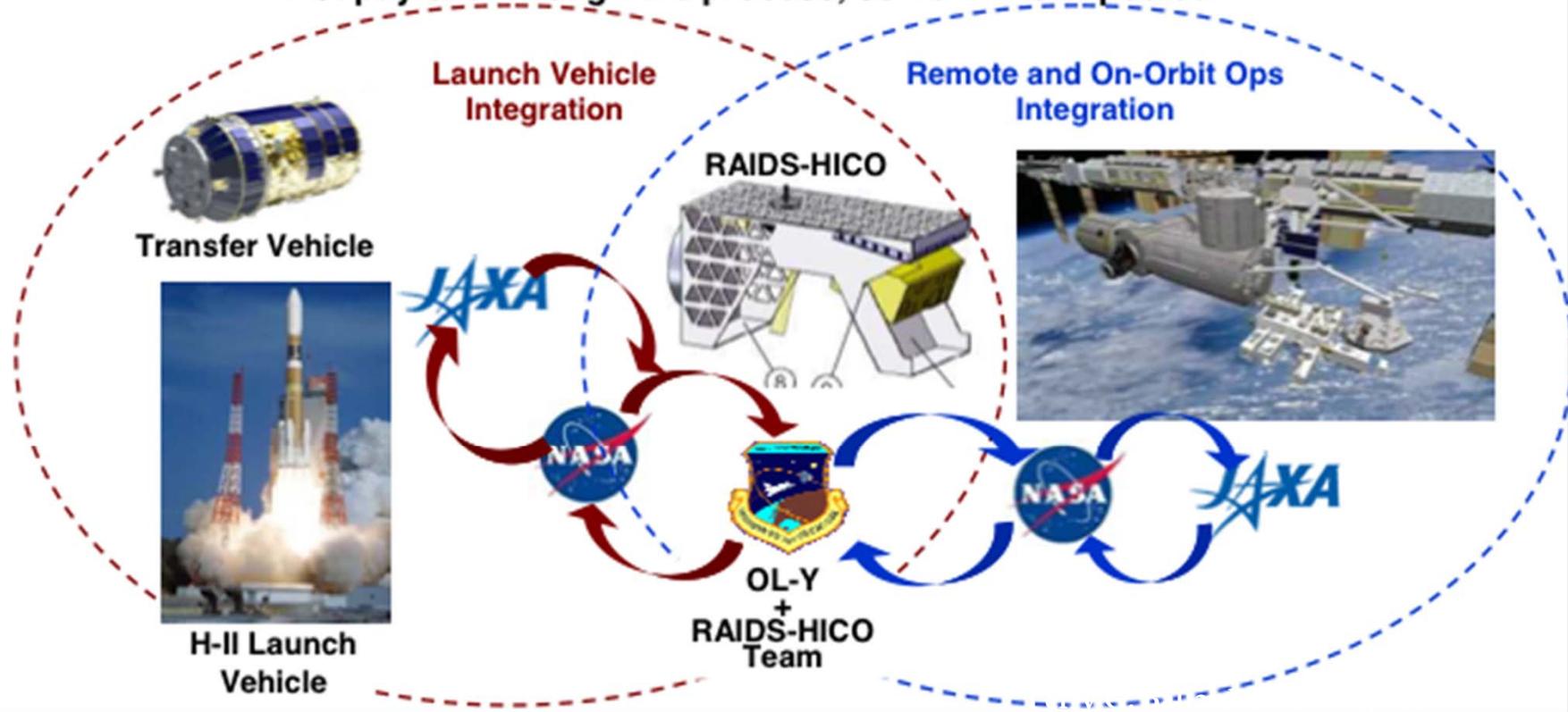




# Overview of the Process



- The Process...like most of our payloads, two integrations for each mission
  - Launch Vehicle integration to HTV
  - ISS integration for on-orbit and remote operations
  - Trailblazing the path for NASA to use both HTV and JEM-EF
    - First payload through the process, some TBDs expected



# Challenges of Space Weather Research

- Multipoint observations needed (Space Weather research is where terrestrial meteorology was 100 years ago, with a sparse measurement grid, and lacking important models and measurements to achieve true predictive capability)
- New types of sensors are often needed - often at TRL 4. How to get to TRL 7?

# One solution: Secondary rides of small instruments on launches with excess capacity

- Inexpensive launches, platforms, and instruments (total mission cost \$5-30M) are in a “sweet spot” for technology demonstration - you get enough capability to do exciting and new things, without breaking the bank. Success rates below 100% also acceptable.
- Rapid turnaround for iterative instrument development “learn by flying” is a necessary supplement to on the ground instrument modeling, calibration, and test (some aspects of system performance cannot be accurately tested or simulated on the ground)
- Frequent launches can solve the “sparse measurement” problem as well, by putting up lots of small simple sensors to better characterize the space environment - wide range of temporal and spatial scales matter!
- DOD and other providers often have excess launch capacity, and are developing standardized interfaces to utilize this without adding risk to main payloads (ESPA, PPOD, etc.)

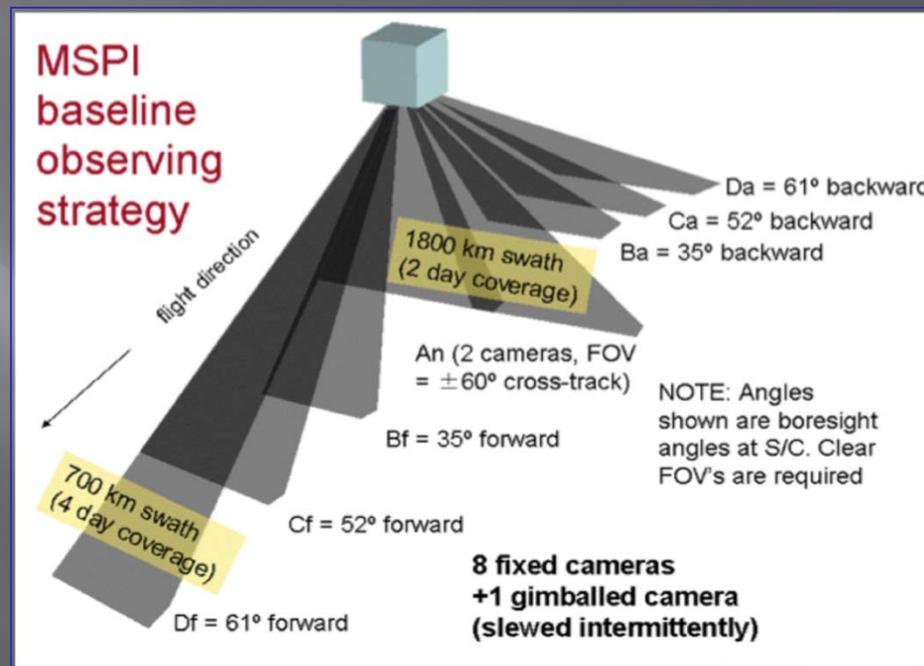


# MSPI OBP Overview

- AIST<sup>1</sup> task (3 years), funded by ESTO<sup>2</sup>
- Targeting the Decadal Survey Aerosol-Cloud-Ecosystem (ACE) mission
- Multiangle SpectroPolarimetric Imager (MSPI) instrument
- A single (1 of 9) MSPI camera must process 95 MB/s of raw video data; data reduction to 0.45 MB/s is required
- On-board processing (OBP) is done via a least-squares fitting algorithm
- Implemented on the Virtex-5FXT FPGA
- Year 3 technology validation on AirMSPI camera via ER-2 flight demo
- *Paper to be presented on this task in Session 6.01 on Thursday AM*

1 Advanced Information System Technology (AIST)

2 Earth Science Technology Office (ESTO)





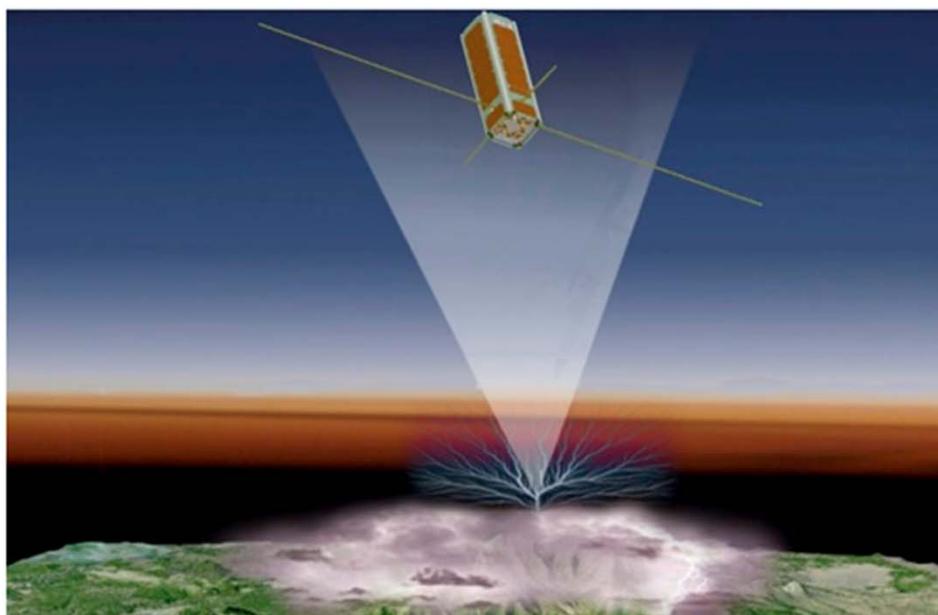
# The NSF Firefly CubeSat Mission: Rideshare Mission to Study Energetic Electrons Produced by Lightning



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Studying  
Terrestrial  
Gamma Ray  
Flashes  
(TGFs):  
Earth's most  
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# Firefly Instruments

## Gamma Ray Detector (GRD) measures:

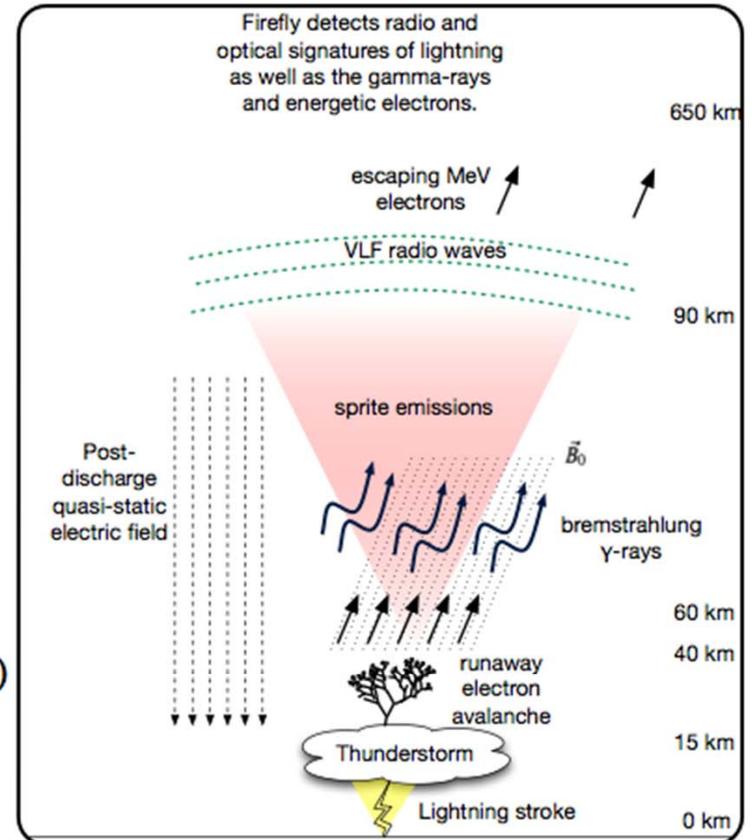
photons from 100 keV to 10 MeV, at count rates up to 1 MHz  
electrons from 2 MeV to 8 MeV, at count rates up to 1 MHz  
“counts” up to 2 MHz  
snapshots, spectra, and count rate histograms  
64 cm<sup>2</sup> physical detector area

## VLF wave receiver (VLF) measures:

single-axis electric fields 100 Hz to 16 kHz, up to +/- 20 mV/m  
uses 3 m long monopole antenna

## Optical photodiode (OPD) measures:

four FOV light levels 100 Hz to 50 kHz, saturates above 98 %ile lightning  
near-IR filter (777.5 nm) sensitive to 80% of all lightning  
VIS filter (300-700 nm) sensitive to 92% of all lightning  
provides localization of lightning to one of twelve regions (overlap of FOVs)  
can see lightning within about 400 km horizontal distance  
designed to work day and night  
one narrowband filter allows current moment measurement and TLE  
identification



# Firefly summary

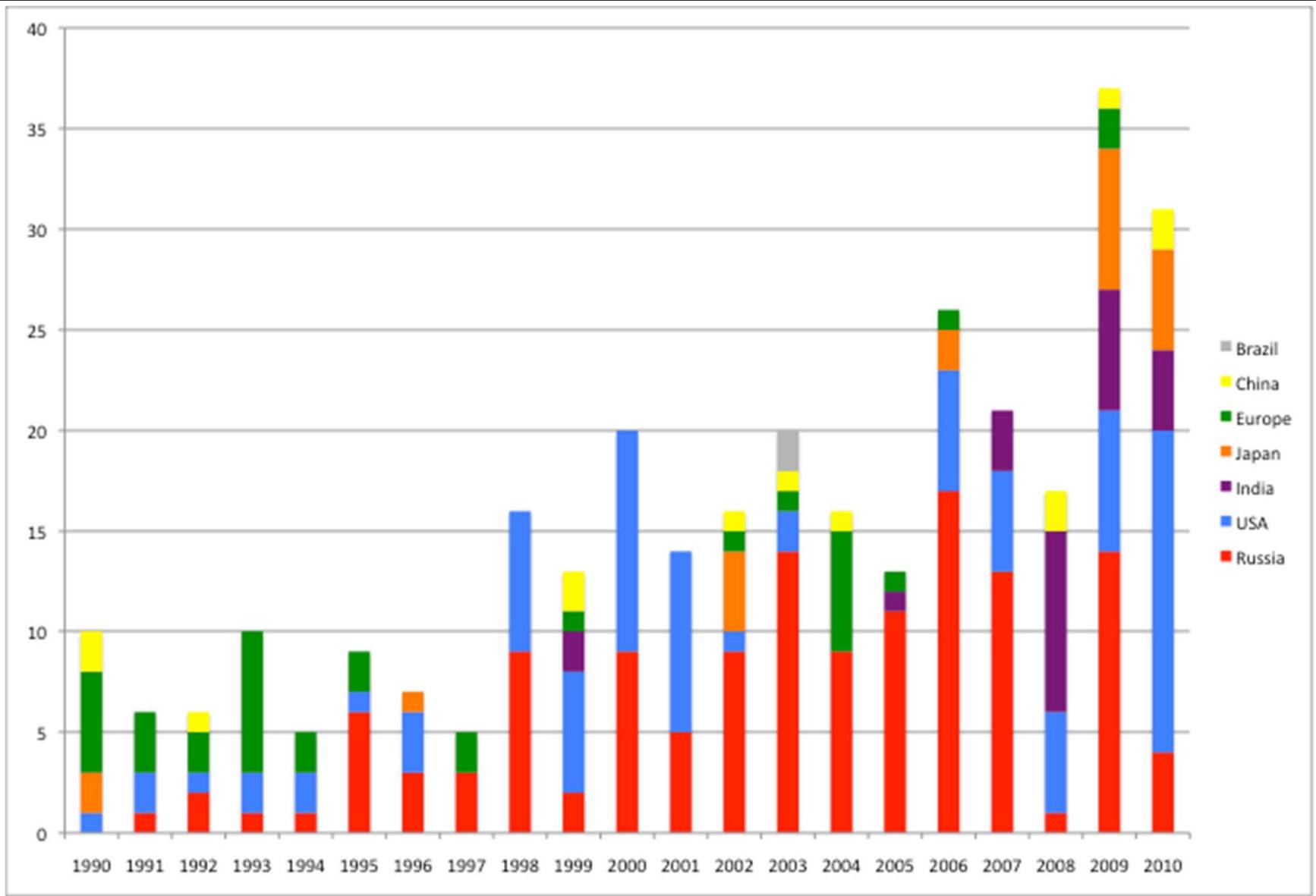
Parameter	Value	Notes
<b>ACS</b>	gravity gradient stabilized plus air core torque coils: nadir pointing within 15 degrees	GGB 3m 40 g tip mass
<b>Comm</b>	TX: 400.15-401 MHz space research band RX: 450 MHz federal user band	2W transmit power AstroDev Colony 2 radio
<b>Power</b>	>= 3W orbit avg	experiment + GPS uses 2W transmitter uses 6W during contacts
<b>Mass</b>	4.0 kg	
<b>Size</b>	3U (10x10x34 cm)	
<b>GPS</b>	SSTL SGR-05U receiver	Civ LI Patch antenna
<b>Flight Computer</b>	MSP430 F2618	Pumpkin FMB
<b>EPS</b>	Clyde Space 3U	2 daughter battery boards
<b>orbit</b>	500 km circ x 45 deg (TBD)	launch 2012 (OUTSat backup) (TBD)
<b>ground station</b>	Wallops UHF radar	18.3 m dish
<b>Data rate</b>	38.4 kbps downlink	15 Mbits per day (173 bps orbit-averaged)

## Outline

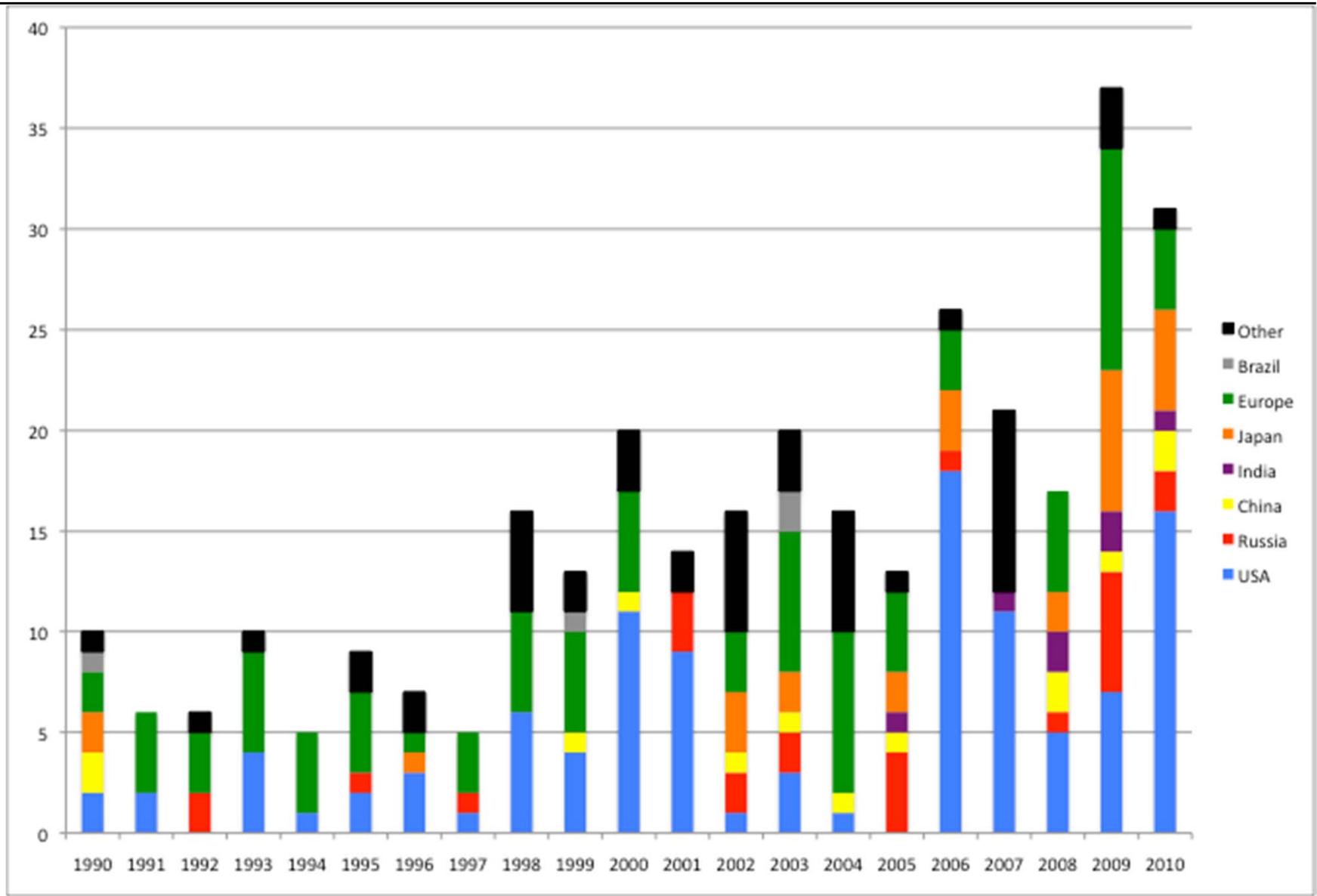
- **Small Payload Rideshare and Multi-Payload Adapters**
- **ESPA: EELV Secondary Payload Adapter**
  - Development
  - Flight Heritage
- **ESPA Grande**
- **Small Launch ESPA**
- **CubeSats on ESPA**
- **Summary**



# Rideshare Providers



# Rideshare Customers





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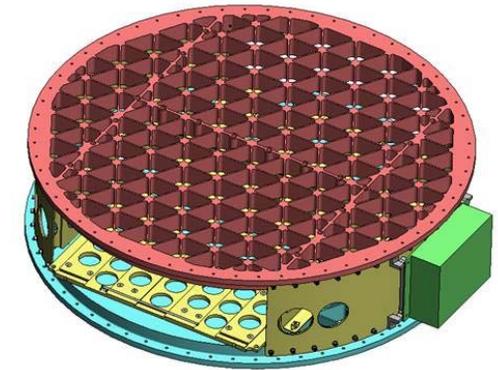
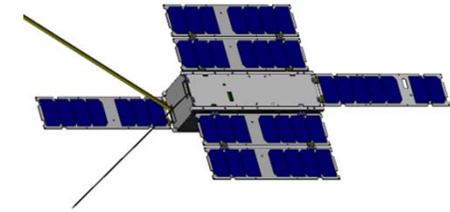
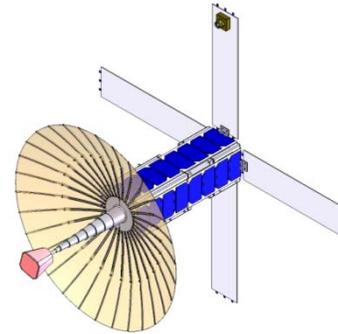
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# CubeSat Program

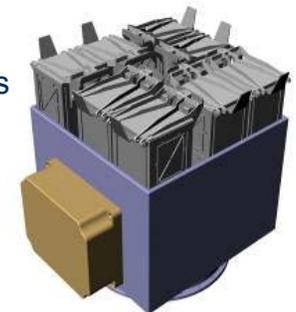
## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- + **Addresses multiple R&D priorities:**
  - **Outreach:**
    - + Supports University Outreach
  - **Workforce Development:**
    - + Service Academy Outreach
  - **Technology Maturation:**
    - + Accelerate fielding of new technologies
    - + Reduce tech insertion risk for NRO programs
    - + Reduce Cost; Improve Manufacturability

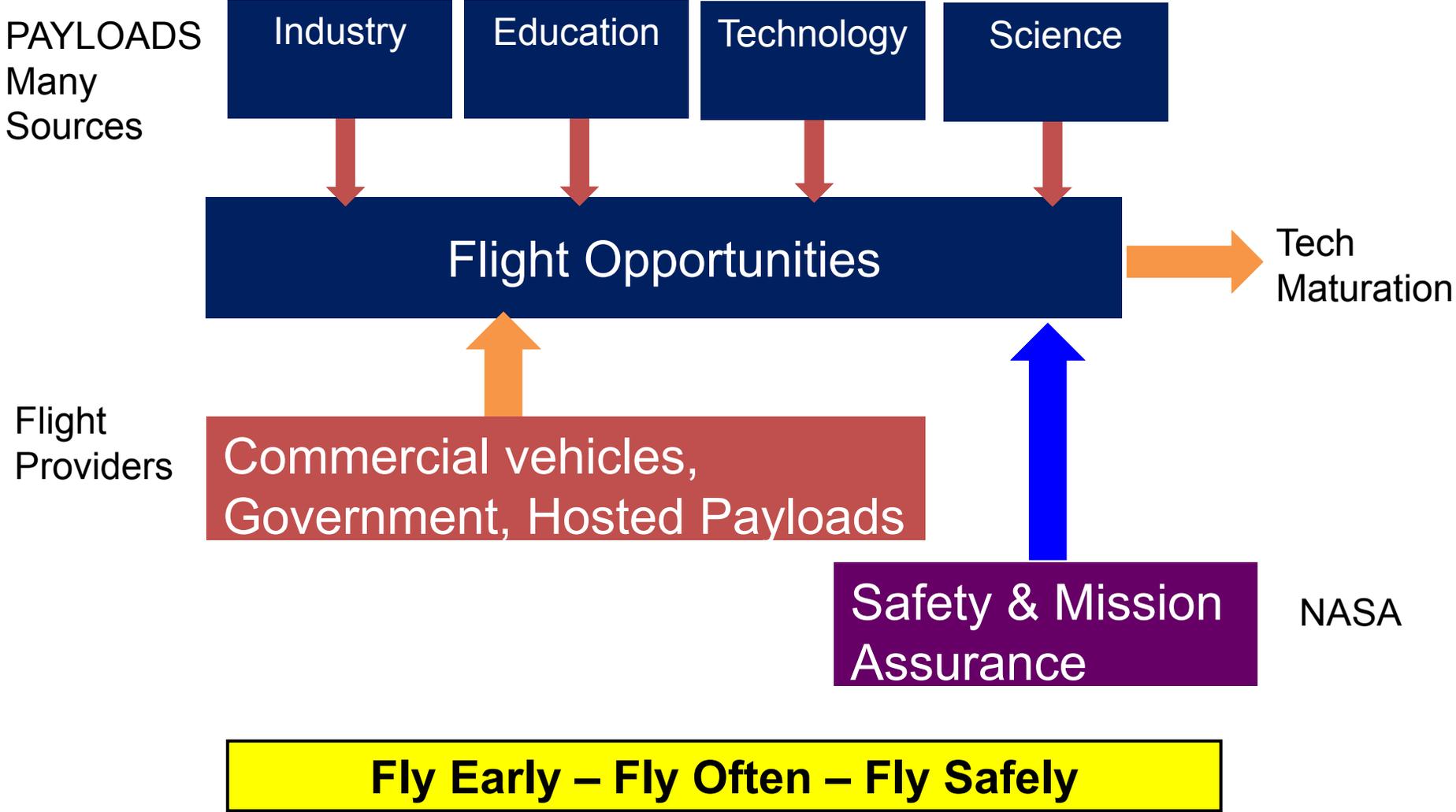


## KEY THRUSTS

- + **Colony Bus:**
  - Provide template for customers with a payload or demonstration need
- + **Space Experiments:**
  - Enable on-orbit demonstration capability through launch outreach
    - + Accelerate new “Sources and Methods”; Demonstrate new foundational technologies
  - Provide end-to-end systems operations outreach
    - + Common (distributed) Ground Architecture



# Flight Opportunities Program





# STP Areas of Expertise: Access To Multiple Space Vehicles



## Small Satellites



SIV



FASTSat

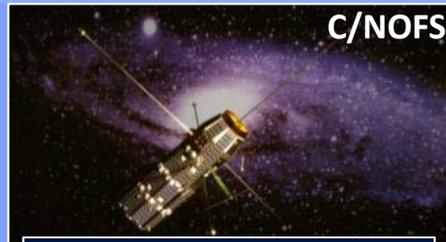


Academy/  
University

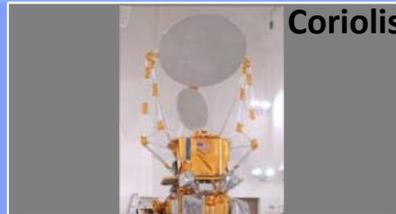


CubeSats

## Medium to Large SC



Custom Spacecraft



Access To Multiple  
Contract Vehicles

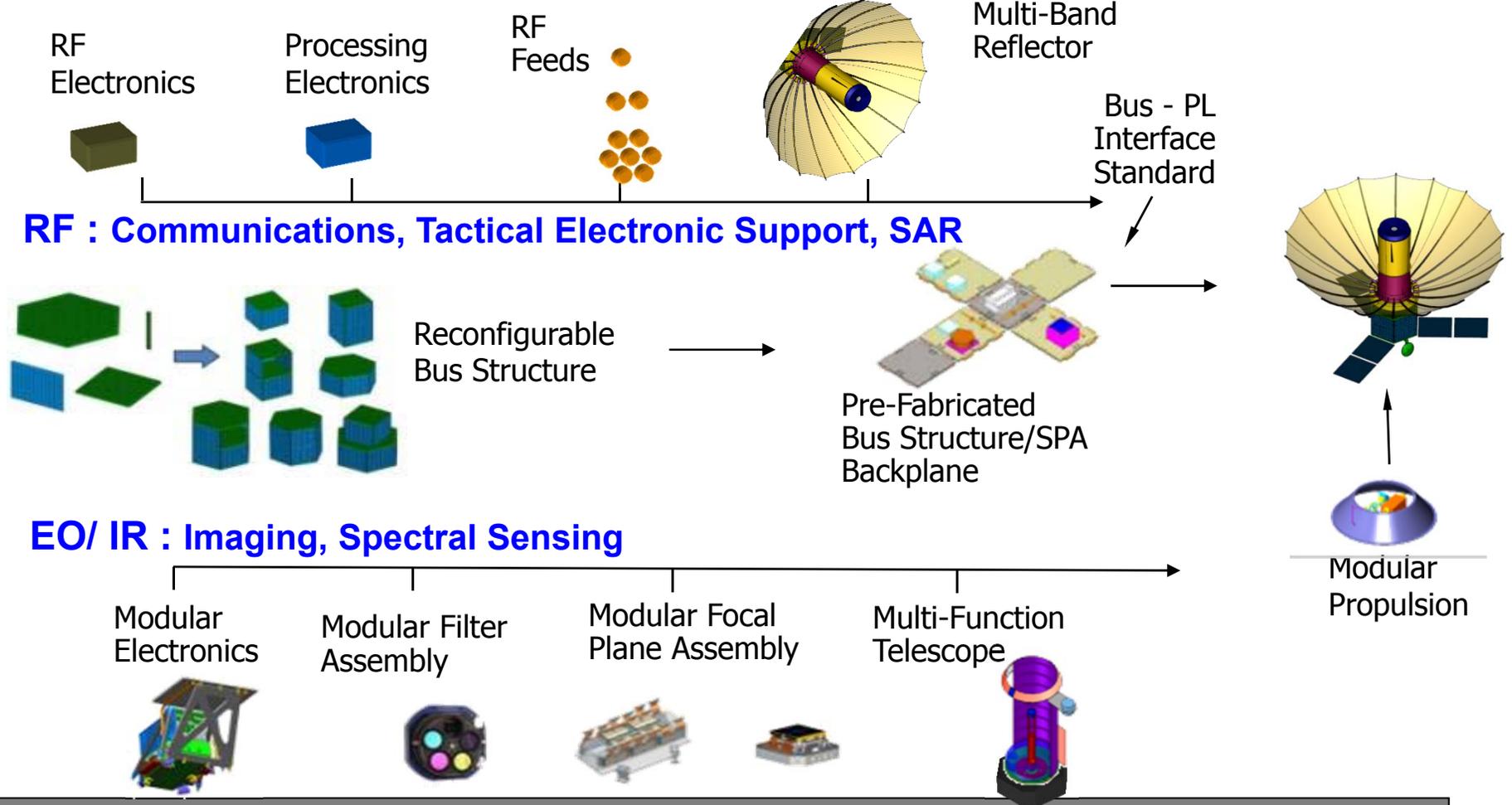
**STP has experience with all sizes and complexity of space missions**



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