

A 3U CubeSat Prototype to Measure Solar Irradiance

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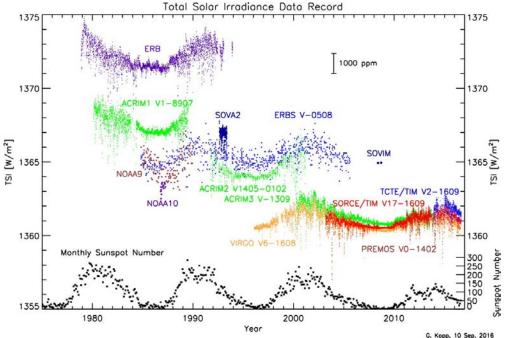
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Project Motivation



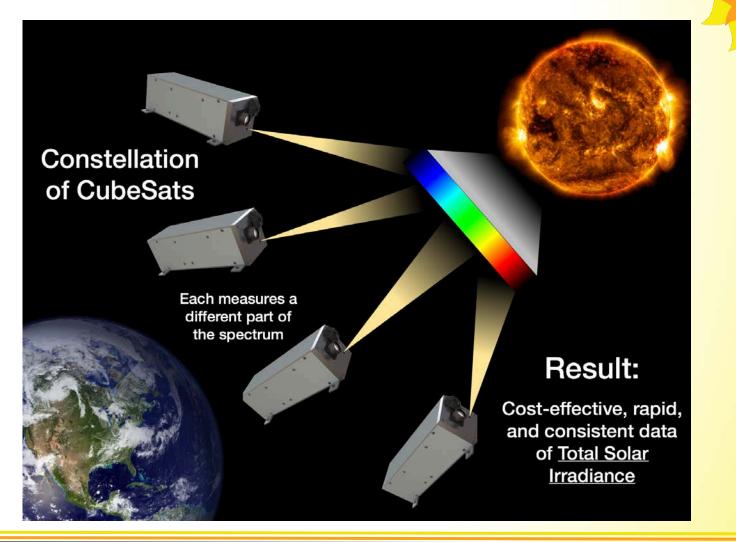
Solar irradiance data is plentiful, but...

- The record has gaps
- Datasets vary between different instruments
- Full-scale space missions are costly and time-consuming

Are these variations real? How does it inform climate science?



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Project Description



Mission Statement

RADIANCE is a 3U CubeSat-style payload that will collect solar irradiance data, images, attitude information, and ambient atmospheric data during a 2-week circumpolar high-altitude balloon flight.

The mission will launch from Antarctica between November 2017 and February 2018.

Project Statement

RADIANCE will design, build, test, and deliver a 3U CubeSat-style payload to collect solar irradiance data, images, attitude information, and ambient atmospheric data on a high-altitude balloon flight.



HiWind Gondola & Flight



Mission:

- Ground: 8 hours
- Ascent: 2 hours
- Flight: 2 weeks
- Descent: 1 hour

Gondola:
4.5 m wide
5.0 m tall
2000 kg

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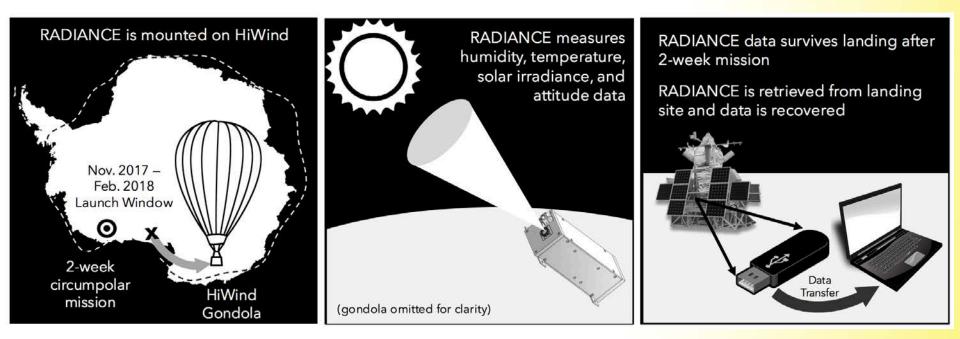
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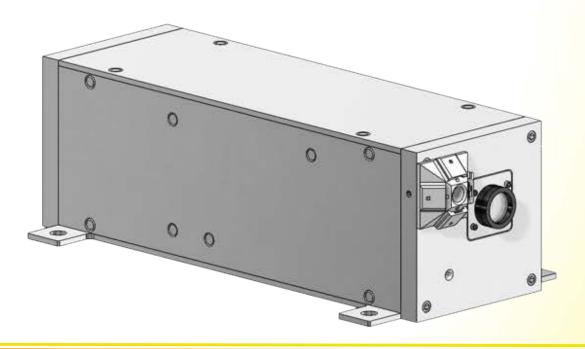


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Power Up

Using external power source equivalent to 15 W of expected HiWind power



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Levels of Success



System	Level Met	Details
		Take solar irradiance measurements at better than 1.5nm resolution covering 250-1000nm
Instr.	3	Capture 1 photo/min of the Sun for full flight
		Provide calibration of the instrument
C&DH	3	Record solar irradiance, attitude, environmental, and housekeeping data on a durable data storage device with sufficient capacity
Thermal	1	All systems survive ascent and descent, all systems operate during the cruise

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Levels of Success



System	Level Met	Details	
ADS	2	Determine and record attitude to 1 arcminute of accuracy relative to the sun vector	
AD3	1	Determine and record attitude to 1° of accuracy relative to the sun vector	
EPDS	1	Package operates on HiWind power supply	
Structure	1	Structure must be within 10cm x 10cm x 32cm Data is recoverable after up to 5 Gs on landing	
		Structure can be affixed to HiWind	







Functional Requirements



RADIANCE shall...

- FR1: Take solar irradiance measurements.
- FR2: Survive the environmental conditions of a high-altitude balloon flight up to 40 km.
- FR3: Return data.
- FR4: Determine its attitude.
- FR5: Interface with the HiWind Gondola.
- FR6: Capture images of the Sun in the visible spectrum.

The project deliverables shall include a Path-to-Space report.



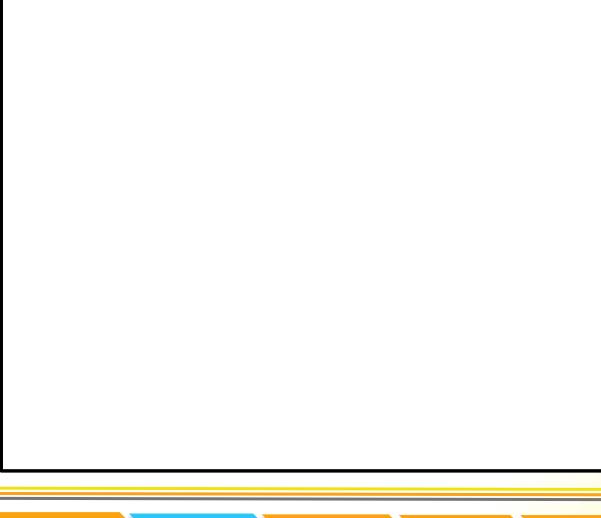
Executive Summary



Parameter	Overall Values	Req.
Dimensions	31.81 cm x 15.1 cm x 10 cm	DR5.1
Mass	$3.0 \pm 0.05 \text{ kg}$	—
Power	3.2 to 19.6 W usage, ~3.2 W average at cruise	DR5.4
Thermal	-3 to 60°C internally, spot-heated in critical places	FR2

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Complete Assembly



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> Internal structure attached to external struts with screws

Attachment points to HiWind

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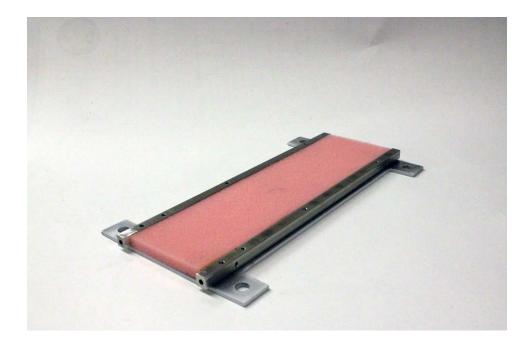
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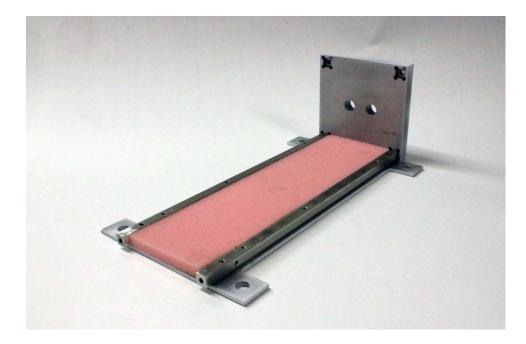
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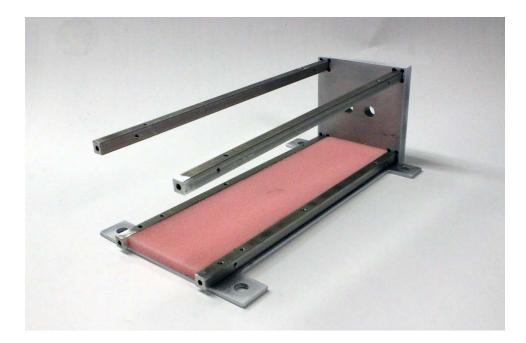
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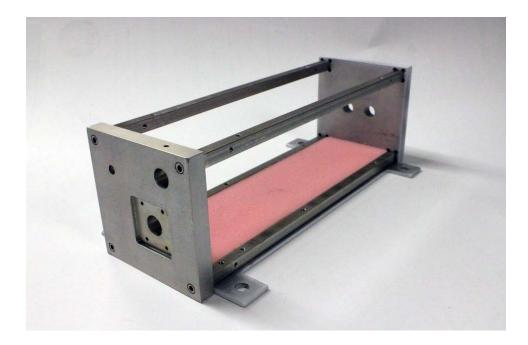
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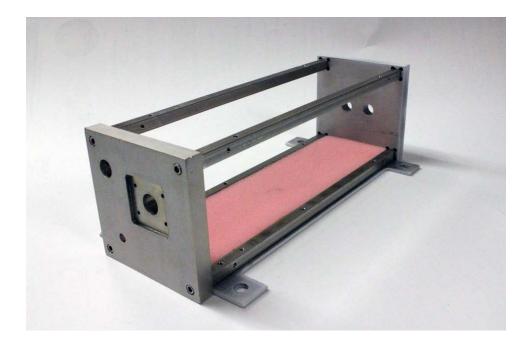




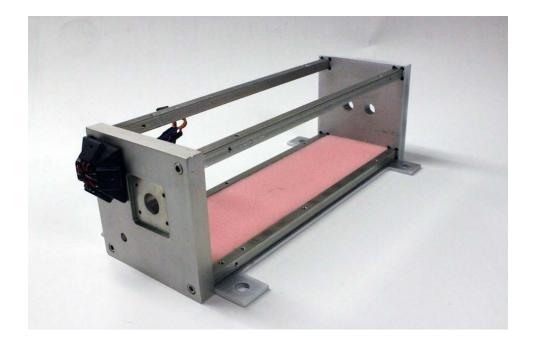












Photodiode array and circuit board for attitude determination

> 4 photodiodes offset at 45° to determine off-sun angle to ≤ 1°



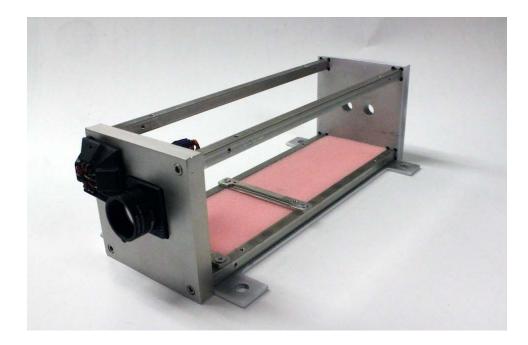




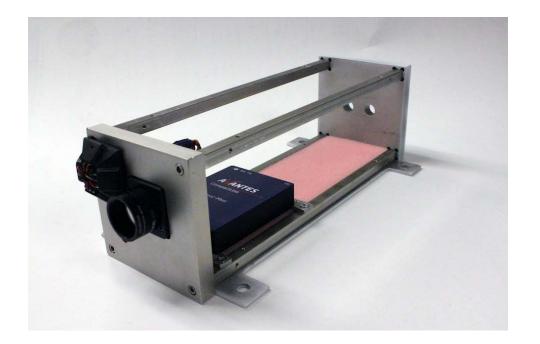


 Camera assembly, including:

 Raspberry Pi Camera
 Adjustable focus lens and mounting
 Double-layer neutral density filter





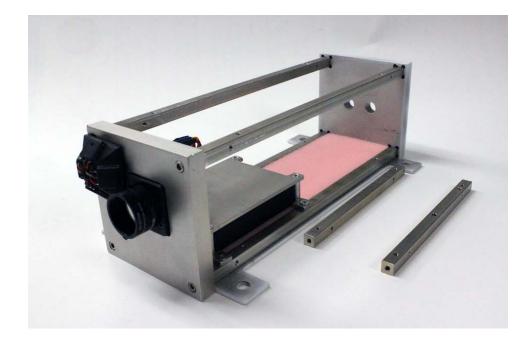


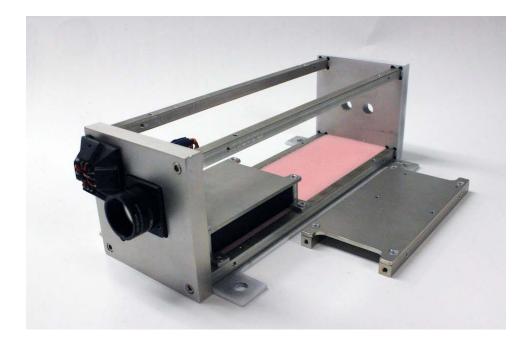
Spectrometer and fiber optic cable from Avantes

	Req.	Solution
Resolution	≤ 1.5 nm	1.4 nm
Wavelength	250-1000 nm	200-1100 nm
Cost	~\$3000	\$2946
Size	Must fit	90x68x20 mm
Power	< 3W	1.25 W
Interface	RPi required	RPi capable













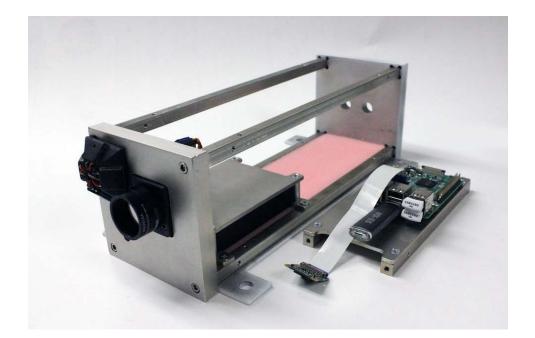


Raspberry Pi microcontroller

	Req.	Solution
Size	Must fit	85x56x17 mm
Cost	< \$100	\$36
Versatility	High	COTS
Interface	RPi needed	RPi capable

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Three USB storage devices:

- 1 single-level cell (SLC) drive
- 2 multi-level cell (MLC) drives

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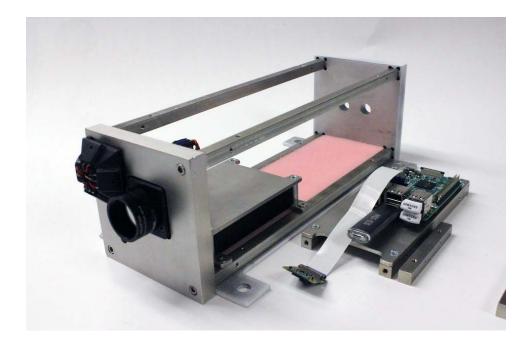
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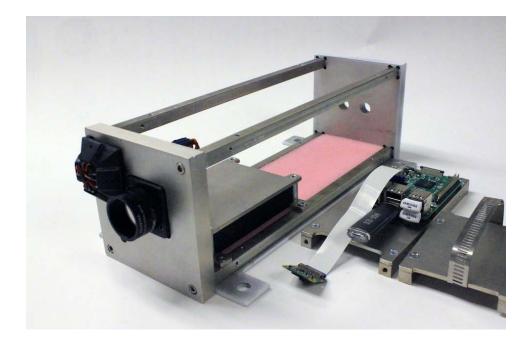
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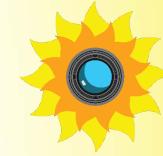
Two Lithium Ion batteries Needed to power active thermal system

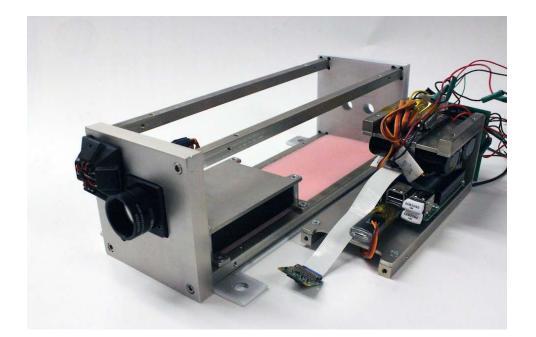
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Custom power board for control and distribution

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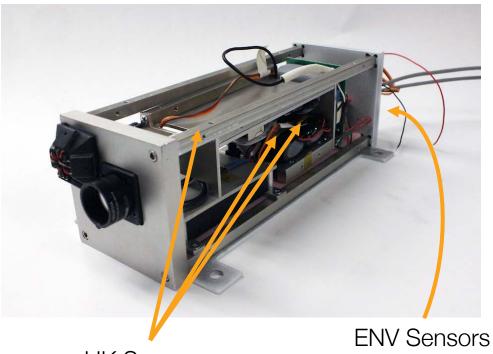
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> External sensors (temperature, relative humidity) for atmospheric measurements

Internal temperature sensors for active thermal monitoring

HK Sensors

(On Back)

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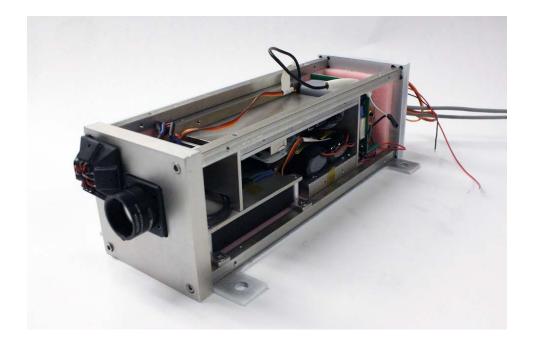
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Polyurethane foam insulation

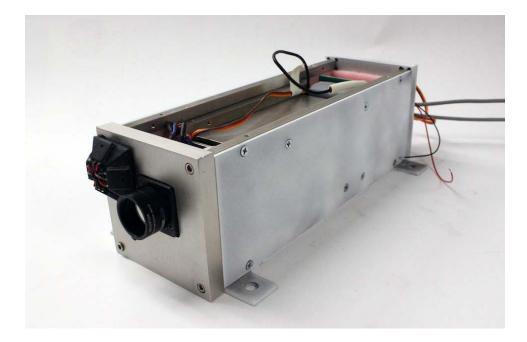
Thin film resistive heaters for active thermal control

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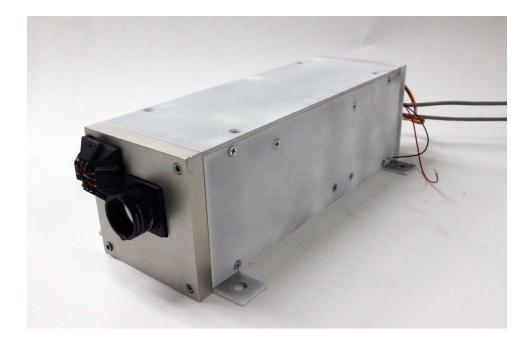
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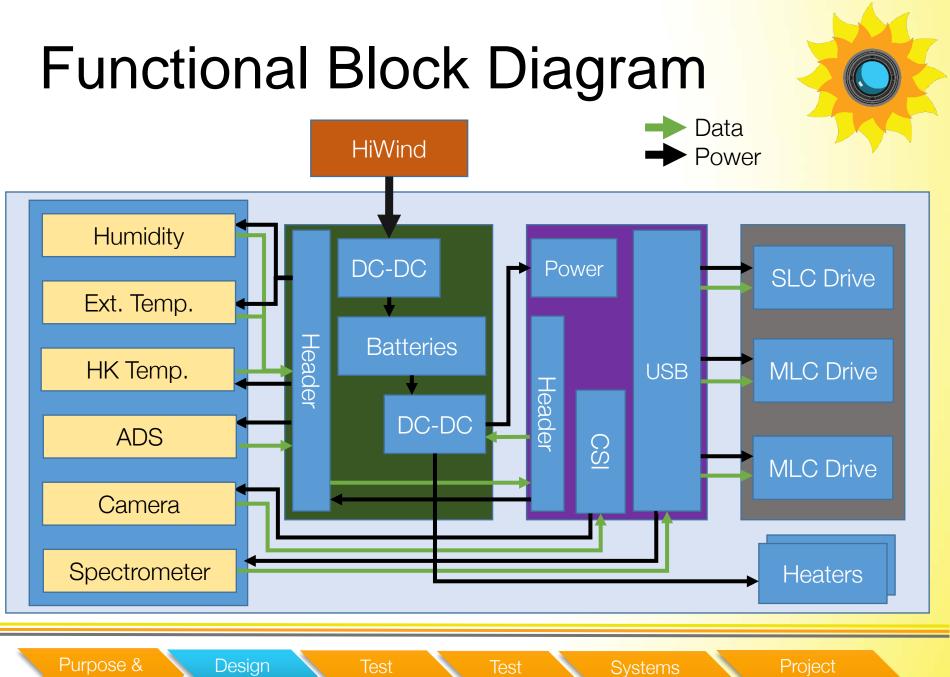












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Changes Since TRR

Power board

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- > Updated wiring during integration
- Changed some resistor values to handle more current
- Camera FOV reduced to ~1.57° from original 6.32°
- Timing loop has changed

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Neutral density filter values adjusted from qualitative assessment of camera images

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Critical Project Elements



CPE	Justification	FR
Thermal Control	All components must meet thermal requirements	2
Power	Power board design is complex	5
Software	Efficient software design is critical to mission success	3
Camera, Lens	Challenging assembly to ensure in-focus images	6
Attitude Determination	Complex design, small parts, challenging hardware/software interface	4

No changes since MSR or TRR.

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Test Overview



Component Testing

Component Testing Subsystem Testing Integration Testing

Purpose:

Verify components turn on
Verify measurements are reasonable
Compare with expected performance from data sheet
Investigate need for calibration (and

perform calibration)



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Subsystem Testing

Integration Testing

Purpose:

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Verify and integrate operation of subsystems

Verify interaction between software and hardware

Validate CAD model and attitude determination model

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Component Testing

Subsystem Testing

Integration Testing

Purpose:

Verify and demonstrate integrated operation of full system

Validate SolidWorks thermal, C&DH storage capacity, and timing models



Attitude Test Overview



Test:	Verify resolution of attitude determination measurements	
Why?	FR4 requires $\leq 1^{\circ}$ accuracy	
How?	 Mount system to telescope Track the sun Turn off tracking software Allow ADS to measure drift angle 	
Resource	Sommers Bausch Observatory	

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TVAC Test Overview

Test:	Validate thermal model during cruise conditions	
Why?	System must survive the environmental conditions of flight.	
How?	 Allow chamber to reach desired temperature Power on system Pump down to ~200 Pa Allow system to reach thermal equilibrium 	
Resource	TVAC Chamber at HAO	



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Environmental Chamber

Test:	Validate thermal model during ascent conditions
Why?	Want the system to operate during the environmental conditions of ascent.
How?	 System rests for one hour at pre-launch ground temperature (-10°C) Expose system thermal ascent profile Record voltage and temperature data
Resource	Environmental chamber in Bioastronautics Lab (CU)



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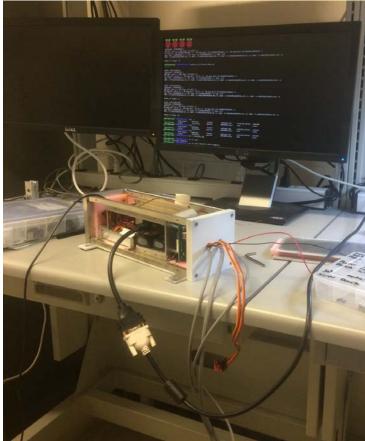
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Benchtop Test Overview



Test:	Validate benchtop thermal model	
Why?	Gives confidence to other thermal models not tested due to TVAC issues.	
How?	 Assemble system with side panels Power on system Allow to run for 2 hours Record temperature and voltage data 	
Resource	Trudy Schwartz's Lab	



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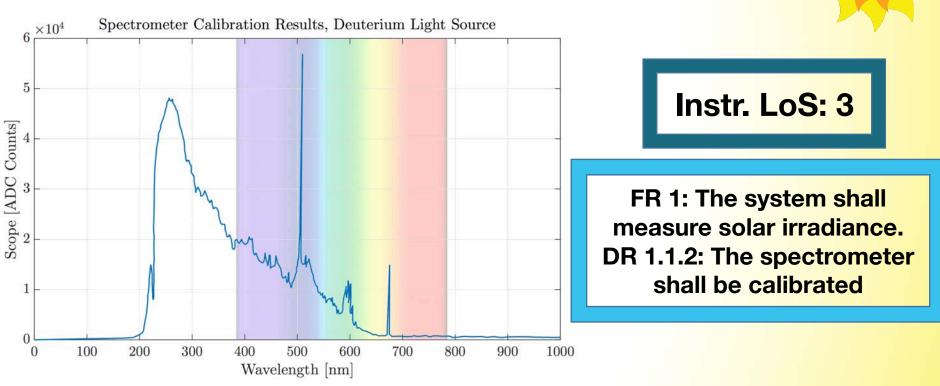
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Test Results: Component Tests



Spectrometer Calibration



>Avantes Deuterium light source

Calibration stored on spectrometer

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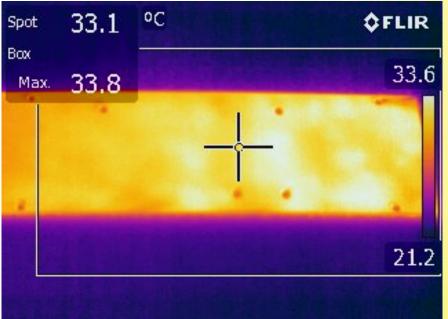
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Emissive Coating Verification

Thermal camera used Goal is $\epsilon = 0.85$ $P = \epsilon \sigma A T^4$ $\epsilon_{cam} (T_{cam})^4 = \epsilon_{actual} (T_{actual})^4$ $\frac{\epsilon_{hot}}{\epsilon_{cold}} = \frac{(T_{cold})^4}{(T_{hot})^4}$

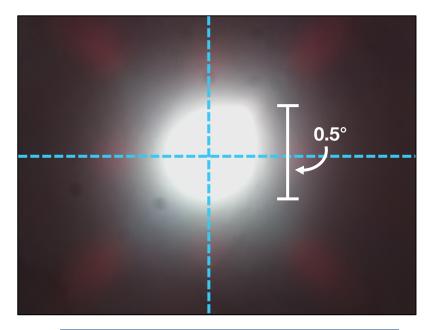
Actual Emissivity $\epsilon = 0.80 \pm 0.07$

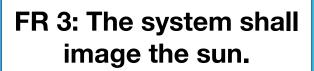




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Camera Images





Instr. LoS: 3



Camera FOV			
Expected	Actual	Req.	
1.21°	~1.57°	< 10°	

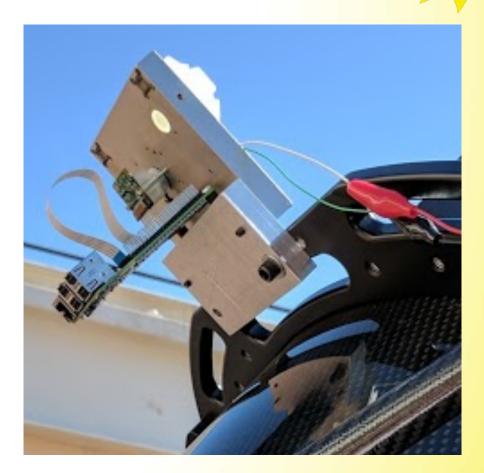
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Preliminary Photodiode Array

- First photodiode tests in sun gave photocurrents on order of 2.5 mA
- Changed transimpedance amp to 1 kΩ instead of 5 kΩ feedback resistance
 - Prevent saturating the ADCs

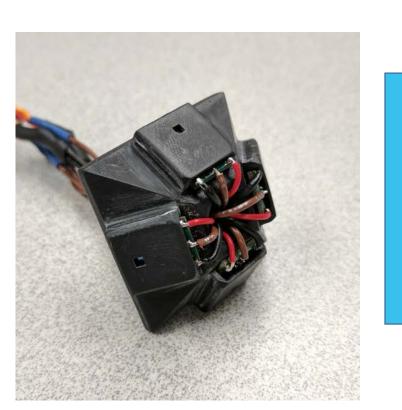


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Attitude Determination Test



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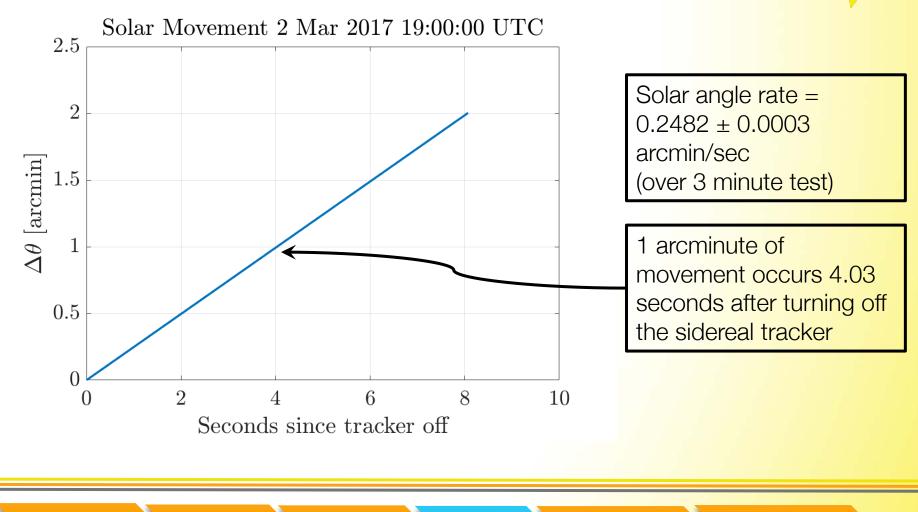
FR 4: The system shall determine its attitude. DR 4.1: The off-sun angle shall be determined to better than one degree of accuracy.

Attitude LoS: TBD

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Attitude Determination: Model



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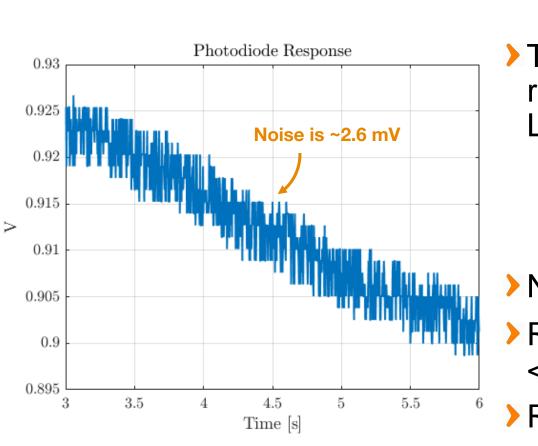
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ADS Noise Requirement



- Tested photodiode response with handheld LED light source
 - Shaky hands
 - LED not as powerful at red wavelengths as the sun
- Noise is ~2.6 mV
- Required for 1° accuracy: < 32.6 mV</p>
- Required for 1' accuracy: < 0.5 mV</p>

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Attitude Determination: Expected Results



Full test occurred week of April 24th
 Results discussed during presentation





Test Results: Integration



TVAC: Model

SolidWorks transient simulation

Assume convection coefficient = 0 for vacuum

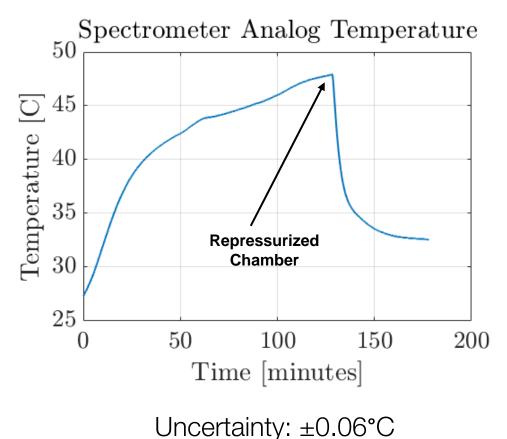
Actual radiative coating emissivity from IR analysis

Property	Value
Convection Coefficient	0
Radiation Temperature	18°C
Conduction Temperature	18°C
Radiative Coating Emissivity	0.80



TVAC: Spectrometer Analog

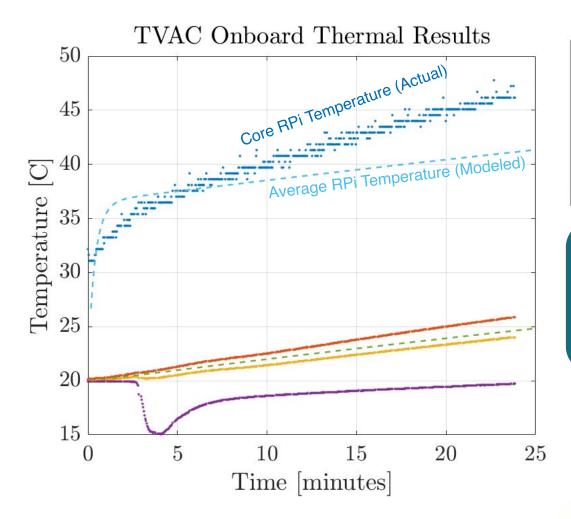




- Started simultaneously with RADIANCE onboard systems
- Captured data through entire test
- Data questionable due to proximity to heater



TVAC: Results



- Raspberry Pi
- Battery 1
- Battery 2
- Environment
- --Modeled Batteries
- ---Modeled Pi

Due to software bug, error handling failed → 25 minutes of data

Uncertainties: Raspberry Pi: ± 2°C Batteries: ± 0.06°C

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TVAC: Conclusions

- Transient solutions for components actively producing heat are questionable
- Models for components not actively producing heat are supported by current test data

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- Longer tests are needed to validate transient models.
- Current test data encourages confidence in transient models

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FR2: The system shall survive the environmental conditions of flight DR 2.4 The system shall survive the pressure range from 200 Pa to 100 kPa

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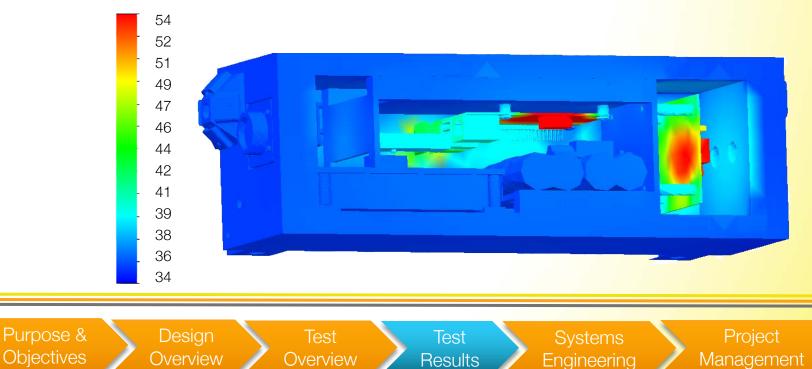
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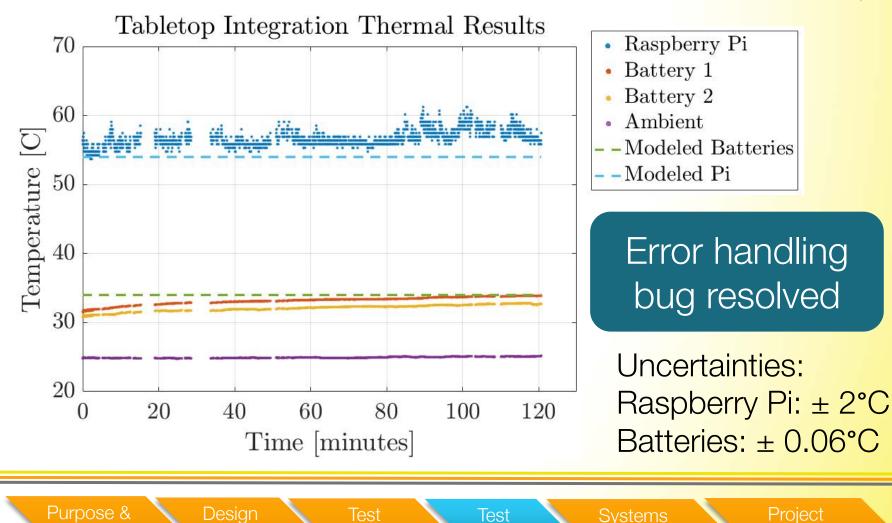
Benchtop Thermal: Model

- SolidWorks steady state simulation
- > Convection coefficient = 4.4
 - From basic principles MATLAB model Temp (°C)
- Radiation and convection temperatures = 25°C
- > Actual radiative coating emissivity from IR analysis $\epsilon = .80$



Benchtop Thermal: Results





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Benchtop Thermal: Results



- Models for atmospheric steady state are supported by current test results
- Raspberry Pi likely will always run hotter than model due to CPU proximity to temperature sensor
- Testing at vacuum is needed to validate vacuum steady state models.
- Current test data encourages confidence in transient models



FR2: The system shall survive the environmental conditions of flight.

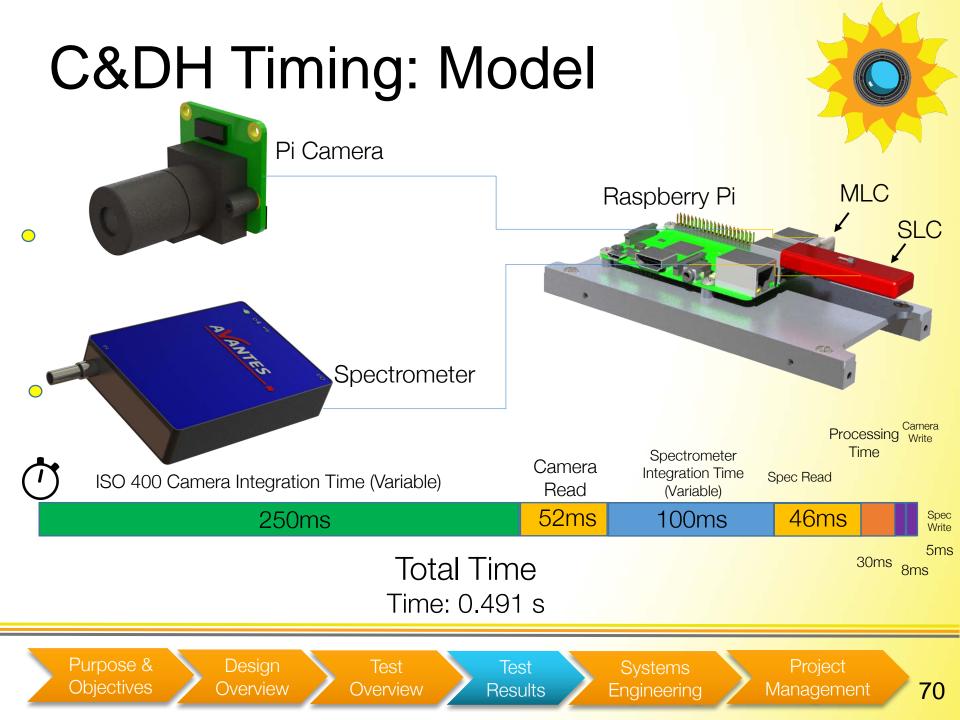
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C&DH Timing: Results

Item	Time
Spectrometer Integration Time	1.05 ms
Spectrometer Read Time	5 ms
Camera Integration Time	250 ms
Camera Read Time	950 ms
1Wire Internal Temperature Sensors	2.5 s
Remaining Sensors	<1 ms
Write to Storage	1 ms
	me (without Camera) me: 2.6 s ± 30 ms

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C&DH Timing: Conclusions Actual Item Model Req. Science Data 1 s $2.6 \, s$ 60 s Cadence Science Data 2s13 ms 1 ms Lag Camera Image Data LoS: 3 60 s 60 s 60 s Cadence

FR 3: The system shall return data. DR 3.1.1 Science data shall be recorded once per minute. DR 3.1.2 Science instrument measurements shall be recorded within 2 seconds.

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DR 3.1.3 Camera images shall be recorded once per minute.

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C&DH Capacity

Measurement	Model Total	Actual Total
Spectrometer	9.25 GB	3.63 GB
External temperature	4.6 MB	1.8 MB
Internal temperature	27.7 MB	5.3 MB
Humidity	4.6 MB	1.8 MB
Photodiode (x4)	36.9 MB	7.1 MB
Sun angle	4.6 MB	0 B
Total	9.4 GB	3.65 GB

Measurement	Model Total	Actual Total
Camera images	17.7 GB	3.63 GB
Other Data	9.4 GB	3.65 GB
Total	27.1 GB	7.28 GB



SLC Flash Drive

14.9 GB Capacity Modeled Margin: 37% Actual Margin: 76%

MLC Flash Drive (2)

59.6 GB Capacity Modeled Margin: 55% Actual Margin: 88%

Overall mission capacity uncertainty: ±10.7%

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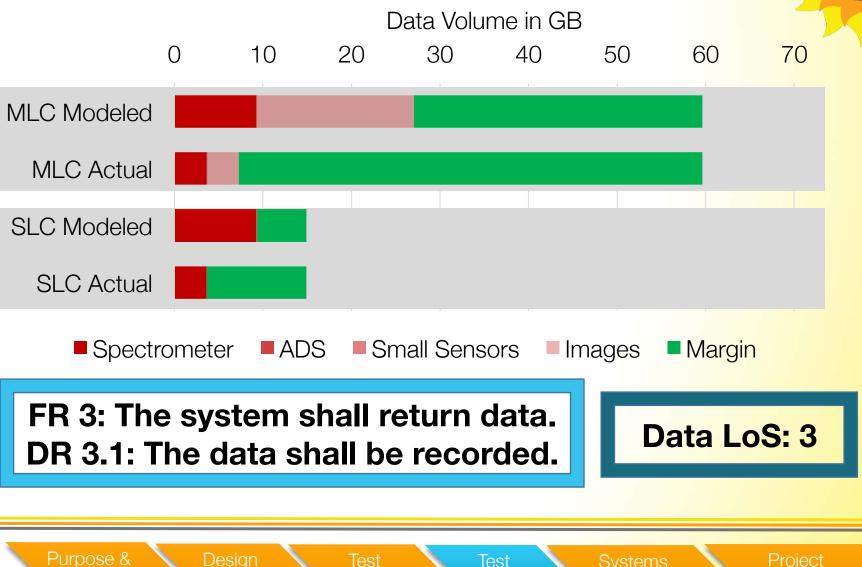
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C&DH Capacity: Conclusions



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Power Budget: Model & Results				
Component	Modeled Power Draw	Power LoS: 1		
Raspberry Pi	4.25 W			
Spectrometer	1.25 W	Measured Total		
Camera	0.7 W	Power Draw:		
Small Sensors	0.1 W	3.2 ± 0.5 W		
Flash Drives	1.4 W			
Total (Cruise)	7.7 W			
HiWind Power	15 W			

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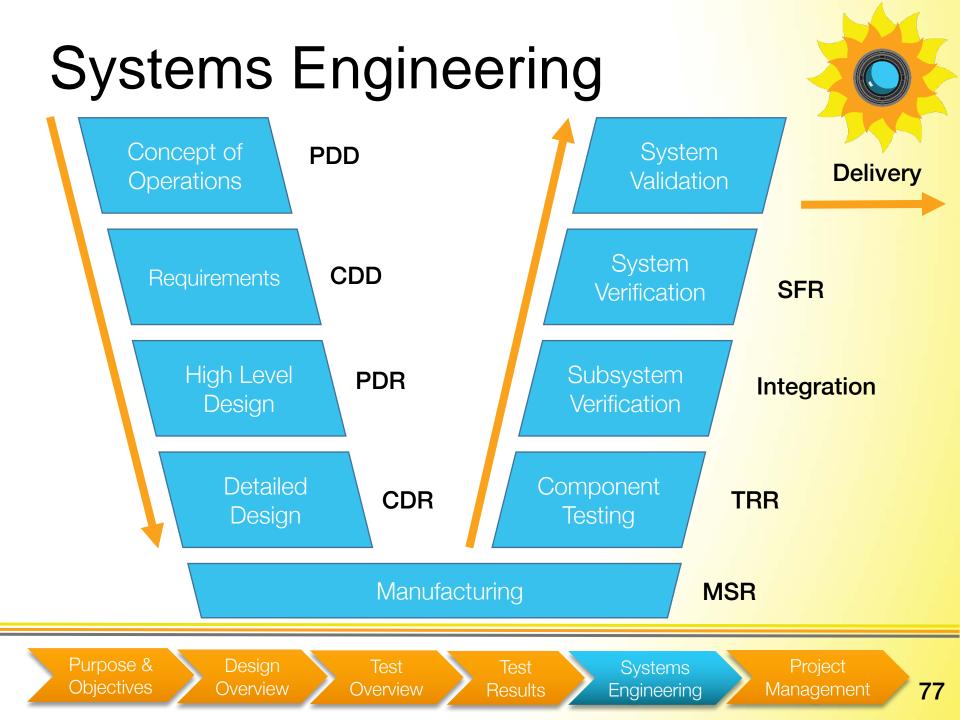
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Component Test Mapping Component Detailed Testing Design Relate individual components to CDR level design and sub requirements > Verify functionality of aspects such as ENV and HK sensors Lessons Learned: Components still require integration > Easy for issues to push schedule

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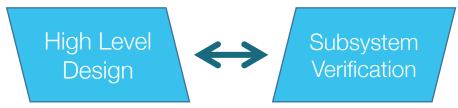
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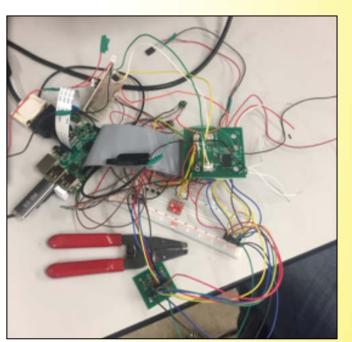
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Subsystem Integration



- Test functionality of system subsets
- Verify PDR level design aspects



Lessons Learned:

> Wire design and harnessing is crucial



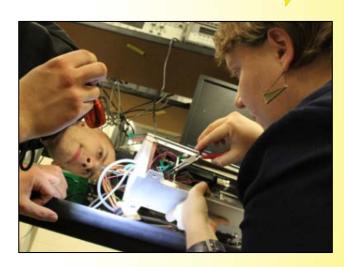
System Integration

Requirements



System Verification

Requirement	Completion
Solar irradiance	4/4 Verified
Environmental conditions	3/6 Verified
Data	2/2 Verified
Attitude	0/2 Verified
Interface	6/6 Verified
Imaging	3/3 Verified



Lessons Learned:
Most issues occurred during this phase
Budget time and money to fix issues that come up

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Requirements: Solar Irradiance

Verified

1.1: Spectrometer derived requirements
250 to 1000 nm, < 1.5 nm resolution, calibrated
1.2: Environmental sensor derived requirements
Measure temperature and humidity once per minute

To be verified:

>None!



Requirements: Environment

Verified

2.4: Humidity of 5% to 90%
2.5: Pressure of 0.20 kPa to 100 kPa
2.6: Resist radiation effects

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To be verified:

2.1: Ground temperatures
2.2: Ascent temperatures
2.3: Cruise temperatures

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To be verified in environmental testing by HAO

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Requirements: Data

Verified

- 3.1: Data storage rate of once per minute and derived requirements
- >3.2: Data storage survives landing

To be verified:

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>None!

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Requirements: Attitude

TBD

Verified

To be verified in SBO testing

To be verified:

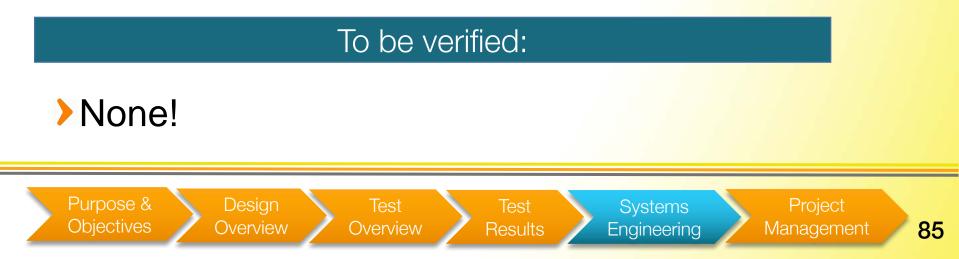
4.1: Accuracy within one arcminute 4.2: Data storage rate of once per minute



Requirements: Interface

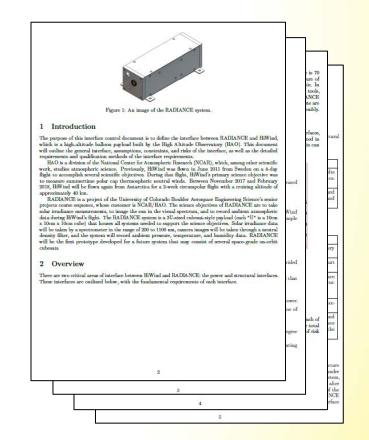
Verified

5.1: Dimensions of 32 cm x 10 cm x 10 cm
5.2: Sun facing plate is the 10 cm x 10 cm
5.3: Power interface and derived requirements > 15 W at 28-33 V
5.4: ICD compliance



ICD

- Created ICD for HiWind/RADIANCE Integration
- Defines structural, electrical interfaces
- Defines interface associated risks





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Requirements: Imaging

Verified

- 6.1: Image storage on drives
- >5.2: Field of view of $5^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$
- >5.3: Image cadence of once per minute

To be verified:

>None!



Projects Risk Matrix – Post CDR

Likeli	Consequences					
Likelihood	Risks easily mitigated	1 FR Failed	2-3 FRs Failed	3-4 FRs Failed	5-6 FRs Failed	
Certain	1					5
Likely						4
Moderate	1					3
Unlikely		4				2
Rare	1	4	1		1	1
	1	2	3	4	5	

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Risk Status



Element	Value	Test	Current Status
Overheating	5	TVAC	Thermal Model Validated
Frost on optics	5	Acceptable Risk	
Heater failure	3	TVAC	No recorded failure
Drive hardware failure	4	Acceptable Risk	
Temporary power failure	3	Flatsat	Mitigated with batteries in
Software data write failure	2	Flatsat	Flatsat testing
Bit flip	2	Acceptable risk	
Drive connection failure	2	Acceptable risk	
Camera Oversaturation	2	SBO	Image taken
Pi Software failure	1	Flatsat	Pi restarts as expected

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Risk Summary



Changes to risks

Increased risk of heater failure in vacuum

QB50 team encountered issues, including recommended heater in path to space

Additional Risks

- Improper power cycling may cause SD card corruption
- Few software risks identified by CDR (mitigated during testing)
- Scheduling risks





Management Approach



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Proactive efforts to build a positive, supportive team environment

- Encouraged discussion from the start to work towards solutions
- Every team member's contribution is valuable and their perspective is valid

Results

"Leadership Through Service"

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- Success: We all still like each other
- Success: Peer Reviews
- Challenge: Time management with other obligations (work, courses, etc.)
 - Needs of the project vs. needs of the team

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Sometimes it felt like...

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Lessons Learned



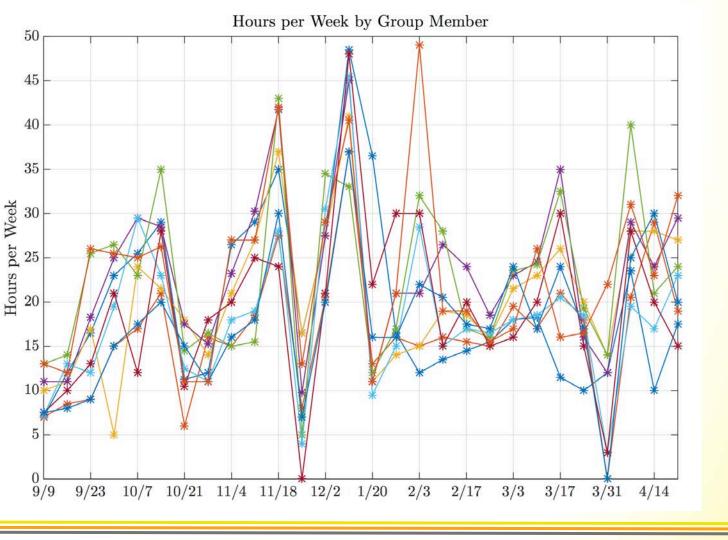
 Diverse project led to scattered focus at times -> important to be aware of this
 80/20 rule

Balance between when to go for the extra 20% and when to let it go

Need to balance burn-out with productivity



Individual Hours Worked





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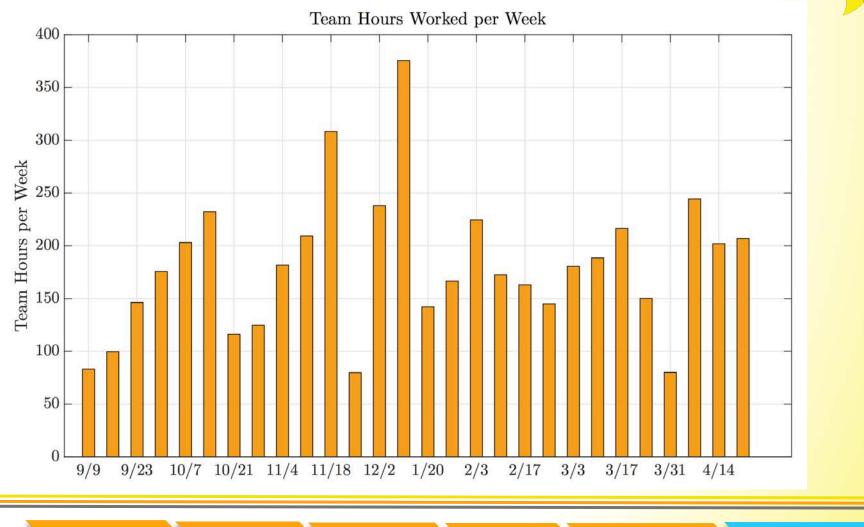
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Team Hours Worked



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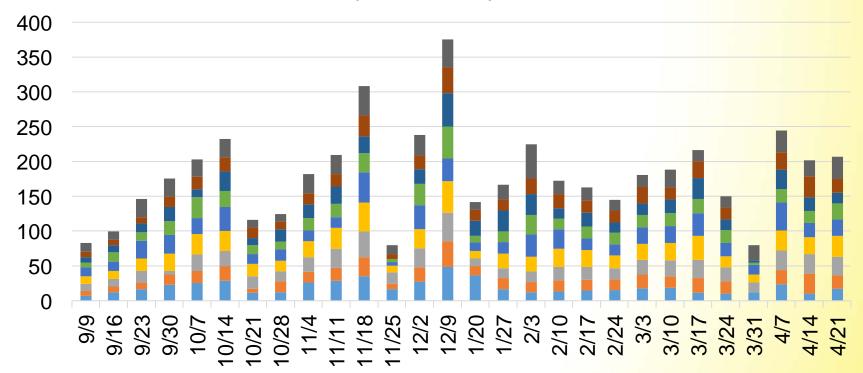
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Hours per Person per Week

Hours per Person per Week



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Budget



Subsystem	Projected Cost	Procured	To be Procured	Margin (%)	Effect on Budget
C&DH	\$ 167	\$ 149	_	—	+\$ 18
Sensors	\$ 203	\$ 127	_	—	+\$ 76
Instrumentation	\$2988	\$3052	_	—	-\$ 64
Power	\$ 662	\$ 615	\$ 39	\$ 8	-\$ 50
PM	\$ 84	\$ 49	_	—	+\$ 35
Structure	\$ 418	\$ 223	\$ 4	\$ 6	+\$185
Testing	\$ 250	\$ 77	\$ 16	\$ 157	—
Thermal	\$ 66	\$ 36	_	—	+\$ 30
TOTAL	\$4613	\$4327	\$ 59	\$ 171 (290%)	+\$230

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Equivalent Industry Cost



Cost

\$

\$157,997

\$478,991

5,000

200%

Estimate	Cost	Billable Item
CDR Estimate	\$4920	5056 Hours
MSR Estimate	\$4634	Materials
TRR Estimate	\$4613	Overhead
SFR Estimate	\$4613	"Industry Cost"



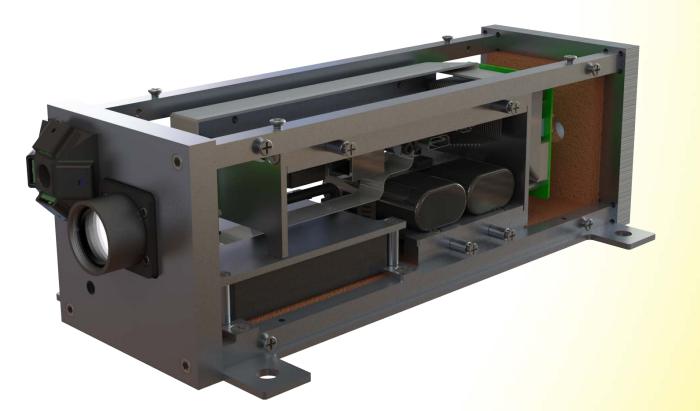
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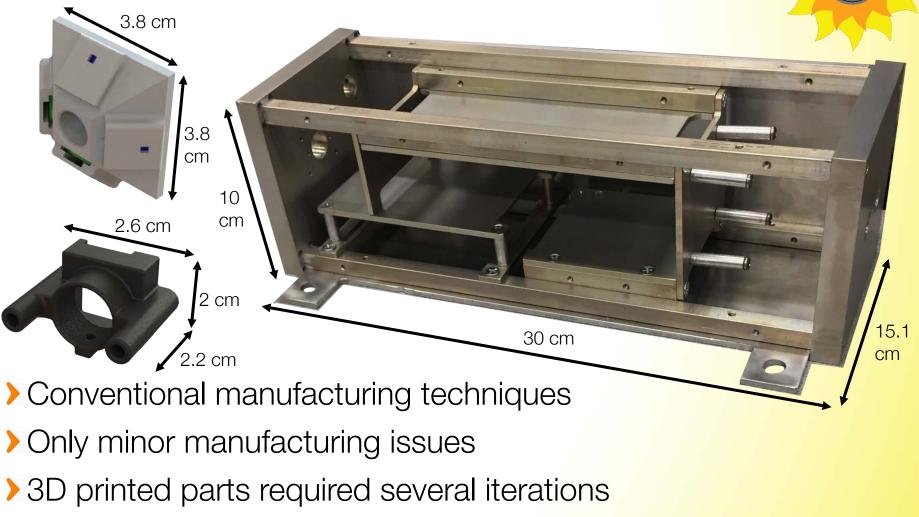
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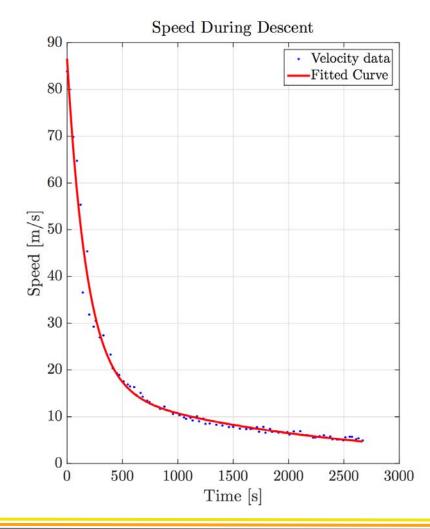


Manufacturing Process





Structural Design Motivations



R3.2: Data storage shall survive landing

Previous flight data: speed is 5.44 m/s at landing

Equipped with parachute and crush pads

Data only taken every ~30 seconds → must infer landing force using ∆ in momentum



Structural Design $\Delta v = 5.44 \, \frac{\mathrm{m}}{\mathrm{s}}$ From previous data: m = 2092 kgDuration determined based on height of Estimated crash duration: $t_{\rm impact} = 0.17 \ {\rm s}$ crush pads and speed Fundamental equations: $F = \frac{m\Delta v}{t} = \frac{(2092 \text{ kg})(5.44 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})}{0.17 \text{ s}} = 67.75 \text{ kN}$ $G = \frac{F}{mq} = \boxed{3.30 \text{ Gs}}$ Landing Impact Flash Drive Rating 3.30 Gs 1500 Gs



Camera

Field of View Calculation

Known parameters:

Default FOV = 53.5° h = 2.76 mm $Sun = 0.5^{\circ}$ f = 25 mm

$$FOV = 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{h}{2f}\right) = \boxed{6.32^{\circ}}$$

Mount Lens

Camera board

Neutral Density Filter Calculation

Flux on Ground = $1050 \frac{W}{m^2}$ Flux at 40 km = $1200 \frac{W}{m^2}$

Using flux and size of the sun on the image sensor, find total power:

Power on Ground: 6.986×10^{-7} W Power at Cruise: 5.721×10^{-5} W

 $\frac{6.986 \times 10^{-7} \text{ W}}{5.721 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W}} = \boxed{1.22\%}$

Result:

Choose filter with 96.875% attenuation (OD of 1.5)



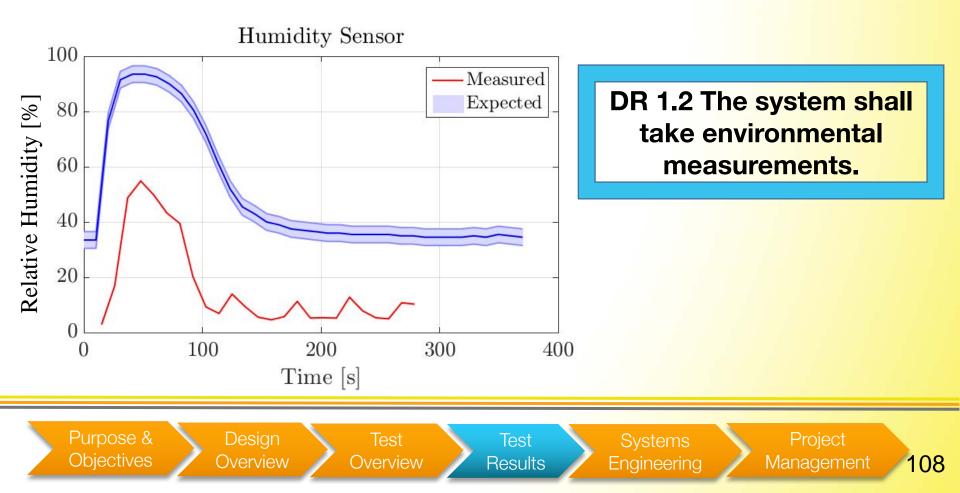




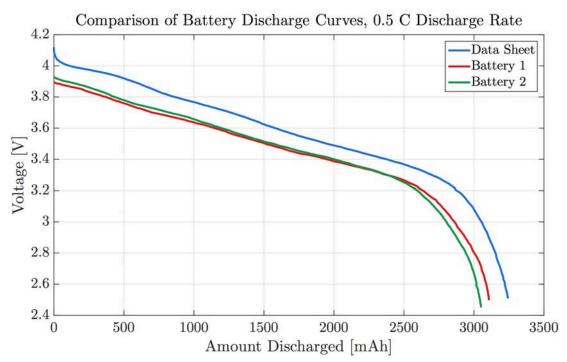
Humidity Sensor Calibration

>Systematic bias of ~36%

Straightforward adjustment in software



Battery Capacity



>Battery trending between the two cells is in family

Lower than published data, but within starting tolerance of 3.6 to 4.2 V; system noise is approximately 17 mV



C&DH Capacity: Model

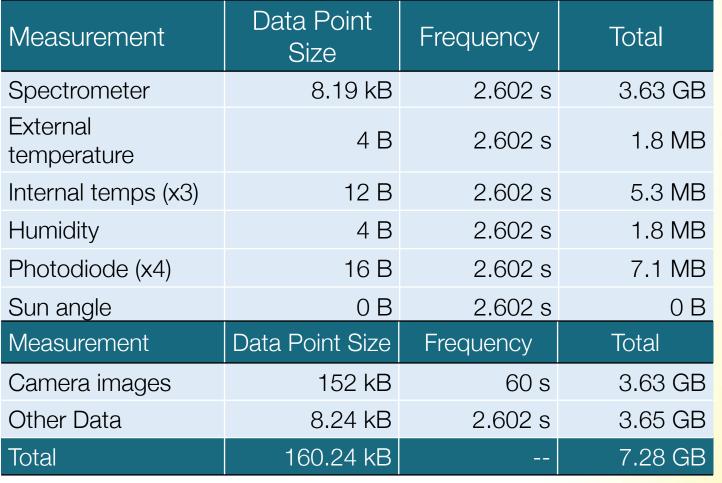
Measurement	Data Point Size	Frequency	Total
Spectrometer	8.2 kB	1 s	9.25 GB
External temperature	4 B	1 s	4.6 MB
Internal temps (x6)	24 B	1 s	27.7 MB
Humidity	4 B	1 s	4.6 MB
Photodiode (x4)	32 B	1 s	36.9 MB
Sun angle	4 B	1 s	4.6 MB
Total	8.3 kB		9.4 GB
Measurement	Data Point Size	Frequency	Total
Camera images	920 kB	60 s	17.7 GB
Other Data	8.3 kB	1 s	9.4 GB
Total	936.5 kB		27.1 GB







C&DH Capacity: Results







Light Attenuation

Test	mA
Current without ND Filter	10.07
Current with ND Filter (Expected)	1.007
Current with ND Filter (Actual)	0.97



$$OD = \log_{10} \frac{I_0}{I}$$

Error = 3.6%

