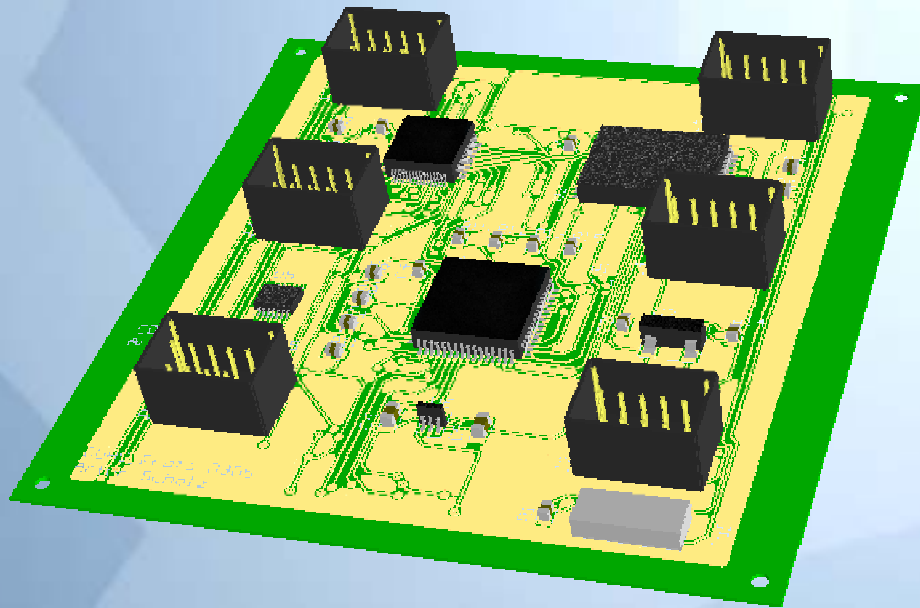


## Command and Data Handling System for a Picosatellite



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# How it started...



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# The first phase

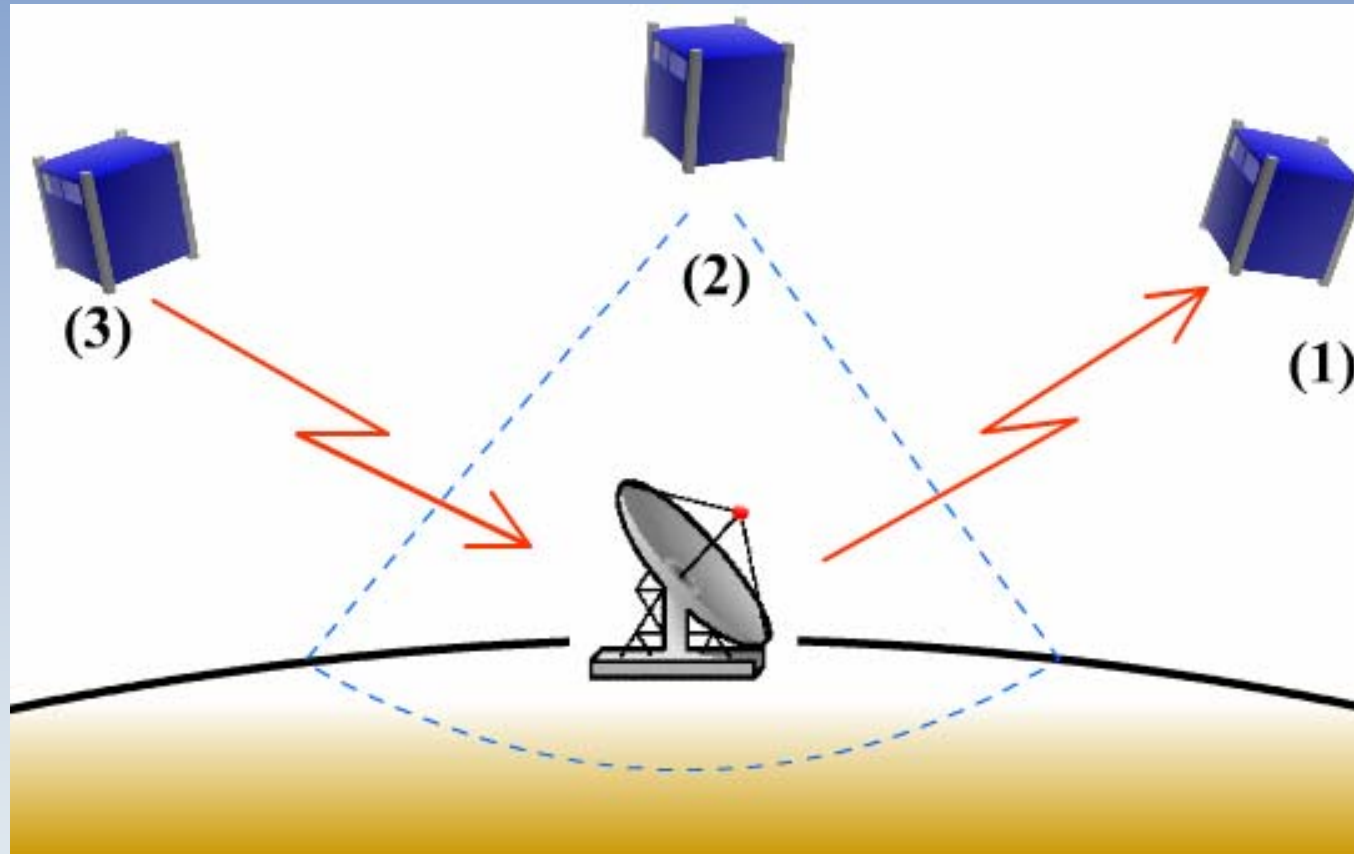


# COMPASS-1 CubeSat Concept

## Objectives:

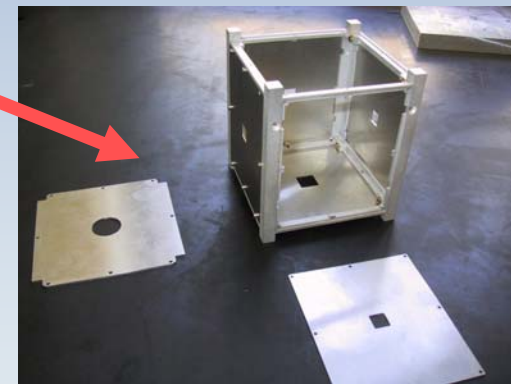
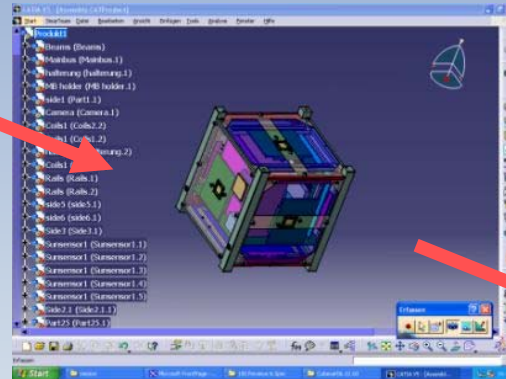
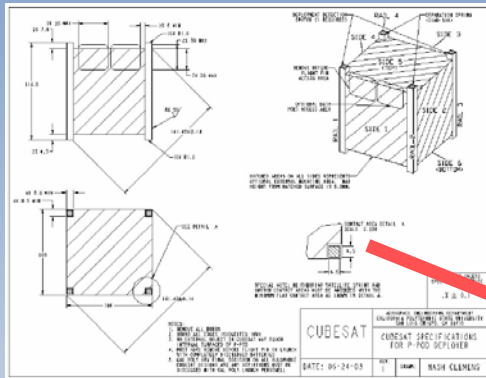
- To gain 'hands-on' experience in satellite engineering
- To build a complete satellite
- To conduct an earth observation mission:
  - Camera as prime payload
  - Good public outreach
  - Create high amounts of data

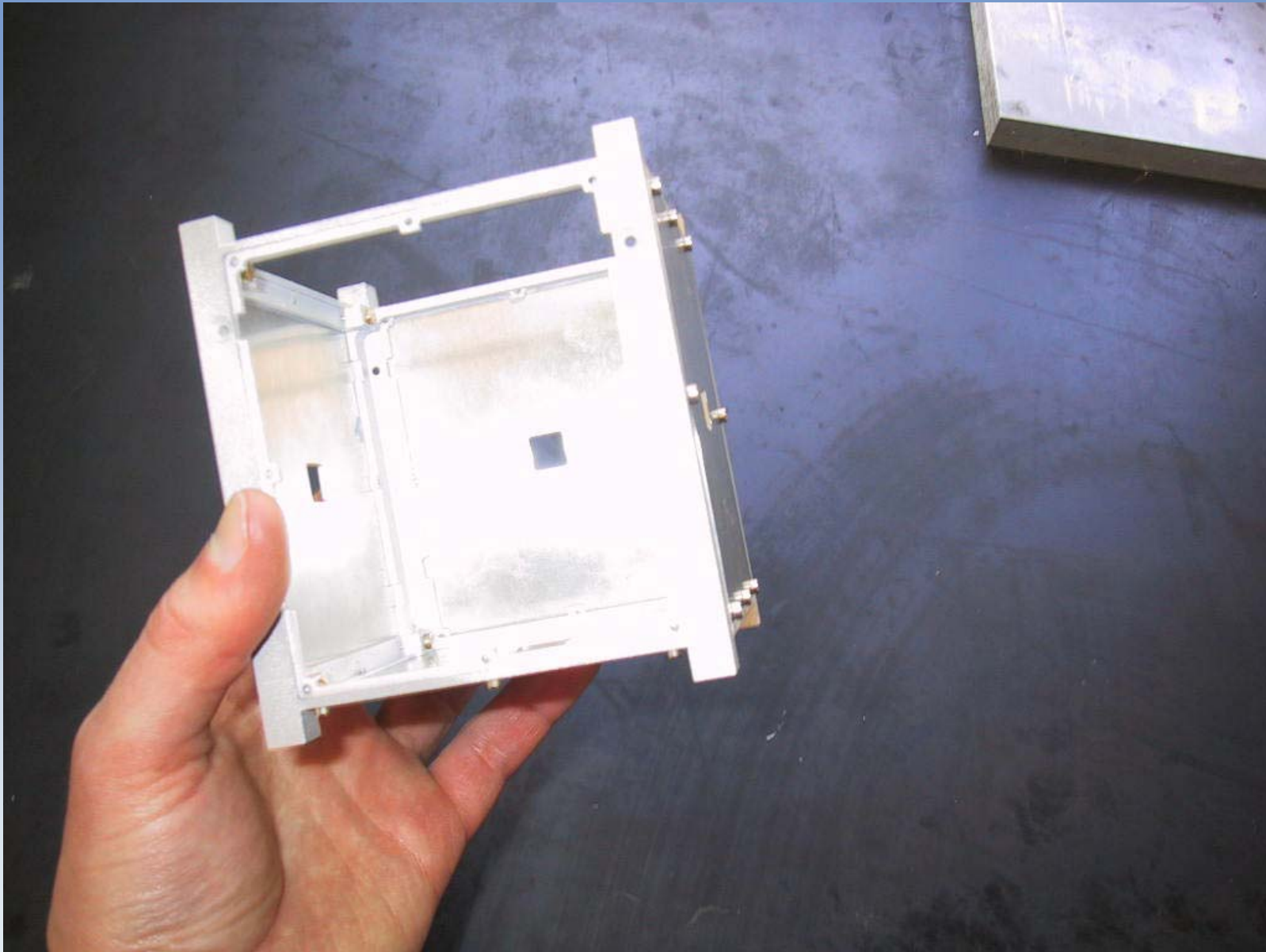
# Mission Operation





# Structural Prototype





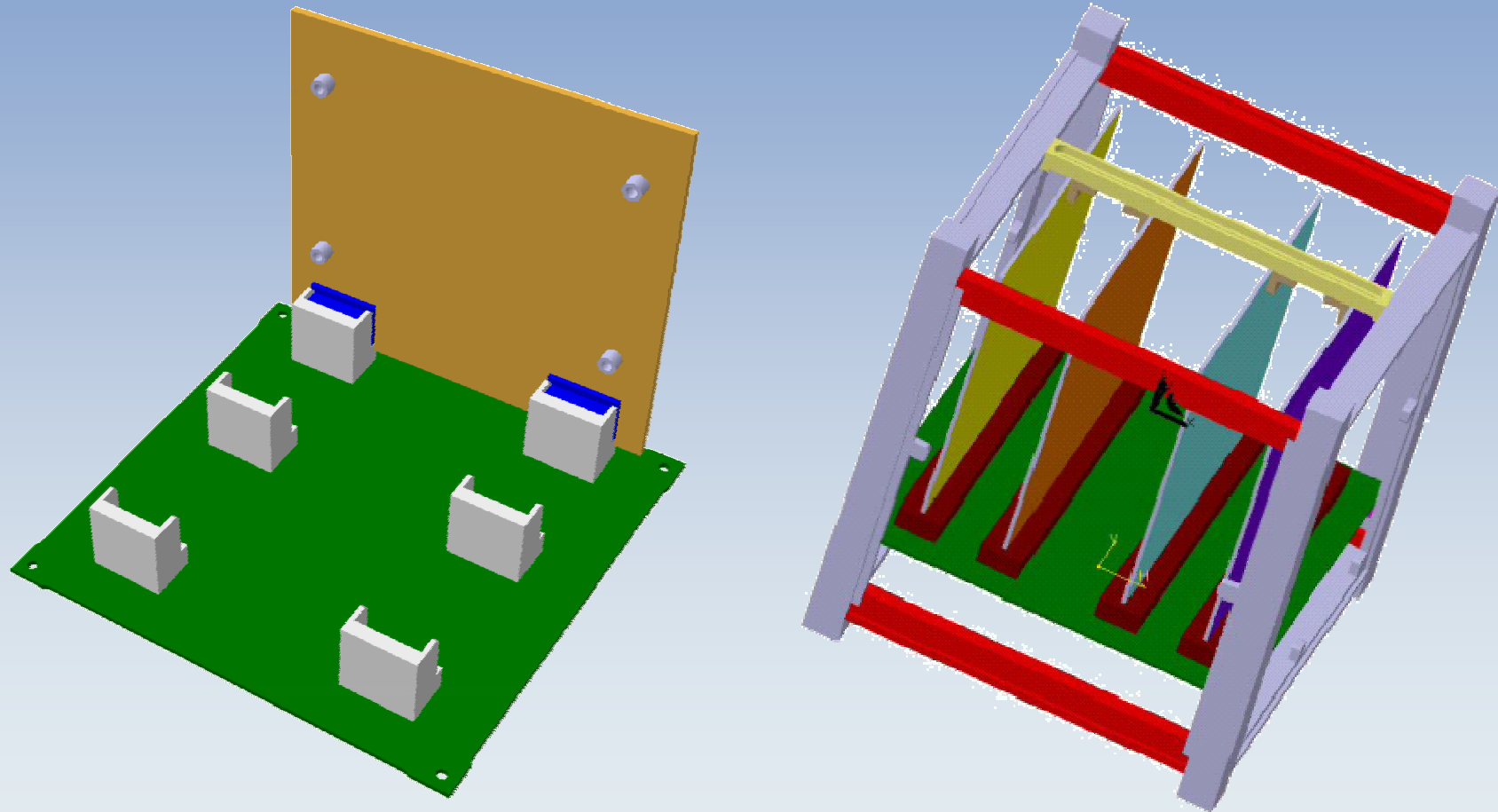
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# System Engineering

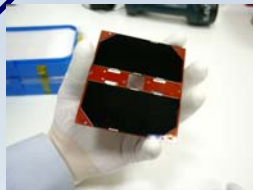


# EO exposes requirements



## Attitude System

- attitude determination
- active control
- pointing accuracy



## Power System

- high-efficient solar cells
- reliable energy storage

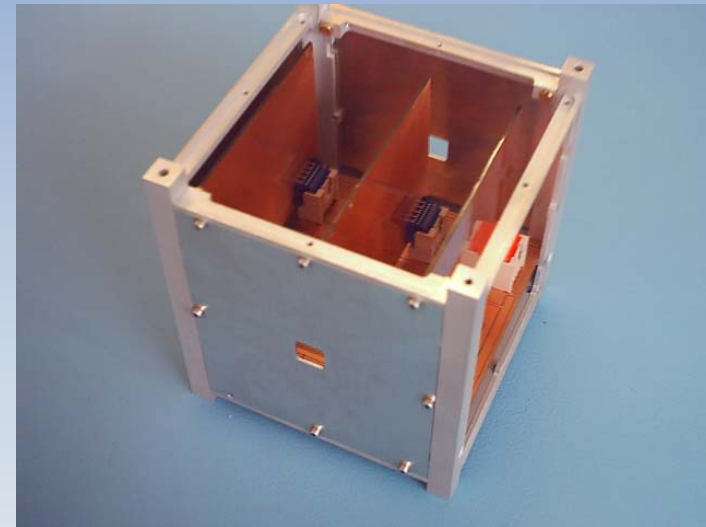
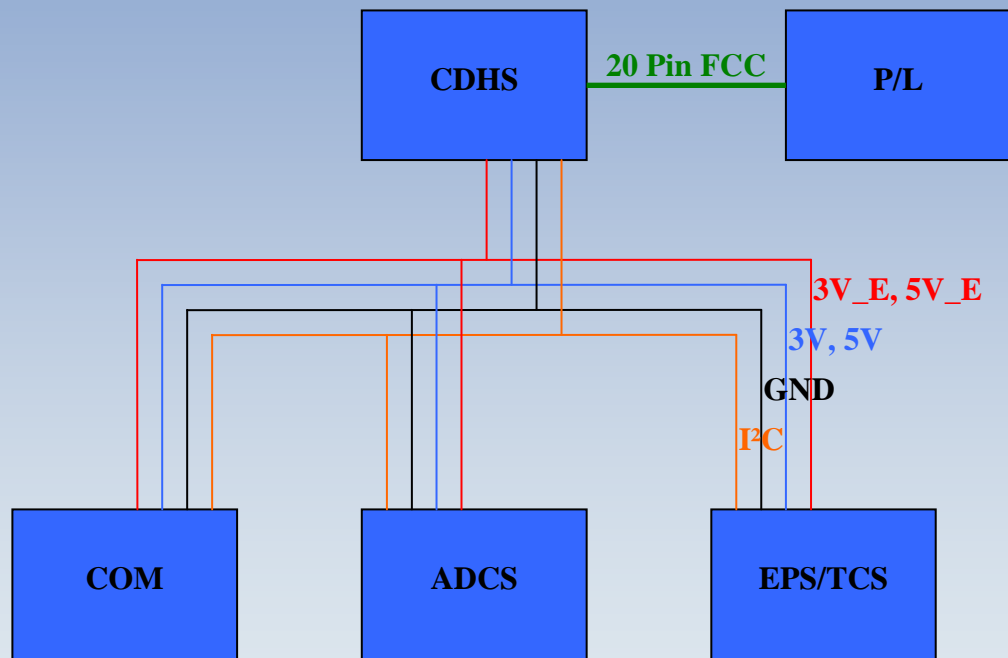


## Communication System

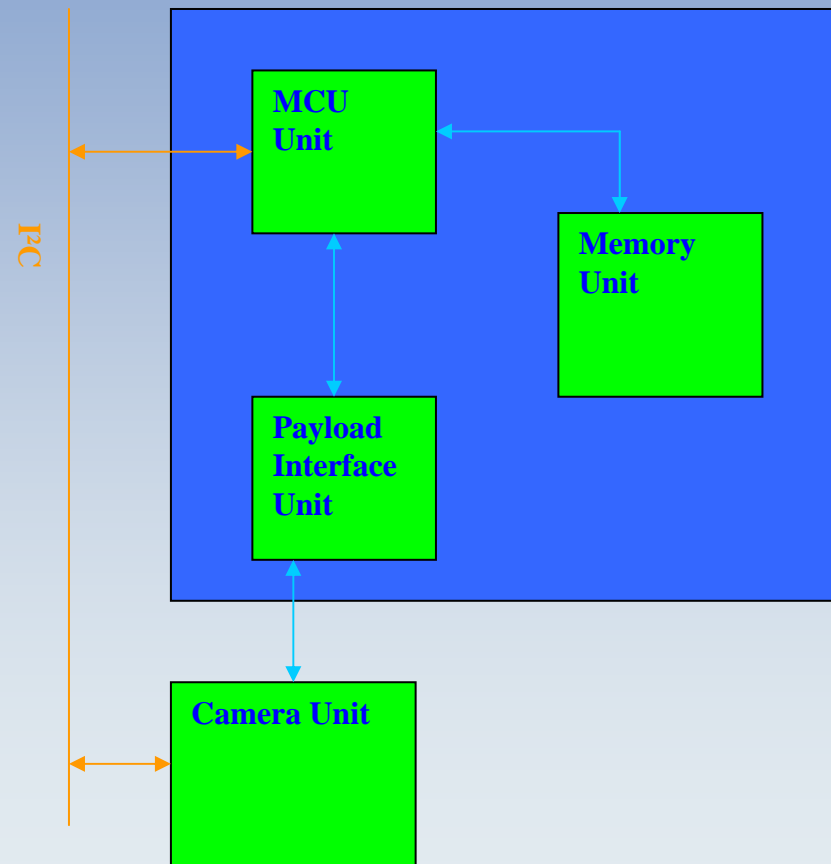
- UHF/VHF
- 9600 bps
- AX.25 (data)
- DTMF (command)

## Command & Data Handling / Payload Interface

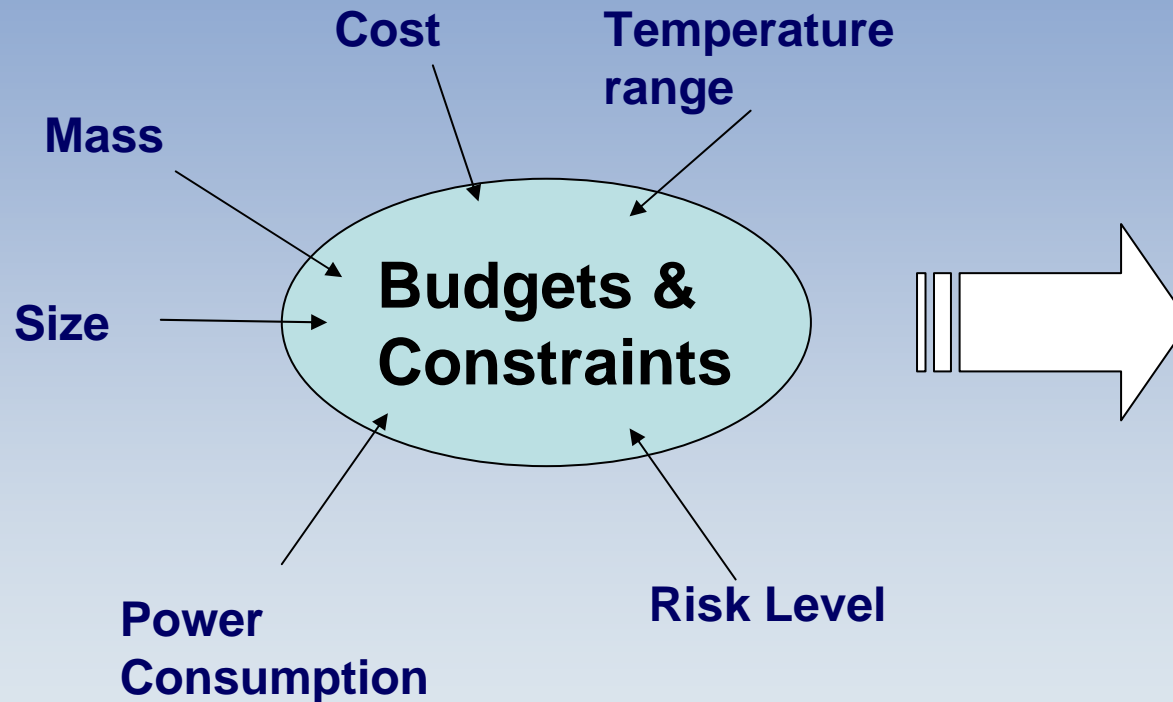
# Overview of System



# Overview of CDHS



# Design Considerations



**Phase B**

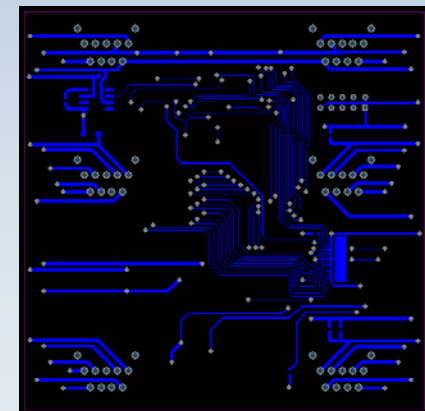
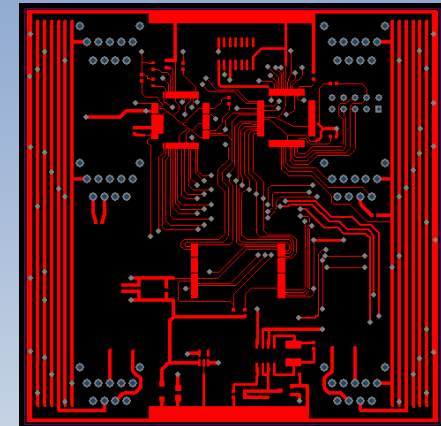
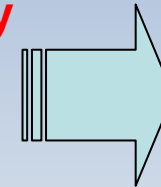
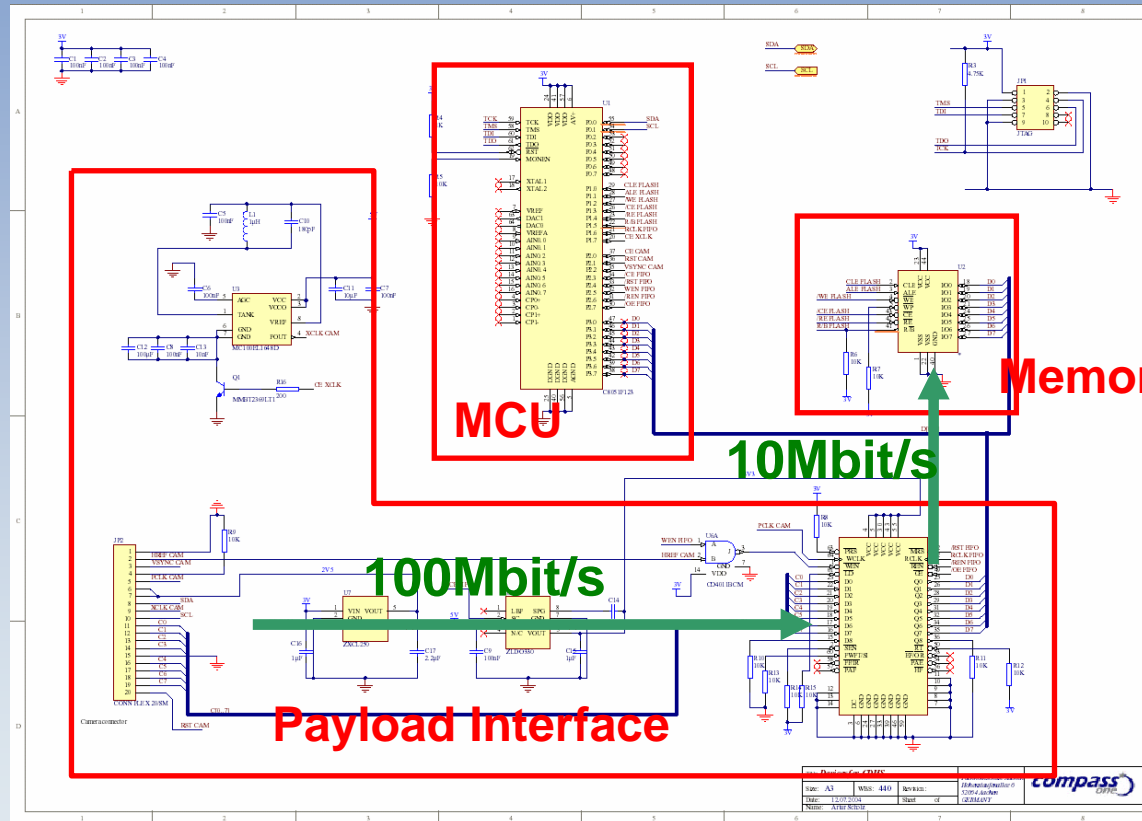
**System Definition**



# Hardware

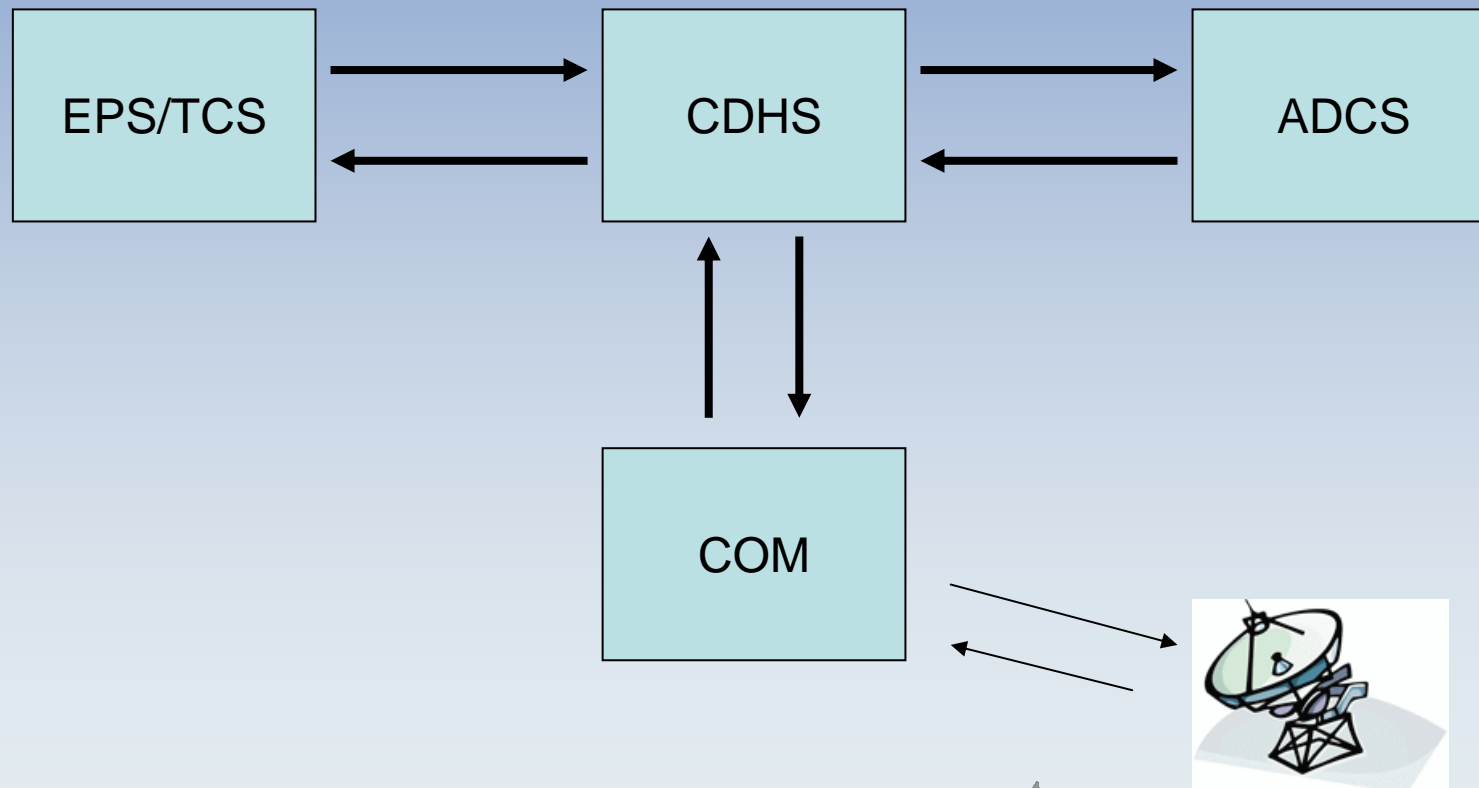
## Creating the Schematic

## Transition to PCB

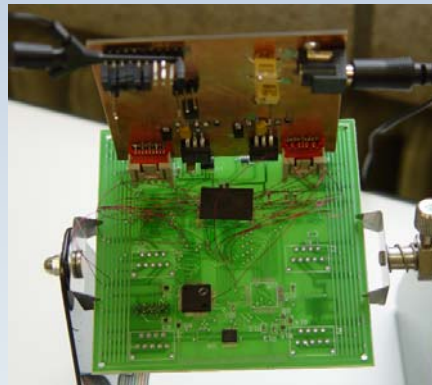
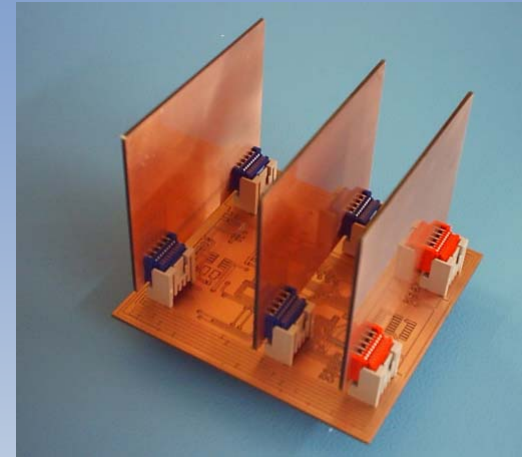
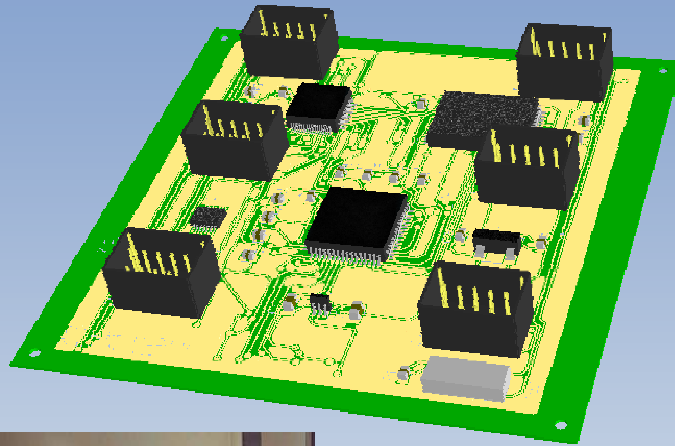




# System Bus Communication



# Production & Implementation

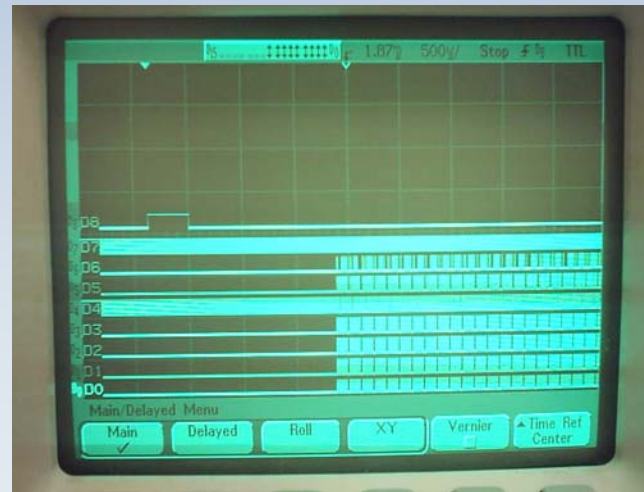
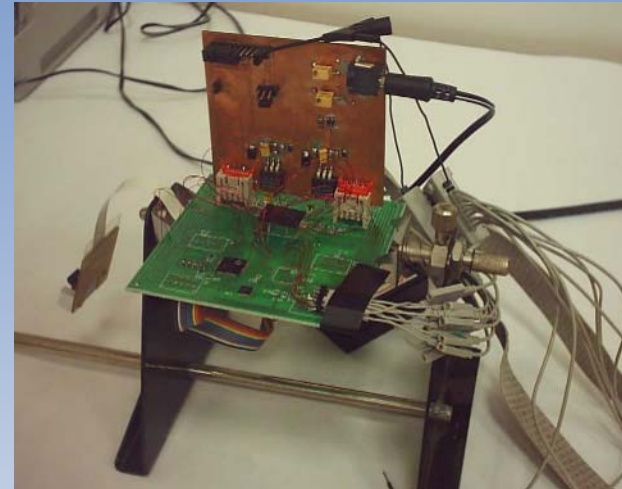


# Functional Testing...

**MCU is in-system  
programmable via JTAG**

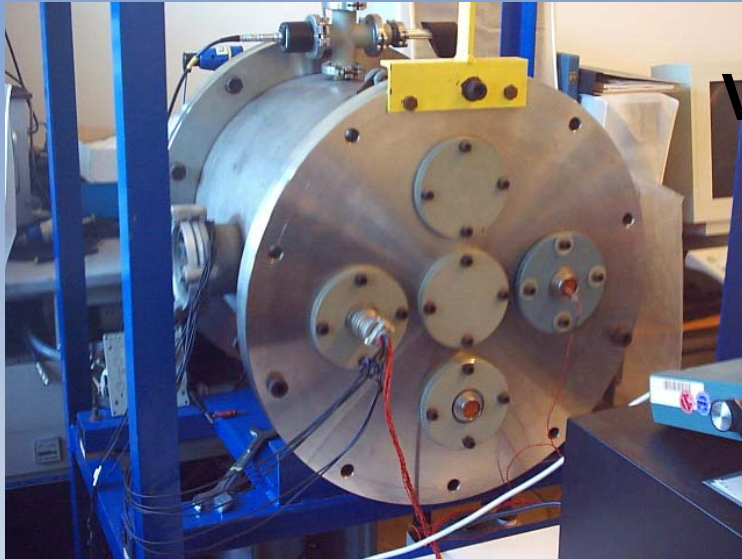
**Checking:**

- I2C Bus Communication**
- Flash Memory**
- Oscillator**
- FIFO**
- Camera Output**

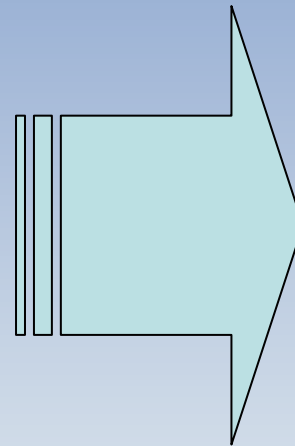




# Qualification Testing



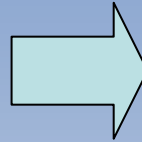
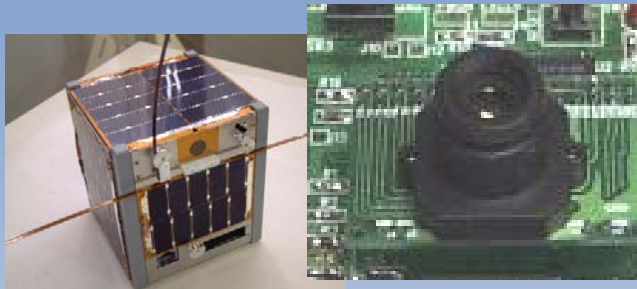
**Vacuum Testing**



**Engineering Model**

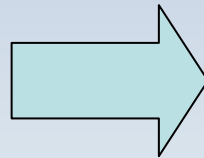
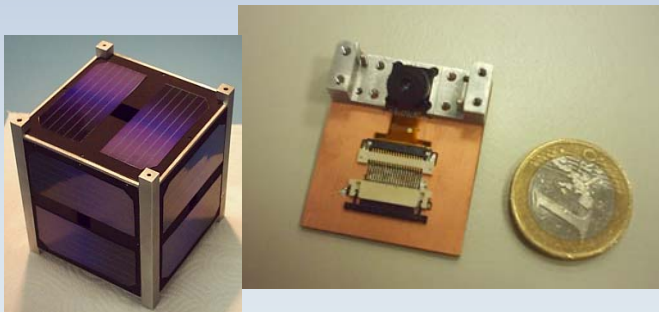


**Mechanical  
(Vibration) Testing**



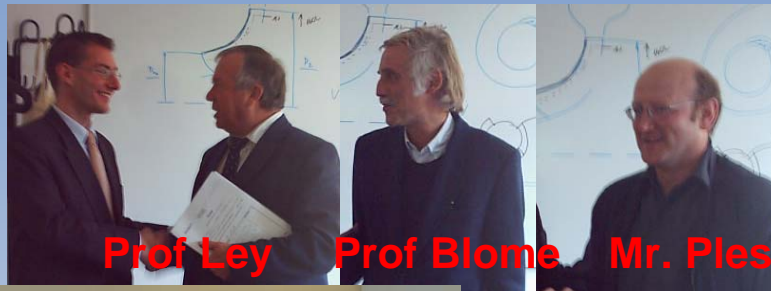
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