



# Attitude Control for prEcise Sciences

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# Motivation

"Achieving Science Goals with CubeSats" - 2016 Review



Technology Goals:

- Astrophysics on Cubesats
- LASP will use ACES module for tech demos
- Eventually used on big astrophysics missions



# ACES Project Overview



- Description: standalone attitude determination and control system (ADCS) for CubeSats with high-accuracy inertial pointing requirements
- Status of the project at the beginning of the semester:
  - Delta-PDR completed Fall 2023
  - System design created and hardware components selected
  - Functioning simulation
  - C FSW library started with initial utilities
- ConOps: determines and controls the attitude of a CubeSat in low Earth orbit (LEO)



# Top Requirements

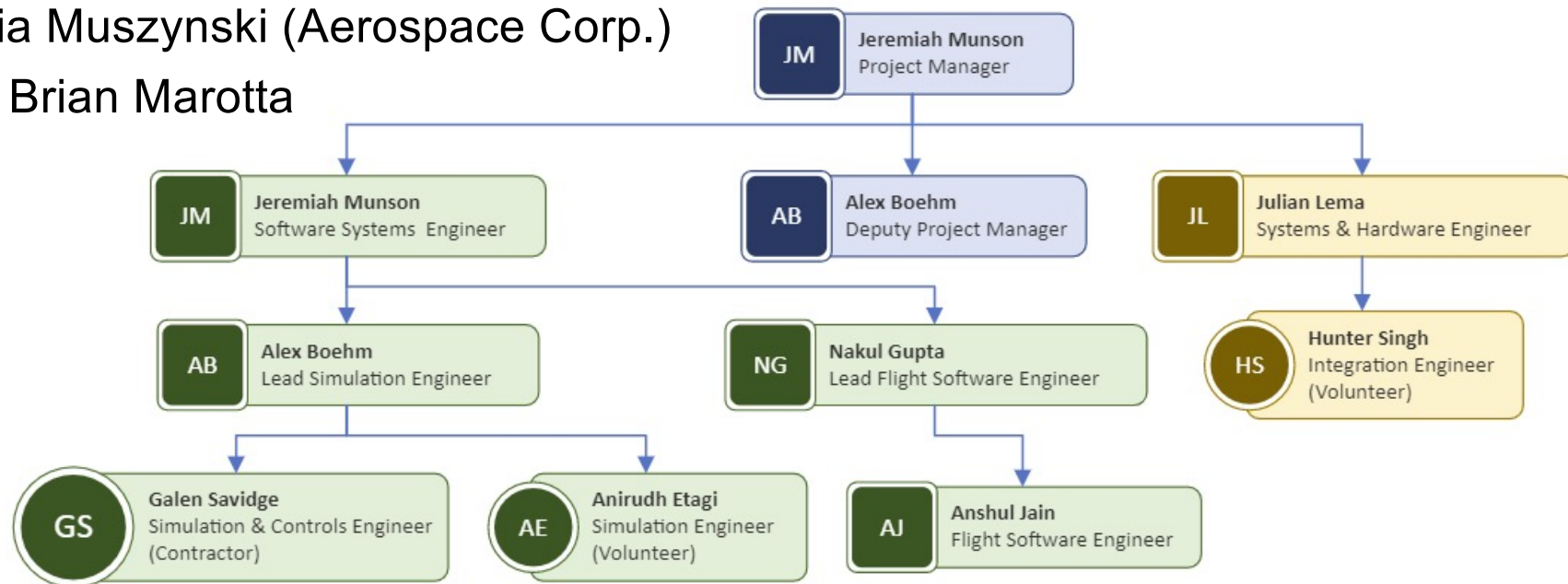
- Designed for use on a generic CubeSat bus that will perform astrophysics missions
- “Standalone” module: handles ADCS but can interface with the main flight computer
- High accuracy for inertial pointing: 3 arcseconds (= 3/3600 deg) 1-sigma
- Small mass and volume: ~0.9kg, ~0.5U



# Organization

Customer: Dr. Daniel Kubitschek (LASP) +  
Anastasia Muszynski (Aerospace Corp.)

Advisor: Brian Marotta



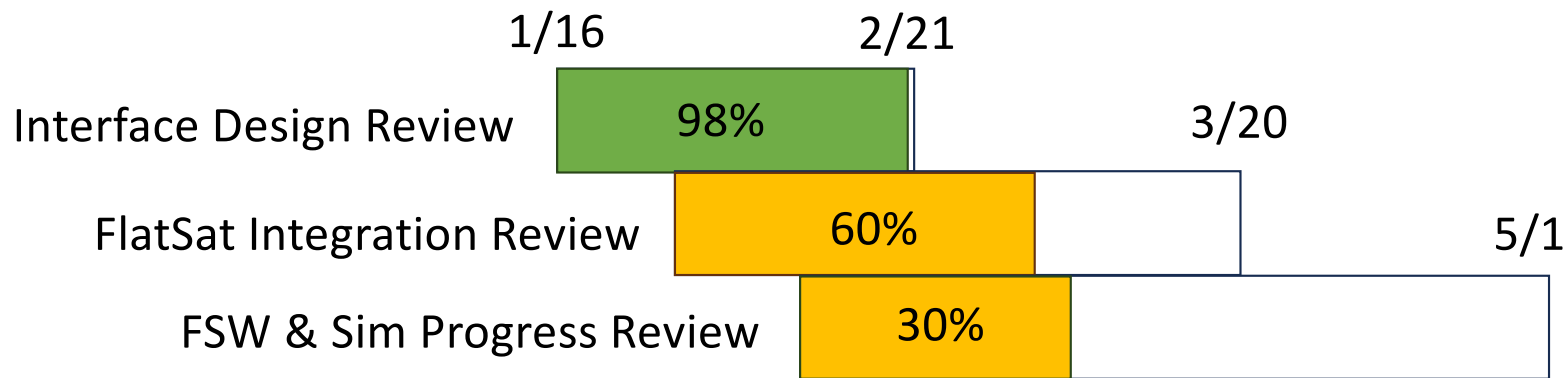
# Spring Milestones + Deliverables



- 2/21/24: Software Interface Design Review
  - Interfacing between sim and FSW, interfacing between ACES module and flight computer
- 3/20/24: FlatSat Integration Plan Review
  - Plan for FlatSat development and testing
- 5/1/24: FlatSat + FSW & Simulation Progress Review
  - Improvements to simulation, models, flight software, and testing

Next Year: integrate components into FlatSat

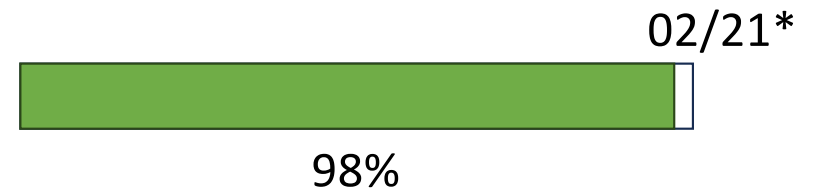
# Spring Progress





# Interface Design Review

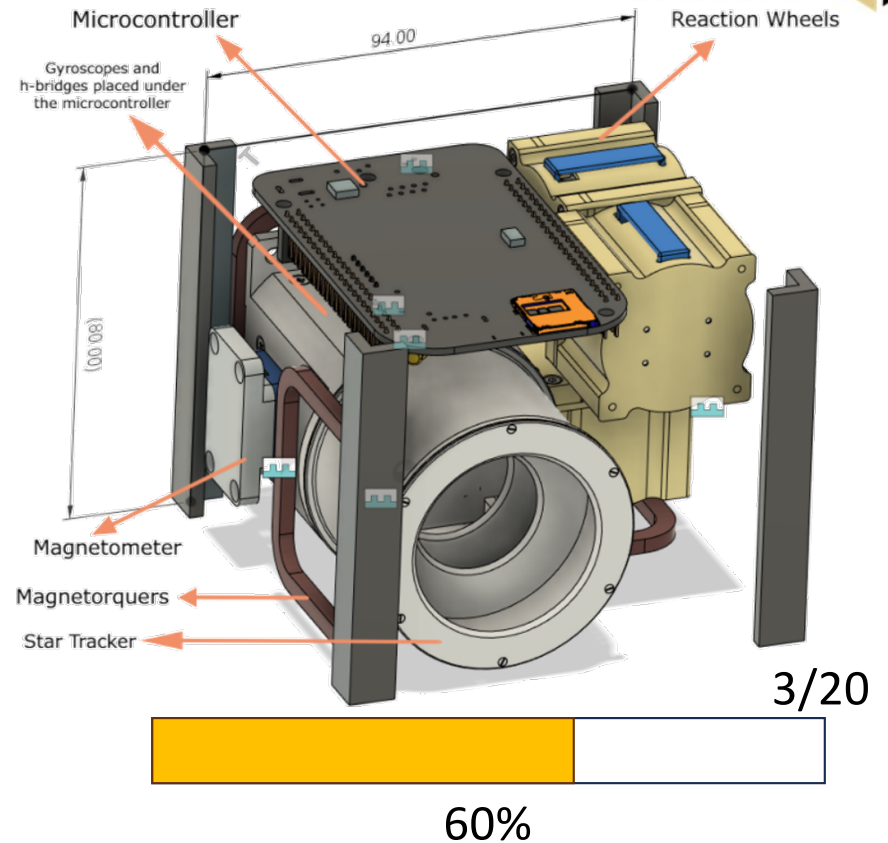
- ✓ Define packet header and ending
  - ✓ Define initial simulation-FSW packets
  - ✓ Define initial ACES-Bus packets
  - ✓ Provide documents to sponsors
  - ✓ Present to sponsors (2/21)
  - ❑ Update documents and get sponsor sign-off
- Document updates have been made
  - Sponsors have been sent the documents to review and sign



# Delta-PDR and HSR: Hardware Updates

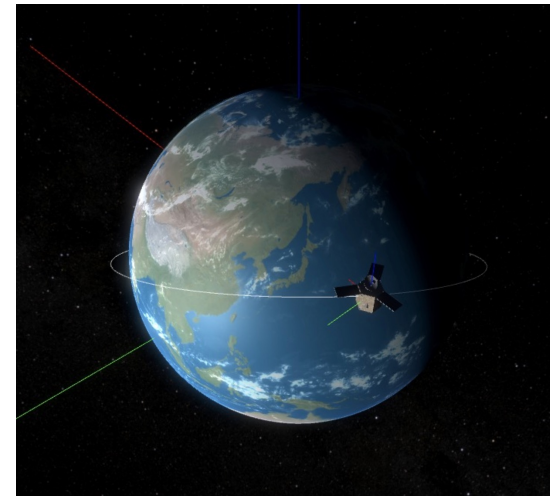


- ✓ Trade studies:
  - ✓ Magnetorquers
  - ✓ Reaction Wheels
- ✓ DeSat Analysis
- ✓ Sun Sensor Coverage Tool
- ❑ Finish Interfacing Documentation
- ❑ Finish Hardware Verification & Validation Plan



# FSW & Sim Progress Review

- ✓ Create FSW library with initial functionality
- ✓ Create main flight computer emulation module
- Connect FSW to Sim
- Replace FSW models in sim with FSW library
- Implement coarse navigation



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# Concerns

- Money: deficit of >\$30k
- NDAs



# Questions?