<u>Mapping</u> Architecture Concept for Universal Landing Automation

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PROJECT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

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Martian surface topography is well mapped, allowing for the selection of safe landing areas

Due to uncertainty in orbital insertion and EDL trajectory, safe landing areas must be large



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MOTIVATION: OTHER TARGETS



Other bodies, like Europa or asteroids, are not well mapped Unknown surface topography poses significant risk for a lander



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https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/thumbnails/image/vesta_trek.jpg







Design, **manufacture**, and **test** a **proof-of-concept** light detection and ranging (lidar) **scanning system** for a landing spacecraft

Success Levels:

- 1. Lidar sensor and scanning mechanism, mounted on a stationary platform, shall record correlated range and attitude measurements
- 2. System shall scan a known test scene and project measurements into a 3D point cloud
- 3. System shall scan a landing zone mockup and analyze the 3D point cloud for hazards
- 4. System shall select a safe landing zone





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DESIGN DESCRIPTION

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Modification	Rationale
Test range reduced from 14.1 m to 8 m	Lidar return reliability
Ghost mitigation	Noise in lidar data
Ferrite bead	Noise from motor EMI
Electronics shielding	Noise from motor EMI
PCB Rev B	Encoder level shifting issue
Motor cable strain relief	Improper lead attachment
Encoder mounting block	Correct error in mounting plan



FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



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SCANNING SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM













ASSEMBLED SYSTEM



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1.Optics

- Why: concerned about measurements through prisms
- Result: resolved measurements taken through prisms

2. Risley Prism Control

- Why: precise pointing knowledge is required for scan
- Result: partially resolved motors cannot be driven sufficiently fast

3.Embedded System

- Why: communications and timing required for precise scan
- Result: partially resolved encoders cannot be read sufficiently fast

4.Manufacturing

- Why: quantity of work
- Result: resolved all manufacturing completed on time





TEST OVERVIEW

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Relation to Project Success

- Success Level 1: obtain range measurements
- Success Level 2: accurate map construction

Objective

- Obtain measurements through prisms
- Characterize error

Requirements

- DR 4.1: Range of 12 -15 m
- DR 4.2: Error < 2.5 cm (1 sigma)

Procedure

 Sample range at 0.3 m increments between 12 m and 15 m with and without prisms



Drive System Test Overview



Relation to Project Success

- Success Level 1: obtain attitude measurements
- Success Level 2: accurate map construction

Objective

- Communication between BeagleBone and drivers
- Achieve desired scan pattern

Requirements

- DR 1.3: Scan resolution of 0.1 m
- DR 5.2.1: Motor acceleration of 15 rad/s²
- DR 5.2.2: Motor velocity from 0.45 rad/s to 10 rad/s

Procedure

- Incremental increase in communication capability
- Command and compare with desired resolution



SOFTWARE TEST OVERVIEW

Relation to Project Success

- Success Level 3: analyze point cloud for hazards
- Success Level 4: select a safe landing site

Objective

- Verify hazard detection algorithm performance
- Provide "truth" value for comparison

Requirements

• DR 1.4: Complete hazard detection within 60 sec

Procedure

- Generate simulated point cloud
- Run morphological filter
- Compare with expected results







Relation to Project Success

• Success Levels 1-4

Objective

- Complete a full scan and analysis within 60 sec
- Complete a full scan with required accuracy

Requirements

- DR 1.1: scan up to 20° off nadir
- DR 1.3: resolution better than 0.1 m
- DR 1.4: scan and analysis in 60 sec

Procedure

- Alignment and calibration
- Perform timed scan
- Perform resolution scan
- Compare results with expected results







TEST RESULTS

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FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS



- **FR 1**: The system shall analyze a potential landing zone for a 12U CubeSat.
- **FR 2**: The on-board processor (OBP) shall receive commands and data from a user-operated PC (UPC).
- FR 3: The OBP shall command the sensor package (SP).
- FR 4: The SP shall use a fixed-beam lidar sensor to obtain range measurements.
- FR 5: The SP shall employ two Risley prisms to direct the lidar beam.
- **FR 6**: The OBP shall receive data from the SP.
- **FR 7**: The OBP shall project the SP data into a three-dimensional (3D) point cloud.
- FR 8: The OBP shall analyze the 3D point cloud to identify hazardous locations.
- FR 9: The on-board processor shall select an acceptable landing site.

FR 10: The OBP shall generate output readable by the UPC.





Initial results

Successful in obtaining measurements through prisms (using manufacturer-provided tape)

Complication

• Purchased tape caused no returns at full range

Solution

• De-scope range from 14.1 m to 8 m

Implication

Still able to meet all other requirements at the reduced range

LIDAR TESTING: NO MOTORS







LIDAR TESTING: WITH SOLUTION







Requirements

- DR 4.1: Range of 12 -15 m (partially verified)
- DR 4.2: Error < 2.5 cm (1 sigma) (verified after solution)

Test	Error (1 sigma standard deviation)
Through prisms	0.196 cm
With motors	3.440 cm
With mitigation (filtering and averaging)	0.410 cm

Challenges

- No measurements at 12 m with purchased retro-reflective tape
- De-scope full-system test to 8 m







Test	Points meeting resolution requirement (0.1 m)
Nadir	99.3%
Edge	95.1%
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Resolution must be met for a full-speed test

BeagleBone missing counts due to signal out of TTL range

Can achieve the necessary rates, but cannot collect meaningful data

Proposed solution (in progress): revised PCB

Incorporate uni-directional level shifter



DRIVE SYSTEM TESTING: SUMMARY



Requirements

- DR 1.3: Scan resolution of 0.1 m
- DR 5.2.1: Motor acceleration of 15 rad/s²
- DR 5.2.2: Motor velocity from 0.45 rad/s to 10 rad/s

Results

- DR 1.3 partially verified for slow scan but not for fast scan
- DR 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 verified by acceptance tests

Further work

- PCB Rev B to allow verification of DR 1.3 for fast scan
- Perform time test





Requirements

• DR 1.4: Complete hazard detection within 60 sec

Results:

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- Algorithm functions properly, can be used for full-test point cloud and validation
- 9500 points: algorithm takes 93.87 sec (DR 1.4 not verified)





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Results from actual scan of testbed at range of 8 m









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HAZARD ANALYSIS RESULTS



Actual result (adjusted hazard definition)

Expected result, adjusted hazard definition

Expected result, original hazard definition





FULL-SYSTEM: LANDING ZONE SELECTION



Comparison of results against original hazard definition

Test	Number correct	False Negative (safe marked unsafe)	False Positive (unsafe marked safe)	Failure Probability (select unsafe landing)
Nadir 1	18378 (77.8%)	5249 (22.2%)	3 (0.01%)	0.025%
Nadir 2	18635 (78.2%)	5120 (21.8%)	5 (0.02%)	0.042%
Nadir 3	18754 (79.7%)	4781 (20.3%)	1 (0.004%)	0.008%
Edge 1	4956 (84.2%)	927 (15.8%)	0 (0%)	0%
Edge 2	4983 (84.4%)	922 (15.6%)	2 (0.03%)	0.06%
Edge 3	4763 (80.8%)	1132 (19.2%)	1 (0.02%)	0.03%

Full-System Testing: Summary



Requirements

- DR 1.1: scan up to 20° off nadir
- DR 1.3: resolution better than 0.1 m
- DR 1.4: scan and analysis in 60 sec

Results

- DR 1.1 verified
- DR 1.3 partially verified (>95% of points pass)
- DR 1.4 not verified (analysis not performed in time)
- Point cloud matches expectation with mean offset 5 mm and standard deviation 7 mm
- Hazard detection produces a maximum 0.06% chance of failure

Further work

- PCB Rev B to allow verification of DR 1.3 for fast scan
- Perform time test



ACHIEVEMENT OF PROJECT OBJECTIVES



Objectives from PDD

"The purpose of the MACULA project is to design, manufacture, and test a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) scanning system that a landing craft can use to dynamically select a safe area on an unknown body. On-board software will detect hazards, making this system both safer and more generally applicable than current systems."

Success Levels

Success Level	Status
1 – Correlated range and attitude	Achieved
2 – Topographic map construction	Achieved
3 – Hazard analysis	Partial – >95% accurate
4 – Landing site selection	Partial – 3 not achieved



FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS



Functional Requirement	Status
1 – Analyze landing site for 12U CubeSat	Partial – not completed in required time
2 – Commands received from user PC	Achieved
3 – Command sensor package	Achieved
4 – Use fixed-beam lidar	Achieved
5 – Use two Risley prisms	Achieved
6 – Receive sensor data	Partial – BeagleBone misses counts
7 – Construct topographic map	Achieved
8 – Hazard detection	Partial – >95% accurate
9 – Landing zone selection	Achieved
10 – Output to PC	Achieved





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Scan a landing environment using lidar

- Customer requirement
- Created need to steer beam and measure steering

Create a 3D point cloud

Created need for correlation of range and attitude measurements

Detect hazards

- Defined scale
- Defined error requirements

Identify a safe landing zone









Fixedbeam







Optically Segmented



Rationale

- Low cost
- Meets error requirements

Implications

- Created need for actuation system
- Drove error requirements on mechanical system









Rationale

- Implications on pattern
- Simple actuation

Implications

- Drove design of mechanical system
- Drove design of scan pattern







Lidar testing

- Range measurements through prisms
- Error within requirement
- De-scope full-system test range

Motor testing

- Necessary rates/accelerations can be achieved
- Scan pattern resolution 95.1% achieved at low speed
- High-speed scan work in progress

Software testing

- Given a 3D point cloud, hazards can be detected (>95%)
- Time requirement not met





System Verification & Validation



Resolution test

- Goal:
 - Environment at given distance can be scanned
 - 3D point cloud can be created
 - Hazards of defined scale can be detected
- Result:
 - Partially validated

Time test

- Goal:
 - Motors can be controlled for scan under time constraint
 - Process can be completed during theoretical hover phase
- Result:
 - Incomplete





Mission objective was to design a proof-of-concept scanning system for spacecraft landing

- Accomplishments
 - Range and attitude measurements correlated into 3D point cloud
 - 3D point cloud analyzed for hazards
 - Scalable design can be applied to different mission scenarios
- Shortcomings
 - Processing time
 - Error reduction
 - Capabilities for INS data







R1	Reflection off of prisms causes false return
R2	Encoder mount damage occurs
R3	Limited machine shop availability
R4	Risley prism damage occurs during storage or handling
R5	Limited availability in RECUV
R6	Delays during manufacturing process
R7	Loss of calibration





Not included in risk matrix

Quality of parts from suppliers

- Hollow-core motors from Celera Motion
- Motor driver power issue
- Integration issues larger than expected
 - EMI induced error
 - Encoder counts missed

Drivers of schedule

- Waiting for components to arrive from suppliers
- Integration and troubleshooting







Subsystem integration before full-system test

- Issues not fully presented until full-system test
 - EMI induced error

Need better tracking of design requirement specifics

Re-visit requirements throughout testing and integration

More iterations necessary on design requirements

Higher-quality metrics to evaluate design





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MANAGEMENT SUCCESSES AND DIFFICULTIES

Successes:

Setting internal deadlines **Ensuring high-quality work** Familiarity with project as a whole Ambitious scheduling and significant margin Conflicts resolved **Difficulties: Enforcing internal deadlines Resource allocation** Unforeseen schedule slip **Conflicts** existed

No incentives

Management Lessons Learned



Margin!! (both schedule and budget) Ambitious scheduling can be demoralizing Maintain technical knowledge Enforce internal deadlines Check in regularly on tasks Authority/incentive/respect



FINAL BUDGET COMPARISON



Item	CDR Budget	Actual Cost	Difference	Reason
Stock	\$849.77	\$488.58	-\$361.19	Machine shop
Tooling	\$812.00	\$527.15	-\$284.85	Machine shop
Testbed	\$0	\$326.50	+\$326.50	Built into misc.
Misc. Materials	\$466.00	\$447.31	-\$18.69	
Lidar	\$0.00	\$0.00	+\$0.00	
Motors	\$1033.00	\$1728.30	+\$695.30	Quantity/shipping
Encoders	\$1120.00	\$1496.15	+\$376.15	Mounting cost
Bearings	\$327.08	\$340.75	+\$13.67	
Microprocessor	\$55.00	\$0.00	-\$55.00	Owned by team
Reflective Tape	\$325.98	\$367.95	+\$41.97	
Motor Drivers	\$847.00	\$1599.74	+\$752.74	Quality/shipping
Risley Prisms	\$216.00	\$336.00	+\$120.00	Spare prism
Shipping	\$330.00	\$0.00	-\$330.00	Built into others
Total	\$6381.83	\$7658.43	+\$1276.60	



FINAL BUDGET COMPARISON



	CDR Budget	Actual
Expenses	\$6381.83	\$7658.43
Funding	\$8300.00	\$8300.00
Margin	\$1918.17 (23.11%)	\$641.57 (7.73%)









TRUE PROJECT COST: SPRING HOURS







TRUE PROJECT COST: SUMMARY



Fall Semester Hours	2800.25
Spring Semester Hours (through 4/21/17)	2380.95
Total Hours	5181.20
Yearly Engineer Salary	\$65,000.00 (2080 hours)
Hourly Engineer Cost	\$31.25
Total Personnel Cost	\$161,912.50
Total Overhead	\$323,835.00
Material Cost	\$7,658.43
Total Project Cost (through 4/21/17)	\$493,395.93





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QUESTIONS?





Objective

- Returns through prisms
- Characterizing short-range error
- Comparing two different lidars
- Frequency analysis
- Procedure



- Test range at 2 m with and without prisms
- Increase range at 10" increments to characterize error
- Place object in front of lidar and rapidly vary its position

Requirements

Verify the specifications of the lidar for current-to-distance measurements





Stepping stone to long-range tests to confirm voltage-torange conversions for operation





























Actual data: num safe: 11672 Actual data: num hazardous: 11958

Comp data: num safe: 12660 Comp data: num hazardous: 10970

Num correct: 22624 Num hazardous should be safe: 997 Num safe should be hazardous: 9

Portion correct: 0.9574269995768091 Portion hazardous should be safe: 0.04219212865002116 Portion safe should be hazardous: 0.0003808717731696995



HAZARD ANALYSIS RESULTS

Nadir 2





Actual data: num safe: 11682 Actual data: num hazardous: 11808

Comp data: num safe: 12544 Comp data: num hazardous: 10946

Num correct: 22616 Num hazardous should be safe: 868 Num safe should be hazardous: 6

Portion correct: 0.9627926777352065 Portion hazardous should be safe: 0.03695189442315879 Portion safe should be hazardous: 0.0002554278416347382



Nadir 3





Actual data: num safe: 12051 Actual data: num hazardous: 11485

Comp data: num safe: 12586 Comp data: num hazardous: 10950

Num correct: 22997 Num hazardous should be safe: 537 Num safe should be hazardous: 2

Portion correct: 0.9770989123045547 Portion hazardous should be safe: 0.02281611148878314 Portion safe should be hazardous: 8.49762066621346e-05


HAZARD ANALYSIS RESULTS

Edge 1





Acutal data: num safe: 3329 Actual data: num hazardous: 2554

Comp data: num safe: 3547 Comp data: num hazardous: 2336

Num correct: 5505 Num hazardous should be safe: 298 Num safe should be hazardous: 80

Portion correct: 0.9357470678225395 Portion hazardous should be safe: 0.05065442801291858 Portion safe should be hazardous: 0.0135985041645419



HAZARD ANALYSIS RESULTS

Edge 2





Actual data: num safe: 3357 Actual data: num hazardous: 2550

Comp data: num safe: 3597 Comp data: num hazardous: 2310

Num correct: 5597 Num hazardous should be safe: 275 Num safe should be hazardous: 35

Portion correct: 0.9475198916539699 Portion hazardous should be safe: 0.04655493482309125 Portion safe should be hazardous: 0.005925173522938886

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Edge 3





Actual data: num safe: 3131 Actual data: num hazardous: 2765

Comp data: num safe: 3545 Comp data: num hazardous: 2351

Num correct: 5324 Num hazardous should be safe: 493 Num safe should be hazardous: 79

Portion correct: 0.9029850746268657 Portion hazardous should be safe: 0.08361601085481682 Portion safe should be hazardous: 0.013398914518317503

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FULL-SYSTEM: LANDING ZONE SELECTION



Comparison of results for adjusted hazard definition

Test	Number correct	False Negative (safe marked unsafe)	False Positive (unsafe marked safe)	Failure Probability (select unsafe landing)
Nadir 1	22624 (95.7%)	997 (4.2%)	9 (0.04%)	0.071%
Nadir 2	22616 (96.3%)	868 (3.7%)	6 (0.03%)	0.048%
Nadir 3	22997 (97.7%)	537 (2.3%)	2 (0.008%)	0.016%
Edge 1	5505 (93.6%)	298 (5.1%)	80 (1.4%)	2.3%
Edge 2	5597 (94.8%)	275 (4.7%)	35 (0.6%)	0.97%
Edge 3	5324 (90.3%)	493 (8.4%)	79 (1.3%)	2.2%