



Dust

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Boulder Unmanned Sensor for Transport Events and  
Repositioner

## Preliminary Design Review

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# Project Overview



# Project Motivation



- Dr. Wang's research at LASP suggests that charged particles could be lifted by their Coulomb force
  - Dust transport events: micron-sized dust particles are charged by various sources in space and ejected from the surface of low-mass bodies
  - This has been tested in a lab setting but never in a low-gravity environment
- A dust instrument to collect data on these particles currently exists but is too large for a space application



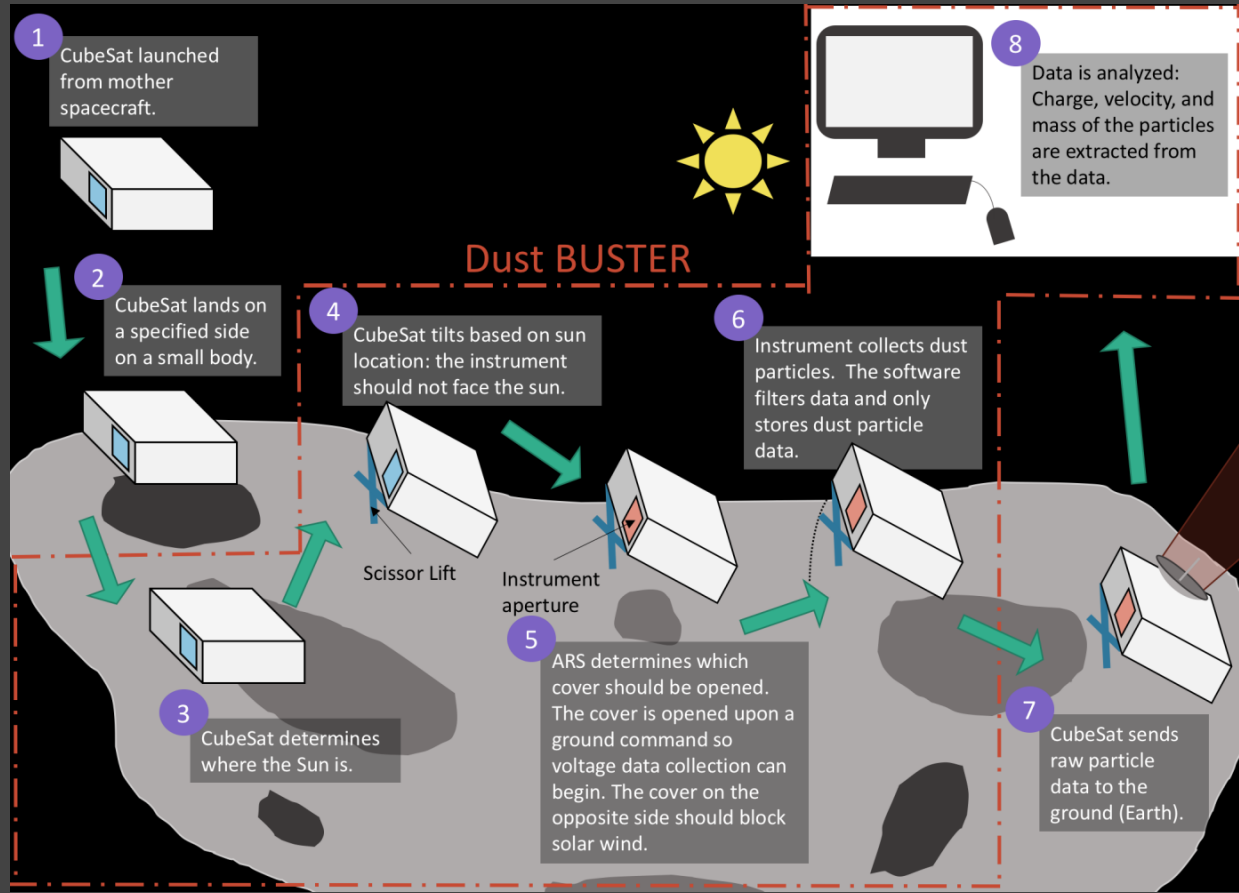
**Data on charged dust could be collected with a smaller instrument in a CubeSat form factor, for a potential mission to an asteroid**

# Project Statement



- Dust BUSTER will miniaturize, manufacture, and test a **Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4** dust instrument to characterize dust transport events similar to those that occur on asteroids
- To aid the instrument, the team will also design and test an **Autonomous Repositioning System (ARS)** to tilt a 6U CubeSat to a specified angle for dust collection

# Overall Mission ConOps

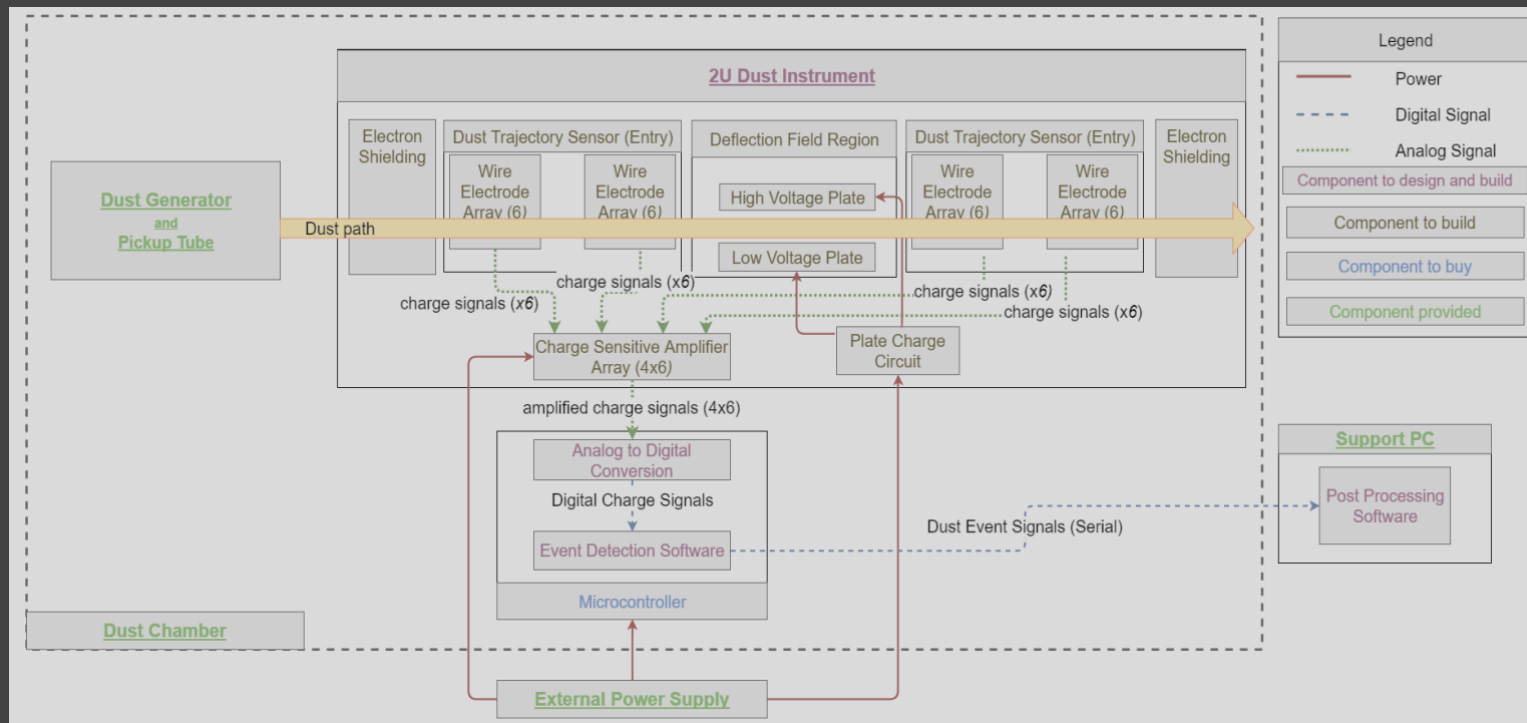


# Functional Requirements

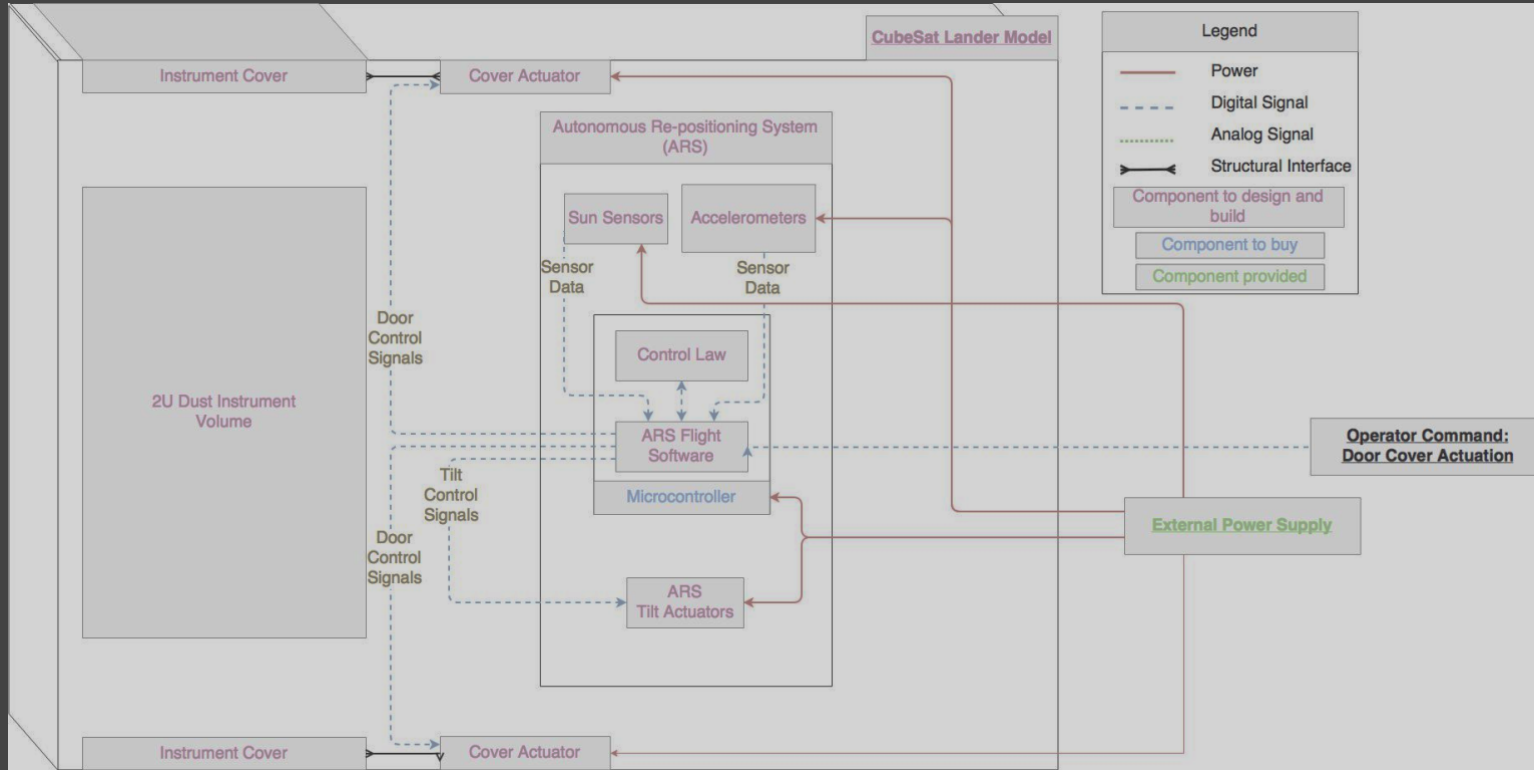


FR 1	The CubeSat model shall contain the ARS and 2U instrument within 6U volume and mass limits.
FR 2	The instrument shall detect dust particles that enter the instrument.
FR 3	The ARS and mechanisms shall open the instrument door that is pointing away from the sun.
FR 4	The ARS and mechanisms shall tilt the instrument boresight up to a maximum of 45° off the surface.
FR 5	The electronics subsystem shall collect signals and issue commands to and from the instrument and repositioning systems.
FR 6	The software shall be capable of data processing, detecting dust events, and running ARS algorithms.

## Diagram



# ARS Functional Block Diagram







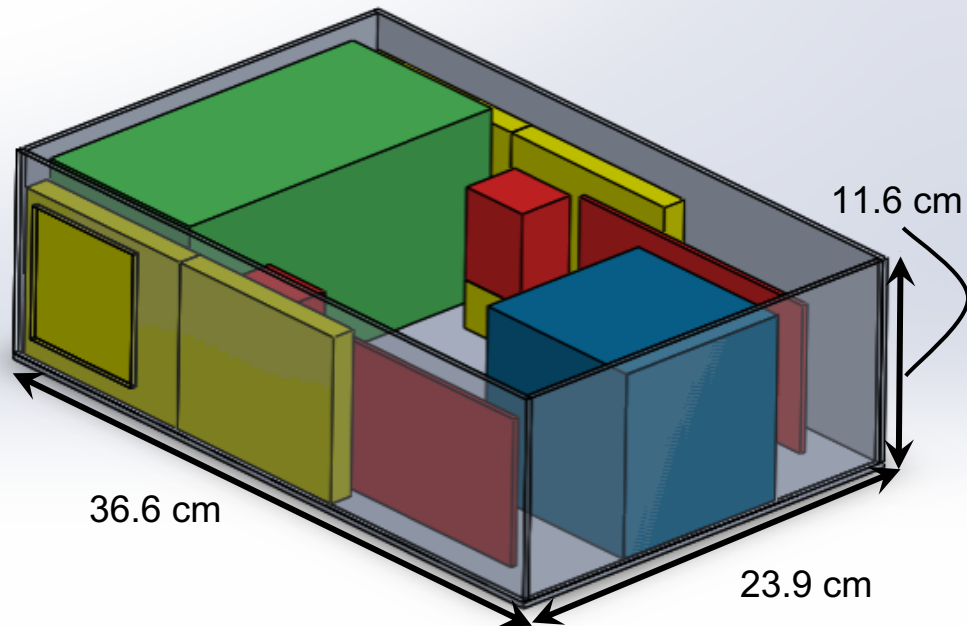
# Baseline Design

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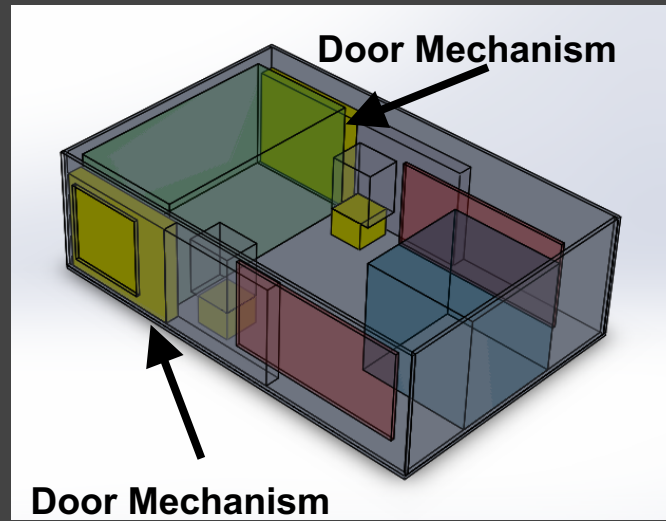
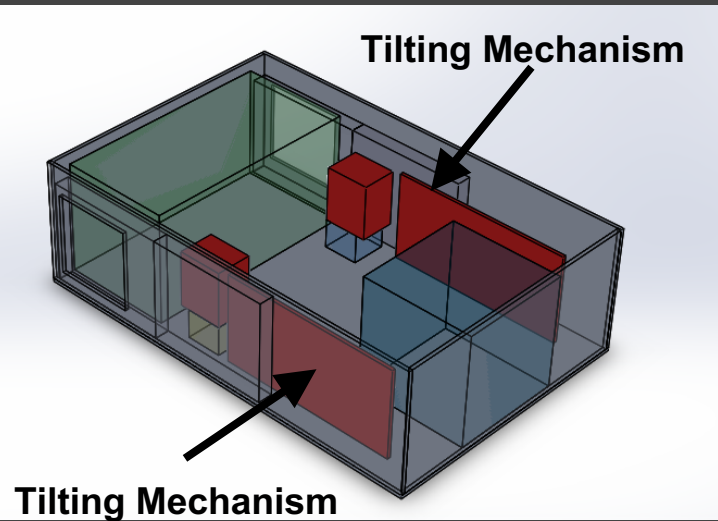
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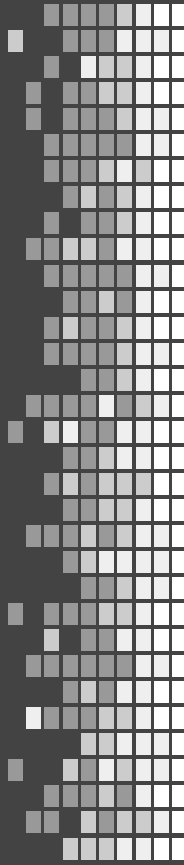
System	Color
Dust Instrument	Green
Door Mechanism	Yellow
Scissor Lift Mechanism	Red
Avionics (Out of Scope)	Blue





# ARS Baseline Design

Determine Sun location and tilt angle  
Mechanically tilt and open dust cover doors



# Sun Sensor Baseline Design

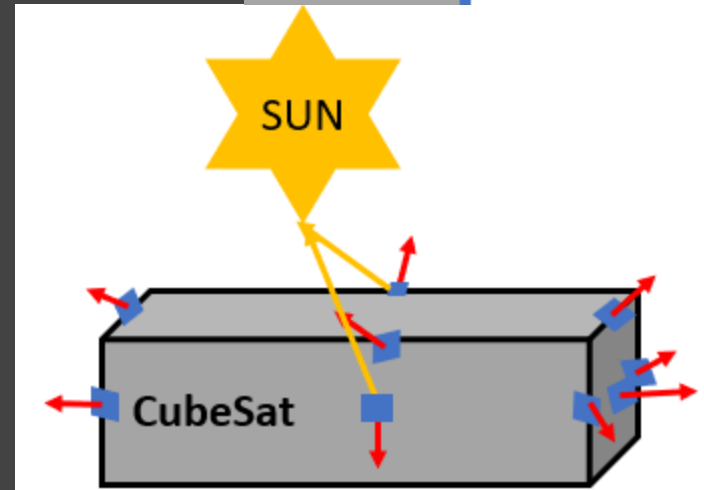
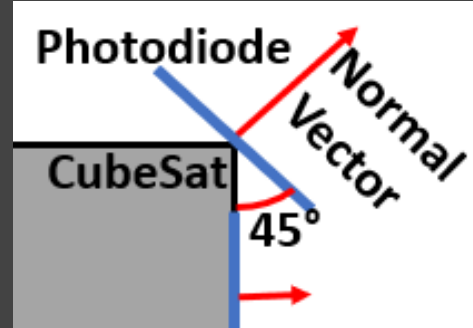


Why do we need the Sun position?

- Need to know which side of the CubeSat to actuate
  - Solar wind from the Sun can create erroneous data
- Solar keep-out and  $45^\circ$  actuation not always possible
  - Actuate to within 1 of highest possible angle

How? - Photodiodes

- Edges and side faces will have a sensor
  - Edges mounted  $45^\circ$  off sides, faces flat





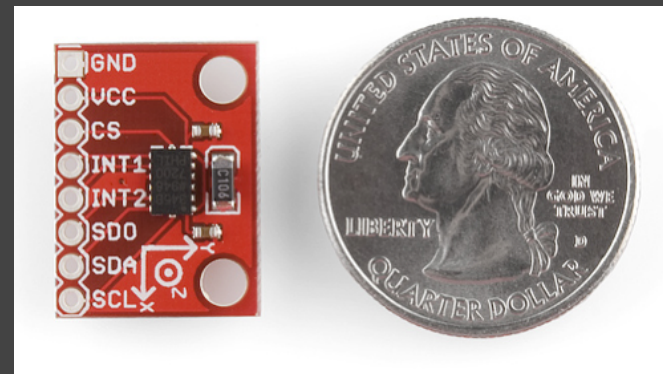
# Tilt Sensor Baseline Design

Why do we need tilt knowledge?

- Need to know how far we have tilted independent of ARS commanded position

How? Accelerometer: ADXL345 SparkFun

- Specifically built to measure static acceleration of gravity in tilt-sensing applications
- 13-bit resolution for 2 Gs
- High resolution: 4 mG
- **Angular accuracy of  $0.1^\circ$**



## Design

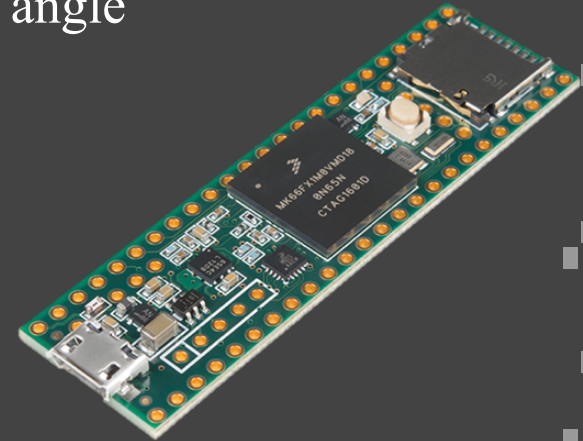


Why do we need an ARS Microcontroller?

- Process photodiode and accelerometer data
- Determine location of Sun and CubeSat tilt angle
- Determine how much to actuate CubeSat
- Command motors to actuate CubeSat
- Process command to open door

How? Teensy 3.6

- Arduino-compatible
- 25 analog inputs (photodiodes)
- 22 PWM outputs (stepper motor and servo)
- SPI and I2C capability (accelerometer)



# Tilting Mechanism Baseline Design

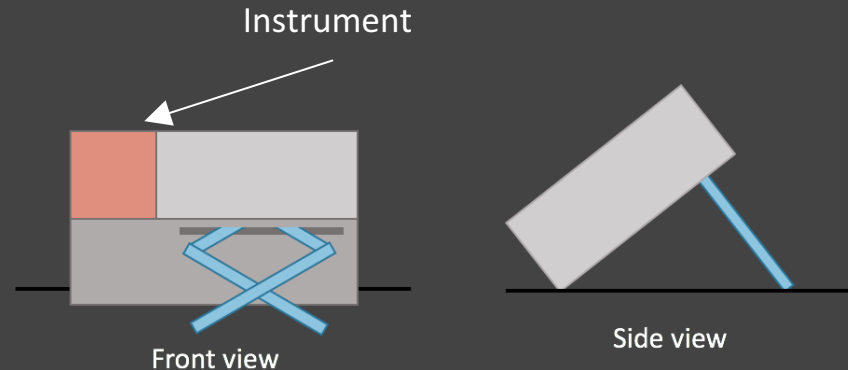


Why do we need to tilt?

- The CubeSat needs to tilt up to  $45^\circ$  for the instrument to maximize dust collection capability
- Needs to tilt in  $1^\circ$  increments to reach the maximum angle that does not cause sunlight exposure

How? Scissor Lift

- 2 scissor lifts
- 2 cm from edge to leave room for doors



# Dust Cover Baseline Design



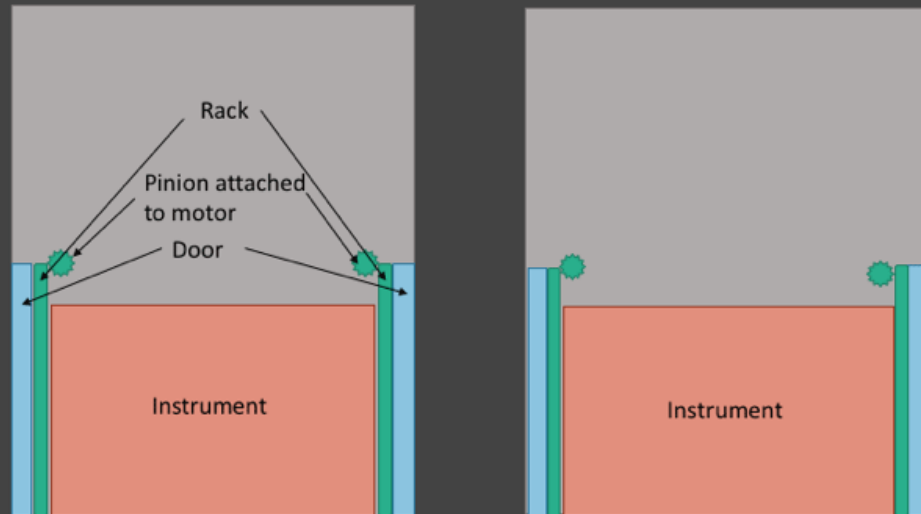
Why do we need a dust cover?

- Protects the instrument from the solar wind
- Need to open the door which is not in sunlight based on ARS sensor knowledge

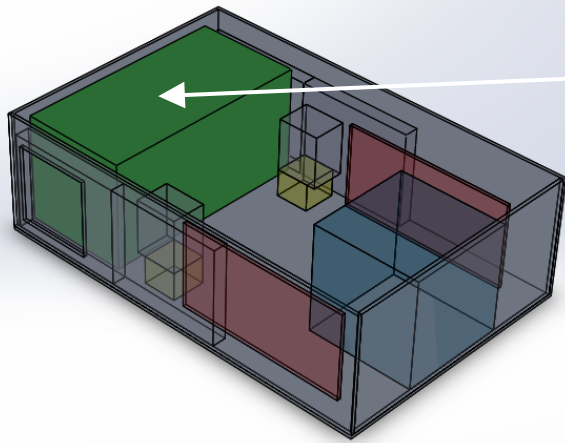
How? Rack & Pinion

- Motor turns pinion
- Pinion moves rack
- Door slides back

Top-Down







Instrument

# Instrument Baseline Design

Collecting and processing dust data



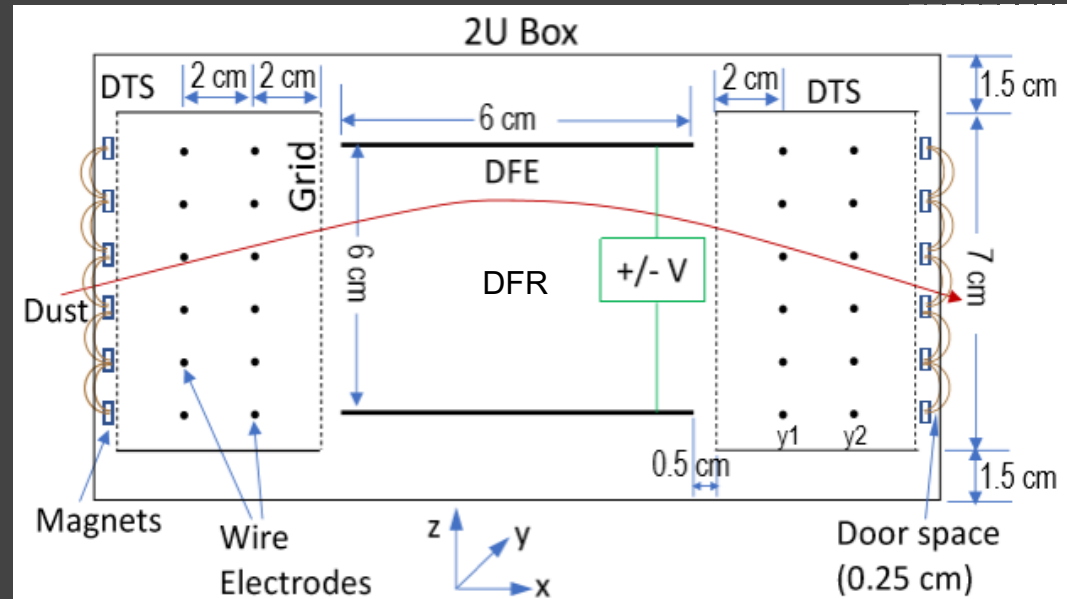
# Dust Instrument Design

Why do we need an instrument?

- To collect dust data!

How do we collect dust data?

- Two Dust Trajectory Sensors (DTS) containing wire electrode arrays
- Two Deflection Field Electrodes (DFE) on each side of the Deflection Field Region (DFR) to deflect the charged dust particles
- A magnetic array in front of each chamber entrance
- Confined to a 2U volume (20x10x11.3cm)



# Wire Electrode Tension Mechanism

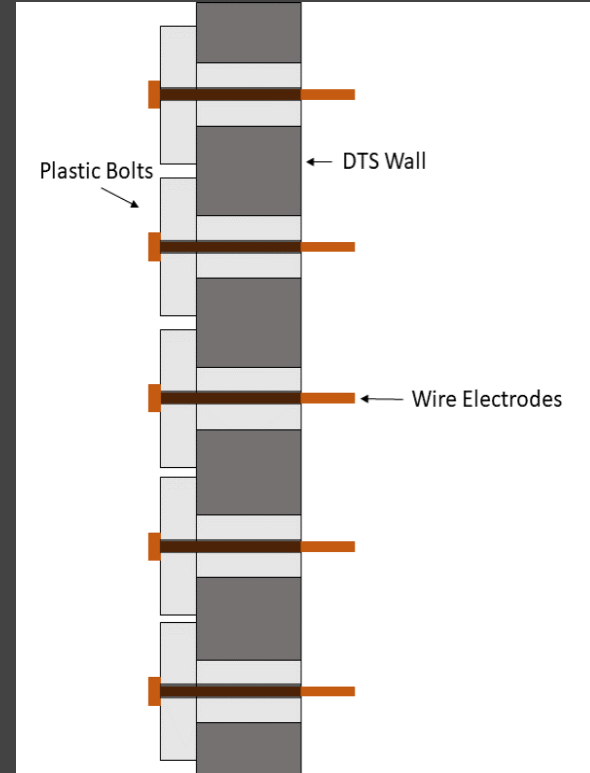
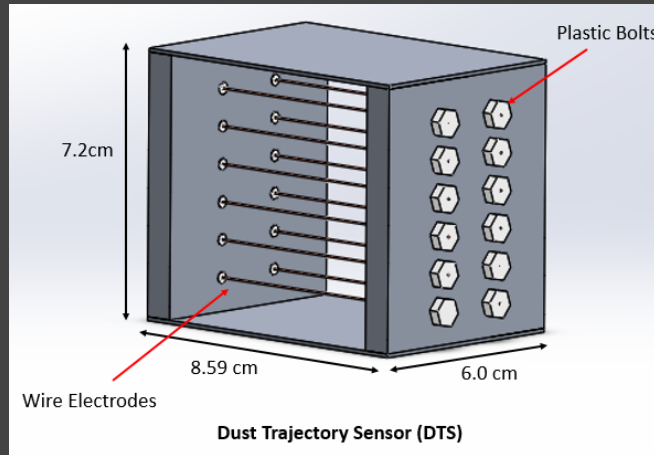


Why do we need tension in the wires?

- Maintain instrument accuracy

How? Plastic Bolts

- Electrically insulating plastic bolts screw into wall of DTS
- Hole in bolt for the wire electrode to pass through





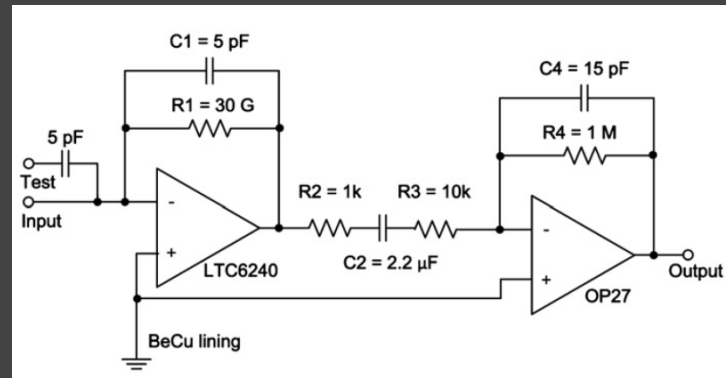
## Design

Why do we need an amplifier?

- Induced charge on wire electrodes is very small ( $\sim 100$  fC)
- Transform induced charge into voltage signals

How? Customer defined CSA

- The first op-amp is a charge sensitive preamplifier that translates induced charge at the input to a voltage at its output
- The second stage is a standard op-amp voltage amplifier
- Low noise design
- Linear sensitivity



# Instrument Processor and Event Trigger Baseline Design

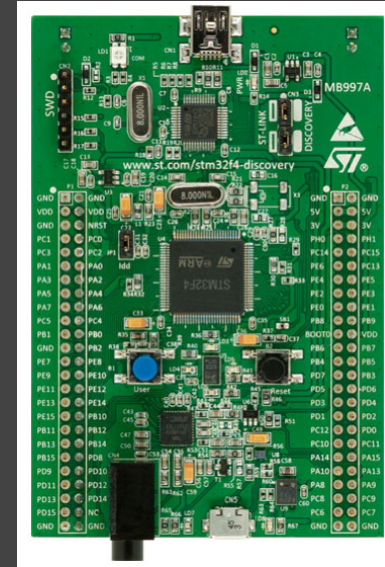


Why do we need a processor and event trigger?

- Real-time sampling is required to determine when a dust event occurs, so only that data is saved

How?

- Microcontroller meets real-time requirements for 1 kHz sampling
- Integrated ADCs have 24 channels for 24 wire electrodes
- Trigger software compares expected signal to real signals to determine when an event takes place





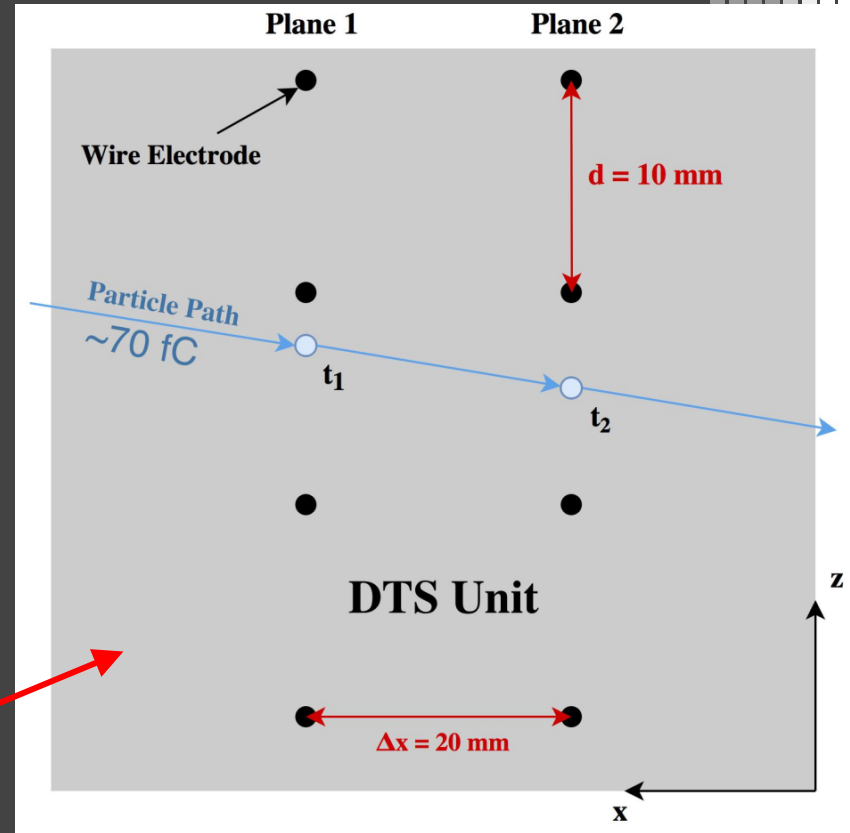
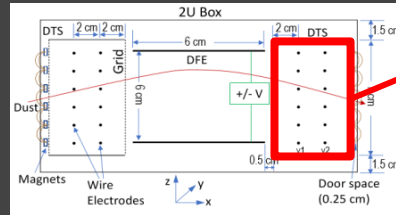
# Post Processing Baseline Design

Why do we need post processing?

- Use raw voltage signals to extract the charge ( $Q$ ), mass ( $m$ ), and velocity ( $v$ ) of an incident dust particle

How? MATLAB Code

- Relative voltage outputs can be used to fully reconstruct trajectory in both space and time
- Using trajectory and known instrument parameters -  $Q$ ,  $v$ , and  $m$  can be determined





# Feasibility Studies

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# Critical Project Elements

Dust BUSTER

ARS: Mechanism

Structure

Instrument

ARS: Sensing

Electronics

Software

Door

6U CubeSat

Design to survive impact

Sun determination

ARS processor

Event detection

Tilting mechanism

Instrument/CubeSat interface

Electron deflection

Position determination

Instrument processor

Post processing

Reduction to 2U size

Analog components

CPEs are in red



# Critical Project Elements



Critical Project Element	Description
Dust instrument miniaturization	Instrument is contained within a 2U volume
Surviving Impact	Tension mechanisms maintain tension after impact
Sun determination	Determine Sun position with 1° accuracy
Tilting mechanism	Tilt in 1° increments up to 45°
Instrument processor and event trigger	Sample 24 channels at 1 kHz and run event trigger



# Dust Instrument Miniaturization

The instrument must be designed to fit  
within a 2U volume

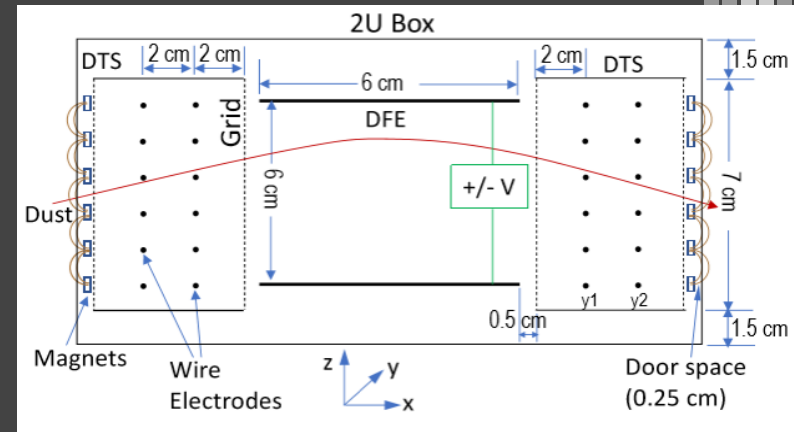
# Instrument Miniaturization



2.1: The detector portion of the instrument shall fit within a 2U volume (10 x 20 x 11.35 cm), not including the microcontroller.

1.1.1: The instrument shall have a maximum mass of 2.66 kg

- Customer has provided a schematic of the optimal design for 2U
- Design choices still needed:
  - Wire tension mechanism
  - Maximize wire electrode length to maximize instrument field of view



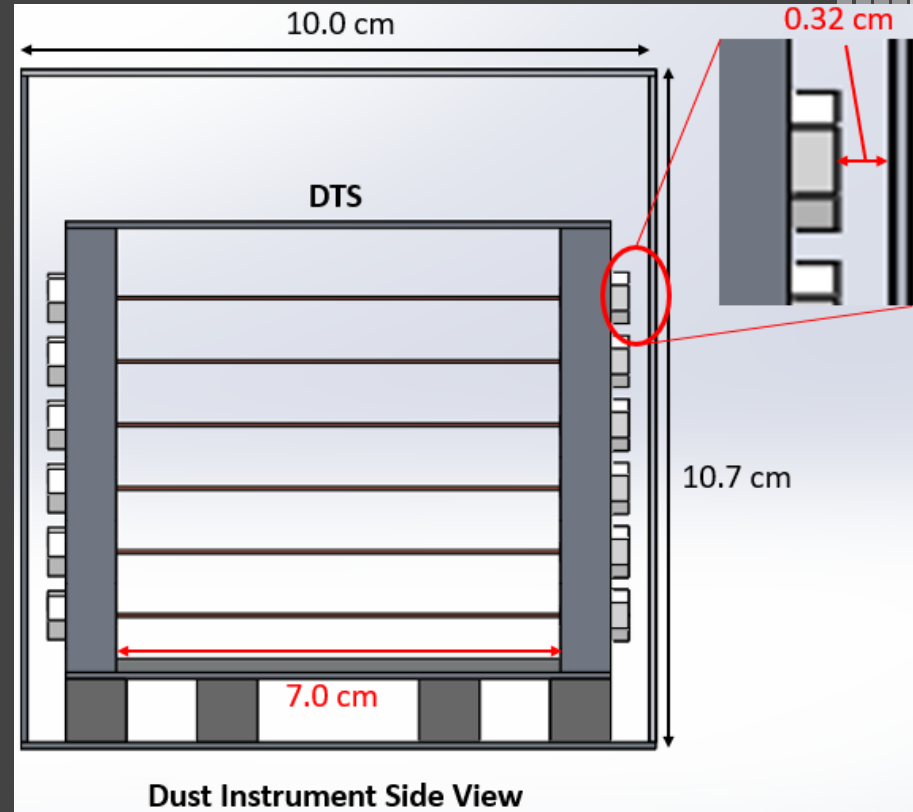
# Instrument Size and Mass

- By model inspection the Dust Trajectory Sensor (DTS) can fit within the instrument 2U volume
- Thickness of DTS wall can be reduced to accommodate design
- Current mass is 735.5 g (not including magnetic arrays, bolts, and copper mesh)

Instrument Mass = 0.74 kg < 2.66 kg

Instrument  
contained in 2U

Feasible





# Surviving Impact

The wire electrodes must maintain tension after impact



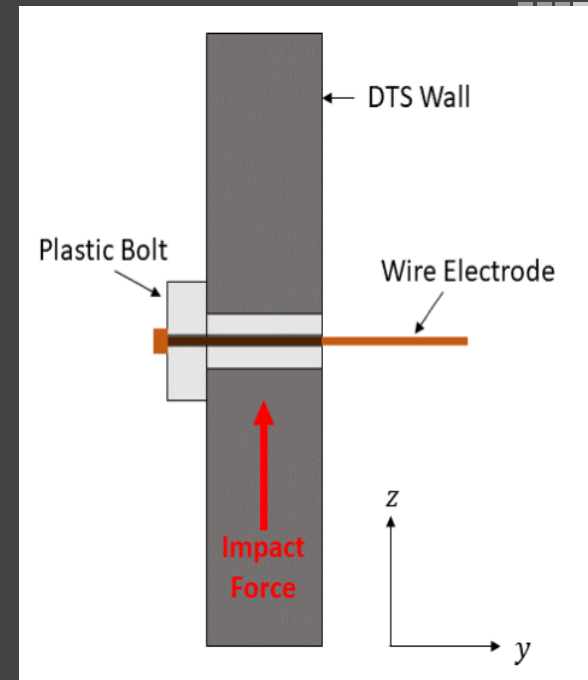
# Impact Design

2.5 The wire electrodes shall remain taut - no more than 0.2mm deflection - after a 10 m/s collision on a regolith surface (1 cm to sub-micron sized particles).

- Plastic bolts maintain wire tension
- Preliminary bolt material choice is PEEK (Polyether ether ketone)
  - Shear Strength ( $\tau$ ) = 55.2 MPa = 55.2 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
  - M4 Bolt Size - 4mm diameter

Max Shear Force = Shear Strength x Bolt Cross-sectional area

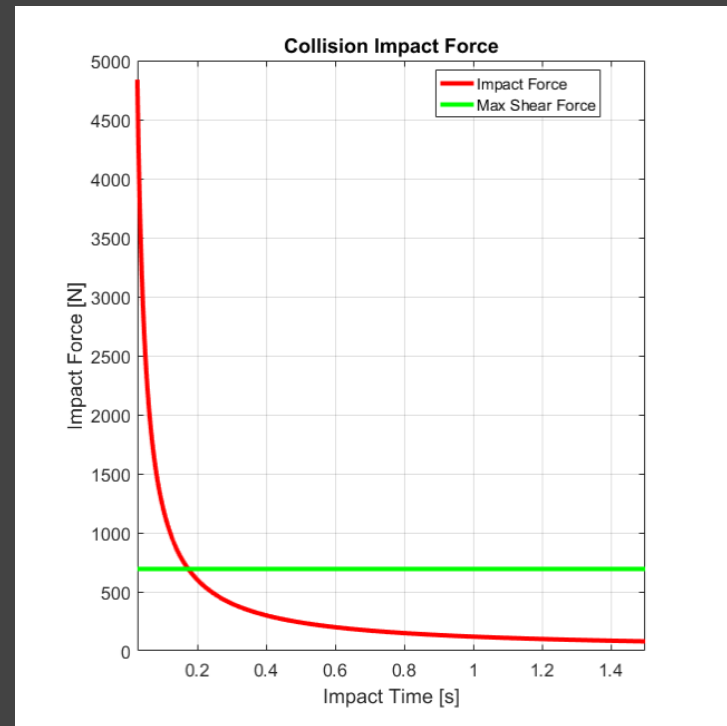
$$F_{shear} = \tau \times \pi \frac{d^2}{4} = 55.2 \times \pi \frac{4^2}{4} \rightarrow \text{Max Shear Force} = 694 \text{ N}$$



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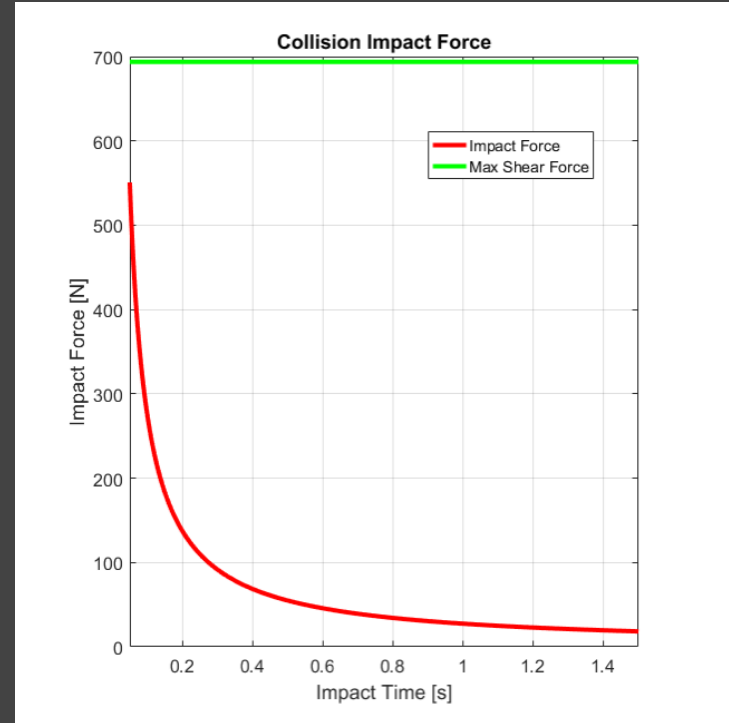
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  - CubeSat mass = 12 kg
  - Force distributed on CubeSat surface is different from force distributed on the dust instrument
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**Feasibility Pending**





# Sun Knowledge

Determine Sun position with  $1^\circ$  accuracy

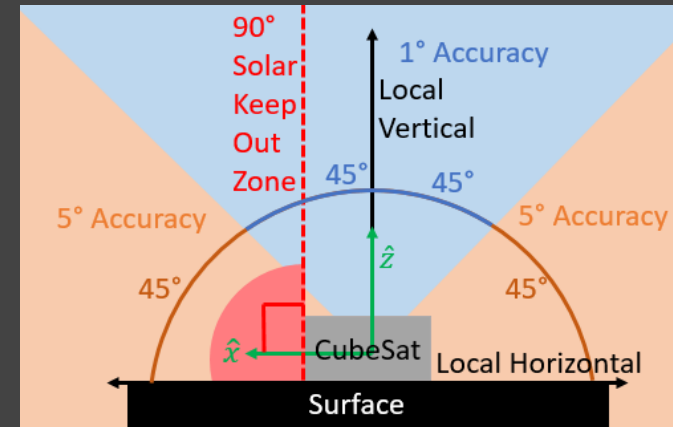
## Coverage



FR 3: The ARS and mechanisms shall open the instrument door that is pointing away from the sun.

3.2.2: The ARS shall determine Sun position to within  $\pm 5^\circ$  up to  $45^\circ$  above the surface and to within  $\pm 1^\circ$  from  $45^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  above the surface.

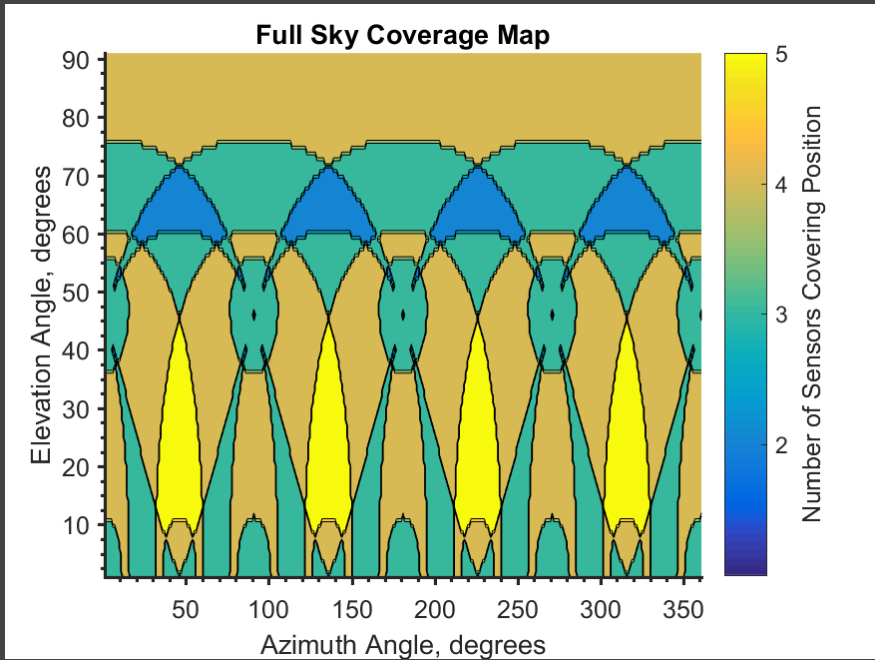
- Full sky coverage is needed to determine sun position and optimal tilting angle
- Minimum of 2 sensors must see each part of the sky
  - Two dimensional accuracy requirement means only two sensors needed
  - Two sensors will generate two Sun positions - only a difference in azimuth, not elevation





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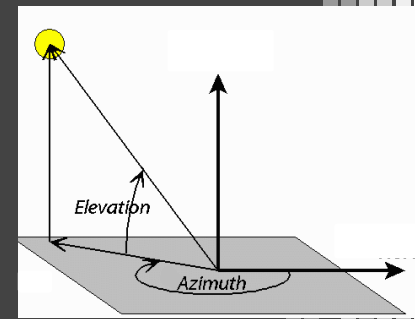
Plot below shows the number of sensors that can see each part of the sky for all azimuth and elevation angles.



Baseline design of 12 sensors mounted 45° off sides and on flat faces with 10° to 60° FOV will allow the full sky to be covered

**Minimum of 2 sensors over full sky**

**Feasible**



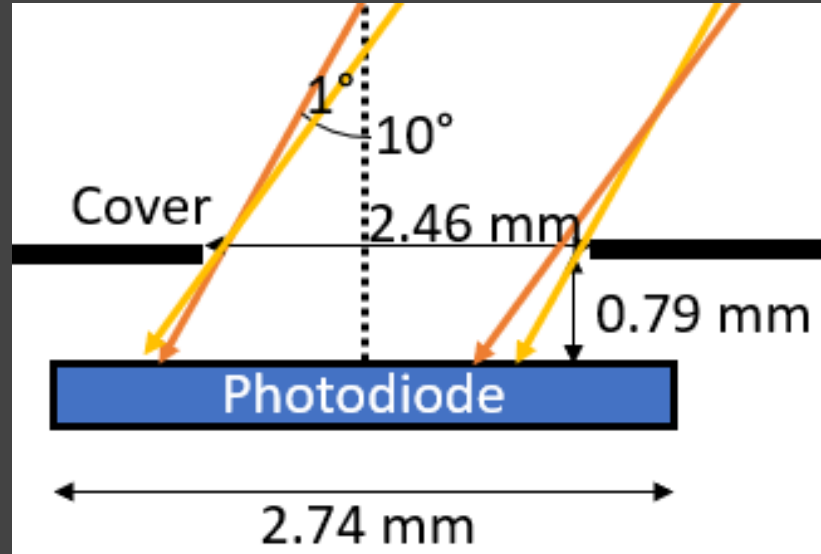


# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy

What is the voltage change for 1° of sun position change?

- Calculate input power from solar spectrum
- Calculate current from photodiode gain curve
- Use transimpedance amplifier to create a measureable voltage

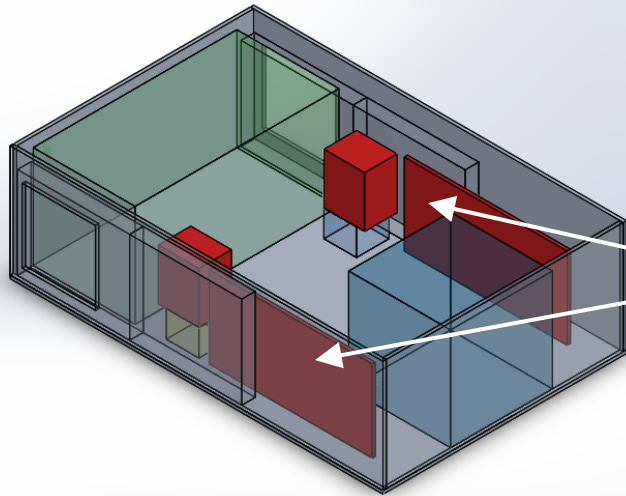
$\Delta$ Voltage for 10° to 11°  
= **160 mV > 0.6 mV**



Sunlight on photodiode is less for 11° (orange) than 10° (yellow)

Teensy minimum  
voltage resolution is  
0.6 mV

Feasible



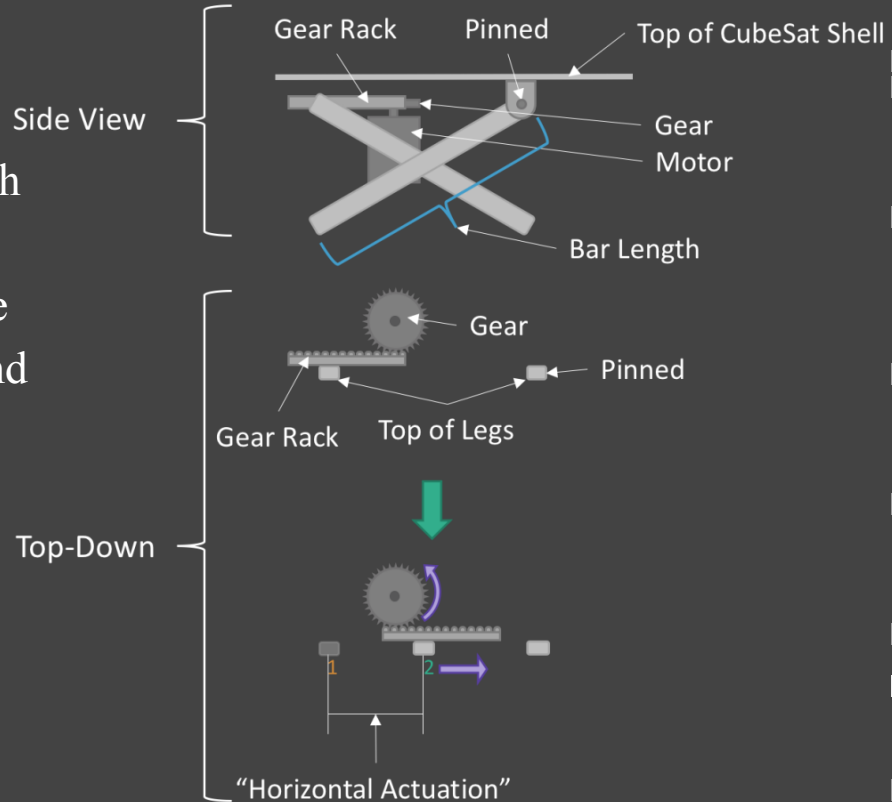
Scissor Lifts

# Mechanisms

Tilt in  $1^\circ$  increments up to  $45^\circ$

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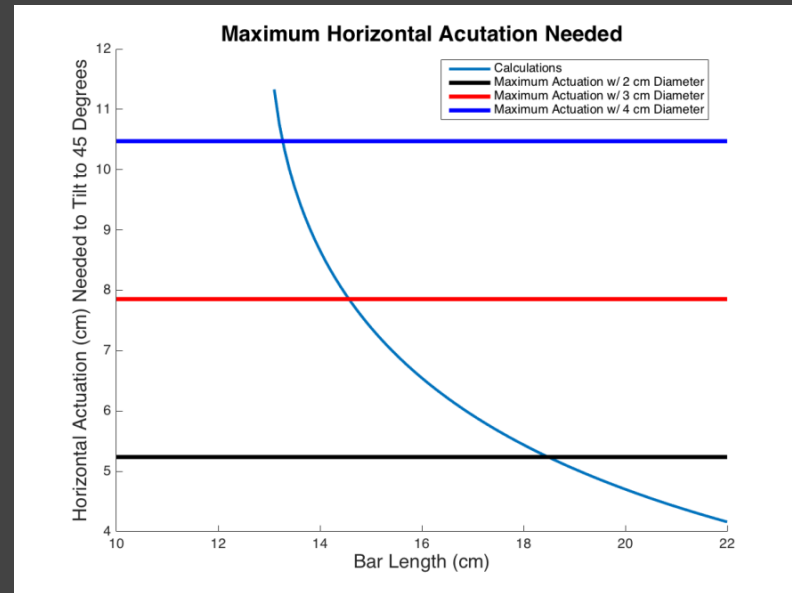
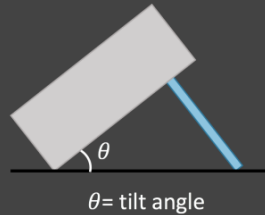
- Lift works by pinning one end and pushing the other toward it
- Possible solution: Servo motor with gear and rack
- Horizontal Actuation: The distance the free bar needs to move to extend the lift to the desired position.



# Tilting

4.1.2. The actuators shall tilt the CubeSat up to a maximum  $45^\circ$  one time from the plane of the ground.

- Tilt angle is dependent on horizontal actuation
- Maximum turning angle of servo limits horizontal actuation
- Can use different sized gears to increase the amount of actuation

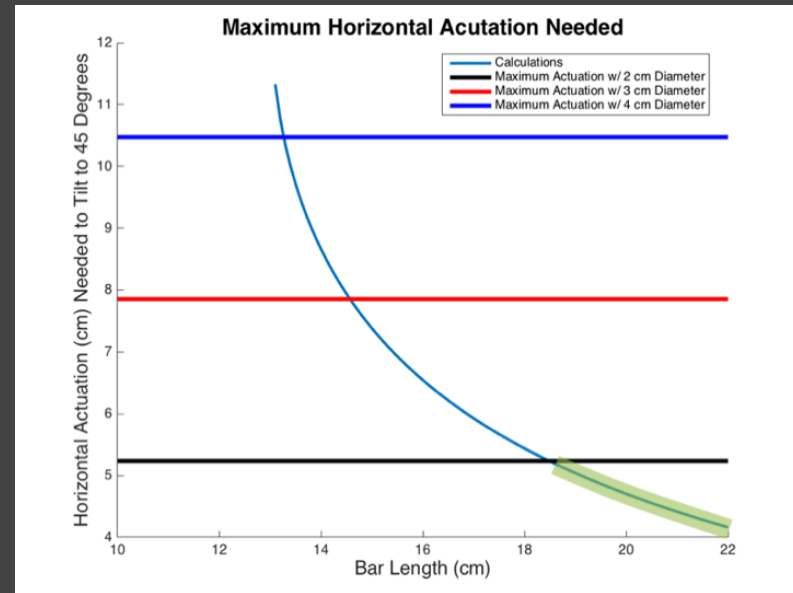
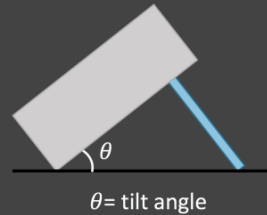




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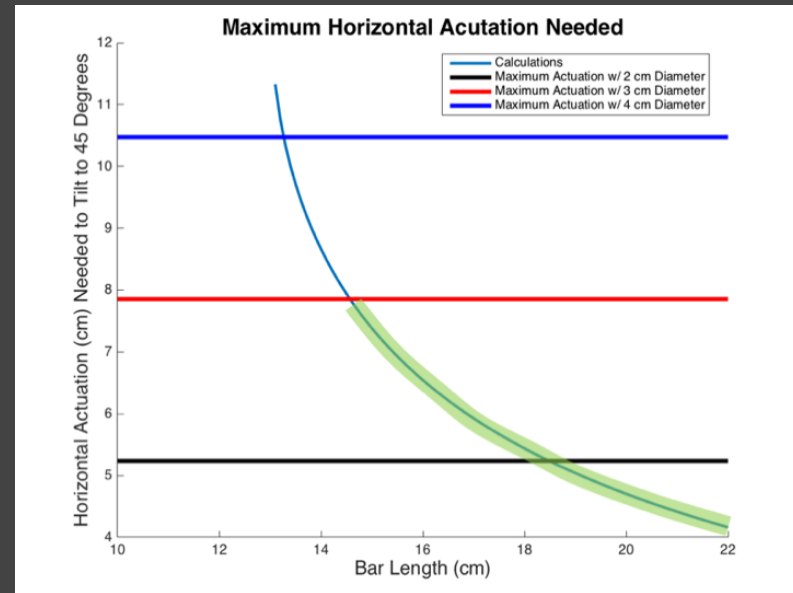
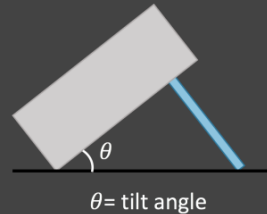




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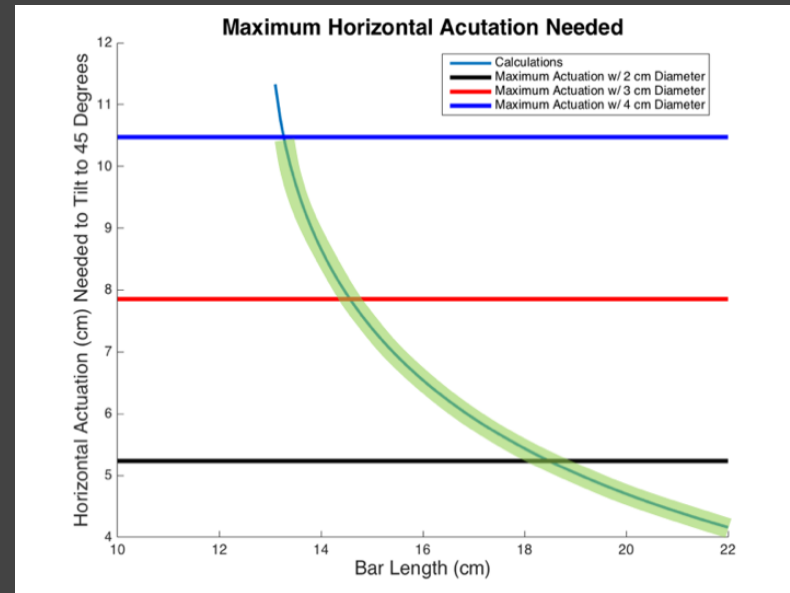
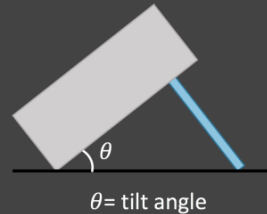




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Multiple feasible combinations of gear size and bar length

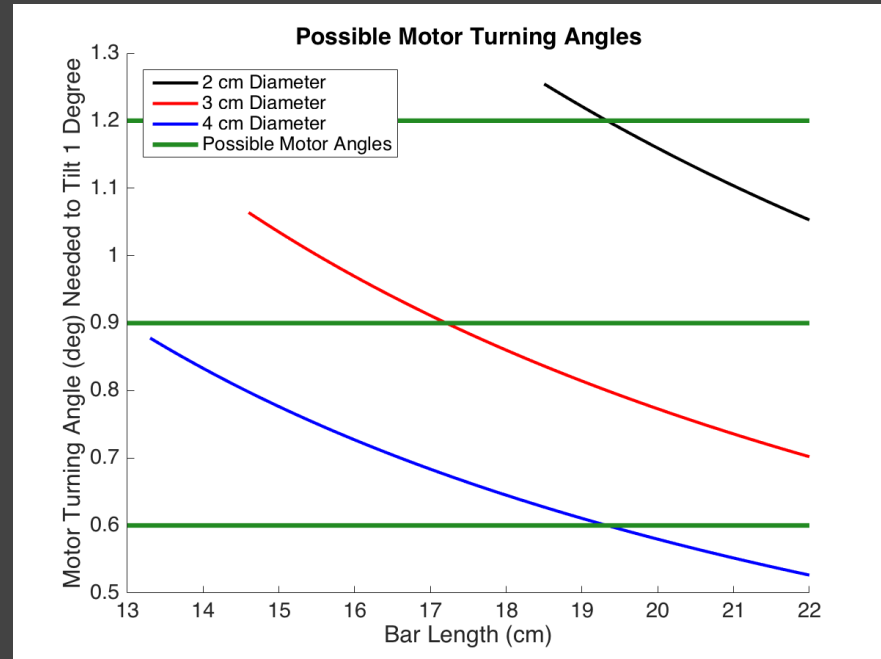
Feasible

# Tilting Increment



4.1.2.1. The actuators shall be able to tilt the CubeSat in  $1^\circ$  increments.

- Motor angle required for  $1^\circ$  of tilt is based off of arclength equation
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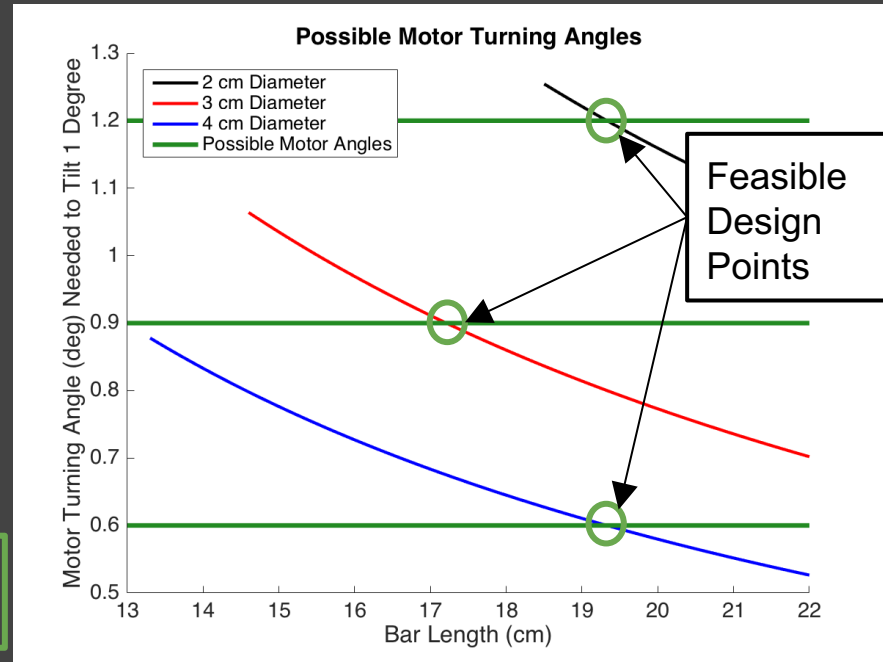


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Multiple bar lengths and gear sizes for  $1^\circ$  increments

Feasible

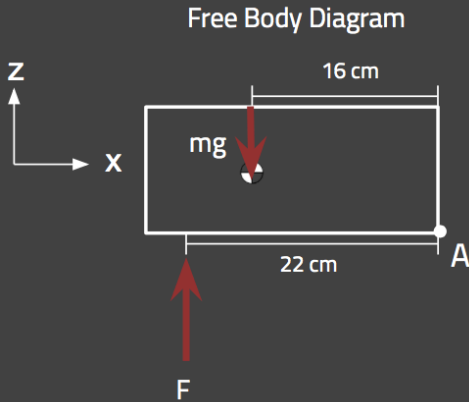




# Force Required

4.1.2.2. The actuators shall be able to tilt a mass equal to 100g, with a 20g resolution, under earth's gravity field.

- Center of gravity can vary by +/- 4 cm from the geometric center. Max force required when center of gravity is farthest from the pivot point
- Assume all force from motor is applied straight down



Maximum Force required: 0.71 N

Convert to Torque: 0.16 N m

Motor Torque: 1.5 N m

1.5 N m > 0.16 N m

**Feasible**



# Event Detection

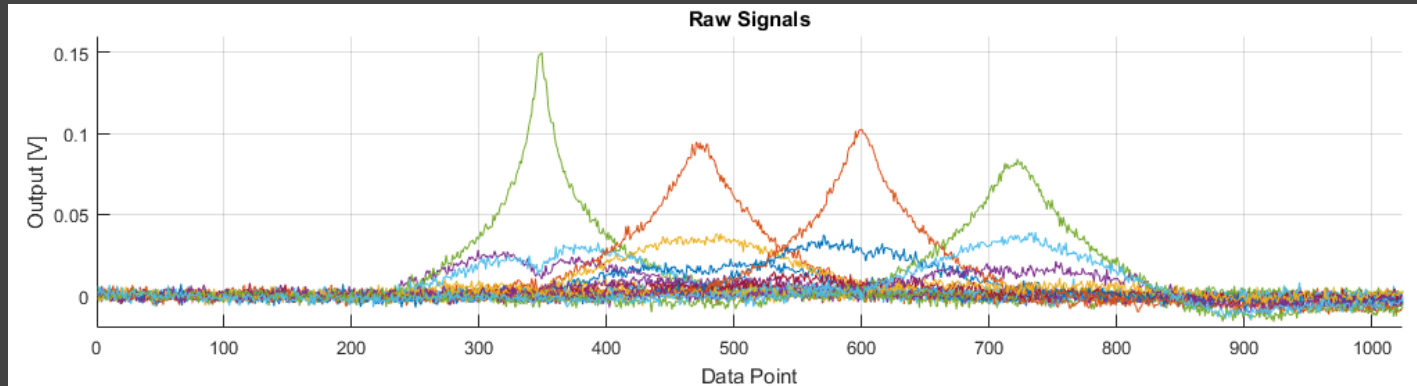
Sample 24 channels @ 1 kHz and run  
event trigger in real time

# Dust Data Example



**Instrument data will appear similar to this existing dust data - providing the basis for preliminary testing of event trigger**

- Each line is the signal from one wire electrode
- Peaks in voltage are due to passing dust inducing charge on the wire
  - Larger voltage means the dust particle is closer to the wire
- Horizontal axis represents samples (taken at an unknown frequency)
  - Shifted peaks show delay as dust passes through wire planes

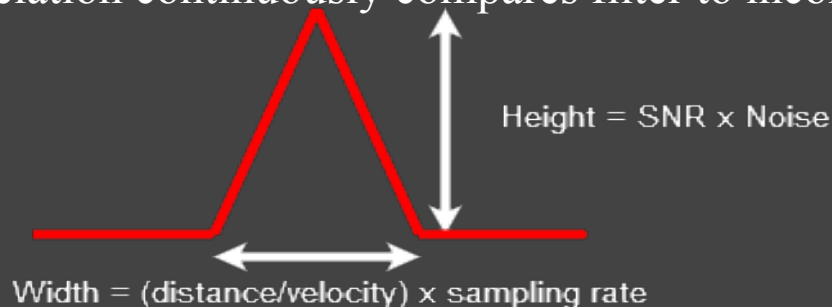




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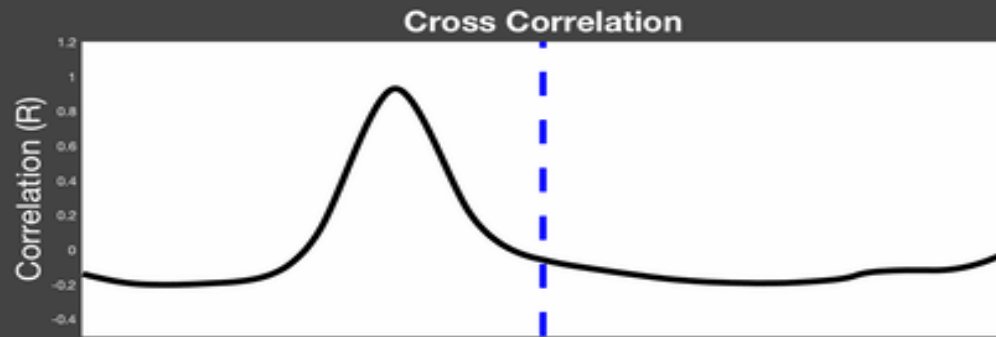
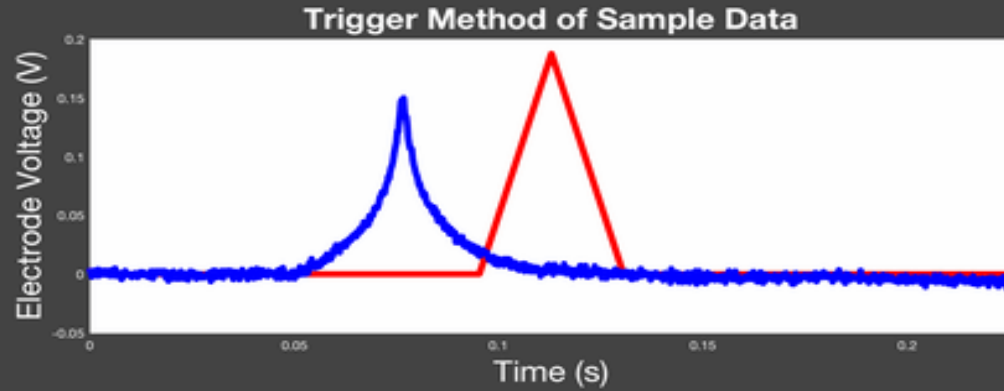
6.3.1 The software shall be able to filter environmental noise to determine when an event has occurred

- Large signal data resembles a triangle
  - Height of triangle derived from signal to noise ratio (SNR) 6.25 of previously built charge sensitive amplifier (CSA) circuits
  - Width from estimated velocity of dust particle (1-2 m/s) and processor sampling rate (1 kHz)
- Filter provides a **signal to compare to data** to detect dust events
  - Cross correlation continuously compares filter to incoming dust data



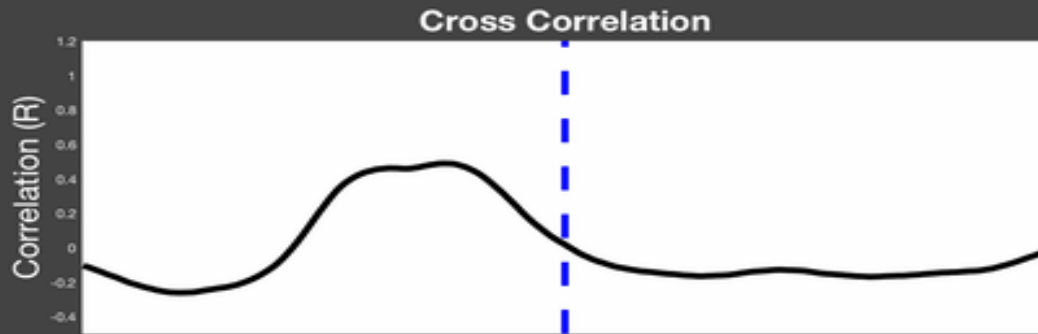
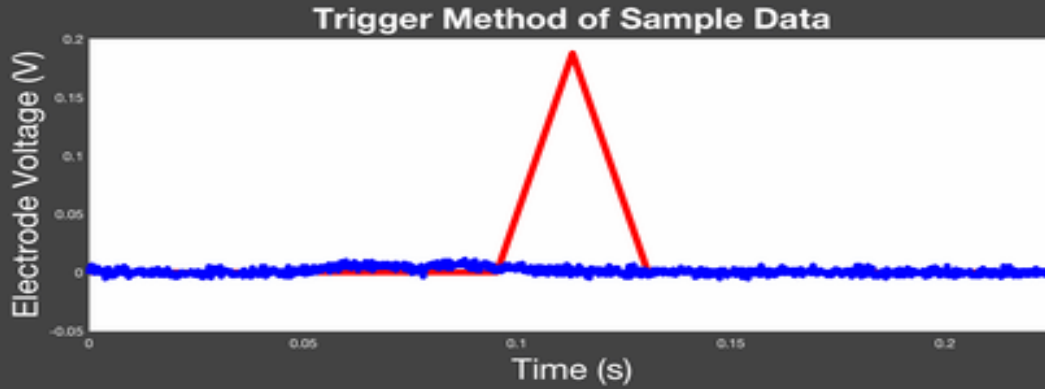


# Large Signal Trigger Demonstration



Event is triggered  
when cross  
correlation passes  
the threshold

# Small Signal Trigger Demonstration



Successfully triggered with large and small sample signals

**Feasible**

# Electronics: Instrument Microcontroller (MCU)



5.2.1. The hardware shall convert analog signals from each of 24 instrument amplifiers to digital at 1 kHz (total 24 KSPS).

5.2.2. The instrument processor shall be capable of temporarily storing 10 KB of data for a full event to be output if the event trigger software determines an event has occurred.

*Representative microcontroller choice:*

STMicroelectronics STM32F Series (STM32F427ZI6)

- ARM® Cortex®-M4 core processor (32-bit)
- 180 MHz clock speed
- 256 KB of SRAM
- 24 channels for three 12-bit ADCs (up to 7.2 MSPS)

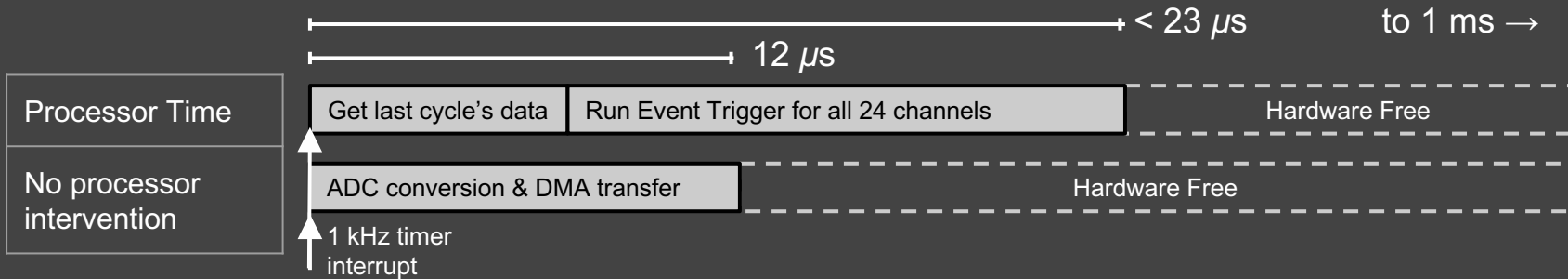
7.2 MSPS > 24 KSPS  
256 KB RAM > 10 KB RAM

**Feasible**

# Electronics: Embedded Software Feasibility



5.2. The instrument shall have a processor and ADC array capable of sampling all 24 amplifiers and running the event detection software.



With STM32F427ZI6:

- Worst case ADC conversion: **12 μs** for 24 channels
- Estimate event trigger software duration based on algorithm and ARM® Cortex®-M4 instruction set:
  - **< 23 μs**
- Processor free 98% of the time, ADC free 99% of the time

Parallelizable tasks both < 1 ms

**Feasible**



# Status Summary and Strategy

Project  
Overview

Baseline  
Design

Feasibility  
Study

Summary

# Critical Project Elements



Critical Project Element	Solution
Dust instrument miniaturization	CAD Model Definition
Surviving Impact	Impact Analysis
Sun determination	ARS Sensor Package
Tilting mechanism	ARS Package
Instrument processor and event trigger	Electronics Package

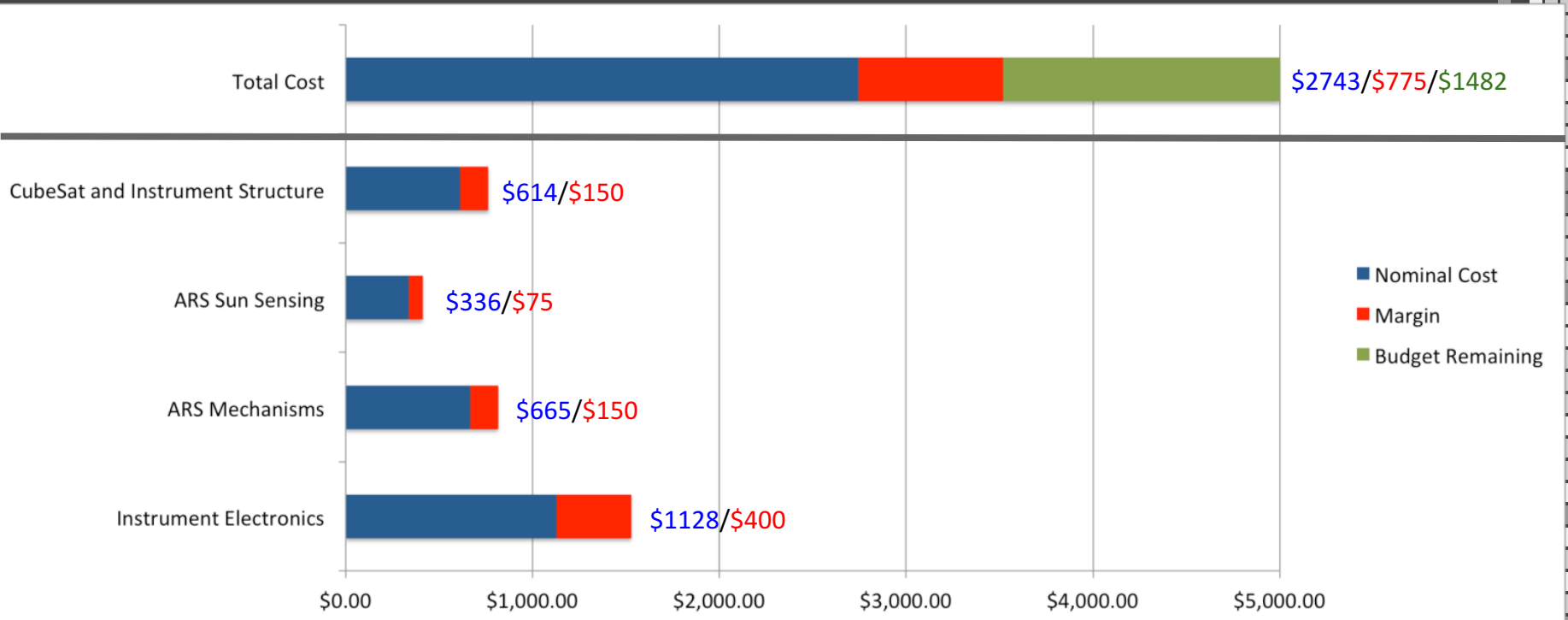
# Testing Facilities



- **Dust Sensing** - IMPACT Lab
- **Impact Testing** - Idea Forge Lansmont 15D Shock Test Machine
- **ARS Mechanisms** - Flat and sandy surface with specific grain size
- **ARS Sensors** - Sommers-Bausch Observatory
  - Provides a known attitude relative to the sun
  - Need to contact SBO to discuss availability

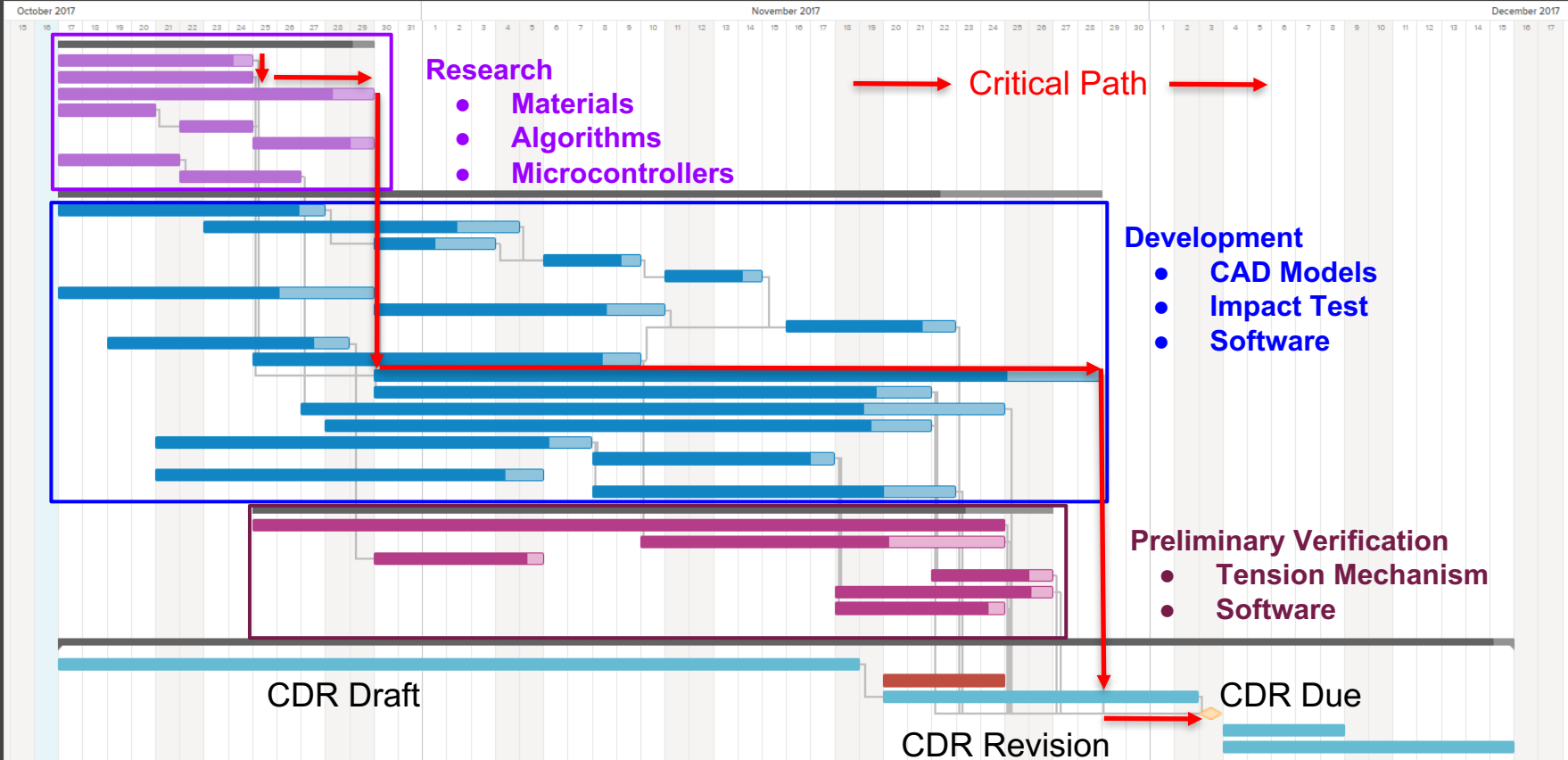
# Budget

Feasible





# Gantt Chart



# Moving Forward



- **Mechanisms:** design gear rack systems with choice for motor and locking mechanism
- **Sun Sensing:** Correlate photodiode output to solar position, create closed loop control system for tilt actuation.
- **Software:** translate algorithm to embedded software to find cross correlation in real time, output dust events over serial once detected
- **Electronics:** finalize real-time architecture and MCU choice
- **Impact modeling:** SOLIDWORKS Drop Test simulation, explore wire failure modes, refine impact time

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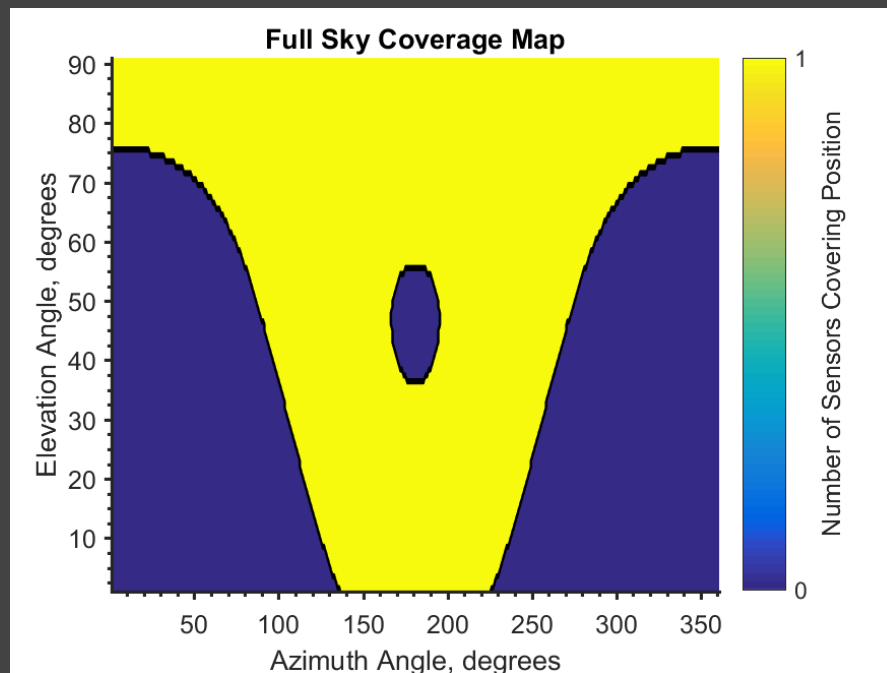
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# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy



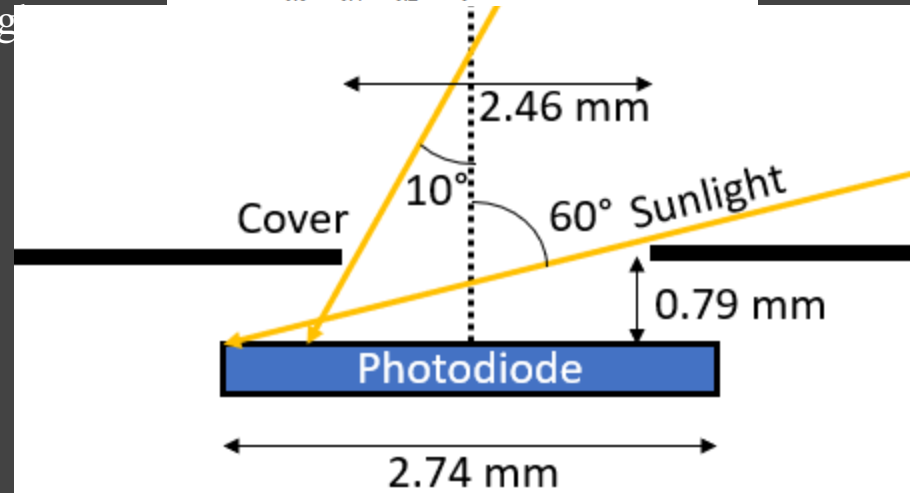
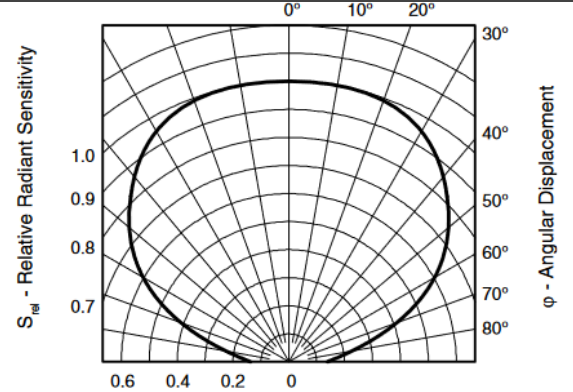
- One Photodiode can cover a 'doughnut' shaped piece of sky
- Cover restricts incoming sunlight, but prevents sensing near the photodiode boresight
  - Maximum angle off center:  $60^\circ$
  - Minimum angle off center:  $10^\circ$





# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy

- Photodiode sensitivity must be high enough that the ARS system can determine where the sun is in the sky
- Photodiodes are not sensitive enough on their own
  - From 0° to 30° reduction is less than 99% of output
- Add a cover to restrict incoming sunlight
  - Maximum angle off center: 60°
  - Minimum angle off center: 10°
- Coverage map includes these considerations



# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy



## Need to know the current output of the photodiodes

- Solar irradiance spectrum is well known and provides power at every wavelength
- Photodiode relative spectral sensitivity gives relative power absorbed at every wavelength

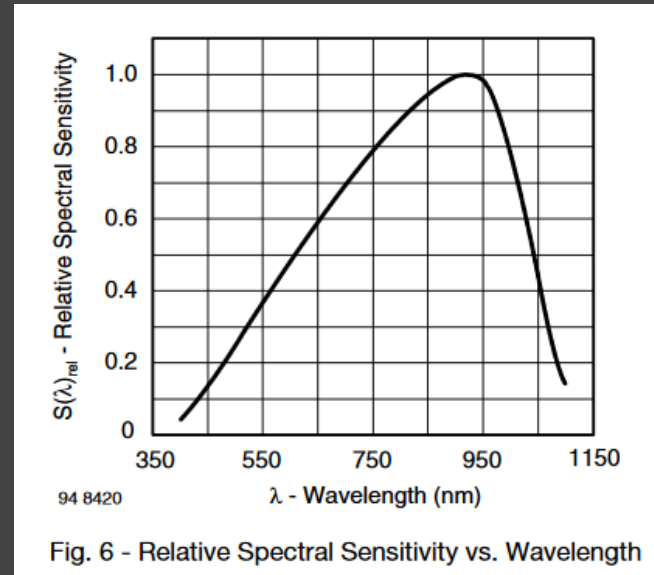
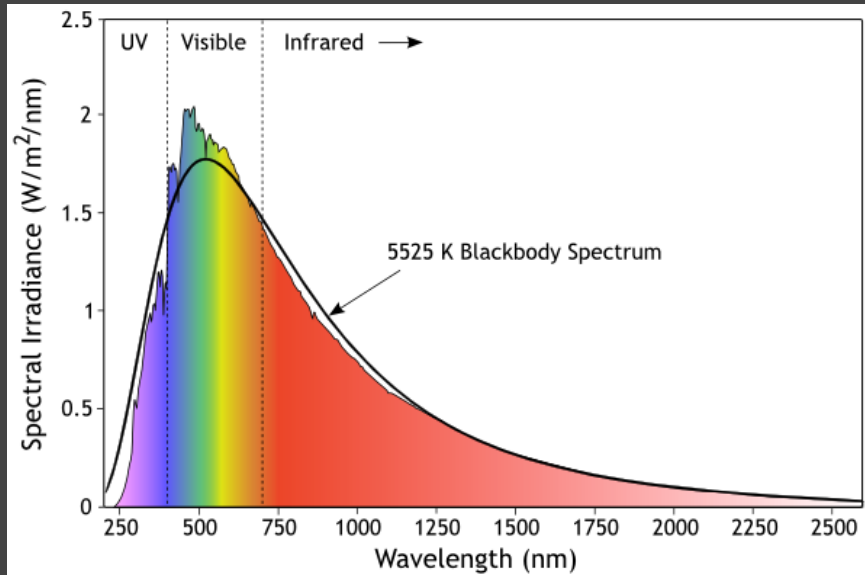
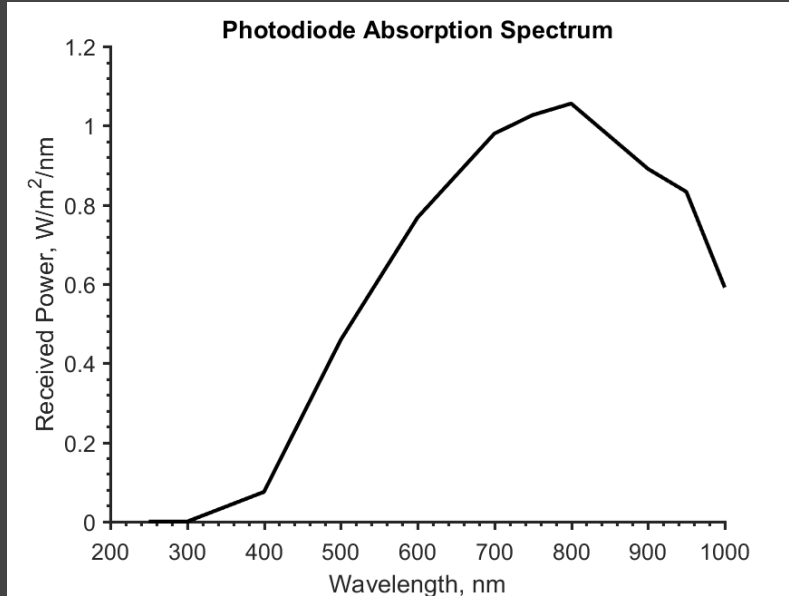


Fig. 6 - Relative Spectral Sensitivity vs. Wavelength

# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy



Multiply solar irradiance spectrum and photodiode relative spectral sensitivity at each wavelength

Result is photodiode power per area across the full spectrum

Integrate the photodiode absorption spectrum to get the total power the photodiode will receive.

$$I_r = 457.5 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$P = IA = \mathbf{3.4 \text{ mW}}$$

# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy



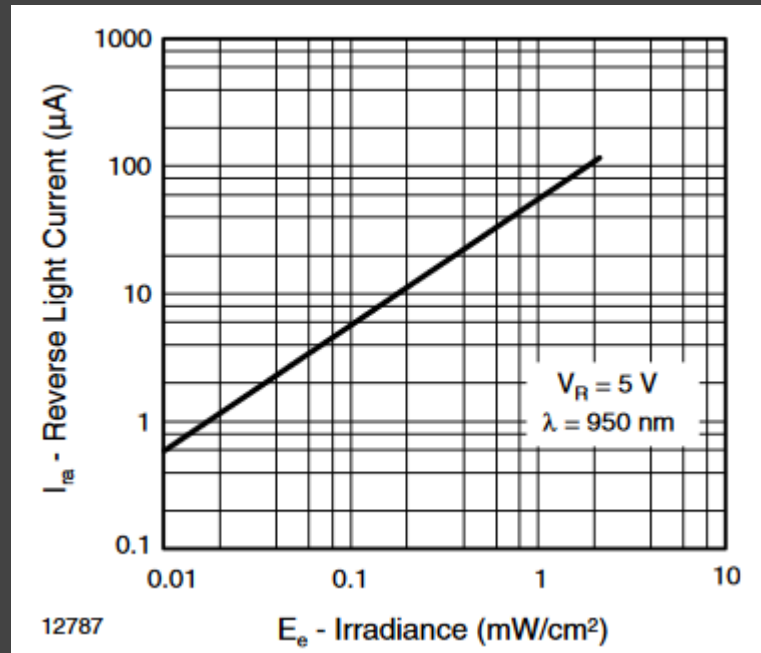
Expected Irradiance on photodiodes:

$$E_e = 0.4575 \text{ mW/cm}^2$$

From gain curve on datasheet

$$I = 30 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

Microcontrollers measure voltage, not current  
Voltage measured across a resistor to ground  
would be too small for Teensy microcontroller,  
so **voltage needs to be amplified**





# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy

Implement a transimpedance amplifier to boost the signal and convert current to voltage.

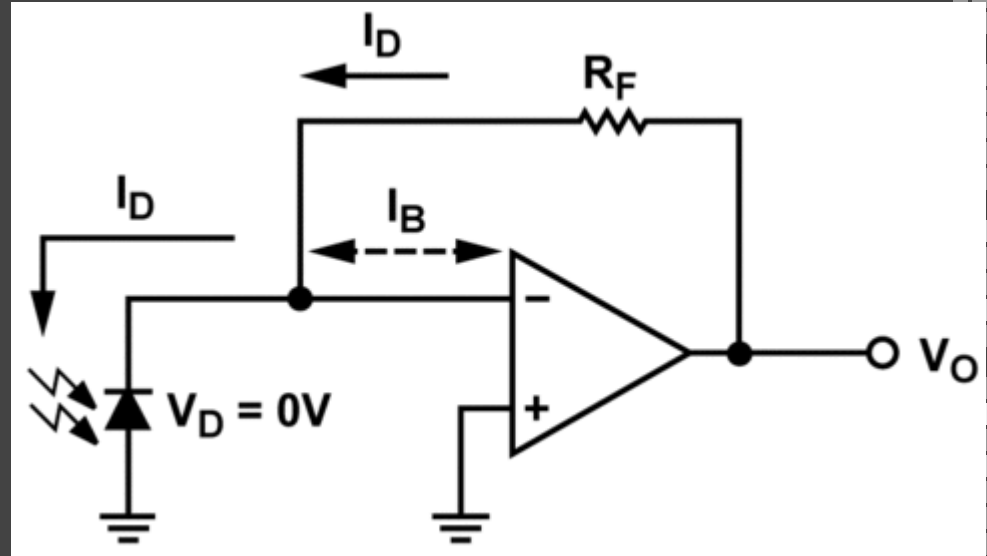
$$V_o = I_d * R_f$$

Maximum current of  $30 \mu\text{A}$

$R_f$  of  $200 \text{ k}\Omega$

$V_o \text{ max} = 4.8 \text{ V}$

Output voltage is **within microcontroller range**





# Sun Knowledge - Accuracy

What is the voltage change for 1° of sun position change?

10° power = 3.43 mW

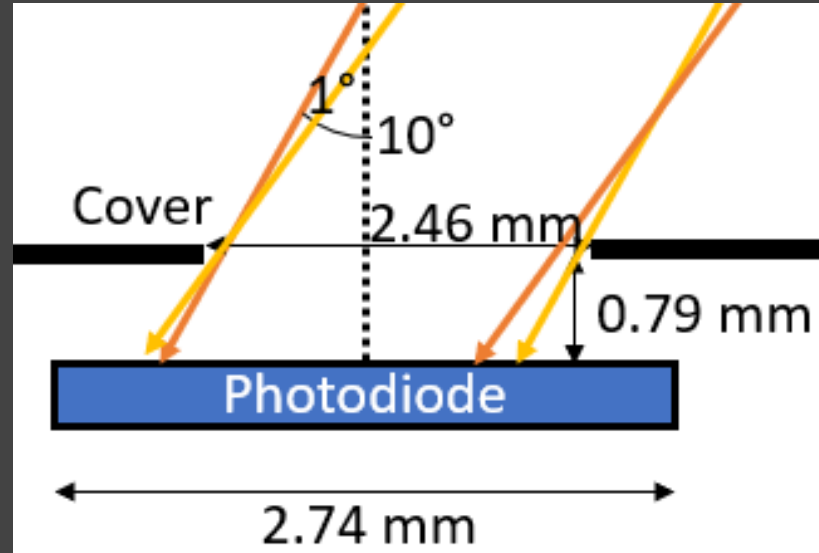
11° power = 3.41 mW

10° current = 30  $\mu$ A

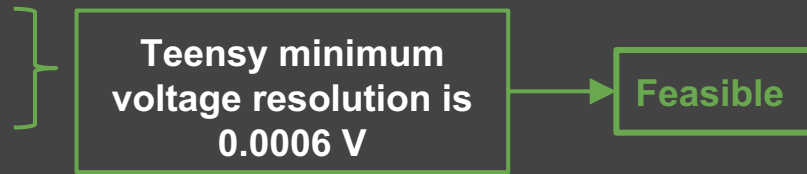
11° current = 29  $\mu$ A

10° Voltage = 4.80 V

11° Voltage = 4.64 V



Sunlight on photodiode is less for 11° (orange) than 10° (yellow)





# Instrument

Q, v, m calculation; DFR bias; and  
electron deflection



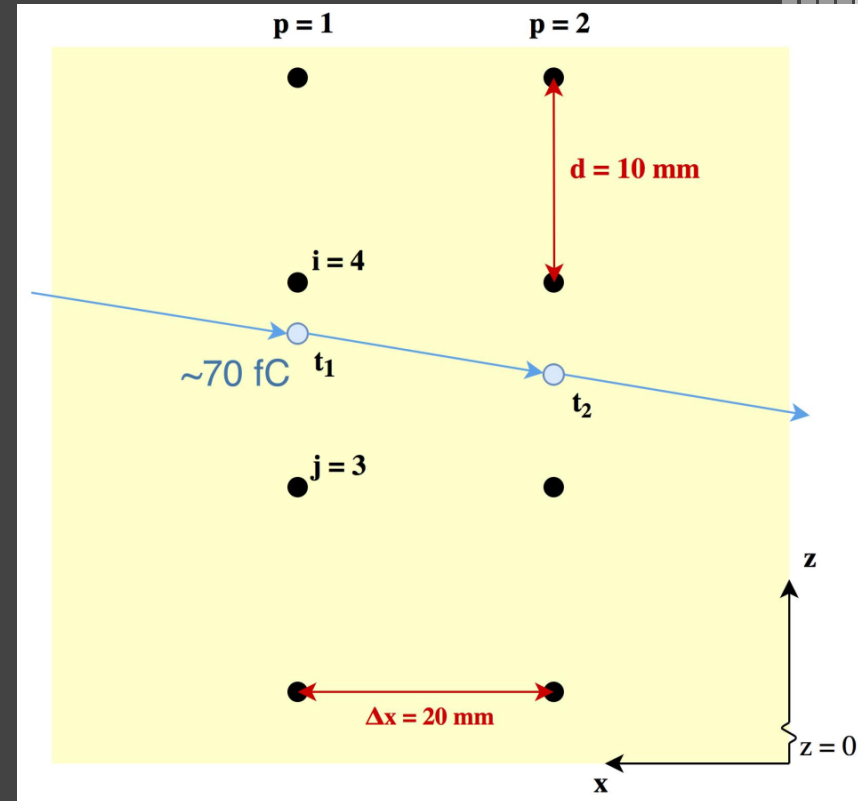
# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction

DTS Unit (sub-section)



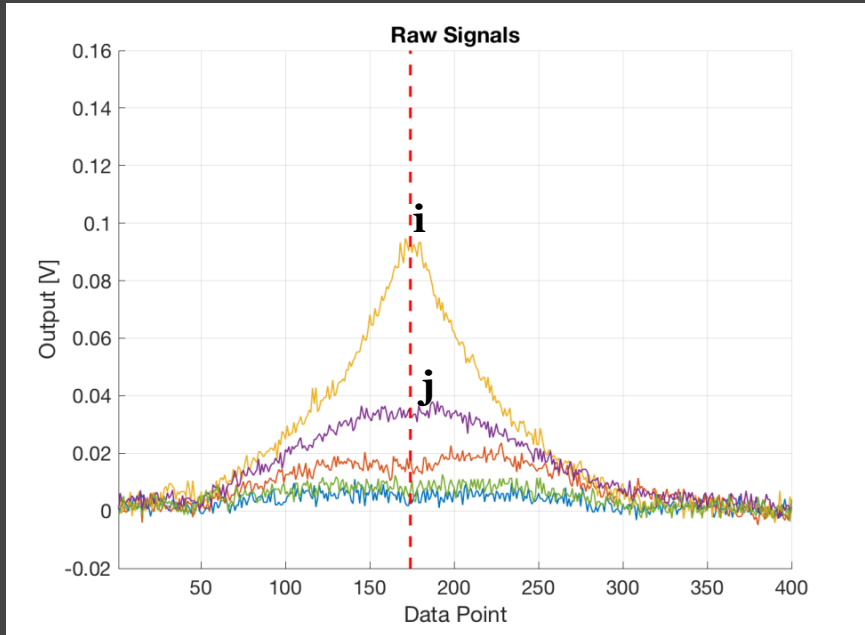
## Definitions:

- $p \sim$  plane number
- $n \sim$  wire number in given plane
- $i \sim$  wire w/ highest voltage
- $j \sim$  wire w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> highest voltage
- $t_p \sim$  time particle crosses plane  $p$
- $d \sim$  wire spacing
- $\Delta x \sim$  plane spacing
- $h_n \sim$  z-coordinate of wire  $n$
- $q_n \sim$  charge induced on wire  $n$



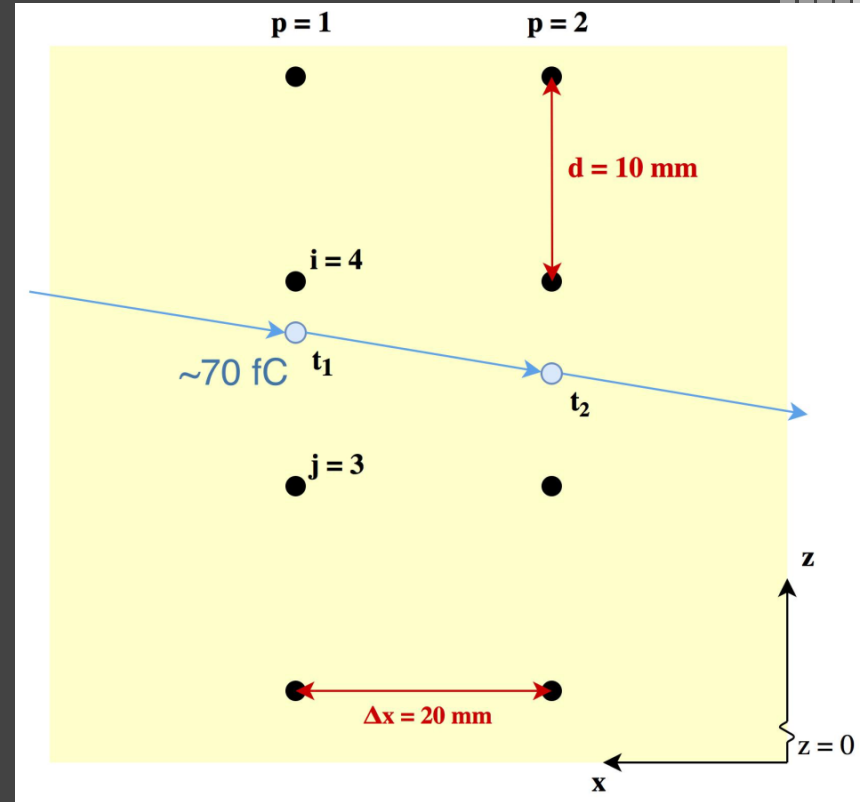
# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction

DTS Unit (sub-section)



- Charge Sensitive Amplifier (CSA) creates voltage from induced charge:

- Sensitivity:  $\rho = 18 \text{ mV/fC}$





# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction

DTS Unit (sub-section)

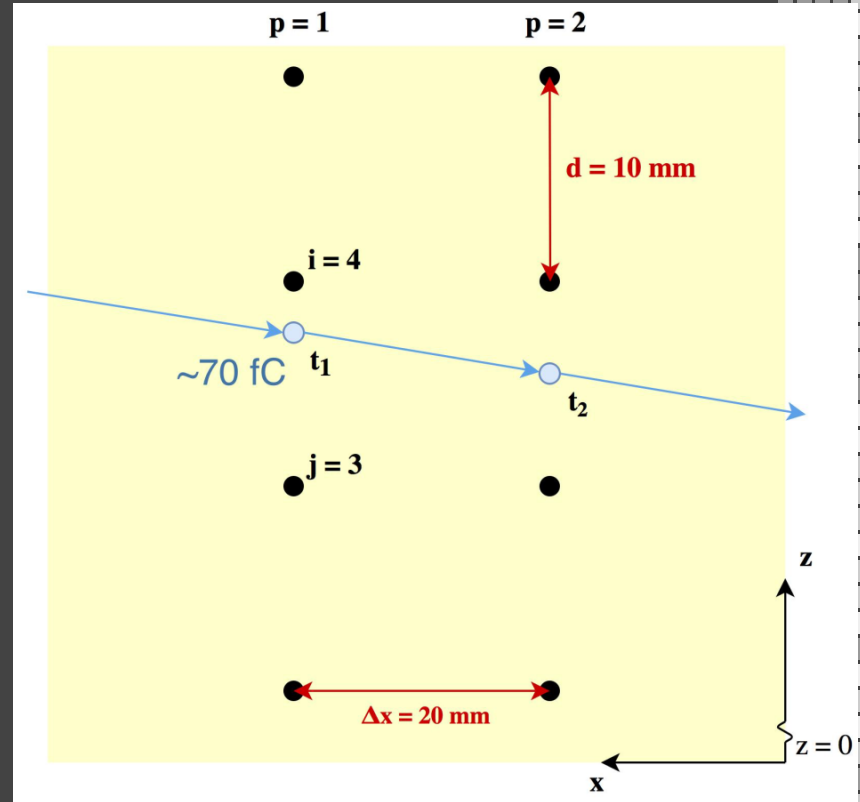
- Key assumption: when particle crosses a wire plane the induced charge is only on the wires in that plane

## Steps:

- Q calculation (@ t = t<sub>1</sub>)

$$Q = \rho \sum_{n=1}^6 V_n$$

n ~ wire number  
(in plane)



# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction



DTS Unit (sub-section)

Steps (Cont.):

2. Distance from closest wire

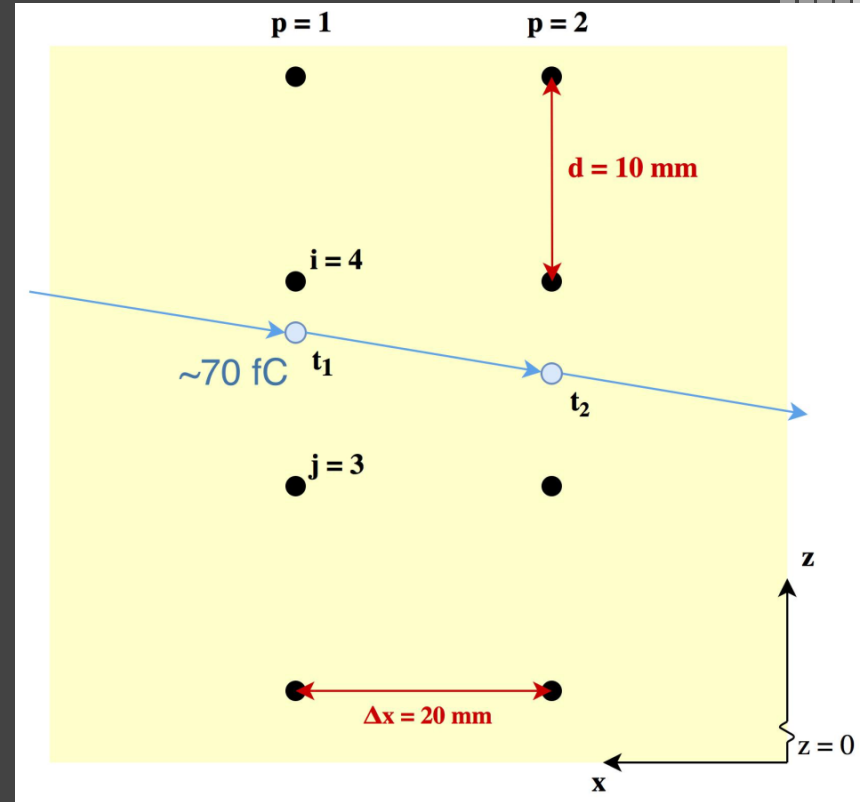
$$d_i = \frac{d}{1 + V_i/V_j}$$

2. Absolute z-coordinate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } i > j &\rightarrow z_p = h_i - d_i \\ \text{If } i < j &\rightarrow z_p = h_i + d_i \end{aligned}$$

2. Repeat steps 2 & 3 for every plane

( $p = 1 \rightarrow 4$ )



# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction

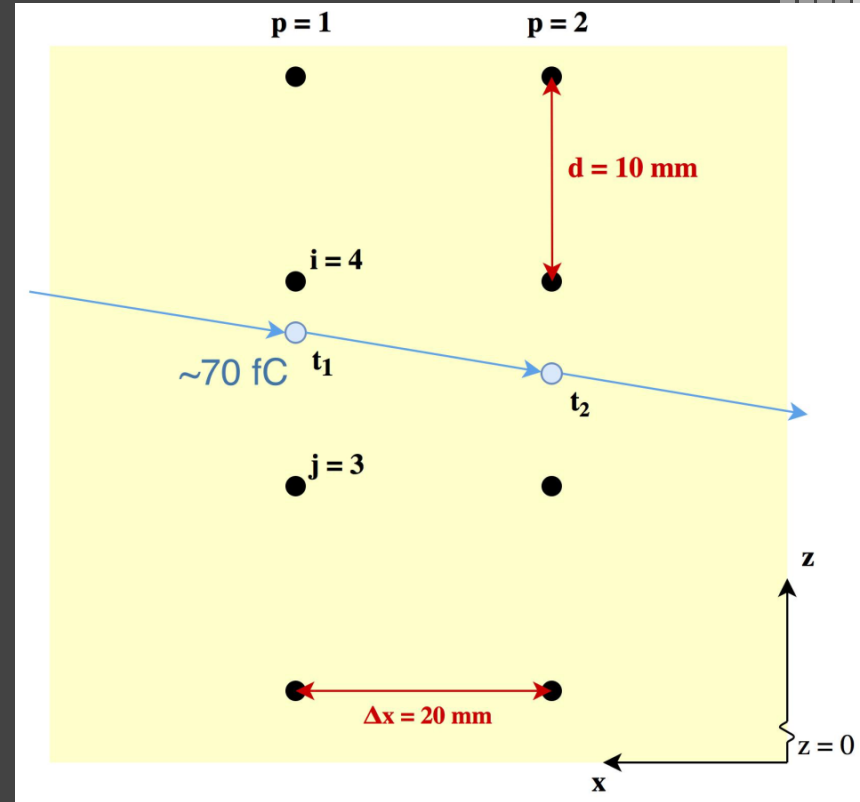


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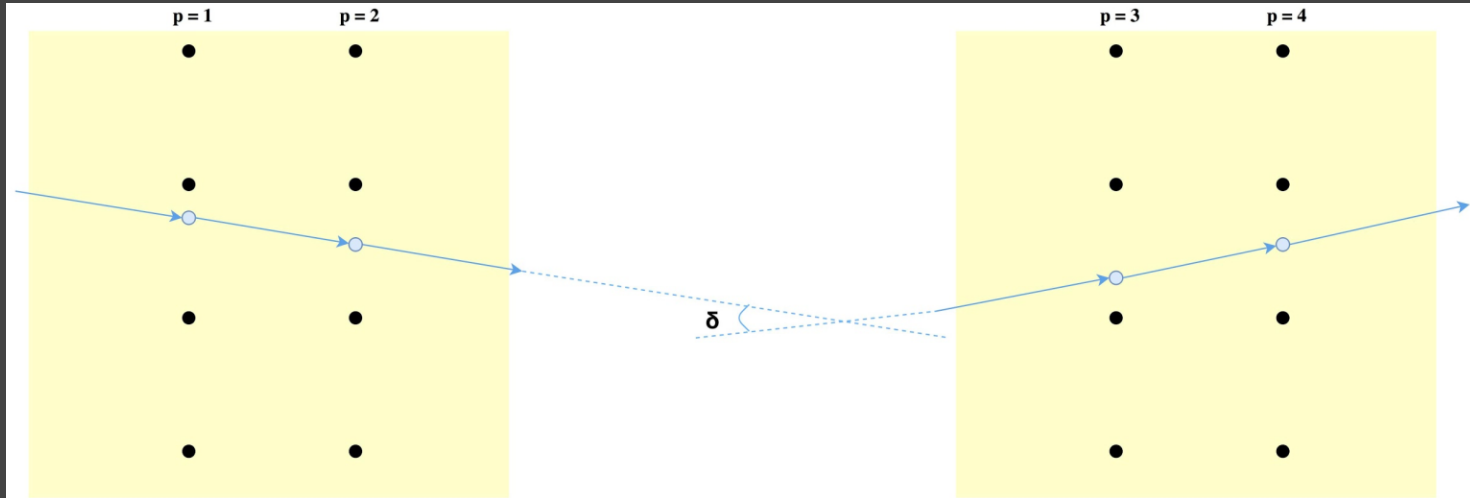
Steps (Cont.):

5. Velocity calculation

$$v = \frac{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}}{t_2 - t_1}$$



# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction



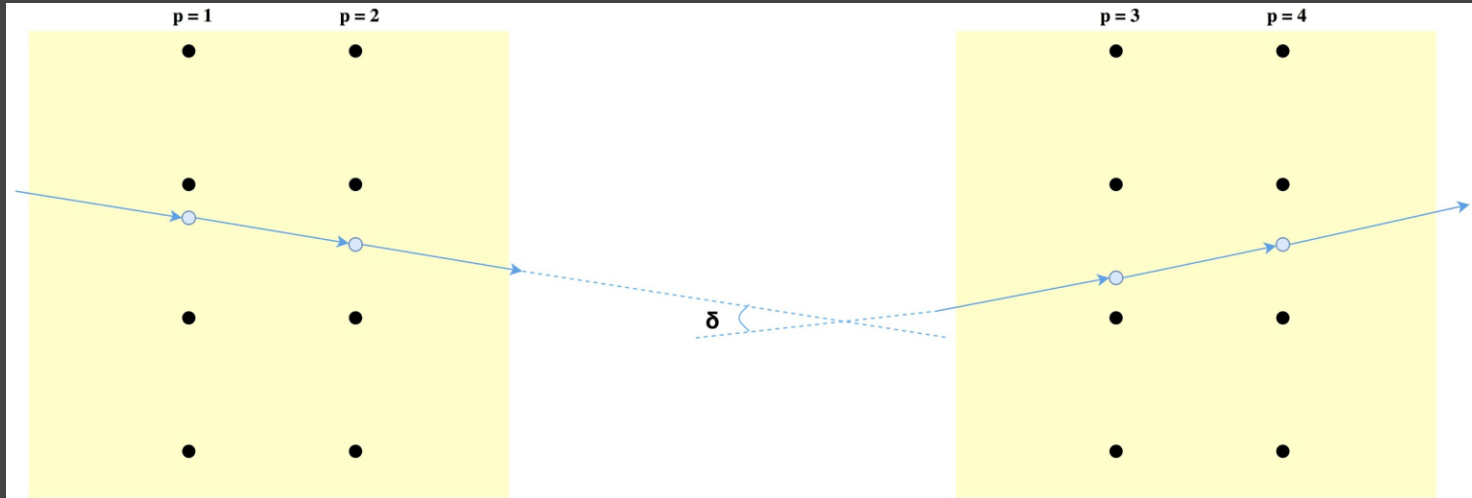
Steps (Cont.):

6. Calculate turning angle  $\delta$

$$\tan(\delta) = \frac{\Delta x(z_1 - z_2 - z_3 - z_4)}{(\Delta x)^2 + (z_4 - z_3)(z_2 - z_1)}$$



# Methods for Q, v, & m extraction



Steps (Cont.):

7. Calculate mass (where  $l = 0.07$  m is the length of the deflection region)

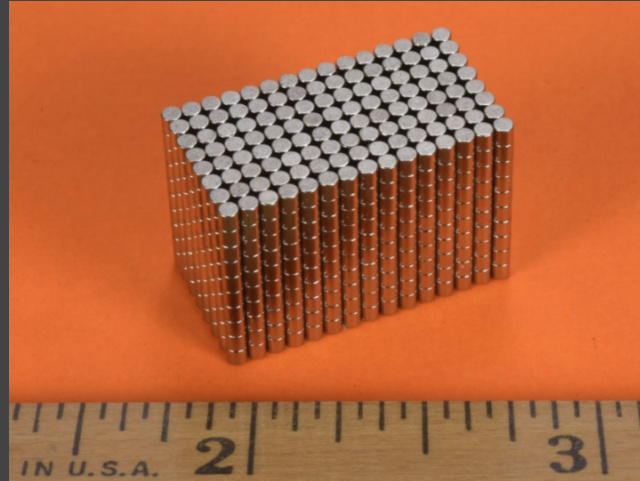
$$m = \frac{QE l}{v^2 \tan(\delta)}$$

# Electron Deflection



Cylindrical magnets:

- $D = 1.59 \pm 0.10$  mm
- $t = 1.59 \pm 0.10$  mm
- Magnetic Remanence:
  - $B_r = 1.48$  T



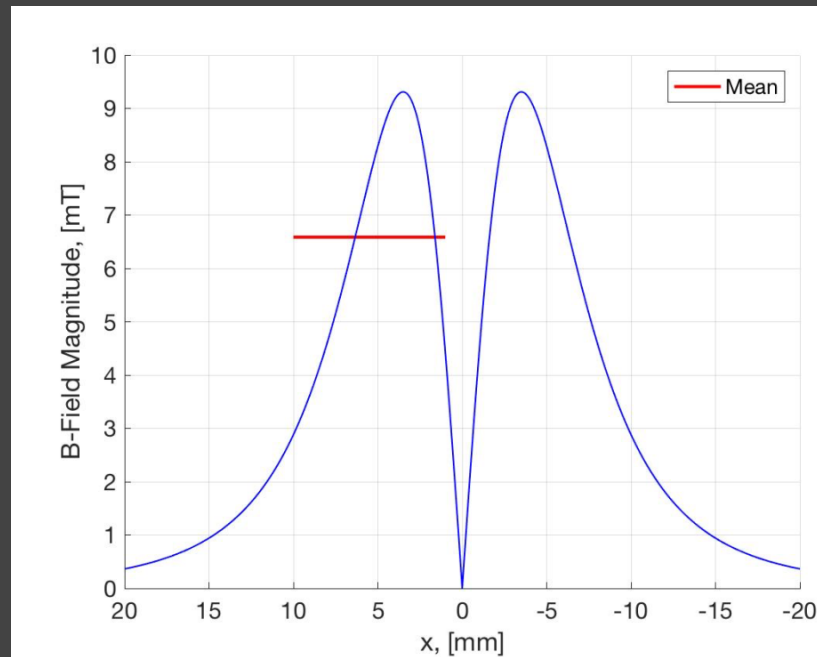
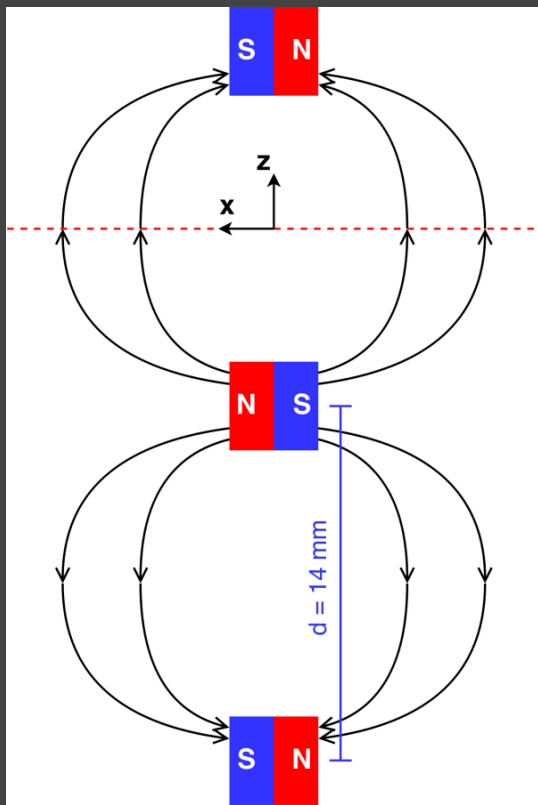
- Need to prove gyroradius of 100 eV electron to be sufficiently as to not penetrate the instrument more than 1 cm (first wire plane)
- Gyroradius:

$$r_q = \frac{mv}{qB}$$



# Electron Deflection

Using six magnet bars:  $d = 14$  mm

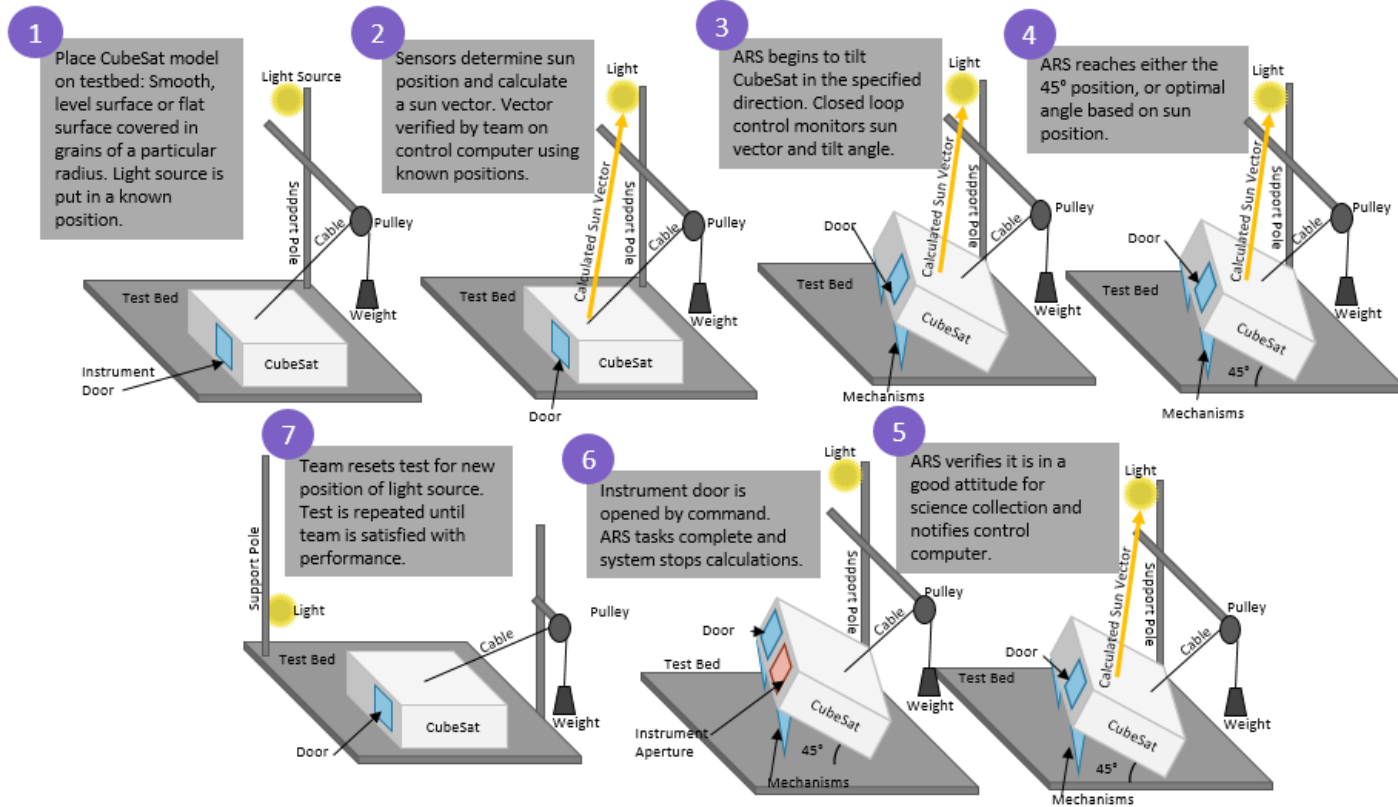


From 10  $\rightarrow$  1 mm:  $B_{\text{mean}} \approx 6.6$  mT

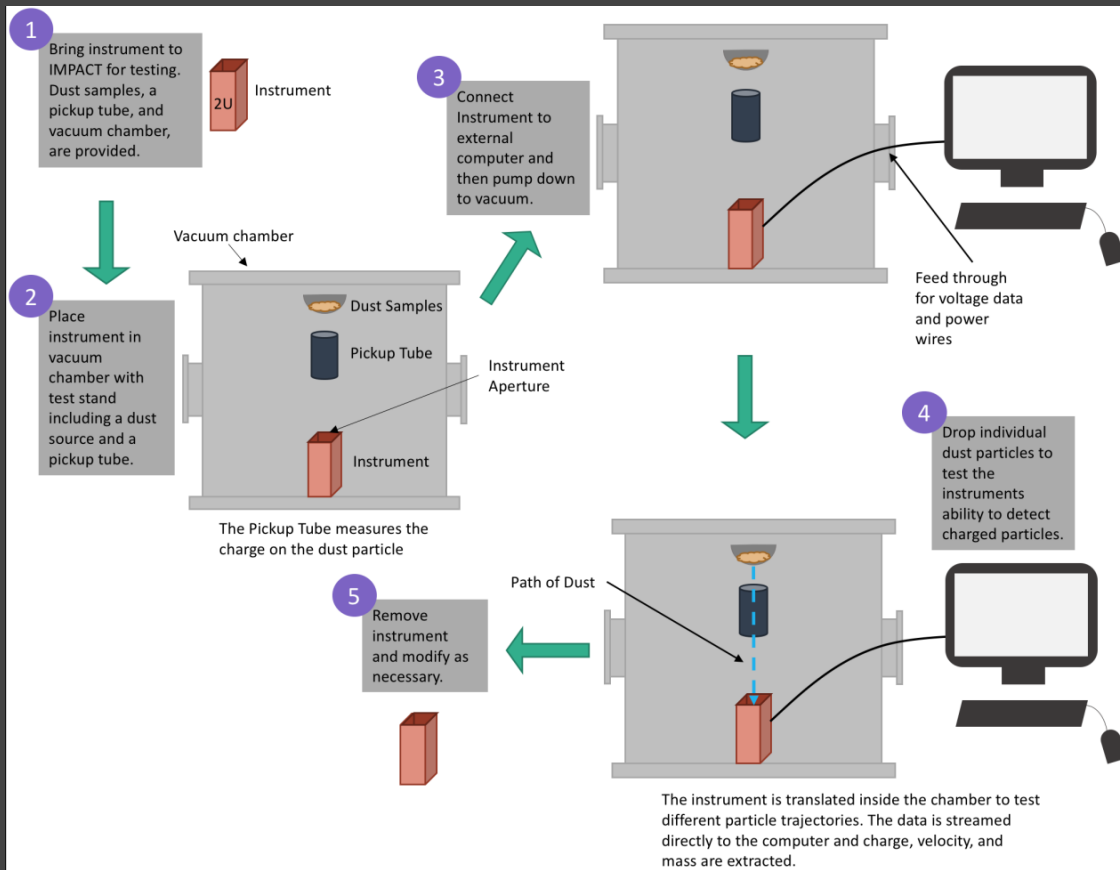
$r_q \approx 5.1$  mm  
( $e^-$  gyroradius)



# ARS Test ConOps



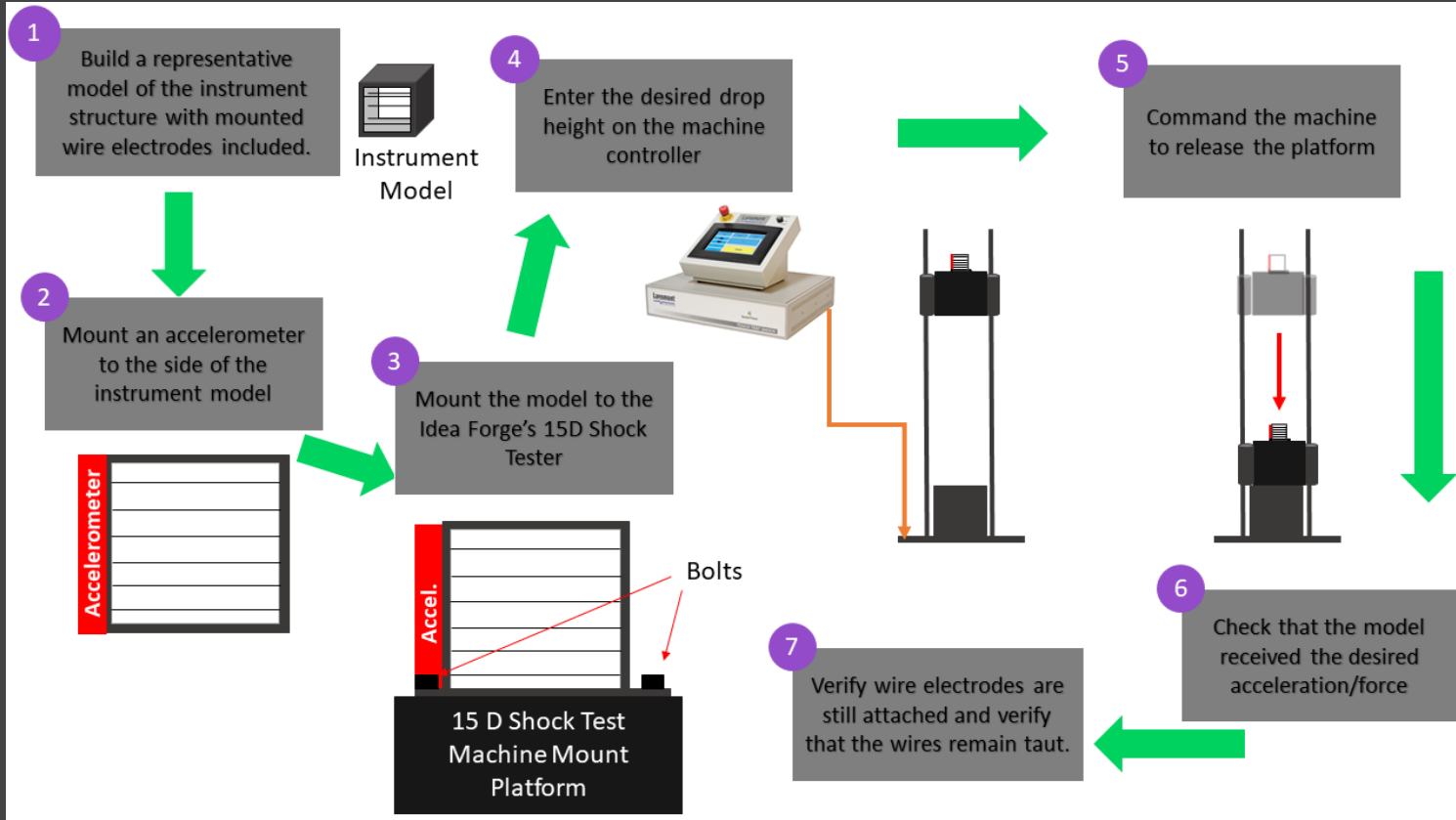
# Instrument Test ConOps





# Structures Backup Slides

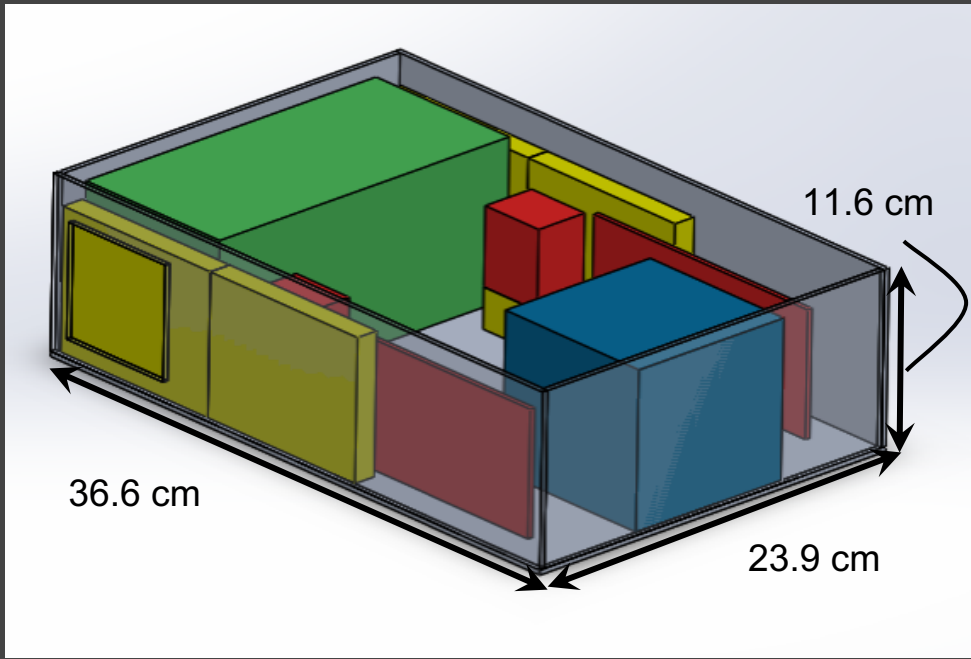
# Impact Test ConOps





# 6U CubeSat Model

1: The CubeSat model shall contain the ARS and 2U instrument within 6U volume and mass limits.

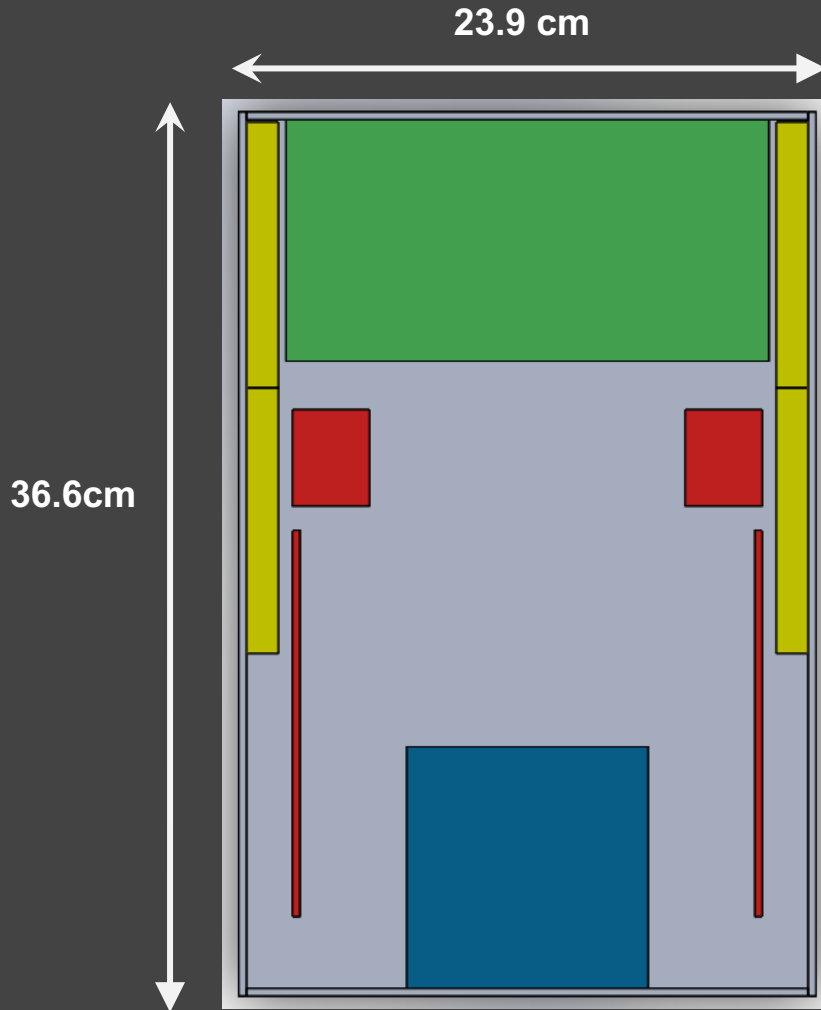


All major subsystems contained in 6U CubeSat Model

Feasible



# Top View of CubeSat Model



System	Color
Dust Instrument	Green
Door Mechanism	Yellow
Scissor Lift Mechanism	Red
Avionics (Out of Scope)	Blue

# 6U CubeSat Model



1.1: The CubeSat model -- containing all project subsystems -- and instrument combined shall have a maximum total mass of 12 kg.

System	Mass
Dust Instrument	0.7355 kg
Door Mechanism	0.3580 kg
Scissor Lift Mechanism	0.6600 kg
Avionics (Out of Scope)	1.5000 kg
Microcontrollers (not pictured)	0.1000 kg
CubeSat Model Shell	2.5000 kg
<b>Total Mass</b>	<b>5.8535 kg</b>

Total Mass < Mass Requirement  
 $5.8535 \text{ kg} < 12.0000 \text{ kg}$

Feasible



## Metrics

Manufacturability: ability to manufacture the design

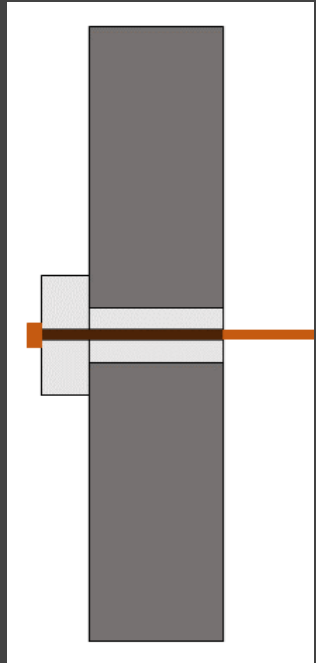
Tension Control: precision and control over tension in wires

Volume: there is a limited amount of volume available to fit in the 2U volume

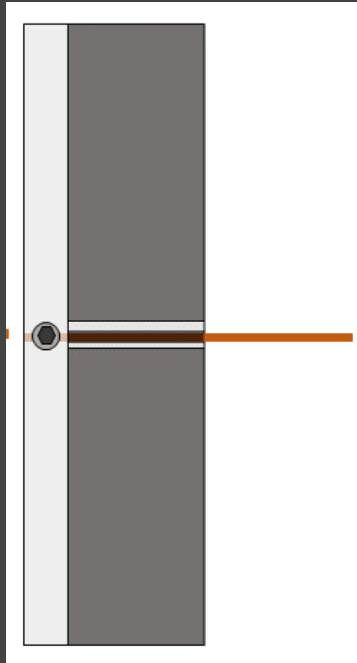
Impact Risk: what type of failure could occur from impact and the risk associated with it



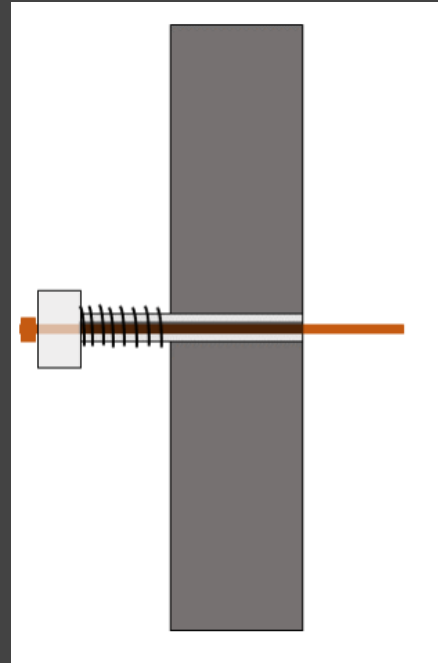
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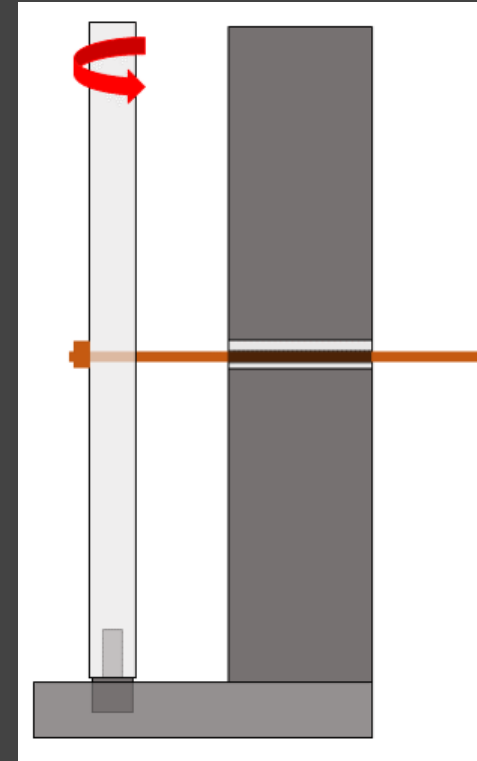
Bolt



Winch



Plate



Post



# Trade Study Table

	Weight	Bolt	Winch	Plate	Post
<b>Manufacturability</b>	0.3	5	4	5	4
<b>Tension Control</b>	0.35	5	5	5	4
<b>Volume Needed</b>	0.10	3	2	2	3
<b>Impact Risk</b>	0.25	4	3	4	2
<b>Weighted Score</b>		<b>4.55</b>	3.9	4.45	3.4

# Impact Collision Calculations



Assumptions:

- Perfectly inelastic collision ( $v_f = 0$  m/s)
- Point mass model for CubeSat

Knowns:

- CubeSat mass ( $m_{CS}$ ) = 12 kg (max)
- Impact velocity ( $v_i$ ) = 10 m/s

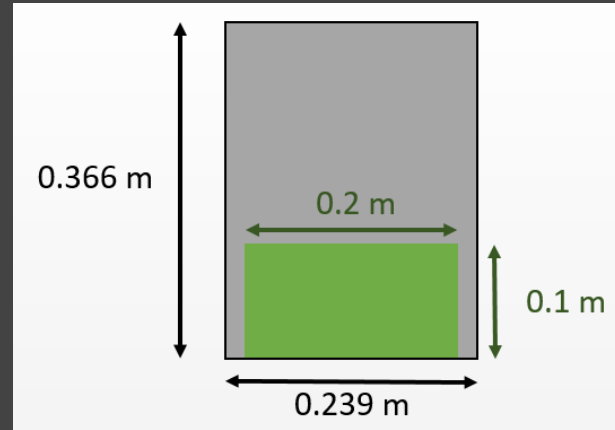
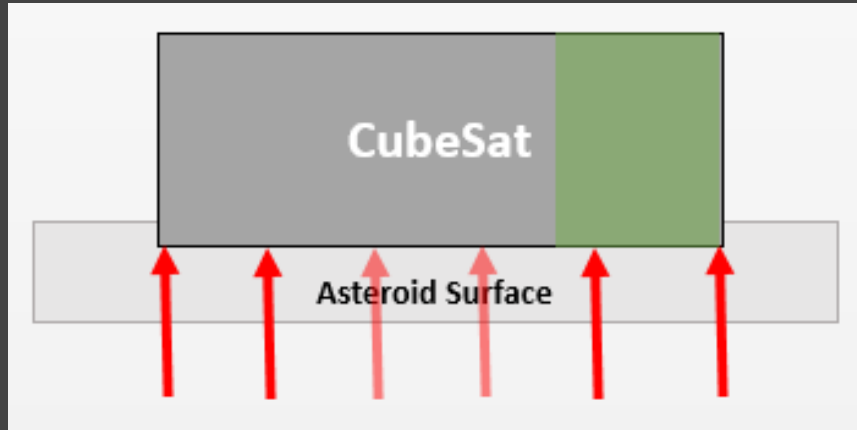
$$J_{CS} = m_{CS}(v_f - v_i)_{CS} = 12(10 - 0) = 120Ns$$

$$J_{CS} = F_{impact}\Delta t \Rightarrow F_{impact} = J_{CS}\Delta t$$



# Impact Collision Calculations

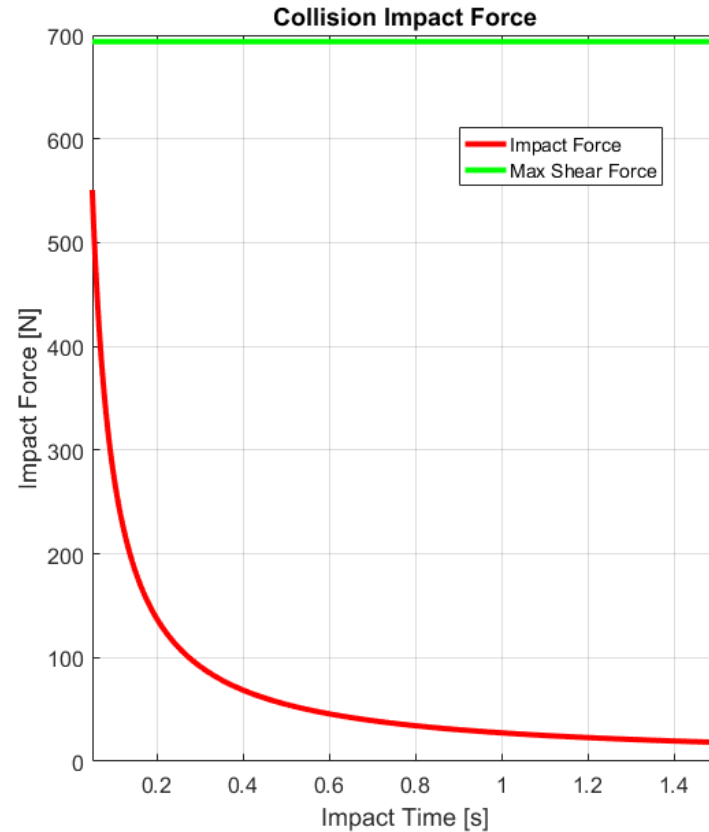
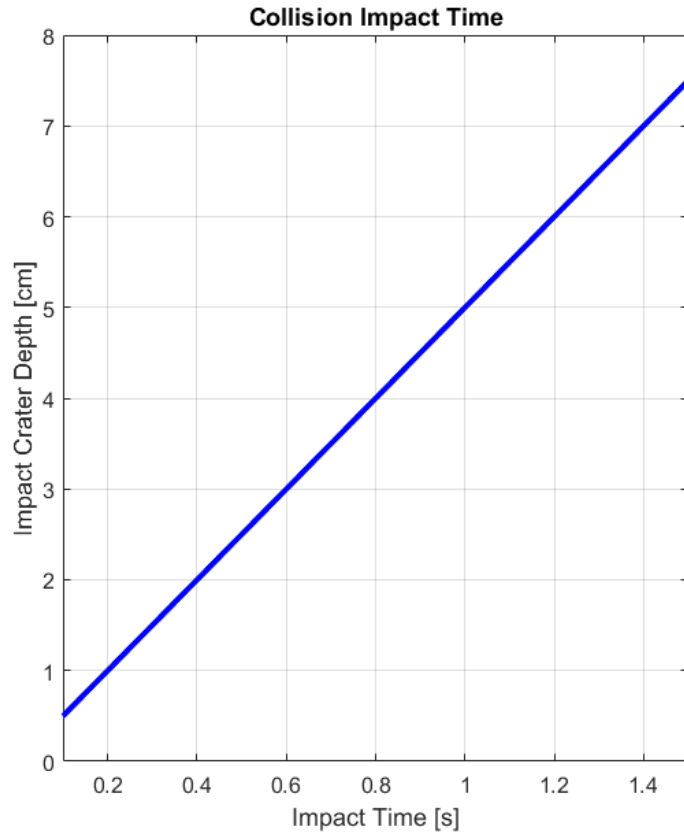
Point mass force will likely be distributed



$$P_{impact} = \frac{F_{impact}}{SA_{base}} \Rightarrow \frac{F_{impact,DI}}{SA_{base,DI}} = \frac{F_{impact,CS}}{SA_{base,CS}}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{impact,DI} = F_{impact,CS} \times \frac{SA_{base,DI}}{SA_{base,CS}} = 0.2286 F_{impact,CS}$$

# Impact Collision Calculations



# Impact Modeling Test

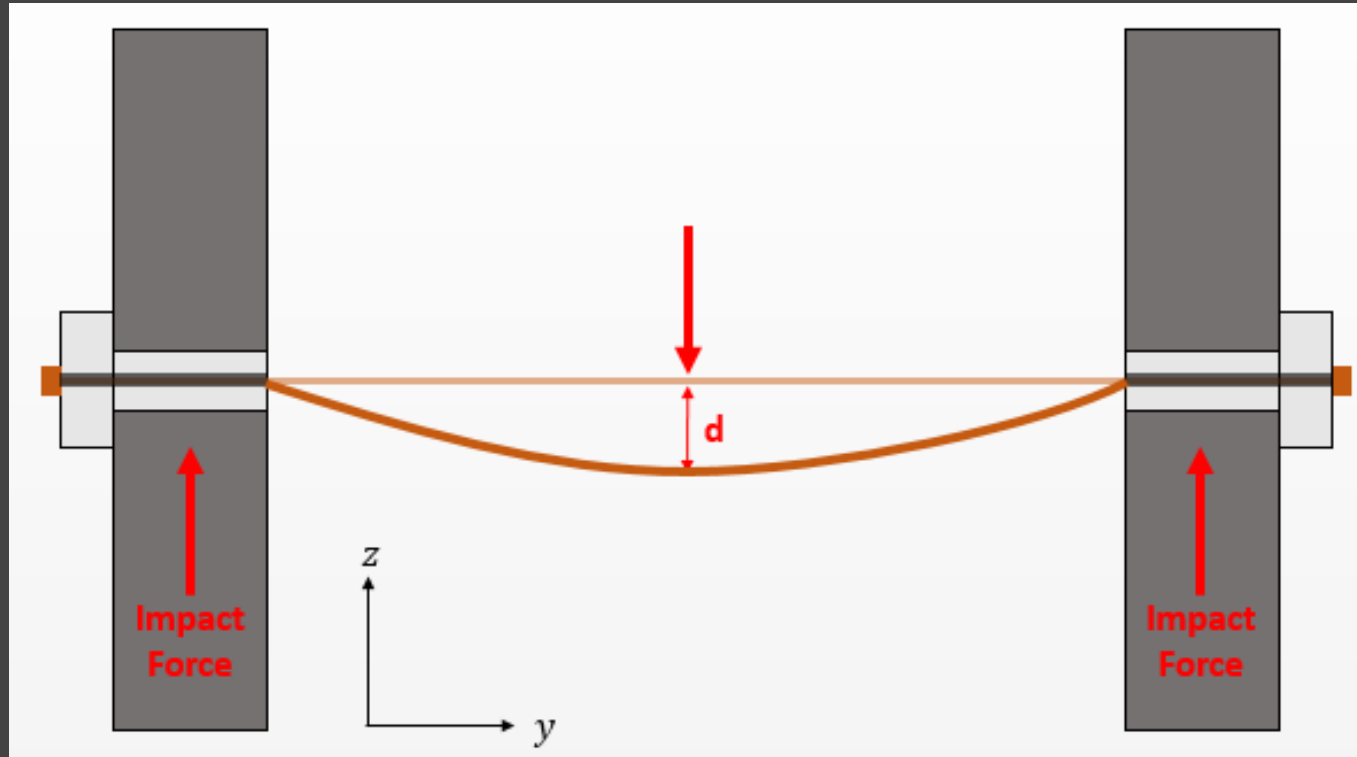


- In order to determine a number for the force of impact, the time of impact must be known.
- Impact time is difficult to measure without high speed filming capabilities.
- A simple analysis can stem from crater depth (distance needed to stop).
- Assuming constant acceleration:

$$t_{impact} = \frac{2d}{v_f + v_i} \rightarrow t_{impact} = \frac{d}{5}$$

# Wire Electrode Impact Analysis

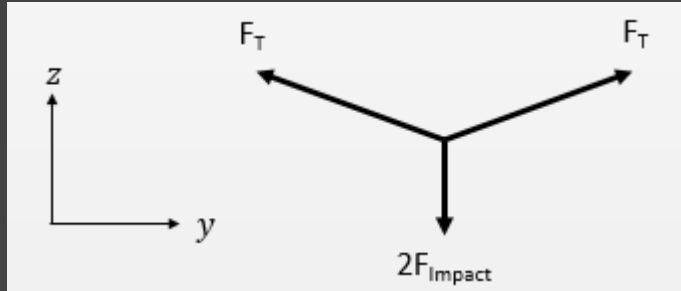
Modeling worst case scenario.







# Wire Electrode Impact Analysis

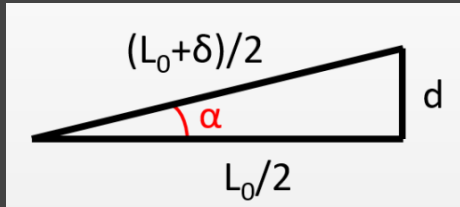


Given:

- Yield Strength ( $\tau$ ): 199.9 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Wire Length ( $L_0$ ): 7.0 mm
- Modulus of Elasticity ( $E$ ): 117.0 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Assumptions: Rigid Body Analysis

Find: elongation ( $\delta$ ), deflection distance ( $d$ ), deflection angle ( $\alpha$ ), and impact force that would break the wire ( $F_{\text{impact}}$ )



$$\delta = L_0 \times \frac{\tau}{E} = 0.042\text{mm}$$

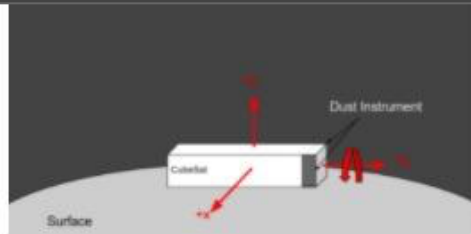
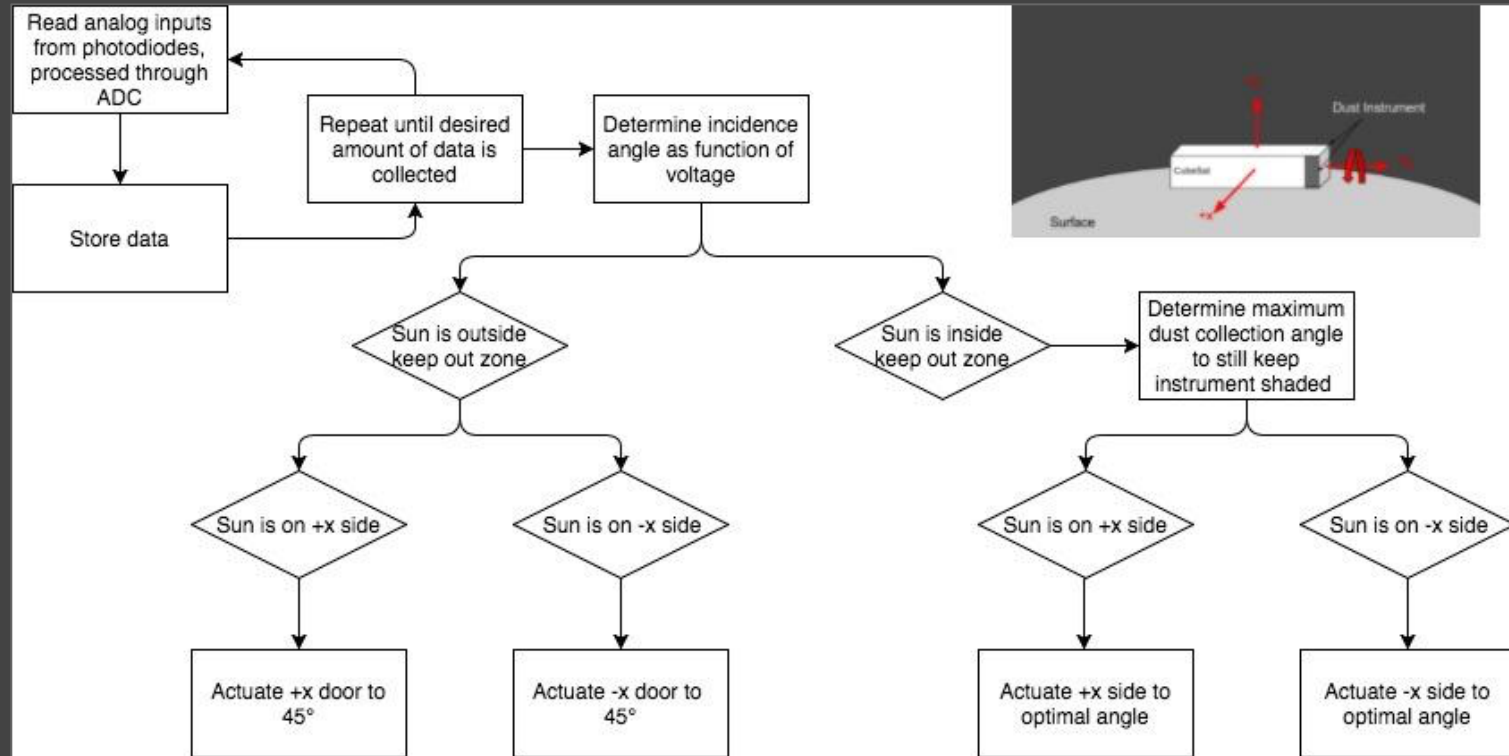
$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{\frac{L_0 + \delta}{2}} \right) = 1.982^\circ$$

$$d = \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_0 + \delta}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{L_0}{2}\right)^2} = 1.211\text{mm} \quad F_{\text{impact}} = F_T \sin(\alpha) = \mathbf{0.4752\text{N}}$$



# Software Backup Slides

# ARS Software Flow Diagram





# Event Trigger Software Cycle Count

Assume a filter,  $f[n]$  that is 20 samples in width. The signal is  $g[n]$ . So, the cross correlation at time  $n$  is:

$$c[n] = \sum_{m=1}^{20} g[m]f[m + n]$$

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Number of instructions</u>	<u>Cycles per instruction</u>	<u>Total Clock Cycles</u>
Load signal and filter for each channel	$24 \times 40 = 960$	2	1920
$f[m] g[m+n]$ multiplication	$24 \times 20 = 480$	1	480
Sum from $m = 1$ to 20	$24 \times 20 = 480$	1	480
Program control overhead	< 1000	1	< 1000
Worst case			<u>&lt; 4000</u>



# Event Trigger Software Runtime

The event trigger software requires <4000 clock cycles, so, at a 180 MHz clock speed:

$$t_{\text{trigger}} = \frac{4000 \text{ cycles}}{180 * 10^6 \text{ cycles/s}} = 22.2 \mu\text{s}$$

For the ADC:

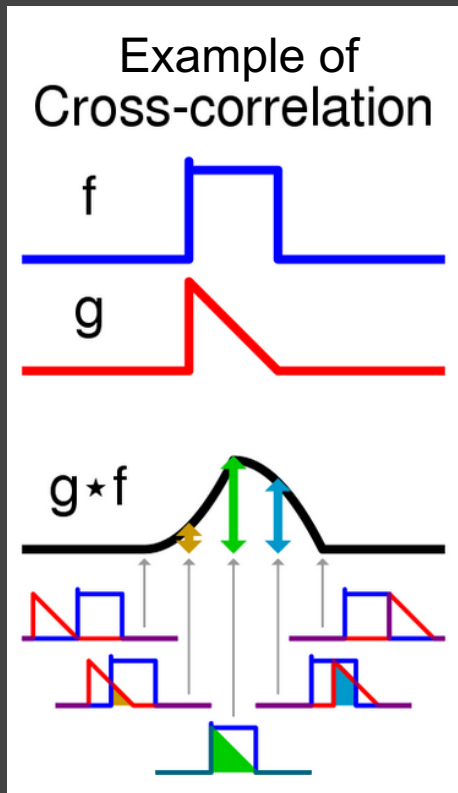
$$t_{\text{conversion}} = 15 * t_{\text{ADC\_clock}} = 15 * 0.5 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\therefore t_{\text{conversion},24} = 12 \mu\text{s}$$

# Trigger Method - Cross Correlation

- Cross correlation (sliding dot product) **measures overlap between two signals**
- Trigger software takes cross correlation to compare filter and data stream
- Dust event triggered when cross correlation value exceeds threshold
  - Threshold will be determined from calibration with multiple data sets

$$(f \star g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f}(T)g(t + T)dT$$





# Trade Study: Door Mechanism

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Mass	$\geq 650$ g	$< 650$ g	$< 600$ g	$< 550$ g	$< 500$ g
Cost	$\geq \$175$	$< \$175$	$< \$150$	$< \$125$	$< \$100$
Size	$\geq 250$ cm <sup>3</sup>	$< 250$ cm <sup>3</sup>	$< 225$ cm <sup>3</sup>	$< 200$ cm <sup>3</sup>	$< 175$ cm <sup>3</sup>
Mechanical Complexity	-interferes w/ instrument	$\geq 4$ actuators -no interference w/ instrument	-3 actuators -no interference w/ instrument	-2 actuators -no interference w/ instrument	-1 actuator -no interference w/ instrument

Criteria	Weight (%)	Options		
		Hinged	Electromagnet	Sliding
Mass	10	4	1	3
Cost	20	2	4	5
Size	30	3	2	4
Mechanical Complexity	40	2	1	4
<b>Weighted Total</b>	100	2.5	1.9	4.1



# Trade Study: Tilting Mechanism

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Number of Actuators	8 actuators	4 actuators, also requires gears	4 actuators	2 actuators, legs are jointed	2 actuators
Difficulty to design and implement	100% custom design, interferes with door	100% custom design, no door interference	COTS & custom design, interferes with door	COTS & custom design, no door interference	COTS, no door interference
Volume Required	>1000 cm <sup>3</sup>	750-1000 cm <sup>3</sup>	500-750 cm <sup>3</sup>	250-500 cm <sup>3</sup>	<250 cm <sup>3</sup>
Mass	>3 kg	2.3-3 kg	1.6-2.3 kg	1-1.6 kg	<1 kg
Cost	>\$900	\$650-\$900	\$400-\$650	\$150-\$400	<\$150

Criteria	Weight (%)	Options				
		Telescoping Legs	Lever Arm	Scissor Lift	Jointed Arm	Gear Rack
Number of Actuators	25	2	5	4	1	2
Difficulty to design/implement	25	1	4	3	1	4
Volume Required	20	1	3	5	2	2
Mass	10	1	4	5	2	4
Cost	20	3	4	5	4	1
<b>Weighted Total</b>	100	1.65	4.05	4.25	1.9	2.5



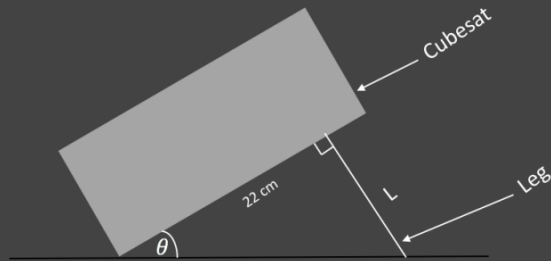


# Scissor Lift Tilting Increment

First Need To Determine Length of Leg

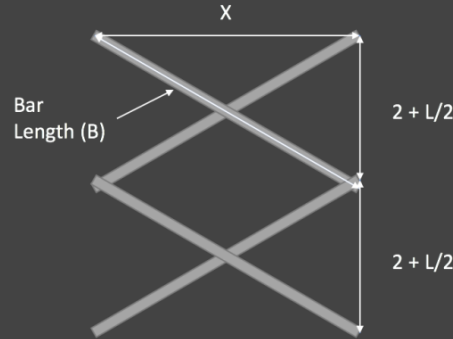
Then Need To Determine Horizontal Actuation

Finally, determine motor turning accuracy



$$L = 22 * \tan(\theta)$$

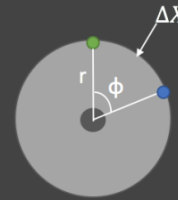
$\theta =$  Tilt Angle



$$X = \sqrt{B^2 - (2)^2}$$

$$X' = \sqrt{B^2 - \left(2 + \frac{L}{2}\right)^2}$$

Horizontal Actuation =  $\Delta X = X - X'$



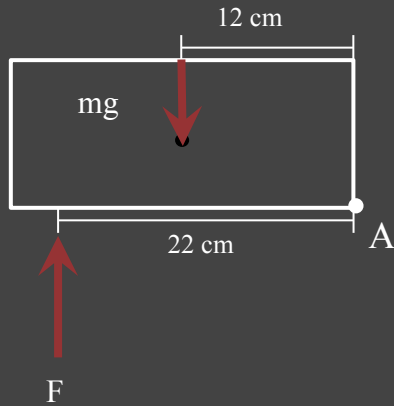
Motor Turning Angle

$$\Phi = \frac{360^\circ * \Delta X}{2 * \pi * r}$$



# Tilting Mechanism Force Calculations

- Assume center of mass is at the center of the CubeSat



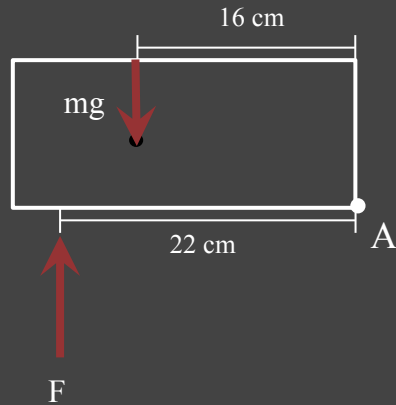
$$\sum M_A = F(0.22) + mg(0.12) = 0$$

$$F = \frac{mg(0.12)}{0.22}$$

$$F = \frac{(0.1)(9.81)(0.12)}{0.22} = 0.545 \text{ N}$$



# Tilting Mechanism Force Calculations: Maximum



- Assume center of mass is at the maximum distance from the pivot

$$\sum M_A = F(0.22) + mg(0.16) = 0$$

$$F = \frac{mg(0.16)}{0.22}$$

$$F = \frac{(0.1)(9.81)(0.16)}{0.22} = 0.713 \text{ N}$$

$$\tau = F(0.22) = 0.713(0.22) = 0.157 \text{ N m}$$



# Motor Torque/Force

Motor Torque: 1.5 N m

1 cm radius

$$F = \frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{1.5}{0.01} = 150N$$

1.5 cm radius

$$F = \frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{1.5}{0.015} = 100N$$

2 cm radius

$$F = \frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{1.5}{0.02} = 50N$$

$F > 0.73 N$

Feasible



# Leg Volume and Mass Calculation

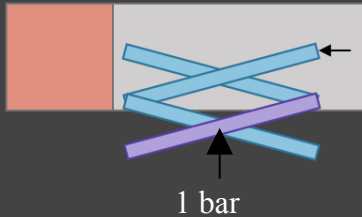
Leg Dimensions:  $2 \times 16 \times 0.3175 \text{ cm} \Rightarrow 10 \text{ cm}^3$

Number of Bars: 4

Density of Aluminum:  $2.70 \text{ g/cm}^3$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

Where  $m$  is mass and  $V$  is volume



$$m = \rho V$$

$$m = (2.70)(10)$$

$$m = 27g = 0.027kg$$

$$m_l = 4m$$

$$m_l = 4(0.027) = 0.110 \text{ kg}$$

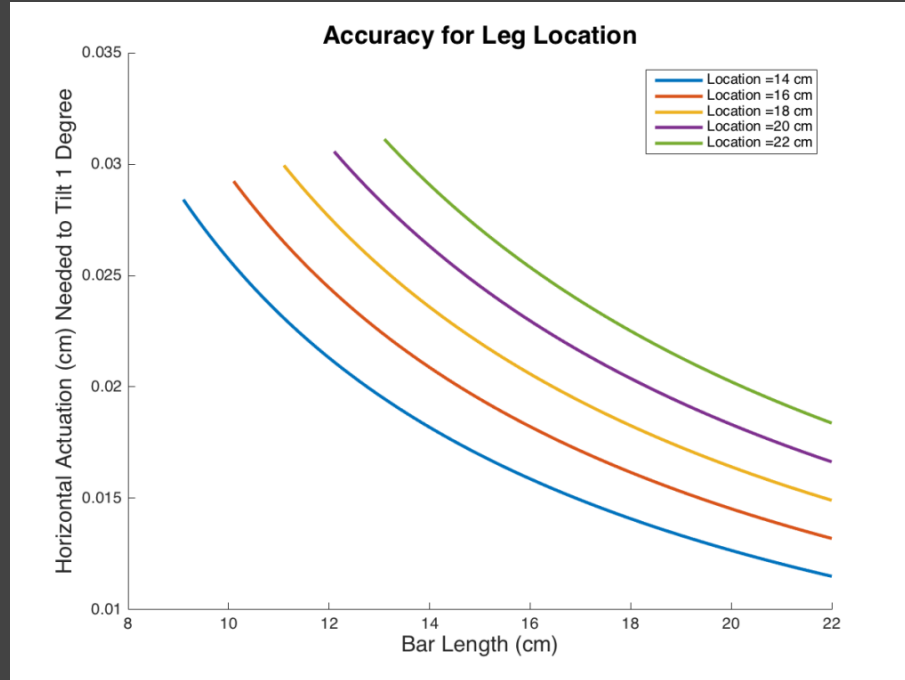
$$m_t = 2m_l$$

$$m_t = 2(0.110) = 0.220 \text{ kg}$$



# Leg Location Determination

- Need less accurate actuation the farther out the leg is from tilting edge.
  - Makes tilting easier further out leg is.
- The farther the leg is, the more room we have to work with.



# Possible Locking Mechanisms

- Solenoid Brake
  - Small
  - Inexpensive
  - Works with servo motor
- Worm Gear Box
  - Larger in size and mass
  - Expensive
  - Would require stepper motor



Both methods are feasible and meet all requirements





# Mass and Volume

1.1.2. The ARS shall take up less than 3U of the CubeSat model's interior.

1.2.1. The combination of the ARS, sensor processor and CubeSat model shell shall have a maximum mass of 7.84 kg.

Component	Mass (kg)	Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )
Leg Motors	0.11	346
Legs	0.22	81
Door Motors	0.11	346
Door Mechanisms	0.069	26
ARS Microcontroller	0.05	40
Instrument Microcontroller	0.05	100
Shell	2.5	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.109</b>	<b>1939</b>

Available Mass: 7.84 kg

Margin: 4.73 kg

Feasible

Available Volume: 3U = 5073.5 cm<sup>3</sup>

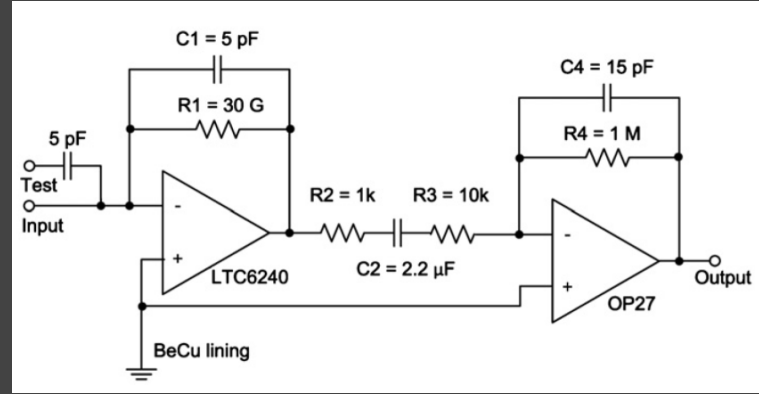
Margin: 3134.5 cm<sup>3</sup>

Feasible



# CSA Circuit (Given)

- Given by the client as a low noise method to translate a charge induced on a wire electrode into an amplified voltage
- The first op-amp is a charge sensitive preamplifier with gain of  $1/C_1$
- Second is an AC coupled voltage amplifier with a gain of 91

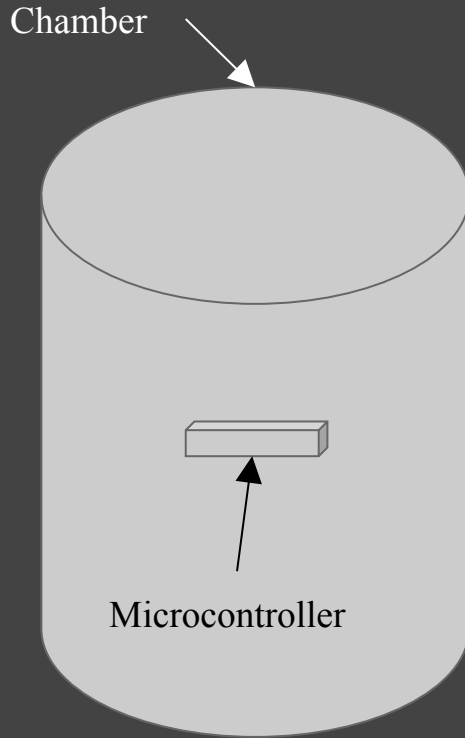


$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{1}{C_1} \times 91 = 18\text{mV/C}$$

ADC resolution will be much greater than needed



# Thermal



Assumptions:

- Chamber is very large relative to microcontroller (black body)
- Chamber walls at constant 293.15 K
- Microcontroller is a black body

$$\dot{q}_{in} = \dot{q}_{out}$$

$$\sigma A_{micro} T_{chamber}^4 + P_{micro} = \sigma A_{micro} T_{micro}^4$$

$$(5.67e - 8)(2)(.07)^2(293.15)^4 + 0.5 = (5.67e - 8)(2)(.07)^2 T_{micro}^4$$

$$T_{micro} = 301.7K$$

# Instrument Hardware Cost (Analog)



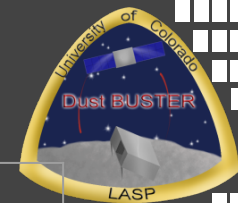
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST (\$)</u>	<u># REQUIRED</u>	<u>TOTAL COST (\$)</u>
LTC6240 OpAmp	1.2	30	36
OP275 OpAmp	3	15	45
10 GΩ Resistors	9.5	90	855
5 pF Capacitor	0.1	60	6
15 pF Capacitor	0.5	30	15
2.2 μF Capacitor	0.2	30	6
1kΩ Resistor	0.1	30	3
10 kΩ Resistor	0.1	30	3
1 MΩ Resistor	0.1	30	3
PCB	66	1	66
Misc.			50
Total			1038

# Instrument Electronics Cost (Digital)



<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST (\$)</u>	<u># REQUIRED</u>	<u>TOTAL COST (\$)</u>
Development Board	40	1	40
Microcontroller	15	2	30
PCB	66	1	66
Peripherals			30
Support Programmer	100	1	100
Total			40-226

# ARS Mechanisms Cost



<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST (\$)</u>	<u># REQUIRED (\$)</u>	<u>TOTAL COST (\$)</u>
Servo Motors	50	2	100
Stepper Motors	20	2	40
12"x12"x1/8" 6061 Aluminum	20	3	60
3/16"x12" 6061 Al Rod	5	1	5
Gear Rack	50	1	50
Gears	50	4	200
Rack Rail	10	1	10
Misc Mounting Equipment			100
Testing Equipment			100
Total			665

# ARS Sun Sensing Cost



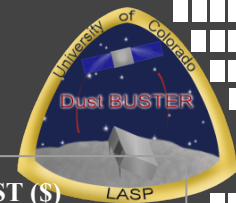
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST (\$)</u>	<u># REQUIRED</u>	<u>TOTAL COST (\$)</u>
Photodiodes	5	20	100
Microcontroller (Teensy 3.6)	50	1	50
PCB	66	1	66
Peripherals			50
Accelerometer	20	1	20
Misc (cables, etc)			50
Total			336

# CubeSat Structure Cost



<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST (\$)</u>	<u># REQUIRED</u>	<u>TOTAL COST (\$)</u>
12"x24" 0.125" Thickness 6061 T6 Al Sheet	35	1	35
24"x24" 0.125" Thickness 6061 T6 Al Sheet	30	1	30
Misc			100
Total			165

# Instrument Structure Cost



<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST (\$)</u>	<u># REQUIRED</u>	<u>TOTAL COST (\$)</u>
0.3125" Thick, 24"x24" 6061 Al	140	1	140
0.04" Thick, 12"x12" 6061 Al	6	1	6
0.02" Copper Wire 1/4lb spool	7	1	7
M4 Screws	17	8	136
0.04" Thick, 12"x12" 6061 Al	6	1	6
0.04" Thick, 12"x12" 6061 Al	6	1	6
3/8"x3/8"x12" Delrin Bar (Black)	3	1	3
Polished 6061 0.125" Thick, 12"x12" plate	45	1	45
Magnets			100
120 Total			449





# Project Scope

- TRL 4
  - Integration of different components
  - Validation in laboratory environment
  - Do not have to design for intended environment

