

Technology Demonstrations & Infusions



- Technology and continued technological progress is critical for the future of SMD and its future missions
- Technology investments are pathways to flight as strategic elements of SMD programs
- SMD is actively developing flight opportunities for new technologies as part of AOs.
 - Based on our experiences, performance metrics and feedback, we will continually adjust.
- Goal: Fly at least one new technology with every science mission

GPIM will test a new propulsion system that runs on a high-performance and non-toxic spacecraft fuel. This technology could help propel constellations of small satellites in and beyond low-Earth orbit.

7120.5 Space Flight Phase E

Category: 3 Risk Class: D

Objectives:

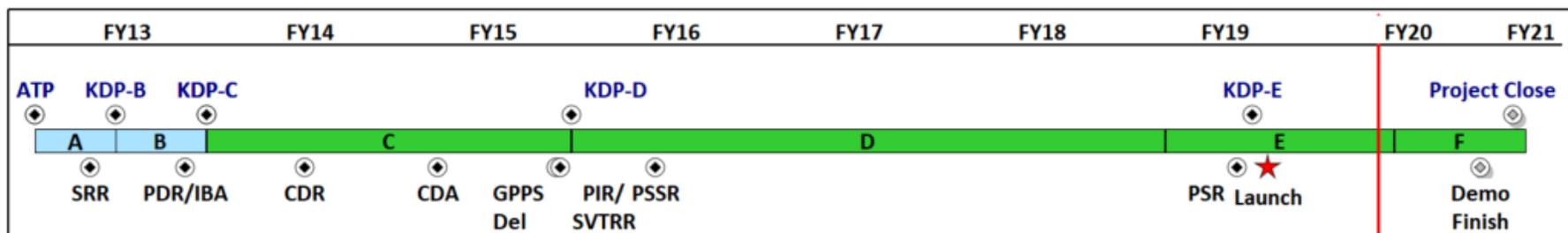
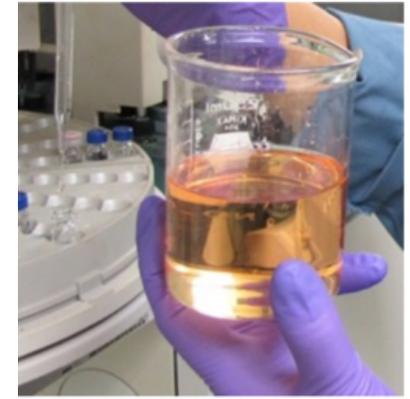
- Demonstrate the on-orbit performance of a complete AF-M315E propulsion system suitable for an ESPA-class spacecraft
- Demonstrate AF-M315E steady-state performance of delivered volumetric impulse at least 40% greater than hydrazine
- Demonstrate spacecraft propellant loading and cleanup without need for personal protective equipment

Access to Space:

- Launched into space June 25, 2019 on a Falcon Heavy Rocket, as part of the USAF Space Test Program-2 (STP-2) mission
- USAF SMC operates GPIM using AFSCN ground stations
- 13 months of on-orbit operations

Team:

- Lead: Ball Aerospace
- Partners:
 - Aerojet Rocketdyne: Thruster & propulsion system
 - Air Force Research Laboratory: AF-M315E development, propellant loading
 - Glenn Research Center: Plume modeling
 - Goddard Space Flight Center: Slosh & Flow Testing
 - Kennedy Space Center: Propellant handling/testing
 - AF SMC: AFSCN ground stations, MMSOC operations



Spaceflight of a hosted payload to demo a small, low-mass atomic clock with unprecedented stability for deep space navigation and science.

7120.5 Space Flight

Phase E

Objectives:

- Demonstrate Allan deviation $< 2.0E-14$ @ one day
- Demonstrate $< 10m$ orbit determination using one-way deep space scenario
- Build physics package $< 7kg$ and $< 30W$

Access to Space:

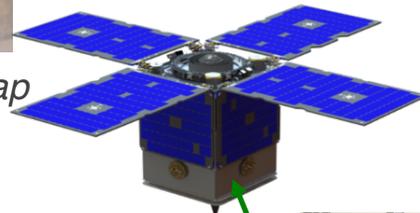
- **Launched June 2019**
- Hosted payload on Surrey Satellite Technology-US OTB (civil) spacecraft
- OTB ESPA-class spacecraft on a Falcon Heavy LV (USAF STP-2)
- General Atomics operates OTB
- JPL operates DSAC payload
- 7 week commissioning; 1 year on-orbit experiment

Team:

- JPL (lead) – building clock system, operate DSAC payload
- General Atomics – Host Mission Provider (CO) – integrates & operates OTB
- BRE (Moog) – GPS Receiver (AZ)
- FEI – Ultra Stable Oscillator (NY)
- Microsemi – Synthesizer (MA)
- LASP – UV Detector (CO)
- Partners: HEOMD SCan



Mercury Ion Trap

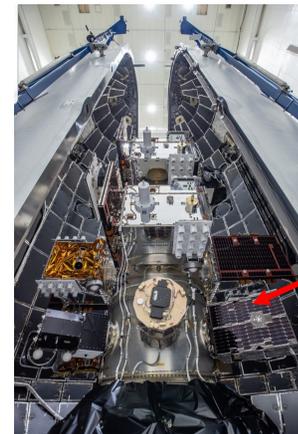
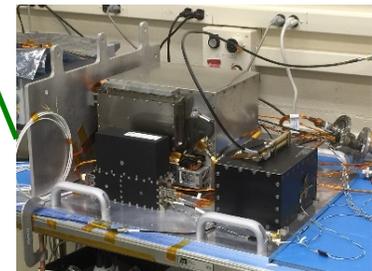


DSAC Payload DU, USO, GPSR



DSAC Demonstration Unit (DU)

General Atomics OTB



OTB one of 26 spacecraft

Launched June 25, 2019

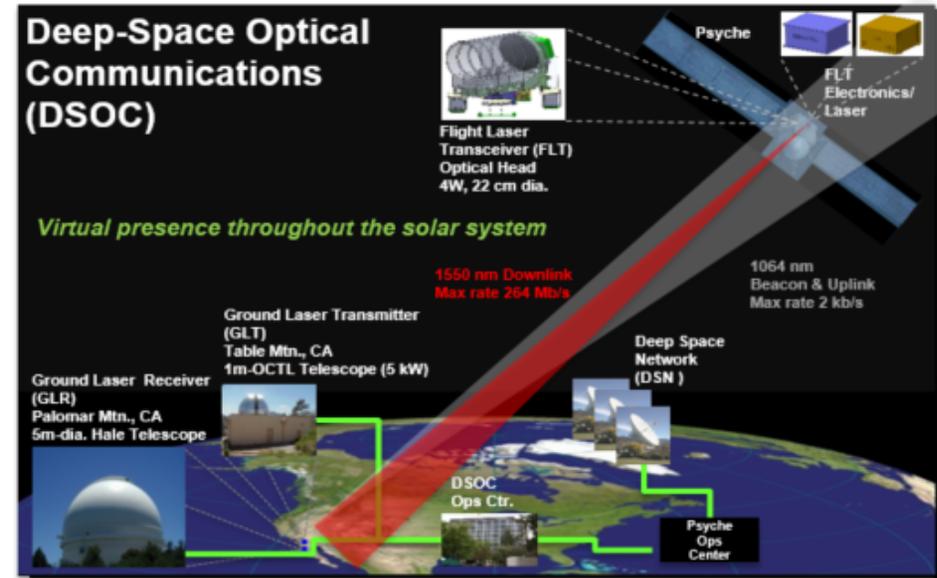
Spaceflight of a hosted payload to demo a small, low-mass optical communication system on a planetary scale to provide substantially greater communications speeds at great distances

7120.5 Space Flight

Phase C

Objectives:

- **Demonstrate deep space optical communication capability**
 - Designed for 0.1 to 2.7 AU
 - Sun-Earth Probe Angle > 25° (TBC)
- **Develop a Flight Laser Transceiver (FLT) for accommodation on Psyche spacecraft**
 - Downlink data-rate of **0.256 - 200 Mb/s**
 - Uplink data-rate of **[2 kb/s]**
 - Prime demonstration duration **1 year**
- **Develop ground network**
 - GLT for transmitting laser beacon out to 2.7 AU
 - GLR retrofitted with photon counting receiver
 - Mission Operations System



Project Manager (PM): Bill Klipstein

Project Technologist (PT): Abi Biswas

Sponsors:

STMD/TDM (flight), HEOMD/SCaN (ground), SMD (host)

Facilities:

Optical Comm and Environmental Test Labs at JPL
 Vendor site Labs and test facilities
 Optical Communication Telescope Laboratory (OCTL)
 Caltech Optical Observatories/Hale Telescope Observatory
 Psyche mission host

Key Milestones:

- (Aug, 2022 launch on Psyche (Mars fly by)
- FY14-16** GCD Technology Development Phase
- FY17** Phase A Start, SRR/MDR
- FY19** Flight PDR
- FY20** Flight CDR, Ground PDR
- FY20** Downlink I+T start at JPL
- FY21** Del to S/C, start I+T at Hale and OCTL
- FY22** ORR, Launch
- FY22-23** Ops

EXTREME ENVIRONMENT SOLAR POWER (EESP)



EESP technology offers increased solar power for NASA missions in the general vicinity of Jupiter [~ 5 Astronomical Units (AUs)]. EESP is designed to operate in areas with low-intensity sunlight and low temperatures (LILT) as well as in higher radiation environments such as that around Jupiter.

Transformational Array

- Modular and integrated reflector / PV flexible blanket assembly on DSS Roll Out Solar Array (ROSA)
- Integral reflector elements reliably deploy as blanket assembly unrolls
- Wide off-pointing acceptance angles (alpha: ± 5 -deg [up to ± 10]) before non-cosine losses; beta: typical cosine loss behavior)
- SSL/ATK CellSaver 7-yr+ GEO experiment suggests this concentrator architecture is viable

Technical Capabilities include increased

- Beginning of life solar cell efficiency, $>35\%$ (1 AU)
- End of life solar cell efficiency, $>28\%$ (LILT, 4×10^{15} 1 MeV e/cm² dosage)
- End of life specific power, > 8 W/kg
- Stowed packaging density: 51 kW / m³

Enabled by SolAero-developed IMM4 solar cell technology, applicable to concentrator and planar arrays

Exploration & Science Impact

- Enable subset of future NASA missions at larger distances from the sun using solar power
- Increase mission life, capability, and/or decrease mission mass for these missions

Innovative technological approach that has continuing applicability to future SMD missions

