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"University-class spacecraft are ..."

• "... innovation-drivers in the staid, riskadverse small satellite industry."

• "... not useful, except as a means for training students to be aerospace professionals."



Are We "Innovators"?

- Short answer: yes, but not from the missions themselves
- Long answer
 - Read my paper (and send me updates)
 - Let's revisit the numbers
 - Reliability
 - Flagship vs. Independent
 - Mission utility
 - Only two innovations, but they're whoppers
 - The Small Satellite Industry
 - CubeSats



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"University-Class Satellite"

- Working definition
 - Self-contained device with independent communications, command & control
 - Untrained personnel (*i.e. students*) have key roles in design, fabrication, integration and operations
 - Training is at least as important as the rest of the mission
- Excluded (by definition)
 - Many, many satellites with strong university participation (especially as science PI)
 - Most Amateur satellites
- Exclusion does not imply lack of educational value!



The Numbers



It's Not Just CubeSats! [Okay, it's mostly CubeSats]

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Not a Great Year for Mission Success



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What Breaks?

22 of 93 orbited spacecraft "failed" What Breaks?

- Radiation: 1*
- Launch interface: 1
- Launch thermal: 1
- Communications: $4\frac{1}{2}$
- CPU lockup: 2
- Power: $4\frac{1}{2}$
- DOA: 8*

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Perhaps we should worry more about system-level functional testing and less (?) about the space environment...

What Doesn't Break?

- Structures
- Thermal*



 Commercial Electronics in **Radiation Environment***

It Still Helps to Be Somebody

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Repeat Business: Same Old, Same Old

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Beyond the Beep?



To Grossly Oversimplify

- Flagship schools
 - Build "real" missions that work (90% success)
 - Use CubeSats as stepping-stones
 - Sustain programs around a larger (20-100 kg) bus
 - Move up the "value chain" and out of the university class
- Independent schools
 - Build one satellite that might work (58%), then fly no more (80%)
 - Build CubeSats and, if sustained, it's a series of E-class CubeSats



Innovation #1: This Industry





Innovation #1: This Industry



Revolution #2 (?): CubeSats







- Twiggs (Stanford) and Puig-Suari (Cal Poly) defined a standard for carrying 10 cm, 1 kg cubes into space
- [The real innovation was the P-POD]
- Timeline
 - 1999 concept definition
 - 2003 first flight
 - 2009 41st university flight
- Look around at the number of non-university CubeSat programs (~12 flights)

Revolution #2 (?): CubeSats



The Counter-Argument

- SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY Parks College Engineering. Aviation.
- What about the other 100 spacecraft?
- What about the 100 spacecraft that haven't launched (and may never launch)?
- University Nanosat Program
 - 10 years, 27 schools
 - One flight (plus three in pipeline)
 - Four other flights by Nanosat schools







- University-class spacecraft are not going away
 - CubeSat growth continues
 - As some programs "graduate", new ones appear
- Bifurcation has grown stronger
 - Flagships building reliable sci/tech missions
 - Independents building less reliable E-class CubeSats
- Innovation happens, unexpectedly
 - Surrey did not intend to kick-start an industry
 - Twiggs & Puig-Suari did not intend to spur a new industry
 - Flagships don't innovate (probably on purpose)



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University-Class Missions, 1981-2003

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Launch	Launch ID	Launch Date	Mission	Primary School(s)	Nation	Mass (kg)	Mission Duration (months)	Status	Type	Multi	Flag?
1981	1	10/6/81	UoSAT-1 (UO-9)	University of Surrey	UK	52	96	Ν	S	У	NF
1984	2	3/1/84	UoSAT-2 (UO-11)	University of Surrey	UK	60	281	N	С	У	NF
1985	3	4/29/85	NUSAT	Weber State, Utah State University	USA	52	20	N	Т	У	NF
1990	4	1/22/90	WeberSAT (WO-18)	Weber State	USA	16	96	N	С	У	NF
1991	5	7/17/91	TUBSAT-A	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	35	210	N	С	У	F
1992	6	8/10/92	KITSAT-1 (KO-23)	Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Korea	49	77	N	Т	У	F
1993	7	5/12/93	ARSENE	CNES Amateurs (?)	France	154	4	F	С	n	NF
i companya	8	10/26/93	KITSAT-2 (KO-25)	Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Korea	48	96	N	С	У	F
1994	9	1/25/94	TUBSAT-B	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	45	1	F	Т	У	F
	10	3/2/94	BremSat	University of Bremen	Germany	63	11	N	S	n	NF
1995	11	8/28/95	Techsat 1-A	Technion Institute of Technology	Israel	50		LF	С	у	F
			UNAMSAT-A	National University of Mexico	Mexico	10	-	LF	С	n	NF
1996	12	5/9/96	UNAMSAT-B (MO-30)	National University of Mexico	Mexico	10	0	F	С	n	NF
1997	13	10/25/97	Falcon Gold	US Air Force Academy	USA	18	0.5	N	Т	У	F
	14	10/30/97	YES	ESA/ESTEC-led partnership	Europe	187	0.1	N	E	У	NF
	15	11/3/97	RS-17	Russian high school students	Russia	3	2	N	E	n	NF
1998	16	7/7/98	TUBSAT-N	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	8	46	N	Т	У	F
			TUBSAT-N1	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	3	20	N	Т	У	F
	17	7/10/98	Techsat 1-B (GO-32)	Technion Institute of Technology	Israel	70	51	N	S	У	F
	18	10/30/98	PANSAT (PO-34)	Naval Postgraduate School	USA	70	60	N	С	n	F
			SEDSAT (SO-33)	University of Alabama, Huntsville	USA	41	33	F	Т	n	NF
1999	19	2/23/99	Sunsat (SO-35)	University of Stellenbosch	South Africa	64	23	N	С	У	F
	20	5/27/99	DLR-TUBSAT	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	45	120	N	S	У	F
			KITSAT-3	Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Korea	110	55	N	Т	У	F
2000	21	1/27/00	JAWSAT (WO-39)	Weber State, USAFA	USA	191	1.0	F	Т	У	NF
			Falconsat 1	US Air Force Academy	USA	52	1.0	F	E	У	F
			ASUsat 1 (AO-37)	Arizona State University	USA	6	0.0	F	E	У	NF
			Opal (OO-38)	Stanford University	USA	23	29	N	Т	У	NF
		2/10/00	JAK	Santa Clara University	USA	0.2	0	F	E	n	NF
		2/12/00	Louise	Santa Clara University	USA	0.5	0	F	S	n	NF
			Thelma	Santa Clara University	USA	0.5	0	F	S	n	NF
-	22	6/28/00	Tsinghua-1	Tsinghua University	China	49	30	N	E	У	F
	23	9/26/00	TiungSAT-1 (MO-46)	ATSB	Malaysia	50	39	N	S	n	F
			Saudisat 1A (SO-41)	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	10	36	N	С	У	F
	1		Saudisat 1B (SO-42)	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	10	27	N	С	У	F
			UNISAT 1	University of Rome "La Sapienza"	Italy	12	24	N	E	У	F
	24	11/21/00	Munin	Umeå University / Luleå University of Technology	Sweden	6	3	N	S	n	NF
2001	25	9/30/01	Sapphire (NO-45)	Stanford, USNA, Washington University	USA	20	36	N	E	У	NF
			PCSat 1 (NO-44)	US Naval Academy	USA	12	94	S	С	у	F
	26	10/12/01	Maroc-TUBSAT	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	47	94	A	S	у	F
2002	27	12/20/02	Saudisat 1C (SO-50)	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	10	80	A	С	У	F
			UNISAT 2	University of Rome "La Sapienza"	Italy	17	24	N	E	У	F
2003	28	6/30/03	QuakeSat	Stanford University	USA	3	61	N	S	У	NF
			CUTE-1 (CO-55)	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan	1	73	S	E	У	F
			XI-IV (CO-57)	University of Tokyo	Japan	1	73	A	E	У	F
			CanX-1	University of Toronto	Canada	1	0	F	E	У	F
			AAU Cubesat	University of Aalborg	Denmark	1	3	F	E	У	NF
			DTUsat	Technical University of Denmark	Denmark	1	0	F	E	n	NF
	29	9/27/03	STSAT-1	Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Korea	100	70	A	T	У	F
	66		Mozhayets 4 (RS-22)	Mozhaisky military academy	Russia	64	70	A	C	I Y	F

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University-Class Missions, 2004-2008

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2004	30	4/18/04	Naving-1 (NS-1)	Tsinghua University	China	25	64	Δ	т	V	E
2004	31	6/20/04	SaudiSat 2	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	15	61	A	9	y V	E
	31	0/25/04	SaudiCompat 1	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	10	61	~	0	y	E
-			SaudiComsat-1	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	61	~	0	У	
			SaudiComsat-2	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	01	A	U T	У	F
-		10/04/04	UNISAT 3	University of Rome "La Sapienza"	Italy	12	61	A	-	у	F
	32	12/21/04	3CS: Sparky	ASU/NMSU/CU Boulder	USA	16	-	LF	E	у	NF
			3CS: Ralphie	ASU/NMSU/CU Boulder	USA	16	-	LF	E	У	NF
2005	33	8/3/05	PCSat 2	US Naval Academy	USA	12	13	N	С	У	F
	34	10/27/05	XI-V (CO-58)	University of Tokyo	Japan	1	45	S	E	У	F
			Mozhayets 5	Mozhaisky military academy	Russia	64	0	F	E	У	F
-			UWE-1	University of Würzburg	Germany	1	1	F	E	У	NF
			Ncube II	Norwegian Universities	Norway	1	0	F	E	n	NF
			SSETI Express (XO-53)	European Universities	Europe	62	0	F	С	У	NF
2006	35	2/21/06	CUTE-1.7 (CO-56)	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan	10	1	F	С	У	F
	36	3/24/06	Falconsat 2	US Air Force Academy	USA	20	-	LF	S	У	F
	37	7/26/06	UNISAT 4	University of Rome "La Sapienza"	Italy	12	-	LF	E	V	F
			Ncube	Norwegian Universites	Norway	1	-	LF	Е	n	NF
	2		KUTESat	University of Kansas	USA	1	-	LF	E	n	NF
			CP2	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	USA	1	-	LF	F	V	NF
-			CP1	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	USA	1	-	LE	F	V	NE
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	2		SEEDS		Japan		-		-	n	NE
			SACRED	University of Arizona	USA			LF	E	n	NF
			Rincon	University of Arizona	USA	1	-	LF	E	n	INF
			MEROPE	Montana State University	USA	1	-	LF	S	n	NF
			HAUSAI-1	Hankuk Aviation University	S. Korea	1		LF	E	n	+
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	38	9/22/06	HITSat (HO-59)	Hokkaido Institute of Technology	Japan	2.7	5	N	С	n	NF
	39	12/21/06	RAFT-1 (NO-60)	US Naval Academy	USA	1	5	N	С	у	F
			MARScom	US Naval Academy	USA	1	5	N	С	У	F
			ANDE (NO-61)	US Naval Academy	USA	75	12	N	С	У	F
2007	40	1/10/07	LAPAN-Tubsat	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	56	31	A	С	У	F
			PEHUENSAT-1 (PO-63)	National University of Comahue	Argentina	6	3	N	С	n	NF
	41	3/9/07	Falconsat 3	US Air Force Academy	USA	54	29	A	S	У	F
			MidSTAR-1	US Naval Academy	USA	120	29	A	Т	У	F
	42	4/17/07	Saudi ComSat-3	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	28	A	С	У	F
			Saudi ComSat-4	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	28	A	С	У	F
-			Saudi ComSat-5	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	28	Α	С	У	F
			Saudi ComSat-6	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	28	A	С	у	F
			Saudi ComSat-7	King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology	Saudi Arabia	12	28	A	С	У	F
			CP4	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	USA	1	5	N	Е	y	NF
			CP3	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	USA	1	5	N	E	v	NF
			Libertad-1	University of Sergio Arboleda	Columbia	1	1	N	E	'n	NF
			CAPE-1	University of Louisiana	USA	1	5	N	E	n	NF
	43	9/25/07	YES2/Floyd	ESA-led partnership	Europe	30	0	N	T	v	NF
		0.20101	Yes2/Fotino	ESA-led partnership	Europe	6	0	F	Ť	v	NF
2008	44	4/28/08	Cute 1.7 + APD II (CO-65)	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan	2	15	A	F	V	F
2000		4/20/00	CanX 2	University of Toronto	Canada	2	15	A	T	y	F
			AAU-CubeSat II	University of Aalborg	Denmark	1	15	A	Ť	y	NE
	2		SEEDS 2 (CO-66)	Nihon University	Japan	1	15	A	F	7	NE
			COMPASS 1	Fachbochschule Aachen	Germany	1	15	0	E		NE
	3		Dolf-C3 (DO.64)	Technical University of Delft	Netherlande	2	15	0	T		E
			Deni-03 (D0-04)	Technical Oniversity of Dent	rectionatios	3	10	0	. U		Г

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University-Class Missions, 2009

2009	45	1/23/09	SpriteSat (Rajjin)	Tohoku University	Japan	50	0	F	S	n	NF
			PRISM	University of Tokyo	Japan	8	7	A	Т	y	F
			KKS 1	Tokyo Metropolitan College of Industrial Technology	Japan	3	0	F	Т	n	NF
			STARS 1	Kagawa University	Japan	8	0	F	Т	n	NF
	46	4/20/09	ANUSAT	Anna University	India	38	4	A	С	n	F
	47	5/19/09	CP6	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	USA	1	3	Α	E	у	NF
	48	7/15/09	BEVO-1	University of Texas	USA	5	1	S	Т	n	NF
	4		AggieSat2	Texas A&M University	USA	3.2	1	S	Т	n	NF
	49	8/20/09	SumbandilaSat	University of Stellenbosch	South Africa	80	n/a		Т	у	F
	·		UGATUSAT	Ufa State Aviation Technical University	Russia	30	n/a	-	Т	n	F
	50	9/5/09	UWE-2	University of Würzburg	Germany	1	n/a	-	Е	У	NF
			SwissCube-1	Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne	Switzerland	1	n/a	-	S	n	F
			BeeSat	Technical University of Berlin	Germany	1	n/a	-	Т	У	F
			ITU-pSat	Istanbul Technical University	Turkey	1	n/a	- 7	Е	n	F



Sum Total of University-Class Spacecraft



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Launch rate and operational totals



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