CUBESAT SINGLE-PHOTON DETECTOR MODULE FOR PERFORMING IN-ORBIT LASER ANNEALING TO HEAL RADIATION DAMAGE

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CAPSat (Cool Annealing Payload Satellite)



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Free-space Link [2]

Fiber optic Link [1]



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Single-photon Detectors Degrades due to Space Radiation



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[2] https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-15069-7_4

[3] X. Sun et al. Proc. of SPIE (2006)

Laser annealing heals radiation damage







CAPSat In-orbit Laser Annealing



Concept Of Annealing Payload





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Overview of Detector Module





Detector Payload



Volume: 90 mm X 90 mm X 52 mm Power consumption: 1.4W Mass: 250 g





In-house TVAC test of Detector Payload





Capsat Annealing Payload







Capsat Status



Post launch functionality lost

https://lassiaero.web.illinois.edu/2021/11/02/capsat-2-way-comms-achieved/



Outcome from CAPSat mission

- We developed a miniaturized detector system suitable for small satellite
- Our detector module works well under thermal-vacuum environment
- Whole program was a great learning opportunities
- This technology is going to be used in the upcoming SEAQUE mission [1]

[1] https://lassiaero.web.illinois.edu/2022/03/09/seaque-press-release/