



Systems Integration and Test of the Lunar Flashlight Spacecraft

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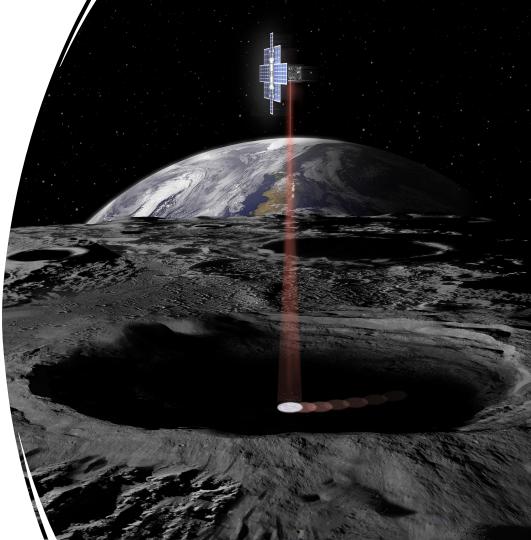
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Lunar Flashlight Mission

- 14kg 6U CubeSat
- Launching early 2023 alongside IM-1 lunar lander
- ASCENT green monopropellant propulsion system performs Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI), Trajectory Correction Maneuvers (TCMs), and Reaction Wheel Desats
- Four-point infrared spectroscopy payload searches for surface water frost in permanently shadowed craters



I&T Team



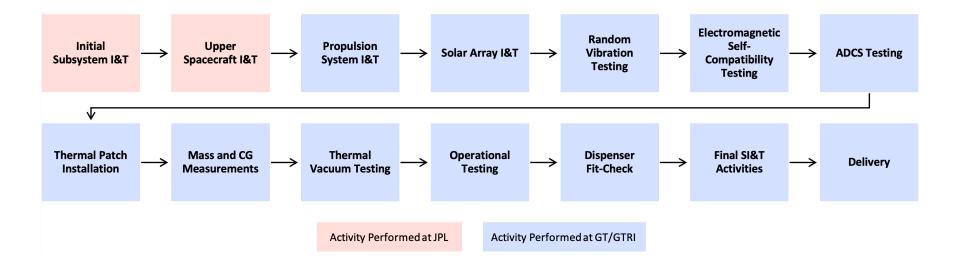
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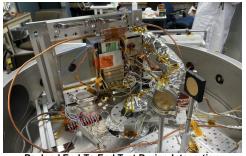
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Lunar Flashlight Systems Integration & Test Flow



Integration Overview

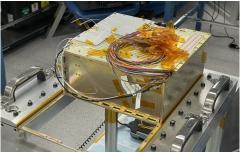
- Integration at JPL
 - Avionics
 - Telecom
 - ADCS
 - Science Instrument Payload
- Integration at GT/GTRI
 - Propulsion System
 - Solar Arrays
 - Thermal Patches
 - Peripherals



Payload End-To-End Test During Integration



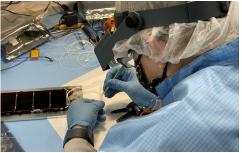
Payload Integration at JPL



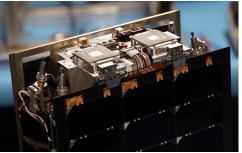
Upper Spacecraft Integrated at JPL



Propulsion System Integrated at GTRI

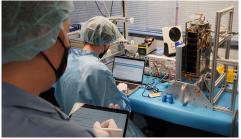


Solar Array Harnessing at GTRI



Solar Arrays and "Muffin Tin" Peripherals

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Propulsion System Functional Test



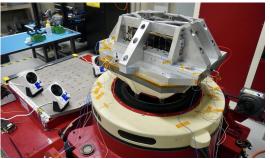
Solar Array Deployment Test



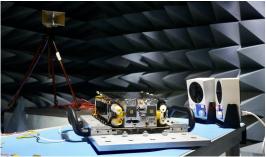
Sun Sensor Phasing Test

Test Overview

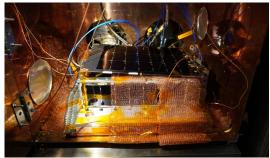
- Functional Tests
 - Propulsion System
 - Solar Arrays
 - ADCS
 - Science Instrument
- Environmental Tests
 - Random Vibration
 - Electromagnetic Self-Compatibility
 - Thermal Vacuum



Random Vibration (GTRI-CCRF)



EM Self-Compatibility (GTRI-CCRF)



TVAC (GT-AE)

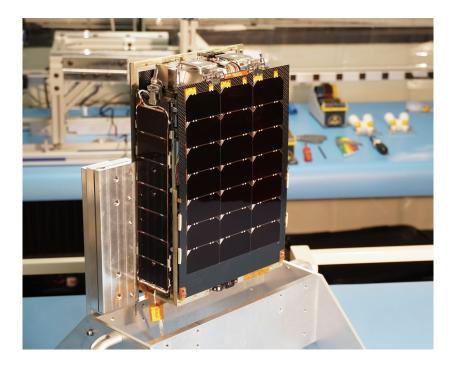
Preparing for Operations

- Close collaboration between SI&T and Ops teams
- Ops team gained hands-on experience with flight hardware
- Learning Opportunities:
 - Flight Software Updates
 - Operating S/C During TVAC
 - Day-In-The-Life Test
 - Fault Protection Test



GT Operations Team Performing Day-In-The-Life Test with LF Spacecraft

Conclusion



- Lunar Flashlight is awaiting fueling this fall
- Scheduled to launch early 2023
- Will be operated by Georgia Tech using JPL's Deep Space Network
- Demonstrating new technology in the CubeSat form-factor:
 - ASCENT propulsion system
 - Infrared laser reflectometer science payload





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