## World's First Deep Space Exploration Micro-Satellite PROCYON

my experience from CanSat to deep space mission -

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## Outline

- My experience on nano, micro, small satellites
  - CanSat
  - CubeSat
  - Small (large?) deep space mission at JAXA
  - Deep space micro-satellite (PROCYON)

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- Mission, spacecraft design, achievements
- Future prospects of deep space mission by small satellites
- Conclusion

#### My small satellite experiences at Univ. of Tokyo and JAXA

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What I learned from CanSat project:

- ABC of making things (electronic circuits, structures, etc)
- (difficulty of) project management (even in a small team)
- (difficulty of) making mission success at one-shot launch
  - Most essential part of space missions





The first CubeSat "XI-IV (Sai Four)"

#### <u>Mission</u>: **Pico-satellite bus technology demonstration**, Camera experiment <u>Developer</u>: University of Tokyo <u>Launch</u>: ROCKOT (June 30, **2003**) in Multiple Payload Piggyback Launch

Size	10x10x10[cm] CubeSat
Weight	1 [kg]
Attitude control	Passive stabilization with permanent magnet and damper
OBC	PIC16F877 x 3
Communication	VHF/UHF (max 1200bps)
	amateur frequency band
Power	Si solar cells for 1.1 W
Camera	640 x 480 CMOS
Mission life	more than 8 years



Captured Earth Images and Distribution to Mobile Phones











## CubeSat "XI-V (Sai Five)"

<u>Mission</u>: **CIGS solar cell demonstration**, Advanced camera experiment <u>Developer</u>: University of Tokyo <u>Launch</u>: COSMOS (October 27, **2005**) deployed from "SSETI-EXPRESS"

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	amateur frequency band	
Power	Si, GaAs, <mark>CIGS cells</mark>	
Camera	640 x 480 CMOS	
Mission life	> 5 years	







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OB What I learned from CubeSat project:

- How to make very small satellite with commercial, highperformance (but not space qualified) electronic parts
- How to make the satellite survive in space
  Car environments
  - not by applying simple stand-by redundancy system
  - functional redundancy, cross-check redundancy
  - → both XI-IV and XI-V are now still operational over 10 years in orbit



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Deployed from SSETI-EXPRESS in space





Deep Space Solar Power Sail Demonstrator

IKAROS

Interplanetary Kite-craft Accelerated by Radiation Of the Sun

Type: Spin type solar sail Sail Size: 14m x 14m S/C Weight: 307kg Orbit: Venus Transfer

Launch: May 21, 2010 Sail Deployment: June 9, 2010



Deep Space Solar Power Sail Demonstrator

# IKAROS

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Interpla A lot of things I learned from IKAROS project:

- Conservative way to assure reliability in a large mission by national agency (JAXA)
  - opposite from "CubeSat" way of mission assurance
  - but, is certainly valid for this large mission...
  - The "optimal" way of assuring mission success depends on the size/cost of the spacecraft
- How to make a spacecraft to operate in deep space
  - Certainly different from the Earth-orbiting satellite
  - difficult, but not too difficult once we know how
  - Small satellites can go to deep space...??

Launch: May 21, 2010 Sail Deployment: June 9, 2010

Type Sail S S/C V **Orbit** 

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## Primary Mission

#### **Demonstration of micro-spacecraft** <u>bus</u> system for deep space exploration (requires 2~3 months)



- **Power** generation/management (>240W)
- Thermal design (to accommodate wide range of Solar distance (0.9~1.5AU) and power consumption mode (IES on/off))
- Attitude control (3-axis, 0.01deg stability)
- Deep space communication & navigation
  - <u>High efficiency</u> (GaN SSPA, >30%)
  - <u>High output (>15 W)</u>

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- <u>Precise nav by novel</u> "Chirp DDOR"
- Deep space micro propulsion system
  - <u>RCS</u> for attitude control/momentum management (8 thrusters)
  - <u>Ion propulsion</u> system for trajectory control (1 axis, Isp=1000s, thrust=300uN, overall ∆V=400m/s)

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## Secondary Mission (optional/advanced)

Engineering/Scientific mission to advance/utilize deep space exploration (~L+1.5yr)



[engineering mission]

- Deep space maneuver to perform Earth swingby and trajectory change to target an asteroid flyby
- 2. High-res observation of an asteroid during close (<30km) and fast (~10km/s) flyby
  - Optical navigation and guidance to an asteroid
  - <u>Automatic Line-of-sight image-</u> <u>feedback control</u> to track asteroid direction during close flyby

[scientific mission]

 Wide-view observation of geocorona with Lyα imager from a vantage point outside of the Earth's geocorona distribution

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#### **External View of PROCYON**



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#### **Real-time Line-of-sight image-feedback control**

#### to track asteroid direction

Rotate

Asteroid relative motion y

+Z

+Y

+X

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**1-axis Rotatable Telescope** (for Flyby observation and Optical Navigation) **Observable Magnitude: 12** Surface resolution: ~1[m]@10km **Rotational speed:** <55[deg/s] (10 km/s @ 10 km)15

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#### **Internal View of PROCYON**



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#### STM (Structure and Thermal model) test

Integration

Vibration test @ Kyushu Inst. Tech.

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# FM integration @ UT

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# Ion thruster operation test



## FM Thermal vacuum test

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## FM vibration test/shock test

Vibration test@Kyushu

Separation shock test@JAXA

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## Primary mission results

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## Mission status

- Demonstration of deep space bus system
  - $\rightarrow$  success!
- Scientific mission (geocorona observation)
  - $\rightarrow$  success!
- All the mission were successful excluding the <u>long-</u> <u>time</u> deep space maneuver and the subsequent asteroid flyby.
  - demonstrated the capability of this class of spacecraft to conduct deep space mission by itself and it can be a useful tool of deep space exploration.



#### Future perspective of PROCYON-type small deep space missions

- **Possible missions by micro spacecraft (applications)**  ${}^{\bullet}$ 
  - precursor to a larger mission (e.g. Human planetary exploration, asteroid mining, etc)
  - **small-scale** mission for **"focused" science** with limited instruments

 Trajectory/Launch options "Don't miss any chance to ride" by taking advantage of its short development time and flexibility to catch a wide variety of launch opportunity in the world

 Piggyback (direct Earth escape) + Earth swingby + small Delta-V

 $\rightarrow$  flexible target selection (asteroid/comets/planets) via Earthswingby

 Piggyback (Lunar mission, LTO) + Lunar swingby + small Delta-V

#### Concluding remarks

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- From my experience, I believe that the "CubeSat" way of building satellites can open a new door of space development and space exploration
  - Boldly (and carefully at the same time) introduce novel technology
  - Take risks and do "the first" challenging mission
  - The rapid mission cycles will create innovation
- CanSat is the best first step towards space
- Explore our own (original) frontier, and let's make a new world of space exploration!



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