

Deep Space Exploration Mission with CubeSats

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Interplanetary CubeSats New paradigm will come to deep space explorations.

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Interplanetary CubeSats

- Advantages
 - Low cost
 - Short development cycle
 - Piggyback opportunity



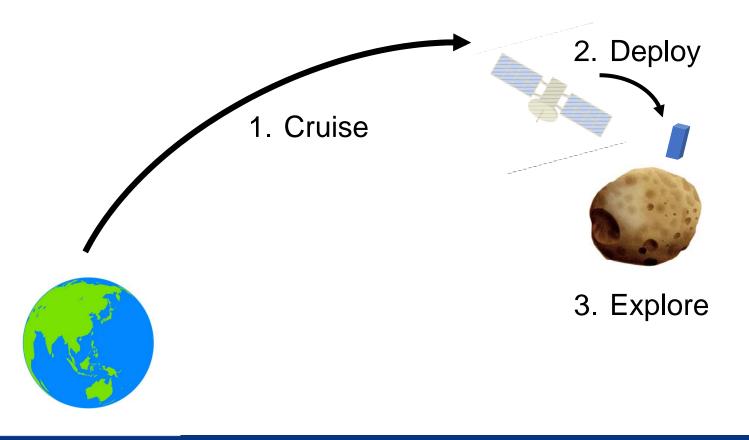
New mission architectures based on distributed systems using interplanetary CubeSats





New architecture using interplanetary CubeSats

• Mother-daughter architecture

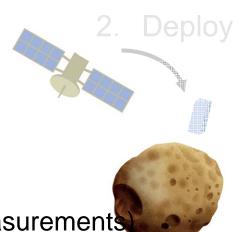


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New architecture using interplanetary CubeSats

- Mother-daughter architecture
 - A mother spacecraft provides :
 - Propulsion system for a long voyage
 - Long-range communication system
 - Daughter CubeSats have :
 - Higher risk tolerance
 - Novel technologies (New sensors, measurements)



Mother-daughter architecture relaxes requirements for the CubeSats and enables to try the advanced missions.

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Main topics

- What can unique deep-space missions be performed by daughter CubeSats?
- (If necessary,) What techniques should be demonstrated in LEO before the above missions?