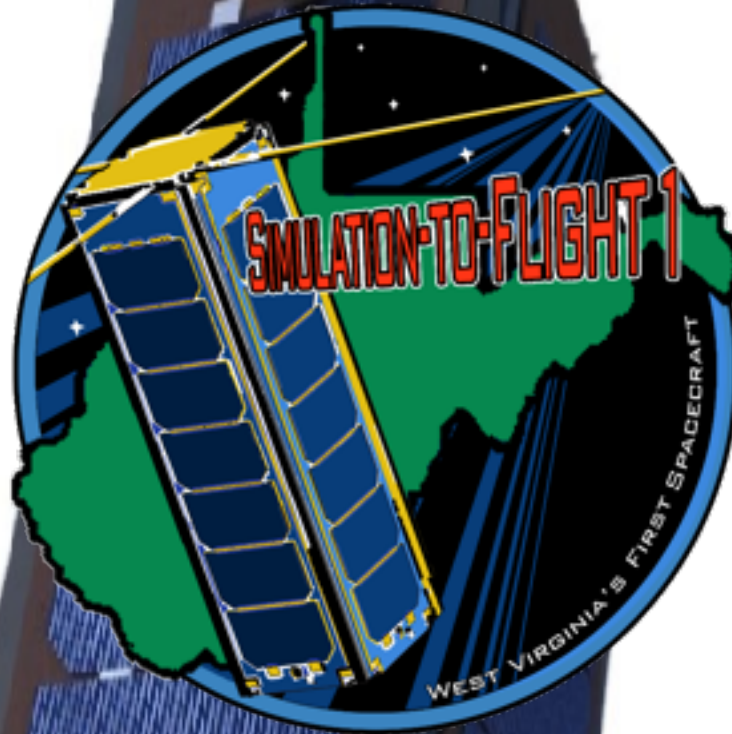


# Simulation-to-Flight 1

## NASA IV&V



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# Simulation-to-Flight 1

## West Virginia's First Spacecraft

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- NASA CubeSat Launch Initiative (CSLI)
  - ELaNa XIX, Rocket Labs USA
  - 85 inclination at 500km altitude
  - Mission Readiness Review: March 2017
  - Delivery: April 2017
  - Launch: June 2017
- Partnering with GSFC/WFF Small Satellite Teams
- NASA Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V)
  - C&DH hardware/software, integration and testing
- West Virginia University (WVU)
  - Science payload hardware and software
- West Virginia Space Grant Association (WVSGC)
  - Statewide outreach

# Mission Objectives

<b>STF-1 NOS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Primary Objective</b>	<b>NASA IV&amp;V</b>
<b>GPS and IMU</b>	Science Objective 1	<b>WVU MAE</b>
<b>Space Weather</b>	Science Objective 2	<b>WVU Physics &amp; Astronomy</b>
<b>III-V Nitride Materials</b>	Science Objective 3	<b>WVU LCSEE</b>
<b>Earth Viewing Camera</b>	Science Objective 4	<b>NASA IV&amp;V</b>
<b>STEM Education</b>	Outreach Objective	<b>WVSGC</b>

# Anatomy of STF-1



## ISISpace UHF/VHF Antenna

- Deployable Di-pole system
- Four alloy tape antennas
- Up to 55cm in length

## L3 CADET Radio

- Half duplex UHF
- Store and Forward
- 4GB memory buffer
- 3.0Mbps with 18M dish

## GomSpace Nanomind A3200

- AVR32 w/ 512KB flash
- 125Mb NOR flash
- 32MB SDRAM
- I<sup>2</sup>C, UART, and CAN-Bus

## Physics

- Particle detector
- VLF receiver
- Plasma probe

## ClydeSpace 40WHr Batteries

- Lithium Polymer
- Independent for redundancy
- Internal headers

## ArduCAM Mini Camera

- 2MP, I<sup>2</sup>C and SPI
- Optional filters

## Gallium III-V Nitride Payload

- Three different LED carriers
- Measure effects of shielding

## Novatel OEM615 GPS

- On-orbit reprogrammable
- Precise orbit determination
- Open loop tracking
- Data: 100Hz phase, TEC, S4

## Inertial Measurement Unit

- 32 MEMS sensors
- Account for errors via calibration pre-flight

## ClydeSpace EPS

- 10 command-able switches
- Provides 3.3V, 5V, and 12V
- Optimized for LEO
- Three independent battery charge regulators (BCRs)

# NASA IV&V Objective


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- Demonstrate development lifecycle value of a software-only SmallSat simulator
- Objectives
  - Open source CubeSat risk reduction solution
  - Produce evidence of cost and time savings
  - Develop advanced toolset to identify & resolve software issues (Share this technology with the GSFC SmallSat teams)
  - Perform meaningful science driven from research institutions
  - Foster and spread knowledge throughout IV&V Program



# NASA Operation Simulator for Small Satellites

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- What is  ?
  - An **open source** software test bed for small satellites
  - A collection of Linux executable and libraries
  - Current simulations based on COTS HW from STF-1
  - Easily-interfaces to cFS FSW, but not required
- Why should you care?
  - Shift FSW development forward
    - Provides real-world inputs with development environment
  - FSW V&V
    - Testing FSW, invalid inputs, behavior, stress conditions
  - FSW Integration
    - Used for early-app development and payload team integration
  - Mission Planning

# NOS<sup>3</sup> Components

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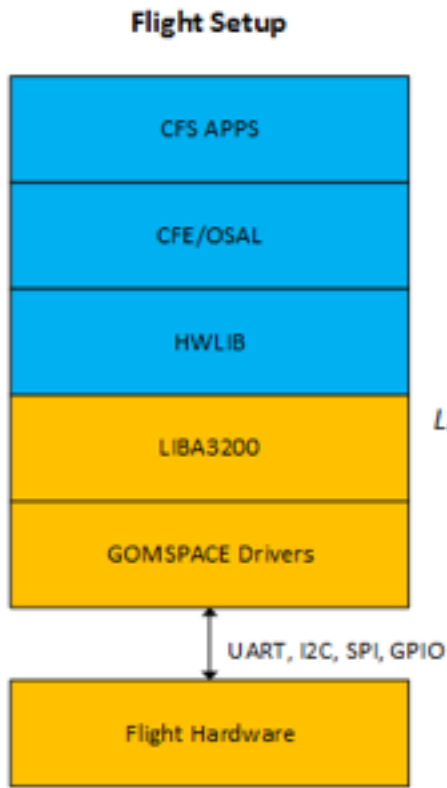
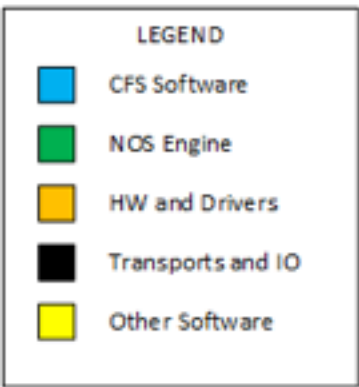
- Core Flight System (cFS)
  - Open source, project independent, reusable FSW framework
- COSMOS Ground Station
  - Open source, ground system software provided by Ball Aerospace
- Hardware Models
  - Written for a specific piece of flight hardware
    - Focuses on I/O of device and is fully customizable based on vendor options
  - Models developed and currently in use:
    - Honeywell Magnetometer, ClydeSpace EPS, NovAtel GPS, ISISpace Antenna
- NOS Engine
  - Middleware specifically designed for use in simulation
    - Includes time synchronization, data manipulation, and fault injection
    - I<sup>2</sup>C, UART, and SPI protocols
  - Serves as the glue to tie all components to a common interface

# NOS<sup>3</sup> Components

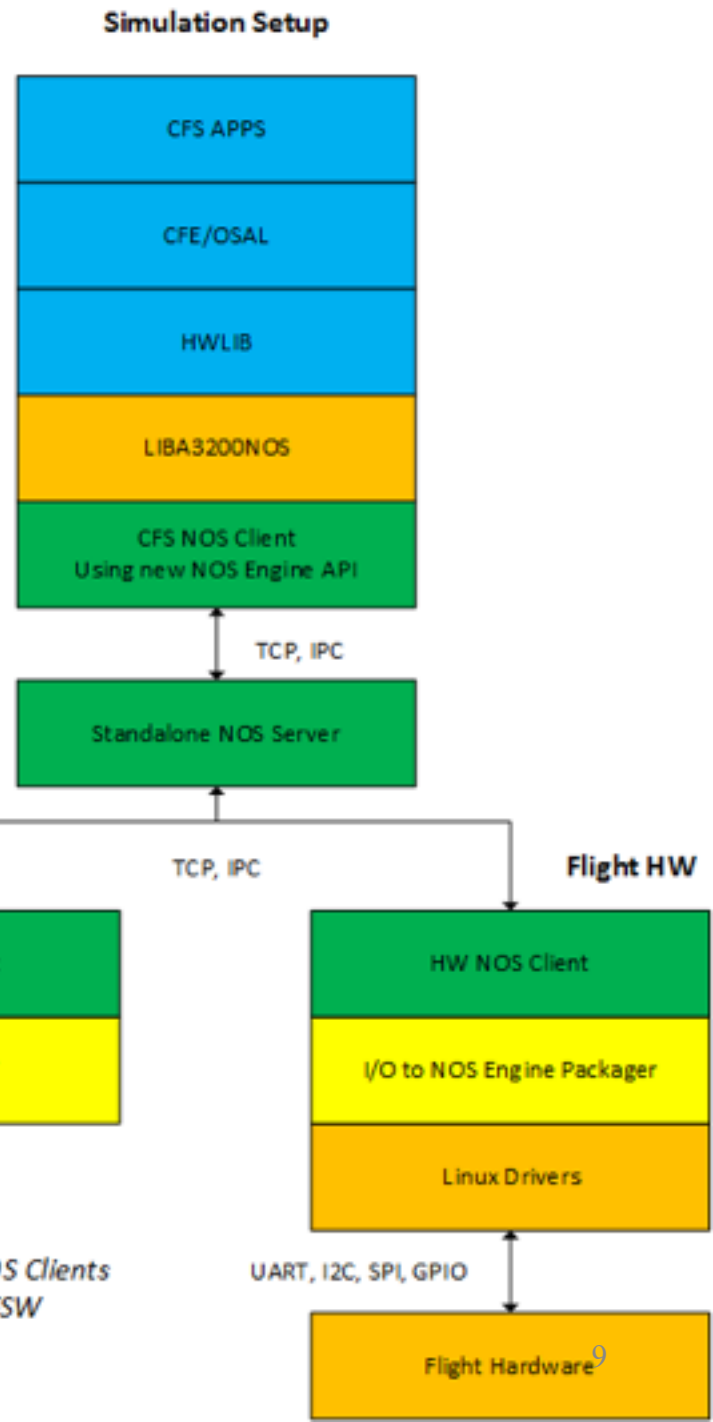
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- Orbit, Inview, and Power Planning
  - Utilize current or projected TLEs to project contact windows
- Vagrant
  - Virtual machine is created on-the-fly by the user
  - Provides full development environment with all capabilities
  - Additional scripts to build and run FSW with simulators provided
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  - Open source, NASA GSFC developed, visualization and simulation tool for spacecraft attitude and orbital dynamics
  - Serves as an environmental data provider
    - For example provides magnetic field data based on current location





*Library Selected by CMAKE upon build. No Software changes required*



*Can add as many HW NOS Clients as required by the FSW*

# NOS<sup>3</sup> In Action

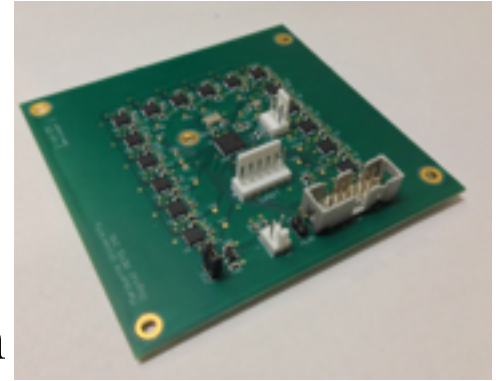
The screenshot displays a flight simulation interface with several overlapping windows:

- 42 Cam:** A window showing a 3D view of a satellite in orbit over Earth. It includes a toolbar with icons for home, back, forward, and other navigation functions. The status bar indicates "Range: 10,00 In Sunlight".
- NOS Engine Standalone Server:** A terminal window showing the creation of transport connections for "cadet", "cadet\_line", and "42\_line". It also displays the "STANDALONE SERVER APPLICATION" status and a "Query Menu" with options for Buses and Data Nodes.
- Command Sender:** A window for sending commands to the satellite. It shows a "Target: CAM" and a "Command: CAM\_CMD\_No". The description is "Camera NOOP Command". Parameters include "CCSDS\_STREAMID: 6344" and "CC".
- STF1 Flight Software:** A terminal window displaying telemetry data for the STFC1 satellite, including channel frequencies, board status, and voltage levels.
- GPS Simulator:** A terminal window showing GPS data for a "Magne" target, including absolute time, GPS week/second, and velocity.
- COSMOS Command and Telemetry Server - STF1 Configuration:** A window showing a table of interfaces and their configurations.
- Data Viewer:** A window showing a list of events, currently displaying "SPARE2: 0".

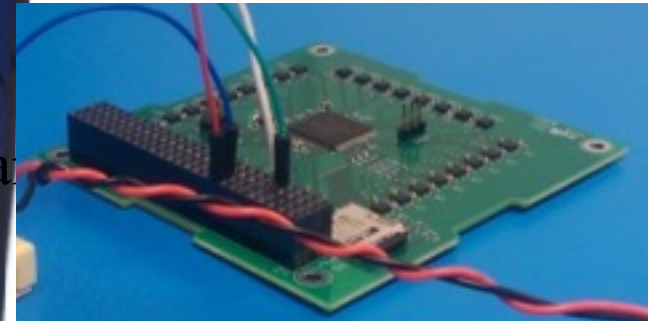
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STF1_CFE_EVS_TLMPKT			25		View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_CFE_HK_COMBINED_PKT1		0			View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_CFE_SB_HKMSG			25		View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_CFE_TBL_HKPACKET			25		View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_CFE_TIME_HKPACKET			25		View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_CFE_TO_LAB_HKTLMPKT			25		View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_STF1_EPS_MSG		0			View Raw	View in Packet Viewer
STF1_STF1_NAV_MSG			10		View Raw	View in Packet Viewer

# MEMS IMU Swarm

- Designed to overcome Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP) constraints
- Large cluster of redundant MEMS IMUs
- Developed under Small Satellite Technology Partnership (SSTP)
- Gen-2 flew on the sounding rocket MUSIC on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Gen-3 is custom-built for STF-1 in the PC104+ form factor
- Calibrated on student designed rate tables and temperature chambers
- Storing raw data for analysis on ground



Gen-2



Gen-3

# GNSS Receiver and Precise Orbit Determination

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- NovAtel OEM615 GPS Receiver
- Dual frequency L1/L2 receiver
- Focus to develop and assess estimate strategies that will maximize POD accuracy from data obtained during duty-cycled operations
- Provide PVT to C&DH
- Post processing utilizes NASA JPL's GIPSY-OASIS package



GPS mounted to Motherboard

# Space Environment and Weather

- Characterize the environment in which the STF-1 mission will operate
- A Langmuir probe to measure local electron density and temperature contrasted with regional GPS TEC
- A VLF receiver to monitor the PSD of low-frequency waves driving the electron flux
- Measurement at times of intense solar and/or ionospheric activity
- Comparable payloads flew on sounding rocket MUSIC



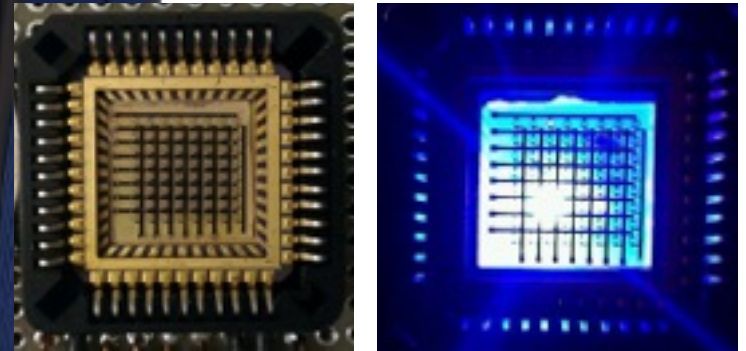
WVU ROCKSAT LP and VLF



VLF Detector

# III-V Nitride-Based Materials

- Precision optoelectronic sensor module containing arrays of LEDs and PDs can be used for short-range distance measurement and shape rendering
- Due to the harsh environment, shielding is usually needed
  - This shielding effects the range of these sensors
- Levels of shielding will be tested over time to determine the optimum amount
  - Current and voltage data collected
- Fabricated by students at WVU



Fabricated array of LEDs

# Earth Science Camera

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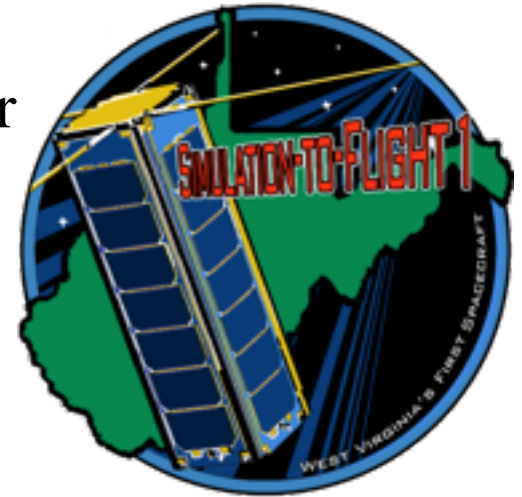
- ArduCam Mini OV2640
  - 2MP Sensor
  - Filters can be applied pre-flight
- Able to change settings on orbit
  - Fully command-able via I2C and SPI
- Allows us to:
  - Verify deployment operations
  - Assess COTS product in space environment
  - Observe Earth's surface and atmosphere over mission lifetime



ArduCam-Mini

# Statewide Outreach Plans and Programs

- Website and Blog ([www.stf1.com](http://www.stf1.com))
- Spaceflight Mission Development course for WVU Undergraduates
- STF-1 Mission Patch design competition
- Educator's Guide for teachers of K-12 students
- NASA-Produced materials on space exploration, satellite operation, Space Station facts, etc.
- Cardboard and 3-D printable models
- Student Partnership for Advancement of Cosmic Exploration (SPACE)







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