

Nano Satellites Africa

A Collaborative Vehicle for Socio-Economic Development

The people making this happen



In only 32 months...

45 postgraduate students registered

South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon, DRC, Ghana, Ruanda, China

One nano
satellite
completed
ZACUBE1

Another nano
satellite under
development



More than
6000 learners
reached in
community
development
programme

30 graduates over three years

10 engineers-in-training in professional development programme

... Academic Output ...



9 peer reviewed journal papers

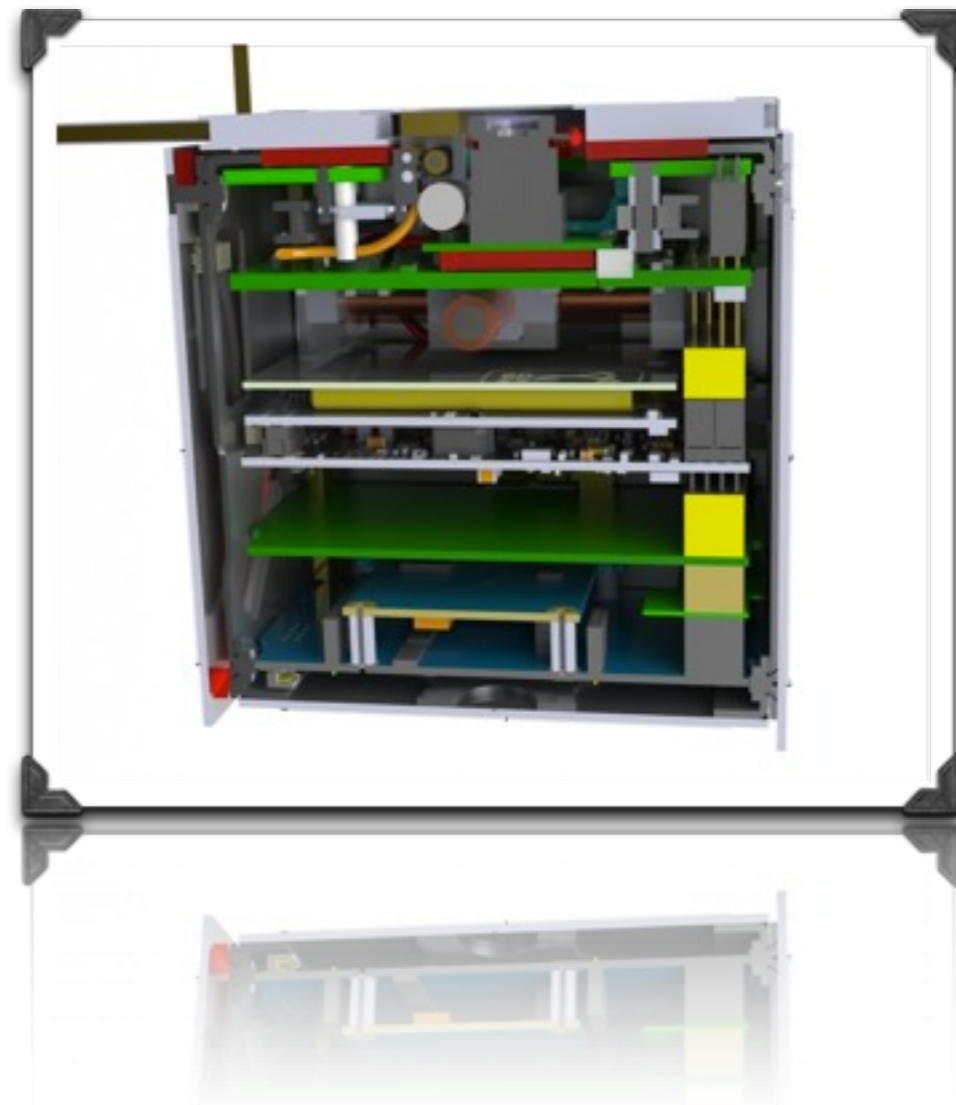
40 peer reviewed conference papers

21 invited conference presentation

... Science and Technology Output ...

Flight ready
August 2011

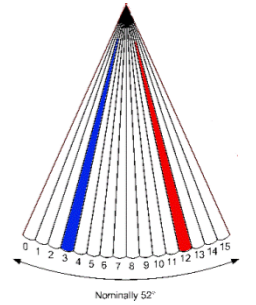
Development time
10 months



Space Weather
payload

ZACUBE01
Our IU CubeSat Mission

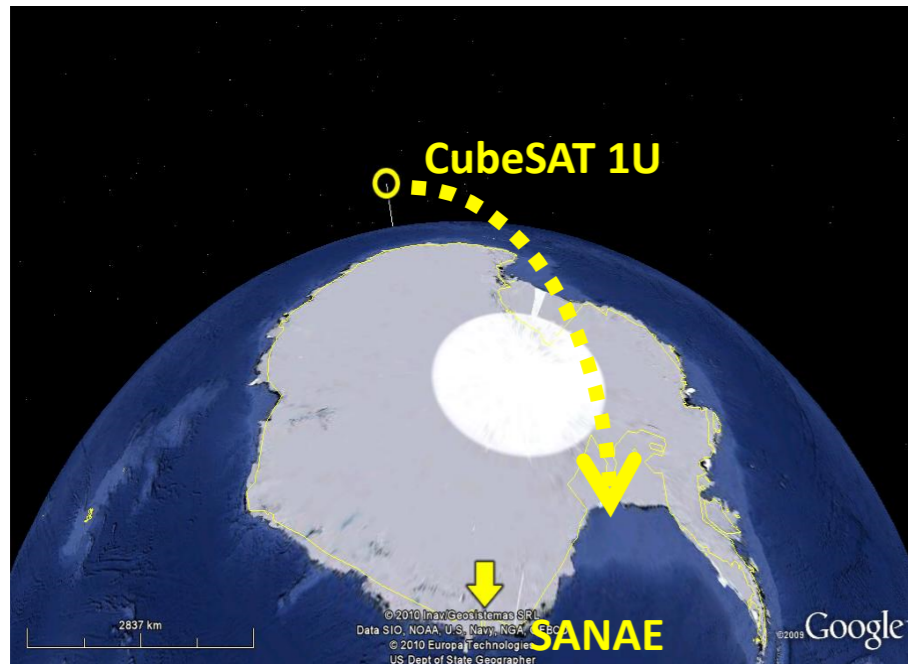
Our CubeSat programme



Characterizing the SuperDARN Field-of-View

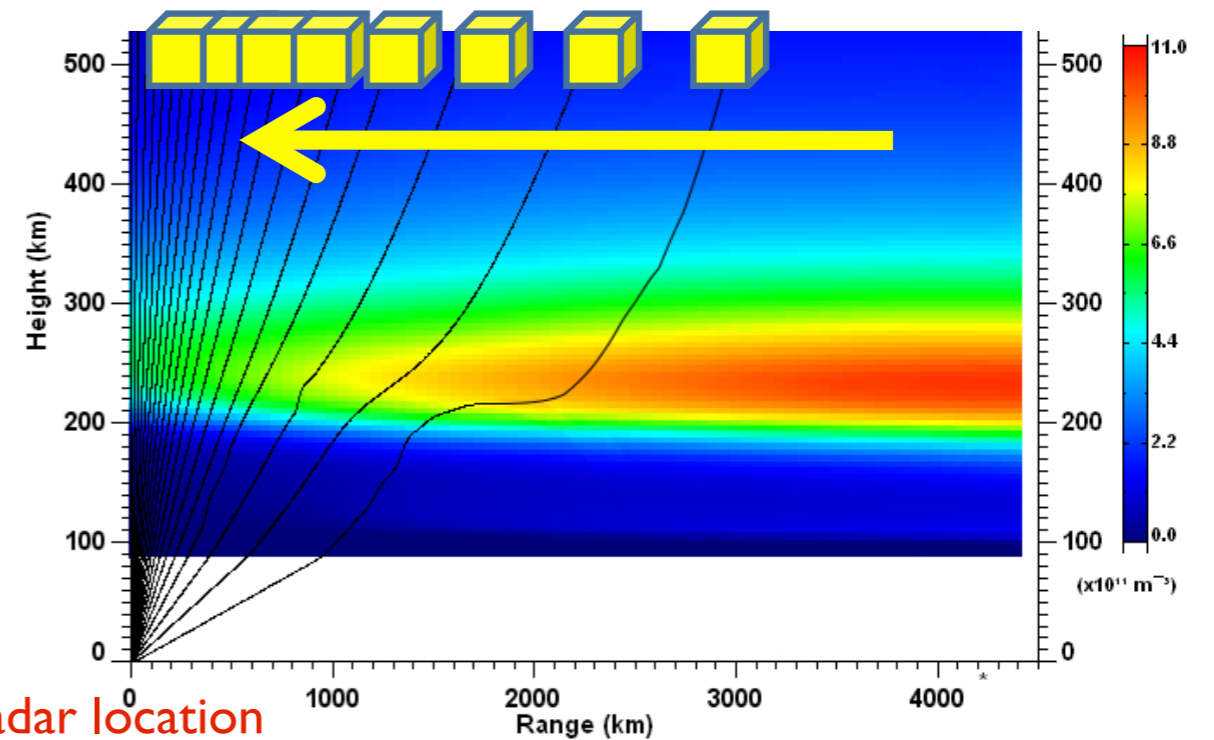
As the Cube passes through the FoV of the radar it will emit a 14MHz signal that will be received by the radar.

This signal will allow an accurate characterization of the angle of arrival capabilities of the radar



SuperDARN

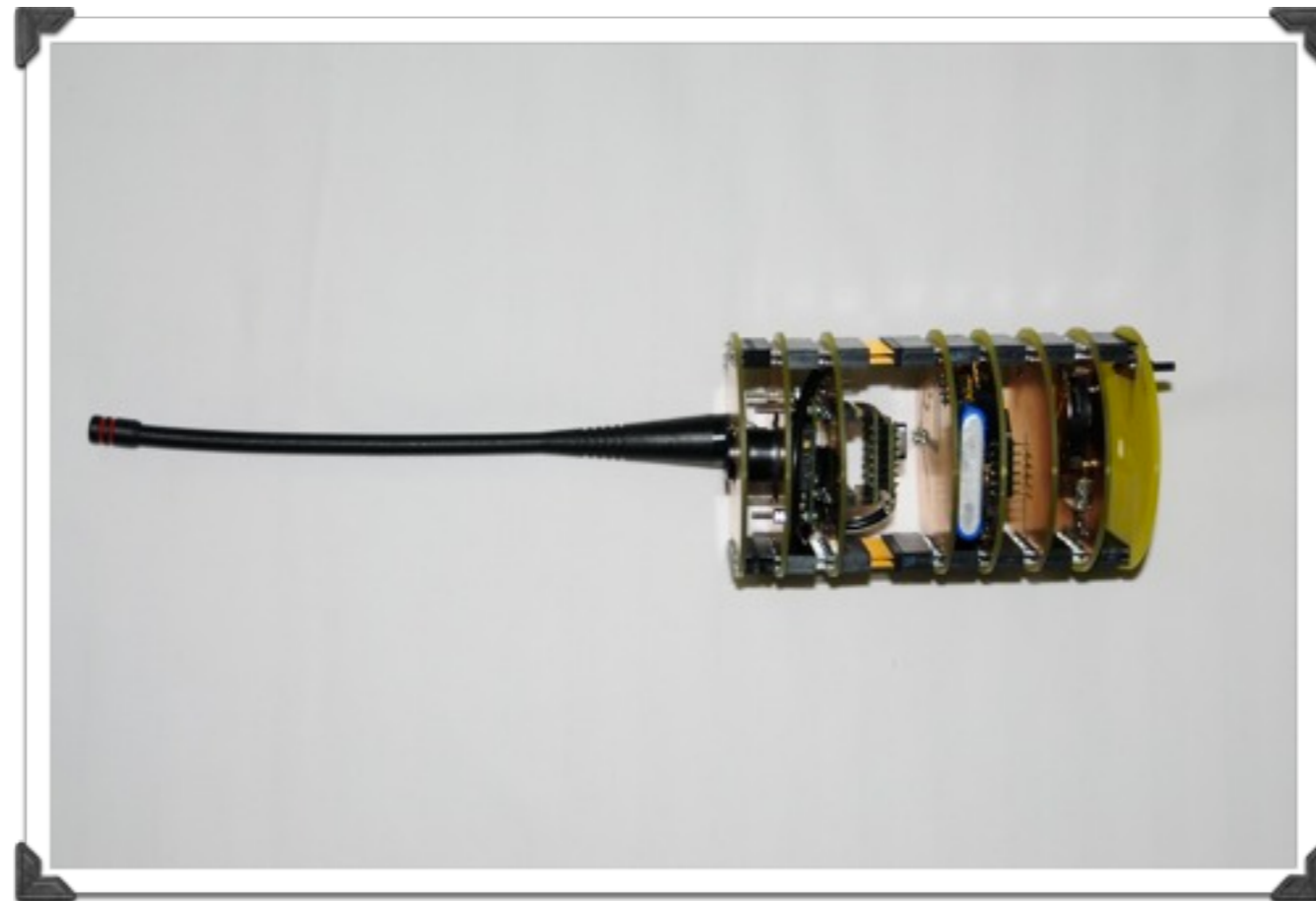
SuperDARN is an international collaboration of HF radars in the polar regions that measure interactions between the solar wind and the Earth's magnetic field



... Intellectual Property Output ...

Market opportunities provided by industry partners

Afri-CanSats
designed and
manufactured
by the F'SATI
team



S-Band and
UHF
transceiver by
end of 2012

S-Band Transmitter (QPSK 2Mbps) and patch antenna

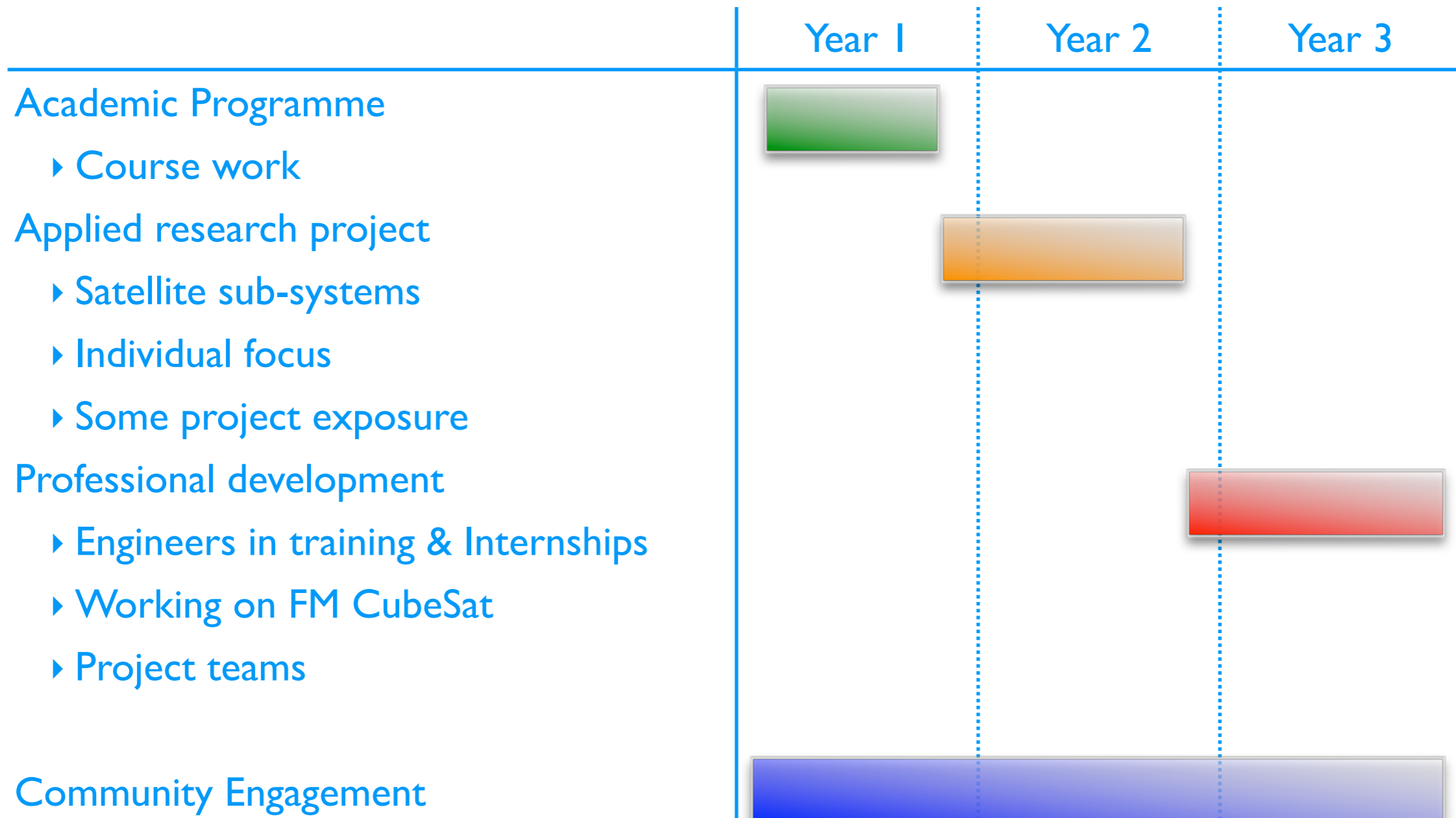
Technology developed by F'SATI team
Marketing & distribution by Industry Partner

The F'SATI programme

- Institute launched at CPUT on 28 February 2008
- Nano-Satellite programme launched 9 November 2009
- Dual Masters
- Dual Doctorate



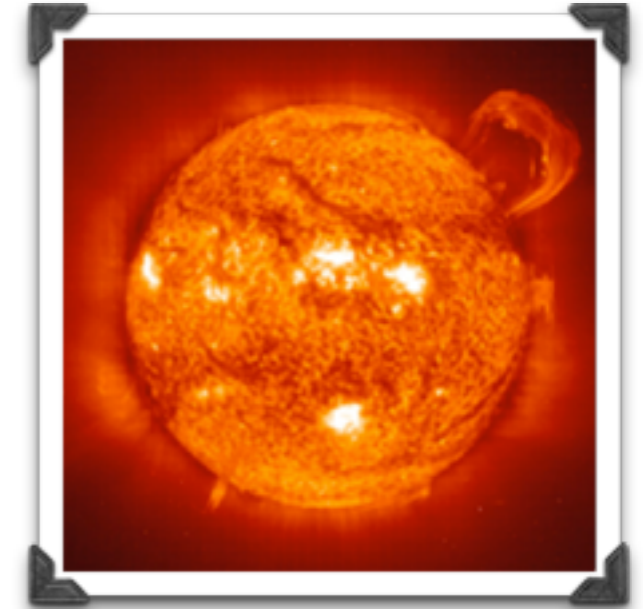
Our Programme Structure



Academic Programme

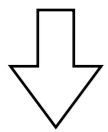
Areas of Specialization:

- 📡 Satellite Systems Engineering: Communications
- 📡 Satellite Systems Engineering: Power Systems
- 📡 Satellite Computer and Software Systems
- 📡 Space Weather

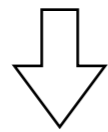


Key elements: National alignment

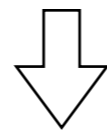
Technology Development & Innovation



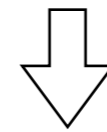
Farmer to
Pharma



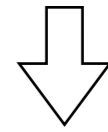
Space
Science



Energy



Climate
Change



Human &
Social Science



Human Capital

(Centres of Excellence, SA Research chairs initiative, professional development program, etc.)

Knowledge Infrastructure

(Universities, Science councils, state-owned enterprises, global projects, etc.)

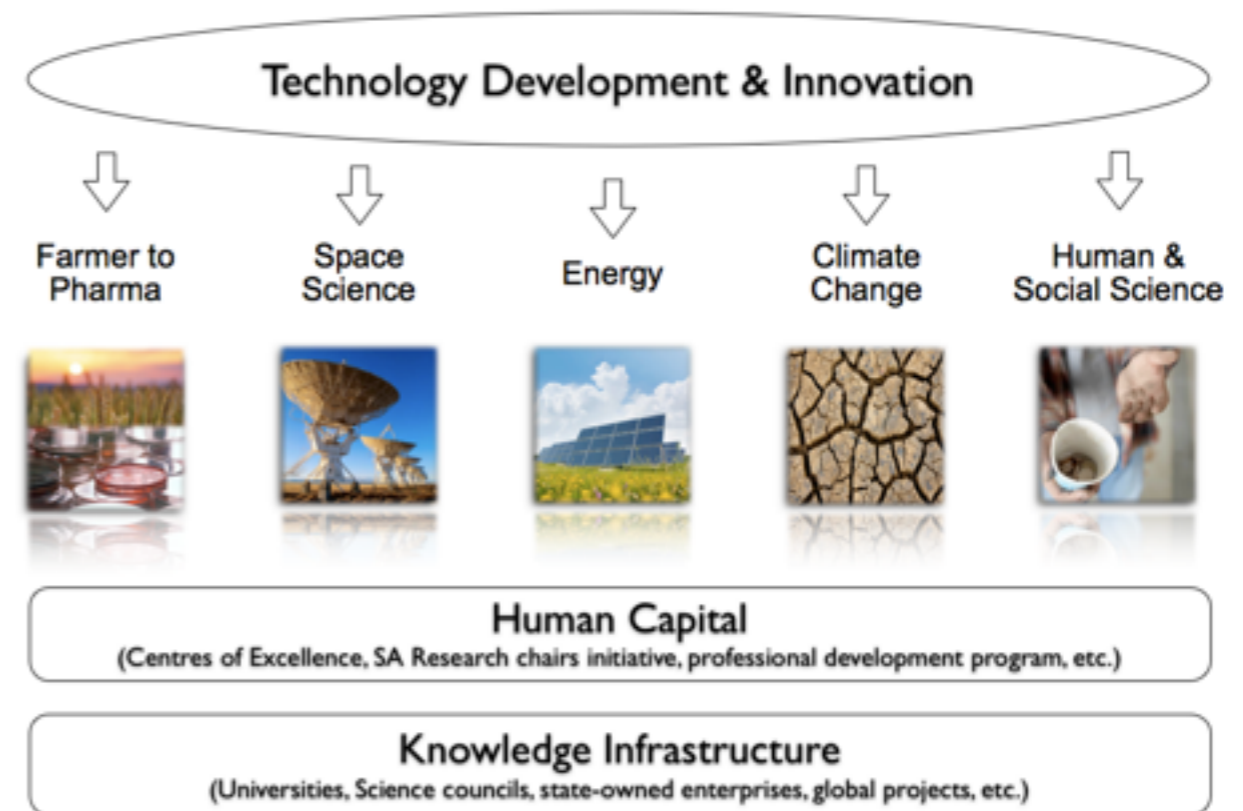
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10 Year innovation plan aims to achieve by 2018:

-Increase SET (Science Engineering Technology) higher education students to 35% (28% in 2005)

-Graduate more than 3,000 SET PhD students/year (561 in 2005)

-Independent earth observation high-resolution satellite data available for all of Africa from a constellation of satellites designed and manufactured in Africa



Key elements: An immersed environment

200m² of FM
integration of which
20m² class 100k
clean room

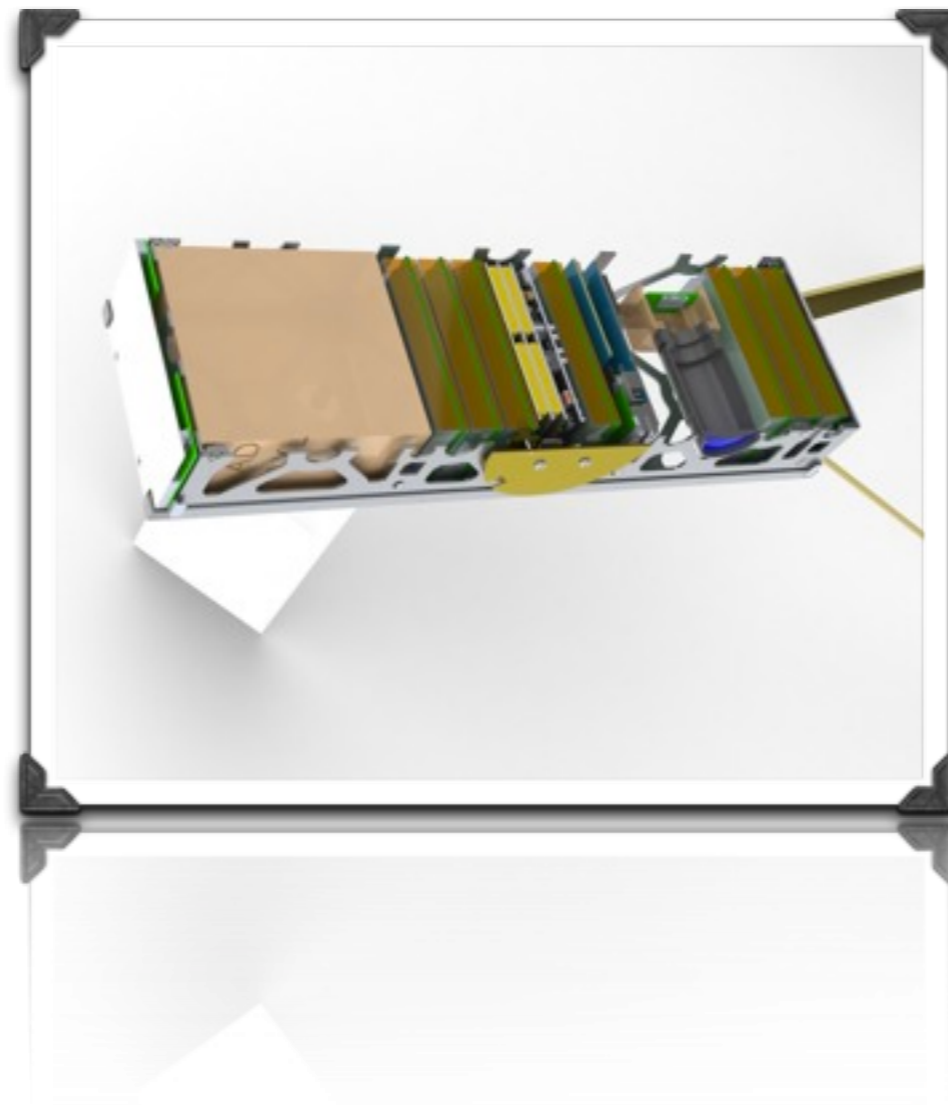


Over 1m Euro
invested in test and
prototyping
equipment and
infrastructure

Our Facilities in 1000m² dedicated building

Key elements: roadmap of missions

Engineering Model
to be presented at
IAC 2011 in Cape
Town



Technology
demonstrator

Amateur and
Science payloads

Our flagship 3U CubeSat mission
- allowing the next phase of students an opportunity to work on a real mission -

Key elements: From Schools to Higher Education



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National Space Science awareness initiatives

CubeSat demonstration – our 3U model in the foreground



Eager learners – the future space cadets

Afri-Cansats exhibit

The successful launch of our first Afri-Cansat – secret payload

Afri-Cansat launch vehicle separation

Key elements: partnerships

Government: Financial & Institutional support

NRF is the
primary
research
support agency



The SA government has a master plan to drive
Human Resource Development

Key elements: partnerships

Government: Financial & Institutional support



science and technology

Department:
Science and Technology
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DST has developed
a 10 year
Innovation Plan
with Five Grand
Challenges that
includes Space
Science and
Technology

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DTI is the
custodian of the
SA National
Space Policy



the dti

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higher education
& training

Department:
Higher Education and Training
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DST and DHET
are responsible
for building skills
base in Science
and Technology

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Academia: leveraging competencies & mobility of knowledge



Joint degrees, research collaboration, student exchange

Key elements: partnerships

Industry: Industrialization of IP and employer



Market knowledge, technology transfer, industry experience

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Evolutionary network

Expanding the Academic network

University of
Florida

Ghana Atomic
Energy
Commission

Nairobi
University
(Kenya)

California
Polytechnic State
University



Mbarara University
of S&T, Uganda

University of
Zambia, Zambia

Ghana Telecom
University
College

Polytechnic of
Namibia

North Carolina
A&T State
University

University of Buea,
Cameroon

Challenges to collaborative programmes

1. Attaining government buy-in

- 🎯 Alignment with national strategy
- 🎯 Academia can drive the agenda
- 🎯 Show the socio-economic benefit

2. Limited or no local resources

- 🎯 Causes inequitable geographic distribution of technology and knowledge base
- 🎯 Mobility is therefore necessary

3. Local seeding of expertise

- 🎯 Empowerment of local champions to drive initiatives
- 🎯 Grow your own timber

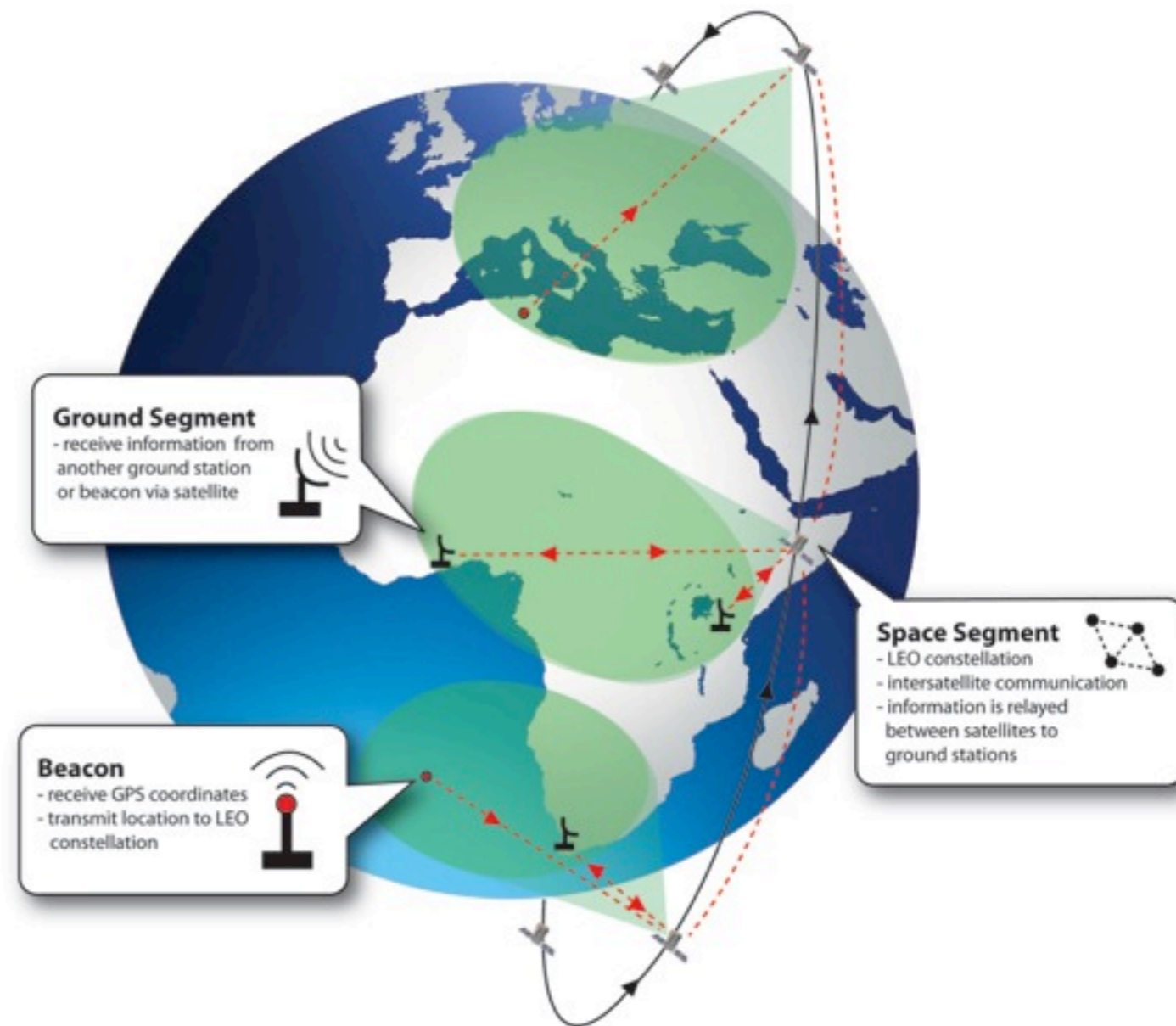
Addressing these challenges

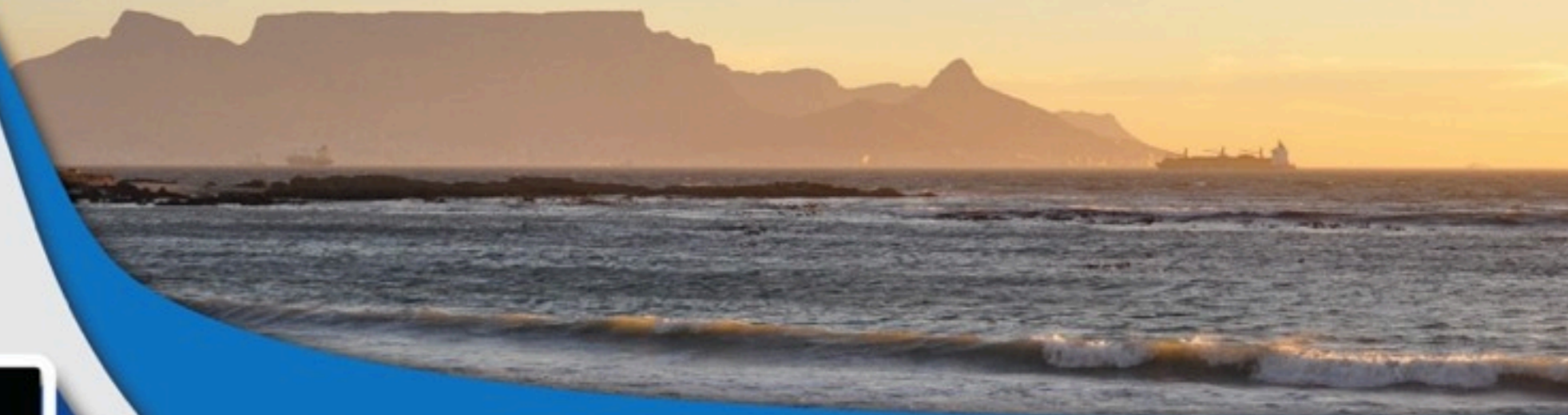
1. There is a continent wide endorsement of (space) science and technology

- 🌐 African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST)
- 🌐 Pan-African University
- 🌐 African Resource Management Constellation (ARMC)
- 🌐 Existing regional clusters (UNOOSA) and space agencies and directorates

2. Collaborative projects

- 🌐 Regional clusters of excellence
- 🌐 Network on the ground: Ground Stations and Afri-CanSats
- 🌐 Network in space: nano-satellites
- 🌐 Linking with global networks





30 September to 2 October 2011

Cape Peninsula University of Technology,
Cape Town, South Africa

CubeSat applications towards sustainable socio-economic development

Thematic areas:

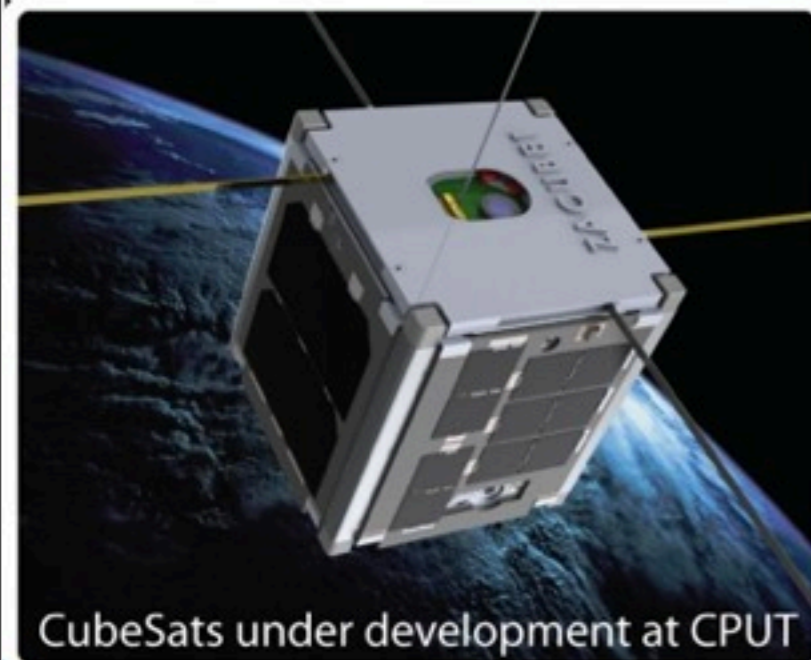
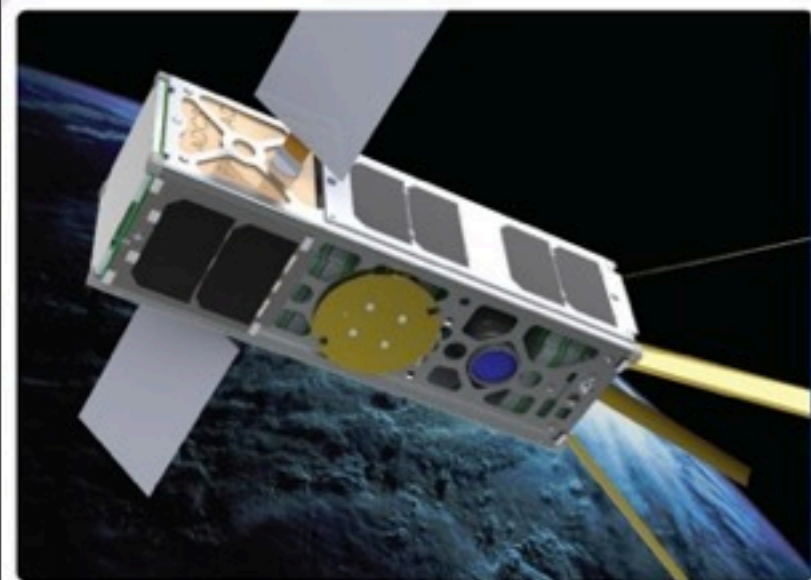
- Value proposition and business opportunities
- Missions
- STEM education and awareness

Sessions:

- Nano-sat workshop hosted by IAF
- Posters
- 'Soap box'
- Hands-on demonstration

Field trip to National Satellite
Integration Facilities

Social function / African hospitality!



CubeSats under development at CPUT



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