

Industry Day Briefing  
Delivered July 24, 2007  
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# Industry Day Briefing System F6





# Basic Info

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  - All participants registered and badged
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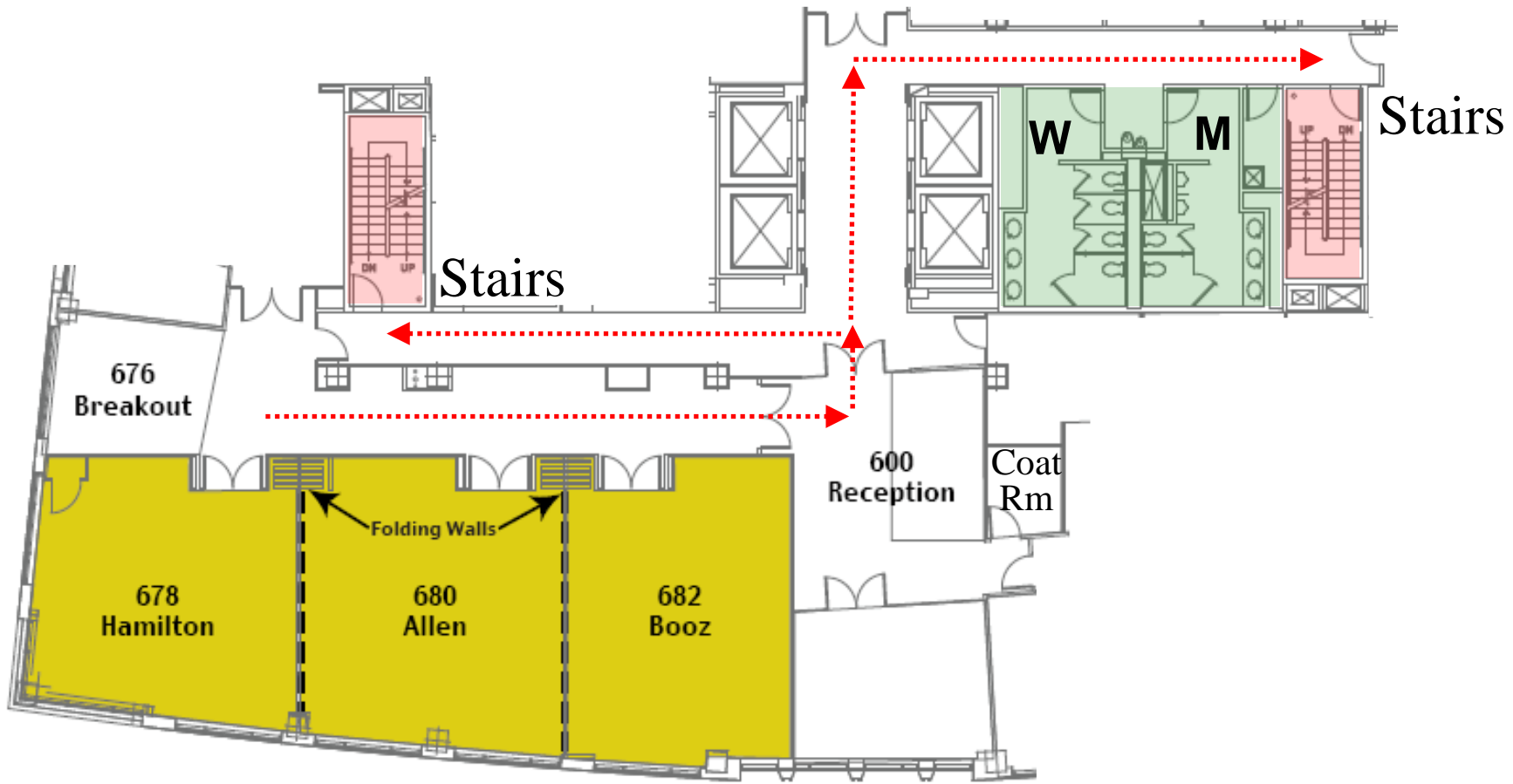


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- BAA Question Cards
  - Available on each table in room
  - Submit by first break at 9 AM
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# Floorplan



# System F6 Industry



- 06:00 Registration / Continental Breakfast
- 07:30 F6 Video
- 07:35 Opening Remarks, Dr. Anthony Tether
- 07:50 Agenda and Administrative Remarks, Dr. Brook Sullivan
- 07:55 System F6 Overview, Dr. Owen Brown
- 08:55 Review of FAQ's
- 09:00 Break
- 09:45 Open Forum for Q&A
- Government Presentations
- 10:10 BAA Procedure, Mr. Chris Glista, DARPA CMO
- 10:30 AFRL/VSSE Presentations
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 F6 Life Cycle Cost Study Results, Dr. Owen Brown
- 11:45 Lunch / Catered

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# System F6 Industry



- 13:00 Instructions for next day, Mr. Paul McLean, TTO PSO
- Performers Only – Networking / Teaming Opportunity**
- 13:30 Dr. Dave Finkleman – Center for Space Standards and Innovation
- 13:45 Mr. Richard Zimmerman – Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Solutions
- 14:00 Dr. Young Bae – Bae Institute
- 14:15 Dr. Marin Soljacic – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 14:30 Break
- 14:45 Mr. Travis Langster – Analytical Graphics, Inc.
- 15:00 Mr. Vincent Tate – Design Net Engineering
- 15:15 Dr. Andrew Turner – Space Systems Loral
- 15:45 Closing Remarks, Dr. Owen Brown

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# F6: What's up with all the F's?

- **Future:** Possibly the architecture of the future.
- **Flexible:** Providing the ability to modify the system at *anytime* during the lifecycle.
- **Fast:** Smaller, leaner, production line mentality.
- **Fractionated:** Decomposing a monolith into elements.
- **Free-Flying:** Those elements are launched separately and then dock or virtually dock.
- **Spacecraft united by Information eXchange:** Wireless data connectivity creates a virtual spacecraft.



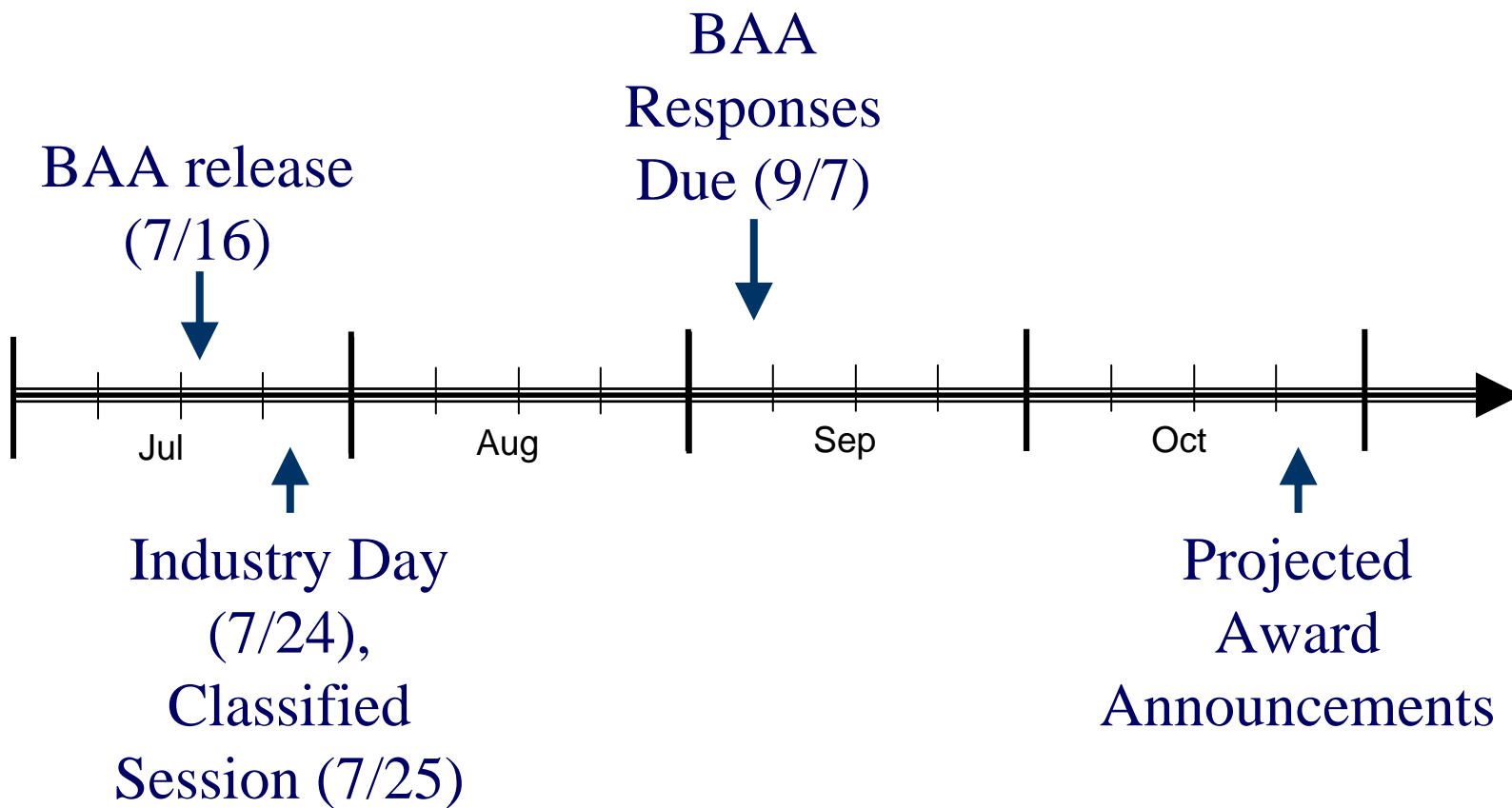
# Program Concept

- Fractionate a monolithic satellite into microsat-like modules
- Intra-module connectivity
  - Wireless data
  - Wireless power transfer
- Inter-module connectivity
  - Wireless data
- Robust, secure, self-forming wireless network
- Resource sharing across modules
  - Computation, etc.
- Cluster Orbits
  - Docking allowable, but no physical power or data connection





# BAA Schedule





# F6 BAA Overview

**Broad Agency Announcement (BAA07-31)**

**System F6**

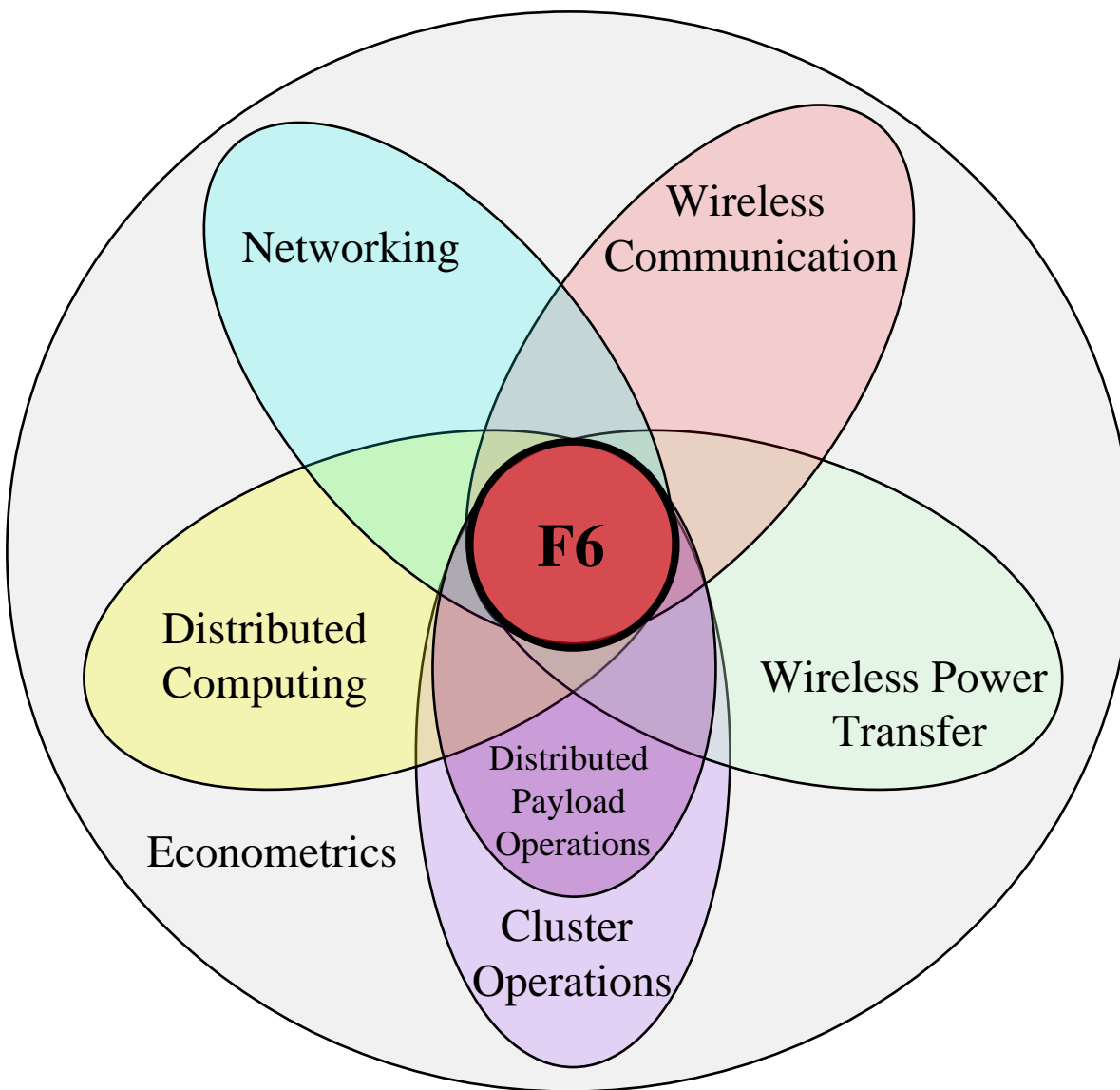
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**Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**

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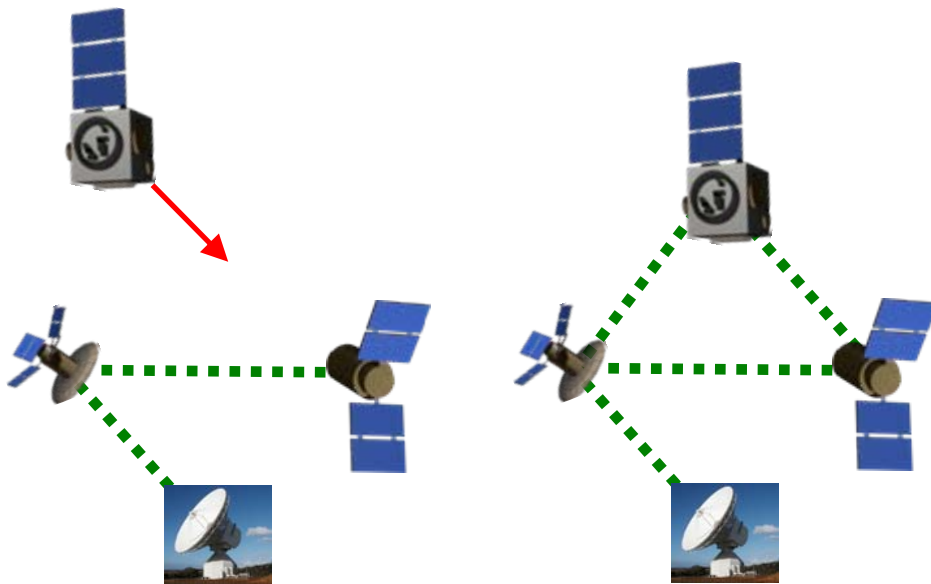


# System F6 Technology Pillars



# Enabling Technology: Networking

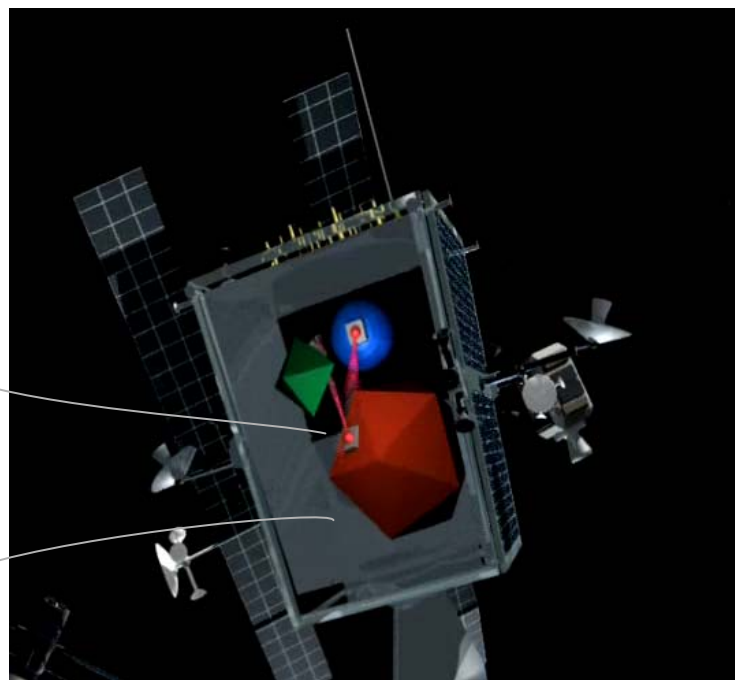
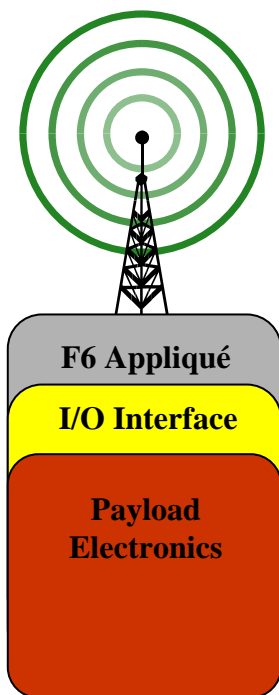
- Demonstrate autonomous, self-forming network of nodes
- Ground element treated as another network node.
  - Transfer a spacecraft function to ground and then back
  - Maintain 24/7 TT&C
- Demonstrate ground node flexibility
  - Re-locate within CONUS in 24 hours



# Enabling Technology: Networking



- Develop a standard hardware and software appliqué that enables the “packaging” and insertion of spacecraft components as uniquely addressable network devices.

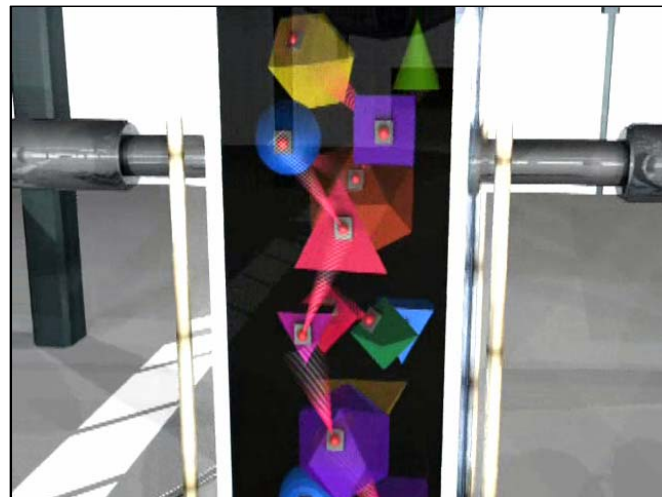


Networked internal sub-systems

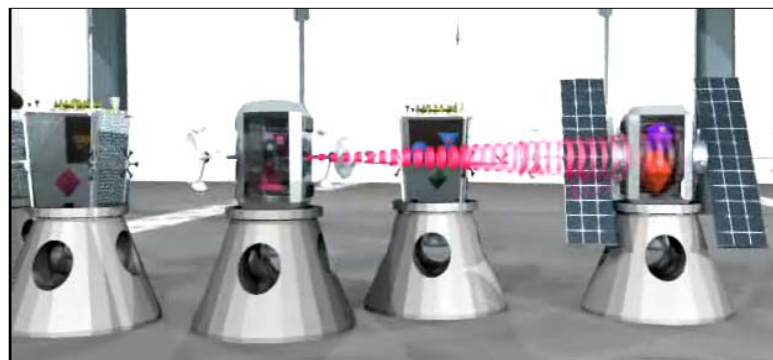


# Enabling Technology: Wireless Communications

- Aggressive full duplex data rate via wireless communications
- Enables Spacecraft Black Box
  - Component maintains data connectivity wirelessly to host node and to network
- Wireless networking data protocol between each node
  - Continues operation in the presence of interference



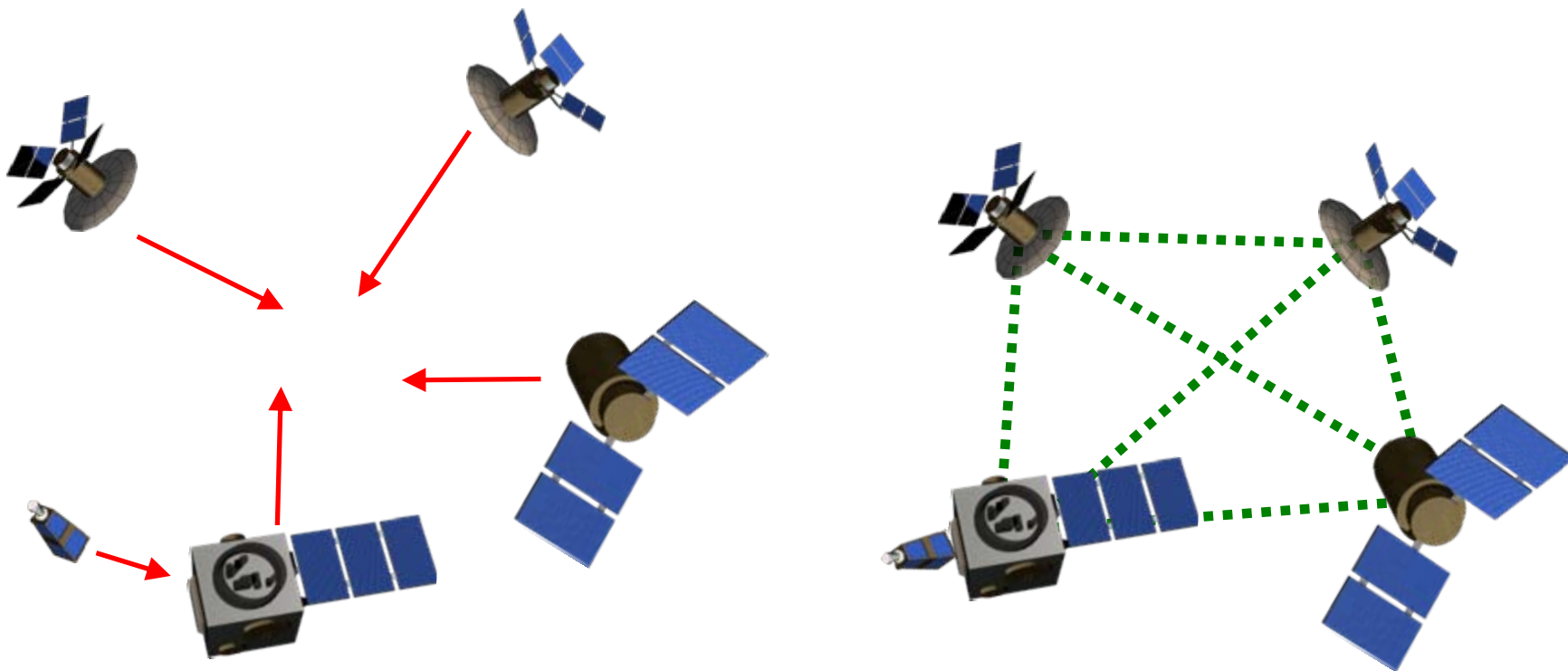
Intra-Satellite Communication



Inter-Satellite Communication

# Enabling Technology: Cluster Flight

- Autonomous gathering and virtual “docking”
- Mechanical docking allowed, but no physical power or data connections

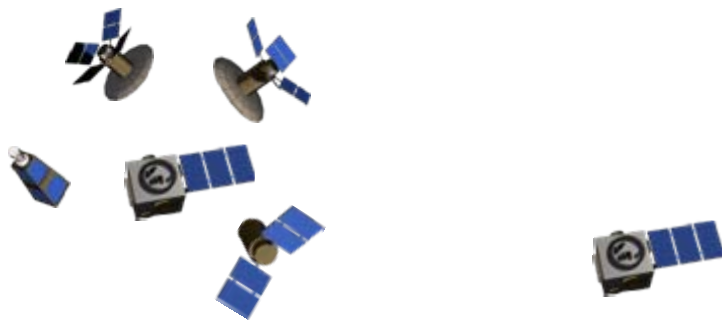
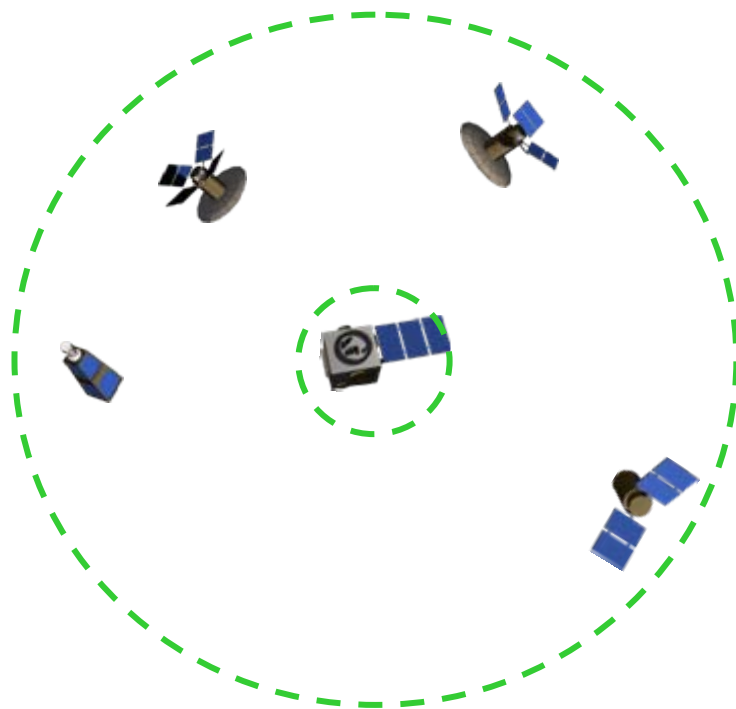




# Enabling Technology: Cluster Flight



- Operator definable min and max spread radius and cluster geometries
- Demonstrate defensive rapid cluster geometry change
- Autonomous collision avoidance

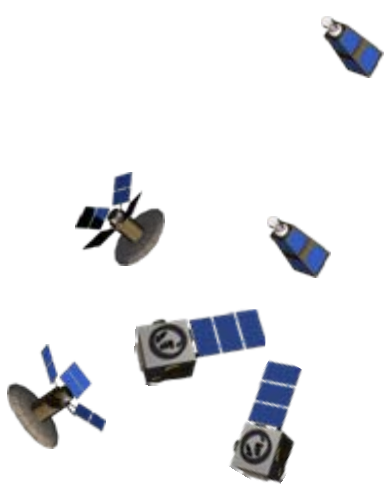




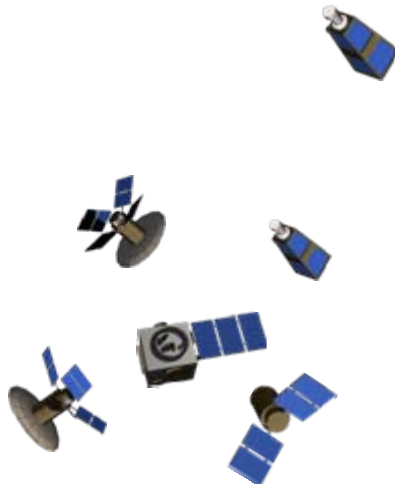
# Enabling Technology: Distributed Computing



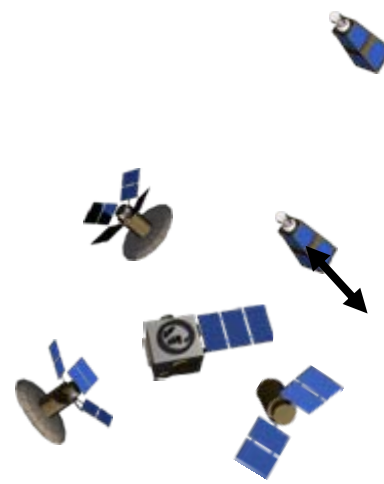
- Demonstrate basic “keep alive” functionality of the system with the failure of any node.
- Demonstrate the insertion of a new mission data processor into the cluster for processor node failure, upgrade, and parallel operation.



Processor Node  
Failure/Replacement



Processor Node Upgrade



Processor Node  
Parallel Operation

# Enabling Technology: Wireless Power Transfer

- Demonstrate wireless power transfer at minimum within a single spacecraft node.
- Acceptable methods of wireless power transfer include RF, optical, inductive, and WiTricity techniques.







# Enabled Technology: The Spacecraft Black Box



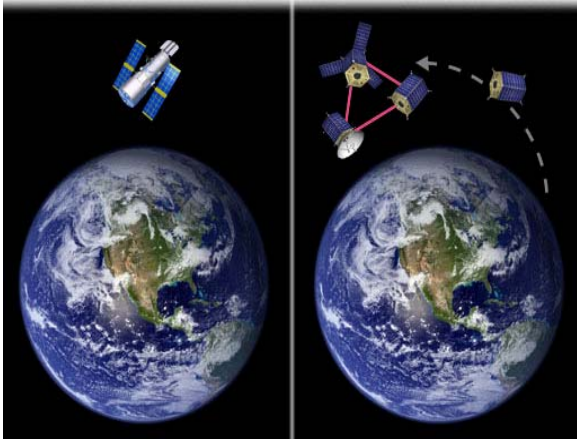
- New class of spacecraft component, enabled by Wireless Power Transfer and Wireless intra/inter spacecraft comm
- Capabilities
  - Flight Data Recorder (Black Box) for failure diagnosis
  - Back-door Spacecraft Recovery Option
- Demonstrates
  - Intra and Inter module communication
  - Wireless power transfer
- Characteristics
  - Capable of being powered externally
  - Maintain 90 minutes of spacecraft health and status information
  - “Bluetooth-like” communications with intra-module components
    - Can provide commands directly to SC components
  - TBD communications with inter-module components



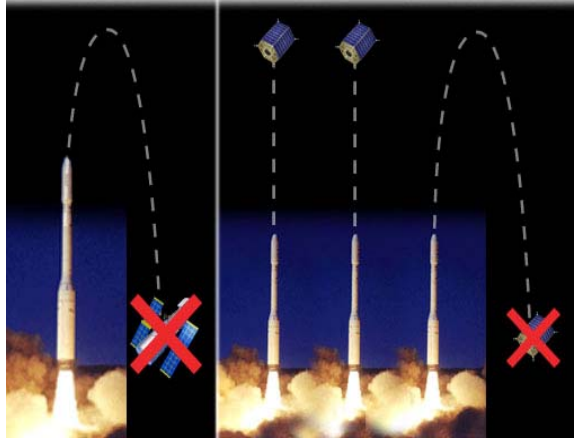


# Motivation: Mission Benefits

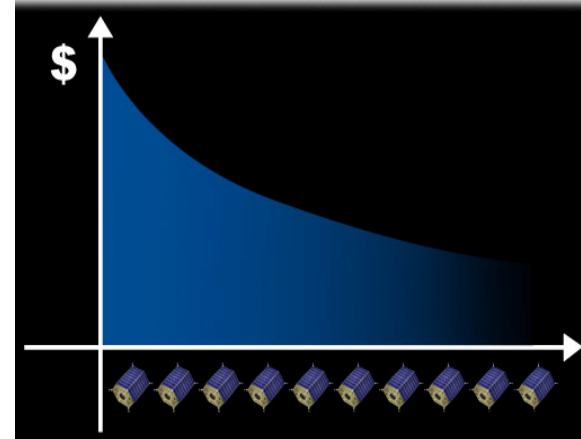
## FLEXIBILITY



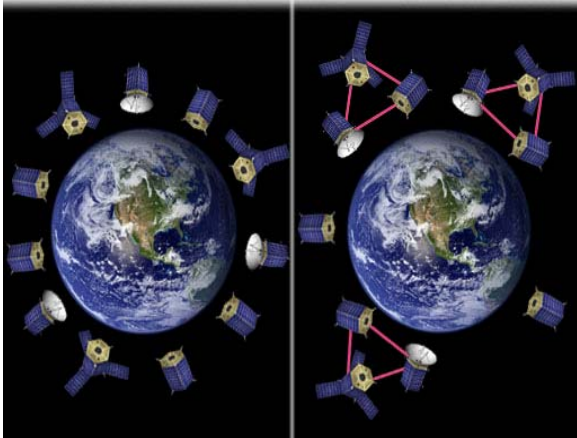
## RISK



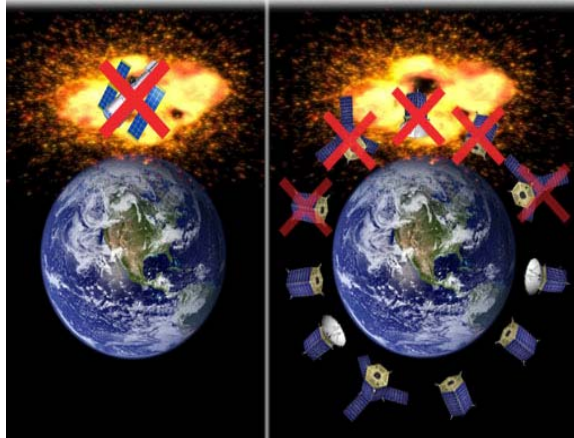
## PRODUCTION LEARNING



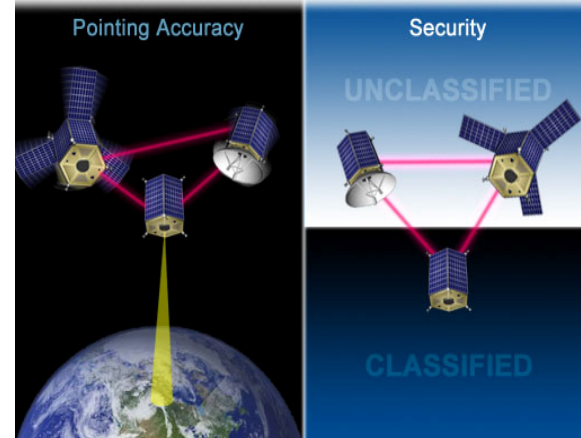
## ADAPTABILITY



## SURVIVABILITY



## PAYLOAD ISOLATION





# Program Objectives: Top Level



- Decompose a monolithic spacecraft system into a distinct set of two or more modules.
- Demonstrate both pre- and post-launch system functionality
- Demonstrate 99% mission availability over one month.
- Develop an exhaustive hardware and software interface specification
- Demonstrate ability to incorporate mass production schemes.
- Develop a risk-adjusted value centric methodology which quantifies the net value of flexibility
- Conduct a Multi-attribute Utility Analysis for the fractionated system.



# Program Constraints



- Each spacecraft module will be on a smallsat/microsat scale (<300 kg wet mass).
- First launch will occur within 4 years of program start.
- Modules will be distributed across multiple launches.
- The launch vehicle(s) will be commercially available, manufactured in the US, and have demonstrated at least one successful previous launch.
- The on-orbit lifetime of the system will be at least one year after the launch of the final spacecraft.



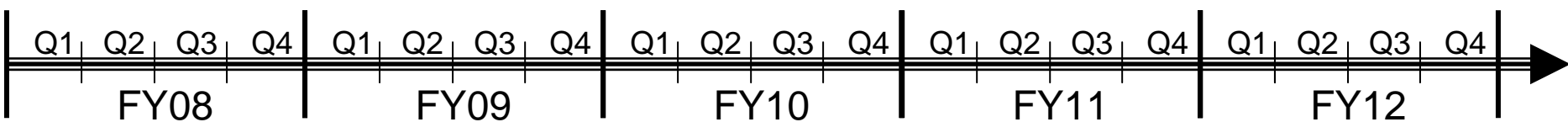
# Top Level Program Plan

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Phase IV



*Performer Defined Schedule*

✦ 1<sup>st</sup> Launch

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PDR

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CDR

✦  
FRR

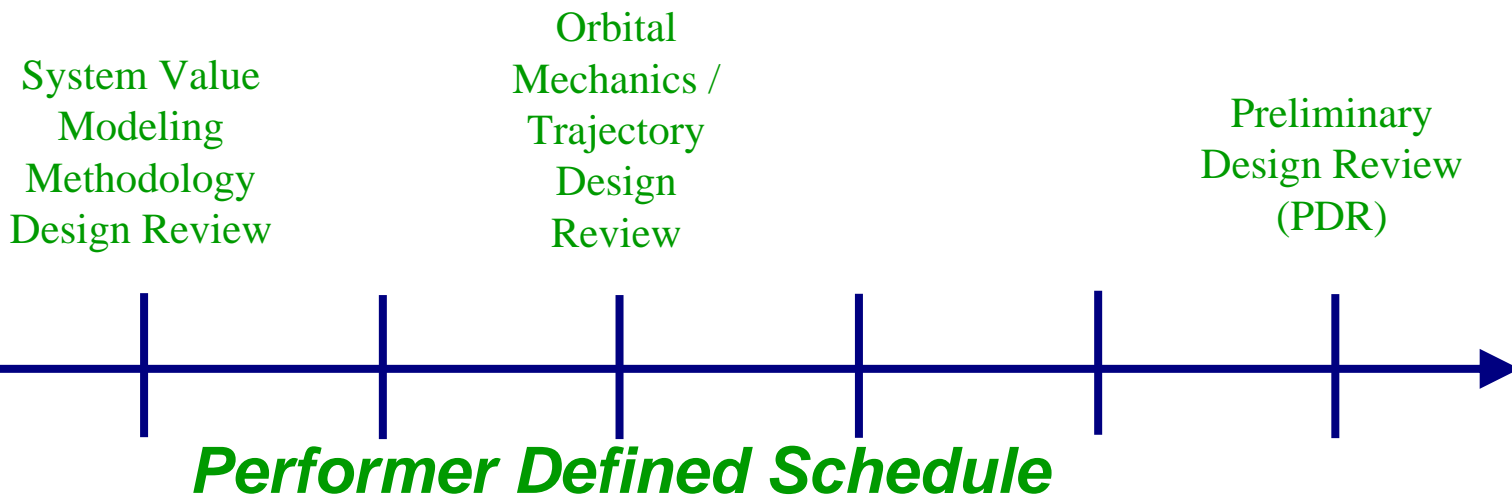


# Key Go-No-Go's By Phase: Phase I (PDR)

- Demonstrate the Top Level program objectives are met at the PDR.
- Develop a hardware in the loop (HIL) test bed which replicates the fractionated spacecraft mission in real time and fast time.
  - Fully networked computers representing nodes.
  - Middleware enabling distributed computing and network management.
  - GPS emulation.
  - RF path emulation of link disturbances.
  - Orbital dynamics simulation.
- Identify possible launch vehicles using design mass and size .
- Perform conceptual design and trade space analysis of spacecraft power transfer options.



# Phase I Reviews/Inchstones



Program Kickoff	System Conceptual Design Review	Block I Hardware In the Loop (HIL) Test Bed Demo	Power Transfer Trade Space Analysis	Block II HIL Demo	Block III HIL Demo
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Plus additional, frequent, detailed program progress reporting  
AKA “Inchstones”





## Key Go-No-Go's By Phase: Phase II (CDR)

- Demonstrate the Top Level program objectives are met at the CDR.
- At a minimum, add to the HIL:
  - Breadboard wireless data communication modules for node-to-node data transfer.
  - Prototype mission processors.
  - Prototype or flight equivalent GPS receivers.
  - Ground command, control, and mission support suite.
- Demonstrate compatibility of spacecraft design and launch vehicle.
- Execute breadboard level test of selected wireless data communication hardware and software.
- Execute breadboard-level test of selected power transfer hardware and software.



## Key Go-No-Go's By Phase: Phase III (FRR)

- Show that FRR system elements meet all program objectives.
- Conduct a successful ground demonstration of end-to-end capability:
- Network demonstration of all flight nodes.
  - Wireless communication demonstration with simulated RFI environment.
  - Power transfer subsystem demonstration in a relevant environment.
  - Ground C2 and mission support suite
  - Inclusion of fractionation-related variables, including data latency, link degradation, and GPS error.
- Completion of individual spacecraft and cross-network integration.
- Completion of all space and launch environmental testing.
- Demonstrate ability to meet all launch integration timelines for launch of each system element.
- Assembly, training, and preparation for ground operations center.



# F6 Econometrics Overview



- Value Centric
  - Not cost, but value driven
  - Including real options valuation
- Risk Adjusted
  - Address probabilities of failure: launch vehicle, spacecraft components, etc.
- Stochastic Life Cycle Cost presentation to follow