Theia SPACE

ESAT
The Hands-On Training Satellite

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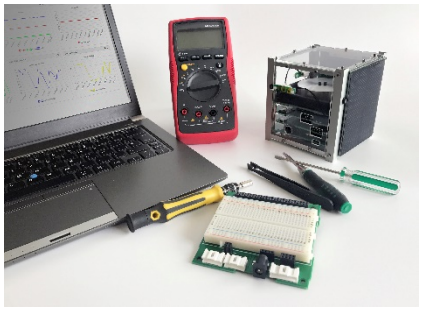
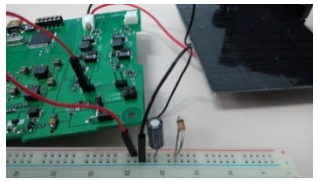
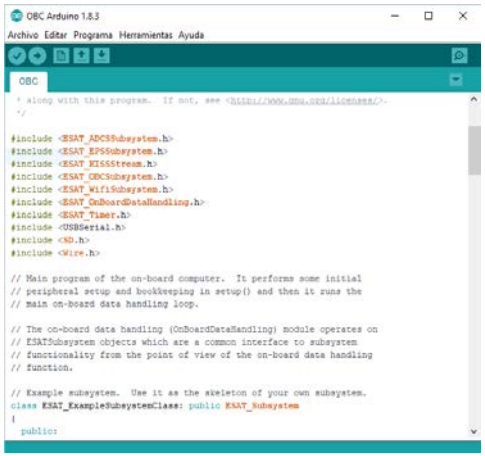
Theia Space

ESAT Objectives

- Teach space systems engineering.
- Teach how the different subsystems and architectures work and interact with each other.
- Teach how the integration and validation tests are performed.
- Possibility to work with the subsystems stand-alone or integrated.
- Easy to use and robust.
- Community oriented.
- Easy to build on it:
  - Open Source SW
  - Easy programming interface
  - Serial Interface







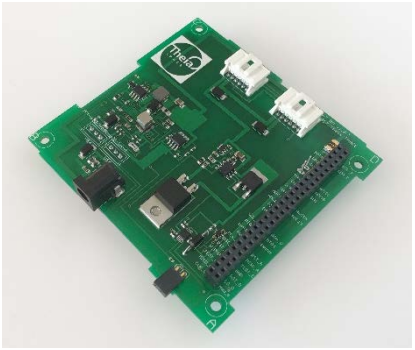
ESAT Subsystems (I)

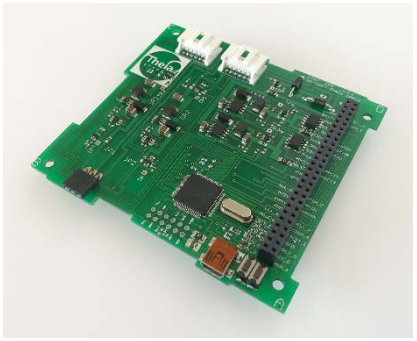
EPS

- 2 solar panels
- 2 solar panel regulators: MPPT/DET
- Voltage/current telemetry
- 5V, 3.3V DC/DC converters and switches
- Battery management module with overcurrent/overvoltage/undervoltage protection
- Integrated battery charger
- Programmable MCU

OBC

- Fully programmable unit (preprogrammed with open source base software)
- Micro-SD card
- Real Time clock
- Wireless communication via WiFi module





ESAT Subsystems (II)

ADCS

- One reaction wheel
- Two magnetorquers
- One IMU with 9 degrees of freedom (3 accelerations, 3 gyros, 3 magnetic axis)
- 4 sun sensors
- Wheel tachometer
- Customizable control algorithms

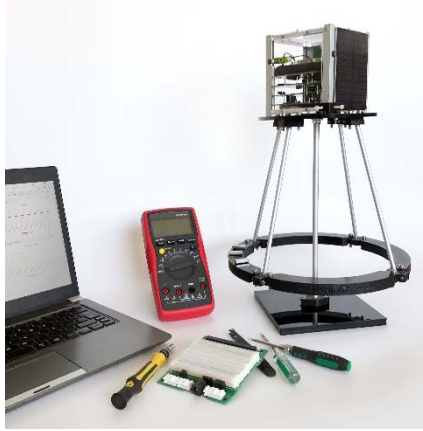
STR

- 2 Aluminium frames
- 4 Aluminium rails
- 4 methacrylate side panels
- 2 Solar panels
- Spacers between the electronic boards

ESAT EGSE and MCS

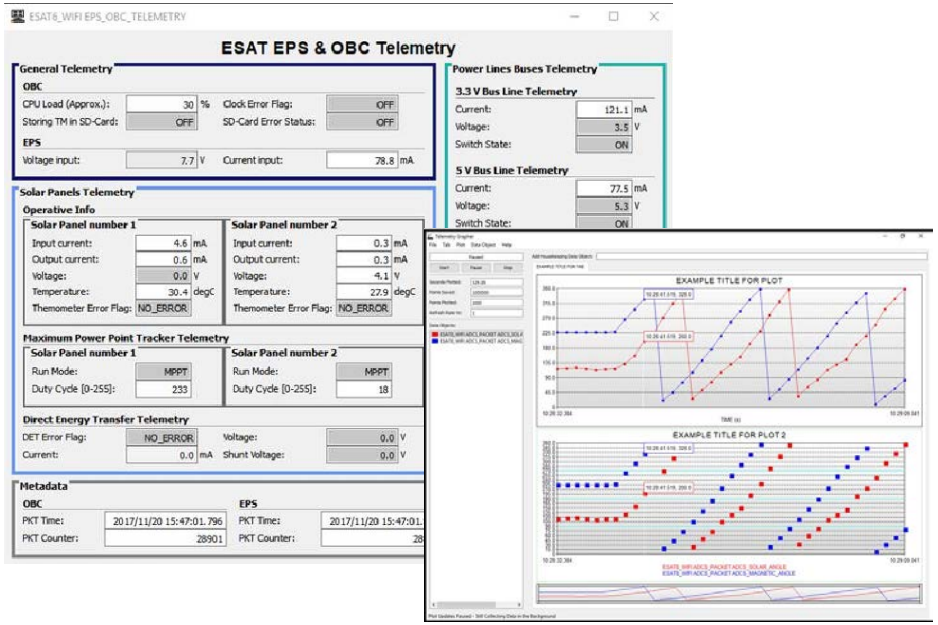
EGSE

- Turning table
- Sun simulator
- Magnets to provide a useful magnetic field



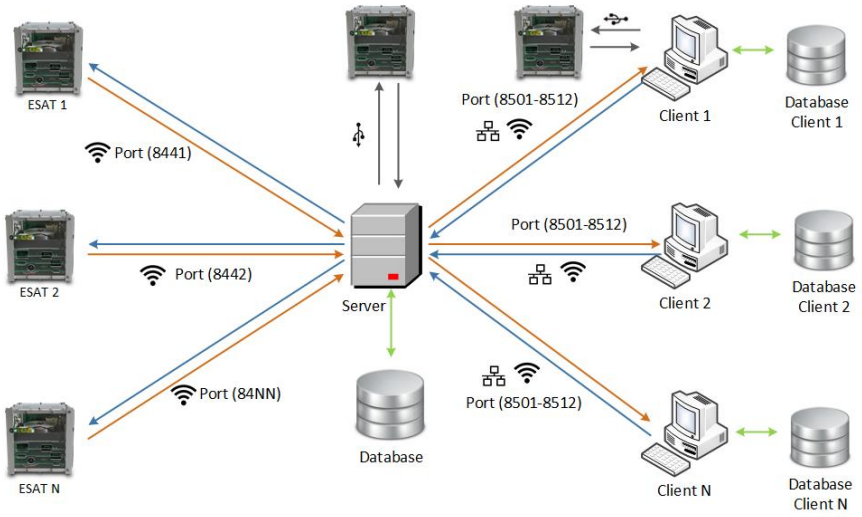
MCS

- COSMOS SW
- Telemetry visualization:
  - Raw
  - Plots
  - Subsystems displays
  - Replay
- Telecomands



ESAT Data Management

- CCSDS and XTCE standards implemented
- A central server handles the TM sent by all the satellites and broadcasts it to the corresponding connected users (clients).
- The server forwards commands from the users to the corresponding satellites.
- The client interface helps the user interpreting the TM and sending TCs.
- Open-source code.



ESAT On-Board Software (I)

- Free/Libre/Open-Source Software, so users are welcome to:
  - Run the programs as they wish.
  - Study and modify the programs.
  - Share the programs (as they received them) with others.
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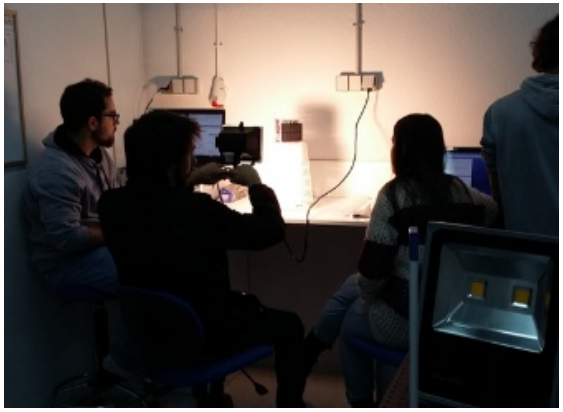
- Available on GitHub:
  - Currently, the most popular software development platform.
  - Check our repositories at https://github.com/TheiaSpace
- Leverages the Arduino platform:
  - Popular among artists, hobbyists, students and educators.
  - Well-established community.
  - Lots of learning resources.
  - Quick, easy and simple setup.
  - Also Free/Libre/Open-Source Software.

ESAT On-Board Software (II)

- Designed with user-extensibility and user-modifiability in mind.
- Common utility library:
  - CCSDS Space Packets.
  - CCSDS-over-I2C transfer protocol.
  - Data conversions.
  - Timekeeping.
- Per-subsystem libraries/programs:
  - Subsystem programs are Arduino example programs/sketches.
  - Low-level details are handled by the libraries.
  - Plug-in architecture: the user can add new functionality (including low-level functionality) directly from the Arduino sketch.

Potential Users

- STEM education
- Universities
- Space Companies
- Space Agencies



- Training
- Fast prototyping
- Satellite programmes
- Outreach activities
- First step towards a real satellite

- We provide courses

European Space Agency

Thank you!

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