



SMALL SPACECRAFT SYSTEMS VIRTUAL INSTITUTE

OVERVIEW

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S³VI Charter



- Advance clear communications, coordination, and consistent guidance regarding small spacecraft activities across NASA
 - Enhance internal integration
 - Act as single point of contact for information dissemination
 - Serve as repository for streamlined development approaches and processes
- Provide US smallsat research community with access to mission enabling information
 - Within NASA
 - Other government agencies (OGAs)
 - Academia
 - Industry

S³VI is a NASA-wide Institute



S³VI Strategy



Promoting innovation and exploration of new concepts
by establishing effective conduits for the
exchange of information.



Engage

Small Spacecraft Body of Knowledge



Share

Small Spacecraft State of
the Art & Technical Databases

Small Spacecraft Systems Virtual Institute



Collaborate

Working Groups, Partnership Opportunities



Launch

Launch Portal

Jointly Sponsored by the Space Technology Mission Directorate and the
Science Mission Directorate

Web Portal



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Recent SmallSat News

NASA Set to Launch Dellingr

NASA scientists and engineers named their new [CubeSat](#) after the mythological Norse god of the dawn. Now, just days from launch, they are confident Dellingr will live up to its name and inaugurate a new era for scientists wanting to use small, highly reliable satellites to carry out important, and in some cases, never-before-tried science.

The shoebox-sized spacecraft is set to launch in August aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket to the International Space Station where it will be deployed later into a low-Earth orbit.

[Archived SmallSat News](#)



SmallSat Parts On Orbit Now (SPOON) Database - Request for Information



Open Small Spacecraft Technology Program Solicitation



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[Bruce Yost Talks About Small Satellite Collaboration with NASA](#)

Contact us at Agency-SmallSat-Institute@mail.nasa.gov

Small Spacecraft Body of Knowledge

The S3VI, as the common portal for NASA related small spacecraft activities, will host the Small Spacecraft Body of Knowledge (SSBK) as an online resource for information such as small spacecraft working group products, lessons learned library, systems test data repository, and reliability best practices.



NASA Smallsat Opportunities



Key S³VI Web Portal Features

- Small Spacecraft Body of Knowledge (SSBoK)
 - Smallsat parts db (SPOON – collaboration with AFRL Small Spacecraft Portfolio)
 - State of the Art (components, systems – generated from SPOON annually)
 - Lessons Learned and Best Practices dbs (to be developed/acquired)
 - Smallsat Community of Practice (currently NASA only, but looking to expand)
 - Other dbs (i.e., component catalogues, test libraries, etc.)
- Links to feature stories (Recent NASA SmallSat News)
- Small spacecraft user guides, standards, and other documentation
- NASA small spacecraft mission and technology funding opportunities
- Launch opportunities (including CSLI, DoD*, commercial)
- Working Groups repositories, collaboration tool kits, proceedings
- Smallsat Seminar Series (to be developed)
- External links of interest to community, including upcoming smallsat workshops, conferences, events, etc.
- Virtual Collaboration Tools
- More to come

**Some launch information not for wide dissemination.*

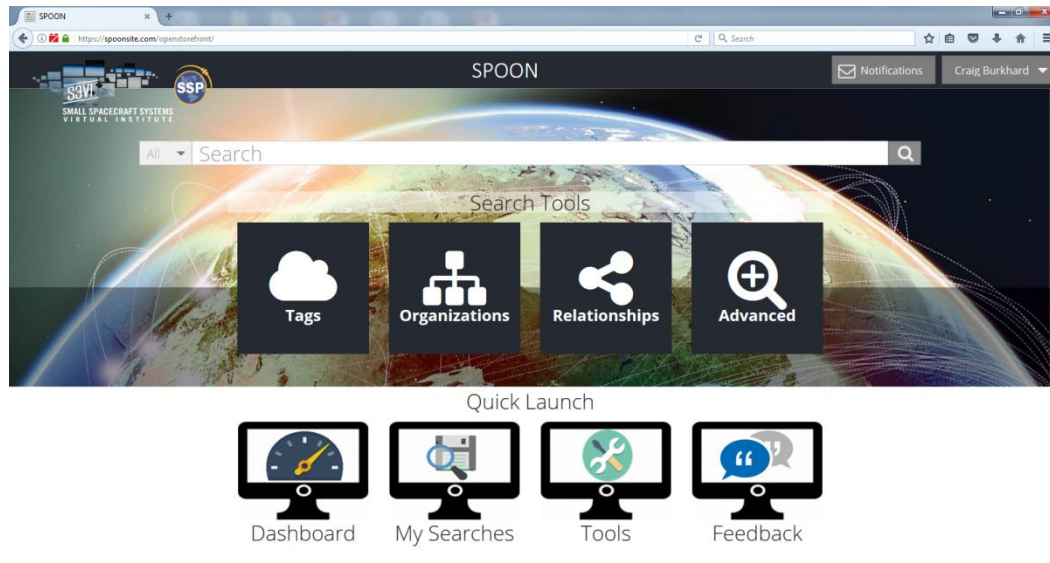


RFI and SPOON Database Activities



- **Request for Information (RFI) Data Call**
 - Collecting information regarding the State of the Art for technology, components, and systems relevant to small spacecraft for Earth and interplanetary mission design
 - Seeking qualified civil servant and other government experts to serve as reviewers.
<https://www.fbo.gov/spg/NASA/ARC/OPDC20220/NNA17S3VI001L/listing.html>
- **SmallSat Parts On Orbit Now (SPOON)**
 - This database includes a variety of small satellite components, including payloads, flight processors, antennas, propulsion systems, ground station equipment, star trackers, and more
 - SPOON will be the first federated S3VI database
 - <https://spoonsite.com>
- **Points of Contact:**
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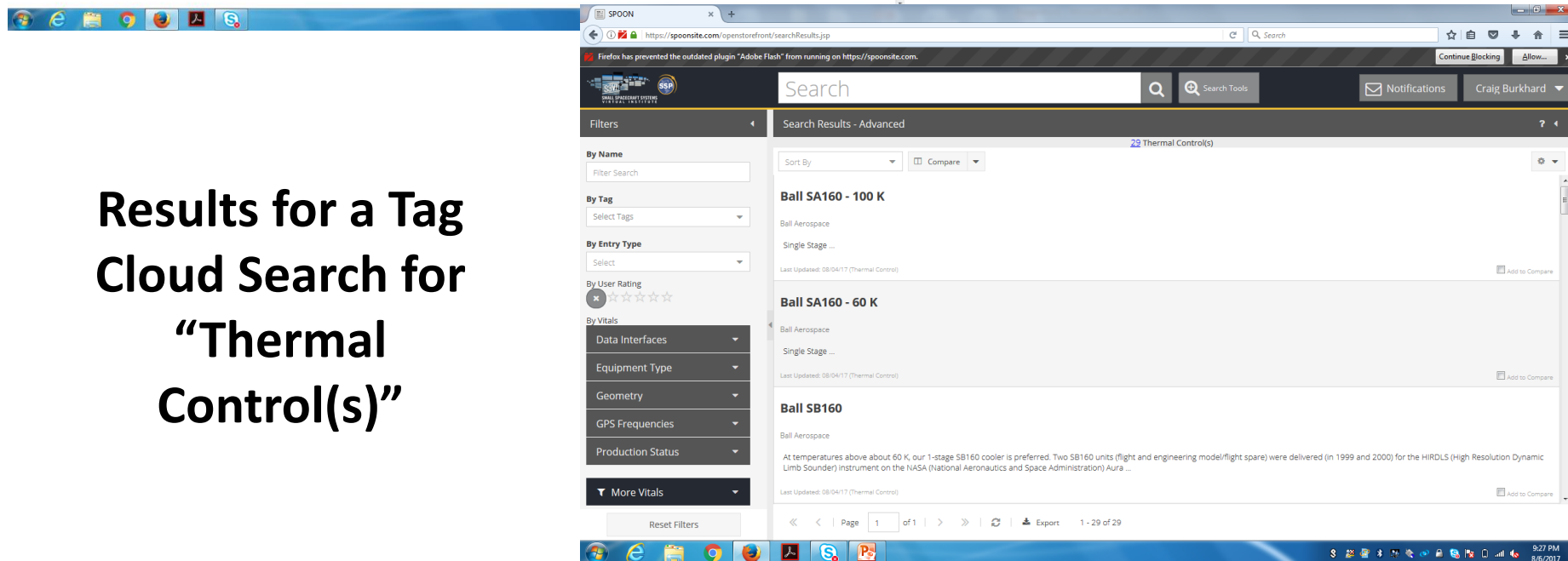
SmallSat Parts On Orbit Now (SPOON)



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- Tag Cloud
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**Results for a Tag
Cloud Search for
“Thermal
Control(s)”**





Technology Development Programs



Science Mission Directorate

- Planetary Instrument Concepts for the Advancement of Solar System Observations Program (PICASSO)
- Maturation of Instruments for Solar System Exploration Program (MatISSE)
- Undergraduate Student Instrument Project (USIP)
- Planetary Science Deep Space SmallSat Studies (PSDS3)

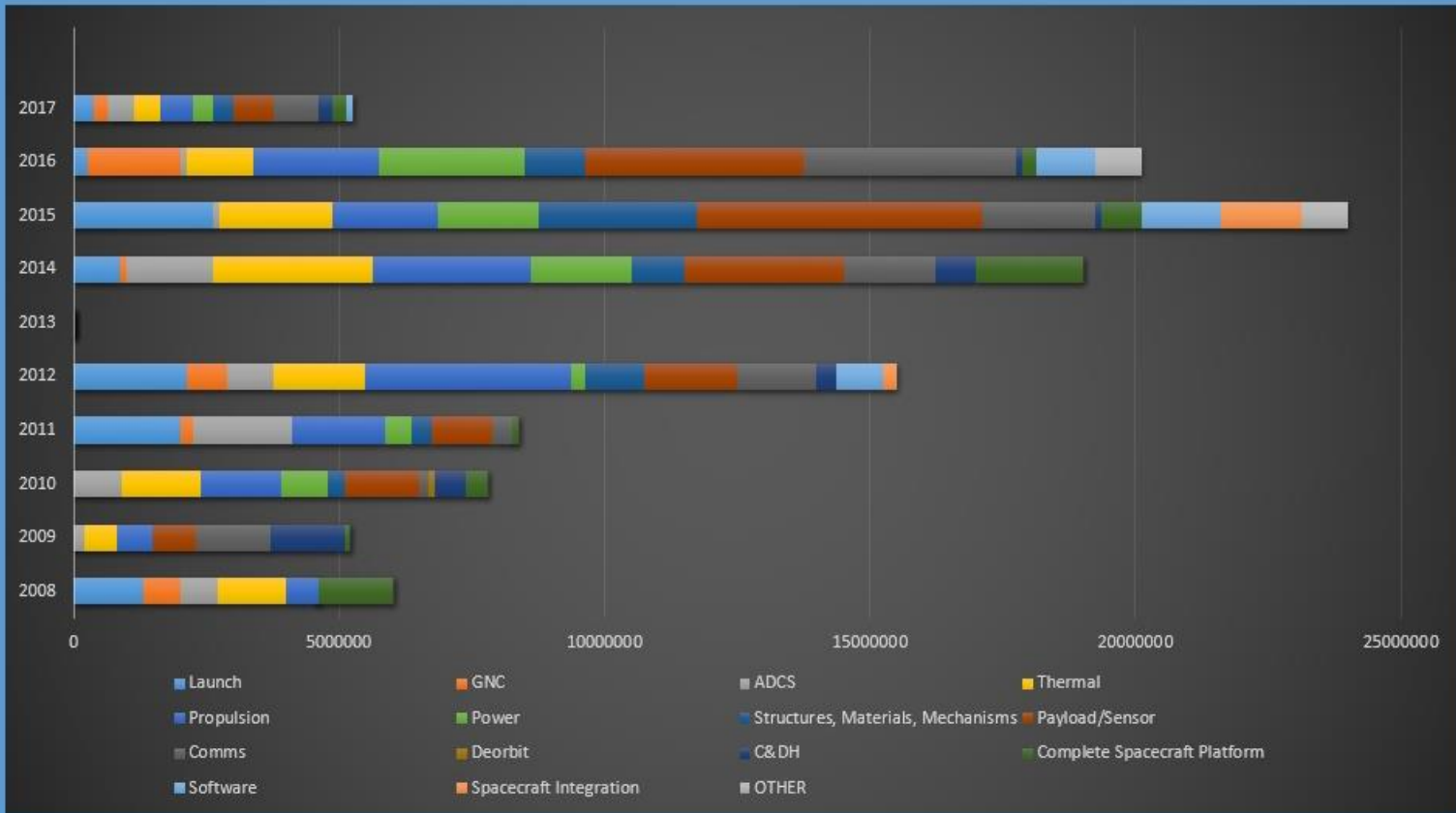
Space Technology Mission Directorate

- Small Spacecraft Technology Program (SSTP)
 - Capability demonstrations
 - Technology development
 - Smallsat Technology Partnerships (STP)
- Tipping Point and ACO Public/Private Partnerships
- Centennial Challenges Program
 - CubeQuest Challenge
- Small Business Innovative Research Program (SBIR)
 - Approximately 30 SBIR awards made in 2017 relating to small spacecraft

Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate

- Cubesat Launch Initiative (CSLI)
- Space Launch System EM-1 cubesats

NASA SBIR Smallsat Investments*



*2008 was first year that Smallsat topic was solicited. Note: data for 2017 not yet complete.

No SBIR solicitation in 2013.

Estimated over \$110M funded on ~360 projects.