Piensatelliittitoiminnan mahdollisuudet käytännön sovellutuksissa

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Cubesat: Background

Space technology has become a staple in every-day life, and has broadened humanity's horizon tremendously.

The concept of small satellites (less than 500 kg) offers a potential way to speed up development.

This concept has been around since the 60's, but thanks to smaller electronics and standards has now shrunk to "pocket size".

 \rightarrow Especially good for smaller institutes such as universities





The Small Satellite Concept

Standard form factor and electrical details.

Deployment pod.

Hundreds launched, hundreds more in queue.

Used by Universities, private companies, NASA/ESA etc..





Courtesy of ISRO



Small satellites: game changers



A cubesat is small !

CubeSats (and generally small sats) have as a rule of thumb inferior payload capabilities due to power, mass and volume restrictions → temporal resolution can however be improved.

Aalto-1: Start of The Aalto Small Satellite Program

The First Finnish Student satellite project.

4 kg, "3 Cube Unit" nanosatellite

UHF and S-band link to ground.

Development times:

- Aalto-1: 6-7 years.
- Aalto-2: 4-5 years.
- Suomi 100: 1-2 years.



Courtesy of ISISPACE by



Aalto-1 satellite

Mission goals:

- Tech demo
- Science
- Education

Advanced payloads:

- Hyperspectral imager by VTT.
- Orbital radiation monitor by HU & TU.
- Plasma "brake" by FMI.

Planned mission duration is 2 years.

Ground station is here in Otaniemi (on the roof).































Future Small Satellite Directions





Small satellite game changers in Finland



Aalto University cubesat program spin offs (1/2)









Aalto University cubesat program spin offs (2/2)

Reaktor Space Lab

Turnkey small satellite missions to LEO and beyond

Suomi 100 satellite







http://suomi100satelliitti.fi/

Suomi 100 - satelliitti



http://suomi100satelliitti.fi/avaruusrekan_kiertue



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Suomi 100 – satelliitti: Suomen 1. "*Cubesat-tohtori*" (9.6.2017)



Satelliitti on tarkoitus viedä polaarikiertoradalle 550–650 kilometrin korkeuteen. Laukaisuraketin mukana lähtee primäärisatelliitti ja lauma muita piensatelliitteja



Suomi 100 satellite: Geospace research and space infrastructure





Suomi 100 satellite: The wide-angle camera





- 8 mm lens: < 260 m/pixel from 650 km
- 35 mm lens: < 60 m/pixel from 650 km
- 70 mm lens: < 30 m/pixel from 650 km



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Space infrastructure: Radio waves, communication and radio instrument in the Suomi 100 satellite





Smart small satellite space infrastructure

HAL 9000 : (Heuristically programmed ALgorithmic computer)









Machine learning & Go

DeepMind's program AlphaGo beat Fan Hui, the European Go champion, five times out of five in tournament conditions, the firm reveals in research published in Nature on 27 January[,] 2016



Constellation small satellite missions

Aalto-1 helped understand the most promising aspect of small satellites \rightarrow as they are relatively cheap, many can be produced and deployed to specific orbits.

These are called constellations, and in some cases, swarms.





Court. NASA



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Constellation

'Walker'-constellation with specific orbit parameters performed best.



Requirements and challenges:

- Launch opportunities.
- Propulsion in practise required.
- Ground segment.
- Each satellite should have similar properties
 - \rightarrow repeatable manufacturing process.



Increasing amount of small (< 10 kg) satellites



M. Swartwout, 2015 IEEE Aerospace Conference, pages 1-12, March 2015.



Examples of new satellite companies (1/2): OneWeb's space internet



How Small Satellites Are Made

Mass production and satellites have never been used in the same sentence. Each satellite used to be handcrafted by hundreds of engineers. Until now. OneWeb is changing things. Today, satellites can be made in the same way high quality medical and avionics equipment are.

OneWeb Satellites:

- Fewer components
- Lighter weight
- Easier to manufacture
- Cheaper to launch



Providing high-speed internet connectivity equivalent to terrestrial fiber-optic networks

TOTAL COVERAGE

Internet to everyone, everywhere on Earth

http://oneweb.world/#technology



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Examples of new satellite companies(2/2): Planet



Concluding remarks

Small satellites, cubesats, are ready to open new possibilities for society, business and science

"New space": Space open for everybody, not only for large countries and large organizations

Finland just took its first step toward "space infrastructure" by Aalto University's cubesatellites

Small satellites provides new possibilities, today!