

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT

SMALL SPACE SYSTEMS (S3) LABORATORY



WE ARE...

- A group of 20 undergraduate and graduate students pushing the boundaries
 of aerospace technology by developing exciting space projects.
- Working in a interdisciplinary environment which is open to all space enthusiasts.
- Developing the very first satellite by METU.
- Solidifying novel space mission ideas and attending international competitions to represent our university.
- Building our own space lab which will include satellite test beds and a planetary rover experimental environment.



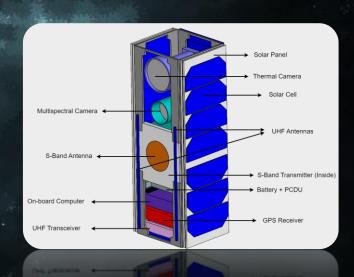
APSCO CUBESAT CHALLANGE

- We are developing a 3U cubesat (METUCUBE) for post-disaster assessment and investigation of early disaster warning possibilities.
- Project aims completion of an engineering model as of September 2025.
- Flight model will follow.
- Project is at the PDR stage.





Damage of wildfire in Oymapinar, Turkiye [Image Credit: Maxar Technologies]





UNISEC MISSION IDEA CONTEST



- Our team's asteroid exploration mission idea "PARS: Precursor Asteroid Remote Survey" received the 1st prize at the International Mission Idea Contest (MIC 7).
- Contestants proposed a mission idea utilizing a micro-satellite under 100kg for deep space science and exploration.
- See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxJ4BWEQCzs&t=192s for details.





UNISEC MISSION IDEA CONTEST

- Our team was among the finalists and represented METU in the finals which was held in Tokyo.
- The mission was predicting vector-borne diseases with a cubesat constellation.









UNISEC MISSION IDEA CONTEST

- Two groups are getting prepared for the 9th Mission Idea Contest.
 - Group 1: Lunar Orbit CubeSat Mission (LOCM)
 - Group 2: Lunar Surface Rover Mission (LSRM)

Preliminary final will be in South Africa in November 2024.

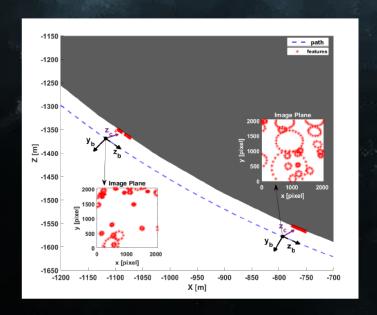
 Feel free to contact if you would like to join.

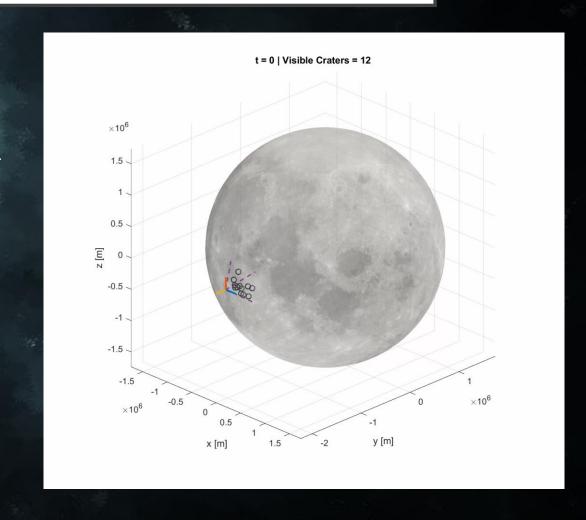




TURKISH LUNAR MISSION (AYAP)

- We are supporting the Turkish Lunar Mission in part.
- Researching on the guidance navigation and control for the AYAP-1 and AYAP-2 missions.







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