CanSat (now known as FloatSat) is an interdisciplinary project designed not only for Aerospace Engineering Master students. It is designed for students with different backgrounds, e.g. in computer science, electronics, mechanical engineering, aerospace technology, physics, mathematics. A satellite project is an interdisciplinary project that requires knowledge and skills in this as well as in numerous other fields. CanSat is thus an ideal platform to combine all available skills in a single project. It covers the design and development of the space segment control software and the ground segment control software: telemetry and telecommanding in wireless communication: space segment - ground segment, electrical subsystem (energy, batteries), mechanical construction.

Intended learning outcomes

The students are able to build and integrate into the inside of the sphere the power unit, a control computer, a payload (camera) and attitude control devices: Gyros and reaction wheel of a pico satellite. The software of a CanSat "satellite" includes a real-time operating system (provided by us), commanding (immediate and time-tagged commands), telemetry (real time and history data), attitude control, power control, payload control, image processing and radio links communication. The ground segment ought to be able to generate and send telecommands and to get and (graphically) display the telemetry.

Courses

R (8) Module taught in: English

Method of assessment

Practical project: development, construction and presentation of a satellite control system (project documentation (approx. 20 pages) with presentation (30 to 45 minutes) and subsequent discussion on the topic)
Language of assessment: English

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Workload

300 h

Teaching cycle

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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