



Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter FlatSat

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FlatSat Purpose

- Allows early ITOS proc & procedure development for I&T and flight ops
 - Development of functional/interface tests, CPT, and other system-level tests
 - Procedure validation
- Preliminary hardware/software verifications can be performed with ETU's
- Platform for system-level testing of flight software
- Platform for troubleshooting during flight I&T
- Testbed for personnel training (engineers, test conductors, technicians)
- Post-launch flight ops support (following delivery to MOC after launch)

Flatsat provides substantial risk reduction for I&T,
and for flight operations



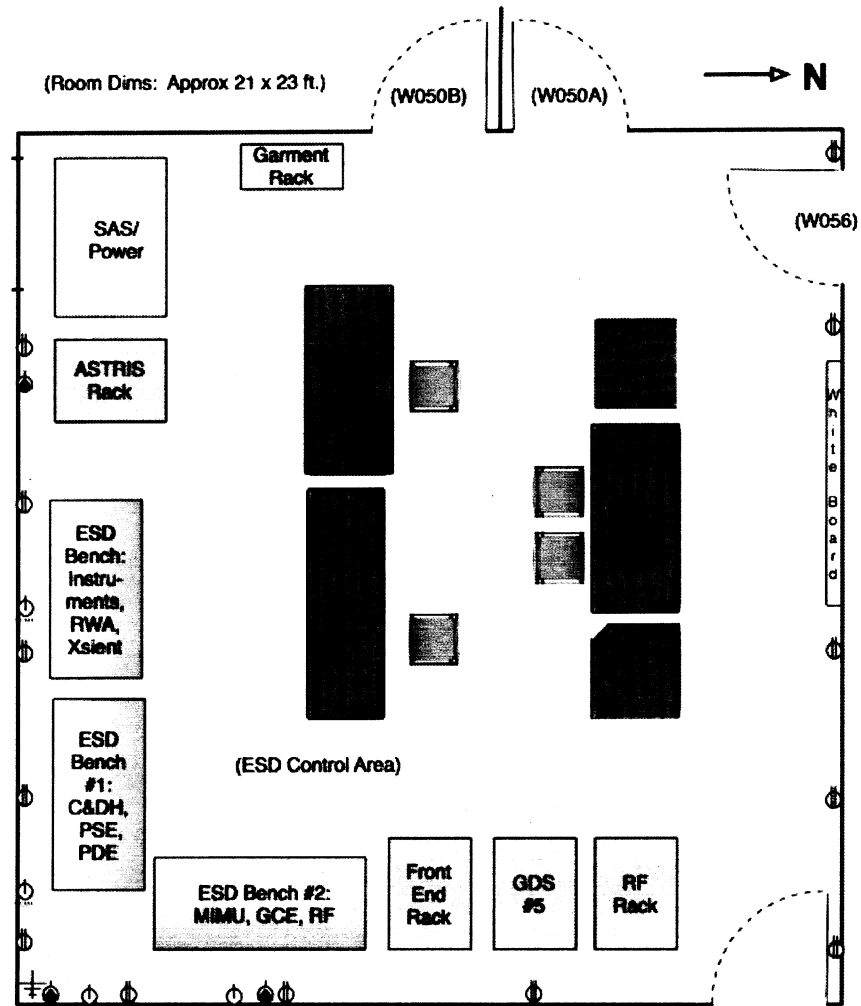
Facility Requirements

- ESD Control
 - Room modifications (e.g., floor stripping)
 - Certified ESD benches and equipment
 - Personnel certifications (IAW NASA-STD-8739.7)
- Cleanliness
 - Lab: Standard cleanliness
 - General cleanliness implemented IAW LRO Contamination Control Plan
 - Weekly cleaning and garment change-out by CC personnel
 - Periodic monitoring by QA to ensure cleanliness is maintained
 - Bench: Visibly clean
 - Periodic cleaning by CC personnel, as required
- Power
 - Facility 110/208, with UPS backup
 - Outlets and ground plate added to existing room



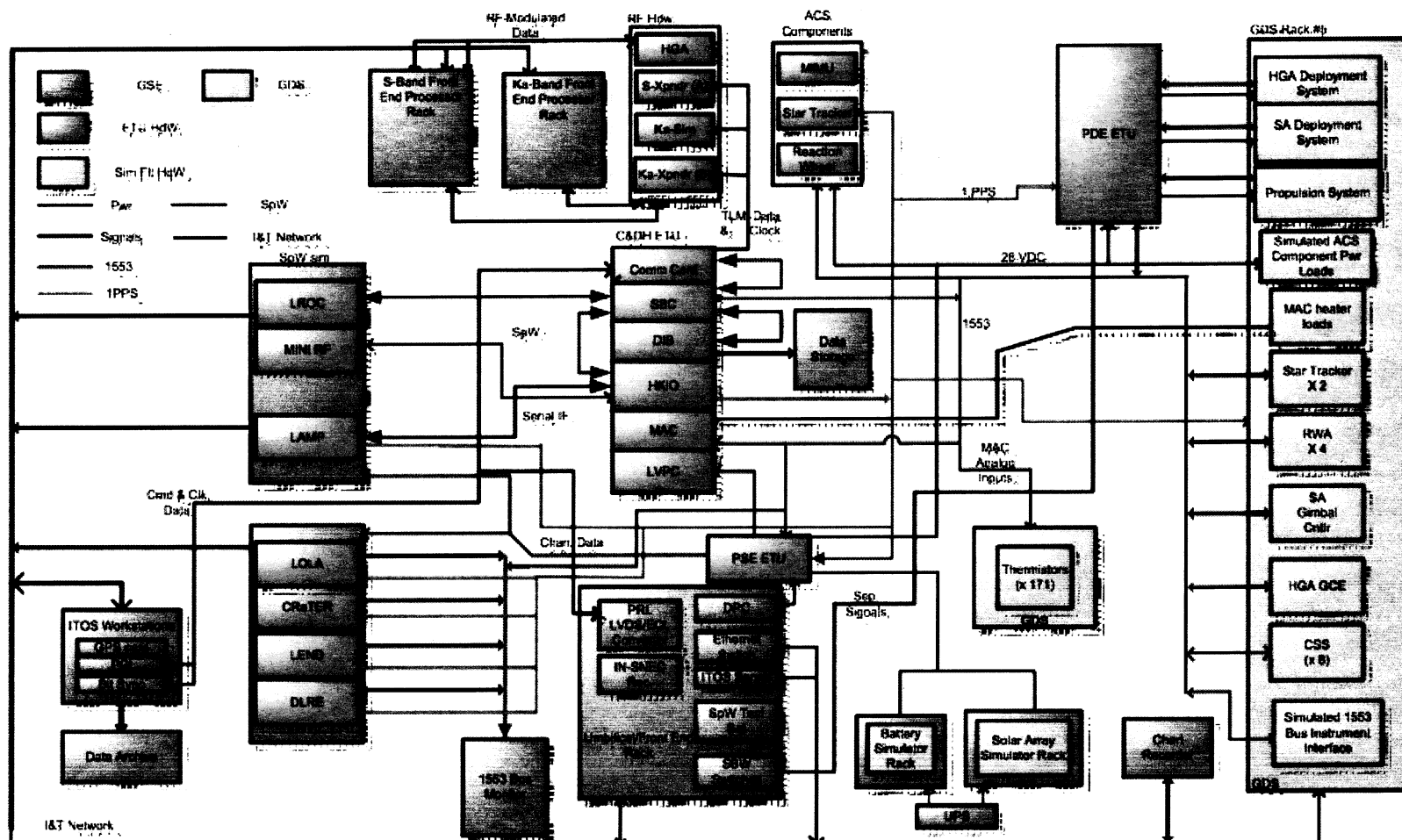
LRO FlatSat Lab

(Bldg 5, Rm W050)



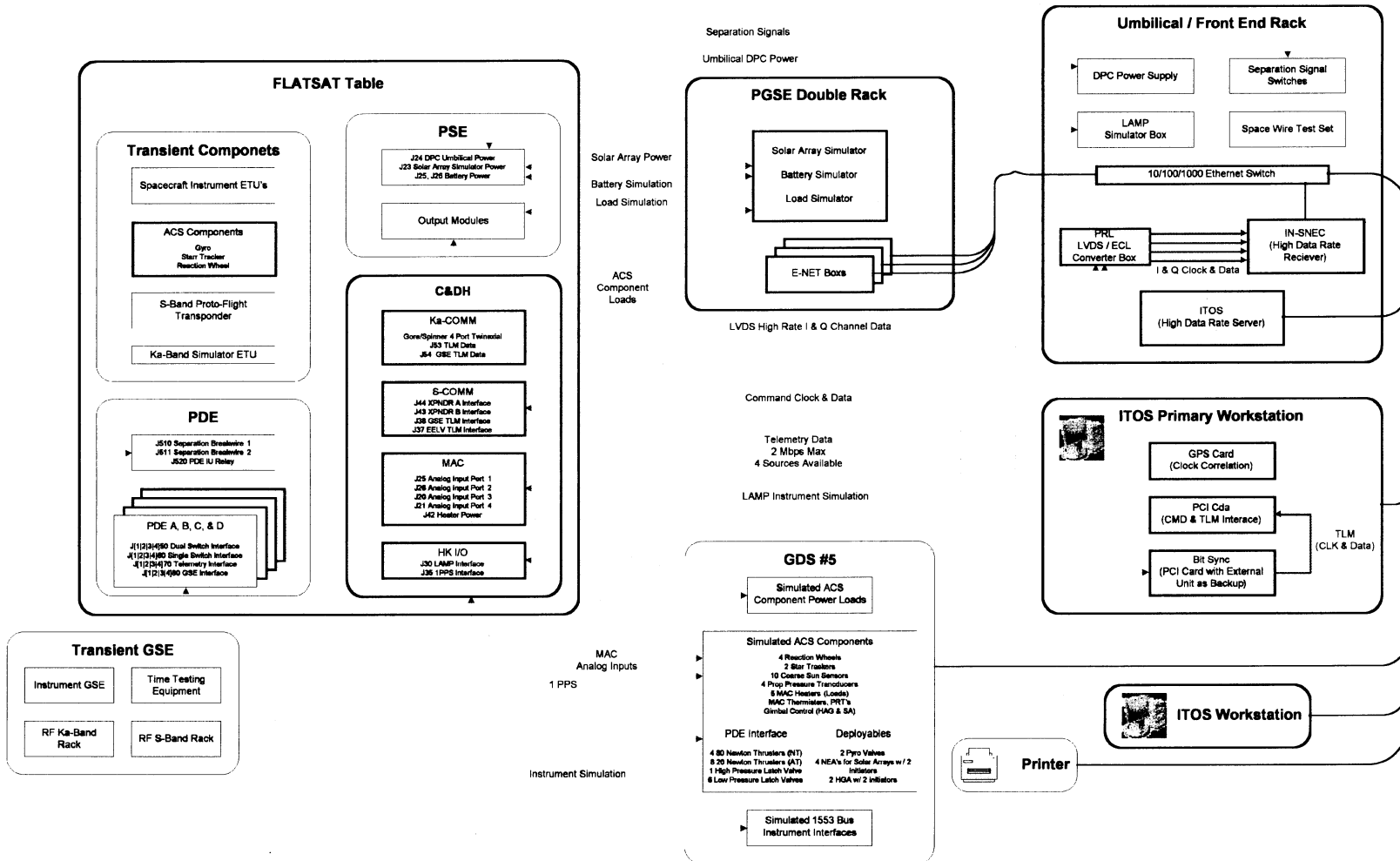


Flatsat Component Diagram



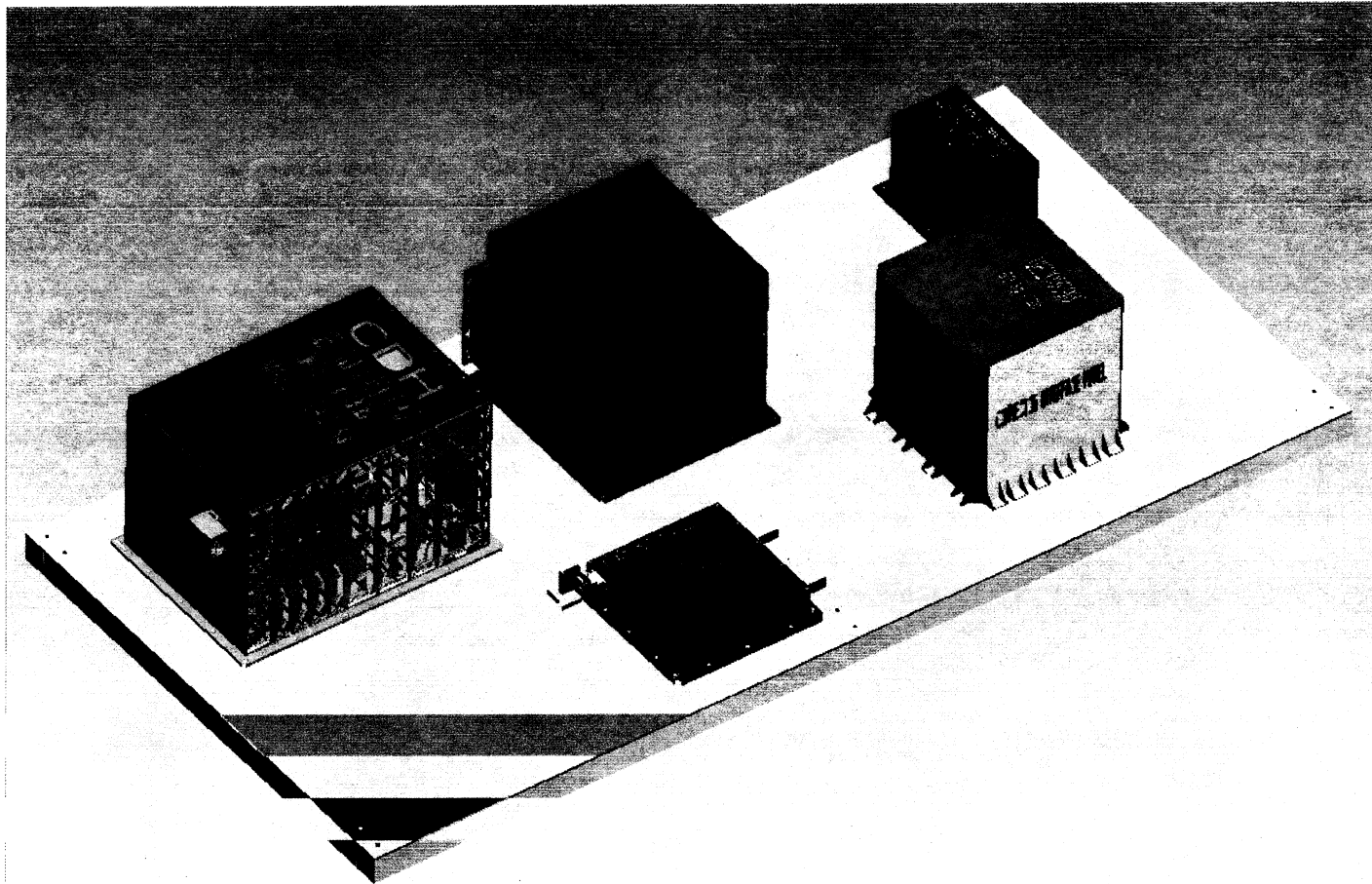


FlatSat Functional Configuration





FlatSat Plate Layout (Typical)





Operational Documentation

- Released drawings for Flatsat components
- Approved WOA's and procedures
- ITOS scripts and procedures
- Logbooks
 - Test conductor logbook
 - Mate/demate logbook
- As-run archives
- Problem reporting
 - Problem records for minor anomalies
 - Problem/Failure Reports (P/FR's) for major problems
- Configuration Change Requests/Notices
 - For changes to delivered hardware/software
 - For changes to Flatsat system

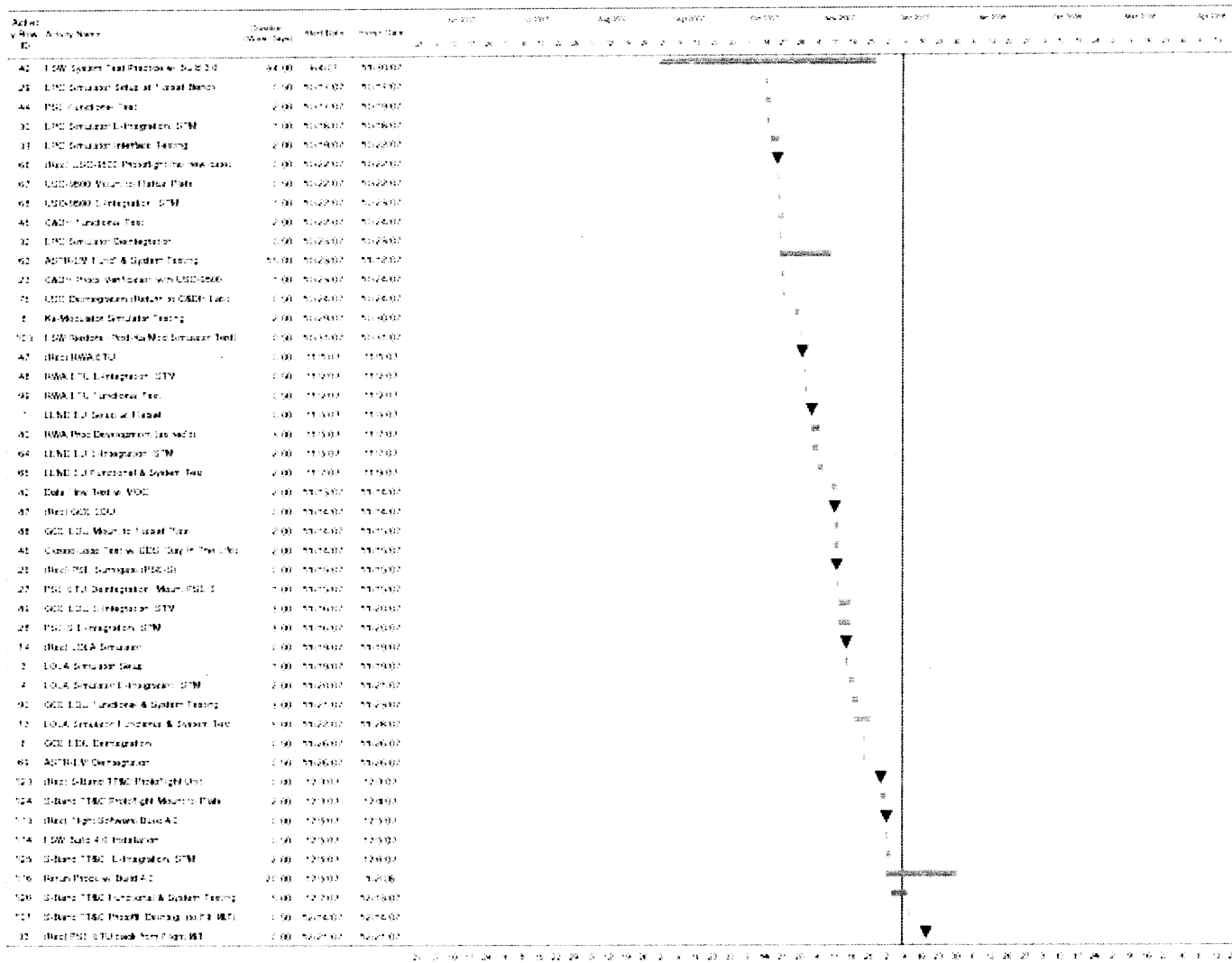


Facility Scheduling

- FlatSat schedule based on initial inputs from deliverable providers
- Use of facility for use of lab prescheduled through Lab Manager
 - Use of online scheduling system
 - For subsystem, instrument, and system-level testing
 - For GSE and facility work
- Changes to schedule tracked on a daily basis
- Schedule coordinated with project schedule, I&T manager, and systems engineering



Typical FlatSat I&T Schedule





Deliverables

- Furniture: workstations, lab benches, cabinets
- Harness
- Mounting plates
- GSE: Solar Array Sim., Goddard Dynamic Sim., C&DH
- ITOS (ground station) workstations
- Scripts and displays
- I&T procedures
- Subsystem ETU's: C&DH, PSE, PDE, Gyro, ST, RWA, RF
- Flight Software w/ C&T database
- Instrument ETU's & Simulators
- Transient GSE: ACS, RF, timing, instruments

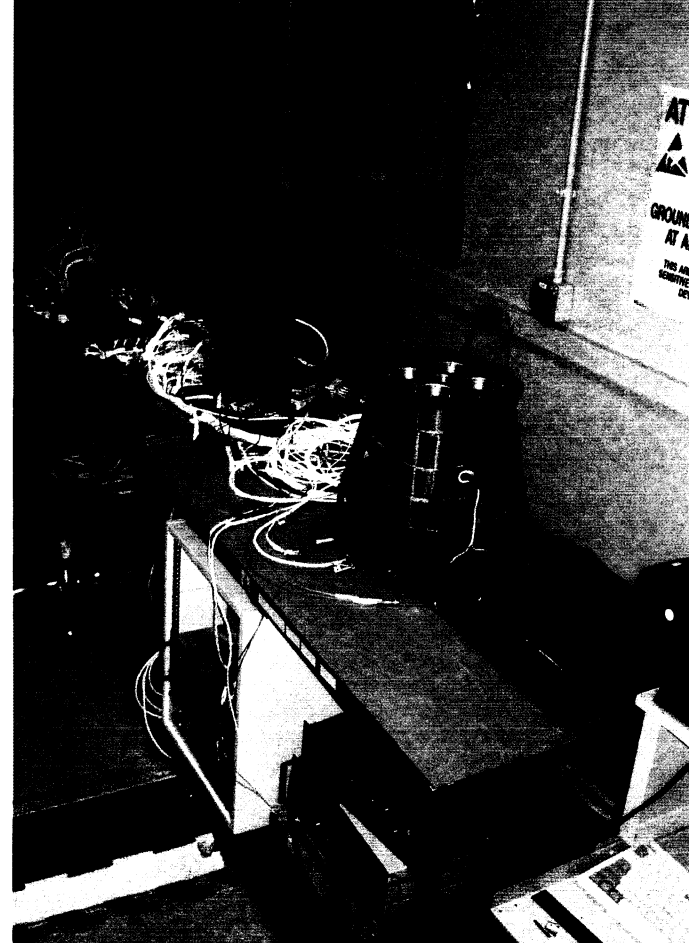


Flatsat Cost Mitigating Factors

- Facility
 - Temporary, so space and comfort not as critical
 - Flatsat system planned for relocation to Mission Ops Control Center
- ETU's and Simulators
 - Designed to support only one mission (i.e., not like HST or STS)
 - ETU "loaners" only required for short-term (from vendors, other projects)
- GSE
 - Some required anyway for flight I&T and as spares (e.g., RF GSE)
 - Some used for multiple-project support (e.g., DVM's, scopes)
 - Some acquired from previous projects (UPS, racks, tools)
- Furniture
 - Not required for long-term use
 - Most obtained from excess (desks, chairs, shelves, conference table)



Current Configuration





Issues & Lesson Learned

- Institutional support and available facilities were limited for LRO Flatsat
 - Due to limited budget and allocations previously assigned to other high-priority projects.
 - More intra-center support and earlier communication regarding facility and support requirements is recommended.
- Some Flatsat I&T occurred in parallel with subsystem development and flight I&T
 - Projects in general should plan & arrange for more robust support to parallel operations.
- Flatsat ETU's and GSE were occasionally deintegrated from Flatsat for use in development labs
 - Although unanticipated troubleshooting may require high-fidelity units, the impacts of removing elements from the system testbed environment must be fully assessed by systems engineering.
 - However, having multiple ETU's to support in parallel both subsystem development and Flatsat system-level testing was an advantage.
- Concurrent requests for lab use and delays in ETU deliveries resulted in lab scheduling challenges
 - Having a centralized scheduling system, and resident lab manager for real-time rescheduling, facilitated effective lab utilization.