

Project Aether

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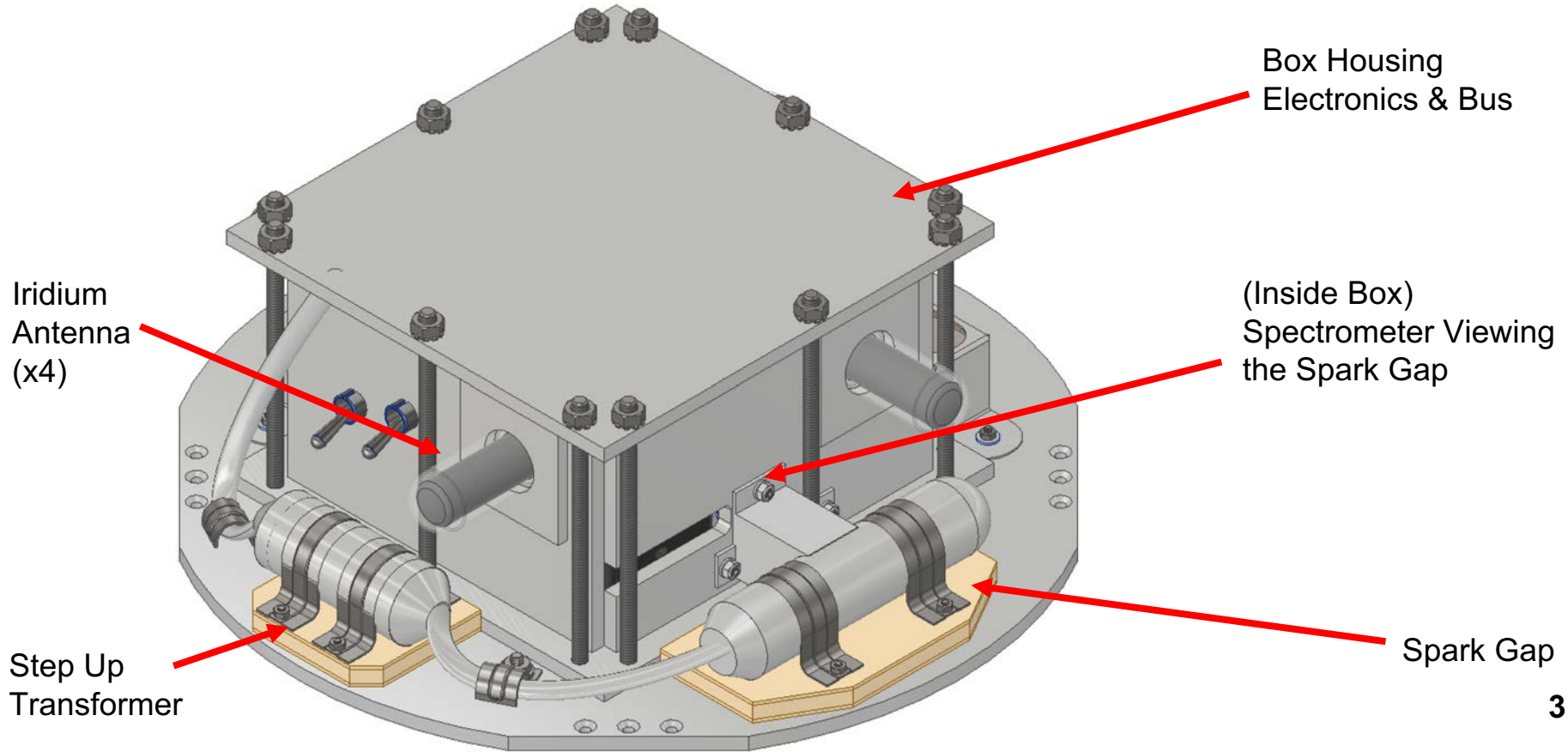
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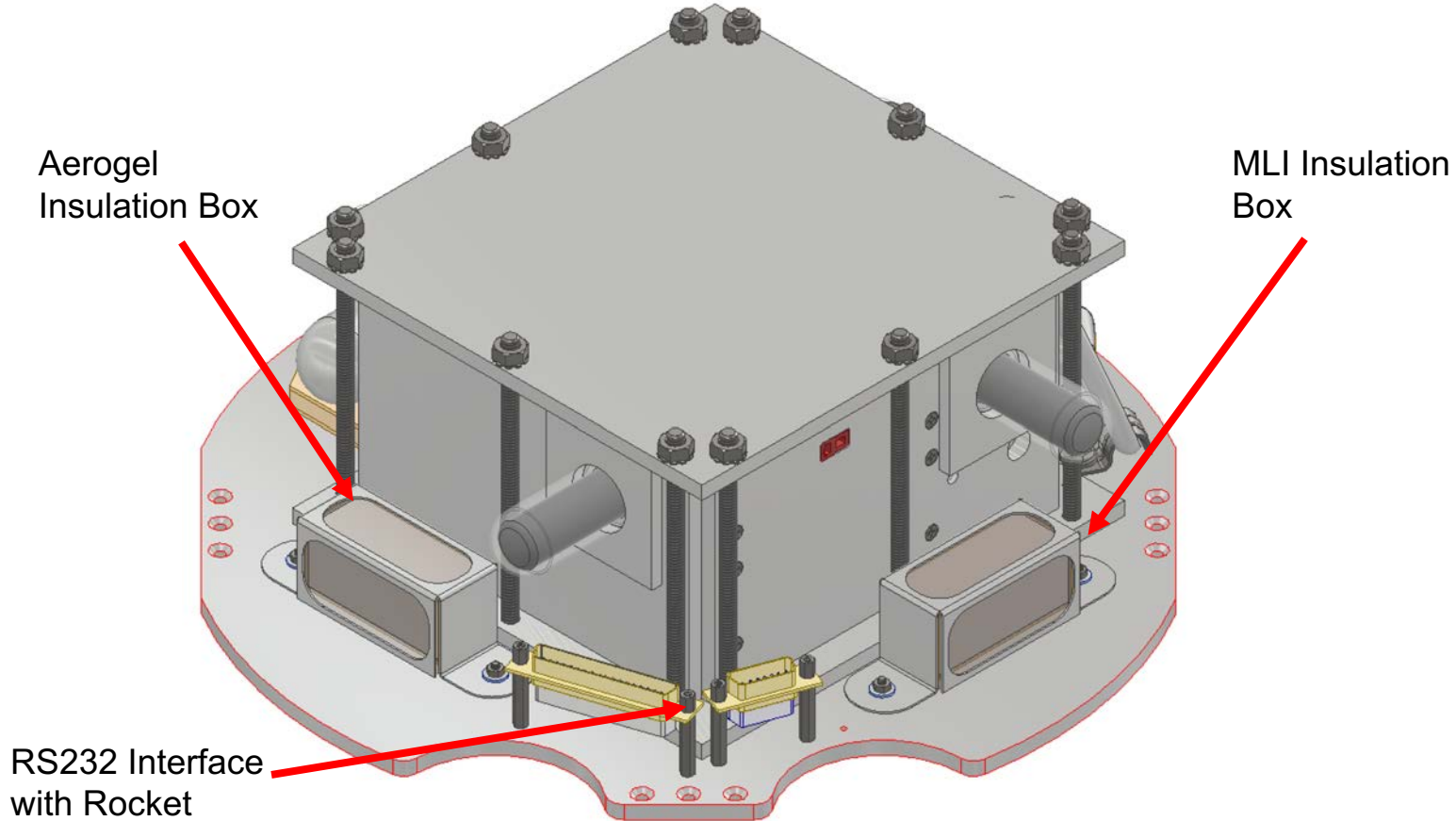
Goals

- We intend to look for sodium in the upper atmosphere of the Aurora Borealis
- We expect to explore the benefits of the modified Aerogel insulation compared to the limits of Multi Layer Insulation (MLI)
- We intend to compare the data relay performance of the Iridium network to the rocket's RS232 line

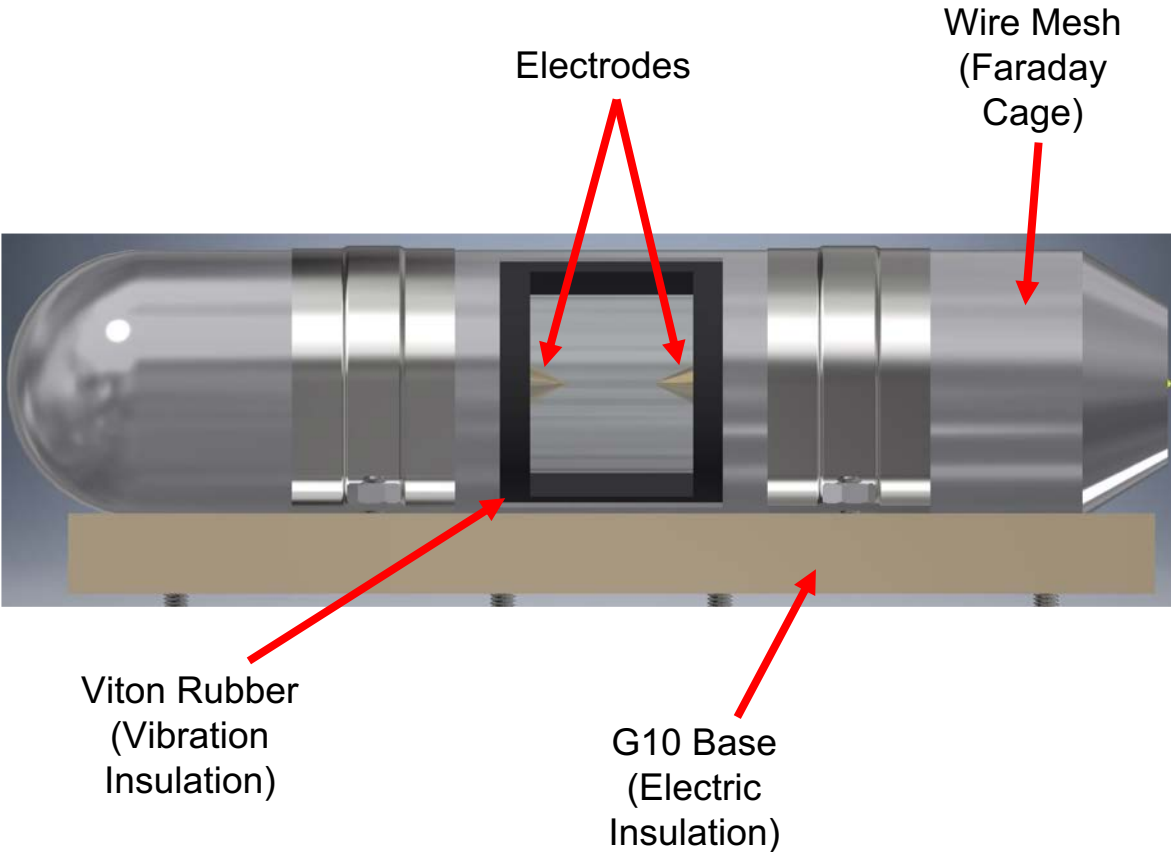
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The Spark Gap

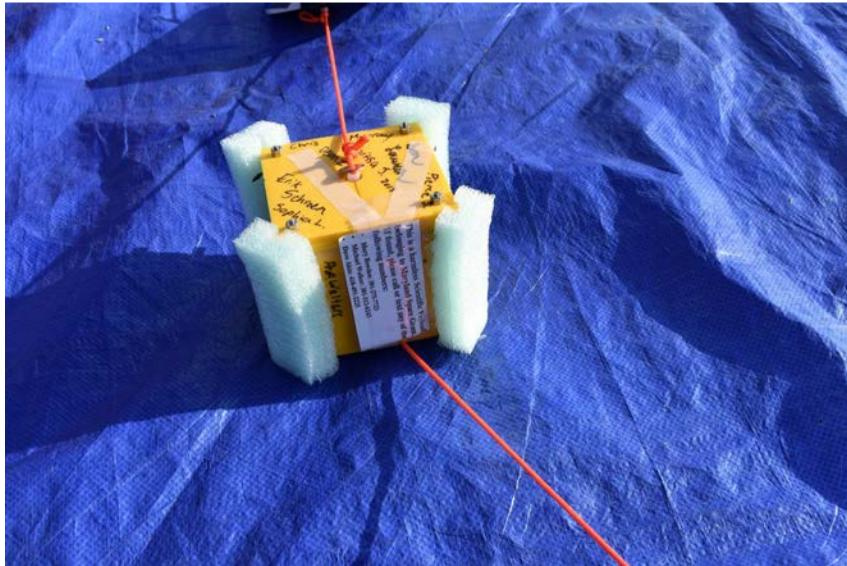


Flight Week August 2017



Balloon Launch April 2018

Our first balloon launch was completed on April 14, 2018 from Friendship, MD.



Challenges & Current Status

Challenges

- Funding
- The spark gap
- Time

Current Status

- Housing has been made
- Integration is underway
- Testing has begun

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Questions?

