

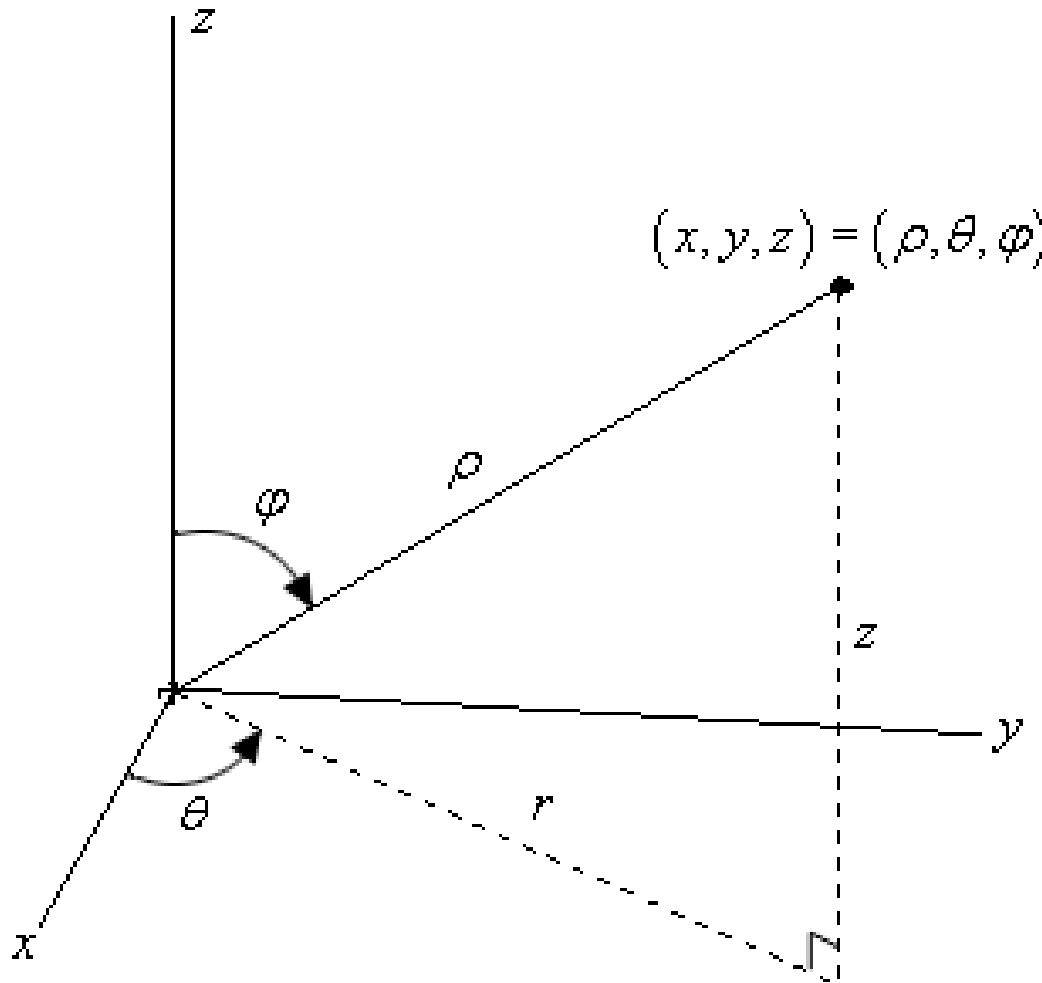
# Hemispherical Anti-Twist Tracking System (HATTS)

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# Problem Statement: Hemispherical Tracking Ability



2 Degree of freedom  
hemispherical tracking

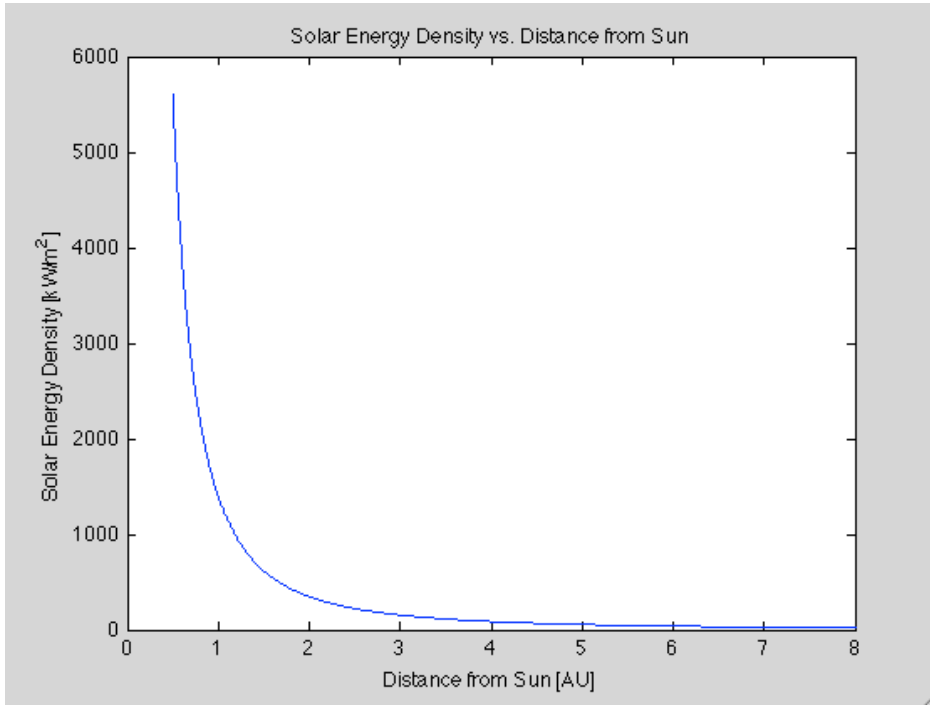
Continuous rotation w/o slip ring  
connectors

- No twisting of wires, hoses,  
etc.

Wrist joint



# Tracking for Interplanetary Missions



Voyager Image courtesy of NASA

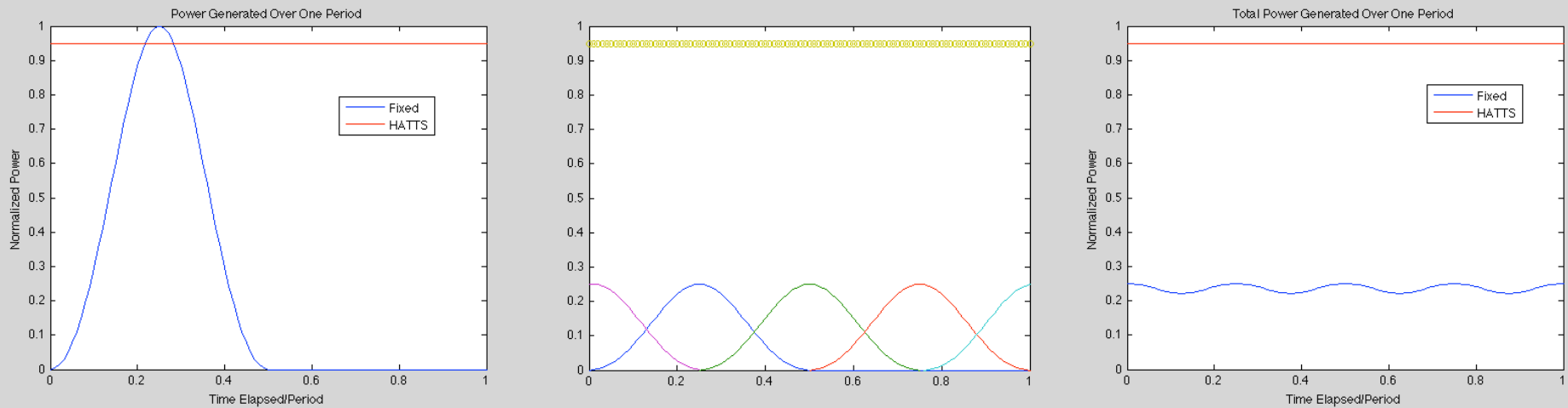
Earth  $\cong$  1400 kW/m<sup>2</sup>

Mars  $\cong$  600 kW/m<sup>2</sup>

- Transmission Losses
  - Ability to use highly focused antenna improves data collection abilities and performance

# Solar Power Generation

Relative Power Generation During Passive Thermal Control (aka Barbecue Roll)



Note: Fixed panels generate no power while shaded. Roll rate assumed constant. Control power used shown relative to full twelve panel array used in 3U CubeSats.



# Requirements for CubeSat Tracking System



- Stowed Volume  $< \frac{1}{2}$  U
- Mass  $< 300$  grams
  - CubeSat  $< 1330$  grams per U
- Minimal obstruction of surface
- High reliability
  - Minimal deployment events
  - Avoid slip rings



# Existing Solutions



Slip Rings



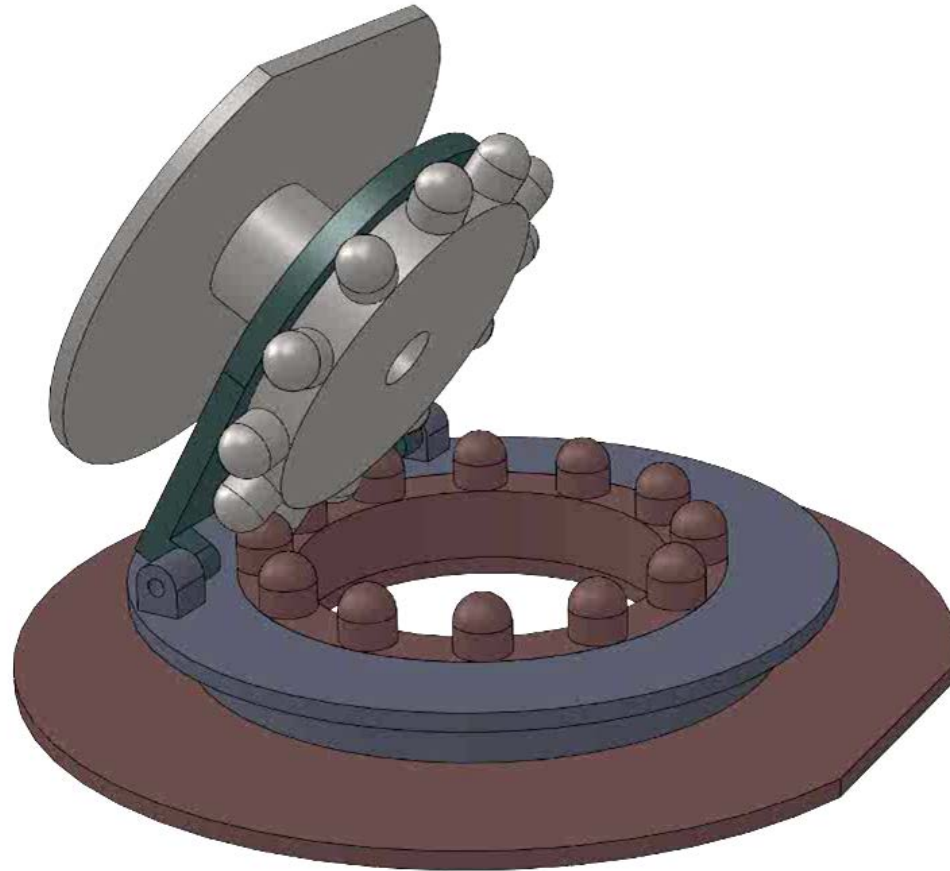
Untwist



Canfield Joint



# The HATTS Solution



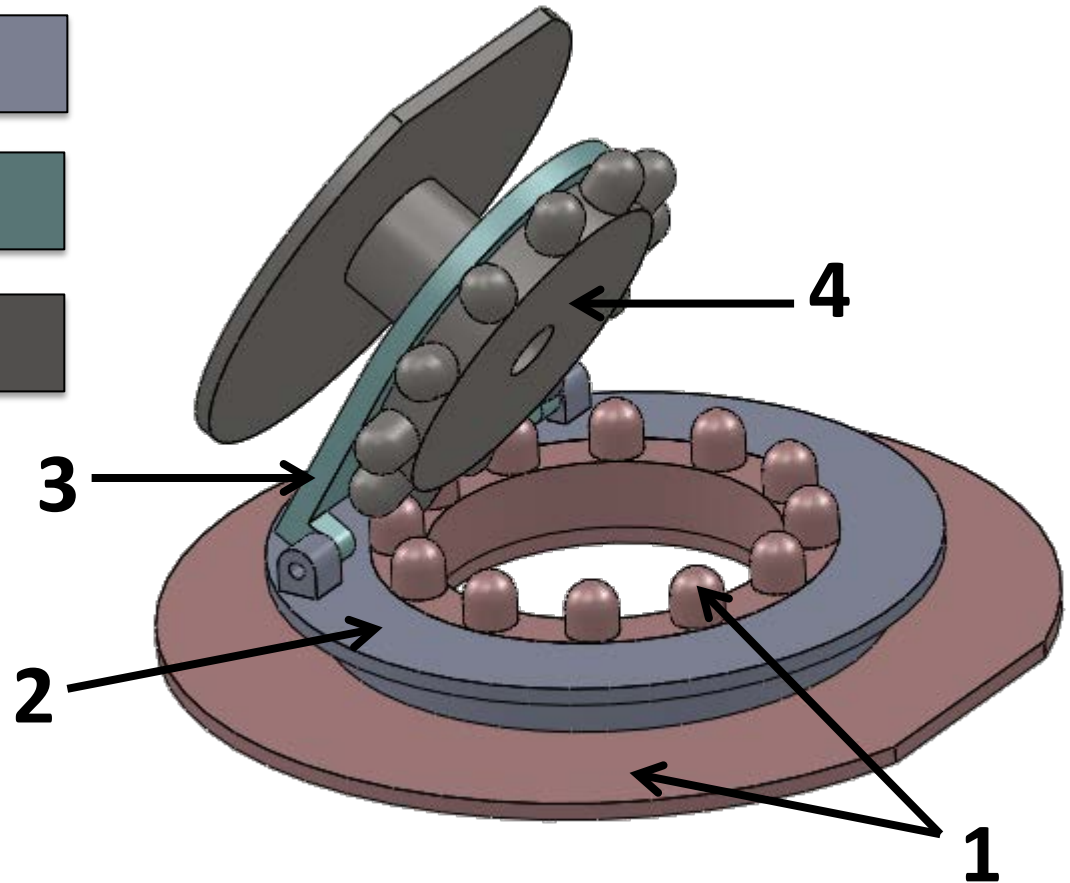
# HATTS Components

1. Fixed base with gear

2. Rotating platform

3. Elevation platform

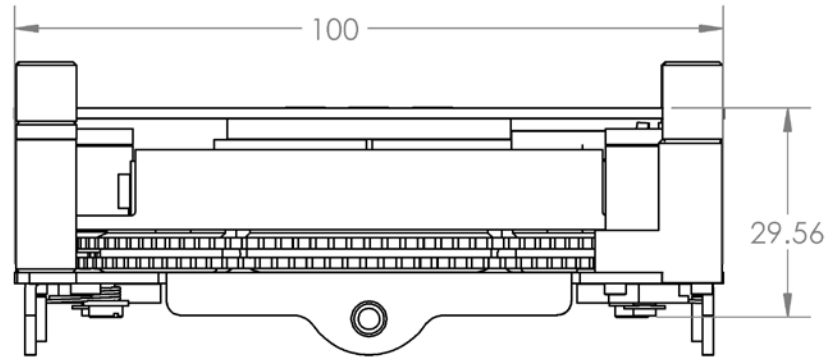
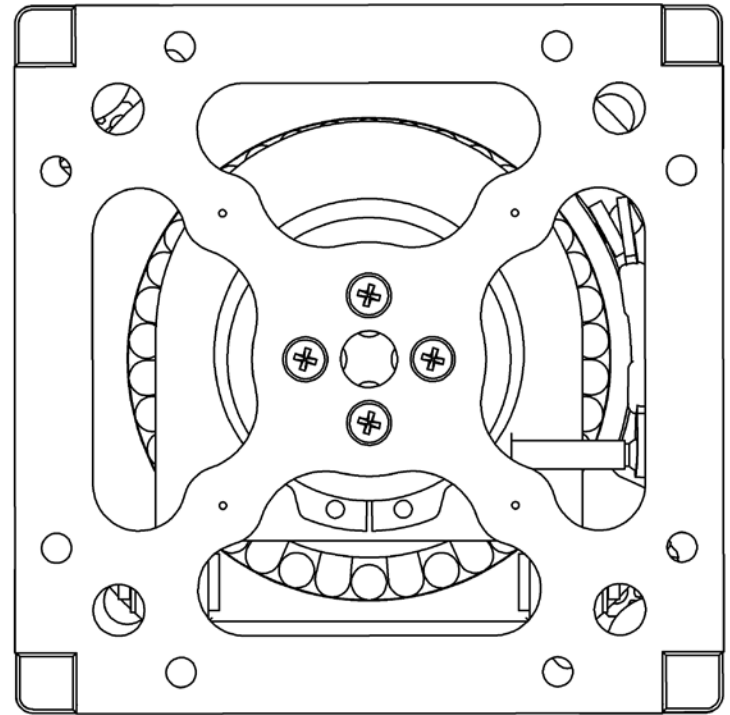
4. Anti-Twist Gear





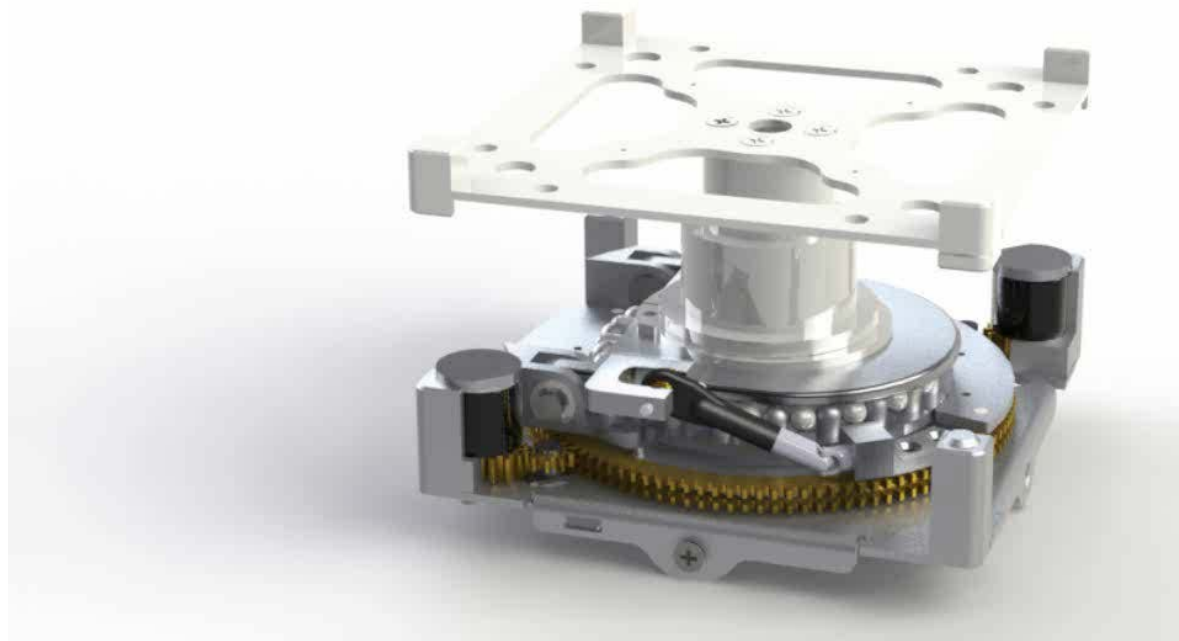
# CubeHATTS Specifications

- Mass: ~ 250 grams
- Stowed Volume:  
10cm x 10cm x 2.9 cm



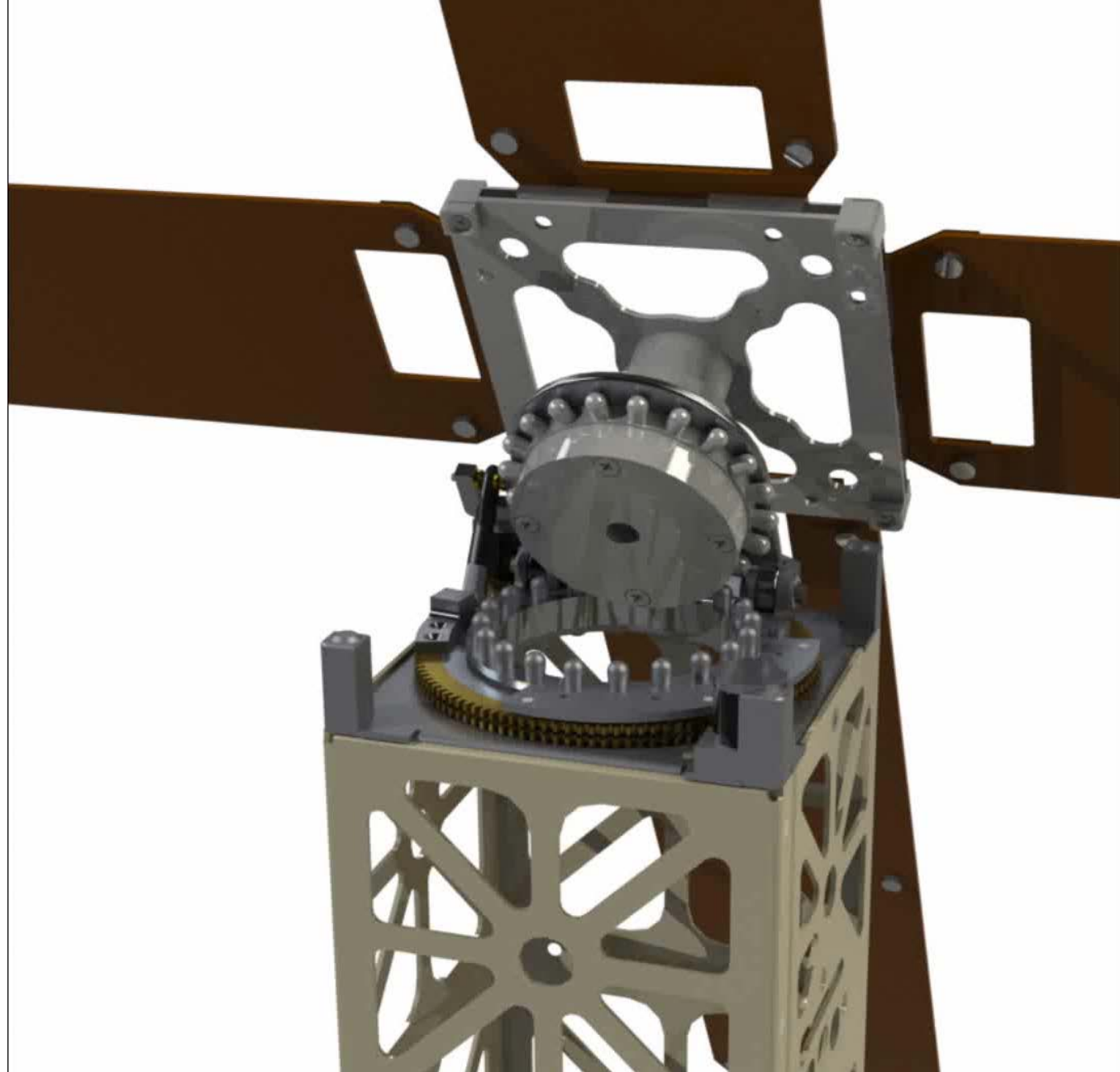
# CubeSat Implementation Details

- Dual coaxial gears to control phi & theta
- Identical and rigidly mounted driving motors
- Telescoping arm for single action deployment
- Ball gears allow engagement through full range of elevation angles



# CubeHATTS Status

- Work Completed:
  - CubeHATTS v1.1 design
  - Test unit
- Further Work
  - Lifetime analysis
  - Weight reduction



# CubeHATTS Prototype

- Prove out high risk items
  - Ball Gears
  - Coaxial Gears
  - Elevation Arm
  - Bearings
- Fast time-to-test

