

On-Orbit Data Processing Unit

FeatherBox is a compact Data Processing Unit for artificial intelligence applications on-orbit. Designed for low-earth orbit missions, its small size (0.5U) and low power makes it compatible with most cubesat platforms. Rather than sending large sets of raw data down to ground stations, Featherbox can process data directly from onboard sensors and only send down the relevant information. Processing data on orbit reduces downlink costs and improves response times to observable events.

FeatherBox comprises a powerful AI computing module integrated with Exo-Space's rad-tolerant motherboard. The device is a fully-integrated Linux system, designed to accelerate machine learning algorithms, and capable of performing 4 trillion operations per second (4 TOPS). Precision thermal management is handled within the enclosure, meaning there is little to no need for additional external thermal control systems.

FeatherBox leverages the fastest, most power efficient computer products on the market while also maintaining the reliability needed for space applications. Combined with FeatherWare, it provides a complete AI payload for on-orbit edge computing.

USE CASES

- ❖ Space Situational Awareness
- ❖ Autonomous Rendezvous Proximity Operations and Docking
- ❖ Satellite Inspection and Servicing
- ❖ Earth Observation Image Processing
- ❖ Data Storage, Compression, and Encryption
- ❖ Synthetic Aperture Radar

PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF RADIATION

- ❖ Structural shielding to minimize Total Ionizing Dose (TID) and Single Event Effects (SEE)
- ❖ Multiple software and hardware redundancies and mitigations
- ❖ Voltage and current monitoring with automatic power cycle capabilities

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| Interfaces | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connector | 15 pin D-Sub Micro-D connector |
| UART | Data rates up to 5 Mbps |
| Ethernet | Data rates up to 1000 Mbps |
| Non-Standard | Additional interfaces/protocols upon request: SpaceWire, QPSK, etc. |

| Properties | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Mass | 1.4 kg |
| Size | 96 mm x 96 mm x 50 mm |
| Power Supply | 5V |
| Power Consumption | 9 W (typ), 22 W peak (tens of microseconds) |
| Operating Temperature | -25 °C to +85 °C |
| Storage Temperature | -40 °C to +85 °C |

| Software | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Operating System | Linux based |
| AI/ML Model Type | TensorFlow |

| Performance | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| CPU | Quad Cortex-A53 |
| GPU | Integrated |
| ML Accelerator | Coprocessor: 4 TOPS |
| RAM | 4GB LPDDR4 with ECC |
| Flash Memory | 32 GB SLC NAND Flash (EDAC) Up to 512 GB SSD SLC Flash |



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