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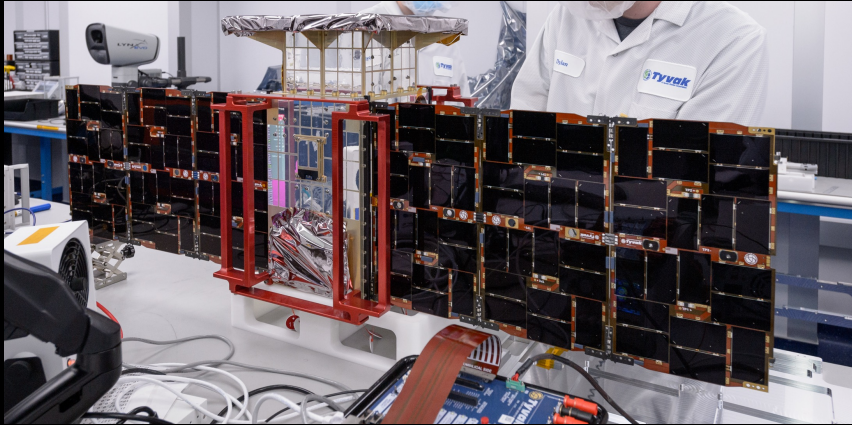
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# 2022-2023 Launch Schedule



Technology Demonstrations	Launch Timeframe
<b>PTD-3:</b> <i>Pathfinder Technology Demonstrator-3: Payload: TBIRD 200GB Laser Communications</i>	Launched May 25, 2022
<b>CPOD:</b> <i>CubeSat Proximity Operations Demonstration</i>	Launched May 25, 2022
<b>CAPSTONE:</b> <i>Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Tech Ops &amp; Navigation Experiment</i>	Launched June 28, 2022
<b>CLICK-A:</b> <i>CubeSat Laser Infrared CrossLink</i>	Launched July 14, 2022
<b>Starling:</b> <i>Demonstration of Autonomous Swarm Technologies</i>	Late 2022
<b>ACS3:</b> <i>Advanced Composite Solar Sail System</i>	1H 2023
<b>Lunar Flashlight:</b> <i>Mapping of Water and Volatiles at the Lunar Surface</i>	Early 2023
<b>PTD-4:</b> <i>Pathfinder Technology Demonstrator-4: Payload: LISA-T High-Power Deployable Solar Array Antenna</i>	Mid 2023
<b>PACE-2:</b> <i>Payload Accelerator for CubeSat Endeavors</i>	Mid 2023
<b>CLICK B/C:</b> <i>CubeSat Laser Infrared CrossLink</i>	Late 2023

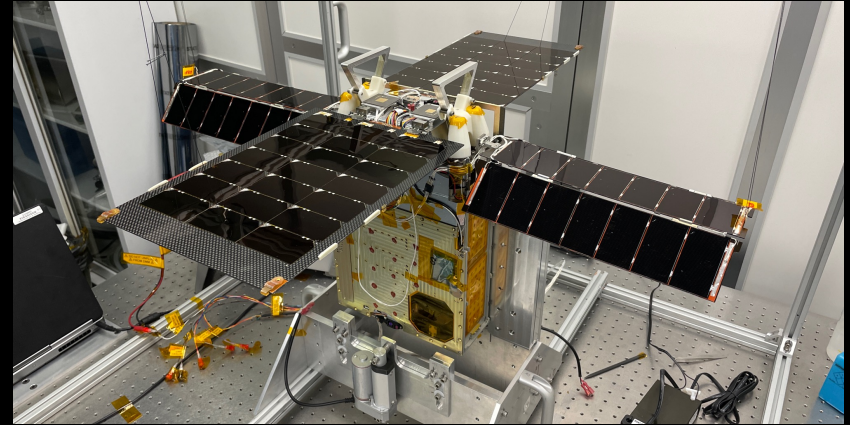
# U-Class Exploration Mission Status



**CAPSTONE**  
**Launched: June 28, 2022**

Demonstrate how to enter and function in a near rectilinear halo orbit around the Moon and demonstrate spacecraft-to-spacecraft navigation

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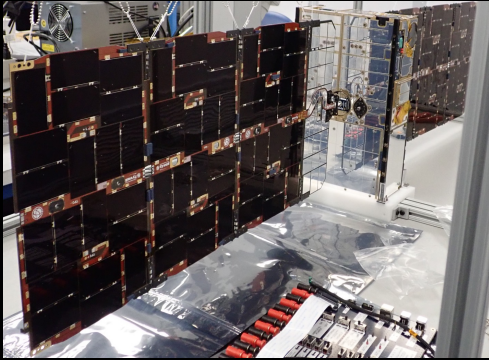


**Lunar Flashlight**  
**Launch Timeframe: Early 2023**

Characterize lunar *in-situ* resource utilization potential. Measure quantity and distribution of surface ice deposits in lunar South Pole cold traps with a compact laser spectrometer

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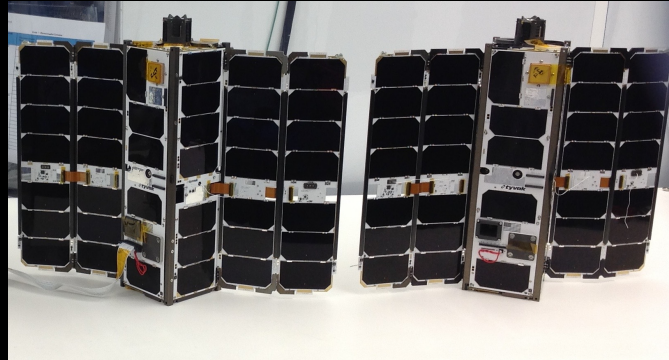
# On-Orbit U-Class Technology Demonstration Missions – 2022



**Pathfinder Technology Demonstrator (PTD-3)**  
**Launched: May 25, 2022**

Demonstrate TeraByte InfraRed Delivery (TBIRD) technology for high-bandwidth laser communications - 200 gigabit per second data downlink rate

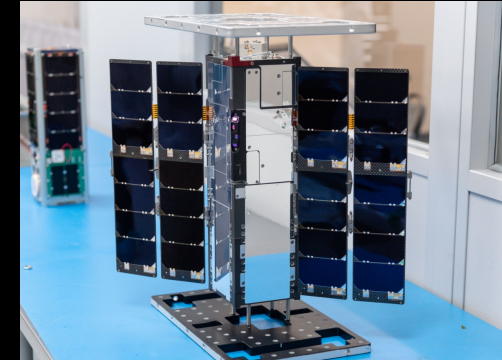
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**CubeSat Proximity Operations Demonstrator (CPOD)**  
**Launched: May 25, 2022**

Demonstrate rendezvous, proximity operations and docking using two 3U CubeSats

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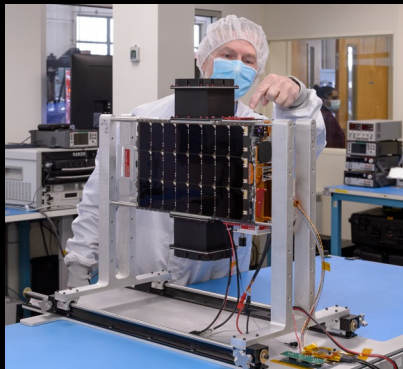


**CubeSat Laser Infrared CrossLink (CLICK-A)**  
**Launched: July 14 2022**

Risk reduction mission to test elements of an optical communications system via a single 3U spacecraft and a ground station telescope

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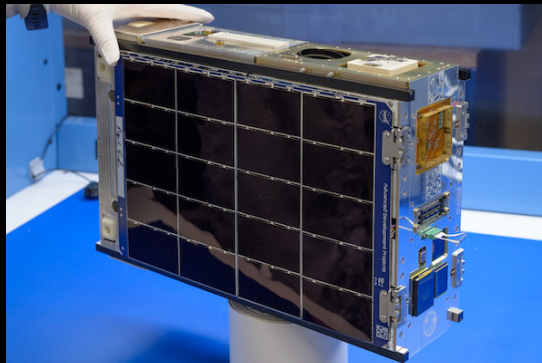
# Upcoming U-Class Technology Demonstration Missions – 2022



**Starling**  
**Autonomous Swarm Tech.**  
**Launch: Late 2022**

Demonstrate swarm maneuver planning and execution, communications networking, relative navigation, and autonomous coordination between four 6U CubeSats

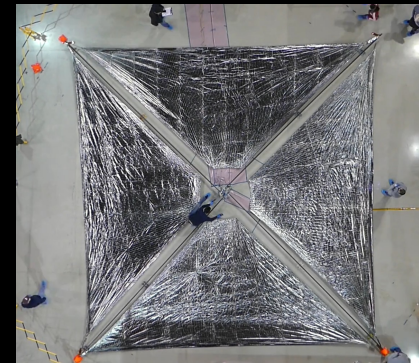
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**PACE-2**  
**Launch: Mid 2023**

Demonstrate upgrades to the PACE avionics system as well as a camera and image processing payload

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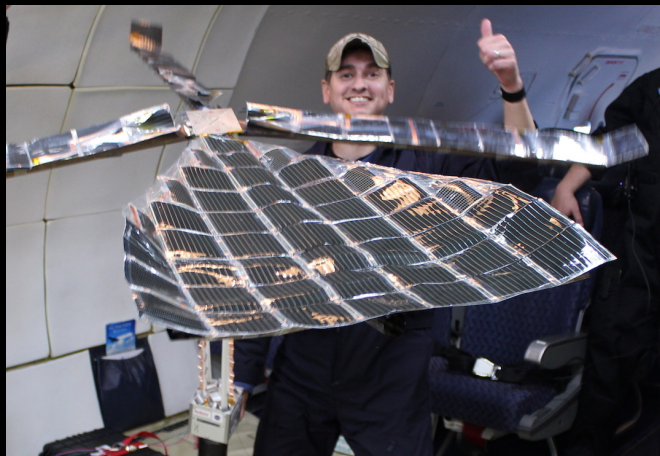


**Advanced Composite Solar Sail System (ACS3)**  
**Launch: 1H 2023**

Demonstrate deployment of the composite boom solar sail in low-Earth orbit. The unfurled solar sail will measure approximately 84 m<sup>2</sup>

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# Upcoming U-Class Technology Demonstration Missions - 2023



**Pathfinder Technology Demonstrator  
(PTD-4)  
Launch: Mid 2023**

Demonstrate Lightweight Integrated Solar Array and anTenna (LISA-T), a high-power, low-volume deployable solar array with an integrated antenna

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**CubeSat Laser Infrared Crosslink  
(CLICK B/C)  
Launch: Late 2023**

Demonstrate optical crosslink and precision ranging between two 3U CubeSats at a data rate of 20 Mbps and range up to 580 km

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