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CubeSat:An Unlikely Success Story

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4:30 pm: refreshments 5:00 pm: lecture

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CubeSat has become the de facto standard for small satellite development. These miniature spacecraft (smaller than a loaf of bread) are the choice for student satellites worldwide and are becoming a serious option for many missions being developed by traditional space organizations, from NASA and JPL to the Air Force and NSF.

However, 10 years ago, when the CubeSat standard was developed by a Stanford - Cal Poly team success was not guaranteed. In the talk, we will look back at the development of the CubeSat standard over the years.

We will explore some of the challenges facing the development team and try to identify some of the key factors leading to the standard's success. These lessons learned translate well to other innovative projects and may help support an environment that fosters innovation and out-of-the box thinking.

No registration is required for this free lecture. Seating is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.