

Collection Planning for a Constellation of Small Thermal Imaging Satellites

Commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) AURIA Planning & Scheduling Software

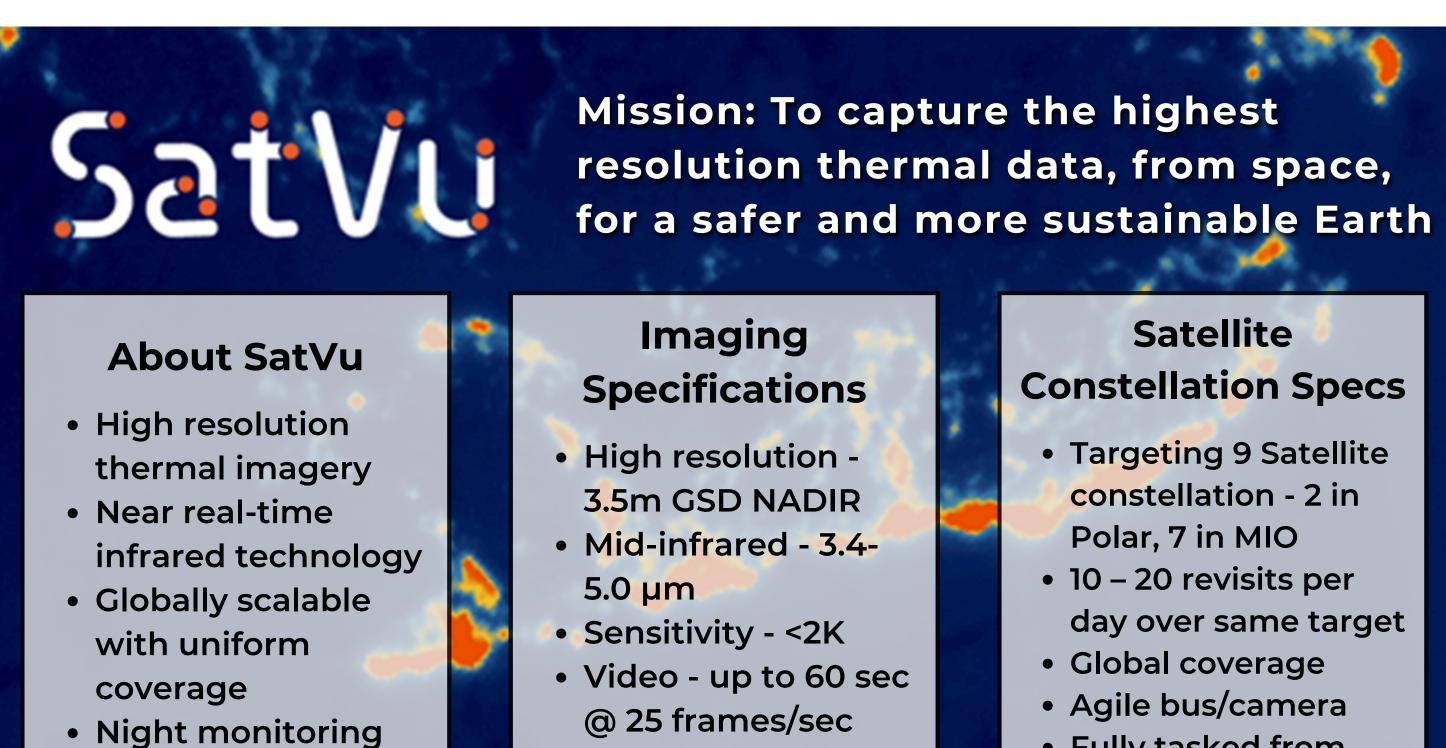
CPAW software has been deployed to operational small satellite missions. CPAW couples high fidelity spacecraft modeling with multiple advanced scheduling algorithms and a user-friendly interface to generate optimized collection plans for one or more satellites of various missions and sensor phenomenologies.

High-Fidelity Satellite & Ground Station Models

- Slew Model Spacecraft/sensor attitude before and after imaging events
- Imaging Model Imaging Modes & Targeting (Agile/Pushbroom/Beam/Frame)

Advantage of COTS

- Rapid Deployment
- Inexpensive Sustainment
- Comprehensive REST API
- Feature Rich
- Lower Risk & Dependable
- Proven Operational Software



• Day & Night

Imaging

• Fully tasked from web-based platform

- Data Storage Model Record, playback, unprotect, delete
- Power Model Battery charging and depletion, and/or duty cycle limits
- Contact Scheduling Model Ground Station Location, Obscuration Masks

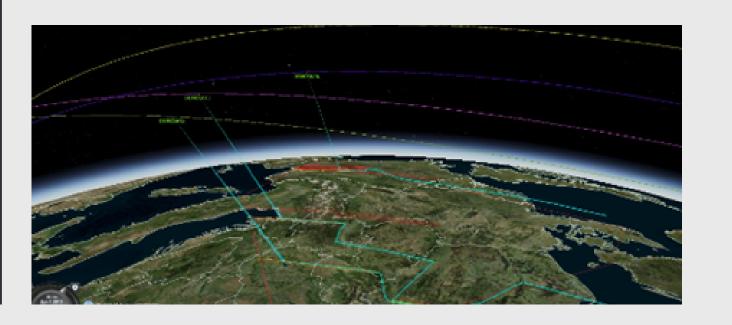
Operational Constraints

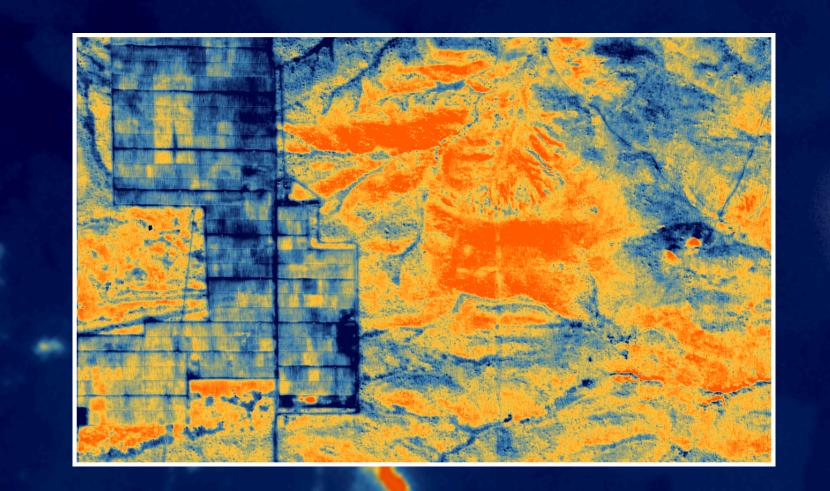
- High Gain Antenna Constraints (agility, blockages, discontinuities)
- Bright Object Constraints (sensor pointing to sun, moon, earth, sun glint)
- Weather Constraints (AFWA and NOAA GRIB cloud forecasts)
- System Timing Constraints (mission specific spacecraft timing constraints)
- Target Access Constraints (GSD, azimuth, incidence, sun angle, stereo, etc.)
- Area Constraints (South Atlantic Anomaly, sensor keep-out zones, etc.)

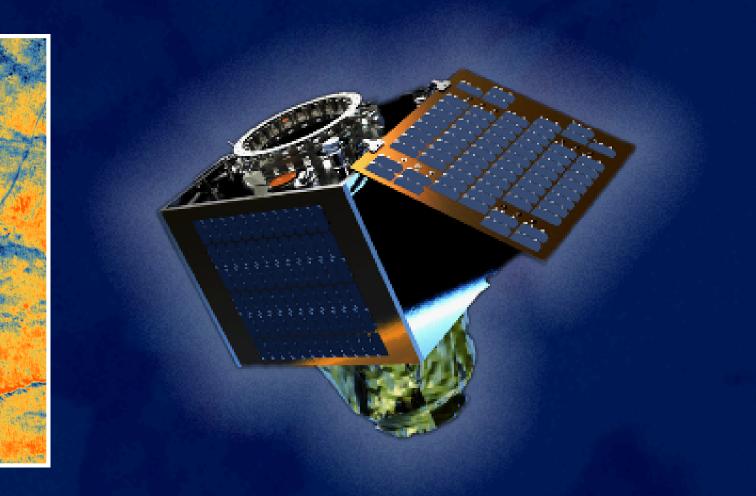
- Community of Users
- Dedicated Support Team
- Built on Years of Experience

Optimized Collection Planning

- Optimized Constellation
- Collection Planning
- Configurable Figure of Merit
- Automated Collection Planning Algorithms
- Manual Planning Option • Collection Plan Map & Globe Visualization







CPAW for Thermal Imaging

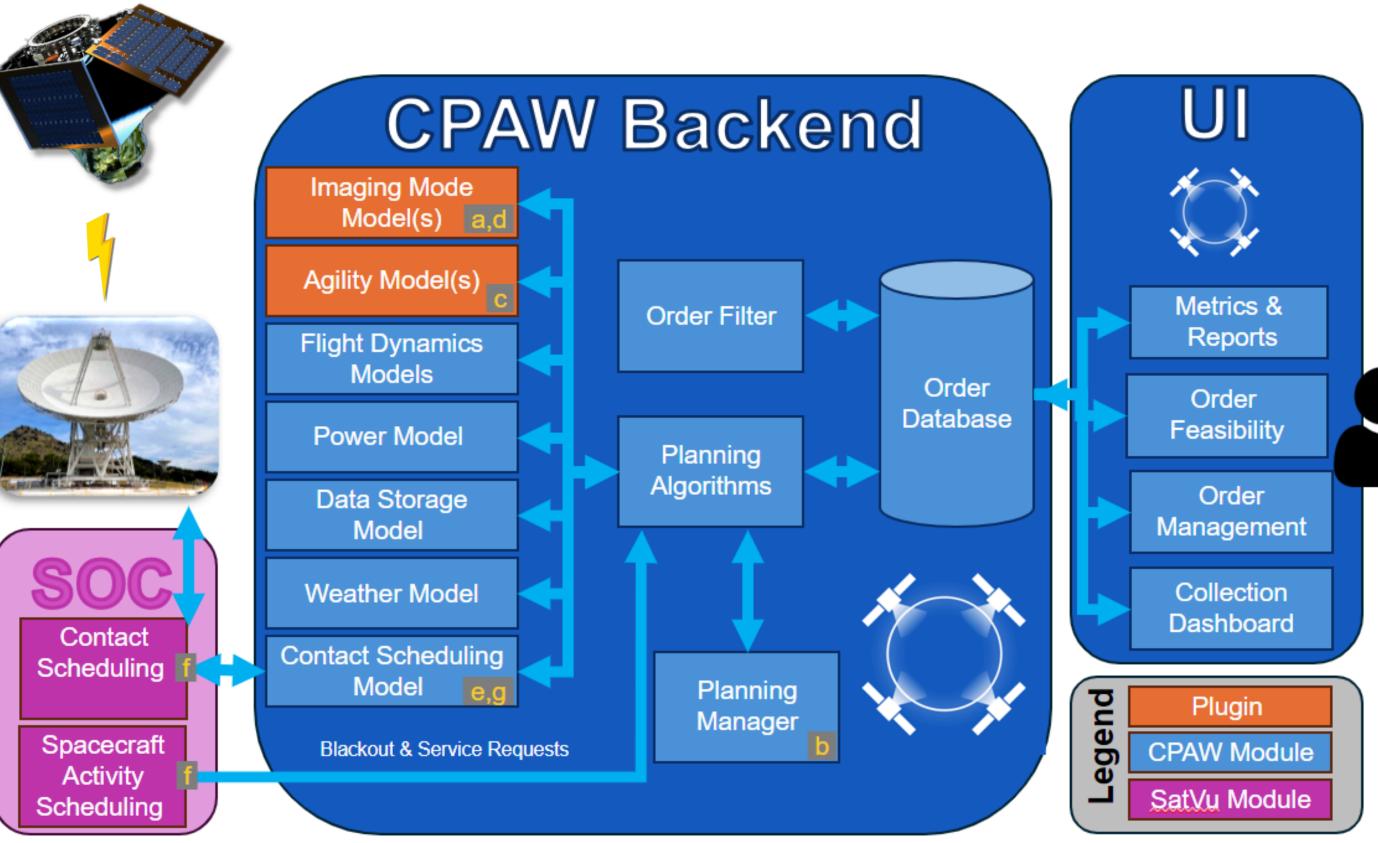
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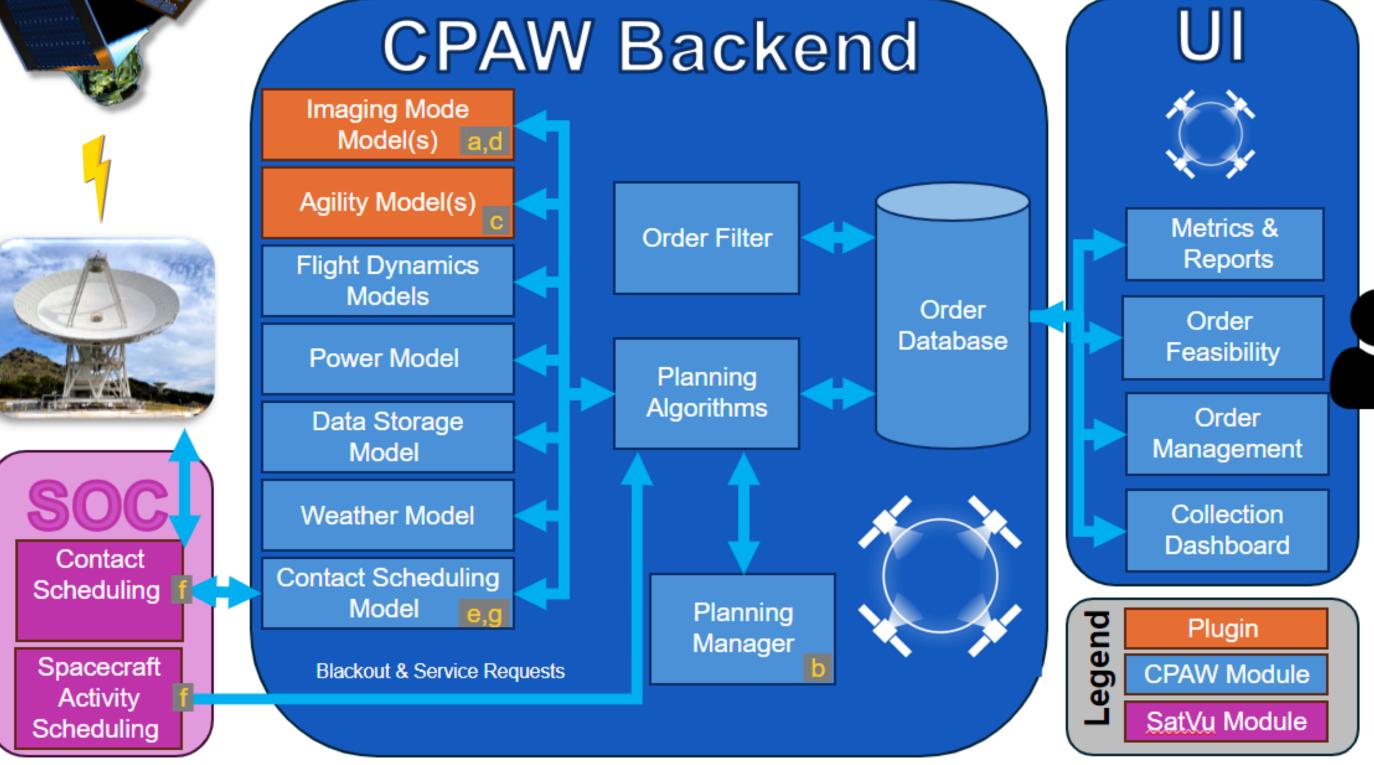
- Higher resolution
- Concentrated targeting
- Larger solution space

Landsat Comprehensive **Coverage:**

- Lower resolution
- More area imaged







SatVu Mission Solution in CPAW

CPAW was configured to satisfy ~85% of the mission needs out of the box. The following mission specific updates met the remaining requirements:

a. Thermal Model – Thermal constraints are applied via configurable sensor duty cycles **b.** Freeze Time Model – A defined time within the SatVu plan where changes are no longer accepted c. Slew Model – Eigenvalue-based rotation model & unique timing between images, downlinks, & cruise events **d.** Imaging Model – Additional attitude constraints to mandate off-nadir imaging e. Ground Station Tracking – Slewing the spacecraft to point the antenna to the ground station during contacts f. Interfaces – RESTful OGC SPS Interface standard for tasking request, response, cancel, & status g. Contact Schedule Optimization – Imaging plan driven contact scheduling to minimize communication cost

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