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GLIOSPACE PROJECT BRIEF OVERVIEW

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- Small Satellites (Micro, nano, pico, femto)
- System design

University of Nottingham

- Optical devices
- Lab on a chip
- Additive Manufacturing





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- Medical Genetics
- Cellular ANGM CSS-line patent
- Genome and transcription of RNA, DNA analysis







Biomedical Goals

Investigate the combined effects of microgravity and ionizing radiation on the gene expression of Gliobastoma multiforme

Technological Goals

Design and test in orbit a flexible system able to board and test different kinds of biological samples for biomedical research in space

Benefits for Future Space Exploration

Life Science, Benefits for Earth, Low Earth Orbit, Moon, Mars & Beyond, Manufacturing, Materials research, Society and Tourism





The space environment is a unique environment that allows cell developments that cannot be reproduced on Earth.

GBM is the most common form of malignant brain tumors with a median survival of patients with less than one year. It represents 52% of all cases of primary brain tumor and 20% of all intracranial tumors.



The space environment could promote, hinder or have no effect on these cells but in any case, each result obtained would be of fundamental importance to increase the knowledge about proliferation mechanism of some tumors.

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Experiment Description

For the biological purposes of our project, Normal Human Astrocytes,
ANGM-CSS and two other cellular control lines, (one radioresistant, the other radiosensitive) will be exposed to the space environment.
A control experiment will simultaneously be conducted on the ground.

Platform Description

3U CubeSat Form Factor equipped with:

Monitoring System

based on Lab-on-Chip and Impedence system technologies

Sample Maintaining System

designed using new materials and additive manufacturing technologies

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Previous Results

The results achieved during Shuttle STS-134 and STS-135 missions showed a modification on RNA and DNA



STS-134 Mission

- Launch: 16th May 2011
- Landing: 1st June 2011

STS-135 Mission

- Launch: 8th July 2011
- Landing: 21st July 2011



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