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Special Issue on Exploration Mission-1 and Deep Space CubeSats

A set of CubeSats will be secondary payloads, accompanying an un-crewed Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle, on the Exploration Mission-1 (EM-1) launch of the Space Launch System in 2020. These EM-1 CubeSats will carry science and technology payloads to help pave the way for future human exploration in deep space, including journeys to Mars. These small 6U satellites, with an approximate size of 6 liters and equipped with an array of novel technologies, will go to destinations that will include the surface of the moon, the orbit of the moon and into the deeper space. The objective of the missions, collectively, is to address Strategic Knowledge Gaps (SKG) for human exploration, as defined by NASA.

This Special Issue will describe the EM-1 CubeSat missions along with the technology that makes them possible.

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- CubeSat experiments that address Strategic Knowledge Gaps for human exploration
- Novel technologies associated with EM-1 CubeSat missions
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