

GDC NEMISIS Magnetometer: Science Investigation and Instrumentation

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Science and Instrument Design

NEMISIS addresses GDC's Goal 1 of understanding how the ionosphere-thermosphere (I-T) responds to magnetospheric forcing. NEMISIS measures a primary magnetospheric energy input (currents and Poynting flux) through observations of magnetic field variations

NEMISIS consists of two body mounted magneto-inductive low-resource sensors with a miniature fluxgate magnetometer on the end of the spacecraft provided boom to enable magnetic noise identification and cancellation using modern machine learning algorithms. These algorithms extend classic gradiometry enabling high-quality magnetic field observations using a short boom and magnetically noisy spacecraft.



MI-Coupling Region







Electromagnetic Energy (Poynting Flux) from Mag to Ionosphere and Thermosphere (IT) System



NEMISIS SCIENCE

- NEMISIS directly measures the perturbation magnetic field that enables the determination of Field-aligned currents (FAC) and electromagnetic Poynting energy flux (S) into the ionosphere-thermosphere (IT) system.
- At small scales, the GDC multiple satellites enable the calculation of FAC location, orientation, current density and motion and S intensity in the highly structured dayside magnetic cusp and nightside substorm regions.
- At regional and global scales NEMISIS enables simultaneous magnetic conjugate and inter-hemispheric observations of electromagnetic energy deposition during geomagnetic storms.





Science Traceability









NEMISIS Science Team and Innovation













UM PI-led with GSFC Deputy PI and instrument management and significant hardware and I&T at both institutions. Small, Diverse (gender and career stage-balanced) team with mentoring and equitable and inclusive team professional development plan extended to other GDC instrument and IDS teams.

Team Member	Institution	Role						
Mark Moldwin	UM	PI						
Eftyhia Zesta	GSFC Code 673	D-PI						
Aaron Ridley	UM	Modeling (GITM, member of 4 instrument teams)						
Shasha Zou	UM	Modeling, data analysis (Member of TPS team)						
Alex Hoffmann	UM	Noise Algorithms (PhD Student)						
Mojtaba Akhavan-Tafti	UM	Process Engineer/Science (MMS team)						
Meghan Burleigh	NRL	Modeling (Global to Regional Model)						
Seebany Datta-Barua	Illinois Institute of Tech	Data Analysis (ITM, data assimilation)						
Mike Hartinger	SSI	Data Analysis (Poynting Flux Guru)						
Denny Oliveira	GSFC Code 673	Data Analysis and Modeling						
Deirdre Wendel	GSFC Code 673	Data Analysis and Modeling						
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 Innovative magnetic noise identification algorithms (including machine learning) enables easy accommodation of NEMISIS and relaxation of magnetic requirements on spacecraft and instrument.







Machine Learning Noise Identification





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Instrument Concept (1/4)



GDC SC



- Fluxgate (GSFC): TRL 9 heritage from Dellingr
- PNI (UM): Sensor TRL 9
 heritage from SPIRE 70+
 CubeSats; GDC packaging TRL
 8 (essentially identical to Lunar
 Gateway HERMES and fully
 qualified and delivered).
- Circuit Card (GSFC): TRL 6 heritage from Dellingr & SPORT and current HERMES-MAG ETU. HERMES design includes parts changes from Dellingr, and HERMES



Instrument Concept (2/4)



Dellingr Boom sensor and flight board







PNI & Daughter Board













	Total Mass [kg] (CBE)	Total Power (w/ 30% contingency) [W] (MEV)
GSFC Fluxgate Sensor	0.15	-
UM PNI	0.17	0.01
Electronics	0.09	1.04
Instrument (per/SC) Total	0.42	1.05

Total Mass includes Aluminum Chassis, harness, cable EMI shielding and screws



NEMISIS Org Chart











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Geospace Dynamics Constellation (GDC) Schedule

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NEMISIS Instrument	2023				2024				2025			2026				2027		
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