

# The Trans-Atlantic Infrasound Payload (TAIP) on PMC-Turbo

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OBJECTIVE: Measure low frequency sound, or “infrasound”, over the Arctic.

- Survey acoustic waves in a region that has never been measured before
- Overfly ocean microbarom source regions in the north Atlantic
- Cross-calibrate three different sensors

## TEAM

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- TAIP Point of Contact
- Mission Planning, Payload Integration, Experiment Coordination
- Data reduction and analysis

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- Data analysis and interpretation











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# Specifications and Requirements

Mass and Dimensions: 2.5 kg (5.6 lbs.); 38 x 33 x 25 cm (15 x 13 x 10 in) medical-grade foam shipping carton

Power: One CSBF-supplied 30 V battery. The remainder of the payload operates on internal power (Energizer Ultimate Lithium AA battery packs).

Special Needs:

- Tubing protruding from box must have access to the atmosphere
- Two GPS antennae protruding from box must have a view of the sky
- Blue Ethernet cables protruding from box must be connected together pre-launch (see Operations Plan for details)
- **Payload must be recovered for mission success**

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Flight Parameters: No specific altitude or day/night exposure needs. Longer flight durations are better.

Thermal, pointing, telemetry needs: None

Thermal Analysis: None required (payload design similar to ULDB 2016 infrasound package)

Integration Requirements: No team members will be present in Sweden. Photos of payload after integration are requested.

# TAIP Status

December 2017: Payload constructed and tested

January 23, 2018: Payload integration at CSBF

**TAIP is flight ready; no further modifications or milestones are anticipated**



# Documentation

Trans-Atlantic Infrasound Payload (TAIP) Operation Plan (delivered to CSBF in January 2018)

- Payload description
- Power needs
- Operation of Payload
- Recovery
- Checklists