"Development of 20 kN hybrid rocket booster"

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A hybrid rocket booster was developed by CISAS "G.Colombo". The activity started from small-scale testing of lab motors and culminated on a successfull testiong of a demonstrator. The hyvrid motor is propelled by nitrous oxide (N2O) as oxidizer and paraffin wax as solid fuel. It is ignited by three solid charges that also command the opening of the oxidizer valve. The peak thrust is 20 kN, the total impulse 50 kNs and the N2O liquid phase burn time 3.5 seconds. The paper present the design and development strategy applied.

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