



# Road to NASA

NASA Ames

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# Where I am from and education





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# An Aerospace Engineer



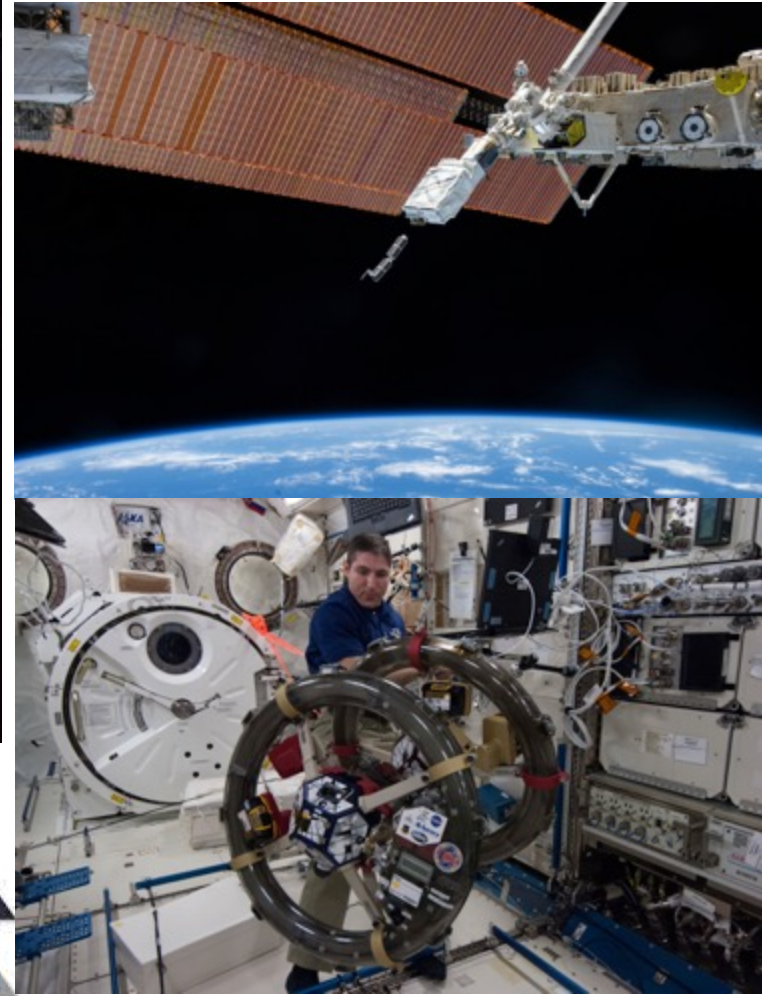
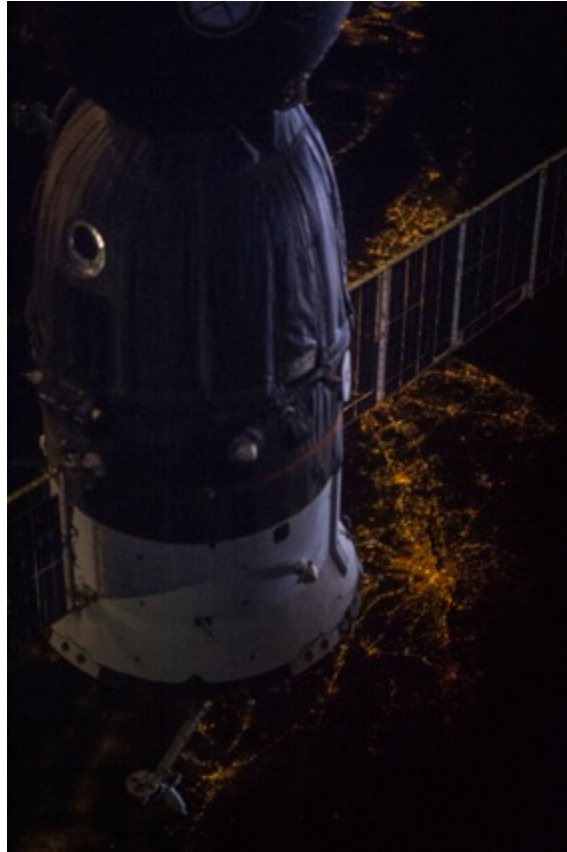


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# Ames

Discovery • Innovations • Solutions

## ISS

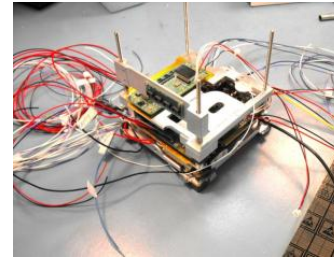


# Work at NASA

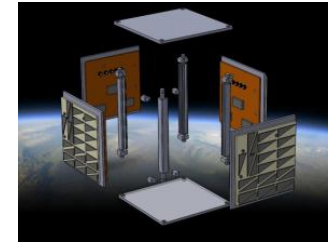
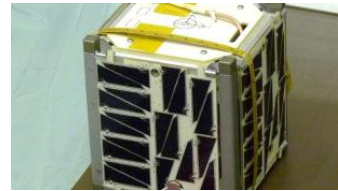


# Working in Space

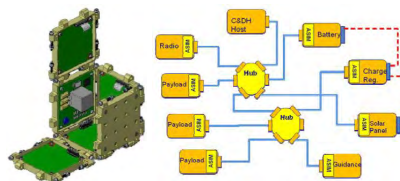
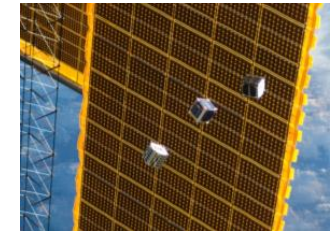
Samantha Cristoforetti



Complex, labor/time intensive



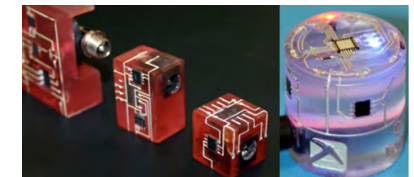
Simple, modular, rapid



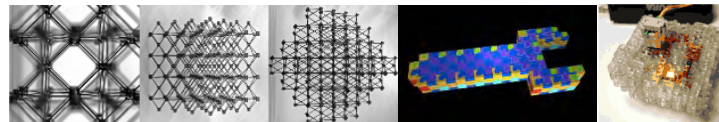
(McNutt ETAL 2009, nano-SPA, AFRL)



(White ETAL 2011, RAMPART)



(Lopes ETAL 2012, COSMIAC, AFRL)



(Cheung ETAL 2013, MIT CBA)

(Ward ETAL 2011, MIT CBA)

## Summary

- **Modular “Digital Material” technology for spacecraft subsystems and components to maximize payload volume**
- **Adding assembly capability to the ISS**
- **Numerous Technologies Advanced**
  - Manufacturing
  - Fabrication
  - Assembly
- **Future Work leads to Developing advanced manufacturing technologies that enable the development of more capable and lower-cost space missions and launch vehicles.**





# Rodent Research RR

## **Muscular diseases**

**Without normal gravity, muscles begin to atrophy within days after an astronaut reaches orbit.**

## **Osteoporosis**

**After being in a long stay at the ISS, astronauts lose bone density.**

**Each astronaut has to exercise 2 hrs and eat food that has calcium and vitamin D**

**The exercise prevents loss of muscle and bone density**

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# Water re-cycle System

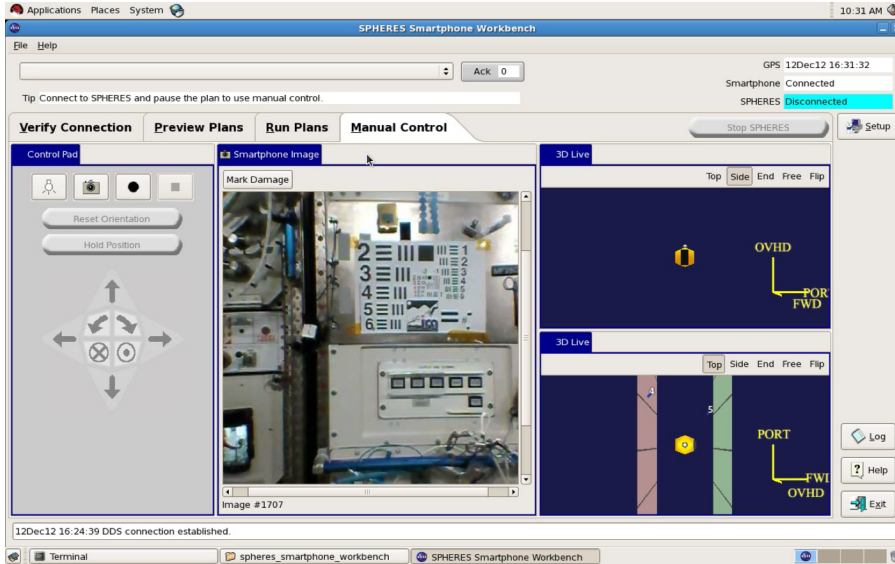


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Campaña Concern for Kids (CFK)

## SPERES and Robotics



Luke and SPHERES    SPHERES at ISS



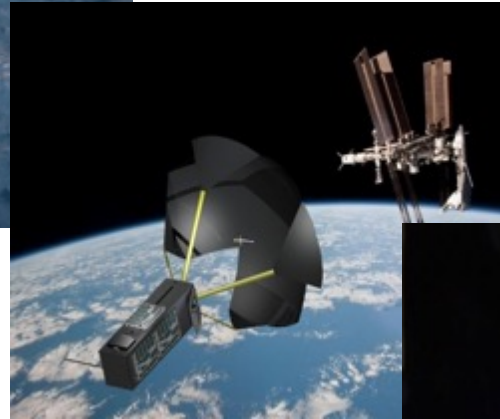


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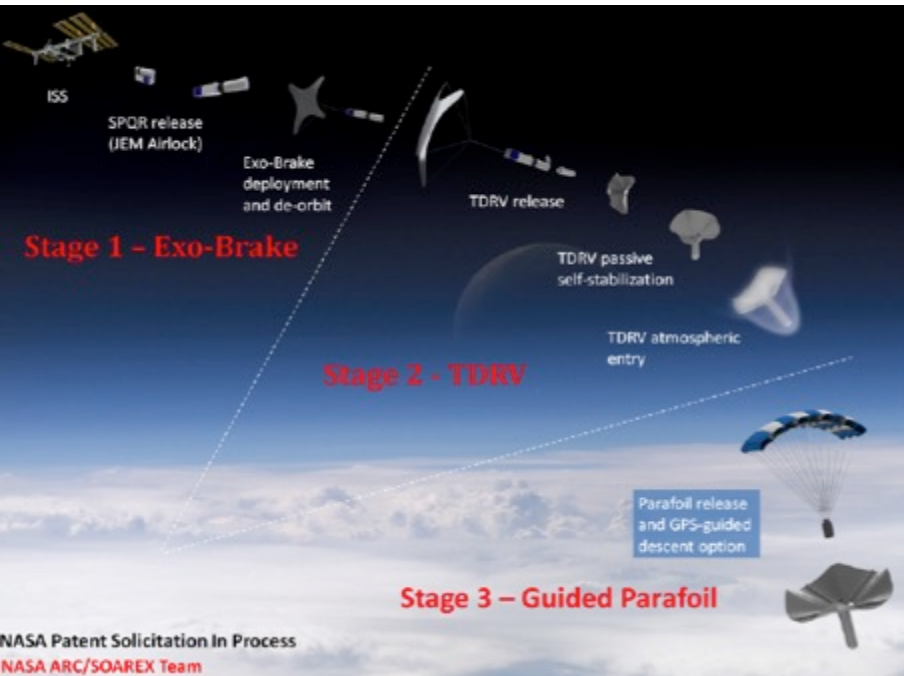
**Pioneering the Use of the International Space Station as a Nanosatellite  
Deployment Platform**



Next-Up!

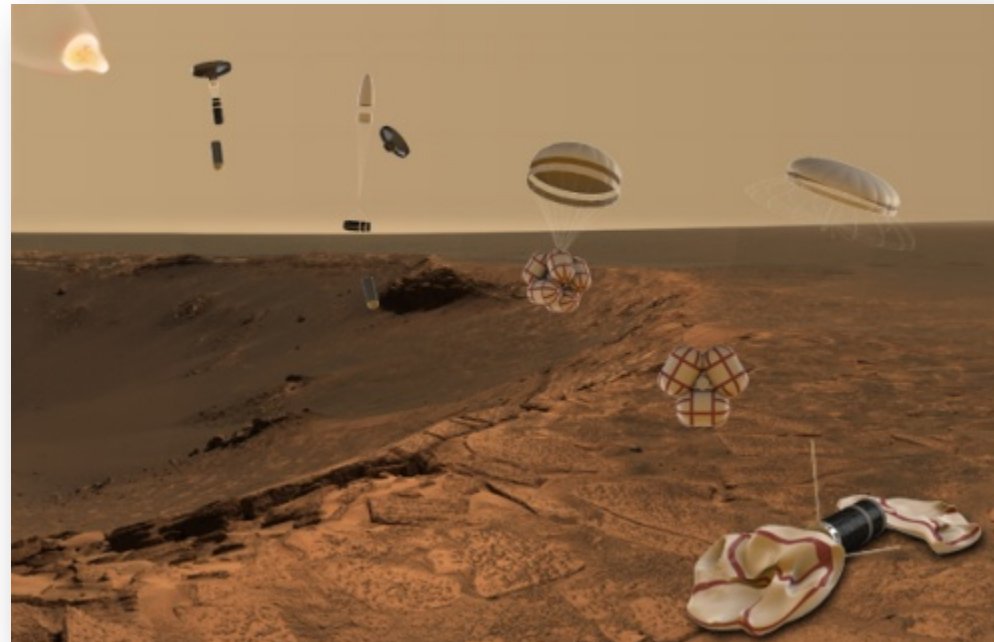


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## Atromos: Cubesat Mission to the Surface of Mars

- Mission Attributes
- Self-stabilizing re-entry probe (TDRV- Tube Deployed Re-Entry Vehicle)
- EDL Technique for small probes
- Nuclear option for mission longevity



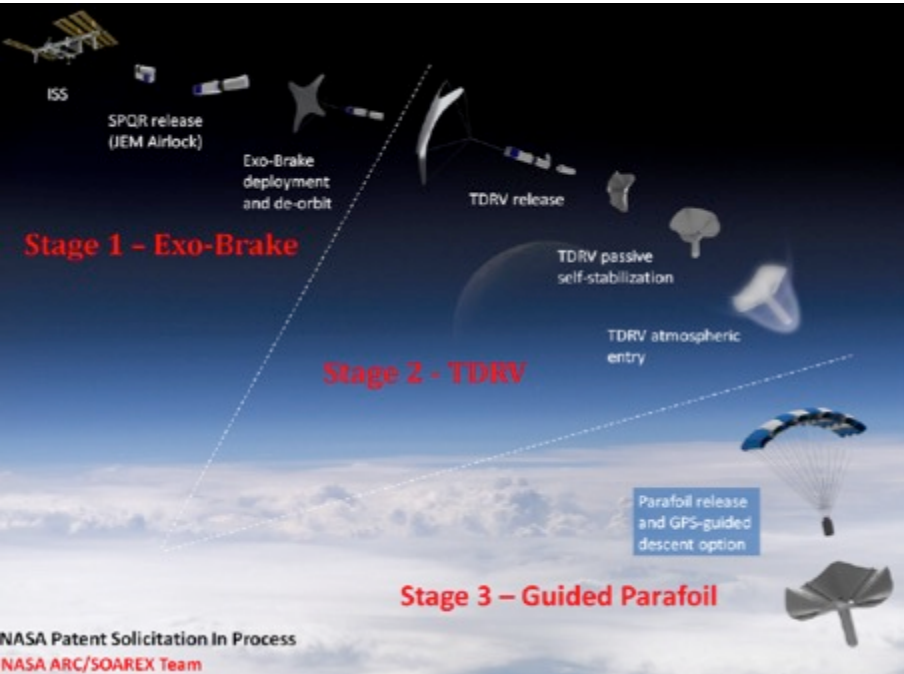
## ISS Sample Return

### SPQR-Small Payload Quick Return

- 3 stage concept
- On-demand sample return

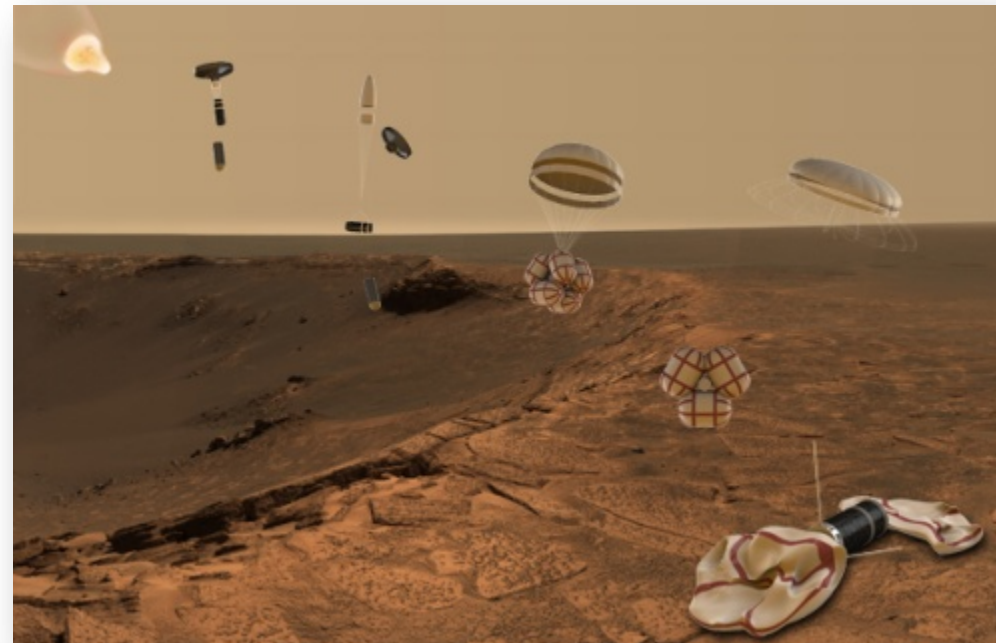


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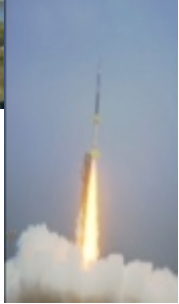
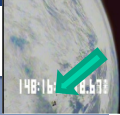
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**SOAREX-6  
2008**

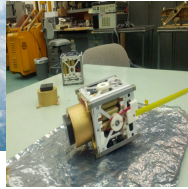


**SOAREX-7  
2009**



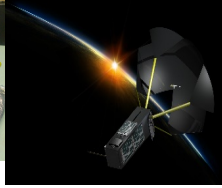
**TES-1  
Oct 4, 2012**

First US  
Nanosat  
deployed off  
ISS  
PSRP  
process  
mastered  
Rad-tolerant  
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demo



**TES-2  
Iridium test  
Aug 21, 2013**

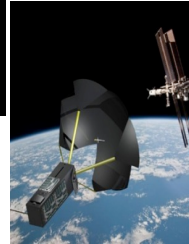
First Iridium in-  
space  
COM  
demonstration



**TES-3  
Aug 3, 2013  
(6 wk  
deorbit)**

Evolution of TES-3  
Iridium modem  
Uplink/via email  
demonstrated  
Exo-Brake II

WSM1, AIM  
Camera  
X-Band, ISM-  
Band, P5 alpha,  
ISM-Camera and  
Full ExoBrake



**TES-4  
Mar 3, 2015  
(4 wk deorbit)**



**SOAREX-  
8 During  
test  
(WFF)  
July 7,  
2015**

WSM2, AIM  
Camera  
ISM-Band, P5  
alpha, ISM-  
Camera

41.114 NP DeLeon launched  
March 7, 2016



**SOAREX  
-9 (WFF)  
March 3,  
2016**

First US 3U Nanosat  
deployed off ISS First  
Exo-Brake test

Modulated Exo-Brake  
Improved positional/  
target accuracy  
Improved Targeting,  
WSM2, ISM Band



**TechEdSat5/  
PhoneSat5  
Coming up  
this year!!**

**Recent Years of Flight Experiments  
(2008-2015):**

**6 Flights +1(SOAREX8) +PhoneSats 1-4**

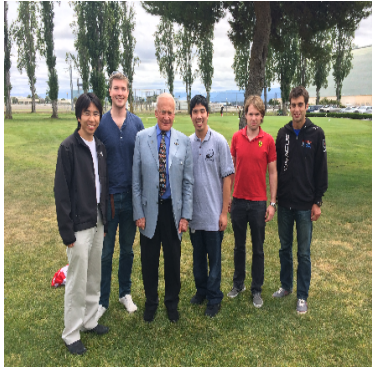


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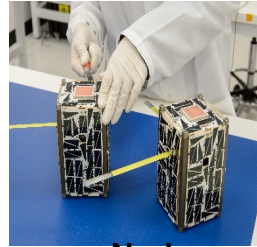
**SOAREX/TechEdSat-N Team**

**Relevant Flight Experiments TES**

# Relevant Flight Experiments PhoneSat

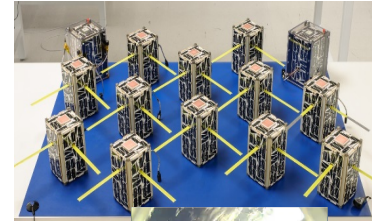


**Recent Years of Flight  
Experiments  
(2009-2015)**



**Nodes  
Orb-4 Atlas V  
Dec 3, 2015**

**EDSN  
Super Strypi  
Oct 29, 2015**



**PhoneSat 2.4  
ORS-3 Minotaur  
1  
Nov 20, 2013  
(still in orbit)**



**SOAREX-9  
(WFF)  
March 3,  
2016**

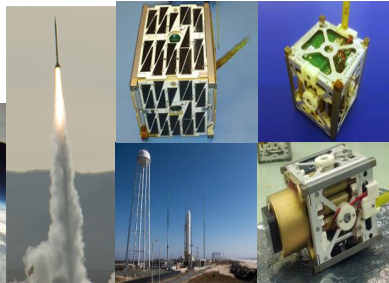
**PhoneSat  
1a, 1b, 2.0  
Antares A-  
ONE  
Apr 21, 2013**

**SpaceLoft-6  
Apr 5, 2012**



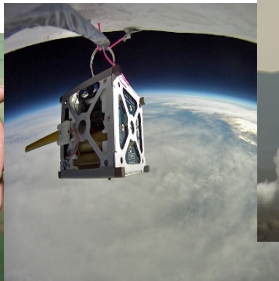
**SOAREX-8  
Terrier/Black Brant  
July 7, 2015**

**Balloon  
June 9, 2011**



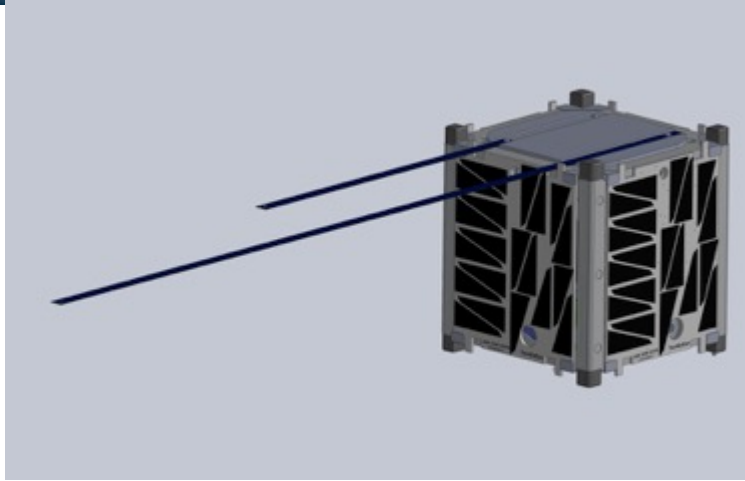
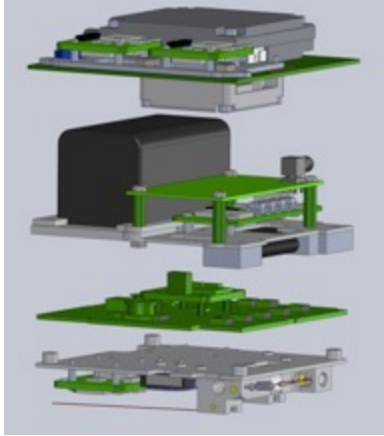
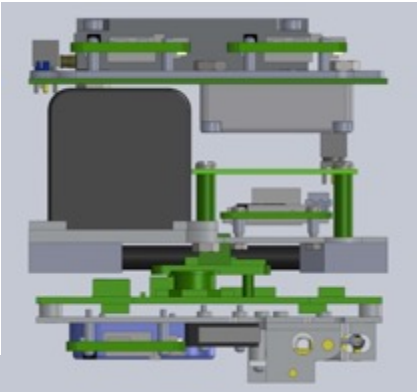
**PhoneSat 2.5  
CRS-3 Falcon 9  
Apr 18, 2014**

**Intimidator-5  
July 29, 2010**



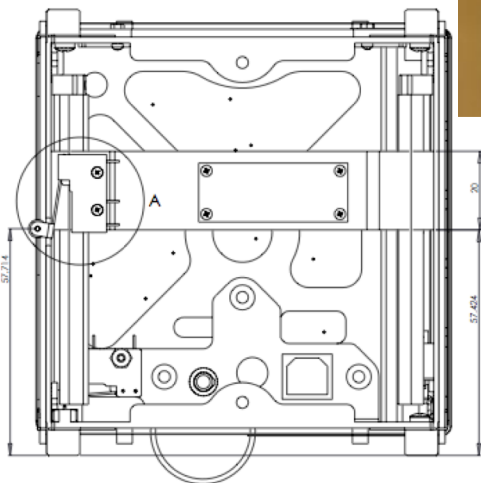
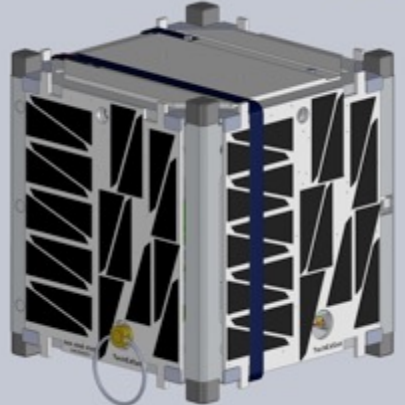
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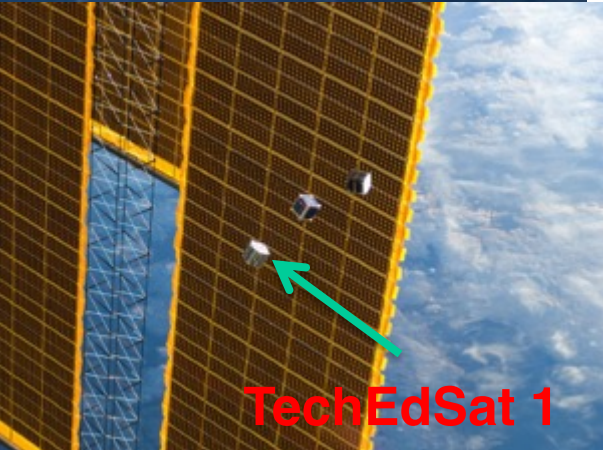


# TechEdSat

JSSOD and ISS



# Before and after Jettison from ISS



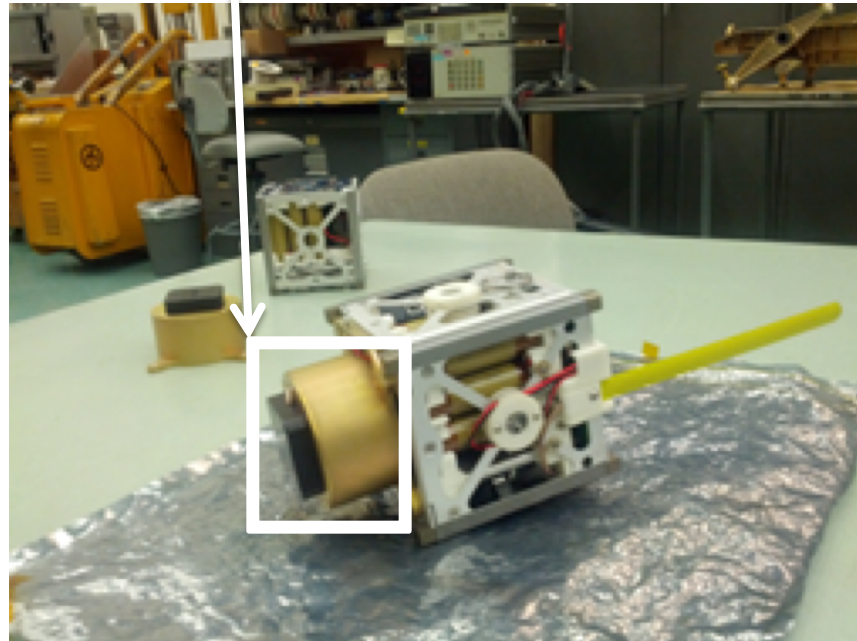
- We were 1<sup>st</sup>!
- Nominal Success Criteria
- Demonstrated ISS Safety Design for jettison from ISS
- Demonstrated 2-tier RAD-Tolerant Architecture (AAC Microtec)
- COM Experiment (UHF, Iridium, OrbComm)
- Launch Date on HTV3 August 14, 2012
- Jettison on October 4, 2012
- ~7 month duration
- Building, tested and certify with in 9 months



# Previous Flights: TechEdSat 2

- **We were 1<sup>st</sup> (Antares-1)**
- **Comprehensive Success Criteria**
- **Demonstrated COM Experiment**
- **Launch on April 23, 2013 on Antares-1**
- **Duration: 24 hrs (by design)**
- **Attached to the phonesat cubesat**

TechEdSat 2



Other Key Contributors: K. Boronowsky, J. Benton, K. Ramus

# TechEdSat 3

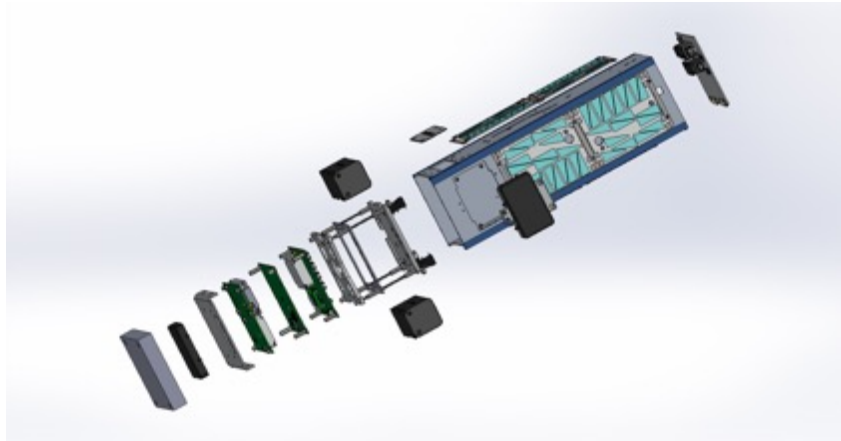
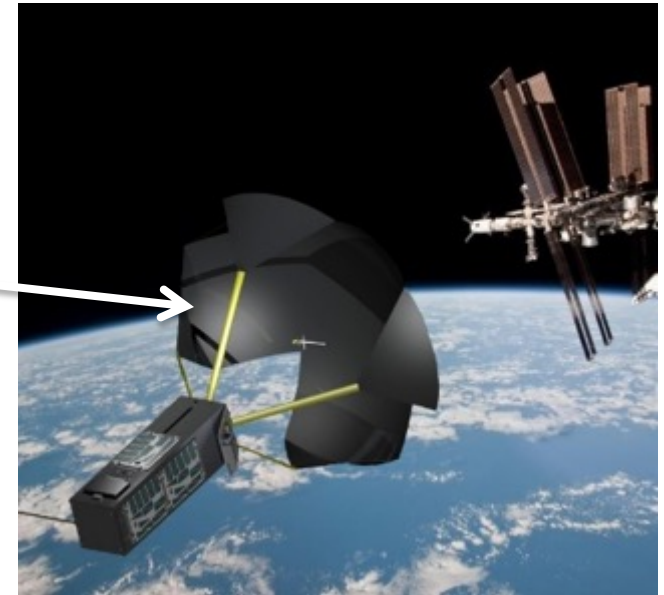
- We were 1<sup>st</sup> 3U Jettisoned from ISS
- Nominal Success Criteria
- First Exo-Brake Demonstration
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Comm Experiment II
- Two Tier Architecture
- [Launch August 20, 2013](#) on HTV4
- Jettison on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014
- Re-entry on January 6, 2014



Other Key Contributors: A. Reuter, J. Mojica, M. Scales, J. Benson, J. Seneris.

# Current Flight: TechEdSat 4

- 1<sup>st</sup> NASA NanoSatellite 3U Jettisoned from the NRCSD (July 2014)
- **Exo-Brake Demonstration**
  - $\beta=8\text{kg/m}^2$
- **Advanced Manufacturing**
- **COM Experiment III + GPS**
- **Two-tier Architecture**
- **Build, tested and certify in 6 weeks.**

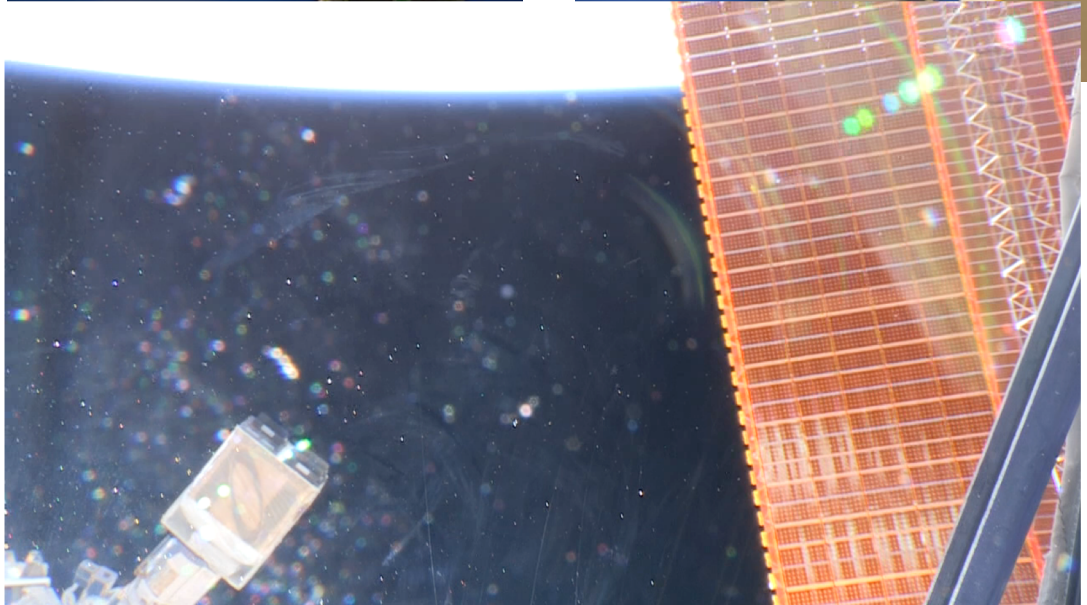
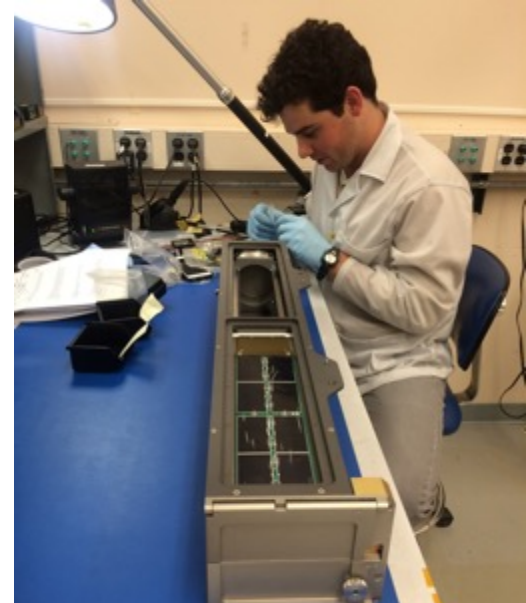
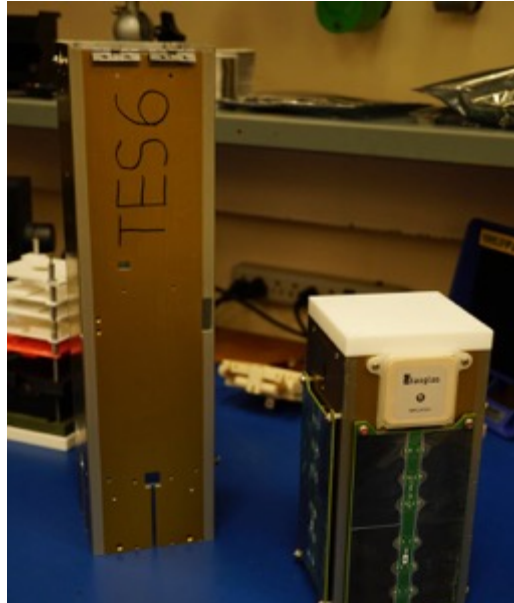
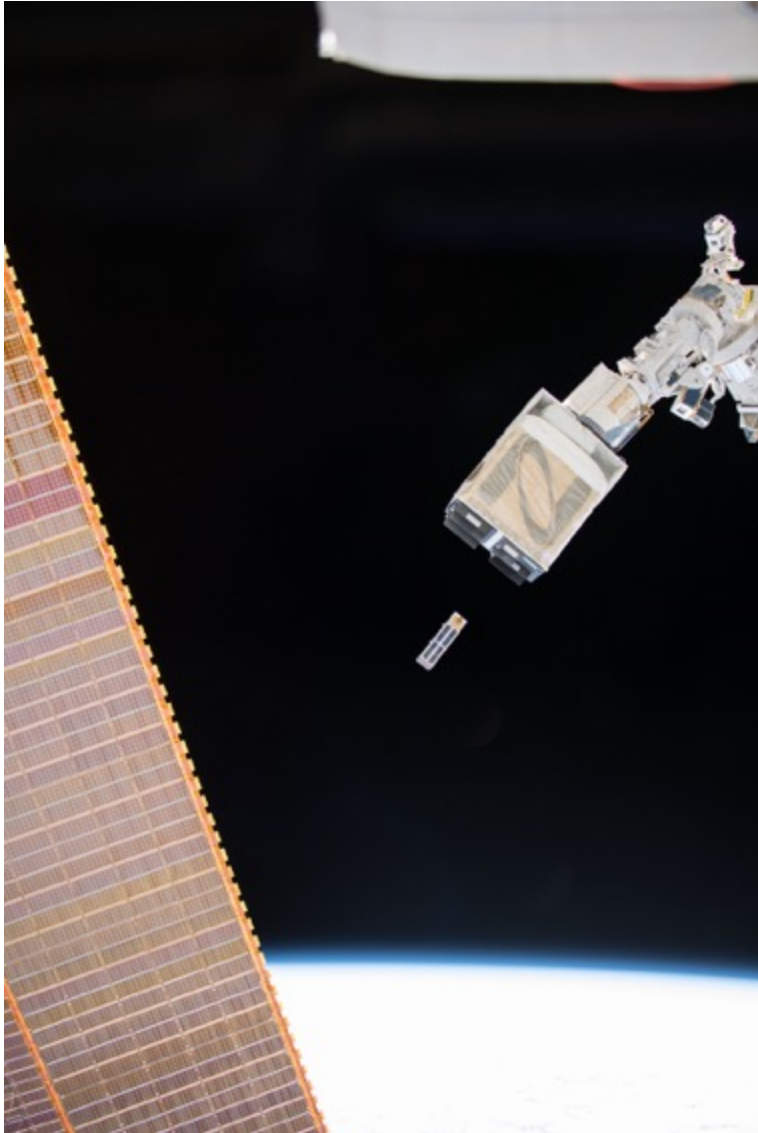




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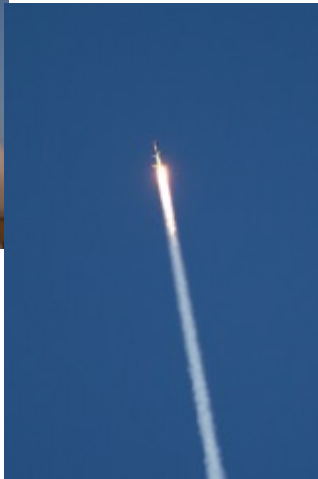
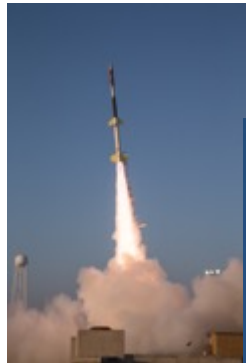


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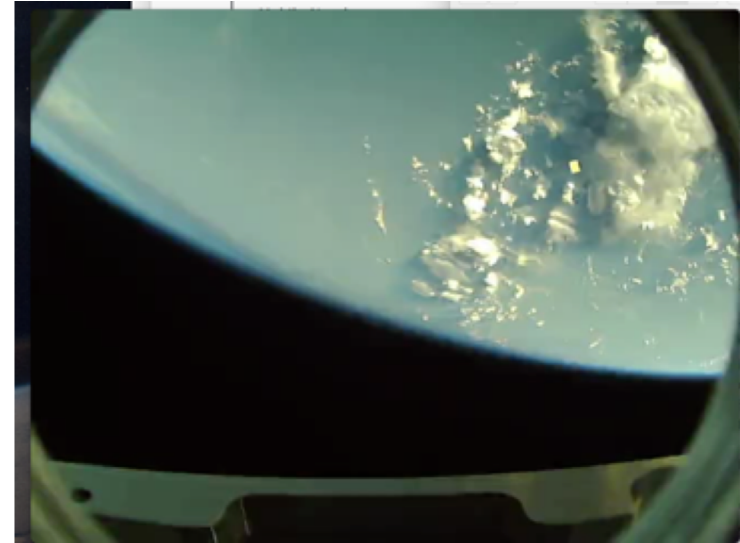




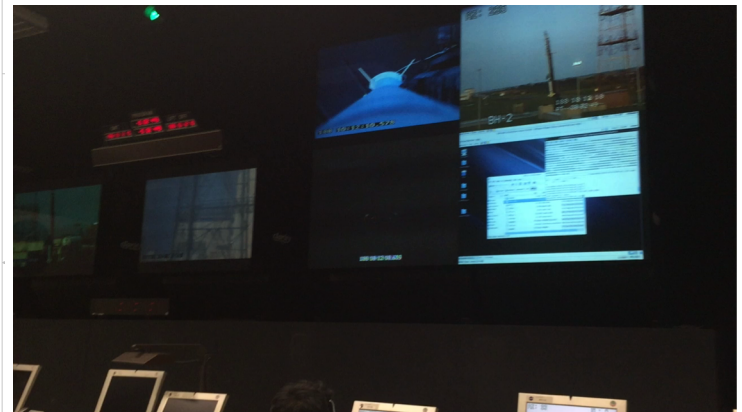
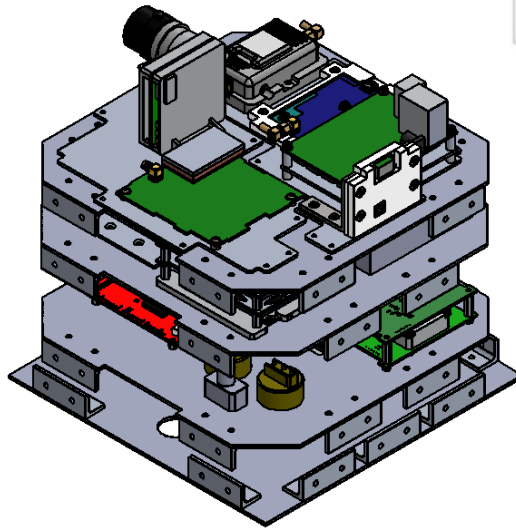
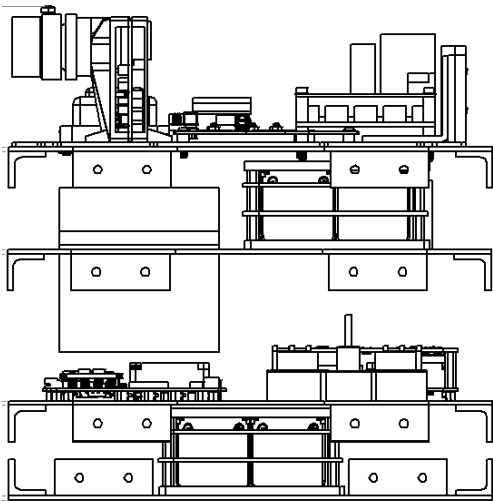
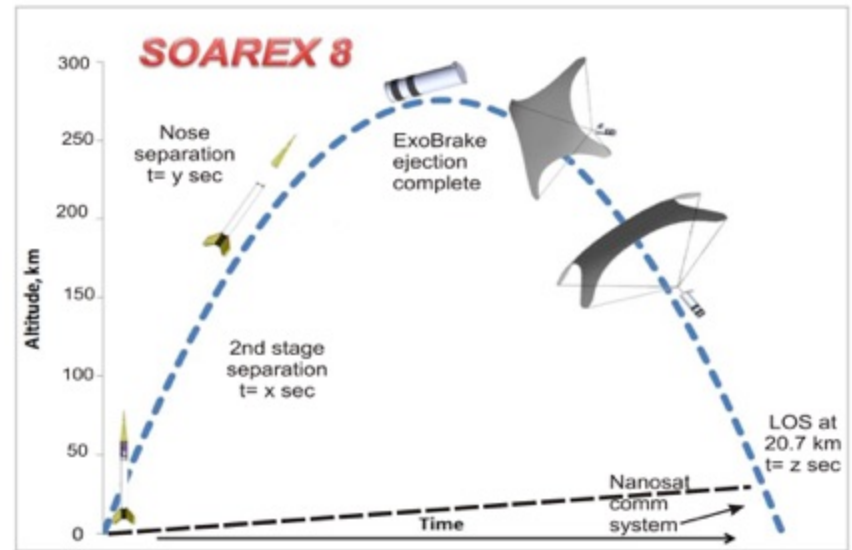
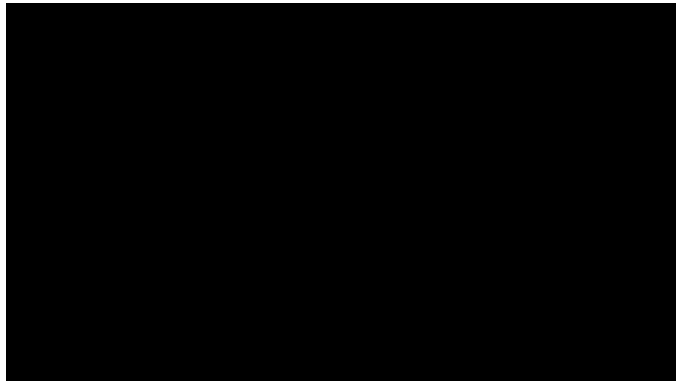
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# SOAREX-N Sub-Orbital Experiments



# SOAREX 8 Mission

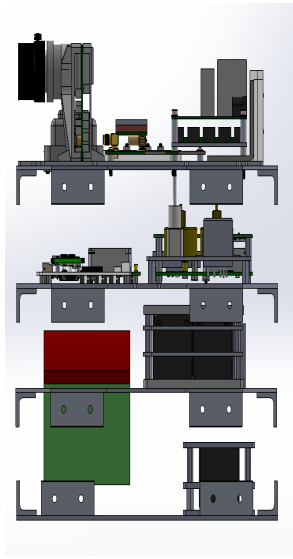
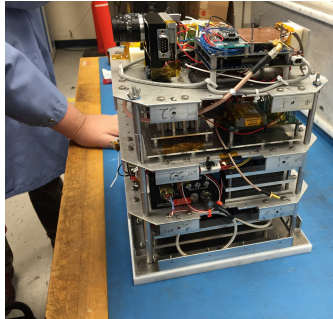


2:42 launch

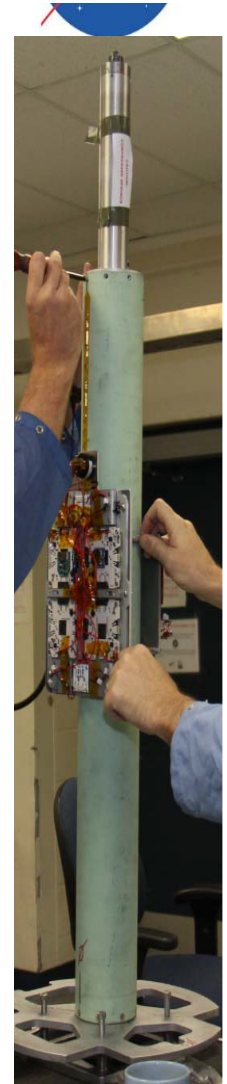
10:48 EXO-Brake Deployment



# SOAREX 8 results of all experiments



Element	Status	Comment	Applied To Future Project
S-Rocket Deck Battery/PWR (Milwaukee!!) [first time!]	<b>Worked!</b> Yes	Simplifies on-pad Ops/ Interface	Sub-orbitals
C-band	<b>Worked!</b>	Independent Tracking	Ubiquitous
Module 1 T5 core Irid-1 WSM Coord1 [first time!]	<b>Worked!</b> Yes Yes Yes	Robust	<b>TechEdSat5/P5</b> [ COM paradigm for nano-sats]
Module 2 P5 Core ISM-Band Camera WSM Coord2 [first time!]	<b>Worked!</b> Yes Yes Yes Yes	Robust Dual Irid and Coord	<b>TechEdSat5/P5</b>  [1 Mbs solution- Future NanoSats!]
Module 3 X-band NanoSat AIM/Thompson CAM [first time!]	<b>Delayed</b> No No	Late delivery; EDU <b>Worked on bench!</b> <b>NEN failed to track!!</b>	TechEdSat6/P6 SOAREX-9 [10-50 Mbs solution] Future NanoSats/ Interplanetary COM
NoseCone System MRMSS WSM3 [first time!]	<b>Worked!</b> Yes Yes	New design; future piggy-back flights (first time)	SOAREX-9
Exo-Brake Deployment [first time!]	<b>Worked!</b>	42ft2 pneumatic-aided erection	SPQR Planetary Probes
S8 Box Deployment	<b>Partial!</b>	Partial ejection from ejector after apogee; stiction!	SPQR Planetary Probes

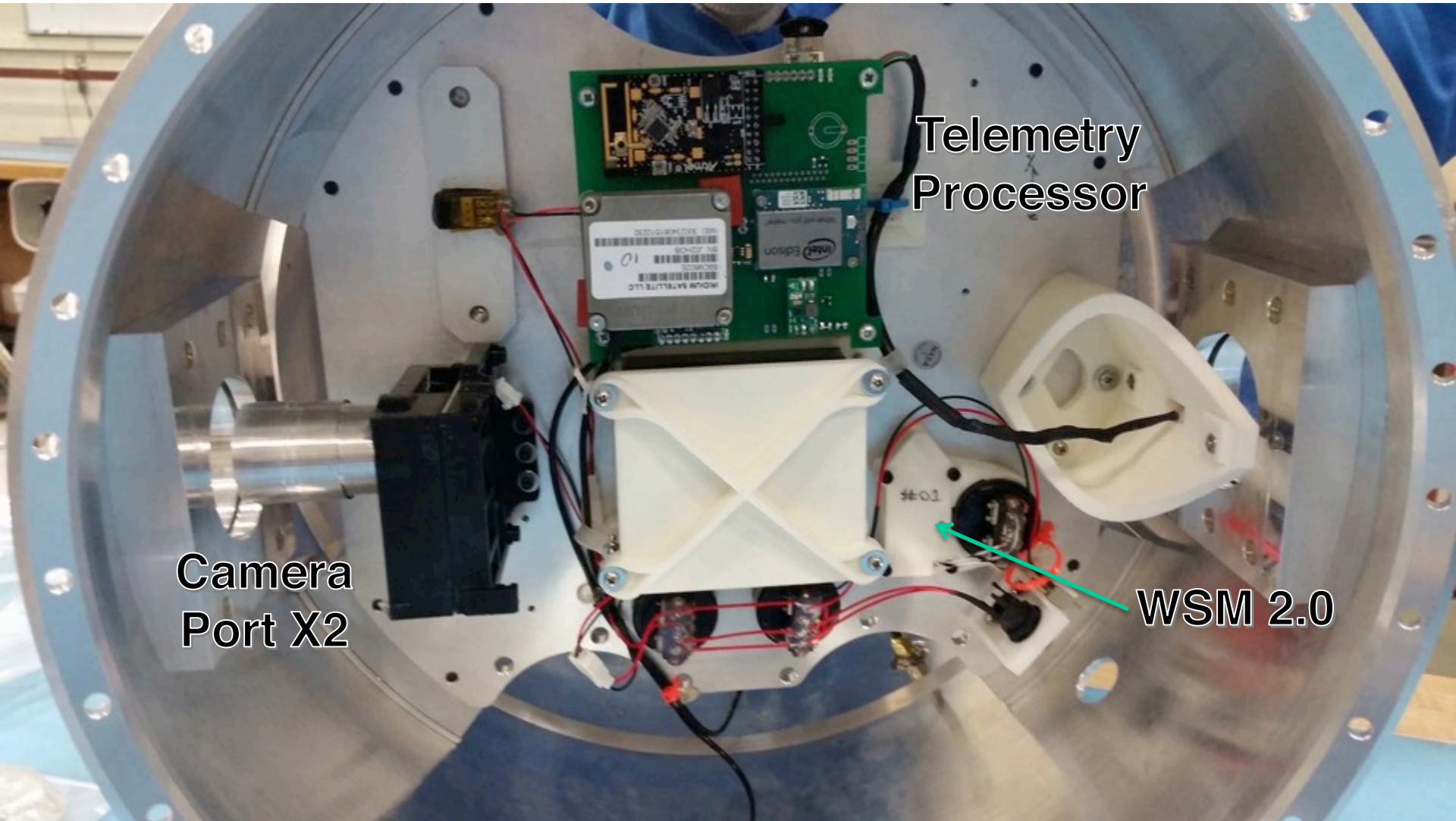




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# SOAREX-9 Flight Payload



Telemetry  
Processor

Camera  
Port X2

WSM 2.0

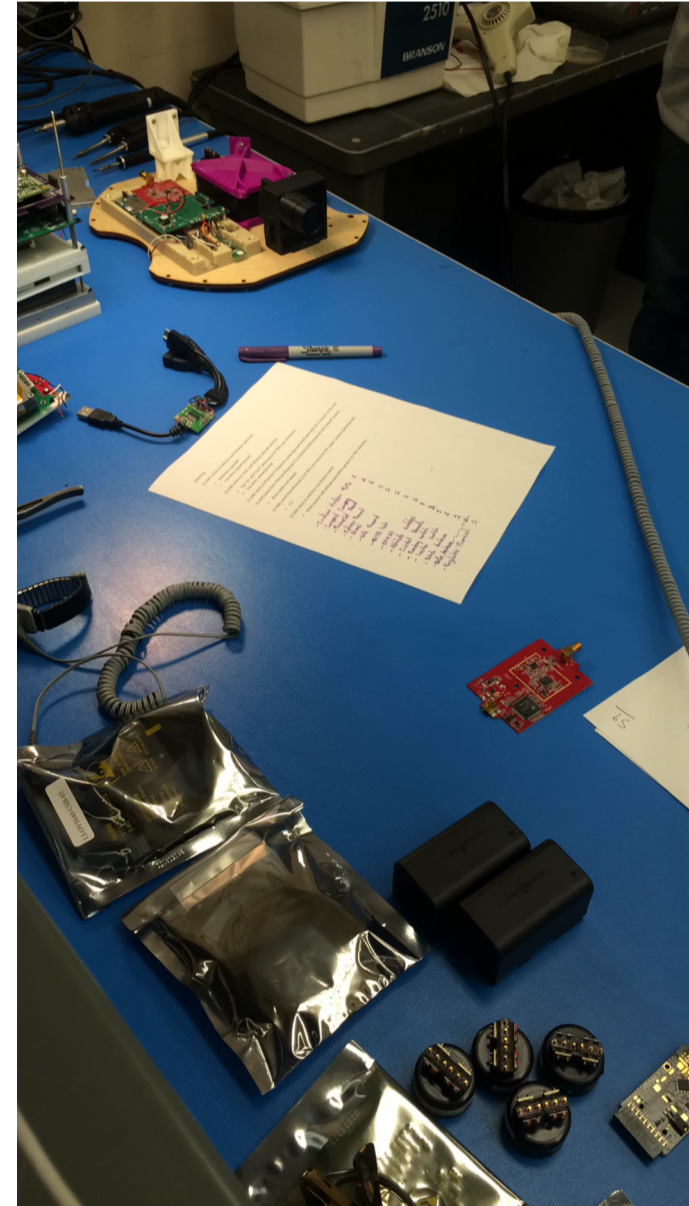
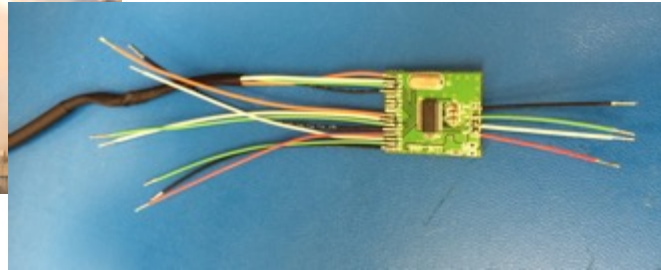
# SOAREX 9 Mission

41.114 NP DeLeon launched  
March 7, 2016

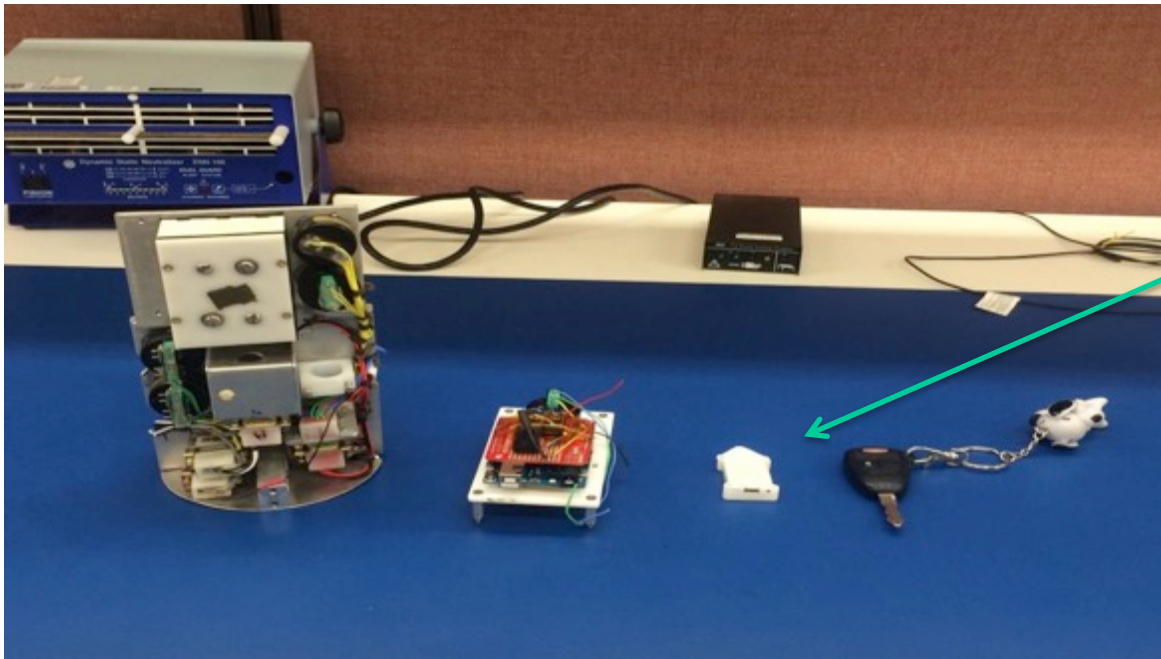
Experiments onboard this mission include Radiation Tolerant Computer System (RadPC) from Montana State University, Boise; the Vibration Isolation Platform (VIP) from Controlled Dynamics, Huntington Beach, California; and Sub-Orbital Aerodynamic Re-entry Experiments-9 (SOAREX-9) from NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California.



Flight Mission



# WSM Experiment



WSM 2.0  
Experiment  
on TES-5

## Evolution of unique Wireless Sensor Module

Far left: Original SOAREX-1 data acquisition module

Second from left: SOAREX-9 WSM 1.0 trial version

Third from left: currently developed system for SOAREX9 and TES-5

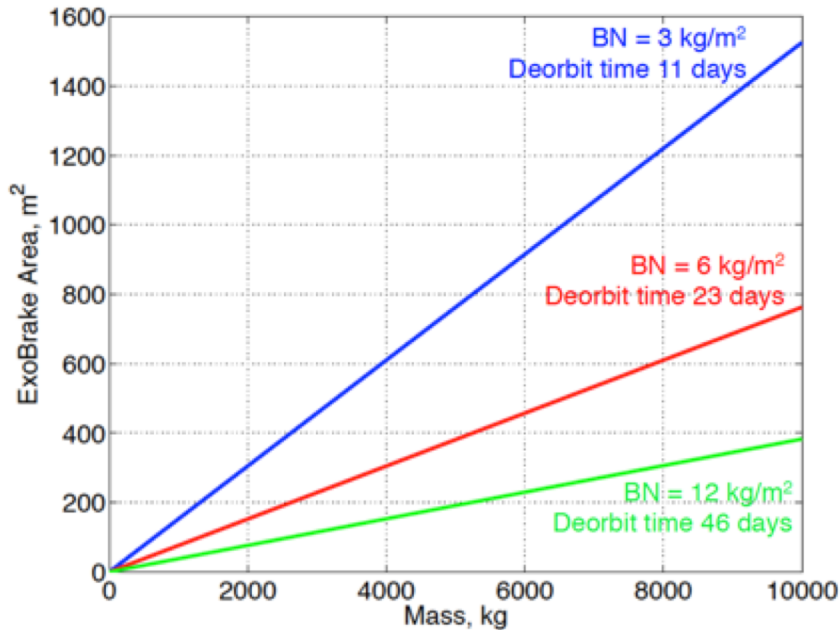
Fourth from left: Marc's key chain...

# De-Orbit Interest...

## Exo-Brake

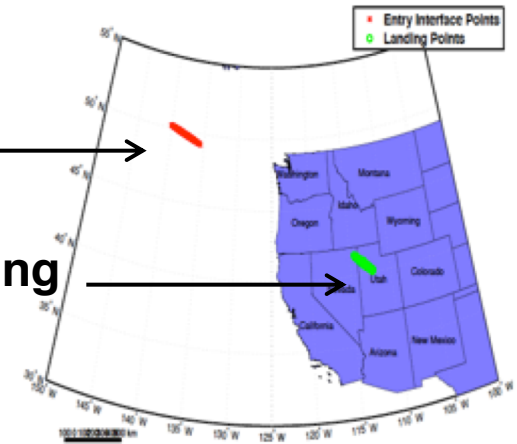
Sample Return/Re-entry Targeting  
With Modulated Exo-Brake:  
Validation – !

### Results



Entry

Landing





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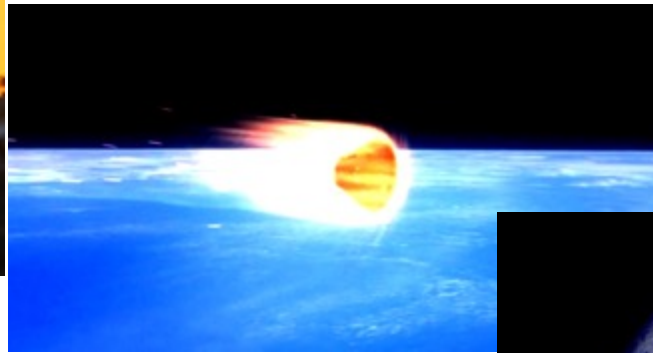


# ORION

Mars is similar to Earth in many respects, has many of the same "systems" that characterize our world , home.

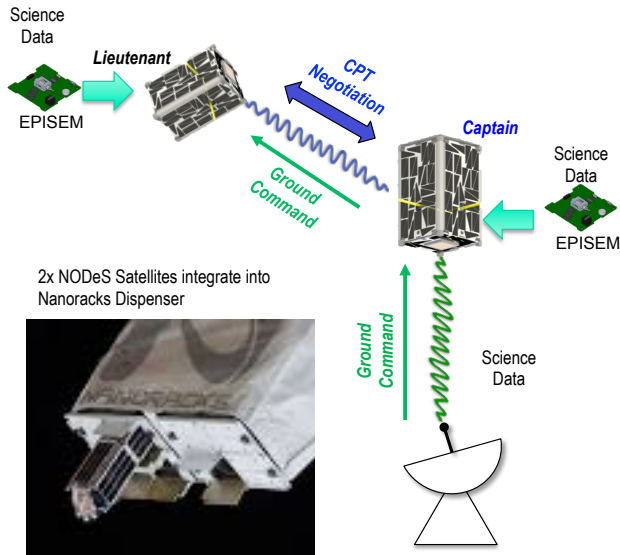
Like Earth, Mars has an atmosphere, hydrosphere , cryosphere and lithosphere . In other words , Mars has air systems , water , ice and geology all interact to produce the Martian atmosphere.

[NASA's Orion spacecraft launched successfully atop a United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket Dec. 5](#)



# NODES and Science with Swarms

The Nodes satellites are two cubesats that will be jettison from ISS in the near future. Spacecraft Commanding through the Network



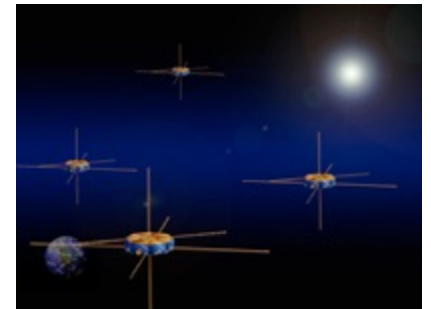
2x NODeS Satellites integrate into Nanoracks Dispenser



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<http://mms.gsfc.nasa.gov/>



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- Probing Earth-Sun interactions with gradient measurements of magnetosphere properties
- Synthetic aperture radar
- Multi-point tomographic measurements
- Geopotential measurements
- Large sparse array telescopes
- Coronagraph based missions
- Explore properties of other planets, comets and near-Earth objects

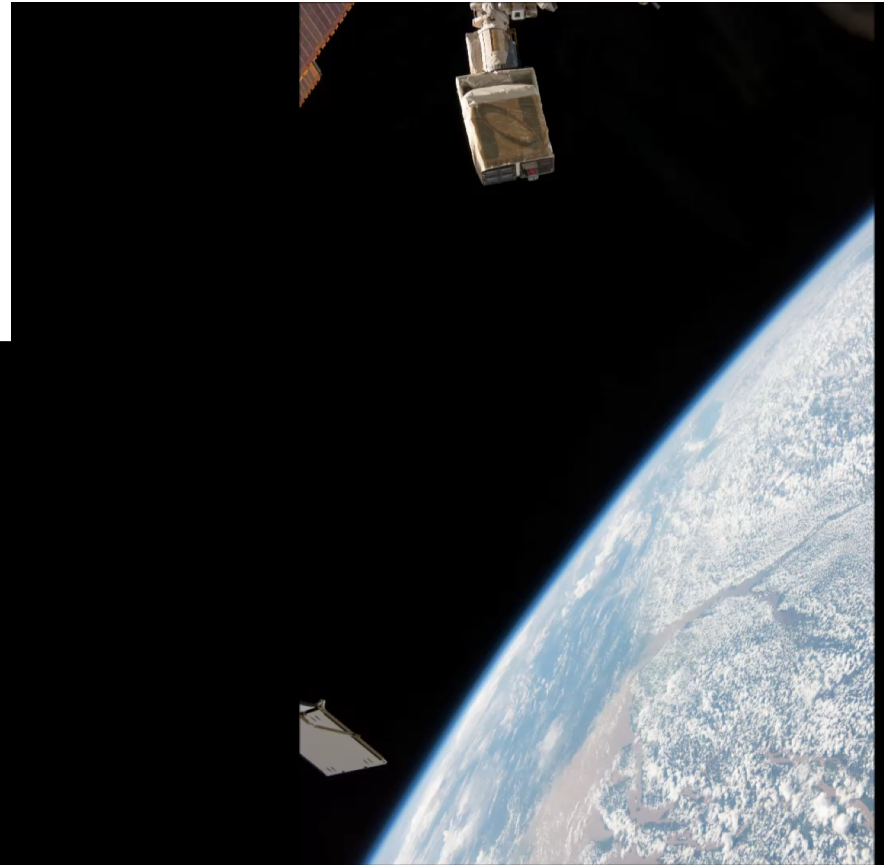
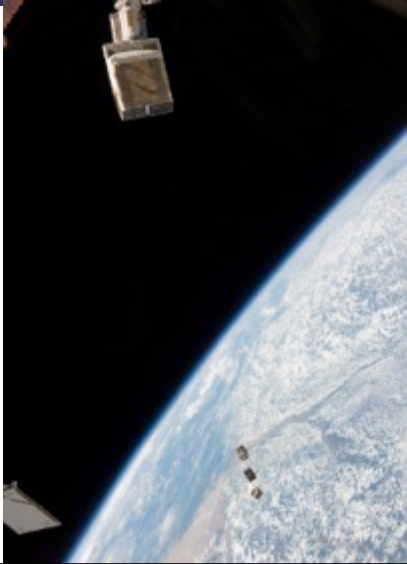


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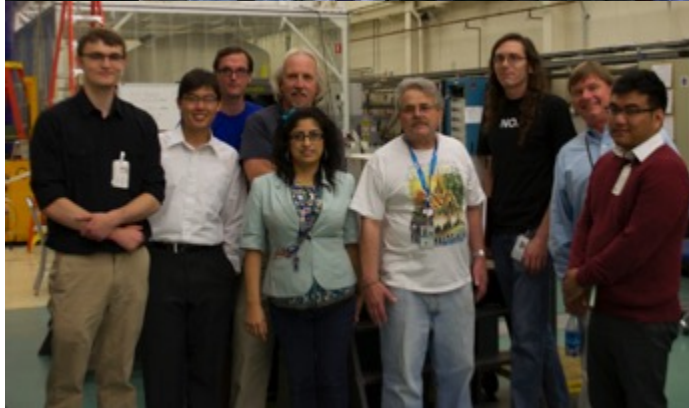
# NODES Jettison

## Monday 16th May 7am-8am PDT





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