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# Road to NASA

NASA Ames

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# Where I am from and education







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# Ames

Discovery • Innovations • Solutions

## ~~the~~ **WHEREHOUSE** MUSIC, MOVIES & MORE





# An Aerospace Engineer



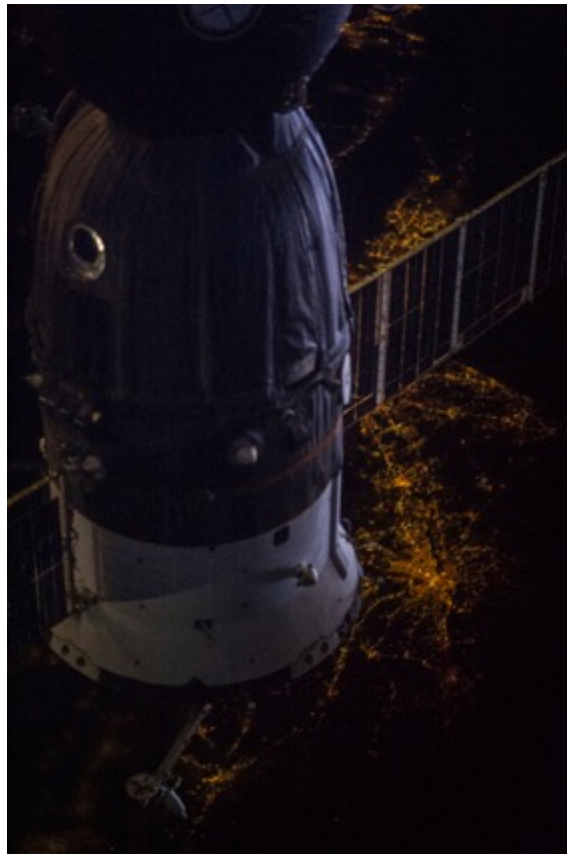




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# ISS



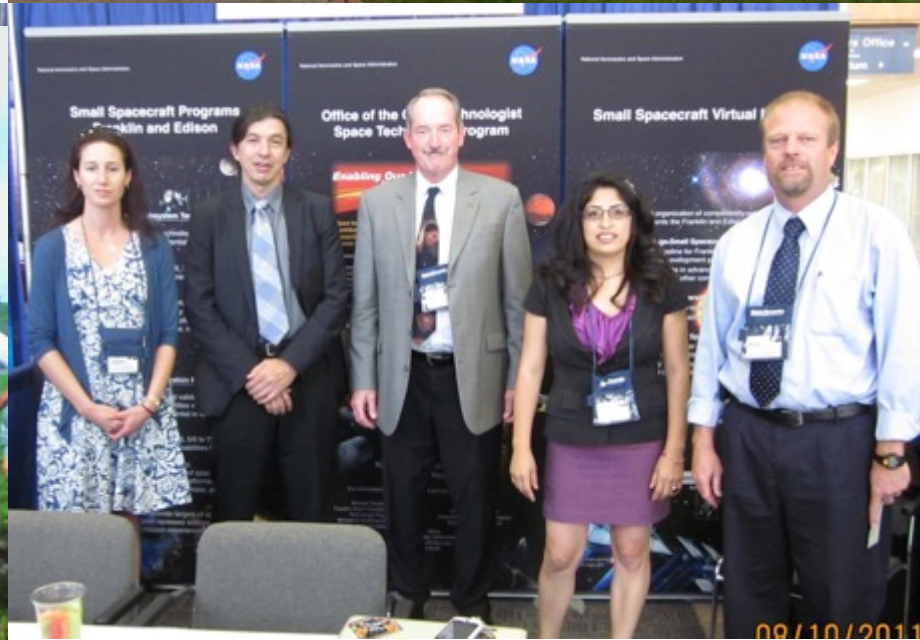




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## Work at NASA





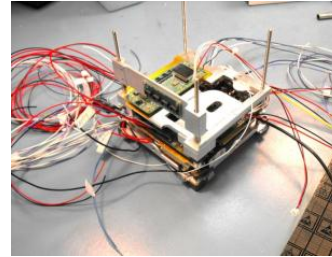


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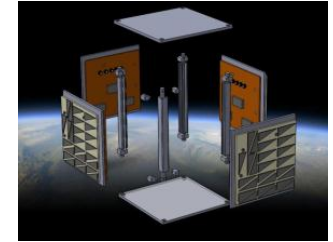


# Working in Space

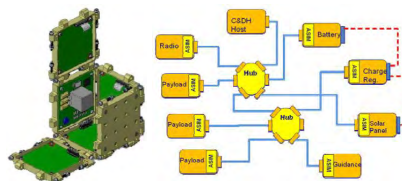
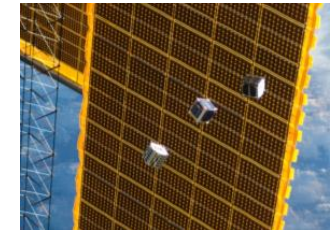
Samantha Cristoforetti



Complex, labor/time intensive



Simple, modular, rapid



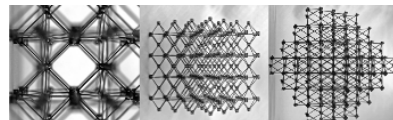
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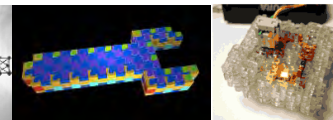
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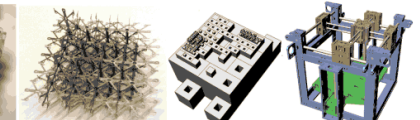
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(Cheung ETAL 2013, MIT CBA)



(Ward ETAL 2011, MIT CBA)







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## 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

[http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/np-2015-03-016-jsc\\_rodent-iss-mini-book-508.pdf](http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/np-2015-03-016-jsc_rodent-iss-mini-book-508.pdf)







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# Water re-cycle System



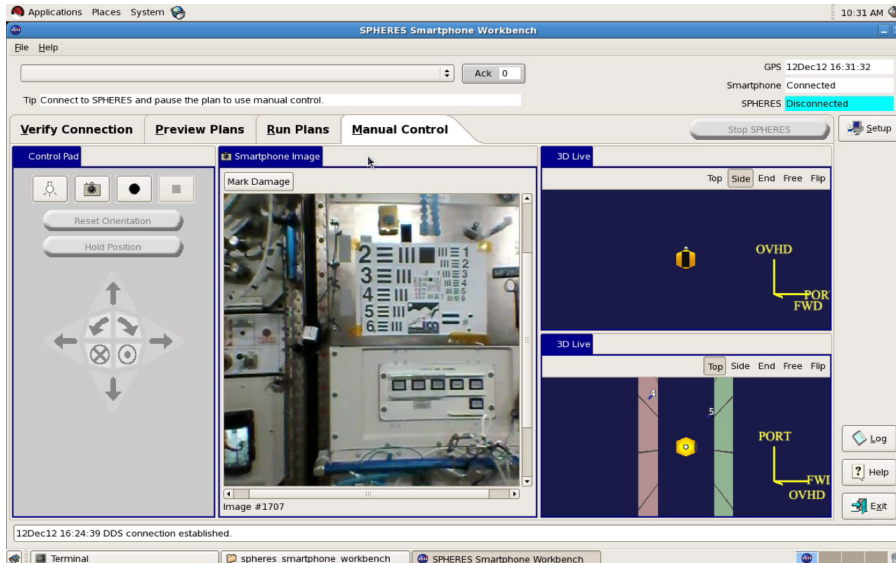
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Campaña Concern for Kids (CFK)



# SPHERES and Robotics



Luke and SPHERES      SPHERES at ISS





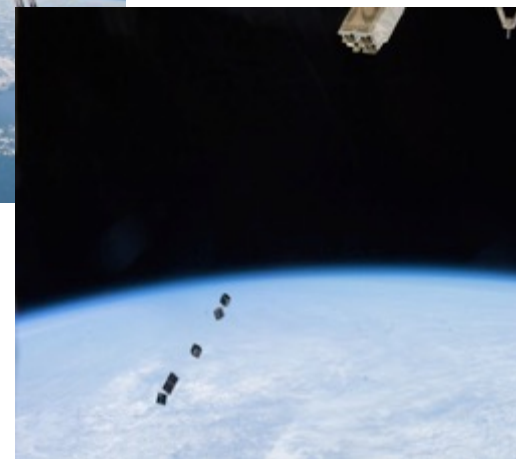
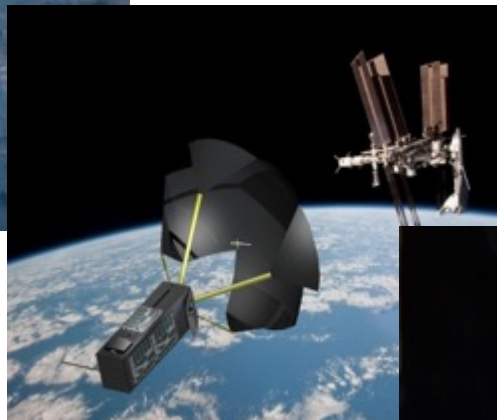


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# TechEdSat-N

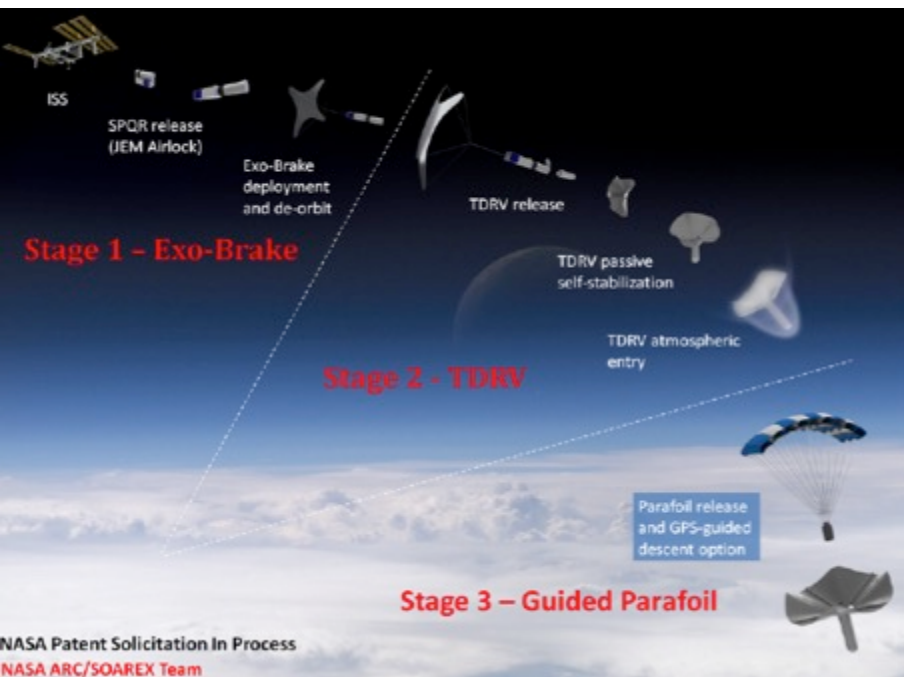
**Pioneering the Use of the International Space Station as a Nanosatellite  
Deployment Platform**



Next-Up!



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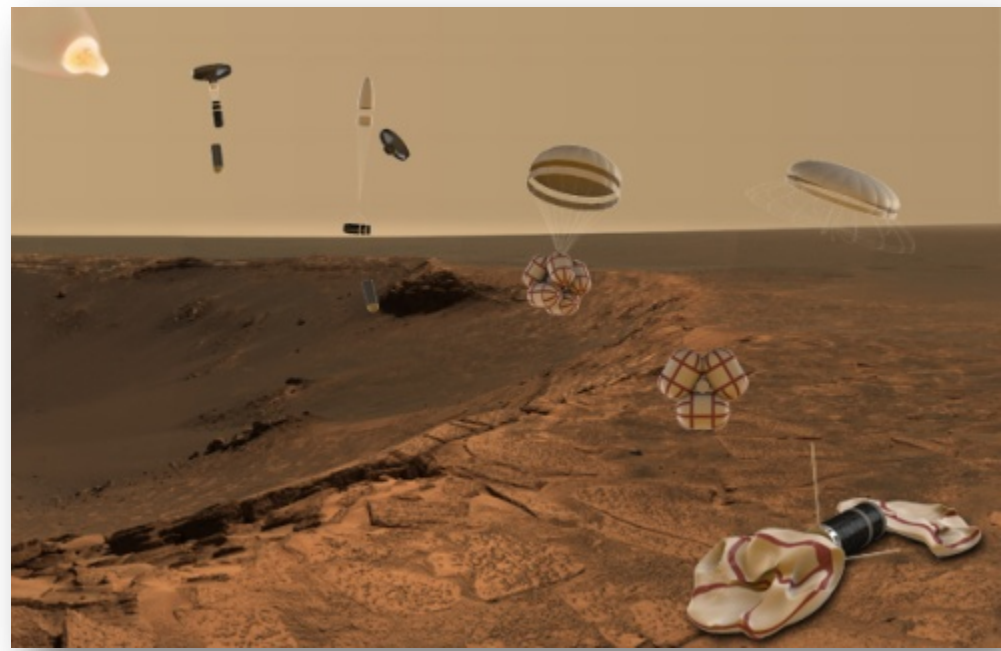
## ISS Sample Return

### SPQR-Small Payload Quick Return

- 3 stage concept
- On-demand sample return

## Atromos: Cubesat Mission to the Surface of Mars

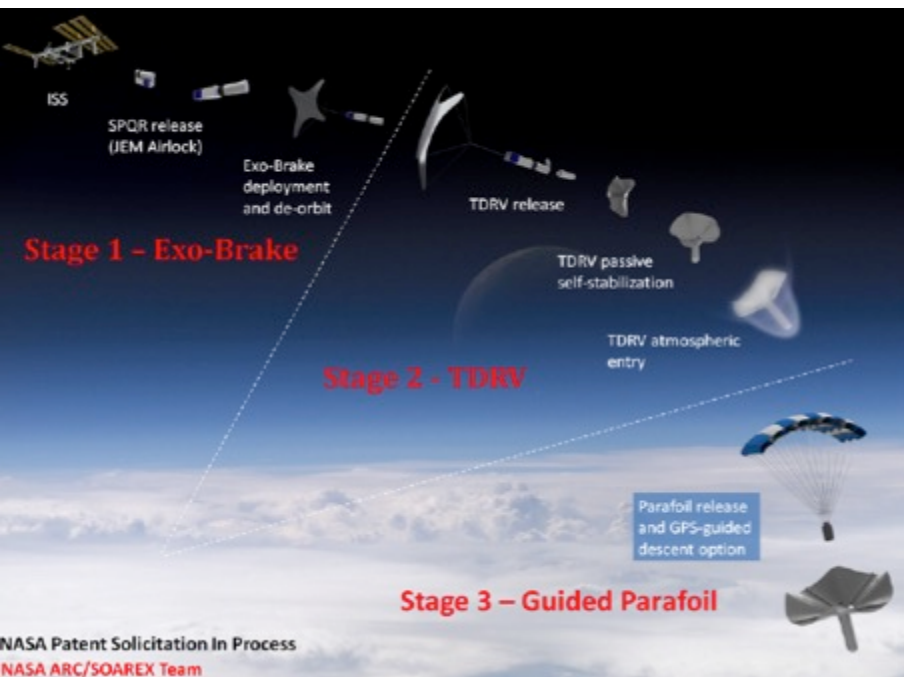
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- Self-stabilizing re-entry probe (TDRV-Tube Deployed Re-Entry Vehicle)
- EDL Technique for small probes
- Nuclear option for mission longevity







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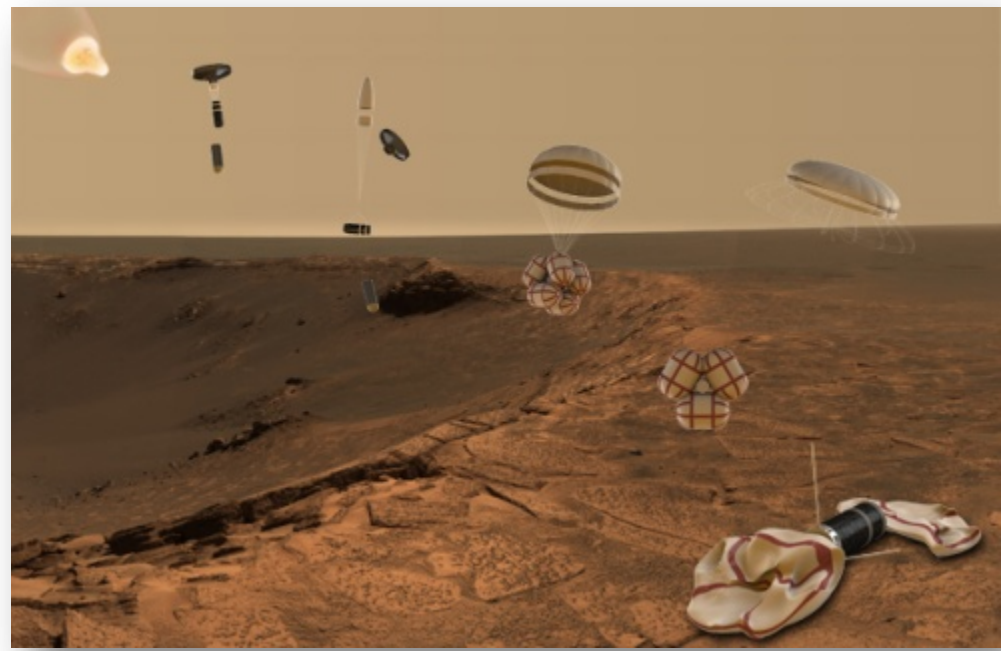
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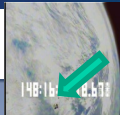
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**SOAREX-6  
2008**

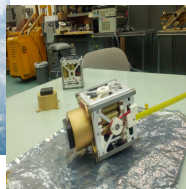


**SOAREX-7  
2009**



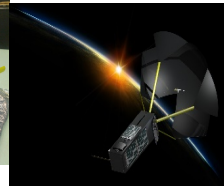
**TES-1  
Oct 4, 2012**

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



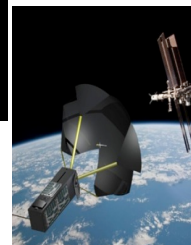
**TES-2  
Iridium test  
Aug 21, 2013**

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



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

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



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

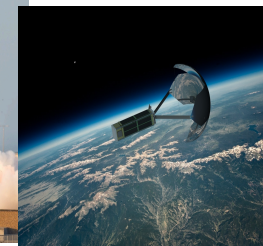
WSM2, AIM  
Camera  
ISM-Band, P5  
alpha, ISM-  
Camera



**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**



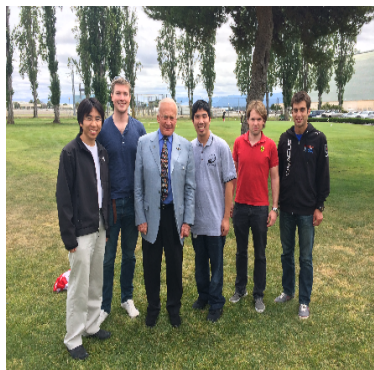
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**SOAREX/TechEdSat-N Team**

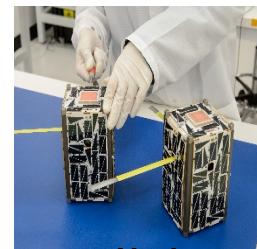
**Relevant Flight Experiments TES**



# Relevant Flight Experiments PhoneSat

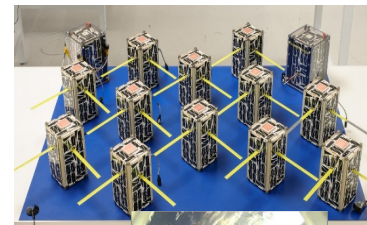


**Recent Years of Flight  
Experiments  
(2009-2015)**

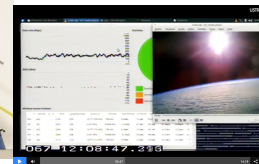


**Nodes  
Orb-4 Atlas V  
Dec 3, 2015**

**EDSN  
Super Strypi  
Oct 29, 2015**



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



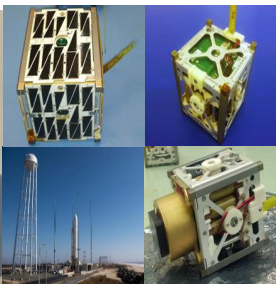
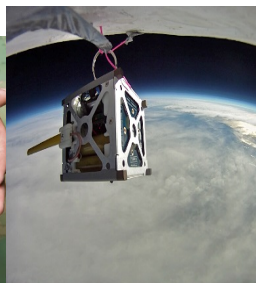
**SOAREX-9  
(WFF)  
March 3,  
2016**

**SpaceLoft-6  
Apr 5, 2012**

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

**Balloon  
June 9, 2011**

**Intimidator-5  
July 29, 2010**



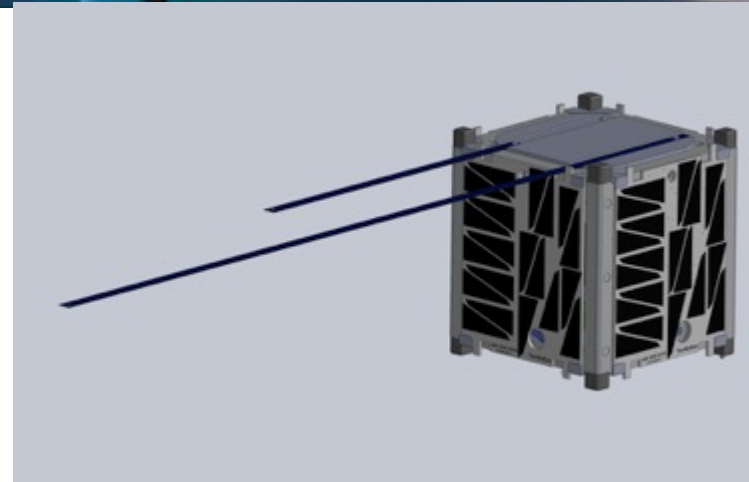
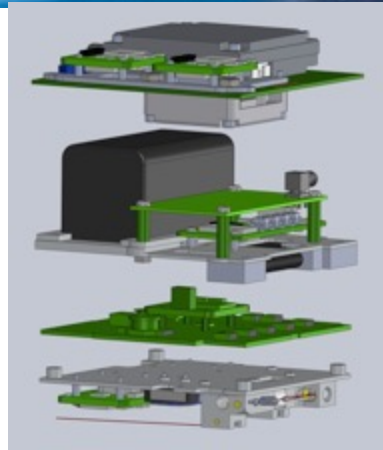
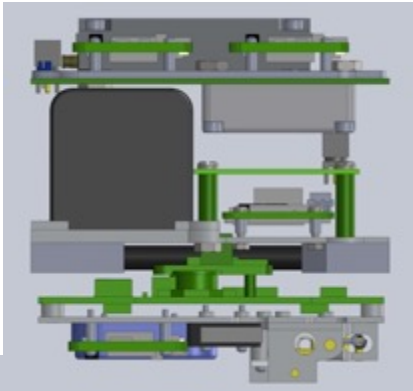
**SOAREX-8  
Terrier/Black Brant  
July 7, 2015**

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

**PhoneSat Team**

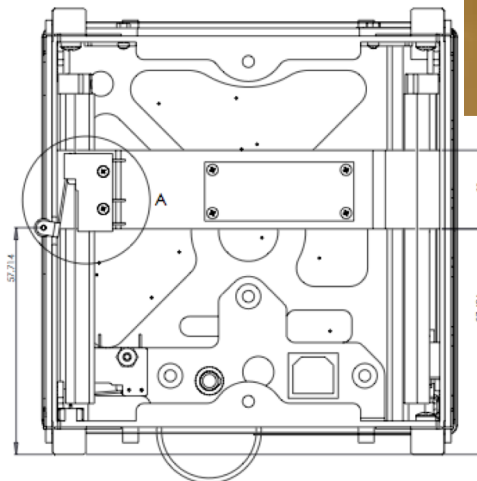
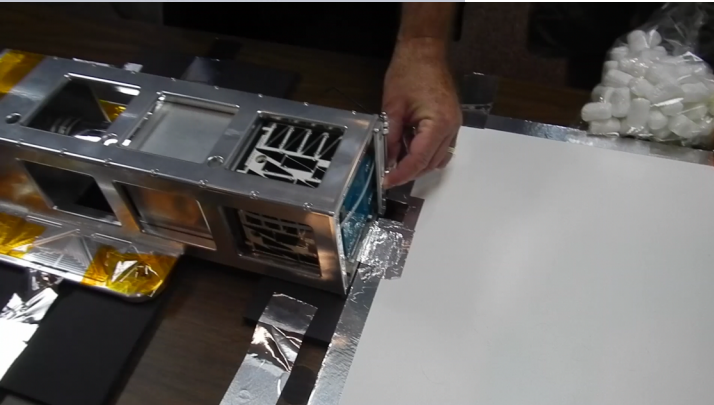
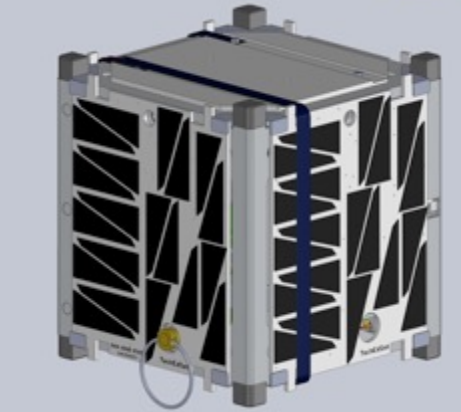


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# TechEdSat

JSSOD and ISS



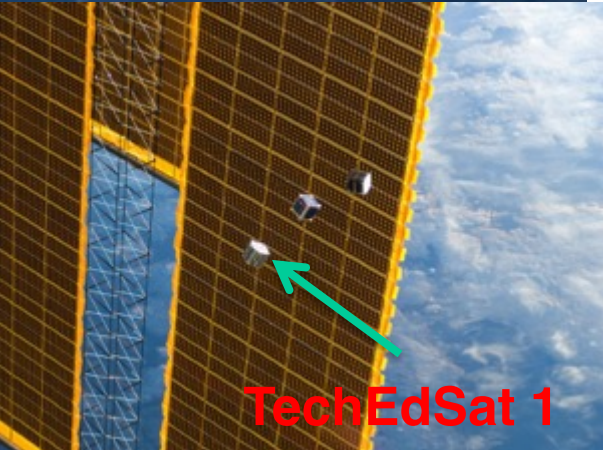




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# Before and after Jettison from ISS



- 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





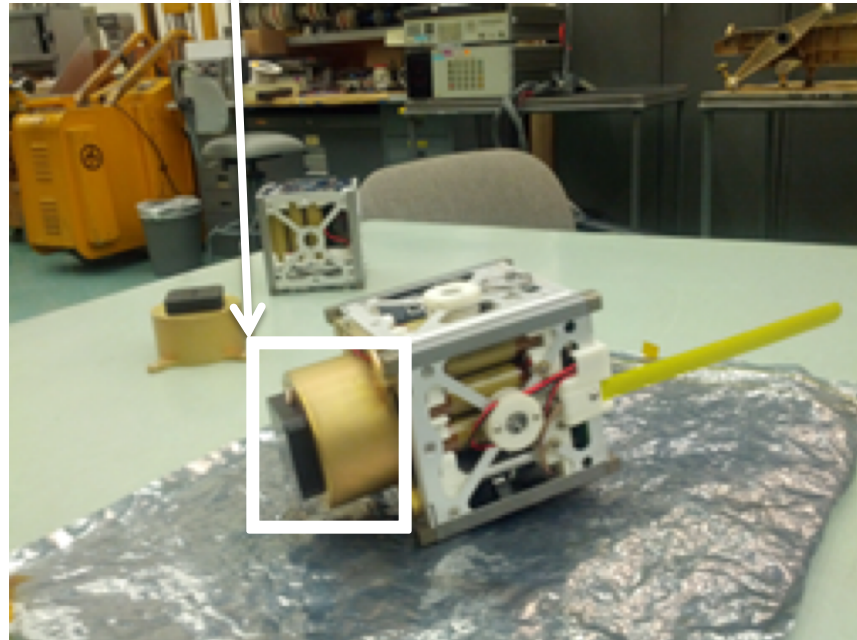
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# Previous Flights: TechEdSat 2

- **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

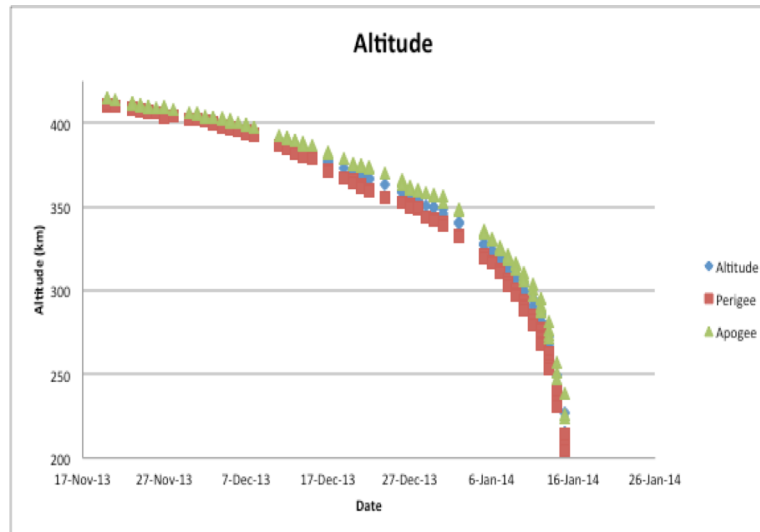


Other Key Contributors: K. Boronowsky, J. Benton, K. Ramus



# 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.

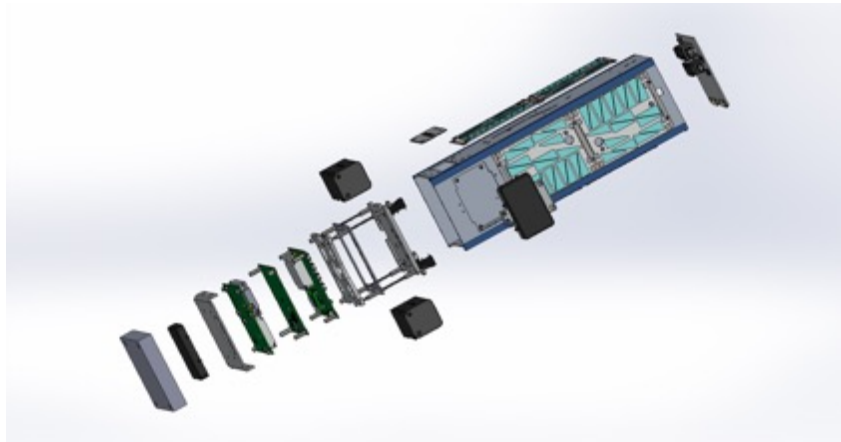
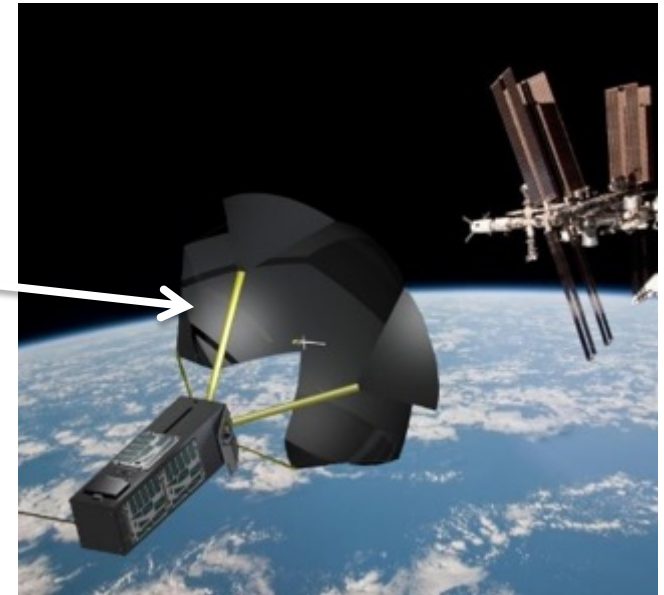


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# Current Flight: TechEdSat 4

- 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.**



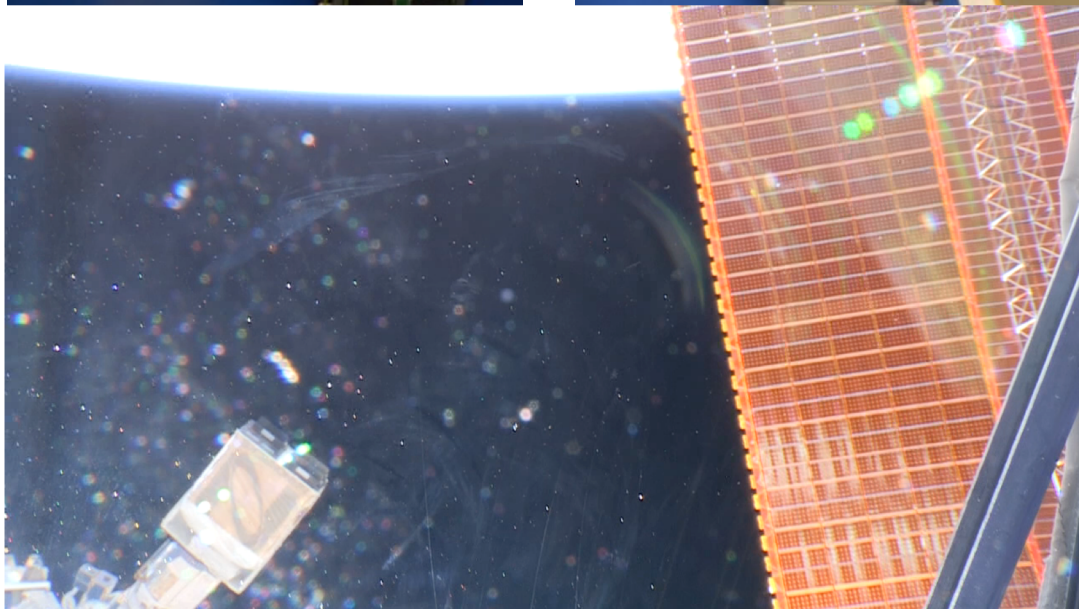
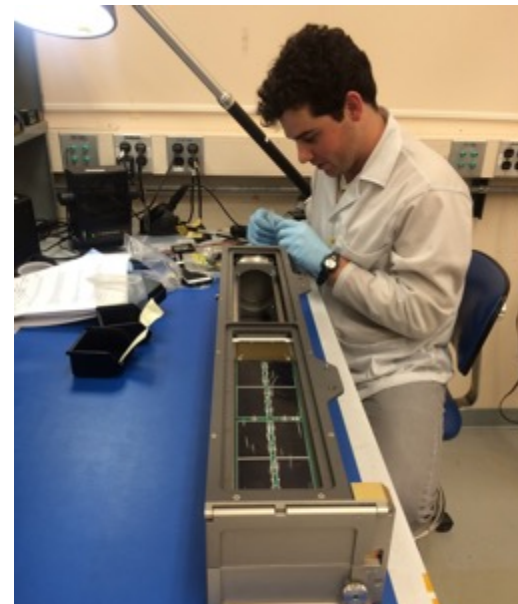




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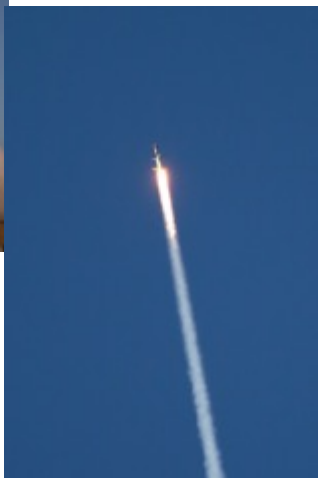
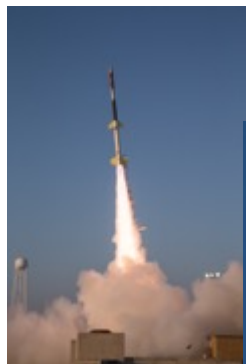


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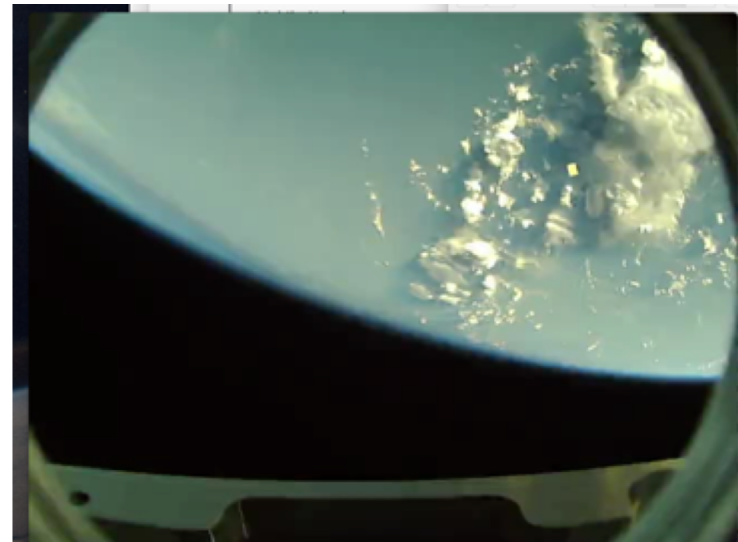




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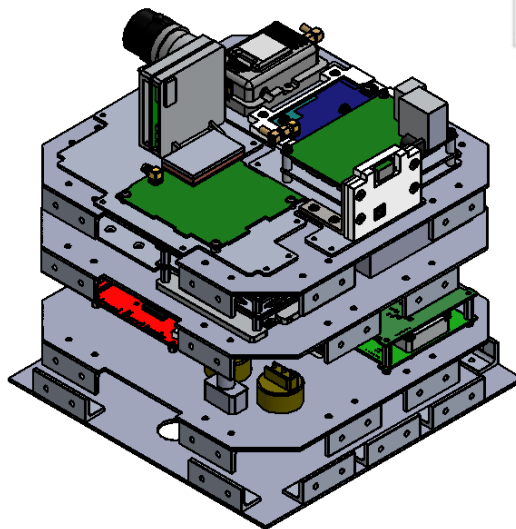
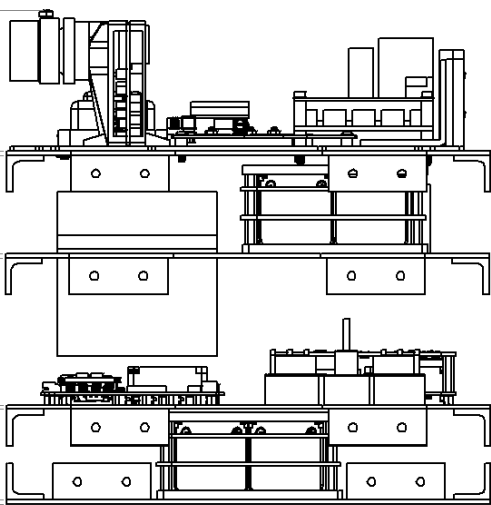
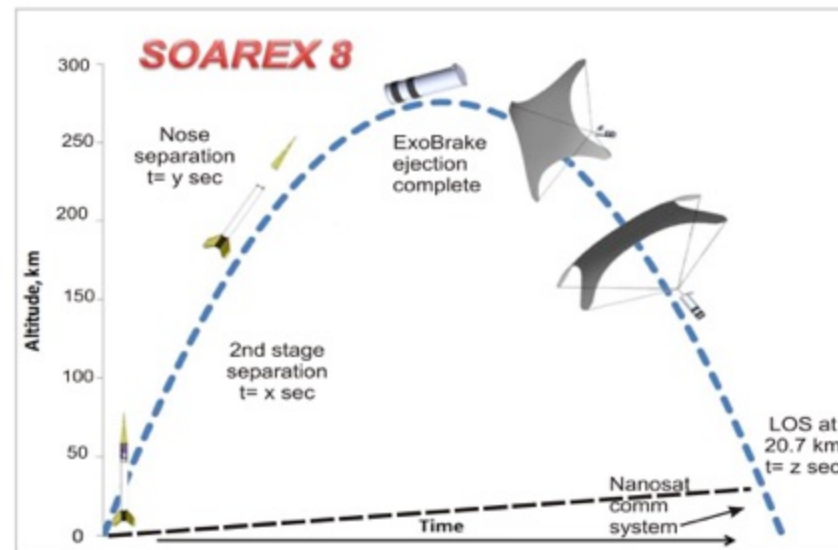
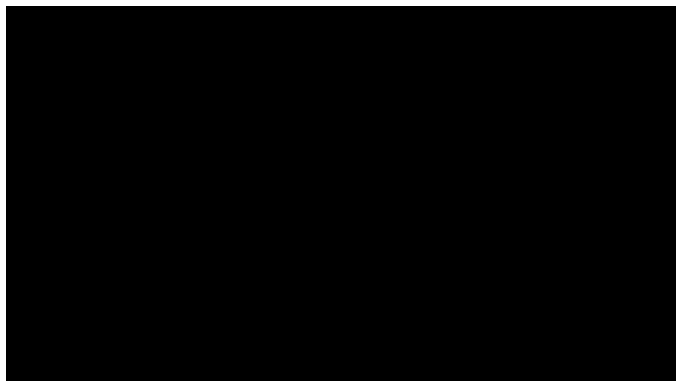


# SOAREX-N Sub-Orbital Experiments





# SOAREX 8 Mission



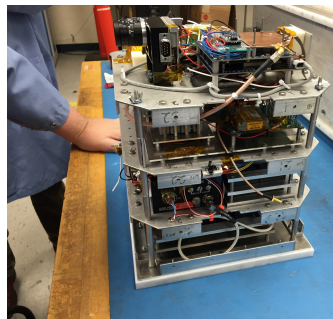
2:42 launch  
10:48 EXO-Brake Deployment



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# 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



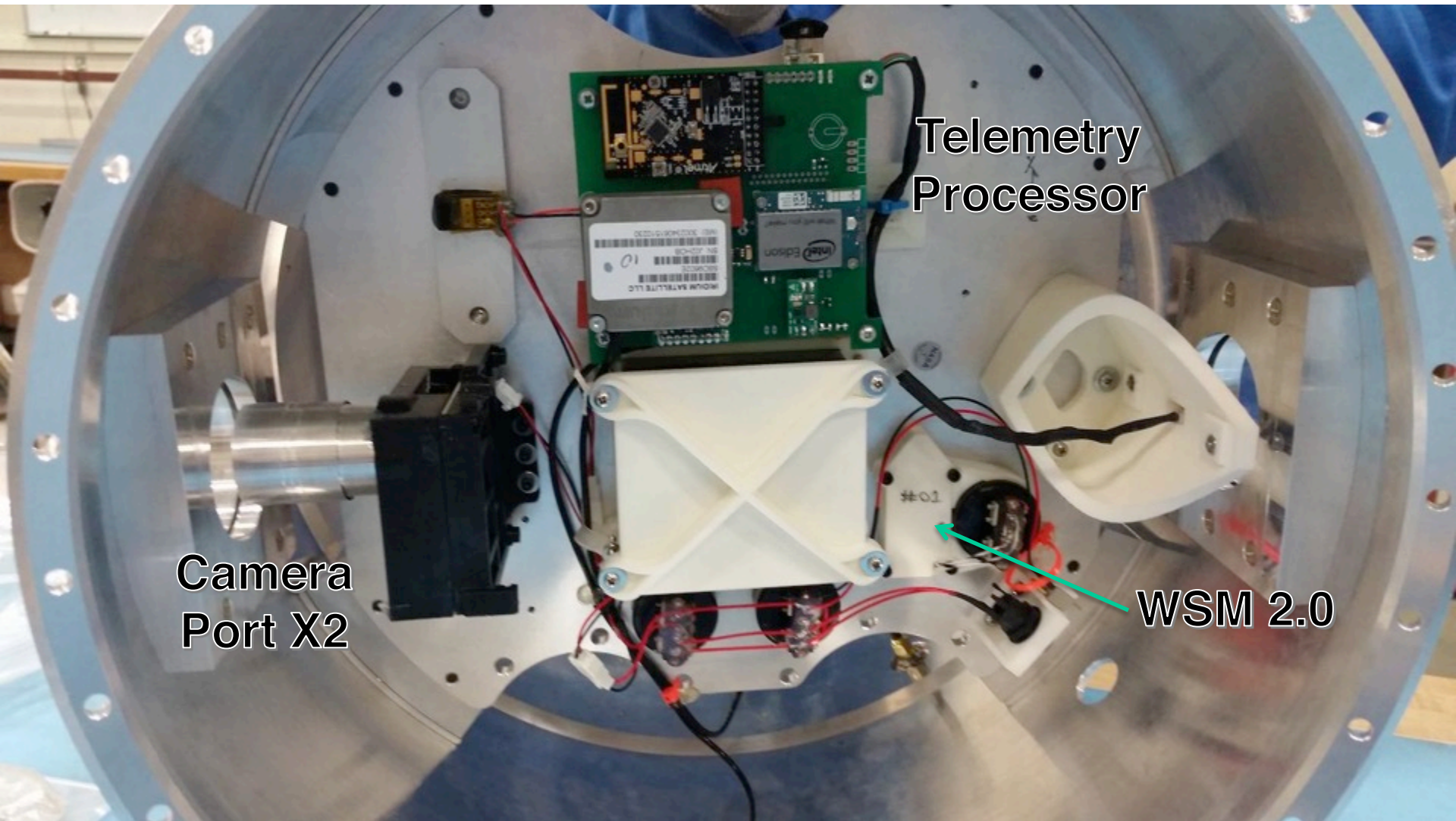




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# SOAREX-9 Flight Payload







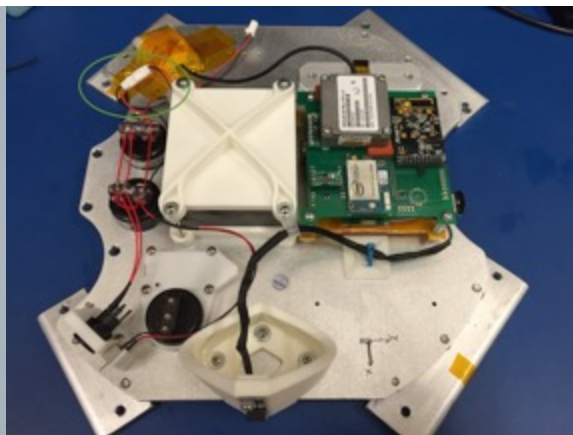
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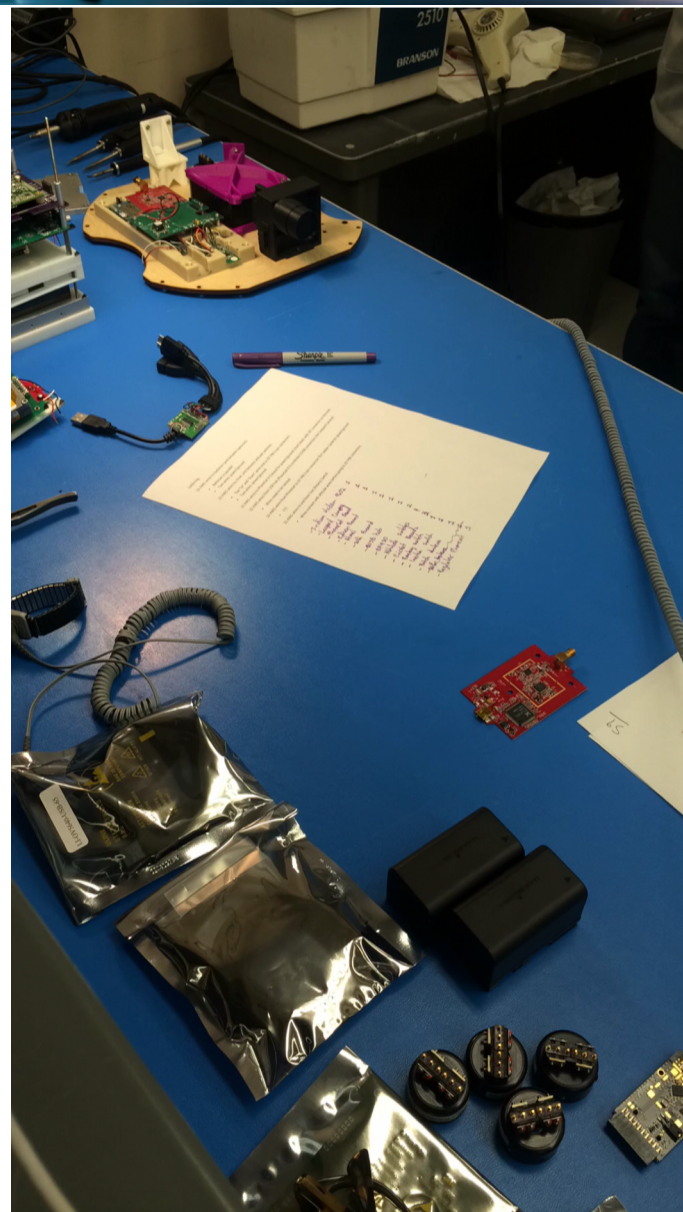
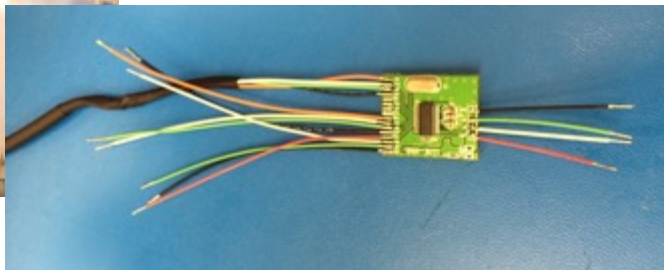
# SOAREX 9 Mission

41.114 NP DeLeon launched  
March 7, 2016

Experiments onboard this mission included Radiation Tolerant Computer System (RadPC) from Montana State University, Bozeman; 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



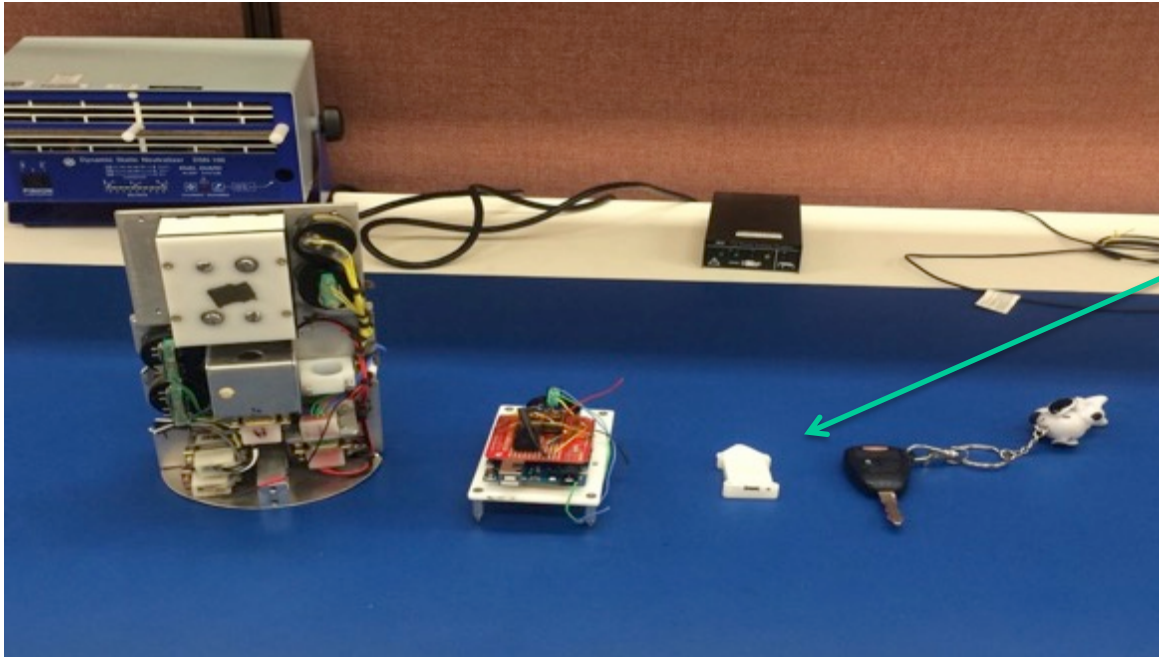




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# WSM Experiment



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

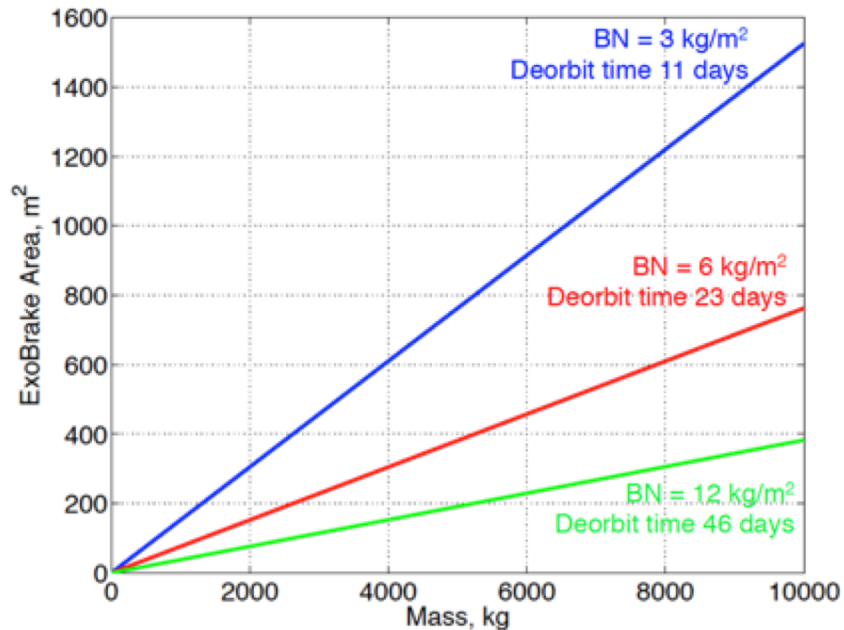
Fourth from left: Marc's key chain...



# De-Orbit Interest...

## Results

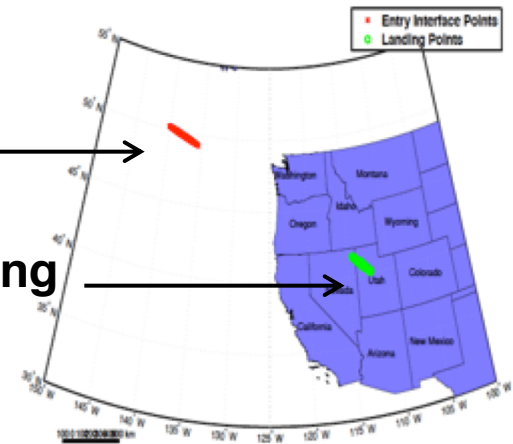
### Exo-Brake



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

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](#)



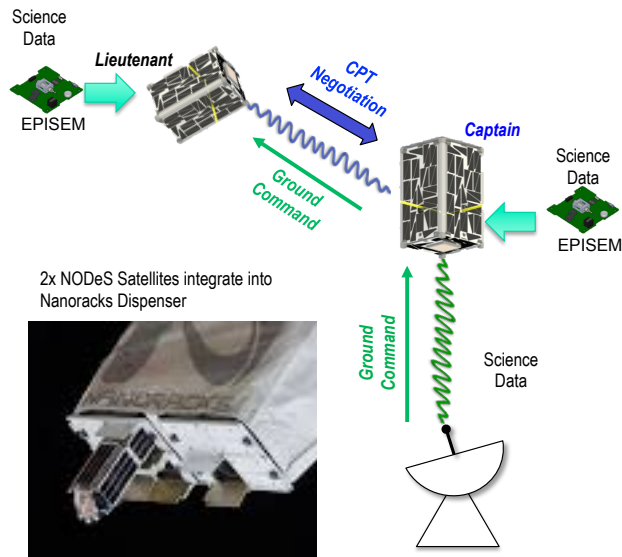


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# NODES and Science with Swarms

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

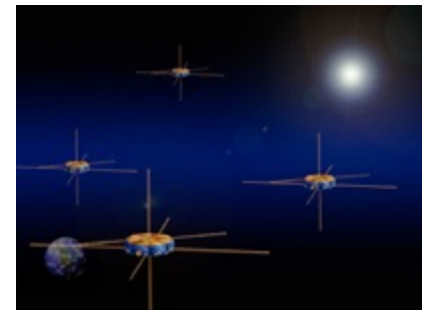


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- Probing Earth-Sun interactions with gradient measurements of magnetosphere properties
- Synthetic aperture radar
- Multi-point tomographic measurements
- Geopotential measurements
- Large sparse array telescopes
- Coronagraph based missions
- Explore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



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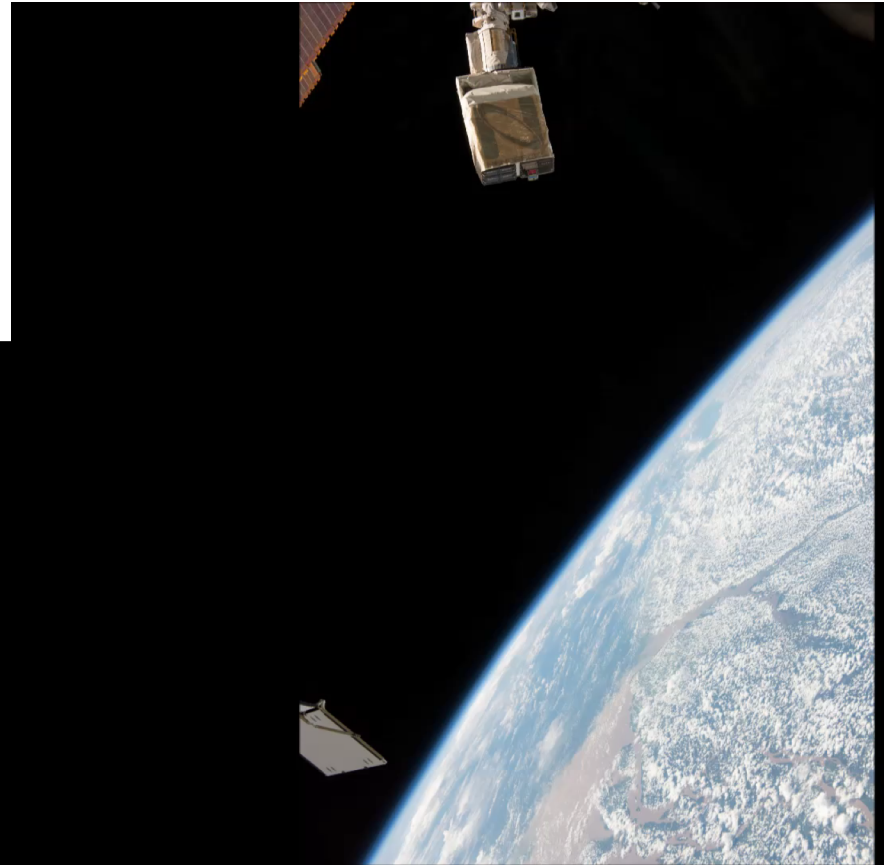
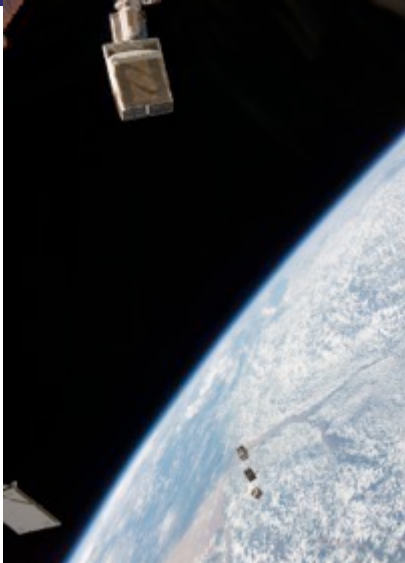


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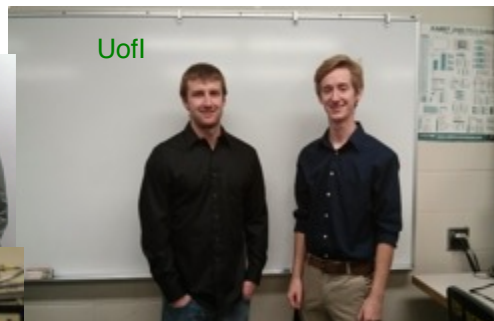
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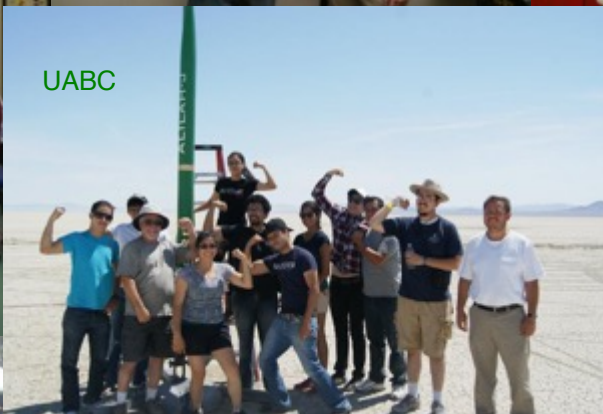
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