## **SSL Information Session**

# **Systems Engineering**







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## The World's Leading Provider of Commercial Satellites



- ◆ 75 GEO satellites currently on-orbit
- Over 2000 on-orbit years experience
- ♦ Workforce of ~2,800
- → ~25% of U.S. Government commercial satellite leases are carried on SSL-built satellites
- ◆ 50+ years heritage of performance and reliability
- ◆ 22 awards and 22 launches since January 2010

- Industry leading GEO commercial backlog
- Decades of hosted payload experience



- ◆ Over 250 satellites built
- 19 satellites in current backlog





# SSL Built Satellites Help Shape Today's World

#### **Direct Broadcast Satellites**



**Entertainment** 

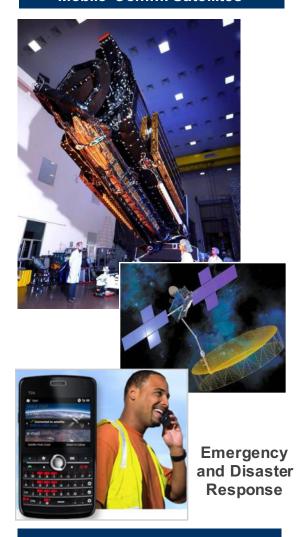
#### **Two-Way Broadband Satellites**



**Internet Access** 

25-4 Proprietary

#### Mobile Comm. Satellites



**Remote and Global Access** 



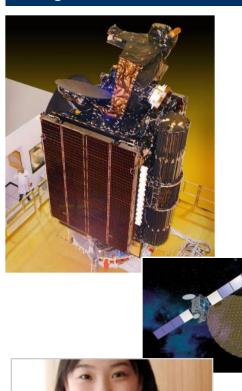
# SSL Built Satellites Help Shape Today's World (Cont'd)

#### **Digital Audio Radio Satellites**



**Mobile Audio and Data** 

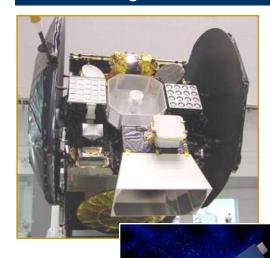
#### **Digital Multimedia Satellites**





**Mobile Entertainment** 

#### **Meteorological Satellites**

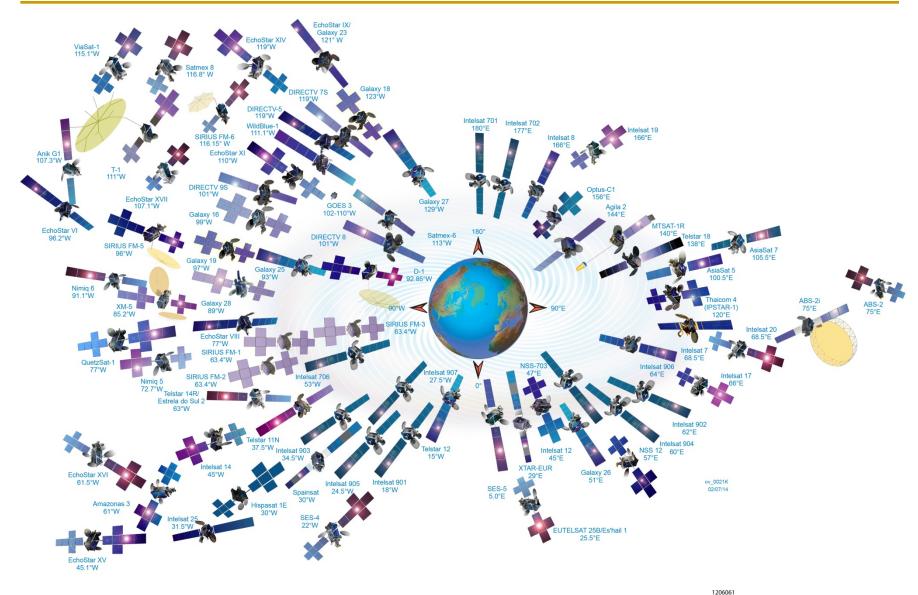




Weather



# **SSL Supplied 75 Active Commercial Satellites on-Orbit**





### **Satellite Production Facilities**

- Approx. 100,000 sq. ft. cleanroom capacity
- **♦** >165,000 sq. ft. general manufacturing space
- **♦** Second Thermal Vacuum facility available in Q4 2014
- Facility of 1.3M square feet spanning 37 buildings and approximately 79 acres



**Solar Array Integration** 





**Integration and Test** 



Thermal Vacuum Chamber New TVC Under Construction



## 1300 Technology

- ◆ The 1300 is a decades-proven platform with the industry's highest power capability and flexibility for a broad range of applications and technology advances
  - Sixteen 20-kW class satellites in orbit and under construction (high power capability up to 25 kW)
  - Modular building blocks to accommodate incremental technology advances (evolutionary, not revolutionary)
  - Well-suited for hosted payloads
    - Large Earth-facing deck
    - Standard interfaces
  - > Applications include
    - Direct-to-user (TV, broadband, radio, mobile)
    - FSS, weather monitoring, government communications, optical payloads

The SSL 1300 satellite platform is particularly wellsuited to carry secondary payloads because of its size and power generation capability.

- Martin Halliwell, President SES Engineering



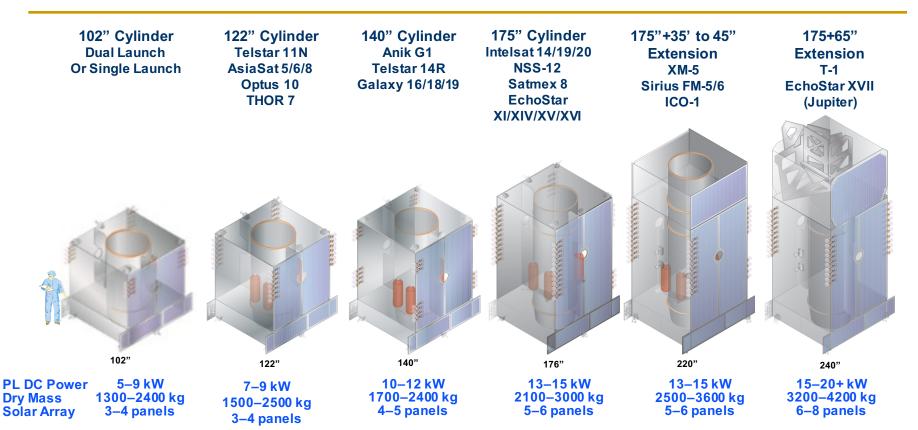
D-1: First two-way GBBF



T-1: Antennas up to 18 meters



#### The SSL 1300 Satellite Product Line



#### **Increasing Payload Mass, Power and Size**

| All Electric Hybrid, or All Biprop | Hybrid<br>or | Hybrid<br>or<br>All Biprop | Hybrid<br>or<br>All Biprop | Hybrid<br>or<br>All Biprop |
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- ♦ 1300 satellite family is modular and scalable to higher power and more payload capacity
- ◆ All 1300 satellite family utilize the same qualified, building blocks



## **Development Timeline**

- ◆ 2 to 2.5 year timeframe to build satellite
- Typical satellite will be in design phase for 1 year and about 1.5 years of building and testing
- ◆ Similar development cycle to the typical CubeSat
- ◆ Each satellite goes through 4 phases during its life
  - > Proposal
  - > Design
  - Assembly & Testing
  - Operations





## **Systems Engineering**

- **♦** Systems Team
  - Manager
  - > Responsible engineers for each subsystem on a satellite
    - High level of responsibility and ownership
    - Direct interaction with Project Managers, other functional Managers and customers
- **◆** Engineering Categories
  - > Mechanical, Structural, Configuration
  - > Thermal
  - > Power
  - Data handling
  - Communications (Payload & TCR)
  - > Antenna
  - Solar Arrays
  - > Assembly, Integration, Testing
  - > Propulsion





## Systems Engineering (Cont'd)

- Systems Engineering
  - Responsible for the satellite from cradle to grave
    - Contract evaluation
    - Design Trades
    - Test Planning
    - Troubleshooting
    - On-Orbit system verifications
  - > High level Design
  - > Focusing on reliability and high heritage
  - Implement many tools to assist in testing and design
  - > Directly see impact
- Interdisciplinary Engineering
  - Working as part of a team
  - > Interface with every major team / subsystem
  - > Communication is the most important skill



## Day in the Life

### Design

- Design tools are used to analyze and decompose top level requirements to unit level specifications
- Defining specification leveraging heritage performance with improved performance requirements of the Customer
- Constant conversations with Customers through weekly meetings and major design reviews

### ◆ Testing

- Oversight
- Data Evaluation and Approval
- Troubleshooting
- > Performance Sell off

### **◆ Collaborative Meetings**

- Customers
- > Process Improvement
- > Cross Functional i.e. Thermal, Mechanical, Power, Bus, etc.



### **Personal Development**

- Company Wide Group Collaboration
  - > As a model for Satellite development
  - As a method for Problem solving
    - Weekly Brain Storming across entire company
  - > Exposure to the entire company
    - Able to see everyone's role and find the perfect fit for you
- ◆ Encouraging Development
  - Part of the personal review process
  - Weekly Training Meetings
  - > Clubs
  - Rotation programs
  - > Education Reimbursement





## **Summary**

- ◆ SSL is the world leader in commercial satellites
  - Industry leading backlog
  - SSL-built satellites provide communications services to virtually the entire populated surface of Earth — billions of people depend on SSL satellites every day
  - World's most advanced broadband satellites
- ◆ Space-proven 1300 satellite bus
  - Highest power; up to 25 kW
  - > Flexibility for broad range of applications and launch requirements
  - Modular platform; standard interfaces
  - Well-suited to hosted payloads
- ◆ People · Passion · Performance
  - A culture of open collaboration with customers
  - Experienced and highly resourceful workforce with a passion for excellence
  - Stable management team has provided continuity and consistent leadership over the past 30 years



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