

## **SmallSat Presentation 2016**







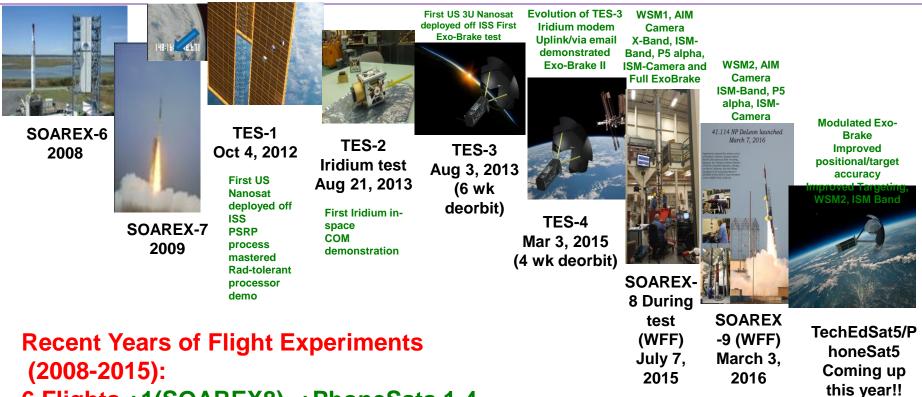
M.Murbach, R. Alena, A. Guarneros Luna C. Priscal, J. Wheless, F. Tanner, R. Morrison, K. Oyadomari P. Papadopoulos/SJSU, D. Atkinson/UofIdaho TES/PSAT-Team NASA

**NASA Ames Research Center** 



# **Relevant Flight Experiments TES-N**





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



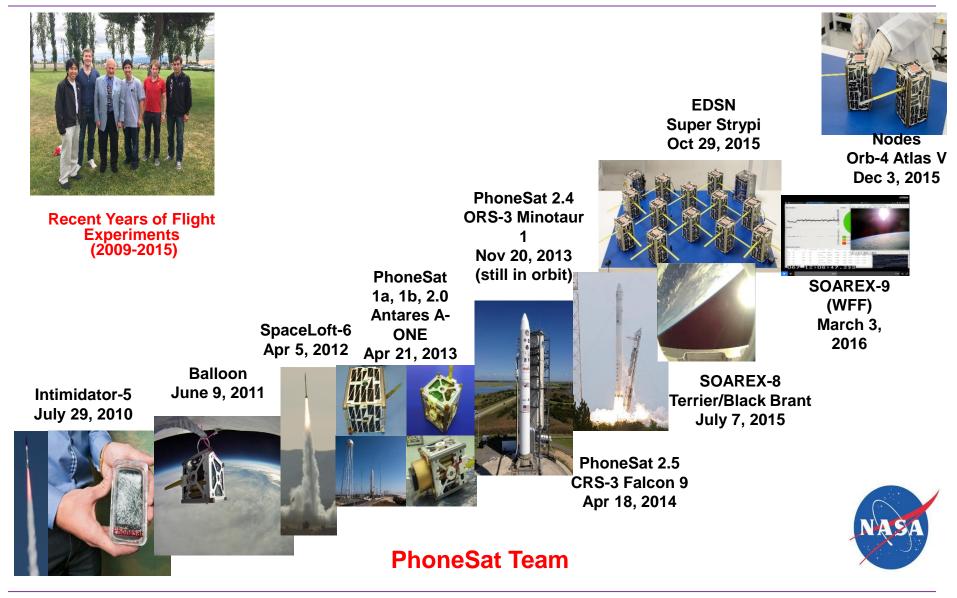
.here before

SOAREX/TechEdSat-N Team





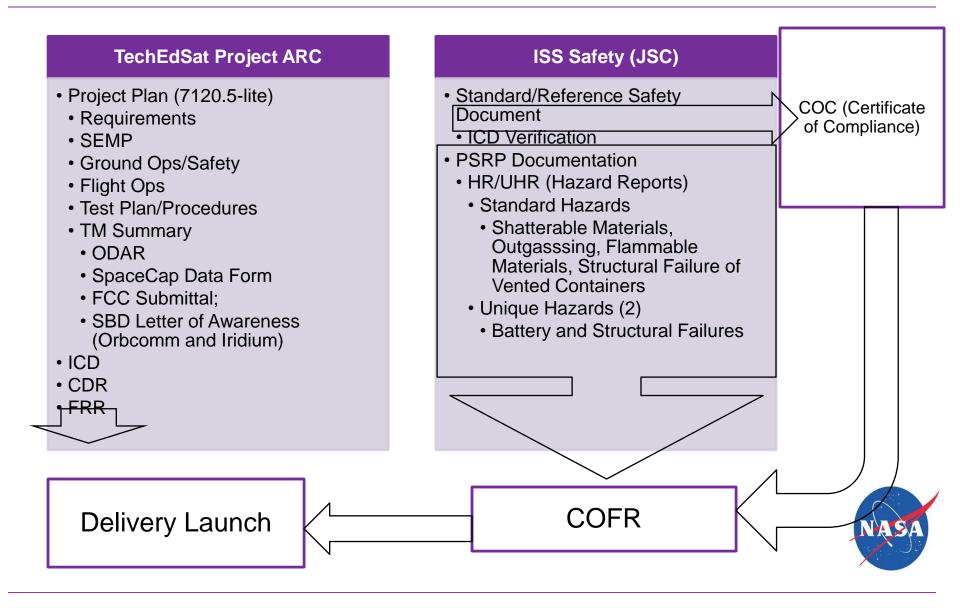






### **TechEdSat Process/Document Tree**



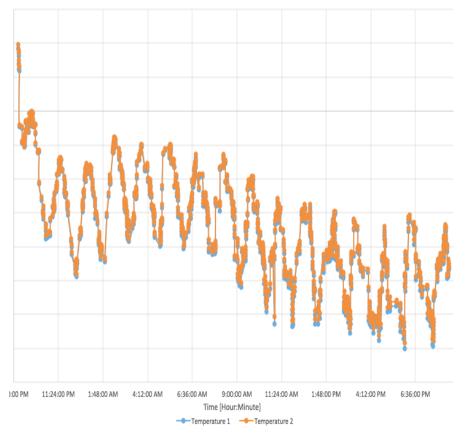






# **TES 2: Initial Iridium Flight Data**

Temperature Plot [Anteres Iridium Experiment] - Time Corrected



- Launched on April 21, 2013
- Produced excellent data
- Met all success criteria.

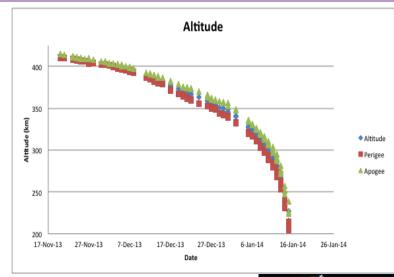




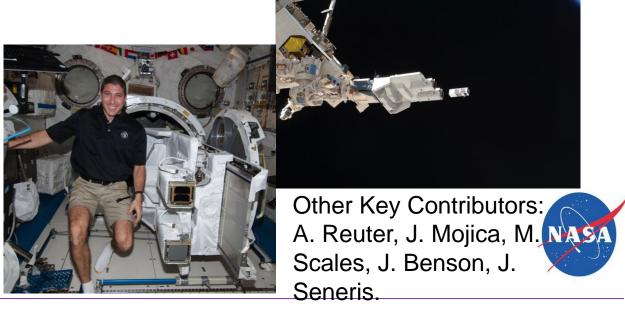
# **TechEdSat 3**



- We were 1<sup>st</sup> 3U Jettisoned from ISS
- Nominal Success Criteria
- First Exo-Brake
  Demonstration
- Advanced Manufacturing
- COM 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

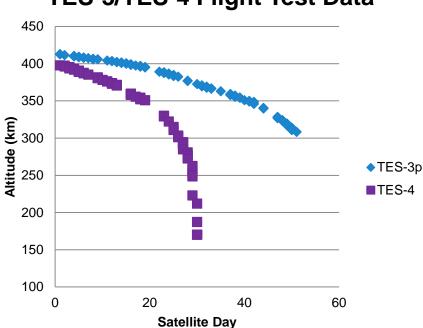






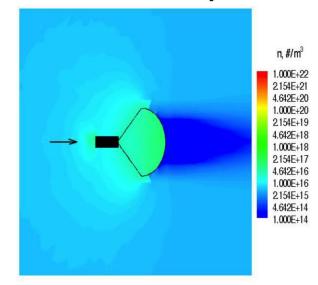






**TES-3/TES-4 Flight Test Data** 

Exo-Brake Number Density Contours at Centerline Plane DSMC Simulation Altitude = 236 km and Kn<sub>L</sub> = 1.00e+03



C.Glass/LaRC [DAC/DSMC]

\*Active work in progress to refine models based on flight data – including uncertainty analyses (F10.7; geometric variables)

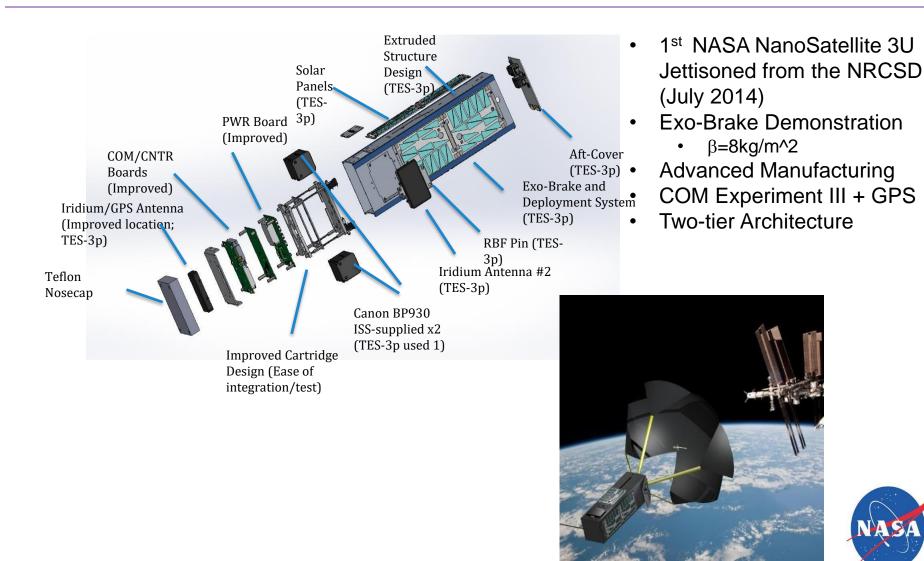


- for NASA internal use



### **TechEdSat-4**





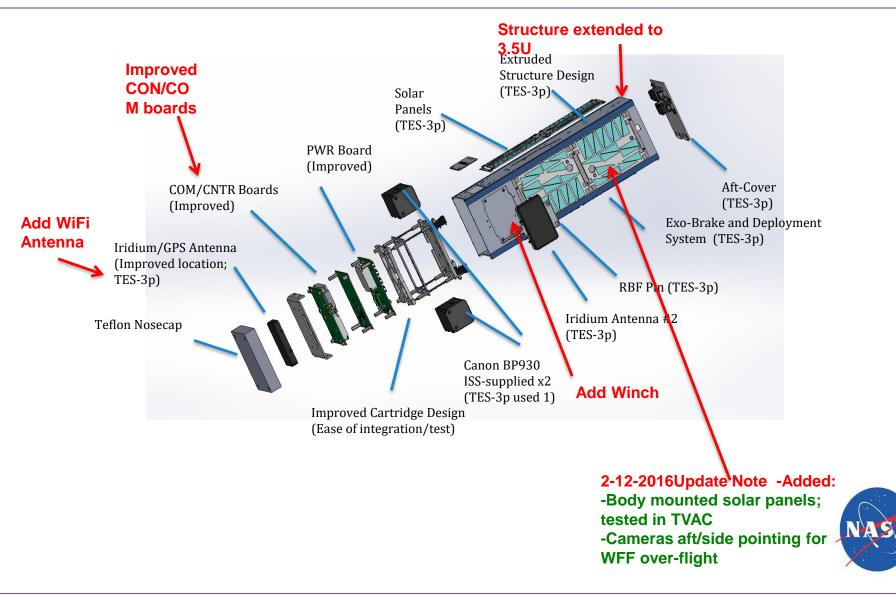


### - for NASA internal use



### **TechEdSat-5**

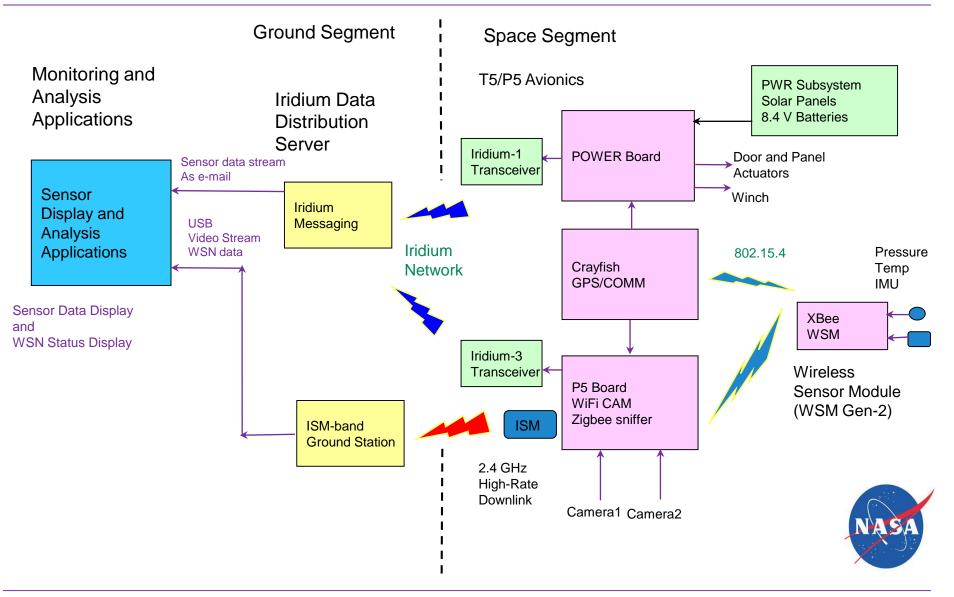






### T5/P5 Flight System Architecture and Dataflow





# TES-5 Science/Mission Objectives



### TES-5/P-5 Flight Unit

-Establish improved <u>uncertainty analysis</u> for eventual controlled flight through the Thermosphere (perform detailed comparison to the TES-3 and TES-4 with respect to key Thermosphere variable uncertainty).

-Improve prediction of re-entry location.

-Provide the base technology for sample return technology from orbital platforms.

-Provide the eventual testing of independent TDRV-based planetary missions

-Provide engineering data for an On-Orbit Tracking Device that could improve the prediction of jettisoned material from the ISS (per discussions with the TOPO group).



# **SOAREX 8**



#### SOAREX-8 Flight Test Conclusions

The SOAREX-8 payload functioned properly producing data from all elements

The Iridium modem sent three SBD messages

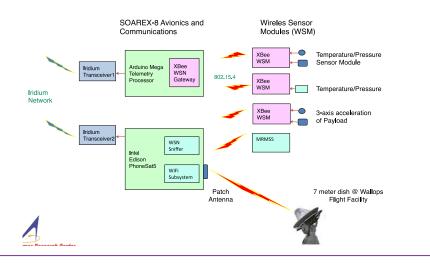
The WiFi downlink sent data the entire mission from activation until LOS Packets captured and archived

Video stream displayed on Ground Station Laptop

The WiFi downlink set a record for range to 334 km/206 miles altitude The WiFi downlink transmitted valid video for entire mission duration



#### SOAREX-8 Flight Configuration



### SOAREX-8 Innovation/Experiments

(10 Mbs Soln/ BitBeam)



PhoneSat 3.0 Flight Test

WiFi TM Demonstration (1 Mbs Soln)

TechEdSat-5 BUS Flt Test

Wireless Protocol Flight Test (Xbee Ser 1)

Milwaukee 28v Power System!

#### **Modified WiFi for Space Communications**

- Modified WiFi is particularly useful for low-cost University-led missions
  - Use is within FCC guidelines for 2.4 GHz ISM band
- IEEE 802.11b protocol uModified WiFi for Space Communications
- sing selected commercial-grade components
  - Components selected for performance and compatibility
  - Components tested in thermal/vacuum and for shock/vibration
  - The SOAREX-8 WiFi was downlink only
    - Set up MAC layer for half-duplex operation \_
    - Broadcast mode: No acknowledgement from the ground \_
    - Rate set to 1 Mbps to maximize link margin
  - Video was sent as VGA resolution at 5 frames/sec rate
  - H.264 video stream
  - Packet level transfer using Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP)
  - \_ DVB packet retransmission for error compensation \_

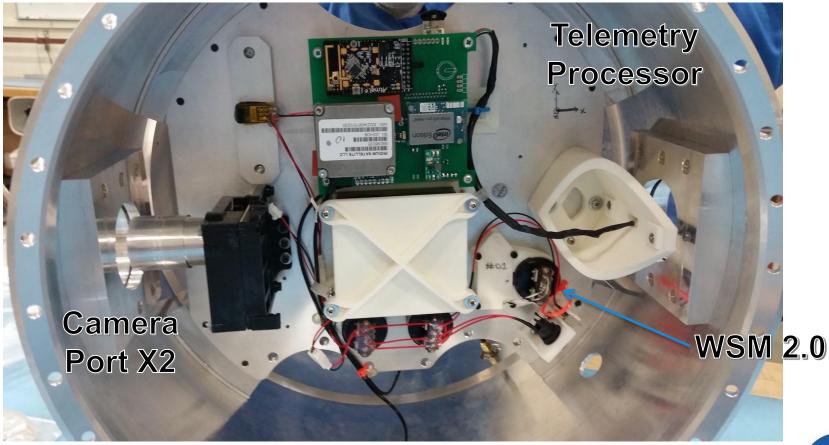
#### Range Extension

- Wallops Flight Facility tracking 7.3 m dishes used for 42 dBi gain
- Patch antenna on payload
- Receiver in telemetry room N162



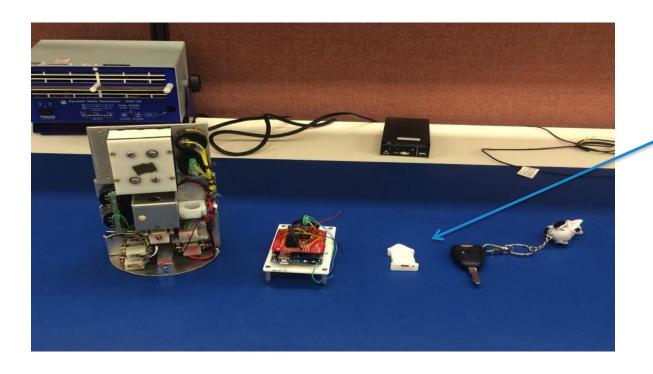












WSM 2.0 Experimen t on TES-5

#### **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...







	TES-1	TES-2	TES-3p	TES-4	SOARE X-8	SOARE X-9	TES-5
Iridium	N/A	1616- 1626.5 MHz	1616- 1626.5 MHz	1616- 1616.5 MHz	1616- 1626.5 MHz	1616- 1626.5 MHz	1616- 1626.5 MHz
StenSat	437.465 MHz	N/A	437.465 MHz	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ISM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2457 MHz	2457 MHz	2457 MHz
WSM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2410 MHz	2410 MHz	2410 MHz

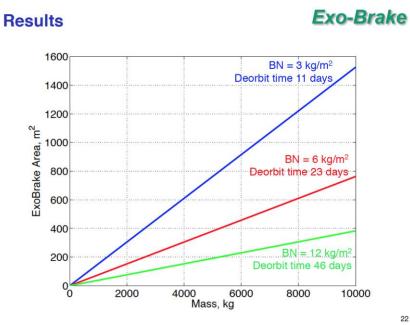


### - for NASA internal use

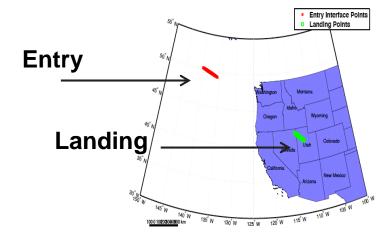




Sample Return/Re-entry Targeting With Modulated Exo-Brale: Validation – it WORKS!



Application to larger payloads



S. Dutta, A. Cianciolo, R. Powell , (LaRC)





# What is Next?

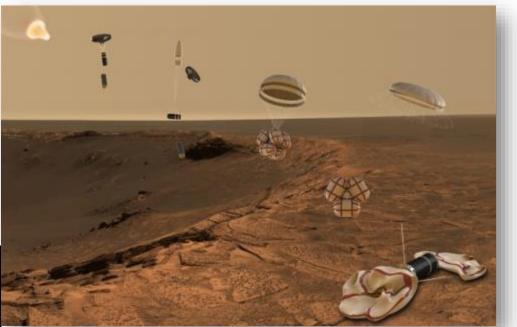


### **ISS Sample Return**

### **SPQR-Small Payload Quick Return**

- 3 stage concept
- On-demand sample return
- COM IV experiment





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

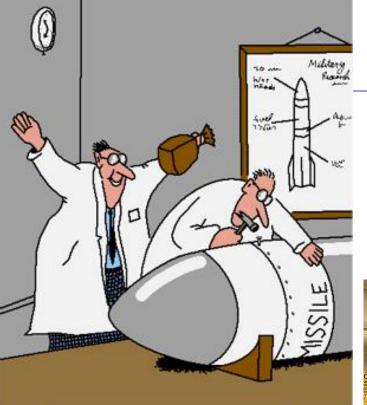




- TES-N/Phone-N series has helped to train ~40 individual now at NASA, SpaceX, Boeing, Lockheed and ...Startups!
- Several 'Firsts' for ISS-deployed experiments
- Numerous Technologies Advanced
  - COM [LOW data rate up/downlink Iridium; MEDIUM and HIGH data rate]
    - Commanding the nanosat via EMAIL
  - Fabrication
  - De-Orbit Systems (Exo-Brake MODULATED!)
  - Evolving 2-tier Architecture
    - ✓ Arduino/Intel-Edison-Linux based platforms
- Pioneered Safety Processes for ISS Satellite Jettison
- Future Work leads to ISS Sample Return, Advance Reentry Development ..... And Mars!









### Lighter Moments!!



