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# Technology Demonstration Missions Program

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# STMD Programs



Transformative &  
Crosscutting  
Technology  
Breakthroughs

Pioneering Concepts/  
Developing  
Innovation  
Community

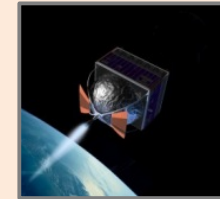
Creating Markets &  
Growing Innovation  
Economy



**Game Changing  
Development Program**



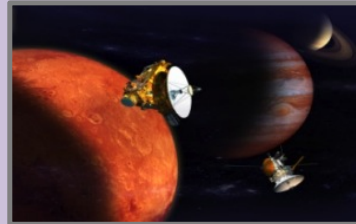
**Technology  
Demonstration  
Missions Program**



**Small Spacecraft  
Technologies Program**



**Space Technology  
Research Grant Program**



**NASA Innovative  
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(NIAC) Program**



**Center Innovation Fund  
Program**



**Centennial Challenges  
Prize Program**



**Small Business Innovation Research  
& Small Business Technology  
Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Program**



**Flight Opportunities  
Program**





# Why TDM



Infusing Revolutionary, Crosscutting Technologies to  
Benefit NASA and the Nation



# Technology Demonstration Missions

## Major Events & Milestones

2012



Telerobotics



MEDLI

2013



Telerobotics

2014

Solar Sail



Telerobotics



Supersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator

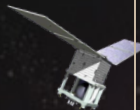


2015

Atomic Clock



Green Propellant



Supersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator



2016

2017



Cryogenic Propellant



SEP Demo Mission

2018



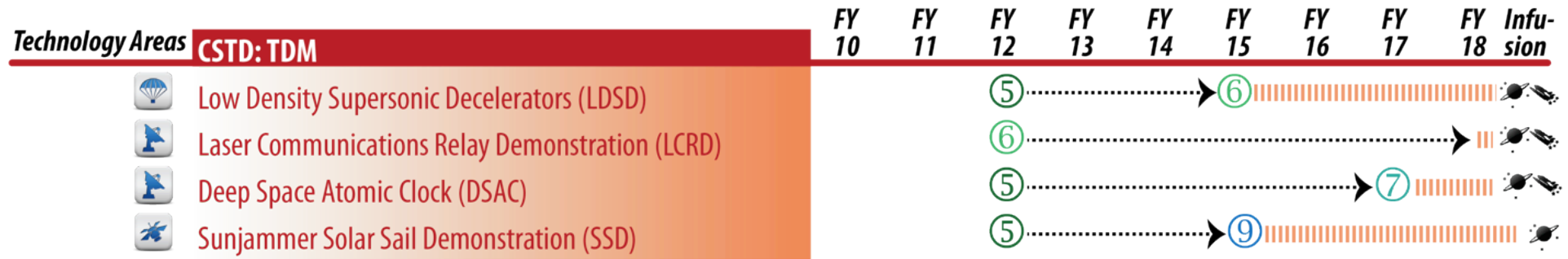
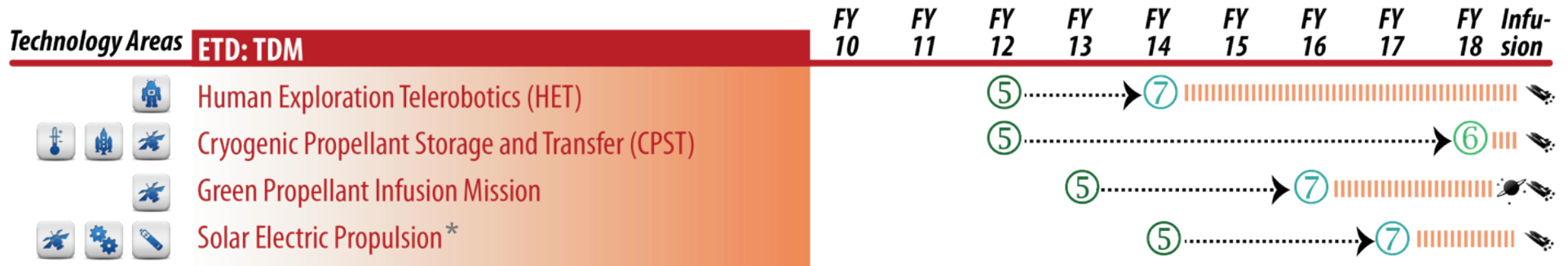
Laser Communications

Future Planning





# TDM Portfolio



<b>Technology Areas (TA)</b>	TA.4. Robotics	TA.8. Sci. Instr./Sensors	TA.12. Materials/Structures	Infusion path to:
TA.1. Launch Propulsion	TA.5. Comm./Navigation	TA.9. EDL	TA.13. Ground/Launch	Science
TA.2. In-Space Propulsion	TA.6. Human Health	TA.10. Nanotechnology	TA.14. Thermal	Exploration
TA.3. Space Power/Storage	TA.7. Human Expl. Dest.	TA.11. Modeling/Simulation	Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) ① → ⑨	

\*SEP does not become a TDM until FY2014



# TDM Portfolio



Ph	Project	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	
Implementation	LDSD	[Blue bar]		Demo ▲	Demos ▲▲					
	SSD	[Blue bar]		Launch ▲	Demo					
	HET	Demos ▲	▲	▲▲	▲▲					
	MEDLI	▲ Launch								
Formulation	CPST	[Blue bar]				Launch ▲	Demo			
	LCRD	[Blue bar]			Launch ▲ Demo					
	DSAC	[Blue bar]			Launch ▲	Demo				
	GPIM		[Blue bar]	Launch ▲						



# Green Propellant Infusion Mission (GPIM) Overview



**Overview:** GPIM is a spaceflight demonstration of a complete propulsion system for spacecraft attitude control and primary propulsion using the "Green Propellant" AF-M315E developed by AFRL as a substitute to Hydrazine

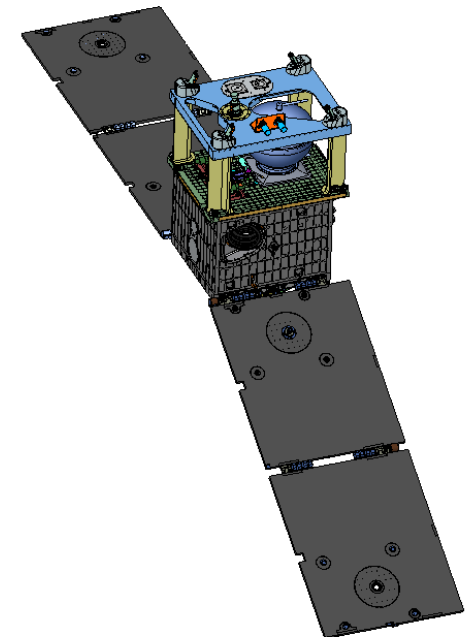
**Benefits:** Utilizing AFM-315E will significantly reduce the safety restrictions and complexities placed on hydrazine ground operations while substantially increasing performance (50% improvement over hydrazine)

**Thrusters:** One 22 N and four 1 N thrusters with new high-temperature catalyst technology designed, developed, and tested by Aerojet. Cost comparable to hydrazine thrusters.

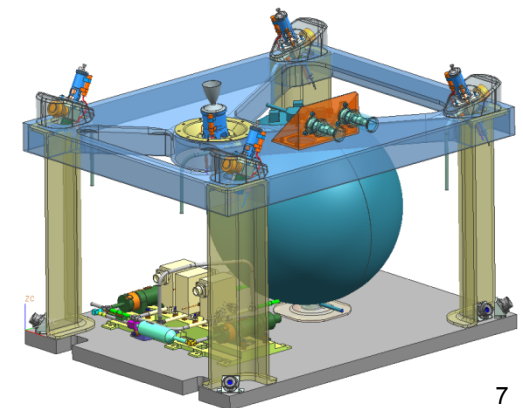
**Spacecraft bus:** Flight-proven Ball Configurable Platform (BCP) 100 bus

**Access to space:** Secondary payload (ESPA compatible) on DOD Space Test Program launch STP-2 (Falcon Heavy) in Fall 2015

**Team members:** Ball Aerospace (lead), Aerojet, Air Force Research Laboratory, Space & Missile Systems Center, NASA Glenn Research Center, NASA Kennedy Space Center



GPIM spacecraft



GPIM propulsion system

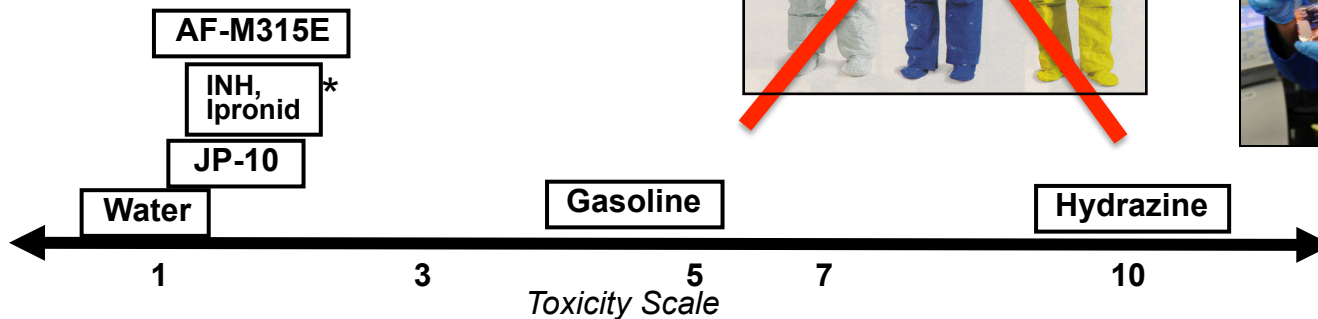


# Propellant Characteristics



- AMF-315E was developed by AFRL in 1998 as an alternative to Hydrazine
  - Focus on reducing toxicity and increasing performance
- Propellant is an ionic salt blend of HAN (Hydroxylammonium Nitrate) solid oxidizer with water and a compatible fuel
- >50% improvement in volumetric performance versus hydrazine

- **Less toxic (LD50) than caffeine**
- **Negligible vapor toxicity allows propellant loading with typical PPE (no SCAPE or monitoring requirement)**



\*, INH used in treating tuberculosis; Iprnid is an antidepressant drug





# Project Team

## Ball Aerospace

- Program Lead – PM & PI
- Project System Engineering
- Mission requirements
- Flight thruster performance verification
- Ground and flight data review
- BCP-100
- AI&T
- Launch and Flight Support

## Aerojet Redmond Operations – Co-I

- Green propulsion payload
- 1N and 22N thruster development
- Payload integration
- Ground and flight data review

## NASA GRC – Co-I

- Plume modeling
- Thruster independent testing
- Experimental plume diagnostics
- Ground and flight data review

## Air Force SMC

- Mission Operations
- Ground Segment Support
- STPSat GSE

## Kennedy Space Center – Co-I

- IMLI for flight experiment
- Green propellant handling, loading processes
- Propellant assay analysis
- Ground and flight data review

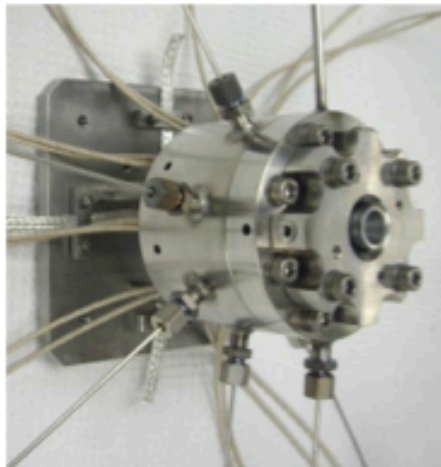
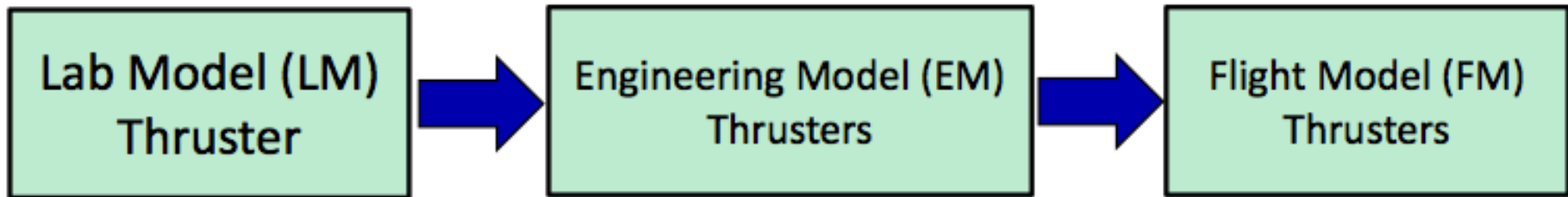
## AFRL Edwards – Co-I

- Propellant (contribution)
- Propellant loading cart (contribution)
- Propellant loading
- Ground and flight data review

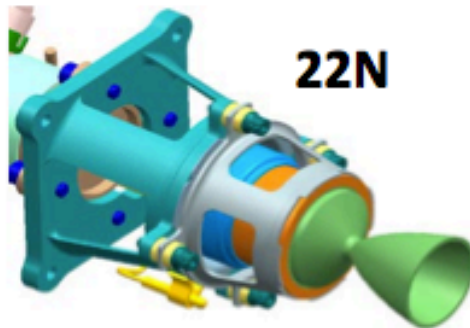




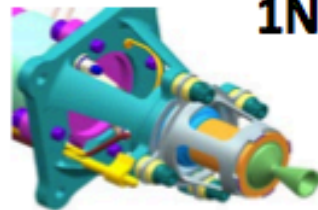
# Thruster Development



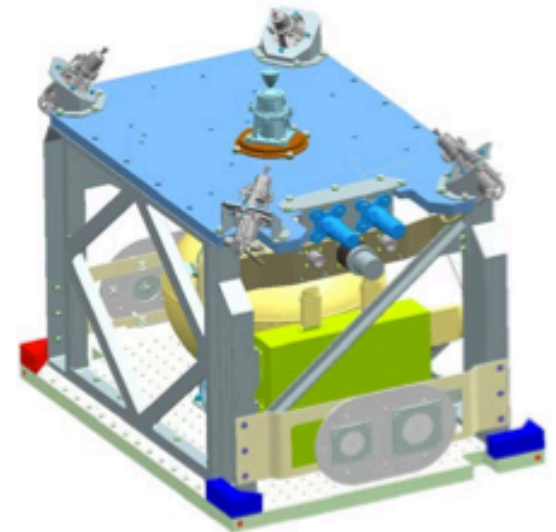
**22N**



**22N**

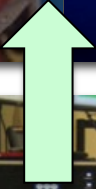
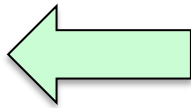
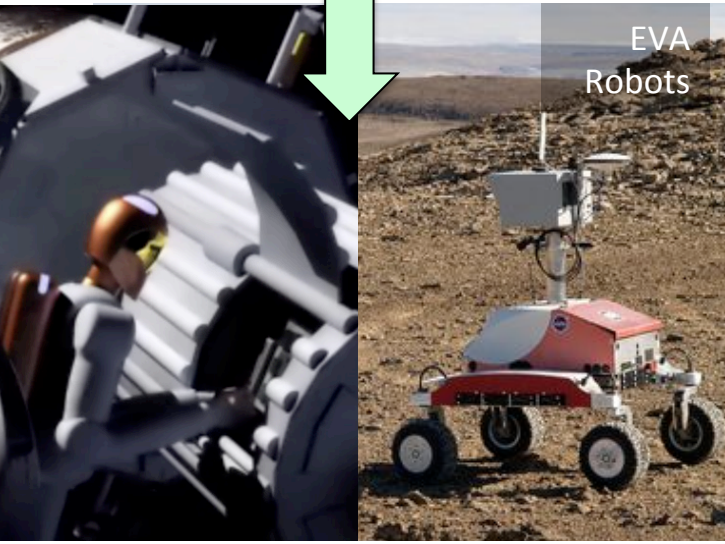
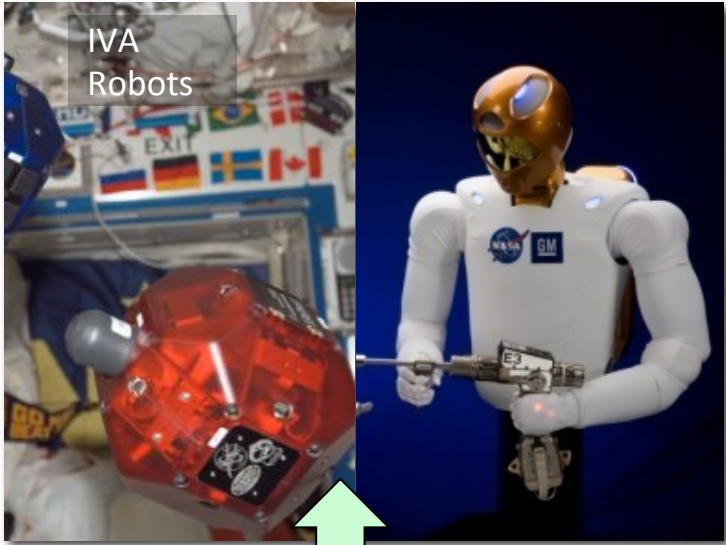


**1N**





# Human Exploration Telerobotics



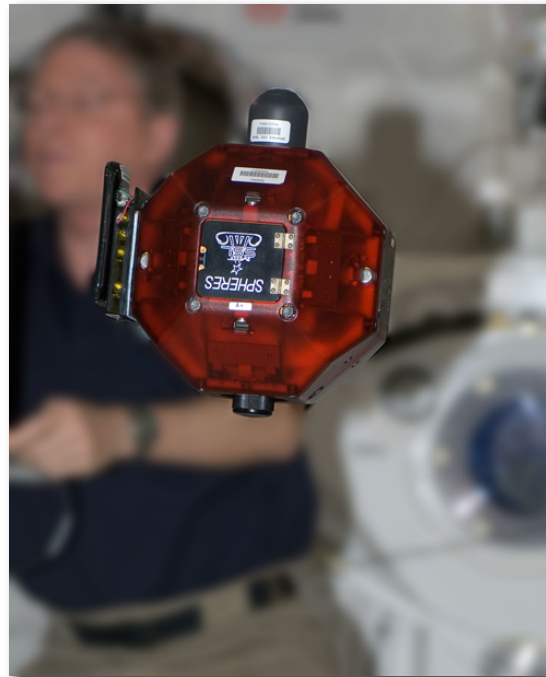


# Telerobotics Systems



## Robonaut 2 (R2)

- Humanoid robot (42 DOF, human-scale/ safe)
- Ground control and crew centric operations
- Perform dexterous manipulation tasks



## Smart SPHERES

- Free-flying robot (6 axis, cold-gas propulsion)
- Ground control and crew centric operations
- Perform remotely operated mobile sensor tasks



## Surface Telerobotics

- Mobile robot on surface (Moon, asteroid, Mars)
- Crew centric operations from inside flight vehicle
- Perform surface activities before/support/after crew





# Surface Telerobotics Roadmap



## Ground Analogs



Develop systems for crew teleoperation of surface robots

Implement and test multiple conops

Simulate future human mission concepts

*HRS, AES*

**HET**

## ISS Laboratory

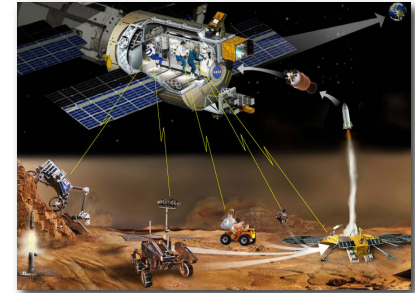


Obtain baseline system engineering data

Validate & correlate prior ground simulations via high-fidelity ops sims

Reduce risk (exploration architectures based on inaccurate assumptions)

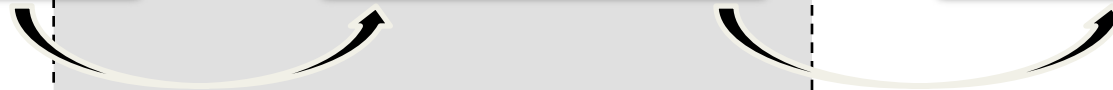
## Beyond LEO



Enable crew to operate telerobots when site, dynamics and distance preclude ground control

Enable crew to operate surface robot from orbit when circumstances preclude ground control

*HEOMD missions*







# Surface Telerobotics





# Surface Telerobotics



ARC

Ames Research Center

JSC

Johnson Space Center



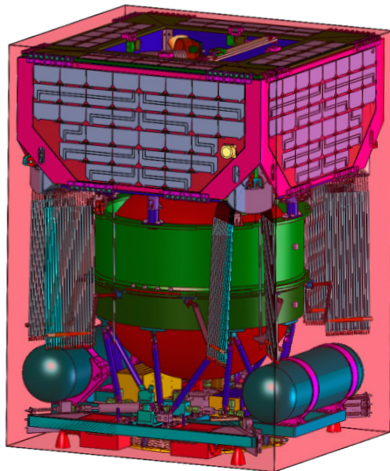
# Sunjammer



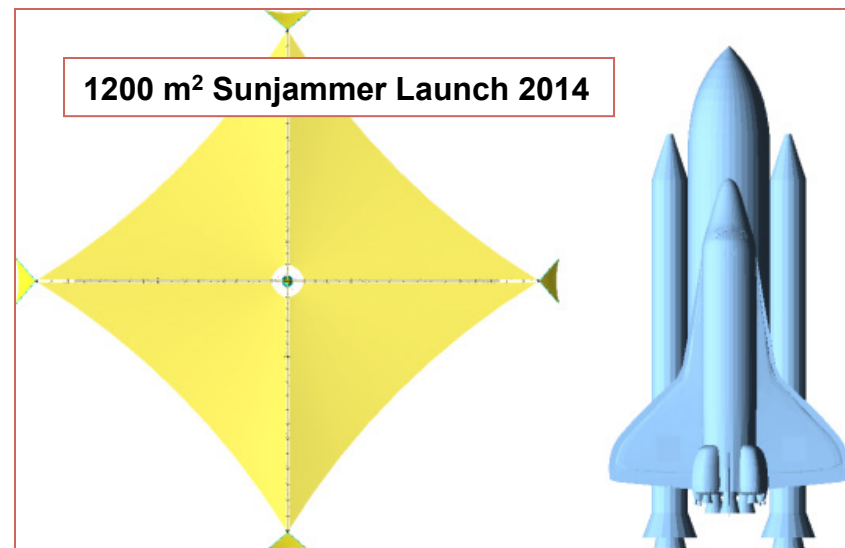
- Demonstration of a mission infusible solar sail co-manifested with DSCOVR
- Sunjammer mission objectives
  - Deployment
  - Attitude Control
  - Navigation



318 m<sup>2</sup> ISP Solar Sail 2005



**Dim.: 28in x 28in x 38in**  
**Mass: 153kg (wet)**



1200 m<sup>2</sup> Sunjammer Launch 2014

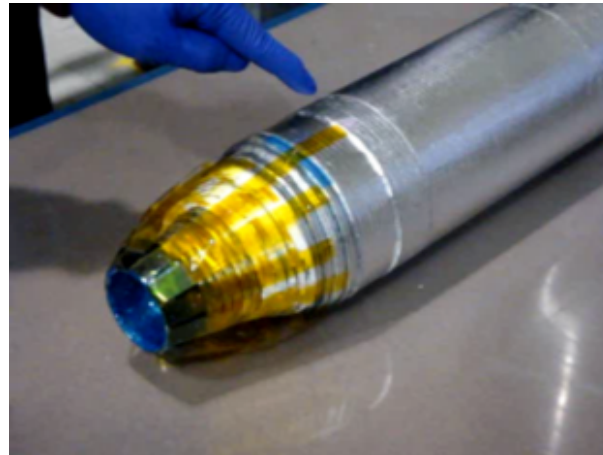




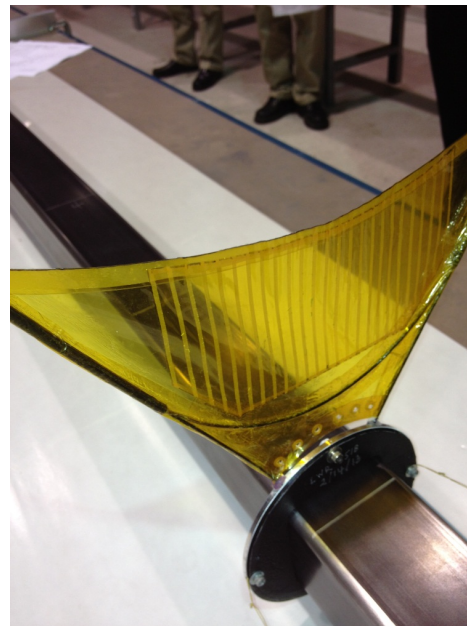
# Sunjammer



Boom Stowed



Spreader Web with  
Spreader Lines Stowed



Spreader Web with  
Spreader Lines Deployed



Full Length Boom Deployed



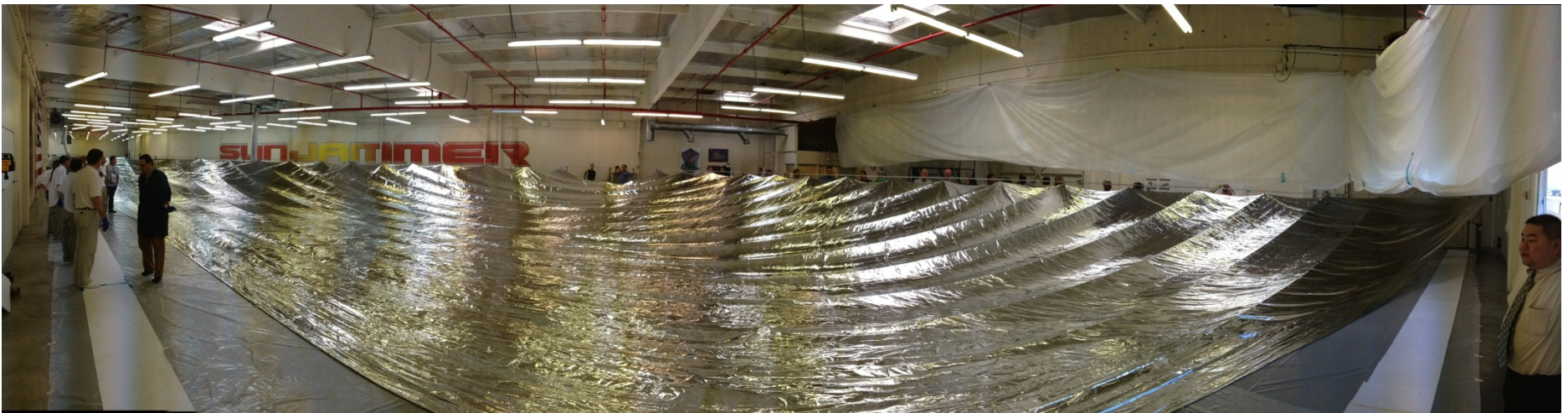


# Sunjammer



Video - Typical Sail  
Folding Technique  
(ISP Sail)

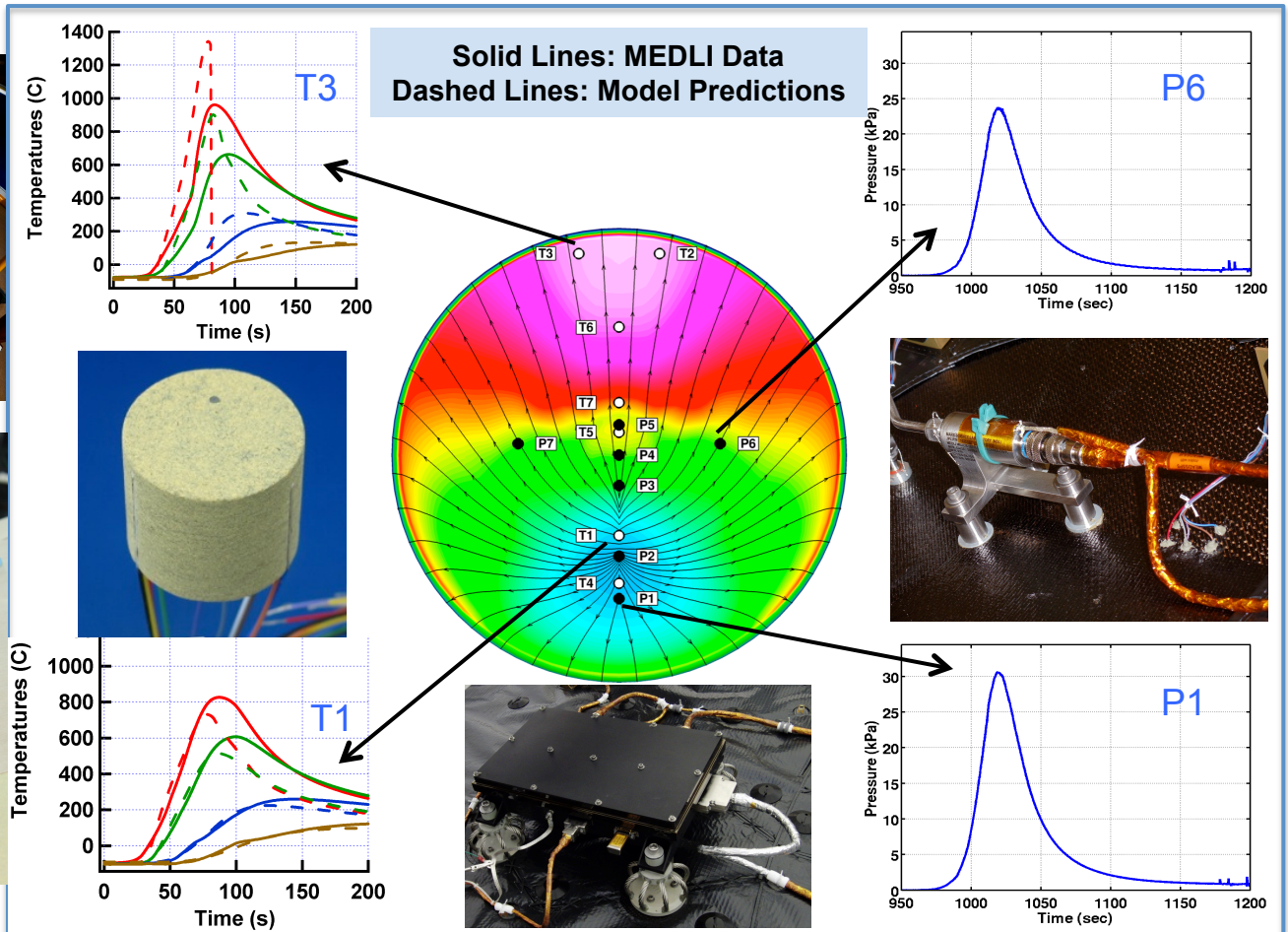
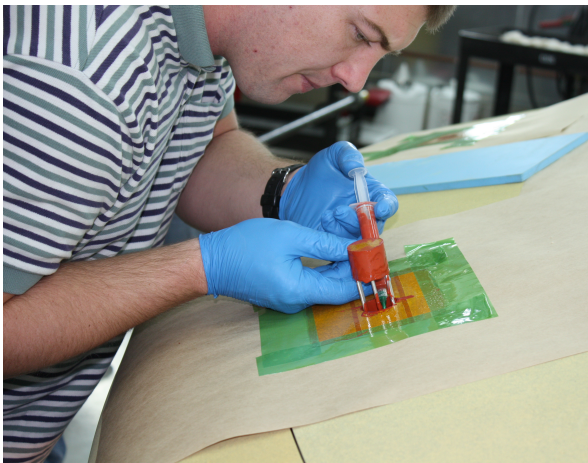
## ETU Sail Deployment Development June 2013



Full Scale ETU Sail Suspended  
from Manual Deployment Fixture



# MSL Entry, Descent and Landing Instrument Flight Data



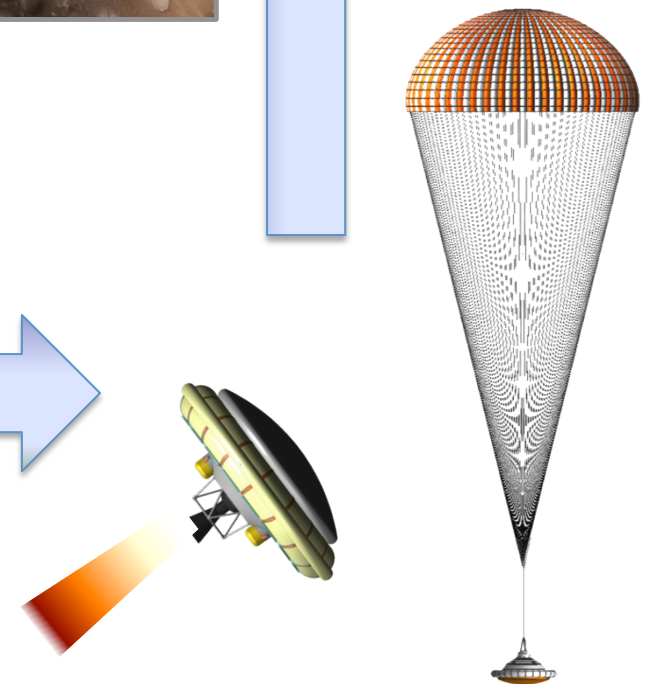
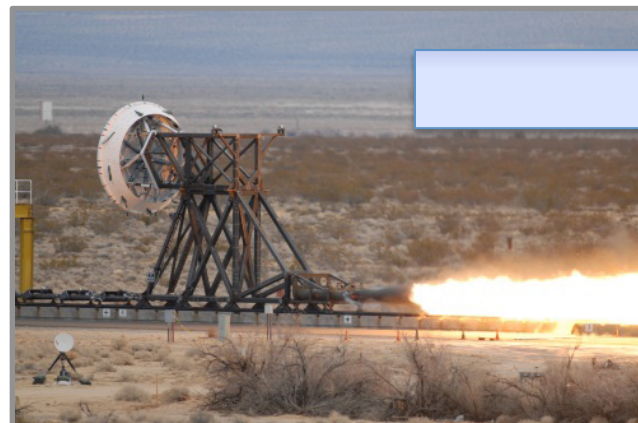
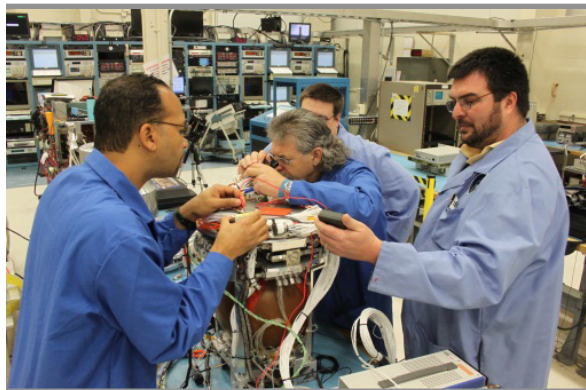
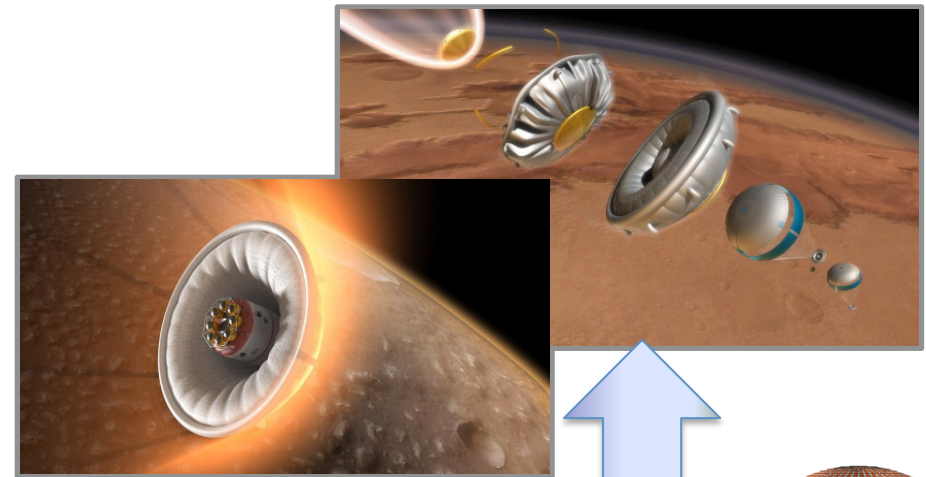
- **MEDLI** (Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Entry, Descent and Landing Instrumentation) successfully measured temperature and pressure on MSL's heatshield during Mars entry on August 6, 2012.
- **MEDLI Thermal data** shows heating predictions were high in some places and low in others; recession less than 0.1"
- **MEDLI Pressure data** shows the spacecraft flew as expected, and encountered some winds below 15 km



# Low Density Supersonic Decelerator



- LDSD is designing and testing EDL systems to enable a new class of planetary entry vehicles
- Improvement over MSL
  - Up to 1mt increase in landed mass
  - 25% increase in elevation
  - 3x reduction in landing ellipse





# LDSD Components



**SIAD-R (6m)  
Decelerator**



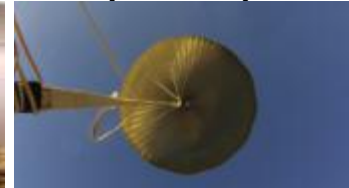
**SIAD-E (8m)  
Decelerator**



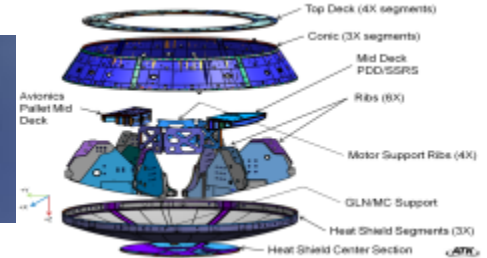
**Ballute (4.4m)  
(Chute Deployment  
Device)**



**Supersonic  
Parachute  
(30.5m)**

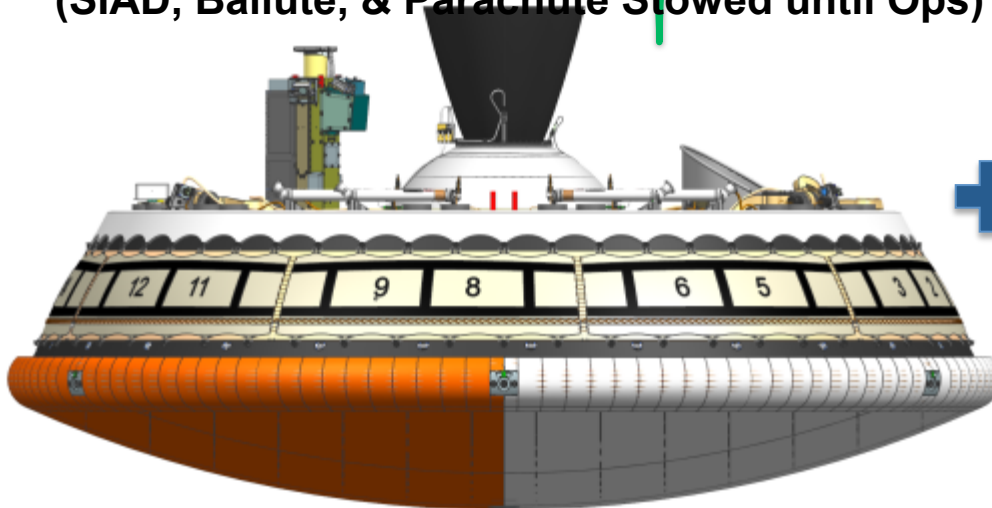


**Core Structure  
(Including Heatshield)**



The components above along with the Avionics Pallet, Star 48-Motor, Spin Motors, GLN-MAC (IMU), cameras, etc. comprise the Test Vehicle shown below

**Test Vehicle (TV)  
(SIAD, Ballute, & Parachute Stowed until Ops)**



**Balloon**



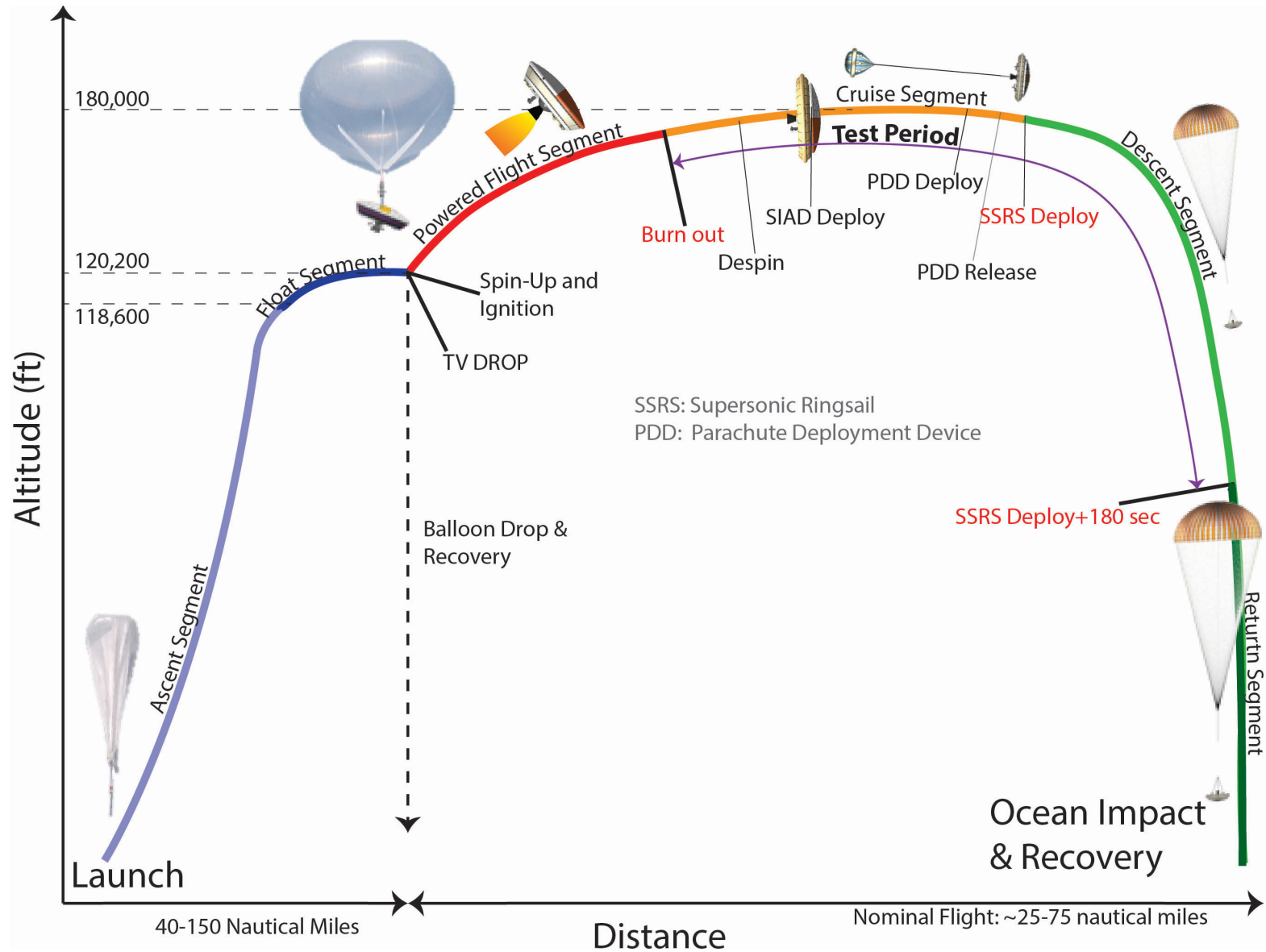
**Launch  
Tower**



SET  
UP  
PHASE

*(Not to Scale)*

# Launch & Trajectory Overview



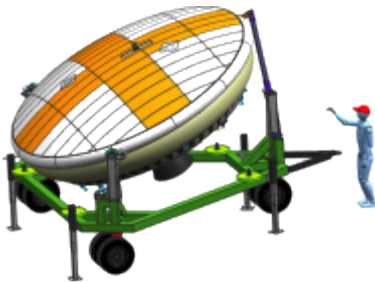




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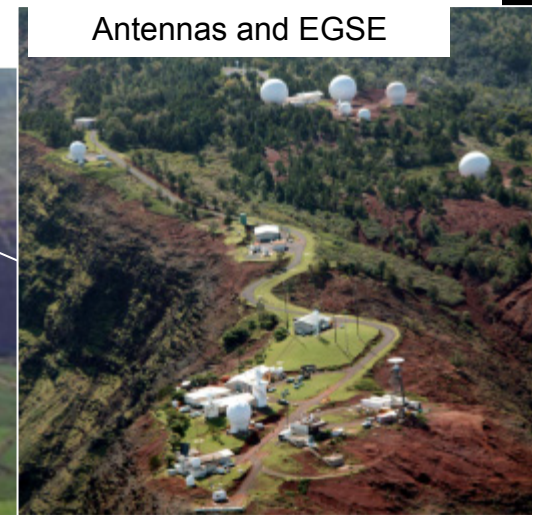
Test Vehicle Integration



Ocean Recovery  
*(not to scale)*

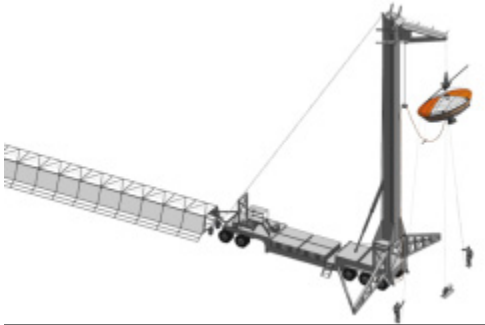
Makaha Ridge

Antennas and EGSE



Missile Assembly Building

Balloon Launch Area

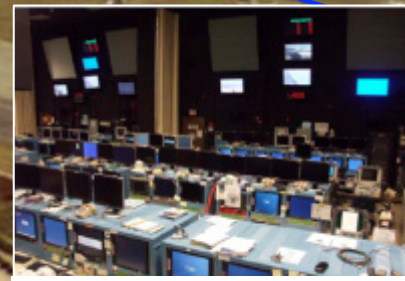


Red Label Area

Fabric Hangar

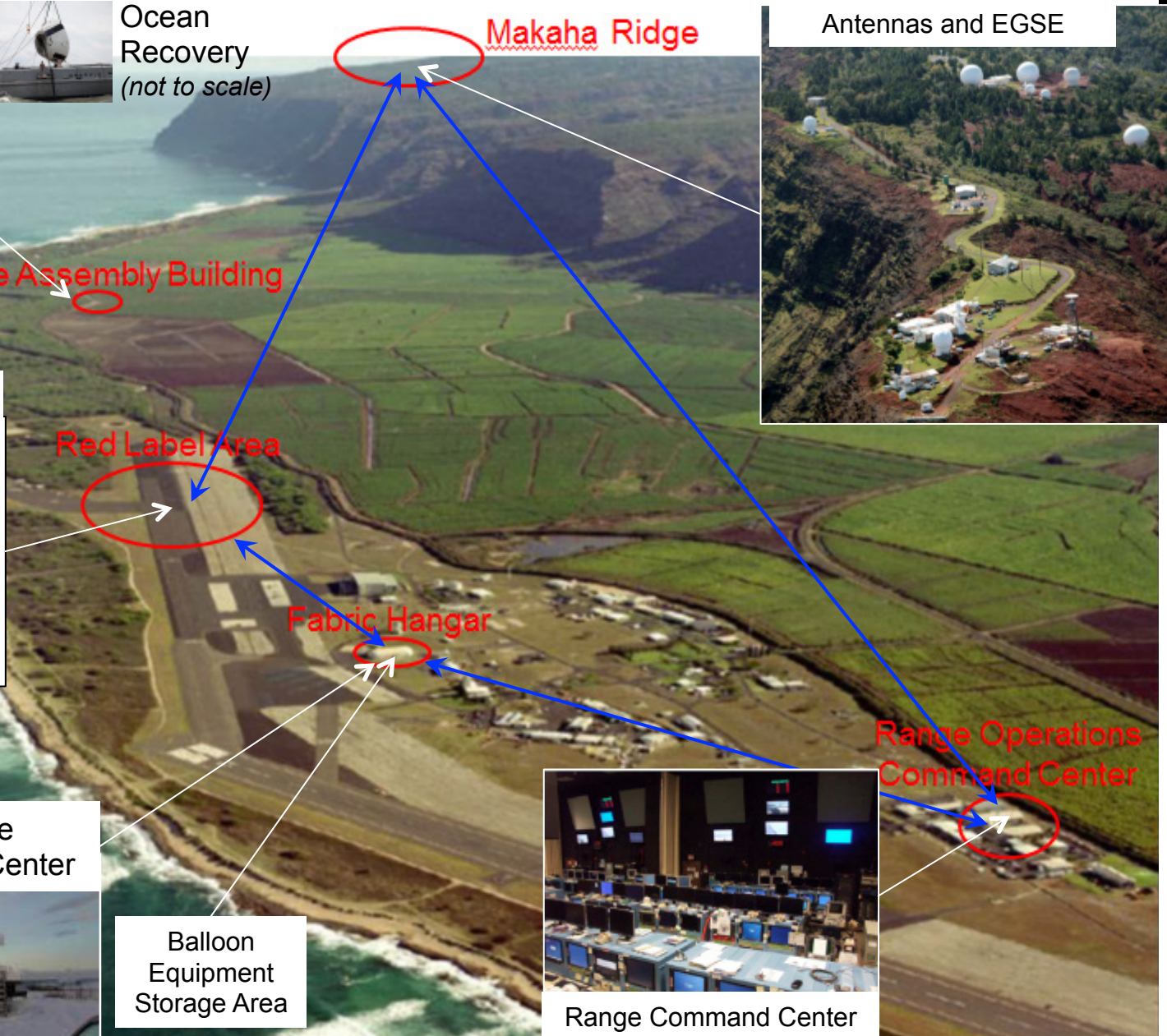
Range Operations Command Center

CSBF Mobile Command Center



Range Command Center

Balloon Equipment Storage Area



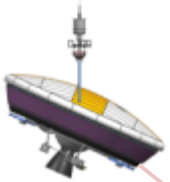




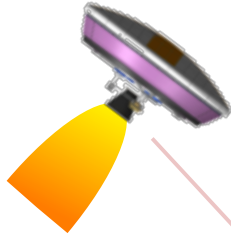
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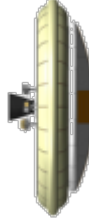
**Test Start:**  
Test Vehicle  
Separates  
from Balloon



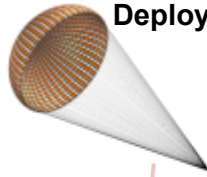
**Rocket Powered  
Flight:** aimed NE



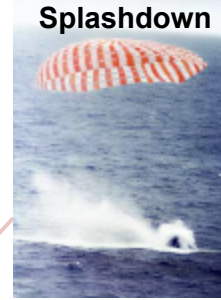
**Decelerator  
Deployed**



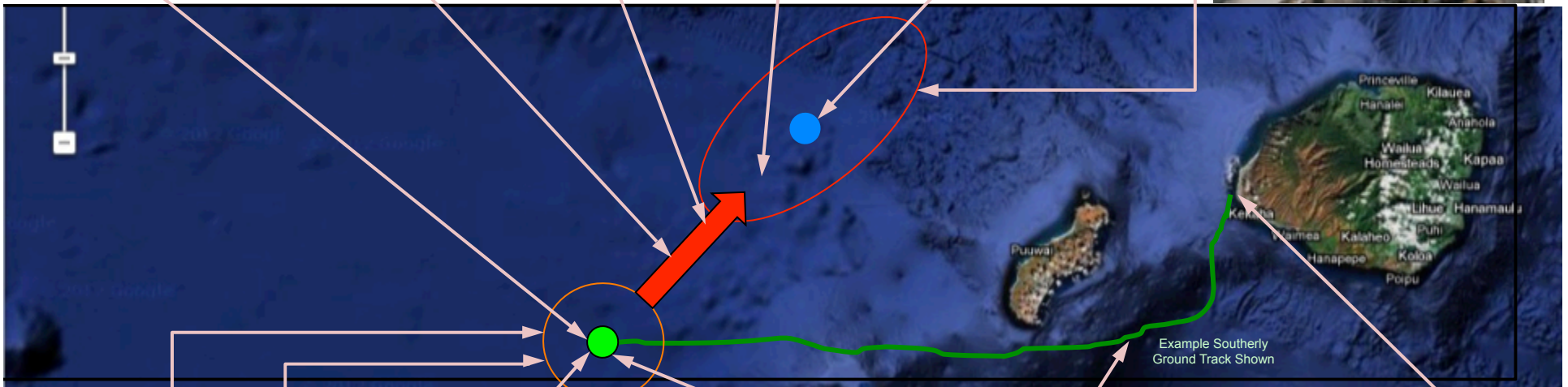
**Parachute  
Deployed**



**Test Vehicle  
Splashdown**



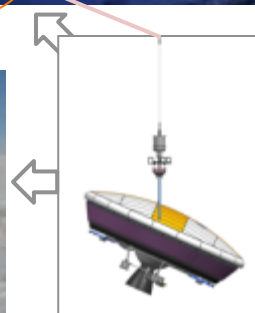
**Test Vehicle Landing &  
Water Recovery Footprint**



**Balloon Flight  
Termination Point**



**Balloon Water Landing  
and Recovery Footprint**



Drop Alt.: 120,000 ft






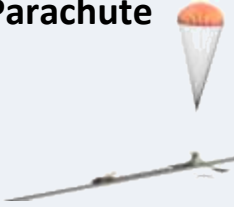


Balloon Climb-out Ground Track



Balloon Launch

# Component Milestones



LDSD Component	Status	Next Milestone Event or Phase	SFDT #s* 1 - Jun 2014 (-R) 2 - Jun 2015 (-R) 3 - Jul 2015 (-R) 4 - Aug 2015 (-E)
<b>SIAD-R</b> 	Completed all Fab and Proof tests Development including Rocket Sled tests at China Lake, and Rapid Inflation Tests; Flight Units in Fab	Flight SIAD-R will be integrated to test Vehicle during I&T at JPL Jan - Mar 2014	1 - 3
<b>SIAD-E</b> 	Final stages of Designing and beginning Fab	SIAD Development Verification Tests using Rocket Sled at China Lake Jan - Mar 2014	4 (fly on last Balloon flight)
<b>Ballute</b> 	Design completed; Fab of the first test ballute has started.	Structural & Inflation Sept - Oct 2013	1 - 4
<b>Parachute</b> 	Final stages of Design and Development Testing; Fab of first two test parachutes (Disk Sail and Ring Sail) has started and one is nearing completion.	Conduct next round of Parachute Verification Tests at China Lake Sept - Dec 2013	1 - 4
<b>Core Structure</b> 	In Fabrication	Complete fab and Testing NLT Dec 2013 for I&T at JPL Jan - Mar 2014	1 - 4
<b>Launch Tower</b> 	Fabrication and Check-Out Completed; Shipped to Ft. Summer	Integrated with Small Balloon and TV Simulator and tested at Ft. Summer, NM in Aug 2013	1 - 4





# Rocket Sled Test at China Lake (Nov 2012)





# Rocket Sled Test at China Lake (Nov 2012)









# Build Charts

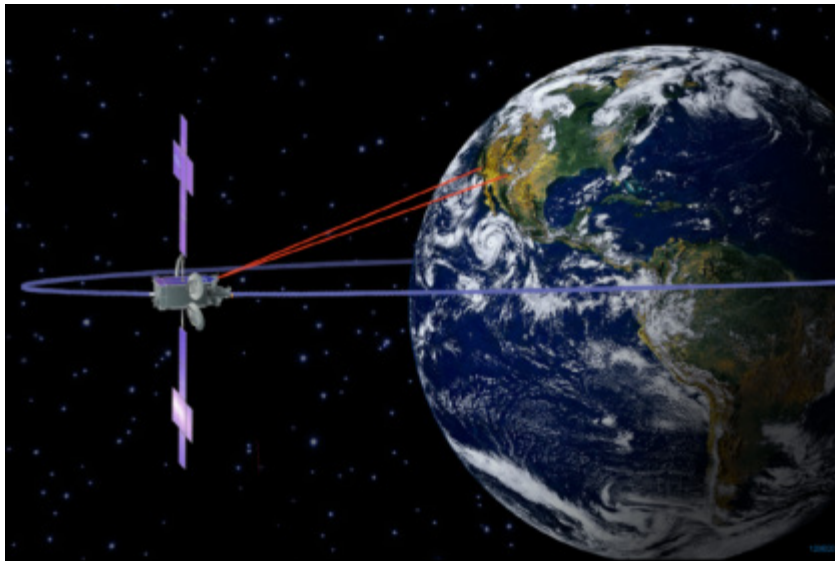




# Laser Communications Relay Demonstration



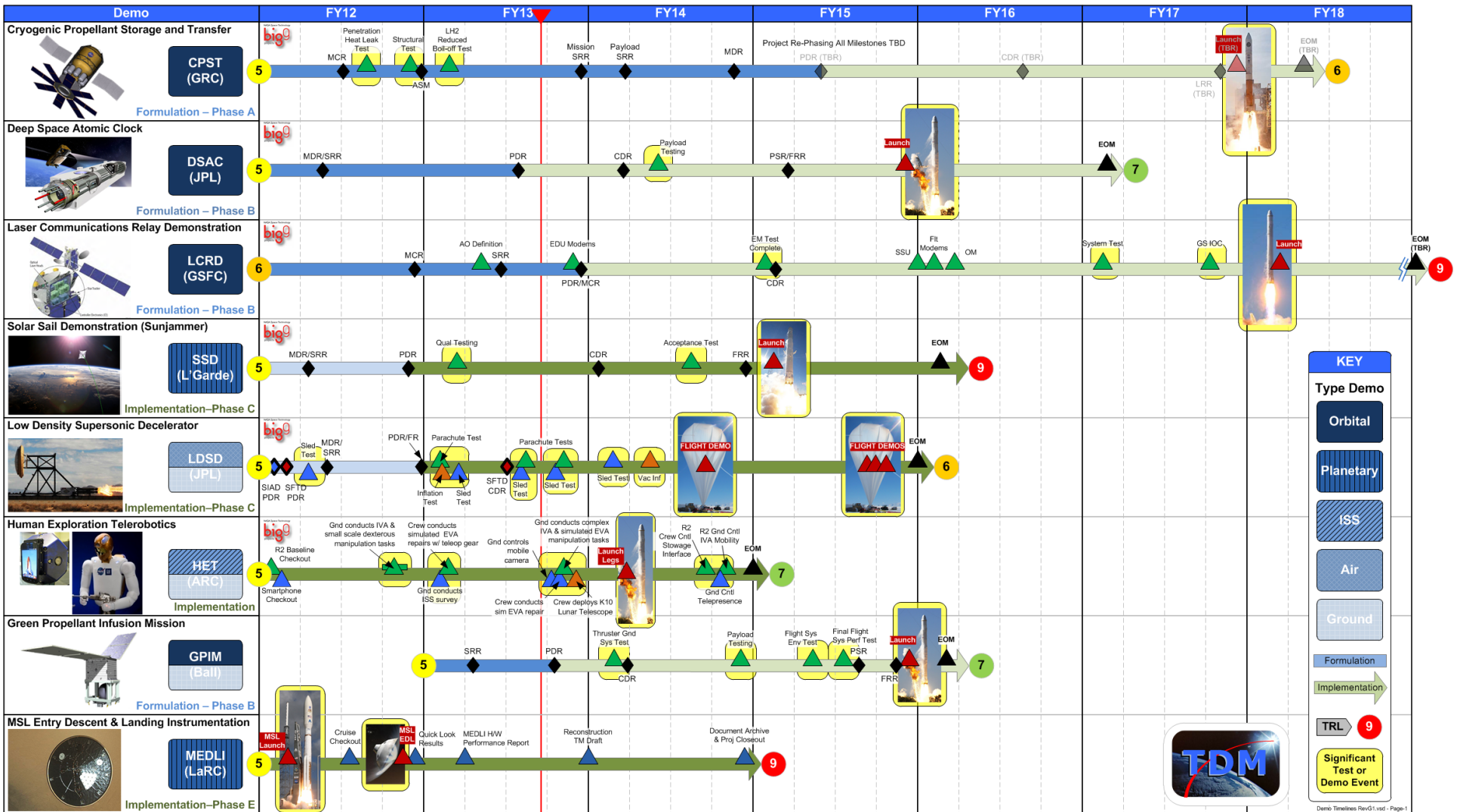
**Project Summary:** NASA's first, long-duration optical communications mission. The project will help mature concepts and deliver technologies applicable to both near-Earth and deep-space communication network missions.





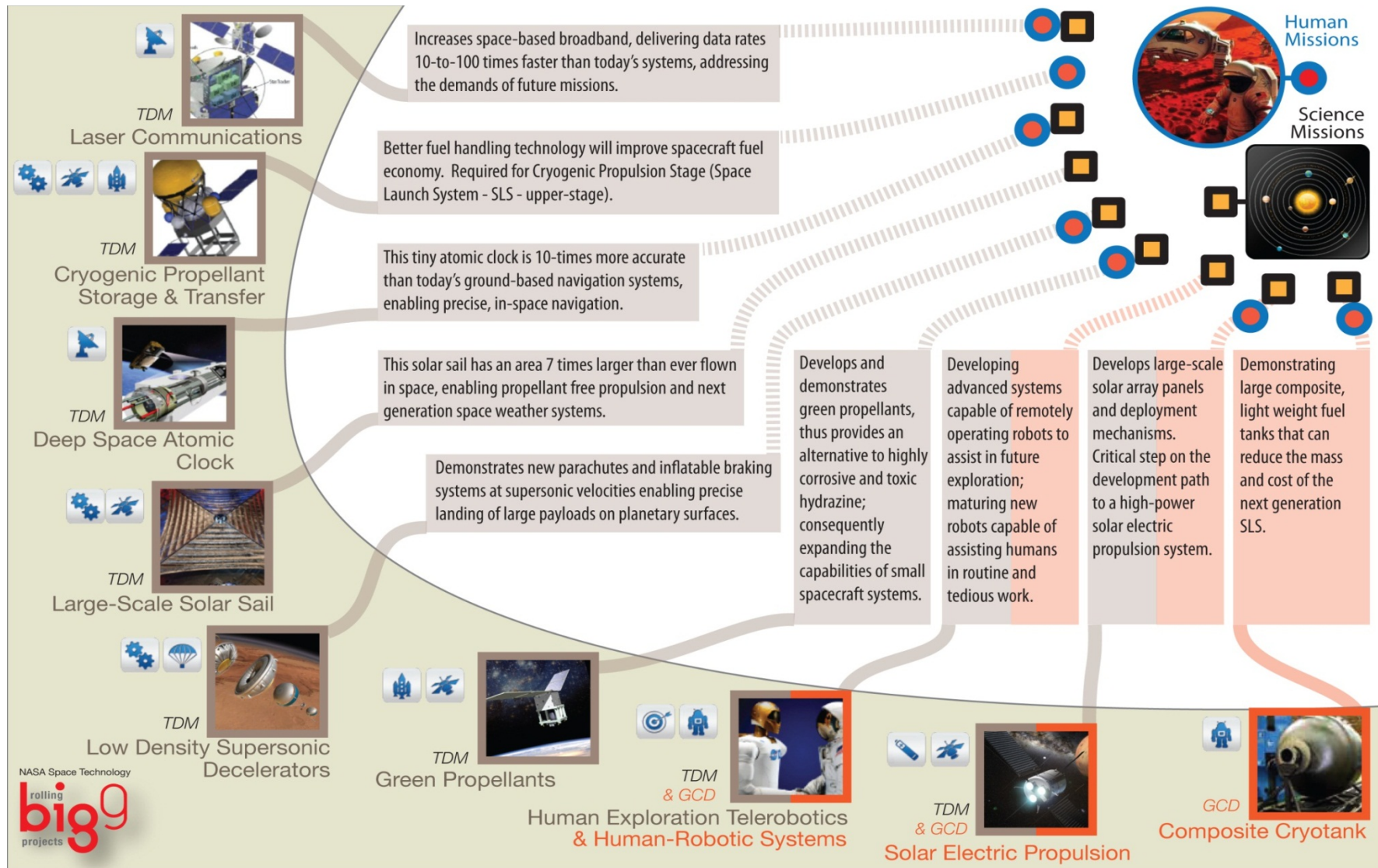


# Major Milestones





# FY2014 Big Nine





# Robonaut Roadmap

## JSC Laboratory



Develop dexterous robot suitable for human tasks

Explicitly human safe motions

Fixed base and mobile robot prototypes

HRS, RSAA

**HET**

## ISS Laboratory



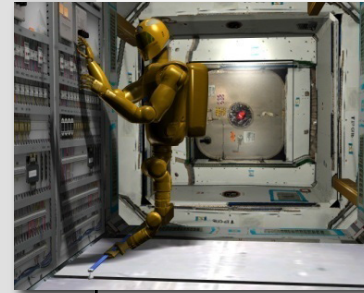
Verify 0g operations

Characterize robot performance parameters in LEO

Develop capabilities to perform useful IVA work

Fixed base robot

## ISS IVA



Assist IVA crew

Routine maintenance

Interior cleaning

Equipment calibration

Remote science

Mobile robot

## ISS EVA



Improve EVA efficiency through worksite prep & tear-down / stow

Expand EVA capabilities while reducing risks to the crew

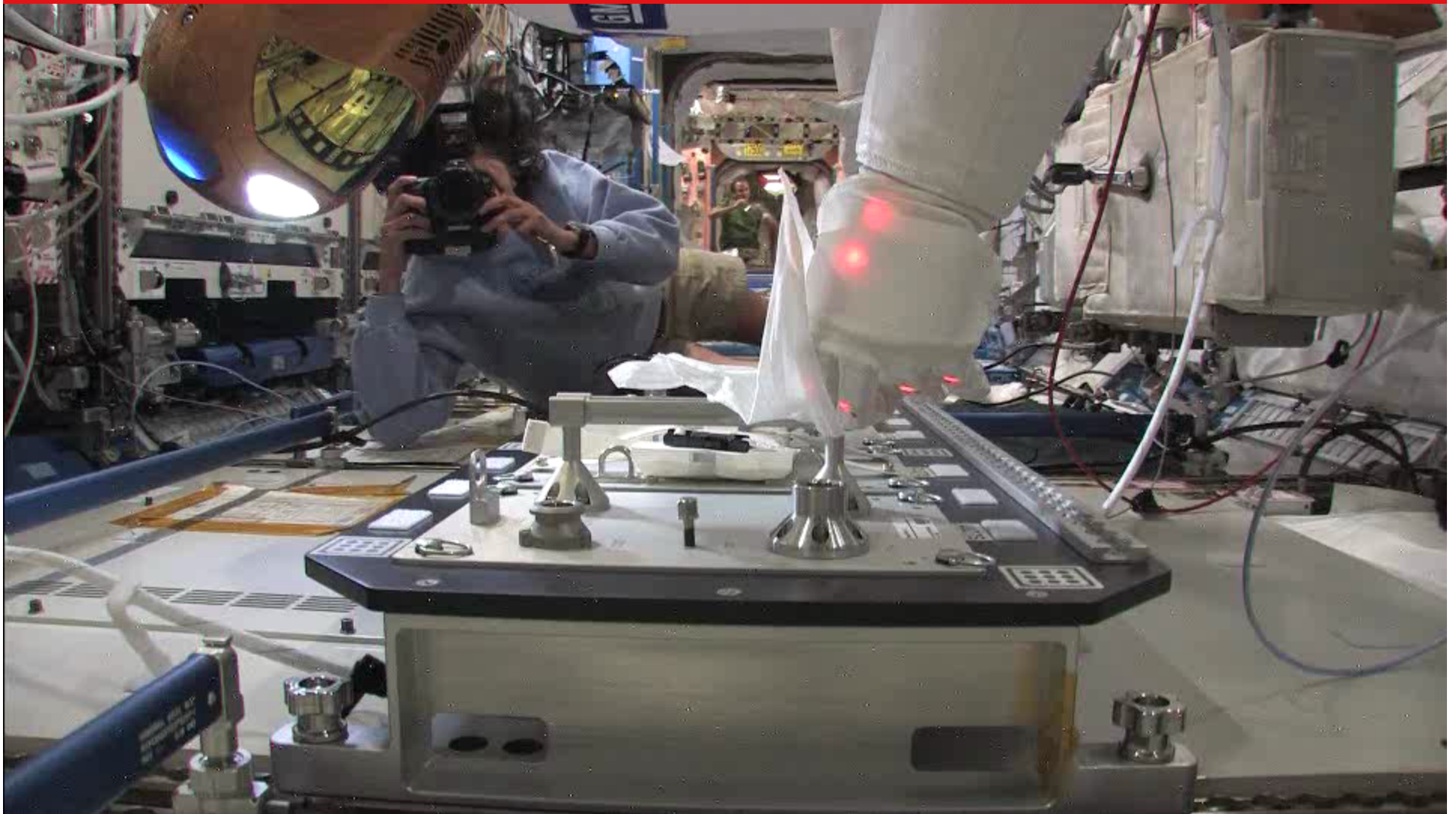
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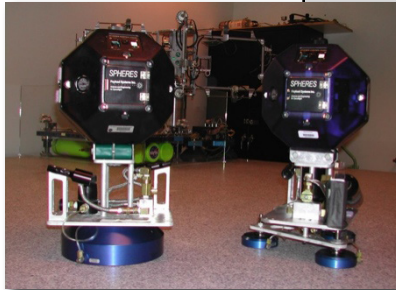
# Robonaut 2





# Smart SPHERES Roadmap

## ARC Laboratory



Enable SPHERES to be used as a teleoperated robot

Upgrade existing SPHERES platform

Telerobotic free-flyer prototypes

HRS,  
DARPA

**HET**

## ISS Laboratory



Demonstrate IVA & EVA tasks using "Smart SPHERES"

Demonstrate ground and crew control with "Smart SPHERES"

## ISS IVA



Video surveys

RFID inventory

Dosimetry readings

Mobile ground support (camera, procedure prompt, etc.) for crew

## ISS EVA



Routine inspections

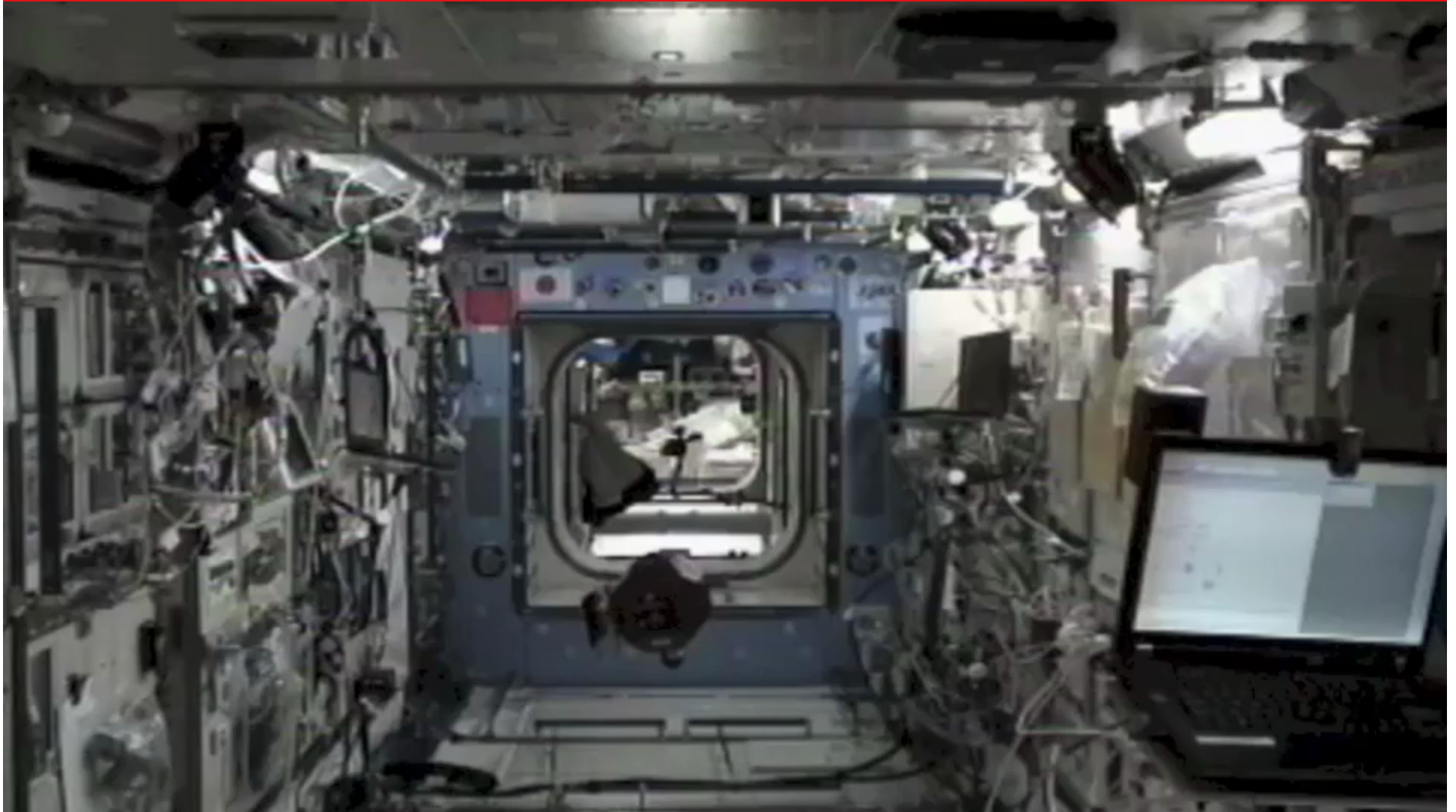
Emergency inspections

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