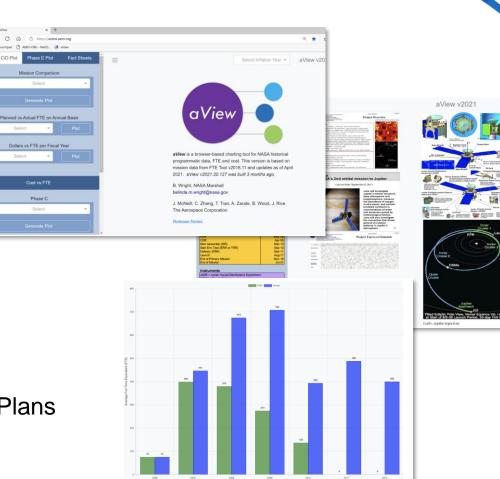
Aerospace Viewer of NASA Project Staffing Data (aView) A Practical Tool for Analyzing Staffing Levels and Cost Across Missions

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aView – the Aerospace Viewer of historical staffing profiles of NASA science missions



Purpose

**aView**, the Aerospace Viewer of archive of missions' staffing profiles, provides

- A curated, validated archive of FTE/WYE data for 30 science missions
- Comparative analysis of mission programmatic data (FTE/WYE) from PDR through operations (Phases C, D, E)
- Illustrations of how well projects keep to staffing plans at PDR and highlights excursions
- Quick reference pages for missions' technical parameters and related information

Cassini	Dawn	Deep Impact	Dragonfly	Europa Clipper
Genesis	GRAIL	InSight	Juno	Kepler
LADEE	LCROSS	LRO	LUCY	MAVEN
MESSENGER	MER	MRO	MSL	Neo Surveyor
New Horizons	NuSTAR	000	OSIRIS-REx	Phoenix
Psyche	Spitzer	Stardust	STEREO	WISE
Mission List				

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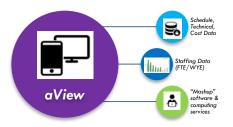
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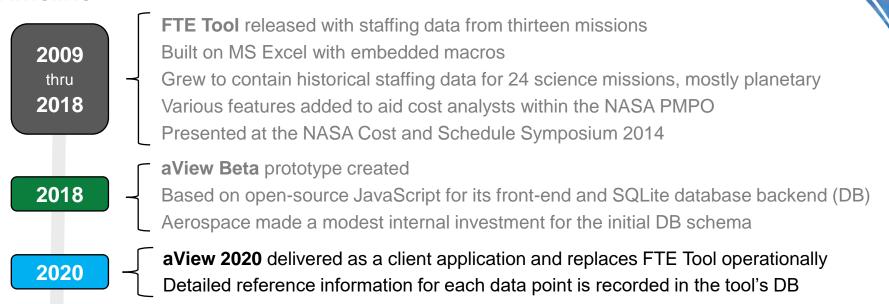


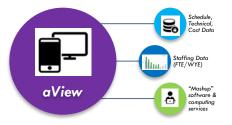
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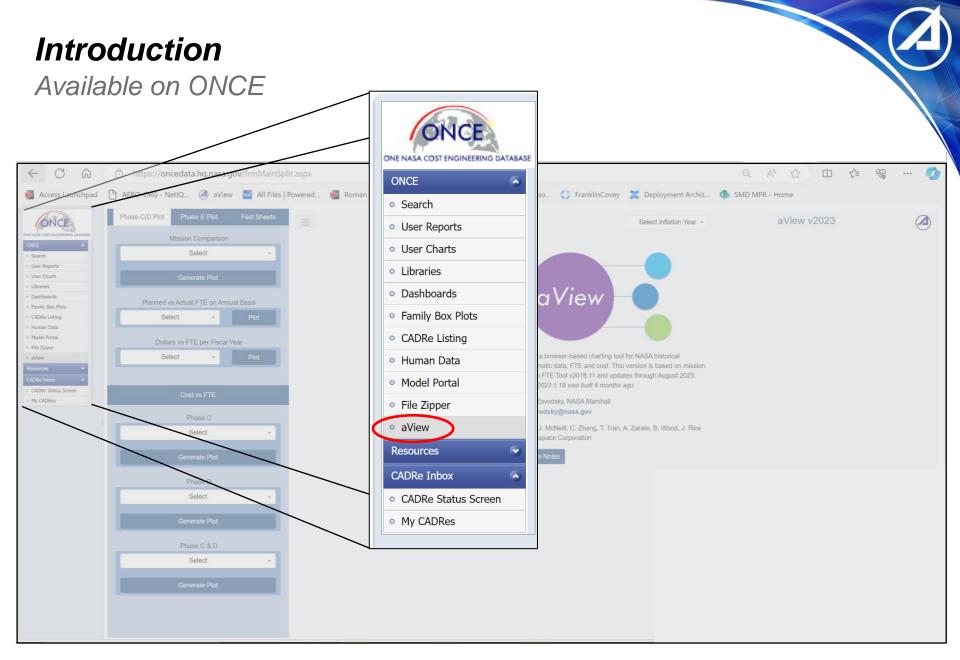
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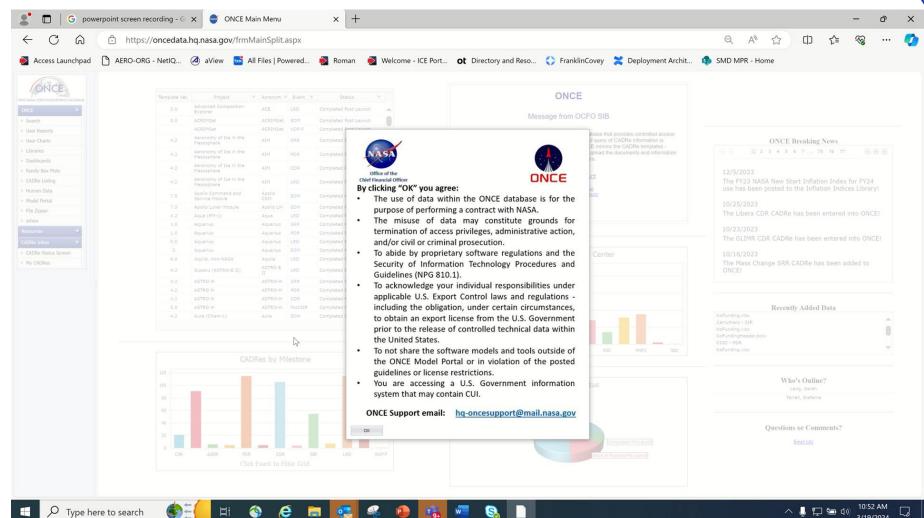
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# Since deployment: 44 unique users and 74 tool instances

#### Introduction Demonstration on ONCE



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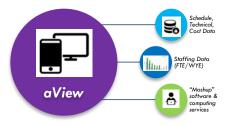
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Data Sources

- aView is a repository of validated staffing and mission data
  - Aerospace collects and validates the data in the aView DB
  - The sources of data and information for a View include:
    - Formally approved reports at major mission milestones from the NASA Cost Analysis Data Requirement (CADRe)
    - Monthly Status Reports (MSRs)
    - Project and mission websites
    - Our customer at the NASA Planetary Missions Program Office



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Why a View?

The **aView** tool has a number of utilities that are not currently readily available through any other source. It allows the user to:

- Visualize staffing profiles for Phases C, D and E (FTE and WYE) at the granularity of monthly data
- Display annual project cost data along side the annual staffing totals for Phases C, D and E
- Understand how the labor basis of estimate compares with past NASA science missions with similar characteristics
- Examine how well a project performs to its staffing plans from PDR through operations
- Reference technical and programmatic data of a mission, like spacecraft mass, mission schedule, launch vehicle, launch date, etc.

Charting Capabilities and Fact Sheets

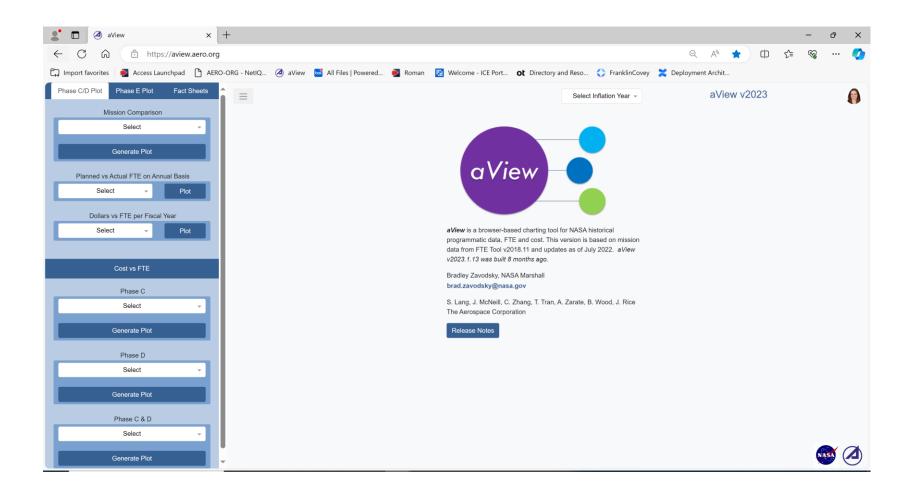


Figure A. "Front page" of a View via Google Chrome web browser

Chart Types

- A variety of chart types are available in aView and enable the user to examine programmatic data in different dimensions and ways. Currently, there are four chart types:
  - FTE Comparison Plots for defined Periods
  - Planned and Actual FTE by Mission
  - Annual Cost and FTE by Mission
  - FTE vs. Cost
- Each plot can be generated from mission data for Phases C and D or operations Phase E. The user can select the year for inflation to apply to the data



FTE/WYE Comparison Plot for Defined Periods

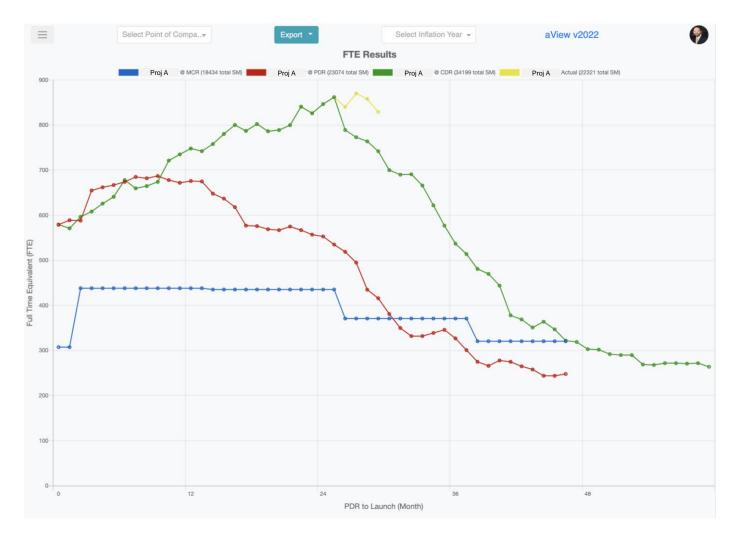


Figure B. Project A staffing actuals and plans crafted at MCR, PDR and CDR

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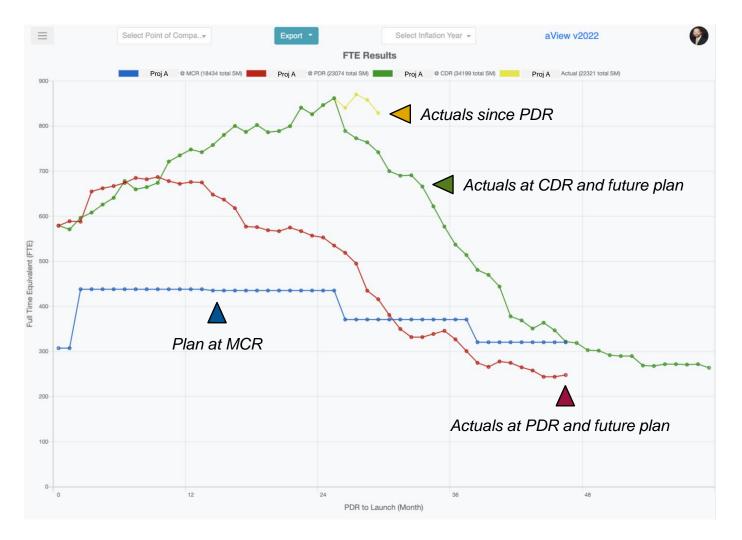


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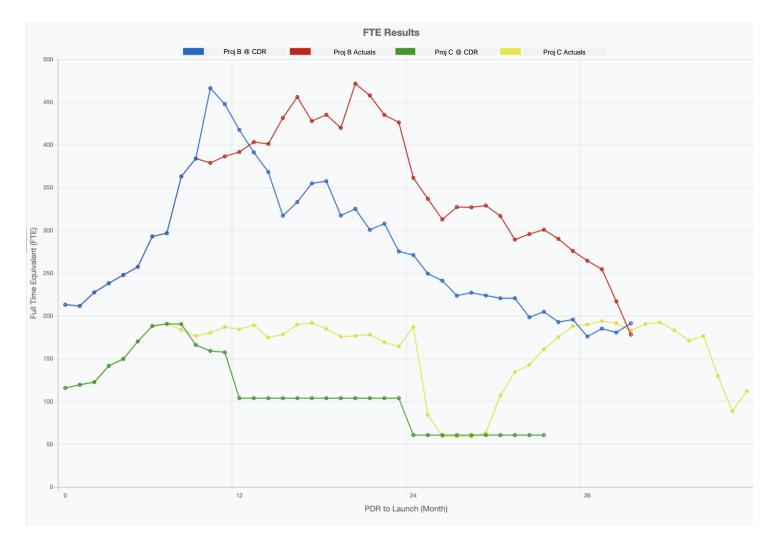


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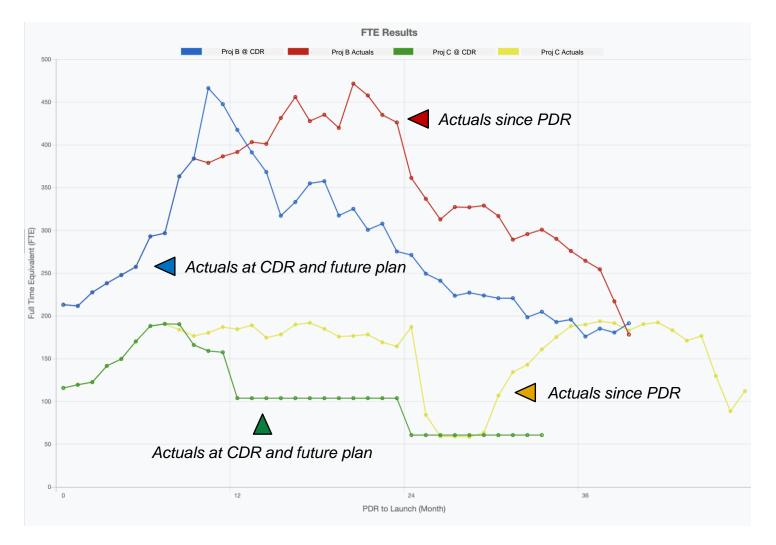


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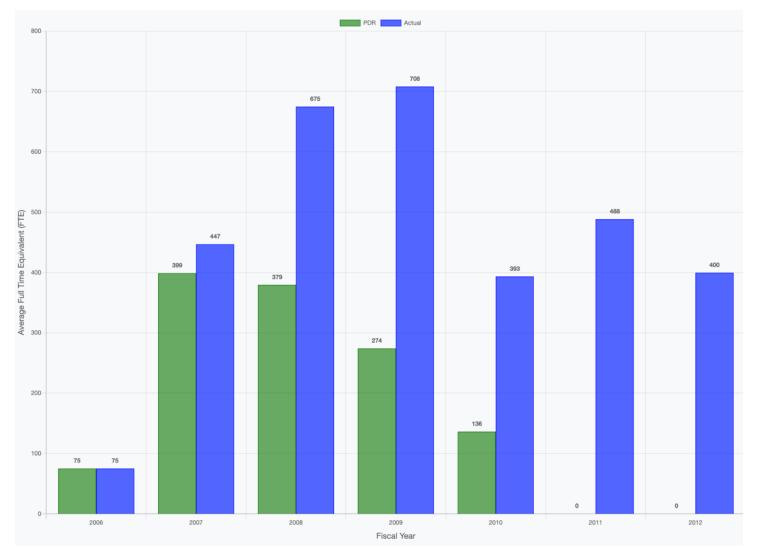


Figure D. Planned at PDR (green) and actuals (blue) at end of Phase D

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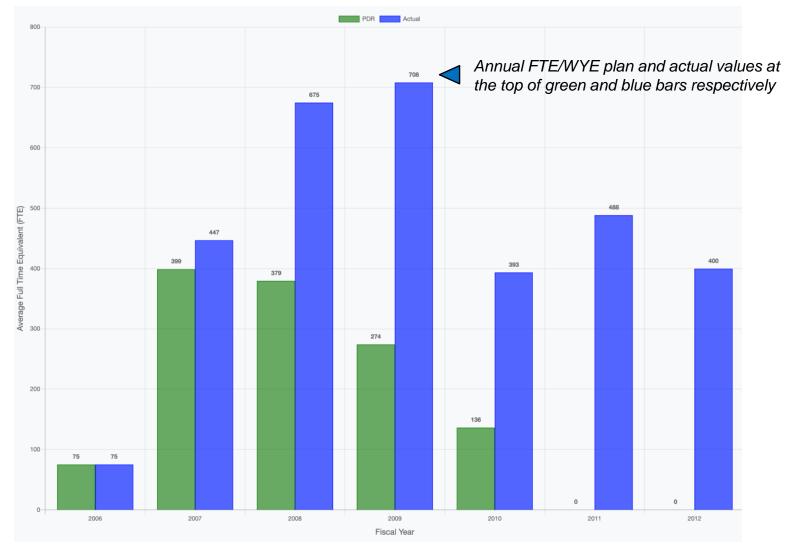


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#### Its Utility and Capabilities Annual Cost and FTE/WYE by Project

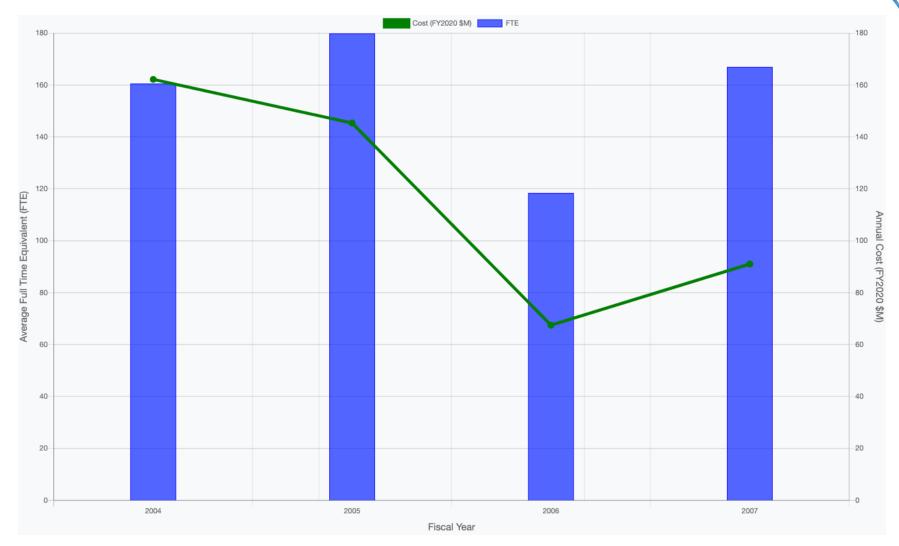


Figure E. Annual FTE/WYE and cost actuals by Fiscal Year

#### Its Utility and Capabilities Cost vs. FTE

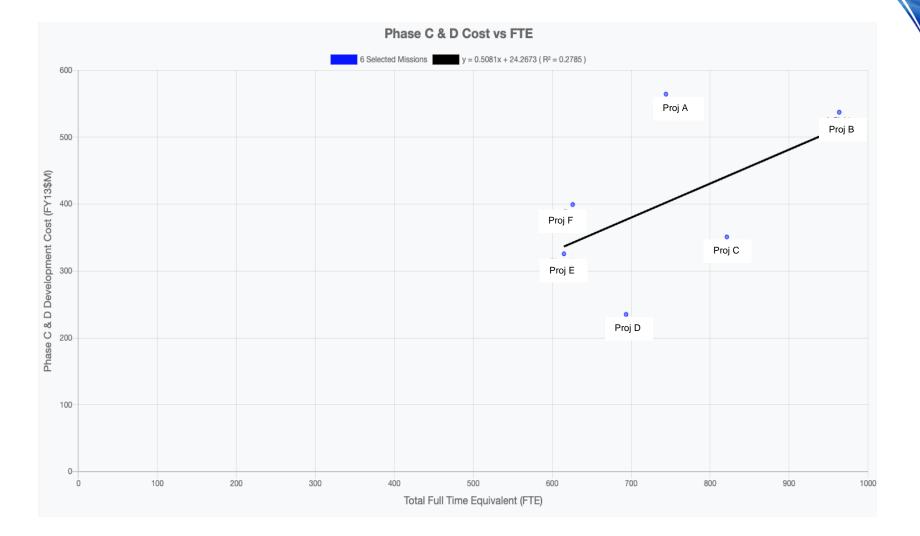
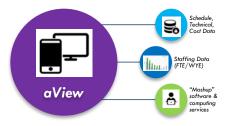


Figure F. Total Phases C & D Cost vs. FTE

Mission Fact Sheets

- Provide a capsule summary of the mission and project, providing some or all of these items
  - Overview of the science objectives
  - Hosted payloads instruments, sensors
  - Mission plan and characteristics
  - Project development milestone dates
  - Technical performance metrics
  - Basic concept-of-operation
  - Diagrams depicting the physical layout of components
- NASA CADRe is the primary source for information given in these fact sheets
- As missions progress, fact sheets are updated with new, pertinent information



#### Its Utility and Capabilities Mission Fact Sheets

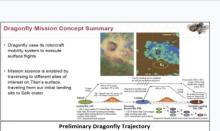
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Schedule Data	
ATP Start	Nov-1
SRR	Aug-2
PDR	Oct-2
CDR	Nov-2
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Flight SIR	Jan-2
PSR	Dec-2
ORR	Feb-2
FRR	Apr-2
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End of Primary Mission	Mar-3

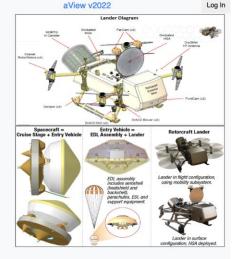
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DraMS mass spectrometer	
DraGNS gamma-ray and neutron spectrometer	
DraGMet geophysics and meteorology package	
DragonCam camera suite	
DRACO sampling system	





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#### Figure G. Fact sheet for Dragonfly

Mission Fact Sheets – selective pop-up, zoom feature

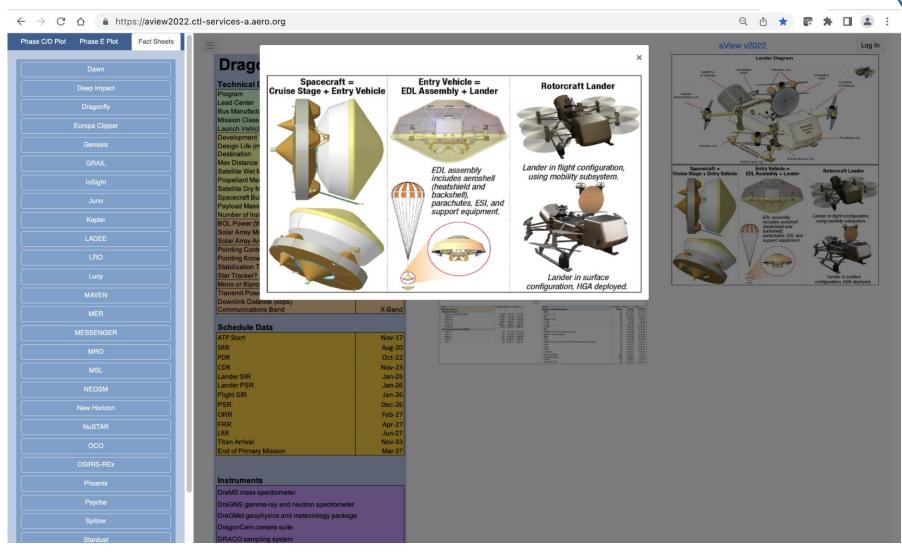
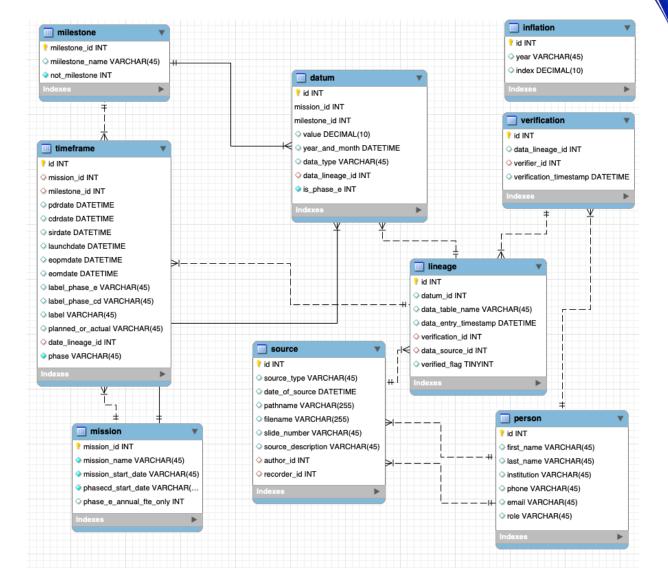


Figure H. Fact sheet Pop-up for Dragonfly

#### **Tool Construction**

- aView uses opensource *chart.js*, a JavaScript tool suite on the frontend, and a SQLite database (DB) on the backend
  - DB is designed to allow for complete traceability for every data point (datum) that is plotted
  - aView leverages aspects of Aerospace's infrastructure developed for detailed mission assurance of the nation's launch program for national space assets



#### Summary

- aView developed to assist users in conducting comparative analysis
- Built on a detailed repository of mission programmatic data, it provides highlevel views of the historical data for 30 NASA missions for development Phases C and D as well as the operations Phase E
- Given the wealth of mission and project information available in aView, both programmatic and technical, cost analysts can leverage the its capabilities to answer a variety of questions:
  - Understand what development costs and staffing during Phases C and D for a proposed interplanetary mission based on similar historical missions
  - Understand how a proposed operations budget for Phase E compares to previous missions managed by the same Center
  - Understand how staffing levels track to development costs between PDR and ARR for a particular project
- Aerospace seeks to broaden the aView DB to include more Earth Science, Astrophysics, and Heliophysics missions

Welcome support from other customers to expand the mission set



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