





DORY - Mission Overview

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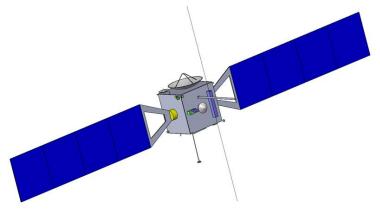
Mission Overview

GOAL

- Study comet shape and mass distribution
- Map the surface of a comet
- Investigate the in-depth composition
- To mesure the on-site magnetic disturbances
- Return at least 10g of samples on Earth

Target Comet: 304P/ORY

Mass	3643.81 kg
Margined ΔV	2581.32 m/s
Dimensions	3.82 x 3.05 x 2.92 m



Architecture selection

MONOLITHIC SATELLITE

- Simpler
- Lighter
- Touch and Go strategy
- Cheaper
- Less critical events

SATELLITE + LANDER

- More complex
- Heavier
- Landing strategy
- More expensive
- Lower TRL for in-situ PL

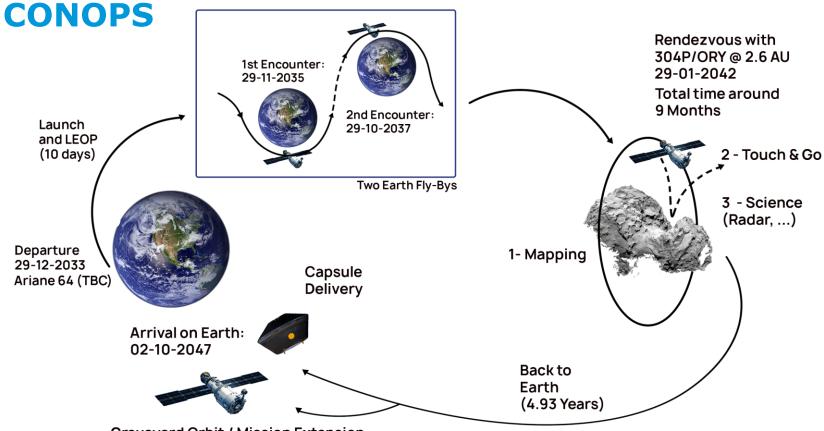
Criterion	Monolithic satellite	Satellite + Lander
Mass	5	4
Science Output Depth of sampling	4	5
Science Output Mass of sample	5	4
Cost	5	3
Reliability	3	2

Trade-Off analysis (5 is best)



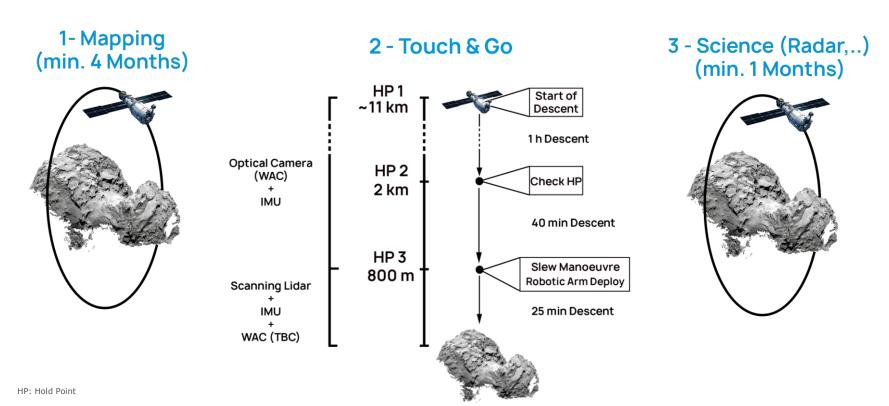
MONOLITHIC SATELLITE

Transfer Phase (8.08 Years)



Graveyard Orbit / Mission Extension

CONOPS



Modes

Modes	Definitions
Science - Remote	Mapping of the comet
Science - TAG	Touch and Go
Science – Rad-Mag	Comet study with radar and magnetomer
Maneuver - DSM	Deep space maneuver
Maneuver - OCM	Orbital correction maneuver
Telecom - LP	Low power telemetry communication
Telecom - HP	Science data downlink
Transfer	Interplanetary transfer
Safe	Power saving mode
Detumbling	Reduce s/c angular rate
Approach	Approach to the comet
Desaturation	Desaturation of the reaction wheels
Commissioning	Testing of all the subsystems



Payload

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Requirements and Assumptions – Payload

REQ ID	STATEMENT
MR-03	The mission shall return at least 10g of samples to Earth.
MR-04	The mission shall investigate the elemental composition of a comet to at least a depth of 30cm (requirement), and should investigate a depth of up to 1m (goal).
MR-08	The mission shall investigate the elemental composition of 100% of the surface of a comet with a resolution of 2m.
SR-05	The system shall allow for the identification of at least one landing site.
SR-10	The system shall be able to monitor and provide data of magnetic disturbances in 3 axes.

Input from MA

The semi-major axis during surface mapping is 10 km.



Analysis and Trade-offs - Payload

Sample Collection

- Landing vs Touch&Go approach
- Projectile vs Gas
- Sample Conservation Analysis
- Comet Environment Analysis

Depth Investigation

- Drill sampling vs
 Remote observation
- SAR vs Radar Sounder
- Mass, power and data budgets
- Vertical resolution
- Time of Observation

Surface Mapping

- Camera properties (FOV, spatial resolution)
- Mass & Power Budgets
- Time of Observation
- Altitude analysis

Final Baseline Design - Payload

Camera resolution: 93.7 µrad

• **Camera FOV**: 5.5 x 5.5 deg

Camera wavelengths: 400-1050 nm

• RADAR frequency: 20 Mhz

MAG resolution: 0.047 nT

Instrument	Req ID	Mass + DMM [kg]	Power [W]	Data Rate	Data Volume
Framing Camera (DAWN)	MR-08 SR-05	5.775	17	20.5 Kbps	10.3 GB
Radar (SHARAD MRO)	MR-04	17.955	28	20 Mbps	10 GB
Magnetometer (MESSENGER)	SR-10	1.50 (boom 2.8)	4.2	0.414 Kbps	267 MB

Final Baseline Design - Payload

GCS & SCS concept from CAESAR mission



Sample Return Capsule Closure

1) Close GCS
Retract umbilical
Release launch locks

2) Activate closure mech
Transfer back H/S & GCS

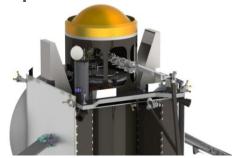
3) Latch front and
back H/S

Sample container stow in SRC

	Temp. [°C]	Pressure [Pa]
*GCS	<- 80	<500
**SCS	<- 60	Vented

- *GCS = gas containment system
- **SCS = solid containment system

- Decoupling volatile/solid
- Temperature/pressure conditioning



Mission Analysis

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Requirements and Assumptions – MA

→ CRITICALITIES

STATEMENT

Multi Gravity Assist trajectory needed to rendezvous with the comet.

Constraints to perform science at distances from the Sun lower than 3AU.

→ ASSUMPTIONS

STATEMENT	COMMENTS
No drag is considered during the close proximity Phase	Low activity of the comet when this phase occurs
Impulsive manoeuvres	
5.5 km/s v_{∞} given by launcher	May exceed Ariane 64 capabilites

Analysis and Trade-offs - MA

Comet identification:

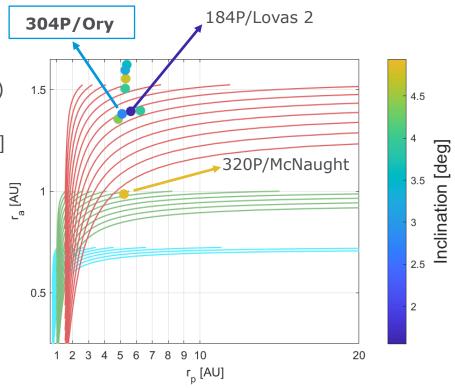
- Jupiter family comets
- Condition code = 0 (Uncertainty knowledge)
- i < 10°
- Perihelion radius (rp): 1.08 < rp < 1.7 [AU]

Flyby sequence analysis:

Tisserand graph e flyby selection

Close Proximity:

- Safe approach to the comet
- Imaging condition



Transfer strategy - MA

Approach:

- PyKep and Pygmo libraries
- Multiple runs of the heuristic +slsqp solver

Solution:

Transfer to Ory

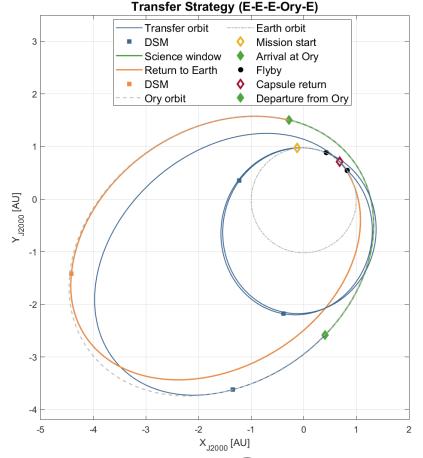
- → Departure from Earth: 2033-Dec-29
- → 3 DSMs and 2 Earth gravity assists
- → Rendevouz with Ory: 2042-Jan-29

 $\Delta V = 1.430 \text{ km/s}$

Return to Earth

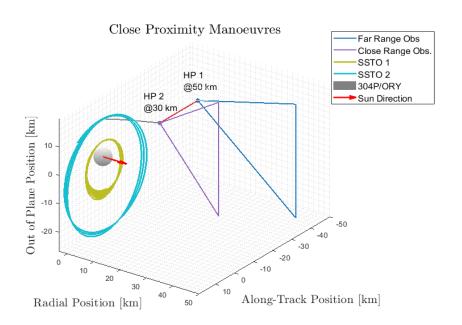
- → Departure from Ory: 2042-Dec-04
- → DSM near the orbit apocenter
- → Capsule release and Earth divert

 $\Delta V = 0.785 \text{ km/s}$





Close Proximity - MA



Initial Target Characterization

- Approach along track for safety reason (quasi stable HP)
- Sun phase angle span (40° 90°) for optimal imaging condition

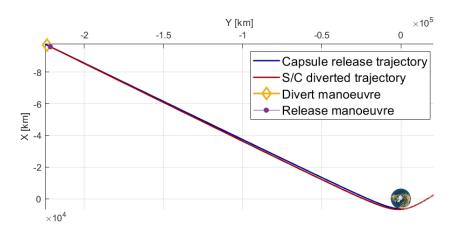
Target Mapping

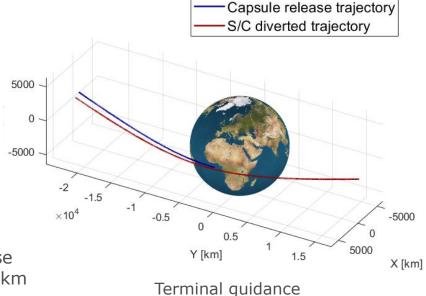
- 2 Sun Stabilized Terminal Orbits (SSTO) for mapping
- 2 Altitude levels for safety reasons
- Backup: equatorial orbit if spin axis is unfavourable

Total $\Delta v < 100$ m/s SSTO 1, a = 10 km SSTO 2, a = 20 km



Capsule release and divert manoeuvre - MA





Capsule release:

- 12h before re-entry
- Hyperbolic pericentre on Earth surface

Divert manoeuvre:

- Right after capsule release
- Pericentre raising to 400 km
- Earth escape

End of Life (TBD):

- Heliocentric graveyard orbit
- Mission extension

DV Budget - MA

MANOEUVRE	ΔV [m/s]	Margin	Margined ΔV [m/s]
LAUNCH-COR	30	0	30
DSM 1	0.01	10 m/s	10.01
TCM-FB 1	35	0	35
DSM 2	474.43	5%	498.16
TCM-FB 2	35	0	35
DSM 3	788.61	5%	828.04
TCM-REND	10	0	10
COMET-REND	167	5%	175.35
PROX-OPS	50	100%	100
COMET-DEP	42	5%	44.1
TCM - EARTH	35	0	35
DSM - 4	709	5%	744.96
EARTH-DIVERT	34	5%	35.70
ТОТ	2410.54	-	2581.32

LAUNCH-COR: Launch correction manoeuvre

DSM: Deep Space Manoeuvre **TCM**: Trajectory Correction

Manoeuvre **FB**: Fly-By

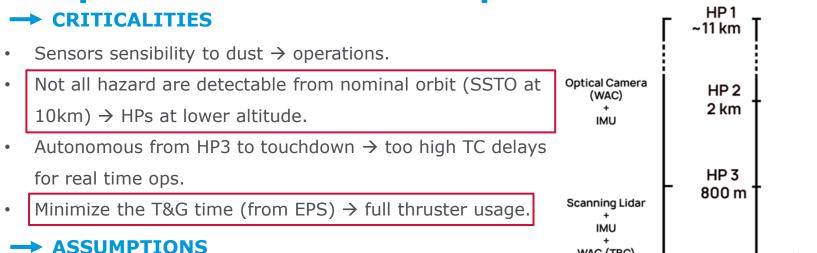
COMET-REND: Comet

rendezvous



AOCS/GNC

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STATEMENT	COMMENTS
Absolute navigation: DDOR ang. accuracy 10nrad	From literature
No drag is considered during the Approach to Landing Phase	Low activity of the comet when this phase occurs
Impulsive manoeuvres	

WAC (TBC)

HP: Hold Point

Navigation – GNC

Analysis and trade offs:

- Interplanetary navigation ground based:
 - Range measurement: very accurate (≈10m).
 - DDOR: angular measurement (≈10nrad accuracy).
 - Range rate measurement: very accurate (≈10mm/s).
- Relative navigation:
 - Optical Camera → navigation around the comet and for navigation for landing up to HP3, support mapping imaging.
 - Scanning lidar → navigation for final landing phase (T&G) with dust.
 - IMU → robustness.

Baseline design:

- Scanning lidar
- Wide Angle Camera (60° FOV) → full comet in FOV @h=10km
- IMU
- DDOR + Range Rate measurement + Range (TBC)



Relative Interplanetary

Touch & Go strategy - GNC

Constraints:

•
$$V_{touch} = 0.2 \text{ m/s}$$

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• $h_{approaching} = 800 \text{ m}$ $V_{coast} = 1 \text{ m/s}$

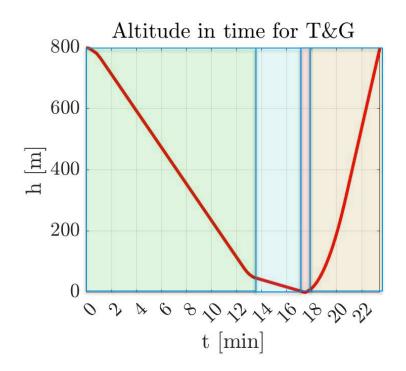
Minimize T&G time Full thruster $F_{THmax} = 12 \text{ N}$

Approach: 13.5min

Impact: 5.8s

Coasting: 3.9min

Escape: 5.9min



Requirements and Assumptions – ADCS

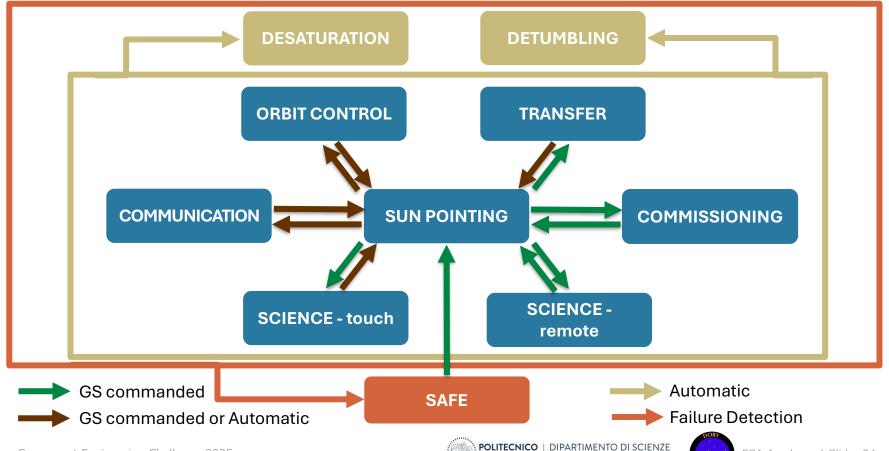
→ MAIN REQUIREMENTS

REQ ID	STATEMENT	COMMENTS
ADCS-010	The spacecraft shall not exceed a maximum angular acceleration of 0.17 °/s²	From structural and payload request
ADCS-020	The subsystem shall be designed to ensure single-failure tolerance	System requirement [SR-01]
ADCS-030	During remote science mode, the APE shall not exceed 0.1°	From PL requirement, resulting in worst APE for the whole mission
ADCS-040	During safe mode, the APE shall not exceed 5°	From TTMTC to ensure the proper use of LGA

→ MAIN ASSUMPTIONS

STATEMENT	COMMENTS
No drag is considered during the Approach Phase	Low activity of the comet when this phase occurs
SRP was considered referring to 1 AU	Closest distance to Sun during whole mission
AKE is assumed to be 1/3 of the APE at each mode	Common best practice in mission design
Slew sizing based on a 180° rotation in 20 minutes	From worst case of angle and time across operations

State Machine and modes - ADCS



Trade-offs and baseline architecture- ADCS

→ TRADE-OFFs

- RWs are more efficient than CMGs
- Common thrusters with PS
- Star Tracker integrity: positioning as far away as possible from landing surface

SENSORS STAR TRACKER x2 HP IMU x2 RW x4 SUN SENSORS x8

→ BASELINE

- 2 Star Sensors ——— Cold redundancy
- 2 IMUs ——— Retrieve attitude in worst case scenario (no star trackers available)
- 8 Sun Sensors To have almost full coverage
- 4 RWs
 Pyramidal configuration
- 6 Thrusters ——— Avoid residual torques, most control authority along non vertical axis while landing

Propulsion

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Requirements and Assumptions – PS

REQ ID	STATEMENT	COMMENTS
PS-01	The system shall ensure the total ΔV of the mission.	To comply with Mission Analysis.

→ CRITICALITIES

- Provide a compact system compatible with mission analysis.
- Design a system requiring an affordable power budget.

→ ASSUMPTIONS

STATEMENT

Statistics used for Pressure Falls from the Tanks to the combustion chambers.

Thrusters were taken from COTS.

Final Helium pressure equal to tanks pressure.

Analysis and Trade-offs - PS

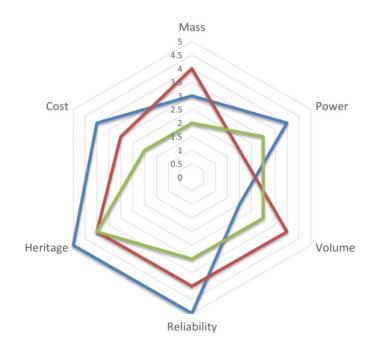


3 Alternatives for the **main propulsion** system:

- **CP**: Bipropellant/Monopropellant

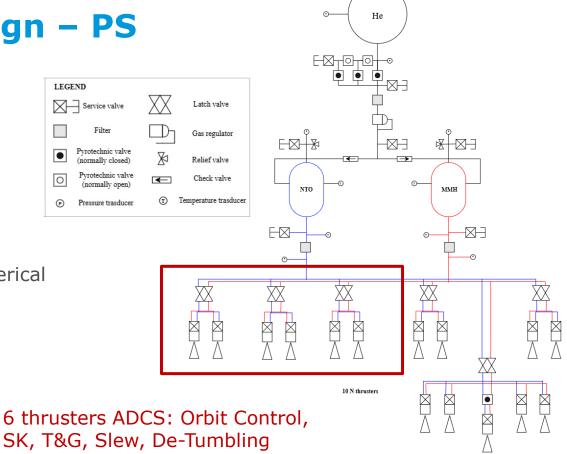
- **EP**: Xe Ion thrusters

- CP + EP



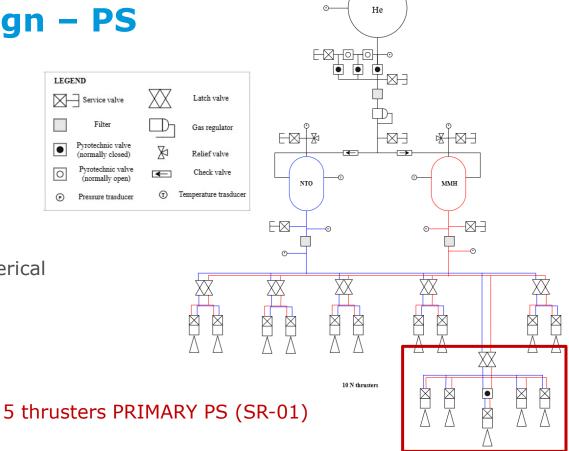
BIPROPELLANT MMH + NTO

- 15 Ariane Group Bi-propellant thrusters with Dual seat valve
- Pressure-fed with Helium
- Tanks Material: Ti6Al4V
- Tanks **Shape**: Cylinder + Hemispherical Caps
- Pressurant Tank Shape: Spherical



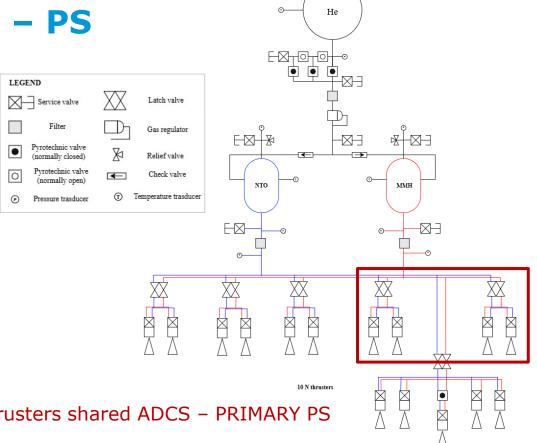
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4 thrusters shared ADCS - PRIMARY PS

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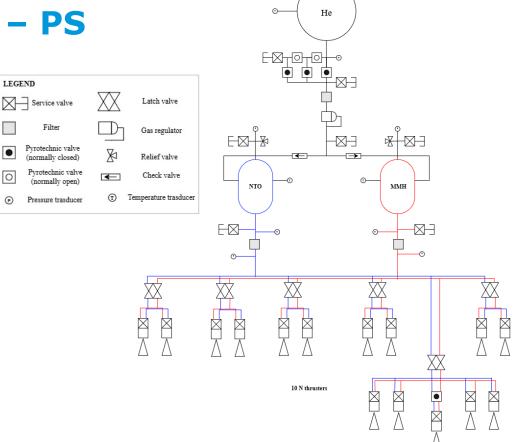
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Inputs:

 $- \Delta V [m/s] = 2581$

Choice:

- Pc[bar] = 9
- Isp [s] = 292
- O/F = 1.67



Results - PS

Outputs:

- Overall compact system
- Single failure tolerant
- Low power budget

Feature	Value
Propellant Mass [kg]	2065.90
Pressurant Mass [kg]	9.03
Fuel Tank Volume [m³]	0.973
Oxidizer Tank Volume [m³]	0.973
Pressurant Tank Volume [m³]	0.278
Inert Mass of the PS [kg]	98.45

Communication & On Board Data Handling

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Communication Strategy - COMMS

LEOP/COMMISSIONING	TRANSFER	COMET APPROACH	SCI-REMOT
Frequent comms with ground, both Uplink and Downlink	Downlink of TM once a week with a 3.5h visibility window. Comms before/after a critical manoeuvre	Communication at Holding Point	15 days of Downlink of DAWN images

	T&G	RETURN
	Comms before and after T&G	Downlink the RADAR and Magnetometer data during return
:		Downlink of TM once a week with a 3.5h visibility window.
:		Comms before/after a critical manoeuvre

Analysis and Trade-offs - COMMS

Ground network:

- ESA Core Network
 - LEOP/Commissioning
 - Close-to-Earth OPS
- NASA DSN

Data Rate vs Distance (HGA):

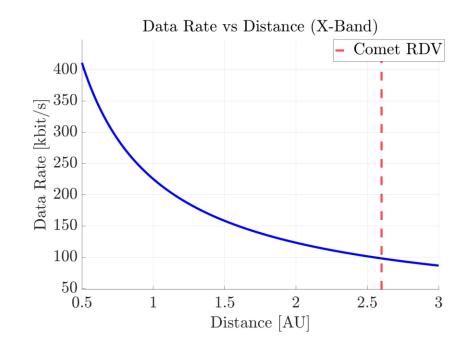
Phase: Transfer **Distance**: 4 [AU]

Data Rate: 10 [kbit/s]

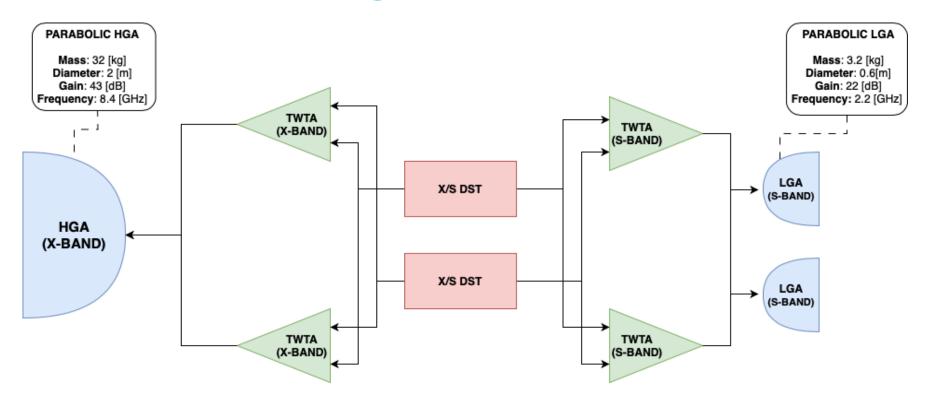
Phase: Science

Distance: 2.6 [AU]

Data Rate: 100 [kbit/s]



Final Baseline Design - COMMS



Requirements and Assumptions – OBDH

Assumptions

- Main OBC shall be sized to store all Payload data (20 GB)
- OBDH shall be sized to withstand total radiation dose absorbed during mission
- Main OBC shall be sized for image processing

ID	
SR-01	The system shall be single-failure-tolerant
MR-08	The total mission lifetime shall be at least 8 years

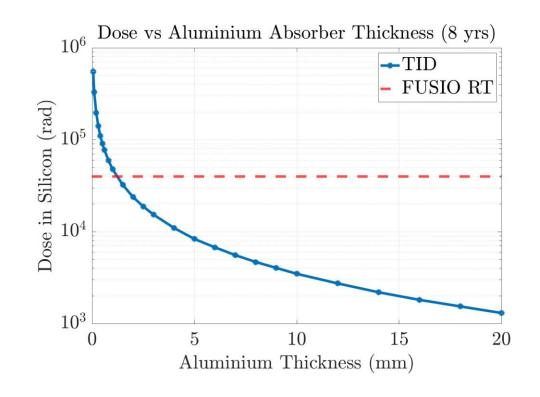
Main OBC Sizing Results

RAM [Mb]	ROM[Mb]	Mass Memory [GB]
2.33	4.34	20

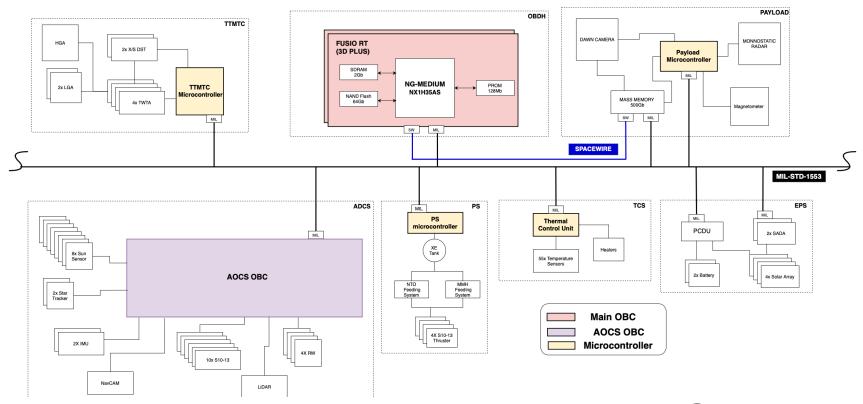
Analysis and Trade-offs - OBDH

- TID Analysis performed using Spenvis
- 10⁶ rad absorbed over a 8yr mission at a distance of 1AU
- FUSIO RT (Main OBC) tested for 50krad

2mm Al schielding around OBC



Final Baseline Design - OBDH



Electrical Power System

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Requirements and Assumptions – EPS

ID	Requirements
SR-01	The system shall be single-failure-tolerant
MR-05	The mission shall be compatible with a European launch vehicle

Assumptions:

- The launcher will provide all the electrical power until separation
- The solar array will always point toward the sun with an accuracy of 20 degrees.
- Negligible eclipse time

Analysis and Trade-offs - EPS

Power generation:

- Solar array: TJ GaAs by Azurspace, good compromise between cost and efficiency
- RTG: 50% mass savings with respect to PV + batteries, but it is not compatible with Ariane 6

Batteries:

- Li-Ion cells to reduce the mass
- The touch and go maneuver will be performed on battery power, in order to reduce structural loads on the solar arrays

Power distribution:

 Peak Power Tracking with an unregulated bus at 28V in accordance with the literature

Final Baseline Design - EPS

Solar arrays	
Area [m^2]	53.4
Mass [kg]	267
Nseries	13
Nparallel	1226

Batteries	
Capacity [W-hr]	8100
Mass [kg]	70
Nseries	8
Nparallel	30

Sizing case:

Phase: Telecom (low power)

Power required: 626 W

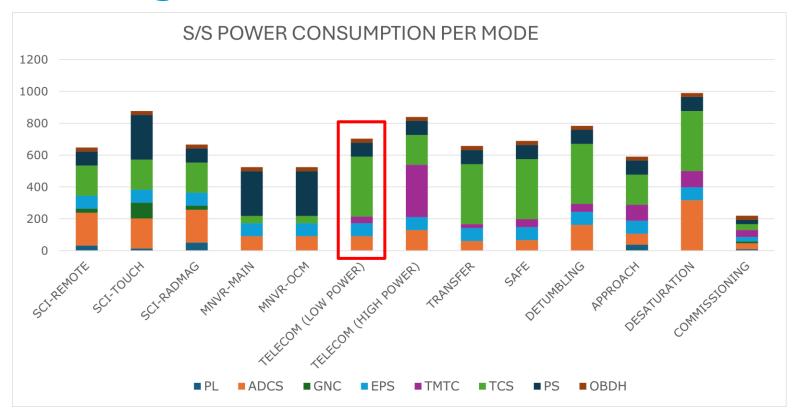
Max Sun distance: 4.6 AU

Specific power available: 13 W/m^2

Sizing case:

 Survival in Safe mode for 12 hours @4.6 AU

Power budget



Thermal Control

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Requirements and Assumptions – TCS

- System Requirement: SR-03
- Hot Case: Earth Flyby

o
$$q_{Sun} = 1367 \frac{W}{m^2}$$
; $q_{Albedo} = 423.74 \frac{W}{m^2}$; $q_{IR} = 181.12 \frac{W}{m^2}$

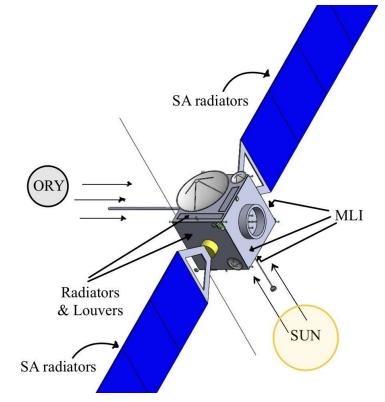
- Cold Case: Max distance from Sun with ME off (~4.9 AU)
 - o $q_{Sun} = 202.29 \frac{W}{m^2}$
- Margins Philosophy Adopted
 - Temperature Range = $[T_{Min} + 15^{\circ}C, T_{Max} 15^{\circ}C]$
 - \circ Q_{Heaters} / 0.7



Analysis and Trade-offs – TCS

Subsystem architecture:

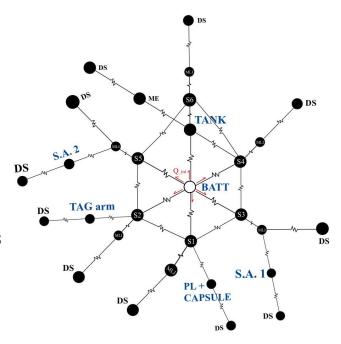
- Radiators with thermal louvers:
 - Surface 3, 5, 6
 - Solar arrays
- MLI on all external surfaces where free
- Heaters on the critical components, mainly on batteries, tanks and P/L
- Coatings:
 - Black paint for internal surfaces
 - White paint for HGA



Analysis and Trade-offs – TCS

Approach:

- Multi-Node Analysis
 - o 20 Nodes
 - External surfaces
 - External MLI layers
 - P/L, TAG arm, batteries, tank, SAs, main engine, radiators
 - Assumptions:
 - No radiative heat transfer between the panels
 - Unique node containing all the tanks, considering the most stringent temperature range
 - No transient analysis



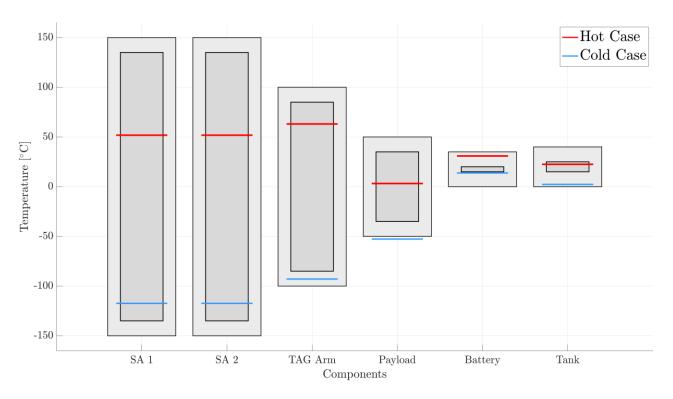
Final Baseline Design - TCS

TEMPERATURE [°C]						
	HOT CASE	COLD CASE	Temperature Ranges [°C]			es [°C]
	Fly-By at Earth	Comet Approach	T _{min}	T _{min.MM} *	T _{max}	T _{max.MM} *
SA1	51.8	-117.4	-150	-135	150	135
SA2	51.8	-117.4	-150	-135	150	135
TAG	63.1	-92.9	-125	-85	100	85
PL	3.2	-52.7	-50	-35	50	35
BATT	30.9	13.8	0	15	35	20
TANK	22.5	2.3	0	15	40	25

Final Architecture		
Radiators Surface with Louvers (Arrays excluded) [m ²]	11.9	
N.of Heaters	20	

^{*} Margined according to the margin philosophy

Final Baseline Design - TCS



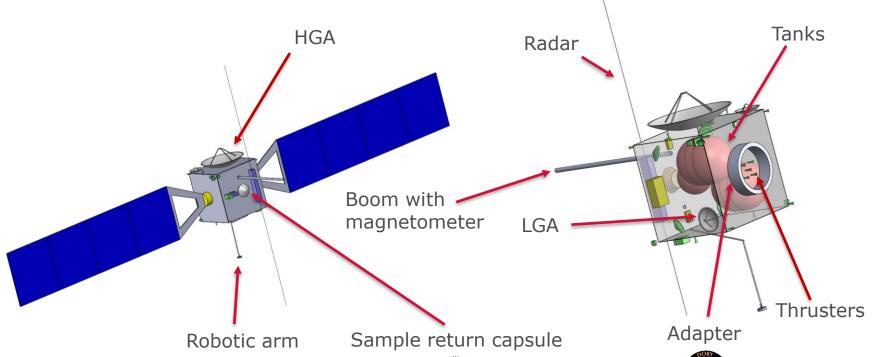
Configuration

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Configuration

Body	2.3 x 2.3 x 2.1 m
Single solar array	9.45 x 2.55 m

INTERNAL and **EXTERNAL** configuration

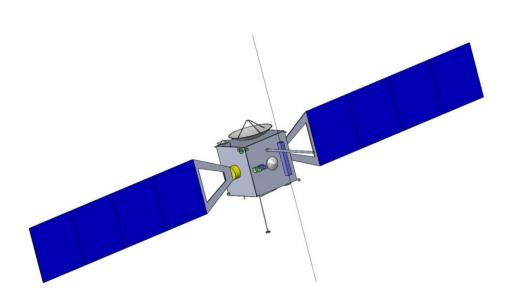


Configuration

Fairing envelope Ariane 64 with DORY

Stowed conf.	3.82 x 3.05 x 2.92 m
Fairing (Ø, H)	5.4 x 20 m



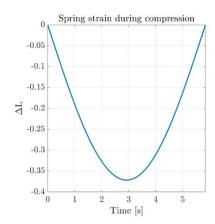


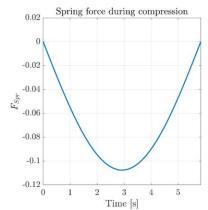
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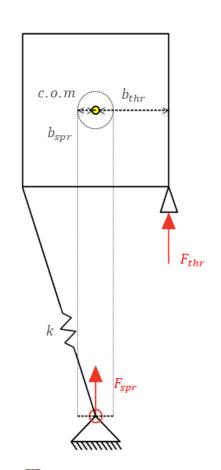
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Structure - R.A.D.

Costraints		Output
Sampling time	$t_{sampling} > 5s$	$t_{sampling}$
Maximum acceleration	$a_{TAG} \le a_{critic} = 0.04 m/s^2$	a_{sprmax}
Momentum balance	$F_{thr} \cdot b_{thr} = F_{spr} \cdot b_{spr}$	k_{spr}
Maximum displacement	$\Delta L_{spr \ max} = 0.5 \ m$	ΔL_{spr}





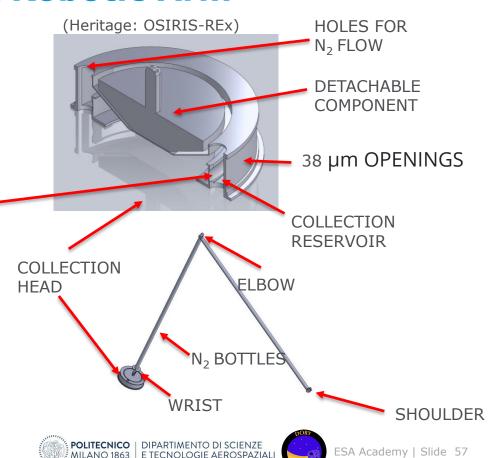




Structure: TAGSAM & Robotic Arm

Description	Data	
Base diameter	0.23 m	
Height	0.053 m	
Material selected	AI 7075	
Dry mass to store in return capsule	0.91 kg	
Allowable sample volume	0.374 L	/
Arm full extention	3.4 m	
Arm diameter	0.006 m (TBC)	

- Extensive IRAD-supported LM testing
- Test results fulfil collection requirements
- Shoulder and Elbow EMs to size
- Wrist U-joint to adapt to the ground

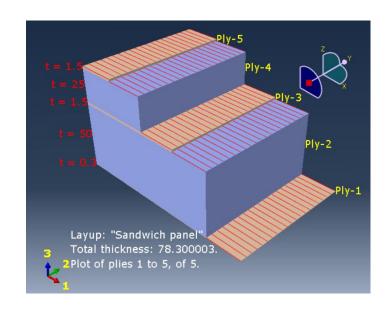


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Structure: Modal Analysis

Launcher compliance	Value
Min. axial natural frequency	20 Hz
Min. lateral natural frequency	6 Hz
Min. ax. obtained	29 Hz
Min. lat. obtaned	13 Hz 🗸

Zone	Selected materials
Skin e core	Aluminum and honeycomb composite layup.



Mass budget

- **Design Maturity Margins** for subsystems are applied in compliance with ECSS standards.
- Mass currently not compliant with Ariane 64 C3 capabilities, but addressable in further iterations.

Subsystem	Mass with DMMs[kg]
P/L	43.03
ADCS	50.72
GNC	33.47
EPS	413.88
TTMTC	68.88
TCS	11.34
PS	98.45
OBDH	1.20
CAPSULE	27.3
STRUCTURES	420
Dry Mass (+20%)	1497.91
Wet Mass	3563.81
Launch Mass	3643.81

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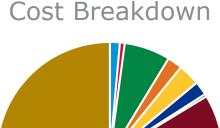
System activities cost:

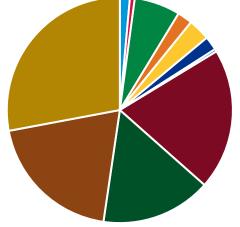
- Management
- Engineering
- Product assurance
- AIVT
- **Planetary Protection**
- Facility

Operation:

- **DSN Ground Station**
- MOC, SOC

Payload Instrumentation.





Total no margin:	636.93 M€
Total + 31% risk margin:	834.43 M€

AOCS

COMM

TCS

LAUNCH

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SYSTEM ACTIVITIES



Mission Requirements Overview

ID	
MR-01	The mission shall launch by 2036.
MR-02	The mission shall be compatible with a parking orbit lasting at least 6 years.
MR-03	The mission shall return at least 10g TBC of samples to Earth
MR-04	The mission shall investigate the elemental composition of a comet to at least a depth of 30cm (requirement), and should investigate a depth of up to 1m (goal).
MR-05	The mission shall be compatible with a European launch vehicle.
MR-06	The mission shall cost no more than 800M€ (2025).
MR-07	The total mission lifetime shall be at least 8 years.
MR-08	The mission shall investigate the elemental composition of 100% of the surface of a comet with a resolution of 2m (TBC).
MR-09	The mission shall comply with the planetary protection policy.

System Requirements Overview

ID	
SR-01	The system shall be single-failure-tolerant. (NOTE: no redundancy is expected for propellant tanks or heavy critical mechanisms, though non-mission-failure is of course always preferred)
SR-02	The system shall be capable of rendezvous with 1 comet.
SR-03	The system shall maintain the acquired samples within a temperature range of TBD to TBD °C until the sample is retrieved on ground.
SR-04	The system shall maintain the acquired samples at a pressure of no more than TBD Pa until the sample is retrieved on ground.
SR-05	The system shall allow for the identification of at least one landing site.
SR-06	The system shall land / touch down on the selected landing site with an accuracy of TBD m.
SR-07	The system shall be able to survive the effect of dust accumulation during contact with the comet.
SR-08	The system shall be capable of remaining in a parking orbit (while waiting for a suitable target of opportunity) for at least to 6 years.
SR-09	The system shall be able to reach comets with a propulsive cost of at least 700 m/s TBC (when assuming impulsive manoeuvres).
SR-10	The system shall be able to monitor and provide data of magnetic disturbances in 3 axes.

Conclusions

 The mission is deemed feasible, and can go through further studies to address open points and criticalities

Open points

- Ariane 64 currently insufficient
- Further design iteration needed on all subsystems
- If an European launcher is not selected, RTGs can be evaluated as power source alternative
- Re-iterate mission design with Electric Propulsion
- Samples management (Pressure, Temperature)





