The final project will count for 20% of your lab grade. With your group, you will be researching a planetary explorer, writing a ~2 page paper, and giving a 10 minute presentation to the class. The presentations will be on the last day of lab (week of December 3rd), with the paper due at the beginning of the lab. The first 10 – 15 minutes will be set aside for last minute preparations for your presentation.

Your group will give a 10-15 minute presentation using power point or another software medium. Every group member is required to talk during the presentation for a minimum of 3 minutes each. At the end of the talk, there will be time for questions. During your presentation, make sure to address the following questions: 1) how does the spacecraft operate, 2) how did the spacecraft reach its destination, and 3) what important scientific discoveries has it made / hopes to make?

Ideally, your presentation should be given without many note cards or reading from the slides. If you would like to use the lab room to practice your presentation before the due date, this can be arranged with the TA. You can also check with the library about using a room to practice your presentation.