

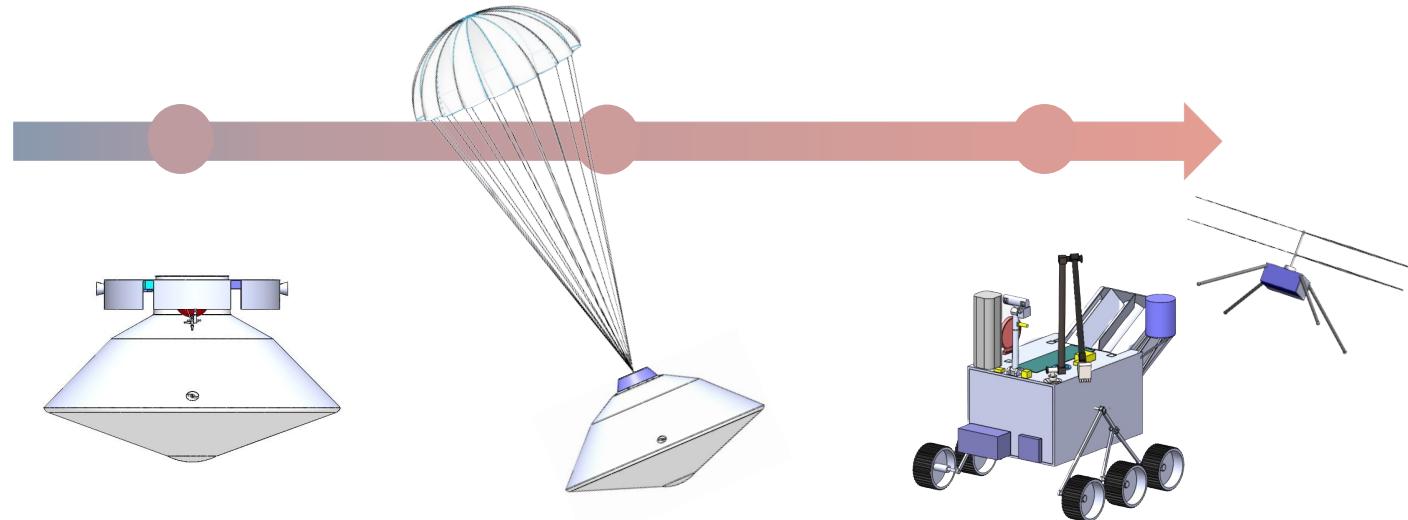


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MARS-PENGUIN MISSION

MARs South-Pole ExploratioN and Geysers in-situ INvestigation

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Mission Goals and High-Level Requirements



Goals



Perform analysis of the Southern polar icy soil over the sub-glacial lake region



Study the geyser-like eruption phenomena



Study the seasonal evolution of the Southern polar cap



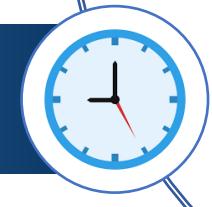
Requirements



Perform five sampling of the icy crust above the polar lake location



Perform two sampling of geysers' ejecta



Launch date > 2024
Operational lifetime > 30 terrestrial months

Environment - Mars South Pole

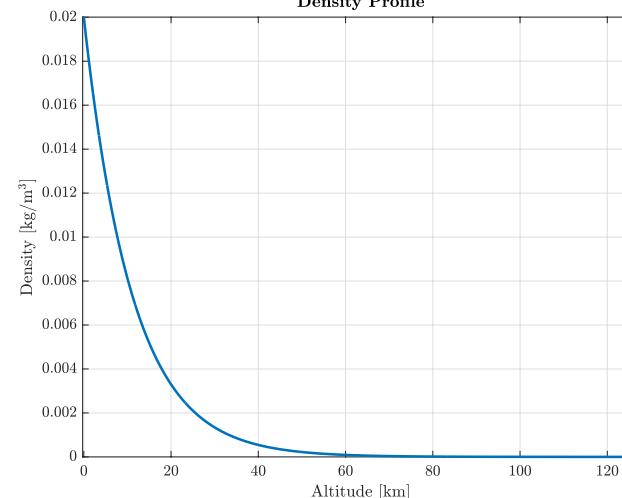
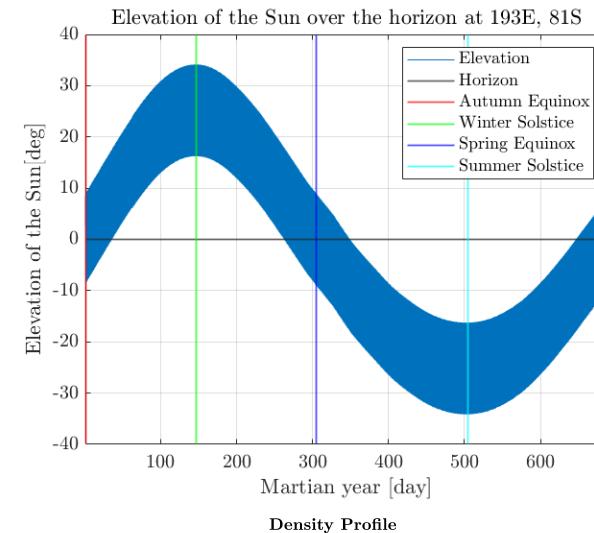


Season variations at South Pole

- **Illumination conditions:**
 - 300 days of dark
 - 250 days of light
- **Solar flux range:** max 300 W/m²
- **Temperature range:** 140 to 270 K
- **CO₂ ice deposition**

General aspects

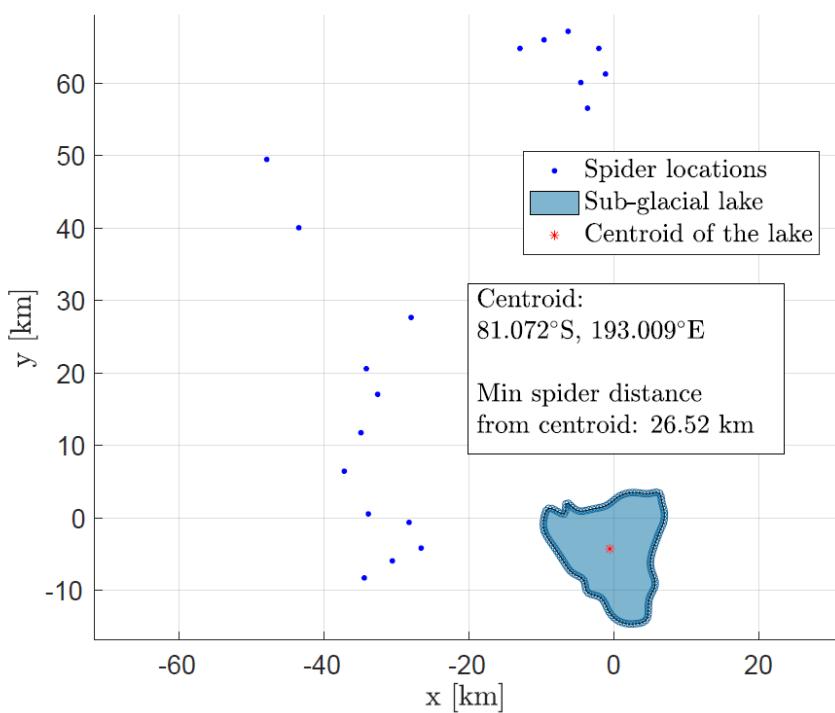
- **Gravity:** 3.711 m/s²
- **Density:** 0.016 kg/m³
- **Atmospheric composition:**
 - CO₂ 95.30 %
 - H₂O 0.03 %
 - O₂ 0.13 %
 - Others 4.50 %
- **Soil composition:**
 - Dust
 - CO₂ ice
 - H₂O ice



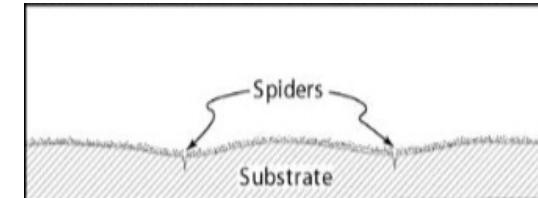
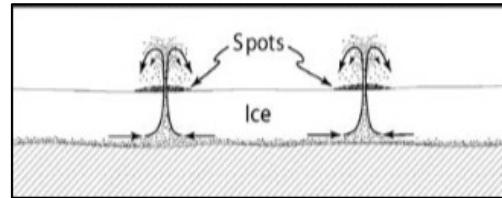
Environment - Lake and Geysers Regions



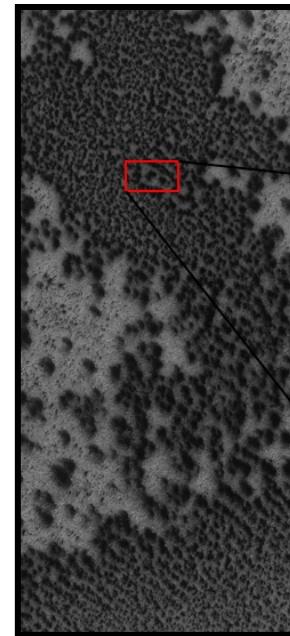
Lake coordinates: 193° E 81° S



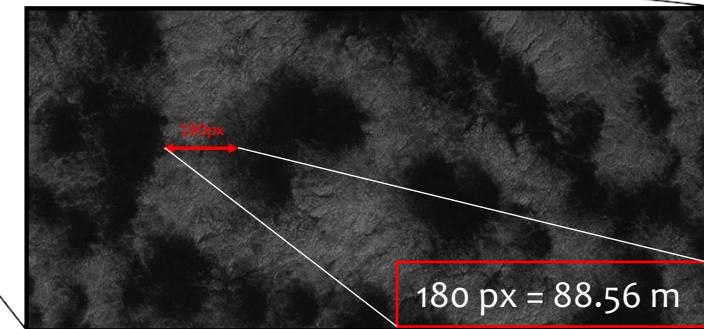
Conceptual model of geyser phenomenon



Nearest geyser site: 189.217° E and 80.687° S. (HiRISE image)



Original image scale range: 49.2 cm/px



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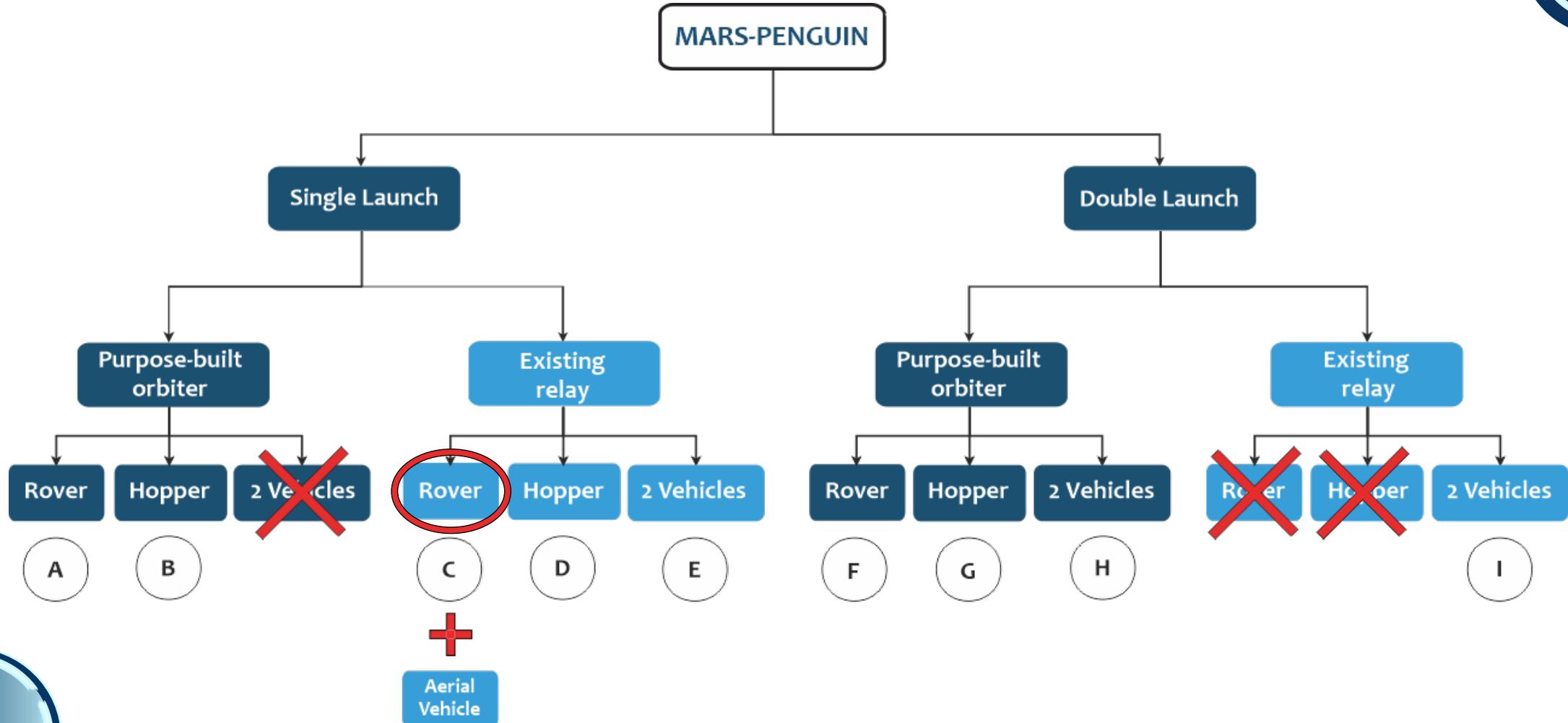
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ConOps

Architecture selection



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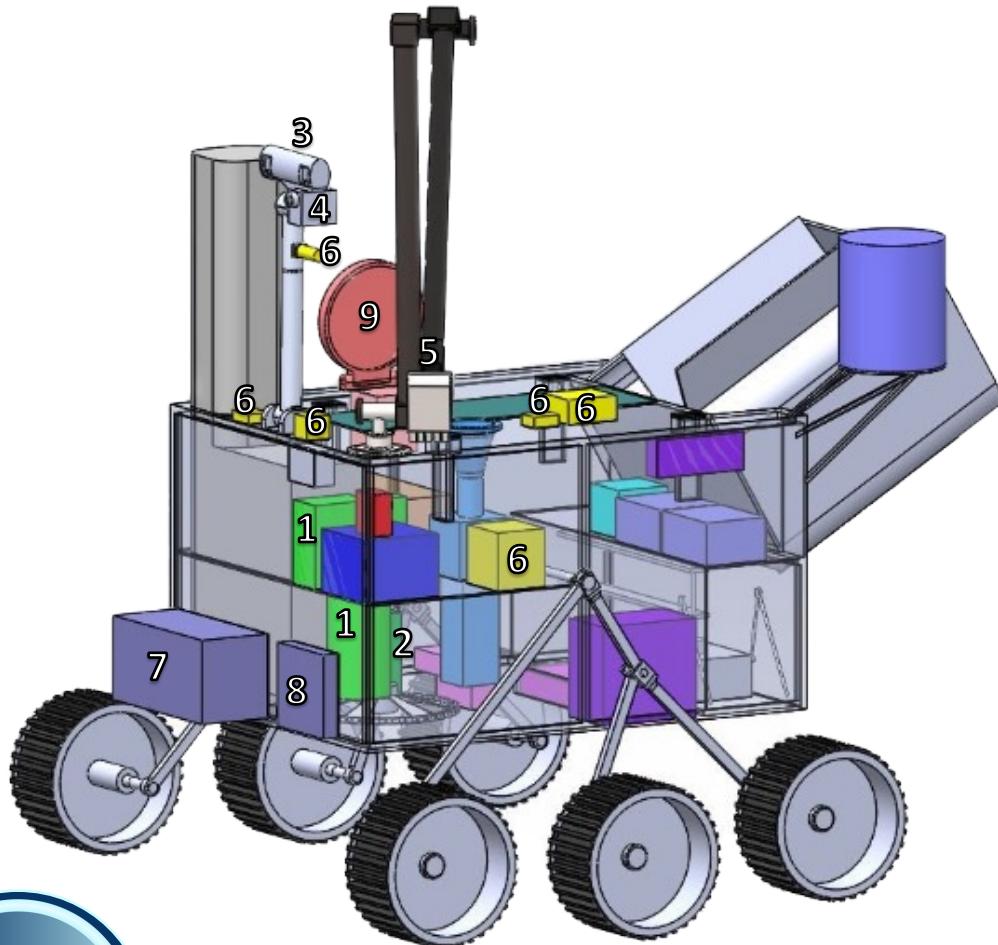
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Configuration and Payload



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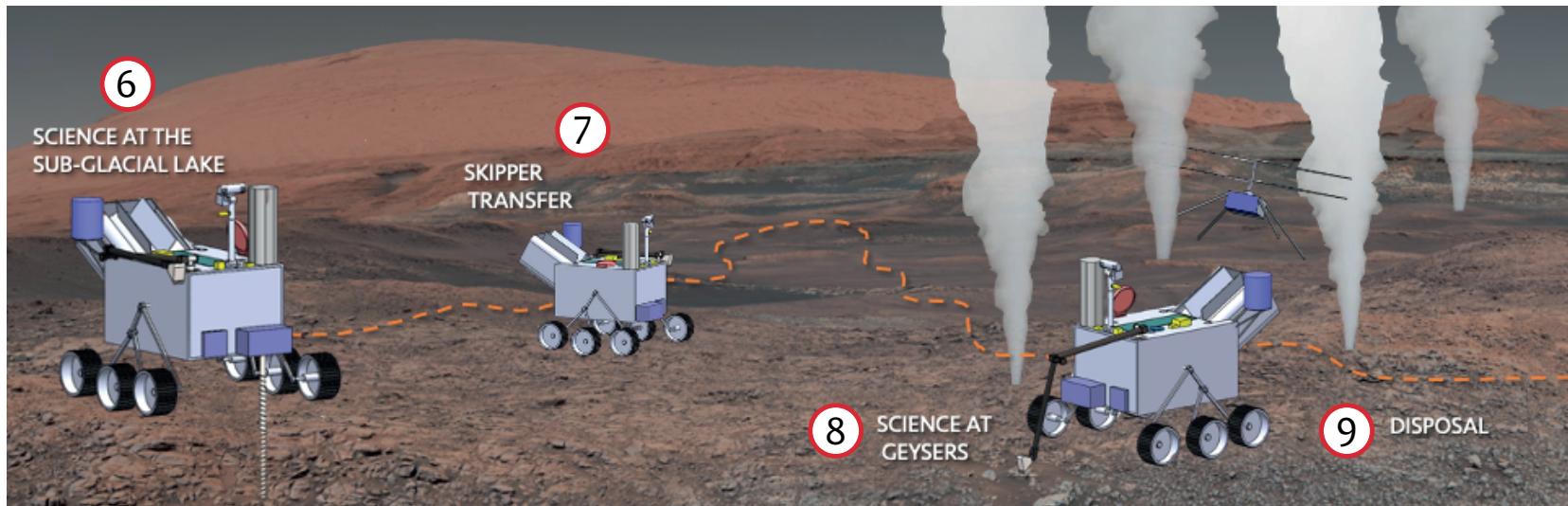
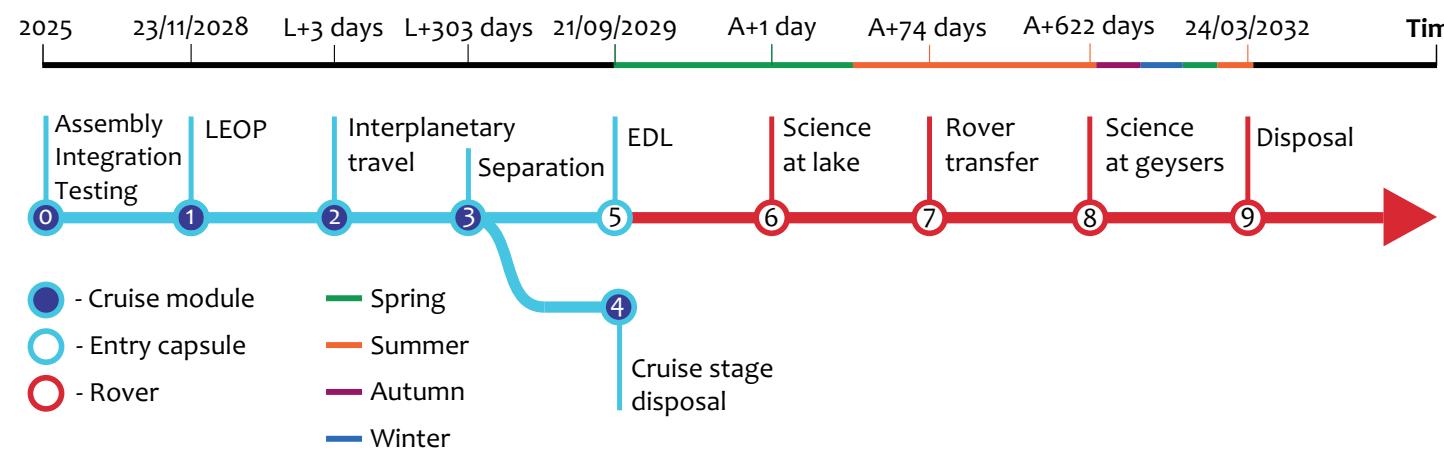
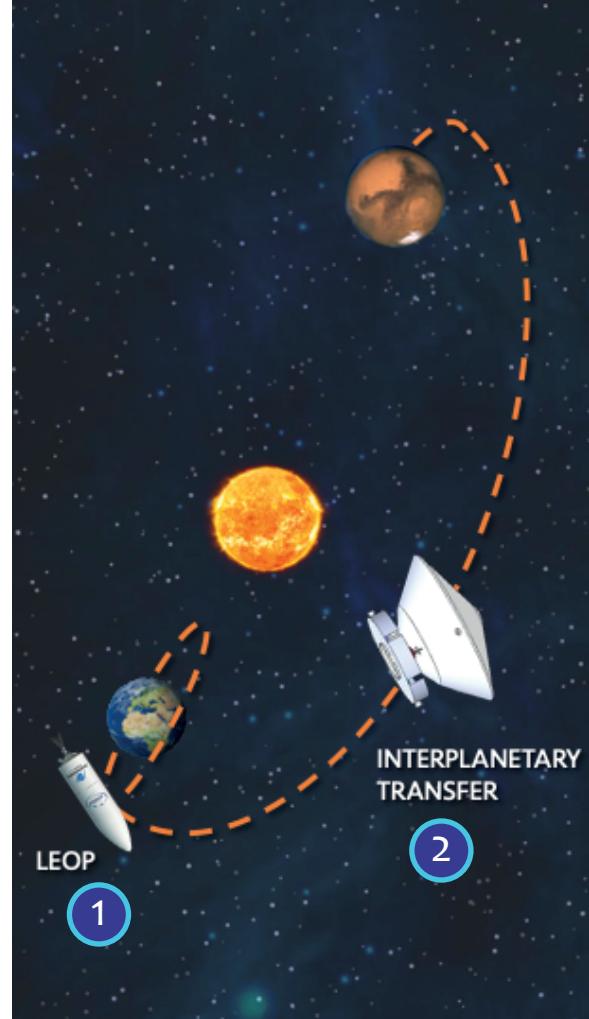
Instrument	Mass	Power
1. Mass spectrometer and Gas Chromatograph for organics	11.5 kg	65 W
2. Raman Laser Spectrometer	4 kg	30 W
3. Surface stereo imager	1.8 kg	3 W
4. Infrared spectrometer	1.8 kg	14 W
5. X ray spectrometer	0.64 kg	1.4 W
6. Environmental Analysers	5.5 kg	65 W
7. Sounding radar	0.4 kg	20 W
8. Neutral ice subsurface	1.7 kg	5 W
9. Dust flux monitor	1.8 kg	1.8 W

General

Lake

Geyser

Timeline and ConOps



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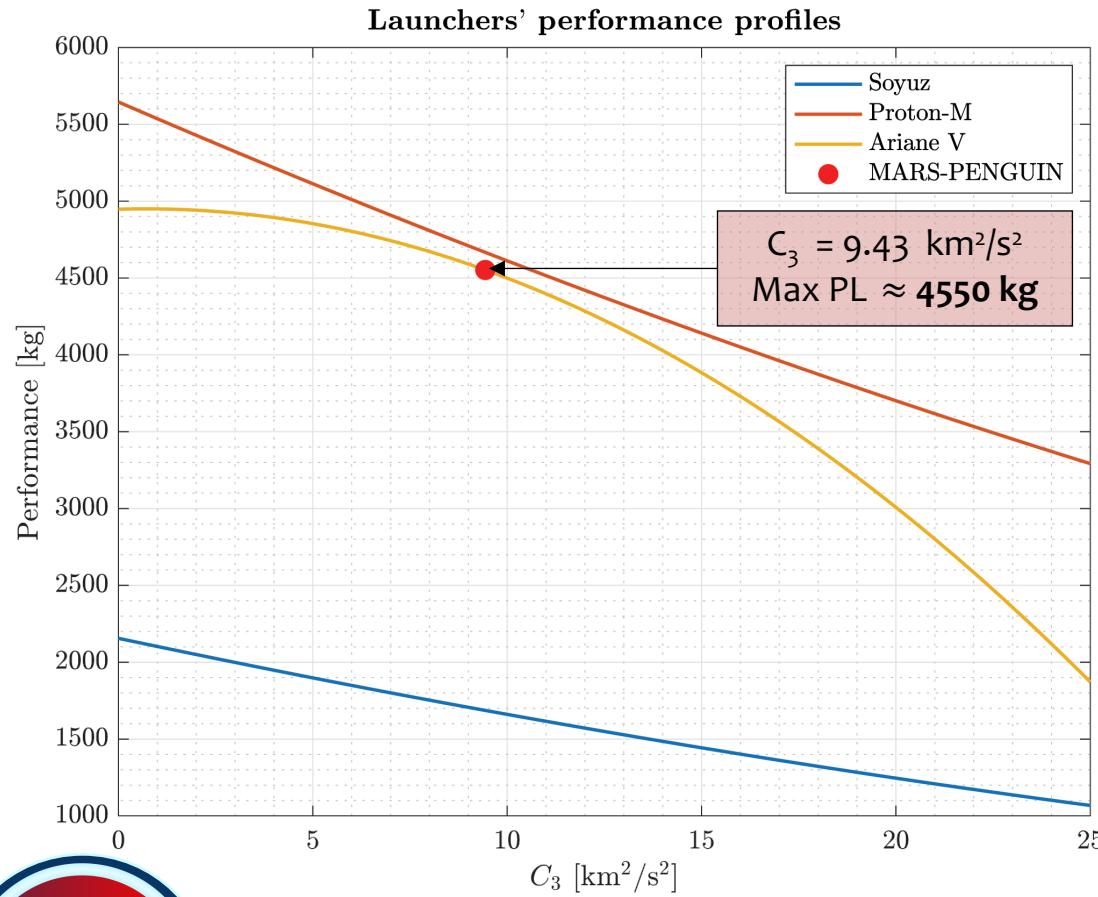
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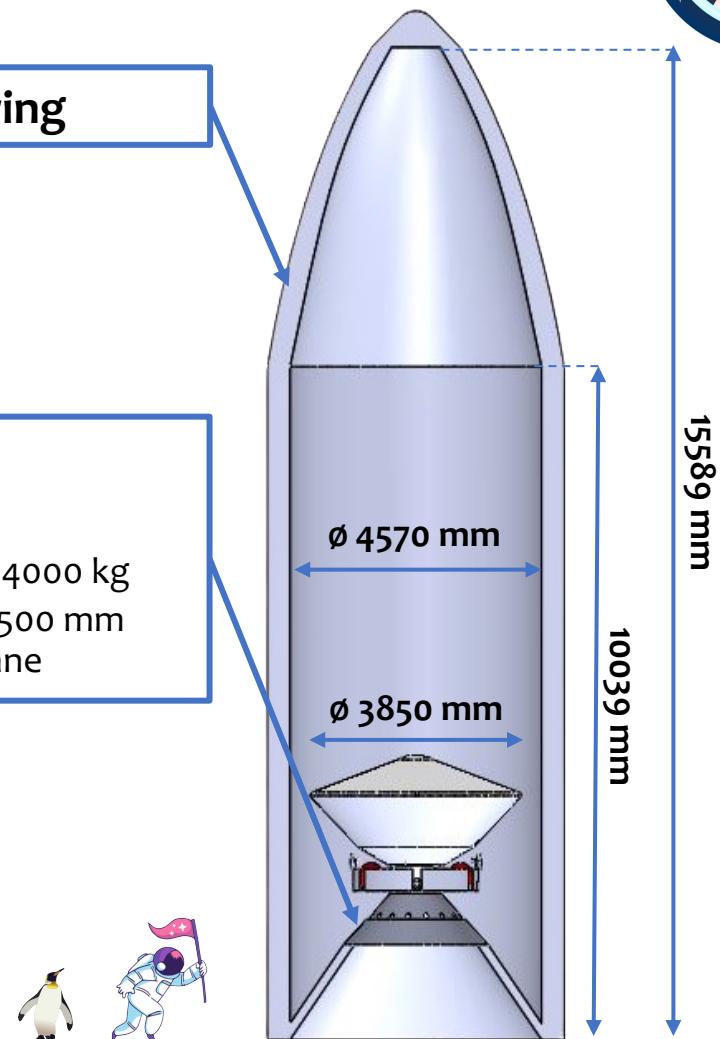
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Ariane V fairing

Adapter: PAS 937 Ø

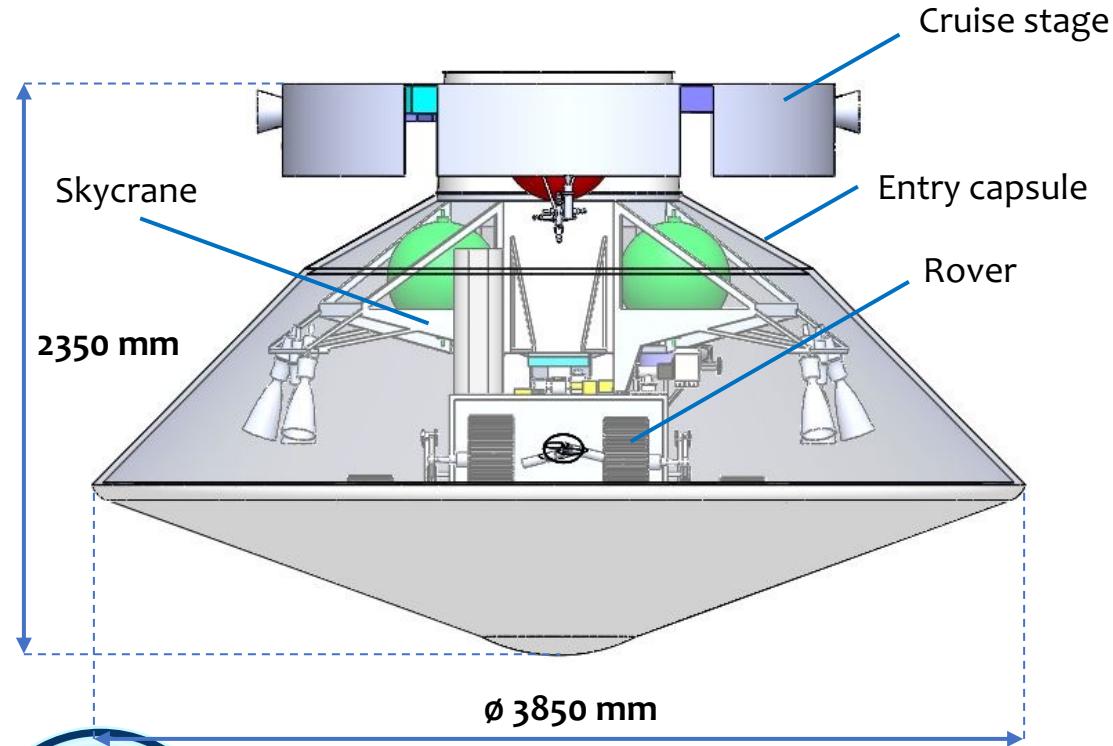
- Mass: 155 kg
- Max payload mass: 4000 kg
- Payload CoM at ~ 1500 mm from separation plane



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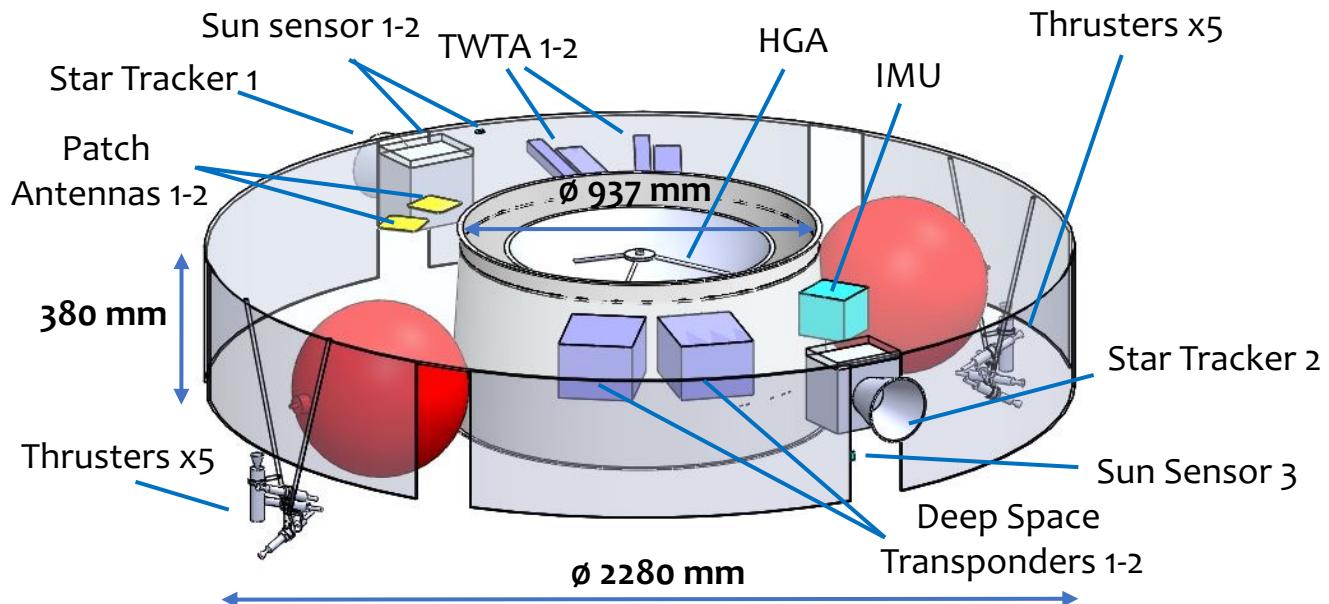


Overall Configuration



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Cruise Stage



Structure - Cruise Stage



Drivers

$f_{\text{nat}} \geq 46.5 \text{ Hz}$
Only lateral loads

Lateral direction: 10.98 g
Axial direction: 3.62 g

Multi-node Analysis

- Entry capsule: concentrated mass
- Fixed adapter end
- Factor of Safety = 1.1

Material (AL7075-T6)

- Modulus of elasticity $E = 71.1 \text{ GPa}$
- Yield strength $\sigma_{\text{yield}} = 505 \text{ MPa}$

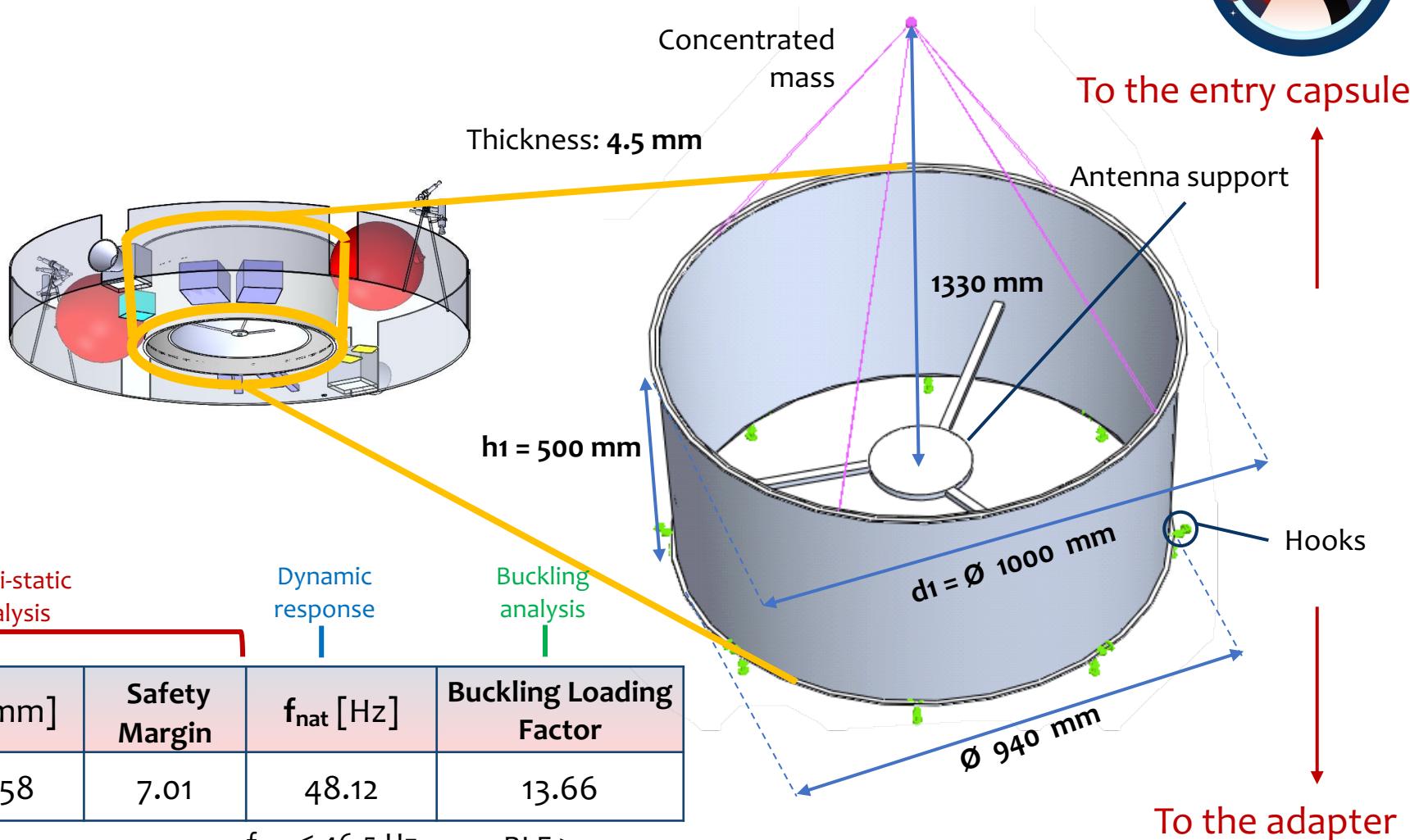
Degrees of freedom

- Upper diameter d_1
- Height h_1
- Thickness

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Quasi-static analysis		Dynamic response		Buckling analysis
σ_{VonMises} [MPa]	u [mm]	Safety Margin	f_{nat} [Hz]	Buckling Loading Factor
57.31	0.58	7.01	48.12	13.66

$\sigma_{\text{VM}} < \sigma_{\text{yield}}$ $f_{\text{nat}} < 46.5 \text{ Hz}$ $\text{BLF} > 1$



Structure - Entry Capsule



Multi-node Analysis

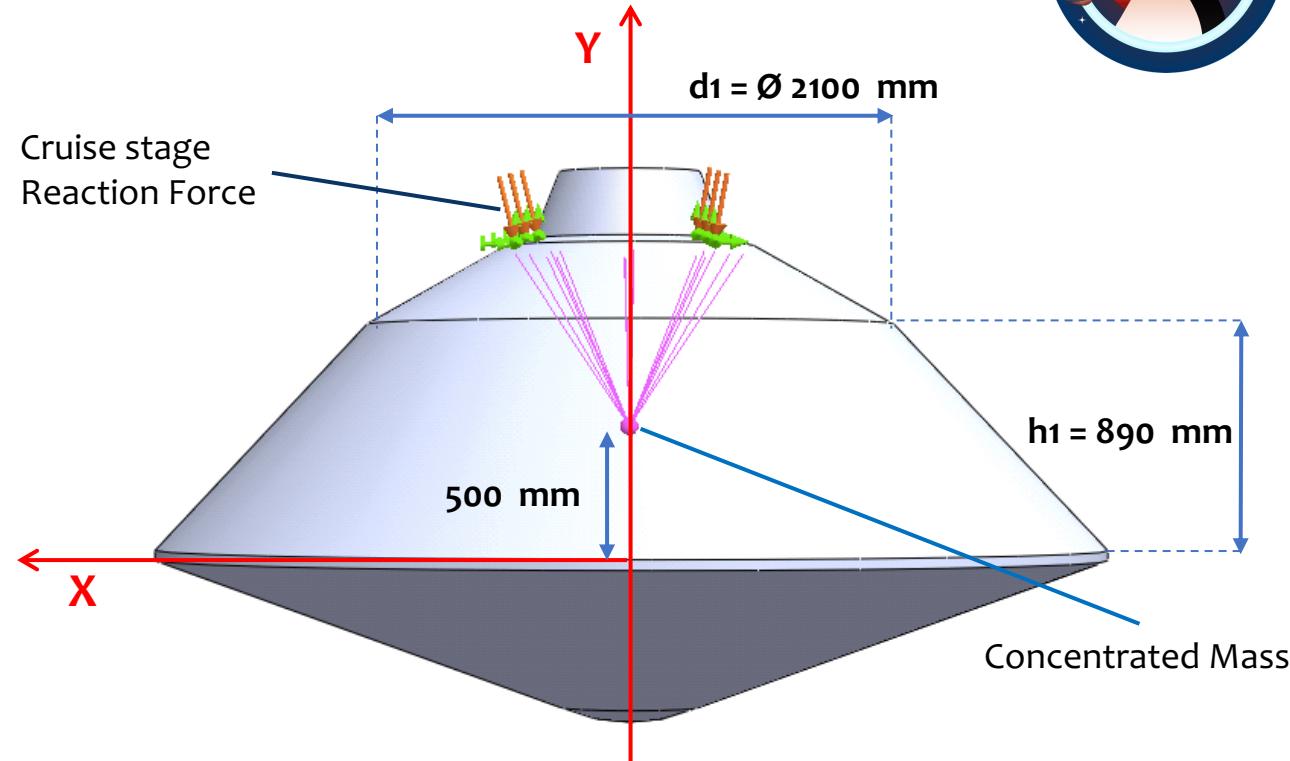
- Reaction force at the interface | $F = 120350 \text{ N}$
- Skycrane, Skipper, Kowalski: concentrated mass
- Capsule fixed to cruise stage
- Factor Of Safety= 1.25

Material: Aluminium Honeycomb with Al 7075-T73

- Yield strength $\sigma_{yield} = 435 \text{ Mpa}$

Degrees of freedom

- Thicknesses t_{core} , t_{Al}
- Truncated cone height h_1
- Truncated cone diameter d_1

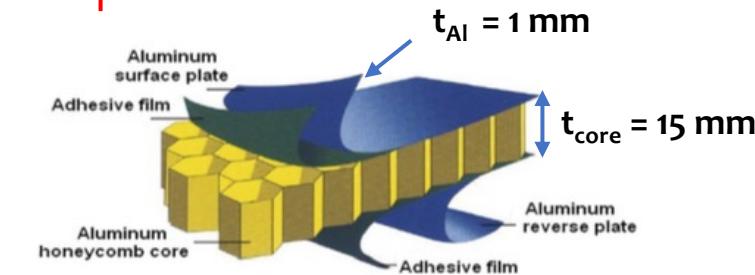


$\sigma_{VonMises}$ [MPa]	Safety Margin	u [mm]	f_{nat} [Hz]	BLF
3.08	127.57	1.63	47.26	265.79

$$\sigma_{VM} < \sigma_{yield}$$

$$f_{nat} > 46.5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$BLF > 1$$



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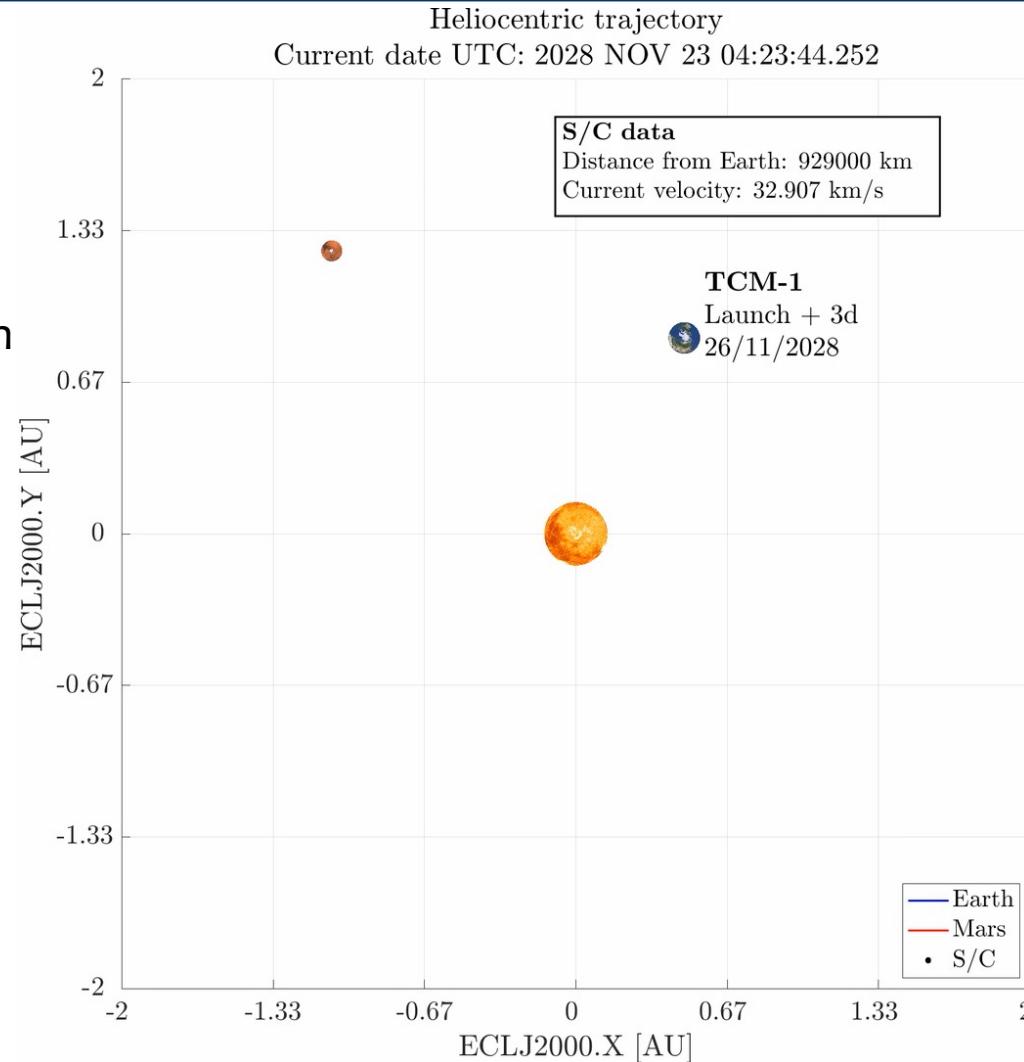
Mission Analysis - Heliocentric



- Ecliptic J2000 reference system for heliocentric phase
- Perturbations
 - Solar Radiation Pressure
 - First 7 planets of the Solar System
- Departure: Earth SOI
- Arrival: Mars SOI
- Time of flight: 297 days

Departure hyperbola (J2000)	
Parameter	Value
C_3	9.436 km ² /s ²
RA	187.636°
DEC	25.23°

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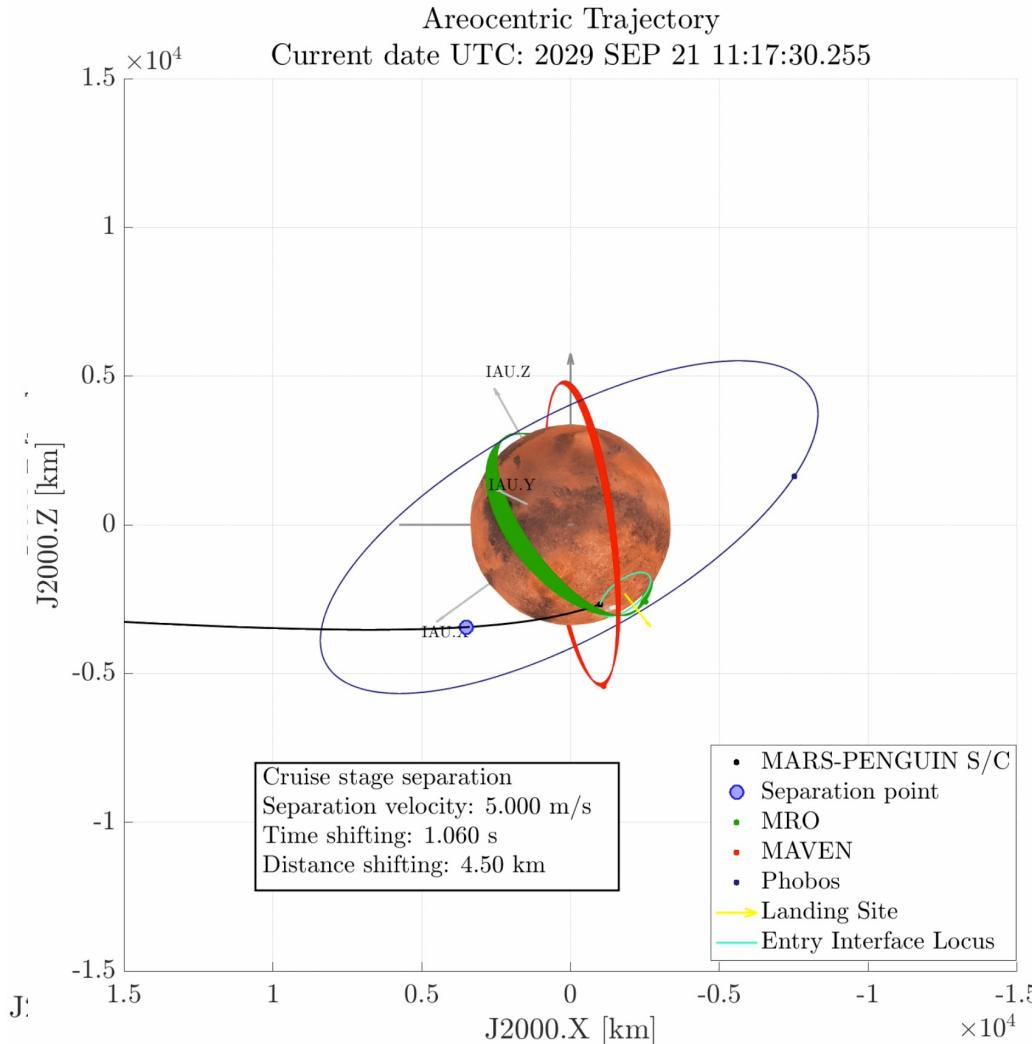
Trajectory Correction Manoeuvres		
#	Date	ΔV [m/s]
1	26-11-2028	25
2	19-09-2029	63.5

Heliocentric Trajectory Keplerian elements at departure	
Parameter	Value
a	$1.845 \cdot 10^8$ km
e	0.207
i	24.69°
ω	331.69°
Ω	4.52°
θ	344.26°

Mission Analysis – Areocentric



- Perturbations
 - J2 effect
- Arrival altitude: 125 km
- Lake distance at arrival: 475 km
- Flight Path Angle: -12°
- SOI arrival: 19-09-2029
- Entry interface arrival: 21-09-2029
- Cruise stage separation phase
 - In proximity of the entry point (~ 15 min based on other missions)



Arrival hyperbola	
Parameter	Value
a	-4907 km
e	1.687
i	50.38°
ω	300.34°
Ω	191.56°
θ	338.8°
v _{EI}	5.749 km/s
RA	187.636°
DEC	4.603°

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Monopropellant blowdown system
Hydrazine and Helium

Component (#)	Mass & Volume	Max Power
Thruster (10)	4.14 kg	64.68 W
Tank 50.8 L (2)	14.70 kg	
Propellant: N ₂ H ₄	72.93 kg 74.34 L	
Pressurant: He	0.116 kg 27.26 L	
Feeding system	1.621 kg	136.52 W
Total	93.50 kg	201.2 W

TCM1

$$\Delta v_1 = 25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t_{b1} = 9' 54''$$

TCM2

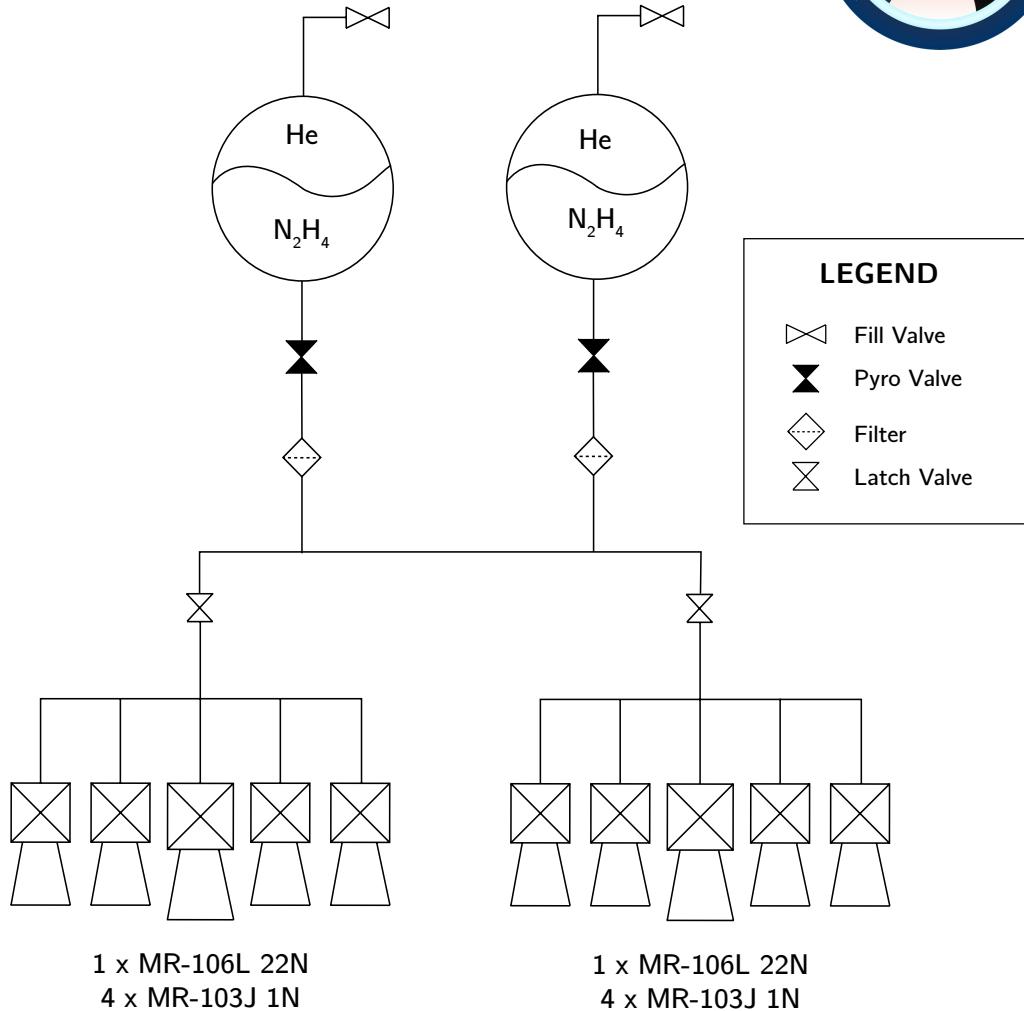
$$\Delta v_2 = 63.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t_{b2} = 24' 25''$$

Δv margin 20%

Mass margins

Reserves:
Propellant 20%
Press. gas 10%
Unusable 3%
Loading 0.5%



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ADCS - Architecture



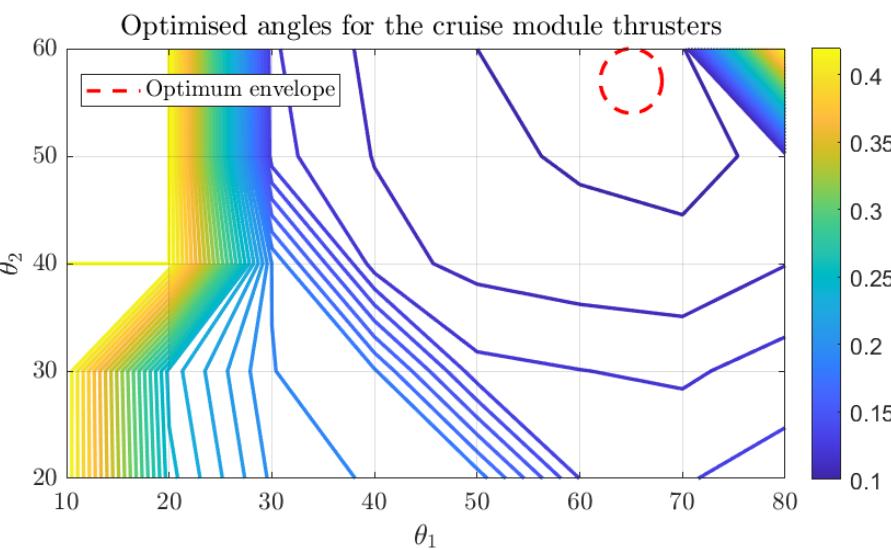
Modes	Pointing accuracy	Sensors	
		Attitude	Angular rate
De-tumbling	$\omega_i < 0.01 \text{deg/s}$	Not applicable	IMU
Communication	$\theta < 2 \text{ deg}$	2 Fine sun sensors Star tracker	IMU
	$\omega_i < 0.01 \text{ deg/s}$		
Safe Mode	$\theta < 2 \text{ deg}$	Fine sun sensor Coarse sun sensor Star tracker	IMU

Optimisation weights

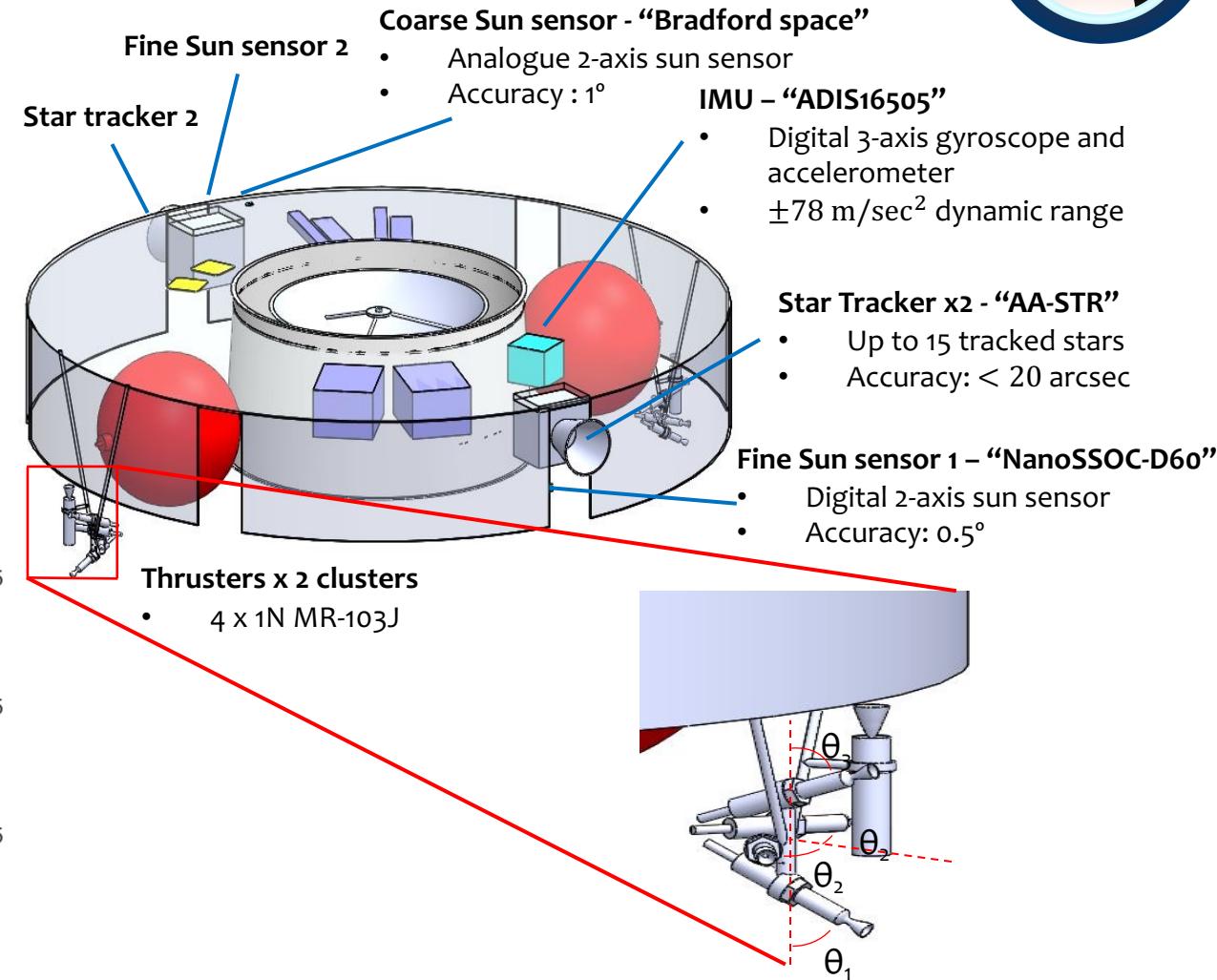
- Propellant: 40%
- Accuracy: 60%

Results

- θ_1 : 60 deg
- θ_2 : 60 deg
- θ_3 : 70 deg



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ADCS - Communication mode

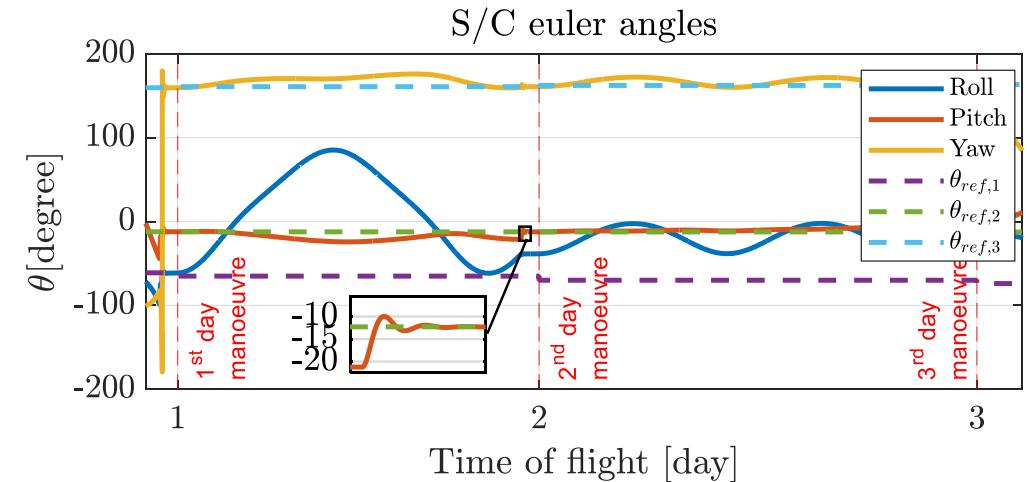
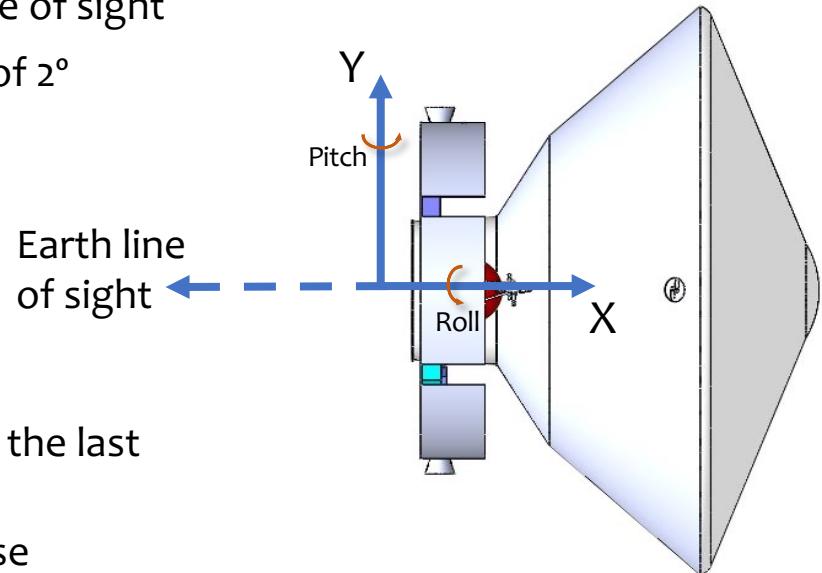


Assumptions

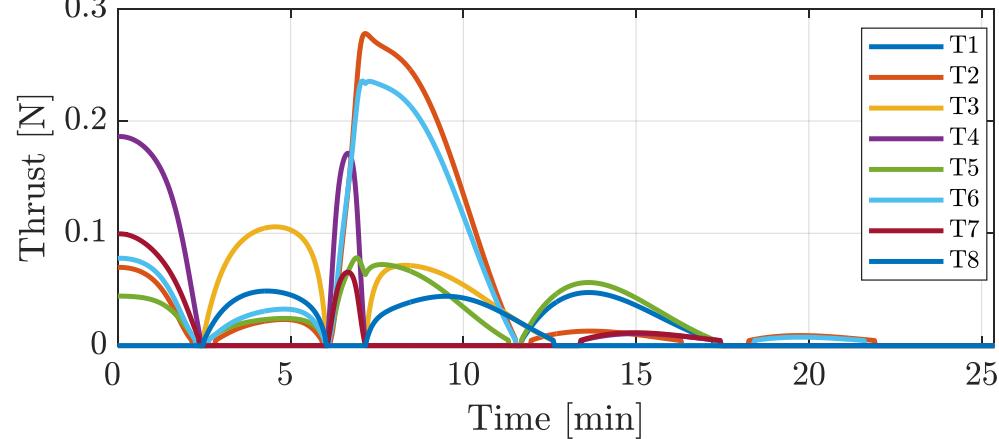
- Constant perturbation of Solar pressure
- Free rotation about Earth line of sight
- Required pointing accuracy of 2°

Performance

- ~ 65 manoeuvres in total:
 - Everyday for the first and the last 10 days of cruise
 - Once a week for mid cruise
- 5.6 kg of propellant in total (+20% margin)



Thrust of 8 thrusters during the first day manoeuvre



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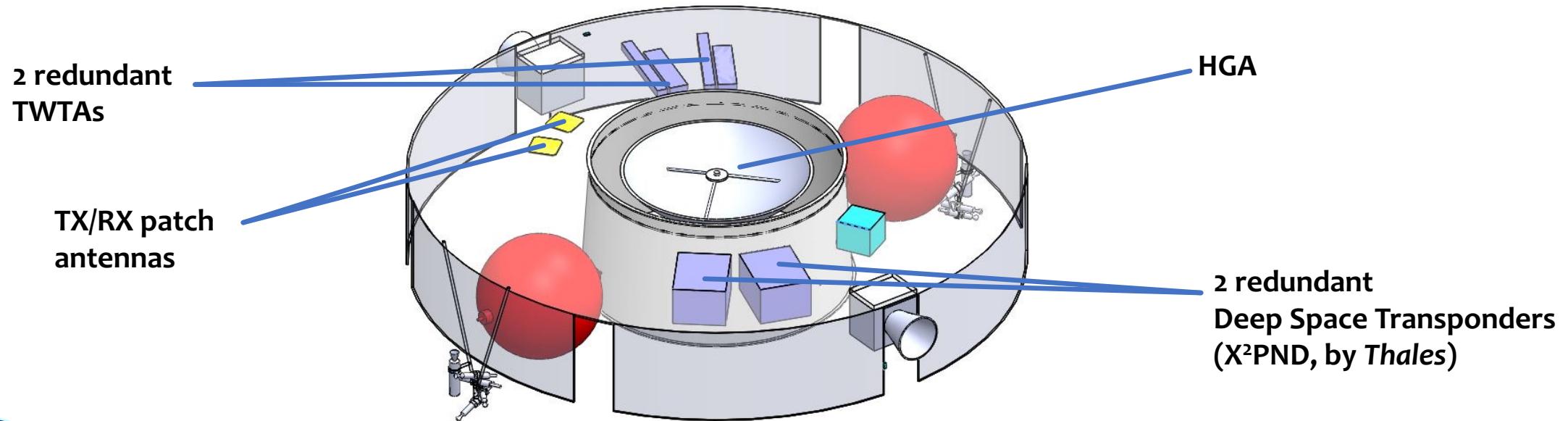


Characteristics

- X-band link to ESTRACK network
- Power amplifier: 65 W TWTA

Antennas

- Parabolic HGA for high-rate communication
- 2 Low Gain patch antennas for **safe mode** communication



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TMTC - Deep space antennas

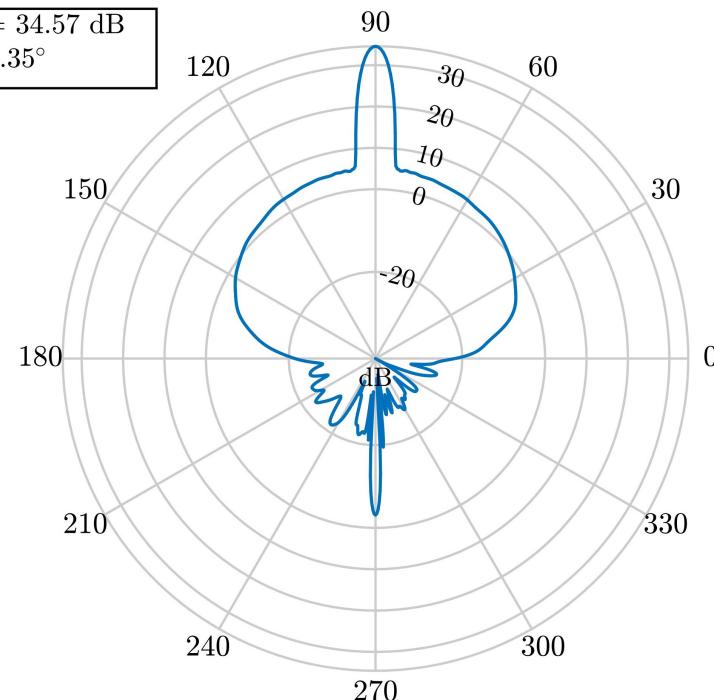


High Gain Antenna

- D = 0.71 m parabolic reflector

Radiation pattern at f = 8.450 GHz (Az = 0°)

Peak gain: $G_{\max} = 34.57 \text{ dB}$
HPBW: $\theta_{-3\text{dB}} = 4.35^\circ$



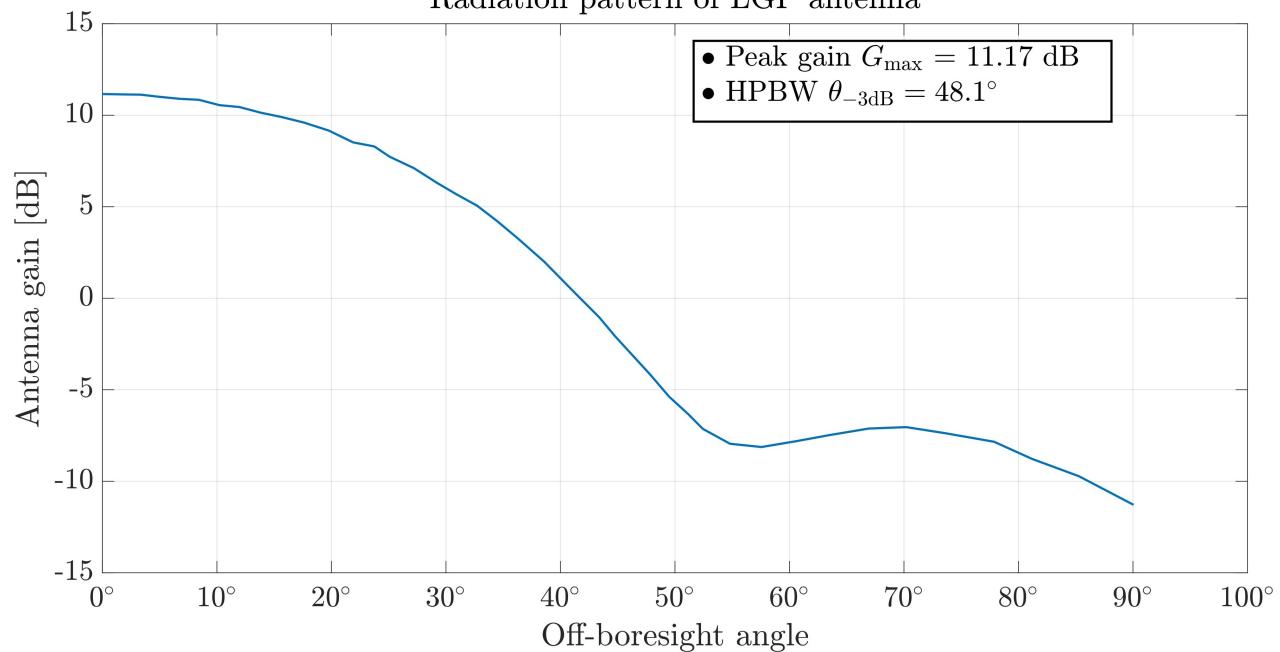
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Low Gain Antenna

- 2 Patch antennas for **safe mode TX/RX**

Radiation pattern of LGP antenna

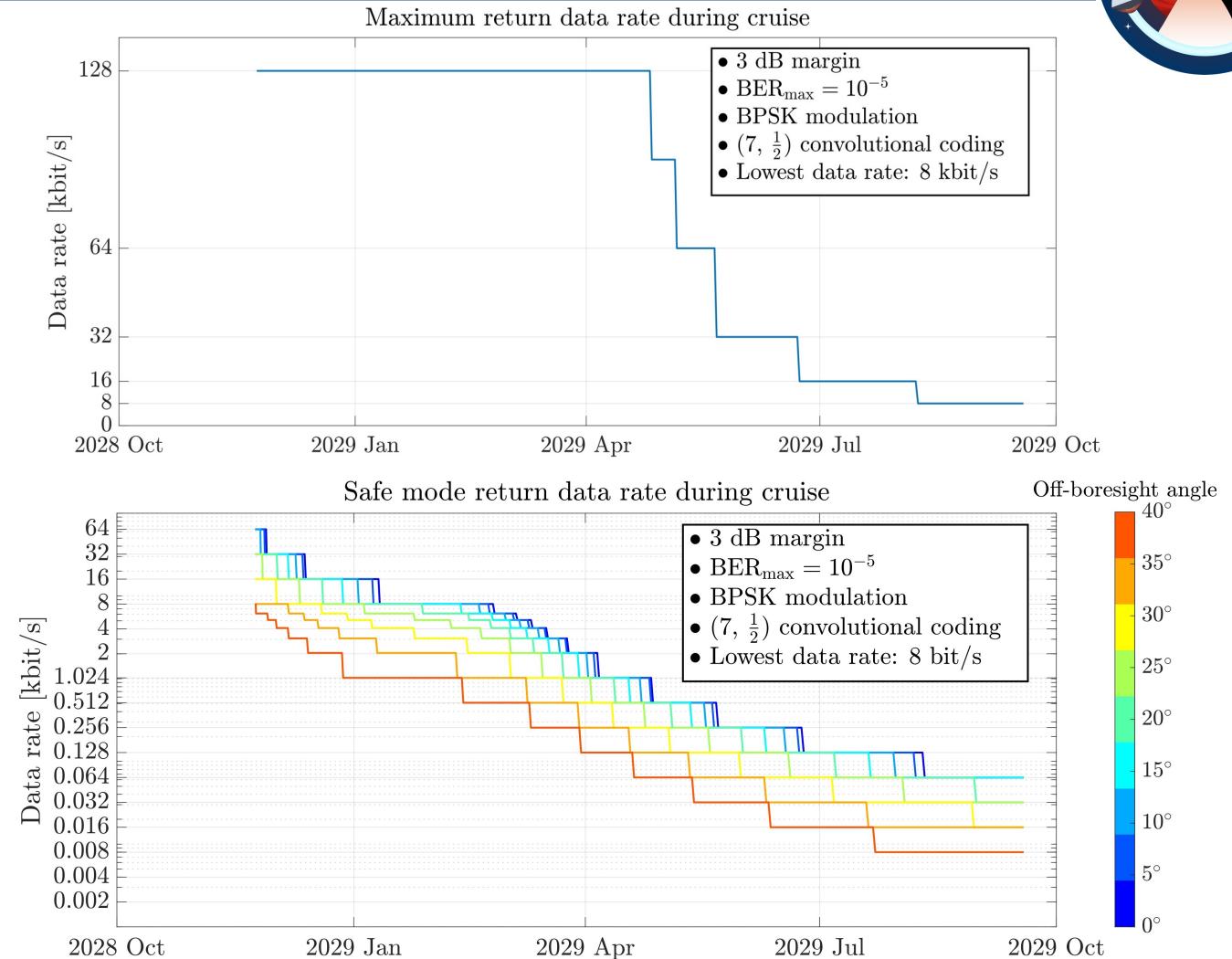
• Peak gain $G_{\max} = 11.17 \text{ dB}$
• HPBW $\theta_{-3\text{dB}} = 48.1^\circ$



TMTC - Deep space link performance



	Return link	Forward link
Carrier [GHz]	8.4-8.5	7.145-7.235
Modulation scheme	BPSK + convolutional	BCH (63, 56)
BER_{max}	10^{-5}	10^{-7}
(E_b/N₀)_{min} [dB]	4.4	11.0
Data Rate [kbit/s]	8 - 128	4



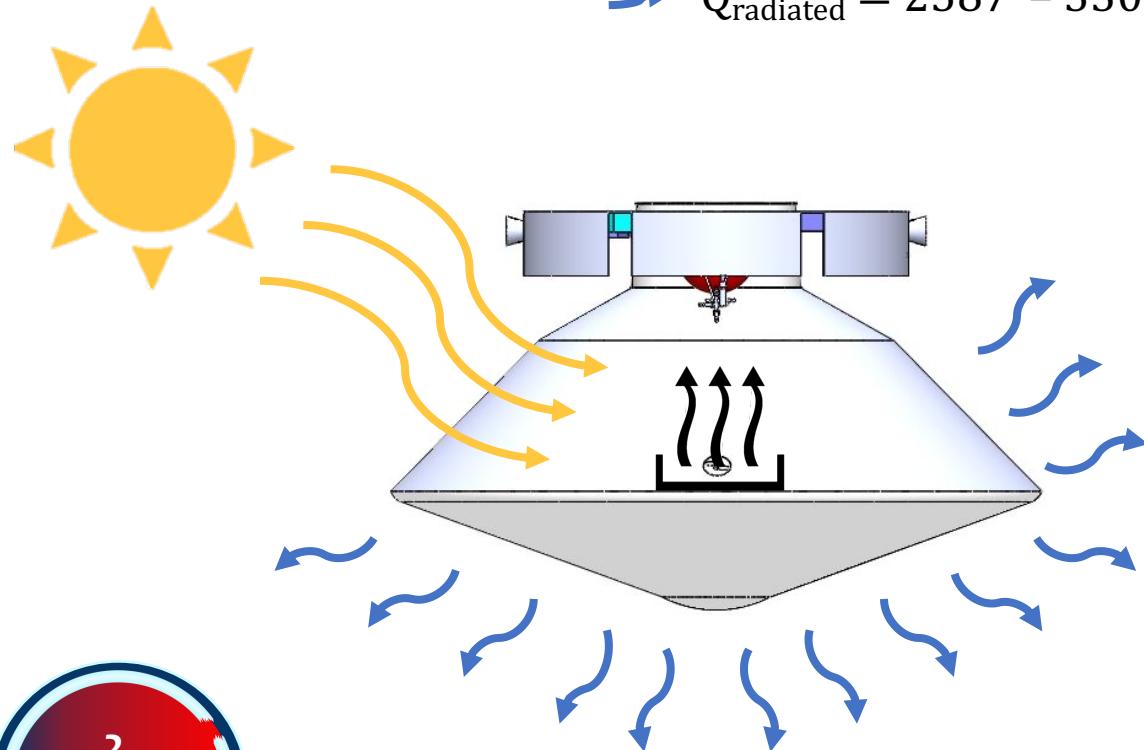
TCS - Cruise phase



Cold case: arrival
Hot case: LEOP

Flows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Yellow arrow: } Q_{\text{sun}} &= 537^{\text{I}} - 1250^{\text{II}} \text{ W} \\ \text{Black arrow: } Q_{\text{int}} &= 2050 \text{ W} \\ \text{Blue arrow: } Q_{\text{radiated}} &= 2587^{\text{I}} - 3300^{\text{II}} \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

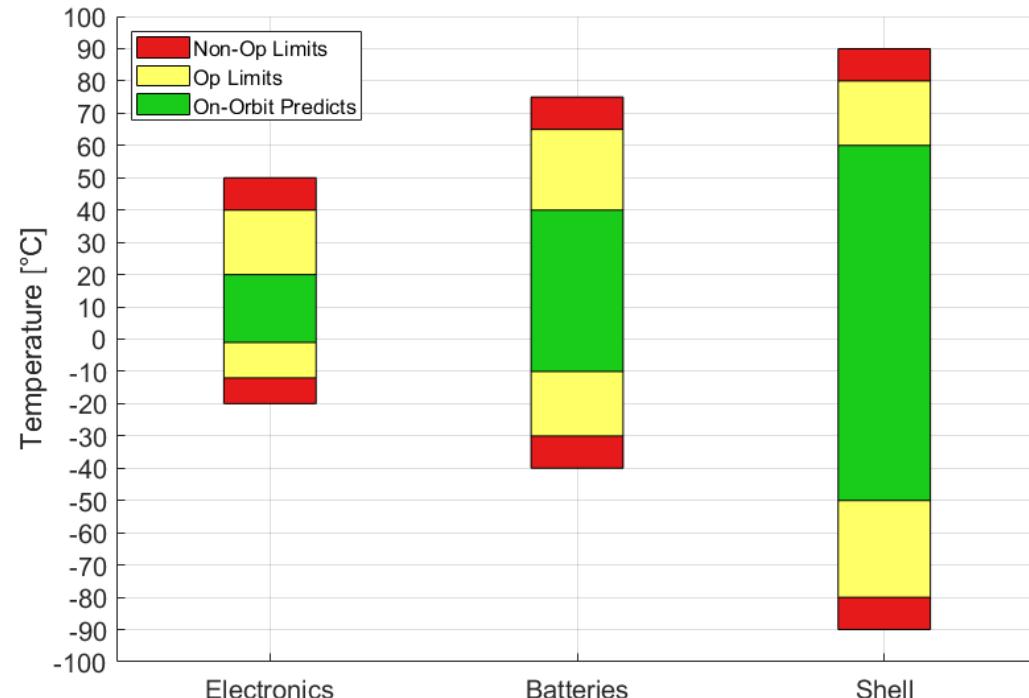


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Solution

White paint surface finish S13GP 6N/LO-1

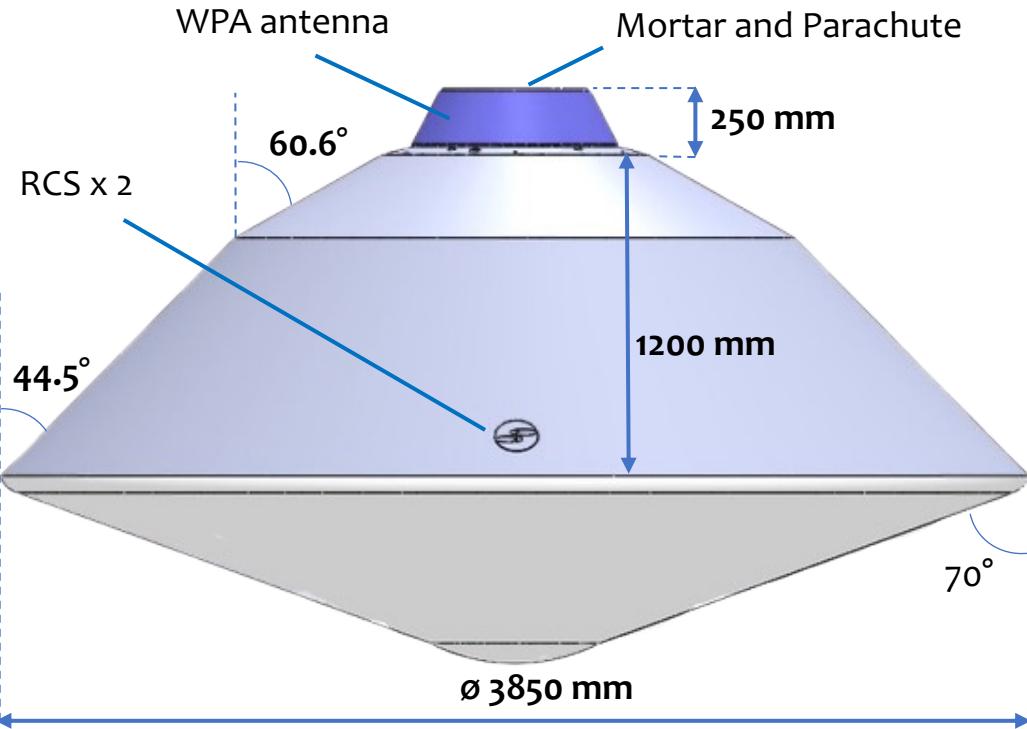
- $\varepsilon = 0.90$
- $\alpha = 0.18$ (solar reflector)



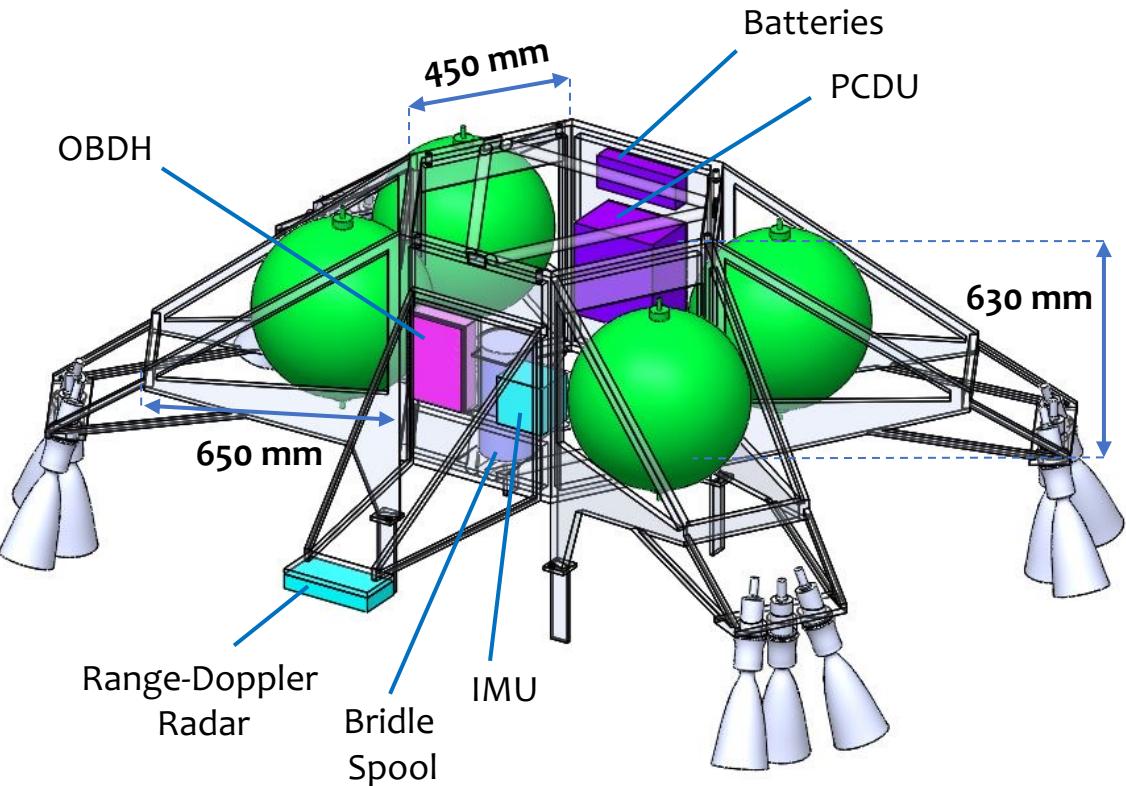
Configuration



Entry Capsule



Skycrane



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- Heatshield: heritage 70° sphere-cone shape

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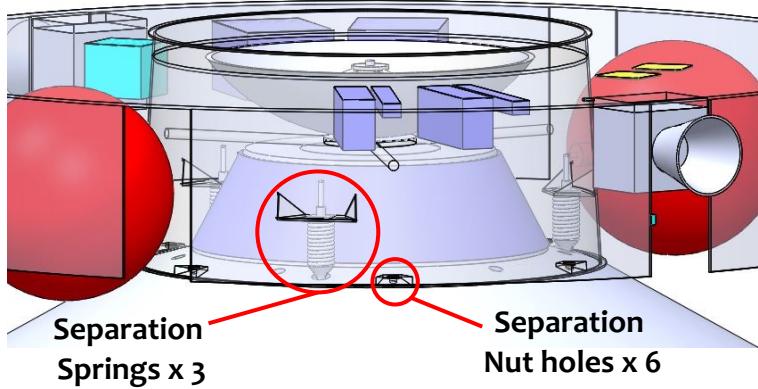
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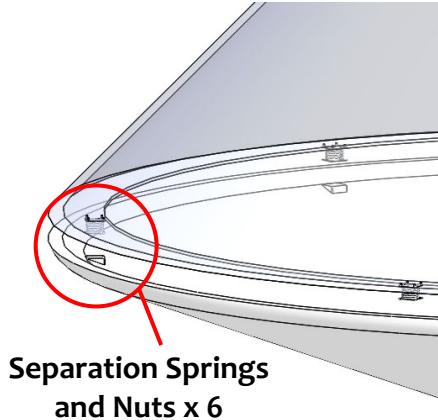
Configuration - Separation mechanisms



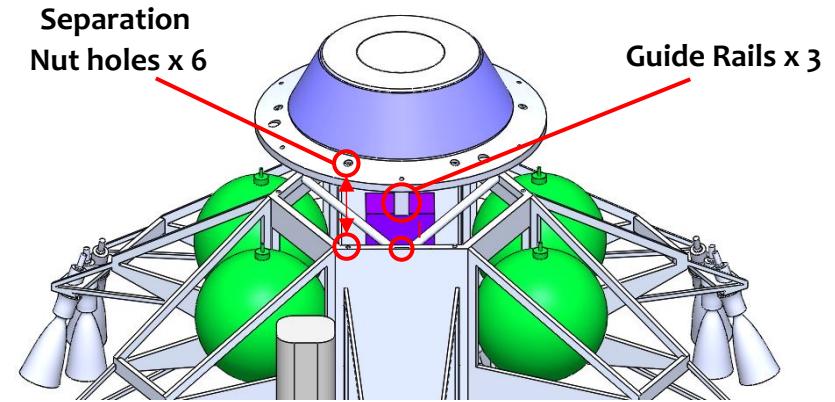
Cruise Stage - Capsule



Heatshield - Capsule



Capsule - Skycrane



Separation Springs	Requested ΔV [m/s]	Number	Spring constant [N/mm]	Free length [mm]	Δx_{max} [mm]
Cruise - Capsule	5	3	198	180	80
Capsule - Heatshield	2	6	46	80	40

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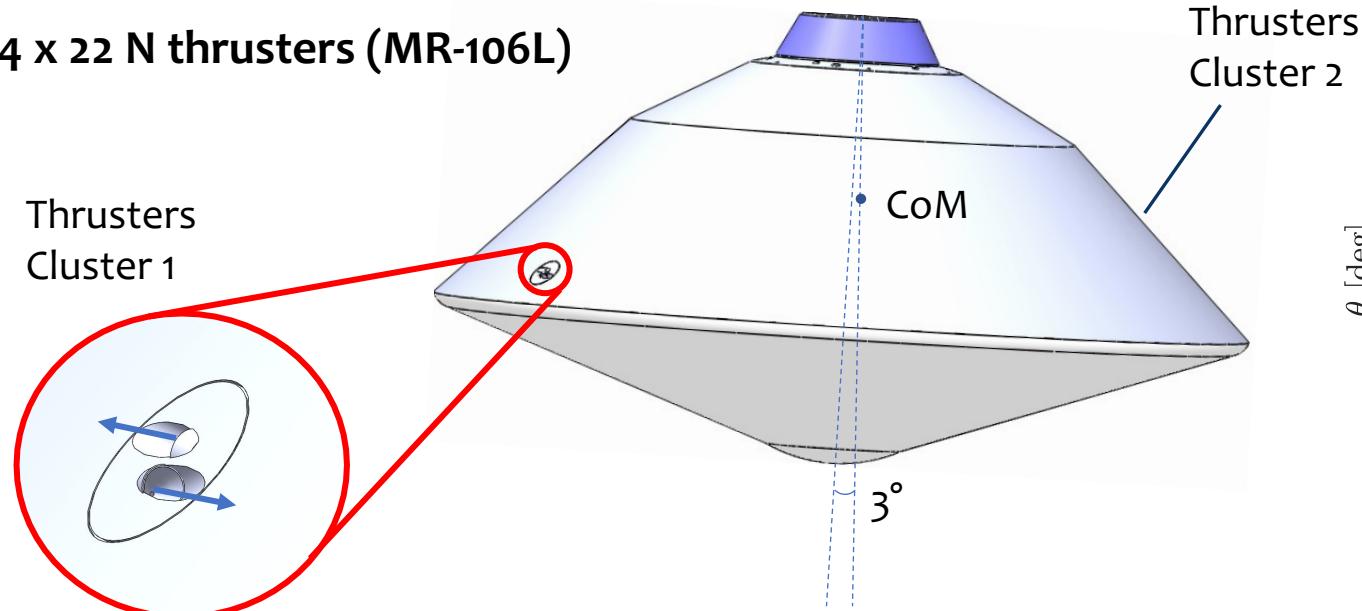
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ADCS - Entry attitude control

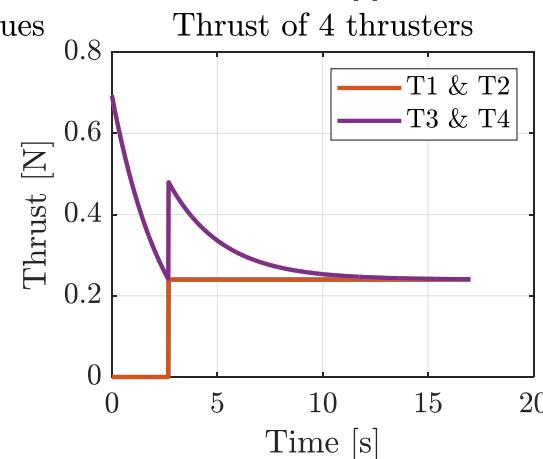
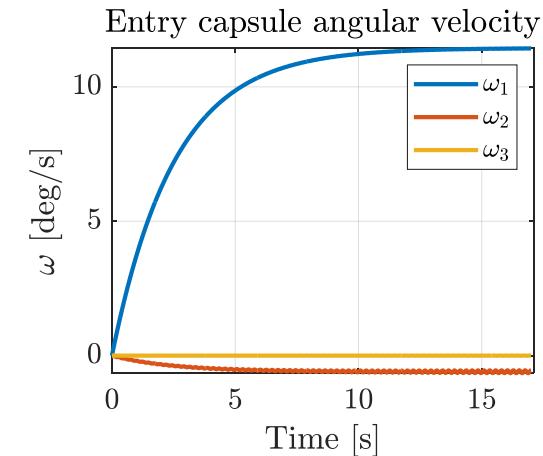
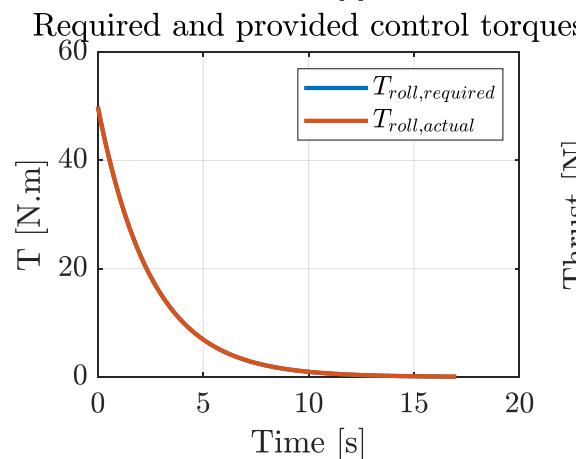
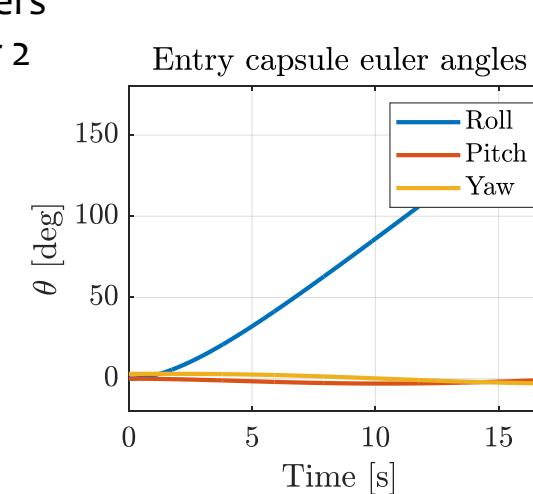


4 x 22 N thrusters (MR-106L)



- Spin stabilization → 2 rpm
- Performance with a 5 cm (3°) CG misalignment
- Highest level of drag considered: $\sim 10^4$ N at the entry

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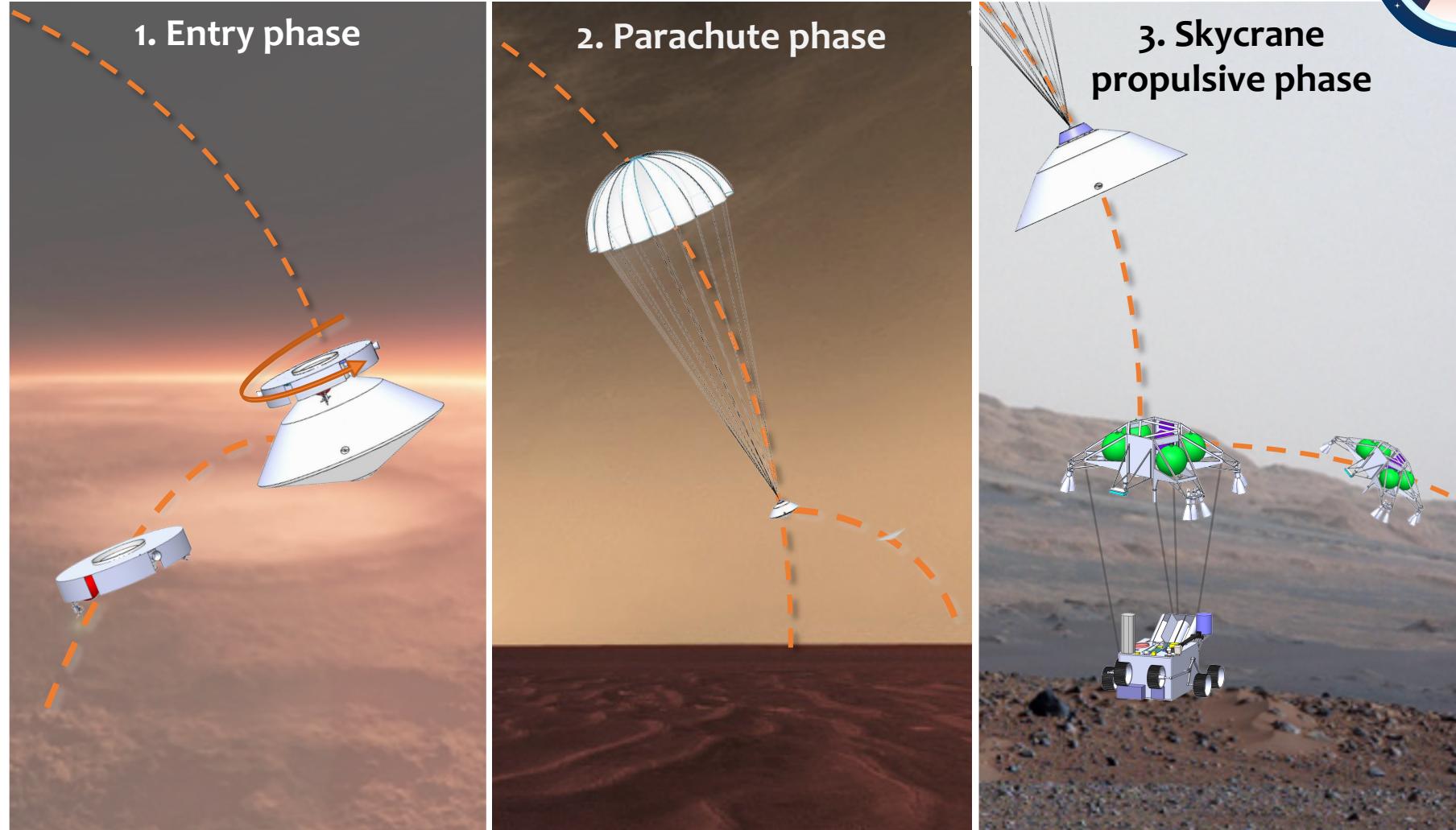


Trajectory Analysis – Drivers and Phases



Drivers:

- Heat loads
- Deceleration
- Landing site MOLA: 2.7 km
- Atmospheric density
- Landing precision
- Wind velocity : 93.81 m/s
average speed at the landing site location at the arrival time



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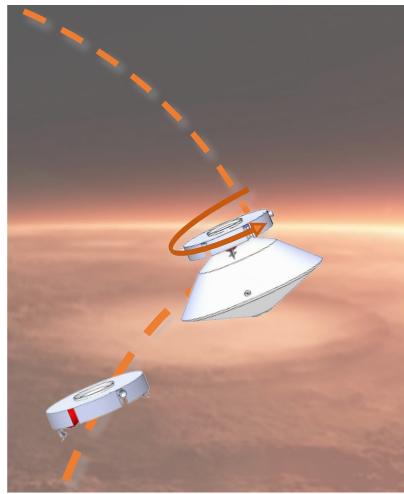
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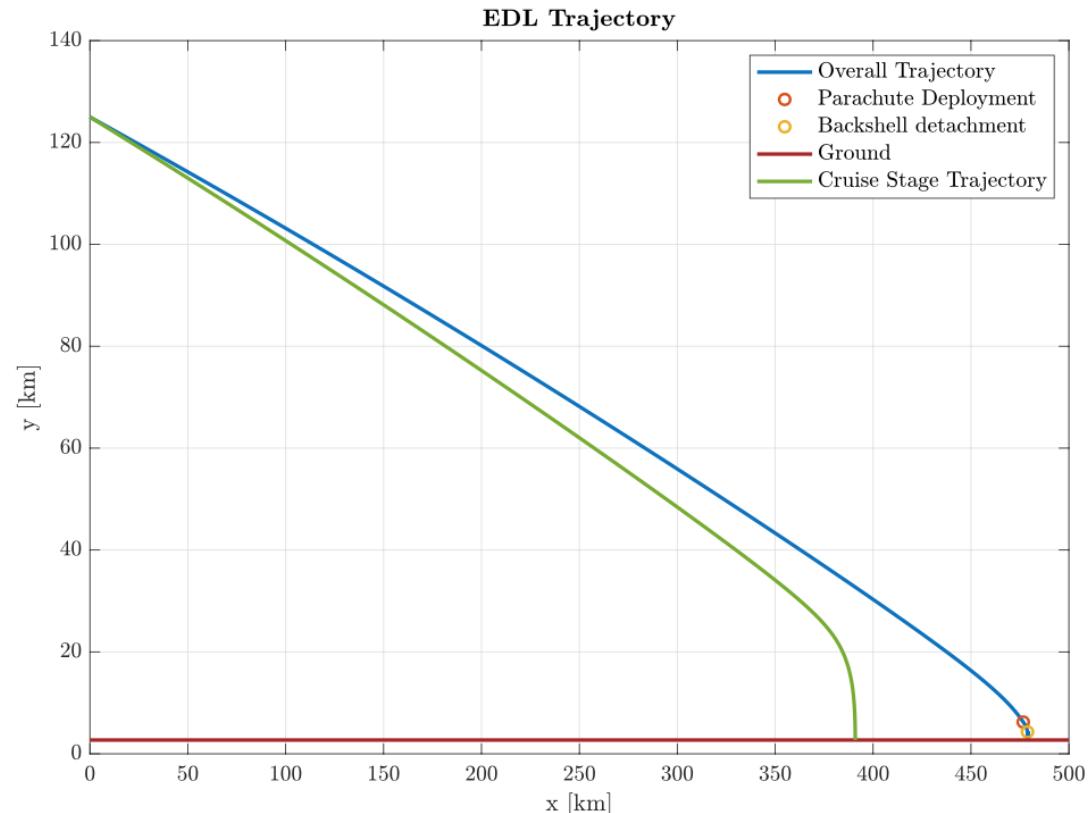
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Trajectory Analysis



- **Duration:** 137.6 s
- **Peak deceleration:** 13.58 g
- **Sensor used:** IMU

1. Entry phase



EDL entry vehicle characteristics

EFPA	-12°
Entry mass	1043.1 kg
Entry altitude	125 km
Entry velocity	5.749 km/s
Heatshield hypersonic c_D	1.68
Heatshield diameter	3.85 m
Ballistic coefficient	54 kg/m ²
Parachute c_D	0.65
Parachute diameter	16 m

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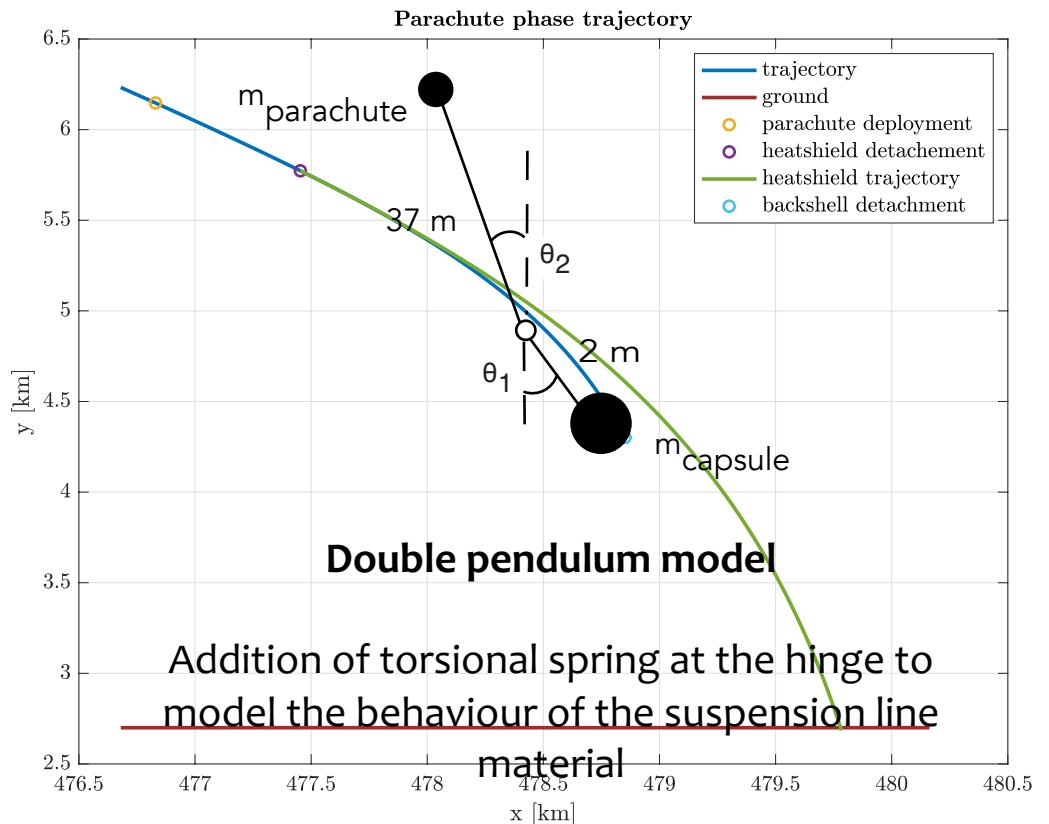
Trajectory Analysis



- Duration: 26 s
- Subphases:
 - Parachute deployment
 - Heatshield detachment
 - Backshell detachment
 - Heatshield detachment

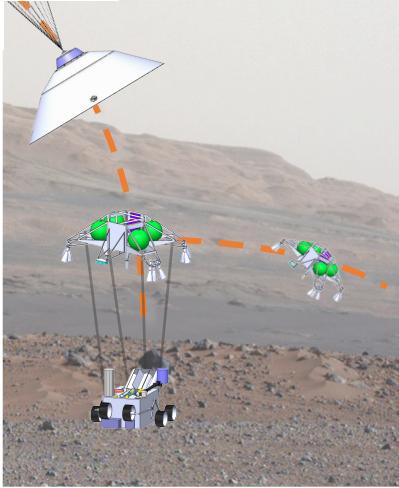
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2. Parachute phase



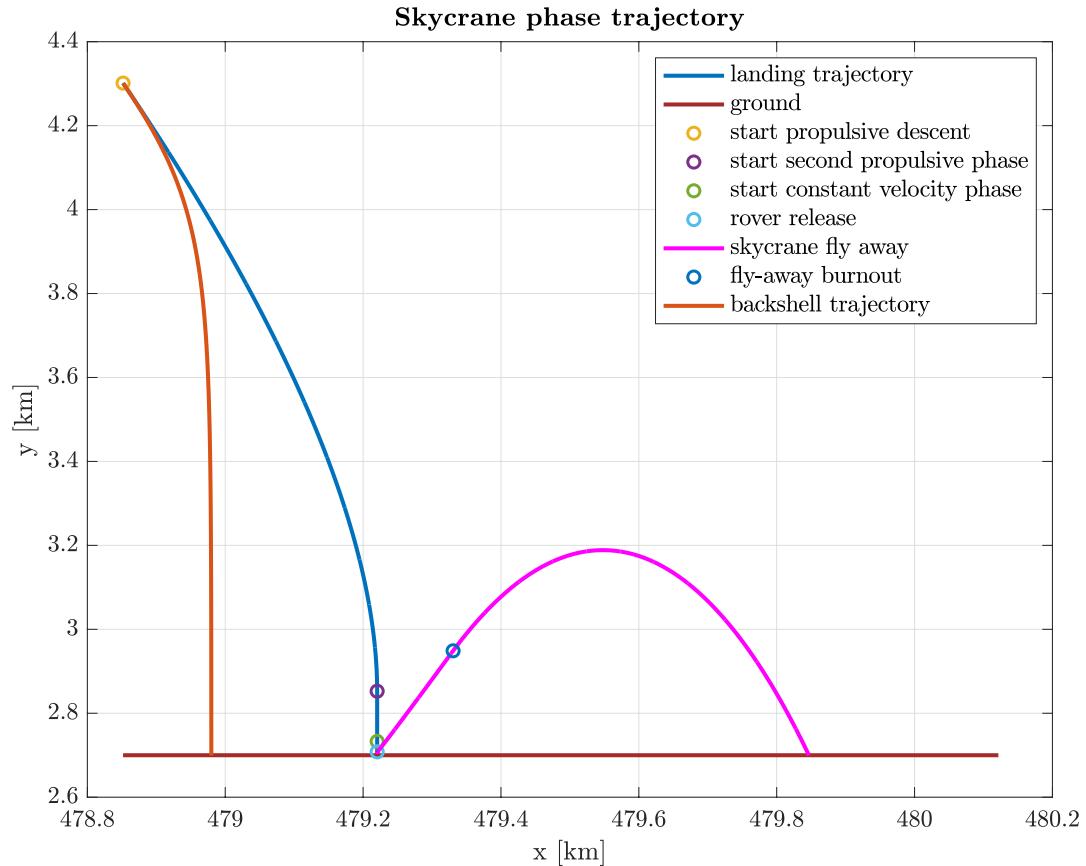
Parachute Phases	
Parachute deployment altitude	6.147 km
Parachute deployment dynamic pressure	752 Pa
Parachute deployment Mach number	1.51
Heatshield separation altitude	5.773 km
Horizontal velocity at 4.3 km	24.5 m/s
Vertical velocity at 4.3 km	-59.4 m/s
Landing site MOLA	2.7 km

Trajectory Analysis



- Duration: 75.54 s
- Fly-away duration: 39.4 s
- Sensors used: IMU+Radar

3. Skycrane phase



- Four subphases:
 - $v_x = 0$ and $v_y = -32 \text{ m/s}$ at $h = 145 \text{ m}$
 - $v_y < 1 \text{ m/s}$ at 25 m
 - Constant velocity phase and rover deployment through 8 m bridle
 - Sky crane fly-away (falls 626 m away from the rover)

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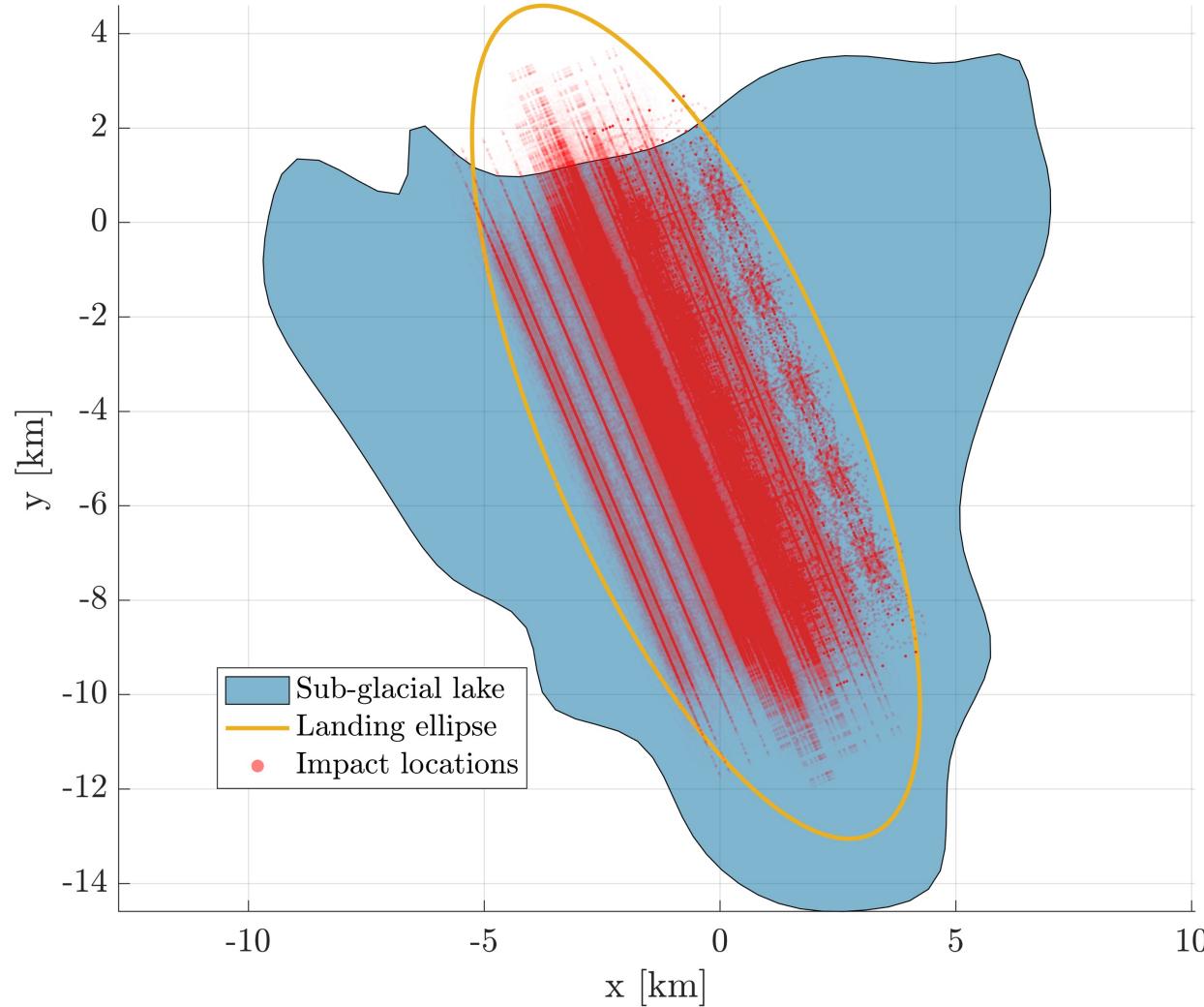
Propulsion

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Trajectory Analysis



Uncertainties	
Variable	3σ
Entry height	1 km
Entry velocity	5 m/s
EFPA	0.1°
Heading angle	0.5°
Density	10%
Parachute deployment dynamic pressure	50 Pa
Parachute c_D	10%



3σ Downrange
9.48 km
3σ Crossrange
3.22 km

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Maximum lake size: 20 km

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Structure – Verification



Loading Factors

- QSL from EDL deceleration
- Shocks between Cruise Stage and Entry Capsule

QSL_{EDL} [g]

Shock [g]

Axial

13.58

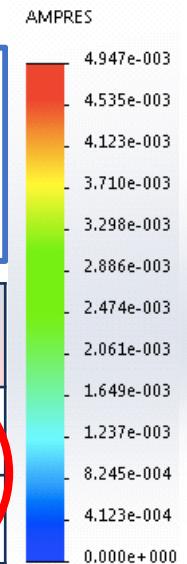
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Verification Method

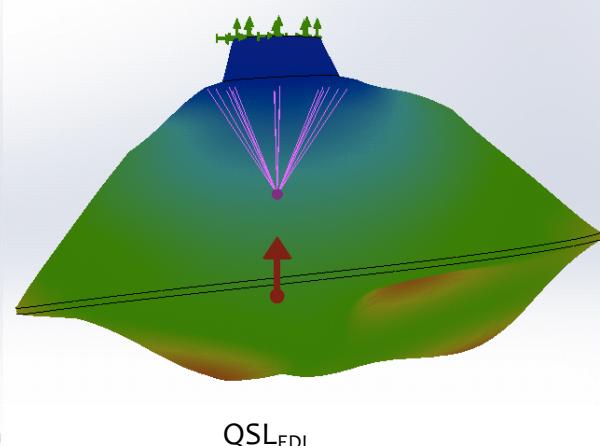
- Static analysis \Rightarrow Inertia relief
- Buckling analysis

	σ_{VM} [MPa]	ε [-]	BLF
QSL_{EDL}	$1.90 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.27 \cdot 10^{-7}$	370.22
Shock	$4.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.15 \cdot 10^{-7}$	62.54

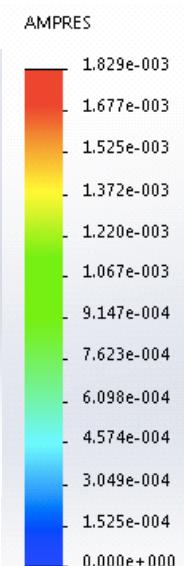
Buckling will not occur



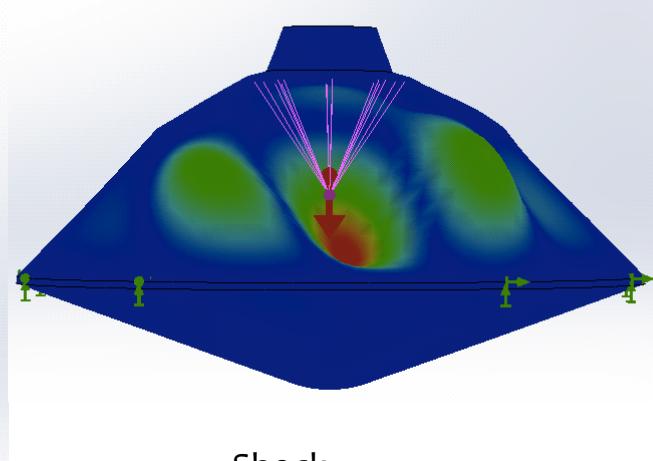
Mode Shape : 1 Load Factor = 370.22
Deformation scale: 86.0253



QSL_{EDL}



Mode Shape : 1 Load Factor = 62.544
Deformation scale: 289.449



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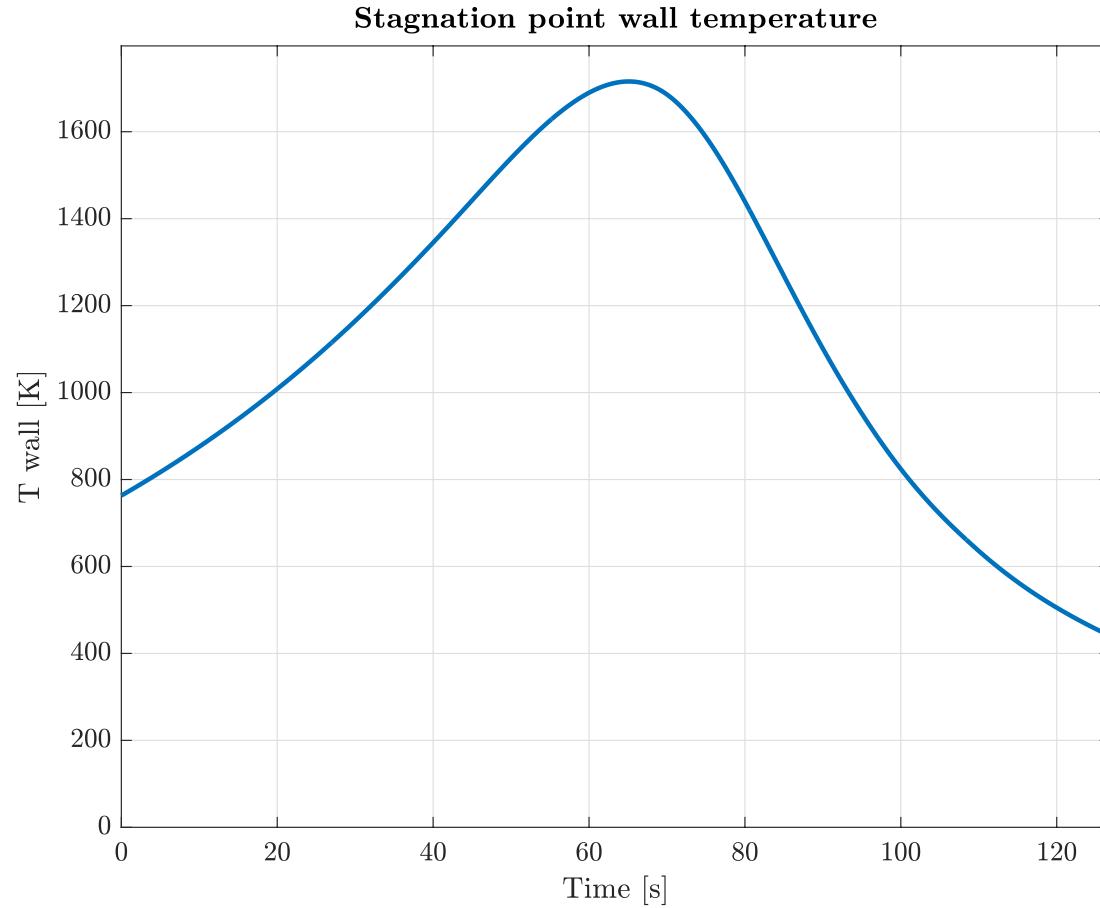
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TCS - Entry capsule



- Sutton-Graves formula: determine heat flux at stagnation point
- TPS thickness: ablated thickness + insulative thickness
- Guarantee 250 °C on Honeycomb Al structure



Thermal environment EDL SLA561v as TPS

m_{tps}	35.9 kg
t_{tps}	1.17 cm
Q	$1.93 \cdot 10^3 \text{ J/cm}^2$
q_{max}	$47.64 \text{ J/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$
$T_w \text{ max}$	1715.6 K
c_p^{tps}	1256 J/kg·K
k_{tps}	0.05477 W/m·K
ρ_{tps}	264.3 kg/m ³
α_{tps}	$1.65 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
ϵ_{tps}	0.97

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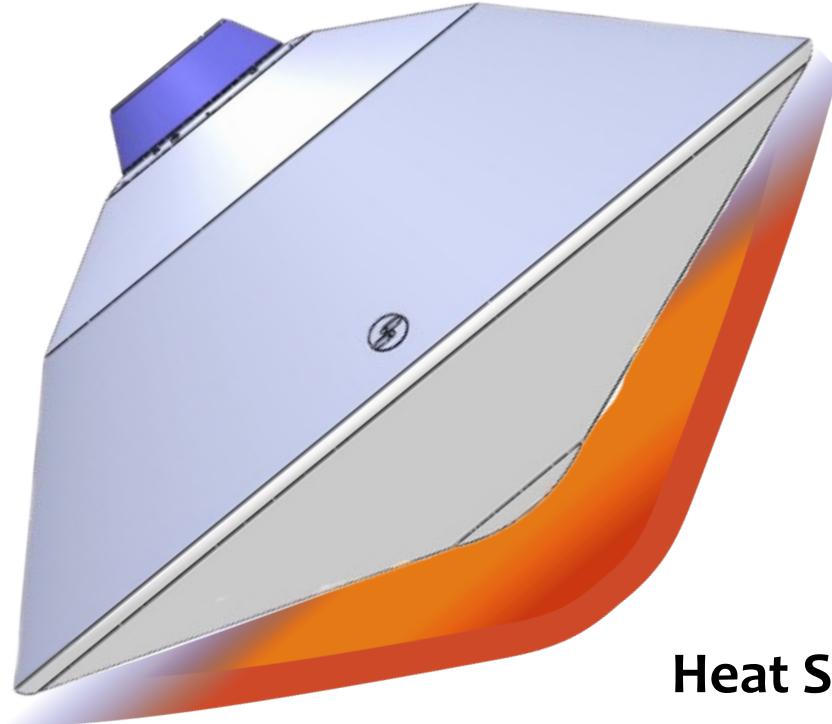
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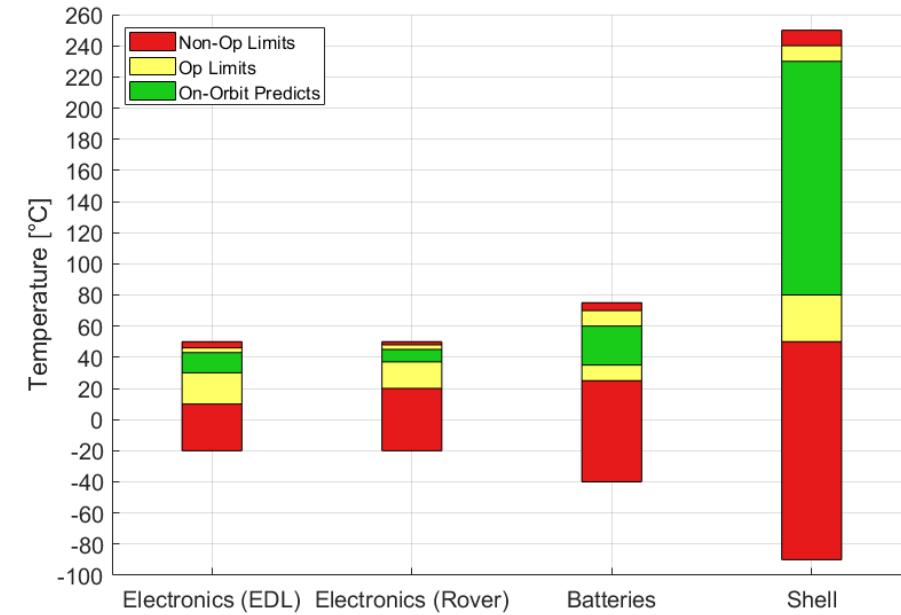
Heat Shield

- **Thickness**

Thermal protection: 11.7 mm
Honeycomb Al: 17 mm

Solution

- **White paint** surface finish S13GP 6N/LO-1
 $\epsilon = 0.90$
 $\alpha = 0.18$ (solar reflector)
- **Ablative shield** of Sla561V



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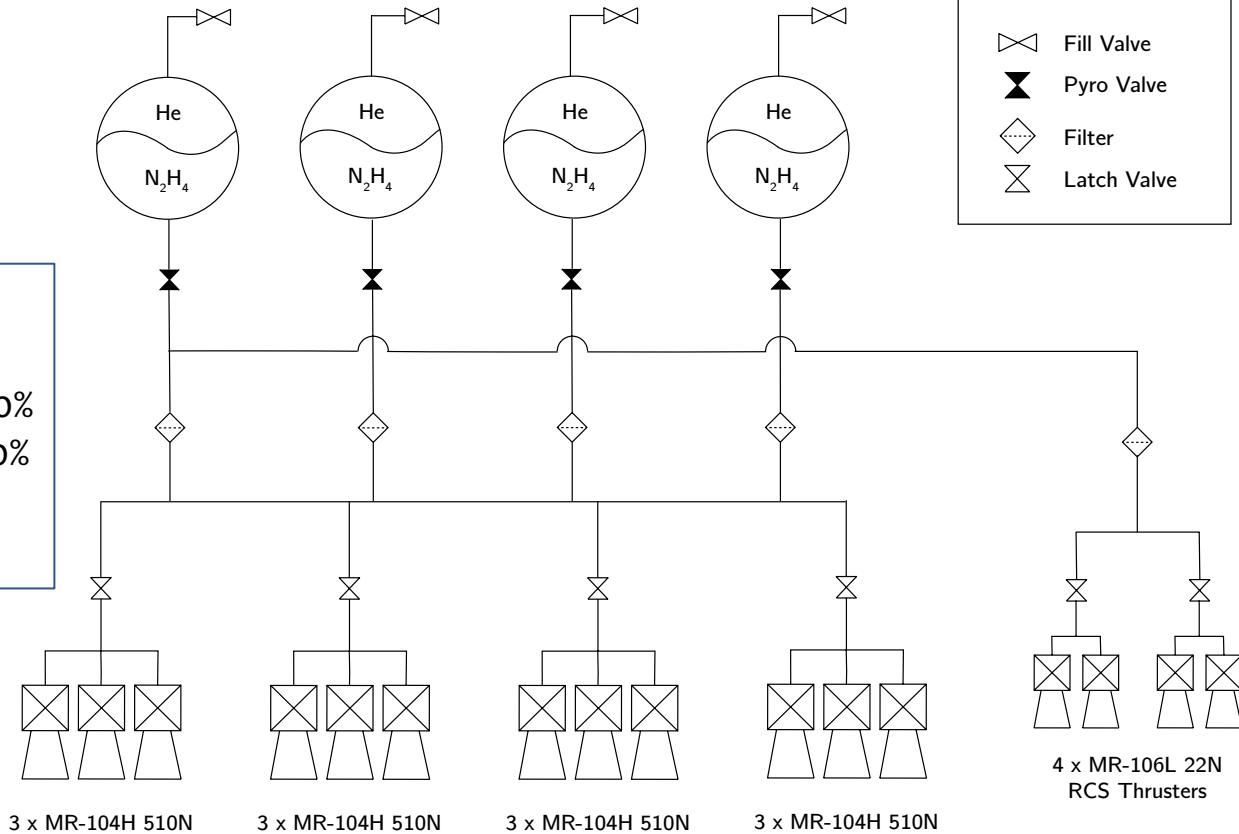


Monopropellant blowdown system: Hydrazine and Helium

Component (#)	Mass & Volume	Max Power
RCS thrusters (4)	2.36 kg	28.24 W
Main thrusters (12)	28.8 kg	97.20 W
Tank 50.8 L (4)	29.39 kg	
Propellant: N ₂ H ₄	145.85 kg 148.68 L	
Pressurant: He	0.190 kg 54.52 L	
Feeding system	12.71 kg	624 W
Total	219.35 kg	749.44 W

Mass margins

Reserves:
 Propellant 20%
 Press. gas 10%
 Unusable 3%
 Loading 0.5%



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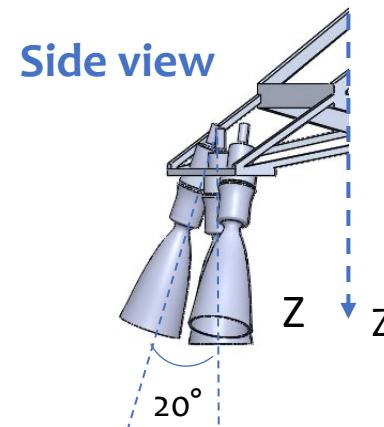
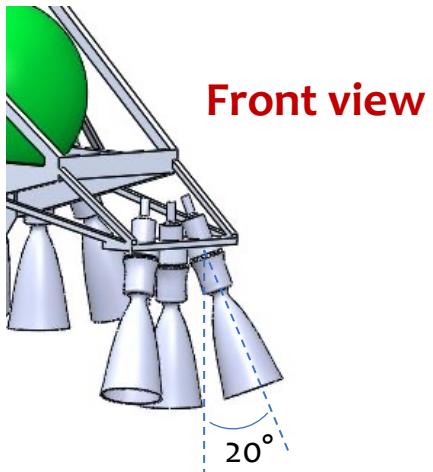
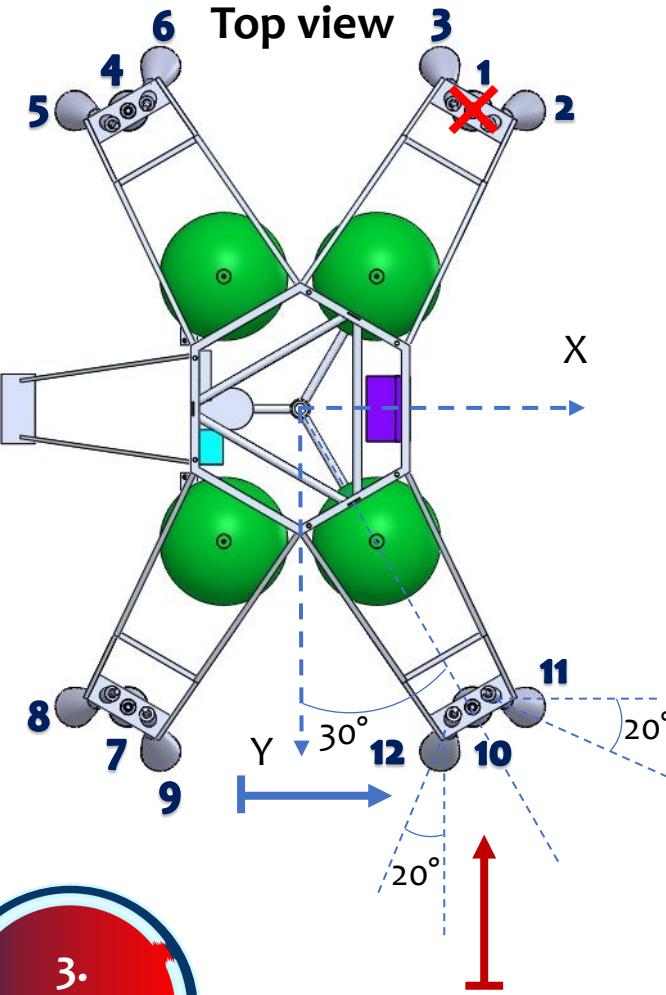
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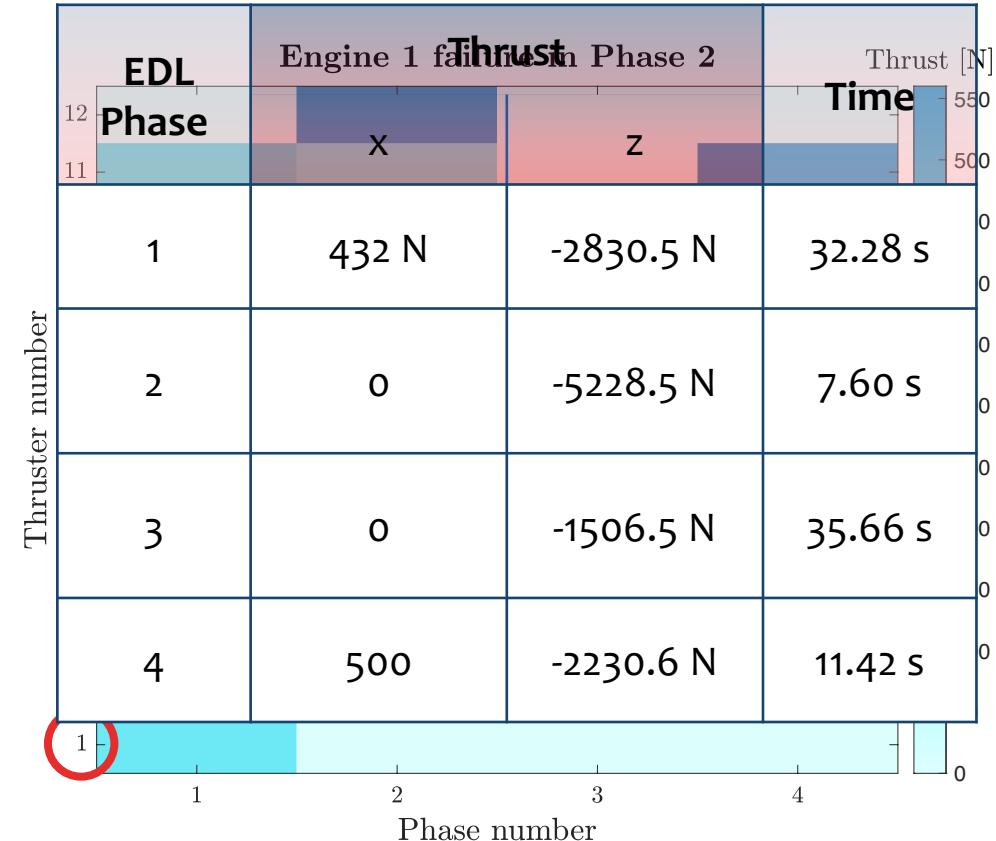
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Nominal thrust: 510 N
Maximum thrust: 554 N



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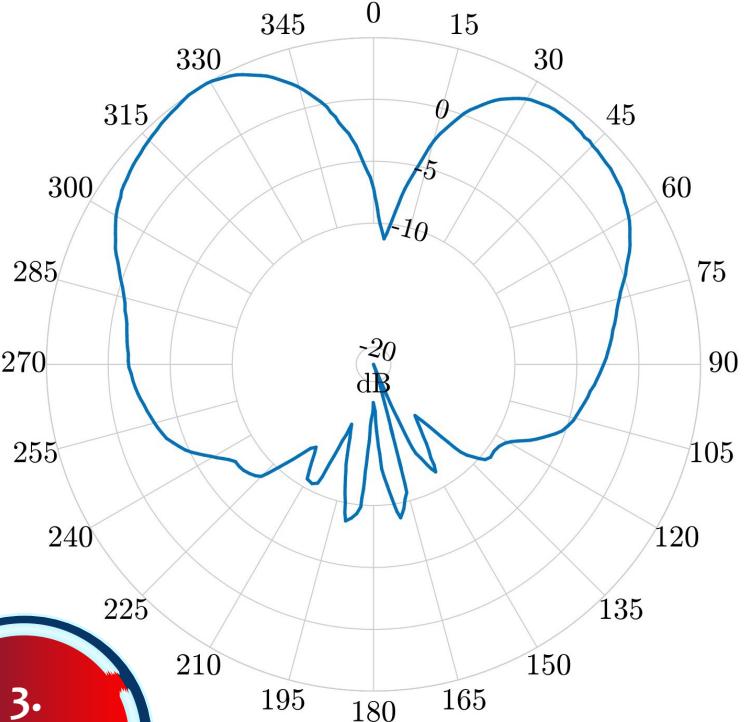
TMTC - Proximity antennas



UHF downlink through Mars relay network, by means of:

- Wraparound antenna on the backshell

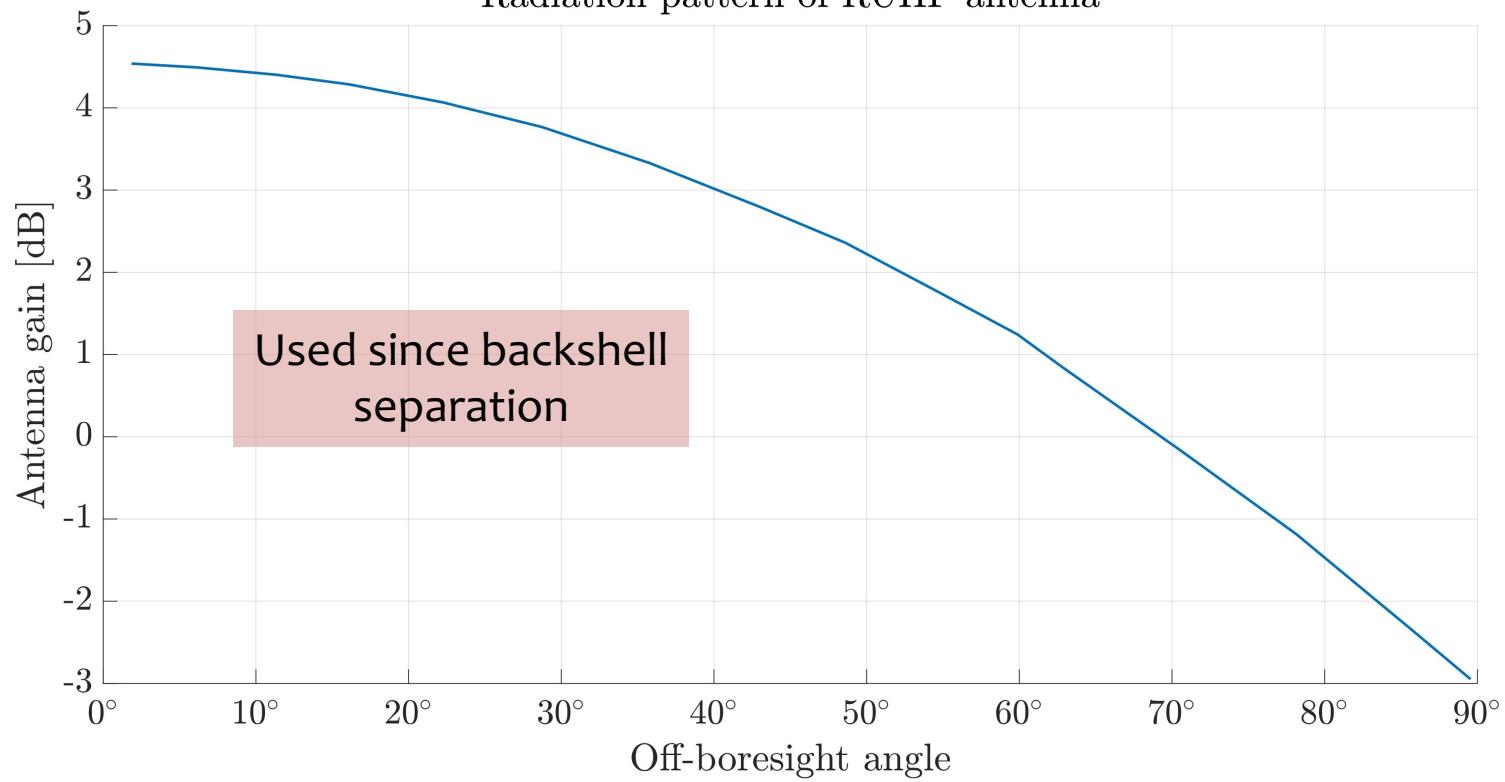
Radiation pattern of BUHF



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- Quadrifilar helix on rover

Radiation pattern of RUHF antenna



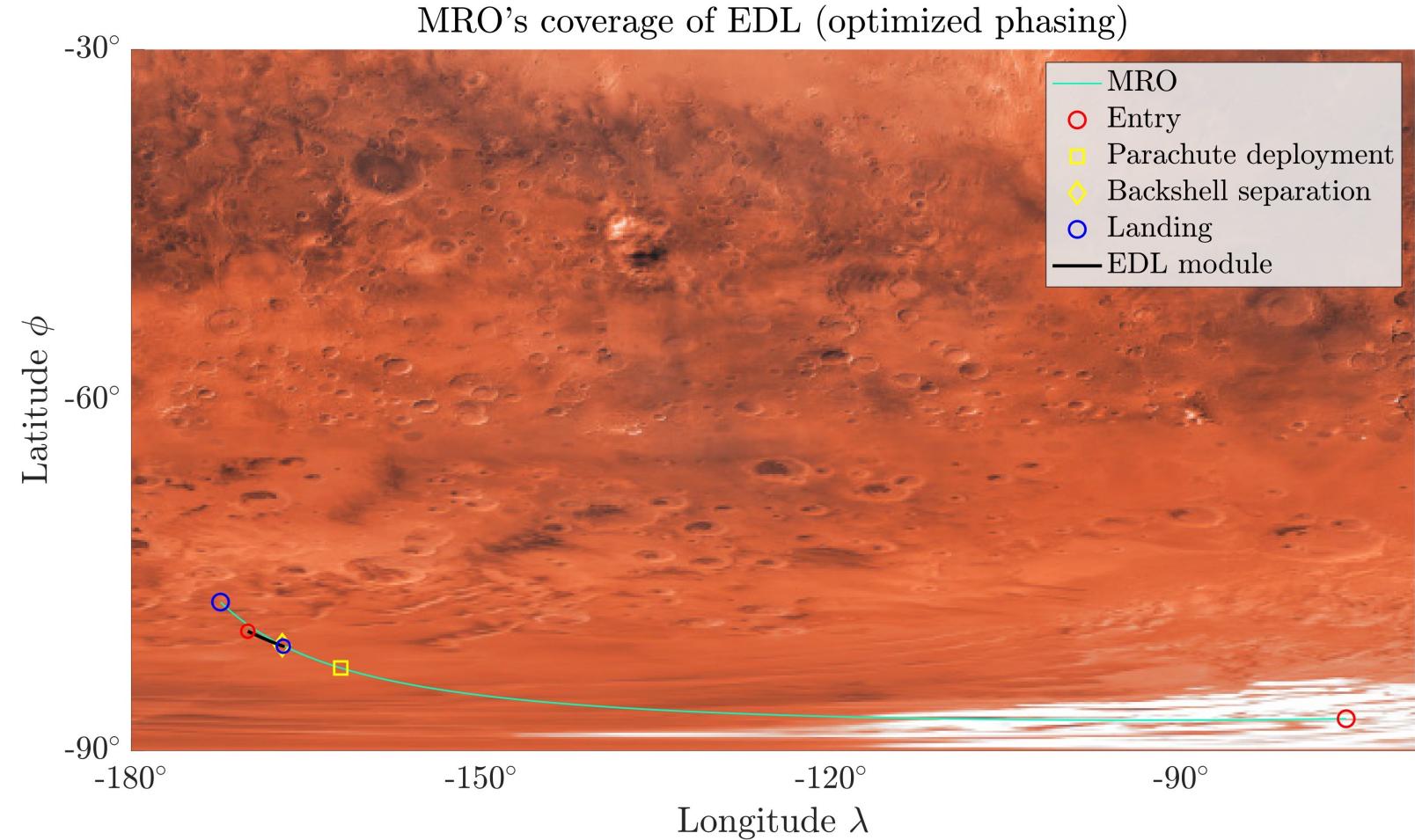
TMTC - Optimal phasing of MRO



Maximisation of a score that accounts for the average E_b/N_0 over the three main sub-phases of EDL

Priority of coverage quality:

- 20% entry to parachute dep.
- 35% parachute dep. to backshell sep.
- 45% backshell sep. to landing



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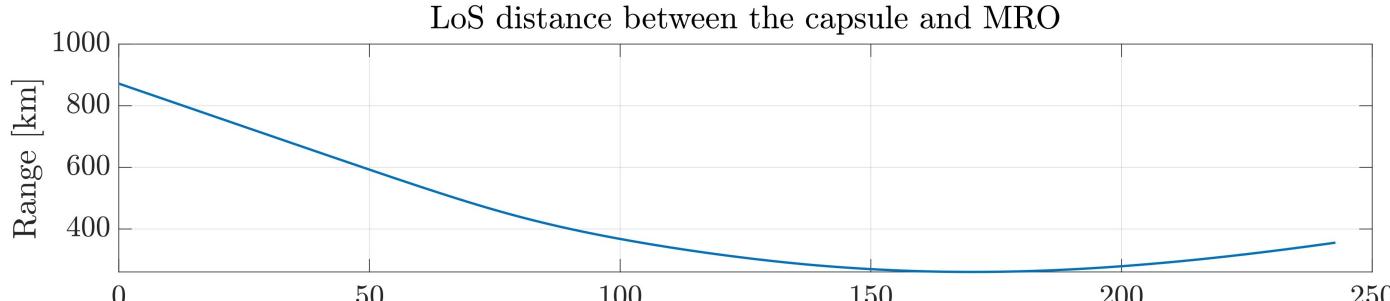
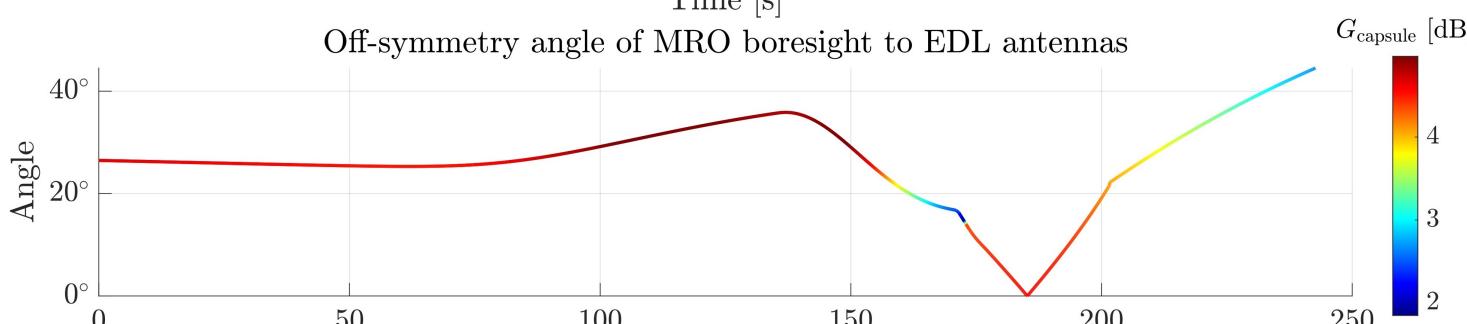
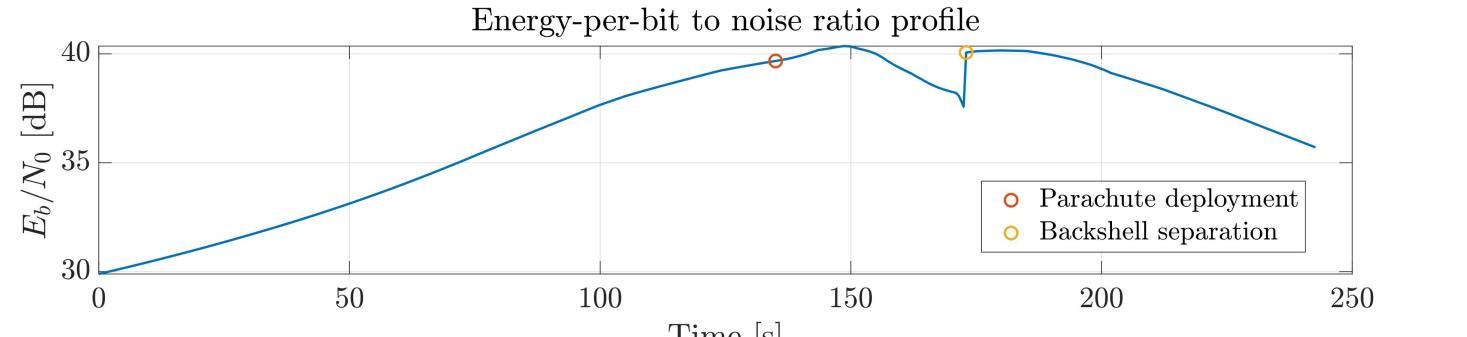
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TMTC - Coverage performance



- Constant telemetry data rate: **32 kbit/s**
- BER = 10^{-7}
- Possible plasma blackouts
- **One-Way Unreliable mode** transmission



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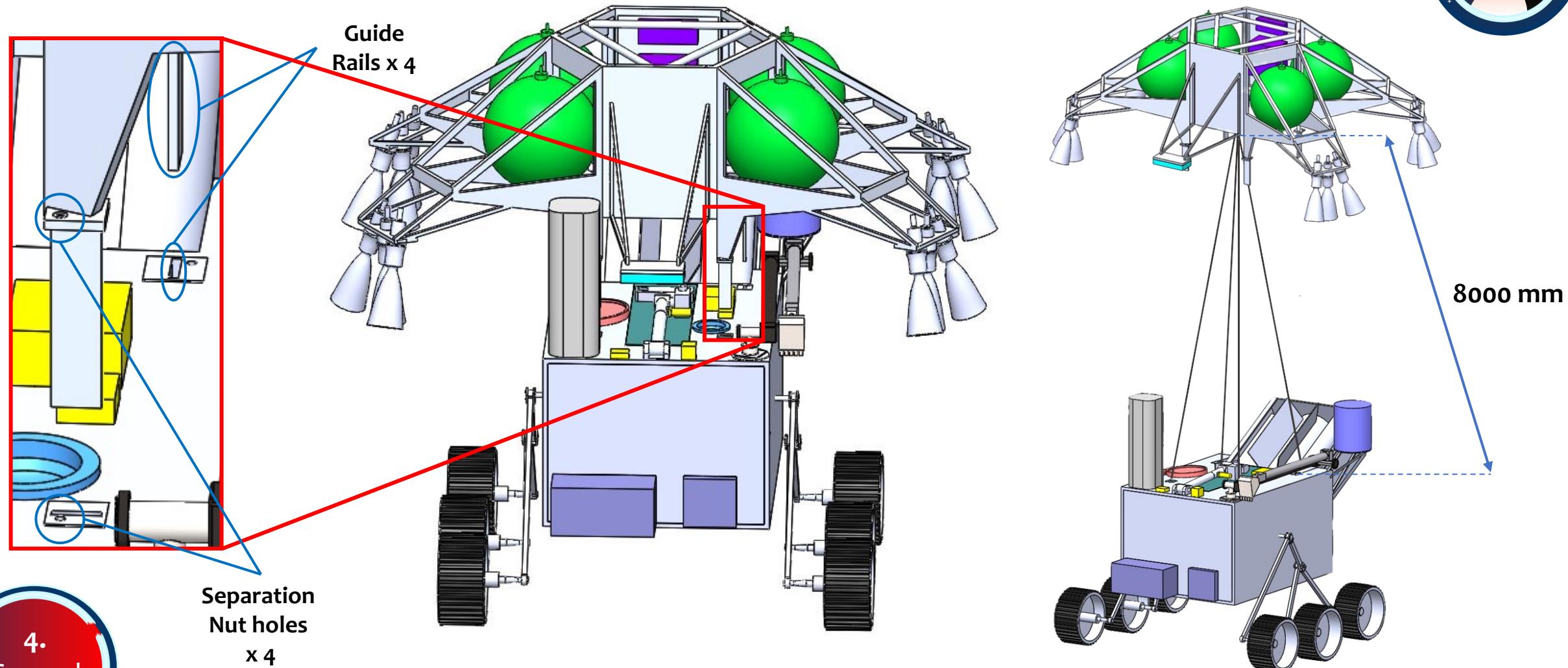
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Configuration - Rover Separation



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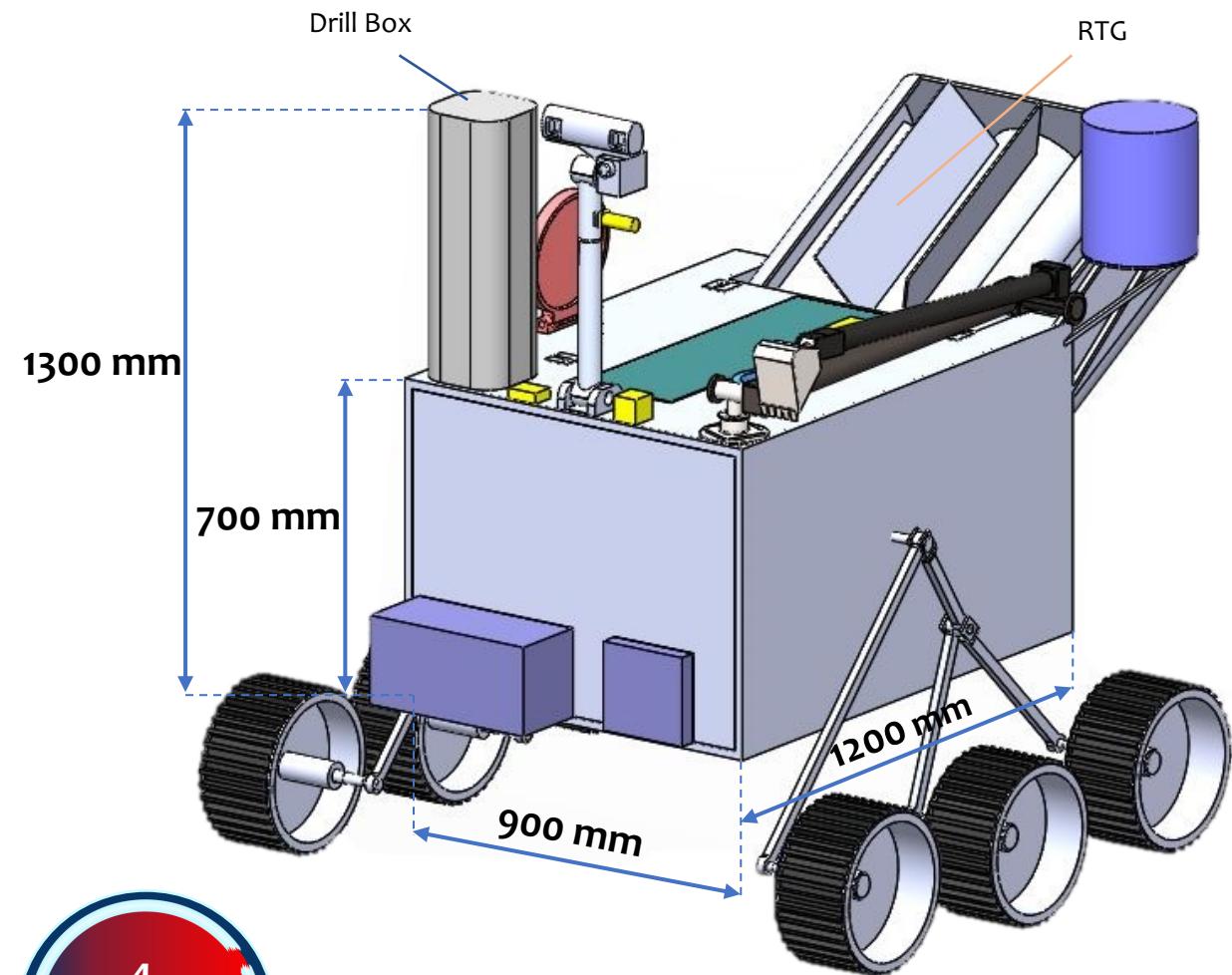
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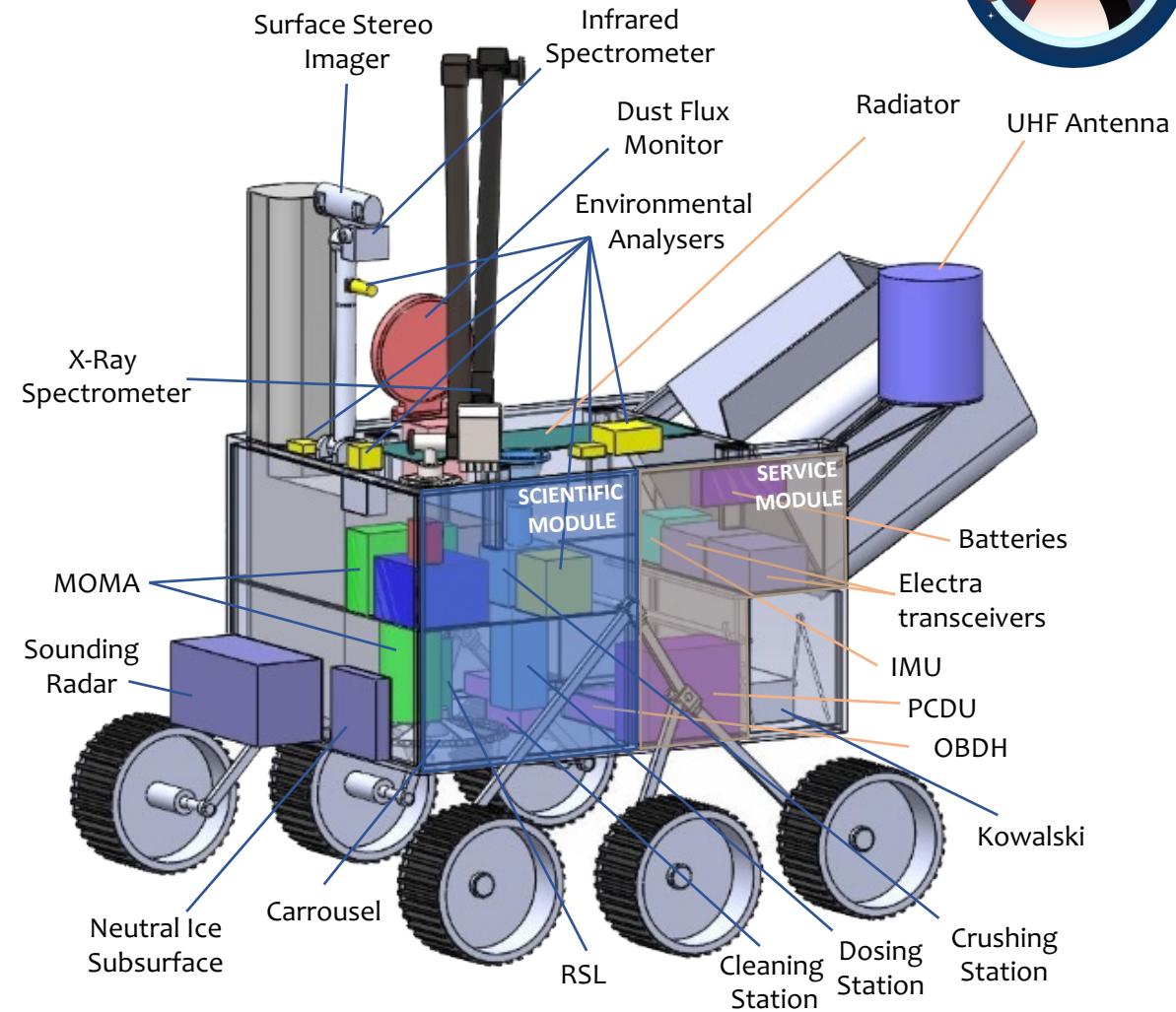
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Configuration – Rover Skipper



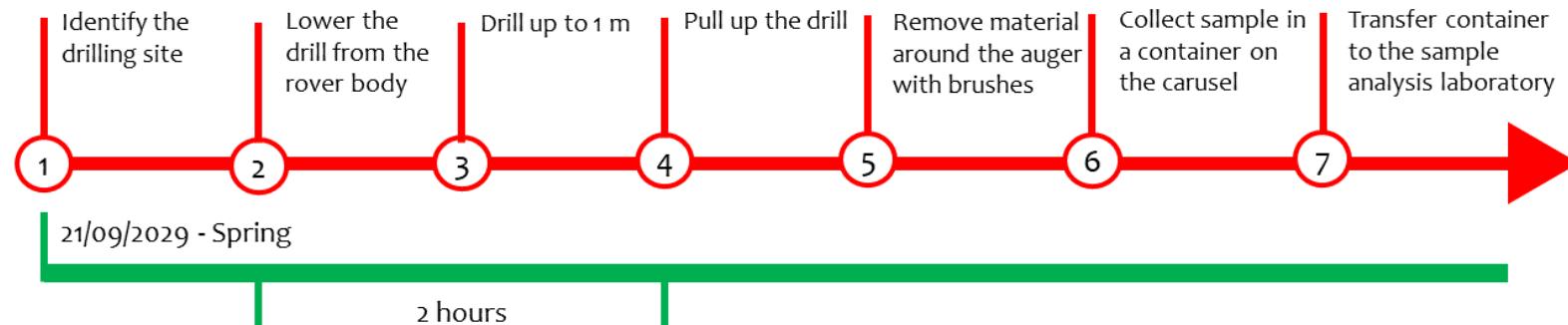
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Drill - Rico



- **Goal:** Penetrate Icy soil (H_2O with ~15% dust)*, collect at least 5 samples
- **Maximum depth:** 1 m
- **Baseline:** ExoMars, TRIDENT (ARTEMIS), ProSEED (Luna-27)
- **Mass:** 24 kg (with margins)
- **Power:** 112 W (with margins)
- **TRL:** 5
- Chambers for sample collection
- Rotary action



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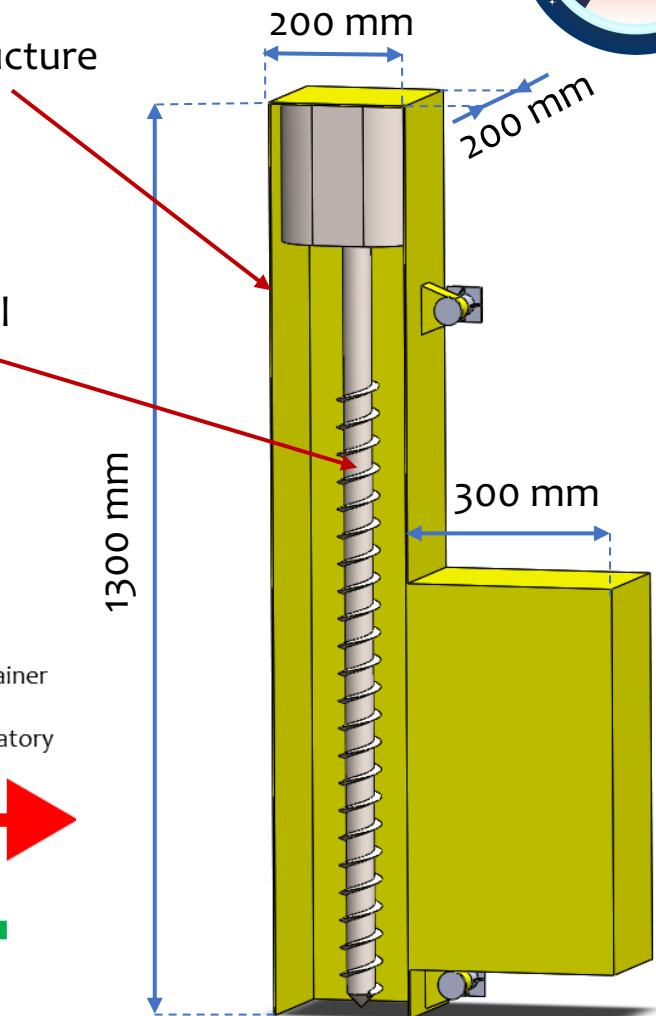
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* [Zuber, Maria T., et al. "Density of Mars' south polar layered deposits."]

Drill Structure

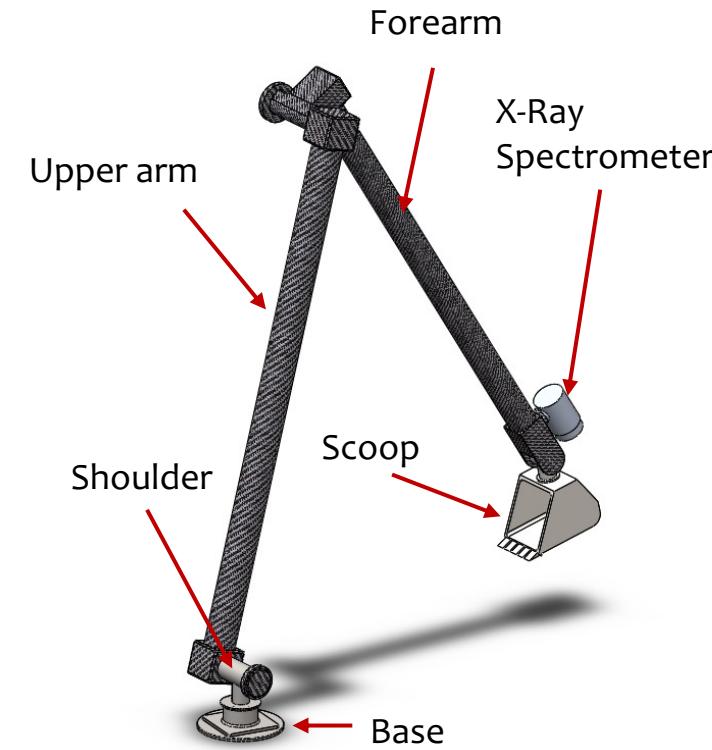
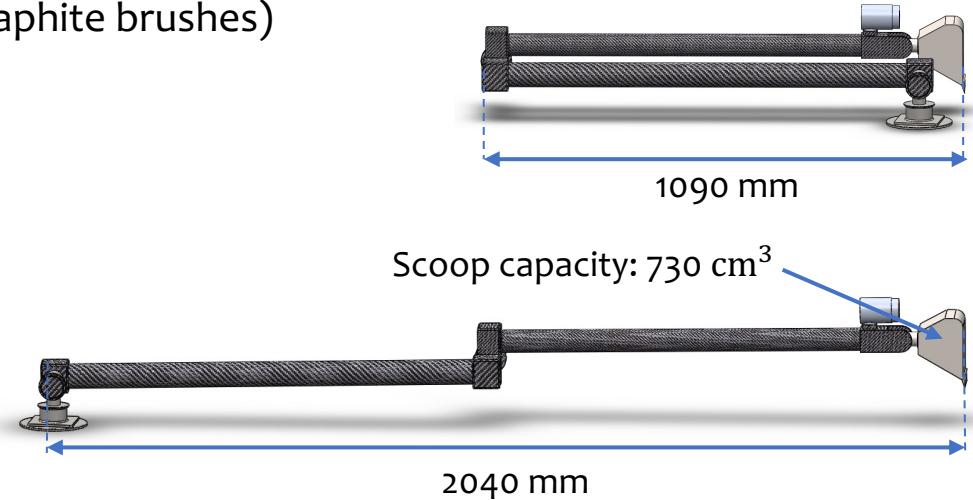
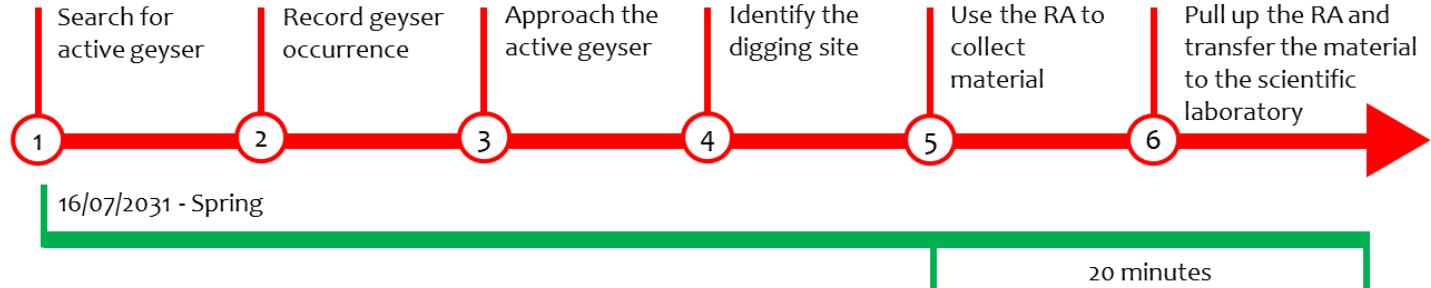


Robotic Arm - Soldato



- **Goal:** collect at least 2 samples
- **Baseline:** Phoenix RA and Instrument Deployment Arm (IDA), InSight
- **4 DoF:** joint actuator (motors with graphite brushes)
 - Shoulder yaw
 - Shoulder pitch
 - Elbow pitch
 - Wrist pitch

- **Materials:**
 - upper arm and forearm:
XN-80/Epoxy composite
 - end-fittings: thin-walled titanium



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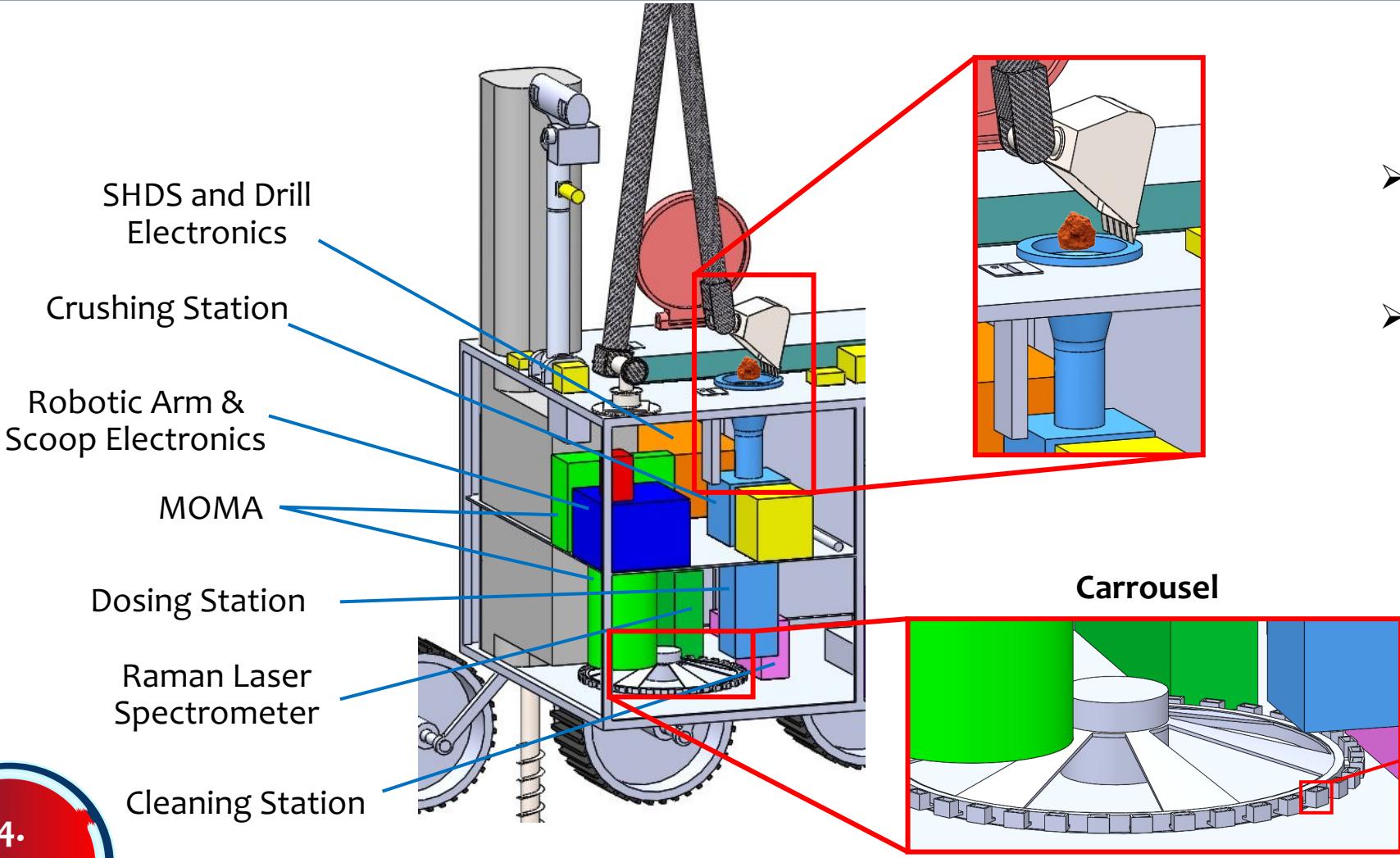
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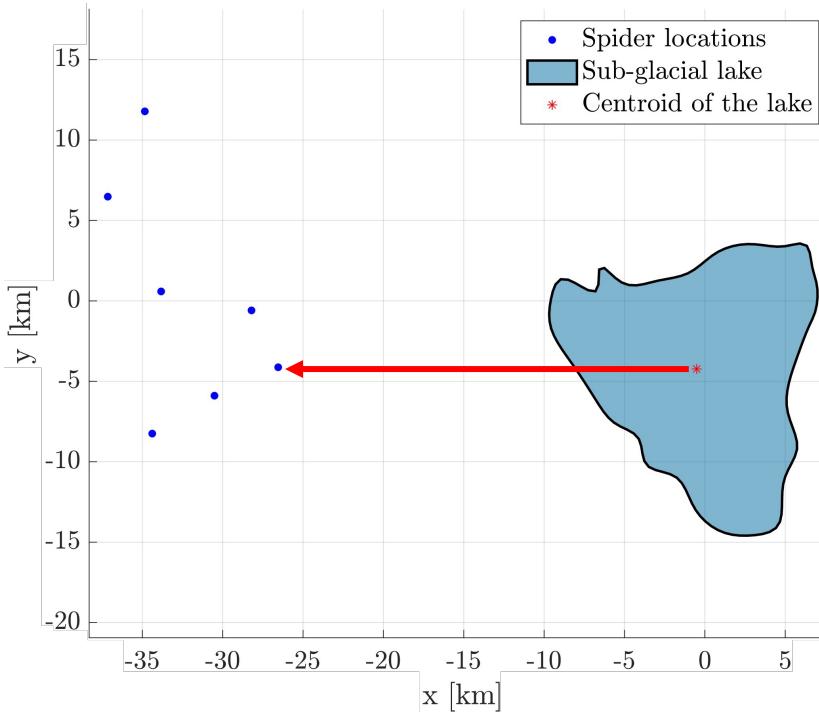
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Sample Handling and Distribution



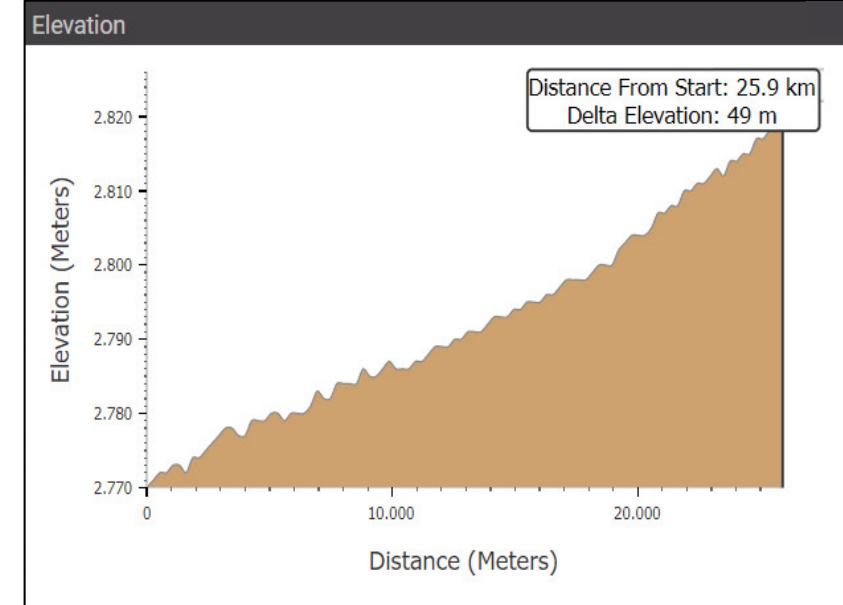
- **Planetary Protection**
COSPAR category IVb
- **Cleanliness and Contamination Control**
ExoMars approach

Rover Skipper - Navigation



Path characteristics

- LoS distance: 25.9 km
- Travel distance: 26.5 km
- Delta elevation: 49 m
- Maximum slope: 0.43°
- Average slope: 0.12°
- Terrain type: sandy loam with rocks



Rover requirements

- Regime Speed: 0.1 m/s
- Acceleration: 0.033 m/s^2
(3s to reach the cruise speed)
- Travelling time per sol: 4 h



Able to cover
50 km in 35 sol



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Rover Skipper - Locomotion System

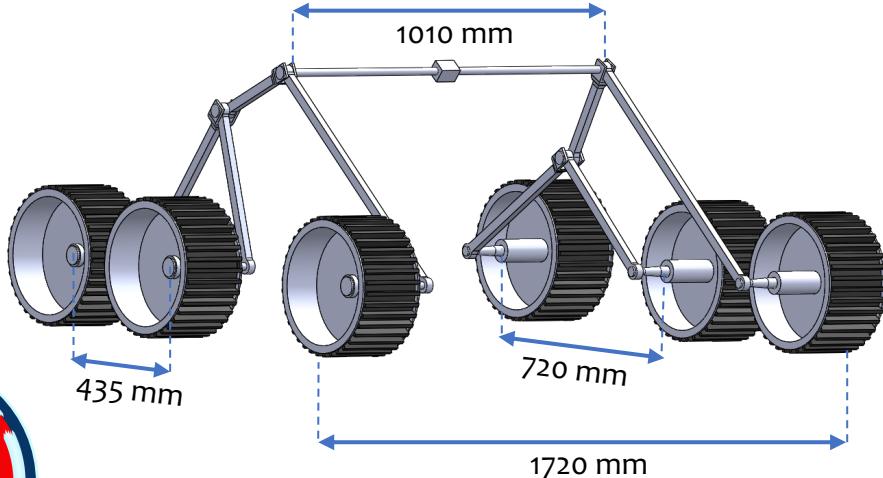


Bekker's Theory —→ 6 Wheels, $d = 35 \text{ cm}$, $w = 16 \text{ cm}$, grousers $h = 1 \text{ cm}$

➤ Architecture

Rocker-bogie
suspension

Total DP	450 N
Sinkage	2.10 cm
Travelling speed	0.1 m/s
Drive torque/wheel	26.32 Nm
Total Drive Power	126.40 W

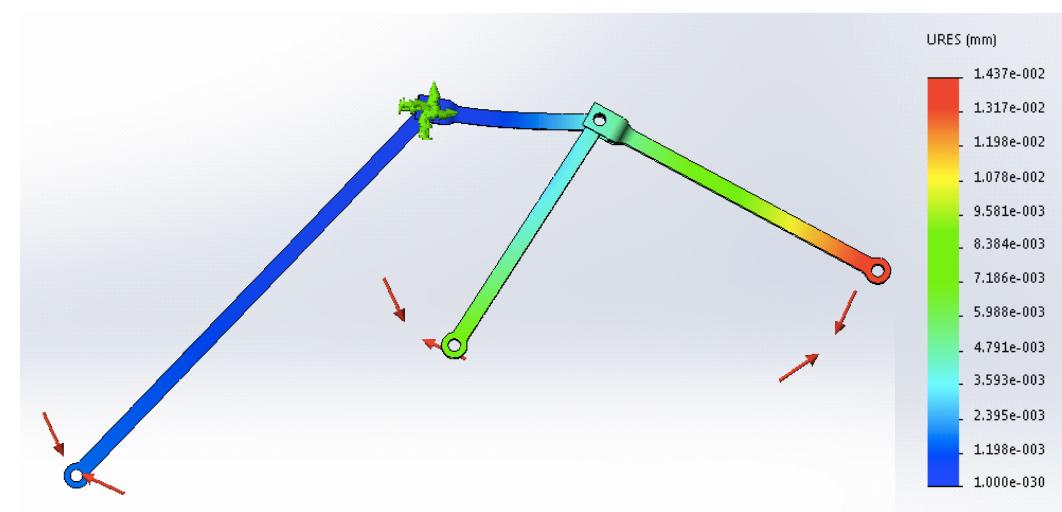


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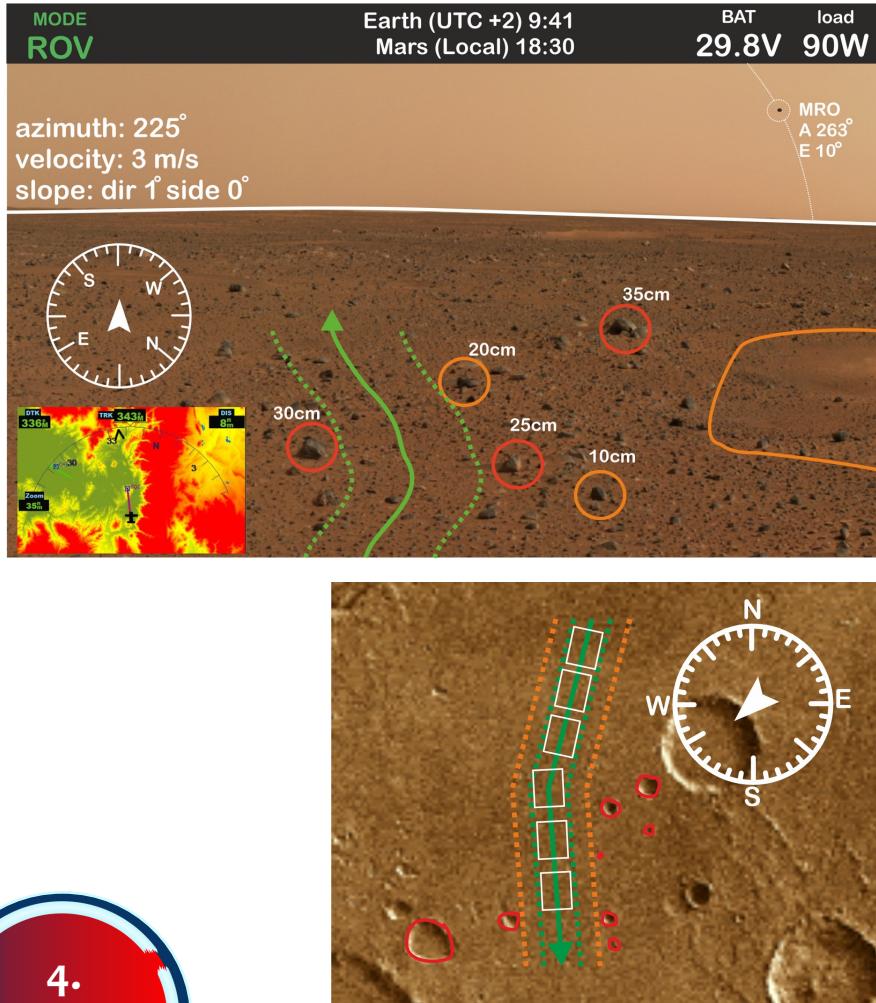
➤ Chassis Material

Selection with Static
Analysis under 12500
N loads for each leg

Aluminum Alloy (A6061-T6)	
Mass of the chassis	7.33 kg
Yield strength	275 MPa
Max. deformation	$3.64 \cdot 10^{-6}$



OBDH - Computational Requirements



Cruise & Descent

- Flight control
- Simple autonomy
- 3 IMU + Star-tracker + Sun sensor + radar

➤ Required

- **2.2 MIPS**
- **1.2 MB ROM**
- **1.4 MB RAM**

Skipper

- Complex autonomy
- Neural network will identify hazardous objects
- 6 cameras + stereo camera + laser ranging device

➤ Required

- **8.3 MIPS**
- **1.4 MB ROM**
- **26 MB RAM**
- **2 GB Flash**

Computational margin 400%

OBDH - Architecture



Cruise stage

Propulsion & sensors

Deep space transceiver

Entry capsule

Propulsion & sensors

I₂C, SPI, USB
RS232, RS 422
Analog

Skycrane

Subsystems

ISIS flight controller

MIL-STD-1553

- 80 MIPS
- 64MB RAM, 2 MB ROM
- 0.1 kg, 0.5 W
- Rad hard
- TRL 9



Skipper

Subsystems & Payloads

Health telemetry

SpaceWire
MIL-STD-1553
I₂C

LEON4 computer

Integration
JTAG

- 700 MIPS
- 2 GB RAM, 8 MB ROM
- 0.5 kg, 15 W
- Rad hard
- TRL 7

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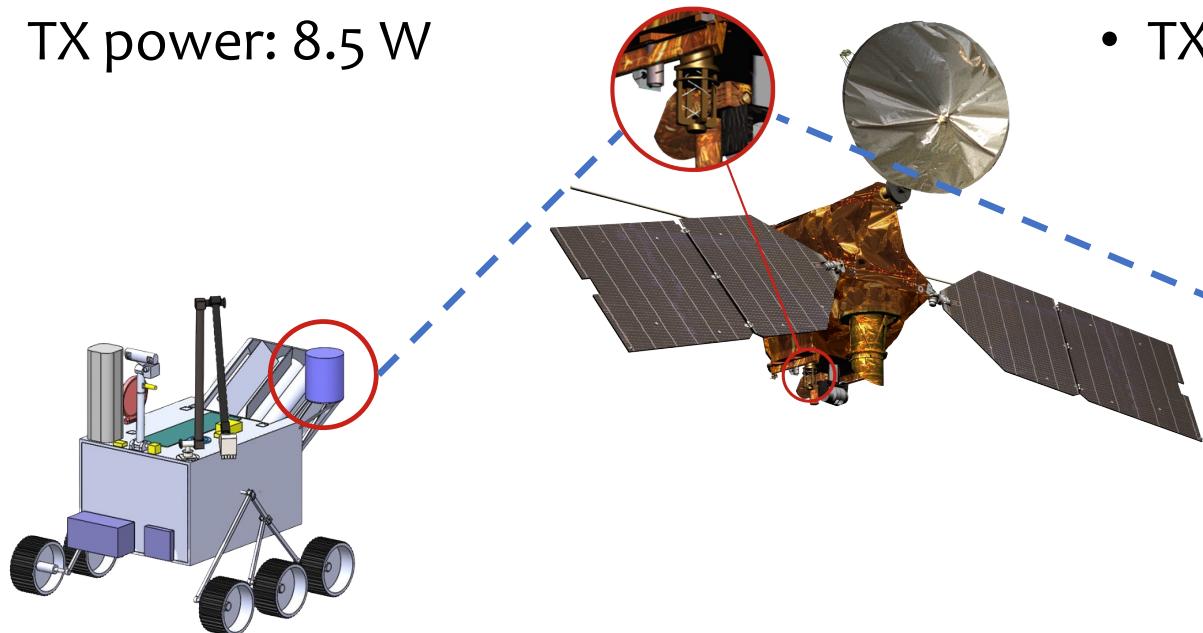
TMTC - Rover Communication



UHF relay communication with Earth through MRO:

➤ Skipper rover

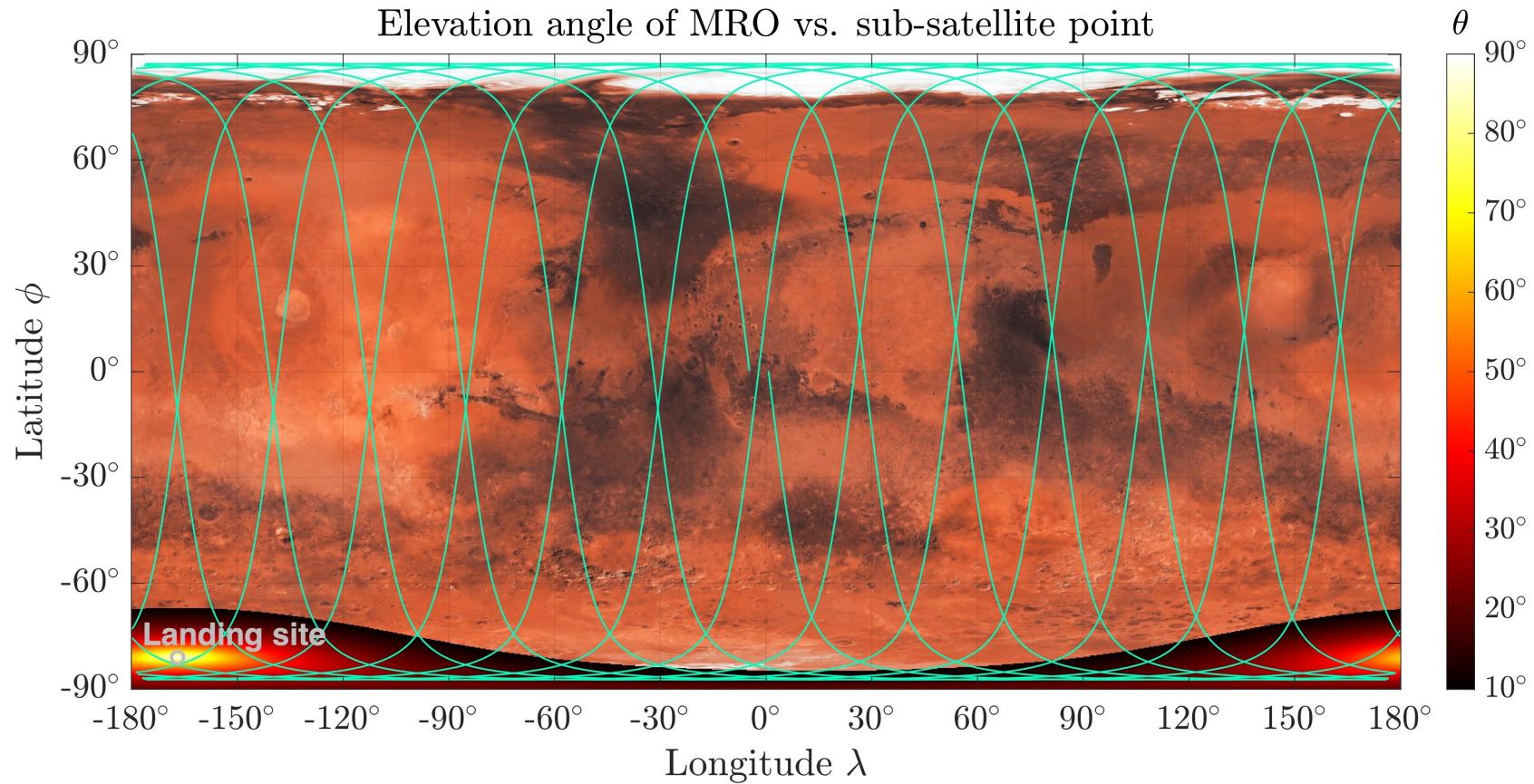
- Electra-lite transceiver
- **Quadrifilar helix** antenna
- TX power: 8.5 W



➤ Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter

- Orbit: 255×320 km, $i = 92.6^\circ$
- Electra transceiver
- TX power: 5 W

TMTC - MRO coverage



Visibility per sol	Passes per sol	Avg. pass duration	Max gap time
1 h 38 m (6.6%)	13	7 m 24 s	1 h 48 m

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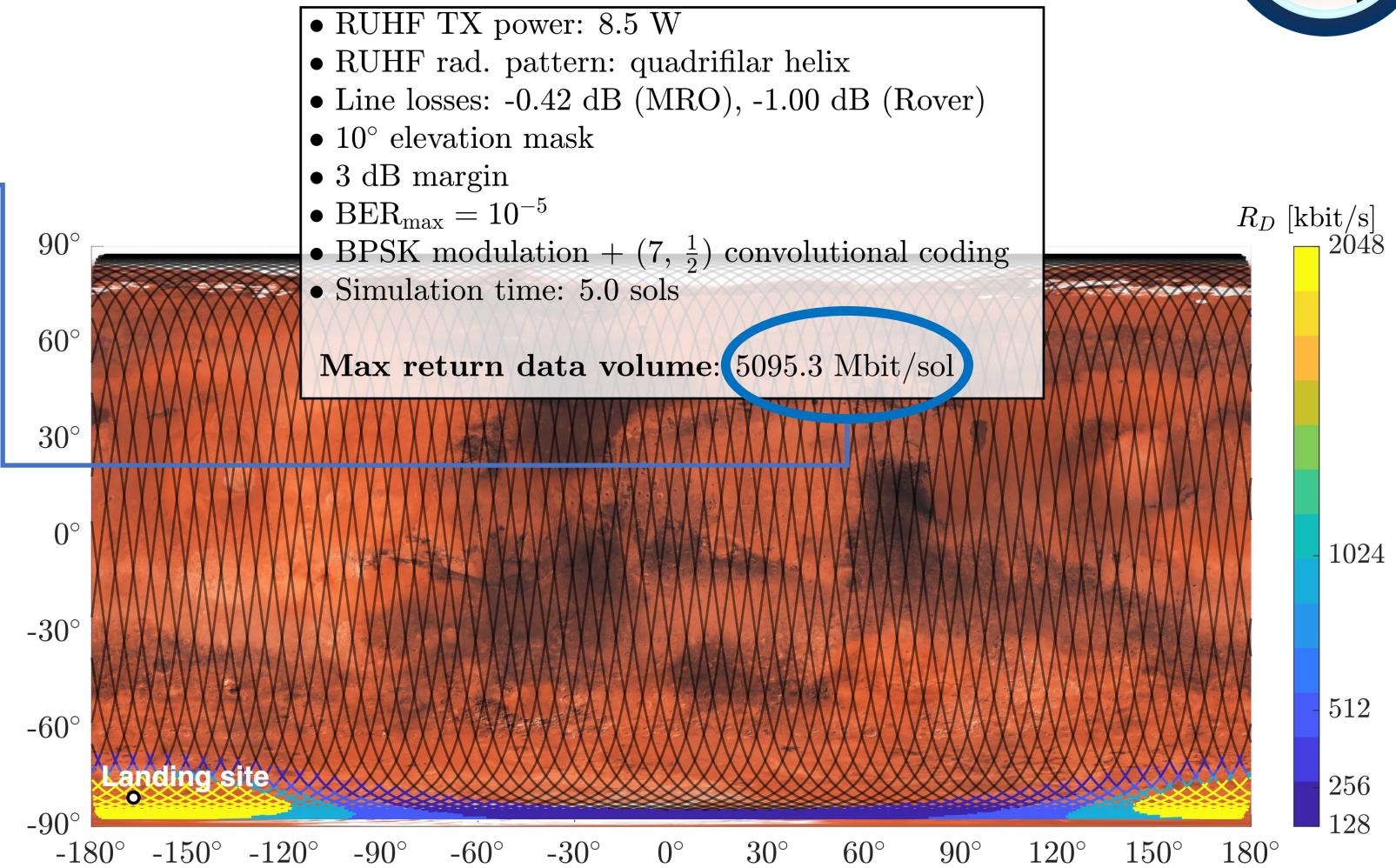
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TMTC - Return link



Performance limited by MRO's constraint: up to 5 Gbit/sol allocated for all landers

# best successive passes	Data volume [Mbit/sol]
2	1212
3	1696
4	2083



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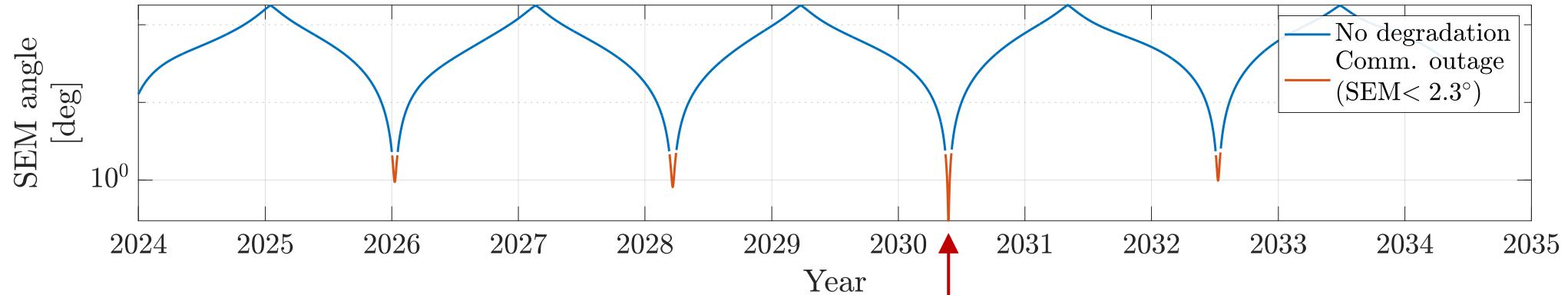
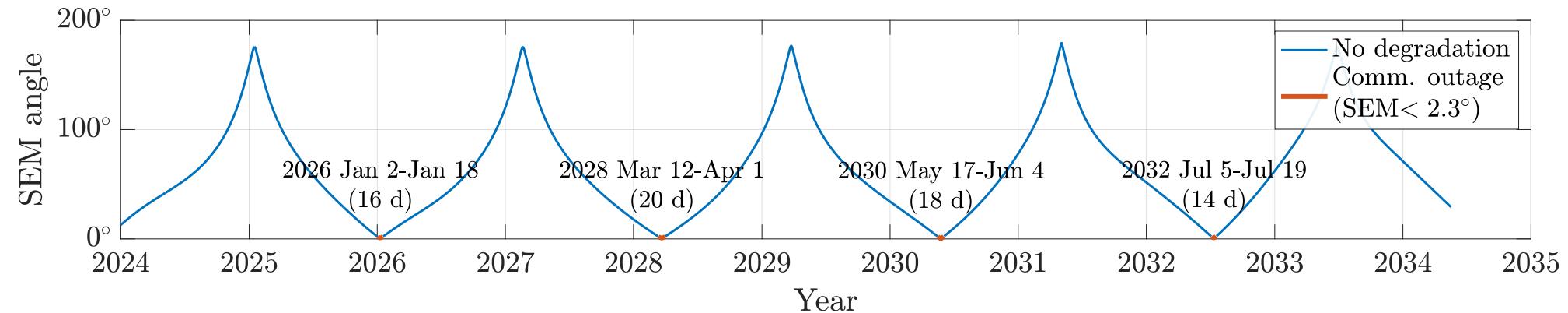
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TMTC - Solar conjunctions



18 days long communication outage in 2030

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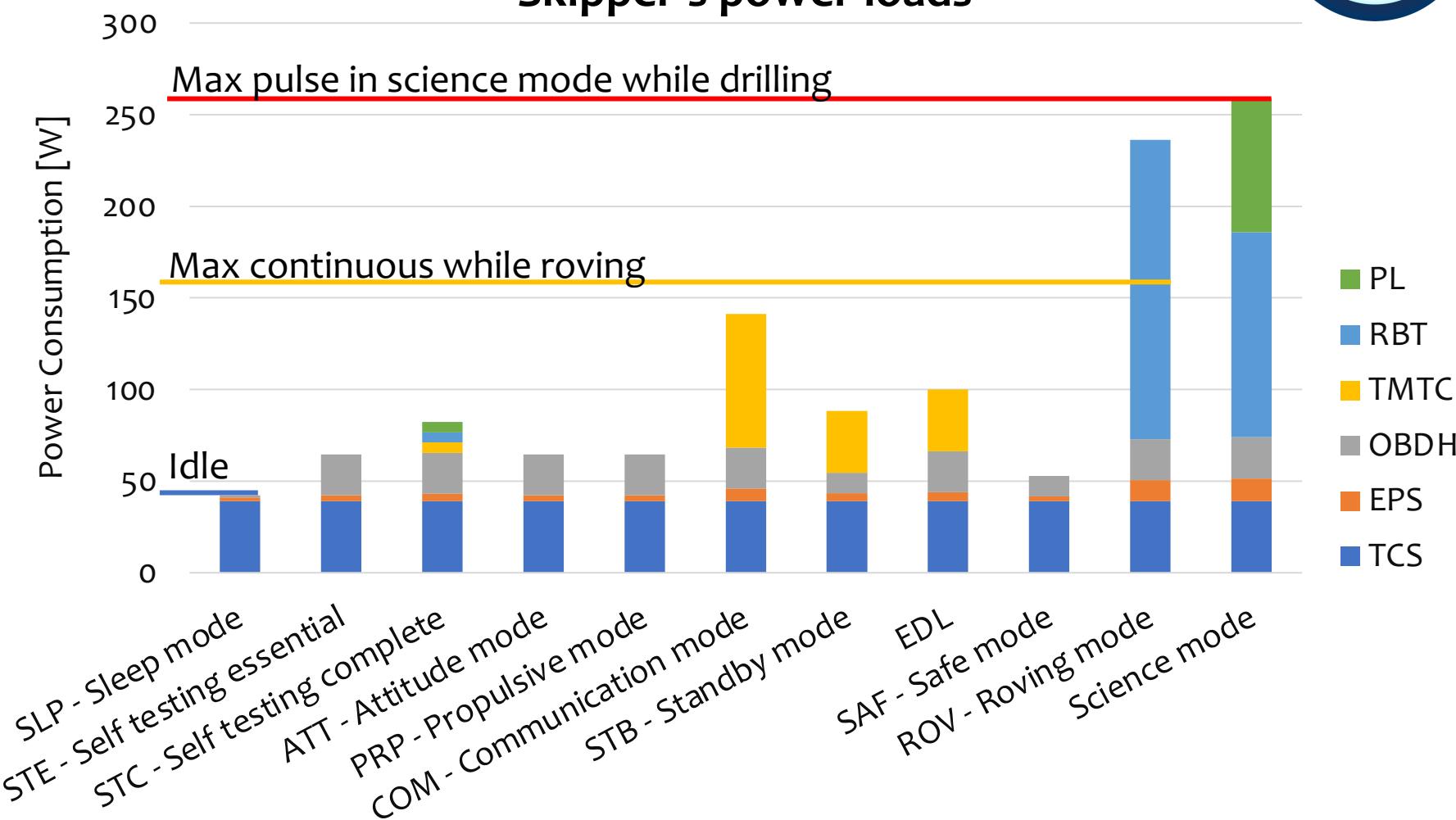
Mission loads

Cruise	pulse: ▲ 682 W
	continuous: ◇ 431 W
	idle: = 59 W
	energy: ⚡ 257 Wh
Entry	pulse: ▲ 1829 W
	continuous: ◇ 485 W
	energy: ⚡ 400 Wh
Skipper	pulse: ▲ 259 W
	continuous: ◇ 154 W
	idle: = 43 W
	energy: ⚡ 638 Wh

Power margin 12%

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Skipper's power loads



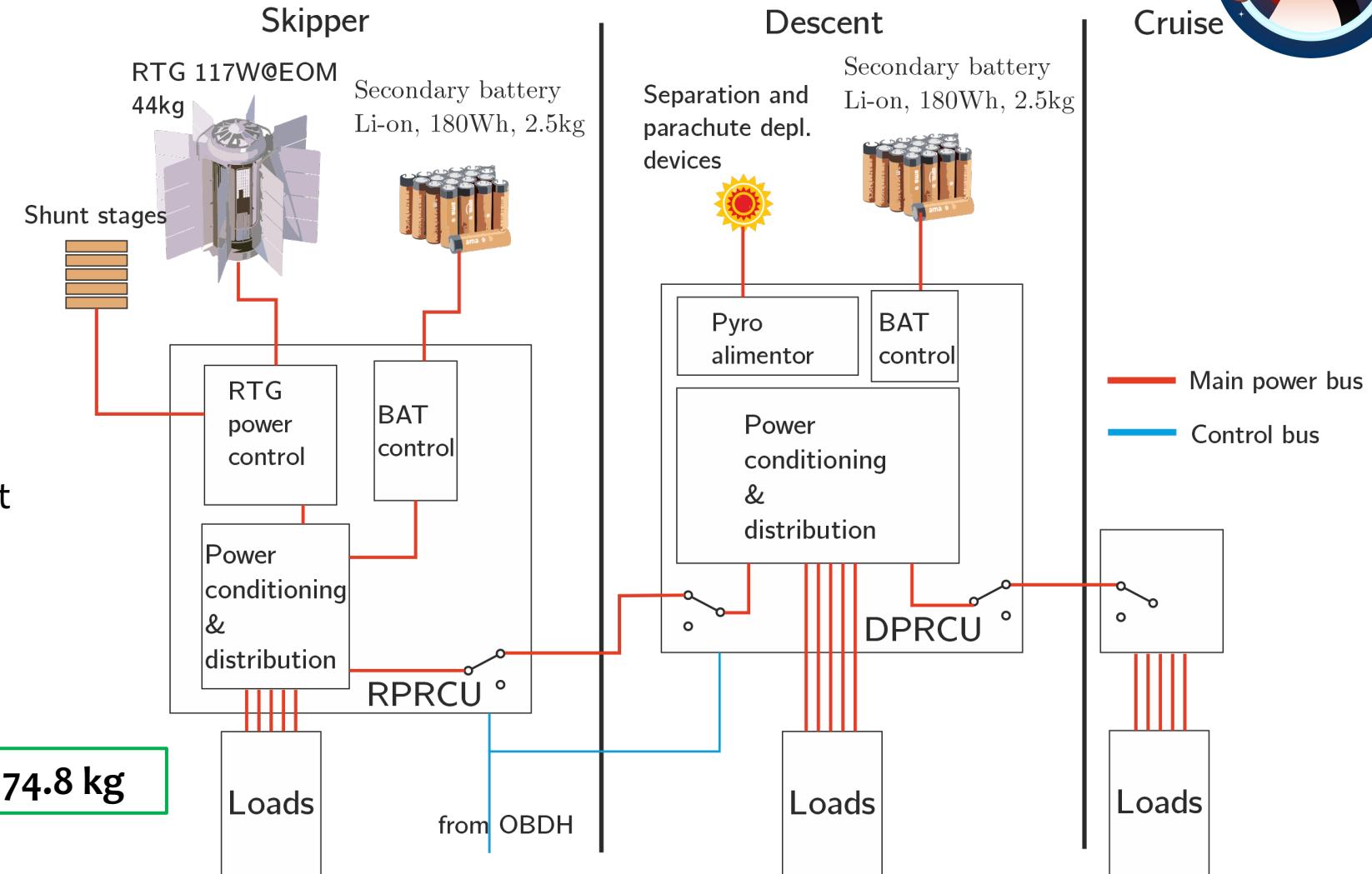
EPS - Architecture



Properties

- Primary: **RTG** on Skipper
- Secondary: **2 x 180 Wh SBAT**
(1 x Skycrane and 1 x Skipper)
- Max **pulse power: 2880 W**
- Max **cont. power: 1440 W**
- 2 power conditioning and distribution units
- Excessive power radiated by Shunt stages
- **30 VDC** Regulated and Distributed architecture using Direct energy transfer

EPS mass: 68 kg  74.8 kg
10% Margin



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TCS - Skipper



Worst case scenarios

Hot: travel during summer

Cold: sleeping during polar night

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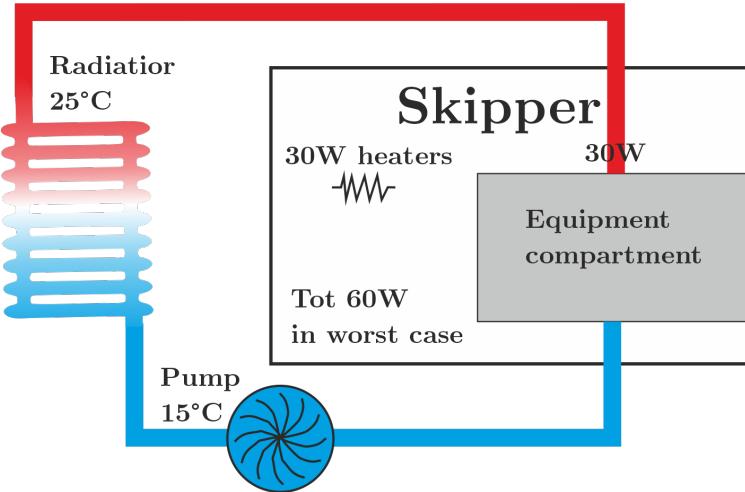
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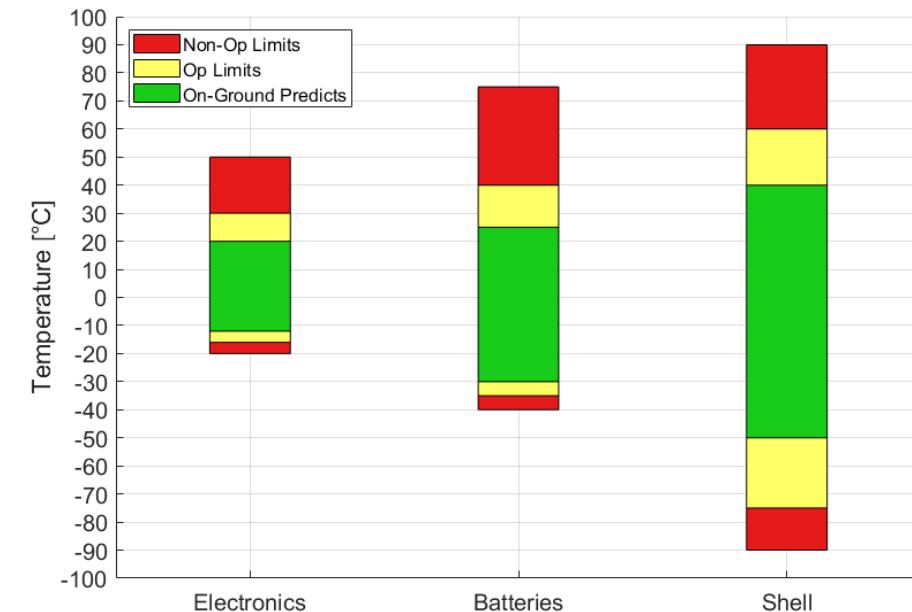
$$Q_{\text{conv}} = 60 \text{ W}$$

$$Q_{\text{by RTG}} = 30-60 \text{ W}$$

$$Q_{\text{heaters}} = 30 \text{ W}$$

Solution:

- 10 layers MLI ($\varepsilon = 0.01$) along with silver paint surface finish (Electrodag 503, $\varepsilon = 0.44$ and $\alpha = 0.37$ - flat)
- Radiator of 0.2 m^2
- Active Fluid Loop



Sun elevation at Southern Summer Solstice

Max: 34°
Min: 16°

Sun elevation at Southern Winter Solstice

Max: -16°
Min: -34°

Helicopter - Kowalski



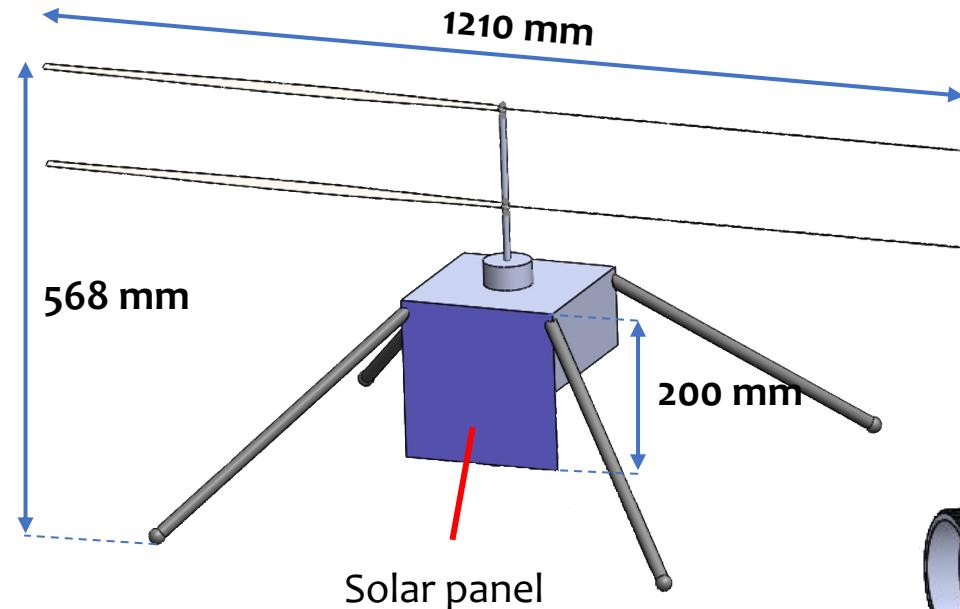
Phases

1. Release (once released the helicopter will be autonomous)
2. Skipper assistance:
 - in the observation and study of the geysers
 - in the navigation in the geyser region

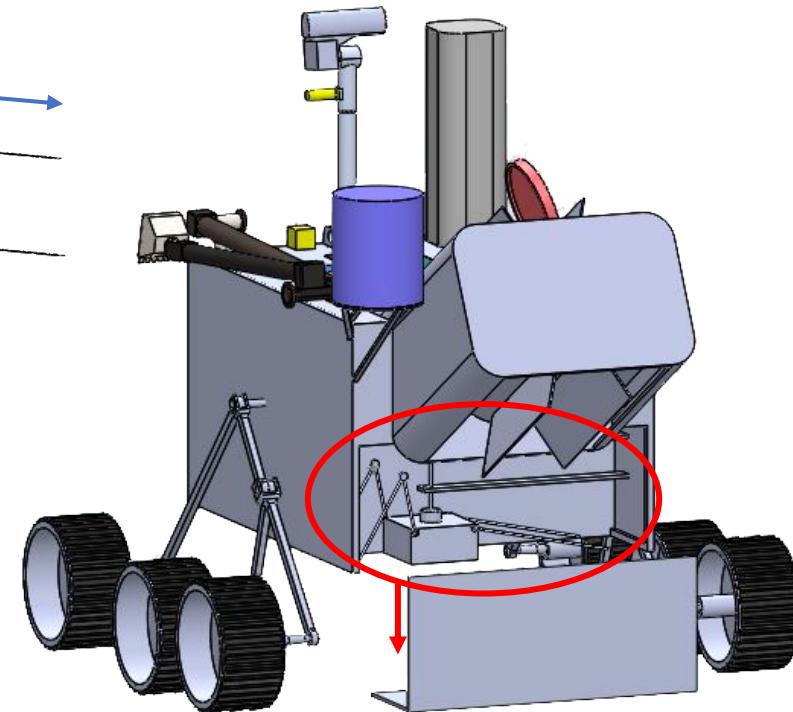
On-board payload

- Navigation camera
- Science imaging camera

Configuration



Release Mechanism



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Battery

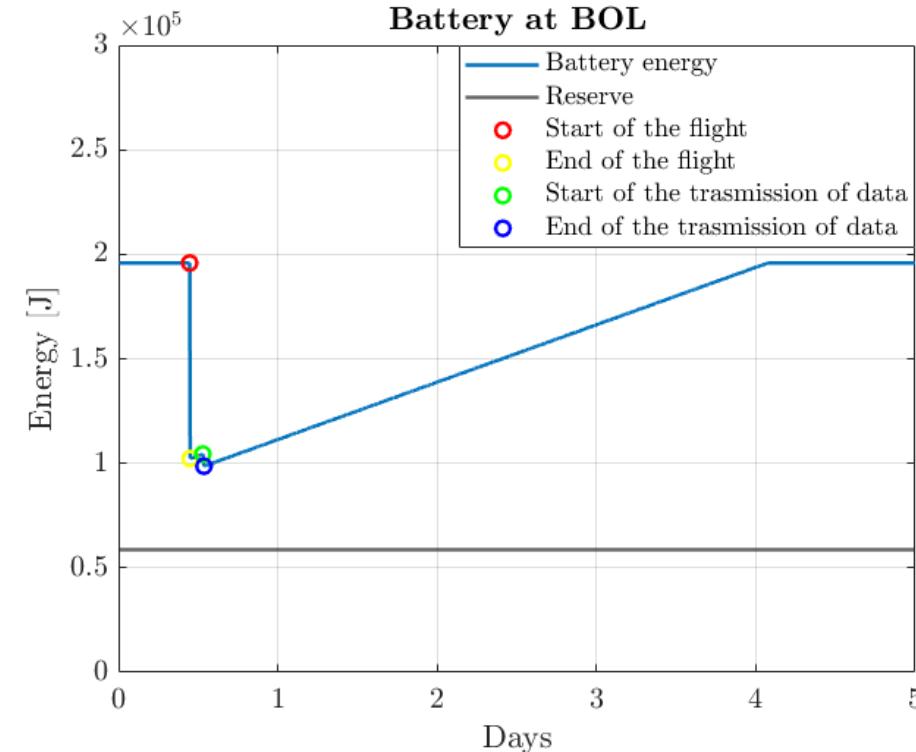
- Li-ion batteries
- Quantity: 4
- 4.25 V
- 300 Wh/kg
- 30% of total energy used as reserve

Solar panel

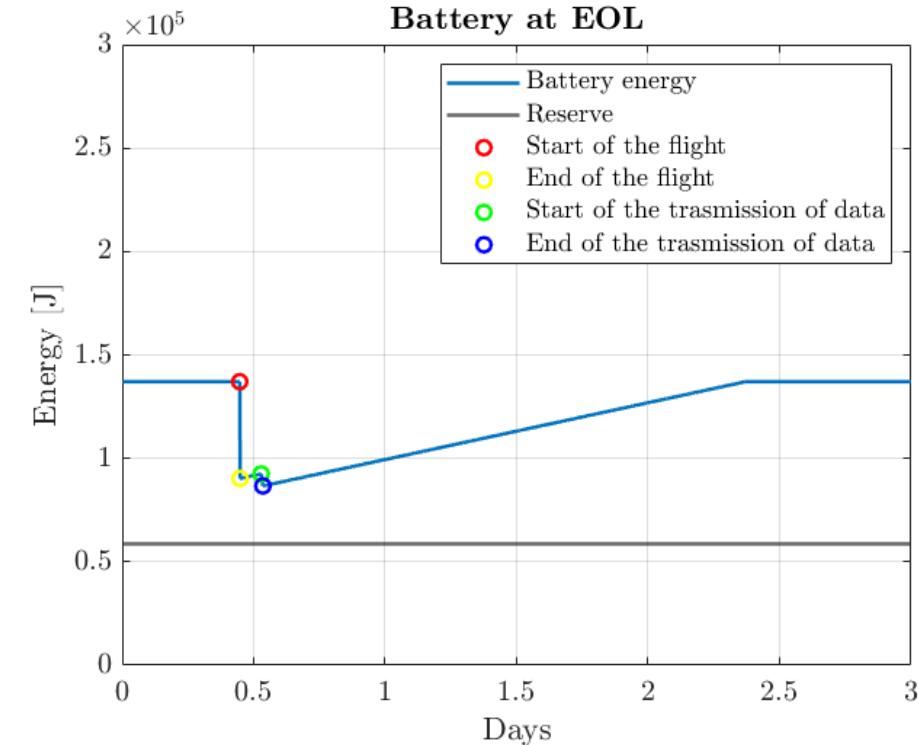
- Vertical
- Area: 0.04 m²
- Efficiency: 37%
- Power: 0.3102 W

Power used for flight

- 360-510 W



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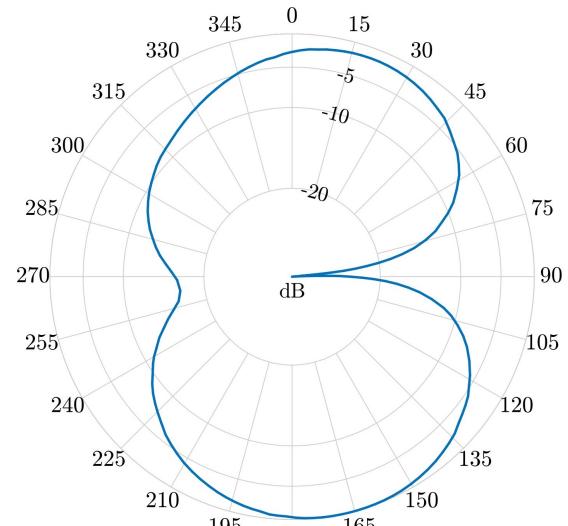
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UHF link with the rover:

- Downlink data rate: 64 Mbit/s
- Range: 11.6 km
- Octane AA-350-450 antenna



Radiation pattern of Low Gain Helicopter antenna

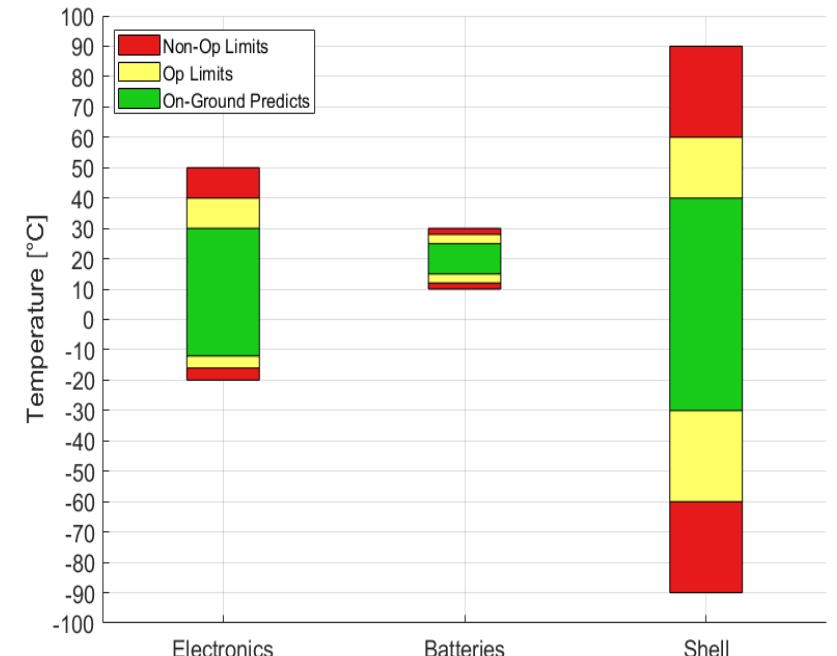


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Passive thermal control:

- Silver paint surface finish: Electrodag 503 (flat)
 $\epsilon = 0.44 \alpha = 0.37$
- 2 RHU of 1W each



3-nodes model

- Electronics
- Batteries
- Shell

Worst case scenarios

Hot:

- Flight
- Daytime

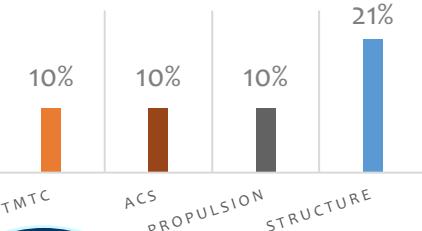
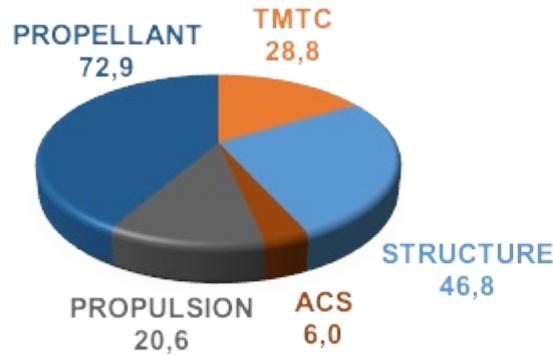
Cold:

- On ground
- Nighttime

System Engineering - Mass Budget

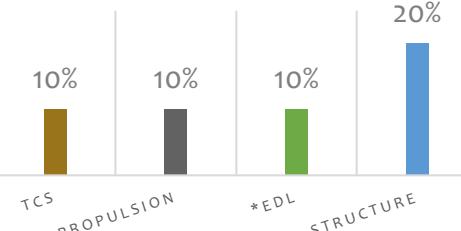
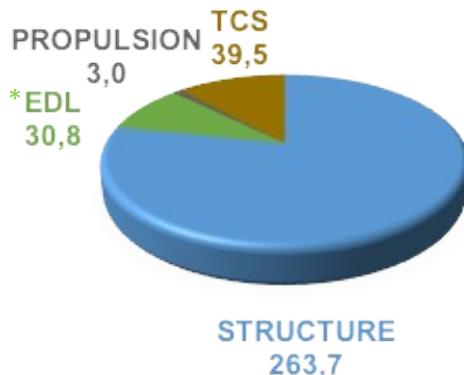


Cruise Deck
175.1 kg



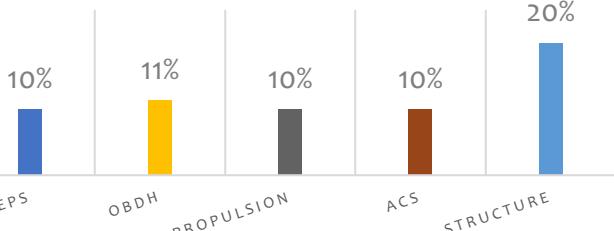
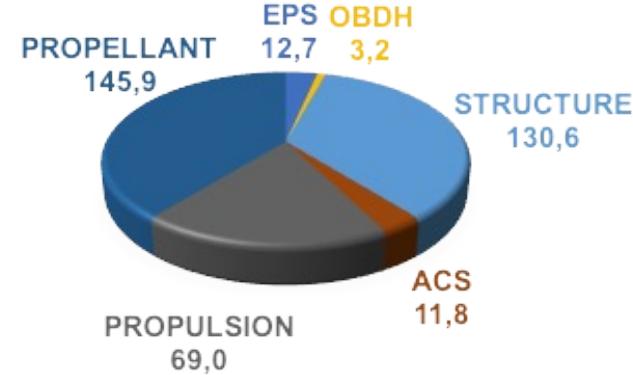
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Entry Capsule
337 kg

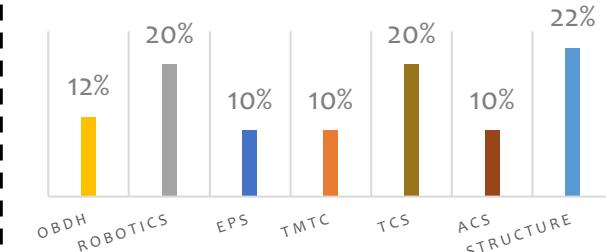
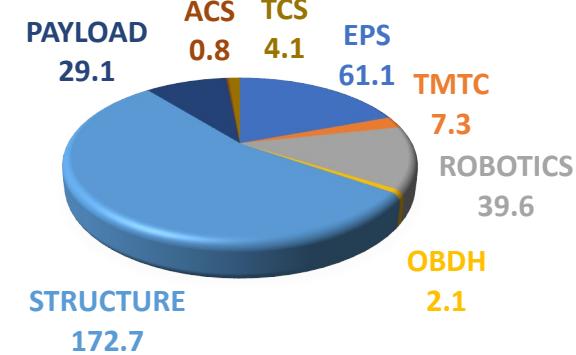


*EDL consist in mortar and parachutes

Skycrane
373.1 kg



Skipper
331.1 kg



Mass

Power

Risk

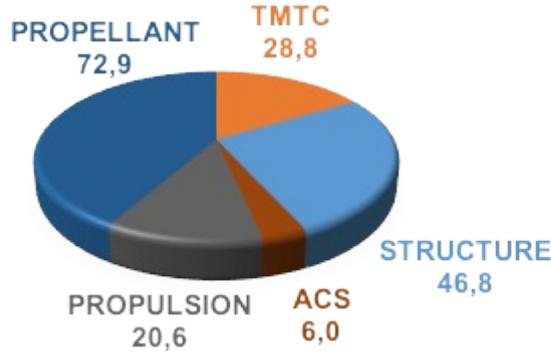
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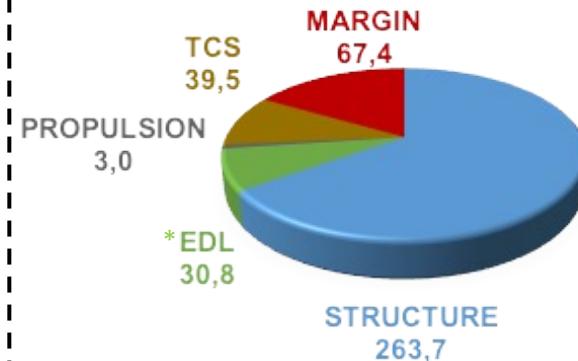
System Engineering - Mass Budget



Cruise Deck
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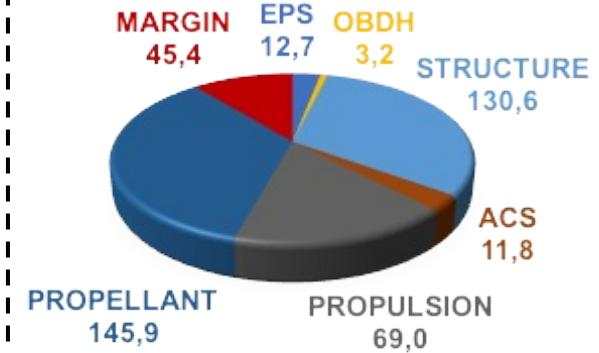


Entry Capsule
Margined Mass
404.4 kg

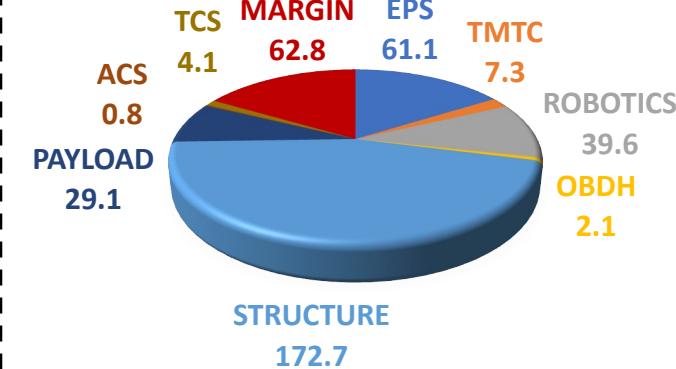


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Skycrane
Margined Mass
418.5 kg



Skipper
Margined Mass
397.3 kg



System Margin
20% Margin

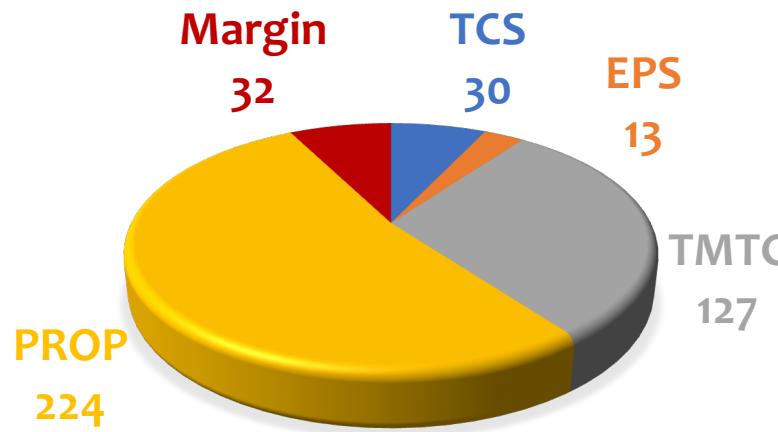
Total Margin
20% Margin

Launch Mass + Total System Margin (275.4 kg) + Adapter
1807 kg
Delta with respect to the launchable mass (4550 kg)
2743 kg

System Engineering - Power Budget



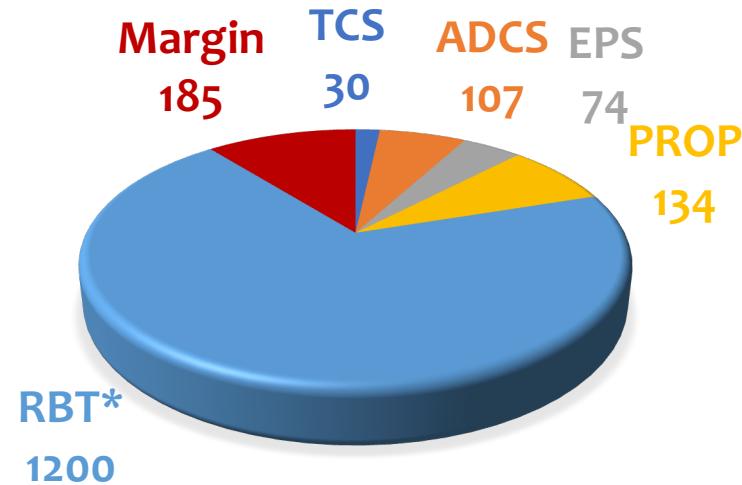
Cruise Deck
Marginated max power
290 W



Power Margin 12%

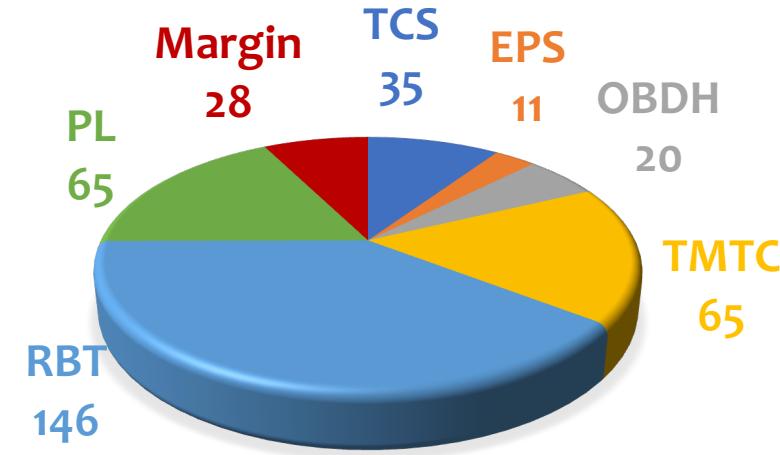
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Descent
Marginated max power
1729 W



*RBT includes separation pyro devices

Skipper
Marginated max power
259 W



Mass

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Risk

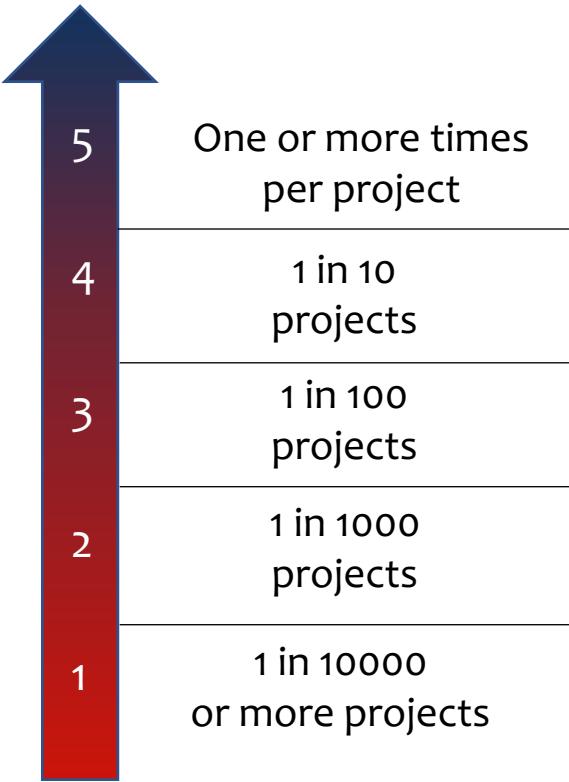
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Project Management – Risk Analysis



Likelihood



Severity

Cost Increment	Schedule Delay	Data Obtained
> 10%	> 4 years	No science data
10%	4 years	5% - 25%
8%	2 years	25% - 65%
5%	Few weeks	65% - 95%
2%	Few days	95% - 99%

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Project Management – Risk Analysis



Risk	RI
Drill stuck in the ground	15
Memory/processor corruption	12
Power amplifier failure	10
Structural failure	10
Miss the entry point	5
Parachute deployment failure	5
Engine failure	5
Out of bounds temperature	5
Failed detachment of modules for each segment	5
Short circuit	3
Star tracker failure	2



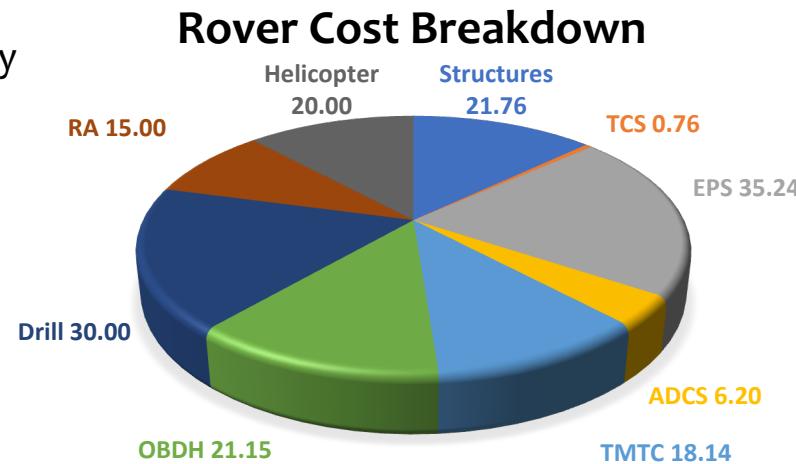
Mitigation	RI after Mitigation
Accurate test of the drill in different soil and atmospheric conditions	3
Introduce OBDH redundancy	4
Introduce double redundancy of all power amplifiers	4
Accurate test during the design phase	3
Trajectory Control Manoeuvres	4
Have an auxiliary parachute deployment system	3
Perform more tests	4
Accurate test of the whole TCS system	4
Accurate test during the design phase	4
Implement a short circuit isolation system	2
Another star tracker as a backup	1

Project Management - Cost Analysis



- **Total Cost*:** € 740.47 M
 - PM Cost: € 8.89 M
 - System Eng Cost: € 38.66 M
 - Spacecraft Cost: € 173.28 M
 - Rover Cost: € 168.24 M
 - Launch Cost: € 122.62 M
 - Operations Cost: € 76.23 M
- **Total Cost plus 10% of Reserves*:** € 814.52 M

* 2020 Currency



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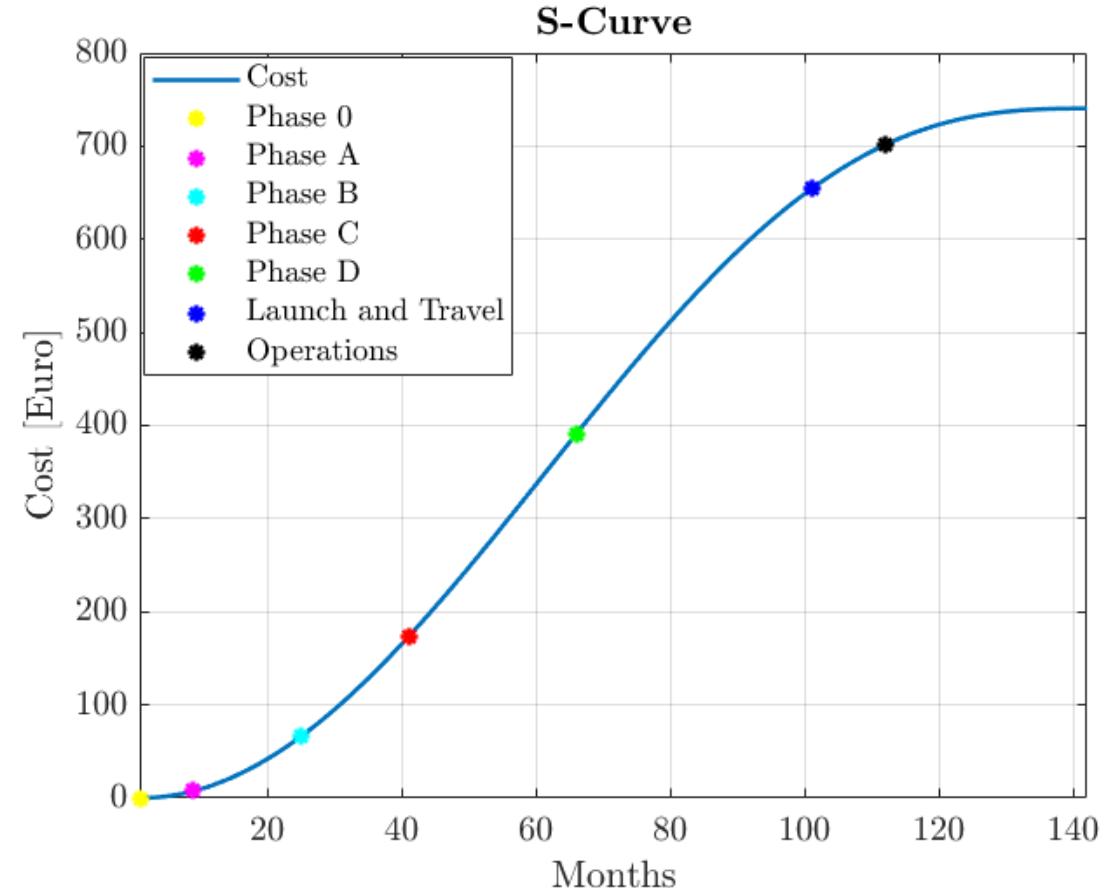
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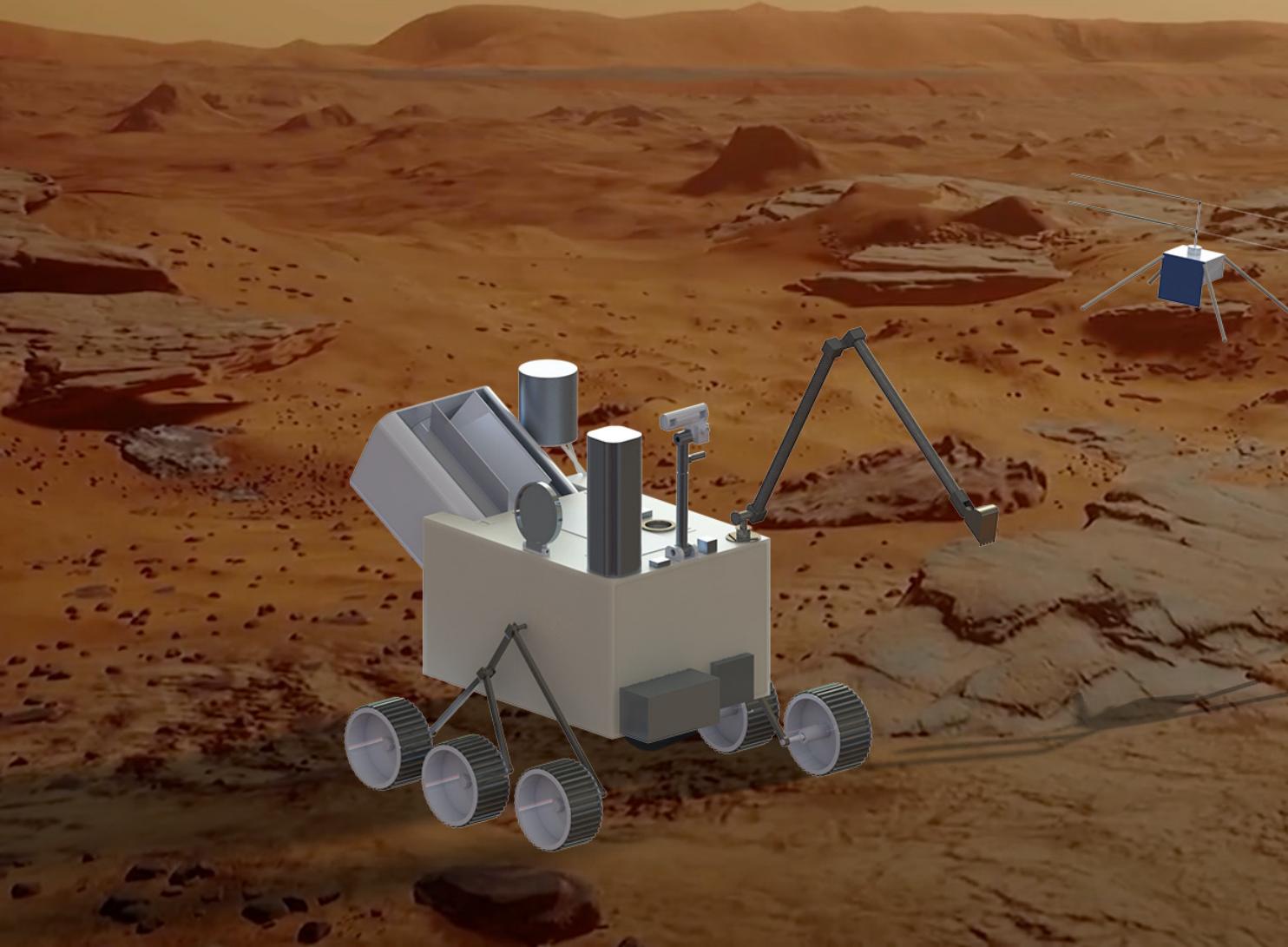
Risk

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Conclusions



CRUCIAL TECHNOLOGY & DEVELOPMENT TIME

- LEON-4 computer - 4 years
- Helicopter – 6 years
- Drill & Robotic Arm - 6 years
- Autonomous GNC – 8 years

FUTURE STEPS

- Refine the landing analysis using more advanced models (e.g. parachute tumbling)
- Assess the presence of a relay orbiter at arrival
- Develop a proper software architecture for advanced GNC capabilities of the Rover
- Customise the Drill and RA functionalities

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

- South Pole climate characterisation
- Discovery of water resources and traces of life



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