

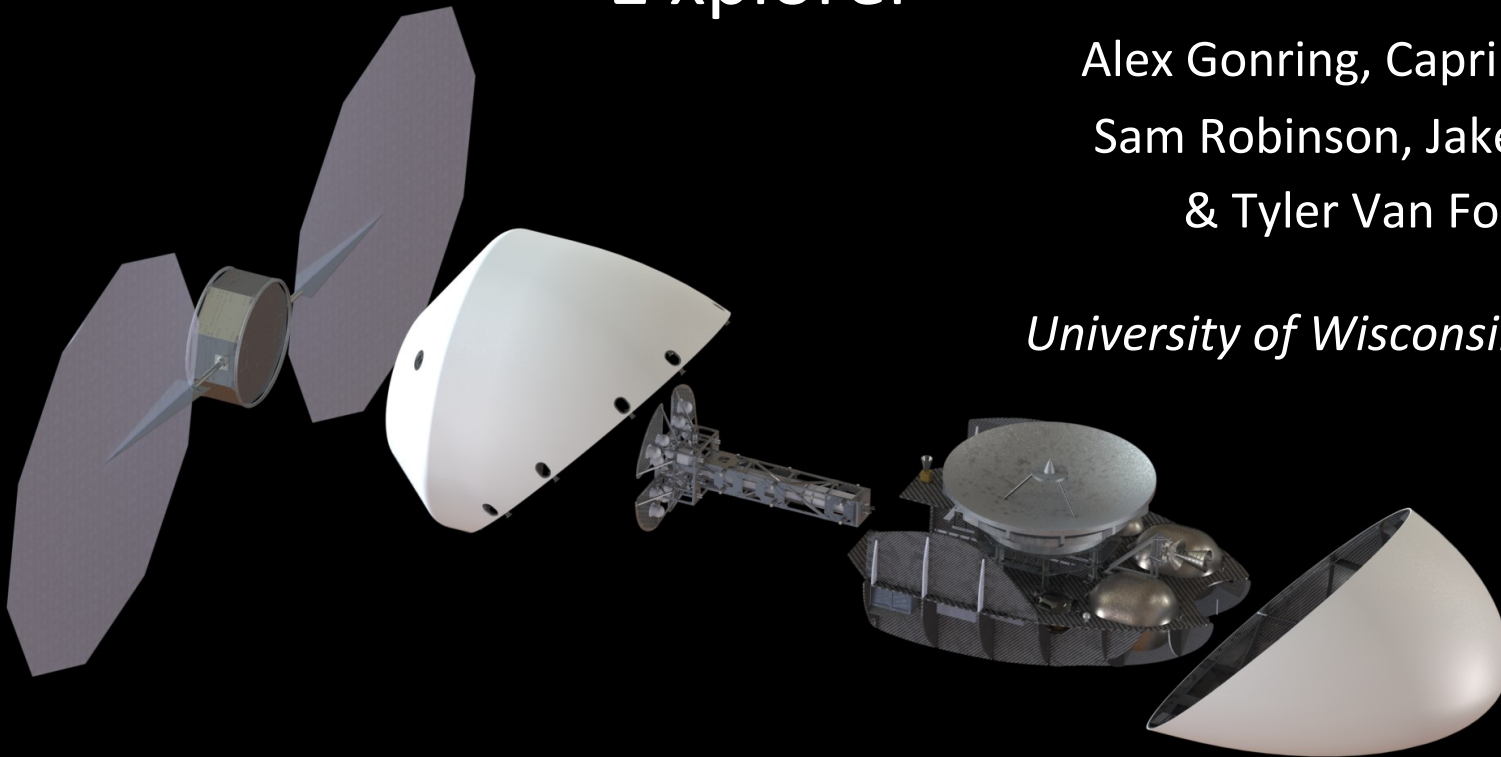
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of  
**E**nceladus

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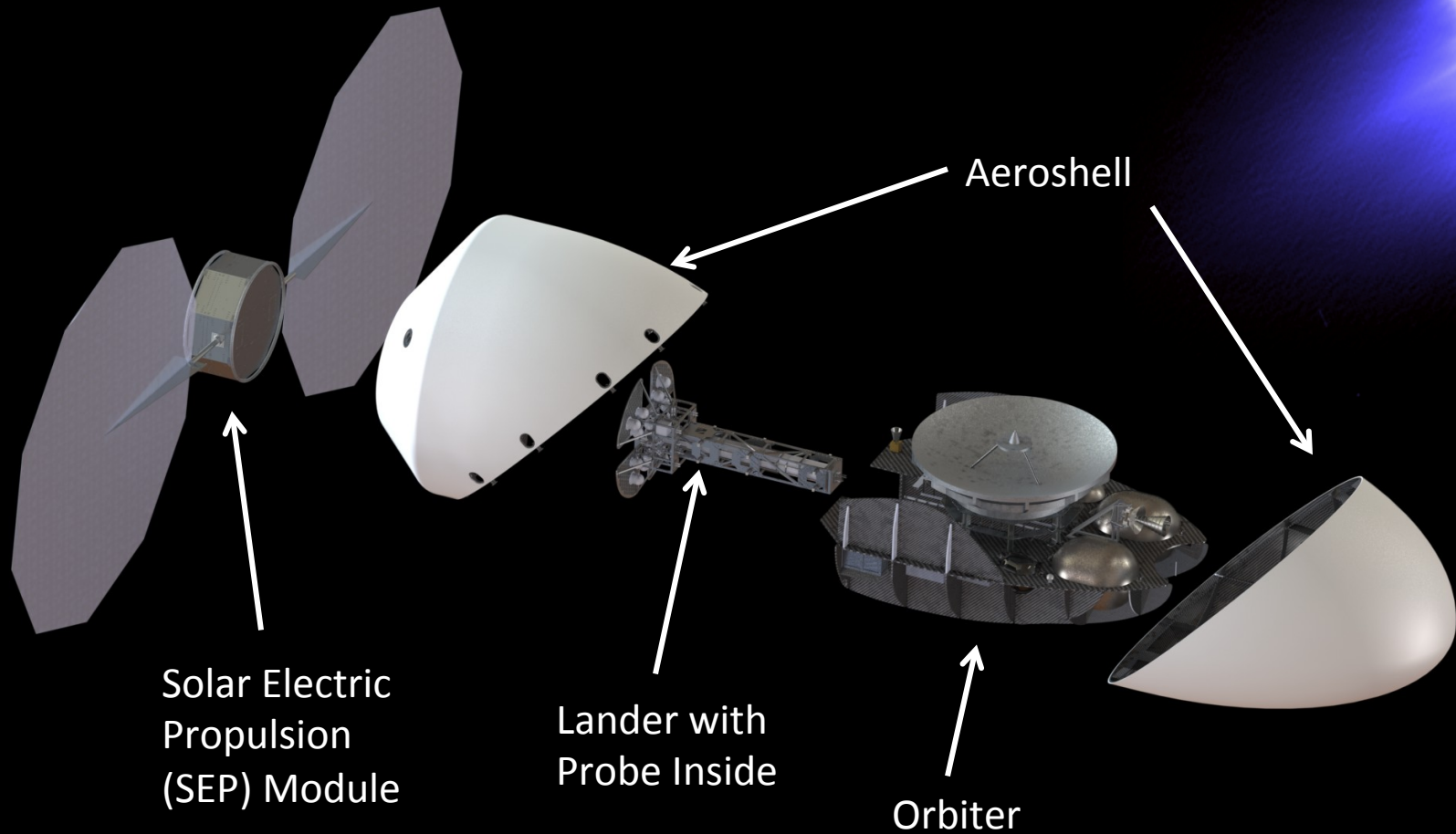
**P**rimarily  
**L**ander  
and  
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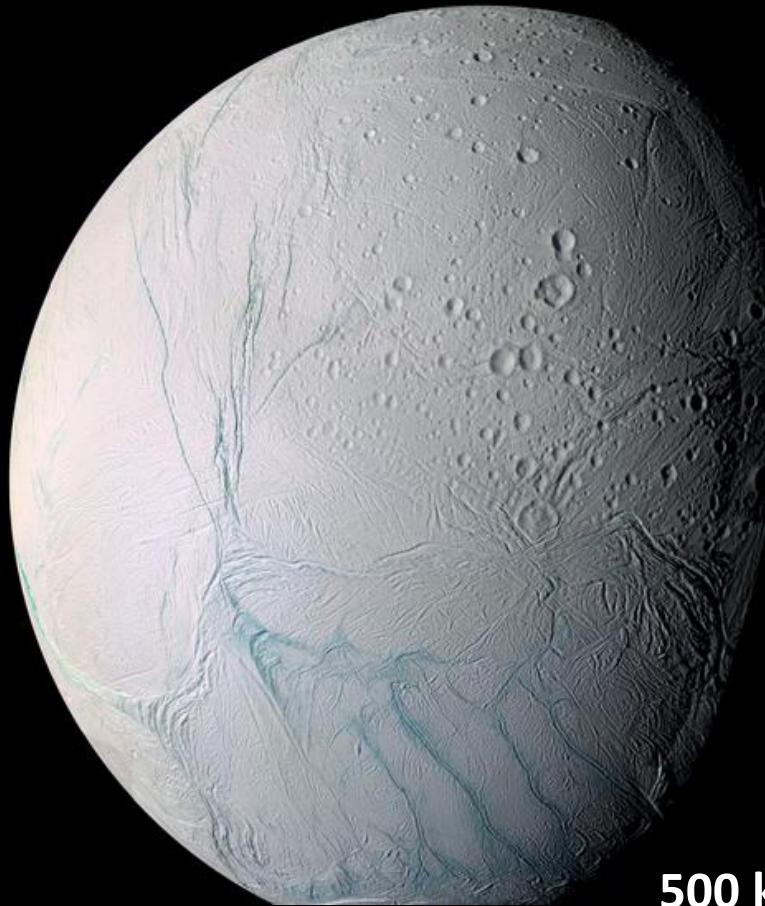
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# ICEPLUME Mission Overview



# Saturn's moon Enceladus shows unique characteristics.

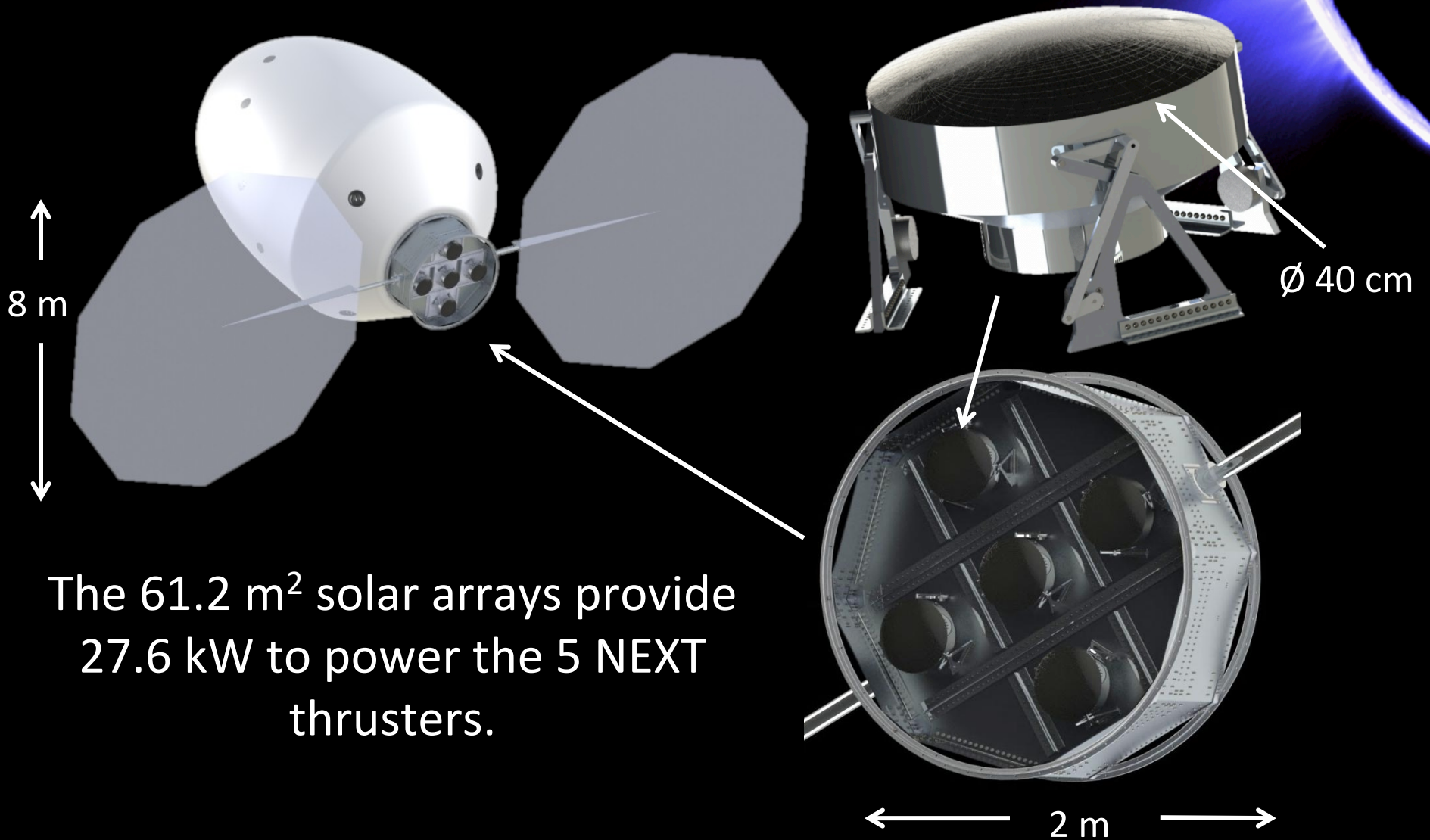


- Recent geological activity
- Warm South Pole
- Plume contributes to E-Ring
- “Tiger Stripes” supply fresh ice
- Fundamental needs for life
  - Water (Cassini measured 90%)
  - C H N O basic elements
  - Energy source
- Astrobiology may exist on Enceladus

500 km

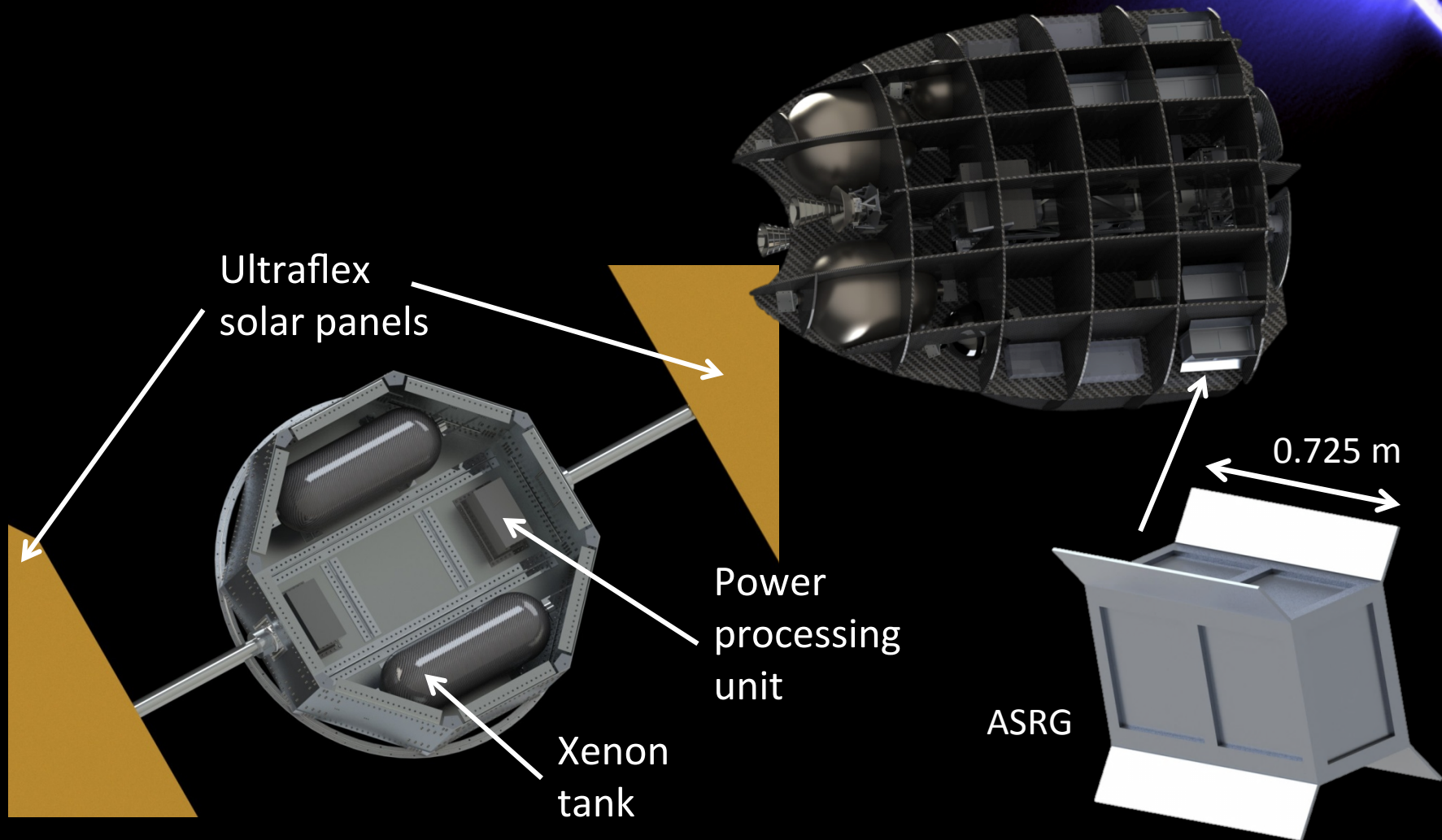


Solar Electric Propulsion and Gravity Assists  
will provide the initial  $\Delta V$  to Saturn.





The Ultraflex solar panels provide power and xenon fuels the ion thrusters. Advanced Stirling Radioisotope Generators operate the instruments on the orbiter.



# An aeroshell is required for atmospheric entry during aero-gravity assist.

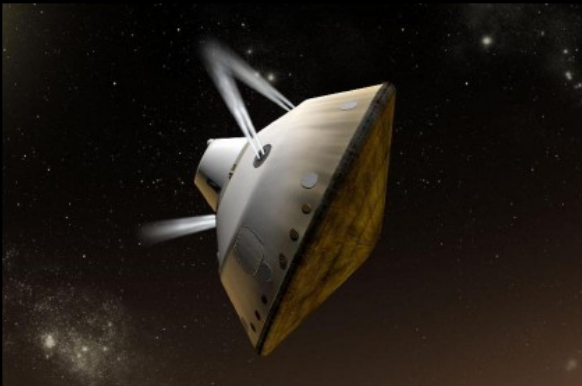
- Solar Electric Propulsion with aerocapture provides  $\sim 2.4x$  more mass delivered to final destination ( $\sim 500$  kg)

- Added complexities:

1) RCS thrusters for trajectory alignment

2) Heat shield for thermal protection ( $\sim 1500^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 99% KE)

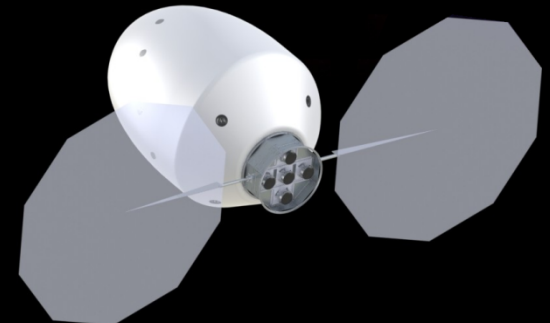
3) Payload configuration within volumetric constraint



MSL ( $\varnothing$  4.5m)

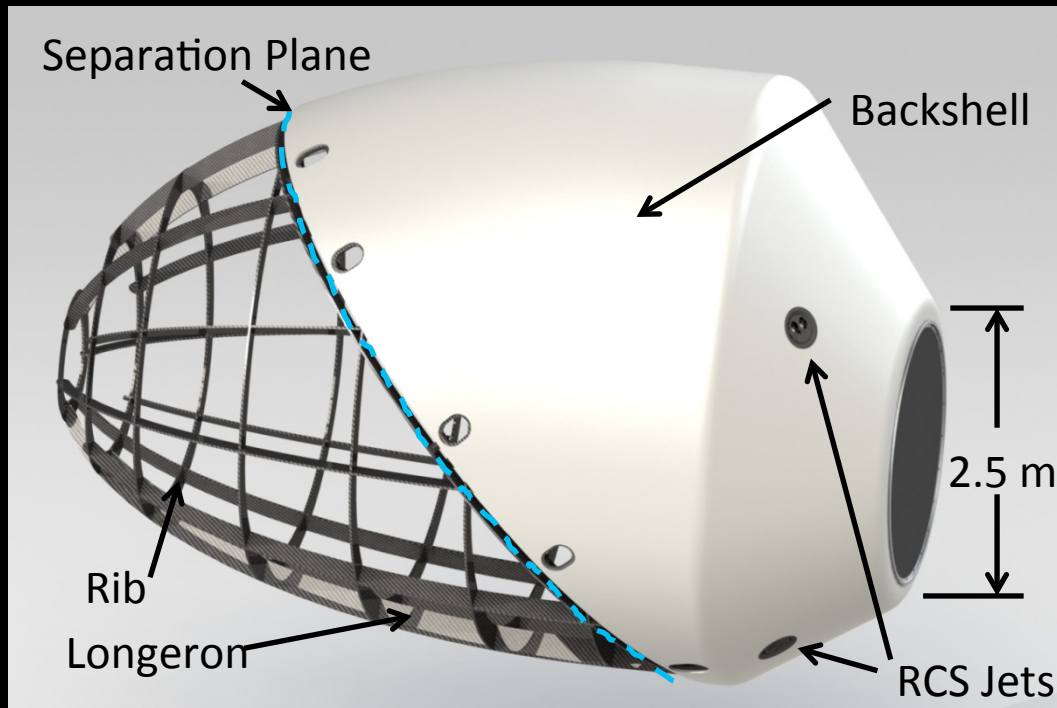


Orion heat shield ( $\varnothing$  5m)



ICEPLUME ( $\varnothing$  5.0 m)

# Low-density materials are required to minimize aeroshell mass.



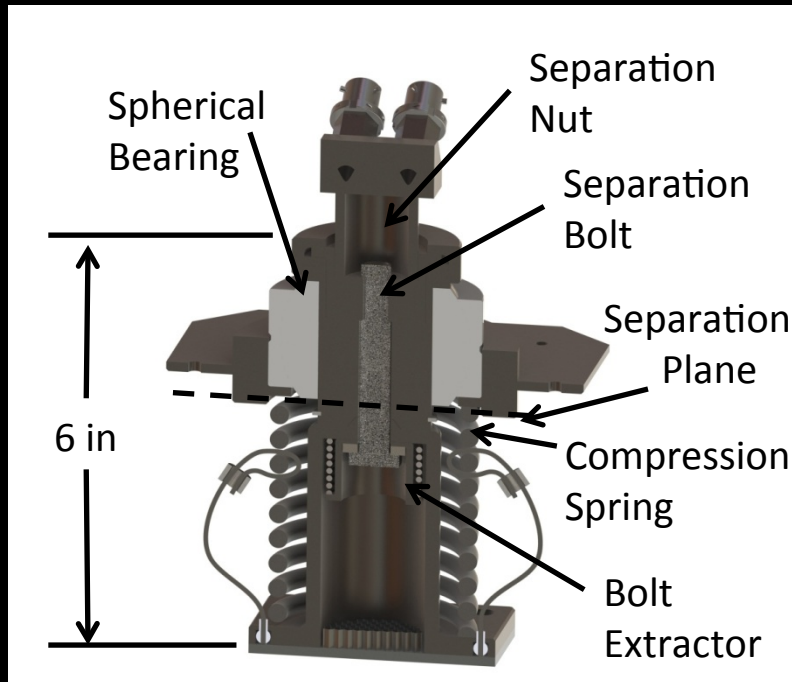
Structural Material:  
graphite polycyanate composite

- Aeroshell: 2.6 cm molded honeycomb
- Framework: 1.6 cm isogrid
- Face Sheets: 2 mm thick sheet

Thermal Protection Materials: \*\* 14-31% improvement on heritage aerial densities

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| ○ PhenCarb-20 (500 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | ○ SRAM-14 (150 W/cm <sup>2</sup> )   |
| ○ SRAM-20 (260 W/cm <sup>2</sup> )     | ○ Acusil II (100 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
| ○ SRAM-17 (210 W/cm <sup>2</sup> )     |                                      |

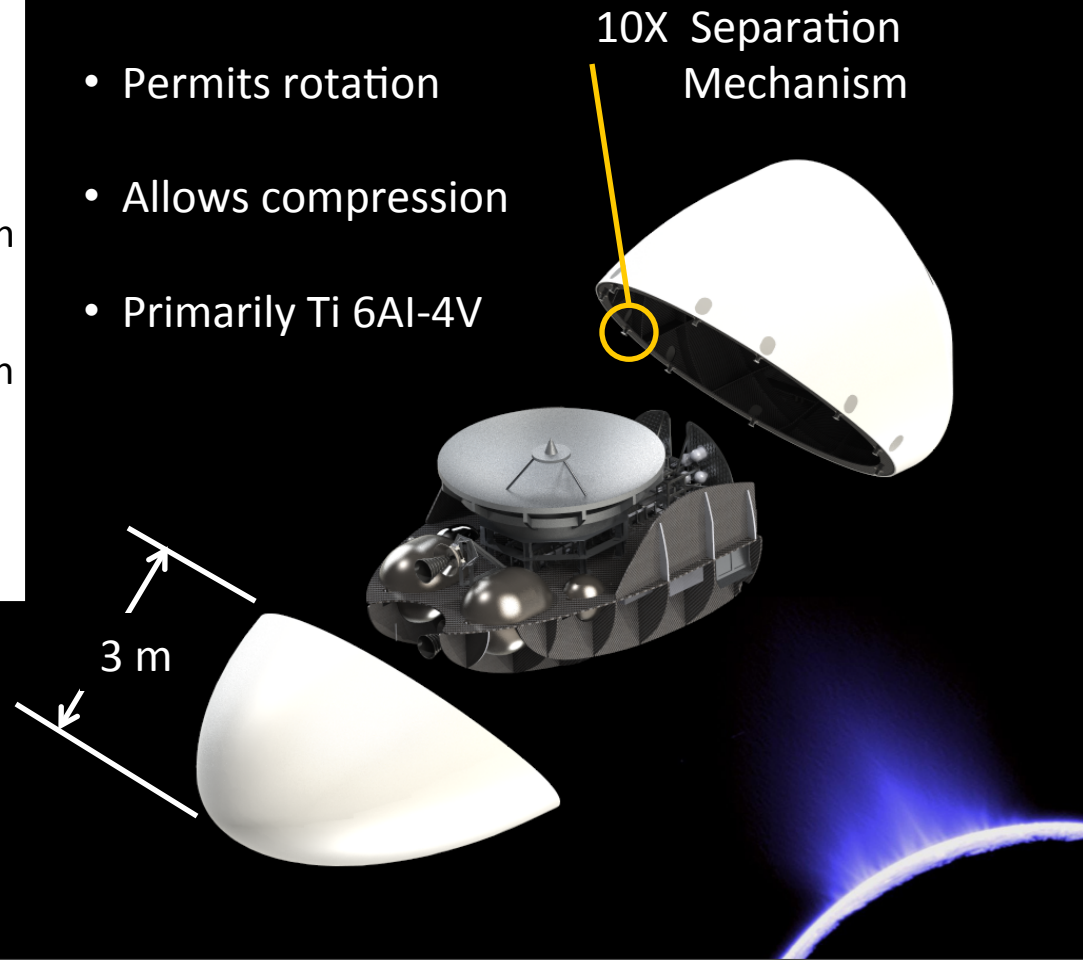
# Ten separation mechanisms split the aeroshell and deploy the orbiter after aero-assist.



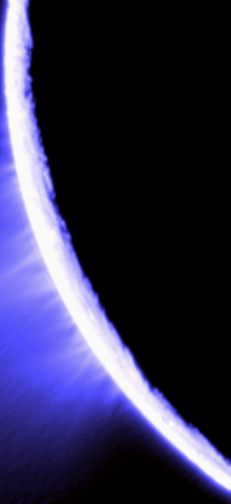
\*\* Based on the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) design

## Requirements:

- Permits rotation
- Allows compression
- Primarily Ti 6Al-4V

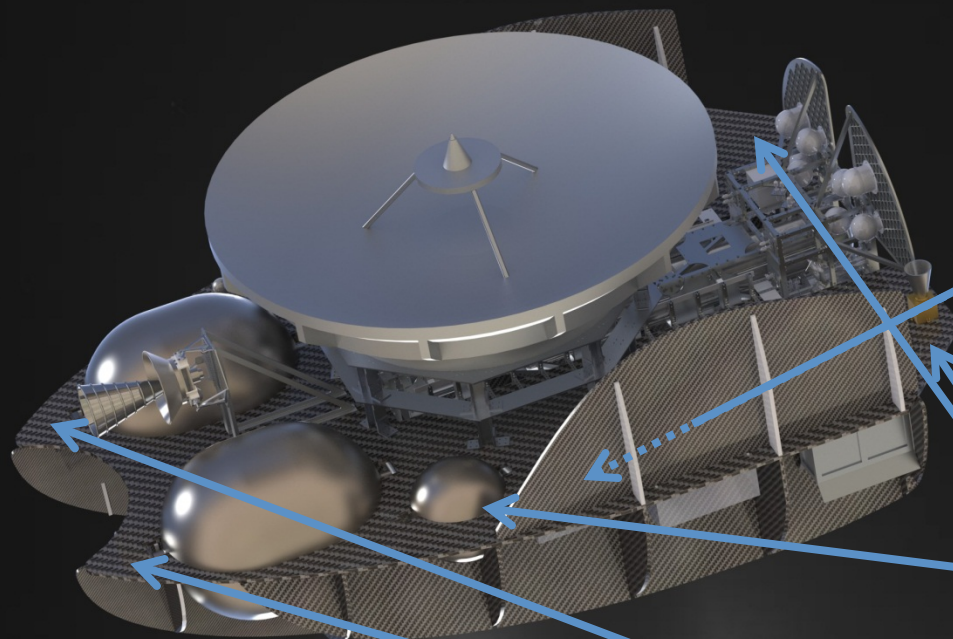






# Multiple propulsion systems are needed to accomplish our mission.

- System uses separate monopropellant and bipropellant propulsion modules
- Monopropellant module will use 132 kg of hydrazine ( $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$ ) and 0.9 N thrusters for attitude control in conjunction with reaction wheels
- Bipropellant module will use 3000 kg of monomethylhydrazine (MMH) for fuel and nitrogen tetroxide (NTO) for oxidizer



The monopropellant system is used for

Helium Recharge Tank  
• Used for a short time recharge of the fine course system  
• Holds 0.4  
fine course corrections.



Ø 0.128 m



0.85 m

Monopropellant Tank

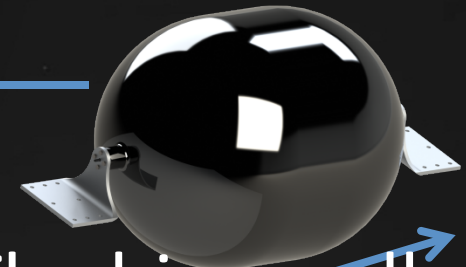
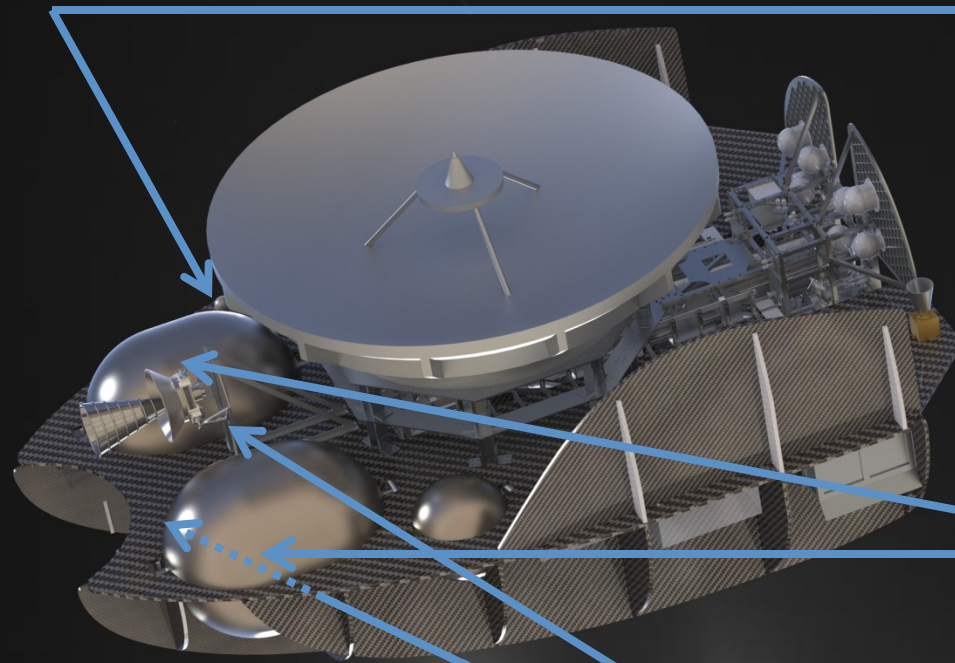
- Purchased from Pressure Systems Inc.
- Initial pressure 2.34 MPa (340 psi)
- Holds 132 kg of Hydrazine

270 mm

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### Thruster Clusters

- 1 N thrusters purchased from Astrium
- 8 clusters of 4 thrusters are placed on the top and bottom of the payload deck

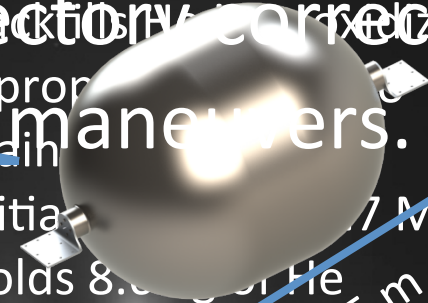


The bipropellant system is used for trajectory correction maneuvers.

Helium Pressurization Tank

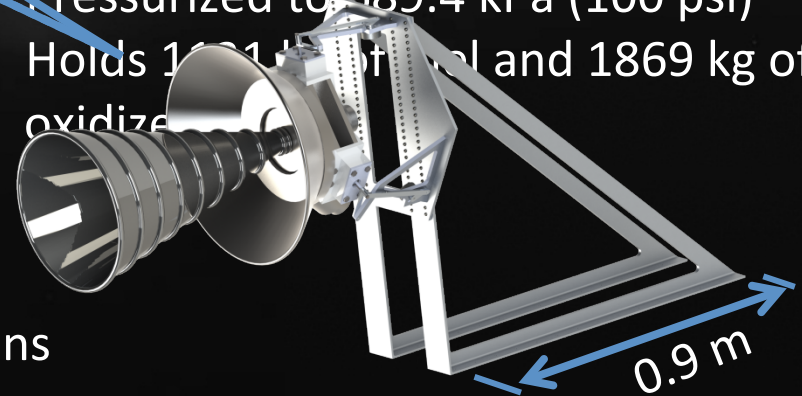
0.9 m

- Initial pressure 1.7 MPa
- Holds 8.0 kg of He



### Oxidizer and Bipropellant Tanks

- Pressurized to 689.4 kPa (100 psi)
- Holds 1221 kg of fuel and 1869 kg of oxidizer



### Booster Assembly

- R-4D rocket engine by Aerojet
- 490 N (110 lbf) nominal thrust
- Gimbal up to 37° in all directions

0.9 m

# Science instruments similar to the Cassini mission will explore mission goals.

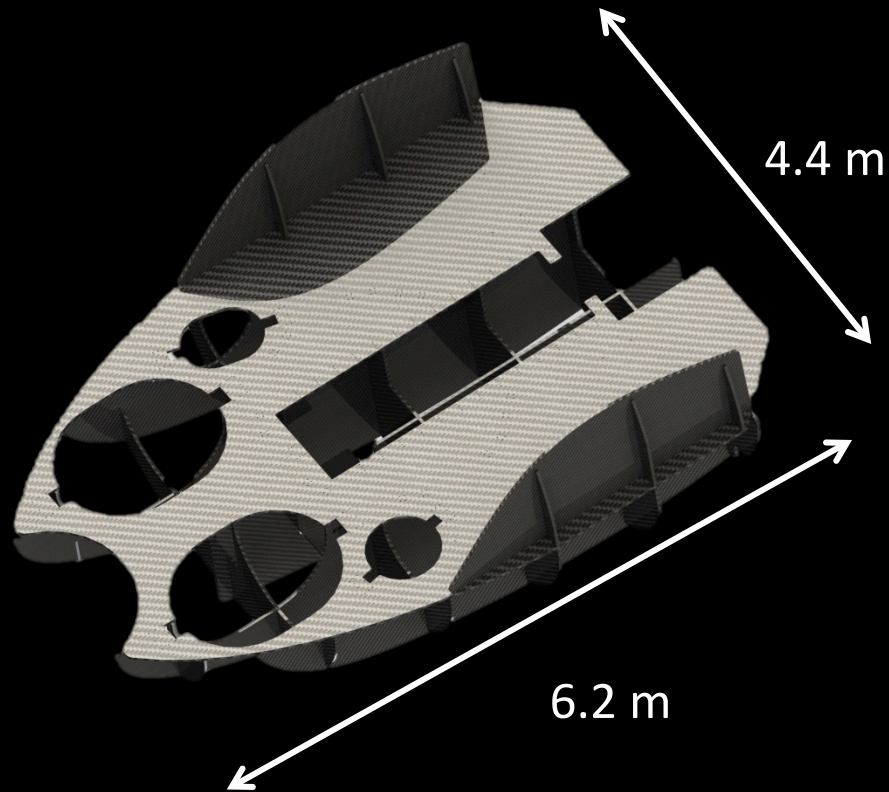
Instrument	Mass Allowance (kg)	Power Allowance (W)	Similar to
High resolution camera	60	60	Cassini
UV-IR imaging spectrometer	18	12	Cassini
Gas chromatograph mass spectrometer	10	28	Cassini
Radar or laser altimeter	42	109	Cassini



# The orbiter contains multiple communication systems.

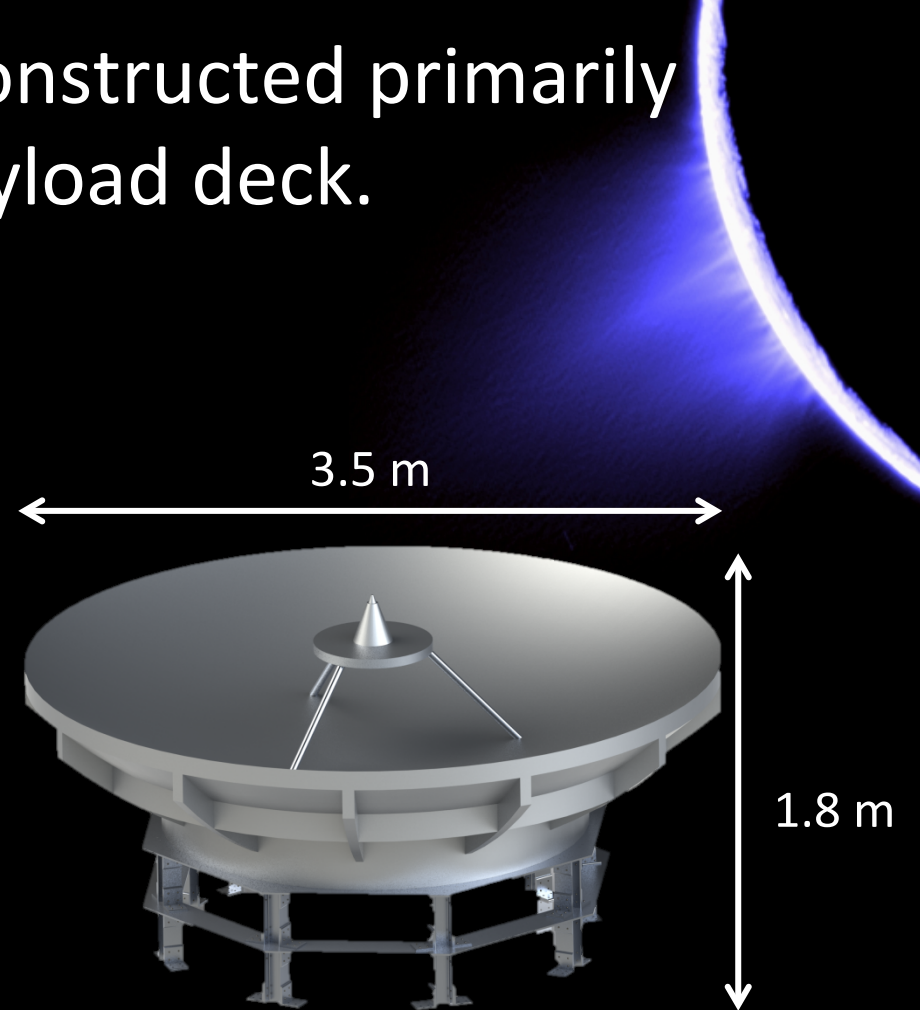
- Radio frequency subsystem with antennas provide communication for the orbiter to and from Earth.
  - High-gain Antenna (HGA)
    - Support communication with Earth while in orbit about Enceladus
    - S-band Probe/Lander communication
  - Two Low-gain Antennas (LGA)
    - Support communication with Earth during transit

The orbiter's structure is constructed primarily of a composite payload deck.



Payload Deck Structural Material:  
graphite polycyanate composite

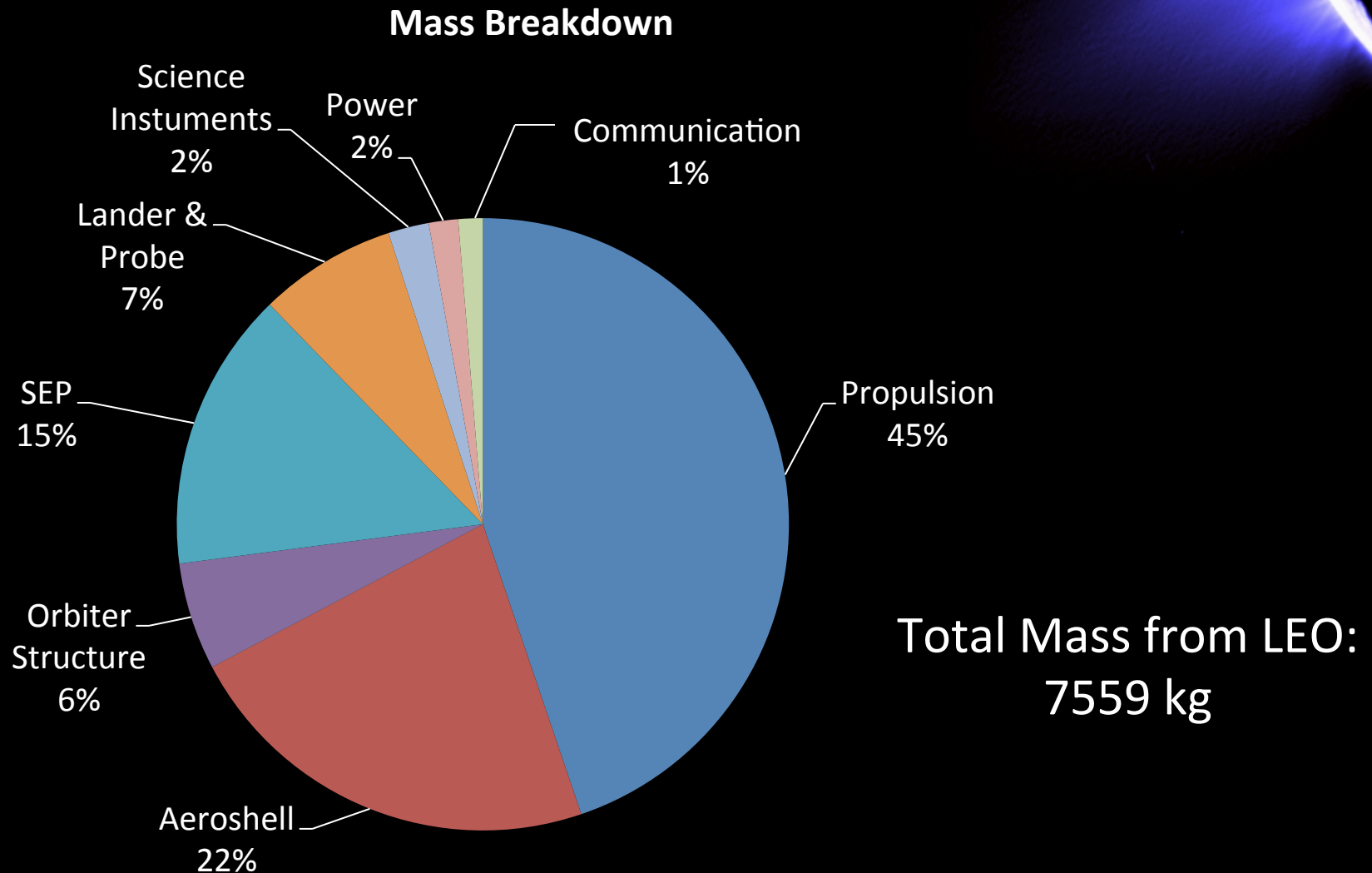
- Deck Panels: 2 cm isogrid
- Face Sheets: 1.6 mm thick sheet



HGA Structural Material:

- 6061-T6 aluminum I beams
- 6061-T6 angle brackets
- 7075-T73 aluminum sheet

A majority of the total mass will be allotted towards payload delivery.

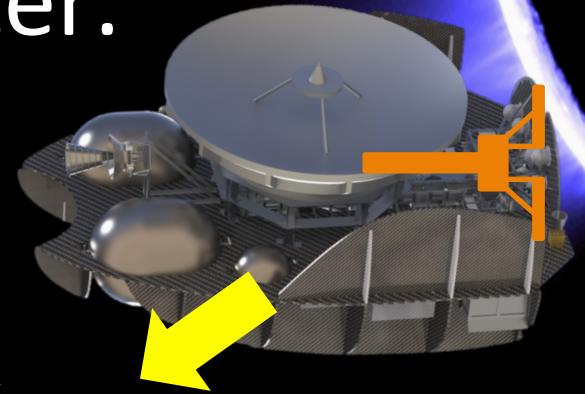


# The lander will be deployed from the back of the orbiter.

- No aeroshell required
- Heat flux value of

(compared with )

- 4X 22N descent thrusters
- 16X 1N attitude thruster clusters
- Radar

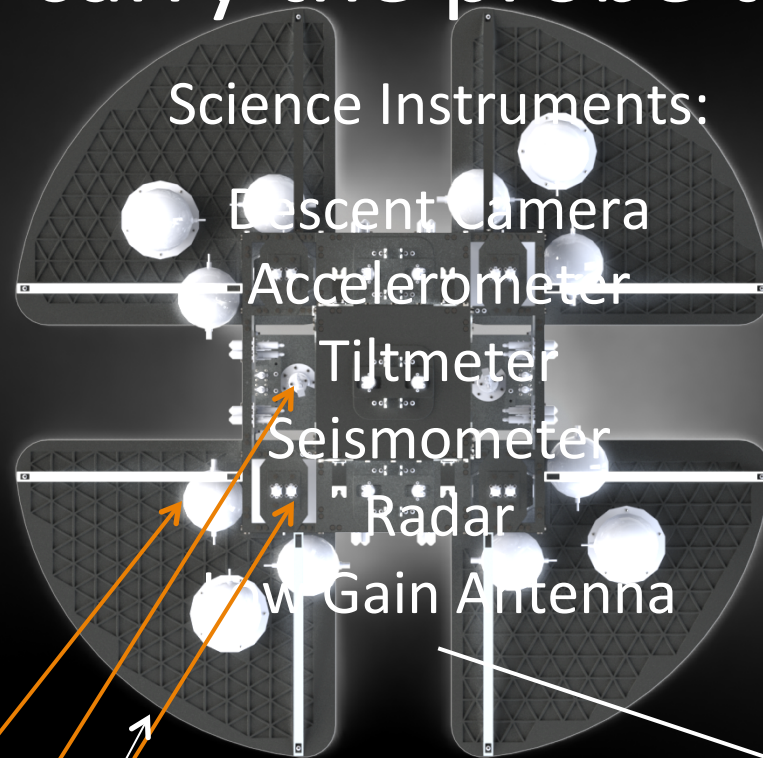


- Lander held to orbiter with pyronuts
- Deployed by expanding spring
- Guided out on rails

3.6m



# The main objective of the lander is to carry the probe to the surface.



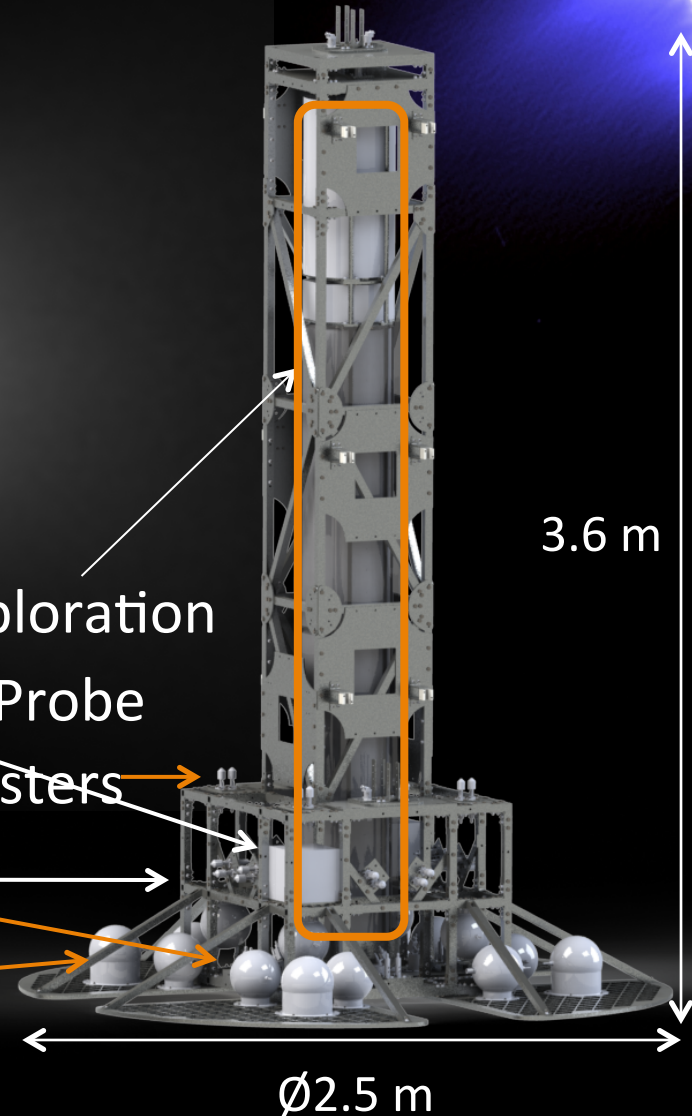
12X 1N Attitude Thruster Clusters

22N Descent Thrusters

Landing Feet (Monopropellant)

Propane Tanks (Monopropellant)

Exploration Probe



# Thank you! Questions??

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