

# **Europa/Ocean Worlds Lander Mission Concept**

Europa Lander Pre-Project Science and Engineering teams

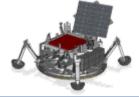


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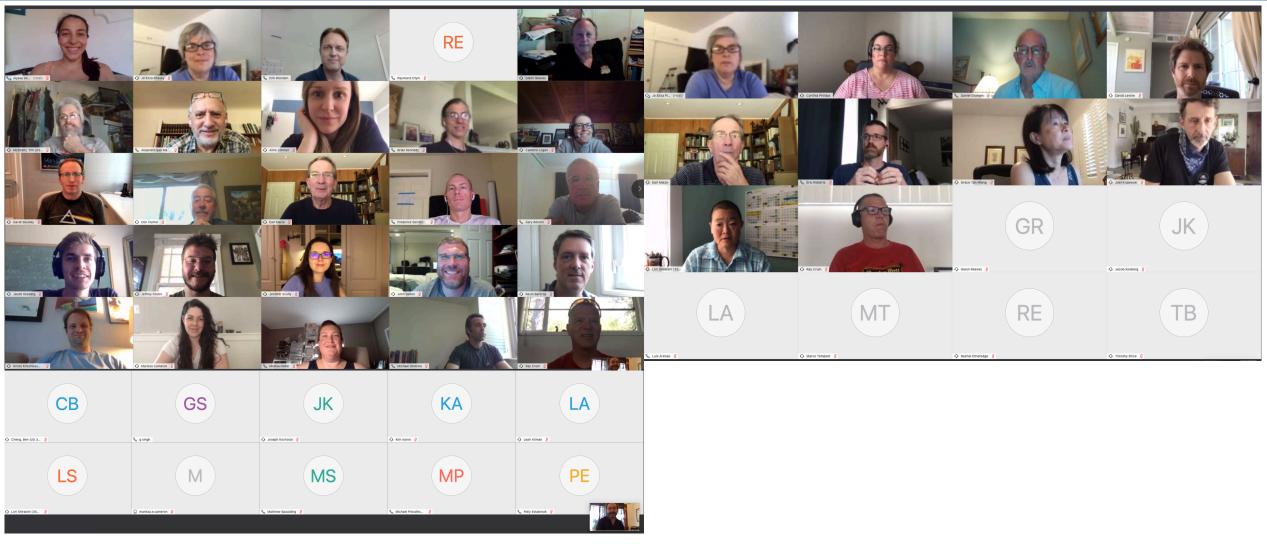


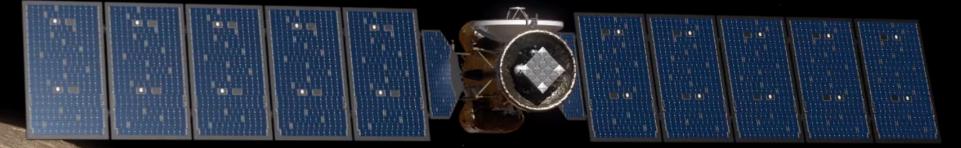
- 10 min: Welcome to attendees, Jo Pitesky and Kevin Hand. (JPL)
- 20 min: Science Goals of the Europa/Ocean Worlds Lander concept, Kevin Hand and Cynthia Phillips (JPL)
- 10 min: Mission Concept Overview, Earl Maize (JPL)
- 15 min: Flight System Overview, Ray Crum (JPL)
- 30 min: Lander Sampling Chain, Surface Phase, and Sampling Concepts, Joel Krajewski (JPL), Amelia Grossman (Honeybee Robotics), and Charles Malespin (GSFC)
- 15 min: Surface Excavation and Sample Collection, Lori Shiraishi (JPL)
- 5 min: Wrap up before Q&A, Kevin Hand (JPL)
- 15 min: **Q&A from chat and/or margin**, Jo Pitesky and team (JPL)
- Questions? Please go to: www.menti.com



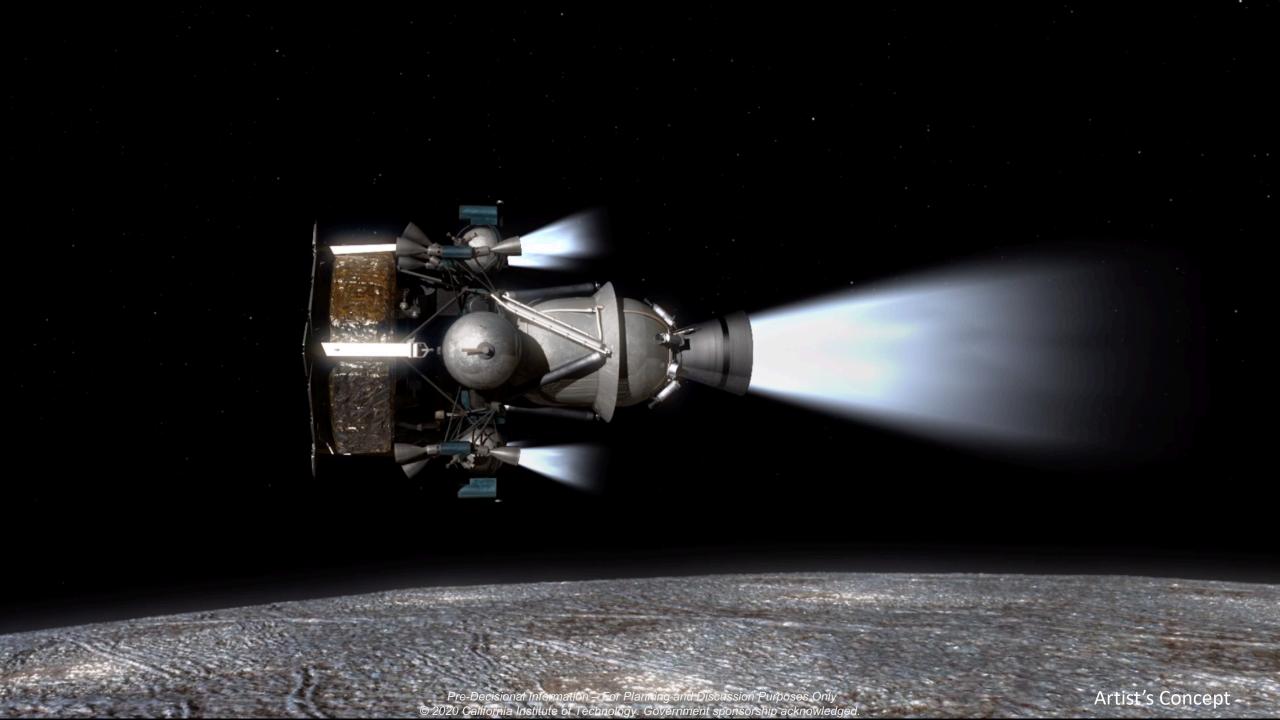




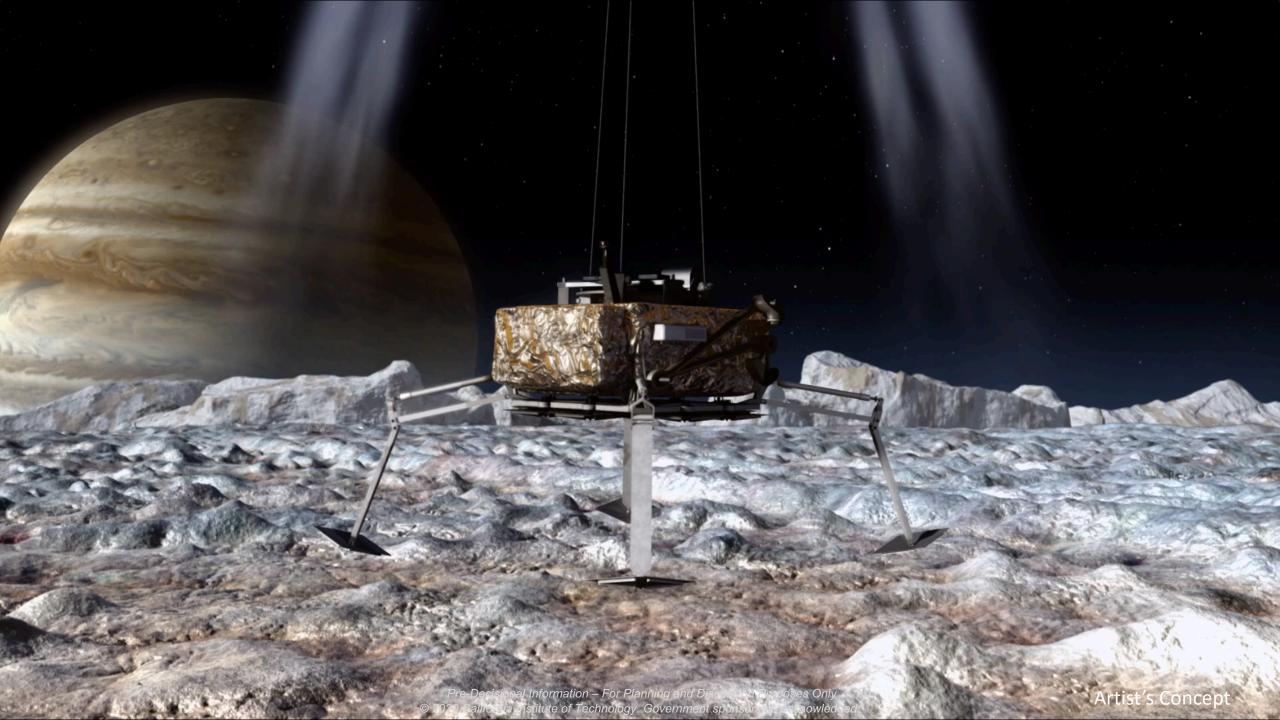




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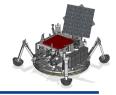
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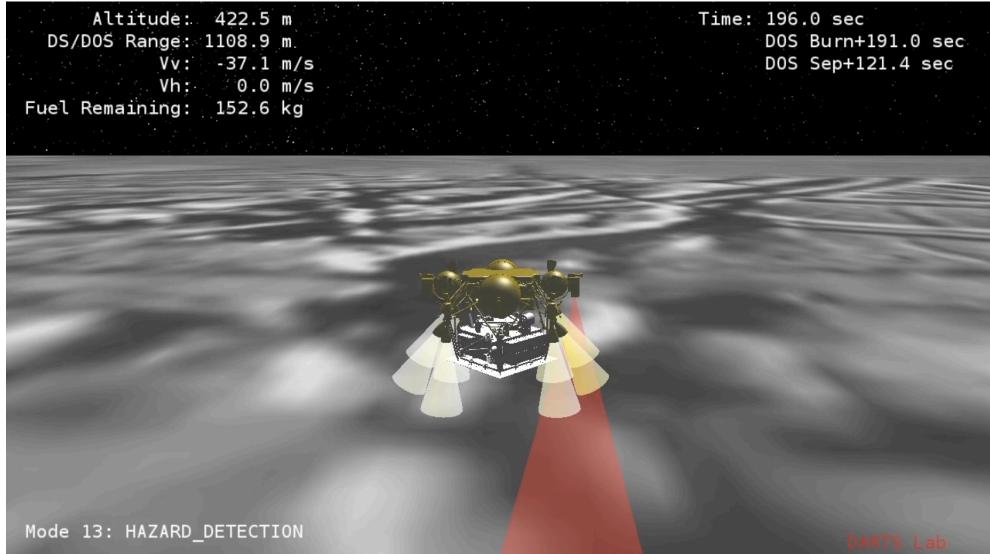
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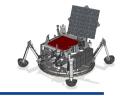
# **Closed-Loop Physics-Based Landing Simulation**







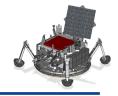
# Olaf: Lander mechanical testbed







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## Science Goals of the Europa/Ocean Worlds Lander

Kevin Hand (JPL)

Europa Lander Pre-Project Scientist



1. Search for evidence of biosignatures on Europa.

2. Assess the habitability of Europa via *in situ* techniques.

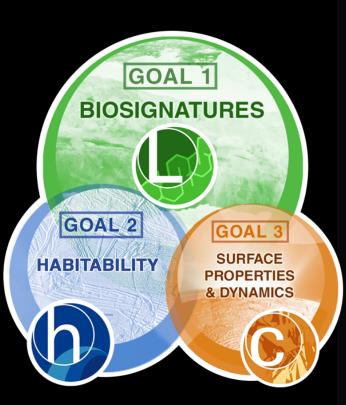
# 3. Characterize the surface and subsurface of Europa.

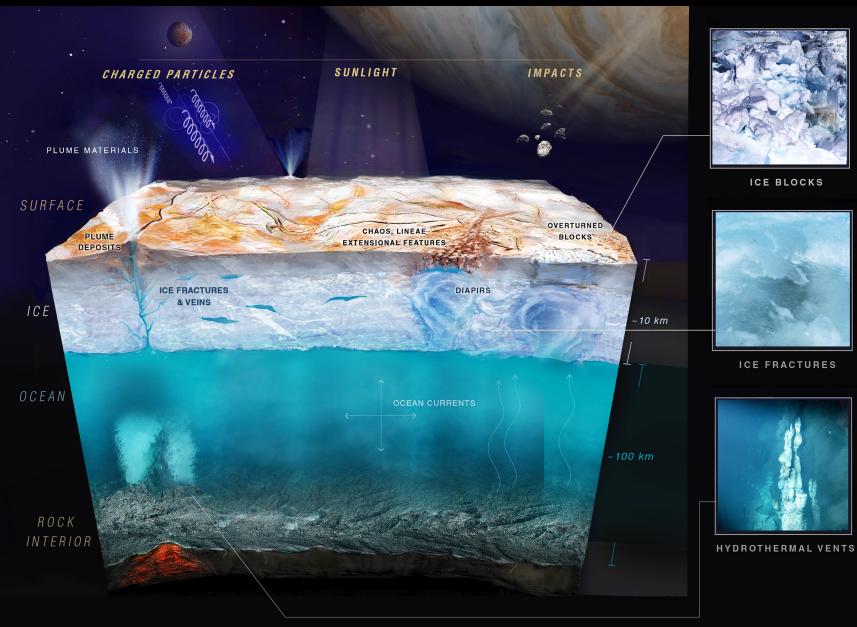
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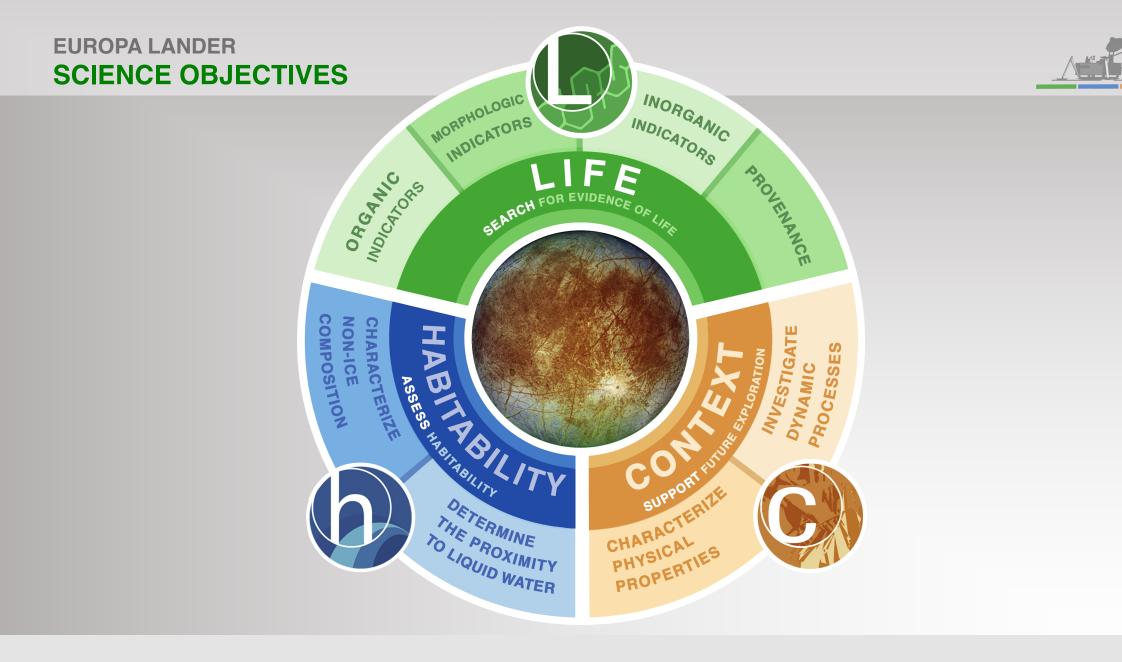


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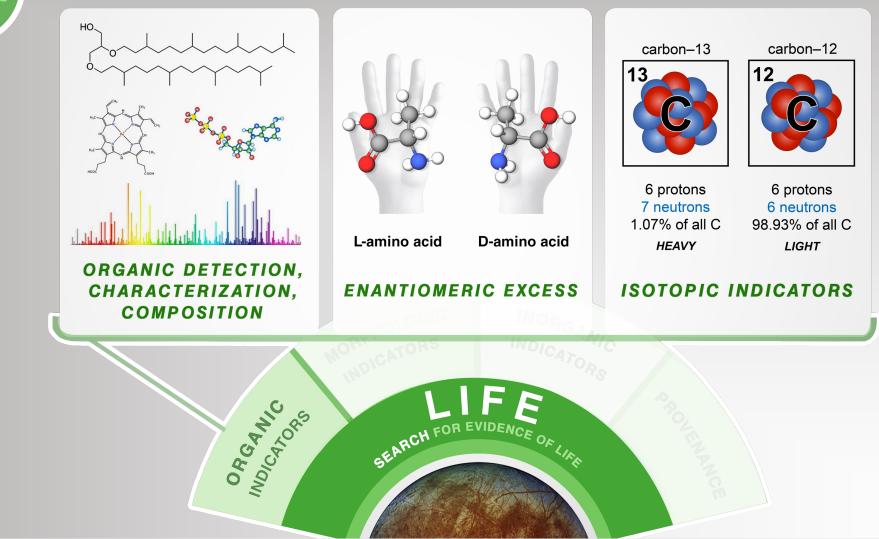
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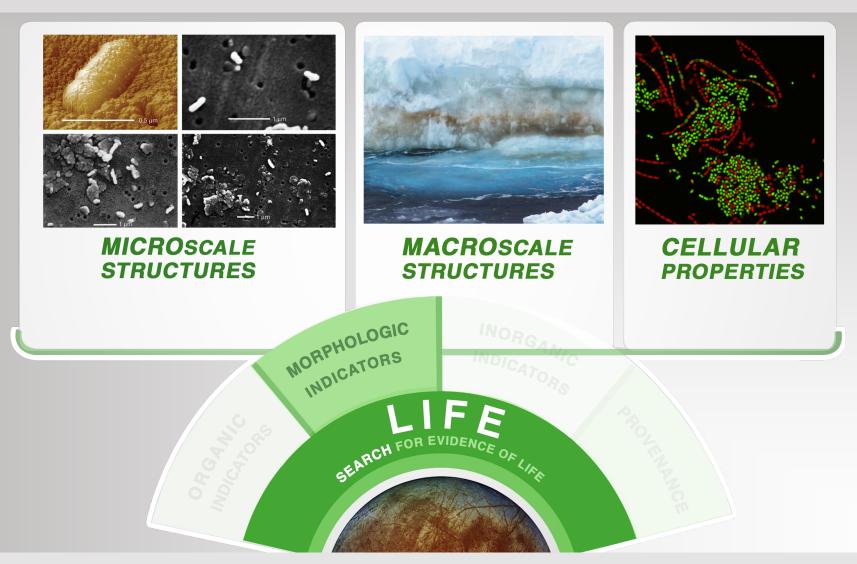






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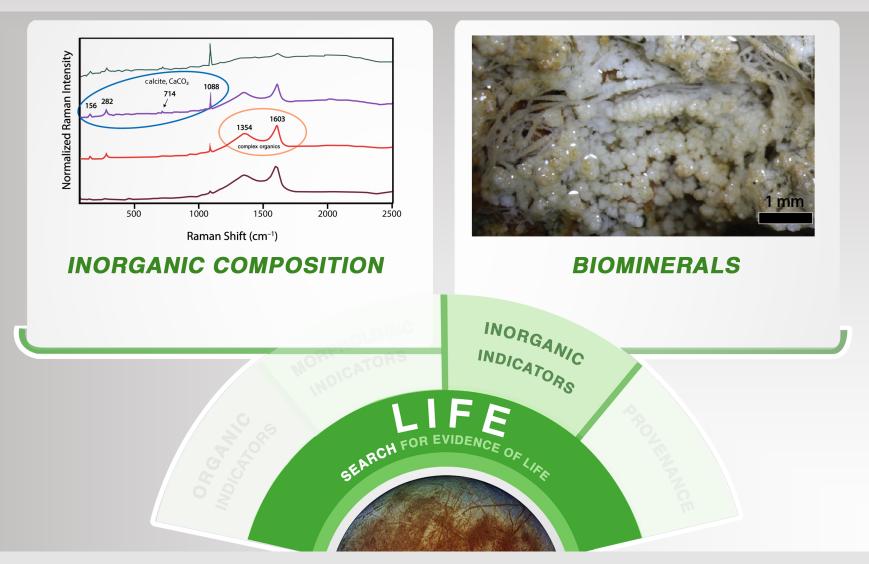






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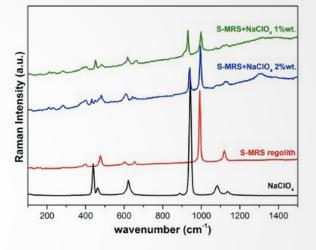


## GOAL 1 PROVENANCE





GEOLOGICAL CONTEXT



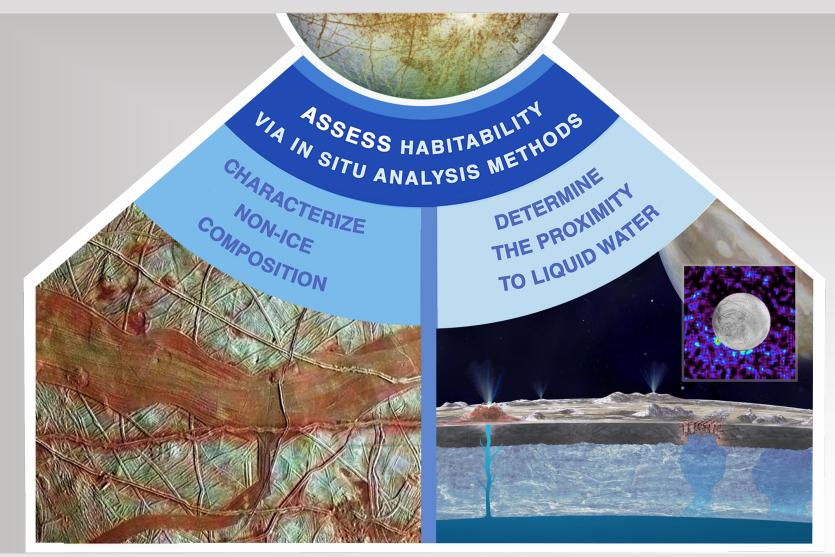
### **ENDOGENOUS vs. EXOGENOUS ORIGINS AND PROCESSING**





## GOAL 2 HABITABILITY

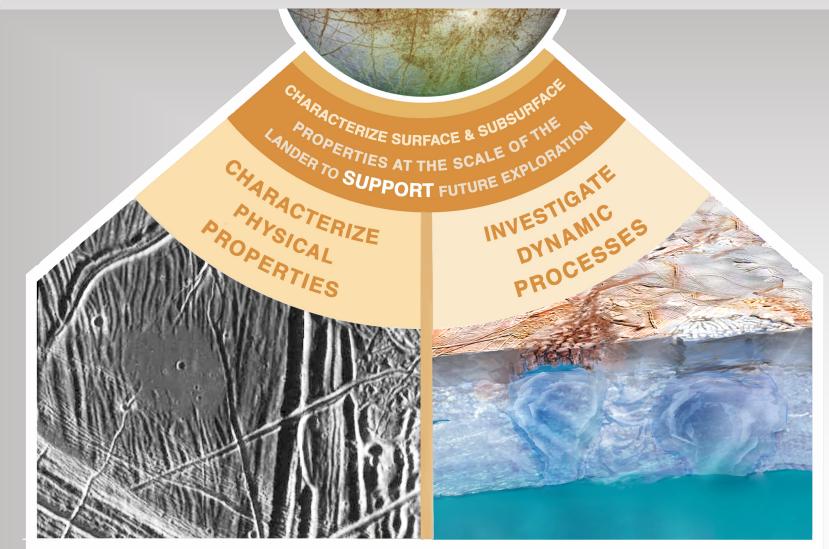


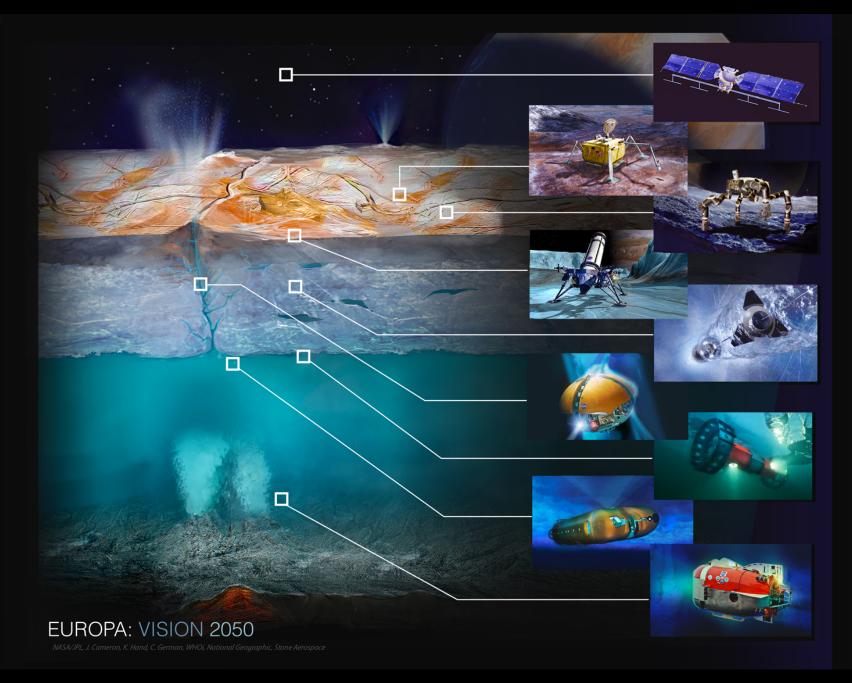




## GOAL 3 CONTEXT





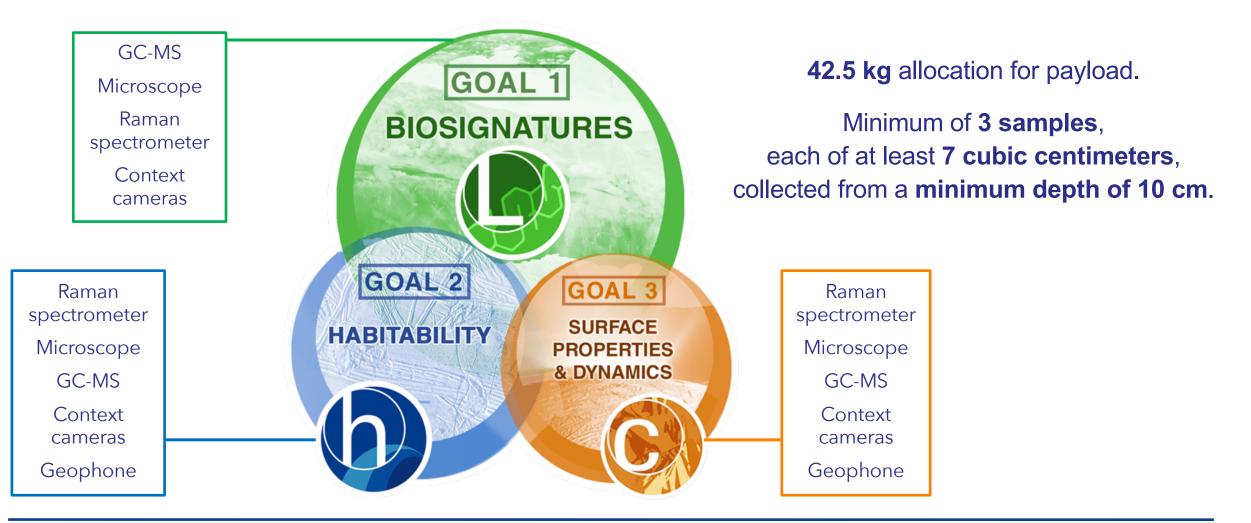




# Science Goals, Objectives, Model Payload, & Sampling Threshold



A connected set of goals and objectives addressed with a focused model payload



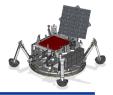




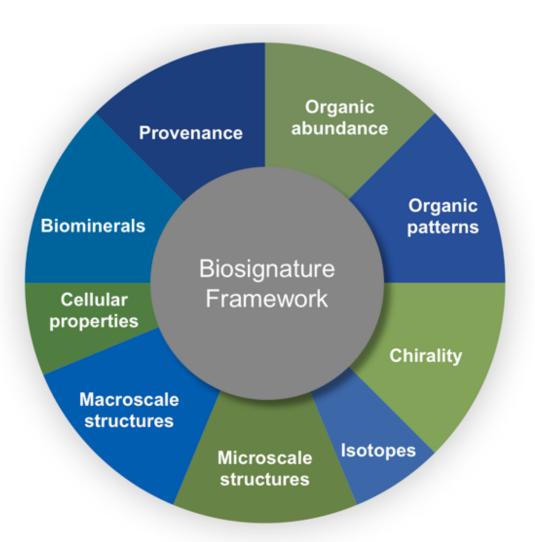
Instrument Class [mass allocation, unmargined], Total = 42.5 kg (with margin)	Model Payload	
	Baseline	Threshold
Context Remote Sensing Instrument (CRSI) [4.3 kg, includes shielding]	2 identical multi-filter, focusable, visible to near-infrared, stereo overlapping cameras with narrowband filters equivalent to those of the Europa Multiple Flyby Mission EIS cameras	2 identical RGB, fixed focus, stereo overlapping cameras
Microscope for Life Detection (MLD) [5.4 kg]	Deep UV resonance Raman and optical microscope with fluorescence spectrometer	Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) with optical context imager
Vibrational Spectrometer (VS) [5.4 kg]		Raman Laser Spectrometer (RLS)
Organic Compositional Analyzer (OCA) [16.4 kg]	Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS) with Chirality Analysis and Stable Isotope Analyzer (SIA)	Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS) with Chirality Analysis
Geophysical Sounding System (GSS) [1.2 kg]	Broad-band seismometer	3-axis geophone



# Lander Provides a Robust Suite of Biosignature Measurements



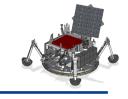
- Model payload provides a minimum of 9 lines of evidence for identifying potential biosignatures.
- Biosignature investigations are highly complementary.
- Model payload ensures measurement **redundancy**.
- Investigations yield high value science even in the absence of any potential biosignatures.



# Surface Operations, Sampling, & Instruments

- From Model Payload to potential instrument providers:
  - 44 proposals submitted to the Instrument Concepts for Europa Exploration (ICEE-2) call (Step 2 due date: Sept. 7, 2018)
  - Many institutions with many instrument concepts. Interest is high.
- 14 ICEE-2 teams selected.
  - MATISSE, PICASSO, COLDTech programs also providing instrument development funds.
- Instrument accommodation and sampling procedures are being developed between the Project and potential instrument providers.





# Presentations to, and Feedback from, the Scientific Community, Review Boards, & HQ

- Town Hall #1: Lunar & Planetary Sciences Conference, February 2017.
  - Approximately 6 hours of presentations and Q&A with HQ assembled committee and LPSC attendees (and open to public).
- Town Hall #2: Astrobiology Science Conference, March 2017.
  - Approximately 6 hours of presentations and Q&A with HQ assembled committee and AbSciCon attendees (and open to public)
  - Town Hall Executive Committee feedback addressed through response letter to NASA.
- Outer Planets Assessment Group (OPAG)
  - Progress report presentation, Fall 2016.
  - Full report 2-hour out-brief with Q&A, Spring 2017.
  - Update briefing on MCR and next step, Fall 2017
  - Reformulation architecture presentation Feb. 2, 2018.
  - Full Lander and Ocean Worlds Technology session at OPAG in Feb 2018.
- Committee on Astrobiology & Planetary Sciences (NRC CAPS)
  - Progress report presentation, Fall 2016, Full report out-brief March, 2017.
  - Direct-to-Earth architecture presentation Feb. 28, 2018.
- Mission Concept Review, June 19-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Chair: Prof. B. Braun.
  - Post-MCR direction from HQ (7/28/2017) addressed through external board assembled by Braun.
  - Direction Letter from HQ received (12/7/2017): Go with DTE architecture as it preserves science but minimizes cost and complexity.
- Delta-Mission Concept Review, Nov., 2018. Chair: Prof. B. Braun.
  - Board report: "The review board cannot recall a pre-phase A planetary science concept at this advanced level of fidelity"
- ICEE-2 selections Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Fourteen teams selected for instrument development.
- Numerous talks and posters at AGU, DPS, LPSC, AbSciCon, NRC panels, OW3, Deep Dives,...

# OPAG Sept. 2018 finding on the science value of the lander:

"The lander achieves high-value science and would do worthwhile science even in the absence of any signs of life."



# **Landing Site Selection**

Cynthia Phillips (JPL) Europa Lander Deputy Pre-Project Scientist



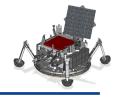
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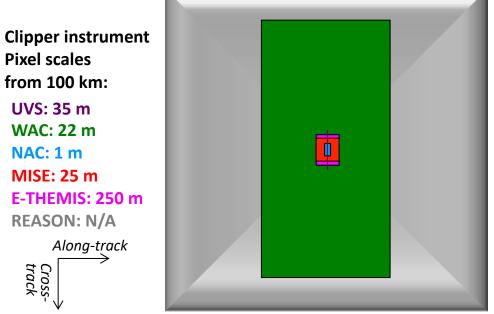
- Europa Clipper Science Goal: "Explore Europa to Investigate its Habitability"
  - Close approach observations will focus on habitability, compatible with Lander's biosignature goal
- Science criteria for landing site
  - Factors include young surface age, composition, radiation exposure, geologic terrain, and proximity to liquid water or recent activity
- Landing site selection process
  - Will include both science and engineering assessment
  - Interactions with Europa Clipper
  - Later, community workshops (similar to Mars landing site process)



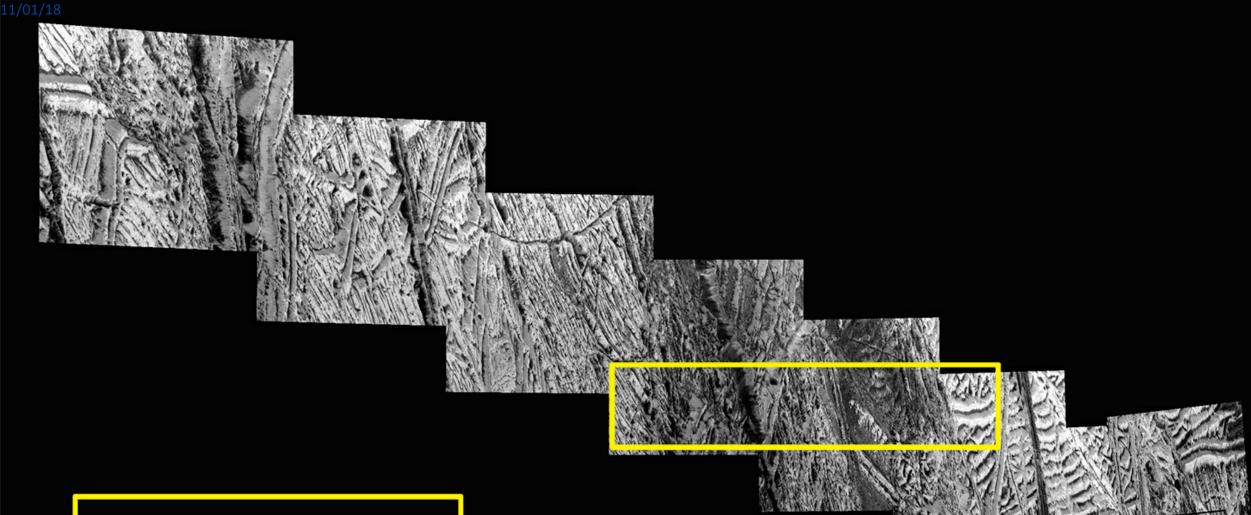


- EIS (NAC, WAC cameras)
  - High resolution & stereo imaging of potential landing sites plus regional context
  - Highest resolution 0.5 m/pixel
- E-THEMIS (Thermal IR)
  - Up to 250 m/pixel
  - Thermal inertia, block abundance at surface
  - Search for hotspots
- MISE (Near IR spectrometer)
  - Surface composition

- REASON (Radar)
  - Hardness and roughness of surface and near-surface
- ECM (Magnetometer)
  - Average ice shell thickness



**Remote Sensing Fields of View** 

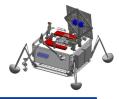


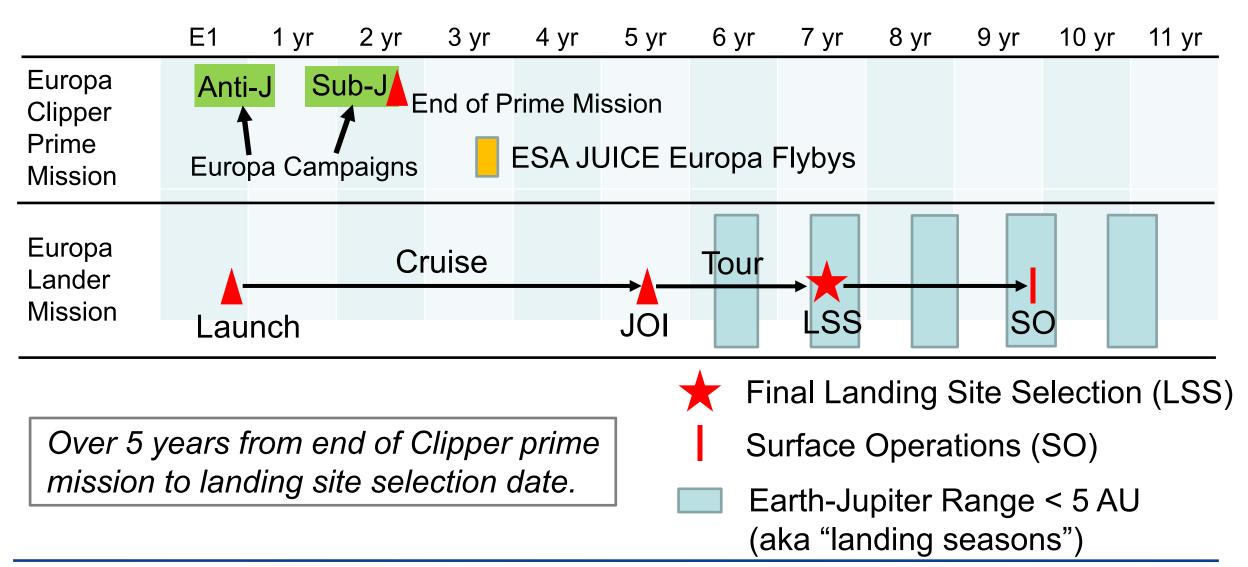
2x10 km Landing Region observed by Europa Clipper



Orange circles: notional 200 m landing sites Purple: scarps excluded as engineering hazards









# **Europa Lander/Ocean Worlds**

Earl Maize

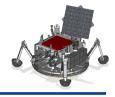
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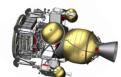
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#### **Carrier Stage**

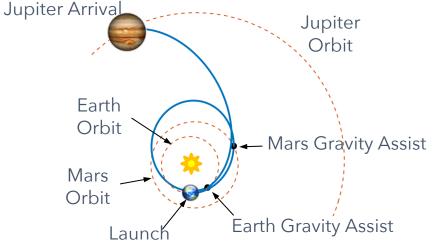
- 1.5 Mrad radiation exposure
- Elliptical disposal orbit





#### Deorbit, Descent, Landing

- Guided deorbit burn
- Sky Crane landing system
- 100-m accuracy
- DTE tones only



**Cruise/Jovian Tour** 

after launch

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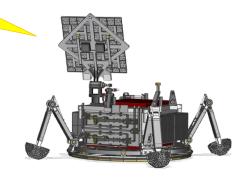
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Jupiter Orbit Insertion: 5 years

Europa Landing: 2 years after JOI

#### **Surface Mission**

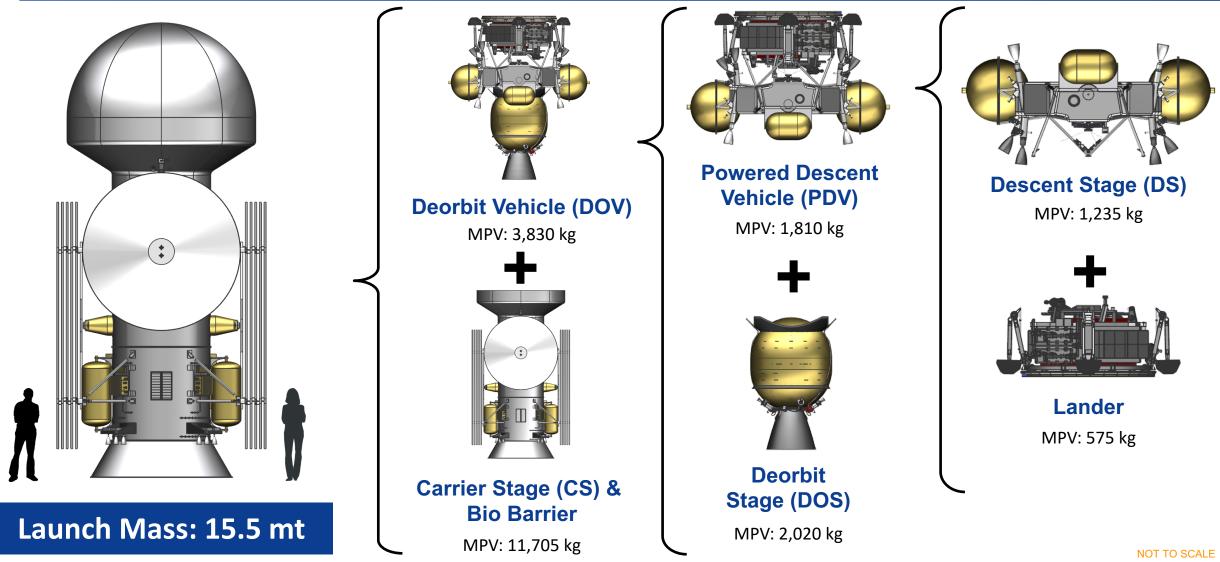
- Biosignature Science
- ~30 day mission
- Direct to Earth Comm
- 1.5 Gbit data return
- 50 kWh battery
- 2.0 Mrad radiation exposure



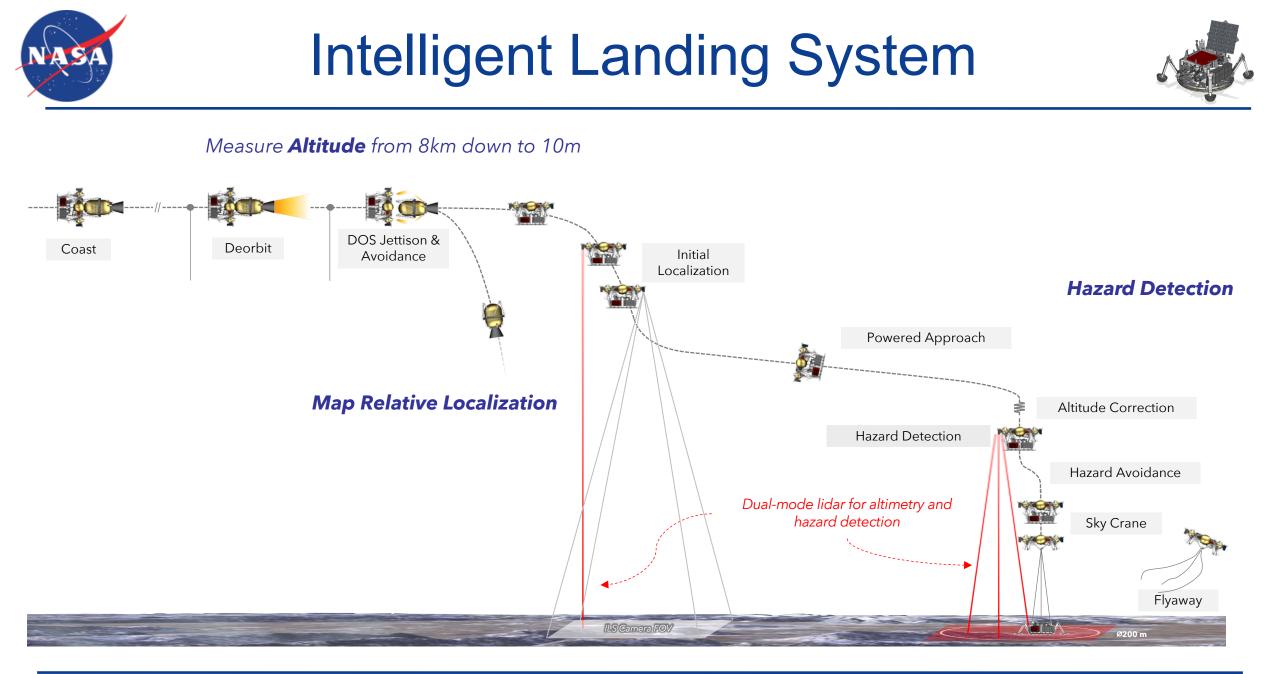


# **Baseline System Vehicles**

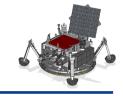


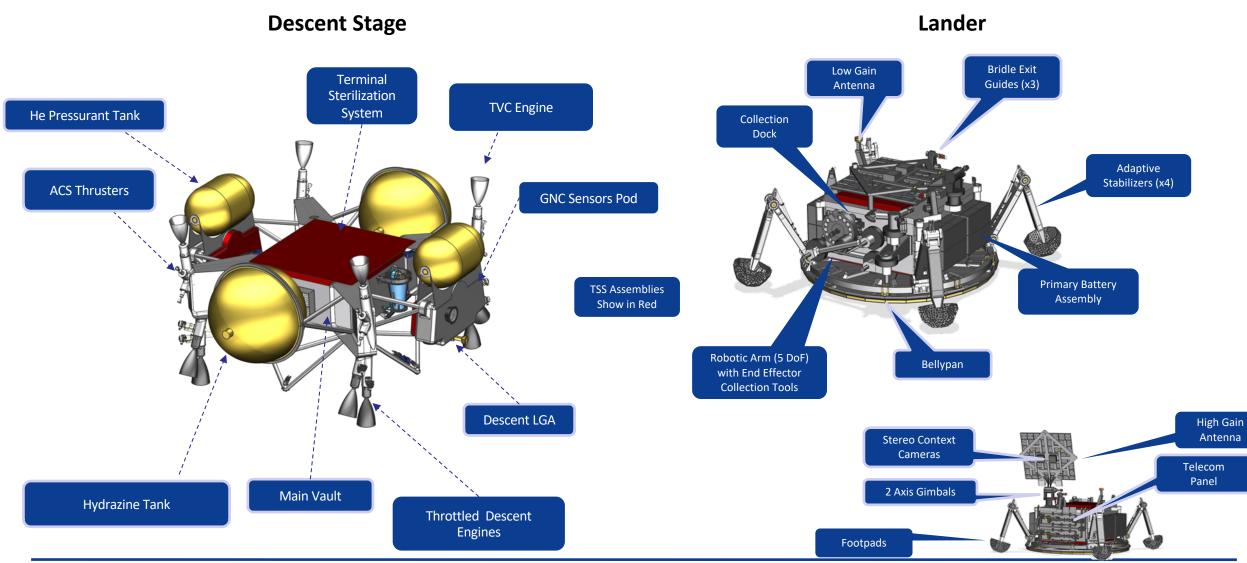


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# Descent Stage and Lander Concept Configurations





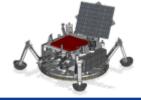
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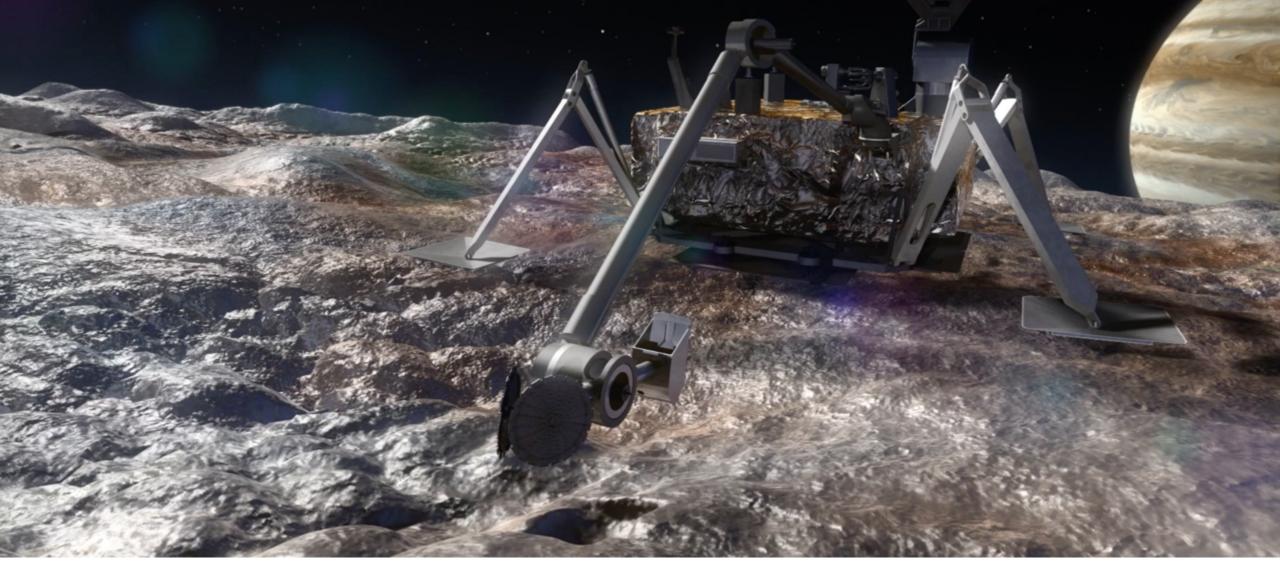
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# Europa Lander pre-Project Current Status



- Mission Concept Review Jun 2017
  - "The goals of the Europa Lander Mission (ELM) are ambitious and, quite possibly, represent the most exciting science objectives to be adopted by any NASA planetary mission to date. ... the team is ready to move into Phase A."
- △-Mission Concept Review Nov 2018
  - "The review board (chaired by Bobby Braun) cannot recall a pre-phase A planetary science concept at this advanced level of fidelity"
- Project is actively pursuing spacecraft/payload advanced development
  - Opportunities to retire development risk and jump-start payload development
  - Funded with FY19 budget allocation, most with three year duration
    - Opportunities for extensions
  - 18 high-priority spacecraft/payload advanced development/maturation tasks
    - Some efforts collaborative with Mars 2020 landing system development
  - NASA selected 14 potential instruments for maturation under ICEE-2
    - Funded out of FY18 budget
  - Many tasks applicable to Ocean Worlds surface missions beyond Europa Lander

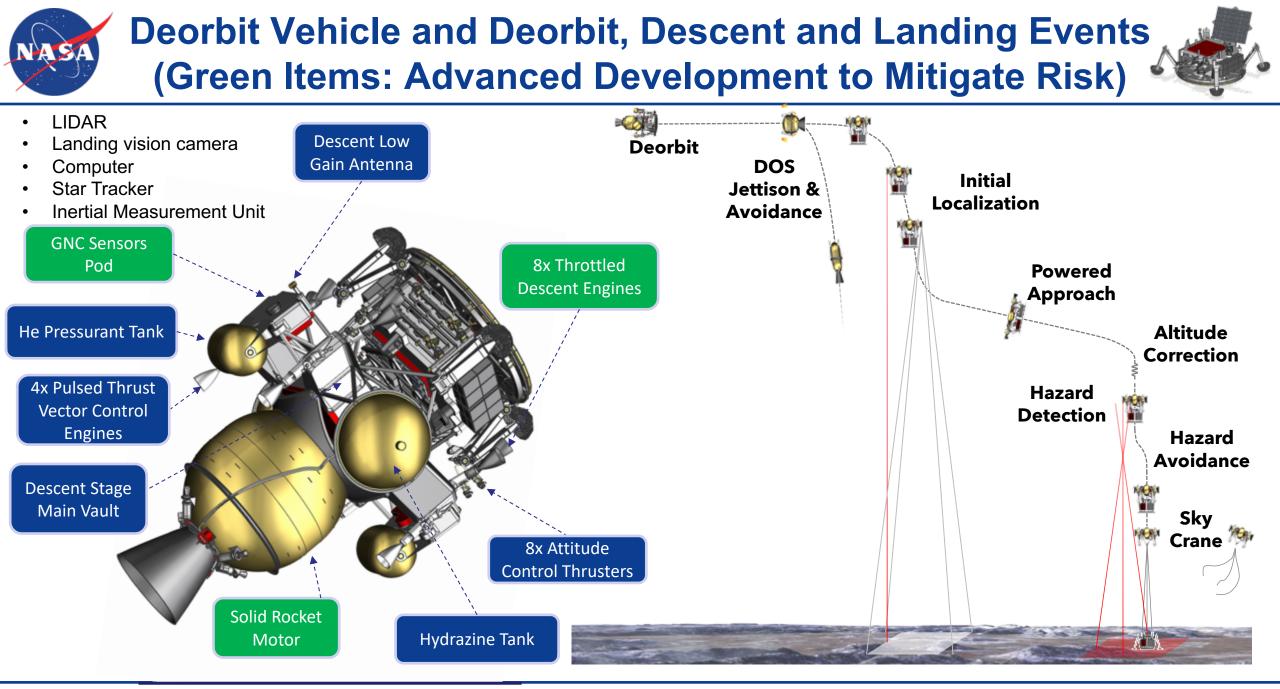


### **Europa Lander Flight System Overview**

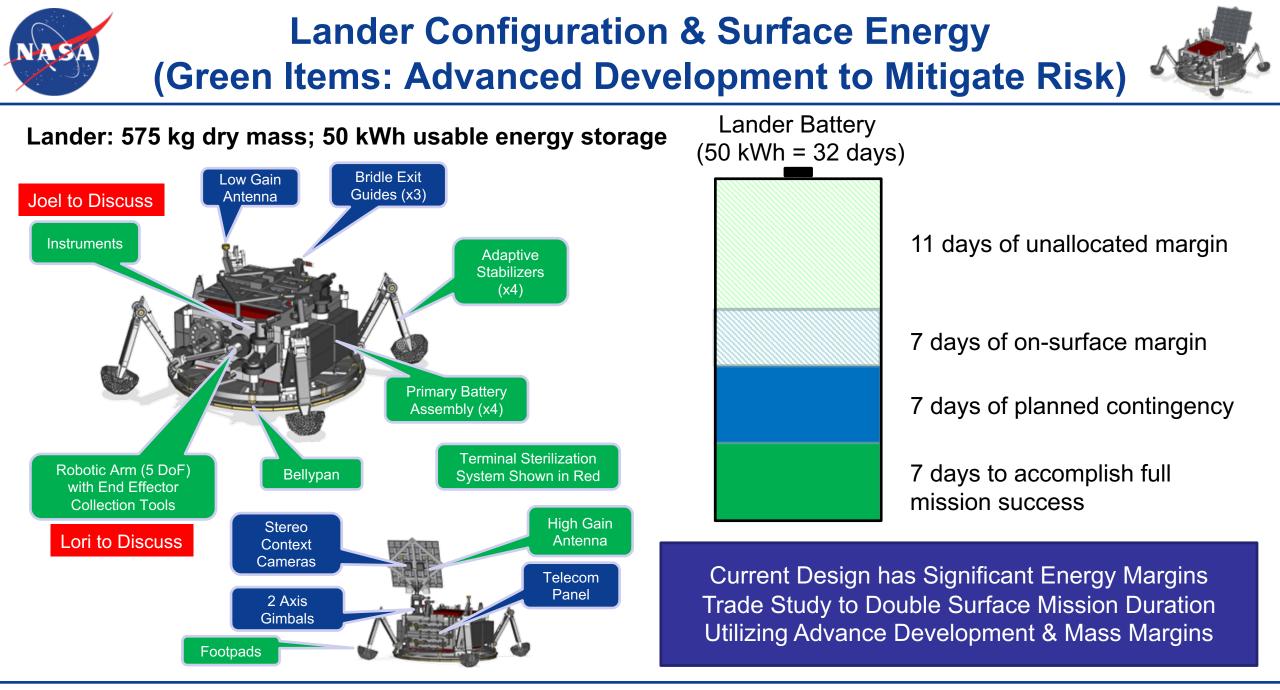
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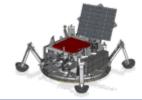


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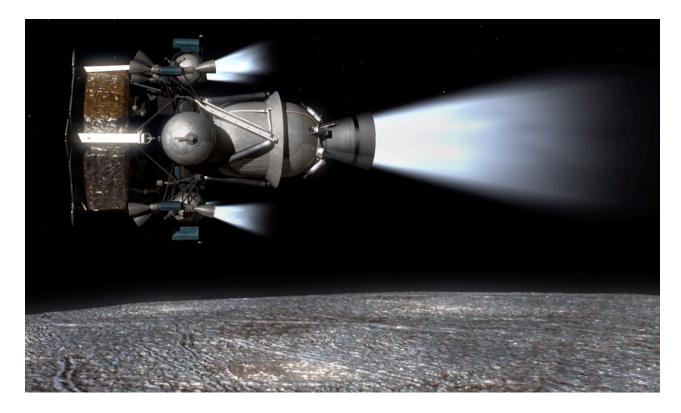


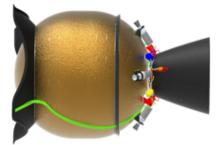
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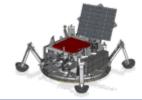


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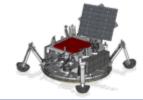










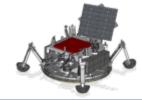


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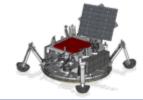
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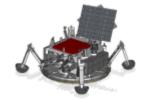




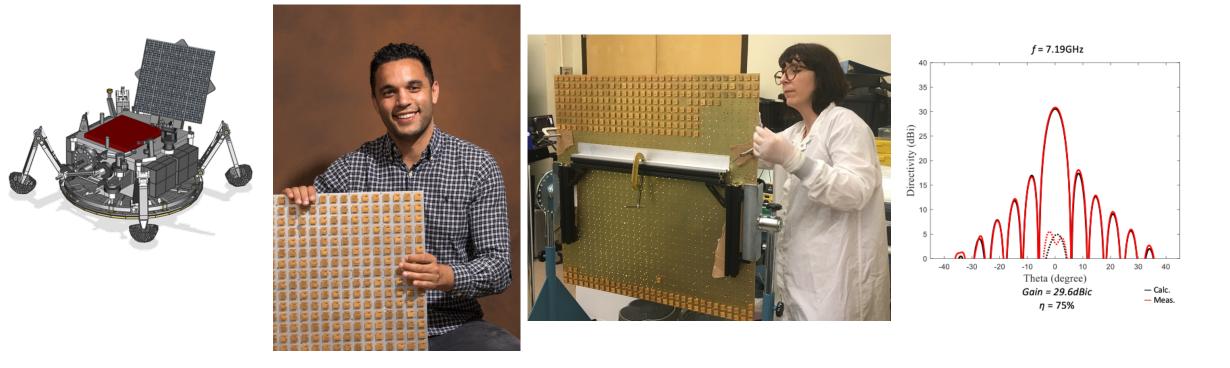


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Landing on unknown surface	On-board hazard detection and avoidance for DDL	Flight test of prototype LIDAR	Two LIDAR contracts, Prototypes in design & HW rad test	MIT-LL Sigma Space

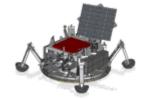




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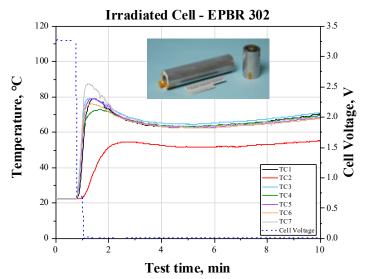




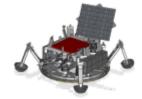
Irradiated Cell - EPBR 30

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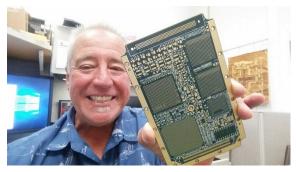






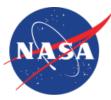


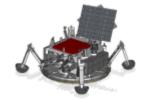
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**Motor Control Card PWB** 

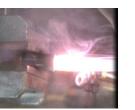






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Planetary protection of Europa	Terminal Sterilization System for relevant components and env	Energetic material tested on e-box for proper time & temp	Selected 2 energetic materials; testing to validate models	

Energetic Material #1 ignition test



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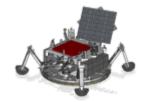
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Mass Growth of Lander	Motor control with 3x reduction of mass & 4x reduction of vol over MSL	Prototype testing completed	Current sensor and Motor control card 1 complete	
Planetary protection of Europa	Terminal Sterilization System for relevant components and env	Energetic material tested on e-box for proper time & temp	Selected 2 energetic materials; testing to validate models	
Contamination of samples	Plume contamination test	Validate model of surface contamination	Contract with DLR, test plan complete	

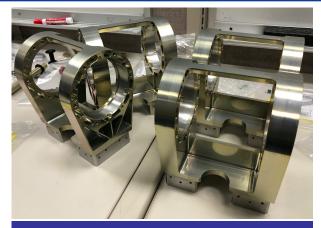
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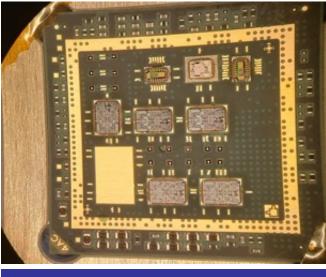


### **Development Hardware Pictures**





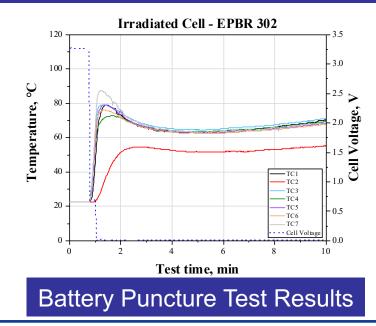
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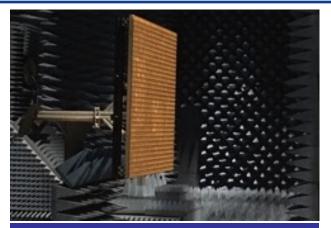


Motor Control Current Sense



### Solid Rocket Motor Material Tests





### 32 x 32 High Gain Antenna



**Energetic Material Testing** 

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#### **Overview of the Surface Phase and Sampling Transfer Concepts**

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Amelia Grossman, Honeybee Robotics

Charles Malespin, CADMES Sample Transfer ICEE-2 PI, GSFC

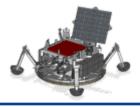


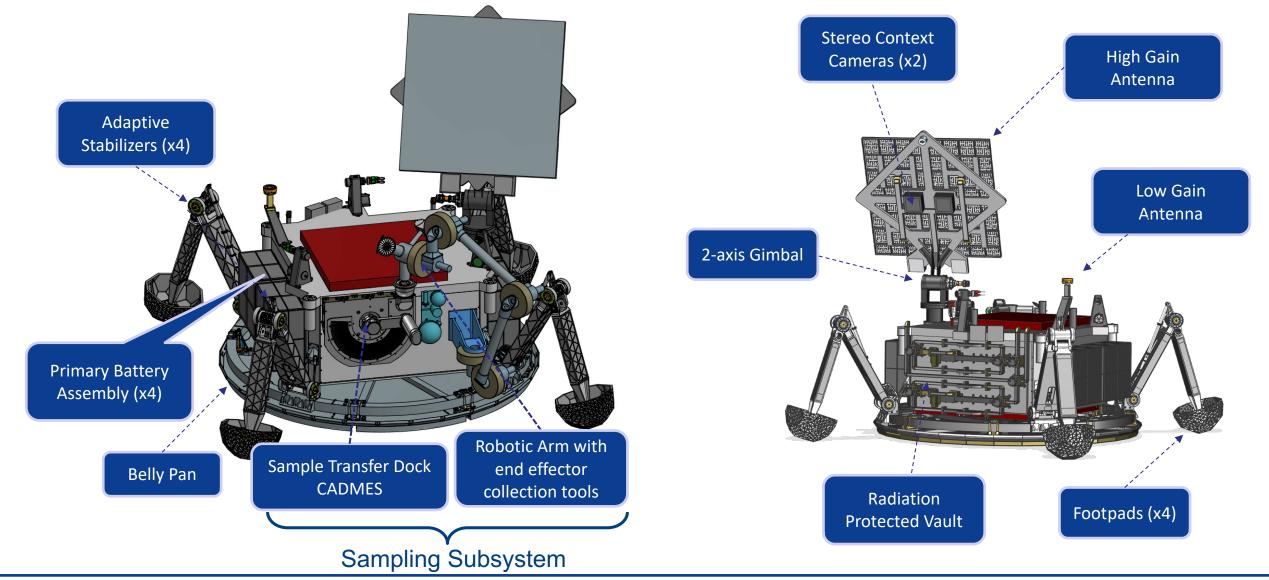
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### **Europa Lander Baseline Surface Configuration**



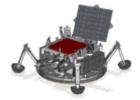


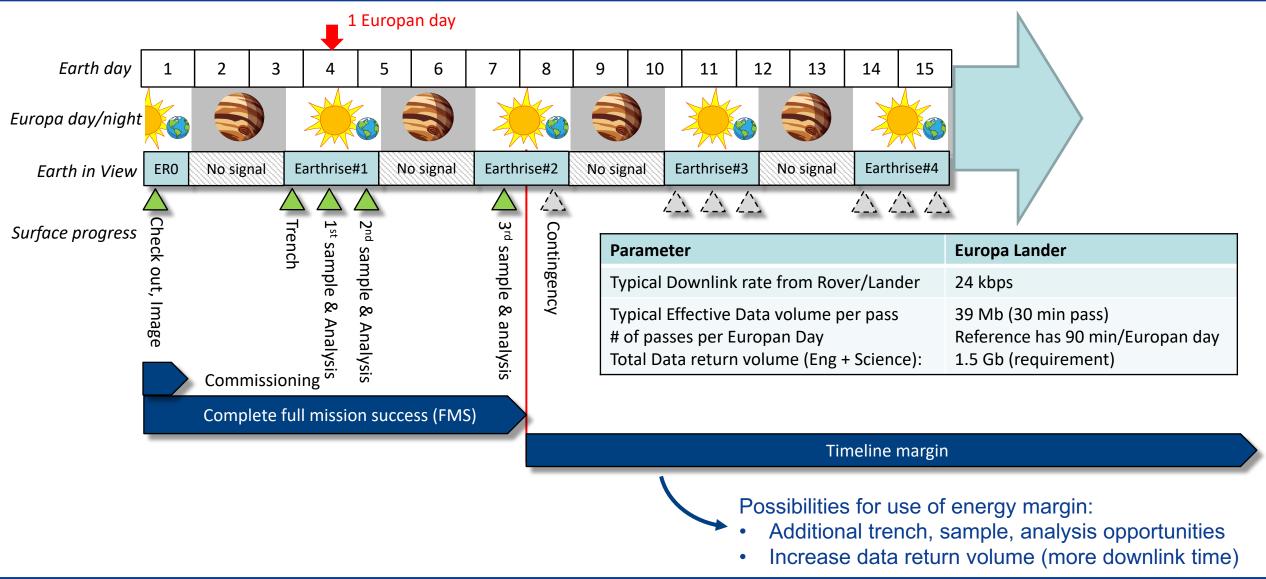
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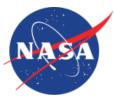
### **Surface Reference Timeline**



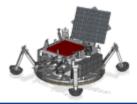


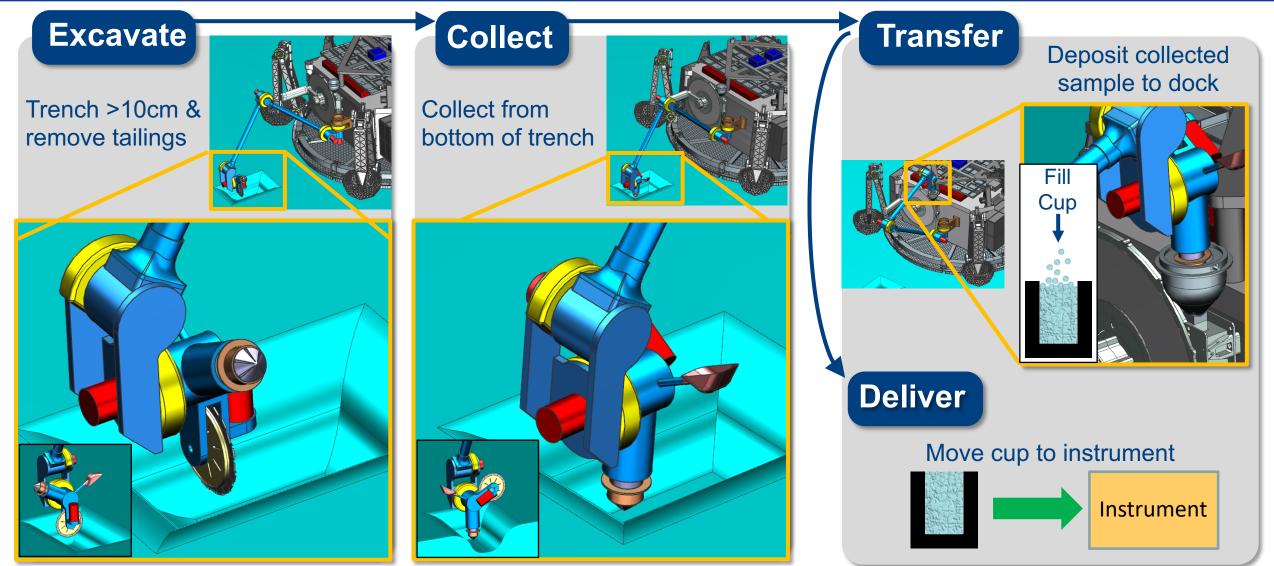
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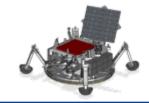


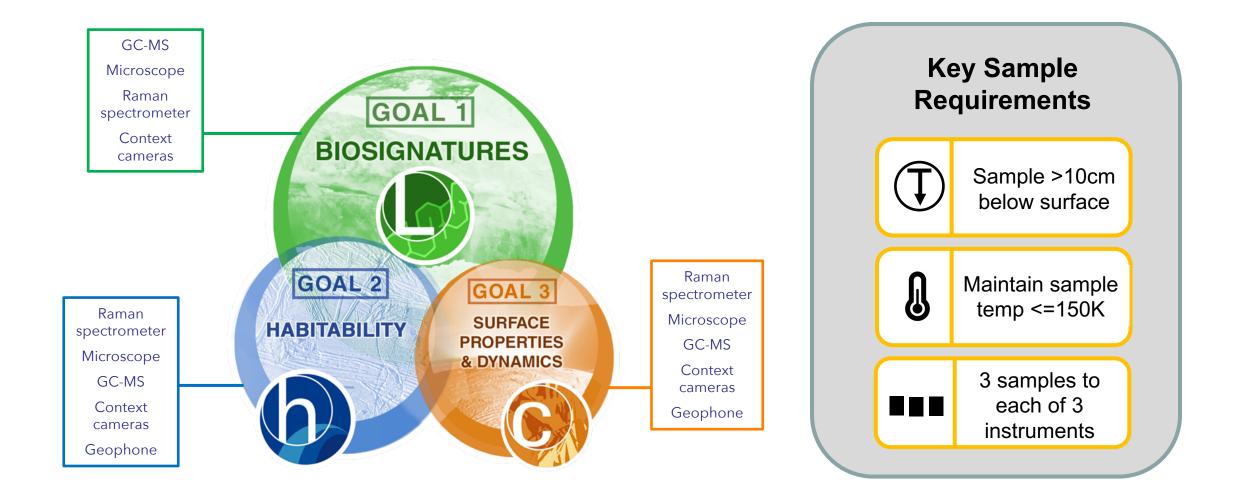
# **Sampling System Architecture**







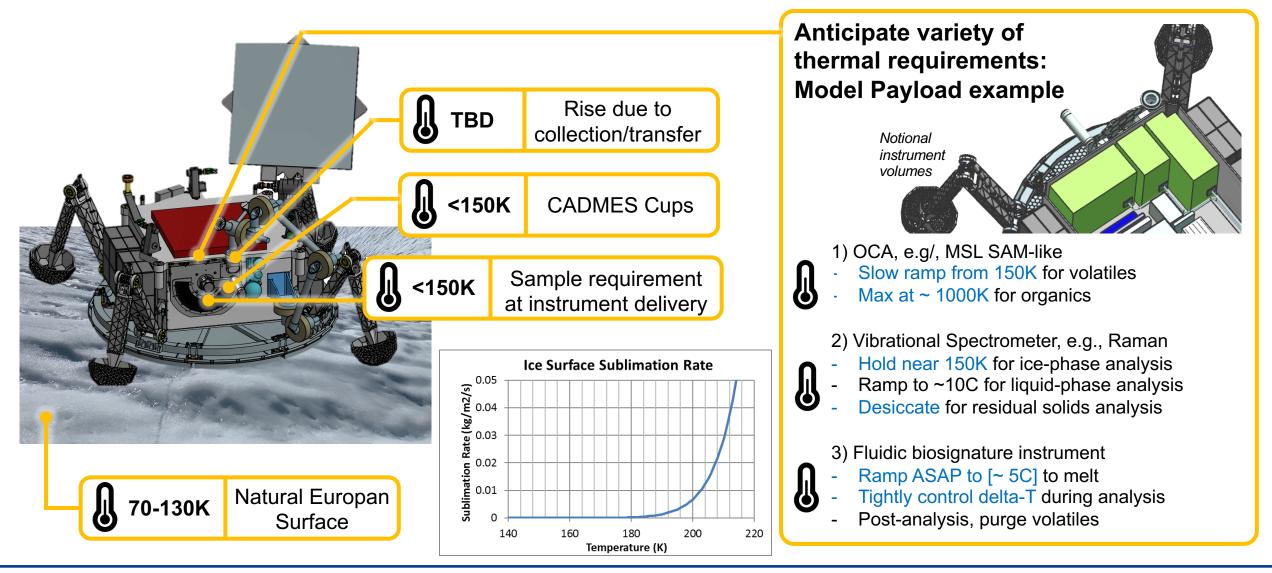






# **Sample Handling Thermal Neighborhoods**



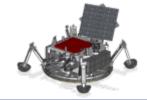


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# **ROSES ICEE-2 Program** Instrument Technology Development



- Award Date: Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 14 awardees selected, 2-year execution
  - ROSES Call:
    - "...advance both the technical readiness and spacecraft accommodation of instruments and the sampling system for a potential future Europa lander mission ... to TRL 6 in the 2021/2022 timeframe."
    - "...close interaction (including face to face) between the NASA-JPL pre-project lander study team and ICEE 2 selectees.....collaborative discussions of issues and solutions regarding instruments, the sample acquisition and delivery system, and the landed element"

### • Deliverables

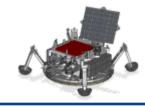
We are here

Biannual: Briefings via telecon with NASA program managers
End of Year 1: Initial Report on spacecraft accommodation
End of ICEE-2 Task: Final Report; Final Briefing at NASA HQ





*PreProject is open to engaging additional instrument teams* 



#### Organic Analyzer

**CORALS:** Characterization of Ocean Residues and Life Signatures PI: Arevalo, Ricardo D, U. Maryland, College Park

MASPEX-ORCA: MAss Spectrometer for Planetary Exploration -ORganic Composition Analyzer for Europa Lander Pl: Glein, Christopher R, Southwest Research Institute

**MOAB:** Microfluidic Organic Analyzer for Biosignatures PI: Mathies, Richard A, UC Berkeley

**EMILI:** Europan Molecular Indicators of Life Investigation PI: Brinckerhoff, W. B., Goddard Space Flight Center

#### Vibrational Spectrometer

**CIRS:** Compact Integrated Raman Spectrometer PI: Lambert, James L., Jet Propulsion Laboratory

#### <u>Microscope</u>

**ELM:** Europa Luminescence Microscope PI: Quinn, Richard, Ames Research Center

#### **Seismometer**

**SIIOS:** Seismometer to Investigate Ice and Ocean Structure PI: Bailey, Samuel Hop, University Of Arizona

**ESP:** Europa Seismic Package PI: Panning, Mark P, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

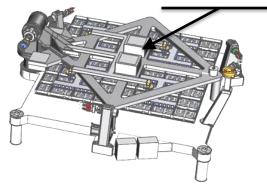
### Sample Handling

**CADMES:** Collaborative Acceptance and Distribution for Measuring Europan Samples System PI: Malespin, Charles A, Goddard Space Flight Center

#### <u>Imager</u>

**C-LIFE**: Cold-Lightweight Imagers for Europa PI: Byrne, Shane; Univ. Of Arizona

**ELSSIE:** Europa Lander Stereo Spectral Imaging Experiment PI: Murchie, Scott L, JHU/APL



### Other Potential Instrument Types

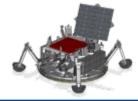
**MICA:** Microfluidic Icy-World Chemistry Analyzer (Inorganic) PI: Ricco, Antonio J, Ames Research Center

**MAGNET:** Radiation Tolerant Magnetometer for Europa Lander PI: Moldwin, Mark B, U. Michigan, Ann Arbor

**EMS:** Europa Magnetotelluric Sounder PI: Grimm, Robert E., Southwest Research Institute

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#### **Sample Cup Features** Take 1 Design to Completion **Any 3 Instruments** Design Design at least 1 full sample Handling features common Accommodate any transfer chain approach and **Objectives** to all instruments combination of 3 analyze mechanical/thermal Other features tailored to instruments accommodation implications individual instrument needs

Sample Transfer Approach is FLEXIBLE to accommodate any future instruments

### **Development Process**

- Select one baseline approach to sample collection and transfer to CADMES

Excellent progress. This work complete

- Survey ICEE-2 PI Sample Interface and processing requirements / desirements
- Develop initial design for instrument unique Sample Cups with common handling features
- Iterate initial design with individual ICEE-2 teams
- ICEE-2 teams incorporate instrument-side of approach into their designs
- CADMES team prototypes and tests transfer approach

In process. Prototype hardware being built

# Collaborative Acceptance and Distribution for Measuring Europan Samples (CADMES)

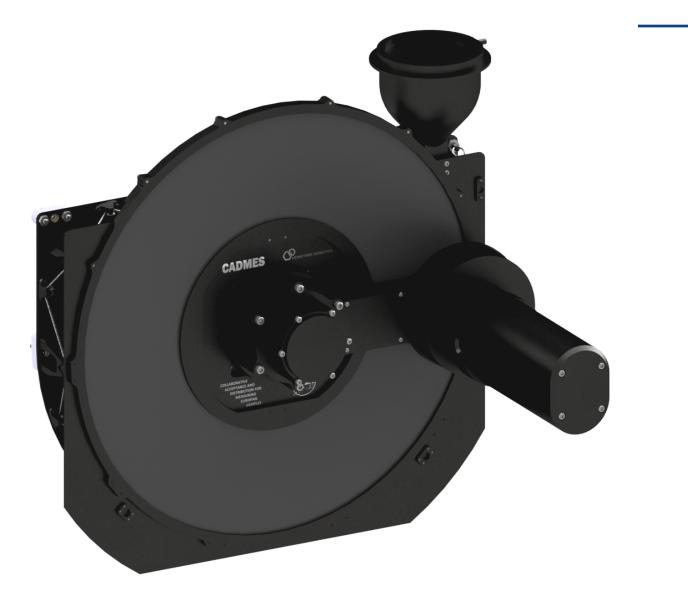
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### CADMES with and without Dust Shield



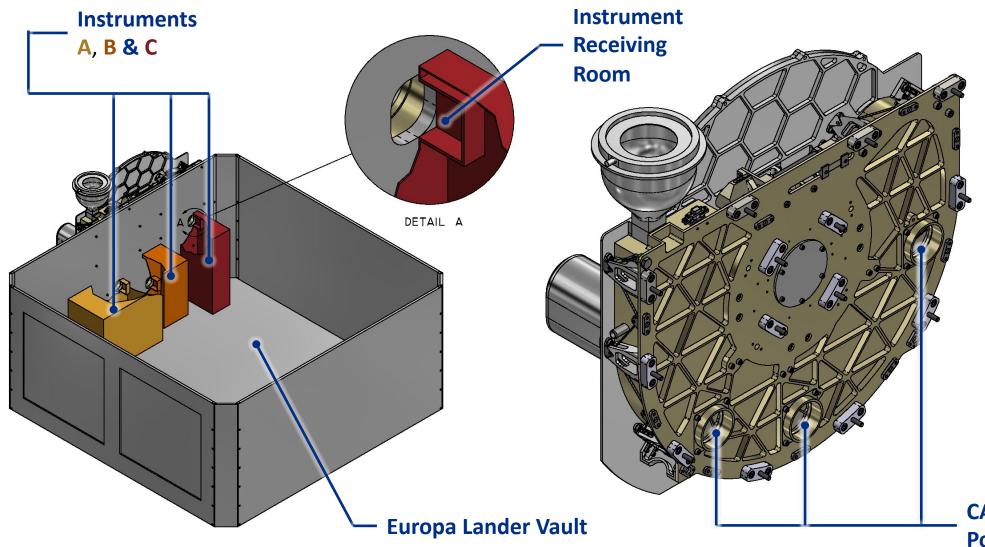






### **Overview of CADMES Role on Lander**





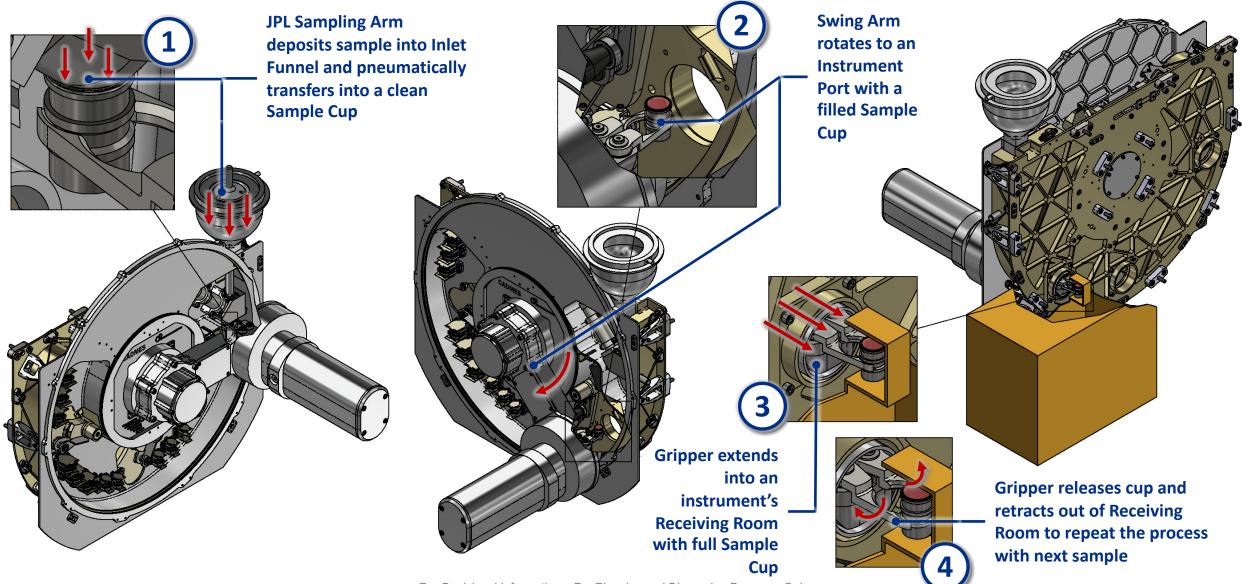
- The Europa Lander Vault will house 3 instruments requiring sample delivery from CADMES
- The instruments are currently represented as generic boxes, which reflect the volume requirements from JPL
- To accommodate the most instruments, the CADMES port locations (for instrument access) were chosen along the path of an arc
- Instruments receive sample from CADMES in their Receiving Room, ultimately designed by the instrument

### CADMES Instrument Ports



### **Overview of the CADMES Mechanism Operations**



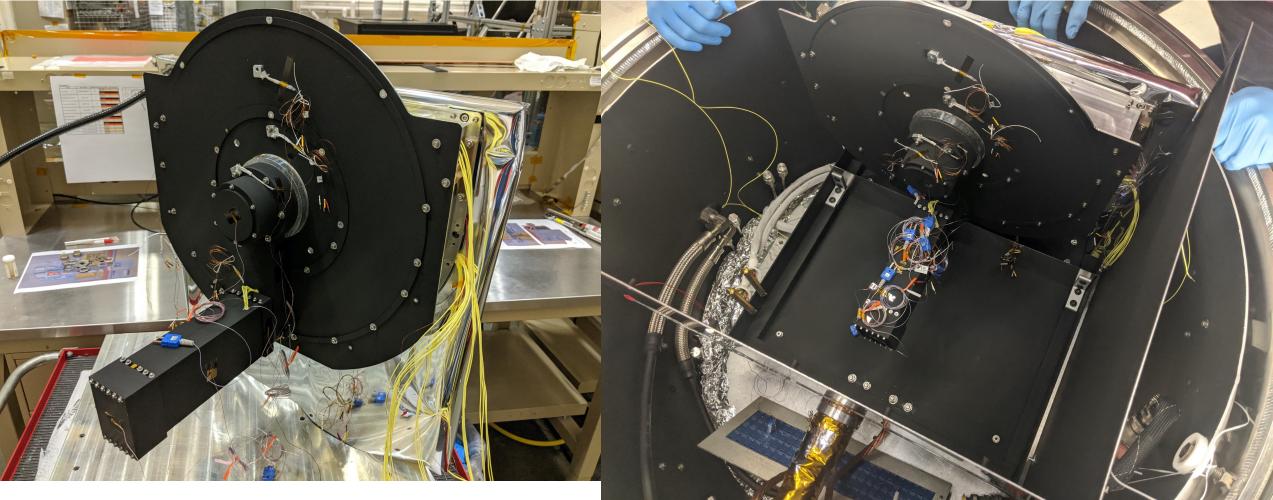


### **CADMES Thermal Brassboard in Europa TVAC**





<u>chamber</u>



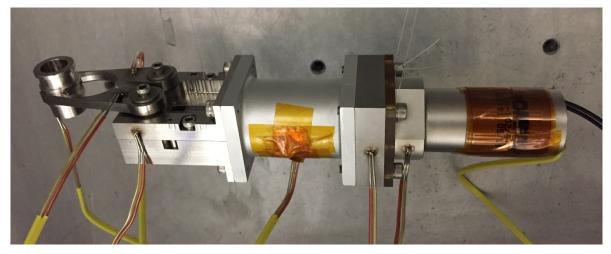
CADMES Thermal Brassboard outside of Europa Chamber CADMES brassboard inside chamber prior to TVAC testing



### **CADMES Gripper Brassboard**







CADMES Gripper design was tested to accommodate a variety of cup sizes, allowing instruments to custom cup for their requirements





- Sample Handling and Transfer is a key, challenging piece of the Europa Lander design
- Collaboration across multiple teams is making good technical progress:
  - ICEE-2 Sample Analysis Instrument PI-led teams
  - CADMES sample transfer team
  - Europa Lander Flight System
  - Europa Lander Sampling <- Next Briefing</p>



### **Surface Excavation and Sample Collection**

Lori Shiraishi, Europa Lander Sampling Subsystem



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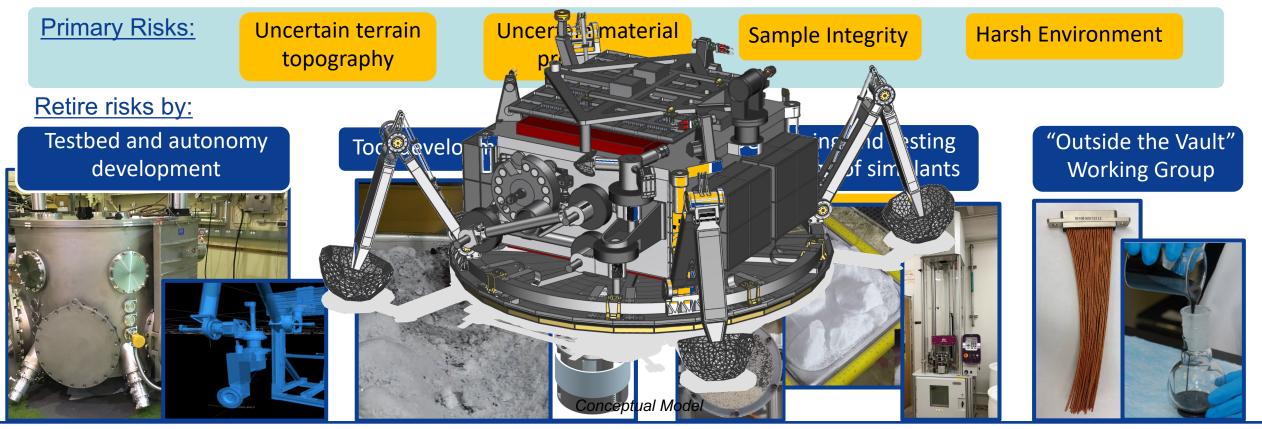
# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection Summary of Work to Date



#### Steady effort (over 4+yrs) to buy down risk associated with excavation and collection

dMCR review board report (Nov 2018):

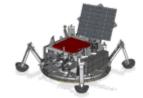
"The sample acquisition chain engineering development is well beyond a pre-Phase A level with hardware prototypes and development testing proceeding at a maturity level one would expect early in Phase B... Developing and downselecting among options for sample preparation and maturing the approach for end-to-end sample integrity must be a significant aspect of Phase A..."





# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection CITADEL Testbed (1 of 2)

**Objective** 

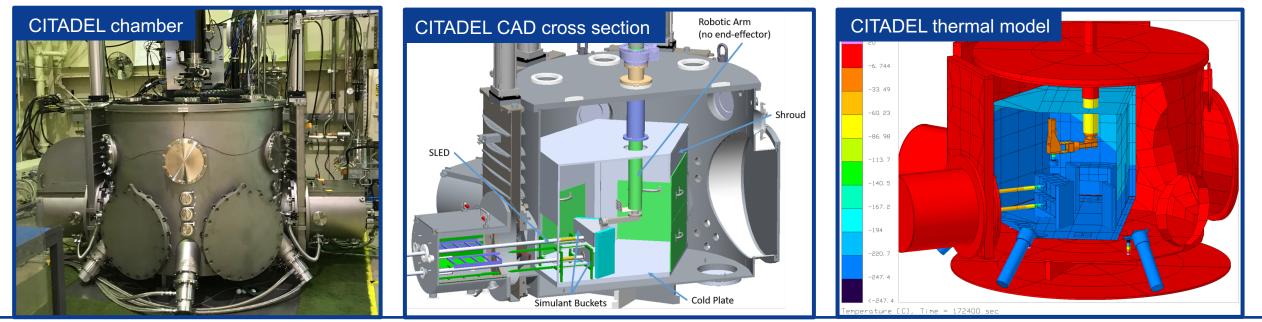


## State-of-the-art cryo vac testbed

*CITADEL* = Cryogenic Ice Transfer, Acquisition Development, and Excavation Laboratory

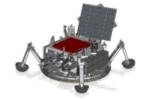
- ~3.5'x2'x3' inside shroud
- Able to cool test material to ~50K
- Specs Environmental pressure < 10E-6 torr
- Key Load locks enable test-material reconfig while maintaining chamber environment

- Observe and characterize behavior of cryo cuttings
- Test end-to-end sample integrity, including excavation, collection, sample transfer methods (pneumatic and mechanical)
- Comparison testing to prove adequacy of ambient simulants





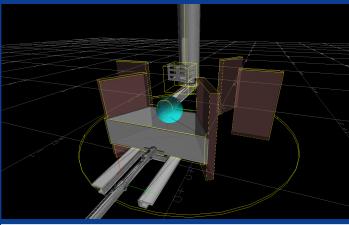
# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection CITADEL Testbed (2 of 2)



### **CITADEL Status**

- Testbed is functional, commissioning is complete, cryo ice cutting underway!
- Embarking on extensive test campaign
- Pneumatics test hardware currently being installed in CITADEL

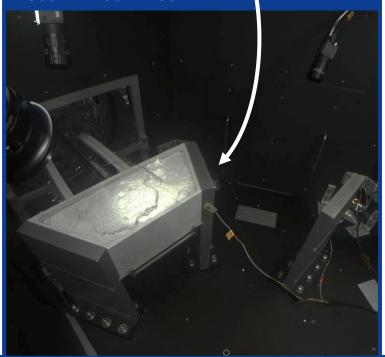
#### Remote operation software visualization



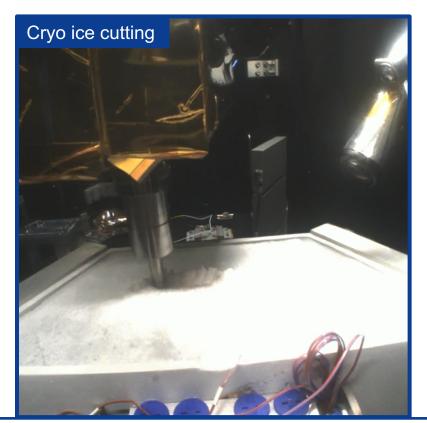
Test data products include:

- Video
- Force/torque measurements
- Motor current
- Chamber pressure
- Temperature measurements

#### Accommodate up to 6 test material blocks ~30cm x 10cm x 8cm



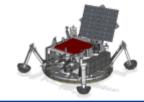
*Huge milestone!* There was initial skepticism whether this test venue was even possible.



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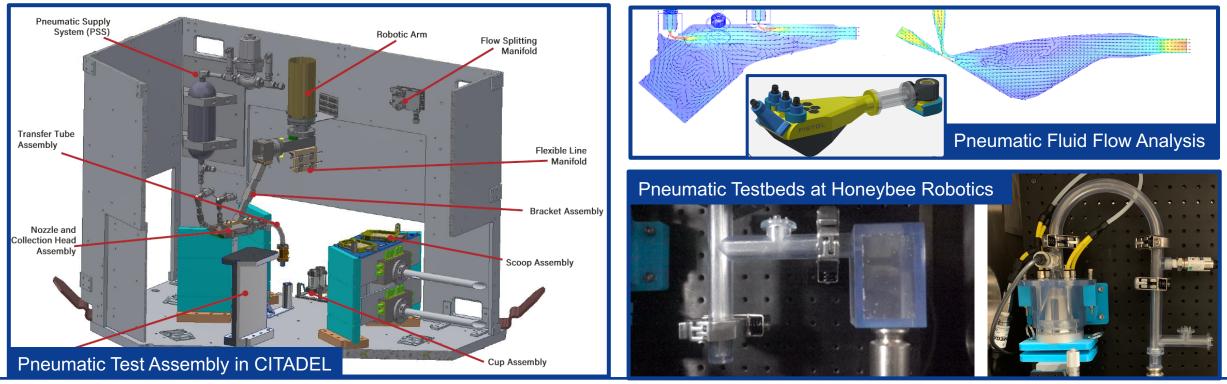
# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection Pneumatic Development



#### **Pneumatic Sample Handling**

Development work being done at both Honeybee and JPL

- Exploring both mechanical and pneumatic methods for transporting sample during end-to-end processing
- Significant exploration into pneumatic sample flow analysis, hardware development, and testing (ambient and vacuum)
- Developing particle fluidization testbed to verify particle dynamics and relevant material properties
- Pneumatic transfer will soon be tested at cryo vac in CITADEL





# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection Ambient Testbeds



#### **Ambient Testbeds**

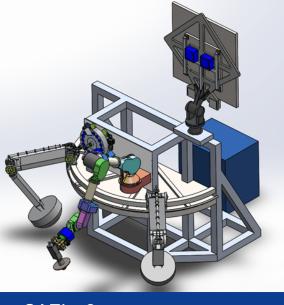
- Variety of ambient testbeds to investigate: autonomy algorithms, effects of system compliance, initial tool investigations
- 300+ ambient tests to date. Most significant testbeds shown below. Variety of low DOF testbeds as well.



- StORM
- Tool testing
- 6 DOF



- Autonomy/ End-to-End Testing
- 5 DOF



- SAEL v2
- Autonomy/End-to-End Testing
- 4-7 DOF (configurable)
- Supports range of tools/terrain
- Reconfigurable link lengths
- Reconfigurable compliance

time: 106 Autonomy Simulation

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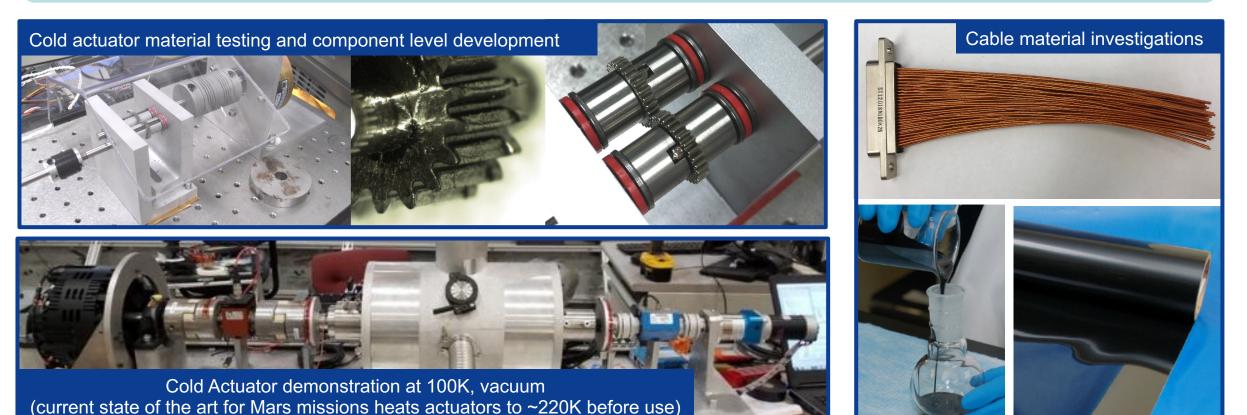


# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection Outside the Vault Working Group



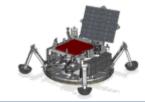
OTV Charter: Select materials and components compatible with Europa's harsh surface environment

- Building on relevant Clipper research, testing, data, and processes.
- Regular working group discussions with Radiation, Cabling, Materials, and Contamination Control subject matter experts
- Building on NASA Game Changing Development (2016-present) for low temperature actuators





# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection Tool Development



## **Tool Development Status**

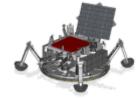
Have considered >200 tool concepts

Confident we can develop an arsenal of tools which are robust to range of possible terrain and material properties.

- Still evaluating saws, drum cutters, rotary drills/cutting, reciprocating axial tools, augers, scoops/scrapers
- Building on *hard-earned* experience building and operating sampling systems for Mars. Pulling the right lessons learned.

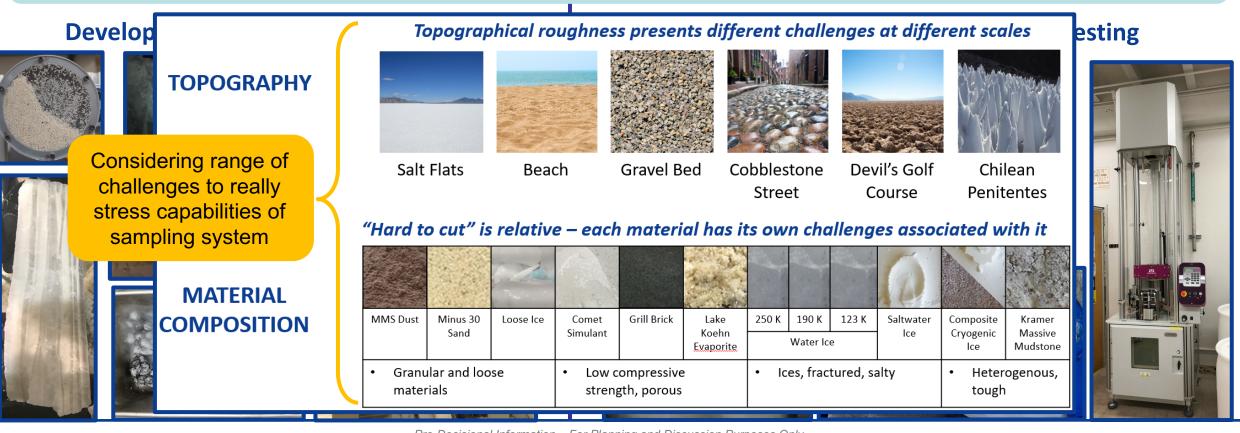






### Simulant Methodology

- Uncertain topography and material composition need to be capabilities based for a wide range of challenges
- Developing simulants for cryo and ambient testing to identify key material properties driving device design/performance
- Mechanical properties, terrains, and boundaries defined with science team and codified in Terrain Specification Document



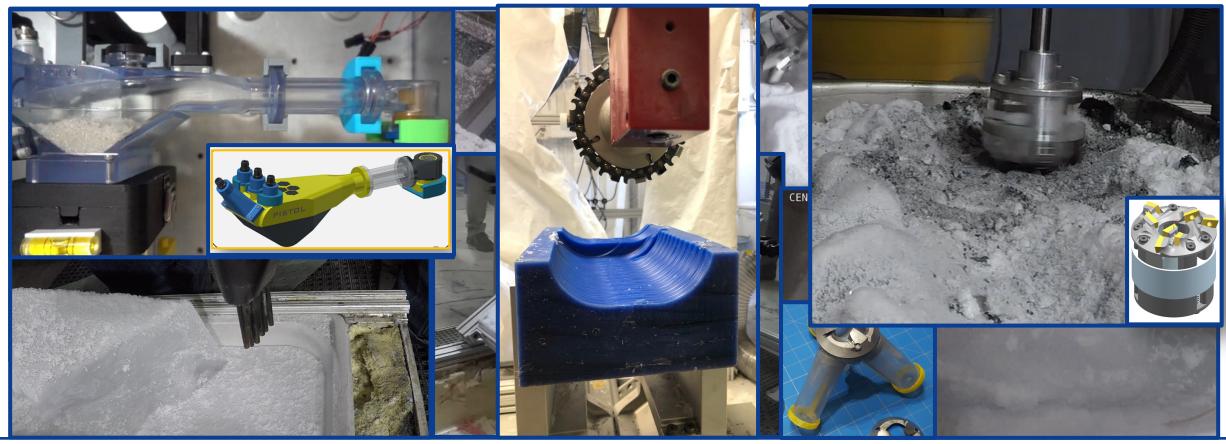


# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection



### **Testing Approach**

- Testing range of tool prototypes in variety of terrains/simulants.
- Significant tool test campaign in development





# Surface Excavation and Sample Collection Future Plans





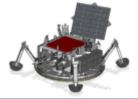
Continue risk reduction though testing and development



Subset of the sampling team







- Where to find information:
  - https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/missions/europa-lander/
- Future talks: Is there interest?
  - -Deorbit, Descent, and Landing
  - -Autonomy
  - -Planetary Protection
- Europa/Ocean Worlds Lander Decadal Survey White Paper – How to help, support, and potentially sign.
- Q & A from Mentimeter



#### **Europa/Ocean Worlds Lander Mission Concept**

Europa Lander Pre-Project Science and Engineering teams



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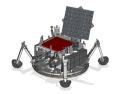
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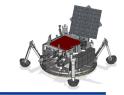




# Extra/Backup Slides



# **Europa Lander Mission Concept**



Summary of Feedback from the Community (OPAG, Townhalls [LPSC, AbSciCon], Townhall Board, MCR Board, CAPS, Poster presentations and talks, HQ-TZ):

'Life detection is hard and it could be a liability; focus on the search for biosignatures.'

Definition of 'biosignature': A feature or measurement interpreted as evidence of life.



Concluding that life has been detected requires the **measurement of multiple**, **complementary**, and redundant potential **biosignatures**, in at least three independent samples (detection is done in **triplicate**).

Model payload: Europa Lander SDT Report.

**Mission architecture**: Communications orbiter required for high-bandwidth, ground-in-the-loop decision making to enable triplicate measurement.

Searching for biosignatures requires the measurement of multiple, complementary, and redundant potential biosignatures.

**Search for Biosignatures** 

#### Model payload: Europa Lander SDT Report.

**Mission architecture**: Without the triplicate requirement, ground-in-the-loop and data rates can be relaxed, which enables direct-to-Earth architecture.





- Clipper provides robust dataset for landing site selection
  - Surface composition (MISE, MASPEX, SUDA),
  - Surface morphology (EIS, REASON, E-THEMIS),
  - Radiation processing (MISE, PIMS),
  - Geologic activity, indicators of surface age, and global/regional context (EIS, E-THEMIS, UVIS).
- Clipper completes Prime Mission ~5.5 years before Lander site selection date.