



Rapid Eye

***Rapid Response, Long Range,
Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial
Systems (UAS)***

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Agenda



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What is DARPA?



The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is the central R&D arm of the Department of Defense with the primary responsibility to conceive, explore, and demonstrate breakthrough system concepts and the most advanced technologies.





What is DARPA's Mission?



*Maintain
Superiority*

*Prevent
Surprise*

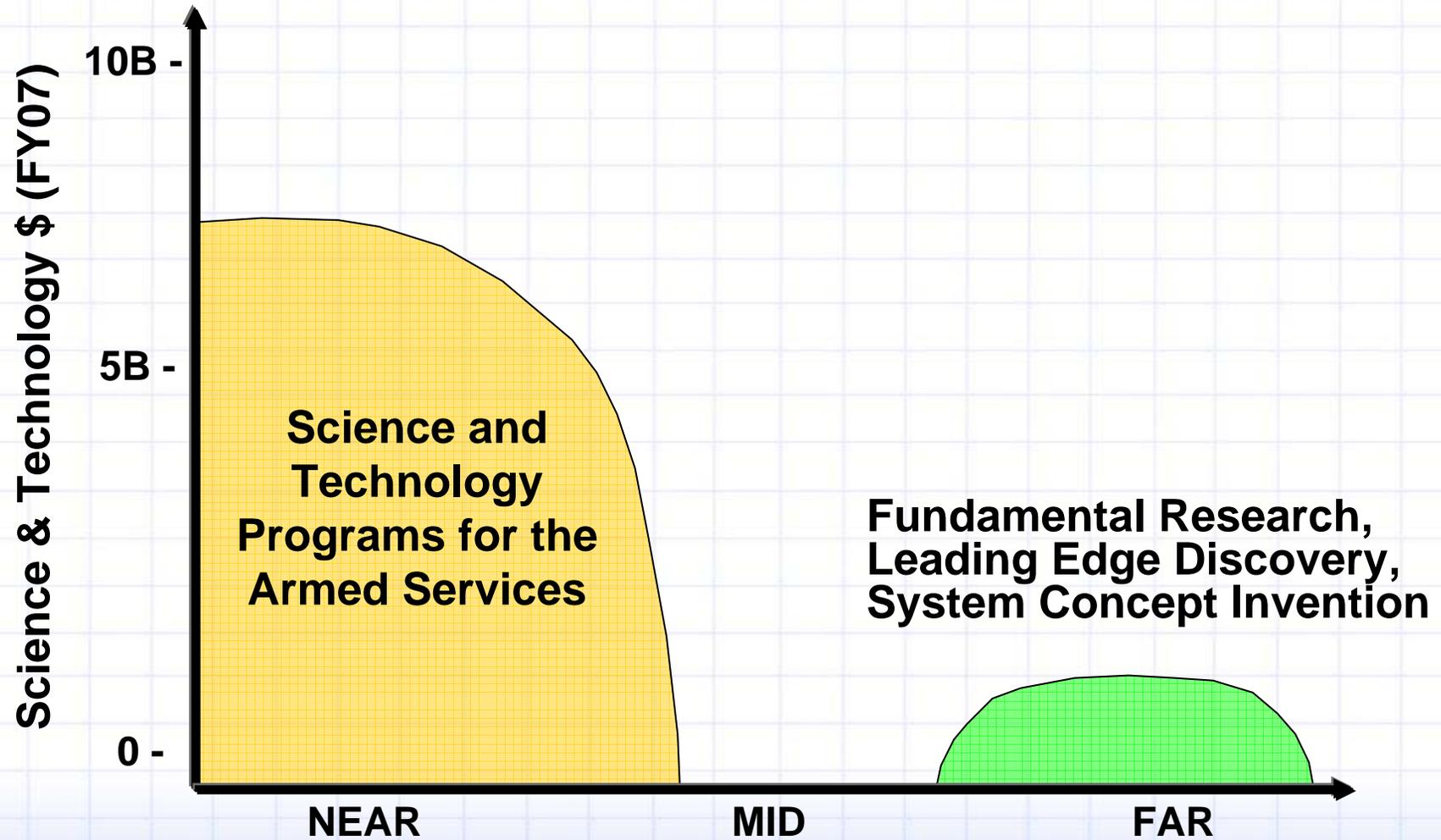
DARPA's mission is to maintain technological superiority of the US military and prevent technological surprise from harming our national security by sponsoring revolutionary, high-payoff research that bridges the gap between fundamental discoveries and their military use.

High Risk

High Payoff

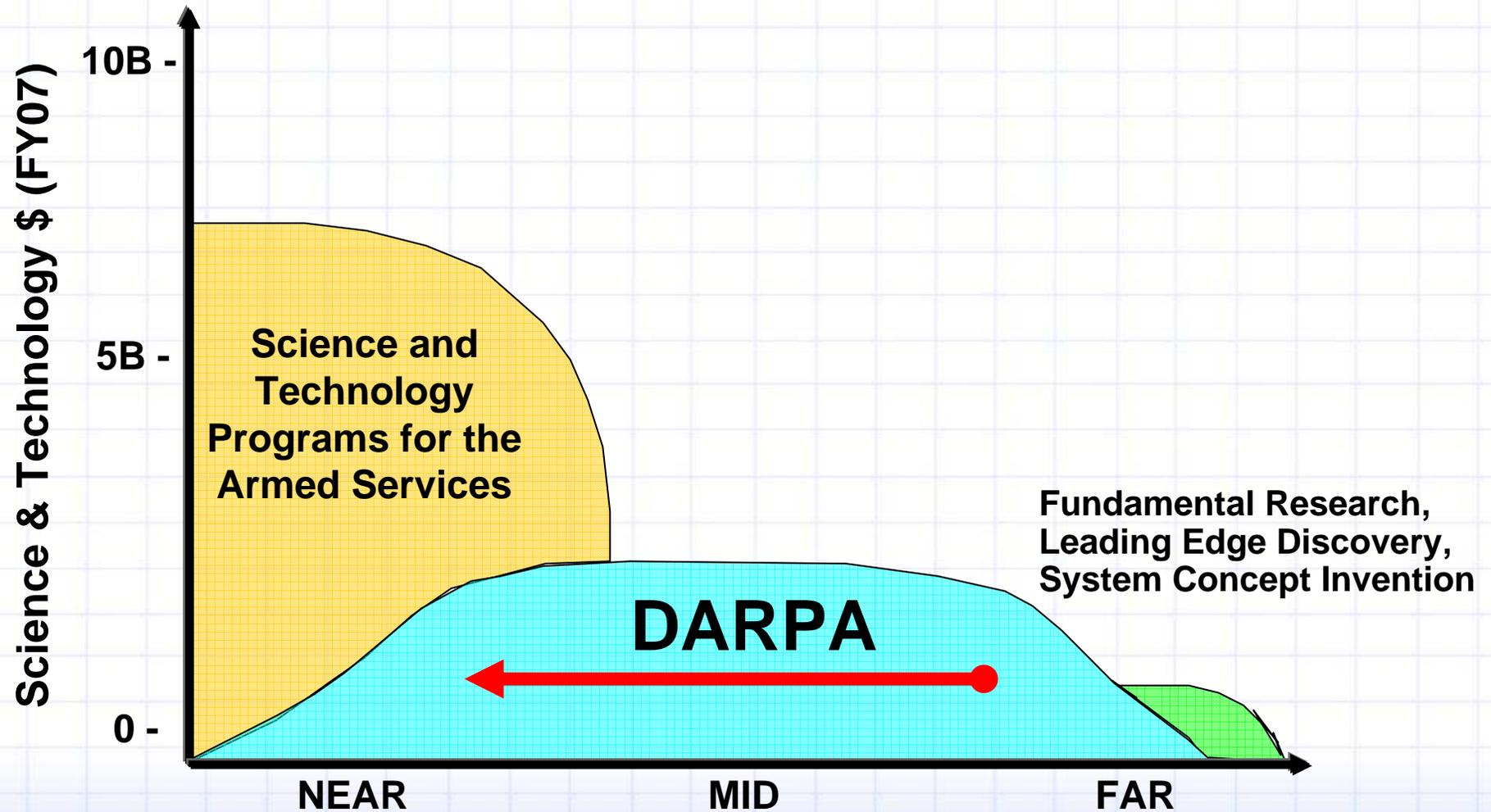


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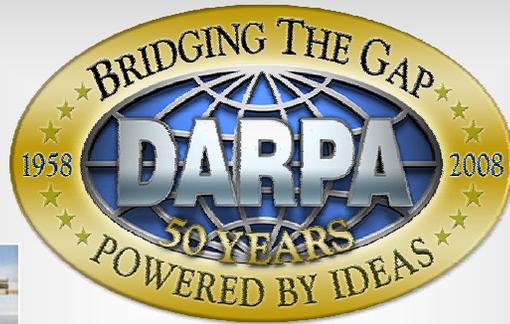


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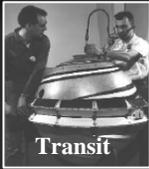




DARPA Accomplishments



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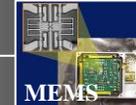
1970



1980



2000



1990





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Air/Space/Land/Sea Platforms
Unmanned Systems
Space Operations
Directed Energy Systems
Precision Strike

Information Exploitation

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Sensors
Exploitation Systems
Command & Control

Strategic Technology

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Space Sensors/Structures
Strategic & Tactical Networks
Information Assurance
Underground Facility Detection
& Characterization
Chem/Bio Defense
Maritime Operations

Defense Sciences

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Physical Sciences
Materials
Biology
Mathematics
Human Effectiveness
Bio Warfare Defense

Information Processing Technology

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Cognitive Systems
High Productivity Computing
Systems
Language Translation

Microsystems Technology

John Zolper
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Electronics
Photonics
MEMS
Algorithms
Integrated Microsystems

TTO Thrust Areas

Directed Energy Systems

Precision Strike

Unmanned Systems

Space Operations

Air/Space/Land/Sea Platforms

Approved for public release; Distribution is unlimited





TTO Space and UAV Legacy



60's



Saturn

mid 80's



Taurus

late 80's



Pegasus

SpaceX

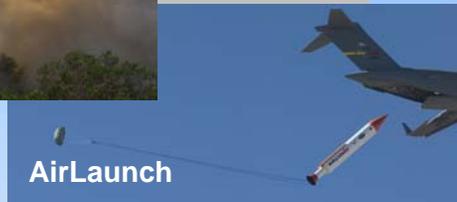


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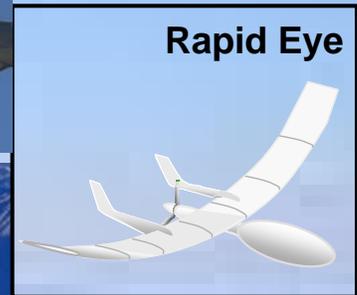
Falcon SLVs

*Rapid Access
ISR UAV*

AirLaunch



Rapid Eye



JUCAS



10's

Global Hawk



00's

CONDOR



mid 90's

AMBER



late 80's

PRAEIRE



mid 80's

70's



Rapid Eye: Concept



Get an ISR platform anywhere in the world in < 1 hour



Rapid Eye: Bridging the ISR Deployment Gap



- **Objective: To provide persistent ISR capability anywhere worldwide in 1 hr and stay until relieved or mission complete**
 - Arrive on station faster than alternative CONUS-based assets
 - Ability to loiter long enough for other assets to respond, with sufficient range to be recovered at a friendly airbase
 - Invulnerable to all but the most sophisticated countermeasures
 - Provide regional coverage
 - Provide satellite-quality ISR

Only one vehicle required to be anywhere in the world in < 1 hour



Motivation



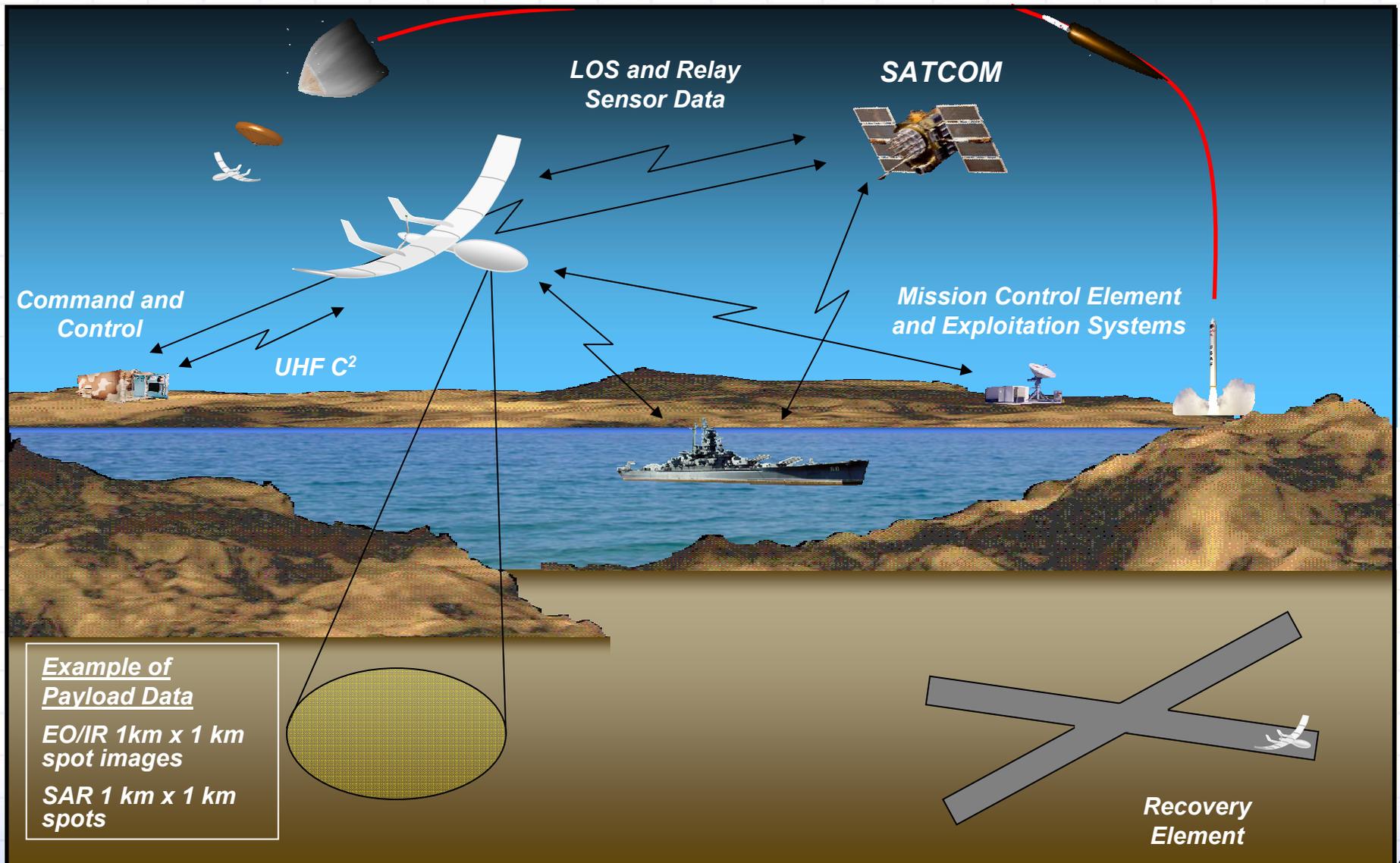
- **Need for world-wide, on-demand, rapidly-deployable, persistent ISR capability**
 - **Prompt Global Reach** – support delivery of ISR capability worldwide
 - **Global War on Terrorism** – tracking high-value, time-sensitive targets
 - **CBRNE Incidents** – collection of intelligence of hazardous material
- **Increasing need to establish an “unblinking eye” over the battle-space through persistent surveillance (*QDR Report, 2006*)**



Persistent ISR/Sensing In 1 Hour - Anywhere In the World



Launch-On-Demand CONOPS



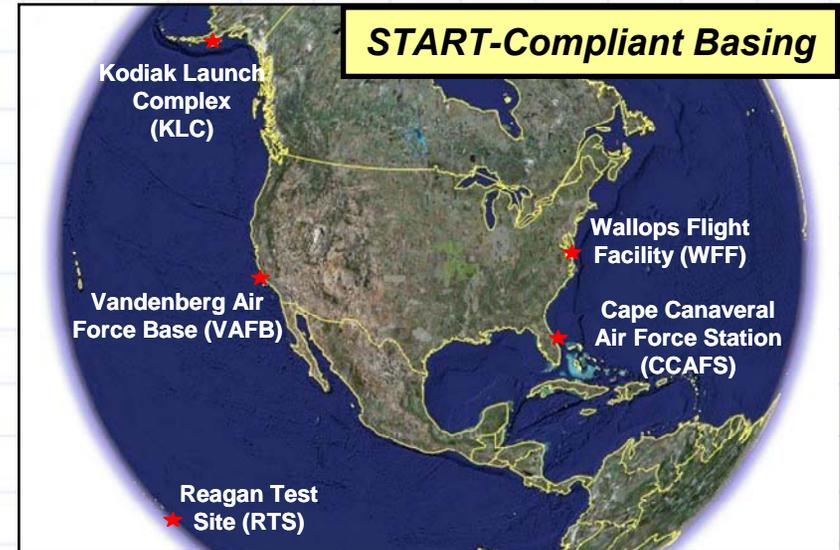


Rapid Eye Goals

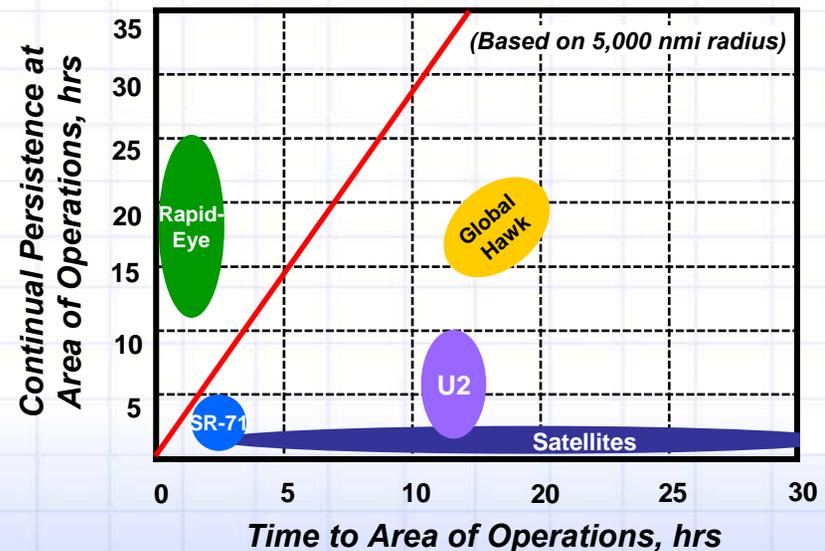
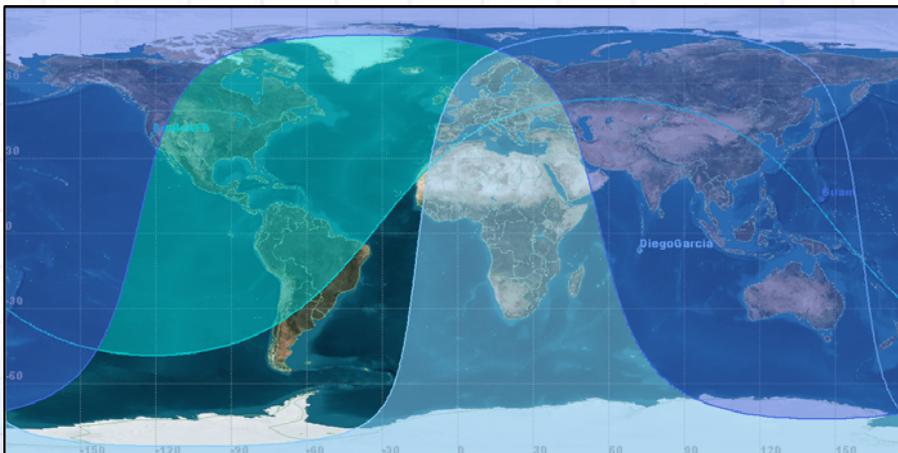


Program Goals

- **Worldwide-delivery of ISR capability from alert pad < 2 orbits (~ 2 hours using an existing solid rocket)**
- **Use only two START-compliant launch sites**
- **Time on station > 7-15 hours**
- **Loiter speed > 99% winds**
- **Payload > 500 lbs, 5 kW**



Global Hawk Time to Station: 15 hours



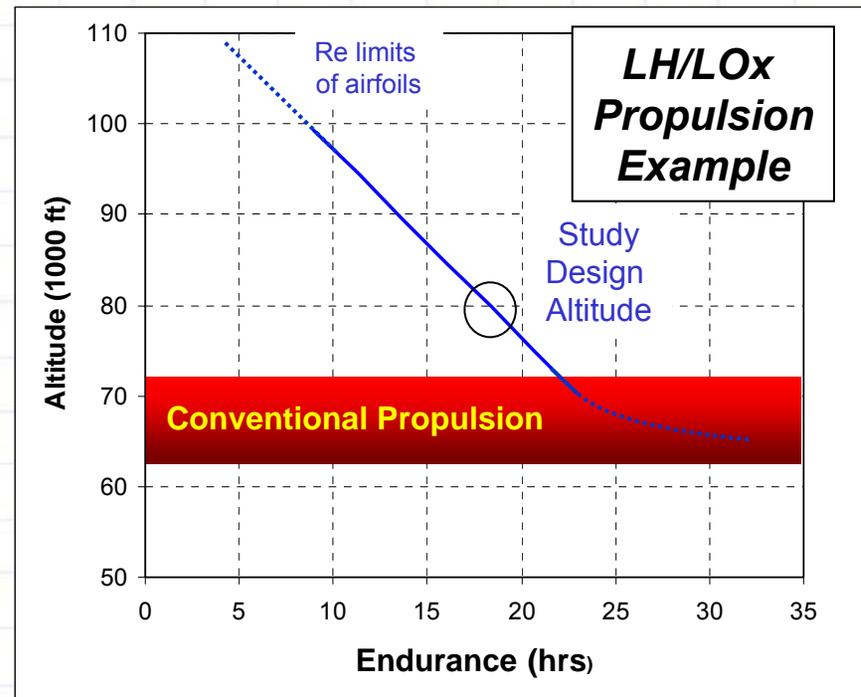


Study System Design Assumptions



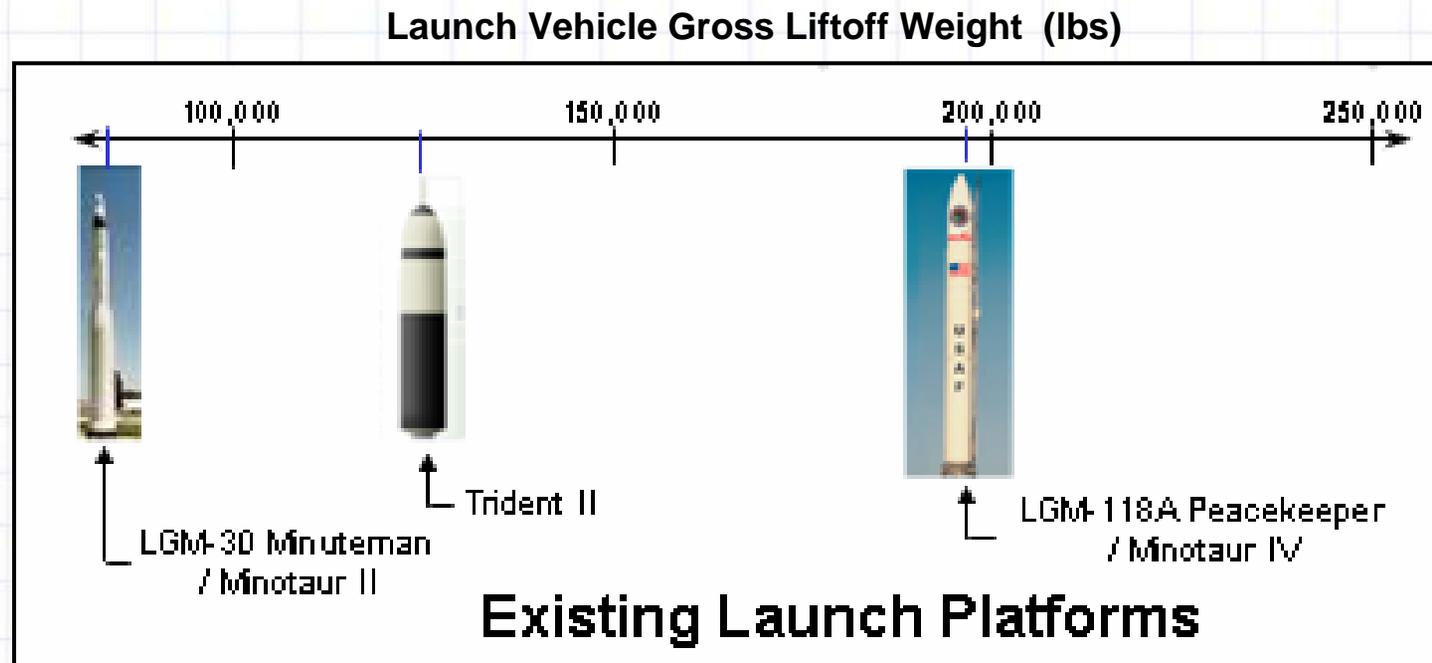
Launch Vehicle and Basing

- **Ground Launch System**
 - Solid rocket to maximize responsiveness
- **CONUS Basing (VAFB and CCAFS)**
 - Matches current AF plans for conventional missiles
 - Coverage of all but S. America and north Central Asia
 - Aircraft mass is 1030 kg
 - Use of RTS increases aircraft mass to 1280 kg and allows complete coverage except Northern Europe
- **Safe Disposal of Launch Debris**
 - 1st and 2nd stages must drop in ocean
 - Third stage and decelerator can be dropped at relatively safe velocity



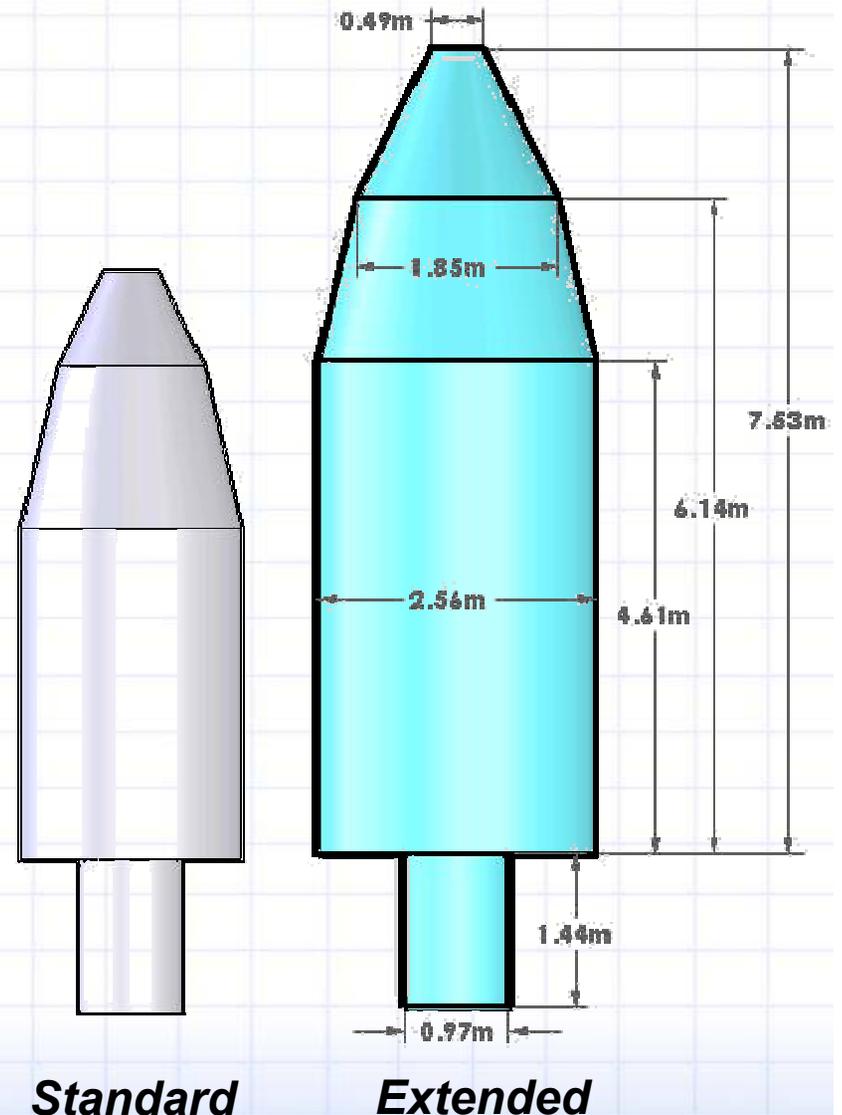
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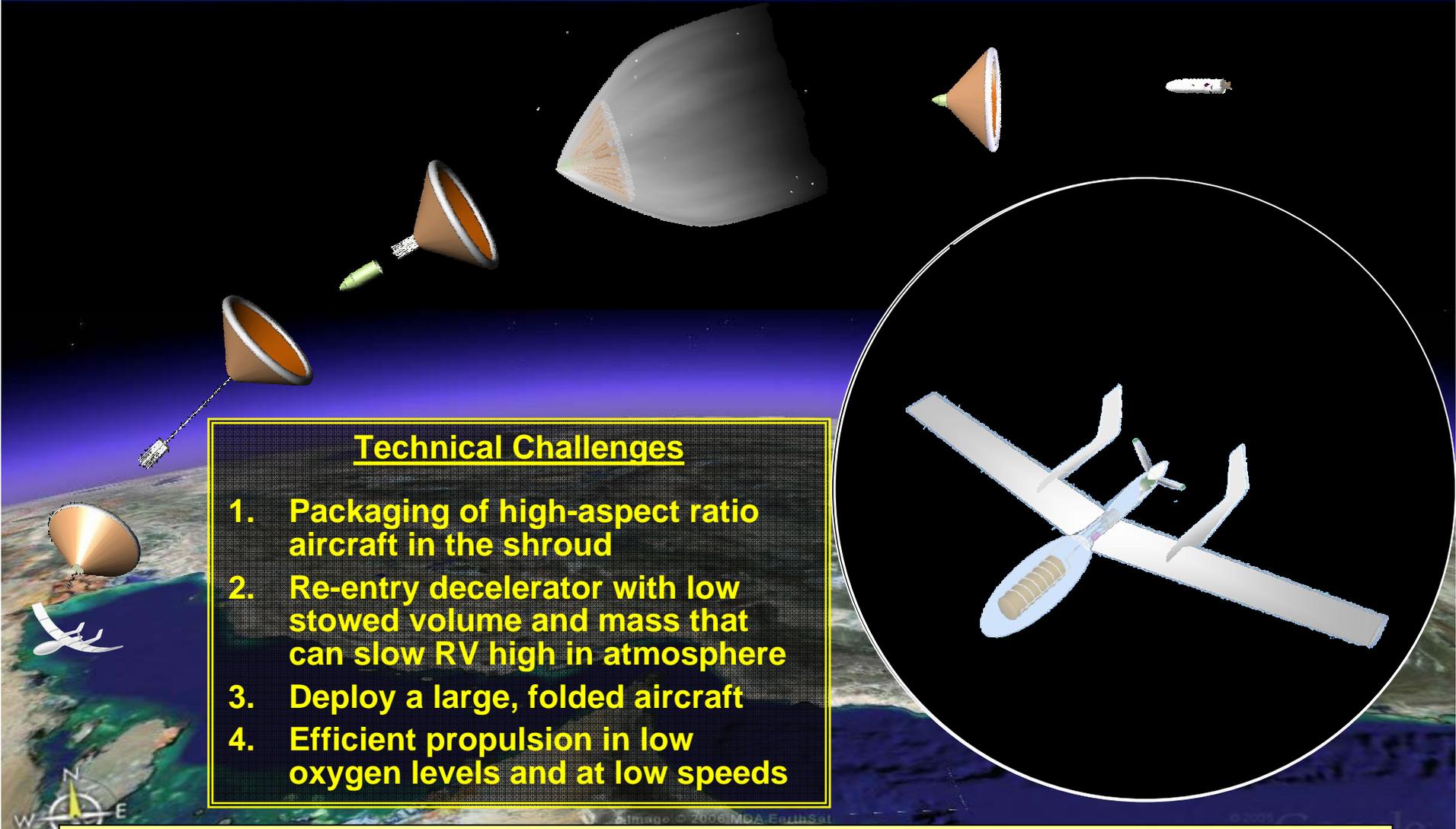
- Endure until relieved by Global Hawk
- Global Hawk basing at CONUS, Diego Garcia, and Guam
- Maintaining station design velocity driver
- High altitude for coverage and survivability
 - Requires working the hard problems



- **Solid rocket for launch-on-demand capability**
- **Existing rocket**
- **Problem is more volume constrained**

- **Fairing Diameter**
 - Standard: 2.05m
 - Extended: 2.56m
- **Fairing Length**
 - Standard: 5.49m
 - Extended: 7.53m
- **Launch Mass**
 - With 4th stage rocket motor: 2236 kg
 - Without 4th stage rocket motor: 3132 kg
 - Fourth stage motor not necessary for global reach – used by Minotaur only for orbital insertions



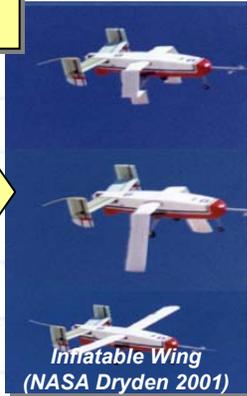
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- Technical Challenges**
1. Packaging of high-aspect ratio aircraft in the shroud
 2. Re-entry decelerator with low stowed volume and mass that can slow RV high in atmosphere
 3. Deploy a large, folded aircraft
 4. Efficient propulsion in low oxygen levels and at low speeds

Significant challenges exist, but capability is within near-term grasp

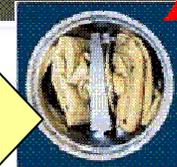
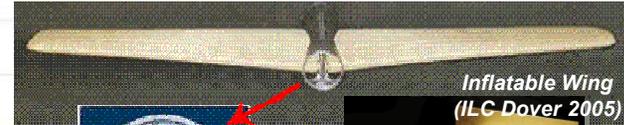
Technology Evolution

Recent Developments Increase Likelihood of Success

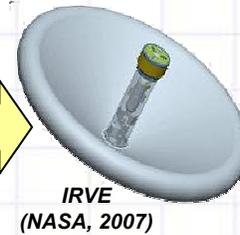
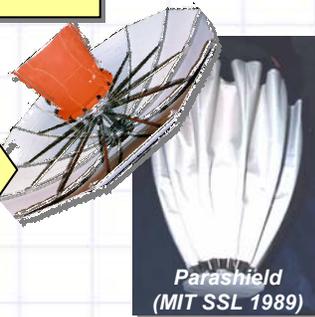
Deployable Wings



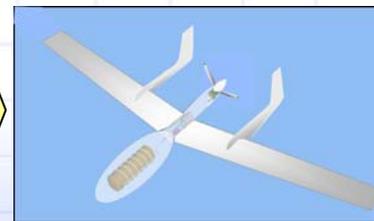
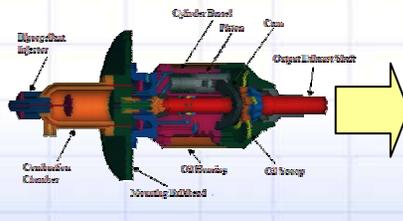
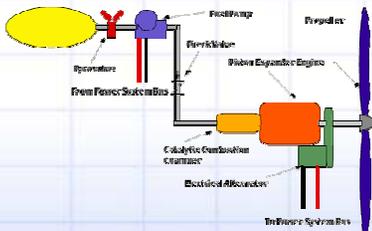
Mars Flyer Demonstrator
(NASA LaRC 2002)



Reentry Decelerators



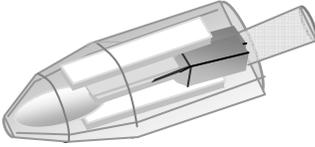
High Altitude Propulsion





Launch Vehicle Weight Breakdown from DARPA System Study



	Minotaur IV Throw Weight (With Fairing)	
	2050 kg (Using VAFB & CCAFS)	2550 kg (Using RTS & CCAFS)
Shroud (Extended)	306 kg	306 kg
Package Connection Hardware	250 kg	250 kg
RV Subtotal	1500 kg	2000 kg
Decelerator (~20% of RV) 	285 kg (15% margin)	400 kg (20% margin)
Air Vehicle 	1030 kg (15% margin)	1280 kg (20% margin)



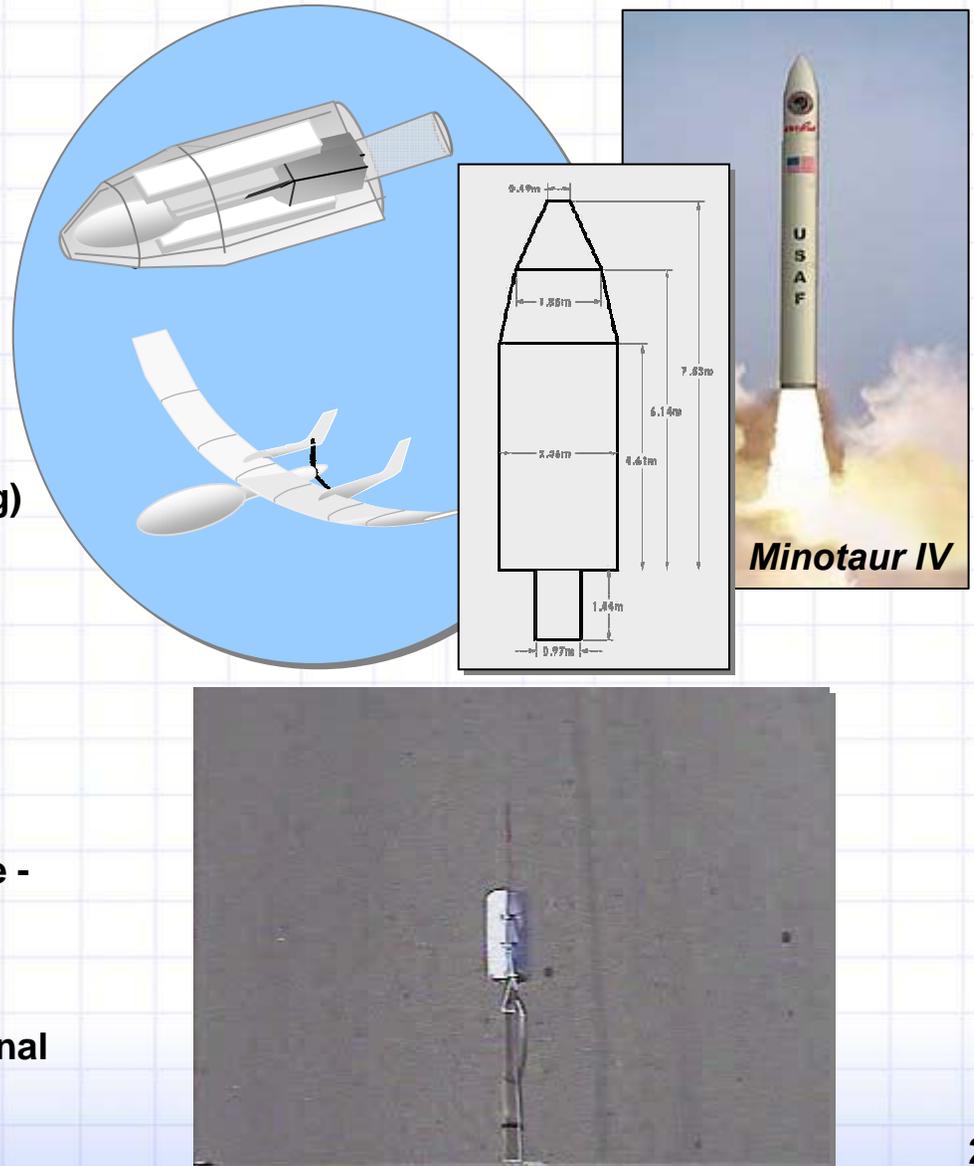
Vehicle Packaging and Deployment

Technical Challenge No. 1 and 3



Design Drivers for DARPA Study

- **Limited volume**
 - Extended fairing of Minotaur IV rocket
 - 37.35 m³ payload volume
- **Limited mass**
 - Throw weight (with fairing) – 2050 kg (for world coverage from CONUS, Could increase using OCONUS basing)
 - Air vehicle – 1030 kg (maximum)
- **Operational loads**
 - Deployment (45–55 g deceleration)
 - Flight (+2/-0 g)
- **Minimum cruise speed**
 - Account for 99% winds at 80 kft altitude - > 80 knots
- **Long endurance**
 - Enough time on station for a conventional asset to arrive
 - 15 hours minimum

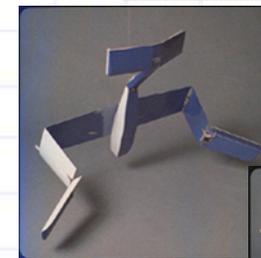
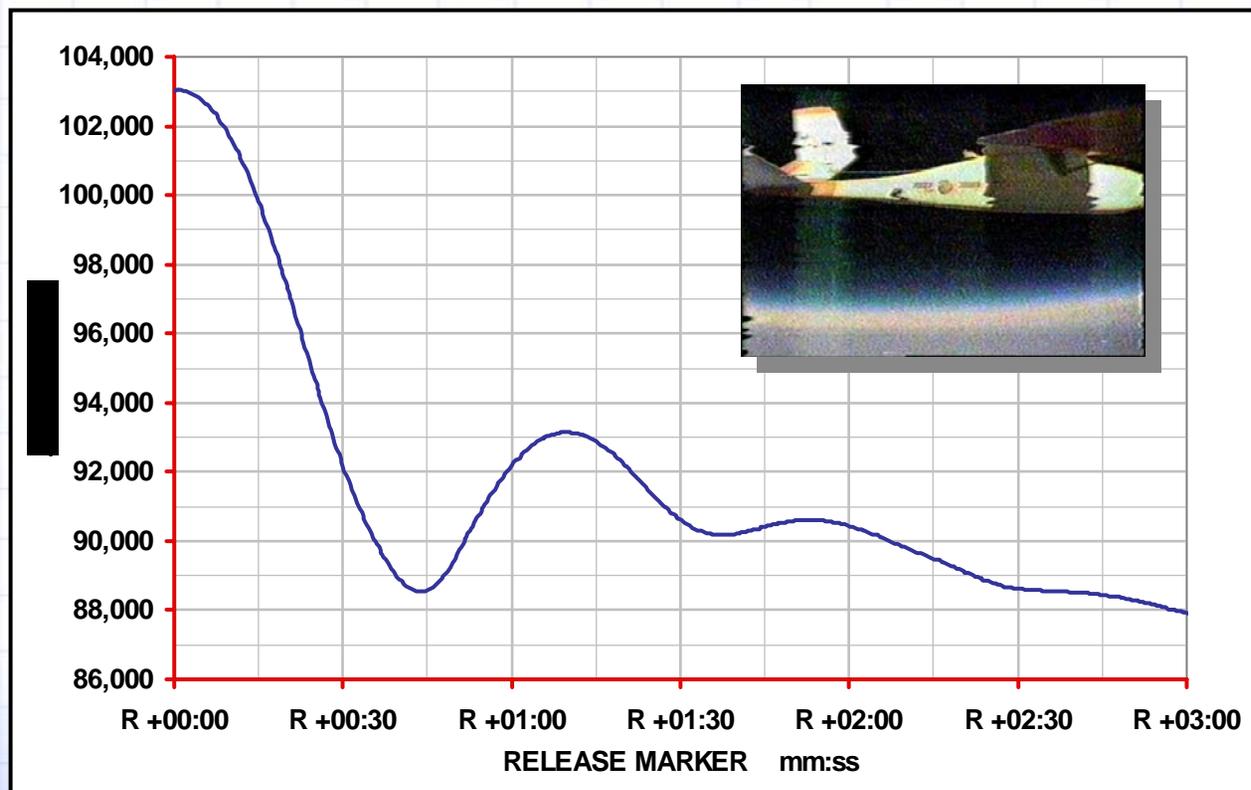




NASA Ames Mars Airplane Prototype



- Demonstrated feasible and predictable recovery from being dropped with a high aspect ratio wing at 100,000 ft.
- Balloon-launched from 103 kft
- Concept also explored the ability to fold body and wings for spacecraft deployment



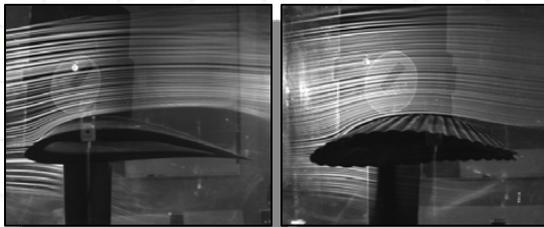


UK/OSU



BIG BLUE Mars Airplane and Inflatable-Wing

- **BIG BLUE (Baseline Inflatable-Wing Glider Balloon-Launched Unmanned Experiment) is a NASA Workforce Development project**
- **BIG BLUE objective is to verify and demonstrate feasibility of inflatable wings for use in the Martian environment**
 - **First to demonstrate inflatable/rigidizable wing technology with high-altitude deployment and cure**
 - **Multiple high-altitude tests conducted since 2003**

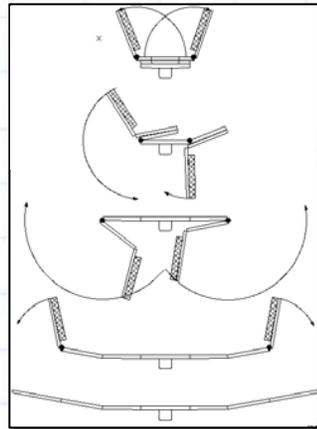


58,000 ft 63,000 ft 86,000 ft 89,000 ft 17,000 ft



Carbon Composite

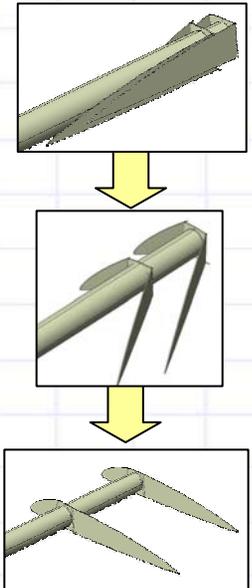
- Conventional, predictable aerodynamics
- Rigid, smooth structure
- **Limited wing area possible**
- **Complex deployment**
- **Lower endurance**



- Aero Risk
- Structure Risk
- Deployment Risk

Telescoping Spar

- Mylar skins with rigid ribs allows for dense packing
- Reasonable aerodynamics with high performance structure
- **Large number of hinges and joints**
- **Concept never demonstrated in aerodynamic application**



- Aero Risk
- Structure Risk
- Deployment Risk

Inflatable Spar

- High packaging flexibility
- No limit on ribs for accurate airfoil shape control
- Simple, reliable deployment
- **Needs thick spar and airfoil**
- **Collapsible ribs not proven**

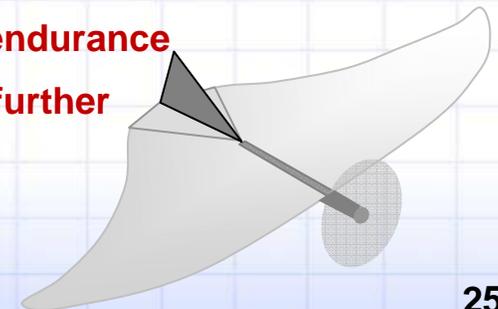


- Aero Risk
- Structure Risk
- Deployment Risk

- low
- moderate
- high

Membrane Structure

- High packaging flexibility
- Good aerodynamic characteristics
- **Strong aero and structure interaction**
- **Lower L/D – lower endurance**
- **Technology needs further development**



- Aero Risk
- Structure Risk
- Deployment Risk



Vehicle Packaging and Deployment Structural Design Study



	Span (m)	Structural Mass (%)	L/D	Cruise Speed (KTAS)	Endurance (hr)	Aero Risk	Structure Risk	Deployment Risk
					Hydrazine			
<i>Carbon Composite</i>	28	24	29	150	7.6	low	moderate	moderate
<i>Telescoping Spar</i>	60	26	28	82	11.4	moderate	moderate	high
<i>Inflatable Spar</i>	55	30	25	78	9.7	moderate	moderate	moderate
<i>Membrane</i>	55	34	23	82	7.7	high	moderate	high

- **Study assumptions:**

- Packed volume < 32.35 m³
- Vehicle gross weight = 1030 kg
- Hydrazine: SFC = 2.65 gm/hr-W
- Operational altitude = 80 kft

- **Technical risk defined as the difficulty of both predicting performance and achieving that performance in operational use**

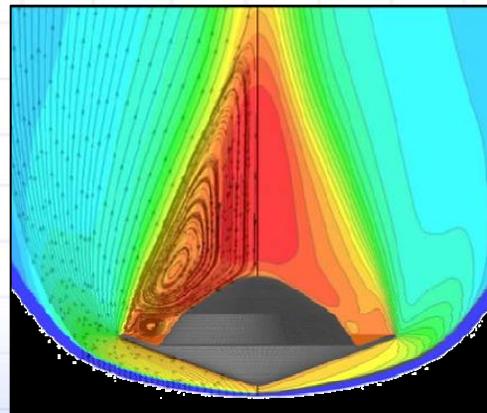
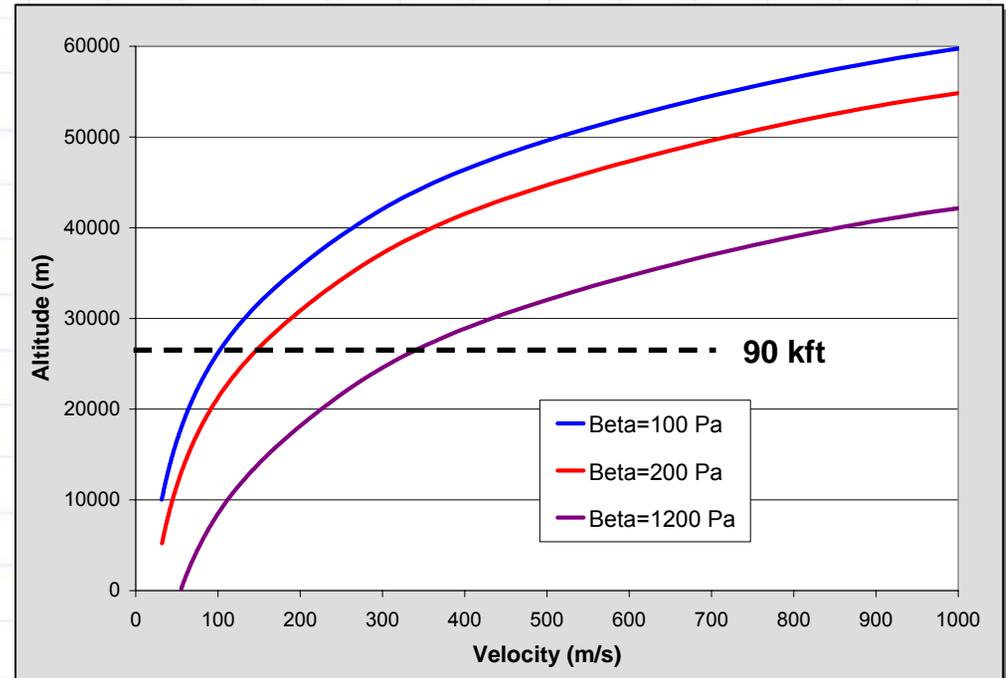


Reentry Decelerator Technical Challenge No. 2



Design Drivers for DARPA Study

- **Low ballistic coefficient, β**
 - Decelerating from $M = 25+$ to 100 m/s high in the atmosphere
 - Apollo: $\beta \sim 4800$ Pa
Gemini: $\beta \sim 3000$ Pa
 - Goal: $\beta < 300$ Pa
- **Low stowed volume and mass**
 - Volume < 37.35 m³ (Minotaur IV example)
(air vehicle + decelerator)
 - ~20% of RV payload
- **Possible energy capture**
- **Very low ground impact speed (< 1 m/s)**





Reentry Decelerator Configuration Options



Rigid Decelerator

- High maturity
- Low volume
- **Limited packaging options**
- **High weight fraction**
- **Low altitude for subsonic deployment (high β)**

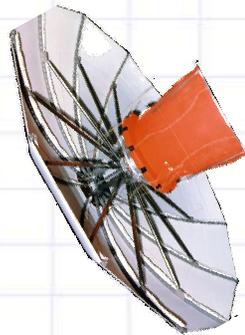


*Rigid
Aeroshell*

Low Risk

Deployable Decelerator

- Lower β
- Reduced heating conditions
- **Packaging advantages limited by structural frame**
- **Medium weight fraction**
- **Low maturity**
- **Payload not enclosed**



Parashield

Moderate Risk

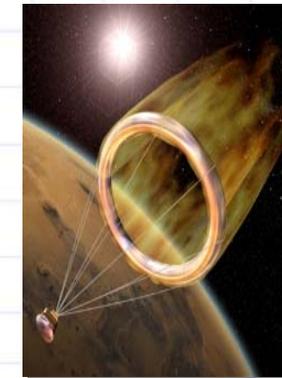
Inflatable Decelerators

- Packaging efficiencies
- Reduced heating conditions
- Applicable to payloads of all sizes and shapes
- **Low maturity**
- **Payload not enclosed**



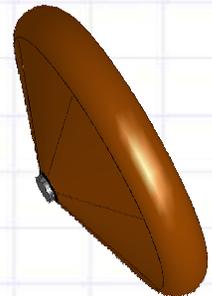
*Inflatable
Aeroshell*

Moderate Risk



*Trailing
Ballute*

High Risk



*Clamped
Ballute*

High Risk



Reentry Decelerator Technical Challenge No. 2



Advanced Decelerator Concept	% Weight Total Payload (prior art)	Beta (Pa)	Deployment Altitude (kft)	Transition to Flight	Safe Disposal	Development Risk
<i>Rigid Aeroshell</i>	40	650	33	Paraglide or small rocket	Moderate	Low TRL 9
<i>Parashield</i>	20	300	39	Paraglide or small rocket	Moderate	Moderate Studied in detail
<i>Inflatable Aeroshell</i>	15	75	90	Paraglide or small rocket	Simple	Moderate Currently in development
<i>Trailing Ballute</i>	9	10	+100	Direct Transition	Simple	High Currently only paper studies
<i>Clamped Ballute</i>	9	10	+100	Direct Transition	Simple	High Currently only paper studies

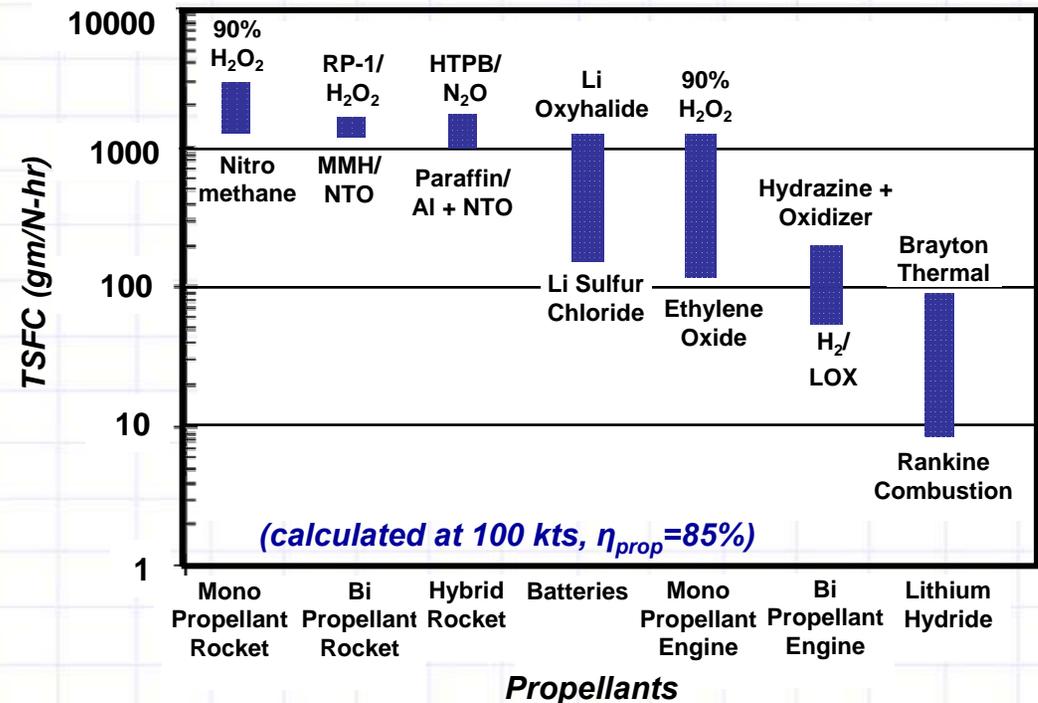


High Altitude Propulsion Technical Challenge No. 4



Design Drivers for DARPA Study

- **Efficient propulsion**
 - 15 hour endurance
- **Storable for months**
- **Operation at low oxygen levels**
 - 3.6% of atmosphere at 80 kft
- **High specific energy**



Propellants	Effective Energy (MJ/kg)	Development Risk
<i>Li Sulfur Chloride Battery</i>	1.6	moderate
<i>Hydrazine</i>	1.4	low
<i>Hydrazine & Ni Tetroxide</i>	2.0	low
<i>Hydrogen & LOX</i>	13.3	low
<i>LiH (Brayton Combustion)</i>	~30-65	high

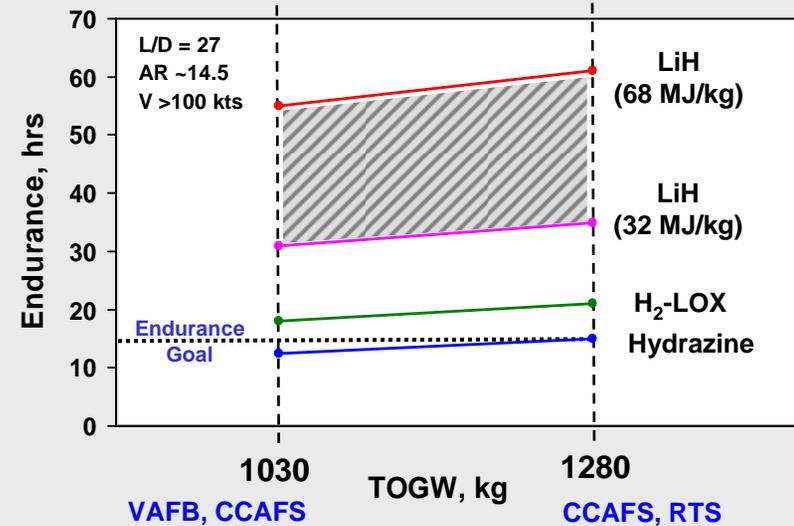
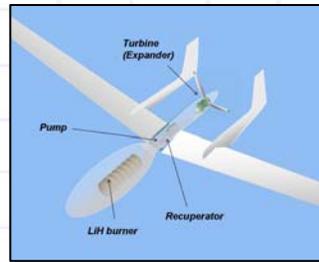


High Altitude Propulsion Technical Challenge No. 4



High Risk Solution: LiH Propulsion

- Reentry heat and LiH combustion powers a thermal engine
- TSFC = 93 gm/N-hr at 100 kts
- Solid - Indefinite storage at any temperature
- **Gains mass with time**
- **Never demonstrated**



Low Risk : Hydrazine Propulsion

- Proven design for high altitude aircraft (NASA Mini-Sniffer, 1975)
- **Higher TSFC; 160 gm/N-hr at 100 kts**
- **High freezing point (1.5°C)**
- **Poor engine efficiency**



NASA Dryden Mini-Sniffer

Medium Risk Solution: Hydrogen/LOX Propulsion

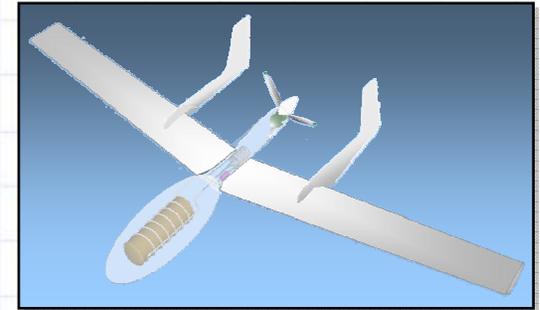
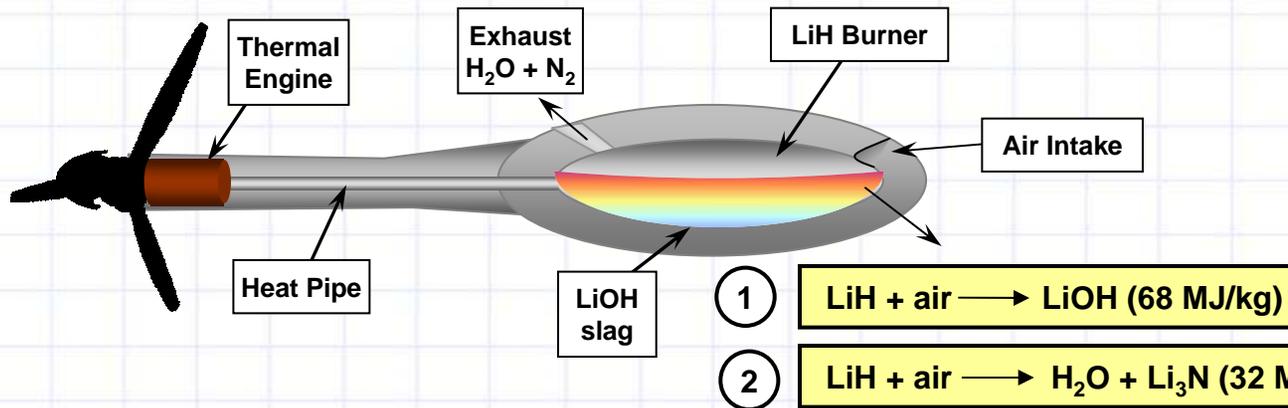
- Proven fuel and engine concept
- High energy content
- **Difficult storage on the launch pad**
- **Tank weight**



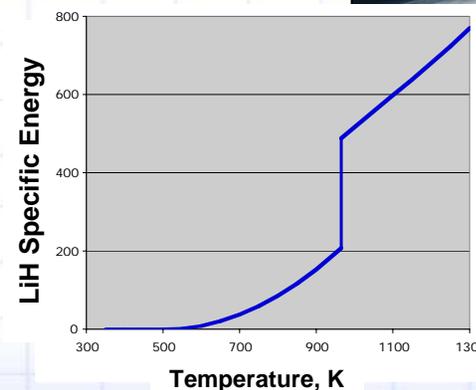
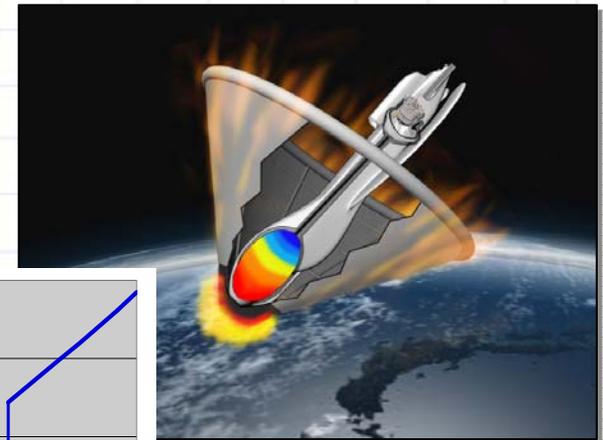
High efficiency Quantum tank

Proven high altitude LH2 ICE (AeroVironment)





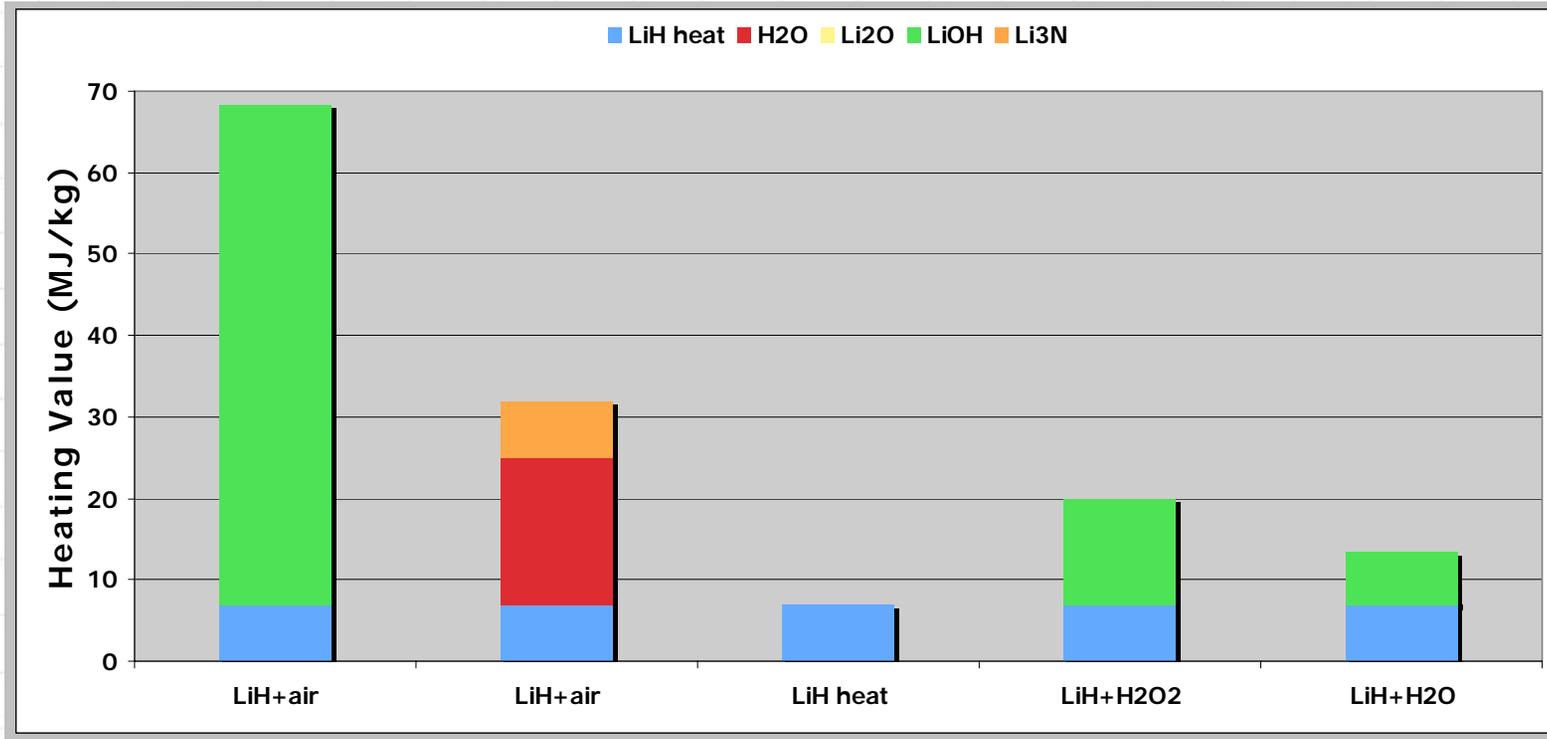
- Reentry heat and LiH combustion powers a thermal engine
- Simple burner design – melted LiH is hypersonic
- Combustion provides between 32 and 68 MJ/kg – similar to gasoline
- Potential for reentry energy capture
 - 400 MJ is achievable from initial study
 - Heat transfer via Heat Pipe provides heat for melting stored LiH
- Requires further development
 - Kinematics chemistry experiments
 - Burner design and test
 - Optimum design of re-entry system nose



33 GJ available – only 1-2 GJ required



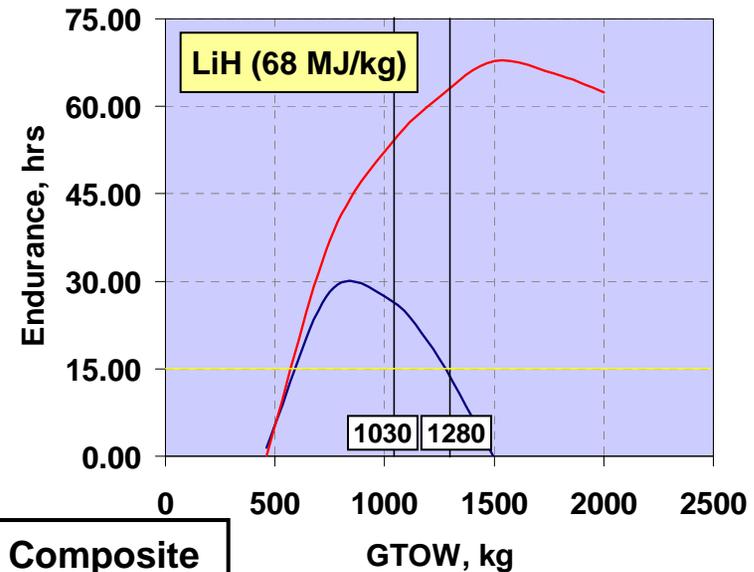
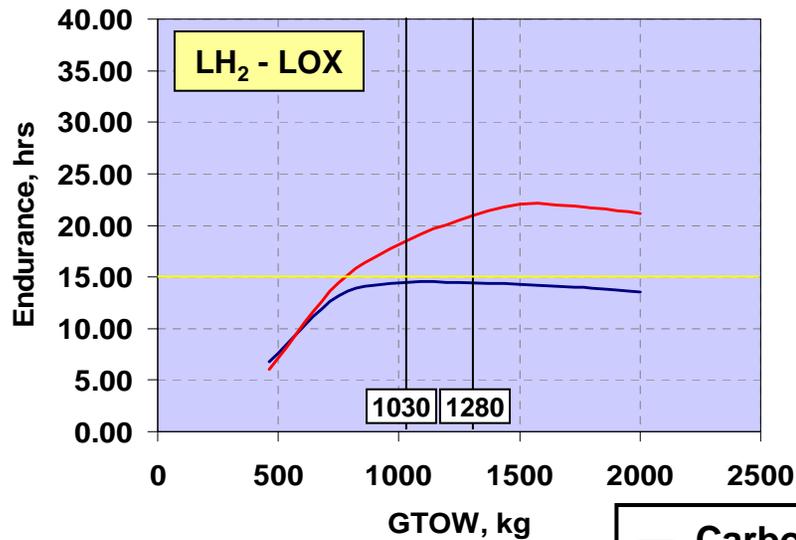
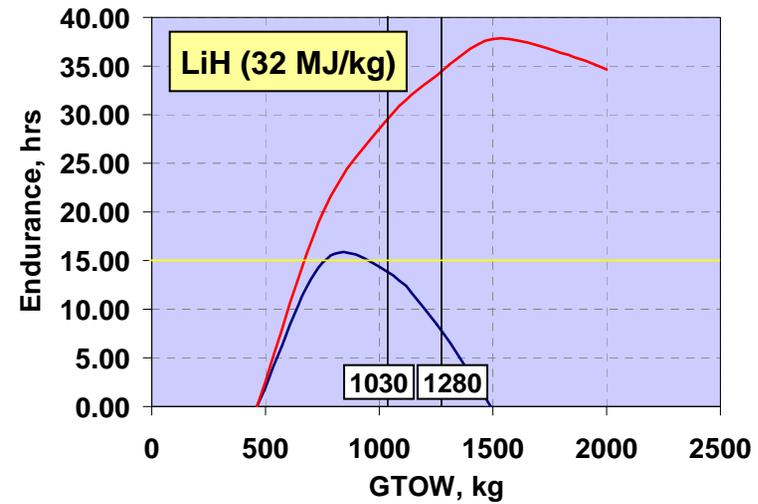
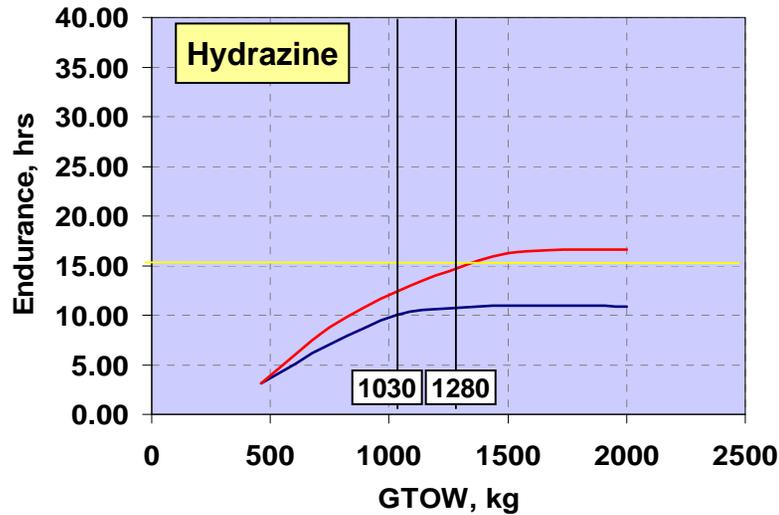
High Altitude Propulsion LiH Burning Paths



- The combination of liquid LiH and air provides the highest heating values
 - Best case – $\text{LiH} + \text{air} \rightarrow \text{LiOH}$
 - Worst case – $\text{LiH} + \text{air} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Li}_3\text{N}$
- Heating LiH during reentry provides 7 MJ/kg
- Alternative is to carry an oxidizer onboard – hydrogen peroxide or water
 - Propulsion independent of air
 - Heating values not as high



Propulsion Performance



— Carbon Composite
— Flexible/Inflatable



Rapid Eye BAA Requirements



Tentative BAA Requirements

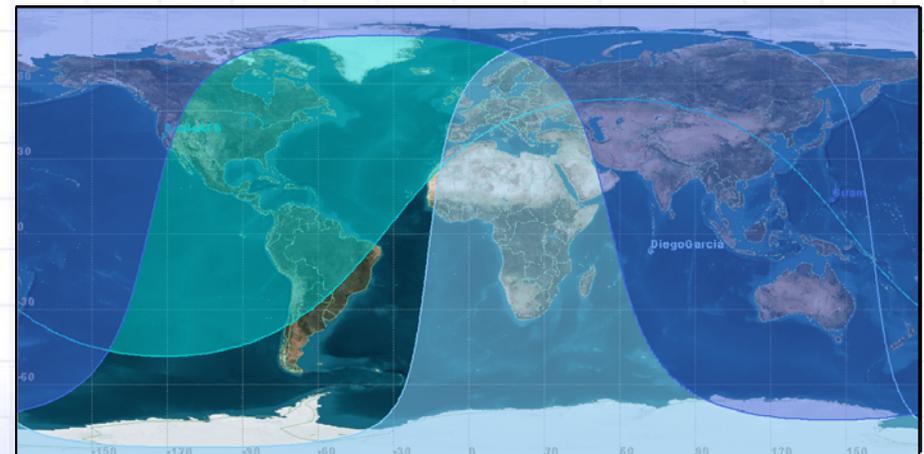
- *Worldwide-delivery of ISR capability from alert pad < 2 orbits (~ 2 hours using an existing solid rocket)*
- *Use only two START-compliant launch sites*
- *Time on station > 7+ hours*
- *Loiter speed > 99% winds*
- *Payload > 500 lbs, 5 kW*

Additional Possible Objectives

- *Altitude equated with survivability*
- *Substantial recovery distance*
- *Safe disposal of third stage*



Global Hawk Time to Station: 15 hours





START - Compliant Launch Sites



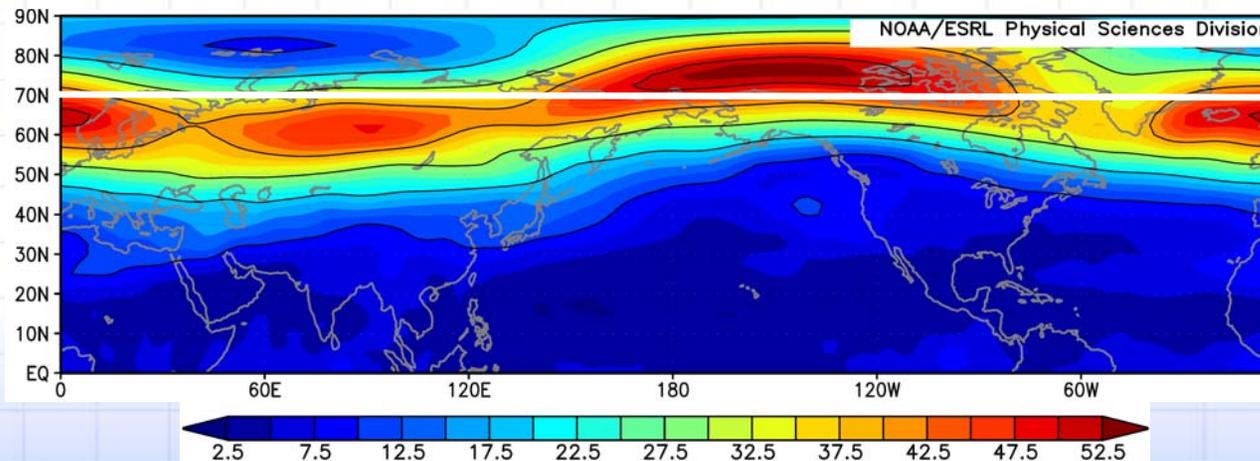
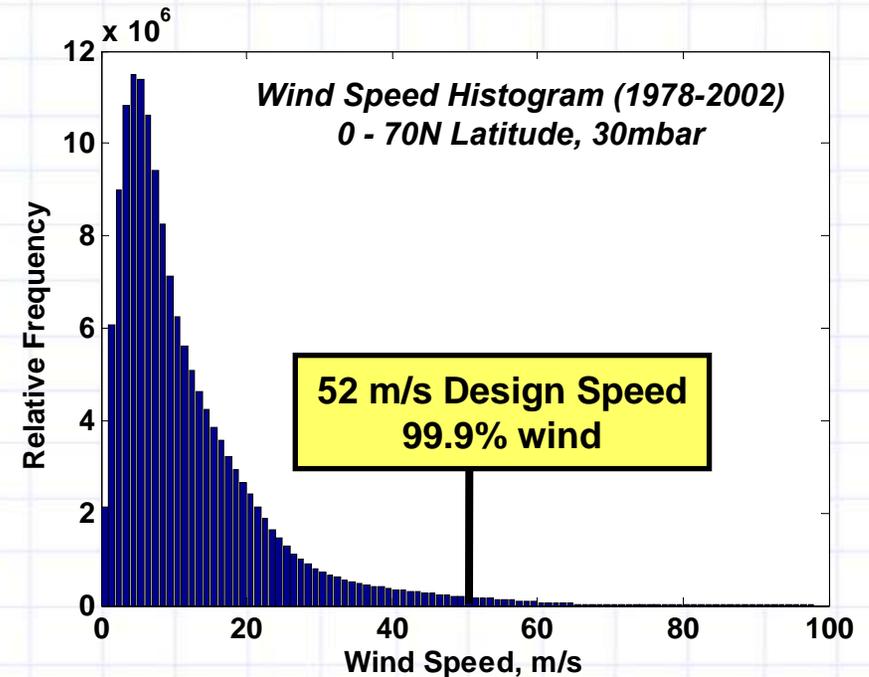


Winds at 80 kft (1978-2002)



- Air vehicle design speed equivalent to 99-percentile winds at 50N latitude

Latitude	0 N	10N	20N	30N	40N	50N	60N	70N
Wind Speed (m/s)	30	32	26	24	35	52	59	62



January 2007
Mean Wind Speed (m/s)
30mbar



Possible Rapid Eye Payload Complement



Payload		Weight* (lbs)	Power* (W)
<i>Hi-Res Dual-Band EO/IR</i>		150	1200
<i>Dual Mode GMTI SAR</i>		300	3600
<i>High BW Comms (900 Mbps)</i>		50	225
Total (est.)		~500 lbs	~5000 W

*Estimated – Weight / Power reduced versions



Technology Discussions



- **Overview of the ARES Mars Airplane**
Henry Wright, NASA LaRC
- **Deployable Reentry Decelerators**
Charles Player, NASA LaRC
- **Deployable Aircraft Structures**
Richard Foch, Naval Research Laboratory
- **Inflatable Wing Deployment & Testing**
Suzanne Smith, University of Kentucky
- **Low-Oxygen Propulsion Options**
Christopher Kuhl, NASA LaRC



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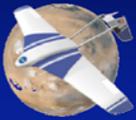
From Earth to Mars - An Overview of the ARES Mars Airplane

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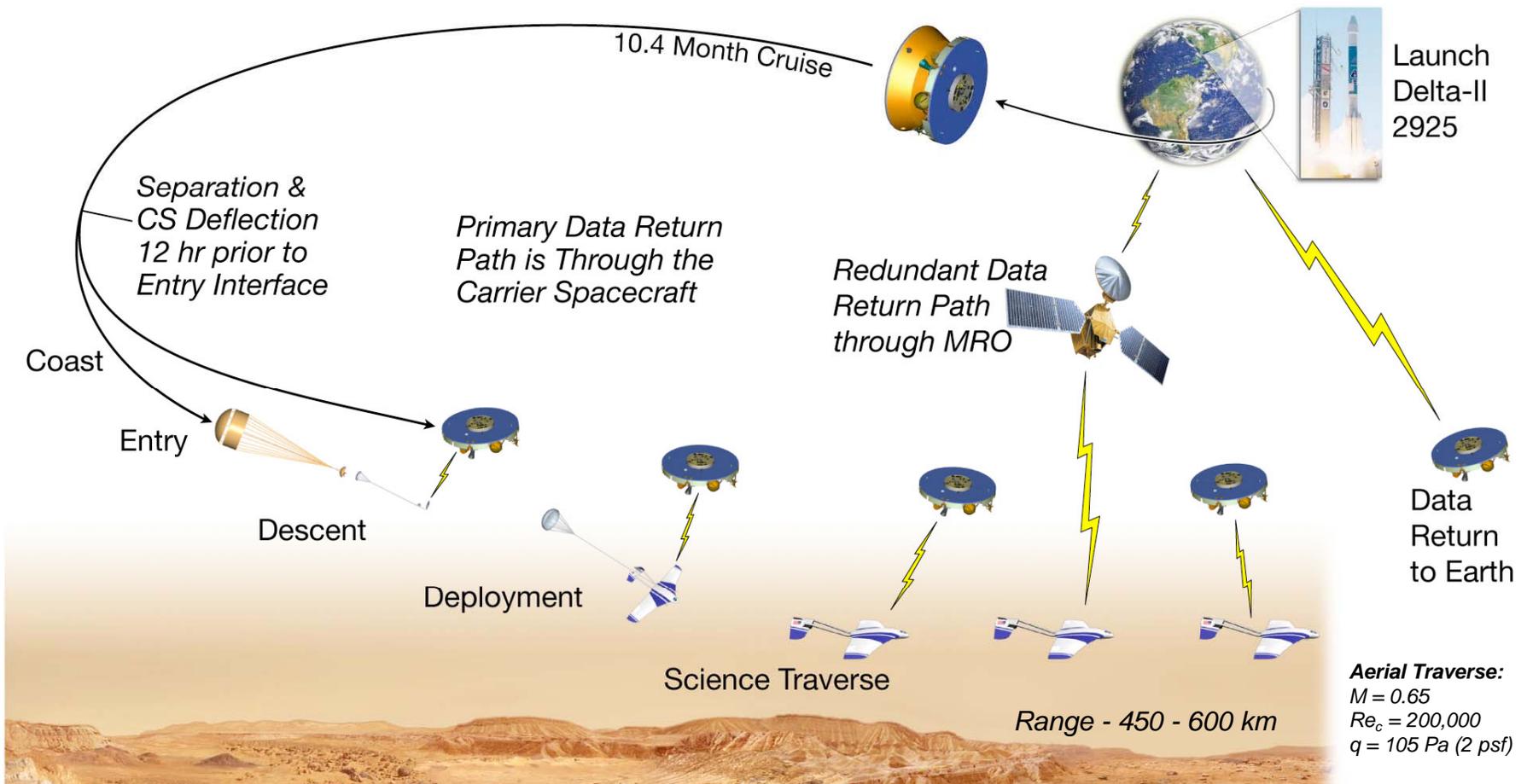


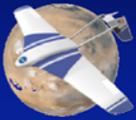
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WHAT IS ARES?



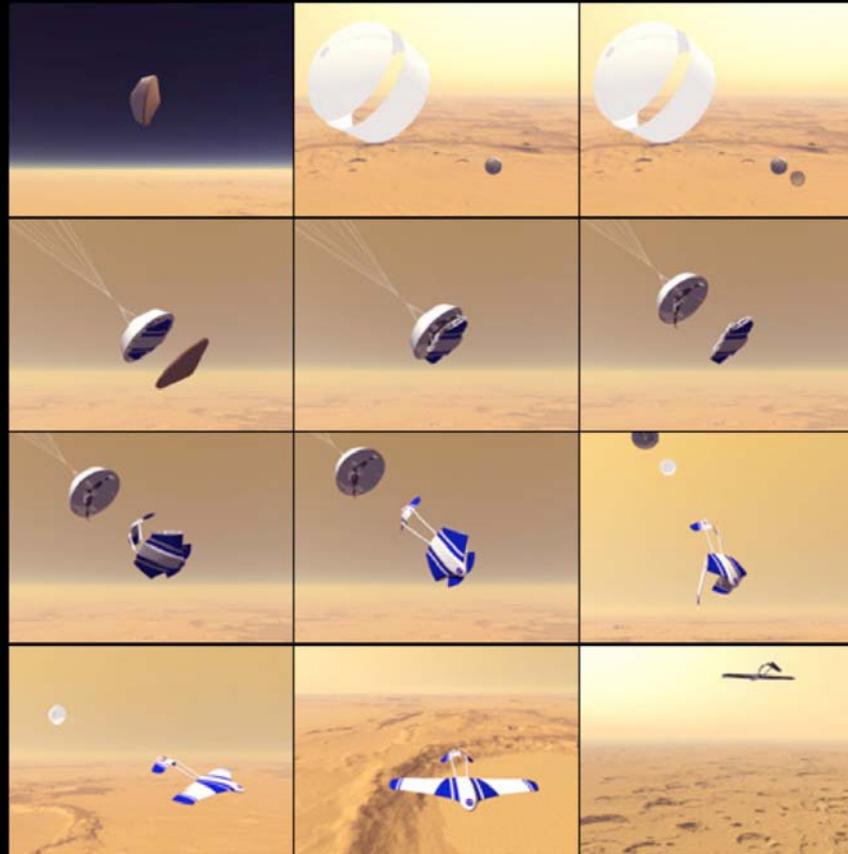
- ◆ **ARES** - Aerial Regional-scale Environmental Survey of Mars
- ◆ ARES - a science-focused Mars mission to perform a survey of remnant crustal magnetic regions and sub-surface water, while characterizing the surface and atmosphere chemical interactions and dynamics

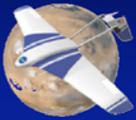




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THE ARES MISSION





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MISSION IMPLEMENTATION CONTEXT



Key Constraints:

- ◆ **Cost** - Total Mission Cost \leq \$537 M (RY)
- ◆ **Schedule** - 4 year implementation schedule (from mission selection to Launch)
- ◆ **Launch Vehicle** - Delta II-2925(H) or Atlas V
- ◆ **Other** - Biologically sterile (Planetary Protection guidelines)

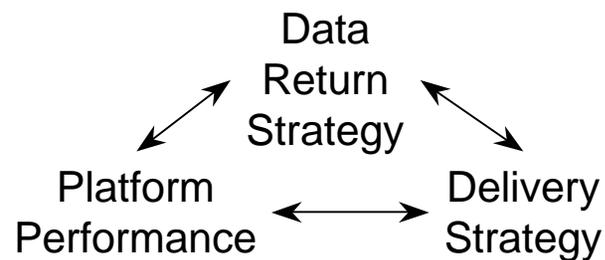
Reduce Mission Risk:

- ◆ Mission emphasis is return of science data
- ◆ Ensure systems function
- ◆ Ensure “on-time” delivery for launch opportunity (*45 days every 26 months*)

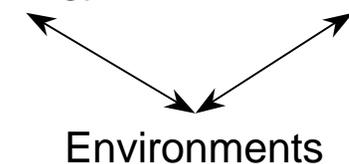
Key System Level Trades

Science Measurements ↔ Platform Selection

Platform = Powered Airplane



Testing Strategy ↔ Delivery Schedule



Subsystem/Component Selection

Cost & Schedule

ARES implementation strategy balances science needs with mission constraints

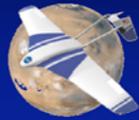


WHY ARES?



- ◆ ARES Mars Airplane shares many similarities with Rapid Eye
- ◆ ARES Mars Airplane was developed from 2001 through 2006
 - Enabling technologies emphasized in risk reduction program
 - ARES Mars Airplane has completed extensive ground and flight testing campaigns to provide demonstrated performance

Attribute	ARES Relevance to Rapid Eye
Deployable Airplane	ARES Mars Airplane is folded to fit within an entry aeroshell and performs a mid-air extraction and unfolding.
Operating Environment	ARES Mars Airplane is designed to fly at near surface conditions on Mars - similar to atmospheric environment at 100,000 feet on Earth. (Aerodynamic, flight dynamics, propulsion, and thermal)
Longevity	Operation required after extended time in storage ARES Mars Airplane is designed for a life time limited by its on-board consumables, less than 10 hours of flight time
Payload	ARES Mars Airplane has a blended, multi-sensor capability which provides bounding performance criteria

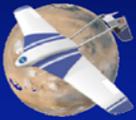


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ARES MARS AIRPLANE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

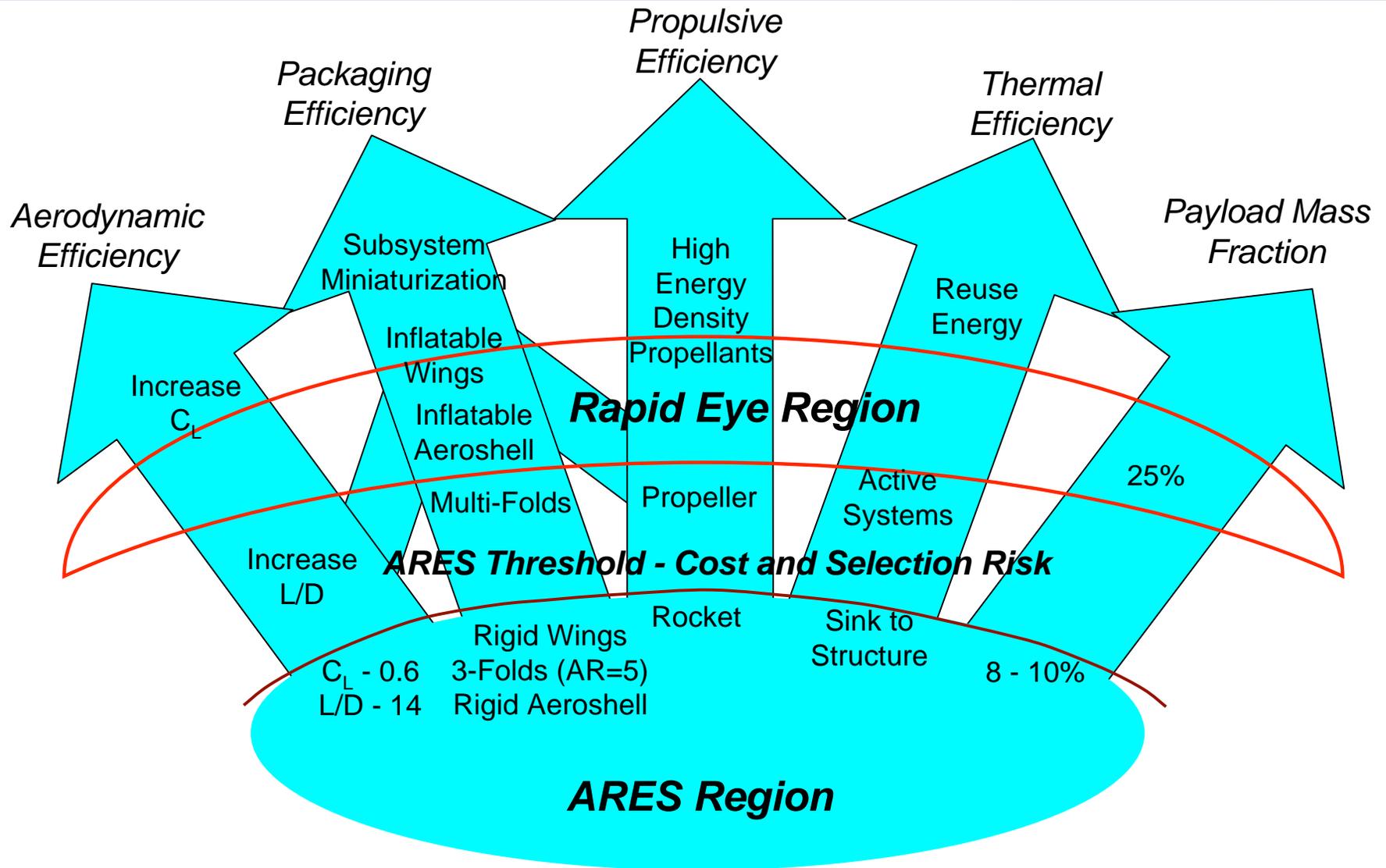


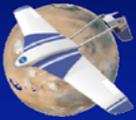
ARES Technical Challenge	Relevance to Rapid Eye	Comments
Packaging in Aeroshell	High	Airplane is folded to fit within entry system
Entry, Descent, & Deployment	High	Simulations for entry, multi-body dynamics (unfolding), and Pullout. Extraction method.
Aerodynamic regime	High	Low Reynolds No., subsonic Mach No.
Flight Dynamics	High	Autonomous operation; Robust software; Low damping environment; High Alpha initial operation
Aeroelasticity	Medium High	Analysis and testing to characterize.
Data Return	Medium High	Return in-flight in lieu of ground recovery.
Propulsion	Medium	Bi-propellant rocket sufficient. Extensive studies identified potential for improved endurance with alternative propulsion
Operating Environment	Medium	Similar environment
Navigation	Low	Navigation without GPS or compass
Thermal	Low	A key issue for Rapid Eye
Interplanetary Trajectory	Low	N/A



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TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS





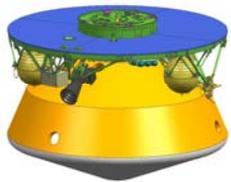
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ARES ENTRY, DESCENT, DEPLOYMENT PHASES



Pre-Entry Operations

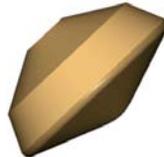
- TCM-5 Ops
- Pre-Entry Operations
- Navigation Update
- Separation: E-12 hours
- Coast to EI
- Spin stabilized 2 RPM



Interface-EI:
Sensed $g=0.03$

Hypersonic Operations

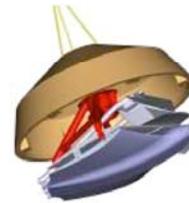
- Ballistic Entry
- -12° FPA
- Wait for Parachute
- All devices energized



Interface-PD:
Navigated $M=1.9$
($V = 400$ m/sec)

Parachute Operations

- Deploy Parachute
- Release Heat Shield
- Extract Airplane

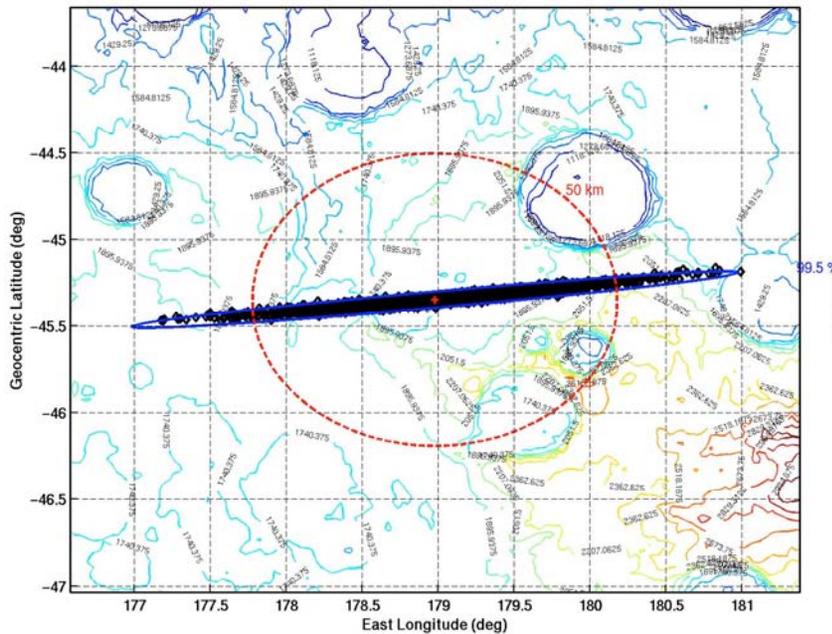


HSR Release:
Navigated $M=0.8$

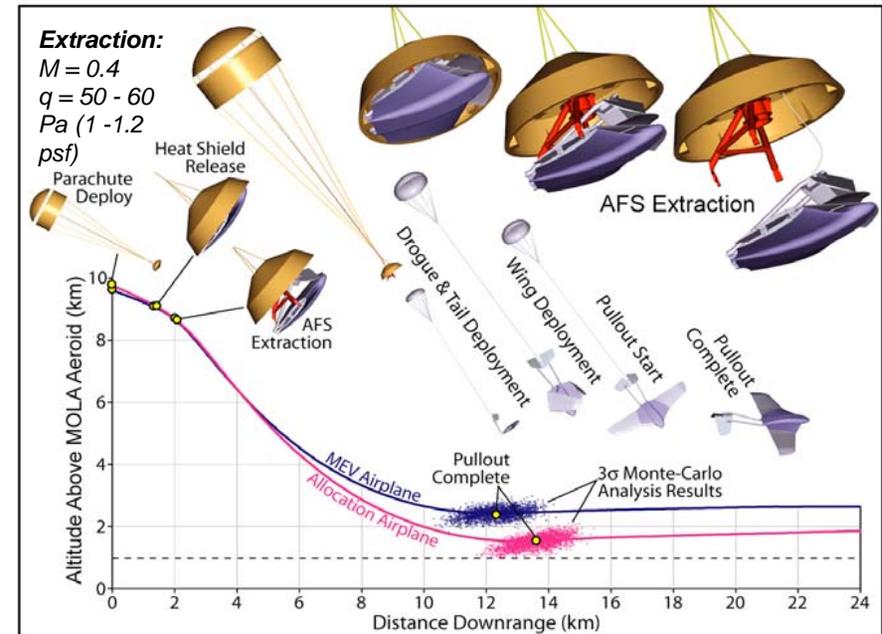
Interface-Deploy.:
Timer 7 s
after HSR

Pullout Operations

- Deploy Drogue Chute
- Release Drogue Chute
- Complete Pullout
- Initiate Powered Flight



Delivery Footprint at Start of Extraction



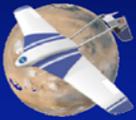
Extraction, Unfolding, and Pullout Sequence

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Rapid Eye Industry Day

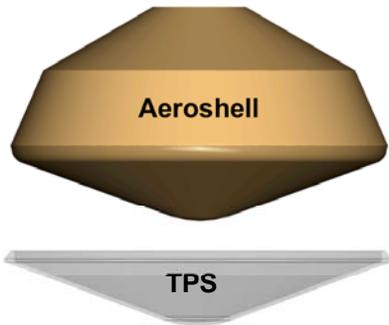
PRE-DECISIONAL DRAFT - For Planning and Discussion Purposes Only

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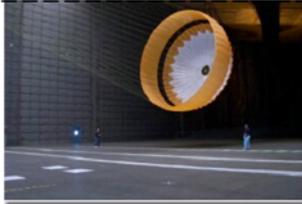
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ARES OVERVIEW-SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION



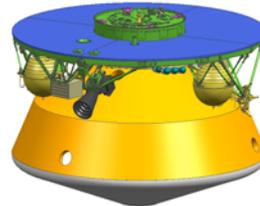
Aeroshell

TPS

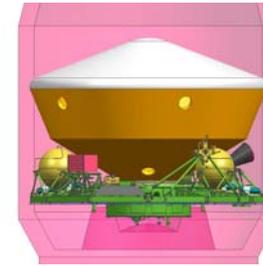


Supersonic Parachute
Disk-Gap Band

Entry Flight System
JPL/LaRC



Interplanetary Cruise

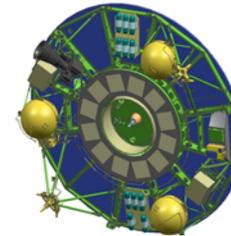
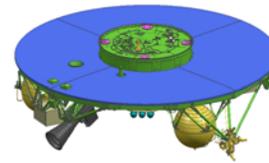


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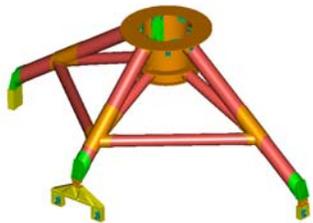


Launch Vehicle
JPL/KSC

ARES Spacecraft - JPL/LaRC



Carrier Spacecraft Flight System - JPL



Airplane Extraction
Subsystem



Drogue Chute

Deployment System - LaRC



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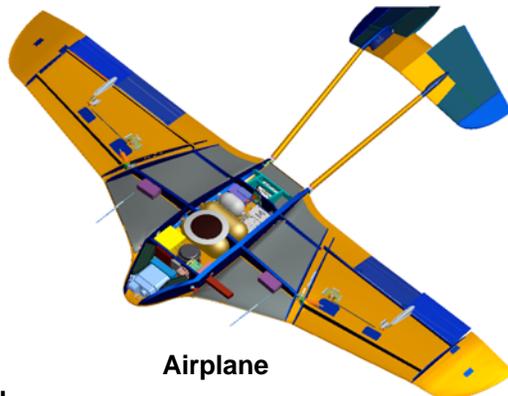
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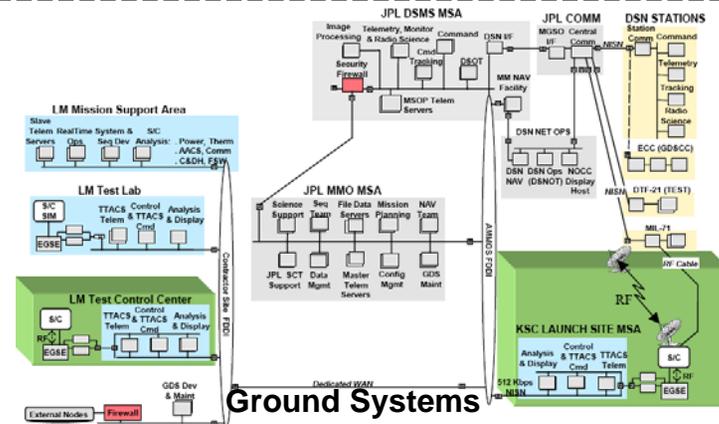
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Airplane

Science Payload

Atmospheric Flight System - LaRC



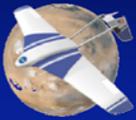
Ground Systems

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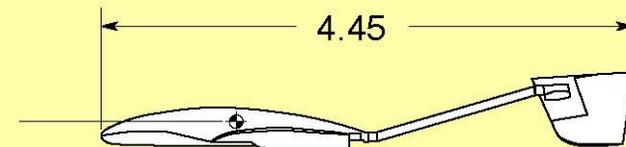
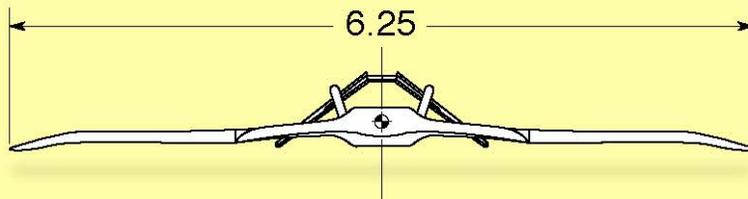
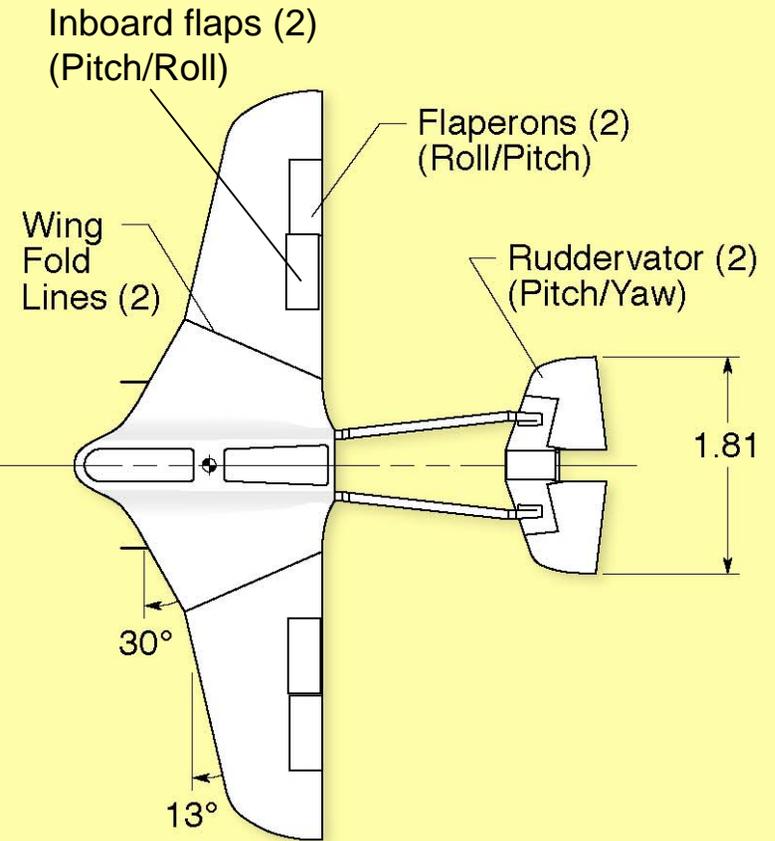


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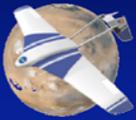
ARES AIRPLANE CONFIGURATION



Parameter	Value	Benefit
Reference Area	7 m ²	Enable STA access through pullout margin
Mean Aerodynamic Chord	1.25 m	Allows credible aerodynamic determination because Reynolds number is in a validated, predictable regime
Propulsion	Pulsed Rocket	Low risk, proven propulsion for low density applications
Number of Folds	3	Few folds increases deployment reliability
Stability	Naturally Stable	Static stability allows use of traditional flight control system and simplifies flight software



Dimensions in meters

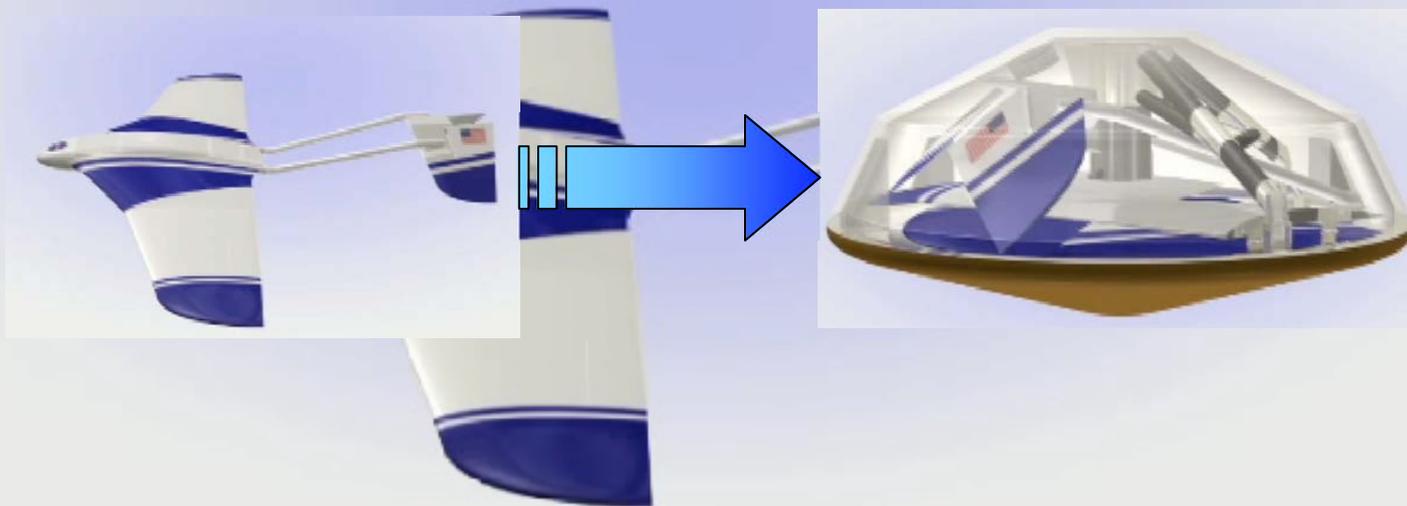


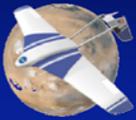
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ARES AEROSHELL PACKAGING DRIVES AIRPLANE CONFIGURATION



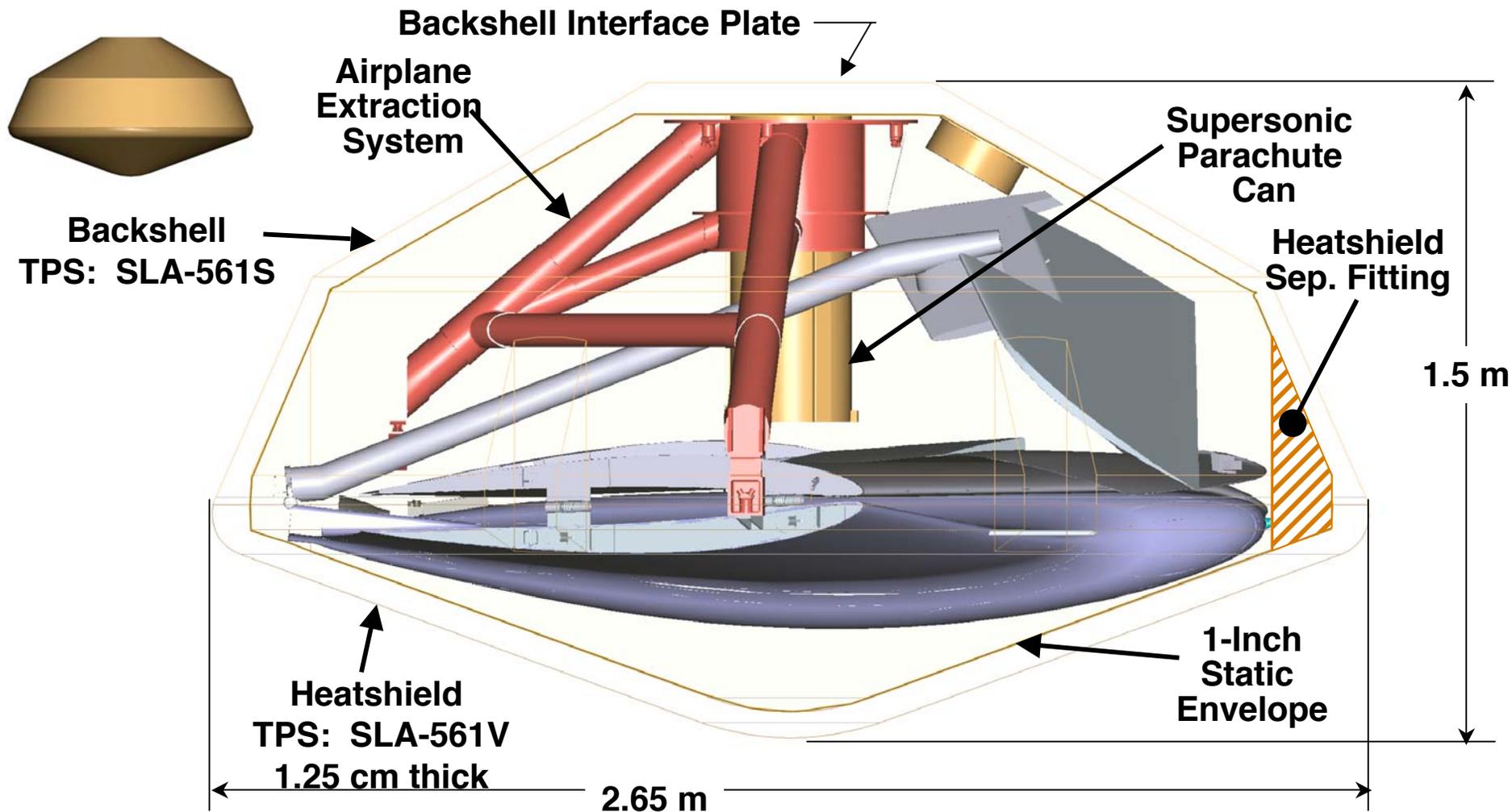
- ◆ Airplane configuration balances packaging within entry vehicle and launch vehicle with mission needs
- ◆ Packaging can drive configuration by:
 - Relating span to folding strategy within entry vehicle
 - Accommodating entry vehicle systems/structure
 - Strategy for extraction or separation of airplane from entry vehicle
 - Load path for launch and (re)entry loads



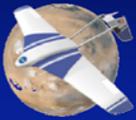


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ARES ENTRY SYSTEM CONFIGURATION



Forebody - 70 deg. Sphere Cone



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ENTRY, DESCENT, DEPLOYMENT SIMULATIONS

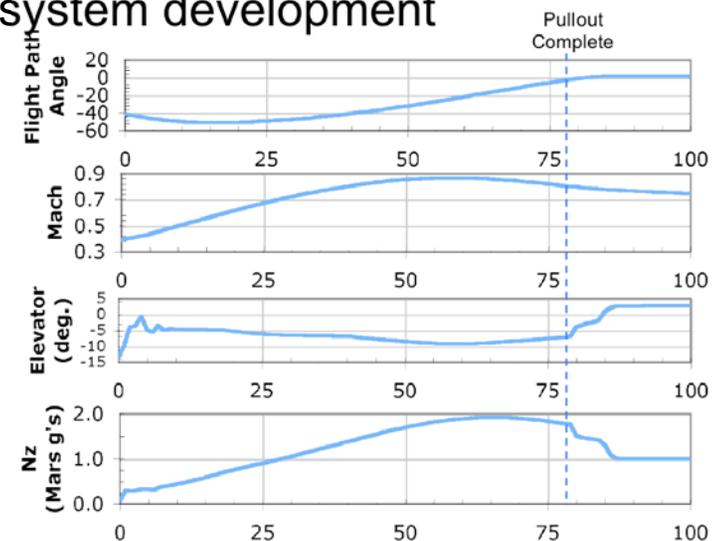
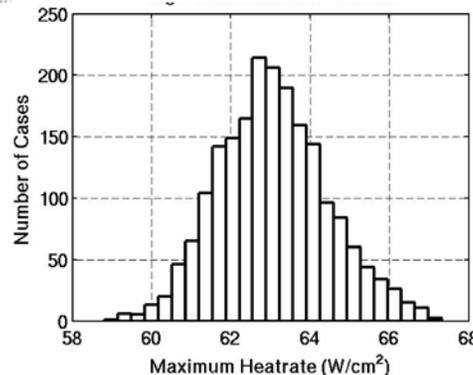
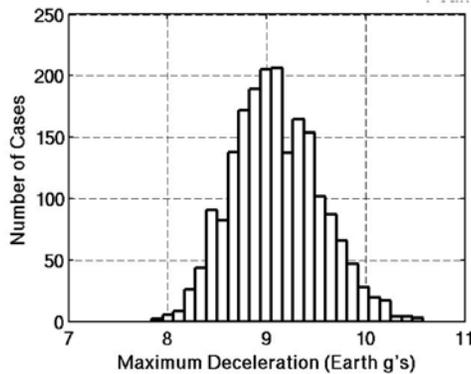


Entry, Descent: *POST2 - Program for Optimizing Simulated Trajectories*

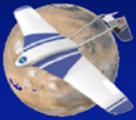
- ◆ High fidelity 3-DoF and 6 DoF simulations for entry and descent
- ◆ Loads definition (structural, dynamic, and thermal)
- ◆ Defining mission time line

Deployment (Pullout): *LaSRS - Langley Standard Real-time Simulation*

- ◆ High fidelity 6 DoF simulation for airplane flight
- ◆ Overall performance
- ◆ Primary tool for airplane flight control system development



**Existing simulation tools are sufficient to address design issues.
Configuration specific assessments will take time to develop and validate.**



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EXTRACTION AND UNFOLDING - GROUND TESTING



**Unfolding Wind Tunnel Test
March 2002**



**Release Test
June 2006**



**Extraction Dynamics
Wind Tunnel Test
Jan 2006**

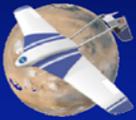


Extraction Test-Oct. 2003

**Extraction Drag
Wind Tunnel Test
Jun 2006**



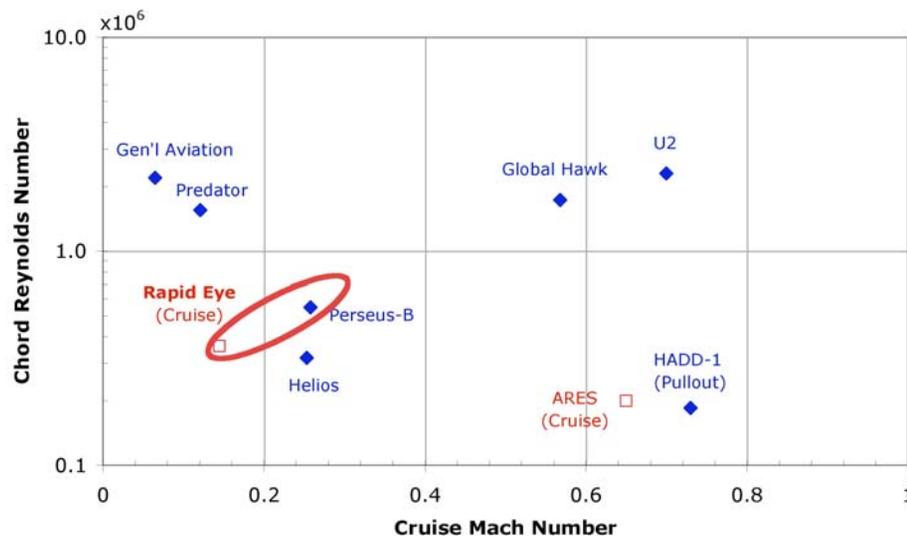
Extraction and transition requires extensive simulation, ground testing, and flight testing to bound performance - one of the key design features.



AERODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE

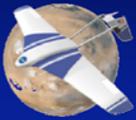


- ◆ ARES cruise regime (Low Reynolds No. with high subsonic Mach No.) requires extensive testing and analysis to validate performance
- ◆ Rapid Eye cruise regime appears to be reasonably bounded by existing vehicles and existing methods (test techniques and analytical tools). If a high speed pullout is needed as part of transition phase, then aerodynamic regime may be similar to ARES.



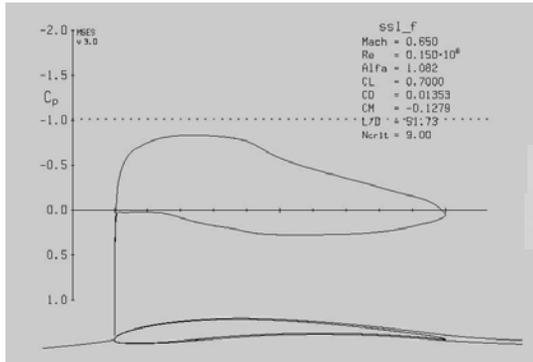
Comparison of Cruise Mach No. and Chord Reynolds No. for vehicles with similar aerodynamic conditions

Airplane	Cruise Alt.	Propulsion	Other
General Aviation	10 kft	Propeller - Engine	Crewed
Predator	25 kft	Turbo-Prop	Uncrewed-RPV
Perseus-B	60 kft	Propeller-Turbo Charged Piston	Uncrewed-RPV
Helios	96 kft	Propeller - Solar	Uncrewed-RPV
Global Hawk	60 kft	Turbo-Fan	Uncrewed-Auto.
U2	65 kft	Turbo-Jet	Crewed
HADD1	100 kft	Glider	Uncrewed-Auto. GHe balloon
ARES	105 kft (equiv)	Rocket	Uncrewed-Auto. L/V
Rapid Eye	80 kft	TBD	Uncrewed-Auto. L/V



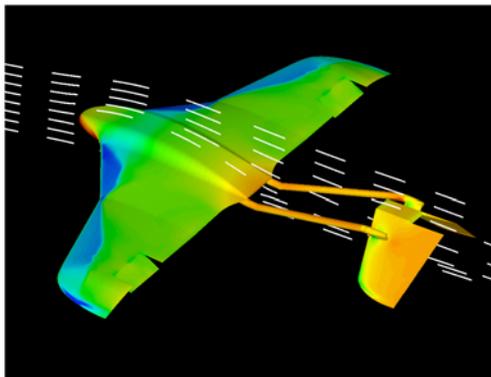
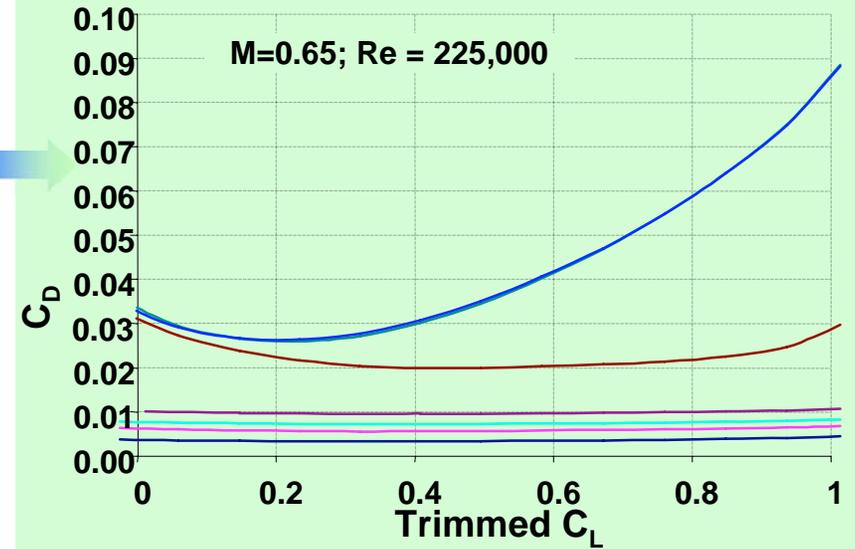
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PREDICTIVE CAPABILITY EXISTS



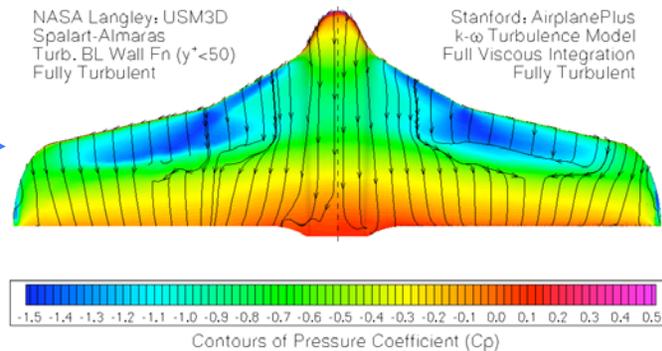
Tailored Airfoil for Mars Environment

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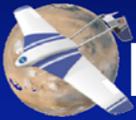


Flaperon Droop At Pullout

Comparison of N-S Solutions
ARES 2.2OML at Pullout: M=0.72 / $\alpha=5.5^\circ$ / $Re_c=150K$



Independent Corroboration



EMPIRICAL BASIS FOR PERFORMANCE PREDICTIONS



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13%-Scale

8%-Scale
(2D)

Transition Effects



25% Scale - Transonic Testing



25%-Scale - Unfolding
(Static Aero)



25%-Scale - Drogue
(Proximity Aero)



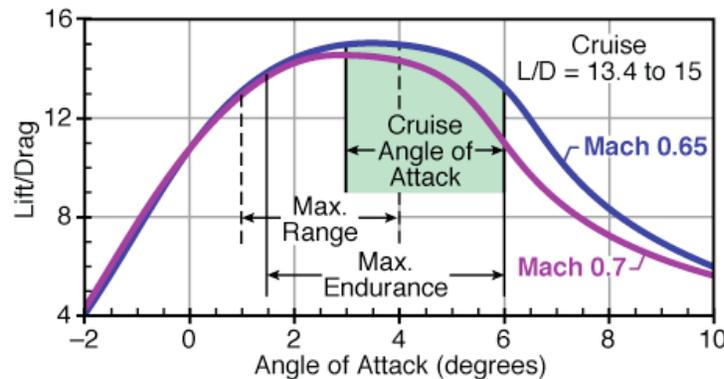
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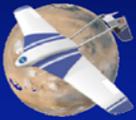
Damping

25%-Scale - Subsonic Testing



14%-Scale - Dynamic
(Rotary Balance)





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VALIDATION VIA HIGH ALTITUDE FLIGHT TESTING



Tail Deploy

**High Altitude Deployment Test,
Sept. 19, 2002
103,000 feet**



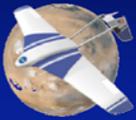
**Left Wing
Deploy**



**Right Wing
Deploy**



**Autonomous
Operation**

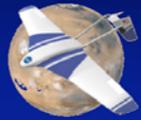


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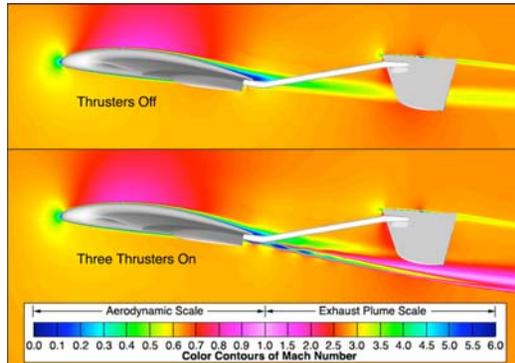
AEROPERFORMANCE CONCLUSIONS



1. ARES' configuration balances extraction and deployment risk (low number of folds) with needed aerodynamic efficiency (Cruise L/D) to meet science requirements along with development cost (configuration that lends itself to testing and analysis).
2. Extensive simulation and ground testing has shown that current tool set is capable of providing reasonable aerodynamic performance predictions even for Reynolds number as low as 75,000 at a 0.6 to 0.8 Mach No.
3. Aerodynamic efficiency can be enhanced with:
 - Increased span (reduce induced drag) - but at the price of needed additional folds (additional mechanisms) or use of telescoping or inflatable wings
 - Other drag reduction techniques (suction/blowing), etc.



ARES TRADE - PROPULSION



**ARES Propulsion Trade Study
Bi-Propellant Rocket Propulsion**

Propeller Driven:

Pros

- Most efficient for long range or endurance

Cons

- Packaging and unfolding increase complexity
- Efficiency will suffer at higher Mach no. (Supersonic tips?)
- Propeller wash over wing will reduce aero efficiency (Tractor)
- Pusher will shift CG aft
- Motor and gearbox heat rejection will be challenging
- Extensive development needed

Battery:

Pros

- Existing technology

Cons

- Constant mass
- System mass grows as mission endurance increases
- Battery heat rejection
- Limited options for high current withdrawal

Fuel Cell:

Pros

- High fuel efficiency
- Benefits increase as mission endurance increases

Cons

- Heat rejection
- High current withdrawal

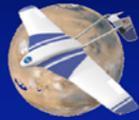
Engine:

Pros

- Wide range of propellants
- Potential to use air as an oxidizer
- Lower system mass

Cons

- Heat rejection



KEY ISSUE - FLIGHT CONTROLS



Flight Controls Robustness:
 Single String vs Block Redundant
 Functional Redundancy
 Fault Tolerance

Flight Software:
 New vs Reuse
 Real-Time Operating System
 Development Environment
 Software updates/uploads
 Data collection and return
 Redundancy Management

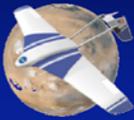
Flight Controls Strategy:
 Autonomous vs Remote
 Deployment flight initialization
 High Speed Pullout
 Cruise strategy
 Recovery strategy



Navigation Strategy:
 Rapid Deployment - Initialization
 I-Loads Updates
 Terrain recognition for position
 knowledge augmentation
 Retasking during operations

Sensors:
 Environments
 Self-calibration
 Reliability after long-term storage
 Air Data in low pressure
 Low drift IMU
 Redundancy





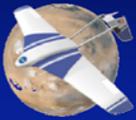
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LAUNCH ENVIRONMENT COMPARISON



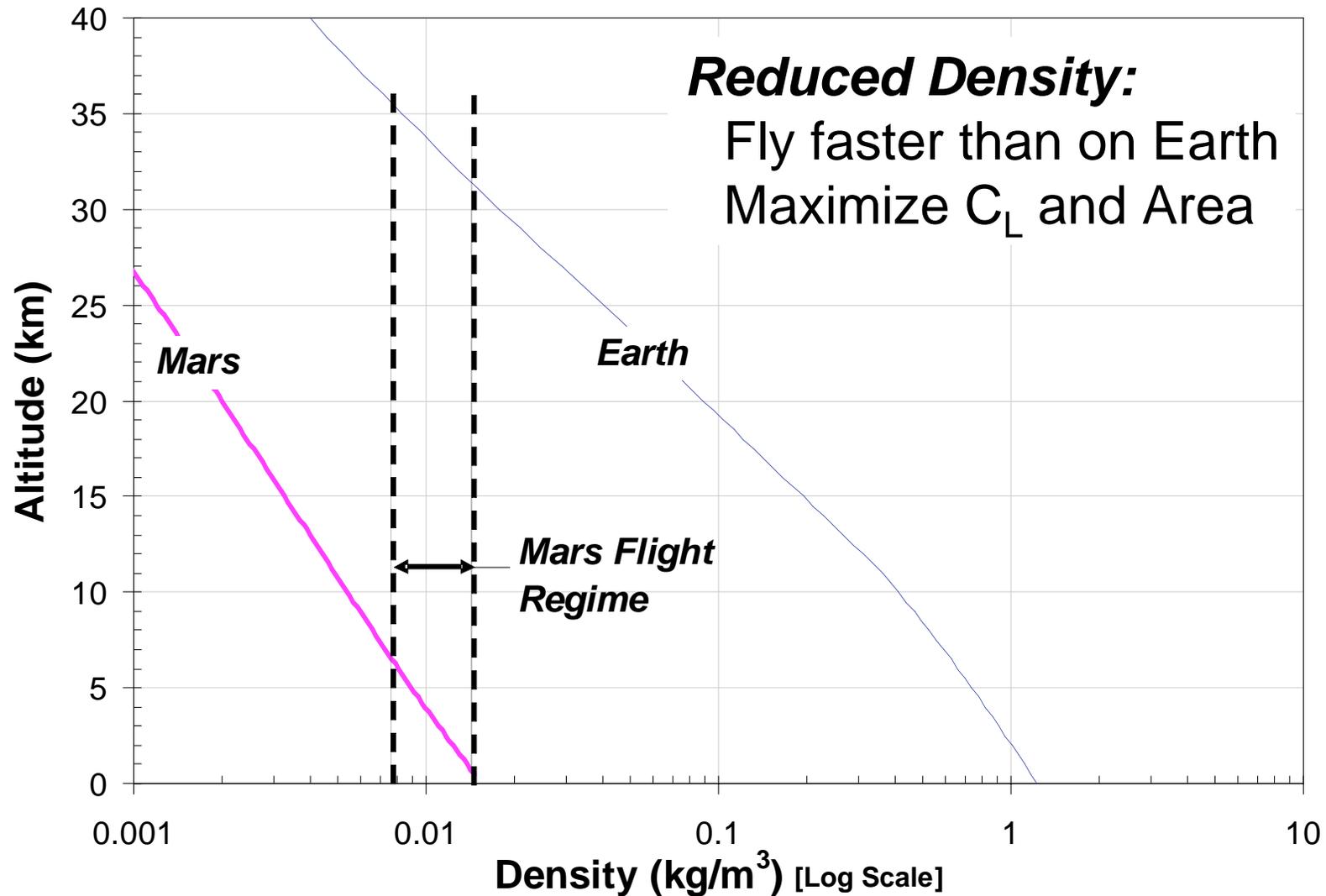
Parameter	Delta II-2925H (ARES)	Minotaur IV (reference)
Payload Mass Considered	1050 kg (to Mars)	2050 kg (suborbital)
Fairing Static Envelope ID	2.54 m (2.65 m with exceptions)	2.06 m
Fairing Length	4 m	4.62 m
CG Height Above Attachment Plane	1.15 m (based on 1050 kg)	?
First Axial Mode	35 Hz	35 Hz - no isolation 12 Hz - with isolation?
First Lateral Mode	15 Hz	12 Hz
Peak g's - Liftoff	11.3 g's - Axial 4.5 g's - Lateral	3.9 g's - Axial 0.46 g's - Lateral
Peak g's - MECO	16.7 g's - Axial 0.2 g's - Lateral	3.96 g's - Axial 2.89 g's - Lateral (2nd Stage Ignition)
Peak g's - TECO	8.8 g's - Axial 0.1 g's - Lateral 80 RPM Spin - Z-axis	6.45 g's - Axial 0.59 g's - Lateral

Primary structure sizing dominated by launch loads and frequencies leading to large structural mass fraction. Fairing diameter and vertical CG limits drive configuration as well. Strategies for increasing the overall structural capability are essential.



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OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT COMPARISON



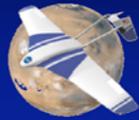


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OTHER ISSUES



- ◆ Thermal - Heat Rejection
 - ARES mission duration allowed systems to reach upper limits while sinking heat into the structure
 - Rapid Eye mission duration will most likely require dedicated subsystems to absorb and/or reject heat - convective heat transfer is strongly coupled to Reynolds number so that the low Reynolds number cruise at high altitude will be a significant issue
- ◆ Electrical Power - source
- ◆ Structures and Mechanisms
 - Reliable mechanisms/systems needed for deployment
 - High launch and deployment loads will drive structural arrangement
- ◆ Aeroelasticity - low damping available; high aspect ratio wings will be susceptible to aeroelastic effects
- ◆ Data Return
 - ARES strategy of in-flight data return is analogous to Rapid Eye
 - Band is important
 - Antenna size and placement are essential - broadcast up and down?



SUMMARY



◆ Enabling Technologies:

Packaging/Delivery:

Within Entry System & Launch Vehicle
Extraction & Unfolding
Energy Management

Propulsion:

Efficiency
Energy Storage & Conversion
Accommodation of Prime Mover
Heat Rejection

Flight Controls:

Sensors
Navigation Strategy
Robustness
Autonomy

◆ Driving Issues:

Environments:

Launch & Entry
High Altitude Ops.
Thermal, Low Pressure, Aero

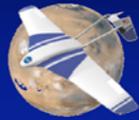
Payload/Requirements:

Mass/Power
Pointing/Stability
Heat Rejection
Endurance/Loiter
Data return

Aero/Flight Dynamics:

Re/Mach No.
Stability (Natural, Augmented)
Performance (Lift, Drag, Trim)

Deployable airplanes from a launch vehicle and/or entry system are within the state of the art.



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ARES POINTS OF CONTACT

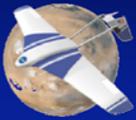


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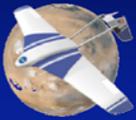


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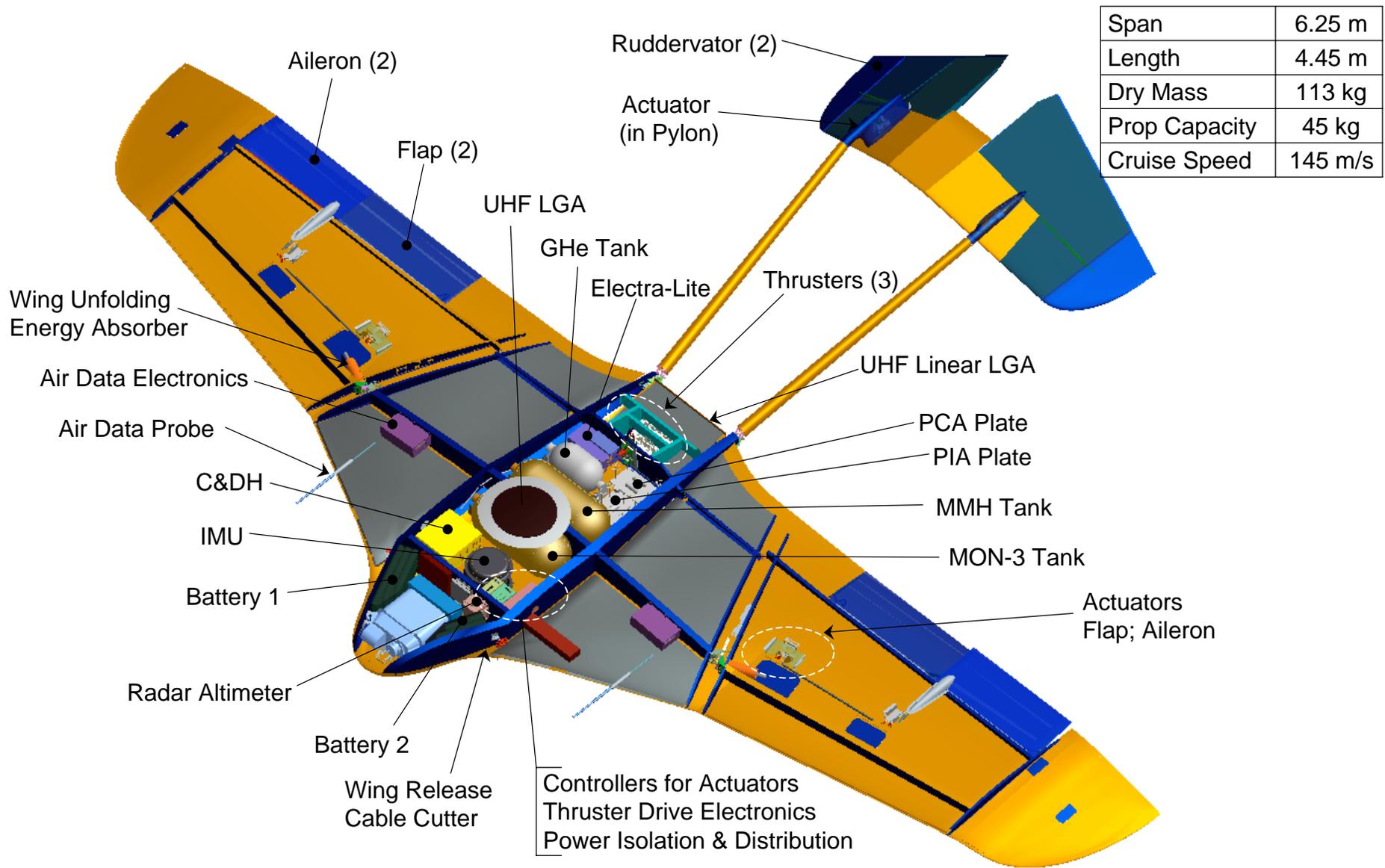
ARES Mars Airplane

PRE-DECISIONAL DRAFT - For Planning and Discussion Purposes Only

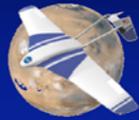


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ARES AIRPLANE CONFIGURATION



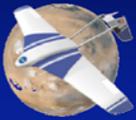
Span	6.25 m
Length	4.45 m
Dry Mass	113 kg
Prop Capacity	45 kg
Cruise Speed	145 m/s



AIRPLANE SUBSYSTEM OVERVIEW



Subsystem	Description
Airframe	Composite structure; Titanium hinges and deployment energy absorbers
Propulsion	Liquid rocket (bi-propellant - MMH & MON-3); Titanium tanks with PMD's; Helium pressurant; Pressure Control in tanks; 3 Thrusters (22 N ea);
C&DH	Rad750 based processor, 3u form factor in a cPCI format. Vx Works OS
ACS (G&N)	IMU, Radar Altimeter, Air Data Subsystem, Actuators
FSW	Flight Software - from Separation through End of Flight
Electrical Power	Primary batteries (Li-SO ₂), dual bus, 28 VDC
Telecom	UHF Uplink/Downlink, Omni Patch antenna on airplane for downlink
Thermal	MLI, Thermostatic Heaters, Heat Sinks



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EARTH-MARS COMPARISON



Distance from Sun = 93 Million miles
Diameter = 7917 miles
Atmos. = 79% N₂; 21% O₂
Speed of Sound = 760 mph
Gravity = 32.2 ft/sec²
Surface Pressure = 1000 mbars
Surface Temperature = 70° F

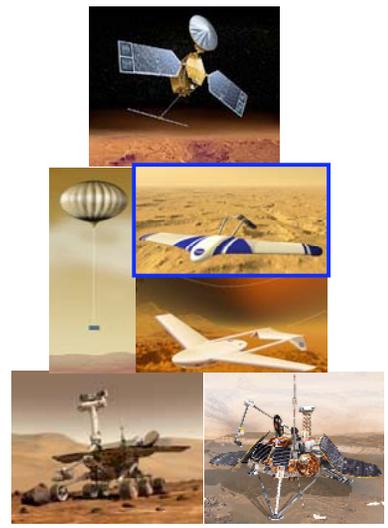
Distance from Sun = 142 Million miles
Diameter = 4213 miles
Atmos. = 95.3% CO₂; 2.7% N₂; 1.6% Ar
Speed of Sound = 500 mph
Gravity = 12.1 ft/sec²
Surface Pressure = 6.4 mbars
Surface Temperature = -80° F



KEY ARCHITECTURE TRADES



Platform Selection



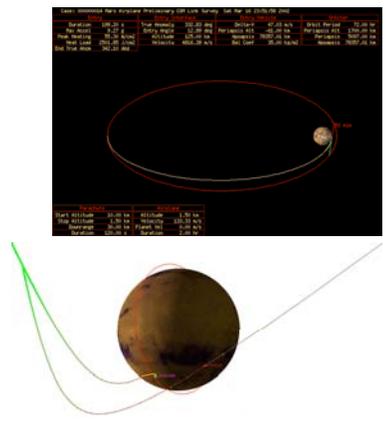
- Orbiter** - unable to meet science resolution requirements
- Aerial-Balloon** - unable to provide needed control
- Aerial-Powered Airplane** - meets all science requirements
- Aerial-Glider** - unable to meet science range within cost
- Surface-Rover** - unable to meet science measurement needs
- Surface-Lander** - no mobility

Airplane Configuration



Driving constraints included aeroshell packaging and mission requirements. Final airplane configuration was evolved from cursory studies (weeks) through detailed design and testing (months). Current configuration has complete aerodynamic data base.

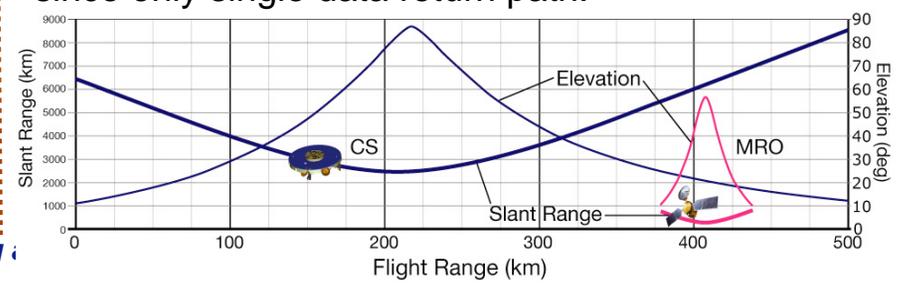
Entry Strategy



- Deorbit** - unable to remain within cost cap; not needed to meet science requirements.
- Direct Entry with Flyby S/C** - meets all science requirements and remains within cost cap
- Direct Entry without S/C** - Data return limited to 7 minute window; risk of lost data is too high

Data Return Strategy

- Post-flight** - Requires survivable landing - increases complexity (ability to meet launch date)
- In-Flight - Dual path through Carrier S/C and existing orbiter (MRO)** - meets all requirements
- In-Flight - single path through Carrier S/C** - potential descope - increases risk of lost data since only single data return path.





Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator Technology Development

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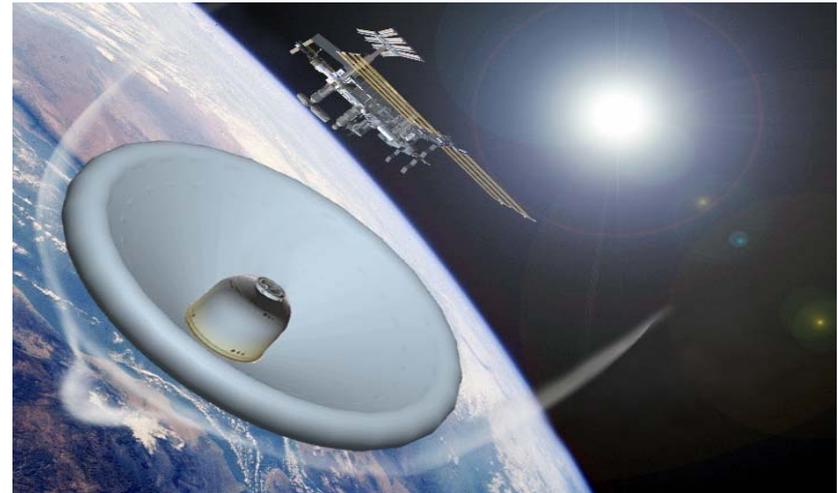
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Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerators

◆ **Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerators support NASA's Missions through:**

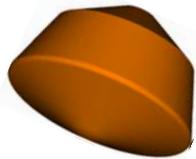
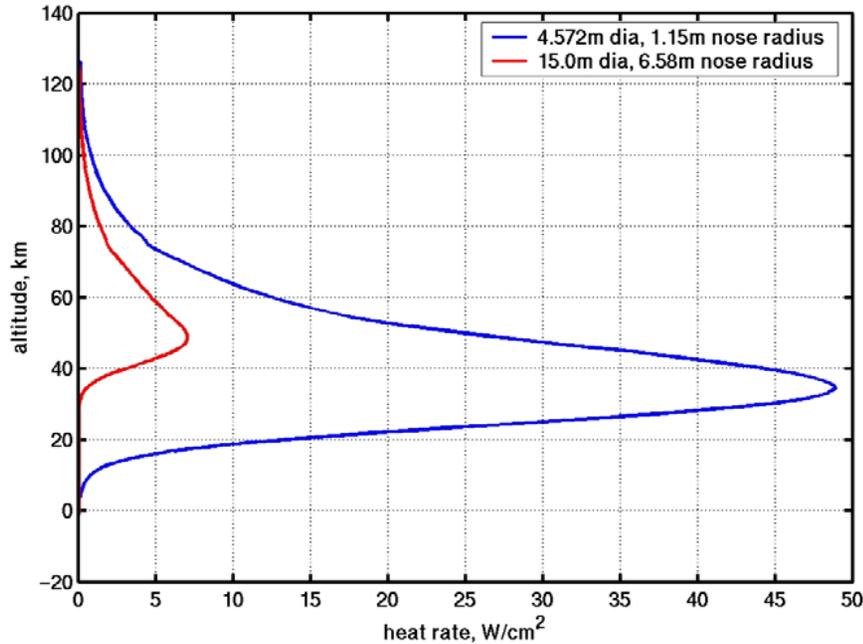
- For Mars...
 - Increasing landed mass, payload mass fraction, and payload volume fraction for missions Increasing the altitude to which payloads can be delivered
- For Earth...
 - Providing a low-mass, low-volume method for returning payloads to Earth (International Space Station payloads in the post-Space Shuttle era, planetary sample-return missions, etc.)



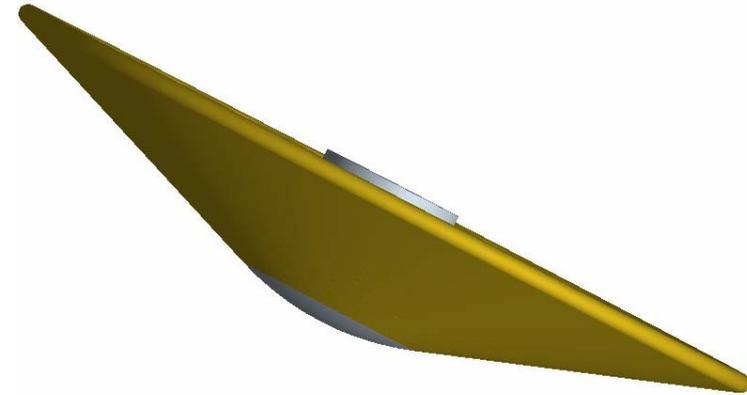


Motivation – Mars Entry, Descent, & Landing

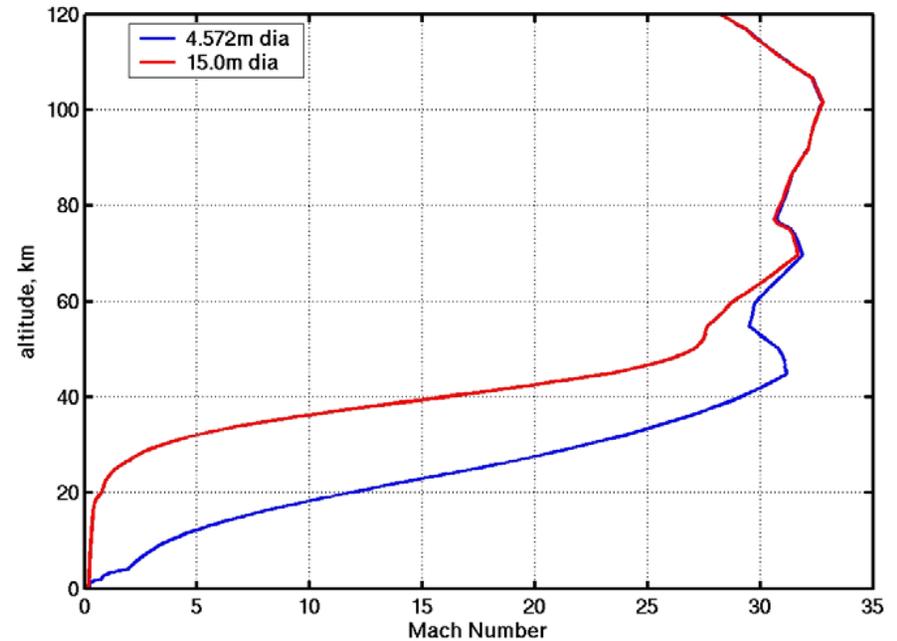
Direct Ballistic Entry, 6km/s, 2200kg Entry Mass,
1.3N, 27.0 longitude landing site



4.572m Rigid 70deg Sphere-Cone

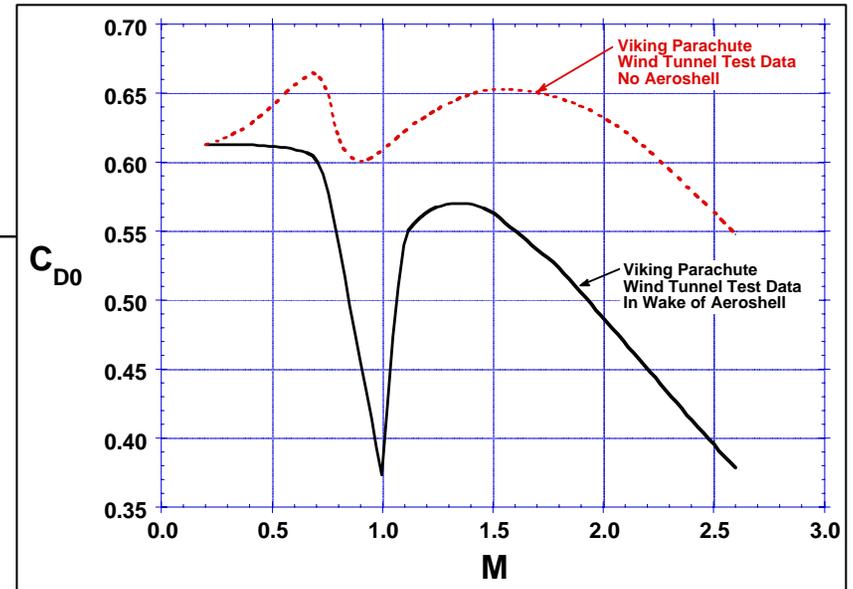
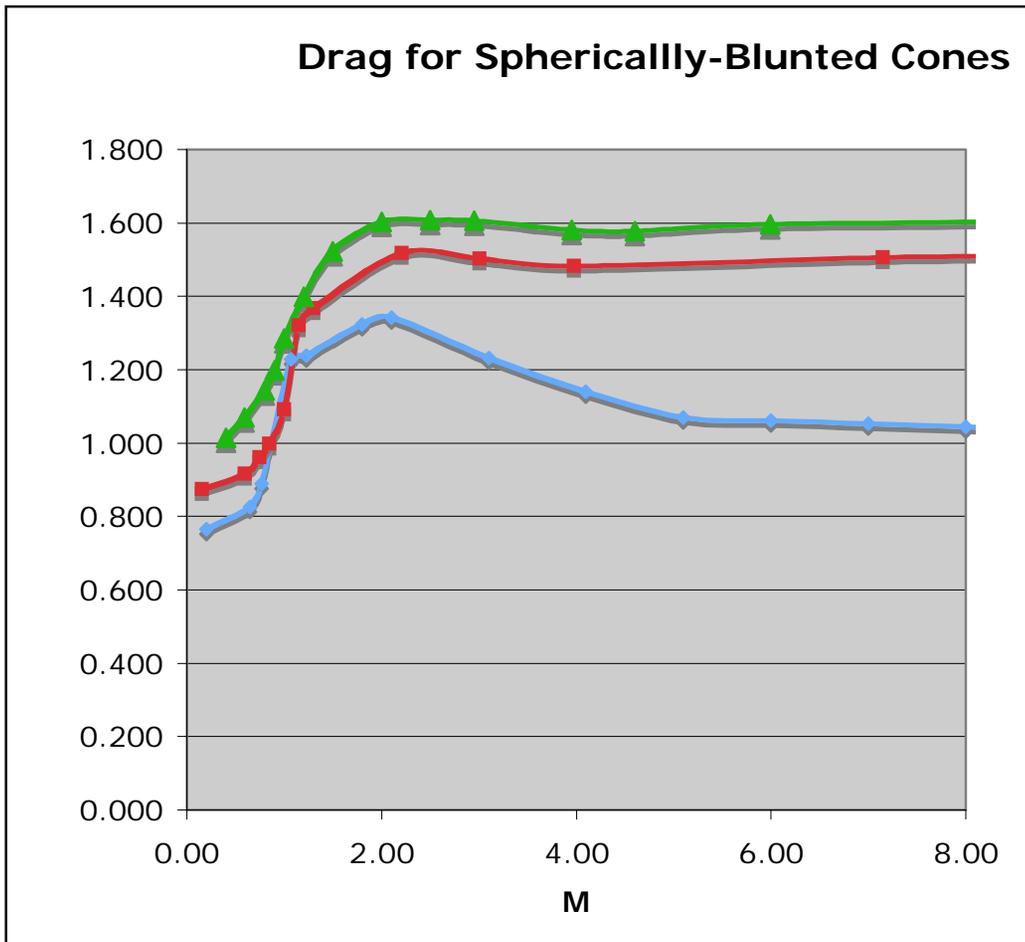


15m Inflatable 70deg Sphere-Cone





Motivation – Supersonic Decelerator



- 45-deg cone
- 60-deg cone
- 70-deg cone

- Advantages over parachute:**
- No transonic drag bucket
 - Higher CD
 - CD maintained with increasing M
 - Directionally stable
 - No 3-body motion

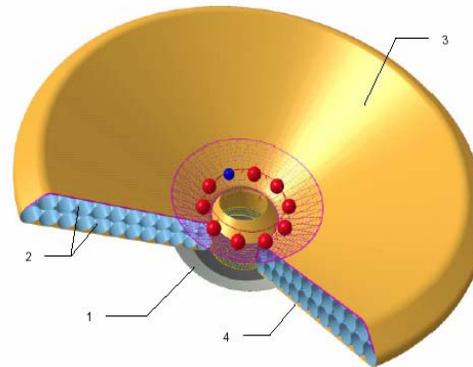


Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator Concepts

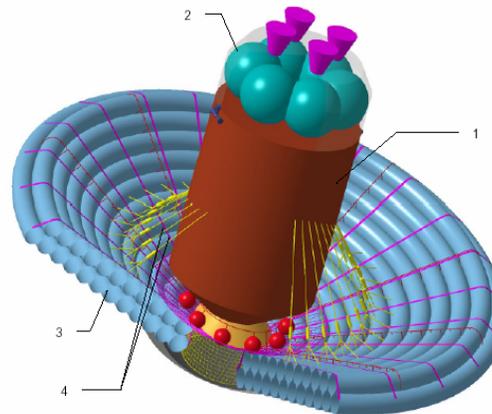
Inflatable Reentry & Descent Technology (IRDT)



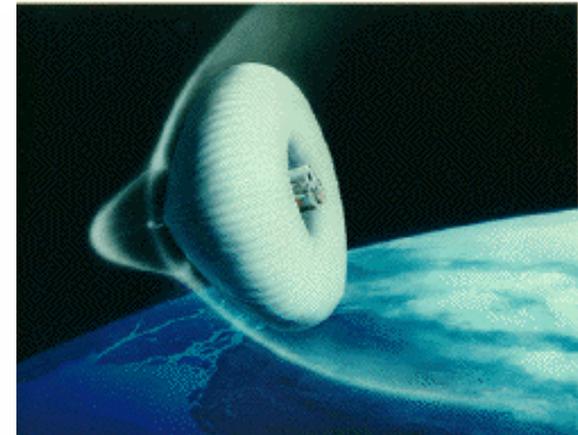
Mars Inflatable Aeroshell System (MIAS)



- 1 - Rigid Front Shield (RFS);
- 2 - IBU's toro-shaped shells;
- 3 - Flexible Thermal Protection Coating (TPC);
- 4 - Outer coric-shaped shell (with TPC).



Balloon + Parachute Ballute





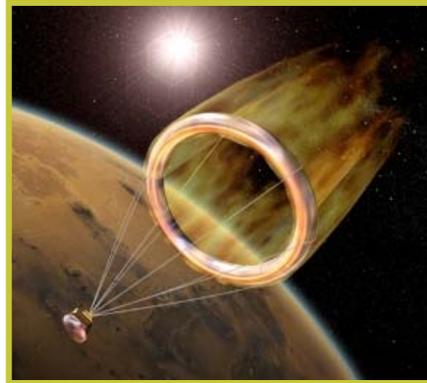
Low Ballistic Coefficient Entry System Alternatives

Higher TRL Rigid Aeroshells



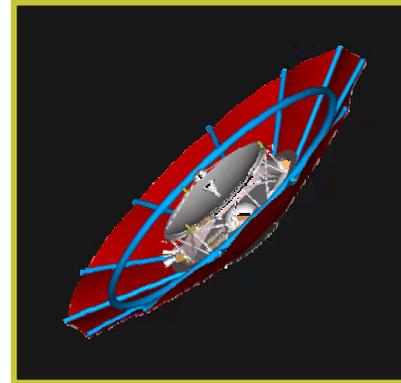
- Moderate to high maturity
- Rigid aeroshells widely used in direct entry systems: Mars Rovers, Genesis, Stardust...
- Provides modest tolerance for nav and atmospheric uncertainties

Lower TRL Inflatable Deceleration Systems/Ballutes (“Balloon Parachutes”)

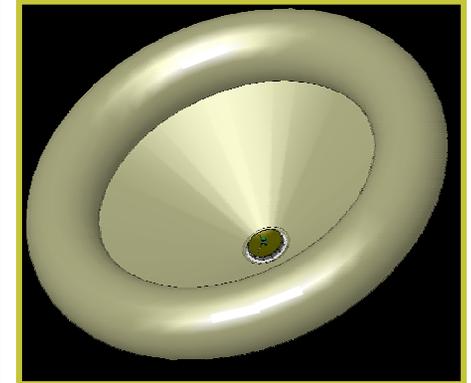


Trailing Ballute

- Lower maturity
- Applicable to all size and shape payloads
- Payload not enclosed during interplanetary cruise as with rigid aeroshell system
- Reduced heating conditions
- Packaging efficiencies



Inflatable
Aeroshell



Clamped Ballute





Technology Development Areas

◆ Ten Technology Development Areas

- ✓ 1. Heatshield Materials
- ✓ 2. Bladder Materials
- ✓ 3. Atmospheric Deployment
- ✓ 4. Aerodynamic Performance Requirements
- ✓ 5. Structural Configurations
- ✓ 6. Aero-thermo-elasticity Analysis
- ✓ 7. Inflation Systems

- 8. Health Monitoring Systems
- 9. GNC – Implications of the Inflatable
- 10. Payload Separation System

■ Inflatable Aeroshell Only

■ High-Mach Supersonic Decelerator Only

■ Both

✓ Areas under investigation in IRVE and/or PAIDAE

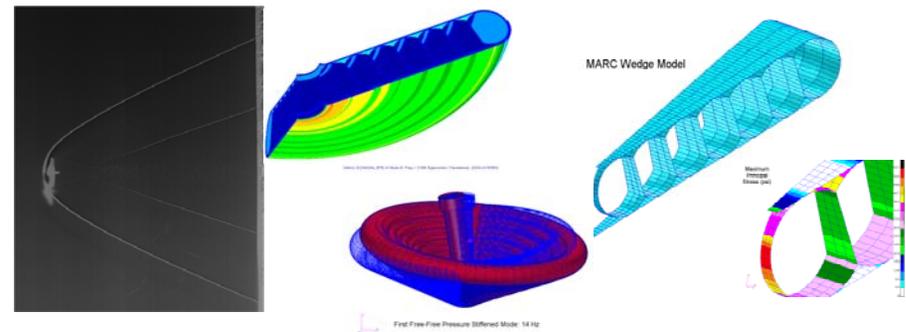
◆ IRVE

- First-time build & flight of non-ablative Inflatable Aeroshell Concept



◆ PAIDAE

- Initial research, testing, and systems analysis to mature each technology development area.





Inflatable Re-entry Vehicle Experiment (IRVE)



Inflatable Re-entry Vehicle Experiment

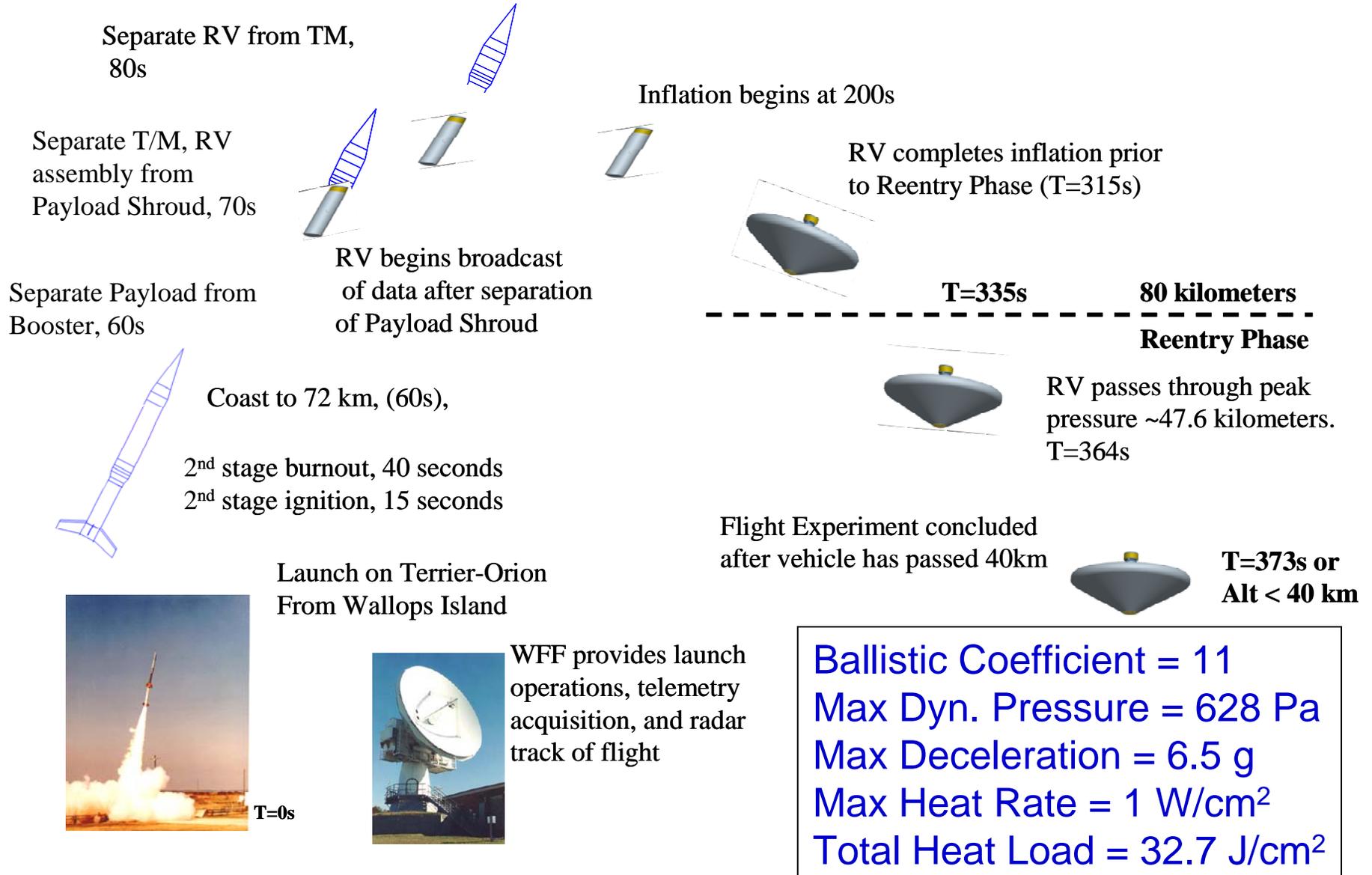
◆ Inflatable Re-entry Vehicle Experiment (IRVE)

- Began: December 2003
- Sounding Rocket Flight Test: August 28, 2007
- Post Flight Conference: November 2007



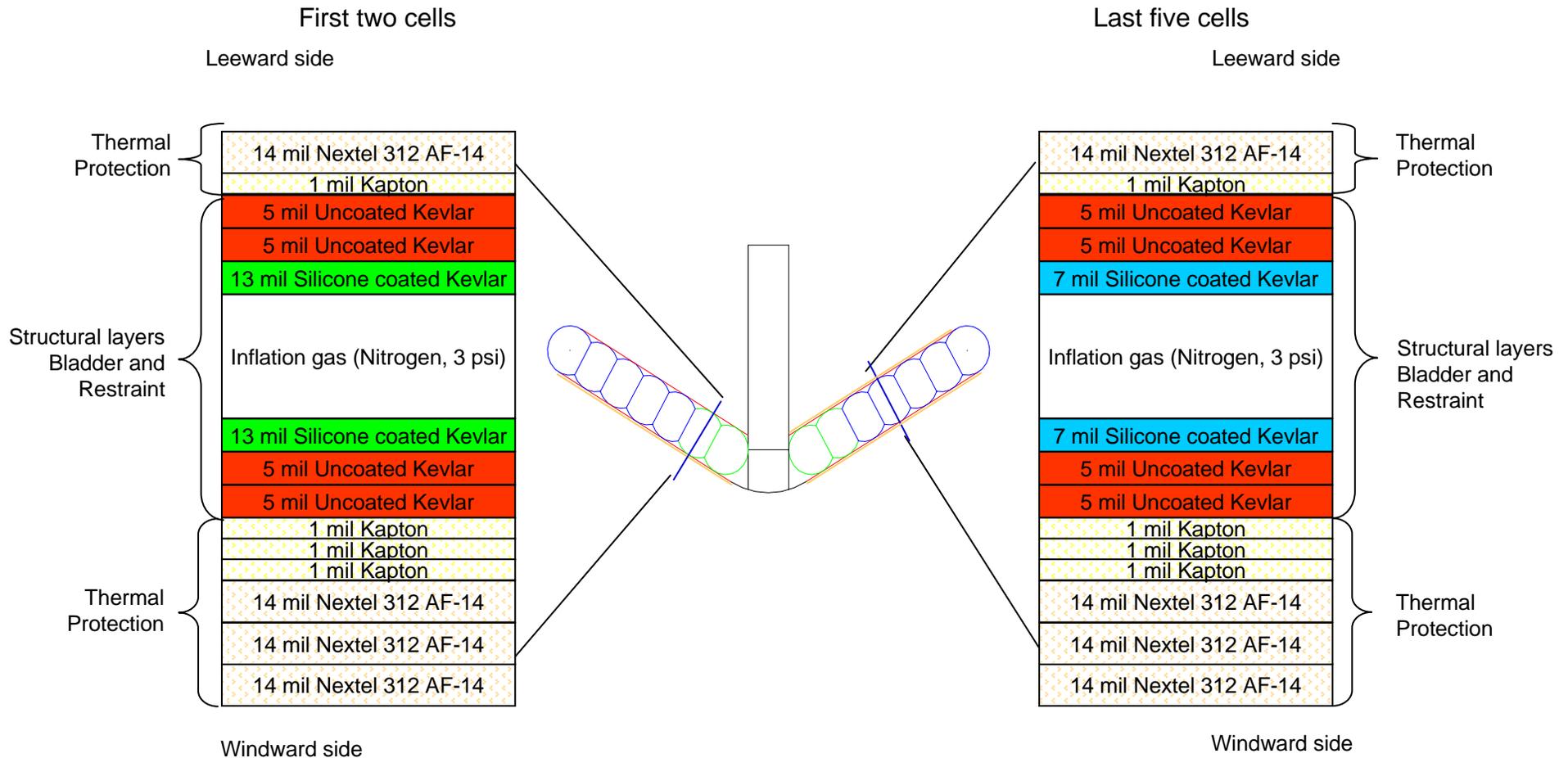


IRVE Mission Concept





Inflatable Aeroshell Ply Lay-Up



- ◆ **Off-the-shelf aerospace fabrics**
- ◆ **Non-optimal structure (with respect to mass)**
- ◆ **Aeroshell “overkill” for IRVE flight environment**



Data Products

◆ Aeroshell Structural Dynamics (Photogrammetry Results)

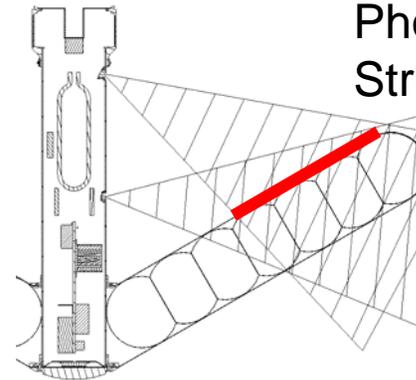
◆ Flight Path Data Products

- Trajectory Reconstruction
- Angle-of-Angle History
- C_A History

◆ In-depth & radial Aeroshell Temperature Distribution

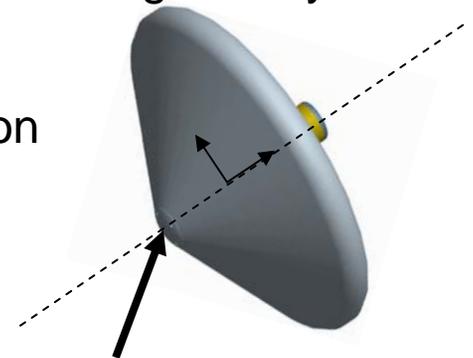
◆ Housekeeping Data Products

- Inflation System Tank Temperature & Pressure
- Aeroshell Bladder Pressures
- Ambient Pressure
- Transmitter Temperatures
- Voltages

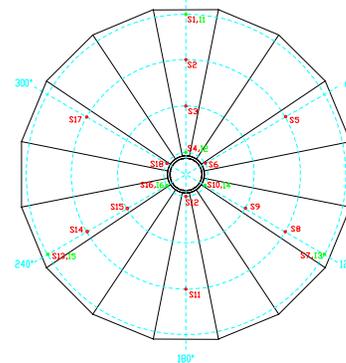


Photogrammetric Structural Analysis

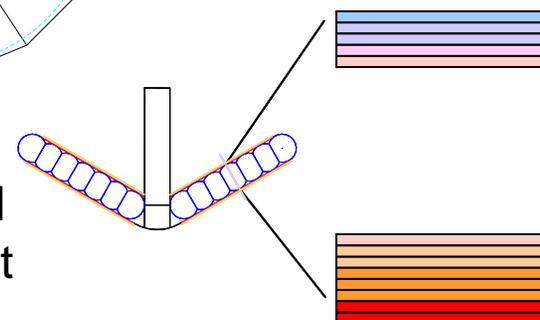
Attitude, Trajectory, Drag History



Temperature Distribution



Thermal Gradient





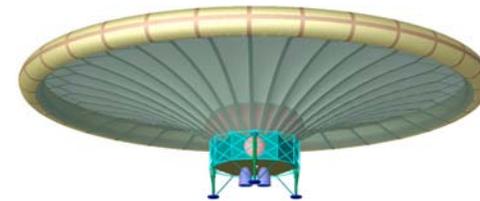
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PAIDAE Testing

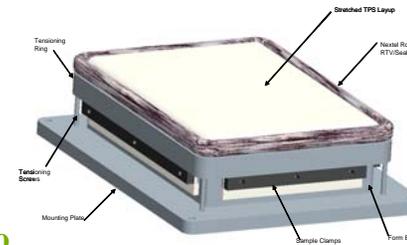
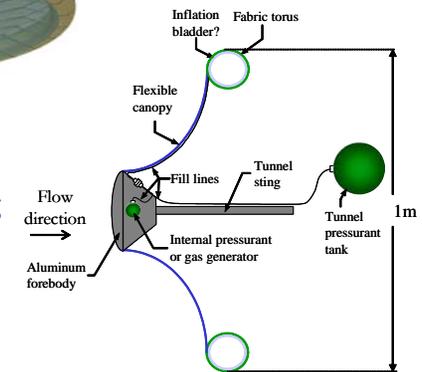
◆ Program to Advance Inflatable Decelerators for Atmospheric Entry (PAIDAE)

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- Ground Testing & Analyses ongoing through September 2007
- Data Reduction & Documentation through Spring 2008



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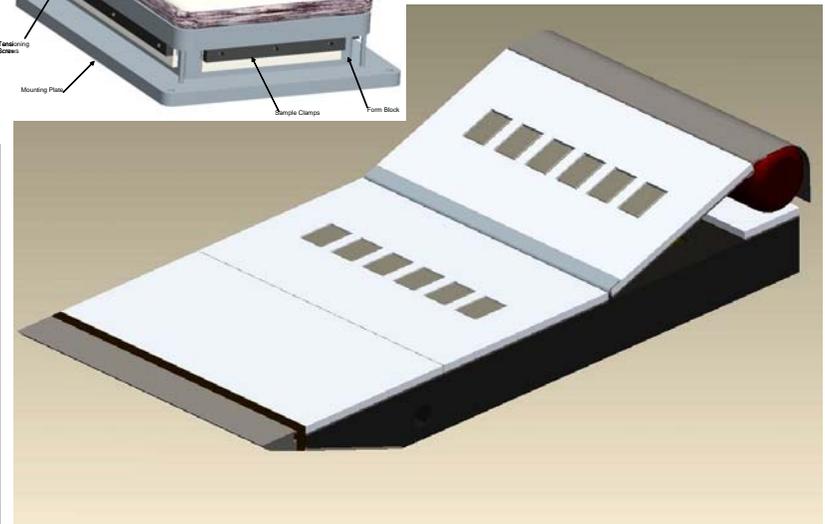
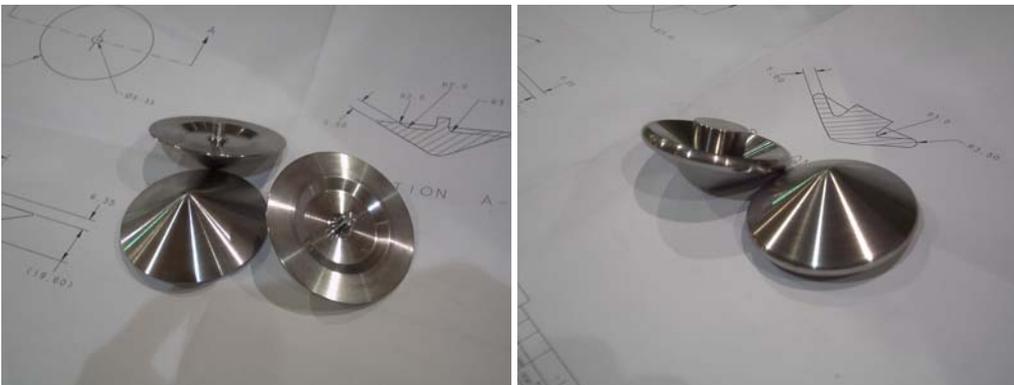
Atmospheric Deployment Testing
GRC 10x10 Facility
LaRC Unitary Facility
Model Concept: Tension Cone



8' HTT TPS Coupon Test

Ballistic Range Test Matrix:

-Tests w/ variations in half-angle, shoulder radius, & aftbody aspect ratio





8' High Temperature Tunnel Test

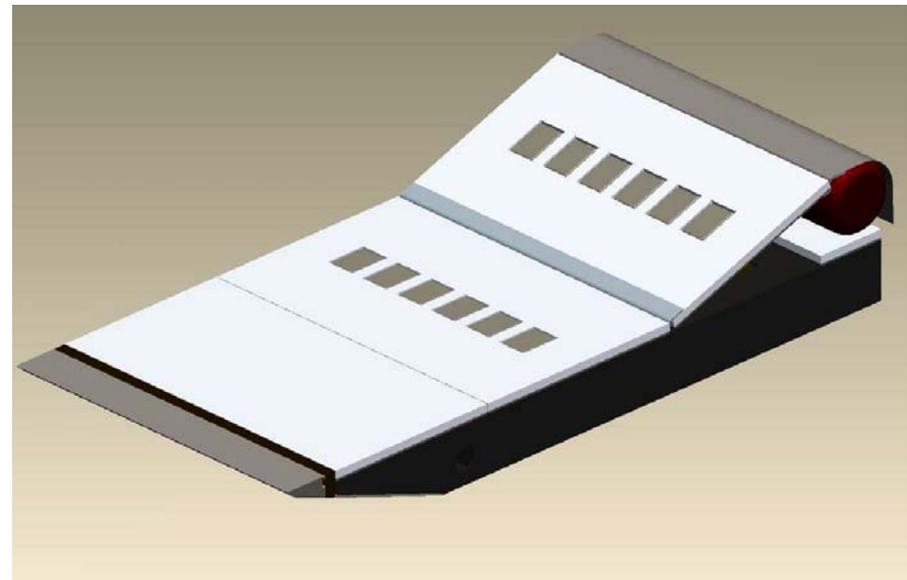
◆ Goals

- Determine the survivability and performance of various fabric TPS lay-ups
- Validate thermal performance modeling

◆ Model Configurations

- Heat Shield Materials (outer layer)
 - Nextel
 - Carbon Cloth
 - Refrasil
- Insulators
 - Pyrogel
 - Refrasil
- Gas Barrier
 - Kapton
 - Upilex

◆ 12 lay-ups per run / 5-10 runs



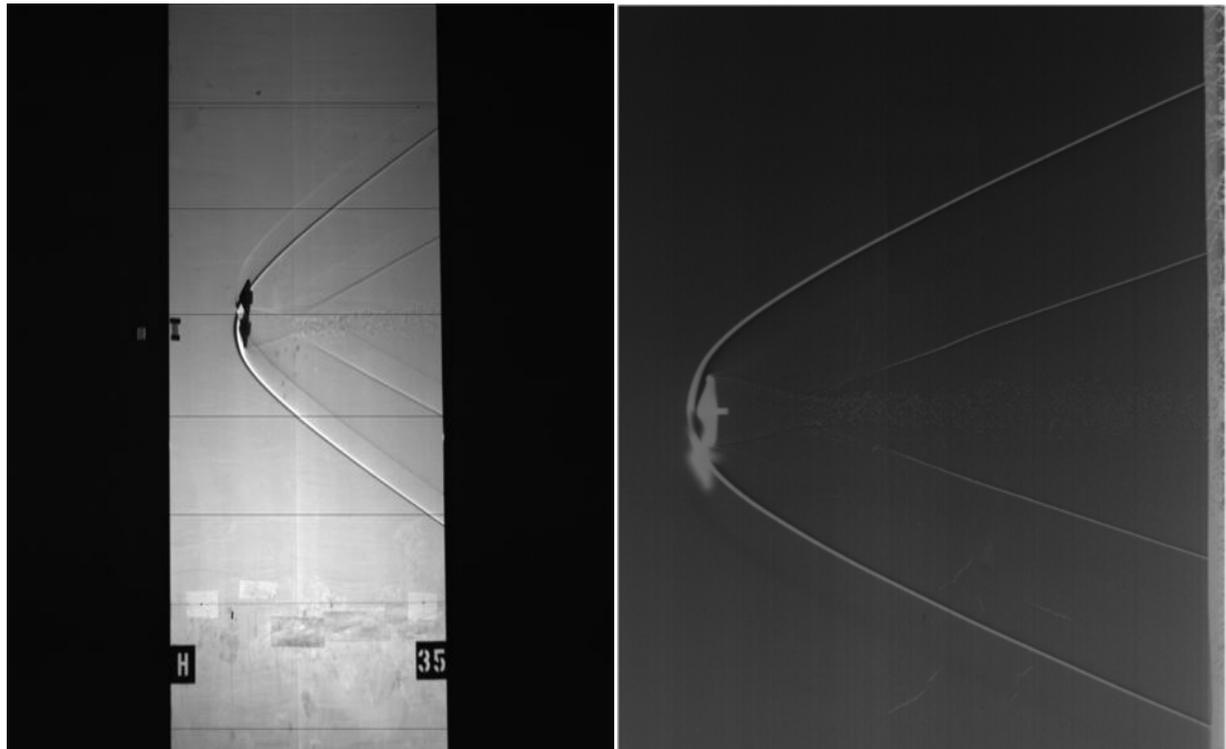
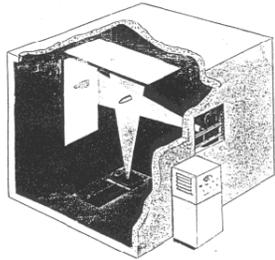
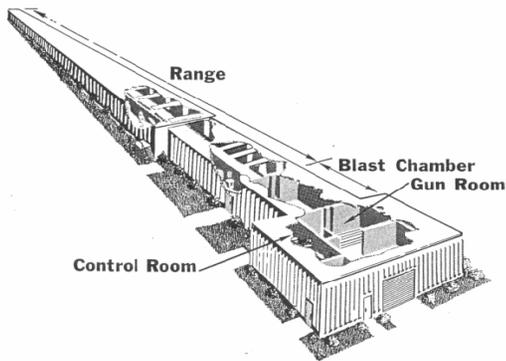
◆ Test Conditions

- Achieved by variation in sled angle of attack
- High surface pressures
- Mission relevant heat flux (4 – 40 W/cm²)



Ballistic Range Testing

- ◆ Tucked body vehicles have shown best dynamic stability
- ◆ No (or minimal) aftbody for flow to impinge on
- ◆ How tucked does aftbody need to be?
- ◆ Testing to examine variations in vehicle dynamic stability due to changes in aft-body aspect ratio (cylinder diameter to height)
- ◆ Testing also to examine dynamic stability benefits of sharpening shoulder radius





PAIDAE Status

◆ **Ballistic Range Testing**

- 40 test shots to be conducted
- Test Completed July 9

◆ **8' High Temperature Tunnel TPS testing**

- Test Planning, Coupon/Sled Fabrication underway
- Testing expected to commence in late-August / early-September

◆ **Studies**

- Roadmapping kick-off at LaRC in late May
- Application & Structural configuration studies underway



Relevance to Rapid Eye

- ◆ **Low Ballistic Coefficient Inflatable Decelerator may be a solution for meeting the Rapid Eye Entry requirements**
- ◆ **Some technology development work has been done in this area, but is a low TRL technology**
- ◆ **Technical Risks**
 - Aeroshell Packing
 - Aeroshell damage
 - Mass properties / c.g. offset
 - Aeroshell rigidity vs. mass trade-off
 - Inflation system performance vs. volume vs. mass vs. complexity
 - Material Properties at condition
 - Aerothermal elasticity analysis
- ◆ **Ten Technology Development Areas**
 8. Health Monitoring Systems
 9. GNC – Implications of the Inflatable
 10. Payload Separation System



Questions?

Airborne Deployment of Wings & Surfaces on Unmanned Air Vehicles

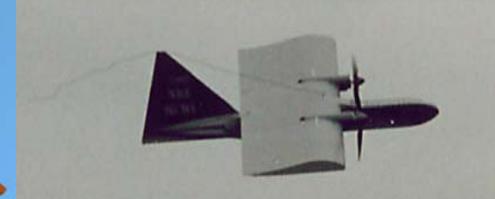


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NRL Small UAVs – 1979 to Present

- 57 Programs
- 230+ Air vehicles
- \$160M Navy Technology Investment
- \$62M+ Non-Navy Sponsorship





Outline

1. Design Considerations
2. Examples of NRL Technology Demonstrators
 - LODED
 - FLYRT
 - FINDER
 - Extender
 - Matador
 - Adler
 - Spotlight
3. Summary



Design Considerations

Mission Requirements
Gross Weight
Propulsion & Prime Power
Aircraft Configuration

Package Volume
Package Shape
Package Mass
Folding Rigid vs. Inflatable Structure*
Airborne Deployment



All Aircraft

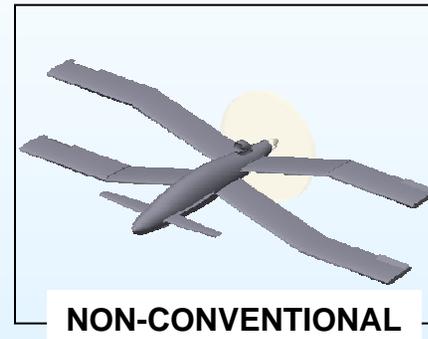
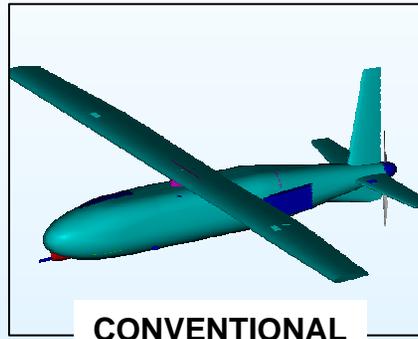


Air-Deployable
Aircraft

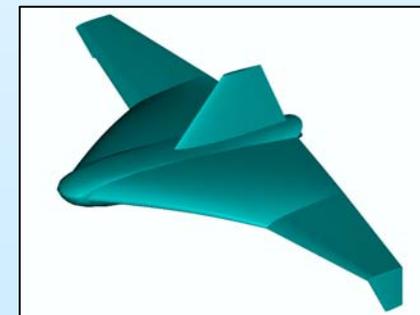
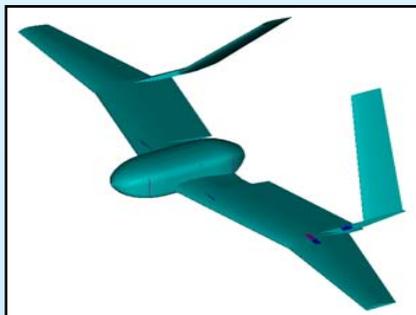


Aircraft Configuration

Conventional vs. Non-Conventional: What is a Conventional Configuration?



What about these?

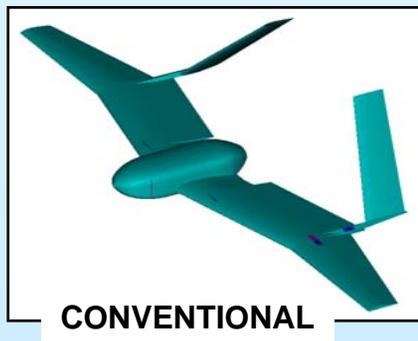
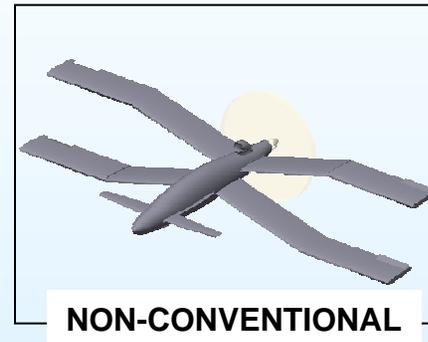
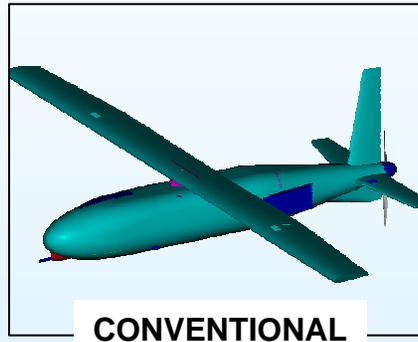




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Conventional vs. Non-Conventional: What is a Conventional Configuration?

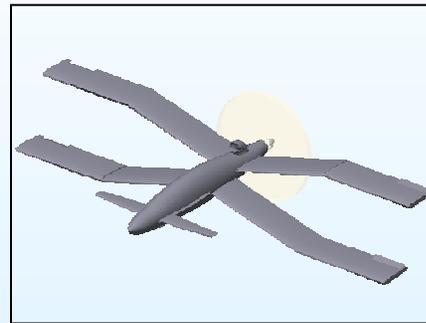
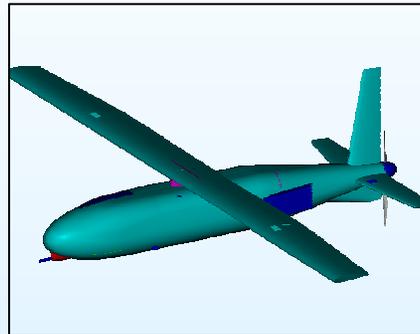
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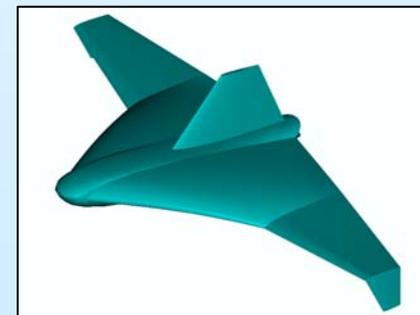
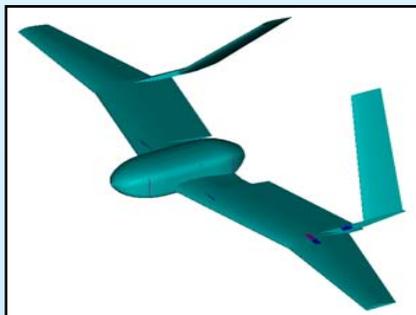


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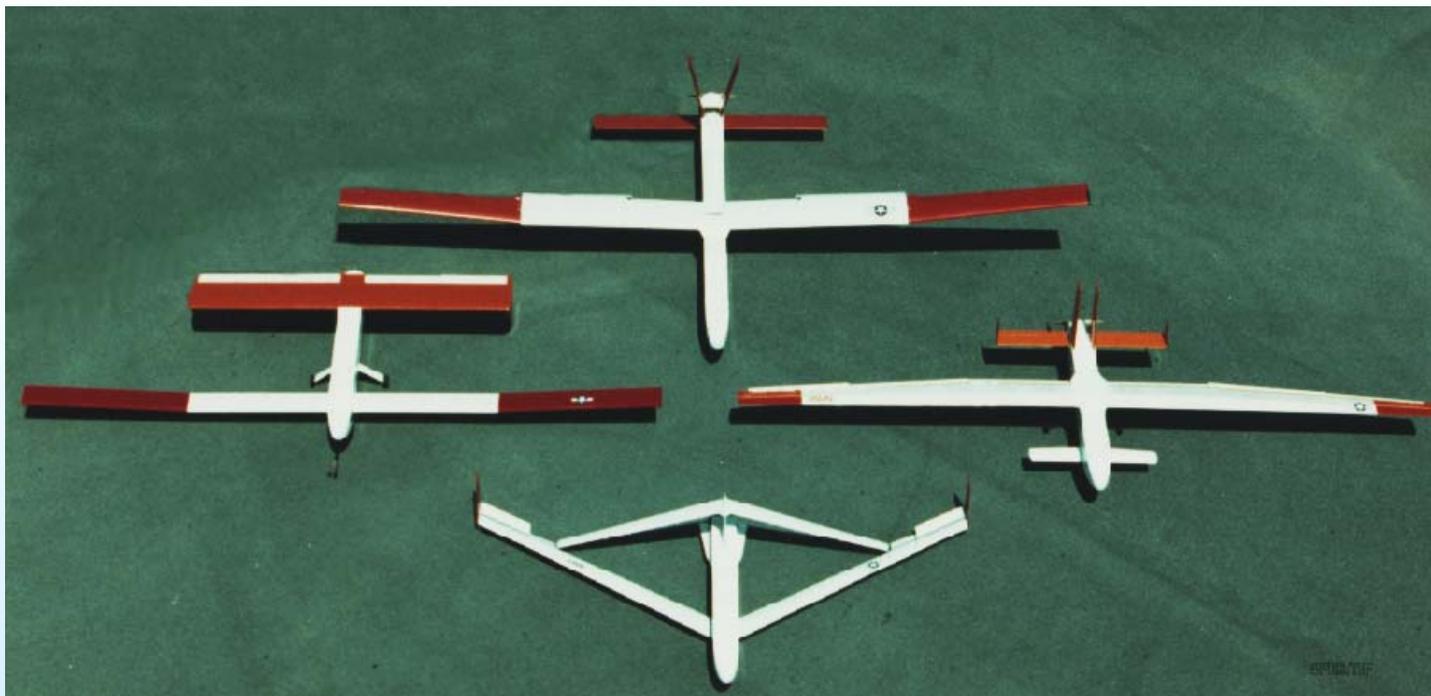
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What is the cost to aero performance when packaging/deployment drive Configuration?



Low Altitude/ Airspeed Unmanned Research Aircraft (LAURA) 1985-1990

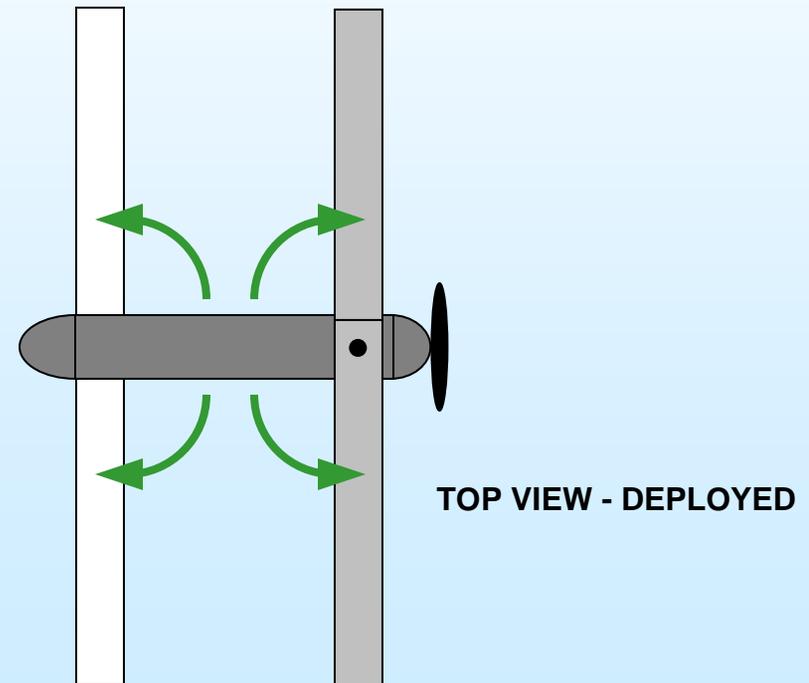
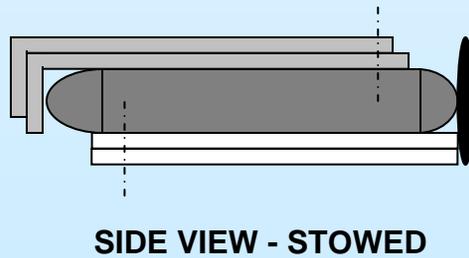


Specifications

Wing Span	15 ft to 26 ft
Gross Weight	45 lb to 60 lb
Mission Payload Weight	15 lb to 20 lb
Maximum Speed	50 kt
Cruise Speed	20 kt to 25 kt
Endurance (est.)	40 hr to 60 hr
Container Size	1.5 ft X 1.5 ft X 6.5 ft



Long Endurance Expendable Decoy (LODED) 1978-1982





Flying Radar Target (FLYRT) Advanced Technology Demonstration 1991-1993

Purpose:

- Demonstrate the capability to rapidly deploy from an unmodified MK-36 DLS launcher, a sophisticated electronic decoy for ships defense against advanced RF-guided anti-ship missiles.

Features:

- Low "g" (50 max) solid fuel rocket motor
- 1.5 Hp brushless DC-electric motor
- Silver-Zinc batteries for extended flight endurance
- In-flight deployable wings, tails, propeller, and antenna
- NRL-designed high efficiency molded composite propeller
- Autonomous flight control featuring a state-of-the-art NRL developed low-cost fiber-optic gyro sensor





Flying Radar Target (FLYRT) Deployment Sequence



Flight Inserted Detector Expendable for Reconnaissance 2000 - Present



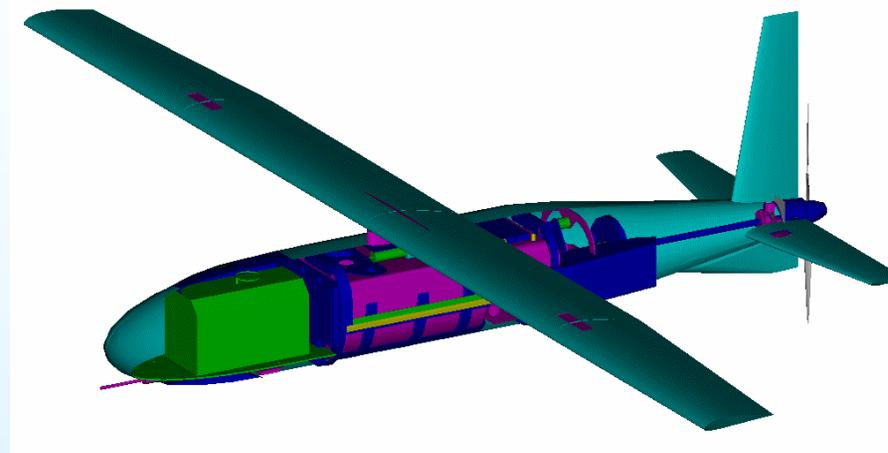
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**Post-strike chemical agent
point sensor deployed from
Predator UAV**





FINDER



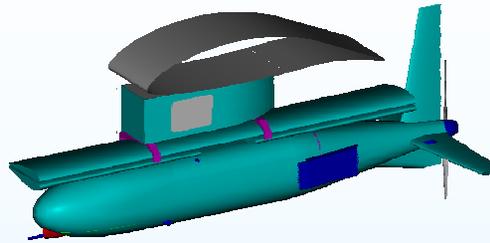
General Characteristics

Ingress Range	50 nmi	Wing Area	5.4 ft ²	Length (folded)	65 in
Loiter	2 hr	Aspect Ratio	13.8	(open)	63 in
Egress Range	337 nmi	L/D (cruise)	16	Wing Span	103 in
Cruise Speed	65 KIAS	Gross Weight	60.5 lbs	Fuselage Dia	8.75 in
Loiter Speed	57 KIAS	Payload Weight	11.3 lbs	Power (cruise)	990 W
Maximum Speed	100 KIAS	Fuel Capacity	2.4 gal	(payload+avionics)	200 W

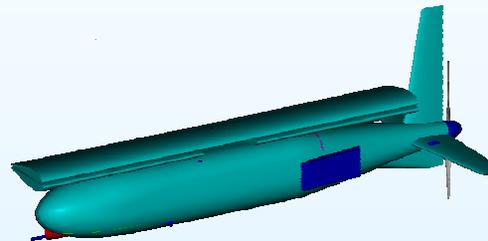


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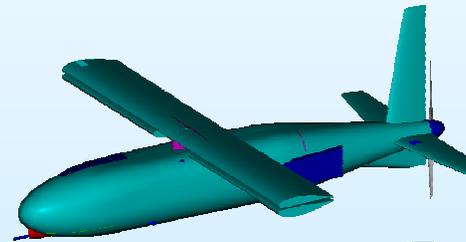
Predator/ FINDER



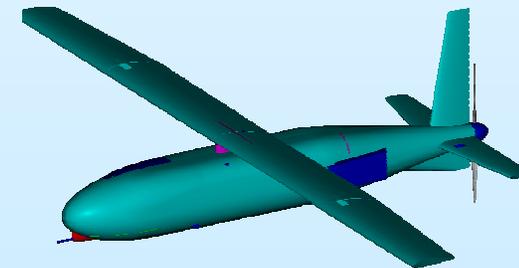
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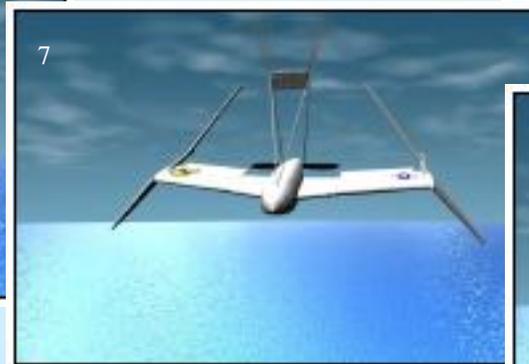
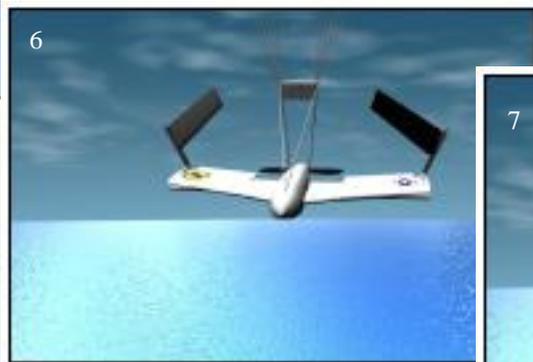
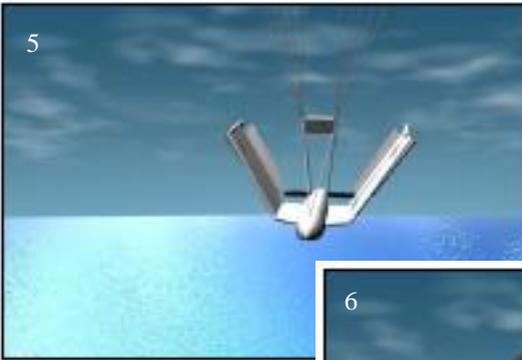
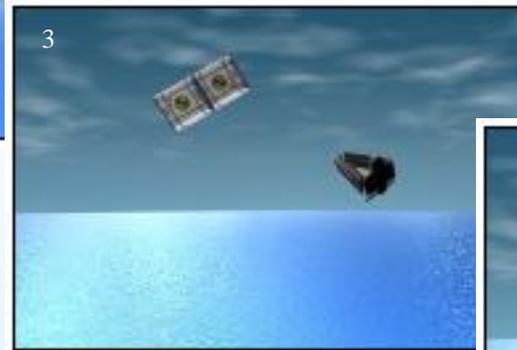
Release from Pylon



Wing Pivot



Outer Panels Open



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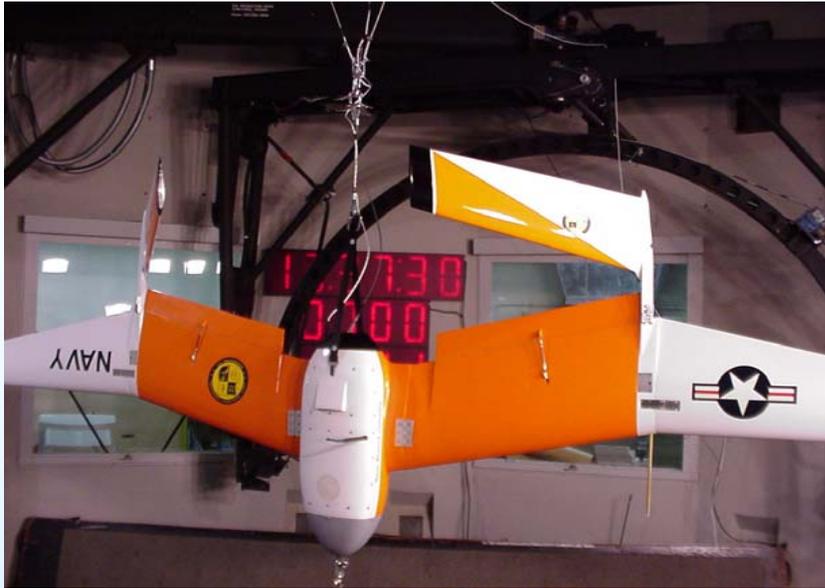
Air-Deployable UAV 1998-2000

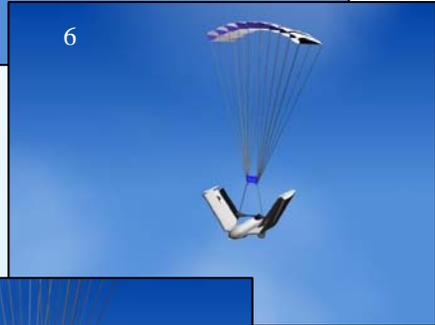
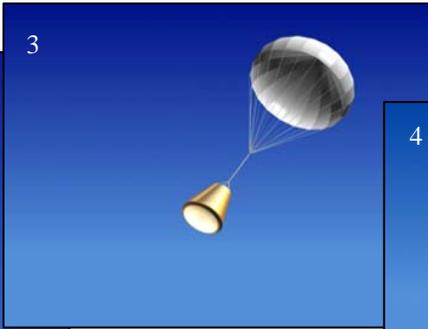
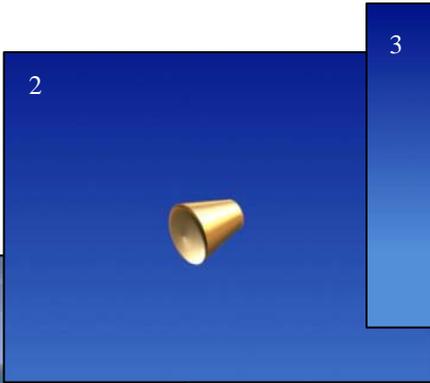


WINGSPAN	10.2 FT
OVERALL LENGTH	2.5 FT
GROSS WEIGHT	31 LB
PAYLOAD CAPACITY	288 CU IN, 7.5 LB
SYSTEM PACKAGES IN AIR DEPLOYMENT	30"x30"x18" PARAFOIL

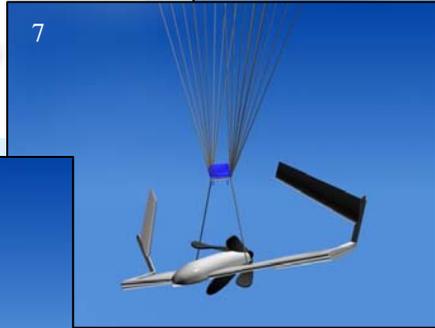
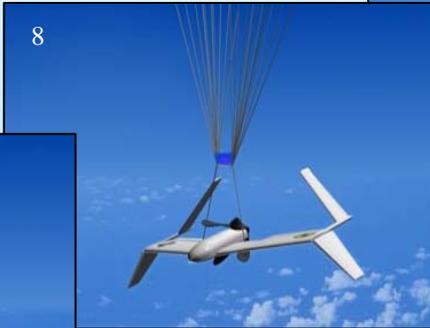
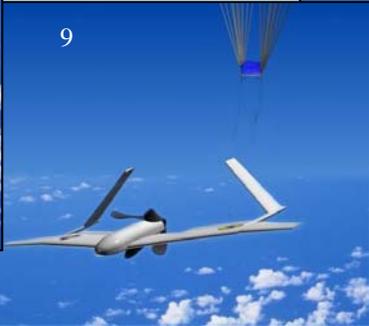
ENDURANCE (Absolute)	2.3 HOURS
RANGE (Absolute)	84 NM.
CRUISE AIRSPEED	45 KT
MAXIMUM AIRSPEED	70 KT
LANDING AIRSPEED	37 KT

Extender





Extender

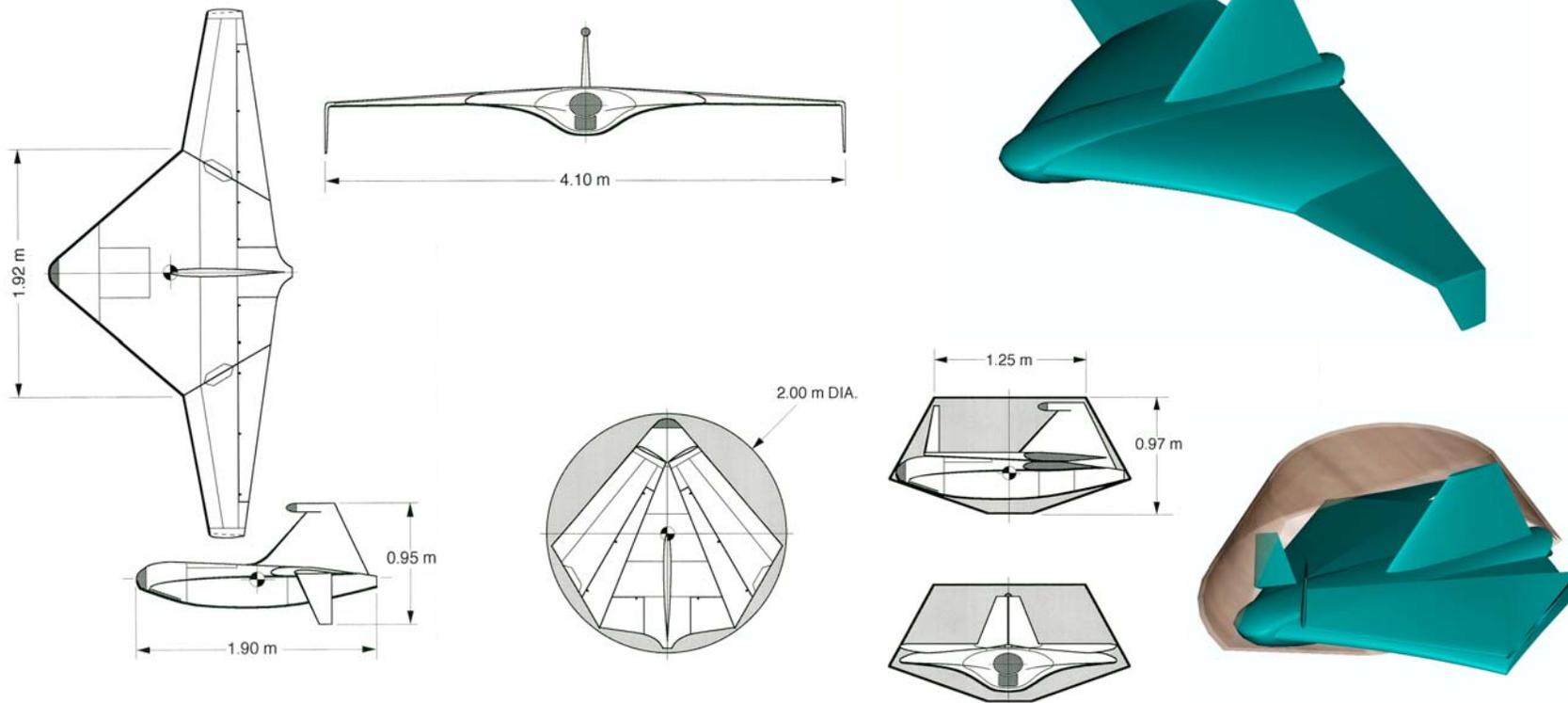




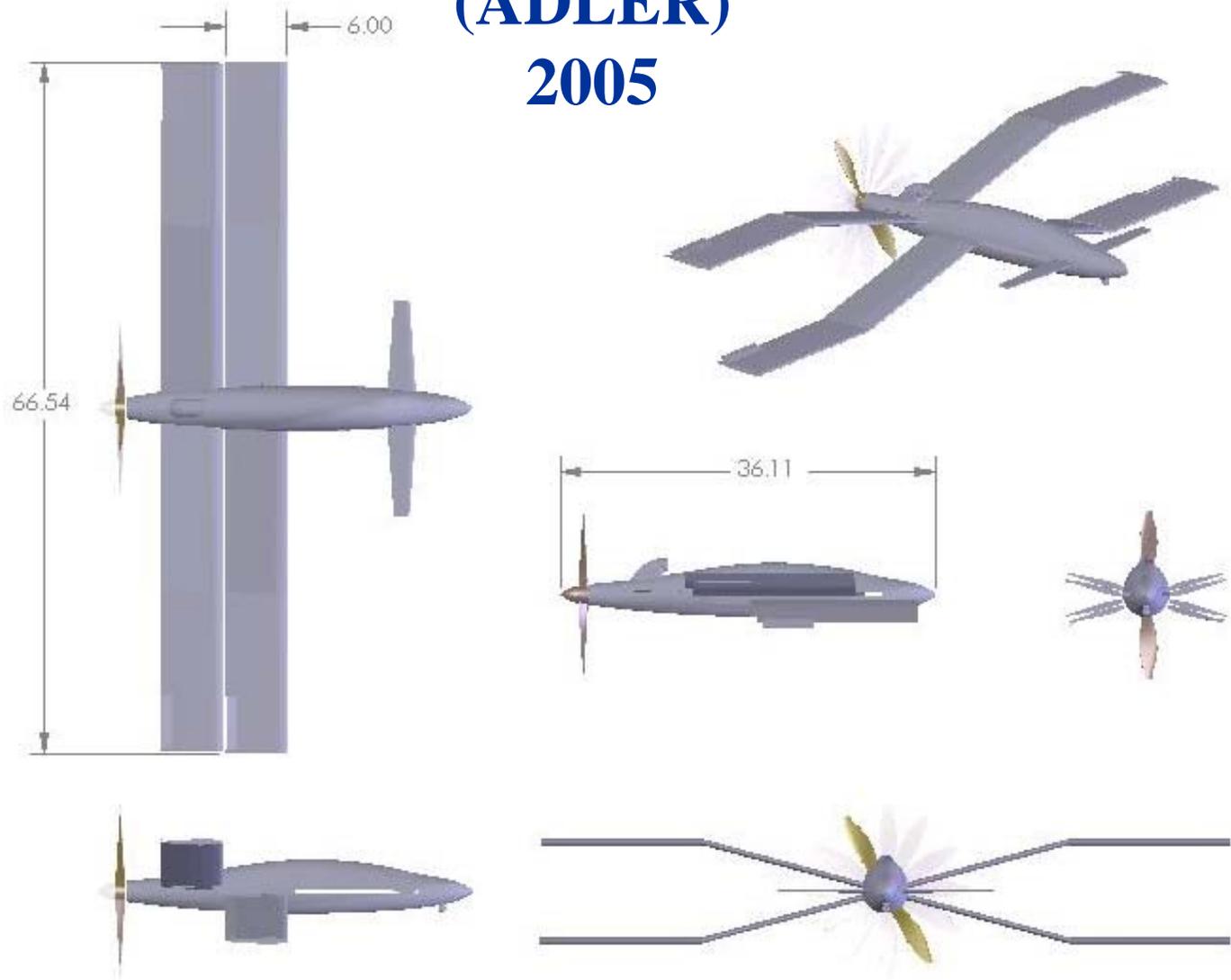
Matador Mars Airplane Design

Packaged within 2.0 m diameter EV

2003 - Present



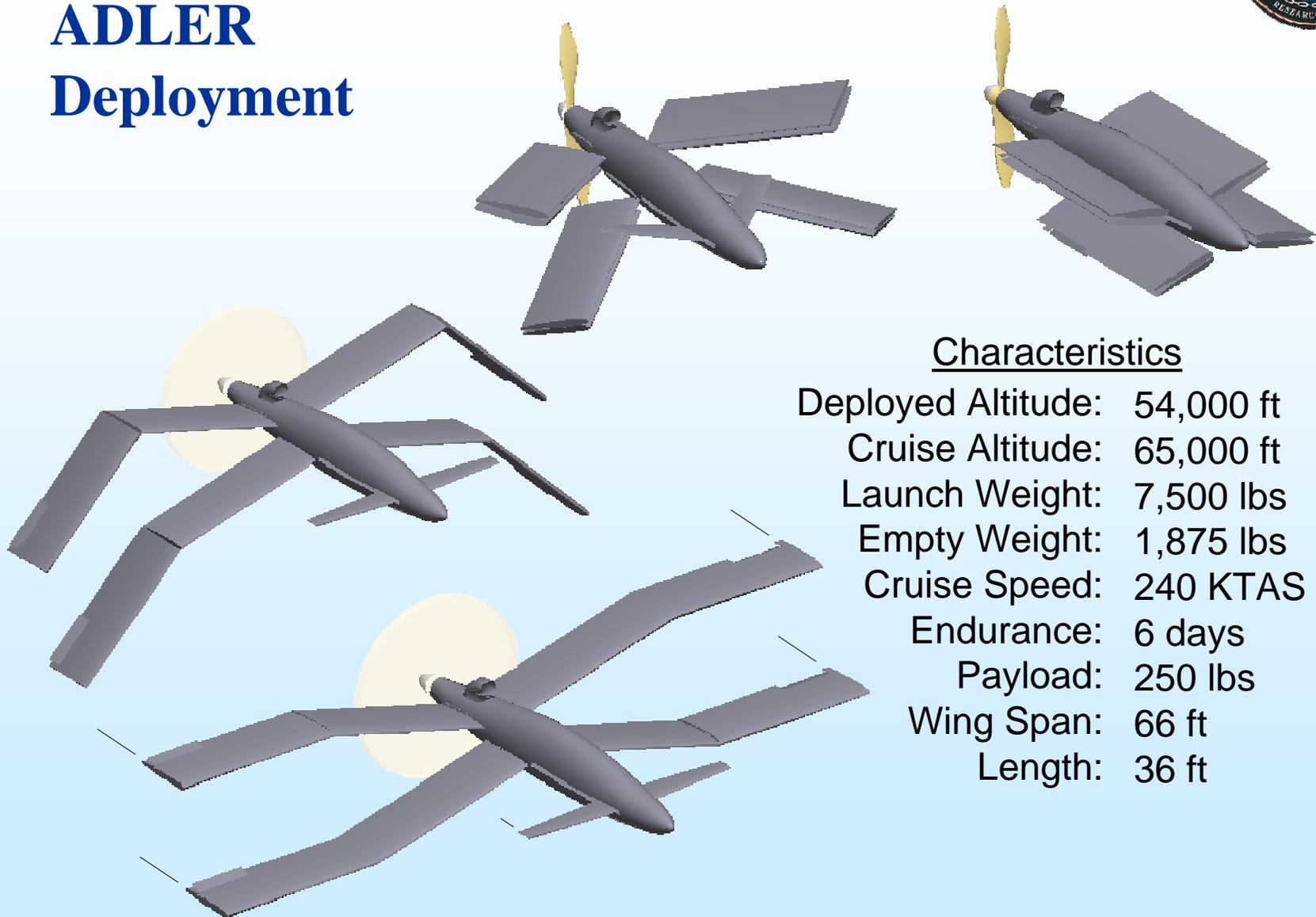
Air Deployed Long Endurance Reconnaissance (ADLER) 2005



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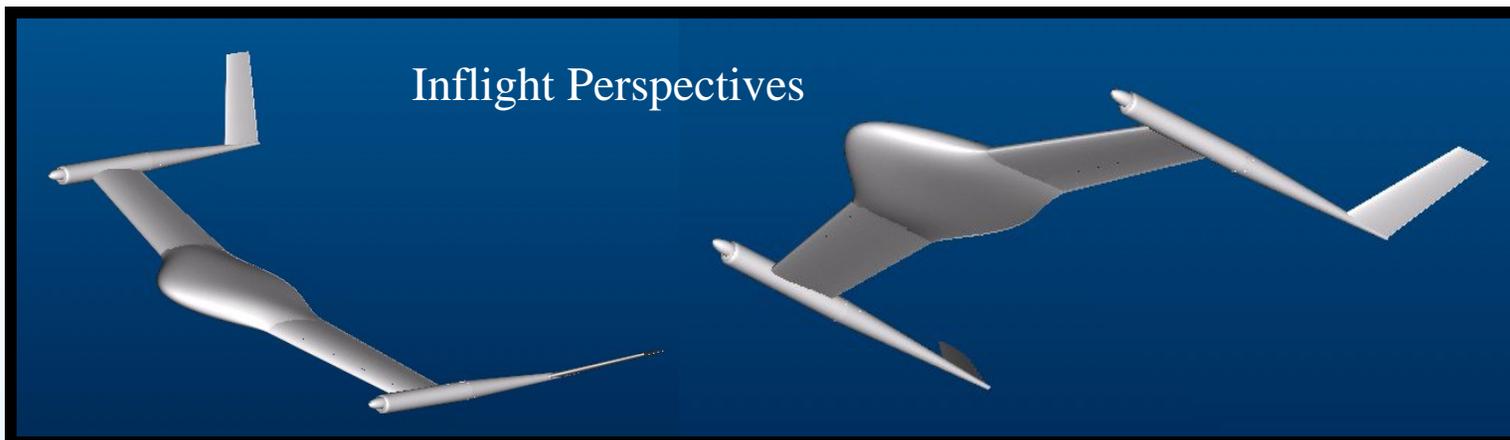
ADLER Deployment



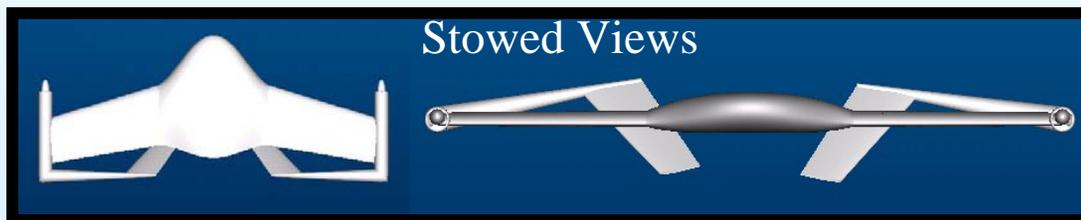
Characteristics

Deployed Altitude: 54,000 ft
Cruise Altitude: 65,000 ft
Launch Weight: 7,500 lbs
Empty Weight: 1,875 lbs
Cruise Speed: 240 KTAS
Endurance: 6 days
Payload: 250 lbs
Wing Span: 66 ft
Length: 36 ft

Spotlight (2004)



Inflight Perspectives



Stowed Views

General Characteristics

Ingress Range	10 mi	Wing Area	4.2 ft ²	Box Size (folded)
Loiter	28 min	Aspect Ratio	6	62.5 x 26.5 x 9.5 in
Egress Range	10 mi	L/D (cruise)	11	Power
Cruise Speed	50 mph	Gross Weight	12 lbs	propulsion 142 W
Loiter Speed	40 mph	Payload Capacity	3 lbs	payload+avionics 50 W



What About Inflatable Structures?

Major advances were made for inflatable aircraft structures during the past decade. Inflatable structures appear to be a viable alternative to unfolding rigid structures for many applications.

NRL has not yet investigated this promising technology.

Potential Advantages

- Increased volumetric packing efficiency enables deployment of a larger wing per a given storage volume
- Easier to pack into cubic or spherical spaces
- System becomes a mass limited before volume limited package

New Design Considerations

- Cannot carry fuel in wing(s) while stowed
- Less deterministic behavior during deployment



Summary

Lessons Learned

- Aircraft configuration has major impact on deployment & packaging (shape, mass, vol.)
- Aircraft configuration has minor impact on aerodynamic performance
- Hinges & pivots are more reliable than sliding or telescoping
- Reliability inversely proportional to the number of deployment events
- Aerodynamic and inertial loads can be exploited to aid deployment
- Packaging folding rigid-structure aircraft becomes volume limited before mass limited

Research Overview: Inflatable-Wing UAVs and BIG BLUE Mars Airplane Project

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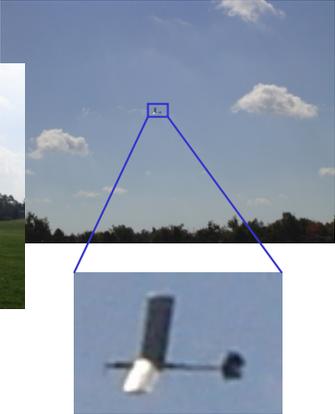


Inflatable Wing Introduction



Wing warping for roll control
March 4, 2005

Inflatable/rigidizable wings
October 15, 2003



Backpack UAV
Spring 2006



Flight Testing
Summer 2006



Flight Testing
March 2007



Autonomous Flight
July 3, 2007



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Historical Perspective



Goodyear Inflatoplane 1956-1973



ILC Dover Apterons 1970s



Prospective Concepts
Stingray 1998-present



ILC Forward Air Support
Munitions (FASM) 2002



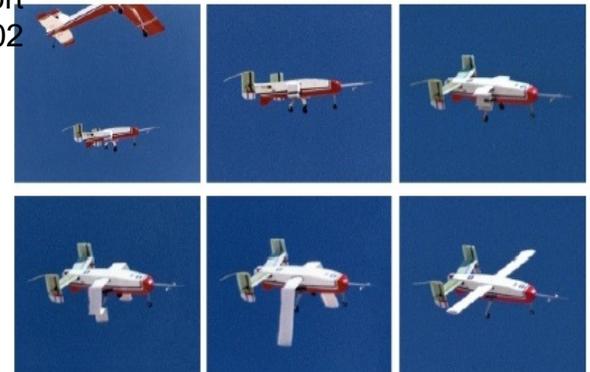
Vertigo
Gun Launched
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L'Garde Inflatable Antenna
Experiment (IAE) 1996



Loitering Electronic
Warfare Killer (LEWK) 2001



NASA Dryden I2000 2001

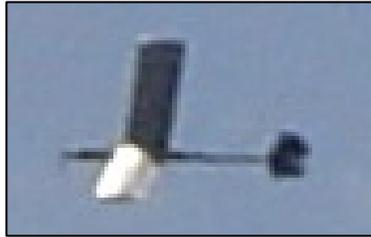
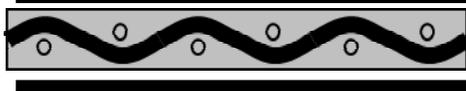


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Material and Wing Configurations

Rigidizable Fabric w/ Bladder and Wrap



Bladder & Restraint



40x40 200d Vectran, 10 mil PU



Coated Fabric



Polyurethane (PU) Coated Nylon



Coated Fabric

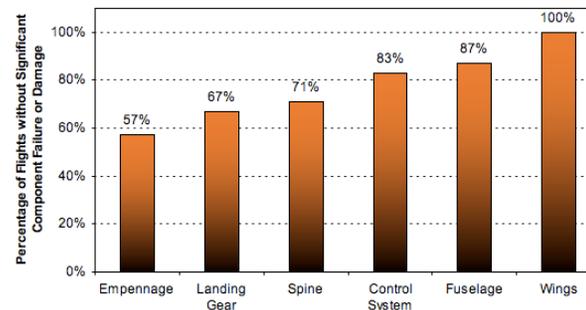
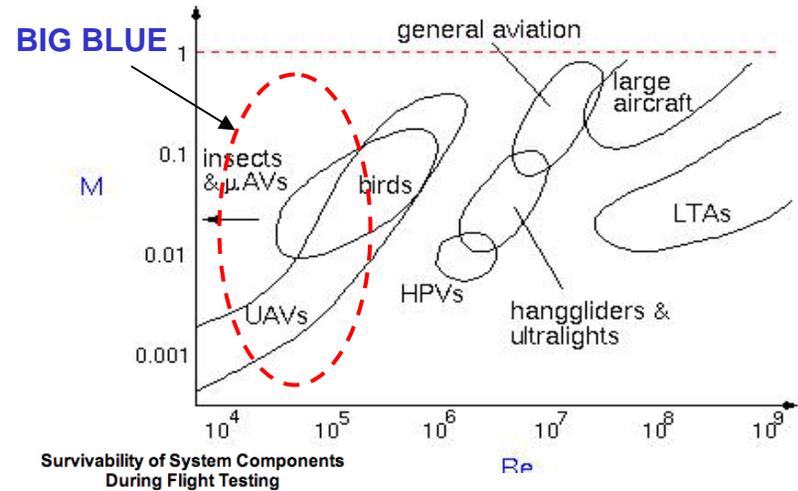
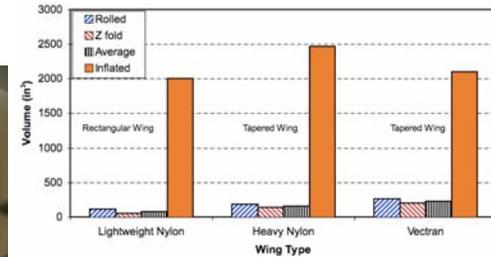


Polyurethane Coated Nylon



Inflatable Wing Design/Research Topics

- Small Packed Volume
- Rapid Deployment
- Low Re Aerodynamics
- Wing Warping for Roll Control
- Aspect Ratio Morphing
- Verified Structural Analysis
- Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Demonstrated Survivability



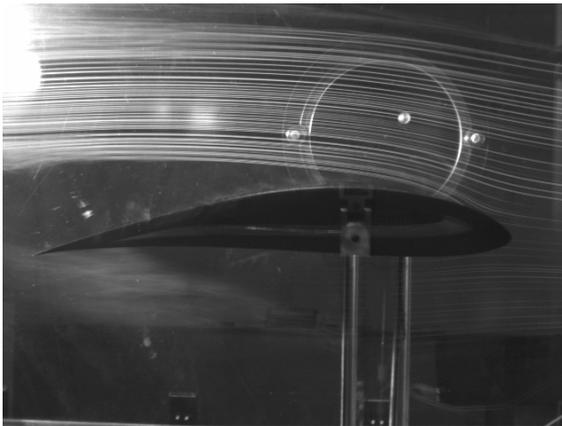
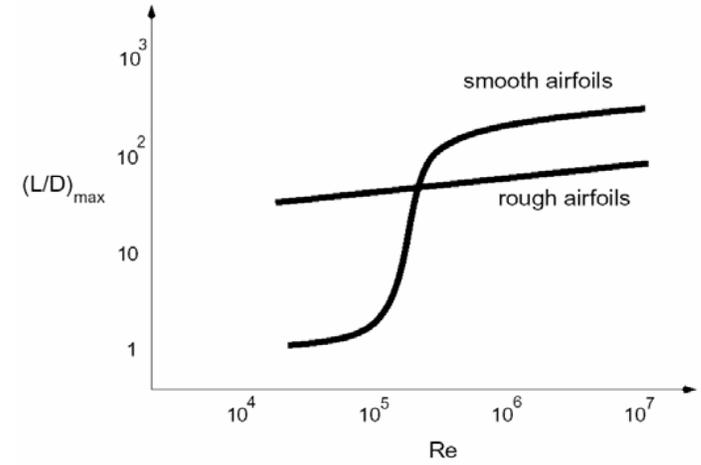
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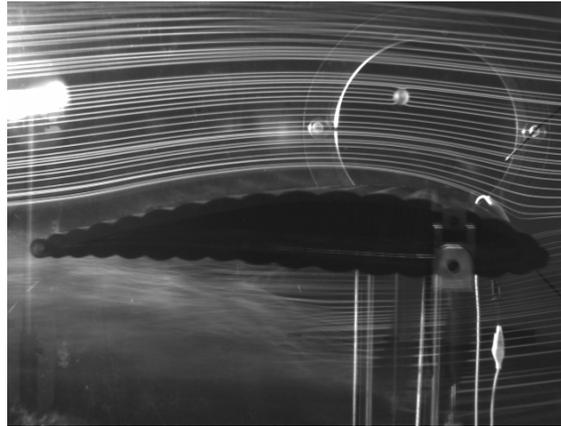
Low Re Aerodynamics

Low Re and Geometry

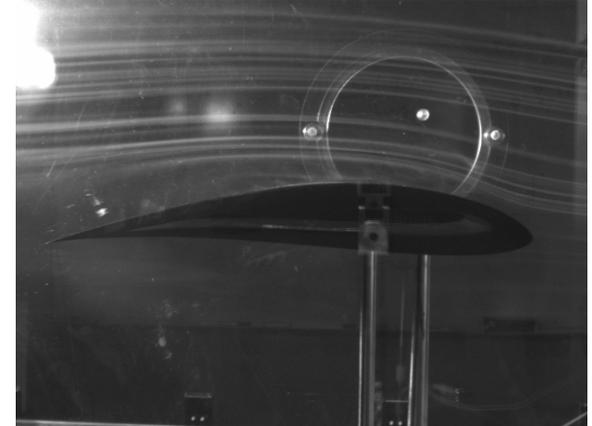
- Profiles trip flow at low Re to keep flow attached, but can be covered for high speed flight
- Flow visualization by the smoke wire technique in low speed wind tunnel at Re matching high altitude conditions



Ideal wing, $Re 50,000$ $AoA=0^\circ$

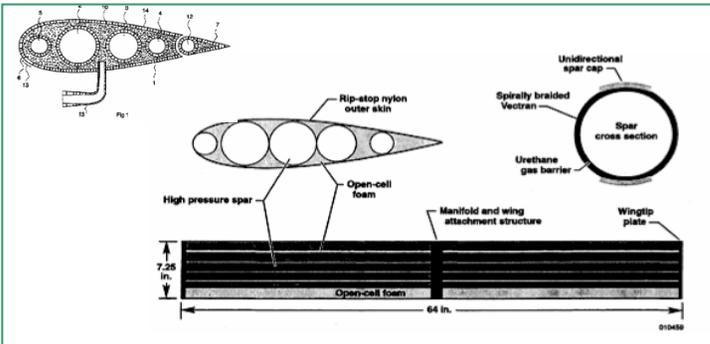
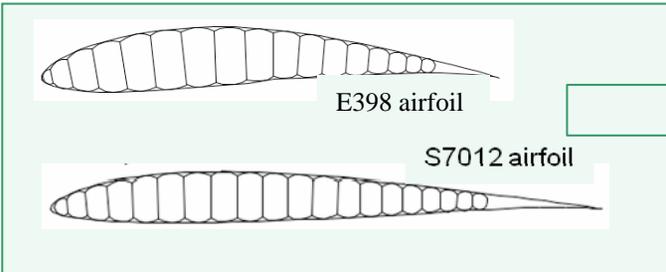
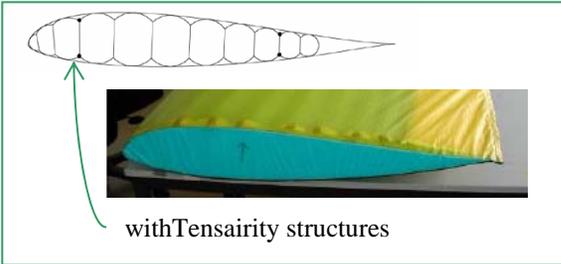


Inflatable wing, $Re 50,000$ $AoA=0^\circ$

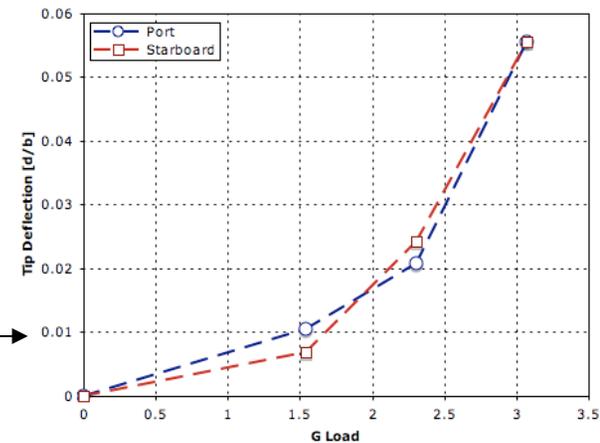
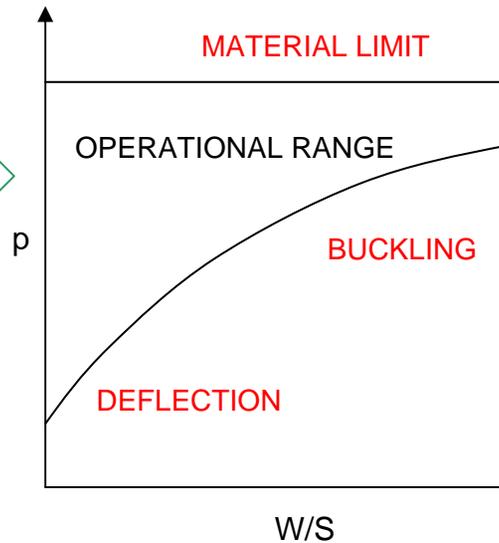


Ideal wing w/ trip, $Re 50,000$ $AoA=0^\circ$

Design Considerations



- Bending stiffness and wing loading increases as internal pressure increases up to the material limit. Heavier materials allow higher pressures and greater wing loading.

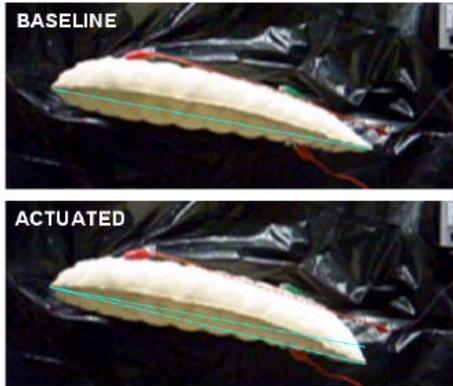


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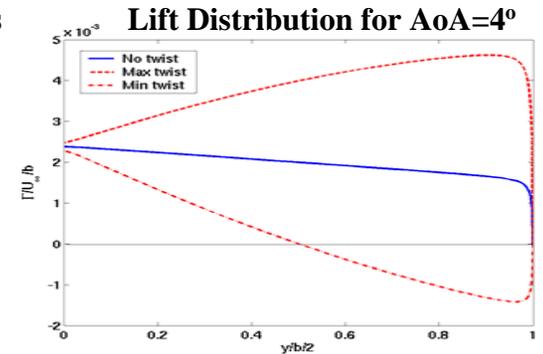
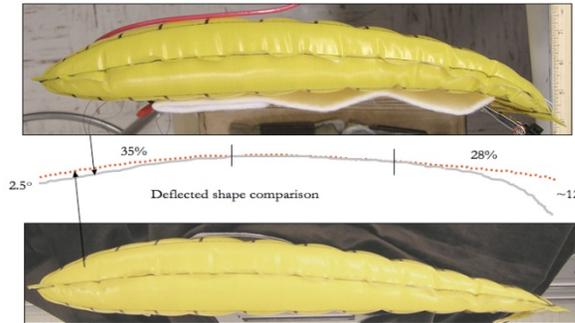
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Wing Warping for Roll Control

- Both wing warping and conventional ailerons have been used for roll control, however the former has significant aerodynamic advantages



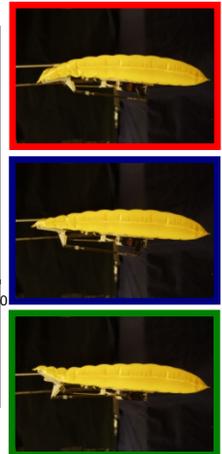
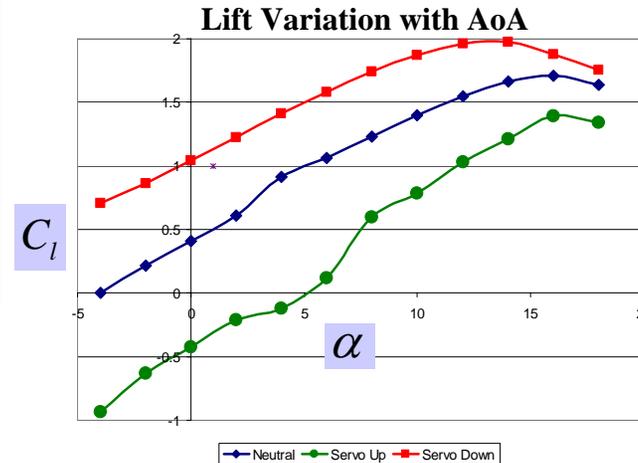
Warping Using Smart Material Actuators



Wing warping for roll control flow successfully
March 4, 2005



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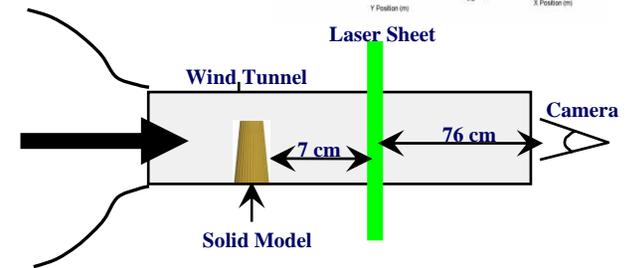
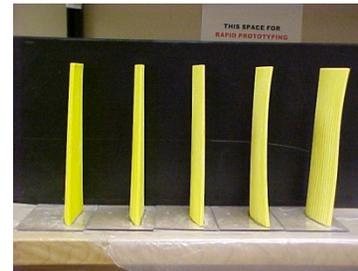
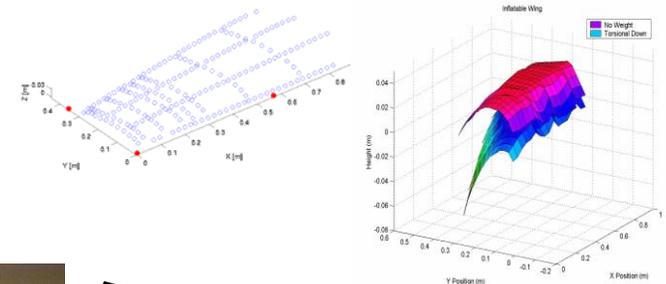
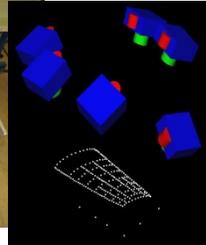
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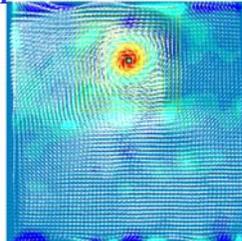
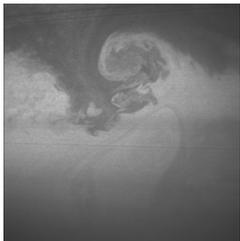
Understanding Inflatable-Wing Warping

Laboratory testing

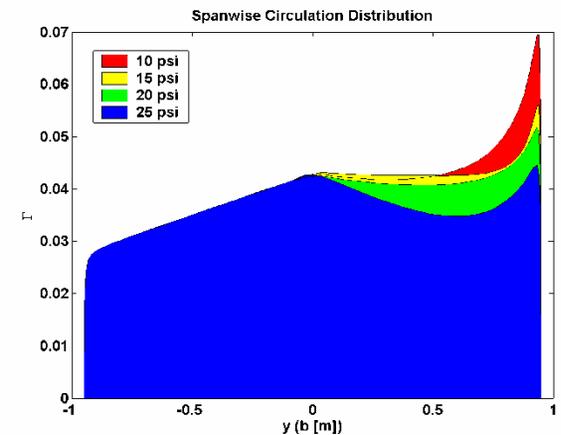
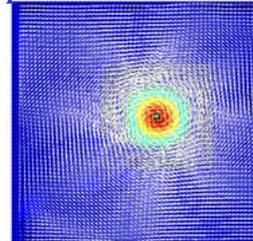
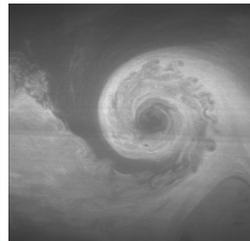
- Deflected surface geometry measured by multi-camera photogrammetry
- Modeling software and 3-D printer constructed solid models for PIV measurements
- Circulation calculated at a range of distances from the vortex center



Reynolds Number: $50 \cdot 10^3$
 Angle of Attack: 4°
 Warp: 0°



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 Angle of Attack: 4°
 Warp: 17°



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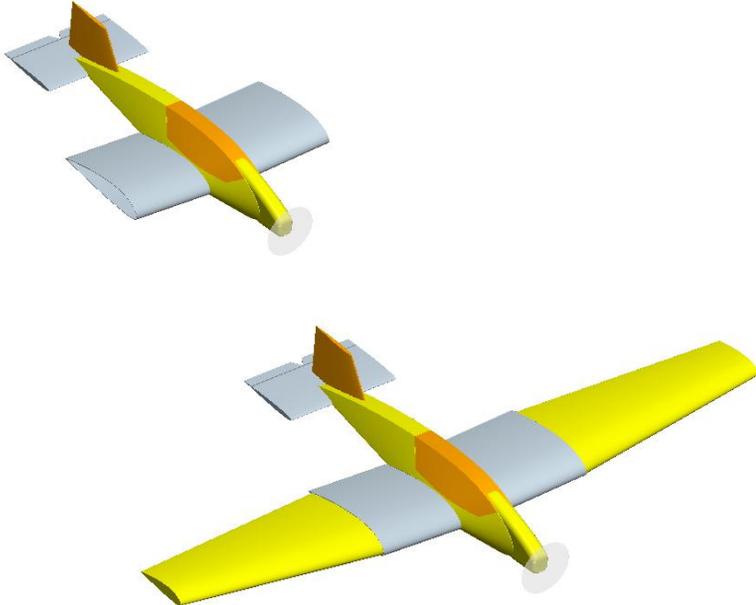
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Lifting line predictions from 3-D surface geometry show 33% increase in lift at 10 psi and 23% increase in lift at 20 psi

Aspect Ratio Morphing

- Deployment Concept



Wind-tunnel deployment experiments
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Quiescent Deployment



Deployment at 64 kts



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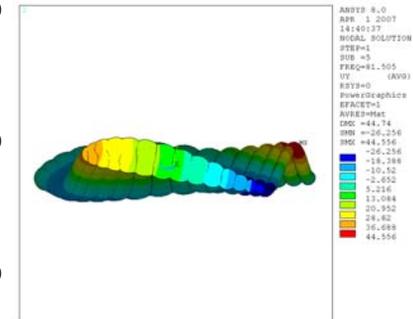
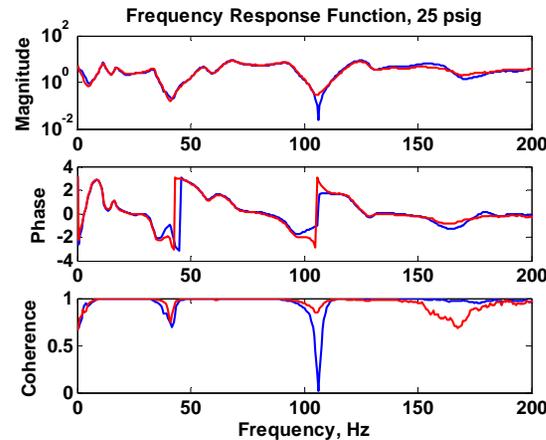
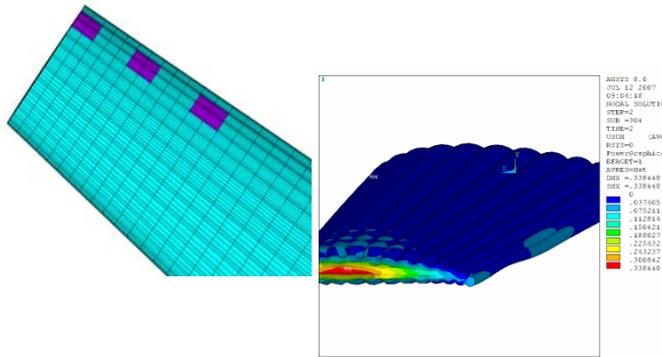
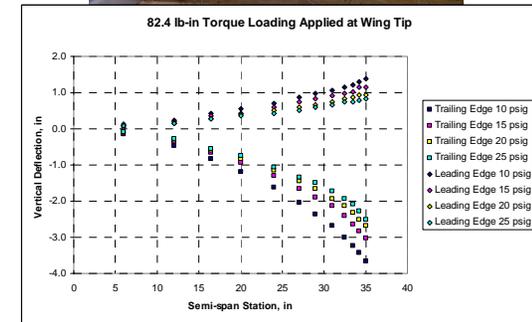
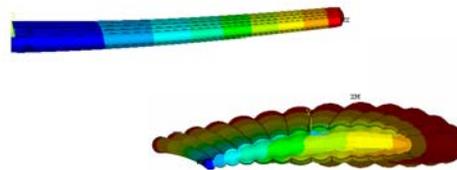
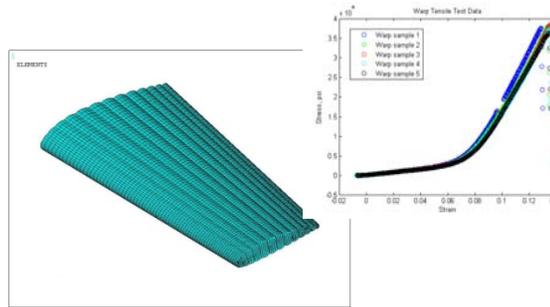


Verified Structural Analysis

Loads and Dynamics Correlation

Finite-element models including nonlinear material behavior, internal pressure loading and external warping or aerodynamic loads.

Phased verification using static bending and torsion experimental data, along with modal response.

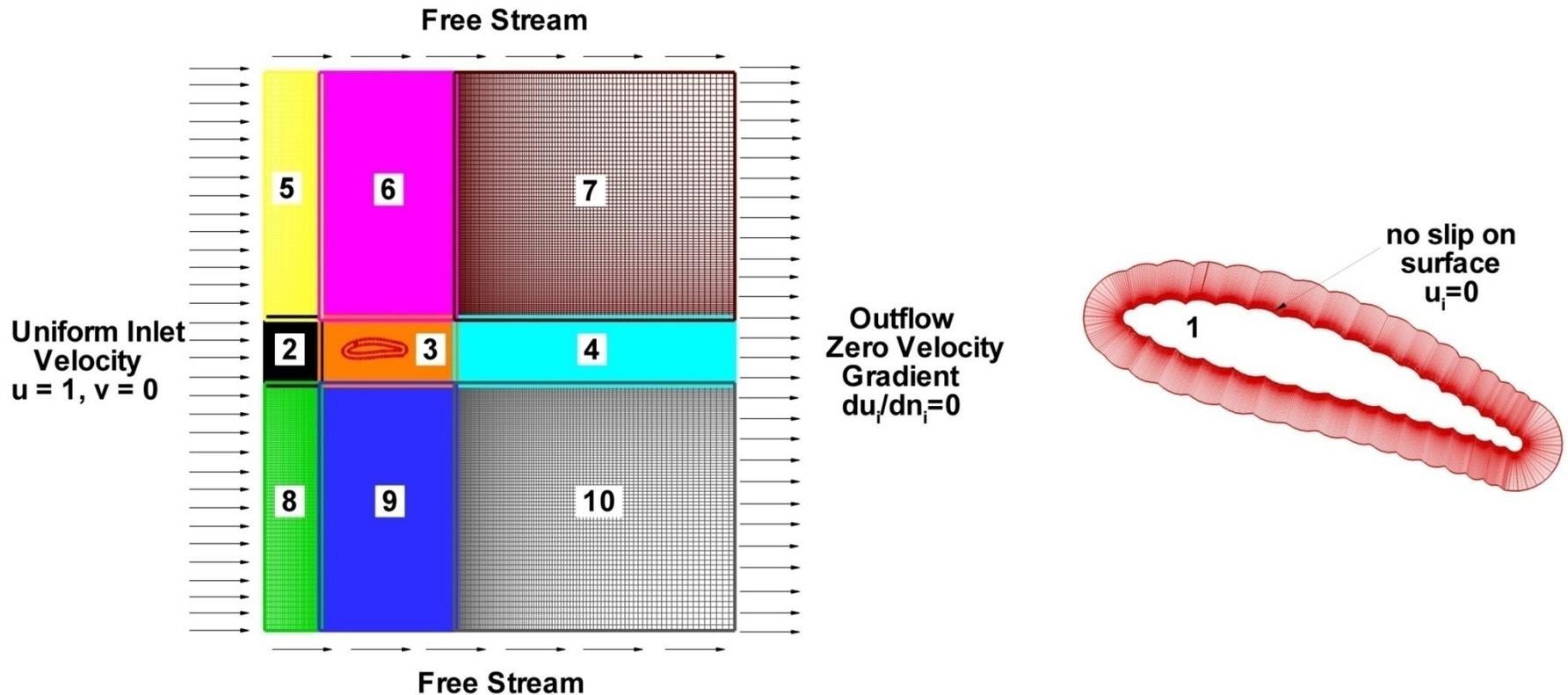


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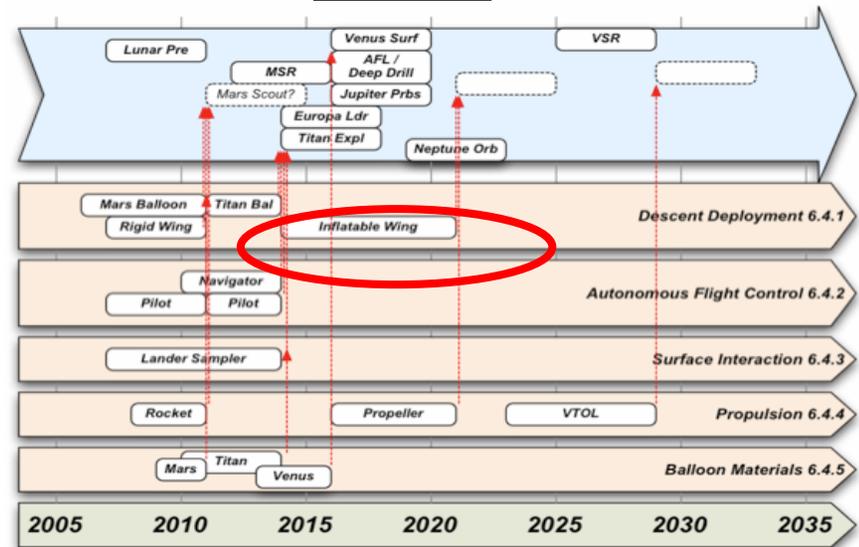
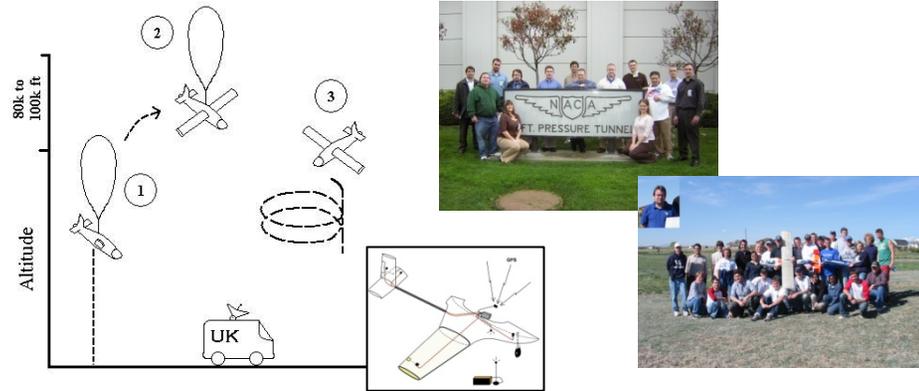
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A NASA Workforce Development Project

Including design, testing, flight and data analysis of a complex aerospace prototype experiment for experience with multidisciplinary (and multi-university) teamwork and systems engineering

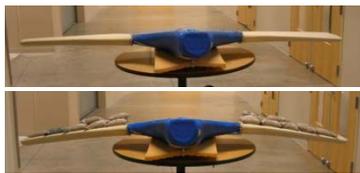
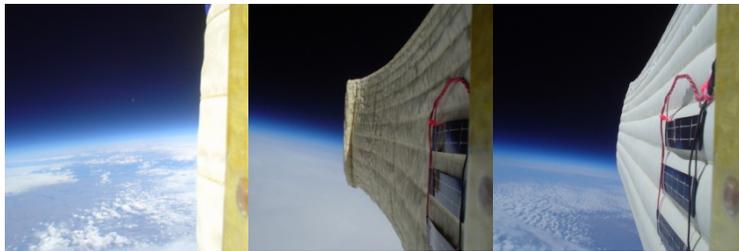
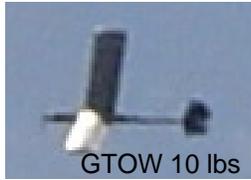
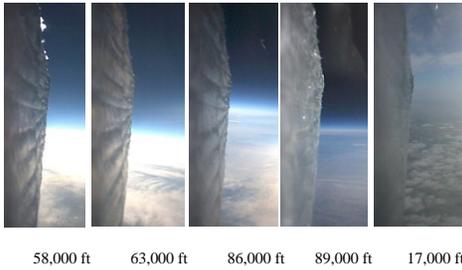
Project Objectives: 1) To verify the feasibility of inflatable wings for Mars exploration, 2) To conduct phased high-altitude and flight testing to demonstrate the successful inflation and flight of high-quality wings capable of use in an autonomous aircraft in the Martian environment and 3) To learn to fly – 100 years after the Wright Brothers

Related UAS Technology R&D: 1) To develop and verify autonomous flight capability with only tail control and with wing warping or wing control surfaces and 2) To develop and evaluate new approaches for laboratory and flight testing, for modeling and analysis and for design of reliable small UAVs



August 2005 – Release of NASA Science Directorate Report on Technologies for Planetary Exploration which includes inflatable wings at **TRL 4-5**

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Accomplishments

2003: 55k-89k deployment of UV-rigidizable wings (*Space News*, 5/19/2003); flight testing of inflatable/rigidizable wings

2004: 55k-60k deployment of UV-rigidizable wings (*Smithsonian Extreme Textiles* exhibit, 2005)

2005: 95k deployment of Vectran wings; design and flight testing of AIRCAT rigid-wing aircraft (NASA TRL 4-5 in Robotic Exploration report, 2005)

2006: flight testing of AIRCAT w/ inflatable wings

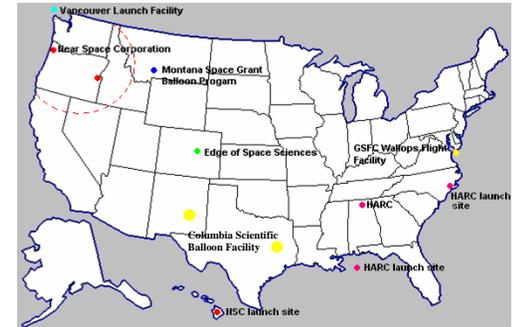
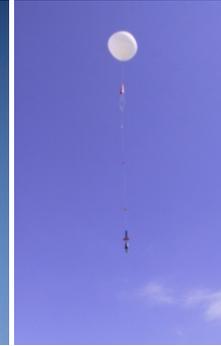
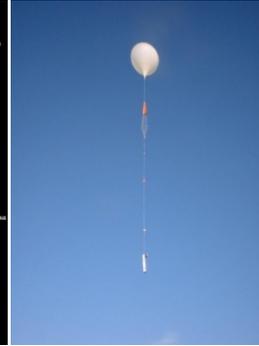
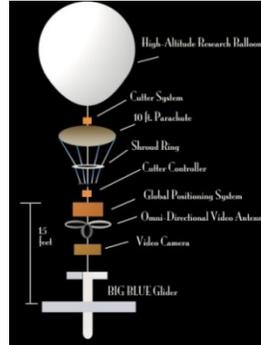
2007: 70k deployment of urethane-coated wings; autonomous flight of inflatable-wing aircraft (*Research Channel Flying on Air*, 2007)



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High-Altitude Experiments 2003 - 2007



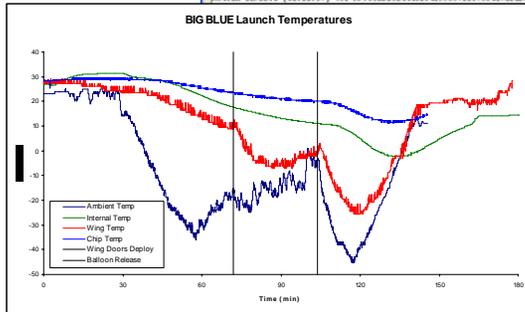
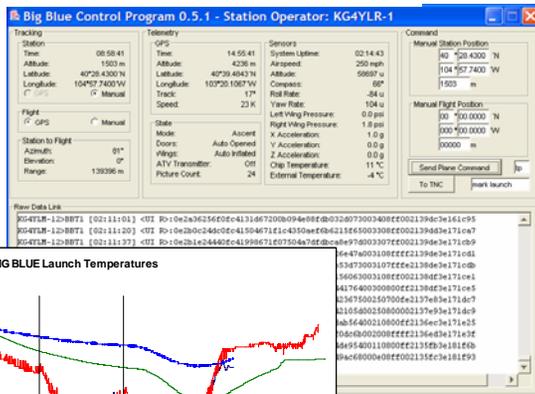
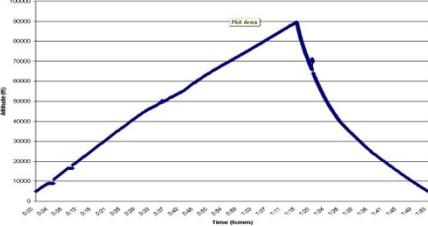
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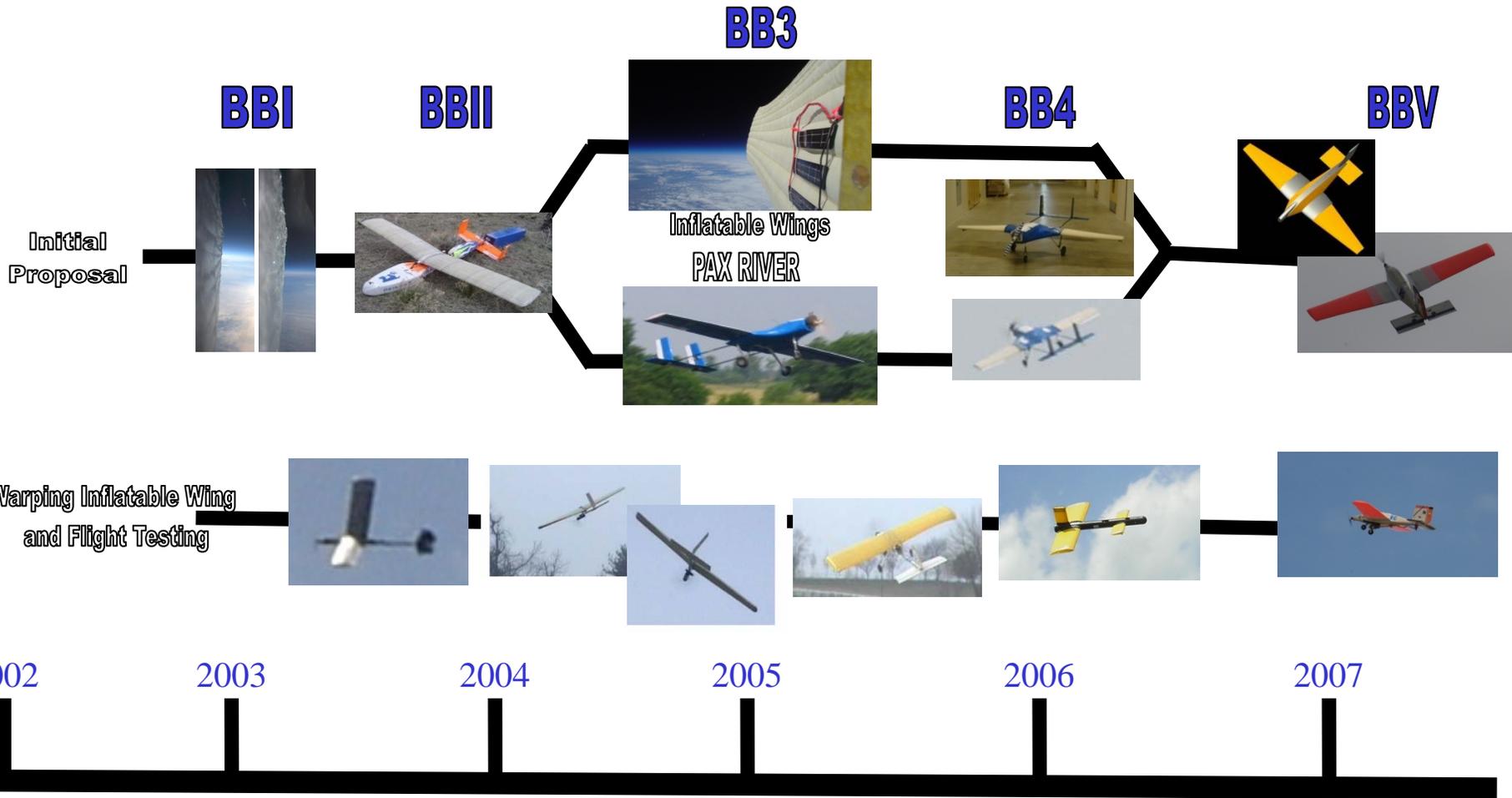
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Inflatable-Wing Research Timeline



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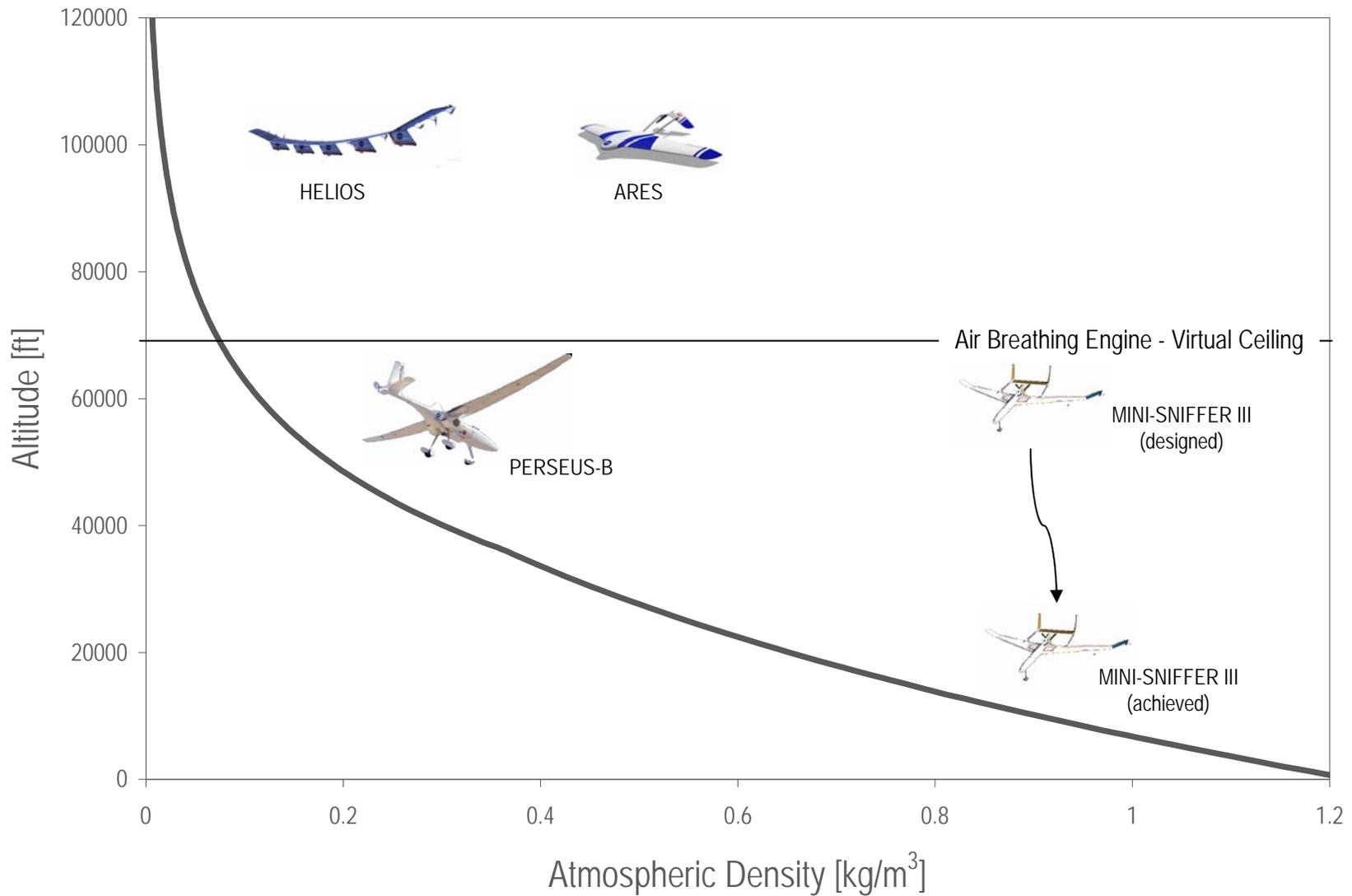
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High Altitude Propulsion Options



- ◆ Objective: Examine available propulsion technologies
 - Independent of airplane design (specific performance)
 - Moderate to high TRL technology (TRL > 4)
 - ◆ Rocket Propulsion
 - Monopropellant Rockets
 - Bipropellant Rockets
 - ◆ Propeller Driven
 - Electric Motors
 - Battery Systems
 - Fuel Cell Systems
 - Combustion Engines
 - Air Breathing
 - Monopropellant (Catalytic fuel decomposition)
 - Bipropellant (Oxidizer carried on-board)

Standard Atmospheric Density



Rocket Propulsion



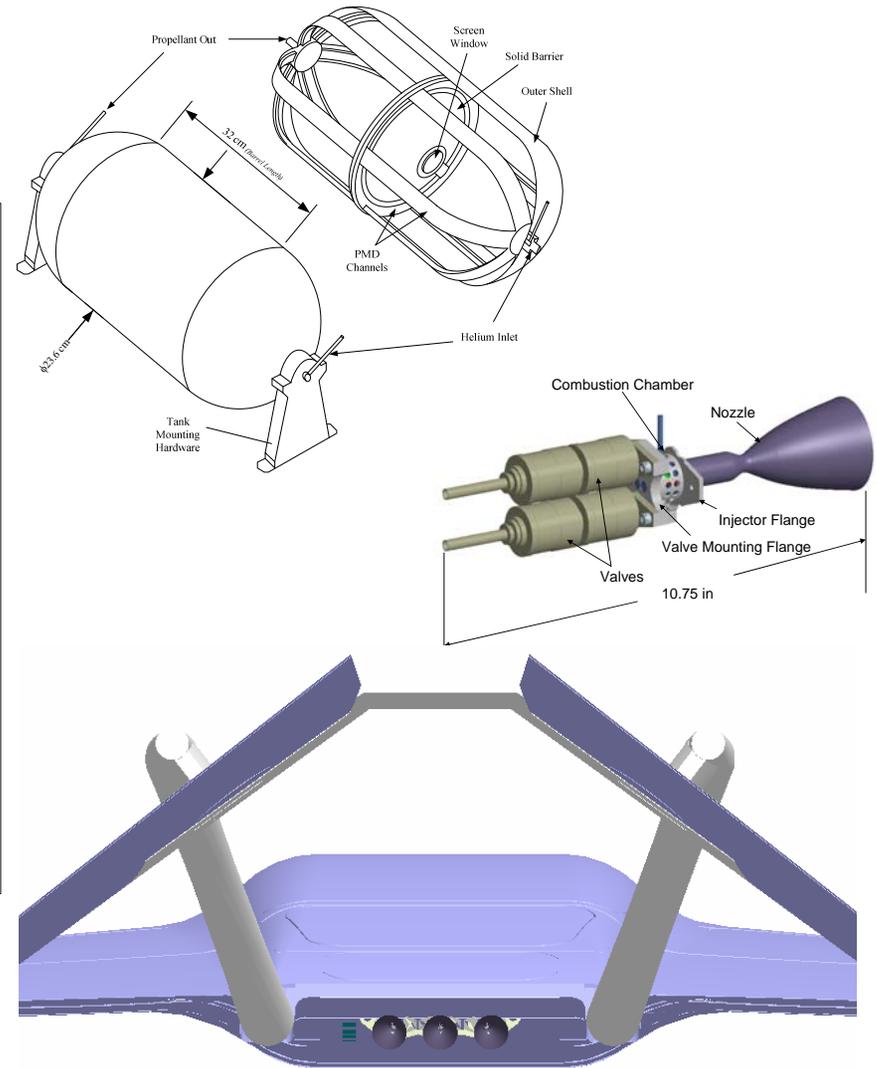
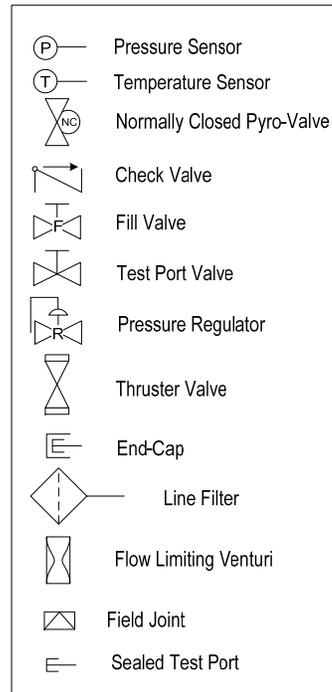
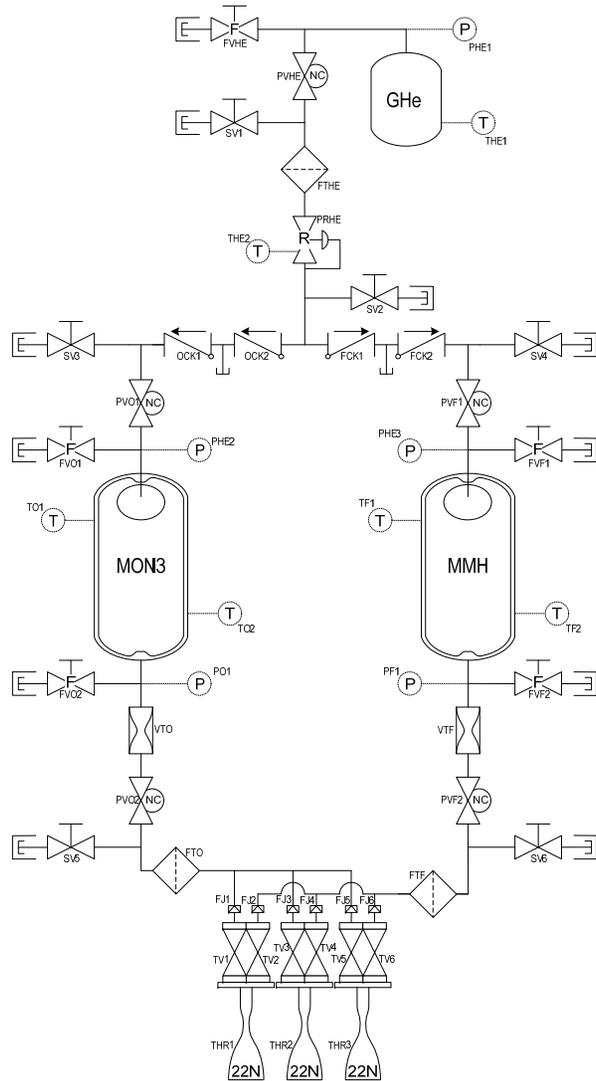
- ◆ Highly Reliable but Highly Inefficient!
- ◆ Excellent long term storage before activation
- ◆ Specific Impulse: 150 – 350 s
- ◆ TSFC Ranging from 1000 to 2500 g/hr-N
- ◆ ARES Biprop Propulsion System Achieves 1-hr flight on Mars with 48kg Propellants



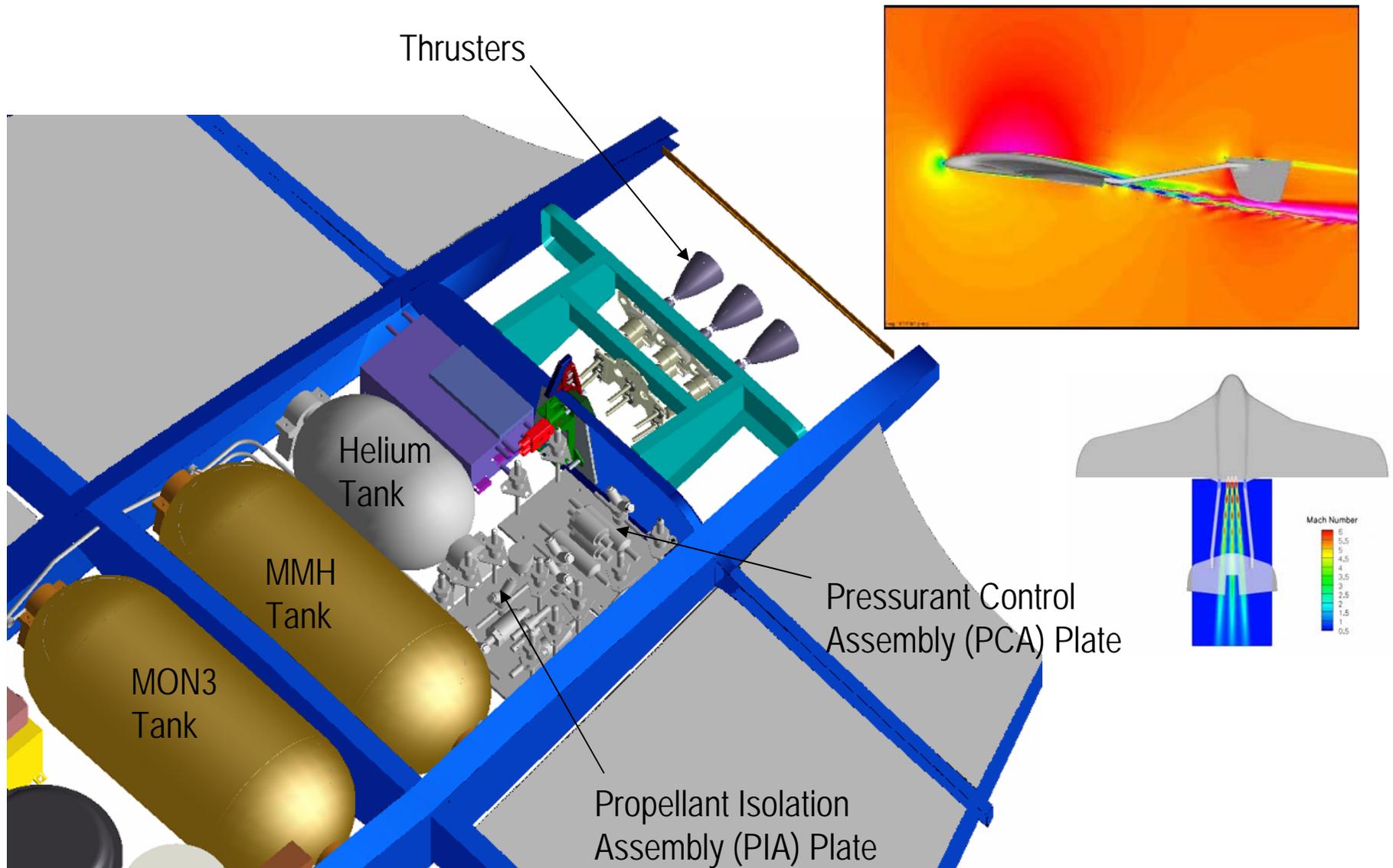
Typical Rocket Propellants

Fuel	Oxidizer	Reaction	Isp (sec)	TSFC (g/hr-N)
Hydrogen Peroxide (98% H ₂ O ₂ 2% H ₂ O)	-	Catalytic	161	2282
Hydrazine (N ₂ H ₄)	-	Catalytic	199	1846
Hydrogen (H ₂)	Oxygen (O ₂)	Ignition	381	964
RP-1 (C _{11.74} H _{21.83}) (Kerosene)	Nitrogen Tetroxide (N ₂ O ₄) (MON3)	Ignition	267	1376
Monomethyl Hydrazine (N ₂ H ₆ C)	Nitrogen Tetroxide (N ₂ O ₄) (MON3)	Hypergolic	295	1245
Unsymmetrical Dimethyl Hydrazine (N ₂ H ₈ C ₂)	Nitrogen Tetroxide (N ₂ O ₄) (MON3)	Hypergolic	277	1326

ARES Bipropellant Rocket System



ARES Bipropellant Propulsion System Packaging

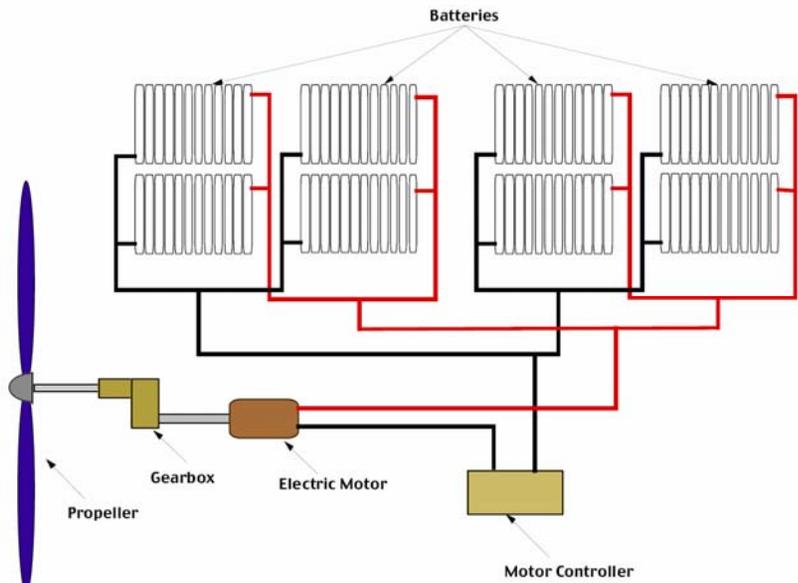


Propeller Driven Propulsion



- ◆ Electric Motors
 - Batteries
 - Fuel Cells
- ◆ Combustion Engines
 - Fuel / Air combustion (conventional)
 - Fuel / Oxidizer (on-board O₂ or air supply)
 - Hypergolic Propellants (bipropellants)
 - Catalytic Decomposition (monopropellants)

Electric Motor Driven Propulsion



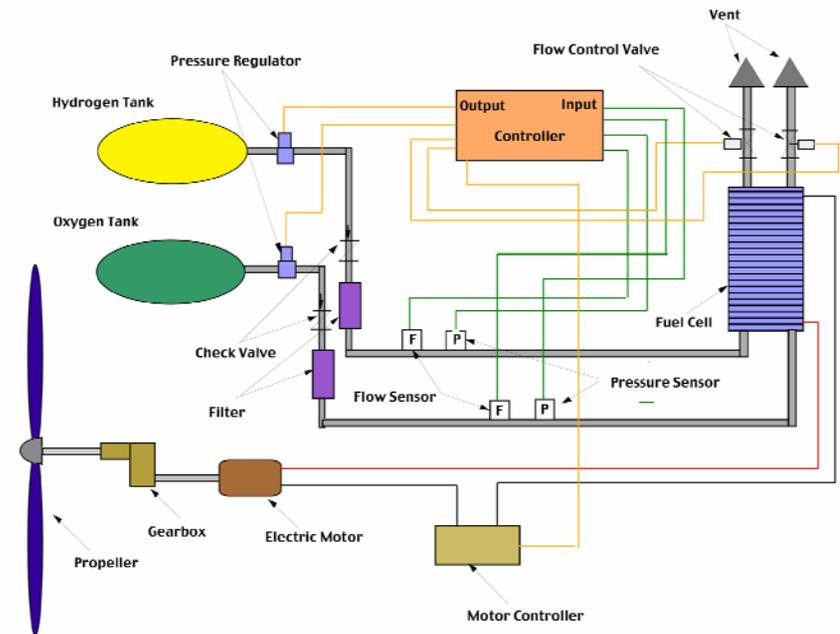
Battery Systems

- ◆ High TSFC
- ◆ Typically low current withdrawal rates that are not sufficient to meet power demands

	Energy Density (Full Discharge) [W-hr/kg]	Effective TSFC [gm/hr-N]
Li Sulfur Chloride / Electrochem	444	135.1
Li Bromine Complex / Electrochem	369	162.6
Li Ion/ Yardney	145	413.8
Ni-Cad Eagle Pitcher	36.5	1643.8
Silver Zinc / BST Systems	150	400.0

$$TSFC_{eff} = \frac{V_{airspeed}}{EnergyDensity} \cdot 1000$$

*TSFC based on 51 m/s, $\eta_{prop}=85\%$

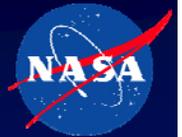


Fuel Cell Systems

- ◆ Long term leakage of high-pressure oxygen and hydrogen a problem
- ◆ Complicated system leads to higher dry mass

Fuel Cell Efficiency	TSFC [gm/hr-N]
25%	136
50%	68
75%	45
100%	34

Combustion Engines - Conventional



- ◆ Typical airplane engine performance ranges from 14 gm/hr-N for UAV engines to 47 gm/hr-N for jetliners.
- ◆ Virtual operating ceiling of 65,000 ft due to thin atmosphere.
- ◆ Option to carry O₂ at high altitudes
 - Oxygen load will be ~3.4 times the fuel load resulting in 4.4 times the TSFC
 - High pressure or cryogenic storage required



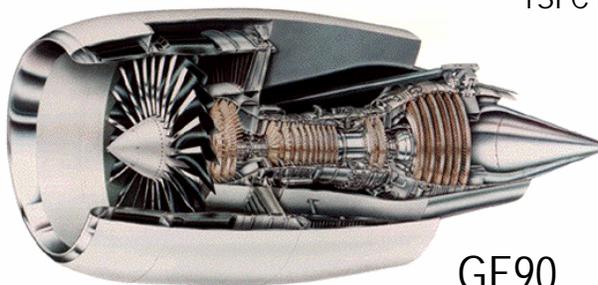
Rotax 912 ULS



Lycoming O-360-A

		PSFC [lb/hp-hr]	TSFC [gm/hr-N]
Propeller	Rotax 912 UAV engine	0.47	17.1
	Rotax 912 Engine with Botted O2	2.07	75.4
	Piper with Lycoming O-360-A	0.44	15.9
Jet	Cessna CJ1 with Williams FJ44	0.46	46.5
	Boeing 777 with GE90	0.69	25.2

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GE90



Williams FJ44

Non Air Breathing Engines

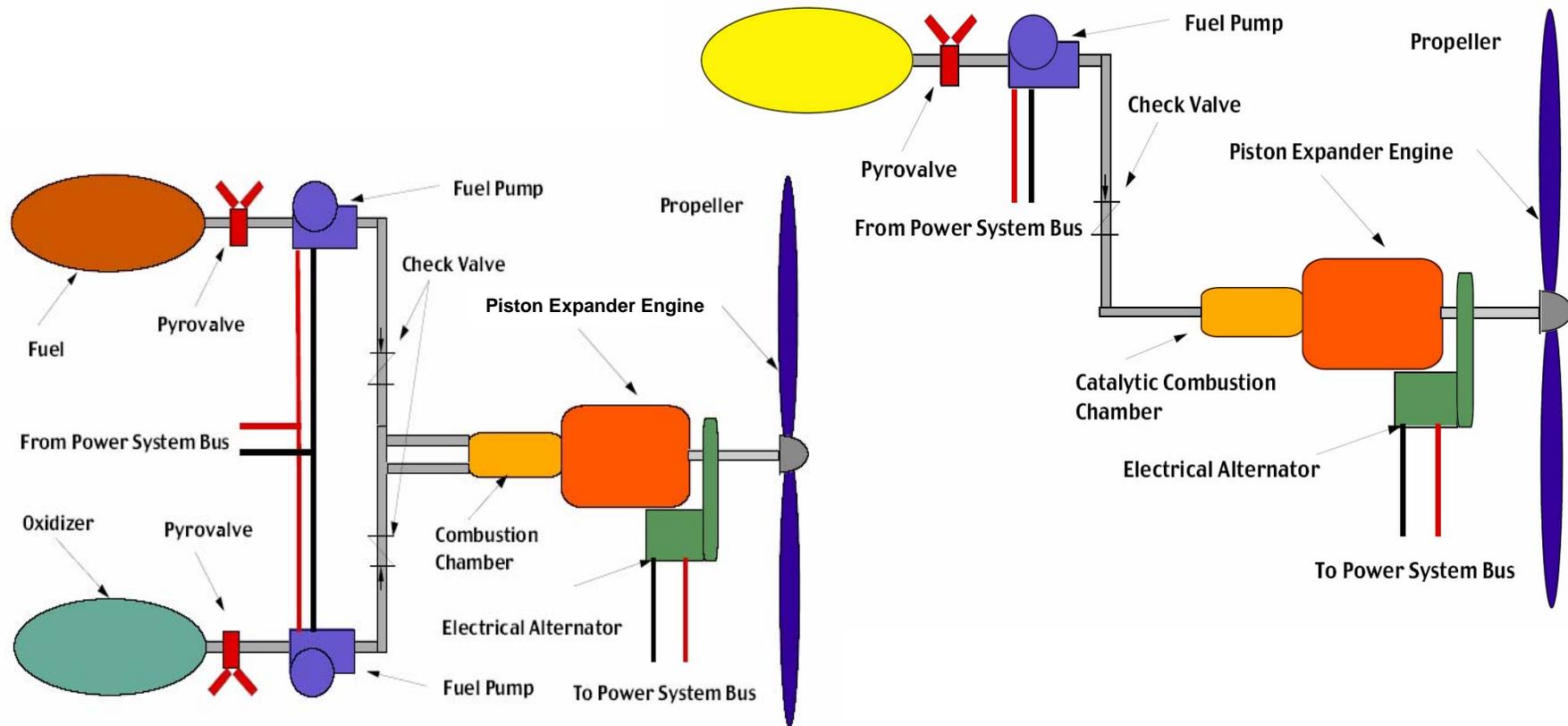


- ◆ Utilize the heats of combustion of propellants to run an engine
- ◆ Monopropellants – Heat and gas from catalytic decomposition
 - Akkerman Engine (Mini Sniffer III) (7% thermal efficiency)
- ◆ Bipropellants – Heat and gas from hypergolic or ignited reaction
 - Prototype ERAST Piston Expander Engine based on torpedo technology
- ◆ Significantly more efficient than rocket systems (thermal efficiency assumed to be 10%)
- ◆ Start and restart may require additional system mass (electric start motors)
- ◆ Waste heat is large and dissipation is a major challenge at high altitudes

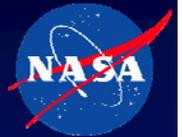
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*TSFC based on 51 m/s, 10% Thermal efficiency, $\eta_{prop} = 85\%$

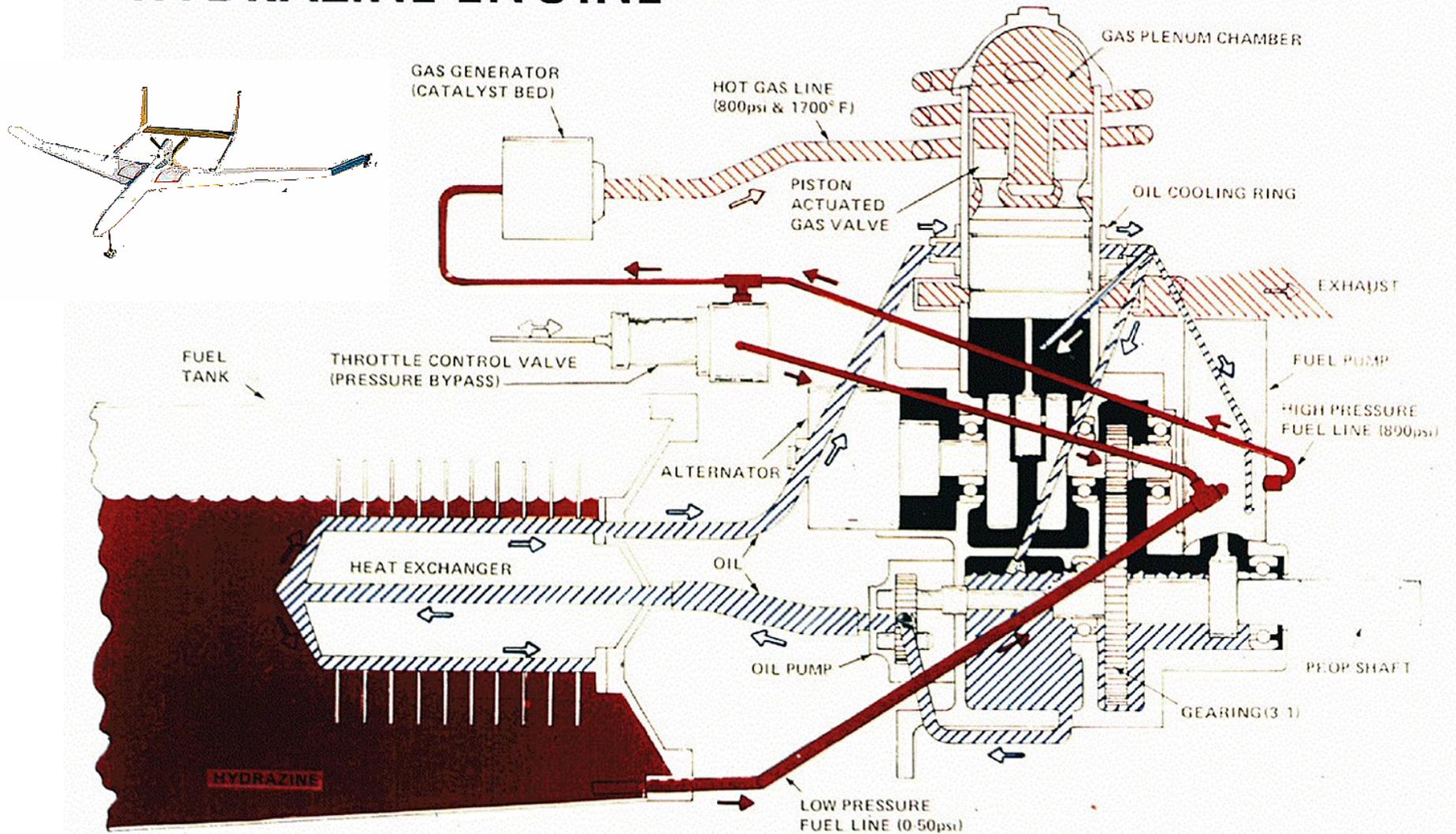
Bipropellant and Monopropellant Engines



Mini Sniffer II – Akkerman Monopropellant Engine



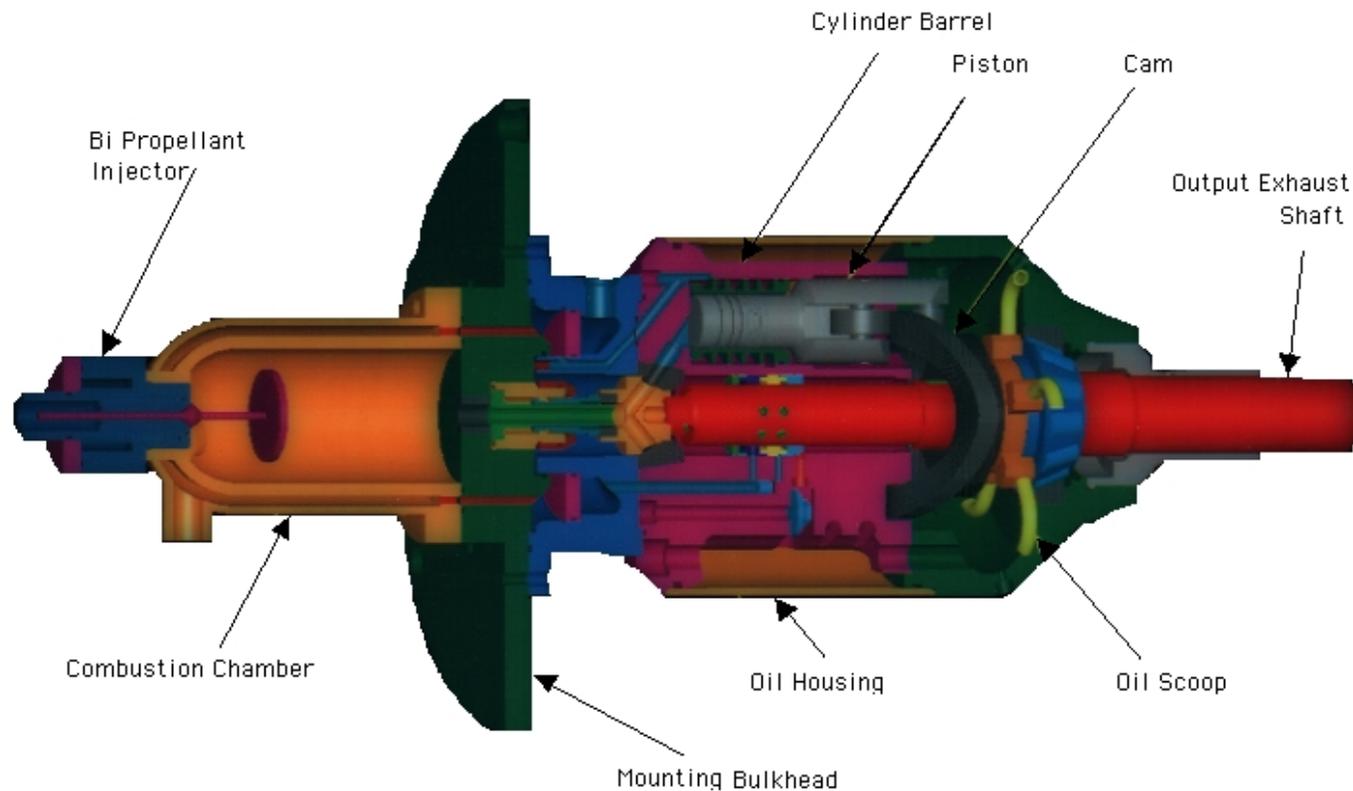
HYDRAZINE ENGINE



ERAST Bipropellant Engine - Torpedo Technology



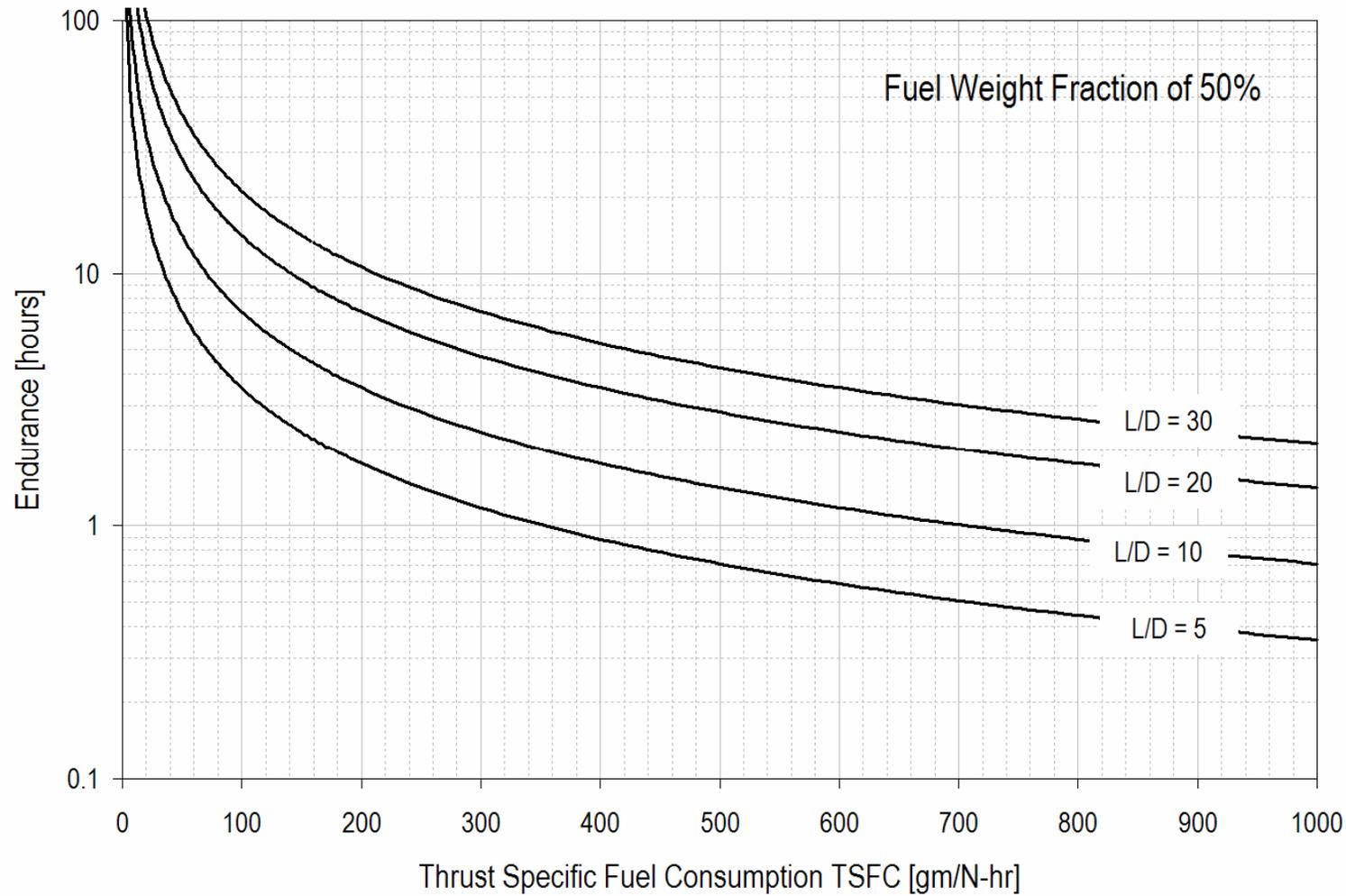
NASA Engine Prototype 5.2 Cu In 80 HP



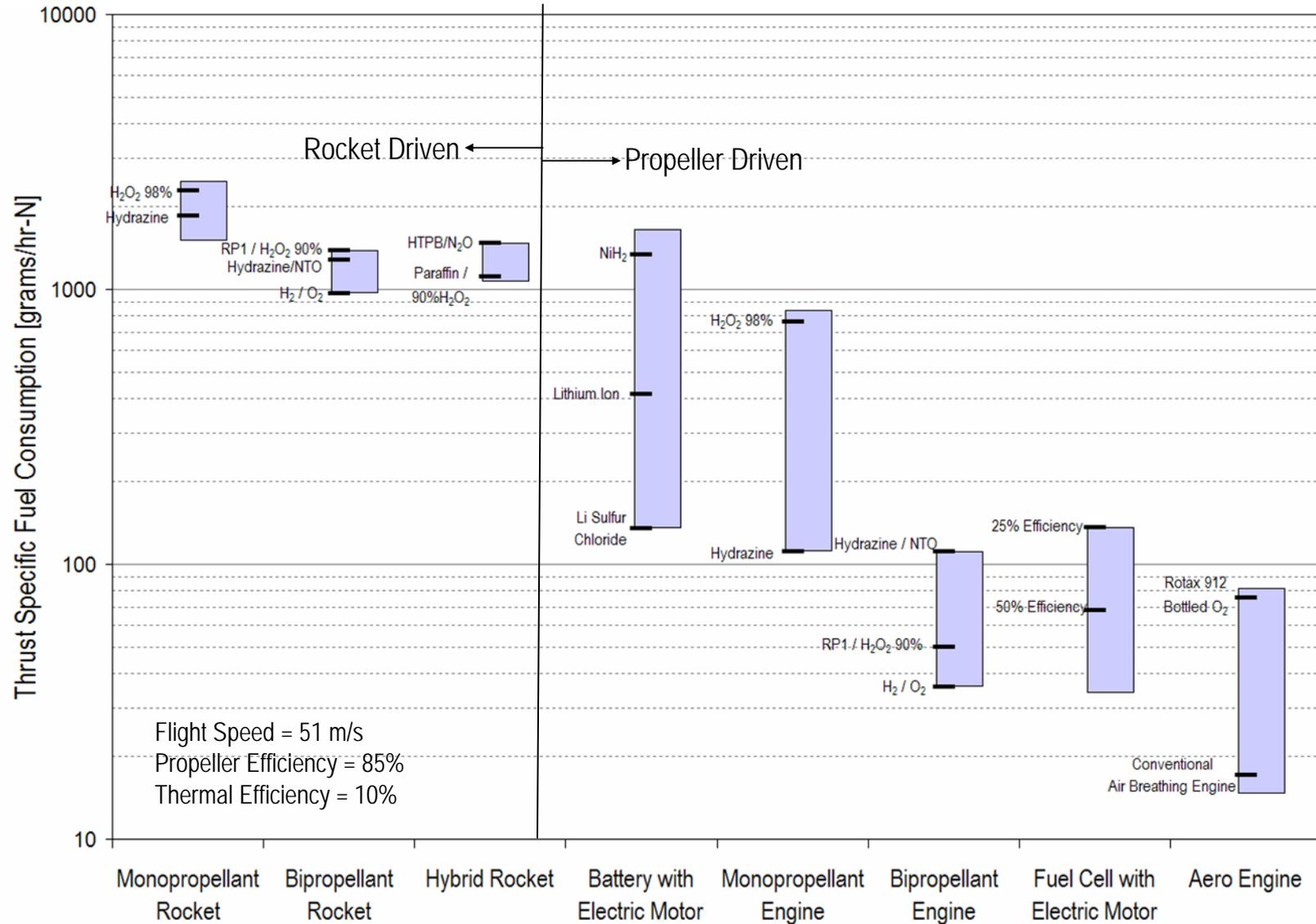
Required Propulsion Performance



- ◆ Low TSFC and high L/D required to achieve high endurance



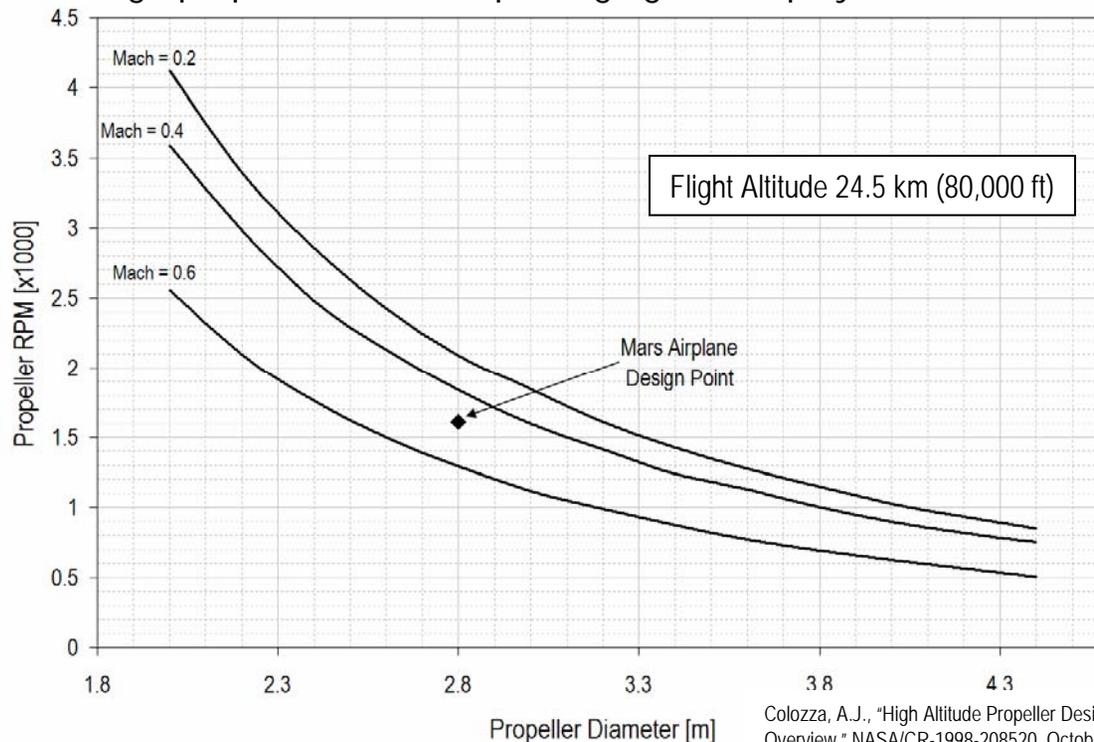
Propulsion Systems - Performance Comparison



High Altitude Propeller Design Challenges



- ◆ Power transferred to air-stream at 80,000 ft is about 1/30th that transferred at sea level
- ◆ Aside from geometry, main design drivers are diameter and RPM
 - RPM is limited by tip Mach number ($M < 0.75$)
 - Trade between blade diameter and RPM to achieve power output needed
- ◆ Large propeller will make packaging and deployment difficult



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Conclusions



- ◆ First order analysis suggests propeller driven propulsion is required
 - Propeller will likely have a large diameter
 - Trades needed between blade diameter and RPM to achieve power output
- ◆ System mass of each propulsion technology will vary depending on airplane design
 - Trade between system mass, propulsion efficiency (TSFC) required based on specific airplane design and flight envelope
- ◆ Volume efficiencies of hardware and fuel/propellants will be a major driver in selecting final propulsion system
- ◆ Thermal Issues – Significant waste heat will be produced from IC engines with little atmosphere available for a convective heat sink

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Rapid Eye Demonstration System



- **Non-Tradable Requirements**
 - **Worldwide-delivery of ISR capability from alert pad < 2 orbits**
 - **Use existing solid-rocket launch systems (limited fairing work allowed)**
 - **Use only two START-compliant launch sites**
 - **Time on station > 7+ hours**
 - **Loiter speed > 99% winds**
 - **Payload > 500 lbs, 5 kW**
 - **Must be airborne flight; no buoyant flight**
 - **No radioactive power solutions**
- **Key Tradable Attributes**
 - **Operating altitude, timeline to area of operation, and global coverage**
 - **Recovery strategy**
 - **System reliability vs. affordability**
 - **Disposal of final rocket stage and decelerator**
 - **Level of autonomy/mission management approach**



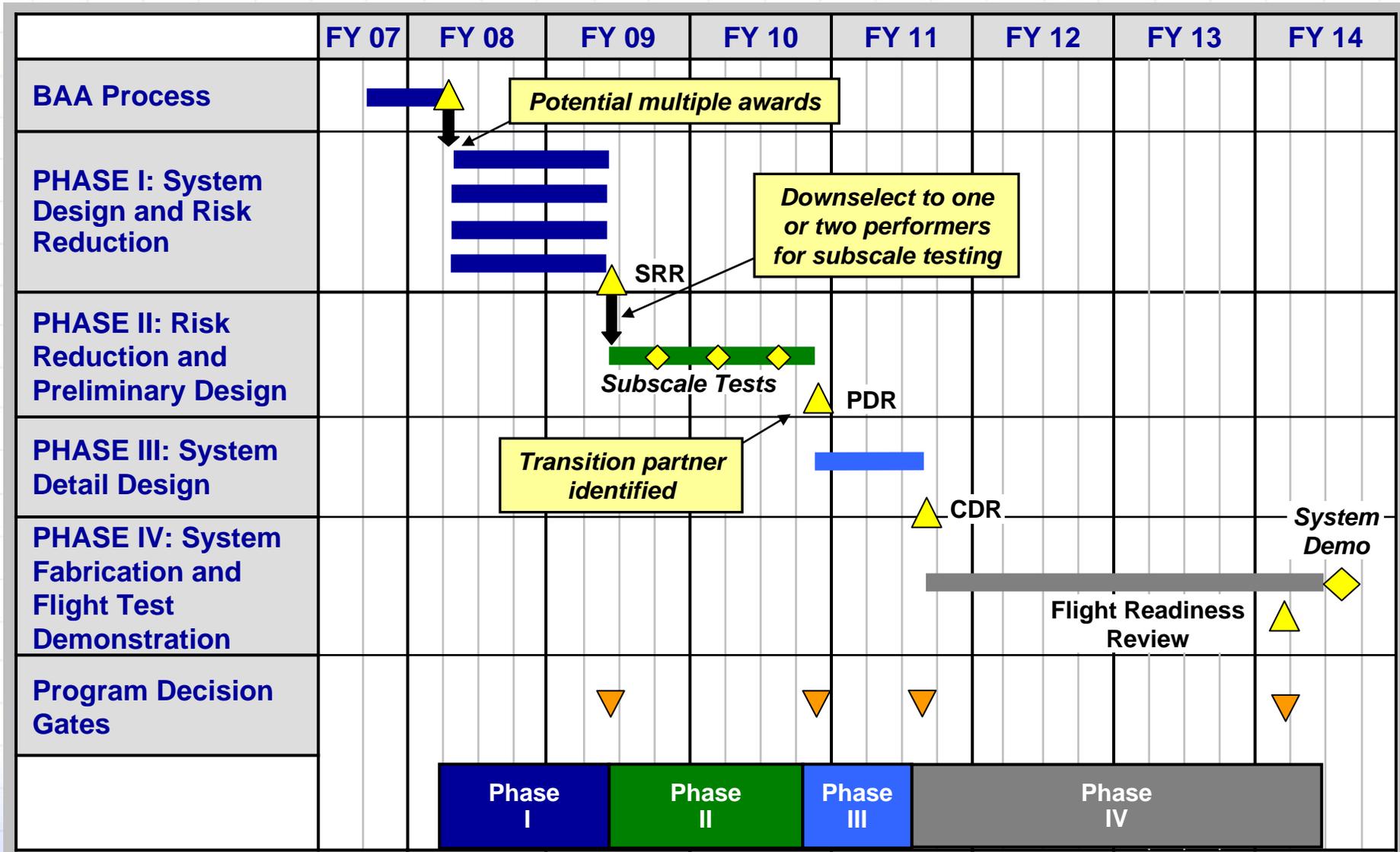
Acquisition Strategy



- **Four-phase program:**
 - **Phase I: System Design and Risk Reduction**
 - Multiple performers in Phase I
 - Risk reduction AoA in propulsion, structures, decelerator
 - Continued laboratory development of LiH technology
 - Complete SRR
 - **Phase II: Risk Reduction and Preliminary Design**
 - One or two performers
 - Conduct subscale tests in key risk areas
 - Complete preliminary design review
 - **Phase III: System Detail Design**
 - Complete critical design review
 - **Phase IV: System Fabrication and Flight Test Demonstration**
 - Demonstration of the Rapid Eye system
- **Single full and open competition via BAA to address all program phases**
- **Progression to subsequent phases of program contingent on meeting established Go/No-Go criteria and availability of funds**



Notional Program Plan (Timeline is Notional)





Rapid Eye Phase I Program Plan



- **Phase I – System Design and Risk Reduction (~12 months)**

- **Objectives**

- Conduct system-level design, CONOPS, and military utility trade studies
- Conduct detailed technology trade studies, including propulsion, deployable structures, and reentry decelerator
- Develop system design culminating in SRR for demonstration system
- Develop a detailed Technology Maturation Plan that provides an integrated strategy for progressively reducing the risk in all critical technology areas and defines all major risk reduction events culminating in system flight test demonstration in Phase IV
- Optionally perform other high-risk/high-payoff technologies
- Jumpstart risk reduction for LiH

- **Deliverables**

- Results of system level and technology trade studies
- Interim design reviews for demonstration system
- System requirements review of demonstration system
- Technology maturation plan for Phases II-IV, including IMS and cost estimates for each phase
- Updated Phase II SOW and cost proposal
- Results of Phase I risk reduction activities

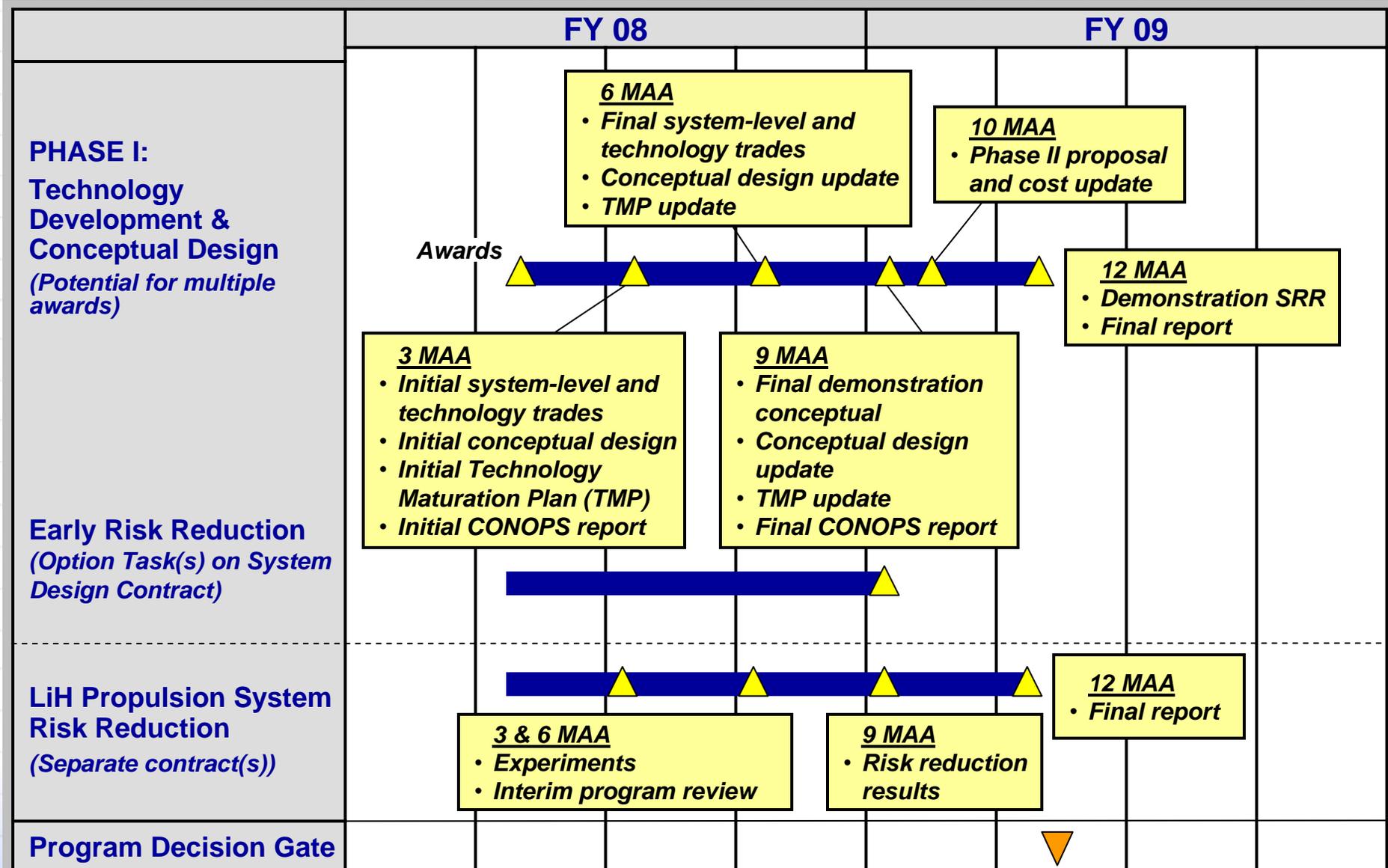
- **Criteria for Following Phase**

- Closed design that meets non-tradable requirements
- Quantifiable success criteria for risk reduction activities
- Credible Phase II technical development and test plan

Balance Desire for Competition with Need for Early Risk Reduction



Notional Phase I Schedule





Rapid Eye Phase II Program Plan

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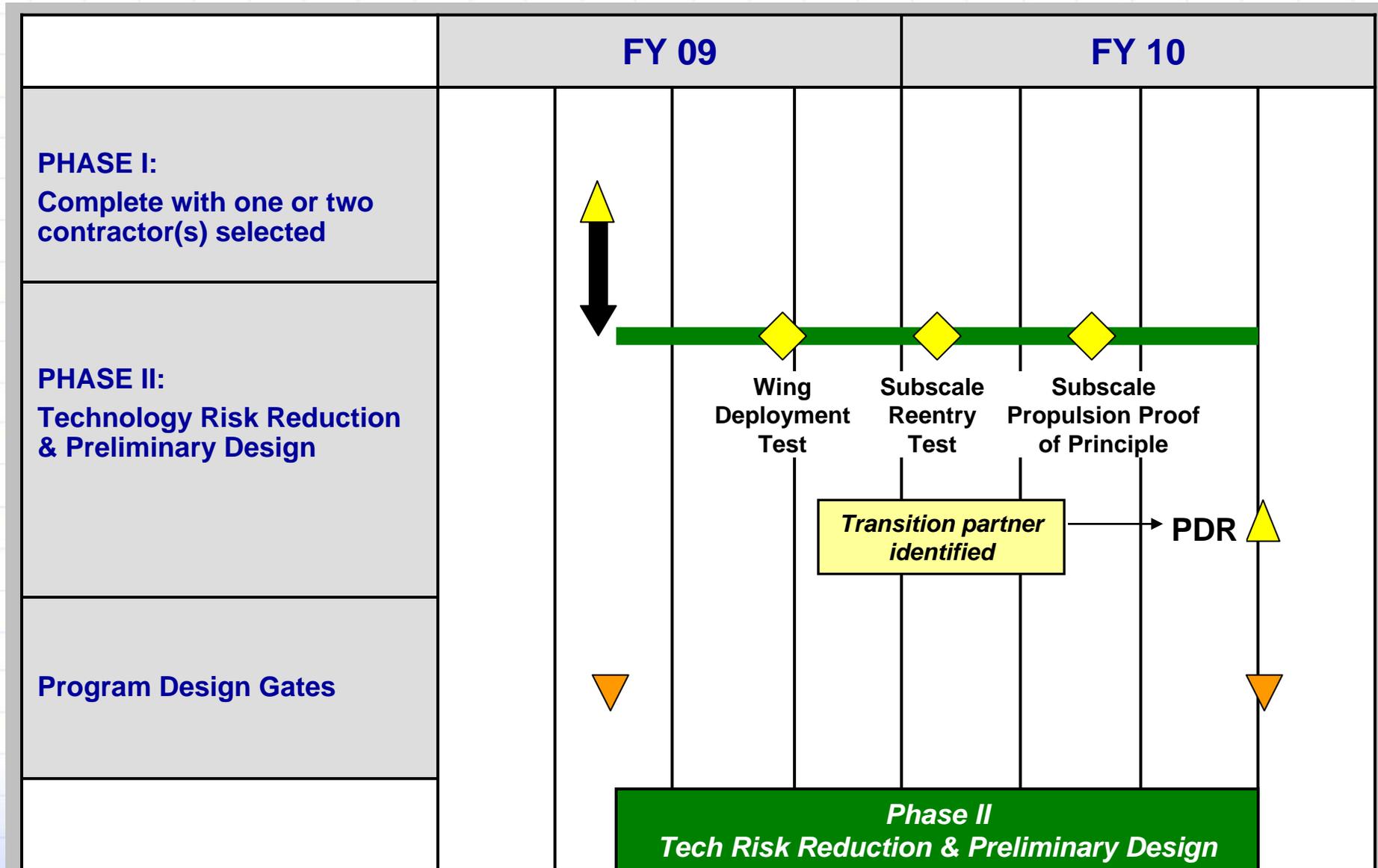


- **Phase II – Technology Risk Reduction and Preliminary Design (~18 months)**
 - **Objectives**
 - Execute technology maturation plan, including key sub-system tests
 - Stored wing deployment, wind tunnel and drop tests
 - Subscale decelerator reentry test
 - Engine performance tests in appropriate conditions
 - Determine remaining maturation issues
 - Finalize system-level design, CONOPS, and military utility trade studies
 - Complete preliminary design culminating in PDR
 - **Deliverables**
 - Preliminary design data package
 - Results of Phase II risk reduction activities
 - Updated technology maturation plan for Phases III and IV, including IMS and cost estimates for each phase
 - Updated Phase III SOW and cost proposal
 - **Criteria for Following Phase**
 - Identification of transition partner



Notional Phase II Schedule

(Timeline is Notional)





Tentative Acquisition Schedule



Industry Day	25 July 2007
BAA Release	28 Aug 2007
Proposals Due	14 Oct 2007
Evaluation Complete	30 Nov 2007
Negotiations & Awards	Dec 2007

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Please submit all questions to BAA07-57@darpa.mil.



Phase I BAA Overview



- Offerors may respond in one or both of the following areas:
 - **System Design and Risk Reduction**
 - **LiH Risk Reduction**

- **System Design and Risk Reduction** responses anticipated to include:
 - **Executive Summary**
 - **Point of Departure Concept and CONOPS**
 - **Overall Scientific Approach**
 - **Technical Approach**
 - **Technology Maturation**
 - **Phase I Statement of Work (SOW) and Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)**
 - **Phase II, III and IV Program Plans**
 - **Management**
 - **Program Team Composition**
 - **Key Personnel**
 - **Cost**
 - **Risk Reduction Options**
 - **Separately priced option for individual risk reduction activities**
 - **May include LiH or other high risk/high payoff activities**
 - **Provide SOW, IMS and cost estimate for each option as well as rationale for why it is beneficial to perform this work prior to completing system requirements review**



Phase I BAA Overview (cont.)



- **LiH Risk Reduction** responses anticipated to include:
 - **Executive Summary**
 - **Technical Approach**
 - **Risk Reduction Success Metrics**
 - **Statement of Work and Integrated Master Schedule**
 - **Cost**



BAA PROCESS

ELEMENTS OF THE BAA

- Synopsis in FEDBIZOPPS
- BAA covers all info needed to propose
- TIME PERIOD – BAA is open for **45 days**

ELIGIBILITY

- All interested/qualified sources
- Foreign participants/resources may participate to the extent authorized by applicable Security Regulations, Export Laws, etc.
- Government agencies/labs, FFRDC's, can respond unless otherwise restricted from doing so by law/regulation and/or agency specific policy



BAA PROCESS

PROPOSAL PREPARATION/SUBMISSION

- Instructions are detailed in the BAA (**Follow closely**)
- **ALL** questions to BAA07-57@DARPA.mil
- Q&A and BAA information available on <http://www.darpa.mil/tto/solicitations.htm> (**Read Regularly**)
- Funding instruments = primarily contract(s), no assistance instruments (grants, cooperative agreements), OTA for Prototype may be proposed in addition to a contract, but must adhere to OTA guidance
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- Assert rights to **all** technical data & computer software generated, developed, and/or delivered to which the Government will receive less than Unlimited Rights
 - Assertions that apply to Prime and Subs
 - Use defined “Basis of Assertion” and “Rights Category”
 - **Justify** “Basis of Assertion”
 - **This information is assessed during evaluations**



BAA PROCESS

- Tech Prop - Mind Page Limitations (**don't use Cost Prop for overflow**)
 - Tech Prop – SOW (by phase, WBS, milestones, deliverables, exit criteria)
 - Cost Prop – Provide **all** Cover Page info
 - Cost Prop – Develop using the same common WBS
 - Cost Prop - FAR Part 15/Table 15-2 (suggested format/content)
 - Provide BOE(s) to support proposed costs (labor & material)
 - Have **all** subcontract proposals ready to submit immediately upon request after BAA closing date
- **Following the proposal instructions assists the evaluation team to clearly understand what is being proposed.**
- **Following the proposal instructions supports a timely negotiation.**



BAA PROCESS

- Be aware of:
 - Organizational Conflict of Interest & Procurement Integrity language
 - CCR, ORCA, & WAWF
 - Export Control language
 - Subcontracting Plan



BAA PROCESS

- EVALUATION/AWARD
 - Government reserves the right to select for award all, some, or none of the proposals received and to award without discussions
 - Government anticipates making multiple awards
 - No common Statement of Work - Proposals evaluated on individual merit and relevance as it relates to the stated research goals/objectives rather than against each other
 - Only a duly authorized Contracting Officer may obligate the Government



BAA PROCESS

- COMMUNICATIONS
 - Prior to Issuing BAA – No restrictions, however Gov't (PM) shall not dictate solutions or transfer technology
 - After Issuing the BAA – No restrictions, however Gov't (PM/PCO) shall not dictate solutions or transfer technology
 - After Receipt of Proposals – Government (PM/PCO) may communicate with offerors in order to understand the meaning of some aspect of the proposal that is not clear or to obtain confirmation or substantiation of a proposed approach, solution, or cost estimate