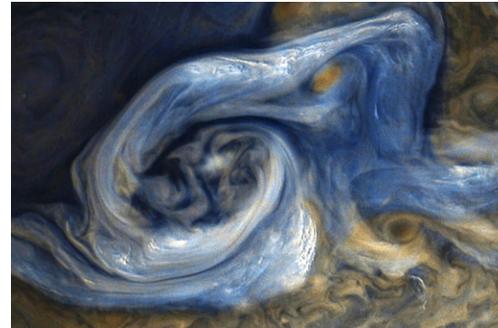
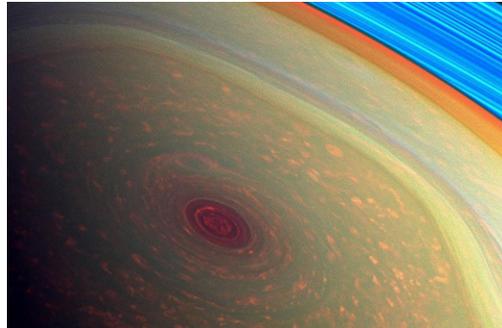


# SCIENCE

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STATUS REPORT

## Planetary Science Division

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# Outline

- Planetary Science Mission Events
- Planetary Science Budget
- Discovery Program
- New Frontiers Program
- Ocean Worlds
- NASA Planetary Science Studies
- PSD CubeSats/SmallSats
- SIMPLEx

# Planetary Science Missions Events

## 2017

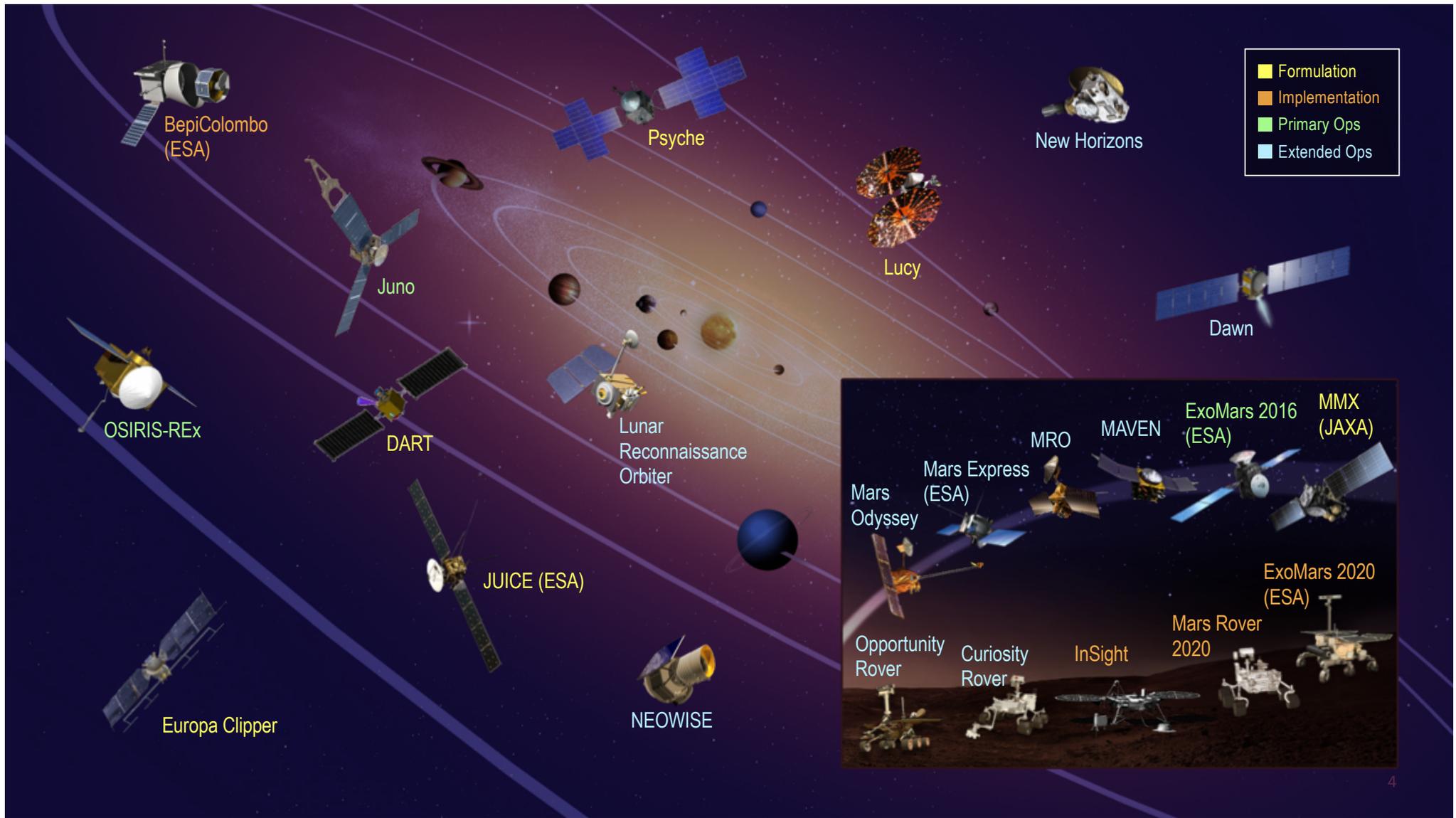
- January 4 – Discovery Mission selection announced
- February 9-20 – *OSIRIS-REx* began Earth-Trojan search
- April 22 – *Cassini* begins plane change maneuver for the “Grand Finale”
- August 21 – Solar Eclipse across America
- September 15 – *Cassini* end of mission at Saturn
- September 22 – *OSIRIS-REx* Earth flyby
- October 28 – International Observe the Moon night (1<sup>st</sup> quarter)

## 2018

- May 5 – Launch *InSight* mission to Mars
- August – *OSIRIS-REx* arrival at Bennu
- October – Launch of ESA's *Bepi Colombo* to Mercury
- November 26 – *InSight* landing on Mars

## 2019

- January 1 – *New Horizons* flyby of Kuiper Belt object 2014MU69



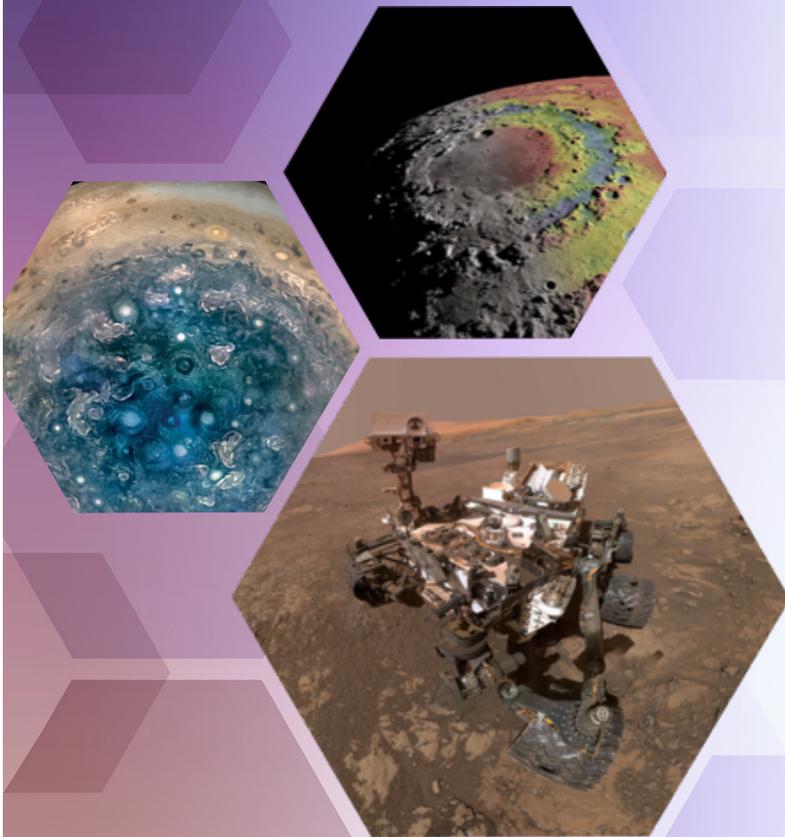
# Planetary Science Overview

## Strategic Objective

- Ascertain the content, origin, and evolution of the Solar System and the potential for life elsewhere

## Major Activities

- Initiates a new Lunar science and exploration program
- Manage both Principal Investigator-class and strategic missions to numerous objects within our Solar System
- Enhanced efforts to detect, track, and characterize NEOs of all sizes under a new planetary defense program
- Engage international & commercial partners on PSD missions, including development of instruments and support services
- Advance the highest quality Planetary Science Research and Technology Program



# Major Recent Accomplishments FY17-18

- *Cassini* completed 13-year tour of Saturn with dramatic “Grand Finale” – 22 weekly dives between Saturn and rings – before plunging into Saturn’s atmosphere
- *Juno* continues to orbit Jupiter, sending back spectacular images and data
  - Early science results showed swirling, continent-sized storms densely clustered and rubbing together at both poles
- Two Discovery missions selected for development
  - *Lucy*: Explores six of Jupiter’s Trojan asteroids
  - *Psyche*: Explores a potentially metallic asteroid named Psyche
- Two New Frontier finalists announced
  - *CAESAR*: Probe to collect and return sample of comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko
  - *Dragonfly*: Helicopter-like drone to explore Saturn’s largest moon, Titan
- Three potential landing sites identified for *Mars 2020* rover, each with unique environments potentially harboring signs of past microbial life
- *Europa Clipper*, to perform multiple flybys of Jupiter’s ocean moon, Europa, entered design phase

# Planetary Science Budget

# Planetary Science Budget Features

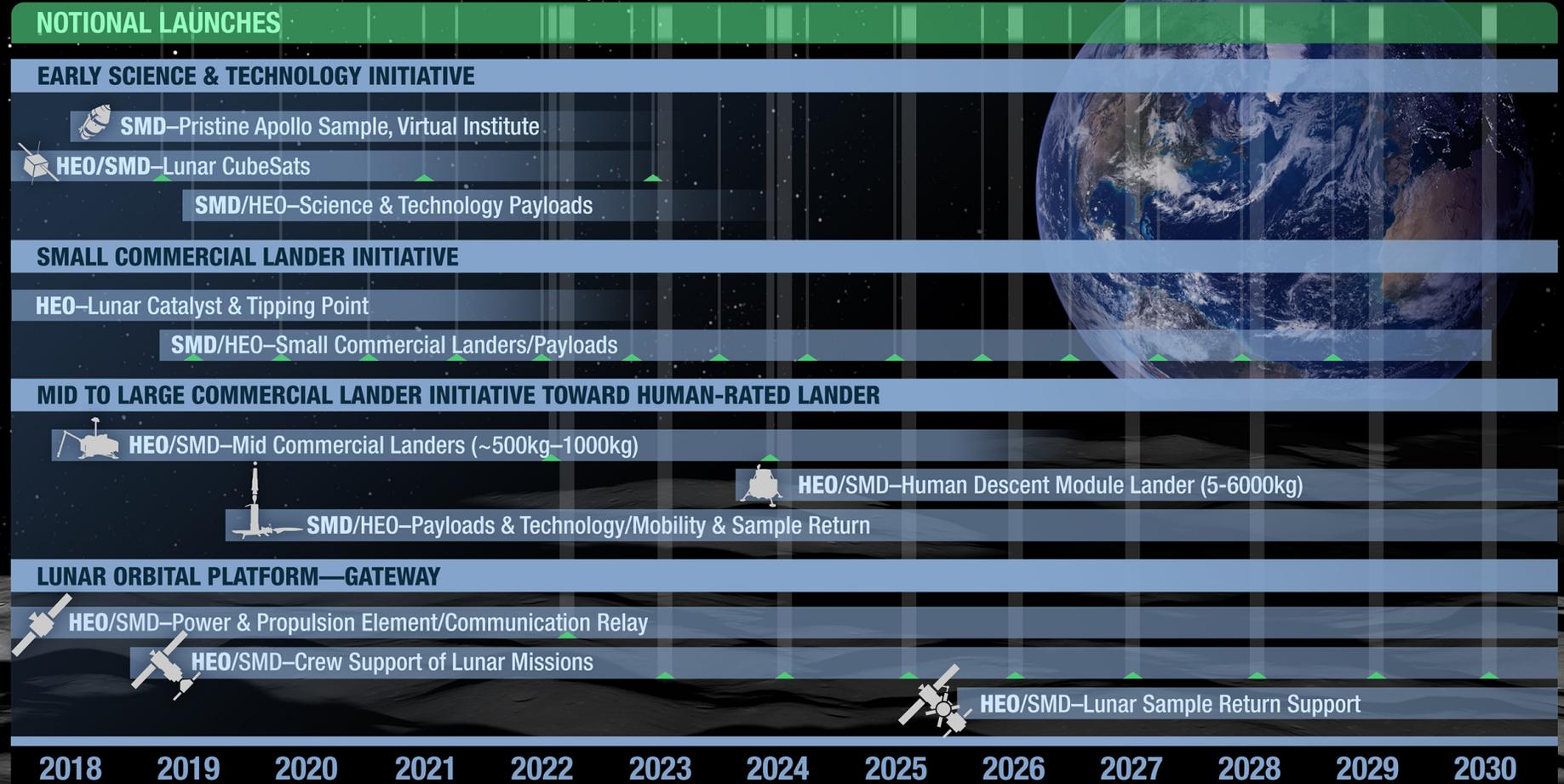
## What's Changed

- New Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program supports public-private partnerships and innovative approaches to achieving science and human exploration goals
- New Planetary Defense Program for near-Earth object detection and mitigation includes development of *DART* and studies a low-cost, space-based near-Earth object detection mission
- Supports trade studies and technology development for returning Mars samples cached by *Mars 2020* rover
- *Europa Clipper* as early as FY25; proposes to fly Clipper on a commercial launch vehicle given cost savings

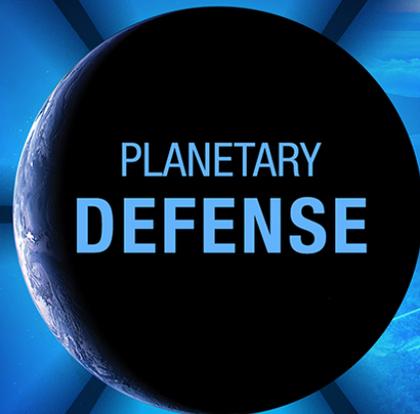
## What's the Same

- Supports *InSight*, *Psyche*, *Lucy*, and next New Frontiers selection in FY19
- Funds all operating missions, and completes development of *Mars 2020*
- DoE production of radioisotope power generators and Pu-238 to fuel missions
- Healthy research program and SmallSat/CubeSat investments

# NASA Lunar Exploration Campaign



Timelines are tentative and will be developed further in FY 2019



## ASSESS

[CENTER FOR NEAR EARTH OBJECT STUDIES]



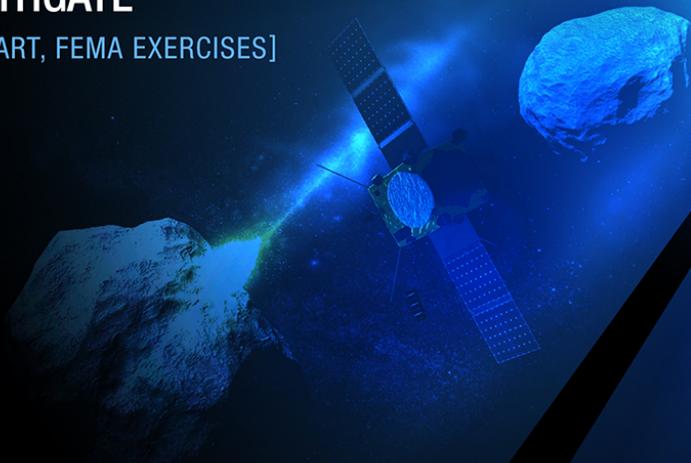
## SEARCH, DETECT & TRACK

[SPACE-BASED & GROUND-BASED OBSERVATIONS, IAWN]



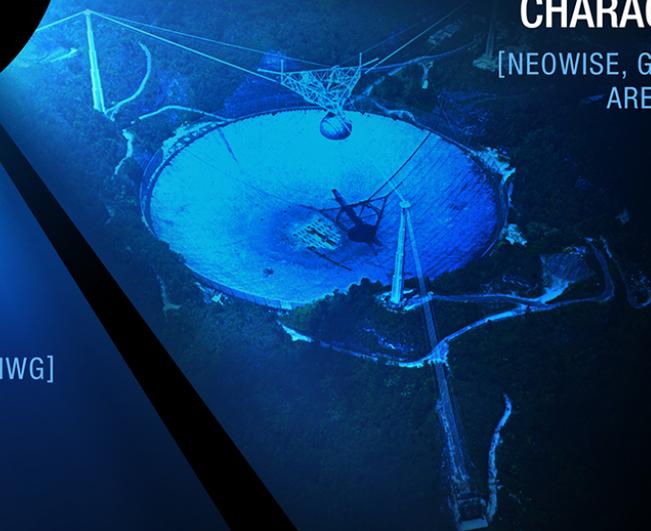
## MITIGATE

[DART, FEMA EXERCISES]



## CHARACTERIZE

[NEOWISE, GOLDSTONE, ARECIBO, IRTF]



## PLAN & COORDINATE

[SMPAG, PIERWG, DAMIEN IWG]

# Enhanced Planetary Defense

- FY19 budget request executes an enhanced Planetary Defense program for near-Earth object detection and mitigation
- This is a significant ramping up of our NEO-related activities!
- *DART*, w/CubeSat/SmallSat, is an innovative way to test deflection capability
  - Joint study with ASI for CubeSat
- Currently studying low-cost space-based near-Earth object detection mission options for future competition

# Planned Accomplishments FY18-19

- First commercial opportunities as part of the Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program in 2019
- Explore options for an affordable space-based NEO search capability
- *InSight* will launch May 2018 and land on Mars November 2018
  - Will peer beneath surface of Mars, providing insight into processes that shaped rocky planets of inner solar system
- *OSIRIS-REx* will arrive at asteroid Bennu August 2018
  - Investigation of asteroid will provide information about early history of Solar System and help scientists develop future missions to mitigate asteroid impacts at Earth
- *New Horizons* will flyby MU69 on January 1, 2019; first ever flyby of a Kuiper Belt object beyond Pluto system
- Next New Frontiers mission (*CAESAR* or *Dragonfly*) will be announced in 2019

# Planetary Science Program Content

	Actual FY 17	Enacted FY 18	Request FY 19	Notional			
				FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
<b>Science</b>	5,762.2		5,895.0	5,859.9	5,841.1	5,822.4	5,803.6
<b><u>Planetary Science</u></b>	<u>1,827.5</u>		<u>2,234.7</u>	<u>2,199.6</u>	<u>2,180.8</u>	<u>2,162.1</u>	<u>2,143.3</u>
Planetary Science Research	230.1		258.0	247.6	247.6	247.6	247.6
Planetary Defense	60.0		150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Lunar Discovery and Exploration	19.0		218.0	218.0	218.0	218.0	218.0
Discovery	194.6		381.2	476.6	375.0	355.6	348.5
New Frontiers	134.0		130.2	163.7	245.0	327.6	388.4
Mars Exploration	647.0		601.5	529.7	371.9	290.8	215.3
Outer Planets and Ocean Worlds	359.5		285.6	213.8	373.3	372.5	375.5
Technology	183.3		210.2	200.2	200.0	200.0	200.0

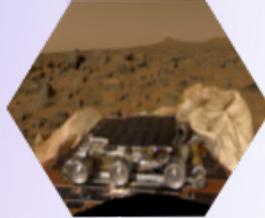
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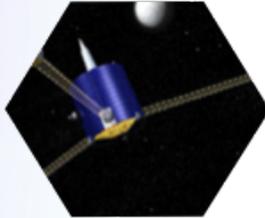
NEO characteristics  
NEAR  
(1996-1999)



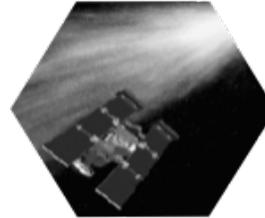
Mars evolution  
Mars Pathfinder  
(1996-1997)



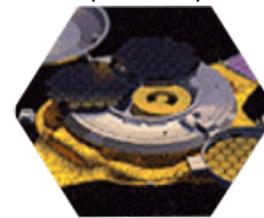
Lunar formation  
Lunar Prospector  
(1998-1999)



Nature of dust/coma  
Stardust  
(1999-2011)



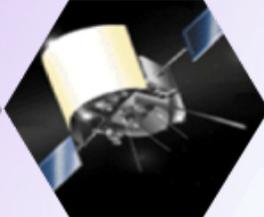
Solar wind sampling  
Genesis  
(2001-2004)



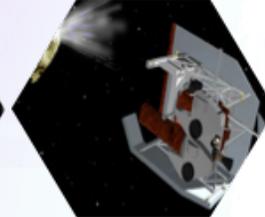
Comet Diversity  
CONTOUR  
(2002)



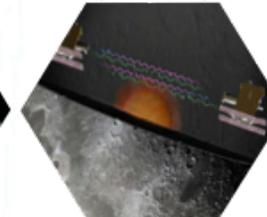
Mercury Environment  
MESSENGER  
(2004-2015)



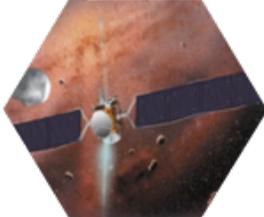
Comet Internal Structure  
Deep Impact  
(2005-2012)



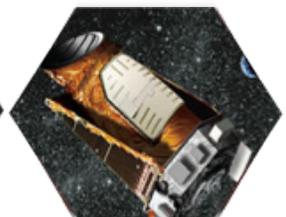
Lunar Internal Structure  
GRAIL  
(2011-2012)



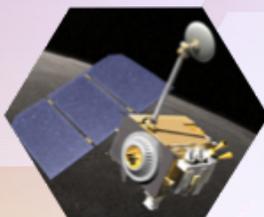
Main-belt Asteroids  
Dawn  
(2007-TBD)



Exoplanets  
Kepler  
(2009-TBD)



Lunar Surface  
LRO  
(2009-TBD)



ESA/Mercury Surface  
Strofió  
(2017-TBD)



Mars Interior  
InSight  
(2018)



Trojan Asteroids  
Lucy  
(2021)

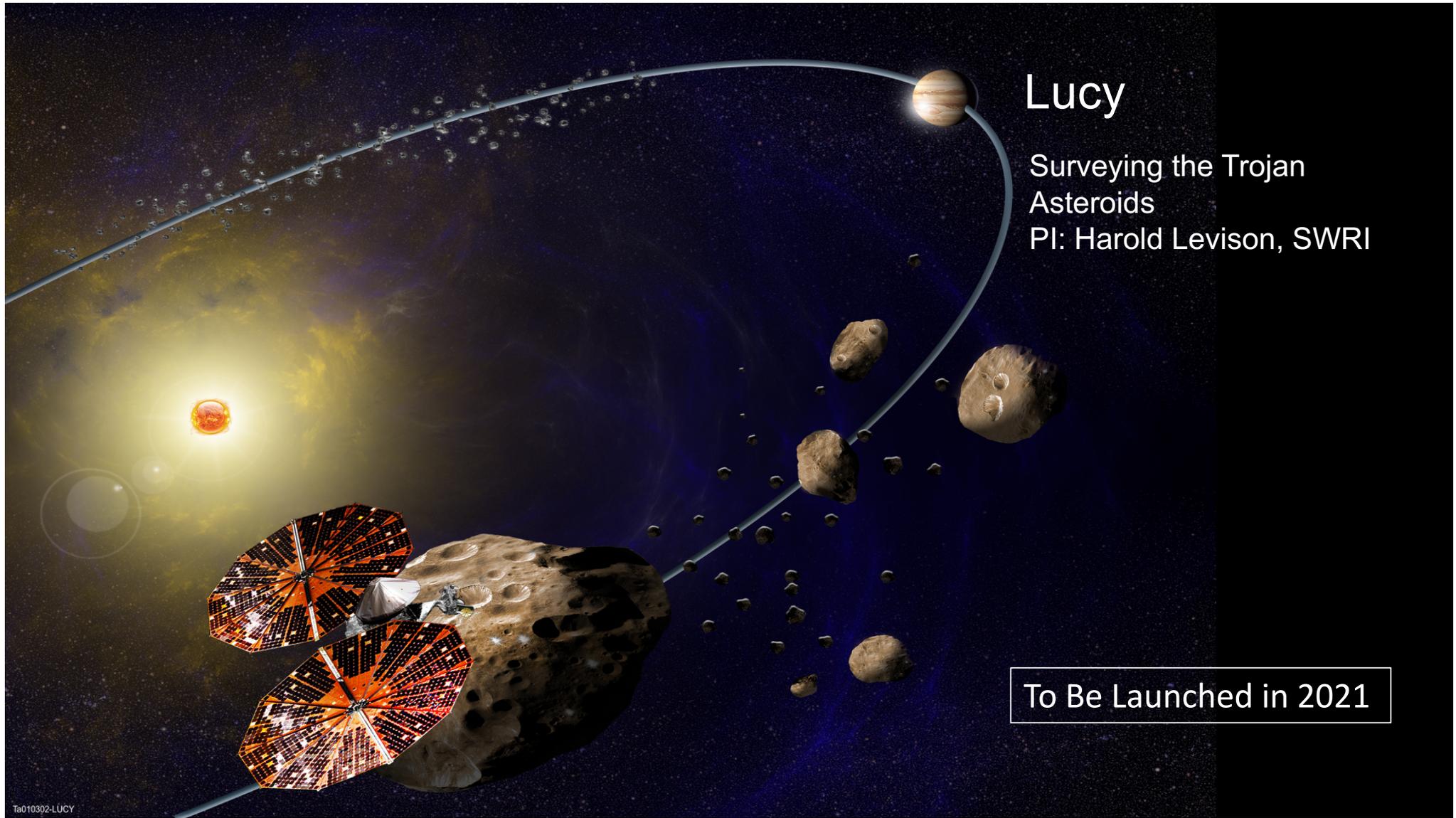


Metal Asteroids  
Psyche  
(2022)



Martian Moons  
MMX/MEGANE  
(2024)





# Lucy

Surveying the Trojan Asteroids

PI: Harold Levison, SWRI

To Be Launched in 2021

# Psyche

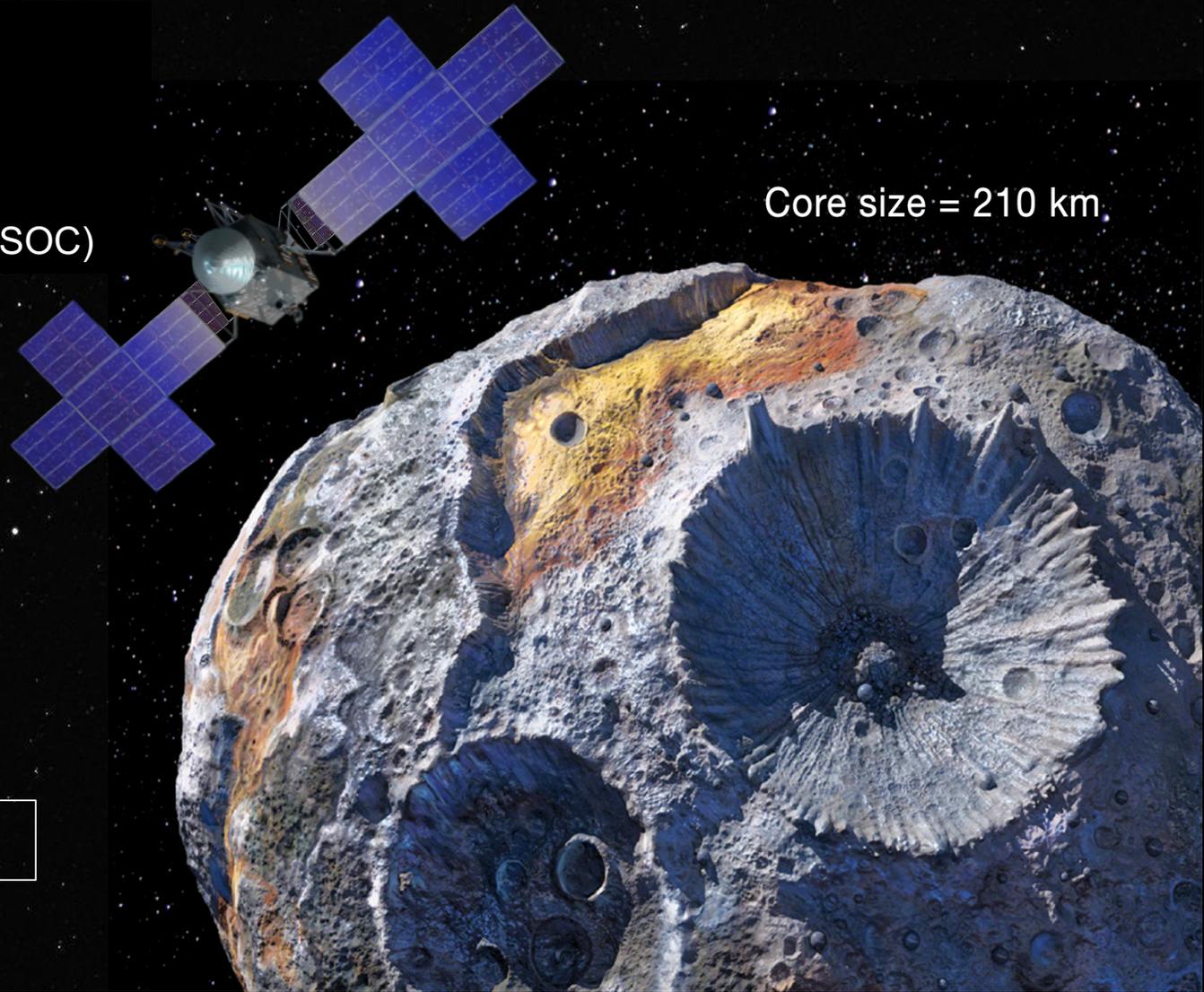
Journey to a Metal World

PI: Linda Elkins-Tanton, ASU

Deep-Space Optical Comm (DSOC)

Core size = 210 km

To Be Launched in 2022



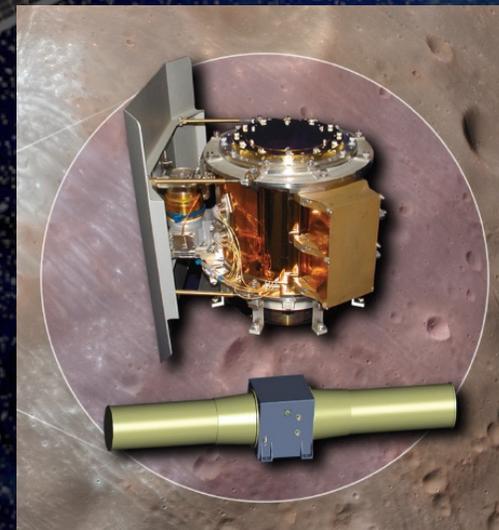
# JAXA Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) Mission

## Neutron & Gamma-Ray Spectrograph

- Solicited by NASA through the SALMON-3 AO
- Selection Announced Nov 16, 2017
  - MEGANE (“eyeglasses”)
  - David Lawrence (JHU APL), PI

To Be Launched in 2024

- Cryocooled high-purity Germanium  $\gamma$ -ray detector (MESSENGER GRS heritage)
- $^3\text{He}$  proportional counter neutron detector (Lunar Prospector heritage)



# Discovery Long-Range Planning

- Cost Cap \$495M Phase A-D (FY19) excluding LV
- May not propose the use of radio-isotope power systems (RPS) – *under study*
- May include radioisotope heater units (RHUs)

Release of draft AO .....	September 2018 (target)
Release of final AO .....	February 2019 (target)
Pre-proposal conference .....	~3 weeks after final AO release
Proposals due .....	90 days after AO release
Selection for competitive Phase A studies .....	December 2019 (target)
Concept study reports due .....	November 2020 (target)
Down-selection .....	June 2021 (target)
Launch readiness date .....	NLT December 31, 2026



# **New Frontiers Program**

# New Frontiers Program

1<sup>st</sup> NF mission  
**New Horizons**  
Pluto-Kuiper Belt



Launched January 2006  
Flyby July 14, 2015  
PI: Alan Stern (SwRI-CO)

2<sup>nd</sup> NF mission  
**Juno**  
Jupiter Polar Orbiter



Launched August 2011  
Arrived July 4, 2016  
PI: Scott Bolton (SwRI-TX)

3<sup>rd</sup> NF mission  
**OSIRIS-REx**  
Asteroid Sample Return



Launched September 2016  
PI: Dante Lauretta (UA)

# New Frontiers 4 AO

Investigations (listed without priority)

- Comet Surface Sample Return
- Lunar South Pole-Aitken Basin Sample Return
- Ocean Worlds (Titan, Enceladus)
- Saturn Probe
- Trojan Tour and Rendezvous
- Venus In Situ Explorer

12 Proposals received on ..... April 28, 2017

Step-1 Selections Announced (target)..... December 2017

*Phase A Concept Study Reports due..... December 2018*

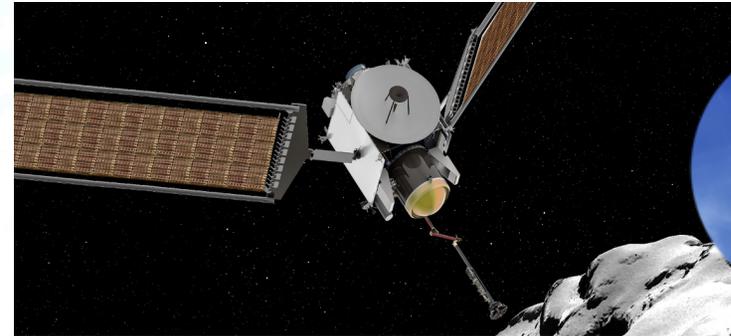
Down selection for Flight (target)..... July 2019

Launch Readiness Date..... NLT December 31, 2025

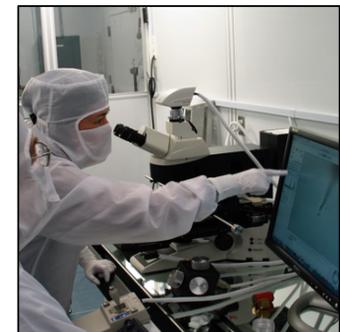


# Comet Astrobiology Exploration Sample Return

- Comets record presolar history, the initial stages of planet formation, and the sources of prebiotic organics and volatiles available for the origin of life.
- Target comet is 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.
- Mission and Sample Acquisition System (SAS) have been designed for the known properties of 67P.
- SAS collects at least 80 g of comet nucleus sample.
- As volatiles evolve from the sample they are transferred to a separate reservoir, preventing sample alteration. Both non-volatile and volatile materials are returned to Earth for analysis.
- Sample stored at  $-80^{\circ}$  to  $-40^{\circ}$  C through return cruise, and below  $0^{\circ}$  C through entry, descent, landing, and recovery.



PI: Steve Squyres, Cornell University. CAESAR will return the first sample from the nucleus of a comet. Sample analysis in worldwide laboratories will address questions about Solar System starting materials, and how they came together to form planets and give rise to life.





## A rotorcraft to explore prebiotic chemistry and habitability on the ocean world Titan

- Flight is highly efficient on Titan, enabling Dragonfly to sample materials in a variety of settings with its **science payload:**

- Mass spectrometer
- Gamma-ray and neutron spectrometer
- Meteorology and seismic sensors
- Camera suite

### **Science Objectives:**

- Analyze chemical components and processes at work that produce biologically relevant compounds
- Measure atmospheric conditions, identify methane reservoirs, and determine transport rates
- Constrain processes that mix organics with past surface liquid water reservoirs and subsurface ocean
- Search for chemical evidence of water-based or hydrocarbon-based life

**Aerial mobility provides access to Titan's diverse materials at a wide range of geologic settings at *dozens of sites, 10s to 100s of kilometers apart***

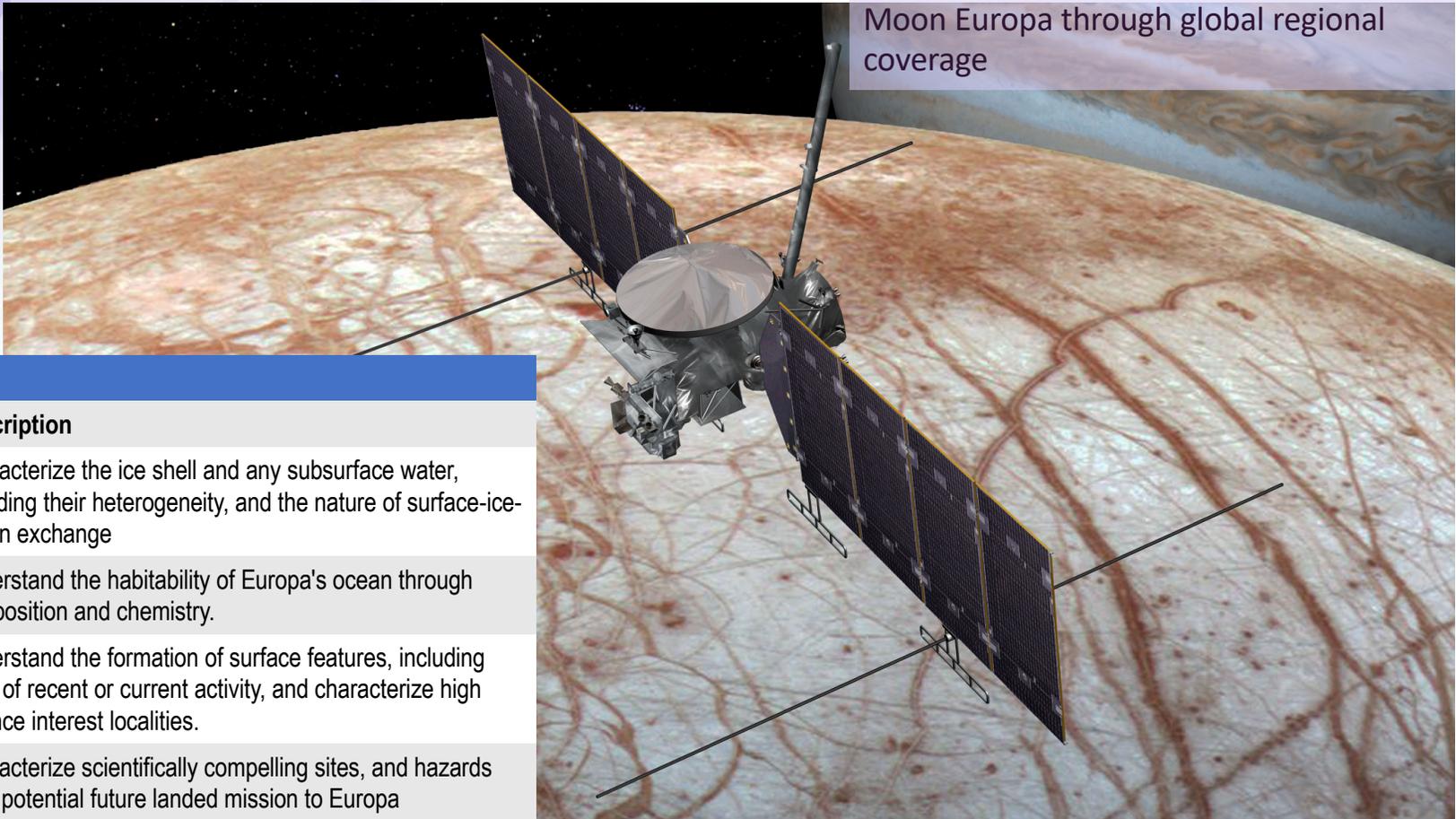


PI: Dr. Elizabeth Turtle at APL  
Dragonfly would arrive at Titan in 2034 and explore for over 2 years, performing detailed chemical analyses, measuring the atmosphere and seismic activity, and imaging the surface.

# Oceans Worlds

# Europa Clipper Overview

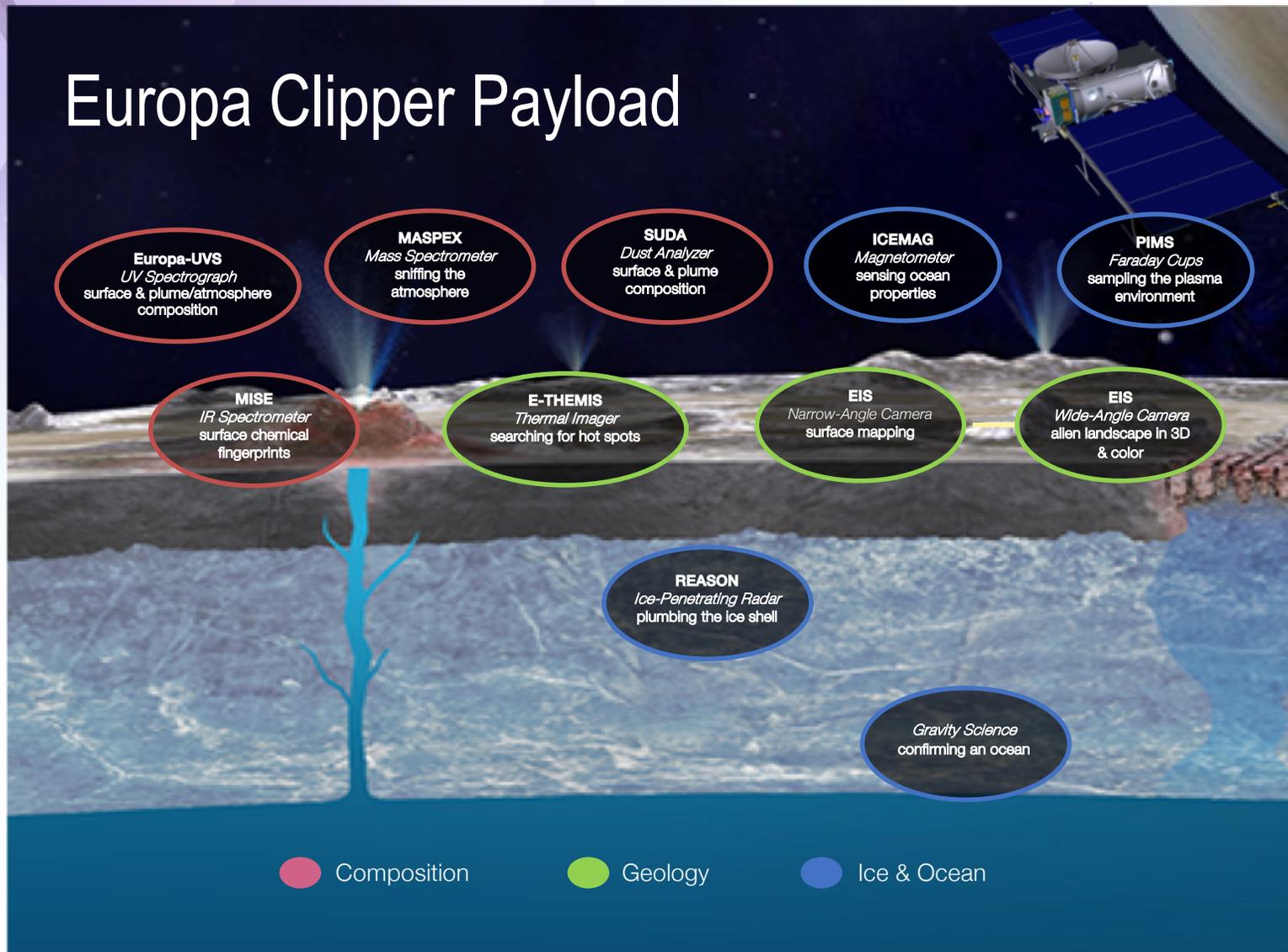
Will conduct approximately 45 low altitude flybys (25 – 100 km altitude) to characterize the habitability of the Icy Moon Europa through global regional coverage



## Science

Objective	Description
Ice Shell & Ocean	Characterize the ice shell and any subsurface water, including their heterogeneity, and the nature of surface-ice-ocean exchange
Composition	Understand the habitability of Europa's ocean through composition and chemistry.
Geology	Understand the formation of surface features, including sites of recent or current activity, and characterize high science interest localities.
Recon	Characterize scientifically compelling sites, and hazards for a potential future landed mission to Europa

# Europa Clipper Payload

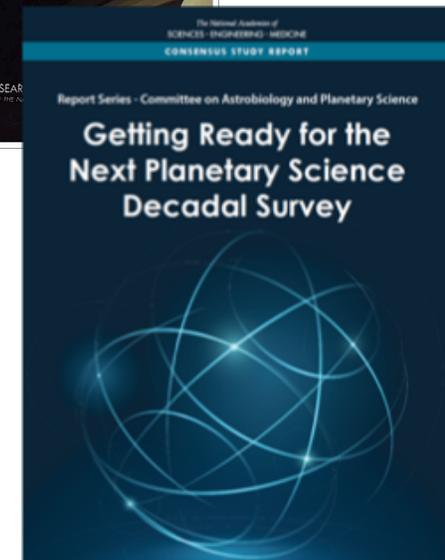
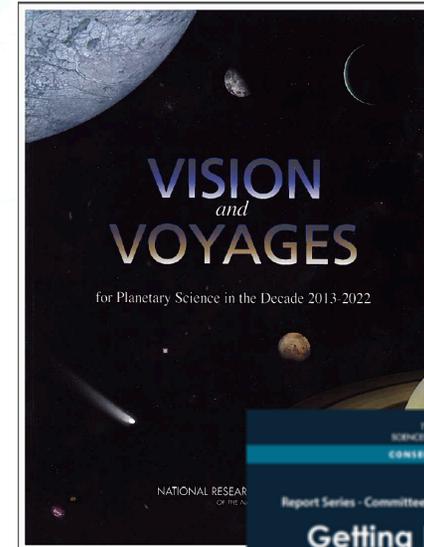




# **NASA Planetary Science Studies**

# Timeline of Studies

- 1<sup>st</sup> Planetary decadal: 2002-2012
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Planetary decadal: 2013-2022
- CubeSat Review: Completed June 2016
- Extended Missions Review: Completed Sept 2016
- R&A Restructuring Review: Completed June 2017
- Searching For Life : Completed Sept 2017
- Large Strategic Science Missions: Completed Aug 2017
- Midterm evaluation:
  - Tasked August 26, 2016
  - Above NAS studies will be input
  - Expect report to NASA due ~March 2018
- **NEW:** Sample Analysis Investment Strategy
  - Started November 2017
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Planetary Decadal: 2023-2032
  - To be tasked *before* October 2019
  - Expect report to NASA due 1st quarter 2022
- **CAPS reviewed completed studies and recommended several more to be completed**



# Mission Studies Completed Thus Far

- Mars orbiter
  - 2015 MEPAG's Next Orbiter Science Analysis Group
- Uranus and Neptune (Ice Giants) system missions
  - 2017 NASA science definition team report
- Europa lander
  - 2017 NASA science definition team report
- Venus orbiter and lander (Venera-D)
  - 2017 joint U.S.-Russian science definition team report
- NEO Search and Characterization
  - 2017 NEO science definition team updated report

# CAPS Priority Areas Candidates for Large or Medium Class Mission Studies (Unprioritized)

Venus exploration missions	Additional concepts beyond the Venera-D orbiter and lander
Lunar science missions	Understanding interior processes and polar volatiles (Volatiles SAT Team-2)
Mars sample-return next-step missions	Mission elements beyond Mars 2020 necessary for second and third phases of a Mars sample-return campaign
Mars medium-class missions	Multiple mobile explorers, polar explorers, & life-detection. Investigations responsive to new discoveries
Dwarf planet missions	Large- & medium-class mission concepts to Ceres, Pluto, Triton
Io science (NEW FRONTIERS FIVE)	Reexamine mission to Io
Saturn system missions	Affordable, large strategic missions that visit multiple targets
Dedicated space telescope for solar system science	Dynamic phenomena on planetary bodies

# Ceres Pre-Decadal Study

- CAPS highlighted Ceres for pre-decadal study
- Dawn revealed Ceres to be an active dwarf planet; It is a solid body, but is it a relic ocean world?
- JPL to lead the Ceres study; Michael Kelley is the PSD POC
- Goals are to assess science priorities and examine trade space of mission concepts
  - Spectrum of alternatives, including New Frontiers and Large Strategic missions
  - Orbiting, landing, roving, sample return?
  - Launch dates between 2024 – 2037
  - PP to be noted, uncover technologies to be addressed
- Key dates:
  - SDT call for applications issued – team is being selected
  - Design study February – Late FY18
  - Engagement with AGs and workshops/conferences

# PSD CubeSats/SmallSats

# Planetary Science Deep Space SmallSat Studies: Awards

## Venus

CUVE - CubeSat UV Experiment  
Seismicity Investigation on Venus Using Airglow Measurements  
Seismic and Atmospheric Exploration of Venus (SAEVe)  
Cupid's Arrow

## Moon

Innovative Strategies for Lunar Surface Exploration  
Lunar Water Assessment, Transportation, and Resource Mission  
Mini Lunar Volatiles (MiLUV) Mission  
CubeSat X-ray Telescope (CubeX) (also applicable to NEOs and Phobos/Deimos)  
Bi-sat Observations of the Lunar Atmosphere above Swirls (BOLAS)

## Small Bodies

CAESAR: CubeSat Asteroid Encounters for Science & Reconnaissance  
Primitive Object Volatile Explorer (PrOVE)  
APEX: Asteroid Probe Experiment

## Mars

Aeolus - to study the thermal and wind environment of Mars  
PRISM: Phobos Regolith Ion Sample Mission  
Mars Ion and Sputtering Escape Network (MISEN)  
Chariot to the Moons of Mars  
Mars Aerosol Tracker (MAT)

## Icy Bodies & Outer Planets

SNAP: Small Next-generation Atmospheric Probe  
JUperiter Magnetospheric boundary Explorer (JUMPER)

# PLANETARY SCIENCE DEEP SPACE SMALLSAT MISSION CONCEPTS

MARCH 18, 2018  
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS



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## Planetary Science Deep Space SmallSat Mission Concepts

Sunday, March 18, 2018

The Woodlands, Texas

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

### Call for poster abstracts is OPEN!

Abstracts for inclusion in the Planetary Science Deep Space SmallSat Mission Concepts topic at LPSC are now being accepted. Abstracts may be submitted via the [LPSC abstract submission process](#) to the topic "SmallSat Mission Studies".

NASA's Planetary Science Division is considering including small secondary payloads on future launch opportunities. To help identify high-priority science objectives that could be addressed with small satellites, nineteen studies were funded to develop mission concepts. A brief overview of each of these nineteen studies will be presented at the upcoming Planetary Science Deep Space SmallSat Studies meeting on March 18, 2018. In addition, workshop participants are encouraged to submit LPSC abstracts to the poster topic described above.

Additional details are now available on the meeting website.

<https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/smallsat2018/>



# **Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx)**

## SIMPLEx-2 : Overview

- Solicits formulation and development of science investigations that require a spaceflight mission that can be accomplished using small spacecraft
  - + – ESPA-Class or smaller (< 180Kg)
  - + – Solicitation for secondary payload on specific primary missions, which will determine:
    - Launch readiness date
    - Initial release trajectory
  - Cost-capped missions
  - Funding Available \$15-\$55 Million
  - Continuously Open call with mission-specific deadlines
  - Foreign Participation will be allowed

## SIMPLEx-2 : AO

- **SALMON3 – PEA:** Third Stand Alone Missions of Opportunity Notice (SALMON-3) Program Element Appendix (PEA)
- **Small Complete Missions (SCM):** Investigation that can be realized within the PEA-specific Cost Cap.
  - The term “complete” encompasses all appropriate mission phases Phase A - E, including data analysis and publication, delivery of the data to an appropriate NASA data archive, and closeout

Draft Open Call for proposals : Released January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Comments Due by : March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## SIMPLEx-2 : Schedule

- Launch minus four years (L-4): Cut-off consideration for a specific mission
  - Select and award ~1 year Phase A/B design studies; expected product is PDR-level design
  - Launch Vehicle is unknown
- L-3 years: Down-select secondary mission(s) for specific primary mission
  - May be possible to select multiple secondaries for a given primary mission
  - Selections coordinated with launch vehicle selection
  - Provided for Phase C design/build:
    - More detailed launch vehicle trajectory, environments and interfaces
- L-2 years: Build/test secondary payload
- L-1 years: Build/test/integrate secondary payload
- L-3 months: Integrate secondary payload into the launch vehicle (nominal date)
- L: launch

# Questions?



# SIMPLEx-2 : Flight Opportunities

Primary Mission	SIMPLEx Proposal Cut-off Date	Payload Integration /Launch Readiness Dates	Launch Site	Primary Payload Destination	Launch Orbit	Spacecraft Orbit at Separation						Allowed Elements					Potential Launch Vehicles
						Launch Flight Azimuth [degrees]	Characteristic Energy (C3) [km <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ]	Hyperbolic Escape Velocity [km/s]	Separation Altitude [km]	Right Ascension of the Launch Asymptote (RLA)	Declination of the Launch Asymptote (DLA)	CubeSat Deployer	ESPA Ring	ESPA Grande	Propulsive ESPA ring	Radioactive elements	
LEO or GTO	On-going	On-going	Varies	N/A	LEO or GTO	Varies						Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
Lucy	1 July 2018	August 2021 / 16 October 2021	Cape Canaveral Air Force Station	Jupiter L4 and L5 Trojan Swarms	Helio-centric Escape	86.68	45.91	5.34	1641	16.94	8.46	Y	Y	N	N	N	Atlas V, Falcon 9, Antares, ...
Psyche	1 July 2018	June 2022 / August 2022	Cape Canaveral Air Force Station	(16) Psyche	Elliptic Helio-centric	TBD	14.53	3.81	TBD	72.96	1.78	Y	Y	N	N	N	Atlas V, Falcon 9, Antares, ...
IMAP*	TBA	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	N	Y	N	N	N	
EM-x	TBA	TBD	Kennedy Space Center	Lunar Orbit	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Y	N	N	N	N	SLS

## Acronym List

AO	Announcement of Opportunity	LRD	Launch Readiness Date
CDR	Critical Design Review	MCR	Mission Concept Review
CH4	Methane	MOO	Mission of Opportunity
CO	Carbon Monoxide	NRA	NASA Research Announcement
CO2	Carbon Dioxide	NSF	National Science Foundation
CGS	Common Ground System	PDCO	Planetary Defense Coordination Office
CJ	Congressional Justification	PDR	Preliminary Design Review
CME	Coronal Mass Ejection	PI	Principal Investigator
CNES	French Space Agency	PIERWG	Planetary Impact Emergency Response Working Group
CSA	Canadian Space Agency	PSD	Planetary Science Division
DAMIEN IWG	Detecting And Mitigating the Impacts of Earthbound Near-Earth Objects Interagency Working Group	R&A	Research and Analysis
DLR	German Space Agency	R&D	Research and Development
DOE	Department of Energy	R&T	Research and Technology
EDL	Entry, Descent, Landing	RFI	Request for Information
ESA	European Space Agency	RFP	Request for Proposals
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration	ROSES	Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	SALMON	Stand Alone Mission of Opportunity
FY	Fiscal Year	SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
GPS	Global Positioning System	SLS	Space Launch System
HEOMD	Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate	SMD	Science Mission Directorate
IAWN	International Asteroid Warning Network	SMPAG	Space Missions Planning Advisory Group
I&T	Integration and Testing	SR&T	Supporting Research and Technology
IRTF	NASA Infrared Telescope Facility	STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
ISS	International Space Station	STDT	Science and Technology Definition Team
JAXA	Japanese Space Agency	STMD	Science and Technology Mission Directorate
KDP	Key Decision Point	TRL	Technology Readiness Level
LDEP	Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program	USGS	U.S. Geological Survey