

PERCI

Penetrator for Environmental, Regolith, and Crater Investigation

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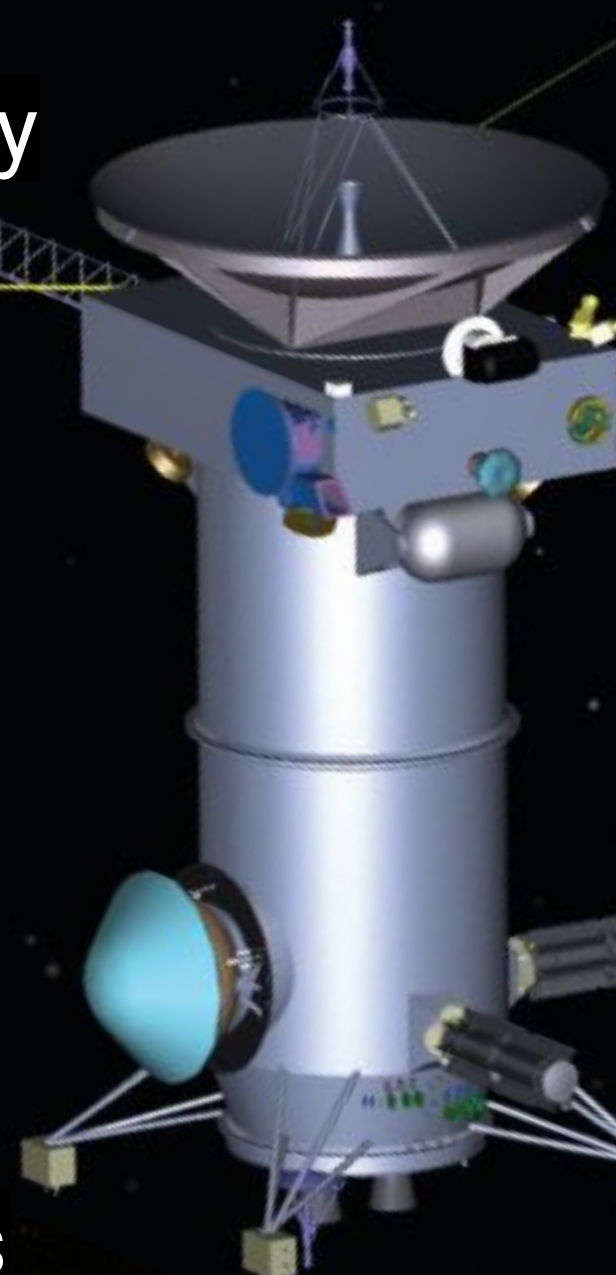
Challenge & Approach

Challenge:

- Enhance the science return of NASA's Uranus Orbiter & Probe (UOP) mission, the top priority of the 2023-2032 Planetary Science Decadal Survey
- UOP to conduct multi-year observations of the Uranian system focused on:
 - Planet's origin, interior and atmosphere
 - Magnetic field and magnetosphere
 - Uranian satellites and ring system

Our Approach:

- Work closely with mentors to refine mission constraints and feasibility
- Use NASA SIMPLEX as a guideline, allowing flexibility for mission needs
- Develop a small, secondary spacecraft to accompany the main mission
- Focus on major Uranian satellites: Miranda, Ariel, Titania, Oberon, Umbriel
- Align design with Decadal Survey priorities and scientific community needs
- Draw inspiration from mission concepts like Europa Clipper & Huygens Probe

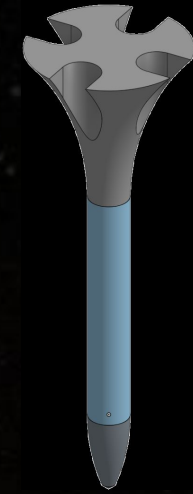


Project Scope & Deliverables

By the end of project the following deliverables will be produced:

- ☒ Science Traceability Matrix
- ☒ Science instruments recommendations and trades studies
- ☒ Top-level, system-level, and subsystem-level requirements
- ☒ Concept of Operations architecture
- ☒ Spacecraft design decisions with relevant trade studies
- ☒ Risk and budget analysis
- ☒ Final report on work accomplished
- ☐ Academic paper for conference

Mission Concept - PERCI



- Penetrator spacecraft
- Separates from UOP and enter an impact trajectory into a selected target moon
- Impact creates a debris cloud for UOP observance
- On impact survival, can measure surface science data
- Data is compressed and transmitted to UOP using the same comms architecture as the UOP probe

Pentrator CAD,
w/ SRBs

Pentrator CAD,
w/o SRBs

Task Organization

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Systems and Management

Project

Presentation

Report

Systems Design

Mission Concept

Mission Def

ConOps

Operations

End-of-life

Science

STM

Instruments

Flight System

Payload

Propulsion

ADCS

TT&C

Structure

Thermal

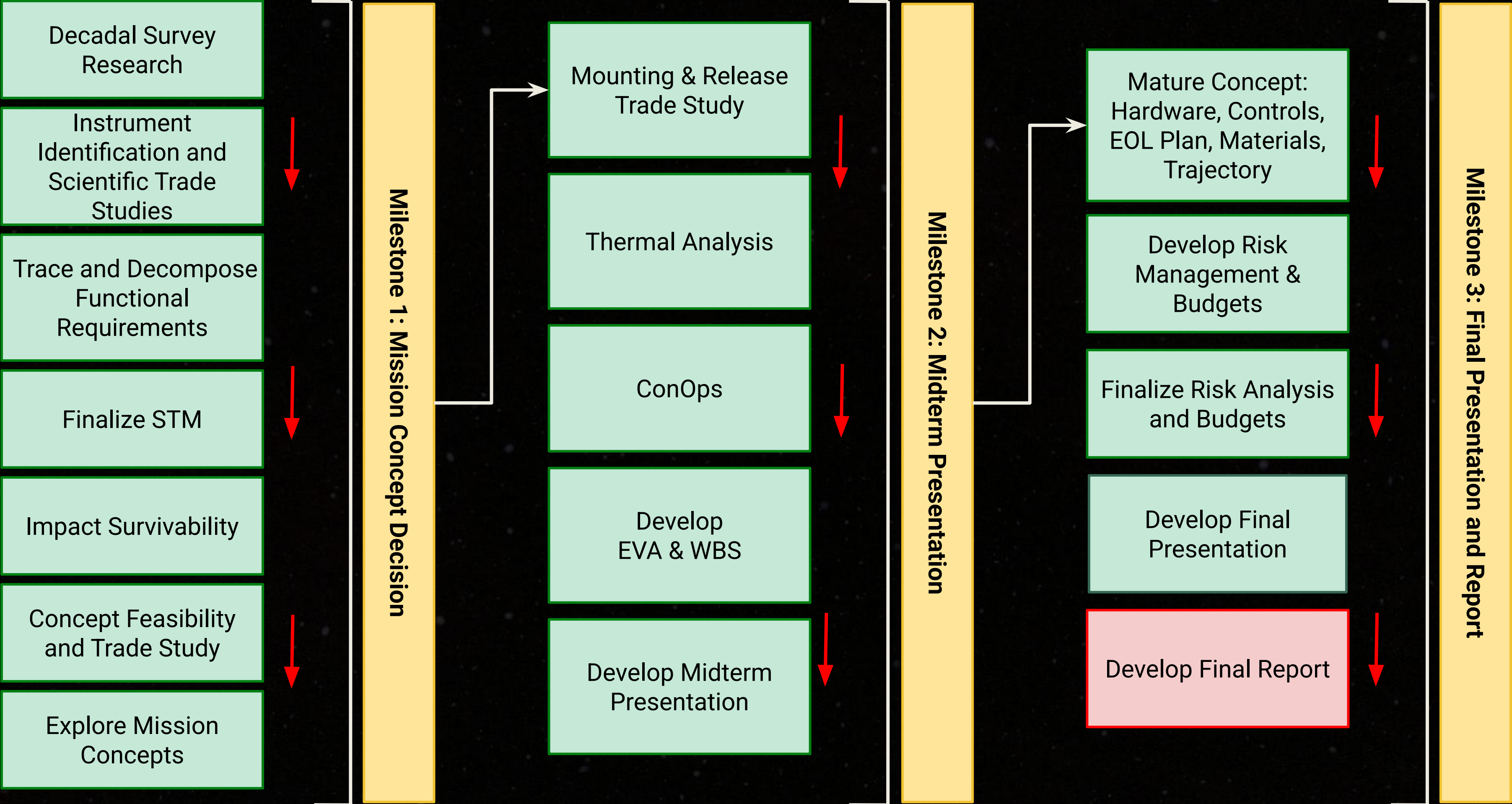
Power

CD&H

Execution Path

Not Started

Completed



Approach to Science Enhancement

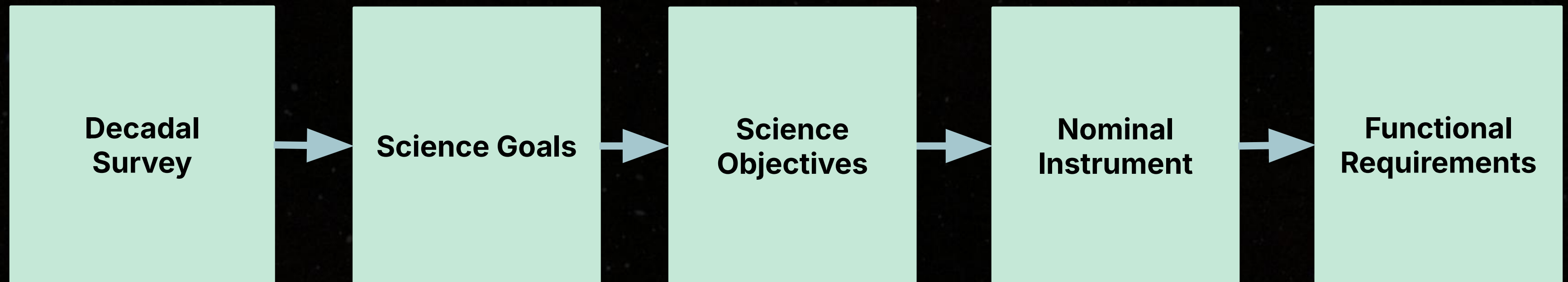
What can PERCI accomplish that the UOP mission cannot by itself ?

- In-situ surface measurements represent a weakness in the UOP's science return that this secondary payload can strengthen
- PERCI can support the UOP's analysis of Uranian satellites to provide more science return

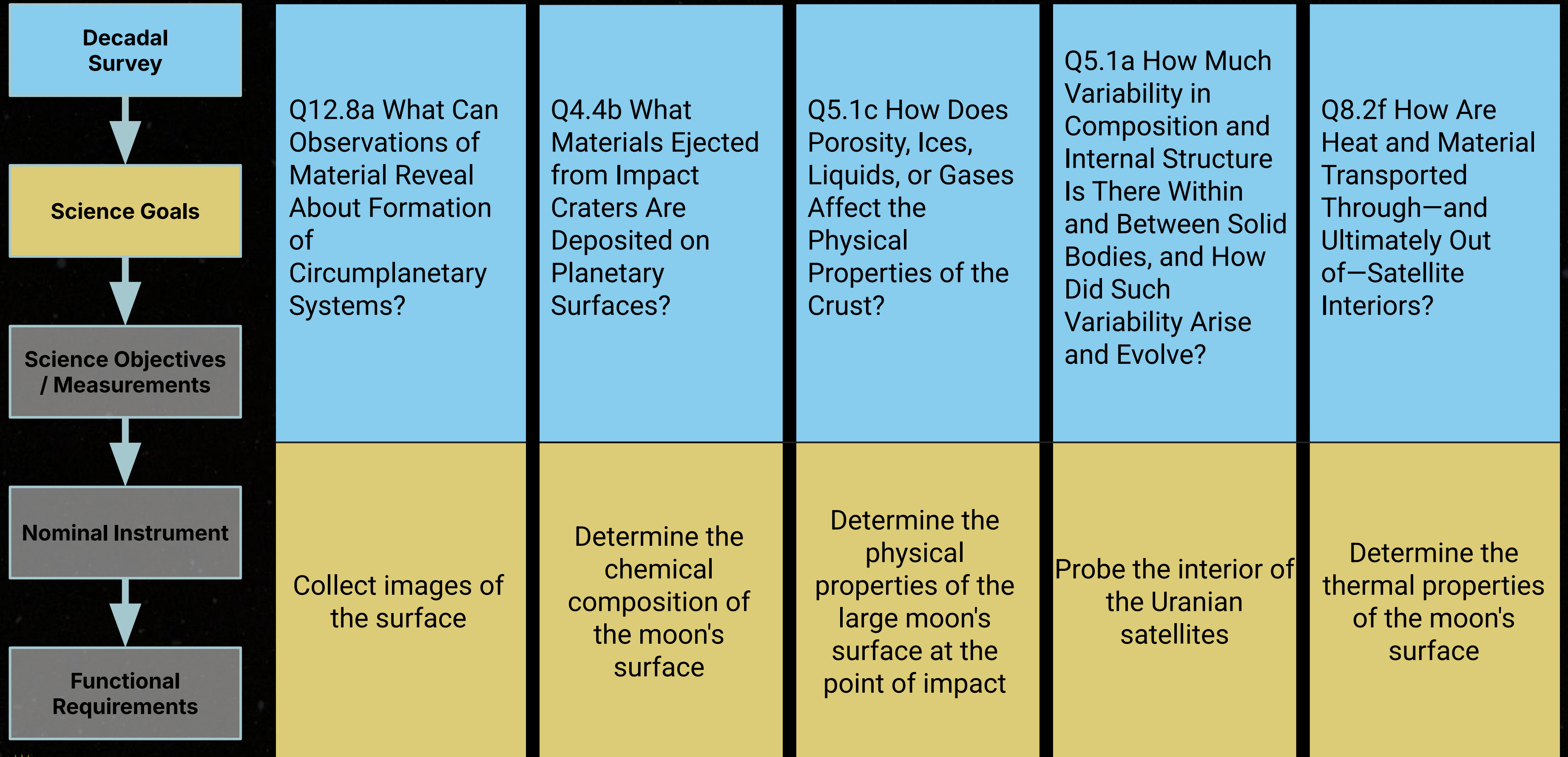
Objectives:

- Quantify chemical abundances from impact plumes
- Measure surface composition, topography, and mineralogy
- Measure surface hardness and conduct ice failure tests
- Observe impact events and ejecta distribution (surface, escape, orbit)
- Determine interior structure and ice sheet thickness
- Measure thermal conductivity and surface heat dissipation patterns

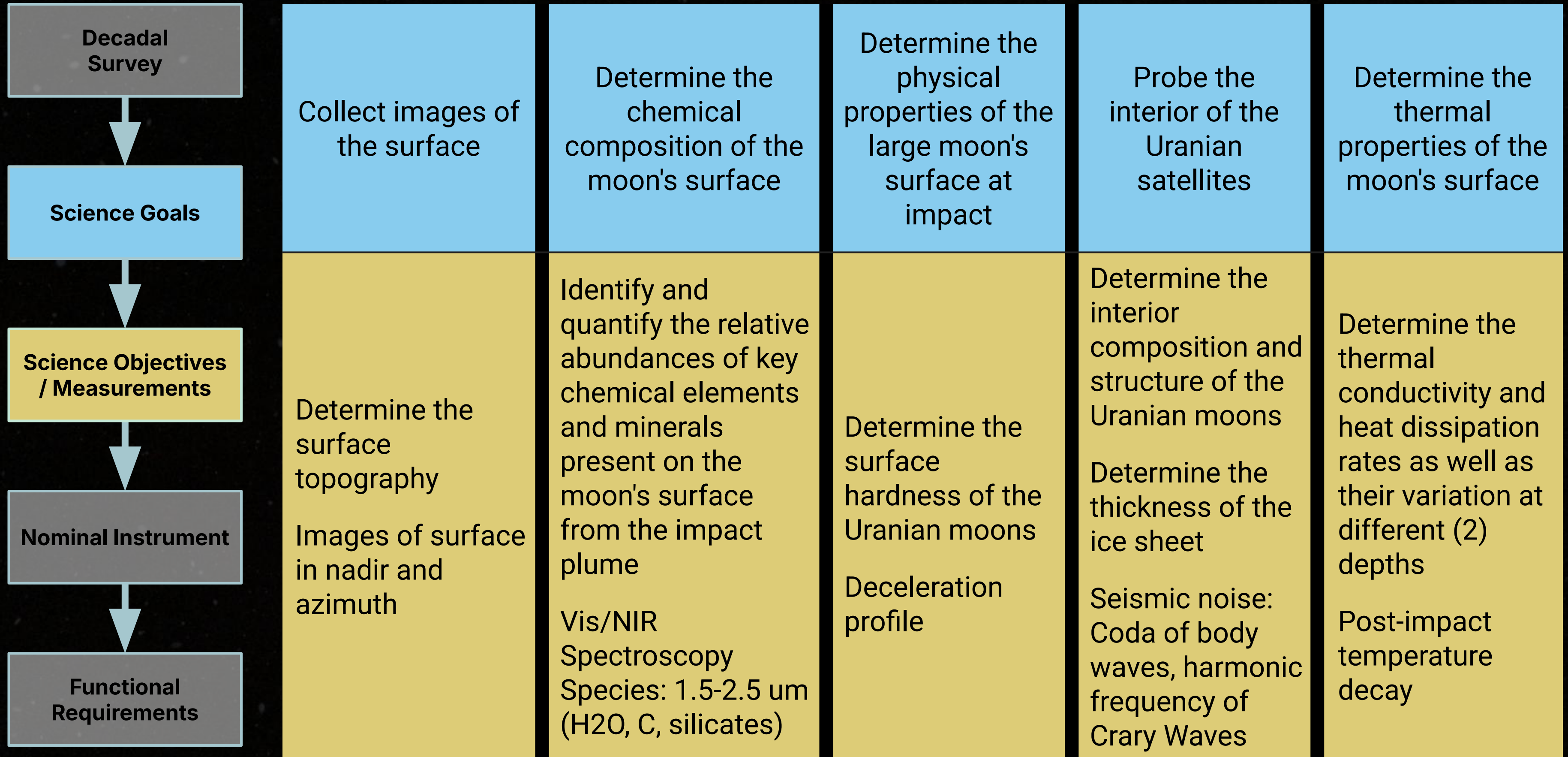
Science Traceability



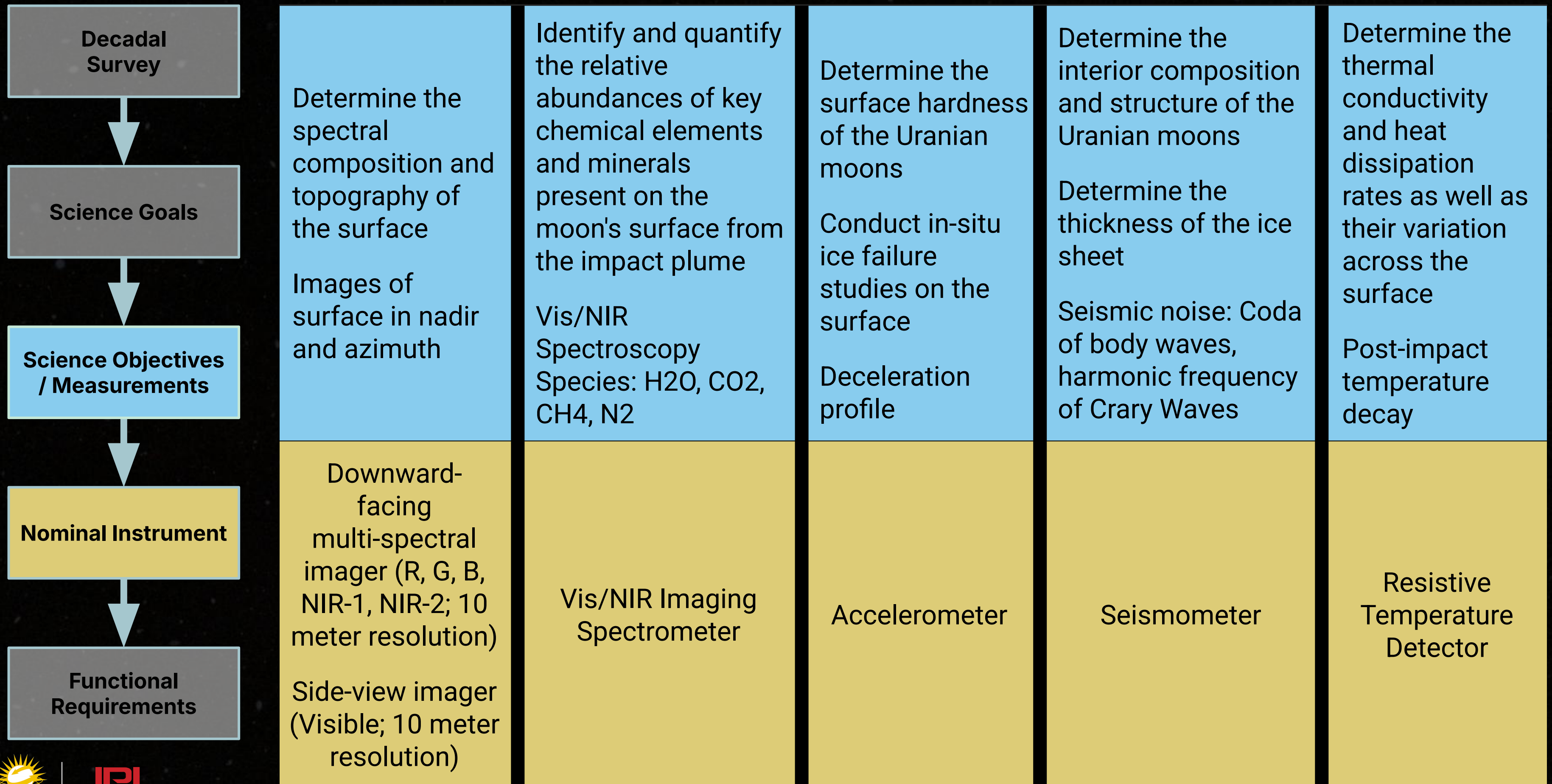
Science Traceability Chart (1/4)



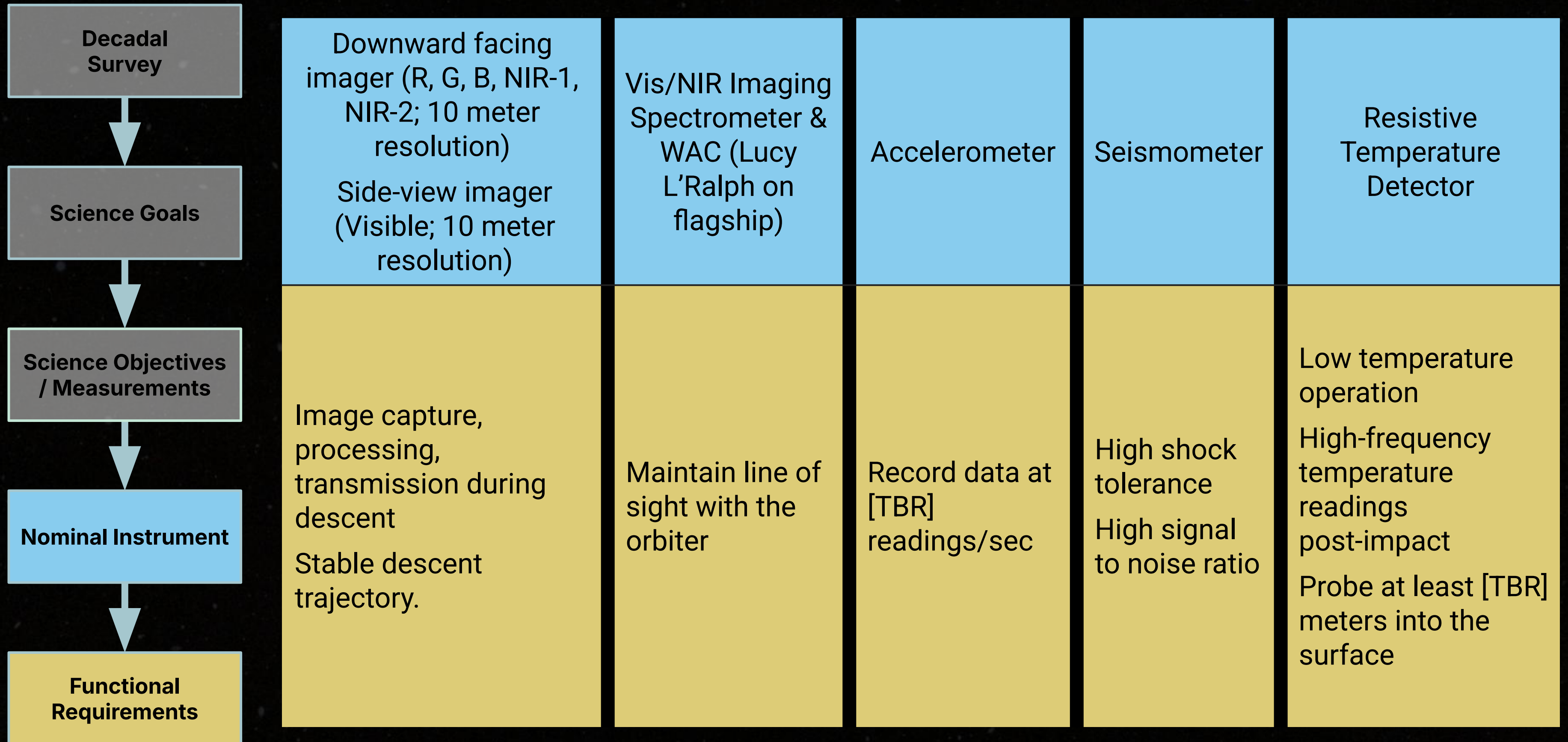
Science Traceability Chart (2/4)



Science Traceability Chart (3/4)



Science Traceability Chart (4/4)

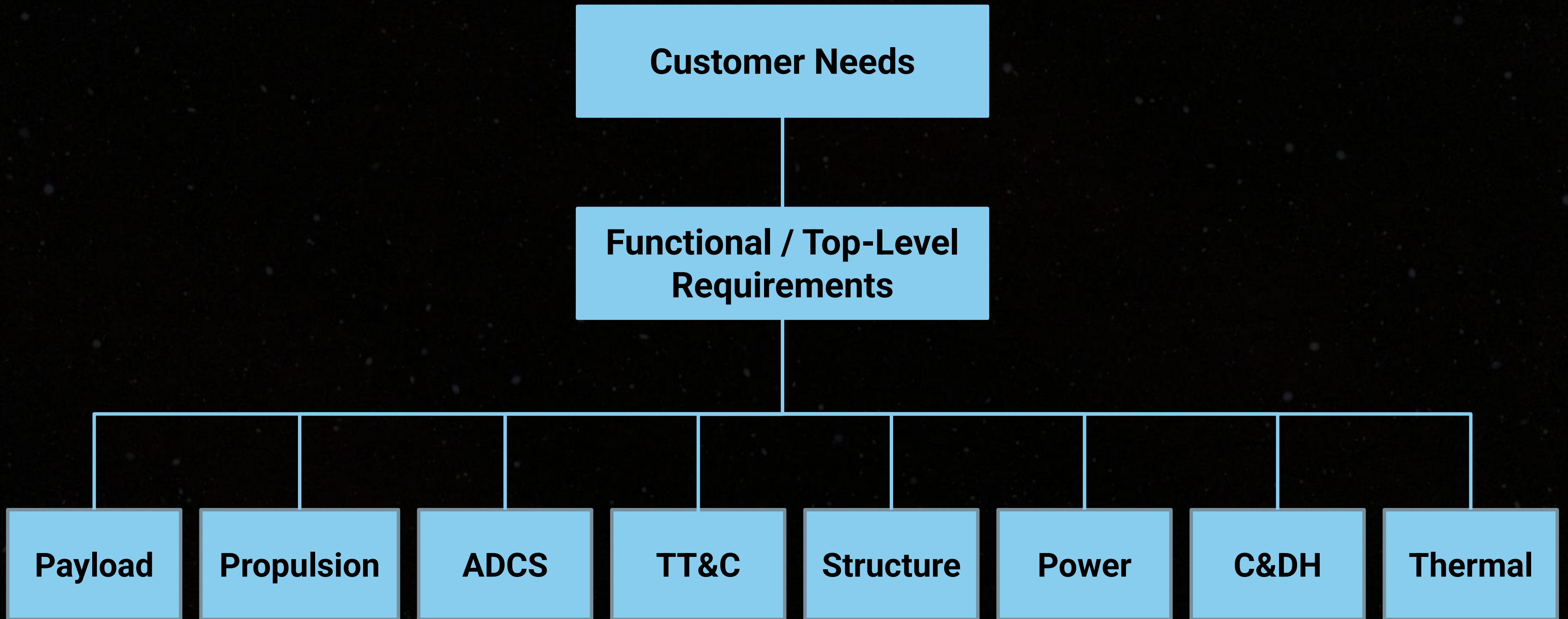


Instrument Suite Summary

Trade studies were conducted to select the following payload instruments

Instrument	Instrument Selection	Important Criteria
Camera	OSIRIS REX SamCam/TAGCAMS (ECAM M50)	• High survivability (radiation/thermal) • Excellent operation in low light conditions
Imaging Spectrometer	Vis/NIR Imaging Spectrometer & WAC (Lucy L'Ralph on flagship)	• Spectral Imaging allows for surface composition data • Offset to orbiter, more simplicity
Accelerometer	PCB Piezotronics Accelerometer	• Sufficiently large temp. operating range • High amplitude range / shock tolerance
Seismometer	Artius Seismometer	• Broad spectrum for high and low freq. vibration • High tilt tolerance
Thermal Probe	Cernox RTD	• Quick Thermal Response Time • High Measurement Reproducibility

Requirements Flowdown



Customer Needs

ID	Requirement Name	Justification	Verification Method
SYS_CN_1	Sizing Needs	The system assembly shall fit within the payload fairing of the launch vehicle	Inspection
SYS_CN_2	Enhance Science	The system shall enhance the scientific objectives of the UOP mission	Analysis / Test
SYS_CN_3	TRL	The system shall use COTS and TRL 6+ technology	Inspection / Analysis
SYS_CN_4	SIMPLEX Need	The system shall adhere to NASA's SIMPLEx program	Inspection
SYS_CN_5	Power	The system shall not exceed a power draw of [2W] from the flagship	Analysis / Test
SYS_CN_6	Impedance	The system shall not impede performance of the flagship mission	Analysis / Test
SYS_CN_7	Do No Harm	The system shall do no harm to the flagship	Analysis / Test
SYS_CN_8	Data Transmission	The system shall transmit all data to the orbiter at a maximum data rate of 20.1 kbps	Analysis / Test

Top Level Requirements

ID	Requirement Name	Justification	Verification Method
SYS_TL_1	Science Goals	The system shall support the current NASA planetary science goals	Analysis
SYS_TL_2	Planetary Protection	The system shall adhere to the NASA planetary protection guidelines for forward contamination	Inspection / Test
SYS_TL_3	Orbiter ΔV	The system separation from the orbiter shall not impede the Orbiter's trajectory	Analysis / Test
SYS_TL_4	Heat Flow	The system shall not have greater than [TBR] W of heat flow to/from the flagship	Analysis / Test
SYS_TL_5	Temperature	The system shall maintain all components within their temperature limits with $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ margin	Analysis / Test

Constraints

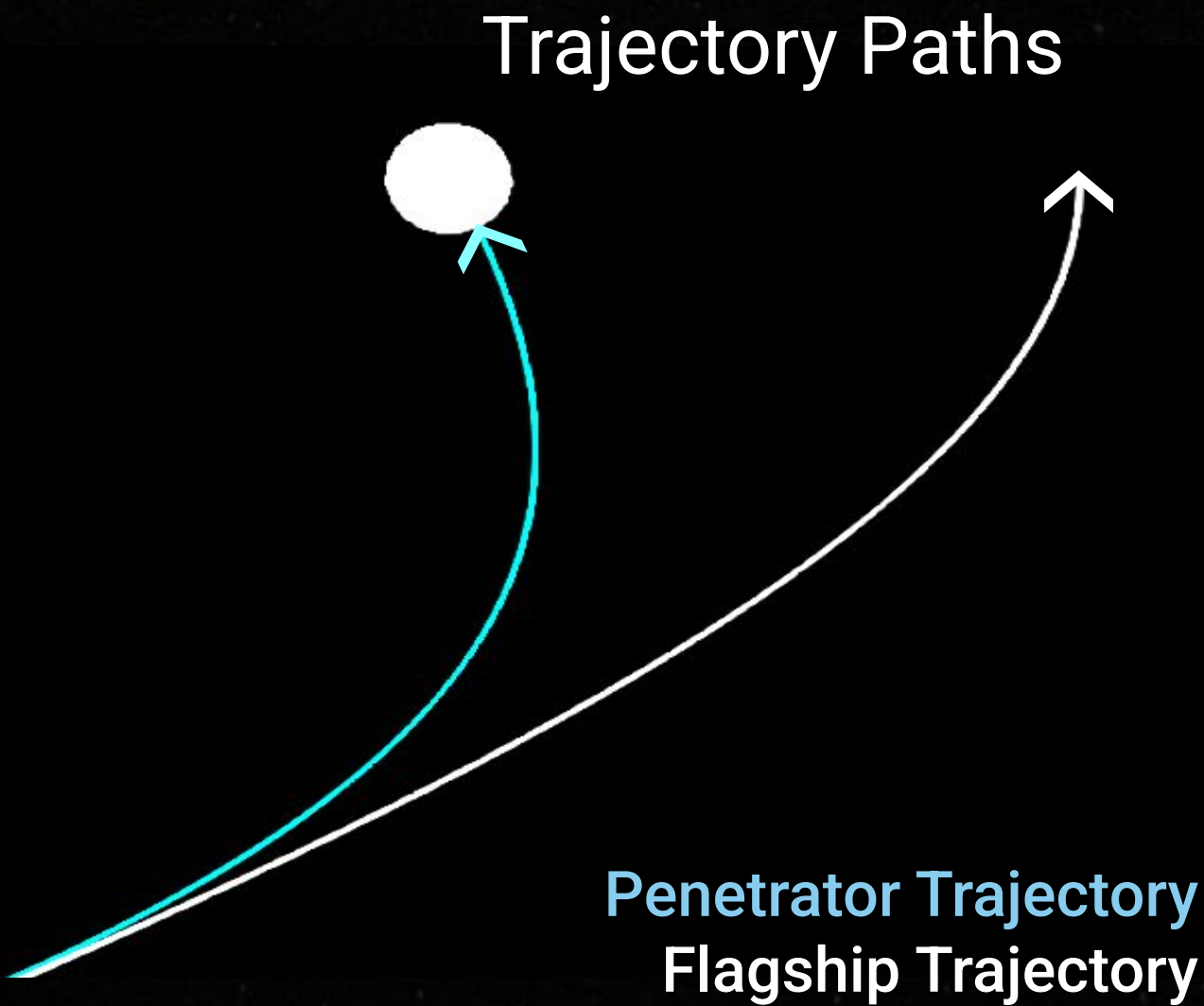
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SYS_C_1	SIMPLEX Constraint	The system shall meet the critical development milestones per the NASA SIMPLEx guidelines	Inspection
SYS_C_2	Mass Constraint	The system shall not exceed a wet mass of 180 kg	Inspection
SYS_C_3	Volume Constraint	The system should not exceed a total volume of 0.42 m ³ /(1.19 m ³ w/ESPA ring)	Inspection
SYS_C_4	Cost Constraint	The system should not exceed a cost of \$55 million for all mission phases	Analysis
SYS_C_5	Comms Constraints	The system shall be able to communicate with the main orbiter	Analysis / Test
SYS_C_6	Fairing Constraint	The system, when integrated with the UOP system, shall fit within the Falcon heavy fairing volume	Inspection

PERCI Mission Functional Requirements

ID	Requirement Name	Justification	Verification Method
SYS_MFR_1	Mission Support	The system shall support continuous operation to payload, CDH, TT&C, power, and thermal subsystems	Analysis
SYS_MFR_2	Pointing Stability	The system shall have appointing stability of [TBR] (such to reduce image blur) during descent trajectory	Analysis / Test
SYS_MFR_3	Shielding	The system shall shield the imagers from dust and other hazards during approach and descent	Analysis / Test
SYS_MFR_4	Survival	The system should survive the impact, with all necessary components still operational	Analysis
SYS_MFR_5	Deceleration Profile	The system should record the deceleration profile at the time of impact.	Analysis

Trajectory Analysis Overview

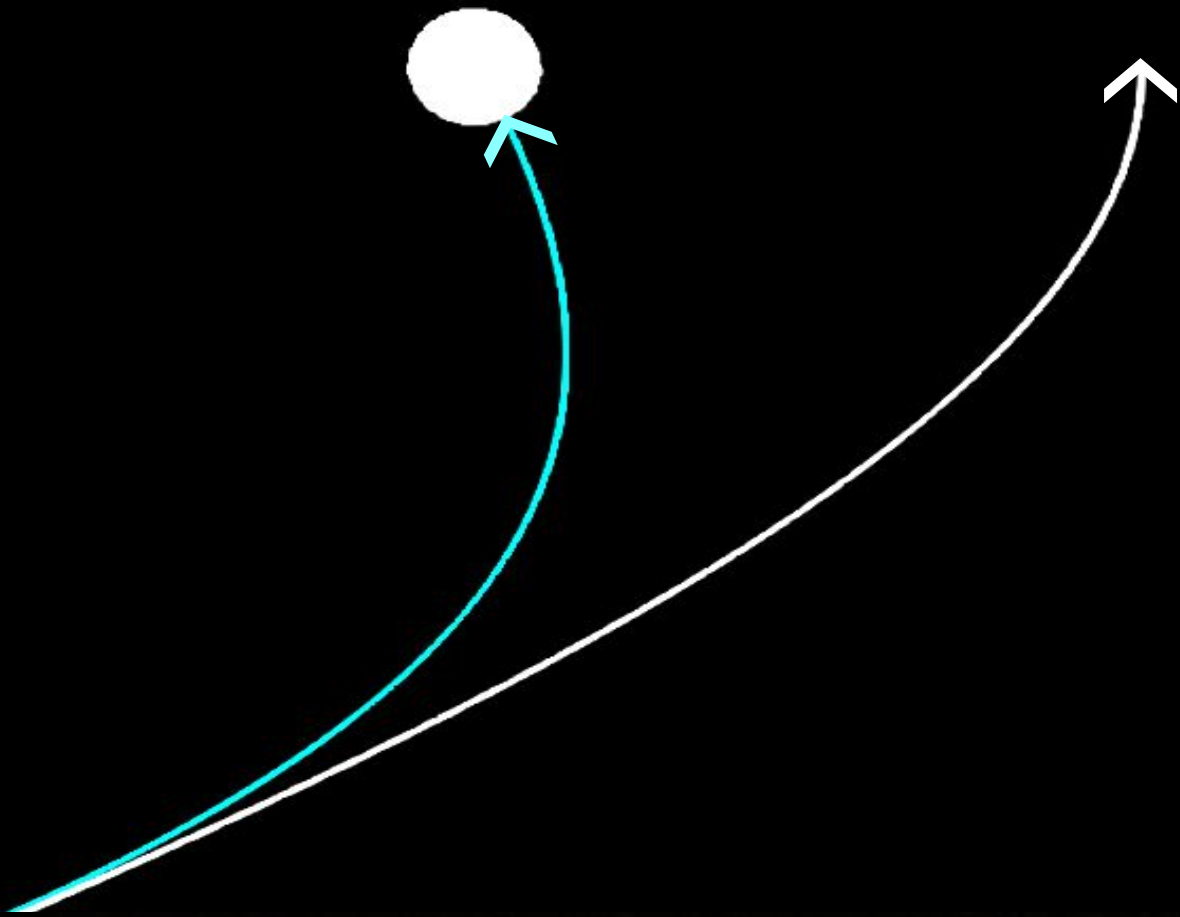
- Approximate flagship trajectory around target moons
 - Based on deployment location and ΔV
- Optimize trajectories
 - Feasible ΔV
 - Minimize impact velocity
 - Impact angle close to 90°
 - Line of sight of flagship



Moon	Flyby	Time Before Closest Approach [hrs]	ΔV [m/s]	Impact Velocity [m/s]	Impact Angle [deg]	Flight Duration [hrs]
Ariel	7/29/47	3.0	479	1170	89	2.8
Oberon	7/28/47	4.7	414	1397	84	6.1
Titania	8/11/45	2.5	820	2258	85	3.3
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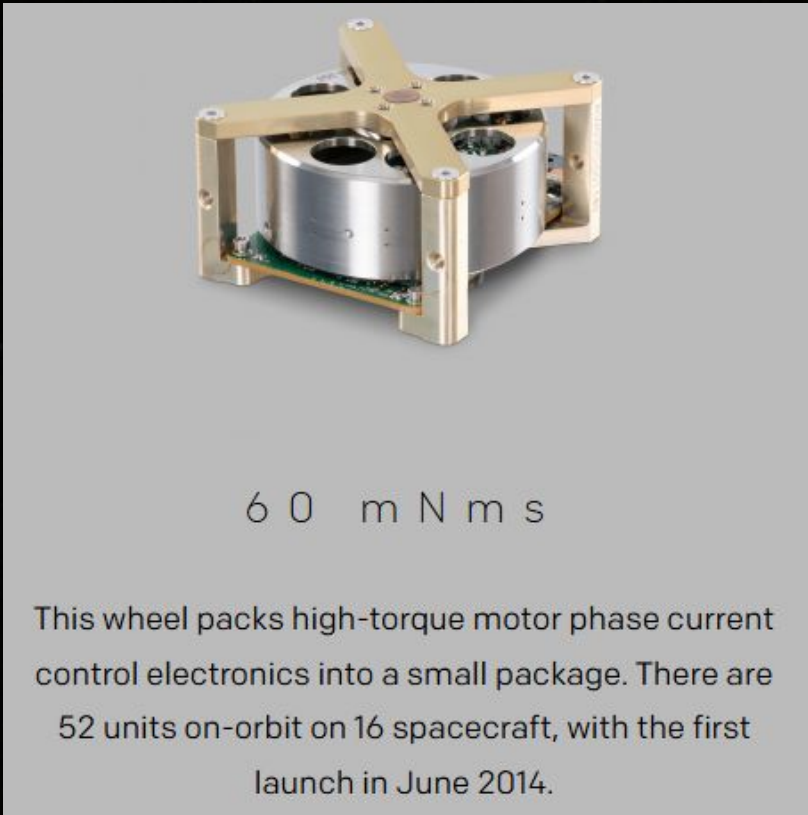
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ADCS Design

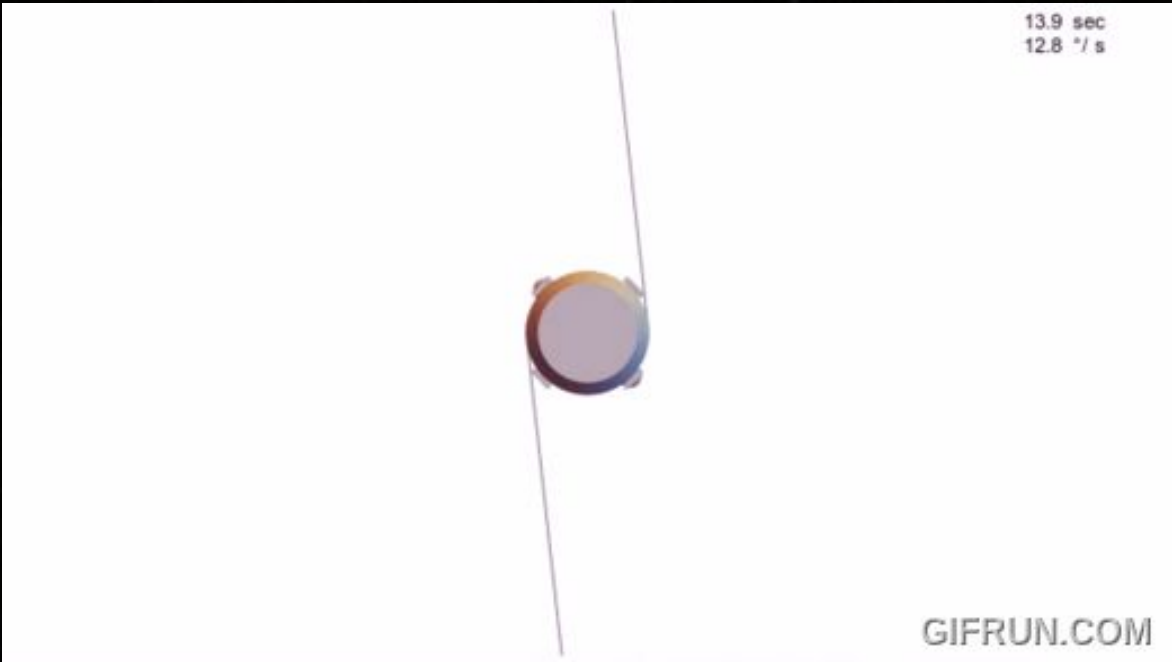
- Greatest Disturbance Torque:
 - Gravity Gradient From Uranus: $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-9}$ Nm

Reaction Wheel	Maximum Torque	Mass Per Unit	Size	Operating Lifetime	Nominal Power Draw	Peak Power Draw
Rocket Lab: 60mNms	SRB Slew Rotation: $\sim 10^\circ/\text{s}$	288g	77mm x 65mm x 38mm	5 hours	1.8 Watts	60 Watts

- Attitude Sensors:
 - 2 Star Trackers
 - 3 Axis IMU
 - 3 Axis Accelerometer
- Spin Up: [TBR]
- Spin Down: Yo-Yo Desaturation



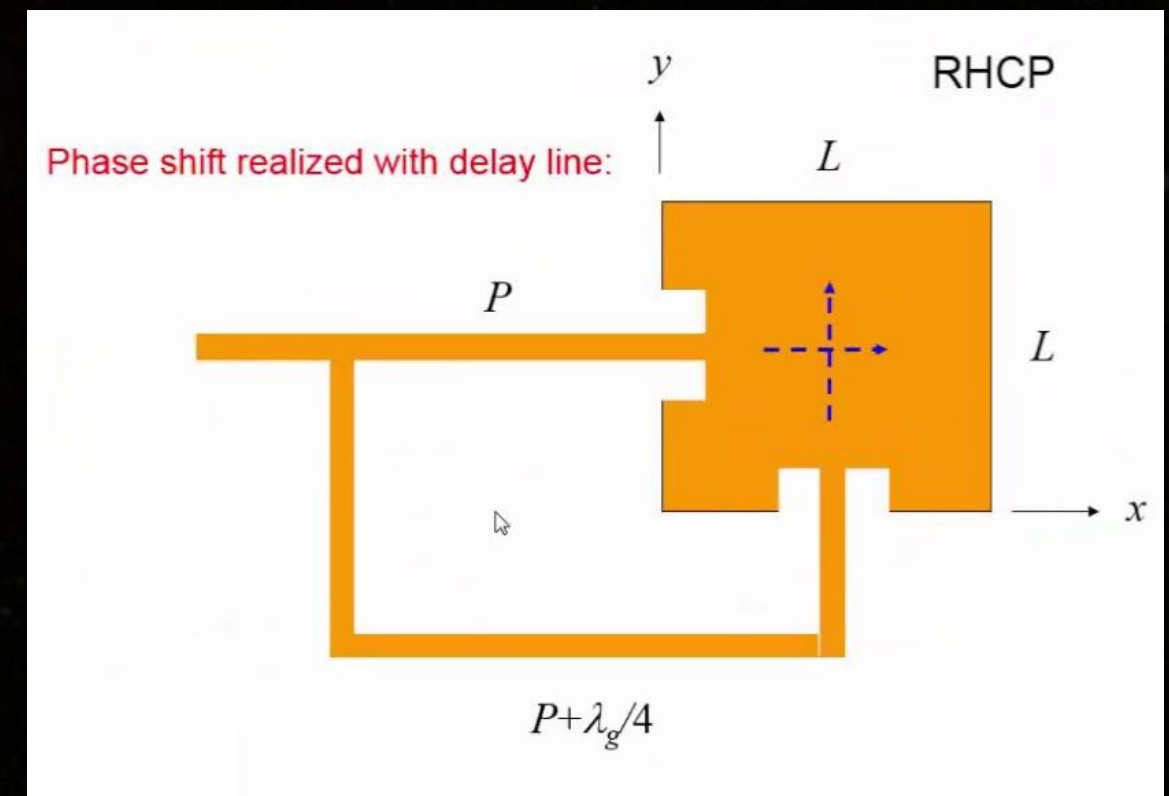
Rocket Lab Reaction Wheel



Yo-Yo Desaturation Simulation

TT&C

- Antenna Design: Patch w/ integrated polarization
 - No moving/deployable parts necessary
 - 6dBi Gain
- Optimal Frequency: 2GHz (low-S-band)
 - 15cm wavelength takes advantage of maximal exposed rear-facing surface area
 - Low S-band allows penetration of ice if antenna is covered
 - Ice attenuation: 0.05-0.6 dB/m depending on composition (vs 65dB/m for water)
- Link budget allows for -104dBm received power on orbiter, at 10° mismatch, -118dBm at 45°
- Data margin allows for 2.14Mbps data rate using maximum margin (~1dB). 10kbps at 15dB margin



Patch antenna geometry and design

Primary Cell Mass/Power

- Power Required During Descent:
 - ~23W
- Power Required Post-Impact, 30 min survival:
 - ~144W
- From a pure energy density perspective, only 500g of batteries are needed
- Additional cells required to spread current load per cell out
 - 4s48p Configuration allows a safe <1A/cell at lowest voltage
- Final Mass: 4 kg
- Final Volume: 4.1 L
- 3 hr Survival

4s48p configuration for safe current distribution:	192 cells total needed
FINAL MASS (kg)	4.03
FINAL VOLUME (L)	4.14

ON DESCENT/IMPACT ONLY			
Instrument	Worst-Case Power Draw (W)	Duty Cycle	Average Power Draw (W)
Simera Sense Multispectral Imager	5	1	5
Side-View Imager	5	1	5
Uniaxial Impact Accelerometer	0.25	1	0.25
MEMS Seismometer	1.5	0.01	0.015
Temperature Probe	0.01	1	0.01
Heating Coils	140	0.04	5.6
C&DH	2	1	2
Comms	5	1	5
TOTAL POWER DRAW (W)			23
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Temperature Probe	0.01	1	0.01
Heating Coils	140	1	140
C&DH	2	1	2
Comms	5	0.05	0.25
TOTAL POWER DRAW (W)			144
CELL VOLUMETRIC ENERGY DENSITY (Wh/L)			248
CELL GRAVIMETRIC ENERGY DENSITY (Wh/kg)			330

Top Risks Mitigation Plan

*utilized FMEA from HW5

FMEA Reference #	Part & Failure Mode	RPN Score	Mitigation Plan	Goal RPN
CST-03	Initial cost estimates inaccurate -> budget overruns	80	- Perform detailed cost estimations - Build a historical cost model - Track high-variance items and assumptions	45
SHD-01	Vendors fail to provide components on time -> schedule overrun	75	- Initiate early vendor communication - Identify potential delays early - Make scheduling issues more detectable	30
SCI-06	Instruments don't turn on -> faulty equipment/connections	60	- Conduct early integration testing - Use engineering models (thermal, vibration, electrical)	30
PRP-01	Impact trajectory compromised -> insufficient delta V	60	- Add margin to SRB delta-V capacity - Run higher-fidelity trajectory analysis - Refine mass budget to improve delta-V estimates	30

Mass and Volume Budget

Subsystem	Mass [kg]	Allocation %	Volume [cm ³]	Allocation %
Payload	9	6%	3,200	4%
Propulsion	40	25%	37,000	52%
Structures	90	58%	25,000	35%
Power	5	3%	4,140	6%
C&DH	2	1%	~150	.2%
TT&C	4	3%	~400	.6%
ADCS	4	3%	1,300	2%
Thermal	5	3%	~500	.7%
Total	159	100%	71,690	100%
Margin	21	12%	348,310	83%

Power Budget

Subsystem	Average Power [W]	Allocation %
Payload	3	9%
Propulsion	1	3%
Structures	0	0%
Power	1	3%
C&DH	2	5%
TT&C	7	19%
ADCS	2	5%
Thermal	21	57%
Total	37	100%

Link Budget - Worst Case

Item	Value	Units
Transmitter Power	5	W
Transmitter Diameter	0.107	m
Propagation Path Length	5338	km
Data Rate	1.3	kbps
Bandwidth	20	MHz
Carrier-to-Noise	62.2	dB
Link Margin	12.6	dB
Received Power	-122	dBm
Power Margin (>-137dBm)	24	dB
Exceeds Shannon Limit?	No	

Link Budget - Realistic Case

Item	Value	Units
Transmitter Power	5	W
Transmitter Diameter	0.107	m
Propagation Path Length	5338	km
Data Rate	9.41 (2Mbps in transit)	kbps
Bandwidth	20	MHz
Carrier-to-Noise	73.6	dB
Link Margin	24	dB
Received Power	-104	dBm
Power Margin (>-137dBm)	32.7	dB
Exceeds Shannon Limit?	No	

