



Mission Status Update Briefing to OPAG – August 31, 2021

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Current Project Status



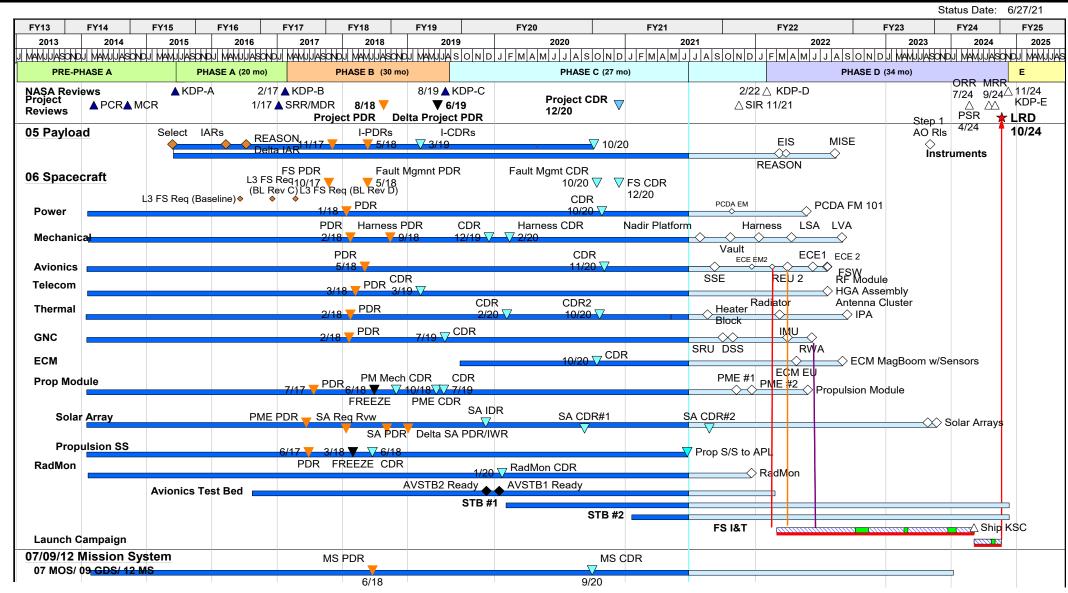


- On July 23, NASA announced the selection of SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket to provide launch services for Europa Clipper in October 2024!
- Europa Clipper team is focused on completing our flight hardware and software developments and delivering them to Assembly, Test and Launch Operations (ATLO)
 - Fabrication, integration and test of the core structural elements is well underway (Propulsion Module, Avionics Vault, Nadir Deck, RF Module and HGA)
 - Electronics are finalizing designs and building Engineering Models and/or Flight Models
 - Instruments are in various stages of flight build, integration, and test
 - ATLO starts in early March 2022
- As part of the Science Tour Selection Process, in June-July, Project Science Group assessed 6 Mars-Earth Gravity Assist (MEGA) 2024 tours and provided feedback and recommended adjustments to Mission Design on a subset of the tours
- Preparations are underway for our System Integration Review November 15-19
 - Review will be followed by the outbrief process and Key Decision Point D (KDP-D)
- The entire project continues to make great technical progress, despite COVID-19 impacts



Project Schedule



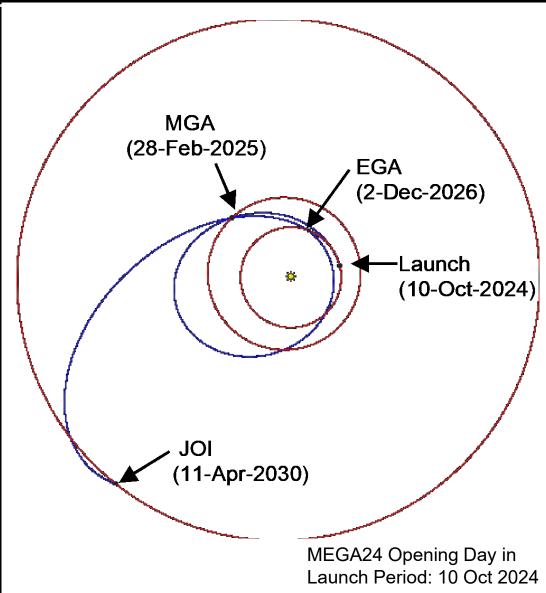




Launch Vehicle Integration Summary



- The requirements and RFP that led to the July 23, 2021 Launch Vehicle award announcement were constructed for the NASA Launch Services Program (LSP) to procure a Commercial Launch Vehicle (CLV) to meet Clipper's as-designed/as-built requirements
- At the time of the LV Request for Proposal (RFP), the nominal timeline we were planning for Mission Integration activities with the selected Launch Vehicle was 30 months
 - NASA Launch Services Program was outstanding in their management of the procurement and, as a result, we have a 38month Mission Integration timeline (providing margin and earlier mitigation of any risks that we may encounter along the way)
- Technical Interchange meetings with KSC LSP and SpaceX began August 20th
- Full Kickoff meeting is September 16th at SpaceX, Hawthorne,
 CA
- Europa Clipper will lift off from the historic Pad-39A at KSC during the launch period from October 10-30, 2024!





Phase E/F Costing Process



- In preparation for System Integration Review (SIR) in November, the Europa Clipper project is honing its costs for Phases E (Operations) and F (Closeout)
- Realistic Phase E/F costs must reflect the current mission scope and schedule, which have evolved since earlier mission phases
- The Europa Clipper Project Office convened a review on Aug. 10 11 to obtain external feedback on the in-progress Phase E/F planning and is incorporating the board's feedback
- Challenges for science team cost planning include:
 - 10 science investigation teams
 - Shift of launch date from 2022 to 2024
 - Long cruise time (2 years quiet cruise now planned)
 - Significant cost inflation to 2034
- A range of mission operations, ground data systems, management, and science scope options are being considered and evaluated



Remote Project Science Group Meeting #10 21–25 June 2021

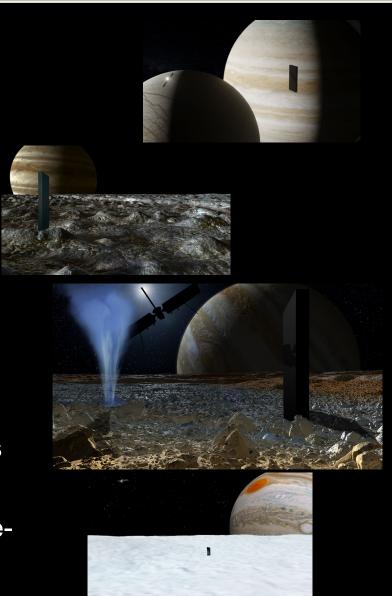


Agenda Topics:

- Town Hall status updates by Project Science, Project Management, HQ, Payload, and Flight System
- Roundtable discussions: Investigations and Technical Topics
- Phase E costing status
- Evaluation of tour candidates for System Integration Review
- Reconciliation and change in the post-COVID era
- Thematic Working Group and Focus Group breakout discussions, followed by reports out
- Social Events (coffee chats, meet-up hosted by postdocs)

Meeting format:

- 5 days, 5 hours/day, maximizing participation across time zones
- Live discussions, utilizing Mentimeter for questions
- Lessons learned from PSG #9: more breaks, fewer tools, no prerecorded presentations



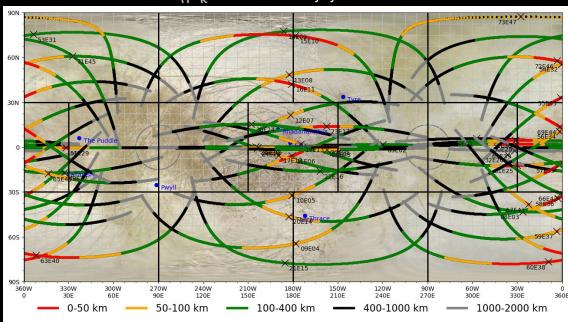


SIR Tour Evaluation in Progress



- MEGA trajectory provides for arrival at Jovian system (Jupiter Orbit Insertion) in 2030
- Six candidate tours have been analyzed by the Project Science Group (PSG)
- Leading candidate tour options include both 4:1 and 6:1 Europa:Clipper orbit resonances
- Number of Europa flybys is about 50 with slight variations among tours
- Minor tweaks recommended by the PSG to improve science return are presently being considered for implementation by the Mission Design team
- PSG will evaluate updated tours in September
- Tour selection in early October prior to System Integration Review (SIR) in November







Space Science Reviews Topical Collection



- The Europa Clipper project will publish a Space Science Reviews Topical Collection entitled "Europa Clipper: A Mission to Explore Ocean World Habitability" (Guest Editors: David Senske and Haje Korth)
- Papers will cover mission science overview, flight system, mission system, instruments, other investigations, and Thematic Working Group science
- All Thematic Working Groups have provided first drafts of manuscripts and received feedback from guest editors
- Some milestone dates have been adjusted to not interfere with instrument delivery dates
- Topical Issue scheduled for completion in Q1 of 2022

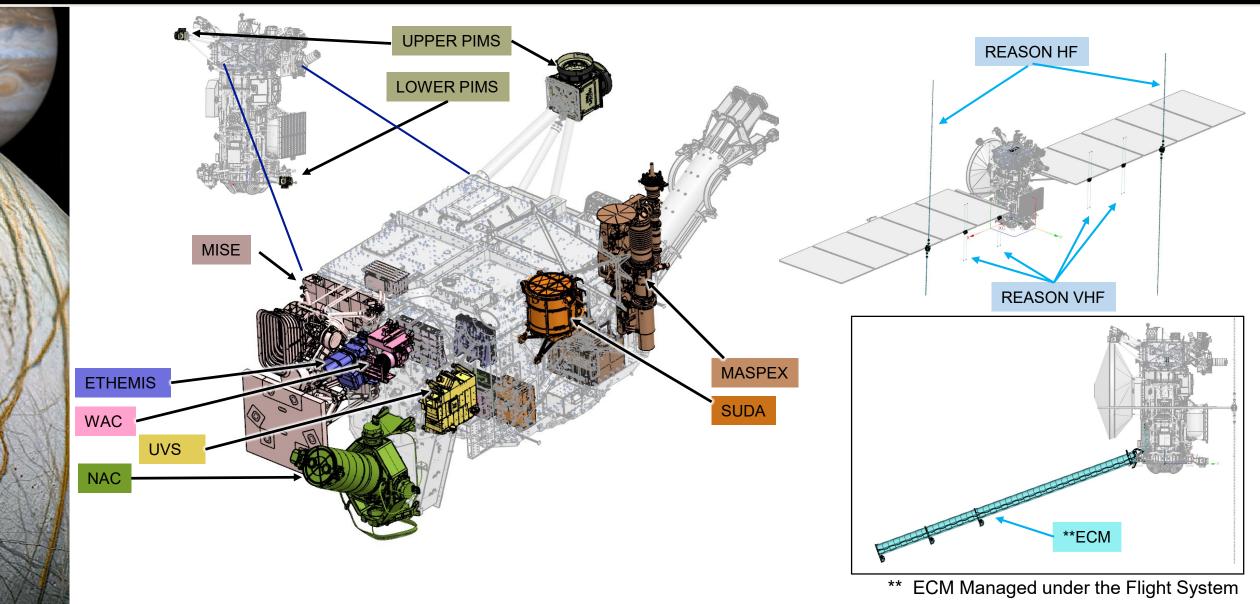
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Payload Accommodation









Europa Clipper Magnetometer (ECM)

TL: Margaret Kivelson, University of Michigan





FM fluxgate bare sensors (above)

fully assembled pathfinder sensor (left)

Plasma Instrument for Magnetic Sounding (PIMS)
Pl: Joseph Westlake, Johns Hopkins APL



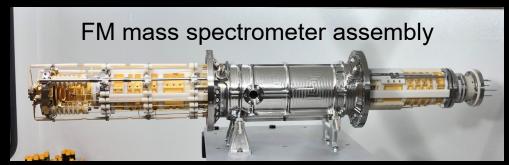
FM PIMS sensors (above)

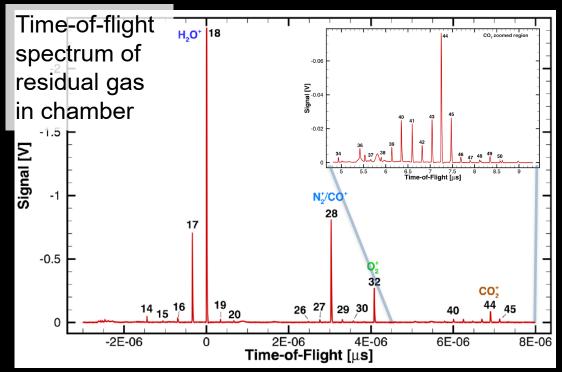
Blanketed sensor with Cover removed (right)





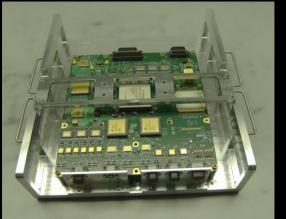
MASS Spectrometer for Planetary EXploration (MASPEX), Pl: James Burch, Southwest Res. Inst.





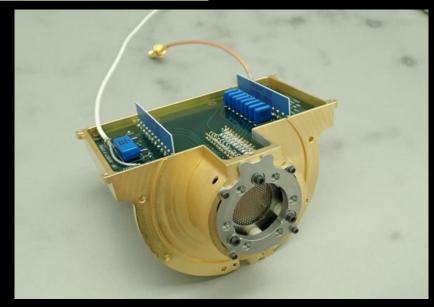
SUrface Dust Analyzer (SUDA)

PI: Sascha Kempf, University of Colorado



FM Processor (left)

FM detector stack with boards (below)







Europa Ultraviolet Spectrograph (Europa-UVS) PI: Kurt Retherford, Southwest Research Institute



FM instrument housing, partially populated (left)

FM instrument in vacuum chamber (right)



Europa Thermal Imaging System (E-THEMIS)

PI: Phil Christensen, Arizona State University



FM instrument (left)

FM filter assembly (right)





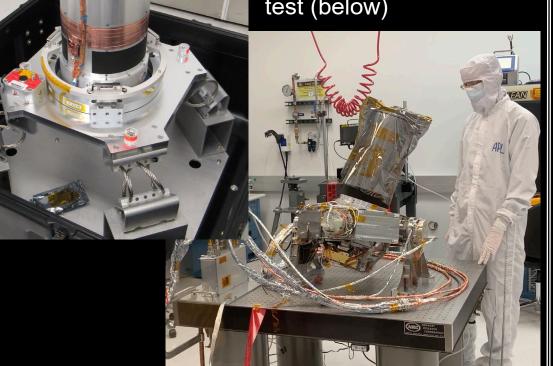
Europa Imaging System (EIS)

PI: Zibi Turtle, Johns Hopkins APL



NAC FM optical telescope assembly (left)

NAC EM end-to-end test (below)



Mapping Imaging Spectrometer for Europa (MISE) PI: Diana Blaney, Jet Propulsion Laboratory



FM data processing unit (left)

FM optical bench (below)

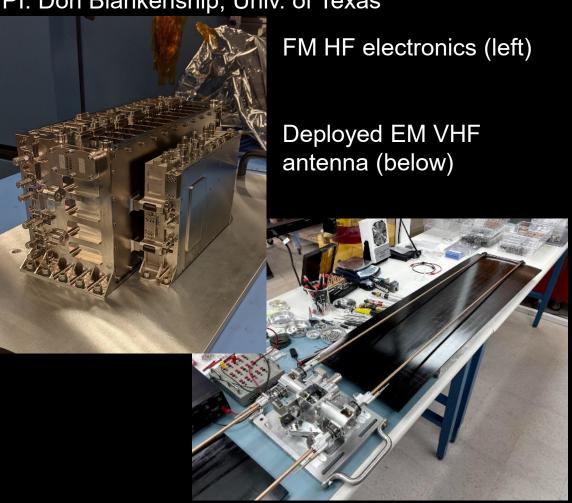






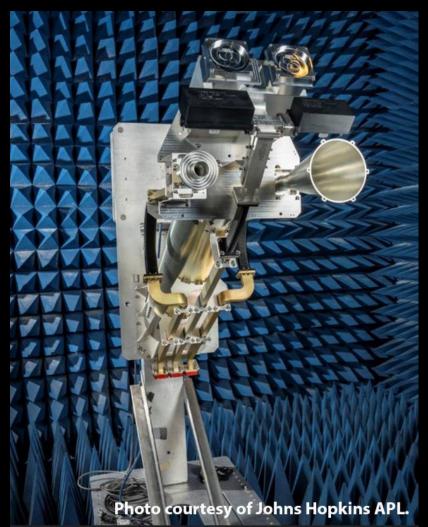
Radar for Europa Assessment and Sounding: Ocean to Near-surface (REASON)

PI: Don Blankenship, Univ. of Texas



Gravity and Radio Science (G/RS)

TL: Erwan Mazarico, GSFC



FM low gain and fanbeam antennas



Spacecraft Highlights









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