

# Overview of the Jovian Exploration Technology Reference Studies

# The Challenge of Jovian System Exploration

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**Overview of Jovian Technology Reference Studies** 



- Europa Explorer (Jovian Minisat Explorer)
- Magnetospheric Explorer (Jovian System Explorer)
- Atmospheric Entry Probe (Jupiter Entry Probe)



#### **Jupiter related Technology Reference Studies**

# **Motivation:**

- providing minimal building blocks ('lego') for future science missions
- definition & development of **enabling technologies** for future science missions
- enable realistic evaluation of proposals in the frame of ESA's Cosmic Vision 1525
- several 'theme proposals' for Jovian System with in CV1525 exercise ⇒background
- Presently the first phase of Jovian studies has been completed & a new phase has been initiated:

## Jovian Minisat Explorer: Focussing on the exploration of Europa (or any other Galilean moon, except lo)

# ⇒ Jovian System Explorer:

- Study of the Jovian magnetosphere (one or more magnetospheric S/C
- Study of the Jovian atmosphere (one or more entry probes, up to 100 bar)









# **Programme Concept - Europa**

- Emphasis on a **cost & resource minimised mission scenario**: Small launcher, highly integrated payload & avionics, minisat
- Configuration of phase 1: 1 Europa Orbiter & 1 Jovian Relay Spacecraft (in orbit around Jupiter)

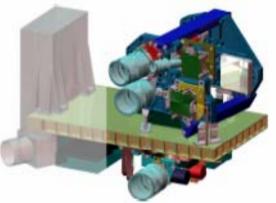
# ⇒ 2 S/C approach rationale:

- Lifetime, data rate and power limited: transmission of all data is impossible in the ~66 day JEO lifetime.
  ⇒ a relay S/C is required capable of delivering all data to Earth
- Europa radiation environment: stay outside radiation belts with equipment which is not needed for Europa exploration
- Delta-V requirements: bring into Europa orbit only what is really needed there !
- Additional JRS science:

JRS will be able to gather valuable scientific data on the Jovian system from its orbit during ~2 year in orbit lifetime

Additional Fly-by opportunities:

JRS: 1xCallisto & 5xGanymede GAM's, JEO: 4xGanymedeGAM



Highly Integrated P/L Suite





Duration

(vrs)

6.4

6.2 6.4

6.2

6

9.1

6.2

6.2

7.2

6.1

7.4

Total DV

(m/s)

2290

2380

1890

2300

2180

2240

2770

2140 2560

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2580

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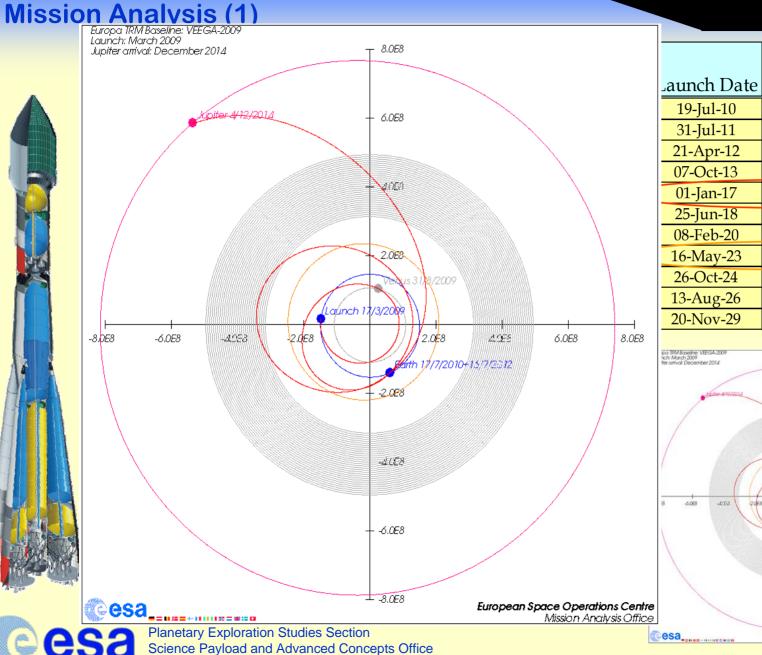
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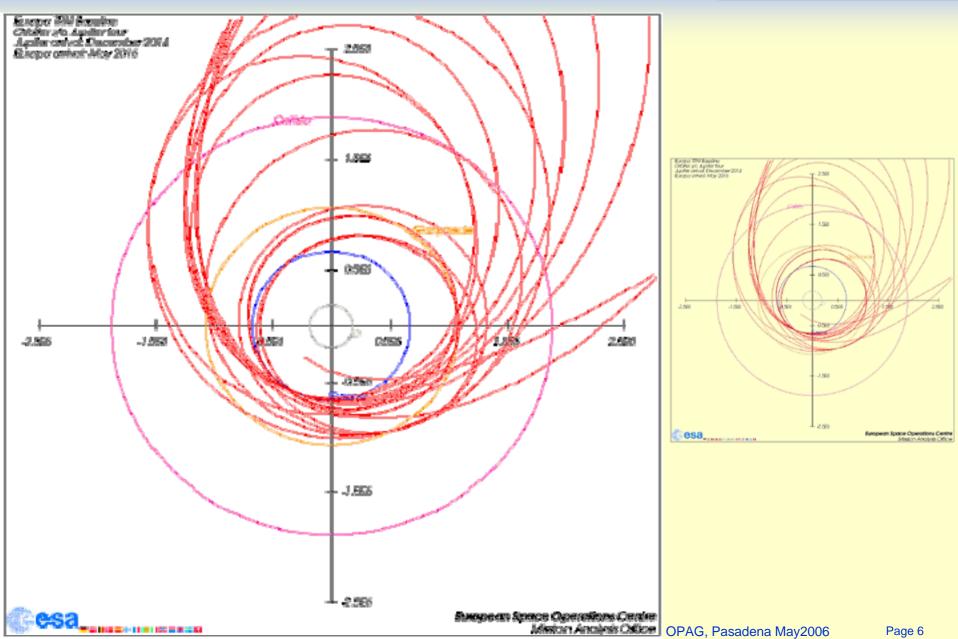
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# **Mission Analysis (2)**





# S/C Configuration (1): Launch



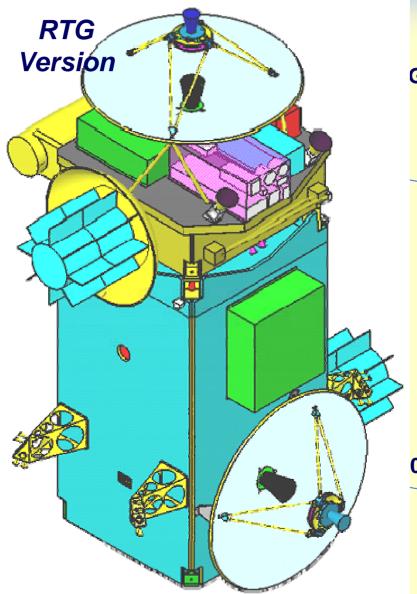
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**Pyro bolts** 

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JRS volume for avionics and science instruments



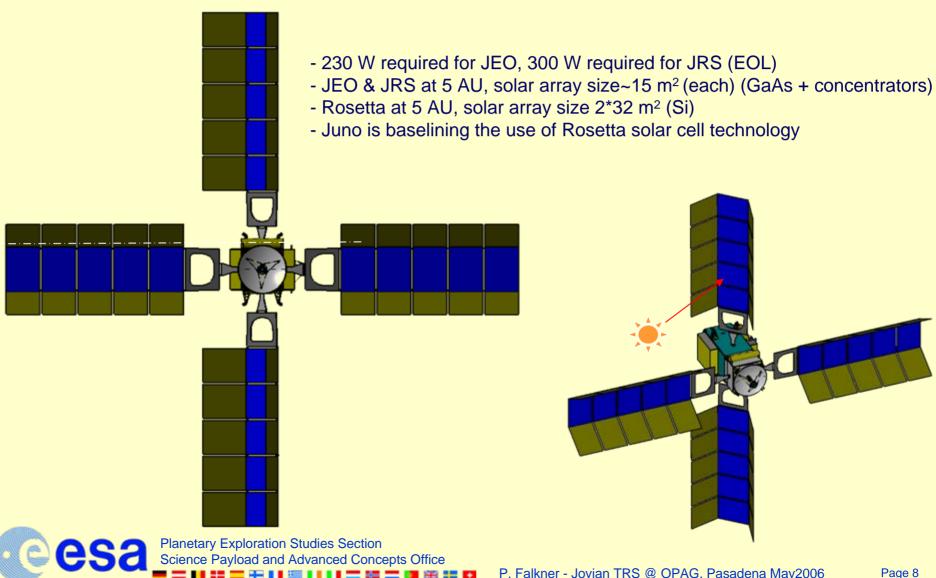
#### GA mounted on top HGA

#### 22N Leros 20H thrusters

0N EADS-Astrium thrusters

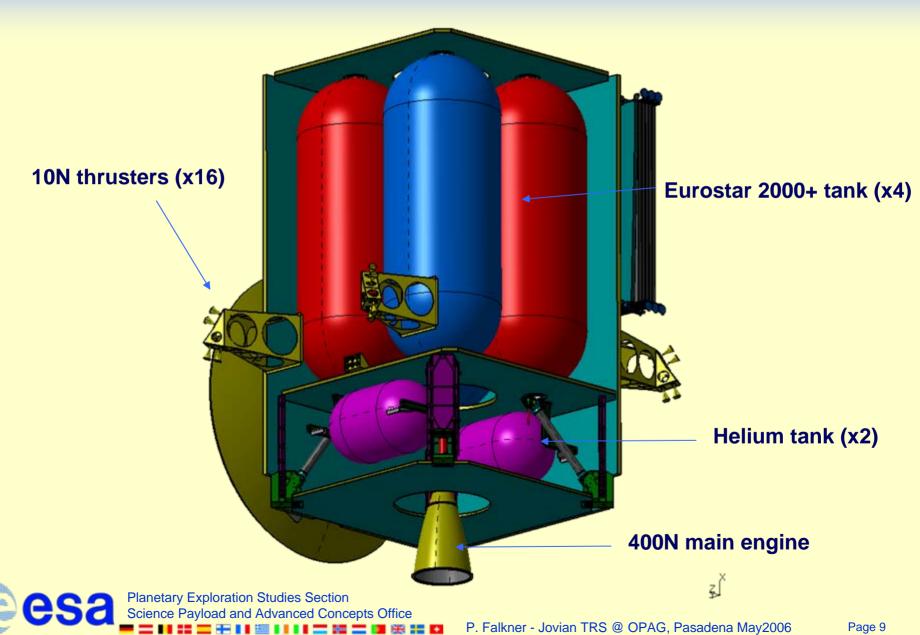
# S/C Configuration (2): transfer configuration





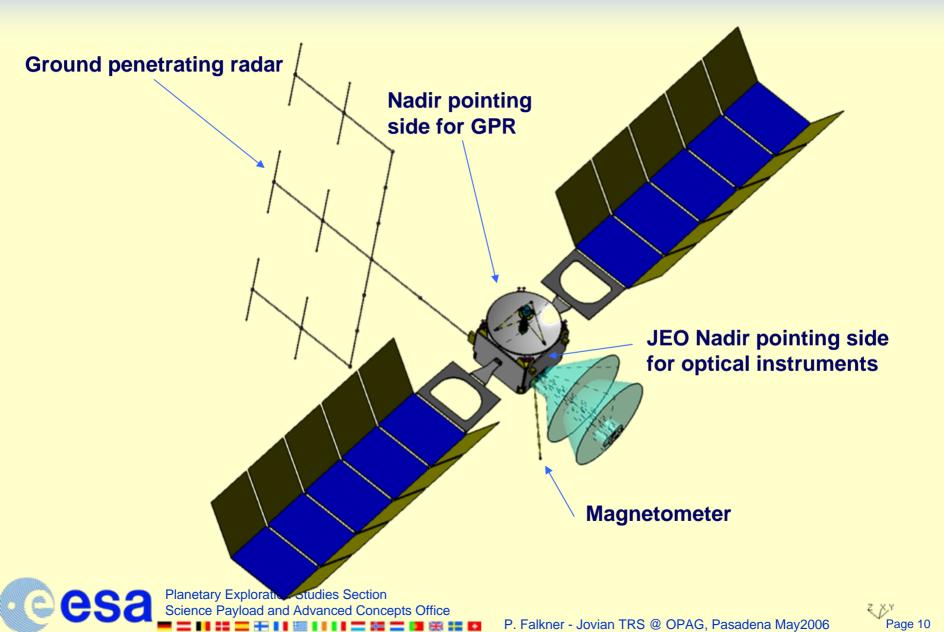
#### S/C Configuration (3): Relay Satellite propulsion system





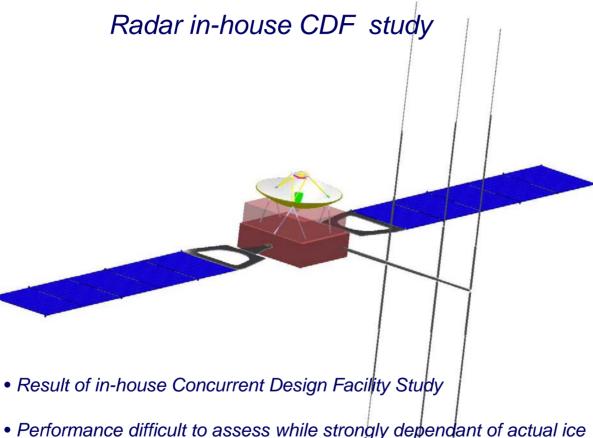


#### S/C Configuration (3): JEO operational configuration



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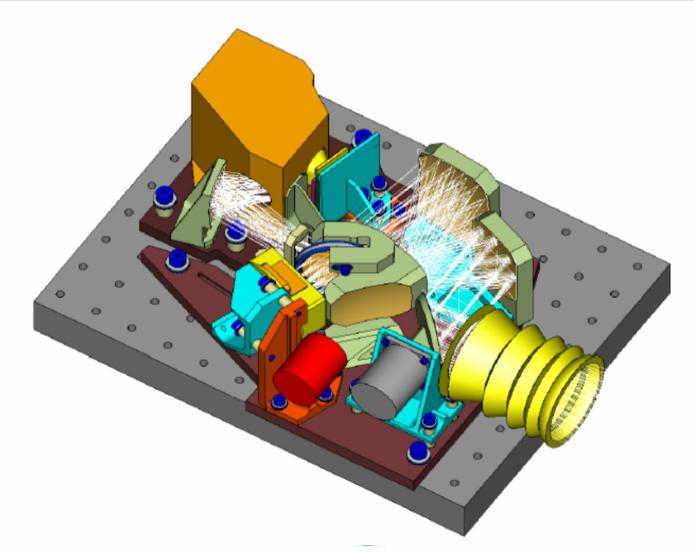
- composition, but 50 MHz radar expected to penetrate between ~5 and 20 km
- Deployment very challenging

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#### Highly Integrated Strawman Payload used in the study



## Highly Integrated P/L Suite – Design Study and Bread Boarding



- Development of low resource minisats and instruments, maximise the use of solar power, even at ~5 AU from Sun
- Surviving deep space as well as Jupiter's extreme radiation environment:
  - Radiation hardened components (~1 Mrad) + radiation shielding
  - Radiation optimised solar cells, LILT GaAs development required
  - RPS systems, should solar cells be unfeasible: development/procurement/implications
  - Thermal variations (Venus hot case, Jupiter cold case)
- Development of highly integrated systems (incl. low resource P/L)
- Low power deep space comms
- Highly autonomous mission capability
- Planetary protection compatible systems
- Balance between low cost and investments in new developments

The technology development activities that are identified in these studies will have to be started soon should similar mission concepts be selected for the CV 1525

#### **Current activities**



• Studying additional Jovian study scenario's in view of CV 2015-25 recommendations, e.g.:

## Jovian Magnetospheric S/C

Magnetopause
Magnetotail
Poles (aurorae)

**Jupiter Atmospheric Probes** 

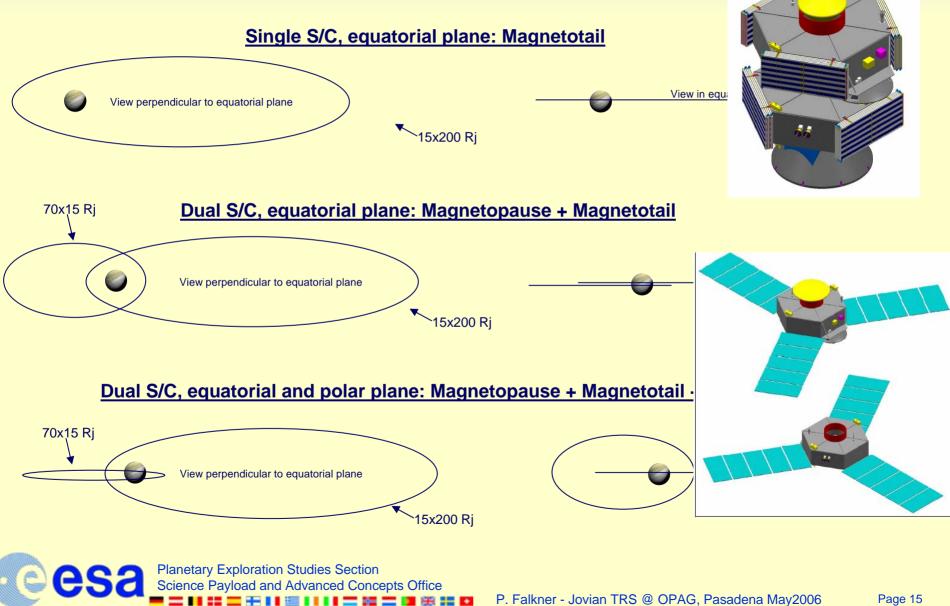
Up to 100 bar

Assess minimum configuration for relevant science

Assess feasibility of combining atmospheric probe with magnetospheric mission (EMC, stabilisation, etc.)

#### **Considered magnetospheric mission scenarios**





#### **Entry Probe**



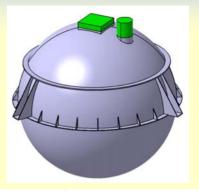
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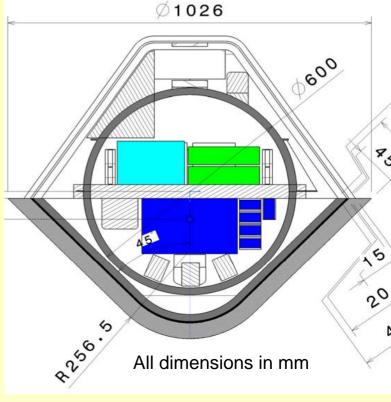
- Mass ~ 270 kg

- P/L resource ~ 12 kg, ~30 W (peak), ~350 bps
- Entry latitude between -7 and +3 deg
- Two probes + one orbiter
- Descent time = 1 hour
- Comms scenario complicated but should be feasible

# 100 bar probe:

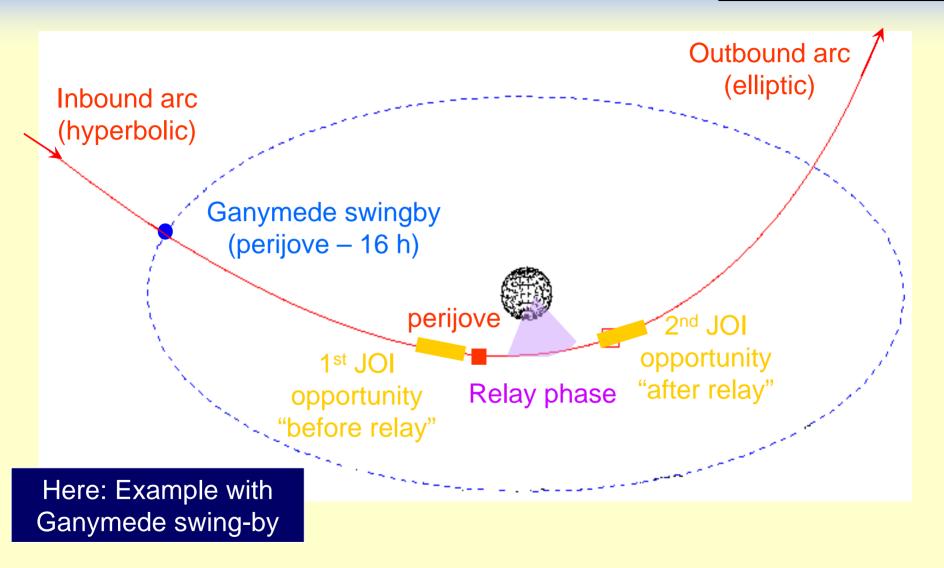
- Mass > 320 kg
- P/L resource ~ 12 kg, ~30 W (peak), ~350 bps
- Entry latitude +3 deg
- One probe + one orbiter
- Descent time = 1 hour
- Variable power comms system to cope with very strong atmospheric attenuation (~23 dB)





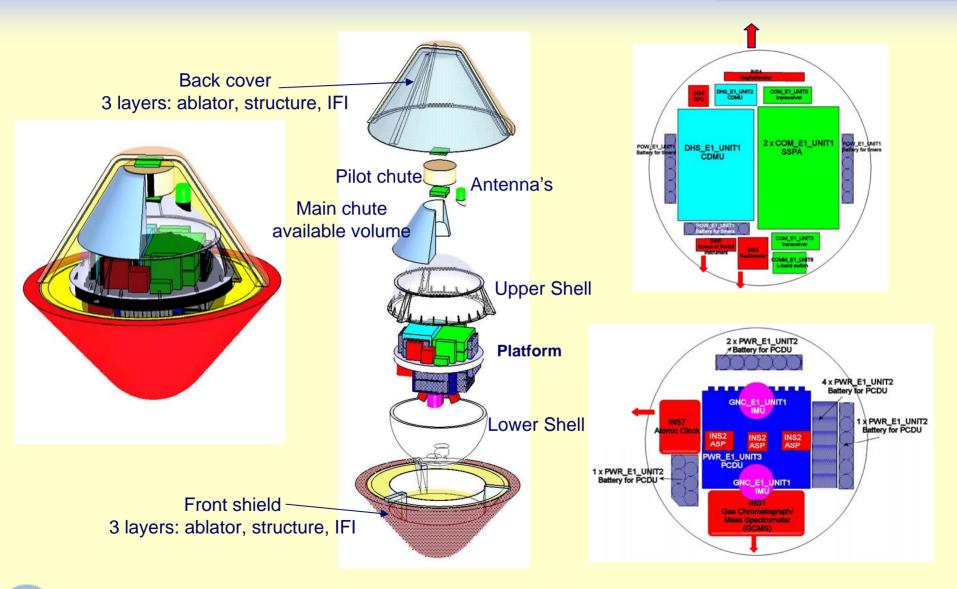
#### **Swingby-Augmented JOI**





#### Accommodation





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# Any Questions ?