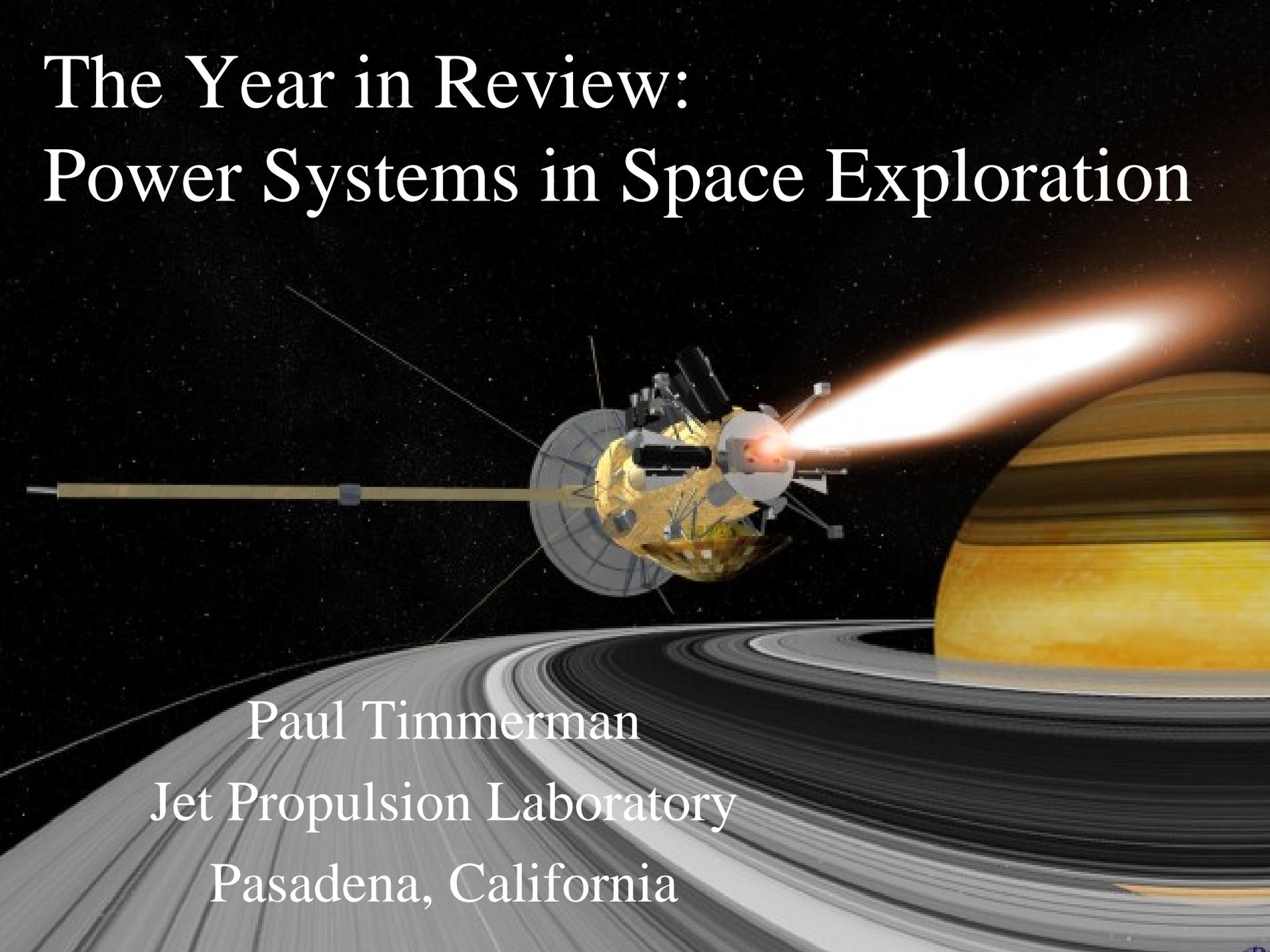


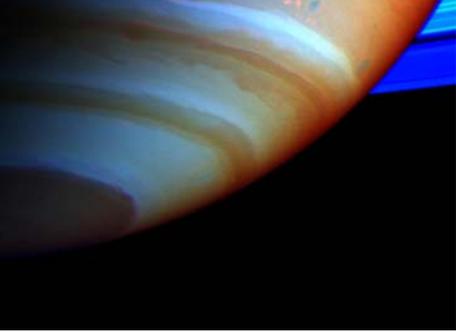
The Year in Review: Power Systems in Space Exploration

A detailed illustration of a spacecraft, likely the Cassini probe, orbiting the planet Saturn. The spacecraft is shown from a side-on perspective, with its complex structure of instruments and antennas visible. A large, bright, glowing comet streaks across the upper right portion of the frame, adding a sense of dynamic activity. The planet Saturn's iconic rings are clearly visible in the foreground, curving around the bottom of the scene. The background is a deep black space filled with distant stars.

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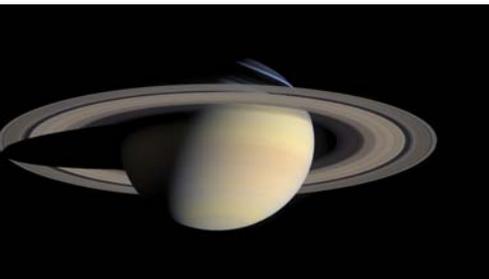
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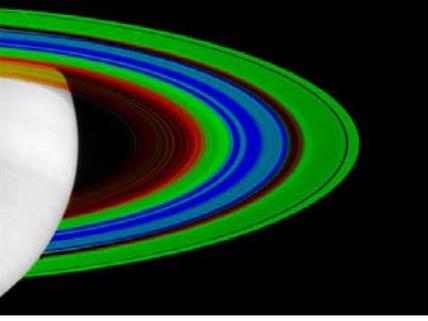


Introduction

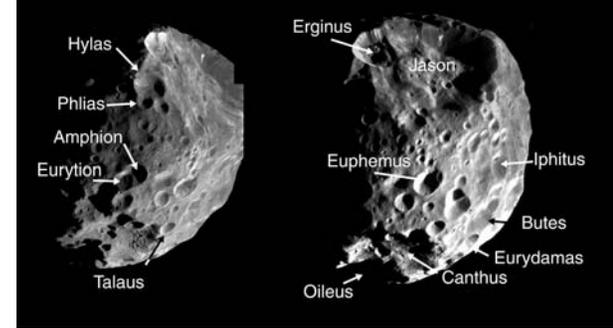


- 2004 was a banner year for space exploration
- The Cassini Spacecraft arrived at Saturn
- Huygens Probe visited largest moon, Titan
- Twin Mars Exploration Rovers Landed
- Spirit and Opportunity both roving the surface
- Several more missions are being prepared





Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn

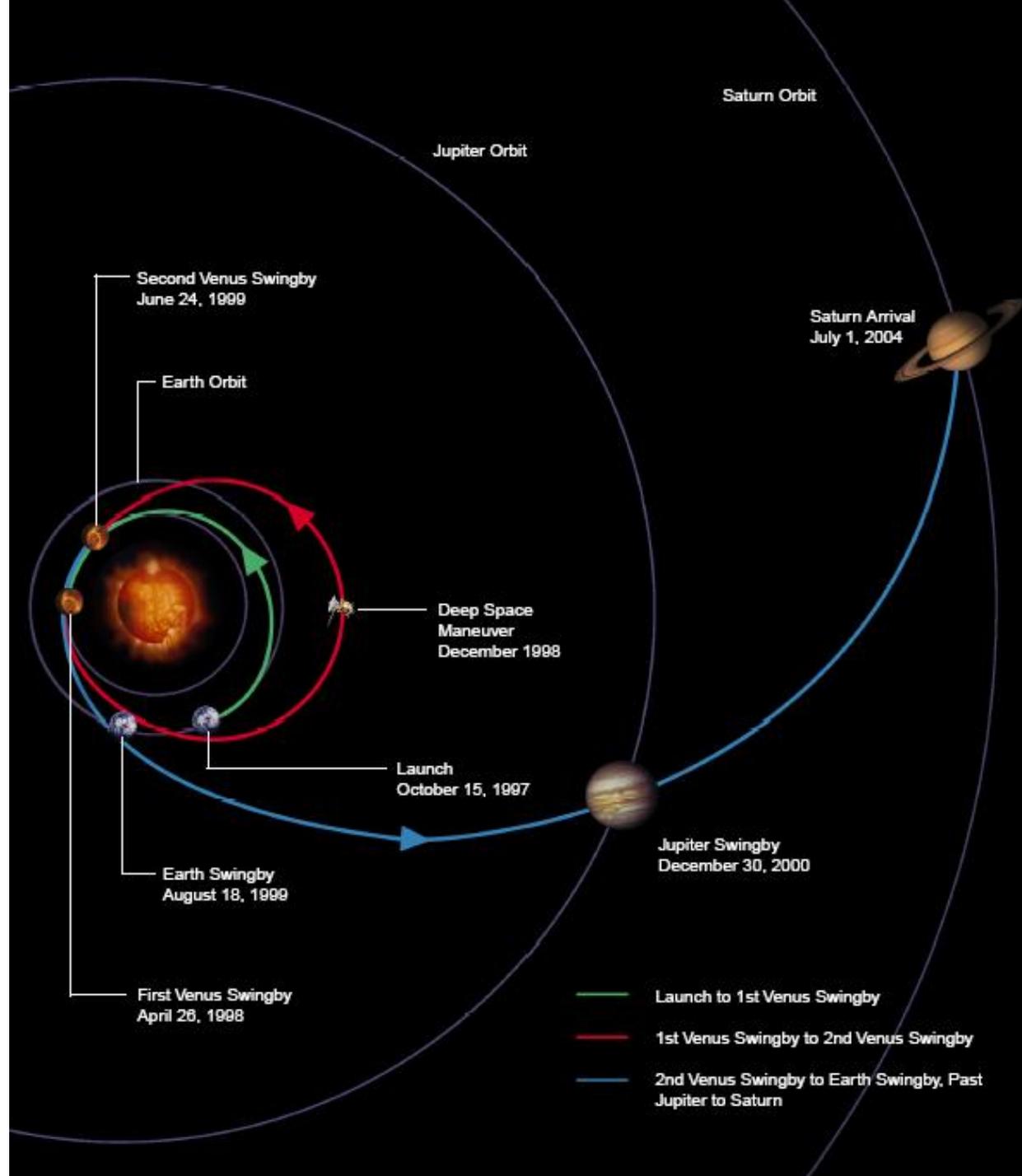


- *Mission Summary*

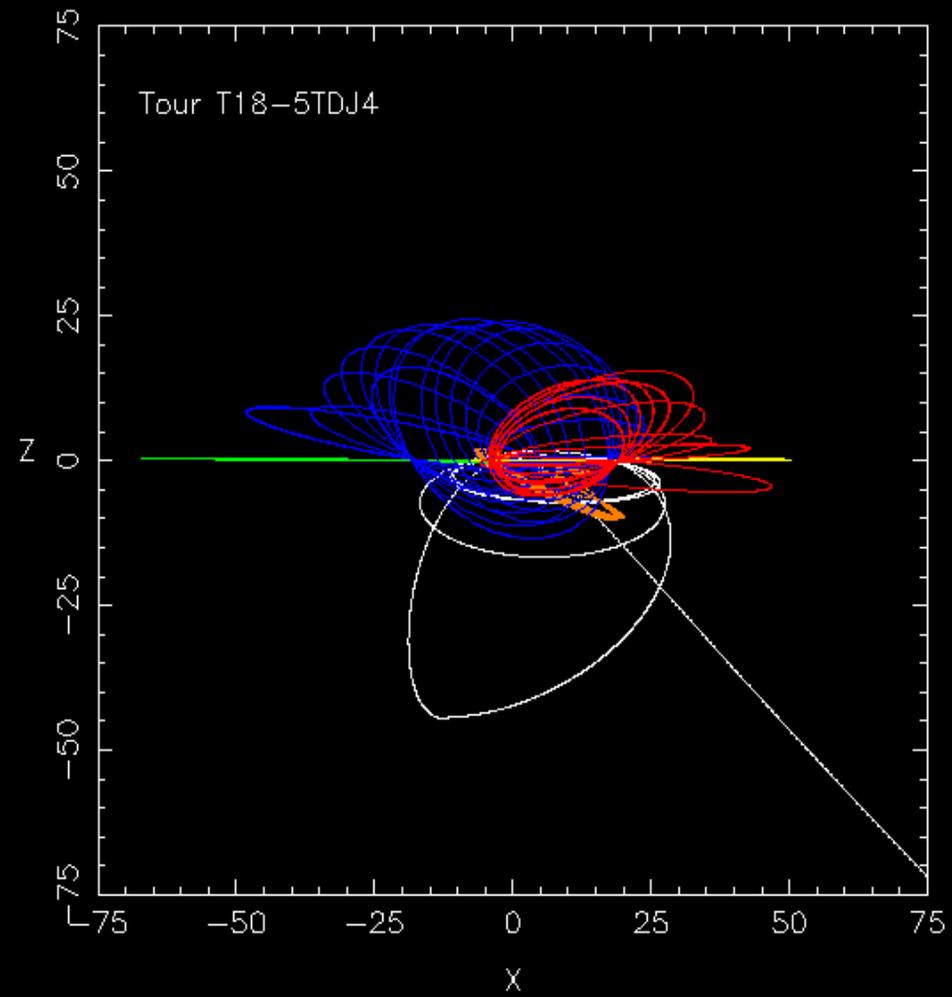
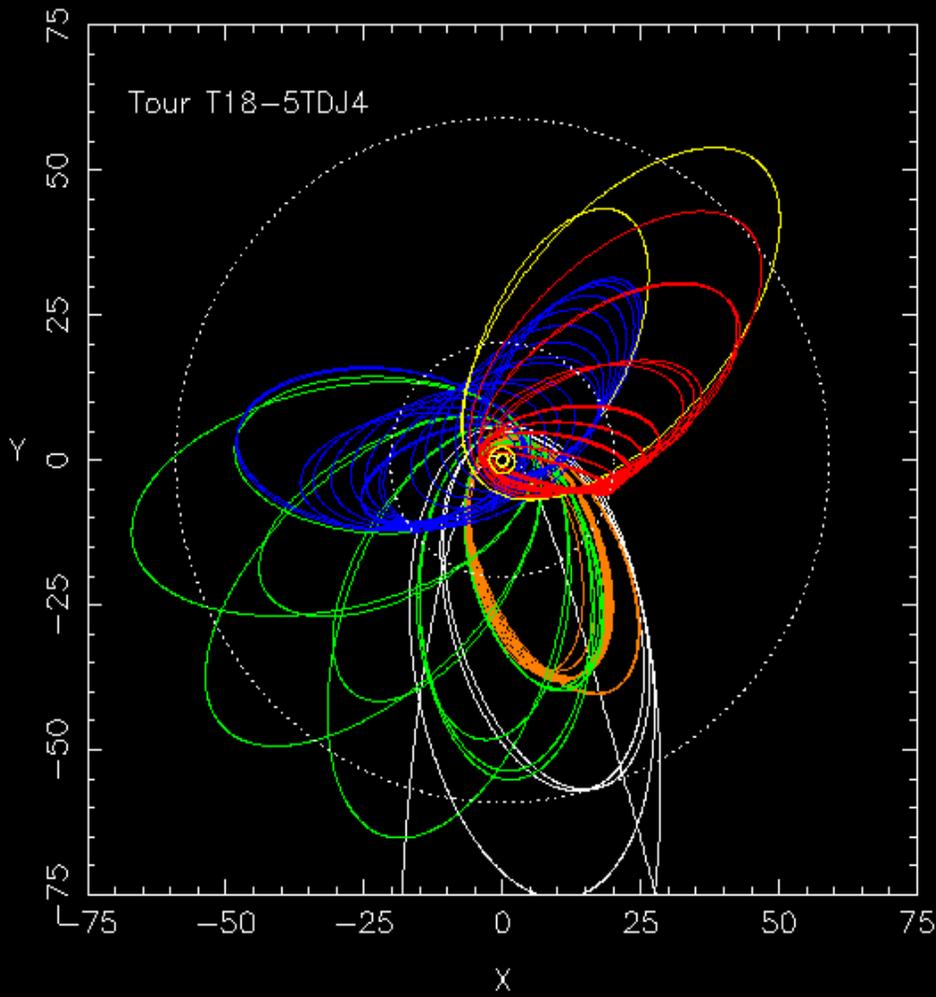
- Large orbiter (>5700 Kg) , Titan probe
 - JPL designed and build orbiter
 - ESA designed and built probe
- Dozens of individual experiments onboard
- Flagship Mission - Class A reliability
- Orbiter is nuclear powered, using RTG's
- Probe is powered by primary batteries

The Journey

- Oct. 1997 Launch
- April 1998 Venus
- Aug. 1999 Earth
- June 1999 Venus
- Dec. 2000 Jupiter
- July 2004 Saturn



Saturn System Tour after Arrival



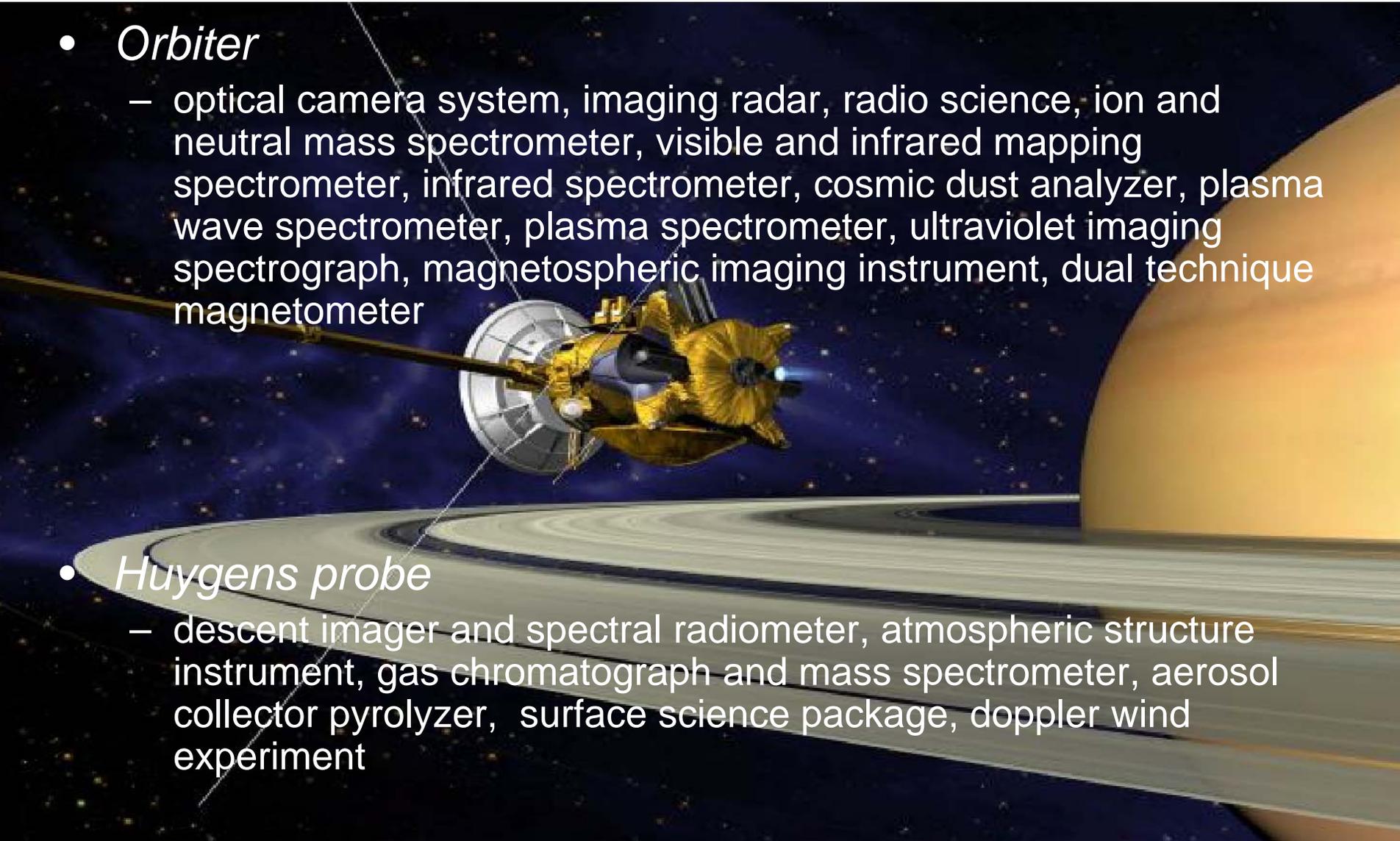
Science instruments

- *Orbiter*

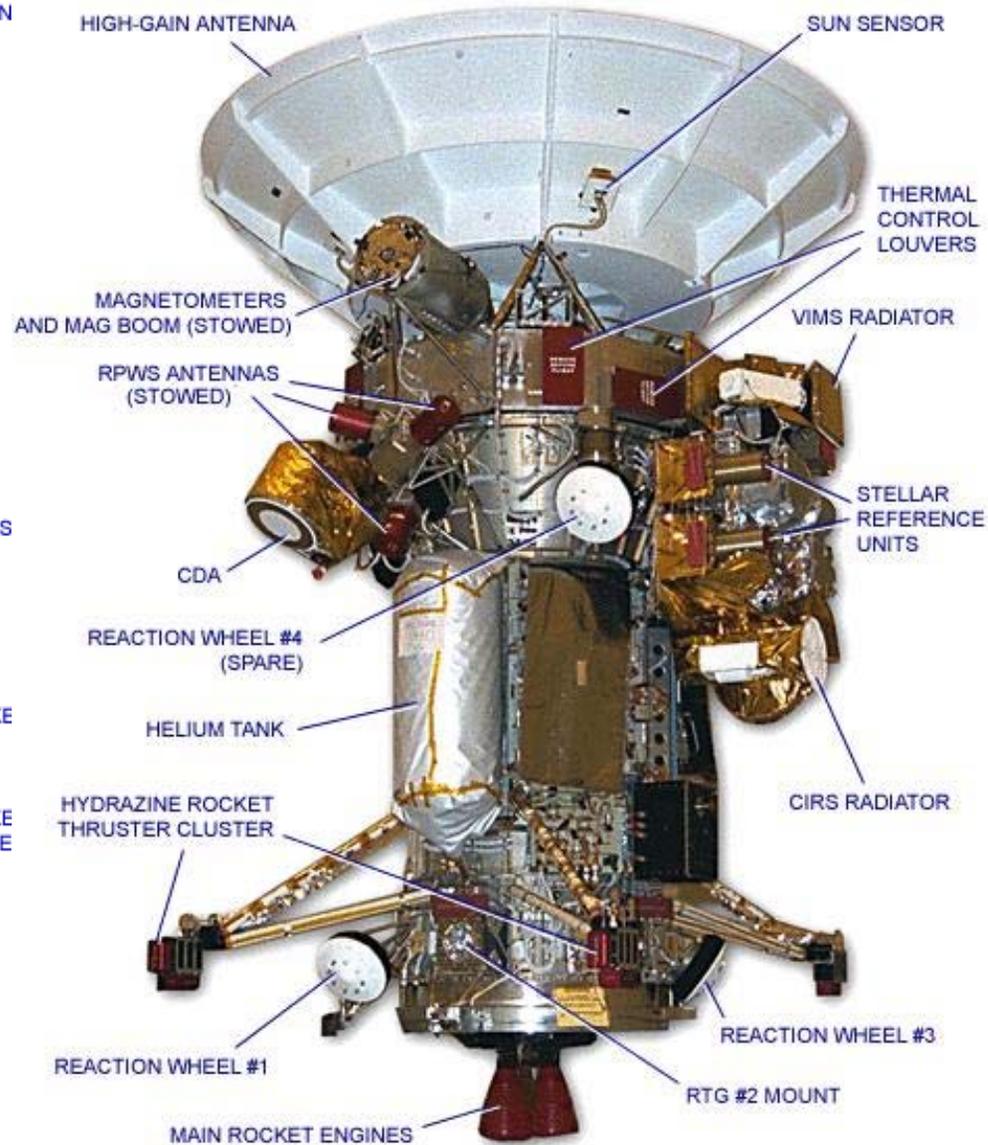
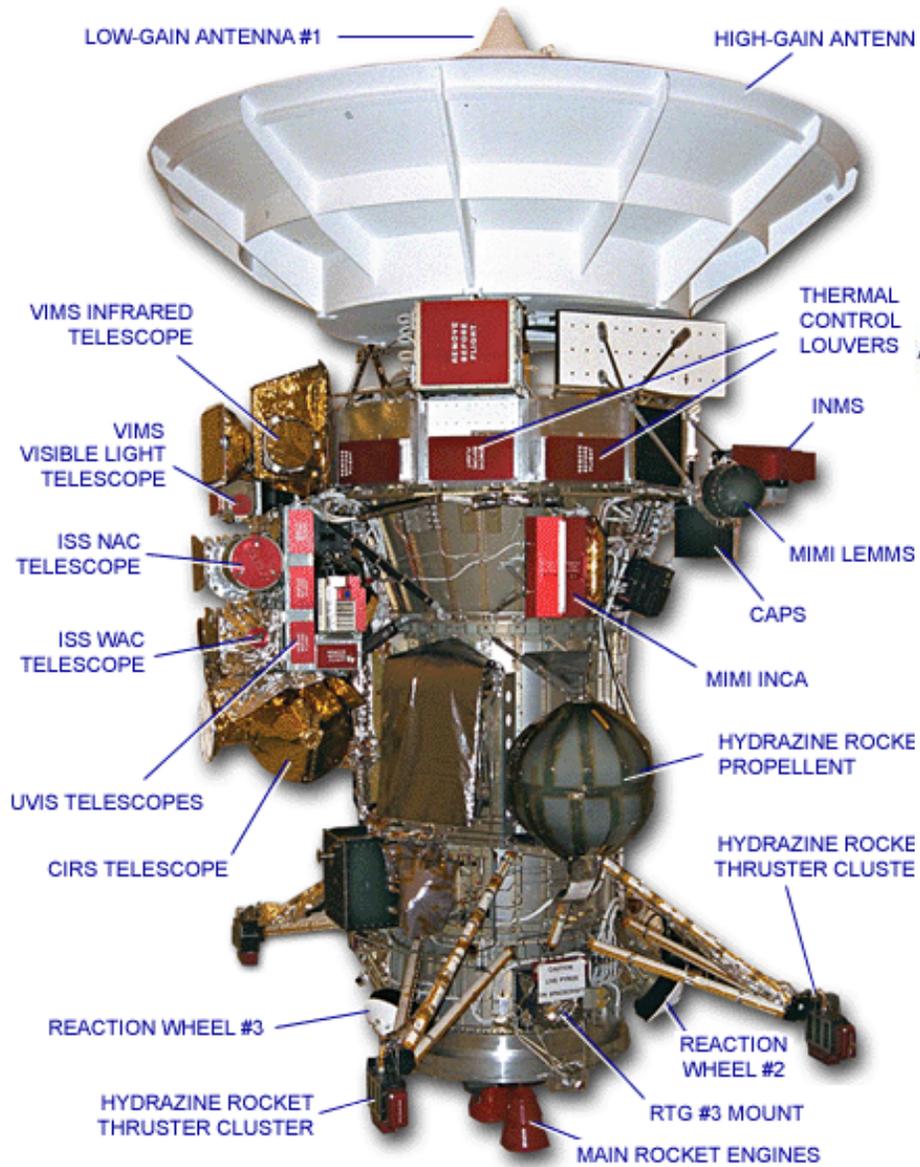
- optical camera system, imaging radar, radio science, ion and neutral mass spectrometer, visible and infrared mapping spectrometer, infrared spectrometer, cosmic dust analyzer, plasma wave spectrometer, plasma spectrometer, ultraviolet imaging spectrograph, magnetospheric imaging instrument, dual technique magnetometer

- *Huygens probe*

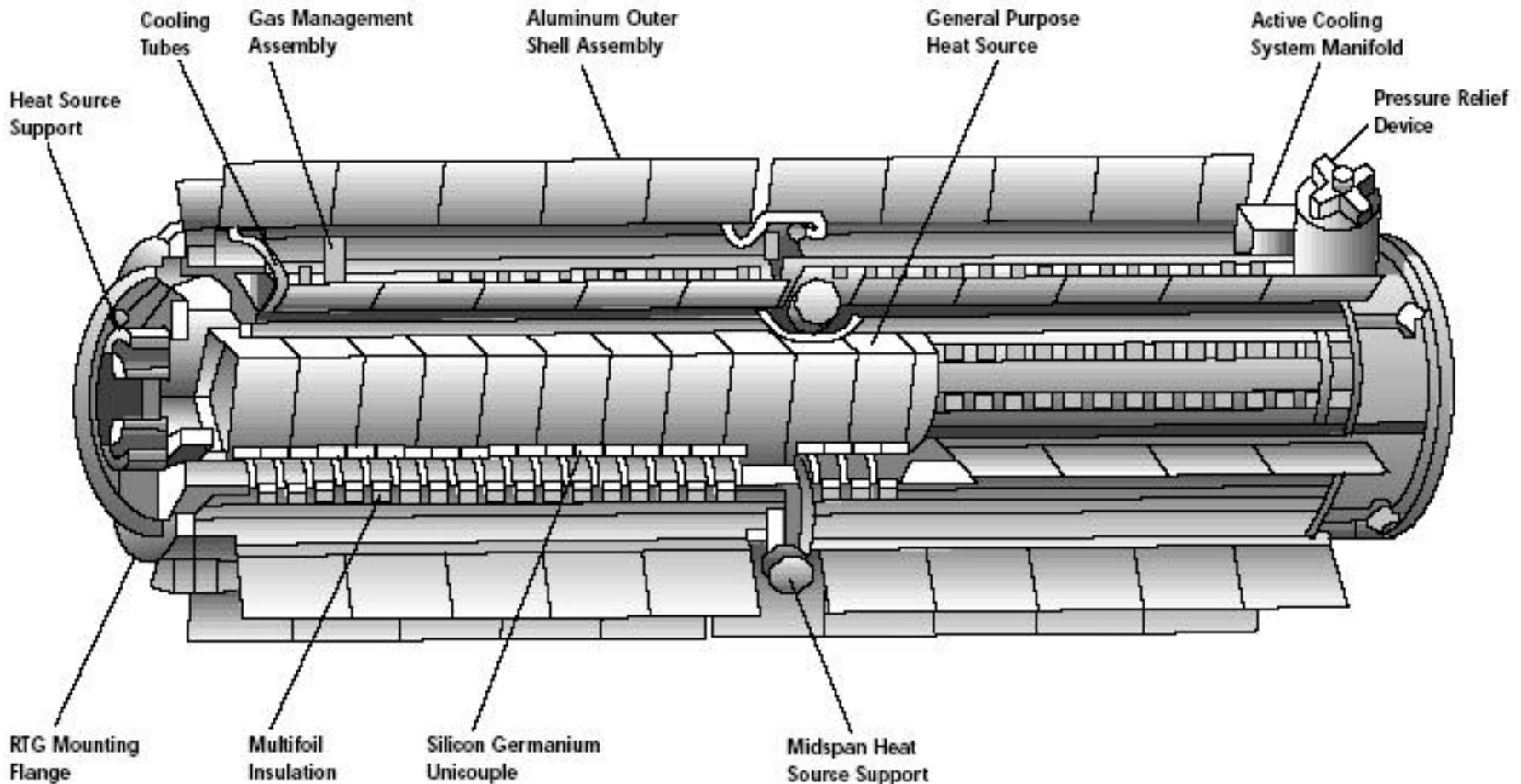
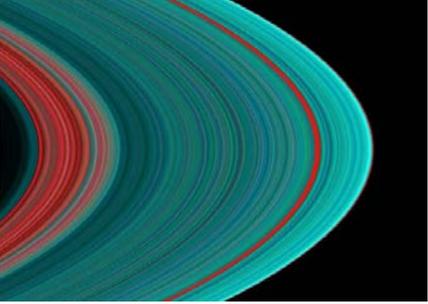
- descent imager and spectral radiometer, atmospheric structure instrument, gas chromatograph and mass spectrometer, aerosol collector pyrolyzer, surface science package, doppler wind experiment



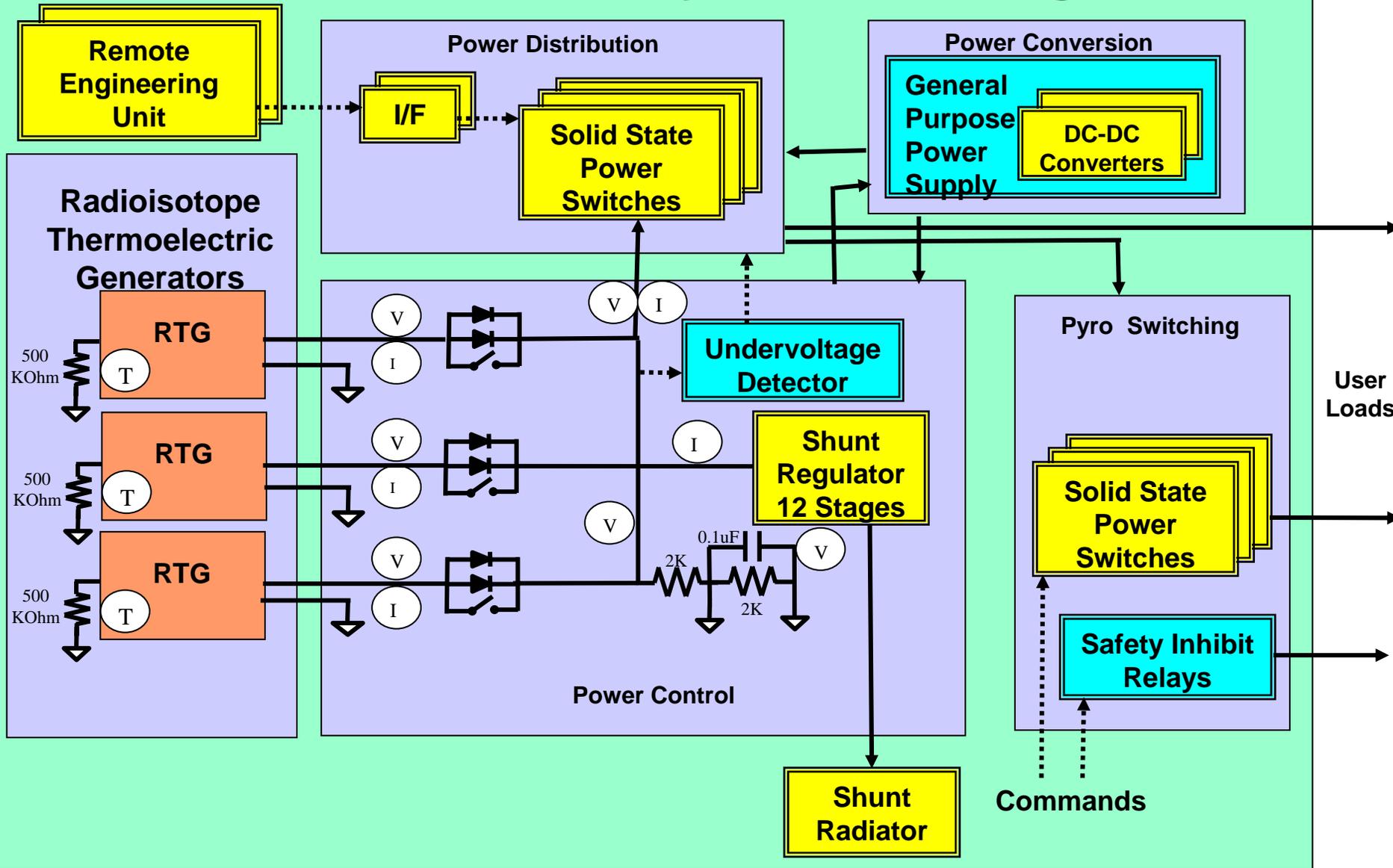
Cassini Spacecraft Configuration



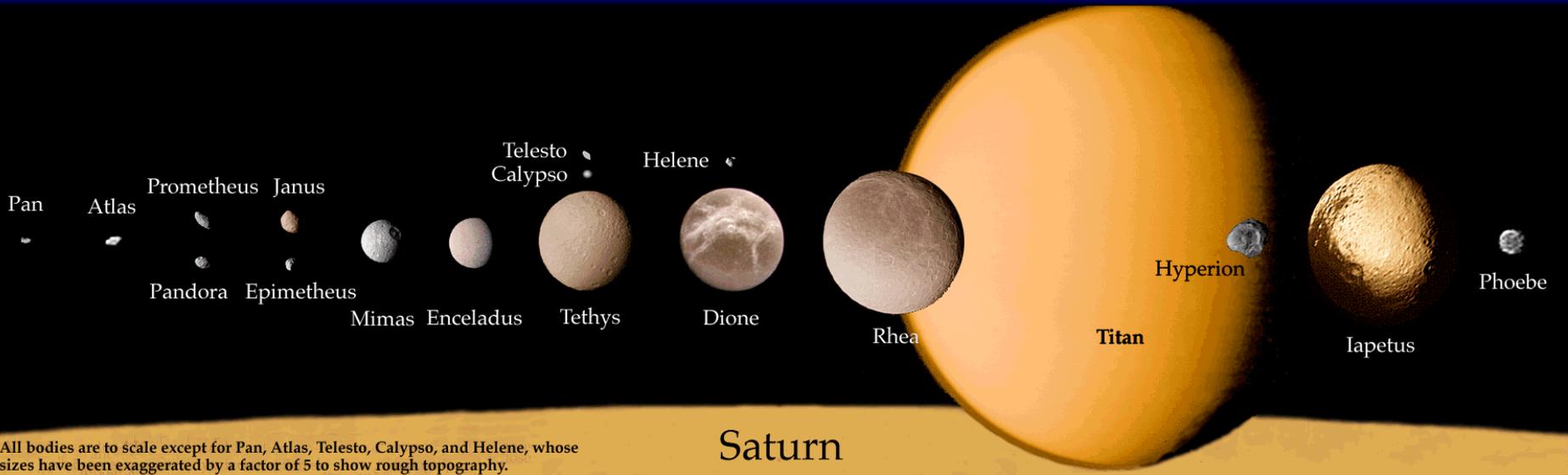
Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator



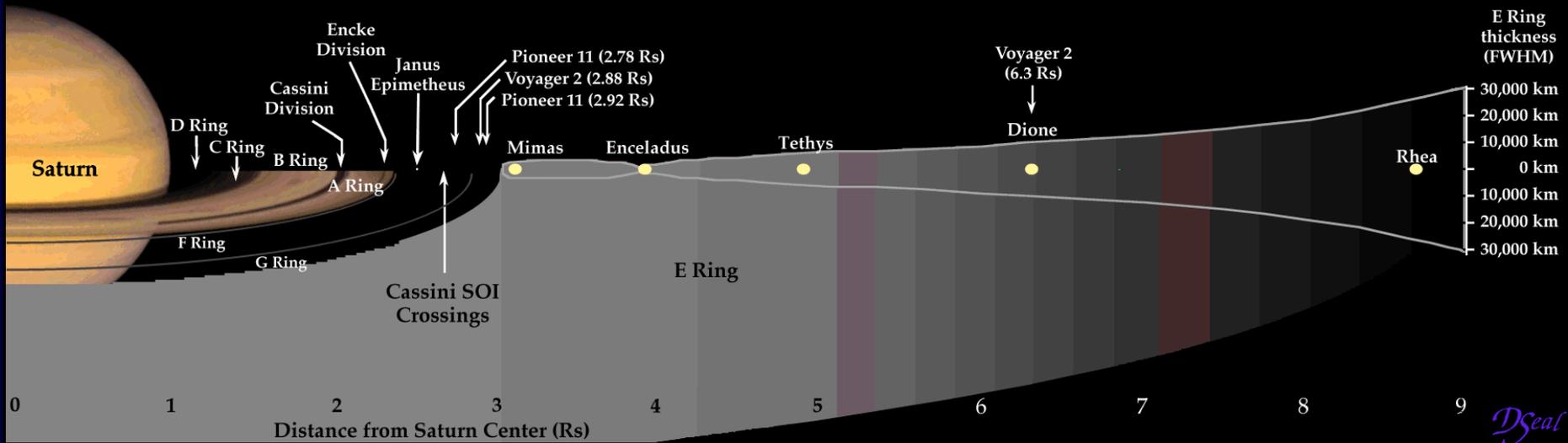
Cassini Power Subsystem Block Diagram



Saturn's Satellites and Ring Structure



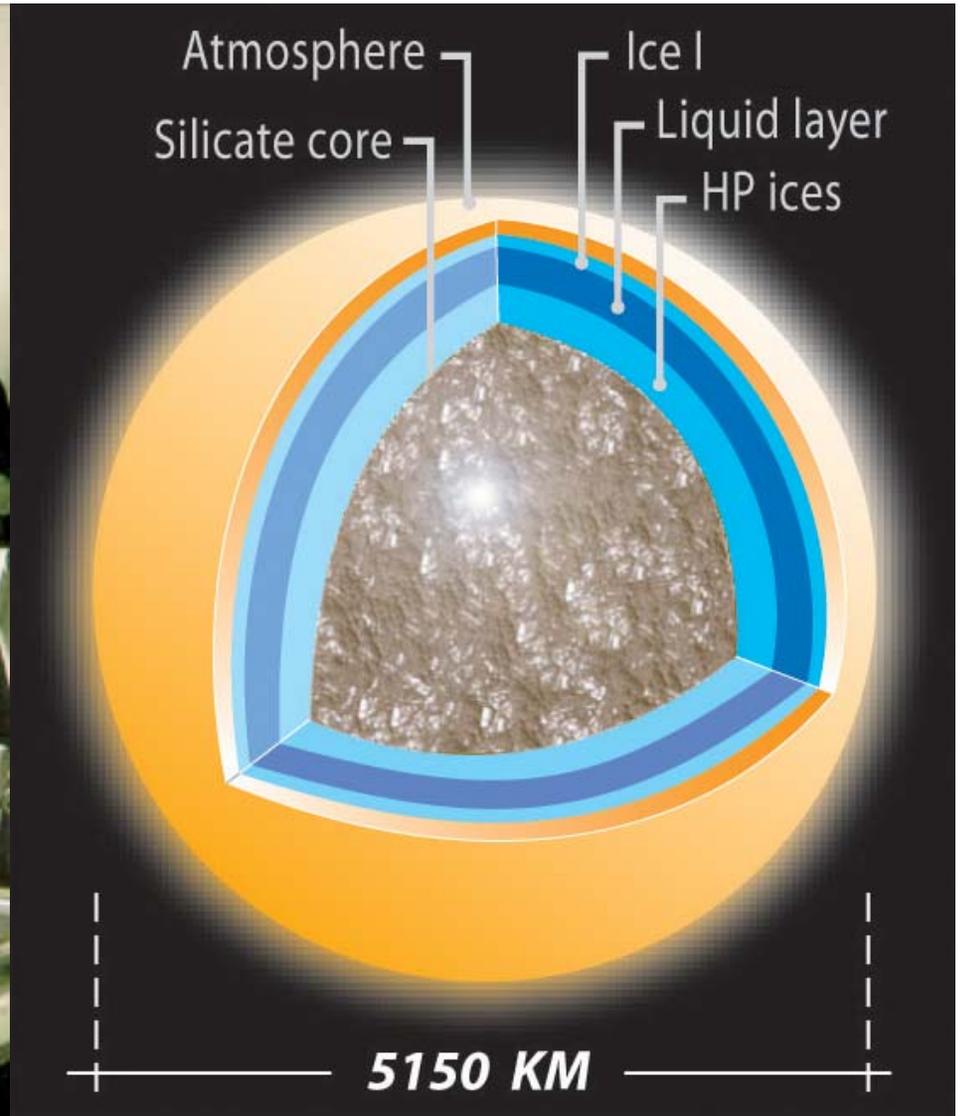
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Atlas	2.28 Rs
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Pandora	2.35 Rs
Titan	20.3 Rs
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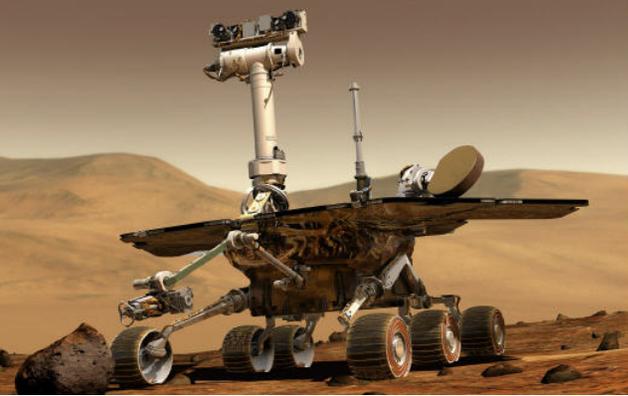


Huygens Probe Injection and Descent

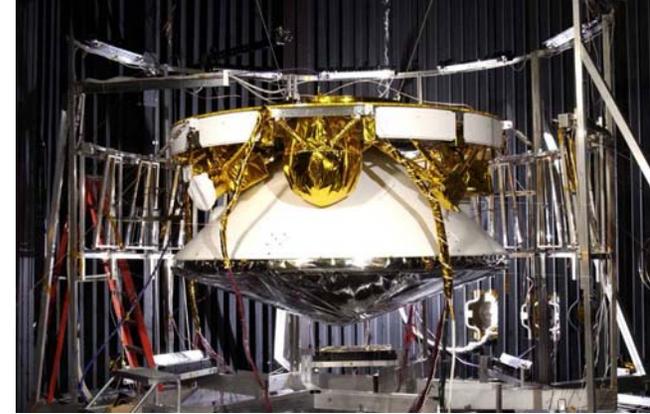


ESA Built Huygens Probe



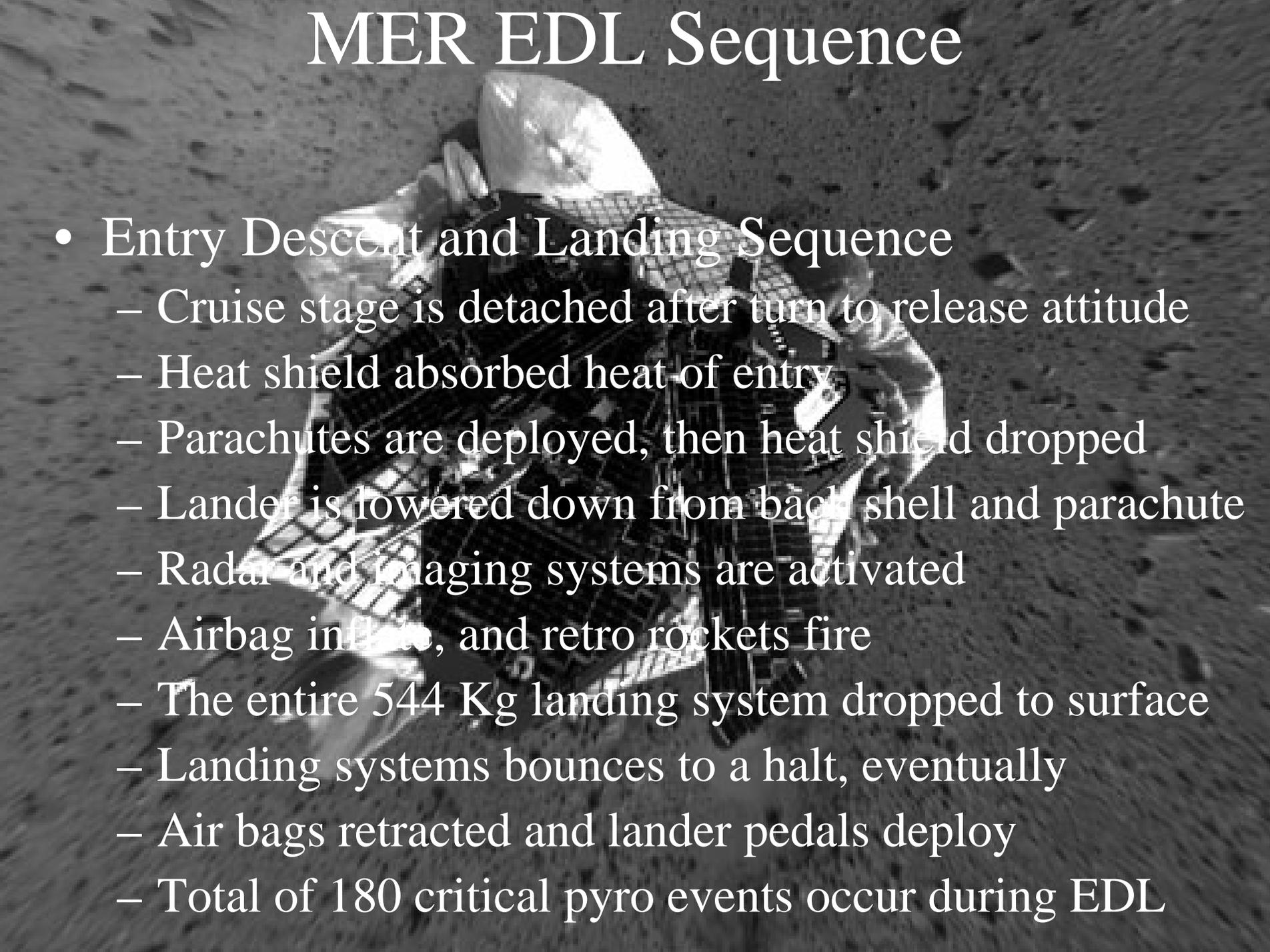


Mars Exploration Rovers



- Two launch occurred in June / July of 2003
- Both Landed successfully in July / August 2004
- Two rovers, working on opposite sides of Mars
- Planned surface mission of 90 days completed
- Both rovers are now in extended missions
- All lifetime expectations have been exceeded
- Limited Solar Power is being worked around
- Drive Motor problems also being worked around

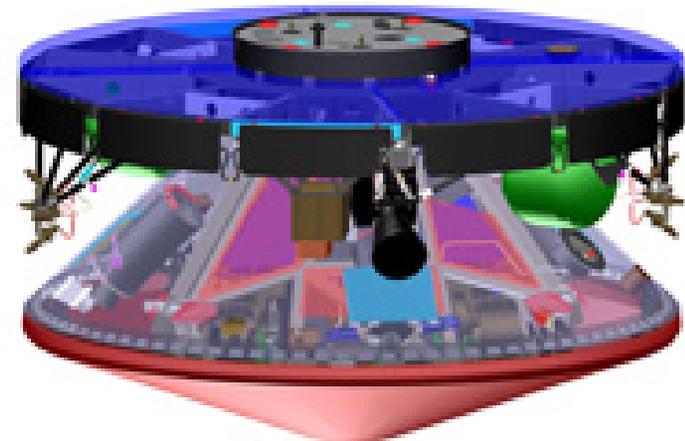
MER EDL Sequence



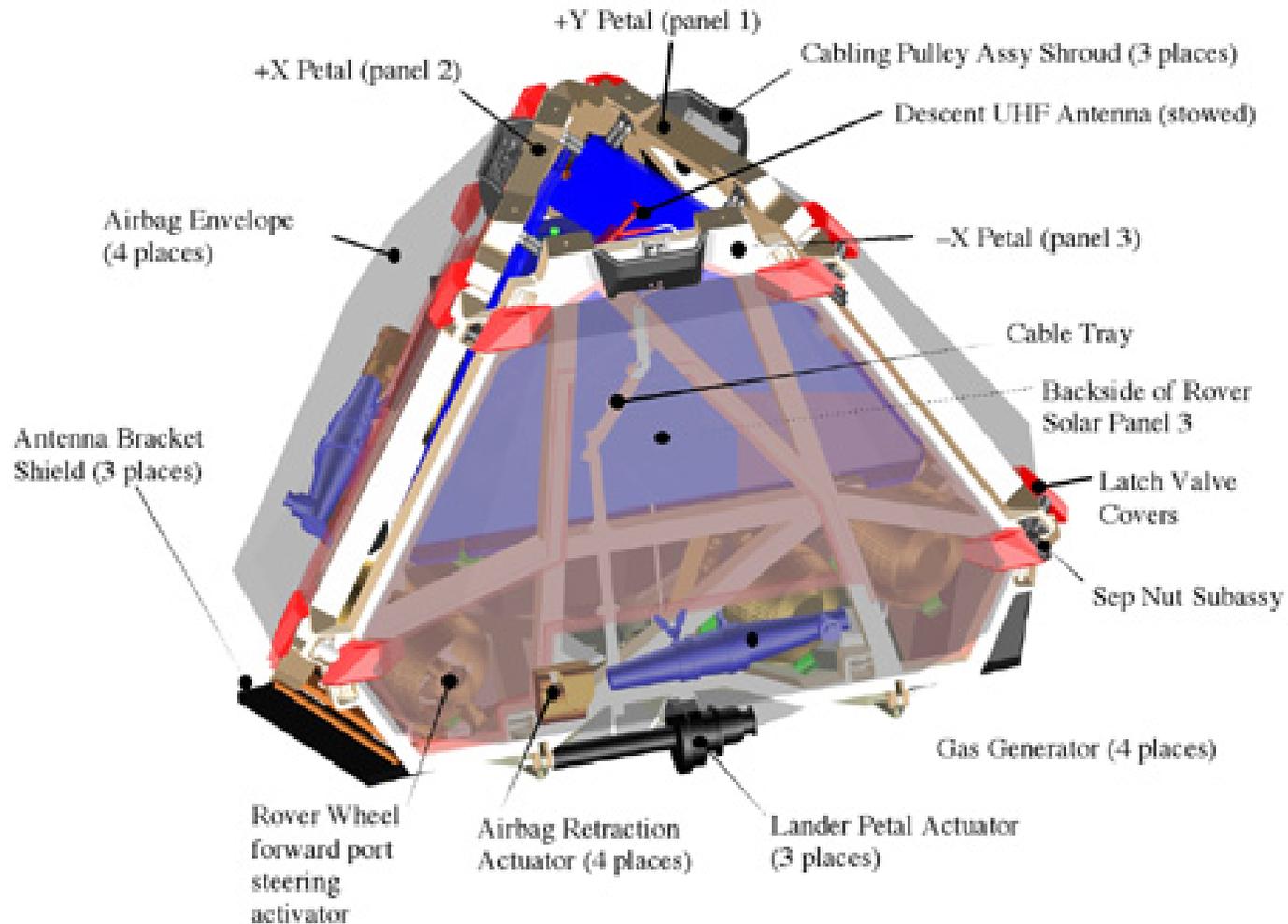
- Entry Descent and Landing Sequence
 - Cruise stage is detached after turn to release attitude
 - Heat shield absorbed heat of entry
 - Parachutes are deployed, then heat shield dropped
 - Lander is lowered down from back shell and parachute
 - Radar and imaging systems are activated
 - Airbag inflated, and retro rockets fire
 - The entire 544 Kg landing system dropped to surface
 - Landing systems bounces to a halt, eventually
 - Air bags retracted and lander pedals deploy
 - Total of 180 critical pyro events occur during EDL

MER Hardware Summary

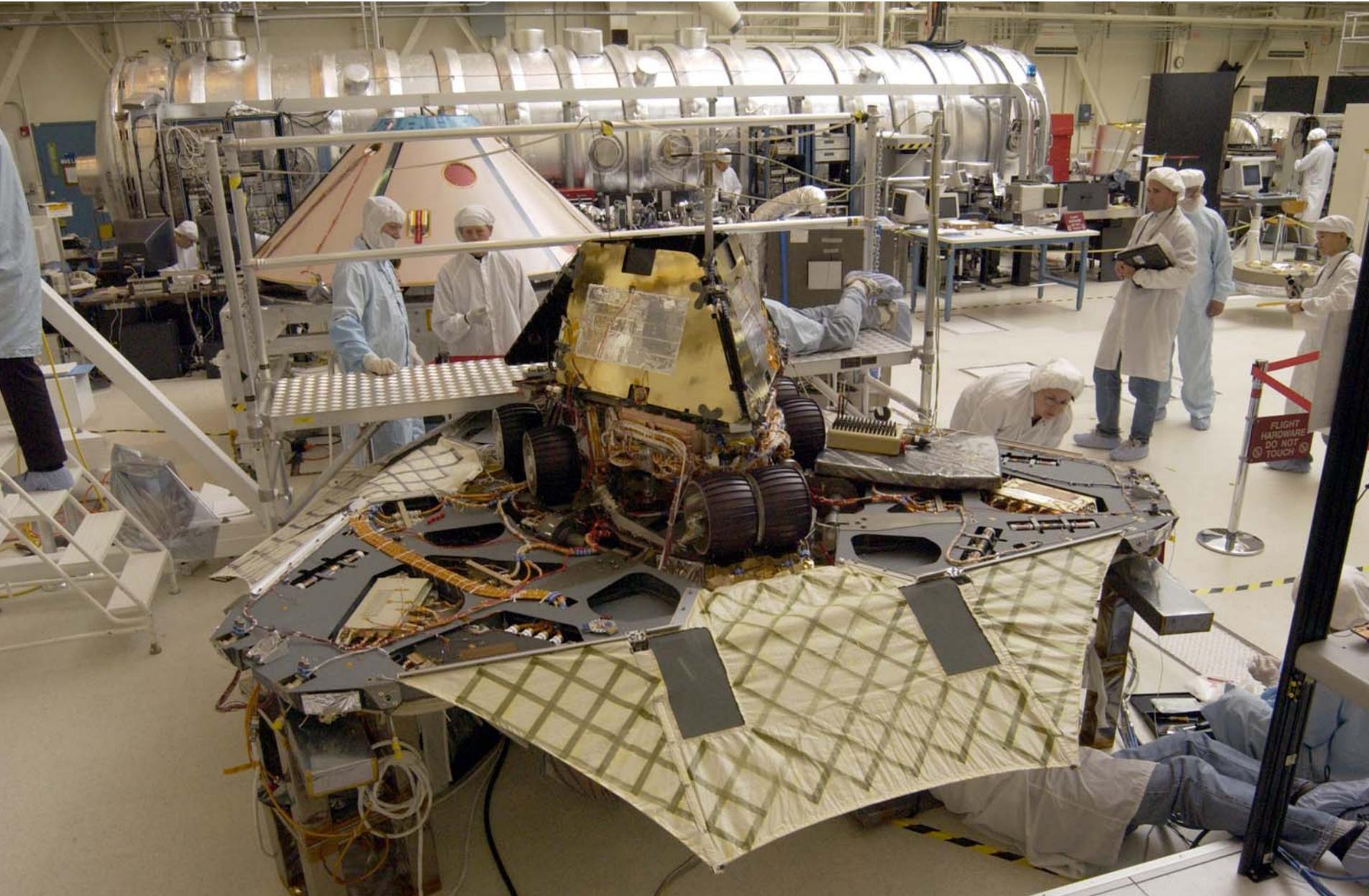
<u>Spacecraft Element</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Power Hardware</u>
Rover	185 kg	TJ Solar Array Lithium Ion Batteries Power Electronics, Pyro
Lander	348 kg	LiSO2 Batteries
Backshell / Parachute	209 kg	Thermal Battery, Pyro
Heat Shield	78 kg	None
Cruise Stage	193 kg	TJ Cruise Array, Shunts
Propellant	<u>50 kg</u>	
Total System Mass	1063 kg	



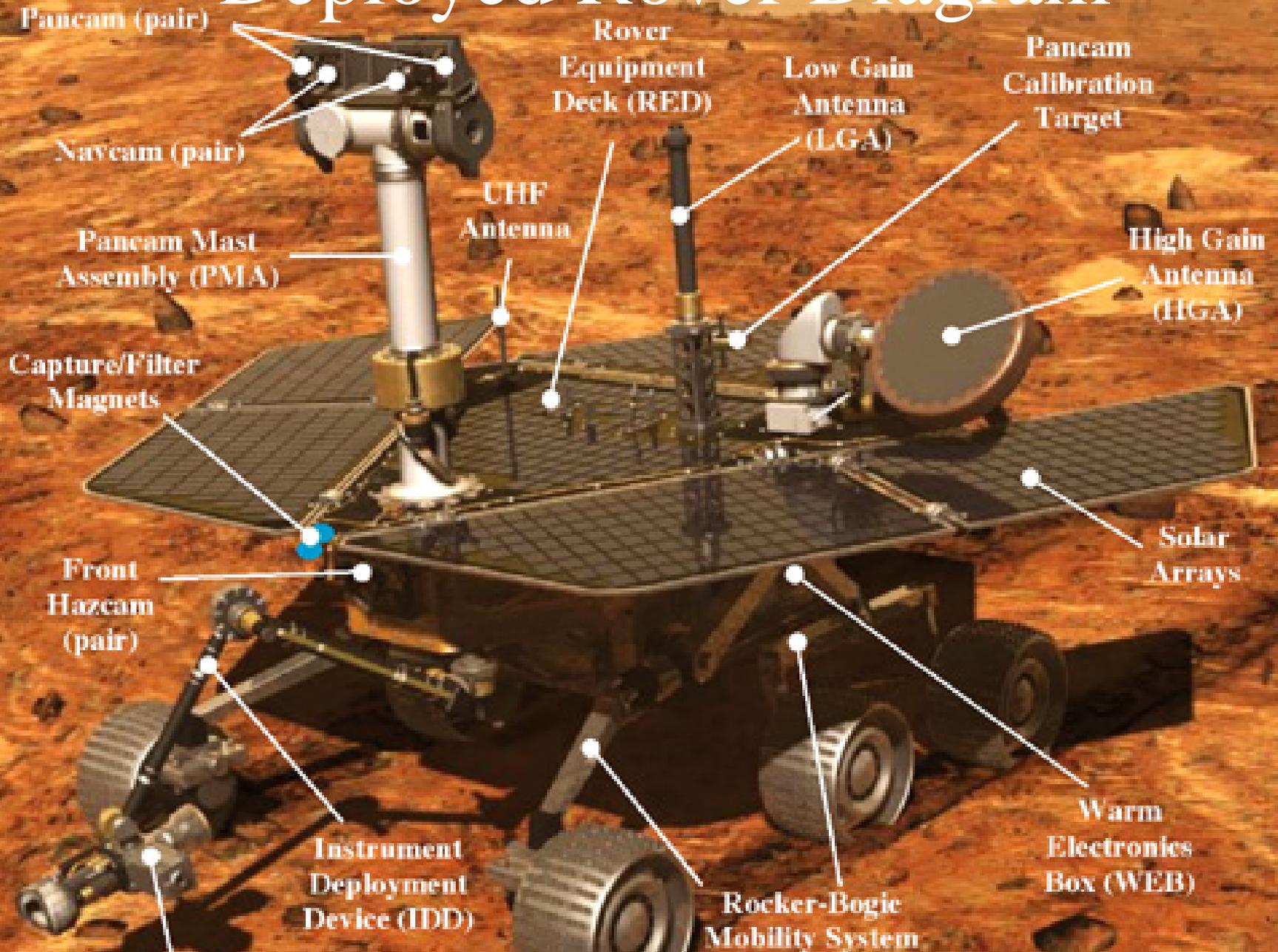
Landing System Diagram



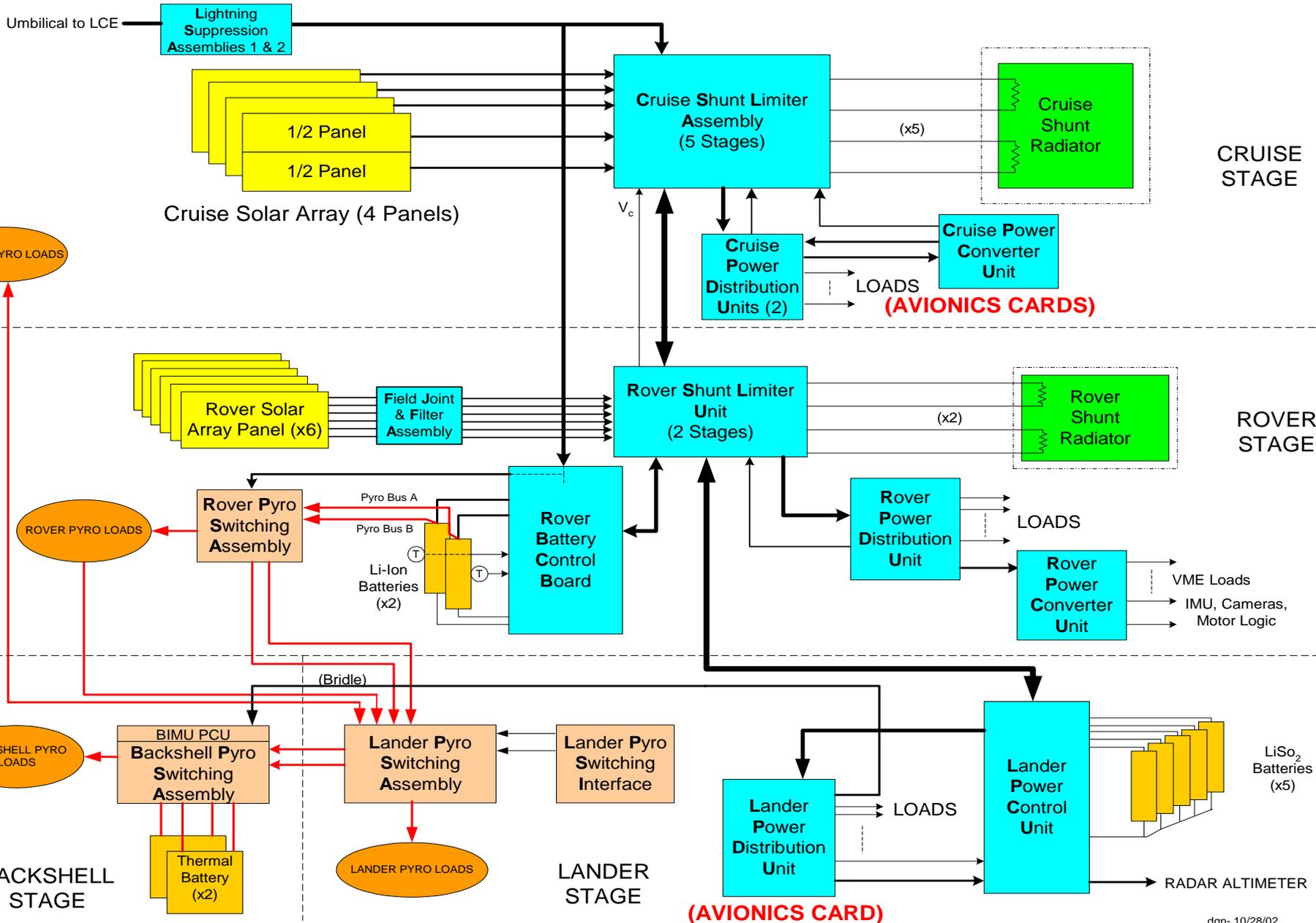
Undeployed Rover on Open Lander



Deployed Rover Diagram

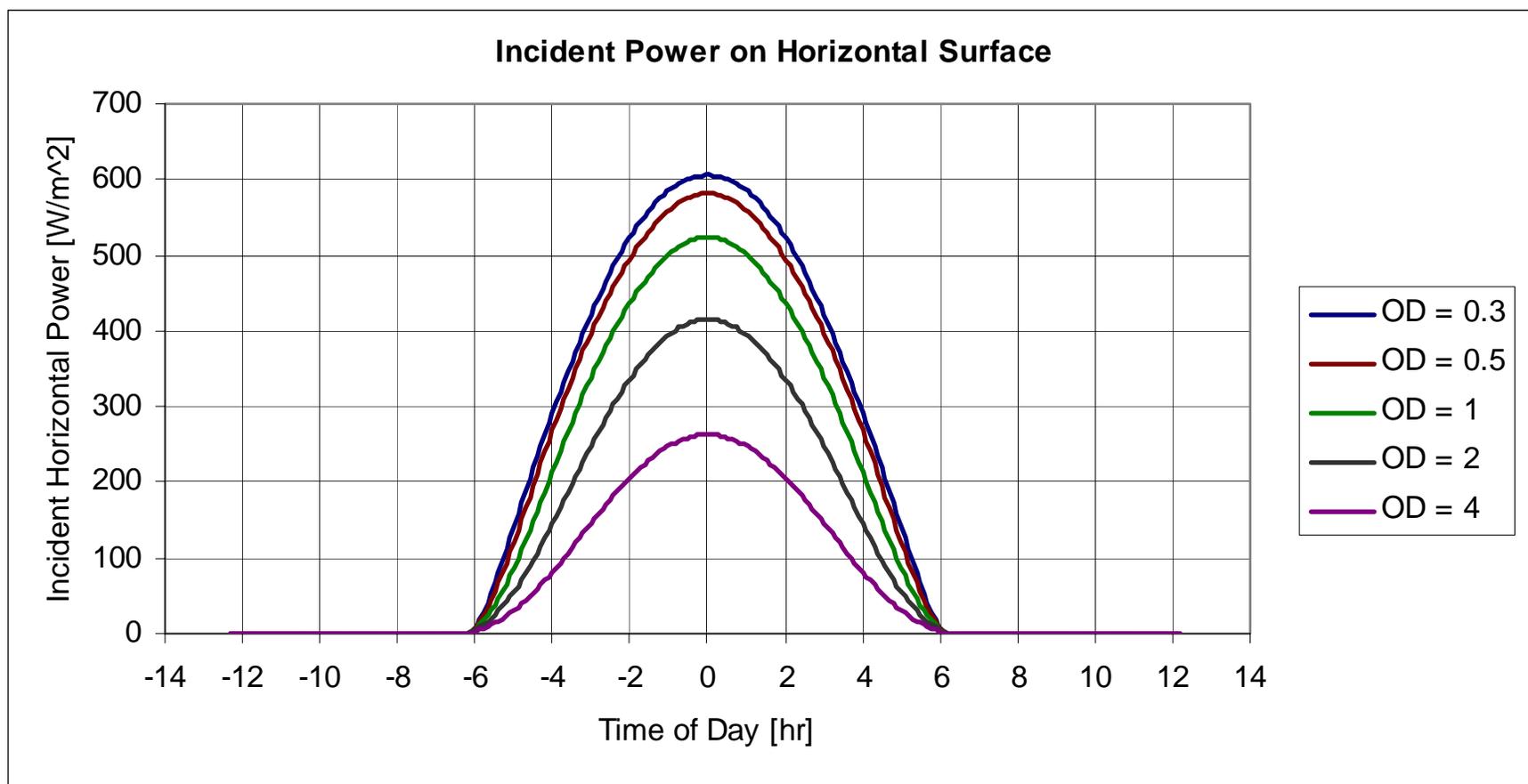


Functional Block Diagram

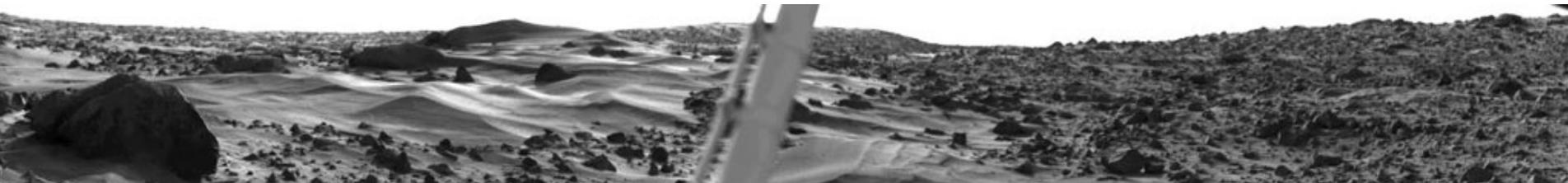
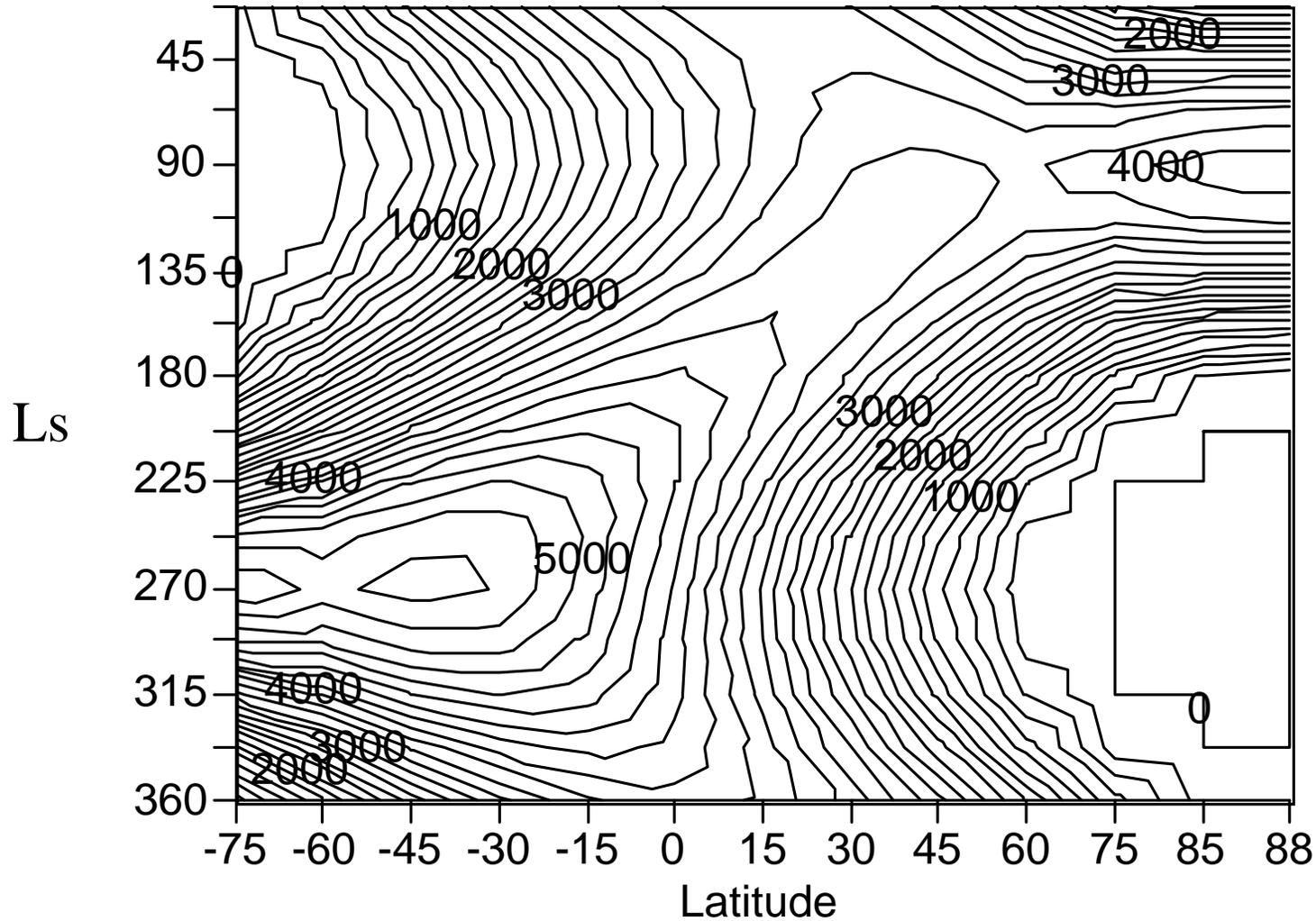




Mars Atmospheric Dust Effects



Seasonal Solar Availability (WH/M²/sol)



Your Mileage May Vary

