

#### **Mars MEDUSA Orbiter AE 4342 Team 6**

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### **Overview**



**MEDUSA: M**ars **E**xploration of **Du**st **S**torms and **A**tmosphere





#### **Mars MEDUSA Orbiter**

#### **Science** Investigation



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# Mission Statement

MEDUSA will investigate the mechanisms of formation, composition, and seasonal changes of dust storms on Mars; this will be achieved through Radiometers and Multiangle Imaging SpectroRadiometers.

## Science Background

The Significance of studying Martian Dust Storms

- **Better understanding of Martian Climate**
- Better understanding of the mechanisms of climate change for Earth applications

Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group interests

- Locations and times of interest for the creation of dust storms
- Analysis of aerosol type, concentration, and movement through dust storms
- How dust storms carry dust and water through the atmosphere and across the surface

Leading Theory

- Atmospheric Factors (heat, pressure) cause dust storms to form
- These dust storms transfer water ice



*Credit: NASA / JPL / MSSS*

## MEDUSA Science



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#### *Goal:* Explore the formation and impact of dust storms on Mars

#### *Objectives:*

- Determine how and under what conditions Martian dust storms form and propagate using MCS and MISR
- Determine how particles move within the dust storm using MISR
- Determine the composition of Martian dust storms using MISR
- Determine if and how H2O is transferred via dust storms on Mars using MISR

Sol 1997

*Credit: NASA / JPL / MSSS / Justin Cowart / Emily Lakdawalla*



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# Science Traceability





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#### Mission Implementation



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## Science Instruments



Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer

- 9 angled pushbroom spectroradiometers
- Captures images in 4 spectral bands from infrared to visible
- Allows analysis of aerosols, winds, and clouds



*Credit: NASA / Caltech / JPL*

## Science Instruments

#### Mars Climate Sounder (MCS)

- Captures images in 9 spectral bands from infrared to visible
- Measures temperature, pressure, water vapor, and dust in layers of the atmosphere



*Credit: NASA / Caltech / JPL*



### Spacecraft Overview

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Flight Computer

Star Sensor

**Pressurant Tanks** 

> Propellant Tanks

Solar Panels

Sun Sensor

Orbital Insertion **Thrusters** 

**MISR** 

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## Concept of Operations





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- Type II heliocentric transfer orbit
- Estimated TOF: 287 days
- 3 Main Burns
	- Total Δv of major burns ~ 1.6 km/s
	- Additional 0.1 km/s added for corrections





- Capture in highly elliptical insertion orbit
- Lower periapsis, raise inclination
- Raise periapsis, circularize orbit
	- $\circ$  700 km, i = 75 $^{\circ}$
	- 10 year lifespan
	- $\circ$  EOL: relay satellite





### GNC & ADCS



#### **Attitude Control**

- 4x Reaction Wheels
	- Slew rate: 0.045 deg/s



*Reaction Wheel Credit: SpaceTeq*

#### ● Sensors

- 2x Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
- 2x Star tracker
- 12x Sun Sensor



*Star tracker Credit: Leonardo Company*

#### **Orbit**

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- Period: 133 minutes
- o 11 orbits per day
- Time per Eclipse: 41 minutes

#### ● Three Power Modes:

- Standby/Eclipse **• Communications**
- o Data Collection

#### Data Collection Mode 745 W Thermal Control 44 W  $7.1%$ Power Subsystem 266 W

43.1%



Power



- Communications 318 W 40.3%

**ADCS 107 W** 

13.5%

### **Power**

#### ● Triple Junction Solar Cells

- $\circ$  Area: 20 m<sup>2</sup>
- o Mass: 17 kg
- Power Generated: 1200 W

#### ● Lithium Ion Batteries

- 10 years: ~40,000 Cycles
- Depth of Discharge: 30%
- Number of Cells: 99 cells
- o Mass: 11 kg

#### Power Management and Distribution System

- Regulated Direct-Energy Transfer
	- Higher Efficiency
	- Large power variation
- $\circ$  Power: 160 W
- Mass: 54 kg

#### **Wiring**

- Power: 60 W
- o Mass: 33 kg



## Propulsion

- Propellant Hydrazine
- Pressurizer Helium
- Thrusters:
	- Four MR-107S @ 270 N used for Complete insertion burn in 24 min
	- Four MR-106E @ 22 N used for Trajectory corrections
	- Eight MR-103D @ 0.9 N used for Attitude control redundancy
- Tanks:
	- 2 Propellant Tanks with mass of 20 kg each
	- 2 Pressure Tanks with mass of 13 kg each





### Propulsion



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### Thermal



- Ideal operating temperature =  $10 °C$
- Pre trimmed thermal balance temperature  $= 367 K = 94 °C$
- **Radiators used to trim temperature to** permissible component range
- 15 layer MLI blanket used on outside of spacecraft
- Heaters applied to solar panels, propulsion tanks, antennas, gimbals, IMU, star tracker



*Credit: John Rossie of AerospaceEd.org*



## Structural Properties

- Potential loads: Launch, gravity, radiation pressure, aerobraking
- Aluminum alloy honeycomb structure
- Carbon composites such as graphite epoxy applied for additional support ● Titanium alloys used for fuel tank and smaller

components

*Credit: Argosy International*



### Mass Breakdown

Dry Mass Range: 500-1000kg

Dry Mass: 801 kg

Propellant Mass: 1000 kg

LV Adapter: 166.5 kg

LV Capacity: 3000 kg



Allocated (kg) Level 1



## Mass by Subsystem



Payload **Propulsion** ■ ADCS **Comms**  $C&DH$ Thermal Control **Power** Structure



### **Communications**



#### Link Budget



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### Link Schedule

#### Launch:

- Downlink lifeline communication begins  $\sim$  1 hr after launch,  $\sim$  5 minutes prior to launch vehicle separation on LGA
- When signal is received, DSN uplink is confirmed, doppler/turnaround
- ranging is defined, and commandability is confirmed.

#### Transit: -

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Downlink lifeline communication continues including trajectory data and spacecraft health on HGA

● Command uplink for trajectory correction and anomaly adjustment by DSN

- Mars Orbit Insertion:
	- Downlink insertion progress, health, and anomaly data by the LGA
	- Command uplink to perform insertion maneuvers and anomaly adjustment by DSN

#### 1. Mars Orbit

- Spacecraft downlink health data (X-Band) and and collected instrument data (Ka-Band) when line of sight is visible on HGA (LGA if in low power mode).
- Command uplinked for trajectory correction, anomaly adjustment, and to transition between mission phases by DSN

# Communication Subsystems

#### High-gain Antenna

Ka Band and X band

2x Low-Gain Antenna

- X-Band
- Only used for insertion and emergencies

#### 4x Amplifiers

- **•** Traveling Wave Tube Amplifiers
- Two for Ka-band (35W)
- Two for X-Band (100)

2x Transponders

**General Dynamics Small Deep** Space Transponder

Ultra Stable Oscillators

- Take on causes for frequency instability in circuits
- High stability vs. temperature 2x Electra Proximity Payload -
	- Government provided telecommunications platform





### C&DH Schematic

- Oven Controlled Crystal Oscillator (OCXO)
- Data Processing Unit (DPU)
- Integrated Electronics Module (IEM)
- **SpaceWire**



## **Computing**

- Processor: RAD5500
- Power Distribution Unit (PDU)
- Oven Controlled Crystal Oscillator (OCXO)





## Spacecraft Integration

System Testing & Assembly Order:

- Power-
- 2. ACDS
- 3. Science Instruments
- 4. Structure
- 5. Solar Array
- 6. Communication
- 7. Propulsion



*MRO Science Instrument Integration Credit: NASA*

Structural Assembly:

**Gimbals** 

1. Solar arrays 2. HGA



*Type 22 High Gain Antenna Pointing Assembly Credit: MOOG*



*Type 1 Solar Array Drive Assembly Credit: MOOG*



### Launch Vehicle

- Medium Class Launch **Vehicle**
- **•** Employ 5m Fairing:
- Potential Option: Atlas V 5xx
- Two stage expendable rocket system
- Flexible with SRB usage, engine configurations, and payload fairing selection





## Ground Systems & Operations



*Goddard Space Flight Center Operations Room Credit: NASA Goddard/Pat Izzo*

Ground Station (ie. Goddard Space Flight Center)

- sending commands
- 2. anomaly resolution
- 3. spacecraft health monitor
- 4. data processing
- ❖ Eleven 90-minute passes per day

Distributed Active Archive Center (NASA's DAAC)

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data storage

### Spacecraft Testing







*Credit: National Technical Systems*

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Project Management



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## Organizational Structure



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### Cost & **Scheduling**



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#### Cost

- Unmanned Space Vehicle Cost Model (USCM8) parametric estimation
- NASA Instrument Cost Model (NICM) for science instruments
- FY2021 Estimated Cost:
	- \$491,425,375.1



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### Risk Matrix



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**PROBABILITY** 



## **Mitigation: High Risks**

- Risk 1 ADCS Failure (Risk Value: 20)
	- Redundancy in system components
	- Testing to simulate operational environment
- Risk 2 Transponder Failure (15)
	- MEDUSA contains a backup transponder cross linked into the system should one fail
- Risk 3 Failure to Deploy Solar Arrays (Risk Value: 15)
	- More accurate environmental testing
	- While in orbit:
		- Move mechanism up and down to "unsnag"
		- Fire thrusters to shake orbiter





## Mitigation: Medium Risks

- Risk 4 Failure of Science Instrumentation (Risk Value: 10)
	- One fails:
		- Continue mission using remaining payload
	- Both fail:
- Revert to relay satellite ● Risk 5 - Unrealistic Budget (Risk Value: 10) ○ Mission descope - threshold science mission





### Schedule





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### **Mars MEDUSA Orbiter** Appendix



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## Mass Budget







### Mass Budget cont.



# Cost



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## Risk Mitigation

#### 1. ADCS Failure (Risk Value: 20)

- a. Redundancy in system components
- b. Testing to simulate operational environment
- 2. Transponder Failure (15)
	- a. MEDUSA contains a backup transponder cross linked into the system should one fail
- 3. Failure to Deploy Solar Arrays (Risk Value: 15)
	- a. More accurate environmental testing
	- b. While in orbit:
		- Move mechanism up and down to "unsnag"
		- ii. Fire thrusters to shake orbiter
- 4. Failure of Science Instrumentation (Risk Value: 10)
	- a. One fails:
	- Attempt to continue mission using other payload b. Both fail:
		- i. Revert to being relay satellite
- 5. Unrealistic Budget (Risk Value: 10)
- a. Mission descope fallback to threshold mission 6. Unplanned Loss of Contact (Risk Value: 6)
	- a. Extended Data storage
	- b. At threshold enter Safe Mode
	- c. Comms system to Wideband mode
	- 24. d. Emergency use of 70 -m DSN
- 7. Biological Contamination Risk (Risk Value:1)
	- a. Assembly in clean room with the contract of the contract of the contract of the contract of  ${\bf 50}$