

# Hypersonic technologies and atmospheric entry missions at ESA

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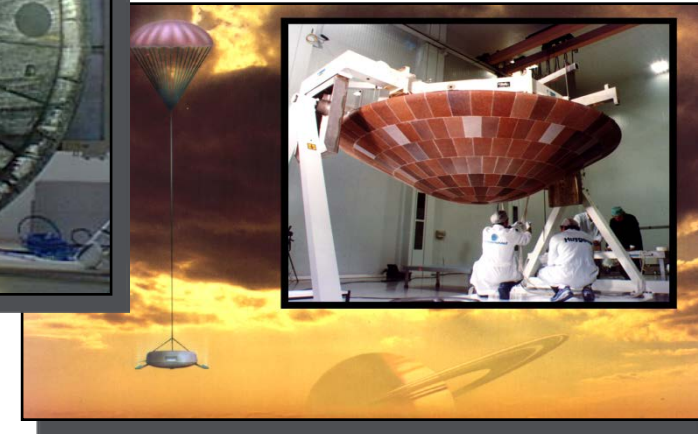
# 1. Introduction



# ESA experience for (re)entry



- ARD : low Earth orbit (7.8 km/s)
- IRDT : Suborbital (7km/s)
- Huygens : Titan (6km/s)
- ATV destructive entry (7.8 km/s)
  
- ExoMars: Mars, <6km/s
- Expert, IXV, ARV,... < 7.8 km/s
  
- Future sample return missions: 11-15 km/s (velocity higher than the Earth escape velocity!)
- Scaling of Earth entry fluxes for TPS design is  $V^{3.5}$  for convective fluxes, and  $V^9$  or more for radiative fluxes.



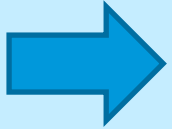
## 2. Technologies



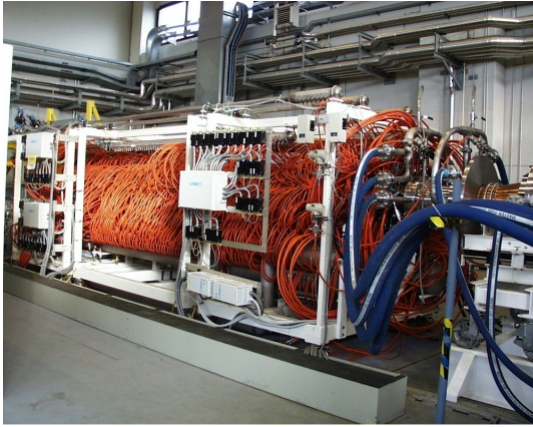
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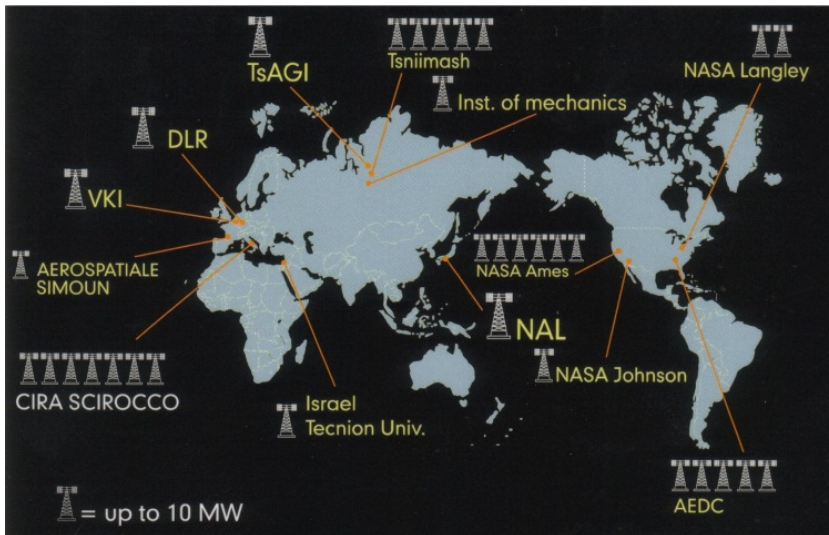
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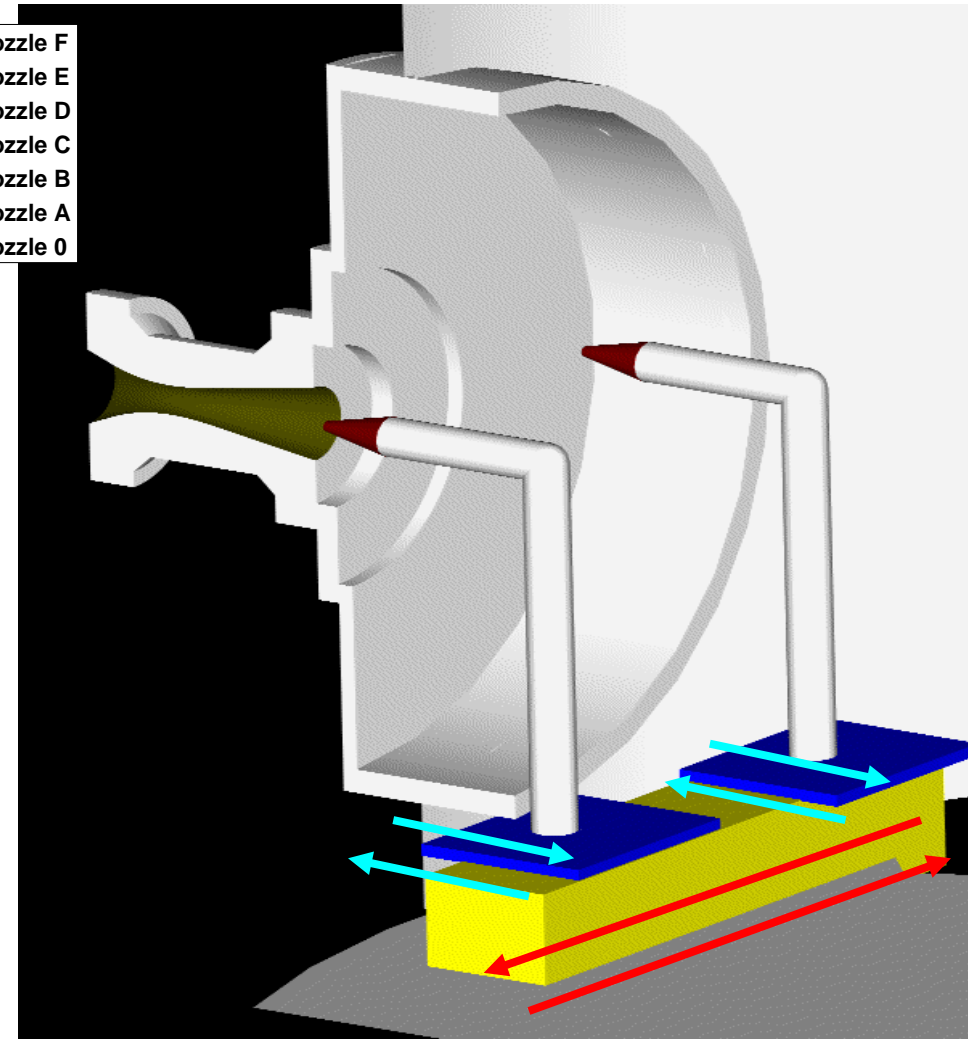
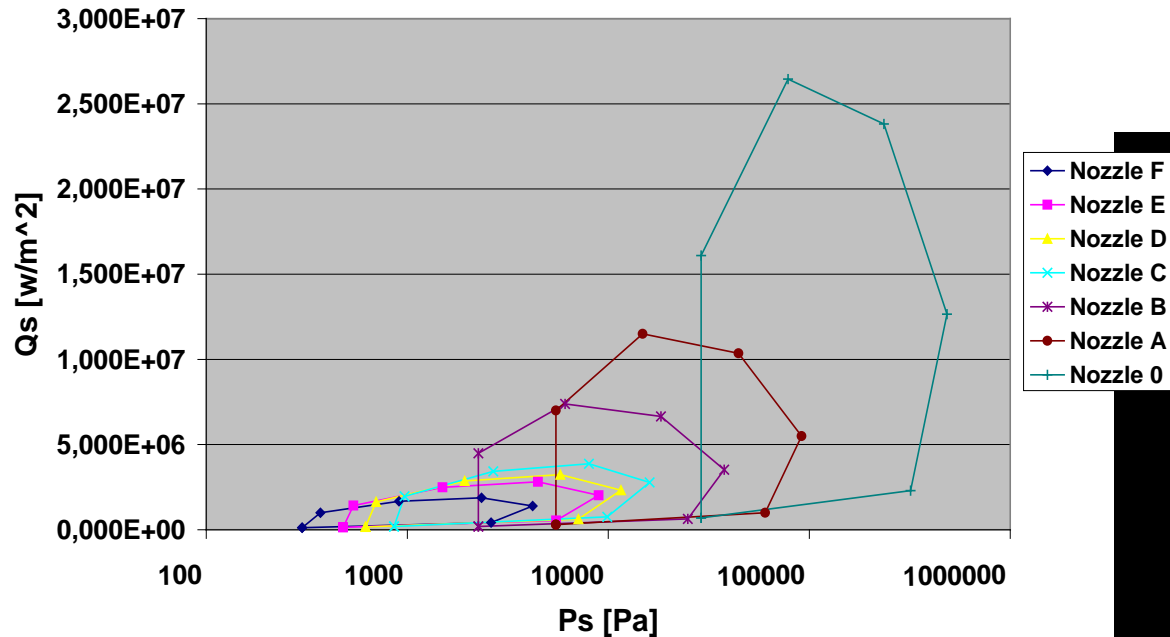
# SCIROCCO PWT



Largest facility in the world  
Designed for orbital  
spaceplanes (HERMES)  
Versatile facility

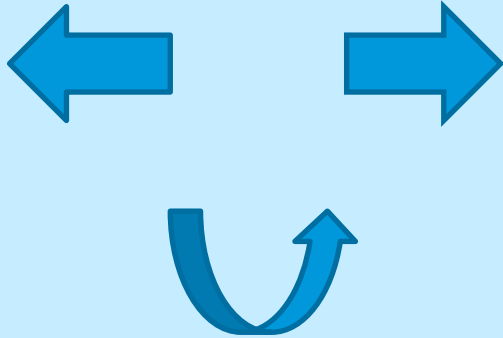






- Future high speed entry missions
- Increase SCIROCCO capabilities (20 MW/m<sup>2</sup>, around 10<sup>5</sup> Pa).
- Also useful for other applications (air breathing etc...)
- Modifications:
  - Nozzle-less configuration,
  - new sample holder devt and impl.
- 14 MW/m<sup>2</sup> achieved. 20 MW in 2nd phase

## 2.1.2. ESTHER shock tube



# European Shock-Tube for High Enthalpy Research **ESTHER**



- Shock-Tube: A facility for reproducing the conditions of an atmospheric entry
- Support to planetary exploration missions and meteoroids planetary protection research
- funding from the European Space Agency and IST/IPFN
- First facility of its class to be built in the last 30 years in Europe
- World class facility capable of reaching superorbital shock-speeds in excess of 10km/s

Length: 16m

Test-section diameter: 80mm

Shock Velocities: 4-12+ km/s

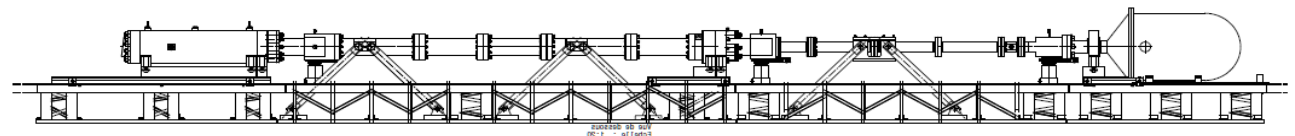
Pre-shock press.: 0.1--100+ mbar

Compositions: Air (Earth), CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub> (Venus, Mars), N<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> (Titan)



Shock tube parts machining

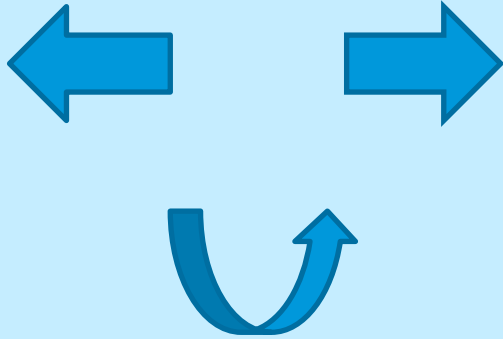
Outside view of the laboratory and view of the experimental hall



ESTHER shock-tube

*Credit IST*

## 2.2. Technological developments, new concepts

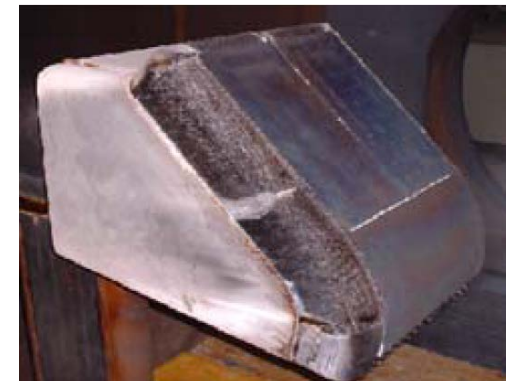


## Ceramic Matrix Composites (CSiC) TPS (for fluxes $\leq 0.8$ MW/m<sup>2</sup>)

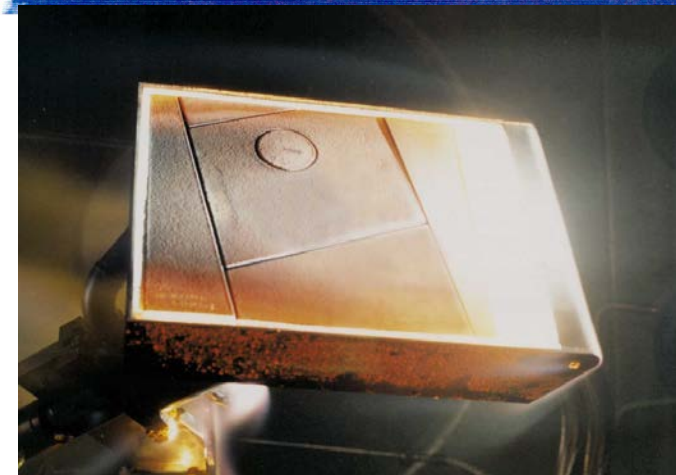
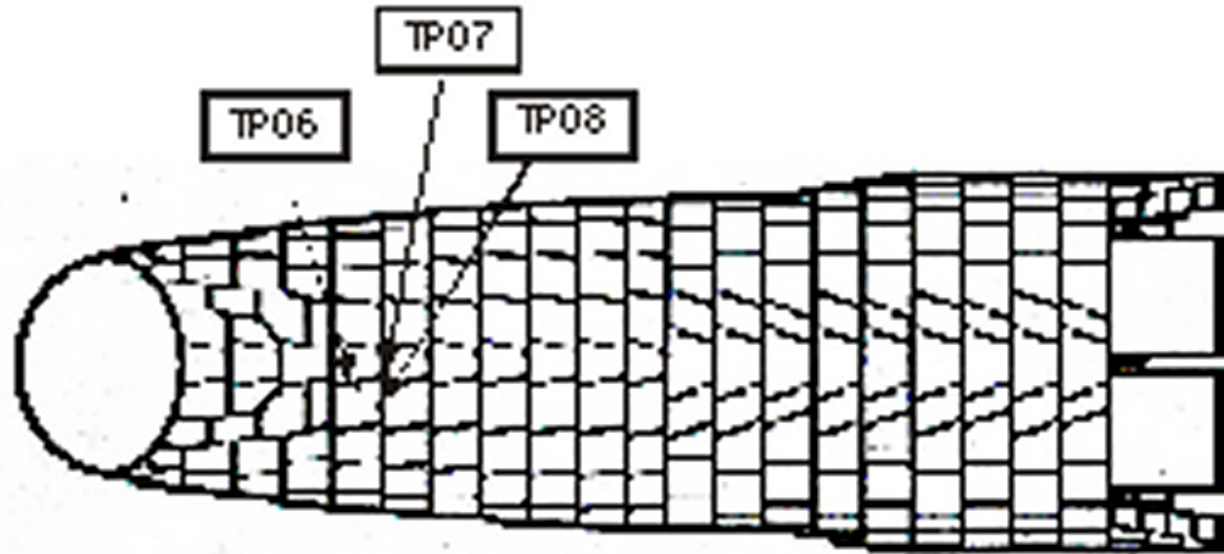
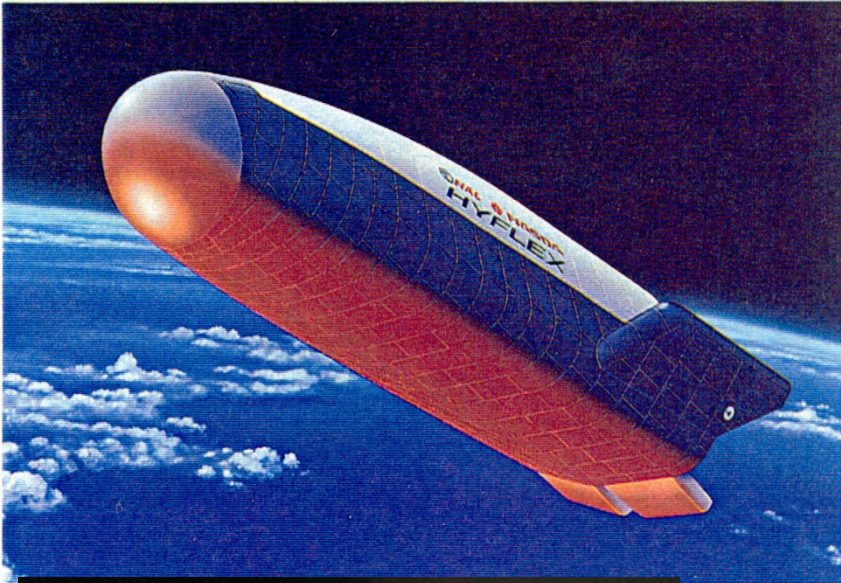
- Oxide Protection Layer performance
- Extended lifetime plasma exposure
- Stability of artificially induced damages in plasma
- Observation of the partial catalycity effects on heat flux-to temperature relationship



- Residual strength and mass loss inspection
- behavior of sensor instrumented shingle,
- inter panel gaps arrangement and sealing systems,
- thermal insulation fastening system to the vehicle substructure

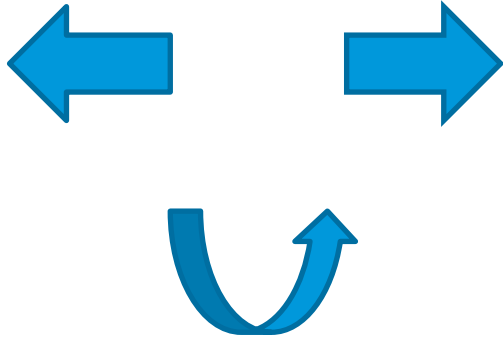


# Gap Heating: HYFLEX



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# Inflatable and deployable entry vehicles



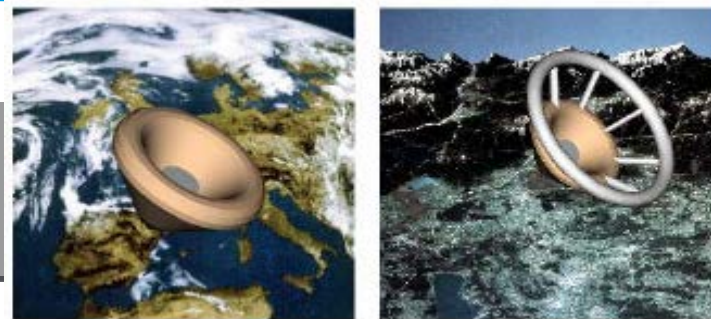
# PARES Project History



1999-2000

ISS Download System

Driven by technological considerations  
→ Inflatable Braking Device



Nov 2003 – Jun 2004

OCRS Pre-Phase A

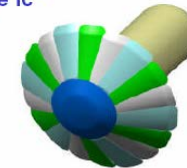
→ Payload requirements & download needs

Sep 2004 – Nov 2004

PARES Concept Consolidation Phase

→ Shape selection, EADS-ST internal team

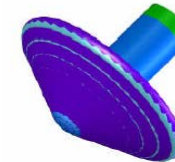
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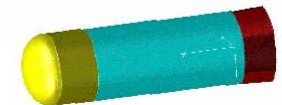
#2: Deployable Decelerator „Type IIb“



#3: Inflatable Heat Shield „Type Ia“



#4: Rigid Stabilizer TPS „Type III“



Dec 2004 – May 2006

PARES Phase B

& Pre-development Activities as Risk Mitigation Measure

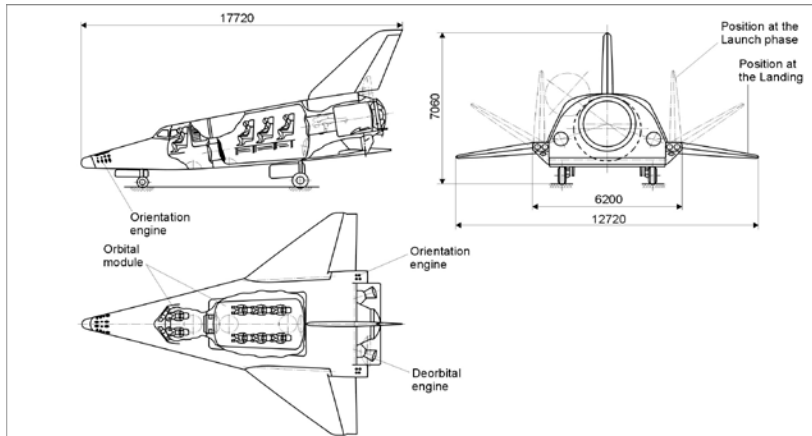
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Mar 2006: PDR





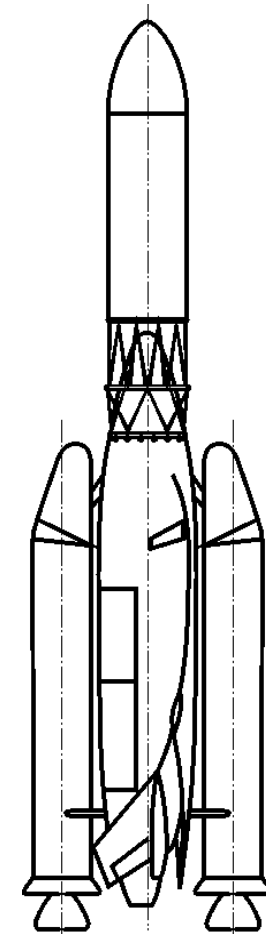
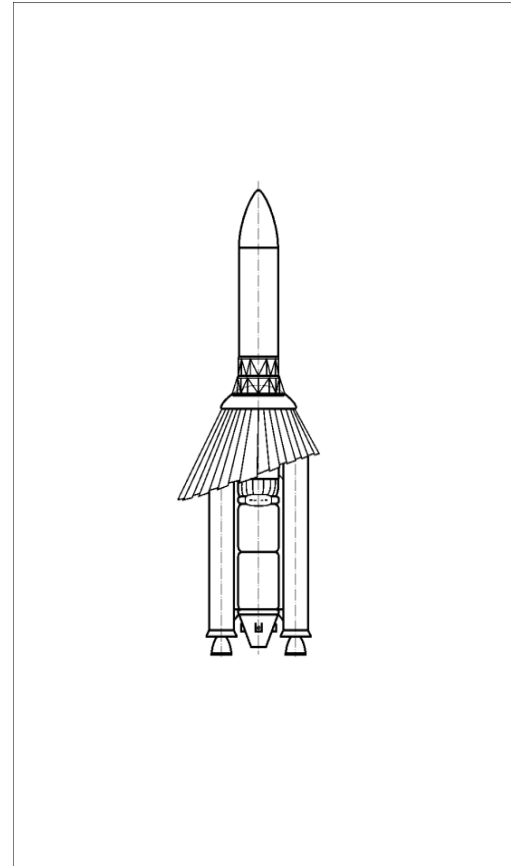
# Foldable wings study



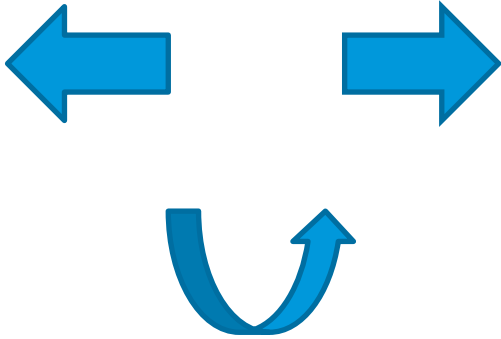
Layout diagram of the rescue vehicle



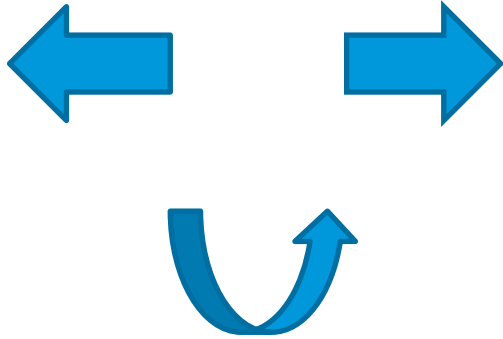
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# New TPS concepts



# Inflatable Reentry Technology



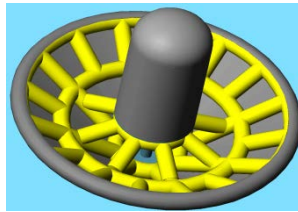
# IRT: Masses and Dimensions



<b>DIMENSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>CONE SEMI-ANGLE OF 60° AND NOSE RADIUS: 1000 MM REFERENCE DIAMETER: 2500MM</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>DLS MASS: 350 KG IHS MASS: 59 KG IRT (IT AND TPS) MASS: 52 KG INFLATION SYSTEM MASS: MAX 7 KG</b>
<b>FOLDED VOLUME</b>	<b>175 LITRES</b>
<b>MAIN FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>TO SLOW DOWN THE SPEED OF DLS FROM 8 KM/SEC TO 0.9 KM/SEC IN 200 SECOND APPROXIMATELY.</b>
	<b>TO WITHSTAND 405 KW/SQM AND 50MJ/SQM (NON CATALYTIC WALL, RADIATIVE EQUILIBRIUM, INITIALLY COLD WALL)</b>

## Tubular Beam Truss vs. Axisymmetric Structure

### Tubular Beam



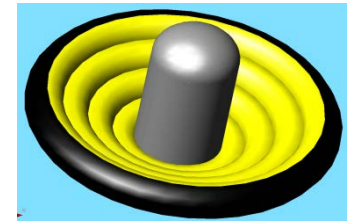
#### Plus

- Lower weight (4,8 kg)
- Lower inflation volume (0,5 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Reduced contact areas with TPS
- Folding capability
- Stability
- Shape requirement

#### Minus

- Manufacturing complexity

### Axisymmetric Structure



#### Plus

- Manufacturing simplicity

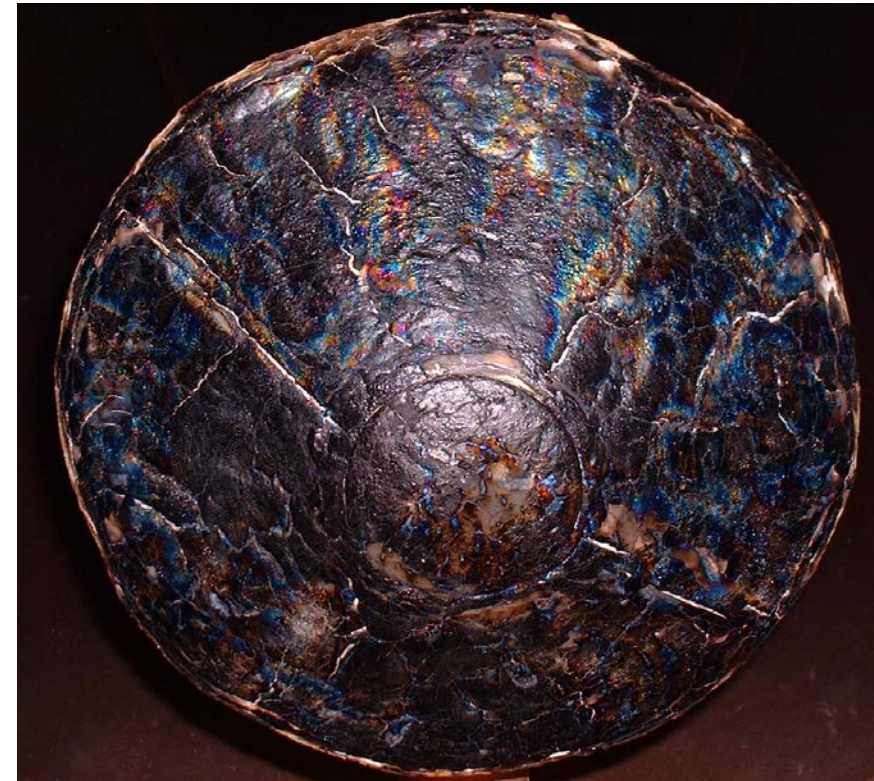
#### Minus

- Higher weight (6,5 kg)
- Higher inflation volume (1,4 m<sup>3</sup>)
  - High contact areas with TPS
  - Folding capability
  - Stability
- Shape requirement



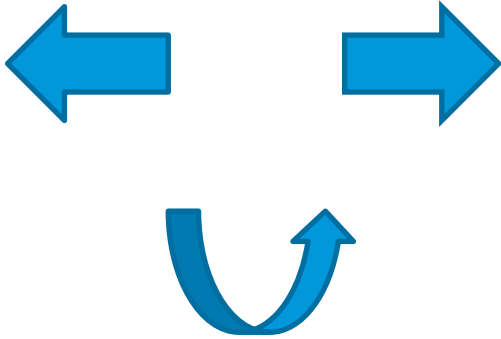


Demonstrator before plasma test



Demonstrator after SCIROCCO plasma test

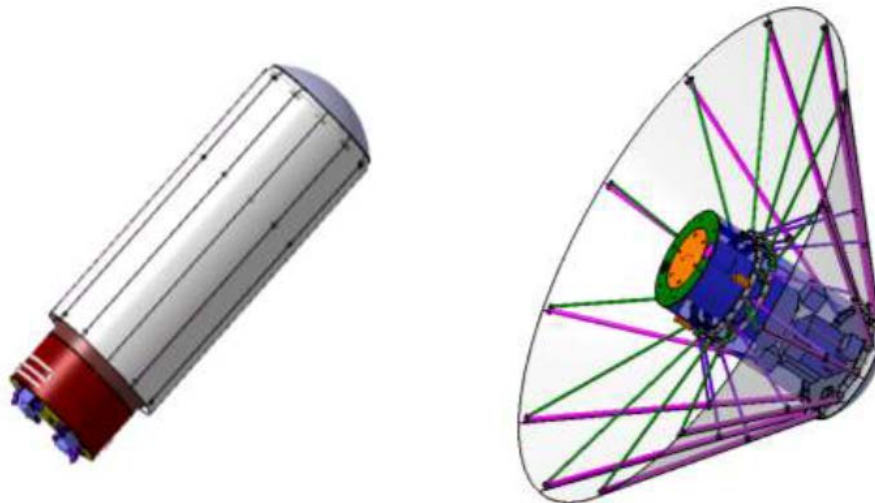
# Deployable heat shield: IRENE



ASI has supported since 2010 a research programme, called IRENE, to develop a low-cost re-entry capsule, able to return payloads from the ISS to Earth and/or to perform short duration, scientific missions in LEO.

The main features of the IRENE capsule are:

- light weight (100-200 kg), 3 m fully deployed
- payload recoverability and reusability
- low-cost, deployable, disposable heat shield composed by:
  - a fixed nose (ceramic material)
  - a deployable aero-brake (umbrella-like, multi-layered fabric).





Feasibility study (2011).

TPS materials, for cone and for flexible umbrella shield, tested in Italy in the SPES hypersonic WT U. of Naples, and in SCIROCCO PWT at CIRA (Capua).

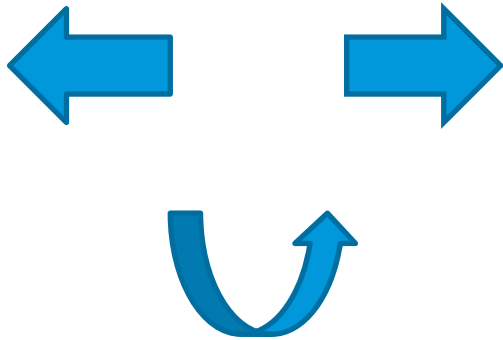
Based on previous results, ASI and ESA are supporting a study to address the main issues of an IRENE demonstrator:

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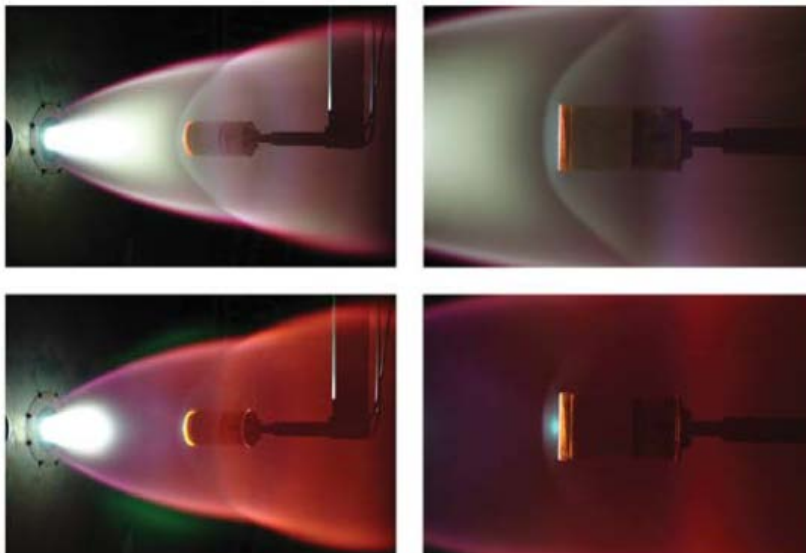
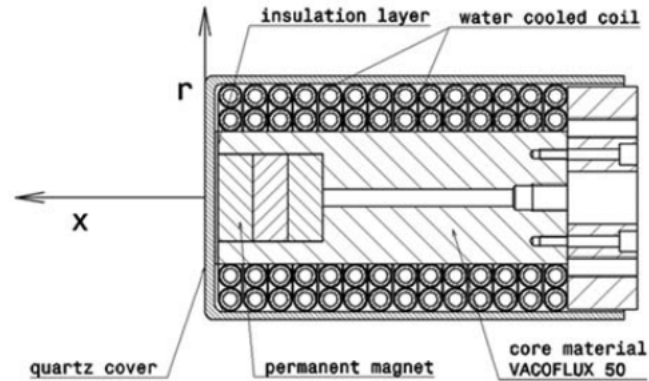
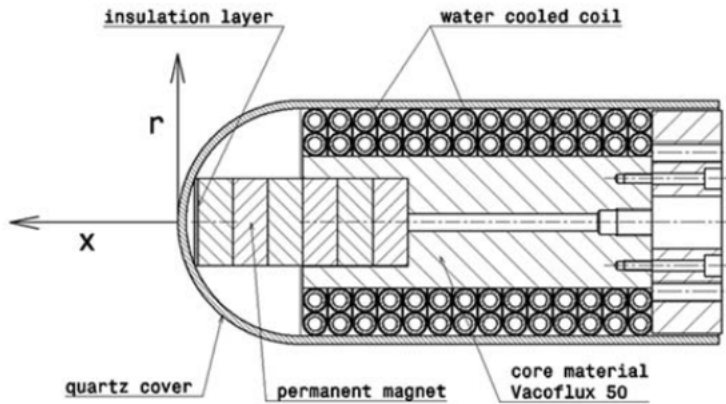
- to be embarked as a piggy-back payload for a future mission of a sub-orbital sounding rocket.
- launch of a **demonstrator** of IRENE from a sounding rocket requires **scaling down** the most important parameters



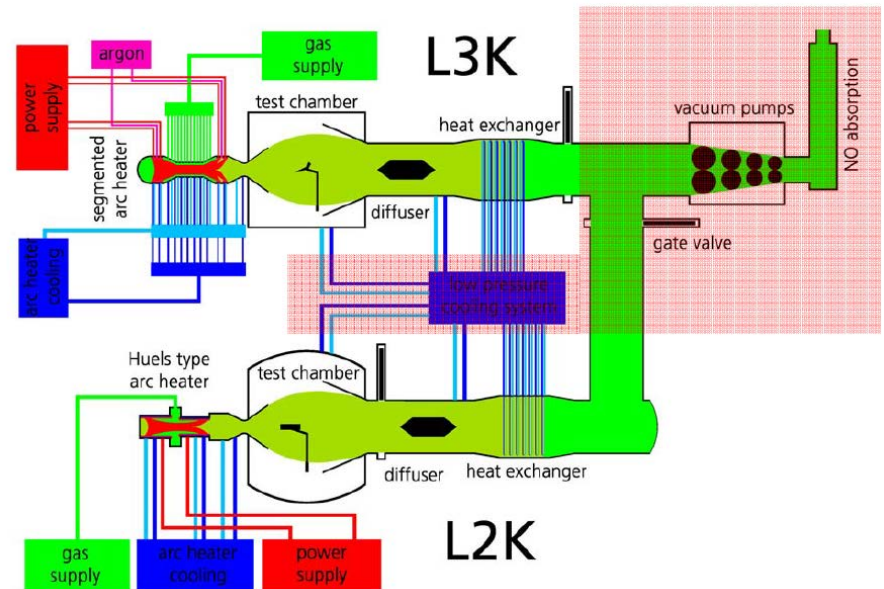
- Max diameters: 29cm (folded) 100cm (deployed)
- Max length: 25 cm (folded)
- Total mass 15 kg / Ballistic coefficient  $\leq 20 \text{ kg/m}^2$
- Auto TPS deployt system (exo-atmospheric) => 45° blunt cone
- Loads at launch and during reentry (12 kPa stagnation pressure, 35g deceleration, impact loads for landing at 20 m/s)
- TPS heat fluxes 300-350 kW/m<sup>2</sup>
- CoG location to guarantee stability and reduce trim angle



# MHD shield



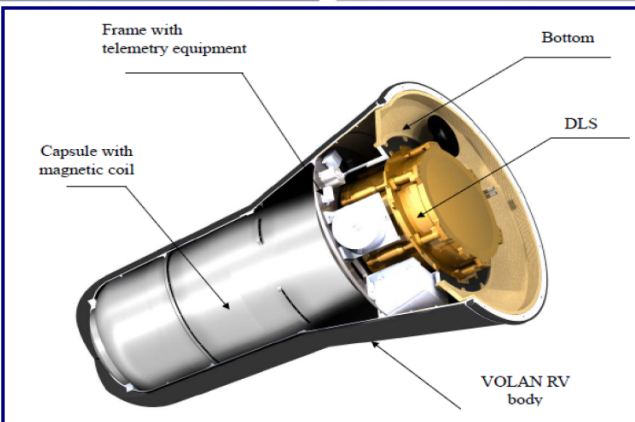
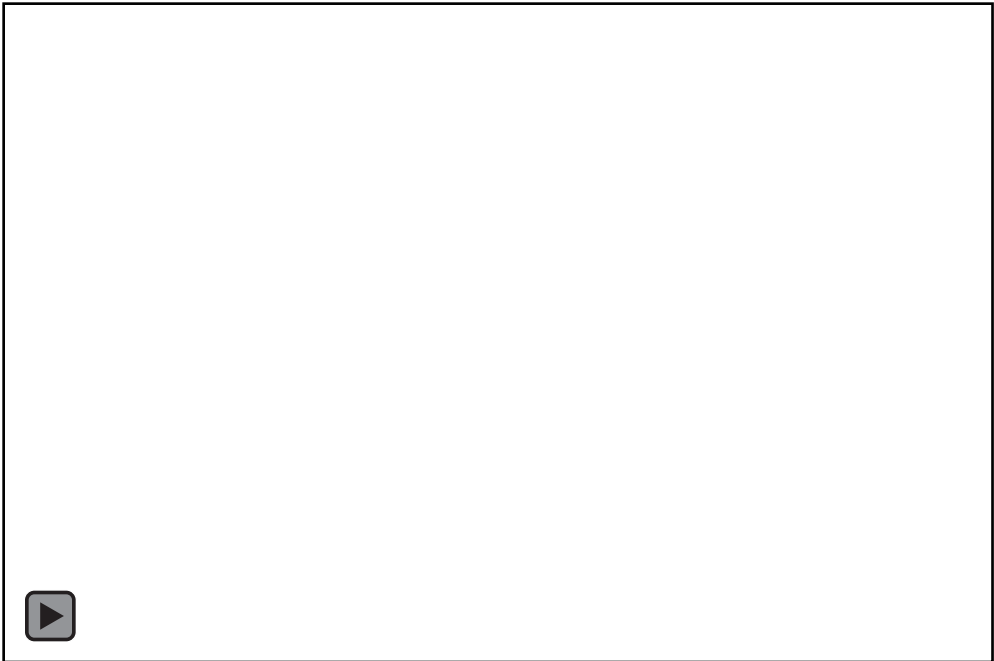
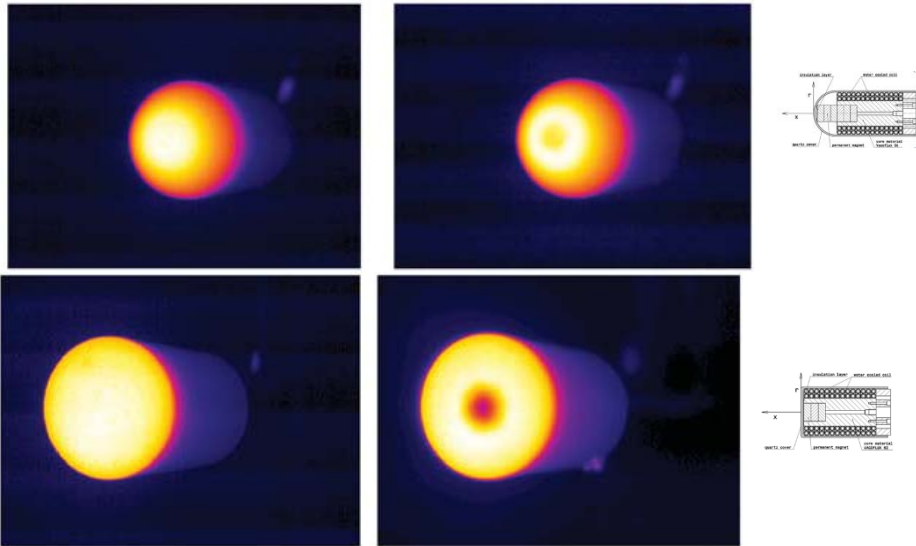
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# MHD shield: From ground to flight

Without MHD field

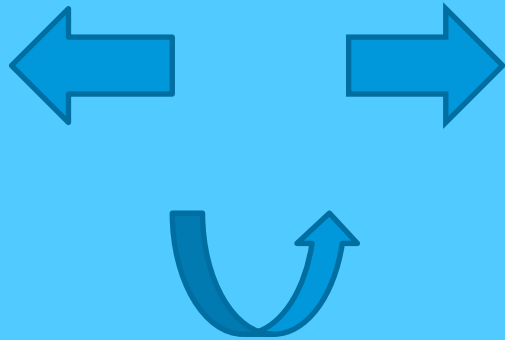
With MHD field



Superconductor systems :  
MgB2 multifilamentary wires  
YBCO-coated conductors



## 2.3. Flight tests



## IN-FLIGHT EXPERIMENTATION STRATEGY – CLASSES 1-3

**CLASS 1.** FULL-SCALE DEMONSTRATION AND QUALIFICATION, WHEREBY PERFORMANCE ENVELOPES ARE GRADUALLY EXTENDED:

- e.g. – SHUTTLE, BURAN, APOLLO, ARD, ARIANE-5
- X38, HOPE, HERMES, OSP
- HERCULES, SOCRATES

**CLASS 2.** EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLES FOR IN-FLIGHT QUALIFICATION OF SYSTEM/SUBSYSTEMS:

- e.g. – BOR4 for TPS ; BOR5 for GNC;
- HYFLEX for TPS; ALFEX for GNC
- IRDT for INFLATION SYSTEM
- PHOENIX 1 and 2 for GNC
- IXV (SPHYNX – PRE-X – USV)

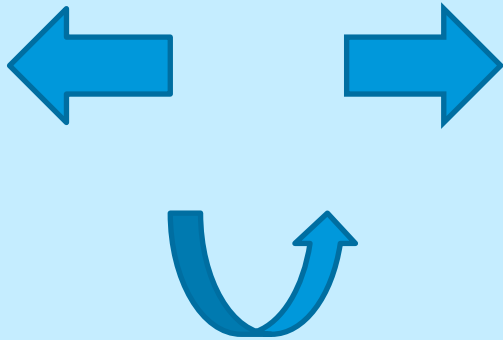
**CLASS 3.** IN-FLIGHT RESEARCH FOR DESIGN TOOL/PHYSICAL MODEL VALIDATION IMPROVEMENTS:

- e.g. – SHARP B1, B2 FLIGHTS, HYSHOT,
- MIRKA, EXPRESS
- EXPERT multiple flights for aerothermodynamic research

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## 2.3.1. EXPERT

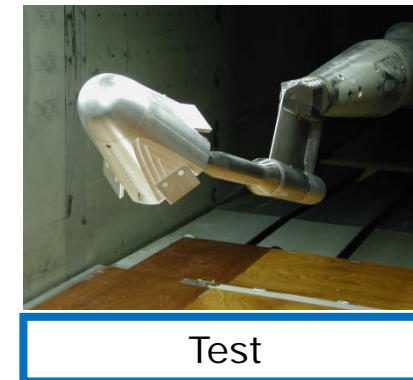
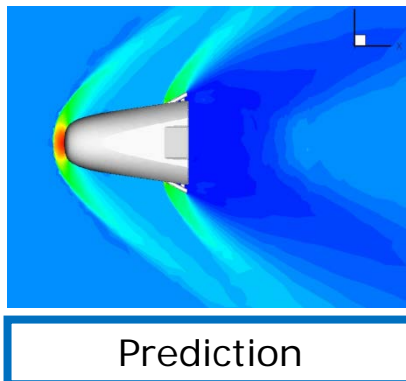
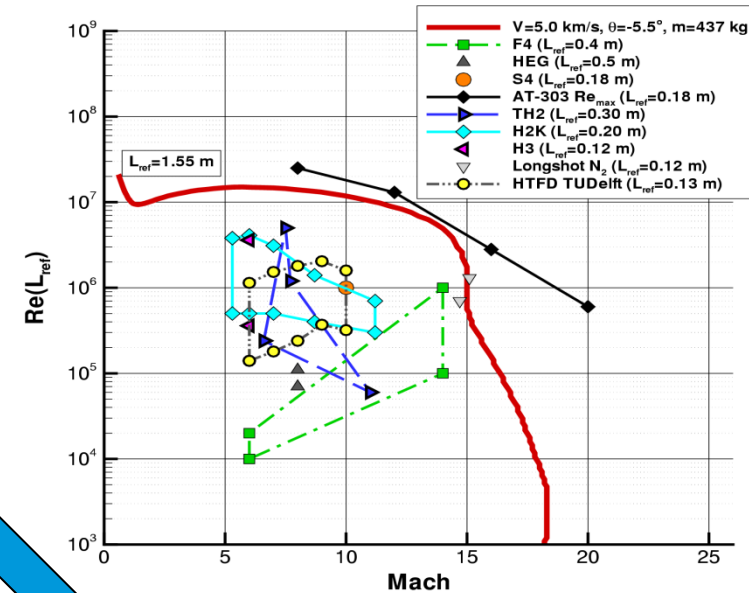
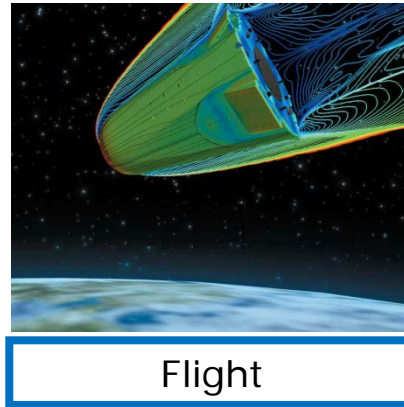




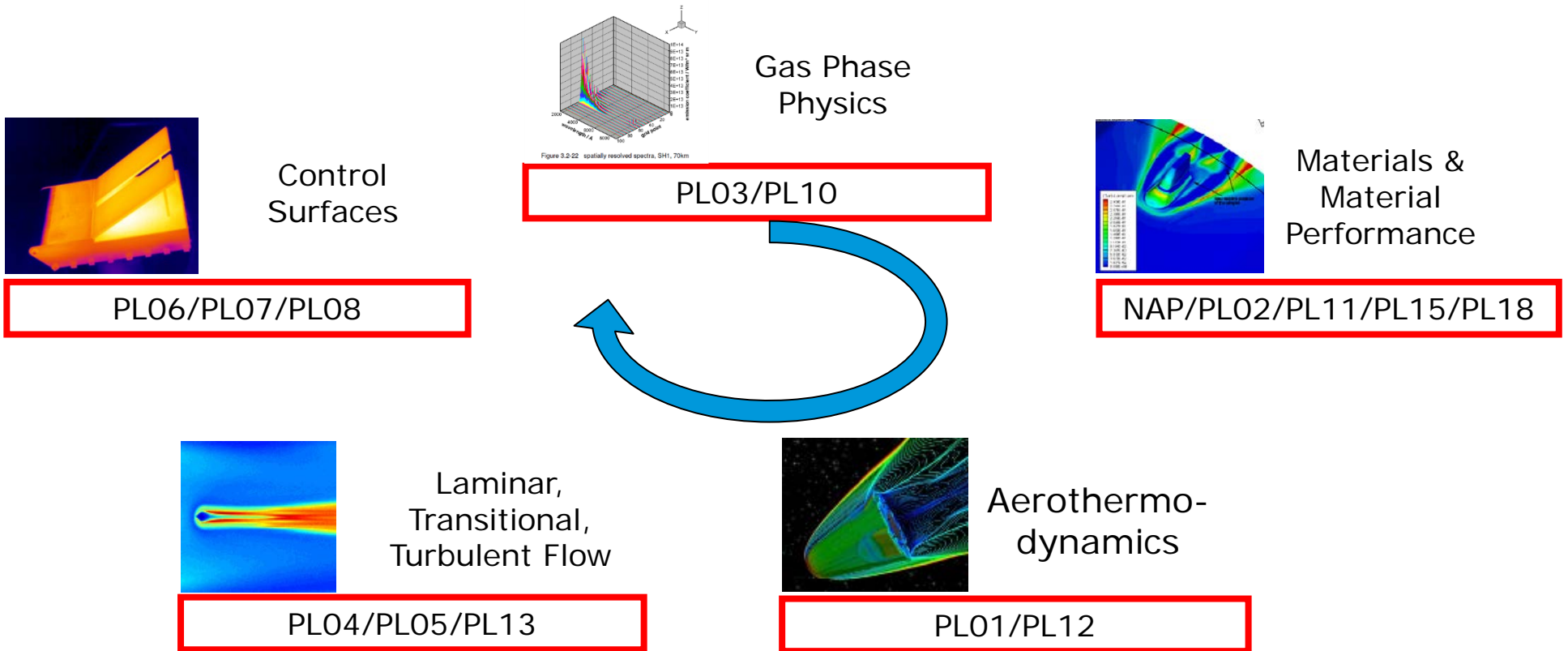
# EXPERT: Objectives of the Project

## EXPERT aims at

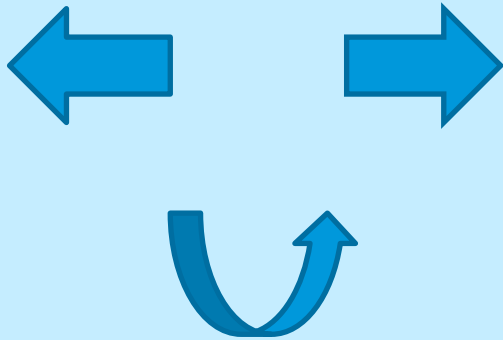
- validation of aerothermodynamic models
- maturation of reentry technologies



# EXPERT Aerothermodynamic: 5 Scientific Disciplines



## 2.3.2. IXV





# IXV MISSION

## Objectives and Scenario

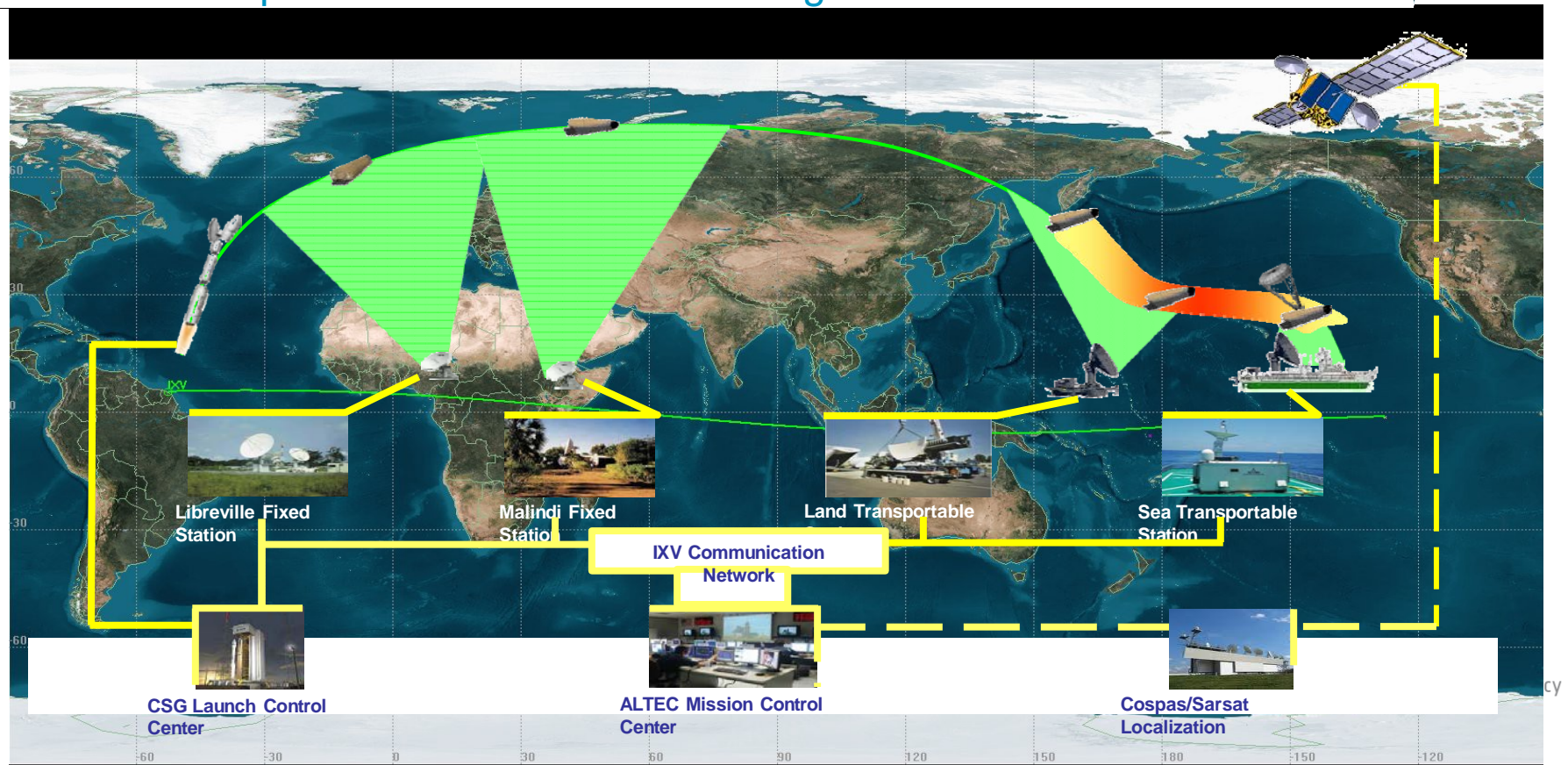


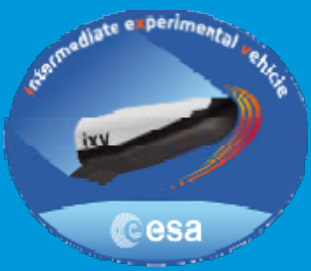
### Mission Objectives:

- Integrated System Demo
- Technology Verification
- End to End Operations

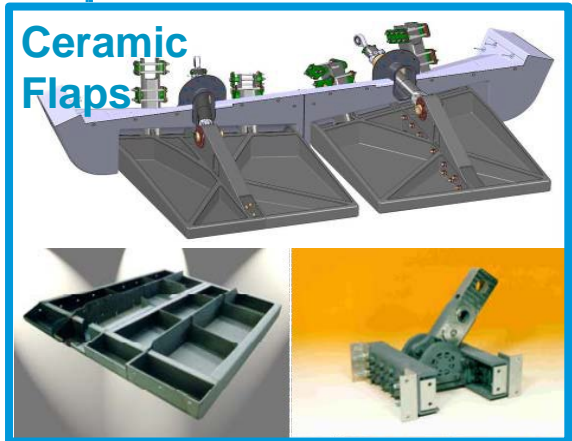
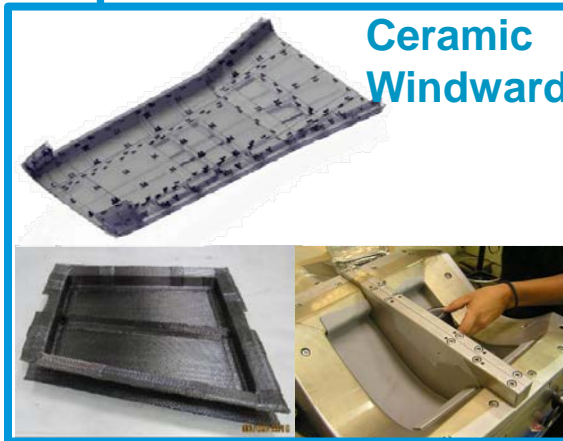
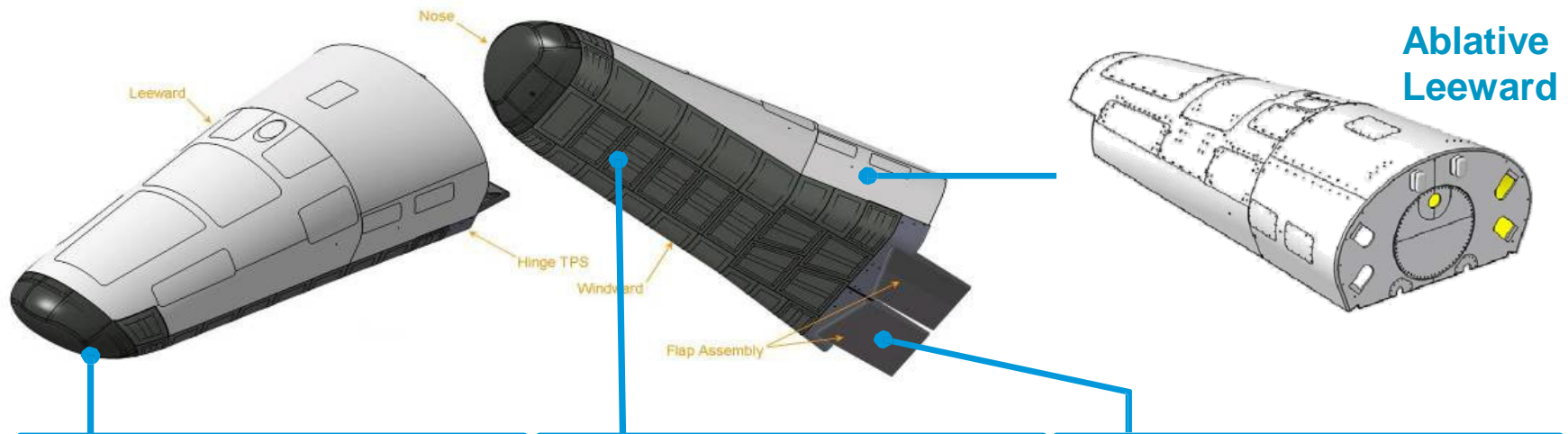
### Mission Scenario:

- VEGA launched from Kourou (5° inclinat.)
- 470 km altitude with 7.5 km/s entry speed
- Sea landing in the Pacific Ocean

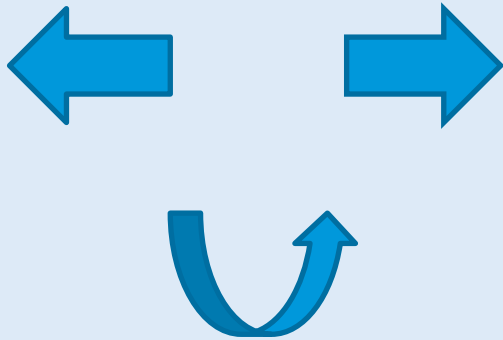




# IXV FLIGHT SEGMENT Thermal Protections

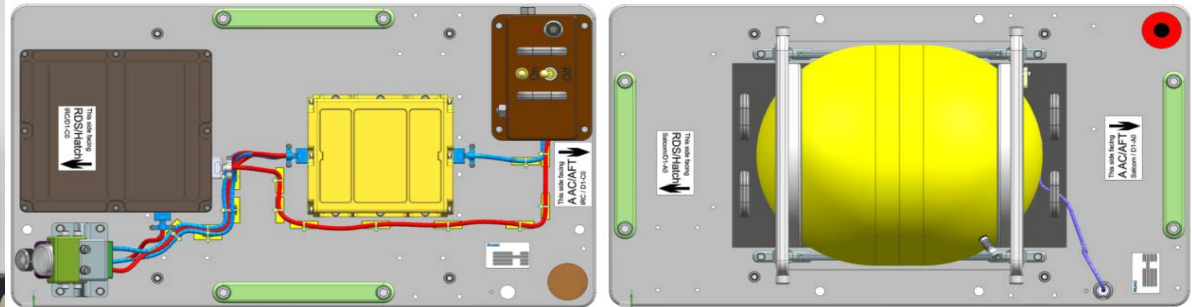
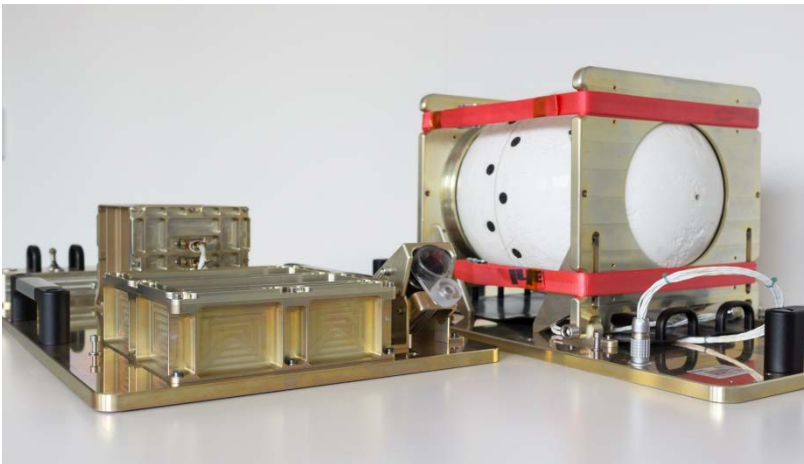


## 2.3.3. Entry Observation Capsules



# ATV-Break-up Camera (BUC): Main Concept

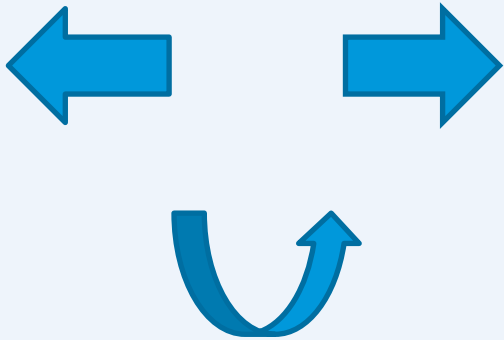
- **Infra-Red Camera (IRC)**
  - Acquires IR images from ATV Hatch and Forward Cone during reentry phase
  - Manages mission timeline & autonomously switches on equip when reentry phase detected.
  - Transfers the images to the SATCOM
- **SATCOM**
  - Buffers and compresses the raw IR images until a downlink connection is available
  - designed to survive ATV5 destructive reentry and harsh thermal environment during subsequent reentry phase
  - Establishes and maintains a downlink connection via the Iridium network. Satcom will attempt to transmit immediately after the breakup of ATV5.
- **Targets**
  - Are of known emissivity and will be used to calibrate the IR camera images.



- Interest also for Launcher stages observation
- Enhancement of the concept: optical observation of fragmentation events
- Entry from LEO and GTO?



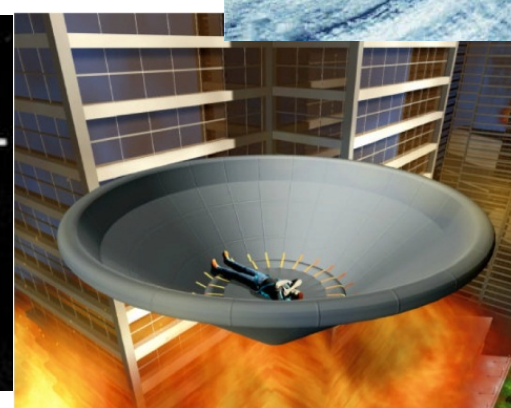
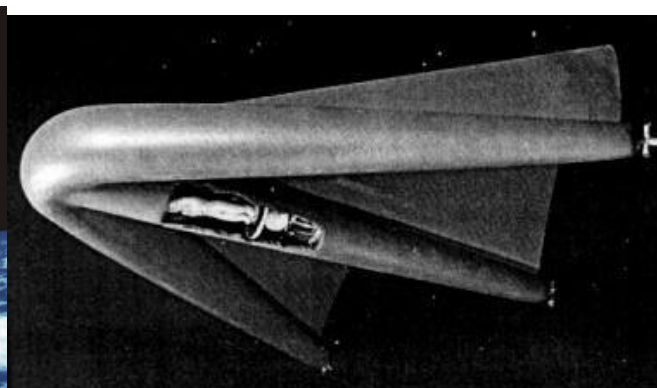
## 2.3.4. IRDT project



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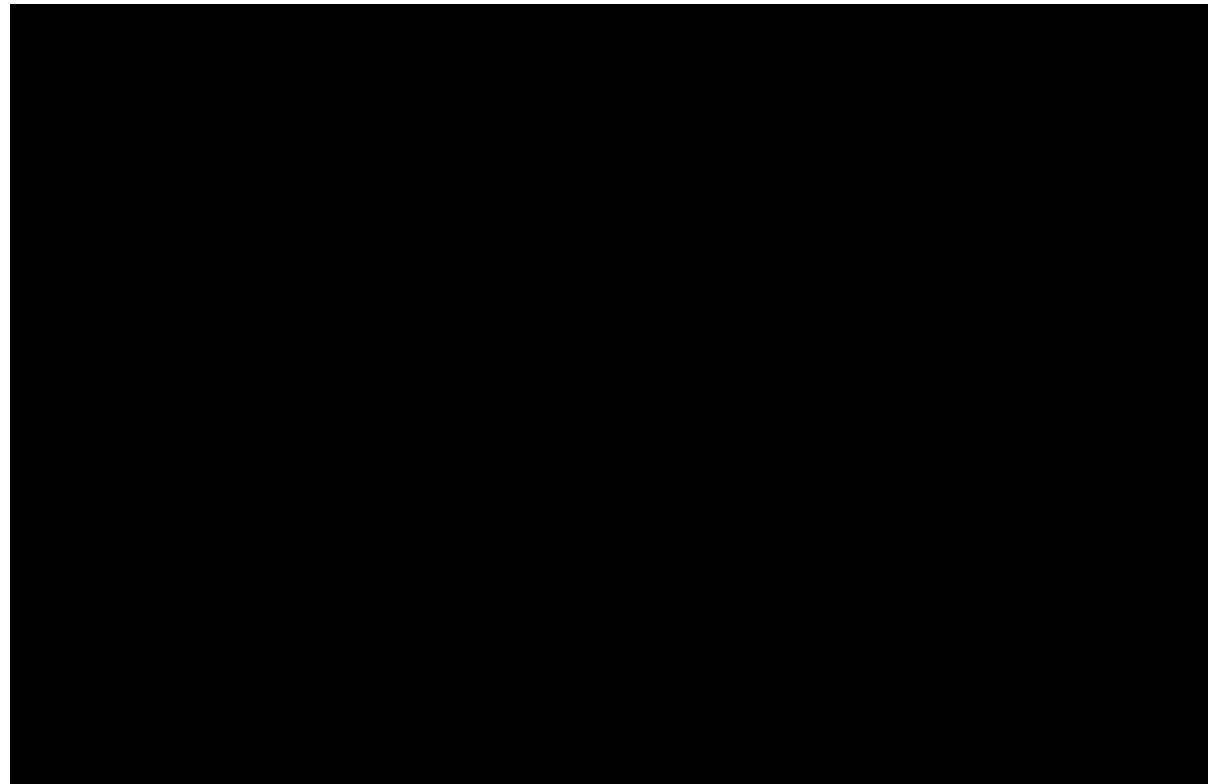
# IRDT(1)

- Inflatable technology developed in Russia for Mars96 penetrators and moon lander airbags.
- IRDT = Evaluation of Russian inflatable technology performance and functionality.
- Main application: ISS payload return.
- ESA, ISTC contracts to EADS, Babakin.
- Low cost program, 1999-2005, 4 launches, 2 test-flights: IRDT-1 (Soyuz-Fregat) and IRDT-2R (Volna).
- Various applications studied

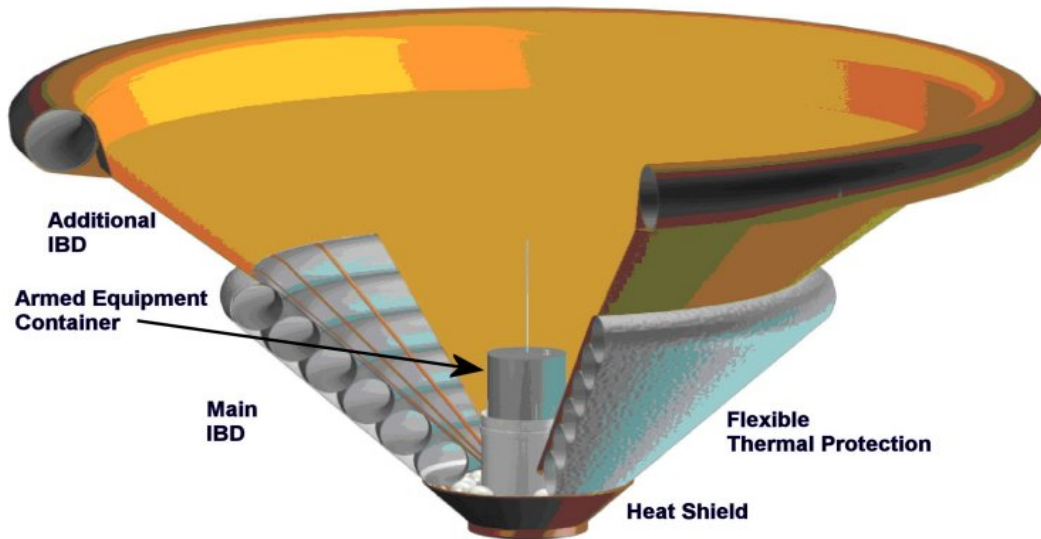


## IRDT (2)

- IRDT-2R: 140 kg at entry, 80 cm in launch configuration, 2.3m during entry, 3.8m before landing.
- Mission:

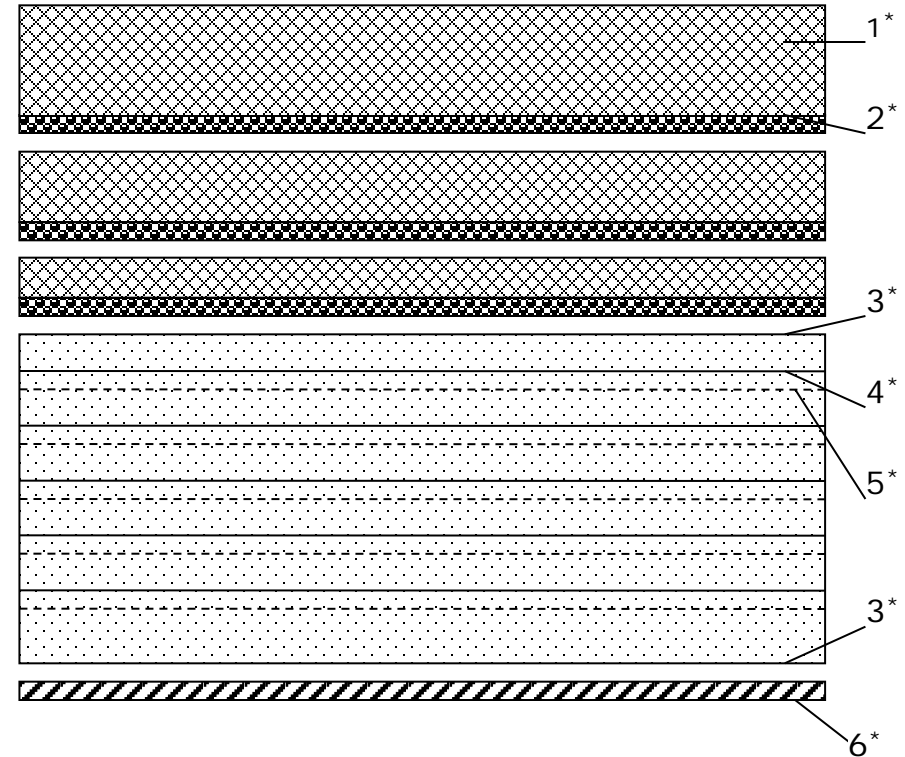
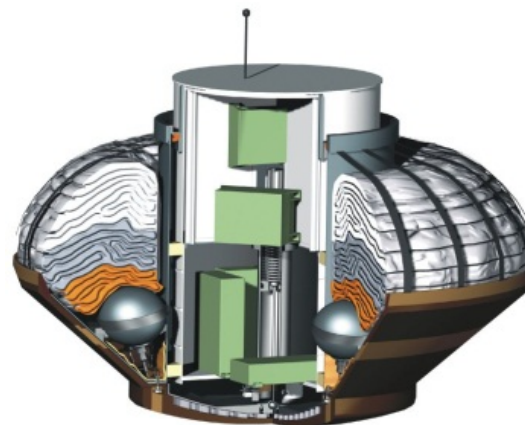


# IRDT System Design



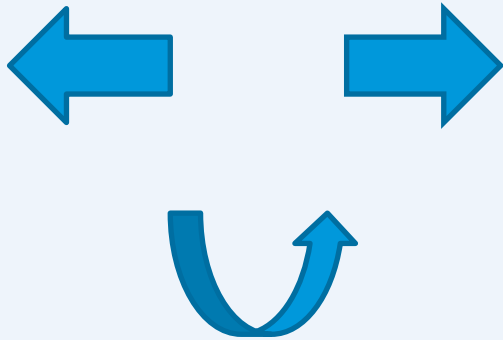
$$Q_S = 680 \text{ kW/m}^2$$

$$Q_3 = 400 \text{ kW/m}^2$$



1'– sublimating substance, 2'– heat-resistant fiber, 3'– MLI mat facing material, 4'– polyimide foil, 5'– fine glass fiber, 6'– IBD envelope material.

## 2.3.5. PHOEBUS

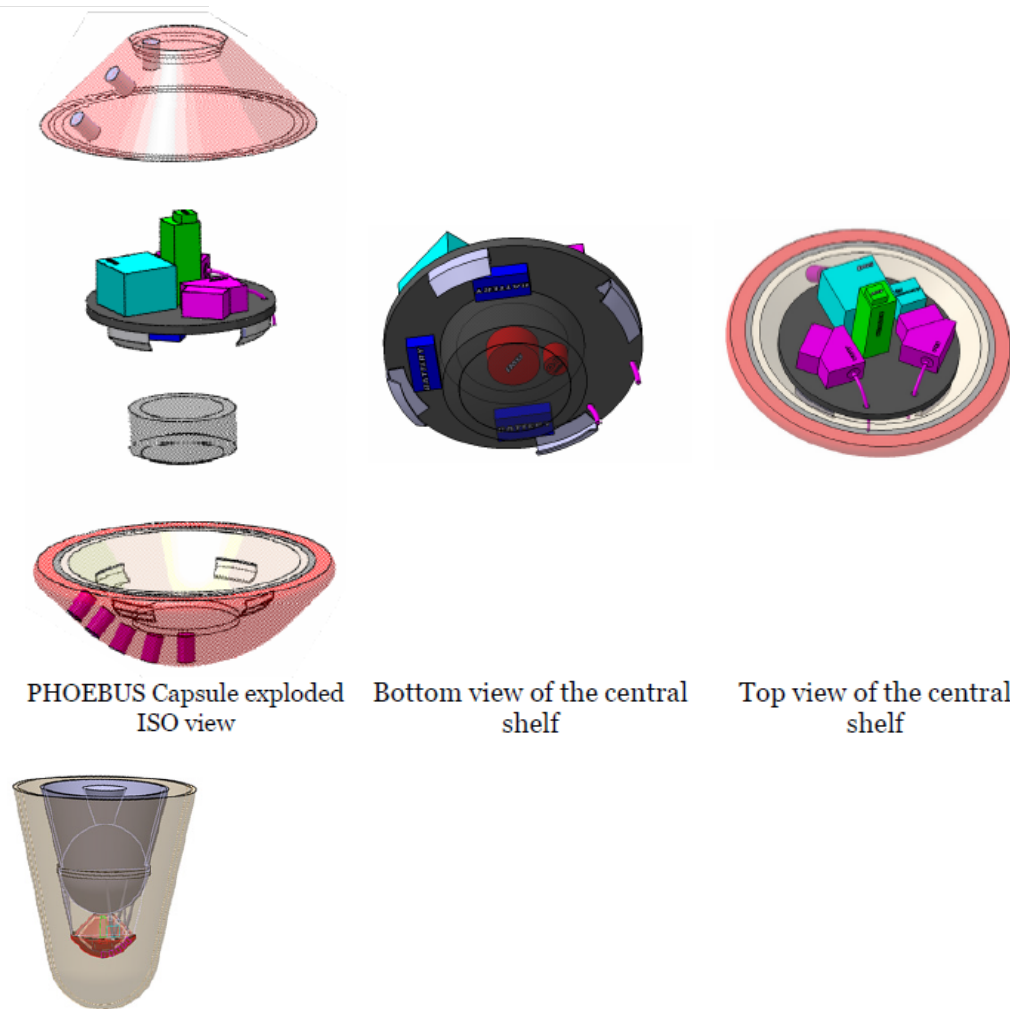


# PHOEBUS: Summary of motivations

- Future Sample Return missions require capsule for high speed Earth entry
- ESA has no experience of entries at more than 8 km/s
- High speed entry:
  - New TPS materials needed,
  - radiative flux in VUV becomes important,
  - ablation and radiation interact strongly
- No ground duplication possible, good quality data are not available
- However, techno base and expertise available in Europe  
=> RADFLIGHT/PHOEBUS

# PHOEBUS main features

<b>Payload</b>	2 Spectrometers (VIS and (V)UV) 7 TPS plugs (4 on front, 3 on back cover), each containing 4 Thermocouples (heat flux, recession) 1 Pressure transducer 1 Radiometer Total mass: 4.18 kg
<b>Capsule Mass</b>	25 kg (inc. margin)
<b>Capsule shape and dimensions</b>	Scaled Hayabusa shape 45° half cone angle 255 mm nose radius 510 mm base diameter Ballistic coefficient = 107 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Re-entry conditions (@ 100 km entry i/f)</b>	Speed = 11 km/s FPA = -16.4°
<b>Design Heat Flux</b>	14 MW/m <sup>2</sup> (Max)
<b>TPS</b>	Front shield: European PICA-like development, 40 mm Back shield: Norcoat Liège, 10 mm Internal insulation material, 10 mm
<b>Propulsion (When applicable)</b>	1 x ATK STAR 37XFP Solid Rocket Motor for acceleration 2 x ATK STAR 3A Solid Rocket Motors to provide spin stabilization
<b>DLS</b>	No parachute Crash landing on Land Recovery : Beacon tracking
<b>Telecommunication / Data Retrieval</b>	No TMTC Recovery of data via crash resistant beacon (to be developed/upgraded) Mission data stored in crash resistant memory unit, which holds the mission data.
<b>Structure</b>	CFRP honeycomb composite Crash resistant container for memory Use of crushable foam
<b>GNC</b>	Trajectory measurement only by use of MEMS based IMU and additional axial accelerometer for high accelerations.
<b>Data Handling</b>	Inspired by CubeSat equipment and merged with power conditioning / distribution to provide miniaturization. 2 Processor boards (OBC, Payload) 2 Analog acquisition boards 2 Power boards
<b>Data concept</b>	Recoverable on board recording, no Telemetry
<b>Power</b>	Primary batteries only



PHOEBUS Capsule exploded ISO view

Bottom view of the central shelf

Top view of the central shelf

### 3. Coordination, Direct technical support





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## First Announcement

6<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Radiation of High Temperature Gases in Atmospheric Entry

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*Credits: James Threlfall*

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*EUROPE IN THE POST-CONCORDE ERA*

*KEY TECHNOLOGIES TO FLY FAR BEYOND TRANSONIC*

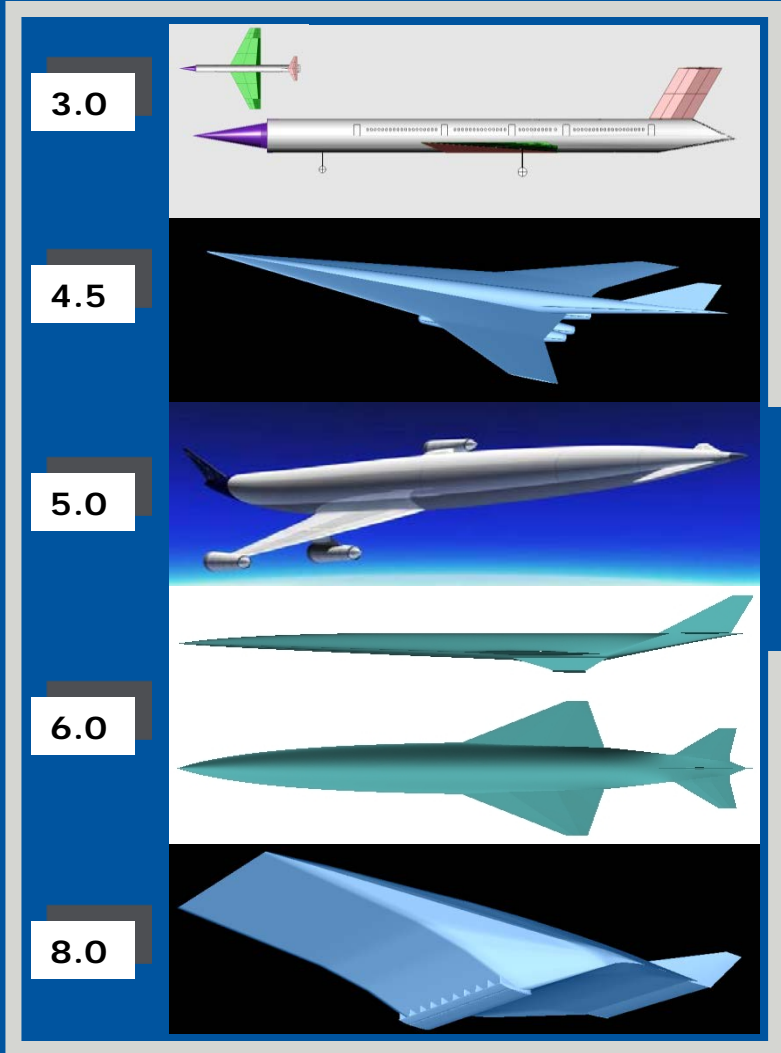
*Overview of the EU-Programs LAPCAT & ATLLAS*

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**Propulsion efficiency**  
(combine cycles concepts and modeling; combustion experiments, modeling and process characterization)

**Structure efficiency**  
(ultra-light high-temperature materials manufacturing; porous-materials characterization & cooling systems management)

**Aerodynamic efficiency**  
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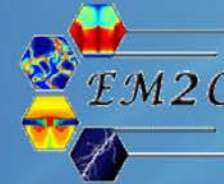
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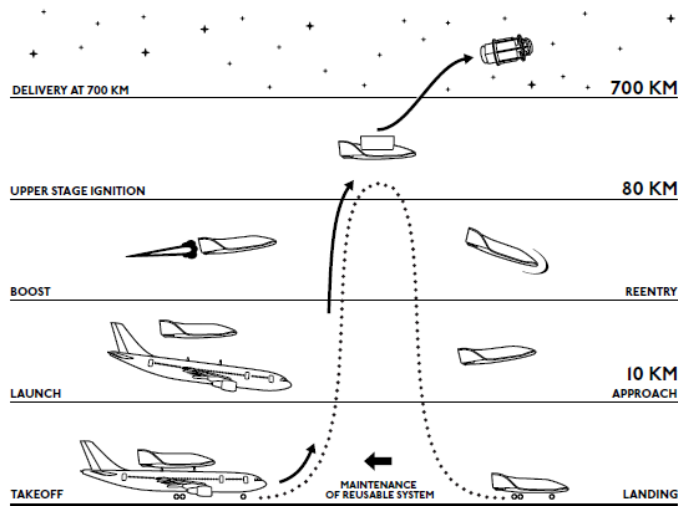


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# Future developments



- Clean Space
  - Rarefied regime characterisation
  - Demisable concepts for launchers stages
  - Demisable concepts for S/C
  - EoL S/C re-entry
- Space Exploration
  - Propellant tanks
  - Decelerator technologies
  - Hypervelocity regime characterisation
- Commercial space
  - Re-usable airframes
  - Re-usable propulsion systems (air-breathing, rocket engines)

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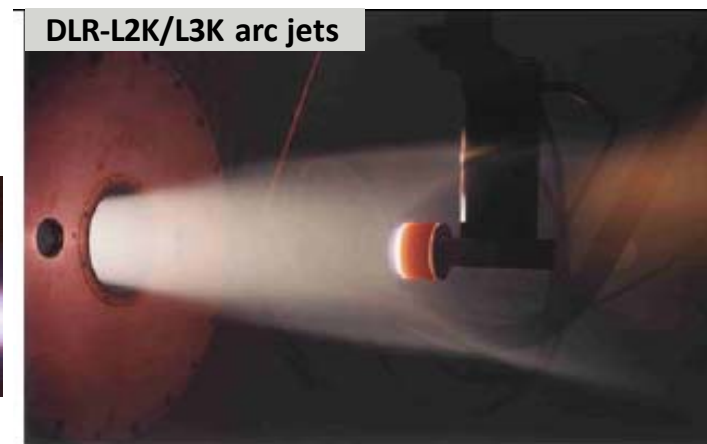
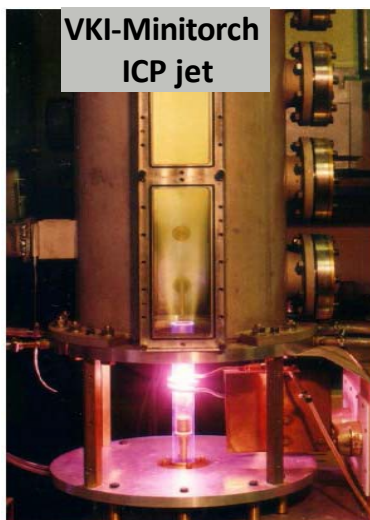


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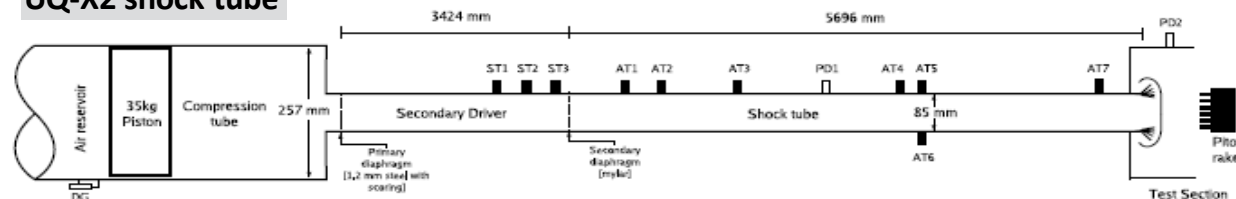
**Objective:** produce emission spectra to validate the radiative code

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Pressure (hPa)	28.7	241.8	272.3

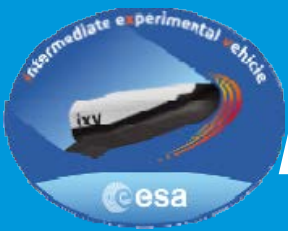
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**UQ-X2 shock tube**



Spectro at ESA, Lionel Marraffa, VKI LS Spectro.



# IXV FLIGHT SEGMENT

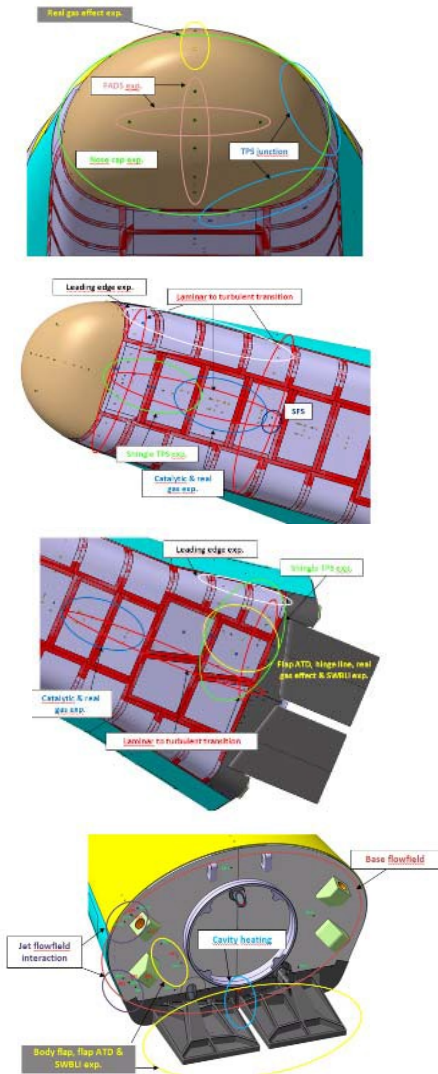
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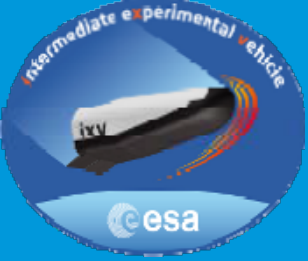


The technological objectives of the IXV mission are met by flying a set of experiments chosen among a wide range of proposals, addressing **system** issues, **aerothermodynamics**, **thermal protections materials**, **guidance**, **navigation**, **control** issues.

Synergies and commonalities were exploited to identify a global set of sensors covering all experimentation requirements

The sensors are split into conventional ones (pressure taps, thermocouples, displacement sensors, strain gauges) and advanced ones (i.e. infra-red camera, 3 axis accelerometers)





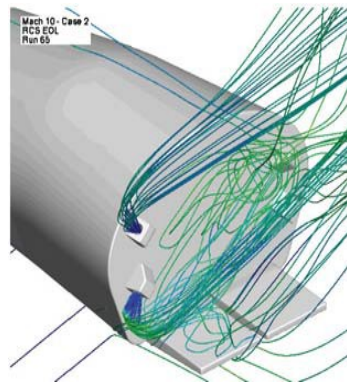
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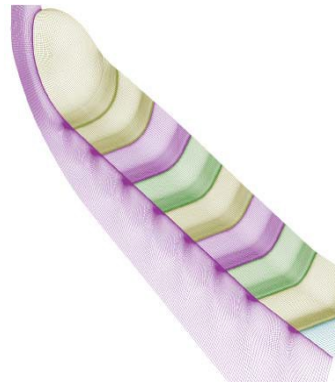


About **850 CFD computations** have been performed up to CDR, including the whole range of flight parameters and flow phenomenology, i.e.:

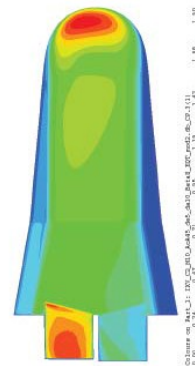
- Euler plus Boundary Layer
- Navier-Stokes (Perfect Gas, Thermo-Chemical Non-equilibrium, Laminar / Turbulent flows)
- Finite Rate Catalysis
- DSMC
- RCS Jet Flow interaction both in Rarefied and Continuum regime
- Micro ATD simulations with/without radiation coupling



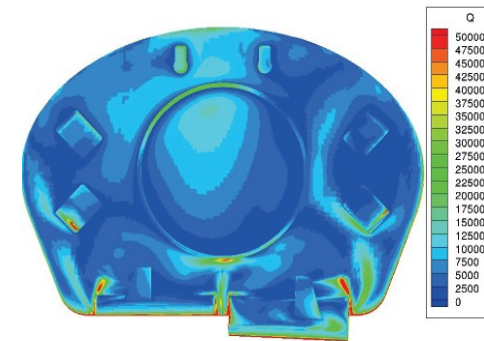
**RCS Interaction**



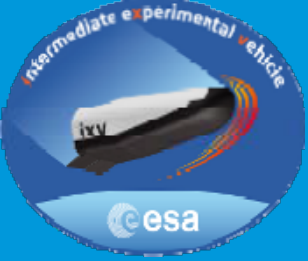
**Micro ATD Shingle Steps**



**Aileron & Sideslip Coupling**



**Micro ATD & Radiation Coupling**

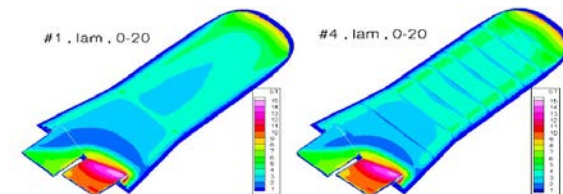
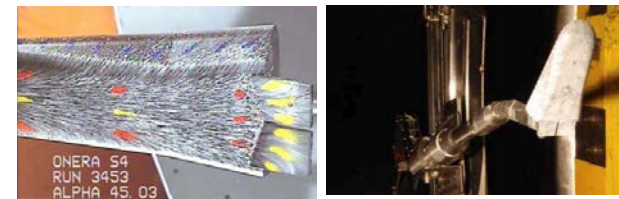
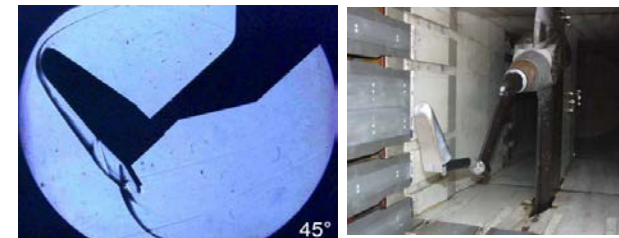


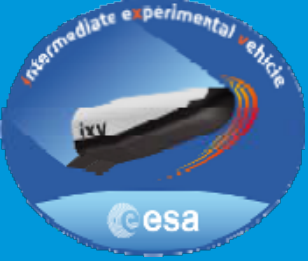
# FOCUS ON ATD Industrial Activities



About **350 Wind Tunnel Test** for Aerodynamics and Aerothermodynamics, i.e.:

- FOI T1500: 60 RUNS @  $M=0.8\div 1.4$  – MODEL A Scale 1:21 (AED)
- SST DNW: 45 RUNS @  $M=1.45\div 3.94$  – MODEL A Scale 1:21 (AED)
- S4ma ONERA: 30 RUNS @  $M=10$  – MODEL B Scale 1:13.75 (AED)
- H2K DLR: 34 RUNS @  $M=6, 8.7$  – MODEL F Scale 1:17.6 (AED)
- HEG DLR: 11 RUNS @  $M=8.17, 8.59$  – MODEL D scale 1:13.75 (ATD)
- H2K DLR: 23 RUNS @  $M=8.7$  - MODEL E Scale 1:17.6 (ATD)
- LONGSHOT VKI: 30 RUNS @  $M=14$  - MODEL E Scale 1:17.6 (ATD)
- STARCS T1500: 65 RUNS @  $M=0.8\div 1.4$  – MODEL A Scale 1:21 (AED)
- LONGSHOT VKI: 17 RUNS @  $M=14$  - MODEL E Scale 1:17.6 (ATD)
- S3ma ONERA: 40 RUNS @  $M=5.5$  - MODEL G Scale 1:12.57 (ATD)
- PLASMATRON VKI: TPS Catalysis and Emissivity characterization





# FOCUS ON ATD *IFE Experiments*

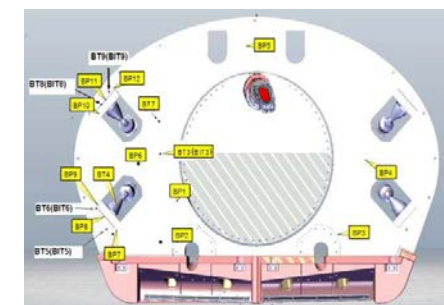
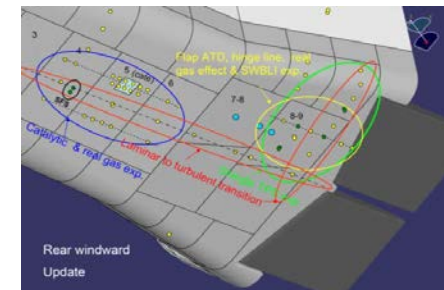
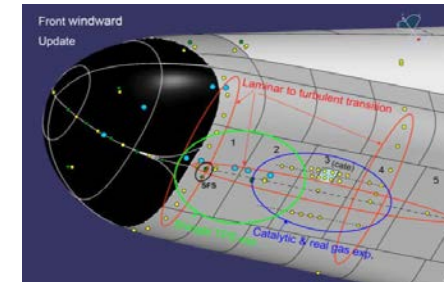


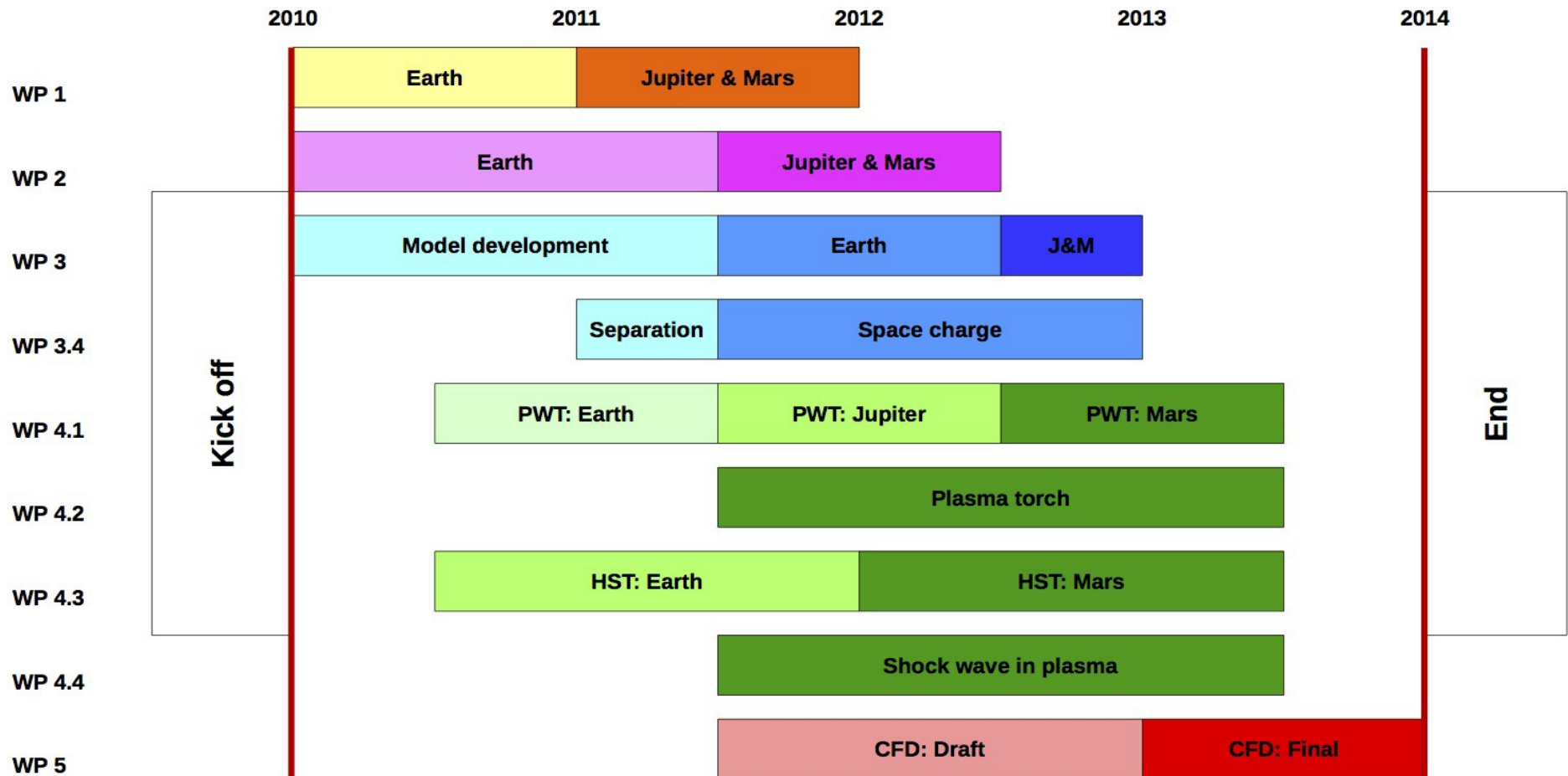
The fulfillment of Aerothermodynamics objectives is achieved with the implementation of several **Experiments:**

- Continuum Flow
- Gap and Cavity Heating
- High Altitude AED 3axis accelerometer
- Base Flowfield
- General Heating
- Wall Catalysis
- Flap ATD and SWBLI
- Jet Flow Interaction
- Laminar to Turbulent Transition
- Skin Friction Sensor
- IR Camera Temp Mapping
- FADS

## *Overall instrumentation:*

- 194 Thermocouples
- 39 Pressure Sensors
- Displacement Sensors
- IR Camera
- 3AX Accelerometer





## Appearance of Test Samples after Exposure to Supersonic Hot Flow



Without particles: Fissured surface pattern, samples slightly increased in thickness

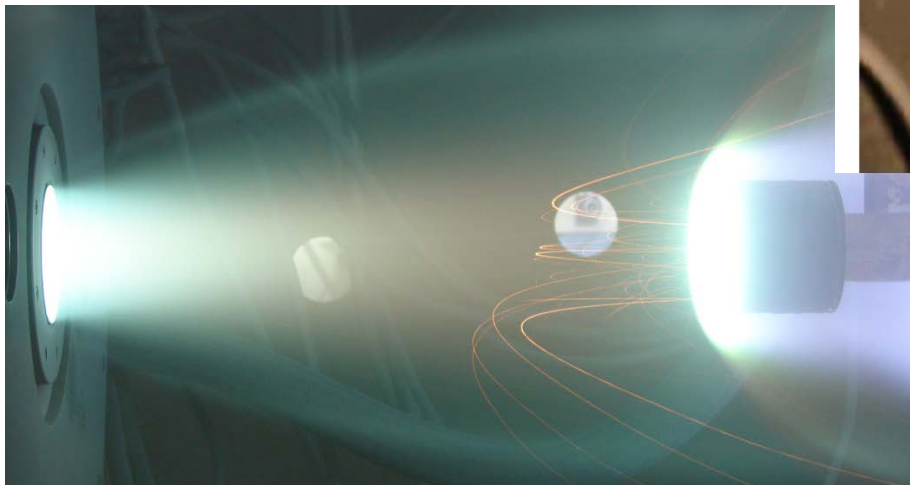
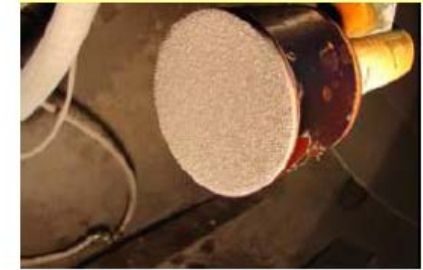
Working gas CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>;  
heat flux 296 kW/m<sup>2</sup>



With 3 μm BN particles: Rough surface pattern, samples clearly reduced in thickness



Working gas air ; heat flux 292 kW/m<sup>2</sup>



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# ESTHER: A support for radiation, chemical kinetics and advanced metrology



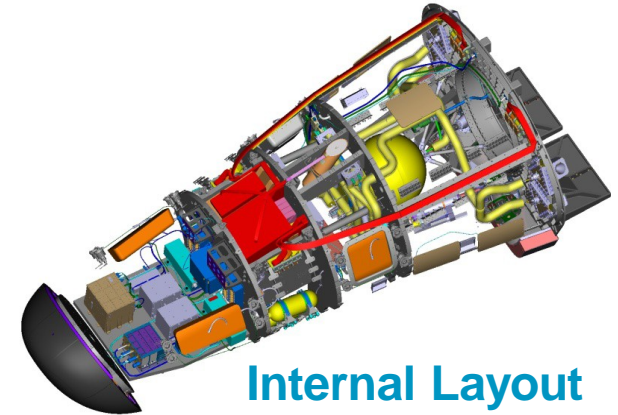
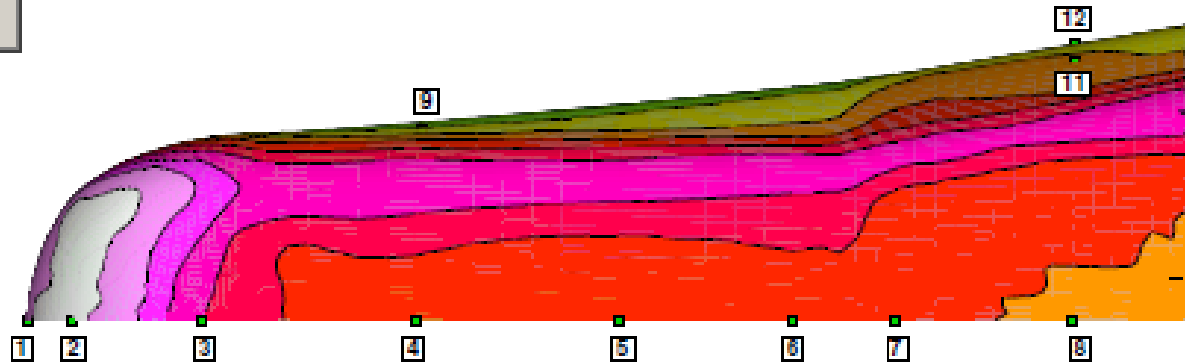
- For the first step, only emission spectroscopy is foreseen: first in visible, then UV/VUV, and then with IR investigations.
- In a second phase, absorption techniques will be implemented, soon after first campaign
- Facility designed for networking and cooperation



# IXV FLIGHT SEGMENT *Vehicle*

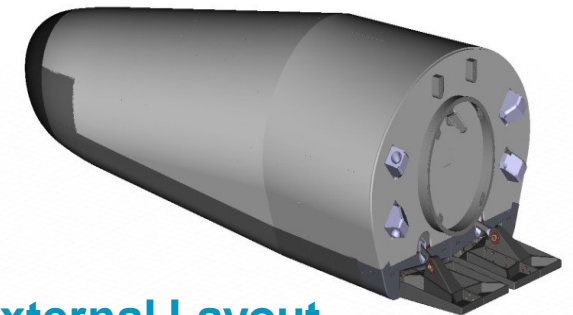
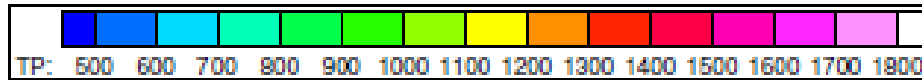


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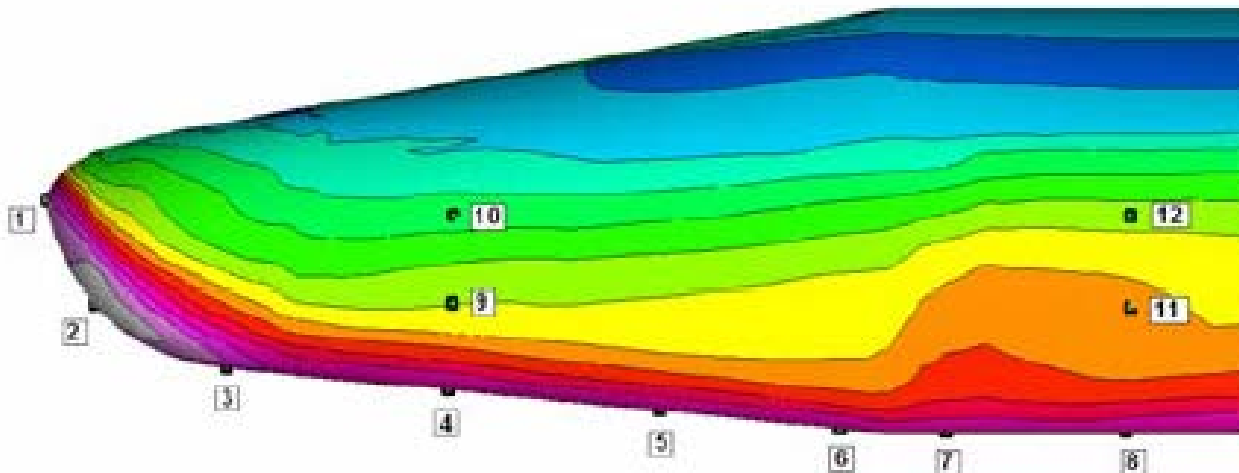


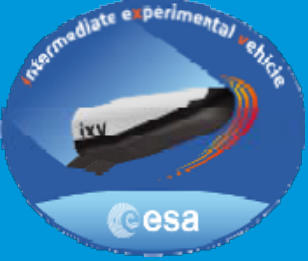
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External Layout





# IXV FLIGHT SEGMENT

## *Guidance Navigation and Control*



**guidance** : to maintain the required drag-velocity profile.

**navigation** : inertial measurements and GPS updates before 120 km, and a Drag Derived Altitude (DDA) update at 60 km.

### **Control:**

- Yaw: by thrusters.
- Longitudinal and lateral axes: aerodynamic flaps.

**Good perfo. & accuracy down to parachute deployment.**

## IRT - Requirements

## CFD ANALYSIS CONDITIONS

Inputs

Non catalytic wall  
Initially cold wall  
Radiative equilibrium  
Max heat flux: 405 KW/m<sup>2</sup>  
Max energy: 50 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>

Revised

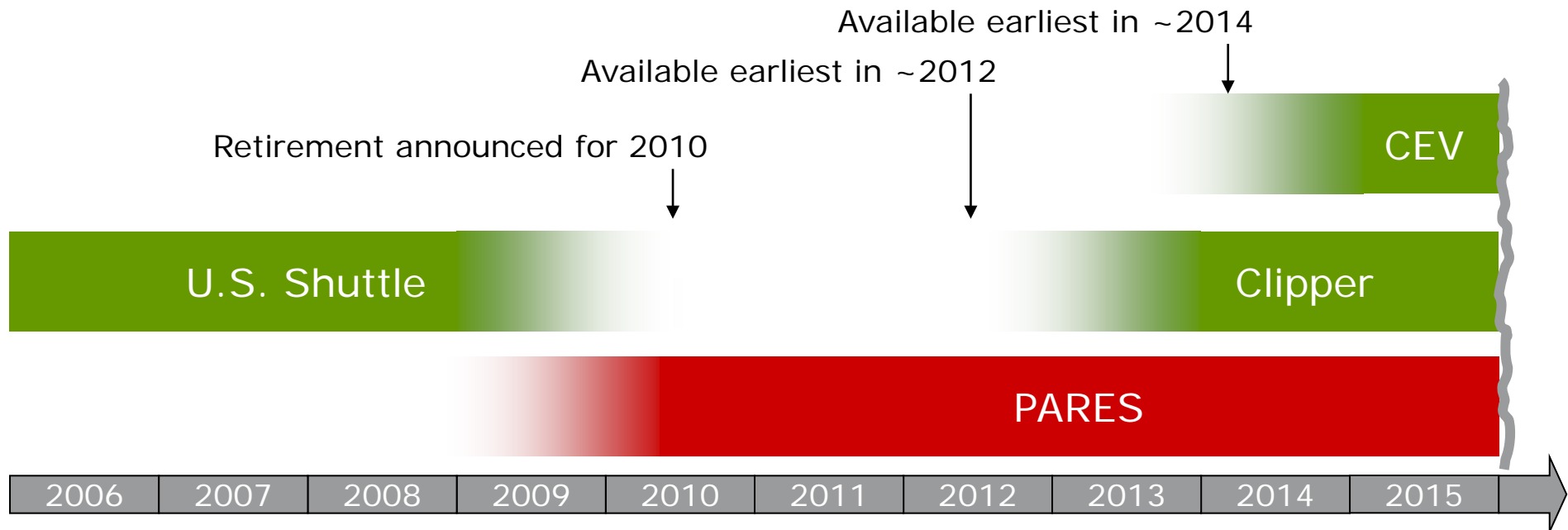
Catalytic wall  
Initially cold wall  
Radiative equilibrium  
Non equilibrium gas flow

Design

Max heat flux: 680 KW/m<sup>2</sup>  
Max energy: 60 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>

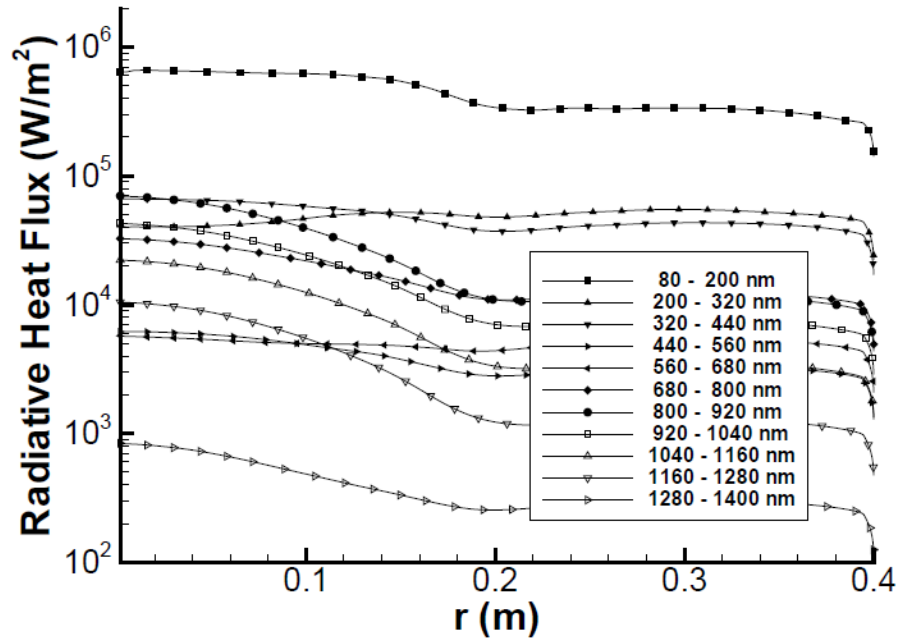
# Motivation

## The Future of ISS P/L Retrieval

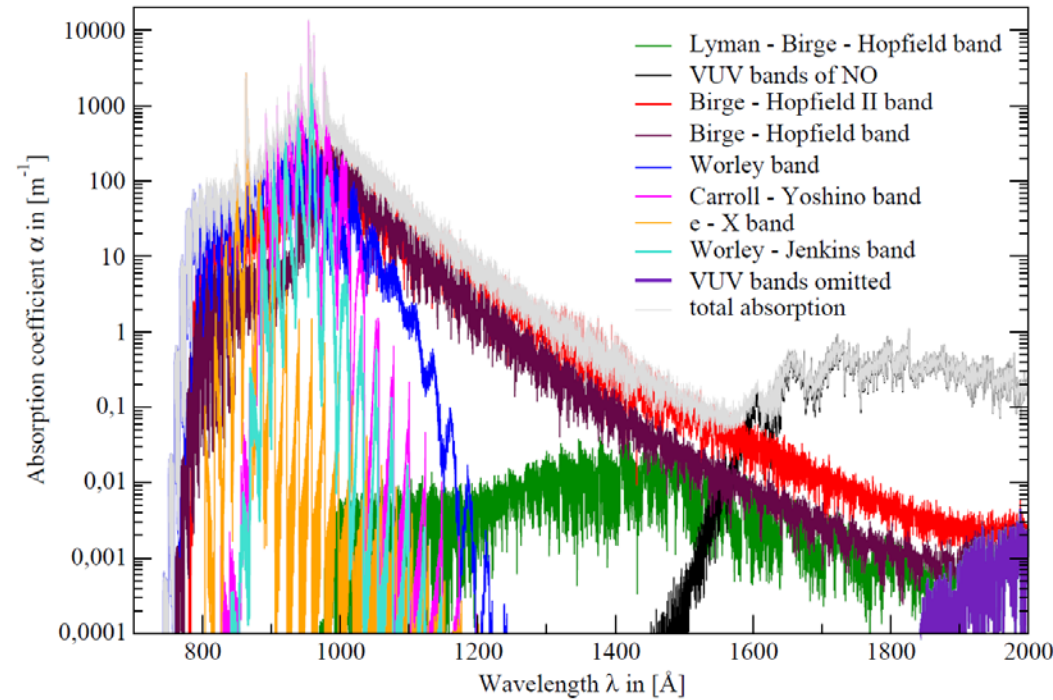


In case, both Shuttle retirement as well as development of new systems will be as scheduled, **PARES would mainly complement existing systems by providing download also via cargo vehicles -> additional flexibility !**

In case of premature Shuttle retirement and/or delayed availability of new systems, **PARES partially closes the gap for ISS download !**



Source: AIAA 2010-4774 (IRS)



Contrib. of electronic states to VUV radiation of N<sub>2</sub>

T = 7000 K, equil compos. of LAUX test case