

ADEPT Sounding Rocket One (SR-1) Flight Experiment Overview

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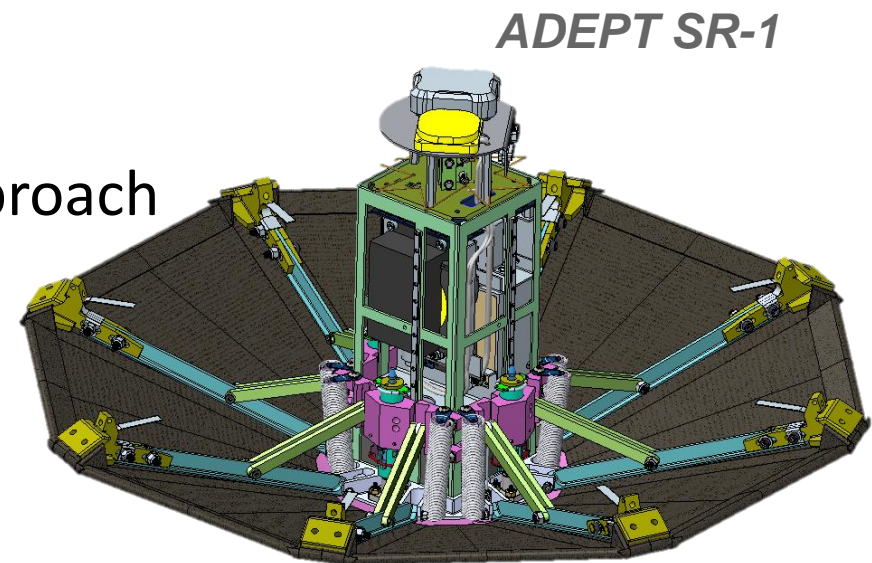
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What is this talk about?

My goal is for you to walk away with an understanding of the ADEPT technology, overview of the SR-1 flight experiment, SR-1 system description and capabilities, development test summary, and longer term mission infusion

Presentation Outline

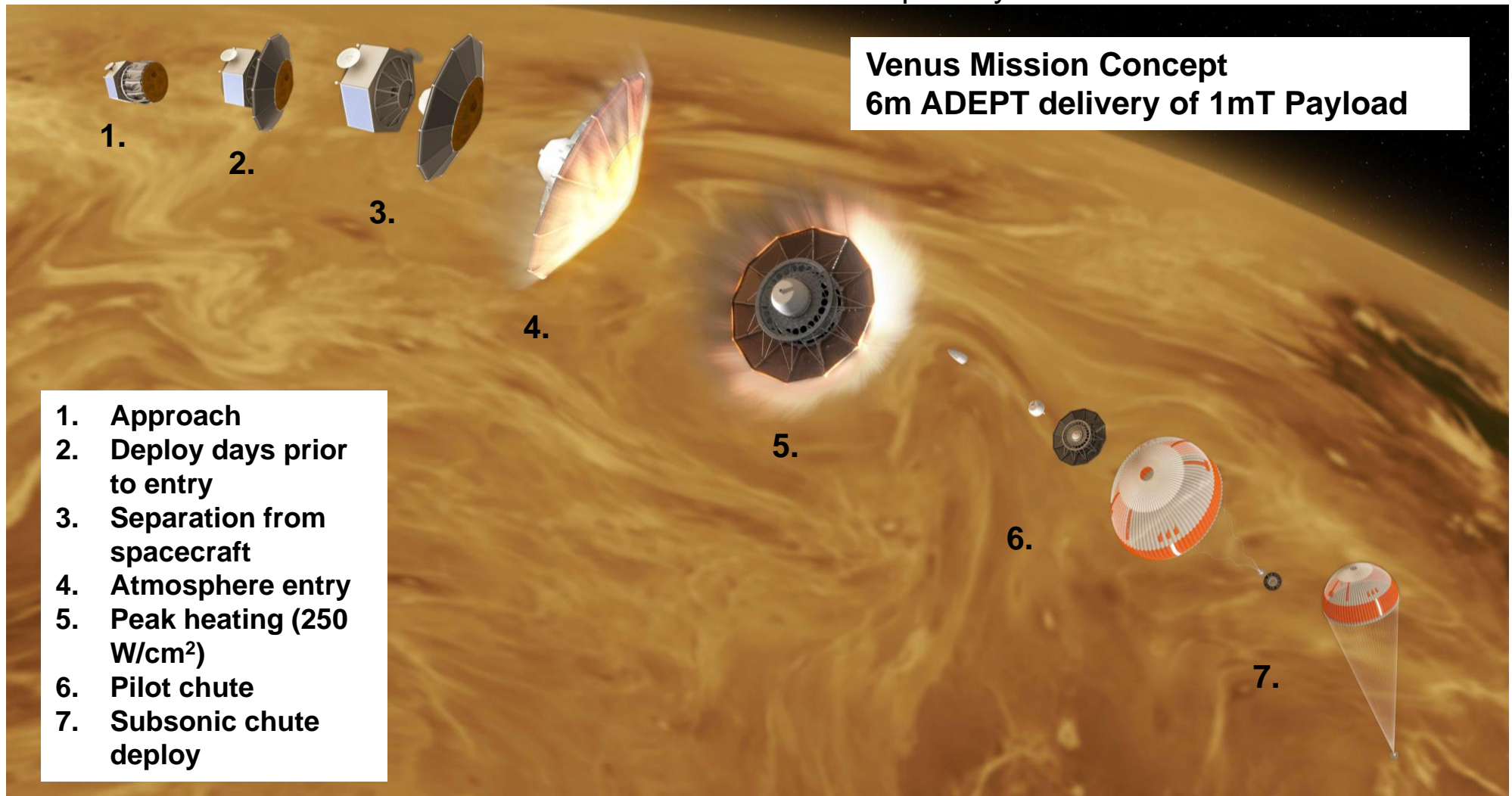
- ADEPT Technology overview
- SR-1 Flight Experiment Con-Ops
- Flight Experiment Success Criteria
- SR-1 Subsystem Description
- Risk-based Development Testing Approach
- ADEPT technology infusion options



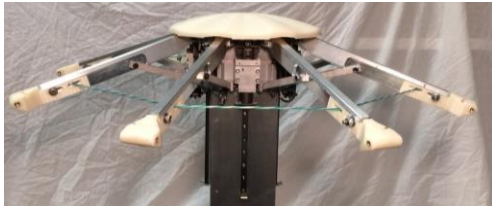
Adaptable Deployable Entry and Placement Technology (ADEPT)

ADEPT is a novel Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL) architecture enabled with multi-layer, flexible woven carbon fabric

- Stowed at launch and deploys prior to atmosphere entry
- Serves as both heat shield and primary structure

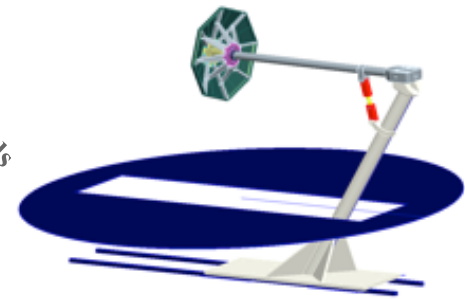
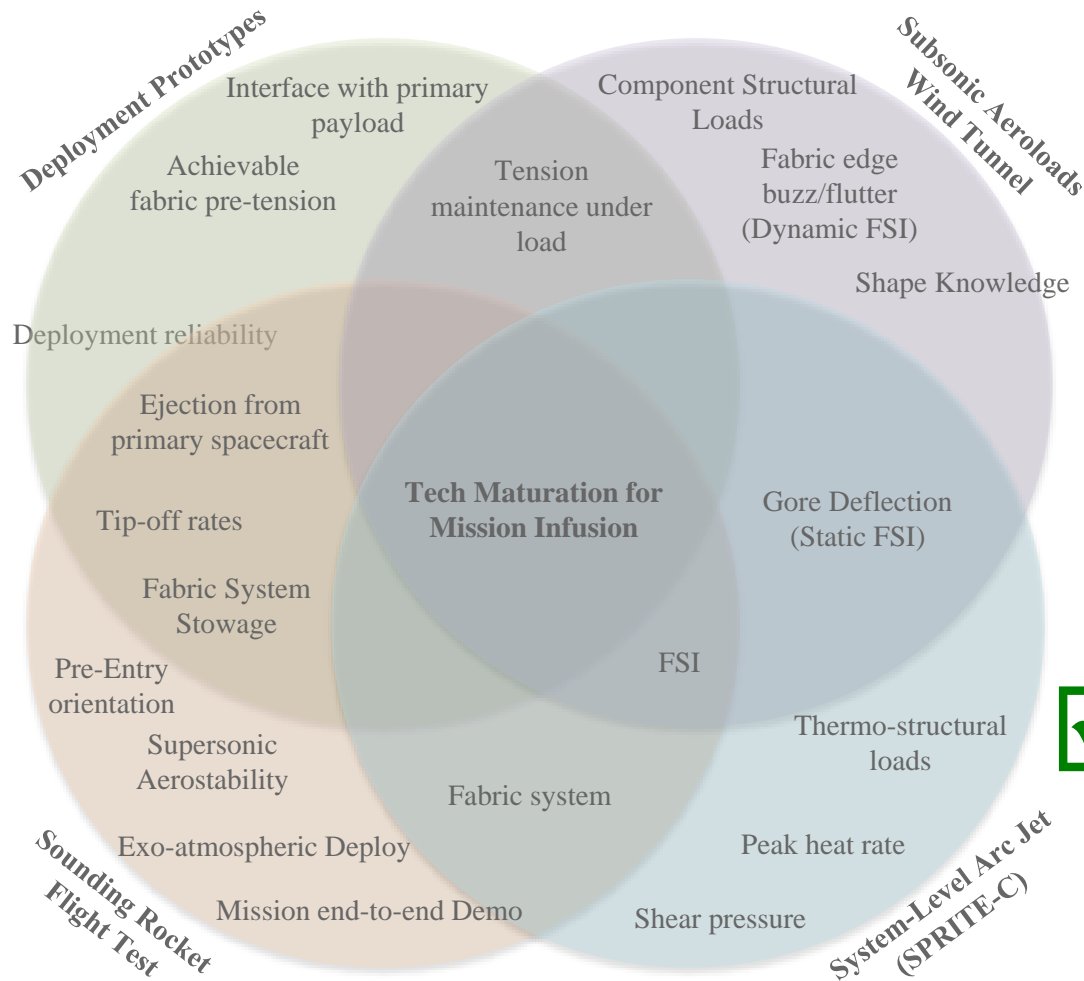


Technology Maturation Strategy



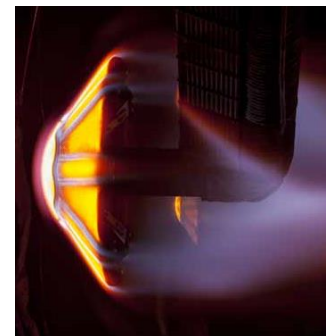
Deployment Prototype Demonstrator (FY15-16)

SR-1 Sounding Rocket Flight Test (FY17-18)



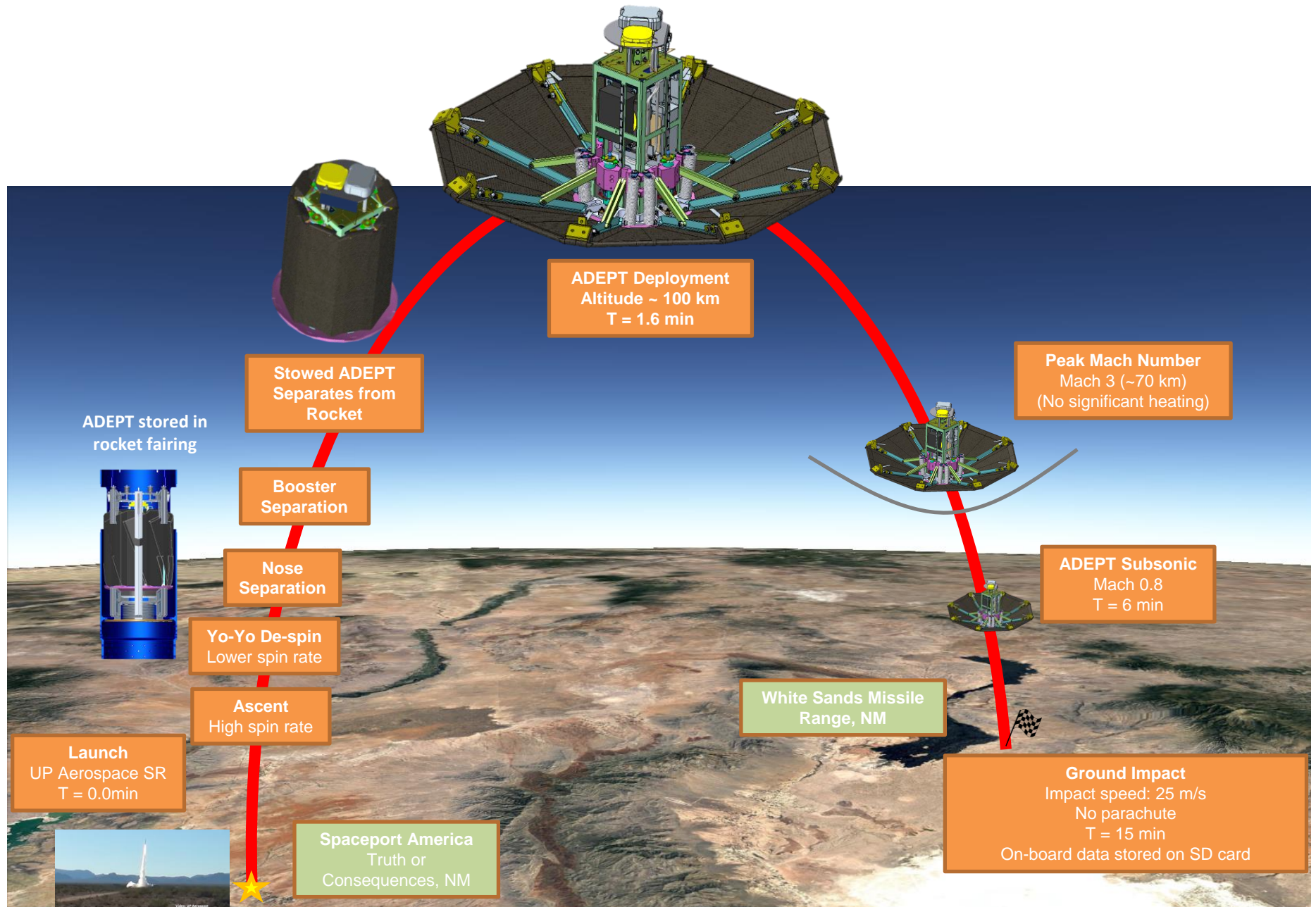
7x10 Wind-tunnel Aeroloads test (FY15)

SPRITE C System level Arc-jet testing (FY15)



- **GCD approved (Aug 2016) SR-1 Sounding Rocket Flight Experiment**
 - Demonstrating exo-atmospheric deployment and supersonic stability
 - Aggressive schedule -> 1 year between PDR and Launch!
 - Launch in late CY 2017

SR-1 Flight Experiment Overview



SR-1 Animation movie

ADEPT SR-1 Flight Experiment

Key Performance Parameters and Success Criteria

KPP-SR1-1: *Exo-atmospheric deployment to an entry configuration*

Project Goal: Full, locked deployment before reaching 80 km altitude on descent, to 70° forebody cone angle

KPP-SR1-2: *Aerodynamic stability without active control*

Project Goal: Does not tumble before ground impact;

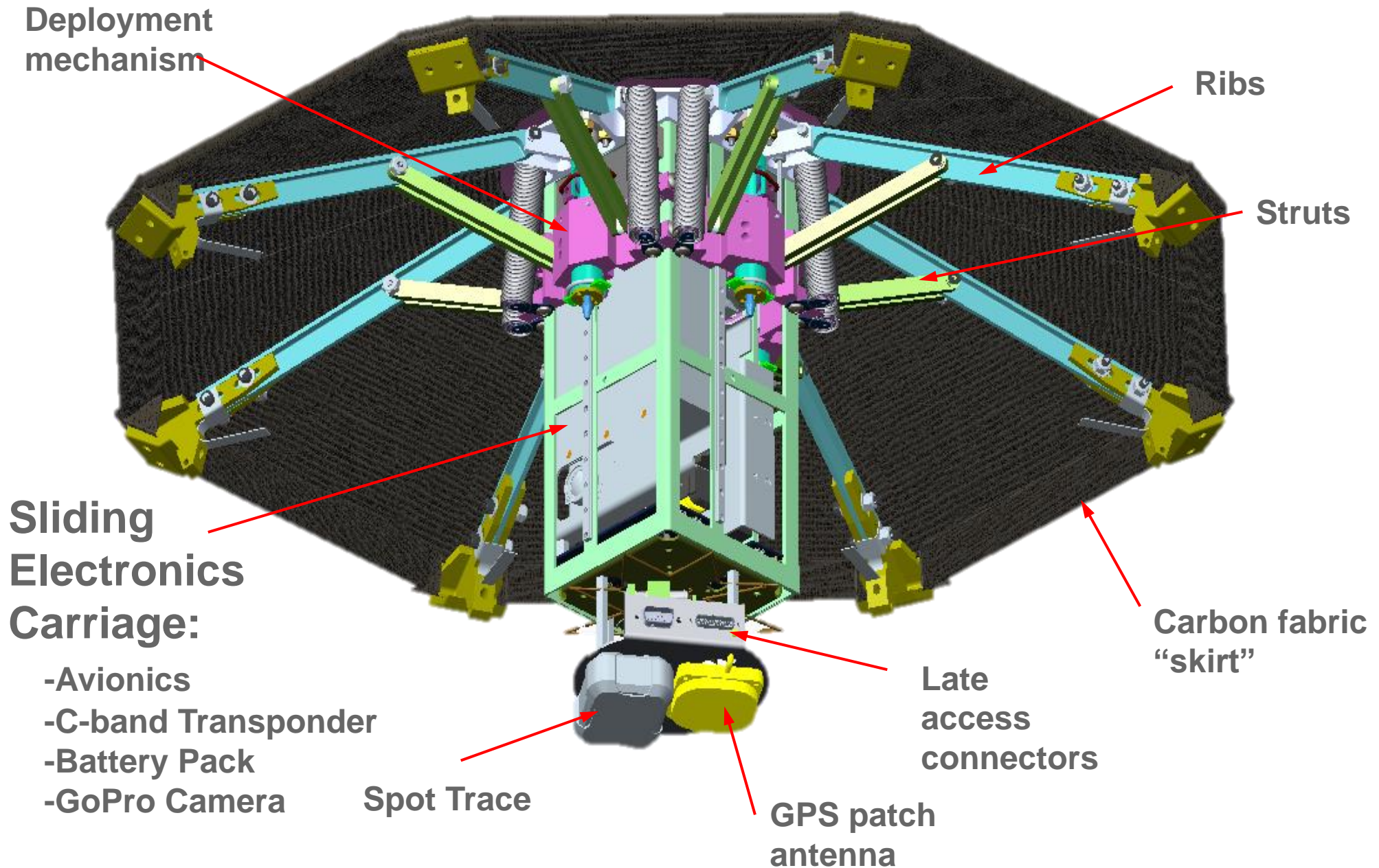
SR-1 Flight Test Success Criteria

- A. ADEPT separates from the sounding rocket prior to apogee
- B. ADEPT does not re-contact any part of the launch vehicle after separation
- C. ADEPT reaches an apogee greater than 100 km.
- D. ADEPT achieves fully deployed and locked configuration prior to reaching 80 km altitude on descent
- E. Obtain video of deployed ADEPT to observe fabric response and flight dynamics during entry
- F. Obtain data necessary to reconstruct ADEPT 6 DOF descent trajectory

▪ **Data Sources to Verify Success Criteria**

- On-board data (Avionics data and GoPro camera) stored for post-launch recovery
- White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) ground tracking data

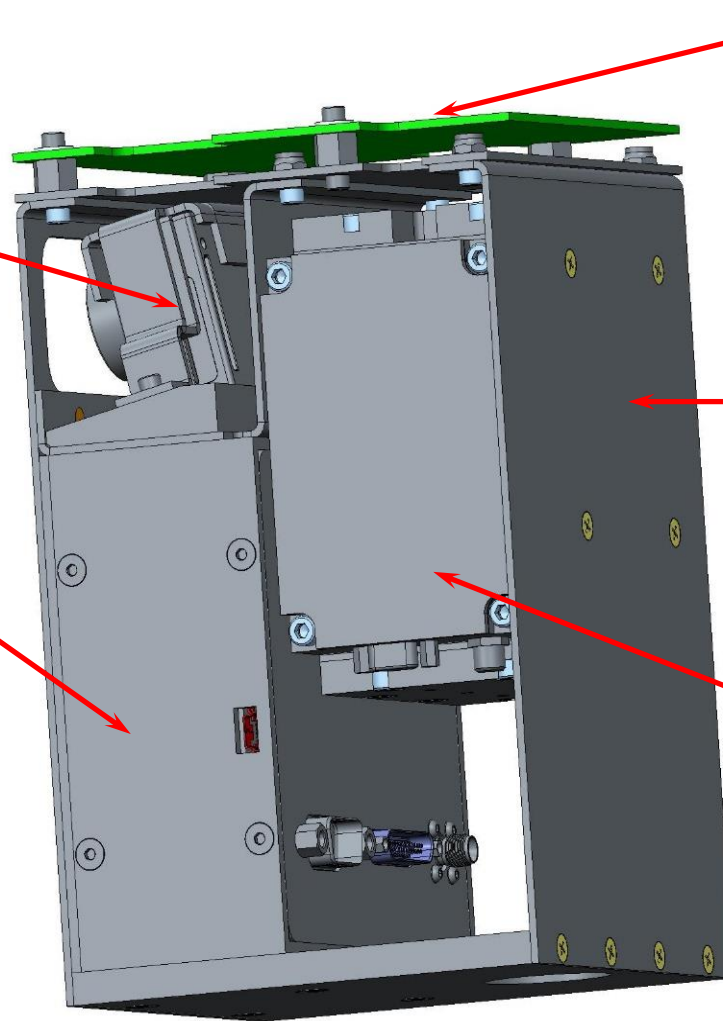
SR-1 Layout and Subsystems



SR-1 Electronics Carriage

- GoPro
Camera
- Hero 3
 - Data (μ SD)

- Affordable Vehicle
Avionics (AVA)
- IMU
 - Accelometers
 - GPS
 - Data (μ SD)



EPS Board

- Power regulation and distribution
- Simple events timing
- LED event indicator

Battery Pack (Behind Transponder)

- Panasonic Li-Ion Cells
- Size 18650
- Qty 6

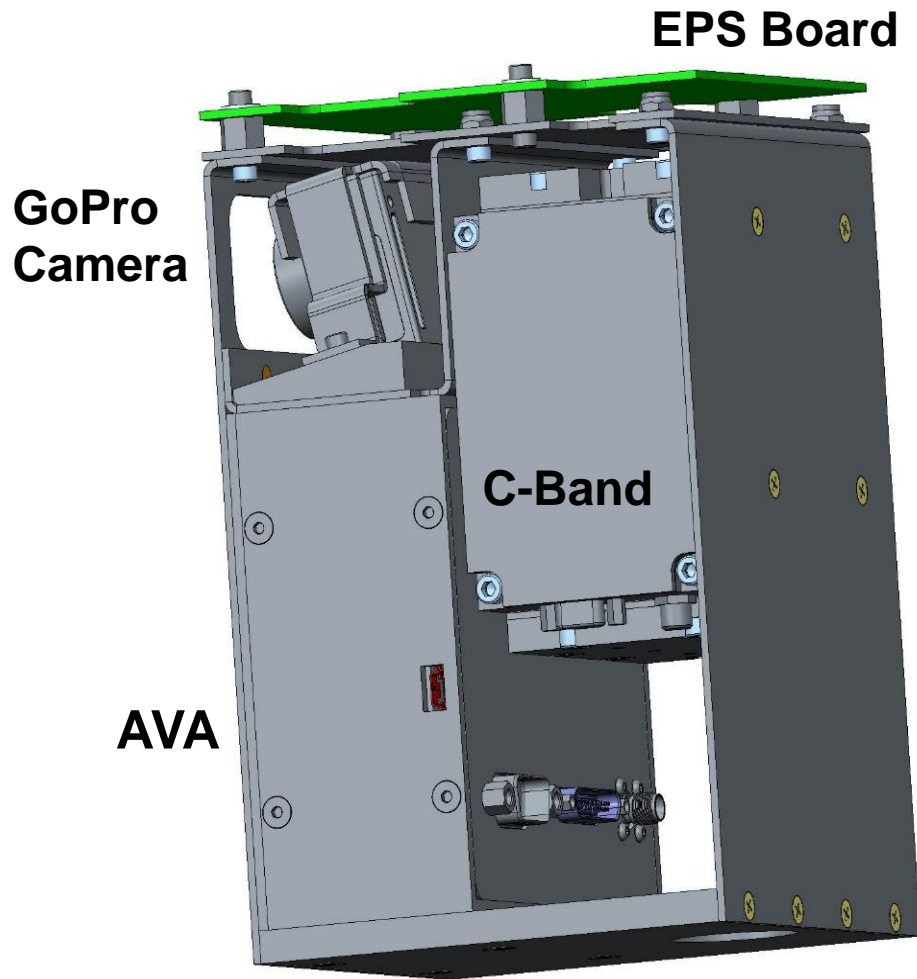
C-Band Transponder

- TTC 520-XPDR
- 25W Unit

Electronics Carriage

- Supports on-board data collection and storage
- Supports Ground Tracking facilities

How SR-1 Data Sources will be Used



GoPro® Camera on Launch Vehicle
Deployment Confirmation LED

USE: Confirm full and locked deployment

Primary IMU
Backup IMU

Magnetometer
GPS Receiver

GoPro® Camera on ADEPT
C-Band Transponder

Atmospheric Pressure and
Temperature Measurement with
Weather Balloon

USE: Trajectory reconstruction for dynamic stability assessment and FF-CFD simulation validation



WSMR Ground
Tracking Stations

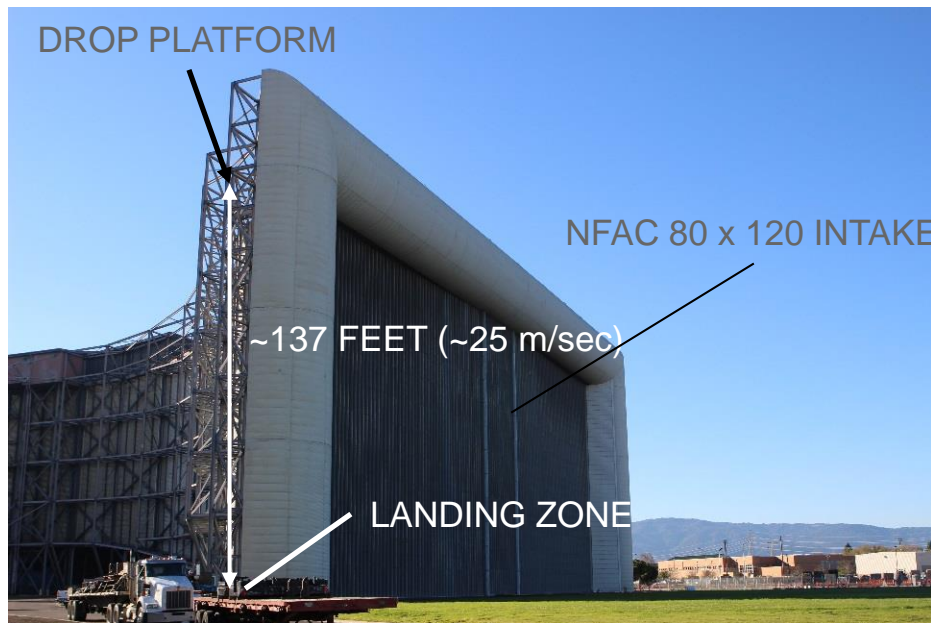
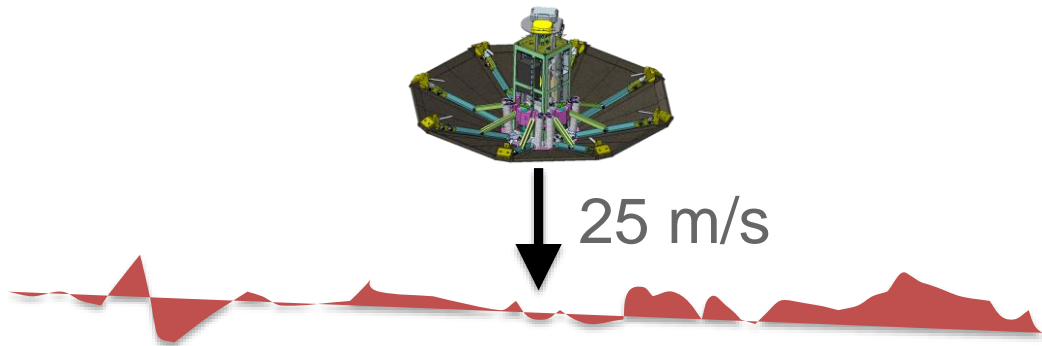
SPOT Trace®
C-Band Transponder
Ground Tracking Radar

USE: Locate SR-1 after ground impact

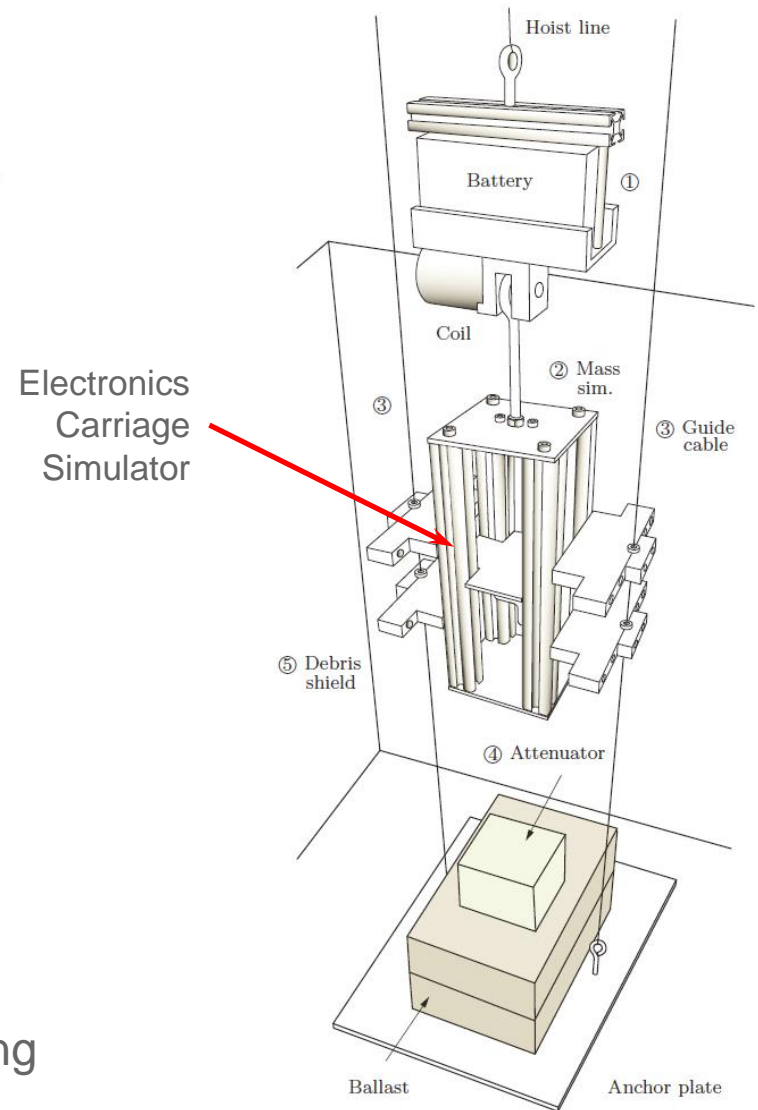
Electronics Carriage

- SD cards must survive ~ 25 m/s (54 mph) impact velocity!

Shock Testing of SD Cards (Drop Testing to Assess Impact Survival)



- Drop test location allows matching of flight article impact velocity
- Drop test configuration allows controlled impact testing of impact attenuator and SR-1 electronics carriage



Shock Testing of SD Cards

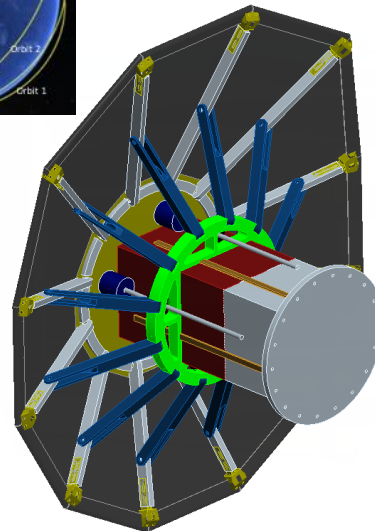
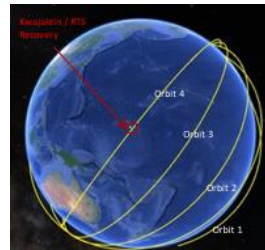
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Summary

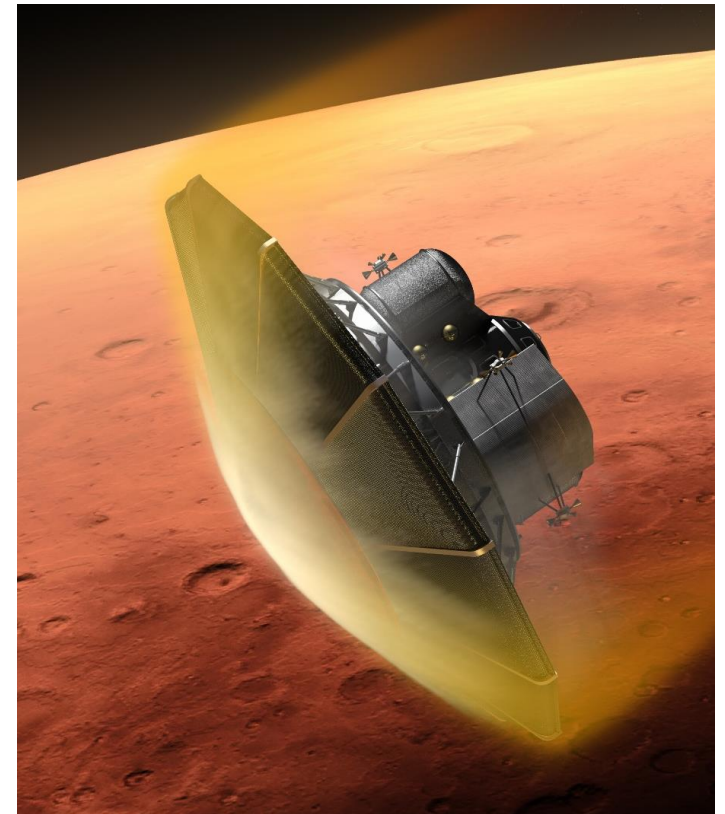
- **ADEPT SR-1**
 - “First step” Flight experiment demonstrating ADEPT
- **Looking beyond SR-1...**
 - Small spacecraft by using an ADEPT EDL system to overcome volume limits
 - Secondary payloads to Venus, Mars, and LEO entry are feasible near-term applications
 - Nano-ADEPT provides technology development extensible to large ADEPT applications



1m ADEPT Mars Lander
Malin SSS Concept (2014)



1.5m Lifting ADEPT LEO Flight Test Concept
NASA Ames & JHU-APL Study (2016)



16m Lifting ADEPT Human Exploration

