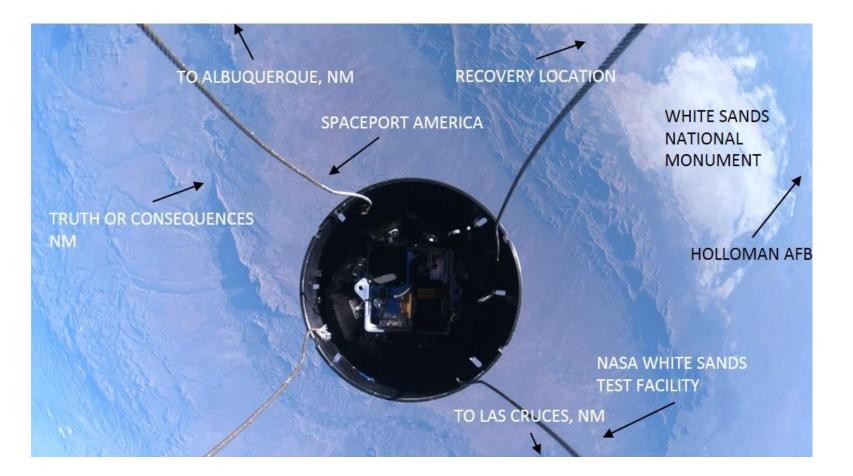
## **ADEPT For Interplanetary Small Satellite Missions**



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## Outline

- Adaptive Deployable Entry Placement Technology Overview
- Interplanetary Mission Concepts
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- Flight Test Results Summary
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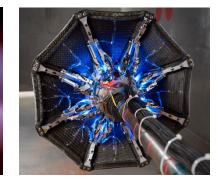


3d Carbon Fabric Structure & Thermal Protection Material









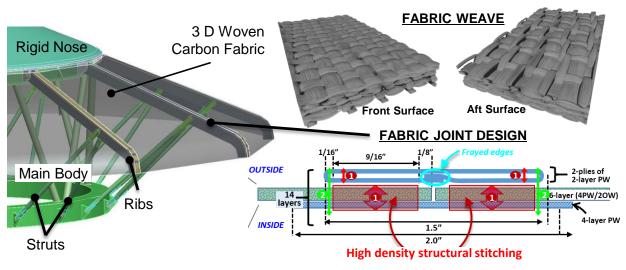
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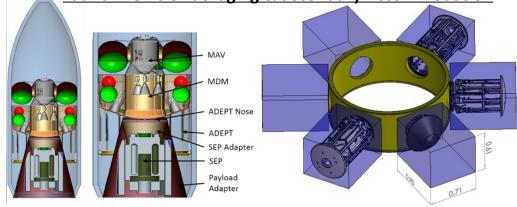


### Technology Capability

- ADEPT is a mechanically deployable entry vehicle technology utilizing 3d woven carbon fabric.
- Compact stowage (3-4 x smaller than rigid aeroshell) during launch transforms into large drag area aeroshell for deceleration high in the atmosphere, lowering deceleration loads and aeroheating environments.
- The capability is particularly attractive for SmallSat class payloads.



Carbon Fabric Ground tested to ~250 W/cm<sup>2</sup>



#### Launch Vehicle Packaging & Secondary Accommodation

#### **Deployment Time Lapse Video**



#### **Flight-Like Aerothermal Testing**



#### **Key ADEPT Components**

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# **ADEPT Vehicle Designs**

	SmallSat Class (Tech Demo or Secondary Payload)	Robotic Class	Exploration Class (Human Mars)
BALLISTIC CONCEPT	ADEPT 3U ADEPT DMAC	ADEPT VITAL	
LIFTING CONCEPT	ADEPT LNA PTERODACTYL	MARS SRL	
DIAMETER RANGE	< 2 m	2-10 m	>16 m

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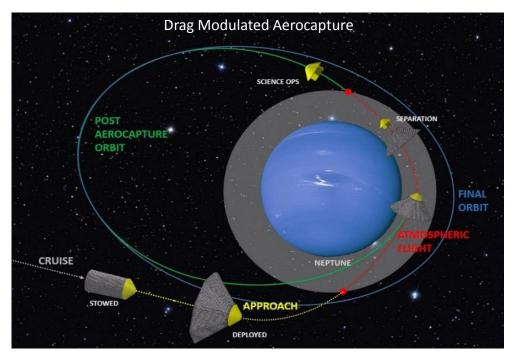


## **Applicability & Mission Concepts**



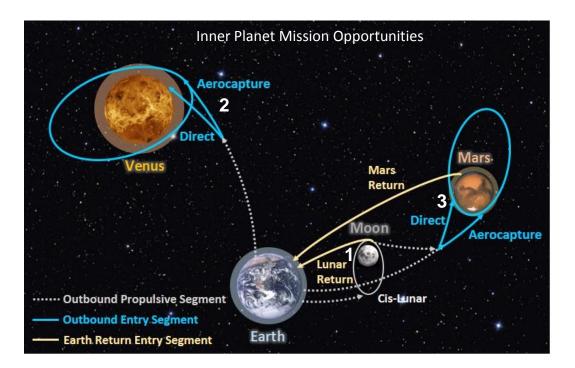
### Exploration & Science Applicability

- Small Satellite mission designers can utilize ADEPT for direct entry and/or aerocapture.
- Guidance and control system integration with ADEPT enables precision targeting and landing.
- Human Mars exploration class missions require large drag area decelerators capable of precision targeting/landing.



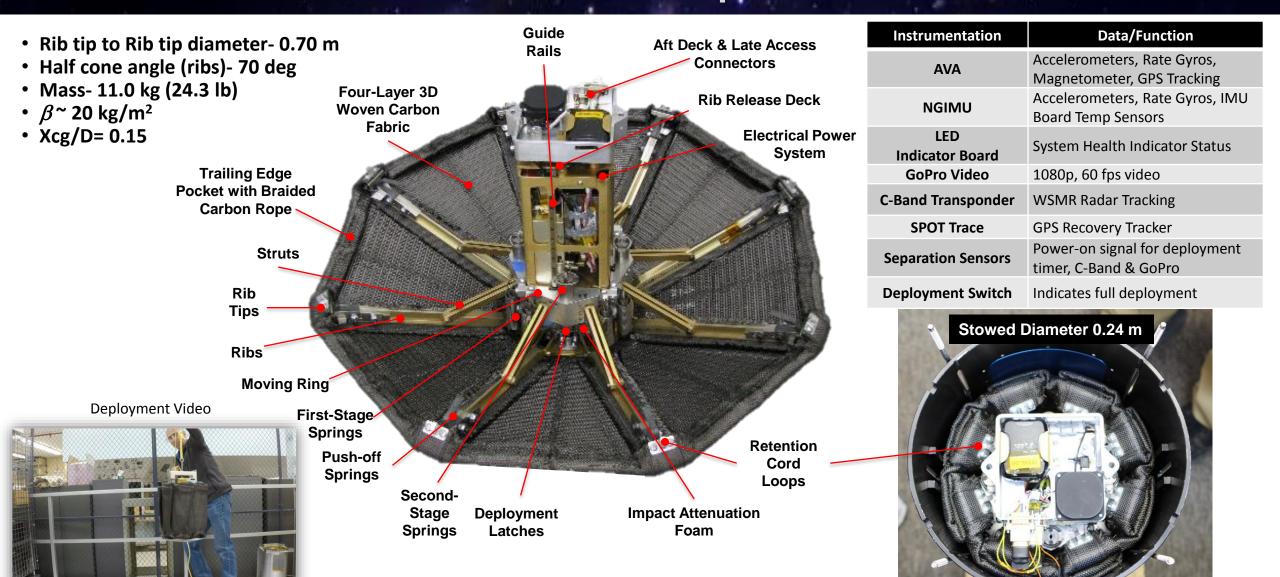
### Mission Infusion Opportunities

- 1. Investigating robotic sample return capability for cis-Lunar exploration applications (proposed as FY21 New Start)
- 2. Designing drag-modulated aerocapture at Venus, Mars & the Ice Giants in collaboration with JPL (IRAD)
- 3. Exploring the integration of ADEPT onto the Mars Sample Retrieval Lander Entry System.



### ADEPT SR-1 Vehicle Description



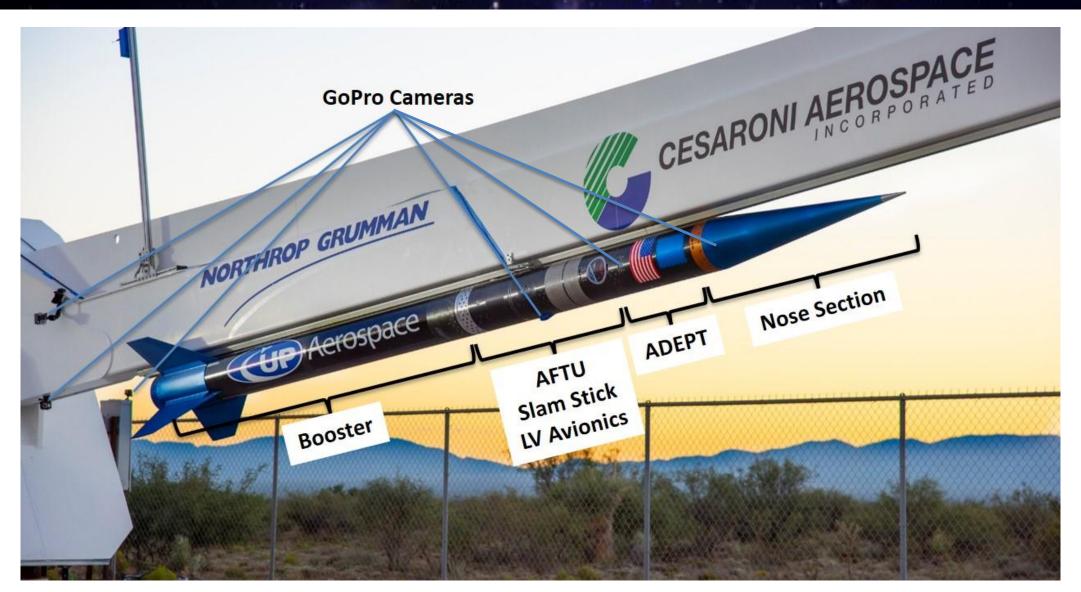


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## Launch Vehicle



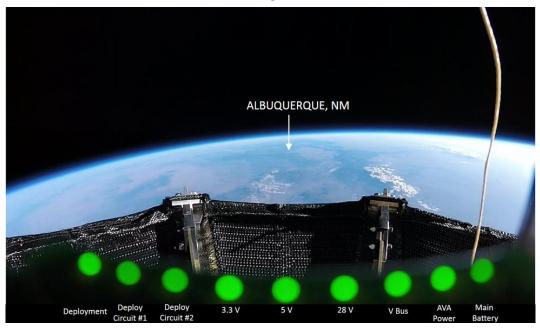


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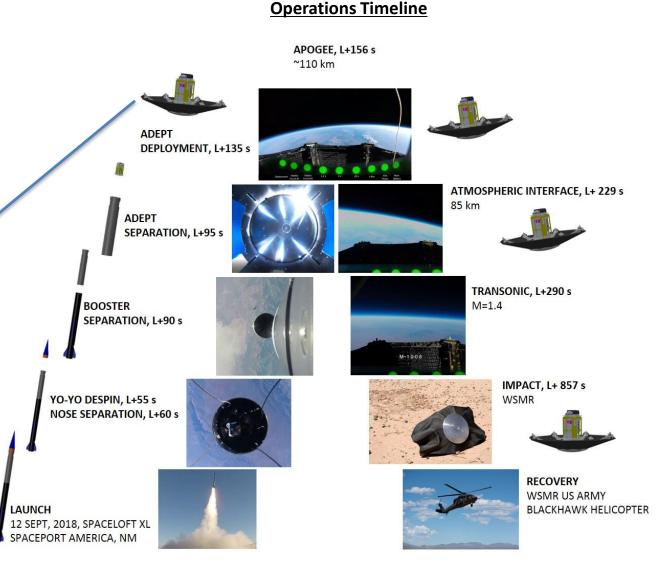
# Flight Test Objectives & Timeline



**Objective #1-** Demonstrate exo-atmospheric deployment to entry configuration. **Objective #2-** Demonstrate vehicle does not tumble prior to achieving Mach=0.8.



KPP #1- Achieved Fully Locked & Deployed Entry Configuration



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# Flight Test Video

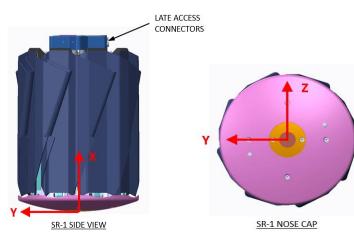


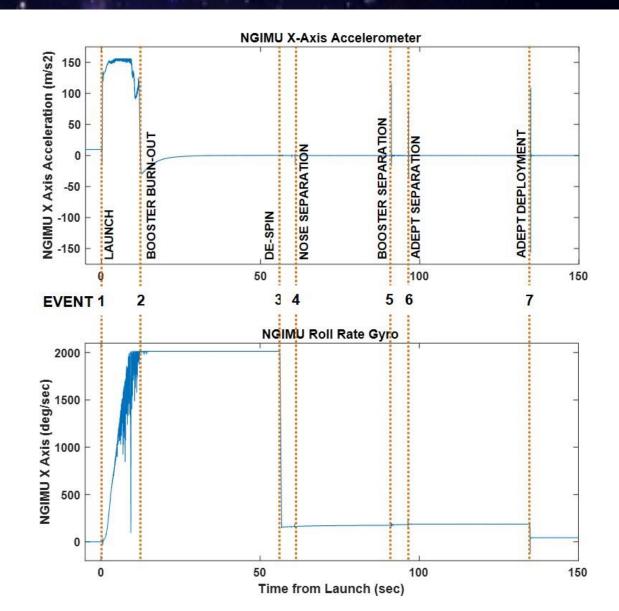
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### **Results Summary- Ascent & Deployment**



EVENT #	DESCRIPTION	PLANNED TIME (SEC)	ACTUAL TIME (SEC)
1	LIFTOFF	N/A	N/A
2	BOOSTER BURN-OUT*	12	12
3	DE-SPIN DEPLOY*	55	55
4	NOSE FAIRING SEPARATION*	60	60
5	BOOSTER SEPARATION*	90	90
6	ADEPT SEPARATION*	95	95
7	ADEPT DEPLOY*	100-135	135





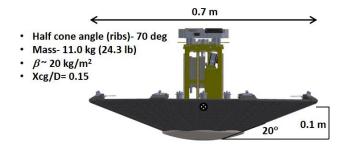


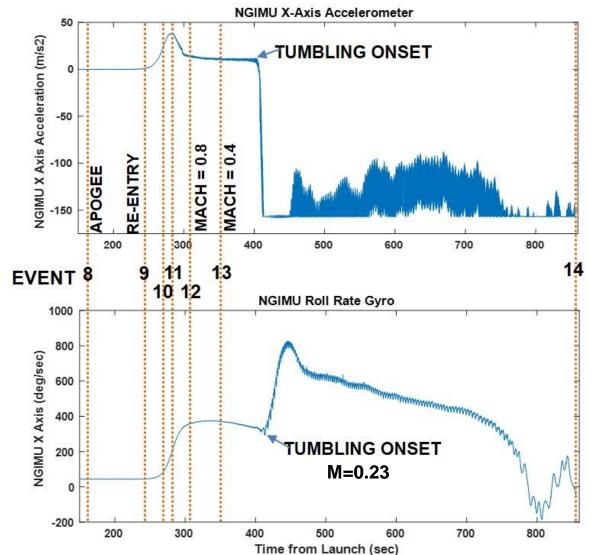
### **Results- Reentry, Descent & Impact**



KPP #2- Project threshold of no tumbling prior to M=0.8 achieved

EVENT #	DESCRIPTION	PREDICTED TIME (SEC)	ACTUAL TIME (SEC)
8	APOGEE	161	156
9	ADEPT RE-ENTRY (85 km)	244	229
10	PEAK MACH # (3.2, PREDICTED)	270	254
11	PEAK DYNAMIC PRESSURE (~822 Pa,)	294	282
12	ADEPT MACH 0.8	318	307
13	MACH 0.4	363	352
14	IMPACT (~25 m/sec, NOMINAL)	879	856





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