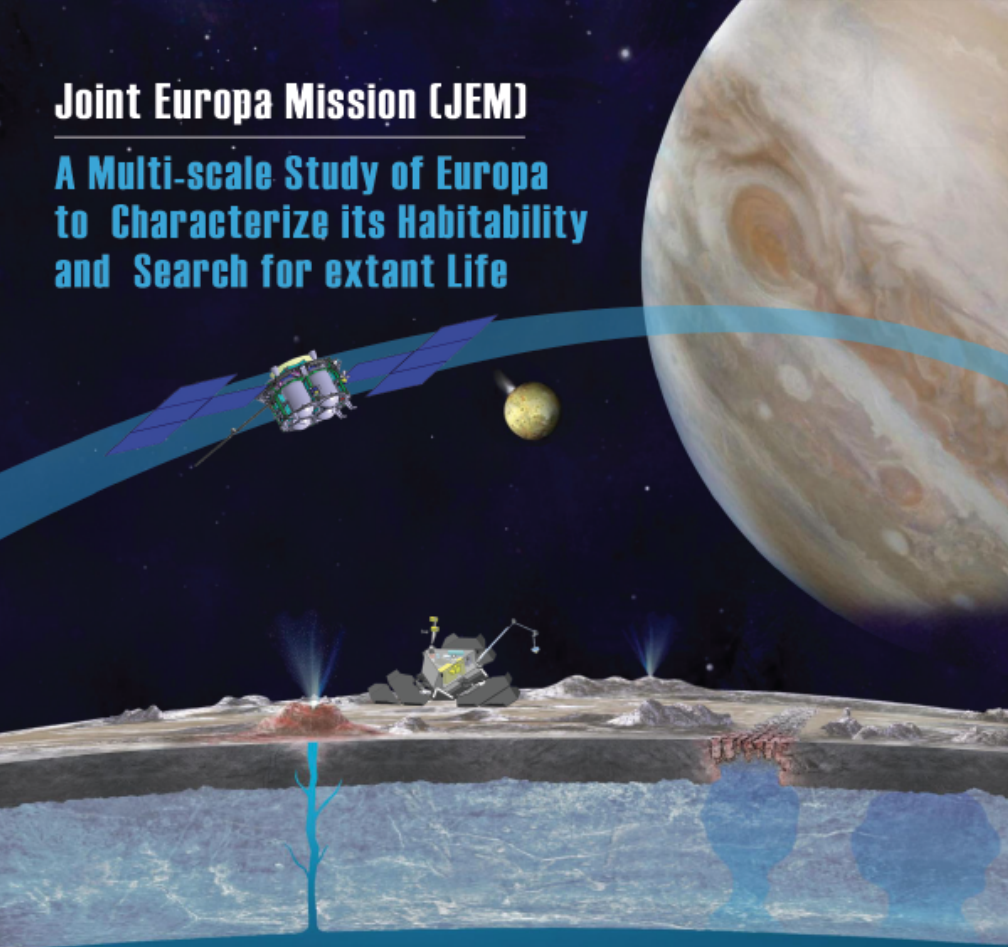


## Joint Europa Mission (JEM)

**A Multi-scale Study of Europa  
to Characterize its Habitability  
and Search for extant Life**



**A proposal in response to the call  
for a medium-size mission opportunity  
in ESA's Science Programme (M5)**

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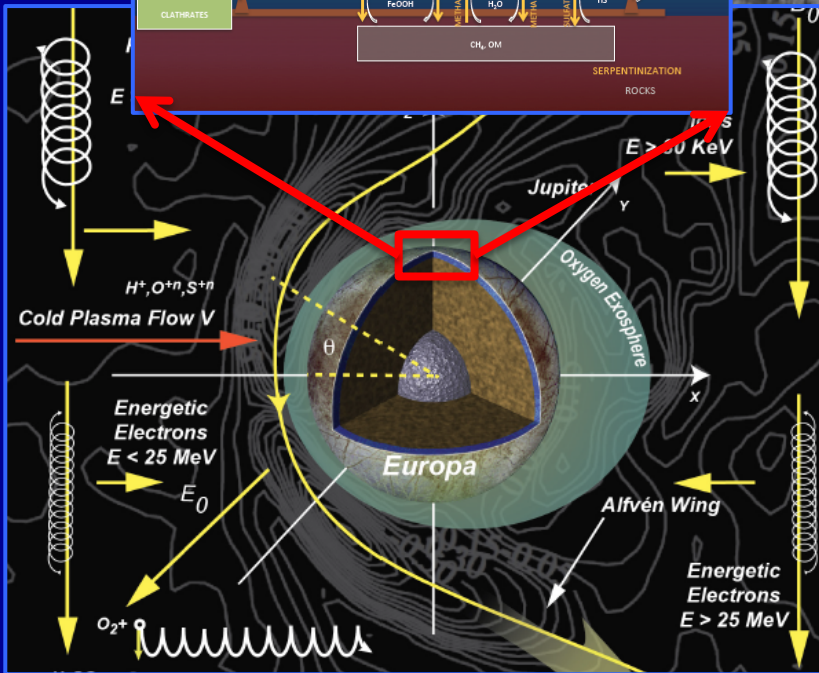
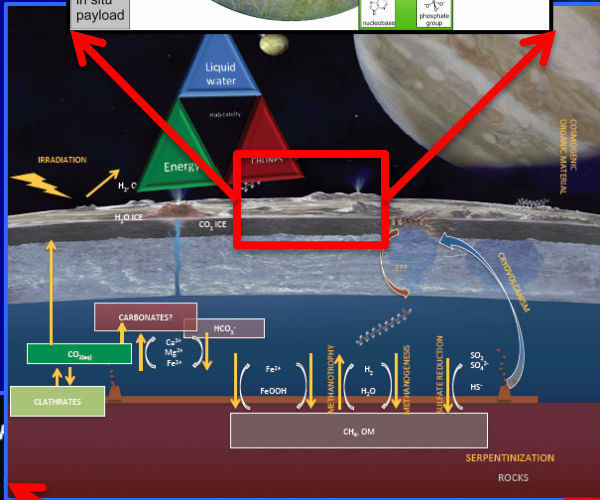
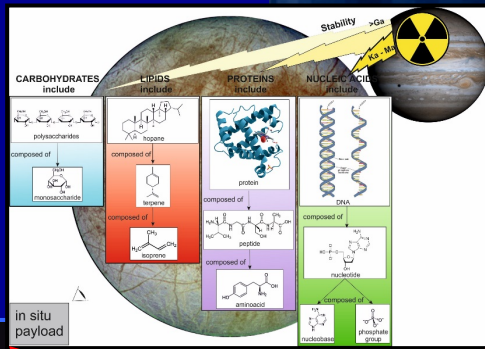
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# JEM OVERARCHING SCIENCE GOALS

**Step C:** Search for biosignatures at the landing site and in the exosphere.

**Step B:** Characterize its potential « dark biosphere » (ocean and ice shell).

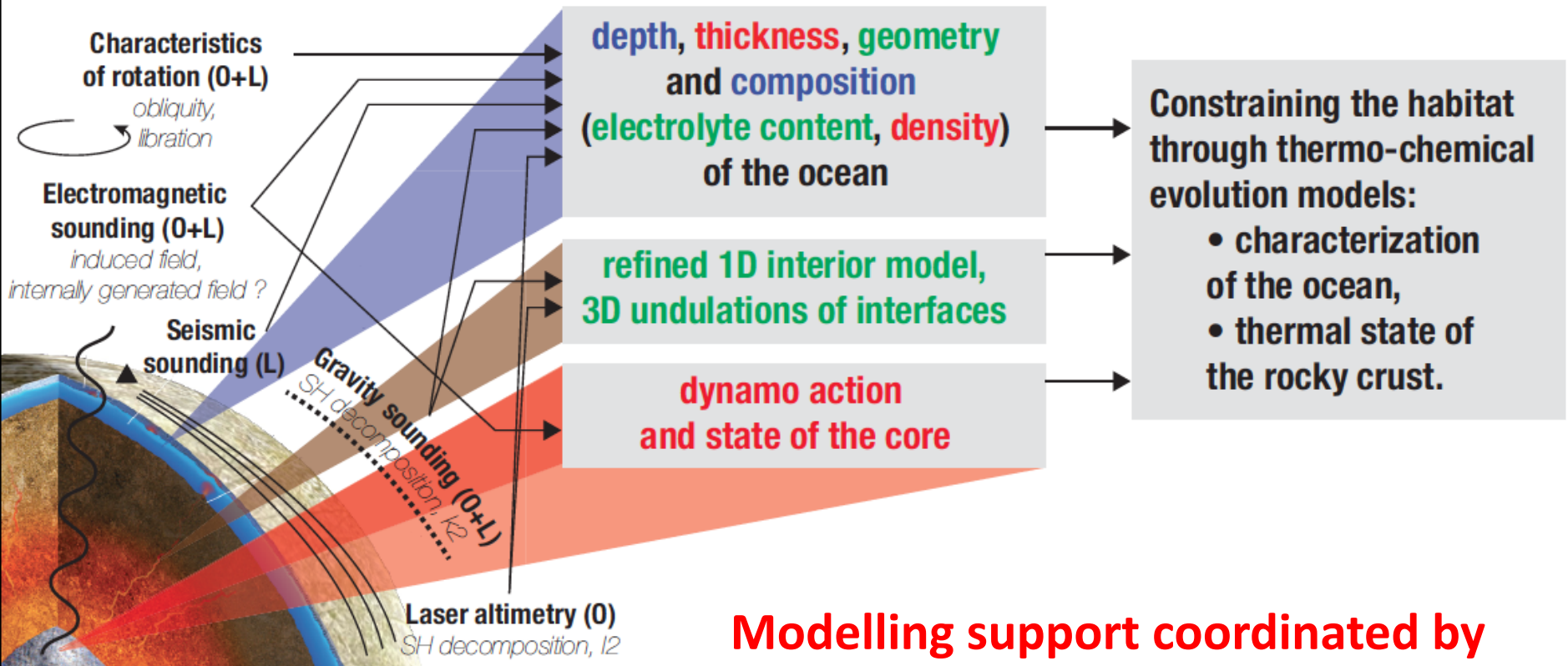
**Step A:** Understand Europa at the global scale as a complex system responding to Jupiter System forcing, from core to plasma envelope.



# STEP 1: ACHIEVE A GLOBAL CHARACTERIZATION OF EUROPA

## SOLID/LIQUID LAYERS

### Synergetic orbiter/lander investigation of Europa's response to Jupiter's magnetic and gravitational forcing

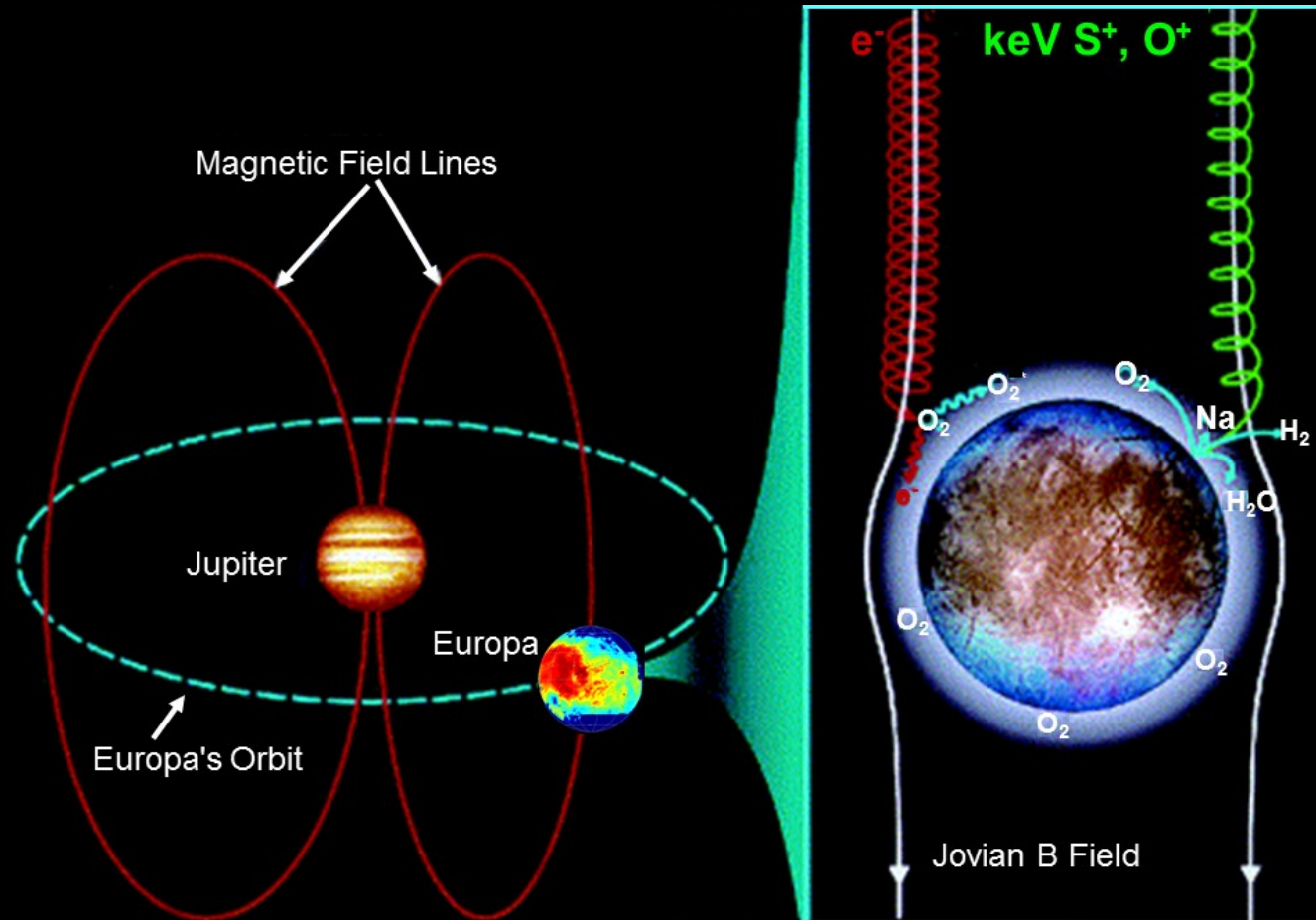


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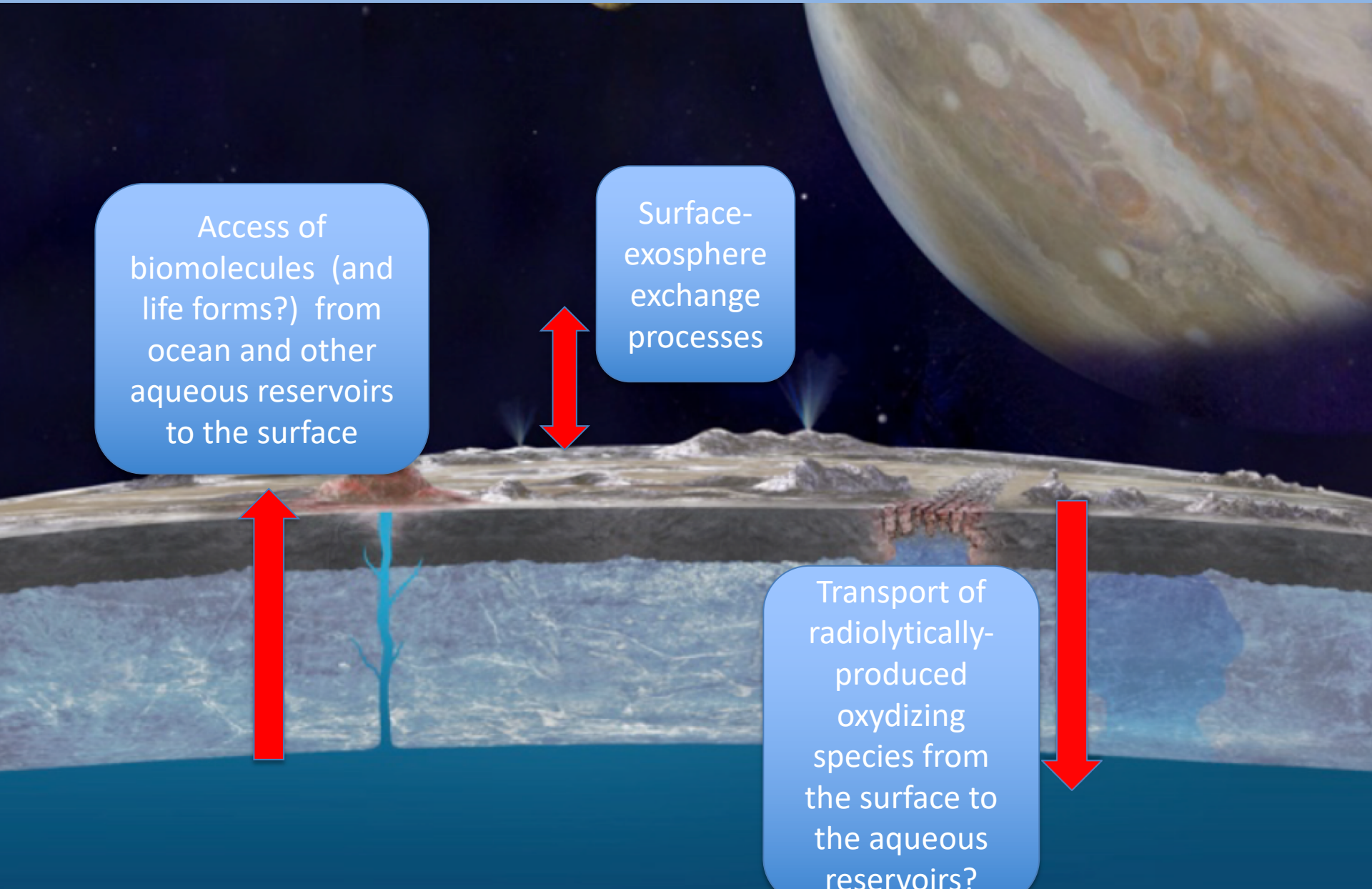
# STEP 1: ACHIEVE A GLOBAL CHARACTERIZATION OF EUROPA

## MAGNETOSPHERIC INTERACTION, PLASMA ENVELOPE, EXOSPHERE

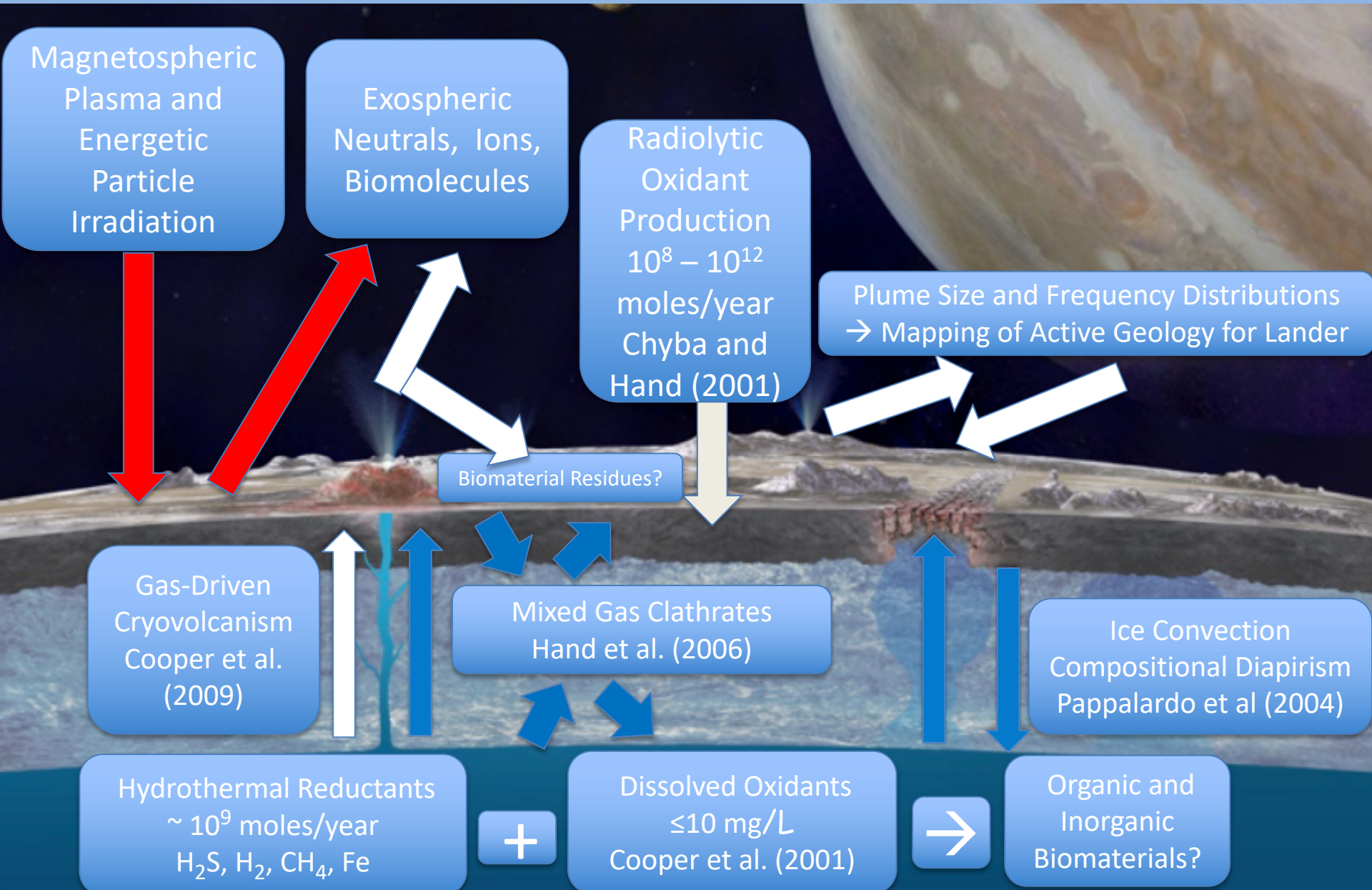
- Magnetospheric interaction with ice shell surface and with conducting ocean
- Broad-band magnetic sounding of the ocean
- Exchange processes and exchange of material and chemical species between ice shell surface, subsurface (including possible plumes), exosphere and plasma envelope



## STEP 2: CHARACTERIZE THE POTENTIAL BIOSPHERE AND THE EXCHANGE PROCESSES ACROSS THE ICE SHELL



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# STEP 3: SEARCH FOR LIFE

## WHERE TO SEARCH?

Fresh material, mostly in:

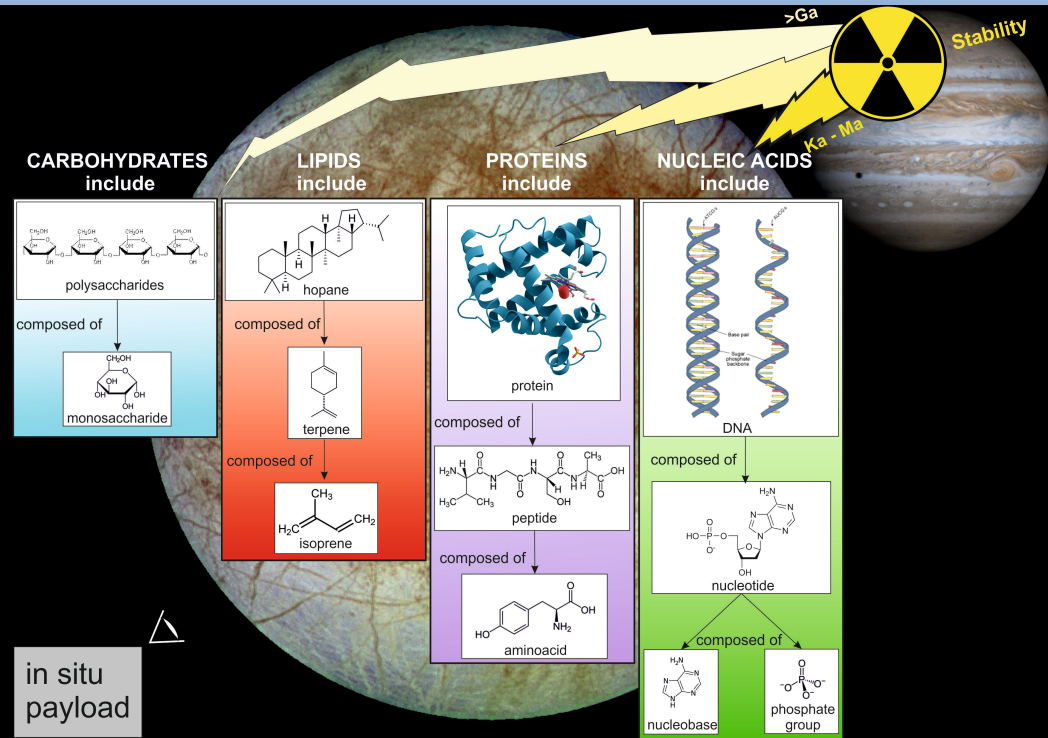
- Subsurface (shielded material)
- Exosphere **and plumes?**

## WHAT TO SEARCH FOR?

Indicators of past or present life:

- 1) « Universal » biomarkers
  - From simple ones with good resistance to radiation
  - To biomolecules of increasing complexity and decreasing resistance to radiation

- 2) Organic indicators
- 3) Inorganic indicators
- 4) Morphological/textural indicators



## HOW TO SEARCH?

Chemical analysis in **liquid, solid** and **gas** phases

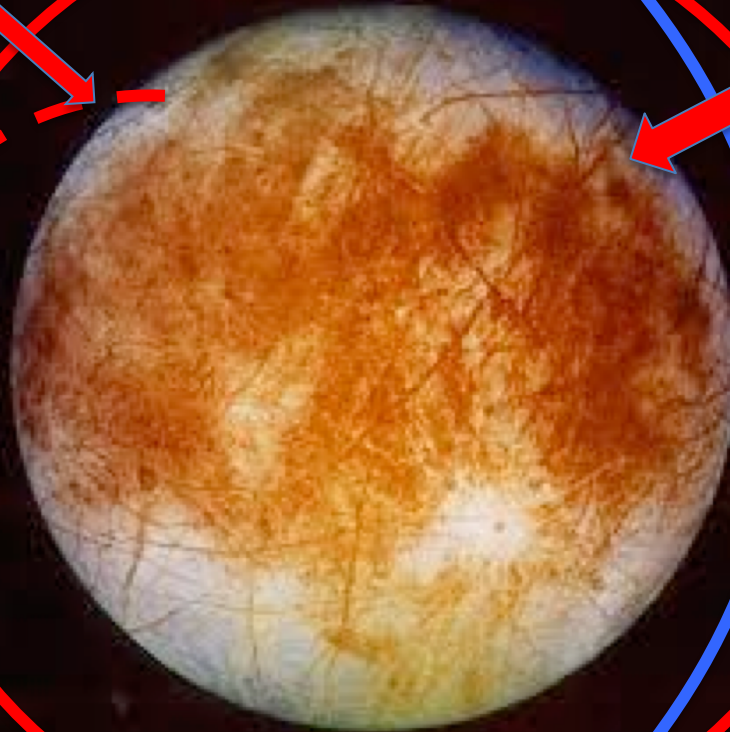
- **Liquid:** Microarrays (at **AWL**) , searching for the major macromolecules of life, such as 1)
- **Solid:** Raman spectroscopy, mainly 2), 3); Microscope, mainly 4)
- **Gas:** GC/MS, mainly 2)

**Descent Science**  
provides  
an exosphere profile  
down to surface

**C**

**Orbiter Science**  
provides  
global and  
continuous  
coverage  
for three months

**B**



**A**  
**Surface Science**  
provides  
a fixed astrobiology  
and  
geophysics/chemistry  
laboratory for 35 days

**EMFM** provides information  
on farther and closer  
European environment  
and maps the surface at  
intermediate scales

# JEM OBSERVATION STRATEGY



# THE JEM FLIGHT SYSTEM



## Carrier-Orbiter

Orbital Science Platform

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## Academic Cubesat (option)

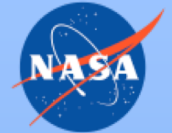
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Augmented Science

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## Lander



Sample collection and delivery system

Wet sample analysis (AWL)

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Solid sample analysis



Geophysical science laboratory



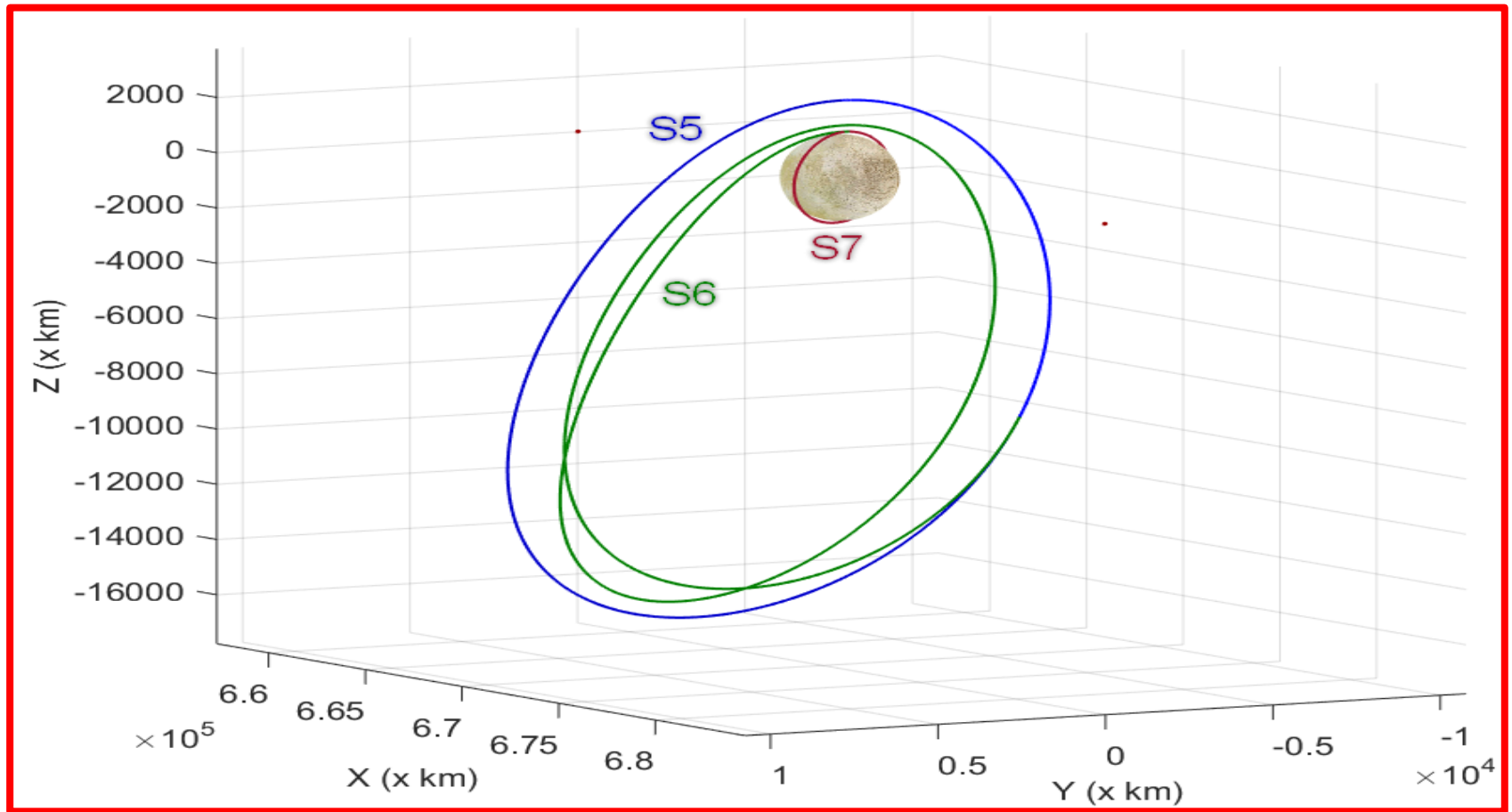
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« AUGMENTED » GROUND SEGMENT

PRIDE-E + VLBI

AUGMENTED DATA DOWNLINK CAPABILITY WITH SKA

# JEM MISSION SEQUENCES

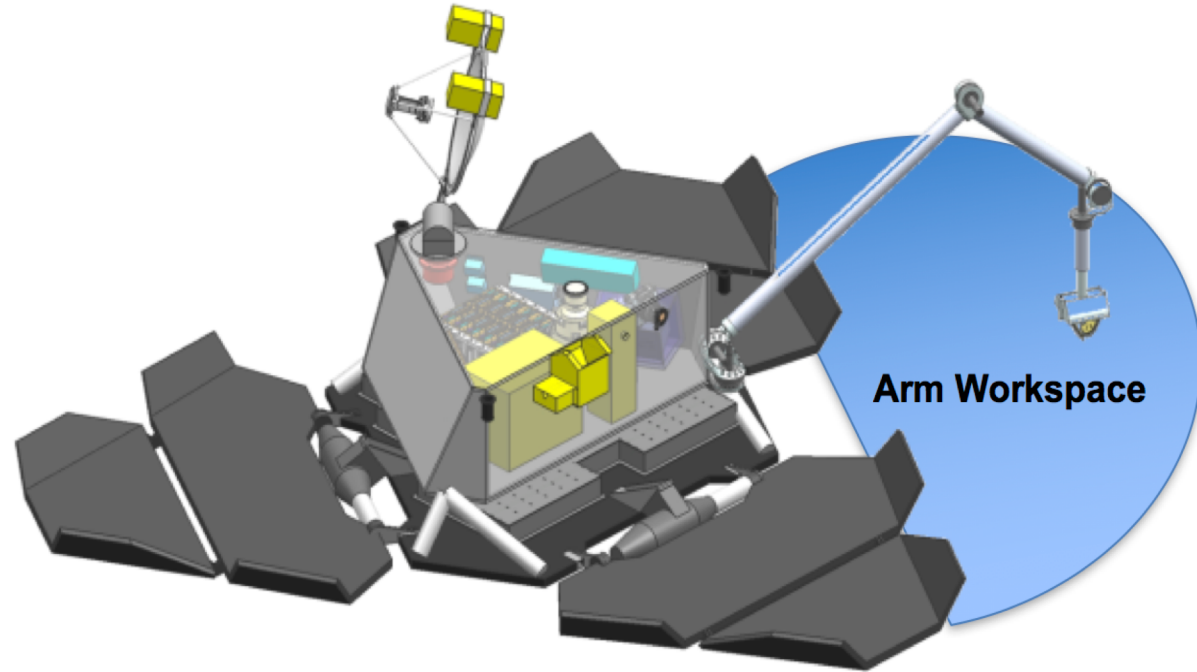
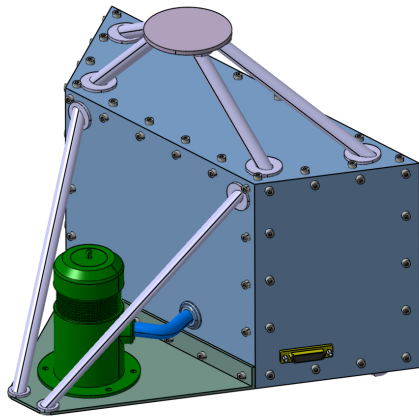


S-9	Impact	End of mission			
Total			6,6 years	3,05 km/s	1,5 Mrad

Mission constraints: Planetary Protection & Radiation Mitigation

# JEM SURFACE SCIENCE PLATFORM

## Technical description



### **Astrobiology Wet Laboratory (ESA)**

(not to scale)

**Sample analysis in liquid phase**

Two deployment options:

- Inside the NASA platform
- deployed on the surface by the Arm.

### **Lander Platform (NASA)**

**Direct support to:**

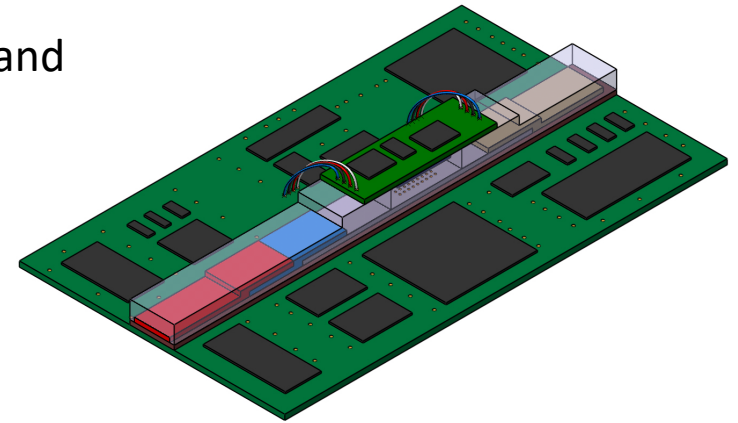
**Sample analysis in  
solid/gas phases**

**Geophysical science  
laboratory**

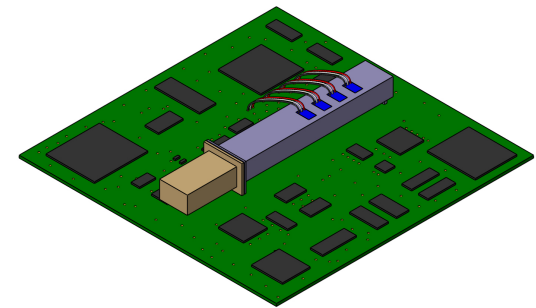
# AWL

## The Astrobiology Wet Laboratory

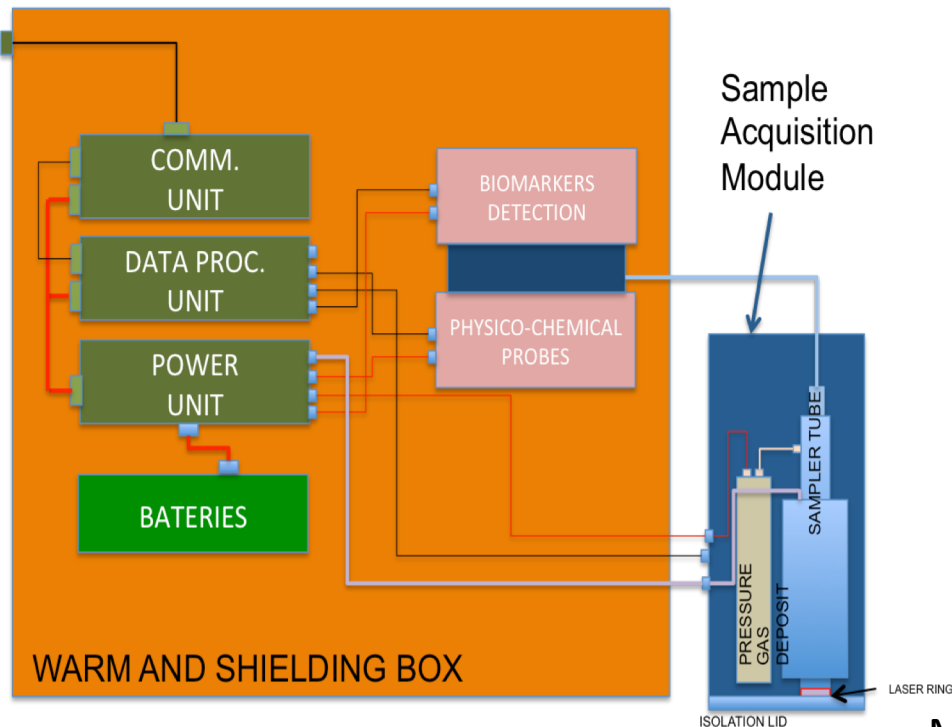
The AWL is composed of two sensors: MPAS and MPP and of a Sample Acquisition Module (SAM) to obtain liquid samples from the subsurface (10 cm deep).



Multiprobe Array Sensor (MPAS).  
Based on immunoassay tests.



Multiparametric Probe (MPP) . ChemFet component for measuring. pH, conductivity,..



Block diagram for the surface option.

# SURFACE SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

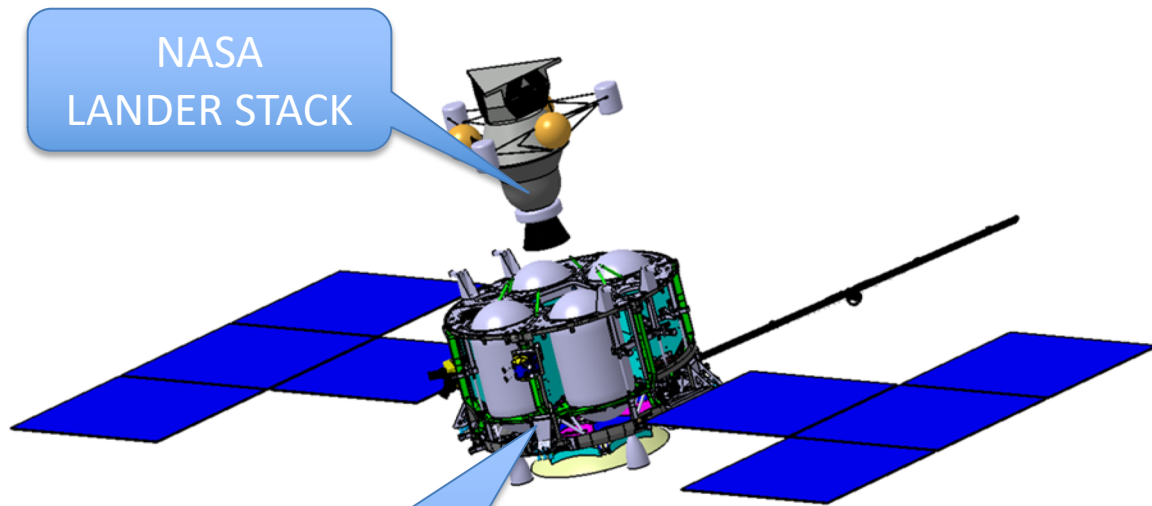
Surface Science Platform - JEM (Lander) NASA			
Facility/Instrument	Lead Agency	Reference institute	Reference PSO
<b>1. Solid Sample Analysis</b>	NASA		
GCMS			PSO#4, PSO#5
Raman Spectrometer			
Microscope			
PanCam			
<b>2. Liquid Sample Analysis Astrobiological Wet Laboratory</b>	ESA		
Multiprobe Array Sensors (MPAS)	Spain	CAB-CSIC.INTA	PSO#5
Multiparametric Probes (MPP)	Spain	CAB-CSIC.INTA	PSO#5
Thermogravimeter	Italy	INAF	PSO#5
<b>3. Geophysical Science</b>			
Geophone	NASA		PSO#2, PSO#4
Magnetometer	Austria	IWF Graz	PSO#1
Laser reflector	ESA		PSO#2

Our life detection strategy at the landing site combines

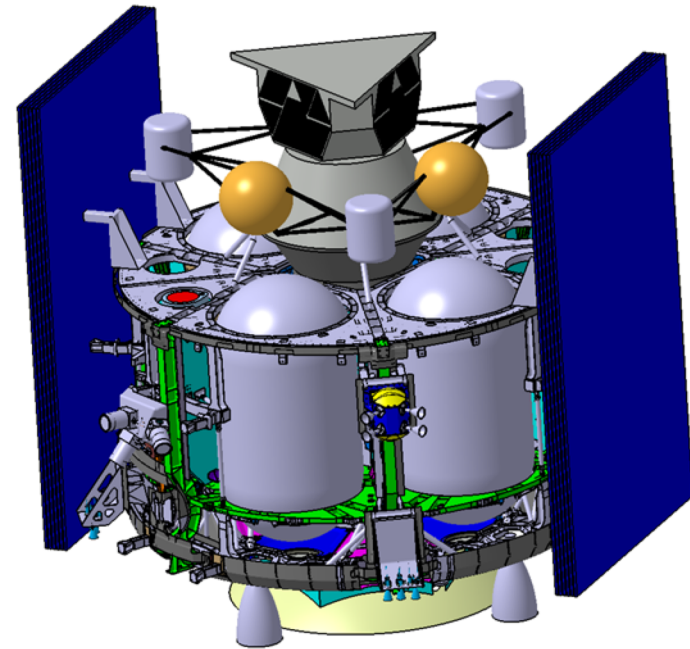
- The search for
- Complementary analytical techniques in solid, gas and liquid (AWL) phases

# CARRIER/RELAY/SCIENCE ORBITER (with SLS launch)

NASA  
LANDER STACK



ESA-PROCURED  
PLATFORM



based on ESA-NASA existing collaboration framework  
+ double ESA s/c development heritage:

- Mechanical+propulsion bus derived from the **European Service Module (ESM) of the ORION MPCV** (maiden flight planned for 09/18);
- Rad-hard avionics protected within lead-shielded vault derived from **JUICE**
- Planetary Protection: approach following **ExoMars** experience

# ORBITER AND DESCENT SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

Orbiter Science Platform - JEM (Orbiter-Carrier) ESA/NASA				
	Facility/Instrument	Lead Agency	Reference institute	Reference PSO
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;">Cosmic Vision M5</div>	Gravity Science Investigation (GSI)	ASI (Italy)	<b>Univ. Roma La Sapienza</b>	PSO#2, PSO#4
	Magnetometer (MAG)	UKSA (UK)	<b>Imperial College</b>	PSO#1, PSO#3, PSO#4
	Laser Altimeter (ELA)	DLR (Germany)	<b>DLR</b>	PSO#2, PSO#4
	Ion Mass Spectrometer + Electron Spectrometer (IMS/ELS)	CNES (France)	<b>IRAP, LPP, Wigner, MPS, ISAS, GSFC</b>	PSO#1, PSO#3, PSO#5
	Ion and Neutral Mass Spectrometer (INMS)	Switzerland	<b>University of Bern</b>	PSO#3, PSO#5
	Dust Analyser (SUDA)	DLR (Germany)	<b>Univ. Stuttgart, NASA</b>	PSO#1, PSO#3, PSO#5
<b>Augmentation</b>	Langmuir Probe (LP)	Sweden	<b>IRF Uppsala</b>	PSO#1, PSO#3

2 proposed scientific investigations with FR contributions:

- IMS/ELS (H/W - **LFA: CNES**)
- PRIDE-E (Astrometry – VLBI)

Thank you for your attention

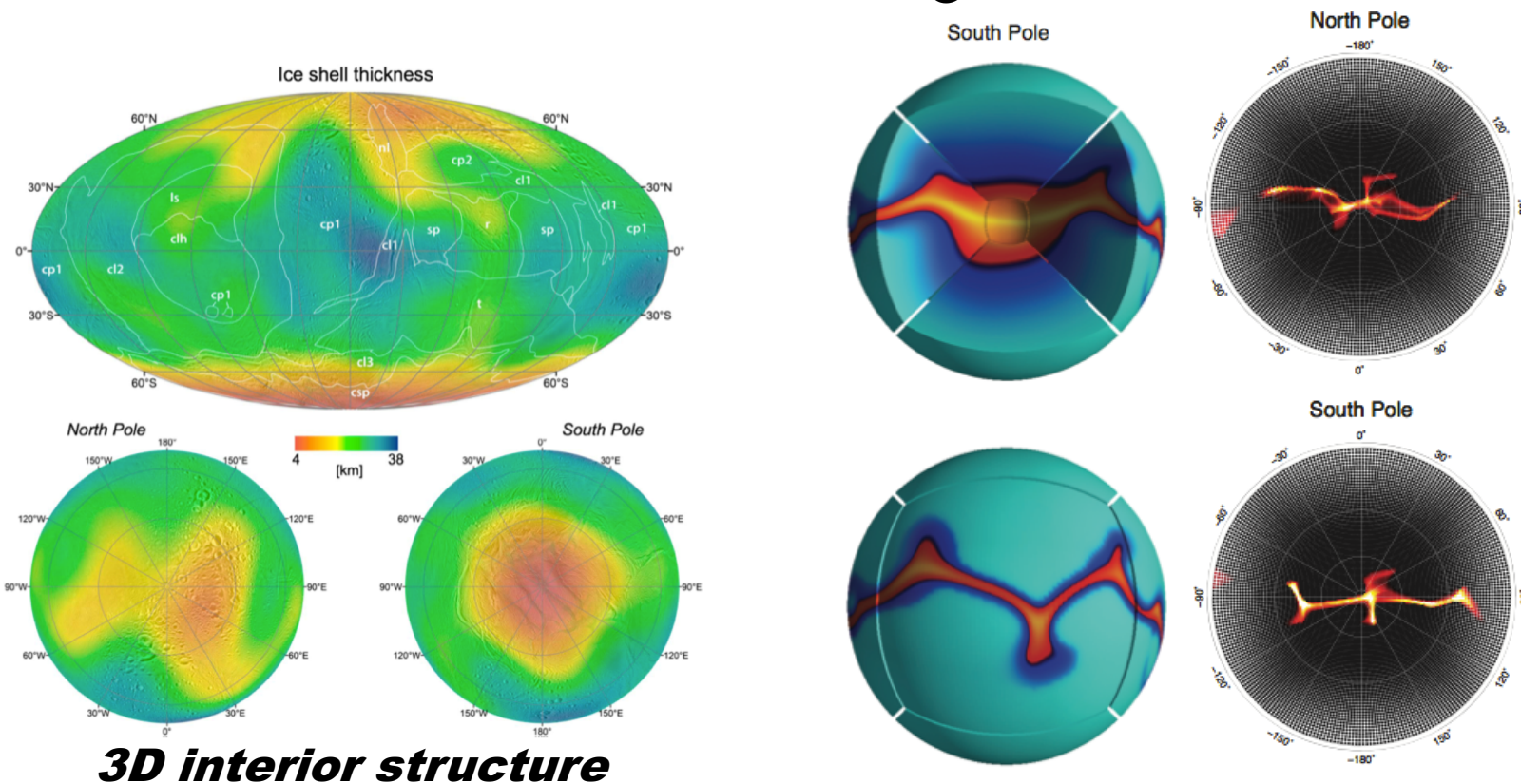


Back-up slides

# STEP 1: ACHIEVE A GLOBAL CHARACTERIZATION OF EUROPA

## SOLID/LIQUID LAYERS (MODELLING SUPPORT)

### COMPLEMENTARITY OF GEOPHYSICAL DATA SETS TO INVERT FOR INTERNAL STRUCTURE AND MASS/HEAT TRANSFER: THE EXAMPLE OF CASSINI @ ENCELADUS



***3D interior structure***

***hotspots at the seafloor***

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**(COLLAB: JPL/CALTECH, UNIV. CHARLES PRAGUE)**

# ESA-PROCURED CARRIER/RELAY/SCIENCE ORBITER

## Main technical characteristics

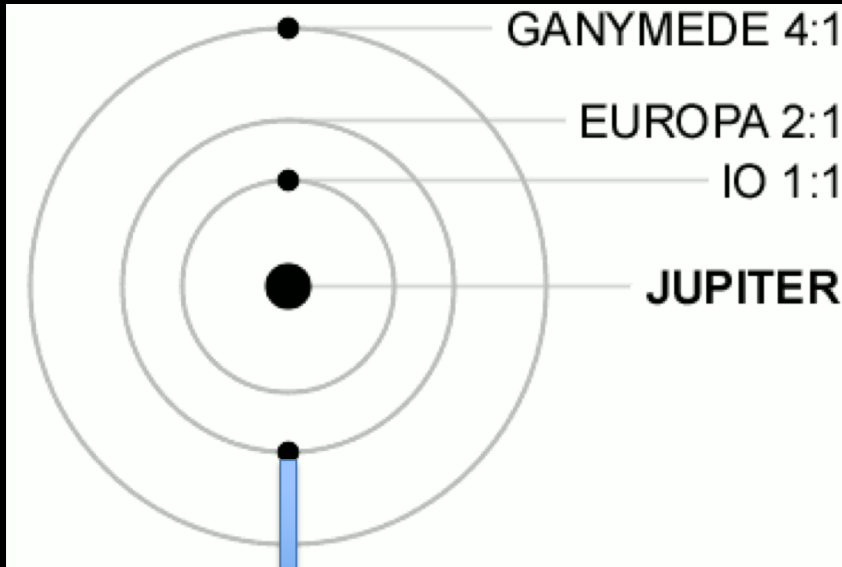
- ❑ Accommodates a 2,8 tons lander stack
- ❑ Very large tank capacity provides the required deltaV ( $\sim 3$  km/s) for a  $\sim 13$  tons composite
- ❑ Two wings solar generator,  $75 \text{ m}^2 \rightarrow 600\text{W}$  EOL
- ❑ Faces very harsh environment (high radiation in European orbit, very cold temperature at Jupiter...).
  - Target of 100 krad corresponding to 6 mm of lead shielding (250 kg of shielding)
  - 300  $\mu\text{m}$  thick coverglass protecting the solar cells
- ❑ X-band communication system with 2.5m antenna, UHF antenna for lander data reception
- ❑ Cylindrical shape of 4m in diameter and 3m in height
- ❑ Orbiter Payload allocations: 100 W maximum and 50kg

# A KEY STUDY WITH THE ORBITER

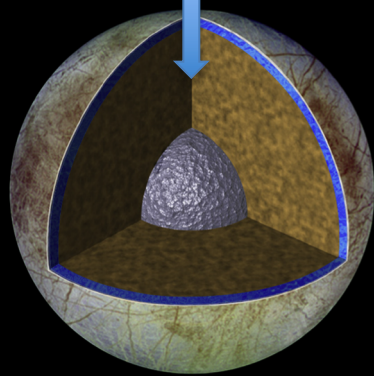
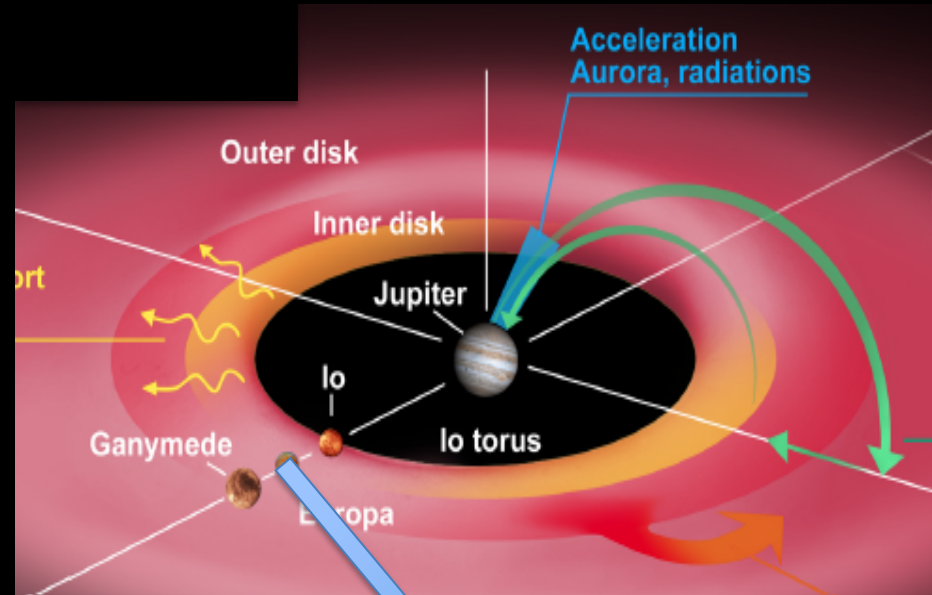
## JUPITER SYSTEM FORCING ON EUROPA

GRAVITATIONAL/TIDAL

(Maintained by the Laplace resonance)



ELECTRODYNAMICAL/MAGNETOSPHERIC

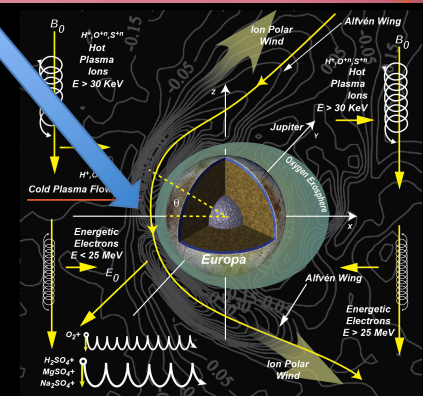


THE FORCING ACTIONS OVERLAP AT:

Ocean  
Ice shell

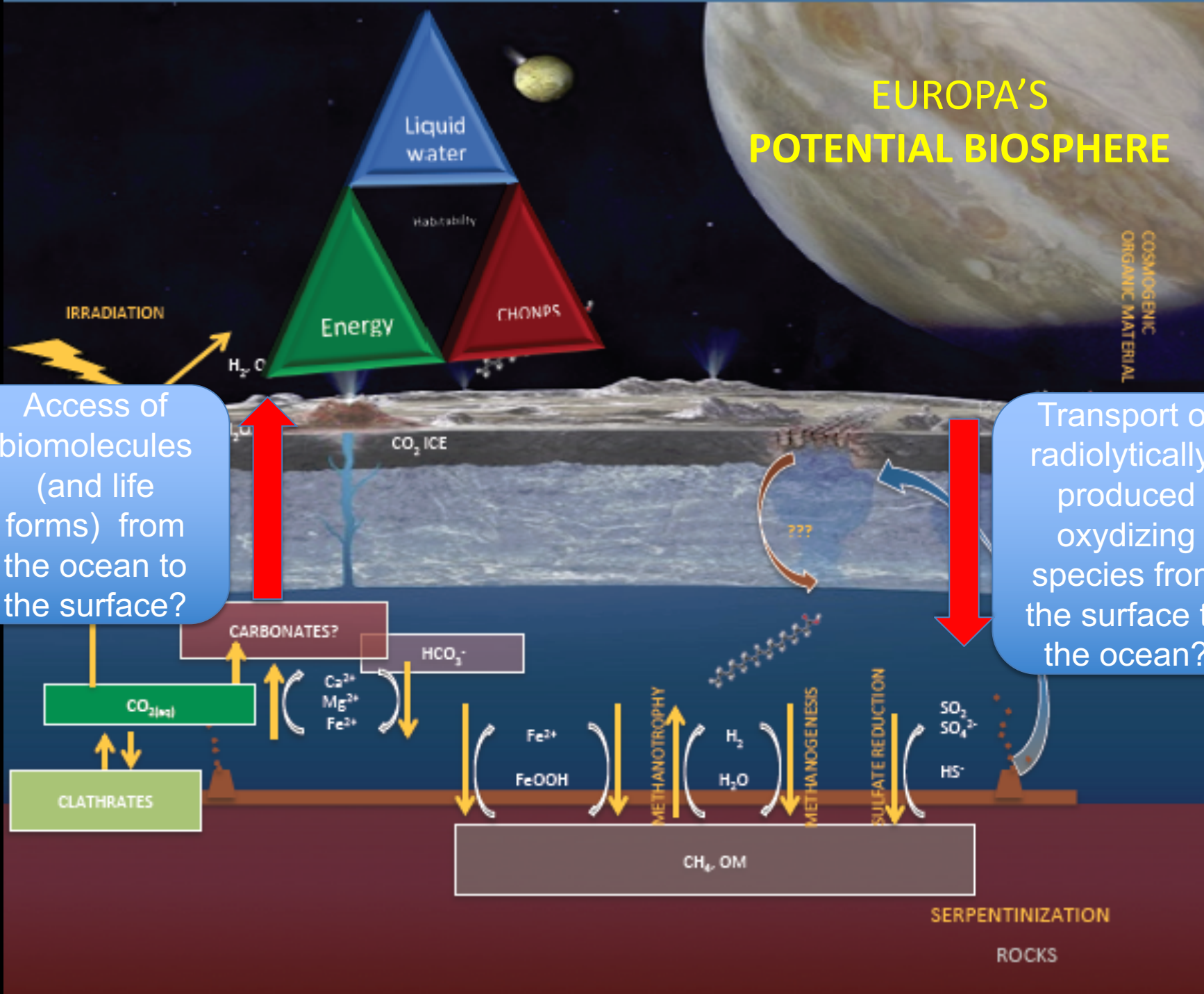
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POTENTIAL BIOSPHERE



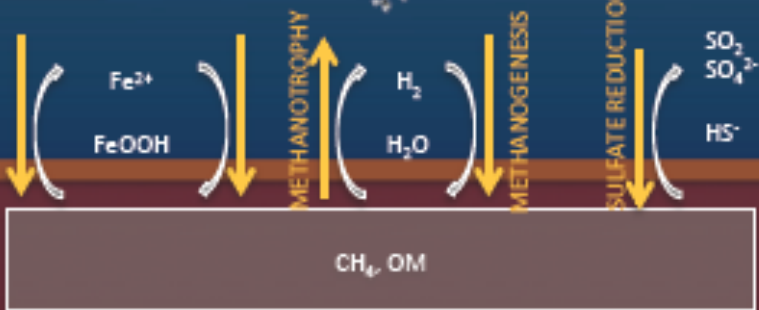
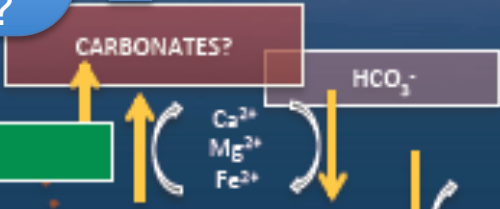
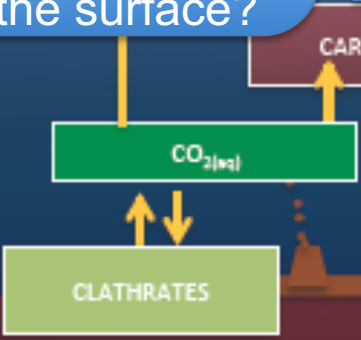
# EUROPA'S POTENTIAL BIOSPHERE

COSMOGENIC ORGANIC MATERIAL



Access of biomolecules (and life forms) from the ocean to the surface?

Transport of radiolytically-produced oxidizing species from the surface to the ocean?

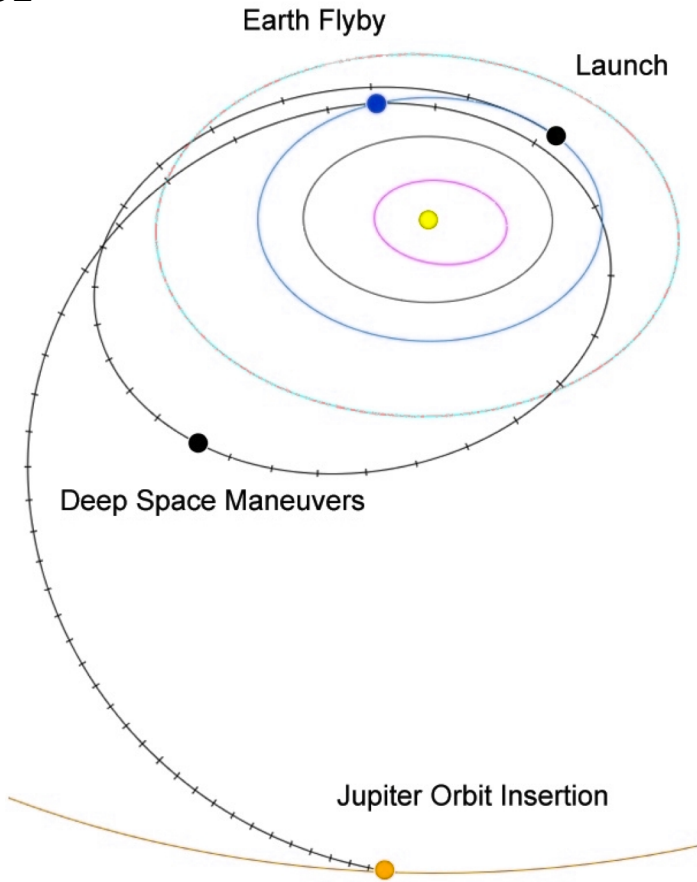


SERPENTINIZATION  
ROCKS

# JEM TRACEABILITY MATRIX

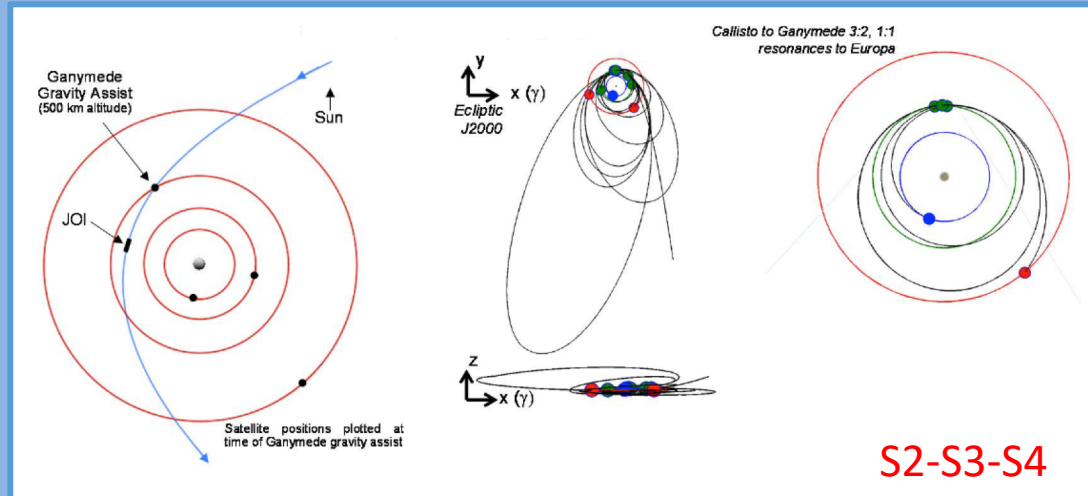
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	Required measurements	Constraints on mission and platform	Required measurements	Constraints on mission and platform
<b>PSO #1:</b> Determine the global structure of the European magnetic field and plasma environment including potential plume characterization, and the associated response of Europa, including its ocean, to Jupiter System magnetospheric forcing.	Magnetometer Ion Mass Spectrometer/ Electron Mass Spectrometer (Langmuir Probe) Radiation Monitor Ion and Neutral Mass Spectrometer Dust analyzer	-3D Coverage of the European environment including crossing of the Alfvén wings -Low-altitude (100-200 km) near-polar, circular orbit for at least 30 days -Low-altitude crossing of plumes (< 160 km) for orbiter	Magnetometer	Lander lifetime of at least 7 days (2 Europa rotations)
<b>PSO #2:</b> Determine the global structure of the solid body and potential biosphere of Europa, and their response to Jupiter System tidal forcing.	Radio Science Instrument Laser Altimeter		Geophone Laser Reflector	
<b>PSO #3:</b> Understand the exchange and transformation processes at the interface between the ice-shell surface/subsurface and the exosphere/ionosphere including potential plume characterization.	Ion and neutral MS Ion MS + electron Spectrometer Dust Analyzer	-Spatial resolution of few 10's km horizontally and few km in altitude up to 1 Europa radius from the surface; of 100's km horizontally and 10's km in altitude for major species -Full latitudinal and longitudinal coverage at few phase angles with a temporal resolution from one hour to few 10s of hours -Coverage of Europa's exosphere during eclipse		
<b>PSO #4:</b> Understand the exchange processes between the ice-shell surface/subsurface and the aqueous interior environments, focusing on the hydrochemistry and physical state of the ice crust.	Laser altimeter	Altimetry from the orbiter combined with in situ measurements	Imaging camera, Microscope, GCMS, Raman, Geophone Thermogravimeter, Electrochemical sensors, Magnetometer	In situ analysis from the landing site. Sampling and analysis in solid and liquid state
<b>PSO #5:</b> Search for biosignatures at the surface/subsurface and potential plumes	Ion and neutral MS		Microarray immunoassay detector, GCMS, Raman, Imaging camera, Microscope Thermogravimeter	In situ analysis from the landing site. Sampling and analysis in solid and liquid state  Characterize potential plumes if there is some activity

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Interplanetary cruise

# APPROACH ORBITS



Jovian Tour

# Descent Science with NIMS

## Critical exosphere measurements below 15 km altitude

