

Jupiter Deep Probe Design - Entry/Descent System Challenges and Trades

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Background and Motivation Presentation

Jupiter Deep Probe Study presentation (Dr. Tibor Balint) focused on the overall mission architecture/design and technology challenges.

This presentation is the last part of the 3-part harmony focusing on the Entry and Descent part of the mission.

Objective for this work:

Focus is on **probe design** challenges and trades in support of JDP

- Trade elements

 - Probe mass, size and number

 - Descent depth/mode

Galileo probe is anchor (reference) for trade studies

- Key issues

 - TPS mass fraction

 - Scalability

 - Descent time (science, communication, thermal mgmt)



Jupiter Deep Probe Study Architecture Trade Space

Trade Element (*decision driver*)

Launch vehicle (*lower cost*)

Trajectory (*target mission timeframe*)

Launch opportunity (*mission timeframe*)

Architecture (*lower cost*)

Approach (*comm, TPS*)

Number of probes (*science*)

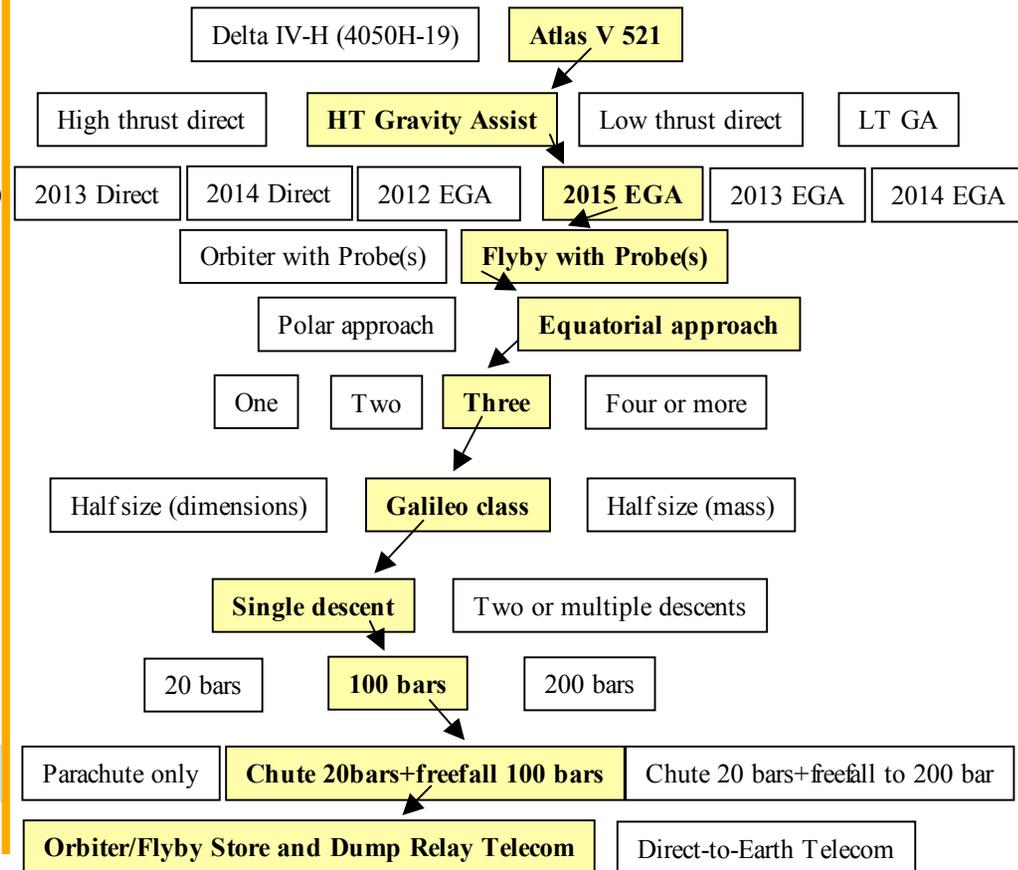
Probe size (*heritage*)

Descent module(s) (*simplicity*)

Descent depth (*science*)

Descent mode (*visibility, comm, extr. env*)

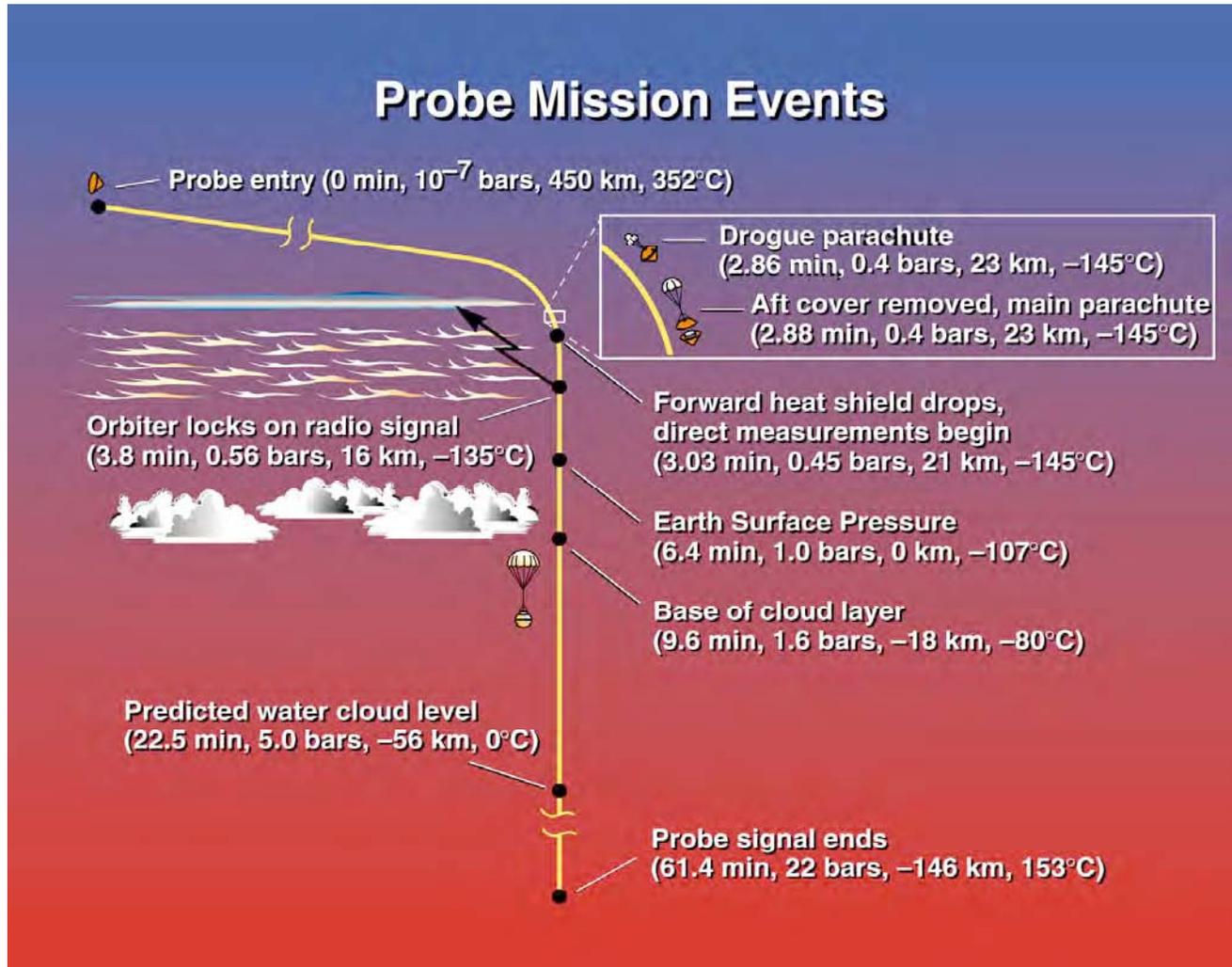
Telecom Architecture (*physics*)



Subsystem Focus Presented in this Study



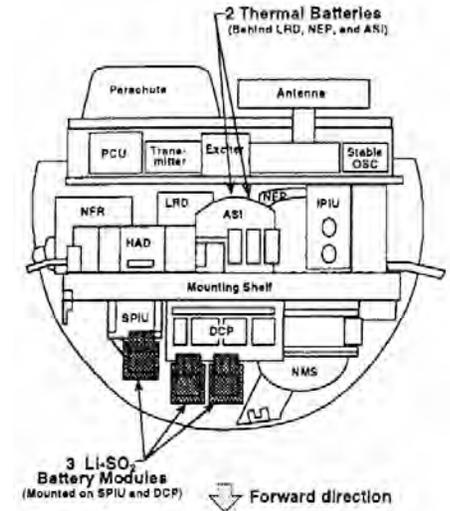
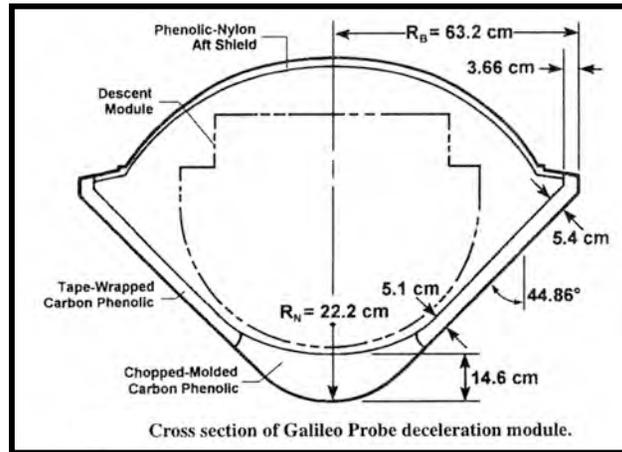
Galileo Mission: Entry and Descent Events





Galileo Probe Physical Properties and Key Scalability Challenges

Item / Subsystem	Mass (kg)	Mass Subtotals (kg)
Deceleration Module		221.8
Forebody heat shield	152.1	
Afterbody heat shield	16.7	
Structure	29.2	
Parachute	8.2	
Separation hardware	6.9	
Harness	4.3	
Thermal control	4.4	
Descent module		117.1
Communications subsystem	13.0	
C&DH subsystem	18.4	
Power subsystem	13.5	
Structure	30.0	
Harness	9.1	
Thermal control	4.3	
Science instruments	28.0	
Separation hardware	0.8	
Probe Total		338.9



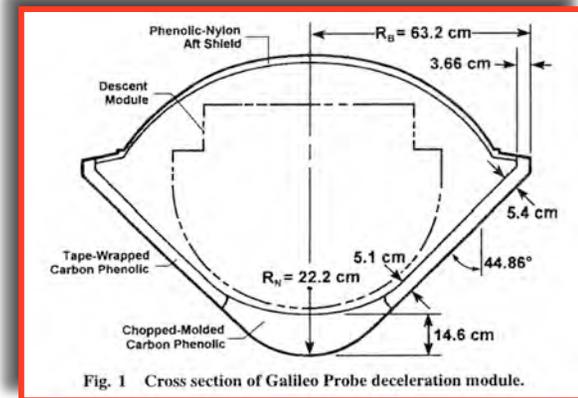
- Overall Challenge: What is the probe mass allocation amongst subsystems as we scale the probe?
 - Deceleration Module
 - TPS
 - Descent Module
 - Pressure Vessel mass - different than Galileo
 - Other subsystems mass allocations are made but need to be validated with future refinement



Galileo Entry Probe - TPS Design Challenges and Lessons Learned

• Design Codes of 1970 vintage used to design Galileo TPS

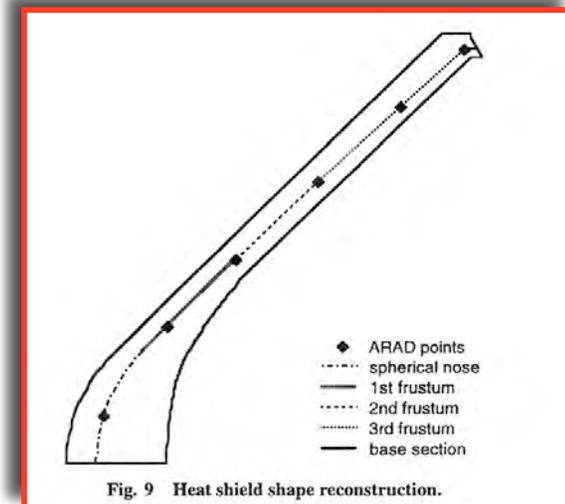
- Over estimated nose heating rates and surface recession
- Underestimated cone frustum heating rates and surface recession.
- Recessions calculated:
 - GE(now L-M) TOPIC Code: 96% too high at stag. pt., 18% too low on cone.
 - COLTS (LaRC) code: 31% too high at stag. pt., 43% too low on the cone, spallation mass prediction 3.5 Kg.



• Lessons Learned

- Codes need modernizing to include better physics and better coupling of heating modes, especially radiation and turbulence.
 - Effect of shape change on heating and drag and effects of mass-loss on trajectory is important and the design codes must predict this reasonably accurately.
 - After-body heating and TPS response modeling need major improvements.

• JAE (ARC) code (97-98) developed using higher fidelity methods and Galileo recession data





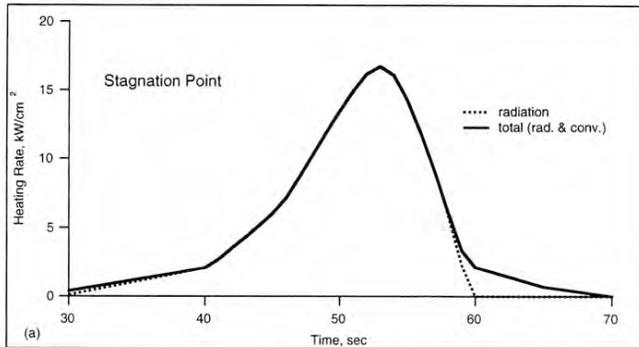
Jupiter Atmospheric Entry (JAE) Analysis Code

- JAE code, **a fast preliminary TPS design tool**, was developed at Ames during 97-98 time frame by M. Tauber, P. Wercinski, L. Yang and Y.K. Chen based on M. Tauber's (69-71) Jupiter Entry Code.
- **Fully coupled engineering analysis:** High-speed Trajectory, Flow Field, Heating Environment, and Ablation and Material Response analysis are integrated together to determine the fore-body heating rate, shape change, ablated mass, spallation and an approximate insulation mass (without margins for guidance and atmospheric uncertainties).
- Based on reconstructed Jovian Atmosphere
- Verified with Galileo Entry Probe data.
- Limited to Carbon-Phenolic and ballistic ($L/D = 0$) entry.
- Fast (3 cpu seconds of run time) and flexible (can vary ballistic coefficient, entry shape, entry velocity, entry latitude)
- Accounts for change in ballistic coefficient due to mass loss (Galileo heatshield mass loss $\sim 50\%$)

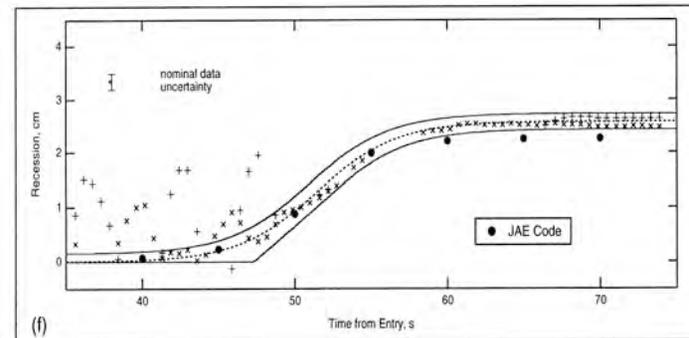


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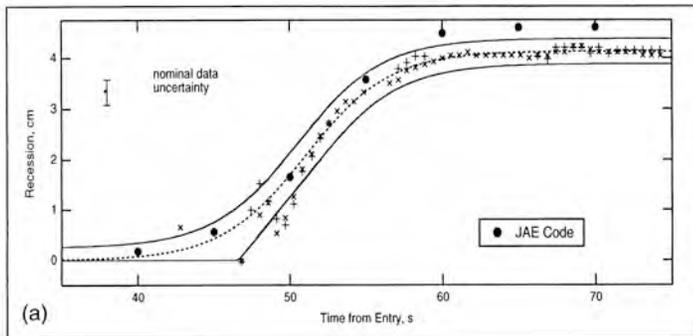
- **Verification of JAE Code with Galileo Entry Probe Measurements**



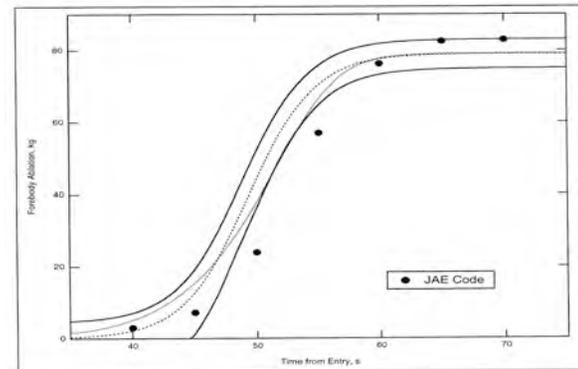
Heat flux prediction (blocked) during entry



Surface Recession Comparison near Shoulder Region



Surface Recession Comparison near Stagnation Region

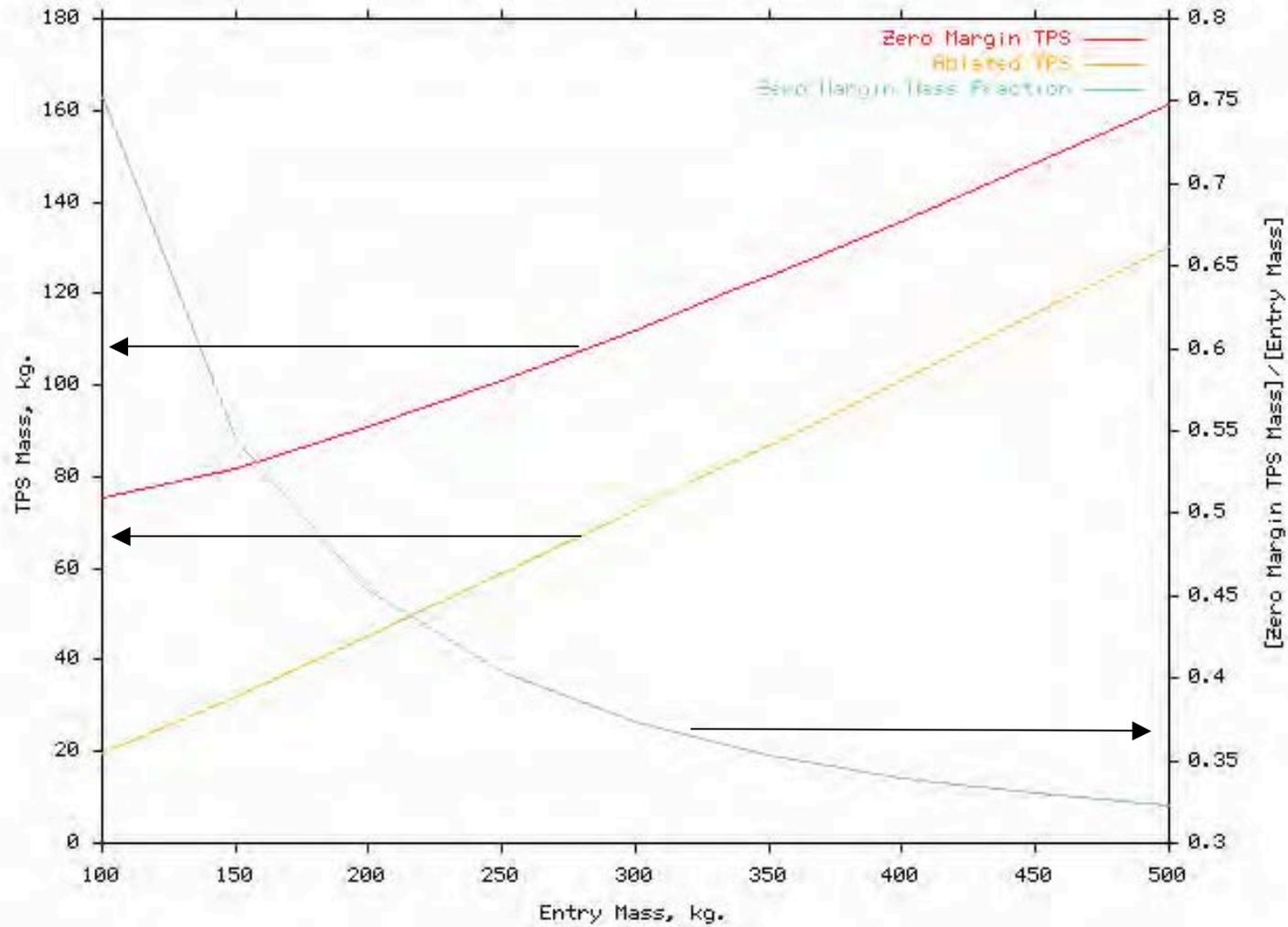


Forebody Mass Loss Comparison

- JAE Code, a fast preliminary engineering design code, is currently the best tool available and provides the best estimates for TPS mass fraction for speeds up to 60 km/s.

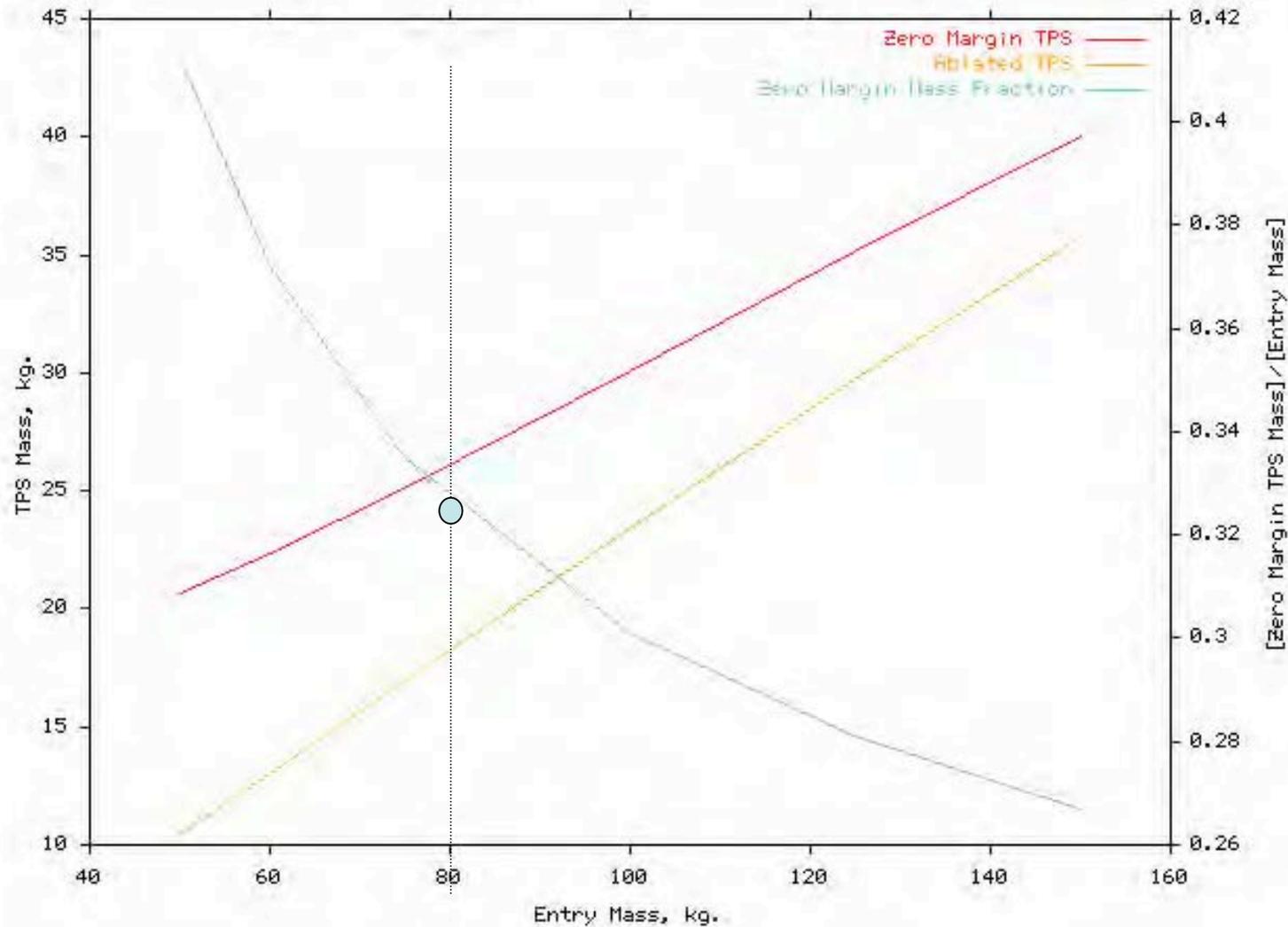


JAE Results: Galileo Entry Conditions at Full Scale





JAE Results: Galileo Entry Conditions at Half Scale (1/8 volume of full size Galileo Probe)





Mass allocation for 1/2 size Galileo Probe

Full Size

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Half Size

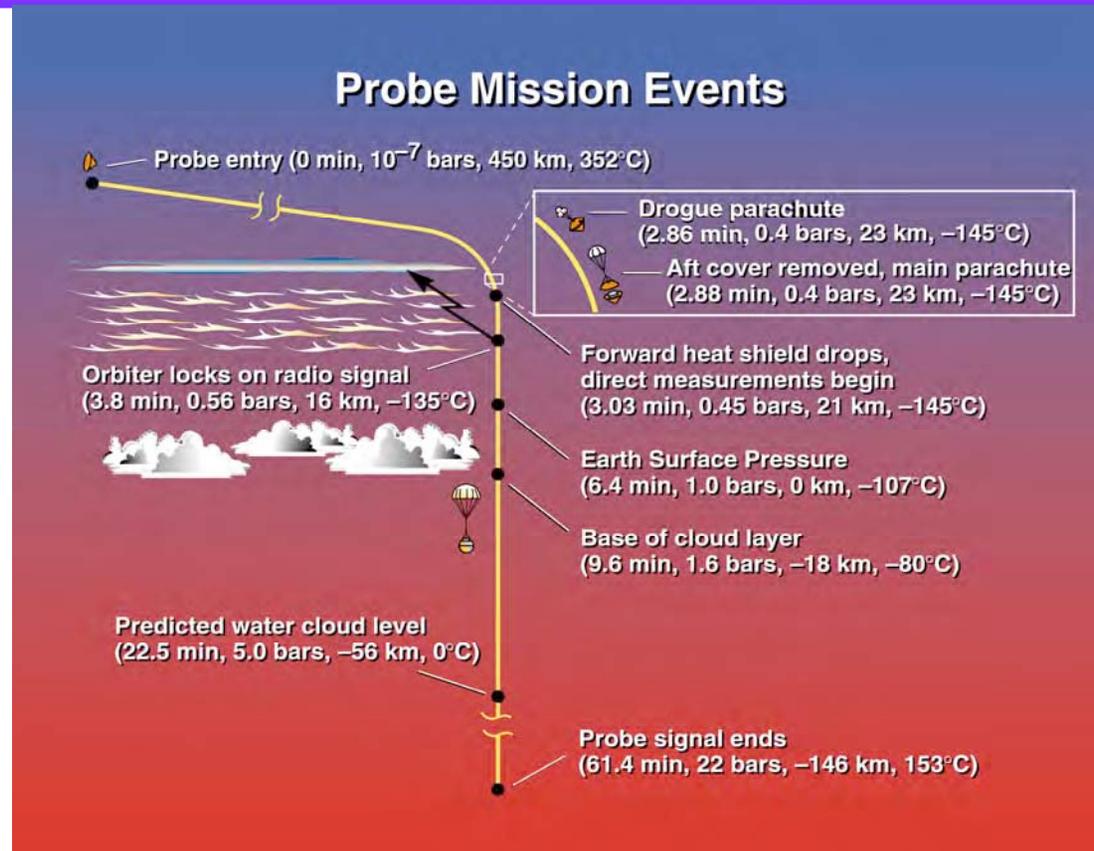
Item / Subsystem	Mass (kg)	Mass Subtotals (kg)
Deceleration Module		49
Forebody heat shield	34	
Afterbody heat shield	4	
Structure	6.5	
Parachute	2.5	
Other	2.0	
Descent module		31
Probe Total		80.0

Descent module density for Galileo: 0.458 g /cc
 Pioneer-Venus: 0.763

- The mass estimate for half size probe (80 kg total entry mass) allows a bigger percentage of descent module mass as compared to Galileo Probe.
- Need detailed point-design to evaluate packaging and mass allocation issues. Increased communication, power, pressure vessel mass and size of components will be more challenging for half size probe as compared to Galileo size probe.



Galileo Mission: Descent Simulations



- Galileo reached 22 bars
- JDEP study goal is to reach 100 bars
- Goal is to configure descent segment so that data collection (science goals) and data transmission (fly-by up-link) are accomplished



TRAJ Background for Descent Simulations

*Traj** is a software package intended as a design tool for spacecraft thermal protection systems.

It combines a conventional three-degrees-of-freedom trajectory simulation module, an equilibrium thermodynamics module, a stagnation point convective and radiative heating module, and a one-dimensional material thermal response module into a single framework.

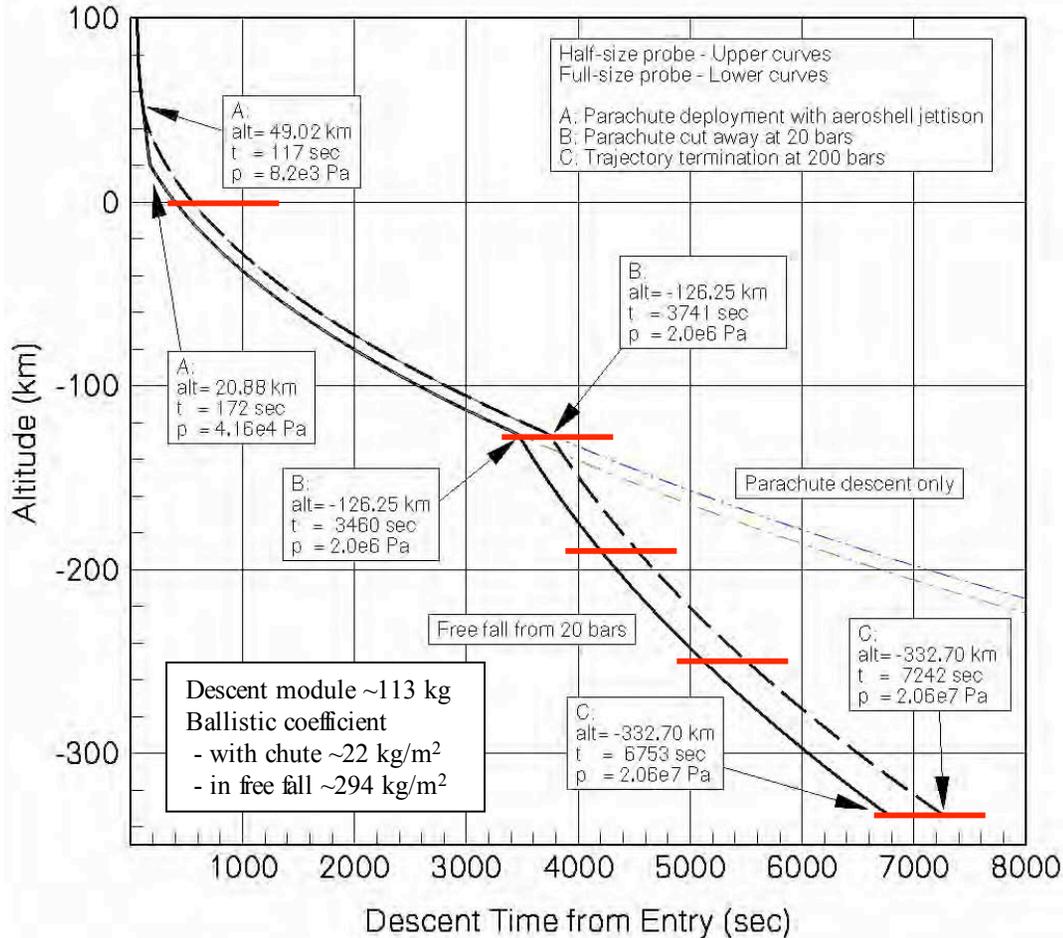
Traj can be used to calculate entry trajectories, aerothermal heating, and thermal protection system thickness and mass for both direct atmospheric entry and aerocapture simulations.

Numerous generic shapes and actual planetary probes are supported along with arbitrary geometries defined by external aerodynamic databases for entries at Venus, Earth, Mars, Titan, and Pluto.

Trajectory and thermal response solutions of *Traj* have been validated against flight data for several atmospheric entry vehicles.



Probe Descent – On Parachute to 20 bars & Free fall to 200 bars



Probe size	Full size	Half size	Delta
Deploy parachute	172 sec	117 sec	- 31.98%
1 bar (0 km)	408 sec	562 sec	37.75%
20 bars (-125.7 km)	3460 sec	3720 sec	7.51%
50 bars (-191.8 km)	4229 sec	4558 sec	7.78%
100 bars (-252.4 km)	5164 sec	5552 sec	7.51%
200 bars (-328.9 km)	6753 sec	7175 sec	6.25%

- Descent of a **half size probe** is only about **6-7 minutes** slower over a **1.5 hour** descent to **100 bars**
- This does **not** have a **significant impact** on telecom, pressure vessel or thermal designs
- Note: the **thermal calculations** were performed for a **2.5 hours** descent scenario for a full size probe, which is **bounding**



Concluding Remarks

- Galileo design is a good baseline
 - Successful mission
 - Variation of probe design require a thorough understanding of Galileo Probe design and the current SOA of the technology
- Entry and Descent analysis for full and half-scaled Galileo probe
 - TPS mass fraction is comparable to that of Galileo with C-P heatshield
 - Mass allocation for the descent module needs further analysis
 - Packaging within the pressure vessel to reach 100 bar - needs additional work and focus
- Entry Segment: Probe Design Scaling Design
 - TPS mass is the highest and major contributor to the entry mass
 - Scaling from Galileo requires estimate of size and ballistic coefficient which drives Aerothermal environment / TPS mass
 - At this point in time engineering code such as JAE is the SOA and is required to estimate trajectory, TPS mass and ballistic coefficient
- Descent Segment:
 - Balancing between on-chute and freefall time to achieve 100 bar to meet science goals and allow for communication link-up
 - Able to meet both science goal and communication link-up time by staying
 - Descent time to 100 bar pressure level meets com. requirements.