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The League of Extraordinary Machines: A Rapid and Scalable Approach to Planetary Defense Against Asteroid Impactors

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Project Overview





Project Purpose NASA Institute for Advanced Concepts (NIAC) Phase I grant to study new techniques to defend against threats to Earth posed by a Near-Earth Object (NEO). The study is entitled: "The League of Extraordinary Machines: A Rapid and Scalable Approach to Planetary Defense Against Asteroid Impactors." The primary objective of this system concept is to apply small perturbations to NEOs in an attempt to divert them from their path toward Earth impact using hundreds or thousands of small, nearly identical spacecraft. Out of more than 50 proposals received by NIAC for this solicitation round (CP 02-02), only 11 were accepted, including the one from SpaceWorks Engineering, Inc. (SEI).

Scope Phase I activity involves a six-month (October 2003-March 2004) funded effort led by SpaceWorks Engineering, Inc. (SEI) to establish key quantitative data for the system concept. Presentations made at NIAC 5th annual meeting, November 5-6, 2003 (Atlanta, Georgia) and NIAC Fellows Meeting, March 23-24, 2004 (Arlington, Virginia).



Overview of Activity





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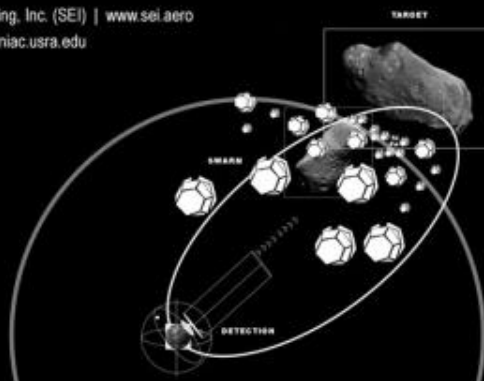
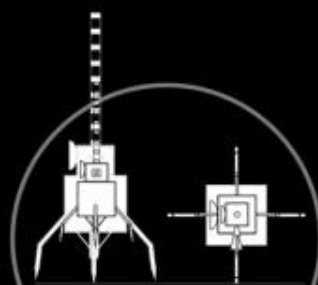
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THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY MACHINES

A Rapid and Scalable Approach to Planetary Defense Against Asteroid Impactors

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MADMEN

Modular Asteroid Deflection Mission Ejector Node

DEFENSE OF THE PLANET

A new approach to mitigate and protect against planetary impactor events is proposed. The primary objective of this system concept is to apply small perturbations to Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) in an attempt to divert them from their path toward Earth impact. This rapid and scalable solution consisting of hundreds or thousands of small, nearly identical spacecraft will intercept the target body and conduct mass driver/ejector operations to perturb the target body's trajectory.

THE POWER OF MANY

Each independently controlled and powered spacecraft will work in coordination with other members of the network. Such Modular Asteroid Deflection Mission Ejector Node (MADMEN) spacecraft will be nuclear powered, pre-deployed outside of Low Earth Orbit, and capable of rapidly intercepting an incoming target. Each MADMEN spacecraft will eject small amounts of mass from the asteroid that will, over time, have the effect of slightly changing the orbit of the target so that Earth impact is avoided.

ADVANTAGE EARTH

This modular approach offers a number of unique mission advantages including: overall mission reliability through massive redundancy, faster and more efficient production due to use of existing spacecraft and launch vehicle capability, flexible on-orbit pre-deployment location, a tailorable response depending on the size and nature of the incoming threat, and the production of only small particles of ejecta that will not independently harm Earth after atmospheric entry.



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MADMEN Lander Spacecraft and Cruise Stage





MADMEN Lander Spacecraft/Cruise Stage Cometary Approach





MADMEN Lander Spacecraft/Cruise Stage Attack





MADMEN Lander Spacecraft NEO Close-Approach





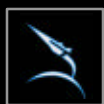
MADMEN Lander Spacecraft Surface Action





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Vision



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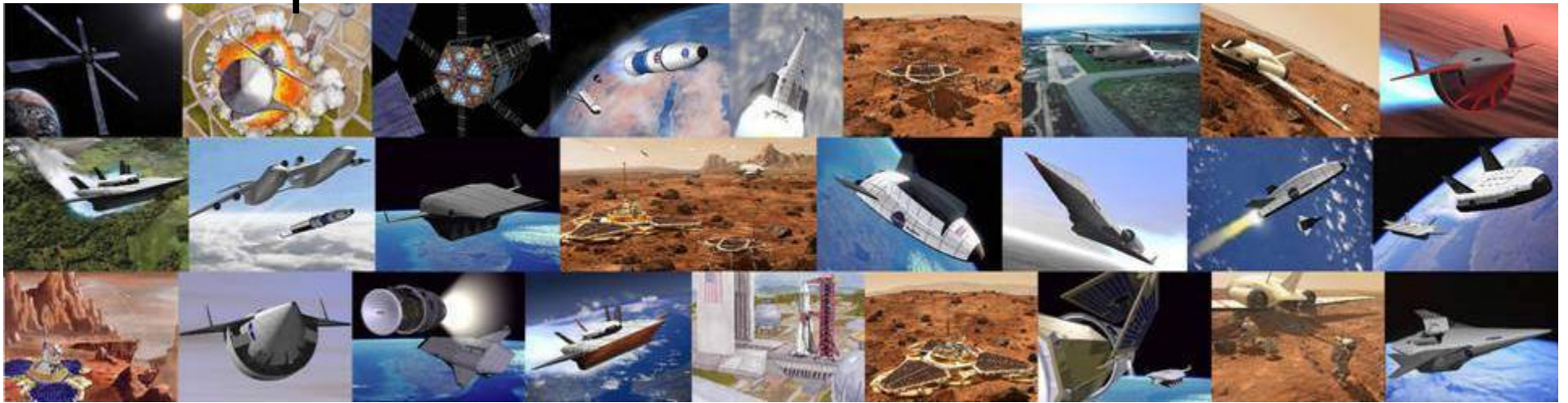
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SpaceWorks Engineering, Inc. (SEI) is a small aerospace engineering and consulting company located in metro Atlanta. The firm specializes in providing timely and unbiased analysis of advanced space concepts ranging from space launch vehicles to deep space missions.

The firm's practice areas include:

- Space Systems Analysis
- Technology Prioritization
- Financial Engineering
- Future Market Assessment
- Policy and Media Consultation

Concepts and Architectures



Including:

- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generation single-stage and two-stage Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) designs (rocket, airbreather, combined-cycle)
- Human Exploration and Development of Space (HEDS) infrastructures including Space Solar Power (SSP)
- Launch assist systems
- In-space transfer vehicles and upper stages and orbital maneuvering vehicles
- Lunar and Mars transfer vehicles and landers for human exploration missions
- In-space transportation nodes and propellant depots
- Interstellar missions

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From Vision to Concept



Including:

- Engineering design and analysis
- New concept design
- Independent concept assessment
- Full, life cycle analysis
- Programmatic and technical analysis

Including:

- Storyboards
- Technical concept illustrations (marker and pastel in B&W and color)
- 2-D line engineering drawings with technical layouts and dimensions
- 3-D engineering CAD models of concept designs
- High-resolution computer graphics imaging (renders)
- Concept / architecture summary datasheets and single page handouts / flyers

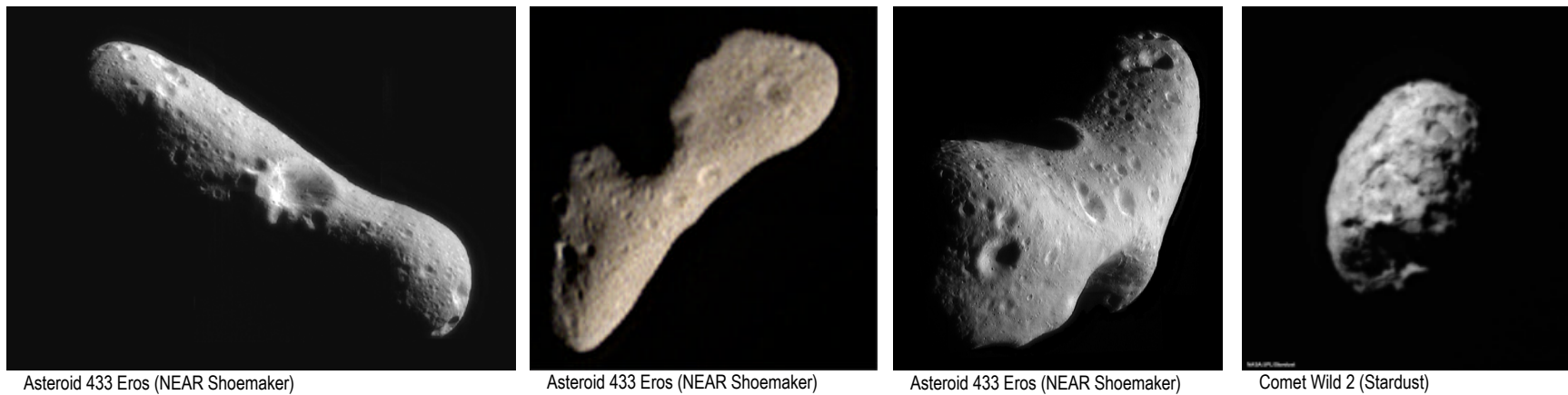




Introduction to the Threat



NEO	Near Earth Object (within 0.3 AU)
PHO	Potentially Hazardous Objects (within 0.025 AU)
Types of NEOs	Asteroids or Comets
Amount	50,000 fragments of NEOs fall on Earth as meteorites each year but are too small to cause much damage. Forty thousand tons of dust, much from NEOs, also lands on Earth every year. This is nearly 100 billion particles.



Definitions

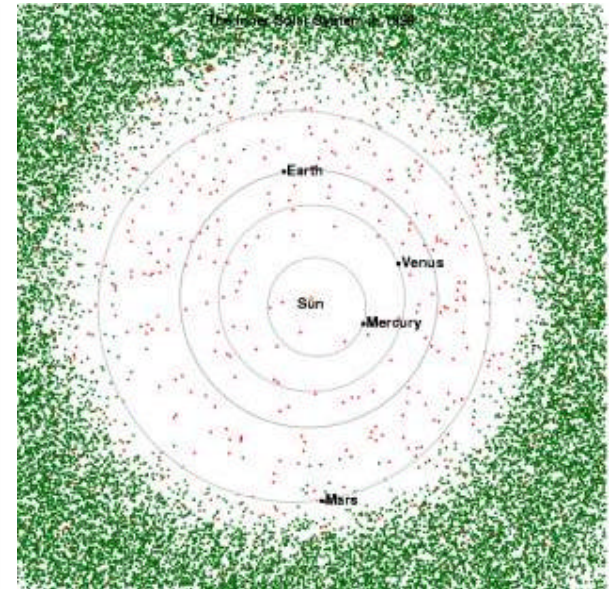
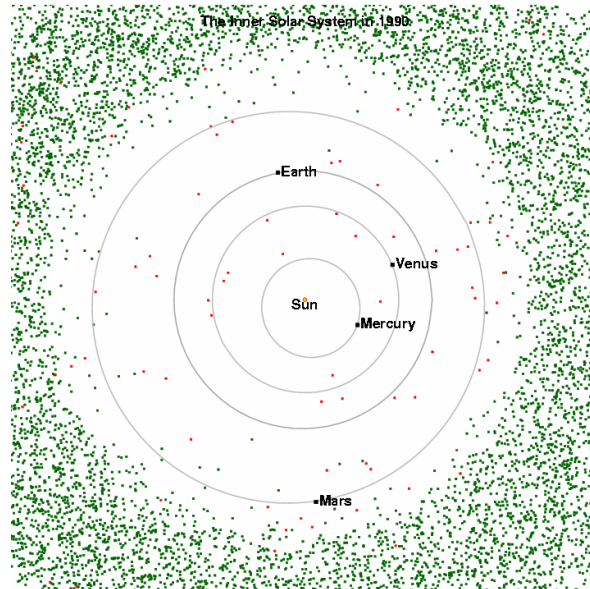
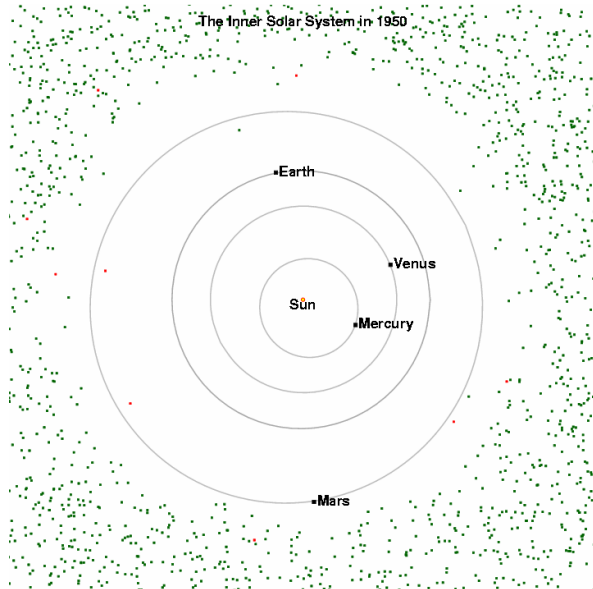
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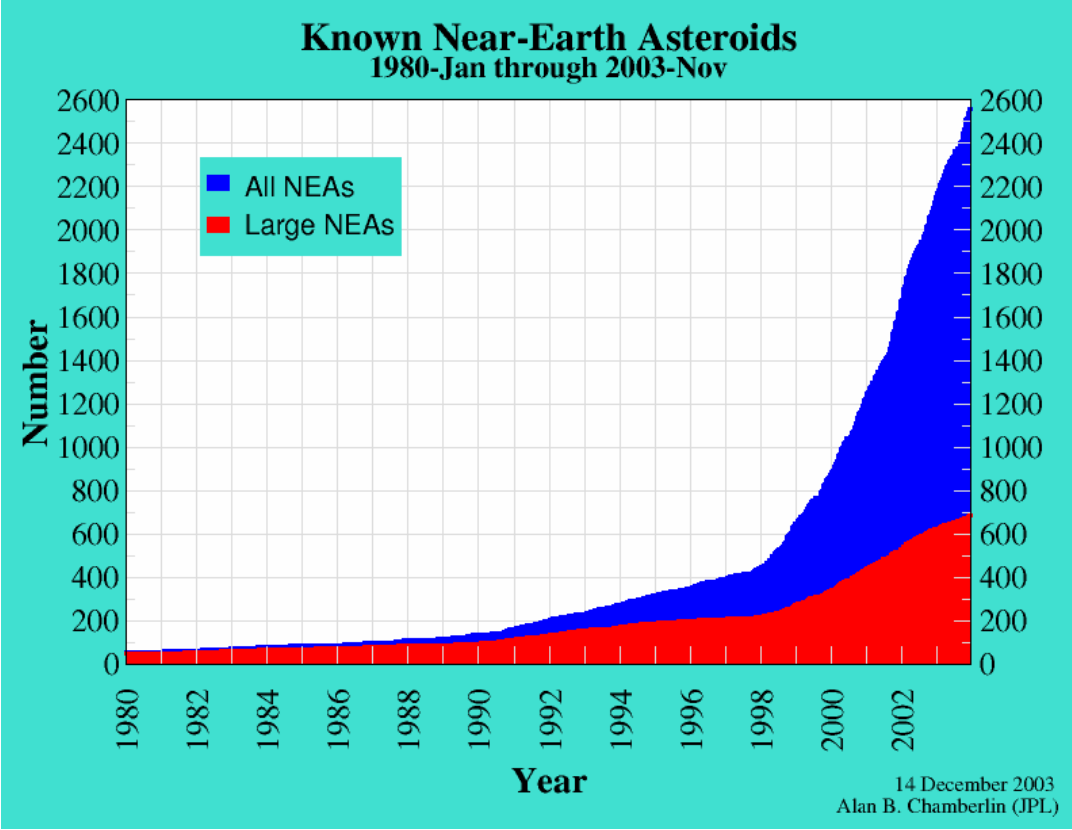
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Near Earth Object Maps of the Inner Solar System

Source: <http://www.arm.ac.uk/neos/>





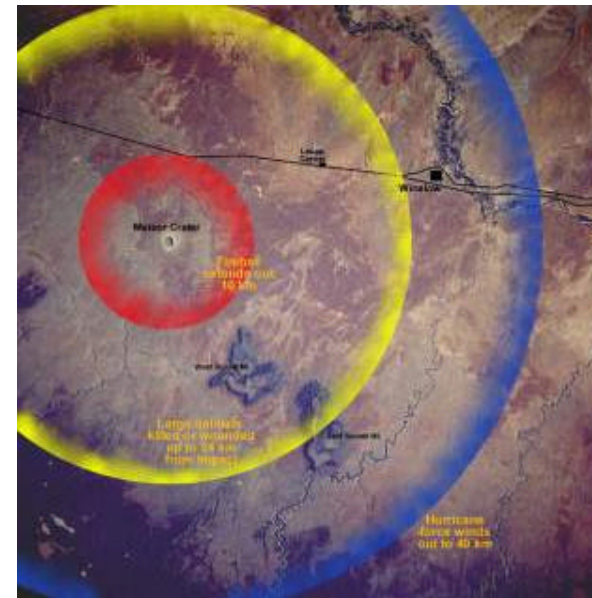
Known NEOs

Source: <http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/stats>

Tunguska
1908
~60m diameter



Meteor Crater
20k-50k years ago
~30m diameter



Terrestrial Meteor Evidence

Source: http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/SIC/impact_cratering/Enviropages/Barringer/effecsmappage.html

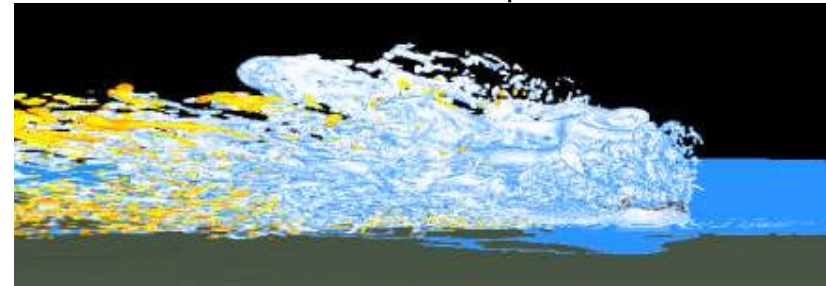


The Impact of a 1.4 km Diameter Asteroid off the New York Coast

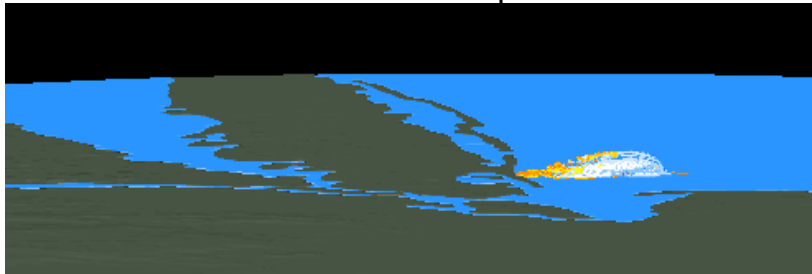
1 second before impact.



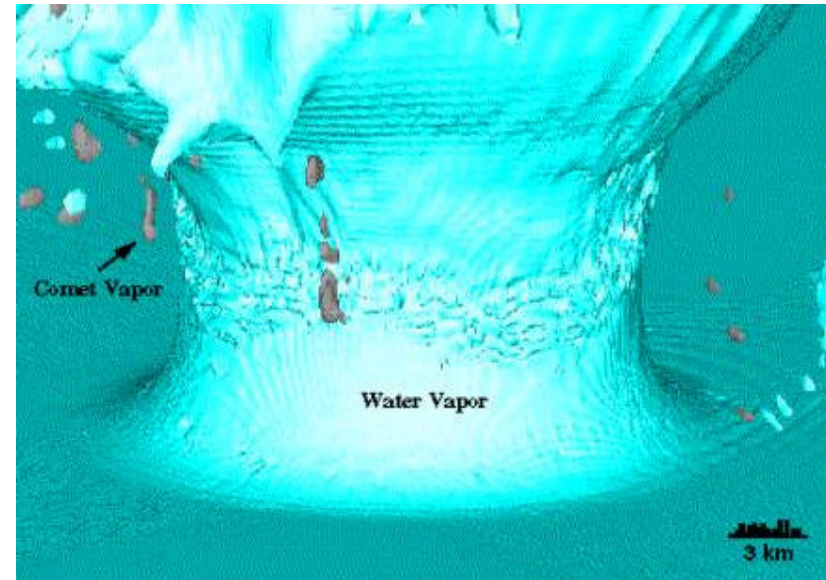
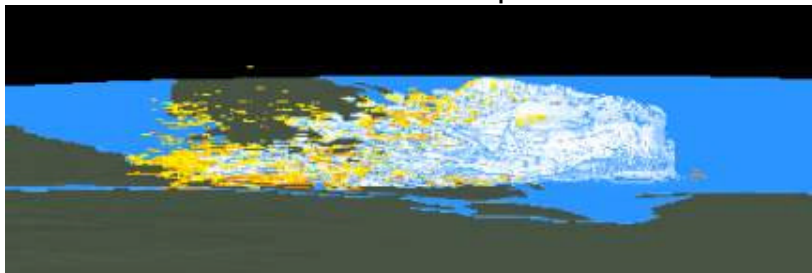
8.41 seconds after impact.



0.66 seconds after impact.

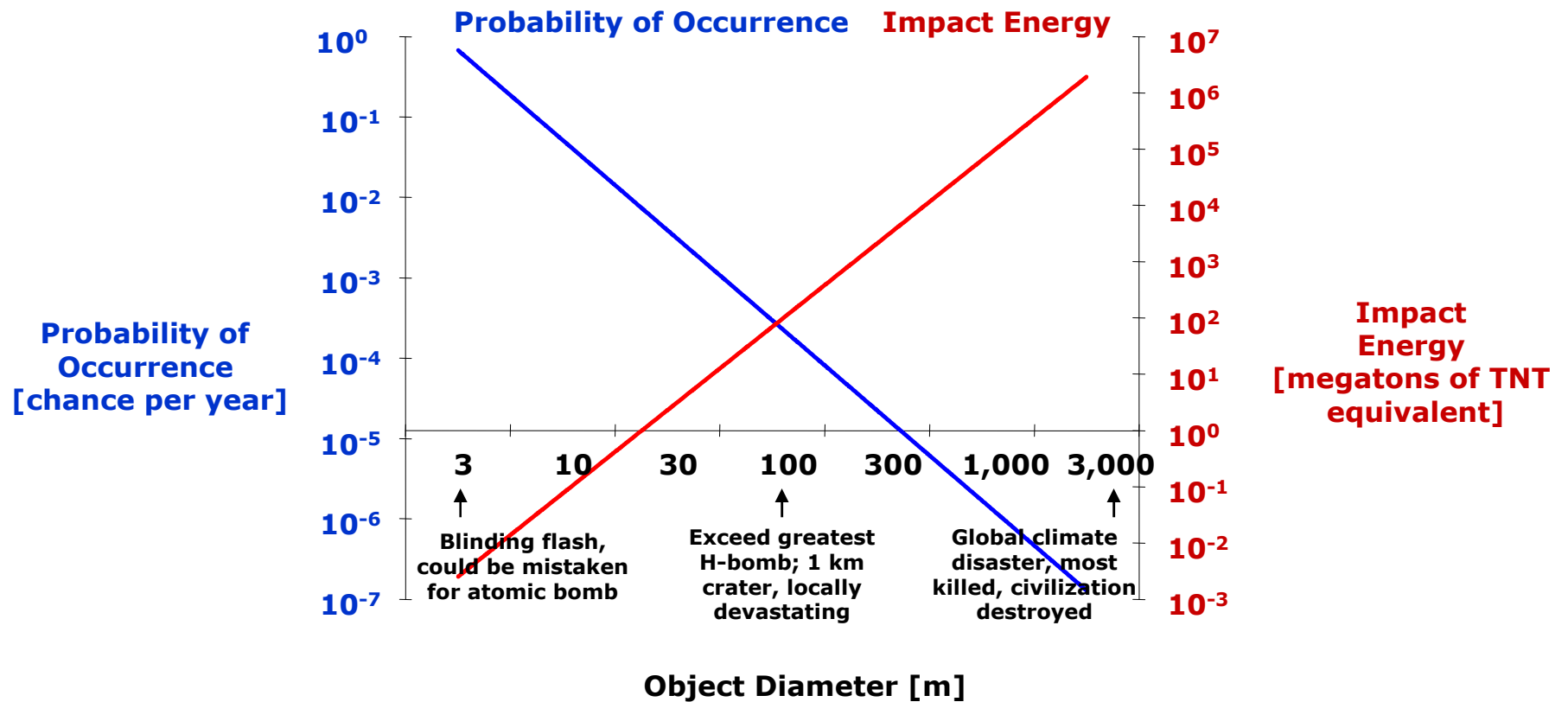


2.91 seconds after impact.



Source: Sandia National Lab, <http://sherpa.sandia.gov/planet-impact/asteroid>, "This simulation depicts the impact of an asteroid into the Atlantic Ocean about 25 km south of Brooklyn, New York. This is an example of a near grazing impact: the asteroid approaches the ocean at an angle of only 15 degrees from horizontal. The simulation starts out with the asteroid 50 km south of the impact point, at an altitude of 14 km above the surface of the water. It is 1.4 km in diameter, traveling 20 km/s. (The same impact energy as Shoemaker-Levy 9 on Jupiter.) An impact of this magnitude can be expected to occur on Earth about once every 300,000 years and is just at the "global catastrophe threshold"."

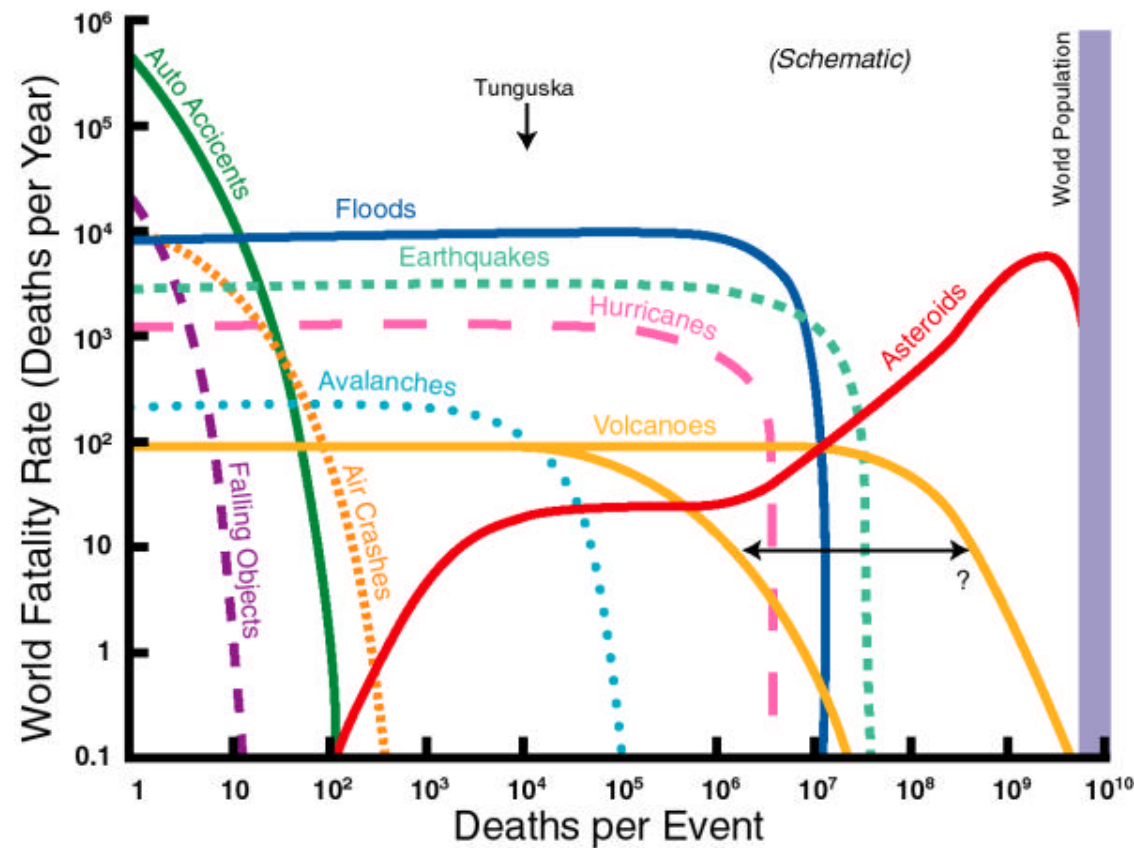




Impact Potentials

Source: "How a Near-Earth Object Impact Might Affect Society", Commissioned by the OECD Global Science Forum, Clark R. Chapman, Southwest Research Inst., Boulder, Colorado, USA, Workshop on Near Earth Objects: Risks, Policies, and Actions, Frascati, Italy, 20 January 2003.





Fatality Rates Compared with Accidents and Natural Hazards

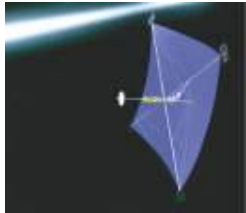
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MADMEN Lander Overview





Solar Sails

The orbit of a Near Earth Object (NEO) could be altered by attaching sails designed to catch the Solar Wind streaming from the Sun. For large asteroids, however, the size of sail required may be too large to be realistic.



Mass Driver

A device that ejects materials from the surface of an object that would slowly change its orbit.



Solar Mirrors

The orbit of a Near Earth Object could be changed by focusing sunlight (or artificial laser light) onto the surface of the object. The jet of gas produced would change the path of the object particularly if it contains abundant water or carbon such as a C-type asteroid.

Engines

Engines, either attached to the NEO or on a spacecraft, could be used to move the object. On some NEOs water locked up in their minerals could be used as fuel.

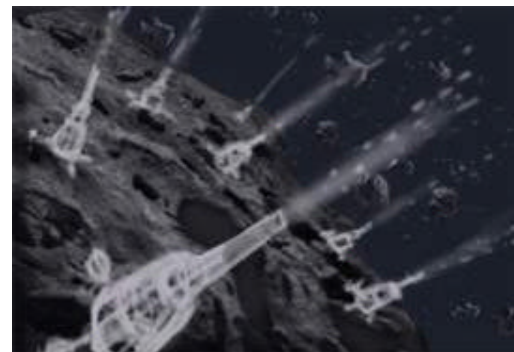
Impactor/Explosives

These (chemical or nuclear) could be used to generate a crater on an NEO. The ejection of materials from the asteroid will change its motion. For comets a crater could form a new active area producing a jet of gas which will change the orbit still further.



Alternate Mitigation Techniques





Modular Asteroid Deflection Mission Ejector Node (MADMEN)





A **modular/swarm spacecraft architecture**, based upon existing spacecraft buses and launch vehicles, is proposed to mitigate near-Earth object (NEO) planetary threats.

Each spacecraft that is part of this swarm would utilize **mass driver technology** to remove mass from the object to yield an Earth-avoiding trajectory.

Such a design philosophy focuses on developing **rapid and scalable** NEO mitigation plans incorporating the world's current launch vehicle/spacecraft bus manufacturing capability.

Potential advantages envisioned in such an architecture design include: integrating the analysis of spacecraft development/deployment/launch, ability to complete the mission given the loss of part of the swarm, scalability of response for different size threats, and flexibility to initiate an immediate response leaving the option to develop more advanced systems.

Inspiration: **Gerard K. O'Neill (Space Studies Institute) mass drivers**
NASA ANTS (Autonomous Nano-Technology Swarm)

Overview





Aerospace Corporation

AIAA 2204-1454 "Deflecting a Near-Term Threat Mission Design for the All-Out Nuclear Option": One of the main conclusions of this Aerospace Corp. study was the need to incorporate redundancy into the mission design given the uncertainty in various aspects of the mission. This included both spacecraft and launch pads (launch failures taking out a pad). They included some preliminary estimates for multiple small spacecraft and launch vehicles.

Current Designs

U.K. QinetiQ's Smallsat Intercept Missions to Objects Near Earth (SIMONE) mission utilizing a fleet of low-cost microsatellites that will individually rendezvous with a different Near Earth Object (NEO), (AIAA 2004-1425). <http://www.esa.int/gsp/completed/neo/simone.html>

Policy Experts

"Project CARDINAL-A Policy Relevant NEO Hazard Mitigation System": As presented by G. Somer from RAND, the Project CARDINAL reference design included a swarming approach to the mitigation architecture (AIAA 2004-1463).

Community

Swarms repeatedly mentioned at 1st Planetary Defense Conference: Protecting Earth from Asteroids, Orange County, California, February 24-27, 2004.



NEO + Swarms: Examples of Consensus



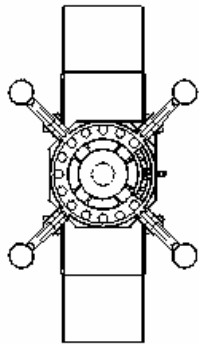


Components	Equipped with a power source, a drilling/pulverizing mechanism, landing anchors, a mass driver accelerator, and associated subsystems
Mass Driver	Propellant-less operation uses asteroid's material as ejecta to deliver sustained impulse to the target without the requirement to provide and manufacture additional propellant.
On-board Power	Baseline power source is nuclear power for long life and deep space compatibility. Consider solar power as a trade study.
System Modularity	Allows massive system redundancy and increases overall mission reliability. Individual spacecraft can fail and still have mission success.
Design Commonality	Ensures high production rates and economies of scale during production. Opens competition to a vast array of spacecraft bus manufacturers.
Small Design	Allows launch and deployment on a variety of domestic and international launch vehicles. Launch of multiple MADMEN on small or large launchers can be accommodated. Lower launch costs and faster response time.
Small Ejecta Mass	Creates smaller objects in ejecta debris field that are unlikely to survive entry into Earth's atmosphere

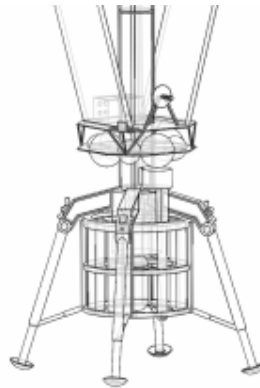


MADMEN Lander Characteristics





Mining system with
coring drill tube
attachments



Ejecta bucket and ore
processing

Nuclear reactor power
system with high power
capacitors



Self-Assembling
Mass Ejection Tube

Radiators

Attitude and landing
propulsion system

Note: Landing legs, mass ejection tube, and radiators collapse for launch vehicle packaging



Components of MADMEN Spacecraft





Key Trade Offs



DESIGN TRADE-OFFS

Item	Main Effects
Ejection Velocity	Launch Energy Down Force Launch Power
Ejecta mass per shot	Launch Energy Hole Size Total Mass Ejected
Operating Time on Target Body	Number of Landers Public Confidence
Mass Driver Track Length	Launch Power Down Force
Shot Frequency	Reactor/Capacitor Size Trade Number of Landers

CONSTRAINTS

Item
Operating Time on Target Body
Launch Vehicle Packaging
Limit on Ejecta Size
Mass Driver Track Length
Launch Vehicle Mass to C3 = 0

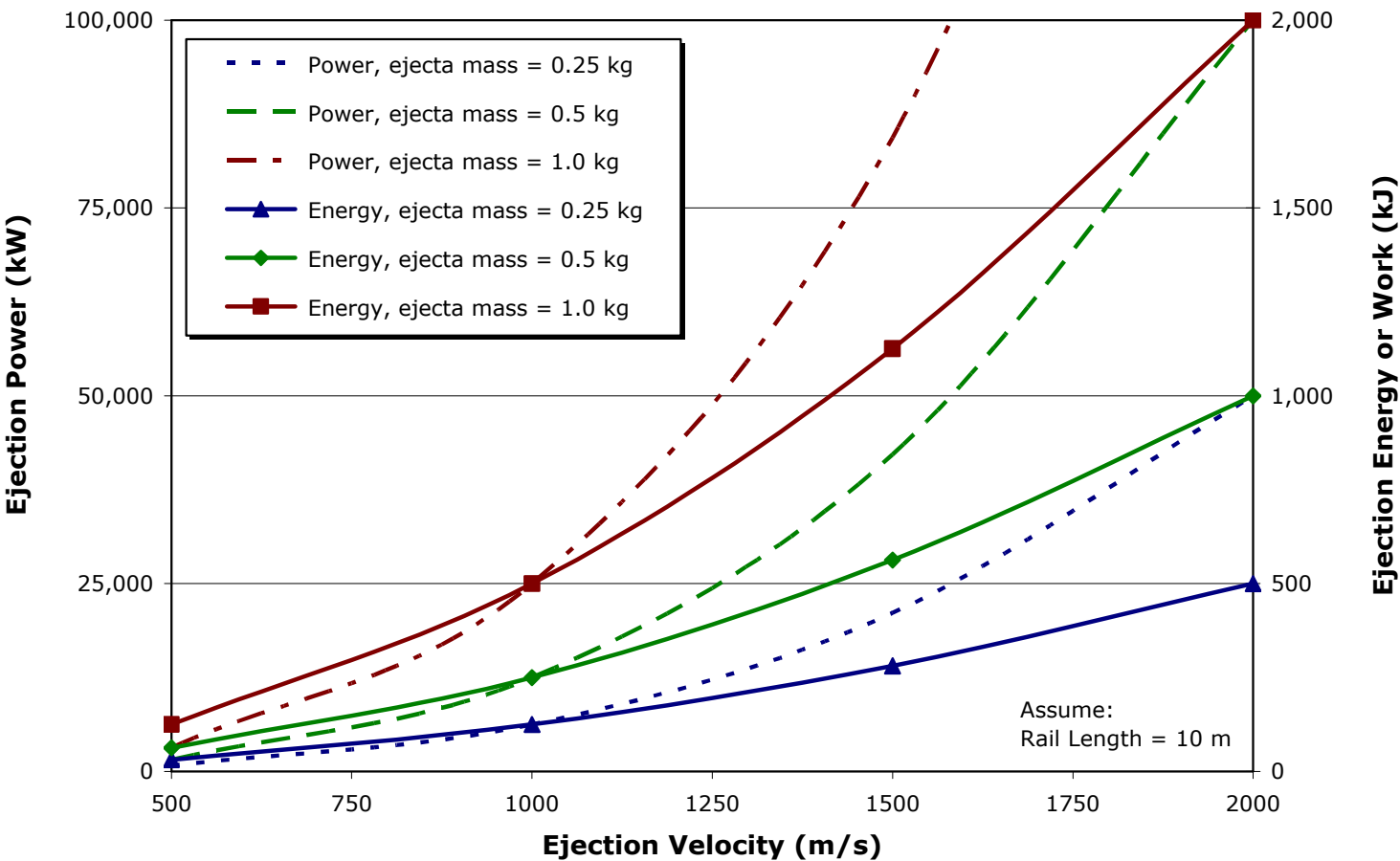
OBJECTIVE

Item
Minimize the total number of spacecraft required for the particular target (uses multidisciplinary Genetic Algorithm optimizer)



Sensitivity (1)

Mass Driver Parametrics

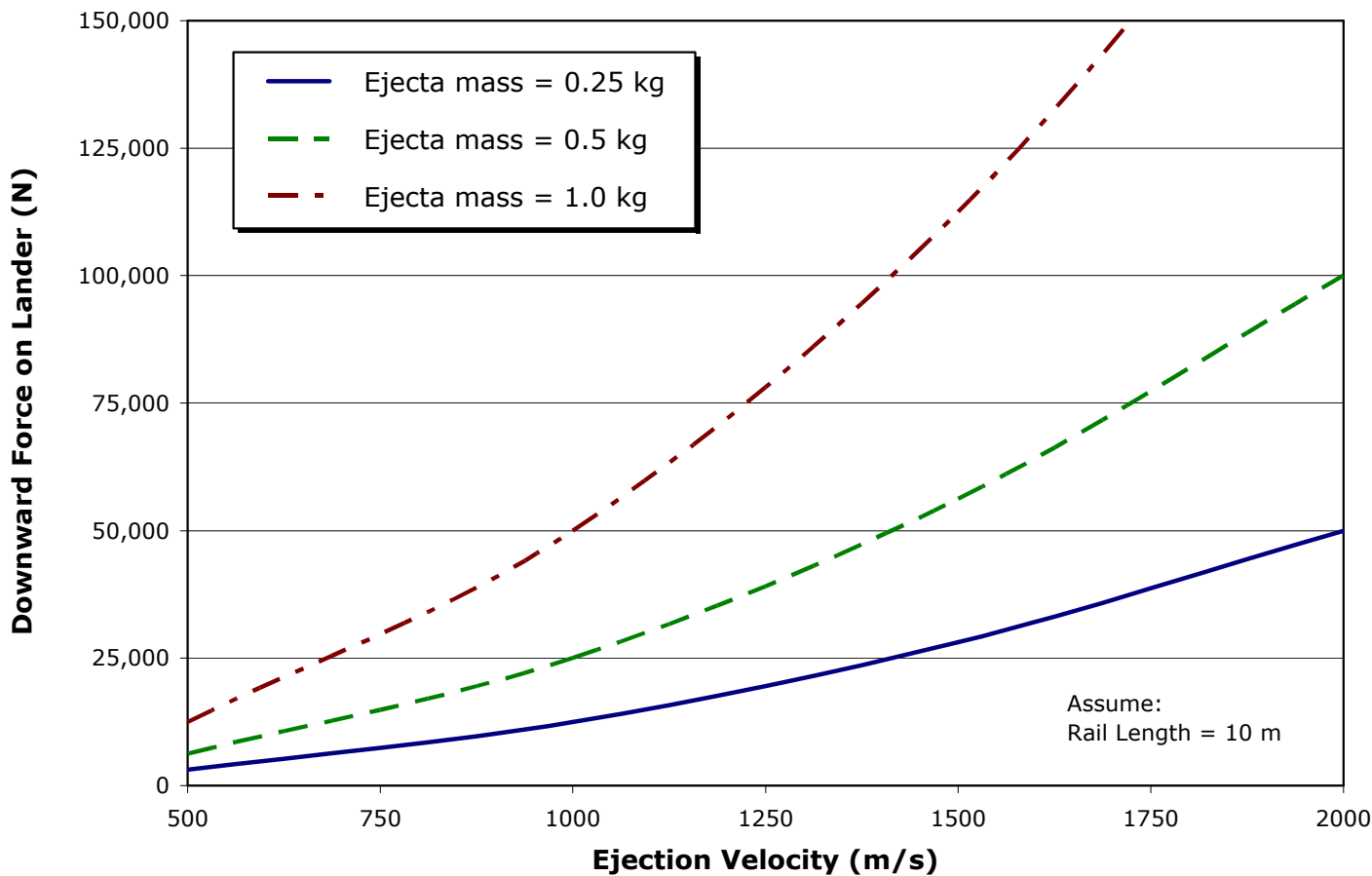


* Note: Based upon baseline lander/impactor scenario



Sensitivity (2)

Downward Force on Lander

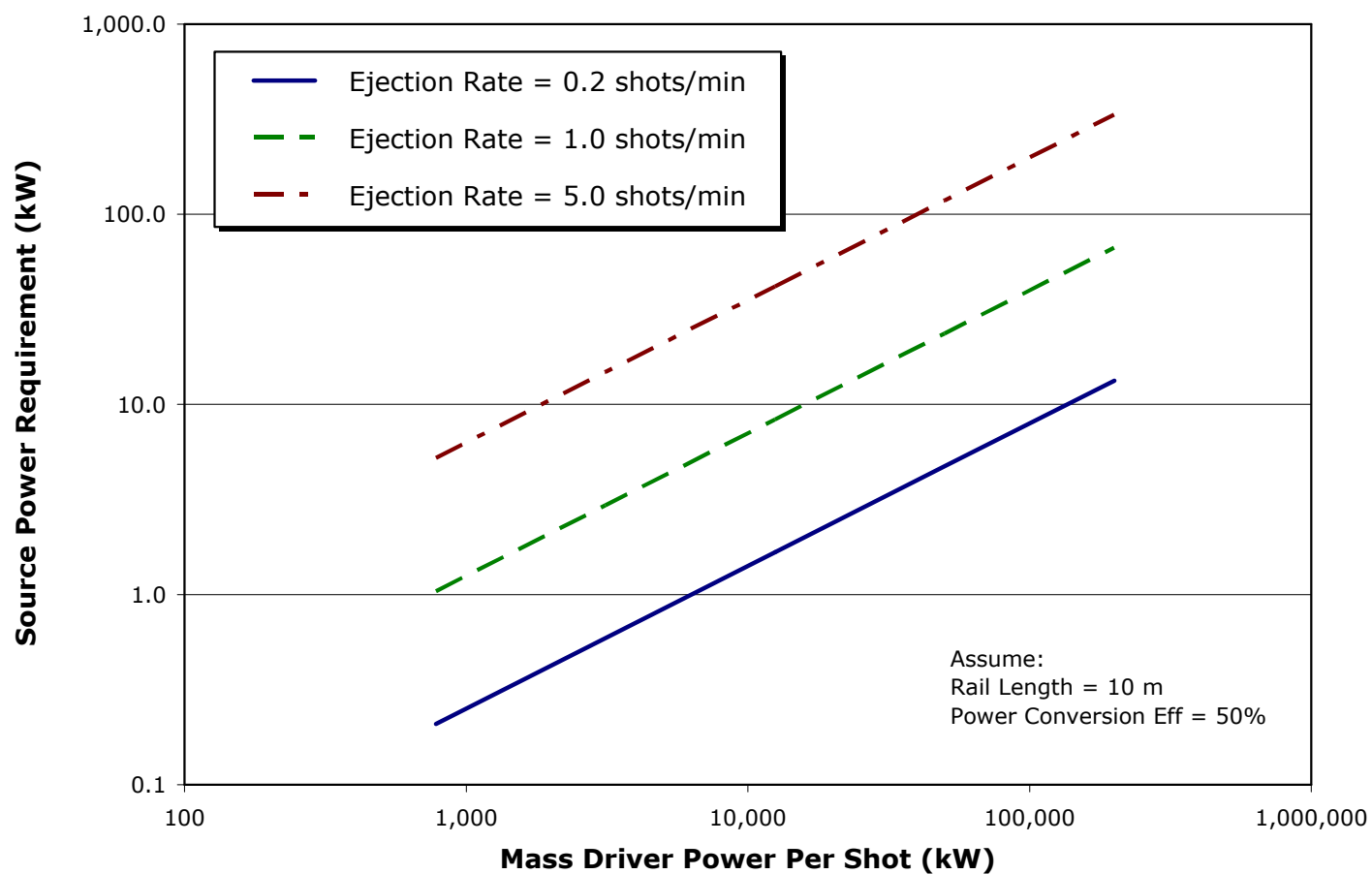


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Sensitivity (3)

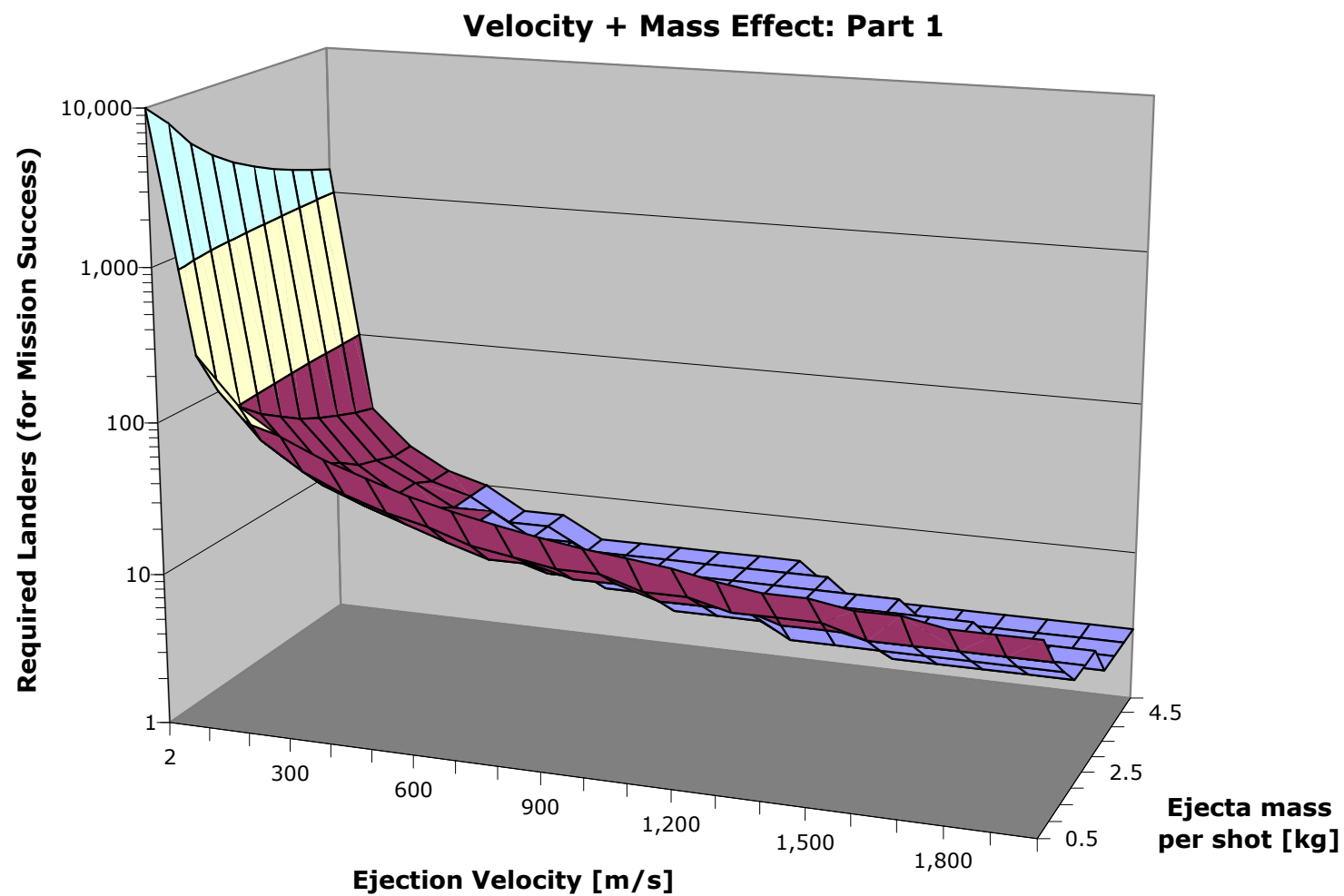
Mass Driver Source Power Requirements



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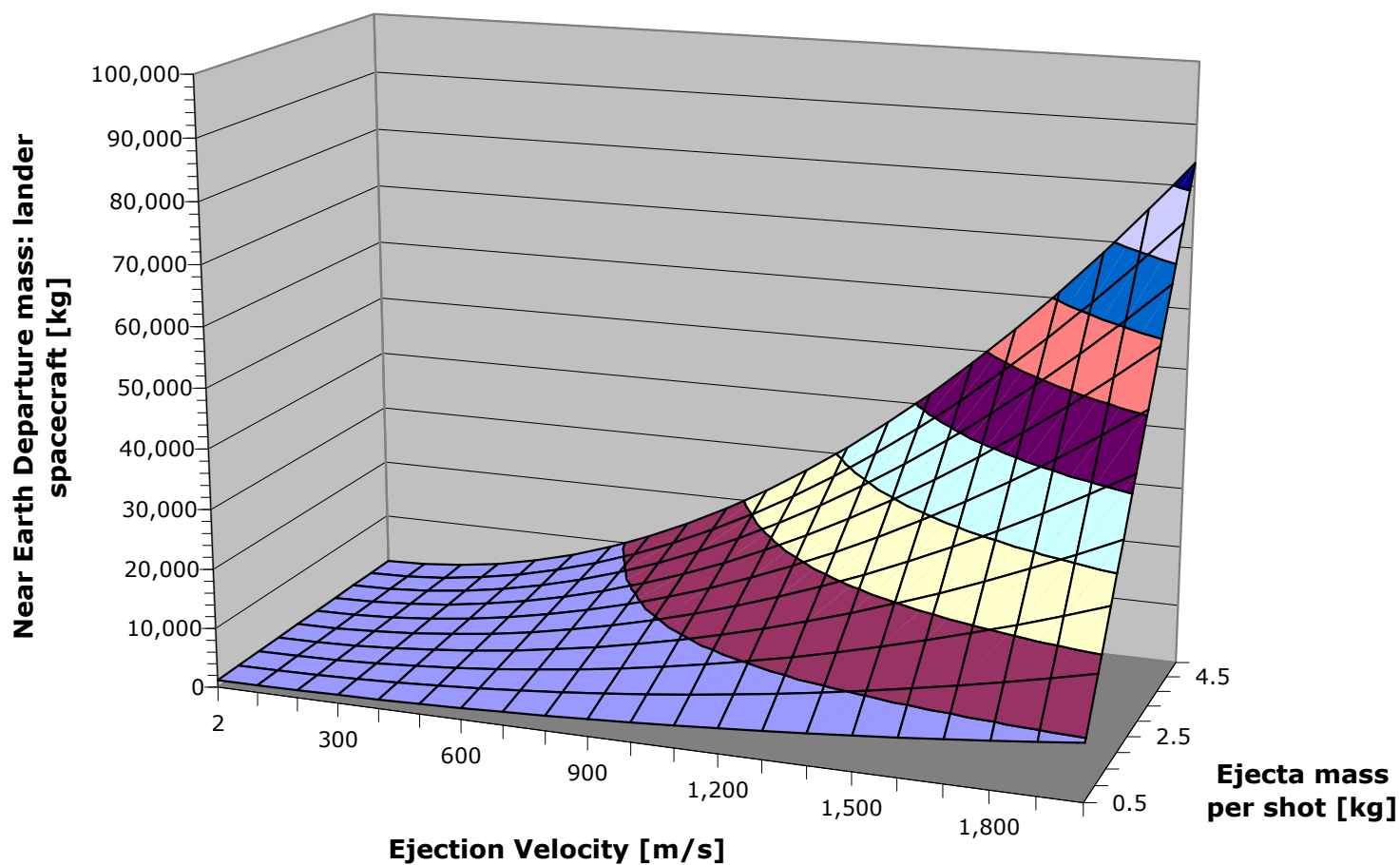
Sensitivity (4)



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Sensitivity (5)

Velocity + Mass Effect: Part 2

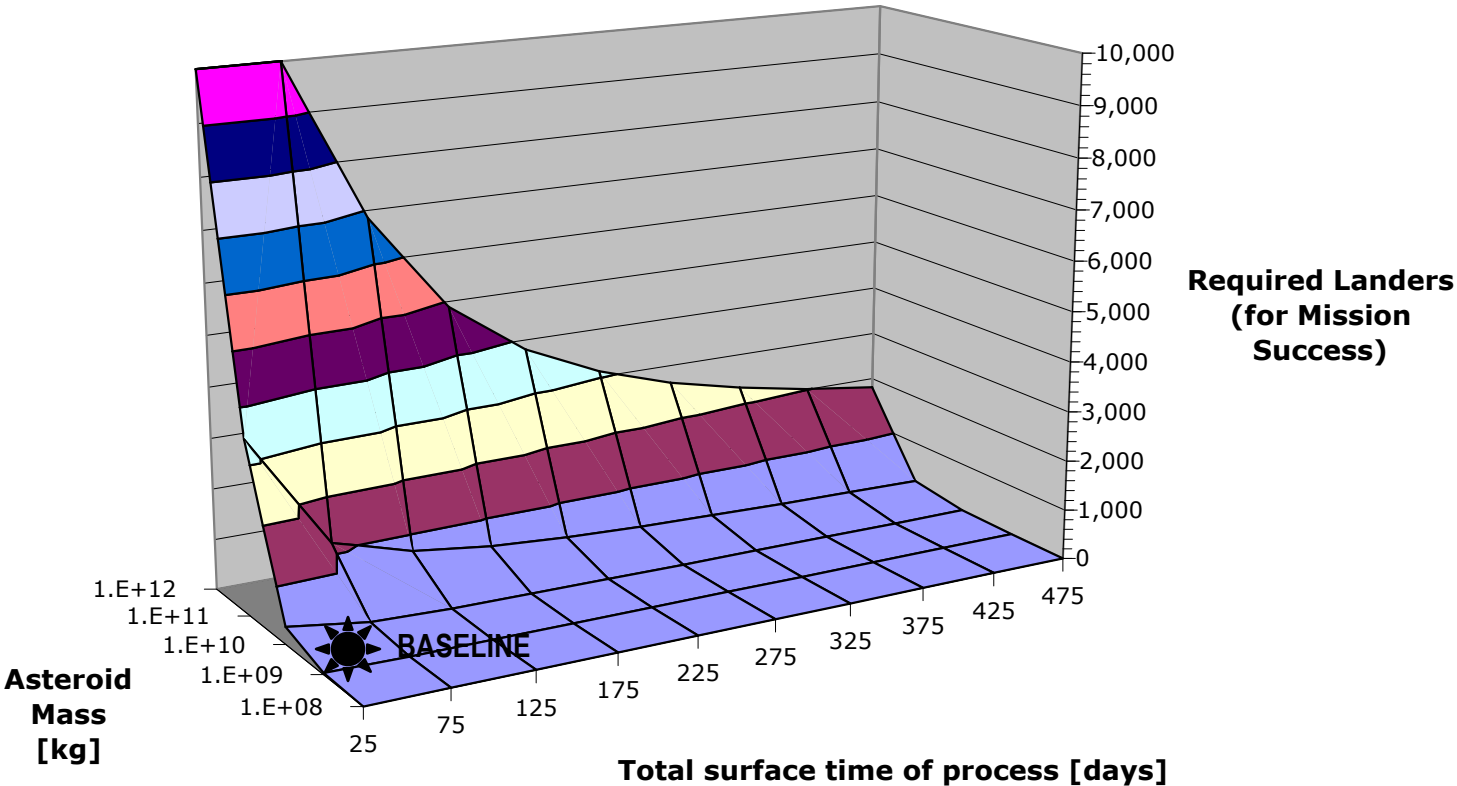


* Note: Based upon baseline lander/impactor scenario



Sensitivity (6)

Total Lander Scaling Versus Threat



* Note: Based upon baseline lander/impactor scenario



Overview: Modular Asteroid Deflection Mission Ejector Node (MADMEN) Spacecraft

BASELINE MADMEN LANDER SPACECRAFT PARAMETERS

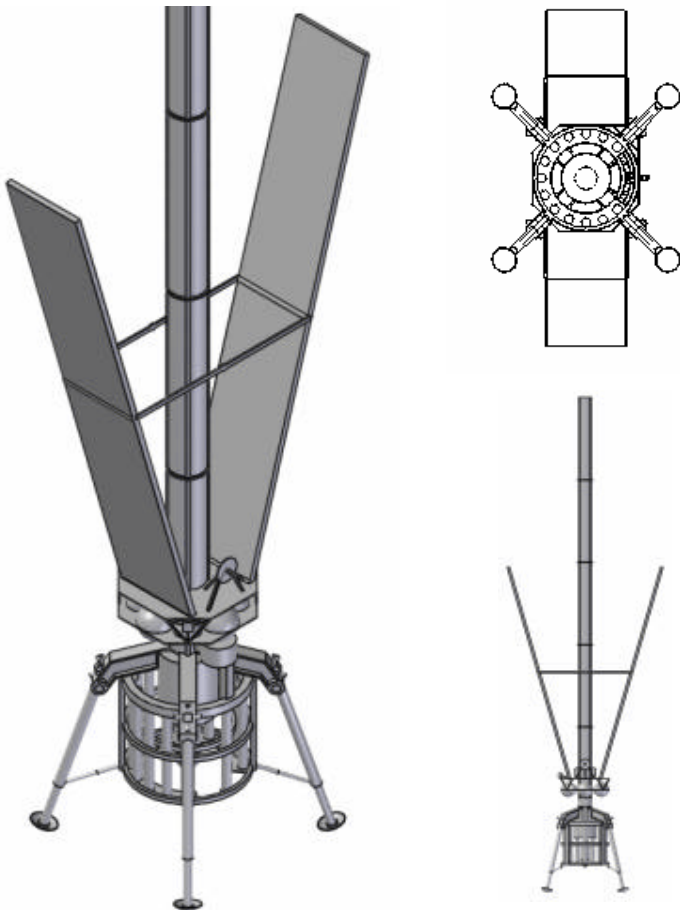
Item	Value
Ejection Velocity	187 m/s
Ejecta mass per shot	2 kg
Rail Length	10 m
Shot frequency (per minute)	1 per minute
Total surface time of process	60 days
Total Power Required	42.2 kW
Dry Mass / Gross Mass	1,503 kg / 1,621 kg

* Note: Reflects optimized spacecraft parameters based upon Delta-IV Heavy launch constraint and goal for lowest number of spacecraft for particular asteroid threat

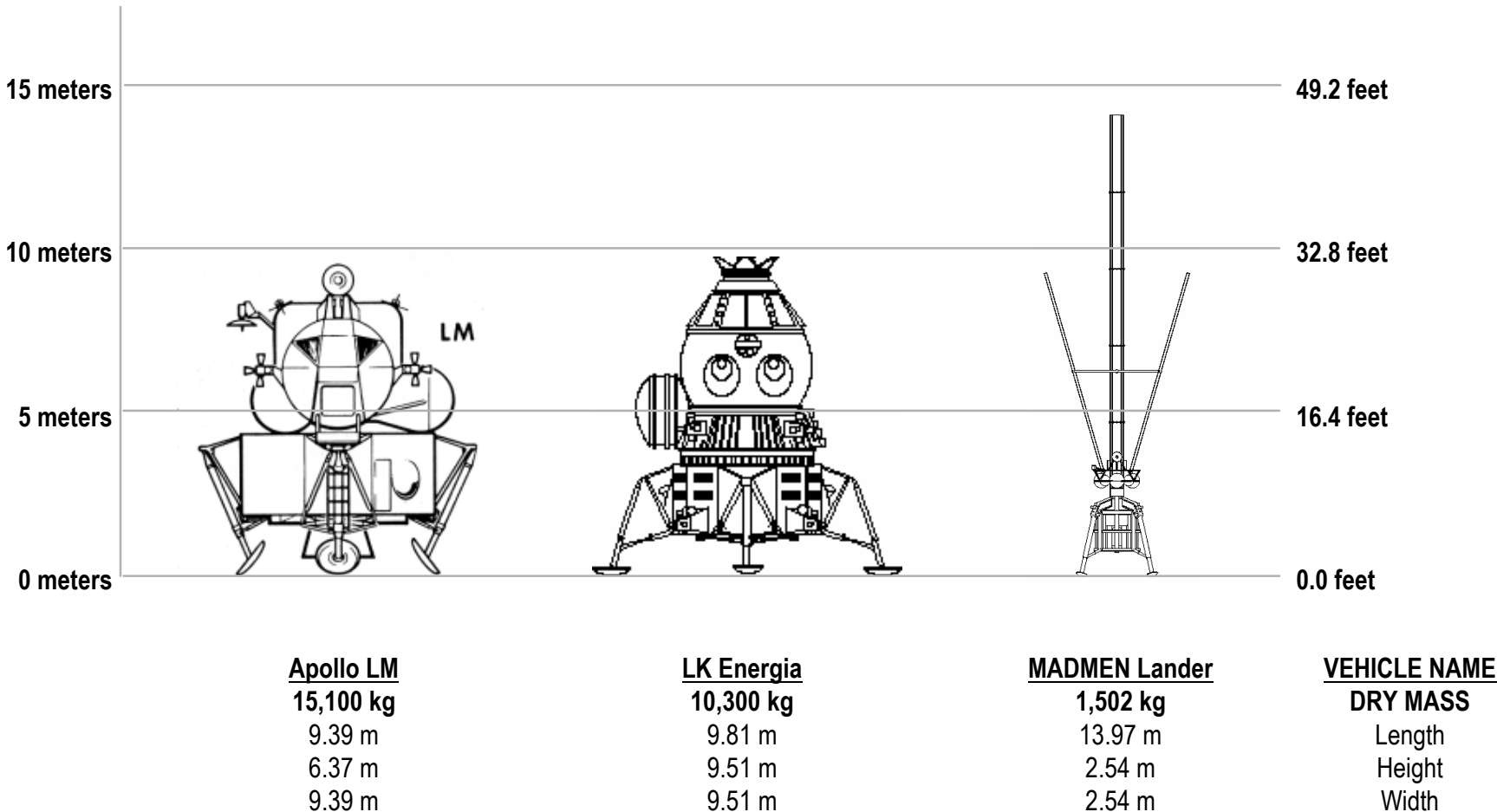
BASELINE MISSION AND IN-SPACE-TRANSFER STAGE PARAMETERS

Item	Value
Delta-V imparted to Impactor	0.2 m/s
Impactor Mass / Diameter	2.7 x 10 ⁹ kg / 130 m
Delta-V to get to Impactor	5,423 m/s
Dry Mass / Gross Mass (with Payload)	2,207 kg / 8,816 kg

* Note: Upper stage consists of conventional LOX/LH2 stage using RL-10A-4-2 engine performing a two-burn, Earth escape + Impactor capture, lander spacecraft has additional propulsive capability of 175 m/s



MADMEN Lander Scale Comparison

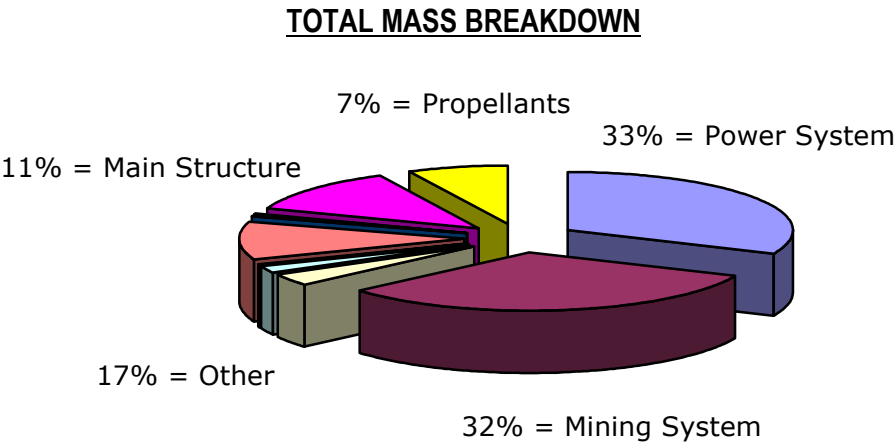


Mass Breakdown Statement (MBS): MADMEN Lander Spacecraft

TWO-LEVEL MASS BREAKDOWN

Item	Mass [kg]
1.0 Power System	514
2.0 Mining System	517
3.0 Ejection System	54
4.0 Propulsion	31
5.0 Thermal Control	2
6.0 Main Structure	172
7.0 Data Processing	8
8.0 Navigation Sensing/Control	4
9.0 Telecom and Data	4
10.0 Dry Mass Margin (+15%)	196
Dry Mass	1,502
11.0 Propellants (cruise egress + landing)	118
Near Earth Departure Mass: lander spacecraft	1,620

* Note: Any errors due to rounding, propellants include reserves, residuals, unusable, and in-flight losses/venting



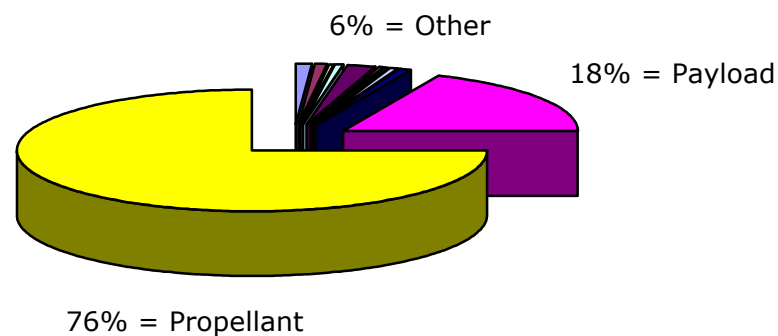
Mass Breakdown Statement (MBS): In-Space-Transfer Stage (ISTS)

TWO-LEVEL MASS BREAKDOWN

Item	Mass [kg]
1.0 LH2 Tank Structure	98
2.0 LH2 Tank Insulation	70
3.0 LOX Tank Structure	33
4.0 LOX Tank Insulation	37
5.0 Propulsion	187
6.0 Telecom	4
7.0 Subsystems	40
8.0 Other Structure	47
9.0 Dry Mass Margin (+15%)	70
Dry Mass	586
10.0 Payload	1,621
Impactor Arrival Mass	2,207
11.0 Propellants	6,609
Pre-Injection Mass: ISTS and Payload	8,816

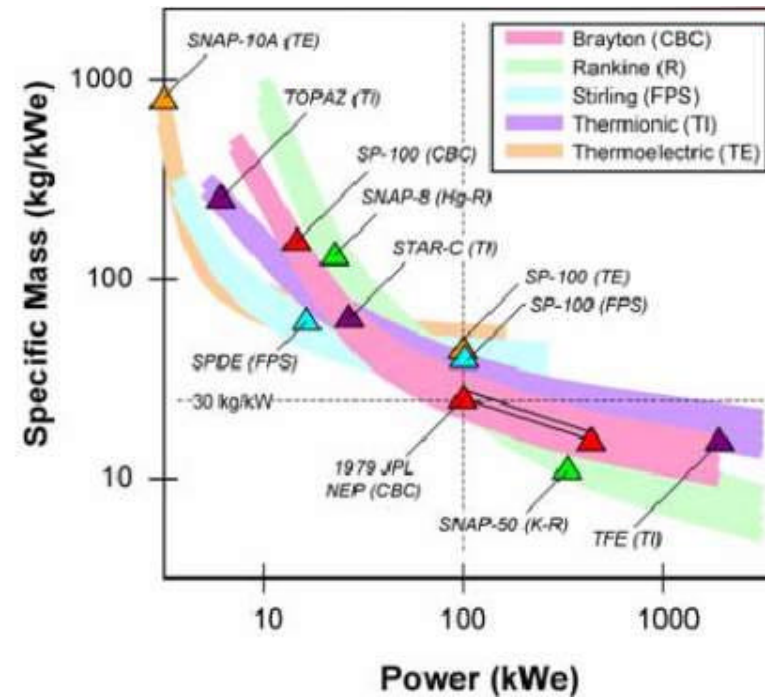
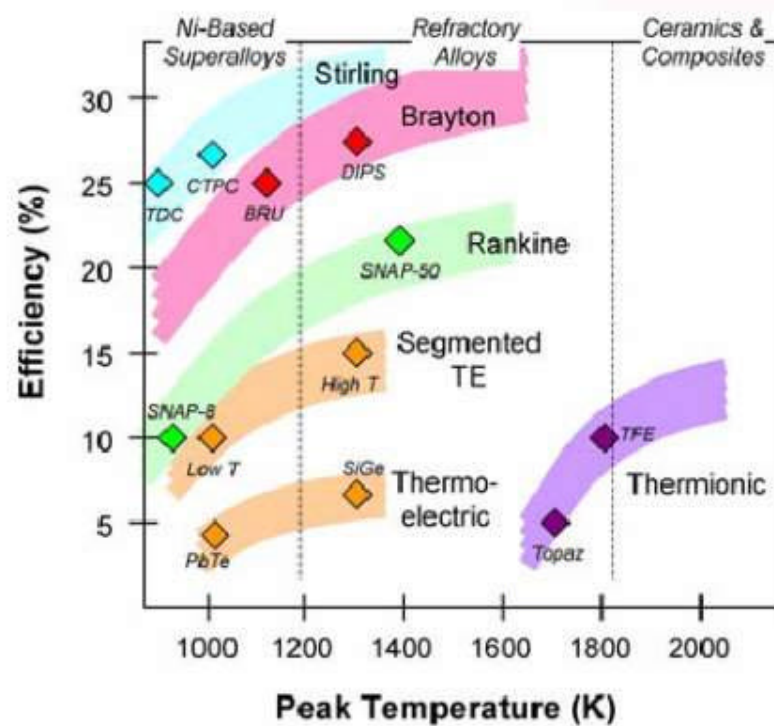
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TOTAL MASS BREAKDOWN



Boeing EELV Delta IV Heavy 4050-H
Earth Escape Capability = 9,306 kg
(5m x 19.1m composite dual manifest fairing, $c_3=0$ km²/s²)





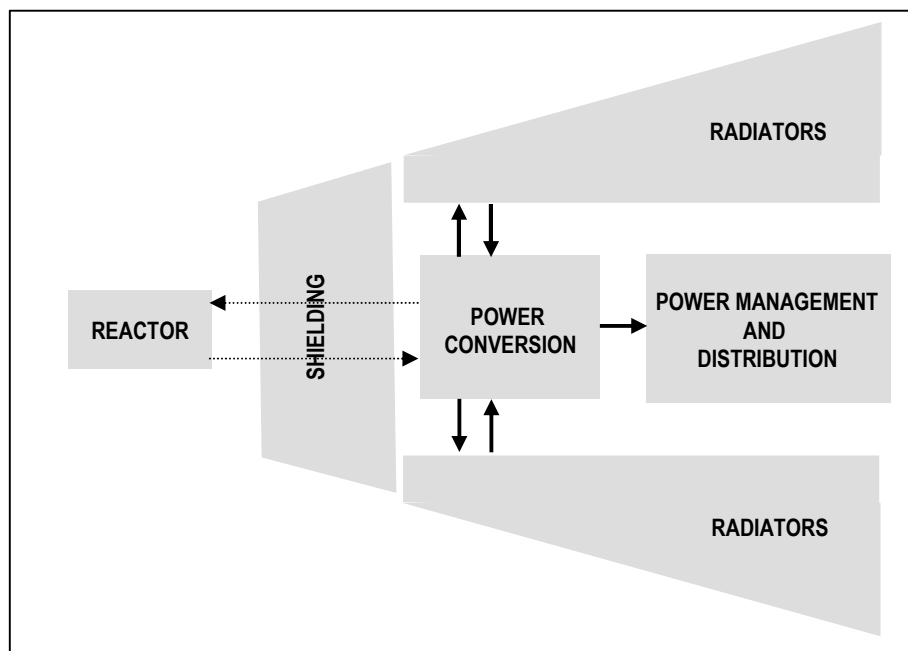
Thermo-Electric Conversion Options

Source: Two-Phase Flow, Fluid Stability and Dynamics Workshop, Steve Johnson, Power Implementation Manager, May 15, 2003, PROJECT PROMETHEUS



Power Budget: MADMEN Lander Spacecraft

POWER SCHEMATIC



TWO-LEVEL POWER BUDGET

Power Item	Power [kW]
Thruster Power Required	0.010
Propellant Feed System Required	0.010
Mining Power Required	10.000
Driver Power Required	0.798
Hotel Load Required	0.025
Science Load Required	0.010
Communication Load Required	0.025
Total Load Required	10.878
Total loss: other	0.537
Total loss: cabling	0.535
Total loss: shielding	0.418
Total loss: power-conversion	28.685
Total loss: power-conditioning	0.609
Total loss: propellant-feed-system	0.001
Total loss: mining	0.526
Total loss: driver	0.042
Total losses: all	31.353
Total Power Required from Reactor	42.231

Power Efficiency Chain: MADMEN Lander Spacecraft

TOTAL REACTOR POWER
42.23 kW (thermal)

Reactor	
100.0%	42.2307 kW
99.5% η_{other}	
99.5% $\eta_{cabling}$	
99.0% $\eta_{shielding}$	
98.0% Total	

Shielding	
98.0%	41.3914 kW
99.5% η_{other}	
99.5% $\eta_{cabling}$	
30.0% $\eta_{power-conversion}$	
29.7% Total	

Power Conversion	
29.1%	12.2936 kW
99.5% η_{other}	
99.5% $\eta_{cabling}$	
95.0% $\eta_{power-conditioning}$	
94.1% Total	

PMAD / Power Cond.	
27.4%	11.5624 kW

Efficiency	Value
η_{other}	99.5%
$\eta_{cabling}$	99.5%
$\eta_{shielding}$	99.0%
$\eta_{power-conversion}$	30.0%
$\eta_{power-conditioning}$	95.0%
$\eta_{propellant-feed-system}$	95.0%
η_{mining}	95.0%
η_{driver}	95.0%

TOTAL POWER AVAILABLE
11.56 kW (electrical)

0.0100 kW		0.0106 kW		10.6324 kW		0.8487 kW		0.0253 kW		0.0101 kW		0.0253 kW	
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27.1%	0.0100 kW	25.8%	0.0100 kW	25.8%	10.0000 kW	25.8%	0.7982 kW	27.1%	0.0250 kW	27.1%	0.0100kW	27.1%	0.0250 kW

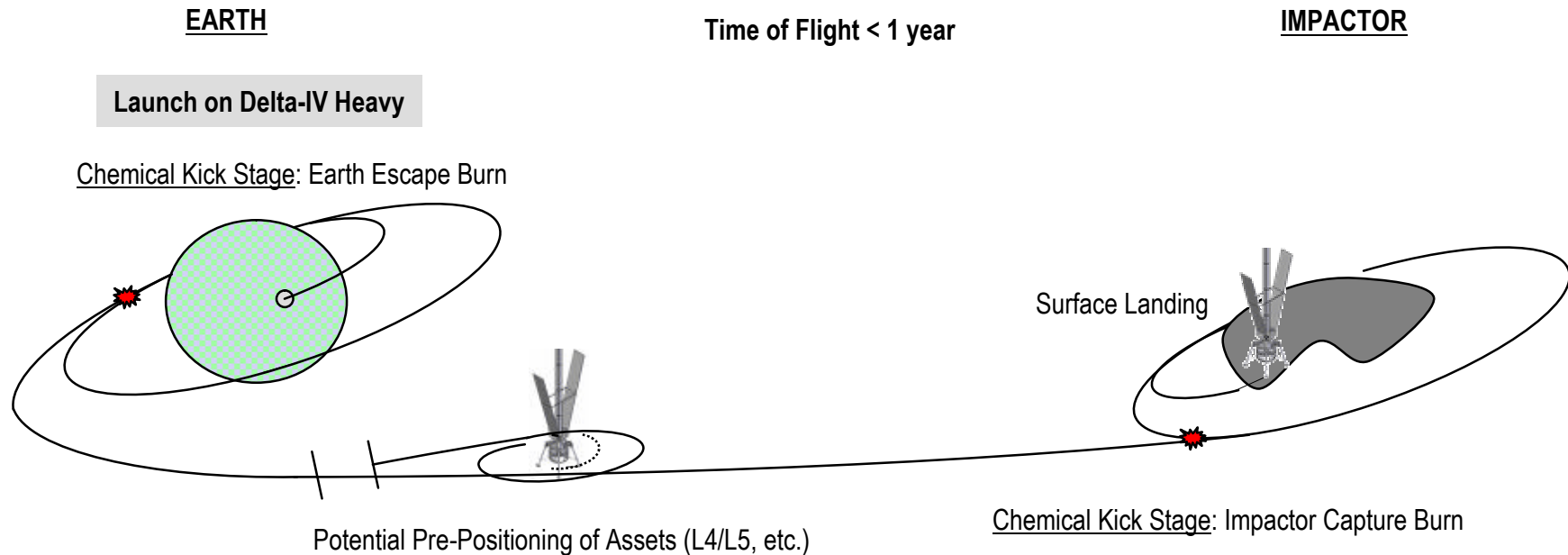




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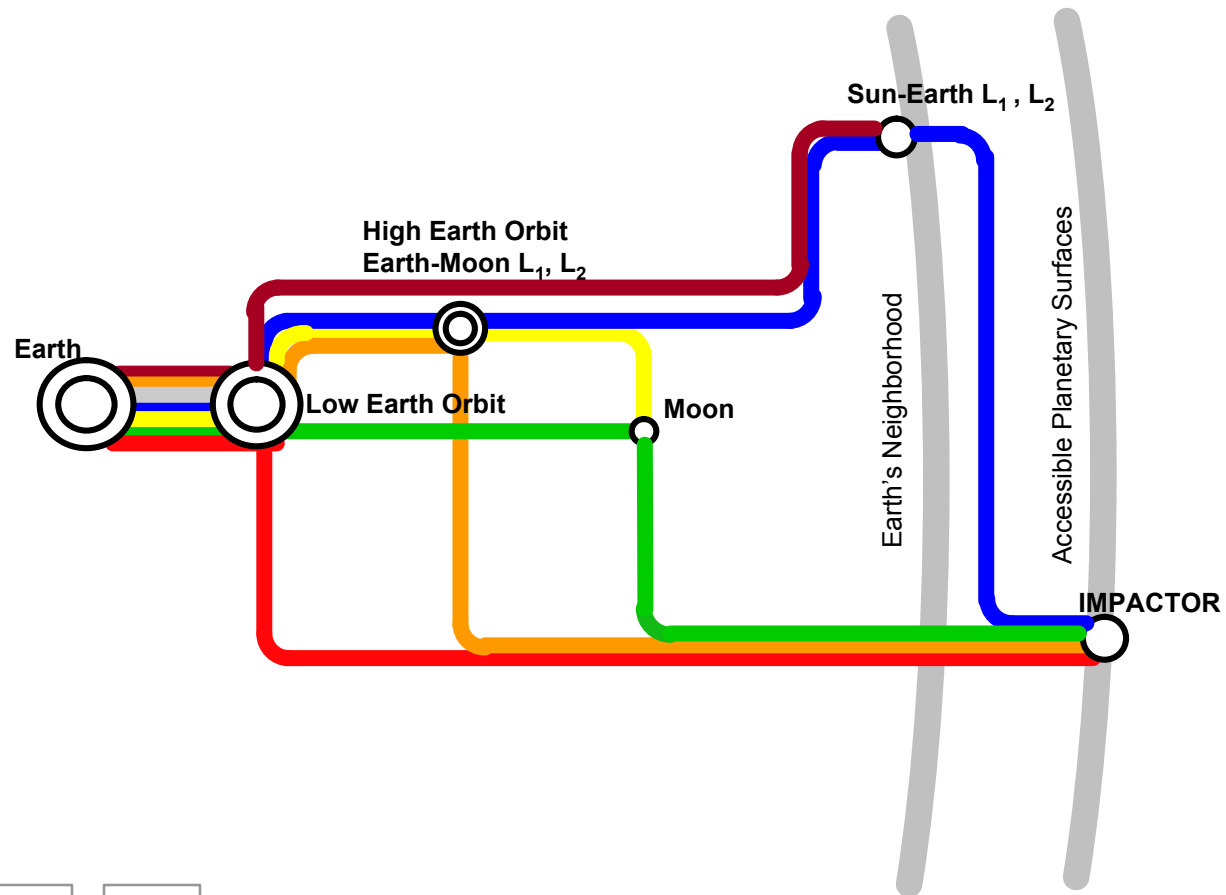


Mission Profile and Concept Of Operations



- ▶ Manufacture an adequate number of MADMEN spacecraft. Likely done before the identification of a specific threat.
- ▶ Deploy the MADMEN to an orbital assembly point. Tradable location but likely somewhere above LEO. Perhaps an Earth-Moon or an Earth-Sun libration point.
- ▶ Identify a target planetary impactor on a collision course with Earth.
- ▶ Dispatch an adequate number of MADMEN toward the target (a response swarm with redundancy). Chemical boost stages can be used to decrease trip time.
- ▶ MADMEN work as a team to affect the orbit of the asteroid so that its new trajectory does not intercept Earth.





Pre-Positioning

Source: Gary L. Martin, Space Architect, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, "NASA's Strategy for Human and Robotic Exploration", June 10, 2003



Hypothetical Impactor Specifications

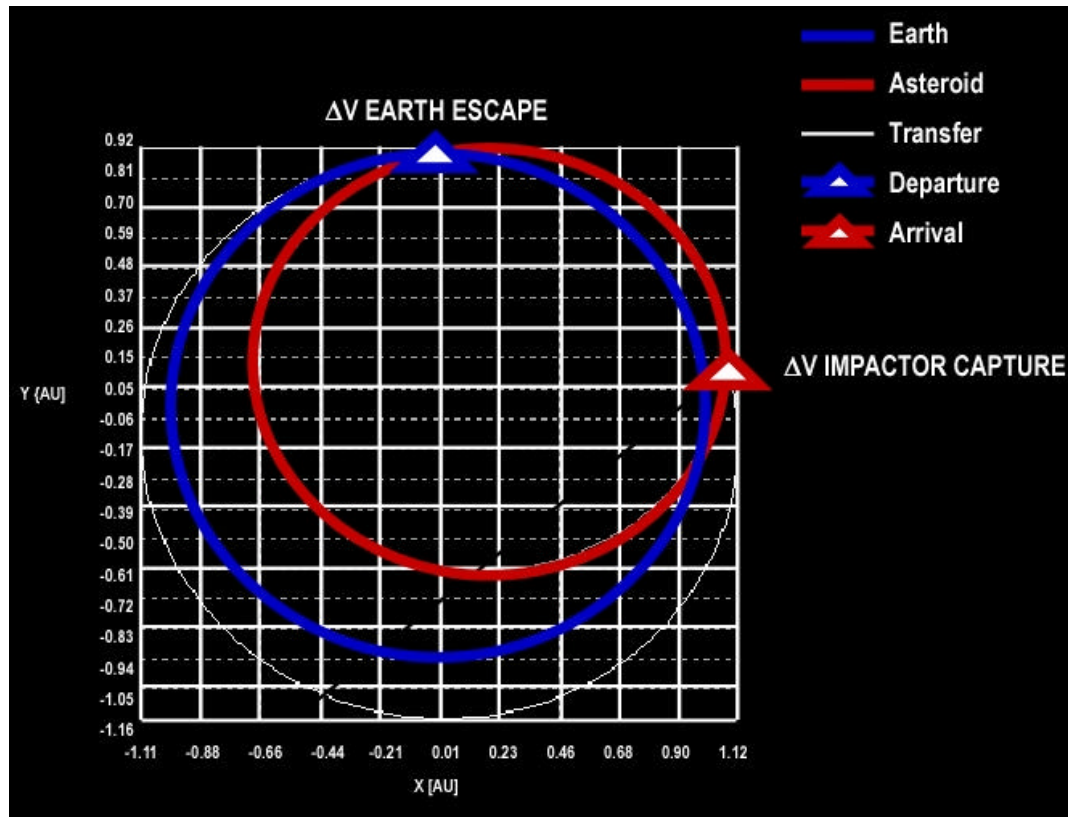
DEFINED THREAT SPECIFICATIONS FOR D'ARTAGNON



Asteroid 422 Eros (NEAR-Shoemaker)
 Sources: http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/mission/near/near_eros_approach.html

Item	Value
Time/Date of Detection	February 22, 2004 00:00:00: UT
Expected Date of Impact	September 14, 2009 11:04:26.117 UT
Approximate orbital elements at time of detection	q (perihelion distance) = 0.639030 AU e (eccentricity) = 0.288063 i (inclination) = 4.788754 degrees Ω (right ascension of ascending node) = 350.540144 degrees ω (argument of perihelion) = 230.750220 degrees M (mean anomaly at time of detection) = 254.275083 degrees Period = 0.849613 years
Type	Type S Asteroid
Size	130 m x 120 m x 110 m
Mass	2.7×10^{12} g $\pm 40\%$
Density	3 ± 1 g / cm ³

* Note: David K. Lynch, Ph.D. and Glenn E. Peterson, "Athos, Porthos, Aramis & D'Artagnon: Four Planning Scenarios for Planetary Protection", http://www.aiaa.org/images/pdf/Impact_Scenarios.pdf.



Item	Value
Departure Year	2/26/2008
Time of Flight	367 days
Approximate ΔV	5.42 km/s



In-Space Transfer to D'Artagnon



System Reliability and Robustness To Achieve Mission Success

- ▶ With the survival of thousands or millions of humans at stake, the reliability of proposed asteroid deflection system cannot be compromised
- ▶ Similar to the Borg collective on the Star Trek series, parts of the swarm can be destroyed yet the remaining assets in the swarm fleet can still accomplish the mission
- ▶ These swarms are robust enough (through design and embedded intelligence) to complete the objective. Even excluding failures on the outbound journey, the harsh circumstances of the environment near potential NEO threats themselves dictate multiple backups.

OVERALL SUCCESS

TRANSFER SUCCESS BASED UPON

Launch (includes stage separation)
In-Space Earth Assembly
Earth Escape Burn
In-Space Trajectory
Impactor Capture Burn
Transfer Stage Separation
Transfer Stage Egress Burn
Impactor Landing Burn
Impactor landing

ACTIVATION SUCCESS BASED UPON

Rail extension
Reactor power
Drilling Activation
Driver Activation

OPERATIONS SUCCESS BASED UPON

Surface operations
Swarm communication

OVERALL SUCCESS RATE: 0.4371

**Total Number of Spacecraft Required
at Full Functionality for Full Lifetime to Perform Mission: 17**

**Total Number of Spacecraft Required
Given Likelihood of Failure: 39**



Life Cycle Cost Summary

MADMEN Lander Spacecraft Units: 39 Units
In-Space Transfer Stage Units: 39 Units

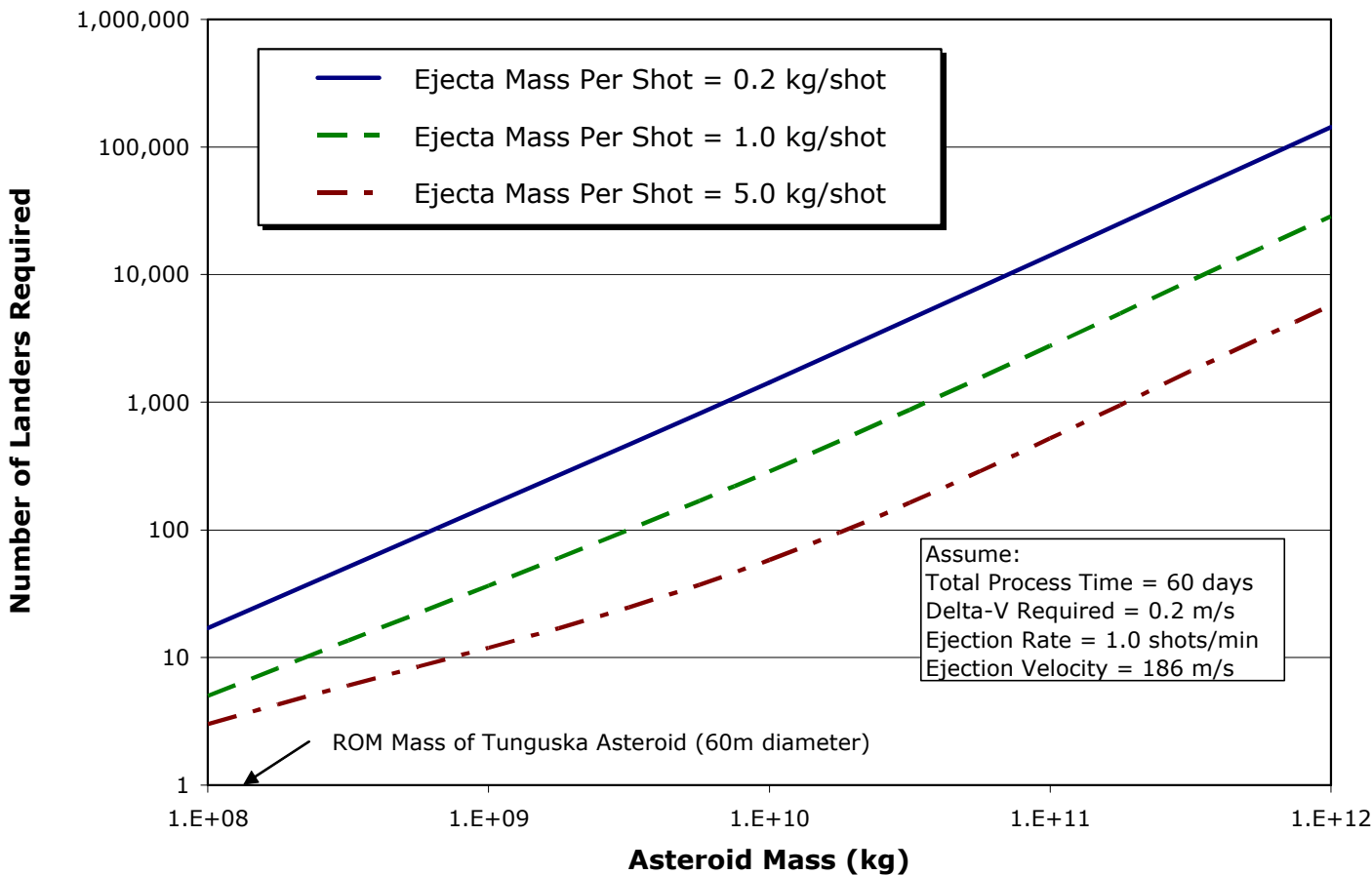
Cost Item	Total Cost [\$M]: FY\$2004	Cost / Lander Spacecraft [\$M]: FY\$2004
TOTAL	\$12,603 M	\$323 M
DDT&E	\$1,178 M	\$30 M
MADMEN Lander Spacecraft	\$1,178 M	\$30 M
Acquisition	\$5,419 M	\$139 M
MADMEN Lander Spacecraft	\$4,475 M	\$115 M
In-Space-Transfer Stage (ISTS)	\$944 M	\$24 M
Facilities	\$220 M	\$6 M
Operations Cost	\$78 M	\$2 M
Launch Cost	\$5,708 M	\$146 M

[†] - rounded FY2004 US\$; assuming a 2.1% inflation rate; 98% rate effect on launch vehicle purchase (Boeing Delta-VI Heavy at \$165M/launch, FY2004); 95% rate effect learning on MADMEN and upper stage acquisition



Sensitivity (7)

Required Landers (for Mission Success) vs. Asteroid Mass



* Note: Based upon baseline lander/impactor scenario



Phase 1 NIAC Summary

- ▶ This analysis has presented a novel and potentially valuable technique for NEO deflection
- ▶ The potential solution described here considers not only the need to move a specific impactor's orbit, but also the need to have a highly reliable, robust, and scalable architecture that is cost effective, easy to manufacture, easy to launch, and practical to intercept most incoming threats
- ▶ This preliminary assessment has indicated that several tens to hundreds of MADMAN lander spacecraft, each with a mini mass driver system, can deflect a local/regionally-devastating incoming asteroid that is in an orbit generally close to the Earth
- ▶ Substantial reductions can be made in the total number of spacecraft and/or spacecraft mass if both surface operation time and deflection distance are traded-off in the analysis
- ▶ Specific use was made of fictional threat scenarios to present a case study of this planetary defense architecture
- ▶ Additional work TBD in Phase I on variations on in-space transfer stage architecture and power systems
 - Nuclear electric propulsion (NEP)-based transfer stage (mass savings vs. reactor size, political concerns, and trip time)
 - Mass-driver and Miner utilizing alternative power sources (avoid fission reactor)



Drilling	Uncertainty of drilling/mining in near zero g/no atmosphere
Rotation	Effect of asteroid spin/movement on shot direction
Landing	Safe landing and attachment dilemma
Intercept Time	Intercept times are significantly different depending upon target body, intercept depends upon observation date, sometimes optimally better to wait
Composition	Suitability if approach to rock pile versus stony-type asteroid impactor
Orbital Parameters	Uncertainty in actual impact location or certainty, will problem be exacerbated?



Potential Project Showstoppers





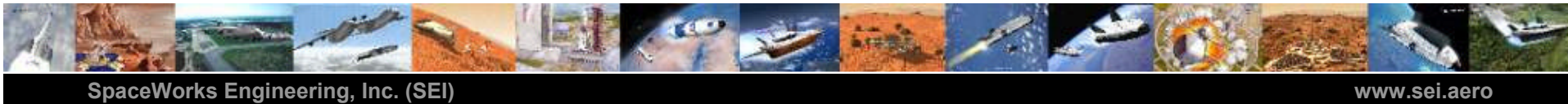
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