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RASC-AL Competition



- NASA RASC-AL Theme 2 Artificial Gravity Reusable Crewed Deep Space Transport
- Develop a vehicle which is capable of simulating Mars' gravity for a majority of the mission to and from Mars
 - ~1,100 day conjunction class mission
 - Launch from cis-lunar orbit and travel to 5 sol Martian orbit
- Use a hybrid propulsion system
 - High thrust chemical system
 - Low thrust electric system
- Determine additional budget authority needed
- Technology ready for deployment and operations by 2029

RASC-AL Deliverables

- Abstract (January 21)
 - Paper describing proposed concept
 - Video to show concept in action
 - OSU was chosen as one of the 7 teams to continue to semi-finals
- Mid-Project Review (April 1)
 - Paper delves into the development and engineering analysis for the concept
 - OSU was not chosen to move to the final round
- Final Technical Paper
 - In-depth review of the final concept and supporting analysis



Major Requirements

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- Preserve life
- Mass Limit 50 metric tons
- \bullet Use no more than 750 kW BOL solar arrays
- Simulate Mars' gravity level a majority of the mission
- Thrusters used for rotation need to be fuel efficient
- System must be capable of withstanding the environment of space for at least 15 years
- Capable of supporting at least 3 roundtrip missions to Mars
- Determine additional budget authority needed for mission

Assumed Requirements



- Artificial gravity must be created through rotation
 - No new advancements in physics
- Expandable shaft must withstand rotation
 - No gravity without rotation
- Additional bracing in expandable shaft will be necessary
 - Supports by themselves would twist around one another
- Astronaut must be capable of moving between pods via the expandable shaft
 - Contingency plan
- Expandable shaft and pods cannot crash into solar arrays
 - Total destruction of spacecraft

Major Design Drivers

- Mass Limit
 - Must stay below 50 metric ton limit placed by propulsion system
 - Conflicted with every component of the design
 - Time to Full Rotation Speed
 - Robotic Systems
 - Central Hub Design
 - Thickness of Shroud
- Power Usage
 - System must be able to operate when solar arrays degrade from 750 kW beginning of life to 607 kW end of life
 - Limited NASA Power Data
 - Impacted the rotational thrusters and spin up time





Design Evolution - Hammerhead



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Central Hub

Ø2.50m









- Worst Case Loads Scenario: Launch in Transit Configuration
 - 17x increase in bending stress over launching in hammerhead configuration
 - Safer to launch in hammerhead configuration and transition to transit configuration during electric thrust
 - Bending Stress for Electric Thrust Transit Configuration: 0.031 MPa

Chemical Thrust – Transit Configuration, No Rotation		
Force of Chemical Burn (N)	890	
Acceleration of Chemical Burn (m/s ²)	7.86 x 10 ⁻³	
Force on Pods (N)	196.5 (Compression)	
Moment (Nm)	$1.66 \ge 10^4$	
Bending Stress (MPa)	2.71	

Expandable Shaft Orientations



Chosen Design: Rectangular **Reason:** Pentagon required more mass for minimal decrease in resultant rotation making rectangular the better choice



*All orientations eventually converge



Expandable Shaft - Rectangular





Chosen BRC Dimensions: 10-inch Tube Diameter 14-millimeter Tube Thickness

Resultant Rotation:

271 degrees

BRC Expansion/Contraction Motor

- A motor will be necessary to control the expansion and contraction of the BRC supports
 - During the expansion of the BRC, the supports will need to be slowed down to prevent damage to the system
 - During the contraction of the BRC, the supports will need help reel in
- Expansion and Contraction Time: 20 minutes





Ohio Electric Brushless Motor



Additional Bracing FEA



Total Torque: 456.84 Nm Fixed End

Nominal Brace Dimensions: 4-inch Tube Diameter 6-millimeter Tube Thickness

Chosen Number of Brace Sets: 7 **Resultant Rotation:** 1.99 degrees



Shroud Layup

- Shroud Layers (Outside to Inside):
 - Aluminized Beta Cloth (0.2 mm)
 - Aluminized Kapton (0.0076 mm)
 - Mylar (0.0051mm)
 - Nomex Netting (0.16 mm)
 - Kevlar (2 mm)
- Beta cloth, Kapton, and Mylar will allow the shroud to reject 90-99% of the sun's radiation
- Nomex netting will be layer between the reflective layers and Kevlar to minimize conduction effects
- Kevlar will protect the interior of the shroud and add strength to the structure





Shroud Origami

- Origami folding technique will allow the shroud to compress for hammerhead configuration
- Prefabricated fractal folds will allow the material to safely expand/contract without fatigue issues
- Allows the shroud to compact down to 2 meters





System Connections

BRC Supports and Pods Connection



- Connector on both BRC and Pods
- Bolted to lock into place like a mechanical joint

Shroud and BRC Supports Connection



• Velcro will be wrapped around the supports by the robotic system and secured to the shroud's Velcro patch

BRC Supports and Brace Connection



- Connections installed during construction
- Robotic system will position them when in transit configuration

Shroud and Pods/Hub Connection



- Similar to NASA berthing mechanism
- Main connector will be bolted onto the pods/hub
- Shroud will have a smaller connector that will hook onto the main connection

Rotation

X3 Hall Effect Thruster

- High impulse of 2,470 seconds
- Requires 204 kW during spin-up
- Spin-up Time: 28 hours
- Fuel Required: 360 kg

Torque Cancelling Motor

- Motor will be connected to the rotational shaft inside the bearing assembly
- Torque from Friction: 0.078 Nm
- Motor Torque Available: 0.3 Nm



Paravalux PM8S DC



Expandable Shaft Robotic System

- Requirement: Expandable shaft robotic system must have fine motor skills
 - Needs to be able to make connections between supports and bracing
 - Needs to be able to wrap Velcro around supports to connect supports to shroud
 - Must be able to make repairs and perform maintenance as necessary
- Steel cable will be used as a track through the shaft









Storage Pod Robotic System

- Machine learning robotic arm will pull supplies from the storage pod and transfer them to the expandable shaft robot for transfer to habitat pod
- The arm will move a long a rod in the center of the pod to reach supplies
- Recommend that the robotic arm be long enough to reach to the back wall of the pod



Machine Learning Robotic Arm

Cross Sectional View of Storage Pod's Organizational System

Logistics

Launches:

- Hammerhead configuration fits inside a NASA 8.4 m long SLS concept
 - Will require additional support during launch
 - Supplies will be stored inside pods for launch
- Multiple Launches Required:
 - 1. Pod System and Supplies
 - 2. Propulsion System
- NASA already had 2 launches planned
 - Baseline met

Additional Budget Required:

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Engineering Development	\$250 million
Expandable Shaft System	\$41 million
Storage Pod Shell	\$230 million
Rotational System	\$1 million
Total	\$522 million





Significant Issue – Mass Balance



- The center of mass for the system is -8.14 cm from the center
- Potential problems arise when the center of mass is +/-10 cm from the center
 - Could cause the system to become unbalanced resulting in catastrophe



Significant Issue – Astronaut Clearance



Spacesuit Dimensions



- Astronauts will need to crouch when travelling through central hub
- Astronauts will be able to move normally through expandable shaft
- Recommend spacesuit research to minimize clearance issue

Possible Issue - Solar Panel Interference





Static Solar Panel Clearance: 2.18 meters

Max Displacement of Expandable Shaft Under Load: 0.575 meters

Clearance with Expandable Shaft Under Load: 1.605 meters

• This is for static analysis only so a dynamic analysis will be necessary to see if the 1.605 meter clearance will be adequate

• Mostly remained on schedule

- Lessons Learned:
 - CAD and FEA will always take longer to complete than estimated
 - Plan a task to take about 3x longer than first estimation
 - Models took a lot more time and money to build than anticipated
- NASA Elimination Feedback:
 - More analysis Reasonable
 - Must calculate consumables needed NASA supplies the consumables, was not part of the competition





Schedule

Conclusions



- Launch in the hammerhead configuration and then transition into the transit configuration for electric thrust
- Using a combination of 4 BRC supports and 7 BRC brace sets will allow the shaft to withstand rotation
- Kevlar and MLI shroud will allow for thermal regulation and radiation production for the shaft
- Only requires \$522 million in additional spending
- Meets most of the requirements with only of few minor issues to address
- Impacts the future of the Mars' missions if designed and implemented well



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Back-Up Slides

RASC-AL CONOPS





Will need 1

 additional
 launch from
 baseline

Preliminary Task Schedule



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Notional Launch Schedule



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Overall Work Breakdown Structure








Spacecraft Work Breakdown Structure



Habitat Pod Work Breakdown Structure





Storage Pod Work Breakdown Structure





Central Hub Work Breakdown Structure



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Expandable Shaft Work Breakdown Structure



SLS Launch #1 Work Breakdown Structure





SLS Launch #2 Work Breakdown Structure





Potential Design 1 – Expandable Shaft

- Benefits:
 - Easy Assembly in cis-lunar orbit
 - Lighter Materials
 - Compact Retracted Configuration
 - Quickly extends and retracts
 - Symmetrical design allows for easier Mass Balance and storage transfers
 - Ability to balance masses by varying one of the arm lengths



Hammerhead Configuration



Fully Extended Configuration

Potential Design 1 – Expandable Shaft



Fully Extended Configuration

•Cons:

- Cross Bracing will need to be added once the shaft has been extended and then removed before contracting
- Unknown stability of the Bi-stable reeled composite during rotation
- Large number of moving parts



Potential Design 2 – Truss

•Benefits:

- •Known stability of trusses
- •Less moving parts
- Easier to secure piping, cables, and rails onto trusses



Potential Design 2 – Truss





• Cons:

- Cis-lunar orbit assembly will be more difficult and take longer
- Heavier Materials
- More stress on the system during the high-thrust chemical system since it is always in the extended configuration



Potential Design 3 – Zig Zag

•Benefits:

• Allows for a streamline configuration of the pods by stacking the pods on top of one another



Potential Design 3 – Zig Zag



•Cons:

- Complicated design
- Many unknowns in how it would perform during spin-up and spin-down
- Unsymmetrical with one pod extending further than the other
- Difficult transfer system between pods



Selected Design – Expandable Shaft



- Preliminary Characteristics:
 - Two Pods Habitat Pod and Storage Pod
 - Expandable Shafts made from bi-reeled composite (BRC)
 - Artificial gravity created by centrifugal force
 - Pod System Independently Rotates from propulsion system

- Performance Predictions:
 - BRC Material should perform well in tension and at the 84.6 meter lengths
 - Efficient Spin-up and spindown using a thruster system on the pods
 - Quick expansion and contraction using motors to move the BRC supports and cover
 - Piping System will provide extra rigidity in supports
 - Magnetic bearings will help separate Rotation from the propulsion system

Final Design





System Loads

Chemical Thrust – Hammerhead Configuration, No Rotation			
Force of Chemical Burn (N)	890		
Acceleration of Chemical Burn (m/s ²)	7.86 x 10 ⁻³		
Force on Pods (N)	196.5 (Compression)		
Moment (Nm)	982.5		
Bending Stress (MPa)	0.16		

Chemical Thrust – Transit Configuration, No Rotation				
Force of Chemical Burn (N)	890			
Acceleration of Chemical Burn (m/s ²)	7.86 x 10 ⁻³			
Force on Pods (N)	196.5 (Compression)			
Moment (Nm)	$1.66 \ge 10^4$			
Bending Stress (MPa)	2.71			

Chemical Thrust – Transit Configuration, Rotation				
Force of Chemical Burn (N)	890			
Acceleration of Chemical Burn (m/s ²)	7.86 x 10 ⁻³			
Force on Pods (N)	$9.23 \ge 10^4$ (Tension)			



Electric Thrust – Hammerhead Configuration, No Rotation			
Force of Electric Thrust (N)	8.75		
Force on Pods (N)	2.27 (Compression)		
Moment (Nm)	11.33		
Bending Stress (MPa)	$1.85^{*}10^{-3}$		

Electric Thrust – Transit Configuration, No Rotation			
Force of Electric Thrust (N)	8.75		
Force on Pods (N)	2.27(Compression)		
Moment (Nm)	191.6		
Bending Stress (MPa)	0.031		

Electric Thrust – Transit Configuration, Rotation			
Force of Electric Thrust(N)	8.75		
Force on Pods (N)	9.27 x 10 ⁴ (Tension)		

Overall Mass Budget



Description	Quantity	Mass (kg)	Total Mass (kg)
Habitat Pod	1	22554.5164	22554.5164
Storage Pod	1	22597.5636	22597.5636
BRC Supports and Reel Boxes	8	25.0007	200.0056
Shaft Shroud	1	2256.61404	2256.614044
Robtic System - Shaft	1	28.9	28.9
Robotic System - Storage Pod	1	25	25
Central Hub	1	353.85	353.85
Bearing Assembly	1	627	627
Thruster and Thruster Fuel	4	317	1268
Torque Cancelling Motor	1	1.5	1.5
Expansion Motor	2	7.71	15.42
Total Mass			49911.44964

Additional Budget Required





Total Budget Required

Object	Description/Assumptions	Total Cost (\$)
Engineering Development		250,000,000
Pressure Control System		500,000
BRC Main Supports	Found on Ebay \$40/meter	680
BRC Brace Connections	Assuming plastic cross connector	600
BRC Braces	Found on Ebay \$40/meter	600
Connector-BRC and Pod	Assuming Mechanical Joint	8000
BRC Reels	Assuming made from carbon rods	800
Connector-Cover and Pod	Assuming common berthing mechanism like NASA uses	2000000
Connector-Cover and Hub	Assuming common berthing mechanism like NASA uses	2000000
	Kevlar/Mylar Mix, Assuming Kevlar costs \$300 per 1.27m by 4.572m and need it	
Cover	to cover 1064m^2 surface area	55200
Reel Motor	OHIO ELECTRIC D482273X7088	7039.84
Torque Cancelling Motor	Parvalux PM8S	5000
Robotic Track	Assuming cost of steel cabling that spans the shaft and mechanism to go up/down	15000
Robotic System-Shaft	Assuming cost of robotic arm, glove, and sensors	10000
Robotic System-Storage	Assuming cost similar to arm cost of shaft robotic system which is \$45,000	5000
	Assuming it costs about the same as Leonardo, Raffaello, and Donatello module	
Storage Pod Shell	since similar size and it is also used for storage	23000000
Habitat Pod	Assuming it costs about the same as Columbus module which is similar size	67000000
Central Hub Structure	Requires 16 sheets of 38" x 120"	10400
Magnetic Bearing		58,25
SLS Launch 1	Launch of habitat pod and propulsion system	10000000
SLS Launch 2	Launch of storage pod, central hub, and remaining supplies	10000000
Hall Effect Thrusters		8000
Xenon Fuel	\$850/kg and for 3 trips	918000
Total		3,191,914,689.84



Center of Mass



$$X = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_n x_n}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n} = \frac{\Sigma m_i x_i}{\Sigma m_i}$$

Combined Mass (Arm and Habitat Pod) = 23,783 kg Combined Mass (Arm and Storage Pod) = 23,826 kg Distance From Pod to Hub = 90 meters

 $x = \frac{23,783*90+23,826*-90}{23,783+23,826} = -0.0814 \text{ meters from center}$



Radius of Expandable Shaft Calculation

$$g_{\text{Mars}} = \omega^2 * R$$
$$R = \frac{g_{\text{Mars}}}{\omega^2} = \frac{(3.711 \text{m/s}^2)}{(2 \text{rev/min})} = 84.6 \text{m}$$

Load Calculations



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Central Hub and Propulsion Connection





Bearing Calculations



 HF structure := 50000-2.2 - 110000
 Strongest permanet magnet is Halbach magnet at 4.5

 Teslas. I will use 3.5 to be conservative. I am not sure if exposure to radiation can degrade a permanent magnet

Area_{mag} :=
$$\frac{F_{structure}}{57 \cdot B^2}$$
 = 1930 Area is in inches squared and is smaller than anticipated

mag = 321.637 Most magnetic bearings tend to have 4-6 actuators or magnets

Starting with bearing diameter of 1 meter and increasing or decreasing as needed

Plan to use a rotary electrical connection similar Mercotac's Model 1500, which can provide power of 120 kW and has one modular terminal for data. Mercotac's website states "Slip rings typically last several million revolutions. Mercotac connectors typically last hundreds of millions of revolutions. Under test conditions with all specs, within published range, Mercotac connectors can last over a billion revolutions." Calculations for our expected revolutions are below. Although the temperature parameters of this device may be out of range, NASA could either work with Mercotac to create a space-rated rotary connector, or provide temperature control for the unit. This unit causes a connection torque of 750 g-cm which is about 0.074 N-m. Website: http://www.mercotac.com/html/products.html

days = 24hr years = 365days 15years = 7.884×10^6 min revs := $2 \cdot 15$ years = 1.577×10^7 min We are near 16 million revolutions, for a 15 year lifetime, which is well within their hundreds of million revolutions claim.

Magnetic Bearings

Areaper mag = -

$$\frac{1}{200} = 46000 \text{ kg} \quad F_{\text{hab}} := \text{m} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \text{g} = 150369 \text{ N} \qquad E_{\text{steel}} := 200 \text{ GPa} \qquad d := 2.95 \text{m} \qquad L_{\text{bearing}} := 0.5 \text{m}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$$

σ.max = 151000N/0.0003068m^2 =500 MPa

Roller Bearings



Fixed vs Expandable Trade Study

	Fixed	Expandable
Achieve 84.6 meter length	Yes	Yes
Stable at 84.6 meters	Yes	Yes
Stable During Rotation	Yes	Yes with bracing
Material	Metal	Composite
Mass	Heavier	Lighter
Cost	Expensive	Moderate-Expensive
Technology	Mature	Newer
Launch	Must launch with structure in place	Can launch with structure contracted
Launch Stresses on System	Higher because it is launched fully extended	Lower because it is launched fully contracted

• Chosen Design: Expandable

Expandable Trade Study



	BRC	Telescopic	Self Building Truss	Inflatable	Cable
Achieve 84.6 Meter Length	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stable at 84.6 Meters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Yes if anchored correctly
Stable Under Rotation	Yes with bracing	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No
Material	Carbon Fiber	Composite	Metal	Kevlar	Metal
Mass	Light	Moderate	Heavy	Light	Moderate
Cost	Moderate- Expansive	Moderate- Expensive	Expensive	Expensive	Moderate
Technological Readiness	Newer	Newer	New	New	Mature

• Chosen Design: Bi-Stable Reeled Composite (BRC)

BRC Trade Study



	RolaTube	Astrotube	ROCCOR
84.6 Meter Length	Yes	No	No
Stable at 84.6 Meters	Yes	No	No
Mass	436 g/m ²	Unknown	0.66 kg/m
Deployment	Reel Motor	Reel Motor	Reel Motor
Cost	Lower than traditional space booms	Lower than traditional space booms	Unknown
Rigidization	Uses BRC properties	Embedded Conductors	Embedded Conductors
Material	Carbon PEEK	Carbon Fiber	Carbon Fiber
Technological Readiness	Yes	Needs Development	Needs Development

• Chosen Design: RolaTube

BRC Expansion Motor Trade Study



	Gear Box and Electric Motor	Hydraulic Actuation	Pneumatic Actuation
Speed	Slow	Fast	Fast
Mass	Moderate	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Power Usage	Moderate-High	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Size	Bigger	Smaller but requires large hydraulic fluid tanks nearby	Smaller but requires large compressed air tanks nearby
Maintenance	Minimal	Potential congestion in fluid lines or leaking hydraulic fluid	Accumulation of condensation could cause the system to freeze up
Complexity	Complex gear box	Simpler design	Simpler design
Expansion Time (hr.)	1	Unknown	Unknown

Chosen Design: Gear Box and Electric Motor

Bracing Trade Study



	BRC	Aluminum Rods	Carbon Fiber Rods
Total Mass (kg)	1.11	264.6	3.75
Tensile Strength (MPa)	2,400	310	4,620
Compressive Strength (MPa)	1,300	207	Unknown
Cost	Moderate-Expensive	Low	Expensive
Technological Readiness	Newer	Mature	Mature

• Chosen Design: Bi-Stable Reeled Composite (BRC)

Additional Bracing FEA



Total Torque: 456.84 Nm Fixed End

Nominal Brace Dimensions: 4-inch Tube Diameter 2-millimeter Tube Thickness

Chosen Number of Brace Sets: 7 **Resultant Rotation:** 5.01 degrees



7 Bracing Sets FEA





Chosen Brace Dimensions: 4-inch Tube Diameter 6-millimeter Tube Thickness **Resultant Rotation:** 1.99 degrees



Bracing and Supports Connection Trade Study



	Cross Tube Connector	Cross Tube Connector	T Tube Connector	
Material	Steel	Plastic	Galvanized Steel	
Mass	High	Low	High	
Strength (MPa)	2,030	315	550	
Cost	Low-Moderate	Low	Low-Moderate	

• Chosen Design: Cross Tube Connector - Plastic

Shroud Trade Study



	Kevlar	Carbon Nanotubes	Spectra Fiber	
Strength	5 x stronger than steel	30 x stronger than steel	15 x stronger than steel	
Mass	Light	Light	Light	
UV Resistance	Some Degradation	Unknown	High Resistance	
Temperature Sensitivity	Strengthens at low temperatures but weakens at high temperatures	Unknown	Brittle at -150°C and melts at 136°C	
Cost	Moderate	Expensive	Moderate	
Technological Readiness	Mature	Needs Development	New	

Chosen Design: Kevlar with UV Coating

Shroud Hoop Stress



<u>Mechanics of Materials</u> <u>Pressure Vessel Engineering & Design</u>

To calculate the Hoop Stress in a thin wall pressure vessel use the following calculator. Note that the Hoop stress is twice that of the longitudinal stress for a thin wall pressure vessel. Therefore, the Hoop stress should be the driving design stress.

Pressure Vessel, Thin Wall Hoop and Longitudinal Stresses Equations



Thin Wall Pressure Vessel Hoop Stress			
Design Variables			
P Pressure psi (Pa) =	14.70		
D _m Mean Diameter [OD - t] inches (meters) =	78.740		
t Wall Thickness inches (meters) =	0.079		
Results			
σ _Θ Hoop Stress psi (Pa) =	7,325.8101		

Rotational Thrusters Trade Study



Thruster Type (Propellant)	Spin-Up Time (hr.)	Force per Thruster (N)	Total Mass (kg)	Power to Operate (kW)	Fuel Consumption (t)
Cold Gas (Nitrogen)	17	8.9	11,861	0.04	4.68
Hall Effect (Xenon)	28	5.4	1,268	204	0.99
Momentum Wheel	96	3.2	4,000	1,500	N/A
Chemical (Hydrazine)	6.7	22	2,796	0.082	2.80

• Chosen Design: Hall Effect
Connections Trade Study

	Velcro	Xolox Strap	In-Line Cable Clamp
Strength (psi)	Peel Strength: 1.2 Average Shear Strength: 14	Highly resistant to shear and tensile forces	Depends on clamp material
Supports	2 inch piece holds 175 lb.	Unknown	Depends on clamp material
Flexible	Yes	Yes	No
Technological Readiness	Mature	Needs Development	Mature
Cost	Inexpensive	Inexpensive	Inexpensive

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In-Line Clamp



• Chosen Design: Velcro

Xolox

Robotic System Trade Study



	Valkyrie R5	Spidernaut	Shadow Teleoperation Development System	ExoHand
Carrying Capacity (kg)	Unknown	45.4	10	Double the gripping power of human hand
Capabilities	Maintenance and inspection tasks	Carrying objects	Fine motor skills to make shaft connections	Fine motor skills to make shaft connections
Mass (kg)	136	272	28.9	Unknown
Size	1.88 meters tall	Exact dimensions unknown but it is fairly large	1.33 meter total reach	About the size of a human arm
Shaft Transit	Ladder System	Web	Similar to elevator shaft	Similar to elevator shaft
Power Required (kW)	1.8	3.6	0.5	Unknown
Battery Run Time (hr.)	6-10	Unknown	N/A Wired	N/A Wired
Cost	\$2,000,000	High	Unknown	High
Technological Readiness	Needs Development	Needs Development	Ready	Needs Development

Expandable Shaft Robotic System Track





Expandable Shaft Cross-Sectional View with Robotic Track





Steel Cable Reel

Storage Organization System



- Will use a robotic arm to scan and pick up objects from shelving
- Robotic arm will rotate around an axis in the center of the storage pod
- Software will have machine learning so the AI is continuously developing



Asteroid Impact



- Allow the asteroids/micrometeorites to pass through shroud
 - Robotic system would repair the damage
 - Possibility of major structural components inside the expandable shaft will be hit and catastrophically damaged
- Allow the asteroids/micrometeorites to strike but not penetrate
 - Prevents major structural components inside the expandable shaft from being hit
 - Possibility that the force of impact will throw the system off course or spin uncontrollably

Propulsion System and Central Hub Wiring



- Since the solar panels are connected to the propulsion system, the wiring will need to pass from that system to the central hub without getting caught in the rotation of the pod system
- Rotation resistant wiring is designed to resist spin or rotation so it will function well in this location





50 N Chemical Thrust – Fully Contracted, 4

Deformation: 0.168 meters

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70 N Chemical Thrust – Fully Extended, 4

Deformation: 0.0.235 meters





0.6 N Electric Thrust – Fully Extended, 4 Supports

Deformation: 0.0017 meters

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0.8 N Electric Thrust – Fully Extended, 4

Deformation: 0.0027 meters







- The system should not be launched fully extended since the chemical thrust will cause too much deformation in the system
- The system must launch from the hammerhead configuration to withstand chemical thrust
- The system will can withstand being fully extended during the electric thrust

Expansion Motor Calculations



$$\begin{aligned} x - x_0 &= V_0 t + 0.5 a t^2 \\ 84.6m &= 0.5 * a * (1200 sec)^2 \\ a &= 0.0001175 m/s \end{aligned}$$

$$F = ma = (46,000kg) \left(\frac{0.0001175m}{s}\right) = 5.405N$$

$$P = \frac{Fd}{t} = \frac{5.405N * 0.05}{1200sec} = 0.000225W$$

Expansion Motor Specifications

MODEL		GM42BLF 40-140	GM42BLF 60-123
Number of pole			
Number of phase			
Rated voltage	Volt	12	12
Rated speed	RPM	4000	2300
Rated torque	Oz- in	8.9	17.7
	Nm	0.063	0.125
Rated current	A	3.6	3.6
Rated power	Watt	26	29
Peak torque	Oz- in	26.9	53.1
	Nm	0.19	0.375
Peak current	A	10.8	10.8
Rotor inertia	g.cm²	24	48
Body length	mm	40	60
Weight	Kg	0.33	0.45



Shroud Thermal Differential



• Sun directly hitting the shroud with worst-case scenario thermal properties:

$$q_{net} = 0$$

$$\alpha = 0.95$$

$$\varepsilon = 0.9$$

$$G_{SolarMax} = 1,373$$

$$\sigma_{StefanBoltzman} = 5.67 * 10^{-8}$$

$$T_{SMax} = \left[\frac{\alpha * G_{SolarMax}}{\varepsilon * \sigma_{StefanBoltzman}}\right]^{0.25}$$

 $T_{SMax} = 399.85 K$

Hall Effect Thrusters Trade Study



Thruster Name	Spin-Up Time (hr.)	Force per Thruster (N)	Total Mass (kg)	Power to Operate (kW)
X3	28	5.4	1,268	204
HermeS TDU-1	250	0.6	699	25
HiVHAc	760	0.2	547	7.8

In an effort to further optimize for weight, Hall Thrusters of varying sizes with different spin-up times were analyzed.

• Chosen Design: X3

Thrusters Calculations



Moment of Inertia for Spacecraft

^mCentralHub Arms = 7376kg

Estimated mass of central hub and arms

Retracted Config:

Calculated as one large cylinder

$$I_{retracted} = \frac{2m_{HabitatUnit}}{12} \left[3 \cdot \left(\frac{D_{hab_diameter}}{2} \right)^2 + \left(2 \cdot L_{hab_length} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$I_{retracted} = 1.668 \times 10^6 \, \mathrm{m}^2 \cdot \mathrm{kg}$$

Extended Config:

For simplification, moment of inertia is calculated as a rod with two point masses.

$$I_{Rod} := \frac{1}{12} m_{CentralHub_Anns} (2 \cdot R)^2$$

lextended = IRod + 2.IHabitatUnit

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HabitatUnit - "HabitatUnit R"
I_{extended} = 4.638 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg}
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Force Needed to Reach Rotational Speed

 $I_{ratio} = \frac{I_{extended}}{I_{extracted}} = 278.009$ $\omega_{\text{retracted}} = \omega_{\text{fast}} l_{\text{ratio}} = 556.019 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}}$ L = Letracted Sectracted Angular Momentum $\omega_{\text{extended}} := \frac{I_{\text{retracted}} \, \omega_{\text{retracted}}}{I_{\text{extended}}} = 2 \cdot \frac{rev}{\min}$ Initial guess at time needed to fully spin up: $\alpha_{\mathbf{r}} := \frac{\omega_{\mathbf{retracted}}}{t_{\mathbf{spinUp}}} = 2.414 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\mathbf{rad}}{\epsilon^2}$

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Tretracted := Iretracted Or = 4.027 × 10<sup>3</sup> N-m
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F_{thrusters} when Retracted = \frac{T_{retracted}}{4m} = 1.007 \times 10^3 N
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\alpha_{\rm e} := \frac{\omega_{\rm extended}}{t_{\rm spinUp}} = 8.683 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\rm rad}{2}
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 $\tau_{\text{extended}} := I_{\text{extended}} \alpha_{\text{e}} = 4.027 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}$ $F_{thrusters_whenExtended} := \frac{\tau_{extended}}{p_{ext}} = 45.353 N$

FsingleThruster :=
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 ·Fthrusters_whenExtended = 22.676 N

Conservation of Angular Momentum For Cold Gas: t_{spinUp} := 17hr For Hall Thruster: t_{spinUp} := 28hr t_{spinUp} = 96hr For Momentum Wheel:

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For Chemical Thruster:
                                  t<sub>spinUp</sub> = 6.7hr
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 $t_{spinUp} = 2.412 \times 10^4 s$

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Looking at wether or not to spinup in
retracted or extended configuration.
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To spinup when retracted would require an RPM of about 600 to account for the loss of angular velocity when the moment of inertia increases as the habitats are

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extended out
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Thrusters fired only when arms are fully extended Negligible friction in central hub, no forces slowing down rotation. Using a Cold Gas Thruster like the VACCO 2lbf Thruster

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Cold Gas Thrusters:

Assumptions:

Operates at gas pressure of 260 psia Flow rate of 0.0267 lbm/s Uses Gaseous N²

 $mdot_{N2} \simeq 0.0267 \frac{lbm}{r}$

 $m_{N2} := mdot_{N2} \cdot t_{spinUp} = 292.115 kg$

This is for only 1 thruster. There will be 4 total, but only 2 will be firing during spin up or spin down

m_{cold} := 0.831bm = 0.376 kg

 m_{N2} for One Cycle $= m_{N2} 4 = 1.168 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$

There will need to be enough fuel for 4 cycles

 $m_{N2Total} := m_{N2}$ for DireCycle 4 + m_{cold} 4 = 4.675 × 10³ kg

Approximate total mass of fuel need for cold gas thrusters to spin and de-spin the artificial gravity system 4 times.

^mN2Total = 4.575-tonne

FsingleThruster = 5.098-thf



^tspinUp cold = 17ht

Thrusters Calculations Continued



Hall Thrusters:	Momentum Wheel:	Chemical Thrusters:
Based on University of Michigan's tests with the X3 Hall Thruster t _{spinUp_hall} := 28hr Achieved a max thrust of 5.4N using 102kW with a specific impulse T _{hall} = 5.4N P _{hall} = 102kW I _{hall_sp} := 2470s m _{hall} = 227kg	Iwheel www.eel = Iextended wextended = 0 tspinUp.mom := 96hr Iwheel > 1000kg twheel := 3m Momentum wheel will apin at far greater RPM in the opposite direction of the spaceship 1 2 2 4	The spinUp_chem = 6.7hr Moog DST-11H Bipropellant Thruster The spinUp_chem = 6.7hr The spinUp_chem = 6.7hr The spinUp_chem = 6.7hr
$\begin{split} \text{mdot}_{\text{xenon}} &\coloneqq \frac{\text{T}_{\text{hall}}}{\text{I}_{\text{hall}_sp'g}} = 2.229 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \coloneqq \text{mdot}_{\text{xenon}} \text{t}_{\text{spinUp}} = 5.377 \text{kg} \\ \end{split}$ $\begin{aligned} \text{Total mass for Hall Thruster system:} \\ \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \text{One Cycle} &= \text{m}_{\text{xenon}'} 4 = 21.509 \text{kg} \\ \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \text{One cycle is 2 thrusters, 2 burns,} \\ \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \text{Total} &\coloneqq \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \text{One Cycle} \cdot 4 = 86.035 \text{kg} \\ \text{m}_{\text{hall}} \text{Total for 4 cycles} \\ \text{m}_{\text{hall}} \text{Total} &= 4 \cdot \text{m}_{\text{hall}} + \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \text{Total} = 0.994 \text{ tonne} \end{aligned}$	$L_{wheel} := \frac{1}{2} m_{wheel} L_{wheel} = 1.8 \times 10 \text{ m} \text{ kg} \qquad \text{catended catended s}$ $\omega_{wheel} := \frac{1}{2} 1$	$ \begin{array}{l} mdot_{N2H4} \coloneqq \frac{T_{chem}}{I_{chem_sp}} = 7.237 \times 10^{-3} \frac{kg}{s} \\ mdot_{N2H4} \coloneqq \frac{m_{N2H4}}{I_{chem_sp}} = 7.237 \times 10^{-3} \frac{kg}{s} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l} m_{N2H4} \coloneqq mdot_{N2H4} \tau_{spinUp} = 174.549 kg \\ m_{N2H4} = m_{N2H4} \tau_{spinUp} = 174.549 kg \\ m_{N2H4OneCycle} \coloneqq m_{N2H4} \tau_{spinUp} = 174.549 kg \\ \end{array} $
Total power needed: P _{hallTotal} := P _{hall} ·2 = 204 kW Only two thrusters will be on at a time.	Finding the Torque for the motor $\omega_0 := 0$ $\omega_{wheel} := \frac{\omega_{wheel} - \omega_0}{t_{spin}Up} = 0.224 \frac{rad}{s^2}$ $\tau_{wheel} := I_{wheel} \cdot \omega_{wheel} = 4.027 \times 10^2 \cdot N \cdot m$ FfeltInPods := $\frac{\tau_{wheel}}{R_{thrusters}} = 45.353 N$ $I_{twill not continuously run at this power requirement, but it will peak at this to reach the top speed.$	$\begin{split} \alpha_{chem} \coloneqq \frac{\omega_{extended} - \omega_0}{t_{spinUp}} = 8.683 \times 10^{-6} \frac{rad}{s^2} \\ \tau_{chem} \coloneqq T_{extended} \sim_{chem} = 4.027 \times 10^3 \cdot N \cdot m \text{Torque at center hub} \\ a_{tan_chem} \coloneqq \alpha_{chem} R_{theusters} = 7.711 \times 10^{-4} \frac{m}{s^2} \\ \text{Power is minimal and only need to open the value.} \qquad R_{obsens} \simeq 41W \text{per Thruster} \end{split}$

Hall Thrusters Calculations



Ethrusters = R + Lhab_length \$\$.301 m L'hab length - 8.4m Dhab diameter = 720

Moment of Inertia for Spacecraft

^mContralHub Arms = 3376leg

Estimated mass of central hub and arms





Extended Config:

For simplification, moment of inertia is calculated as a rod with two point masses.

$I_{Rod} = \frac{1}{12} w_{CentralFlub_Amis} (2 \cdot R)^2$	I _{Hsbitat} U

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nit ""HabitatUnit R
l_{estended} = 4.658 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg}
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Force Needed to Reach Rotational Speed

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I_{ratio} = \frac{I_{extended}}{I_{retracted}} = 275.009
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Angular Momentum
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initial quess at time needed to fully spin up.
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\alpha_{\mathbf{r}} := \frac{\omega_{\text{retracted}}}{\tau_{\text{reinUn}}} = 2.128 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{rad}}{r^2}
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 $\tau_{retracted} = I_{retracted} \alpha_r = 35.504 \text{ N·m}$

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\frac{P_{thrusters}}{4m} = \frac{T_{retracted}}{4m} = 8.876 N
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 $\alpha_{e} \coloneqq \frac{w_{extended}}{\tau_{spmUp}} = 7.655 \times 10^{-3} \frac{r_{ad}}{c^{2}}$

 $\tau_{extended} = l_{extended} \cdot \alpha_e = 35.504$ -N-m

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Textended
R thrusters = 0.4 N
Fthrusters whenEstended >
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FsingleThmater $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{F}$ thmaters when Extended = 0.2 N

Conservation of Angular Momentum

The - 28hr For HERMeS TOU-1 pinUp = 250hr For HiVHAc spinUp - 760hn

 $t_{spinUp} = 2.736 \times 10^{0}$

Looking at wether or not to spinup in retracted or extended configuration.

To spinup when retracted would require an RPM of about 600 to account for the loss of angular velocity when the moment of inertial increases as the habitats are extended out.

X3:

-	Based on University of Michigan's tests with the X3 Hall Thruster to the test state of
	Achieved a max thrust of 5.4N using 102kW with a specific impulse
	$T_{X3} := 5.4N$ $P_{X3} := 102kW$ $I_{X3_sp} := 2470s$ $m_{X3} := 227kg$
	$mdot_{xenon} \coloneqq \frac{T_{X3}}{l_{X3}_{sp'g}} = 222.934 \frac{mg}{s}$ $m_{xenon} \coloneqq mdot_{xenon} t_{spinUp_{X3}} = 22.472 kg$
	Total mass for Hall Thruster system.
	m _{xenonOneCycle} = m _{xenon} 4 = \$9.887kg One cycle is 2 thrusters, 2 burns.
	m _{xenonTotal} = m _{xenonOneCycle} 4 = 359.548 kg Total for 4 cycles
	$m_{X3Total} \simeq 4 \cdot m_{X3} + m_{xenonTotal} = 1.268 \cdot tonne$ Four thrusters, and fuel
	Total power needed:
	$P_{X3Total} := P_{X3} \cdot 2 = 204 \cdot kW$ Power needed during spin-up and spin-down.

$Fotal := P_{W3} \cdot 2 = 204 \cdot kW$	Power needed during spin-up and spi
riotal AS	Only two thrusters will be on at a time



FsingleThruster = 0.045-Ibf



Hall Thrusters Calculations Continued



HERMeS TDU-1:	HIVHAc
NASA HERMeS TDU-1 thruster t _{spin} Up_TDU1 := 250hr	NASA HiVHAc thruster t _{spinUp_HiVHAc} := 760hr
$T_{TDU1} := 0.61N$ $P_{TDU1} := 12.5kW$ $I_{TDU1_sp} := 3000s$ $m_{TDU1} := 100kg$	T _{HiVHAc} := 0.21N P _{HiVHAc} := 3.9kW I _{HiVHAc_sp} := 2700s m _{HiVHAc} := 50kg
$\frac{\text{mdot}_{\text{xenon}} := \frac{\text{T}_{\text{TDU1}}}{\text{I}_{\text{TDU1}_{\text{sp}},\text{g}}} = 20.734 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{s}} \qquad \frac{\text{m}_{\text{xenon}} := \text{mdot}_{\text{xenon}} \cdot \text{t}_{\text{spinUp}_{\text{TDU1}}} = 18.661 \text{ kg}}{\text{m}_{\text{xenon}} \cdot \text{t}_{\text{spinUp}_{\text{TDU1}}} = 18.661 \text{ kg}}$	$\frac{\text{mdot}_{\text{xenon}} := \frac{\text{T}_{\text{HiVHAc}}}{\text{I}_{\text{HiVHAc}_\text{sp}'g}} = 7.931 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{s}} \qquad \text{m}_{\text{xenon}} := \text{mdot}_{\text{xenon}} \cdot \text{t}_{\text{spinUp}_\text{HiVHAc}} = 21.7 \text{ kg}$
Total mass for Hall Thruster system:	Total mass for Hall Thruster system:
mxenonOneGyale. = mxenon 4 = 74.643 kg One cycle is 2 thrusters, 2 burns.	MaenonOneGycle, = m _{xenon} 4 = \$6.798 kg One cycle is 2 thrusters, 2 burns.
MxenonTotal. ^{= m} xenonOneCycle ⁻⁴ = 298.573 kg Total for 4 cycles	MaenonLotal. = maenonOneCycle 4 = 347.193 kg Total for 4 cycles
^m hallTotal := 4·m _{TDU1} + m _{xenonTotal} = 0.699·tonne Four thrusters, and fuel	mhallTatal. = 4-mHiVHAc + mxenonTotal = 0.547-tonne Four thrusters, and fuel
Total power needed:	Total power needed:
PhatITotal := PTDU1 ^{·2} = 25·kW Power needed during spin-up and spin-down. Only two thrusters will be on at a time.	PhallTotal = PHiVHAc'2 = 7.8 kW Power needed during spin-up and spin-down. Only two thrusters will be on at a time.

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Power Budget

Expansion/Contraction Usage:

Subsystem	Power Required (kW)
Expansion Motors	115
Peak Power - Habitat Pod	24
Peak Power - Storage Pod	24
Heated Water Line	2.54
Total	165.54

Rotation Usage:

Subsystem	Power Required (kW)
Torque Cancelling Motors	241
Peak Power - Habitat Pod	24
Peak Power - Storage Pod	24
Heated Water Line	2.54
Robotic Systems	3.6
Total	295.14



Solar Panel Degradation

Year	% Life Remaining	Power Available (kW)
1	100	750.00
2	98.5	738.75
3	97.02	727.67
4	95.57	716.75
5	94.13	706.00
6	92.72	695.41
7	91.33	684.98
8	89.96	674.71
9	88.61	664.59
10	87.28	654.62
11	85.97	644.80
12	84.68	635.13
13	83.41	625.60
14	82.16	616.21
15	80.93	606.97



As the solar panels begin to age, the power required and power available may become a problem. Based on a preliminary power budget for expansion/contraction and rotation, there will not be much power to spare after the electric thrust system takes what it needs.

Airlocks

NanoRacks

- Advantages:
 - Cutting edge technology
 - Safe for astronauts
 - Costs \$12-15 million
- Disadvantages:
 - Larger than Japanese version



Quest Airlock

- Advantages:
 - Mature technology
 - Safe for astronauts
 - Little loss of environmental consumables
- Disadvantages:
 - Older technology
 - Costs \$164 million
 - Much larger than NanoRacks



Robotic Track Trade Study

- Robotic Web
 - Already a part of Spidernaut's design and cost
 - Still under development by Purdue University
 - Complicated system
- Cable System and Motor
 - Downside of needing additional motors that use power
 - Simple system
- Truss System
 - Heavy
 - Complex
- Ladder System
 - Simple system
 - Downside is that halfway down gravity changes which poses a problem
- Chosen Design: Cable System and Motor



RASC-AL Concept Schedule



- 1. Launch partially outfitted with HPS (Transit Habitat)
- 2. Launch storage pod, robotic system, and central hub
- 3. Resupplied with a series of logistic flights prior to crew arrival
- 4. Transit system delivered to LDRO via propulsion kit or in-space transportation stage (6 months)
- 5. In ICH habitat mates with initial cis-lunar habitat to facilitate aggregation, crew checkout, and mission prep
- 6. Transit habitat undergoes 180 day checkout period to test systems, install other components, load supplies, and ensure habitat is ready
- 7. Systems will be in quiescent state so there is minimum prep the mission crew will need to perform before departure
- 8. Transit vehicle departs from ICH and moves to LDHEO to pick crew up (6 months)

RASC-AL Concept Schedule



- 9. Execute gravity assist to go to Mars
- 10. Transit to Mars (230-400 days)
- 11.Mars transit vehicle rendezvous with destination vehicle which is the crew descent vehicle to Mars
- 12. Crew departs to surface of Mars and habitat now works autonomously while in 5 sol orbit (300-550 days)
- 13. Mission completes and return to habitat
- 14. Return to Earth (200-360 days)
- 15. Crew transfers to Orion in LDHEO and returns to Earth
- 16.Transit system returns to LDRO and ICH so reset crew can refurbish it and prep for next mission

Possible Mission Schedule

- 1. Crew to Phobos
 - Departs Earth March 2, 2033
 - Arrives at Mars on January 1, 2034
 - Surface mission 417 days
 - Departs Mars on February 22, 2035
 - Arrives at Earth on January 4, 2036
 - Total heliocentric duration 1,038 days
- 2. Crew to Mars
 - Departs Earth August 3, 2039
 - Arrives at Mars on September 6, 2040
 - Surface mission 300 days
 - Departs Mars on July 3, 2041
 - Arrives at Earth on June 28, 2042
 - Total heliocentric duration 1,060 days



Possible Mission Schedule

- 3. Crew to Mars
 - Departs Earth October 23, 2043
 - Arrives at Mars on October 27, 2044
 - Surface mission 300 days
 - Departs Mars on August 23, 2045
 - Arrives at Earth on September 14, 2046
 - Total heliocentric duration 1,057 days
- 4. Retirement or Retrofit



Relationships

- Mass Changes in the System
 - Center of gravity changes
 - Spin up/down time changes
 - Expansion/contraction time changes
 - Amount of thruster fuel needed changes
 - Amount of torque generated by pod system changes which could effect the torque cancelling motor
 - Loads change
 - Supports' dimensions change
 - Bracing changes
- Pipe Size
 - Flowrate changes which changes the additional rigidity added to expandable shaft



Risk and Mitigation



Risk

- 1. Mass Limit 50 metric tons
- 2. Thruster fuel consumption

3. Pod system hits solar panels

Mitigation

- 1. Reduce redundancy in pods and use lighter materials
- 2. Limit the number of times thrusters are used and reduce mass in other areas to allow for more thruster fuel on board
- 3. Extend the central hub to a distance that is past the range of the solar panels

Risks and Mitigation

Risk

- 4. Electric power consumption exceeds solar panel output
- 5. Power consumption during spin up is too high to be able to run life support
- 6. Propulsion system rotates
- 7. Piping fails

Mitigation

- 4. Reduce the number of systems that need to run simultaneously
- 5. Astronauts may need to wear spacesuits during spin up/down Use anti-torque motor to prevent rotation
- 6. Use anti-torque motor to prevent rotation
- 7. Provide redundant water and waste bags



Risks and Mitigation

Risks

- 8. Asteroid Impact
- 9. Robotic Systems Fail

10.Bearings Lock Up 11.Thruster Failure

12. Separation of Pods from Propulsion System

Mitigation Plan

- 8. Robot to patch holes
- 9. Shaft is large enough for a person in a spacesuit and have redundant supplies in each pod
- 10.Spare bearings
- 11.Spare thruster if possible or use torque motor to help rotate
- 12. Create the system with sufficient factors of safety



Risks and Mitigation

Risks 13.Waste Pipe Clogs

- 14. Expandable Shaft Environmental Controls Failure
- 15. Extreme Temperature Stresses the System

16.Boom Fatigue17.Connection Failure

Mitigation Plan

13. Cleaning system in pipe to clear pipe

14.Redundant water stored on habitat side

15. Choose materials that can withstand extreme temperatures

16.Redundant reels if possible

17.Redundant connections that can take the additional loads

