

Space and Planetary Science at ASU

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**ASU** School of Earth and  
Space Exploration

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## Our vision

NewSpace, ASU's Space Technology and Science Initiative leads the integration of academic and commercial space enterprises using ASU's core strengths in space science, engineering and education.

**Talent | Innovation | Opportunity**

<http://newspace.asu.edu>

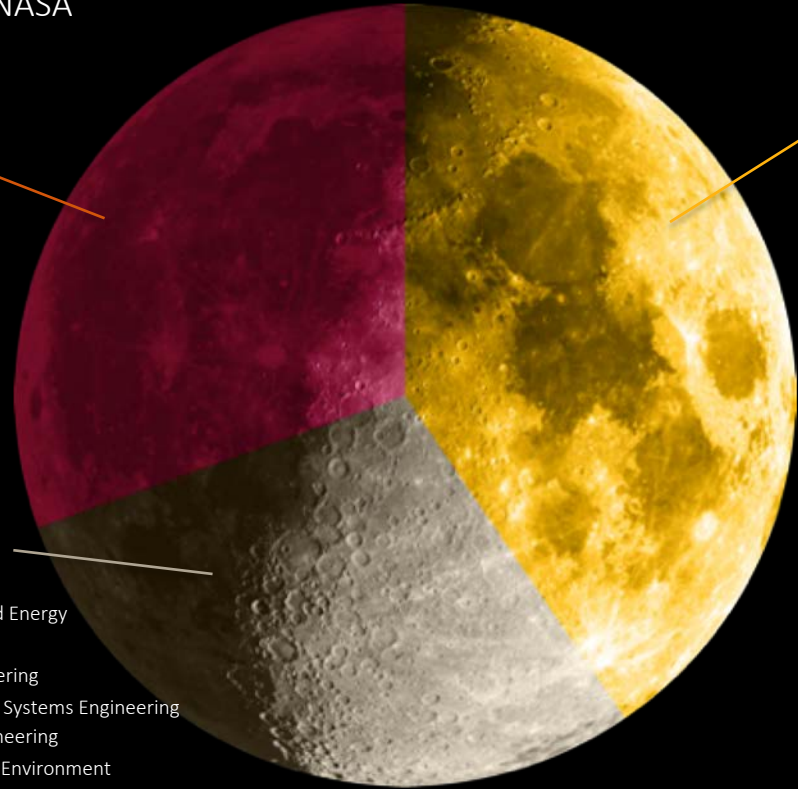
# We work with the 240+ Space Investigators at ASU

Investigators proposing to NASA

School of Earth and Space Exploration

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Schools of Engineering

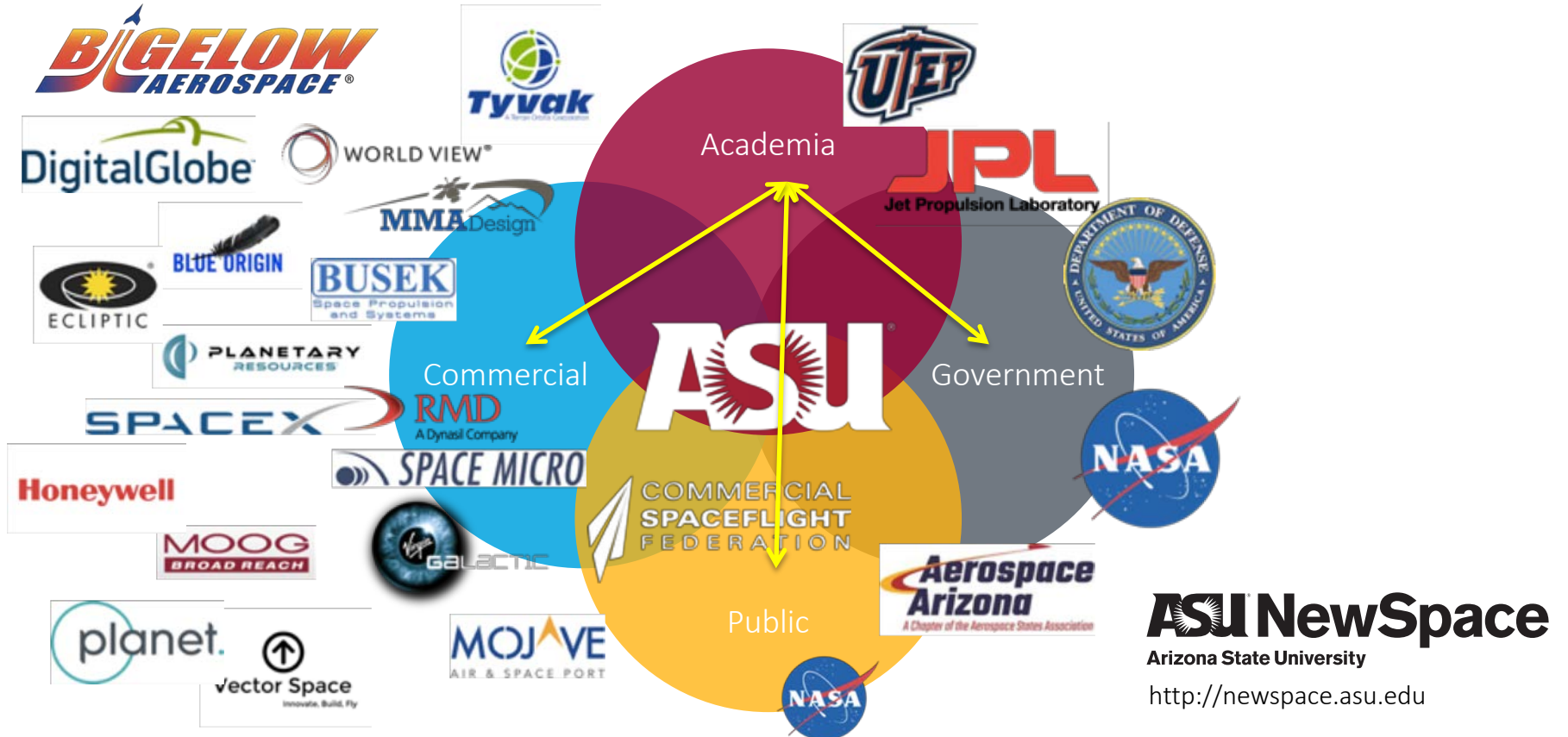
- The Polytechnic School
- School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy
- School of Arts, Media + Engineering
- School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering
- School of Computing, Informatics, and Decision Systems Engineering
- School of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering
- School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment



Other

- ASU Origins Project
- Barrett, The Honors College
- Beyond: Center for Fundamental Concepts in Science
- Biodesign Institute
- Center for Meteorite Studies
- College of Letters and Sciences
- Consortium for Science and Policy Outcomes
- Department of Biomedical Informatics
- Department of Management
- Department of Physics
- Department of Psychology
- Disability Resource Center
- Division of Educational Leadership and Innovation
- Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability
- School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning
- School of Human Evolution and Social Change
- School of Life Sciences
- School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences
- School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
- School of Molecular Sciences
- School of Transborder Studies

# Collaborative Partners in Commercial Space



## The NewSpace team

Jim Bell, Director

Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration

Craig Hardgrove, Director of Projects

Assistant Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration

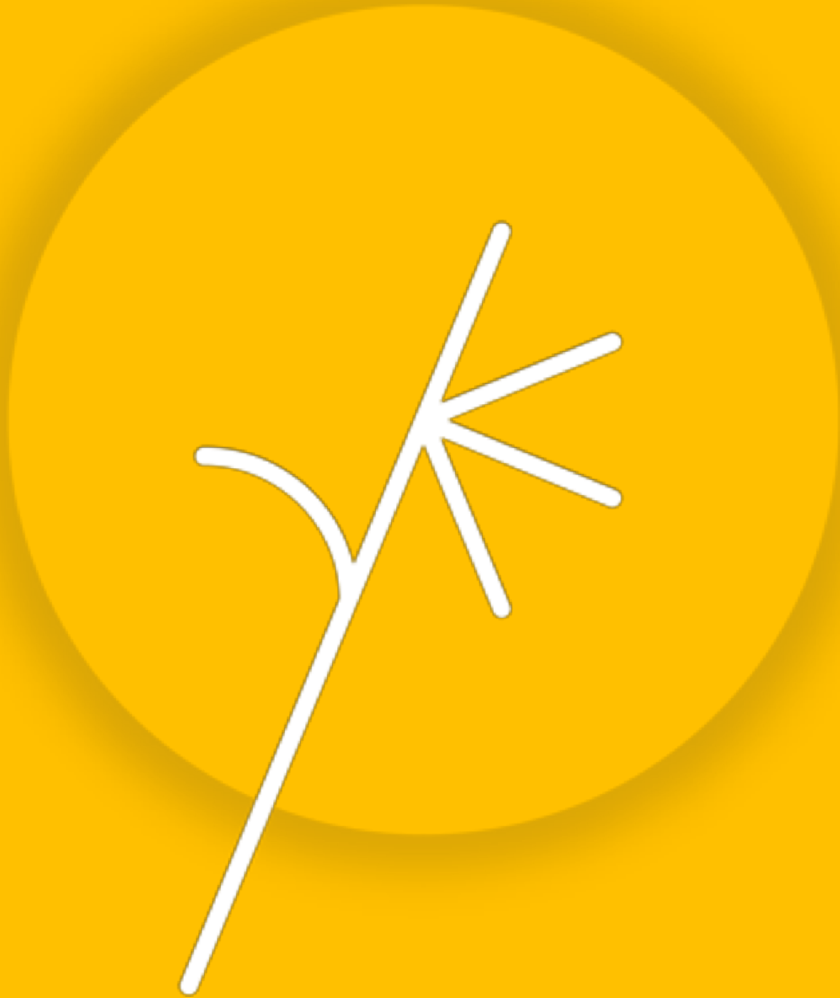
Tanya Harrison, Director of Research

Postdoctoral Research Scholar

Scott Smas, Program Manager

Tiffany Rauch, Administrative Assistant





**ASU<sup>®</sup> Interplanetary  
Initiative**

**Arizona State University**

Advancing society through exploration

# A pan-university initiative

Earth and Space Exploration



Psychology

Herberger



Fulton



School of Education



and ~50 more...  
and the private sector, and national labs...



Interplanetary Initiative



## Big Question Pilots

- What legal, political, and social norms will govern human exploration?
- How will humans react to the discovery of extraterrestrial life?
- How do we galvanize public and private support for space exploration?
- What are the fundamental rules governing the self-sustainability and robustness of ecosystems for long-term space settlement?

## Tech Pilots

- Human and robotic mergers
- Instruments for planetary resource prospecting
- Rapid responsive space missions
- SIMOC: A Scalable Model of an Isolated, Off-world Community

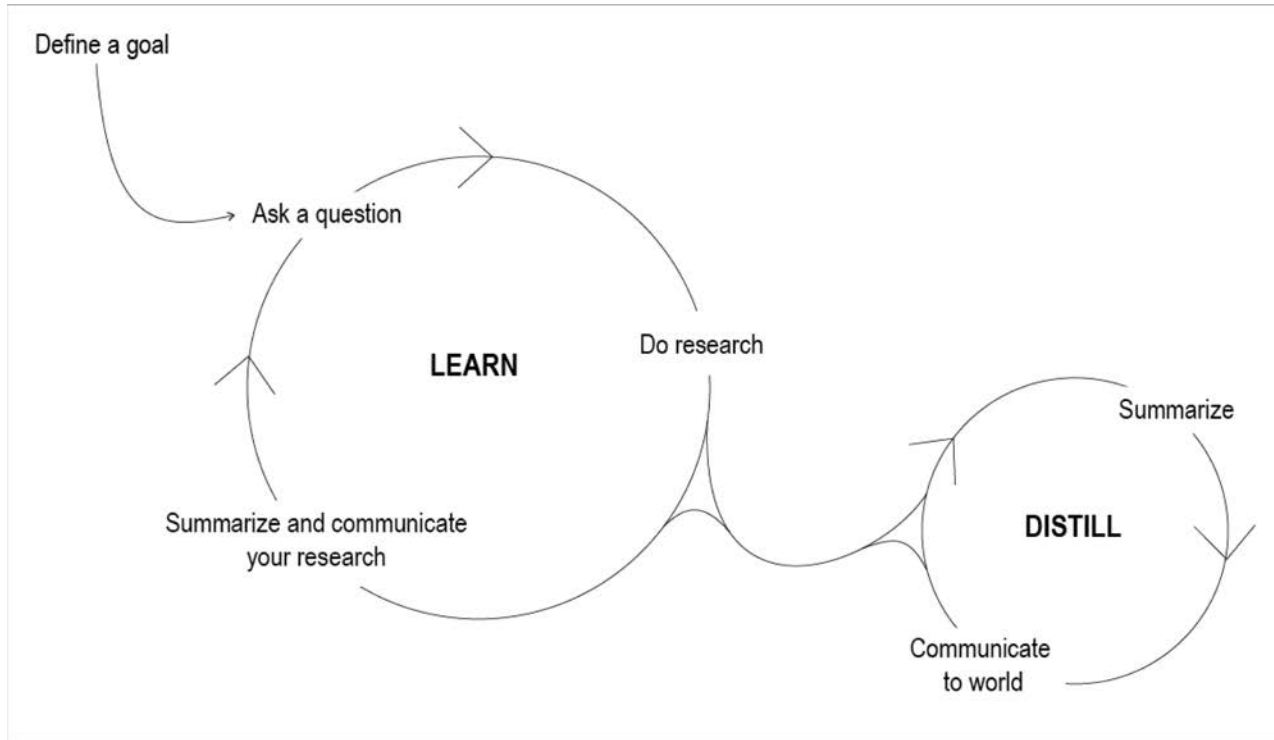
## Education Pilots

- Online satellite command and control certificate
- Interdisciplinary capstones in partnership with private sector
- SpaceWorks: continuous capstone based on mission challenges

Common theme for all courses: Exploration Learning.

Exploration learning requires defining an area of curiosity, asking questions inspired by that curiosity, finding the resources needed to investigate those questions, and assessing one's conclusions and methodology.

We have a working group with the goal of bringing knowledge creation into the classroom – you are welcome to join!



Beagle's inquiry cycle, used in the classroom to model and teach iterative and collaborative problem-solving.

Through exploration learning, learners should:

- Recognize and be unafraid of unsolved problems,
- Be curious about what is known and how we know it,
- Be willing to work toward answers in steps over time,
- Develop independence and initiative in working toward solutions,
- Have patience with ambiguity,
- Have patience with dead ends (“failures”) and thus build resilience,
- Understand the difference between a problem *they* have not solved, and a problem *no one* has solved,
- Practice listening and respecting the contributions of teammates and
- Experience knowledge creation.

In the Technological Leadership major, students gain the leadership, analytical, and design skills they need to solve the world's big challenges. Content is no longer the differentiator in education. Most jobs require learning once in the position. With this major we aim to make the transition from school to workforce continuous, with life-improving skills for every arena.

By changing education, we can solve every other problem facing society today. This major will be interdisciplinary, completed in three years, and scalable. Students connect directly with employers through summer internships. We seek, through this major, to fulfill a part of ASU's responsibility for the economic, social, cultural, and overall health of our communities, by producing students who recognize unsolved problems and have the confidence, grit, and the 21st-century skills to solve them.

## B.S. in Technological Leadership

Three years with summer internships.

We envision two parallel courses that all students take in every semester:

An **Inquiry** class that pursues complex goals with many iterations of the inquiry cycle, as one would if pursuing a multi-step complex problem in life or work.

A **Making** seminar that has students working in teams to solve engineering problems, or problems of art, humanities, or civic engagement.

We are hoping to roll out in August 2019!



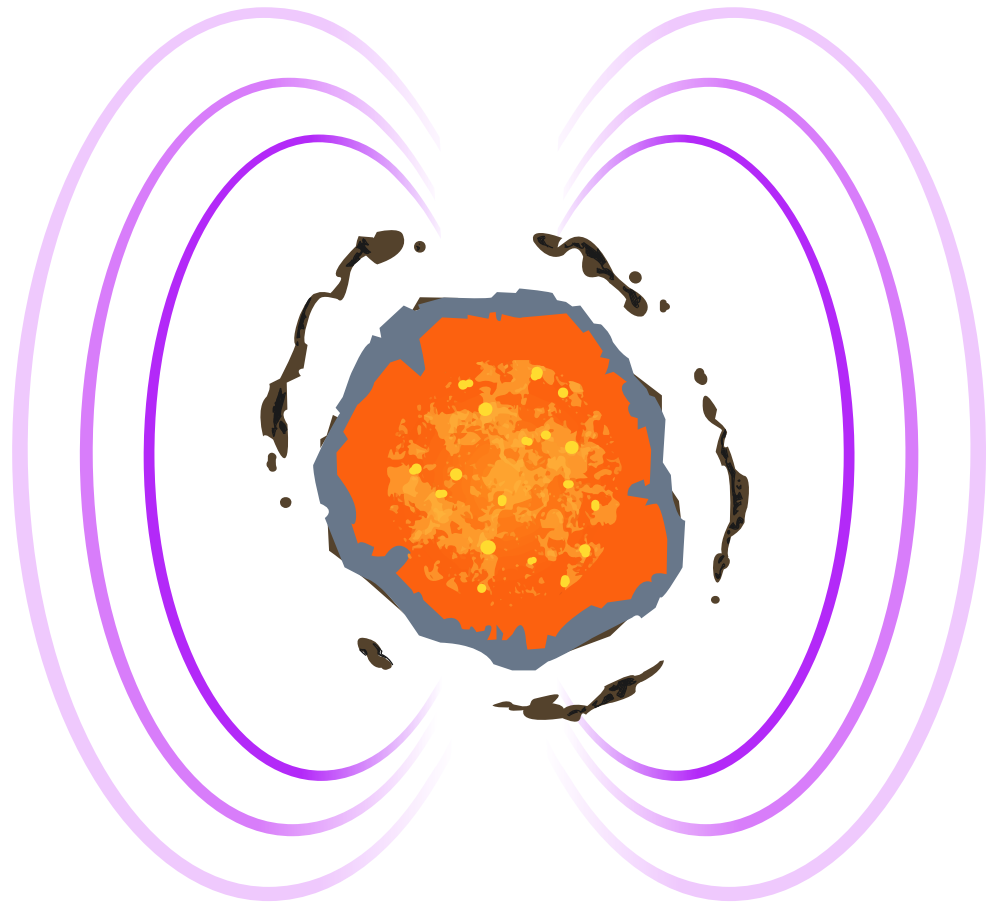
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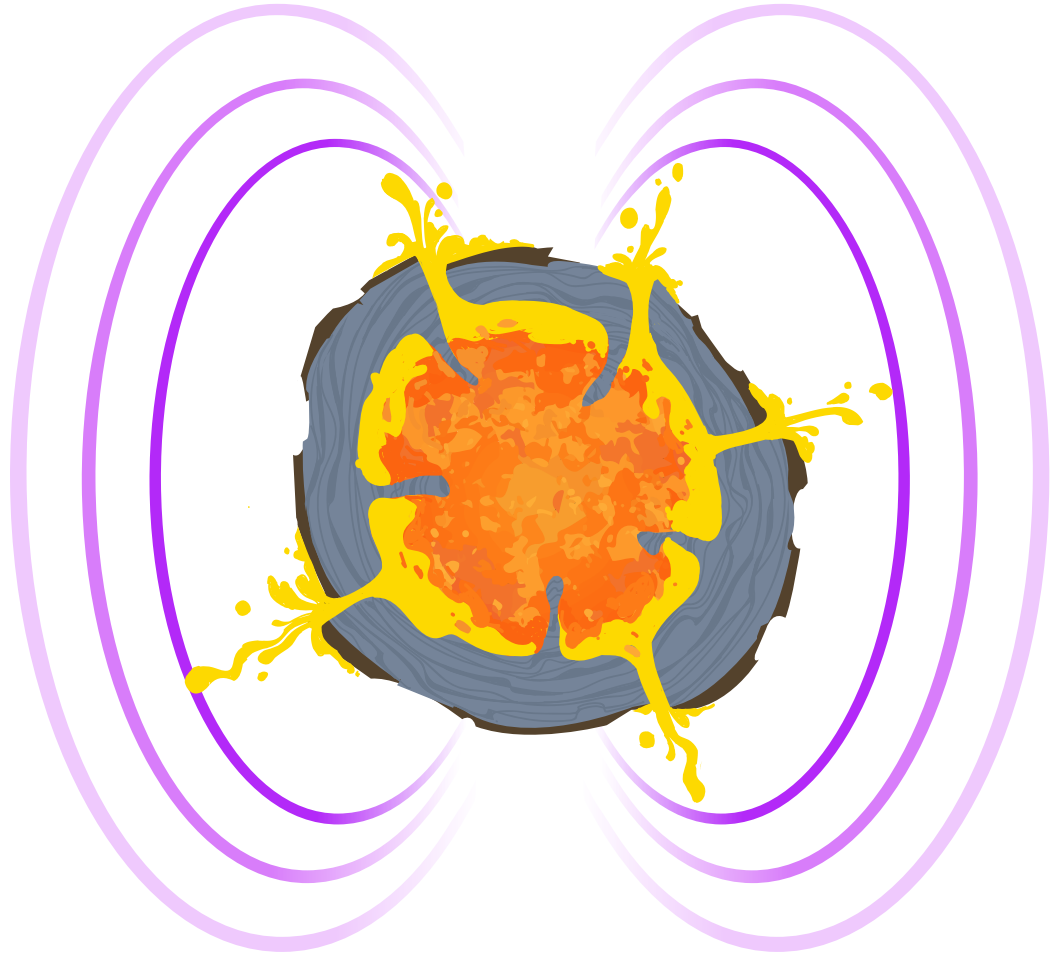






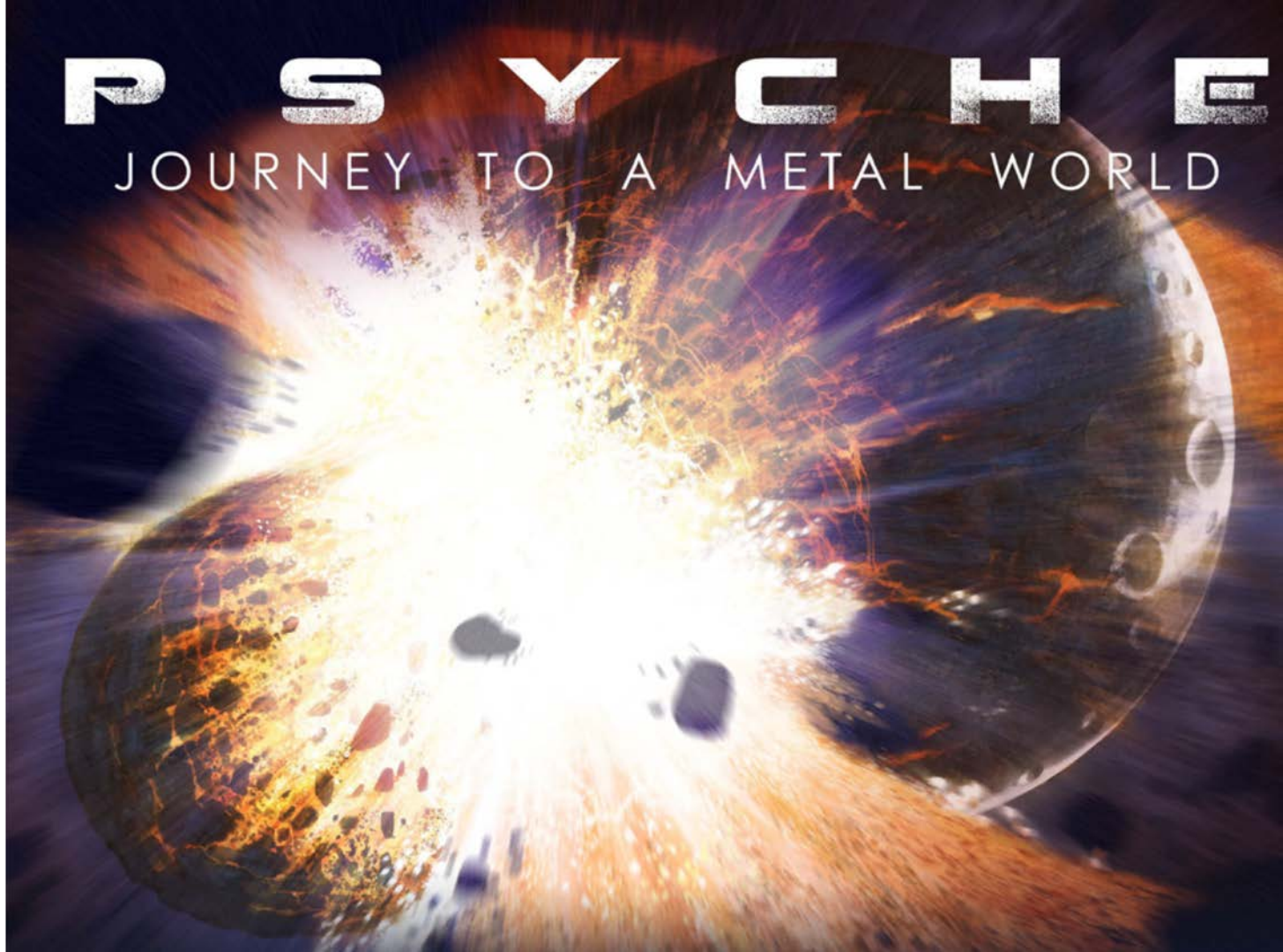






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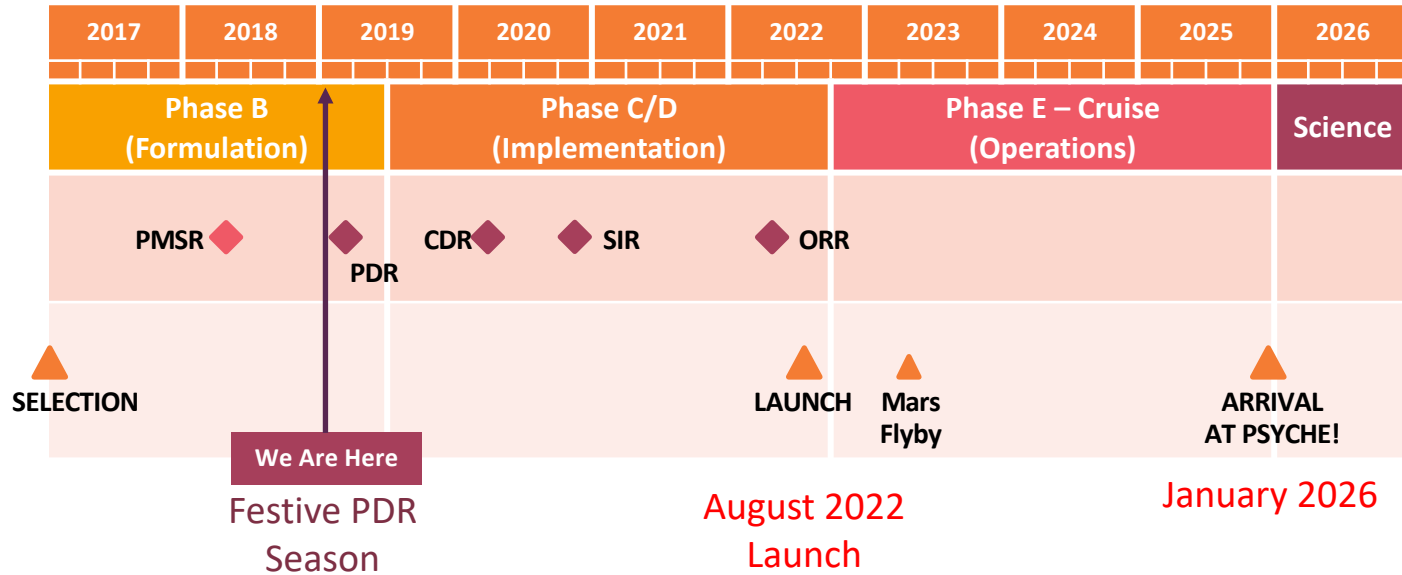
JOURNEY TO A METAL WORLD





PSYCHE

# Project timeline





# Science objectives



**Objective A:** Determine whether Psyche is a core, or if it is unmelted material.

**Objective B:** Determine the relative ages of Psyche's surface regions.

**Objective C:** Determine the global abundances, in portions of Psyche's surface that appear to be a metal phase, of light elements S, K, and Si.

**Objective D:** Determine whether Psyche was formed under more oxidizing or more reducing conditions than Earth's core.

**Objective E:** Characterize Psyche's topography.



## Objective E: Characterize Psyche's morphology

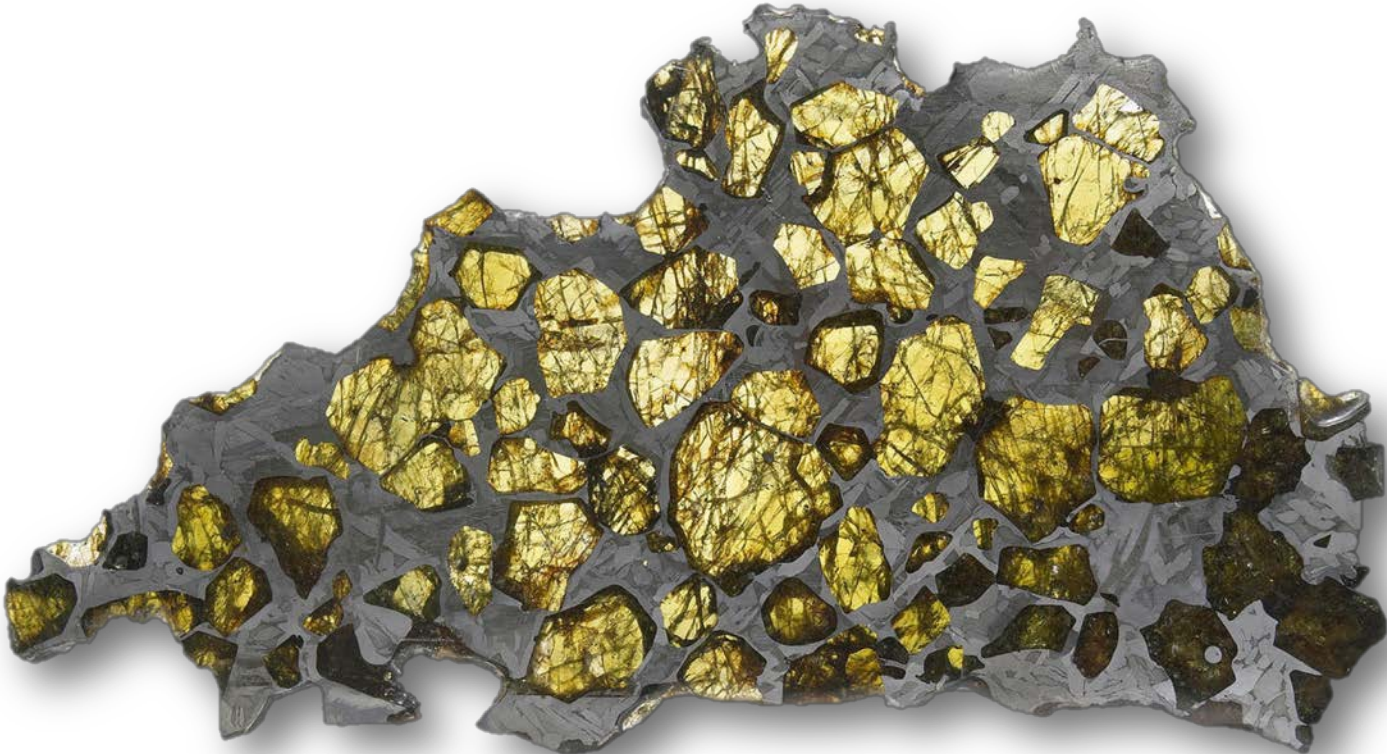


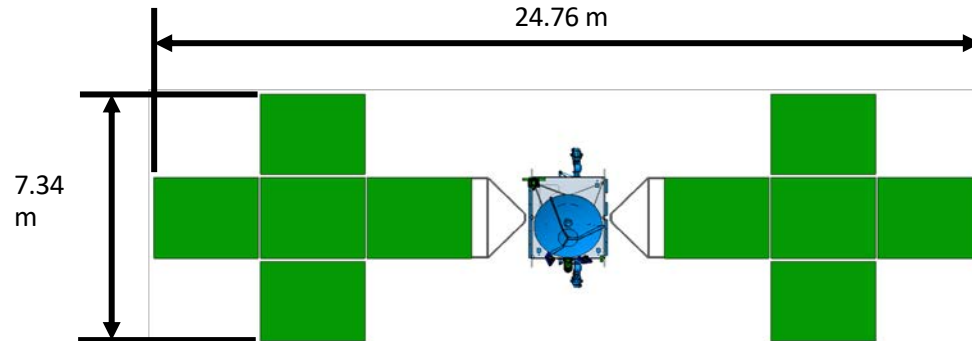
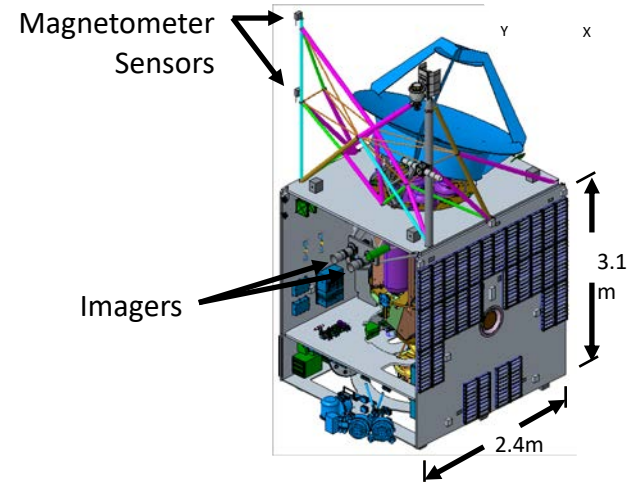
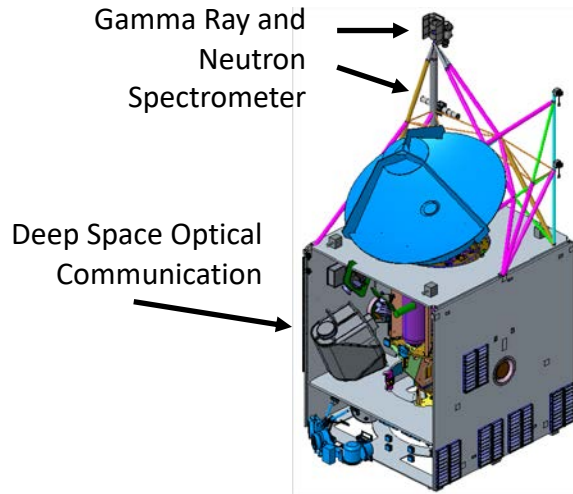
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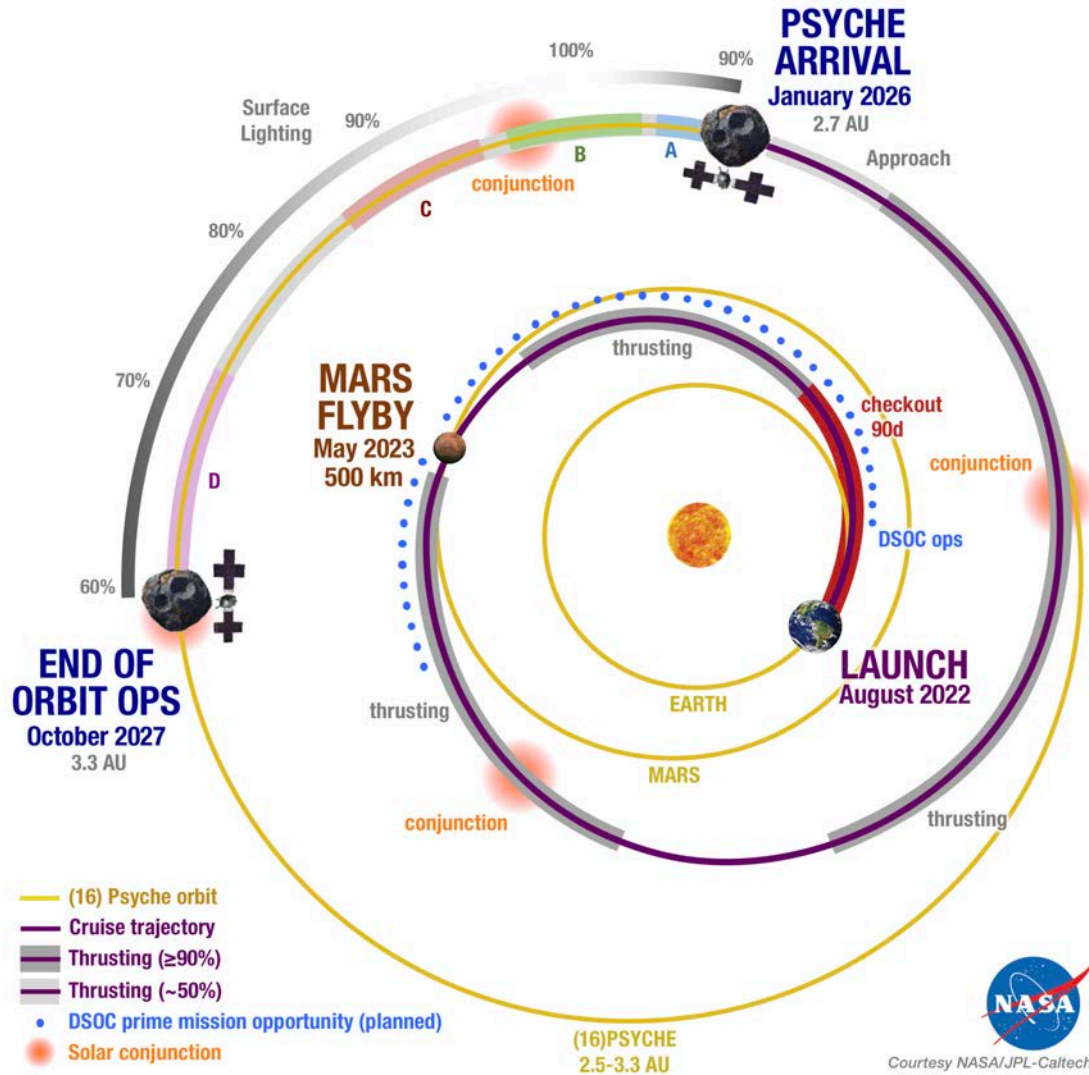
No one has seen a meteoroid crater in metal



Parts of the surface could be made of pallasite



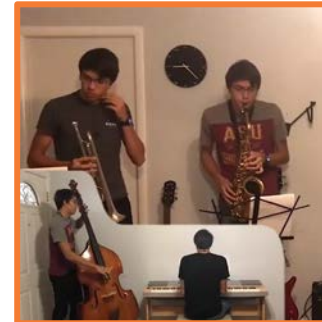




# Psyche Student Collaborations Overview



- Attract and train future instrument and mission leads, both science and engineering
- Facilitate innovation by including people from fields outside science and engineering
- Cover a spectrum of intensity of experience vs. number of people involved
- Include ways for people at any level of education or nationality to participate



# Psyche Student Collaborations Programs



- **Capstone Projects:**  
Mission-focused capstone projects in existing university capstone courses nationwide
- **Psyche Inspired:**  
Undergraduates nationwide share the excitement of Psyche through creative works
- **Innovation Toolkit:**  
Free online courses on skills/knowledge critical to innovation in space exploration
- **Science Outreach Interns:**  
Engage the public/K-12 locally; develop materials for wide use
- **Evaluation:**  
Ongoing evaluation of all programs
- **Publication:**  
Ongoing publication of procedures, findings, and recommendations



# Psyche Student Collaborations: August 2017 – May 2019



## Capstone Projects

- 260 undergraduate students on 42 teams
- 7 universities
- 14 majors
- 27 faculty
- Alumni program

## Psyche Inspired

- 28 students
- 9 universities
- 20 majors
- More than 100 works
- Annual Showcase (physical and virtual)
- Coffee table book (physical and virtual)
- Alumni program

## Innovation Toolkit

- Process and Lifetime of a Space Mission
- The Inclusive Mindset: Tools for Building Positive Team Culture

## Science Outreach Interns

- Tours featuring Psyche given to more than 10,000 K-12 students
- Materials development for outreach (lesson plans, hands-on activities, web content)

## Evaluation

- Program evaluation: *empowerment evaluation* (Fetterman, 2001)
- Course-based assessments

## Publication and Dissemination

- *Internat'l J of Engineering Education* (Bowman & Elkins-Tanton, et al., accepted)
- *Capstone Design Conference*
- 5 ASU news articles (2 by undergraduates)
- 2 Psyche blog posts by undergraduates

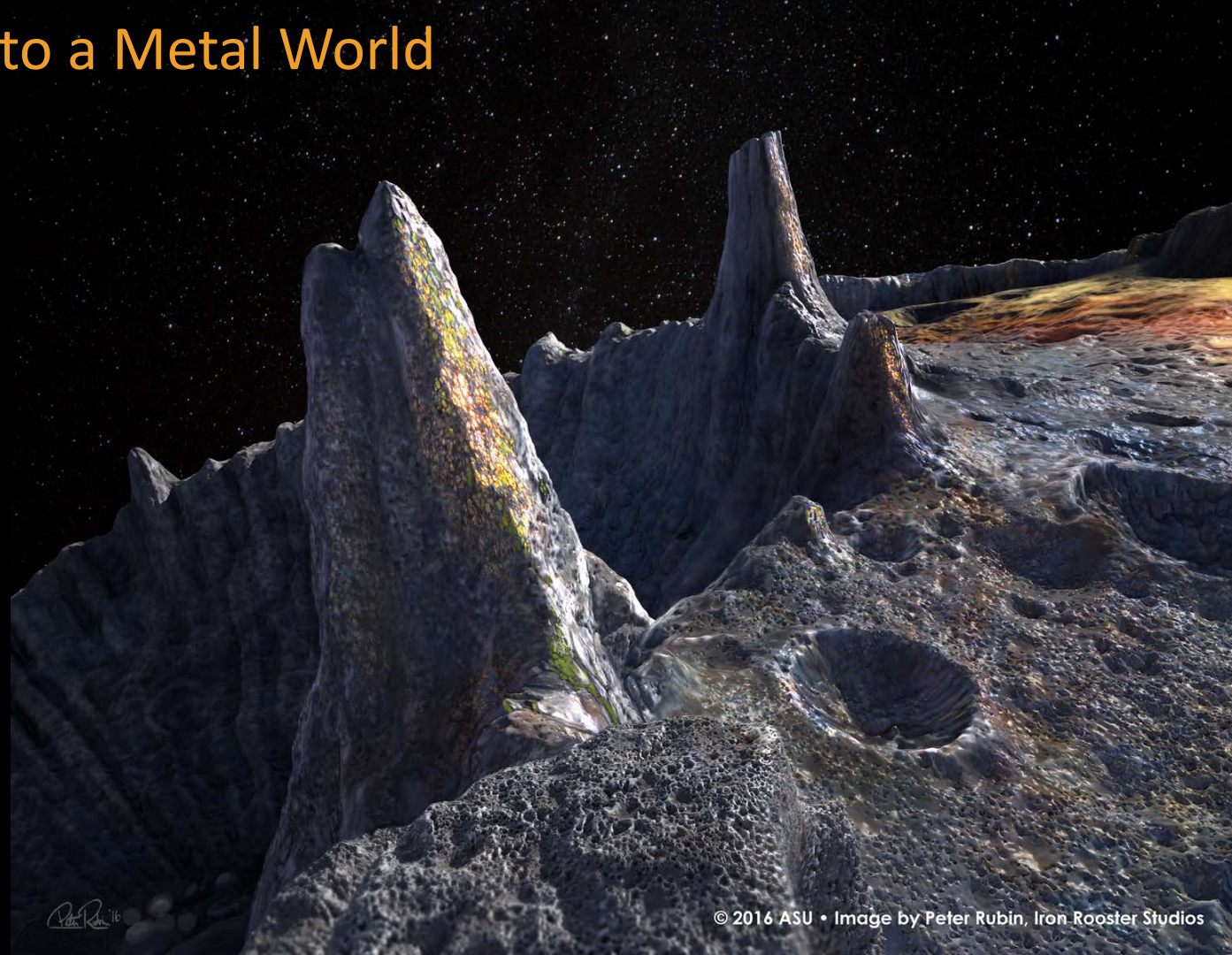


# Psyche: Journey to a Metal World

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