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This material has been adapted from the New Horizons web site. The mission stop date is the current stop date of the KBO Extended Mission (KEM).

Summary
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Launch: January 19, 2006

Launch Vehicle: Atlas V 551 first stage; Centaur second stage;
STAR 48B solid rocket third stage

Location: Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida

Trajectory: To Pluto and the Kuiper Belt via Jupiter Gravity

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Mission Overview
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The primary science goals of the NEW HORIZONS mission are to characterize the global geology and morphology of Pluto and Charon, to map the surface composition of Pluto and Charon, and to characterize the neutral atmosphere of Pluto and its escape rate (NASA AO, 2001 [NASA AO 2001]; Stern & Spencer, 2004 [STERN & SPENCER 2004A]).

Mission Design
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The New Horizons spacecraft trajectory was designed to have as early an arrival time at Pluto as practicable.