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- Stern & Spencer, New Horizons: The First Reconnaissance Mission to Bodies in the Kuiper Belt, 2004 [STERN&SPENCER2004A]
- The New Horizons web page originally at <http://pluto.jhuapl.edu/>

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Overview

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The New Horizons spacecraft observatory includes propulsion, navigation, and communications systems, plus the payload. The spacecraft is roughly 2.5 meters across and its mass is 465 kg including propellant. Design features include 64 Gbits of redundant solid-state data storage, a 290 m/s propulsion budget, and the capability to transmit data from 32 AU at almost 1 kilobit/second.

The instrument payload [Stern & Cheng, 2002, STERN&CHENG2002] comprises the two-sensor RALPH Vis-IR remote sensing package, the ALICE UV imaging spectrograph, the REX radio/radiometry experiment, the two-sensor PEPSSI/SWAP plasma suite, the LORRI long-focal-length imager, and the SDC student-built dust counter.

Payload

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The New Horizons team selected instruments that not only directly measure NASA-specified items of interest (NASA AO 01-OSS-01, 2001, [NASA02001]), but also provide backup to other instruments on the spacecraft should one fail during the mission.

The payload comprises seven instruments: