

Japanese Lunar polar Exploration Mission



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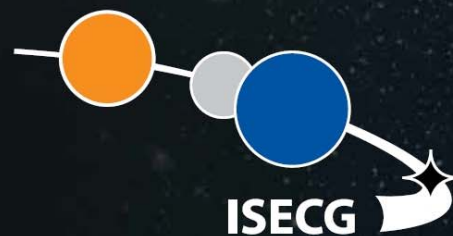
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The Global Exploration Roadmap

August 2013



International Space Exploration
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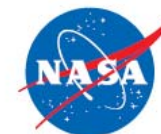
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SKG summarized by ISECG (Moon)

- Strategic Knowledge Gap (SKG), that is, knowledge to reduce the risk of human exploration, is summarized in Global Exploration Roadmap (GER) ver.2.

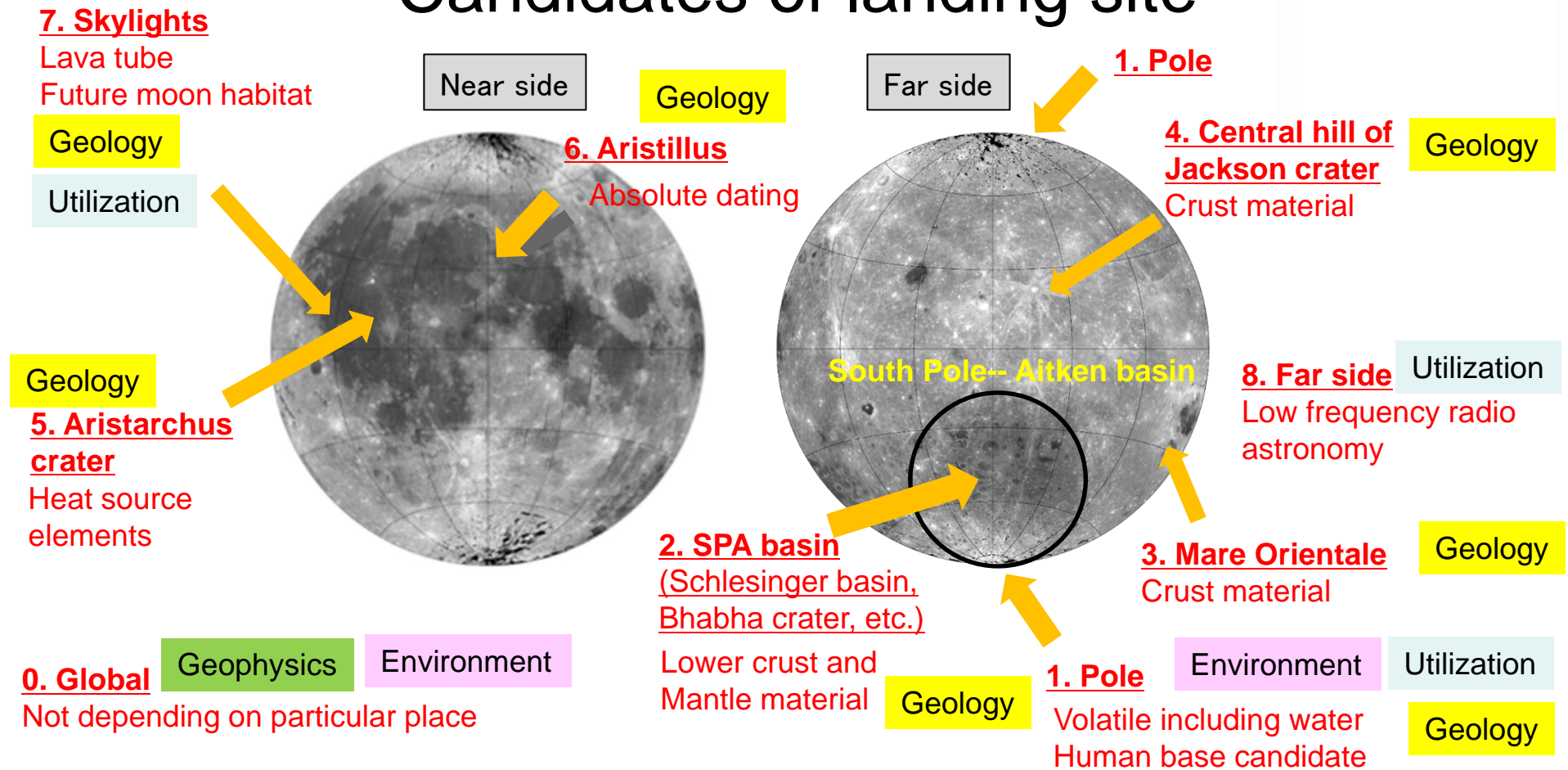
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Candidates of landing site



Geology	Suitable for Geological observation to know surface material composition. Sample and Return are required for detailed observation.
Geophysics	Suitable for Geophysical observation such as seismometer to know interior structure.
Environment	Suitable for surface environment measurement and resource investigation.
Utilization	Suitable for human base, astronomical observatory, or moon hotel.

Episode 1



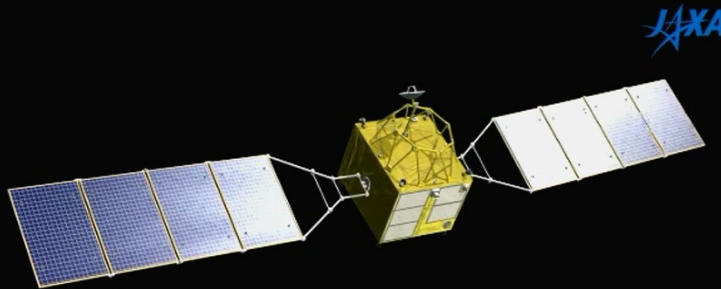
Attack of SELENE-2

History of mission study



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Candidate payloads on SELENE-2



Instrument candidates on Orbiter

- Electro-magnetic Sounder : LEMS
- Radio source for VLBI : VLBI
- Lunar dust monitor : LDM
- Low frequency radio astronomy : LLFAST
- Radiation monitor : PRMD-III
- High definition TV : HDTV

Instrument candidates on Rover

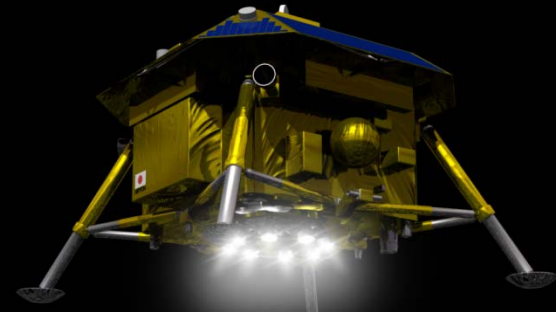
- Multi-band camera : LMUCS
- Macro spectral camera : LUMI
- Science integrated package : R-SIP
- Gamma-ray and neutron spectrometer : GNS
- Active X-ray spectrometer : AXS
- Laser-induced breakdown spectrometer : LIBS
- High definition TV : HDTV



Instrument candidates on Lander

- Observation onboard lander -

- Multi-band panoramic camera : ALIS
- High definition TV : HDTV



- Observation on lunar surface -

- Broadband seismometer : LBBS
- Heat flow probe : HFP
- Electro-magnetic sounder : LEMS
- Radio source for VLBI : VLBI
- Laser reflector for lunar ranging : LLR
- Soil mechanics measurement : LSM

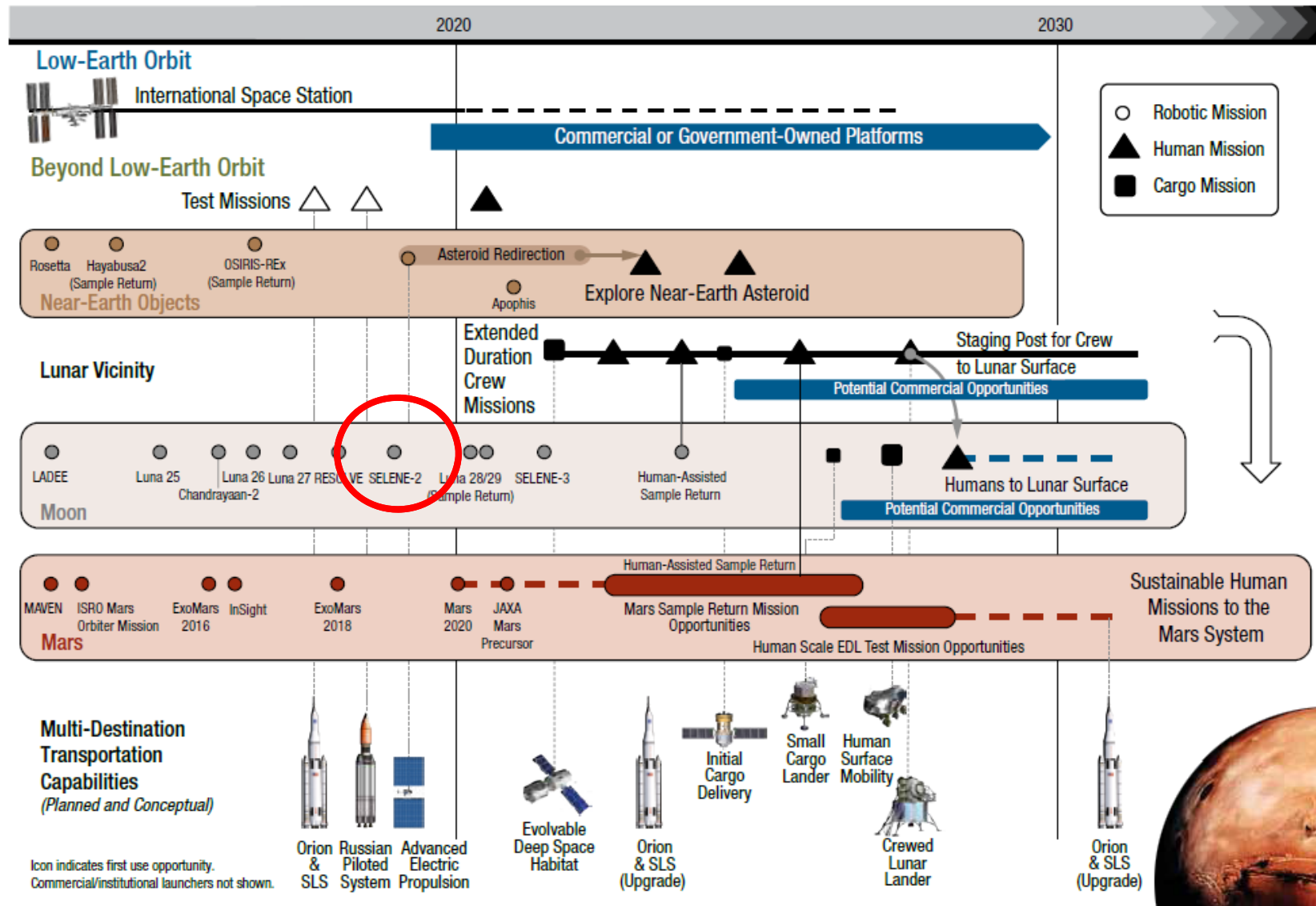
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Global Exploration Roadmap 2

ISECG Mission Scenario



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- We have been waiting for budget approval for seven years, but finally we had to give up our original mission concepts. Phase-A study of SELENE-2 has canceled in March, 2015.

Episode 2



The Volatile Awakens

History of mission study



- Recently, Cis-lunar and moon surface exploration are considered in the world. JAXA started to think about the importance of **lunar volatile investigation** in order to think about exploration strategy. Polar region became a landing site candidate of high priority.

Interest on (South) Pole



- Scientific interest and knowledge for future exploration
 - Geology : **Ejecta from SPA basin**
 - Geophysics : **Long-term sunshine (solar energy)**
 - Volatile : **Permanent shadow or low temperature region**
 - Environment (terrain, solar illumination, dust, radiation, soil mechanics)
- Technology demonstration
 - **Safe and accurate landing to very limited area**
 - Surface mobility for volatile exploration
 - Night survival for large-scale observation base
 - Sample and return of volatile, etc
- Political, Outreach, Education
 - Candidate site of the international moon outpost
 - Fantastic movie from polar region

Collaboration with NASA RP



- NASA RP (Resource Prospector) mission plans to find water ice on the moon surface and mine it. RP investigates volatiles such as hydrogen, oxygen and water.
- JAXA started the feasibility study of the collaboration with RP since 2013. The joint study between JAXA and NASA has been continuing under Letter of Agreement.
- The SELENE-2 team started the conceptual study to adapt the spacecraft configuration to the RP requirements.
- JAXA is currently one of candidate organizations to provide a lander to RP mission. NASA also thinks about collaborations with other international partners and industries.

SELENE/RP collaboration Mission



- Spacecraft mass : 5000 kg (Wet)
- Surface payload: 340 kg
- Launch target : 2020 (TBD)

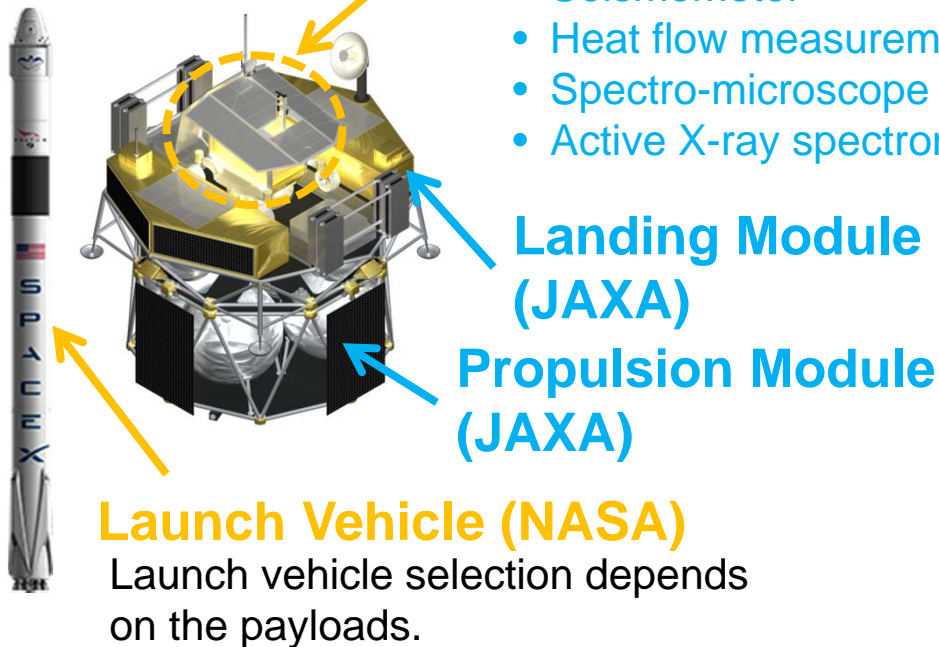
Rover (NASA)

- Near Infrared Spectrometer
- Neutron Spectrometer
- Oxygen & Volatile Extraction Node
- Lunar Advanced Volatile Analysis

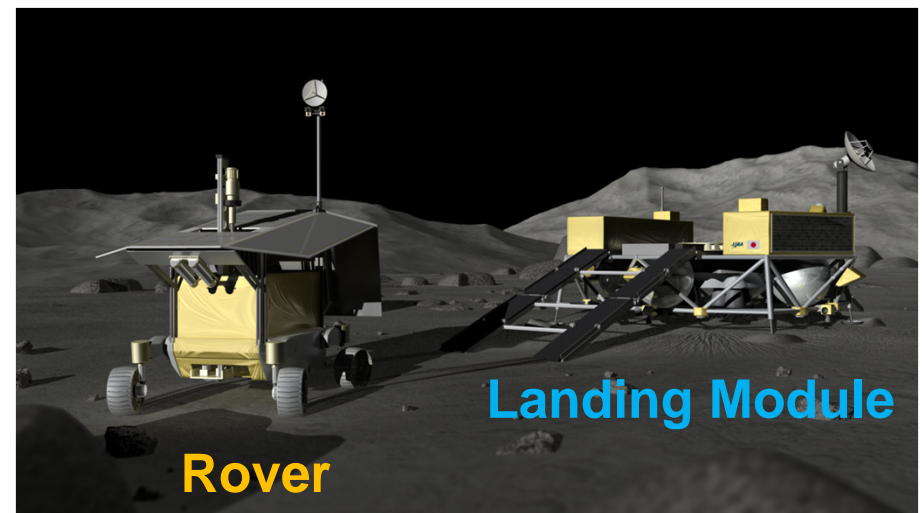
Volatile observation
in Polar region

- Radiation monitor
- Seismometer
- Heat flow measurement
- Spectro-microscope camera
- Active X-ray spectrometer

Other instruments
candidates



Launch configuration



Lunar surface configuration

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Japan's approaches to international space exploration

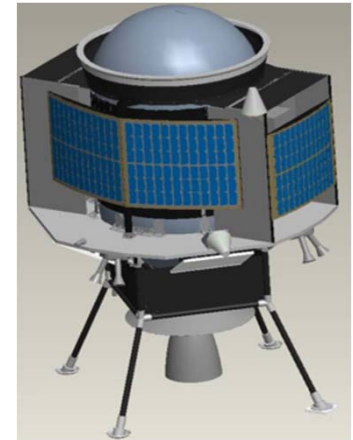
(Second Report of MEXT's ISS-Space Exploration Sub-Committee/ English translation by JAXA)



SLIM(Smart Lander for Investigation Moon)



- SLIM is a mission to demonstrate the technology for pin-point soft landing on lunar or planetary surface.
- Planned to be launched in Fy 2019.



- Technology demonstration with Small Spacecraft:
(Landing on the point where we want to explore!)
 - Image-based Navigation utilizing Lunar Terrain
 - Autonomous Obstacle Detection
 - Robust Pin-point Guidance
 - Landing Shock Absorber
 - High-performance Propulsion
 - Exploration using Tiny Rovers (option)
- Enable frequent trials of lunar/planetary surface exploration technology
- Precursor of future full-scale lunar or planetary missions

Episode 3



Return of SELENE/RP study

Requirements from RP



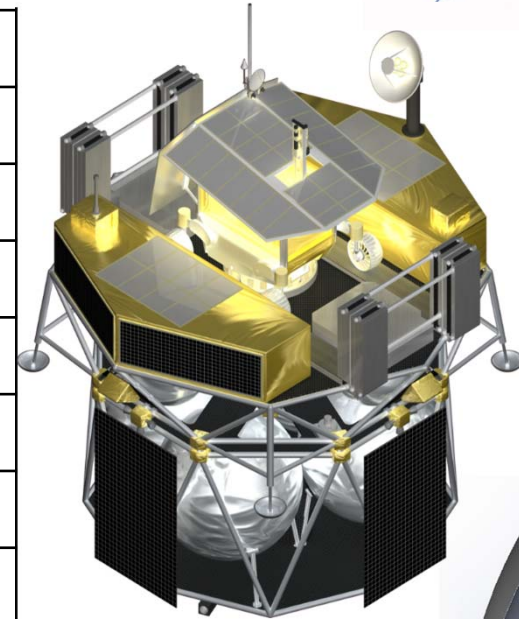
- The lander shall land on the lunar surface within a 100 meter radius of the pre-launch selected target location.
- The lander shall be capable of landing on slopes up to 15 degrees relative to lunar gravity.
- The lander shall carry the rover (about 300 kg) to the lunar surface and have rover egress mechanism such as a ramp.
- The lander shall be designed to withstand the shock and vibration environment and radiation environment.
- The lander shall provide electrical power and a communication antenna to the Rover and onboard instruments.
- The spacecraft shall have a total mass of no grater than 5,000 kg (in case of GTO launch)

Spacecraft configuration (tentative)



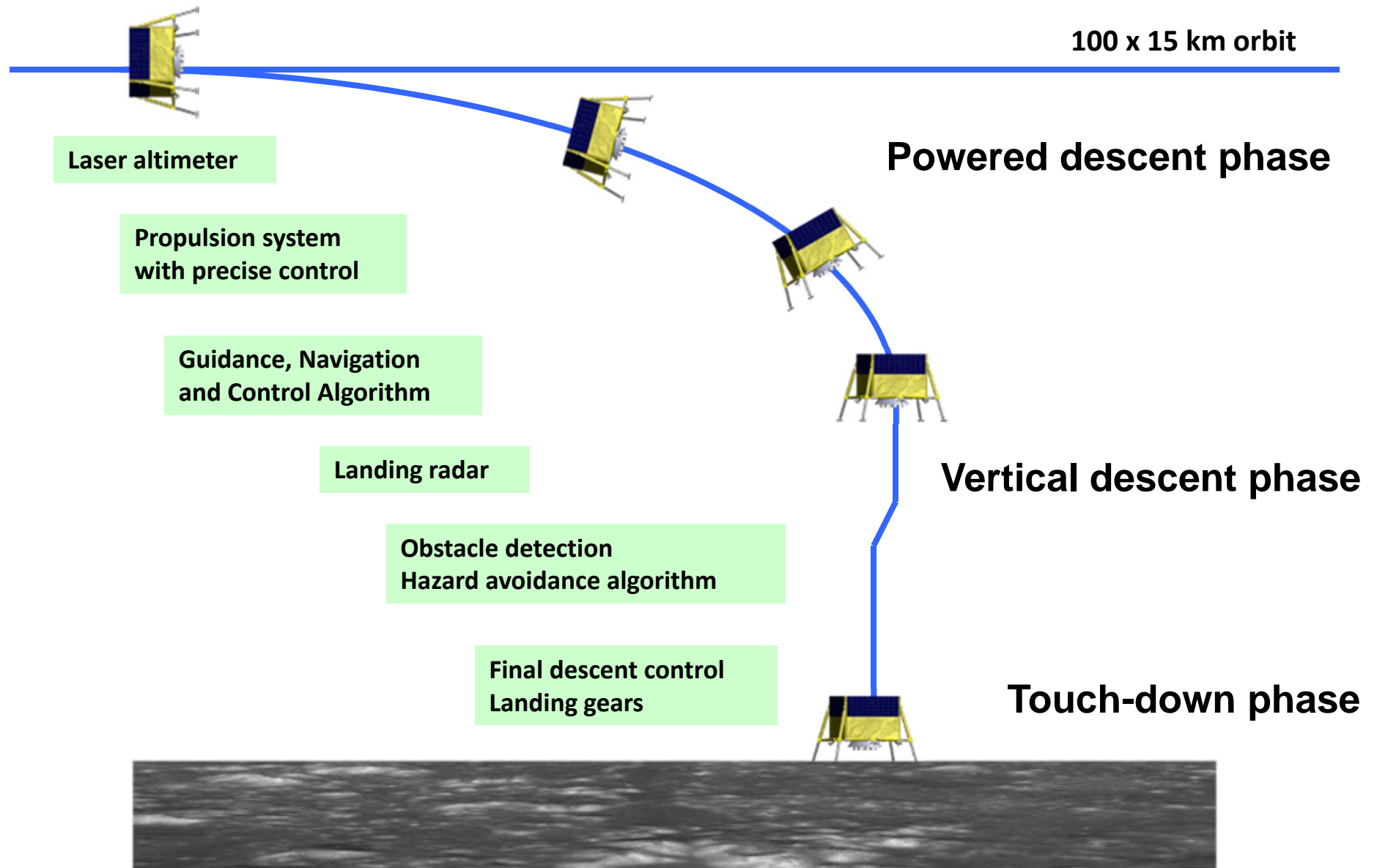
Propulsion Module	Bus system	478
	Fuel	2136
	Total	2614
Lander	Bus system	807
	Rover and instruments	309
	Option instruments	40
	Fuel	1229
	Total	2386
Total		5000

Unit : kg



Compatible with Falcon 9 ver. 1.1

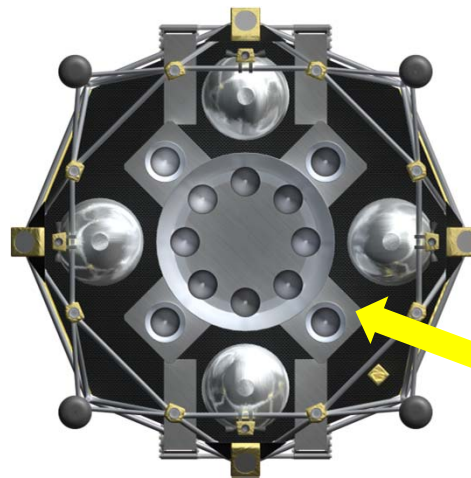
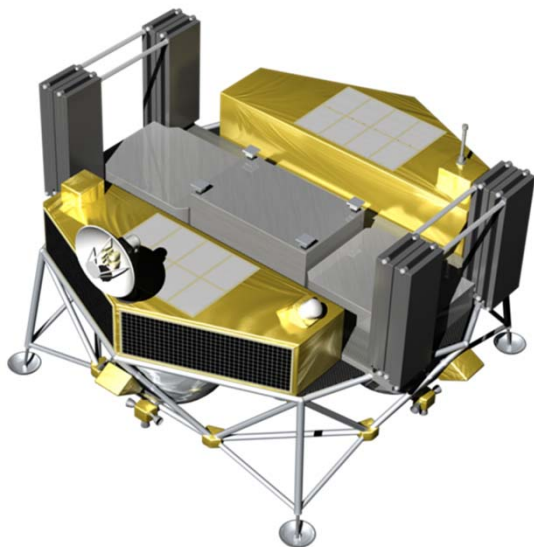
Landing technology



Propulsion system



- Large and accurate-controlled thrusters are required for the propulsion system of the lander.
- 12 of flight-proven 500 N thrusters are used for descent.
- Bipropellant (MON3, N₂H₄), Isp = 325 sec.
- Pulse firing tests are being conducted.



Laser altimeter and Landing Rader

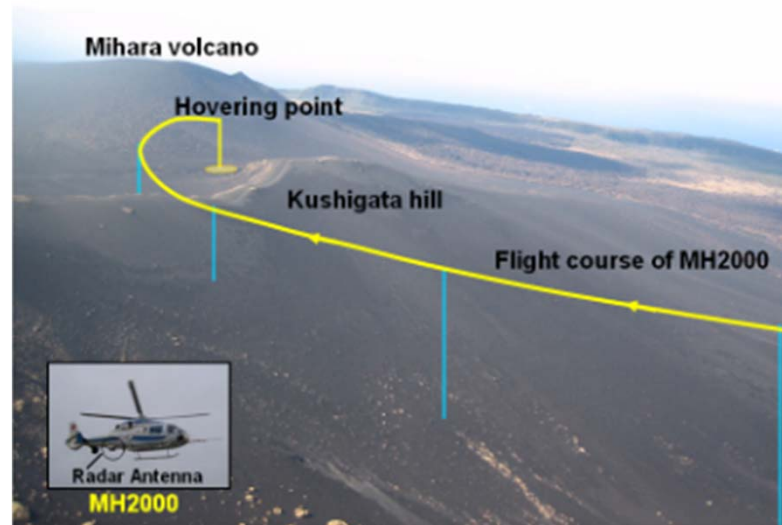
- For vertical descent phase of landing, precise speed and altitude measurements are required.
- JAXA has the heritage of laser altimeters.
 - LALT on Kaguya : 50km~150km
 - LIDAR on Hayabusa: 50m ~50km
- JAXA has been developing a landing radar with one beam altimeter and four beams of speed meter.
 - Altitude: 10m-3.5km (precision: 0.3m or 5%)
 - Velocity: 0~50m/s (precision: 0.3m/s or 5%)
- Landing Rader will be tested by SLIM project.



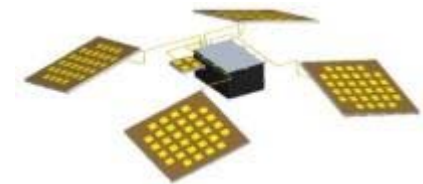
KAGUYA LALT



HAYABUSA LIDAR

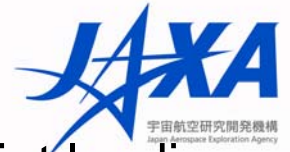


Field tests of landing radar using helicopter

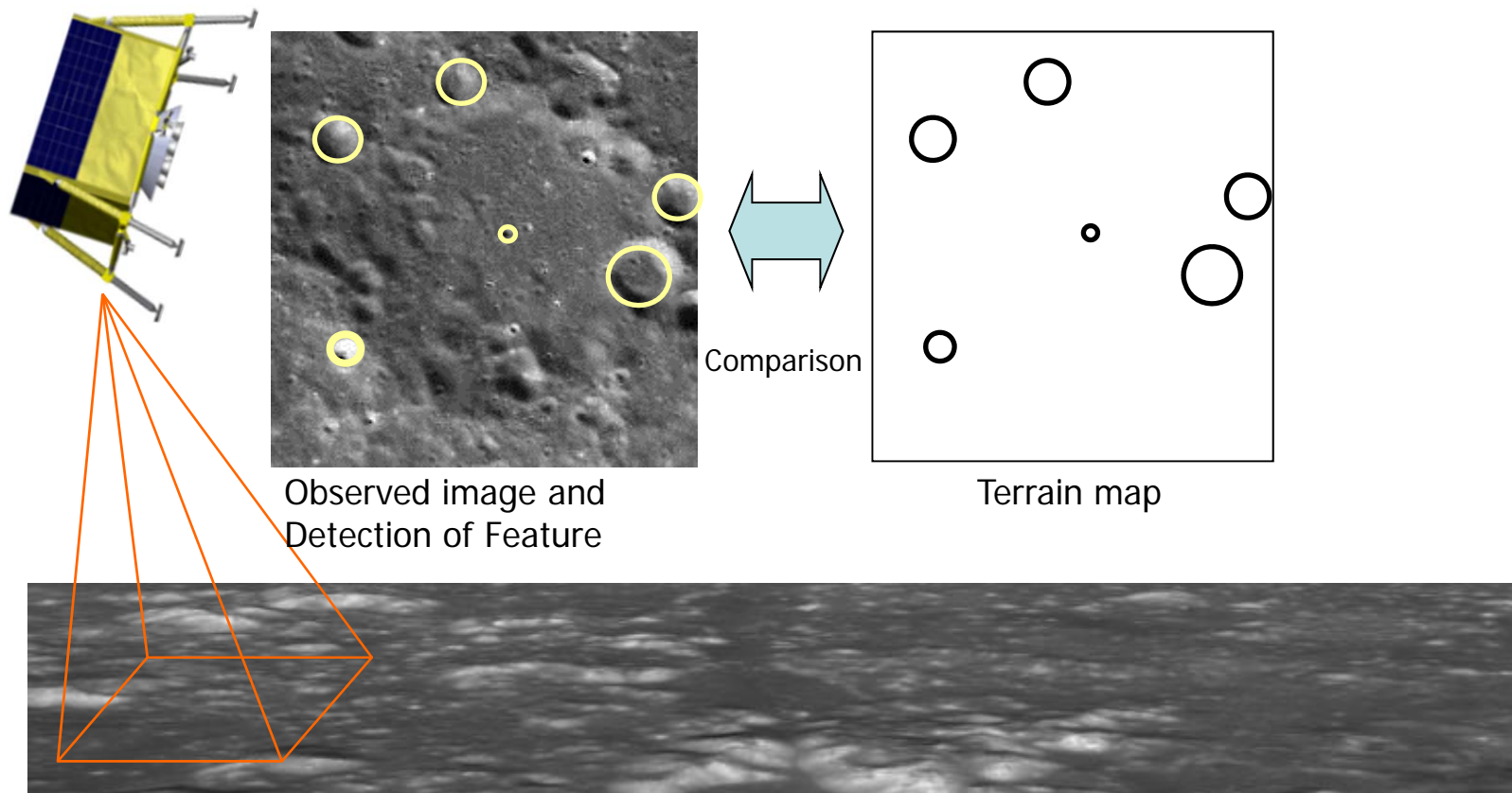


Type	Pulse Doppler Radar 4 beams for velocity 1 beam for altitude
Altitude	10m~3.5km
Velocity	10m~3.0km 0~50m/s

Landmark optical navigation



- Landmark navigation is planned to be used for accurate pin-point landing.
- The navigation algorithm is now under study. Similar ground-based method was demonstrated while Hayabusa landing navigation.
- **The landmark navigation will be tested by SLIM project.**



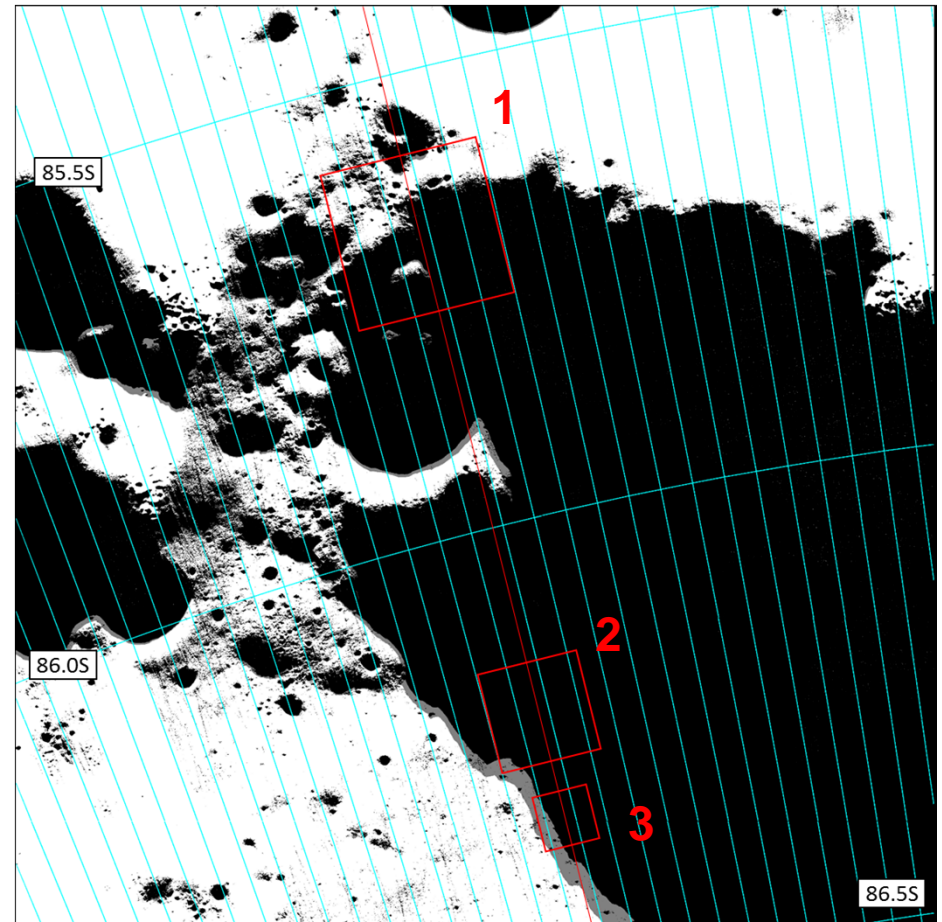
Simulated images for the landmark navigation

Landing to North Haworth (86.33S, 14.19W)

2020/04/08 00:00:00

Optical landmark Nav. timing (TBD)

0. Start powered descent (15 km)
1. Waypoint (9.8 km)
2. Waypoint (5.9 km)
3. End powered descent (3.5 km)

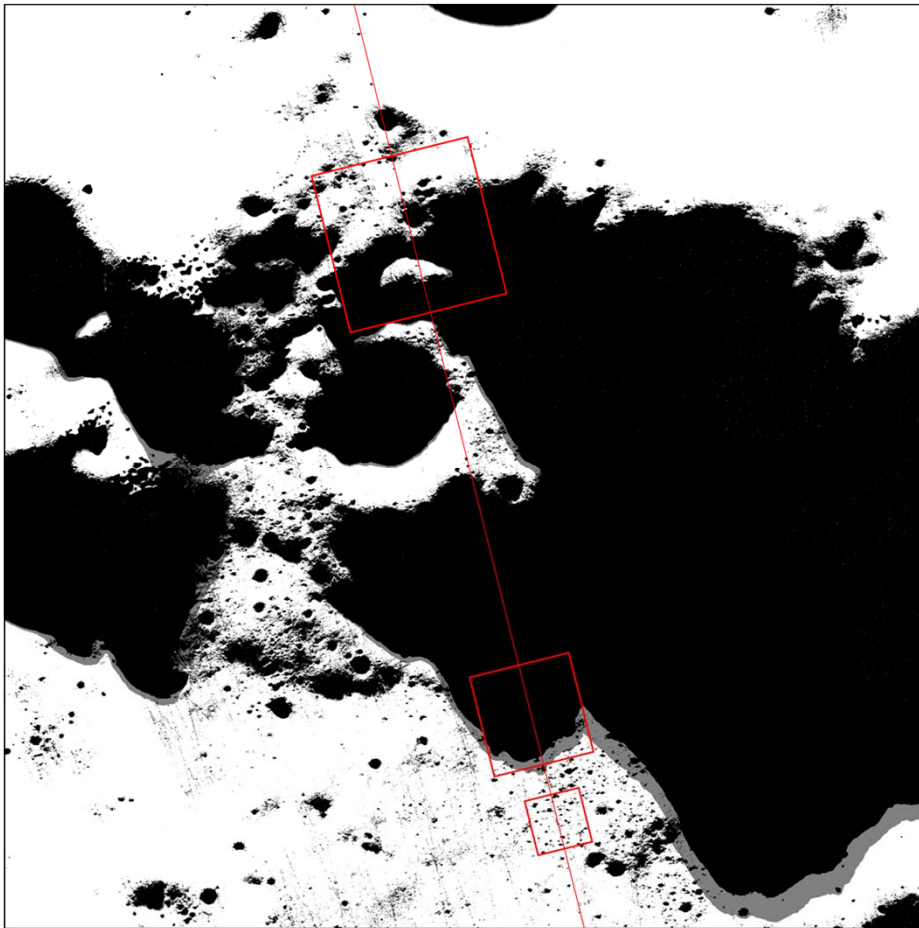


Landing site is dark.

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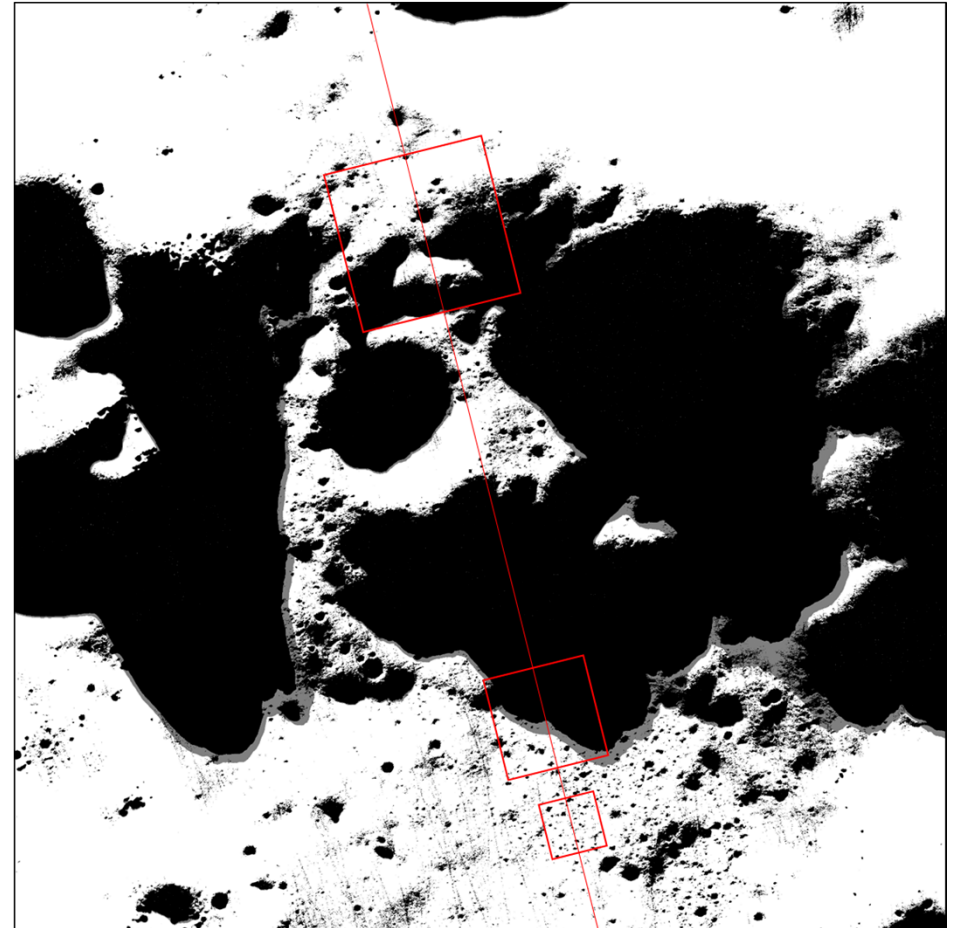
Landing to North Haworth (86.33S, 14.19W)

2020/04/09 00:00:00



Landing site is sunlit but
optical nav. is difficult.

2020/04/10 00:00:00



Optical nav. is OK.

We conduct those simulations using the power of Jedi.



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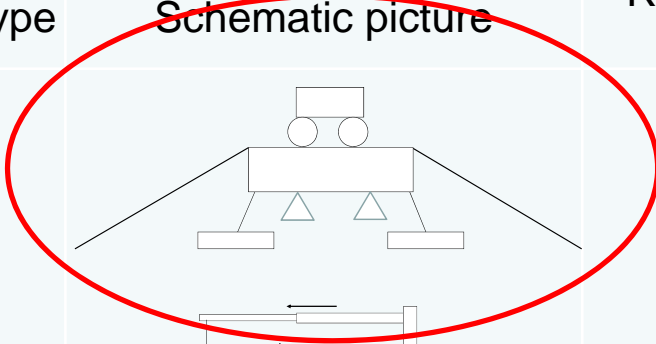
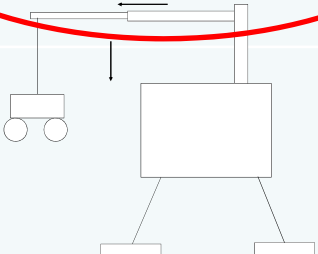
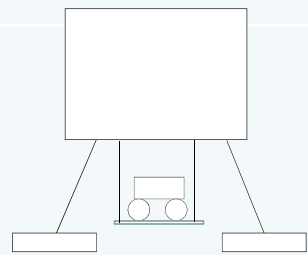
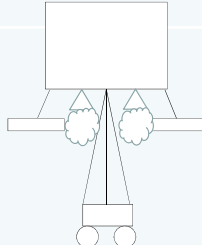
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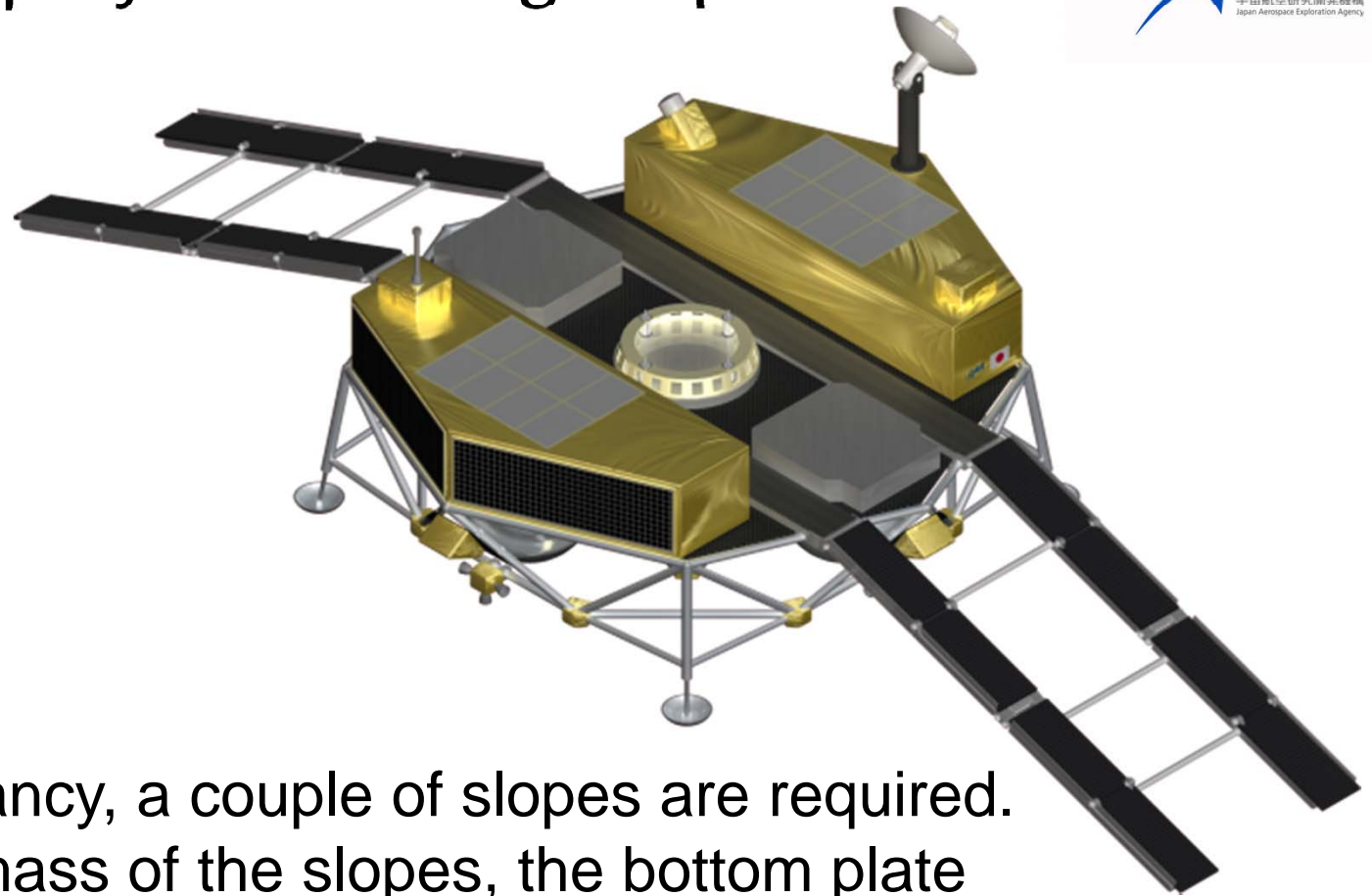
- Mission 1. Introduction of up-to-date IT technology / systems into spacecraft and aircraft projects
- Mission 2. R&D on numerical simulation technology and its application to spacecraft and aircraft projects
- Mission 3. introduction and operation of JAXA's supercomputer system, R&D on the application technology

H-II Transfer Vehicle (HTV)

Rover deployment mechanism

#	Deployment type	Schematic picture	Reachable area	Complexity	Mass
1	Slopes		Good	Good	Average (Good)
2	Top Crane		Good	Average	Average
3	Elevator		Poor	Good	Average
4	Skycrane		Excellent	Poor	Heavy

Rover deployment using slopes



- For redundancy, a couple of slopes are required.
- To reduce mass of the slopes, the bottom plate should be placed as low as possible.
- Reliable and light weight mechanism should be studied.

Summary



- JAXA is conducting the collaboration study with NASA RP. A solution which can carry 300 kg payload to the surface with some margin has obtained.
- However, to persuade Japanese community and the government, some additional instruments are also essential. We are now conducting further mass reduction study.
- Some new technologies should be developed for safe and precise landing. We have been conducting some experiments and analysis. We also plans to demonstrate the technologies with a small lander SLIM.

Thank you for your attention.

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