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A new era of human and robotic exploration

BB1: TELE-ROBOTIC AND AUTONOMOUS CONTROL SYSTEMS

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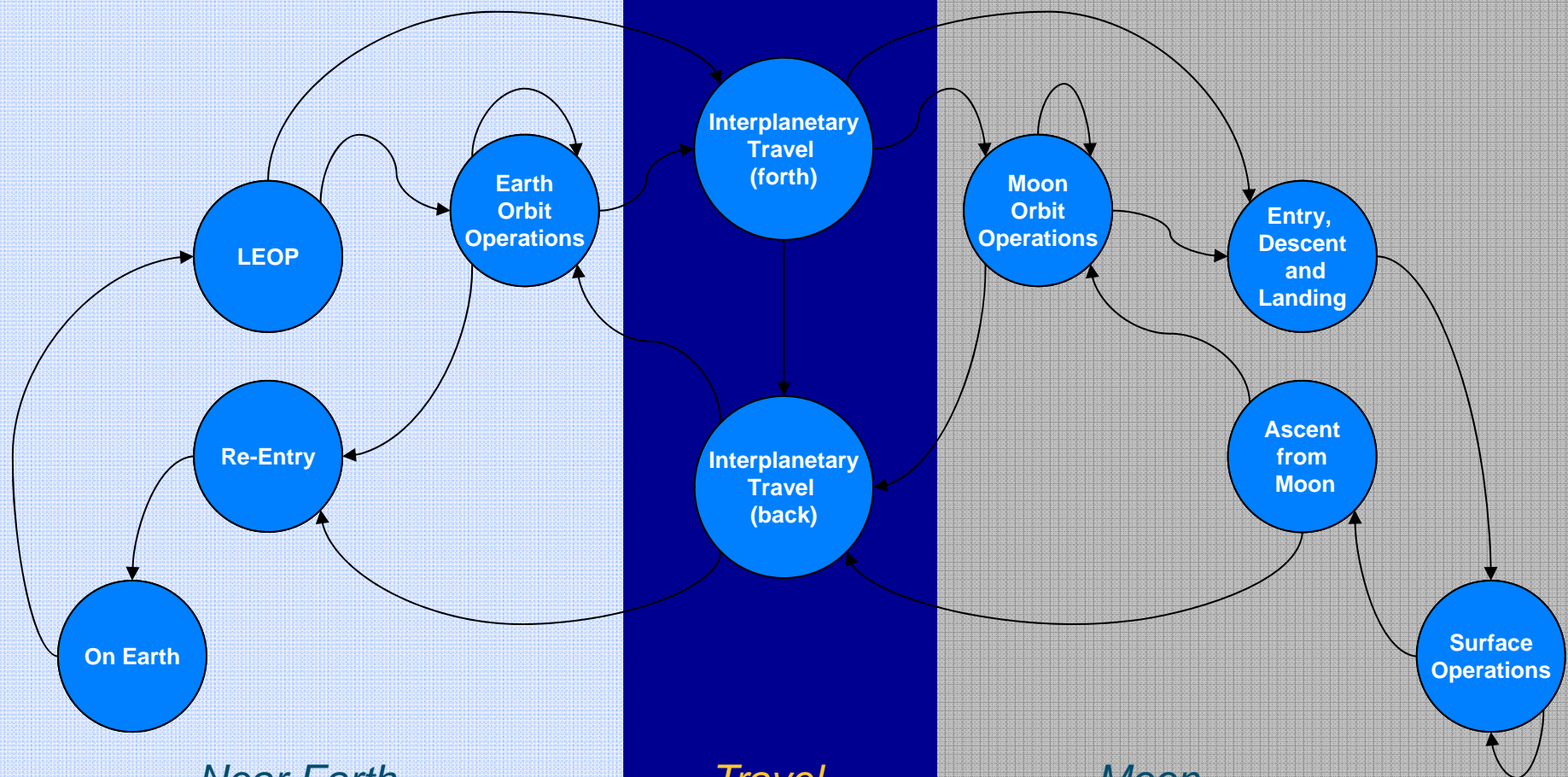
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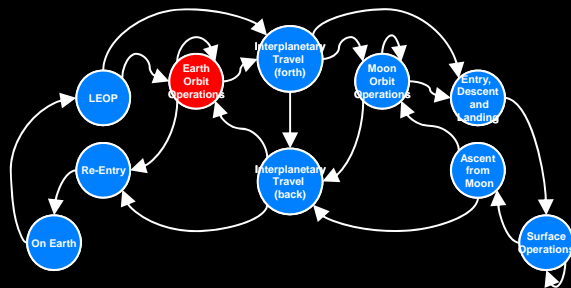
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GENERIC MODEL OF A MISSION TO THE MOON





GNC for re-fuelling

Control of compound of chaser and refuelling mechanism. Arrival in the vicinity of the target, extension of the refuelling mechanism and control of the relative distance between both vehicles. The development of the refuelling mechanism is not accounted for here but in the robotics roadmap



GNC for manned missions

GNC with Man In the Loop (MIL) capabilities. Manmachine interaction with GNC systems. Control and Command of vehicles using joysticks, panels, buttons, displays, visual cues, etc. Also applicable to active debris removal. Astronaut or ground controller.

Image processing and pose estimation

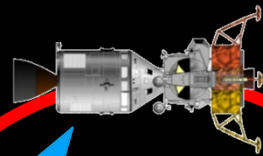
Image processing (2D and 3D) of targets for both uncooperative rendezvous and refuelling missions.

Images can be obtained via several sensors in visible, infrared, or ultraviolet wavelengths. Processing is performed on board using a dedicated DSP computer. Onboard realtime pose estimation to obtain relative position and attitude of target for both uncooperative and refuelling missions. Pose estimation is computed onboard and in real time by the onboard computer.

Navigation for manned systems

drive the design of the LIRIS sensors and their expected behaviour in flight; improve the navigation algorithms that can use the data provided by the sensors, derive realistic specification in terms of expected performance and address the need toward processing speed for on-board avionics that will also be critical for vision based 6DoF nav. develop an in-the-loop navigation system, including flight avionics develop and validate LIRIS derived Navigation sensors and algorithms for future application in manned RdV scenarios (MPCV RdV experiment)





Control of large vehicles

Interdisciplinary design and development of GNC for large vehicles. Advanced and modern control of servicing vehicles with large solar panels, large antennas, appendages. Use of CMGs.





GNC for autonomous and agile systems

Advanced GNC with intelligence to increase autonomy including complex mission vehicle management functions. Specially for interplanetary missions where ground contact is not an option to execute maneuvers with accuracy and robustness.

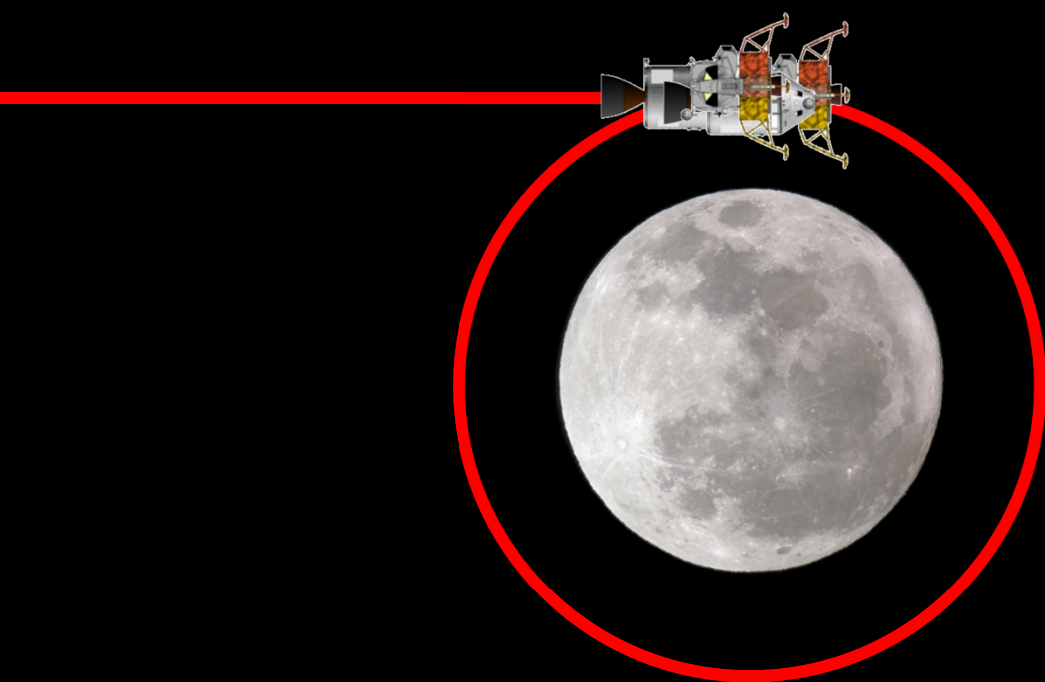
Tolerant systems

Support autonomy, verified by model (capability to accept operations) through this knowledge can be updated in and (iii) strong checking techniques model state exploration

Regenerative (High Temperature PEM) fuel cell

RFCs have the potential of a huge step in specific energy at the expense of a complexity that is much larger than this of batteries

As a consequence they can be competitive (or even enabling) only for very high levels of stored energy, like what can be expected for human exploration.





cell efficiency (conservative funding)

State of the art is 30% Beginning of Life (BoL)
Corresponding technology (triple junction / lattice matched) will not
allow further progress
New technologies and possibly new manufacturing processes are to be
developed to secure European position at the forefront
Conservative funding, i.e. more or less the same level of yearly
investment as for the current generation will make 33% efficient cell ready
for qualification by 2016 and 35% by 2019.



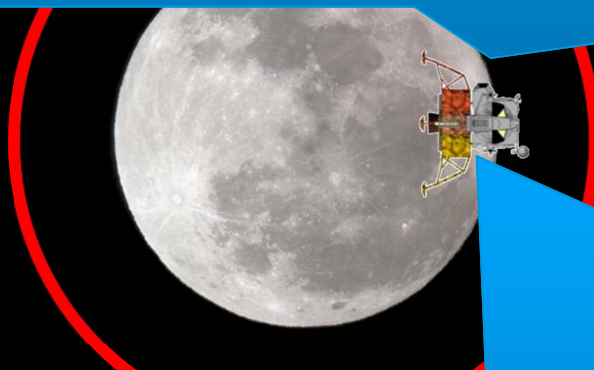
specific energy Li ion cell (> 250 Wh/kg)

For photovoltaics the increase of specific energy, allowing mass
reduction for very high power missions, is a permanent goal The State of
the art Lithium-ion has still some growth capability but a breakthrough will
be needed to further progress



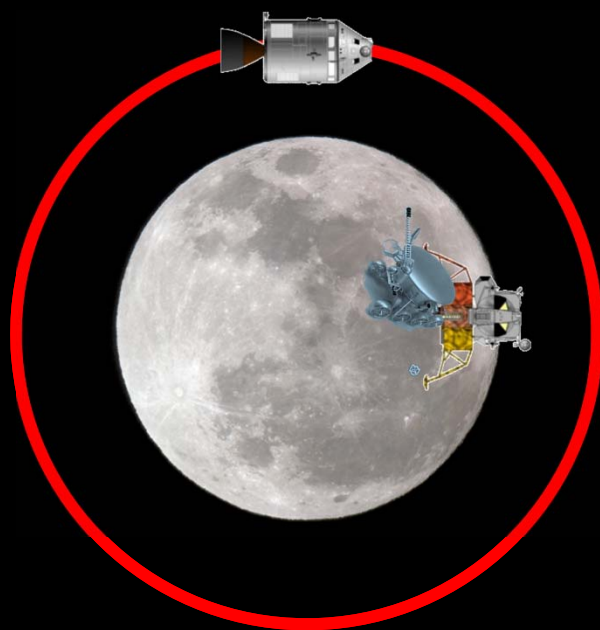
specific energy Li ion cell at low temperature ($< -20^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Thermal control of planetary surface systems (e.g. rovers) is affected both by the limited amount of energy available for heating in cold conditions and by the long duration of nights. A battery is among the equipment the most sensitive to low temperature and Li-ion has very poor charging capabilities in such conditions, making the energy balance even more difficult to achieve. Therefore a Li-ion cell operating at low temperature would bring very significant benefits to the energy balance of planetary systems.



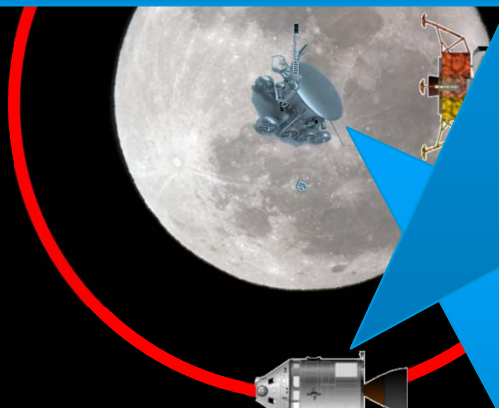
Miniaturised antennas for RF tracking of probes

Antenna system with simplified switching capabilities for probes, cubesats, landers etc. In conjunction with radiolinks present. Expected TRL5 in 2020



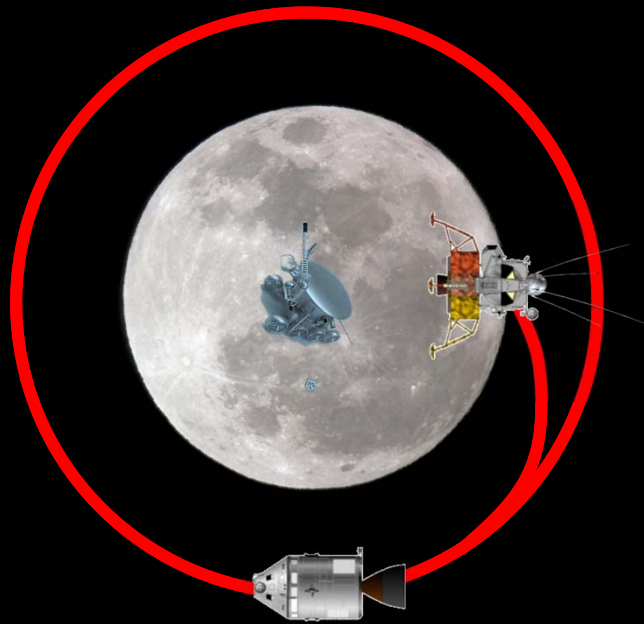


IRON The activities in this line aim at developing and demonstrating advanced haptic teleoperation technology that will allow intuitive and effective teleoperation of humanoid robots with typical orbit \leftrightarrow ground communication. Costs indicated for the project include 30% margins. Autonomous-robot collaborative activities are not addressed at the moment as the robots are considered to be teleoperated/pre-programmed. Haptic technology pursued will allow to operate the proposed HSO robotic EVA assistant and it has been also proposed for nuclear handling



precise localisation of assets on planets

transfer to landers using two way link to synchronise local clock(s) phase transfer link. Local redistribution of locked signals to provide reliable beacon scenario in case of need



Optimal ascent trajectories

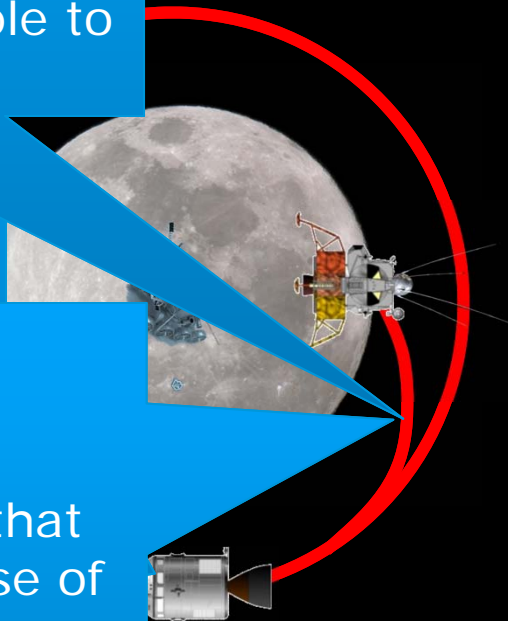
Advanced guidance and optimal trajectories for ascent flight including the rendezvous with the orbiter. Optimal trajectories are the combination flight of the ascent together with the rendezvous trajectories of the orbiter waiting for the sample to be transferred.

More than 6 degrees of freedom

Advanced guidance techniques including

Multi-disciplinary design optimization

Used for the design and the development of the rocket that carries the sample. The use of current engineering techniques for the design of the rocket, including GNC, aero, propulsion, stating mass



HIGH PERFORMANCE INTEGRATED AVIONICS



High performance computers

High throughput COTS computers protected against radiation effects through duplication or triplication with master or voting mechanism,
Use of multi-core (NGMP) or many-core (LEON3 + specialized processors).
Beyond the microelectronic manufacturing and cost challenge, an appropriate software architecture is needed to benefit from the hardware throughput without suffering from classical slow-down effects such as bus contentions.

Avionics architecture for adaptive applications

The need for the system to adapt to unexpected environment impacts on hardware architecture e.g. by use of reconfigurable FPGAs
Software architecture by use of on-board prognosis to verify the plan generated by the on-board planner and ask for re-plan if necessary

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C & RELATED SENSORS

Verification & validation facilities

Update, extension and maintenance of the PLATFORM facility at INTA (Madrid, Spain). Extension of length of the facility. Update to noncooperative targets. Update of the lighting conditions. Command from remote locations. Update with canister capabilities.

Update, extension and maintenance of the EPOS facility at DLR (Munich, Germany). Update of the dynamics system of the facility. Update the facility with contact dynamics capabilities and robotic arms in the loop, test of net and tentacles systems.

Update, extension and maintenance of the EPOSx facility in DGA (Paris, France). Maintenance of the facility.

ENGINEERING PROCESSES AND SUPPORTING TOOLS



Model-based SW Engineering

To reduce the test effort of complex software, model based verification at design level requires sound architecture ("correct by construction) based on "separation of concern" principle, supported by appropriate tools to verify software & system properties

The software development is model-centric. The software models are derived from system models such as (i) requirements models in SysML or requirements ontologies allowing verification of requirements, (ii) dependability models allowing the verification of the FDIR component, (iii) HW-SW models allowing to trade-off implementation in software or in microelectronic, (iv) data models implemented in the System Data Repository.

The software models include in addition an architectural model allowing verification of real-time properties, allowing interoperability of components, allowing reuse based on variability points, and functional models allowing behavioural verification.

A Software factory takes in input all these models and assemble, generates and configure the code of the on-board software

E VERIFICATION OF HIGHLY ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS



Verification of Highly adaptive Systems

Frameworks need to be developed to support the end-to-end verification of highly adaptive systems. Specific methods for fault management, fault tolerant systems and highly autonomous systems need to be consolidated. Dedicated testbenches need to be developed and configured for the specific missions and made available for all partners in collaborations.



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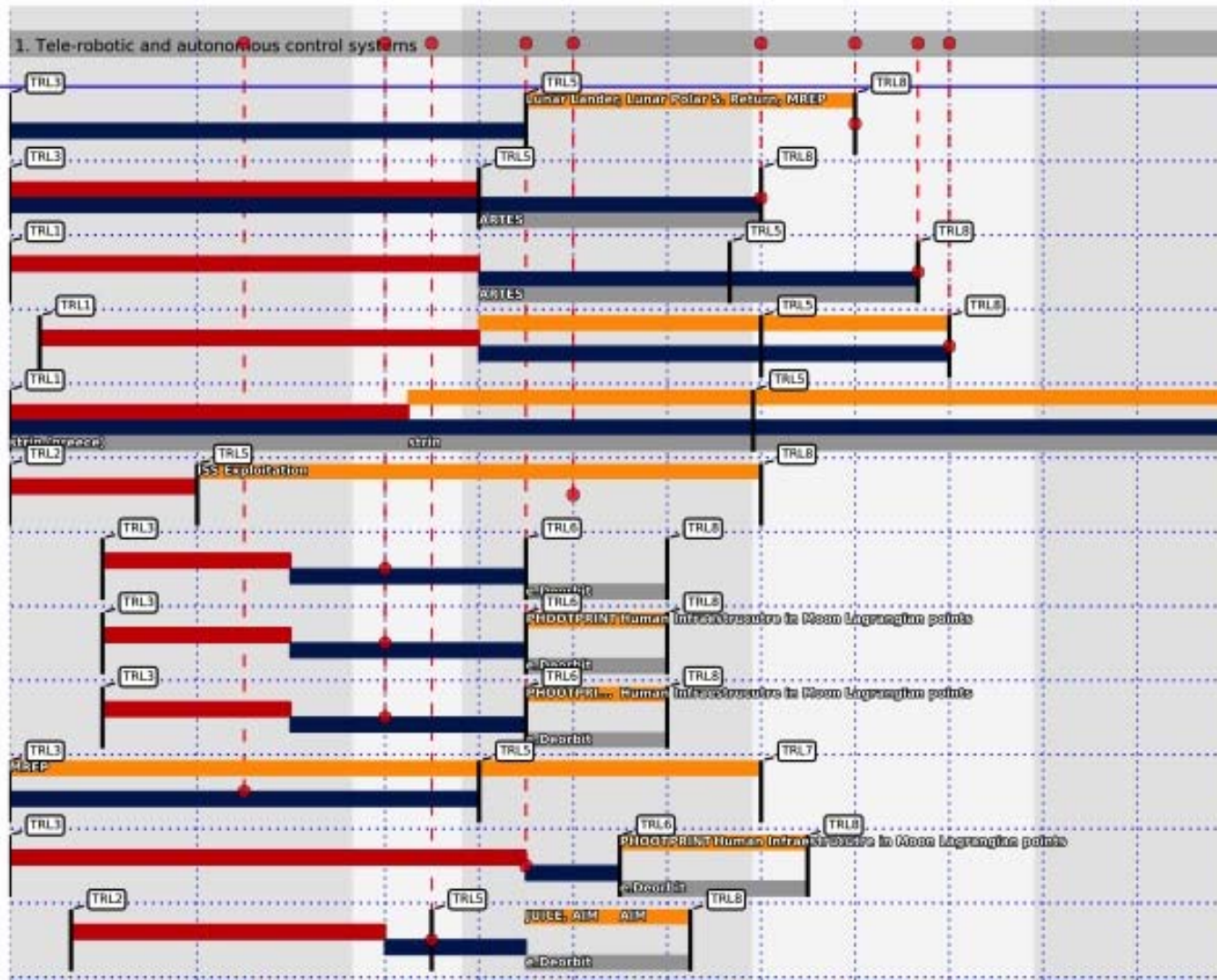
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E ROADMAP FOR BB1



1. Tele-robotic and autonomous control systems

