

Exploration of Small Bodies – Activities at DLR

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Background

- DLR embedded in Exploration strategy of ESA
- DLR consists of
 - Management (Agency)
 - Research Institutes
- During Ministerial Conference (Nov 21, 2012) ESA programs were signed by National Delegates (incl Germany)
- DLR supports Human Exploration
 - Contributions to ISS
 - Support of contributions to NASA Program, e.g. MPCV
- Activities in robotic exploration of Small Bodies (NEOs and Comets)



DLR Space Exploration Definition & Strategic Considerations

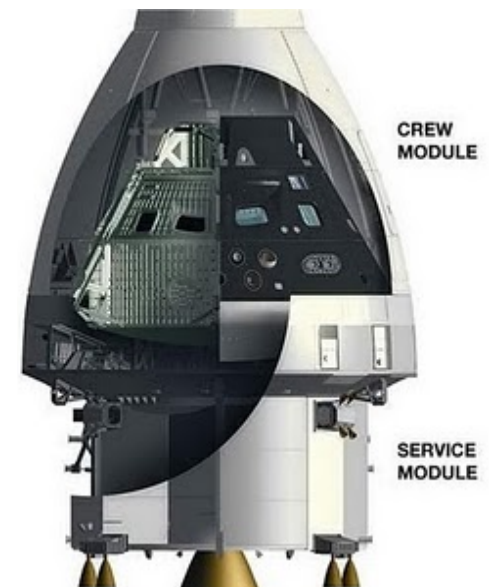
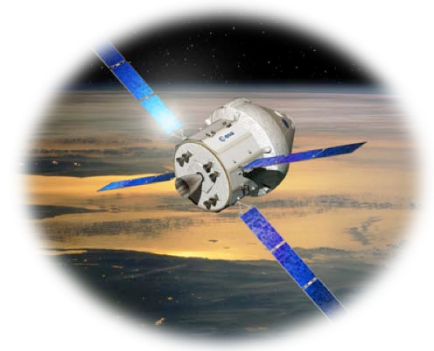
- **Space exploration** encompasses all activities for the preparation and implementation of **robotic and human missions** that will explore other planetary bodies (**particularly Moon and Mars**) and open up opportunities for their exploitation. Thus, exploration **extends the human sphere of influence** beyond the boundaries of Earth into space. To do so, **new developments in technology and infrastructures** are required.
- **German National Space Strategy (2010)**
 - Concentrate human spaceflight on ISS
 - Engage into science-driven robotic exploration
 - Maintain and further discussions with our international partners on future missions (with particular focus on the Moon)
 - Strengthen ESA as European institution



Post ATV-5 Barter Element – MPCV-SM

Abstract of ESA declaration (21 Nov. 2012):

- Enable ESA to compensate obligations from NASA (ops & transportation cost)
- Manufacturing and delivering to NASA of one integrated Service Module flight unit
- Manufacturing and assembling of certain subsystems required for a second Service Module flight unit
- Providing NASA with related hardware, software & data
- Participating in NASA boards, including, but not limited to MPCV Project Control Board (MPCB)
- providing support to ground and flight operations for the MPCV mission

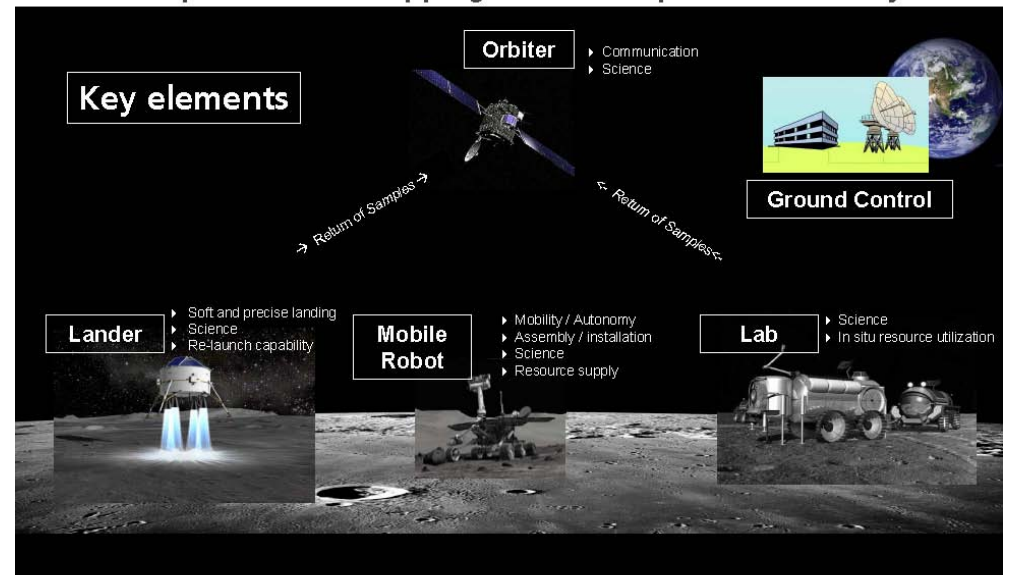


Automation & Robotics

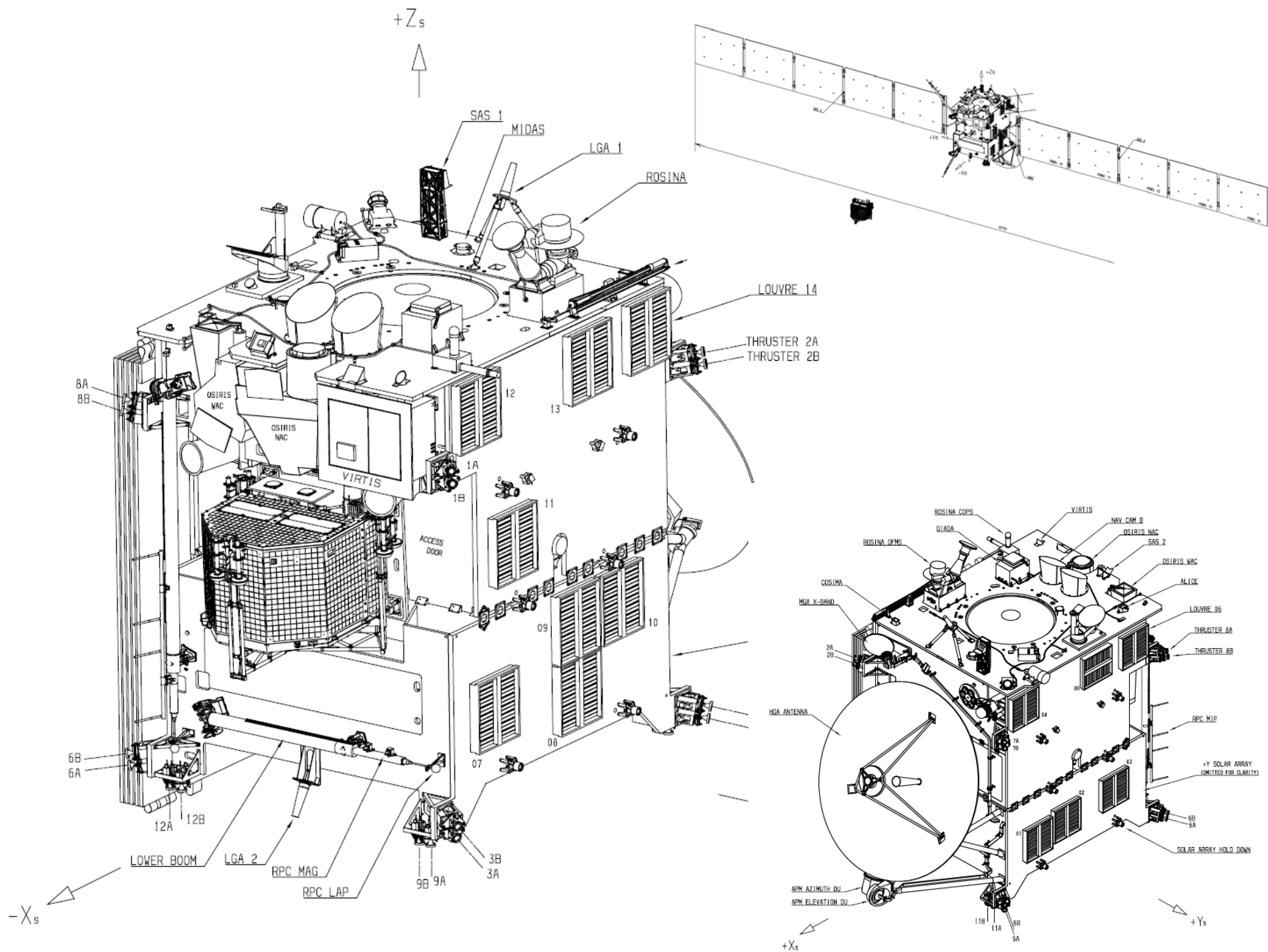
- German Robotics Strategy as technology motor between space and terrestrial applications
- Key technologies through robotic exploration with focus on
 - Planetary mobility
 - Robotic manipulation
 - Sensorics, GNC, vision systems
 - Multi-robot systems
- Current Mission Elements
 - Philae (ROSETTA)
 - MASCOT (HAYABUSA-2)
- DLR facilities for ground testing and verification
 - LAMA
 - EPOS
 - Rover Testbed

Programmatic goals (2)

Moon exploration as stepping stone to explore the solar system

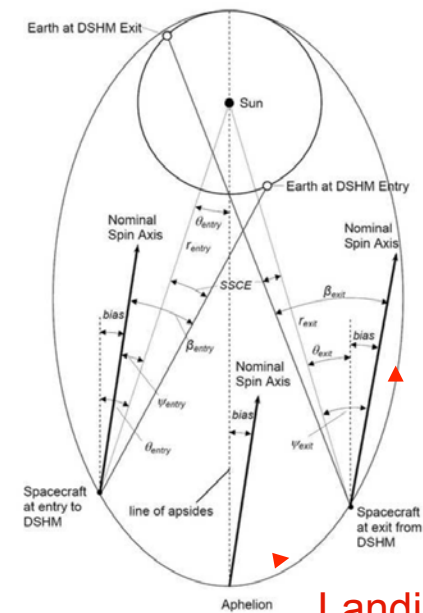


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- The image shows the ESA Rosetta spacecraft in orbit around the comet 67P/Churyumov Gerasimenko. The spacecraft is a complex of various instruments and antennas, with two large blue solar panel arrays extended outwards. The comet is visible in the background, showing its characteristic two-lobed shape and a bright, glowing coma. The background is a deep black space filled with numerous stars.
- Rosetta is an ESA cornerstone Mission to Comet 67P/Churyumov Gerasimenko
 - 11 Orbiter Instruments plus the Lander
 - Launch: March, 2004
 - Arrival: May 2014,
Lander separation: Nov.2014



Rosetta Mission Outline

- Rosetta launched Mach 2nd, 2004; 3 Earth and 1 Mars swingby and 2 asteroid flybys at Šteins and Lutetia
- Rosetta and Philae are now in hibernation since June 8th 2011; wake-up foreseen for January 2014
- Philae has been launched 3240 days ago
- Currently in hibernation (after 2498 hrs of FM Operat
- Landing in 666 days (nominal date: 11.11.14)
- Rosetta “wake-up” in 371 days
- We are getting close!!



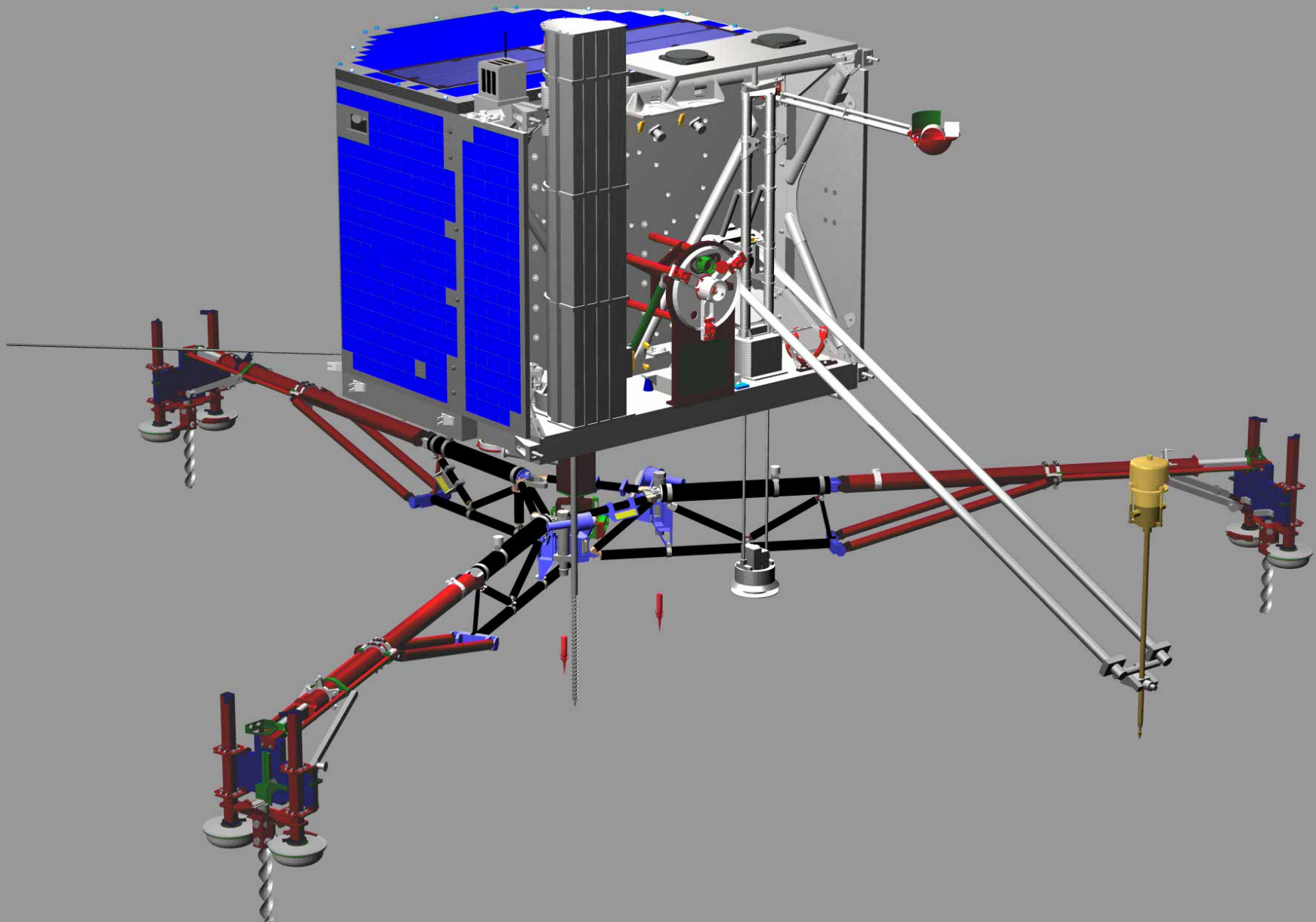
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Landing

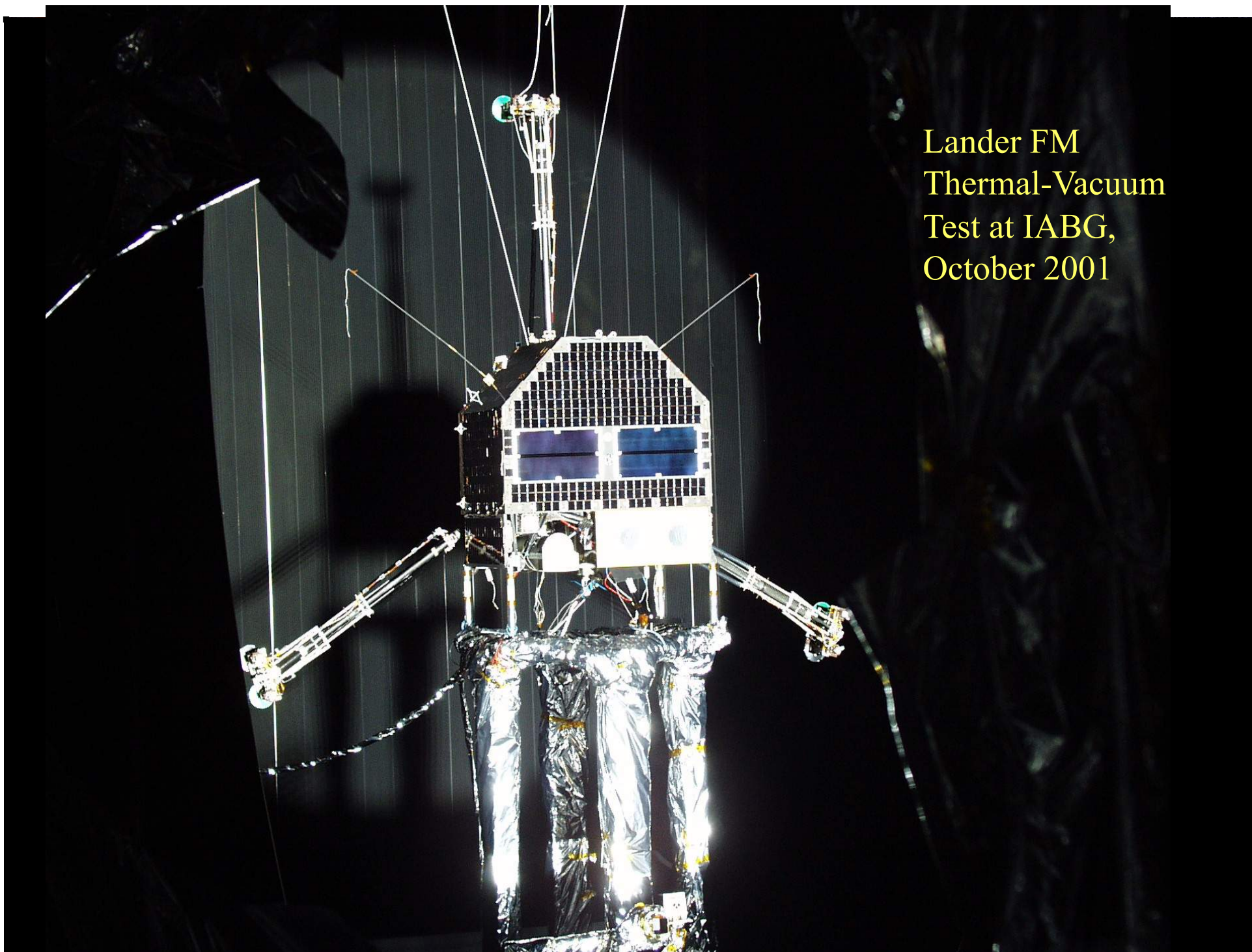
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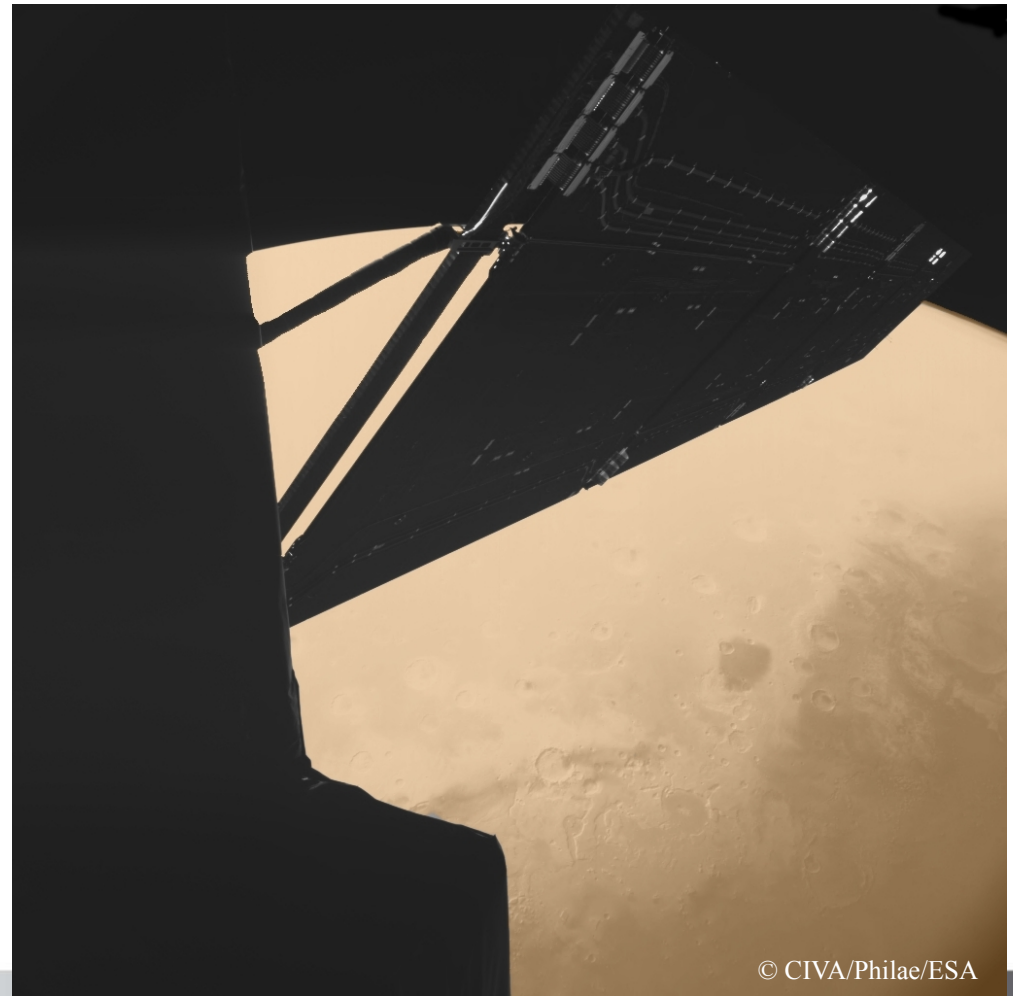
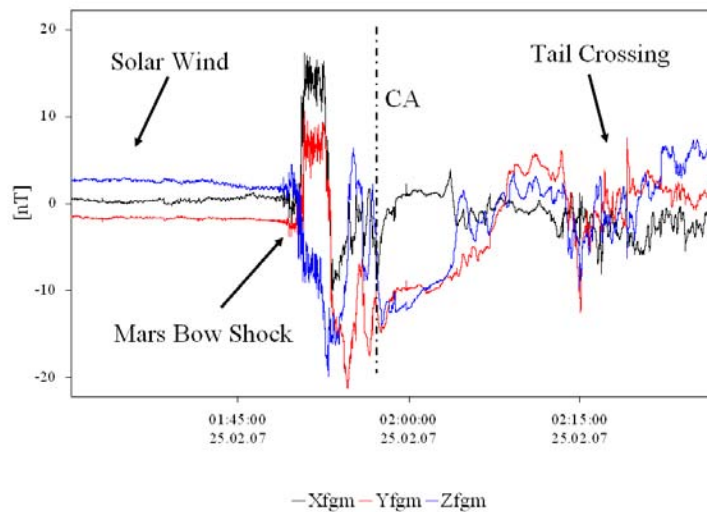


Lander FM
Thermal-Vacuum
Test at IABG,
October 2001



Mars Swingby: Results

- Autonomous Operations of the Lander via Battery
- Closest Approach: 250.6 km
- CIVA takes spectacular images
- ROMAP detects bow shock



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Rosetta Results; 2014 and beyond

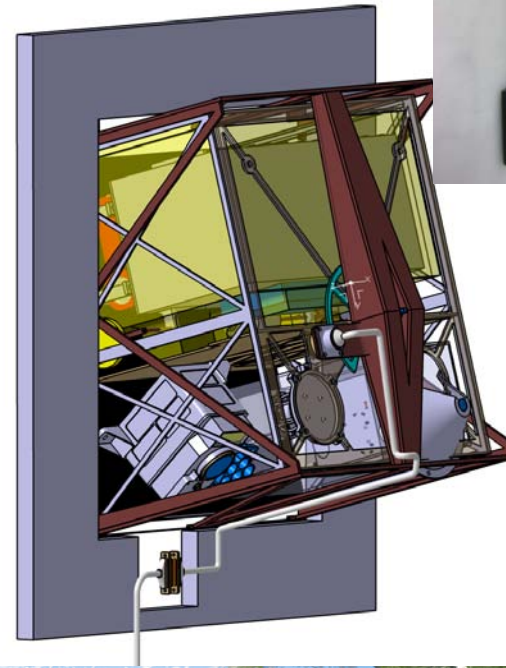
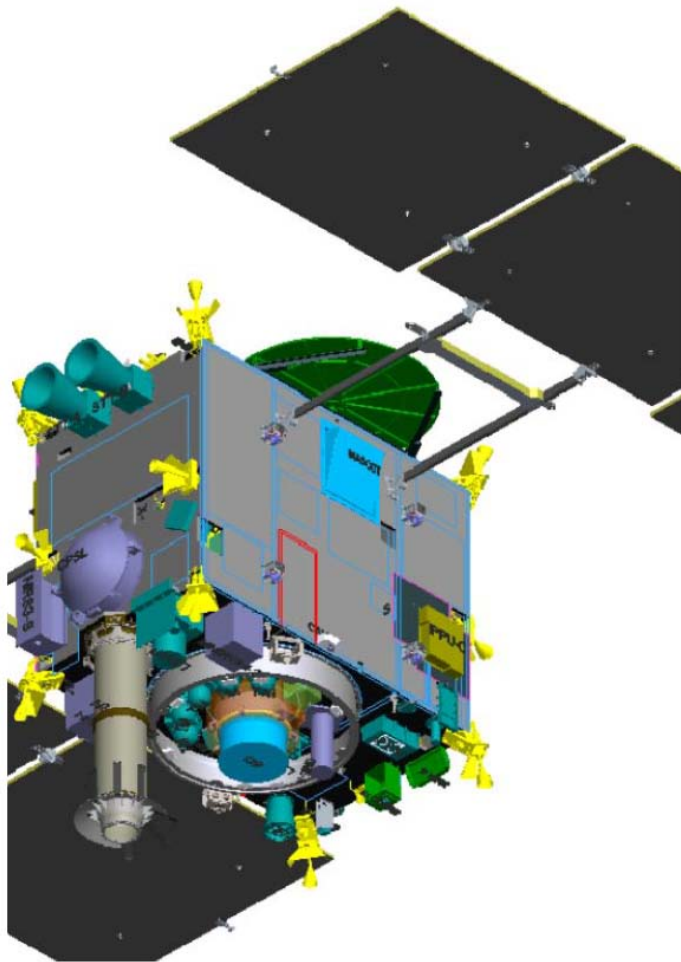
- Rosetta will provide a detailed characterization of 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko after arrival in spring 2014
- Scientific results will soon be published (and openly accessible after 6 months)
- Landing foreseen for November 2014; Instruments will provide data on surface properties (incl. strength, porosity, thermal inertia, etc...)
- Lander and Orbiter system data and results (lessons learned) will enhance dramatically our knowledge on Comets

Hayabusa 2 – Introduction

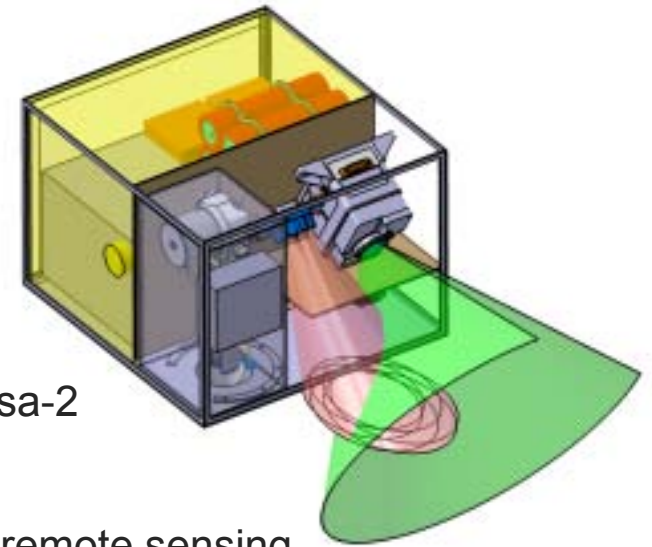
- Japanese (JAXA) mission to...
...a near Earth Object (NEO), 1999 JU3
- HY-2 is the successor of HY-1,
 - Launch Dec 2014
 - Arrival 2018, stays until 2019
 - Sample return by 2022
- Uses
 - Observations
 - Sample return
 - Penetrators
 - Landing module: Minerva, MASCOT
- MASCOT (and MESS) are a contribution by DLR and CNES to HY-2



MASCOT Location and Configuration



MASCOT Science Objectives

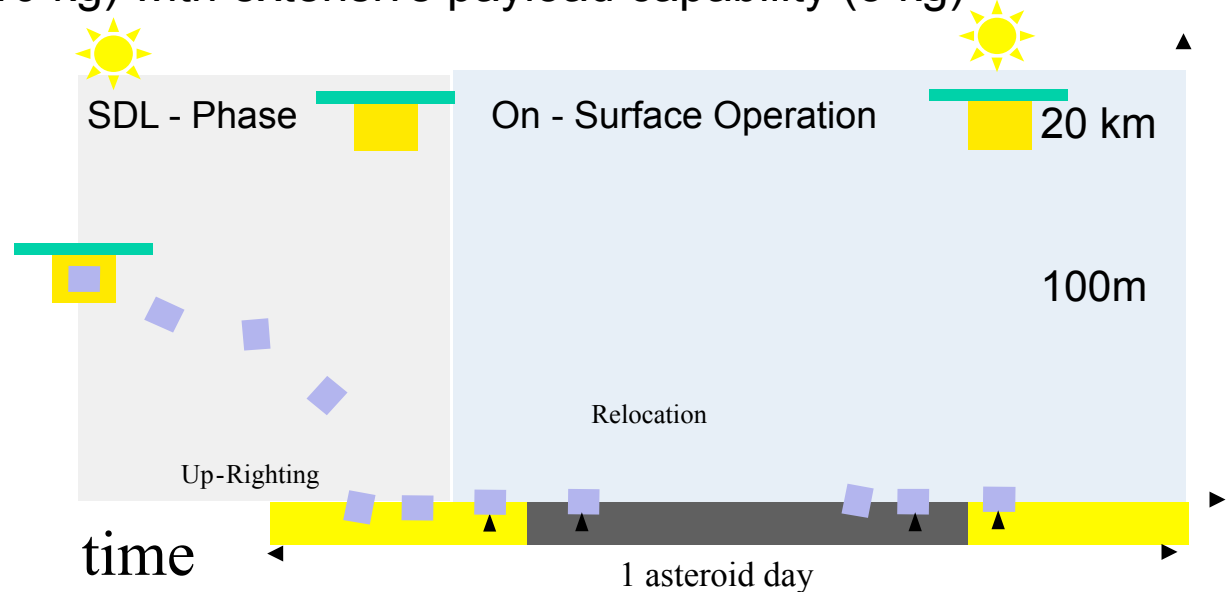


- MASCOT („Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout“)
 - 10kg mobile surface science package for Hayabusa-2
- Measurements of MASCOT PL will
 - accomplish ‘**context science**’ by complementing remote sensing observations from HY-2 and sample analyses → ground truth info
 - accomplish ‘**stand-alone science**’ such as geophysics
 - serve as a ‘**reconnaissance and scouting**’ vehicle to guide the sampling site selection of the main spacecraft
- In-situ analysis of NEA 1999 JU3 with four scientific instruments
 - I. **Wide Angle Camera** to obtain multispectral images of the landing site and provide geological context for MASCOT PL
 - II. **MicrOmega** to determine mineralogic composition and characterize grains size and structure of surface soil samples at μ -scale
 - III. **MARA radiometer** to map NEO’s surface temperature to determine the thermal inertia → Yarkovsky effects
 - IV. **Magnetometer (MAG)** to determine magnetization of the NEO → formation history



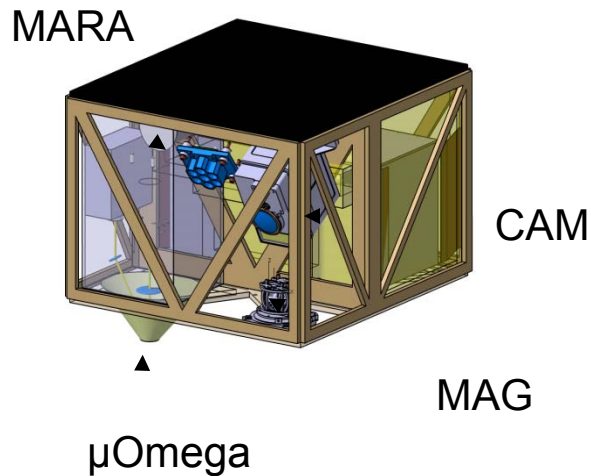
Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout (MASCOT)

- dedicated landing package for in-situ science on small bodies, currently part of the Hayabusa-2 payload (launch planned in 2014)
- Design can be modified regarding P/L and adapted to other missions
- E.g. proposed as for possible ESA mission Marco-Polo-R (FANTINA)
- low mass system (10 kg) with extensive payload capability (3 kg)



MarcoPolo-R Proposed Lander Packages

- On the basis of MASCOT (a ~10kg lander for the Hayabusa 2 mission), landers with various instrument complements are studied as optional payload for MP-R



MASCOT



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- LIBS,
- APX
- Thermal Mapper,
- Mößbauer Spectrometer,
- R-spectrometer (MicrOmega),
- Camera,
- optional elements



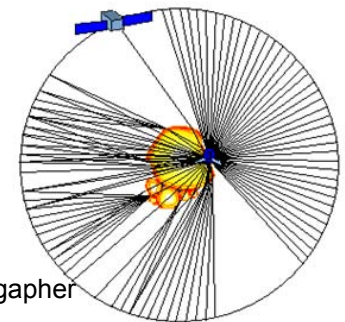
LIBS for ExoMars
© DLR



MicrOmega
for MASCOT
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FANTINA

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- Radar Tomographer
- Camera
- optional elements



Concept of
Radar Tomographer
Image: IPAG



Technology and Space Situational Awareness

(Decisions November 2012)

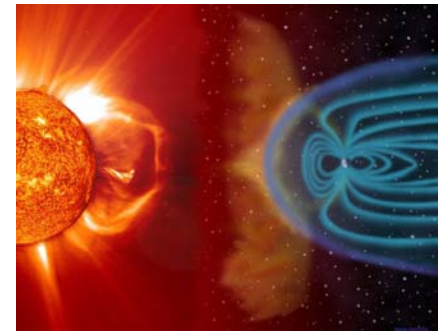
GSTP (2013-2017)

- German funding: 57 M€

Space Situational Awareness (SSA) (2013-2016)

(Mainly protection against space debris and space weather but also includes asteroid impact mitigation)

- Germany co-signed the respective ESA programs





Summary

- DLR activities mainly coupled with ESA
- Ongoing missions in the frame of science programmes (Rosetta, Hayabusa 2, MarcoPolo-R)
- Human Exploration Activities embedded into ESA-NASA cooperation

