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Spacecraft for Hypervelocity Impact Research – an Overview of Capabilities, Constraints, and the Challenges of getting there

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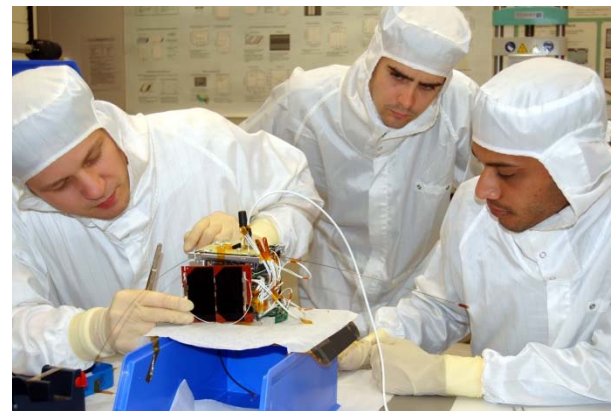
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Task: get the HVI community up to speed ...??... ... on small spacecraft

so,... small spacecraft... –

- what are they doing anyway?
- what can I get from them? ...except an impact flash...
- how do I make 'em?
- ...and how fast can they go?



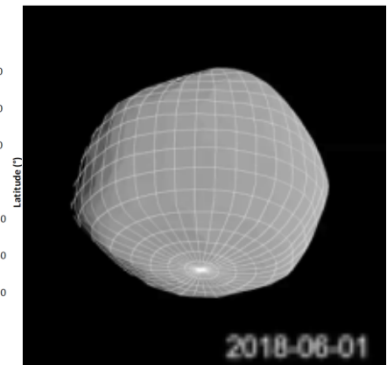
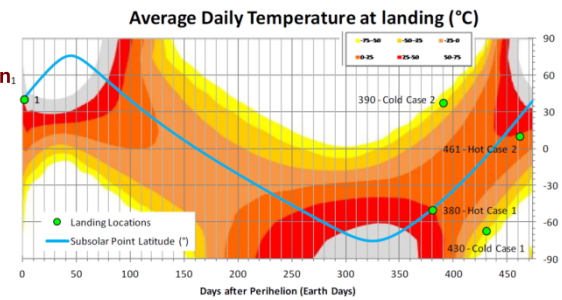
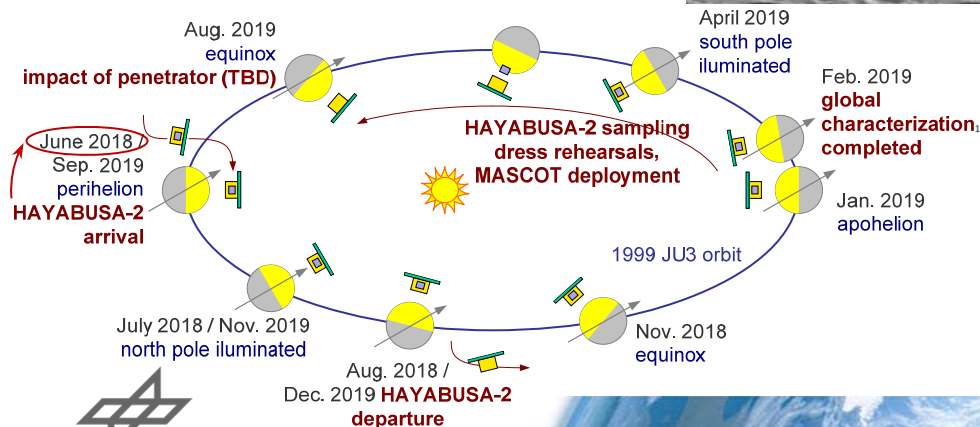
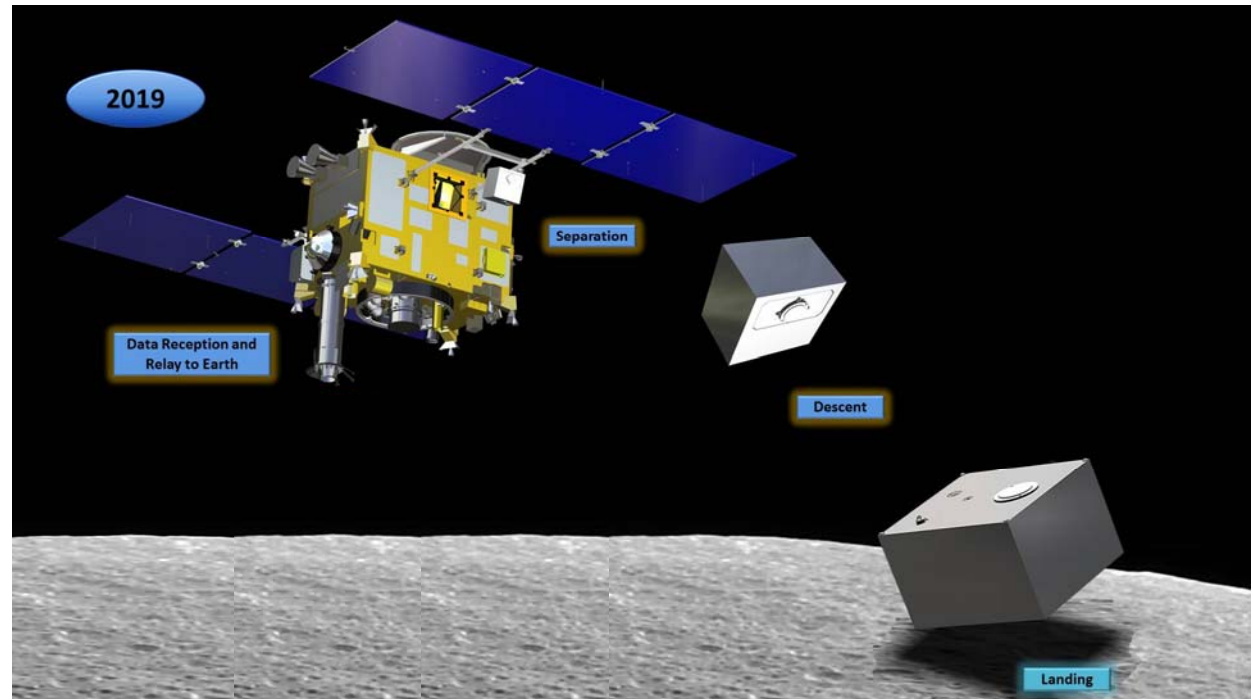
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MASCOT – Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout

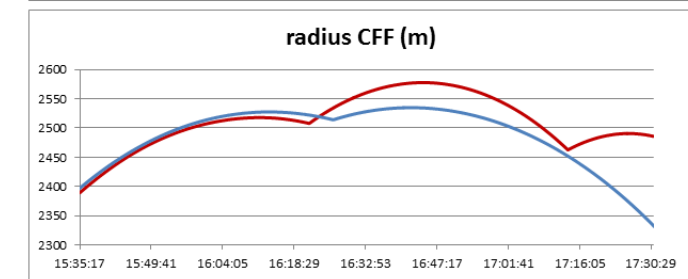
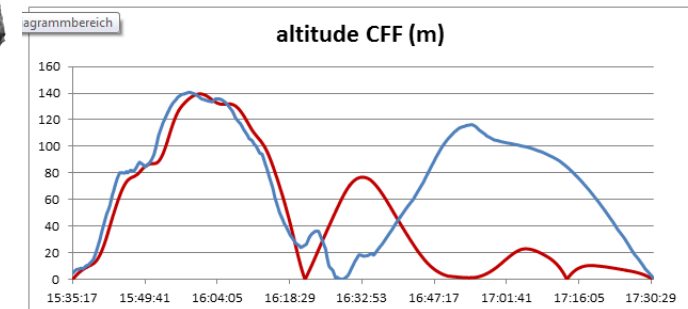
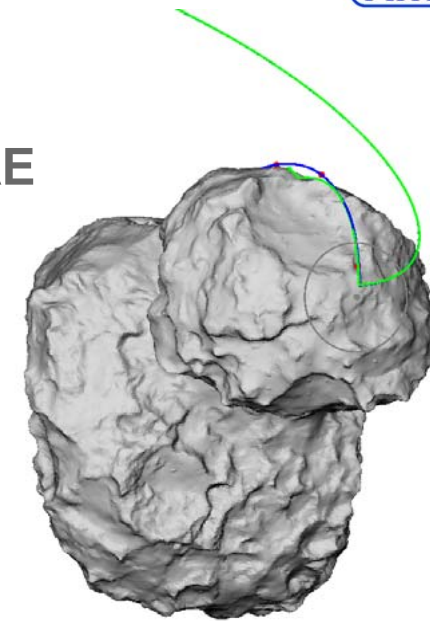
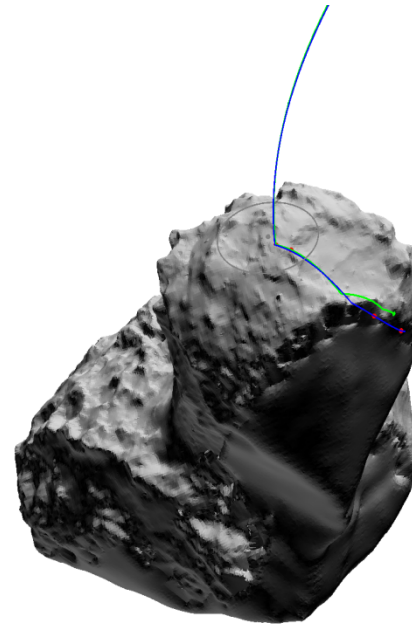
- launched Dec. 3rd, 2014 aboard HAYABUSA2
- target asteroid 1999 JU₃
- arrival in June 2018
- separation at 100 m & 0.05 m/s lateral velocity
- free-fall to surface
- impacts at ~0.2 m/s
 - $v_{esc} \approx 0.5$ m/s





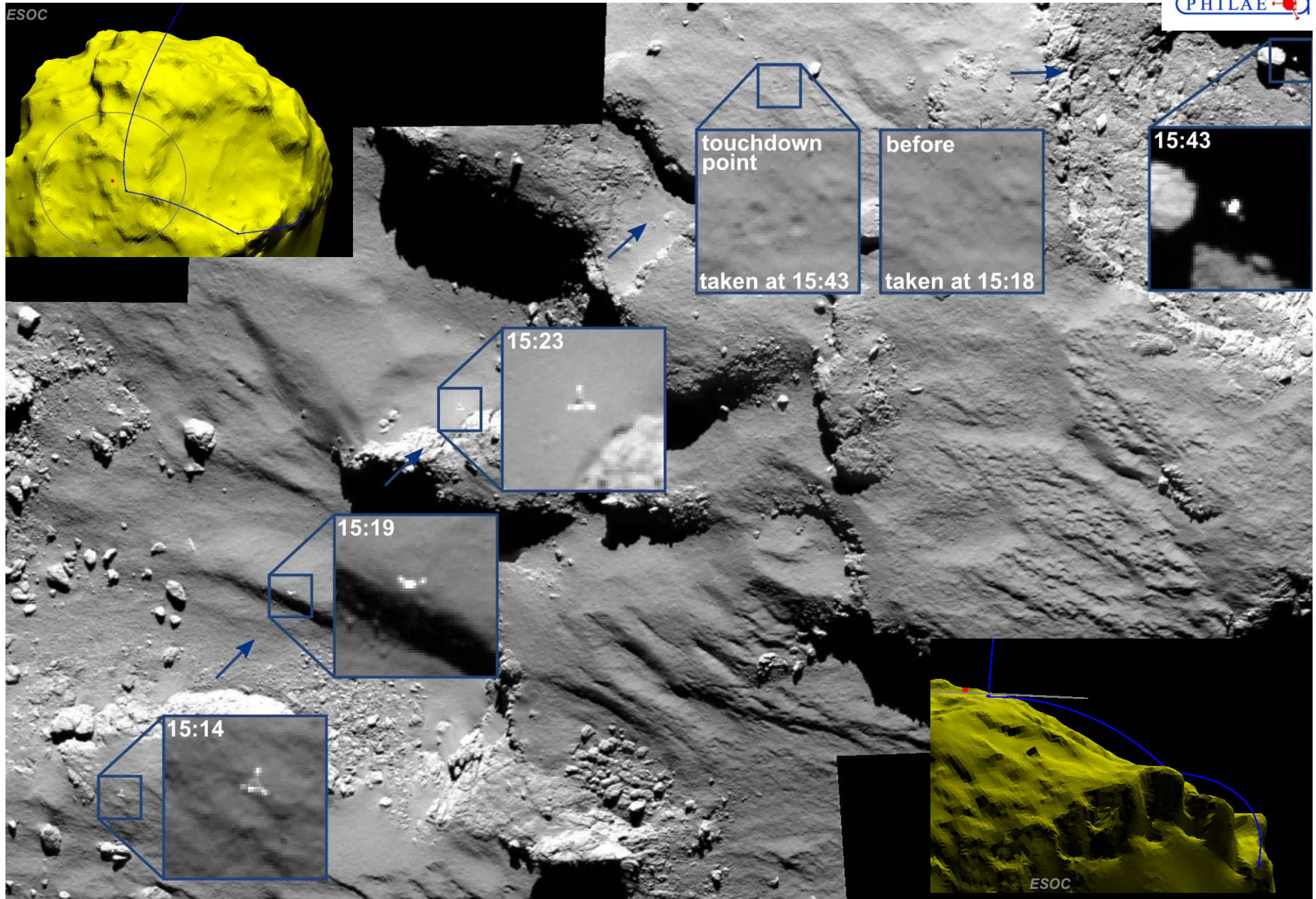
“Today, we didn’t just land once,...” – the landings of PHILAE

- launched March 2nd, 2004 aboard ROSETTA
- target 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko
- arrived on August 6th, 2014
- separation at 22500 m & 0.19 m/s lateral velocity
- free-fall to surface
- impacts at 1 m/s
- rebounds at 0.38 m/s
- bounces again at 0.03 m/s
- final landing Nov. 12th, 2014 17:32 UTC
 - $v_{esc} \approx 0.5 \dots 1 \text{ m/s}$

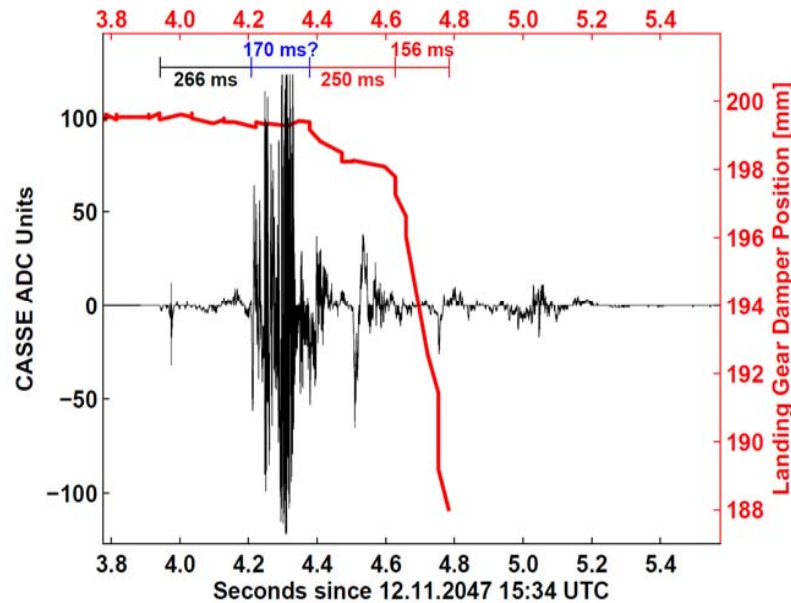


Altitude, and radius for ESOC (blue) and SONG (red, green) reconstructions. Timing of the 2nd collision in the SONG reconstruction is forced to 16:20 UTC, in ESOC reconstruction computed as the intersection with the shape model of the trajectory determined with the optical observations.





...and what about hypervelocity impacts? – things can only get β...



Touchdown signals at Agilkia.

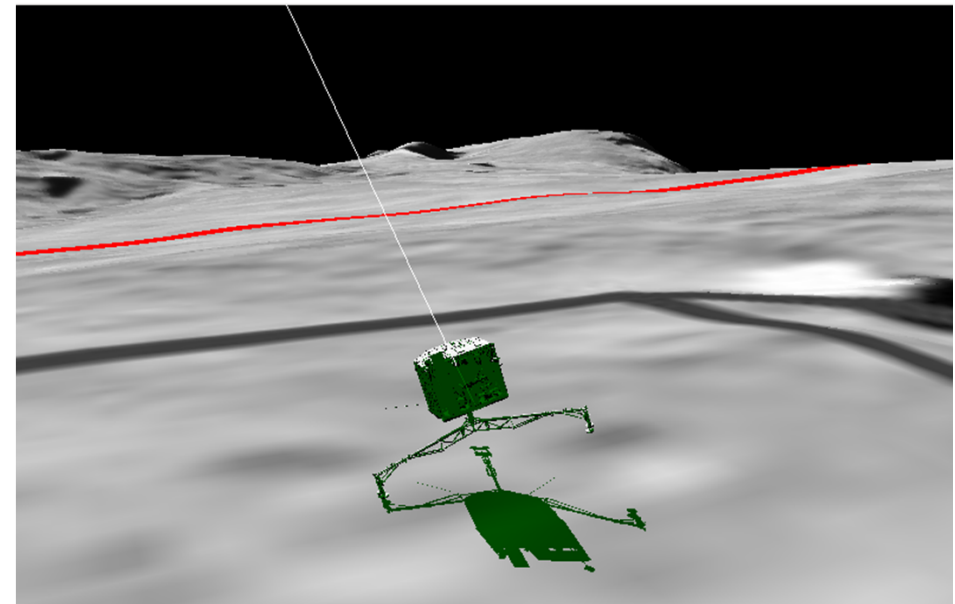
Black: vertical acceleration of the +Y foot; CASSE, sampling rate: 5 kHz @ 8 bit, acceleration peaks clipped by ADC.
Red: position of damping tube; linear potentiometer, read-out intervals 10...100 ms, read-out terminated at 188 mm position.
Blue: combined data with a higher systematic uncertainty.

Note:

- velocity before deceleration ~ 1 m/s
- $200 \rightarrow 198$ mm in 0.250 s ≈ 0.008 m/s
- $198 \rightarrow 188$ mm in 0.156 s ≈ 0.064 m/s
- velocity after bouncing off ~ 0.38 m/s

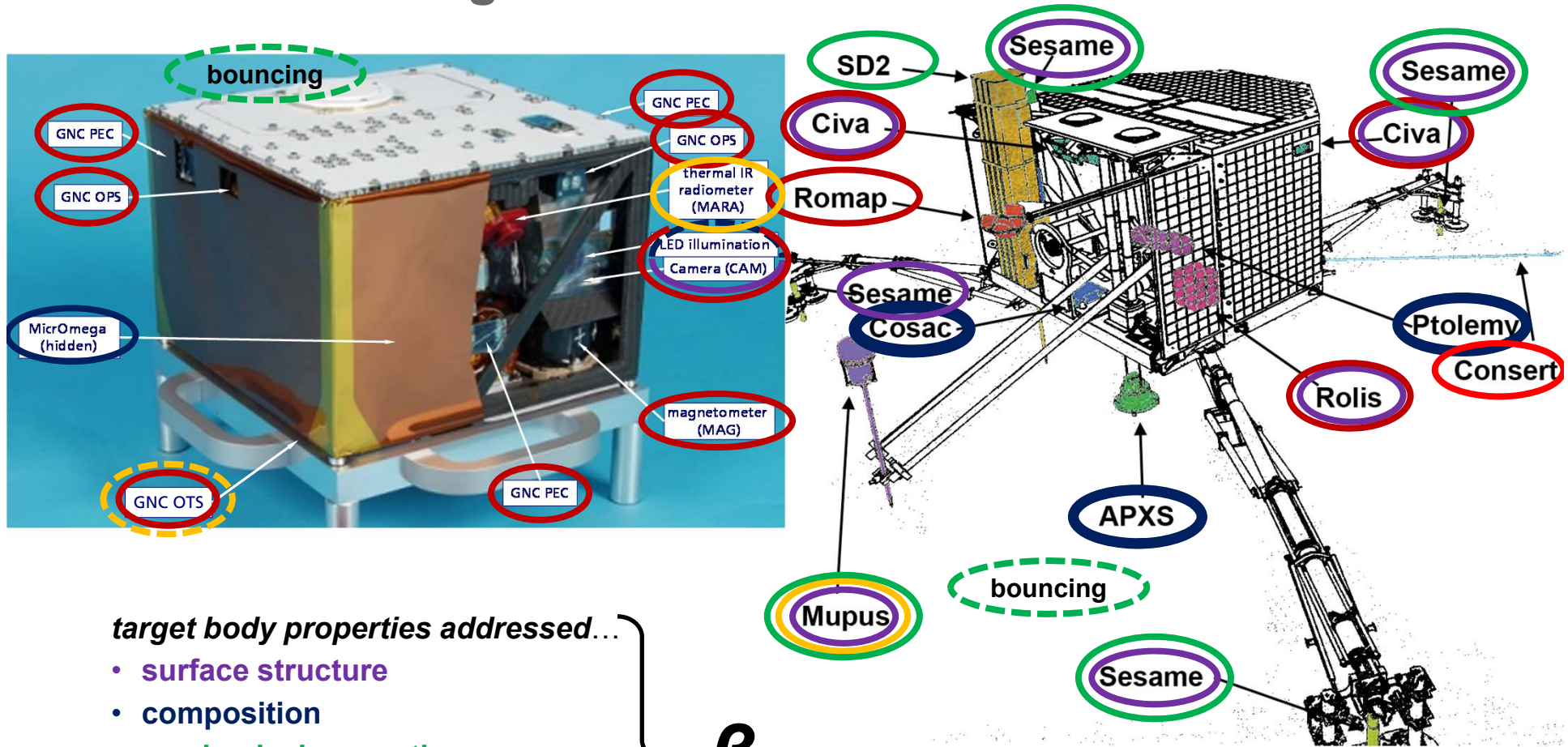
surface impact response...

- a first constraint on internal cohesion
- time profile indicates depth profile of regolith, granularity, cohesion (overlaid)
- with footprint photography, indicates mobility of rubble and/or dust layers
- records sliding against boulders ...





more on the target – lander instruments



target body properties addressed...

- surface structure
- composition
- mechanical properties
- thermal properties
- interior structure
- spacecraft orientation

a β understanding of small solar system body materials
 → kinetic impact(or efficiency) modelling

note: no Scout would go outdoors without a compass! →



all roads lead to Didymoon: AIDA – AIM & DART

AIM –

Asteroid Impact Monitoring

- determine binary asteroid orbital and rotation state
- analyze size, mass and shape of both binary asteroid components
- analyze geology and surface properties
- observe the impact crater and derive collision and impact properties (requires DART)
- Narrow Angle Camera, Micro Laser Altimeter, Thermal IR Imager, NIR spectrometer
- orbit ~15 km, for DART to 100 km



DART –

Double Asteroid Redirection Test

- deflect an asteroid by kinetic impact and measure deflection better than 10%
- miss distance from target object center of mass <25 m
- impact point knowledge <1 m (AIM likely required to confirm, cf. Deep Impact flyby imagery)
- final imaging <1 m resolution
- single-string spacecraft
- one imager = navigation camera
- heritage from New Horizons, APL work on Standard Missile, LORRI

AIDA – Asteroid Impact & Deflection Assessment – the synergy of independence

- DART to strike *Didymoon*, the smaller, Ø150 m object of binary NEA (65803) Didymos in October 2022
 - >300 kg impact at 6.1 km/s (yes, finally it's a 'k' ! :-)) expected to change Didymoon's period by >0.5%
- effects observation by AIM nearby before, during, after & with back-up from Earth by eclipsing binary lightcurve

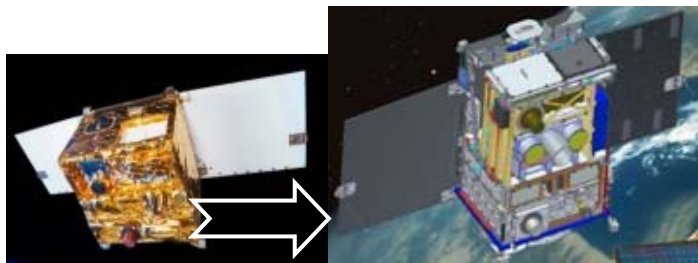
...and then you'll really get β !



ASTEROIDFINDER – take a daily look at what’s coming in

AsteroidFinder – closing the daytime observations gap

- observe sky at elongations of 30...60° from the Sun
- point source detection optimized, on-Si-intensified FT-CCD
- field of view $\sim(2^\circ)^2$, 4 * 1 Mpixel, passively cooled to -80°C
- up to 720 fields imaged per day, on-board register-stack preprocessed
- Sun-synchronous low Earth orbit – going at **7.5 km/s !** ☺
- not continued beyond Phase B2 ☹ ...but keep an eye on NEOcam! ☺

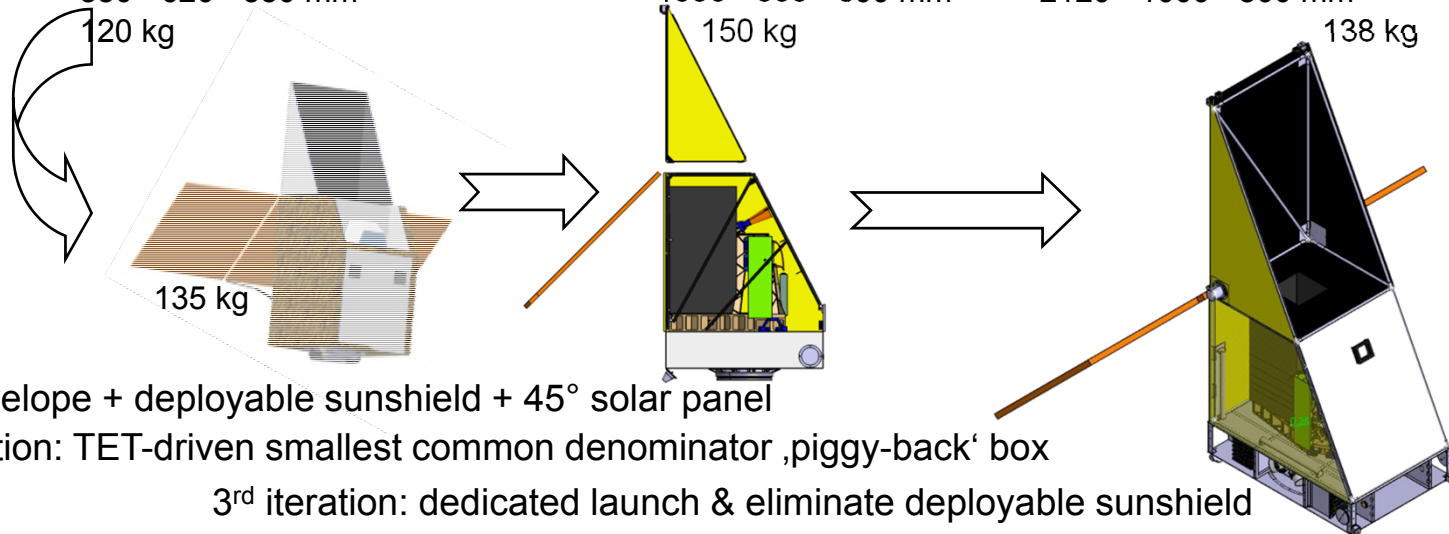


BIRD
22. Oct. 2001
620 · 620 · 550 mm³
92 kg

TET
22. Jun. 2012
880 · 620 · 550 mm³
120 kg

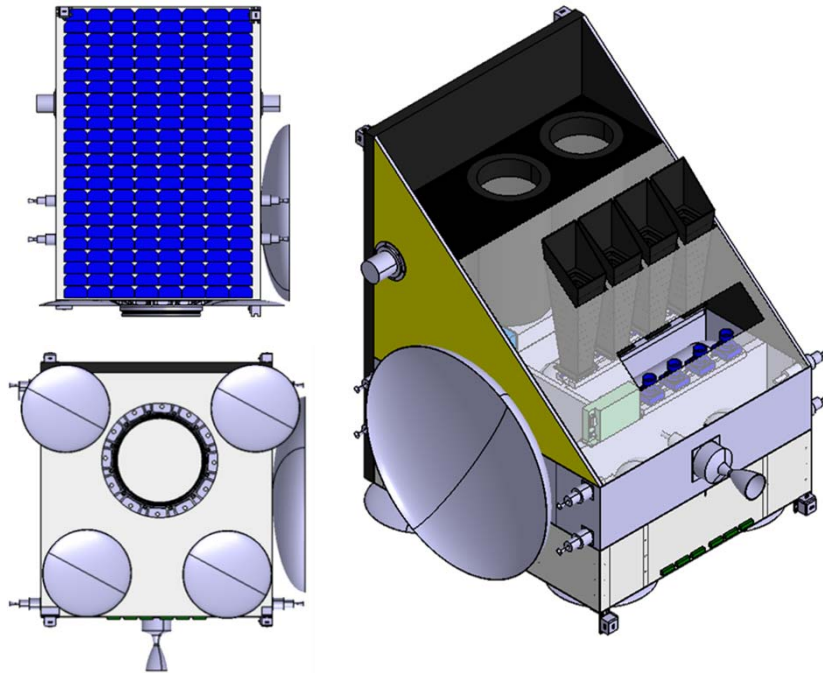
AsteroidFinder(/SSB)
,piggy-back' launch
1000 · 800 · 800 mm³
150 kg

AsteroidFinder
dedicated launch
2120 · 1000 · 800 mm³
138 kg



ASTEROID SQUADS/iSSB

– oh, wait, there’s another one coming!



Practice makes perfect

- simplified derivative of 2nd & 3rd AsteroidFinder iteration, keeping piggy-back envelope
- added propulsion ~450 m/s
- pick a large launcher that needs a lead bag test payload
- launch test profile: likely GTO
- take a lighter payload to reach escape velocity plus a little bit, **~11.2 km/s**
- let the launcher test timeline pick the target
- *no science criteria in target asteroid selection!*

Dimension	1m x 0,78m x 0,7m
Sunshield	50 degree
Mass	179kg for $\Delta v \sim 450$ m/s 200 kg for $\Delta v \sim 800$ m/s
Payload	2 x High Resolution Cameras 4 x Middle Range Camera 4 x Wide Angle Camera
Communication	1 x Ka-band antenna 2 x X-band antenna 4 x Interlink antenna
ACS	Propulsion (8 x 1N thrusters, 1x 400N thruster)

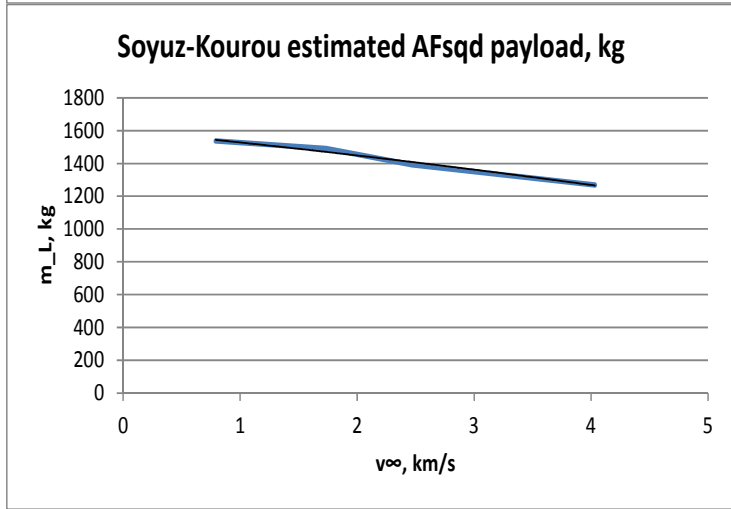
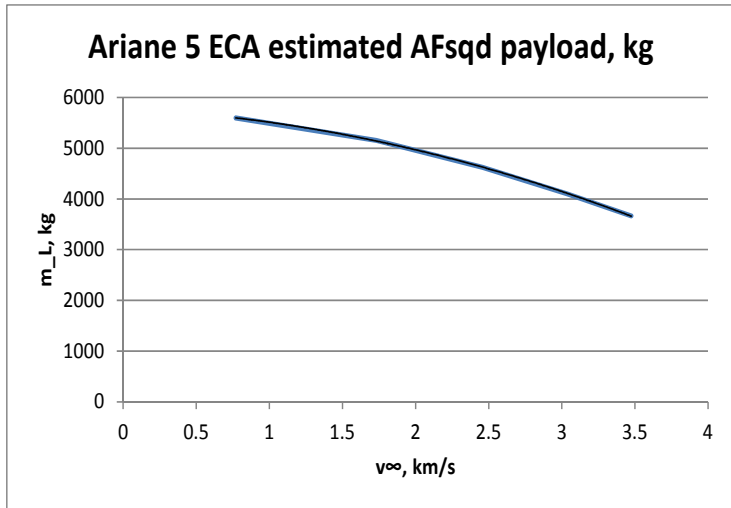
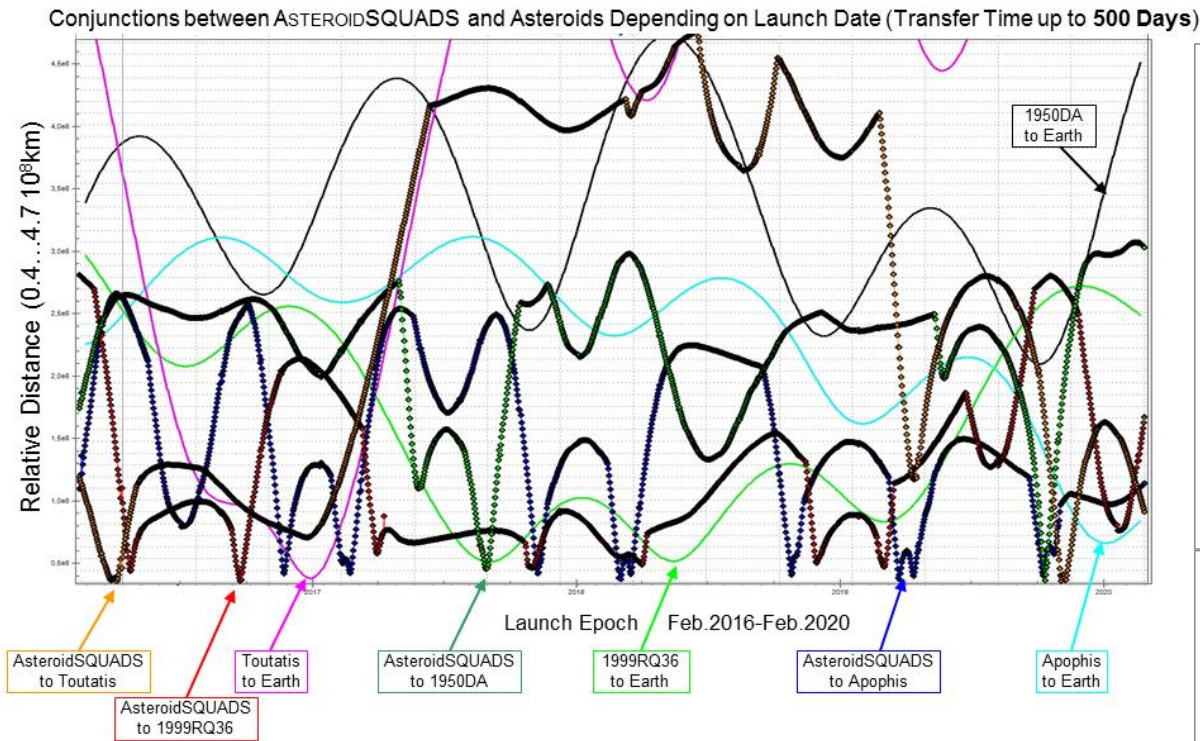
integrate needs for launch vehicle tests, guidance testing, operations training, civil defence exercises

- combine necessary but for a standalone stakeholder sometimes inconvenient or expensive activities
- connect end-to-end, telescope to impact flash analysis, planetary defence exercise with real game input
 - drive for cheap, short flight time, $\leq \sim 90$ days mission – *a brief but complete experience*

not an official project – done as a 2-weeks spare time concurrent engineering exercise for the PDC2011



ASTEROIDSQUADS/*i*SSB – more things to follow



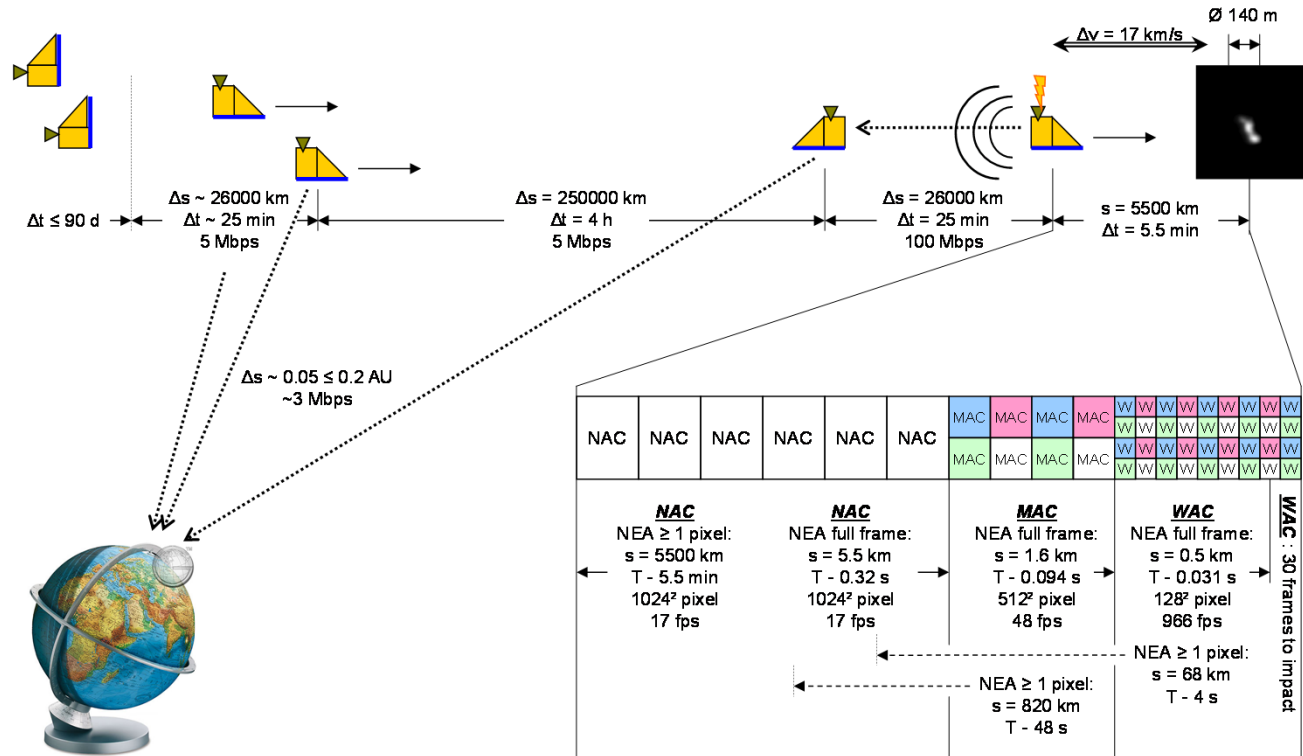
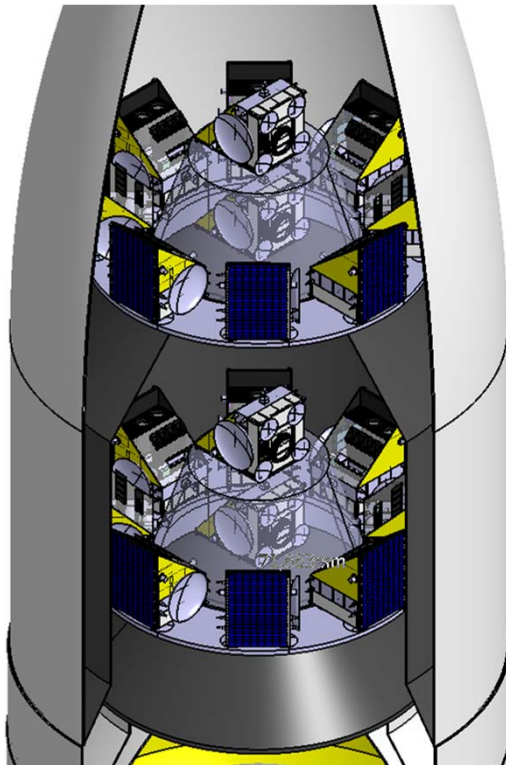
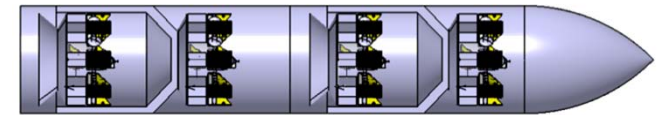
science not excluded

- design can be adapted for most escape-capable launchers
- planetary & HVI science can ‘join up’ at any point
- interplanetary piggy-back rides happened
- ...maybe just wait for an opportunity



ASTEROID SQUADS/iSSB

– ?? ...and another one,... ...and...!?



take as many as you like (or the launcher lets you have up there at $C_3 > 0$)

- use standard secondary payload infrastructures, e.g. ASAP or ESPA
- use spent final-velocity launcher items as kinetic impactor mass: upper stage, dual-launch structures, etc.
- just get in the way of a randomly selected asteroid, average Earth intersection velocity difference **23 km/s**

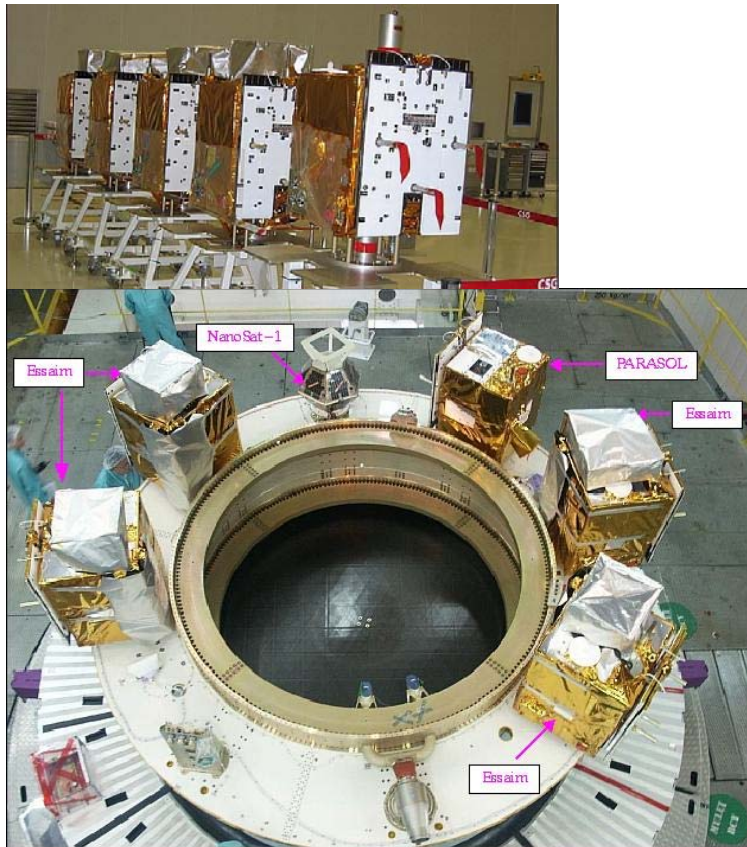
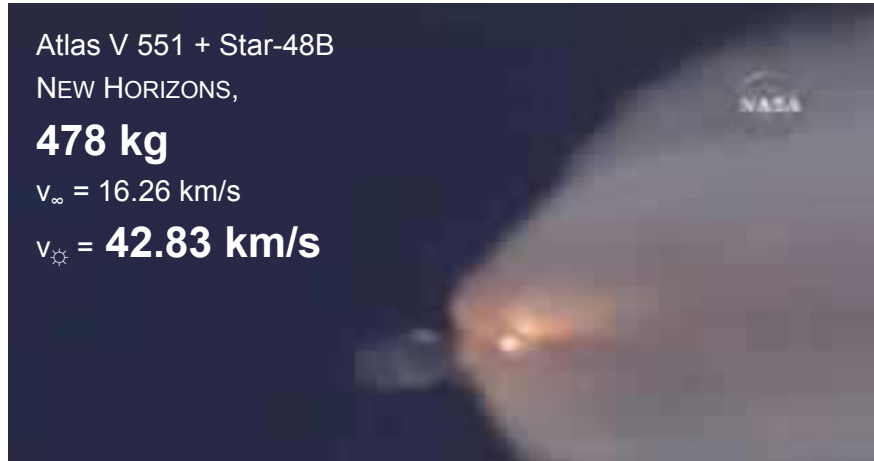
...and then you might get a lot β ;-)



Why small spacecraft? – well, you might as well ask...

Why get a really fast launch?

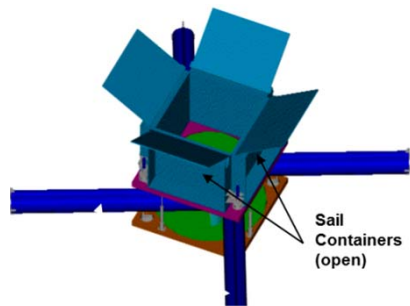
Why get a really cheap launch?



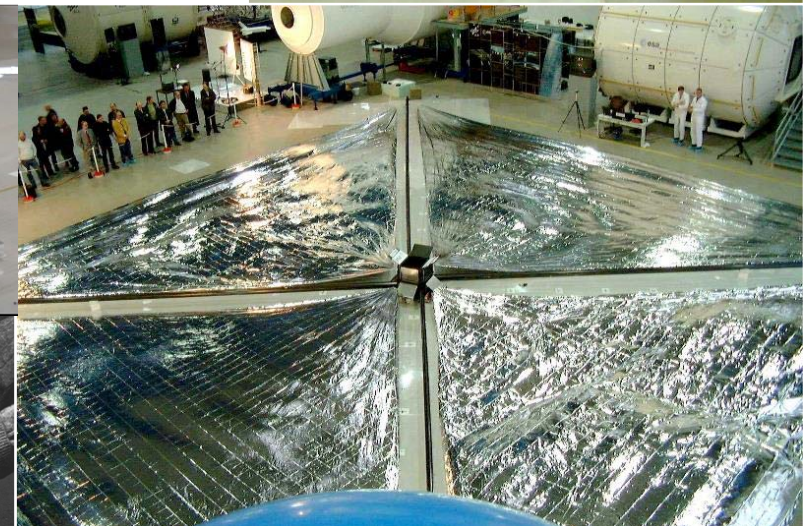
The December 7th, 1999 DLR/ESA Solar Sail Ground Demonstration

(20 m)² push-out boom, hoisted sail

- you need space – the European Astronaut Center hall next to the ISS model



- Deployment Module: 24 kg
- CFRP booms (4 x 14m, 101 g/m): 6 kg
- Sails (20 m)², 4-12 μm foil: 5 kg
- Dimensions: 60cm x 60 cm x 65cm

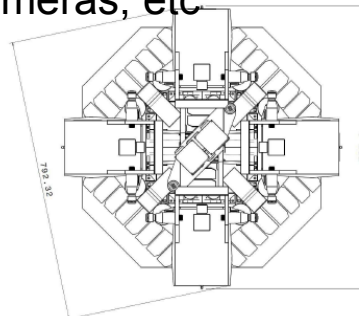
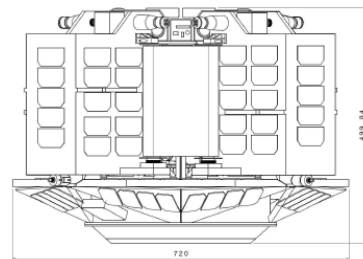


The 3-Step DLR-ESA GOSSAMER Road to Solar Sailing

The GOSSAMER Roadmap step 1 – deployment

GOSSAMER-1 – in-orbit deployment demonstrator

- (5 m)² sail area, all deployment-related mechanisms
- 1-boom, 2-quadrant EM in operation * →
- 1-boom EQM under construction now for extensive qualification testing to be finished by end of 2015
- proven MASCOT-style concurrent AIV approach **
- PFM detailed design progressed beyond PDR
- free-flyer independent spacecraft (really 5-in-1)
- “piggy-back” launch to LEO, <50 kg total ↓
- extensive instrumentation: 6 hi-res video cameras, etc



* IAA-PDC-15-P-20, P. Seefeldt et al, Large Lightweight Deployable Structures ...

** IAA-PDC-15-P-66, C.D. Grimm et al, On Time, On Target – ...



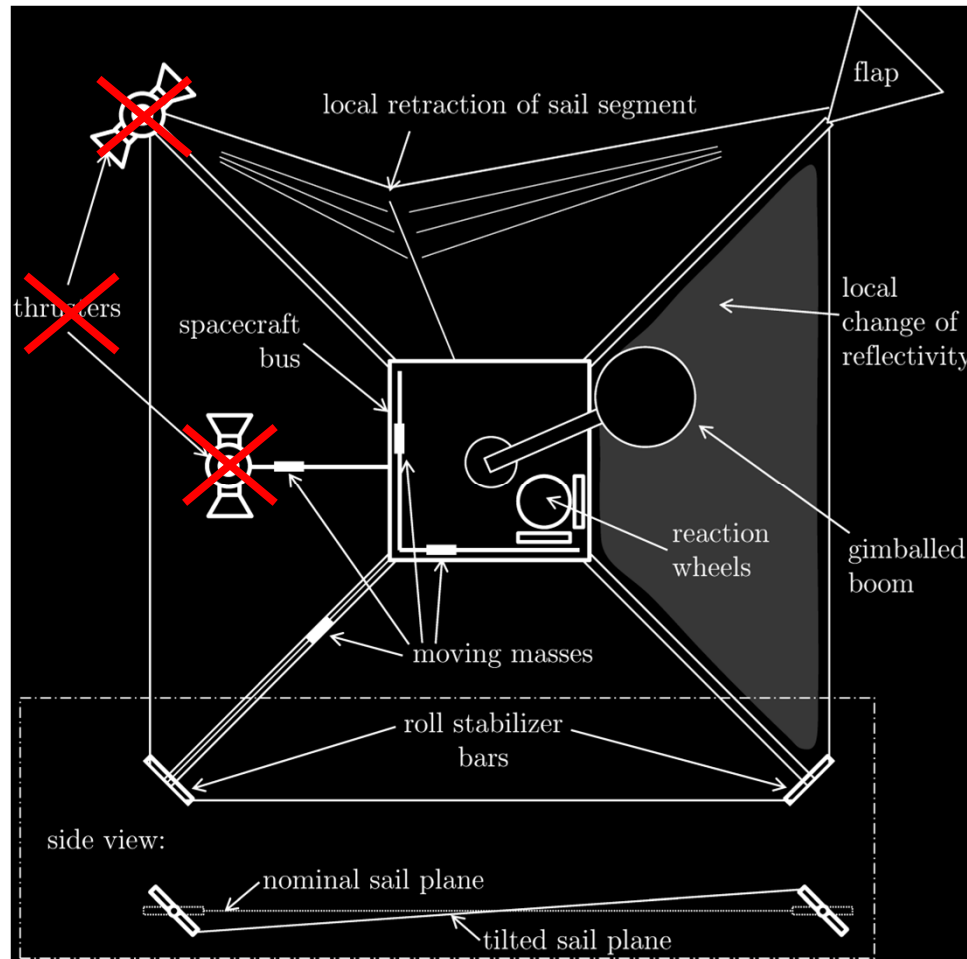
images: P. Seefeldt





The GOSSAMER Roadmap

step 2 – control



GOSSAMER-2 – in-orbit attitude & thrust vector control demo

- $(20 \text{ m})^2$ sail area
- orbit where solar radiation pressure is dominant – high LEO, MEO, GTO
- implementation of several (all?) control methods and all relevant mechanisms
- **find out what's the best**
– 1, 2, ..., many combined?
- ~2 years after GOSSAMER-1 flight: requires MASCOT-style concurrent AIV & project management *
- PFM free-flyer for “piggy-back” launch
- mass & undeployed size compatible with ASAP-micro & ESPA envelopes



* IAA-PDC-15-P-66, C.D. Grimm et al, On Time, On Target – How the Small Asteroid Lander MASCOT Caught a Ride ...

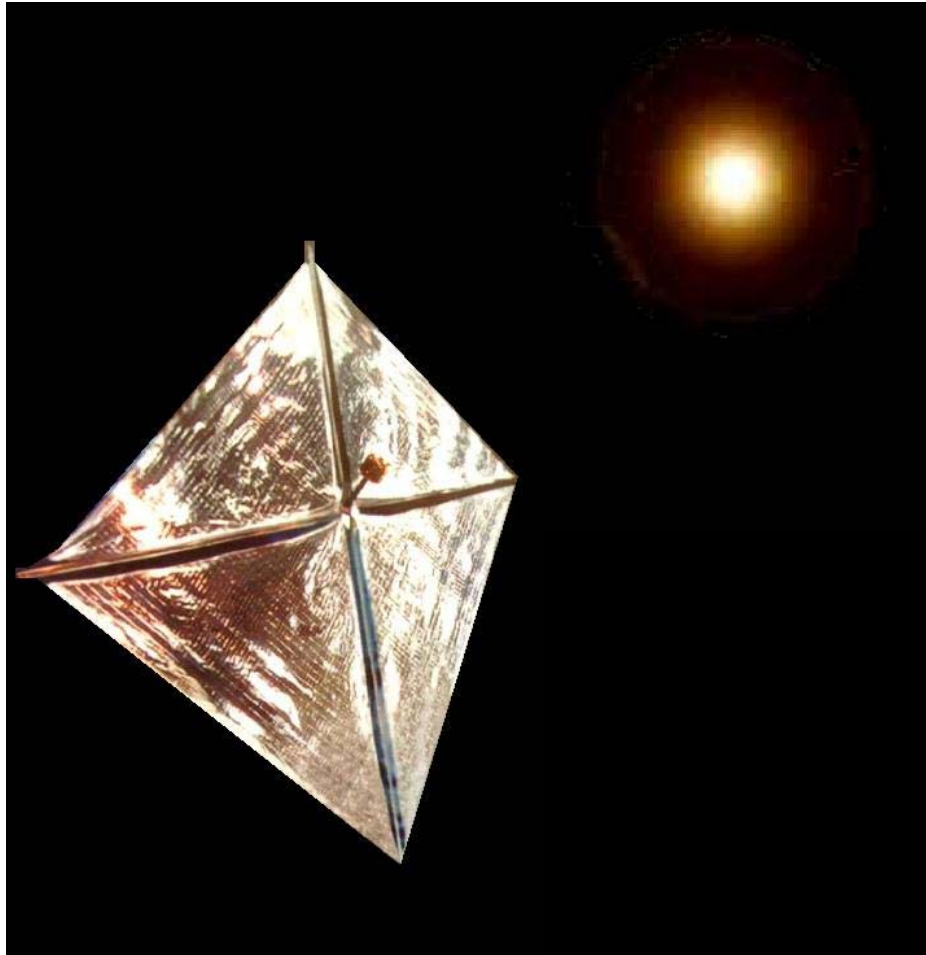


sail drawing: B. Dachwald



The GOSSAMER Roadmap

step 3 – proving the principle



GOSSAMER-3 – all-up proof test science mission readiness demonstrator

- (50 m)² sail area
- initial orbit high enough to spiral out (sail up)
– high LEO, MEO, GTO, LTO, L_{1/2}TO
- applies best control method(s)
- **prove that sails can operate science missions successfully**
 - ***tiny*** science payload: small imager & sail-environment interaction
- ~2 years after GOSSAMER-2 flight: again, MASCOT-style concurrent AIV*
- PFM free-flyer for “piggy-back” launch
- mass & undeployed size compatible with ASAP-micro & ESPA envelopes
- **instrumentation to observe sail ageing in space, as long as it lasts**

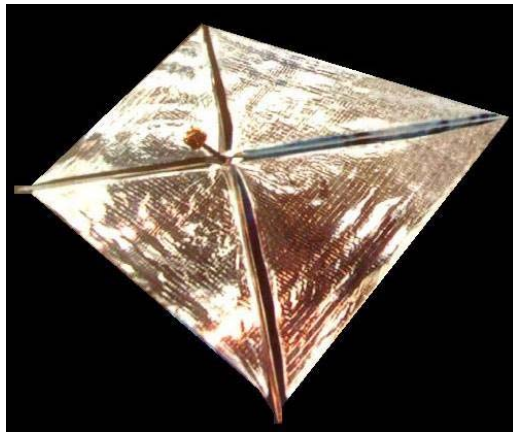


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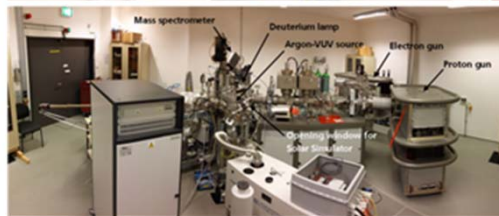
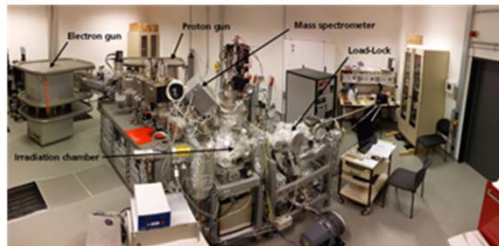
GOSSAMER-3 quality assurance – sail monitoring, pointing verification



GOSSAMER-3 – instruments wish list

a *tiny science* (...-like) payload to **observe sail ageing** *

- wide-angle camera to observe **sail deployment and long-term foil behaviour** and provide **proof images for attitude control, pointing stability & accuracy**
- sensor to observe **interaction of a sail with solar wind's & geomagnetic field**
- sensor to observe **plasma, particle and energetic radiation sail environment**
- sensor to observe **large area foil reflectivity ageing**, e.g. **thermal equilibrium**
- sensor to observe **small-scale space weathering mechanisms of foil ageing**
- sensor to observe **core spacecraft (electronics) electromagnetic signature**
- sensor to observe **illumination changes and Sun glints off the sail surface**
- sensor to register **space debris and natural dust impacts on the sail foil**



* IAA-PDC-15-P-20, P. Seefeldt et al, Large Lightweight Deployable Structures for Planetary Defence: ...





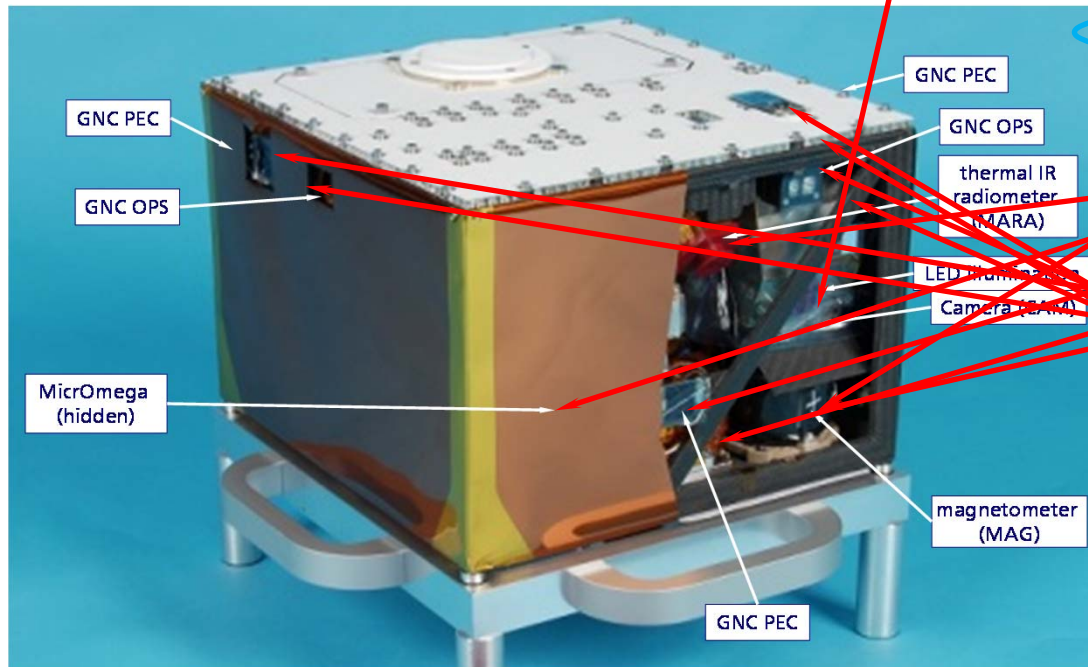
GOSSAMER-3 quality assurance

– oh! 😊 , a ready-made*** instruments package !?

MASCOT Flight Spare instruments capabilities**

a *tiny*(...-like ;-) science payload**,** to observe sail ageing *

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interaction of a sail with solar wind's & geomagnetic field
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GOSSAMER-3 instruments left to be added

- ⊕ additional MAG instrument, 2 sensors spaced by ~1 m at 1 or 2 boom ends
- ⊕ e.g. Spherical EUV and Plasma Spectrometer (SEPS), 2 on opposite booms
- ⊕ e.g. acoustic pick-ups at rigging nodes, structural vibration accelerometers

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** IAA-PDC-15-P-64, J.T. Grundmann et al & the MASCOT Team, Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout (MASCOT) –...

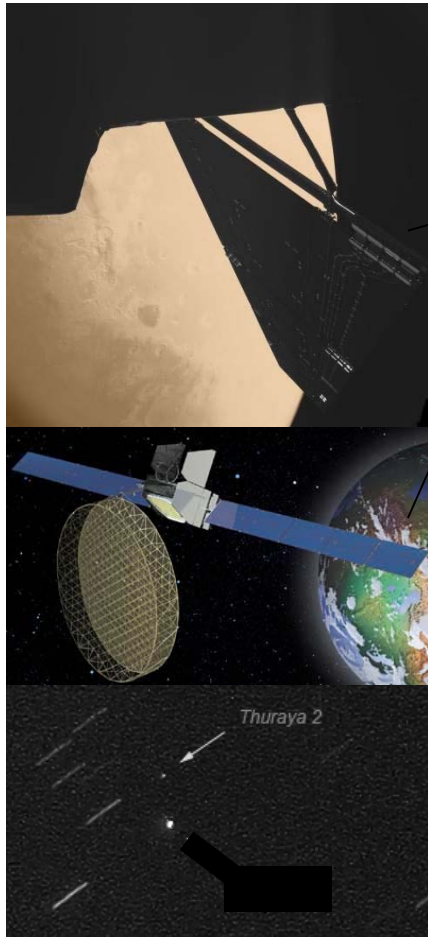
*** IAA-PDC-15-P-65, C. Lange et al, Technology and Knowledge Reuse Concepts to Enable Responsive NEO Characterization ...





why not GOSSAMER-3 & MASCOT FS ?

– a mission events wish list*



minimum mission

- get launched cheap, deploy & spiral up
- explore & improve sailing skills
- fly-by visit a target on time & look at it right

nominal mission

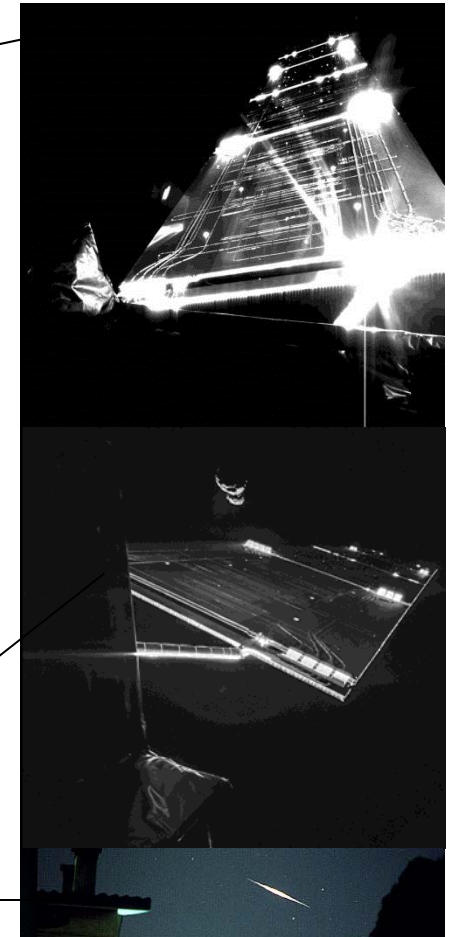
- explore practical flying in Earth-Moon system
- “all-up” navigation accuracy proof test
- low-altitude lunar gravity-assist fly-by

extended mission

- transfers to Earth-Sun L_1 , L_2 & pole-sitter
- demonstrate spaceweather Displaced- L_1

extended extended mission

- fly out to a convenient NEA – coorbital?
- rendezvous & drop MASCOT FS
- ...some grand finale...



* IAA-PDC-15-04-17, J.T. Grundmann et al, From Sail to Soil – Getting Sailcraft Out of the Harbour on a Visit to One of Earth’s Nearest Neighbours

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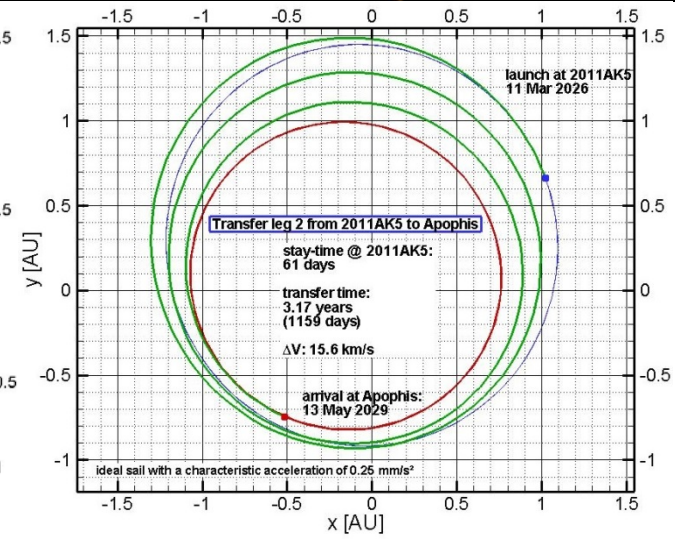
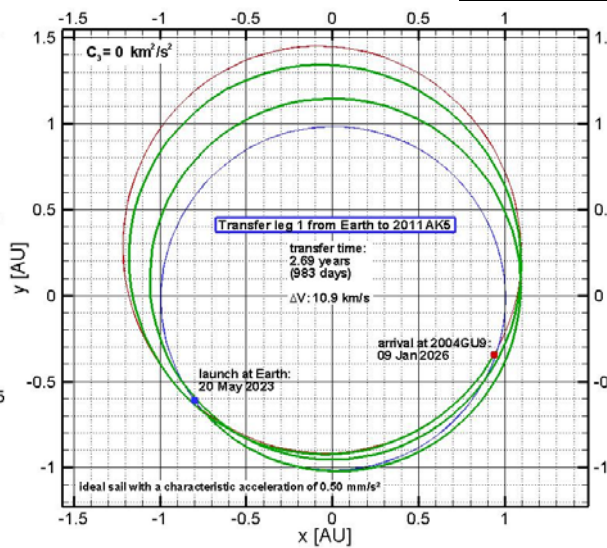
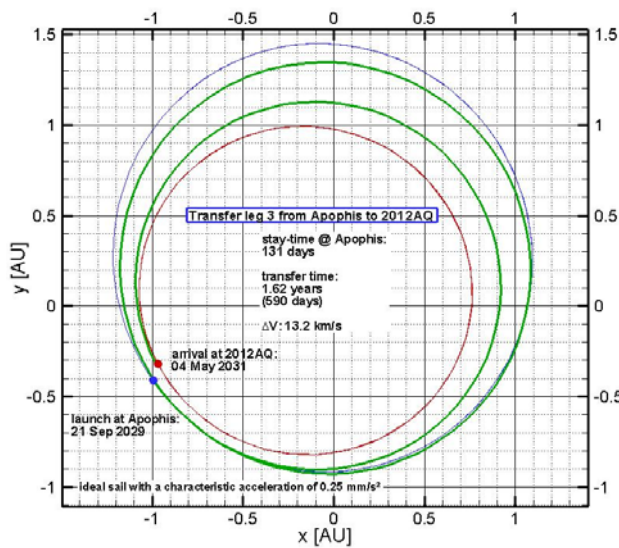
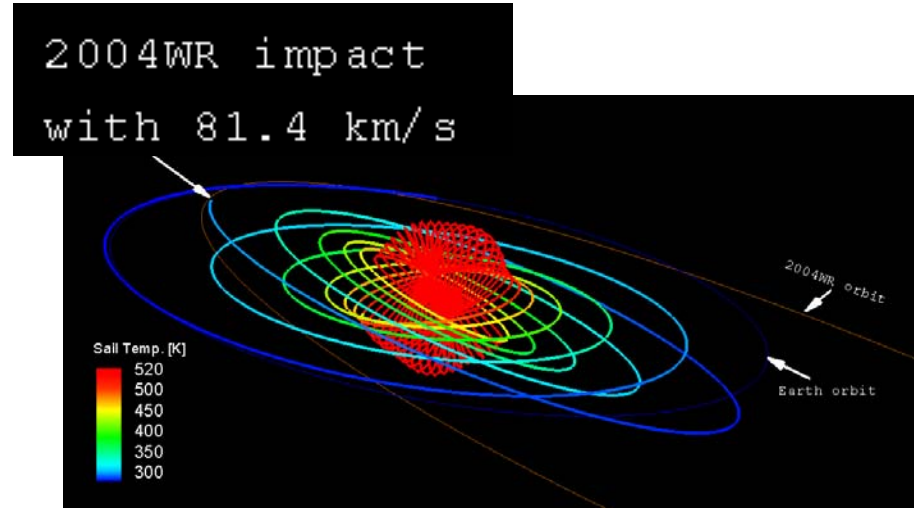


Why solar sailing?

– well, you might as well ask...

Why a 300 kg piggy-back launchable >75 km/s Kinetic Impactor?

Why rendezvous 3 NEAs in <10 years? (sample-return option included)



solar sailing at DLR

– no flight heritage, yet, but a roadmap...



the GOSSAMER Roadmap for Solar Sailing – *an Epilogue*



...to save a bit of it. ☺

note & remember: 100 feasibility studies → 20 detailed designs → 1 flight



Questions?

