

Technology Roadmaps for the Moon and Mars Exploration

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EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY ROADMAPS BY TEC



- ESA initiated in 2013, under leadership of the Directorate for Technical and Quality Management, the **development** of its technology **roadmaps** for space exploration
- Two iterations of these roadmaps have been developed so far, one in 2013 and an updated version in 2017
- This handout has the target to particularise the exploration technology roadmaps for the exploration of Moon and Mars

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OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES FOR THE MOON EXPLORATION





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OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES FOR THE MARS EXPLORATION





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FUNDING SOURCES FOR EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY



TRP and GSTP

Technologies for exclusive use of the Moon and Mars exploration or with multi-domain application

Programs approved at CM2016

ExPeRT, Luna-Resource Lander, SciSpacE, ...

Other ESA programs outside Exploration

Technologies with an application potential also for the Moon and Mars exploration

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TECHNOLOGY AXES FOR THE EXPLORATION





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LIFE SUPPORT AND HABITATS





ENERGY PRODUCTION AND STORAGE





ROBOTICS AND TELE-OPERATIONS



Flying robots on spacecraft

Robots for surface operations

Tele-operations from Earth

Rovers for mobility

Tele-operations from surface

GUIDANCE, NAVIGATION AND CONTROL





COMMUNICATIONS





EXAMPLE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR NAVIGATION



Mission Arc	Error Box Requirements (3σ)
Interplanetary cruise	500/10000 km (Asteroid / Planet Encounter) 500-1000 km for low-thrust DS maneuver
Interplanetary approach	3 km up to encounter (asteroid) 30 km up to – 3 hrs (gravity assist)
Far rendezvous	100 km distance error knowledge 1 deg accuracy azimuth and elevation
Intermediate rendezvous	10 km distance error knowledge 0.1 deg accuracy azimuth and elevation
Close cooperative rendezvous	10 m distance error knowledge 0.01 deg accuracy azimuth and elevation
Descent	Velocity < Mach 2 (parachute opening) TAEM gate better than 2000 m wide
Landing and touch down	Velocity < 1 m/s (soft_Landing) Precision landing better than 200 m

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CURRENT NAVIGATION TECHNOLOGY



Mission Arc	Current performances	Means
Interplanetary cruise	10000 km (Asteroid / Planet Encounter) with NPAL camera	
Interplanetary approach	30 km (gravity assist) with NPAL camera	ESO (HR) & Camero (riph) ESO (HR) & Camero (riph) ECB
Far rendezvous	300 m distance error knowledge at 20 Km with LABEN ATV GPS receiver (corporative rendezvous)	alla -t
Intermediate rendezvous	1 m distance error knowledge at 1000 m with JENA Laser Range Finder (corporative rendezvous)	
Close cooperative rendezvous	0.2 m distance error knowledge at 50 m 0.01 deg accuracy azimuth and elevation with JENA Laser Range Finder (corporative rendezvous)	
Descent	Velocity < Mach 2 (parachute opening) TAEM gate better than 2000 m wide	5
Landing and touch down	Velocity < 5 m/s (hard Landing) Precision landing of 50 Km with ExoMars RDA sensor	•

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HAZARD AVOIDANCE MANOEUVRES





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RETARGETING FUNCTION FOR HAZARD AVOIDANCE





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MOON LANDING SITES EXAMPLES





VISUAL NAVIGATION, HAZARD DETECTION AND AVOIDANCE



Visual navigation, hazard detection and avoidance Building Block composed of subblocks:

- ●1.- Sensors
- 2.- Image Recognition and Processing for Navigation
- ●3.- Data fusion
- ●4.- Advanced Guidance and Control algorithms
- ●5.- High Performance Computing
- ●6.- Multi-disciplinary Optimization
- ●7.- Verification and Validation

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SENSORS

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- Vision-based cameras
- LIDAR
 - ⊖flash, scan
- Multi-spectral cameras
 IR and UV
- Altimeters
 - ⊖laser, radar



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SENSOR EXAMPLES

- NPAL Navigation for Planetary Approach and Landing camera + image processing board + navigation filter
- PILOT navigation camera (more of this in the next presentation)
- ABPA radar and laser altimeters
- JOP scanning LIDAR
- CAMIR InfraRed camera





IMAGE RECOGNITION AND PROCESSING FOR NAVIGATION



- European FEIC (Feature
 Extraction and Image
 Correlation)
- Optical Flow Correlators
- Beyond the Kalman Filter estimators
 - deterministic,stochastic



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EXAMPLES OF MAGE RECOGNITION AND PROCESSING FOR NAVIGATION

- Relative Navigation vs Absolute Navigation
- UNI Dundee, UK FEIC (Feature Extraction and Image Correlation): feature detection and feature extraction
- UNI Dresden, Germany Optical Flow Correlator
- GMV Beyond the Kalman Filter estimators:
 - Deterministic estimation: Kalman-like estimation, Wiener estimator (WE), Particle filter estimators (PF), Method of moments (MoM), Minimum-variance unbiased estimator (MVUE)
 - Stochastic estimation: Maximum likelihood estimators (ML), Bayes estimator (BE), Minimum mean squared error estimator (MMSE), Maximum a posteriori estimation (MPE), Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC













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DATA FUSION

Hybrid Navigators: \bigcirc Loosely coupled ●STR and INS ●INS and CAM ●INS and LIDAR ■LIDAR and CAM Tightly coupled ●GPS and INS when GPS is available





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EXAMPLES OF DATA FUSION FOR LANDING



- Modular Vision-Based Navigation System design composed of building blocks
 - Image Acquisition System: optics, detector, acquisition, pre-processing
 - Image Processing Board (IPB): implements both HW and SW IP functions through mix of DSP and FPGA (ASIC in a flight implementation)
 - Inertial Measurement Unit (mission-dependent): required by navigation for rolling shutter compensation and aiding
 - Star tracker





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ADVANCED GUIDANCE AND CONTROL ALGORITHMS



- Optimal guidance profiles for descent and landing
- Re-targeting functions
- On-Board Real-Time Trajectory
 Optimization
- Advanced Robust Multi-variable Control



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EXAMPLES OF ADVANCED GUIDANCE AND CONTROL ALGORITHMS

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Optimal guidance for descent and landing

Advanced multivariable robust control for high accuracy re-targeting functions

Automatic generation of production code (C code) is TargetLink® from dSPACE

Simulates and analyses Entry, Descent and Landing systems on planetary bodies with or without atmosphere



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HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING



- Multiple Cores CPUs
- European FPGA and DSP
- High performance data buses
- Electronic Data Sheets
- Many-cores Real-Time Operating Systems
- Time and Space Partitioning



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EXAMPLES OF HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING



- European elements for high performing data handling architectures:
 - FPGA and DSP
 - Multi-core computers with fault tolerance features
- Real-time Software performance for high computing architectures

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MULTI-DISCIPLINARY OPTIMIZATION



- Optimization of trajectories, propulsion, and staging all at once
- Optimization of placement
 of sensors and actuators
- Co-design of Structures and Control



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EXAMPLES OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY OPTIMIZATION

- Optimization at once of trajectories, structures, propulsion for Moon landers
- MDO for Moon ascent vehicles: single stage vehicle with all-at-once design optimization
- Co-design of control and structures
- Optimization of sensor placements across mission arcs, mission types, and mission requirements







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VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION



- Simulators and Emulators
- SIL=>PIL=>HIL testing sequences
- Ground test benches for optical, infrared and LIDAR V+V
- All-at-once verification and validation facilities
- In-Orbit Demonstrators



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EXAMPLES OF VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION

- PANGU Surface modeller: realistic surfaces (MLI, OSR, solar cells...)
- GNC Ground Testing Facilities
 - DLR TRON For Descent and Landing
 DLR EPOS For Rendezvous and Docking
- PLGTF (ESA) Ground demonstrator
 MORPHEUS (NASA) Ground demonstrator
- SPARTAN Ground Demonstrator
- LIRIS In-Orbit Demonstration opportunities

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