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EXPLORE SOLAR SYSTEM & BEYOND

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Small Bodies Panel

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Lunar Discovery and Exploration



Artemis and PSD



- Initial Commercial Lunar Payload Service (CLPS) flights will study the lunar surface and resources at the lunar poles, starting from 2021
- **VIPER**: Golf-cart-sized rover will investigate volatiles in lunar polar soil
 - Astrobotic CLPS delivery by end of 2023
- **Artemis III** (2024): Crew will travel to the Moon and use Human Landing System to touch down on the lunar surface
 - Science Definition Team (chaired by Renee Weber, MSFC, and HLS Science Lead) will define detailed science objectives
- Working with ESSIO on many lunar projects, e.g., ANGSA, instrument and technology development, international collaborations



Mars Program



Mars Sample Return



- New Mars Sample Return (MSR) Program, Director: Jeff Gramling
- Michael Meyer is serving as Lead/Chief Scientist for MEP and MSR
- NASA/ESA MOU signed on October 5th
- Findings of SMD-commissioned Independent Review for MSR released November 10
- Working towards two launches in 2026 (NASA lander and ESA orbiter) – on track to enter Phase A this fall
- NASA/ESA MSR Sample Planning Group – Phase 2 will address science and curation planning questions
- Perseverance/MSR Caching Strategy Workshop is being planned for January 2021



Outer Planets and Ocean Worlds



Europa Clipper

Project Schedule: Final instrument CDR was in June, Project & Flight System CDR will be December 2020

Launch Date: Team working to launch readiness in 2024

Instrument Cost Control: Steps taken to control cost growth on EIS and MASPEX, including changes to Level 1 requirements

Gravity/Radio Science Team: Competitively selected a team of seven, led by Erwan Mazarico (GSFC), to join the Clipper science team

Launch Vehicle: LV uncertainty remains a concern; Congress directs use of SLS, but availability before 2025 is not clear

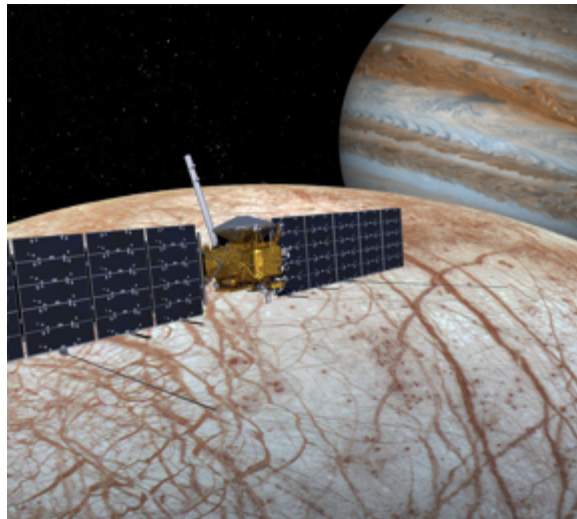
Instrument & Flight System Hardware: Now being built!



Above: Upper cylinder of propulsion module



Top right: Thermal radiator flight unit



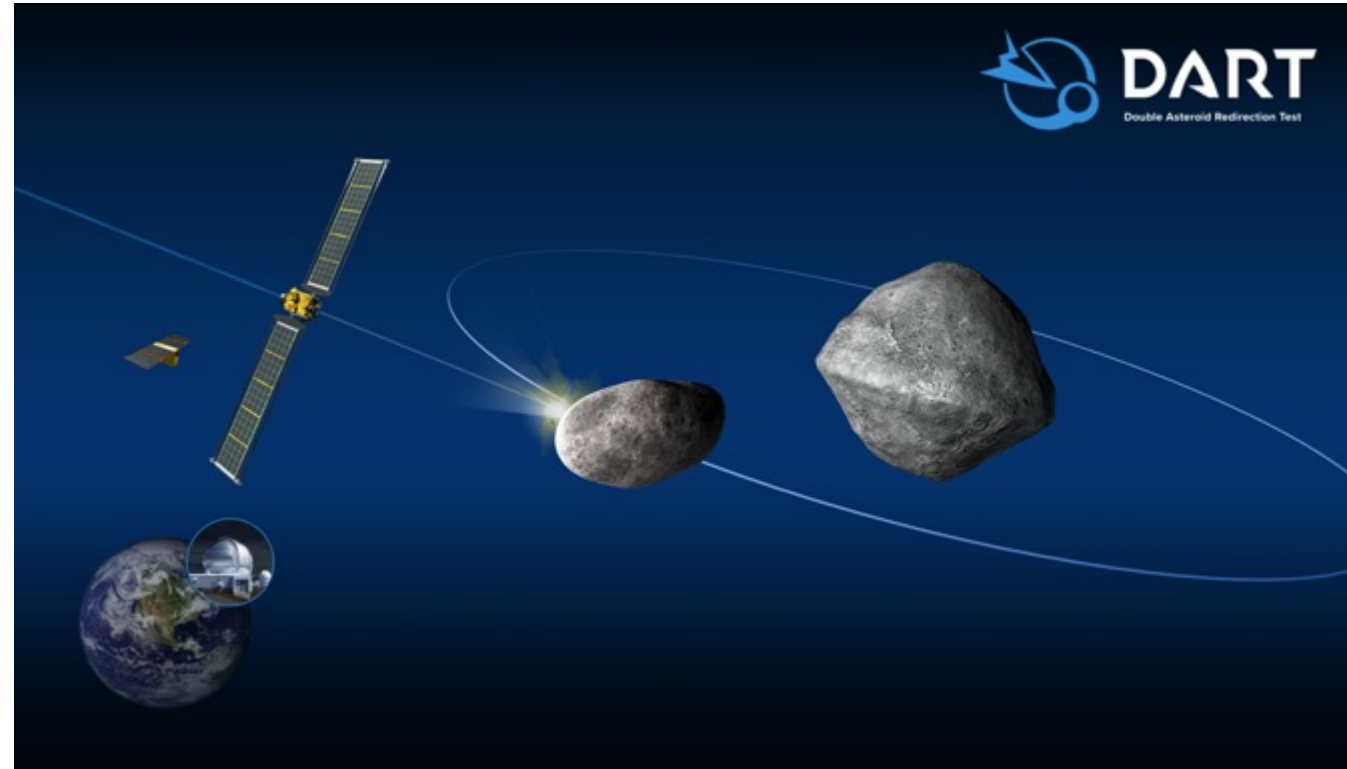


Planetary Defense



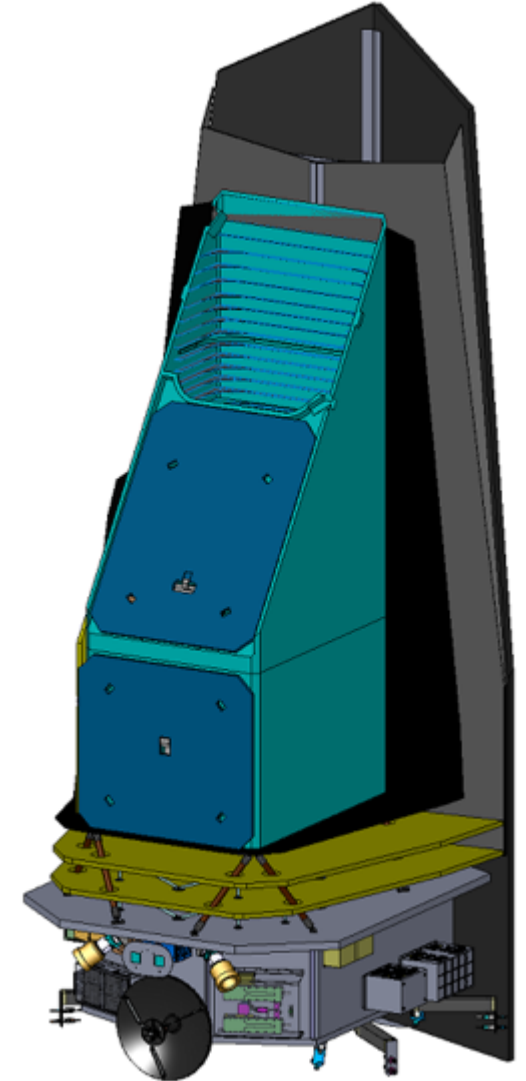
Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)

- First mission to demonstrate asteroid deflection technique; first mission from NASA's Planetary Defense Coordination Office
- Kinetic impact will change the motion of asteroid Dimorphos (moon of 65803 Didymos)
- Binary target allows measurement of deflection by ground-based observations
- Dimorphos, will be only 0.07 AU from Earth at impact in October 2022
- ATLO has started; spacecraft core structure is at APL after COVID-19-related shipping delay
- LICIA Cube manufacturing, integration, and test has started; on track for delivery March 2021
- Mission is on track for July 2021 launch aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9



NEO Surveyor

- Designed to meet George E Brown NEO Survey Goal
- Objectives:
 - Find 65% of undiscovered Potentially Hazardous Asteroids (PHAs) >140 m in 5 years (goal: 90% in 10 years)
 - Estimate sizes directly from infrared (IR) signatures
 - Compute cumulative chance of impact over next century for PHAs >50 m and comets
 - Deliver new tracklet data daily to the Minor Planet Center
- KDP-B targeted in Fall 2020





New Frontiers

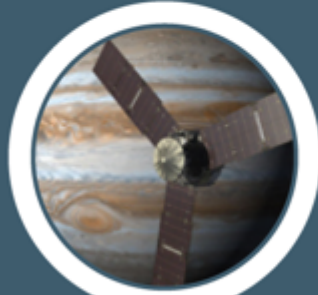


NEW FRONTIERS MISSIONS



2006–Present

NEW HORIZONS
Pluto-Kuiper Belt



2011–Present

JUNO
Jupiter polar orbiter



2016–Present

OSIRIS-REx
Asteroid
sample return



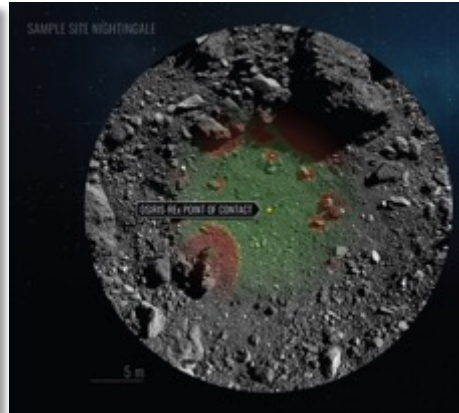
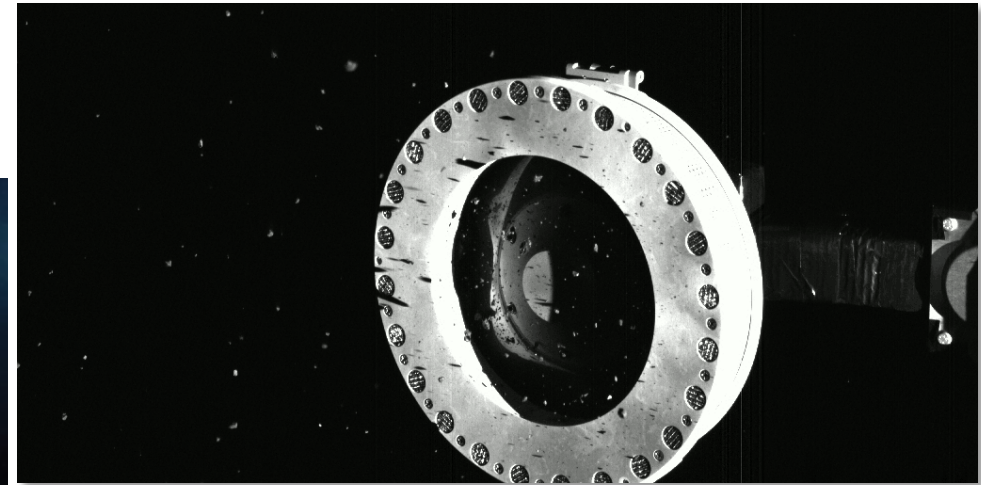
2027–

DRAGONFLY
Titan drone

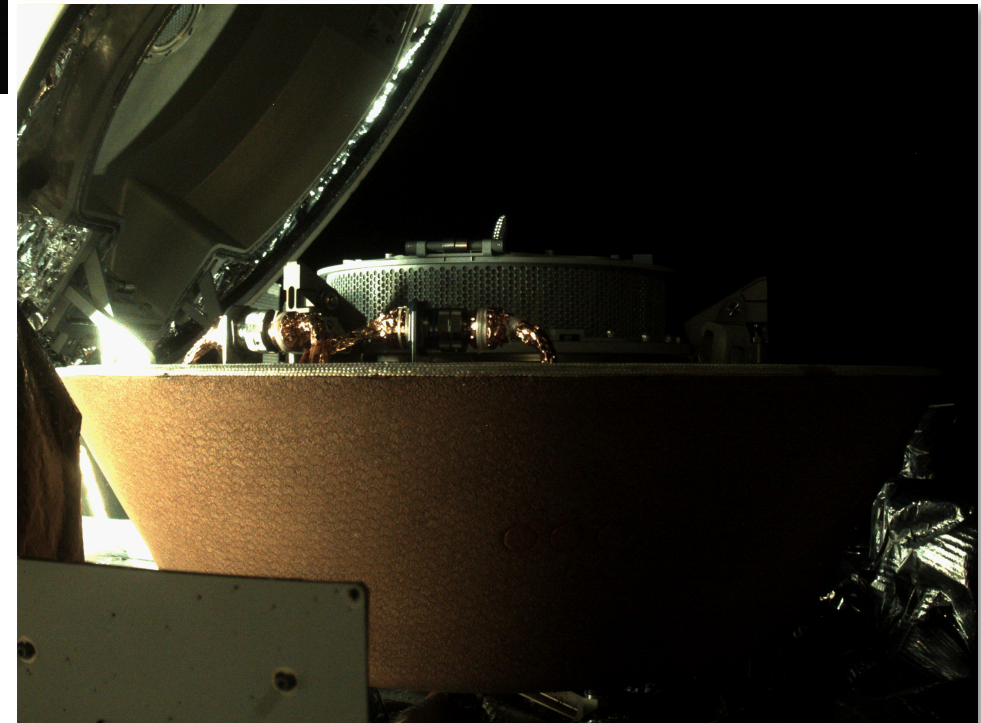
OSIRIS-REx



*Touch-and-Go Sample
Acquisition Mechanism
(TAGSAM) Oct 22*



*Touch-and-Go
(‘TAG’) at
Nightingale
Crater Oct 20*



*Sample stowed in
Sample Return
Capsule Oct 28*

New Frontiers Target List Evolution

Recommended Target	Report	NF2	NF3	NF4	NF5 ?	Selected mission
Kuiper Belt-Pluto Explorer	NF					New Horizons (NF1)
Jupiter Polar Orbiter	NF	X				Juno (NF2)
Lunar South Pole-Aitken Basin Sample Return	NF, NOSSE, V&V	X	X	X	X*	
Venus In Situ Explorer	NF, NOSSE, V&V	X	X	X	X	
Comet Surface Sample Return	NF, NOSSE, V&V	X	X	X	X	
Network Science	NOSSE		X			
Trojan/Centaur Reconnaissance	NOSSE, V&V		X	X		Lucy (Discovery)
Asteroid Rover/Sample Return	NOSSE		X			OSIRIS-REx (NF3)
Io Observer	NOSSE, V&V		X		X**	
Ganymede Observer	NOSSE		X			
Ocean Worlds (Titan/Enceladus)				X	X***	Dragonfly (NF4)
Saturn Probe	V&V			X	X	
Lunar Geophysical Network	V&V				X	

NF: New Frontiers in the Solar System (Decadal Survey 1)
NOSSE: New Opportunities in Solar System Exploration
V&V: Vision and Voyages (Decadal Survey 2)

*Pending Artemis landing site selections and science objectives

**Pending Discovery selections

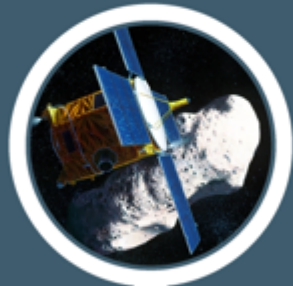
***Only Enceladus



Discovery



DISCOVERY MISSIONS



1996–1999

**NEAR
SHOEMAKER**
Near Earth asteroid
rendezvous



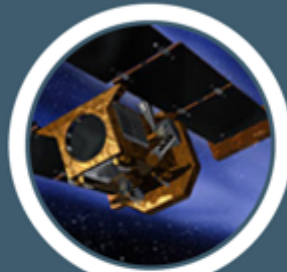
1996–1997

**MARS
PATHFINDER**
Mars rover



1998–1999

**LUNAR
PROSPECTOR**
Moon orbiter



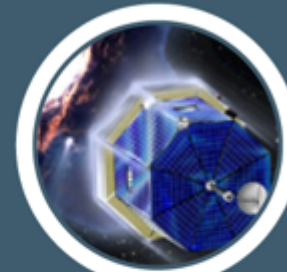
1999–2011

STARDUST
Cosmic dust
collector



2001–2004

GENESIS
Solar wind
collector



Lost 2002

CONTOUR
Comet nucleus tour



2004–2015

MESSENGER
Mercury orbiter



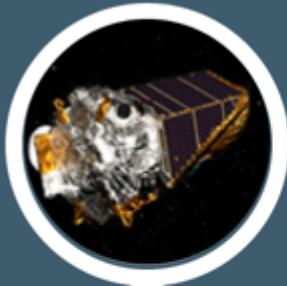
2005–2012

DEEP IMPACT
Comet impactor



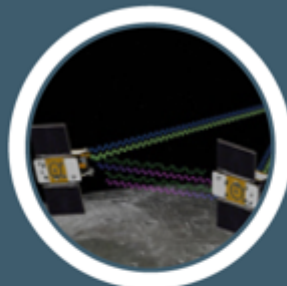
2007–2018

DAWN
Vesta and
Ceres orbiter



2009–2018

KEPLER
Exoplanet
observatory



2011–2012

GRAIL
Gravitational mapping
of the Moon



2018–Present

INSIGHT
Mars interior exploration



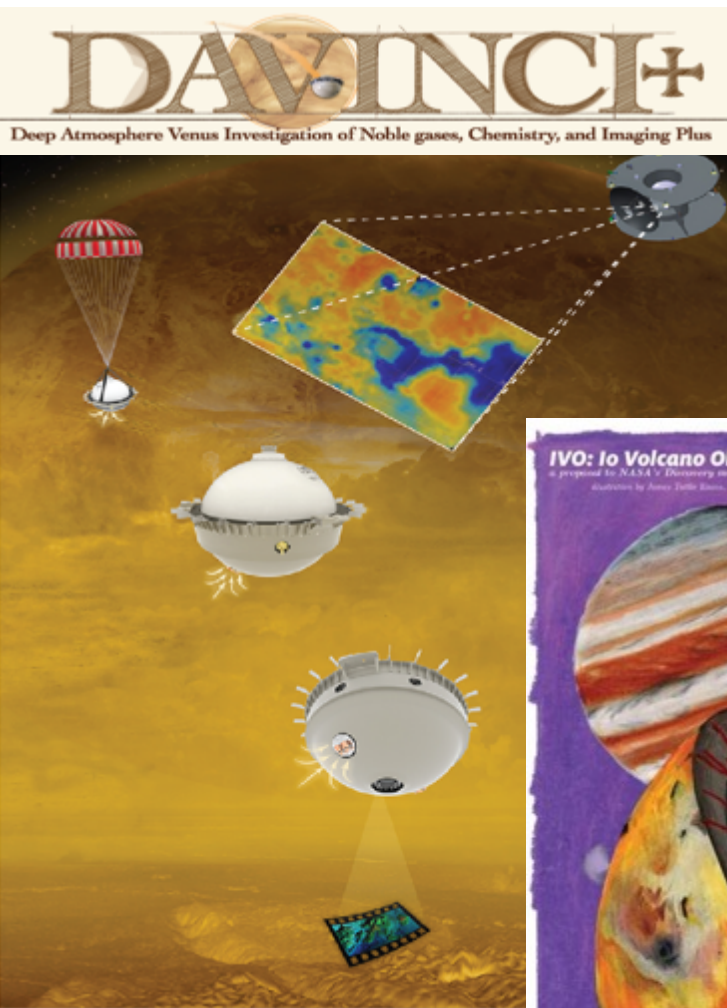
2021–

LUCY
Trojan asteroid tour



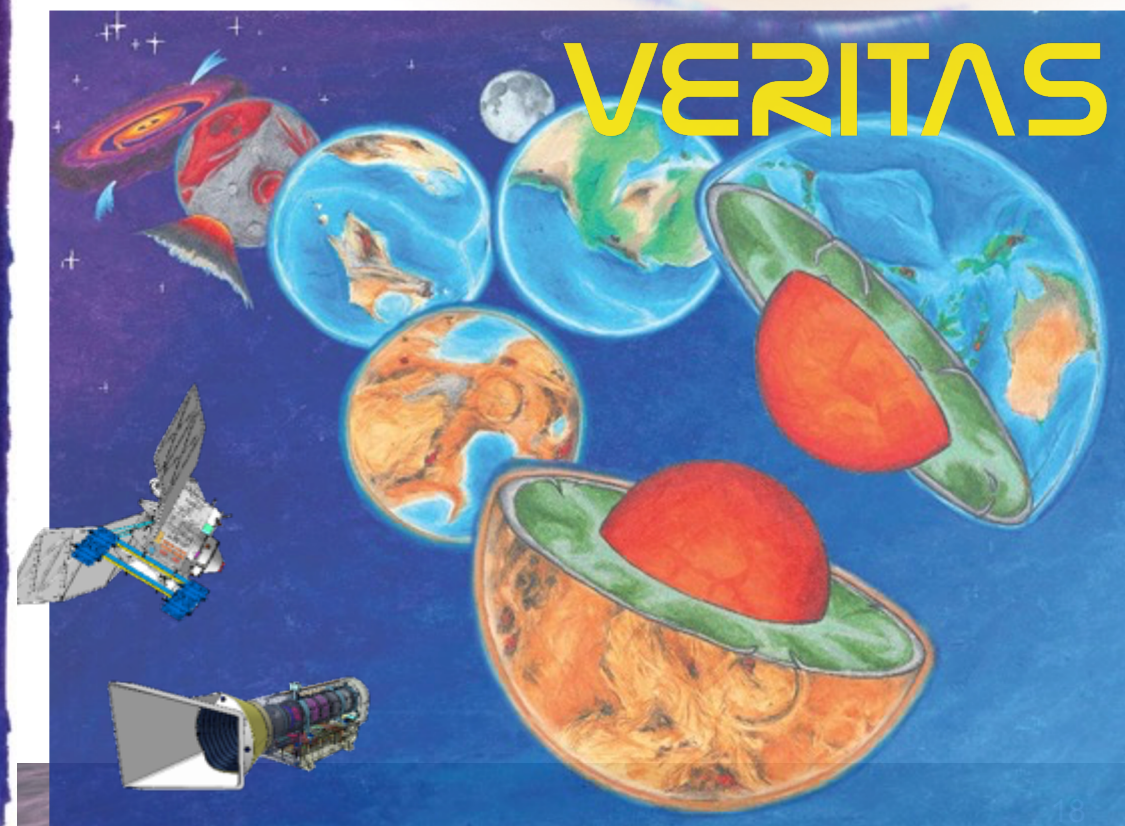
2022–

PSYCHE
Metallic
asteroid
orbiter

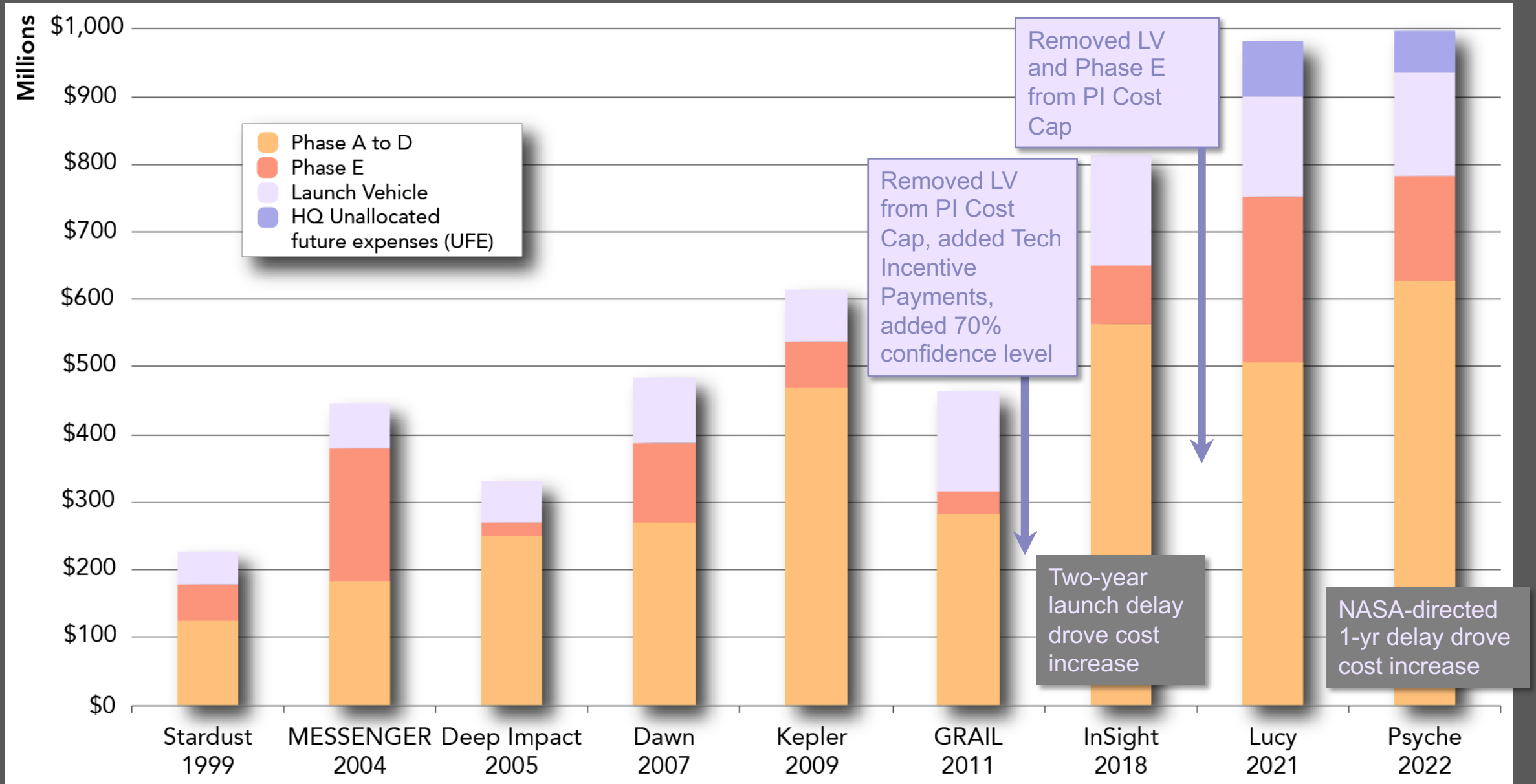


Selections
planned NET April
2021

Four Discovery Concepts in Phase A



Discovery Cost Growth* from Strategic Decisions (RY\$)

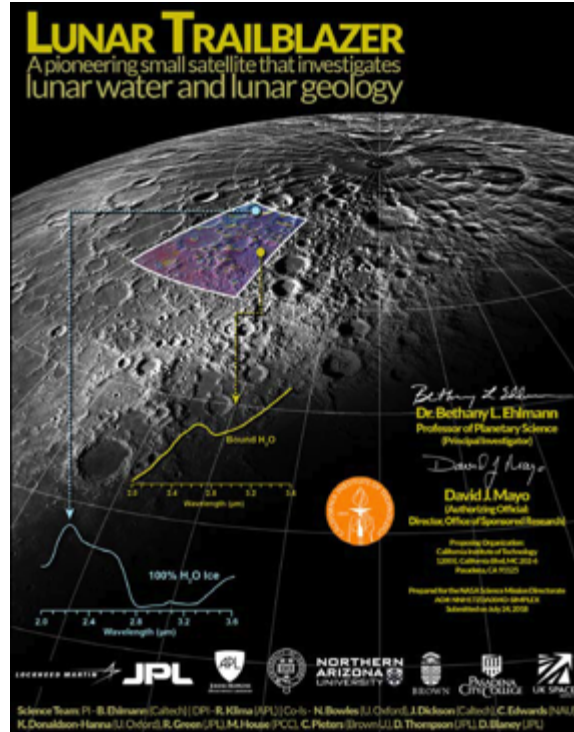
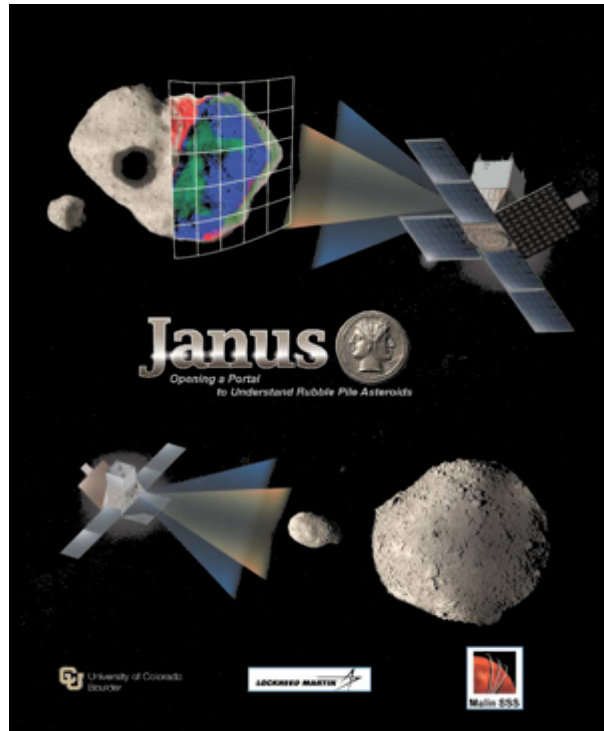
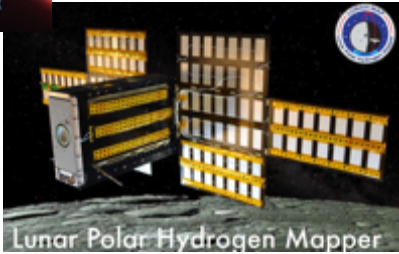


*Cost data from CADRE



Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx)





SIMPLEx-1:

- Solicited as an appendix in ROSES-2014
- Low budget/very-low-cost missions
- Two missions selected in 2015: **Q-PACE** (due for November 2020 launch on Virgin Orbit's LauncherOne) and **LunaH-Map** (will launch on Artemis I, NLT November 2021)

- Lessons learned: larger cost cap and need to run as an AO

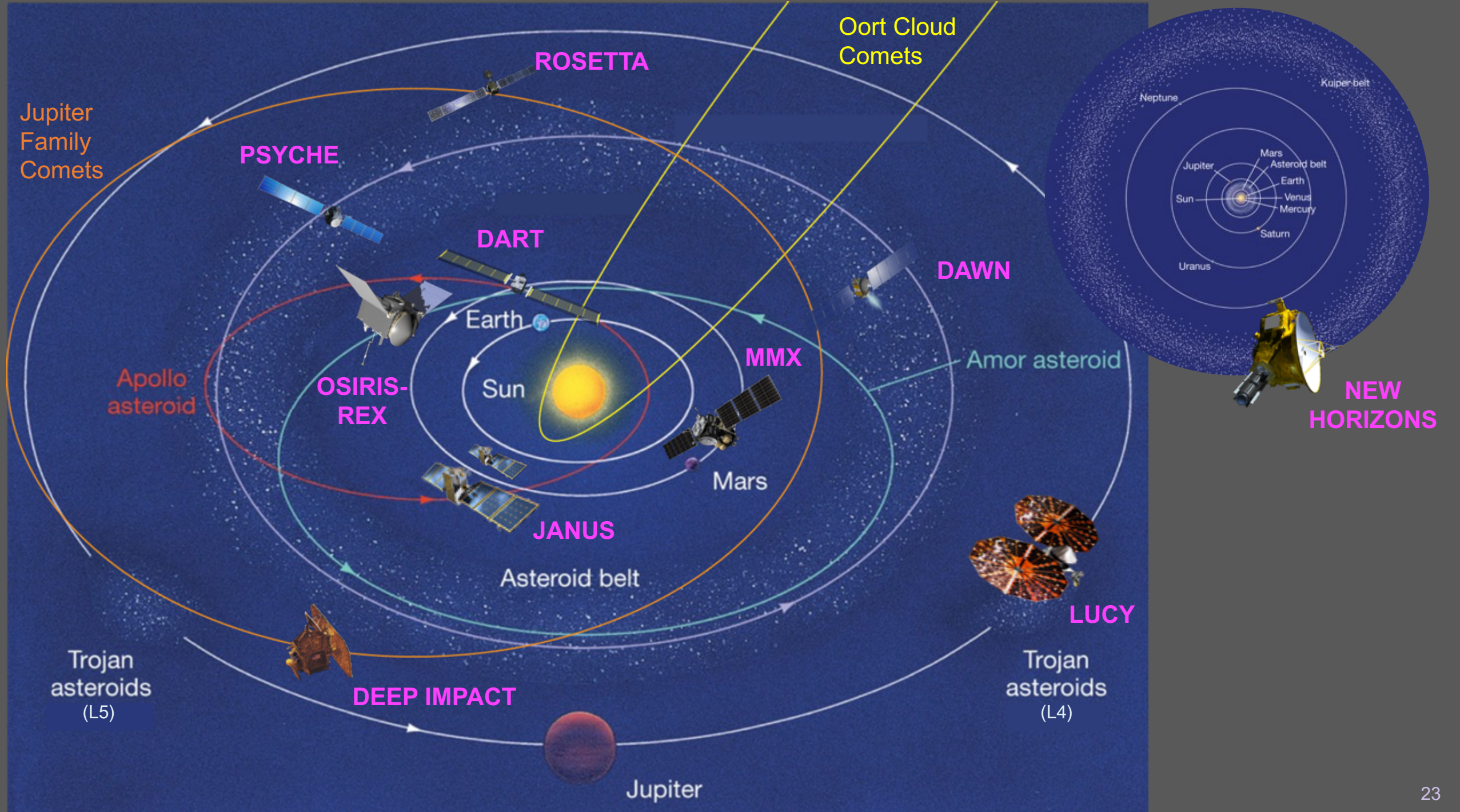
SIMPLEx-2:

- Solicited as an appendix in SALMON-3 AO
 - Required significant science goals
- PI-managed mission cost cap (all mission phases): \$15–55 million
- Three missions selected in 2019:
 - **Janus** (Psyche rideshare)
 - **EscaPADE** (TBD Rideshare)
 - **Lunar Trailblazer** (IMAP rideshare)



Small Body Populations





What's next?

