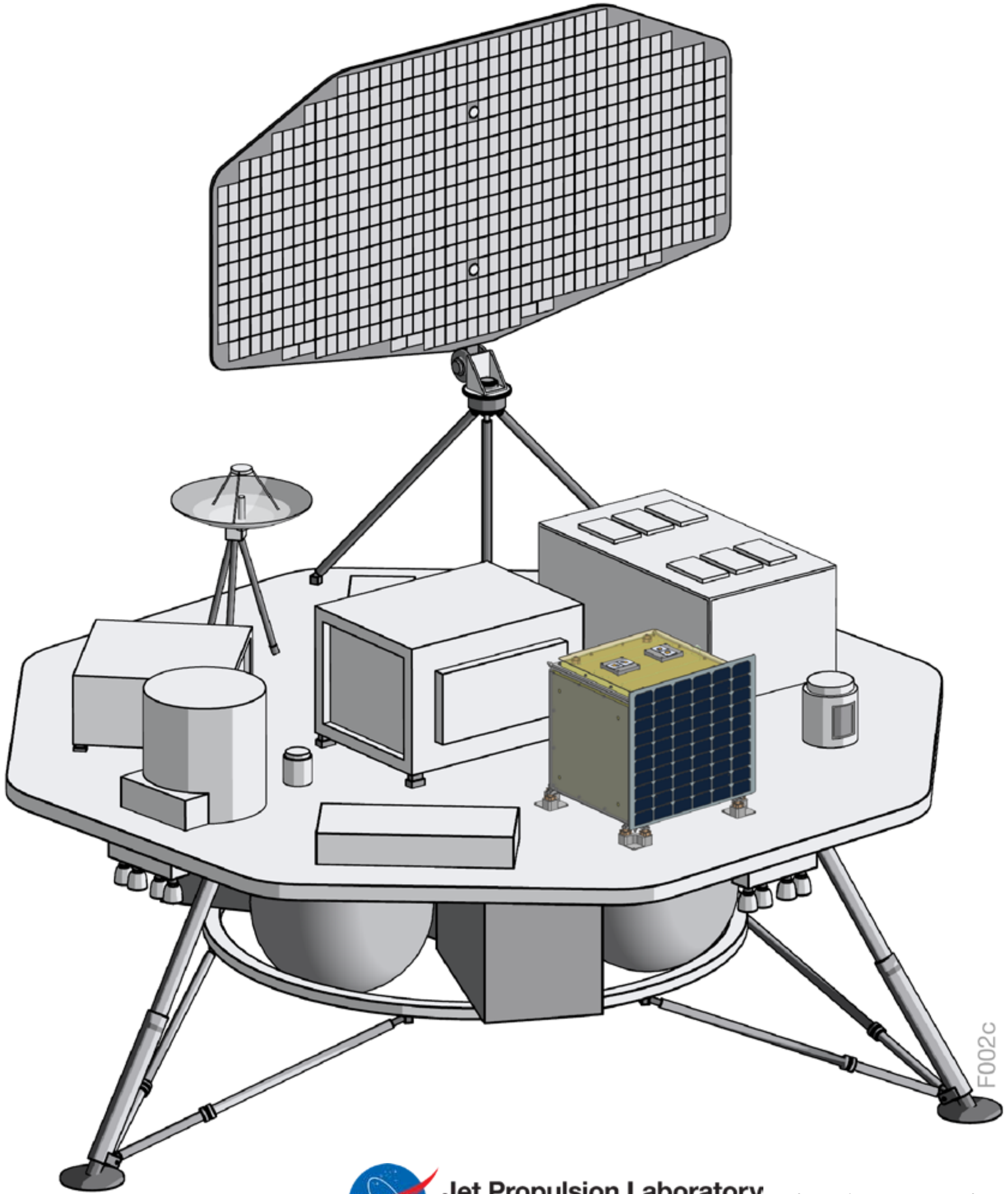

Farside Seismic Suite

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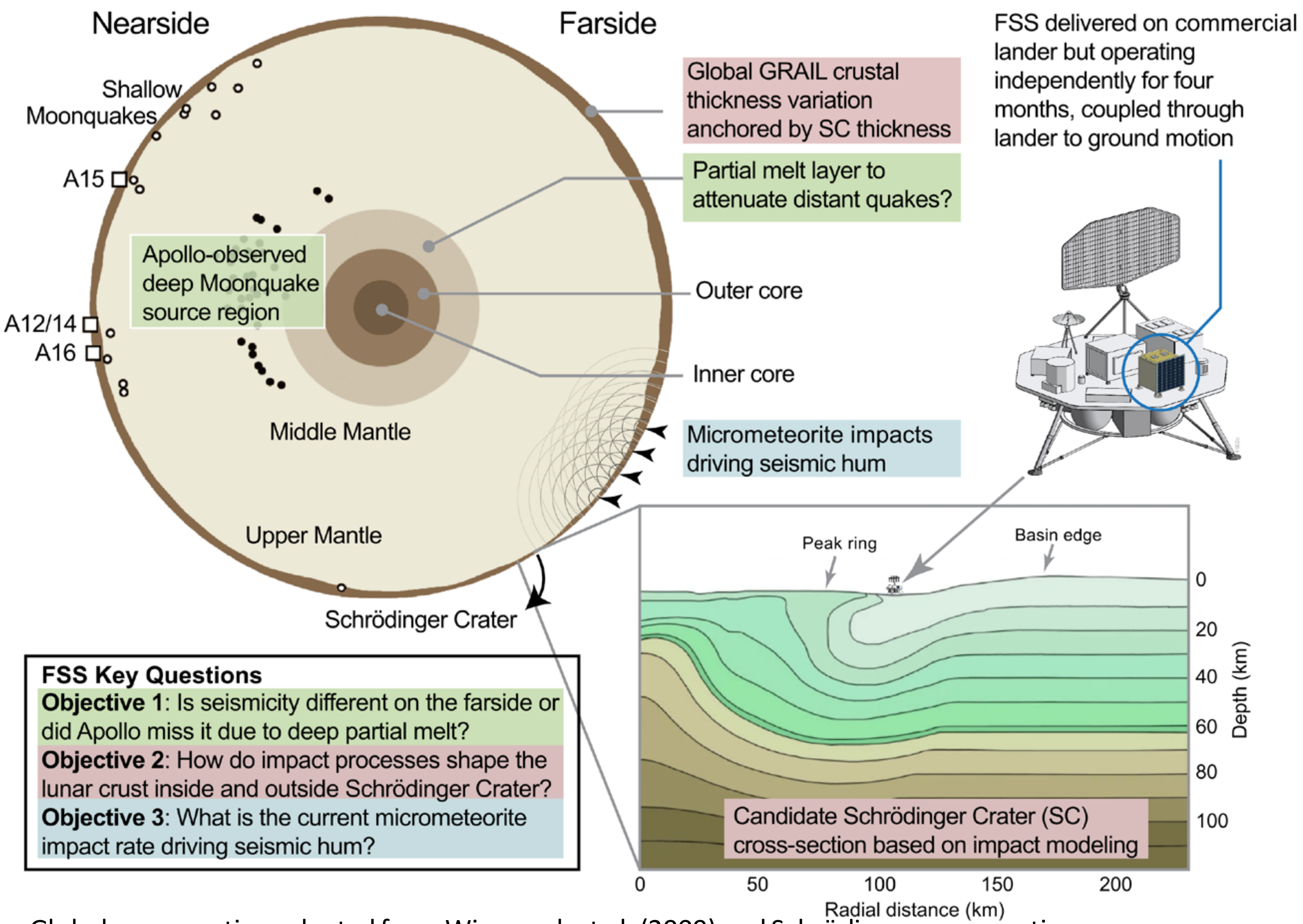
The Concept

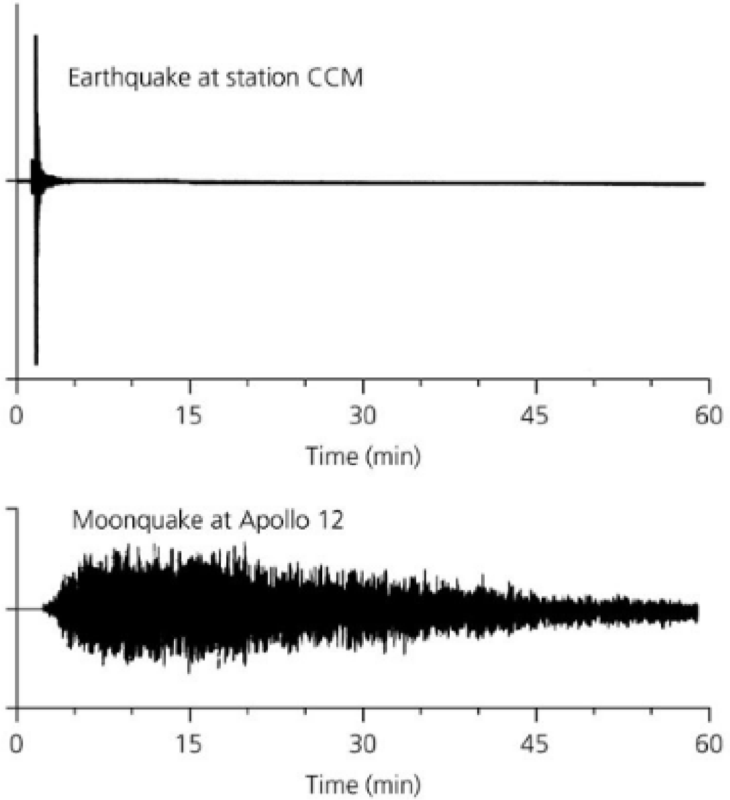


Global cross-section adapted from Wieczorek et al. (2009) and Schrödinger cross-section from Kring et al. (2016)

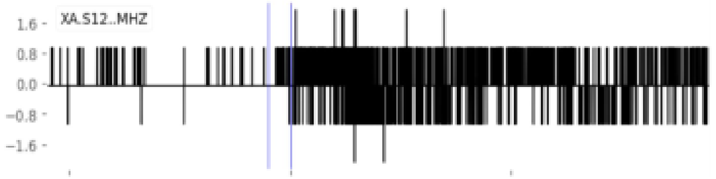
FSS delivers a vertical component Very Broad Band seismometer (VBBZ), the most sensitive seismometer to fly on a planetary mission, and a very capable and compact 3-component SP seismometer, both based on the instrumentation of the currently-operating InSight Mars mission.

These instruments are delivered inside a thermal enclosure incorporating independent command, power, and communications systems to outlive the commercial lander and deliver continuous day and night seismic data for months.

Lunar Seismology



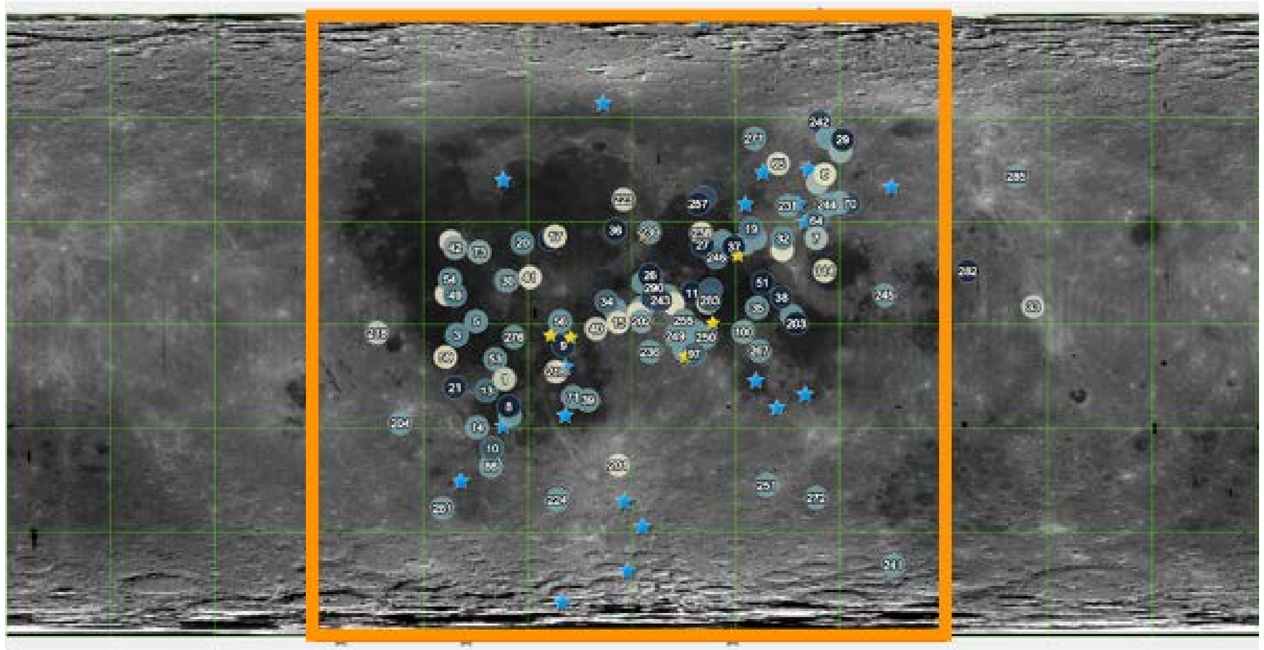
Example small moonquake (30 minute record from Apollo 12)

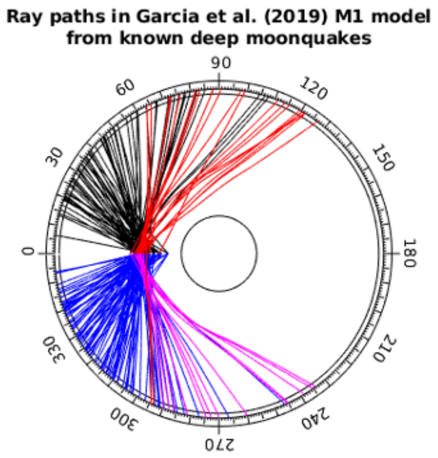


- Lunar seismology is very different than Earth seismology with unique challenges
- The Apollo instruments were extremely sensitive instruments, but were limited by very coarse digitization
- Apollo measurements were only made at the nearside landing locations
- Landing modern, sensitive instruments (on the far side of the Moon!) with 24-bit modern digitization opens up new opportunities beyond what was possible with Apollo

Farside Seismicity

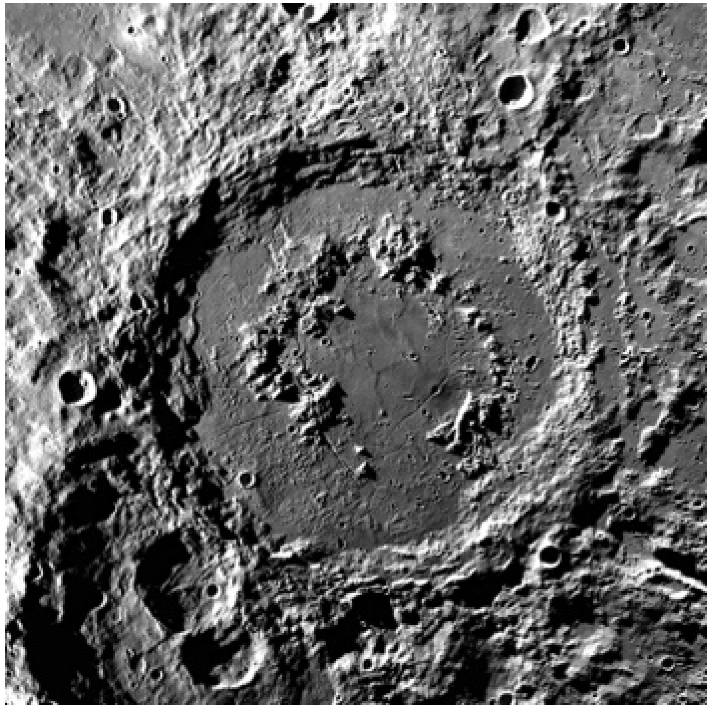
- Nearly all located deep moonquake clusters and shallow moonquake locations are on the nearside of the Moon
- How much of this is due to attenuation in the deep lunar mantle and how much is due to fundamental differences in seismicity?
- Paths from known repeating deep moonquake locations to Schrödinger pass through the deep mantle constraining that structure, while recording of new sites on the far side will directly constrain farside activity rates

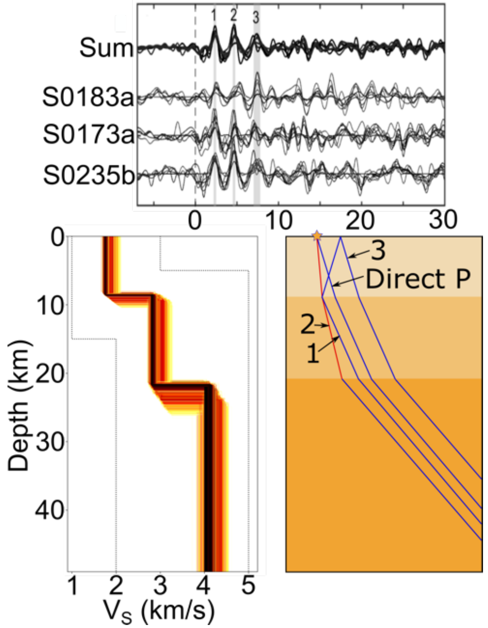




Local structure at Schrödinger

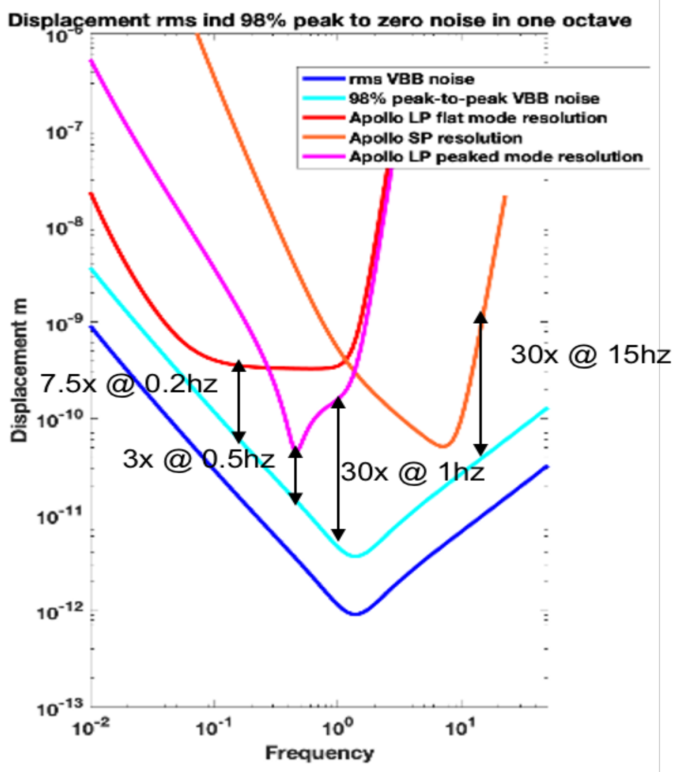
- Schrödinger Crater is well-preserved impact crater with a peak ring and smooth floors interpreted as impact melts
- 3-component seismic records present the potential for resolving crustal thickness and layering through a receiver function approach
- Continuous noise records can be autocorrelated to obtain the seismic reflectivity response below the landing site
- Local crustal structure can be used to anchor global gravity-derived models





The lunar background hum

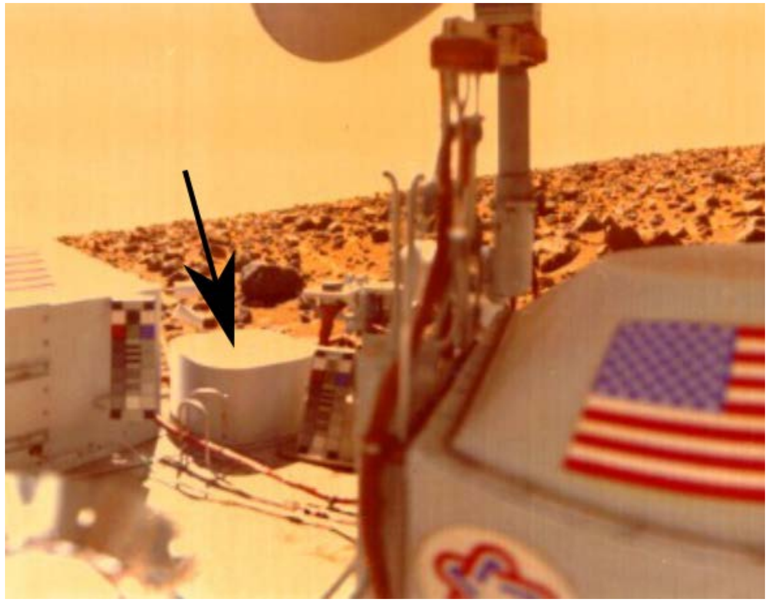
- The background seismic noise on the Moon is expected to be driven by the regular impacts of micrometeorites (Lognonné et al. 2009)
- Apollo seismometers were not able to record the level of this background noise due to the sensitivity of the instruments and the digitization noise
- VBBZ will record at a lower noise level than Apollo and either directly constrain the lunar background noise, or lower the upper bound of that noise level
- This can be used to better constrain the impact rate of the smallest micrometeorites, an important goal for long term human safety



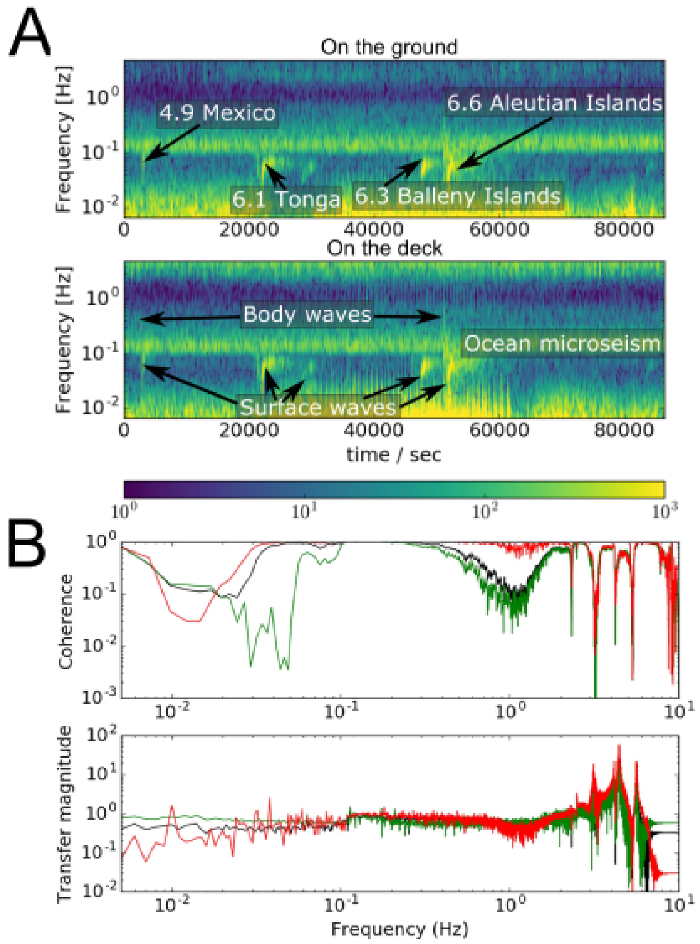
Science Traceability

Decadal Survey Questions	Science Goals	Science Questions	Investigation Objective Requirements			Mission Top Level Requirements
			Measurement	Requirement	Projected Performance	
• How do the structure and composition of each planetary body vary with respect to location, depth, and time? • What are the major heat-loss mechanisms and associated dynamics of their cores and mantles?	Objective 1: Investigate deep lunar structure and the difference between near and farside activity	What is the rate of farside seismicity?	1A: Detect >50 farside events	VBB: $2x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ from 0.1-1 Hz	$1.5x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ or better over required frequency band	1 month (threshold mission)
		What is the deep mantle seismic attenuation?	1B: Detect >10 nearside events (known clusters or impact flashes)	VBB: $2x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ from 0.1-1 Hz	$1.5x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ or better over required frequency band	4 months (baseline mission)
• What are the major surface features and modification processes on each of the inner planets? • What were the sources and timing of the early and recent impact flux of the inner solar system?	Objective 2: Understand how the lunar crust is affected by the development of an impact melt basin	What is the crustal thickness and layering beneath Schrodinger Crater?	2A: Detect >3 events at SNR > 3 on 3 components to create receiver functions	SP: $5x10^{-9}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ from 0.3-1 Hz	$3x10^{-9}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ over required frequency band	4 months (baseline mission)
			2B: VBBZ autocorrelation of seismic noise	VBB: $2x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ from 0.1-1 Hz	$1.5x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ or better over required frequency band	1 month (threshold mission)
• What were the sources and timing of the early and recent impact flux of the inner solar system?	Objective 3: Assess the current micrometeorite impact rate and local tectonic activity	What is the micro-seismic noise 10x below Apollo level?	3A: Seismic noise over at least one lunar day/night cycle	VBB: $2x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ from 0.1-1 Hz	$1.5x10^{-10}$ $m/s^2/Hz^{½}$ or better over required frequency band	1 month (threshold mission)

Can we record without deploying to the surface?

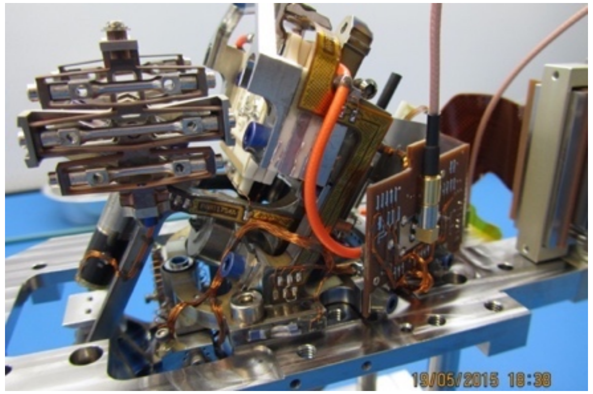


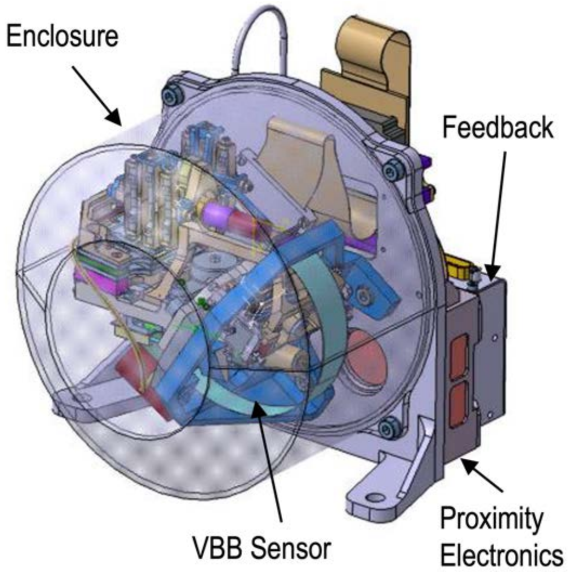
- The Viking mission (and InSight before deployment) taught us that a deck-mounted seismometer faces difficulties
- But experiments on the engineering model of the MSL Curiosity rover show ground motion can be well-coupled through the structure of a spacecraft below the resonant frequency
- On the Moon, there will be no wind noise, and thermal noise is expected to be concentrated near dawn and dusk (as demonstrated by thermal moonquakes measured by Apollo instruments)



From Panning and Kedar (2019)

The VBBZ seismometer

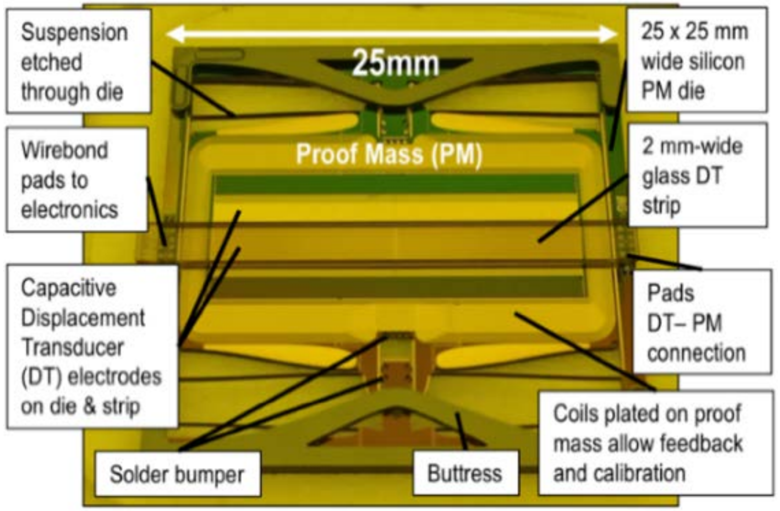


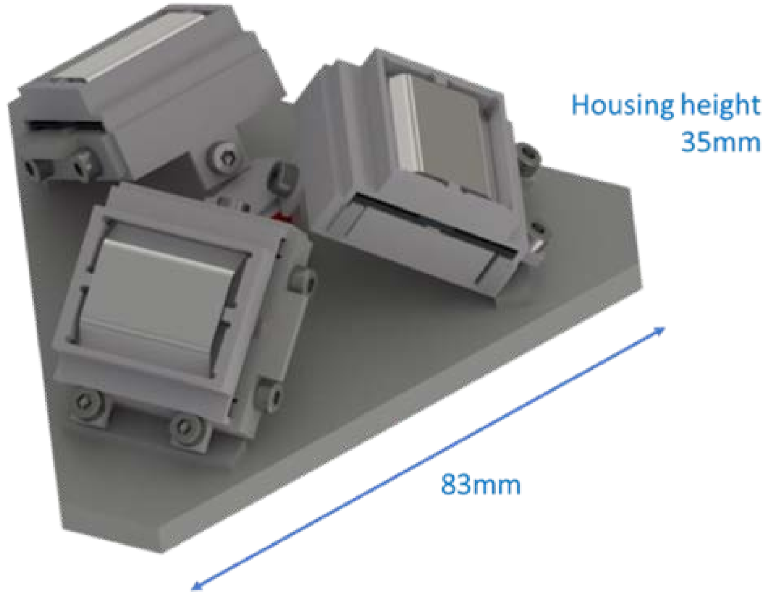


- Uses a flight spare VBB seismometer from the InSight mission
- Spring needs to be replaced to account for lunar gravity and rotated to sense vertical motions (rather than 3 tilted components as in InSight)
- Packaged in enclosure which allows venting to attain vacuum on the Moon
- Contributed by CNES in partnership with Institut de physique du globe de Paris/Université de Paris

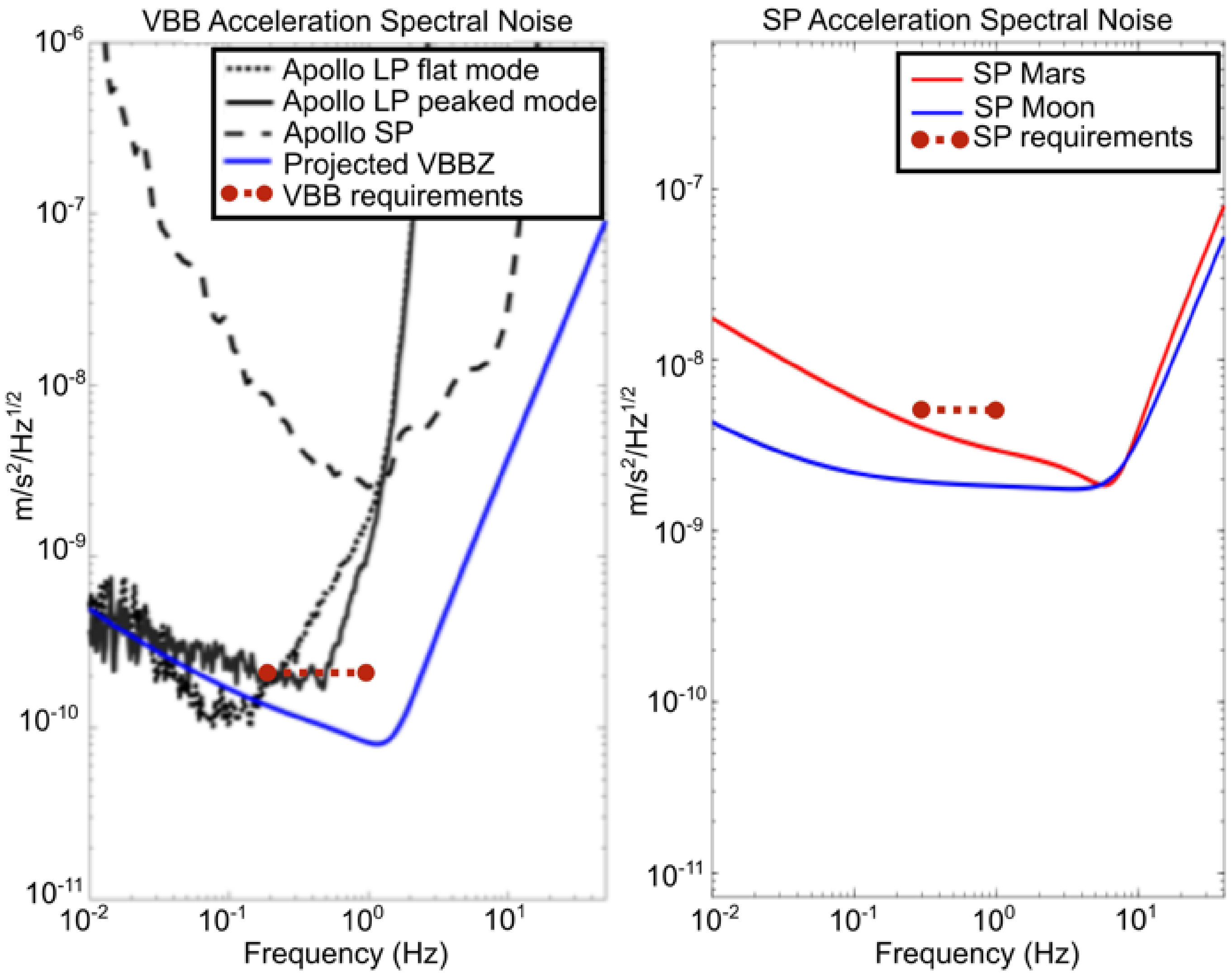
The SP seismometer

- Micromachined silicon system
- New build based on InSight heritage
- Spring adjusted for lunar gravity and changed to Galperin configuration (3 tilted components) rather than 1 vertical and 2 horizontal sensors as on InSight
- Delivered by Kinemetrics, Inc. in collaboration with Oxford University and Imperial College, London





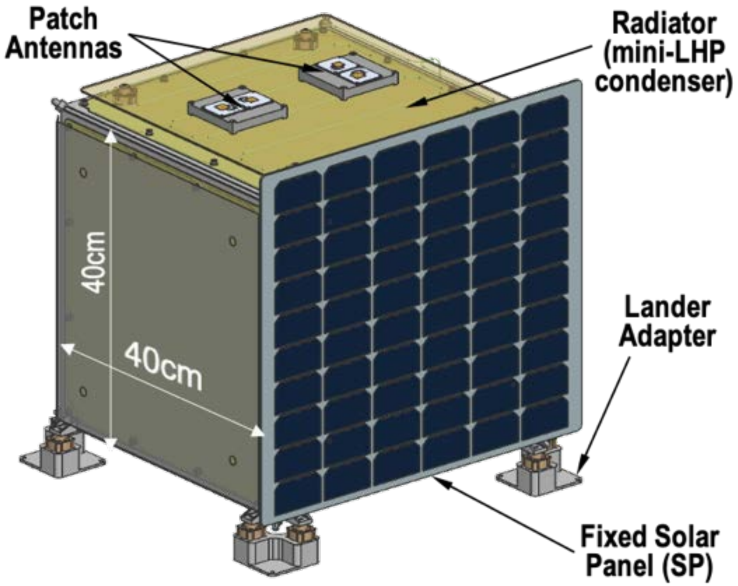
Instrument sensitivity

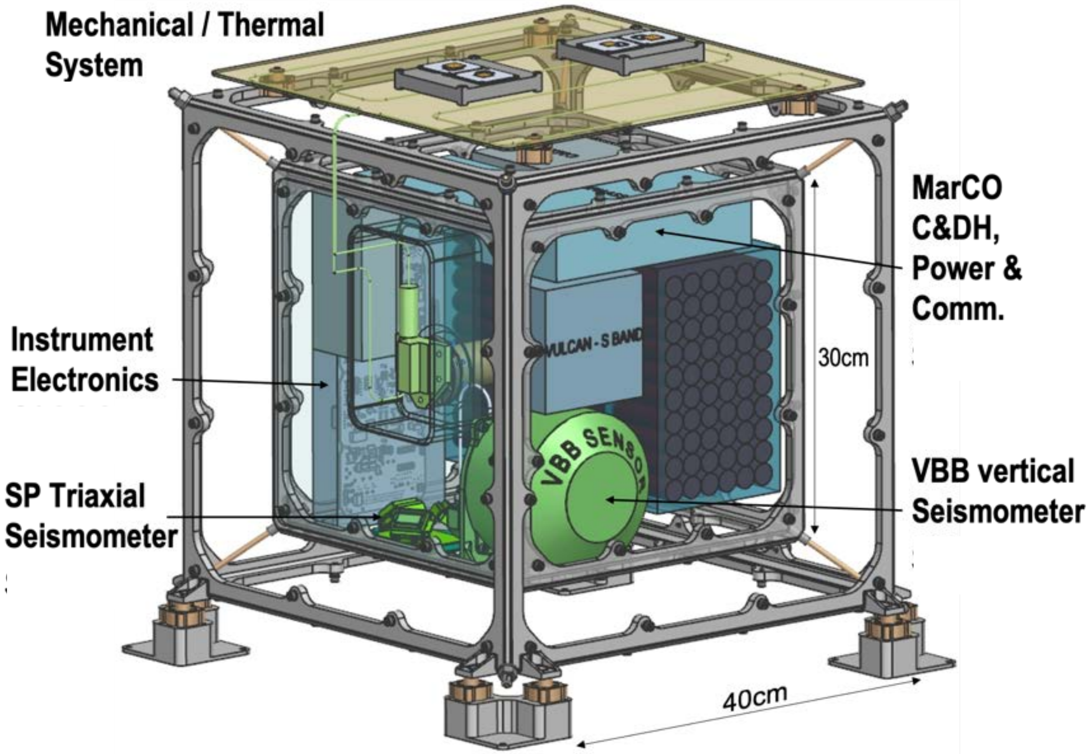


- VBBZ will be the most sensitive seismometer to land on the Moon
- SP delivers compact and capable 3-component measurement
- Both are projected to meet the performance requirements of FSS

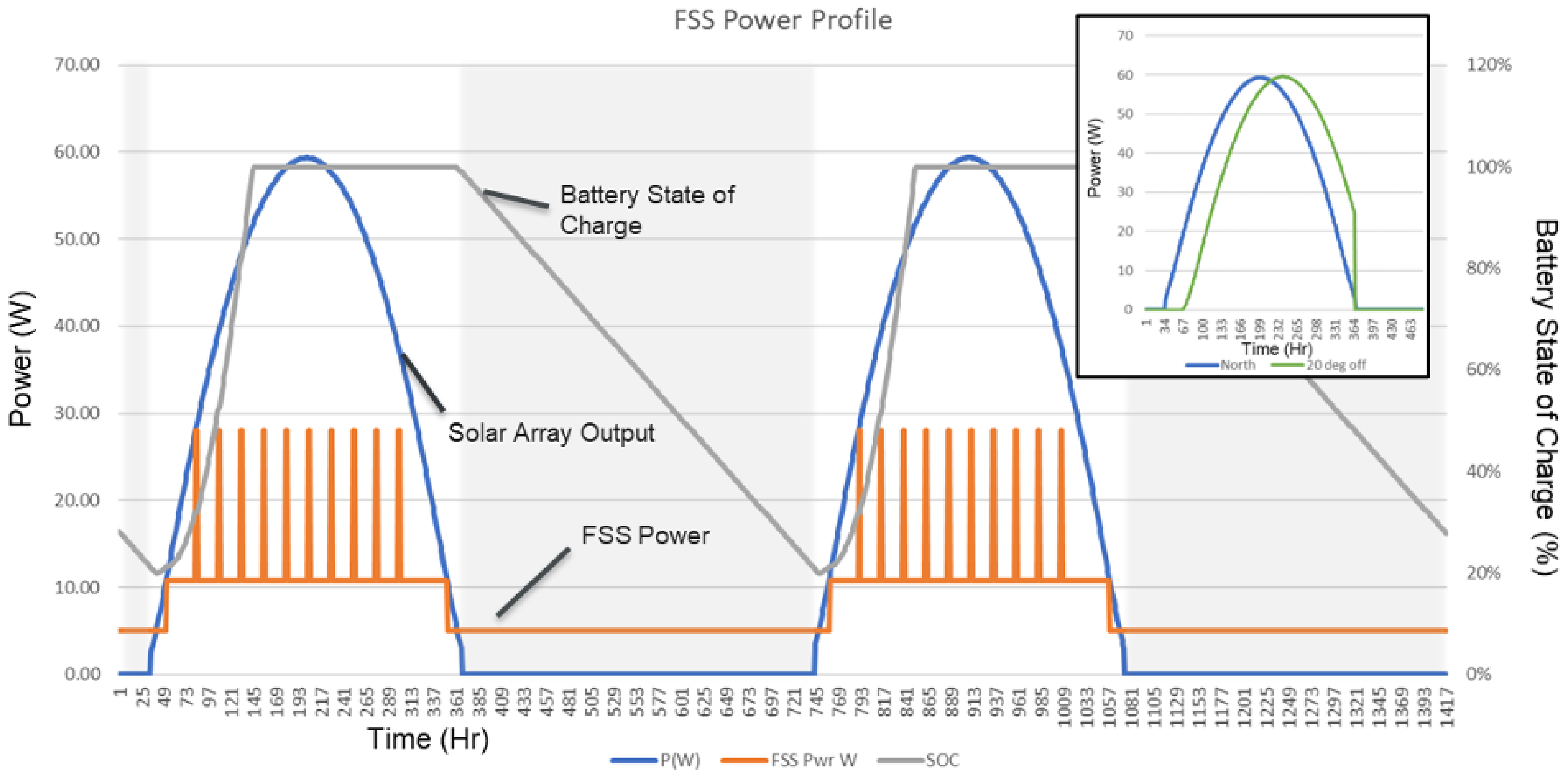
The package design

- Powered by solar panel with sufficient batteries to operate through the night
- Thermal system relies on cube within cube separated by spacerless multi-layer insulation
- Command, communications and power systems based on MarCO flight spares delivered by University of Michigan





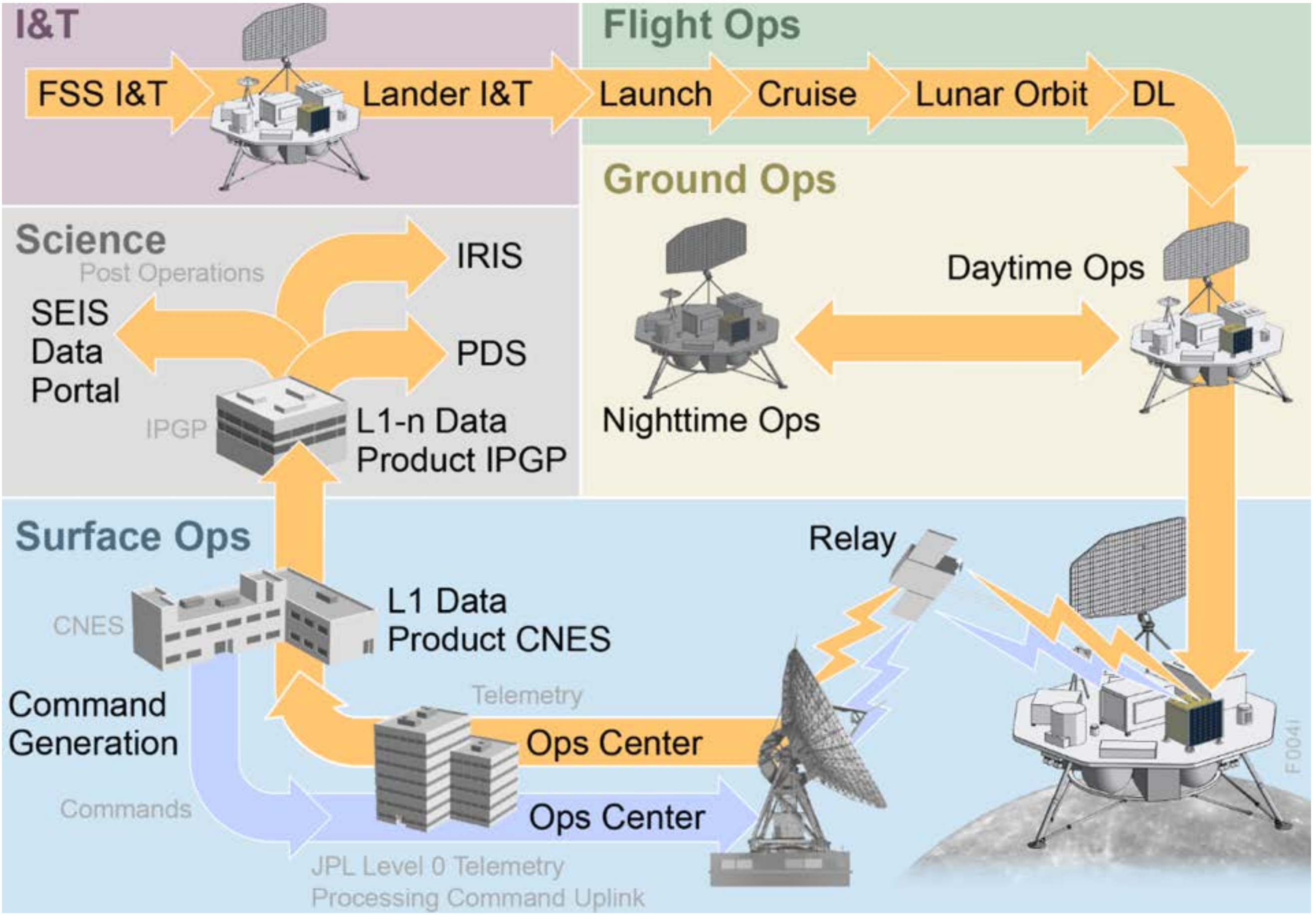
Power profile



- Solar panel charges battery during the day (enough power even if misaligned by 20 degrees)
- Communications only performed during the day
- Seismometers operate continuously through the night

Operations profile

- Operations are a joint effort between CNES/IPGP and JPL
- Communication during the day
- Nighttime data are collected and stored in data acquisition system while Command system sleeps



What does this mean for the Lunar Geophysical Network (LGN)?

- With FSS, LITMS, and LuSEE, PRISM 1b includes most of the primary instrumentation proposed for LGN (Neal et al., 2020)
- While FSS has defined science goals reachable for a single station, a long-lived network opens many more possibilities for seismology
  - Networked locations open up many more events for detailed study
  - Expanding the broadband instrument to 3 components possibly deployed on the surface (expanding the number of events accessible to detailed analysis)
  - Long-lived networked data sampling the whole Moon
- FSS can serve as a key pathfinder for LGN
  - Quantifying tradeoffs of an undeployed seismic package
  - Demonstration of candidate instrumentation
  - Demonstration of compact night-surviving package which could be adapted for a complete geophysical instrument suite in the context of possible LGN mission design

Summary

- FSS outlives its commercial lander delivery to deliver key lunar science from the farside of the Moon
- Addresses key questions about farside seismicity rate, deep lunar structure, local structure at Schrödinger Crater, and micrometeorite impact rate
- Innovative thermal design allows continuous operation through the lunar night
- PRISM 1b can serve as a model for potential future LGN nodes