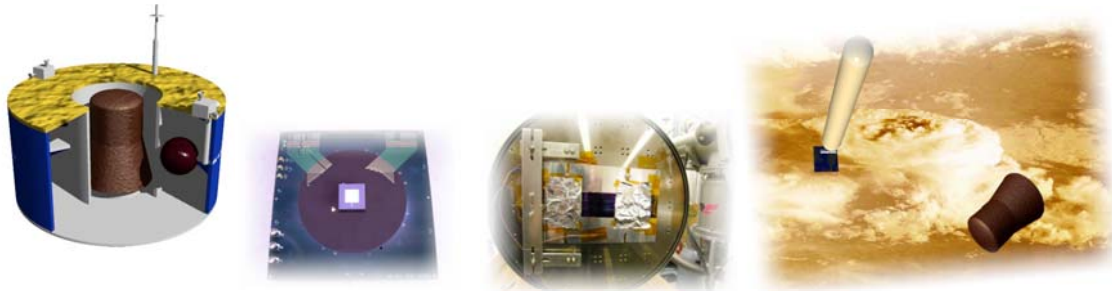


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**Research Activities on Venus Atmosphere
Balloon Observation Mission**



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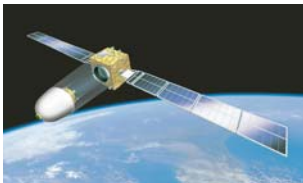
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

1) Institute of Space and Astronautical Science

2) Institute of Aerospace Technology

Be a Dawn of Japanese Planetary Entry !

Reentry Researchers in ISAS
have been engaged in...



USERS/REV

dedicated to μ G Experiment
ISAS cooperate with USEF on Research
Activities

Launched Sept/2002

Recovered May/2003



EXPRESS

Launched Jan/1995

Reentry Tech. Acquisition

DASH

Launched Mar/2002

-Hyperbolic Velocity

-Precursor for M-C

What's Next ?

we would answer

Planetary Entry !

Begin with Venus !!

HAYABUSA

Asteroid Sample Return

Launched April/2003

Arrive at Asteroid Aug/2005

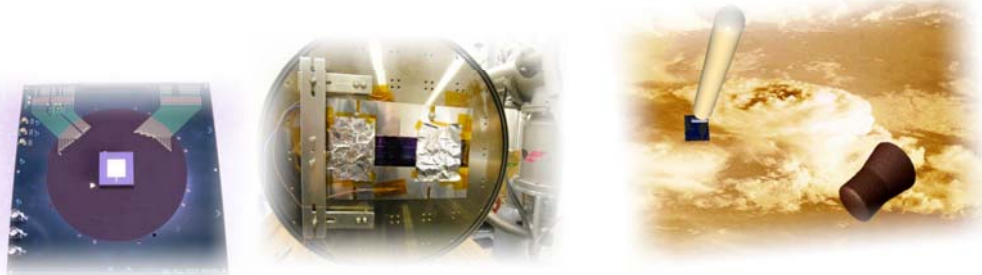
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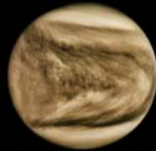
- Brief Introduction of Target Mission Concept
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- Future Work and Schedule addressed



Planet Venus and Probe Explorations

Venus : Twins of Earth but Mysterious Planet in the Solar System

- 0.72 AU from the Sun
- R=6052 km (95% earth), 0.815 Earth Mass
- Rot. Period = 243 days (reverse)
- T=460°C, P=90 atm (Surface)
- T=200°C (@H=35km)
- Strong Equatorial Wind
- Sulfuric acid Cloud (H47-70km)



※Observations under clouds is Significant from Scientific Point of View

Venus

Great Historical Probe Missions

Venera 4-16 (USA,1967-84)

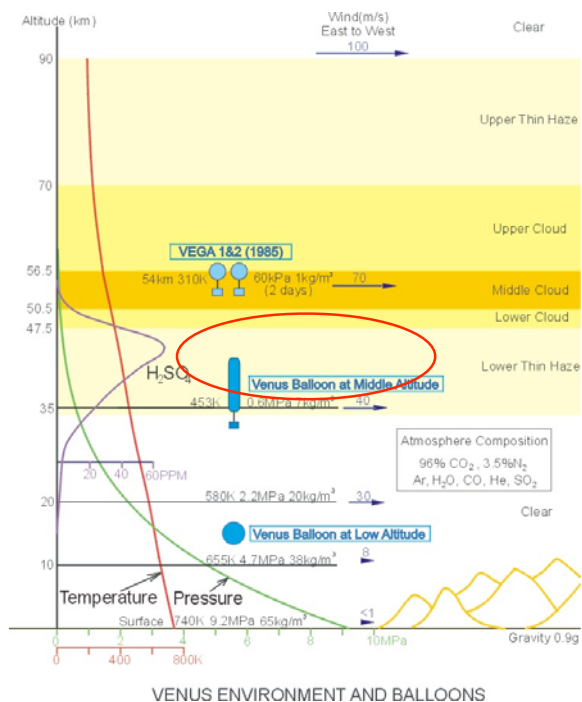
Mariner 2-10 (USA, 1962-78)

Pioneer-Venus, (USA,1978)

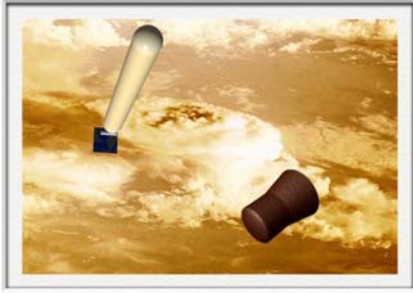


historically, lots of probes in USA, USSR

VEGA (USSR/FR 1984)



Long-term Observation under the Clouds



Long-term Observation of Low-Altitude Venus Atmosphere by Tracking of water-vapor Balloon

- Target Altitude : H=35km (under the Clouds)
- Mission Period : beyond 2 weeks' observation

1) Scientific Significance

Long Term Observation under the Cloud(H70-47km) will reveal...

- Mechanism of the Strong Equatorial Wind, N-S circulation
(Internal Gravity Wave, Turbulence, Structure of Vertical Wind)
- Concentration of Aerosol (unknown particle) : optional
- Precise Mapping of the Venus Surface($\lambda \sim 1\mu\text{m}$) : optional

2) Engineering Significance leading to future Planetary Exploration

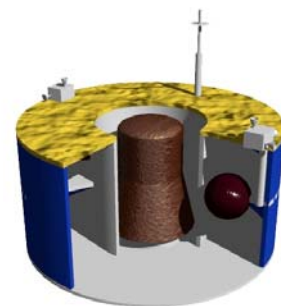
The mission is meant to be

- Dawn in Aerothermodynamic Technology on Atmospheric Entry
for Future Outer Planets' Exploration in JAPAN.
- Demonstration of the High Temperature Electronics in the Hot Venusian Atmosphere.
- Planetary Long Term Observation by Balloon itself is of significance

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Recent Status including External Relations

Long-term Observation of Low-Altitude Venus Atmosphere by Tracking of water-vapor Balloon



1) ISAS / JAXA

- Authorized as a pre-phase-A WG for "Future Small Scientific Sat"
- Not Selected to Proceed to Phase-A in 2007FY

2) International Collaboration

- Applied to COSMIC Vision 2018 of European Science Academy
- "JAXA low-altitude balloon" : one option of EVE(European Venus Explorer)
 - Passed First Selection but not selected as Final 8 Candidates.

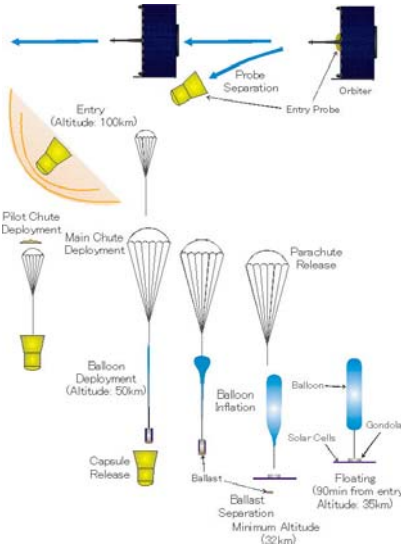
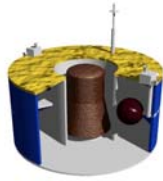
**Never Give up and
Apply again !!
Improving Technical Readiness Levels.**

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Technical Issues associated with the Mission

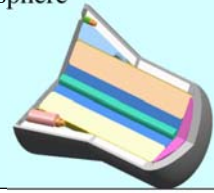
W : 160 kg
 Size : $\phi 1.4 \times H 0.7$ m
 Cap (BALN,PI) : 35kg

Direct Entry
 $V_0 = 11.5$ km/s, $\gamma \sim 15$ deg



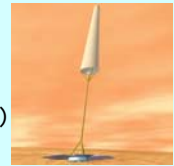
1) Venus Entry Capsules

- High Speed Entry to CO₂ Atmosphere
 - Flight Environment Prediction
 - Thermal Protection Design
- TPS Development and Facility
 - High Enthalpy CO₂ Generation
- Descent System



2) Water-vapor Balloon

- Long-term Observation (2 weeks)
- Multi-Layered Balloon Film (Gas-Barrier, Lightweight, High Strength)
- Efficient Heat-exchange and Inflation



3) Tracking of the Probe

- narrow-band VLBI under High Temperature

4) High-Temperature Electronics

- High Temperature Electronics over 180°C (Solar Battery Cells, Oscillator/Transmitter, Other SOI devices)



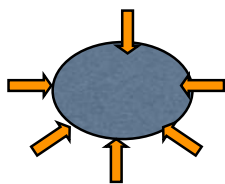
Water-vapor Pressure Balloon

Water-Vapor Balloon System makes 2kg Bus+PI float at H=35km .

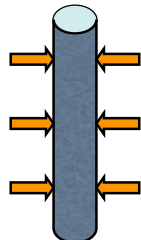
For Successful Inflation, Efficient Heat-convection from the atmosphere is Important !

Water-Mass / Surface Ratio is a Key Parameter

Low M/S is desirable



Pumpkin-type
 - Hi Buoyancy
 - light Weight



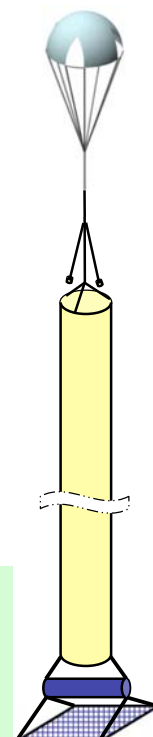
Cylindrical-type
 - large heated surface
 - needs large film
 => weight penalty

18 m Long Balloon
 Safety & Accommodation

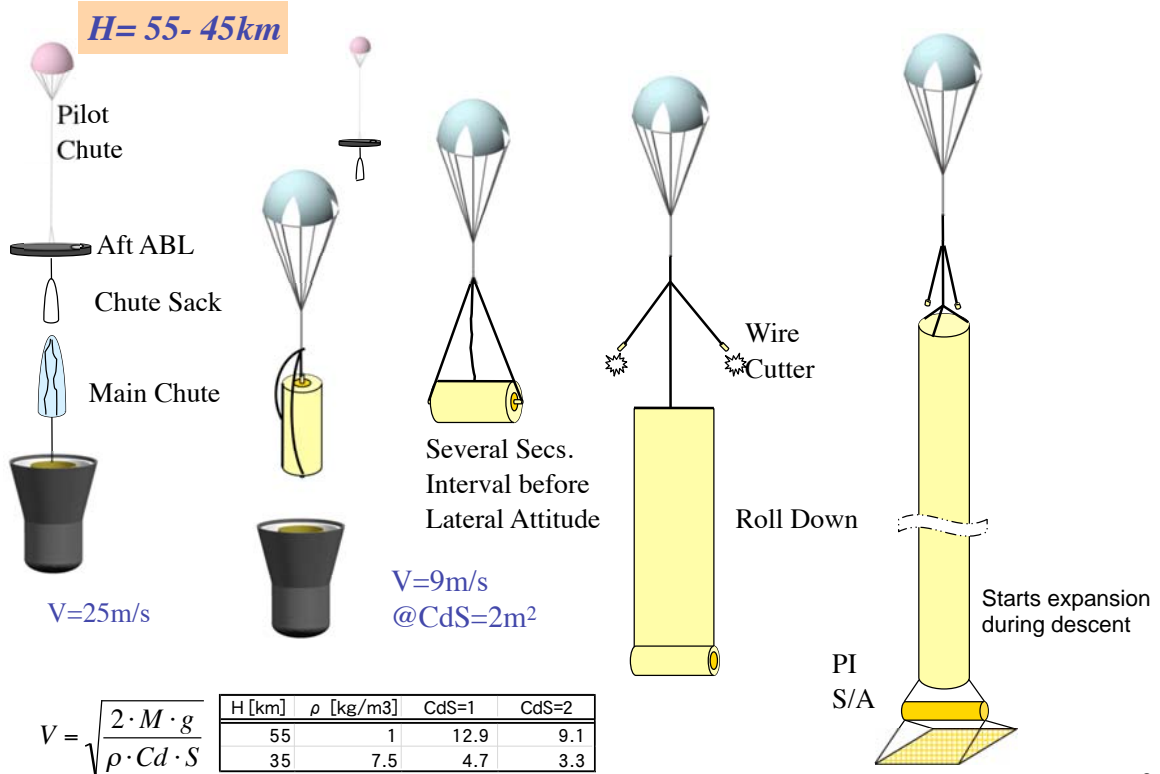
$\Phi 0.35\text{m} \times 18\text{m}$
 @ Full-expansion

Weight Allocation
 Bus+ PI = 2 kg
 Balloon = 3.2 kg
 Water = 4.8 kg

Slow Descent by Parachute until Full-Inflation



Balloon Deployment Sequence



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Balloon Release Altitude from 55 to 45 km

Constraints for Release Altitude

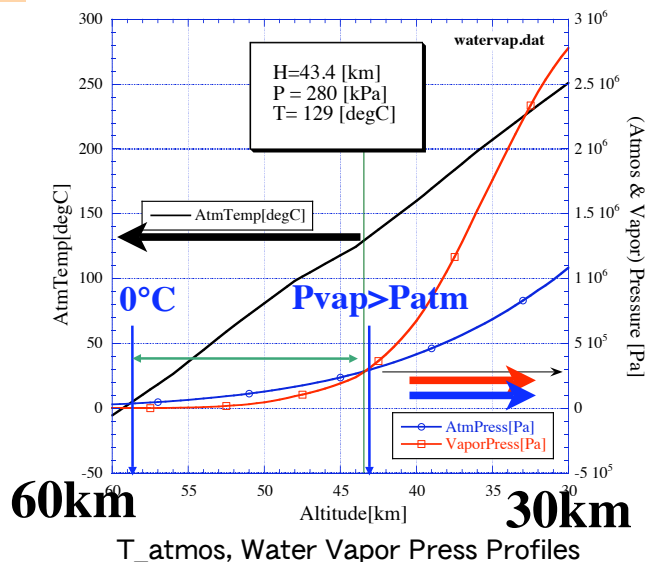
- Liquid Water must not be frozen
- avoid Inflation inside Capsule

- BALN is Never Released
@H > 55 km (T ~ 0°C)
so as not to Freeze the BALN Water

- BALN can Inflate (@H=43 km)
Vapor Press > Atmos Press
→ BALN released @H=45km

Venus Atmosphere				
Z	T	ρ	P	As
[km]	[degC]	[kg/m ³]	[Pa]	[m/s]
59.3	0	0.62	4289	260.2
47.7	100	2.4	4091	299.6
37.9	180	5.97	4073	327.8
35.0	207	7.5	4074	336.7

Balloon Release Altitude 55km ~ 45km



Trade-off Studies on Balloon Accommodation

How to accommodate 20m-long Balloon

Configuration minimizing the number of Folding Lines

Donuts - Type
 Suitable for Flat & Large (Low- β) CPSL
 Many Folding Lines
 Distortion at Deployment

Plate-Type
 Easy Extraction
 Off-centered PI
 Crossing (double) Folding

Cylinder-Type
 Suitable for Long (Hi- β) CPSL
A Few Folding Lines
 Distortion at Deployment

Dimensions for Donuts-Type: 125 (height), 150 (width), 400 (length)

Dimensions for Plate-Type: 105 (height), 520 (length)

Dimensions for Cylinder-Type: 520 (height), 110 (width), 210 (length)

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Venus Entry Probe (Hi-Ballistic Coeff-type)

For Satisfying Fast Descending Requirement from Internal Temperature
 Balloon accommodation => Hi-Ballistic Coeff. Capsule

Total Weight 35 kg

- Ablator (Front) 17 kg
- Ablator (Aft) 4.5 kg
- Mortar 0.6 kg
- P-Parachute 0.3 kg
- M-Parachute 0.7 kg
- Bus-Electronics 1.9 kg
- Balloon & Water 8 kg
- B-Electronics 1 kg
- Science Inst. 1 kg

• Capsule
 Length : 620 mm
 Front Diam. : 350 mm
 Rear Diam. : 500 mm

• Balloon + PI
 $\phi 250\text{mm} \times L520\text{mm}$

Labels in diagram:
 Pyrotechnic Device
 Mortar for Pilot Chute
 Balloon
 PI
 Heatshield (Carbon Phenolic)

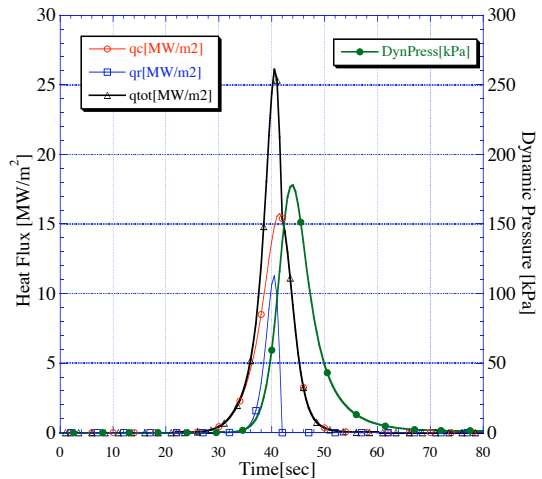
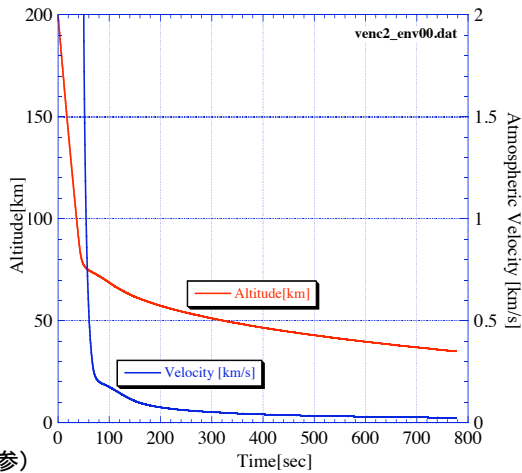
Flight Environment of the Capsule

Max. Heat Flux expected

Z : 89.4 km
V : 10.62 km/s

max. $q_r = 12 \text{ MW/m}^2$
max. $q_c = 16 \text{ MW/m}^2$
max. dyn. Press = 180kPa

Atmos. Pressure : 45.2 Pa
Atmos. Temperature : 173.8 K



参)
dyn.P @ 100km/h
=500Pa=5/1000気圧

Venus Entry and TPS Development

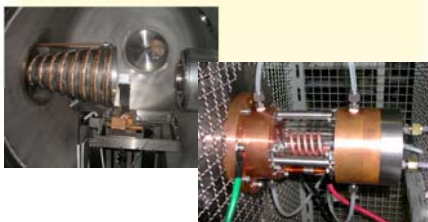
TPS Development Scenario

Ablator Material Requirements
 • Protect Capsule
 • against High Heatflux
 • Lightweight



Induction-coupled Plasma Generator (ICPG) 10 kW

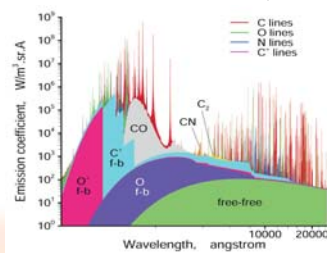
※High enthalpy CO₂ heated by 13.56MHz RF
 • Acquisition of Thermochemical Aspect of High Enthalpy CO₂



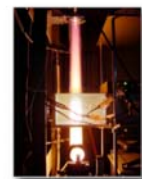
Thermochemical Basic Data

- Reaction Rate Measurement in Hi-Enthalpy CO₂
- Numerical Simulation
- CFD Analysis

utilizes the Ground Simulation Result to predict Flight Environment and Thermal behavior of the Ablator



Exmpl : Radiative Heat Flux Analysis



触媒性計測装置

Arc windtunnel : 1 MW

=> useful in Hi-Enthalpy Air but in CO₂

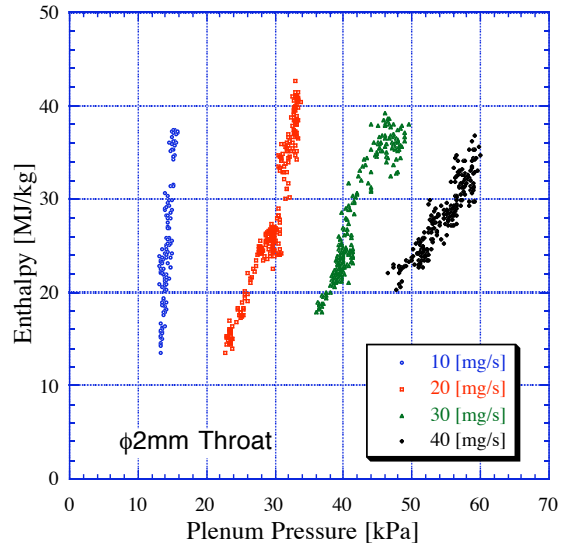
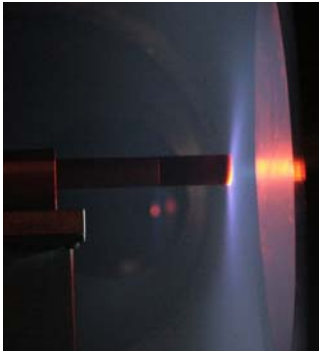
due to C deposit to the Electrodes

- Material Thermal Strength Test in High Heat Flux upto 12MW/m²
- Temperature Profile Data

Venus Entry and TPS Development (1/2)

Characterization of ICPG and Material Heating Test are now carried out ...

- Preliminary Heating Test Started in CO₂
- 40 MJ/kg Enthalpy Accomplished
- => useful for Thermochemical Data of Marial/CO₂ Reactions
- Higher Impact Pressure predicted.

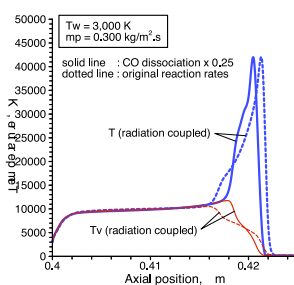


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Thermochemical Aspect of Venus Entry

Improvement in Flight Environments Assessment

CO thermal relaxation & dissociation has great effect on both q_c & q_r

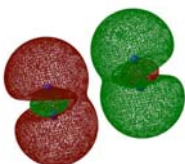


Modification	$\dot{m}_p = 0.3 \text{ kg/m}^2\text{-s}^a$			
	Uncoupled		Coupled	
	q_c	q_r	q_c	q_r
CO dissociation rate $\times 0.25$	4.6	17.5	6.0	12.0
rate of reaction 23) from Ref. 12	4.6	11.3	5.3	8.2
rate of reactions 22) and 23) from Ref. 12	4.6	11.3	5.3	8.2
Nominal	4.6	11.2	5.4	8.0

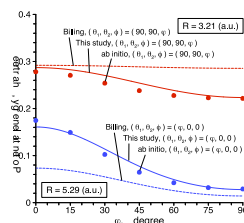
^a $T_W = 3,000 \text{ K}$. ^b $T_W = 300 \text{ K}$.

Development of improved models for CO relaxation & dissociation

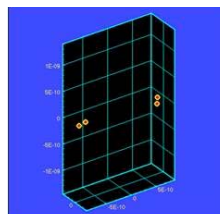
MO analysis



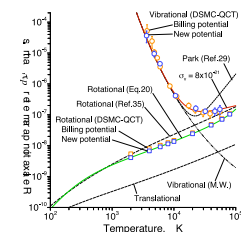
High accuracy PES



QCT collision analysis



CFD model



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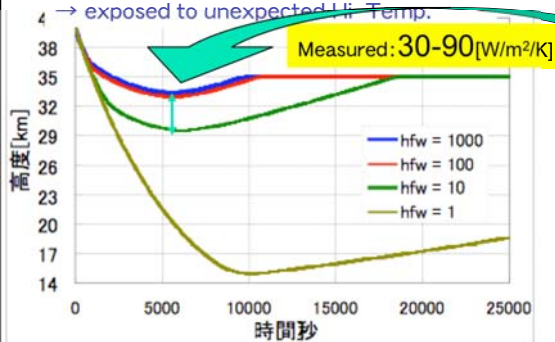
Inflation Analysis of Balloon Film

Analysis of Heat-exchange Process

Heat Transfer Rate between Film – “Water sheet” is important

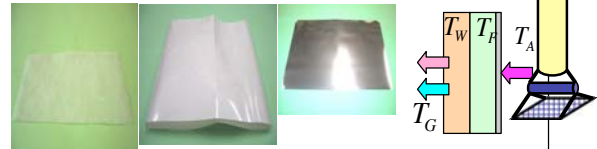
High Heat Transfer Rate
 → Fully-expanded at higher altitude
 → Burst out due to insufficient film strength

Low Heat Transfer Rate
 → Late Inflation, and Overshoot to low Z.
 → exposed to unexpected Hi-Temp.



Heat-Convection Measurements

Measurement of Gas Permeability and Heat Convection



フィルム-吸湿層の熱伝達率計測



Balloon Expansion Simulation

【Lessons learned until 2006FY】

- Fabrication of Subscale Model (D=0.159m, L=1.88m)
- Expansion Simulation in Hot-Airflow (140°C) Cavity

=> Successful Expansion in 180 sec.
 within dispersion of prediction
 → inflexibility problem of the film
 was revealed during the experiment !



【Research Activities in 2007FY】

Balloon Film made of Liquid-crystal Polymer (LCP)

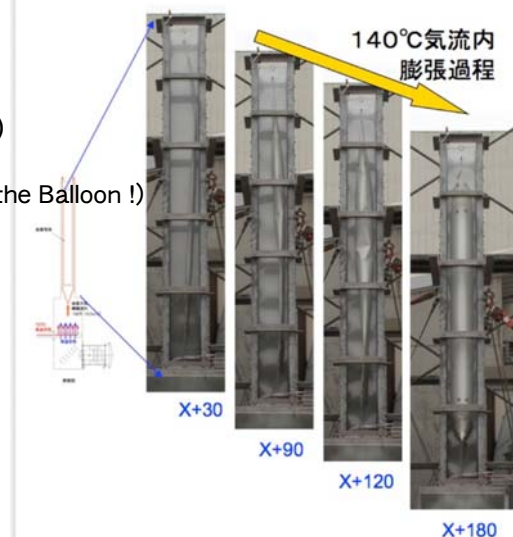
- Good Performance in Gas-Barrier Characteristics
- Manufactured in Cylindrical-shape Inflation (desirable for the Balloon !)
- Drawback : Film has hard/ poor-flexibility, hard to be accommodated

Change of Resin

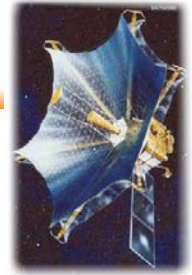
make the film more flexible, easy to treat.

: from PolyPlasitc → Sumitomo Chemicals

- Strength in High-Temperature (now 103% of Pa)
- Flexibility
- Corrosion due to High-Temperature Water



Tracking of Balloon by delta-VLBI



normal VLBI (Cont. Wave like QUASAR)

Sensitivity \propto (Band Width)^{0.5}

Wide Band Detection \Rightarrow Emission Power



Narrow-band VLBI

(for spacecraft and probes)

Sensitivity \propto (Band Width)^(-0.5)

because of transmitter power limitation

Integration Time \sim 100sec

(Wind Speed @H35km = 30m/s)

\Rightarrow Spatial Resolution \sim several km

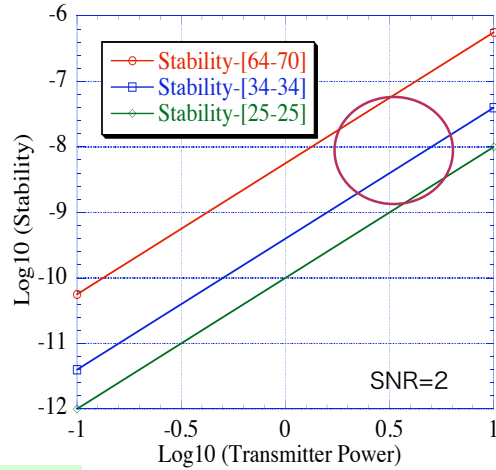
Scientific Positioning Request (\sim 2,30km)

depends on Transmitter Frequency Stability

Transmit Power \sim Several W \rightarrow 10⁻⁸ Stability

VEGAは1.7GHz, 6.5MHz離れた2波長, 送信パワ 5W, 発生電力20W

VLBI • Radio-Telescope
HALCA (M-B) / Astro-G



金星-地球間距離 (最大: 1.7AU)
1AU=1.495e11 [m]
参) 月・地球 38万km = 3.8e8 [m]
金星上距離 100km = 7e-7 rad

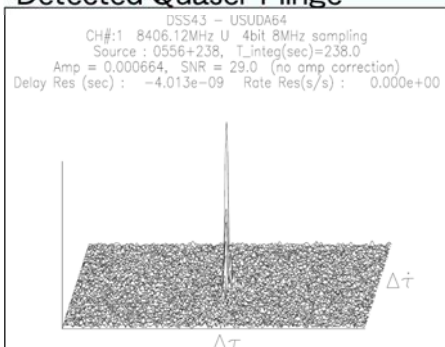
delta-VLBI Lesson by Hayabusa S/C



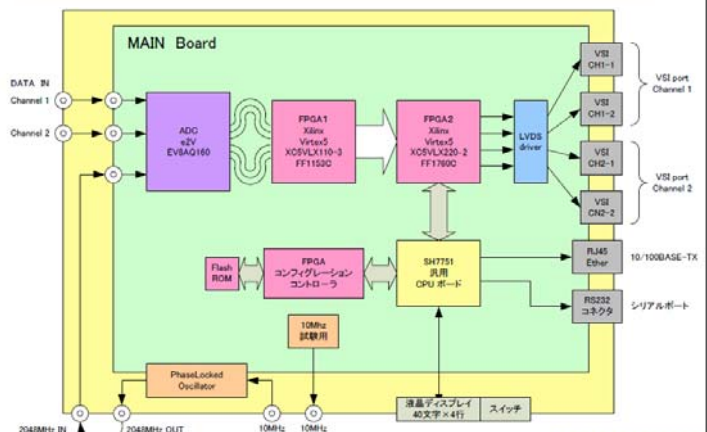
- Δ DOR Signal sent from Goldstone (JPL) (\pm 1 MHz), Return at Hayabusa
- Received at Goldstone (JPL), Canberra (JPL), Usuda, Kashima.

Canberra 70m – Usuda 64m

Detected Quasar Flinge



VLBI Data Acquisition System (ADS-3000)
for narrow band detection

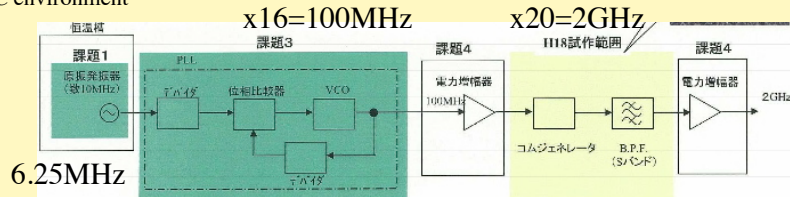


High-Temperature Electronics

High-Temperature Electronics are Key Technology for Tracking Low-altitude Venus Balloon.

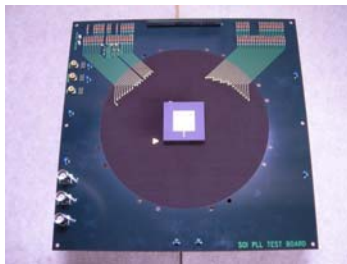
- Quartz Oscillator : Stability beyond 10^{-8} by means of Appropriate Crystal-Cutting and Temperature Control.
- Solar Cells operable in 200 degC environment

(Though 200 degC in operation)

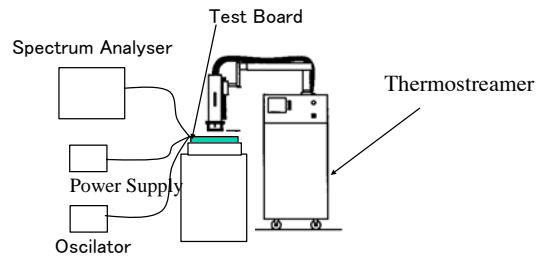


【Objectives】 in Pre-Phase-A (Concept and Feasibility Demonstration Phase) Study

- PLL Functional Demonstration and Characterization in 200°C environment for 3 hours
- First Step Lessons for Stabilization of PLL



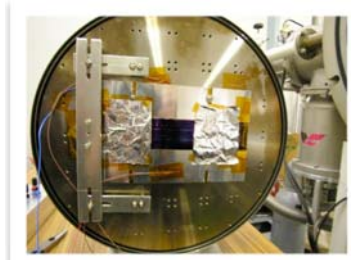
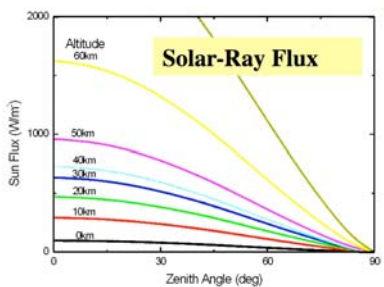
Test Board (IC is centered)



Experimental Setup

Thin-Film Solar Cells in High-Temp (1)

Temperature Characteristics of Thin-film Solar Battery Cell were obtained;
 - Tandem-type Amorphous-Silicon Solar Battery Cells on Polyimide Film.



Experimental Configuration

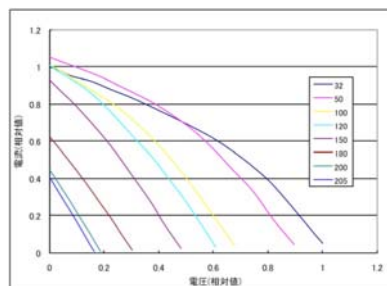


Experimental Apparatus

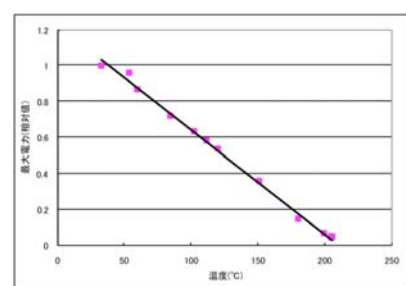
- Temperature : 180°C
- Input Irradiance : 200W/m²

Test Cells :
 by Fuji Electric Systems co.
 (富士電機システムズ)

Results :
 Temperature Characteristics:
 Voc: -0.46%/°C
 Pmax: -0.56%/°C



Temperature Profiles of V-I Characteristics



Time Profile : Max Output Power

Thin-Film Solar Cells in High-Temp (2)

Spec of a Module (12Cells Series)

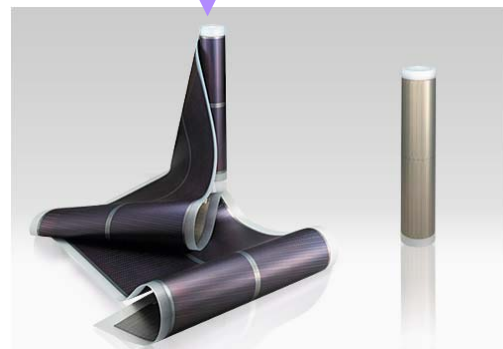
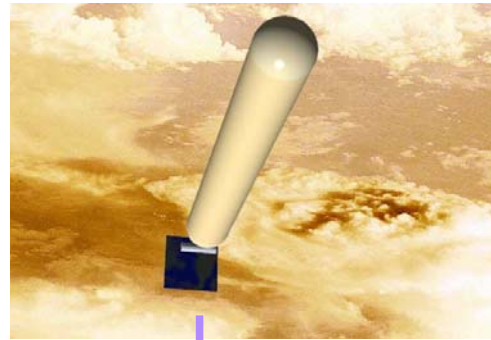
- Max Output Power : 2W
- Max Voltage : 13V
- Dimension : 170×240mm
- Conversion Eff. : about 7%
- 1μm Solar Cells on 50μm Polyimide Film

Performance on the Venus

- Operable Temperature : 180°C
- Input Irradiance : 200W/m²
- Generated Power : about 2W/m²

Research Issues

- Surface Protection Film with Anti-Acid Characteristics
- Adhesive bonding



a-Si薄膜太陽電池: 富士電位システムズ(FWAVE)

Research and Development Schedule

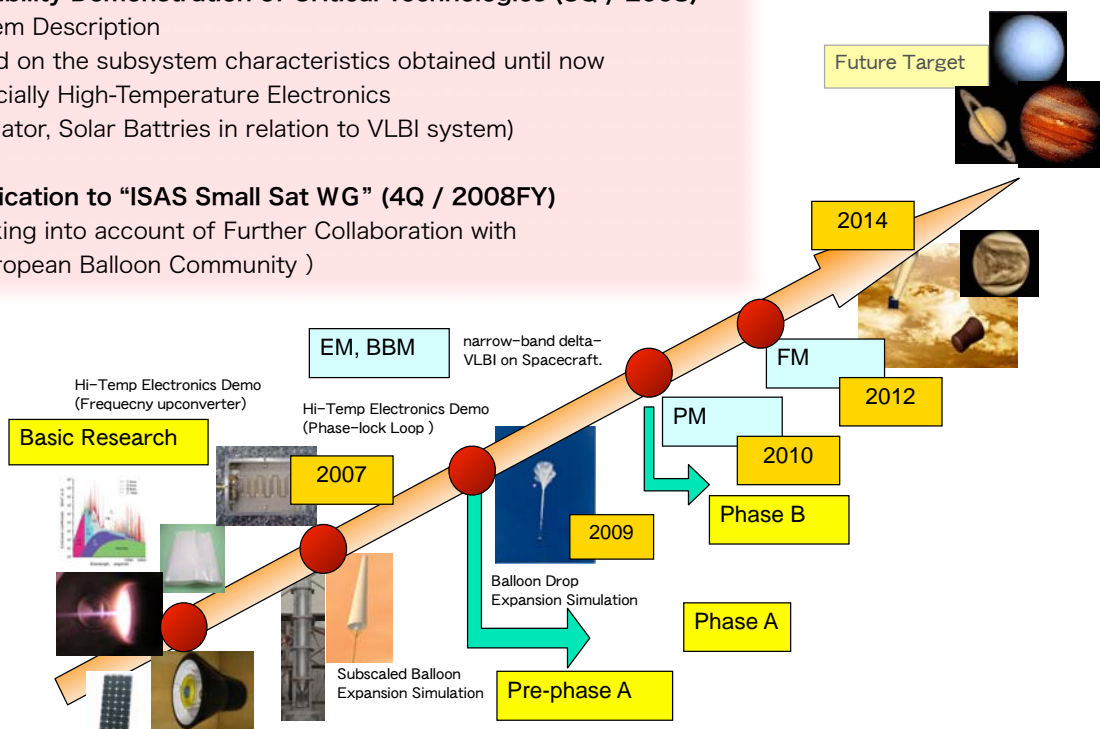
Schedule

• Feasibility Demonstration of Critical Technologies (3Q / 2008)

System Description
based on the subsystem characteristics obtained until now especially High-Temperature Electronics (Oscillator, Solar Batteries in relation to VLBI system)

• Application to "ISAS Small Sat WG" (4Q / 2008FY)

(Taking into account of Further Collaboration with European Balloon Community)



Summary

Research Activities on Venus Atmosphere Balloon Observation Mission

- Introduction of Target Mission Concept
- Research Status and External Relations
- Brief Outline of the Subsystems
- Recent R&D Activities for Critical Issues
- Future Work and Schedule

