

Lunar seismology enabled by a Lunar Orbital Platform - Gateway

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Instrument Function Statement and Gateway Usage



STATEMENT

INSTRUMENT/CONCEPT DETAILS

FUNCTION STATEMENT

Deploy a long-lived network of stationary seismometers to the surface to monitor for seismic shaking induced by artificial sources, natural tectonism and meteorite impacts.

Science objectives:

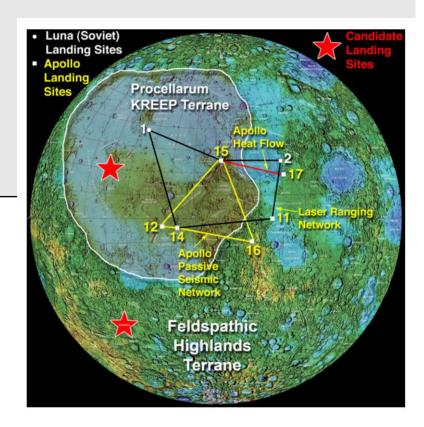
- Quantify the amount and distribution of seismicity
- Determine the detailed structure of the crust, mantle, and core

WHY IS THE GATEWAY THE OPTIMAL FACILITY FOR THIS INSTRUMENT/RESEARCH?

Lunar seismology is optimally enabled by a Gateway architecture that incorporates a reusable lunar lander/ascent vehicle that can deploy identical instrumentation at globally distributed locations

Gateway can enable seismologyenhancing observations:

- Penetrators
- Active source release
- Laser interferometry
- Surface monitoring (including high-resolution imaging, impact flashes, SAR, altimetry)



Two basic concepts

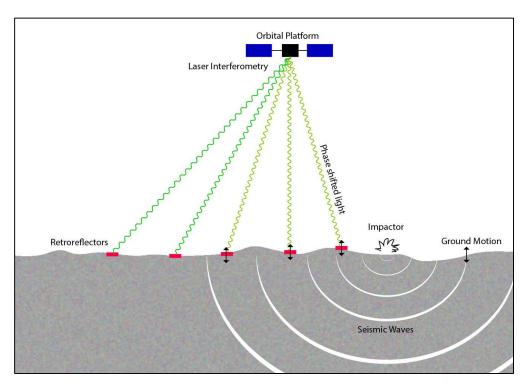


Surface geophysical packages



"releaseables"

vs. Gateway external payloads



Basic Instrument Parameters – assuming surface geophysical package



PARAMETER	ILN (SOLAR/BATTERY)	ILN (ASRG)	Future	
MASS (KG)	25	30	<50kg (commercial?)	
VOLUME (M)	-	-	-	
POWER (W)	19.5 day / 7.8 night	Up to 74	-	
THERMAL REQUIREMENTS	Night survival required (±50°C operating)			
DAILY DATA VOLUME	~hundreds MB/day raw data generated (amount downlinked depends on comm. availability)			
CURRENT TRL	TRL 4-6 for notional payload instruments			
WAG COST & BASIS	2 stations under Discovery /	4 stations under New Frontiers	New Frontiers	
DURATION OF EXPERIMENT	6 years	6 years	10 years	
OTHER PARAMETERS	-	-	-	

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Instrument Gateway Usage – "releaseables" (landers, penetrators, etc.)



USAGE	INSTRUMENT REQUIREMENTS & COMMENTS	
ORBIT CONSIDERATIONS	Appropriate for release of autonomous assets to lunar surface	
FIELD OF VIEW REQUIREMENTS	N/A JPL LUNETTE mission concept	
REQUIRES USE OF AIRLOCK	N/A	
CREW INTERACTION REQUIRED?	N/A	
WILL ASTRONAUT PRESENCE BE DISRUPTIVE?	N/A	
DOES THE INSTRUMENT PRESENT A RISK TO THE CREW	N/A	
OTHER CONSUMABLES REQUIRED	N/A	
SPECIAL SAMPLE HANDLING REQUIREMENTS	N/A	
NEED FOR TELEROBOTICS?	Possible use of arm or other deployment mech. for asset release	
OTHER REQUIREMNTS OF THE GATEWAY?	Far-side stations would require comm. relay.	

Instrument Gateway Usage – external payloads (imagers, lasers, etc.)



USAGE	INSTRUMENT REQUIREMENTS & COMMENTS	
ORBIT CONSIDERATIONS	Stable LLO (lasers/LROC); L2 halo for far-side impact flash monitoring	
FIELD OF VIEW REQUIREMENTS	N/A	Orbital Platform
REQUIRES USE OF AIRLOCK	N/A	Laser Interferometry Physics Militage Ingline
CREW INTERACTION REQUIRED?	N/A	
WILL ASTRONAUT PRESENCE BE DISRUPTIVE?	possibly	
DOES THE INSTRUMENT PRESENT A RISK TO THE CREW	N/A	Retroreflectors Ground Motion
OTHER CONSUMABLES REQUIRED	N/A	
SPECIAL SAMPLE HANDLING REQUIREMENTS	N/A	Seismic Waves
NEED FOR TELEROBOTICS?	Possible for instru	ument pointing and stability
OTHER REQUIREMNTS OF THE GATEWAY?	N/A	

References and Status of Work in this Field



Background information and science drivers:

- 1) International Lunar Network Final Report https://sservi.nasa.gov/wp-content/uploads/drupal/ILN_Final_Report.pdf
- 2) LUNETTE: A Discovery-class Lunar Geophysical Network concept: https://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2010/pdf/2710.pdf
- 3) Enabling technologies: https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/V2050/pdf/8143.pdf

Status of current development efforts:

- 4) Penetrator concept (LUNAR-A heritage): https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0032063308004170
- 5) Impact flash monitoring: https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/deepspace2018/pdf/3031.pdf
- 6) Laser retroreflectors: https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/leag2017/pdf/5070.pdf
- 7) Planetary Broadband Seismometer: https://agu.confex.com/agu/fm17/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/263006
- 8) Seismometer to investigate ice and ocean structure: https://agu.confex.com/agu/fm17/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/259995
- 9) Magnetometer: https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/deepspace2018/pdf/3173.pdf
- 10) Heat flow probe: https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/deepspace2018/pdf/3009.pdf

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