

# Medium and long-term perspectives of seismology for the study and characterization of planetary and satellite interiors

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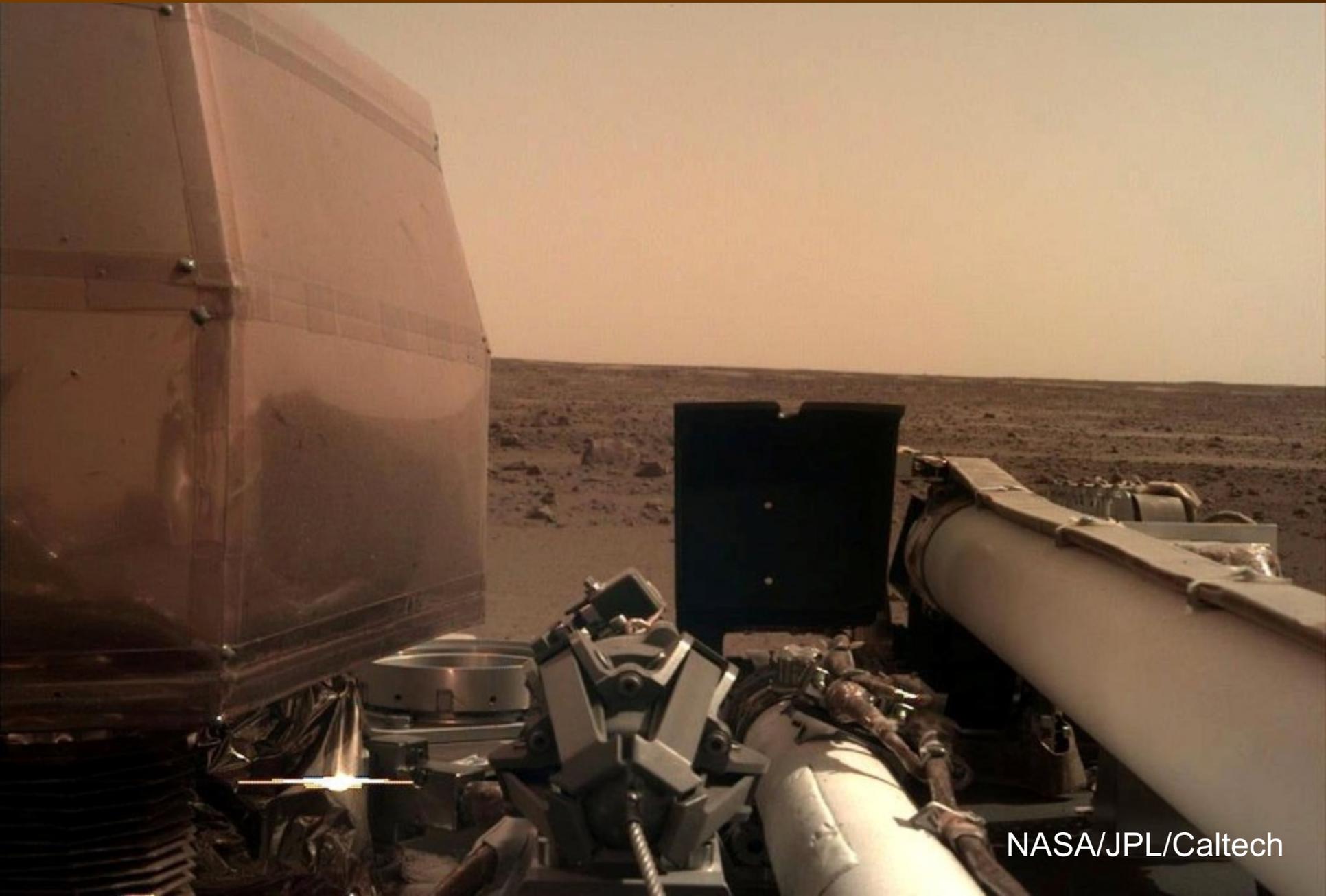
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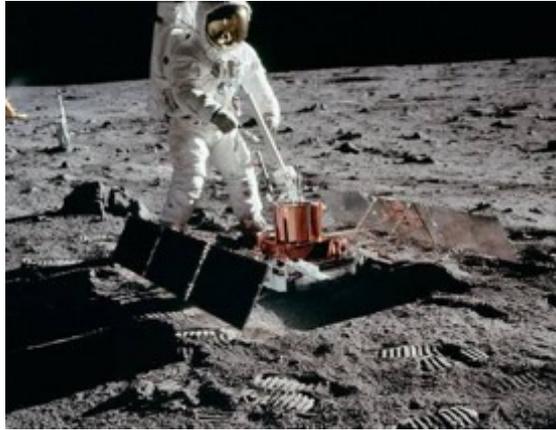


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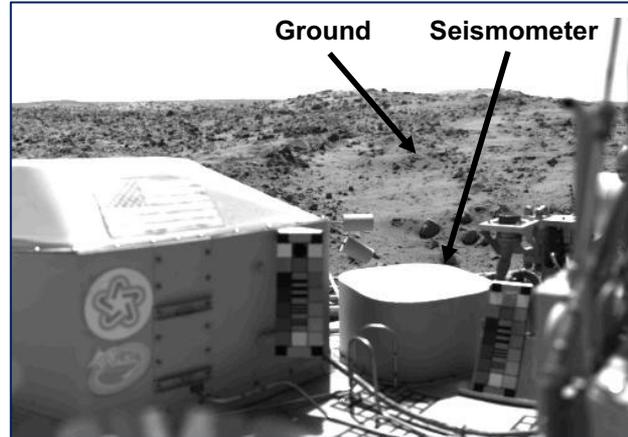


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# 2018 : Start of a new era for seismology



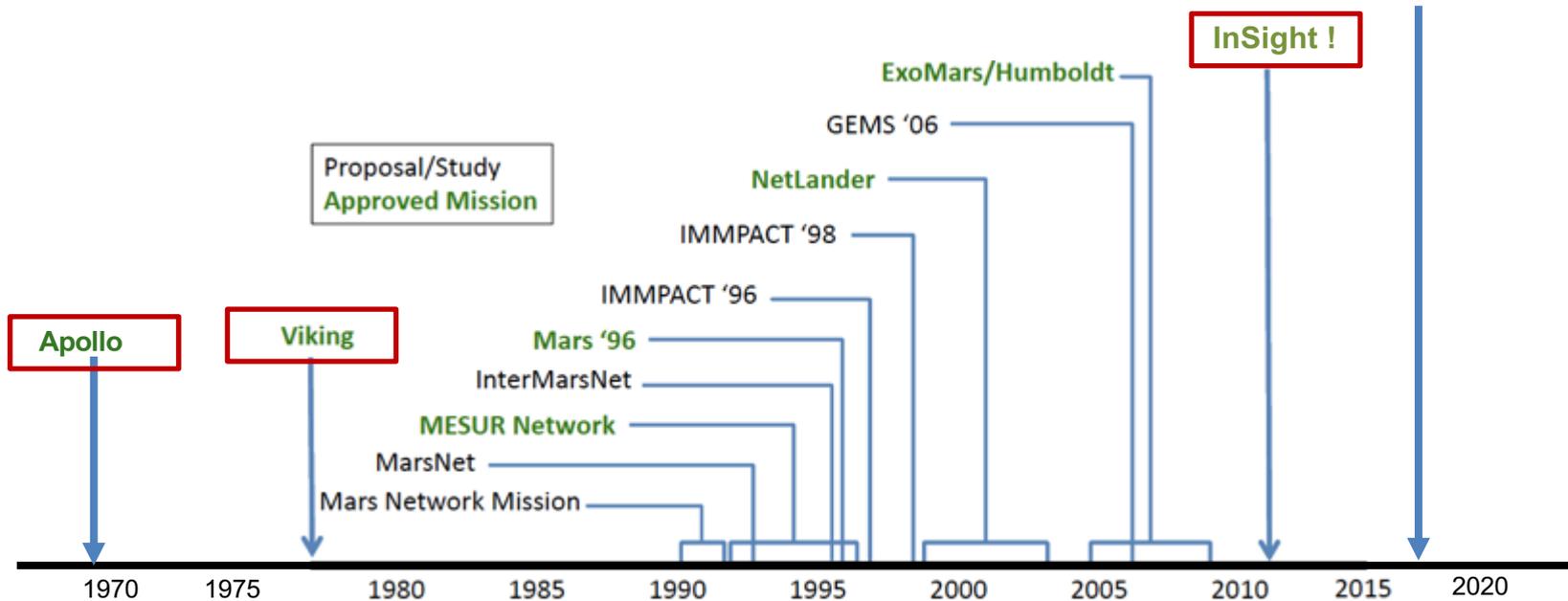
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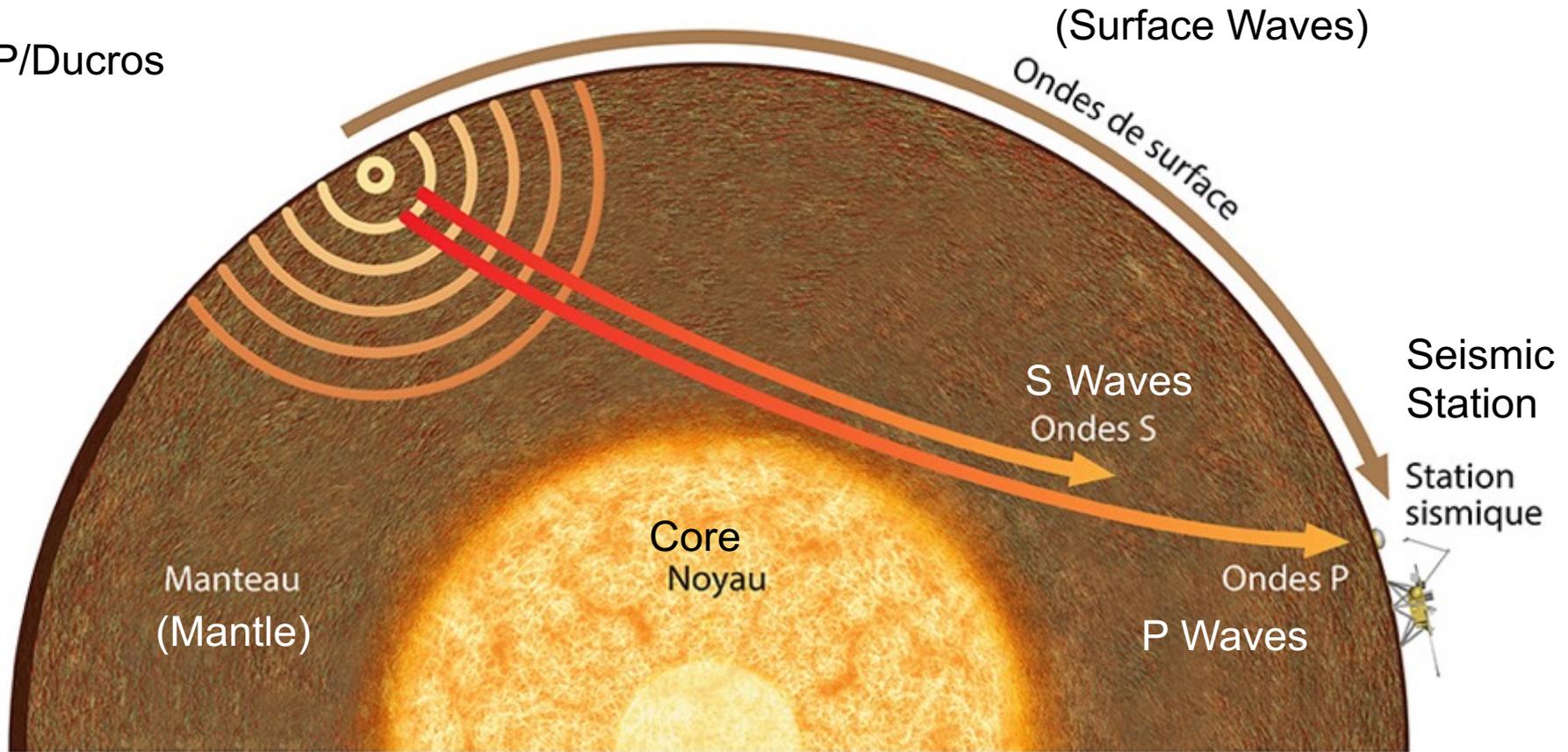


# Summary of Past Missions Involving Seismology

MISSION	Launch	Major mission events	Instrument description	Seismometer deployment	Reference
Ranger 3	1962-01-26	Failure due to the booster. Moon missed	Vertical axis seismometer, with a free frequency of 1 Hz. (Mass: 3.36 kg)	Seismometer in a lunar capsule designed for a 130-160 km h <sup>-1</sup> landing. Batteries powered for 30 days of operations	Lehner <i>et al.</i> (1962)
Ranger 4	1962-04-23	Failure of spacecraft central processor. Moon crash.			
Ranger 5	1962-10-18	Failure in the spacecraft power system. Moon missed.			
Surveyor	1966-1968	The seismometer was finally deselected from the payload of the Surveyor missions	Single short period vertical axis seismometer (mass: 3.8 kg, power: 0.75 W)	Fixed to the lander.	Sutton and Steinbacher (1967).
<b>Apollo 11</b>	1969-7-16	Successful installation. Powered by solar panel, worked during the first lunation and stopped after 21 days	Passive seismic experiment (PSE). Triaxis Long Period seismometer (LP) and one vertical Short Period (SP) seismometer, with resonance periods of 15 sec and 1 s respectively. (mass: 11.5 kg, power: 4.3 -7.4 W)	Installation performed by crew. Seismometers were manually leveled and oriented with bubble level and sun compass. A sun protection/thermal shroud was covering the instruments. Power was delivered by a Plutonium thermal generator for A12-14-15-16	Latham <i>et al.</i> (1969, 1970a, 1970b).
<b>Apollo 12</b>	1969-11-14	Successful installation of a network of 4 stations. For all but the Apollo 12 SP seismometer and Apollo 14 vertical LP seismometer operated until the end of September 1977, when all were turned off after command from the Earth. 26.18 active station years of data collected.			
<b>Apollo 14</b>	1971-01-31				
<b>Apollo 15</b>	1971-07-26				
<b>Apollo 16</b>	1972-04-16				
Apollo 13	1970-4-11	Moon landing aborted. No installation of the PSE experiment but lunar crash of the Apollo 13 Saturn-IV upper stage recorded by the A12 PSE.			
<b>Apollo 14</b> <b>Apollo 16</b> <b>Apollo 17</b>	1971-01-31 1972-04-16 1972-12-07	Successful installation and operation of the active seismic experiments. Seismic sources were thumper devices containing 21 small explosive sources and a rocket grenade launcher with 4 sources exploding up to 1500 m on A-14 and A-16. 8 sources were used containing up to 2722 g of explosive and deployed at 3500 m by astronauts	String of 3 geophones on A-14 and A16 and on 4 geophones on A-17. Frequency was 3Hz-250 Hz.	Geophones were anchored into the surface by short spikes as they were unreelied from the thumper/geophone assembly.	Watkins and Kovach (1972) Kovach and Watkins (1973a)
Apollo 17	1972-12-07	Deployment of the Lunar Surface Gravimeter. The gravimeter was unable to operate properly due to an error in the design of the proof mass.	Gravimeter designed for gravity waves detection. Additional long period vertical seismic output (10 <sup>-11</sup> lunar g resolution) for free oscillation detection, with a 16 Hz sampling.	Installation performed by crew.	Weber (1971)
Viking Lander 1	1975-08-20	Successful landing but instrument failure.	Short period instrument, with an undamped natural period of 0.25 s, a mass of 2.2 kg, a size of 12x15x12 cm and a nominal power consumption of 3.5 W.	The seismometer was installed on the Lander platform. No recentering was necessary since the 3 axis seismometer had been designed to function even when tilted to up to 23 degrees.	Anderson <i>et al.</i> (1977a, 1977b)
<b>Viking Lander 2</b>	1975-09-09	Successful landing and 19 months of nearly continuous operation. Too high wind sensitivity associated to the elastic recovery of the Viking landing legs to the loading of the station by pressure fluctuations induced by the wind.			
Phobos 1-2	1988-07-07 1988-07-12	Respectively: Lost during transfer to Mars and Phobos ; Contact lost just before the final phase of lander deployment, after Mars orbit insertion		Instrument onboard the long-service lander.	Surkov (1990)
Mars 96- Small surface stations	1996-11-16	Failure of the Block-D propulsion system in parking orbit. Earth re-entry. 2 small stations and 2 penetrators lost.	Long period vertical axis seismometer (0.1-4Hz, 0,405kg for the sensor) combined to a magnetometer. 55 mW of power	Seismometer in the small surface station. Semi-hard landing (200g-20 ms). Nominal operations of one Martian year with 90 <sup>th</sup> first days of nearly continuous mode with internal batteries	Lognonné <i>et al.</i> (1998a)
Mars 96 Penetrators			High frequency seismometer (10-100Hz, 0.3kg, 20 mW)		
Rosetta	2004-03-04	Landing on the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko planned a few months after rendez-vous, expected on 22-05-2014	CASSE/SESAME experiment: High frequency accelerometer covering the frequency bandwidth ~10 Hz-20 kHz.	Instrument mounted on the lander	(Kochan <i>et al.</i> 2000)

# Why Seismology ?

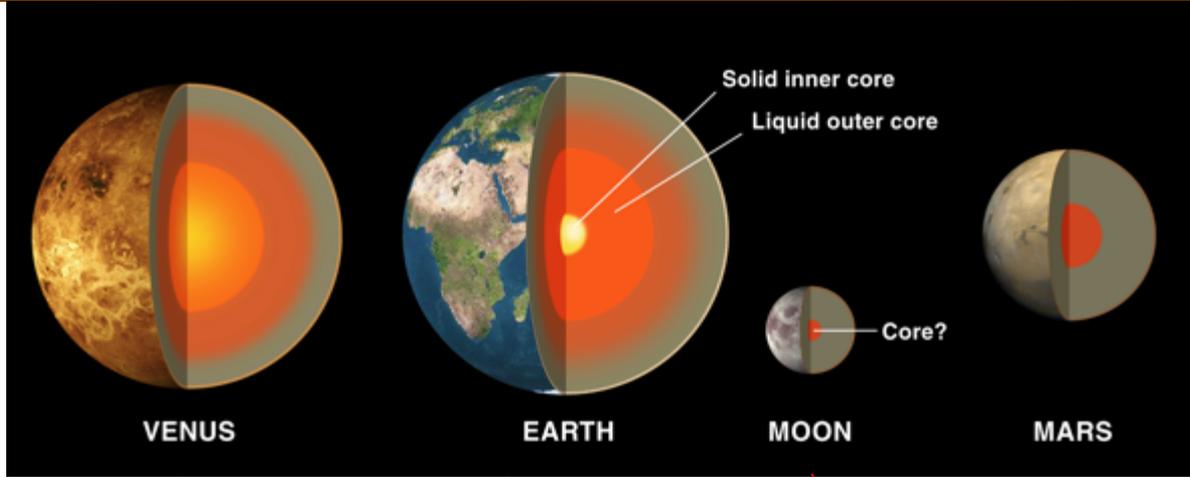
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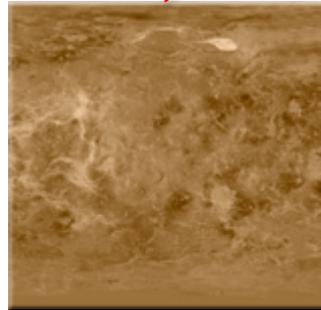
Seismology is the best (if not the only) only way to investigate the internal structure of a telluric planet

It can help with Oceans Worlds, too !

# Planetary Seismology : current status

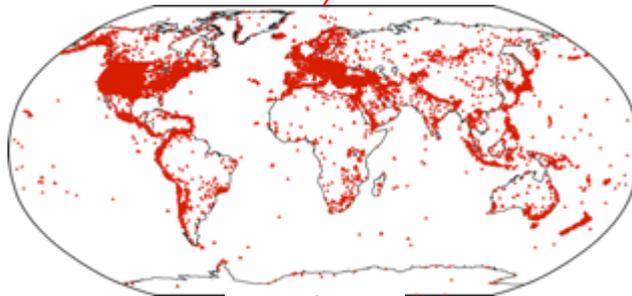


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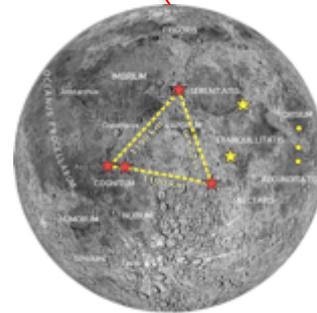
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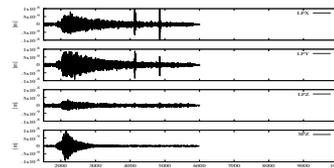
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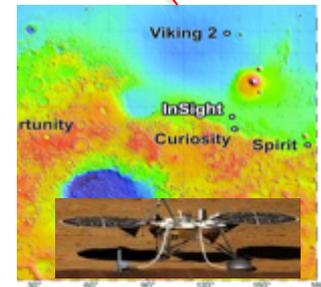
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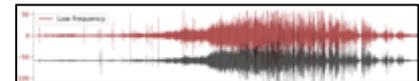
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1 (2018)



2019- ...



# Science Questions ?



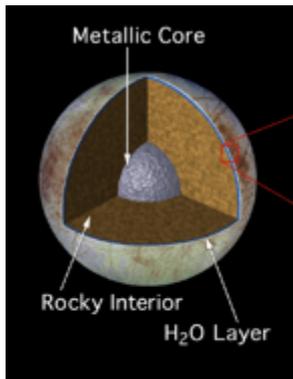
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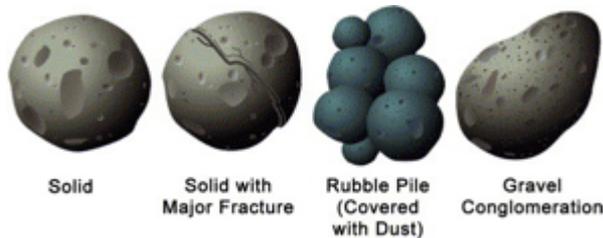
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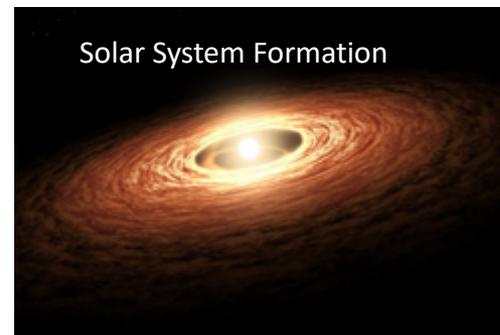
-50°C, 0.005 atm



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Walkers et al. 2006



# Science Questions ?



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Planetary Body	Main Associated Science Question	Seismometer Type	Main Instrument Constraint	Reference
<b>Moon</b>	Core size, Earth Moon history,	Long Period, High sensitivity	Lunar night	(Mimoun et al 2012)
<b>Mars</b>	Formation, history, habitability	Long Period, High sensitivity Network ?	Instrument sensitivity to environment	(Mimoun et al 2017)
<b>Mercury</b>	Formation process	Long Period, High sensitivity	Strong temperature variations	
<b>Venus</b>	Formation processes, coupling with atmosphere, habitability	Long Period, High sensitivity	Extremely harsh environment	(Cutts, Mimoun et al, 2015)
<b>Small Boday</b>	Internal structure "Planetary defense"	Short period, autonomy	Size and mass, low gravity, coupling	(Murdoch et al, 2017)
<b>Oceans Worlds</b>	Internal Structure Ice sheet width Ocen depth	Short period	Radiations, temperature	(Lee et al, 2003)



# STEP 1 : New generation of ALSEP and Seismology as a tool for ISRU

- The Moon holds a particular place on this prospective exercise, including with the context of human mission.
- **Establishing a seismic network operating several years on the Moon must be the first priority**, with the development of a **new generation of Artemis Lunar Surface module**.
- Beside of the completion of the Moon structure understanding, which may be done in the next few years thanks to the effort of US and (or) China we expect the seismology to become also (as it is on Earth) a standard tool for In Situ Resources Utilization (ISRU), for mining water ice of other minerals of interest.

## *Science Objectives*

### **Crust**

Confirm the GRAIL lunar crustal models and better anchor it with seismic data ?

What is the vertical & lateral structure of the lunar crust interior and how did it develop?

What is the nature of the Moon's crustal asymmetry, what caused it ?

### **Mantle**

What is the composition, structure, and variability of the lunar mantle?

Is there an undifferentiated lower mantle ; if so, what was its role in lunar magmatism?

### **Core**

Precise the radius of central metallic (molten) core, and if it does, how large is it and what is its composition?

Discovery of the inner core remains to be done...

## *Preparing for human occupation*

### **Water**

Find sustainable sources of water in the subsurface

### **Minerals**

Find Minerals in the subsurface

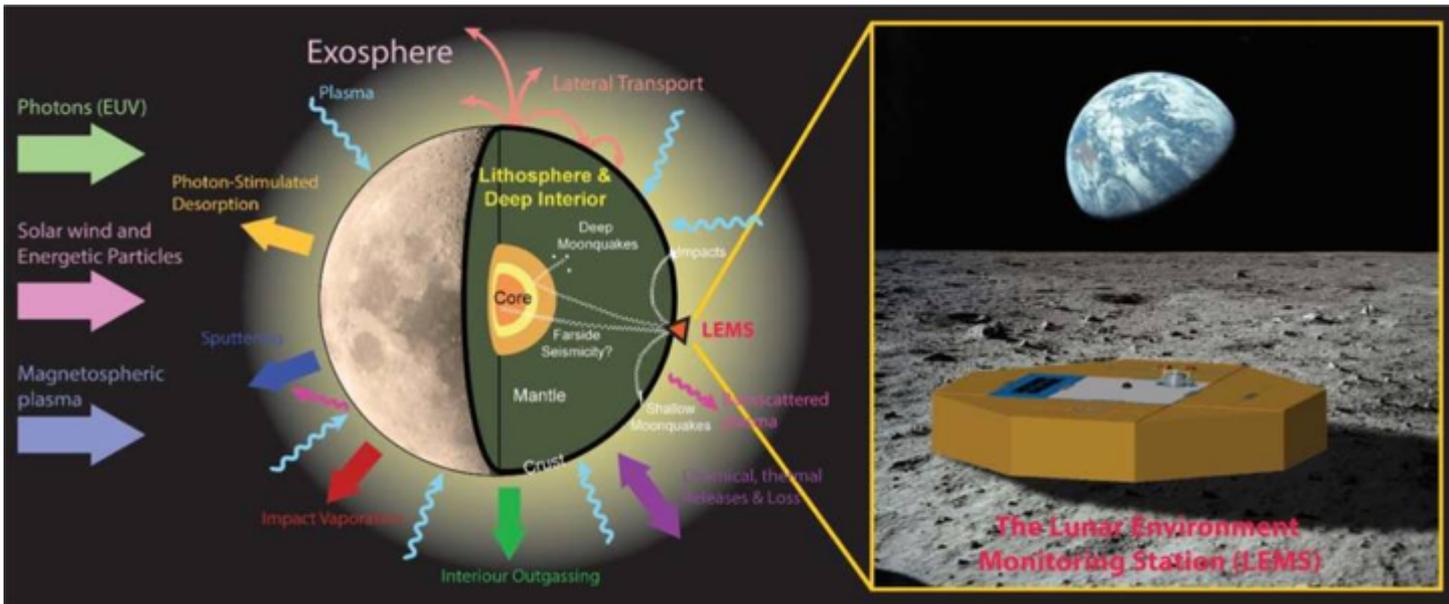




# Commercial Missions : Seismology as a tool for ISRU

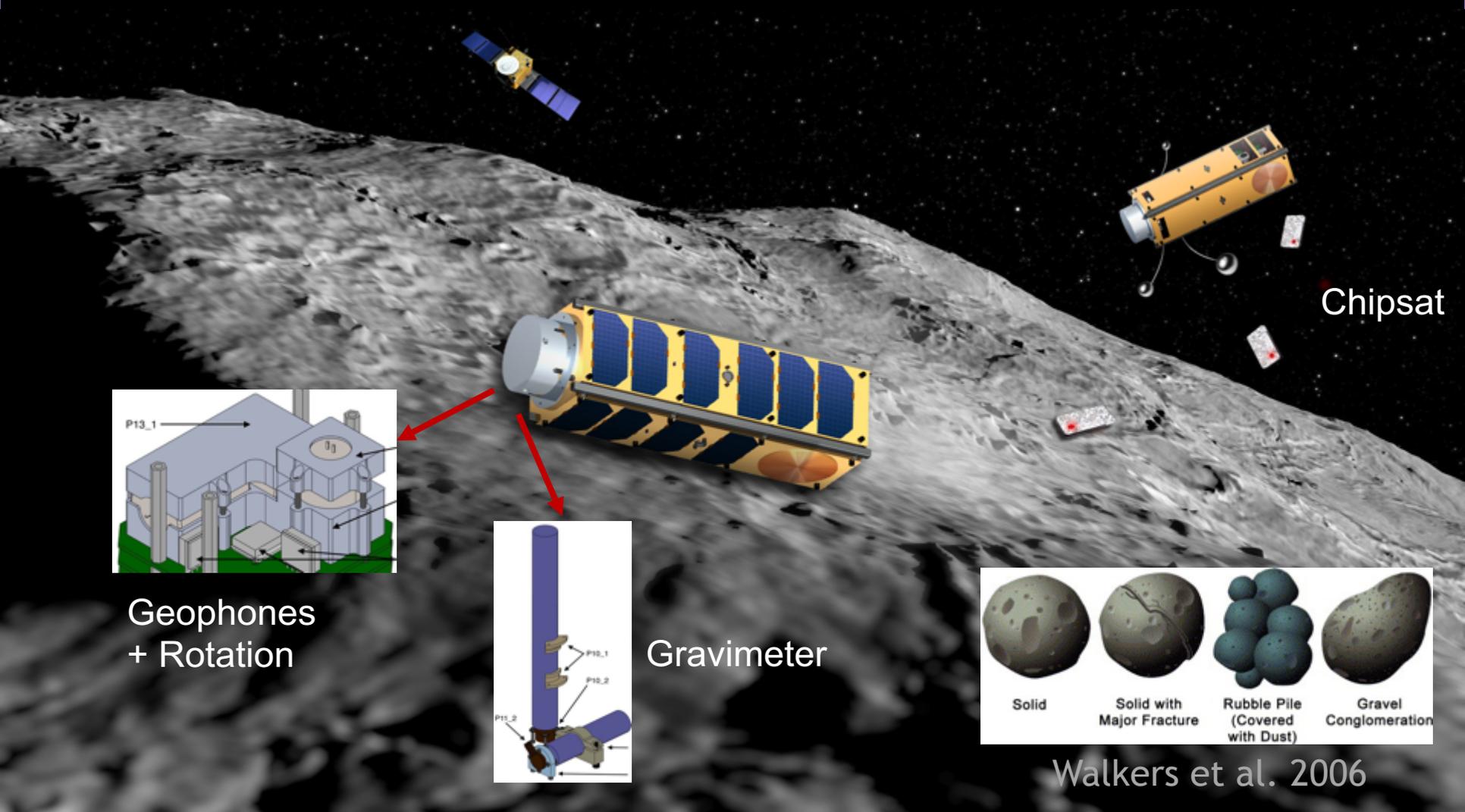


3 commercial lander candidates

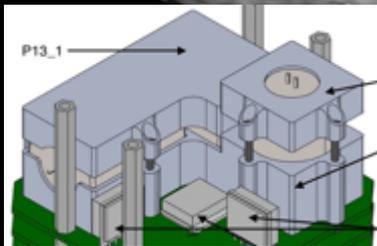


# Step 1 : Exploration of Small Bodies with seismometers

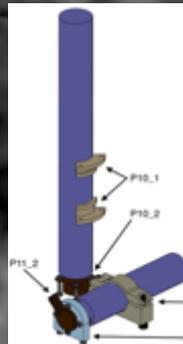
- Several studies : AGEX, SEISCube ... for AIM/AIDA, HERA, MMX
- Objective : determination of Asteroid internal structure
- Origins, Planetary Defense



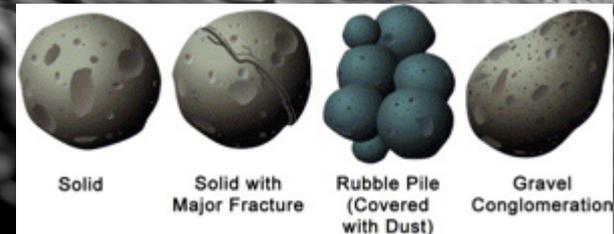
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Geophones  
+ Rotation

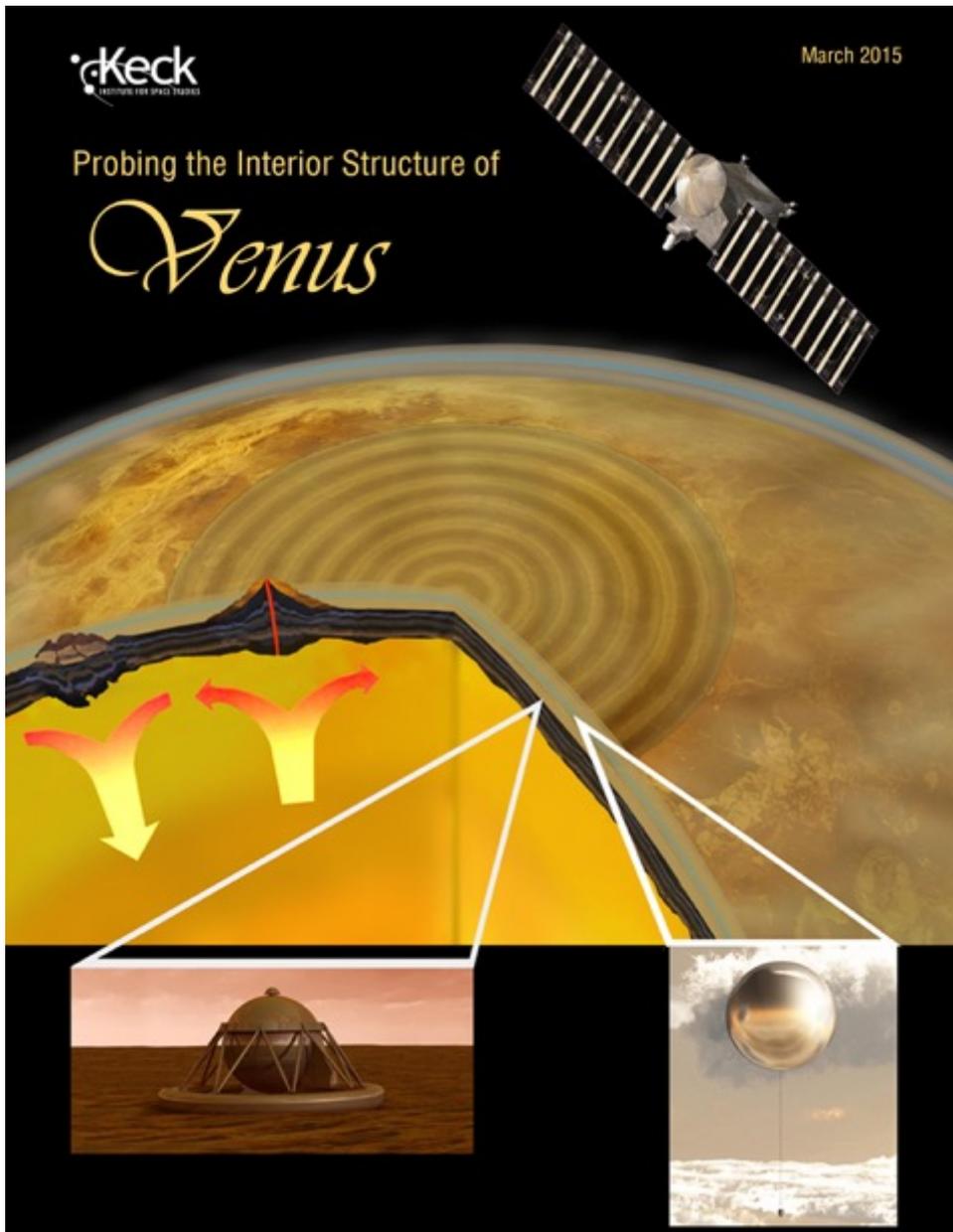


Gravimeter



Walkers et al. 2006

## STEP 2: “finish the job” and reveal the solar systems rocky planets interior structure.

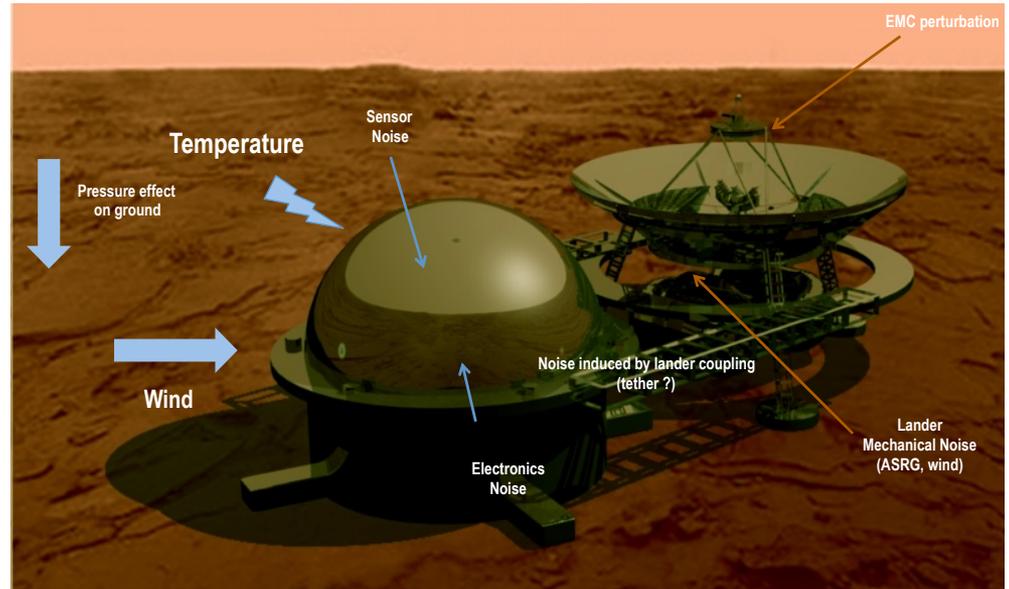
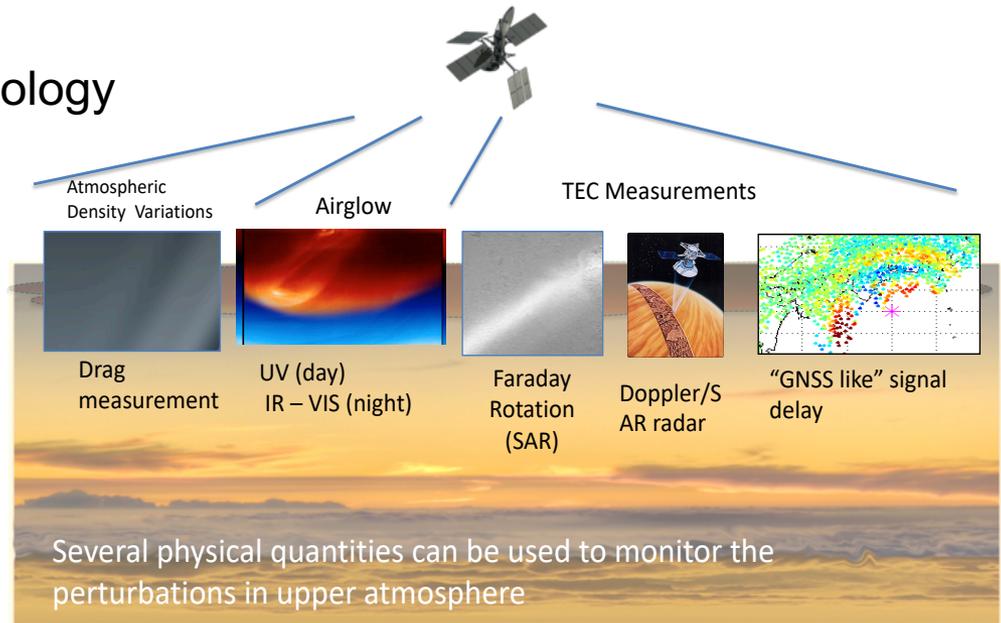


- Formidable questions but formidable difficulties
- Knowledge of its interior may hold the key to the understanding of its unique properties, such as its dense and hot carbon dioxide atmosphere and apparent lack of plate tectonics
- However, the temperature ( $400^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and pressure (90 atm) at the Venus surface are not compatible with the state of the art of planetary seismometer
- Several options are open

(Cutts, Mimoun et al, 2015)

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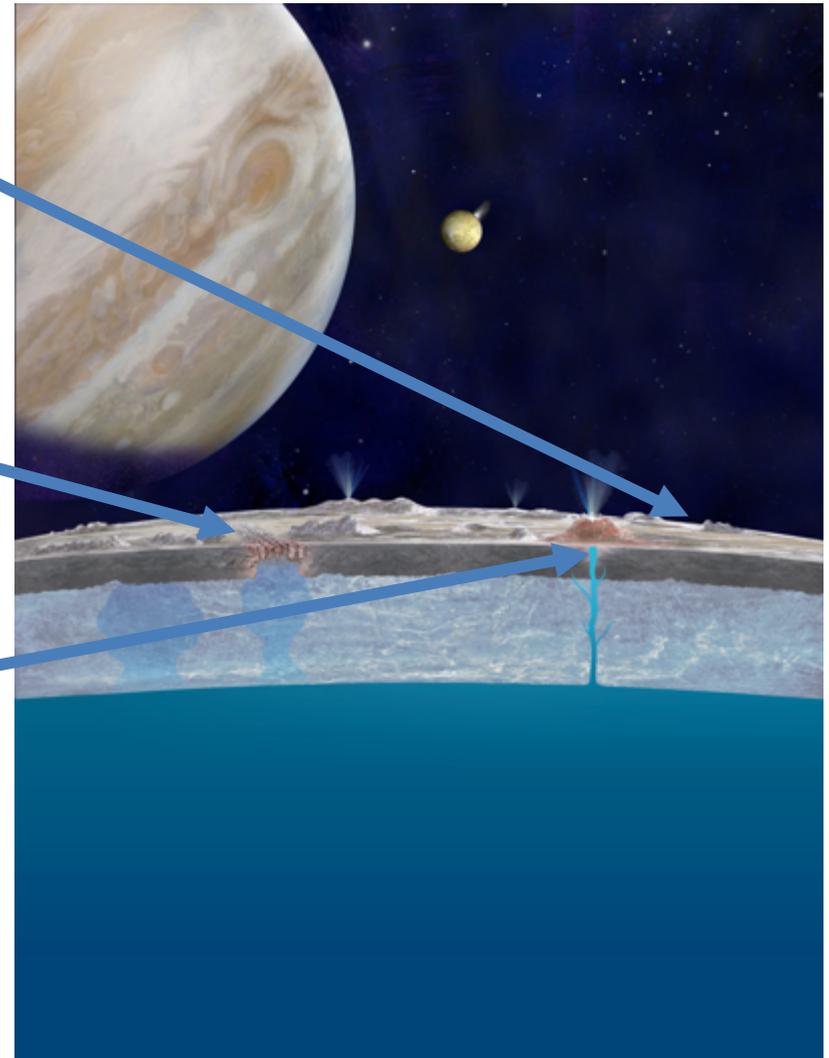
- Possible options for Venus Seismology



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## Step 3: Ocean worlds internal structure

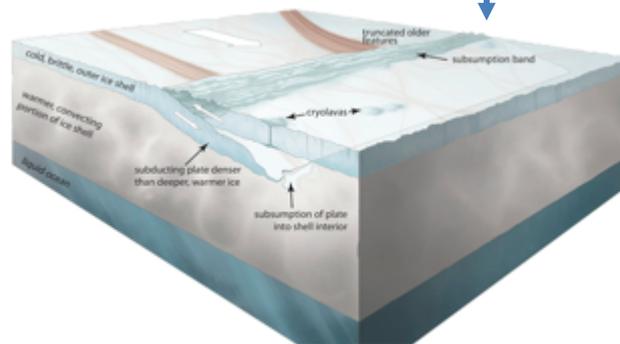
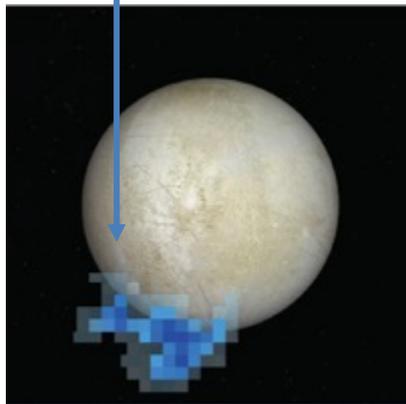
- Determination of ice shell thickness
- Tectonics-related activity ?
- Plume / cryovolcano events ?
- Asteroid Impact Rates



(Image via Slate)

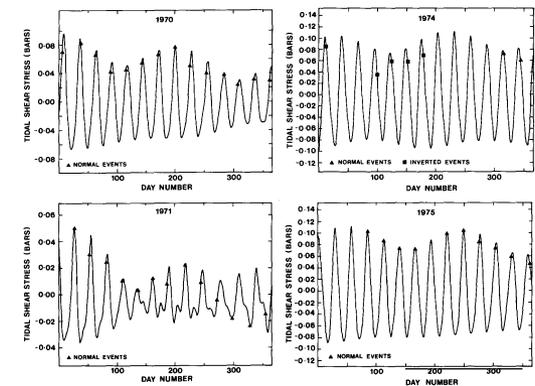
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- Several signals sources are expected to be measured by geophones
  - Ice crack signals related to excentricity tidal stresses
  - Ice crack signals related to plate tectonics
  - Signal related to cryovolcanoes/plumes
  - Meteoritic impacts



*Kattenhorn et al, 2014*

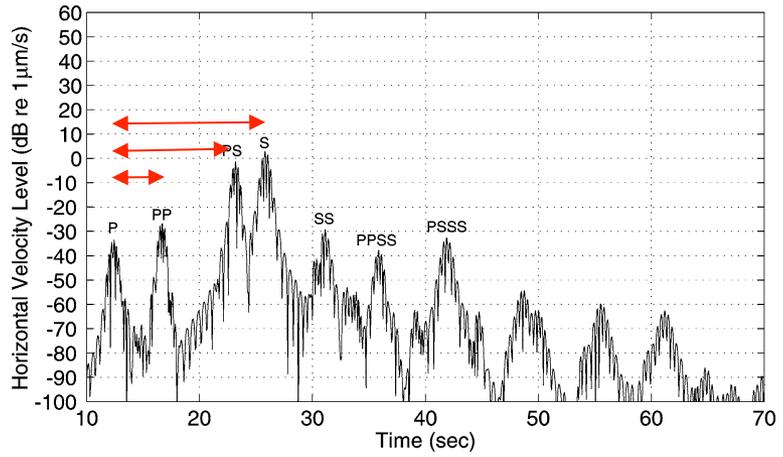
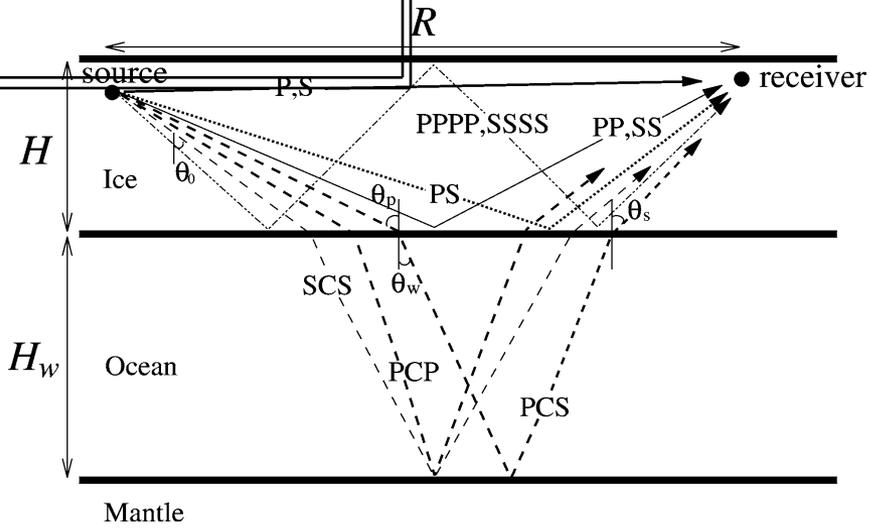
## Moonquakes vs tidal stresses



*T.A. Minshull et al, 1987*

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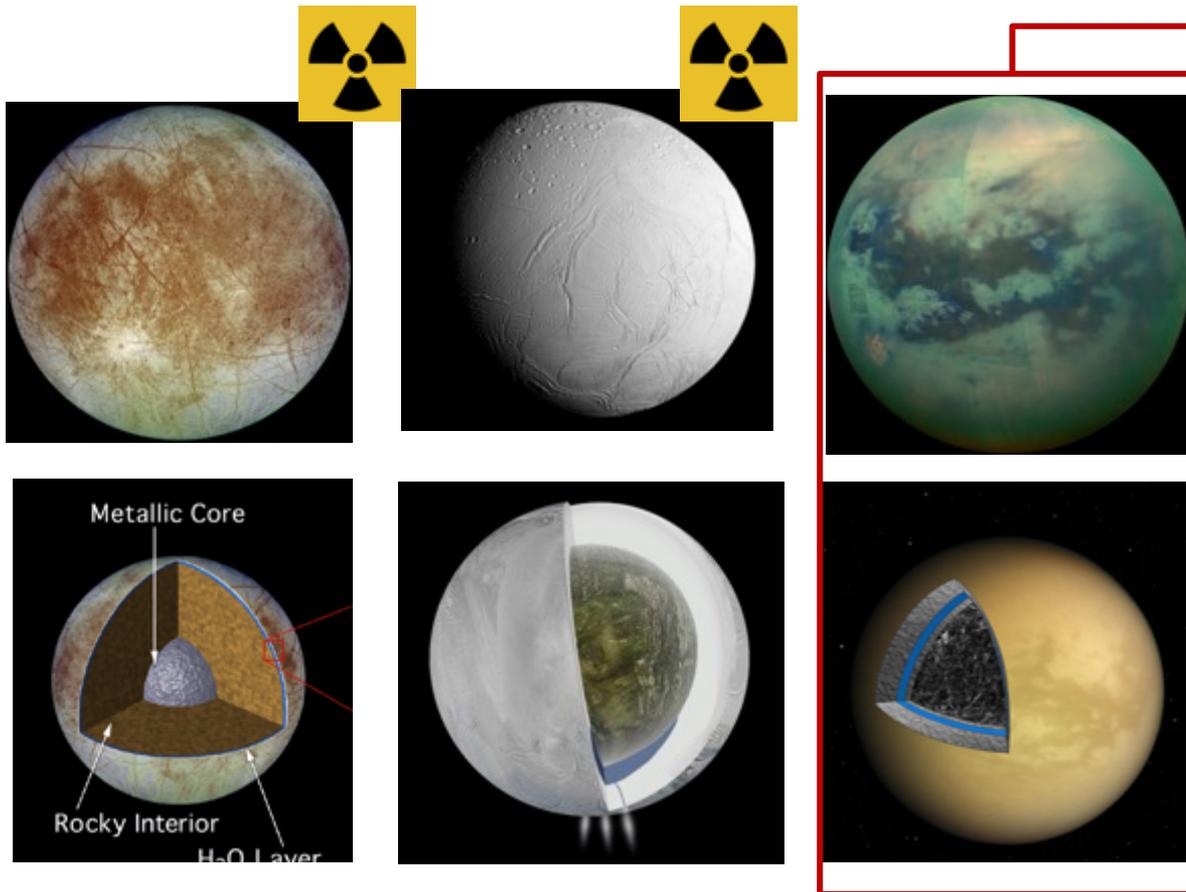
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(Lee et al, 2003)

- Distance between P, PP, PS and S waves arrivals depends on ice shell width
- Only requirement is to have « seismic » events big enough to be detected by the geophones
- PCP and PCS arrivals could also in principle sound the surface ocean (likely very big, close events only)

# Step 3: Ocean worlds internal structure



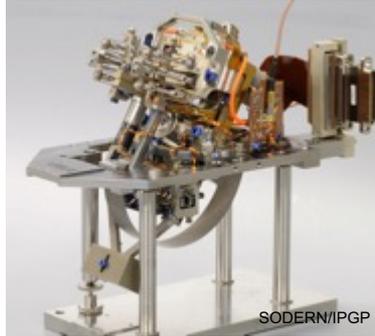
Lorenz et al 2009

- Temperature
- The radiation challenge for galilean satellites (MRad level !)
- 3 seismometers on DragonFly !

Oceans Worlds	Internal Structure Ice sheet width Ocen depth	Short period	Radiations, temperature	(Lee et al, 2003)
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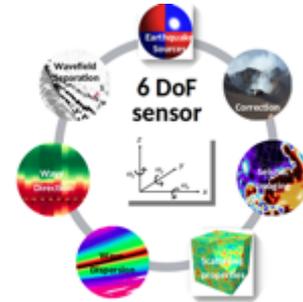
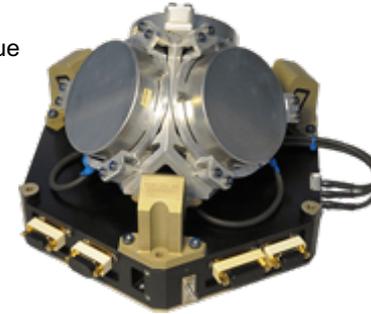
# PIONEERS : the next generation of planetary seismometers

- **SEIS** : an outstanding achievement
- .... but **1990's technologies**



- **Use of optical technologies**
- Displacement transducer : x100 perf. improvement
- Fiber Optics Gyrolaser : translation & rotation

Airbus/ixBlue



- **PIONEERS** is the acronym of **Planetary Instruments based on Optical technologies for an iNnovative European Exploration using Rotational Seismology**
- It is about developing the new generation of planetary seismometers which will fly on the next missions of exploration of the solar system
- A project of 4 years and 3 millions Euros
- **Two instruments are developped**

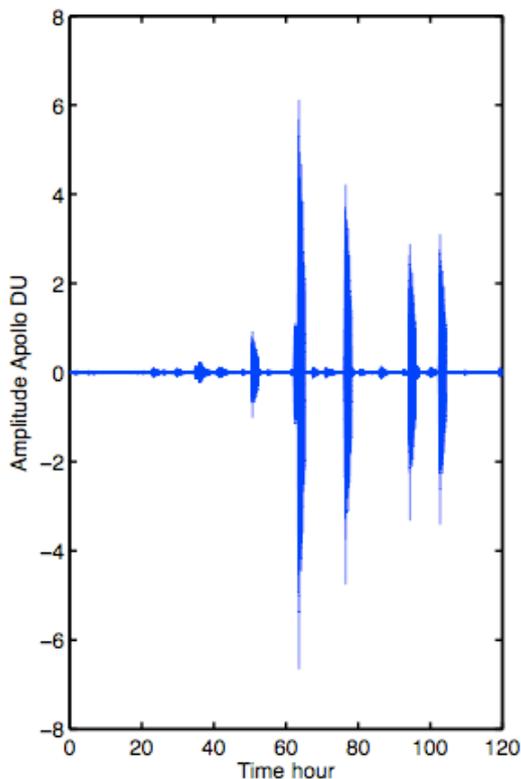
- « Small » CubeSat size Instrument
  - Small bodies
  - Ocean worlds
- Planetary size Instruments:
  - Moon Missions
  - Mars Missions



# PIONEERS : a breakthrough for the performance level

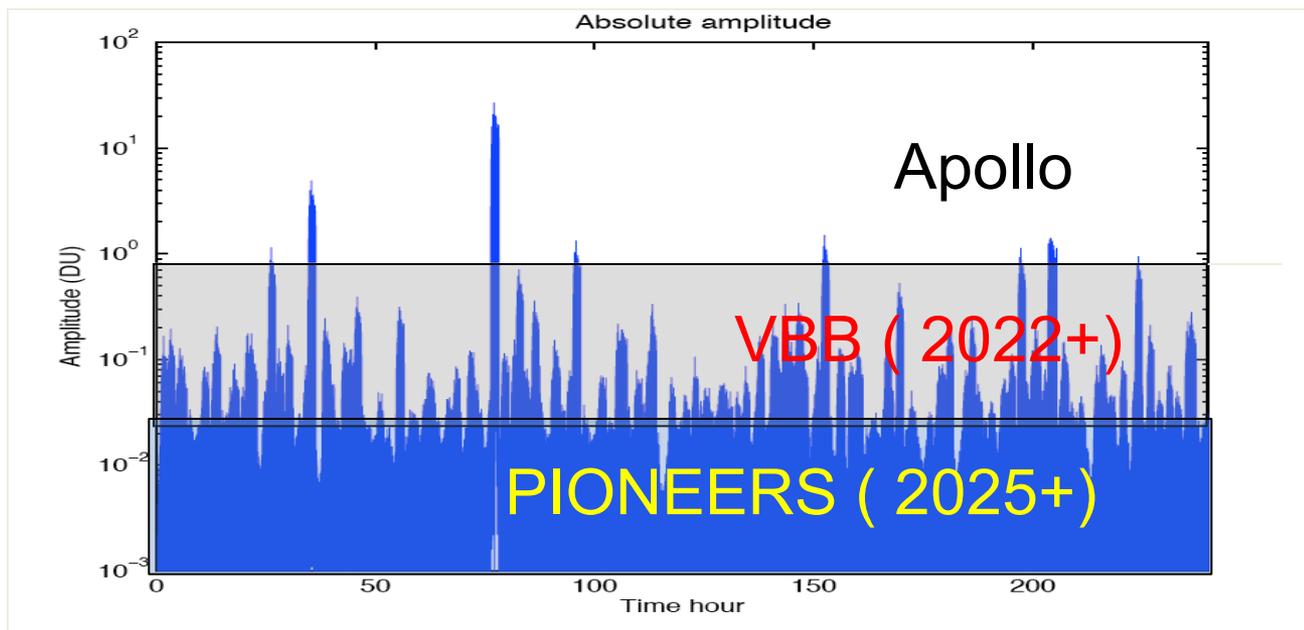
Impacts with Apollo

$$DU = 5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$



Impacts with VBB and PIONEERS

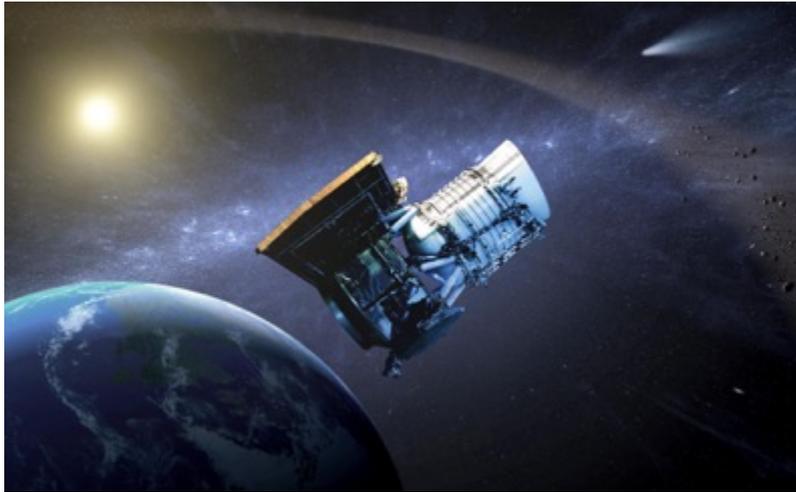
$$\text{RMS} = 5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$



# Summary of Present / Future Missions Involving Seismology

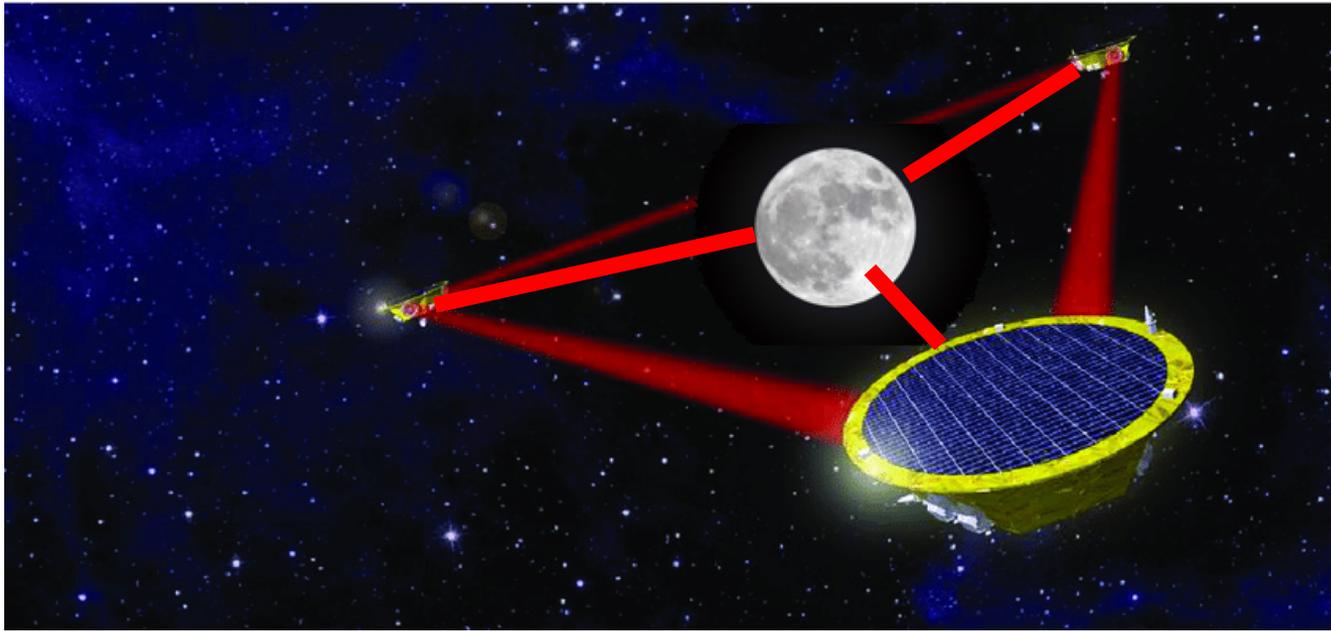
Mission	Launch	Major Mission event	Instrument description	Seismometer deployment	Reference
SEIS (Mars)	May 5th 2018	Arrival on Mars November 26 <sup>th</sup> 2018. First Marsquake detection	Hybrid 6- axis instrument VBB and SP. [0.01 1 Hz] Noise floor < 0.5 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s <sup>2</sup> /√Hz - about 30 kg all included	Instrument deployed on the ground by robotic arm. Protected from environment by Wind and Thermal shield	Lognonné et al (2019)
DragonFly (Titan)	launch in 2026	Arrival foreseen in 2034	Lunar-A vertical seismometer (see Yamada paper) lowered with a windshield. Mass 0.4 kg Two small (10Hz) geophones .	Seismometer lowered with a windshield underneath UAV. Geophones implemented on both skid	Lorenz et al, 2009
MMX Rover (Phobos)	Sept 2024	Rover landing foreseen March 2025	PIONEERS PFM instrument. High sensitivity accelerometer plus fiber optics gyro.	Used as an IMU by the Rover	Mimoun et al, 2019
LGN Chang'E 7 (Moon)	TBD	Launch 2025-2030 ?	Lunar Version of SEIS or Silicon Audio (SiA) Ultra Low Noise optical/mechanical sensor is a force feedback accelerometer that allows for very broadband detection and uses a laser interferometer	Deployed by robotic arm or lowered below lander.	Neal et al, 2019
Europa Lander (Europa)	TBD	Mission candidate for NF5	Instrument derived from SP seismometer	Instrument in the lander warm box (radiation, temperatures ...)	(Pike et al, 2016)
SEM ExoMars (Mars)	Mars 2021	Arrival October 2021	3-axis trihedron seismometer based on bronze-beryllium moving mass	Instrument in the lander warm box ( temperatures ...)	Manoukian et al
Chandrayian-2 Seismometer (Moon)	22 juillet 2019		ILSA is a triple axis, MEMS-based seismometer that can detect minute ground displacement, velocity, or acceleration caused by lunar quakes. Its primary objective is to characterize the seismicity around the landing site. ILSA has been designed to identify acceleration as low as 100 ng /√Hz with a dynamic range of ±0.5 g and a bandwidth of 40 Hz. The dynamic range is met by using two sensors — a coarse-range sensor and a fine-range sensor.	Instrument in the lander warm box ( temperatures ...)	<a href="https://www.isro.gov.in/chandrayaan2-payloads">https://www.isro.gov.in/chandrayaan2-payloads</a>
Venus Climate Geophysics (Venus)	2025-2030	Mission candidate for NF5	Microbarometer network to detect seismo-gravity waves	Two barometers deployed below a balloon gondola.	

## Step 4 : Long term : planetary defense system



- Deriving from small bodies exploration
- Another use of the understanding of small bodies seismology is planetary defense;
- By helping to determine the internal structure of potentially hazardous asteroids (PHAs), seismic techniques can help evaluate the threat and the potential efficiency of a planned mitigation action
- A systematic survey of PHAs (as soon as they are discovered) with small CubeSat size probes including a seismometer a gyroscopic payload and a beacon to precisely track their location would definitely be a part of a planetary wide defense system.

## Step 4 : Long, long term : planetary wide sensors



- In the previous discussion, we have considered the use of seismic techniques with a performance level close to what has already been achieved for Apollo or Insight (typically  $10^{-10}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>/Hz). Improving the detector performance by several orders of magnitude -which is technically possible with optical interferometry techniques - would enable the measurement of gravitational waves – on a planetary scale.
- All planets without atmosphere can be the place of remote sensing long period seismology, if very precise ranging ( below nm) can be made between slow orbiting S/C and surface reflectors.