

Enabling Science and Exploration Objectives with Lunar Services

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Mobility Services

Lunar Mobility Vehicle (LMV) Offering commercial services for a broad and diverse range of partners including NASA, Industry, and International customers



Science Objectives Enabled by Mobility Services

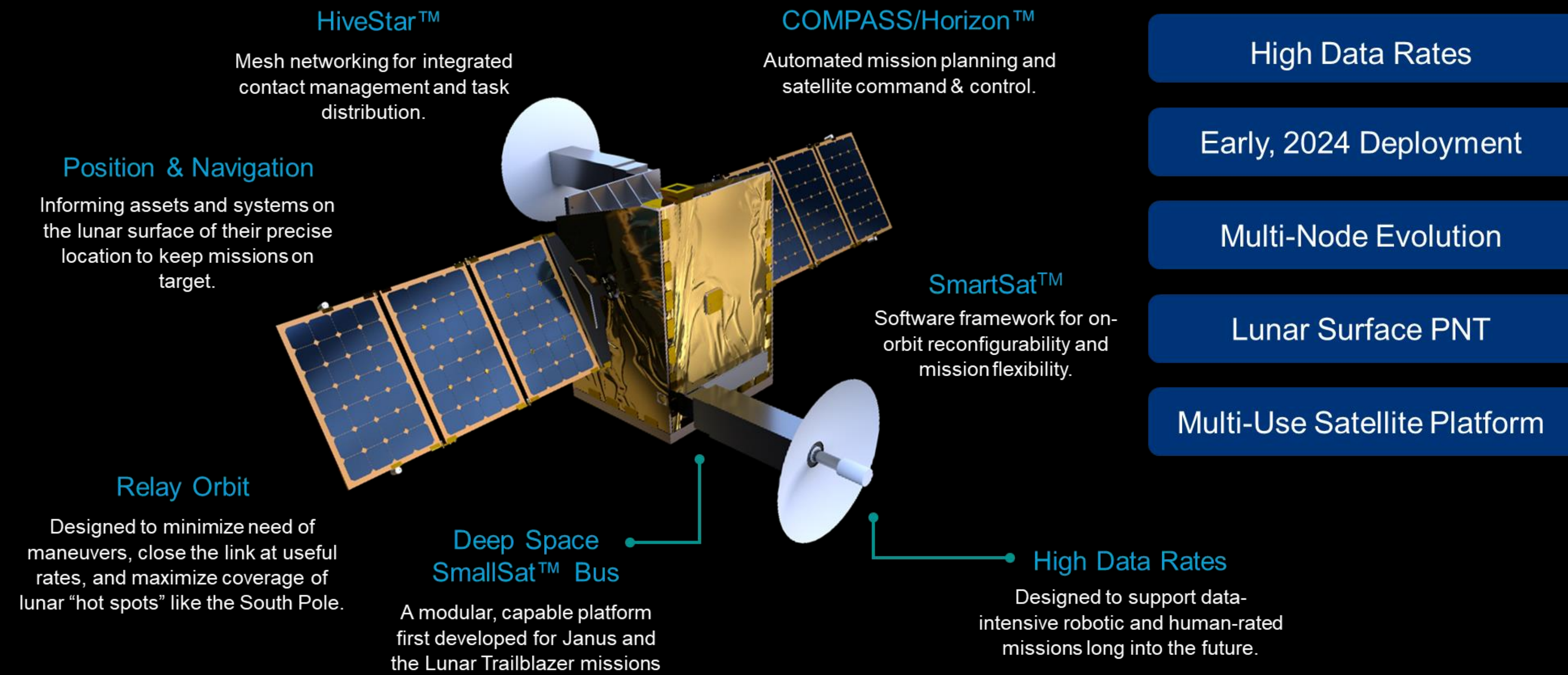
- Performed study of how mobility aids several science objectives
- Investigated activities and equipment that would support these science objectives
- Compared how supportable those activities and equipment would be with a fixed habitat versus a pressurized rover



| Science Objective | Activity | Equipment | Fixed Habitat (FH) | Pressurized Rover (PR) |
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| Sample Gathering and Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regolith from craters and slopes Sub-surface water ice and dry ice Sample storage in a controlled environment Transportation of cached samples to ascent element for delivery back to Earth Conduct cryogenic sample return | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample collection equipment Sample return equipment | Supportable with LMV | Supportable: enables better sample range than fixed habitat and has higher volume capacity per trip than LMV |
| Sample Characterization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composition Age Physical characteristics Volatile investigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glove box Geology tools | Significant mass addition, maybe feasible | Characterization is unlikely to be performed on PR, but can have cold stowage to preserve a diversity of samples |
| Surface Dust Environment Characterization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust impact studies on electrical and mechanical assemblies (e.g., mechanisms, regenerative power systems, controls) both on the surface and internal vehicle systems Study electrical properties of lunar dust "Dust mapping" studies to track dust transport into habitable environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filtration Air monitoring Scientific payloads to study dust Tools to measure dust build up on seals and surfaces both internal and external to habitable volume | Supportable, enhanced by LMV | Supportable: enables better sample range, more variety of locations to observe terminator plasma interaction with dust |
| Characterization of EVA Sites | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document EVA site characteristics, sampling, and instrument deployment Real-time transmission of data from in situ science instrumentation that provides real-time science collaboration and documentation for site characteristics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameras, sensors High bandwidth communication that is capable of real-time data transmission | Supportable with LMV | Supportable: enables ability to consider more variety of locations for EVA |
| Surface Survey/Mapping | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imagery of regolith, crater rims, sloped regions, lava channels/tubes, high-albedo regions Surveys of regolith and resources (identification, characterization and localization) Topographic, gravitational and thermal (for shadowed regions) surface maps Sub-surface maps of lava channels and tubes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameras Sensors | Supportable with LMV | Supportable: has better range over fixed habitat |
| General Surface Environment Characterization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurements of transient phenomena, including day to lunar night transitions, response to time-varying solar wind and chemical-species migration Sub-surface temperature and seismological measurements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensor suites | Supportable, enhanced by LMV | Supportable: both PR and LMV enable more variety of locations to observe solar wind and other phenomena, and enables crew to assist with deployment |
| Long Term Temperature Sensing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurement of surface and subsurface (ground) temperature via deployment of long-lived instrument packages on moon Temporal sampling over a lunar day/night cycle is ideal but temporal spacing over one lunar rotation requires more time than is available by the crew on the lunar surface (for HLS time durations) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capability to transport and deploy temperature sensing packages | Supportable, enhanced by LMV | Supportable: both PR and LMV have better range over fixed habitat when deploying long-duration sensor packages and enable crew to assist deployment |
| In-situ Sample Characterization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of in-situ measurement tools to characterize rock samples and take volatile measurements to characterize volatile losses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional instrumentation required beyond sample collection, return and IVA analysis equipment | Supportable, enhanced by LMV | Supportable: has better range over fixed habitat |

Communication Services

Parsec™ Commercial Service Relay Network



Power Services

Vertical Solar Array Technology (VSAT)

- Reducing barrier of entry for lunar surface assets by providing a mobile power station
- Catalyzing commercial services by reducing environment risk for long-term lunar surface assets
 - Dust mitigation, surviving lunar night

Fission Surface Power (FSP)

- Enabling higher power levels to support increasing habitation and in-situ resource utilization (ISRU) needs
- Providing power generation that is steady through the lunar night

