

## Deep Space Explorer's 20-year Journey CanSat & CubeSat 1st Generation

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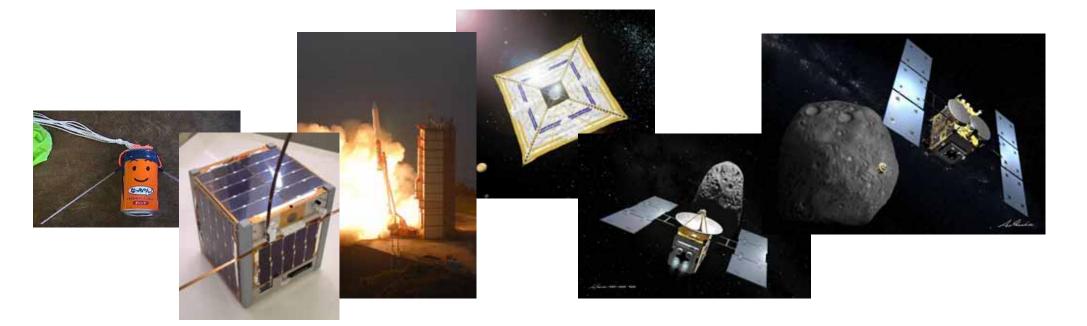
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My field: Innovative spacecraft system, Solar system exploration, Astrodynamics

My history

- CanSat (1st generation!)
- CubeSat (1st generation!) Student project manager, U of Tokyo "XI-IV"
- IKAROS (World first deep space solar sail) Deputy project manager
- Hayabusa2 (Asteroid sample return mission) *Project Manager*



The beginning (1999~2003)

Journey begins suddenly...

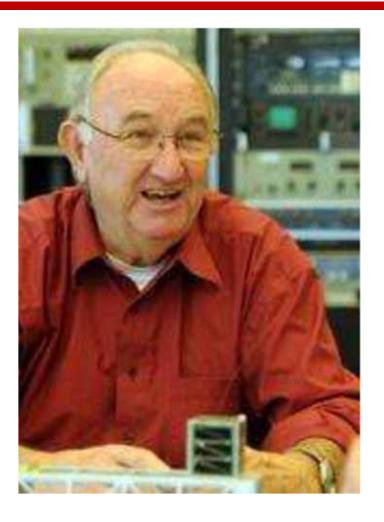
In 1998 when I was a student in Prof. Nakasuka's lab,

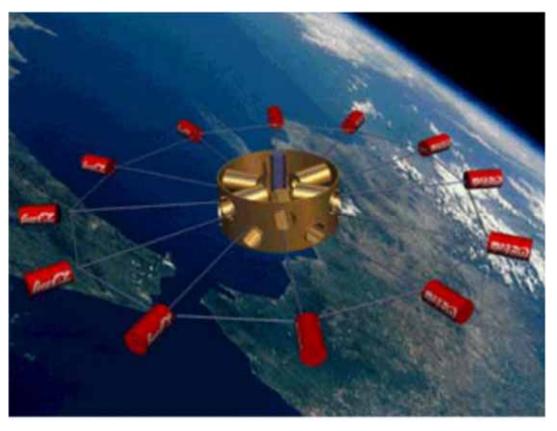
Professor: There is a workshop in Hawaii. Do you want to go?

> Me: Wow, Hawaii!? I will go. By the way what will we do there?

The workshop was "University Space Systems Symposium" where the CanSat was proposed.

#### Birth of "CanSat" Concept





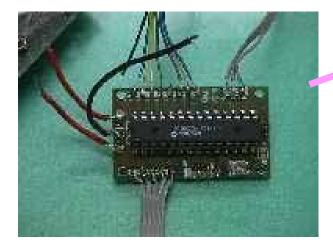
Initial Concept: launch all the CanSats and operate them in next USSS (one year later)

"Let's make a satellite out of this Coke-can !!" Prof. Bob Twiggs, Stanford University

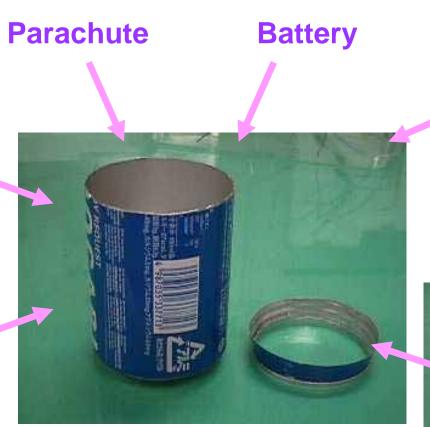
### First work



**Main Board** 

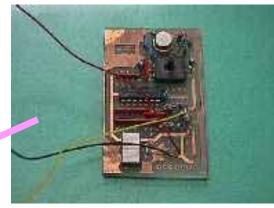


**Com encoder (TNC)** 

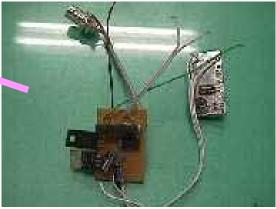


350ml Juice Can

Antenna



### **Sensors Board**



**Transmitter** 

#### 1st Generation "CanSats"



### **Pre-final model**

### Flight model of CanSat #003

Three 1st generation CanSats developed by U of Tokyo.

#### Launched in Black Rock Desert, 1999

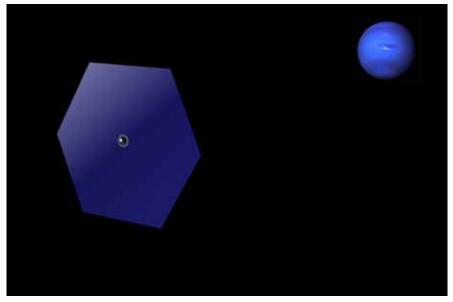


#### Want to make a Real Satellite ! ~ CanSat to CubeSat

Proposal from Prof. Twiggs again . Let's make a 10cm-cubic satellites!

Thin space membrane + CubeSat = ?





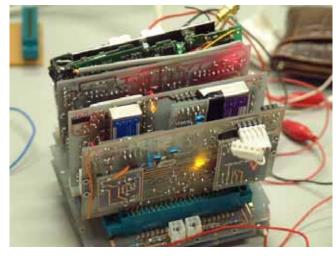
Ref. Tsuda, Nakasuka, Aoki, Nagashima, Space Transportation Symposium, 1999

1998 Pluto explorer concept with 200mdiameter thin flexible solar cells. How to fold it? "*Tsuda-folding*"
1999 We proposed "CubeSat + Space Membrane" concept, but finally resulted in...

#### Textbook does not teach us.

The unexplored world should be pioneered by ourselves!

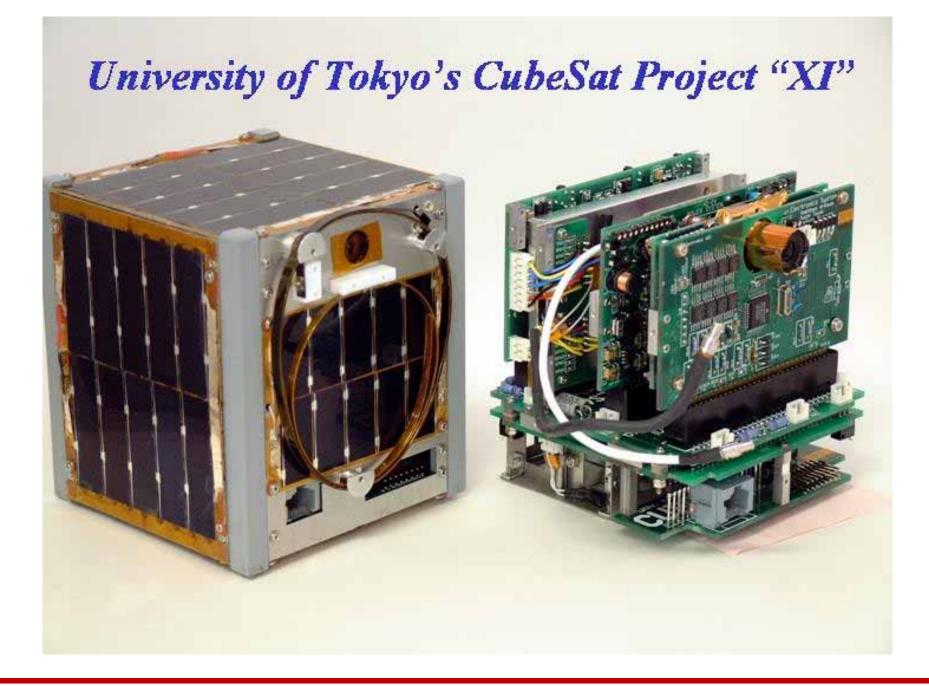








#### World First CubeSat "XI-IV"



## 2003/06/30 18:15:26 (local time) XI-IV was Launched!!!



#### CubeSat XI-IV Photo Gallery July – November 2003, University of Tokyo ISSL



### 7.30 South Atlantic 9.14 Azores Islands 9.17 East Timor







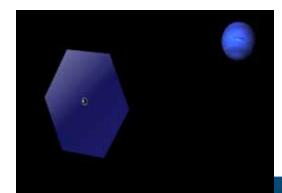
10.5 Bangladesh

10.5 Tibet

11.03 Egypt

#### From CubeSats to Deep Space Exploration (2003 ~ )

#### "Continuity" in my first 10 years of carrier



1998 Pluto explorer using space membrane technology (Concept study)

#### CanSat for "Furoshiki" Study

•Equipped with a thin flexible membrane around the satellite •Folded within the shape of can while launch •Verify the characteristics of the folding/extension method •Estimate the shape of membrane 1999 CanSat membrane deployment experiment (Concept study + Development) → *CanSat w/o membrane* 

2000 CubeSat membrane deploymene experiment (Concept study + Development) → CubeSat w/o membrane

> 2007 IKAROS Solar Power Sail Demonstrator →*Real Space mission!*



#### **Tiny (and maybe stupid) Membrane Deployment Experiment**



Deployment experiment for CanSat (1999)

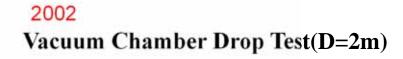


#### Deployment experiment for CubeSat (2000)





### ..But I didn't stop sticking to Membrane

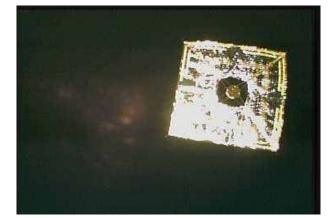




2003 Balloon Drop Test (D=4m)



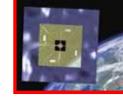
2004



2010 Deep Space Spacecraft IKAROS (D=20m)



Sounding Rocket Zero-gravity flight (D=10m)



Small Sat Demonstration SSSAT (D=2.7m)

2006

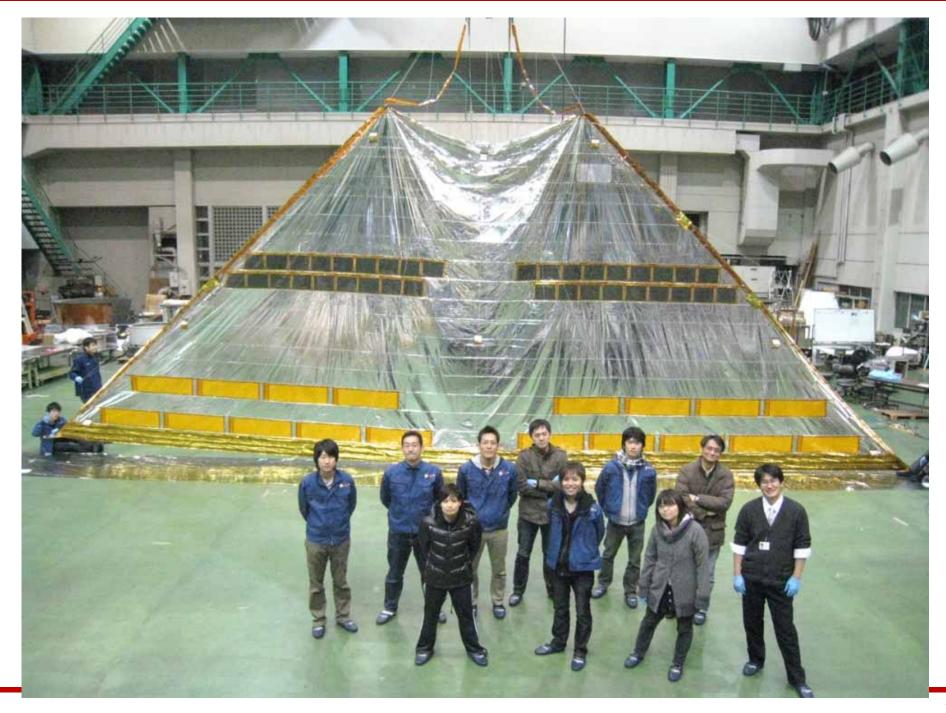


2006

Balloon Test (D=20m)



### **IKAROS** sail was completed!

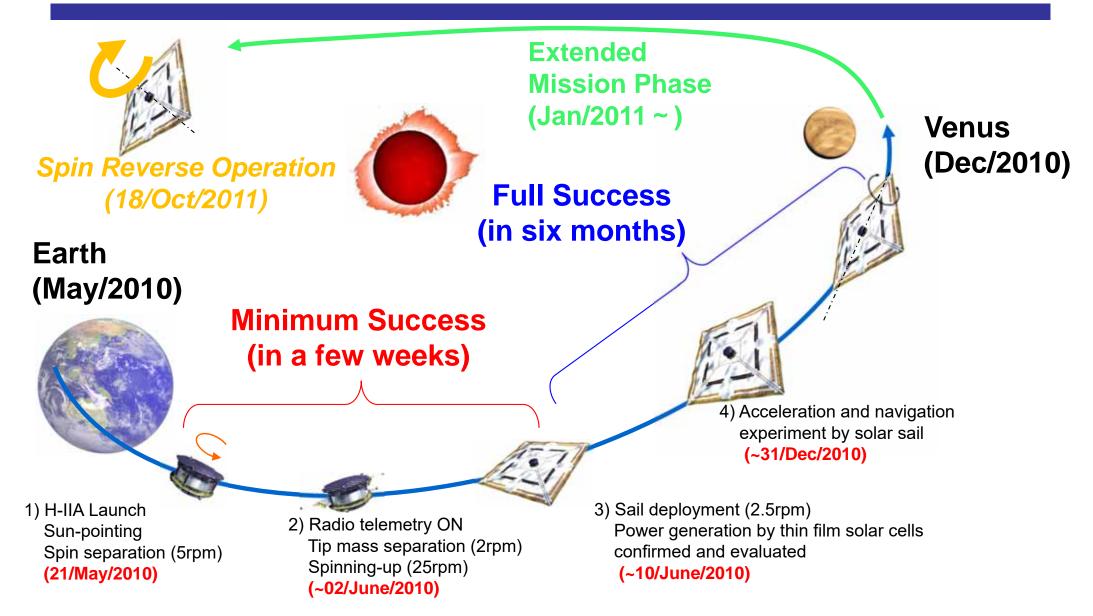




### IKAROS is ready to launch!



### **Mission Sequence of IKAROS**



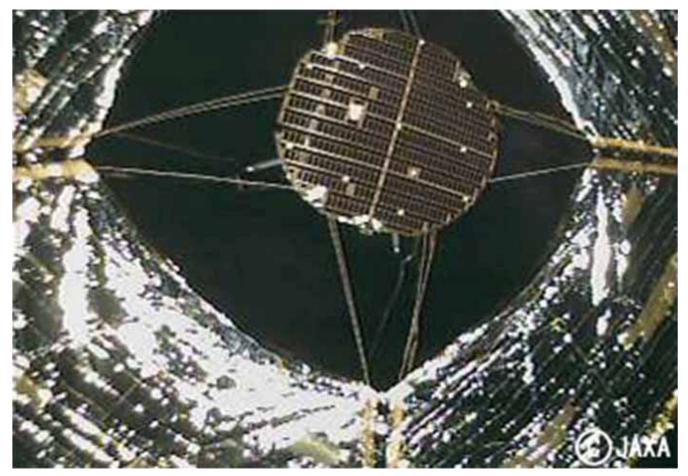
#### Japan's "Deep Space Month" !

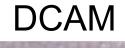
#### June 13, 2010, JAXA Sagamihara Space Operation Center



Three mission teams at once. ("Hayabusa", "IKAROS" and Venus Explorer "Akatsuki")

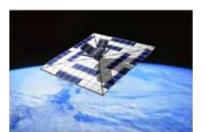
June 14, 2010, Images taken by DCAM ← *Another CanSat!* 

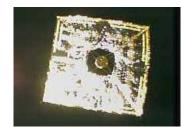


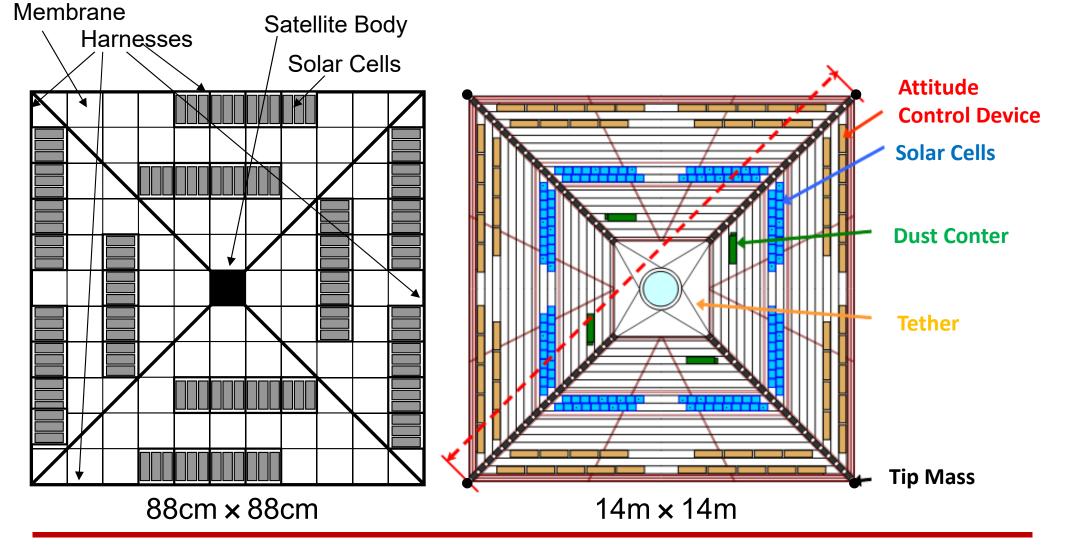




#### 10-year journey was not in vain.







My experience as Mission Designer

#### CubeSat

Impact:

- Started from a small laboratory
- "Nano satellite" concept was born through CubeSat.
- Nowadays many colleges, high schools, industries and governments all over the world involved in the CubeSats

#### **IKAROS**

Impact

- Realization of the 100-year dream of mankind: "solar sail technology".
- Very competitive research area, won by 15 million-dollar tiny mission.
- Solar sail textbooks always refer to IKAROS!

CubeSat has opened up the nano/pico-satellite world. IKAROS has opened up the new world of space exploration. CanSat has opened up the new educational world!

- Team with good visibility, quick decision
  - Keep the team compact
  - Keep the team flat
- Use and pull out your ability right
  - Create the team directly connected to things/products.
  - Clearly identify when you should/should not challenge.
- Quick & multiple-cycle PDCA with solid engineering management
  - To fail is the best way to learn. Many PDCA cycles provide you many "fail" opportunity - for success in the end!
  - "Test as you fly, fly as you test" is even critical for smaller, lower-cost, more challenging missions.

### http://www.unisec-global.org/guidingprinciples.html

#### **Guiding Principles for UNISEC-Global**

January 26, 2018

#### <Technology and Procedure>

- 1. Be honest regarding project feasibility openly recognize the technology and schedule risks that may impact success.
- 2. Build a system that can work as designed in an environment where subsequent fixing is impossible.
- 3. Only when you did your best to succeed, you could learn something even if you failed.
- 4. Remember that there are rules that you must follow from the Outer Space Treaty to through internal rules in your project.

#### <Management>

- 5. Refer to the achievements of others in the past and build your own achievement on that background.
- 6. Setup appropriate and realistic targets considering your capability and capacity
- 7. Recognize the pressure in other team members working to demanding deadlines on challenging projects; support and help reduce their stress wherever possible.
- 8. Evaluate your results realistically and reflect them to your subsequent activities.

#### <Fundamental spirit>

- 9. Use imaginative and innovative ways of achieving the maximum result using available personnel, technical and financial capabilities even if they are limited.
- 10. Identify and work with your rivals and compete to stimulate innovation & mutual growth. Recognize other people's successes and use these to stimulate yourself further.
- 11. Respect a spirit of mutual assistance. Seek ways to contribute to others, not only seeking help for yourself.
- 12. Be careful not to be misled by the "bewitching nature and allure of space" or by flattering words. Be modest, constructively critical and sincere.

#### Hayabusa mission (asteroid sample return tech-demo spacecraft)

·Many students/staffs were CanSat/CubeSat-experienced persons.

·Contributed to touchdown operation, and saving the missing spacecraft.

#### **IKAROS** mission (deep space solar sail demonstrator)

·Key development members were all from CanSat/CubeSat.

- ·Collaborating with many UNISEC-member universities .
- ·Contributed to perfect success in sail deployment and interplanetary cruise.

#### Hayabusa2 Mission (asteroid sample return spacecraft)

- Many managers in the development sub-teams were from CanSat/CubeSat, including project manager (me).
- ·CanSat/CubeSat members guided the project to the extraordinary success in unexplored asteroid "Ryugu".
- ·Compilation of our "Small satellite style" management.

My comrades, my style as an engineer, my journey as a deep space explorer were originated from CanSat and CubeSat.

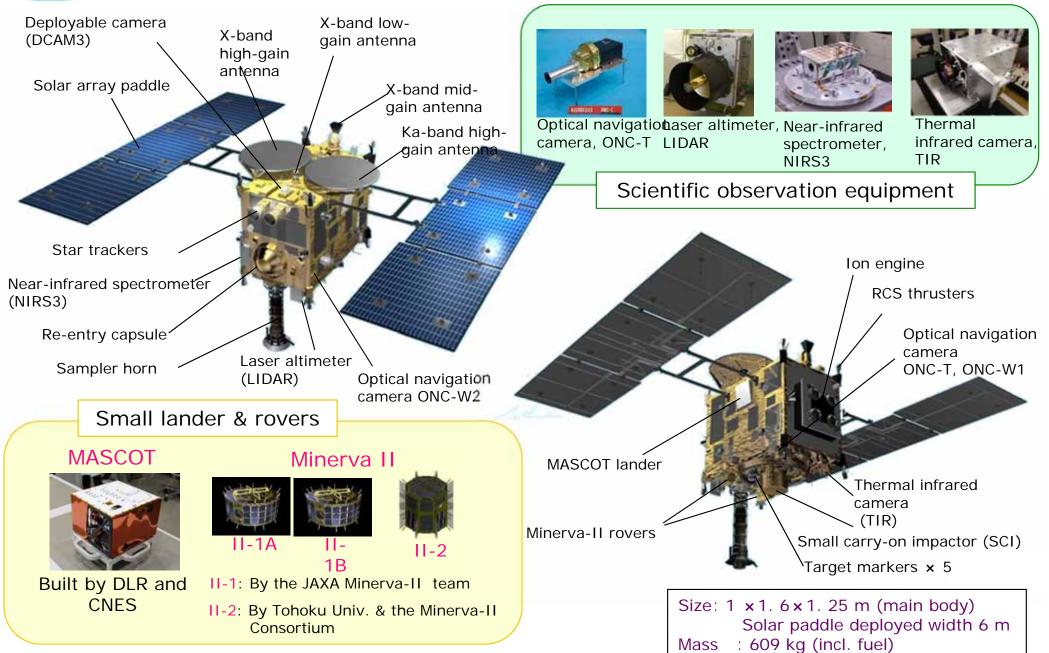


**Toward Hayabusa2** 



## Hayabusa2 spacecraft







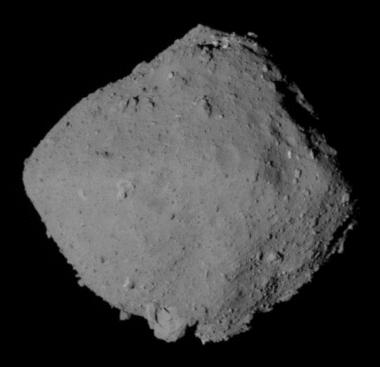
## Hayabusa2 Mission History





## C-type Asteroid "Ryugu"

- Top shape with a very circular equatorial bulge
- Spectrum type: Cb
- Radius: ~ 450 m
- Mass: ~ 450 million ton
- Obliquity: ~8 °
- Rotation period P = 7.63 hours
- Reflectance factor (v-band):0.02
- Terrain: Very bumpy



HAYABUSA2 ONC-T TIME: UT 2018/07/10 06:05:08

## Surface Exploration with 4 Robots



MINERVA-II-1-A & B by JAXA (Nickname : Hibou, Owl)



### MASCOT by DLR/CNES

(Image credit: MASCOT/DLR/JAXA)

Sep, 21, 2018



(Image credit:東北大 , JAXA)

Oct. 5, 2018

MINERVA-II-2 by U of Tohoku and University consortium (nickname: Ulula)

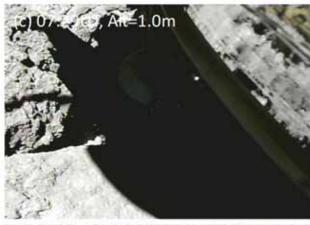
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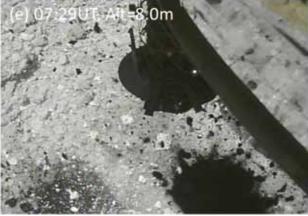


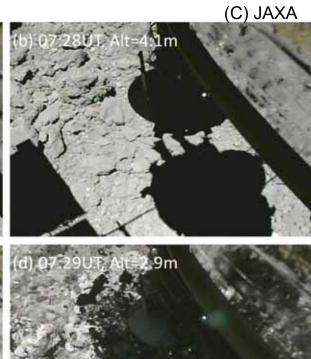
## Touchdown #1 Result







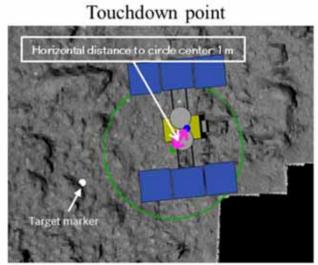




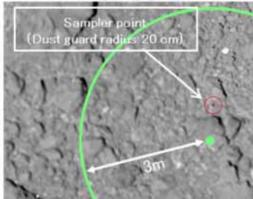




- All sequences went normally.
- 1m accuracy landing achieved.
- Many fragments observed!



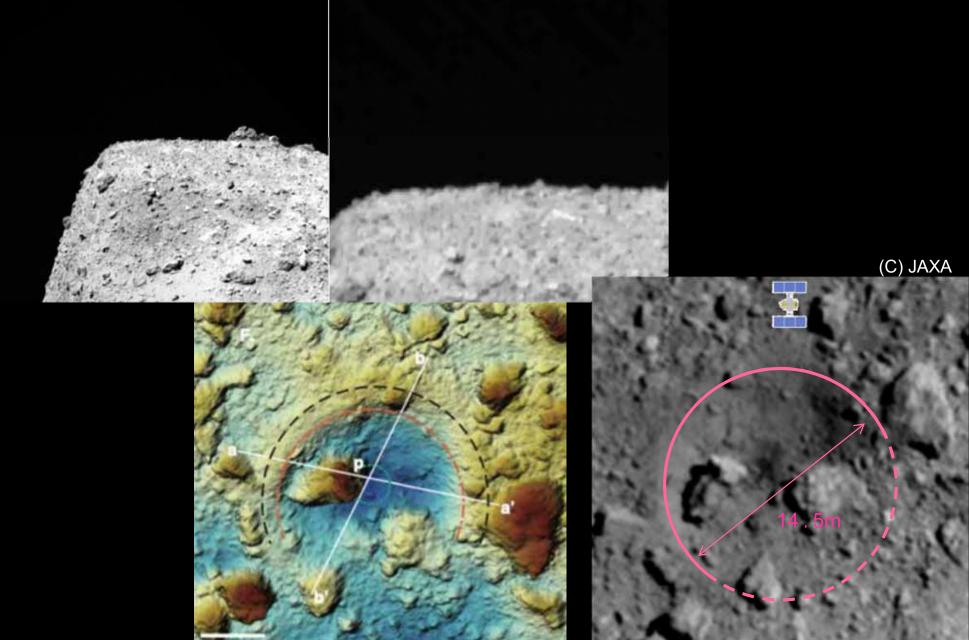
Sampling point



## Kinetic Impact Result April, 5, 2019

-185 sec.

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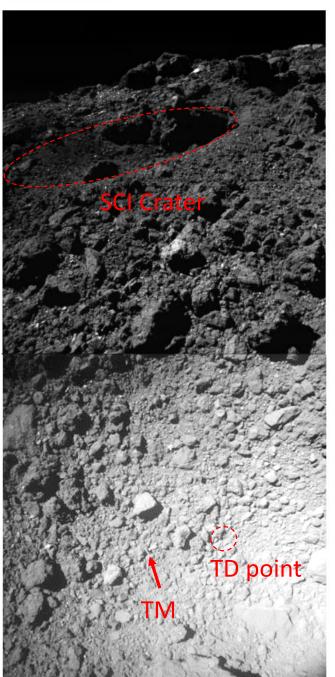


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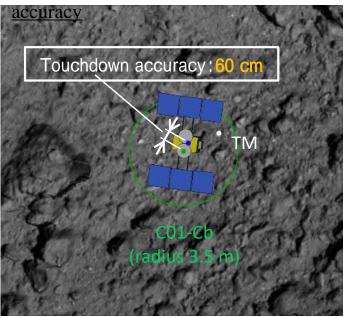
## Touchdown #2 (PPTD) Operation Result







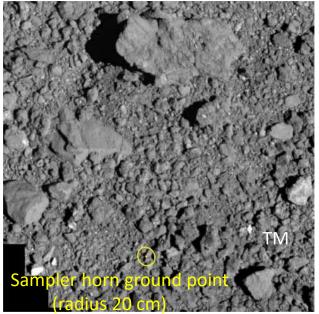
2<sup>nd</sup> touchdown



- All the sequence went normally.
- Landing accuracy was 60cm!
- Many fragments observed again.



#### Sampler horn ground point



### Seven engineering "World's Firsts"

- . Mobile activity of rovers on small body
- . Multiple rovers deployment on small body
- 60cm-accuracy landing and sampling
- Artificial crater forming and observation of impact process
- 5. Multiple landing on extraterrestrial planet
- Subsurface material sampling
- Smallest-object constellation around extraterrestrial planet



# May CanSat/CubeSat push the boundary of the space exploration further!

## Thank you for your attention.