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Preface

Space development for lunar and Mars exploitation

This technical memorandum summarizes the results of in-house study on lunar and Mars drone explorations - observation, landing and mobile explorations and sample returns for lunar and Mars respectively. So far, lunar and planet explorations have been primarily performed by the United States and the Soviet Union. ISAS and ESA have also contributed to some extent. The main purpose has been scientific exploration. There are some arguments that lunar and planet explorations should be performed for scientific purposes and the exploitation of them is not necessary. However, most scientific researches involve the existence and survival of humankind, so it is not the fact that they cannot be organized from the side of exploitation. Especially, if NASDA makes approaches to lunar and Mars exploration, it should inevitably embrace exploitation plans. In this preface we provide the outline of lunar and Mars exploitation scenarios set up as premise of the review on lunar and Mars unmanned exploration plans.

Various reviews have been performed on whether lunar or Mars would allow for human activities or survival. Among them, ^3He mill, solar powered satellite material mill and construction project of relay station to Mars as well as Mars terraforming plan have important issues. These projects have not yet become feasible because their expected investments are too large to make them practical. However, the present time seems the most appropriate to get with lunar and Mars exploitation projects under international cooperation since the realization of space station is imminent and the international cooperation is being created with the participation of Russia.

The international space station project will be continued until the year of 2015. The post project has not yet been decided. Therefore, we expect that Japan would propose two projects as successive ones - one is to construct an orbital service station combining manned abilities of the station and orbital service system and the other to build a manned lunar base taking almost all functions of space station onto the lunar surface. The mission of lunar base is to perform experiments for lunar resource exploitation. Fig. 1 shows the image of the entire space development plan to be proposed by Japan based upon this concept. The following description outlines each item:

1. Manned lunar base

For the time, assuming that five people or so would stay only in the daytime (14 days), the manned facility of space station would be available without large change. For transportation system, the transportation facility up to LEO could be the same as the space station with only exception of OTV and lunar landing/takeoff aircraft development. Further international cooperation should be promoted following the space station project.

2. Orbital system

The orbital service center should be built combining manned abilities of space station and unmanned functions developed in the orbital service system. Applications would be a transportation relay center to the above-mentioned lunar base and the operation of free flyer group in orbital experiments/mills. The relay center would also be necessary for lunar revolution orbit.

3. Stationary orbit platform

When the orbital service center and manned OTV are created, maintenance services can be provided for stationary orbit platform. Therefore, conventional type satellites would operate as platforms and become permanently available. Also, aged platforms could be recovered to prevent debris.

4. Transportation system

For transportation system, five types - LEO freight, LEO manned, OTV freight, OTV manned and lunar landing types - would be required. LEO freight is the transport aircraft from the earth to LEO. Lunar landing type is recycled propulsion system to be used for landing connected with manned cabin or freight container.

5. Mars exploration

If we try to perform Mars sample return in one blast-off from the earth, it will be necessary that LEO transport aircraft has huge transportation capacity. Therefore, it seems feasible to make blast-off material several times and build a Mars sample return aircraft in the orbital service center.

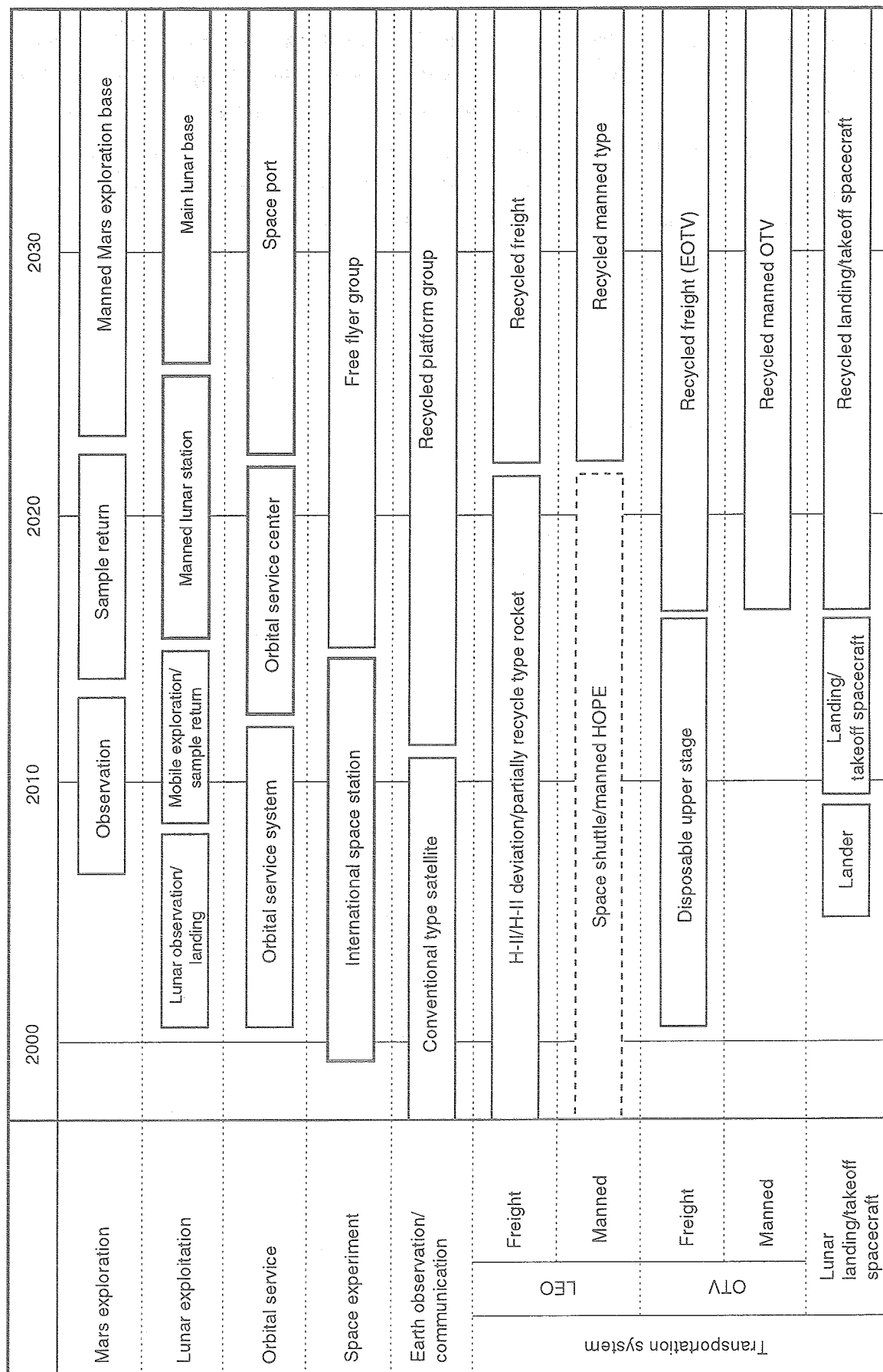


Fig. 1 Entire space development project with premise of lunar and Mars exploitation

The study in this memorandum is based upon the above-mentioned lunar and Mars exploitation project, however, it is also the fact that lunar and Mars exploitation procedures have been established through this study. As the nature of exploration planning, changes of exploitation project would not remarkably reduce the validity. Nevertheless, establishment of successive projects in early stage would help effective planning of exploration as a whole without fail. Study on post-projects of manned lunar base, orbital service system and future transportation system are scheduled and these reports will be provided as soon as possible.



1. Review on mission request

First, we would like to summarize the mission requirement for space craft based upon the accomplishment of past exploring aircraft as well as on-going projects (see attached information sheets 1 & 2) for lunar and Mars explorations, respectively.

1.1 Lunar exploration

(1) Exploration for resource exploitation and base construction

In order to help effective lunar development including lunar resource exploitation and base construction, data acquisition according to the procedure in fig. 1-1 should be performed as a lunar exploration mission.

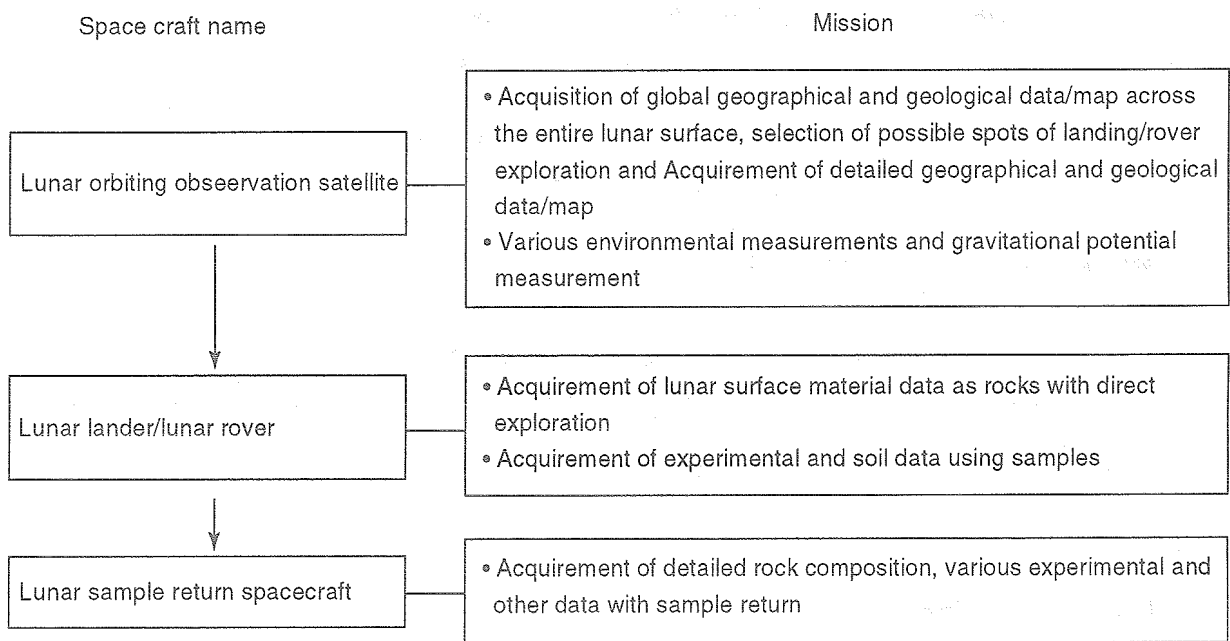


Fig. 1.1-1 Steps of unmanned lunar exploration mission

The following description indicates the mission requirement for each space exploration aircraft for lunar resource exploitation and base construction.⁽¹⁾

(a) Lunar orbiting observation satellite

- 1) Creation of geological maps & mineral composition profiles as well as contour maps across the entire lunar surface with the spatial resolution of 10m (equivalent to that of remote sensing data on the earth) for the layout of lunar resource exploitation projects and base construction
- 2) Creation of element composition profile across the entire lunar surface for the layout of lunar resource exploitation projects
- 3) Survey of underground structure including regolith thickness required for the layout of lunar resource exploitation projects and base construction
- 4) Creation of digital geographical data and contour map with the spatial resolution of 1m or more (this resolution allows the identification of rocks) for landing points and exploration routes of lunar mobile exploration aircraft
- 5) Environmental measurement of radiation, solar wind, magnetic attraction and gravitational field, etc. required for practical lunar activities

(b) Electric propulsion orbit transfer mission spacecraft

- 1) Environmental measurement of long time and earth-moon wide area radiation, solar wind, magnetic attraction and gravitational field, etc. required for practical lunar activities
- 2) Data relay between lunar observation satellites and the earth for gravitational potential measurement

(c) Lunar lander/lunar rover

- 1) Composition observation and resource survey with direct observation of rock grains for the layout of lunar resource exploitation projects
- 2) Correlation of direct observation data with remote sensing data for the resource exploration across the entire lunar surface
- 3) Execution of the above-mentioned 1) & 2) activities for correlation with the exploration of back surface and polar areas geographically different from front surface

- 4) Execution of regolith heating and ^3He extraction experiments for the layout of lunar resource exploitation projects
- 5) Acquirement of lunar soil data for base construction
- 6) Environmental measurement of radiation, solar wind, magnetic attraction and gravitational field, etc. required for practical lunar activities

(d) Lunar sample return mission spacecraft

- 1) Sample return to the earth requiring detailed research for the layout of lunar resource exploitation projects

(2) Scientific exploration

Mission requests for scientific exploration vary depending on individual space crafts. Main requests are listed as follows.⁽²⁾

(a) Lunar observation satellite, electric propulsion orbit transfer mission spacecraft

- 1) Acquisition of scientific composition, magnetism and core data including the abundance of non-volatile elements, abundance ratio of ferrum-magnesium and abundance of metals for researching the lunar origin
- 2) Measurement of moonquakes, gravitational field, surface material composition and particulate indicating the lunar origin for researching lunar crust & mantle structures and the evolution
- 3) Measurement of moonquakes and gravitational field for analyzing the lunar core
- 4) Measurement of temperature and gravitational field as well as geographical observation for researching the thermal history of the moon
- 5) Measurement of magnetic field for researching the origin of lunar magnetism

(b) Lunar lander/rover

- 1) Confirmation of the fact reasoned out from remote sensing observation data
- 2) Detailed survey in the following regions:

- Regions suggesting water existence
- Regions in which lunar mantle appears at the bottom of craters, etc.
- Regions in which crust cross sections crop out on the surface
- Regions which seem to be the oldest lunar crust
- Volcanoes in crust forming era
- Regions still blowing

(c) Lunar sample return mission spacecraft

- 1) Taking material to the earth with scientific attraction such as newly discovered material and dating samples

(3) Exploitation and scientific exploration

Fig. 1.1-2 shows the mission request for observation satellites as the first stage of lunar exploration and the required observation equipment. As the figure indicates, there are many common missions and exploitation explorations greatly contribute to scientific researches including the lunar origin study.

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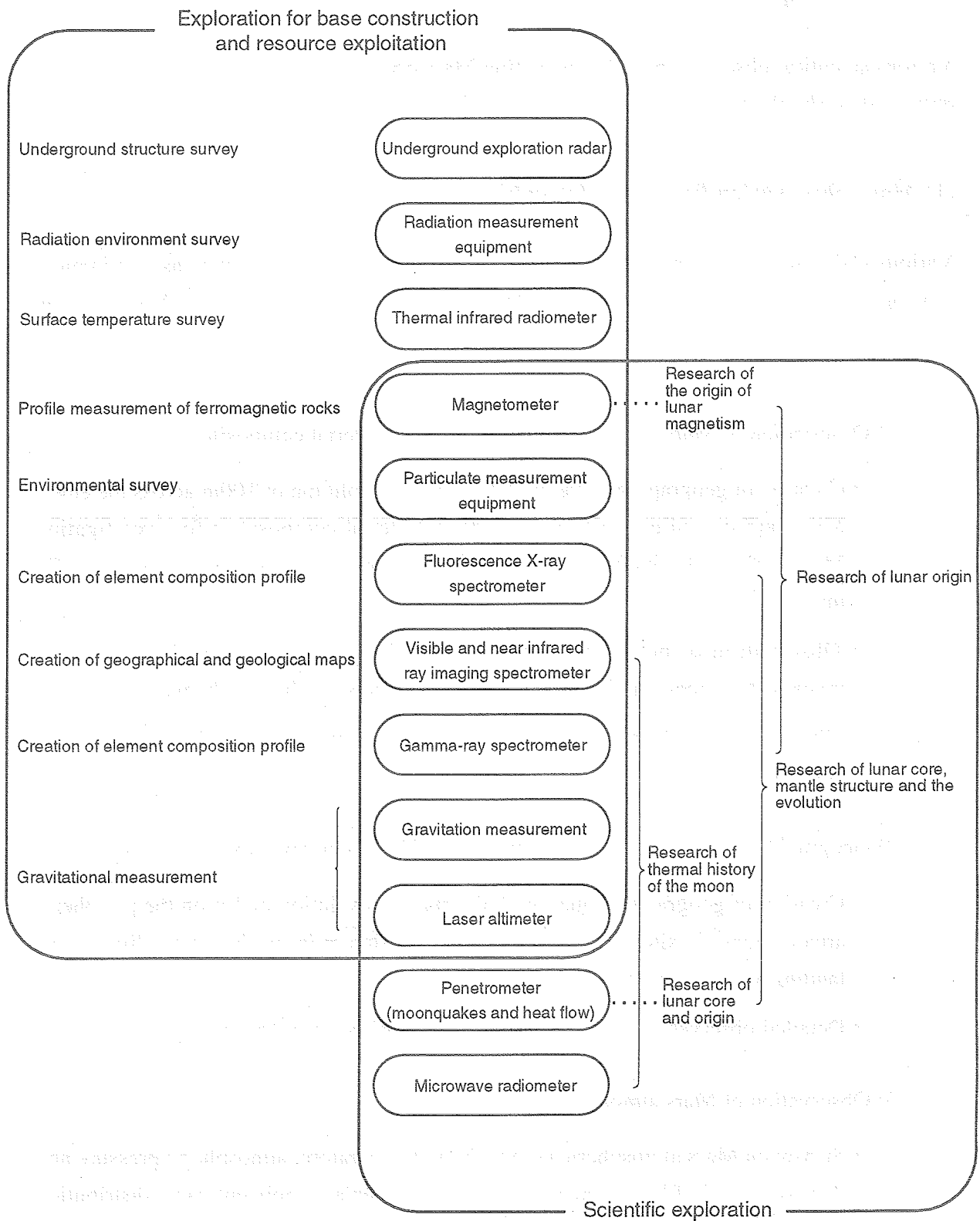


Fig. 1.1-2 Lunar remote sensing exploration items and required observation equipment

1.2 Mars exploration

Various scientific observation for investigating Mars origin, history (evolution process) and present state should be performed with exploration aircraft.

(1) Mars observation from circular orbit

Various global scientific observations of Mars surface and atmosphere as well as acquirement of geographical data of possible rover landing plans should be performed with Mars orbiting observation spacecraft.

1) Observation of Mars surface geography/surface material composition

- Creation of geographical map with the spatial resolution of 100m across the entire Mars surface and observation of surface material composition for investigating Mars surface's geographical profile, geological evolution and existence of volatile material
- Observation of polar cap's ingredient, thickness and seasonal changes for investigating polar cap forming era and the effects on climate changes
- Observation of thermal infrared radiation for investigating the weather and volcanism

2) Geographical and other observations on possible lander/rover exploration spots

- Creation of geographical map with the spatial resolution of 1m on the peripheral area of possible sites (20~40 km square) for determining the possibility of soft landing and movement
- Detailed observation on each possible site required for selection

3) Observation of Mars atmosphere

- Survey on Mars atmospheric composition, temperature, atmospheric pressure and their vertical profiles, cloud and storm observation and moisture vapor distribution survey for investigating Mars weather/climate changes, atmospheric circulating system and the existence of volatile gases

4) Measurement of charged particle environment around Mars

- Observation of energy distribution of charged particles for investigating Mars magnetic field

(2) Mars lander/rover exploration

Detailed and complex observational researches should be performed with Mars landing/mobile exploration aircraft on the exploration area selected according to Mars orbiting observation satellite data

1) Mars weather/climate change observation

- Surface environment (temperature, pressure, composition, wind direction/speed) observation for investigating dynamics of Mars weather/climate changes

2) Survey on vertical profile of Mars atmosphere

- Observation of temperature, pressure and composition changes during down landing for investigating the vertical profile of Mars atmosphere
- Execution of detailed analysis of atmospheric composition (rare gas measurement)

3) Material composition observation on Mars surface

- Analysis of soil or rock's element/mineral composition with several sites among landing spots and moving paths for detailed investigation of surface material distribution
- The analyzed data should be used for the compensation of orbiting observation aircraft data

4) Mars quake observation

- Execution of quake observation for investigating inner structure and the presence of quake activities

5) Life existence survey on Mars

- Organic qualitative/quantitative analyses for investigating detailed process of organic chemistry evolution (generation, stability and corruption) on Mars
- Execution of various biological experiments (photosynthesis and metabolism reactions) for investigating the existence of lives on Mars

6) Acquirement of Mars surface images

- Acquirement of surface image data for observing the surface geography and the evolution process, weather/climate changes and polar cap evolution process

(3) Mars sample return

Sample recovery with Mars sample return aircraft and detailed analysis investigation on earth should be performed. Possible return samples are listed as follows:

1) Soil/rock samples

- Investigation of Mars geological evolution and hydrosphere through detailed analysis of element and mineral compositions
- Confirmation of SNC meteorite origin by performing the composition comparison with SNC meteorite(*) which is considered to be derived from Mars

2) Lives or trace of lives

- Life existence investigation by detailed analysis of samples

3) Polar cap ice

- Investigation of polar cap forming era and evolution by detailed analysis

4) Mars atmosphere

- Rare gas ingredient qualitative/quantitative analyses by detailed method

(*) SNC (Shagotti, Nakura, Cassini) meteorite:

This meteorite is clearly different from others in that its data such as element composition, isotope composition and dating data can be grouped. Gas ingredients trapped within the meteorite can be analyzed as compound of Mars ingredients surveyed by Viking and earth atmospheric ingredients. In addition, characteristics of formed minerals are similar to those of Viking data. Therefore, it is considered to be derived from Mars. (The meteorite is supposed to be broken out from Mars due to meteorite collision into Mars.)

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2. Study on lunar observation plans

2.1 Lunar observation scenario

Sufficient observation data should be collected using lunar observation satellites and electric propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft (See fig. 2.1-1). Especially, electric propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft should perform relay functions for measuring gravitational potential on lunar back surface and should acquire space environmental data including wide-area and long-time radiation and magnetic field data from the earth to the moon.

| Fiscal year (Assumed) | H 12 2000 | H 13 2001 | H 14 2002 |
|--|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lunar observation satellite | | Mission △ Launch | |
| Electric propulsion orbit transfer mission spacecraft | △ Launch | Arrival to the moon | Mission with the moon |

Fig. 2.1-1 Lunar observation scenario

2.2 Study on lunar observation satellite

2.2.1 Objective

Objectives of lunar observation satellite are as follows:

- 1) Resource survey and mapping across the entire lunar surface
- 2) Acquisition of lunar environmental data
- 3) Acquisition of scientific data on the moon
- 4) Mastering of lunar orbit entry technique as well as lunar remote sensing technique

2.2.2 Mission plans

2.2.2.1 Mission equipment

Table 2.2. 2-1 shows the mission equipment (proposed) for lunar observation satellite. Direct lunar surface observation can be performed due to low orbital altitude and high spatial resolution of sensor enabled by no atmospheric condition on the moon.

2.2.2.2 Observation plans

(1) Orbit

The observation orbit should be a polar orbit with the inclination of 85° and the altitude of 100km. This value has been set taking account of lunar revolving orbit's change (approx. ± 30 km per orbital altitude of 100km) affected by gravitational potential. In this case, the orbital cycle is 118 minutes.

(2) Mission management

Intraorbit distance adjacent to the satellite is approx. 32km near the equator.

Among mission devices for lunar observation satellite, the trim of visible infrared ray imaging spectrometer with the spatial resolution of 10m would be 40km, considering 4096 element CCD is used. Therefore, the establishment of three data reception earth stations would constantly allow the visual observation of the moon. As a result, in the shortest case, the entire lunar surface observation can be performed in one month required for one circuit of lunar orbit by satellite. In case of one earth station, the period would be 3~6 months. After the entire surface

observation, local area observation required for lunar landing/mobile exploration aircraft should be performed with the spatial resolution of 1m.

The fluorescence X-ray spectrometer with the shortest trim of 10km would allow the entire lunar surface observation in four months, however, the measurement accuracy should be improved by performing the same spot observation several times and extending observation time.

In the latter part of mission period, gravitational potential measurement should be performed for about six months. Accordingly, the mission period should be two years.

(3) Data transmission

The period when a observation satellite goes to the lunar back surface and becomes invisible is 48 minutes max. The observation data during this time should be logged by recorder and transmitted in the visible time. The storage data capacity is 86.4G bits. Assuming the earth station's performance as DSN level of NASA, data transmission with the rate of 60Mbps would be possible at 20W output using high gain antenna with the diameter of 0.8m. The line design table is included in attached information 3.

Table 2.2.2-1 Lunar observation satellite equipped sensors (proposed)

| Sensor name | Observation purpose | Main characteristics (proposed) | Weight | Power | Data capacity |
|---|--|---|--------|--------|---------------|
| Visible shortwave infrared ray imaging spectrometer | Stereo mapping with spatial resolution of 10m, 1m across the entire lunar surface; creation of geographic and mineral composition maps | Number of low spatial resolution bands: 8 Observation wavelength: 0.4~2.0 μm High spatial resolution band: panchromatic | 200kg | 300W | 30Mbps |
| Fluorescence X-ray (*) spectrometer | Creation of major element composition profile across the entire lunar surface | Detection range: 0.5~10 keV Spatial resolution: 10km | 15kg | 20 W | 1Kbps |
| Gamma-ray (*) spectrometer | Creation of isotope element composition profile across the entire lunar surface | Detection range: 0.1~3 MeV Spatial resolution: 60km | 30kg | 10 W | 2.5Kbps |
| Geographic and underground exploration radar | Mapping across the entire lunar surface including polar caps and underground structure | F frequency L band: VHF and others Spatial resolution: 20m | 150kg | 500 W | 30Mbps |
| Laser altimeter (laser) | Measurement of orbital altitude, sensor calibration | Spatial resolution: 10m Altitude resolution: 1m | 50kg | 150 W | 2Kbps |
| Gravitational potential measurement | Gravitational potential measurement with orbit determination | Data relay with electric propulsion lunar revolving aircraft | — | — | — |
| Radiation measurement device | Acquirement of radiation environmental data on lunar revolving orbit | Space radiation, solar wind and other radiation measurement | 25kg | 40 W | 100bps |
| | Magnetometer | Measurement range: 256,65536nT | 7kg | 10 W | 20bps |
| | Corpuscular measurement device | Fine suspended matter, neutral gas and other substance measurement | 18kg | 50 W | 150bps |
| Part material deterioration device | Acquirement of part material deterioration data on lunar revolving orbit | Sample: Memory, MPU, solar cell, etc. | 15kg | 20 W | 100bps |
| | AO sensor | Microwave radiometer, thermal infrared radiometer, etc | 40kg | | |
| Total | | | 550kg | 1100 W | 60Mbps |

(*) Elements observed by fluorescence X-ray spectrometer: Mg, Al, Si, Fe, Ti, etc.
Elements observed by gamma-ray spectrometer: U, Th, K, etc.

2.2.3 System study

(1) System analysis

Fig. 2.2.3-1 shows the flight profile of lunar observation satellite. Table 2.2.3-1 indicates the flight sequence. For propellant quantity, the margin of 5% should be allowed. One H-II rocket would enable a satellite of 2t class to enter a lunar revolving orbit.

(2) System study

Fig. 2.2.3-2 and 3 show the system plot and fairing storage, respectively. Because the lunar revolving orbit cannot achieve the solar synchronization, solar cell panels should be 2 axis driven and the yaw-around should be performed every six months.

Table 2.2.3-2 and 3 show the system overview and main functions of subsystems, respectively. The development of bus aircraft seems possible with the conventional earth observation satellite technology.

Weight and electric power estimation is indicated in table 2.2.3-4. (For details, refer to attached information 3.)

(3) Rocket system

Lunar transition orbital entry should be achieved with H-II rocket.

Table 2.2.3-1 Flight sequence of lunar observation satellite

| Event | Period | ΔV (m/s) | Propellant weight (kg) | Current weight (kg) |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Lunar transition orbital entry with H-II | Standard | 3150 | — | 2,800 |
| Mid-course maneuver | Approx. 13 hours | 20 | 20 | 2,780 |
| Lunar orbit entry to 200 × 200 km | Approx. 90 hours | 830 | 650 | 2,110 |
| Orbit transfer to 200 × 100 km | Approx. 100 hours | 20 | 15 | 2,095 |
| Orbit transfer to 100 × 100 km | Approx. 110 hours | 20 | 15 | 2,080 |
| No orbit control | — | 100 | 70 | 2,010 |

Table 2.2.3-2 System overview of lunar observation satellite

| Item | Contents |
|-------------------|---|
| Launch vehicle | H-II rocket (fairing=4m diameter) |
| Entry orbit | Lunar orbit with the altitude of 100km (inclination=85°) |
| Mission period | Two years |
| Weight | Approx. 2t |
| Mission equipment | Visible shortwave infrared ray imaging spectrometer, fluorescence X-ray spectrometer, TEDA gamma-ray spectrometer, underground exploration radar, laser altimeter, etc. |

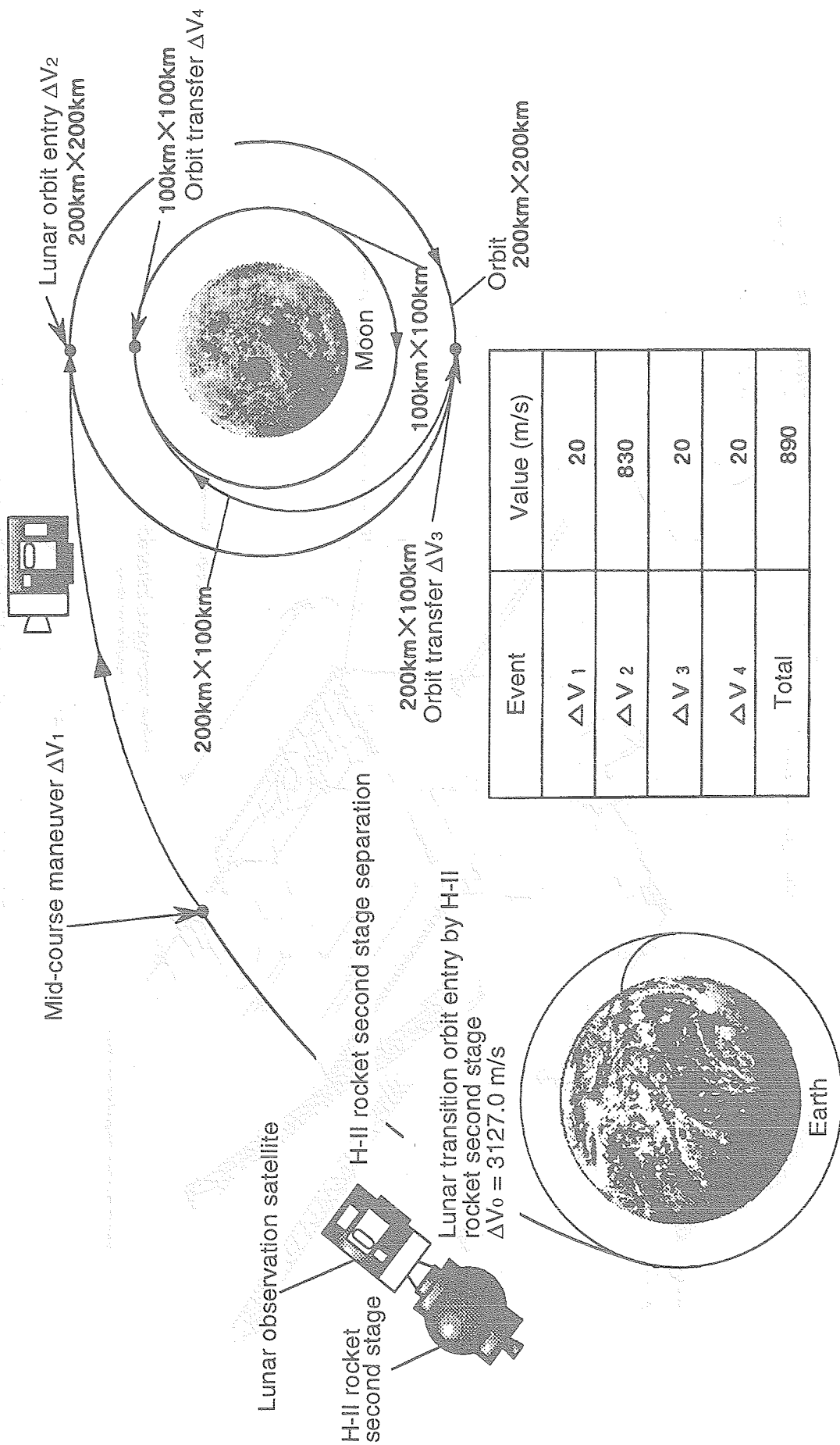


Fig. 2.2.3-1 Flight profile of lunar observation satellite

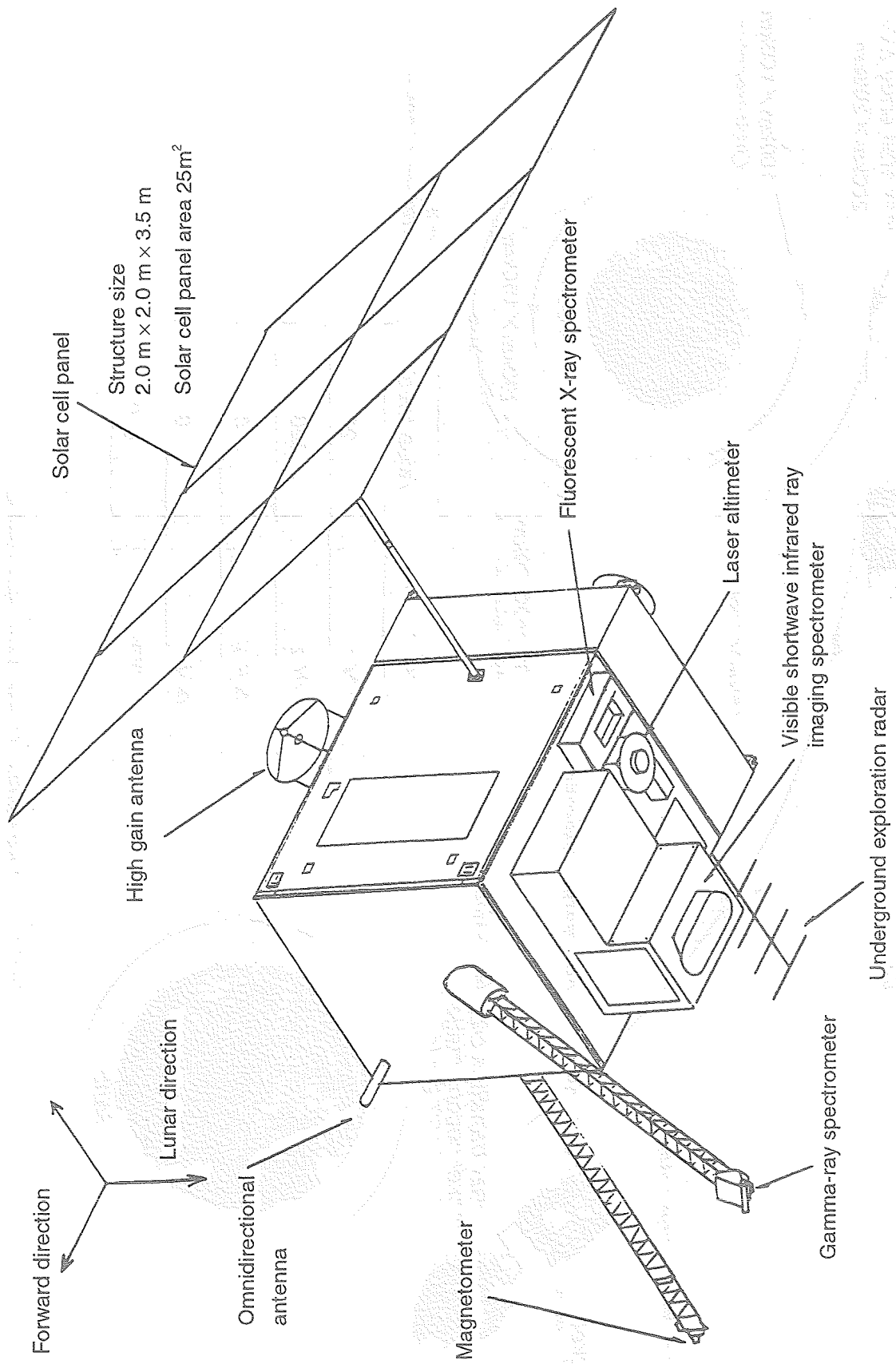


Fig. 2.2.3-2 Lunar observation satellite system plot (proposed)

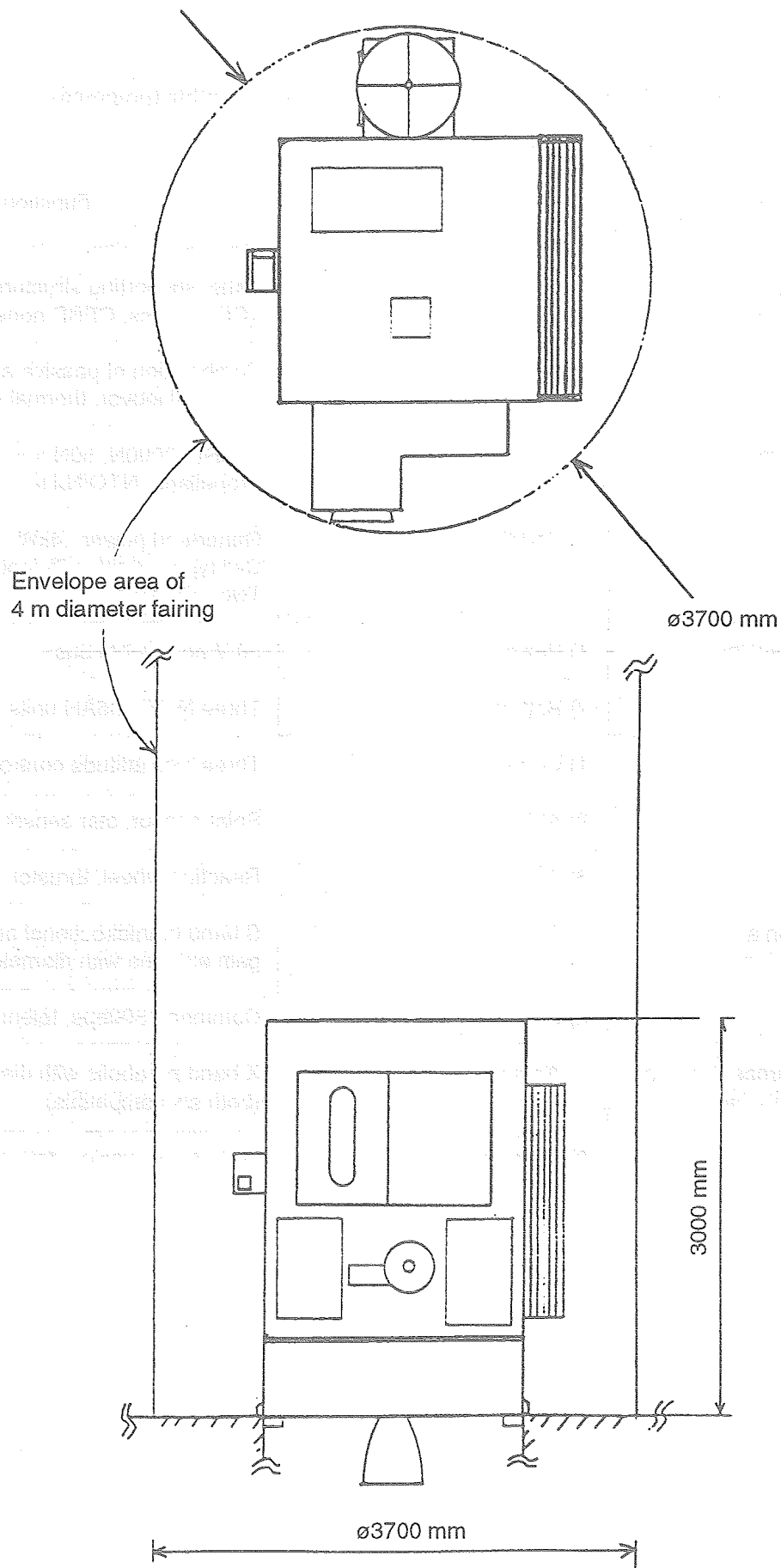


Fig. 2.2.3-3 Lunar observation satellite fairing storage

Table 2.2.3-3 Main functions of lunar observation satellite (proposed)

| Section | Item | Function |
|---|------------------------|--|
| Structure system | 1) Structure | Panel supporting structure (CFRP truss, CFRP honey-comb panel) |
| Thermal control system | 1) Method | Combination of passive and active (Thermal louver, thermal blanket, etc.) |
| Propulsion system | 1) Thruster | Thrust: 2000N, 50N × 4, 5N × 12 Propellant: NTO/N ₂ H ₄ |
| Solar cell paddle system | 1) Paddle | Generated power: 4kW Cell type: Highly efficient Si cell Two axis drive |
| Power supply system | 1) Power supply | 50 V non-stable bus |
| | 2) Battery | Three Ni-MH 35AH units |
| Attitude control system | 1) Control method | Three axis attitude control |
| | 2) Attitude sensor | Solar sensor, star sensor, IMU |
| | 3) Actuator | Reaction wheel, thruster |
| Communication and data processing system | 1) Antenna | S band omnidirectional antenna + high gain antenna with diameter of 0.8m |
| | 2) Data rate | Command 500bps, telemetry 1kbps |
| Mission data processing and transmission system | 1) Antenna | X band parabolic with diameter of 0.8m (both s/x compatible) |
| | 2) Transmission output | 20W (transmission data rate: 60Mbps) |

Table 2.2.3-4 Weight and electric power estimation of lunar observation satellite

| Item | Weight (kg) | Power consumption (W) |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Lunar transition orbit entry weight | 2,800 | |
| Satellite | 2,030 | 2,244 |
| Dry | 1,843 | 2,244 |
| Mission equipment | 550 | 1,130 |
| Bus equipment | 1,293 | 1,114 |
| Structure system | 300 | — |
| Thermal control system | 80 | 200 |
| Propulsion system | 180 | 280 |
| Solar cell paddle system | 143 | 40 |
| Power supply system | 127 | 18 |
| Attitude control system | 87 | 150 |
| Communication and data processing system | 83 | 125 |
| Mission data processing system | 159 | 314 |
| Mission data transmission system | 54 | 267 |
| Instrumentation system | 80 | — |
| Margin | 187 | — |
| Propellant | 770 | — |

2.3 Study on electric propulsion orbit transfer mission spacecraft

2.3.1 Objective

Objectives of electric propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft are listed as follows:

- 1) Long-time and wide-area space environmental data necessary for actual lunar surface activities should be acquired in the flight period of approx. two years required to reach lunar orbit with low thrust flight.
- 2) Ranging data of lunar revolving observation satellite should be relayed to measure the gravitational potential of the moon.
- 3) The basic technology of electric propulsion OTV should be established which becomes essential as efficient and economical transportation means in lunar exploitation requiring bulk transportation such as lunar base construction.

2.3.2. Mission plans

Measurement should be performed during entire orbit transfer period from the initial entry orbit^(*1) to the final orbit^(*2) with each of mounted TEDA (Technical Data Acquisition Equipment) devices. Details of these devices are as shown in table 2.3.2-1. For data transmission, mission data acquired in the visible range for the earth station should be directly transmitted. Invisible data should be recorded in data recorder to be regenerated and transmitted in visible range. Total transmission amount would be 1.6 kbps as a sum of mission system's real data rate of 320 bps and regenerated data rate. Bus system data should be acquired and transmitted in visible time with the transmission amount of 512 bps. Thereby, the transmission to TACS with USB should be performed setting the transmission rate to 3 kbps. Detailed circuit design is indicated in attached information 4.

In addition, the gravitational potential measurement on almost the entire lunar surface would be allowed by relaying the ranging data of lunar observation satellite during three-month flight. This flight would be performed on a circular orbit with the distance of 6000km to the moon core and orbital angle of 90°.

(*1) Earth revolving orbit with the orbit altitude of 200km, orbital angle of 30° and 1.5 hour cycle

(*2) Lunar revolving orbit with the orbit altitude of 100km, orbital angle of 90° and 1.4 hour cycle

2.3.3 System study

(1) System analysis

Table 2.3.3-1 shows the flight sequence and fig. 2.3.3-1 indicates the flight profile.

The electric propulsion transfer mission spacecraft should be launched by H-II and entered into low earth orbit. Then, it should raise the orbital altitude by performing spiral orbit transfer using ionic engine to enter the lunar orbit taking advantage of lunar gravitational capture. The required flight time would be approx. two years.

(2) System study

Fig. 2.3.3-2 and 2.3.3-3 illustrate mission spacecraft images and fig. 2.3.3-4 indicates the fairing storage.

The system overview is indicated in table 2.3.3-2, the subsystem specifications are in table 2.3.3-3 and the weight and electric power estimation is in table 2.3.3-4. Detailed explanation is described in attached information 4.

(3) Rocket system

- H-II rocket dual launch

Weight upon lower orbit entry (altitude of 200km): 1.3t

Table 2.3.2-1 Mission list of electric propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft

| Mission name | Device name | Purpose | Main characteristics | Transmission rate (bps) | Weight (kg) |
|--------------|--|---|---|-------------------------|-------------|
| TEDA | Radiation absorption monitor | Measurement of radiation absorption by semiconductors | Detector: Silicon semiconductor detector Count number: 103 counts/sec or less | 16 | 5 |
| | Heavy ion observation device | Heavy ion type, energy, nuclear mass, intensity, direction distribution measurement | Detector: Position detector, PIN type semiconductor, Li drift type semiconductor | 80 | 15 |
| | Part and material deterioration device | Device for deteriorating parts and material | Samples: Memory, gate array, solar cell, etc. | 100 | 15 |
| | Magnetometer | Measurement of magnetic field intensity | Detector: Flux gate type Resolution: 0.125nT | 20 | 2 |
| | Charged potential monitor | Measurement of charged potential and leak current on the surface material of mission aircraft | Measurement item: Potential: Tuning fork modulation type Current : Electrometer Measurement accuracy: Within $\pm 5\%$ | 100 | 3 |
| | Total | | | 316 | 40 |

Table 2.3.3-1 Mission sequence of electric propulsion lunar flight mission aircraft

| Event | Orbital altitude | Required ΔV (m/s) | Flight time (day) | Mission | | Remarks |
|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---|---|
| | | | | TEDA | Lunar gravitational potential measurement | |
| Launch | | | | | | |
| Earth orbit entry | 200km | | — | | | Initial entry weight: 1.3 t |
| Earth spiral orbit transfer | 200km ~ 150,000km from the earth core | 6,473 | 475 | | | 200km ~150,000km from the earth core Because of large air resistance in the initial orbit transfer (200 ~350km), RCS should be used in the orbit transfer. ΔV (170m/s) required for this is included. |
| Lunar transition orbit entry | 150,000km from the earth core to 250,000km from the earth core | 860 | 50 | | | |
| Lunar transition | 250,000km from the earth core to 45,000km from the moon core | 0 | 12 (537) | | | Lunar transition should be achieved with lunar gravity capture flight |
| Lunar orbit entry | 45,000km from the moon core to 20,000km from the moon core | 474 | 50 (587) | | | |
| Lunar spiral orbit transfer #1 | 20,000km from the moon core to 6,000km from the moon core | 0 | 90 (677) | | | Ranging data of lunar observation satellite should be relayed for three months. |
| Gravitational potential measurement mission | 6,000km from the moon core | | | | | |
| Lunar spiral orbit transfer #2 | 6,000km ~100km from the moon core | 1050 | 40 | | | |
| | Total | 7,333 | 717 | | | |

(Note): Numbers in parentheses indicate the time period from launch to each event termination.

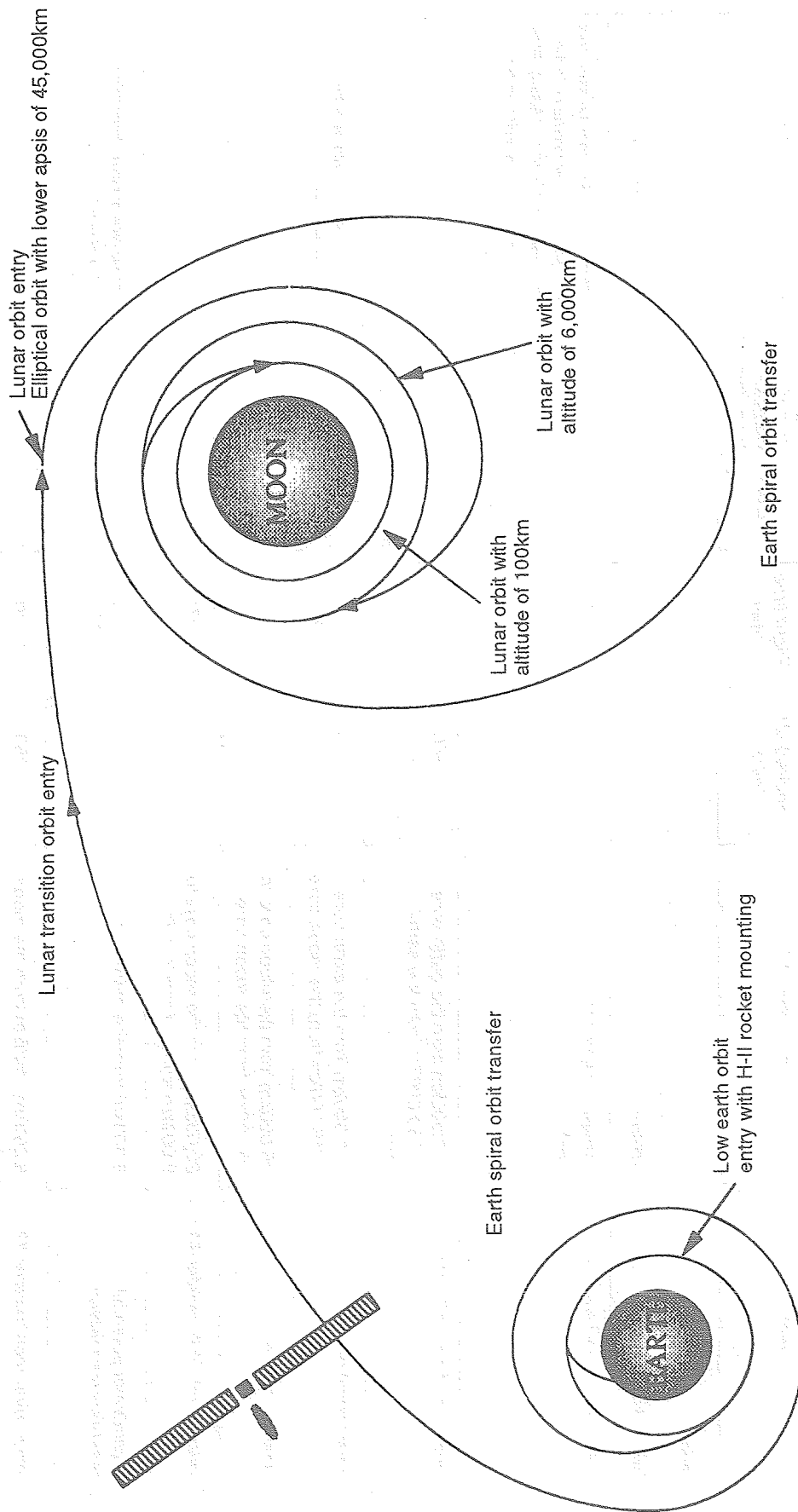


Fig. 2.3.3-1 Electric-propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft profile

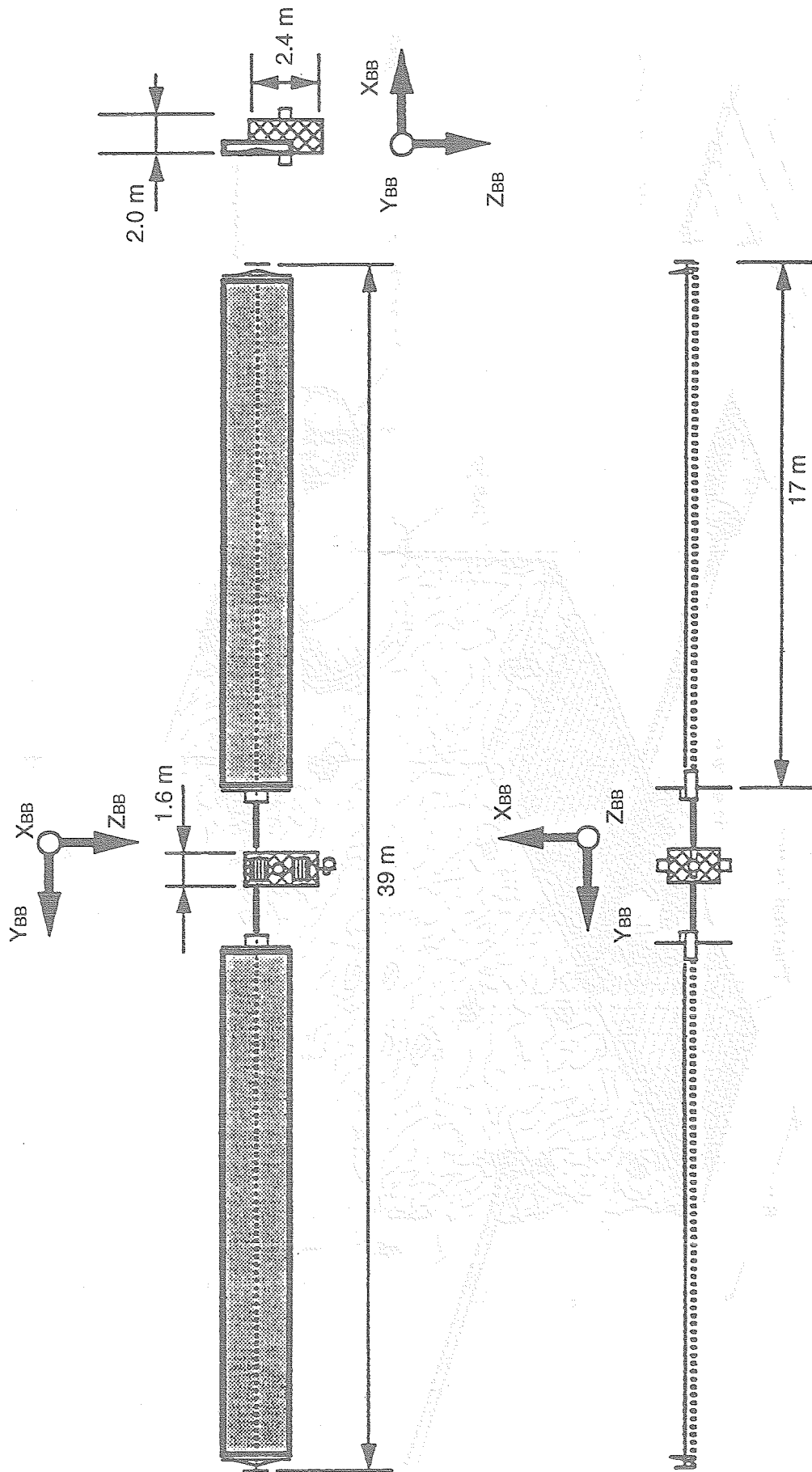


Fig. 2.3.3-2 Electric-propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft plots

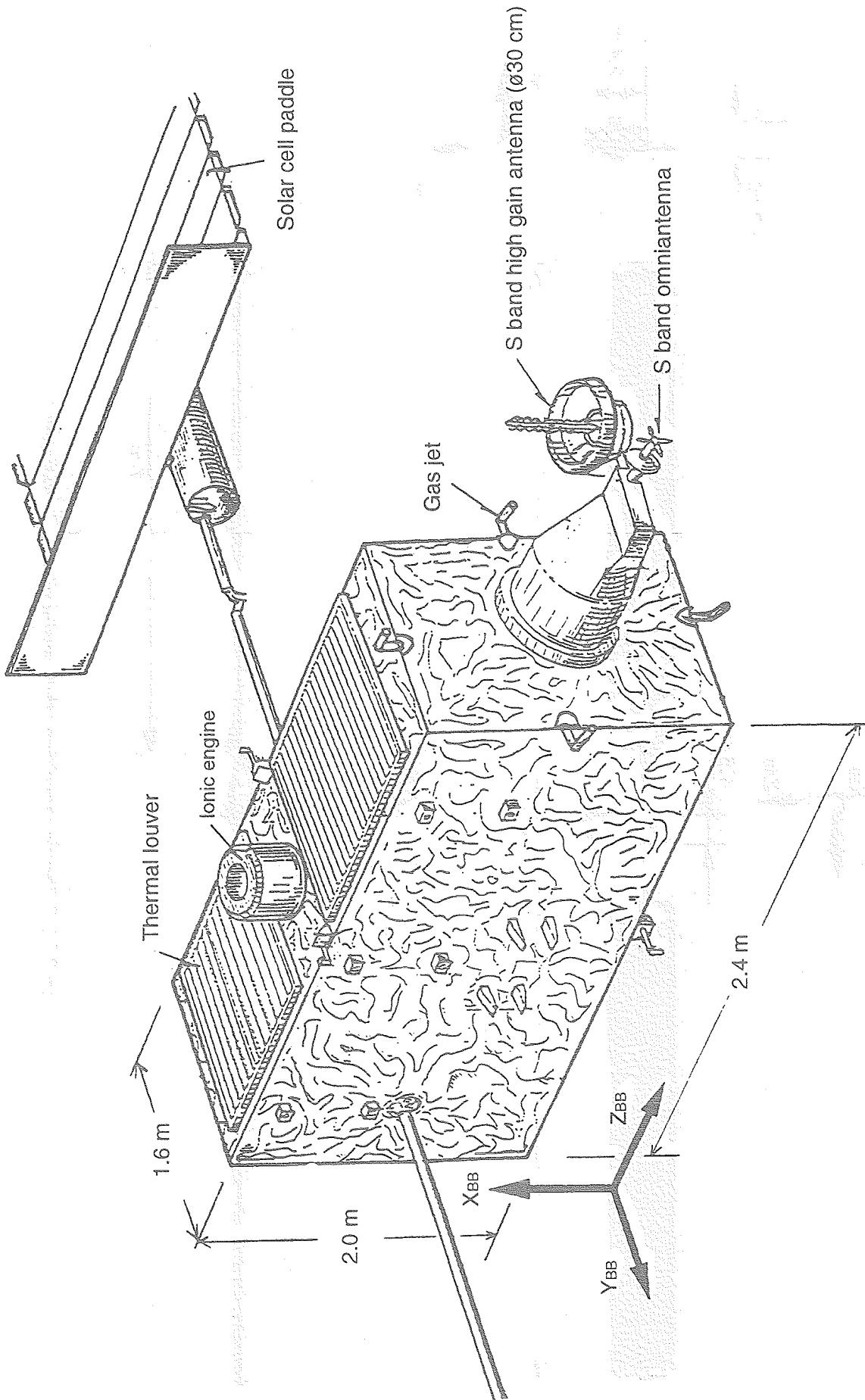


Fig. 2.3.3-3 Electric-propulsion orbit transfer mission aircraft body plots

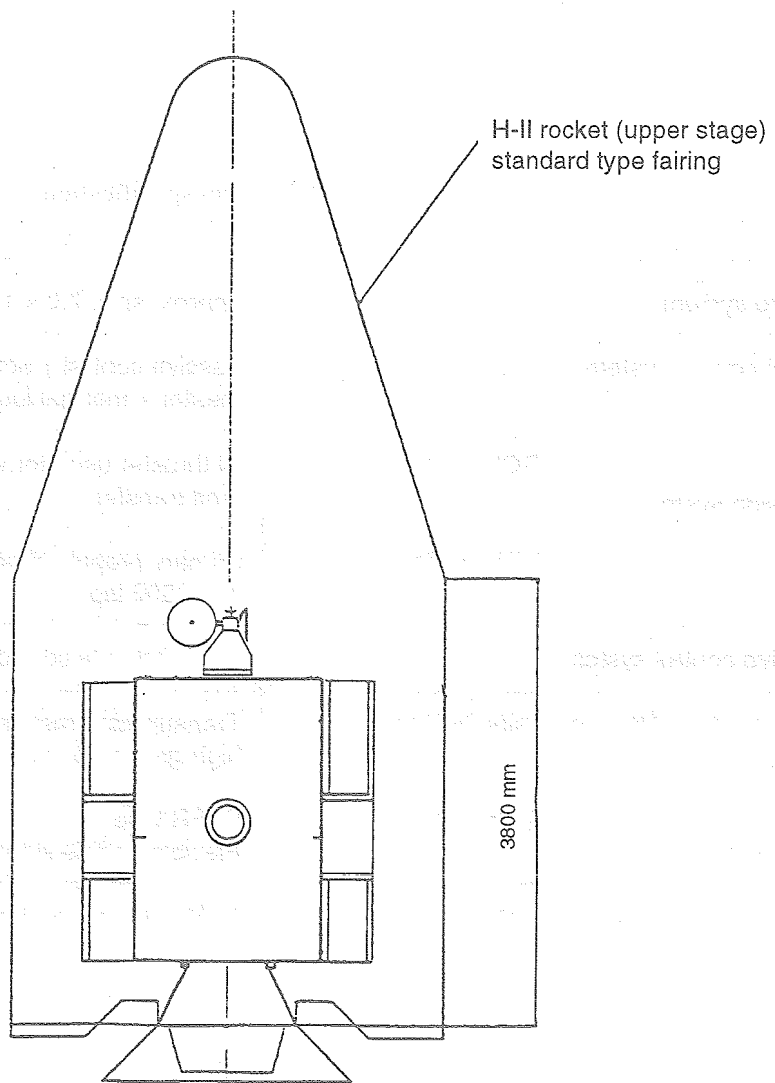
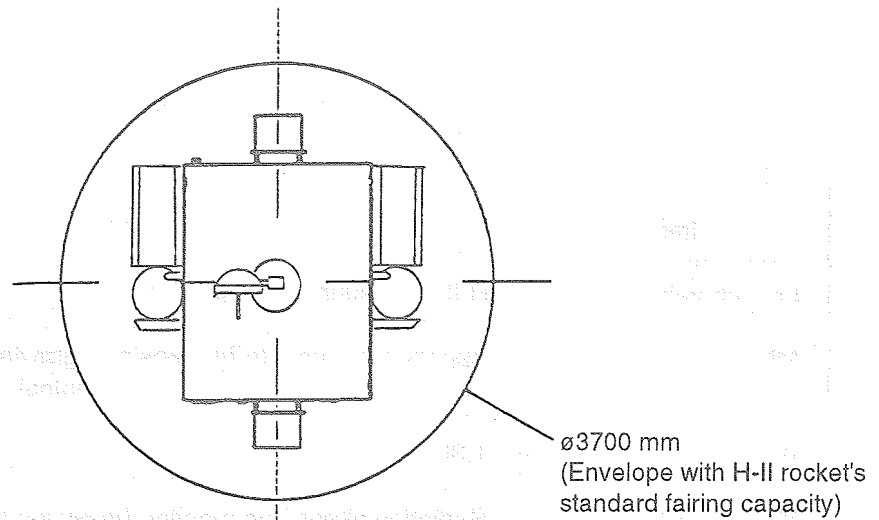


Fig. 2.3.3-4 Fairing storage

Table 2.3.3-2 System overview

| Item | Contents |
|-------------------|---|
| Launch vehicle | H-II dual launch (fairing: ø4m dual) |
| Mission period | Approx. two years (orbit transfer + gravitational potential measurement mission for three months) |
| Weight | 1.3t |
| Mission equipment | Radiation absorption monitor, heavy ion observation device, part & material deterioration device, magnetometer, charged potential monitor |

Table 2.3.3-3 Subsystem specifications

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Structure system | | Approx. size: 2.0 × 1.6 × 2.4m, box-type |
| Thermal control system | | Passive control + active control (heater + thermal louver) |
| Propulsion system | RCS system | IN thruster used for wheel's unloading and initial orbit transfer |
| | Ionic engine system | Primary propulsion system with 200mN thrust and 3500 lsp |
| Derivative control system | | 3 axis attitude controlled zero momentum type |
| Communication data processing system | | Transmission method: USB, Antenna: ø30 cm high-gain antenna + omnidirectional antenna |
| Power system | Solar cell | BSFR type Flexible paddle size: 2.4 × 1.7m, 2 airfoils |
| | Battery | Ni-MH, power consumption: approx. 1500Wh |

Table 2.3.3-4 Weight and power estimation for electric propulsion mission aircraft

| Item | | Weight (kg) | Power (w) | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------|--|
| Mission equipment | Radiation absorption monitor | 5 | 12 | |
| | Heavy ion observation device | 15 | 18 | |
| | Part & material deterioration device | 15 | 20 | |
| | Magnetometer | 2 | 4 | |
| | Charged potential monitor | 3 | 8 | |
| | Subtotal | 40 | 62 | |
| Mission aircraft bus equipment | Structure system | 80 | — | Heater power of propulsion system should be included in the thermal control system. Maximums of electric power during ion engine operating/nonoperating |
| | Thermal control system | 50 | 100 | |
| | RCS system | 26 | — | |
| | Ionic engine system | 150 | 5300 | |
| | Attitude control system | 76 | 149 | |
| | Communication & data processing system | 50 | 85 | |
| | Power system | 380 | 30 | |
| | Subtotal | 812 | 5623/323 | |
| Dry weight of mission aircraft | | 858 | — | |
| Propellant weight | Ionic engine | 274 | — | |
| | RCS | 82 | — | |
| | Subtotal | 356 | — | |
| Design margin | | 86 | — | |
| Total | | 1300 | 5685/385 | Maximums of electric power during ion engine operating/nonoperating |

3. Study on lunar landing and mobile exploration spacecraft

3.1 Objectives

Objectives of lunar mobile exploration spacecraft are as follows:

- 1) Unmanned landing and resource survey on the lunar surface
- 2) Acquisition of lunar environmental data
- 3) Execution of various experiments on the lunar surface
- 4) Acquisition of scientific data on the moon
- 5) Mastering of landing/mobile exploration technique for moon and Mars

3.2 Mission plans

There are two kinds of systems for lunar mobile exploration spacecraft - one type is limited to perform lunar observation and experiments and the other is to collect samples and pass them to the sample return spacecraft besides the first type task. The following description explains the case of only performing lunar observation and experiments. For the case of including sample collection, refer to attached information 5.

3.2.1 Mission equipment

Table 3. 2-1 shows the mission equipment (proposed) for lunar mobile exploration spacecraft No. 1. The weight of mission equipment is 50kg.

Table 3.2-1 Lunar mobile exploration mission aircraft equipped sensors (proposed)

| Sensor name | Observation purpose | Main function |
|--|---|--|
| Remote secondary ion mass spectrometer (Remote SIMS) | Analysis of chemical composition of lunar surface material, especially accessory element composition | Measurement range: M = 1~210 amu |
| Gamma-ray spectrometer | Element composition analysis and general classification of rocks | Measured energy range: 0.1~10 MeV |
| Fluorescence X-ray spectrometer | Element composition analysis | Measured energy range: 0.5~10 keV |
| Close-up camera | Zoom-up observation of lunar surface material to presume mineral types | Magnification: 100 times (TBD) Pixels: 512 × 512 |
| Regolith (lunar mantlerock) heater | Regolith heating for volatile ingredient extraction experiments as well as resource exploitation experiments with melting/consolidation | Remote SIMS is also used in analysis. |

3.2.2 Observation plans

(1) Route of rover

Since crust thickness and geological structure are different between the front surface and back surface of the moon, possible exploration spots for lunar mobile exploration spacecraft would be widely scattered. Therefore, it seems that several spacecraft would be required. For the exploration route of the first one, a route from the Apennines to the Copernicus crater is proposed as shown in fig. 3.2-1, because the most recently formed Copernicus crater and the older Mare Imbrium can be observed at one opportunity and risks can be decreased by known landing spots. For the second spacecraft, it seems effective to explore those spots different from the first one (the back surface or polar area) and the study should be performed in the future.

(2) Mission management

The mission of lunar lander spacecraft is to deploy rover on the lunar surface. In this case, lunar observation tasks are excluded.

Lunar rover should be assumed to run approx. 5km a day with the average day speed of 1km/h and the maximum of 4km/h (operation time: several hours a day) with the total mobile distance per year of approx. 1,000km. Observations and experiments should be performed on 100 spots or so including those determined by remote sensing data and those considered to be important looking at image data.

(3) Data transmission

Since rover move on the front surface of the moon, they would be always visible from the earth. Therefore, mission data recorders are not required. Considering the data rate up to 21Mbps and assuming the earth station to be DSN class of NASA, the line can be established with the transmission output of 5W using high gain antenna of 0.6m diameter. For the line design table, refer to attached information 5. If the second rover explores on the far-side surface, lunar orbiting data relay satellite will be required.

3.3 System study

(1) System analysis

Fig. 3.3-1 shows the flight profile of lunar lander/rover.

In the propulsions system of lunar lander, 5 units of 2,000N thrusters using storable propellant (ETS-VI mounted LAPS equivalent) should be clustered with throttling of approx. 40% being performed on one unit.

Table 3.3-1 indicates the flight sequence. One H-II rocket can transport a rover of 500kg to the moon if storable propellant is used in the propulsion system of lander.

(2) System study

Fig. 3.3-2 and 3.3-3 show the system plot and fairing storage, respectively. Table 3.3-2 and 3.3-3 indicate the system overview and main characteristics of subsystems.

Weight and electric power estimation is indicated in table 3.3-4. For details, refer to attached information 5.

(3) Rocket system

Lunar transition orbital entry should be achieved with H-II rocket.

Table 3.3-1 Flight sequence of lunar lander/rover

| Event | Period | ΔV (m/s) | Propellant weight (kg) | Current weight (kg) |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Lunar transition orbital entry with H-II | Standard | 3,150 | — | 2,800 |
| Mid-course maneuver | Approx. 13 hours | 20 | 20 | 2,780 |
| Lunar orbit entry with 100 × 100 km | Approx. 90 hours | 860 | 695 | 2,085 |
| Orbit transfer with 100 × 15 km | Approx. 100 hours | 20 | 15 | 2,070 |
| Orbit determination, equipment check out | Approx. 100 hours | — | — | 2,070 |
| Final landing | Approx. 110 hours | 1,890 | 950 | 1,120 |
| Attitude control, margin | — | 150 | 50 | 1,070 |
| Lunar rover separation | Approx. 120 hours | — | — | 570+500 * |

* Lunar landing spacecraft weight (570kg) + lunar rover weight (500kg)

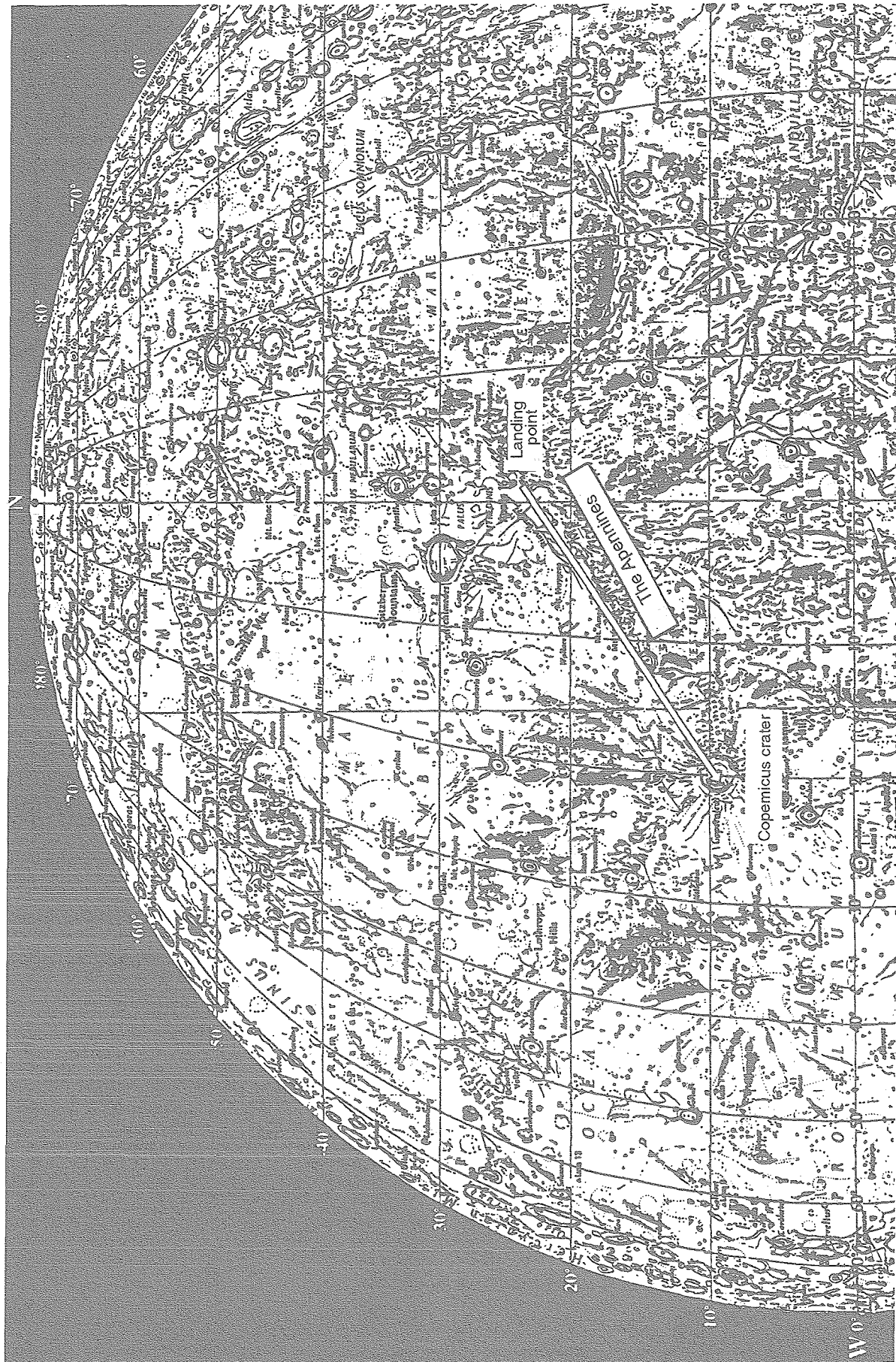


Fig. 3.2-1 Route of lunar rover (proposed)

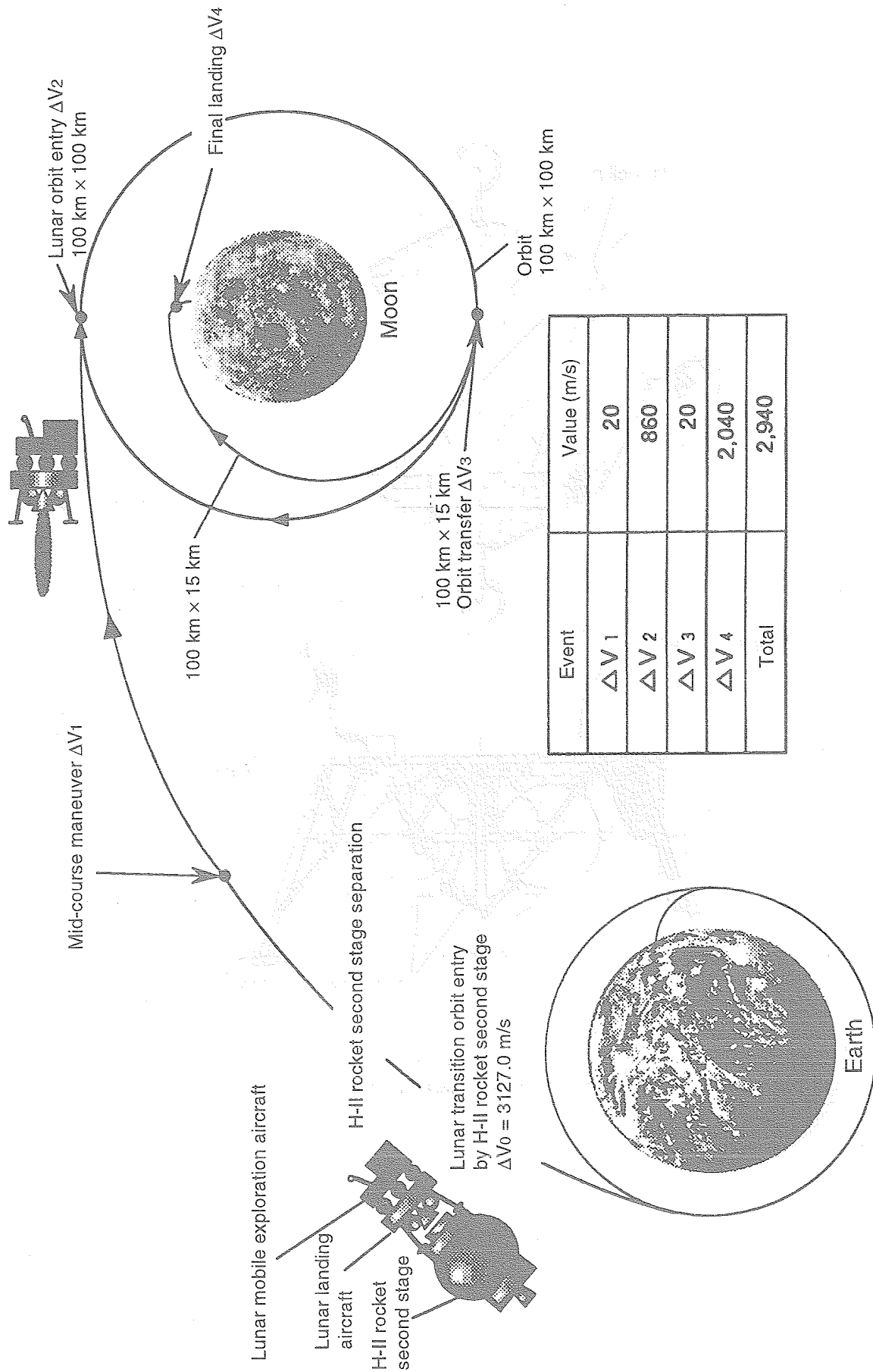


Fig. 3.3-1 Flight profile of lunar landing/mobile exploration aircraft

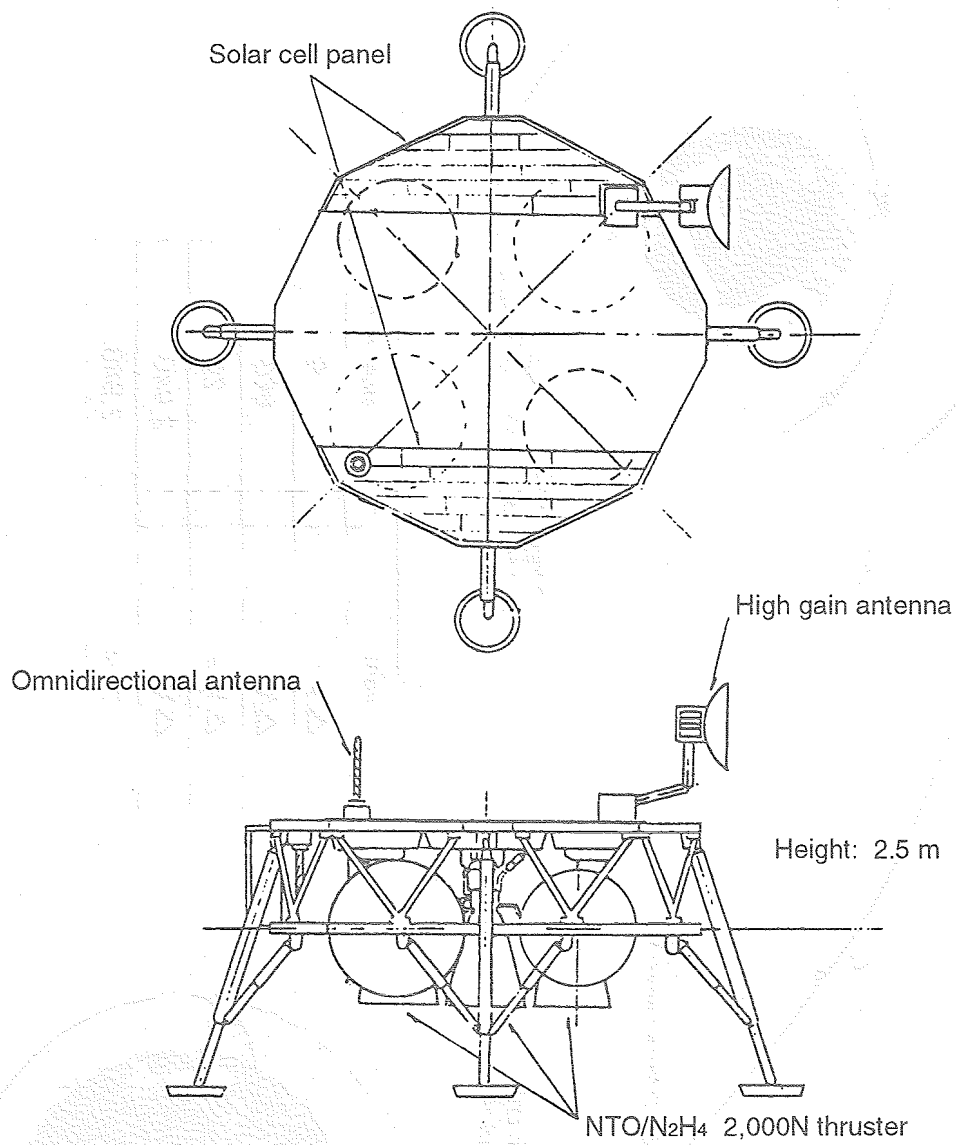


Fig. 3.3-2 (a) Lunar lander system plot

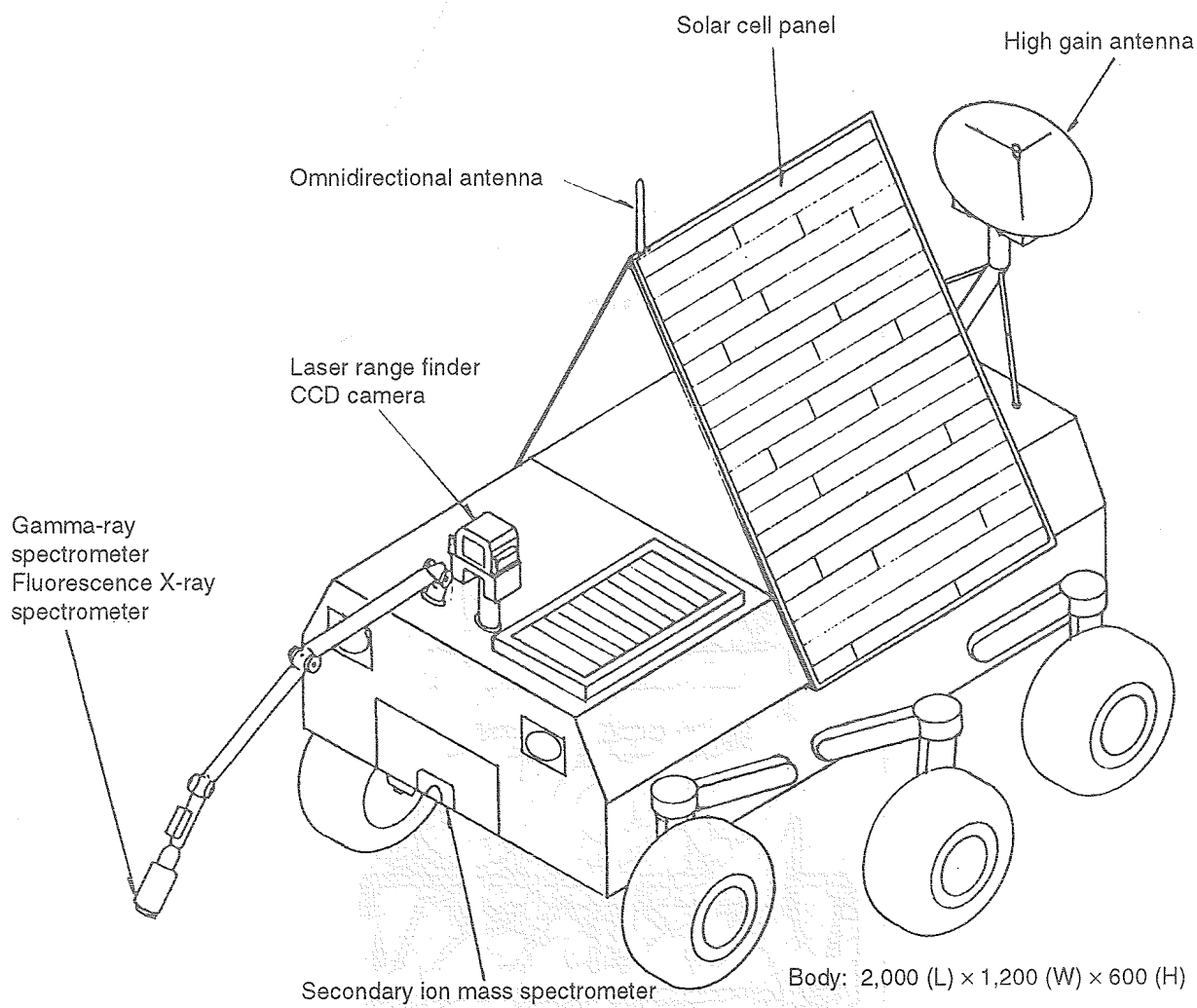


Fig. 3.3-2 (b) Lunar rover system plot

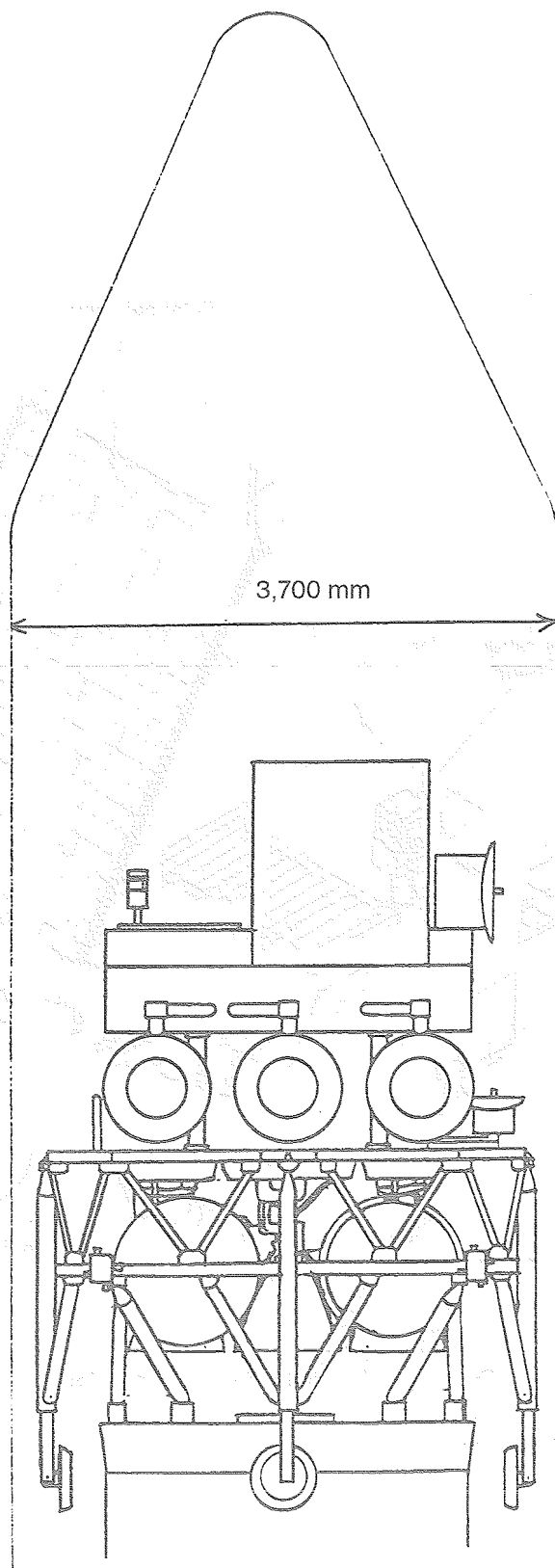


Fig. 3.3-3 Lunar lander/rover fairing storage

Table 3.3-2 (a) System overview of lunar landing aircraft

| Item | Contents |
|----------------|---|
| Launch vehicle | H-II rocket (fairing = 4m diameter) |
| Landing point | Vicinity of Apollo 15 landing point (West edge of Mare Imbrium) |
| Mission period | Until the separation of lunar mobile exploration aircraft after landing |
| Weight | 570kg |

Table 3.3-2 (b) System overview of lunar mobile exploration aircraft

| Item | Contents |
|---------------------|---|
| Launch vehicle | H-II rocket (fairing = 4m diameter) |
| Place of activity | Between the Apennines and Copernicus crater (approx. 1,000km) (See fig. 3.2-1.) |
| Mission period | One year |
| Weight | Approx. 500kg (Weight of mission equipment: 50kg) |
| Mission equipment | Remote mass spectrometer, fluorescence X-ray spectrometer, gamma-ray spectrometer, regolith heater, close-up camera |
| Running performance | Maximum up-hill angle: 30° Maximum stable angle: 35° Maximum step height for climbing: 30cm Running speed: 1km/h (average) |

Table 3.3-3 (a) Main functions of lunar landing aircraft subsystem (proposed)

| Subsystem | Item | Function |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Structure system | Structure | Truss + panel structure |
| | Shock absorption upon landing | Plastic deformation of aluminum honeycomb |
| Thermal control system | Method | Combination of passive and active types |
| Propulsion system | Main propulsion engine | NTO/N ₂ H ₄ engine (LAPS equivalent) with thrust of 2,000N × 5 units; 40% throttling is performed on one unit. |
| | Thruster | 50N × 8, 1N × 16 |
| Power supply system | Solar cell | Generated power: 200W Cell type: Highly efficient Si cell |
| | Battery | Capacity: 800Wh Type: Ag-Zn primary cell |
| Attitude control system | Attitude Control method | Three axis attitude control |
| | Landing method | Semi-automatic landing evading obstacles based on image data |
| | Mounted sensor | Solar sensor, star sensor, IMU, landing radar, video camera |
| Communication and mission data processing system | Frequency | Telemetry, command: USB Image data: X band |
| | Data rate | Telemetry: 1,024bps, command: 500bps Image data: 4.6MHz (transmission output: 5W) |
| | Antenna | Omnidirectional antenna: USB High gain antenna with diameter of 30cm: X/S band |

Table 3.3-3 (b) Main functions of lunar mobile exploration aircraft subsystem (proposed)

| Subsystem | Item | Function |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| Structure system | Style | Frame + panel structure |
| Thermal control system | Method | Thermal louver + passive type thermal control material |
| | Night time incubatory method | Heater + water latent heat utilization |
| Running system | Wheel | Wire mesh |
| | Steerage | Method: 2 front wheel steerage |
| | Driving method | Brushless DC motor + harmonic driving decelerator |
| Power system | Solar cell panel | Generated power: 200W (max.) Cell type: Highly efficient Si cell |
| | Battery | Type: Ni-MH Capacity: 1,400Wh |
| Flight system | Aviation | Inertial aviation + geographic recognition aviation |
| | Control | Remote control + automatic risk avoidance control |
| | Mounted sensor | CCD camera, laser range finder, wheel revolution indicator, solar sensor, clinometer, touch sensor |
| Communication and mission data processing system | Frequency | Telemetry, command: USB Mission data: X band (transmission output: 5W) |
| | Data rate | Telemetry: 1,024bps, command: 500bps Mission data: 21Mbps |
| | Antenna | Omnidirectional antenna: USB High gain antenna with diameter of 60cm: X/S band |

Table 3.3-4 Weight and electric power estimation of lunar landing/mobile exploration aircraft

| Item | Weight (kg) | Power consumption (W) |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Lunar transition orbit entry weight | 2,800 | |
| Lunar landing aircraft | 2,300 | 700 |
| Dry | 570 | 662 |
| Bus equipment | 512 | 662 |
| Structure system | 114 | — |
| Thermal control system | 20 | 30 |
| Propulsion system | 200 | 360 |
| Power supply system | 49 | 15 |
| Attitude control system | 61 | 140 |
| Communication and data processing system | 48 | 117 |
| Instrumentation system | 20 | — |
| Margin | 58 | 38 |
| Propellant | 1,720 | — |
| Lunar mobile exploration aircraft | 500 | 800 |
| Mission equipment | 56 | 100 |
| Bus equipment | 407 | 658 |
| Structure system | 66 | — |
| Thermal control system | 94 | 50 |
| Running system | 48 | 279 |
| Power system | 67 | 16 |
| Flight system | 52 | 108 |
| Communication and data processing system | 35 | 45 |
| Mission data processing and transmission system | 35 | 160 |
| Instrumentation system | 10 | — |
| Margin | 37 | 42 |

4. Study on lunar sample return system

4.1 Objective

Objectives of lunar sample return are listed as follows:

- (1) Detailed analysis of lunar material
- (2) Validation of remote sensing data with orbiter
- (3) Mastering of lunar shuttle technology
- (4) Development of Mars sample return technique

4.2 Sample recovery method

- 1) Sample recovery should be performed by the lunar mobile exploration spacecraft separately blasted-off.
- 2) Weight of recovered sample should be 50kg.

4.3 System study

4.3.1 Study case

Lunar sample return system described in this chapter consists of capsule, landing/takeoff module, lunar orbiter and external tank. The function of each part is listed as follows:

- Lunar orbiter:

Capsule with samples should be entered into the earth transition orbit. This module should be separated from the body before landing on the moon and parked on the lunar orbit while the landing/takeoff module loads samples. For propellant, storable type should be used.

- Landing/takeoff module:

This module should land on the moon and collect samples, then take off the moon with collected samples, which should be transshipped into a lunar orbiter on the orbit - at this point the mission of the landing/takeoff module will be terminated. The thrust system of this module should be used in lunar orbiter entry and lunar landing/takeoff. The propellant should be of storable type.

Upon takeoff, landing legs, landing sensor, sample transshipment device should be left on the lunar surface.

- External tank:

Upon lunar orbit entry, the propulsion system of landing/takeoff module should be used. This external tank should store the propellant required for entry and supply it to the landing/takeoff module.

- Capsule:

It should receive samples on the lunar orbit and enter the earth atmosphere to be recovered.

The comparison with other cases is included in attached information 8.

4.3.2 System study

(1) System analysis

Fig. 4.3-1 indicates the flight profile and table 4.3-1 shows the flight sequence.

| Event | Symbol | Incremental speed (m/s) |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Lunar transition orbit entry | ΔV_1 | 3,127 |
| Mid-course maneuver | ΔV_2 | 20 |
| Lunar revolving orbit entry | ΔV_3 | 860 |
| Lunar landing | ΔV_4 | 2,050 |
| Lunar takeoff | ΔV_5 | 1,910 |
| Rendezvous docking | ΔV_6 | 140 |
| Earth transition orbit entry | ΔV_7 | 860 |
| Mid-course maneuver | ΔV_8 | 20 |

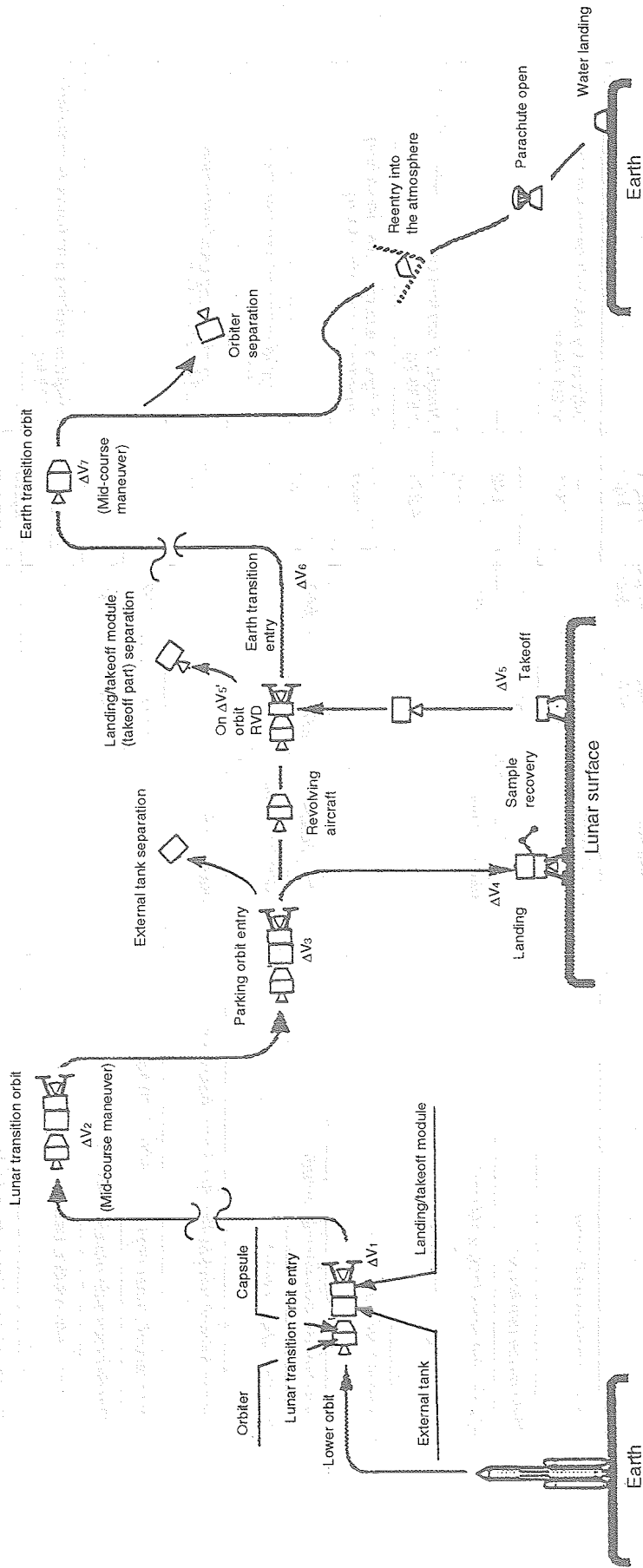


Fig. 4.3-1 Flight profile of lunar sample return system

Table 4.3-1 Flight sequence of lunar sample return aircraft

| | Flight time | Incremental speed (m/s) | Propellant weight (kg) | Current weight (kg) | Remarks |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1 Lunar transition orbit entry | Blast-off date | — | — | 7,691 | Orbit entry with H-II derivative type rocket of 20t class |
| 2 Mid-course maneuver | ↓ | 20 | 49 | 7,642 | |
| 3 Lunar orbit entry (100 × 100 km) | After 4.5 days | 860 | 1,832 | 5,810 | |
| 4 Revolving part separation | ↓ | — | — | 4,272 | Weight of orbiting part (capsule included): 1,538 kg |
| 5 External tank separation | ↓ | — | — | 3,837 | Weight of external tank (remaining propellant included): 414 kg |
| 6 Lunar landing (hovering included) | After 5 days | 2,050 | 1,840 | 1,997 | |
| 7 Sample transshipment | After 5-10 days | — | — | 2,067 | Weight of collected samples (box included): 70 kg |
| 8 Landing/takeoff module (landing part) separation | After 10 days | — | — | 1,320 | Weight of landing part (remaining propellant included): 747 kg |
| 9 Lunar takeoff, lunar orbit entry (100 × 100 km) | ↓ | 1,910 | 602 | 718 | |
| 10 Rendezvous with orbiting part | ↓ | 140 | 31 | 687 | |
| 11 Docking with orbiting part | ↓ | — | — | 2,225 | Weight of orbiting part (capsule included): 1,538 kg |
| 12 Sample transportation to capsule | ↓ | — | — | 2,225 | |
| 13 Landing/takeoff module (takeoff part) separation | ↓ | — | — | 1,608 | Weight of takeoff part (remaining propellant included): 617 kg |
| 14 Earth transition orbit entry | After 10.5 days | 860 | 385 | 1,223 | |
| 15 Mid-course maneuver | ↓ | 20 | 8 | 1,215 | |
| 16 Orbiter separation | After 15 days | — | — | 770 | Weight of orbiter (remaining propellant included): 445 kg |
| 17 Atmospheric entry | ↓ | — | — | | |
| (Total weight of propellant) | | | 4,747 | | |

Specific thrust (for NTO/N₂H₂ engine): 320

(2) System study

Fig. 4.3-2 illustrates the configuration on the lunar transition orbit. Table 4.3-2 ~ 4.3-4 indicate main functions of entire system, subsystem structure and weight estimate, respectively.

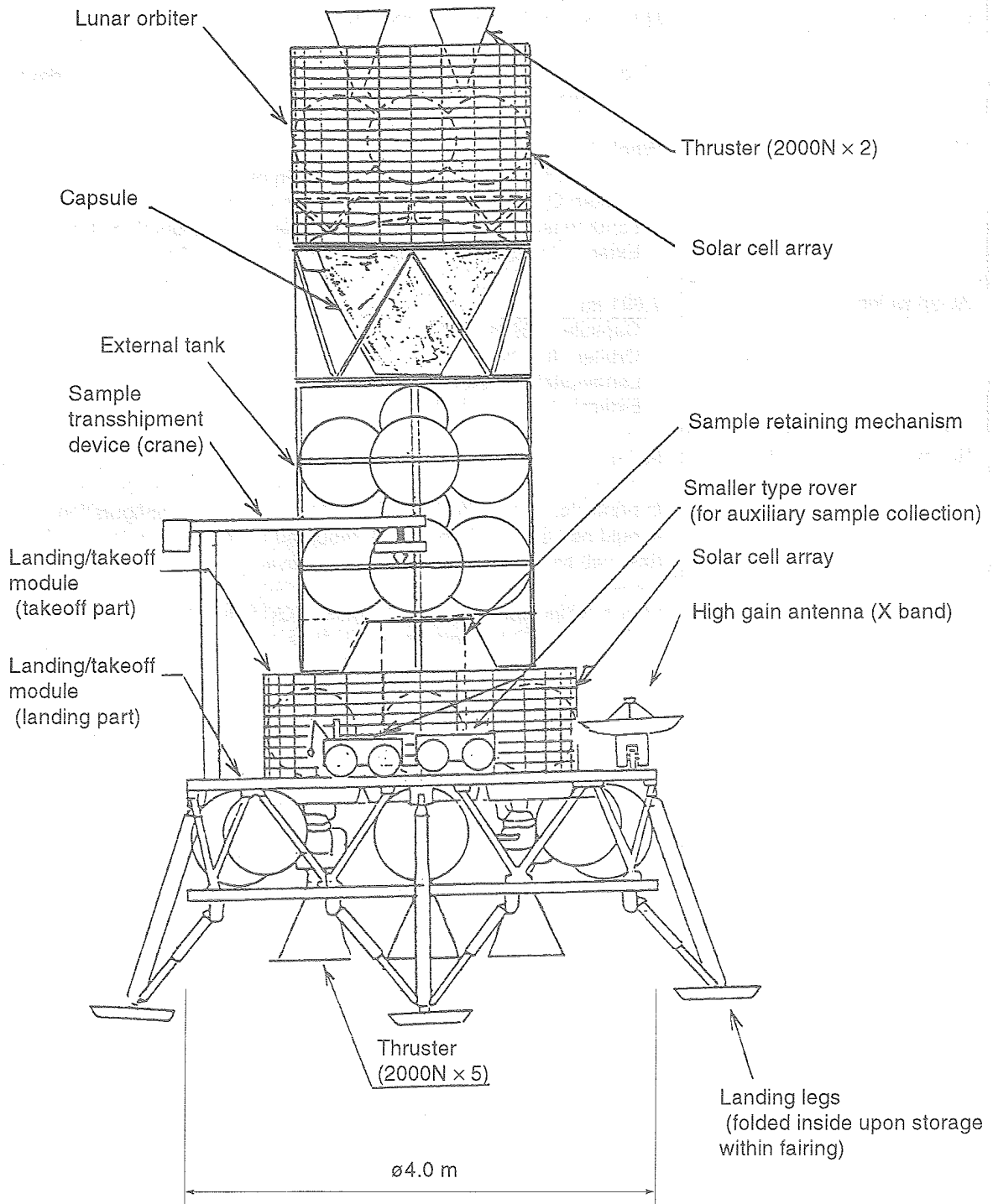


Fig. 4.3-2 Configuration on the lunar transition orbit

Table 4.3-2 Main functions of lunar sample return aircraft

| Item | Contents |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Launch vehicle | H-II rocket derivative type (20t class) |
| Mission period | 15 days (10 days for shuttling between the earth and moon + 5 days for stay-over on the moon) |
| Main size | Whole length Capsule: Max. diameter of 1.6m/length of 1.1m Orbiter: Outer diameter of 1.6m/length of 2m Landing/takeoff module: Max. diameter of 4.0m/length of 4m External tank: Outer diameter of 1.6m/length of 3.5m |
| All-up weight (excluding samples) | 7,691 kg Capsule: 700 kg Orbiter: 838 kg Landing/takeoff module: 3,837 kg External tank: 2,316 kg |
| Recovery sample weight | 50 kg |
| Redundancy configuration | In principle, dual-system and stand-by redundancy configuration should be adopted. The CPU of mounted computer should be of IFO (tri-level) type taking account of single event. |
| Earth station | • For tracking control, NASDA station (KATSUURA, etc.) and ISAS station (USUDA) supports should be assumed. |

Table 4.3-3 System configuration for each module

| | Capsule | Lunar revolving aircraft | Landing/takeoff module |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| Structure system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apollo-style capsule • Adiabatic structure with ablater • Cover closing gear (for sample storage) • Data communication with revolving aircraft and power connector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cylindrical structure • Coupling with capsule via upper separation unit • Data communication with capsule and power connector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cylinder (takeoff part) + truss (landing part) structure • Landing part should be separated upon takeoff |
| Attitude control system | Computer, IMU, GPS receiver, RV sensor (target appulse system), valve driving mechanism | Star sensor, RVD sensor (target distant system) (Capsule should be used for IMU, etc.) | Obstacle detection system (landing part), RVD sensor (chaser), computer, IMU |
| Communication system | CU-RIU, omnidirectional antenna, transponder, data recorder | RIU (2 style) (Capsule should be used for CU, etc.) | • CU-RIU (4 style) |
| Power system | [Return module separation ~ recovery] Power supply with mounted battery [Except for the above-mentioned case] Power supply from lunar revolving aircraft | Power supply with solar cell and battery (Solar cell should be fixed on the external boarding.) | Power supply with solar cell and battery (Solar cell should be fixed on the external boarding.) |
| Propulsion system | RCS for attitude control | Main propulsion system: NTO/N ₂ H ₄ of 2,000N (×2) RCS: 50N (×4), 4N (×12) | Main propulsion system: NTO/N ₂ H ₄ of 2,000N (×5) RCS: 50N (×4), 1N (×12) |
| Mission system | Retaining mechanism of 50kg sample | | Crane for sample transshipment: one set Sample retaining mechanism: one set Monitor camera (for crane top monitoring): one set (for entire task monitoring): one set Smaller type rover: one set Sample box (spare): one set |
| Thermal control system | Capsule's heat removal and incubatory should be performed with heat pipe, radiator and heater. | | |

Table 4.3-4 Weight estimation of each module

| | Capsule | Revolving aircraft | Landing/takeoff module | | External tank |
|--|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | | Landing | Takeoff | |
| Structure system | 268 | 130 | 305 | 165 | 130 |
| Derivative control system | 66 | 28 | 138 | 127 | 0 |
| Communication and data processing system | 41 | 19 | 83 | 41 | 0 |
| Power system | 35 | 49 | 55 | 55 | 0 |
| Propulsion system | 38 | 131 | 292 | 81 | 128 |
| Thermal control system | 40 | 25 | 75 | 45 | 10 |
| Mission system | 30 | 0 | 191 | 10 | 0 |
| Recovery system | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (Margin) | 49 | 38 | 121 | 66 | 32 |
| Dry weight | 687 | 420 | 1,260 | 590 | 300 |
| Propellant weight | 13 | 416 | 2,568 | 657 | 2,008 |
| GHe | 0.1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 |
| Weight of collected samples | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Sample box | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| All-up weight (samples included) | 700 (770) | 838 (—) | 3,837 (—) | 1,250 (1320) | 2,316 (—) |

4.4 Rocket system

Lunar sample return system should be launched aboard using H-II derivative rocket (20t class).
For the comparison study on the transportation system, refer to attached information 6.

5. Study on Mars observation satellite

5.1 Objectives

(1) Acquisition of wide-area Mars observation data

Wide-area Mars observation should be performed to acquire the fundamental data for the successive Mars atmosphere entry/landing mission and Mars sample return mission.

Detailed missions are described as follows:

a) Geographical/surface material composition observation on Mars

- Creation of geographical map across the entire Mars surface with the spatial resolution of 100m and observation of surface material composition for investigating geological profile, geological evolution and volatile material presence on the Mars surface
- Observation of polar cap ingredients, thickness and seasonal changes for investigating polar cap forming era and influence on climate change
- Observation of thermal infrared emission for investigating weather and volcanism

b) Geographical and other observation on possible landing spots

- Creation of geographical map with the spatial resolution of 1m on the peripheral area of possible sites (20~40 km square) for determining the possibility of soft landing and movement
- Detailed observation on each possible site required for selection

c) Observation of Mars atmosphere

- Survey on Mars atmospheric composition, temperature, atmospheric pressure and their vertical profiles, cloud and storm observation and moisture vapor distribution survey for investigating Mars weather/climate changes, atmospheric circulating system and the existence of volatile gases

d) Measurement of charged particle environment around Mars

- Observation of energy distribution of charged particles for investigating Mars magnetic field

(2) Establishment of planet exploration technique

Transition orbit entry technique and tracking control & operation technique should be established.

5.2 Mission plans

Table 5.2-1 shows the mission equipment. The orbital altitude should be 400km taking account of orbital altitude decrease caused by atmosphere and observation resolution, etc. According to solar synchronization conditions, inclination would be 92 degrees and regression cycle would be 79 days. The distance between adjacent orbits on the equator would be 24km. Therefore, for visible near infrared emission system with the resolution of 100m, observation should be performed using CCD with 300 elements and setting the trim to 30km. In case that the distance between the earth and Mars is 7.48×10^7 km or less (for 79 days), realtime observation of sunshine data for visible near infrared radiometer, shooting camera and visible thermal infrared radiometer as well as constant observation for other sensors should be performed to simultaneously transmit Mars back surface data recorded in data recorder and realtime data. The data rate at this time should be 85kbps. (See attached information 7.) In case that the distance is more than 7.48×10^7 km, transmission should be performed with lower rates depending on distance, efficiently combining real-time data and data recorder data.

5.3 System study

(1) System analysis

Table 5.3-1 indicates the flight sequence and fig. 5.3-1 shows the flight profile. After the earth revolving lower orbit entry completion using H-II derivative rocket of 15t class, Mars transition orbit entry should be achieved with reignition of LE-5A. H-II second stage separation should follow the transition orbit entry and mid-course maneuver as well as Mars revolving orbit entry should be performed with satellite mounted propulsion system (LAPS equivalent).

(2) System study

Fig. 5.3-2 and 5.3-3 illustrate system plots and fairing storage, respectively. Table 5.3-2 and 5.3-3 indicate system overview and subsystem specifications. Weight and power estimates are as shown in table 5.3-4. For details, refer to attached information 3.

(3) Rocket system

H-II derivative type of 15t class

Table 5.2-1 Mars observation satellite mission device list

| Sensor name | Purpose | Main function | Transmission rate (kpbs) | Weight (kg) |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|-------------|
| Visible near infrared radiometer | Investigation of surface condition as well as geography, rocks and mineral resource distribution, creation of geographic map with stereovision observation | Observation wavelength: 0.4~0.91 μ m, 4 bands One band stereovision Scan width: 30km Resolution: 100m | 43.0 | 73 |
| Radar altimeter | Inequality inspection, orbital altitude measurement, orbital information compensation, shape and gravitational potential compensation, inner density profile measurement, isostasy and viscosity measurement | Frequency: 13.8GHz Beam width: 1.6° Altitude accuracy: \pm several meters Antenna: Parabolic antenna with diameter of 1m | 1.0 | 25 |
| Gamma-ray spectrometer | Investigation of regolith element composition | Detector: Germanium semi-conductor Observation band: 0.05~10MeV Energy resolution: Approx. 2keV Field of view: 60km \times 60km | 2.5 | 30 |
| Shooting camera | Detailed shooting of local area | Resolution: 1m or less | 10.0 | 15 |
| Visible thermal infrared radiometer | Investigation of cloud distribution and atmospheric circulation, temperature profile on the surface, superstratum water vapor | Observation wavelength: 0.5~12.5 μ m, 4 bands Observation width: Approx. 320km | 5.0 | 30 |
| Microwave radiometer | Investigation of water vapor amount within the atmosphere and polar caps | Observation frequency: 23GHz band, 31GHz band | 0.1 | 50 |
| Ultraviolet spectrometer | Atmospheric measurement, concentration measurement | TBD | 8.0 | 20 |
| Radiation monitor | Measurement of temporal and spatial changes of cosmic ray intensity in the ambient of Mars and on the transition orbit | TBD | 2.0 | 5 |
| Total | | | 71.6 | 248 |

Table 5.3-1 Mars observation satellite mission sequence

| Event | Orbit | Required ΔV (m/s) | Weight (kg) | Required time (Day) | Remarks |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--|
| Launch | | | | | Launch with H-II derivative type rocket of 15t class |
| Mars transfer orbit entry | Hohmann orbit | 3,700 | 6,541 | (Reference) | Entry with LE-5A reignition Specific thrust: 452 s |
| H-II second stage separation | | | 3,690 | | |
| Mid-course maneuver | | 200 | | | For the following phases, the engine with storable propellant should be used. Specific thrust: 320 s Structural efficiency: 0.85 assumed |
| Mars orbit entry | Circular orbit with orbital altitude of 400km | 2,500 | 1,560 | 240 ~ 280 | Entry in the following two steps should be performed. Elliptical orbit entry (periapsis altitude of 400km, apoapsin altitude of 36,200km) Circular orbit entry (orbital altitude of 400km) |

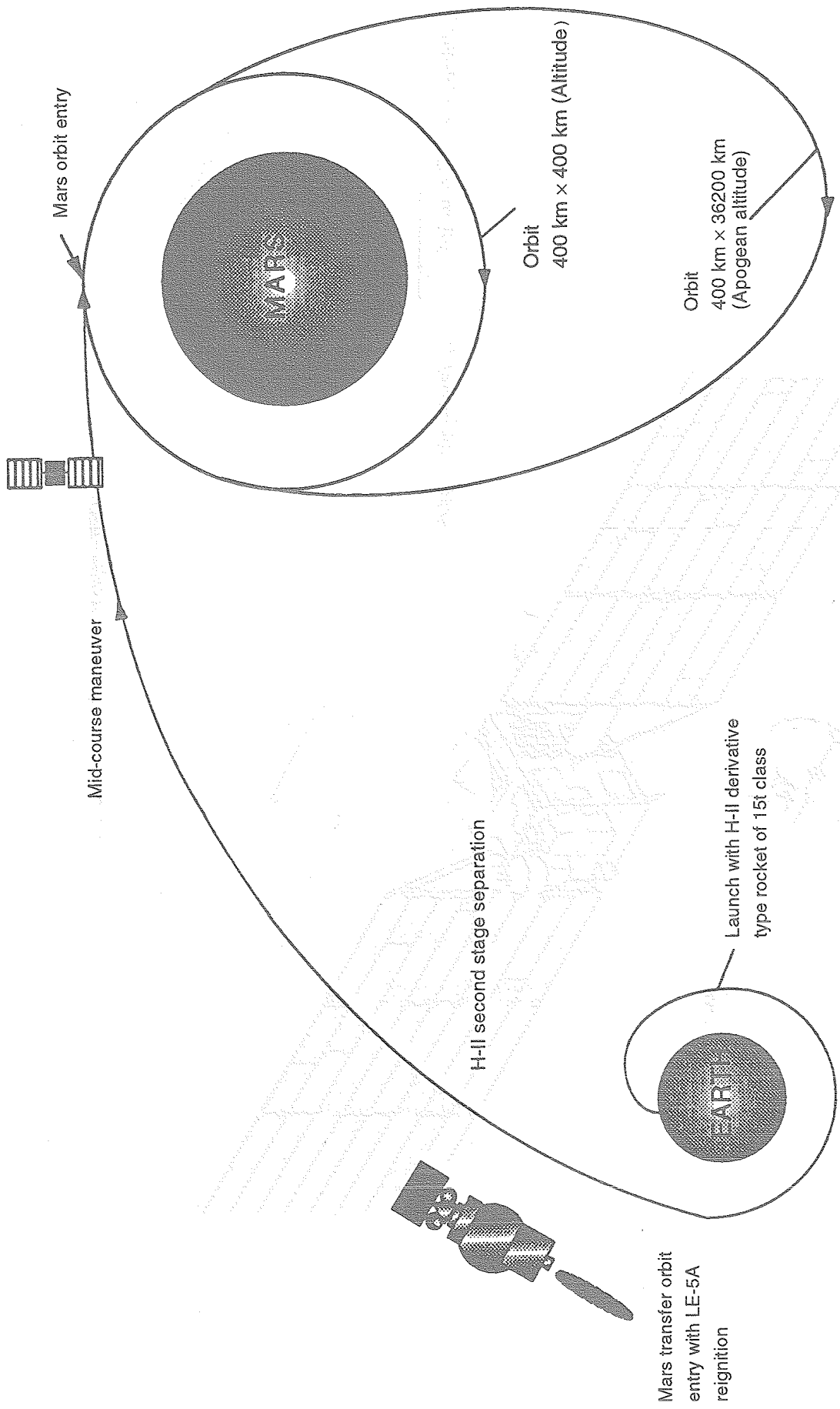


Fig. 5.3-1 Flight profile of Mars observation satellite

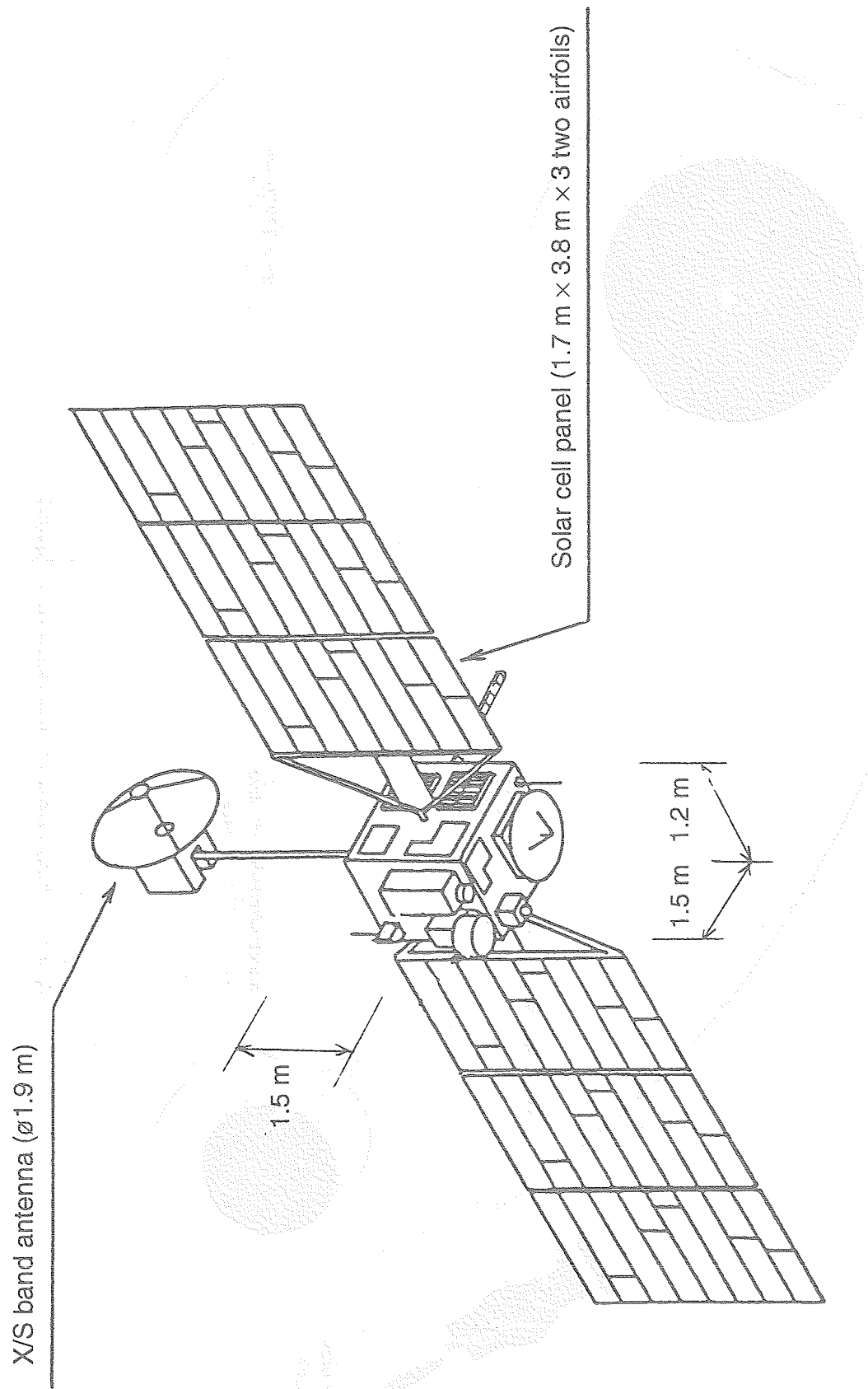


Fig. 5.3-2 Mars observation satellite plans

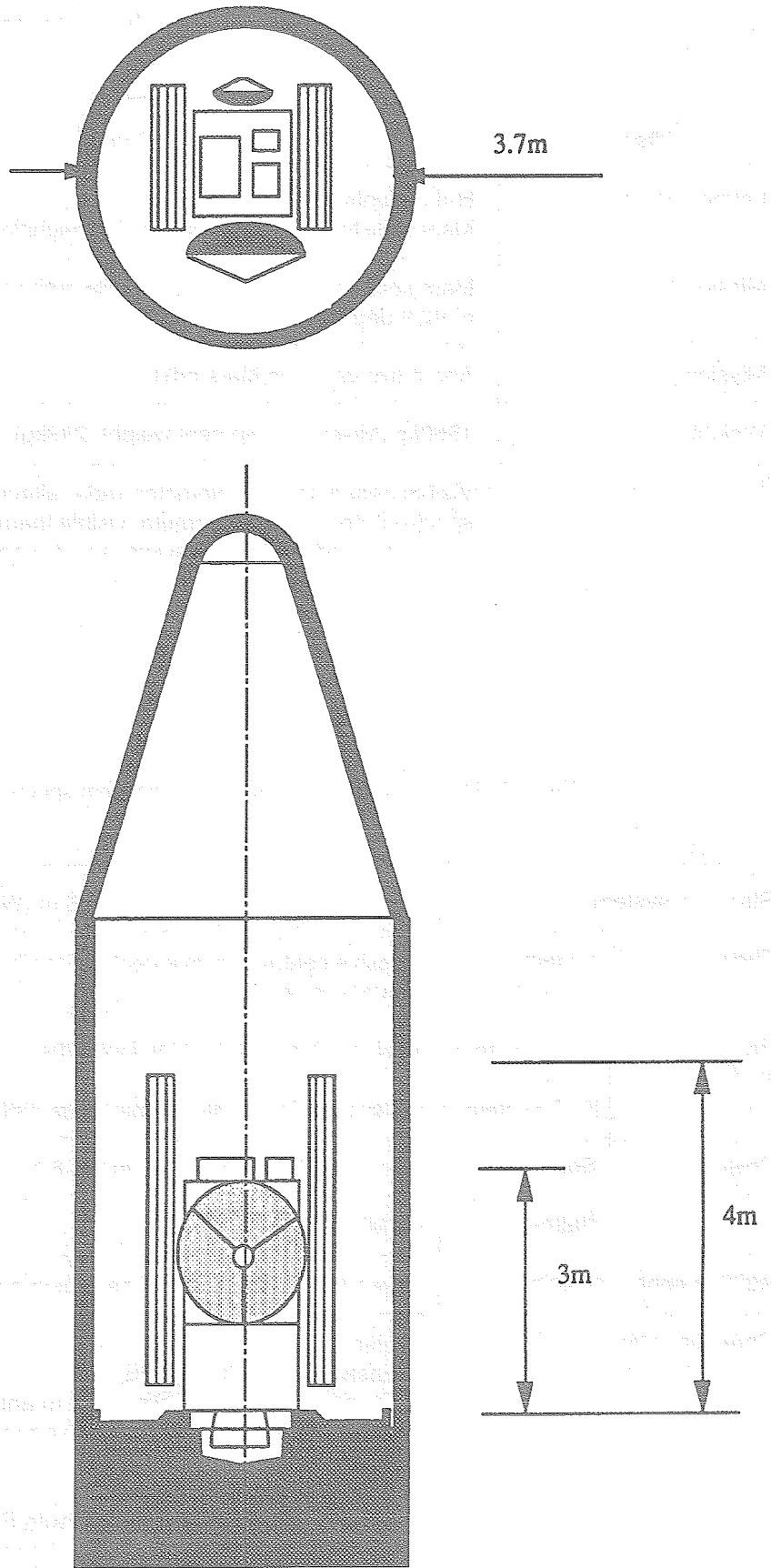


Fig. 5.3-3 Fairing storage (fairing of 4m)

Table 5.3-2 System overview of Mars observation satellite

| Item | Contents |
|-------------------|--|
| Launch vehicle | H-II derivative type of 15t class Mars transfer orbit entry with LE-5A reignition |
| Mission orbit | Mars solar-synchronized orbit, orbital altitude of 400 km, inclination of 92.9 degrees |
| Mission period | About two years on Mars orbit |
| Weight | 1560kg (Mission equipment weight: 248kg) |
| Mission equipment | Visible near infrared radiometer, radar altimeter, gamma-ray spectrometer, shooting camera, visible thermal infrared radiometer, microwave radiometer, ultraviolet spectrometer, radiation monitor |

Fig. 5.3-3 Mars observation satellite subsystem specifications

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| Structure system | Frame + panel method, size: 1.5 m (W) × 1.2 m (D) × 1.5 m (H) | |
| Thermal control system | Passive control + active control (conductance heat pipe + thermal louver + heater) | |
| Propulsion system | LAPS system | N ₂ H ₄ /NTO, thrust: 2000N, Isp: 320s |
| | RCS system | Hydrazine, IN thruster, control rate: 200m/s |
| Power system | Solar cell | Semi-rigid BSFR type (1.7 m × 3.8 m × 3, two airfoils) |
| | Battery | Ni-MH 35Ah × 2 |
| Attitude control system | Three-axis attitude control zero-momentum method | |
| Communication and data processing system | (Telemeter) Transmission method: USB Transmission output: 20W, ø 1.9 m antenna Transmission amount should be variable depending on distance. (Mission data) X-band, transmission power: 40W, ø 1.9 m antenna shared with S-band Transmission amount should be changed depending on distance. | |

Table 5.3-4 Weight and electric power estimation of Mars observation satellite

| | | Weight (kg) | Power consumption (W) | |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Mission equipment | Visible near infrared radiometer | 73 | 130 | |
| | Radar altimeter | 25 | 35 | |
| | Gamma-ray spectrometer | 30 | 20 | |
| | Shooting camera | 15 | 20 | |
| | Visible thermal infrared radiometer | 30 | 45 | |
| | Microwave radiometer | 50 | 60 | |
| | Ultraviolet spectrometer | 20 | 15 | |
| | Radiation monitor | 5 | 5 | |
| | Subtotal | 248 | 330 | |
| Bus equipment | Structure system | 90 | | |
| | Thermal control system | 35 | 91 | |
| | Propulsion system | LAPS system | 200 | |
| | | RCS system | 40 | |
| | Solar cell paddle system | 203 | 30 | |
| | Power supply system | 142 | 18 | |
| | Attitude control system | 91 | 119 | |
| | Communication data processing system | 73 | 111 | |
| | Mission data processing and transmission system | 136 | 581 | |
| | Instrumentation system | 90 | 3 | |
| Subtotal | 1,100 | 953 | | |
| Satellite dry weight | | 1,348 | | |
| Propellant weight (for RCS system) | | 115 | | |
| Margin | | 97 | 17 | |
| Total | | 1,560 | 1,300 | |

6. Study on Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft

6.1 Objectives

Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft should acquire the technical data on aerobrake due to Mars atmosphere and perform reentry to land on Mars surface, acquiring the basic technical data for successive Mars sample return mission as well as environmental data on Mars surface. Their objectives are listed as follows:

- (1) Mastering of Mars atmospheric aerobrake technique
- (2) Mastering of Mars atmospheric reentry technique
- (3) Observation of Mars atmosphere
- (4) Acquirement of environmental data on Mars surface
- (5) Analysis of Mars soil

6.2 Mission plans

6.2.1 Mission equipment

Table 6.2.1 lists proposed mission devices.

6.2.2 Observation plans

(1) Landing spot

Possible landing spots are polar area where water (ice) may exist, regions with dark green patterns which may allow vegetation and valleys and shoals which seem to have ever been rivers, lakes and oceans. Table 6.2.2 lists proposed landing spots.

(2) Data transmission

Observation data, etc. should be directly transmitted to the earth. Since the distance between the earth and Mars varies from 70 Mkm to 400 Mkm, data transmission rate should change depending on the distance. Assuming the earth station to be the DSN of NASA (antenna diameter of 70m), the transmission rate can be 128bps in most closeness and 2bps with the distance of 380 Mkm at the transmission output of 10W and frequency range of S band. However, during this mission period (three months), max. 10bps can only be achieved.

6.3 System study

(1) System analysis

Fig. 6.3-1 shows the mission profile of Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft. Sequence of events is indicated in table 6.3-1. For propellant weight, a margin of 5% is allowed for each event.

(2) System study

Fig. 6.3-2 shows the system plot. As the main objective is to acquire Mars atmospheric entry technique, its aeroshell shape is analogous to that of Mars sample return system. In order that the aerodynamic heating ratio becomes equivalent to that of Mars sample return spacecraft, scale ratio is set to 0.42.

Table 6.3-2 and 3-3 indicate the system overview and main characteristics of subsystems, respectively.

Weight and electric power estimation is as shown in table 6.3-4.

(3) Rocket system

H-II type rocket should be assumed as the rocket system.

Table 6.2-1 Proposed mission devices for Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft

| Mission device | Observation purpose | Weight (kg) | Power consumption (W) | Data capacity |
|---|---|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Atmospheric observation devices (pressure, temperature, acceleration) | Observation of Mars atmospheric structure | 1.5 | 6.2 | 65bps |
| Surface environment observation devices (pressure, temperature, acceleration) | Observation of Mars surface environment | 1.0 | 0.1 | 10kbits/day |
| Seismometer | Observation of Mars quakes | 1.5 | 2.0 | 10Mbits/day |
| α -P-X spectrometer | Major element composition analysis | 1.0 | 0.5 | 100kbits |
| Thermal analyzer/gas analyzer | Analysis of Mars soil ingredients and constituent gases | 2.0 | 12.0 | 3Mbits |
| Camera (for use upon landing) | Geographical observation from upper air | 0.5 | 4.0 | 12Mbits/12 images |
| Camera (for use after landing) | Mars surface observation | 1.5 | 21.0 | 25Mbits/one revolution |

Table 6.2-2 Proposed landing spots

| Landing spot name | Position | Characteristics |
|--------------------|--|--|
| North polar cap | North pole | Climate investigation in polar area |
| Cydonia Mensae | latitude: 30-43° longitude: 0-20° | Regions where dark green patterns appear, indicating the possibility of vegetation. They had the first priority as proposed landing spots for Viking 2 rocket. |
| Valles Marineras | latitude: -18-1° longitude: 24-113° | Valleys which can be considered as previous rivers with the possibility of creature fossil discovery |
| Terra Meridiani | latitude: -15-0° longitude: 341-17° | Regions where dark green patterns appear, indicating the possibility of vegetation. They were auxiliary landing spots for Viking 1 & 2 rockets. |
| Isidis Platinia | latitude: 4-20° longitude: 255-279° | Regions with bay-like shapes, separating those areas which seem dark green. They had the second priority as proposed landing spots for Viking 2 rocket. |
| Margaritifer Terra | latitude: -27-2° longitude: 12-45° | Regions where dark green patterns appear, indicating the possibility of vegetation. They were auxiliary landing spots for Viking 1 & 2 rockets. |
| Terra Sabaea | latitude: -20-0° longitude: 348-3° | Regions where dark green patterns appear, indicating the possibility of vegetation. |

| Symbol | Incremental speed (m/s) |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| $\Delta V1$ | 3614 |
| $\Delta V2$ | 200 |
| $\Delta V3$ | 20 |
| $\Delta V4$ | 100 |
| $\Delta V5$ | 200 |
| $\Delta V6$ | 270 |

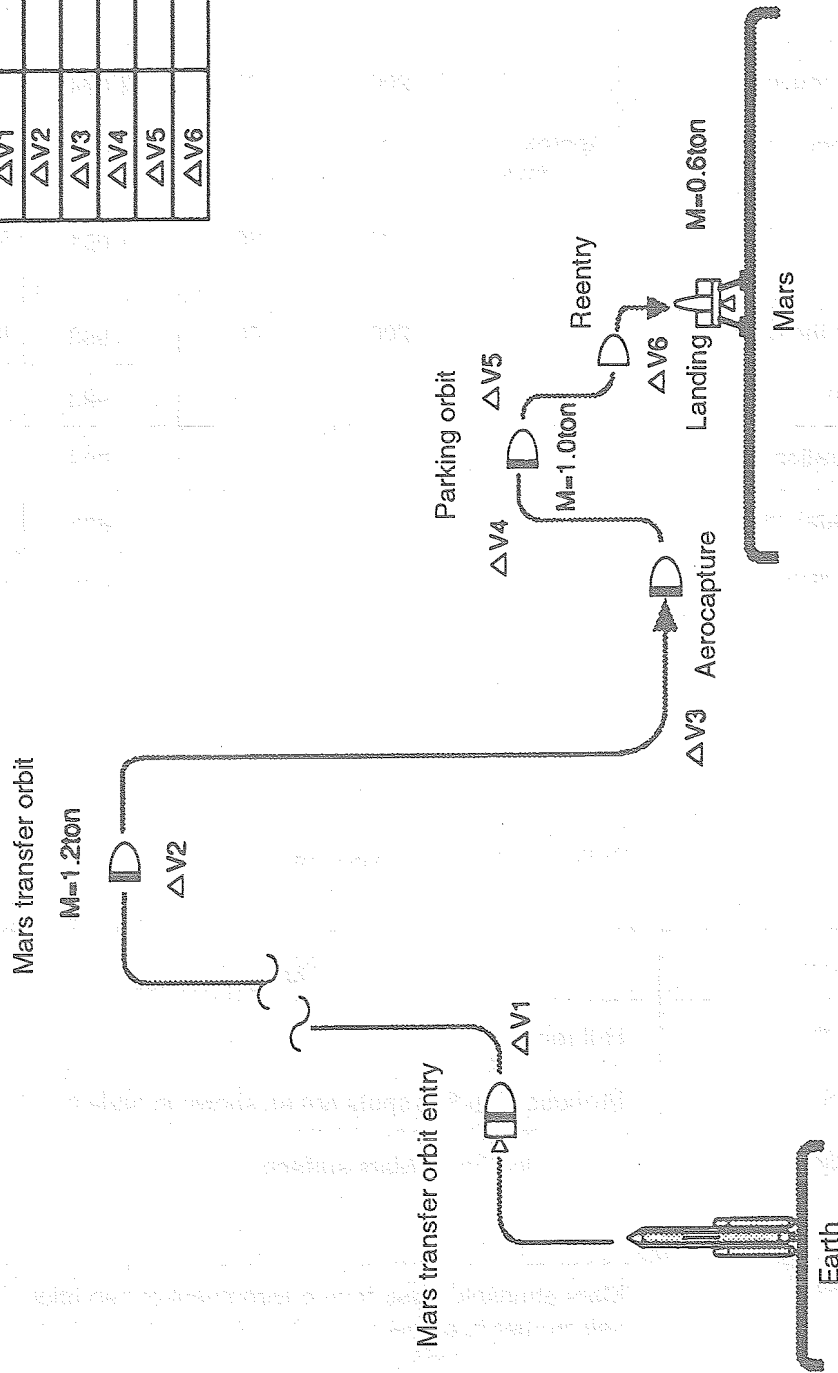


Fig. 6.3-1 Entire mission profile of Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission aircraft

Table 6.3-1 Sequence of events

| Event | Period | Incremental speed (m/s) | Propellant weight (kg) | Current weight (kg) | Remarks |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Mars transfer orbital entry | | 3,614 | | 1,170 | H-II second stage reignition |
| (2) Mid-course maneuver | | 200 | 76 | 1,094 | ISP = 320 sec |
| (3) Mars atmospheric entry | Approx. 300 days | 20 | 7 | 1,087 | ISP = 320 sec |
| (4) Periapsis ascent maneuver | | 100 | 36 | 1,051 | ISP = 320 sec |
| (5) Departure from the orbit | | 200 | 68 | 983 | ISP = 320 sec |
| (6) Parachute open | | — | — | 983 | |
| (7) Aeroshell separation | | — | — | 723 | |
| (8) Parachute separation | | — | — | 683 | |
| (9) Landing power flight | | 270 | 59 | 624 | ISP = 320 sec |
| (10) Touch down | | — | — | 624 | |

Table 6.3-2 System overview

| Item | Contents |
|-------------------|---|
| Launch vehicle | H-II rocket |
| Landing point | Proposed landing spots are as shown in table 6.2-2. |
| Mission period | Three months on Mars surface |
| Weight | 1.2t |
| Mission equipment | Mars atmosphere/surface environment observation devices, seismometer, camera, α -P-X spectrometer, thermal analyzer/gas analyzer |

Table 6.3-3 Main characteristics of subsystem

| Subsystem | Main characteristics |
|-------------------------|---|
| Structure system | Main structure: Truss + panel structure Aeroshell: Ablator + honey-comb panel structure |
| Thermal control system | Combination of passive and active types |
| Attitude control system | Three-axis attitude controlled zero-momentum method |
| Communication system | S band omniantenna |
| Propulsion system | Main propulsion system: Thrust of 2000N, propellant of NTO/N ₂ H ₄ RCS: 4N × 16 units, propellant of N ₂ H ₄ |
| Power system | Solar cell: BSFR type Si cell, generated power of 200W Battery: NiH ₂ , capacity of 2200Wh |
| Deceleration system | Parachute aperture area: 4000m ² (diameter of 70m) |

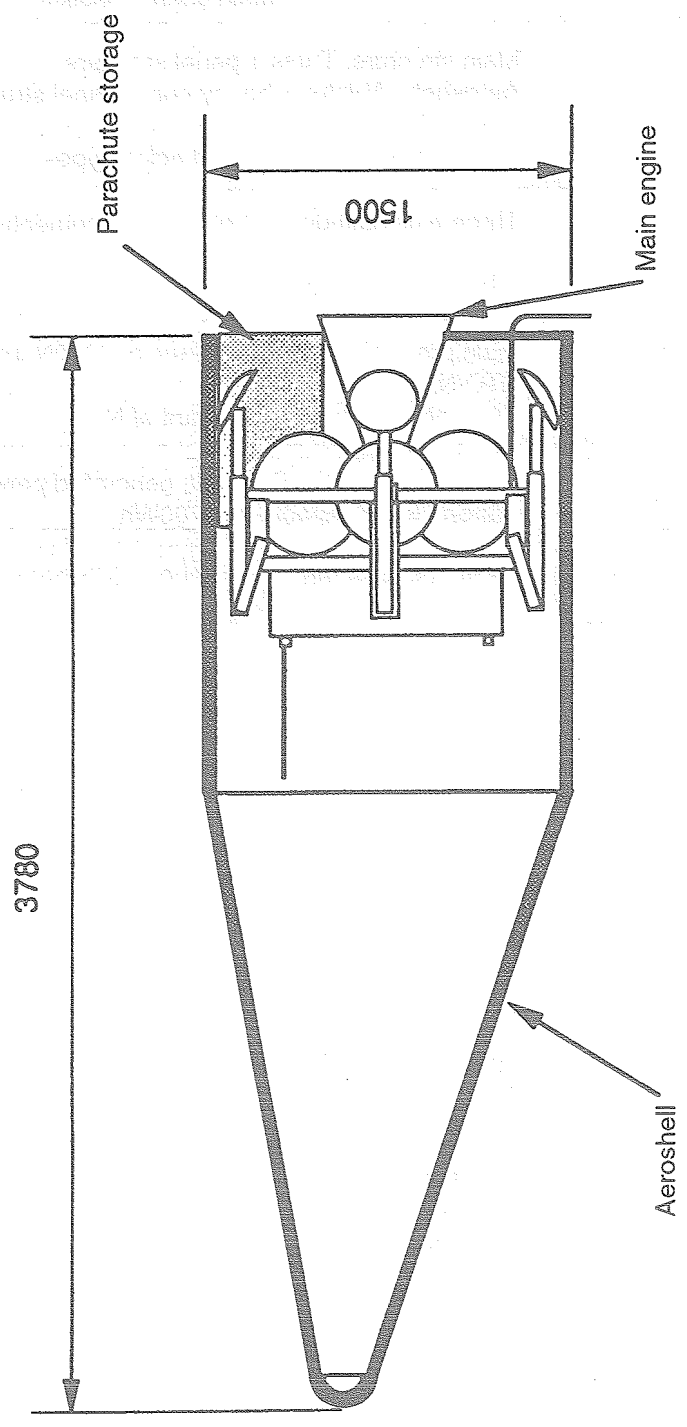


Fig. 6.3-2 System plot for Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft

Table 6.3-4 Weight and electric power estimation

| Item | | Weight (kg) | Power consumption (W) |
|-------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mission equipment | Atmospheric observation device | 1.5 | 6.2 |
| | Surface environment observation device | 1 | 0.1 |
| | α -P-X spectrometer | 1 | 0.5 |
| | Thermal analyzer/gas analyzer | 2 | 12 |
| | Seismometer | 1.5 | 2 |
| | Camera (for use upon landing) | 0.5 | 4 |
| | Camera (for use after landing) | 1.5 | 21 |
| | Fixture | 2 | — |
| | Subtotal | 11 | 46 |
| Bus equipment | Attitude control system | 91 | 73 |
| | Communication system | 66 | 29 |
| | Propulsion system | 90 | 100 |
| | Power system | 149 | 77 |
| | Thermal control system | 50 | 10 |
| | Structure system | 80 | — |
| | Aeroshell | 260 | — |
| | Parachute | 40 | — |
| | Subtotal | 826 | 289 |
| Dry weight | | 837 | — |
| Propellant | NTO/N ₂ H ₄ | 246 | — |
| | GHe | 1 | — |
| Margin | | 86 | — |
| Total | | 1,170 | 335 |

7. Study on Mars sample return system

7.1 Preface

This chapter provides study on Mars sample return mission focusing on the mission profile and submits requirements for transportation system in near-earth area. For Mars sample return mission, various studies have been performed in many countries. The description in this chapter is based on the mission profile of “A MARS SAMPLE RETURN MISSION USING A ROVER FOR SAMPLE ACQUISITION” (AAS 84-159) studied by NASA.

7.2 Scope of study

7.2.1 Premise for study

The following conditions were included as premise for study according to “A MARS SAMPLE RETURN MISSION USING A ROVER FOR SAMPLE ACQUISITION” by J.P. de Vries and H.N.Norton, AAS84-159, summarizing a collaboration research of JPL, JSC and SAI.

- Recovered sample weight: 5kg
- Mars rover (weight of 400kg) should performs in-situ analysis on Mars surface to select and collect valuable samples.
- Mars orbital entry should be performed by aerocapture.
- Mission sequence should be as per fig. 7.2-1. (Dates are indicated as examples.)

| Phase | Departure date | Arrival date | Period |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Earth → Mars | Nov. 18, '96 | Sep. 17, '97 | 303 days |
| Stay on Mars | | | 401 days |
| Mars → earth | Oct. 23, '98 | Sep. 14, '99 | 326 days |
| Total | | | 1030 days |

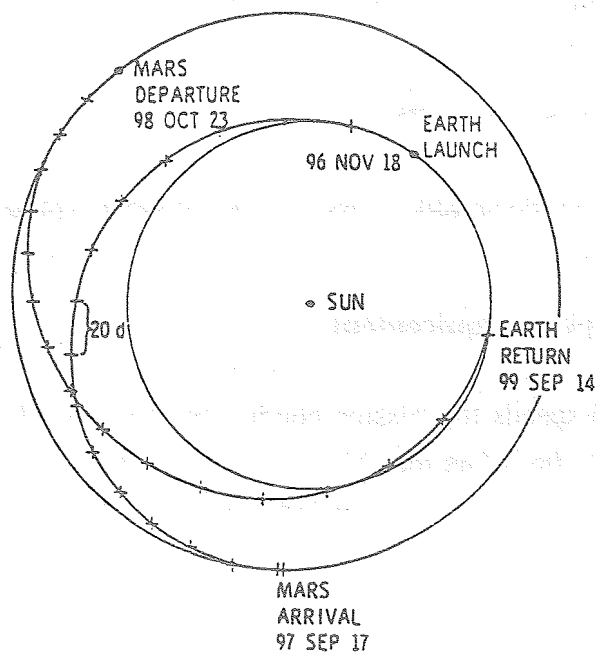


Fig. 7.2-1 Mission sequence

7.3 Result of study

7.3.1 Mission profile

(1) Entire profile

Fig. 7.3-1 shows the entire mission profile.

Various mission profiles for Mars sample return can be considered depending on forms upon departure from the earth, sample recovery methods upon return to the earth and Mars aerocapture vehicle shapes, etc. In this chapter, a representative reference proposal is provided. (For the study on each form, refer to attached information 8.)

(2) GTO recovery spacecraft profile

Fig. 7.3-2 indicates the mission profile for recovery spacecraft traveling to GTO to fetch samples.

7.3.2 Incremental speed requirement

Required incremental speeds for mission conducting systems (all systems of transporting samples to earth GTO after Mars transition) are listed in table 7.3-1. Required incremental speeds for GTO recovery spacecraft are included in table 7.3-2.

Table 7.3-1 Required incremental speeds for mission conducting systems

| Event | Symbol | Incremental speed (m/s) | Period | Remarks |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
| (1) Mars transfer orbit entry | ΔV_1 | 3610 | | Entry should be started with $h=500$ km and $i=28.5$. |
| (2) Mid-course maneuver | ΔV_2 | 200 | | |
| (3) Mars aerocapture | ΔV_3 | 20 | Approx. 300 days | 1900 m/s in case of using propulsion system |
| (4) Periapsis ascent maneuver | ΔV_4 | 100 | | 560 km \times 2000 km |
| (5) Mars circular orbit entry | ΔV_5 | 250 | | Circular orbit with 560 km diameter, $M = 1.7t$ |
| (6) On-orbit attitude control | ΔV_6 | 150 | | |
| (7) Departure from Mars elliptical orbit | ΔV_7 | 200 | | |
| (8) Mars landing maneuver | ΔV_8 | 270 | | $M = 3.7t$ |
| (9) Mars takeoff - Mars circular orbit entry | ΔV_9 | 3920 | | Three stage type |
| (10) Earth transition orbit entry | ΔV_{10} | 1920 | Approx. 700 days | $M = 0.5t$ |
| (11) Mid-course maneuver | ΔV_{11} | 200 | | |
| (12) Earth parking orbit | ΔV_{12} | 1930 | Approx. 1000 days | Elliptical orbit of 280×40200 km In case of LEO entry: 3700 m/s, $M = 0.1t$ |

Table 7.3-2 Required incremental speed for GTO recovery spacecraft

| Event | Symbol | Incremental speed (m/s) | Remarks |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| (1) RV orbital transfer | ΔV_1 | 300 | |
| (2) Access, berthing | ΔV_2 | 50 | |
| (3) GTO orbital departure/LEO entry | ΔV_3 | 2500 | Elliptical orbit of 280×40200 km |
| (4) LEO orbital departure | ΔV_4 | 200 | |
| (5) Attitude control upon reentry | ΔV_5 | 50 | |

Incremental speed request

| Symbol | Incremental speed (m/s) |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| $\Delta V1$ | 3610 |
| $\Delta V2$ | 200 |
| $\Delta V3$ | 20 |
| $\Delta V4$ | 100 |
| $\Delta V5$ | 250 |
| $\Delta V6$ | 150 |
| $\Delta V7$ | 200 |
| $\Delta V8$ | 270 |
| $\Delta V9$ | 3920 |
| $\Delta V10$ | 1920 |
| $\Delta V11$ | 200 |
| $\Delta V12$ | 1930 |

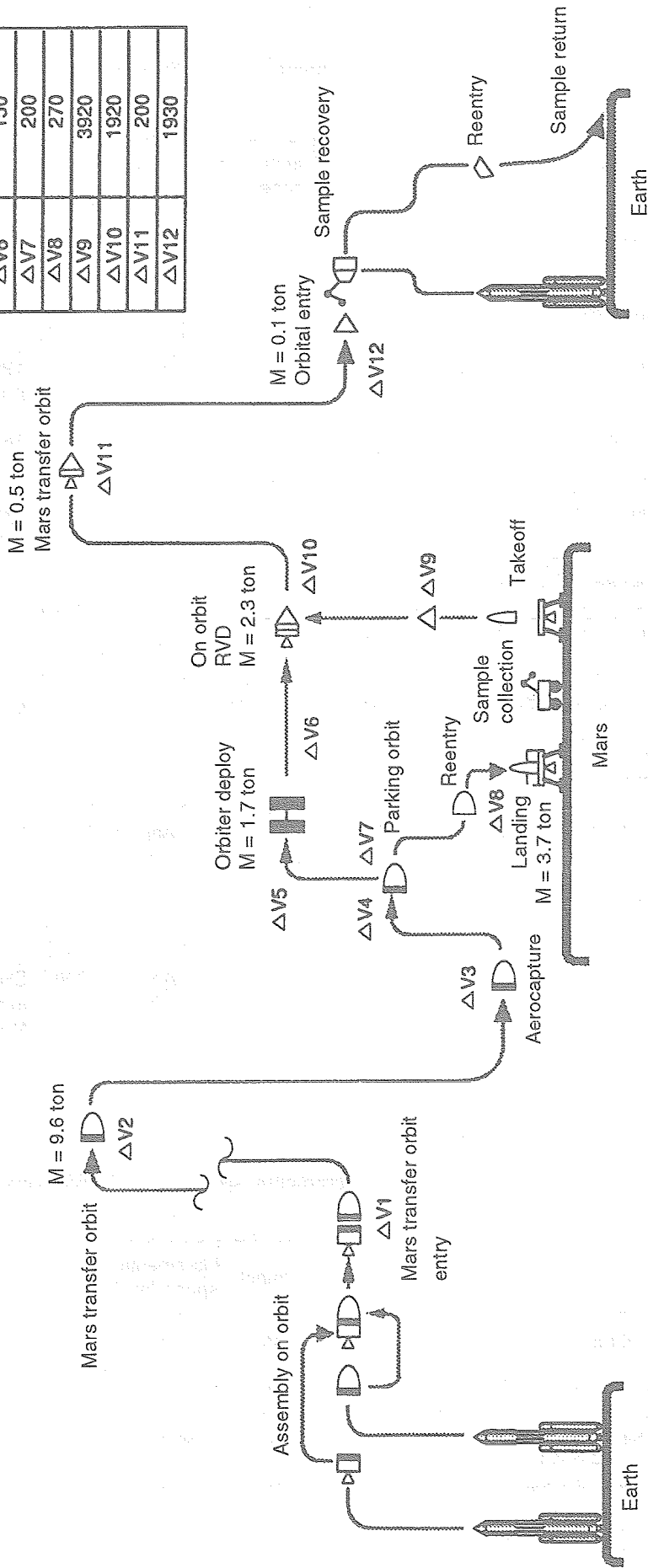


Fig. 7.3-1 Entire mission profile of integrated GTO recovery type

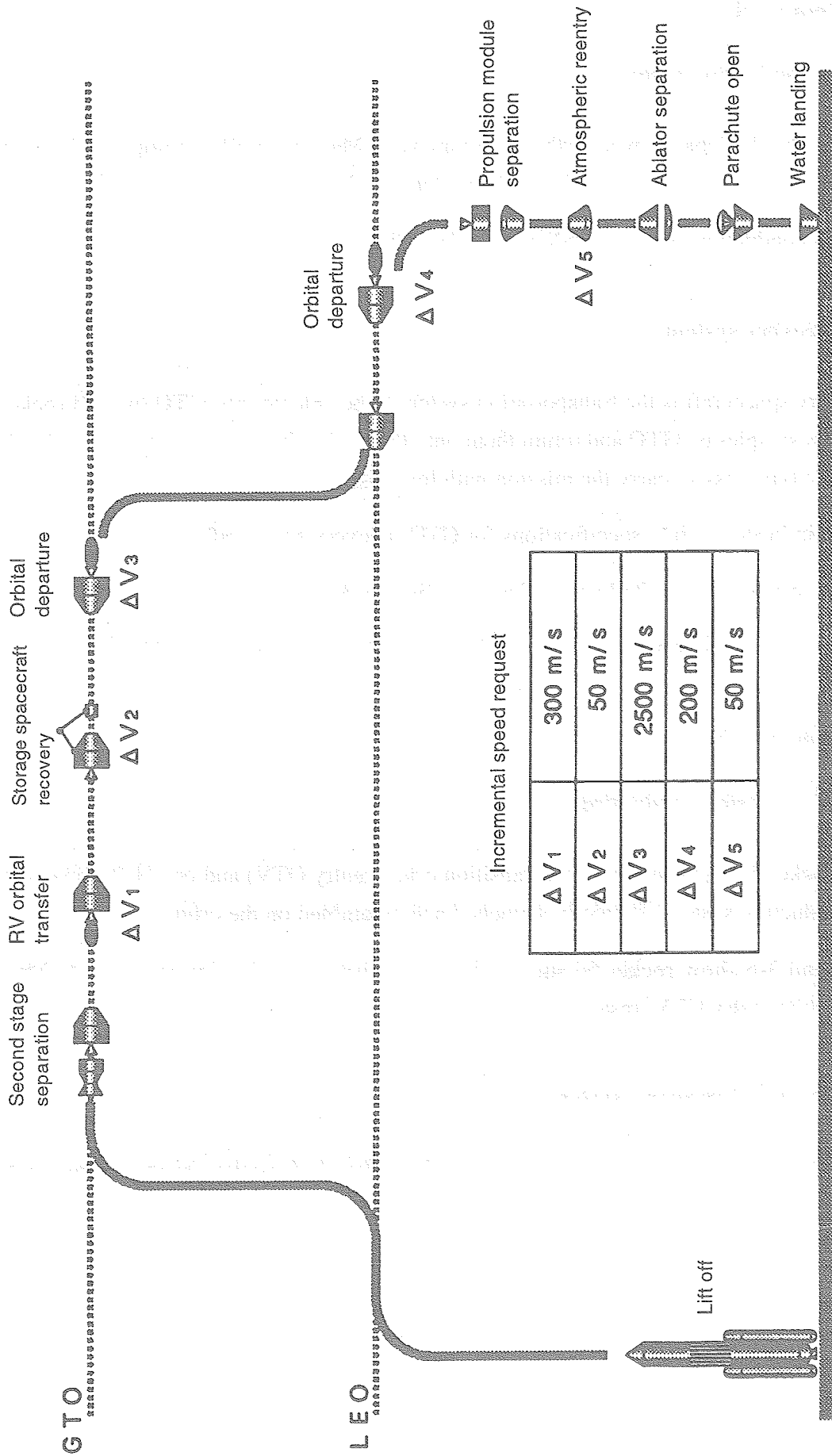


Fig. 7.3-2 Mission profile of GTO recovery aircraft

7.3.3 System study

(1) Mission conducting system

This system should depart lower earth orbit to arrive at Mars and collect samples which are recovered at GTO. The table 7.3-3 shows the system configuration and its weight.

The mission conducting system is indicated in fig. 7.3-3.

(2) GTO recovery system

This recovery spacecraft is the transportation system to be entered into GTO by H-II rocket, recover Mars samples on GTO and return them onto the earth. The recovery spacecraft should be of capsule type easy to carry the mission with low cost.

Table 7.3-4 indicates weight specifications for GTO recovery spacecraft.

The GTO recovery spacecraft plot is indicated in fig. 7.3-4.

The study on GTO recovery system is provided in attached information 8, addendum 3.

7.3.4 Rocket system

(1) Launch of mission conducting system

One LEO rocket of 20t class (for Mars transition orbital entry OTV) and one H-II rocket (for mission conducting system) should be launched and assembled on the orbit.

Fig. 7.3-5 and 3-6 show rocket fairing storages for mission conducting system and Mars transition orbital entry OTV, respectively.

(2) Launch of GTO recovery system

GTO recovery system should be launched by H-II rocket. H-II rocket fairing storage is as shown in fig. 7.3-7.

(3) Mars transition orbital entry OTV

Thrust : 12.5t
 Specific thrust : 452 seconds
 Weight : 18880kg
 Propellant weight : 16048kg
 Structural efficiency : 0.85

Since the propellant weight is almost the same as that of H-II rocket's second stage, this stage should be used as it is for Mars transition orbital entry OTV. However, small changes such as addition of RVD mechanism for on-orbit assembly would be required.

Table 7.3-3 System configuration and weight

| | | Component | | | Weight (kg) | Remarks | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---|------------------|
| Departure time | Mission conducting system | Mars orbit parking & earth return system | Mars orbit parking satellite | Earth transfer orbit parking spacecraft | Earth return spacecraft | SCA | Sample | 5 | |
| | | | | | | Case | | 15 | |
| | | | | | Hardware | | 118 | See attached information 8, addendum 2 | |
| | | | | | Propellant | | 117 | NTO/N ₂ H ₄ , ISP = 320 sec | |
| | | | | | Subtotal | | 255 | | |
| | | | | Hardware | | 208 | | | |
| | | | | Propellant | | 541 | Solid, ISP = 280 | | |
| | | | | Subtotal | | 1004 | | | |
| | | | | Hardware | | 592 | | | |
| | | | | Propellant | | 1133 | NTO/N ₂ H ₄ , ISP = 320 sec | | |
| | | Subtotal | | 2729 | | | | | |
| | | Mars entry aeroshell | | 617 | | | | | |
| | | Subtotal | | 3346 | | | | | |
| | | Adapter | | 177 | | | | | |
| | | Mars landing/takeoff system | | Mars lander | Takeoff spacecraft | Hardware | | 690 | |
| | | | | | | Propellant | | 1242 | Solid, ISP = 280 |
| | | | | | | Subtotal | | 1932 | |
| | | | | | Booster | Hardware | | 250 | |
| | | | | | | Propellant | | 551 | Solid, ISP = 280 |
| | | | | | | Subtotal | | 801 | |
| | | | | Mars rover | | 400 | | | |
| | | | | Hardware | | 617 | | | |
| | | | | Propellant | | 339 | NTO/N ₂ H ₄ , ISP = 320 sec | | |
| | | | | Subtotal | | 4089 | | | |
| | | Mars entry spacecraft | | Aeroshell | | 890 | | | |
| | | | | Parachute | | 327 | | | |
| | | | | Hardware | | 272 | | | |
| | | | | Propellant | | 368 | NTO/N ₂ H ₄ , ISP = 320 sec | | |
| | | | | Subtotal | | 1857 | | | |
| | | Bioshield | | 148 | | | | | |
| | | Subtotal | | 6094 | | | | | |
| | | Subtotal | | 9617 | | | | | |
| | | Adapter | | 276 | | | | | |
| OTV | | Hardware | | 2832 | Structural efficiency: 0.85 | | | | |
| | | Propellant | | 16048 | LOX/LH ₂ , ISP = 452 sec | | | | |
| | | Subtotal | | 18880 | | | | | |
| Total | | 28773 | | | | | | | |
| Recovery spacecraft launch upon return time | | 4254 | See attached information 8, addendum 3 | | | | | | |

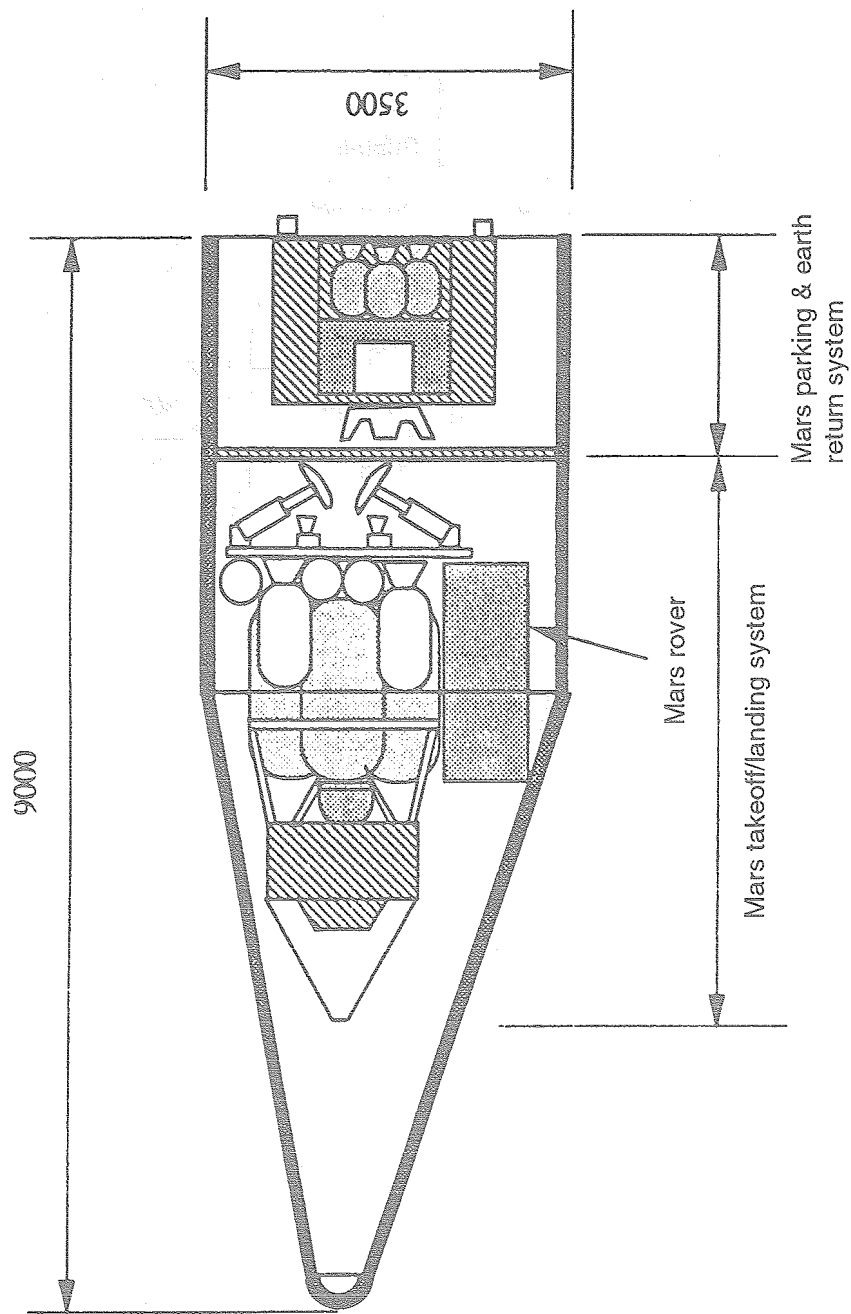


Fig. 7.3-3 Mission conducting system plot

Table 7.3-4 Weight specifications for GTO recovery spacecraft

| Module | System | Weight (kg) |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Capsule | Dry weight | 1163 |
| | Propellant | 27 |
| | GHe | 0.1 |
| | Subtotal | 1190 |
| Propulsion module | Dry weight | 737 |
| | Propellant | 2319 |
| | GHe | 8 |
| | Subtotal | 3064 |
| Total | | 4254 |

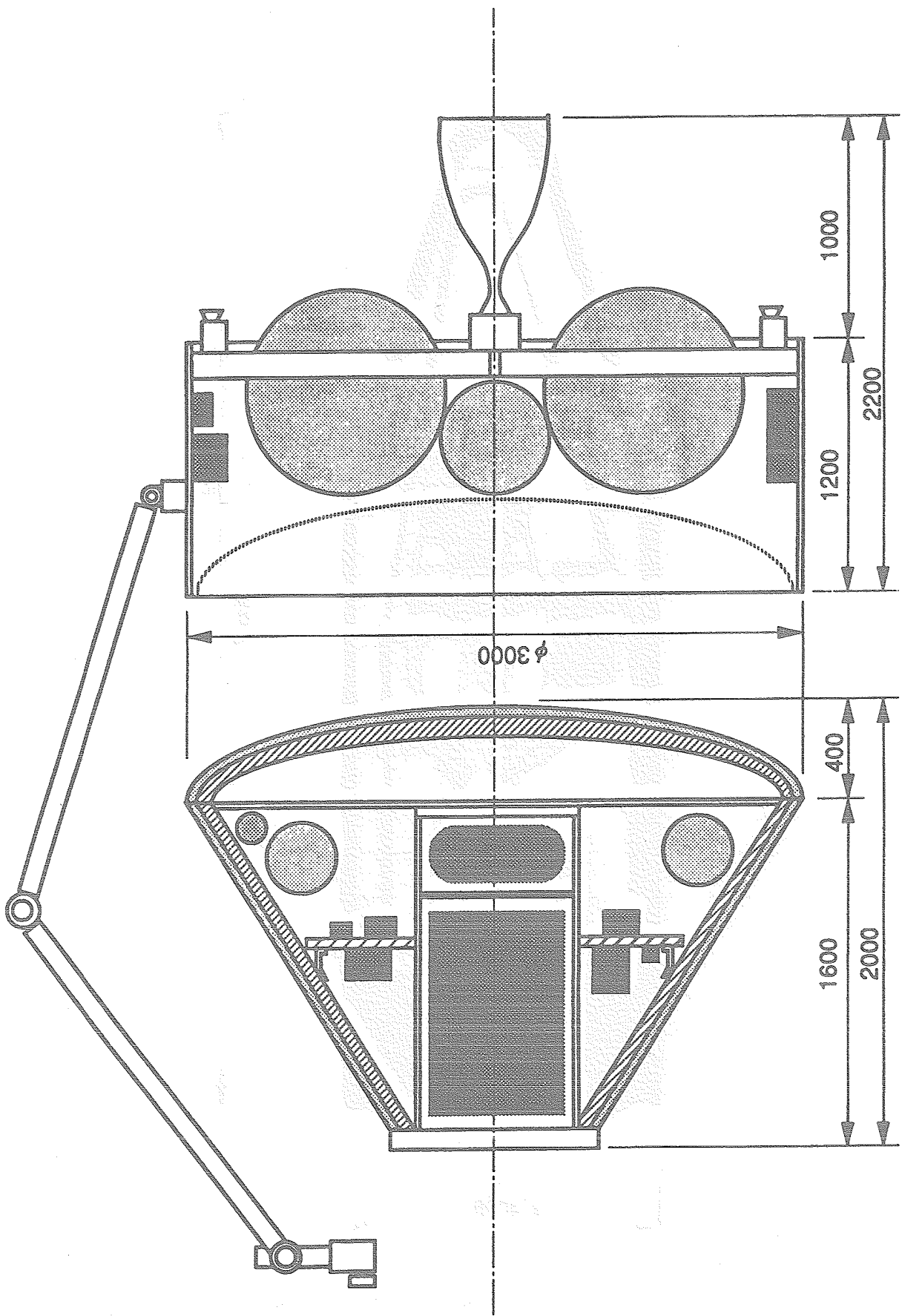


Fig. 7.3-4 GTO recovery spacecraft plot

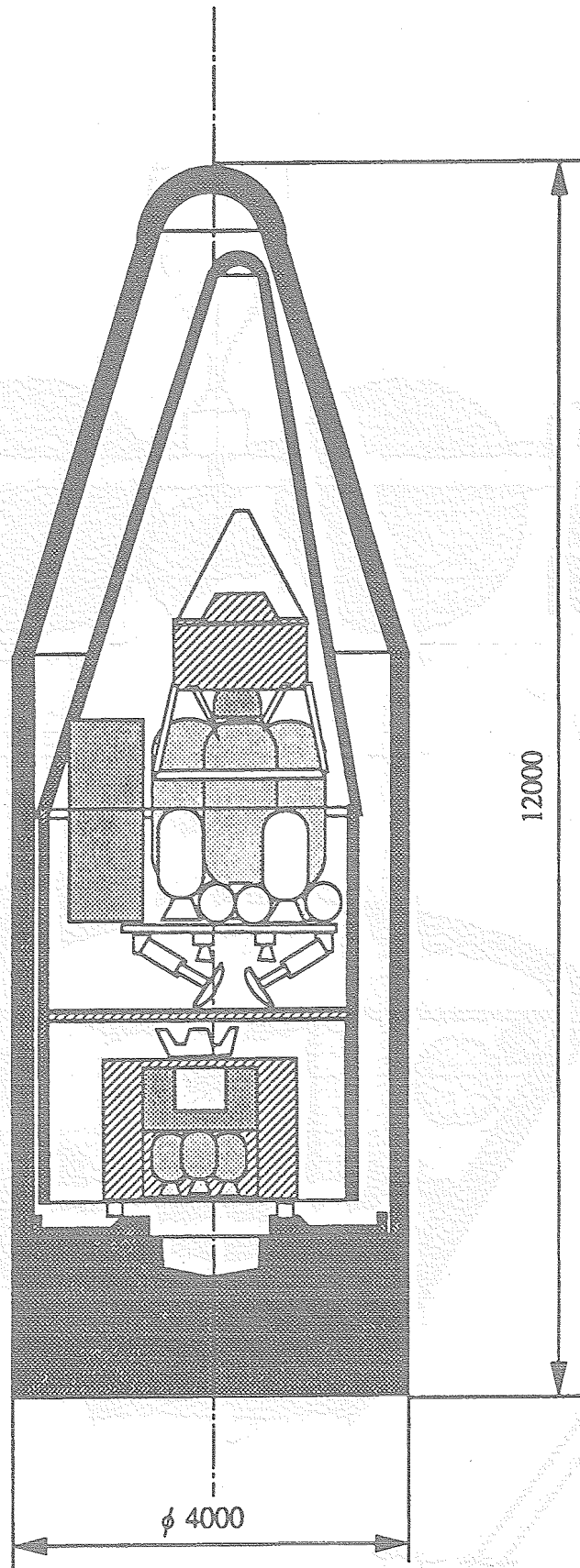


Fig. 7.3-5 Mission conducting system fairing storage

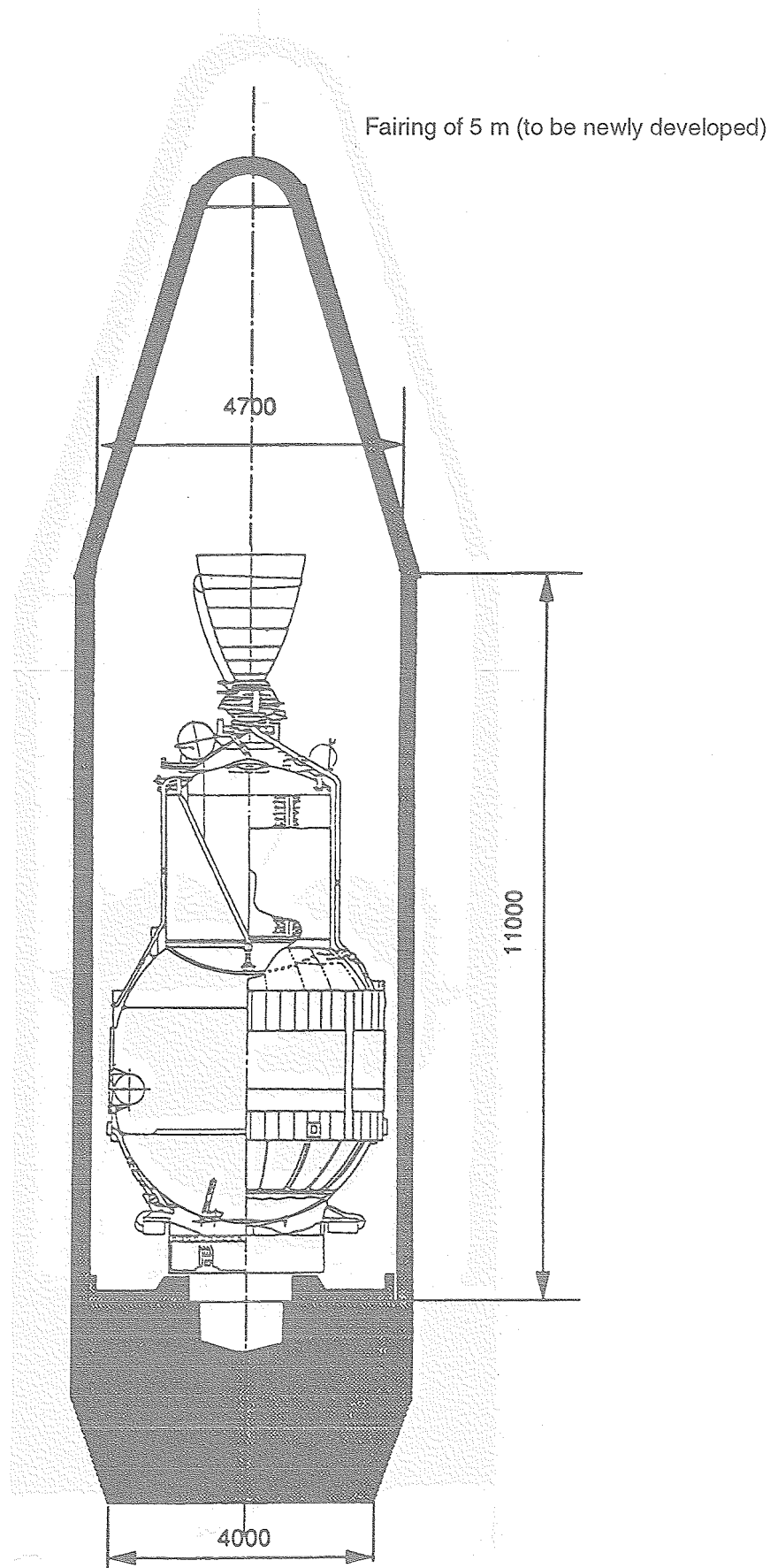


Fig. 7.3-6 Upper stage OTV fairing storage

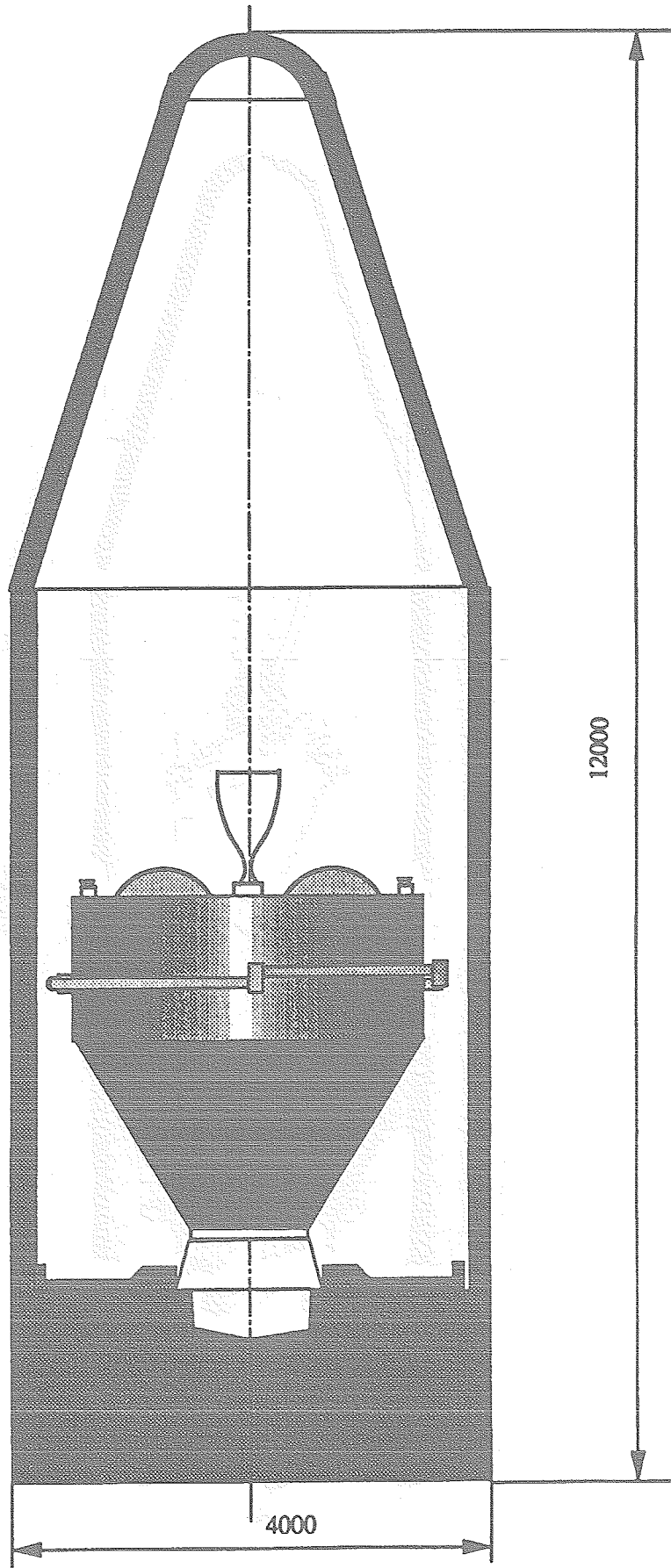


Fig. 7.3-7 GTO recovery spacecraft fairing storage

7.3.5 Review on reliability

Primarily studied outline on the reliability of this system is described as follows:

Mission conducting system : 0.357

GTO recovery system : 0.855

Entire system : 0.31

The reliability of entire system has proved to be very low. It is caused by the fact that this sample return system consists of many spacecrafts. This study is a basic one requiring further detailed analysis, however, it would provide guidelines for such a complexed system's reliability.

Detailed study is included in attached information 8.

[Reference]

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8. Transportation system for lunar and Mars exploration

8.1 Preface

In order to conduct lunar and planet exploring missions as discussed in previous seven chapters, those rockets whose abilities exceed H-II rocket currently largest in Japan would be necessary depending on the case. In this technical memorandum, currently proposed H-II derivative type rockets are used, and upper stage OTVs should be used in case of requiring further ability. The upper stage OTV means a disposable transportation spacecraft which helps the mission conducting system enter from lower orbit into lunar or Mars transfer orbit.

8.2 Each mission request

Table 8.2-1 lists transition orbital entry weight requests for each lunar and Mars exploring mission.

Table 8.2-1 Weight on transfer orbit

| Mission | Weight on transfer orbit (ton) |
|---|--------------------------------|
| (1) Lunar observation satellite | 2.8 |
| (2) Electric propulsion orbital transfer mission spacecraft | 1.3 |
| (3) Lunar lander/rover | 2.8 |
| (4) Lunar sample return | 7.7 |
| (5) Mars observation satellite | 3.7 |
| (6) Mars atmospheric entry & landing mission spacecraft | 1.2 |
| (7) Mars sample return | 9.6 |

8.3 Launch abilities of rockets

Table 8.3-1 shows launch abilities of currently proposed rockets.

Abilities for lunar transfer orbit entry and Mars transfer orbit entry are those obtained from reignition of second stage.

Table 8.3-1 Blast-off abilities of rockets

| Rocket name | LEO launch ability (ton) | Lunar transfer orbit entry ability (ton) | Mars transfer orbit entry ability (ton) |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|
| H-II rocket | 10.5 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| H-II derivative type rocket of 15t class | 15 | 5.6 | 3.7 |
| H-II derivative type rocket of 20t class | 20 | 7.7 | 5.3 |

8.4 Proposed transportation system for each mission

Table 8.4-1 lists proposed transportation systems for each mission.

Table 8.4-1 Proposed transportation system for each mission

| Mission | Launch vehicle | Transfer orbit entry form |
|--|--|--|
| (1) Lunar observation satellite | One H-II rocket | Second stage reignition |
| (2) Electric propulsion orbital transfer mission aircraft | One H-II rocket | Ionic engine |
| (3) Lunar landing/mobile exploration aircraft | One H-II rocket | Second stage reignition |
| (4) Lunar sample return | One H-II derivative type rocket of 20t class | Second stage reignition |
| (5) Mars observation satellite | One H-II derivative type rocket of 15t class | Second stage reignition |
| (6) Mars atmospheric entry & landing mission spacecraft | One H-II rocket | Second stage reignition |
| (7) Mars sample return | One H-II rocket (for mission) One H-II derivative type rocket of 20t class (for upper stage OTV) | Upper stage OTV (H-II second stage) |

9. Development plan

In this chapter, lunar and Mars unmanned exploration plan proposed as the first period program for lunar and Mars exploitation project is studied from the technical point of view.

9.1 Technical development scenario

9.1.1 Development issues

(1) Lunar observation satellite

- Lunar transfer orbit and lunar orbit entry
- Tracking control/operation
- Mission equipment

(2) Electric propulsion orbital transfer mission spacecraft

- Lunar transfer orbit and lunar orbit entry by low thrust/gravity capture
- Tracking control/operation
- Large size ionic engine
- Mission equipment

(3) Lunar lander/rover

1) Lunar lander

- Aviation, guidance and control upon landing including hovering
- Obstacles avoidance upon landing
- Throttleable engine

2) Lunar rover

- Nighttime (for 14 days) thermal control technique
- Lunar surface running mechanism and driving system including bearing and decelerator
- Remote control with time delay and semi-automatic control
- Mission equipment

(4) Lunar sample return

- Lunar takeoff and earth return orbit entry
- Capsule design
- Ablator
- Water landing and recovery system

(5) Mars observation satellite

- Mars transfer orbit and Mars orbit entry
- Tracking control/operation
- Mission equipment

(6) Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft

- Mars atmospheric aerobrake
- Mars atmospheric entry and landing
- Mission equipment

(7) Mars sample return

- Assembly on earth orbit
- Highly automatic controlled rover
- Measurement positions for Mars takeoff spacecraft and orbiter
- Highly automatic controlled rendezvous docking on Mars orbit
- Mars takeoff and earth return orbit entry
- Mission equipment
- Large size launch vehicle

9.1.2 Development steps

(1) Both lunar and Mars explorations should be steadily developed step by step as follows:

- Lunar exploration step

Lunar observation satellite → Lunar lander/rover → Lunar sample return

- Mars exploration step

- Atmospheric entry and landing mission should be performed for technical development of Mars atmospheric aerobrake and atmospheric reentry as well as landing.

- Mars observation satellite → Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft → Mars sample return

(2) Mars exploration should reflect the technical results of lunar exploration.

- Lunar observation satellite → Mars observation satellite

- Lunar rover → Mars rover

- Lunar sample return → Mars sample return

(3) Highly automatic controlled rendezvous docking should be performed based on the technique developed in the on-orbit service system.

9.2 Development schedule

Table 9-1 summarizes the study on the entire schedule in the following concept. In this schedule, each project operation indicated in development steps is technically sorted out and comprehensive planning should be designed including political view points.

- 1) Even in the latest case, CDR should reflect the result of previous step project.
- 2) The development of lunar observation satellite should be started (start of basic design) in the year of Heisei 7.
- 3) Mars exploration project should be started in early Heisei 8 year. It would allow the result of lunar sample return to be reflected in Mars sample return.
- 4) The window of Mars transfer from the earth should be set to approx. two years, vice versa.

9.3 Development cost

Development cost is indicated in technical information RS-S94007 "Study on the development cost for lunar and Mars explorations".

Table 9-1 Review on the entire schedule of lunar and Mars explorations

| | Heisei year | 6 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| | Dominical year | '94 | 2000 | '05 | '10 | '15 |
| 1. Lunar exploration | | | | | | |
| (1) Lunar observation satellite | | △ SRR | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ EOM | | |
| (2) Electric propulsion orbital transfer mission Spacecraft | | △ SRR | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ LOI △ EOM | | |
| (3) Lunar lander/rover | | | | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ EOM | |
| * No.1 | | | | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ EOM | |
| * No.2 | | | | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ EOM | |
| (4) Lunar sample return | | | | △ SRR △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ EOM | |
| 2. Mars exploration | | | | | | |
| (1) Mars observation satellite | | △ SRR | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ MOI △ EOM | △ CDR △ LO △ ER | |
| (2) Mars atmospheric entry and landing mission spacecraft | | | △ SRR | △ PDR △ CDR | △ LO △ ML | |
| (3) Mars sample return | | | | △ SRR △ PDR | △ LO △ ML △ ER | |

Note: Abbreviation

LO: Lift Off
ML: Mars Landing
EOM: End of Mission
MLO: Mars Lift Off

LOI: Lunar Orbit Insertion
ER: Earth Return
MOI: Martian Orbit Insertion

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