

# Impact Probability Analysis for Planetary Protection of Martian Moons eXploration

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# Martian Moons eXploration

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## ○ MMX (Martian Moons eXploration)

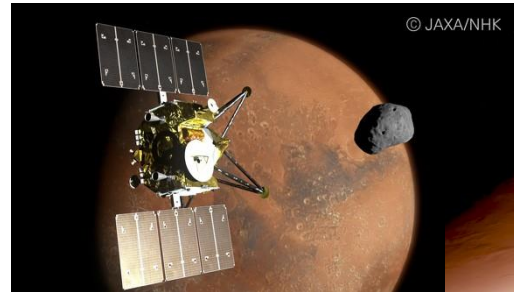
- **World's first mission** to land on a Mars satellite Phobos, collect samples, and return to Earth

## ○ Purpose

- Improved technology for going to and from the Martian atmosphere and advanced sampling techniques on the surface of celestial bodies
- Clarify the origin of the Martian satellites and the evolutionary process of the Martian atmosphere

## ○ Main Mission

- Operation on quasi satellite orbit (QSO)
- Descent, landing and ascent to Phobos
- Deimos flyby



◀ Earth to Mars

Landing on Phobos ▶



# Trajectory Planning for MMX

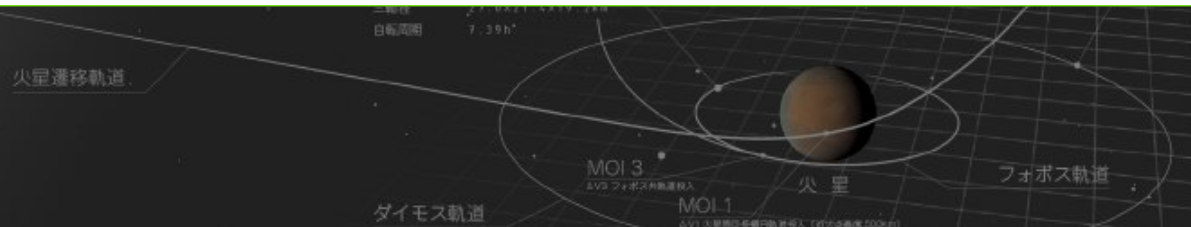
Trajectory Planning = creating a path for the spacecraft to follow



# Trajectory Planning for MMX

## Trajectory Planning in Each Phase

| No | Phase                      | Main Control Plan                               |
|----|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Outbound                   | Separation, BCM1/2/3/4                          |
| 2  | Mars Orbit Insertion (MOI) | MOI1/2/3                                        |
| 3  | Mars Neighborhood          | Phasing and Insertion into QCO, Landing         |
| 4  | Mars Orbit Escape (MOE)    | Deimos flyby (MOE1.0/1.1/1.2/1.3/1.4/1.5), MOE2 |
| 5  | Inbound                    | MOE3, TCM                                       |



# Planetary Protection

## ○ Planetary Protection

- Activities related to the development and operation of spacecraft in accordance with the Planetary Protection Policy (PPP) of the International Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)

### 1. Protection of the environment in Earth-Moon system

Protect Earth from life forms on other celestial bodies

### 2. Conservation of objects to be explored

Protect other celestial bodies from contamination by life on Earth

→ The impact probability with a target celestial body by a rocket, debris and spacecraft having the orbital energy to reach the target celestial body shall be less than the specified value



**Perform impact probability analysis as a position in charge of trajectory planning**



## ○ Assumptions (based on Planetary Protection Policy PPP)

### ○ Category V

Objects to be protected: Mars, Europa, Enceladus

### ○ Impact probability = $\Sigma(\text{failure probability of spacecraft} \times \text{impact probability after failure})$

\* This analysis deals with the impact probability after failure

### ○ Impact probability must be less than $1 \times 10^{-4}$ for 50 years after launch

#### **Purpose :**

**calculate the impact probability based on PPP and  
confirm that the impact probability is less than the specified value**

① Impact Probability on Mars

② Impact Probability on Europa and Enceladus

# Impact Probability on Mars

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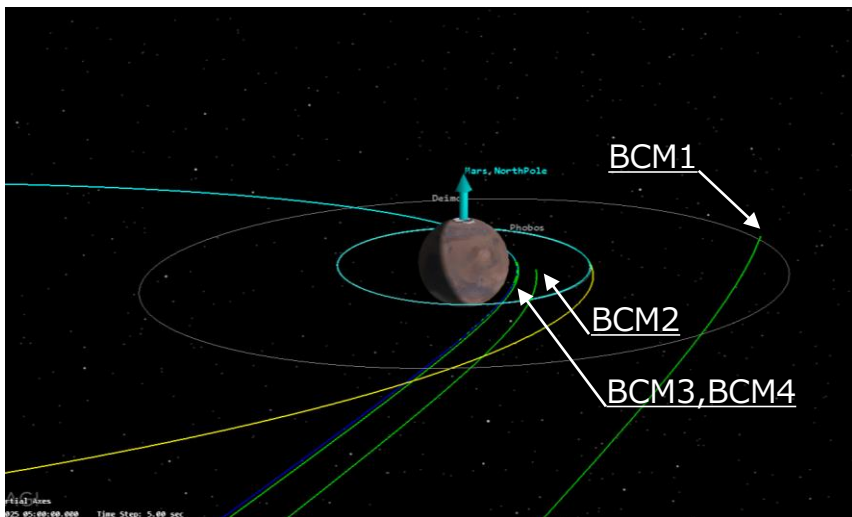
**Step1:** Overview of trajectory planning in each phase

**Step2:** Impact probability analysis for control plans in each trajectory plan

## ○ Trajectory Plan

- **Trajectory Biasing**: Target aim points offset from Mars
- Plan TCM (BCM) to change aim points step by step and move closer to Mars
  - \*BCM (Bias Correction Maneuver)

## ○ Control Plan



| Event      | Epoch [UTC]              | dV [m/s] |
|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Separation | 30 Sep 2024 02:17:48.484 | -        |
| BCM1       | 10 Feb 2025 04:24:24.366 | 6.42496  |
| BCM2       | 20 Feb 2025 04:24:24.366 | 0.748598 |
| BCM3       | 2 Mar 2025 04:24:24.366  | 0.11677  |
| BCM4       | 14 Aug 2025 05:00:00.000 | 0.238031 |

◀ Trajectory Biasing

## ○ Analysis Contents

- Impact probability for cases in which the spacecraft malfunctions after rocket separation and subsequent maneuvers cannot be performed
- Monte Carlo analysis of 50-year propagation given rocket separation error covariance

## ○ Impact probability calculation

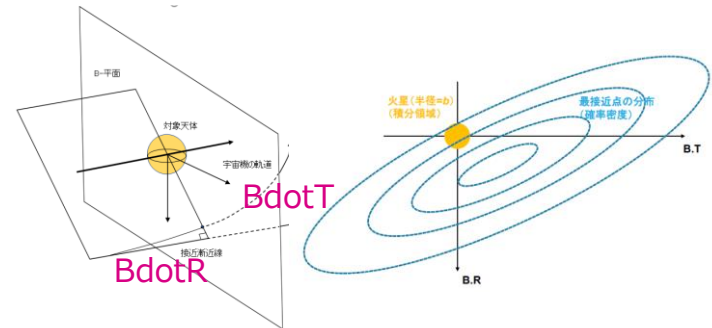
- The two-dimensional distribution (BdotT, BdotR) on the B-plane at the closest approach to Mars is a two-dimensional normal distribution
- Integrate the probability density function over the area of a circle of collision radius (=7480[km])

probability density function: 
$$p_b = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det C_b}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\Delta r_b^T C_b^{-1}\Delta r_b\right]$$

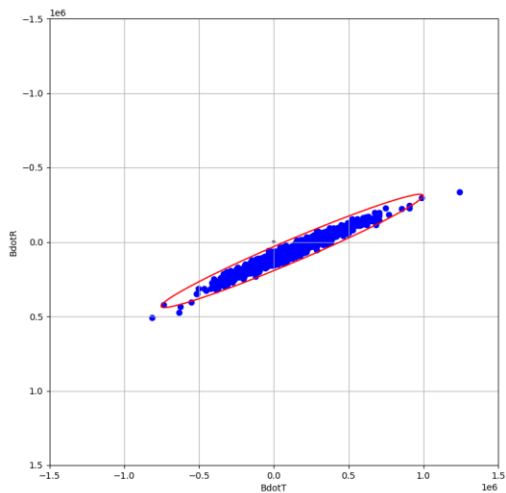
$C_b$ : error covariance matrix of BdotT, BdotR

$\Delta r_b$ : relative position vector to the closest approach position on B-plane

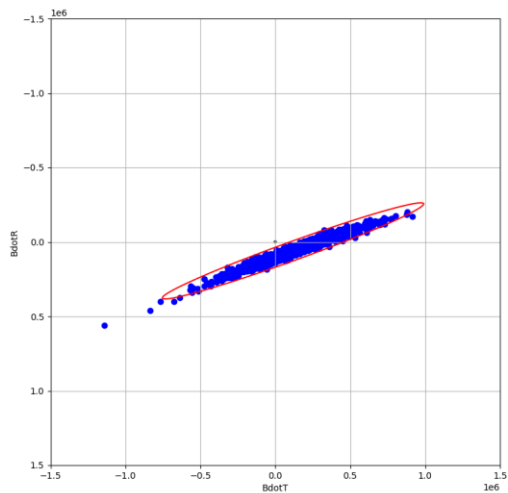
Impact Probability: 
$$P_c = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det C_b}} \int_{A_b} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\Delta r_b^T C_b^{-1}\Delta r_b\right] dA_b$$



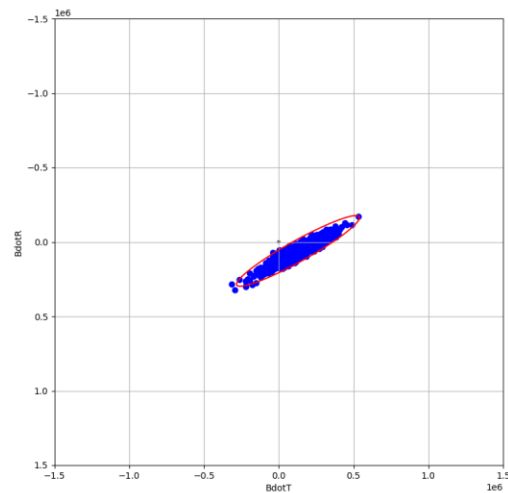
- Distributions of BdotT and BdotR at the closest approach to Mars  
**open**                      **nominal**                      **close**



probability of impact: 7.2056e-08



probability of impact: 8.3006e-09



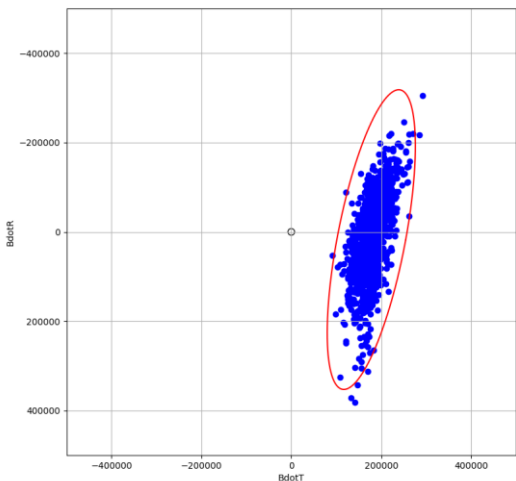
probability of impact: 1.3640e-09

In all cases, the closest meeting is the first

**\*The red ellipse is the 3 $\sigma$  error ellipse**

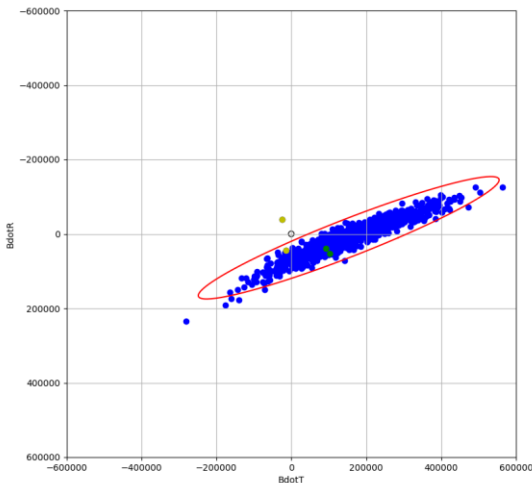
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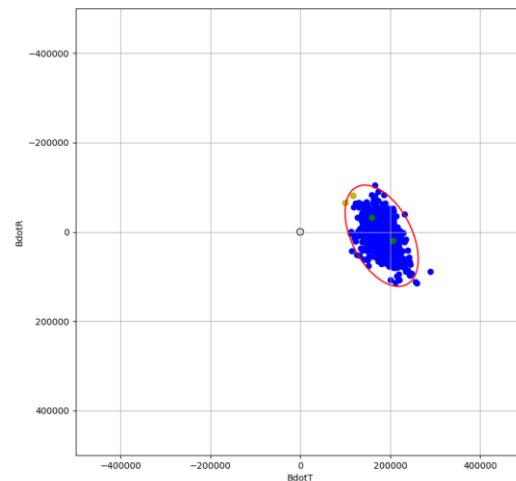
probability of impact:  $1.3236e-16$

nominal



probability of impact:  $5.7369e-07$

close



probability of impact:  $2.5666e-17$

cases where the closest is not the first: 2

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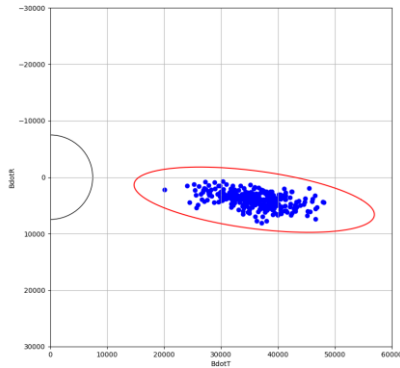
## ○ Impact probability calculation

- Same as rocket separation



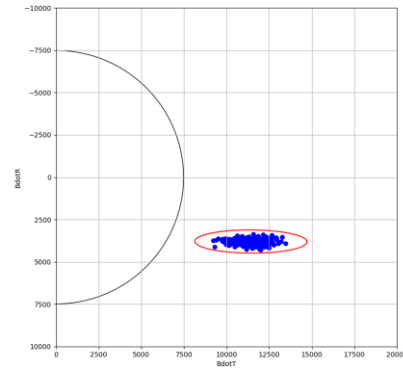
## ○ Distributions of BdotT and BdotR at the closest approach to Mars

### BCM1



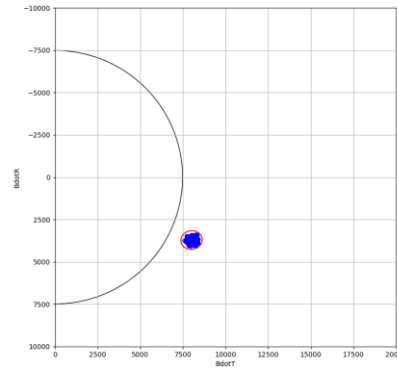
probability of impact: 3.7622e-09

### BCM2



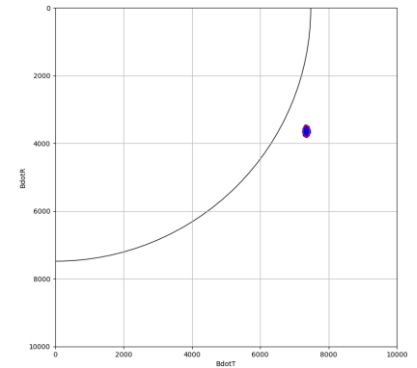
probability of impact: 7.8528e-11

### BCM3



probability of impact: 7.7299e-22

### BCM4



probability of impact: 2.0032e-201

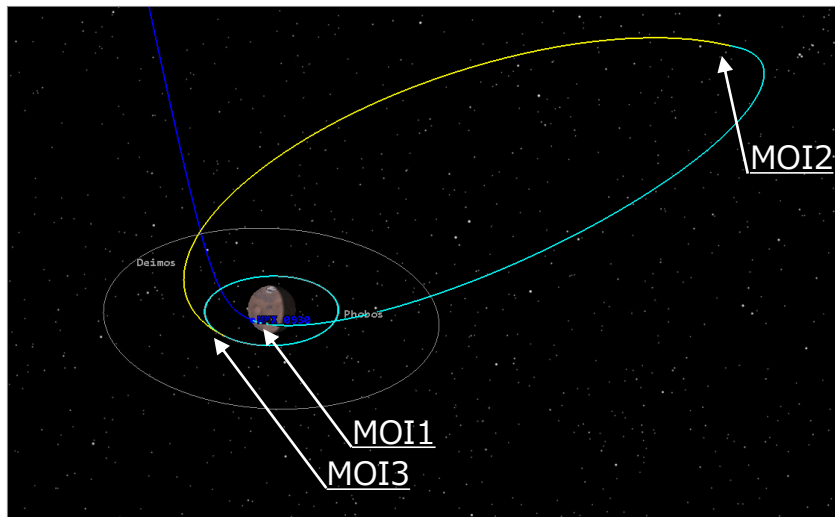
impact probability of rocket separation +  $\Sigma$  impact probability of each BCM = 1.2141e-08

\*The red ellipse is the  $3\sigma$  error ellipse

## ○ Trajectory Plan

- Insertion into Mars orbit by 3 divided MOI1 (peri), MOI2 (apo), and MOI3 (peri)
- After MOI, separation of outbound module and insertion into the co-orbit with Phobos

## ○ Control Plan



| Event | Epoch [UTC]              | dV [m/s] |
|-------|--------------------------|----------|
| MOI1  | 14 Sep 2025 04:34:55.230 | 703.995  |
| MOI2  | 17 Sep 2025 10:29:42.942 | 71.0647  |
| MOI3  | 20 Sep 2025 21:02:43.144 | 785.976  |

## ○ Analysis Contents

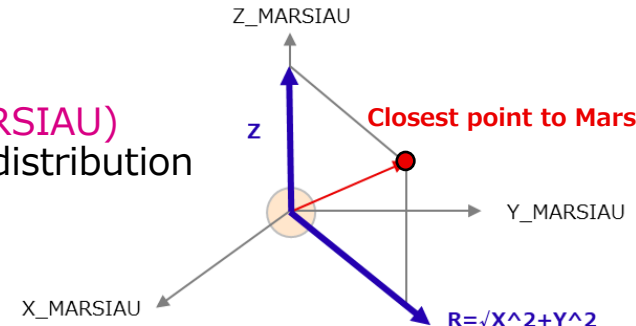
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## ○ Impact probability calculation (MOI1)

- Impact on Mars in most cases due to low periapsis altitude
- Impact probability = impacts / trials (1000 cases) x failure rate of spacecraft

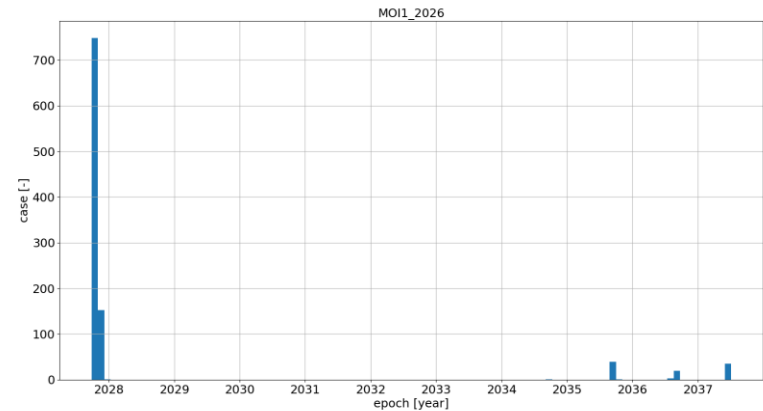
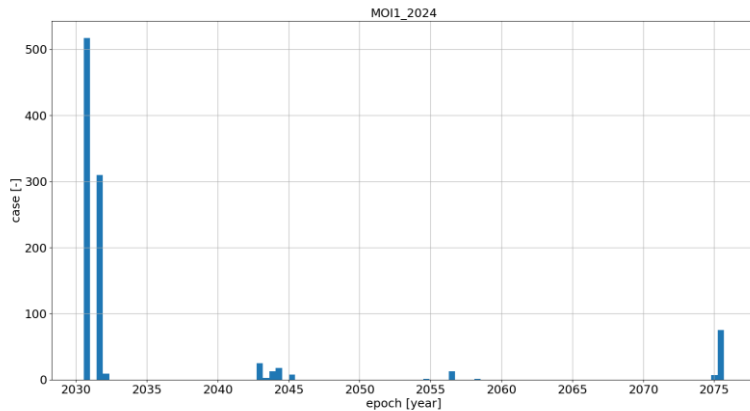
## ○ Impact probability calculation (MOI2/3)

- B-plane cannot be defined due to Mars orbit (elliptical orbit)
- The two-dimensional distribution on the Rz-plane (SPICE/MARSIAU) at the closest approach to Mars is a two-dimensional normal distribution
- Integrate the probability density function over the area of a circle of Mars radius



## ○ 解析結果

- **MOI1/2024** : 925/1000×(failure rate of spacecraft)
- **MOI1/2026** : 1000/1000×(failure rate of spacecraft)

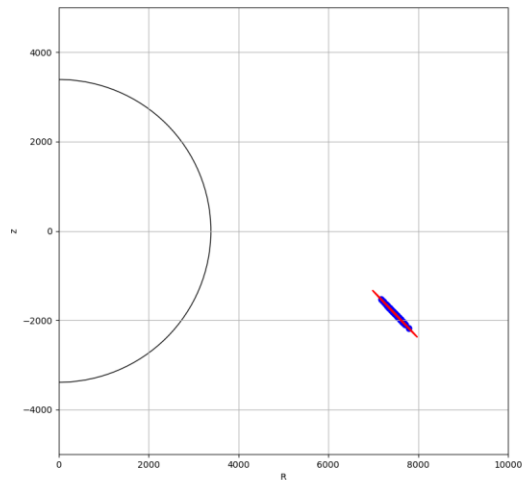


## ○ Distributions of Rz at the closest approach to Mars

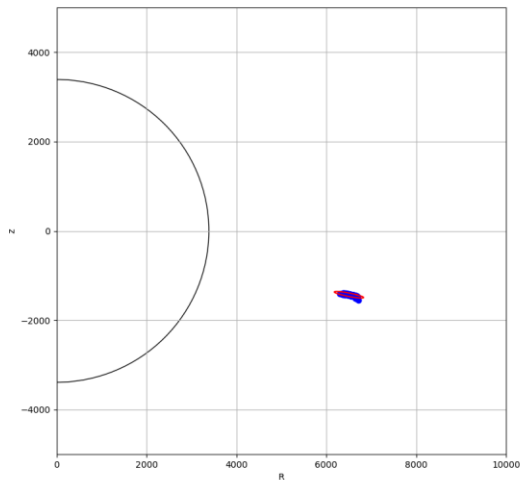
MOI2/2024

MOI2/2026

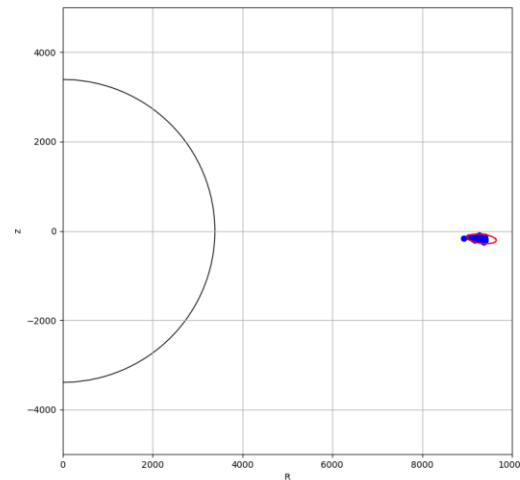
MOI3/2024



probability of impact: 0.0



probability of impact: 0.0

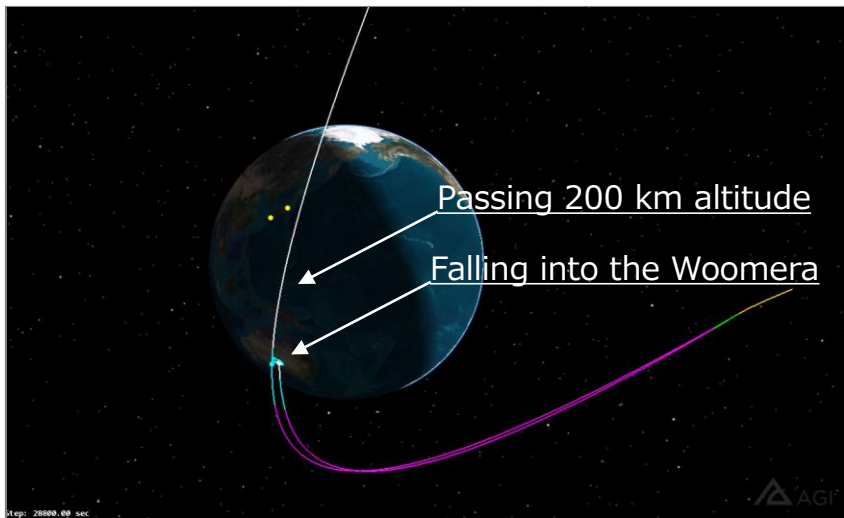


probability of impact: 0.0

## ○ Trajectory Plan

- Target a point biased 200 km above the earth's altitude by MOE3 → Earth swingby
- Guide the spacecraft over the Woomera Desert by TCM (Trajectory Correction Maneuver)

## ○ Control Plan



| Event   | Epoch [UTC]              | dV [m/s] |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| MOE3    | 4 Sep 2028 23:30:00.000  | 657.116  |
| TCM     | 27 Jul 2029 17:00:00.000 | 1.21428  |
| Landing | 5 Aug 2029 17:12:31.995  | -        |

## ○ Analysis Contents

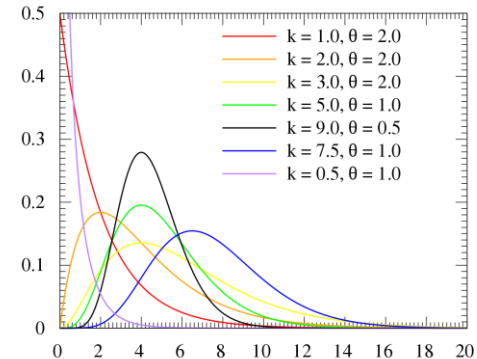
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- Monte Carlo analysis of 50-year propagation given dV error and orbit determination error

## ○ Impact probability calculation

- Not 2D normal distribution due to the scattered of Mars closest approach points
- Fitting 1D distribution of Mars distance at the closest approach by gamma distribution
- Integrate the probability density function of gamma over the area of a circle of Mars radius

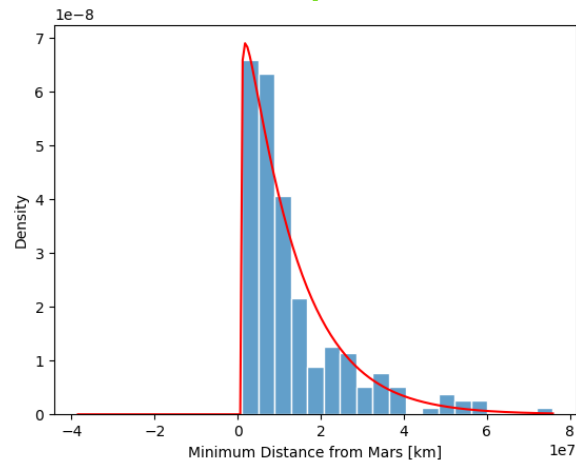
Impact Probability: 
$$p_r = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k)\theta^k} (x - loc)^{k-1} e^{-\frac{x-loc}{\theta}}$$

$\Gamma(k)$ : gamma function  
 $loc$ : offset value

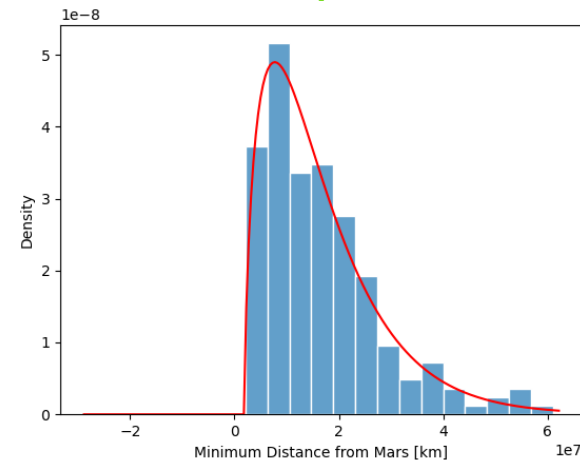


## ○ Distributions of Mars distance at the closest approach to Mars

### MOE3/2024



### MOE3/2026



|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| $k$                          | 1.069383705510063  |
| $\theta$                     | 11639702.004048625 |
| $loc$ [km]                   | 999601.0453087173  |
| <b>probability of impact</b> | 0.0                |

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| $k$                          | 1.652093171955857  |
| $\theta$                     | 8937644.858049646  |
| $loc$ [km]                   | 1890426.6853572074 |
| <b>probability of impact</b> | 0.0                |



# Impact Probability on Europa and Enceladus

## ○ Energy Analysis

- Analyze if **there is an energy potential** that could reach Europa or Enceladus

## ○ Analysis Method

- $V_{\infty I}$ : Incoming asymptote velocity
- $V_{\infty O}$ : Outgoing asymptote velocity

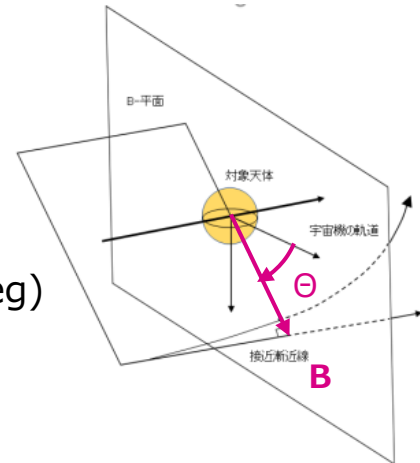
$$V_{\infty O} = |V_{\infty I}| \left( \cos \phi_B \hat{S}_I - \sin \phi_B \frac{\mathbf{B}}{b} \right)$$

$$\sin \frac{\phi_B}{2} = 1 / \left( 1 + \frac{r_{\pi} |V_{\infty I}|^2}{\mu} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{S}_I = 0, \quad \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{T} = b \cos \theta, \quad \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{R} = b \sin \theta$$

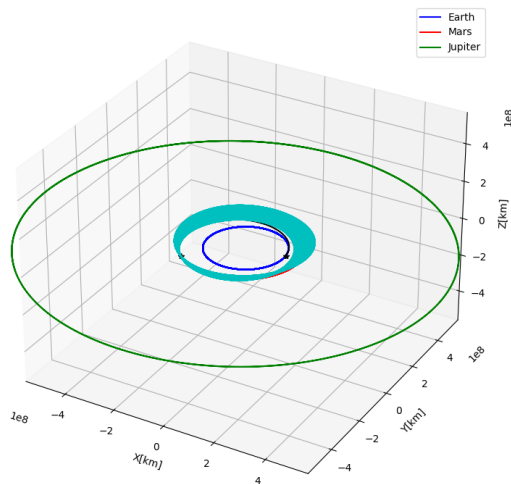
- Velocity after swing-by to Sun =  $V_{\infty O}$  + Velocity of celestial body for swing-by to Sun  
→ Keplerian elements to Sun  
→ **apoapsis altitude < orbital radius of Europa and Enceladus → OK!**

$r_{\pi}$  : closest distance  
 $b$  : collision radius  
 $\theta$  : entry angle to B-plane (0-360deg)

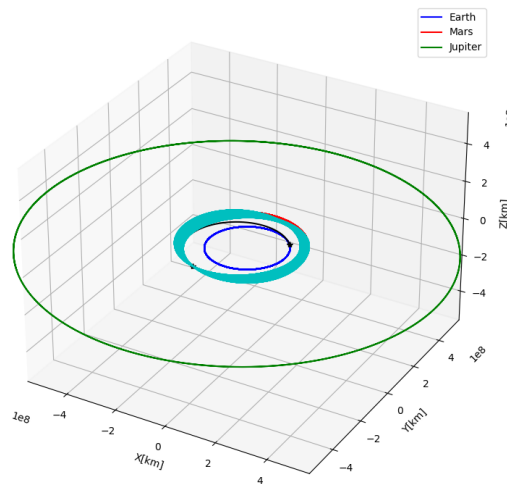


# Energy Analysis / Outbound

## ○ Outbound: Mars Swing-by 2024



## 2026

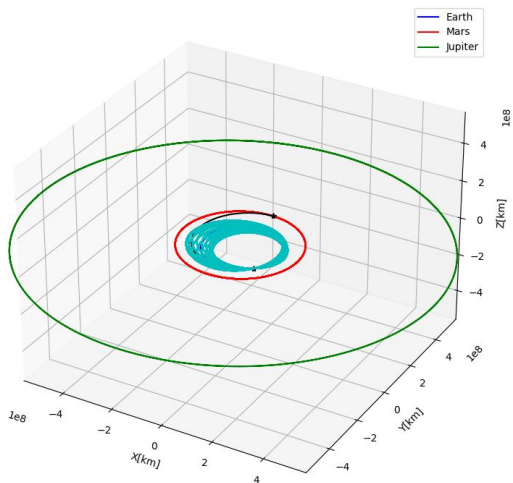


| [deg] | 2024             | 2026             |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 0     | 233936000        | 227004000        |
| 20    | 233938000        | 226767000        |
| 40    | 234194000        | 227648000        |
| 60    | 236592000        | 233647000        |
| 80    | 246120000        | 242623000        |
| 100   | 261990000        | 251840000        |
| 120   | 277704000        | 259797000        |
| 140   | 289160000        | 265441000        |
| 160   | <b>294193000</b> | <b>268102000</b> |
| 180   | 292281000        | 267533000        |
| 200   | 284457000        | 263920000        |
| 220   | 272898000        | 257843000        |
| 240   | 260305000        | 250188000        |
| 260   | 249218000        | 242072000        |
| 280   | 241275000        | 234750000        |
| 300   | 236702000        | 229484000        |
| 320   | 234652000        | 227037000        |
| 340   | 234019000        | 226766000        |

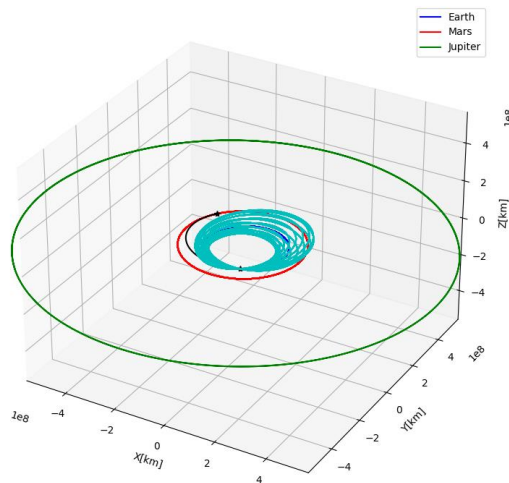
In all cases, the mean orbital radius of Jupiter (= about 778,000,000 km) is not reached

# Energy Analysis / Inbound

## ○ Inbound: Earth Swing-by 2024



## 2026



| [deg] | 2024             | 2026             |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 0     | 204388000        | 156753000        |
| 20    | 194424000        | 158470000        |
| 40    | 179984000        | 160424000        |
| 60    | 165384000        | 164171000        |
| 80    | 155698000        | 177551000        |
| 100   | 152202000        | 205876000        |
| 120   | 151804000        | 237682000        |
| 140   | 152531000        | 262957000        |
| 160   | 153555000        | <b>273637000</b> |
| 180   | 154454000        | 266110000        |
| 200   | 154970000        | 243286000        |
| 220   | 154957000        | 212388000        |
| 240   | 154375000        | 181118000        |
| 260   | 153677000        | 158329000        |
| 280   | 168793000        | 152369000        |
| 300   | 187068000        | 152299000        |
| 320   | 200709000        | 153466000        |
| 340   | <b>206860000</b> | 155051000        |

In all cases, the mean orbital radius of Jupiter (= about 778,000,000 km) is not reached

**Thank you**

