EARTH'S MINIMONS



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Heliocentric pre-capture orbits ("The Lip Distribution")



Geocentric orbits



Initial geocentric speed at 4-5 Hill radii from the Earth





Diameter of TCO [m]



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Detectability of minimoons (in preparation by Bolin et al.)



Capture mechanism



Capturable orbits and the Moon





Gap in semimajor axis



Pre- vs. post-capture orbit



Enabled

Sclence

Population statistics for small NEOs



Remote laboratory for detailed long-term studies of small asteroids and meteoroids



Laboratory analysis of an intact asteroid

Encountering an object on a chaotic trajectory (in preparation by Patterson, Chyba, et al.)

Ephemeris prediction: Orbital uncertainty

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