

# Science benefits for Marco Polo with surface station

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# Why to have a Lander on a Sample Return Mission

- The prime scientific objective of Marco Polo is to return samples to Earth
- Analytical methods for in-situ analysis, obviously, are less sensitive than those applied in Labs on ground

However:

- There is a need to investigate the asteroidal material in its original environment
- The characterization of the context, from which the samples are taken is important for their interpretation





# Scientific Benefits: Categorization

## ➤ **Context Measurements**

- Support in sampling site selection
- Variability of surface (locally)
- Characterization of sample alternation during cruise / re-entry
  - Chemical (due to temperature (?), storage)
  - Physical (due to sampling process, compression, acceleration)

## ➤ **Ground truth for Orbiter Measurements**

## ➤ **Global Characterization of Asteroid**

- Radio-sounding, together with Orbiter
- Seismic

## ➤ **Long Term Measurements**

- Radio tracking (Asteroid to Earth)



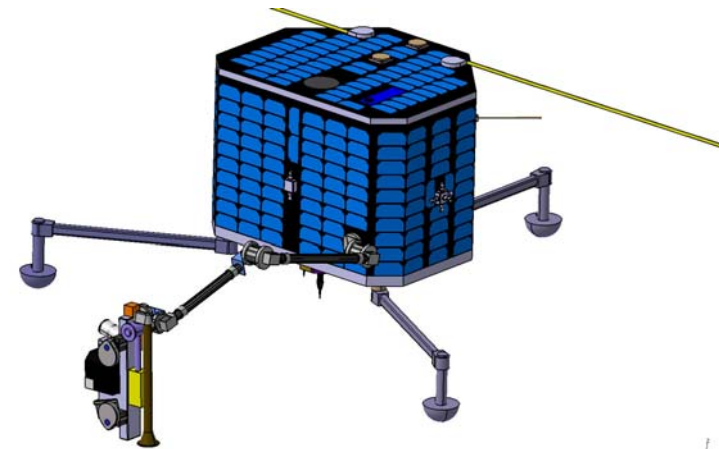
# MASCOT strawman payload: to be revisited, modified and consolidated during the study

- **Context science by the lander instrumentation (Choice and characterization of the sampling site(s))**
  - **Texture**
  - **Thermal and mechanical properties**
  - **Microscale dust & regolith**
  - **Elemental composition**
  - **Microscale geology**
  - **Microscale chemical composition**
  - **Sub-surface volatiles**
- **Combined Orbiter/Lander science**
  - **Radio tomographer (bistatic radar) (geophysics)**
- **Stand-alone science by the lander instrumentation**
  - **Geophysical experiments (instrumented mole,  $\mu$ -seismometer)**

# Options studied for MASCOT

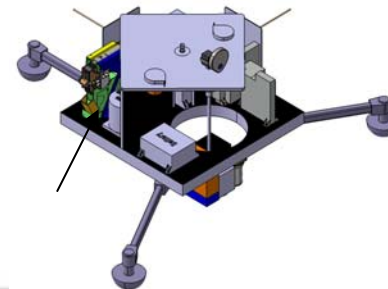
➤ In the frame of the MASCOT CEF study at DLR-Bremen, three options for possible Landers were studied:  
(see presentation by Lutz Richter)

➤ 95 kg (Philae-size; 3-axis attitude controled)



➤ 70 kg (Flywheel for attitude stabilization)

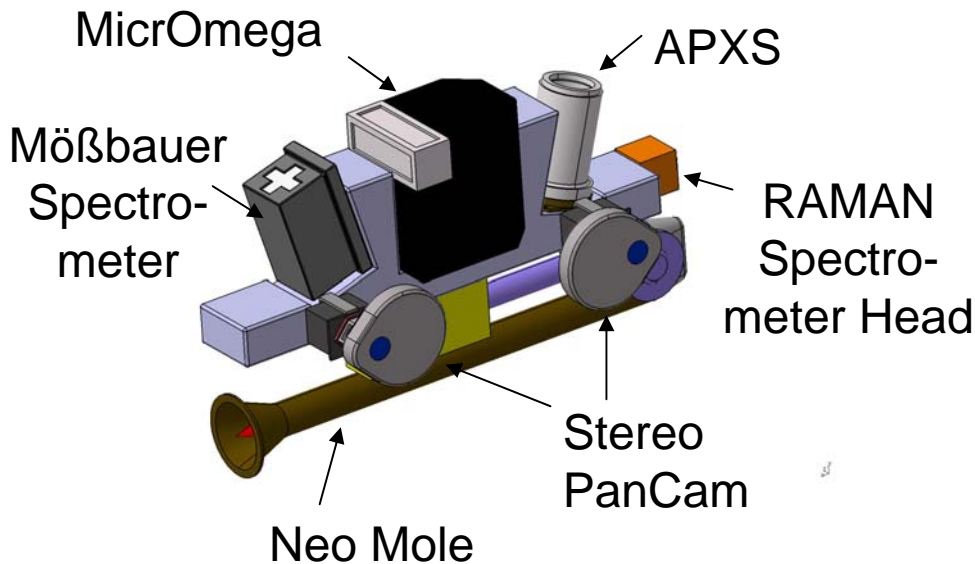
➤ 35 kg



# Different lander options considered in CDF study of DLR Bremen

➤ Option 1 P/L:

## Arm-mounted P/L



Instruments	Mass [kg]
APXS (Alpha-Particle-X-ray Spectrometer)	0.7
Raman Spectrometer	1.2
Mössbauer Spectrometer	0.5
Neo-Mole	0.9
EVITA (Evolved Volatiles Ion Trap Analyzer)	0.6
Voldet (Mid-IR ATR spectr., volatile detect., microsc.)	0.2
ILMA (Ion Laser Mass Analyzer)	2.5
XRD (X-ray diffractometer)	2
MicrOmega (Optical microscope & IR spectr.)	0.5
Mikroseismometer	0.3
Stereo/panoramic camera (WAC)	0.8
New Consort	1.8
MPBeacon	1
Laser Retroreflectors	0.5
<b>Σ</b>	<b>13.5</b>

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➤ Option 2: ~70 kg, flywheel for attitude stabilization, post-landing mobility by hopping

Instruments	Mass [kg]
APXS (Alpha-Particle-X-ray Spectrometer)	0.7
Raman Spectrometer	1.2
Neo-Mole	0.9
Voldet (Mid-IR ATR spectr., volatile detect., microsc.)	0.2
ILMA (Ion Laser Mass Analyzer)	2.5
MicrOmega (Optical microscope & IR spectr.)	0.5
Mikroseismometer	0.3
Stereo/panoramic camera	0.8
New Consort	1.8
MPBeacon	1
<b>Σ</b>	<b>9.8</b>





# Different lander options considered in CDF study of DLR Bremen

➤ Option 3 P/L:

Instruments	Mass [kg]
APXS (Alpha-Particle-X-ray Spectrometer)	0.7
Neo-Mole/HP3	0.9
ILMA (Ion Laser Mass Analyzer)	2.5
MicrOmega (Optical microscope & IR spectr.)	0.5
Mikroseismometer	0.3
Stereo/panoramic camera	0.8
New Consort	1.8
<b>Σ</b>	<b>7.5</b>

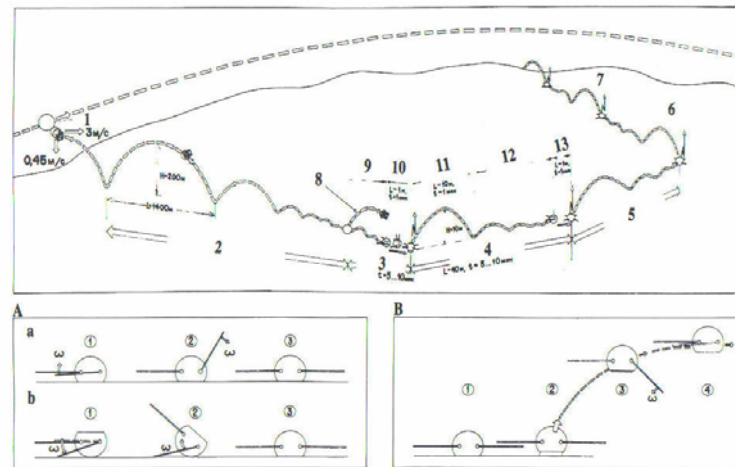
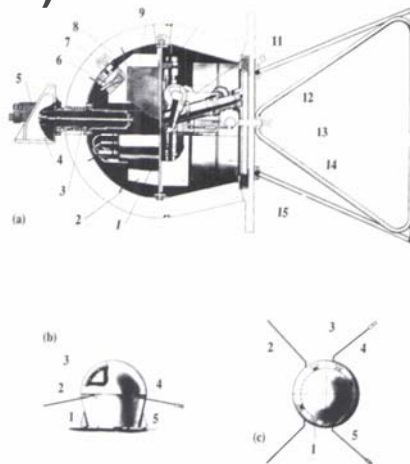


## Could we go even smaller ?

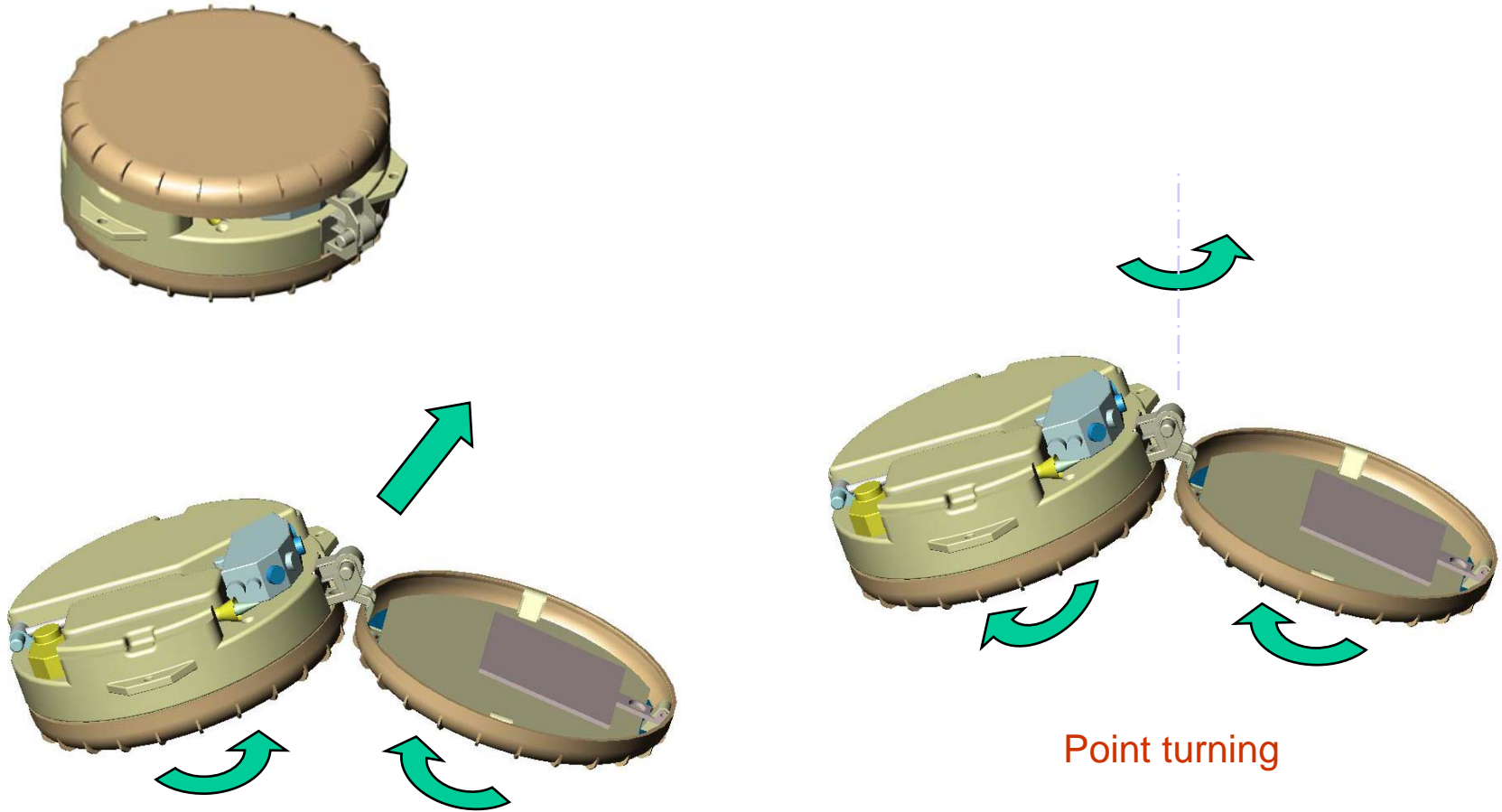
- Smaller Landers ( or Surface Science Packages) are, of course, possible (see Minerva !)
- Such devices, however, would have to emphasize on one (two ?) science aspects / instruments only!
- Examples:
  - Analysis Lander (e.g. Raman or ILMA)
  - Investigation of internal structure (CONSERT)
  - Radio Beacon (long lived; LARA-type)
  - Close-up imager (camera, Micromega)
- A definition of the payload, consequently, shall be done before the respective lander design is studied

# Possible Heritage from Phobos Hopper ?

(VNIITransmash / Lavochkin)



# Hopper Concepts (Study DLR/VNII envisaged)



Straight and curved locomotion

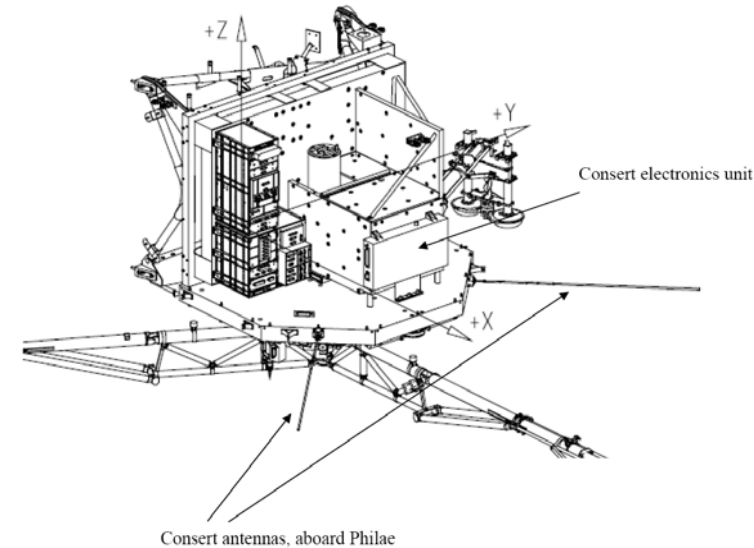
Point turning

# A 10 kg Option ?

- Possible Scenarios, even with Hopper
- Limited Payload. E.g. CONSERT-only
- Mass estimate:

Structure+Mechanism	4 kg
Payload	2 kg
Electronics (CDMS+PCU)	1kg
Communications (/antenna)	0.7 kg (100g antenna)
Power (Batteries, SG?)	2,3 kg

- CONSERT transponder reacts whenever Ping is sent (limited intelligence required; operates whenever power available)
- Mass of elements on Orbiter to be considered ! (2kg + 3kg [instr.]





# Summary

- A Lander is, indeed, valuable, also for a Sample Return Mission
  - Redundancy arguments not even addressed...
- Various concepts for various classes of Landers, between 90 kg and 10 kg looked into. All have their justification.
- Decision on Lander Class depending on evolvement of Marco Polo