



# ISAS/JAXA program in Space Astronomy & Astrophysics

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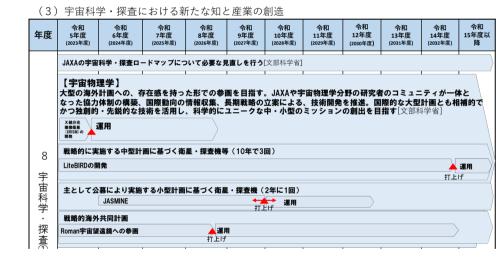




### Space Science Program in Japan

Basic Plan on Space Policy (宇宙基本計画) updated 2023 June https://www8.cao.go.jp/space/plan/keikaku.html

Implementation Plan (工程表) updated 2023 Dec



Space Science & Exploration roadmap (宇宙科学・探査ロードマップ) 2023/Aug https://www.isas.jaxa.jp/home/rikou/roadmap/roadmap\_20230809.pdf

These are updated by Subcommittee on Space Science and Exploration (宇宙科学·探査小委員会) based on ISAS's proposal.





### Scientific Perspective

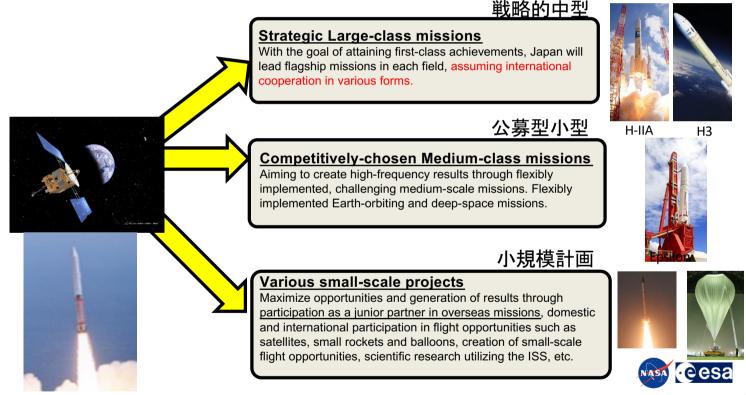
- "Space science" is the science activity that can only be done in space or has clear merit to be done in space.
- Purpose of astronomy and astrophysics
  - Understanding the origin of space and matters in the Universe
  - Search for the possibilities of life in the Universe
- Purpose of Solar system science
  - Understanding how the Solar system and Life were produced and evolved.





#### **Strategies for Space Science and Exploration Missions**

Based on strategies for execution of future projects in the space science and engineering fields amid harsh resource limitations, rather than the large-scale projects that have been strived for in the past, we will mainstream smaller projects in three categories: Large-scale satellites/explorers (launched on H-IIA/H3-class), medium-scale satellites/explorers (launched on Epsilon rockets), and various other small-scale projects.

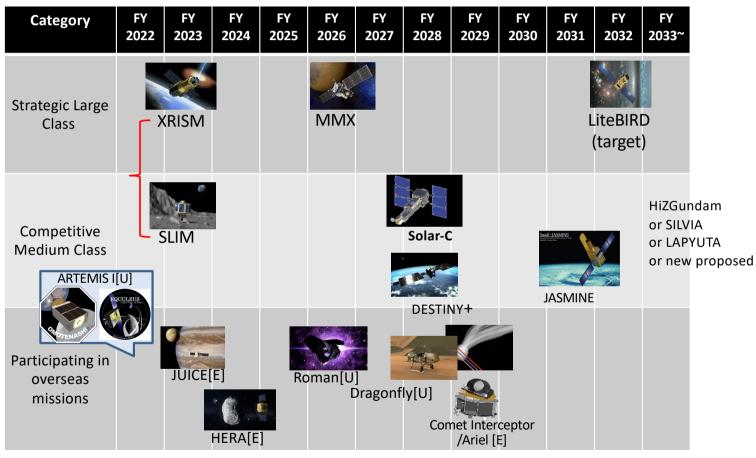




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## Mission Roadmap for ISAS Space Science and Exploration Projects

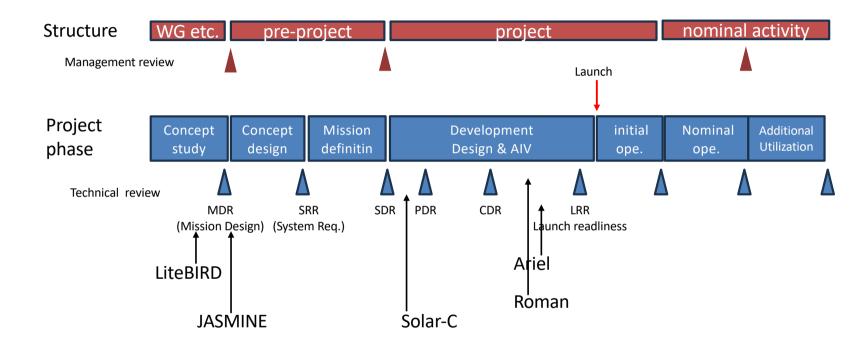
Updated on 2024/Oct







### **Development Phase**







### How to propose?

- Small scale projects: proposal base, basically annual call from ISAS
- Competitively-chosen Medium-class missions
   Call from ISAS once in 2-3 yrs, and selected by advisory committees.
   Eco-proposal in 2024 as a trial.
   Next downselection between HiZ/Lapyuta/Silvia will be in FTY 2026 (TBC).
- Strategic Large-class missions
   GDI –base cultivation, next proposal will be in FY2026.
- Strategic international collaboration
   Case by case, depends on the size, cost, trigger etc.

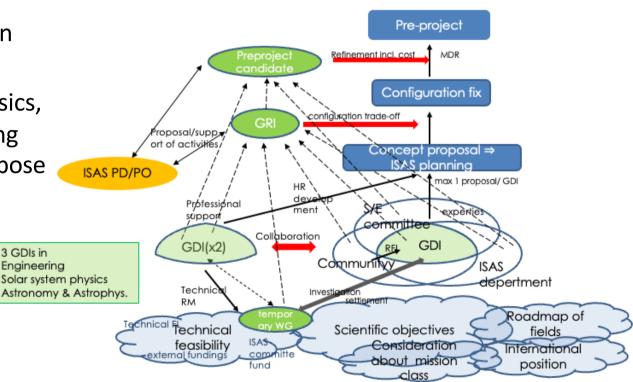




### What is GDI (Group de Discussion Intensive)?

3 GDIs in

- GDI is a joint committee from ISAS, Science/Engineering advisory committees, communities to cultivate future L-class mission in the concept study phase.
- 3 GDIs in astronomy & astrophysics, Solar system science, engineering are settled and expected to propose max. 1 mission concept.







### Issues to be identified and uncertainties

- Rapid cost increase of space projects
  - L-class : 30 BYen  $\rightarrow$  40 BYen (2021)  $\rightarrow$  x 1.5-2 ??
  - M-class: 15BYen  $\rightarrow$  18 BYen (2021)  $\rightarrow$  x 1.5-2 ?? ⇒It will reduce the frequency of missions, and delay of calls.
- Prime contractor candidates in Japan
  - Huge demand from security and defense blocks space science missions
- ISAS's counter measure

  Activate low cost missions: ex. Eco & Fast call on M-class

  Discussion within TF formed in 2024, and trying to make proposal by the end of FY 2024. 3 subcommittees, "satellite architecture", "ECO AO", and "Large international collaboration", are established.