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# Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration

- Solicitation for rideshare missions to conduct Planetary Science
  - SIMPLEx-1 (2014)
    - \$5.6M cost cap
    - 6U max size
    - Solicited via ROSES
  - SIMPLEx-2 (2018)
    - \$55M cap
    - up to 180 kg
    - Targeted specific launch opportunities
    - Solicited via SALMON
  - SIMPLEx-3 (TBD)

#### Recent Highlights



Photo credit: Lockheed Martin Space for Lunar Trailblazer

Engineers work on the JPL-developed High-resolution Volatiles and Minerals Moon Mapper (HVM³) for NASA's Lunar Trailblazer spacecraft in a clean room at Lockheed Martin Space in Littleton, Colorado, in December 2022.



#### Current Small Spacecraft Activities/Future Plans

- LunaH-Map Lunar Polar Hydrogen Mapper launched with Artemis I; operations ceased August 2023 due to thruster issues
- ESCAPADE Escape and Plasma Acceleration and Dynamics Explorer – Dual spacecraft aboard VADR LV; launch window opens in August 2024

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 Janus – De-manifested from Psyche due to trajectory compatibility issue after Psyche launch delay and trajectory redesign

 Lunar Trailblazer – TVAC completed June 2023; LTM and HVM3 installed on S/C and moved to vibration test facility - Launch Readiness Date NET November 2023; driven by IM-1 launch

SIMPLEx-3 under consideration

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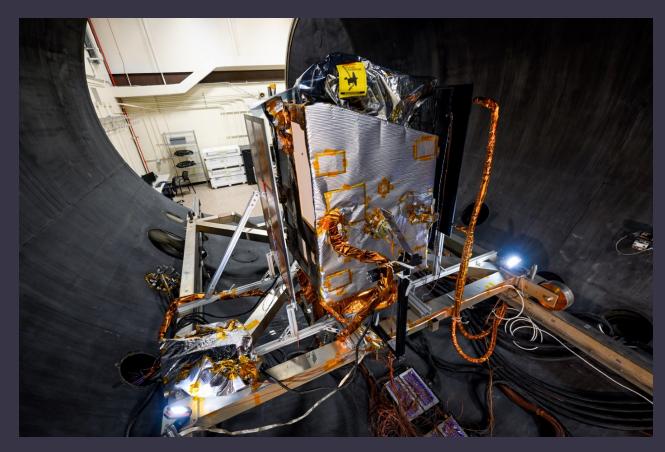


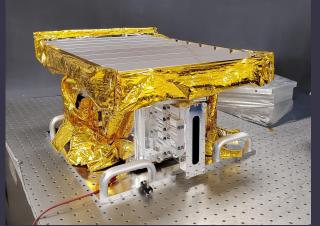
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Lunar Trailblazer in TVAC Testing



LTM wrapped in a multilayer insulation blanket

Photo credit: University of Oxford for Lunar Trailblazer



The HVM<sup>3</sup> instrument sits in a JPL clean room in early December 2022

Photo credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech for Lunar Trailblazer