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#### CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY - ONGOING PROJECTS



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# Mobile Servicing System Operations



#### **Unprecedented level of Robotics Operations**





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Modular and repairable

## The Most Space Robotics in History ( as of January 9, 2018)



## **Bringing Autonomy to MSS**

## **Drivers for Autonomy**

#### Now:

- Unprecedented MSS utilization
- High overhead
- Rapid re-planning

### Deep Space:

- Remote
- Limited Crew manning

### **Benefits**

- Efficiency
- Streamlining
- Reaction time
- Execution time
- Complimentary with existing Ops strategies
- Overlays
- Safety monitoring
- Robotic Payload Support
  - RELL
  - DDVS

## International Engagement

- International Space Exploration Coordination Group
  - The Global Exploration Roadmap provides a coordinated vision for human space exploration while recognizing the criticality of increasing synergy with robotic missions
- International Space Station Exploration Capabilities Study Team member
  - Deep Space Gateway/Lunar Orbiting Platform
- Human Enhanced Robotic Architecture Capability for Lunar Exploration and Science
  - A partnership between ESA, JAXA and CSA with NASA participation

## Deep Space Technologies

- Deep Space Exploration Robotics
- Relative Navigation System
- Other areas of interest
  RF and optical communications
  Lunar surface mobility
  Health and Medical systems
  Synthetic Aperture Radar

## Deep Space Exploration Robotics



### An Evolutionary Path to Human-Rated Systems





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# **Mission Objectives**

- Prepare for human missions to the Moon by implementing, demonstrating and certifying technology elements for future human lunar landing
- Create opportunities for scientific research (e.g. sample return)
- Gain science and exploration knowledge about the Moon
- Create opportunities to demonstrate and test technological and operational capabilities for future Mars exploration missions

## Rover

- The rovers main purpose is to perform surface operations and sampling
  - Transport the sample container and with a device to extract samples from the lunar surface and transfer it to the container
  - Capable to survive and operate during the lunar night
  - Capable to communicate directly to the station
  - Transfer the sample container to the Lunar Ascent Module
  - Operate in 3 different modes:
    - Autonomous
    - Tele-operated/Super-visual (Orbit or ground)
    - Tele-operated/Fully manually (From orbit)



#### Rover

Long duration surface operation
Sample collection
12 months
500kg
Tele-operation
Radioisotope power system

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