



TeamIndus is flying a privately funded Spacecraft to the Moon in Dec 2017.

Only American, Russian and Chinese Space agencies have landed on the Moon.

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TeamIndus ECA rover / 6kg

4-wheel, semi-autonomous All aluminum, all terrain

TeamIndus Spacecraft / 600kg liftoff

4-legged, autonomous soft landing 20kg payload, 3-axis stabilized, 1Mbps

ISRO-PSLV XL / Dedicated launch

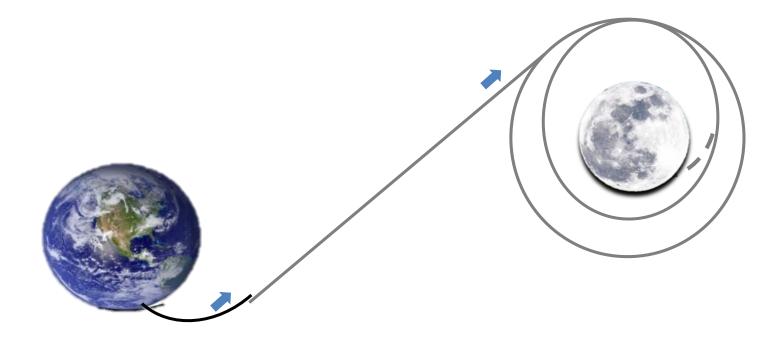
2800 mm

2900 mm

Puts Spacecraft in 70,000km Earth orbit Launches from SHAR, India

Engineering artefacts





2-Earth bound orbits

Optimal Earth-Moon trajectory

28-day time of flight Lunar Transfer Trajectory

Lunar orbit capture **4-Lunar** orbits

14-day Surface Ops Site: Mare Imbrium

Earth to Moon flight path

Why do we do modeling and simulation?

To get a better understanding of the system's:

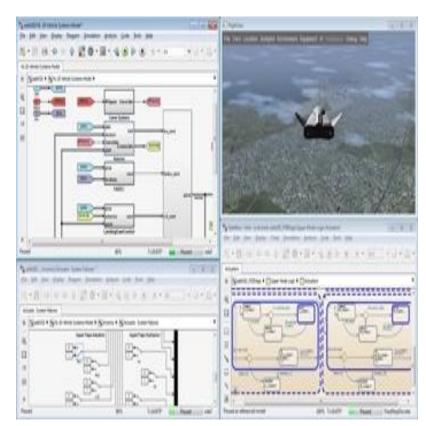
- Structure and interface connections
- Robustness to environmental conditions
- Response to user input

And why is that important?

- Find and fix bugs early
- Test system under conditions difficult to replicate in the real world

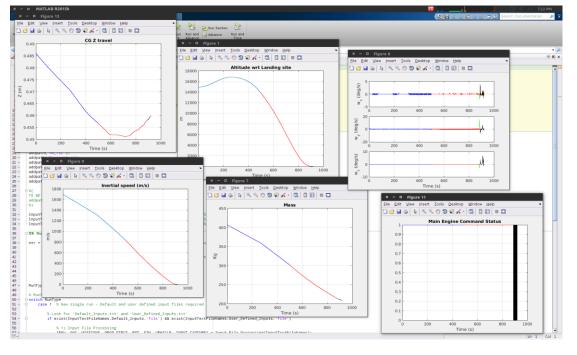
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 Because early testing and fixing bugs early saves a lot of money down the road



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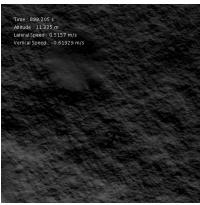


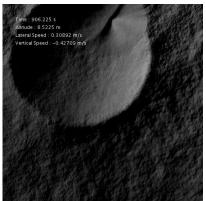


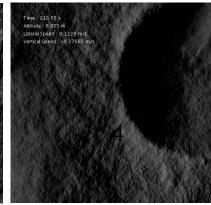
- Autonomous descent is at the core of our mission
- Information round trip is 1 sec, not allowing control from earth
- It is the riskiest part of the mission, but lasts only 15 mins
- Virtual test naturally lead to HILS



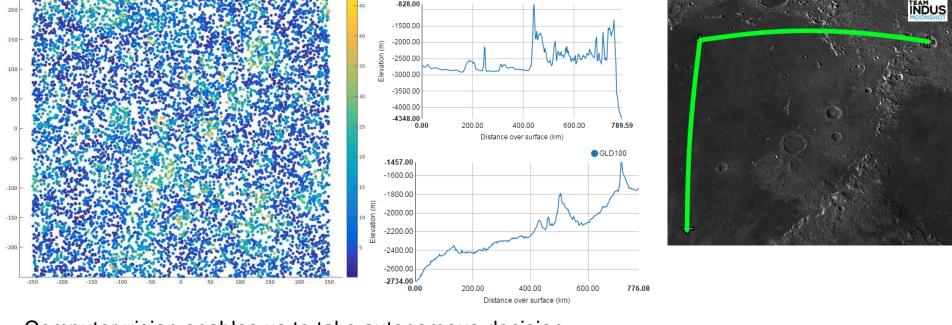






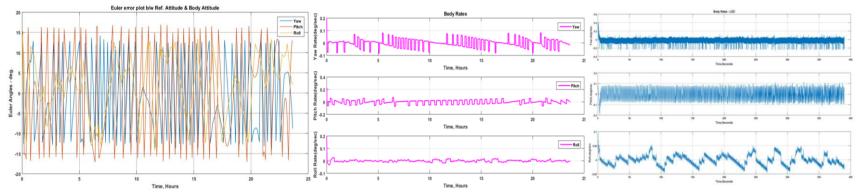


- Detailed images of Lunar surface or terrain model not available
- Using low resolution data we create statistically representative samples of lunar terrain
- Used for visual velocity estimation and hazard avoidance done using these models

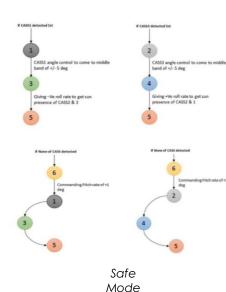


- Computer vision enables us to take autonomous decision
- Multiple approaches to the same & different safe landing spots are tried in the simulation
- Multiple devices were simulated to arrive at the autonomous control strategy
- Code and executable generation from Simulink model allowed us to do large scale simulation on a cloud platform





- Hybrid control during orbital phase
- Autonomy in power generation
- · Autonomy in orbital maneuvers
- Human control weaved in to the strategy to gain from experts knowledge base as well



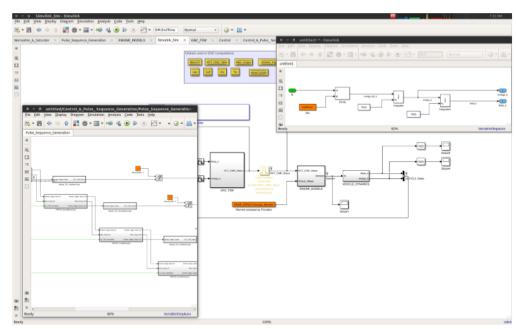


Challenges

- At the start, team very strong with maths and physics, but weak with software engineering
- Team able to come up to speed in less then a year
- No or limited access to models

Addressing Challenges using Simulink

- Simulink helped us on all these fronts
- Profiler very helpful in optimizing execution time
- Model referencing helped us plug and play devices into strategy
- Model advisor a good tool to identify problems





What more would we like to see in Simulink

• Better debugging support. Breakpoints, value inspection could be better

Help and tutorial should be from POV of the novice engineer. Lots of tutorial available

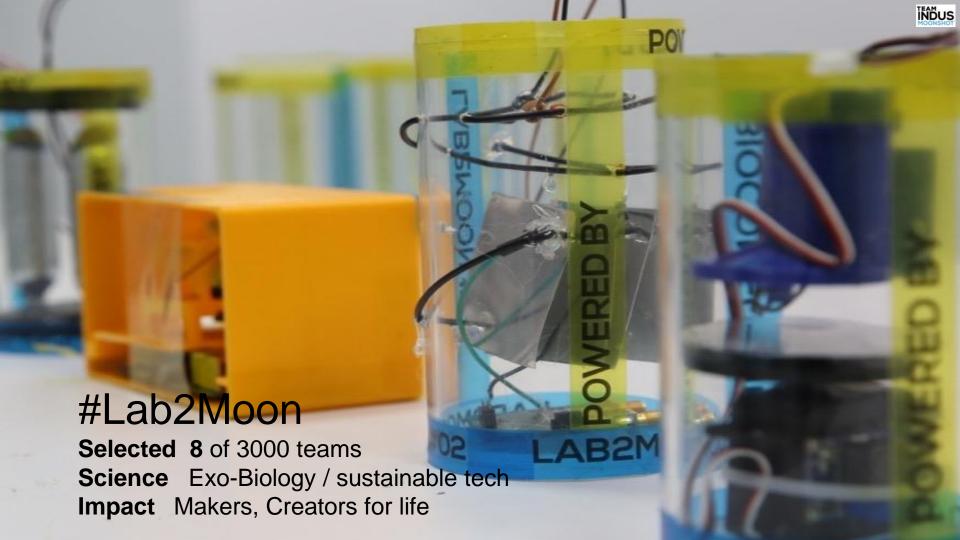
• IDE for all boards not available

Version mgmt tools could be better. Checking diffs could be improved

More visibility into built in functions.

Terrain generation in Simulink?







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