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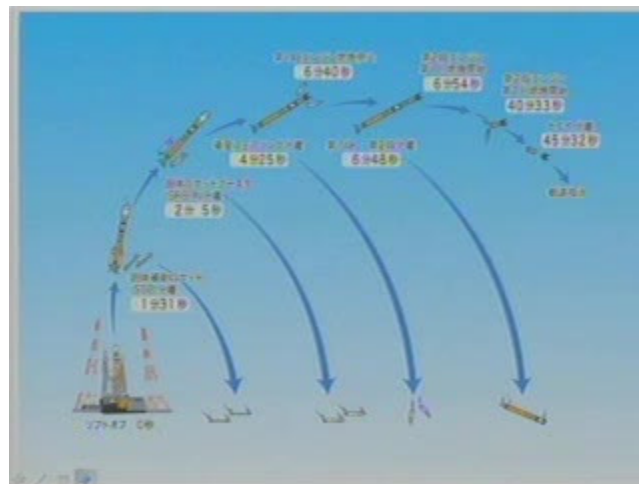
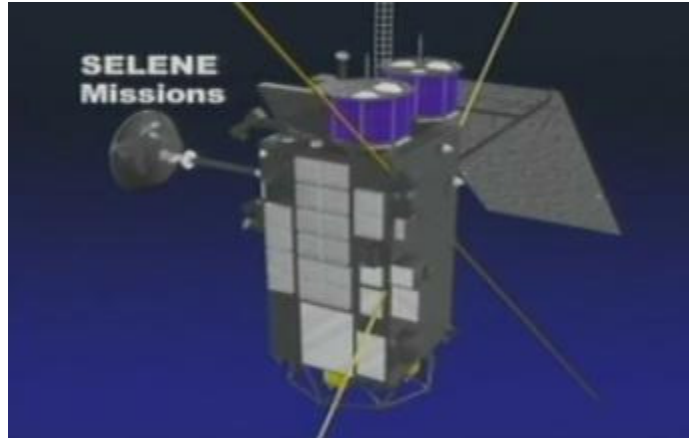
Japan launches H-IIA sending SELENE on a journey to the moon

Japan are heading to the moon following the launch of their SELENE (SELenological and ENgineering Explorer called "KAGUYA") Lunar Orbiter, via a H-IIA (2022) launch vehicle from the Yoshinobu Complex at Tanegashima. Launch was on time at 9:31pm Eastern.

Good luck Kaguya to the moon!!

Go Kaguya !

Congratulations for the ones involved! Looking forward to a great mission, the first on a series of probes to pave the way for humans back to the moon. Next, Chang'e-1!









月亮女神 KAGUYA

“辉夜姬”是日本古代传说中的月亮女神，相当于中国的嫦娥。传说一个老翁入山伐竹时看见一竹竿发出光亮，从竹筒中取出一个长约三寸的女婴带回家抚养，三个月后女婴长成为少女，她的美貌让所居之室日夜都充满了光辉，因此被称为辉夜姬。天下男人都想娶她为妻却一概碰壁，天皇出面也被她拒绝。三年之后的八月十五，月宫天人下凡，辉夜姬穿上霓裳羽衣回到了月宫。