



## Wireless Power Technology Roadmap

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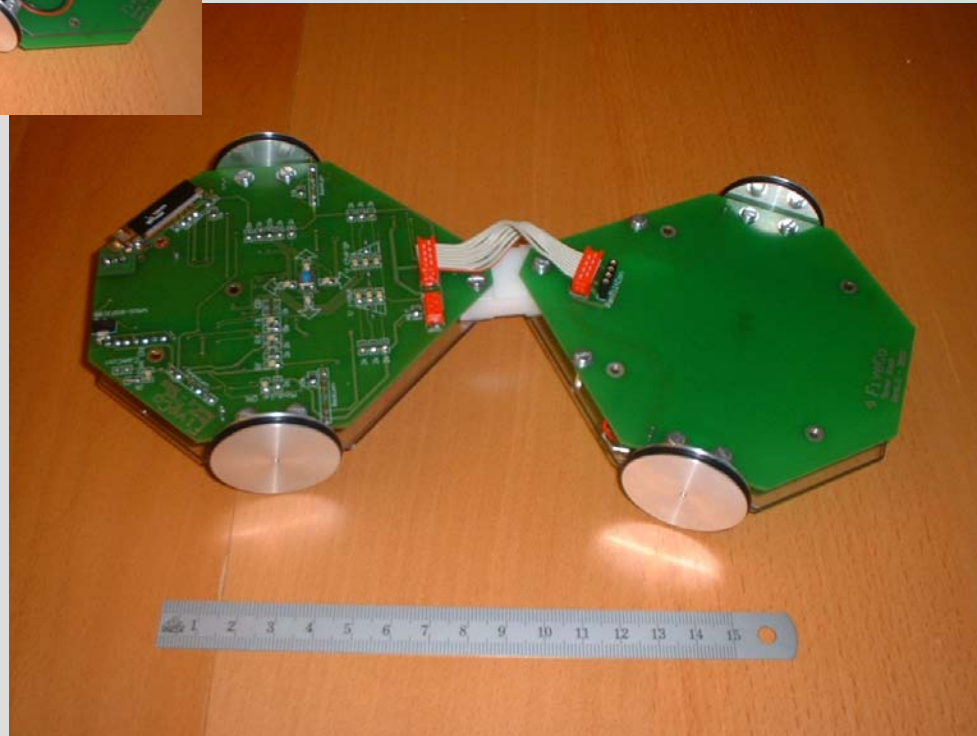
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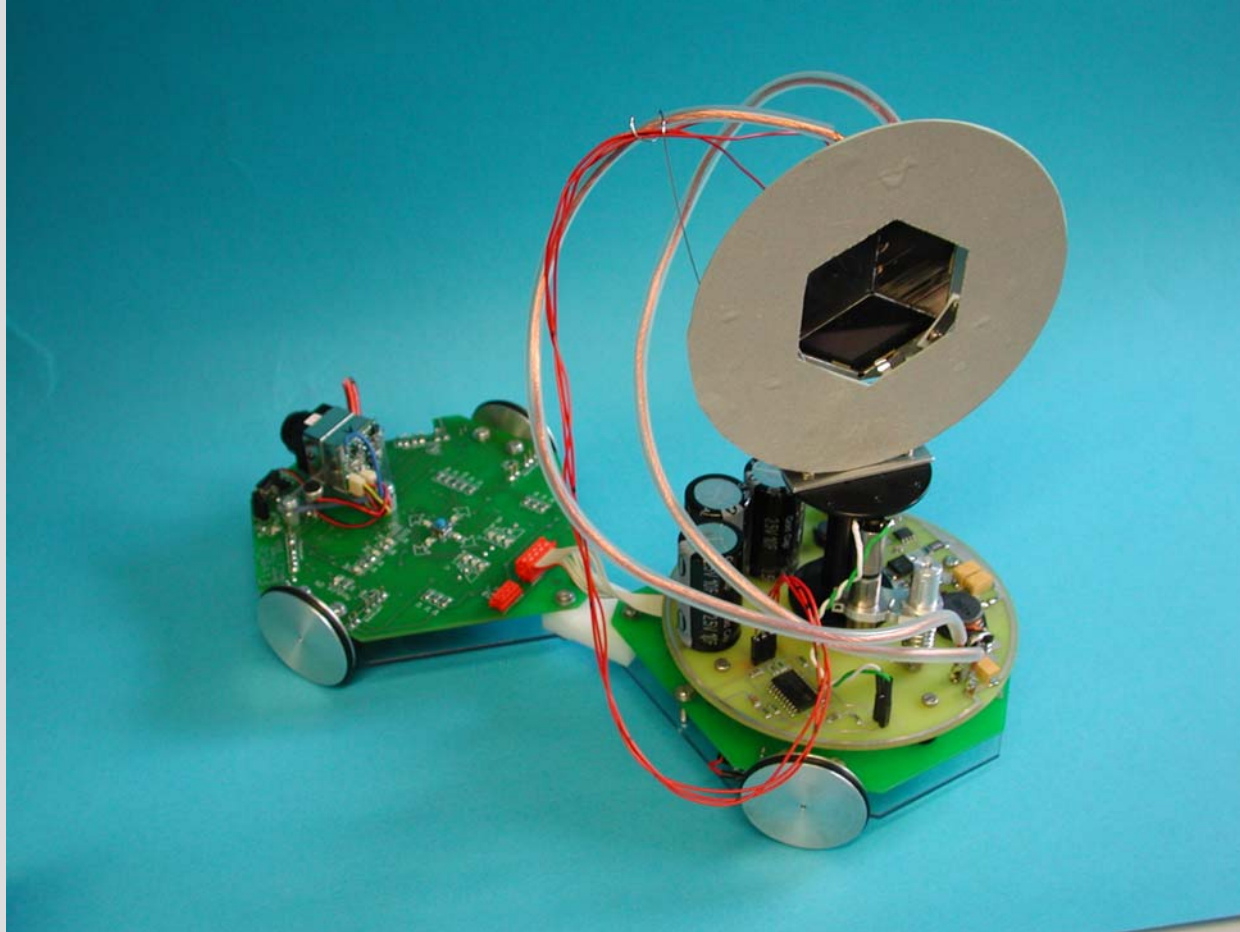
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FlveCo Micro Rover



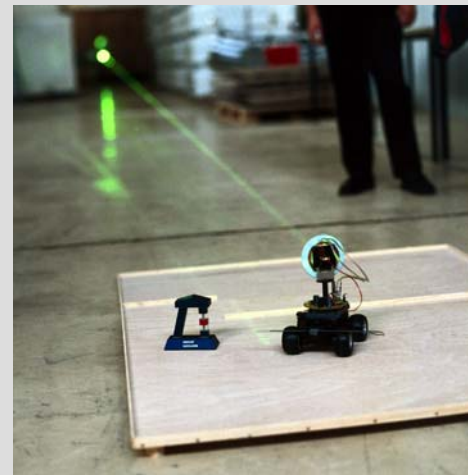
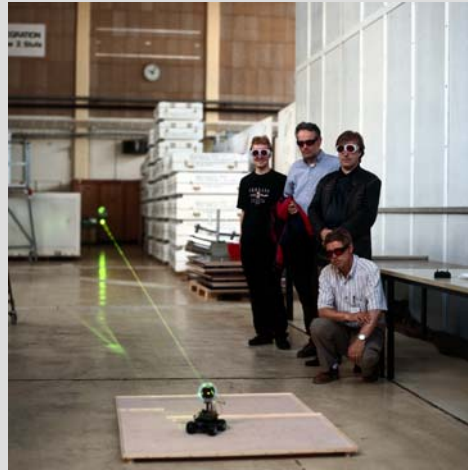
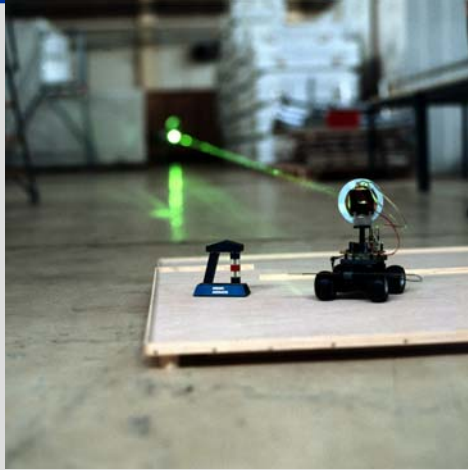
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FlveCo Micro Rover with Receiver Panel

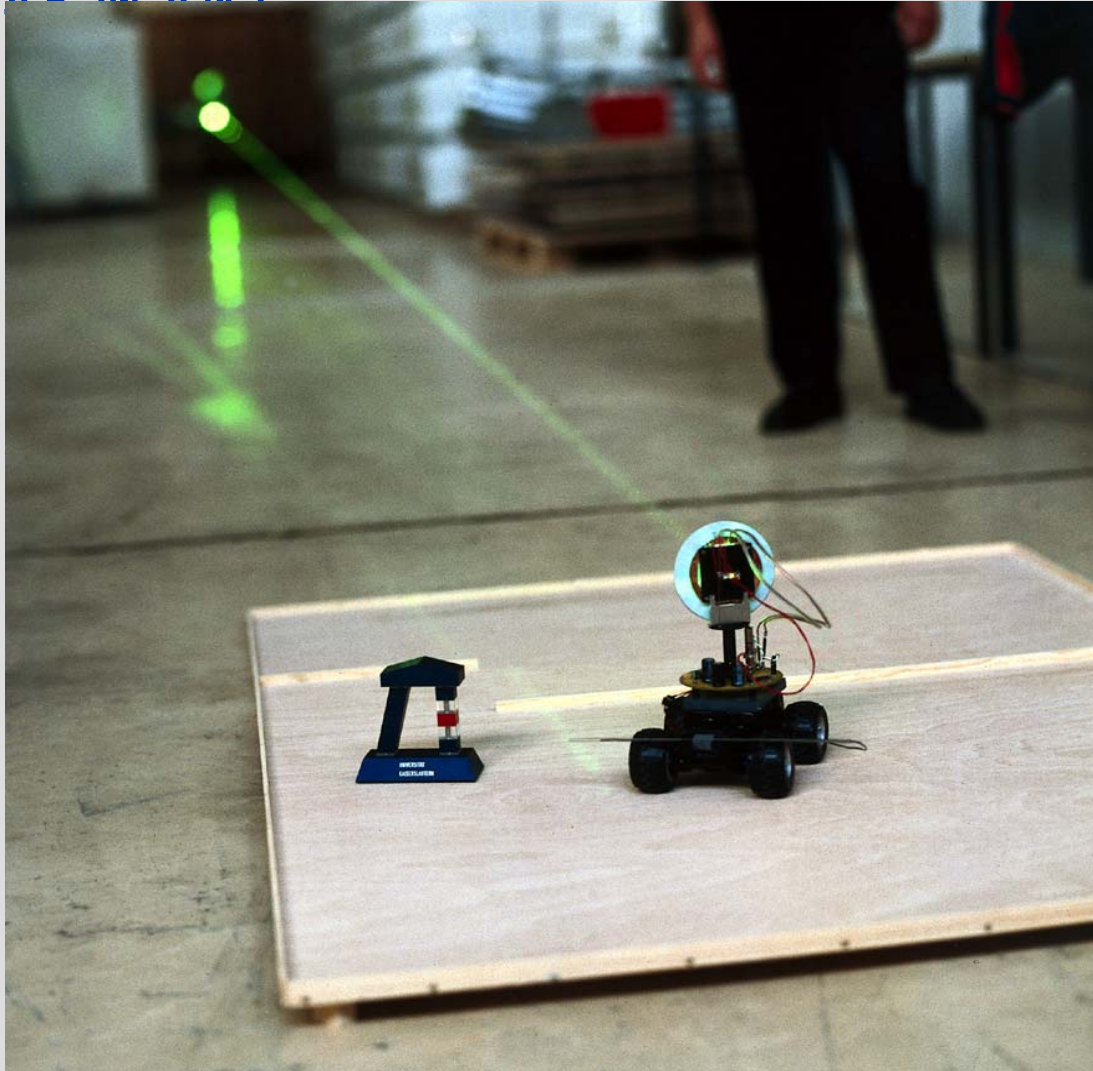


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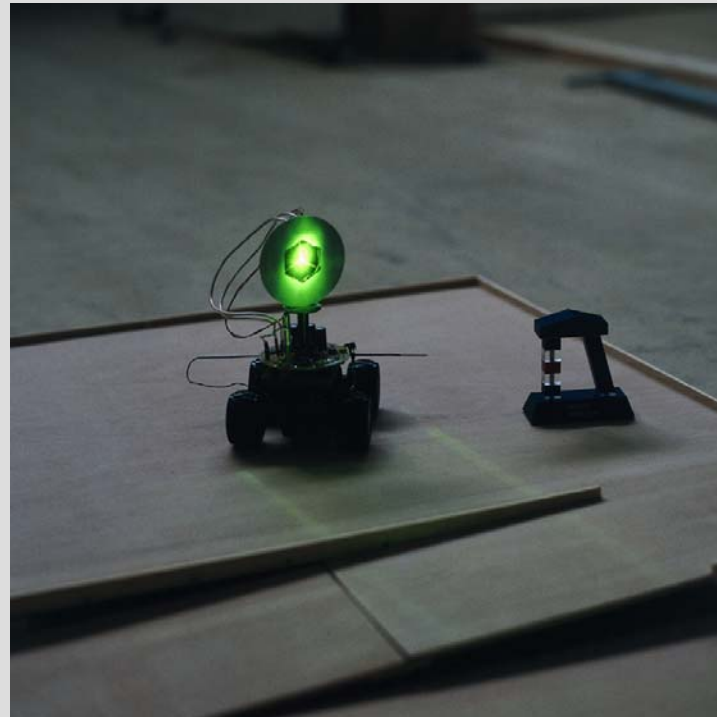
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# WIRELESS POWER TRANSMISSION EXPERIMENT



Transmission Chain

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Laser Target Acquisition

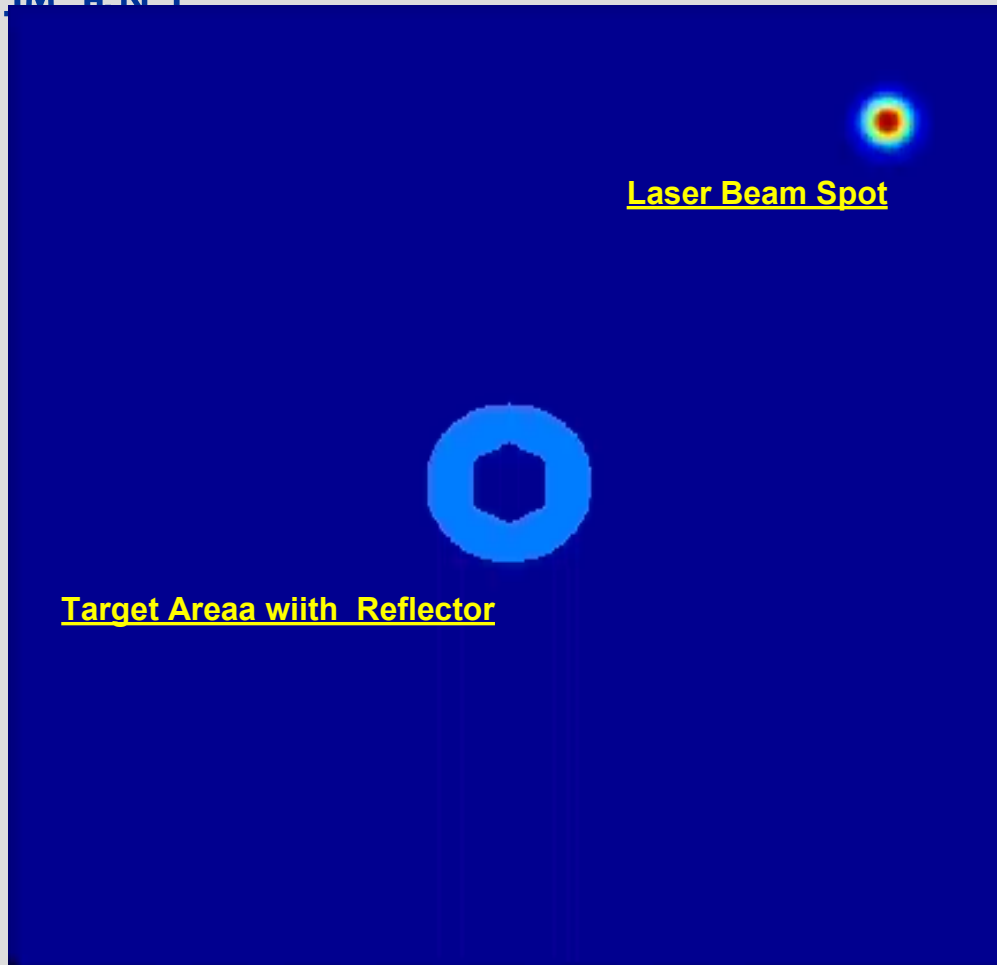


# WIRELESS POWER TRANSMISSION EXPERIMENT



Laser Transmission & Pointing System

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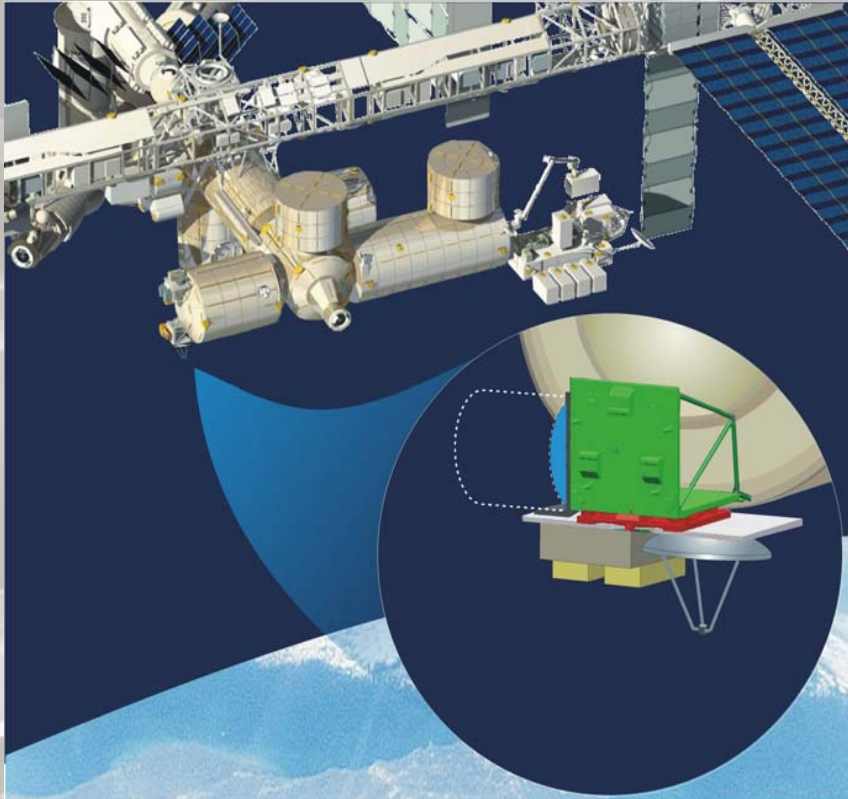


Laser Target Finding Process



## Wireless Power Technology Roadmap

### ISS - Experiment



### Mission data

#### Objective

*Demo of power transmission and pointing control loop*

**Year**

**2006**

**Location**

**ISS-COF External  
P/L Facility / nadir**

**Duration**

**6 months**

**Mass**

**ca. 250 Kg**

**Launch**

**Shuttle or AR 5/ATV**

**Technique**

**diode / Nd:YAG laser**

**Power level**

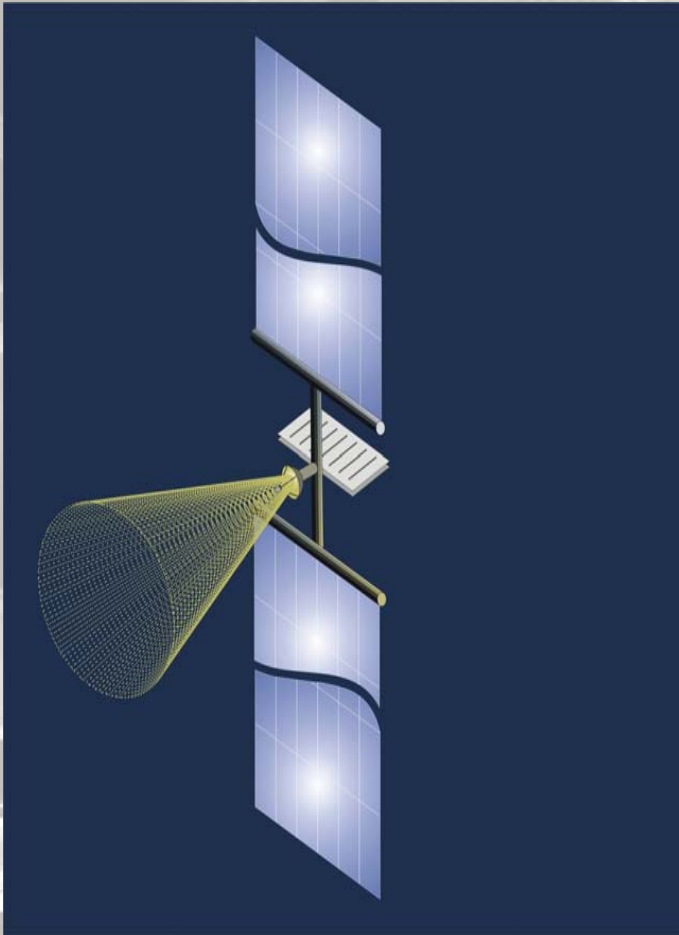
**ca. 0,3 KW laser output**

**GND receiver**

**500 m/ photo elements  
integrated reflector  
steering control  
with ISS system**

## Wireless Power Technology Roadmap

### GEO Demonstrator



#### Mission data

##### *Objective*

*Demo of long distance power transmission and pointing control loop*

**Year**

**2010**

**Location**

**GEO**

**Duration**

**36 months**

**Mass**

**max. 10 to**

**Sun collector**

**ca. 6000 m<sup>2</sup>**

**Launch**

**Ariane 5**

**Technique**

**Nd:YAG laser**

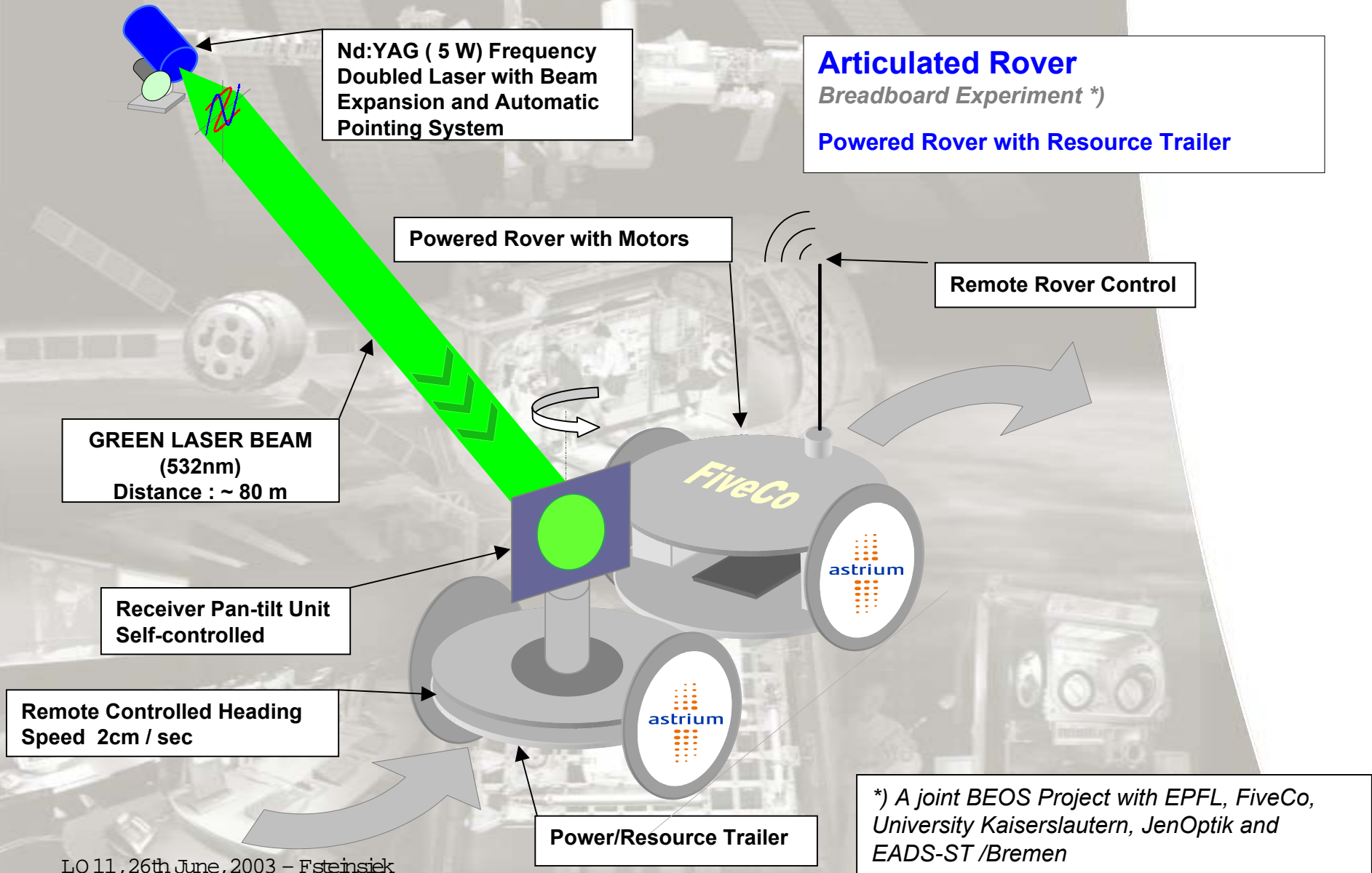
**Power level**

**150 KW laser output**

**GND receiver**

**90 m diam. / photo elements  
integrated reflector  
steering control  
with ISS system**

# Wireless Power Experiment as Breadboard in 2003

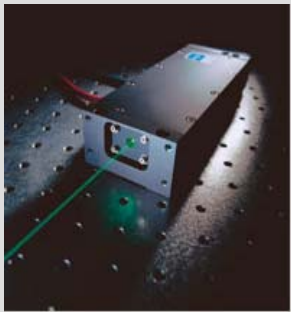




## Wireless Power Experiment as Breadboard in 2003

- Perspective reference scenario:
  - planetary exploration rovers for Mars, Moon
  - micro-g single-crystal growth platforms at 10<sup>-7</sup> g in 500 km
- Ground experiment consists of :
  - Laser typ Nd:YAG, double frequency
  - GaInP-Solarcells for the receiver-panel
  - automatic receiver-panel pointing unit for incoming laser beam by light intensity sensing
  - automatic laser optics target acquisition (moving rover), pointing and target keeping by modulation filtering and using retro-reflectors at the target / optical displacement allocation
  - laser beam control by stepper motors (rough) and piezo crystals (accurate)
  - micro-camera onboard of the rover
- Experiment performance : powering of the rover micro-motors; video unit powering under evaluation; laser transmitter - rover distance : 80 m; loosing of target and re-acquisition; rover remotely controlled
- Teaming : EADS-ST (Astrium-SI), Uni Kaiserslautern, FHG-ISE, EPFL/FiveCo
- Main breadboard-components :

### Laser-System by JENOPTIK



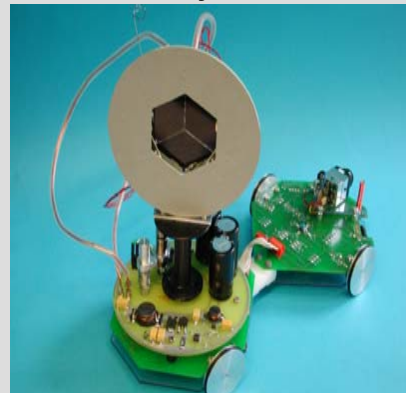
#### Specification

laser Nd:YVO4 - disc laser,  
diode pumped  
wavelength 532 nm  
cw-mode  
output power at 532 nm  
0 ... 5 W

#### Mechanical Specification

Laser head dimensions (w x h x l)  
40 x 70 x 200 (mm)  
mass ca. 15 kg

### Micro-Rover by EPFL/FiveCo

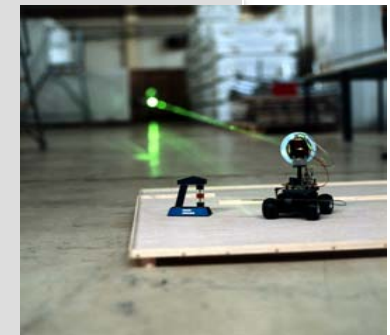


#### Rover

dimension  
mass  
speed  
power  
payload  
operation

ca. 200x100x30 mm  
ca. 300 g  
ca. 25 mm/sec  
1200 mW  
micro-camera  
battery, remote controlled

### Experiment Set-up



## Wireless Power Technology Activities

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The Space Power Infrastructure (SPI) project aims at a commercial application of 'Power from Space' in the long term, but embedded in an international economic, political and legal network

Wireless power ground experiments are part of the general SPI approach

Investigations in non-company key technologies, like laser, as design driving factors are essential, as basis for the work on the space systems itself

SPI systems in the near term as publicly funded projects (ESA, DLR, EU, UNO, World Bank, e.a.) and the identification of earlier, mid-term and promising 'niche markets' seems feasible

Company key interests related to SPI are part of an overall strategy, as

space transportation (ETO, Orbit-Orbit)

space infrastructure

Space propulsion

space operations

## Wireless Power Technology Activities

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### Major topics of conceptual work

Identification and quantification of medium /long-term customer markets and so called market niches or applications for the intermediate time frame

Identification of future SPI-scenarios as long-term perspective based on Company Global Solar Energy Concept (GSEK)

Establishment of a roadmap as implementation strategy (step-wise approach) with intermediate milestones serving as actual decision platforms for the further proceeding

Definition of SPI-infrastructure in orbit (GEO & LEO) and on ground and concentration on functional key-systems in the roadmap as 'intermediate' elements:

- *GND-Demonstrations*
- *ISS-Experiment*
- *LEO/GEO-Demonstrators*
- *GEO Pilot Platform*
- *Investigations in the alternative Moon-based power scenario*



# Wireless Power Technology Roadmap

## Establishing the SPI Roadmap

SOLAR POWER INITIATIVE  
SPI DEVELOPMENT STEPS

Note :  
\*) Laser / microwave  
\*\*) alternatively with balloons

