



A Bold Vision for Space Exploration, Authorized by Congress

- Complete the International Space Station
- Safely fly the Space Shuttle until 2010
- Develop and fly the Crew Exploration Vehicle (Orion) no later than 2014
- Return to the Moon no later than 2020
- Extend human presence across the solar system and beyond
- Implement a sustained and affordable human and robotic program
- Develop supporting innovative technologies, knowledge, and infrastructures
- Promote international and commercial participation in exploration



NASA Authorization Act of 2005

The Administrator shall establish a program to develop a sustained human presence on the Moon, including a robust precursor program to promote exploration, science, commerce and U.S. preeminence in space, and as a stepping stone to future exploration of Mars and other destinations.



Space Exploration Plan

- Low Earth Orbit
 - Retire the Shuttle after Space Station assembly is completed, planned for the end of this decade
 - Focus U.S. research on the Station on understanding the effects of the space environment on astronaut health
- Beyond Low Earth Orbit
 - Develop a new crew exploration vehicle to provide crew transportation for missions beyond low Earth orbit
 - Return humans to the Moon as early as 2015 to enable sustained exploration of Mars and more distant destinations
 - Continue robotic exploration of Mars to search for evidence of life and prepare for future human exploration
 - Conduct robotic exploration across the solar system for scientific purposes and to support human exploration

A Sustained Commitment

- Why a new vision was necessary:
 - Future infrastructure and research investment decisions require an overarching context
 - Lack of direction cited by Columbia Accident Investigation Board:
 - "The U.S. civilian space effort has moved forward for more than 30 years without a guiding vision..."
- Renewed vision provides a sustained commitment
 - A long-term plan for exploration throughout the solar system
 - Paced by experience, available resources, and scientific discovery
 - Does not require significant new funding, but re-focuses NASA

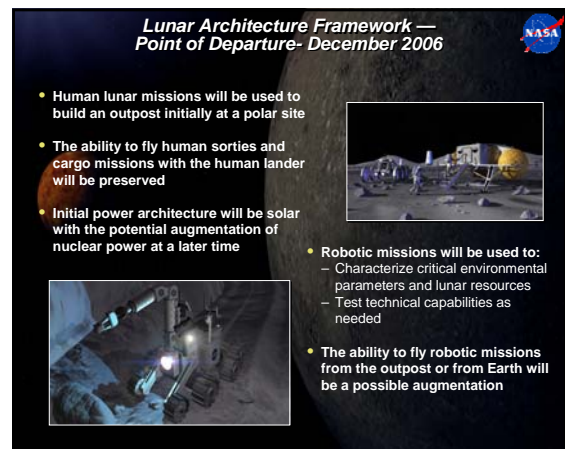
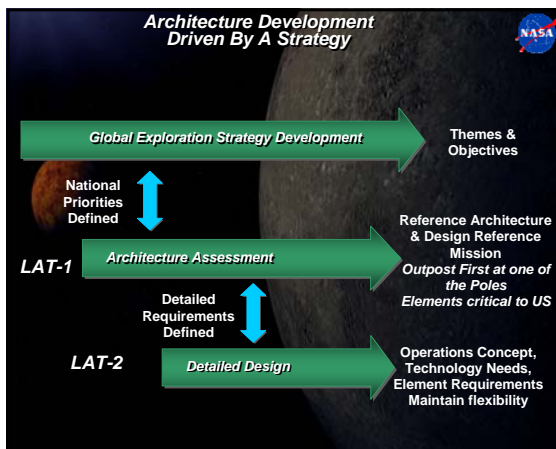
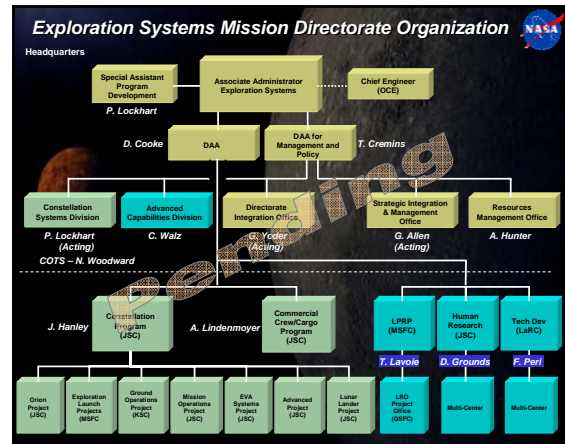
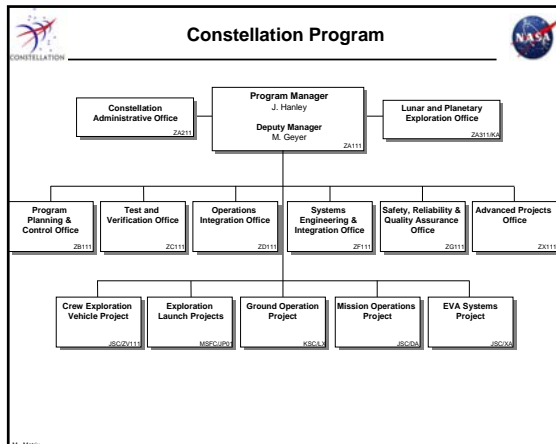
"The vision I outline today is a journey, not a race, and I call on other nations to join us on this journey, in a spirit of cooperation and friendship."

-- President George W. Bush
January 14, 2004

Components of Program Constellation



Building on a Foundation of Proven Technologies - Launch Vehicle Comparisons -

Vehicle	Height (m)	Gross Liftoff Mass	Other Details
Space Shuttle	56m	2040M	25M to LEO
Ares I	58m	910M	22M to LEO
Ares V	109m	3310M	55M to TLI, 65M to TLI in Dual-Launch Mode with Ares I, 131M to LEO
Saturn V	111m	2560M	45M to TLI, 110M to LEO

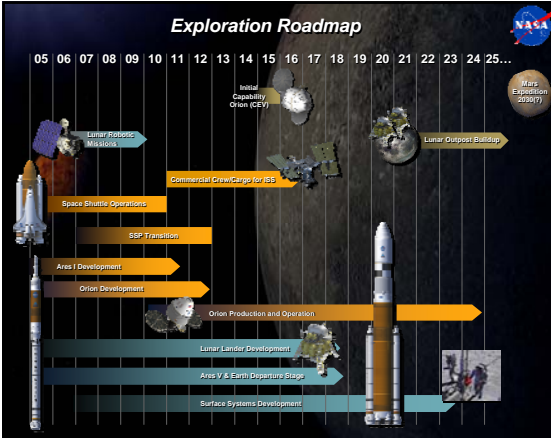


NASA Implementation Philosophy

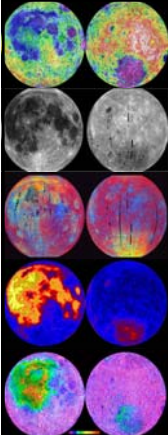
- The US will build the transportation infrastructure and initial communication & navigation and initial surface mobility
- Open Architecture: NASA will welcome external development of lunar surface infrastructure
- The US will perform early demonstrations to encourage subsequent development
- External parallel development of NASA developed capabilities will be welcomed

Exploration Roadmap





Outline




- Science Opportunities on the Moon
- LAT Science Focus Element Work Flow
- Design Reference Payloads
- Sorties in the Lunar Architecture
- National Academy SCEM recommendations – compatibility with LAT activities
- Next Steps

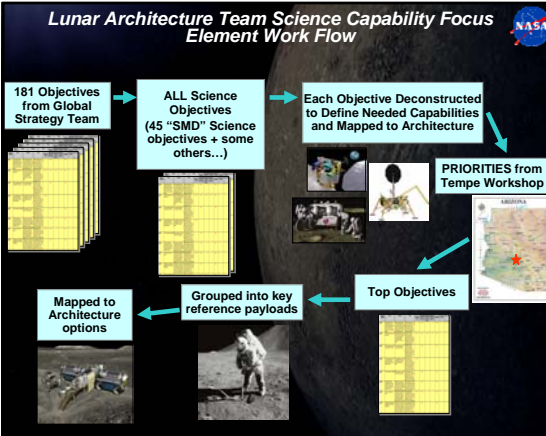
The Moon Presents Compelling Science Opportunities

- Bombardment** of the Earth-Moon system: Consequences for the emergence of life
- Lunar **surface and interior processes** and history
- Scientific treasure in the **permanently shadowed polar environment**
- Regolith as a recorder of the **Sun's history**
- The Moon as a Science Platform: **Astronomy, Earth and Solar Activity Observations**
- Testing **Planetary Protection** protocols



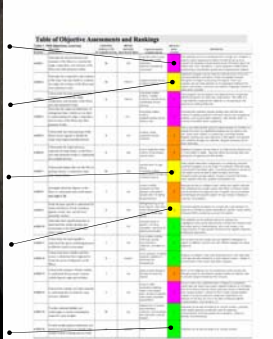
Lunar Architecture Team Science Capability Focus Element Work Flow

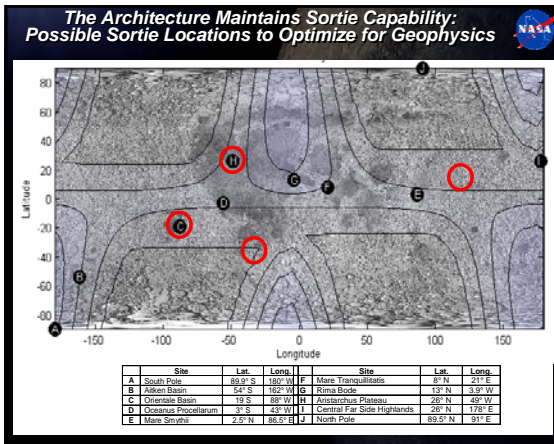


181 Objectives from Global Strategy Team → ALL Science Objectives (45 "SMD" Science objectives + some others...) → Each Objective Deconstructed to Define Needed Capabilities and Mapped to Architecture → PRIORITIES from Tempe Workshop → Top Objectives → Grouped into key reference payloads → Mapped to Architecture options

Top Objectives Examples: Planetary Science Subcommittee Findings

- INTERNAL STRUCTURE and DYNAMICS** - Geophysical/heat flow network - requires multiple sites, widely spaced ("global access")
- COMPOSITION/EVOLUTION of LUNAR CRUST** - requires extensive sampling at both local and diverse sites
- IMPACT FLUX** - requires access to impact basins and sample return for age dating
- SOLAR EMISSIONS/GCR/ INTERSTELLAR** - requires drilling, regolith and core sample integrity, careful documentation
- SAMPLE ANALYSIS INSTRUMENTS AND PROTOCOLS** - infrastructure for pristine sample collection, storage, documentation, and transport needed





National Research Council Report: "Scientific Context for Exploration of the Moon"

- Asked by NASA SMD to provide guidance on the **scientific challenges and opportunities enabled by a sustained program of robotic and human exploration** of the Moon during the period 2008-2023 and beyond

Key Science Findings:

- Enabling activities** are critical in the near term
- Strong ties with **international programs** are essential
- Exploration of the **South Pole-Aitken Basin** remains a priority
- Diversity of lunar samples** is required for major advances
- The Moon may provide a **unique location for observation and study of Earth, near-Earth space, and the universe**

Scientific Context for Exploration of the Moon: Highest Priority Science Objectives

- Test the cataclysm hypothesis by determining the **spacing in time of the creation of the lunar basins**.
- Anchor the early Earth-Moon impact flux curve by determining the **age of the oldest lunar basin** (South Pole-Aitken Basin).
- Establish a **precise absolute chronology**.
- Determine the **compositional state** (elemental, isotopic, mineralogic) and **compositional distribution** (lateral and depth) of the **volatile component in lunar polar regions**.
- Determine the **extent and composition** of the ... feldspathic crust, KREEP layer, and other **products of planetary differentiation**.
- Determine the **thickness of the lunar crust** (upper and lower) and characterize its **lateral variability** on regional and global scales.
- Characterize the **chemical/physical stratification in the mantle**, particularly the nature of the putative 500-km discontinuity and the composition of the lower mantle.
- Determine the **global density, composition, and time variability** of the fragile **lunar atmosphere** before it is perturbed by ... human activity.
- Determine the **size, composition, and state (solid/liquid) of the core of the Moon**.
- Inventory the **variety, age, distribution, and origin of lunar rock types**.
- Determine the **size, charge, and spatial distribution of electrostatically transported dust grains** and assess their **likely effects on lunar exploration and lunar-based astronomy**.

Summary and Future Work

- Science was an integral part of LAT 2 discussions
- The Lunar Architecture provides many opportunities for science
- Future studies will continue to our productive work with NASA's architecture process and the science community:
 - Refine reference payload designs, deployment and power strategies in particular -- also look more seriously at deployment of small orbiters
 - Evaluate alternate sortie locations/science strategies
 - Work with surface and mobility teams on mobility options with and without crew
 - Help plan future workshops, e.g., Optimizing the human-robotic partnership in (1) traverses, (2) near-outpost environment and (3) when humans aren't there
- NASA HQ is forming a joint SMD-ESMD Outpost Science and Exploration Working Group (OSEWG) that will consider these and other science issues within the evolving architecture

Key Decisions: Sortie vs. Outpost

- First: What is the fundamental lunar approach?
- LAT concluded outpost first is best approach
- Top 2 Themes – "Exploration Preparation" and "Human Civilization" drive to outpost
- Enables global partnerships
- Allows development and maturation of ISRU
- Results in quickest path toward other destinations
- Many science objectives can be satisfied at an outpost

Implementing the Vision

Permanent Sunlight?

South Pole: Three areas identified with sunlight for more than 50% of lunar day

- One zone receives 70% illumination during dead of southern winter
- Lit areas in close proximity to permanent darkness (rim of Shackleton)

North Pole: Three areas identified with 100% sunlight

- Two zones are proximate to craters in permanent shadow
- Data taken during northern summer (maximum sunlight)

