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### Last Class

 Why was Apollo important in learning how to explore another planetary body?

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# Today's Class

- · Kennedy's Challenge to go to the Moon
- · Goals of Apollo
- Saturn V rocket and Spacecraft
- • Apollo 11 – first landing on the Moon
- · Apollo 17 Science-driven mission
- · The meaning of Apollo

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# Goals of Apollo

- Establishing the technology to meet other national interests in space.
- Achieving preeminence in space for the United States.
- Carrying out a program of scientific exploration of the Moon.
- Developing humankind's capability to work in the lunar environment.



"That's one small step for a man. One giant leap for mankind." - Neil Armstrong

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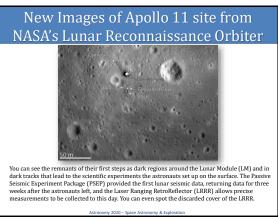
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#### Apollo 17 – NASA's last trip to the Moon Launch: December 7, 1972

- · Larger scientific payload capacity enabled by the use of the battery-powered Lunar Roving Vehicle.
- Goals for Apollo 17:
  - deployed heat flow experiment;
  - lunar seismic profiling;
  - lunar surface gravimeter;
  - lunar atmospheric composition experiment;
  - lunar ejecta and meteorites;
  - lunar sampling and lunar orbital experiments;
  - biomedical experiments.



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# The Meaning of Apollo

- Demonstrated technology & economic virtuosity of U.S. and established technological pre-eminence in the world.

  Total cost = ~\$220 billion in FY20 dollars! (For comparison, U.S. has spent \$2 trillion in Iraq.)
- Apollo accomplished political goals for which it had been created.
- Triumph of NASA's management strategy in difficult engineering, technological, and organizational requirements (systems engineering).



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# Historical NASA Funding Historical NASA Funding NASA currently receives 0.4% of the \$4.15 Trillion federal budget compared to over 4% during Apollo

With Apollo 17 astronaut Dr. Jack

Schmitt - July 2019

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