

# Manufacturing for **Planetary Construction** using **Polymeric Concrete**

## - **Planetary Additive Construction System (PACS)** -

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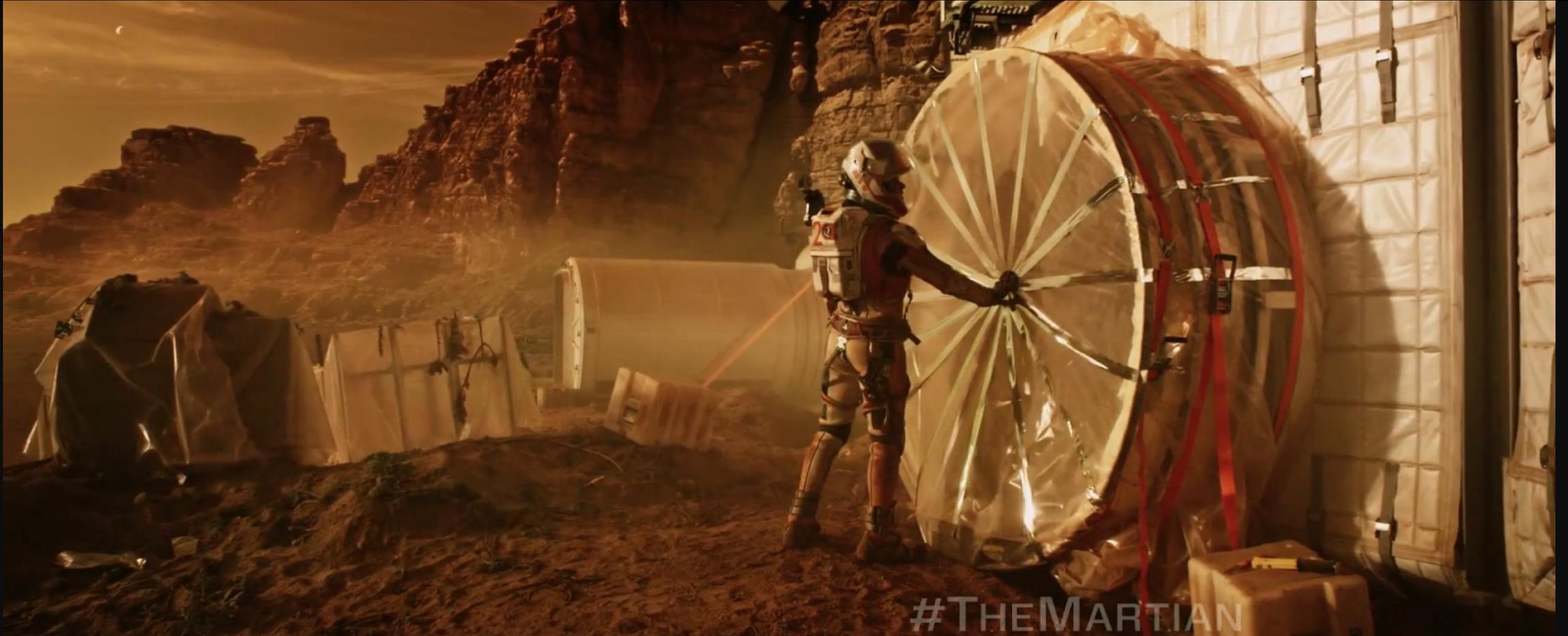
**Definition of Polymeric Concrete(PC) for  
Planetary Additive Construction System (PACS)**

**PACS Development Process**

**Research Results and Performance**

**Conclusion**

# Background

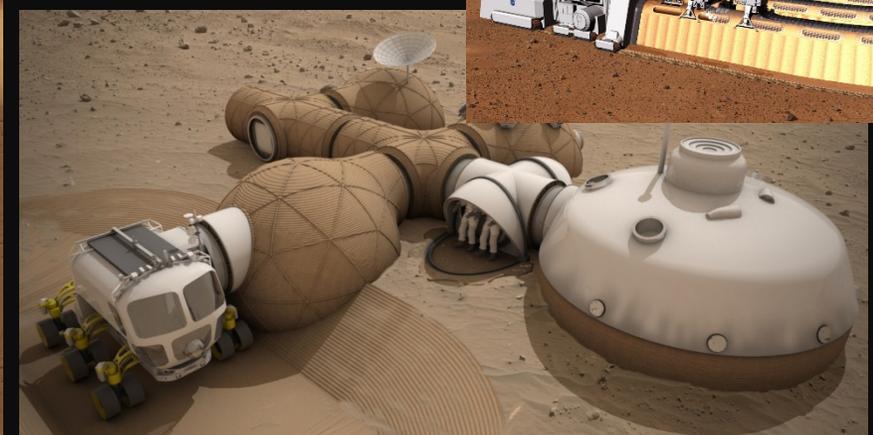
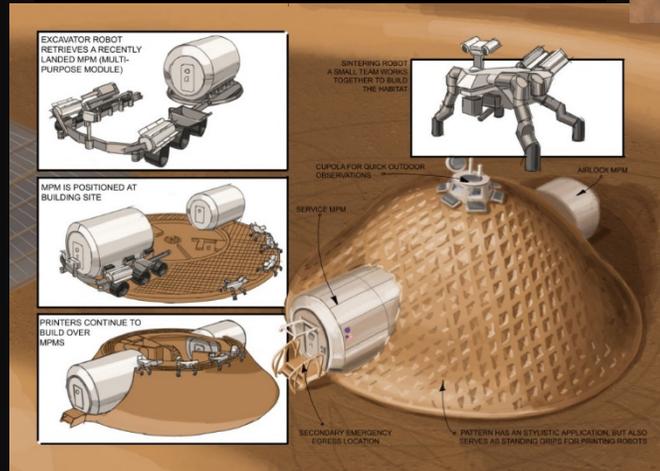
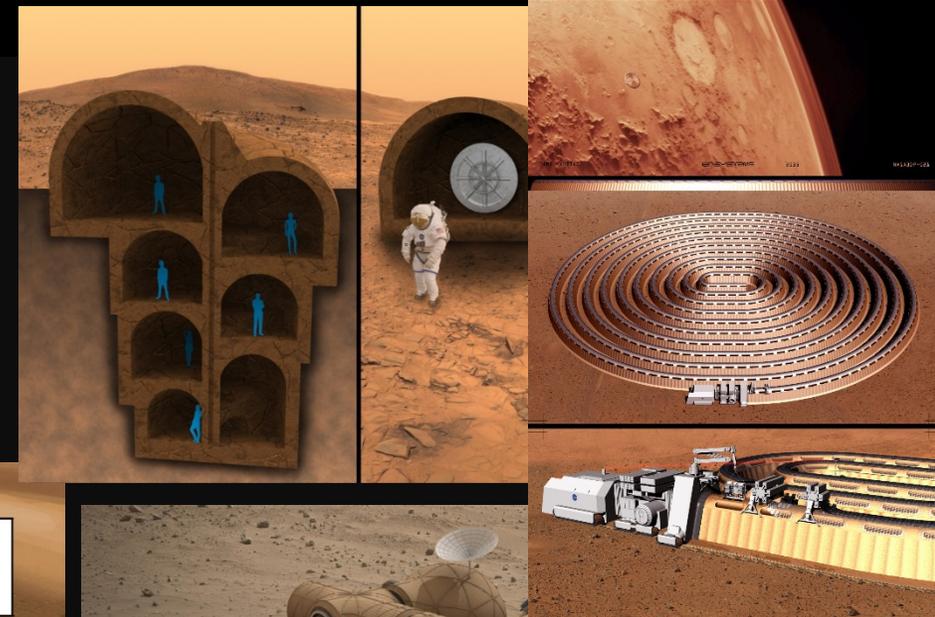
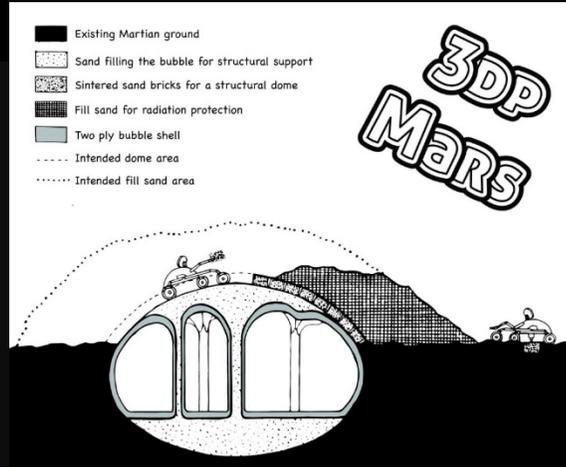


The Martian: Radiation, Pressure, Sandstorm, Harsh Environment

# Background



ESA Lunar Base



NASA 3D Printed Habitat Challenge

Modular Habitat + 3D Printed Protection, but **How??**

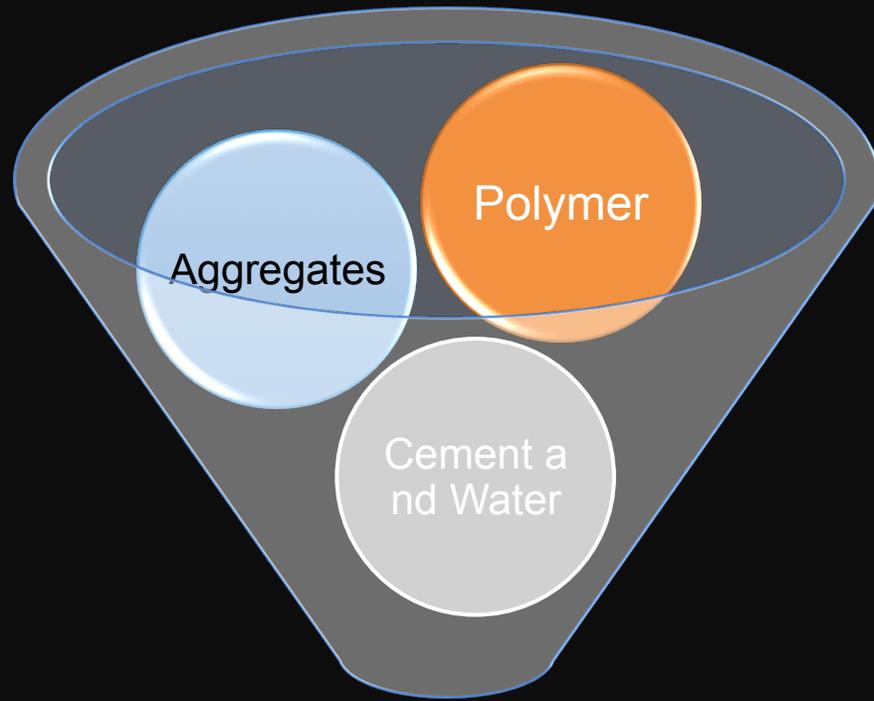
# Why Polymer Concrete

- PC is a versatile, durable, composite material produced by mixing a variety of mineral fillers with a synthetic or natural resin binding agent

- High resistance to chem. and bio. attack
- Lightweight
- Noise and vibration absorption
- Good weathering and UV resistance
- Low water absorption
- High flexural strength
- Good thermal properties and stability
- Smooth finish

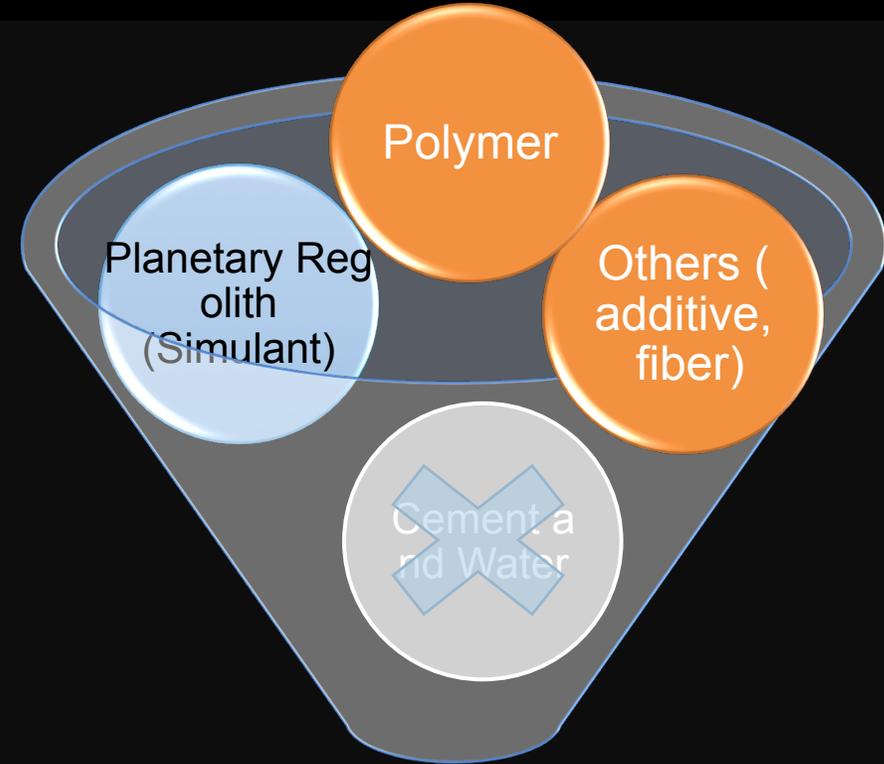
Good Features Proper to Planetary Construction

# PC for PACS



**General PC**

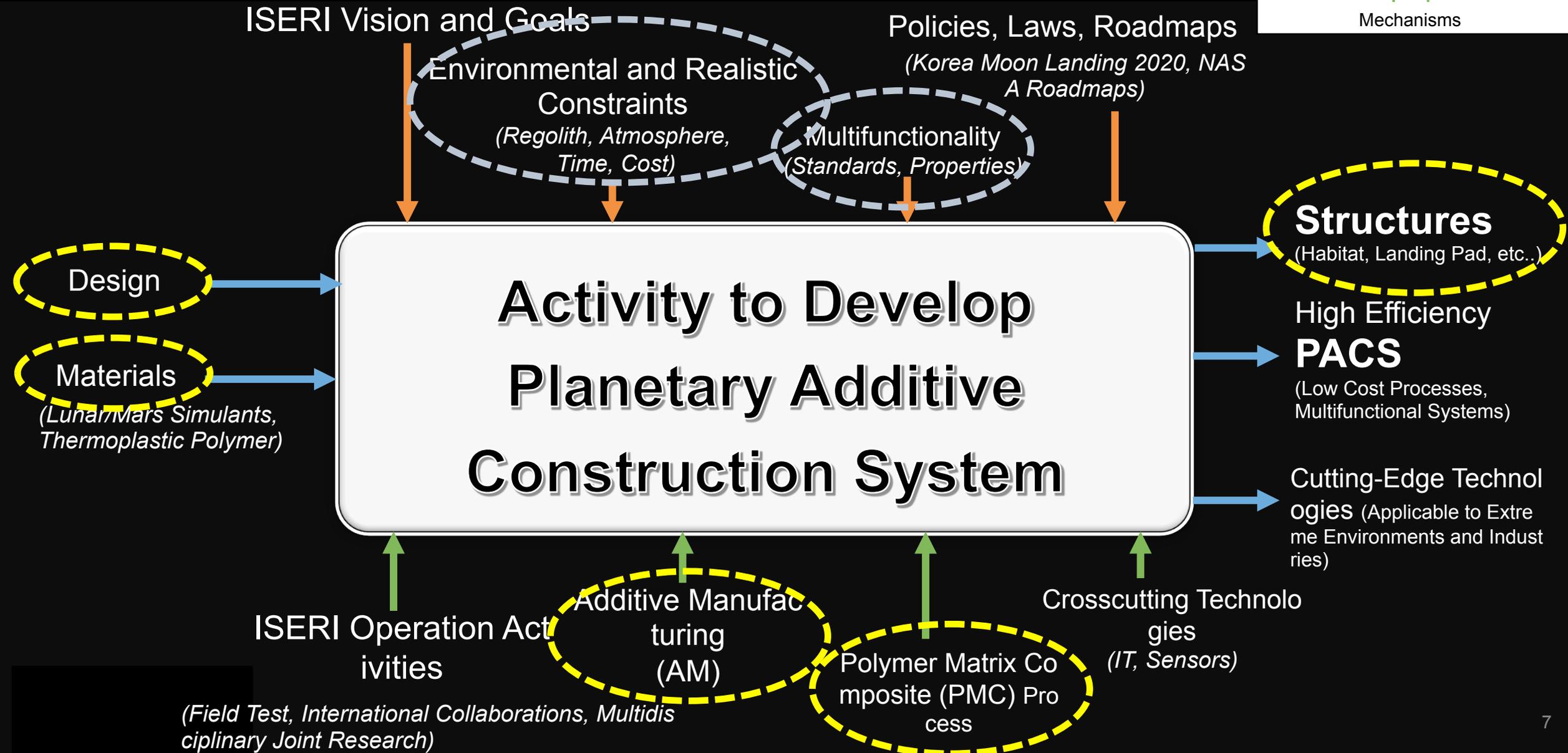
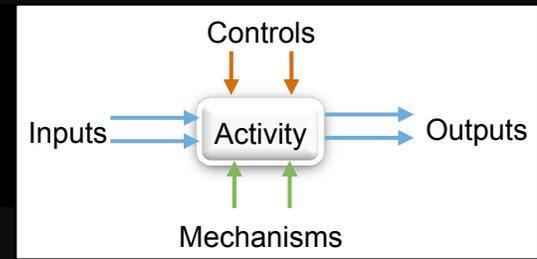
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**PC for PACS**

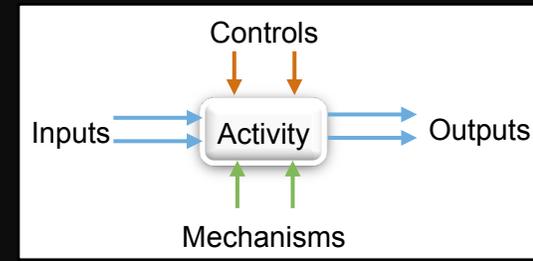
Finding the Best Combination for **Planetary Requirements and AM**

# PACS Development Process



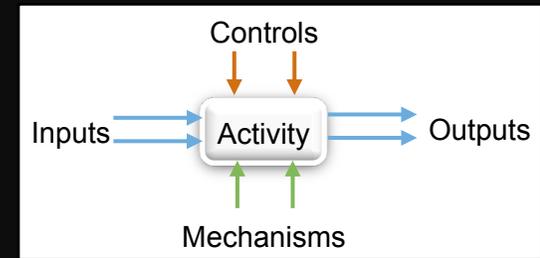


# Mapping with NASA TA Candidates



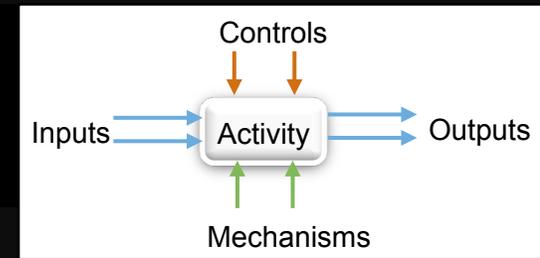
NASA TA Candidates		Design	Material	Construction
6.5.3.3	In-Situ Passive Shielding from Planetary Surface Materials			
7.1.1.1	Penetrometers, Shear Gauges, Compaction, Density Instruments			
7.1.2.9	Pneumatic Excavation and Material Transport			
7.1.2.10	Auger Excavation and Material Transport			
7.1.2.11	Magnetic Excavation and Material Transport			
7.1.2.18	Non-Clogging and/or Self-Cleaning Sieves			
7.1.2.19	Crushers/Grinders for Rock and Metal			
7.1.3.2	Mechanical Regolith Mixing			
7.1.3.3	Vibrational Regolith Mixing			
7.1.3.7	Solar/Thermal Energy Concentrators			
7.1.3.8	Optical Fiber Cables with Thermal Receiver			
7.1.3.9	Heat Storage/Transfer			
7.1.4.1	Regolith Thermal Mass Formation			
7.1.4.4	Radiative Insulation of Regolith Thermal Mass			
7.1.4.5	Sintering Regolith			
7.1.4.6	In-Situ Fabrication Using Electron Beam Freeform Fabrication (EBF <sup>2</sup> )			
7.1.4.7	Microwave Sintering for Dust Passivation and/or Soil Stabilization			
7.1.4.8	Solar Concentrator Sintering for Dust Passivation and/or Soil Stabilization			
7.1.4.9	Other Methods of Sintering			
7.1.4.10	Application of Polymers to the Soil for Dust Passivation and/or Soil Stabilization			

# Mapping with NASA TA Candidates



NASA TA Candidates		Design	Material	Construction
7.2.1.8	Packaging Foam Additive Printer Feedstock			
7.2.3.9	Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing)			
7.2.3.11	Electron Beam Freeform Fabrication (EBF <sup>2</sup> )			
7.2.3.15	In-Situ Manufactured Parts/Components Verification and Certification			
7.3.1.5	Anchoring			
7.6.18	Plume Mitigation			
7.6.1.21	Plume Resistant Concrete			
7.6.2.1	Shaped Charges and Explosives			
7.6.2.2	Ballistic Fabric Barriers			
12.1.1.1	Out of Autoclave Material Systems Resins/Adhesives/Fibers			
12.1.1.2	Low Mass, Multifunctional Materials			
12.1.1.4	Self-Healing/Repair Materials			
12.1.4.1	Cryo-Insulator Material			
12.1.4.2	High/Ultra-High Temperature Material			
12.1.4.3	Coatings			
12.1.4.5	Material for Combined Extreme Environments			
12.4.1.2	Polymer Matrix Composite (PMC) Process			
12.4.1.3	Ceramic Matrix Composite (CMC) Process			
12.4.1.4	In-Space Assembly, Fabrication and Repair (ISFAR) Process			
12.4.2.1	Digital and Model-Based Manufacturing			
12.4.2.2	Model-Based Operations			
12.4.2.3	Additive Manufacturing			

# Environmental and Multifunctional Requirements



## Environmental Requirements

Temperature	Radiation	Atmosphere	Pressure	...
Temperature Ranges and Variations on the Moon				
Permanently Shadowed				
Polar Craters		Other Polar Areas		Equatorial Zone
Average Temperature	40 K -233°C	220 K -53°C	255 K -18°C	237.5 K -35.5°C
Thickness of Regolith Cover (m)				
Monthly Variation and Range (°C)				
	Variation	Range	Variation	Range
0.0	0	-233	+110	-83 to -43
0.5	0	-233	+13.9	-86.9 to -49.1
1.0	0	-233	+11.2	-84.2 to -51.8
1.5	0	-233	+8.5	-83.5 to -52.5
2.5	0	-233	+8.2	-83.2 to -52.8

Reference 추가

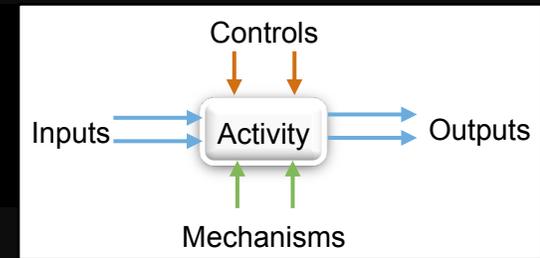
## Material Properties

Polymers	Radiation Shielding	Construction Material			
Thermo/Mechano/Chemo/Photo Properties of Polymers					
Polymer	P (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Tm (°C)	E (GPa)	σ (MPa)	ε (%)
Nylon-6	1.08-1.23	223	1.9	75	300
Nylon-6,6	1.07-1.24	265	2.0	80	200
Polycarbonate	1.20-1.31	227	2.5	60	125
Polyethylene	0.91-1.00	98-135	0.2-1.0	10-30	600-800
Polyethylene-terephthalate	1.33-1.48	267	3.0	54	275
Polymethyl-methacrylate	1.17-1.23	160	3.2	65	10
Polyoxy-methylene	1.43-1.54	187	2.7	65	40
Polypropylene	0.9-0.95	177	1.4	33	400
Polystyrene	1.05-1.13	240	3.4	50	2.5
Polytetra-fluoroethylene	2.1-2.35	327-332	0.5	25	200
Polyvinyl-chloride	1.39-1.52	273	2.6	50	30

## Standards

Polymers	Radiation Shielding	Construction Material
Standard	Feature	
ASTM D569	Measuring the flow properties of thermoplastic molding materials	
ASTM D621	Deformation of plastics under load	
ASTM D638	Tensile properties of plastics	
ASTM D695	Compressive properties of rigid plastics	
ASTM D746	Brittleness temperature of plastics and elastomers by impact	
ASTM D792	Specific gravity and density of plastics by displacement	
ASTM D1505	Density of plastics by the density-gradient technique	
ASTM D2288	Weight loss of plasticizers on heating	
ASTM D2990	Tensile, compressive, and flexural creep and creep rupture of plastics	
ASTM D4000	Specifying plastic material	

# Planetary Regolith Simulant



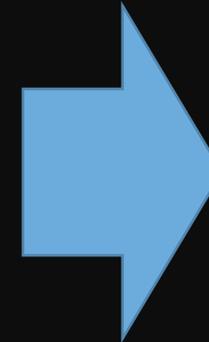
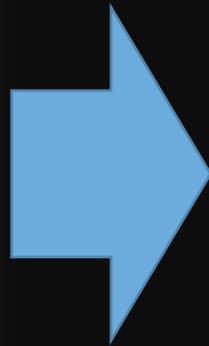
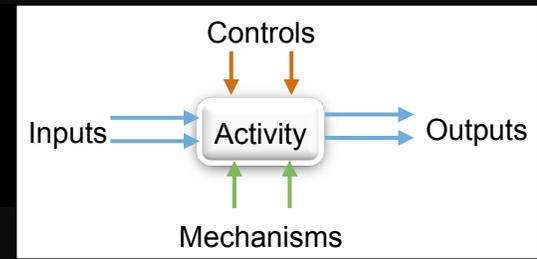
- Lunar Simulant: KOHLS-1 (Korea Hanyang Lunar Simulant)
  - Using for rover tests, Lunar concrete manufacturing, etc.



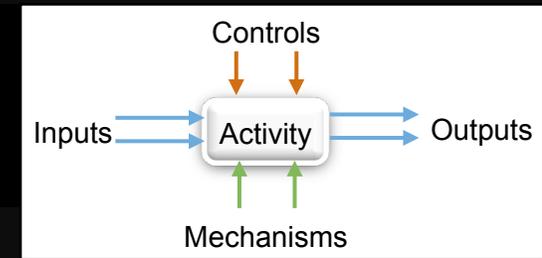
Korea's Geology Map ([www.kigam.or.kr](http://www.kigam.or.kr))



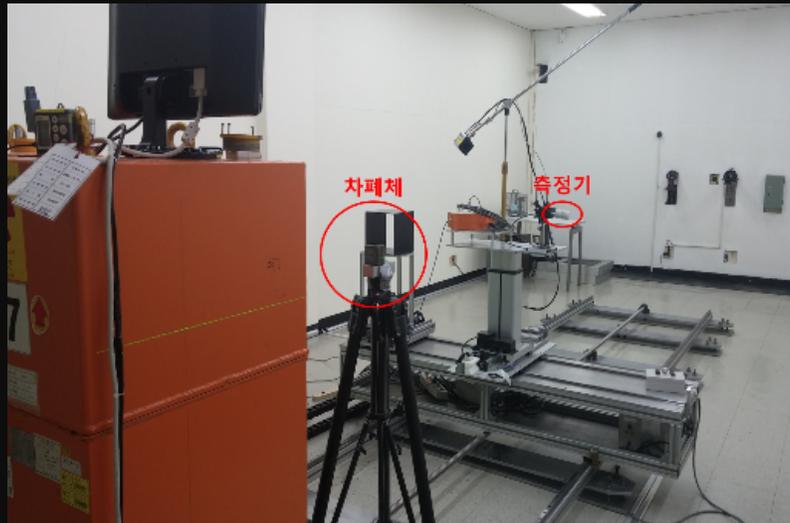
# Polymer Matrix Composite (PMC) Process



# A Study of Radiation Shielding Test on Lunar Concrete

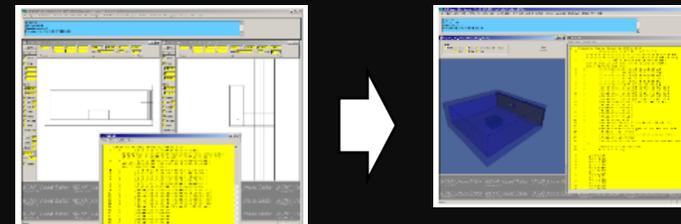
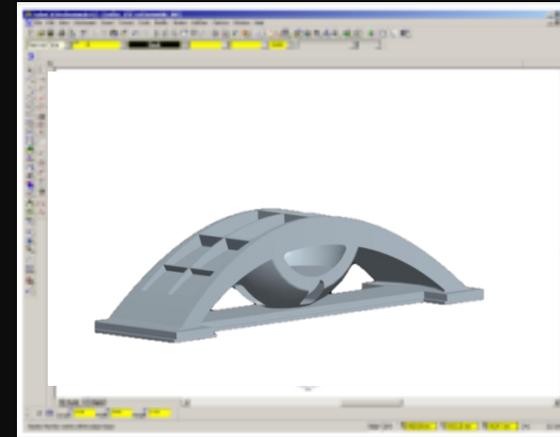


- Experiments



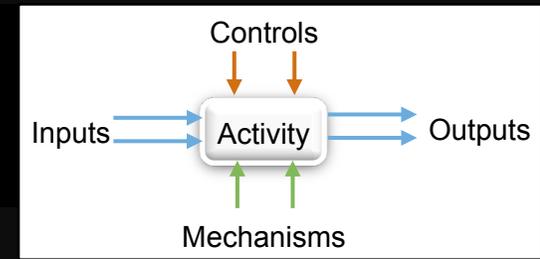
Radiation Shielding Experiment

- Simulations(MCNPX)



Monte Carlo N-Particle Extended (MCNPX)

# PACS



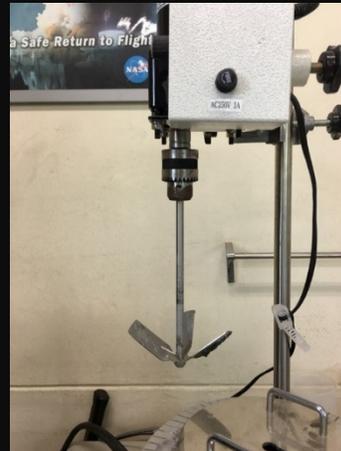
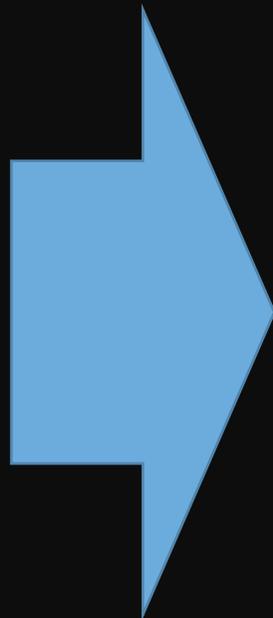
- Parameter, Value (NASA Roadmap TA7) - Bearing capacity: 1,000psi for 20:1 regolith to binder application
  - According to NASA Roadmap & ASTM C109



Mixing



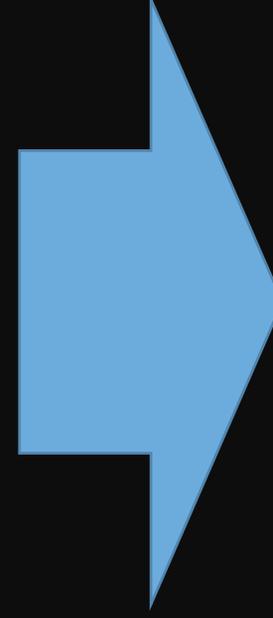
Molding



Mixing Machine



Automatic Compression  
& Heating Machine

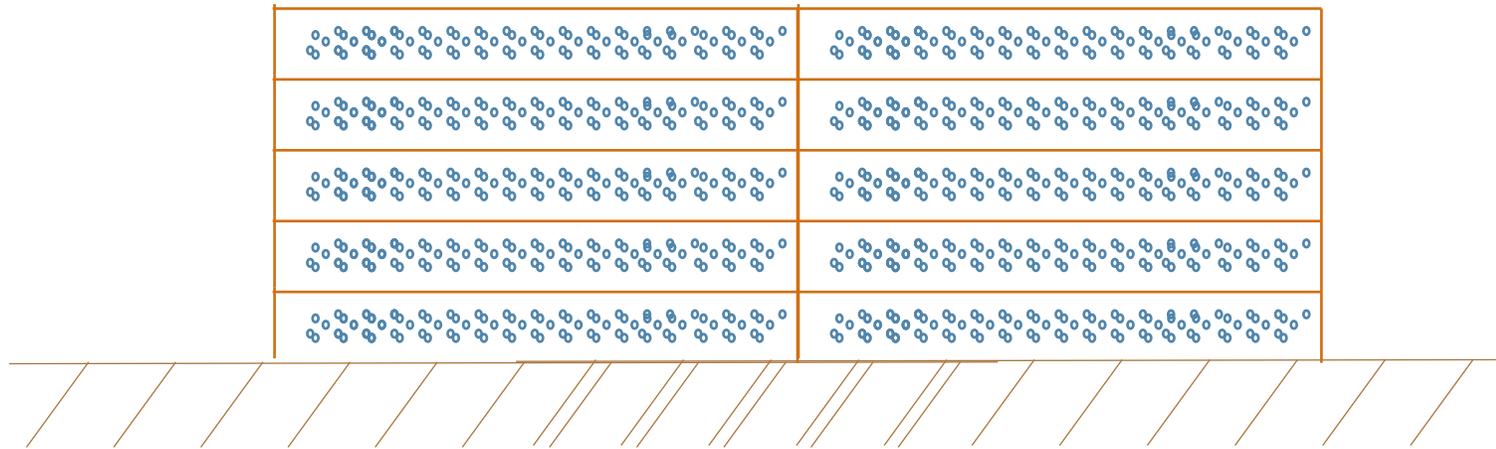
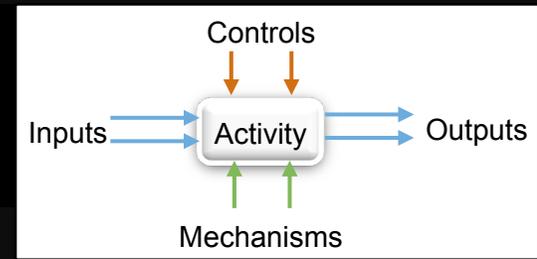


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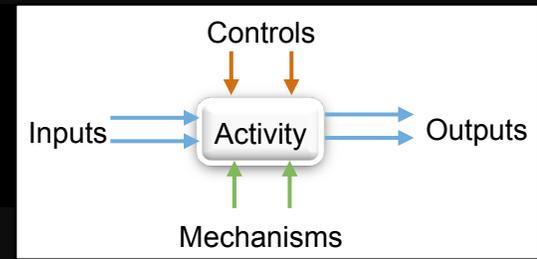
- Time ↘
- Material ↘
- Cost ↘
- Quality ↗
- Automation

- Uneven Value
- Wasted Materials, Time
- Failed to meet the parameter

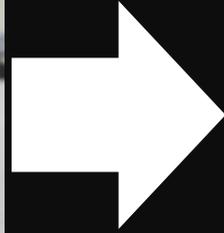
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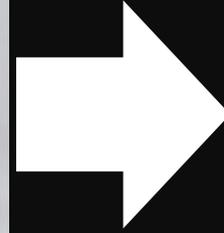
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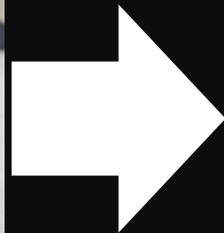
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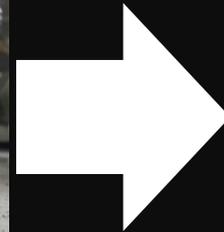
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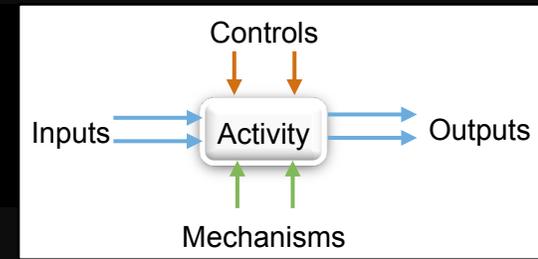
**Polymer(30%) Hand Made**



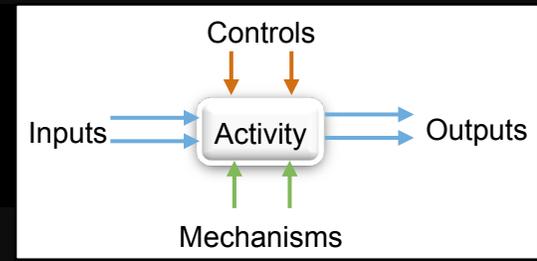
**Polymer(30%) PACS**



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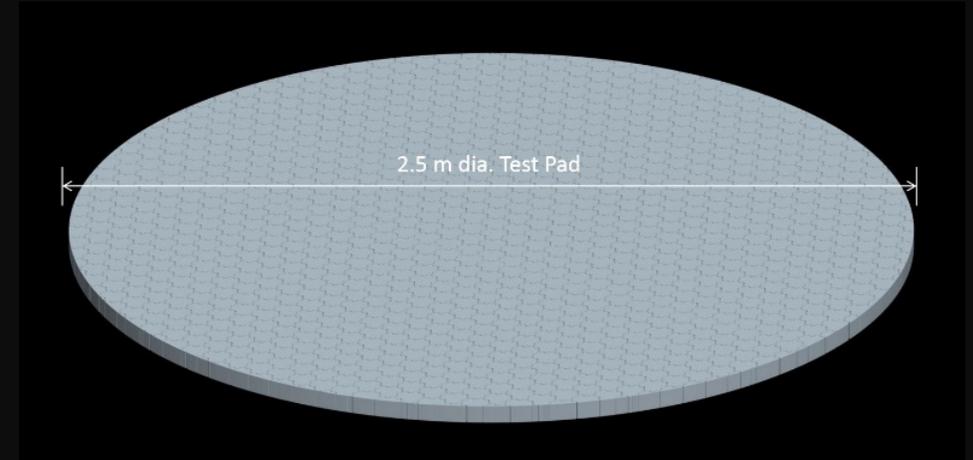
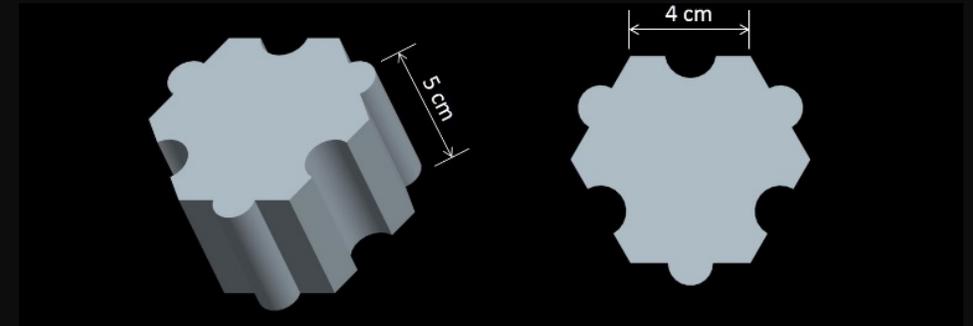
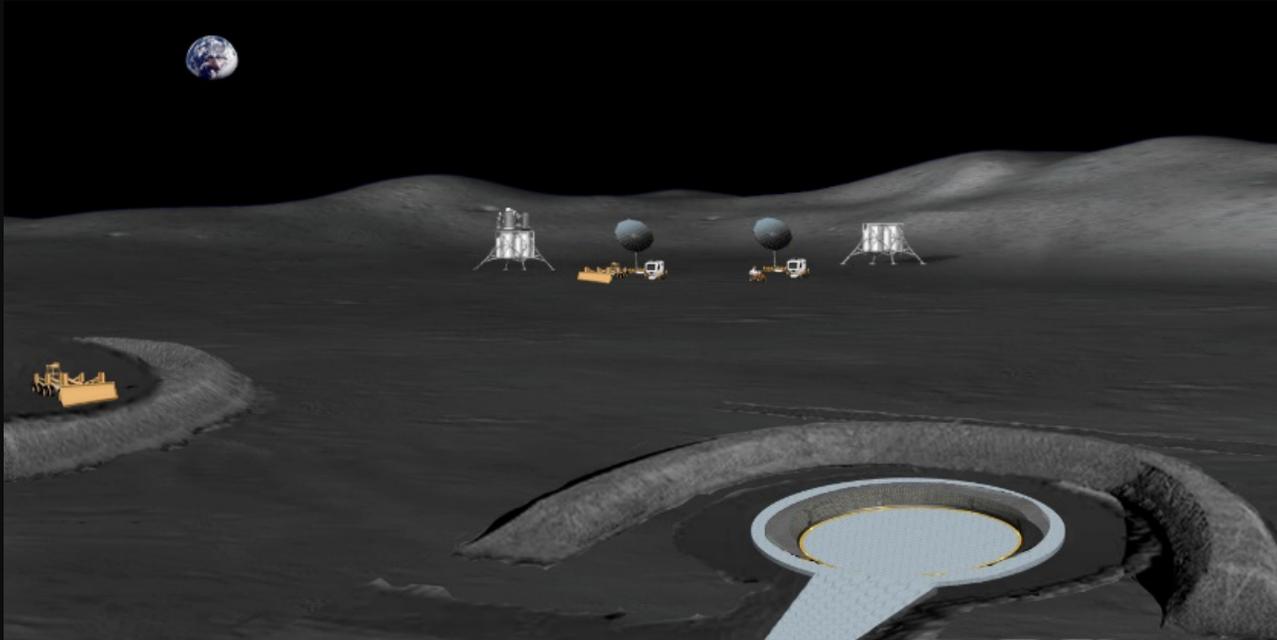


# Development of Structure/Facility Design

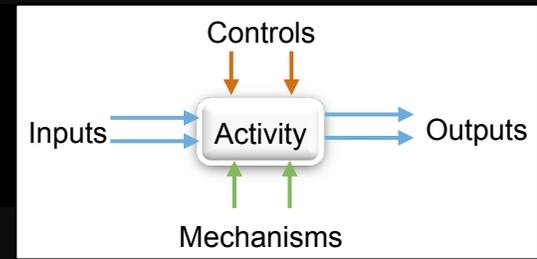


## Developing an End to End Process

### Landing Pad

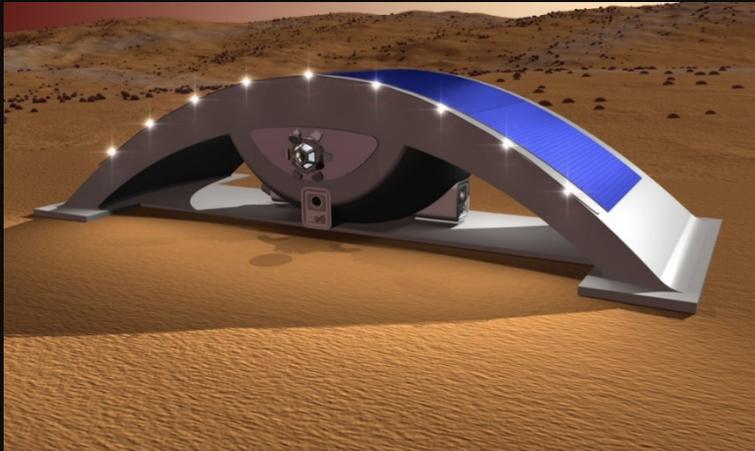


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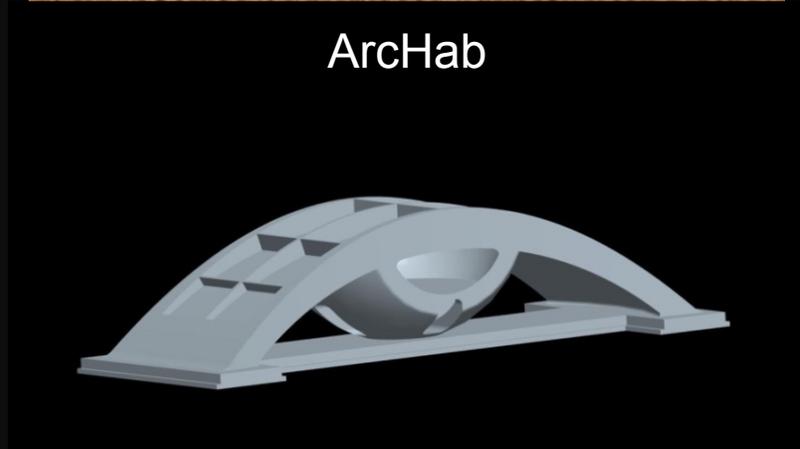


## Developing an End to End Process

### Habitats



ArcHab

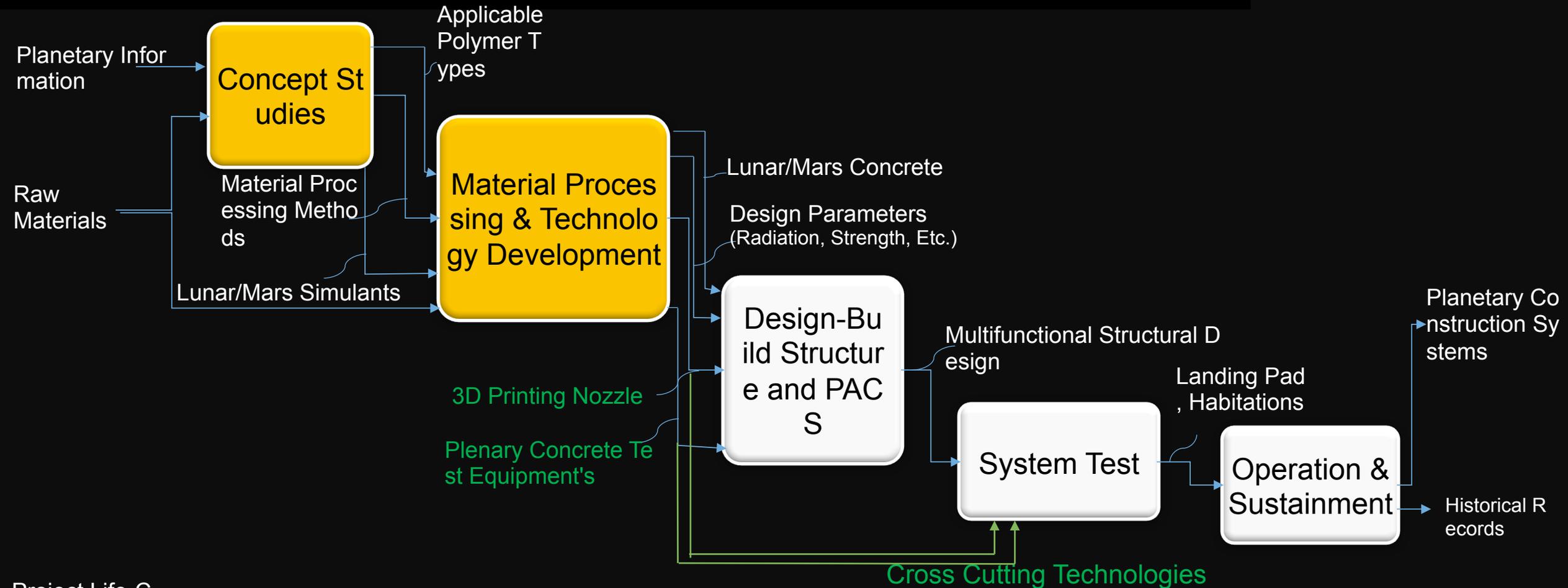


# Value/Originality

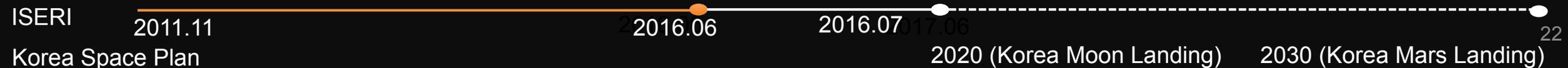
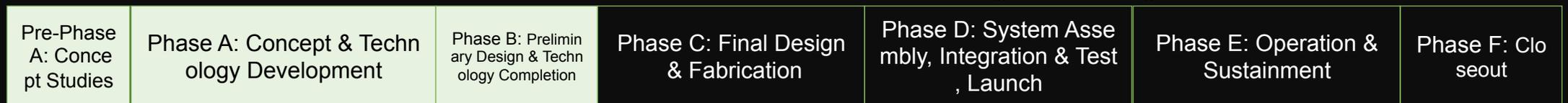
- Covers end to end process starting from design to construction
- Suitable to granular material which is the main material for earth rammed construction and moon and mars construction
- Possible to apply other types of lunar concrete materials such as sintering, combustion of mixture of regolith and metal powder, etc.
- Differ from previous additive construction using specific materials such as quick dry concrete, sintering which is hard to control quality

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# Future Plan



Project Life-Cycle Phases (NASA)



**Thank you!**

**Questions?**