

Five Phases of Lunar Development

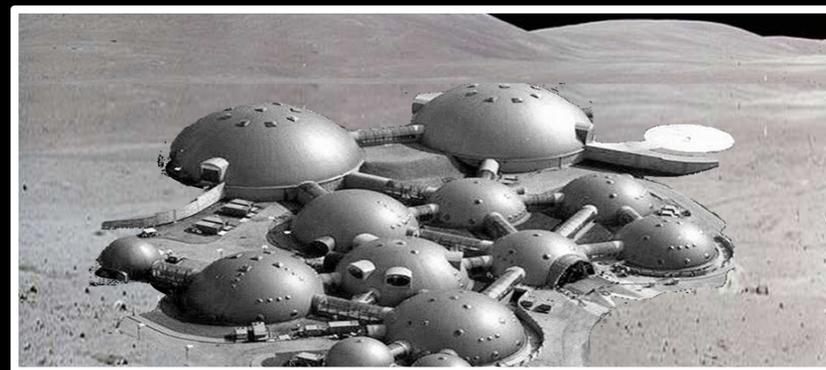
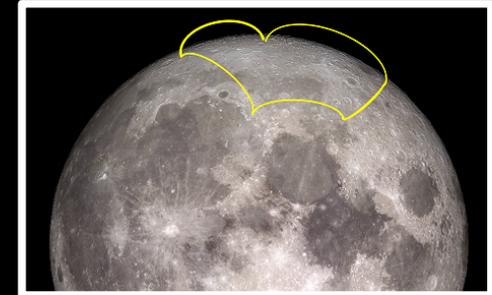
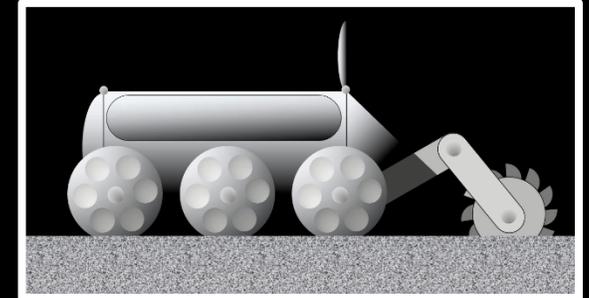
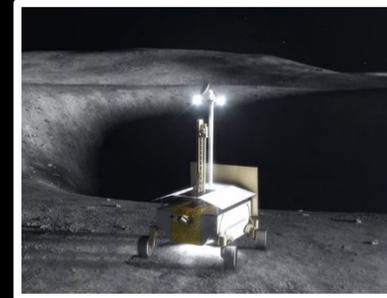


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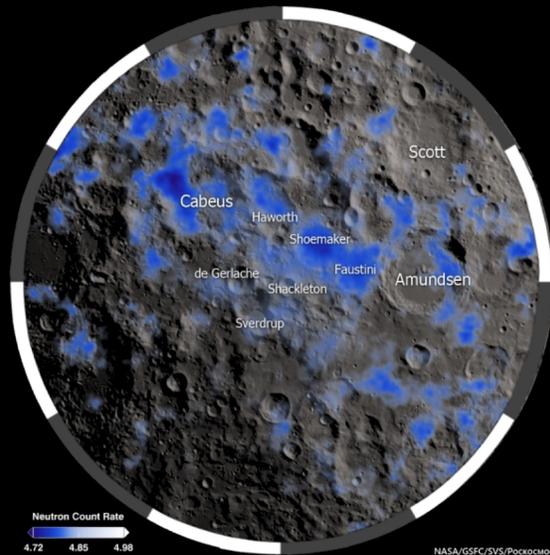
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1. Prospecting
2. Telerobotic
3. Initial crewed
4. International, suborbital, lunar exploration
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Lunar Polar Ice



Hydrogen concentration (NASA)

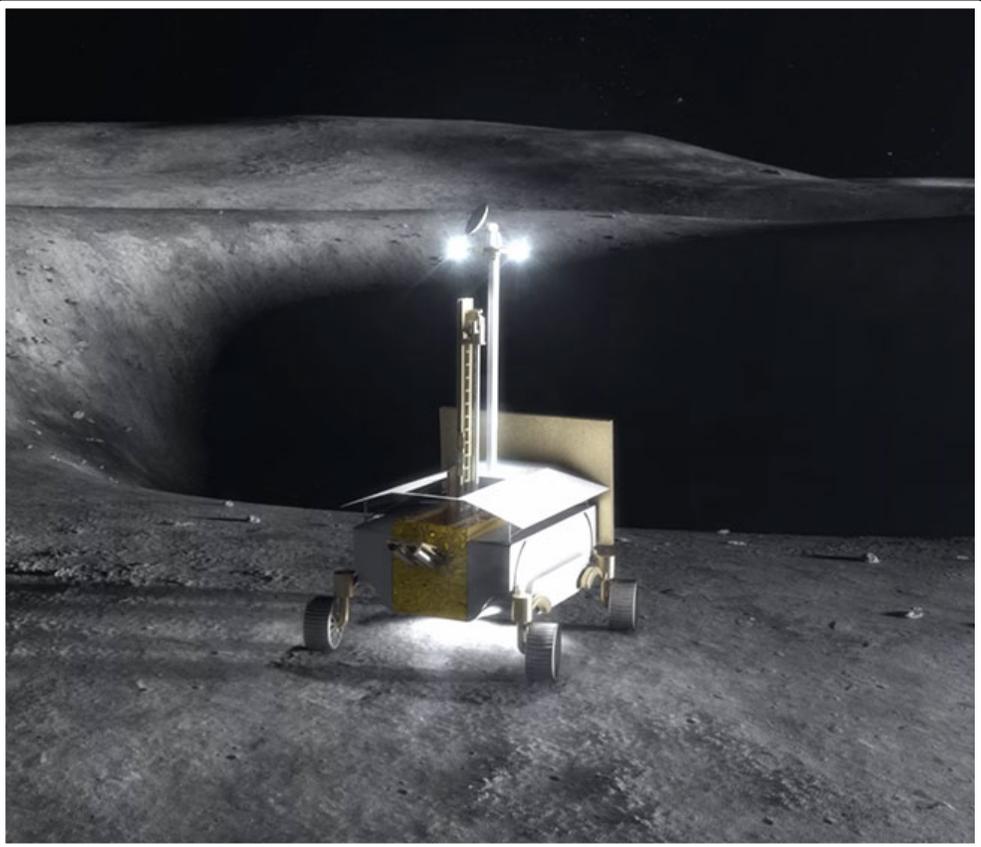


From LCROSS animation (NASA)

“Given the estimated total excavated mass of regolith that reached sunlight, and hence was observable, the concentration of water ice in the regolith at the LCROSS impact site is estimated to be $5.6 \pm 2.9\%$ by mass”.

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1. Prospecting Phase

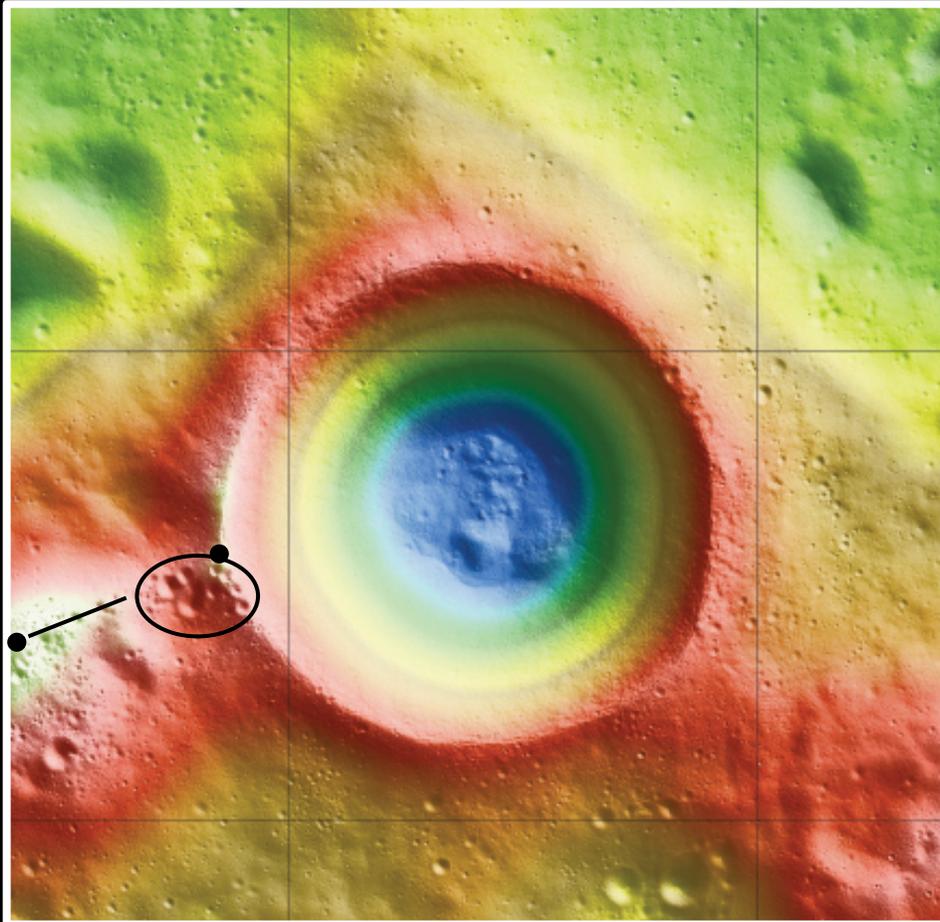


Resource Prospector mission (NASA)

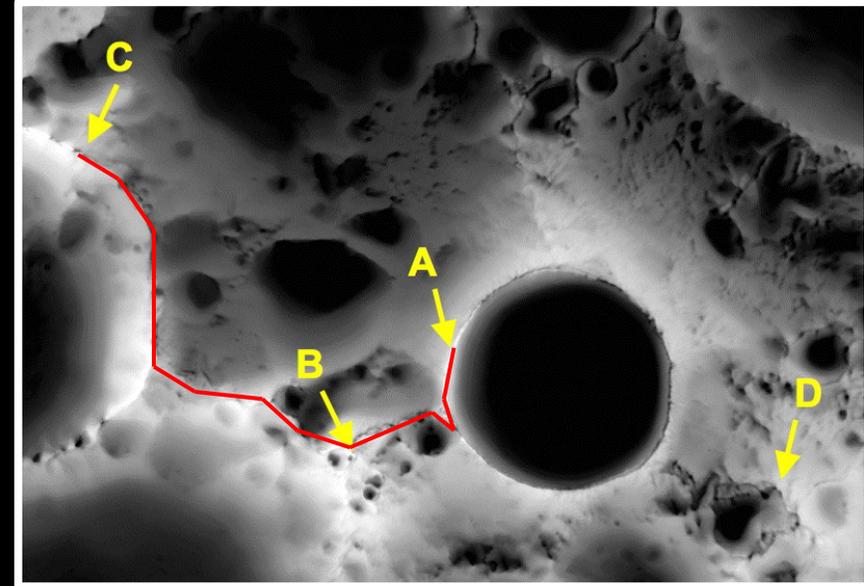
“RP will provide knowledge to inform the selection of future destination, support the development of exploration systems, and reduce the risks associated with human exploration”.

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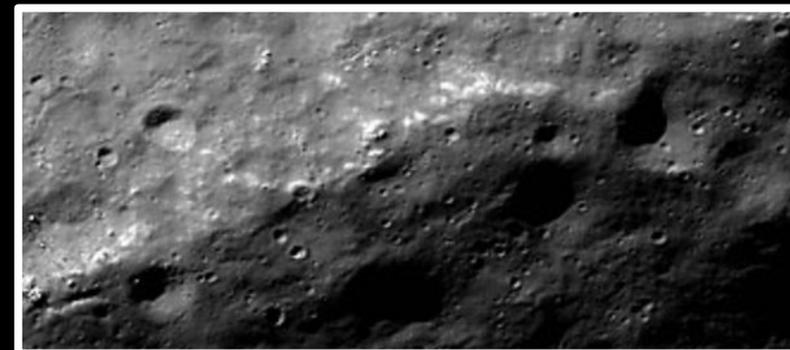
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Shackleton Crater (NASA – LRO)



Concept for traverse path between sunlit peaks



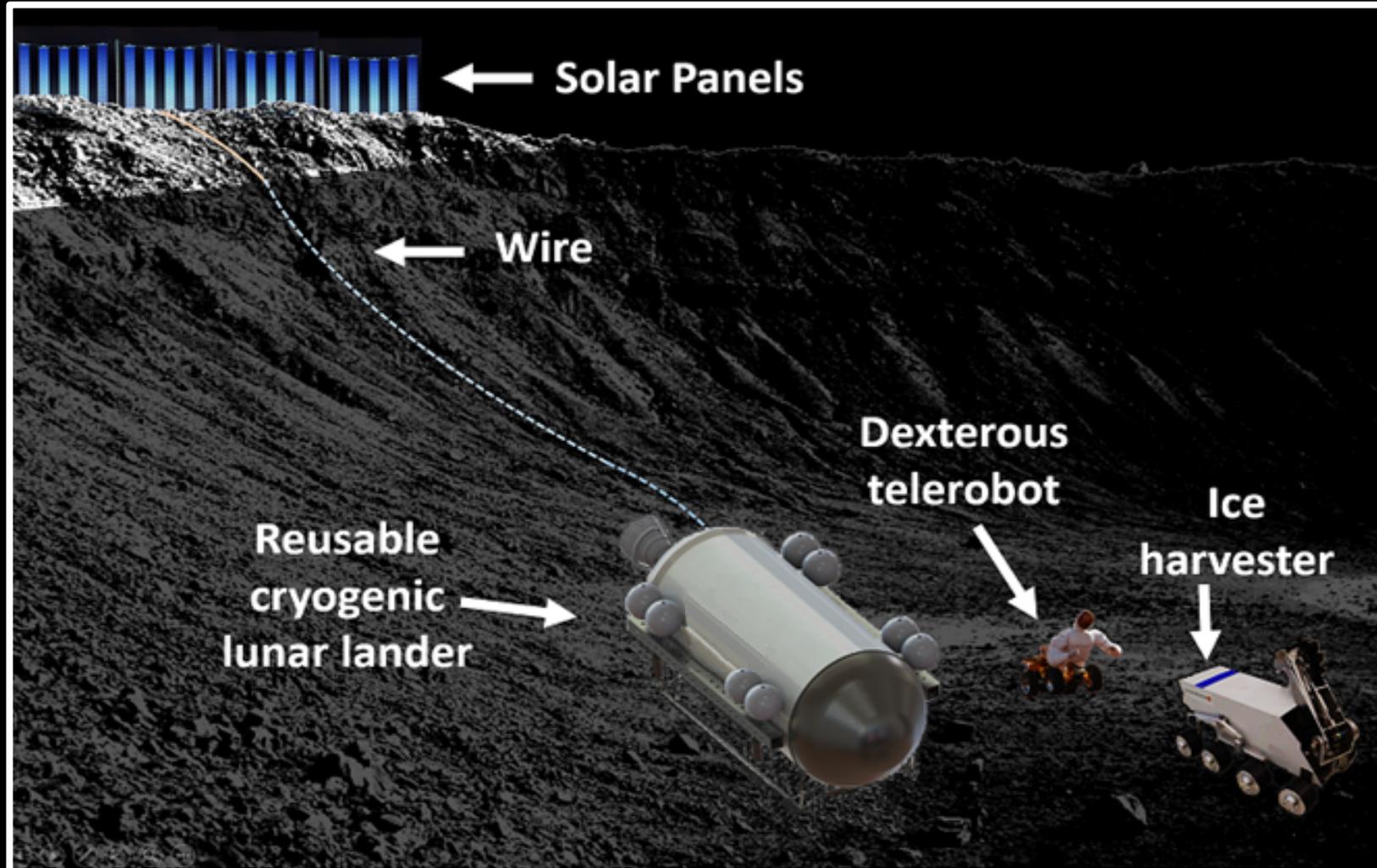
Rim of Shackleton Crater south pole (NASA – LRO)

1. Prospecting Phase

Table 1. Three-Phase Approach to Lunar COTS Missions

| Phase 1: Surface Resources and Hazards Assessment | Phase 2: Pilot Lunar ISRU Demonstration | Phase 3: Lunar ISRU Production and Delivery Services |
|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate capabilities to transport payloads from Earth to lunar surface cost effectively;• Prospect several sites for surface resources and hazards;<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide ground truth data of various sites;• Assess potential sites for hazards and accessibility• Demonstrate techniques for resource extraction and future ISRU operations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate capabilities for ISRU resource production, such as, H₂O, LOX, LH₂, and storage on a pilot-scale program;• Demonstrate feasibility and economics of scaling up production and capability to store several tons of resources on lunar surface.• Demonstrate capability to transport large payloads from lunar surface to cis-lunar space destinations for long-term storage. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA awards long-term contracts for Lunar ISRU production of H₂O or LOX/ LH₂ on the order of several metric tons per year;• Awards are also made for delivery services to Cis-Lunar Depot;• Awards are made to multiple commercial providers to reduce risk and enable competition. |

2. Telerobotic Phase

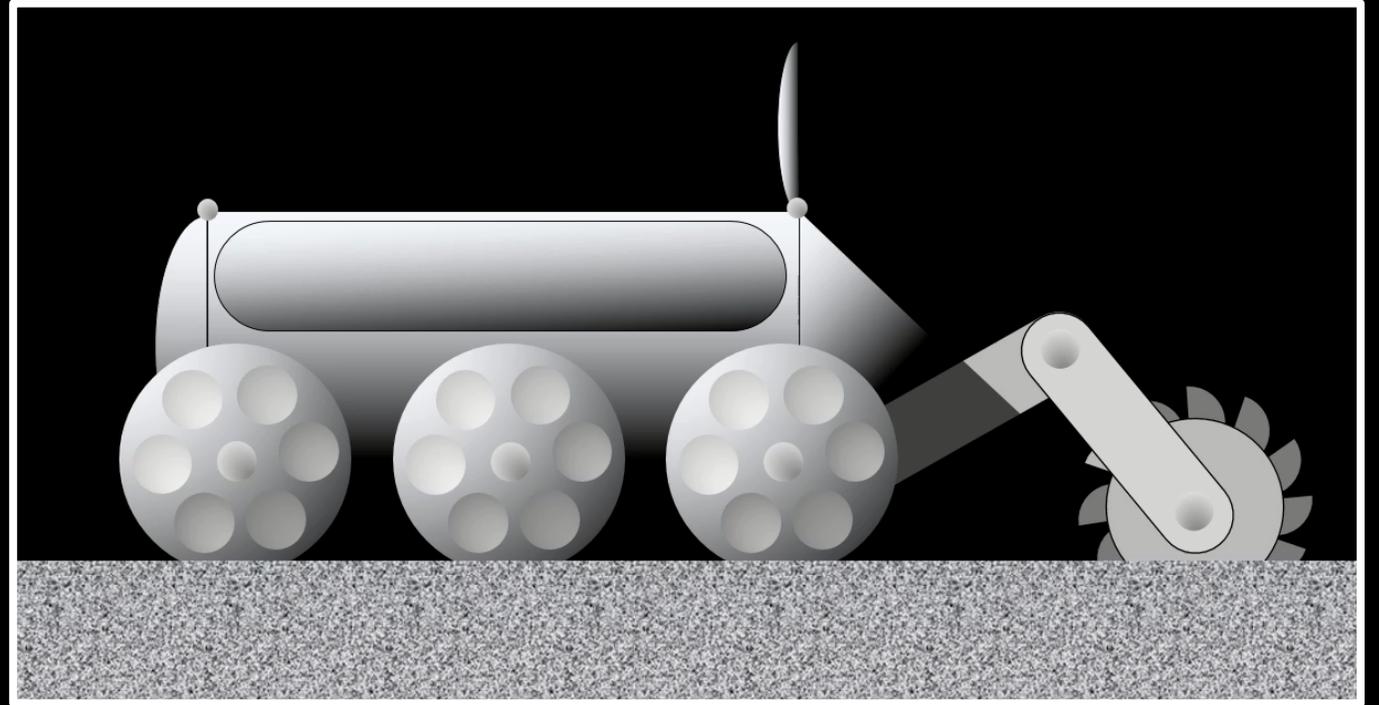


Concept for an initial ice-harvesting operation

2. Telerobotic Phase



XEUS lander – crew (ULA)



Concept for an Ice Harvester

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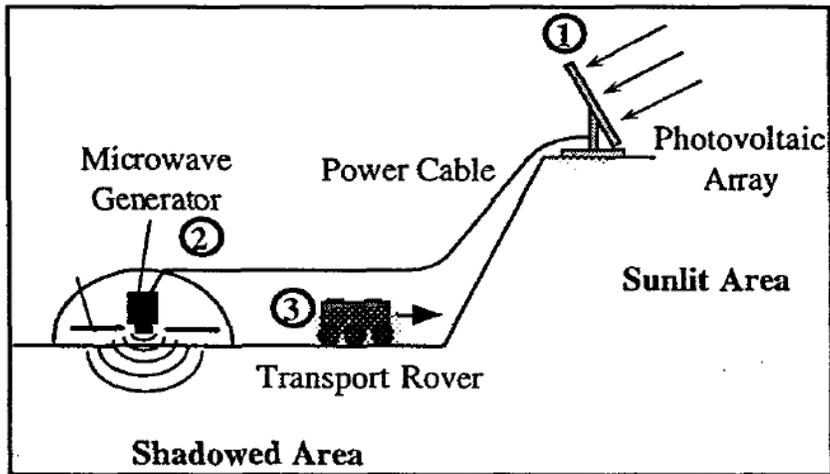


Figure 2. Schematic Diagram of Extraction System #1

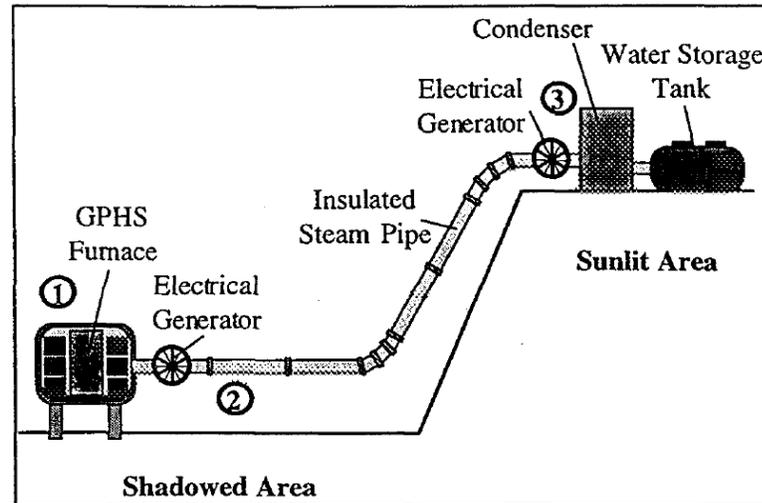


Figure 3. Schematic Diagram of Extraction System #2

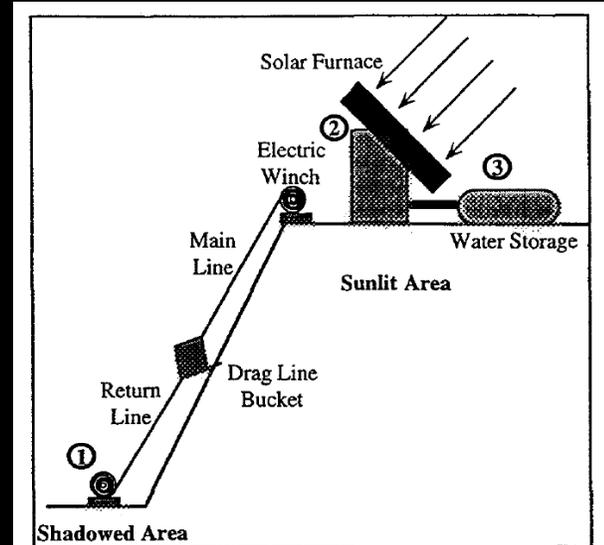
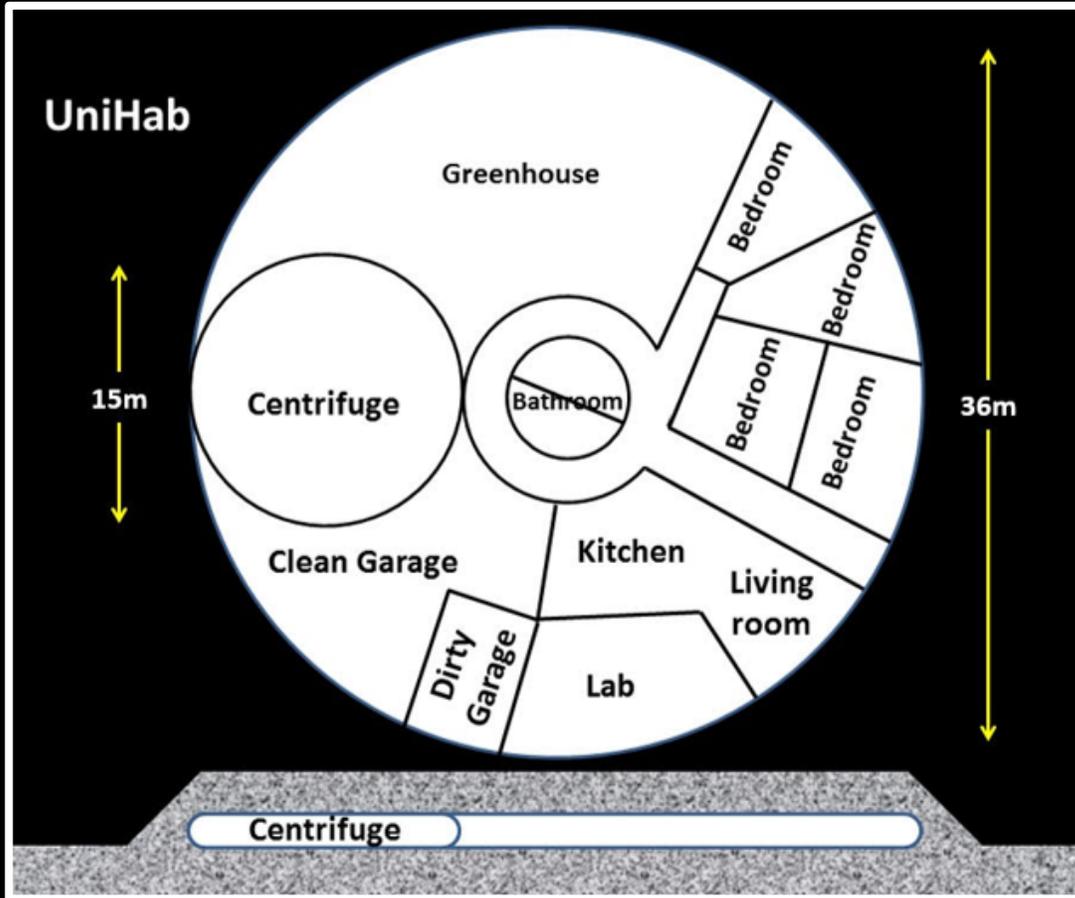


Figure 4. Schematic Diagram of System #3

3. Initial Crew Phase

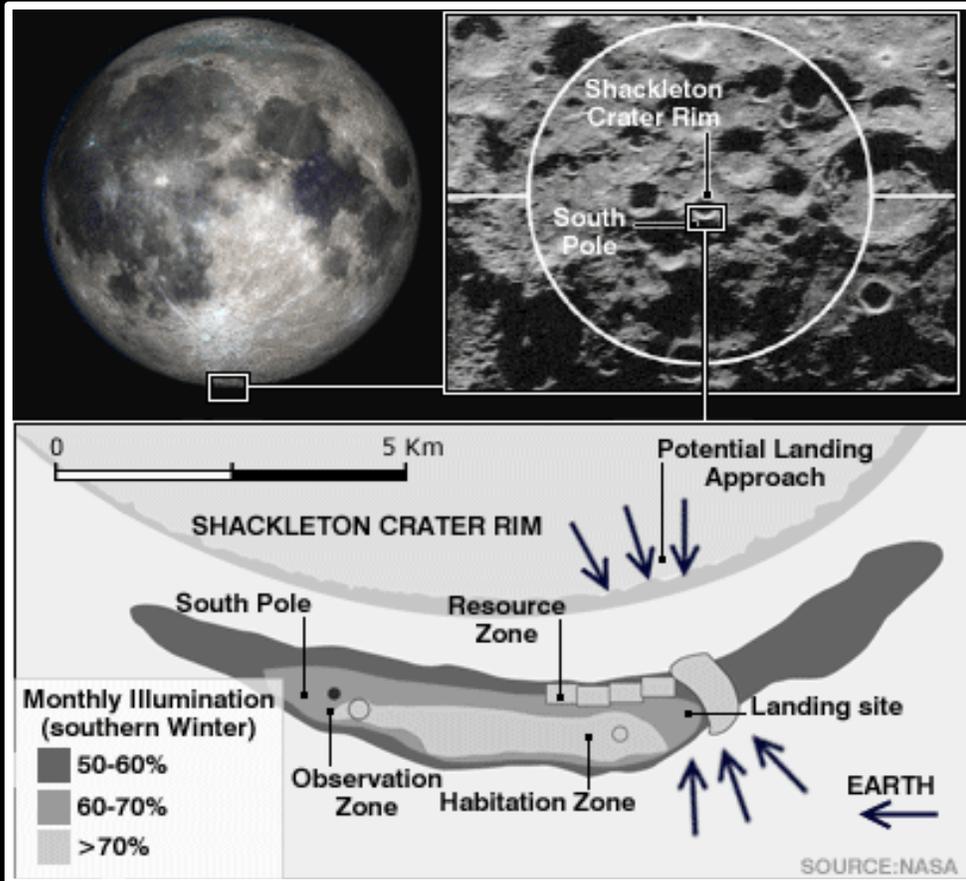


UniHab concept (Plata)

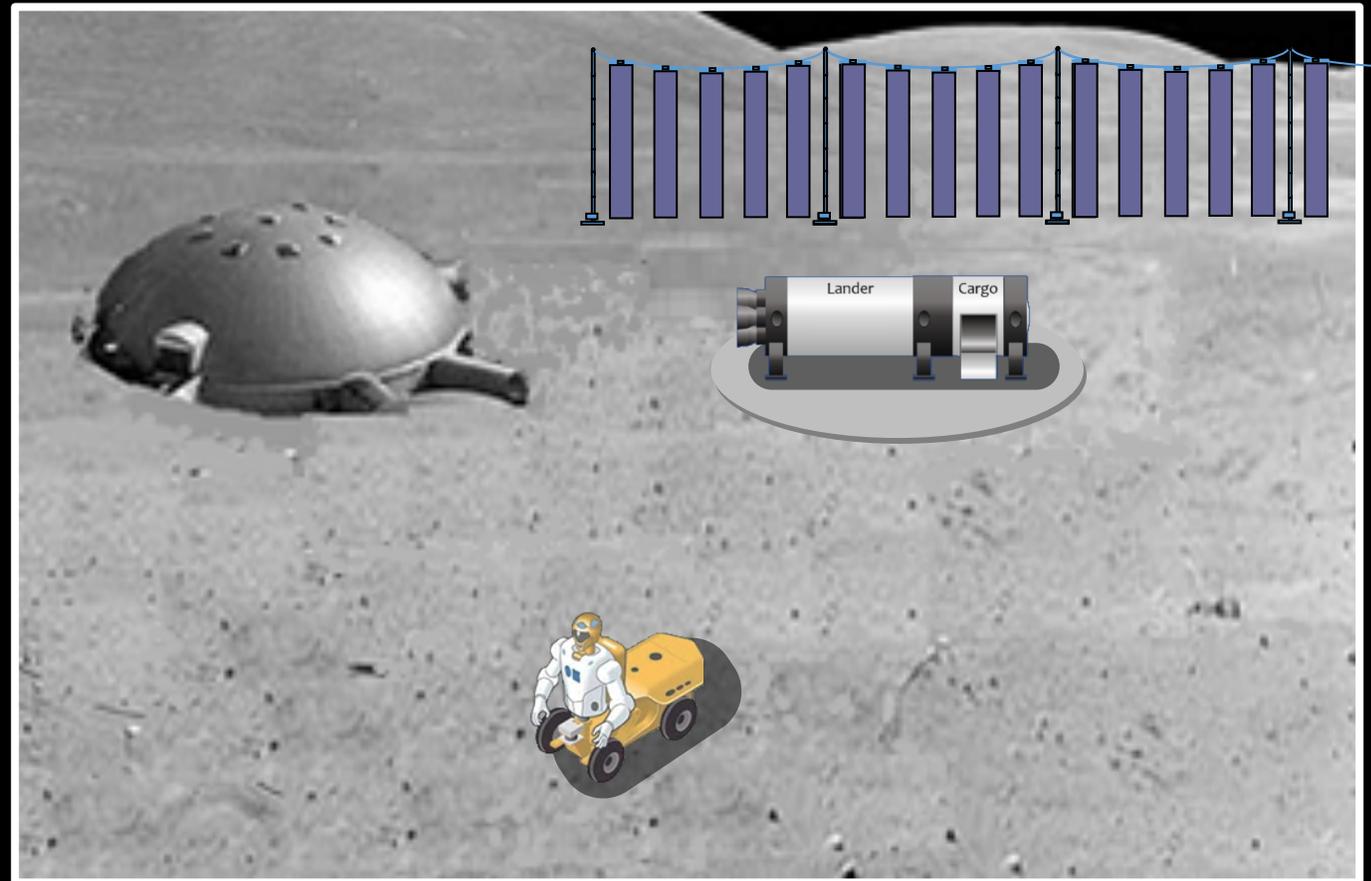


Concept of an initial, permanent, lunar crew and their jobs

3. Initial Crew Phase

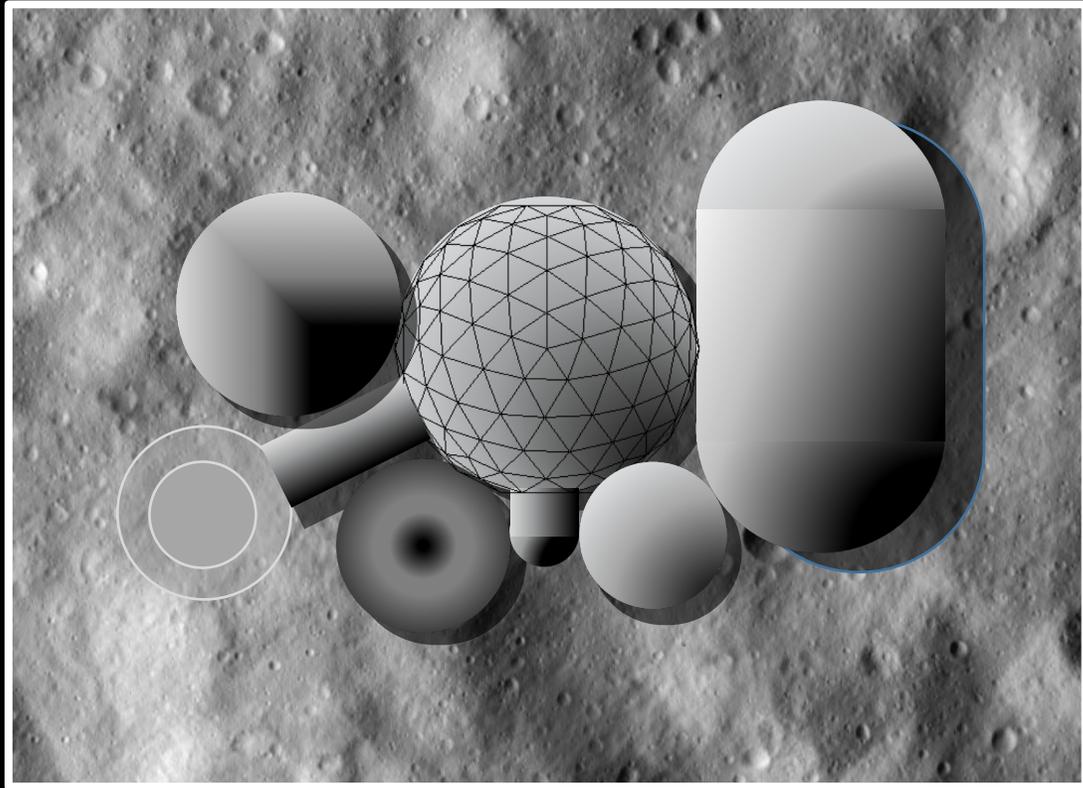


Shackleton base concept (NASA)

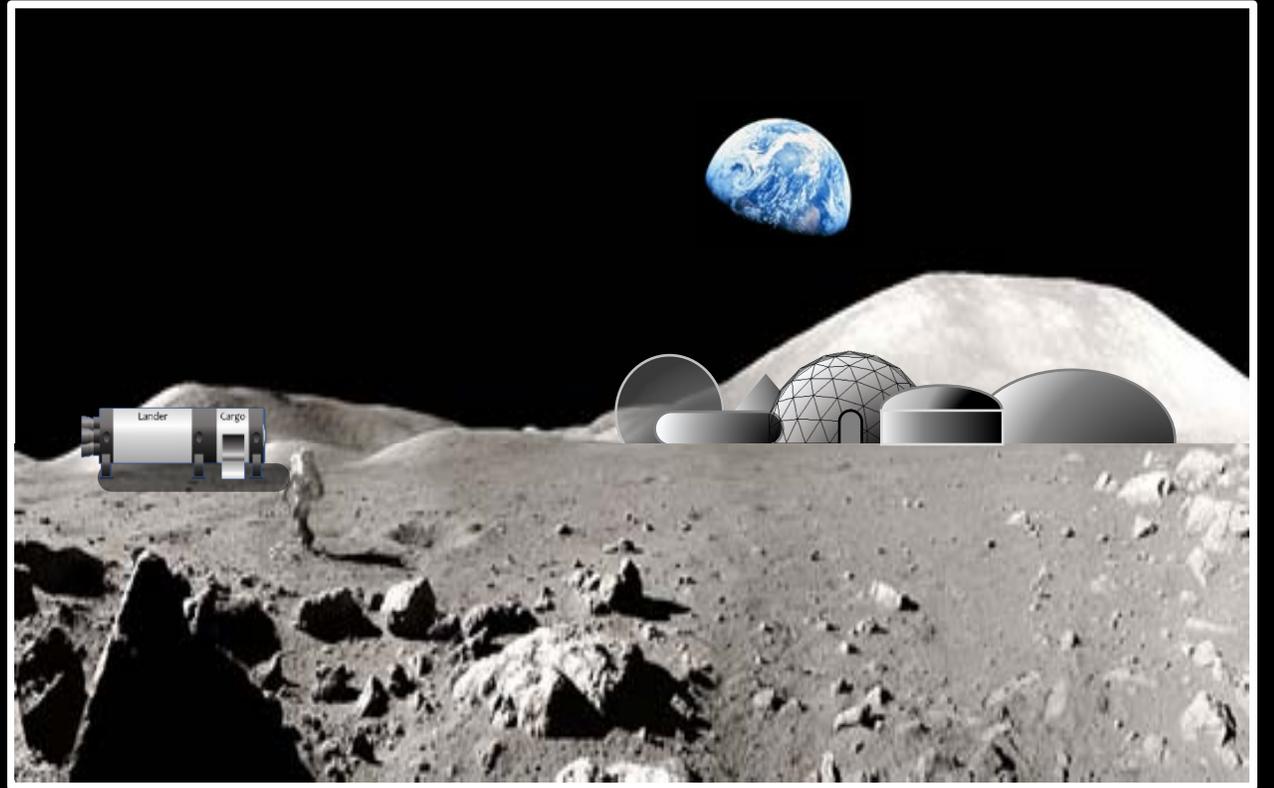


Notion of an initial lunar base

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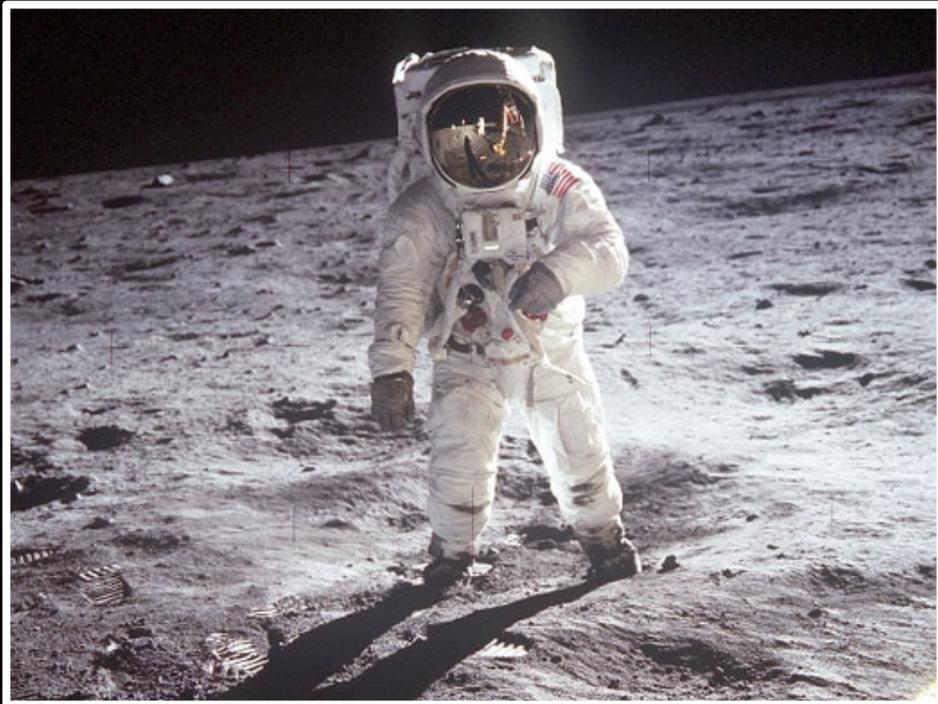


Lunar base concept – Bird's eye view

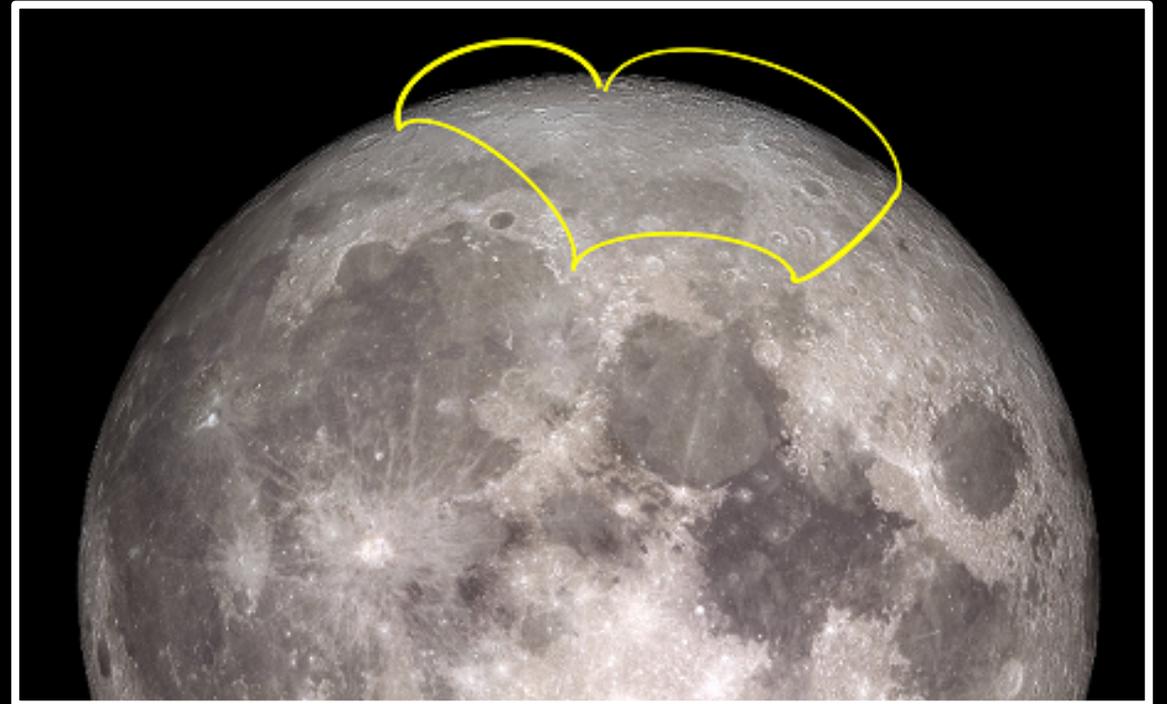


Lunar base concept – Surface view

4. International, Suborbital, Lunar Exploration Phase



Lunar astronaut (NASA)



Suborbital lunar exploration

5. Private Settlement Phase

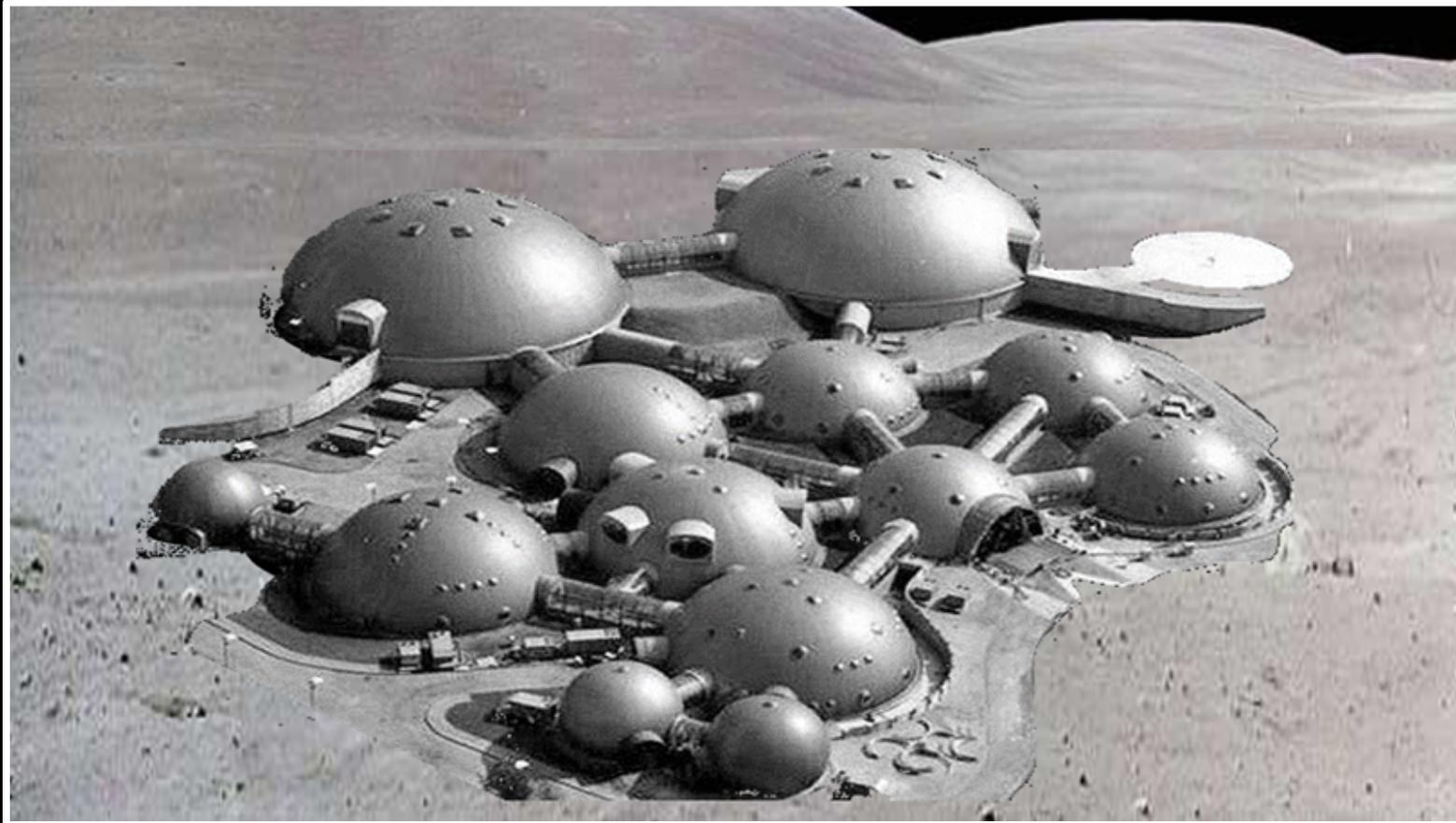


Illustration of a lunar base adapted from Radio Muzyka Fakty (Poland)

Financing

Phase 1 - Prospecting

Phase 2 - Vehicle & telerobotic
development

Phase 2 - Lunar surface transport
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Phase 4 - Intl suborbital exploration

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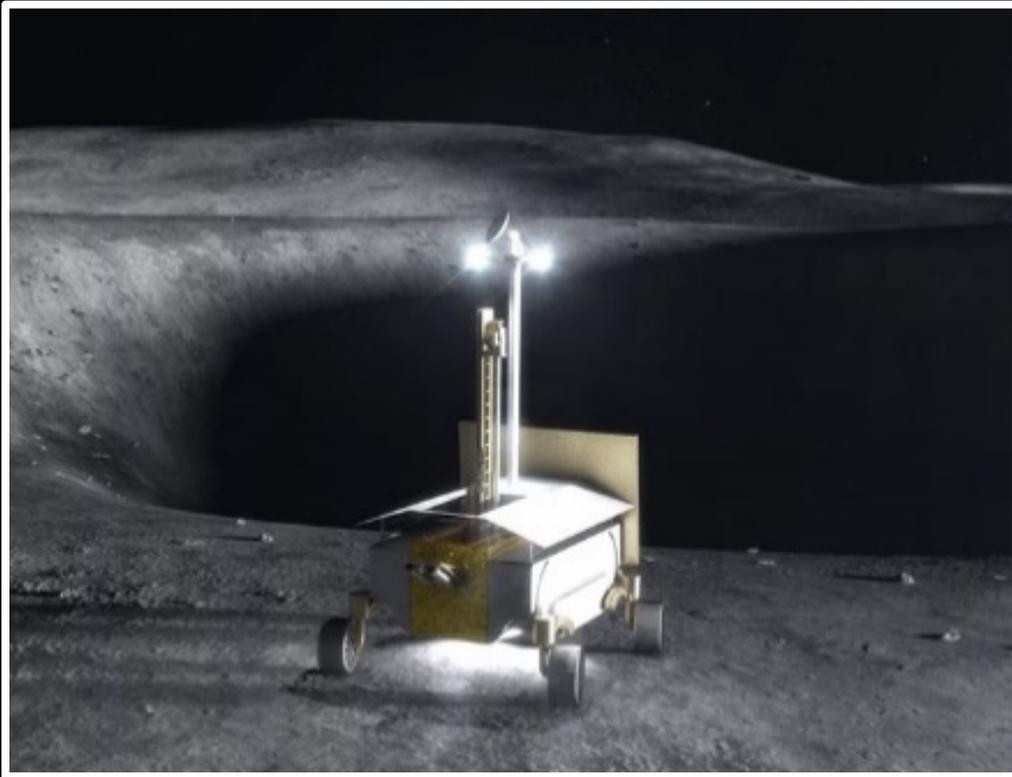
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Phase 5 - **Savings** - Private settlement

Financing: Prospecting Phase

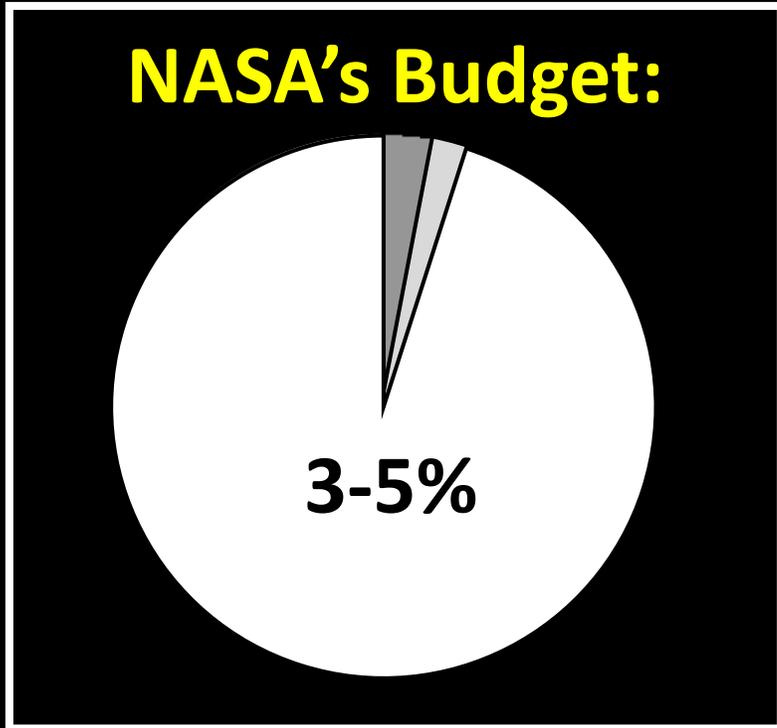


Resource Prospector mission video (NASA)

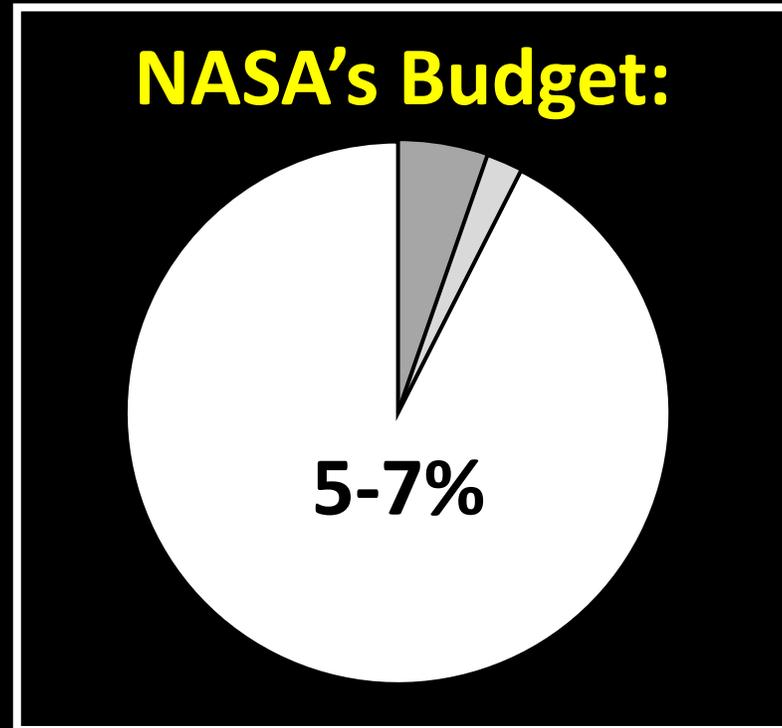


Resource test article (NASA)

Financing: Lunar COTS (LCOTS)



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"Lunar COTS"

Financing: Lunar COTS (LCOTS)

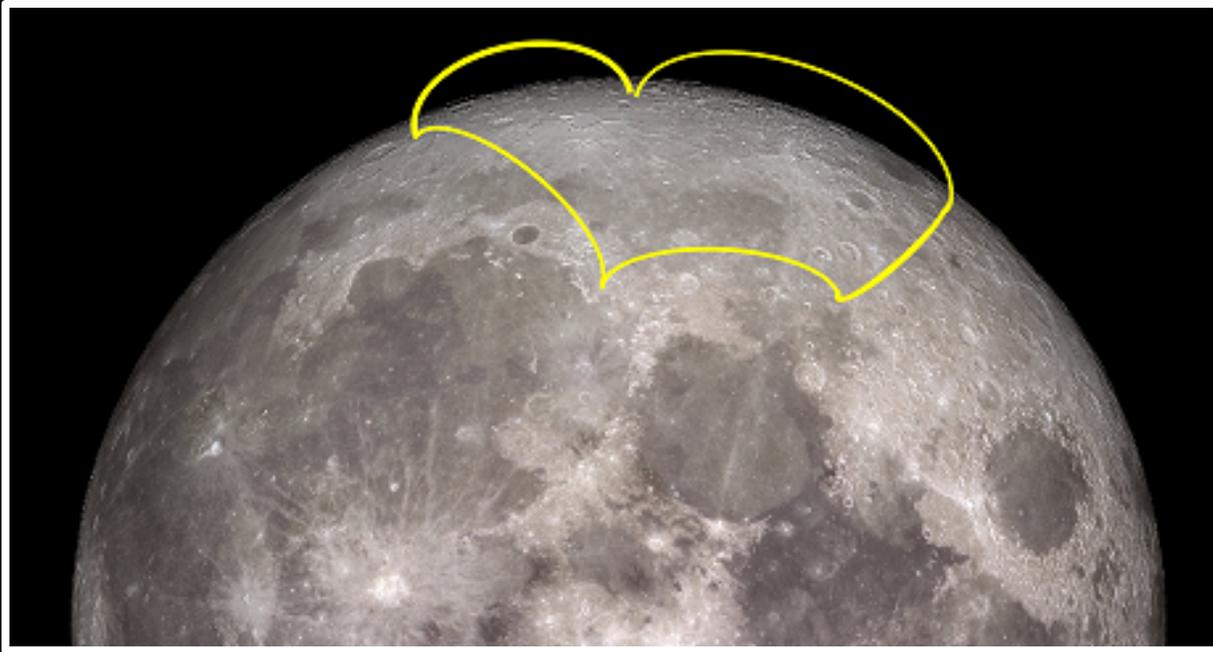


Falcon Heavy (SpaceX)

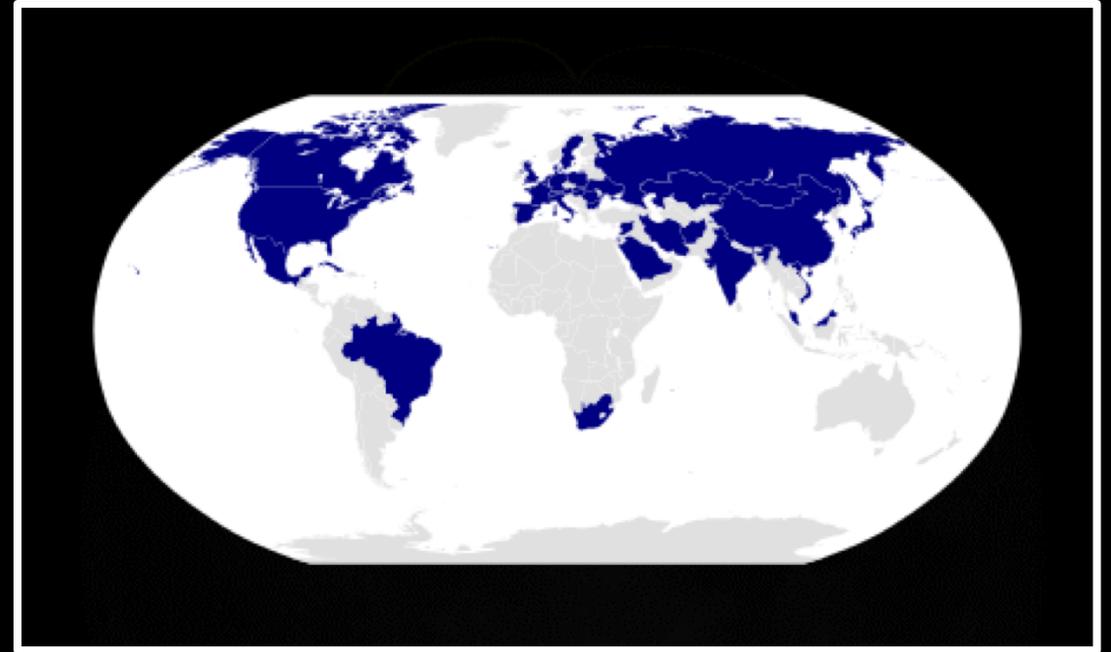


ACES lander (ULA)

Financing: International, Suborbital, Lunar Exploration



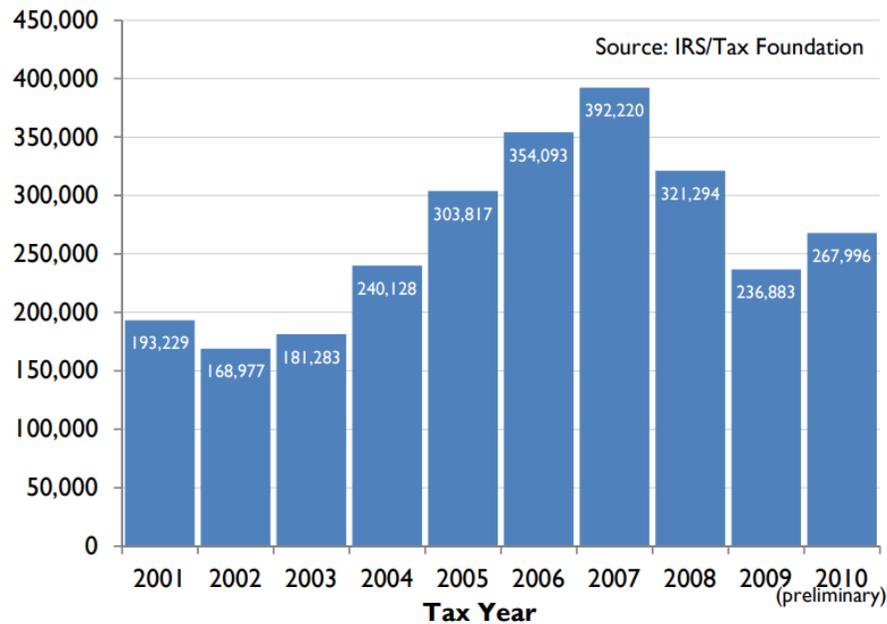
Suborbital lunar hops



Countries of astronauts (Wikipedia – AstroFreak92)

Financing: Private Settlement

Chart I: The Number of Millionaire Tax Returns Fluctuates Considerably from Year to Year



(IRS – Tax Foundation)



Sun City, Phoenix, AZ (Google Maps)

Beyond the Moon

Use of a Lunar Outpost for Developing Space Settlement Technologies

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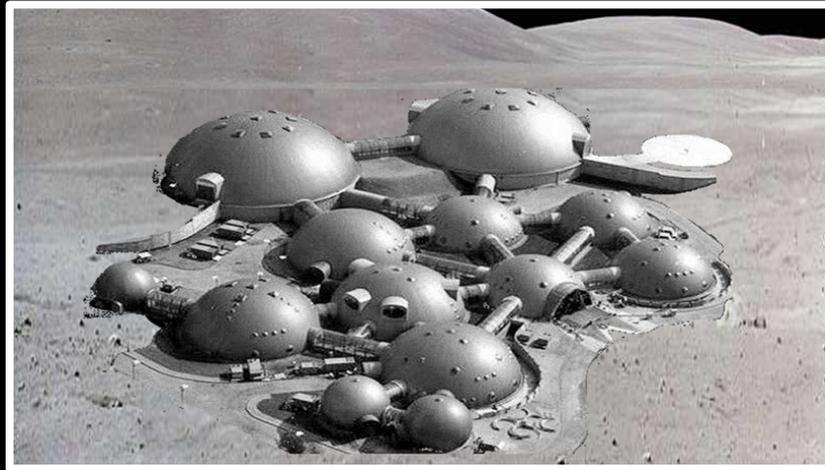
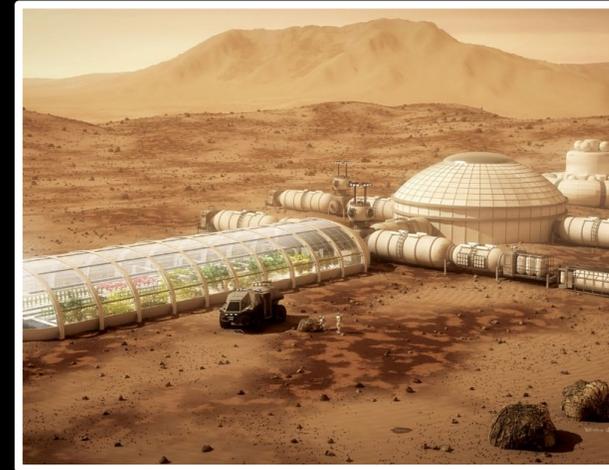


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Credit: Bryan Versteeg

Summary

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Funding

1. NASA
2. Lunar COTS
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4. Sovereign clients
5. Savings

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