

# Update on OCT Activities NAC TI&E



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# Outline

- **Agency Integration/Architecture**
- **Space S&T Partnership Forum**
- **OCT Updates**
- **Emerging Commercial Space**





# Agency Integration/Architecture – Nov-2015

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#JOURNEYTOMARS

# Elements of the Journey to Mars



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2030

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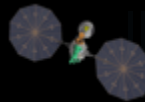
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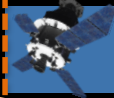
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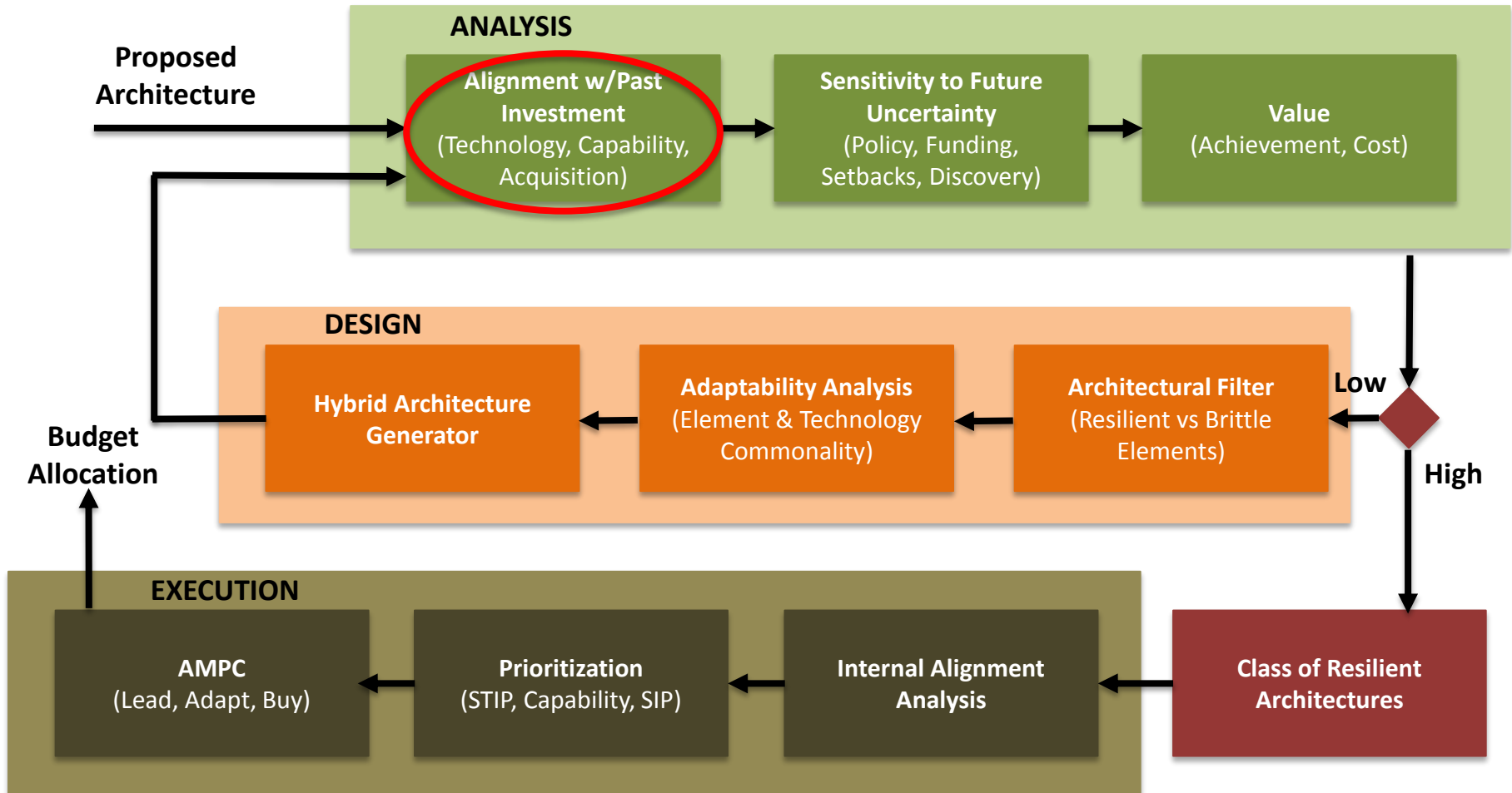




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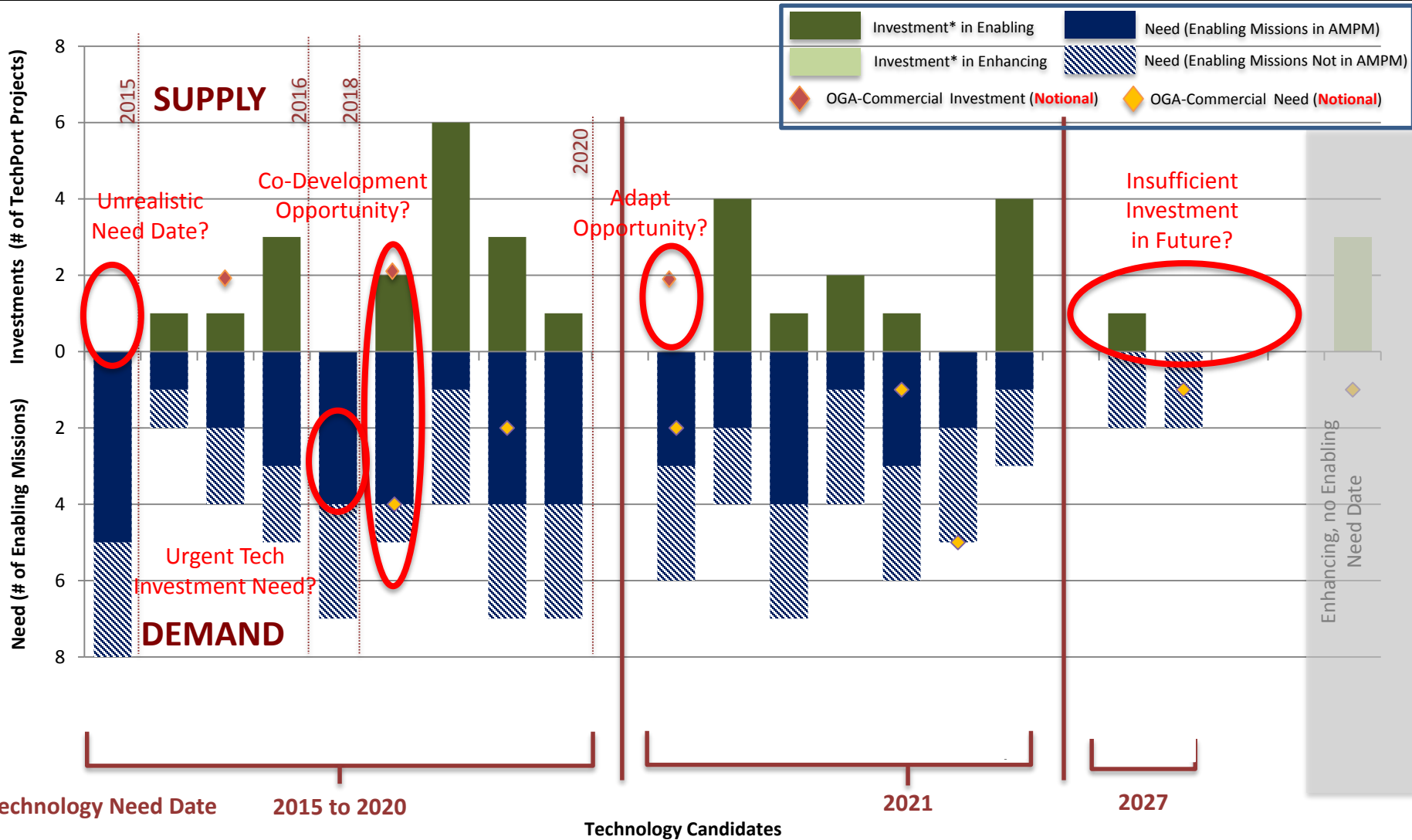


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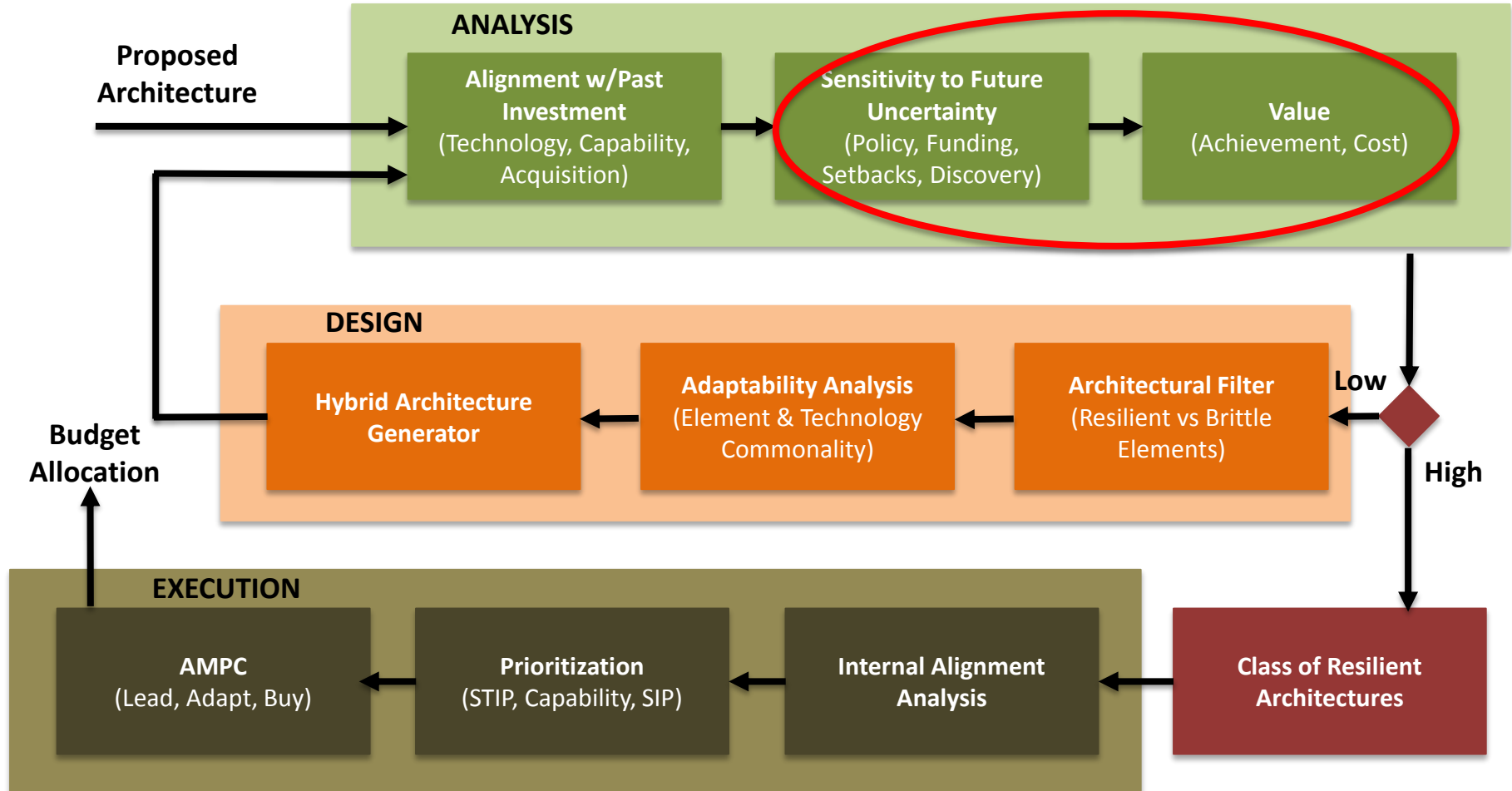
# J2M Campaign Need vs Technology Supply



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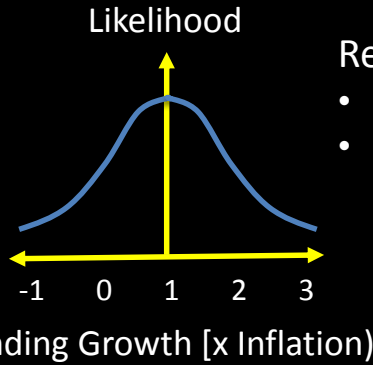
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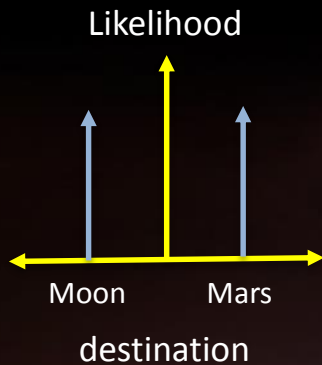
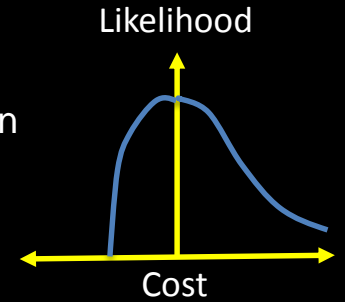


# Architectural Value

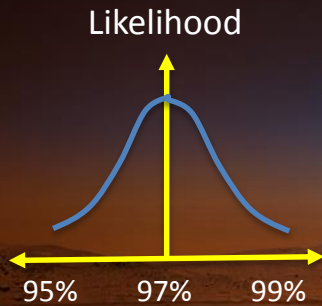
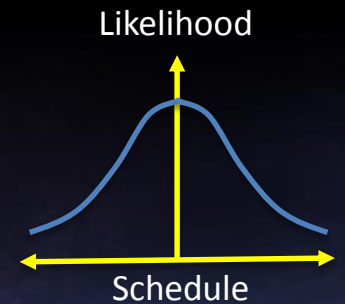


- Resiliency is being robust, or adaptable, to change
- J2M will span decades while changes occur yearly
  - Narrow to set of architectures between which exploration can cost-effectively switch as conditions change

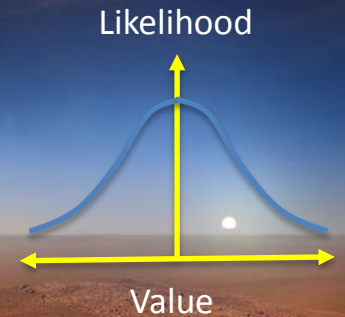
## Candidate Architectures



- NRC Pathways
- Evolvable Mars Campaign
- DRA-5
- Inspiration Mars
- Mars One
- Mars Society
- Modular Mars Architecture
- Space-X Red Dragon
- Explore Mars
- Mars Cycler



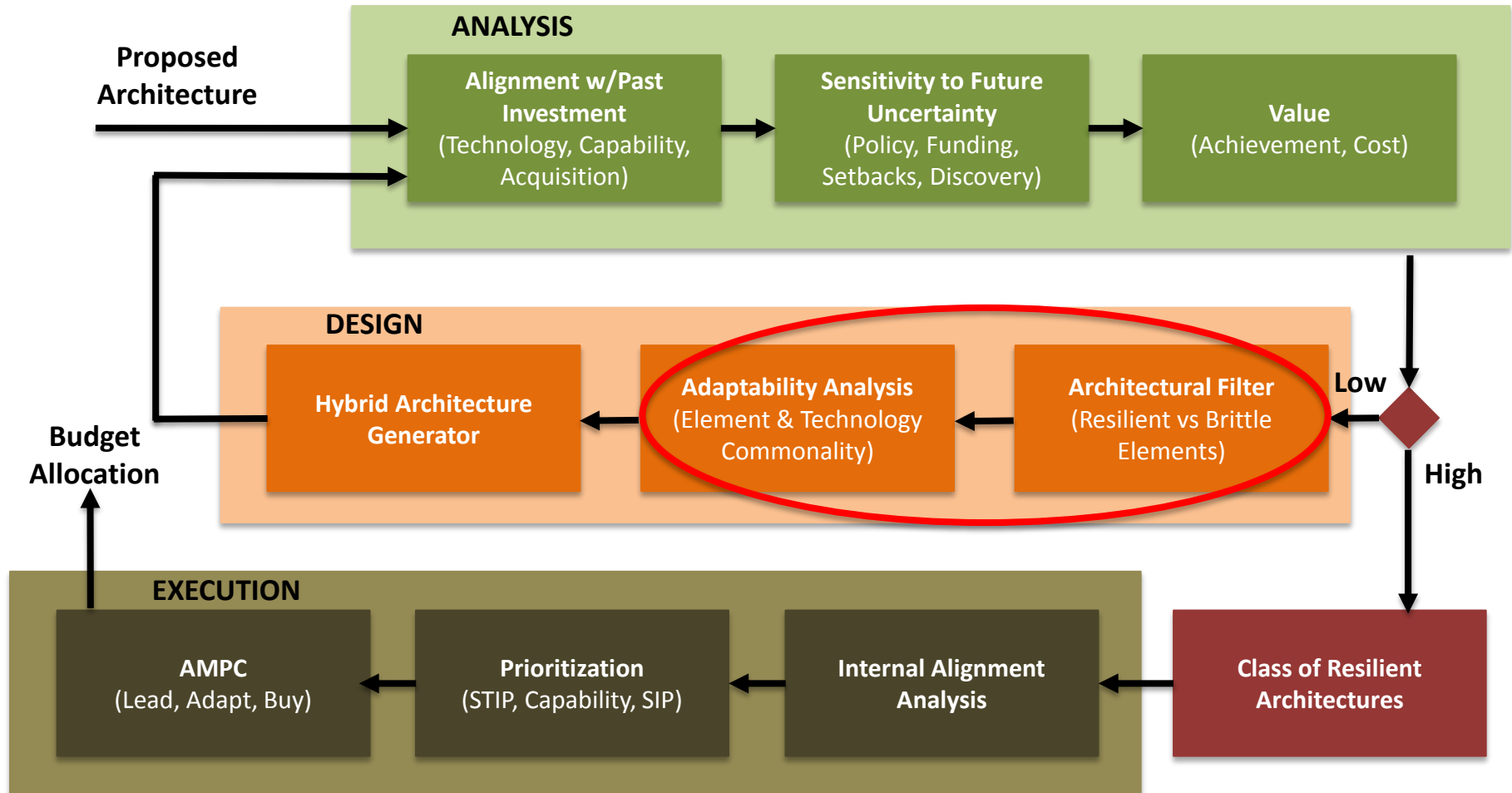
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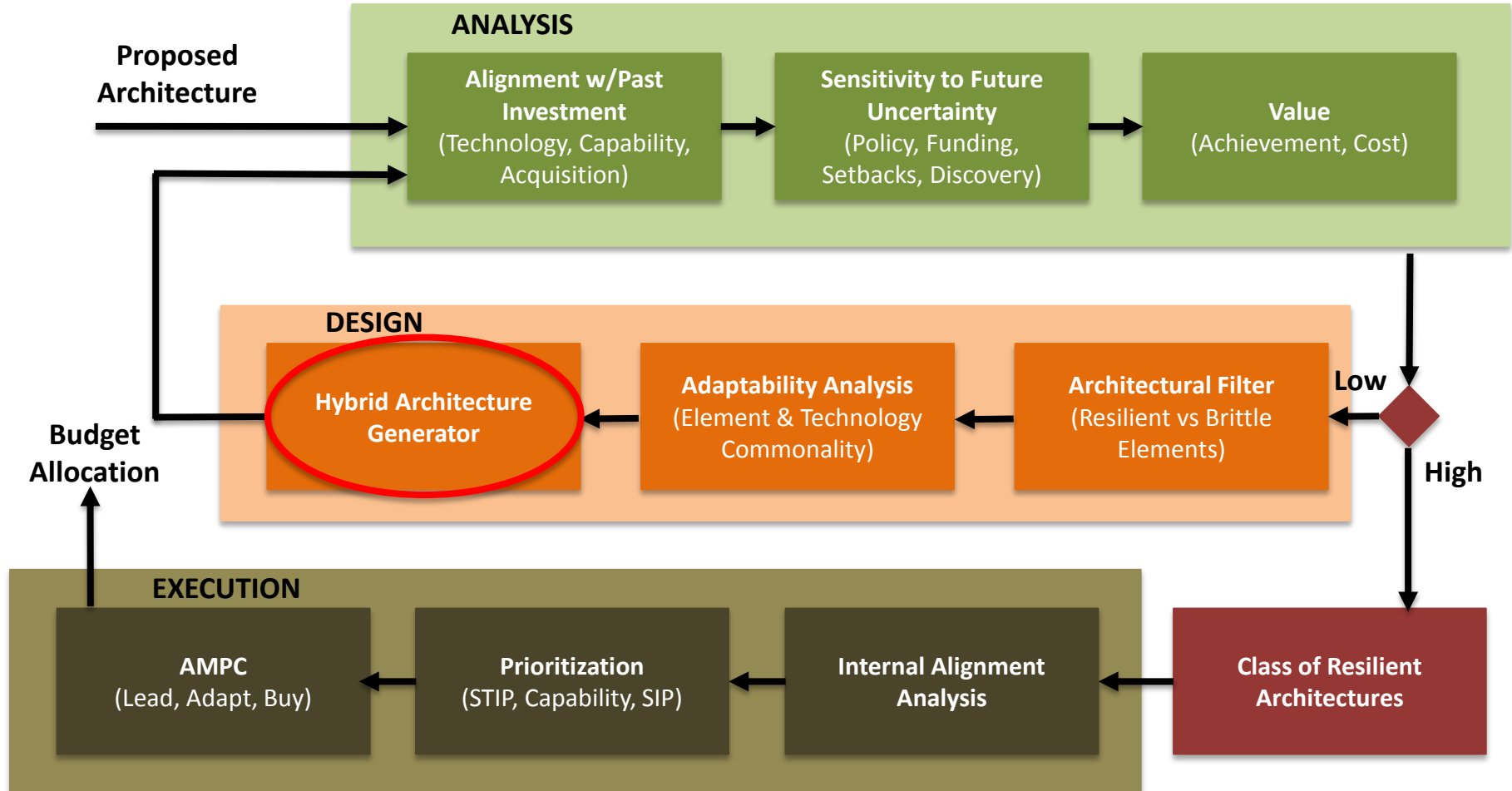




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# Modularity: Mars Lander Trade - Sizing

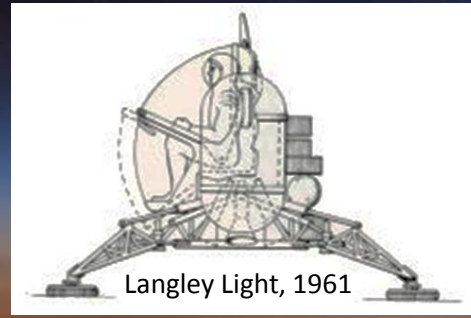
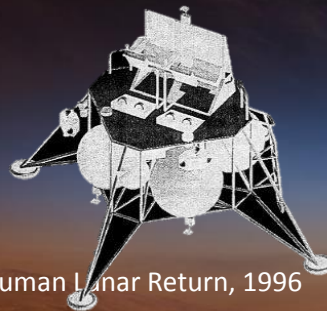


### Other Potential Trades:

Reusability: None, Partial (engines, tanks, etc.), Full  
Propellant Selection

### Other Orbit Considerations:

Phasing for departure  
Inclination targeting  
In-space transportation



**Trades**

- Identified Options
- Notional Implementation
- Potential Minimum Ascent Stage
- Other Options

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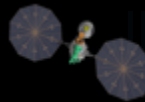
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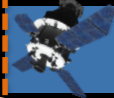
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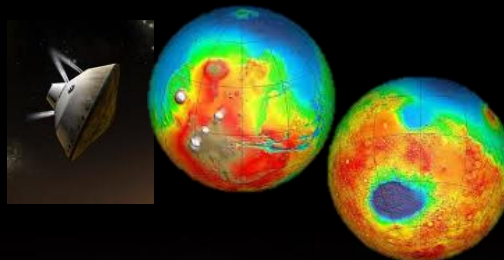
# What We've Learned and Still Need to Learn at Mars in the 2020's



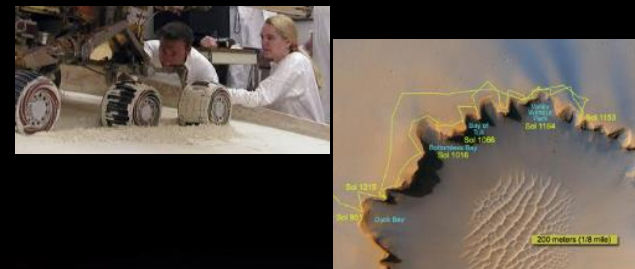
## Orbital environment and operations



## Capture, EDL & Ascent at Mars



## Surface Operations at Mars



### Learned:

- Deep space navigation
- Orbit transfer near low-gravity bodies
- Gravity assist
- Aero-braking
- Gravitational potential
- Mars' moons characteristics
- ISRU potential

### To Learn:

- Return flight from Mars to Earth
- Autonomous Rendezvous & Docking
- ISRU feasibility
- Resource characterization of Mars moons
- High-power SEP

### Learned:

- Spatial/temporal temperature variability
- Density and composition variability
- Storm structure, duration and intensity
- 1 mT Payload
- ~10 km Accuracy

### To Learn:

- Ascent from Mars
- Large mass EDL
- Precision EDL
- Aero-capture
- Site topography and roughness
- Long-term atmospheric variability

### Learned:

- Water once flowed and was stable
- Global topography: elevation and boulder distributions
- Remnant magnetic field
- Dust impacts on Solar Power / Mechanisms
- Radiation dose
- Global resource distribution
- Relay strategies, operations cadence

### To Learn:

- Landing site resource survey
- Dust effects on human health, suits & seals
- Rad/ECLSS in Mars in environment
- Power sufficient for ISRU
- Surface Navigation

A collaborative Mars precursor initiative will address the capabilities we need to validate and questions we need to answer in the 2020's

# Addressing High Priority Technology and Knowledge Gaps For Human Exploration of Mars



Mars Vicinity & Orbit	Global Temperatures	Global Aerosols	Global Winds	Orbital Particles	Optical Comm	In Space Prop. / SEP
Short-Stay Human Surface Mission	Local Dust Climatology	Weather at Sites	EDL (site) Winds	EDL Density Profiles	Extant Life (biohazards)	Special Regions
	Surface Dust*	Dust Effects on ISRU*	Regolith Properties*	Regolith Pore Space	Surface EDL Hazards*	Regolith Composition*
	Site Certification	Traction Cohesion	Charged Particles	Hazardous Chemicals*	Soluble Ion Distributions	Fine Dust Hazard*
Human Mission to Phobos or Deimos	Near-Surface Composition	Near-Surface Resources	Gravity Field	Regolith Properties	Near-Sfc. Temp.	
Sustained Human Surface Mission	High-Res Mineralogy	Sub-Surface Ice Site Maps	Water Extraction	Water Access (drill)	Resource Extraction	End-to-End ISRU Design

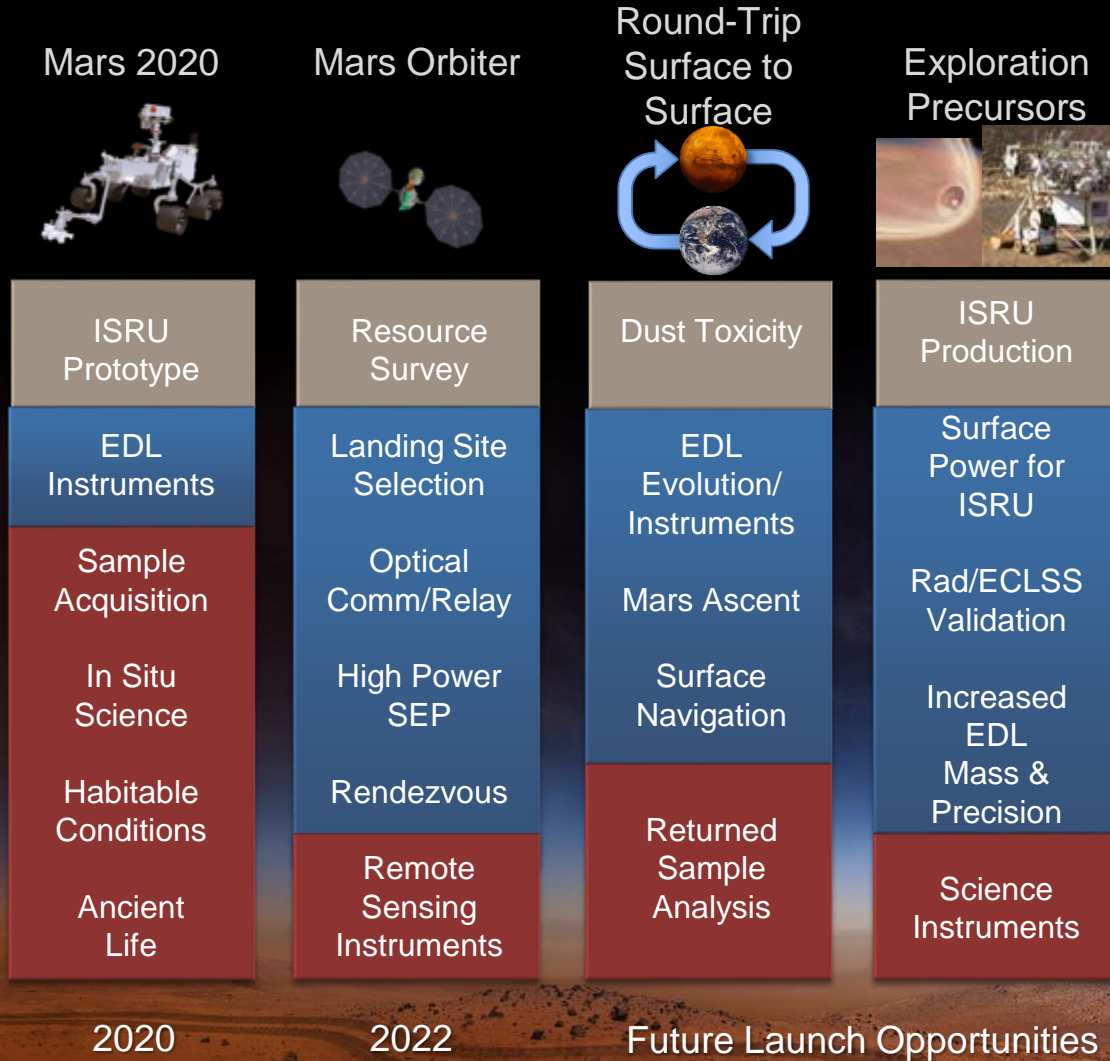
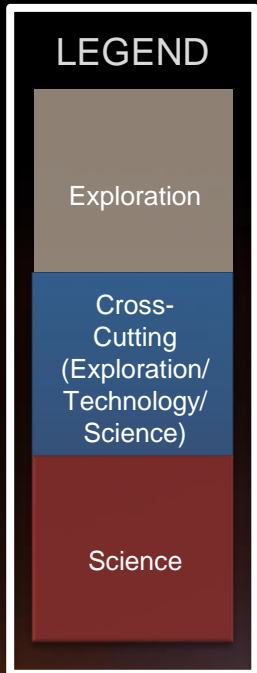
## Mission Legend (Color)

*Addressed by Missions thru 2020*  
 (\* assumes samples to be returned at later date)

*Addressed by Future Orbiters*

*Addressed by Future Landers*

# Conceptual Integrated Campaign for Mars in the 2020's





# Integrated Vision for a Mars Robotic Precursor Initiative



- **Exploration:**

- Address key issues to build confidence in round-trip missions to/from Mars
- Identify and characterize concentrated resources for potential ISRU exploitation

- **Science:**

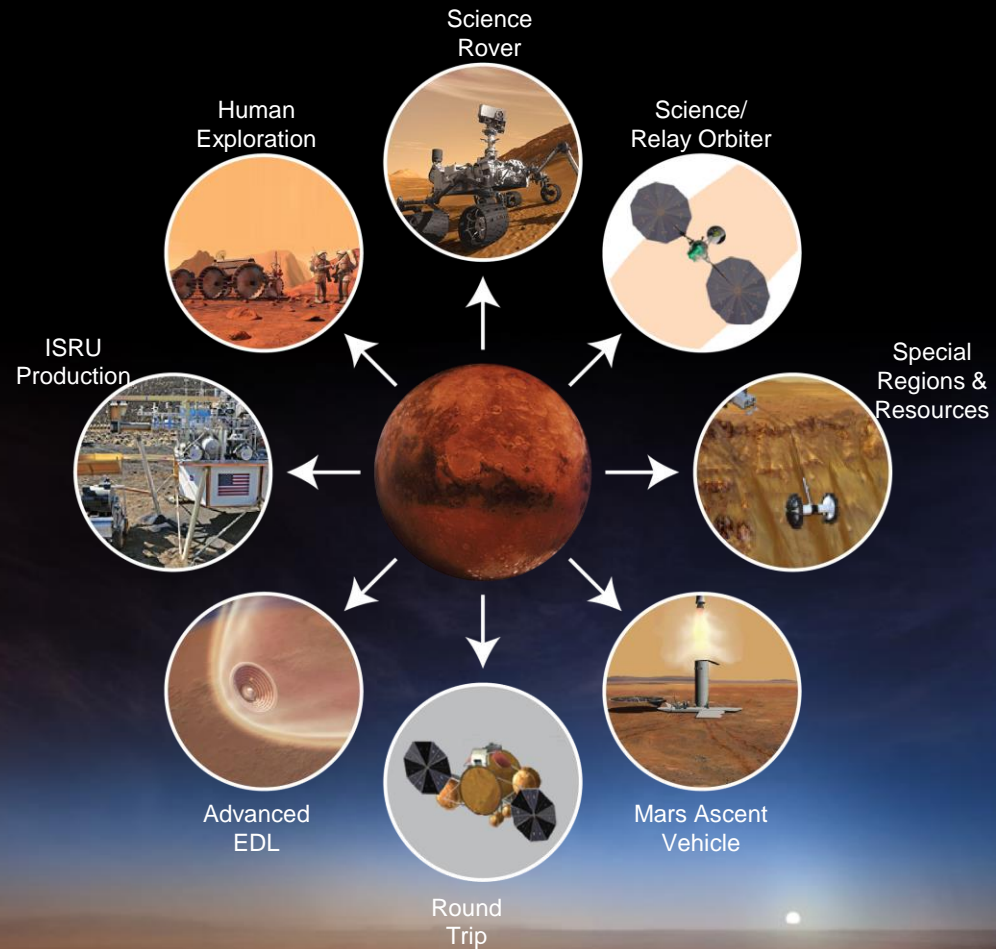
- Leverage expertise built through five decades of robotic Mars exploration
- Build upon recent science discoveries
- Continue to support decadal priorities

- **Technology:**

- Leverage technology investments
- Mission Infusion opportunities
- Enable end-to-end Earth/Mars missions

- **Infrastructure:**

- Sustain and improve Mars telecommunications and surface reconnaissance infrastructure



The 2020's will be a “**transition decade**” that leads to Humans to Mars in the 2030's



# S&T PARTNERSHIP FORUM

# Chart 1 from Summit

## S&T Partnership Forum

### Purpose:

- Strategic forum of Agencies to identify synergistic efforts/technologies where efficiencies can be made to address pervasive needs
- Identify “Hot” Topics for technology discussion at future AF/NASA/NRO Summits
- Tackle difficult problems and coordinate joint messages for Hill and White House— Be proactive through Agency Legislative Affairs
- Develop and baseline process in unclassified level and then review applicability to classified level

### Mechanisms for collaboration:

- Personnel exchange (e.g., AFRL-NASA)
- Cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs)
- Technical Interchange Meetings (TIMs) (e.g., Next TPS TIM Sept)
- Joint working group

### Participants

- 
- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| ➤ NASA              | ➤ DARPA (TTO) |
| ➤ NRO               | ➤ NOAA        |
| ➤ AFSPC, ST         | ➤ OSD         |
| ➤ AFRL, CZ, RQ & RV |               |
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# Chart 2 from Summit

## Near Term Goals:

- **Actively working to crosswalk NASA-AF-NRO roadmaps to identify opportunities for synergy and collaboration in technology investments**
  - Example initial focus areas under discussion: robotics, radiation hardened electronics, infrared focal planes, solar electric propulsion, carbon phenolic, cyber-security in embedded systems, disaggregated satellite systems, and cold atomic clocks.
  - Join efforts on non-destructive evaluation of new carbon phenolic technology (3-D weave and more)
- **Propose new national technology initiative(s)**
  - Each year, OSTP, OSD, and NASA create new S&T priorities and initiatives
  - Proactively influence the creation of these priorities and initiatives by proposing pervasive technology development efforts that are mutually beneficial and of high interest
  - Use the technology roadmap crosswalk effort to inform this process
- **Provide technology based recommendations to help inform US Policy on Orbital Debris Removal (ODR)**

## Long Term Goals:

- Example - Develop a joint roadmap that focuses on mutually beneficial long term goal(s).
  - Proposed Goal: Develop a joint roadmap that focuses on technologies that reduce launch cost by at least 25% in 10 years.



## At July Summit

### **NASA Administrator requested that the S&T Partnership Forum:**

- Provide annual updates on technology-related topics, and
- Within six months, provide three options for a long-term strategic technology goal.

### **November 2, 2015 NASA hosted S&T Partnership Forum Meeting to discuss potential long-term strategic goals that:**

- Include a problem statement
- Address problem that impacts all (or most) S&T Partnership organizations
- Include a solution that enables Agencies to leverage existing work to solve the problem (or begin to solve the problem).
- 16 Goals were presented by Agencies and organizations and hybrid concepts were developed.
- Future telecoms and meetings will be held to refine the list of opportunities for collaboration and goals.

### Participating Organizations In Goal Development Meeting

- NASA
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering
- Air Force Space Command
- Air Force Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary (Science, Technology & Engineering)
- Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Space Vehicles Directorate
- Army Space and Missile Defense Command
- DARPA Tactical Technology Office
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) NESDIS
- National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Advanced Systems & Technology Directorate
- NRO Systems Engineering

# OTHER OCT ACTIVITIES



## Technology Roadmap Completed July 2015

### Considers

- Updates in Science Decadal surveys
- Human Exploration capability work
- Advancements in technology

### Includes:

- State-of-art
- Capability needs
- Performance goals

### Expanded Scope:

- ✓ Aeronautics technology
- ✓ Autonomous systems
- ✓ Avionics
- ✓ Information technology
- ✓ Orbital debris
- ✓ Radiation
- ✓ Space weather

## 2015 Technology Roadmaps Facts:

340 people contributed (authored content)

This included input from all NASA Centers, organizations, industry and government. Others provided edits during Center and HQ reviews.

The 2015 NASA Technology Roadmaps are comprised of:

- 16 sections
- 15 technology areas
- 2,100 pages
- 1,278 technology candidates

Since the 2012 Roadmaps were released, the 2015 Roadmaps have been expanded to include:

**44 new level 3 Space Technology Areas** that will be evaluated by the NRC.

Technology Areas: 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 14





# Other Government Agencies Provided Input

National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration



## Examples of participants:

### July 2014 review of draft:

- Department of Defense
  - US Army Development and Engineering Center
  - Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)
  - Office of the Secretary of Defense/Acquisition, Technology & Logistics
  - Air Force Space and Missile Test Branch
- U.S. Department of Energy
- Department of Transportation, Federal Railway Administration
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

### May 2015 review:

- AFRL
- Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
- Missile Defense Agency (MDA)
- Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- NOAA
- 4 International Space Agencies



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July 17, 2015

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Subject: Request for Feedback on NASA's 2015 Technology Area Roadmaps

Dear Dr. Miller:

I am responding to your letter to Mr. Alan Shaffer, dated April 29, 2015. As you may be aware, Mr. Shaffer is no longer with the Department of Defense (DoD).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NASA's 2015 Technology Area Roadmaps. We reviewed your roadmaps with the assistance of the DoD Space S&T Community of Interest (CoI). The Space S&T CoI is a tri-Service/agency forum under the DoD for sharing new ideas, technical directions and technology opportunities, jointly planning programs, measuring technical progress, and exchanging advances in space S&T. The CoI found your roadmaps to be well-structured and identified the correct state of the art. In addition, your discussions of the technical issues barring the future were very well done.

We applaud your efforts to advance U.S. technology as well as your efforts in fostering partnerships for the mutual benefit to the nation. Your recent interactions with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), in particular, have led to increased cooperation in DoD for future technology development. Based on their review of your roadmaps, the Air Force and Air Force have all expressed an interest in pursuing areas for future collaboration. The service is in the process of identifying technology candidates and will respond at the working level.

We concur without comment.

Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director,  
Space and Sensors Systems Research  
Directorate:

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# 2015 Draft Technology Roadmap Completed External Review



## 2015 draft Technology Roadmaps Released to the Public on May 11, 2015

- Press Release
- Federal Register
- FedBiz Ops
- Request for Information
- Multiple news stories followed



## 77 Letters Sent by NASA Announcing Release and Requesting Input:

- Other Government Agencies
- Commercial Industry Associations
- Academic Institutions
- International Partners

The screenshot shows the InformationWeek website interface. At the top, the logo reads "InformationWeek" with the tagline "CONNECTING THE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY". Below the logo is a navigation bar with categories like "STRATEGIC CIO", "SOFTWARE", "SECURITY", "CLOUD", "MOBILE", "BIG DATA", "INFRASTRUCTURE", "DEVELOPER", "INDUSTRIES", and "IT LIFE". A search bar is located on the right. The main content area features a large yellow banner with the text "IT LIFE". Below this, a news article is displayed with the title "NASA Technology Roadmap: A Heavenly Guide For IT And CIOs" and a sub-headline "NASA's Technology Roadmap for 2015-2035 gives hints about the future of IT in your enterprise. Here's how space is changing big data, supercomputing, and other technologies." The article is by David Wagner, dated 5/21/2015, 05:10 PM. A photo of a control room is shown below the text. To the right of the article, there are several promotional banners: "STAND OUT IN A CROWDED INDUSTRY" for HDI certifications, "SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTERS", and a "2014 SUPPORT CENTER Practices & Salary Report" with a "GET A FREE PREVIEW" button. At the bottom, there are sections for "LIVE EVENTS" and "WEBINARS" with links to various reports and presentations.



## Roadmaps Updated With Public Comments – Roadmaps Completed and Final Posted July 2015

### National Research Council Status

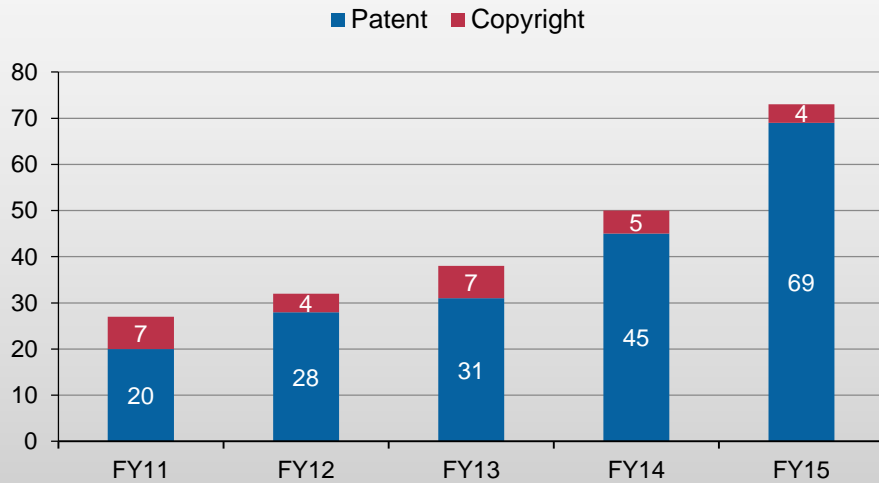
- Statement of Work (SOW) was Approved by NASA Technology Executive Council (NTEC) – Focus of SOW to prioritize new technologies in 2015 Technology Roadmaps
- **NRC Contract Awarded on 05-27-2015**
- Schedule
  - 8/10/2015 Committee membership approved
  - 9/28/2015 First Meeting, Washington, D.C.
  - **11/12/2015 Second Meeting, Washington, D.C.**
  - TBD Third Meeting, location TBD
  - TBD Fourth Meeting, location TBD
  - 4/1/2016 Development of Consensus Draft
  - 5/1/2016 Report Sent to External Review
  - 7/15/2016 Report Review Complete
  - 8/1/2016 Report Delivered to Sponsor (Prepub)
  - 10/1/2016 Report Delivered to Sponsor (Published copies)

*Note: NASA Updates the Strategic Technology Investment Plan (STIP) every 2 years. We are currently updating the STIP. We will be using 2015 new technology candidates and 2013 NRC priorities for FY2016 STIP. The STIP in FY2018 will include NRC's 2016 recommendations.*

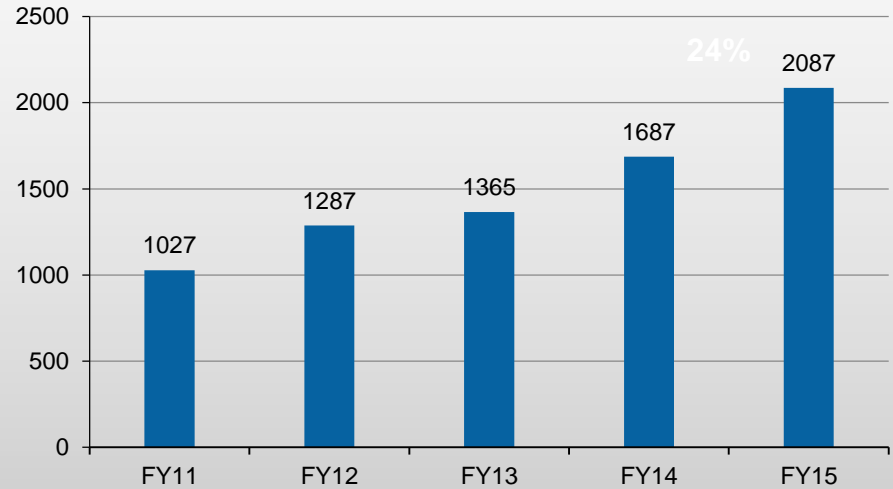
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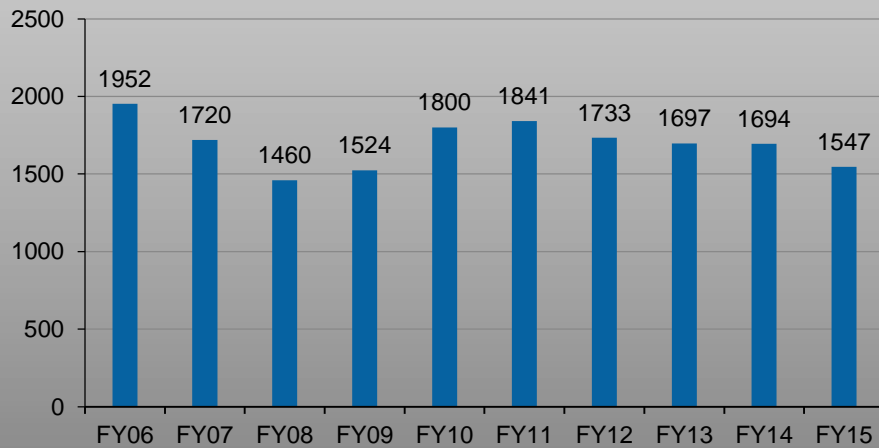
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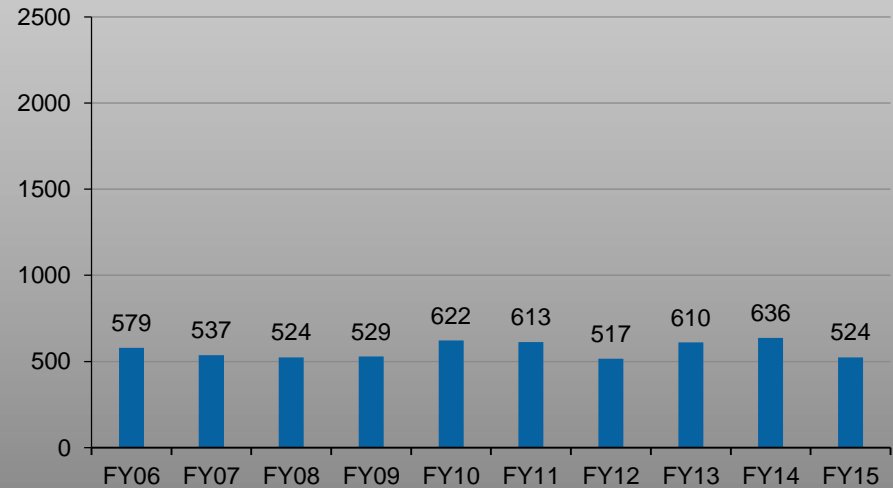
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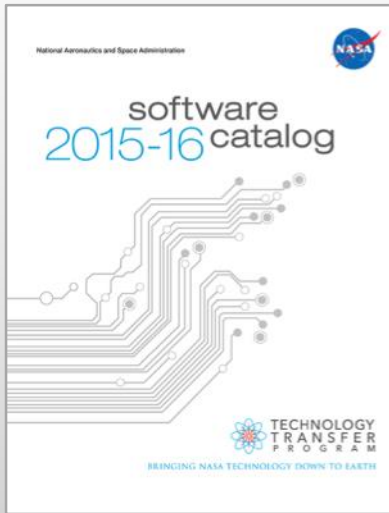
## New Technology Reports Disclosed (All Types)



## NTRs with C/S Inventorship Trend



# T2 Program Products



Software Solutions



Technology Solutions Fact Sheets

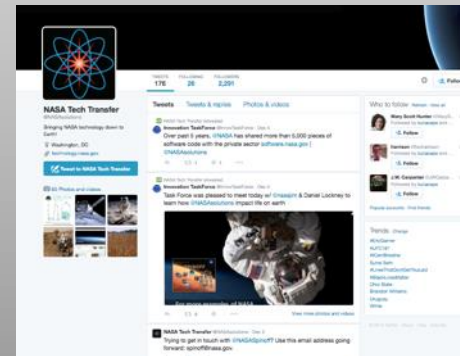
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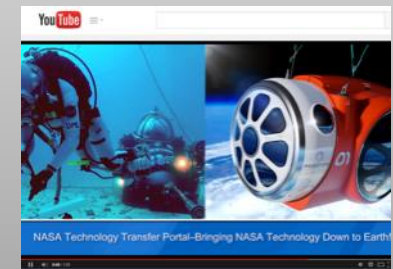
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Tech Briefs



Social Media







T2U teaches business students about NASA's technology portfolio, allowing them to work with agency technology and inventors to discover new uses for the innovations in commercial applications.

- The students benefit from the interaction with real inventors, real technologies, and all-around real-world experience.
- Student teams may form start-up companies, licensing NASA-patented technologies
- NASA teaches thousands of potential entrepreneurs about the availability of taxpayer-funded technologies across the federal government



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By offering a license with no up-front costs for commercial use of our patented technologies, we're letting companies hold onto their cash while securing the intellectual property needed to carve out competitive market space.

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NASA Technology Transfer Program is offering you a new opportunity to put NASA technologies to work for you.

Our Startup NASA initiative helps address two of the biggest challenges faced by start up companies: raising capital and securing intellectual property rights.

The best way to manage your cash flow as a startup? Hold on to your money.



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Of course, a few rules apply:

- This offer is only open to companies that have been expressly formed with the intent of commercializing the licensed NASA technology.
- "Free" means that we waive the initial licensing fees and there are no minimum fees for the first three years.
- Once you start selling a product, we collect a 5% net royalty fee. (This money goes first to the inventor and then toward maintaining this program.)
- This applies only to non-exclusive licenses, meaning that other companies may also still apply for similar rights to use the technology for commercial purposes. (If you are interested in negotiating further exclusivity, call us and we'll talk. Our purpose is in getting the technology as widely distributed as possible. If you can make that argument, you may be able to secure field-of-use or even full exclusivity.)

Getting started is simple:

**Find a technology:** <http://technology.nasa.gov/patents>

**Download the application:** [link to application]

**Return the completed application.**



# Prizes, Challenges and Crowdsourcing



## NASA SOLVE Highlights

### • Center of Excellence for Collaborative Innovation (CoECI)

- Completed the NASA Open Innovation Services procurement, awarding 10 contracts to crowdsourcing based companies with a variety of domain expertise expanding the capabilities of the NASA Tournament Lab
  - 8 task orders competitively awarded and challenges launched including In-Situ regolith challenge, Orion Bio-Inspired Exercise Device, AGC Video.
- Received “Greatest Impact to Government Mission” award at the GSA Five Years of Excellence in Prizes and Challenges Event

### • Centennial Challenges

- Awarded three teams a total of \$40,000 in the first stage of the 3-D Printed Habitat Challenge Design Competition at 2015 New York Maker Faire
- Registration opened for 2015 Sample Return Robot Challenge
- CubeQuest Challenge received Most Ground Breaking award at GSA Event

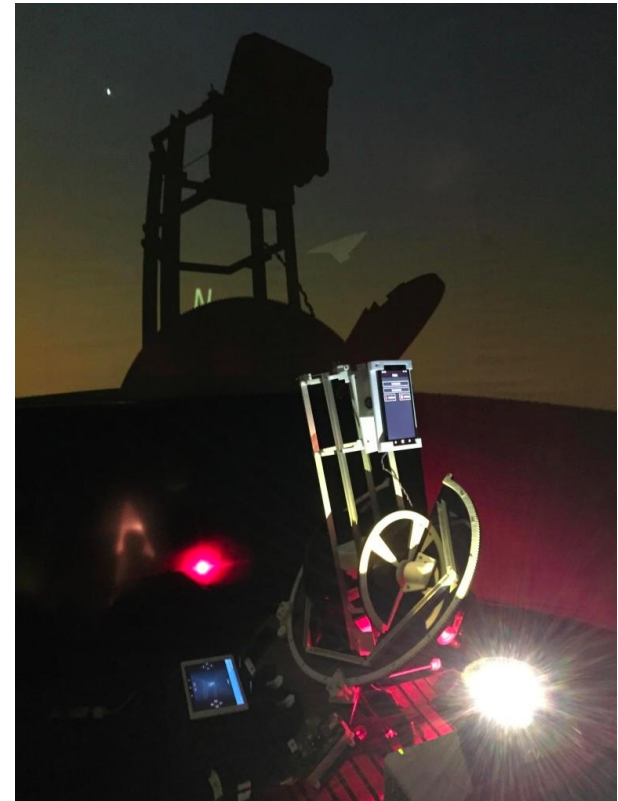
### • Future Engineers

- [3D Printing Space Container Challenge](#) junior winner Ryan Beam's toured the Space Shuttle Endeavour with Astronaut Leland Melvin and SpaceX. All finalists will be attending Space Camp.
- 3D Printing challenges received Best Student Challenge at GSA Event.
- Also received 2015 [ASAE Summit Award](#)



# Asteroid Grand Challenge FY16 Update

- **Successful Expert and Citizen Assessment of Science and Technology (ECAST) final report released**
- **Two winning proposals selected from the Citizen science Asteroid Data, Education, and Tools (CADET) grant call**
- **Ultrascope, an open hardware automated robotic observatory, was highlighted at NYC Wired conference capturing live images of Jovian moons from a township in South Africa- this is the first step to an 18 inch observatory for asteroid follow-up**





**Highlighted OCT Activity**

# **EMERGING COMMERCIAL SPACE**

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- Emerging Space Office (ESO) was formed in recognition of the rising importance of private-sector individuals and organizations that invest their own time and money in space activities. This emerging space community is increasingly a major force in American space developments.
- NASA's ESO investigates, monitors, and provides analytical support to the Office of the Chief Technologist and other NASA organizations on the state of this rapidly growing sector to assist in NASA's legislated responsibility to seek and encourage, to the maximum extent possible, the fullest commercial use of space.
- Level I Program Executive at HQ, Level II Program managed at ARC



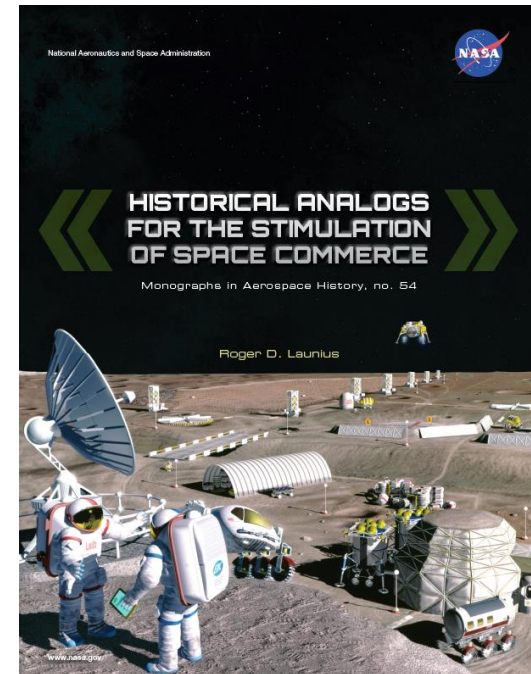
- ESO approach to realizing its mission is three fold:
  - Monitoring and evaluation function (HQ)
  - Special Reports and Investigations (HQ and ARC)
  - Economic Research for Space Development NRA (ARC)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Function:
  - Recent Due Diligence and Advisory:
    - Lunar CATALYST Support
    - Collaborations for Commercial Space Capabilities (CCSC) BAA Support
    - NEXTSTEP BAA Support
    - ‘Tipping Point’ and Emerging Space Technologies Support
    - Strategy Implementation Support
- Special Reports and Investigations
  - Emerging Space Report (2014)
  - Public-Private Partnerships for Space Capability Development (2014)
  - Microgravity Imperative (2014-2015)
  - LEO Commercialization Economic Study Team (forthcoming 2015)
  - Strategic Geography of the Solar System and Beyond (In work)







- Pre-NRA External Studies
  - Economic History of Climbing Everest (McCurdy)
  - Historical Analogs for Space Commerce (Launius)
  - Leadership Perspective on History of COTS Program (Lambright)
- 2014 Economic Research for Space Development NRA (ARC)
  - “An Integrated Economic Model for ISRU in support of a Mars Colony” JPL and UNSW
  - “Anchoring and Black Swans: Reconsidering Risk Aversion and the Future of Commercial Space” Resources for the Future
  - “Start Up Space” Tauri Group
  - “Economic Assessment and Systems Analysis of an Evolvable Lunar Architecture” NexGen LLC
  - “Seeds of Discovery: An Economic History of Innovation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration” Smithsonian and American University
  - “Narrative Projections for Commercial Space Futures” Arizona State University
- 2015 NRA received 35 proposals, selections due soon. 1 year of 5 year NRA.







- **NRA on Economic Research for Space Development - NNA15ZBP0001N**
- Estimated \$400-500k available for 2015 NRA. \$50/6 months or \$100k/year proposals encouraged
- Three High-Level Subject Categories:
  - A. Historical Economic Studies
  - B. Economics, Systems Analysis, and Projections, in orbital and deep space development; lunar development, asteroid development, and Mars development
  - C. Current and Near-Term Trends, Analyses and Concepts for accelerating U.S. space development
- Five Areas of Interest Identified for 2015
  - Sociological and economic research into the socioeconomic environment for American entrepreneurship in areas of space exploration and development,
  - Logistics for in-space propellant production and supply within architectures for space exploration and development,
  - Econometric analysis of the impact of space activities and R&D in the context of regional development and clusters,
  - Empirical demand-side assessments of the relative size of potential revenue sources for commercial LEO space stations,
  - Methods for developing profitable manufacturing and production applications in microgravity.
- Evaluation Criteria: 1) Relevance to NASA/ESO' s Objectives and 2) Intrinsic Merit



- Other Program Results:
  - Increased focus within CASIS/ISSPO on microgravity applications identified in Microgravity Imperative report
  - Spacecraft Nation - 50 spacecraft from 50 states
    - Status: 30 of 50 launched, manifested or in queue



July 31, 2014

## CubeSat Launch Initiative: 50 CubeSats from 50 States in 5 Years



- » [View the Announcement of CubeSat Launch Initiative Synopsis](#)
- » [Download the full text \(2.3 MB PDF\)](#)

As part of the White House Maker Initiative, NASA is seeking to leverage the growing community of space-enthusiasts to contribute to NASA's space exploration goals. NASA is broadening the [CubeSat Launch Initiative](#) to promote a spacecraft nation and develop innovative technology partnerships among NASA, U.S. industry and educational institutions to build upon an existing successful initiative and expand it to include launching 50 small satellites from 50 states within five years. The initiative will enable the acceleration of flight-qualified technology that will increase our



This map of the United States shows states with selected (blue), manifested (yellow), and launched (green) CubeSats through



Questions?

TECHNOLOGY DRIVES EXPLORATION



# BACK-UPS





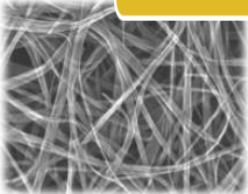
## Technology Candidate Snapshot

2015 NASA Technology Roadmaps  
TA 10: Nanotechnology

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### TA 10.1: Engineered Materials and Structures

While the ultimate goal of developing continuous, single-wall carbon nanotube (CNT) fibers has yet to be realized, considerable effort has been devoted to high-volume manufacturing of CNT materials. These materials are now commercially available in large sheets and continuous fiber formats suitable for the evaluation of their utility in aerospace applications. The electrical conductivity of these commercially available CNT sheets has proven to be effective for electrostatic charge dissipation and electromagnetic interference shielding, as demonstrated on the Juno satellite launched in 2011. These materials have also been tested for data cables and are in development by commercial entities for lightweight wiring. Their use in such applications is far more mature than those in structural applications where the bulk tensile strength and modulus of these carbon nanotube assemblies are significantly lower than predicted values measured on the nanoscale.



State of the art for lightweight structures, purified carbon nanotubes.

**TECHNOLOGY**



### CAPABILITY

### REFERENCE MISSIONS

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10.1 Engineered Materials and Structures 10.1.1 Lightweight Structures	<b>10.1.1.3 Nanomanufacturing Method for Multifunctional Structures</b>
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**TECHNOLOGY**

**Technology Description:** Provides a net shape fabrication method to produce topologically-optimized lightweight multifunctional structures with inherently integrated sensors.

**Technology Challenge:** Metallic parts need means of inspection quality assurance in applications beyond non-load bearing secondary structures. Plastic components can only be fabricated from non-aerospace-grade material systems.

**Technology State of the Art:** Three-dimensional (3D) printing of homopolymeric materials for consumer use is rapidly growing. However, 3D printing of aerospace-grade components using nanomaterials is in its infancy.

**Technology Performance Goal:** Advanced manufacturing/processes/materials to reduce recurring hardware production cost while maintaining highly reliable aerospace systems is essential for meeting affordability and sustainability requirements. Develop manufacturing method to take advantage of lightweight multifunctional materials in topologically optimized structural designs. In-space manufacturing.

<b>Parameter, Value:</b> Nanocomposite feedstock are now commercially available. This technology is more advanced in the area of 3D printed electronics, which uses ink containing nanomaterials.	<b>TRL</b> 3	<b>Parameter, Value:</b> Integrated functions for CubeSat with mass range 1-20 kg. Demonstrated performance of manufactured components in relevant applications.	<b>TRL</b> 6
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**Technology Development Dependent Upon Basic Research or Other Technology Candidate:** None

**CAPABILITY**

**Needed Capability:** Ultralightweight structural components.

**Capability Description:** Enables lighter weight components for aircraft and spacecraft to reduce launch and flight costs.

**Capability State of the Art:** 3D printing only available for homogeneous polymers, metals mostly powder technology. Plastic disposable parts can be made for terrestrial applications. Metallic parts have been produced and used in secondary parts for aircraft. 3D printing demonstrated in microgravity on the International Space Station (ISS).

**Capability Performance Goal:** Manufacturing methods and component evaluation under realistic aerospace environments required.

**Parameter, Value:**  
Homogeneous material systems with non-optimal mechanical properties. No nano enabled functions integrated.

**Parameter, Value:**  
Integrated functions for CubeSat with mass range 1-20 kg. Demonstrated performance of manufactured components in relevant applications.

Technology Needed for the Following NASA Mission Class and Design Reference Mission	Enabling or Enhancing	Mission Class Date	Launch Date	Technology Need Date	Minimum Time to Mature Technology
Exploring Other Worlds: DRM 6 Crewed to NEA	Enhancing	2027	2027	2021	6 years
Exploring Other Worlds: DRM 7 Crewed to Lunar Surface	Enhancing	2027	2027	2021	6 years
Exploring Other Worlds: DRM 8 Crewed to Mars Moons	Enabling	2027	2027	2021	6 years
Planetary Exploration: DRM 8a Crewed Mars Orbital	Enabling	2033	--	2027	8 years
Planetary Exploration: DRM 9 Crewed Mars Surface Mission (DRA 5.0)	Enabling	2033	--	2027	10 years
Planetary Exploration: DRM 9a Crewed Mars Surface Mission (Minimal)	Enabling	2033	--	2027	10 years

# Office of the Chief Technologist Responsibilities

## ➤ Provides the strategy, leadership, and coordination that guides NASA's technology and innovation activities

- Develops and implements NASA technology policies, roadmaps, and Strategic Technology Investment Plan (STIP).
- Coordinates technology needs across the NASA Mission Directorates

## ➤ Documents, Tracks, and Analyzes NASA's technology investments

- Develops and Operates the TechPort Database, which provides capability to share information about NASA's technology investments within the Agency and to the public

## ➤ Coordinates with other Government agencies and the emerging commercial space sector to maximize benefit to the Nation

## ➤ Provides Agency-level leadership and coordination of the use of prizes and competitions to spur innovation

- Pilot new approaches to technology innovation and track their success

## ➤ Leads technology transfer and technology commercialization activities across the agency

**Technology Roadmaps**

**Strategic Technology Investment Plan**

**Technology partnerships**

**TechPort**

**Develop & operate the TechPort database**

**Tech Transfer, Partnerships and Commercialization Activities**

**Prizes, Competitions and Grand Challenge**

# OCT Division Functions

## Innovation Office

- Technology Transfer - supports an office at each of the field centers, as well as a full intellectual property management tool, the NASA Technology Transfer System (NTTS), and the Spinoff Program Office.
- Prizes and Challenges - keeps NASA at the cutting edge of new business practices, while supporting realistic pilots to enable implementation at scale. The function currently drives two major sets of innovation activities within NASA:
  1. Drive the appropriate use of prizes, challenges and crowdsourcing (open innovation) as additional, unique tools within NASA and the aerospace industry
  2. Facilitate, catalyze, and lead the implementation of special technology initiatives and strategic concepts, including Grand Challenges and Launch
- Emerging Space - provides economic intelligence on the emerging commercial space ecosystem. Advises NASA HQ on the economics of space development and commercial space

## Strategic Integration

- Roadmaps – A set of documents that consider a wide range of **needed technologies** and development pathways for the next 20 years. The roadmaps focus on “applied research” and “development” activities.
- Strategic Technology Investment Plan (STIP)– An actionable plan that lays out the strategy for developing the technologies essential to the pursuit of NASA’s mission and achievement of National goals. This plan provides the **prioritization** and guiding principles of investment for the technologies identified in the roadmaps.
- Technology Coordination-Coordinates technology needs across the NASA Mission Directorates and communicates with other Government agencies to identify opportunities for technology collaboration
- TechPort – Web-based software system that serves as NASA’s **integrated authoritative technology data source**





## NASA Technology Definition:

A solution that arises from applying the disciplines of engineering science to synthesize a device, process, or subsystem to enable a specific capability.

### Government-Wide

Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-11

### Conduct of Research and Development\*\*

Basic Research

Systematic study directed toward fuller knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications towards processes or products in mind. Basic research, however, may include activities with broad applications in mind.

Applied Research

Systematic study to gain knowledge or understanding necessary to determine the means by which a recognized and specific need may be met.

Development

Is directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, and systems or methods, including design, development, and improvement of prototypes and new processes to meet specific requirements.

Technology  
Included



OMB Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2016  
NASA Technology Actuals For Applied Research and Development ~ **9B** in 2015  
(This includes mission-specific technology and development and supporting infrastructure).





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<http://www.nasa.gov/offices/oct/home/roadmaps>

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**NASA Technology Executive Council (NTEC)** - NASA's senior **decision-making body** for technology policy, prioritization, and strategic investments.

**TechPort** – Web-based software system that serves as NASA’s integrated **authoritative technology data source and decision support tool**. Provides information on technology programs and projects.

<http://techport.nasa.gov>

