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EXPLORESPACE TECH



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Exploration Technology Strategic Investments

Exploration

Commerce

Emphasis on the Moon Keeping an Eye Towards Mars and Beyond Investing in the Growing Space Economy

SBIR/STTR

Early Stage Innovation

- NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts
- Space Tech Research Grants
- Center Innovation Fund/Early **Career Initiative**

Low TRL



Mid TRL

Technology Maturation

 Game Changing Development

Partnerships & Technology Transfer

- Technology Transfer
- **Prizes and Challenges**
- iTech

Technology Demonstrations

- Technology Demonstration Missions
- Small Spacecraft Technology
- **Flight Opportunities**

High TRL



Key Technology Focus Areas

- Advanced environmental control and life support systems and In-Situ Resource Utilization
- Power and propulsion technologies
- Advanced communications, navigation and avionics
- In-space manufacturing and on-orbit assembly
- Advanced materials
- Entry, Descent and Landing
- Autonomous operations













Exploration Technology Investment Strategy

- Fund projects along a broad Technology Readiness Level (TRL) spectrum (1-7)
- Focus on enabling lunar exploration
 - Exploration Federated Team established to facilitate Exploration Campaign integration across the Mission Directorates (senior agency officials-DAA level)
- Implement critical technology demonstrations to enable lunar exploration including Lunar Gateway (e.g., SEP, fuel transfer)
- Utilize commercial lander services and infuse technology for human exploration class landers (e.g., Precision Landing, Cryo Fluid Management)
- Establish a Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative (LSII) to serve as a catalyst for enabling critical technologies required for humans to successfully operate on the lunar surface.
 - Includes fission surface power in situ resource utilization and other key technologies
- Pursue technology demonstration payloads for Commercial Lunar Payload Services, and Gateway
 - Excellent opportunity to utilize NASA personnel (especially early career) and Universities across entire portfolio
- Continue to support technologies readied for flight (e.g., LCRD, DSOC, TRN and MOXIE on Mars 2020, In-Space Manufacturing on ISS)









Exploration Technology Investment Strategy (cont.)

- Maintain Early Stage investments at ~8 % of Exploration Technology budget
 - Ensures a balance of lower TRL concepts sourced from academia and the NASA workforce with industry participation
 - Added emphasis on transitioning key early stage technologies to mid TRL level
- Pursue Public-Private Partnerships across portfolio
- Enhance the Flight Opportunities Program to improve research opportunities on suborbital platforms with emphasis on exploration
- Pursue Small Spacecraft Technologies to develop and demonstrate capabilities for rapid and affordable exploration beyond low Earth orbit and into deep space
 - Provide responsive platforms for scouting lunar terrain, identifying space resources, supporting missions beyond Earth
- Maintain commitment to an integrated Agency-wide SBIR/STTR program that supports both commercial interests and NASA missions with added emphasis on Lunar Exploration Campaign
- Keep an eye towards Mars tall pole critical technology development and continue to support exploration related science goals







FY 2018 Key Accomplishments





Small Spacecraft Two small spacecraft (Integrated Solar Array and Reflect Antenna and Optical Communication and Sensor Demonstration) missions were successfully launched aboard Orbital ATK's Cygnus spacecraft.





In Space Robotic Manufacturing & Assembly

All 3 contractors completed Phase I (design, build and test/demo) successfully; pursuing flight demo with two concepts





PUFFER

Technology demonstration of the Pop-Up Flat Folding Explorer Robot, which will advance NASA's ability to explore unchartered planetary surfaces.



Solar Electric Propulsion

Completed preliminary design review for Advanced Electric Propulsion system

Station Explorer for X-ray Timing and Navigation Technology (SEXTANT)

Aboard ISS demonstrated fully autonomous X-ray navigation in space — a capability that could revolutionize NASA's ability in the future to pilot robotic spacecraft to the far reaches of the solar system and beyond.



Kilopower

Successful test completed demonstrating a 1-kW surface electrical power system using nuclear fission, which will enable long-duration stays on planetary surfaces with minimal to no solar power resources.

FY 2018 Key Accomplishments



Laser Communications Relay Demonstration

Successfully completed system build for testing to support a 2020 launch with STPSat-6



Deep Space Optical Communications

Completed System Requirements Review and KDP-B for flight demonstration on the Psyche mission

SBIR/STTR Industry Day

Over 450 innovators from across the country participated in 2nd workshop







Space Technology Research Institutes Successfully completed Year 1

Restore-L Completed Preliminary Design Review on November 2017





Centennial Challenges Program Awarded more than \$1.5 million for technology solutions toward the Cube Quest, 3D Printed Habitat and the Space Robotics Challenges.

Flight Opportunities Testing for Precision Landing Technologies

Successful flight test of a Navigation Doppler Lidar and Lander Vision System for future robotic and crewed missions

FY 2019-2020 Plans

MOXIE March 2019 delivery to Mars 2020 for July 2020 Launch





Terrain Relative Navigation December 2018 **Delivery** for integration on Mars 2020



Laser Comm Relay Demo Late 2019 Payload delivery for bus integration

Astrobee April 2019 Will be headed to ISS



Deep Space Optical Comm Spring 2019 KDP-C for the flight terminal



In Space Robotic Manufacturing and Assembly project In 2019 will transition one or more concepts from ground to flight demonstration



Flight Opportunities Campaigns



MEDL₁₂ April 2019 Hardware Delivery for integration on Mars 2020 entry system



for demonstration



FY 2020

Completion of critical design





SPLICE October 2019 **Complete NDL** environmental testing



Refabricator **Delivery and** Installation aboard **ISS February 2019**

The first integrated recycler and 3D printer was successfully installed



Restore-L April 2019 Spacecraft critical design review Late 2019 Mission CDR

FY 2019-2020 Plans



eCryo December 2019 SHIVER Testing Complete



RRM3

November 2018

ISS on-orbit operations of methane cryogenic fluids demo in FY19 and FY20





Deployable Composite Boom August 2019 Manufactured boom and deployment system will be demonstrated

Extreme Environment Solar Power July 2019



Developing solar cell concentrator technology for low-intensity, lowtemperature space power applications. Hardware will be demonstrated for subsequent technology demonstration on SMD's future mission DART

Solar Electric Propulsion

FY19:Develop and test EDU/ETU/qualification hardware and complete KDP-C FY20: Complete Critical Design Review, build qualification units and begin testing.



DSAC & GPIM NET May 2019 Launch Aboard STP-2



Space Technology Research Institutes 2018 STRI18 Selection Announcement expected in late March 2019

Composite Technology for Exploration

September 2019 Complete testing of composite joint technology that will reduce launch dry mass

LOFTID April 2019 Prem. Design Review July 2020 delivery to launch vehicle



Nuclear Thermal Propulsion September 2019 System test of a nuclear fuel element that will reduce the risk and demonstrate feasibility of nuclear thermal propulsion

SpaceCraft Oxygen Recovery (SCOR) June 2019

Performance test results of two advanced oxygen recovery systems will be available in June 2019 for baseline comparison of capability



Exploration Technology FY 2020 Budget Request

Budget Authority (\$M)		FY 2018 actuals	FY 2019 Appropriation	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Early Stage Innovation and Partnerships		\$91.9		\$123.4	\$118.0	\$123.0	\$118.0	\$123.0
	Agency Technology and Innovation	\$8.8		\$9.4	\$9.4	\$9.4	\$9.4	\$9.4
	Early Stage Innovation (NIAC, STRG, CIF/ECI)	\$57.3		\$77.4	\$83.4	\$83.4	\$83.4	\$83.4
	Partnerships and Technology Transfer (CC, P&C, Tech Transfer, iTech)	\$25.9		\$36.7	\$25.2	\$30.2	\$25.2	\$30.2
Technology Maturation		\$151.5		\$282.5	\$227.2	\$250.3	\$246.7	\$328.0
	Game Changing Development			\$146.9	\$148.4	\$149.9	\$151.4	\$152.9
	Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative			\$119.0	\$62.1	\$83.7	\$78.6	\$158.4
Technology Demonstration		\$321.7		\$397.5	\$411.8	\$391.4	\$362.3	\$231.2
	Restore/In-Space Robotic Servicing	\$130.0	\$180.0	\$45.3	\$45.3	\$45.3	-	-
	Laser Communications Relay Demonstration *	\$21.5		*	*	*	-	-
	Solar Electric Propulsion	\$34.2		\$43.4	\$20.9	\$4.0	\$2.6	-
	Small Spacecraft, Flight Opportunities & Other Technology Demonstration	\$144.2		\$308.8	\$345.6	\$342.1	\$359.6	\$231.2
	Flight Opportunities	\$15.0		\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0
	Small Spacecraft Technology	\$17.2		\$28.3	\$21.0	\$20.6	\$20.7	\$20.3
	Deep Space Optical Communications	\$26.7		\$21.3	\$11.2	\$4.6	\$0.9	
	In-Space Robotic Manufacturing & Assembly	18.3		\$72.2	\$65.0	\$53.0	\$3.1	\$0.0
	Precision Landing and LOFTID	\$15.0		\$44.8	\$60.7	\$56.0	\$48.9	\$15.2
	Nuclear Surface Power (Kilopower)			\$40.0	\$70.0	\$95.0	\$100.0	\$85.0
	Cryogenic Fluid Management	\$15.4		\$55.0	\$49.8	\$31.2	\$49.5	\$54.6
SBIR and STTR		\$194.8		\$210.8	\$219.1	\$230.8	\$237.5	\$261.0
TOTAL		\$760.0	\$926.9	\$1,014.3	\$976.1	\$995.4	\$964.4	\$943.1

*LCRD estimate reflects KDP-C baseline. The project is undergoing a replan due to USAF NGIS spacecraft bus technical and bus problems. Replan is targeted for completion in April 2019.

TECHNOLOGY DRIVES EXPLORATION SAMPLING OF CURRENT INVESTMENTS



- SPLICE
- Lunar TRN/Doppler Lidar 0
- **Tipping Point Technologies**
- **High Performance Spaceflight** Computing

Cryogenic Fluid Management

- eCryo
- **High Capacity Cryocooler** •
- Lander Cryo Fluid Demo •
- **Tipping Point Technologies**

In Situ Resource Utilization **Surface Fission Power Demo Bulk Metallic Glass Gears** Surface Mobility/PUFFER **Deep Space Engine RAMPT** Propulsion Tech

Exploration Firsts Through 2024







Exploration Technology key contribution

Priority Technologies for Flight Demonstration



High Performance Spaceflight Computing

> Precision Landing

> > In Situ Resource Utilization

Solar Electric Propulsion

Lunar Surface Power

Cryofluid Management

Exploration Technology in Entry, Descent, and Landing





The Safe and Precise Landing Integrated Capabilities Evolution (SPLICE) project; includes high performance spaceflight computing



LeO-based Flight Test Inflatable Decelerator (LOFTID)







Lander Technologies through awards with Astrobotics and Blue Origins

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Exploration Technology in Cryogenic Fluid Management



The Robotic Refueling Mission 3(RRM3) will demonstrate cryogenic fluid transfer and storage technologies



The Evolvable Cryogenics (eCryo) project



Flight Demo Gateway & Lunar Precursor CFM Formulation



Blue Origin: "Cryogenic Fluid Management-Enhanced Integrated Propulsion Testing for Robust Lander Services"





Paragon Space Development Corp.: Cryogenic Encapsulating Launch Shroud and Insulated Upper Stage (CELSIUS)



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Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative

In Situ Resource Utilization

Collection, processing, storing and use of material found or manufactured on other astronomical objects



Surface

Enable affordable, autonomous n manufacturing or construction

Sustainable Power

Enable continuous power throughout lunar day and night

Extreme Access

Access, navigate, and explore surface/subsurface areas

Extreme Environments

Enable systems to operate through out the full range of lunar surface conditions

Lunar Dust Mitigation

Mitigate lunar dust hazards

Exploration Technology for On-orbit Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing (OSAM)





Made In Space validated additive manufacturing and robotic assembly with a future mission –Archinaut One





FabLab- Development of a firstgeneration, in-space, multi-material fabrication laboratory for space missions

Maxar- Dragonfly Robotic System successful ground demonstration for future mission









Robotics Satellite Servicing -Restore-L approaching CDR



Refabricator is the first integrated 3D printer and recycler in space and currently aboard ISS

Exploration Technology in Deep Space Communications and Navigation



Laser

Relav

Testing of the Atomic Clock, GPS Receiver, and Ultra-Stable Oscillator which make up the Deep Space Atomic **Clock Payload** Credits: General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems



Deep Space Optical Communications project hardware being tested.





Station Explorer for X-ray Timing and Navigation Technology (SEXTANT)







Optical Communications and Sensor Demonstration (OCSD) spacecraft



CubeSat Laser Intersatellite CrosslinK (CLICK) project

The Integrated Solar

Array and

Reflectarray Antenna

(ISARA) mission



Exploration Technology in Advanced Materials





The Rapid Analysis and Manufacturing Propulsion Technology (RAMPT)



Centennial Challenges Program 3D Printed Habitat







Improvement of manufacturing high-strength Carbon Nanotube Technology: >2x strength and lower costs



Gears (BMG)











Space Technology Research Institute (STRI): Ultra-Strong Composites by Computational Design (US-COMP)



Exploration Technology in Autonomous Systems



Astrobee- A self-flying robot



Autonomous Medical Operations (AMO)



NASA Centennial Challenges Program Space Robotics Challenge Phase III









Integrated Systems for Autonomous Adaptive Caretaking (ISAAC)



Space Technology Research Institutes (STRI): Smart Deep Space Habitats (SmartHabs) for resilient and autonomous operation.

Exploration Technology in Bio Manufacturing



NASA Centennial Challenges Program Vascular Tissue And CO2 Conversion Challenges









Space Technology Research Institute: The Center for the Utilization of Biological Engineering in Space (CUBES)





Biosensors for Radiation Exposure



In-Space Targeted Nutrient Production



Biomanufacturing

Exploration Technology Milestones at a Glance

FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
DSAC/GPIM 🔺					
NTP Risk Reduction•					
Astrobee to ISS ▲					
EESP Del. to DART•					
TALOS & Tipping Point	Qual CLPs Follow Or				
E-Cryo Completio	n of SHIIVER testing				
AMO	Del. to HRP•				
Mars 2020-MEDLI2, MEDA, MOXIE	, TRN				
RAMPT		Hot Fire•			
ISAAC	Lur	ar Gateway Hab CDR			
LCRD	A				
LOFTID		Rea	dy to launch ▲		Follow On
SEP					
RRM3			ISRS/Satellite Servicing	9•	
DSOC		Del. to Psyche		A	
IRMA GND Demo					
Regen Fuel Cell	CDR •			GND Test •	CLPS Follow On
Synbio to ISS ▲					On Orbit Test Complete•
ISM Fab-Lab	CDR•	Io ISS 🔺			On Orbit Test Complete
			Flight cadence beyond FY2	021 dependant on missions in plar	nning
	Flight cadence FY2019 a	ind onward depends on RE	DDI payload selections and NAS	A/OGA use of hight services	
CLPS Opportunities ▲ Human Class	A	A			
CFM 20K/20W•	150K/90W &	Tipping Points			Human Class(?)▲
SPLICE/Tip Pt/Prec. Land.	Suborbital●	Tip Pt Clsd Loop ▲			CLPS Lander▲
HPSC	Chiple	t Del. To SBC∙	Adv Memory Qual	Del. Chiplet/SBC to SPLICE	● CLPS Lander▲
ISRU	Sub-Scale Demo		Sub-Scale or CLPS	Sub-Scale or CLPS●	
Kilopower/Surface Pwr					
Tech Maturation	Tech Demo	TDM/GCD Sm	nall Spacecraft Flig	ht Ops Pending/Poter	ntial 🔺 Launch • Milestone

Sampling of Industry and OGA Participants in Exploration Technology



STMD By The Numbers (FY 2018)





