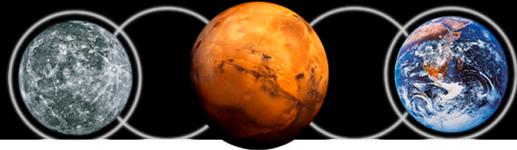


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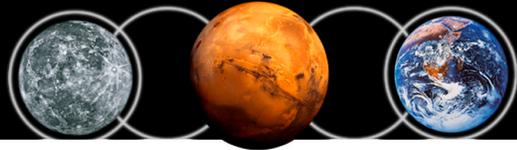
- **Large Space-Based Programs (priority order)**

1. WFIRST: Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope
2. (Astrophysics) Augmentation to Explorer Program
3. LISA: Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
4. ISO: International X-Ray Observatory

[Note: #3 and #4 have been cancelled; funding for #1 has not been identified.]

- **Medium Space-Based Programs (priority order)**

1. New Worlds Technology Development
2. Inflation Probe Technology Development



NRC Decade Survey (2011): Planetary Sciences

Flagship Missions

Recommended

- Descoped Mars Astrobiology Explorer Cacher (MAX-C)
- Descoped Jupiter Europa Orbiter (JEO)
- Uranus Orbiter/Probe (UOP)
- Enceladus Orbiter
- Venus Climate Mission

“Cost Constrained”

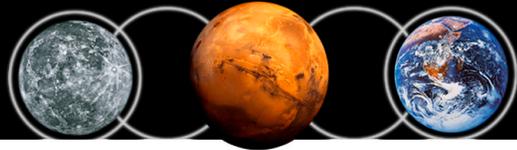
- Descoped MAX-C
- UOP

“Less Favorable”

- Descope/Delay Flagships

We are here!

- **Discovery-Class Mission every 24 months (<\$500M, excl. LV)**
- **New Frontiers-Class Mission, two total in 2013-2022 (<\$1B, excl. LV)**
- **Augmentation to R&A Program (+5% in FY12, +1.5% subsequently)**
- **Technology Development (~7% of total Planetary budget)**



Fully Competitive SMD Flight Missions

	New Frontiers	Discovery	Explorer	Earth Venture	SALMON: MoO
Science Theme	Planetary	Planetary	Astro & Helio	EarthSci	All
Cost Cap (\$M)	~1000	~500	250 (MIDEX) 125 (SMEX)	150 (orb) 90 (instr) 30 (sub)	60
Next AO	2015 August	2013 November	2014 Nov (MIDEX) 2012 Nov (SMEX)	2011 Jun (orb) 2011 Dec (inst) 2013 Jul (sub)	TBD
Selections	mid-CY16	early CY15	2013 Sep (SMEX)	mid-CY12	TBD
Approved Missions	New Horizons Juno OSIRIS-Rex	Lunar Prospector Deep Impact Stardust Dawn Kepler NEAR Mars Pathfinder GENESIS CONTOUR MESSENGER GRAIL	WISE Swift WMAP FUSE IMAGE THEMIS FAST SAMPEX SWAS TRACE HESSI GALEX AIM IBEX IRIS GEMS	ATTREX (sub) HS3 (sub) AMOSS (sub) CARVE (sub) AirQual (sub)	STROFIO LaRa



SMD Opportunities

- **Roles in Strategic Missions**
 - Mars Sample Return (early 2020s)
 - Cache Box, Drilling
 - Exoplanet Imaging (late 2020s)
 - Imaging (Internal) Coronagraph
- **Fully Competed Missions**
 - Earth Venture Missions
 - Airborne, Instruments, Orbital
 - Comet Coma Sample Return (New Frontiers)
 - Mars IceBreaker (Discovery)
 - DARE (Explorer)

ARC Capabilities

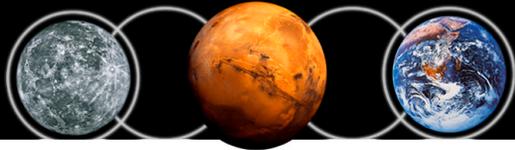
- Drilling Technologies, Sample Handling Tech.
- XRD/XRF analysis
- Exobiology / Planetary Protection
- EDL/TPS
- PIAA Technology Testbed
- Kepler Science Operations Management
- In Situ & Remote Sensing Instruments
- ESPO Project Management (airborne)
- SmallSat Management
- Small Bodies Science (comets, NEOs)
- Sample Return Science

Technologies Needed

- Drilling Technologies to 2+m depth
- Robust sample handling/archiving
- Second-generation CheMin instrument
- Robust EDL/TPS Program (w/ LaRC)
- Demonstrated PIAA Coronagraph
 - High contrast, Small IWA
 - Compact architecture
- Compact EarthSci Instruments
- Comet coma probe & sample acquisition system
- Low-cost launch to cislunar space

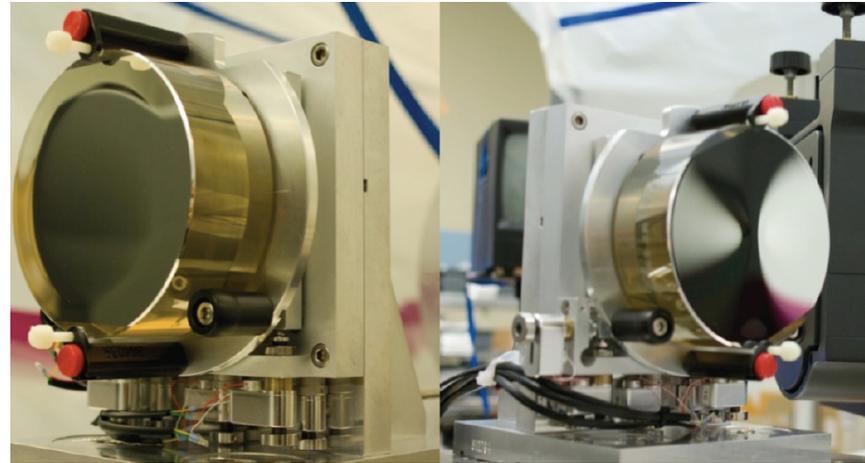
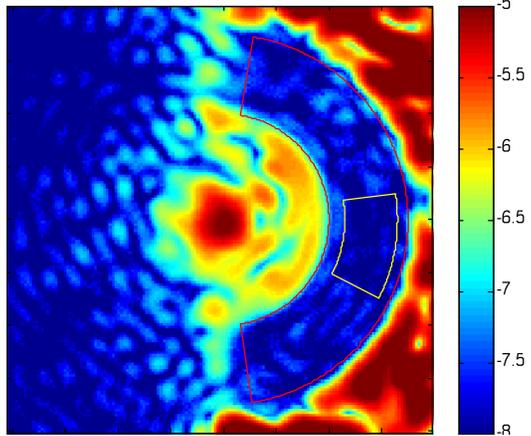
Other Needs to Succeed

- Stable funding for space/Earth sciences
- Robust Core Competencies
- Re-invigoration of drilling/analog work
- Continued PIAA Coronagraph development
- New EarthSci hires (in process)
- Development of strategic partnership w/ APL
- Fair TMC0 assessment of competed proposals



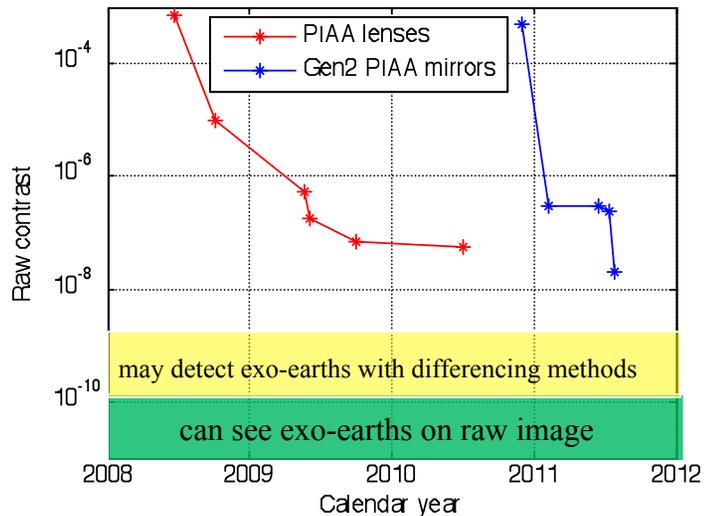
ACE: Ames Coronagraph Experiment

1.95e-008, 2.0 - 3.5 I/D
9.05e-009, 2.3 - 3.3 I/D



“2nd-generation” PIAA mirrors

Demonstrated contrasts at ACE, with PIAA at 2 I/D IWA



- Setting new contrast benchmarks
 - 1.9e-8 from 2.0 to 3.4 λ/D
 - 1.4e-6 from 1.2 to 2.0 λ/D
- Active thermal control system achieved 0.4mK stability rms over ~1 hour.