



Exploration Overview

The Road to the Moon and Beyond

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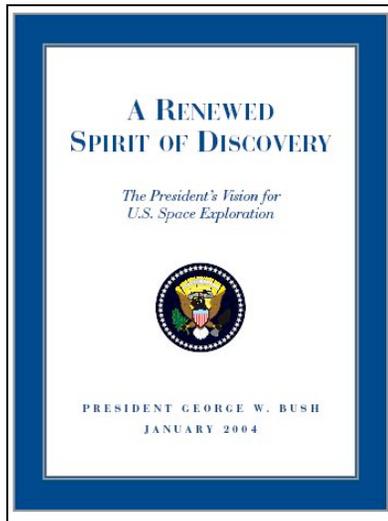
Background



- For the past two years, the US Chamber of Commerce has hosted NASA Lunar Exploration Architecture workshops
- Output from these workshops has been directly incorporated into NASA's Lunar Architecture Plan
- Council agreed to work with NASA on Lunar Standards
 - To identify where standards would be of value
 - Candidate sources of those standards

US Policy for Space Exploration

Foundations for Exploration



Global Exploration Strategy Themes



Human Civilization



Global Partnerships



Scientific Knowledge



Economic Expansion



Exploration Preparation



Public Engagement

NASA Authorization Act of 2005

The Administrator shall establish a program to develop a sustained human presence on the Moon, including a robust precursor program to promote exploration, science, commerce and U.S. preeminence in space, and as a stepping stone to future exploration of Mars and other destinations.

GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT

Aproximately 36,000 km/ 22,000 mi

MID-EARTH ORBIT

Aproximately 2,000 - 36,000 km/
1,240-22,000 mi

LOW EARTH ORBIT

Aproximately 2,000 km/ 1,240 mi

International Space Station

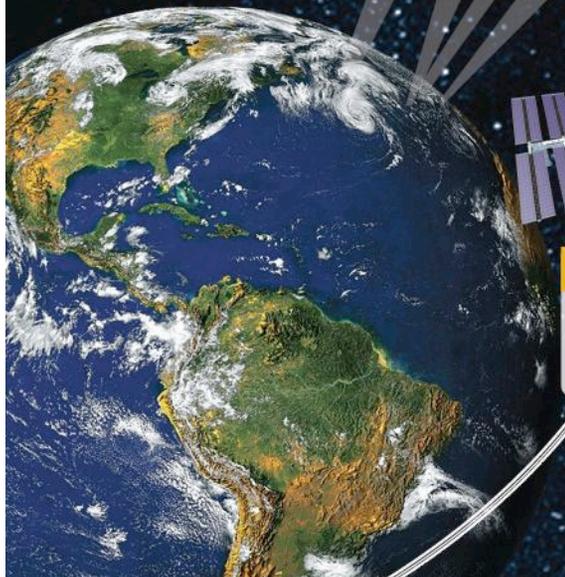
Distance: 400 km/ 248 mi
Travel Time: 2 Days

Mars

Distance: 54,500,000 km/
33,900,000 mi
Travel Time: 6 Months

Moon

Distance: 382,500 km/
237,674 mi
Travel Time: 3 Days



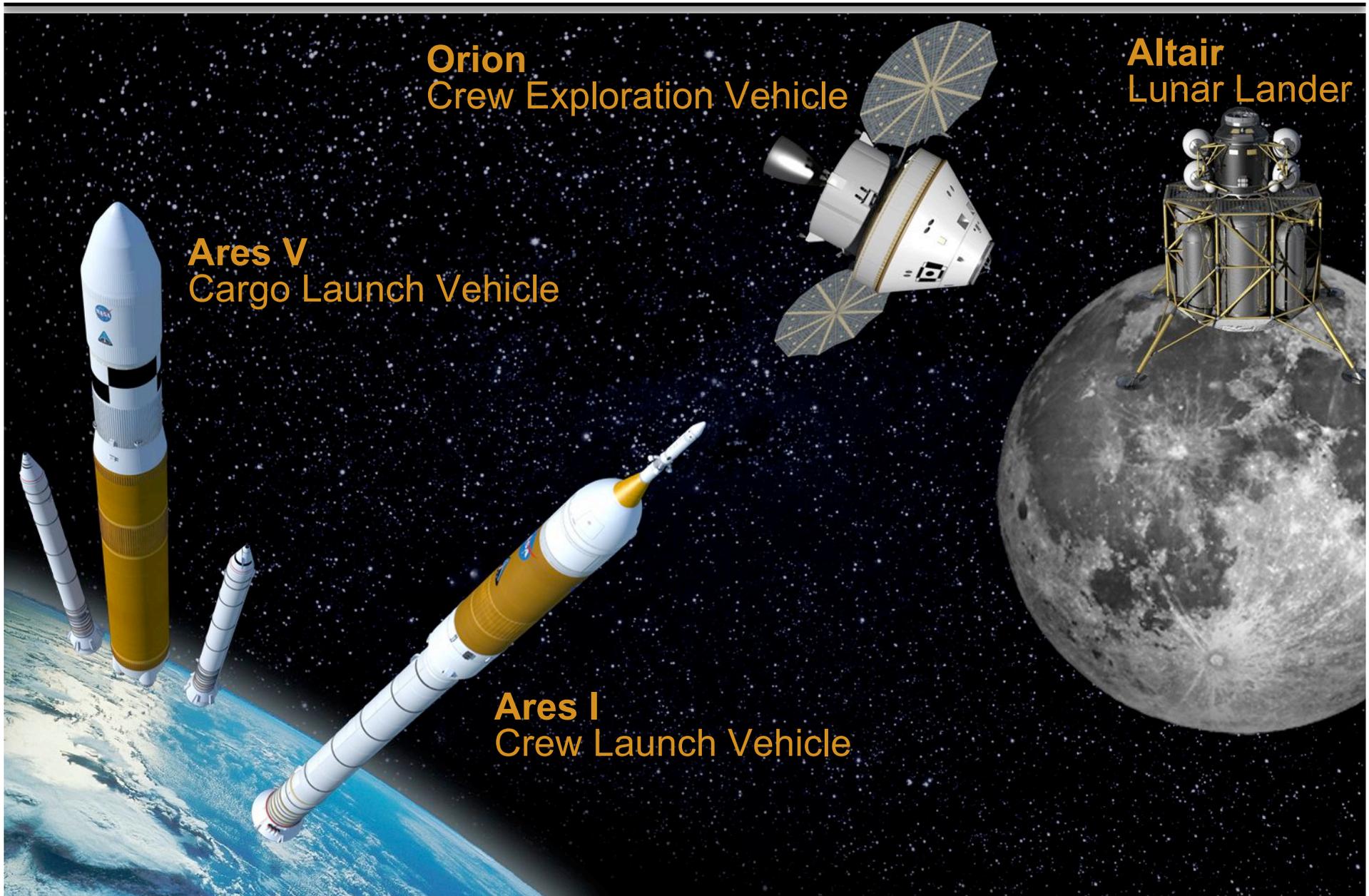
Constellation Architecture



Video on the Constellation elements working together for Moon mission



Constellation Architecture Elements



Orion
Crew Exploration Vehicle

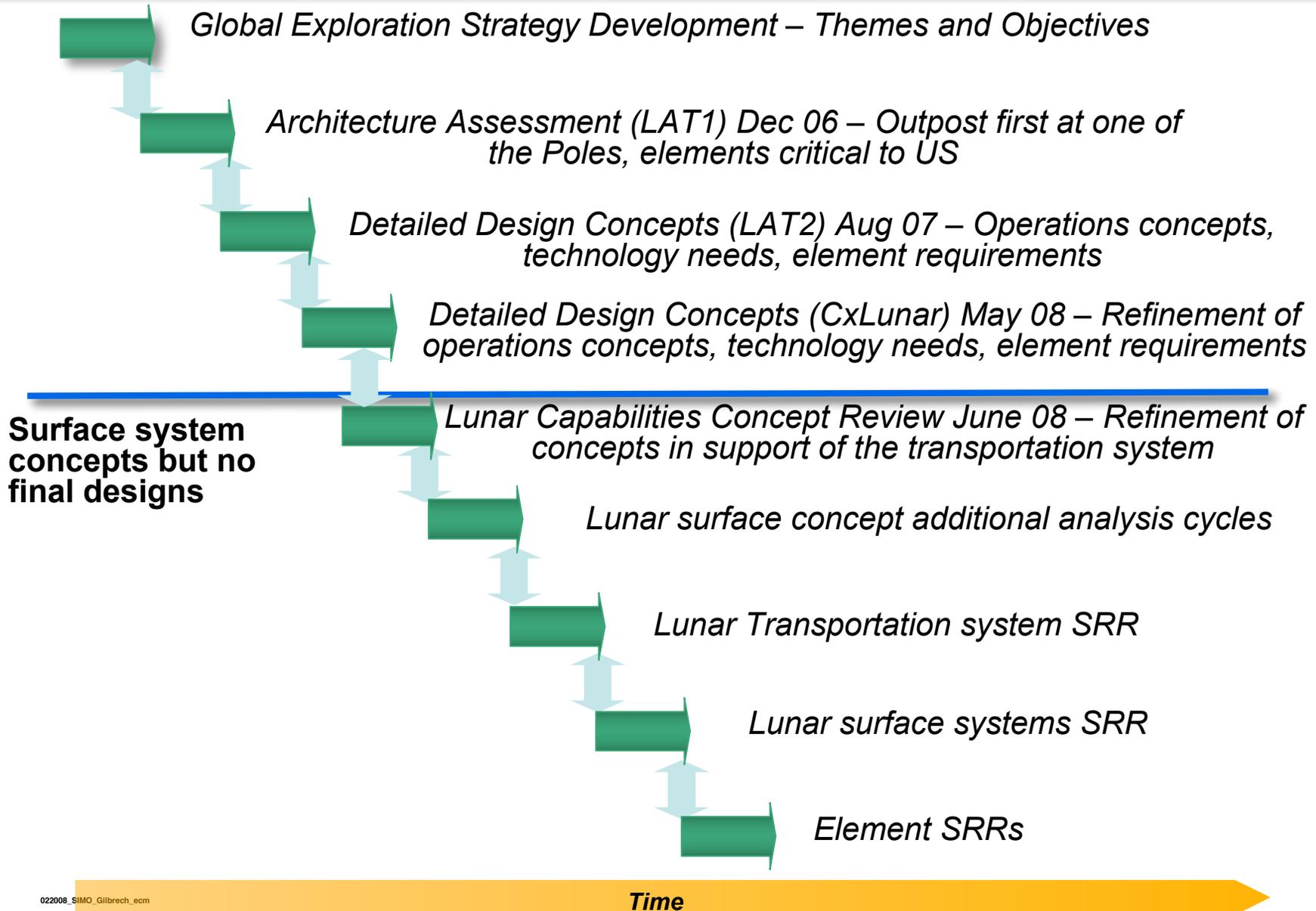
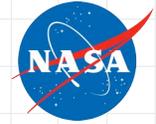
Altair
Lunar Lander

Ares V
Cargo Launch Vehicle

Ares I
Crew Launch Vehicle

Architecture Driven By A Strategy

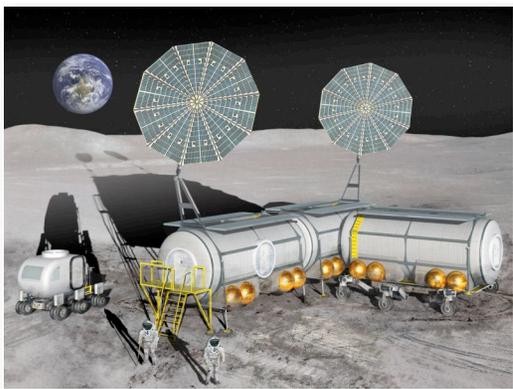
Where We Have Been and Next Steps



Architecture Desired Attributes



- ✓ Enable lunar sustained presence early
- ✓ Develop infrastructure while actively engaged in science and exploration
- ✓ Ensure architecture supports Objectives
- ✓ Support the establishment of Mars analog
- ✓ Allow the earliest partnership opportunities for commerce and International Partners
- ✓ Continuous and focused public engagement



Architecture Guidelines



- In addition to supporting the basic goals and objectives of the Vision, the Architecture must have the following:
 - Programmatic Flexibility – The Architecture must be able to adapt to changes in national priorities and budgets over several election cycles
 - Participant Flexibility – The Architecture must be able to adapt to changes in external participation (Commercial or IP) and changes to their priorities
 - Exploration Flexibility – The Architecture must be able to adapt to changes in exploration priorities and changes in exploration methods

A View of Shackleton



Video

Why is a Pressurized Rover Necessary?



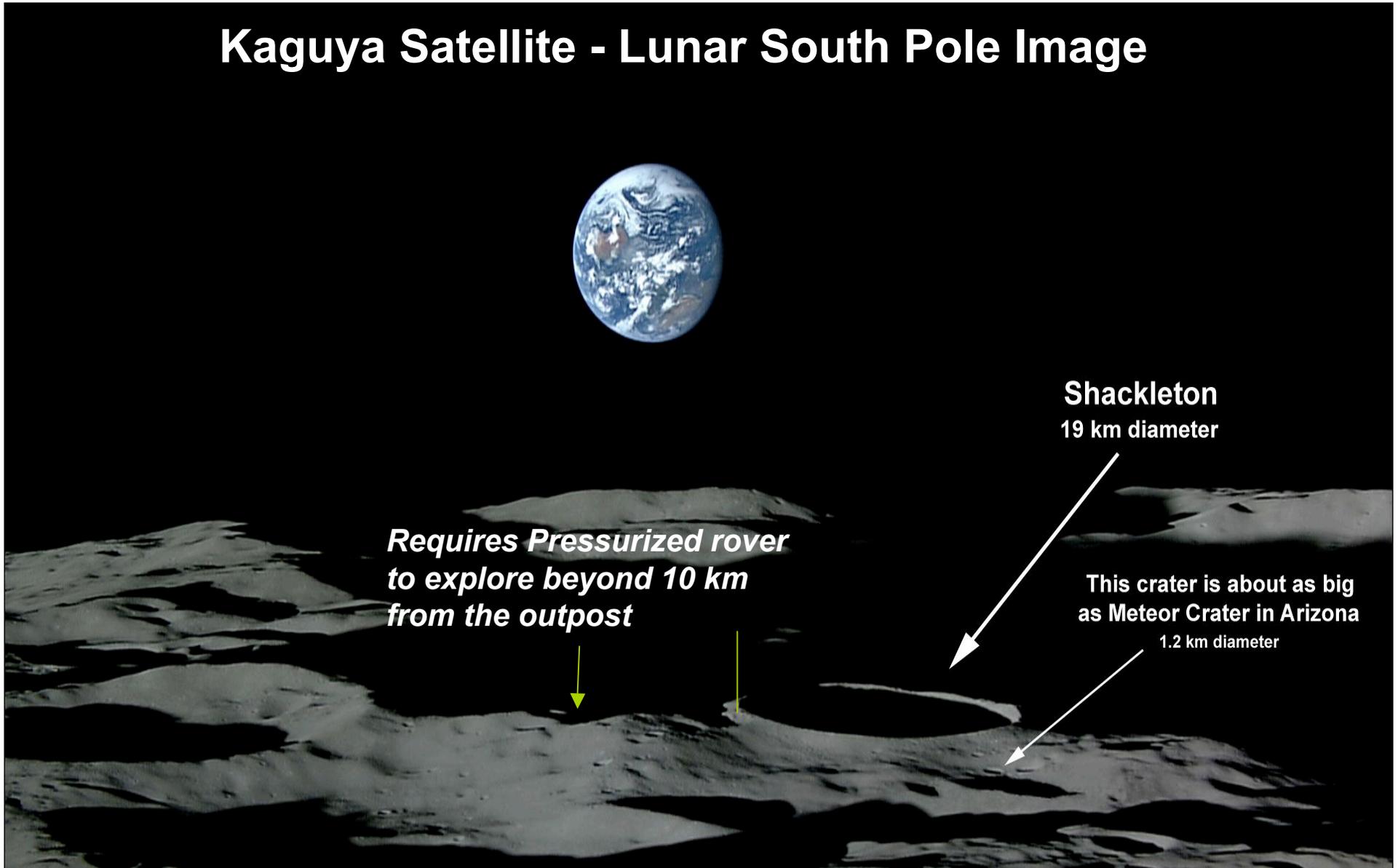
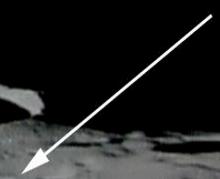
Kaguya Satellite - Lunar South Pole Image



Shackleton
19 km diameter

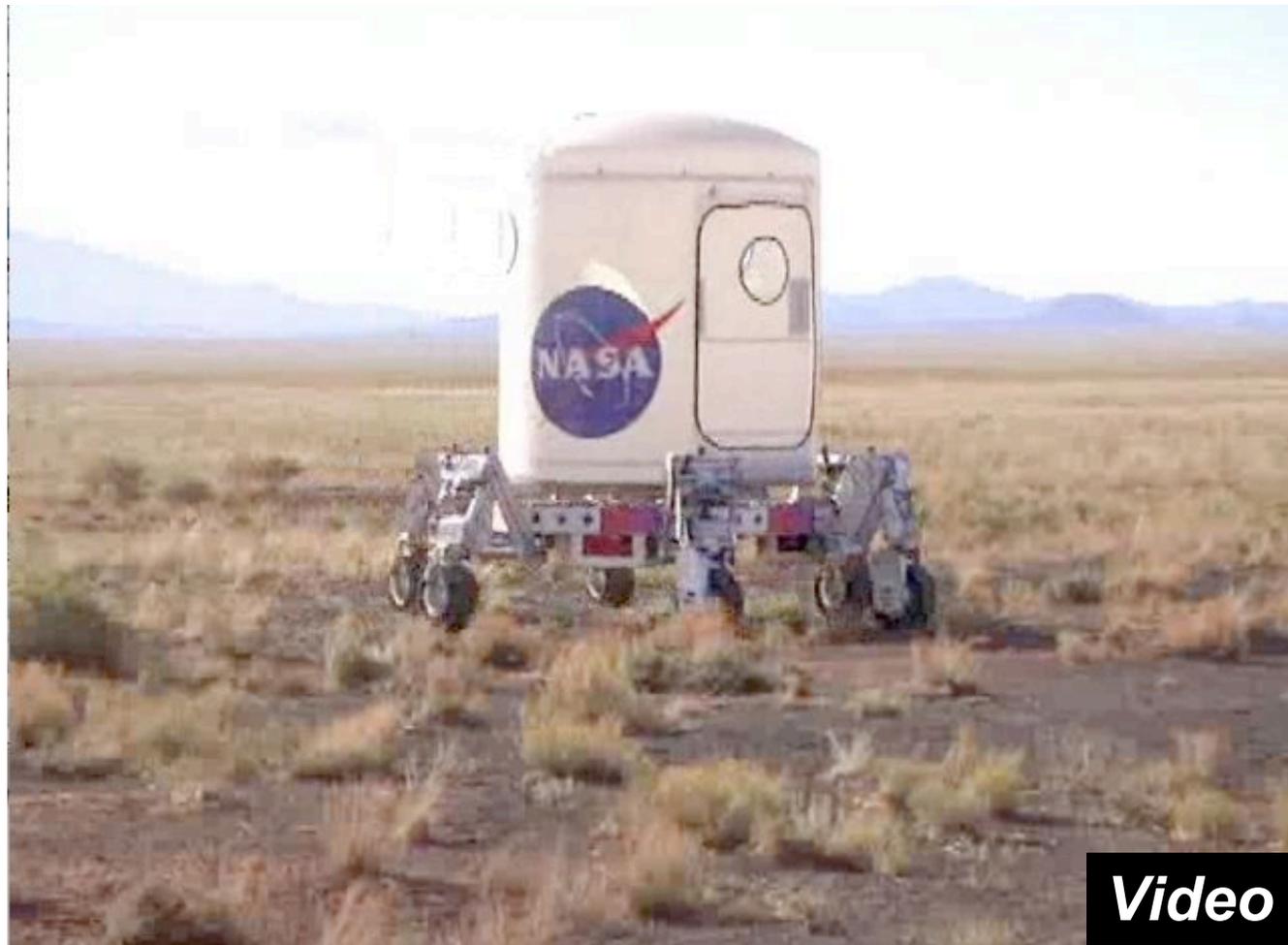
*Requires Pressurized rover
to explore beyond 10 km
from the outpost*

This crater is about as big
as Meteor Crater in Arizona
1.2 km diameter

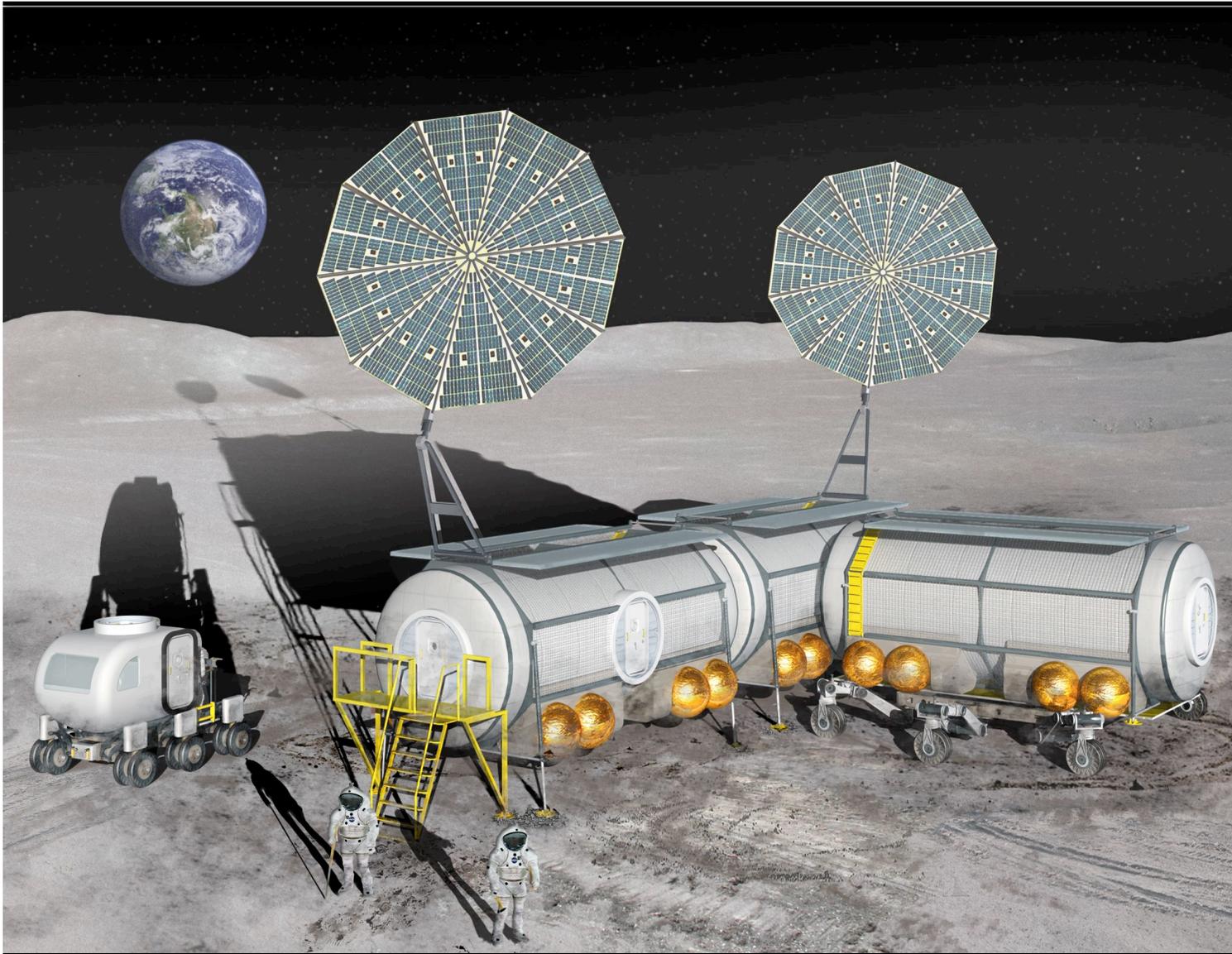


ATHLETE Field Test - Meteor Crater, AZ

September 3-15, 2006



Key Elements of an Outpost



Lander and
Ascent vehicle

Extravehicular
Activities System

Power

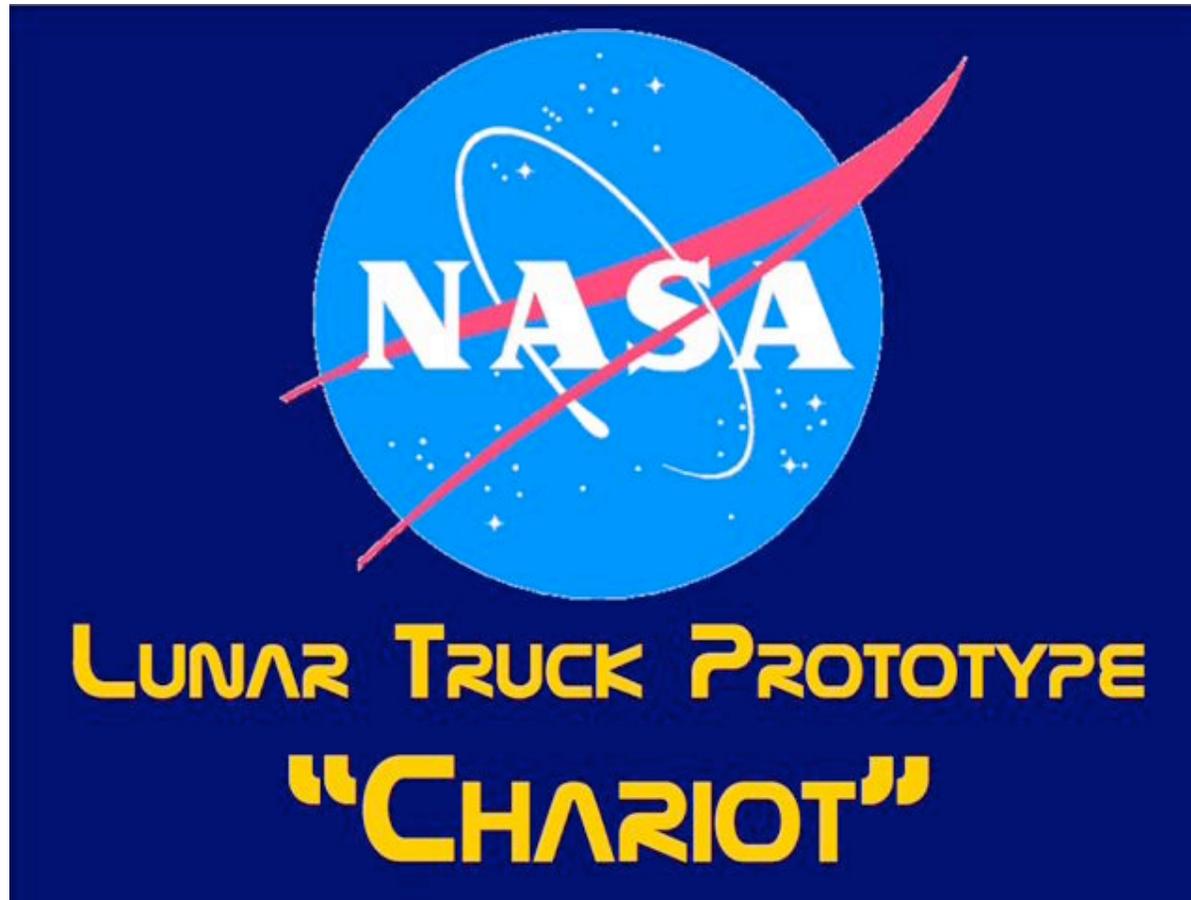
Habitation

Mobility

Navigation and
Communication

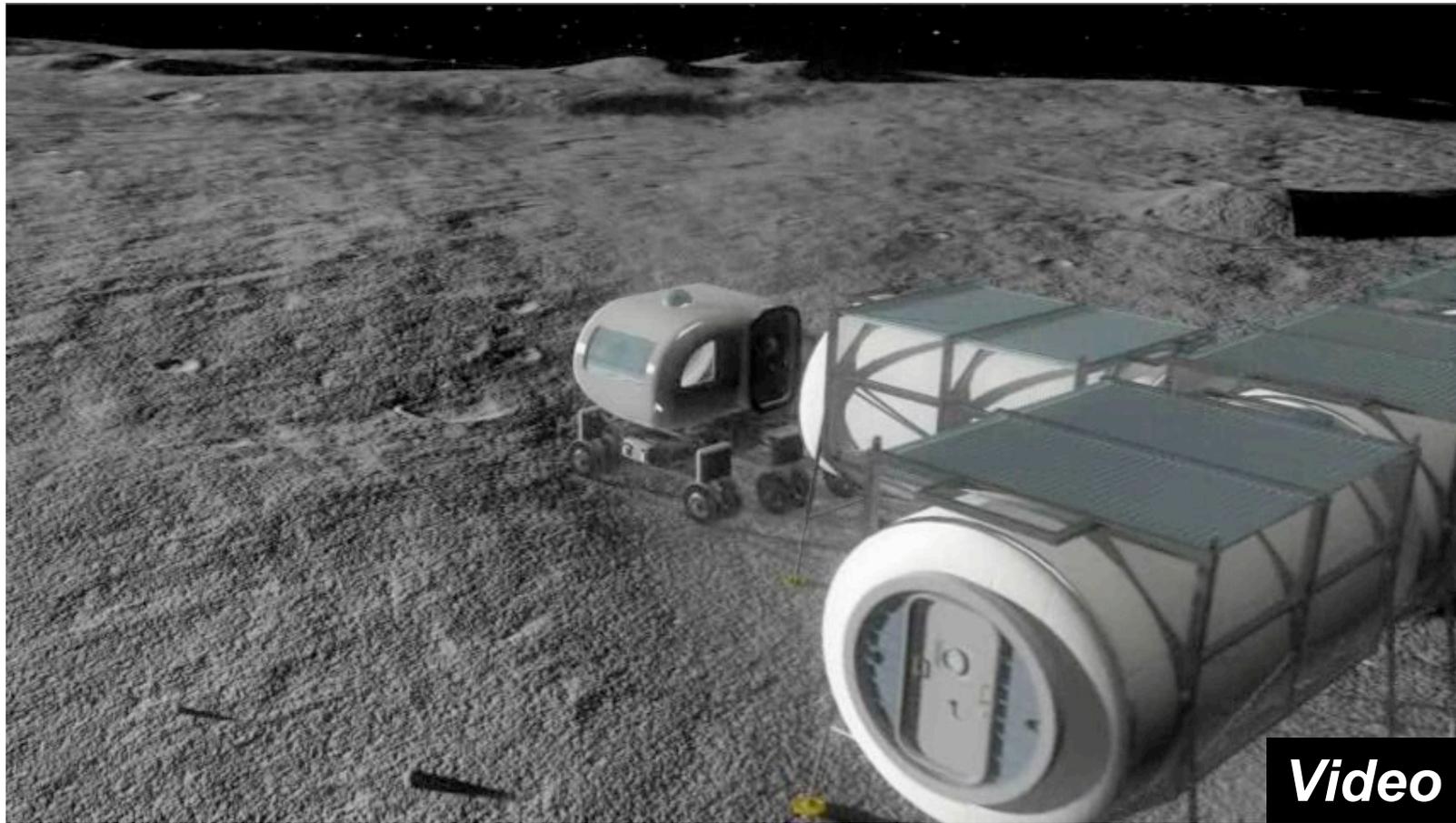
In-Situ Resource
Utilization

Chassis C



Video

Pressurized Rover



Summary



- **Looking for innovative concepts and ideas**