

## Architecture 101

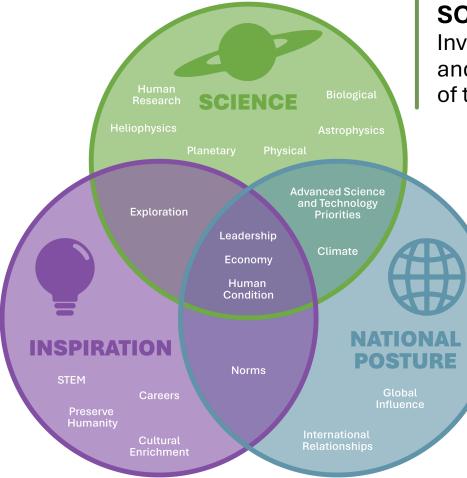
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## Why We Explore...

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### SCIENCE

Investigations in deep space, on the Moon, and on Mars will enhance our understanding of the universe and our place in it.

### INSPIRATION

Accepting audacious challenges motivates current and future generations to contribute to our voyage deeper into space.

### NATIONAL POSTURE

What is done, how it's accomplished, and who participates affect our world, quality of life, and humanity's future.

### NASA's Moon to Mars Strategy and Objectives Development



https://go.nasa.gov/4fXVGeY

## NASA's Moon to Mars Objectives

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### NASA's Moon to Mars Objectives document a long-term vision to crewed deep space exploration.

In contrast to a capabilities-based approach, an objectives-based approach focuses on the big picture, the "what" and "why," before prescribing the "how."

The methodology for the Moon to Mars Objectives is guided by five inter-related principles:



## Exploration Objectives Categories and Goals

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**Lunar and Planetary Science** | Answer questions about the formation of our solar system, the geology and chemistry of planetary bodies, and the origins of life.



**Heliophysics** | Advance our study of the Sun and our ability to observe, model, and predict space weather.



Human and Biological Science | Grow our understanding of how the lunar, Martian, and deep space environments affect living things.



**Physics and Physical Sciences** | Investigate space, time, and matter in the unique environments of the Moon, Mars, and deep space.



**Science Enabling** | Realize integrated human and robotic techniques that address high-priority scientific questions around and on the Moon and Mars.



**Applied Science** | Carry out science utilizing integrated human and robotic techniques to inform the design of exploration systems.



**Lunar Infrastructure** | Enable government, industry, academia, and international partners to participate in a robust lunar economy and facilitate science.



Mars Infrastructure | Develop the power, communications, navigation, and resource utilization capabilities to support initial human Mars exploration.



**Transportation and Habitation** | Create the systems necessary for humans to travel to the Moon and Mars, live and work there, and return to Earth safely.



**Operations** | Conduct crewed missions to gradually build technologies and capabilities to live and work on planetary surfaces other than Earth.

## Architecting from the Right

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Strategy and Architecture Office (SAO) Moon to Mars Architecture Illustration of the **Objectives** decomposition of objectives Organized by segments and sub-architectures in the Architecture using NASA's process of Definition Document (ADD) to group similar features and express the progression of capabilities over time. architecting from the right. Agency Level **Characteristics Objectives Use Cases Reference Missions** Program Level & Needs & Goals Operations executed to Design Reference produce desired needs Missions/ConOps Leadership defines and/or characteristics. blueprint vision for the Moon-to-Mars endeavor. Functions Actions an architecture Elements / performs to complete a Requirements desired use case.

Applies rigorous systems engineering approaches to identify the architecture needs, understand relationships and gaps between systems, and underpin analysis to identify the most effective and efficient solutions.

Architecture process provides a transparency in development not previously available

#### NASA's Moon to Mars Architecture Website www.nasa.gov/architecture



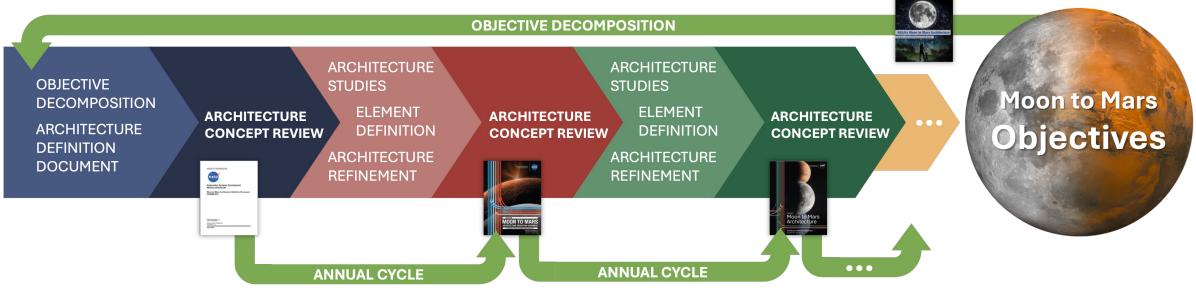
## NASA's Moon to Mars Architecture

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### An Evolutionary Architecture Process:

### Formulating an Exploration Strategy Based on Objectives



#### TRACEABILITY



Decomposition of Blueprint Objectives to executing Architecture elements

#### **ARCHITECTURE FRAMEWORK**



Organizational construct to ensure system/element relationships are understood and gaps can be identified

#### **PROCESS & PRODUCTS**



Clear communication and

review integration paths for

stakeholders

### **Architecture Segments**

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#### **FUTURE SEGMENTS**

Continued development and exploration at Mars and beyond for sustained exploration of the cosmos.

#### **HUMANS TO MARS**

**Initial capabilities**, systems, and operations necessary to **establish human presence** and initial utilization (science, etc.) on Mars and continued exploration.

#### SUSTAINED LUNAR EVOLUTION

Enabling capabilities, systems, and operations to support **regional and global utilization** (science, etc.), **economic opportunity**, and a steady cadence of human presence at the Moon.

### FOUNDATIONAL EXPLORATION

Expansion of lunar capabilities, systems, and operations supporting **complex orbital and surface missions** to conduct utilization (science, etc.) and **Mars forward** precursor missions.

#### HUMAN LUNAR RETURN

**Initial capabilities**, systems, and operations necessary to **re-establish human presence** and initial utilization (science, etc.) on and around the Moon. **Segment** | A portion of the architecture that integrates sub-architectures and progressively increases in complexity and objective satisfaction.

## Sub-Architectures







**Communications and Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Systems** (C&PNT) enable transmission and reception of data, determination of location and orientation, and acquisition of precise time.

**Autonomous Systems & Robotics** employ software and hardware to assist the crew and operate during uncrewed periods.

**Data Systems and Management** transfer, distribute, receive, validate, secure, decode, format, compile, and process data and commands.

Habitation Systems ensure the health and performance of astronauts in controlled environments.

**Infrastructure Support** includes facilities, systems, operations planning and control, equipment, and services needed on Earth, in space, and on planetary surfaces.



**In-situ Resource Utilization (ISRU) Systems** extract resources in space or on the Moon or Mars to generate products. Human Systems execute human and robotic missions; this includes crew, ground personnel, and supporting systems.

Logistics Systems package, handle, transport, stage, store, track, and transfer items and cargo.

> **Mobility Systems** move crew and cargo around the lunar and Martian surfaces.

**Power Systems** generate, store, condition, and distribute electricity for architectural elements.

**Transportation Systems** convey crew and cargo to and from Earth to the Moon and Mars.

Utilization Systems enable science and technology demonstrations.

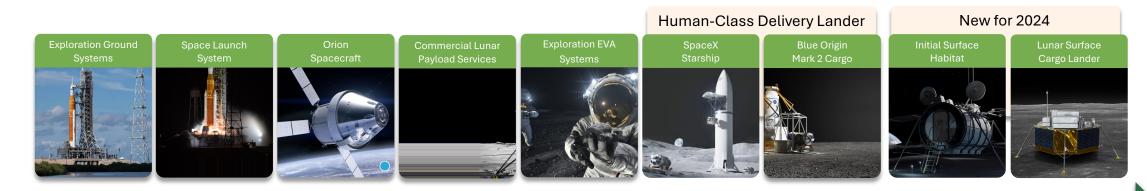
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**Sub-Architecture** | A group of tightly coupled elements, functions, and capabilities that work together to accomplish one or more objectives.

### **Architecture Elements**

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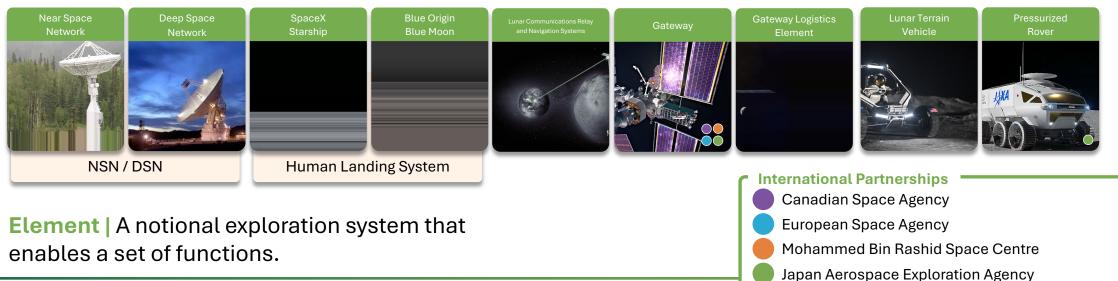




#### Human Lunar Return

#### **Foundational Exploration**

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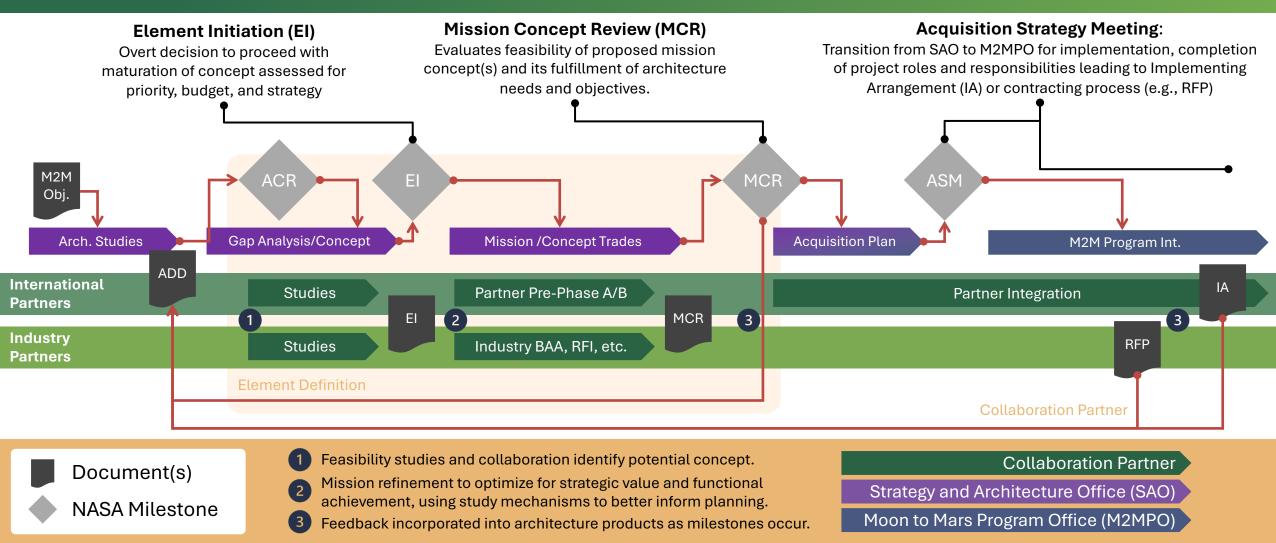


## Partner Pre-formulation Process

**Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate** 

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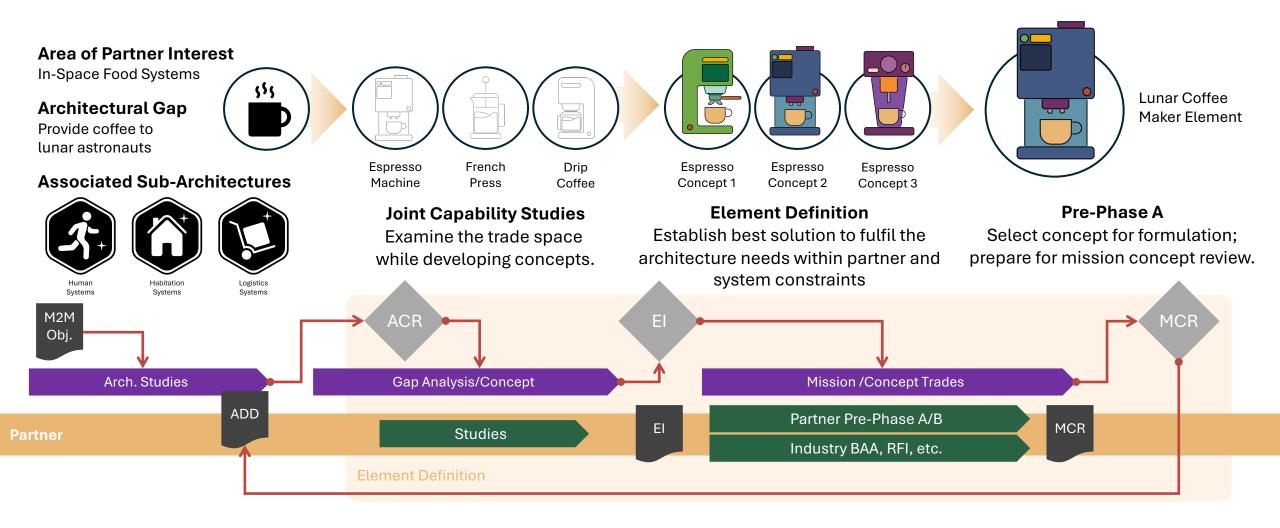


## **Concept Maturity Mapped to Process**

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Fictional Example: Lunar Coffee Maker



### **Architecture Products**

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NASA's Architecture Definition Document



Executive Overview

#### Architecture White Papers

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	2024 Moon to Mars Architecture Concept Review	,

#### NASA documents its roadmap for deep space exploration in the Architecture Definition Document.

The agency updates the document yearly and publishes it alongside other publicfacing products including white papers on relevant topics and an executive overview of the architecture.



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NASA's Moon to Mars Architecture Website nasa.gov/architecture



### **Architecture and Science**

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### M2M Objectives – 26 Science Objectives

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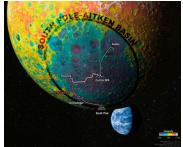


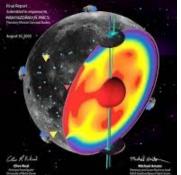
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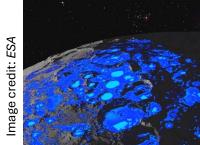
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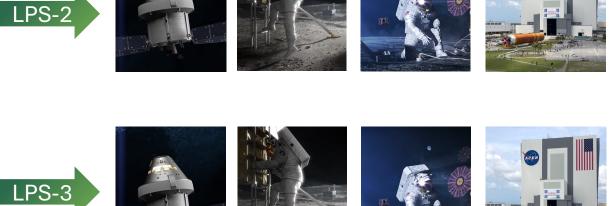
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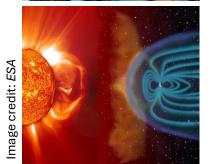
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#### ROUNDTABLE

#### Moon Room

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# **Architecture 101**

### **Moon to Mars Architecture Workshop**



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Moon to Mars Architecture Workshops

### **Questions and Discussion**

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### **Discussion Prompts**

- Have you read the Architecture Definition Document? How is your organization using it to inform your investments and strategies? Are there changes in the documentation or process that would be useful to industry or academia?
- What future white paper topics would be helpful to your organization?
- Do you see opportunities for your organization to integrate with the architecture? Do you have questions about where your organization fits in the pre-formulation process? Do you know how to engage with NASA?
- What additional products or information would best help your organization to understand and engage with the architecture?
- How can NASA help industry forecast where gaps exist and when they need to come on-line?



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### **Architecture White Papers**

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2022 White Papers		
Why NRHO: The Artemis Orbit		
Why Artemis will Focus on the Lunar South Pole Region		
Mars Transportation		
Gateway: The Cislunar Springboard		
Systems Analysis of Architecture Drivers		
Mars-Forward Capabilities to be Tested at the Moon		



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2023 White Papers	2024 White Papers	
Lunar Communications and Navigation Architecture	Lunar Mobility Drivers and Needs	
Lunar Site Selection	Lunar Surface Cargo	
Analytical Capabilities In-situ vs. Returned	Priority Science Enabled through Architecture	
Safe and Precise Landing at Lunar Sites	Lunar Reference Frame	
Mars Communications Disruption and Delay	Mars Crew Complement Considerations	
Mars Mission Abort Considerations	Mars Surface Power Tech Decision	
Mars Surface Power Generation	Mars Entry, Descent, and Landing Challenges	
Key Mars Architecture Decisions	Mars Ascent Propellant Considerations	
Round-Trip Mars Mission Mass Challenges	Humans in Space to Accomplish Science Objectives	
Human Health and Performance for Mars Missions	Responsible Exploration	
Lunar Logistics Drivers and Needs	International Partnerships	
Surface Extravehicular Activity Architectural Drivers	Architecture-Driven Technology Gaps	
Exploration Lessons Learned from the Space Station		

White Papers | Answer questions, communicate NASA's latest thinking, and characterize architecture challenges.

