

Persistent Platforms in Space – Next Generation Infrastructure

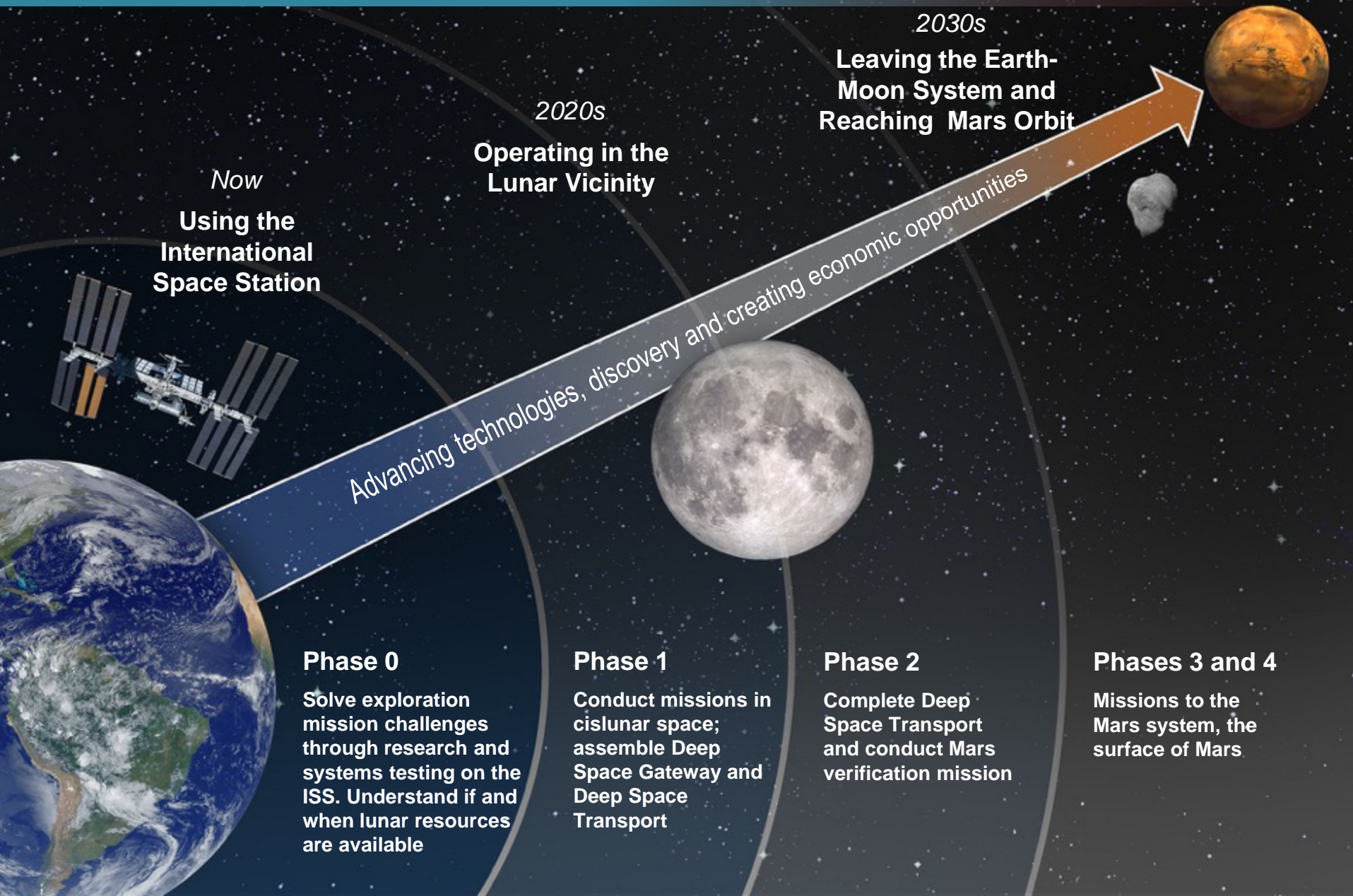


- Deep Space Gateway
- In Space Manufacturing
- In Space Robotic Manufacturing and Assembly

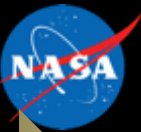
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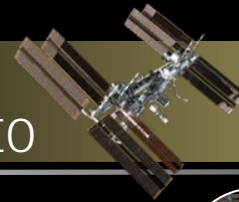
Exploring Space In Partnership



Deep-Space Habitation Development Strategy



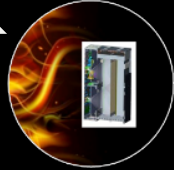
Proving Ground Phase 0:
SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING ON ISS / LEO



LEO COMMERCIALIZATION



Bigelow
Expandable
Activity Module



Spacecraft
Fire Safety



Human
Research and
Performance

Habitation System Projects



Life Support
Systems



Exercise
Systems



Docking /
berthing
Systems



Advanced
Avionics



EVA

Proving Ground Phase 1:
DEEP SPACE TESTING



Spaceport

NextSTEP Habitation / Int. Partners

Proving Ground Phase 2:
DEEP SPACE VALIDATION



Spaceship

*Shakedown
Cruise*

NextSTEP Habitation Overview

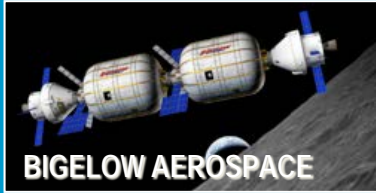


NextSTEP Phase 1: 2015-2016

Cislunar habitation concepts that leverage commercialization plans for LEO



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FOUR SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT CONCEPTS RECEIVED

Partners develop required deliverables, including concept descriptions with concept of operations, NextSTEP Phase 2 proposals, and statements of work.

NextSTEP Phase 2: 2016-2018

Initial discussions with international partners



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FIVE GROUND PROTOTYPES BY 2018

- Partners refine concepts and develop ground prototypes.
- NASA leads standards and common interfaces development.



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ONE CONCEPT STUDY



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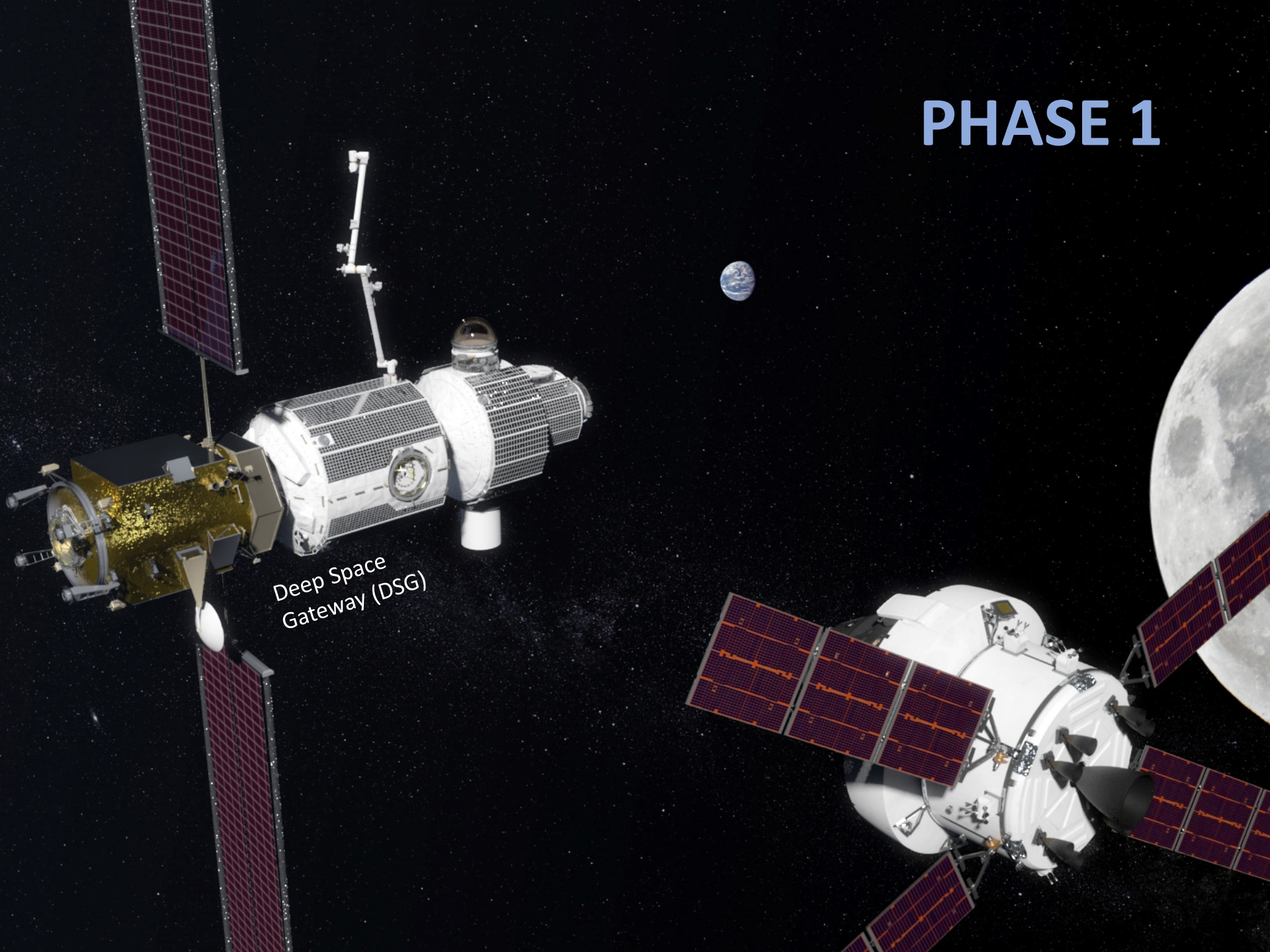


Define reference habitat architecture in preparation for Phase 3.

Phase 3: 2018+

- Partnership and Acquisition approach, leveraging domestic and international capabilities
- Development of deep space habitation capabilities
- Deliverables: flight unit(s)

PHASE 1

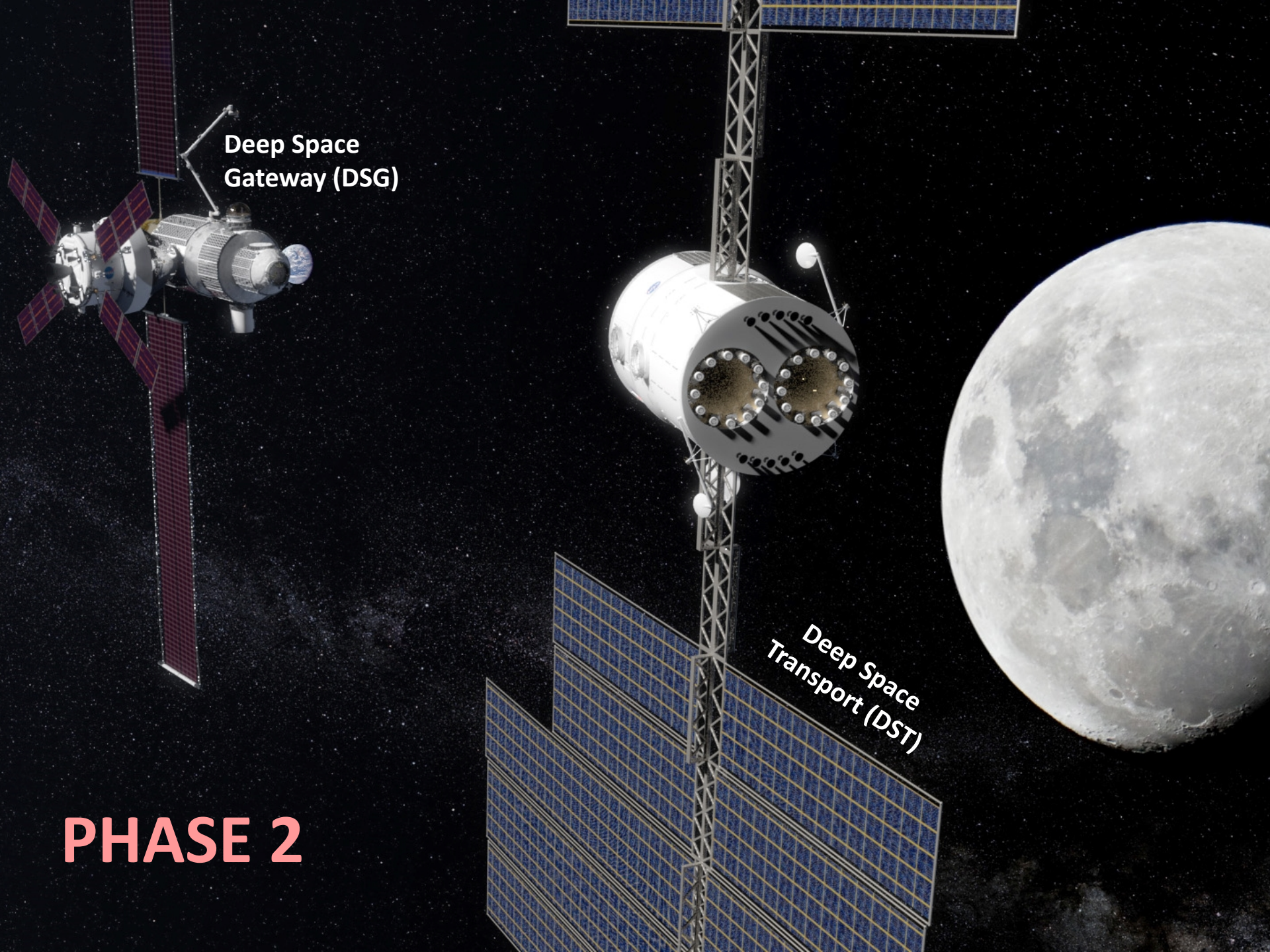


Deep Space Gateway (DSG)

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Deep Space Transport (DST)

PHASE 2





In-Space Manufacturing (ISM) Path to Exploration

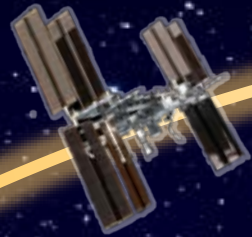


GROUND-BASED

Earth-Based Platform

- Certification & Inspection Process
- Design Properties Database
- Additive Manufacturing Automation
- Ground-based Technology Maturation & Demonstration
- **AM for Exploration Support Systems (e.g. ECLSS) Design, Development & Test**
- **Additive Construction**
- **Regolith (Feedstock)**

EARTH RELIANT ISS



ISS Test-bed Platform

- 3D Print Demo
- Additive Manufacturing Facility
- In-space Recycling
- In-space Metals
- Printable Electronics
- Multi-material Fab Lab
- In-line NDE
- External Manufacturing
- **On-demand Parts Catalogue**
- **Exploration Systems Demonstration and Operational Validation**

PROVING GROUND Cis-lunar



- Planetary Surfaces Platform
- **Multi-materials Fab Lab (metals, polymers, automation, printable electronics)**
- **Food/Medical Grade Polymer Printing & Recycling**
- **Additive Construction Technologies**
- **Regolith Materials – Feedstock**
- **AM Exploration Systems**

EARTH INDEPENDENT Mars

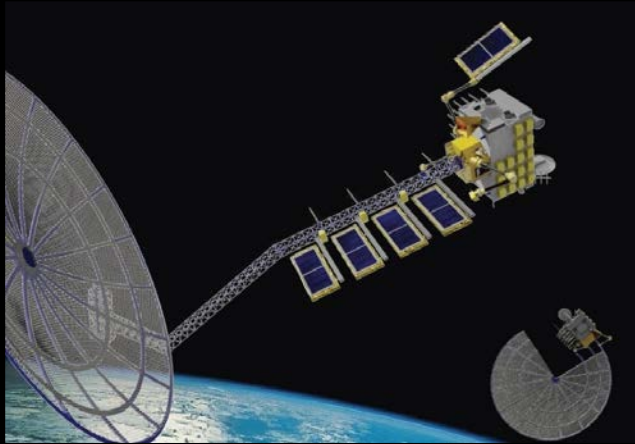


Space Launch System

Asteroids

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Foundational AM Technologies
AM for Exploration Systems

In-space Robotic Manufacturing and Assembly Overview



Concept by Made In Space

Archinaut

A Versatile In-Space Precision Manufacturing and Assembly System

A ground demonstration of additive manufacturing of extended structures and assembly of those structures in a relevant space environment.

Made In Space, Northrop Grumman Corp., Oceaneering Space Systems, Ames Research Center



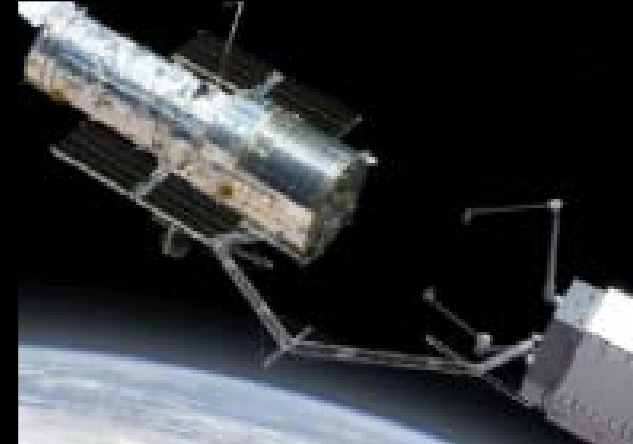
Concept by Space Systems/Loral

Dragonfly

On-Orbit Robotic Installation and Reconfiguration of Large Solid Radio Frequency (RF) Reflectors

A ground demonstration of robotic assembly interfaces and additive manufacture of antenna support structures meeting EHF performance requirements.

Space Systems/Loral, Langley Research Center, Ames Research Center, Tethers Unlimited, MDA US & Brampton



Concept by Orbital ATK

CIRAS

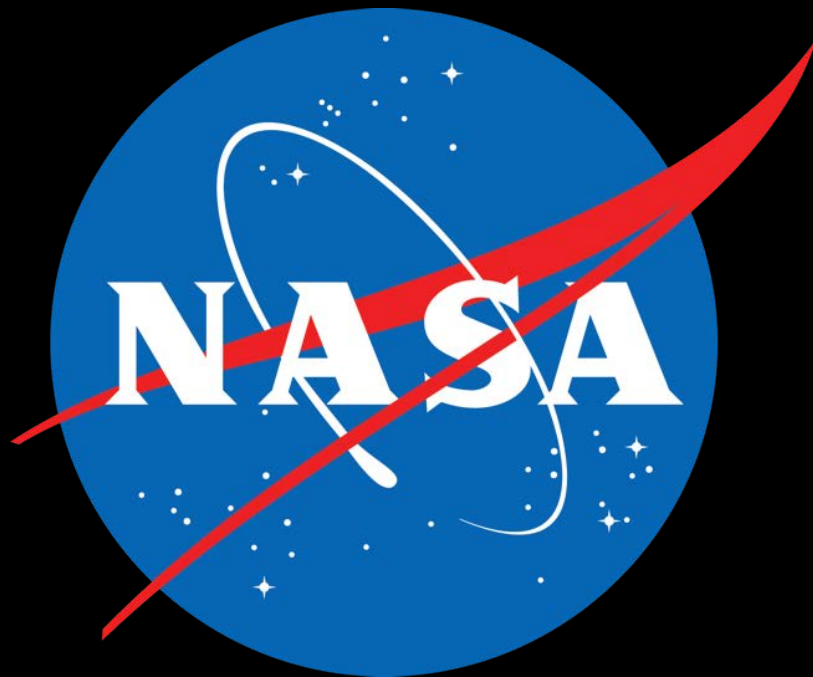
A Commercial Infrastructure for Robotic Assembly and Services

A ground demonstration of reversible and repeatable robotic joining methods for mechanical and electrical connections feasible for multiple space assembly geometries.

Orbital ATK, Glenn Research Center, Langley Research Center, Naval Research Laboratory

Tipping Point Objective

Team

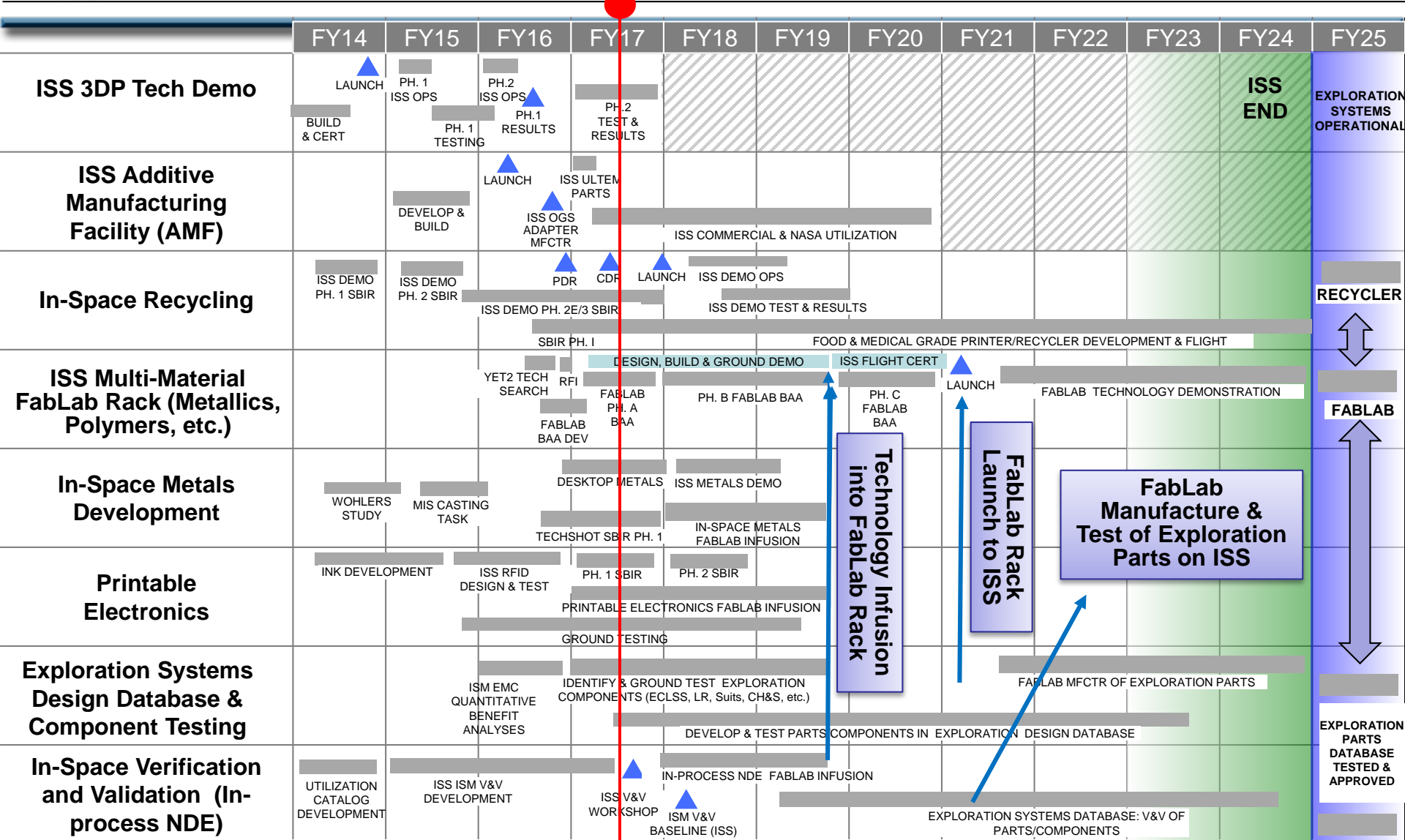




In-Space Manufacturing (ISM) Program Timeline



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ISM enables the 'Design for Maintainability' approach Required for Sustainable Exploration missions.

LIVING IN SPACE: SHORT DURATION HABITATION

Excursion Vehicle



Explore kilometers away from the destination habitat

- ✓ 2 crew for up to 2 weeks, contingency 4 crew for 1 week
- ✓ EVA pressure garment and PLSS <200 kg with dual-band radio avionics and radiation hardened bio-med sensors
- ✓ High frequency EVA (15 min. ingress-egress time)
- ✓ 4 years dormant before first use and between uses
- ✓ Design for reuse for 3 missions
- ✓ Lightweight exercise equipment under 25 kg

Challenges

Protect and support crew in deep space for up to 60 days

Uncrewed operations during deployment and between uses

Earth - independent operations

Initial Cislunar Habitation



Support crew each year for short duration stays in cislunar space

- ✓ 4 crew for up to 60 days
- ✓ EVA pressure garment and PLSS <200 kg with dual-band radio avionics and rad-hardened bio-med sensors
- ✓ High frequency EVA (15 min. ingress-egress time)
- ✓ Lightweight exercise equipment under 25 kg
- ✓ 1 year dormant before use
- ✓ Up to 300 days dormant between uses

Common Capabilities

4 crew for short durations (up to 60 days)

Support autonomous mission operations with time delay

Common, partially closed ECLSS under approx. 800 kg
(3 years MTBF and 2 crew per torr of CO₂ removal)

Autonomous rendezvous, prox ops, and docking

Ability to be teleoperated with <0.5 s latency

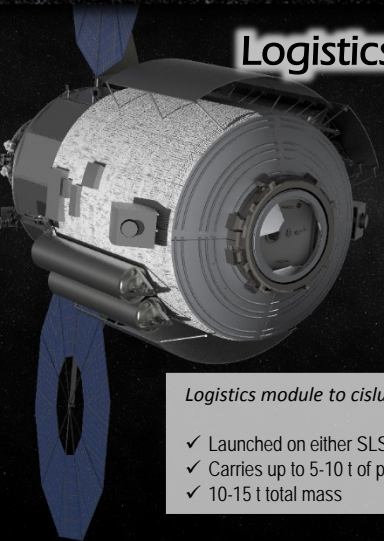
Communications to/from Earth and between elements

Common, lightweight pressure vessel and common hatch

15 year lifetime with long dormancy periods

Design for maintainability

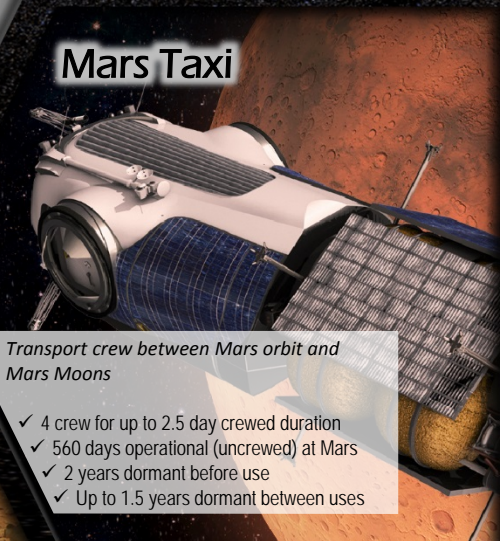
Logistics Module



Logistics module to cislunar space

- ✓ Launched on either SLS and ELV launch vehicles
- ✓ Carries up to 5-10 t of pressurized logistics
- ✓ 10-15 t total mass

Mars Taxi



Transport crew between Mars orbit and Mars Moons

- ✓ 4 crew for up to 2.5 day crewed duration
- ✓ 560 days operational (uncrewed) at Mars
- ✓ 2 years dormant before use
- ✓ Up to 1.5 years dormant between uses

Mars Ascent Vehicle



Return crew to Mars orbit

- ✓ 4 crew for up to 3 days flight duration
- ✓ Open loop ECLSS under approx. 400 kg
- ✓ 5 years dormant before use

LIVING IN SPACE: LONG DURATION HABITATION

Challenges

Protect and support crew in deep space for up to 1100 days

Uncrewed operations during deployment and between uses

Reduced logistics and spares

Earth - independent operations

Common Capabilities

4 Crew for 500-1100 days

Common pressure vessel

15 year lifetime with long dormancy periods

Design for reusability across multiple missions

100 m³ habitable volume and dry mass < 22 t

Autonomous vehicle health monitoring and repair

Advanced Exploration ECLSS with >85% H₂O recovery and 50% O₂ recovery from reduced CO₂

ECLSS System (w/o spares): <5 t mass, <9 m² volume, <4 kW power

Environmental monitoring with >80% detection rate without sample return

14-kW peak operational power and thermal management required

Autonomous mission operations with up to 24 minute one-way time delay

Autonomous medical care, behavioral health countermeasures, and other physiological countermeasures to counteract long duration missions without crew abort

Exercise equipment under 500 kg

Provide 20-40 g/cm² of radiation protection

EVA pressure garment and PLSS <200 kg

Contingency EVA operations with 1 x 2-person EVA per month

Communications to/from Earth and between elements

Mars Surface Habitat

Live and operate on the Mars surface in 1/3 g

- ✓ 4 crew for up to approx. 500 days
- ✓ 48 m³ volume for logistics and spares
- ✓ Logistics Mass: 10.7 t
- ✓ 4 years dormant before use
- ✓ 3-4 years dormant between uses
- ✓ EVA system with surface mobility, dust mitigation, and atmospheric compatibility

Phobos Habitat

Live and operate in microgravity at Phobos

- ✓ 4 crew for up to approx. 500 days
- ✓ 48 m³ volume for logistics and spares
- ✓ Logistics Mass: 10.7 t
- ✓ EVA system with Phobos mobility and dust mitigation
- ✓ 4-5 years dormant before use
- ✓ 3 years dormant between uses

Transit Habitat

Live and operate in microgravity during trip to/from Mars

- ✓ 4 crew for up to 1,100 days
- ✓ 93 m³ volume for logistics and spares
- ✓ Logistics Mass: 21 t
- ✓ 4 years dormant before use and between uses