NASA/ESMD Analogue Mission Plans

2nd INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
Exploring Mars and its Earth Analogues
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ESMD Goals for the Use of Earth Analogues

• Learn
  – Reduce risk to crews for human surface missions to the Moon and Mars
    • Identify hazards (and develop mitigations) on Earth long before they arise in flight
    – Learn what works and what doesn’t work for surface exploration missions
• Test
  – Validate surface mission designs
    • Long duration presence
    • Outpost buildup
    • Human & robotic roles
  – Demonstrate integrated use of products from multiple CxP projects
    • Validate hardware/software performance under realistic conditions, as commanded by crews and/or mission control
    • Identify performance shortfalls in systems and support iterative testing
  – Validate mission operations designs
    • Mission Operations (Mission Control) functions for these missions
  – Influence engineering and payload system designs via early use in realistic situations
  – Enable surface science by demonstrating integration of science activities and payloads into surface exploration mission activities
• Train
  – Reduce risk to crews and to mission objectives
    • Improve crew and Mission Control team readiness for surface activities
    • Increase mission efficiency and effectiveness by evaluating competing approaches early
• Engage
  – Help sustain the excitement of exploration for the public well before missions become reality
Stakeholders Summary

Requirements
- Architecture trades
- Concept of operations
- Verify/Validate

Systems
- System validation
- System of system interaction
- Interface specification and validation

Research and Technology
- Technology Requirements
- Capability Demonstrations

Ops Community
- Understand combined operations leveraging diverse resources.

Analog Mission Initiative

Universities
Commercial
International Community
General Public
Other US Government
External Community

Exploration Systems Mission Directorate
Constellation Program Office

Science Mission Directorate

Space Flight Operations Mission Directorate

Other Mission Directorates
Issues with Current Analogue Situation

• Too much is being managed individually
  – Analog missions have been happening on their own for past years
    • Utilizing “down-time” and excess funding
  – Greater need for analogs dictates a new process which can handle more activities

• Budget issues create an uncertain future for analog missions
  – “Extra” funding is no longer available or is not reliable
  – Analogs may not be able to maintain infrastructure if future missions are not justified
    • “Beg/Borrow/Steal” approach is not effective in keeping the focus on relevant results

• Corporate knowledge is not being captured well and/or disseminated:
  – Analogs dating back to the 1960’s have already produced answers to questions that are being asked again in the 2000’s
  – Many answers may retire with the “third generation” of space explorers
  – Analogs trying to answer the same question could benefit from collaboration
    • Don’t want to perform same objectives twice
    • Important objectives could use two separate perspectives

• Common Thread: Lack of communication and exposure
Current state of Analogues

Stakeholders:
- Organizations with analog interests and objectives

Individual Objective:
- Need (Question to Answer)
- Benefits of Answer
- Associated funding source

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- Ties analog & stakeholder
- Asks stakeholder for needs
- Asks sponsor for funds
- Finds suitable analog
- Manages analog mission

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- Site characteristics
- Capabilities
- Facilities
- Overhead costs

Mission
- Planning and execution
- External facilities utilized (ExPOC, TDRSS, etc.)

External Stakeholders
- Ext. Govt.
- Intl Partner
- Commercial
- University

NASA Stakeholders
- Programs
- Projects
- Institutions
- Partnerships

Report
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- Lessons learned
- List of facilities and participants
- List of POCs for more detailed report

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Implementation Plan (Second Step)

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Desert RATS '07
NEEMO-12
HMP '07

WEBSITE

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- University

Needs
- Allows Stakeholders and POCs to match need with capability

Capabilities
- Allows POCs to match need with capability

Reports
- "Lessons Learned" are easily accessible
- Helps prevent repeat work

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- Public summary of event
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- List of POCs for more detailed report
- Standard format
Recent Progress in Utilizing Analogues

- Analogues Database and Web Portal updated and moved to a “green” server
  - Web Portal is currently ID and Password protected
  - Ready to add Apollo-era training sites
  - Ready to incorporate EVA lessons-learned database compiled by NASA Astronaut Office
- Community briefings regarding plans and status
  - Space Technology and Applications International Forum (STAIF) - Feb 2007
    - Primarily technology users and developers
  - Invited Meeting at JSC (“First Analogs Workshop”) – Mar 2007
    - Timed to coincide with Lunar and Planetary Sciences Conference (LPSC), so primarily science user community but NASA analogue users also represented
  - Initial “supplier” community meeting – Mar 2007
    - Largely JSC-based long-standing analogues programs: Desert Research And Technology Studies (Desert RATS), Haughton-Mars Program (HMP), and NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO)
  - Architecture to Requirements Development Integration Group (ARDIG) established as focal point for Constellation Program Office analogues activities
    - Launched “analogs initiative”
    - Begin coordination activity among JSC-based analogues groups: Desert RATS, HMP, and NEEMO
Website Layout Example – Home Page

Analogs
@ Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas

Welcome to the Analogs website at Johnson Space Center. The purpose of this website is to serve as a source of information on and a collaboration tool for analog activities; primarily, but not exclusively focusing on analogs relevant to NASA’s exploration program’s and the Vision for Space Exploration.

This website is still in development and most sections will remain username/password restricted until a review of the website has been completed.

If you wish to participate in this review, please use the “+ feedback” menu item to make a request for username/password.

Announcements:

The presentations from the workshop on March 10 are now available (no username/password required).

Please make sure that your passwords meet the following minimum requirements. The length must be at least 8 characters and contain at least one of each of the following: an uppercase letter, a lowercase letter, a number, and a special character.

An events calendar is now online for review through the “+ Events” menu link.

The prototype Surface Exploration Lessons Learned Database (SELL DB) is now online for review through the “+ SELL DB” menu link.

The prototype Analogic Database (AnalogsDB) is now online for review through the “+ AnalogsDB” menu link.
Website Layout Example - Analogue Site

Analogs Database
@ Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas

+ Analogs Home + Analogs DB + Submit Entry + Feedback + What's New + Logout
+ Projects + Missions + Sites + Facilities + Equipment + Contacts

Site Details

Name
Meteor Crater

Location
Longitude, Latitude (datum)
NAD83

Altitude
1700 meters

Nearest Location with Climate Data

Sponsor or owner
Meteor Crater Enterprises Inc.

Lead Person
No information in the database.

Contact Person
No information in the database.

Description
Test site is located on the rim of a mid-late Cenozoic impact crater which formed when an iron-rich bolide impacted into Mesozoic sediments, primarily the Mocopi Shale, Kaibab Limestone and Coconino Sandstone. The test site is located within the occluded basin, with flat to hummocky terrain created by the emplacement of impact fragmented and shocked Kaibab Limestone. Boulders up to 2.5 m in size are found, although the majority of the surface consists of smaller, <0.35 m clasts of primarily Kaibab Limestone in a matrix of shocked and comminuted limestone and sandstone.

Staging Information
No information in the database.

Special Access Information
Need to get permission from the commercial operator of the Meteor Crater tourist attraction.
Website Layout Example - Analogue Mission

Mission Details

Name
Advanced Space Suit Flexi Test 2000

Dates
September 2, 2000 to September 15, 2000

Organizational lead or sponsor
NASA JSC

Lead Person
Joseph J. Kosmo

Contact Person
Amy Ross

Description
Until the ASRO project, little was known about the investigation strategies necessary for determining and coordinating the interaction between humans and robotic rover vehicle systems towards achieving effective planetary surface exploration. As a result of this test experience and based on the preliminary findings and recommendations, as reported in CTSS-ADV-360 document, a series of representative planetary surface EVA deployment task were conducted as part of a joint project between elements of NASA-JSC to continue further investigation regarding synergism and interaction between humans and a robotic assistant vehicle for potential future planetary surface exploration application.

Objectives
The objectives of this series of test activities was to develop an interdisciplinary level of “lessons learned” by conducting preliminary engineering assessments and human factor evaluations of various representative space suited EVA / robotic assistant vehicle planetary surface deployment task while in Lunar / Mars analog remote field site locations. In addition, the test activities were valuable in demonstrating to various levels of NASA management, the scope of technology needs that will be required to successfully accomplish future human and robotic assisted rover vehicle exploration of planetary surfaces. Other benefits include public education-outreach opportunities and Public Affairs Office (PAO) coverage for new releases.

Results
No information in the database.

Lessons Learned
No information in the database.
Objectives of ARDIG Analog Initiatives

Vision: To create a cross-cutting Earth-based program to minimize cost and risk while maximizing the productivity of planetary exploration missions, by supporting precursor system development and carrying out system integration, testing, training, and public engagement as an integral part of the Vision for Space Exploration.

• Increased visibility of analog capabilities
  – If organizations are familiar with what analogs exist, it is easier for “initiators” to establish objectives

• Advertisement of Constellation Program needs
  – Analogos wish to make their mission realistic
    • Answering current NASA and Vision for Space Exploration questions
    • Validates their existence
  – Turns into “free data” for active NASA programs
    • If more fidelity is desired, NASA organization can sponsor next mission, or initiate an Announcement of Opportunity (AO) to allow several analogs to compete for seed funding

• Record of past mission findings in a common, searchable format
  – Summary of event, lessons learned, and a link to more information
Future Plans

• Open Analogs Database and Web Portal to larger user community
  – A completely open Web Portal will be subject to NASA internal review and approval
  – Provide an on-line repository for analogues community (not just NASA) to store results of field deployments and research past deployments and associated lessons learned

• Coordinate analogue testing activities among ESMD-supported teams

• Coordinate with international analogue testing activities as appropriate

• Expand the database of usable analogue sites, missions, and lessons learned
  – Provide an assessment and characterization of usable analogue sites

• Please contact Gib Kirkham (NASA OER) for additional information
**Example: Cold-Trap Sample Return**

**Question:** What is the relative productivity of various methods for acquiring, handling, and storing, with minimal heat-induced alteration, samples from “cold traps” located at the lunar poles?

**Proposed Analogue Mission Components:**
Location: Analogue Terrain Site (e.g. small craters located at Cinder Lakes or larger such as Meteor Crater)

Control Option 1: Earth-base Mission Control (JSC/ExPOC)
- High-bandwidth Communications with 3 second time-delay
- Multiple operators available

Control Option 2: Crewed Habitat-based Mission Control (Local Trailer)
- High-bandwidth communications with 0.1 second time-delay
- Single operator

Control Option 3: EVA Suit-based Mission Control (EVA Suit)
- High-bandwidth communications with no time-delay
- Single operator using voice input for commands and HUD for display

Teleoperated rover
- Locomotion system capable of descending and ascending representative lunar crater slopes (angle and roughness)
- Interface capable of supporting alternative sample acquisition devices
- Video and sensor relay and monitoring
- Heat management components
- Capable of remote driving control

Deployed alternative (to rover) sample acquisition
- Constraints on terrain placement
- (e.g. requires craters of representative size and slopes)
- Heat management components

**Analogue Mission Outcome:**

*Recommendation for extremely cold sample acquisition and handling designs and requirements*
Example Site Characterization Matrix

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HI - high degree of similarity is critical to effective analogy
MED - similarity enhances analogy but is not critical
LOW - similarity not important to effective analogy
# Integrated Analogue Studies - Prerequisites for Human Exploration

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<th>Valid scientific objectives/tasks relevant to future planetary science.</th>
<th>High fidelity to actual projected science procedures for planetary surface missions.</th>
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<td>Low level of activity. Low visual content/difficult to explain. Not directly relevant to mission.</td>
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<td>Technology Development</td>
<td>Little/no technology development.</td>
<td>Relevant technology used but not developed. Primarily application of existing technology.</td>
<td>Human factors involving low fidelity to planetary habitats or surface activities.</td>
<td>Low level of activity. Low visual content/difficult to explain. Not directly relevant to mission.</td>
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<td>Technology Integration</td>
<td>Mission operations not relevant to future missions.</td>
<td>Low fidelity to actual projected science procedures for planetary surface missions.</td>
<td>Tasks directly applicable to mission preparation for flight or ground crews, e.g., motion flight simulators.</td>
<td>Moderate level of activity. Moderate visual content/easy to explain. Directly relevant to mission.</td>
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<td>Crew/Team Training</td>
<td>None/Not appropriate</td>
<td>Medium fidelity to actual projected science procedures for planetary surface missions.</td>
<td>Directly applicable to mission preparation for flight or ground crews, e.g., motion flight simulators.</td>
<td>Moderate level of activity. Moderate visual content/easy to explain. Directly relevant to mission.</td>
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<td>Human Factors</td>
<td>None/Not appropriate</td>
<td>Medium fidelity to actual projected science procedures for planetary surface missions.</td>
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<td>Moderate level of activity. Moderate visual content/easy to explain. Directly relevant to mission.</td>
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<td>Medicine/Physiology</td>
<td>None/Not appropriate</td>
<td>Medium fidelity to actual projected science procedures for planetary surface missions.</td>
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<td>Outreach/Education</td>
<td>None/Not appropriate</td>
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<td>Overall Integration</td>
<td>None/Not appropriate</td>
<td>Medium fidelity to actual projected science procedures for planetary surface missions.</td>
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