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Project M: Scale Model of Lunar Landing Site of Apollo 17
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Project M: Scale Mockup of the Apollo 17 Lunar Site: Focus on Lighting Conditions and Analysis

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This document captures the research and development of a scale model representation of the Apollo 17 landing site on the moon as part of the NASA INSPIRE program. Several key elements in this model were surface slope characteristics, crater sizes and locations, prominent rocks, and lighting conditions. This model supports development of Autonomous Landing and Hazard Avoidance Technology (ALHAT) and Project M for the GN&C Autonomous Flight Systems Branch. It will help project engineers visualize the landing site, and is housed in the building 16 Navigation Systems Technology Lab. The lead mentor was Dr. Timothy P. Crain. The purpose of this project was to develop an accurate scale representation of the Apollo 17 landing site on the moon. This was done on an 8'2.5"X10'1.375" reduced friction granite table, which can be restored to its previous condition if needed. The first step in this project was to research the best way to model and recreate the Apollo 17 landing site for the mockup. The project required a thorough plan, budget, and schedule, which was presented to the EG6 Branch for build approval. The final phase was to build the model. The project also required thorough research on the Apollo 17 landing site and the topography of the moon. This research was done on the internet and in person with Dean Eppler, a space scientist, from JSC KX. This data was used to analyze and calculate the scale of the mockup and the ratio of the sizes of the craters, ridges, etc. The final goal was to effectively communicate project status and demonstrate the multiple advantages of using our model. The conclusion of this project was that the mockup was completed as accurately as possible, and it successfully enables the Project M specialists to visualize and plan their goal on an accurate three dimensional surface representation.

Nomenclature

\[ ALHAT = \text{Autonomous Landing and Hazard Avoidance Technology} \]

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M = the Roman numeral for 1000
GN&C = Guidance, Navigation, and Control
FCD = Foot Candles
EG6 = GN&C Autonomous Flight Systems Branch of the Aeroscience and Flight Mechanics Division
NSTL = Navigation Systems and Technology Lab
TLI = Trans- Lunar Injection
LRO = Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter
LOX = Liquid Oxygen
STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
JSC = Johnson Space Center

I. Introduction

This document is a step by step guide to the research and work performed by Hollie O’Brien and Christopher Vanik during the INSPIRE program Summer STEM Experience of 2010 at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.

The lunar surface still has many mysteries surrounding it. Geology is a major part of the mysteries. How did the moon form? When did it form? Geologists cannot go to the moon to study the crust themselves, but a revolutionary new concept, Project M, may open the door to exploration of the moon once again.

The student summer project was to develop a detailed model representation of the Apollo 17 landing site at the moon, which will include several key elements such as surface slope characteristics, crater sizes and locations, prominent rocks, and specific lighting conditions. The purpose of this project was to develop a scale, accurate representation of the Apollo 17 landing site on the moon. This was completed on an 8’2.5”X10’1.375” reduced friction granite table in the Navigation Systems and Technology Laboratory at Johnson Space Center.

II. Research

Several areas had to be researched before and during the construction of the scale model, including maps, lighting conditions, and availability of materials. The following information details the research, procedures, construction, and significance of the research to the project overall.
A. Project M

Project M is a proof of concept idea that is based around the goal of sending an operational humanoid robot, Robonaut 2, to the moon in 1000 days. Project M has three primary goals: successfully demonstrate new, advanced technologies; inspire students in STEM related careers; and demonstrate the ability to work quickly in the agency. Robonaut is scheduled to arrive on the moon in a small lander, which in and of itself will provide valuable information for future technologies. The lunar lander that carries Robonaut will have a revolutionary propulsion system composed of primarily methane and liquid oxygen (CH4/LOX). This system for propulsion was chosen because the fuel burns more cleanly, and it is easier to test and store. Autonomous Landing and Hazard Avoidance Technology, or ALHAT, will be installed on the lander, providing precision landing and hazard avoidance systems. The ALHAT systems use a series of lasers to scan the ground and ensure the selected area is safe on which to land. If ALHAT recognizes a potential hazard, it will redirect the lander to a safer alternative. After successfully landing on the moon, Robonaut will be deployed. Robonaut is the most dexterous robot in the world, and is suited for many tasks without the assistance of adapted tools. Robonaut will be able to work remotely, away from the lander to run specific tests on the geology of the moon, and one day it might assist the astronauts with tasks deemed too hazardous to be completed by a human.

B. Topographical data and maps

Research also needed to be conducted on the moon’s topography. The moon is a satellite of Earth, and is the fifth largest body in the solar system and is approximately 384,403 kilometers away from Earth. With many unique characteristics that make it interesting to scientists, astronomers, and geologists, the moon includes many deep craters, prominent rocks, steep slopes, and cliffs, which can create a problem while attempting to land.
To complete the project assignment accurately, it was necessary to find as much information about the Taurus-Littrow Valley Region as possible. The process began by searching the internet. After extracting information, such as panoramas, elevation maps, and journals, more data was needed. The project engineers continued their research by meeting with space scientists to discuss Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter images and surface journals. One key image, Figure 2, is based on a scale of 1 kilometer. The collected information allowed the project to choose a scale on which to base the model. The project mockup is based upon Figure 2 because of the 1 kilometer scale, as it was the most detailed and builder friendly. The picture was split into sixty-four equal squares, which gave the map a grid to compare the physical mockup to. Each square on the map was equal to one 1’ x 1’ section, making the mockup approximately equal to eight by eight feet. The three major craters served as reference points while creating the mockup.

C. Materials and Budgeting

During the course of this project, materials and budgets were constantly evaluated for the lowest possible weight and the least cost. It was decided that the following major materials would fit the above criteria the best: charcoal powder, Portland cement, talcum powder, plywood, foam board, aluminum screening, and wood glue. After brainstorming, and revising the project structure, a computer generated cross section (Figure 3) was created to demonstrate the types of materials needed and how they were significant in the project assignment.

A budget was needed with specifications and quantities of each item. These items were purchased from retail stores in the general vicinity of Johnson Space Center. Budgets needed to be completed for the rapid prototype and final mockup, and then were combined into a total budget.
**Total Materials Budget**

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The allowable budget (Table 1) for the mockup project was between two and five thousand dollars. The final estimated cost for the entire project was $1,300, and the total spent was $1,260.

**D. Albedo and lighting calculations**

In order to ensure the model was as accurate as possible, the lighting conditions on the moon needed to be replicated. Albedo, light source, distance, angles, azimuths, and illuminance all had to be incorporated to create an accurate portrayal. The project needed to take into account the three times the Project M members needed to visualize: the beginning, middle, and end of mission. They also needed to analyze the three possible times of the year the lander might need to land: July, August, and September of 2013. After first researching on the
internet, it was found that an azimuth is the angle from true north at which the sun is located. The elevation notes how high the sun is in the lunar sky. The combination of these two angles produces a sub solar coordinate, generally a specific point of interest. This sub solar coordinate would set a standard point by which to measure the albedo, and base the lighting distances off of later. The times that were wanted, July 2013 - September 2013, and the sub solar point that were needed was entered into a data sheet, which was previously created to generate a list of sun azimuths and elevations for each minute of each day, of each month. This data is depicted in Graph 1 below.

![Graph 1, Collected Lighting Data](image)

This graph represents all 132,486 data points collected. The data matches expected trends as the moon revolves around the Earth in the same circular path every month, thus the trigonometric functions of sine and tangent will be present. It was then necessary to complete the following procedure to filter, sort, and utilize the collected data:

1. Filter out all elevations <0. Take elements with elevation >= 0 and copy to new workbook.
2. Sort by date. Separate into 3 groups (3 lunar days).
3. Do a count of the number of points (minutes). Divide by 12, which should give the number of minutes “x” in a lunar hour (assuming a 12 hour day). This gives row l = 6 a.m., row x = 7 a.m., row 2x = 8 a.m.
4. Record azimuth/elevation corresponding to 8, 9, 10 a.m. These are the solar vectors for that lunar day.
5. Repeat for other 2 lunar days. Total: 9 solar vectors.

6. Place model on table. Determine “North” vector. Use Azimuth and a protractor to get 9 lines for the sun.
   Mark off these lines with tape on the floor.

7. Pick a distance from the center of the model. Use tangent of elevation angle to figure out height of light.

After the angle, elevation, and position were found, the simulated albedo needed to be determined. Albedo is
the reflectivity of the simulated lunar regolith, a layer of loose, heterogeneous material. The albedo of the simulated
lunar regolith was found by doing the following:

1. Place luminance meter (measured in candela meters squared, Figures 5, 7) on tripod and measure multiple
   points on the lunar surface, at respective angles of 45 degrees and 90 degrees. Average the luminance
   readings from a given point.

2. Average these readings as the average reflectance of the
   surface.

3. Measure illuminance with meter (measured in foot candles,
   Figure 6) of multiple same points.

4. Measure illuminance of light source- 67.6 fcd, 60 watt
   incandescent light bulb (Figure 6).

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Figure 5, Albedo measurement

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Figure 6, Illumination of the surface
5. Convert to lux – converted fcd to lux by multiplying by 10.764 lux/fcd.

6. The measured reflectance divided by the measured illumination is an approximate estimate of the albedo.

7. The assumption made with this approach is that the lunar surface is uniformly diffuse. If a surface is uniformly reflecting in all directions, then lux = candela/m².

Using this method for finding the albedo, the prototype had a reflectivity of 37.15%, which meant the charcoal powder needed to be increased in the regolith mixture, and the talcum powder could be decreased. One of the disadvantages to measuring the albedo using this method was the fact that the distance could not be easily scaled, and the intensity of the light’s illuminance very likely interfered with the readings. By combining the azimuth angles, sun elevations, and albedo of the lunar soil, the project successfully replicated the shadows and lighting during the possible mission times, as well as the albedo percentage of 19%, similar to the Apollo 17 landing site during the possible times of landing.
III. Procedures

After the research portion of the project was completed and all safety approvals were granted, the building of the prototype and model began. Through building the prototype, several changes in materials and build techniques were implemented because of the experience of building the prototype. After the materials were gathered, the foam board needed to be cut to size, those pieces contoured, and cut to the contours. The foam board struts provided support, and were glued on after the segments were completed (Figures 9, 10, 11).

While the foam board and struts were drying, construction began on the plywood box. The outside of the box was painted with black paint to make it more aesthetically pleasing and realistic of deep space (Figures 12, 13). Two handles were then installed on parallel sides of the box, (Figure 14). After the handles were installed, the contoured foam board was installed by means of wood glue and tape. The struts allowed the entire structure to be extraordinarily stable (Figure 15). The aluminum screening was then contoured to fit the craters and foam board, and nailed into place, to support the cloth and lunar regolith (Figures 16, 17).
When building the prototype several types of clay were tested, and none worked the way that was needed. So, the modeling team resorted to using plaster cloth to cover the aluminum screening and making a base for the lunar regolith (Figures 18, 19). The simulated lunar regolith was added to the plaster cloth, and the mockup was then moved onto the granite table. Two cans of spray mount were then applied to keep the dust under control, and the soil in its place.

IV. Conclusion

In conclusion, the project was completed accurately, with the necessary lighting conditions, contours, and structural support, providing a fully functioning three-dimensional model to aid in visualizing the approach and terminal descent phases of the Project M lander. Further tests and expansions suggested for this model include continuing to create a more realistic and accurate lighting environment, adding models on the simulated surface, and calculating trajectories from which the lander can approach.

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Exit Presentation
Presenter: Christopher Vanik
Mentor: Dr. Timothy P. Crain
NASA JSC INSPIRE Tier 2B Intern

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Agenda

- NASA INSPIRE SSE 2010 Program Overview
- About Me
- Project Assignment
- Project Research
- Project Documentation
- Other Connections, Opportunities, and Activities

- What I’ve Learned this Summer
- Future Plans
- Questions and Discussion
Interdisciplinary National Science Project Incorporating Research and Education Experience - INSPIRE
Online Learning Community (OLC)
Tier 2B, Summer 2010 Summer STEM Experience, Johnson Space Center (SSE, JSC)

8 Week Internship
About Me

- Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Live in Dolores, Colorado
- Montezuma- Cortez High School Senior
- Interests
  - Skiing, Bowling
  - Civil Air Patrol
  - Technology
  - Model Rocketry
  - Pilot’s License
About Me

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NASA JSC INSPIRE SSE 2010 GN&C Autonomous Flight Systems Branch EG6
Guidance, Navigation, and Control (GN&C)
Autonomous Flight Systems Branch – EG6
Algorithm design
Development of navigation systems
Autonomous and intelligent GN&C systems
Examples
  - ALHAT
  - Project M
Moon in 1000 Days
Robonaut 2
Propulsion method: methane and liquid oxygen
Operated remotely by scientists on earth
Primary purpose is to demonstrate innovation, better methods for engineering, and inspire students to pursue STEM related career
Lander outfitted with ALHAT technology
Project Overview and Objectives

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NASA JSC INSPIRE SSE 2010 GN&C Autonomous Flight Systems Branch EG6
Autonomous Landing and Hazard Avoidance Technology
- Hazards: cliffs, steep slopes, tall rocks
- Could damage or tip Lander, harm payload
- Recognize these hazards and respond by selecting a new, safe landing site
Project Overview and Objectives

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Project Overview and Objectives

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- Scale Model of Apollo 17 Landing Site
- Key Elements in this Model
  - Surface Slope Characteristics
  - Crater Sizes and Locations
  - Prominent Rocks
  - Lighting Conditions

- Helps Project M Visualize the Landing Site
- In collaboration with Ms. Hollie O’Brien
Project Significance and Contributions

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Project M

- Structure
- GN&C
- Propulsion

Sub-projects

- GENIE
- ALHAT

Support

- Navigation
- Guidance
- Surface Slope Characteristics
- Crater Sizes and Locations
- Prominent Rocks
- Lighting Conditions
Major Milestones

Milestone 1: Review research findings with mentor & EG staff

Milestone 2: Review of construction plan for authority to proceed

Milestone 3: Construct miniature model of lunar surface for scale use

Milestone 4: Mid-term construction status report (verbal, walk-through)

Milestone 5: Model demonstration and exit presentation
Scale of 1 kilometer total
Each square is approximately 1’ X 1’
1 inch = 10.42 meters
Plan 1: Original

Pros
• Easier to reshape and reform in case of mistakes

Cons
• Extremely Heavy
• Requires Art Skills
• More Material Intensive
• Costs More

Plan 2: Wire Mesh & Foam board

Pros
• Light weight
• Costs Less
• Less Materials
• Builders need to be less artistic
• Easy to move and travel
• Easy to clean up

Cons
• Contouring foam board is difficult
• Shaping Wire Mesh is very difficult
Gained approval from Chet Lund
  SPA (Safe Plan of Action)
    Documented and Signed
  MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets)
    Documented each chemical
Safe Techniques
  Use safe lifting techniques

Protect sharp edges as necessary
Apply Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
We Decided to do a Rapid Prototype- collaborated with Narchisha Norman
Test Our Chosen Structure
Revaluate Material Usage
Evaluate building Techniques
Evaluate ratio for lunar soil mixture for albedo testing
2’ X 2’ corner built to actual scale used in mockup
Project Materials

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## Illumination Data Collected

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### Illuminance Meter
- Measures how much light strikes a surface.
- Abbreviated as fcd, fc, or lm/ft².

### Illuminance Meter X10

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60 watt incandescent light bulb - 67.6 fcd

### Light Measured
- In Foot Candles - non international standard unit of measurement of illuminance, or light intensity.
- Abbreviated as fcd, fc, or lm/ft².
Lumination Data Collected

Luminance meter measures how much light is reflected from the surface.

This meter measured in lux, which is a much larger unit of light intensity measurement, so our fcd had to be converted to find our albedo percentage.

52.03 lux
62.52 lux
61.85 lux
76.58 lux
37.95 lux
23.58 lux
63.63 lux
47.63 lux
1 lux = 10.764 fcd

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The assumption made with this approach is that the lunar surface is uniformly diffuse. If a surface is uniformly reflecting in all directions, then \( \text{lux} = \frac{\text{candela}}{\text{m}^2} \)

Found out that the avg. albedo of the prototype was 37.15%, we needed 12%, so we needed to increase the charcoal and decrease the talcum powder usage.
July, August, September 2013 were 3 possible times to land
- Beginning, middle, end of mission lighting conditions to be replicated
- Azimuth is angle sun is at from north
- Elevation is how high it is in the lunar sky
Excel Data Analysis

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Apollo 17. LON: 30.77168° E, LAT(geodetic): 20.1908° N

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## Time Sun Azimuth Sun Elevation Lunar Time Height of Simulated Sun

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We Found Out That:

- More charcoal powder - From lighting tests
- Less Portland Cement
- More nails
- Plywood base instead of plastic
- Less clay
- Need oil based clay, not air dry
- New Methods for contouring
- Cheaper wire mesh
- Stronger, more stable structure
## Project Budget

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**Total:** $1,263 - including the prototype materials
Final Build Challenges

- Materials delay
- Clay to plaster cloth
- Not enough charcoal to simulate lunar soil
- Technical paper
- Exit Presentation
Mockup is completed
Granite table still has original capacity
Project M members are able to visualize
  Approach phase
  Terminal descent phase
  Surface phase operations
Accurate lighting conditions

Albedo is 7-13%, which was our expected goal
Remain in use for Project M for 3-5 years
Feedback for NASA Associates

Positive Attributes:
- Open Door Policy
- Very Thorough in Explanation if I Needed Help
- Positive Attitude
- Support Structure

Possible Suggestions:
- More Frequent Sit Down Project Updates
- More Initial Project Details
- More Interactive Tours (eg. GENIE hardware)
- Warmer Work Area!
Other Connections and Opportunities

- Mr. Gregory Reid Wiseman
- Neutral Buoyancy Lab
- Ellington Field
- Mission Control Center
- Lunar Samples Lab
- Mockup Facility
- Galveston Beach Astronomy Viewing Night
- Gene Kranz Lecture
- Intern Professional Development Seminar
Skills Learned/ Knowledge Acquired

- NASA Chain of Command and roles each serve
- Projects housed and centered at Johnson Space Center
- Lighting - subsolar point calculations, Trigonometry, placement, fcd, albedo, mixtures, ratios
- Russian - Я надеюсь, вы наслаждаетесь моего выступления!
- Communication via email and telephone
- Effective and professional meetings and presentations

- Professionalism
- Opportunities
  - INSPIRE
  - Co-op program

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Personal Challenges

- Waking up at 6:15 A.M. everyday
- Remaining professional
- Work-home balance - I always had something I wanted to do for work!
Things I Will Miss

- IT Resources
- Security clearance
- Work environment
- My friends and colleagues
- My bed made when I return home
Future Plans

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- Embry – Riddle Aeronautical University -Prescott, AZ
  - Computer Engineering
  - Aerospace Engineering

- Employed in either an aeronautics or technology capacity by:
  - NASA
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Boeing
  - Microsoft
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Are there any questions I can answer at the current time?