Lunar Exploration

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Some facts about the Moon

- Extreme temperatures 260F to -280F
- Rotates in 27 days daytime13.5 days, night 13.5 days
- Craters near poles in permanent darkness
 -400F
- Water ice in dark craters
- Diameter 2159 miles, 1/3 Earth
- Mass is 1.2 % earth mass
- Gravity 6 times weaker than on Earth



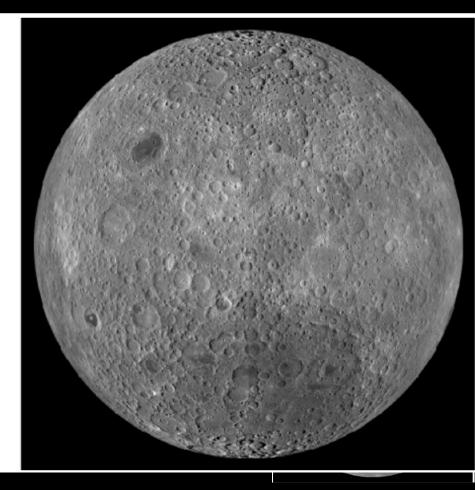


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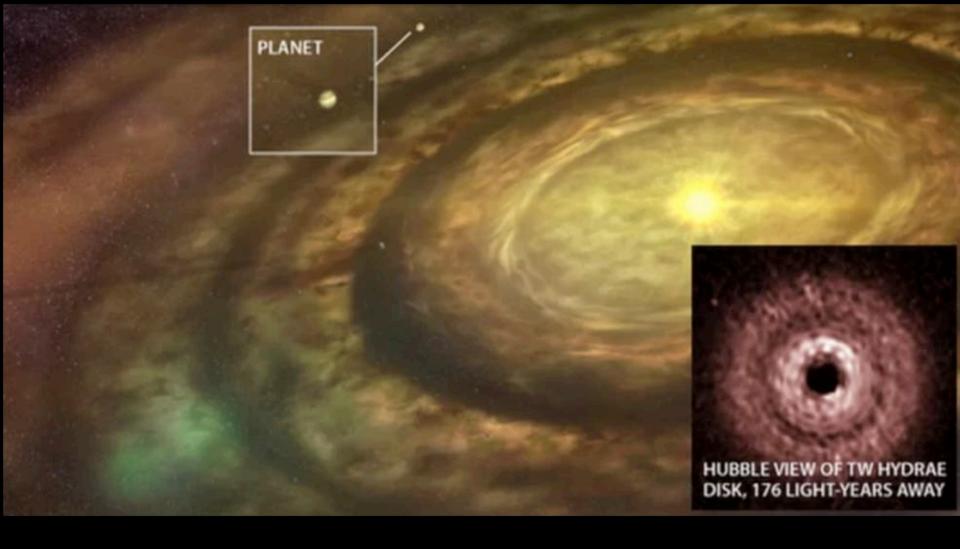
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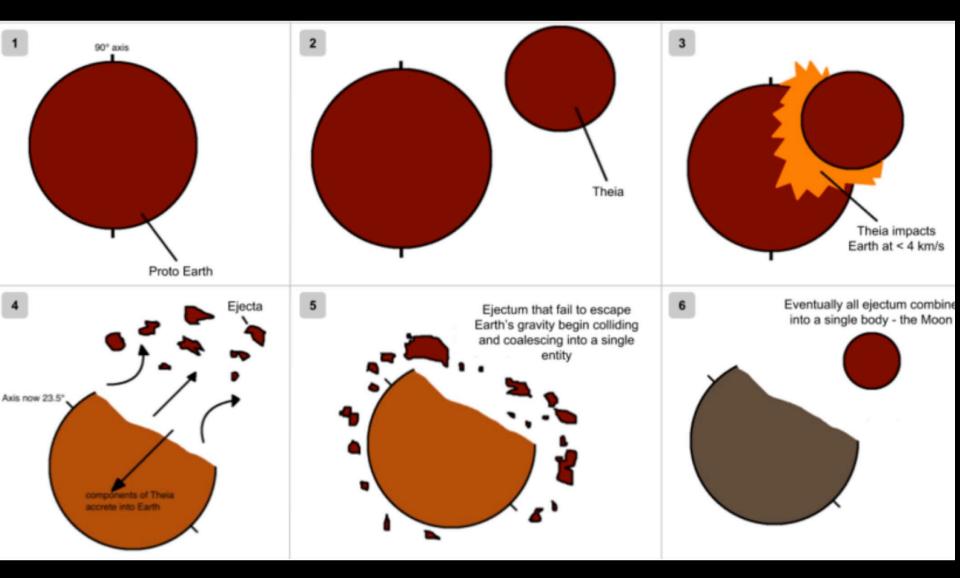
protoplanetary disk





accretion phase

Impact hypothesis



a Mars-size body impacted the earth about 4.5 billion years ago

Why the impact theory works

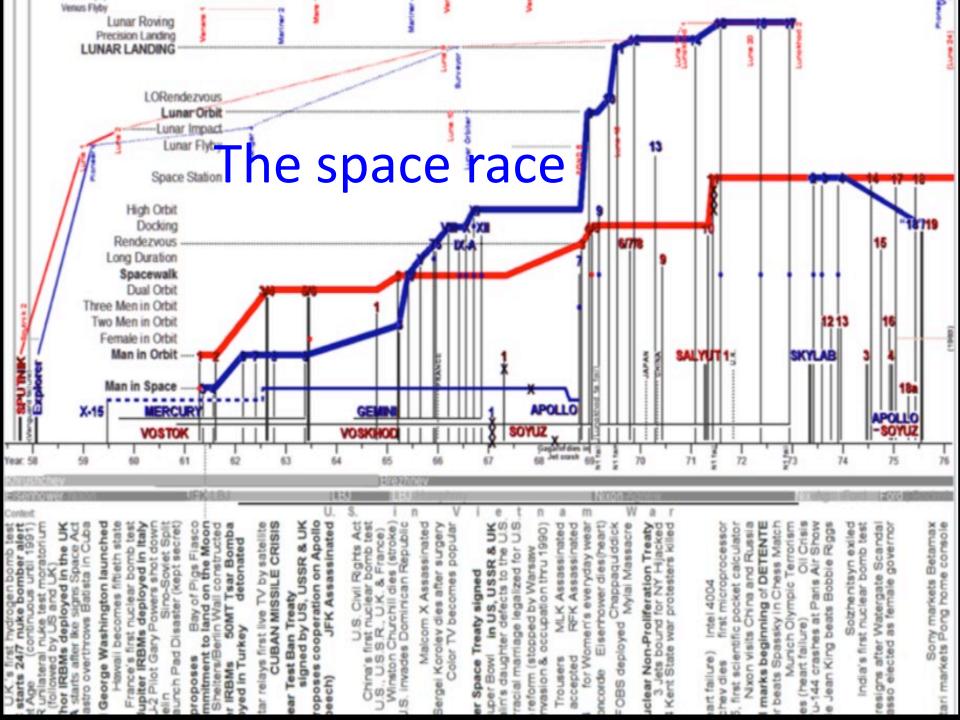
- the earth has a large iron core, the moon does not
- the iron core of the impactor melted and drained into the earth
- earth has a mean density of 5.5 g cm⁻³ and Moon has a density of 3.3 g cm⁻³
- Moon and earth have similar oxygen isotope ratios
- The Moon formed from material near earth
- Other planets don't have similar moons (except Pluto)
- Suggestive of a stochastic catastrophic event

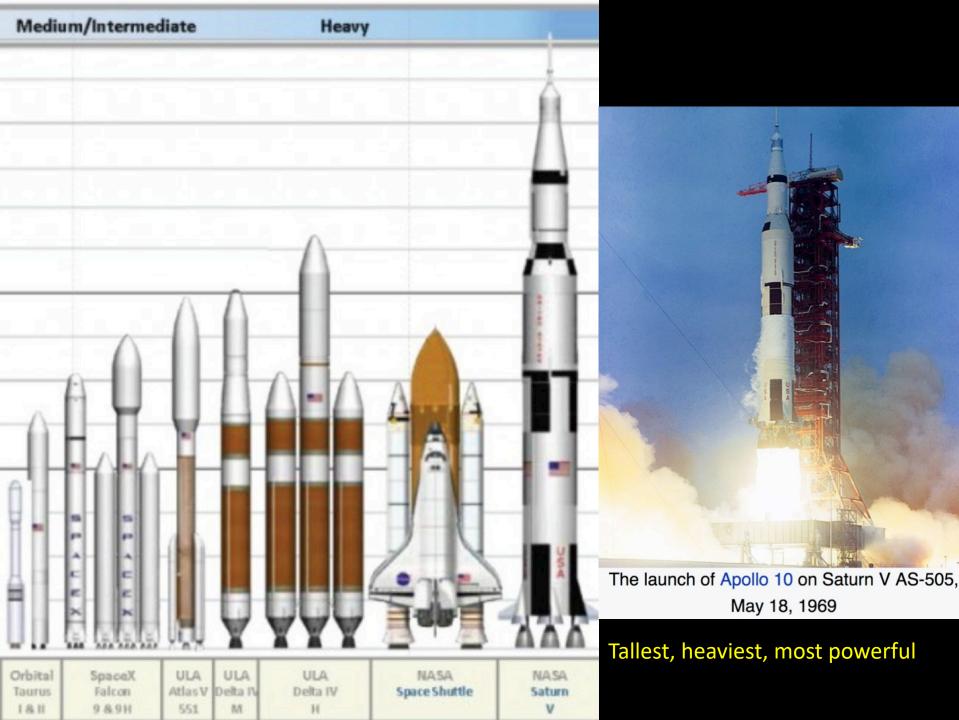
giant impact





We choose to go to the Moon! We choose to go to the Moon...We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win, and the others, too.







Luna 16 USSR sample return 1970

Zond 5 lunar orbiter 1968

2 tortoises, worms, flies, seeds, bacteria





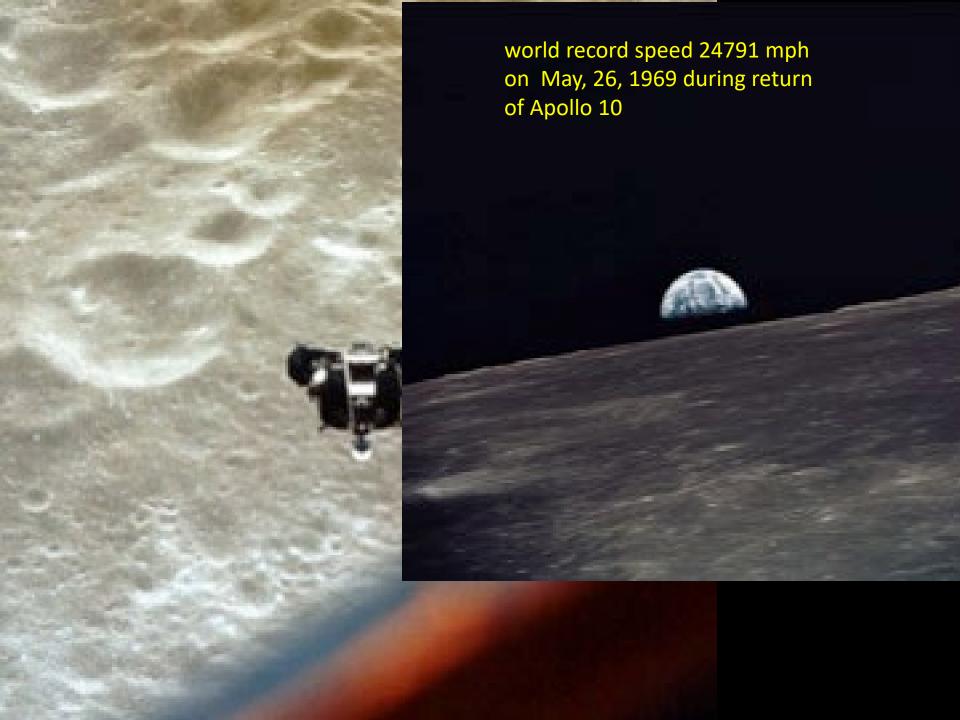


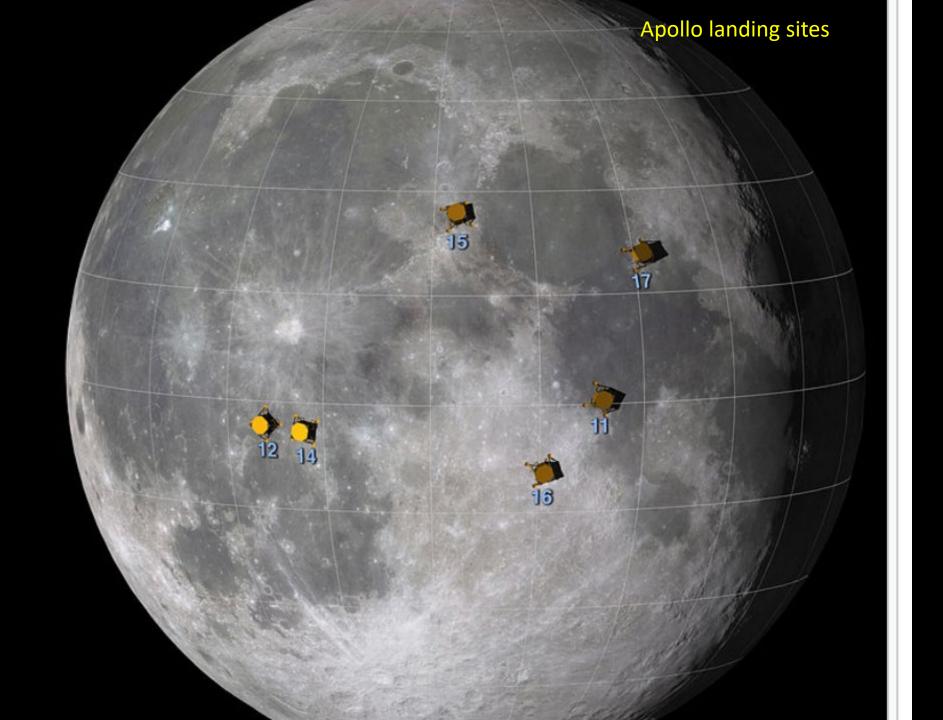
Saturn V launcher

Height 334 ft
Diameter 33 ft
Mass 3000 tonnes

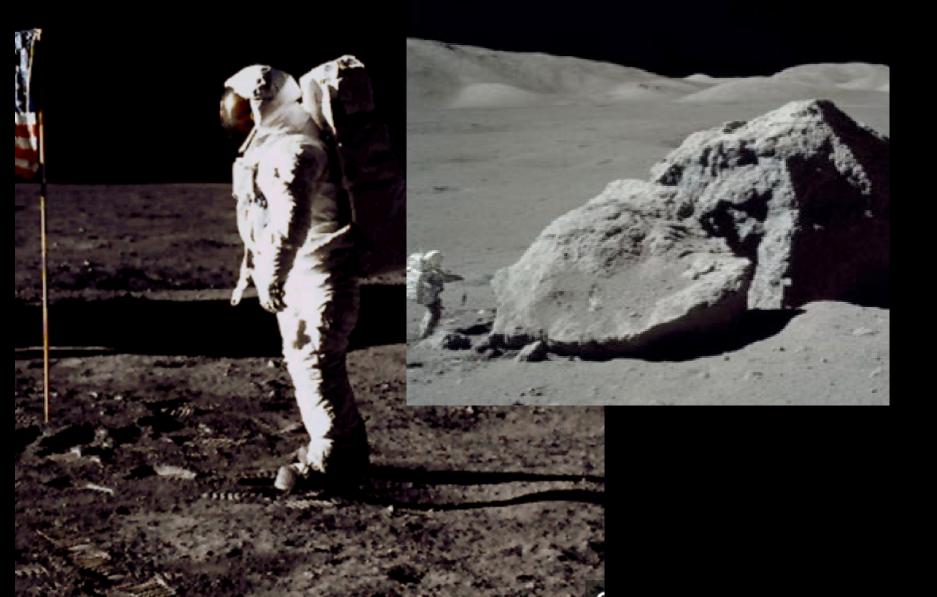
Manned lunar landings 1969-1972





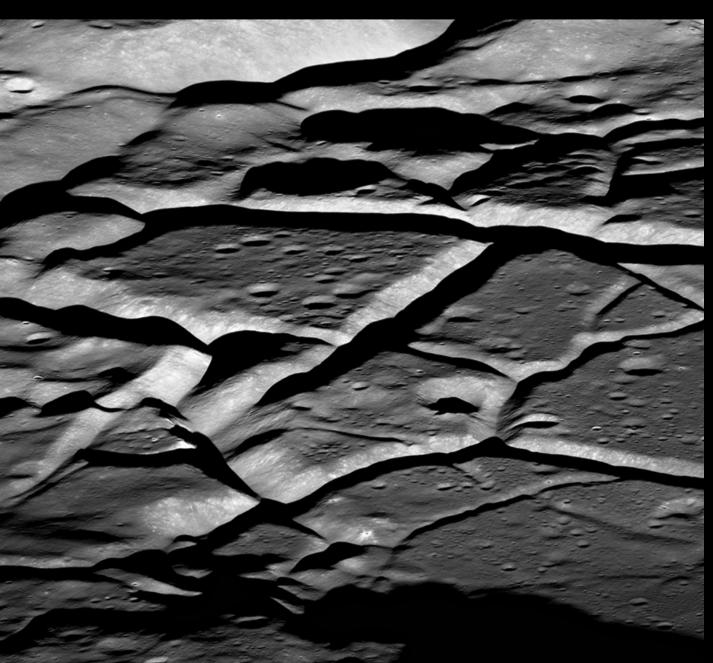


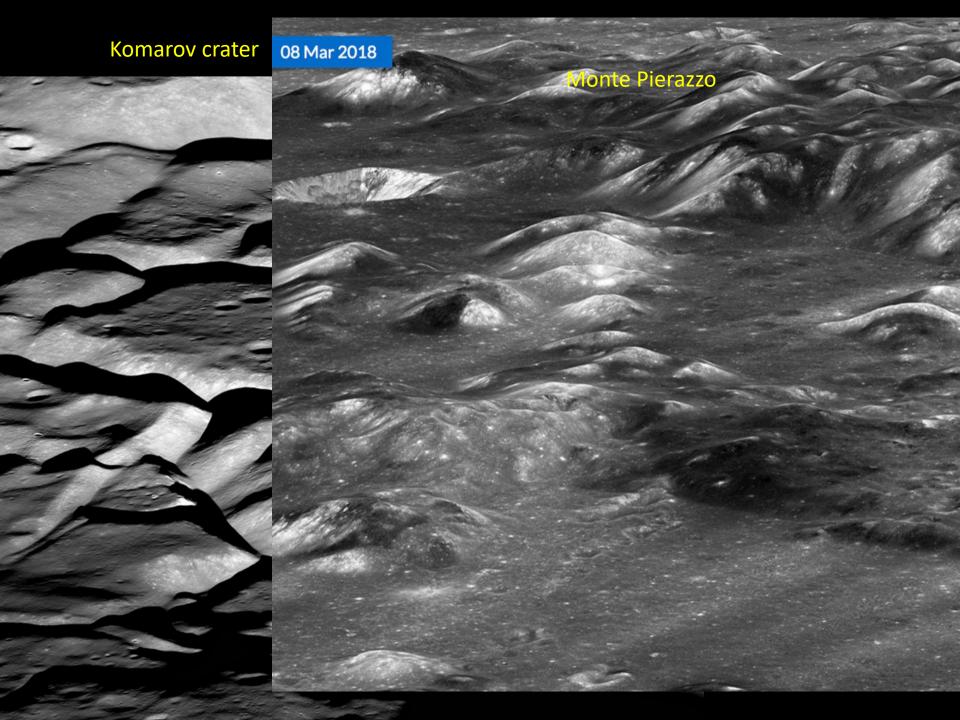
Harrison Schmitt Apollo 17

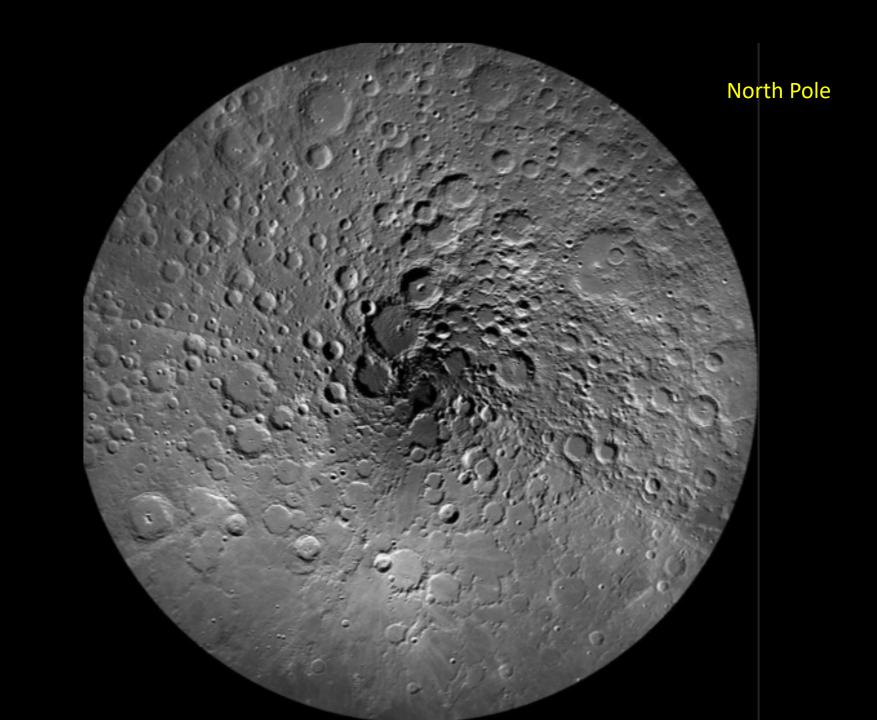


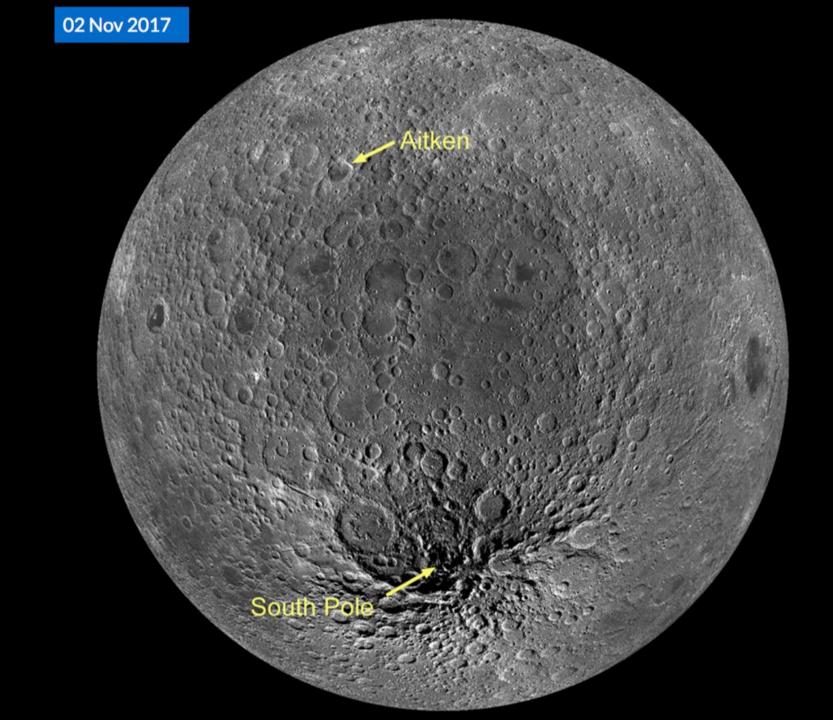


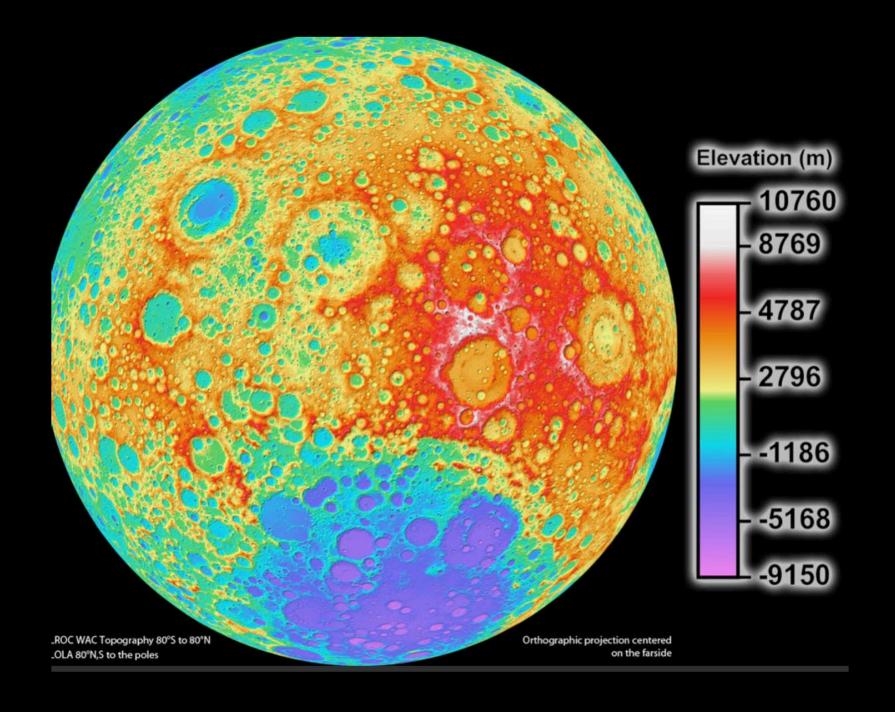
Komarov crater

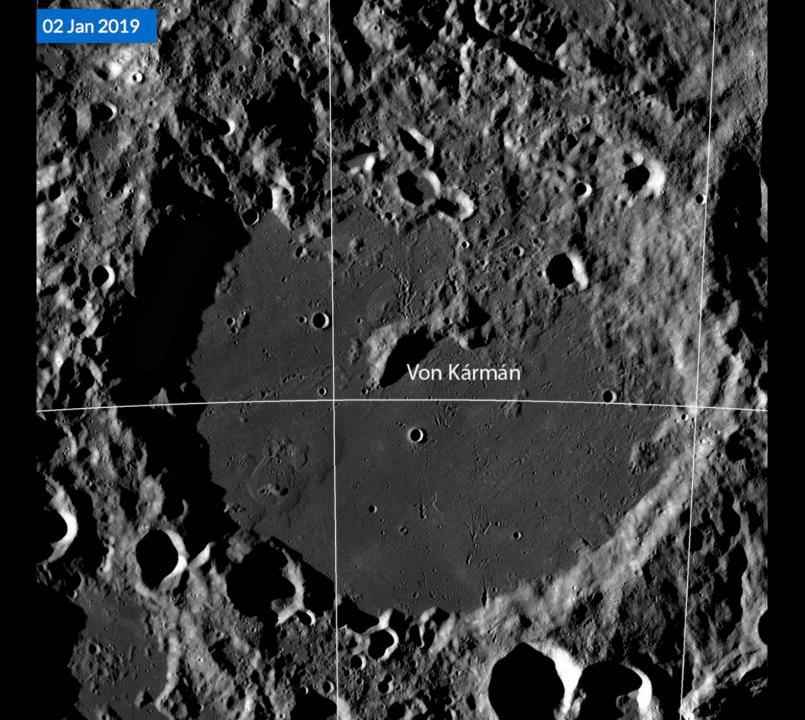




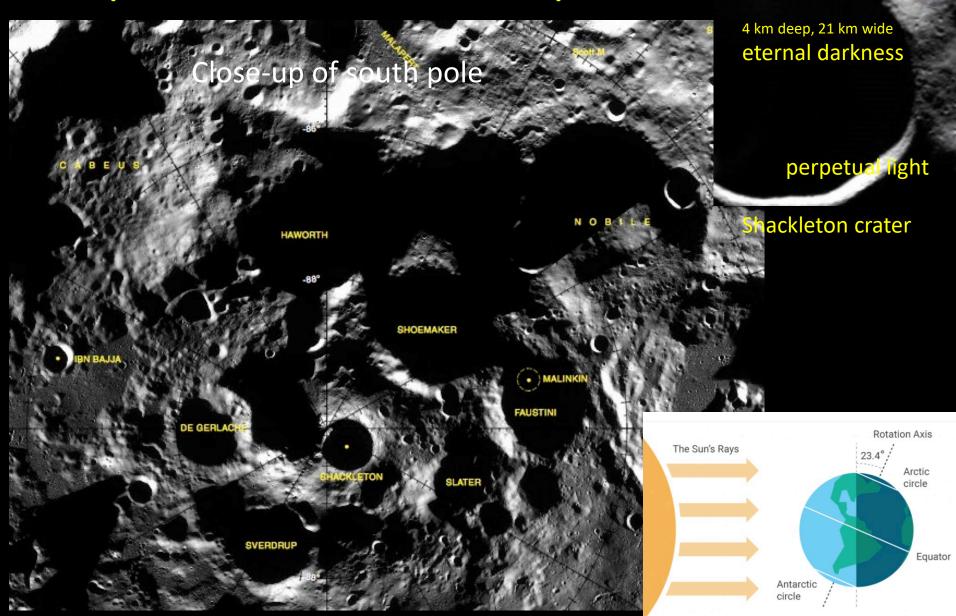




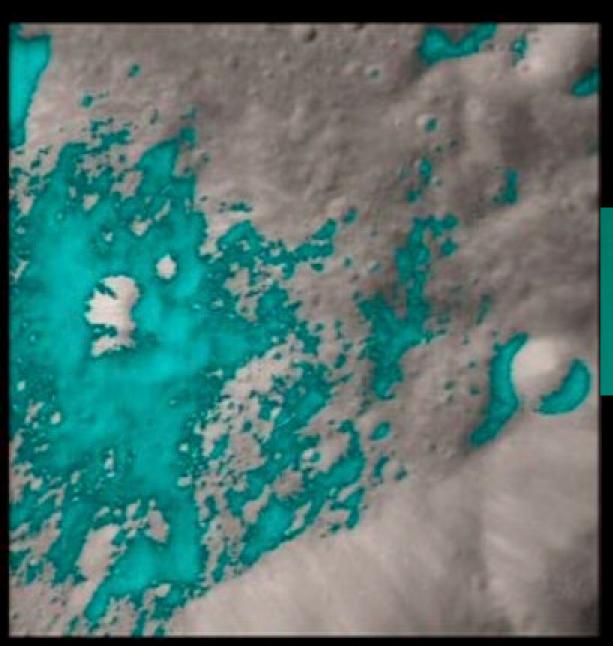




Dark cold craters with nearby solar power ideal for telescopes

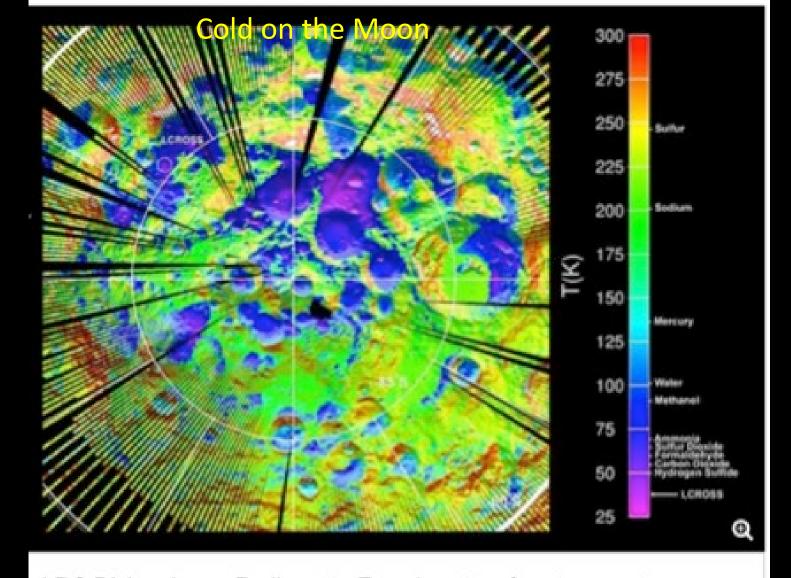


Water on the moon

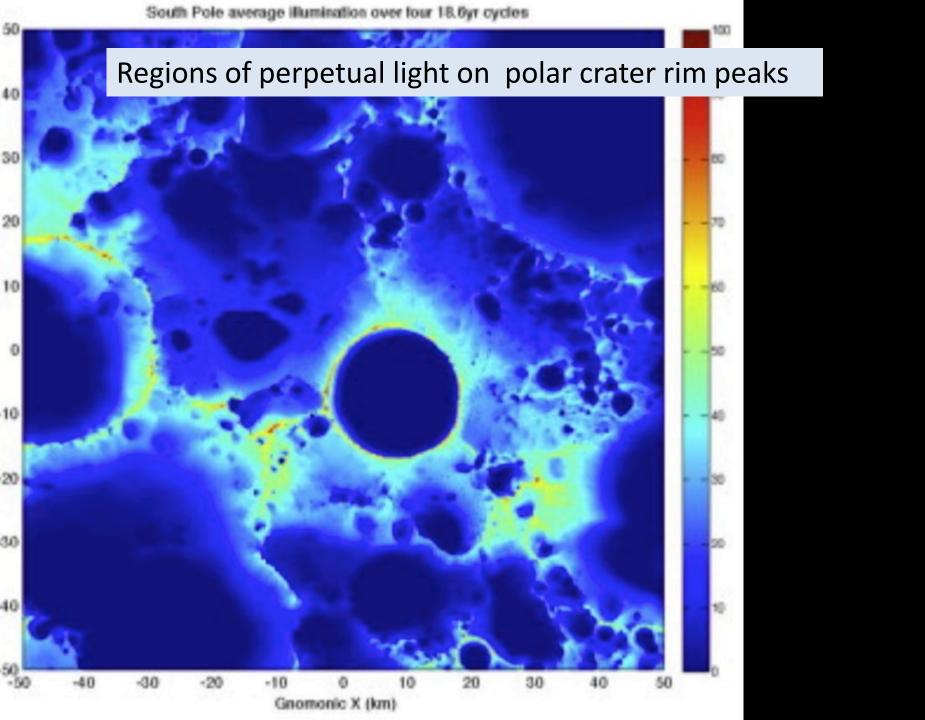


Chandrayaan-1 IR spectrometer hydration signature (OH)

Blue = water absorption strength



LRO Diviner Lunar Radiometer Experiment surface temperature map of the south polar region of the Moon. The data were acquired during September and October 2009, when south polar temperatures were close to their annual maximum values. The map shows the locations of several intensely cold impact craters that are potential cold traps for



Shackleton crater rim



ESA concept: Moon Village at lunar south pole



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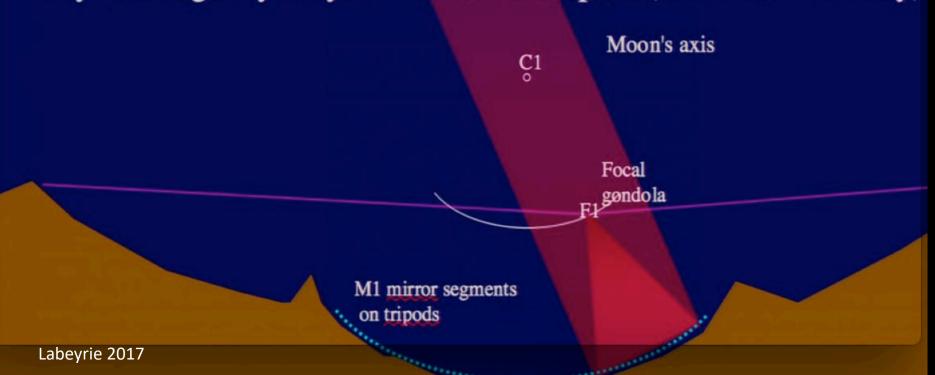
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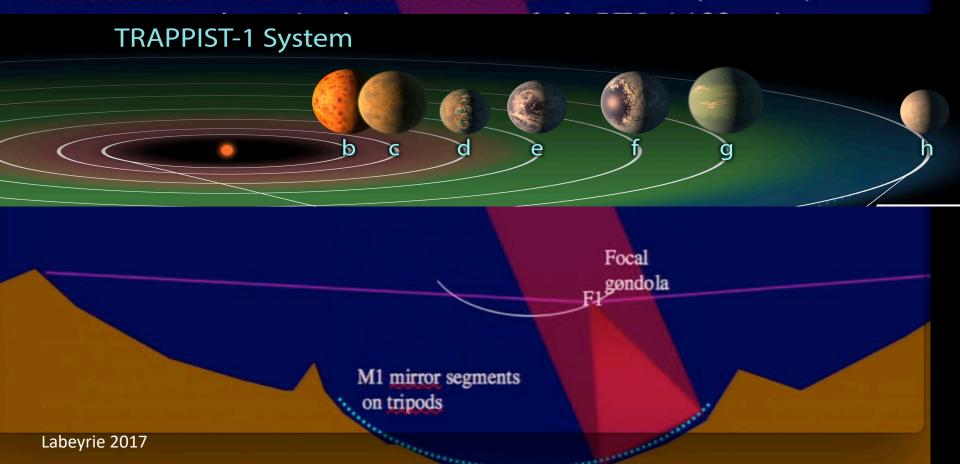
10 km NIR hypertelescope

- Fixed segmented primary mirror, 5-101 m size
- Meta-aperture size: 5 km, limited by crater depth
- Focal camera suspended from cable, actively pendulated
- Resolution: 20 to 5 microarc-seconds in visible (500nm)
 - 4 to 1 microarc-seconds in UV (100nm)
- Sky coverage: yearly: +- 45° from ecliptic (about 65 % of sky)



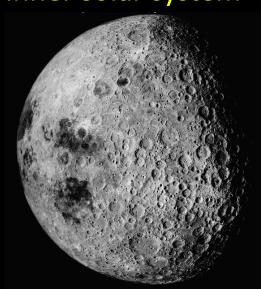
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far side of MOON for low frequency radio astronomy

most radio-quiet environment in inner solar system





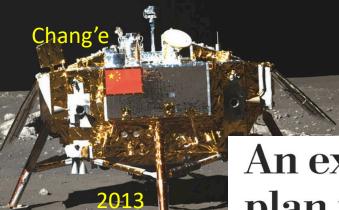
21cm hydrogen absorption against CMB

probe redshift =50 @ 30 MHz or wavelength 10m

optimal array is D ~10- 100 km



need millions of antennae



When we will return?

An exclusive look at Jeff Bezos' plan to set up Amazon-like delivery for 'future human settlement' of the moon

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By Christian Davenport March 2, 2017 Email the author

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By AFP PUBLISHED: 11:36, 28 September 20

Trump was astronauts

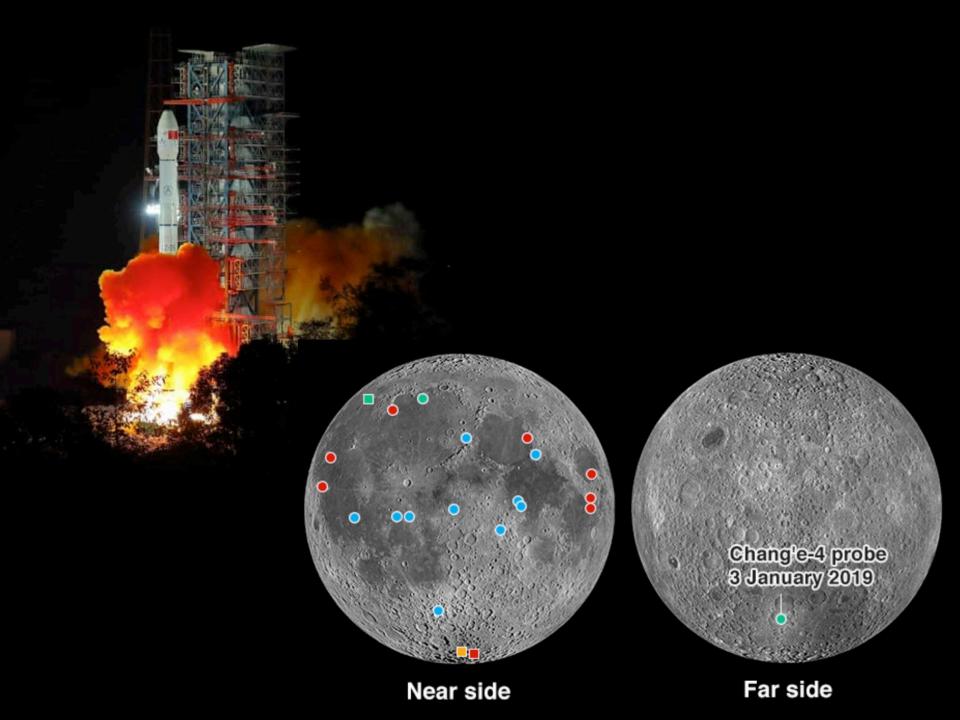
WASHINGTON (Reuters)

NYT, Nov 20, 2018

NASA Chooses Private Companies for Future Moon Landings

Nine companies will vie for more than \$2 billion dollars to build small landers to carry science experiments to the lunar surface.

Recall: HST +++ was 5-10% of cost of ISS + Space Shuttle Strong commercial interest in lunar tourism, mining, fuel...

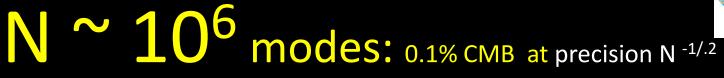


The future of cosmology

Dark energy? No prediction for $w \neq -1$

Dark matter? No detection yet!

Probing inflation via CMB? No lower bound



We must pursue B, we may get lucky!



0.01% with galaxies



in the dark ages 0.0001% with HI in 1st clouds

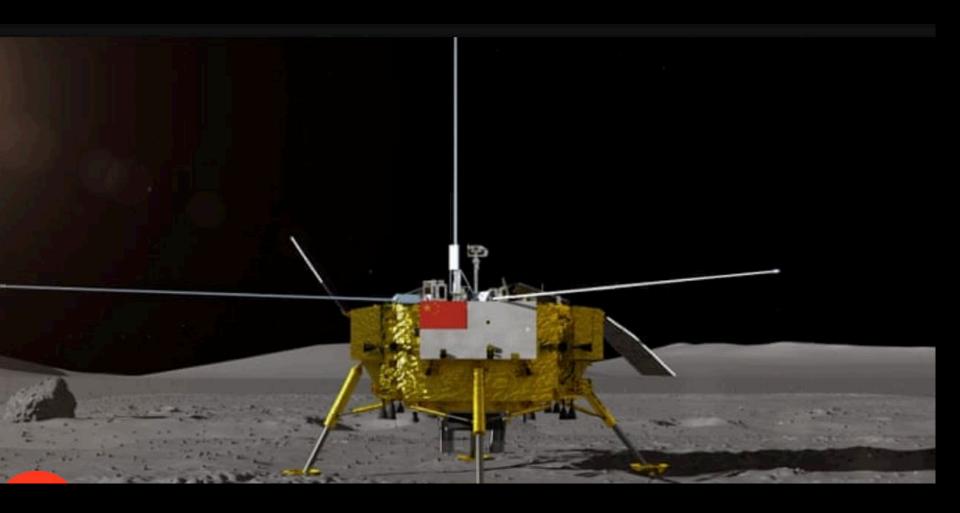




Back to the moon!

Chang'e lander with radio dipole antennae

Landed on far side of Moon: Jan 3 2019



Issues for the future of lunar exploration

- International treaties
- Pollution
- Property law
- Mineral rights
- Criminal law

Outer Space Treaty United Nations 1966

principles governing the activities of states in the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies

Article IX, second sentence:

State Parties shall pursue studies of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, and conduct exploration of them so as to avoid their harmful contamination

Article I, OST 1967

All states shall have equally free access to Outer Space including the Moon and other celestial bodies....outer space is not subect to expropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation

Article IV expressly allows the use of military personnel for peaceful space activities

Article XXII IGA 1988: Partner States may exercise criminal jurisdiction over nationals of a partner state whose misconduct in orbit affects the life or safety of a national of another partner state.

