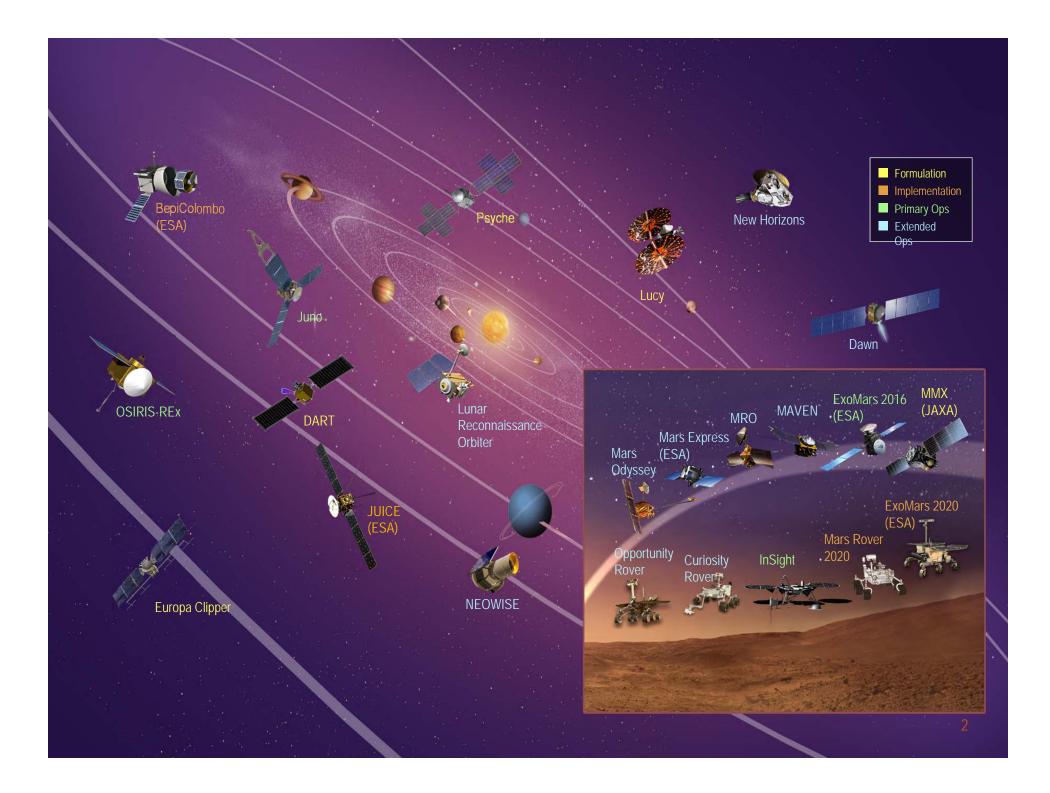


NASA'S PLANETARY PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGY 15<sup>th</sup> International Planetary Probe Workshop

#### **David Schurr**

Deputy Director Planetary Science Division Science Mission Directorate, NASA

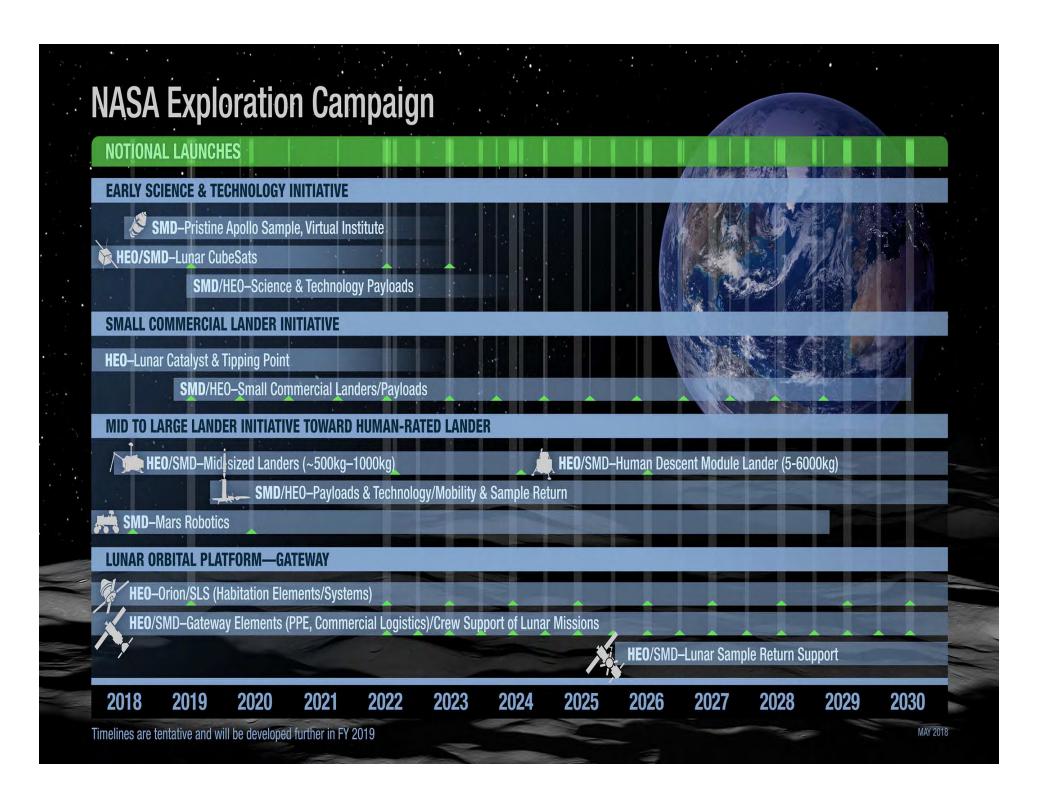
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# NASA Exploration Campaign

"Lead an innovative and sustainable program of exploration with commercial and international partners to enable human expansion across the solar system and to bring back to Earth new knowledge and opportunities. Beginning with missions beyond low-Earth orbit, the United States will lead the return of humans to the Moon for long-term exploration and utilization, followed by human missions to Mars and other destinations;" – SPD-1



# **Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS)**

- Draft RFP (SMD/HEOMD/STMD developed) for CLPS posted April 27
- Competition open to U.S. commercial providers of space transportation services, consistent with National Space Transportation Policy and Commercial Space Act
- Multi-vendor catalog, 10-year IDIQ contract, managed through task order competition for specific payload missions
- First vendor selection by Dec 31; future on-ramps as more capabilities are developed
- Structured for NASA as the marginal buyer of a commercial service
- Statement of work permits addition of more complex services as vendor capabilities grow such as providing surface mobility or sample return
- Based upon prior HEOMD investments through the Lunar CATALYST public-private partnerships with industry, we expect multiple vendors to bid

# Payloads for Small Commercial Landers

### Retro-reflectors

- Initiating new Announcement of Opportunity under the Stand Alone Missions of Opportunity Notice (SALMON) to procure instruments that could be ready to fly on first lander missions
  - Existing engineering models or spares,
  - Student-built hardware,
  - Off the shelf hardware
- Will assess existing in-house developments
  - Resource Prospector instruments
  - Technology under development

### Long-Lived Instruments, Landers and Rovers

- Initial landers delivered through the Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) are expected to last one lunar day (14 Earth days)
- NASA is planning investments to enable operations and mobility for long-lived instruments, stationary landers and small rovers
  - Power supplies, electronics, and mechanisms to survive and/or operate across the extreme temperatures of lunar day and night, despite lunar dust
  - Mobility systems or surface utility stations to enable small, long-lived rovers compatible with delivery to the lunar surface under CLPS capabilities
  - Radioisotopes for heat or power
  - An initial Long Duration Lunar Surface Operations workshop is planned for Fall 2018 co-sponsored by HEOMD, SMD, and STMD



# **Planetary Defense**





[SMPAG, PIERWG, DAMIEN IWG]

### **Planetary Defense Status**

- Over 18,000 near-Earth objects (NEOs) discovered and confirmed to date
  - Over 8,000 NEOs greater than 140 meters in size
  - Over 1,900 NEOs are Potentially Hazardous Asteroids
- DART: Double Asteroid Redirection Test
  - Demonstration of kinetic impactor mitigation technique
  - Target Moon of 65803 Didymos
  - Launch period opens June 2021, impact October 2022
- 2017 NEO Science Definition Team reassessed NEO search and characterization given current technology and understanding of the NEO population. Of the estimated 25,000 NEOs 140 meters or larger in size (that can cause regional damage), 1/3 have been found. Space-based assets will be needed to complete the catalog.



# **Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)**

Mission Concept (with ASI CubeSat)

Didymos-B ~160 meter size

Didymos-A S-Type Apollo 780 meter size





# Small Innovative Missions For Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx)



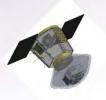
# SIMPLEx Spacecraft Type and Launch Opportunities

- SIMPLEx is soliciting small complete science missions based on small spacecraft (SmallSats) flying as secondary payloads
  - ESPA-class (180 kg) or smaller
    - Allowable configurations include CubeSats up to 12U, and ESPA-class
    - ESPA-Grande sized spacecraft allowed for some opportunities (still limited to 180 kg)
  - Total mission cost capped at \$55M
  - NASA expects awards to span the full range of cost
- Proposed missions are limited to the launch opportunities listed in Appendix A of the PEA. Currently listed are:
  - SMD missions (Lucy, Psyche, and IMAP),
  - Commercial Lunar opportunities,
  - LEO/GTO opportunities, and
  - Exploration Mission "x" (EM-2 or beyond)
- Proposals due Jul 24 for first round of evaluation and selections/Cutoff for Lucy and Psyche opportunities

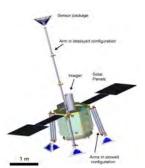
# SmallSat Technology

#### **PSDS3**: Planetary Science Deep Space Small Satellite Studies

- 19 awards (\$6 M investment over one year)
- Concept studies to scope science capability and cost of small secondary missions



Christophe Sotin (JPL) Cupid's Arrow spacecraft concept

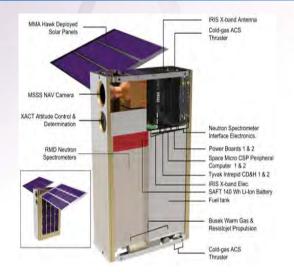


Jeff Plescia (Purdue) APEX spacecraft concept

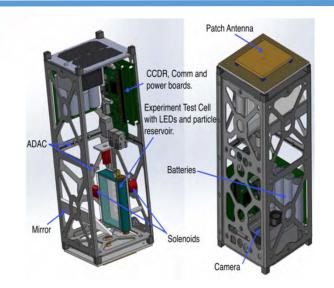
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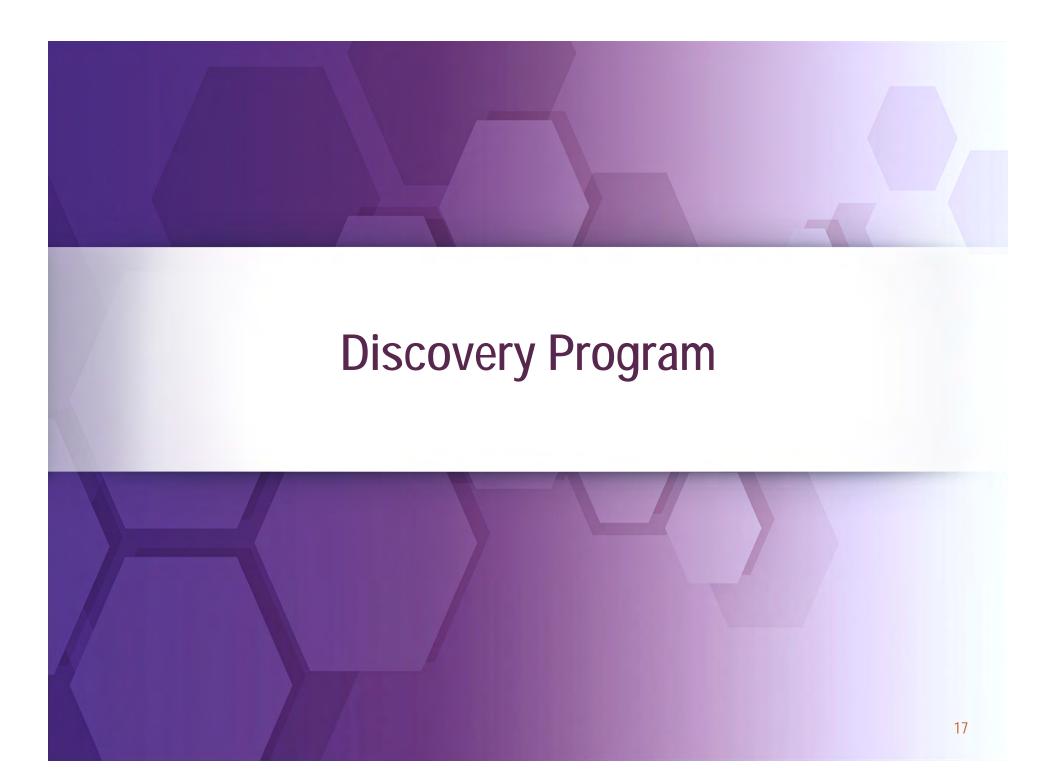
# Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx-2014)



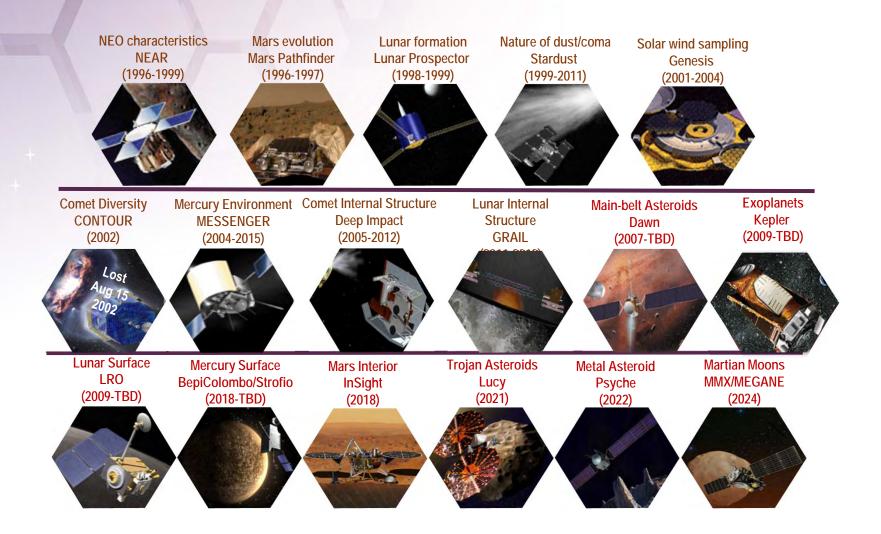
Lunar Polar Hydrogen Mapper (LunaH-Map) PI: Craig Hardgrove ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration



CubeSat Particle Aggregation and Collision Experiment (Q-PACE) Pl: Josh Colwel University of Central Florida



# **Discovery Program**



# **Discovery Long-Range Planning**

- Cost Cap \$495M Phase A-D (FY19) excluding LV
- May propose the use of radio-isotope power systems (RPS) and radioisotope heater units (RHUs)

Release of draft AO	. September 2018 (target)
Release of final AO	February 2019 (target)
Pre-proposal conference	. ~3 weeks after final AO release
Proposals due	. 90 days after AO release
Selection for competitive Phase A studies	. December 2019 (target)
Concept study reports due	. November 2020 (target)
Down-selection	. June 2021 (target)
Launch readiness date	. NLT December 31, 2026

# InSight

RISE measures Mars's reflexes as the Sun pushes and puths it in its orbit, providing clues on the size and composition of Mars's deep inner core.

The seismometer, SEIS, measures the internal activity of Mars to illuminate the properties of the crust, mantle and core.

The heat probe, HP<sup>3</sup>, takes Mars' temperature and measures the amount of heat coming from deep inside the planet.

### **NEW Discovery Missions**

# Psyche

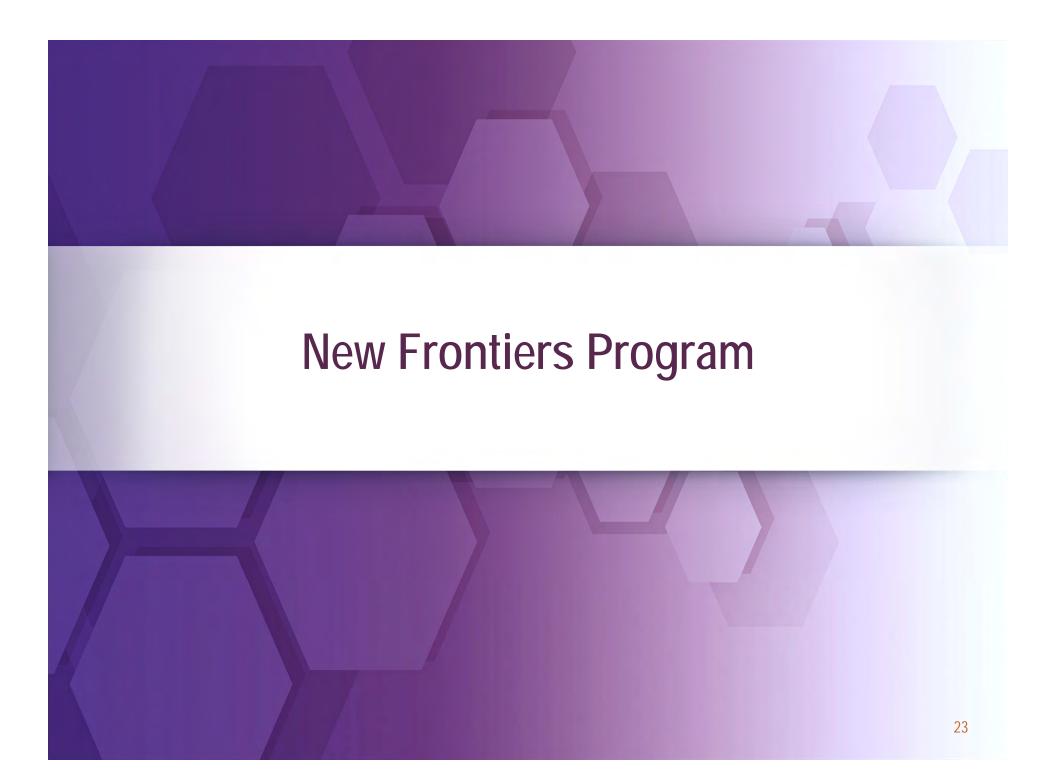
#### Journey to a Metal World

Launch in 2022

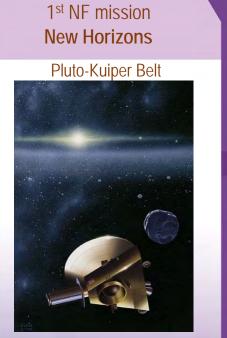
LUCY Launch in 2021 Surveying the Trojan Asteroids

# JAXA: Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) mission

- Phobos sample return, Deimos multi-flyby
- Launch 2024, Return sample in 2029 or 2030
- NASA providing MEGANE a neutron & gamma-ray spectrometer Proposals for NGRS instrument solicited through



# New Frontiers Program

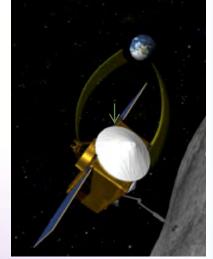


Launched January 2006 Flyby July 14, 2015 PI: Alan Stern (SwRI-CO) 2<sup>nd</sup> NF mission Juno Jupiter Polar Orbiter

Launched August 2011 Arrived July 4, 2016 PI: Scott Bolton (SwRI-TX)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> NF mission **OSIRIS-REx**

#### Asteroid Sample Return



Launched September 2016 PI: Dante Lauretta (UA)

### New Frontiers 4 AO

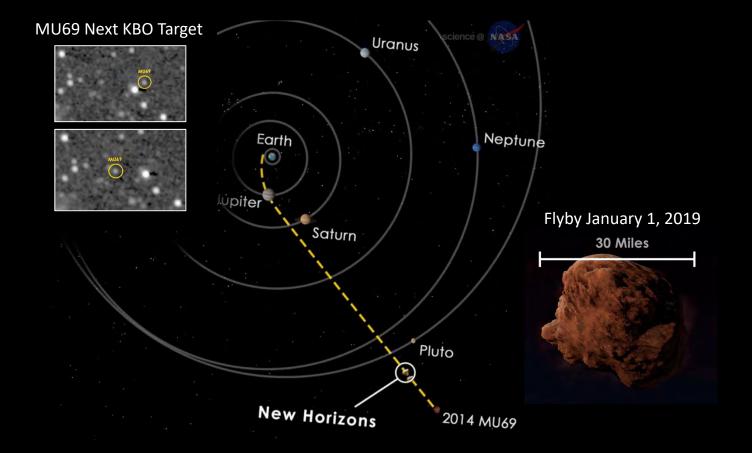
- Two missions selected for Phase A study
  - Dragonfly helicopter based investigation of Titan
  - CAESAR Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko sample return
- Phase A Concept Study Reports due..... December 2018
- Down selection for Flight (target)...... July 2019
- Launch Readiness Date......NLT December 31, 2025

# **OSIRIS-REx**

- Return and analyze a sample of Bennu's surface
- Map the asteroid & document the sample site
- Measure the Yarkovsky effect



# New Horizons





### **Mars Science Highlights**

- Orbiters and rovers confirmed ancient habitable environment
- Orbiters estimated that Mars has lost over 70% of its atmosphere to interactions with solar wind
- Rovers found evidence of past fresh water, nitrates, organic molecules
- Both revealed complex and evolving planet

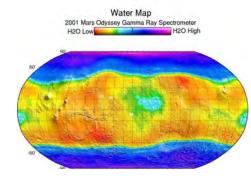


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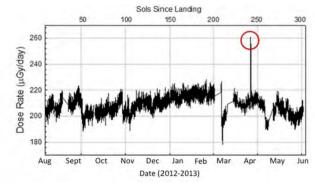
# Preparing for Future Human Exploration

Mars orbiters and landers have:

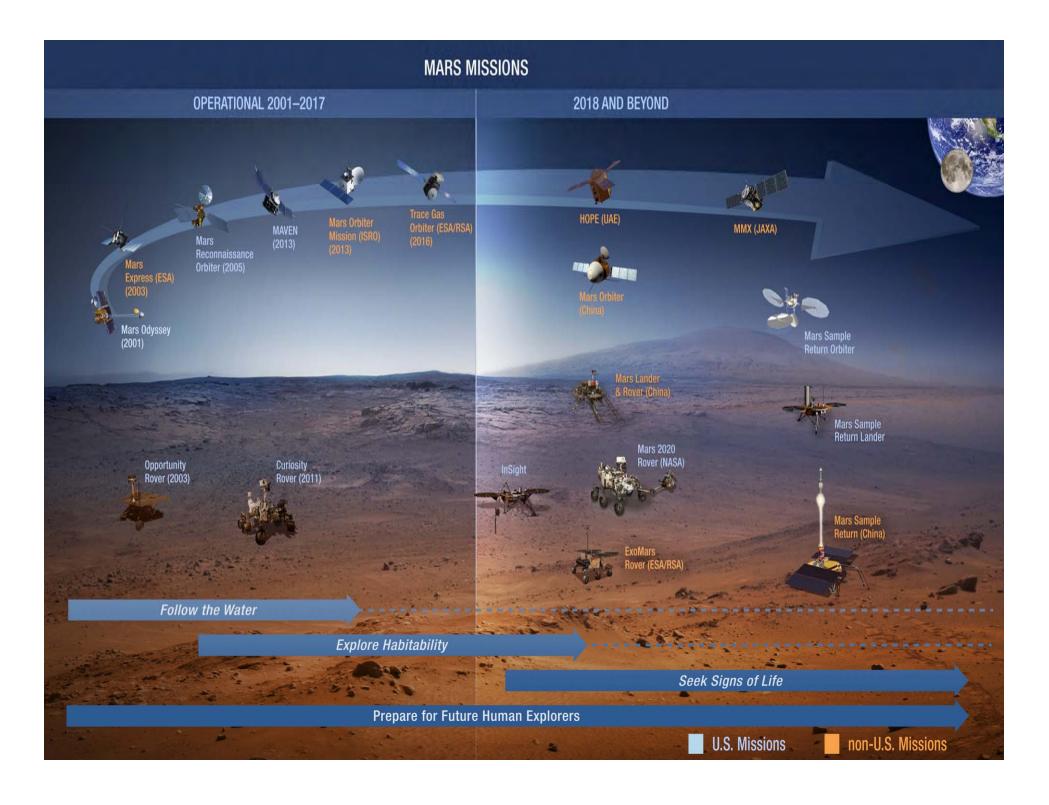
- Found massive ice reserves near poles and mid-latitude remnant glaciers, detected thousands of areas rich in hydrated minerals
- Recorded temperature, atmospheric pressure, dust, water vapor, wind, and solar visible and UV flux
- Measured high-energy radiation doses received during cruise and at the Martian surface, variations with solar cycles and space weather

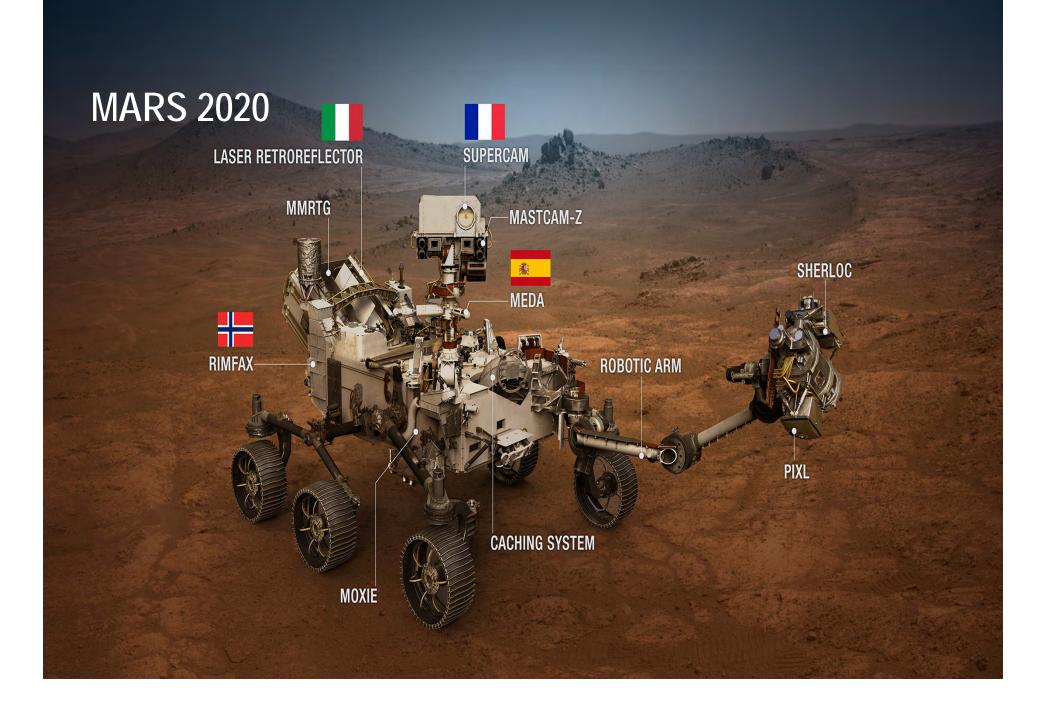




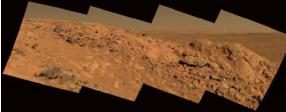


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# Final Mars 2020 Candidate Landing Sites



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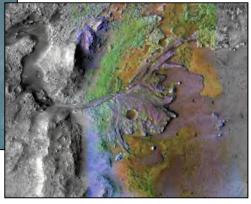
- Ancient hot springs of carbonate, sulfate, and silica-rich material
- Potential biosignatures identified
- Previously explored by Spirit rover



### NE SYRTIS

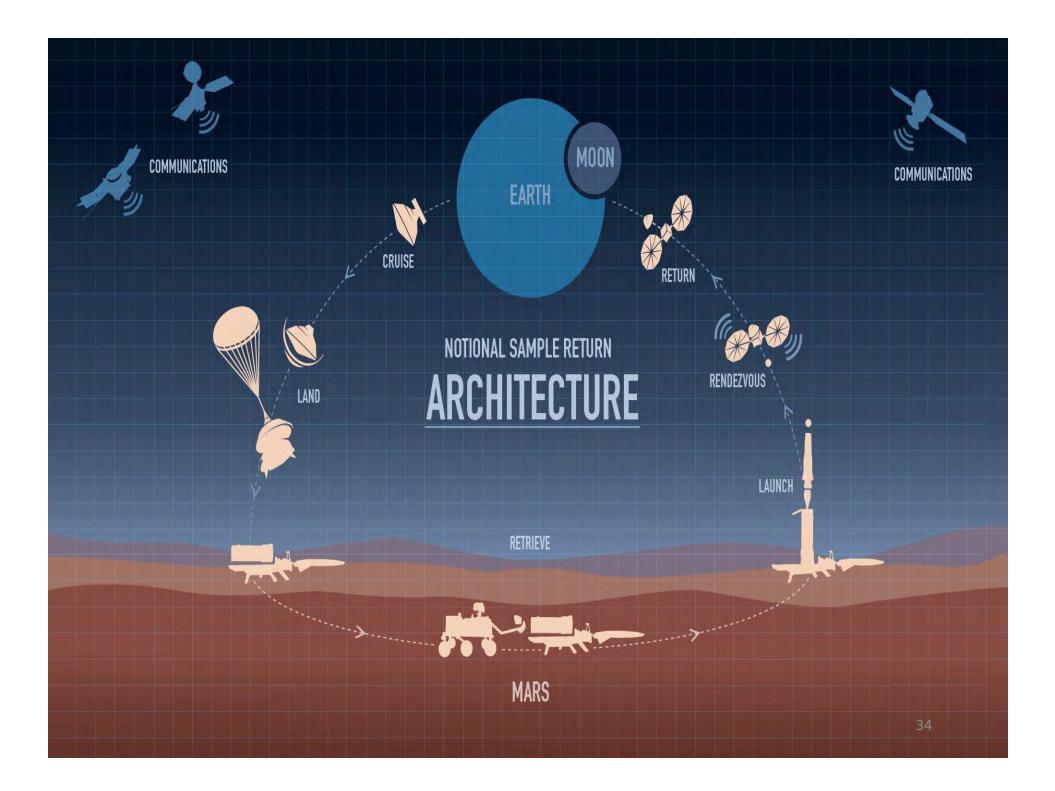
- Extremely ancient volcanic and hydrothermal environments
- Large diversity of hydrated minerals
- Potential subsurface
  habitability

# Final site selection targeted for end of 2018



### JEZERO

- Ancient lava and water deposition region
- Evidence for hydrous and clay minerals





# Europa Clipper

• Conduct ~45 low altitude flybys with lowest 25 km (less than the ice crust) and a vast majority below 100 km to obtain global regional coverage

• KDP-C scheduled: October 2018

1	Science	
2	Objective	Description
N N	Ice Shell & Ocean	Characterize the ice shell and any subsurface water, including their heterogeneity, and the nature of surface-ice-ocean exchange
	Composition	Understand the habitability of Europa's ocean through composition and chemistry.
シノノン	Geology	Understand the formation of surface features, including sites of recent or current activity, and characterize high science interest localities.
あった	Recon	Characterize scientifically compelling sites, and hazards for a potential future landed mission to Europa



# **Planetary Science Technology**

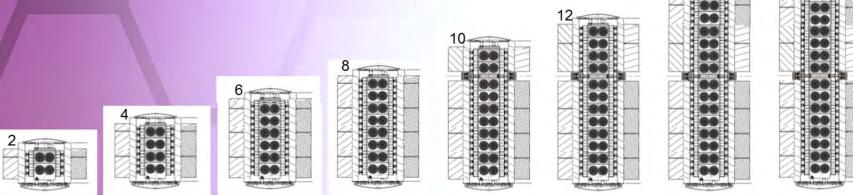


# Planetary Science Technology Investments

- New RPS Capabilities (eMMRTG, NExtGen, DRPS)
- NEXT-C
- Common Atmospheric Probe Study
- Mars Sample Return Earth Entry Vehicle
- Mars Helicopter
- Venus environment
  - HotTech
  - LLISE
  - GEER
- ColdTech/Icy Satellites
  - Tunnelbot Study
  - SESAME

# Next-Gen RTG: Driving Requirement

- Final Report of Next-Gen RTG Study team:
  - https://rps.nasa.gov/galleries/reports/
- Level I requirement:
  - The RPS Program shall develop and qualify a new vacuum-rated RPS by 2028.
- Modular
- 16 GPHSs (largest RTG variant)
- P<sub>BOM</sub> = 400-500 W<sub>e</sub> (largest RTG variant)
- Mass goal of < 60 kg (largest RTG variant)</li>



500 W

## Scientific Exploration Subsurface Access Mechanism for Europa

- The SESAME program is a new opportunity to formulate probe concepts and develop technologies for deep subsurface access on icy ocean worlds
- The objective is to create a system that can penetrate many kilometers of ice to reach subsurface liquid water bodies
- Realistic architectures capable of eventually being flown on a mission are desired (i.e., limited mass, limited power)
- Proposals will be due 3 months after the NRA is released, with selected efforts receiving ~\$2M each



# **Recent Technology Investments to Support Missions**

Technology investments to support future missions:

- NEXT, DSOC, HEEET to support Discovery & New Frontiers AO
- Homesteader to prepare instruments for New Frontiers AO
- ICEE to prepare for Europa Clipper Instrument AO
- ICEE2 to prepare for Europa Lander Instrument AO
- HOTTech for high-temperature environments like Venus or Mercury
- PICASSO and MatISSE general instrument maturation
- DALI lunar instrument maturation

# Agency Technology Investments that support Planetary missions

#### Spacecraft Technology

Heat Shield for Extreme Entry Environment Technology Extreme Environment Solar Power Deep Space Engine Bulk Metallic Glass Gears High Performance Spaceflight Computing SPLICE/TRN Heat shi Potential Entry System Modeling



Heat shield material testing (HEEET) Potential mass savings for missions to Venus, Mars, and the outer planets

#### Instruments

Mars Science Laboratory EDL Instrument II



Deep Space Engine Lower mass, smaller volume, lower cost for landers and orbiters



Bulk metallic glass gear testing. Amorphous metal doesn't get brittle in the cold, requires no lubricant.



# **QUESTIONS ?**

