

Concept Exploration and Refinement

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Briefing Topics

- Overall Approach
- Initial Concept for Technical Solution
 - Architecture
 - Missions Campaign
- Initial Assessments
- Schedule and Products

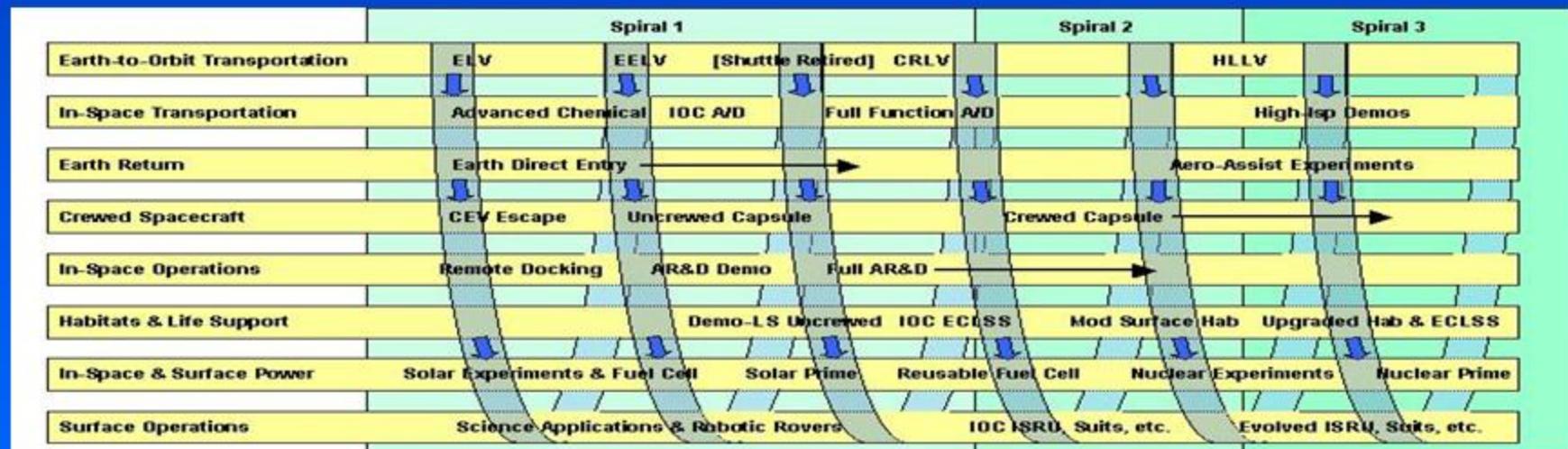


Overall Approach

- Refine a lunar exploration mission architecture and campaign that provides an affordable yet safe and reliable infrastructure for testing systems and operations that will be used on future Mars missions
- Architecture options and system performance options within these architectures have been studied extensively
- Develop FOMs related to safety, risk, reliability, performance, sustainability & evolvability, and cost
- Bring lessons learned from recent program support and relevant studies
- Integrated evaluation of FOMs at architecture level to assess trends and impacts

Spiral Development

- Initial assessment of spiral development needs in the context of the recent mandate





Flight Sequence and Extensibility

System	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	System Description										
Earth-To-Orbit	EELV			1	2	4	5	6	7					9	10	11	12	13	15	16			Delta or Atlas EELV										
	Crew Rated Launch Vehicle							6		8					9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Clean Sheet or Evolved Man Rated LV									
Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle																			14,15	16	17-19	20	Clean Sheet or Evolved w/ 50+ MT lift cap.										
In-Space Transportation	Descent/Ascent Modules					5	6	7							9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Evolving functions - single non-start engine to multi									
	Advanced Chemical			1	2	4	5	6	7						9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Low boil-off cryo or adv. storable prop. engines									
	High Thr. Propulsion																			14		18	20	SEP, NEP propulsion for slow p/d delivery									
Earth Return	Earth Direct Entry				4	5	6	7	8					9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Adv. TIS for direct atm. re-entry from LEO/LLD										
	Earth Capture - Aero-assist																		13	14			20	Aerobraking or aerocapture in LEO - faster return									
Crewed Spacecraft	CEV - Escape System			3	4		6		8					9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Launch escape system for crew safety										
	CEV - Capsule			3	4		6		8					9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17,19	20	Capsule for launch, re-entry and crew support										
In-Space Operations	Remote Docking AR&D		1																					Human manipulated docking done remotely									
	Autonomous rendezvous and docking			3			6	7	8					9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17,19	20											
Habitats & Life Support	Modular Surface Habitat - IOC								7						10	11								Habitat for short stay missions									
	Connected/Enlared Modular Surface Habitat													9			12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Linked modular surface hab's for extended stay missions										
	ECLSS													9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Open-loop life support evolving to Mars-compat.										
In-Space & Surface Power	Solar Electric		1		4	5	6	7	8					9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Photovoltaic power production										
	Fuel Cells		1	3	4		6	7	8					9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	H2/O2 fed power production and storage										
	Nuclear																	12	13	15	16	17,19	20	Surface nuclear power for sustained lunar bases									
Surface Operations	ISRU													10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20		O2 generation, evolving to multi. Purpose suits										
	Surface Navigation													10	11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20		Beacons or inertial ref. systems for surfacenav.										
	Surface Mobility														11	12	13	15	16	17,19	20		Non-pressurized evolving to pressurized										
	EVA Suits - Evolved Lunar Suit													9	10	11	12	13	15	16				Evolved suits - tailored for lunar environment									
EVA Suits - Evolved Mars Suit																			15	16	17,19	20	Evolved suits - tailored for Martian environment										
												Spiral1			Spiral2			Spiral3															
Legend	Common system within the lunar mission set											Evolvable system (later lunar mission and/or Mars)											Common system extensible to Mars										

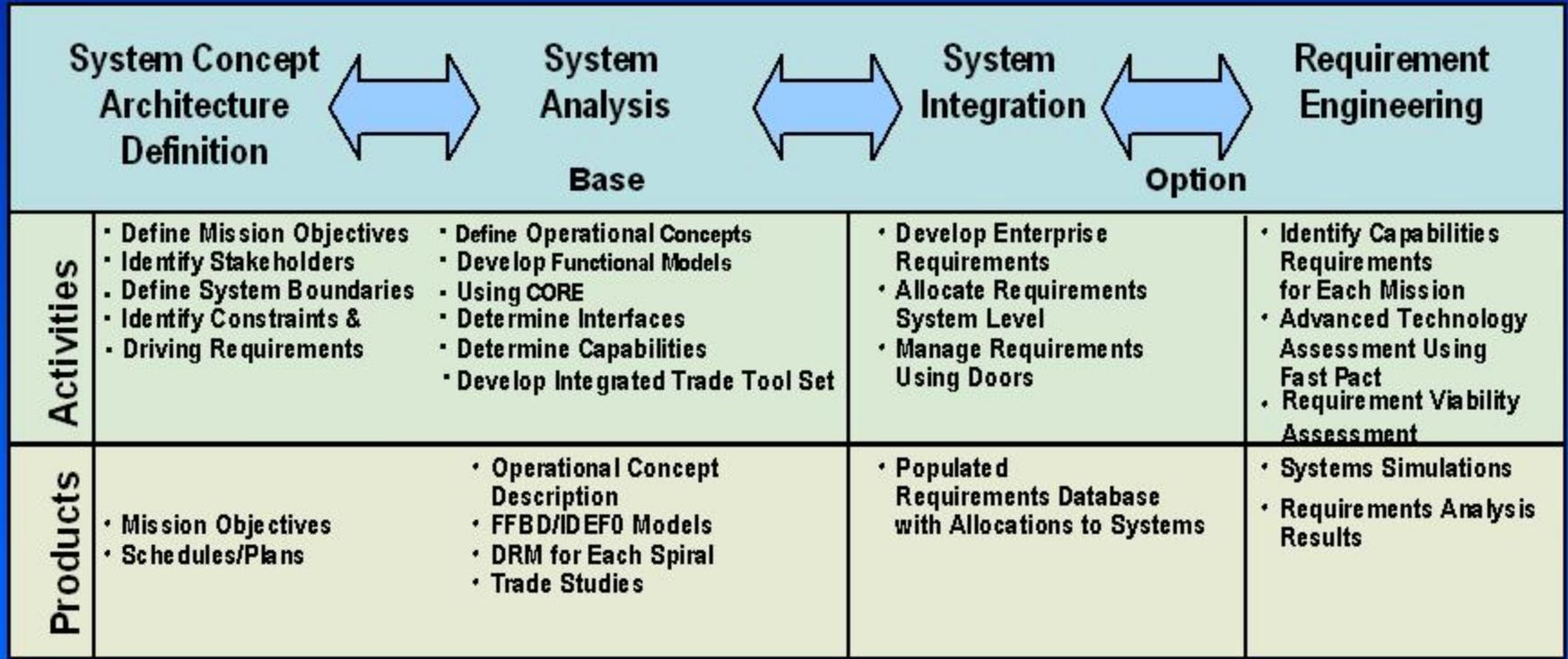


Initial Risk Assessment (example)

Ref. No.	Risk Statement	Risk Level	Mitigation Outline
Technical Risks			
RT-1	Long duration human missions beyond LEO may not be safe due to radiation effects on human physiology	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Radiation shielding concepts developed and proven in variety of test beds (Earth laboratory, ISS, CEV demonstration flights) to mitigate this Crew health risk 2. High Isp propulsion technology development initiated early in program to reduce mission durations as much as possible
RT-2	Inability to dock critical systems in orbit at LEO and/or LLO aborts key mission	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Repeated missions demonstrate various docking systems early in campaign to prove capability and add confidence in mission success predictions
RT-3	Crew stranded on lunar surface, unable to return to Earth	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Predeployment of additional surface assets and remote monitoring ensures redundant systems available before Crewed mission ever launches 5. System failure tolerance optimized through modularity 6. Abundant operational workarounds built into missions, such as hardware cannibalization and multi-mission/reconfigurable software



Activities Sequence and Products



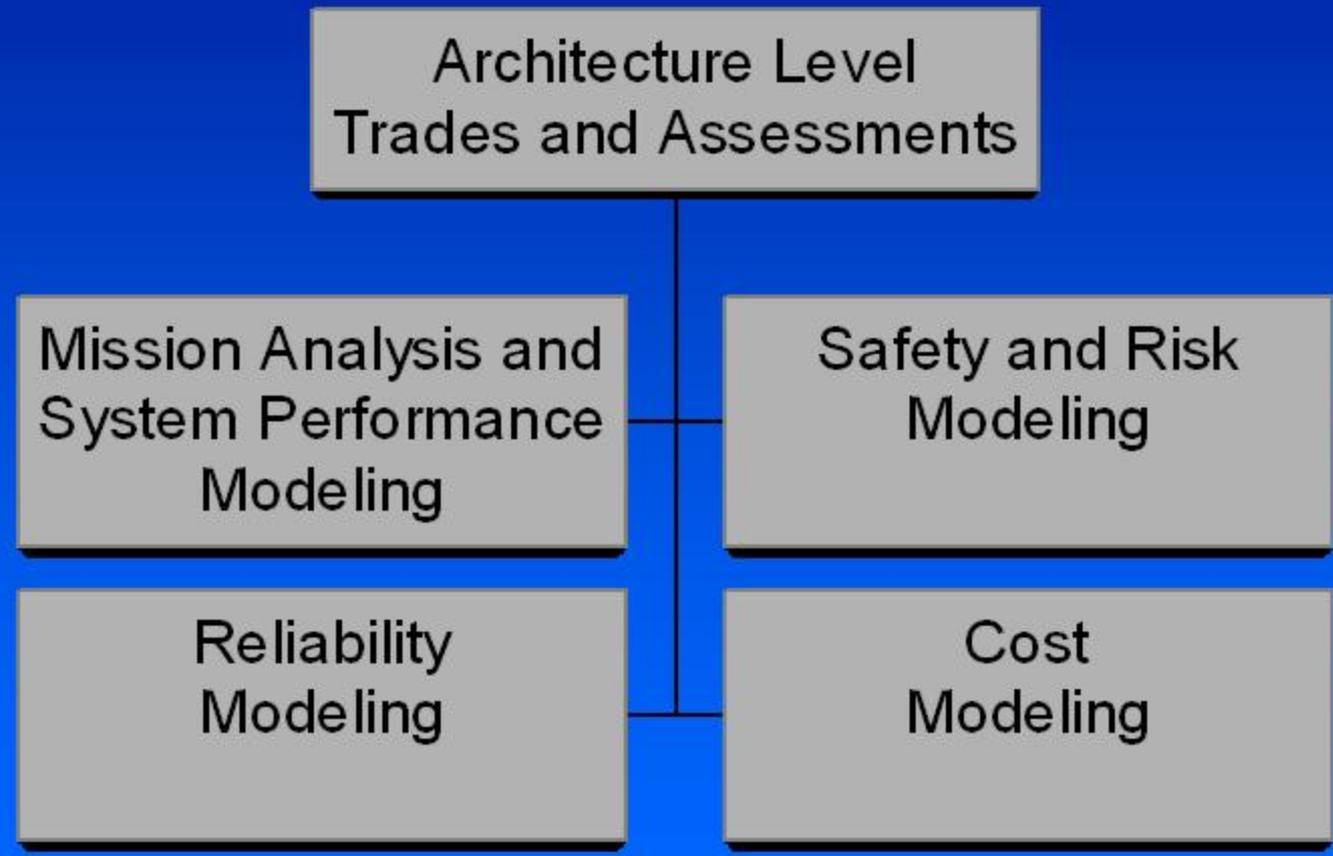


Trade Study Areas

- **Technology**
 - Launch Vehicle, High Isp In-space Propulsion, Lunar Surface Power
- **Modularity**
 - CEV, Habitation Module
- **Reuse**
 - CEV Capsule, Lunar Surface Infrastructure Elements, In-space Propulsion
- **Campaign**
 - Number of Missions, Test Objectives in each Mission, Mission Sequencing; CEV Draft Level I Requirements Impacts



Contributing Analysis Areas





Safety and Risk Modeling & Analysis

- Lessons Learned
 - Use of probabilistic methods, specifically in relation to cost, safety and reliability where uncertainty may be high, are important for properly characterizing and comparing alternative programmatic and design paths
 - Including the risk and uncertainty associated with advanced or complex technical designs in the architecture assessment allows lower performance but less complex alternatives to be considered and kept as back-up options for risk mitigation purposes
- Modeling Issues
 - Models for extended lunar campaigns not developed but elements to do so already exist
 - Data from Apollo missions is difficult to come by and may not be representative of current capabilities



Reliability Modeling & Analysis

- Lessons Learned
 - STS has surpassed and ISS approaches the program duration projected for these lunar missions; reliability and sparing trend data are available
 - example - ISS MDMs: initially planned as mostly identical with common sparing source; ultimately mostly unique with no common sparing but constrained sparing budget
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Cost Modeling & Analysis

- **Lessons Learned**

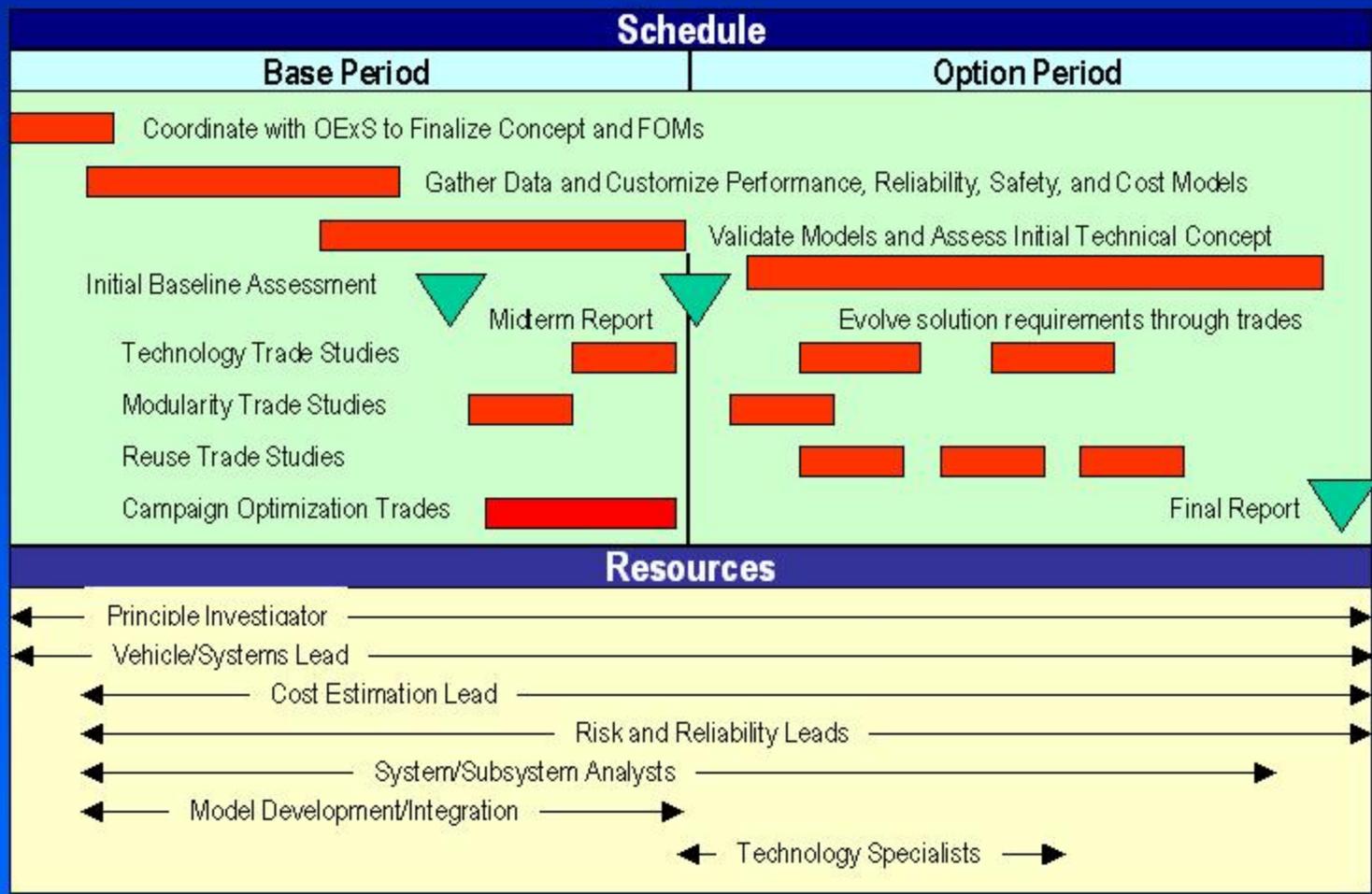
- Ground Rules and Assumptions must be established prior to analysis initiation
 - Phase durations, fiscal year outputs, inflation indices, etc.
- Cost is dependent on system design input parameters - typically defined close to study deadlines
 - Cost parameters must be received in a timely manner to develop estimates and perform sensitivity/risk analysis

- **Modeling Issues**

- Operations models for extended or long duration planetary surface systems (e.g., habitats) not developed to date
- Similar concerns for systems or technology with low maturity or few historical instances



Initial Schedule and Resources



Summary

- Assess architecture-level FOMs at the system level
- Assembled team with skills in primary areas of interest:
 - system performance
 - safety
 - risk
 - reliability
 - cost
- Building cross-cutting model to evaluate architecture level trends and impacts

