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Vision and Plan for Korea Lunar Resource Prospecting

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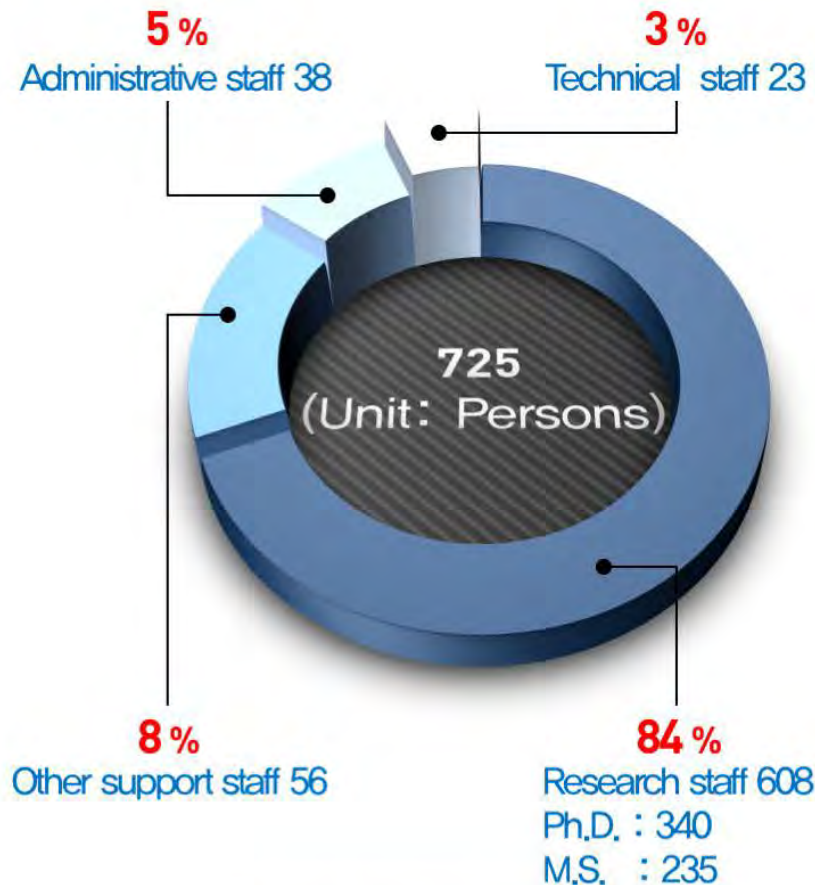
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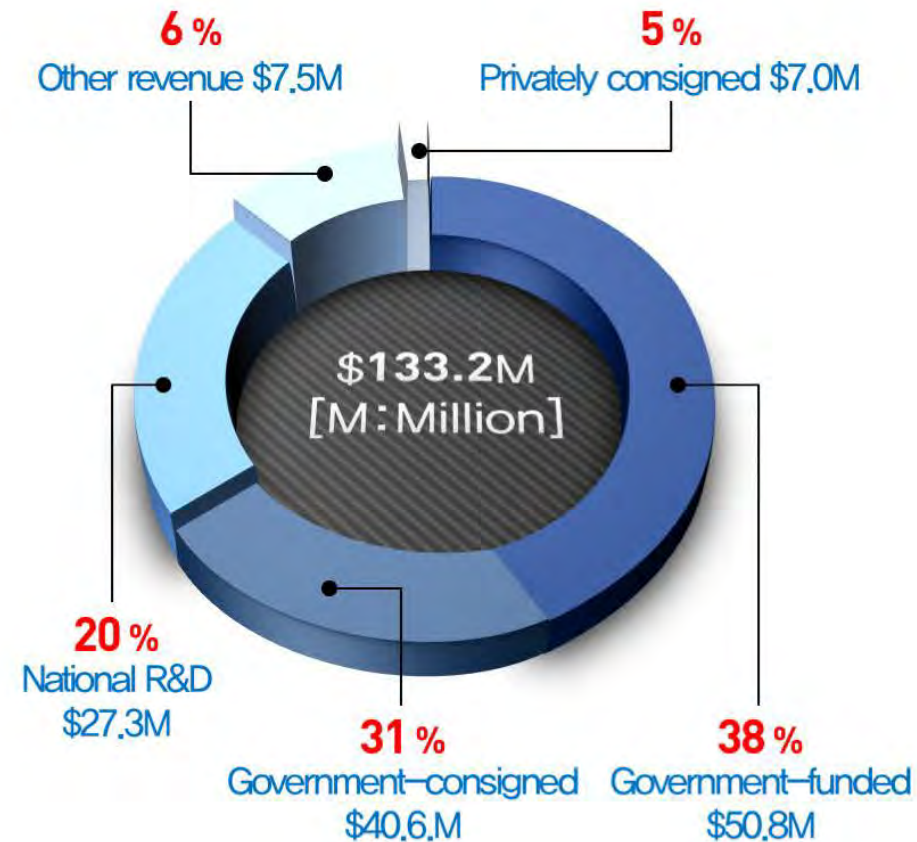
1. Introduction of KICT

Personnel & Budget

▶ Executives & Employees 725 / Budget for 2015 \$133.2M (about KRW 150.4 billion)



Personnel (2015)



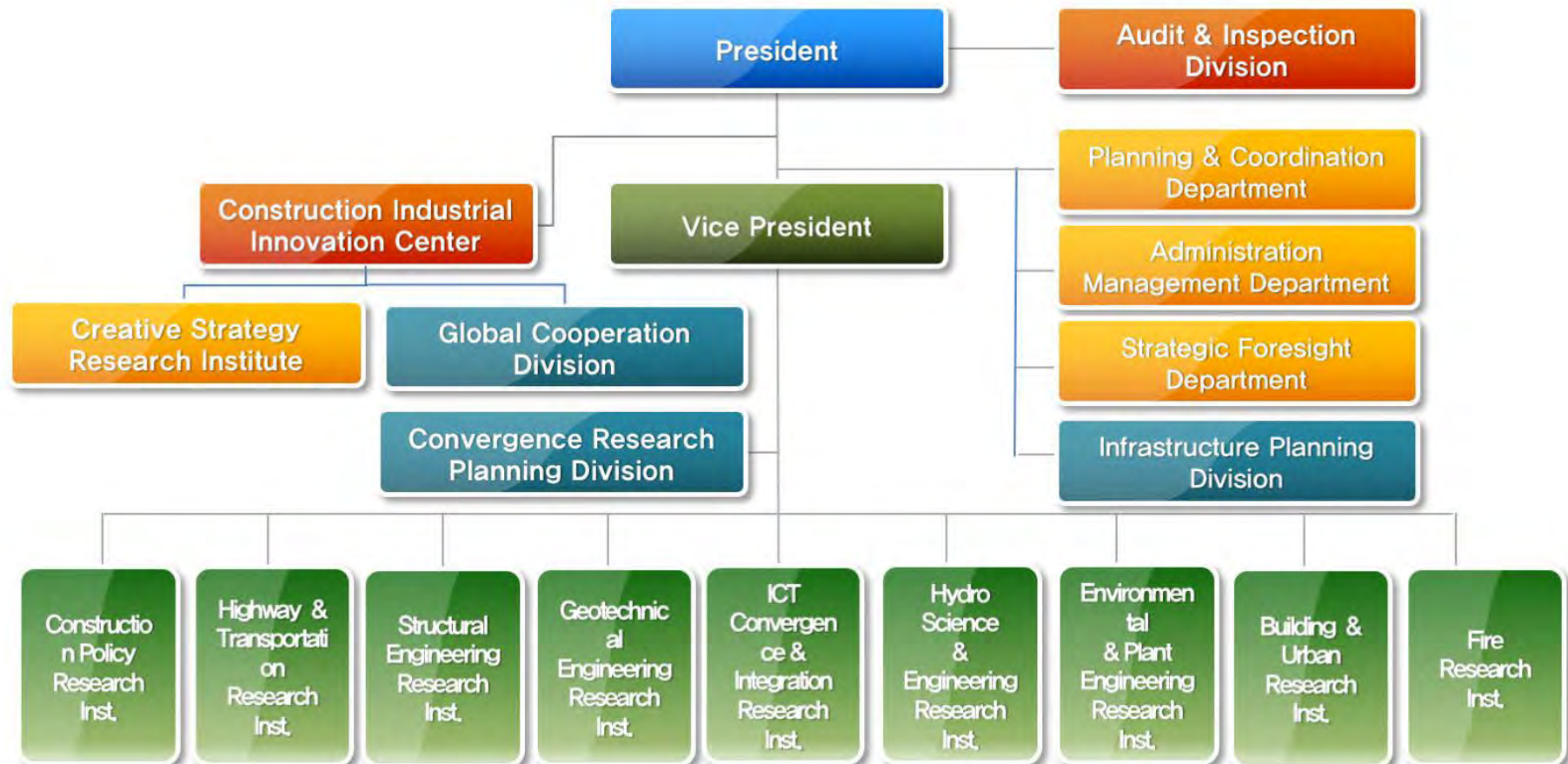
Budget (2015)

1. Introduction of KICT

Organization

► Ten Research Institutes , Three Departments, Three Divisions, One Center

◆ Reoriented to become a more task-oriented organization (July 2015)



30 years Experience



Establishment
of KICT



Completion of
KICT Research
Complex



Completion of
Fire Research
Center



Completion of
River Experiment
Center



Gov. sponsored
Research Institute
under the Jurisdiction
of NST under the MSP

Multidisciplinary R&D Areas



Field Scale R&D

| KICT Main Research Complex



- Goyang, Gyeonggi-Do
- Area : 141,552.6m²
- Est. 1997

| The Fire Research Center



- Hwaseong, Gyeonggi-Do
- Area : 60,842m²
- Est. 2006

| The SOC Evaluation Research Center



- Yeoncheon, Gyeonggi-Do
- Area : 692,119m²
- Under construction(~2015)

| The River Experiment Center



- Andong, Gyeongsangbuk-Do
- Area : 193,051m²
- Est. 2009



1. Introduction of KICT

International Cooperation



/ Strategic Relationships Based on MOU (48 Institutions as of June 30, 2015)

- ◆ Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
- ◆ Fraunhofer Institute Bauphysik, Germany
- ◆ Colorado State University, USA
- ◆ Transport Research Laboratory, UK
- ◆ Department of Roads, Mongolia
- ◆ Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
- ◆ BRE Global Limited, UK

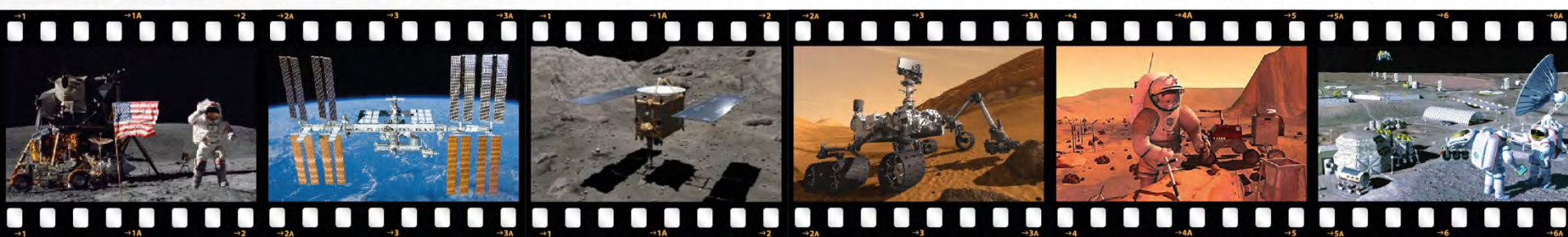
/ International Joint Seminars

- ◆ Japan Institute of Construction Engineering, Japan
- ◆ Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, China
- ◆ Public Works Research Institute, Japan
- ◆ Research Institute of Highway, China

2. Background – Space Exploration



"Bring Him Home"

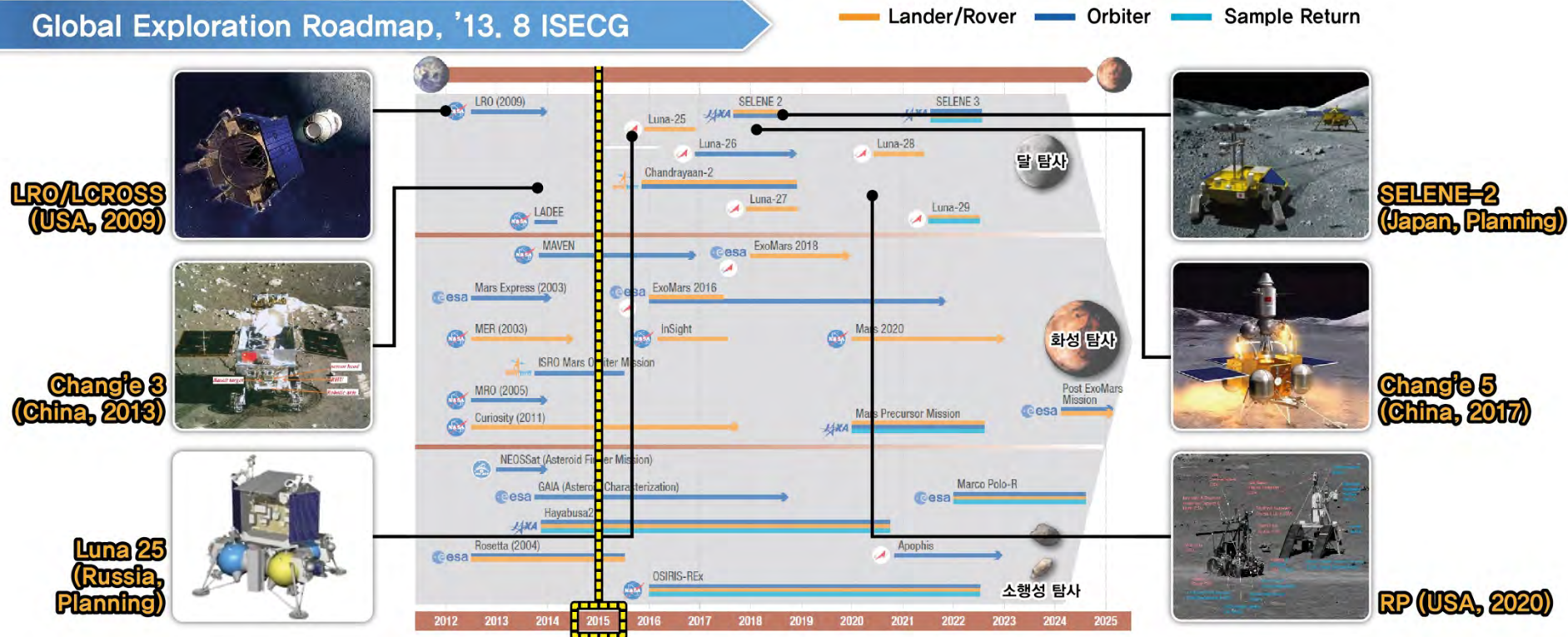


"Engineering enables science, and science enables engineering."

Dr. Michael Wargo(1951–2013), NASA HEOMD Chief Exploration Scientist

2. Background – Global Trend

Global Exploration Roadmap, '13. 8 ISECG



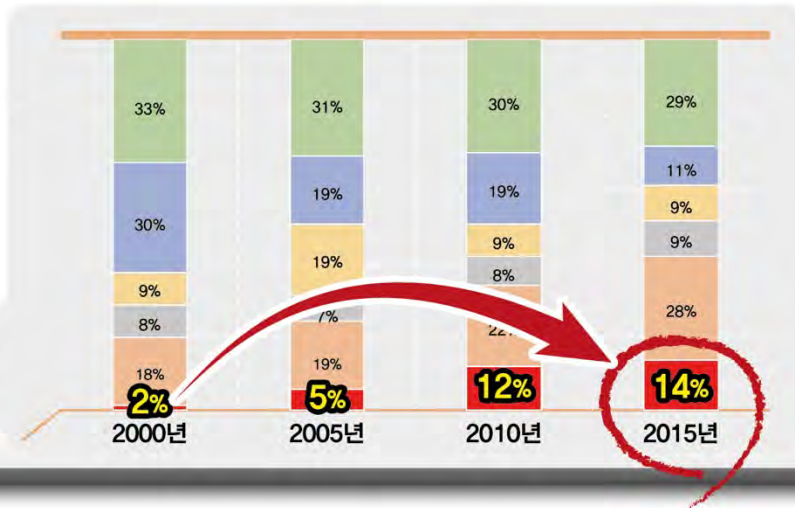
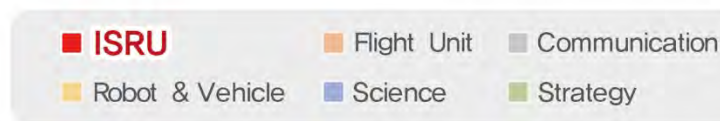
● Global Trend of Space Exploration

- Golden time for **lunar exploration** and **international cooperation**
- Rise of **Asian countries** to space exploration
- Remote mission to **surface mission**

2. Background - ISRU

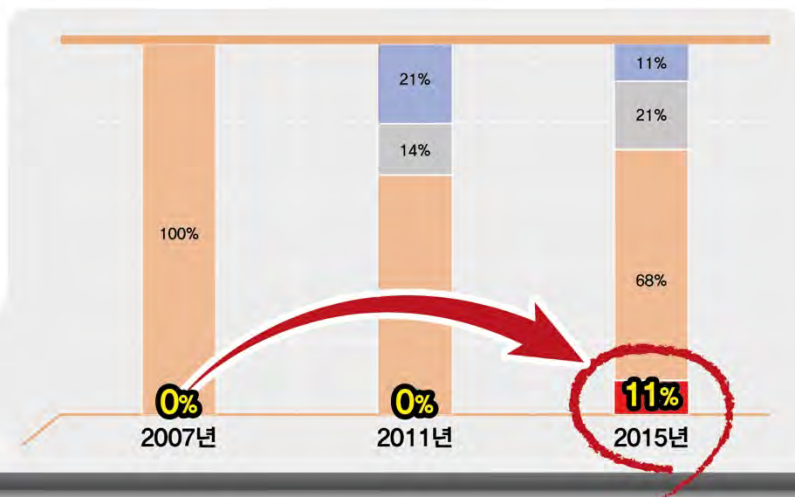
● AIAA SPACE Topics (%)

- Topics related to ISRU topics are continuously increasing
 - Science decreased, others are similar



● EUCASS Topics (%)

- ISRU topics start to present from the European Conference for Aeronautics and Space Sciences (EUCASS)

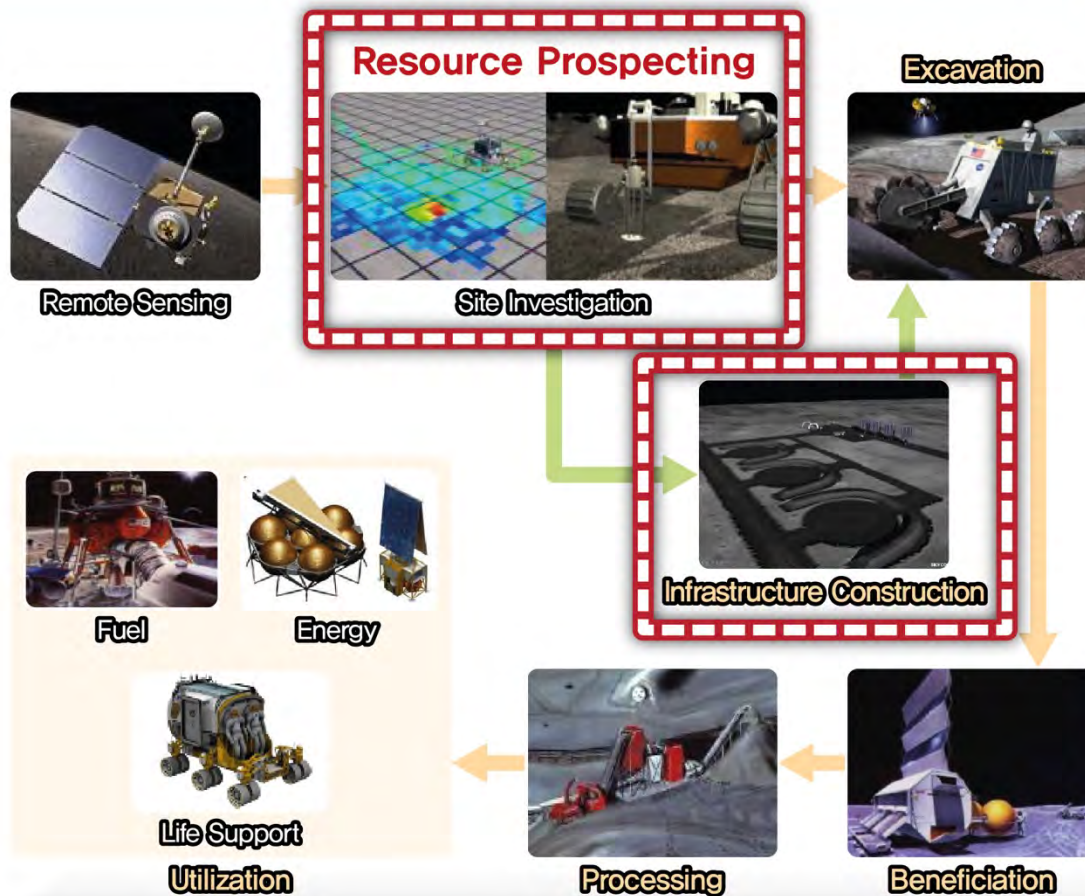


2. Background - ISRU

Lunar/Mars Manned Exploration → Limit of Payload & Resource from Earth → ISRU

ISRU(In-situ Resource Utilization)

ISRU



Mass Reduction

Cost Reduction

Risk Reduction

ISRU
"Living off the land"

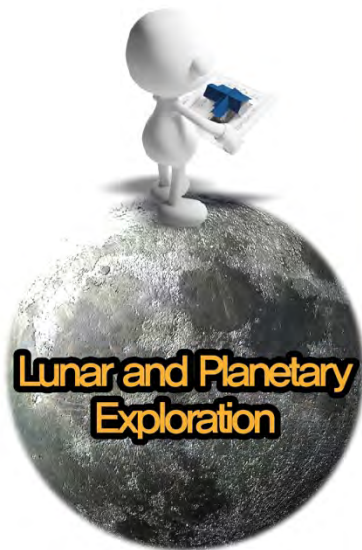
2. Background – National Trend

● 정부정책

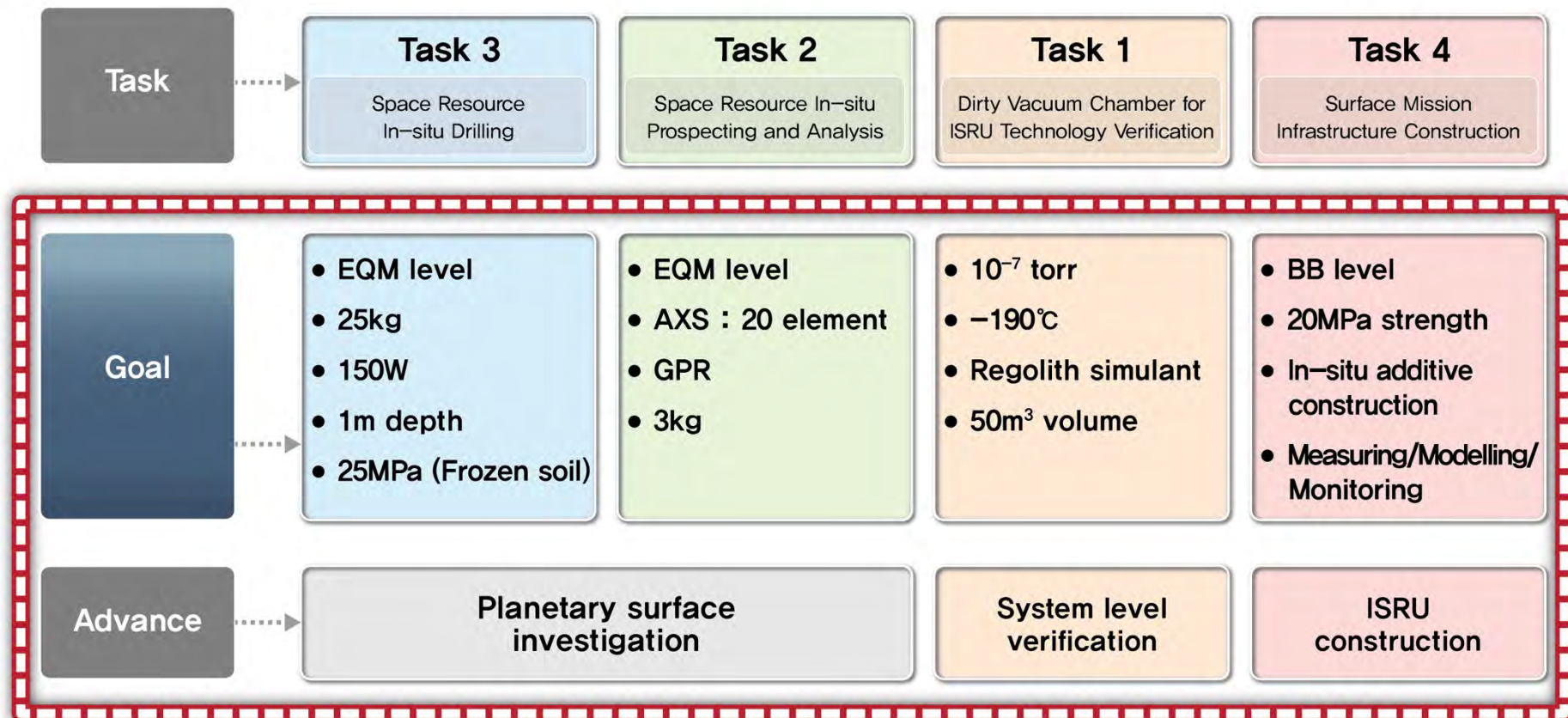
- Government 13th policy task, “Space technology secure to be advanced space nation”
- Space technology development for launch vehicle, satellite, lunar exploration
- Diversify cooperating countries and technologies to improve Korea's contribution



● Mid and Long Term National Space Development Plan (November, 2013)



3. Vision, Goal and Tasks



Advance, Low Cost, High-efficient Space Resource In-situ Prospecting and Analysis Technology Development

3. Research Group


ISRU Convergence Research Group

 **KICT Group Lead**

Advisory organization

 **KARI** 한국항공우주연구원
Korea Aerospace Research Institute

ISRU Technology Verification Facility

Team Lead 

Development of dirty
vacuum chamber

 **KRIS**
한국표준과학연구원

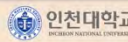
DVC design
and qualification

 **KAERI**

Cryogenic system


 **KIGAM**
한국지질자원연구원

Simulant chemical property

 **인천대학교**
INCHEON NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Simulant mechanical property

Resource Prospecting and Analysis

Team Lead 


Active x-ray spectrometer
Grinder
Ground penetrating radar

 **NuCare**
MEDICAL SYSTEMS

Spectrometer electrical
system and algorithm

 **HONEYBEE ROBOTICS**
Spacecraft Mechanisms Corporation

Grinder key elements


Team Lead 

In-situ drilling and
motor development

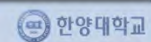
 **KICT**

Frozen simulant development
System verification and
optimization in cryogenic
vacuum environment

Surface Mission Infrastructure

Team Lead 

In-situ automated construction
and operation technology
development

 **한양대학교**

ISRU construction material

Total 33 researchers, USD 25.5 million

3. Research Plan – Task 1

Task 1

Task 2

Task 3

Task 4

Final Goal

ISRU Technology Verification Facility
– Dirty vacuum chamber –

Key technology

- ▶ DVC design
- ▶ Key parts withstand extreme environment
- ▶ Solar simulator
- ▶ Technology verification process
- ▶ Regolith simulant(mech./chem.) considering different planetary condition

Output

- ▶ Dirty vacuum chamber and ISRU technology verification process

Application

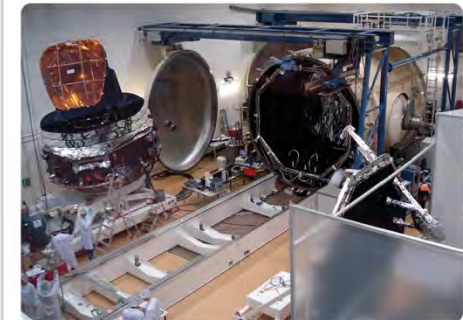
- ▶ Surface mission device testing
- ▶ Science experiment
- ▶ Establish standards for planetary exploration device

10^{-7} torr

-190°C

System testable size (50m³)

Regolith simulant



3. Research Plan – Task 2

Task 1

Task 2

Task 3

Task 4

Final Goal

EQM level AXS, grinder, UWB full-Pol GPR development

Key technology

- ▶ AXS design, build
- ▶ UWB full-Pol GPR
- ▶ System integration and integrated platform operation
- ▶ Landing site decision process
- ▶ Geological resource investigation

Output

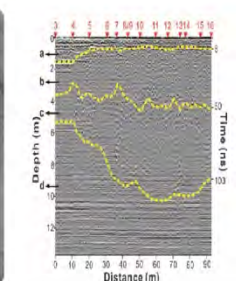
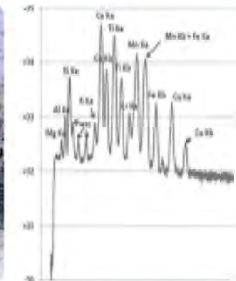
- ▶ In-situ resource prospecting AXS/grinder, GPR, landing site candidate report

Application

- ▶ X-ray spectrometer for medical, industrial
- ▶ Extreme environment element investigation
- ▶ Cultural asset, underground detection
- ▶ Underground structural analysis

AXS
20 element
<135eV resolution
<0.1% error

GPR
<3kg
10m underground investigation



3. Research Plan – Task 3

Task 1

Task 2

Task 3

Task 4

Final Goal

**Low weight, high efficient 1m depth planetary drilling system
for frozen soil and space environment (10^{-7} torr, -190°C)**

Key technology

- ▶ Compact, light drilling design
- ▶ Monitoring and automated control system for safety and efficiency
- ▶ Thermal control system
- ▶ High efficient motor for space environment

Output

- ▶ EQM level drill/motor, auto control S/W, drilling system operation manual

Application

- ▶ Planetary stratigraphy investigation
- ▶ Science mission and sampling
- ▶ Regolith strength investigation
- ▶ Terrestrial polar region ground investigation and sampling

150W

⟨25kg

30mm/min

Boring capacity (25MPa material)



⟨NASA ARC Mars Drill Prototype⟩

3. Research Plan – Task 4

Task 1

Task 2

Task 3

Task 4

Final Goal

**ISRU additive construction material (20MPa strength),
automated construction technology and integrated testing
environment**

Key technology

- ▶ Infrastructure automated construction
- ▶ ISRU additive construction material
- ▶ Material forming/control
- ▶ Site topography, geological information analysis
- ▶ Site measuring, monitoring, modelling

Output

- ▶ Water-free construction material, automated construction system, monitoring system, 3D VR simulator

Application

- ▶ Planetary infrastructure (landing pad, apron, roads, blast wall, habitat)
- ▶ Construction for military, disaster, refugee region
- ▶ Eco- friendly construction
- ▶ Terrestrial construction automation and site monitoring system

**BB level system
20MPa strength
25mm/s construction speed**



《USC Contour Crafting》

3. Vision, Goal & Tasks

Space Resource In-situ Prospecting and Analysis Payload (EQM) Development until 2020

Task 1

⇒ Dirty Vacuum Chamber for ISRU Technology Verification

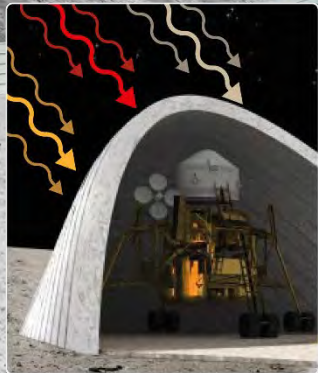
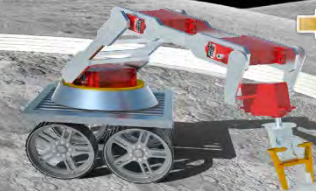
- System scale dirty thermal vacuum chamber
- Cryogenic shroud
- Regolith simulant characterization and development
- ISRU technology verification process



Task 4

⇒ Surface Mission Infrastructure Construction

- Construction site monitoring system
- ISRU additive construction material and method
- BB level automated construction device
- Site measuring and modelling



Task 2

⇒ Space Resource In-situ Prospecting and Analysis

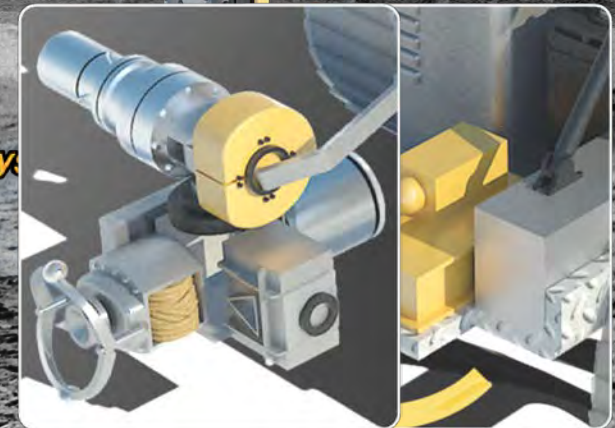
- EQM level active x-ray spectrometer/grinder
- EQM level ground penetration radar
- Primary resource prospecting site selection



Task 3

⇒ Space Resource In-situ Drilling

- EQM level drilling and motor
- Thermal control system
- Automated operation



4. Research Group



Role

Key Technology

- Boring drill
- Horizontal direction drill
- Construction and maintenance robotic system



Role

Key Technology

- Frozen land pipeline design and construction
- South pole base management
- Deep underground drilling



Role

Key Technology

- Planetary exploration science device
- Lunar geological/resource investigation
- Planetary resource geochemistry investigation



Role

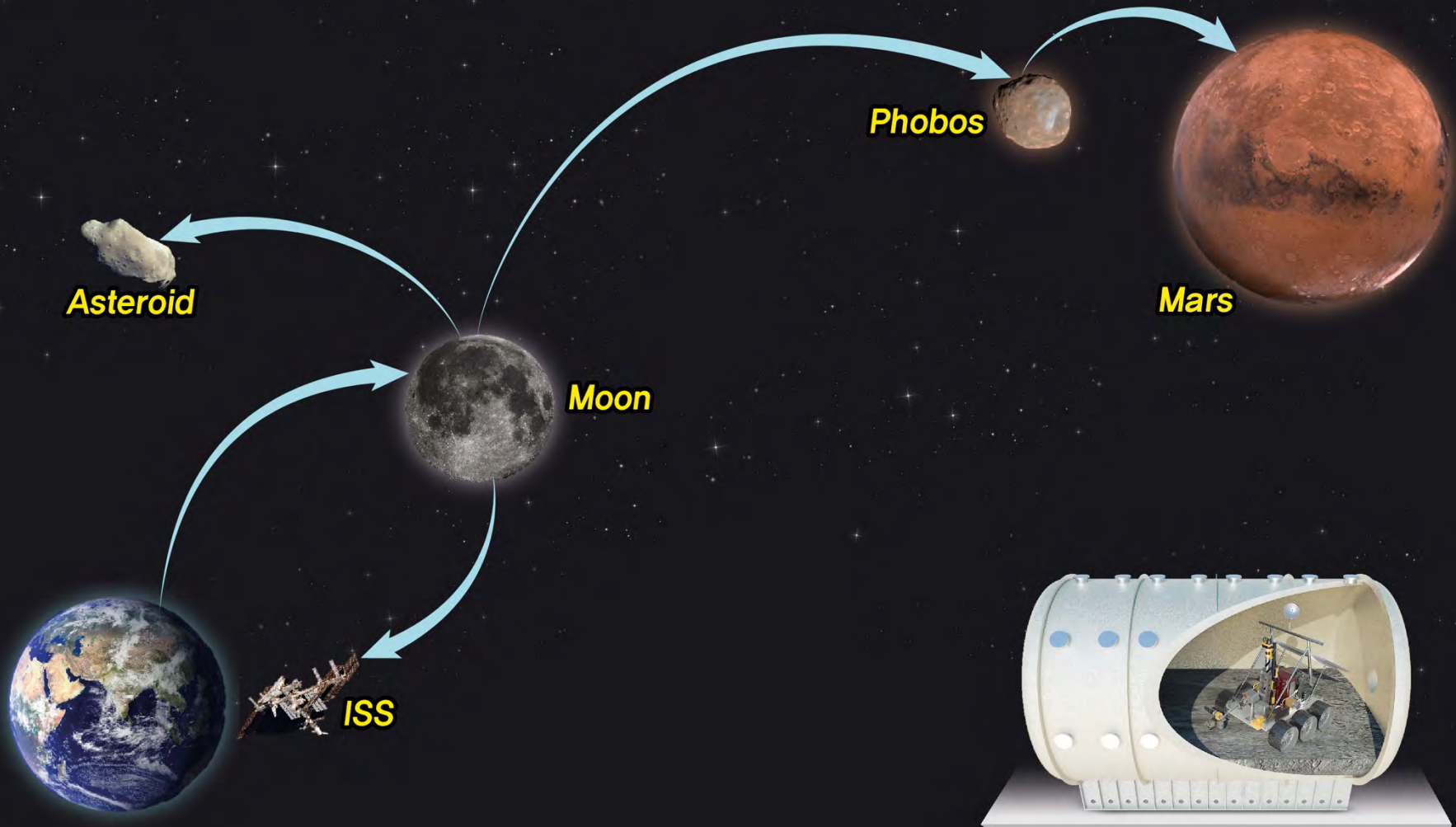
Key Technology

- Vacuum technique
- Ultra thin film measuring technology
- Vacuum environment measuring technology



5. Research Plan - Application

- DVC and other technologies can be apply not only to the Moon, but also Mars and other target environments



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