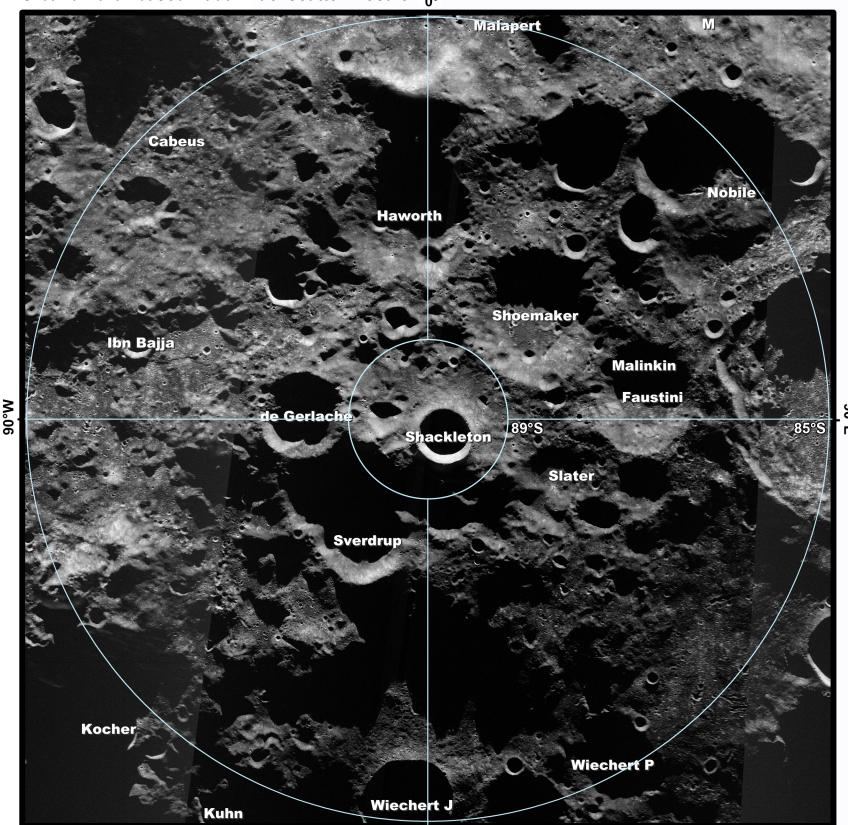
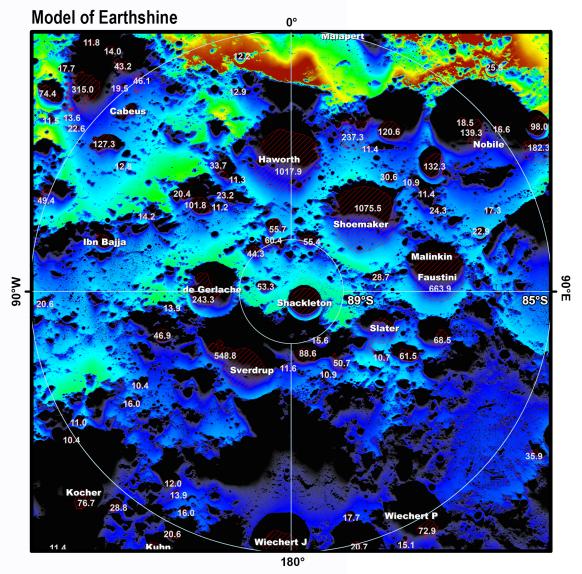
Lunar South Pole Radar Images and Earthshine Model (85°S to Pole)

Polarstereographic Projection (Scale 1:1,250,000)

S-band Earth-based Radar Backscatter Mosaic 000





Data sources:

Left: A view of the Moon's south pole in the high-resolution (20-meter) S-band radar image mosaic obtained with the Arecibo Observatory and Green Bank Telescope (Campbell et al. 2006) [Cornell University/Smithsonian Institution]. Earth-facing side of the Moon is centered around 0° longitude (top of image).

Above: Modeled average earthshine calculated from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Laser Altimeter (LOLA) 60-m elevation data (Mazarico et al. 2011) [NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)]. Red pixels indicate a relative abundance of timesteps where that pixel is illuminated; black pixels are not illuminated by the Earth. Red hatching demarks large areas of permanent shadow as calculated using solar illumination models at the poles [NASA GSFC/Arizona State University]. Numbers indicate approximate areas in km² of the permanently shaded regions (PSRs). Some solar PSRs receive partial illumination indirectly from the Earth over the course of a year, but with much lower flux in mW/m² (Mazarico et al. 2018).



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