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Footprints



Laetoli (East Africa) ~3.7 MYA

Tranquility Base (Luna) 0.00005 MYA

image credits: John Reader/PhotoResearchers.com (Left)/NASA (Right)

see also: Jurmain, Kilgore, Trevathan, eds. <u>Essentials of Physical Anthropology</u>, 8th ed. (2010) "One Small Step for Man..." by Robert Krulwich, npr.org, 09 Sep 2010



Apollo 11 Newspaper Coverage



The first men on the moon, Noil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, planted a plastic American flag in the lunar soil

Air War Erupts In the Mideast

What Spacemen Found--Chief Says Kennedy to Moon's Unusual Rocks Be Charged

The Landscape

Close to Target Area

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1968: 2001: A Space Odyssey





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Some Questions, and ...





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Lick Observatory's Place in the World

Michael Bolte University of California, Santa Cruz UC Observatories



University of California Observatories (UCO)

- Multi-Campus UC Research Organization
- HQ in Santa Cruz
- Primary purpose:
 - to efficiently develop and manage the astronomical optical/IR facilities for UC astronomers
 - Operate as a major research center



Lick Observatory

Keck Observatory, Hawaii

UCO instrument shops

Lick Observatory: The Start



- James Lick made a \$700,000 gift:
 - build the "finest observatory in the history of mankind"
- 1888: world's first permanently occupied mountaintop observatory
- Immediately became the world's Premier Observatory

Early Work at Lick Observatory



- Firsts at Lick:
 - photographic mapping of the Milky Way
 - the source of much debate about the nature of the dark regions
- Numerous comets were discovered
- Motions of stars in our Galaxy were measured
- Binary star orbits and masses of stars were measured

The Rise of the Reflectors



- 1895: 36" Crossley Reflecting Telescope arrived at Lick
- World's first reflecting telescope
 - Reflecting telescopes
 became important
 worldwide
 - These led to the discovery of the extragalactic universe

Lick Observatory and Einstein



- W. W. Campbell:
 - Lick Director (1901-30)
 - UC President (1923-30)
- Campbell carried out a decade long program to observationally verify Einstein's Theory of General Relativity
- 1922: final success during an eclipse in Australia

Lick Observatory: The Modern Era

- 1959: Shane 3-meter reflector telescope was completed
 - 2nd largest telescope in the world
- 1969: One of 3 observatories to attempt the LURE
- 1996: First adaptive optics system for astronomy
 - use of a laser to compensate for the atmosphere
- Robotic telescopes are in regular use
 - Allows for remote access from 8 UC campuses



Discovery of Large-scale Structure

- A huge survey of the entire Northern Sky was carried out twice to map the motions of stars in the Galaxy
- A by-product, the position of 1 million galaxies, first showed the largescale structure of the Universe

Lick Observatory 2019



- At the forefront of science
 - Exoplants
 - Supernovae and the expanding Universe
 - Support of Keck programs
- Technology development
- Undergrad/grad education in A&A
- Public outreach and education

Lick Observatory Public Outreach



- Open all year: ~25,000 visitors come per year
- Summer concert series with live music, lectures and viewing
- Summer Open House nights with lectures and viewing
- Tours for school groups and others



130 years of ground breaking scientific discovery, technology development, training of new generations and bringing the wonder of astronomy to the public



With all that amazing history, my favorite story: The time we shot the laser at the moon... An IEEE Milestone Dedication: The Apollo 11 Lunar Laser Ranging Experiment (LURE)





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Skycorp Incorporated Lunar Studies, 3D Manufacturing and ISRU



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CEO

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The Time is Now

 With the advent of recent scientific missions from Chandrayaan and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, coupled with legacy data from Lunar Prospector, Clementine, and Lunar Orbiter we now have sufficient remote sensing data to plan a commercial lunar development. The next step is ground truth with a high capability commercially focused lander and rover.

The Goal, Industrial Development

- The goal of lunar industrial development, once the realm of science fiction, is now attainable.
- Recent remote sensing missions have dramatically improved our terrain knowledge and Apollo samples continue to inform.
- The key is a systems engineering approach, selecting a site, importing enough infrastructure, then implementing additive manufacturing for growth.

Peary/Whipple Ground Truth (LOLA Data)



Figure 1a: LOLA 10 Meter Gridded Data Record Terrain from 87.5° North to the North Pole (3x vertical exaggeration)



Figure 4: Slopes in the area of Peary/Whipple craters with overlaid elevation contours at 200 meter vertical spacing. Slopes are derived from LOLA GDR.



Figure 5: Circular Polarization Ratio map from the Mini-SAR instrument on Chandrayaan-1 cropped to show the area from approximately 85°N to the pole. Anomalous craters suspected of containing volatiles, including several craters on the floor of Peary, are circled in green [see reference 1].

For the purpose of economic development the north lunar pole is far superior to other locations

Whipple Site Details



Using images from the LRO NAC high resolution imager, coupled with LOLA terrain data we now have the ability to plan not only the general outline of a site but to do a first order determination of locomotion and energy needs for mobility and day/night Cycles.

Steps to a Lunar Development

- There is a fundamental difference between a science outpost on the Moon (think Antarctica) and any other use case.
- As on the Earth, a sustainable industrial infrastructure on the Moon must begin with, and is limited by, available power and local resources.
- The Moon is RICH with resources, we must start (after the recon period) with power.

Lunar Industrialization



The First Requirement, Power



- Skycorp Power Lander™
 - 100 Kilowatts power output
 - 3500-4000 kg
 - One Delta IVH or Falcon Heavy launch
 - Based on Modular Lunar Lander Heavy
 - Extended lander legs to get solar array into more sunlight
 - Provides standard 110//220/440 V AC Power
 - Closed loop 80 kW PEM Fuel Cell scavenging residual H2 and O2 propellants
 - Average power supplied over 708 hours is ~67 kW/hr/hr
 - Unit one supports outpost buildup
 - 5-7 units required for industrial self sufficiency.

Adding Capability

- Leveraging telepresence and advances in terrestrial robotics
- Terrestrial robotics have exploded in capability in recent years. This, along with metals In-Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU) rewrites the book on lunar (and mars) development



Versatile Robotics

Advanced robotics coupled with traditional cranes will provide high productivity for site development. This gantry crane could be used for large scale 3D printing





Landers designed with modular parts could be disassembled and the parts used to build cranes, propellant storage, or even raw materials for ISRU systems. This leverages delivered mass fraction by 30-50%
Scouting with the High Mobility Lunar Rover (HMLR)



Figure 6a: Slopes with overlaid elevation contours and examples of candidate rover driving routes from high-illumination regions on the rim of Whipple crater to the floor of Peary.





distance for route 2 A rover based on the 1970's Eagle shown in figure 5a. ٠

Engineering LOTRAN modular design would give high mobility (20 km/hr), all wheel drive, and allow for heavy loads.

Slope angles on identified routes to • floor of Peary have moderate slope and short distance.

3D Printing/Additive Manufacturing

- A truly transformative technology, allowing the rapid utilization of lunar resources.
- Lunar materials, from raw regolith to metal meteoric fragments can be immediately processed with with little preprocessing.
- Laser Sintering is a key technology, ready for almost immediate deployment on the Moon.

Advanced Base Is Just the Beginning



This is not your grandfather's lunar base. It is time to throw off the old conceptions and to use the benefits of 2st century technology development to build a lunar base that will then enable a solar system wide industrial and transportation infrastructure. An IEEE Milestone Dedication: The Apollo 11 Lunar Laser Ranging Experiment (LURE)





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Jim Jefferies, 2019 IEEE Past President Apollo 11 Lunar Laser Ranging Experiment (LURE), 1969 1 August 2019



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The Pearl Street Generating Station, 1882



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Milestone: Birthplace of Silicon Valley, 1956

 At Shockley Labs site: corner of San Antonio Rd and California Ave, Mountain View







IEEE Milestone: Moore's Law, 1965



Ampex Videotape Recorder, 1956: Redwood City







Silicon Valley History



Fig. 12. The video project team, 1957, with Ampex Emmy and an early version of the videotape recorder.

From the left: Charles Anderson, Ray Dolby, Alex Maxey, Shelby Henderson, Charles Ginsburg and Fred Pfost.

RAMAC, 1956: 99 Notre Dame St, San Jose, CA (IBM)



Silicon Valley History





Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, 1962: Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park



Silicon Valley History



Inception of the ARPANET, 1969: SRI, Menlo Park



Silicon Valley History



Integrated Circuit, 1959: Charleston Rd, Palo Alto (Fairchild) (near San Antonio Rd/US-101)



Silicon Valley History



"Mother of All Demos" by Doug Enbelbart, 1968: Menlo Park (SRI)

- First public demo of:
 - the mouse
 - collaborative online editing
 - Hypertext, video conferencing
 - word processing, spell checking
- Demo in San Francisco
- Computer and team members in Menlo Park







CP/M Microcomputer Operating System, 1974: Pacific Grove



- Developed by Dr. Gary Kildall while at Naval Postgraduate School
- Launched the Personal Computer revolution



DIALOG Online Search System, 1966

Used initially by NASA and the European Space Agency

Preceded modern search engines by over 2 decades

Dedicated in May 2019



Computer History Museum, 1979 (SPECIAL CITATION): Mountain View

- Dedicated at the CHM in 2015
- 8 plaques are mounted at CHM





Silicon Valley History

Computer History Museum



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Early Radar Work

- US Navy: onboard USS Rendova Aircraft Carrier
- Douglas Aircraft: A3D Skywarrior Strategic Bomber







Oct. 4, 1957: Sputnik! 11-0-20-2

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in 90 minutes

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Monitoring the Soviets in Alaska

- RCA Corp.: Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS)
 - Clear Air Force Station in central Alaska







Monitoring the Soviets in Alaska



Maiman's Laser Invention

- 1960: Theodore Maiman invented the laser while at Hughes Aircraft
 - Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
 - Laser light can be focused onto a tight spot
- 1962: Maiman formed KORAD Corp. to manufacture high-power ruby lasers
- 1968: Union Carbide acquired KORAD



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The KORAD Gigawatt Laser

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KORAD built this four-headed system to monitor the moon, so the performance it offers you is little less than spectacular.

> 2 GW peak power (over 5 joules in 2.5 nanoseconds) ■ repetition rate to 20 ppm ■ full angle beam divergence of 0.7 milliradians (½ power point)



Apollo 11: July 20, 1969

July 20, 1969:

- Apollo 11 Landed in Sea of Tranquility on the Moon
- Retroreflector placed on lunar surface





A Retroreflector



NASA's lunar laser-ranging : How it works

A laser pulse from a telescope on Earth hits the retro-reflector array on the moon. The corner-cube reflectors in the array redirect the laser pulse and send it straight back to the telescope on Earth. Researchers average the round-trip signal to calculate the distance to the moon.

- The average distance from the Earth to the moon is about 385,000 km.
- Dispersion causes the laser beam "footprint" to be about 7 km in diameter when it reaches the moon, and 20 km in diameter when it returns to Earth.



Locating the 18" x 18" Array



Sea of Tranquility

O Landing
Sites Attempting the LURE



Lick Observatory's Shane Telescope



Haleakala Observatory, Maui, Hawaii



McDonald Observatory, Texas



"Upstairs" in the Shane Telescope Dome







The Shane "Basement" with the KORAD Gigawatt Laser



These 5 Wesleyan Univ. (Connecticut) undergraduates helped with the LURE; all 5 went on to get PhDs in physics



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OBSERVATION OF LUNAR RETROREFLECTOR ARRAY

Dr. James Faller and Dr. E. Joseph Wampler, Lick Observatory, communicate: "We should like to report the successful acquisition on August 1 between 10^h15^m and 12^h50^m UT of the retroreflector array placed on the moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts. After the return signal was first detected it continued to appear with the expected time delay for the remainder of the night, a total of six integrations showing a signal level 3 to 10 standard deviations above noise. The coordinates of the laser ranging retroreflector



After the LURE

Meeting with Buzz Aldrin:



Work at Hughes Electro-Optical Data Systems:









NASA Solar System Ambassador

- JPL outreach program
 - Youth education
 - Outreach STEM programs in the US and in Africa







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Hal and Wife Bettye Formed the A-MAN Science and Technology Program

- 1997: Hal and his wife and STEM educator Dr. Bettye Walker met with President Nelson Mandela
- 1998: The Walkers started returning to South Africa to continue this work





First Chapter of the National Space Society (NSS) on the African Continent

- Cape Town Space Society formed in March 2019
- Hal (left) and his wife and STEM educator Dr. Bettye Walker (right) with chapter members





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Apollo 11 Lunar Laser Ranging Experiment (LURE), 1969

On 1 August 1969, Lick Observatory made the first Earth-to-Moon distance measurement with centimeter accuracy. The researchers fired a gigawatt ruby laser at a retro-reflector array placed on the Moon by Apollo 11 astronauts, and measured the time delay in detecting the reflected pulse. This was the first experiment using a hand-placed extraterrestrial instrument.

August 2019

