

Power and Ancillary Services Beaming Reducing the Systems Engineering to Practice

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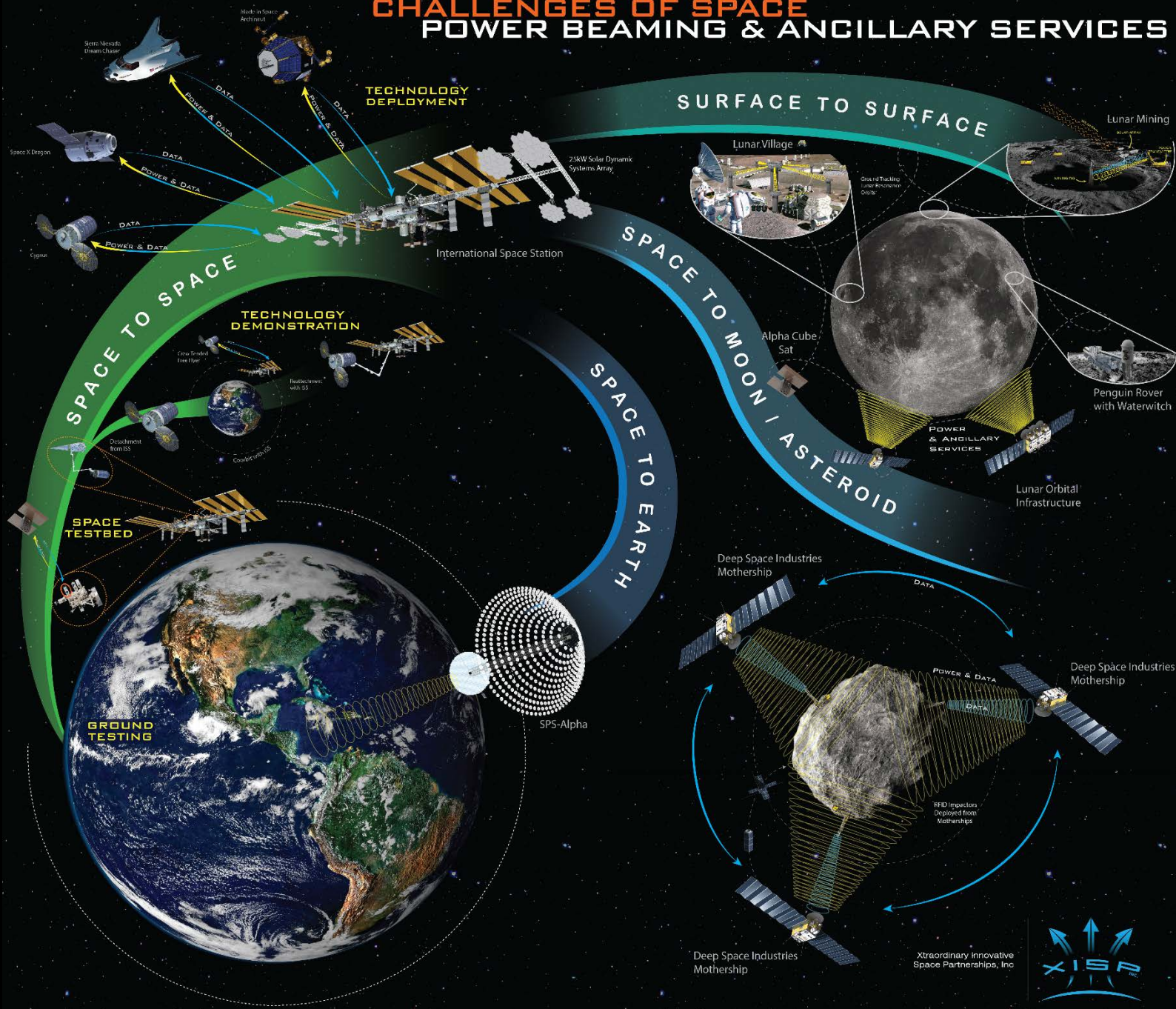
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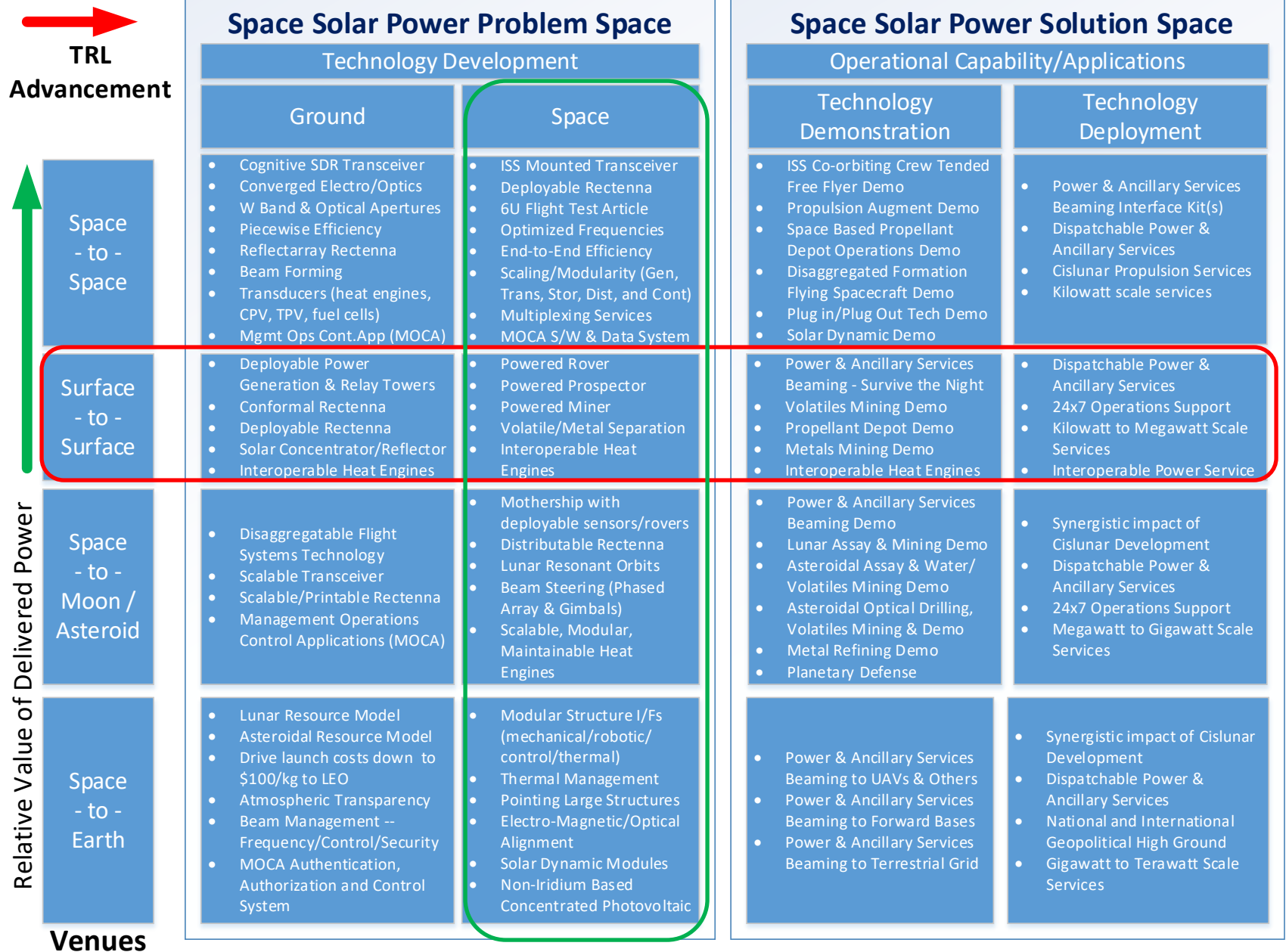
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CHALLENGES OF SPACE POWER BEAMING & ANCILLARY SERVICES



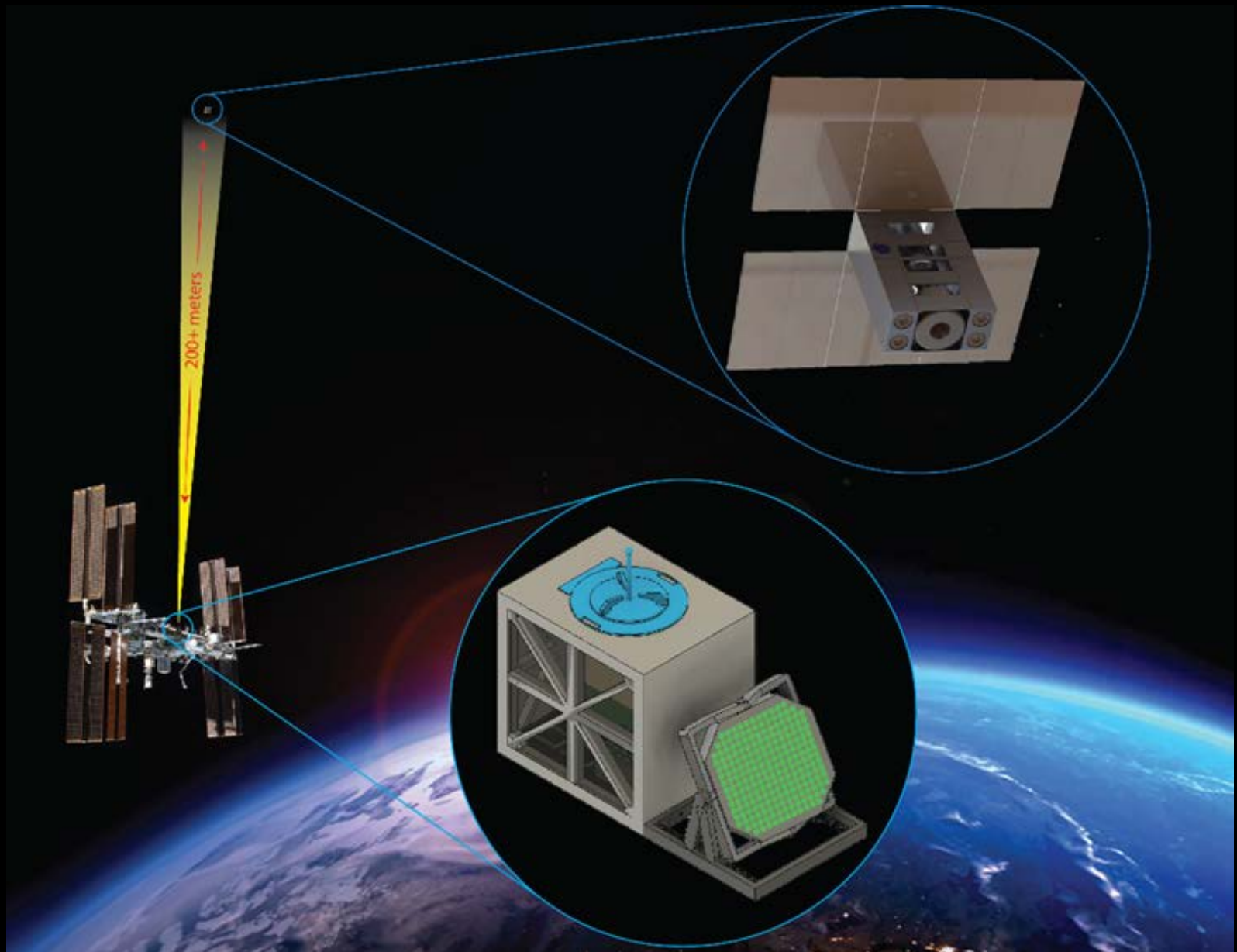
Space Solar Power Challenge Matrix



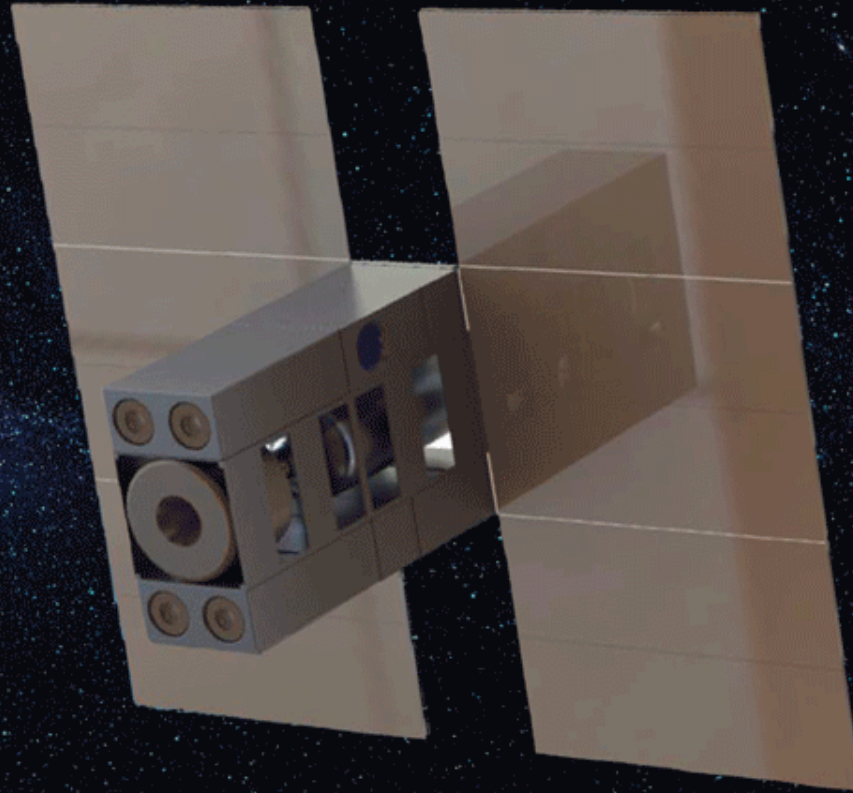
SSPB - Mission Overview

- Unbundle/disaggregate spacecraft electrical power systems
- Provide beamed power and ancillary services as a utility
- Support further development of power beaming technology
- SSPB mission divided into three linked phases: Technology Development, Demonstration, and Deployment (TD³) intended to bridge the technology “valley of death”
- TD³ mission defines a civilian non-weapons use space solar power
- Addressing real and perceived cost, schedule, and technical risks associated with Space Solar Power and ancillary services beaming
- Addressing multiple venues including: Space-to-Space, Space-to-Alternate Surfaces, as well as the potential for Space-to-Earth.
- Effort will lead to use of beamed energy to support:
 - sustained ISS co-orbiting free-flyer operations,
 - Enhanced power requirements/augmented propulsion,
 - loosely coupled modular architecture, and
 - new cluster architectures

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Critical Considerations (1)

- Space Power and Ancillary Services infrastructure is an applied engineering problem and an economics problem.
 - Applied Engineering because the solutions are valued in terms of availability, durability, resilience, and maintainability not as new science and/or engineering
 - Economics because the solutions are necessarily sustainable utilities that will circumscribe what is possible
- Each application and venue has:
 - significant systems engineering and economic challenges
 - different fundamental figures of merit / value proposition.
- Operational capabilities are best realized by leveraging a combination of technology development “Push” and mission requirements “Pull”.



Critical Considerations (2)

- Work Vectors:

Technology: Development → Demonstration → Deployment

Venues: Space-to-Space → Surface-to-Surface
→ Space-to-Alternate Surface → Space-to-Earth

- Each increment of public and/or private investment should lead to an operational capability useful and used by one more other missions.
- The efficacy of any systems architecture must consider the entire lifecycle of fielded equipment with respect to cost analysis, functionality, scalability, durability, and maintainability.
- Engineering solutions which leverage other mission investments should be given priority, but not exclusivity.
- Furthermore, approaches should be biased to organically grow the community of interest so they become increasingly invested in the success of the endeavors.

Key Variables

- **Cost/Economics** (initial cost to first power, Levelized Cost of Electricity, market viability, anchor customers),
- **Magnitude** (power level supporting applications, scalability)
- **Distance** (near field, boundary regions, far field),
- **Frequency/Wavelength** (microwave to eye-safe optical),
- **Voltage/Amperage** (input, output, transforms)
- **Duration** (pulsed, scheduled, continuous),
- **Availability** (dispatchable, on demand, scheduled, prioritized, by exception, resilience, interoperability),
- **Security** (misuse, interruption, destruction, safety),
- **Performance** (net transfer, end-to-end efficiency, piecewise efficiency, steering precision and accuracy, beam shaping, effective operational difference),
- **Logistics** (mass, volume, modularity, durability, maintainability),
- **Environmental** (temperature, radiation, degradation), and
- **Technology Readiness Level** [TRL] (cost, schedule, and technical risk)



Power Density* versus the Solar Constant

$$p_d = \frac{A_t P_t}{\lambda^2 D^2}$$

p_d is the power density at the center of the receiving location

P_t is the total radiated power from the transmitter

A_t is the total area of the transmitting antenna

λ^2 is the wavelength squared

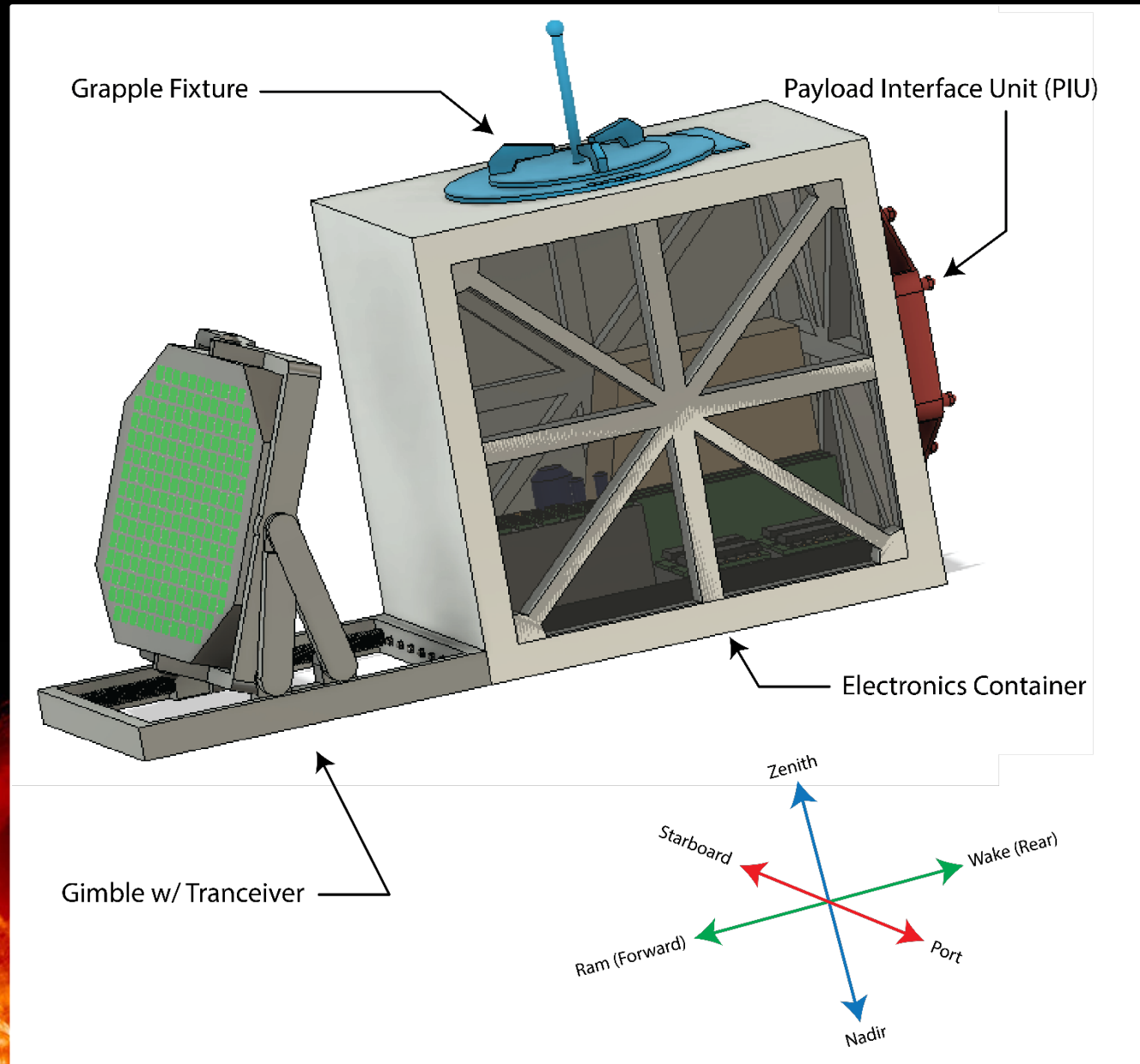
D^2 is the separation between the apertures squared

	Power Density (Watts/cm ²)	Power Density (Watts/cm ²)	Power Density (Watts/cm ²)
	P _d	P _d	P _d
	Case 1 @26.5 GHz	Case 2 @36 GHz	Case 3 @95 GHz
Table 1. Power Density with D=200 m, P _t = 3000 W and A _t = 1642 cm ²	0.00964	0.01774	0.12331
Table 2. Power Density with D=200 m, P _t = 6000 W and A _t = 1642 cm ²	0.01929	0.03549	0.24661
Table 3. Power Density with D=200 m, P _t = 3000 W and A _t = 10000 cm ²	0.05874	0.10809	0.75108
Table 4. Power Density with D=200 m, P _t = 6000 W and A _t = 10000 cm ²	0.11747	0.21617	1.50216
$I_{sc} = \textit{Solar Constant at 1 AU} = 0.1367 \textit{ Watts/cm2}$	P _d significantly lower than I _{sc}		
	P _d similar to I _{sc}		
	P _d significantly higher than I _{sc}		
Table 5. Comparing Beaming Power Density and the Solar Constant			

1 - Barnhard, Gary Pearce Space-to Space Power Beaming AIAA Space 2017

2 - William C. Brown, Life Fellow, IEEE, and E. Eugene Eves, Beamed Microwave Power Transmission and its Application to Space, IEEE Transactions On Microwave Theory and Techniques, Vol. 40, No. 6. June 1992

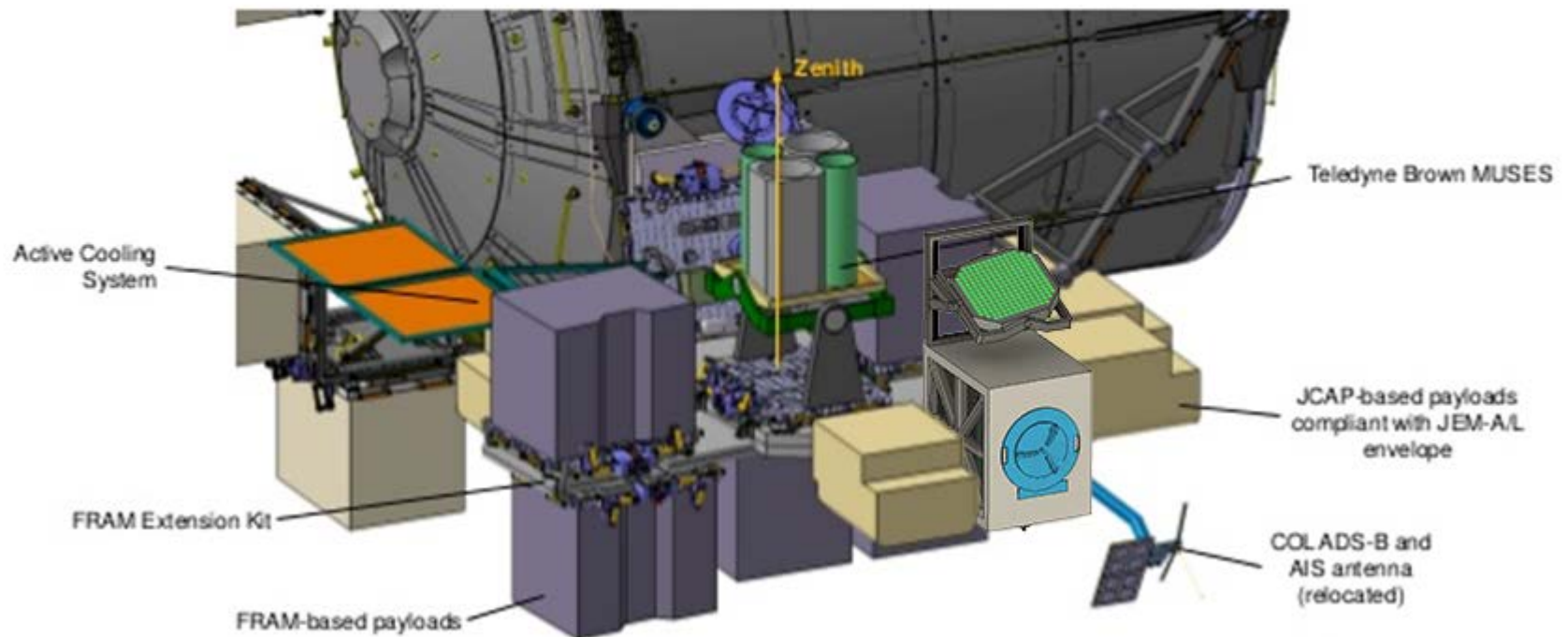
SSPB Transceiver Preliminary Design Isometric



Barto Exposed Facility Accommodations

Commercial External Payload Hosting Facility on ISS

Bartolomeo On-orbit Configuration (3/4)

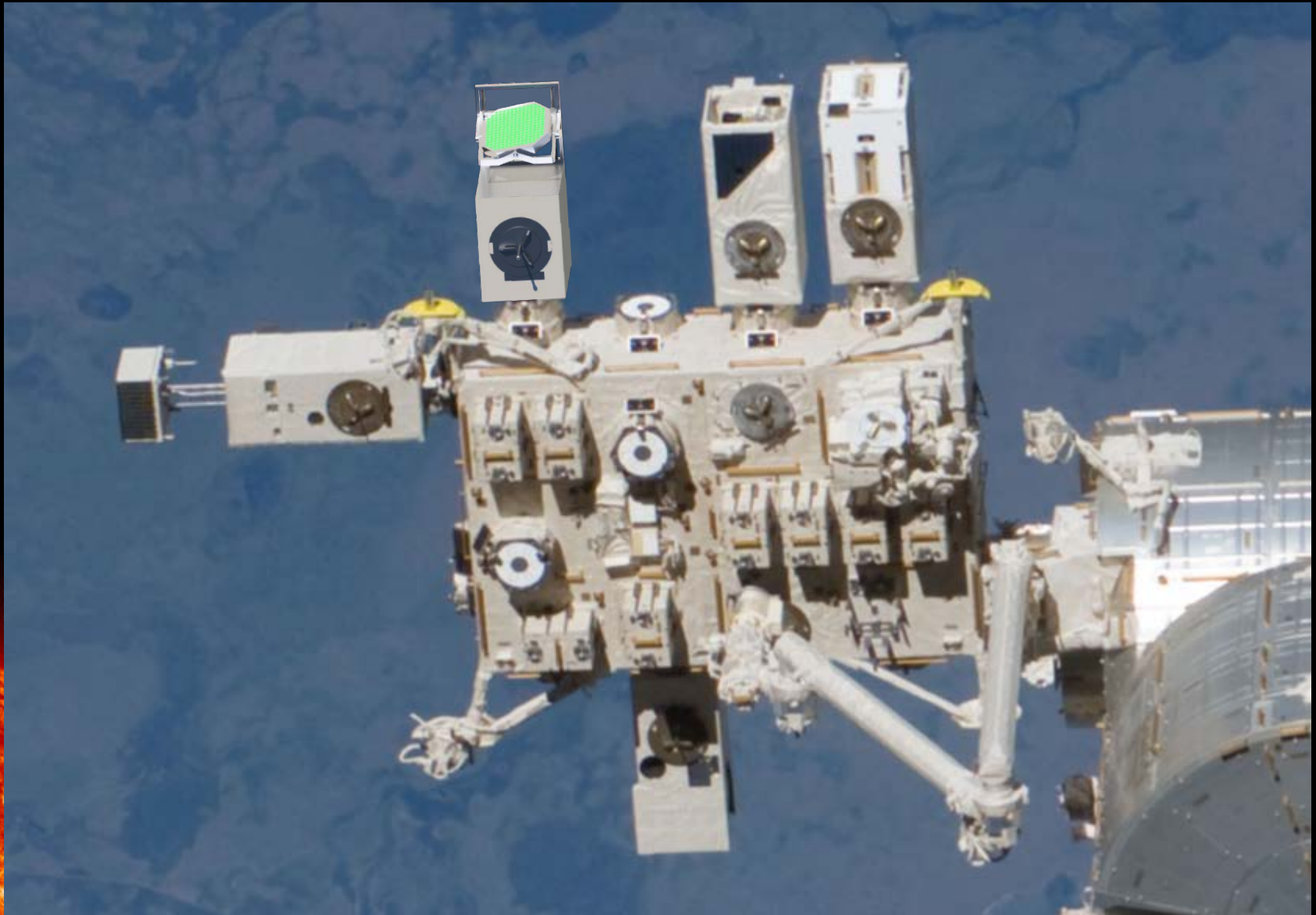


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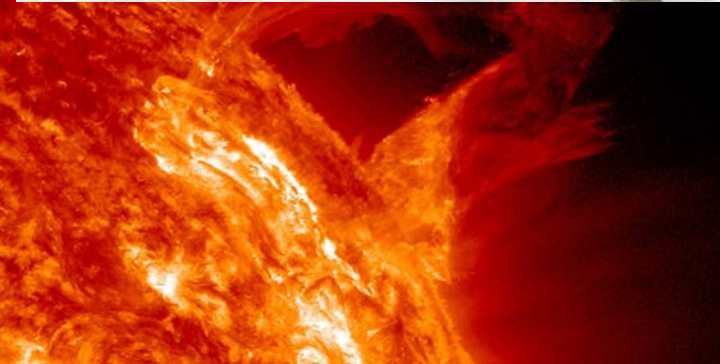
JEM Exposed Facility Accommodations



Cygnus & Dragon Free flyers



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Applications & Customers

- Commercial space beaming applications include:
 - Expansion of operational mission capabilities,
 - Power densities an order of magnitude above I_{sc}
 - Multiplexed power and ancillary services (e.g., comm, data, navigation, time → Situational Awareness)
 - Enhanced spacecraft/infrastructure design flexibility, and
 - out-bound orbital trajectory insertion propulsion, and
 - pave the way for the Lunar Power & Light Company.
- Government space applications include:
 - Sustainable, interoperable, high power generation, storage, and distribution
 - Frequency agnostic extension of cognitive software defined radios
 - Operational Flexibility + Situation Awareness = Enhanced Space Power

SSPB & Commercial Evolution

- Repurpose Cygnus Pressurized Logistics Carriers as crew tended co-orbiting labs with fault tolerant power and auxiliary services for some number of cycles.
- Support other co-orbiting crew-tended space manufacturing elements
- Lunar Power & Light Company – a Cislunar utility
 - Enhanced ISS power & co-orbiting community
 - LEO Independent power generation & ancillary services distribution
 - MEO/HEO/GEO power generation & ancillary services distribution
 - Libration point/lunar orbit/lunar surface power generation & ancillary services distribution

Technological Challenges

- Physics of near field/ far field energy propagation understood.
- Use of radiant energy to transfer: power, data, force, &/or heat, either directly and/or by inducing near field effects at a distance, are not well understood
- Moreover, there is very limited engineering knowledge base of practical applications.
- Accordingly, this is applied engineering work, (a.k.a. technology development), not new physics.

To optimize beaming applications we need to better understand how each of the components of radiant energy can be made to interact in a controlled manner.

Technological Challenges -2

- Radiant energy components include
 - Electrical
 - Magnetic
 - Linear & Angular Momentum
 - Thermal
 - Data
- There are potential direct and indirect uses for each beam component

Use of any combination of these components has implications for all spacecraft systems (e.g., power, data, thermal, communications, navigation, structures, GN&C, propulsion, payloads, etc.)

Technological Challenges - 3

- In theory, the use of the component interactions can enable:
 - Individual knowledge of position and orientation
 - Shared knowledge loose coupling /interfaces between related objects
 - Near network control (size to sense/proportionality to enable desired control)
 - Fixed and/or rotating planar beam projections
 - Potential for net velocity along any specified vector

In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice – but in practice, there is.

*– Jan L.A. van de Snepscheut
computer scientist*



Additional Challenges - 3

- Economics

- Map the financing to terrestrial electrical power and ancillary services utility analog that just happens to be in space.
- Each addressable market has different fundamental figures of merit.

- Public/Private Partnerships

- Drawing out the confluence of interests that can support substantive agreements

- GeoPolitical

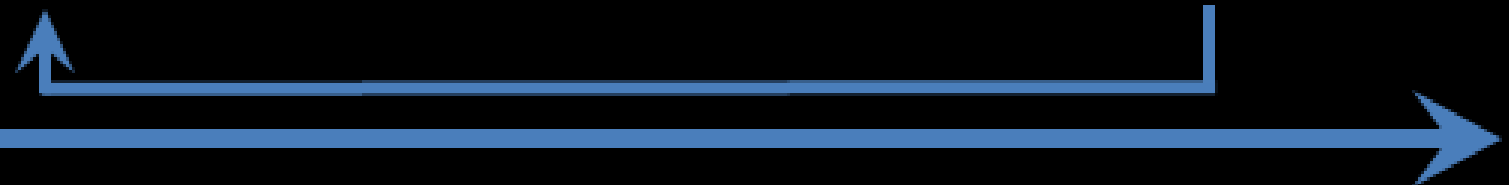
- Make International Cooperation/Collaboration real.



REPRESENTATIVE TIMELINE

Energy TD³ Iterative and Recursive Milestones

Technology Development → Technology Demonstration → Technology Deployment



Space Solar Power

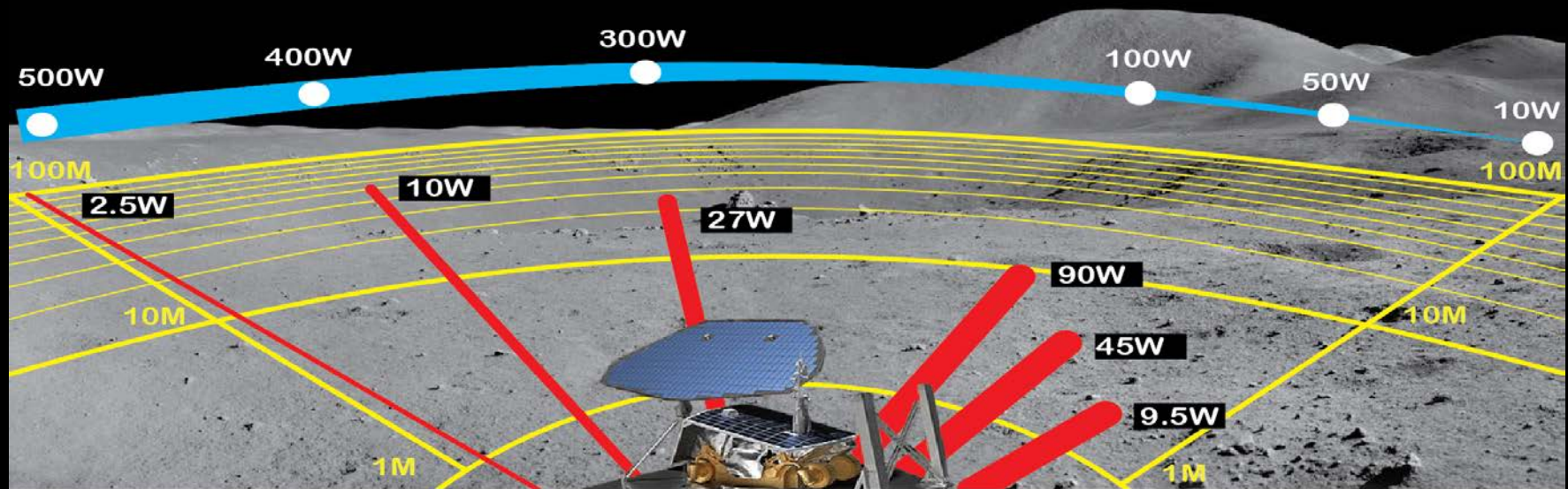
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	ISS TD ³	LEO TD ³	GEO TD ³	GEO TD ³	GEO TD ³	SSP's >
	3-6 KW	~100 KW	~100 MW	~2 GW	10 GW	50 GW
	SSP Testbed	SSP LEO Demo	SSP GEO Demo	Full SSP		
• Space-to-Space	NASA/DOD	NASA/DOD/DOE	NASA/DOD/DOE	Electrical Utility		
• Space-to-Luna	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial		
• Space-to-Earth						
• Space-to-NEO	Co-orbiting Test	ComSats Recovery	ComSats Primary	→ \$\$\$	→ \$\$\$\$	
• Space In situ	Platform Model	Platform TD ³	Platform Ops	→ \$\$\$	→ \$\$\$\$	
• Luna-to-Luna	Spectrum Model	Spectrum Apply	Spectrum Allocation			
• Earth-to-Earth	Orbit Slot Model	Orbit Slot Apply	Orbit Slot Allocation			
	LP&L Seed/Angel	LP&L Series A/B/C	LP&L IPO	→ \$\$\$	→ \$\$\$\$	
	Co-orbiting Tests	Co-orbiting Labs	Co-orbiting Facilities	→ \$\$\$	→ \$\$\$\$	
		Lunar Test(s)	Lunar Operations	→ \$\$\$	→ \$\$\$\$	
		NEO Test(s)	Asteroidal Assay	→ \$\$\$	→ \$\$\$\$	



KEY

- Distance
- Input power
- Received Power

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XISP-Inc Team Power & Ancillary Service Beaming Lunar Lander Payload Concept

Key Variables:

Frequency = 92 GHz

Primary Transceiver Aperture Area = .2 m²

Primary Transceiver DC to RF Efficiency = 20%

Secondary Transceiver Aperture Area = .049 m²

Secondary Transceiver RF to DC Efficiency = 50%

Distance = 1 to 100 m

Lunar Lander Input Power = 10, 50, 100, 300, 400 and 500 W

Conservative estimations of performance metrics based on measured component data were used

Payload Received Power is shown for five representative input power + distance cases

Actual Payload Power received would be optimized by adjusting variables for each application

Ancillary Services up to 40 Gbps
have been demonstrated using
higher order modulation schemes

Free-path propagation loss included

Lunar Village



Next Steps

- Space Solar Power and ancillary services Beaming (SSPB) is an XISP-Inc commercial TD³ mission moving forward with the advice and consent of NASA HEOMD.
- Requests for allocation of ISS National Lab Resources, Commercial Cargo space, ISS Integration Support, and mission development investment have been submitted.
- NASA may participate indirectly through ISS National Lab and/or through one or more direct means (e.g., solicitation awards, contracts for services/data, ISS Intergovernmental Agreements, space act agreement funding to accelerate and/or add additional milestones).
- In parallel, to provide an assured path to execution a direct commercial purchase of services agreement is being worked consistent with the enacted NASA ISS commercialization policy.
- Additional partners, participants, and customers are being sought across the commercial, academic, non-profit, and government sectors.
- Opportunities for international cooperation leveraging the ISS Intergovernmental Agreements are being developed.
- Balance of funding (cash & In-kind) will be raised from the SSPB consortium investments, and XISP-Inc debt/equity financing.

Conclusion

- SSPB has transitioned from a conceptual mission pregnant with opportunity to a commercial mission with recognized standing.
- There is now a defined confluence of interests biased toward successful execution of the mission as Public Private Partnership.
- Successful demonstration of space solar power beaming will:
 1. Reduce the perceived cost, schedule, technical risk of SSP
 2. Pave the way for SSP use in multiple venues
space-to-space, surface-to-surface, space-to-lunar/infrastructure surface, and space-to-Earth

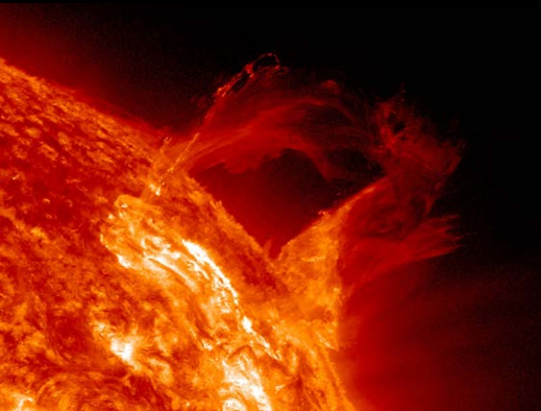
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What's Next?

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Resources

Commercial Lunar Propellant Architecture: A Collaborative Study of Lunar Propellant Production

<http://cislunar.nss.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Commercial-Lunar-Propellant-Architecture.pdf>

XISP-Inc Projects:

<http://www.xisp-inc.com/index-6-projects.html>

Space Development Foundation:

<http://www.spacedevelopmentfoundation.org>

Cislunar Marketplace:

<https://cislunar.nss.org>

