LunarSS: Inspiring the Future

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Lack of Science and Engineering Interest



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Adapted from NSF publication Science and Engineering Doctorate Awards: 20



Where have all the engineers gone?

 "Between 1986 and 2006, there was a 3 percent decrease in engineering graduates."

<u>5...4...3...2...Yawwwwwn</u>

 "... but it is hard for most Americans to care much about the space program when they are worried about keeping their jobs, making house payments and putting food on the table."

<u>Yuri's Night Rationale Document</u> <u>(embedded)</u>

- New Engineering Graduates: In recent years, the U.S. has produced approximately 72K per year (compared to China's 351K)
- Decline in education: U.S. 12th-graders are below the international average on mathematics and science

Inspiring the Next Generation









Lunar Space Scope Architecture

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Interfaces



Operational Architecture



Sensory Systems



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• Camera:

- Advanced versions of Hubble imaging systems
 - Wide Field and Planetary Camera 2 (WFPC2)
 - Near Infrared Camera and Multi-object Spectrometer (NICMOS)
 - Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph (STIS)
- Temperature Monitoring Systems
- Seismic Activities Monitors study meteor hits
- Radiation Detectors



Power/Communication/ Integration

- Power
 - Power needed for each sensory system echnology rate is fast
 - 60W to run laptop
- Communication
 - Images & Sensor information sent in "bursts"
- Interchangeable sensor/camera system
 - Allows technology to be top of the line





Subaru's primary near-IR camera & Spectrograph

How are Kids involved

- Request the picture on the website interface
 - Observatory will be pointing to what area
 - Models

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- Simulations
- Communication closely with LunarSS Observatory Operations
- Associate the work with the class project
 - Label the different kinds of galaxies
 - Label the names of the stars
 - Astrology
- Something New You name it!



Sky.google.com



Request Webpage Example



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Example Project

Lower New York Bay

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New Rochelle

Long Island

rentwood

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Long Island Sound

und

Danbury

NEW JERSEY

Sparta Mountains

Greenwood Lake

Ramapo Mountains

NEW YORK

Rondout Reservoir

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ISS EarthKAM - UCSD ISS017.ESC1.113200134 Longitude: 41.19°N Latitude: 74.06°W

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Active Galaxy Centaurus A







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Example Project



Example Project





Further Studies

- Program run by students
- Account for Lunar Wobble
- Other interactive programs
 - Telerobotic rovers
 - Samples Moon for kids to analyze
 - Temperature studies
 - Meteorite studies
 - Radiation studies

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Backup Slides





Overall Return to the Moon: Lunar Observatories



