



Preliminary PNT Requirements for ILRS

Enabling Sustainable Lunar Exploration

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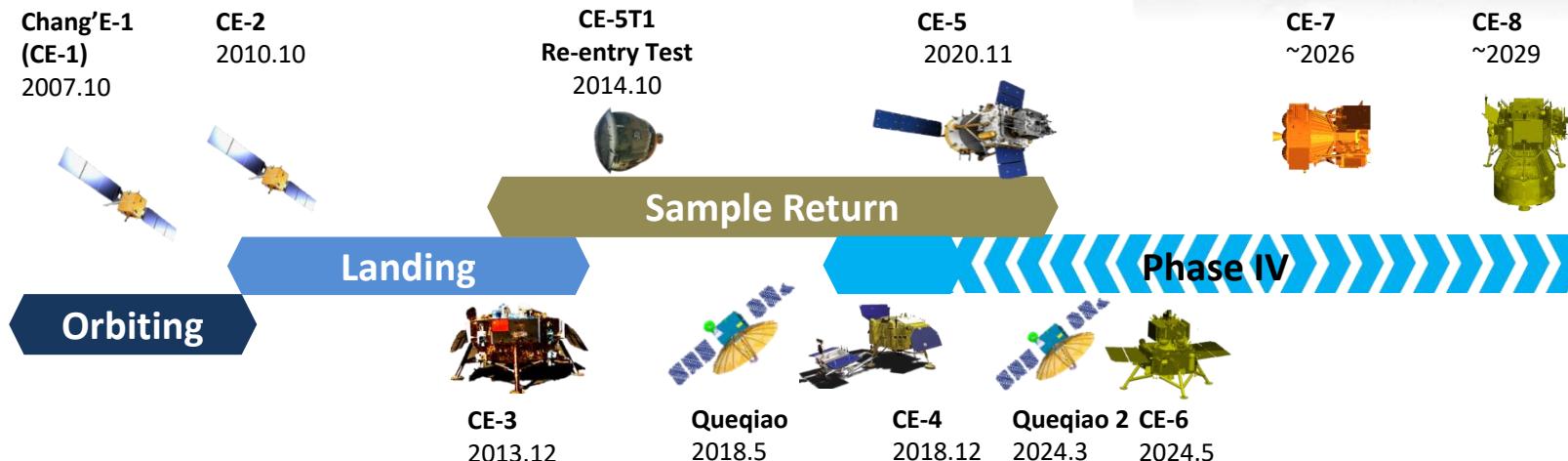
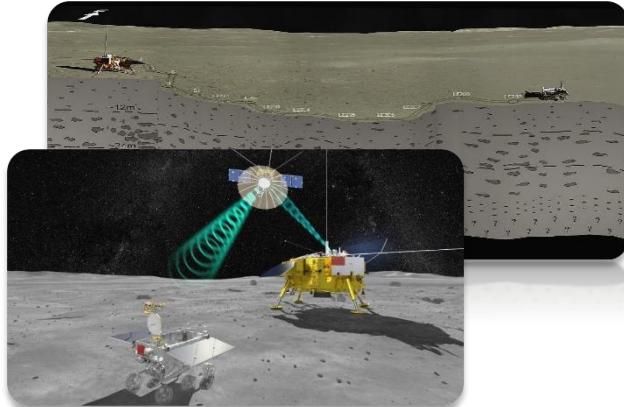
ILRS Overview



China's Lunar Exploration Program



- In 2004, China's Lunar Exploration Program (CLEP) including three phases “orbiting, landing, and sample return” was initiated.
- In 2021, the Phase IV of CLEP was approved.
- Seven Chang'E lunar exploration missions and two Queqiao lunar relay communication missions have been successful.



The Conception of ILRS



Trends in Lunar Exploration

- The exploration mode is shifting from single point and short-term exploration to long-term residency and large-scale exploration.
- The development stage is shifting from understanding the Moon to equal emphasis on understanding and utilization
- Widespread international cooperation and commercial participation have become important trends

Efficiency and effectiveness will be focus.

The early concept of Lunar Research Station (LRS) was proposed.

2014

2016

CLEP Phase IV was approved, aiming at building the basic model of LRS.

2021

2025

The early concept of International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) was proposed.

The concept studies of ILRS is ongoing.



Definition of ILRS

ILRS is a set of comprehensive scientific experimental facilities jointly constructed by multiple countries on the surface and in the orbit of the Moon

- with scalability and maintainability
- with the capability of long-term autonomous operation and short-term human participation.
- With the support capabilities including energy supply, central control, communication and navigation, Earth-Moon round trip, lunar scientific research, ground support and etc.
- Continuously carry out multidisciplinary, multi-objective, large-scale scientific and technological activities such as scientific exploration, resource utilization, and frontier technology verification.



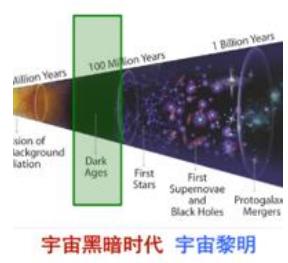
ILRS (artist's concept)

Scientific Goals

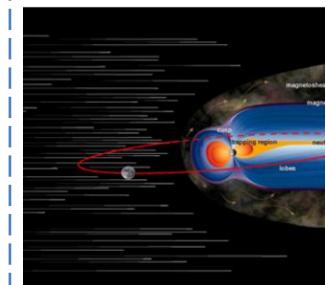
Geological survey
of the Moon



Astronomy
observations



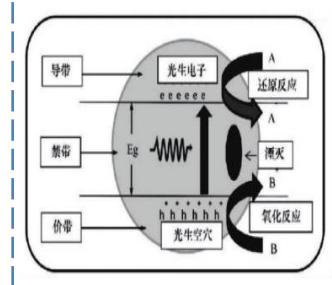
Sun-Earth-Moon
space environment
observation



Fundamental science
experiment



In situ resource
utilization



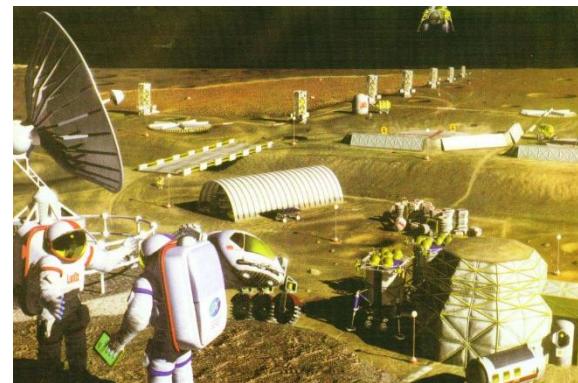
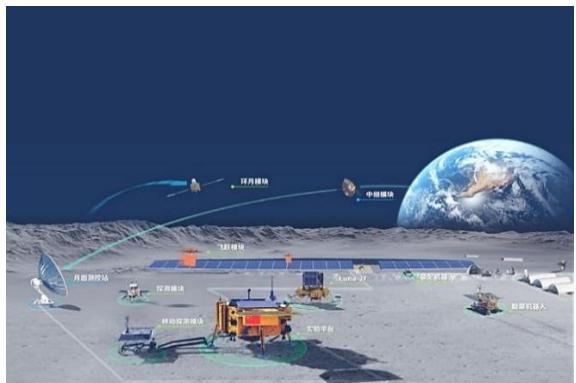


Engineering Goals

Build comprehensive scientific research sharing platforms

Promote technology to leap across generations in batches

Lay the foundation for future large-scale application



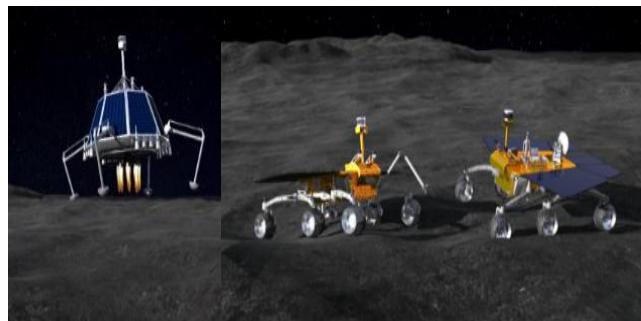
Facilities



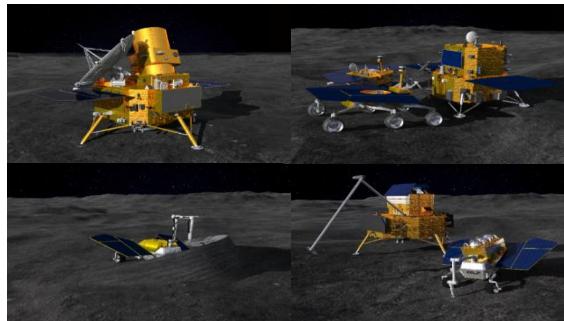
Cislunar Transportation Facilities



Lunar Long-term Support Facilities



Lunar Transportation and
Operation Facilities



Lunar Scientific Facilities



Ground Support and
Application Facilities



Preliminary PNT Needs for ILRS Lunar Surface Activities

Main Lunar Surface Activities of ILRS



Ranges of Activities



Within the main station area $\sim 10\text{km}$

- Deployment of support facilities
- Deployment of scientific facilities
- EVA and transportation of astronauts

Within the south pole area $\sim 100\text{km}$

- Long distance scientific investigation covering multiple PSRs
- Long distance transportation and deployment of scientific facilities

Within the whole lunar surface

- Deployment of ultra-long distance joint exploration facilities, such as Lunar Far-side Low-frequency Radio Telescope Array, Lunar Seismometers, VLBI Antenna Array, and etc.



PNT Needs for Activities in the Main Station Area



Fixed-point landing

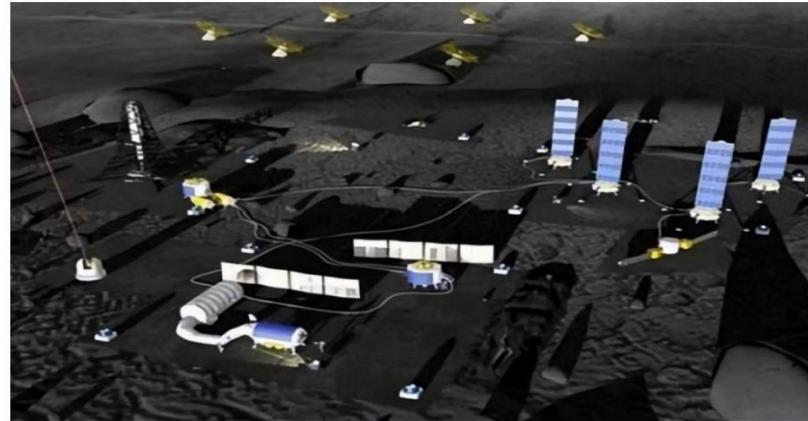
- **Positioning and Navigation**
 - ✓ Positioning accuracy: 100-meter level (early stage), 10-meter level (late stage)
 - ✓ Data update period: second level
- **Timing:** No special requirements





Deployment of General Support Facilities and Scientific Facilities

- **Positioning and Navigation**
 - ✓ Positioning accuracy: meter level
 - ✓ Data update period: month level
- **Timing:**
 - ✓ Timing accuracy: millisecond level





Driving and Operation of Mobile Modules, Astronauts EVAs

- **Positioning and Navigation**

- ✓ Positioning accuracy : meter level (early stage), centi-meter level (late stage)
- ✓ Speed measurement accuracy: dm/s level (early stage), cm/s level(late stage)
- ✓ Data update period: minute level (early stage), second level (late stage)

- **Timing**

- ✓ Timing accuracy: millisecond level





Deployment of lunar-based optical telescope

- **Positioning and Navigation**
 - ✓ Positioning accuracy: 10 meters level
 - ✓ Data update period: minute level
- **Timing:**
 - ✓ Timing accuracy: microsecond level





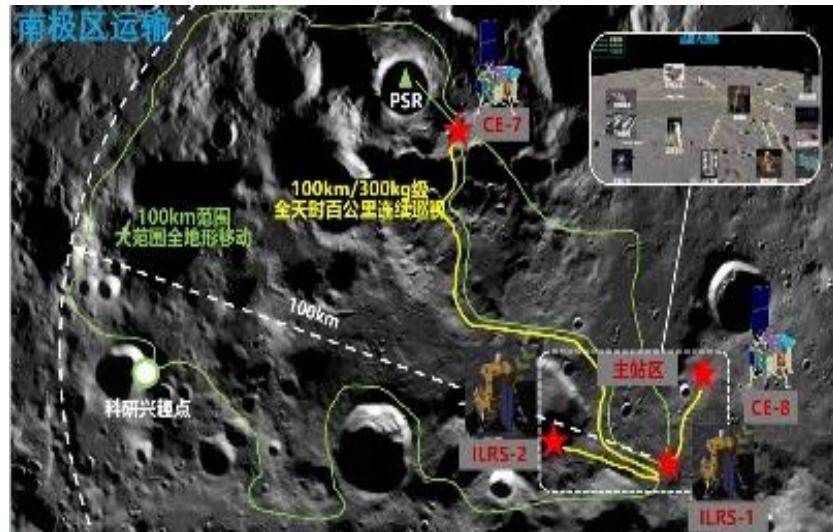
Long-distance Scientific Investigation and Instruments Deployment

- **Positioning and Navigation**

- ✓ Positioning accuracy: meter level
- ✓ Speed measurement accuracy: decimeter/second level
- ✓ Data update period: minute level

- **Timing**

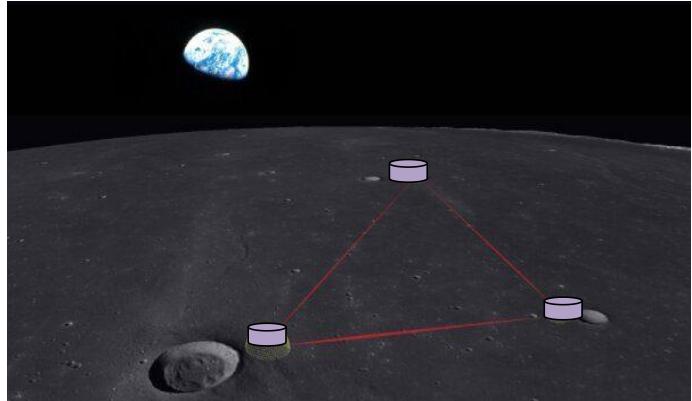
- ✓ Timing accuracy: millisecond level





Deployment of Lunar Seismometers and Lunar Gravitational Wave Detectors

- **Positioning and Navigation**
 - ✓ Positioning accuracy: meter level
 - ✓ Data update period: month level
- **Timing**
 - ✓ Timing accuracy: 500 nanoseconds level





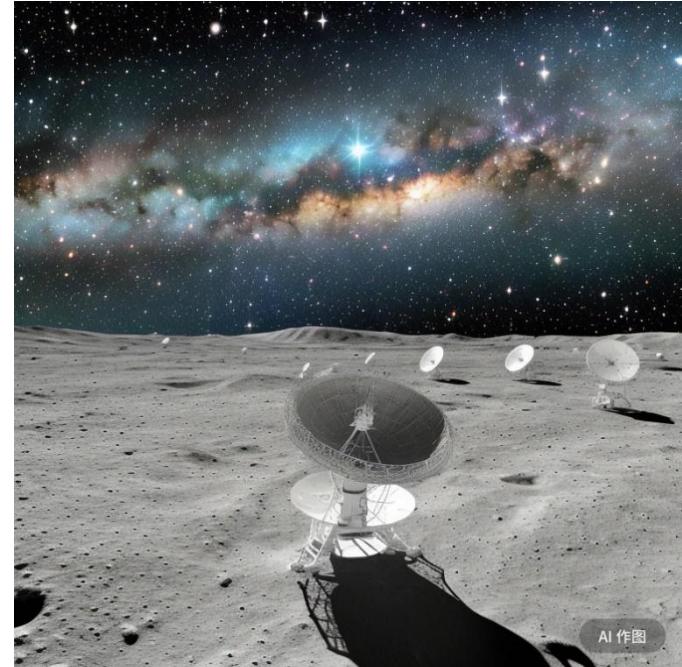
Deployment of Lunar Far-side Low-frequency Radio Telescope Array

- **Positioning and Navigation**

- ✓ Positioning accuracy: meter level
- ✓ Data update period: month level

- **Timing**

- ✓ Each substation shares the same on-board clock with good frequency stability, or synchronize external timing with accuracy at 1000 nanoseconds level

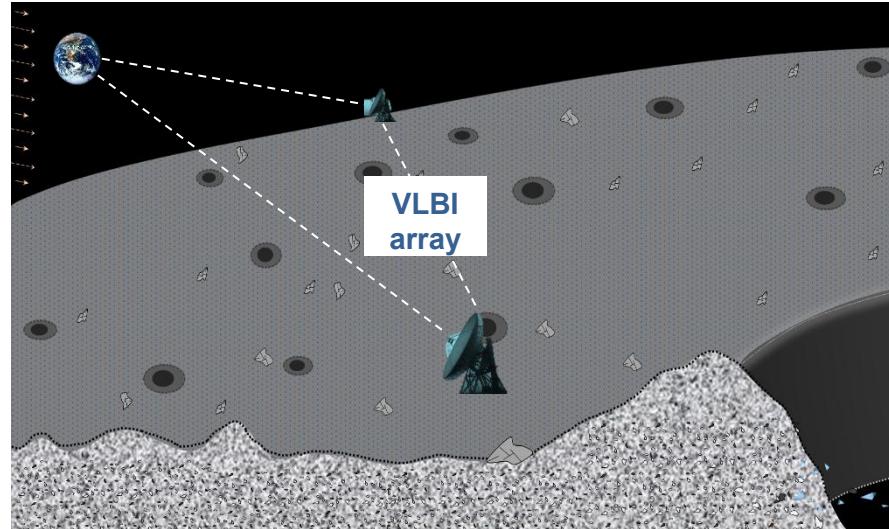


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Deployment of VLBI Array

- **Positioning and Navigation**
 - ✓ Positioning accuracy: meter level
 - ✓ Data update period: month level
- **Timing**
 - ✓ Timing accuracy: 100 nanoseconds level





Summary of Preliminary PNT Needs

| Lunar Surface Activities | Positioning and Navigation Requirements | Timing Requirements |
|---|--|---|
| Fixed-point Landing | Early stage: 100m level positioning accuracy, sec. level update period late stage: 10m level positioning accuracy | No special requirements |
| Driving and engineering operations and astronauts EVAs within the main station area | Early stage: Meter level positioning accuracy, dm/s level speed measurement accuracy, min. level update period late stage: Centimeter level positioning accuracy, cm/s level speed measurement accuracy, sec. level update period | ms level timing accuracy |
| Long-distance Scientific Investigation and Deployment of Instruments | Meter level positioning accuracy, dm/s level speed measurement accuracy, min. level update period | ms level timing accuracy |
| Deployment of general scientific payloads | Meter level positioning accuracy, month level update period | ms level timing accuracy for joint exploration payloads |
| Deployment of lunar-based astronomical telescopes | 10m level positioning accuracy, month level update period | 1000ns level timing accuracy |
| Deployment of low frequency radio observation array | Meter level positioning accuracy, month level update period | 1000ns level timing accuracy |
| Deployment of VLBI array | Meter level positioning accuracy, month level update period | 100ns level timing accuracy |
| Deployment of Lunar Seismometers and Gravitational Wave Detectors | Meter level positioning accuracy, month level update period | 500ns level timing accuracy |

Preliminary PNT Requirements



Within the main station area:

Meter level positioning accuracy,
dm/s level speed measurement accuracy,
100ns level timing accuracy

Within the south pole area:

10 Meter level positioning accuracy,
dm/s level speed measurement accuracy,
100ns level timing accuracy

Early Stage

Within the main station area:

Centimeter level positioning accuracy,
cm/s level speed measurement accuracy,
100ns level timing accuracy

Within the whole moon:

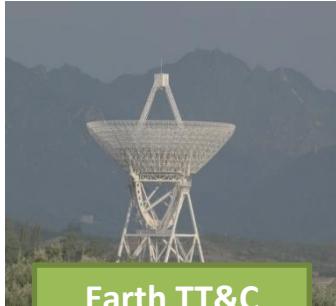
Meter level positioning accuracy,
sub dm/s level speed measurement accuracy,
100ns level timing accuracy

Late Stage

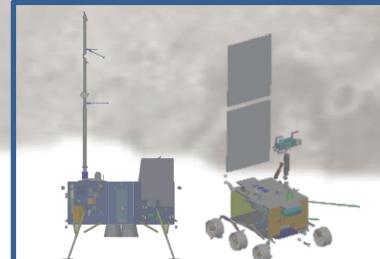
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Earth TT&C Network



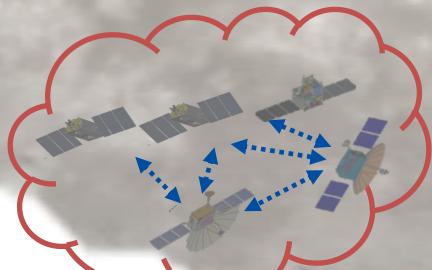
On-board Navigation Devices



PNT requirements
of ILRS



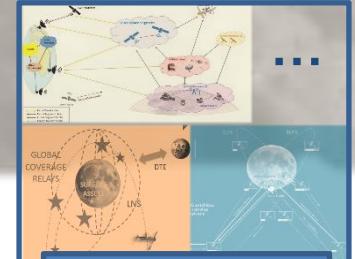
GNSS Service



Queqiao
CPNT System



Comm. and Nav.
Infrastructures on Lunar Surface



International
Cooperation

