Deployment of Hydrogen Cosmology Radio Telescopes on the Moon

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Science Goals:

- determine the photoelectron sheath density from ~1 to ~3 m above the lunar surface.
- demonstrate detection of solar, planetary, & other radio emission from lunar surface.
- measure reflection of incoming radio emission from lunar surface and below.
- measure Galactic spectrum at <30 MHz.
- Aid development of lunar radio arrays.

NASA-PROVIDED LUNAR PAYLOAD

ROLSES: Radio wave Observations at the Lunar Surface of the photoElectron Sheath

- <u>Team:</u> Robert <u>MacDowall</u>, William Farrell, Damon Bradley, Nat Gopalswamy, Michael Reiner, Ed Wollack, Jack Burns, David McGlone, Mike Choi, Scott Murphy, Rich Katz, Igor Kleyner.
- <u>Status</u>: Scheduled to land on lunar nearside in Q1 of 2022 using *Intuitive Machines Nova-C.*



NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) provides regular access to the Moon (2 landers/yr) and, thus an unparalleled opportunity to perform low radio frequency cosmology due to the lunar farside's

- unique radio-quiet,
- lack of a significant ionosphere,
- dry, stable environment.



Lunar Farside Low Frequency Radio Telescope on a NASA Commercial Lander

- LuSEE-DAPPER (LuSEE = Lunar Surface Electromagnetics Experiment; DAPPER = Dark Ages Polarimeter PathfindER) low radio frequency telescope on a CLPS lander. A Patch antenna (40-110 MHz) is on the lander top deck and STACER (spiral-tube) antennas (10-45 MHz) are deployed from 4 sides of the lander.
- <u>Team</u>: S. Bale (UC Berkeley), J. Burns (Colorado), R. Bradley (NRAO).
- Status: Landing in Schrödinger basin on lunar farside in 2025.

Evolution of the Universe



Probing Exotic Physics in an Unexplored Regime



- Solid line: Models with baryon dark matter interaction
- Dashed line: Models without baryon dark matter interaction



Measuring the 21-cm signal enables powerful probe of dark matter physics (Slayer 2016), testing particle physics models of dark matter in unconstrained regime:

- Dark matter annihilation (or decay) rate is higher in the denser, high-redshift Universe (Crelli et al. 2019). By-products of decay/annihilation heat and ionize the gas, imprinting on 21-cm signal.
 - Non-minimal interaction between dark matter and baryons leads to a modified 21-cm signal (Tashiro et al. 2014).
- If dark matter is warm (WDM) and has a larger coherence scale (ultra-light axions, sterile neutrinos), then star formation is delayed leading to an extended Dark Ages.

FARSIDE: Farside Array for Radio Science Investigations of the Dark ages and Exoplanets

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FARSIDE deploys from a single medium-sized lander



FARSIDE Mission Architecture



Image courtesy of Blue Origin

Lander/Rover Configuration Overview



Tethers have embedded dipole antennas and convey power and communications



Design Strategy



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Astronaut Luca Parmitano (Italy) orbiting Earth on the ISS teleoperates the K10 rover at NASA Ames Research Center to simulate deploying a lunar farside radio telescope.







Technology Supporting the Assembly of Lunar Infrastructure



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100,000 Dipole Antenna Radio Array



FarView - An In-Situ Manufactured Lunar Far Side Radio Observatory

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Summary & Conclusions

- NASA Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) program will deliver science payloads to the surface of the Moon beginning in 2022.
- ROLSES & LuSEE-DAPPER will begin to explore the lunar plasma environment & the cosmic Dark Ages.
- FARSIDE will take advantage of the transportation and communication infrastructure associated with NASA's Artemis.
- FARSIDE & FarView will measure 3-D spatial/spectral fluctuations to explore new physics including multiple flavors of dark matter, neutrinos, & inflation.



FarView: A radio array of 100,000 dipoles





FARSIDE

128 dual polarized antennas - 100m per polarization 4 rovers - 8.9 km per rover

Farview

100,000 dual polarized antennas - 5m per polarization 8 rovers - 125 km per rover

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