

The Lyman-Alpha Mapping Project (LAMP)



Project Overview

LAMP is a low-risk, high-heritage investigation based on a rebuild of an existing instrument. LAMP offers to enhance the exploration and science value of LRO by (i) addressing LRO-AO measurement objectives, (ii) testing a novel polar/night vision system for future robotic and human landed missions, and (iii) collecting lunar atmospheric science datasets that LRO would not otherwise obtain.

Measurement Objectives

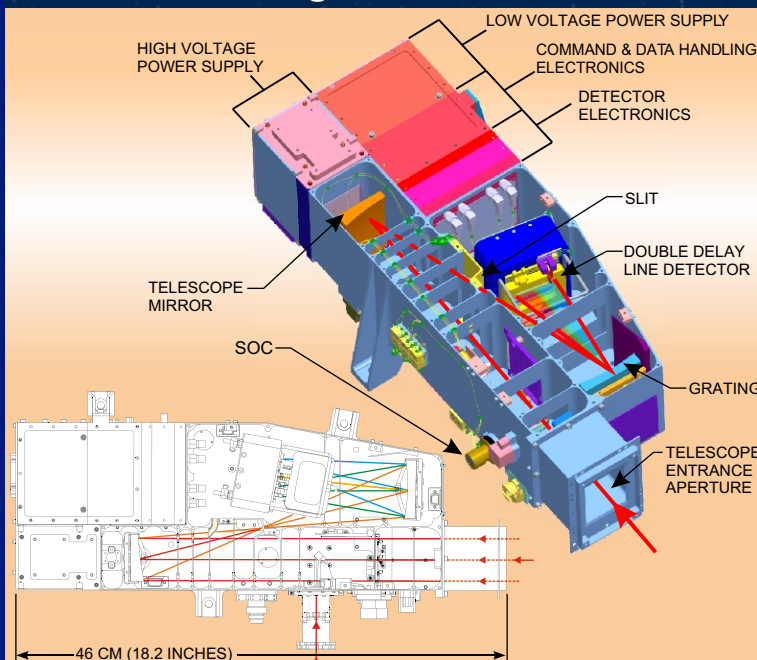
Group 1: Required Performance Floor:

- Identify and localize exposed water frost in Permanently Shadowed Regions (PSRs).
- Collect landform-scale mapping in all of PSRs.
- Demonstrate the feasibility of natural starlight and sky-glow illumination for future lunar surface mission applications.

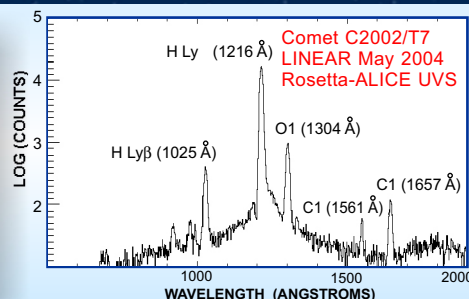
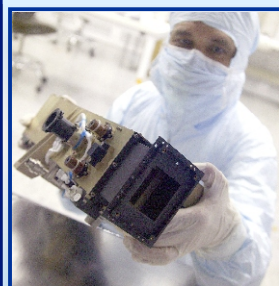
Group 2: Supplemental:

- Assay the lunar atmosphere and its variability.

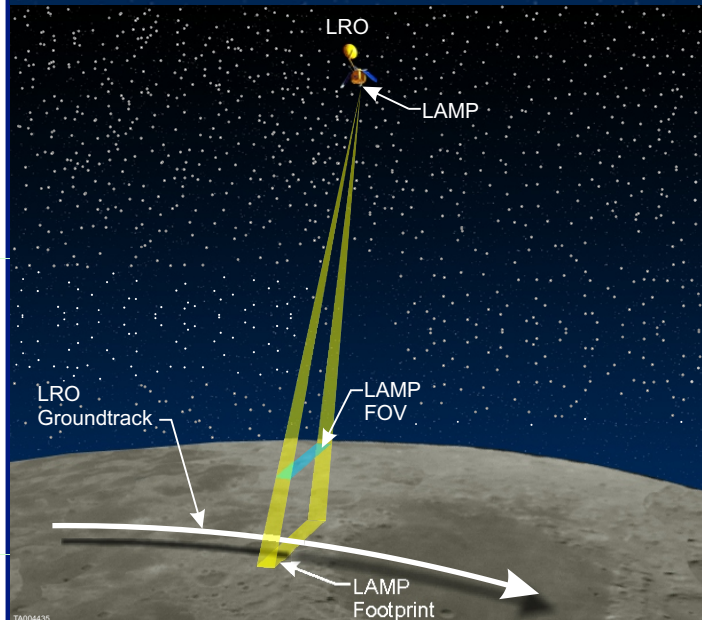
Instrument Design



LAMP: A High-Heritage UVS



Investigation Concept

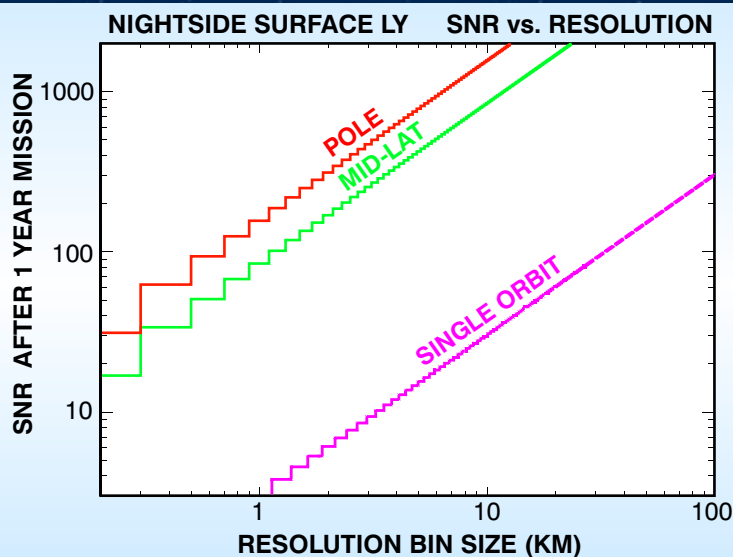
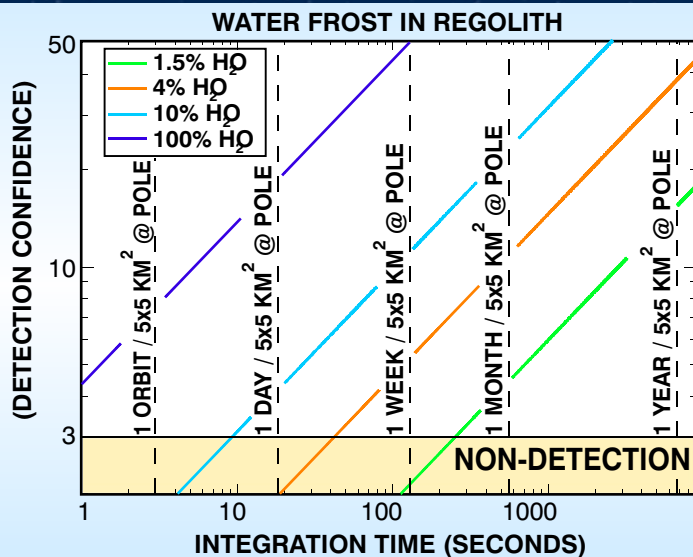


- Viewing in the nadir direction from LRO, LAMP measures the signal reflected from the nightside lunar surface and Permanently Shadowed Regions (PSRs) using Ly α sky-glow and UV starlight as a light source.
- LAMP data are taken entirely in pixel list (i.e., time-tagged) mode, allowing mapping at a variety of resolutions.
- Reflectance data yield albedo maps of PSRs, spectra of PSRs yield exposed water frost abundances, and atmospheric spectra yield species abundances and variability.

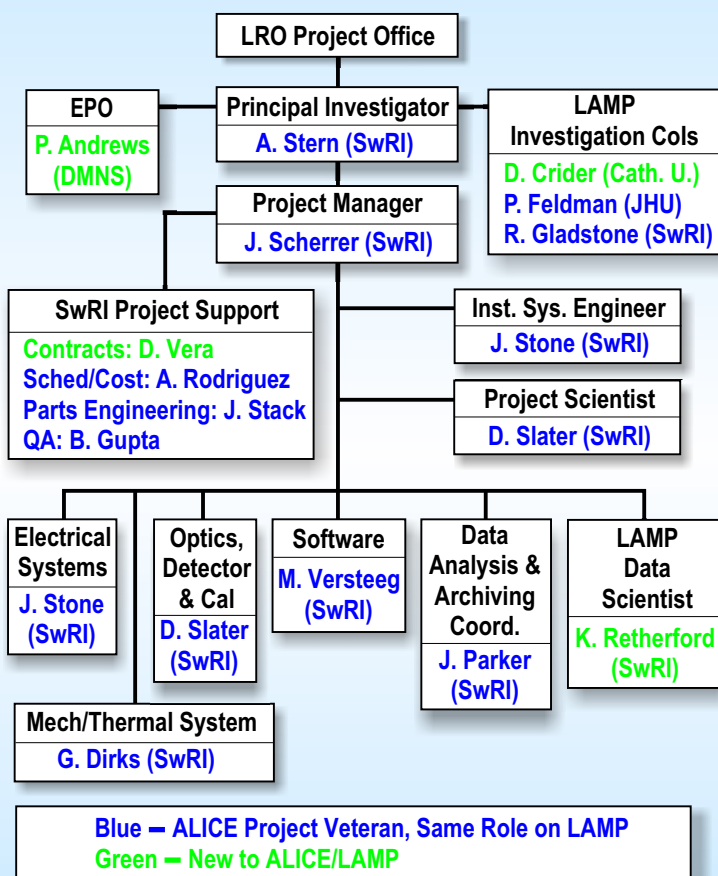
LAMP Instrument Summary

Attribute	Minimum Perf. Requirement (Table 1.6-5 shows Expected Perf.)
Mass, Power	5.0 kg, 4.3W (each with reserves)
Heritage	Pluto-ALICE UV Spectrograph No New Technologies
Lifetime	2 yr (required), 5 yr (goal)
Passband	1200-1800 Å
Effective Area	0.4 cm ² @ 1216 Å (Ly α)
IFOV (Slit FOV)	0.2 x 6 deg ²
Spectral Resolution	<20 Å FWHM across passband
Spatial Resolution	≤1deg (Nyquist sampled, PSF)
Filled Slit Spectral Resolution	≤40 Å FWHM average across passband
Stray Light	<10 ⁻⁵ at 7 deg off-axis
Max Count Rate	>15 kHz (~50% deadtime loss)
Dark Count Rate	<50 counts/sec (total array)
Detector Output	Continuous Pixel List

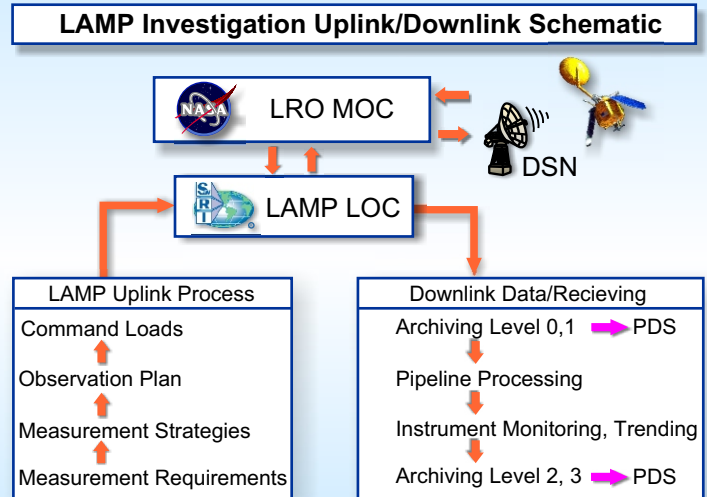
Expected Results



Phase A-D Organization



Operations and Data Flow



Education and Public Outreach

Our EPO activities are designed to communicate the value of lunar science and exploration via the experienced outreach arm of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS). Our project will develop a new museum exhibit and web site about LRO, LAMP, and prospects for future lunar exploration.



LAMP Resources and Reserves

	Measured Pluto-ALICE	LAMP CBE	Reserve	LAMP Request
Mass (kg)	4.4	4.5	0.5	5.0
Max. Power (W)	3.9	3.9	0.4	4.3
Daily Data (Mb)	N/A	107	25	132

NASA Funding

Phase	Total FY05 \$K	Reserve FY05 \$K
A	180	36 (25%)
B	364	64 (21%)
C/D	4,445	597 (16%)
E	1,001	115 (13%)
Total	5,990	812 (16%)

Schedule Summary

