

# PRIZES AS A TOOL FOR ENGAGING RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS

# X PRIZE

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# The New York Times.

ALL THE NEWS  
IN 12 PAGES

## LINDBERGH DOES IT! TO PARIS IN 33 1/2 HOURS; FLIES 1,000 MILES THROUGH SNOW AND SLEET; CHECKING FRENCH CARRY HIM OFF FIELD

**COULD HAVE DONE 500 MILES FURTHER**  
Cautious but at least that much more  
Flew at Times from 10 feet to  
10,000 feet Above Water.

**HE WAS ONE A WAY OF THE SHORTEST**  
Flew Alone at Dawn but Quacks Back—Stumped  
at the Landing

**UNCOMFORTABLE, CRISPY, NOISELESS**  
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### CRASHED IN THE FRENCH WOODS

Breaks Through Lines of Soldiers and  
Police and Buried in Pines Lying  
Silent Near His Cockpit

**FRANK BEYER THE FRENCH WOODS**  
Paris, Wednesday, May 11, 1927.  
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is  
**to bring about radical  
breakthroughs  
for the benefit of humanity.**



# Ansari X PRIZE

## The Teams

26 teams from 7 nations spending over US\$100 million to win US\$10 million purse.

ANSARI



- ARCA
- Space Transport Corp.
- DaVinci Project
- Canadian Arrow
- Rocketplane
- Armadillo Aerospace
- Starchaser
- Pablo DeLeon















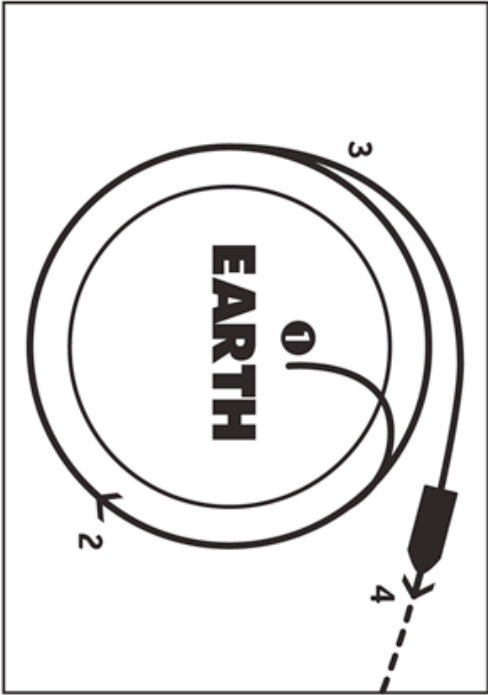
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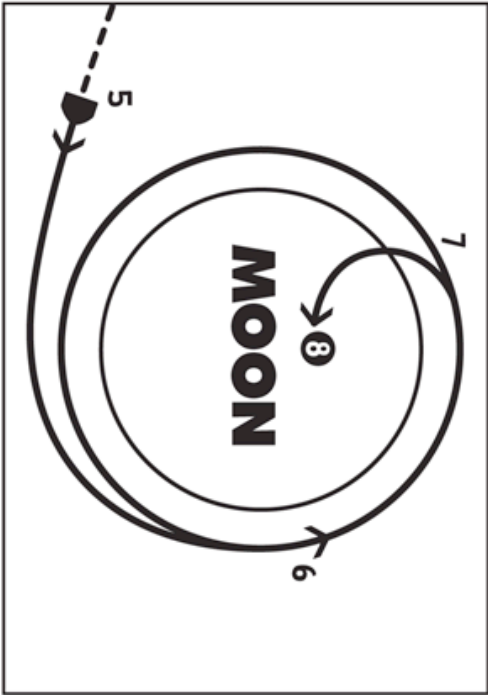


# FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GOOGLE LUNAR X PRIZE

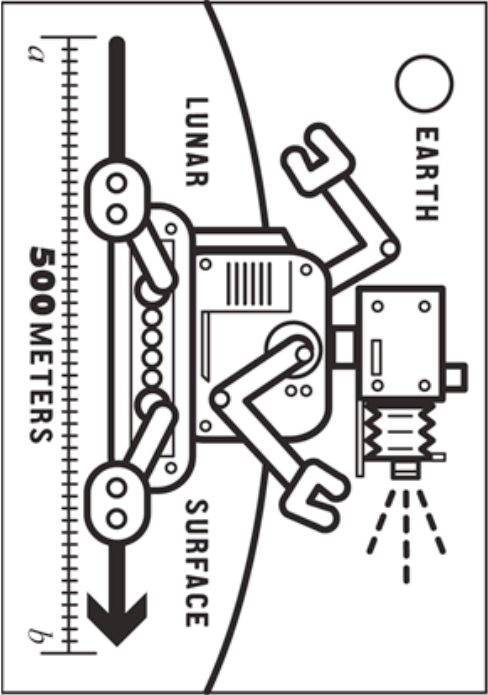
*Fig. 1* LAUNCH



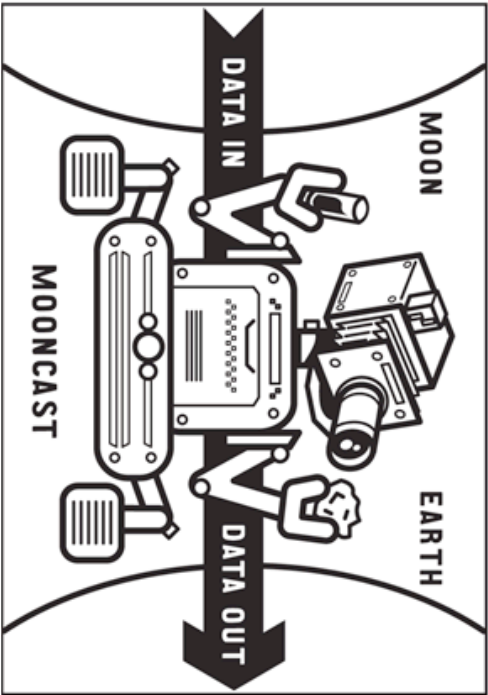
*Fig. 2* LUNAR LANDING



*Fig. 3* LOCOMOTION



*Fig. 4* DATA COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION

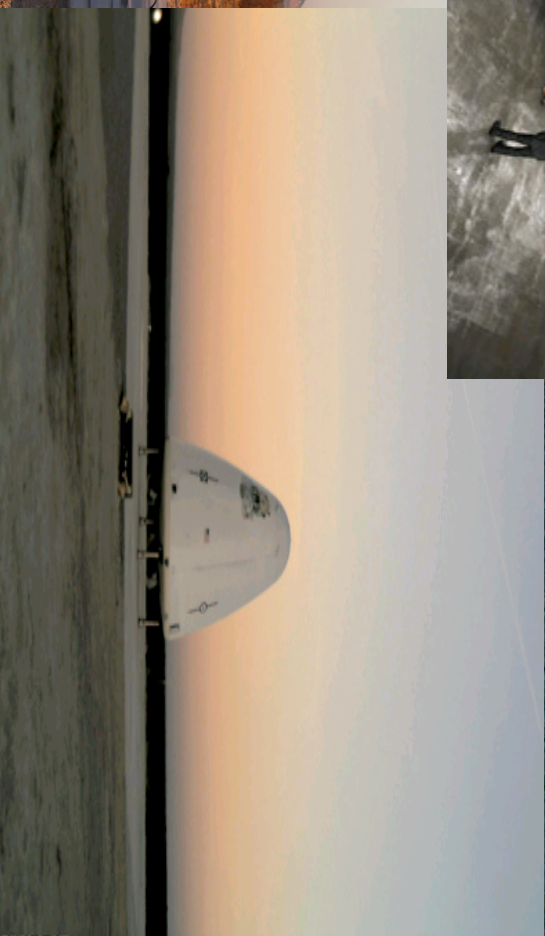
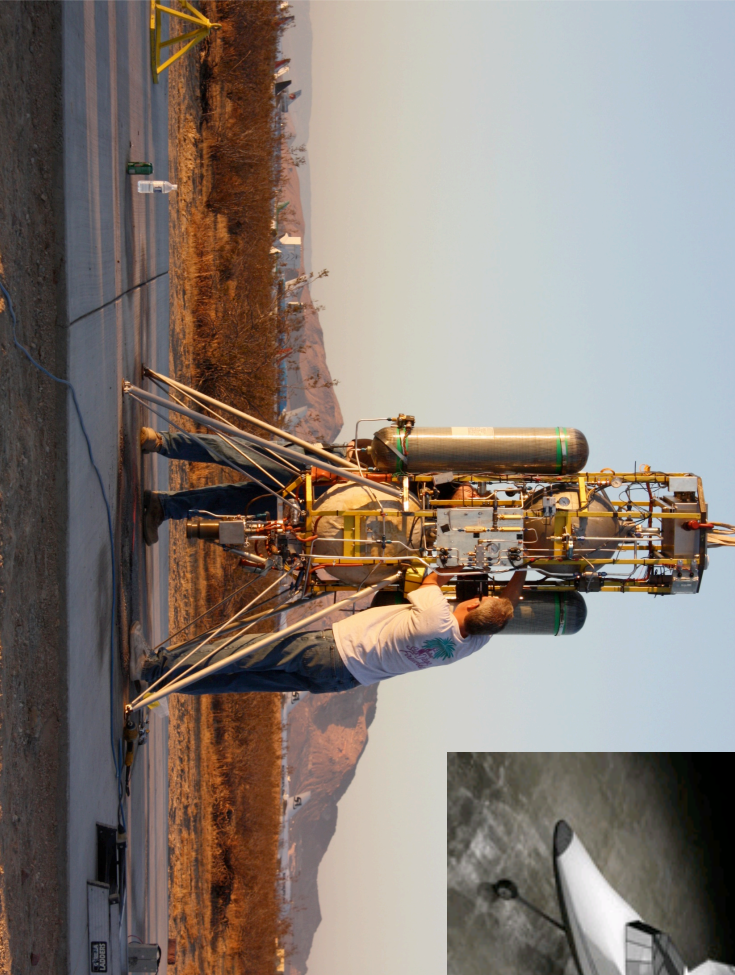


# Why use open innovation for suborbital REM?

- *Attract talent from unlikely sources.*
- *Support fixed price innovation by attracting outside investment.*
- *Allow for parallel innovation while spreading risk.*
- *Leverage competition to pick top performers.*
- *Focus the attention of the media and the uninformed public*



# The Current Market

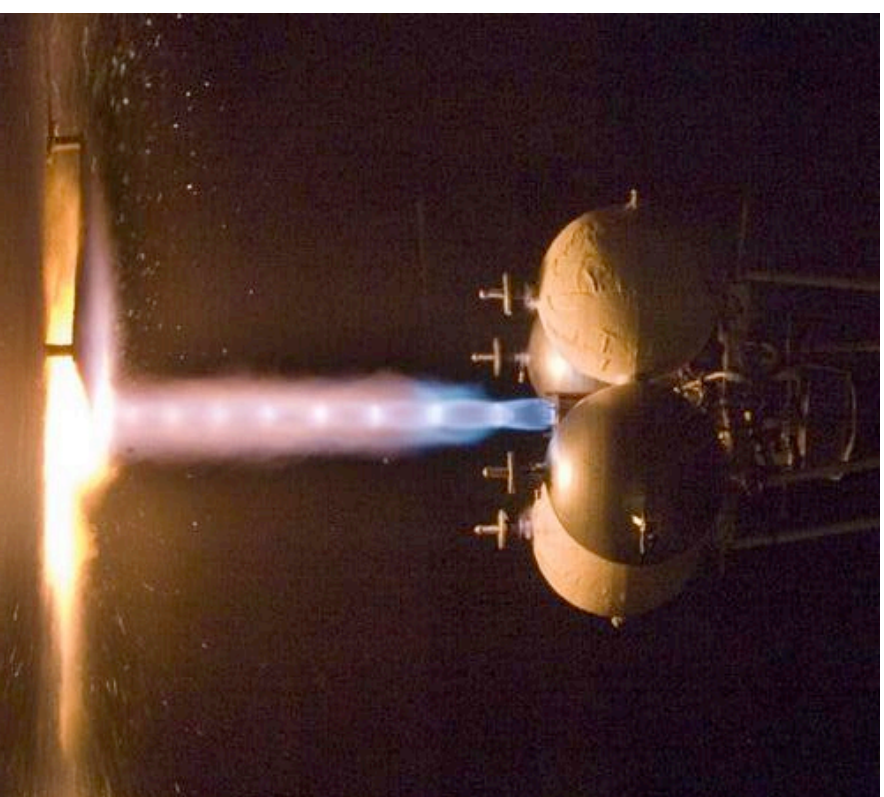


# Some ideas for REM prizes

- Payload Carrier Challenge
- Science Fairs
- First Light Photography Challenge
- Free Fall Mixology
- Open Mashup Challenge

# Payload Carrier Challenge

- Proposed extension of Northrop Grumman Lunar Lander Challenge
- First to demonstrate operations to 200,000 feet with a 25kg payload at least 3 times within 3 days wins





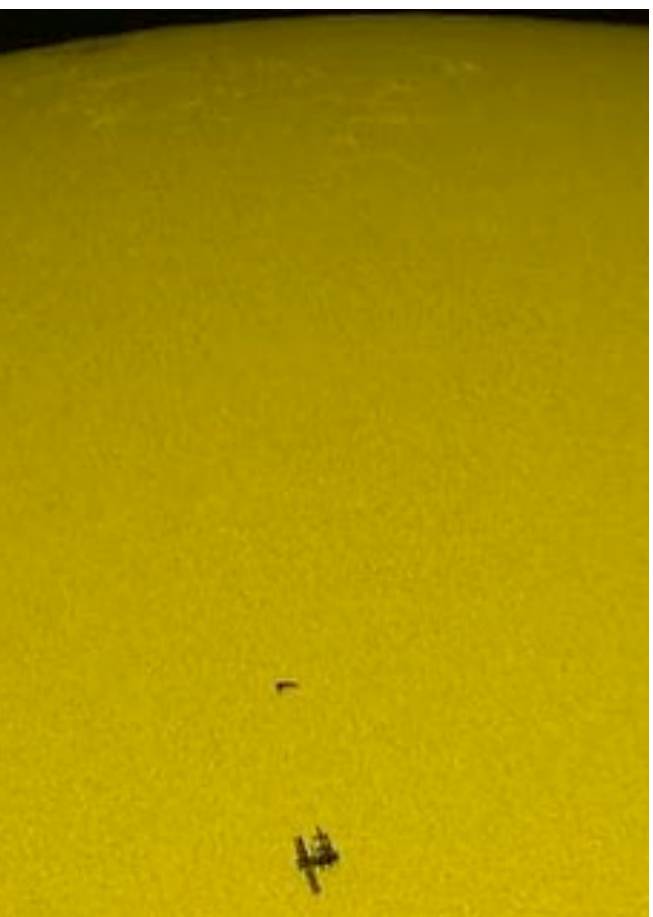
# Science Fairs

- Add a new category or twist to the classic high school science fair
- Top proposals with meaningful ground science offered an opportunity to develop their experiment for flight



# First Light Photography Challenge

- Prize(s) for first flyers to successfully photograph objects or phenomenon of public or scientific interest
- e.g., comets, aurorae, eclipses, ISS



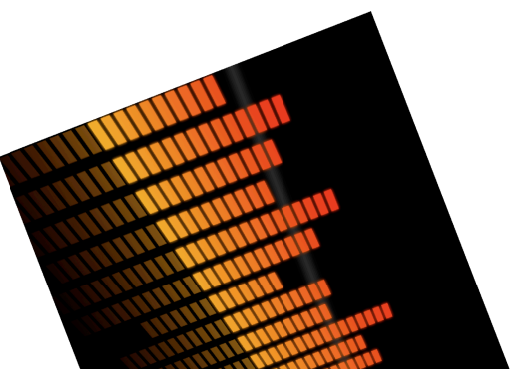
# Free Fall Mixology

- Sponsored by a culinary school or drink company
- Competitors propose novel mixed drinks for free fall preparation and consumption
- Top recipes offered the opportunity to fly



# Open Mashup Challenge

- Flight provider makes internal and external video footage available for graphic and audio mashups
- Top ranked films put online for public voting





# Prizes: *An old tool for a new age*

- Identify excellence
- Influence public perception
- Identify and mobilize n talent
- Strengthen markets an communities
- Educate and improve skills



Prizes are booming: Large prizes today surpass \$375M.  
The entire prize sector worth ~\$2B.

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“...in these great challenges, the victors may claim the glory, but the world will claim the spoils.”

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# Prize Development Services

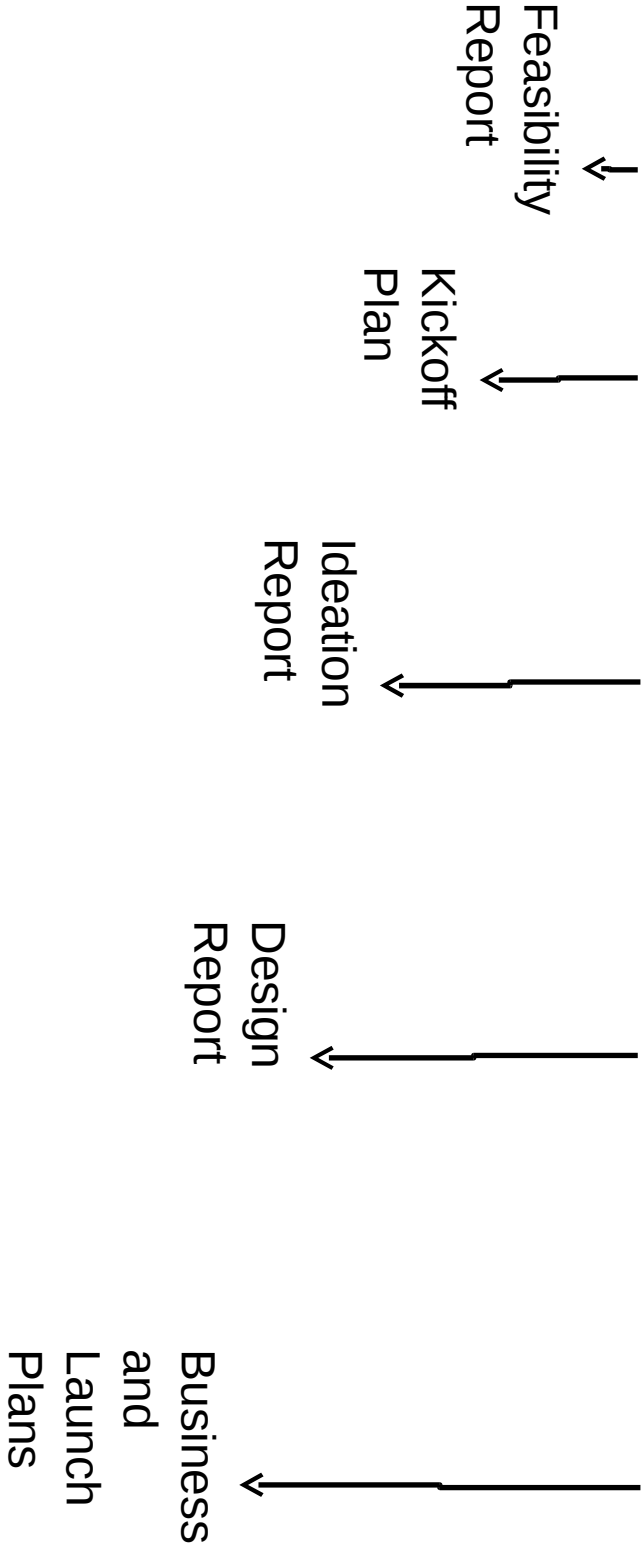
- \$10M+ award
- Humanity's "grand challenges"
- 3-8 year competition
- Multiple structures

- Custom design
- Focus on client challenge

- \$250K-\$2.5M award
- Well-defined technical/behavioral challenges
- 1-2 year, date-certain competition

# Prize Design: A 5 Step Process

## Prize Design Process





# X PRIZE Key Elements

**Market  
Impact  
Elements**

**Prize  
Model  
Elements**

**Operational  
Elements**

**Grand Challenge**

**Measurable**

**Marketable**

**Addresses Market**

**Achievable**

**Telegenic**

**Failures**

**Audacious**

**Leverage**

**Transformative**

**Operable/Fundabl  
e**

# Competition Types

Prize Type	Description	Example
<b>Date Certain</b>	All teams must compete on a certain day or time-window	Progressive Insurance Automotive X PRIZE
<b>Date Certain Repeating</b>	If the prize is not won the first attempt, it can be repeated	Northrop Grumman Lunar Lander Challenge
<b>Past the post</b>	First team to meet/beat a specific metric, can be backed by a specific deadline	Netflix Prize
<b>First to Achieve</b>	First team to solve the challenge wins.	Goldcorp Challenge
<b>Standing contest</b>	Any team to meet/beat a specific metric, consistent challenge	Internal employee safety “contests”

# Possible Prize Concepts

- Fluid flow in microgravity
  - Model Oscillatory Slosh (i.e. Falcon 1 example)
- Medical research
  - Biomedical research
- Small satellite control and panel development