NextSTEP Habitat Ground Test

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NextSTEP Hab Overview



NextSTEP Phase 1: 2015-2016 Cislunar habitation concepts that leverage commercialization plans for LEO









FOUR SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT CONCEPTS RECEIVED

Partners develop required deliverables, including concept descriptions with concept of operations, NextSTEP Phase 2 proposals, and statements of work.

NextSTEP Phase 2: 2016-2018

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- · Partners refine concepts and develop ground prototypes.
- NASA leads standards and common interfaces development.

ONE CONCEPT STUDY



Initial discussions with international partners





Define reference habitat architecture in preparation for Phase 3.

Phase 3: 2018+

- · Partnership and Acquisition approach, leveraging domestic and international capabilities
- · Development of deep space habitation capabilities
- Deliverables: flight unit(s)

NextSTEP Phase 2 Goal



Develop a deep space habitat for ground-based testing by 2018, while simultaneously stimulating commercial habitat development in LEO

- Develop long-duration deep-space habitation <u>capabilities</u> that lead towards a deep-space transit habitat and can be flown on SLS flight(s) (or alternative launch vehicles) starting by the early to Mid 2020s.
- Advance the long duration deep space habitation capability concepts and mature the design and development of the integrated system(s) to achieve a high level of fidelity.
 - Developing prototype deep space habitation capability options to test a full size ground prototype unit(s) by the end of Phase 2 in 2018 to support first flight opportunities in Early to Mid 2020s
- Potential for different capabilities from domestic and international suppliers will require standards and common interfaces for aggregation. NASA led standards working group will be implemented during Phase 2.



Ground Prototype units delivered to NASA for testing and integration of NASA developed habitation systems

- Testing includes form, fit, volumetric, subsystem integration, and interface standards
- May use NASA-developed node/airlock and hab mockups for integration testing with contractor modules
- Ensures consistent test and interface verification approach, allows us to incorporate and test other AES subsystems, facilitates crew training and feedback on human factors, shows stakeholders progress

NextSTEP Phase 2 Schedule





Habitat Ground Testing





NextSTEP Ground Test



- Purpose of NextSTEP Ground Testing
 - Evaluate design concepts for habitation systems, through test
 - Use test to support RAC and DAC analysis
 - Mature requirements for NextSTEP Phase 3
- NextSTEP is a Public/Private Partnership
 - Collaborate with partners, to ensure design ideas are fully explored
 - Allow NASA to make the most of the limited time we have for test
- Identify elements of design that impact integrated performance
 - Packaging
 - Logistics
 - Consumables
 - Interfaces

Goal: Prepare habitat systems for successful Ground Test execution



NextSTEP Ground Test

- Focus for FY17
 - Engage Stakeholders and Subject Matter Experts
 - "Break the Silos"
 - Develop and practice methodology for test
 - Includes managing Requirements, Test Objectives, Execution Plan
 - Develop and mature capability for integration and test
 - Ground Test Services: Architecture, Simulation, Visualization
 - Environments: iPAS "Flat Hab" and B9 Habitat Modules
 - If possible, derive value from tests (but not biggest thing this year)

Train the Testers and Prepare the Infrastructure

Test Architecture





Ground Test Methodology – Top Down



HEOMD Exploration Objectives

 Objective 1.1: Expand human presence into the solar system and to the surface of Mars to advance exploration, science, innovation, benefits to humanity, and international collaboration

Hab Flight Objectives (BAA, FCT, HRP)

 Transportation: CTO TRN021 -

> Demonstrate Orion's ability to support missions with at least 4 crew of 21+ days in conjunction with additional elements

- Working in Space: CTO WIS006 -Demonstrate cis-lunar transit habitat EVA system servicing accommodation
- **Staying Healthy:** CTO STH012 -Obtain data and evaluate the ability to monitor recovery, purification, storage, and reuse of water for human consumption.

CTO = candidate test objective TRN = transportation WIS = working in space STH = staying healthy Stack-Level Functional Requirements

- The cis-lunar habitat shall accommodate one 30 – 60 day mission per year.
- The cis-lunar habitat shall provide accommodations for personal hygiene, including WCS operations, bathing, dental hygiene, personal grooming, etc. for 4 crewmembers.
- The cis-lunar habitat shall be designed to perform EVAs without depressurization of the Orion Crew Vehicle or the habitation element.
 The cis-lunar habitat shall provide rebetic
 - shall provide robotic operations for berthing and repositioning.

Ground Test Objectives & Analysis Protocols

- Evaluate three different exercise devices in the various habitat options, accessing location, volumes, interferences etc.
 - o Rationale
 - o Hypothesis

Evaluation Methods

- Inspection
- Demonstration
- Analysis
- Subsystem standalone test
- Human-in-the-loop single day test
- Human-in-the-loop multi-day test

Source: Mike Gernhardt, Steve Chappel, Kara Beaton

HEOMD Objectives



- The National Space Policy of the United States of America directs that the Administrator of NASA shall:
 - Set far-reaching exploration milestones. By 2025, begin crewed missions beyond the Moon, including sending humans to an asteroid. By the mid-2030s, send humans to orbit Mars and return them safely to Earth.
- The NASA Authorization Act of 2010 establishes the following as a matter of national policy:
 - A long term objective for human exploration of space should be the eventual international exploration of Mars.
- The 2014 NASA Strategic Plan codifies this national policy as Agency policy under Strategic Goal 1:
 - Strategic Goal 1: Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space.
- In support of this Agency Strategic Goal 1, <u>HEOMD is responsible</u> for three Objectives that are relevant to the establishment of the Exploration Objectives:
 - Objective 1.1: Expand human presence into the solar system and to the surface of Mars to advance exploration, science, innovation, benefits to humanity, and international collaboration.
 - Objective 1.2: Conduct research on the International Space Station (ISS) to enable future space exploration, facilitate a commercial space economy, and advance the fundamental biological and physical sciences for the benefit of humanity.
 - Objective 1.3: Facilitate and utilize U.S. commercial capabilities to deliver crew and cargo to space.



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HUMAN EXPLORATION AND OPERATIONS EXPLORATION OBJECTIVES

Publicly available: Release to Public Websites Requires Approval of Chief, Office of Primary Responsibility

Ground Test Methodology – Bottoms Up





Identify meaningful and achievable objectives for Ground Test.

Test Objectives from SMEs



Crown	Domain		
Group	Domain		
GFE	ECLSS		
GFE	Exercise		
GFE	Radiation		
GFE	SoftGoods		
GFE	Windows		
AES	Avionics & Software		
AES	Power		
AES	Autonomy		
AES	Comm/ DTN		
AES	Logistics		
AES	Advanced EMU/ EVA		
HRP	ExMC		
HRP	Human Factors & Habitability		
Domain	Propulsion		
Domain	GNC		
Domain	Structures		
Domain	Active Thermal Control		
Domain	EVA		
Domain	MCC/Ops		
Domain	Safety & MA		
Domain	Robotics		
Domain	Science		

- Identified SMEs per category
- Consider test objectives
- Focus on what is achievable through Ground Test
 - VR
 - Simulation
 - Hardware Test

Simulation – Dr. Zack Crues

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Visualization – Eddie Paddock



- Methodology
 - Establish Data Format requirements for contractor deliverables
 - Receive CAD and other data for habitats
 - Integrate data into NASA VR enviornments
 - Learn to evaluate designs using VR



Test Architecture – Paul Bielski



Medical Data Proprietary Data

Test Execution





Test Procedures : mREST

Mission Operations





MPCV Hardware / Software iPAS Lab, JSC Bldg. 29

Telemetry

Command



DSN Operations Center JPL Protocol Test Lab



JPL

OTF, JSC Bldg. 30

Multi-Control-Center iPAS Overview

iPAS – Technology Integration and Test





JSC, Building 29



Asteroid Encounter (2011)



Waypoint Gateway (2012)



Asteroid Redirect (2013)



Phobos Orbit (2014)



Mars Surface (2015)

Distributed Data Network



Research & Technology Development





Research & Technology Development





Co-location When Feasible





JSC Lab Integration via Fiber



Multi-center Integration



Summary of Node / Airlock Test Unit – Building 9





Integration and Test Environment







PET (hr:min)	CDR	Pilot	MS 1	MS 2		
0:30	Rendezvous and	Docking	Systems Monitoring			
1:00	GNC Activation an	d Checkout	Systems Activation and Checkout			
1:30	Logistics Tra	insfer	Inventory			
2:00	Exercise Device D	eployment	WCS and Galley Activation			
2:30	Experiment 1 Activation		Experiment 2 Activation			
3:00		Configuration Specific 1	Fests and Evaluations 1			
3:30	LLT Mobility Sir	nulation	<u>^</u>			
4:00	Exercise	Daily Housekeeping	LLT Man valation Simulation			
4:30	WCS					
5:00	PAO		905	C. I		
5:30		Exercise	PAO	and Operation		
6:00	Subsystems Monitoring and	wcs	Eversise			
6:30	Operation		Exercise			
7:00		∞	WCS			
7:30		Sample rom Vice	IFM	IFM		
8:00		Sample in the tics		PAO		
8:30	Systems Malfunction Recovery		Systems Malfunction Recovery	Exercise		
9:00		\sim		WCS		
9:30) Meal Prep/Eating					
10:00	0 Convguration Specific Tests and Evaluations 2					
10:30			Configuration Specific Tests and Evaluations 4			
11:00	Configuration Specific Tests and Evaluations 3		Systems Malfunction Recovery			
11:30	Configuration Specific Tests and Evaluations 4					
12:00	configuration specific rests and Evaluations 4		Configuration Specific Test	s and Evaluations 3		
12:30	Configuration Specific Tests and Evaluations 5					
13:00						
13:30						
14:00		Configuration Specific 1	Fests and Evaluations 5			
14:30	Pre Sleep Ops					
15:00						
15:30	Class					
16:00	ыер					
23:30						
0:30	Post-Sleep					

Ultimately, functions supplied by Next Step Contractor Mockups





Test Schedule

NASA

- Initial iPAS Test: September 2017

 Completed
- Crew in the loop Test: December 2017
- Follow on habitat tests: Spring/Summer 2018
- Initial Contractor Hab tests: 1Q FY19
- In Addition: Contractors will be providing status and data during FY18, providing data such as VR models, etc.

EVA Considerations





Virtual Reality







- Design Evaluation
- Mission Planning
- Crew Training
- Just in Time Training On-board

System Design and Interfaces



- Some NextSTEP Contractors may include airlock
- Design considerations
 - Stowage
 - EVA Operations
 - Integration with ECLSS
- Eventual Ground Test Plan
 - ECLSS Chambers
 - NBL

Consider what tests can be conducted on the ground, and when





BACK UP