

## **Lunar Flashlight Mission**

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# Lunar Flashlight

To detect surface ice deposits in south pole lunar cold traps

#### **Measurement Approach:**

- Lasers in 4 different bands illuminate the lunar surface permanently shadowed craters.
- Light reflected off the lunar surface enters the reflectometer to distinguish water ice from regolith.

#### Teaming:

- JPL MSFC GSFC
- S/C 6U 14 kg: JPL
- Mission Design & Nav: JPL
- > Propulsion: LMP103S (MSFC)
- Payload: 4-band reflectometer
- ► I&T: JPL

#### Orbit:

- Elliptic: 15-9000Km
- Period: 12hrs
- Perilune: South Pole
- Sci Pass:<6min

#### **Phases/Milestones**

- Launch: SLS EM1
- Schedule: Launch Dec, 2019
- LOI: Launch +6 months
- I&T Start: July 2018
- Delivery: April 2019
- Phase E: <1 year

## Configurations



Stowed







### The Lunar Flashlight Spacecraft





### Lunar Flashlight Operational Overview









- Lunar Flashlight will be a demonstration of the maximum capability that can be crammed into a 6U form factor
  - Prop system provides  $\approx$  300 m/s, one instrument
- Deep space rad tolerant capabilities developed for Lunar Flashlight can be applied to future missions.
  - Iris radio, Sphinx flight computer, green propulsion, XACT-50 (50mN wheels) ADCS, compact lasers, higher efficiency solar arrays
- Demonstrating the Near Rectilinear orbit operations will feed forward to other missions as well to use low delta-v solutions for lunar missions.

# TODAY

# **FUTURE**



**Technology Demonstrations** Instruments and spacecraft components

#### Lower cost Small Science Missions Inner solar system (<\$100M)

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