

Moonlight

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We're going back to the Moon...and stay there



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Agencies transition towards service procurements ...
and foster the emergence of a lunar economy

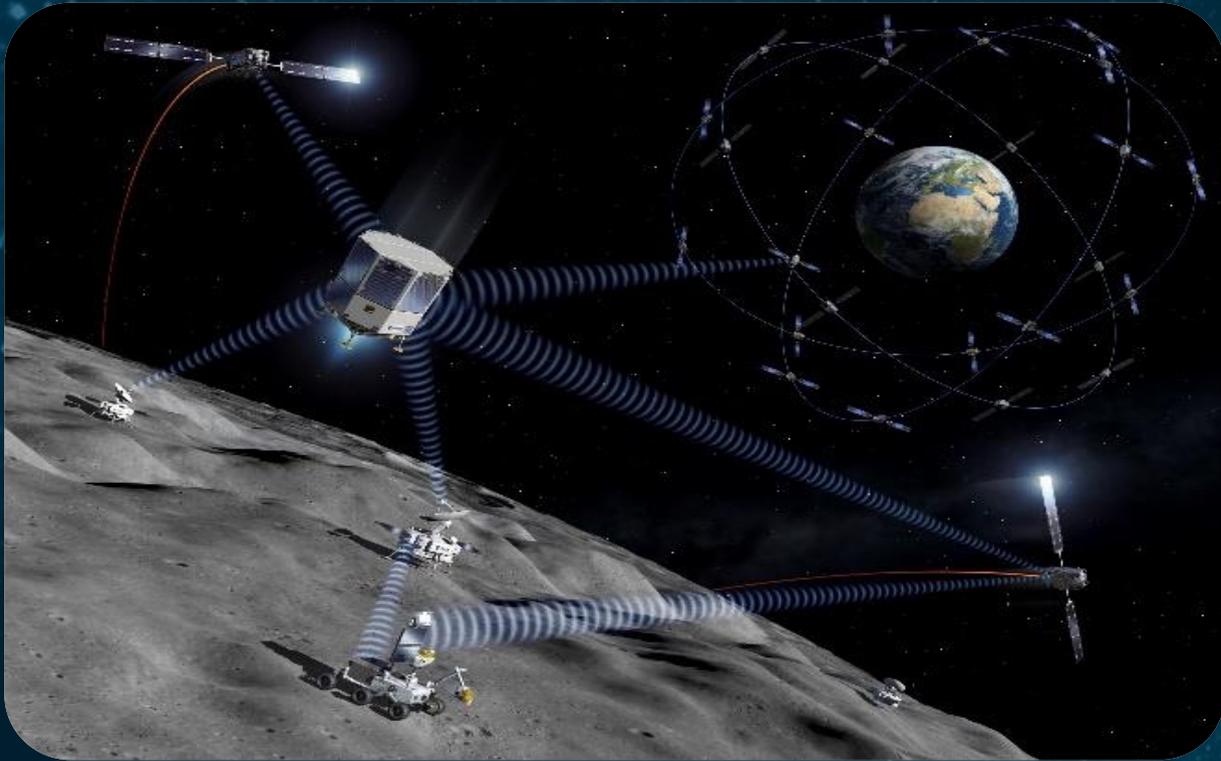
Lunar Communications and Navigation Services

 Flexible landing site	 Higher Service Availability	 Higher Autonomy of Operations	 Faster Orbit Determination (75%)
 Longer Surface Operations	 Operational Cost Savings	 Higher Science Return (more payload/data)	 New mission concepts

 Smaller Terminal Less Power	 More data for same Terminal	 Backup/Redundancy	 Risk Reduction
 Higher Nav Accuracy	 Higher landing accuracy	 Navigation over night & shadow	 Simpler on-board Nav sensors

- Reducing costs and lunar access barriers for users
- Supporting new applications (mining and resources utilisation, virtual presence,)
- Enabling new type of missions with enhanced orbital, landing and surface positioning accuracies (landing on peaks of eternal lights, etc)
- Enabling new and more science (lunar seismology, lunar gravitation and reference frames, radio astronomy, fundamental physics, etc)

Service Offering



Data transport

Absolute Position

Tele-operations

Absolute Velocity

Audio/Video streaming

Universal time

Alert & Information

Third-party payloads

Search and Rescue

Over-the-top Services

LUNAR PATHFINDER

Low-rate satellite communications service + Moon GNSS Receiver



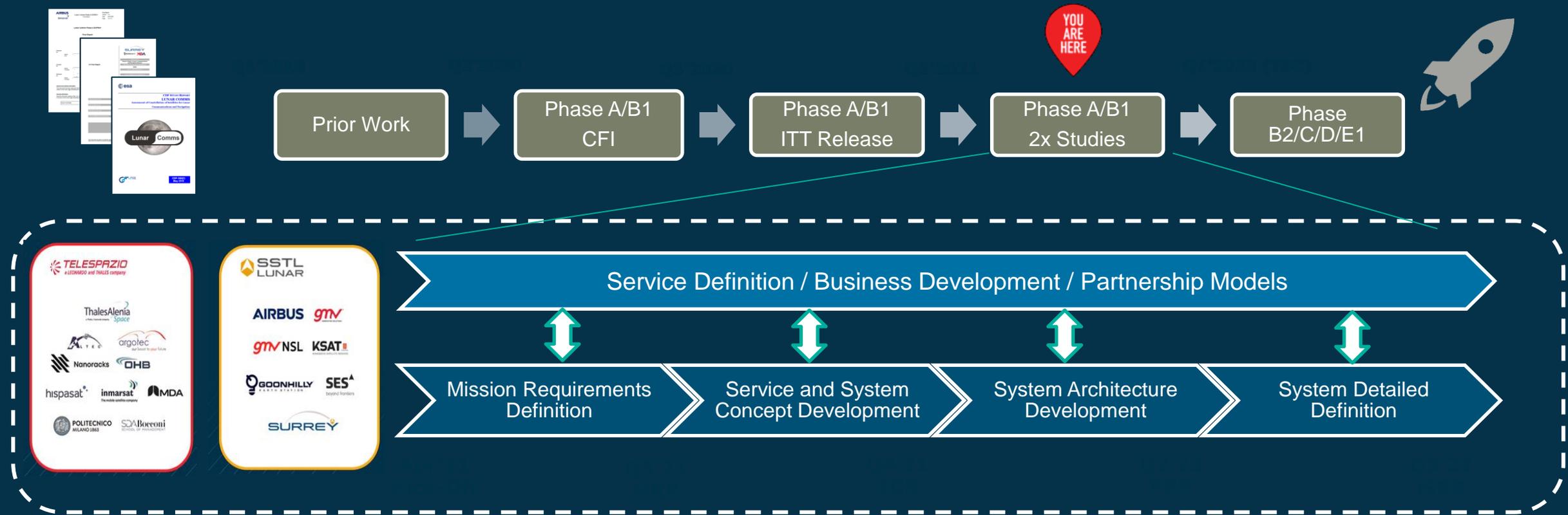
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MOONLIGHT CONSTELLATION

High-data rate satellite communications and navigation service



Service Development Plan



ESA plans to Commercial Operator for Service Provision in the frame of a Public Private Partnership

Space Agencies



Private Lunar Companies



and future end users
with downstream application

