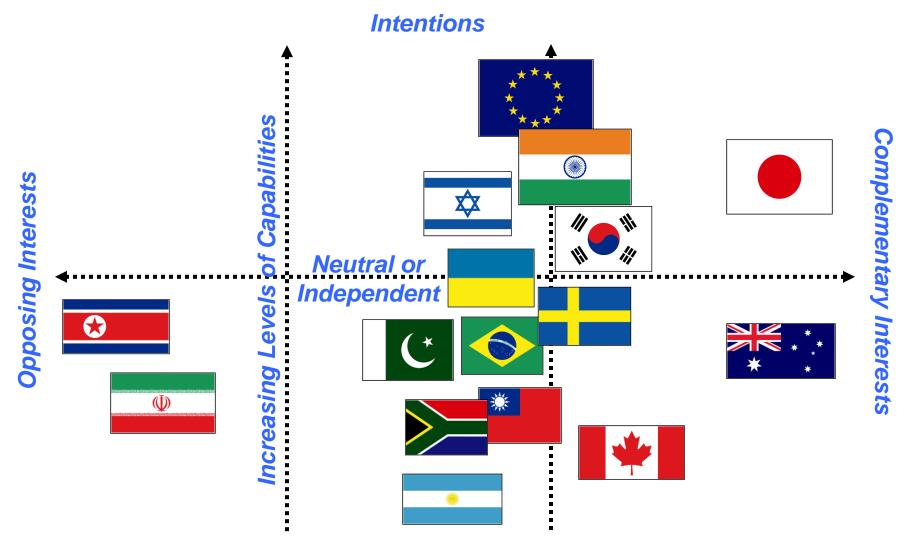
# Human Space Flight and International Security

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#### International Issues and Questions

- U.S. dependency on Russia for human access to space during the gap.
- Will India scale up to larger space systems? Will they align with Russia in preference to the United States?
- Next steps for China options for human lunar capabilities and being a responsible stakeholder in space
- How will changes in Japan's Space Basic Law translate into actual dual-use capabilities?
- Will Europe create a human spaceflight capability? Will it create a military space capability outside NATO?
- International frameworks for space commerce: orbital debris, financing, insurance, and property rights. Continuing impacts of export controls
- Does international cooperation in space offer lessons for other major efforts such as climate change and international development?
- Will space exploration develop in a more integrated or fragmented manner compared to today? Will cooperation be preferred among "common value" countries, new entrants, or all?

## Space Powers in a U.S. National Security Context\*



**Space Capabilities** 

\*Illustrative only

### **National Security Overlaps**

- Space Industrial Base
  - Launch
  - Space-qualified electronics
  - Standards
- People
- Technology Demonstrations
- Space communications and navigation
- Space Situational Awareness
- International Transparency and Confidence Building Measures (TCBMs)

## Strategic Approaches to Human Space Exploration

- Capability-driven
  - Current policy, Space Shuttle as precedent
- Question-driven
  - Would be new, but precedent in decadal science surveys
- Geopolitically-driven
  - Precedents in Apollo, Apollo-Soyuz, Space Station, and International Space Station
  - Post Cold War context of regional, not global rivalries, notably in Asia.

### **Choosing to Steer, Not Drift**

Human space exploration is driven by vision and hopes but must be grounded in facts and analysis.

- U.S. HSF policies, programs, and budgets are not aligned.
- Insufficient funds available to pursue conflicting objectives

Human space exploration must be tied closely to critical national interests to justify the risks

- Industrial policy goals alone are insufficient
- Physical destinations alone are insufficient

Human space exploration must take into account the interests, needs, and capabilities of international partners.

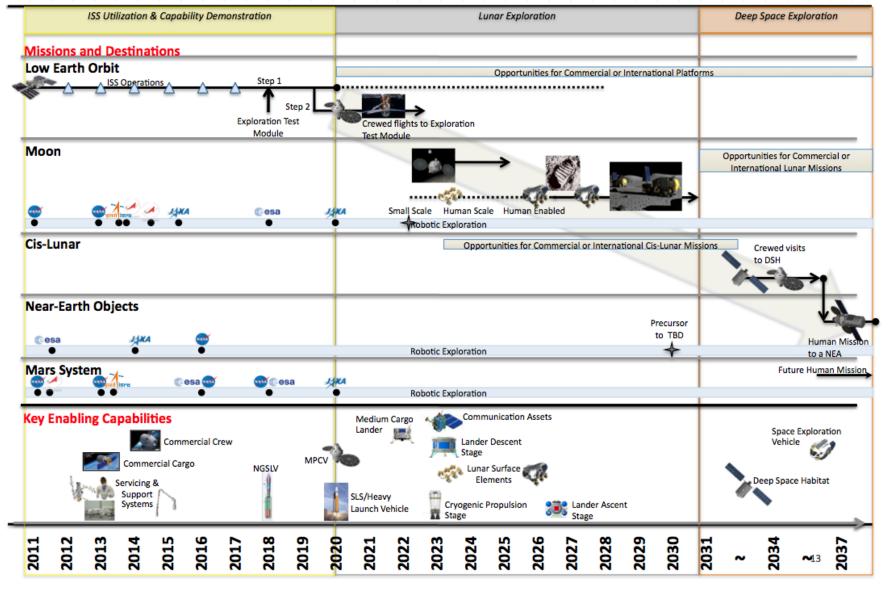
- Human lunar return offers the best mixed strategy for U.S. interest: political, economic, scientific, and diplomatic
- Civil space cooperation complements security cooperation

#### **ISECG Mission Scenario: Moon Next**

To Mars with Moon as the Next Step

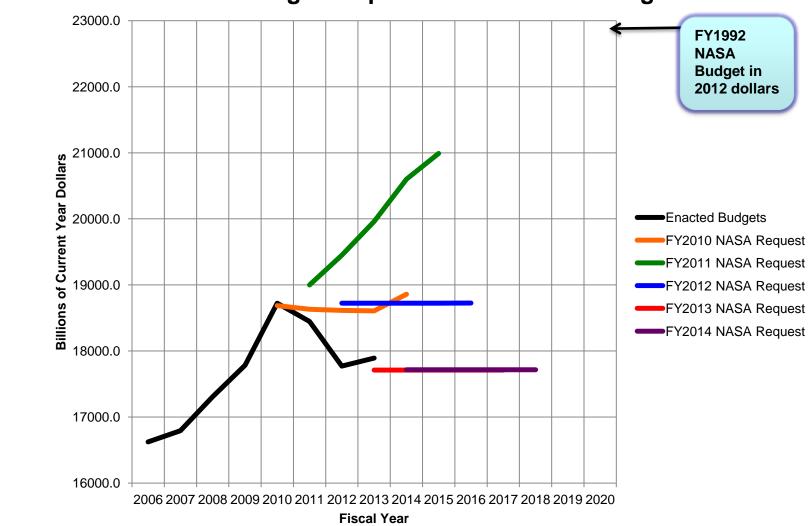






### **Volatility and Decline**

#### **NASA Budget Requests and Enacted Budgets**



### **Backup**