Conducting Science in a Program of Human Exploration



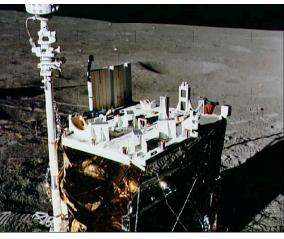
The Shuttle Mission: Enabling Science & Exploration

First: A Few General Lessons Learned From Apollo, Skylab, ASTP and Shuttle/Spacelab

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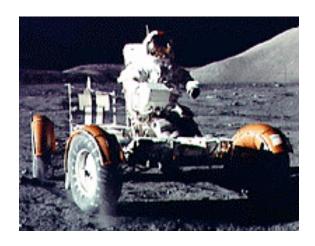






Apollo Science: Spectacular, Forefront And Productive





Space Physics



Con: Jim Van Allen

Apollo Era

There will

ALWAYS be diverse opinions as to the merits of doing science in human space flight programs

Pro:
Gene
Shoemaker



Geology & Geophysics

Key Elements of Successful Apollo Science

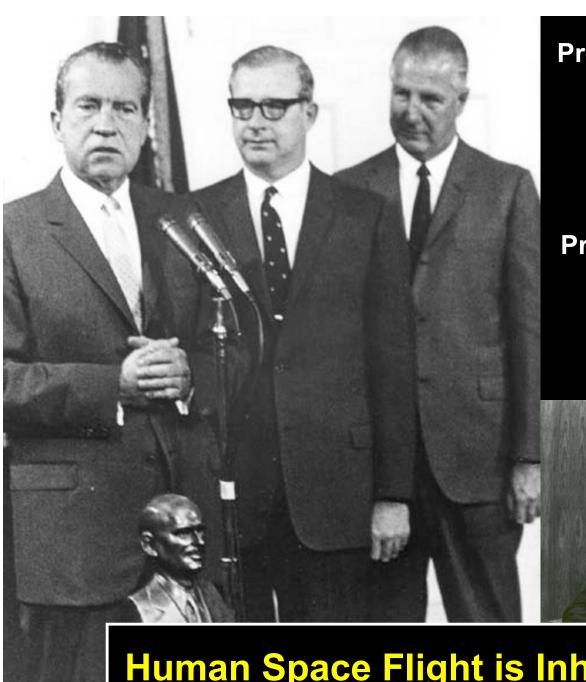
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Now Future

- Funding Was More Than Adequate X >>
- Apollo Was Not a "Threat" to Science X
- Lunar Science–Exciting; Good "Community" Support

- X -> ?
- Joint Program Management Between Science and Human Exploration – Each Doing What it Does Best
- X -> ?
- Apollo Management and NASA Leadership Were Vocal Advocates of Science
- X -> ?

Despite the Lack of Political Imperative, The VSE Should Strive to Emulate Apollo



Pres. Nixon, NASA Adm. Paine, & VP Agnew **April 5, 1969**

Pres. Nixon Buying the Shuttle (and Not a Space Station) Jan. 5, 1972

Human Space Flight is Inherently Political

Science/Space Flight Post-Apollo



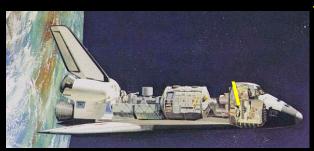
Skylab: Apollo Telescope Mount – 1973/1974

Joint OMSF/OSS Program Office
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Apollo-Soyuz Test Project - 1975

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"Successful" Results & Relationship after
a review by the Space Science Board



Shuttle/Spacelab – 1981 - Present

All Things to All People; No Joint Office
OSS Selected, Managed and Funded Science
Non-Uniform Support by Science Community
Variable results (to follow in MF 18)



Shuttle Servicing Save(s)d Hubble's Butt

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A Surmountable Challenge
If We Learn Lessons From
Lessons Learned