

Scientific Objective of China Lunar and Martian missions in the near future from 2017 to 2020s

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China has achieved great success in the recently CE-1~CE-3 lunar missions, and in the near future from 2017 to 2020s, 2 lunar missions will be launched which are CE-5 and CE-4, and a Martian mission will also be launched which is Mar-1. The scientific objective of these missions are now being discussed. CE-5 will be launched in 2017, it will hosts a Lander and an Orbiter, CE-5 Lander will soft-land in the lunar surface, get the lunar samples, rise to the CE-5 Orbiter and then send the Lunar Samples back to the Earth. CE-5 plans to capture two types of lunar samples: 1) lunar loose soil sample, about 1500g, which includes lunar dust, single mineral, rock debris, Impact and space weathering products (such as Glass, Fe); 2) lunar drilled soil sample, which is about 500g in weight, 12mm in diameter and 2m in length. The initial scientific objective of CE-5 concludes: 1) Investigation and analysis of the landing site, 2) Research and analysis of the Lunar Samples. CE-4 will be sent off in 2018, it is the backup satellite of CE-3, so that it also contains a Lander and a Rover, the difference is that it will set a relay satellite in Earth Moon L2 Point for Earth-Moon Communication, it will be the first robotic Lander designed to land in the far side of the Moon. The initial scientific objective of CE-4 is to provide scientific data for the lunar far side research. The first China Martian program will be launched in 2020, it will contain a Lander, a Rover and a Orbiter, the initial scientific objective will include: 1) Martian Geomorphology and geology investigation; 2) Martian soil investigation and ice distribution analysis; 3) Martian surface substances composition analysis; 4) Martian atmospheric ionosphere and climate environment analysis; 5) Martian physical field and inner structure analysis. The further and detailed scientific objective will be made after a deeply discussion with the lunar and planetary research scientists around the world.