

# Surface Volatiles

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## Introduction

1. Definition of volatiles
2. Old view of volatiles
3. Significance of volatiles
4. Reservoirs of volatiles

## Quantifying Present Day Volatiles

1. Abundance
  - PSRs—LCROSS, LEND/LPNS, LAMP, LOLA, visible images LROC & Kaguya, radar
  - Global—M3/Cassini/EPOXI, LAMP, LOLA, Apollo samples
2. Composition
  - PSRs—LCROSS
  - Global—Apollo samples, M3/Cassini/EPOXI, lab irradiation spectral, exosphere composition
3. Distribution
  - PSRs lateral distribution—LAMP, LOLA, LEND/LPNS, Mini-RF
  - PSRs depth distribution—LEND/LPNS, Mini-RF
  - Global latitudinal distribution—LAMP, M3/EPOXI
  - Global local time distribution—LAMP, M3/EPOXI
  - Other temporal variability
4. Physical Form
  - PSR Radar data
  - PSR LCROSS—ice grains, H<sub>2</sub> abundance/timing
  - Global 2.8/3.0 um spectral shape

## Volatile System

1. Sources
  - Comets—model impacts and retention; expected flux
  - Meteoroids—model impact and retention; LADEE NMS H<sub>2</sub>O observations; Apollo sample isotopic analysis
  - Solar wind—Apollo agglutinates isotopic analysis, H budget from Kaguya H<sup>+</sup>, ARTEMIS H<sup>+</sup>, Chandrayaan-1 H, IBEX H, LAMP H<sub>2</sub>; lab studies of ion irradiation of lunar soils/rocks; swirls
  - Outgassing—Aristarchus, He & Ar LADEE NMS data, Schroedinger
2. Redistribution
  - Migration/hopping in exosphere
  - Migration/diffusion through regolith
  - Impact gardening

3. Stability
  - Thermal mapping—Diviner
  - Sublimation stability
  - Adsorption stability
  - Depth to thermally stable zone
  - Orbital evolution effects on thermal stability
4. Loss
  - Sputtering
  - Impact vaporization
  - Photodesorption/dissociation
  - Sublimation/thermal desorption

#### Outstanding Questions

1. Complete quantification of current contents
2. Age of deposits
3. Replenishing rate
4. Relative importance of sources
5. Accessibility
6. Differences between Moon and Mercury, Asteroids, meteorites