# THE LUNATICS: OF MAN AND MOON

#### WHAT'S WRONG WITH MOON DUST?

- ★ Micrometeorite impacts
- \* Sunlight ionizes dust particles
- ★ Lunar landings



- Destroys lung and brain cells
- Destroys joints, seals, and suits

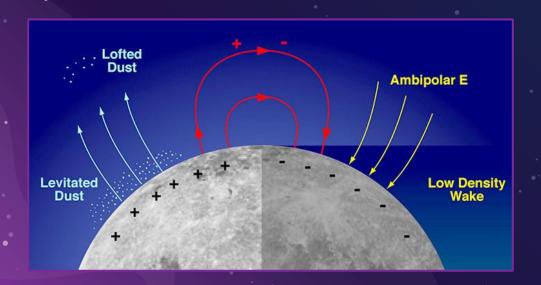


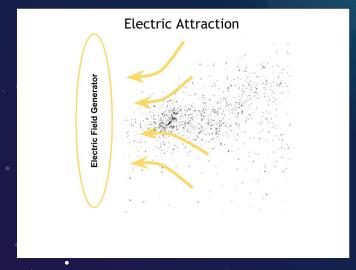
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- ★ 100% of people who have stepped on the moon have experienced symptoms
- \* Kills up to 90% of exposed brain and lung cells
- ★ Causes spacesuits and sealants to degrade rapidly
- ★ Prevents long-term stays on moon

# THE SOLUTION

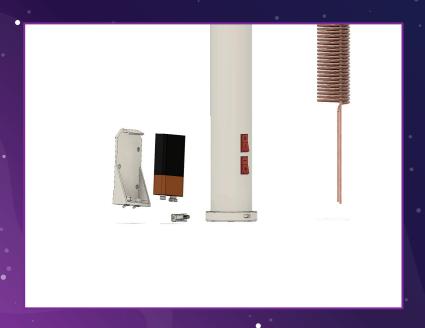
- ★ Lunar dust particles are charged
- Use electromagnetic fields to manipulate dust





### RECYCLABLE OBJECT DECONTAMINATOR (ROD)

- \* Electrically-charged "brush" for exposed items
- \* Recycle collected lunar dust (e.g. as fertilizer)









- Longevity of spacesuits is greatly reduced by dust
- Wrap wire inside suit torso
- Current generates E-field+and reduces particlecontact





- Seals around hatch deteriorate rapidly
- Run wire around hatch doorway; generate E-field
- \* Reduce impacts from dust particles



# WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

- \* A more realistic and sustainable future in space travel
- \* Safe life for astronauts on the Moon, and beyond
- ★ Increased longevity of space systems
  - ⋆ Spacesuits
  - \* Spacecraft
  - \* Solar panels
  - \* Radiators
  - Communications

Rovers Robotics

