

File 20100720.2300: Faster-better-cheaper: Dan Goldin ‘...said that if failures do not occur, then NASA was not trying hard enough’.

‘A more sanguine long-term view might have permitted a few more high-risk attempts, in order to achieve a better determination of the real reliability of lower-cost space systems.’

‘Other failures can be attributed to overly lean design or operations teams, in which insufficient time, or oversight, or inexperienced (and therefore cheaper) staffing allowed problems to pass unnoticed.’

Source: [1, pp. xv–xvi].

## References

- [1] David M. Harland and Ralph D. Lorenz. *Space Systems Failures: Disasters and Rescues of Satellites, Rockets and Space Probes*. Praxis, Chichester, UK, 2005.