

# Launch Options - Future Options

- Constellation Architecture
- Commercial Alternatives
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  - Orbital Sciences
- EELV Options
- DIRECT
- Side-Mount Shuttle Derived
- Space (or “Senate”) Launch System
- Recent Developments

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# Review of Human Spaceflight Plans

## *Constellation Overview*

*June 17, 2009*

Doug Cooke  
Jeff Hanley

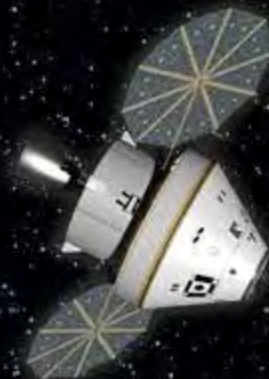
# Constellation Architecture



Earth  
Departure  
Stage



Altair  
Lunar Lander



Ares I  
Crew Launch Vehicle



Orion  
Crew Exploration  
Vehicle



Ares V  
Cargo Launch Vehicle



***Constellation is an  
Integrated Architecture***



# Key Exploration Objectives

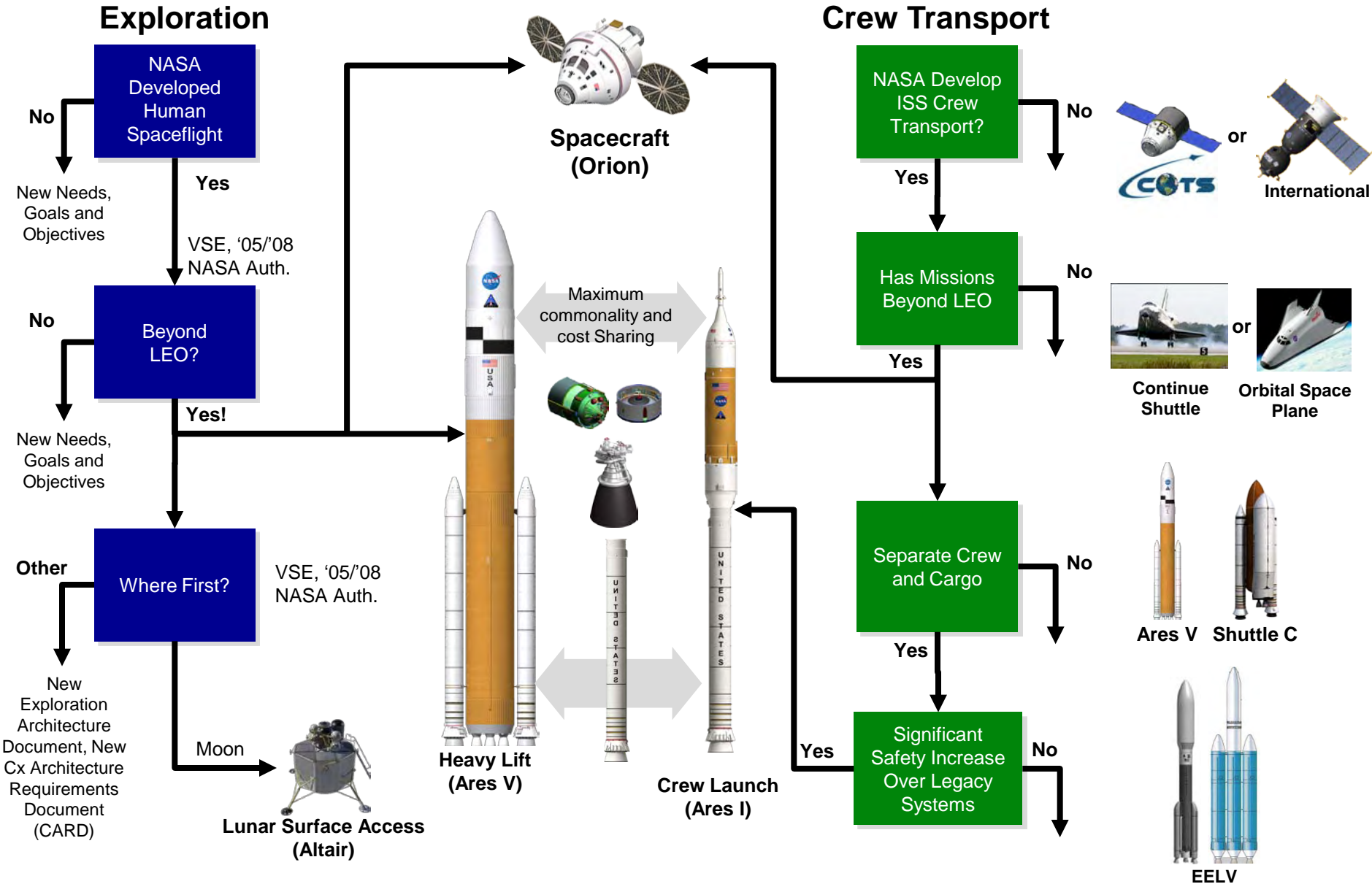
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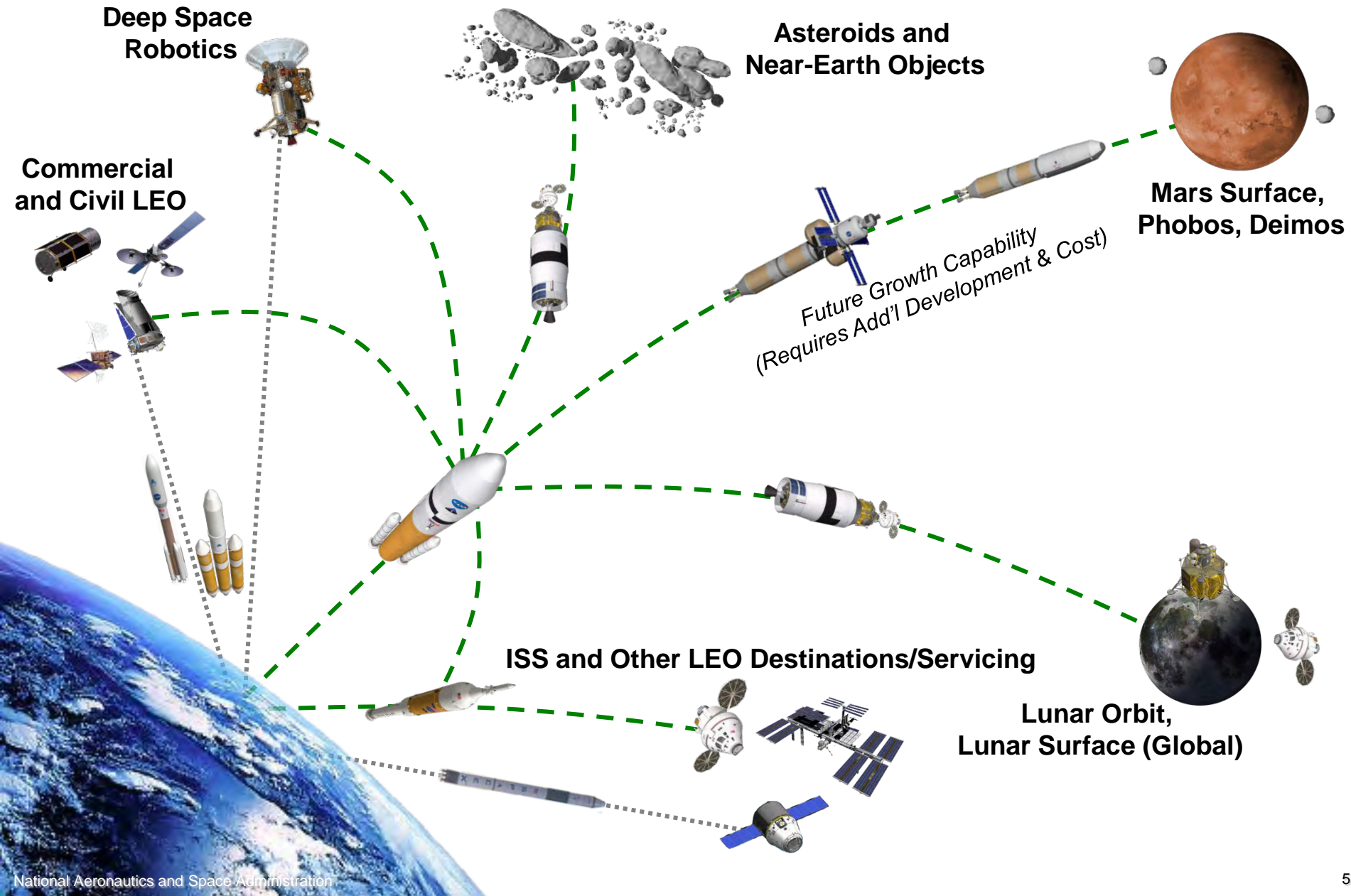
- 1. Replace Space Shuttle capability, with Shuttle retirement in 2010**
- 2. To ensure sustainability, development and operations costs must be minimized**
- 3. Develop systems to serve as building blocks for human exploration of the solar system using the Moon as a test bed**
- 4. Design future human spaceflight systems to be significantly safer than heritage systems**
- 5. Provide crew transport to ISS by 2015, to the lunar surface for extended durations by 2020, and to Mars by TBD**
- 6. Separate crew from cargo delivery to orbit**
- 7. Maintain and grow existing national aerospace supplier base**
- 8. Provide global lunar access to maximize science return**
- 9. Lunar “any time return” is a safety requirement**
- 10. Utilize ISS to support exploration goals**
- 11. Promote international and commercial participation in exploration**

***Solutions Must Be Addressed Through an Integrated Architecture***

# Influence of Key Drivers on Architecture Selection



# Current Development for Future Exploration Capabilities



# Transition of Shuttle Capabilities

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- ◆ **Constellation makes extensive use of Shuttle capabilities, but in a leaner, smaller footprint to reduce life cycle costs:**
  - JSC: Crew systems and mission operations
  - KSC: LC39, VAB, O&C, SSPF
  - MSFC: Large scale launch vehicle development and test
  - SSC: Large scale liquid propulsion test
  - MAF: Large scale cryogenic stage production
  - ATK: Large solid rocket motor development, production and test
  - PWR: Large liquid engine development and production
  
- ◆ **Significant synergy in capabilities of the human spaceflight workforce between Shuttle, ISS and Constellation**
  
- ◆ **Challenge is in converting a large, fixed base LEO-capable workforce to a beyond-LEO architecture in a cost effective manner**
  
- ◆ **The U.S. has a unique, once-in-a-generation opportunity to capitalize on Apollo and Shuttle investments**

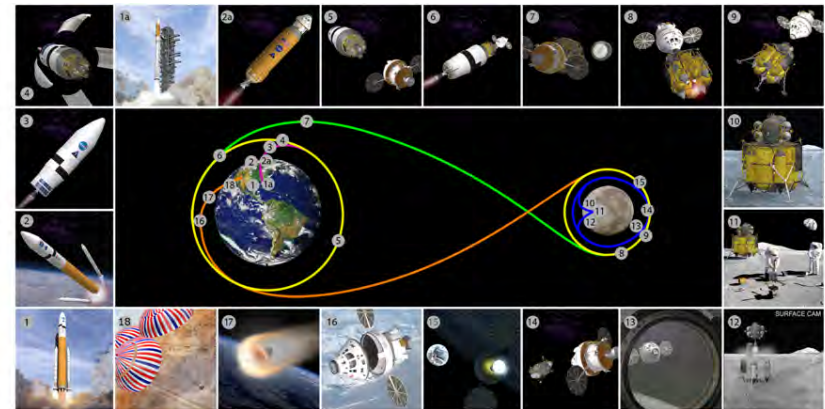
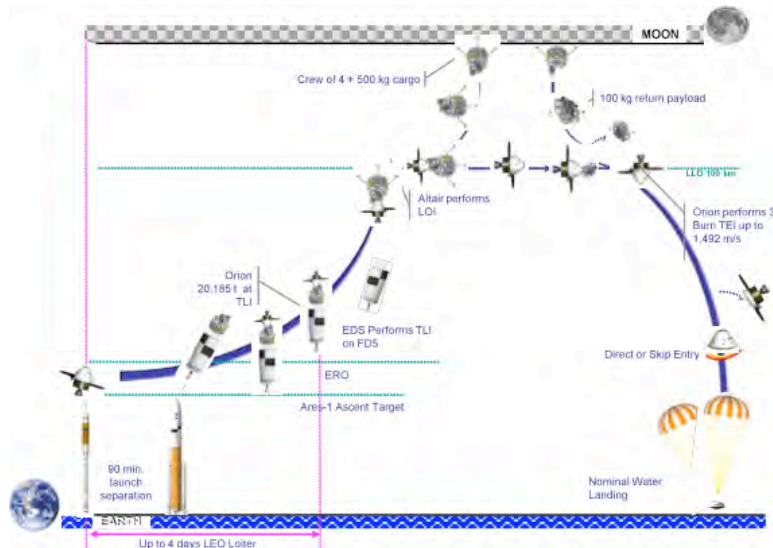
# Overview of Lunar Capability



## ◆ Constellation Transportation Architecture Enables Independent Delivery of Crew and Large Cargo to the Surface of the Moon:

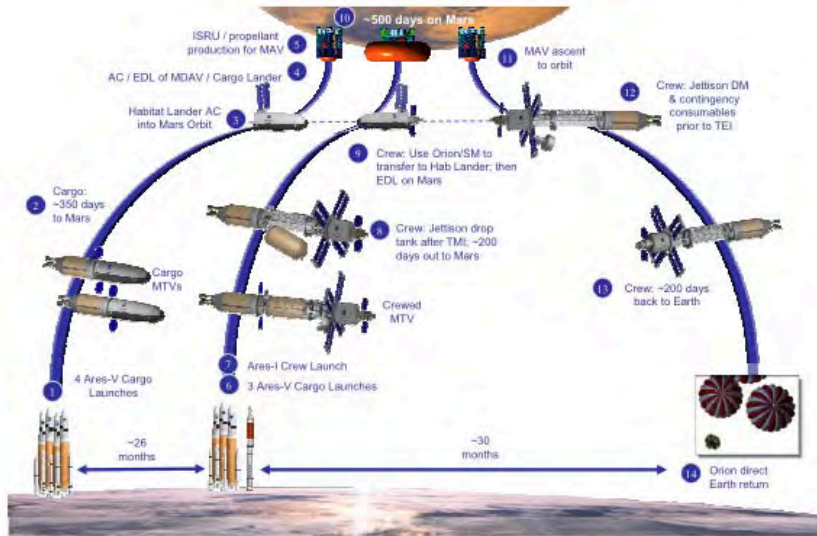
- 4 crew members
- 7 days (living out of lander in sortie mode)
- 210 days (crew at outpost with lander waiting in standby)
- Global surface access
- Anytime return to Earth
- 14 metric ton cargo to surface on a single launch

## ◆ Lunar Surface Systems Currently Under Study, Including Contributions from International Partners



1. Ares V liftoff.
2. Solid Rocket Booster (SRB) separation.
3. Earth Departure Stage (EDS) fires for Earth Orbit Insertion (EOI).
4. Payload shroud separates to expose Altair Lunar Lander.
5. Orion docks with Altair/EDS.
6. EDS fires for Trans-Lunar Injection (TLI).
7. Orion and Altair undock from EDS.
8. Altair fires for Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI).
9. Altair separates from Orion.
10. Altair lands on lunar surface.
11. Conducting activities on the lunar surface.
12. Altair ascent stage liftoff viewed from surface camera.
13. Altair ascent stage prepares to dock with Orion.
14. Altair ascent stage and Orion separate.
15. Service Module (SM) fires for Trans Earth Injection (TEI).
16. Orion separates from SM.
17. Orion re-enters Earth atmosphere.
18. Chutes open for recovery.

# Overview of Mars Extensibility



## ◆ Current Human Mars Mission Highlights:

- Long stay (conjunction)
- Pre-deployed assets
- Nuclear thermal in-space propulsion
- 9 Ares V launches
- Preliminary assessments indicate launch vehicle shroud can be used for both ascent to LEO as well as entry, descent, & landing aeroshell structural element

**Mission Cargo (2)**

**Propulsion Systems (3)**

**Cargo Mission**

- Surface Habitat
- Cargo Lander
- Outbound Propulsion

**Previous Opportunity  
5 Ares V Launches**

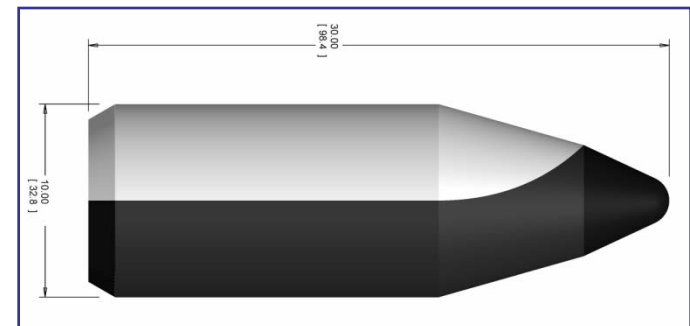
**Crew Hab (1)**

**Propulsion Systems (3)**

**Crew Mission**

- Transfer Habitat
- Roundtrip Propulsion
- Orion

**Current Opportunity  
4 Ares V Launches**



# Orion Elements

Over \$6.3B in Prime Contract Value



## ◆ Prime Integration Contractor Team

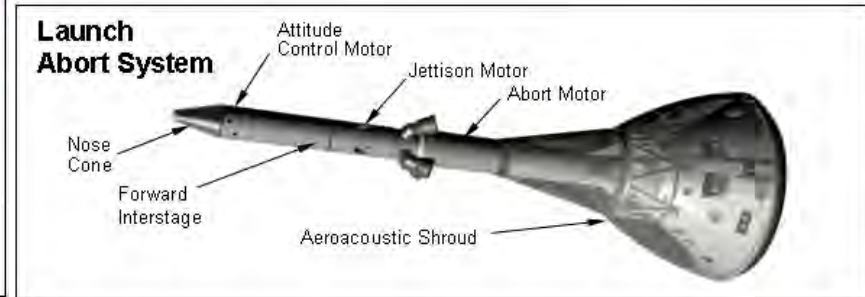
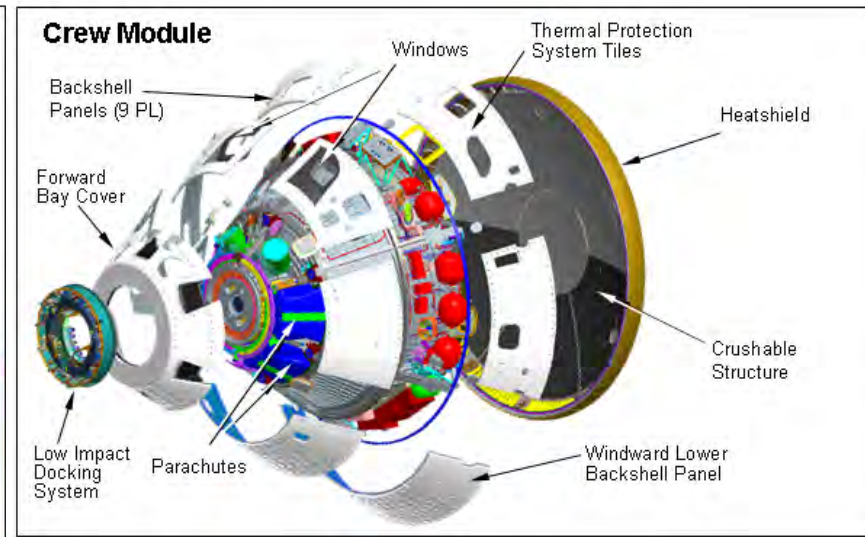
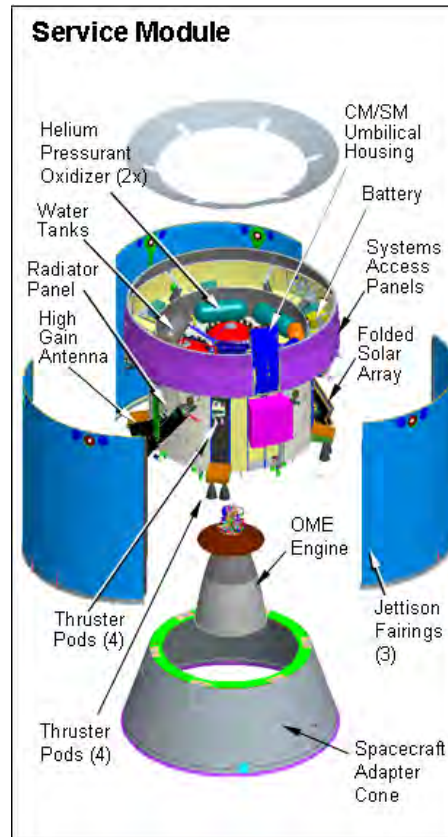
- Lockheed Martin-led consortium with:
  - Honeywell
  - Hamilton Sundstrand
  - Aerojet
  - Orbital Sciences
  - United Space Alliance

## ◆ Contract Value

- \$6.3B through 2014 for two spacecraft

## ◆ Procurement Approach

- Single contract award through full and open competition for the design, development, test, & evaluation of the Orion crew exploration vehicle. Follow-on schedules for production and sustaining and operations support.
- Contract type: CPAF



# Ares I Elements (A106)

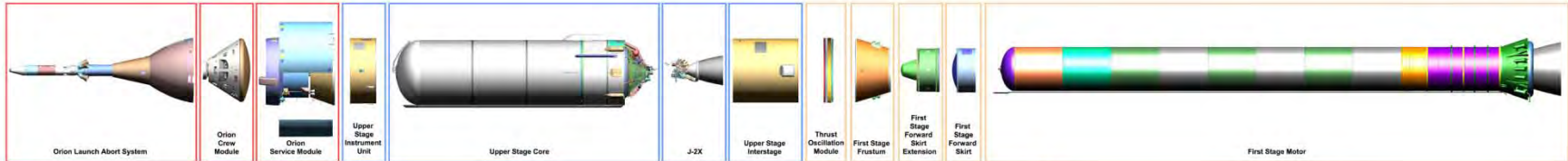
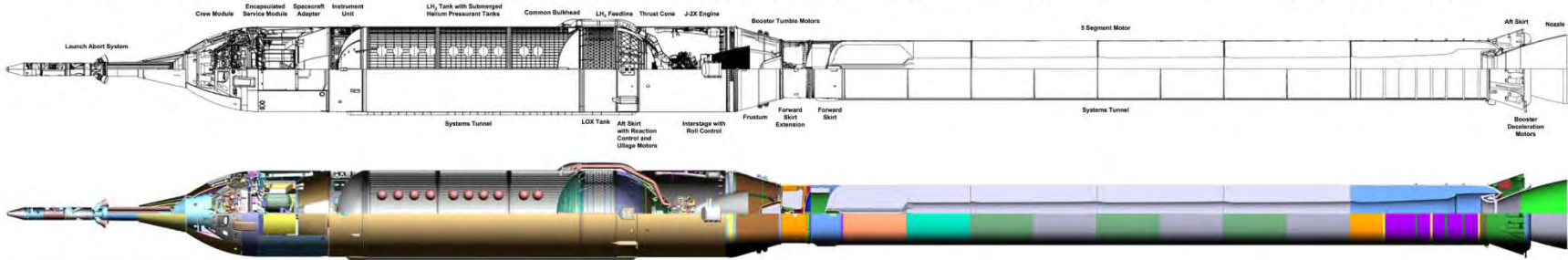
## Over \$5.18B in Prime Contract Value



Orion: 606D, Block 1A Shown

Upper Stage: 97M25000-001 Pre-PDR J-2X: 9R115000A1 V4.0

First Stage: EM000700 Rev K



### ◆ Instrument Unit

- NASA design
- Boeing production
- \$0.8B contract value

### ◆ Upper Stage

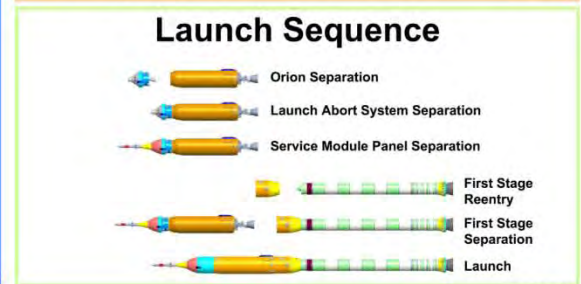
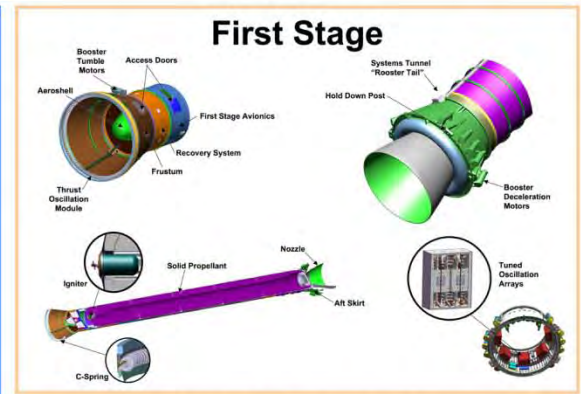
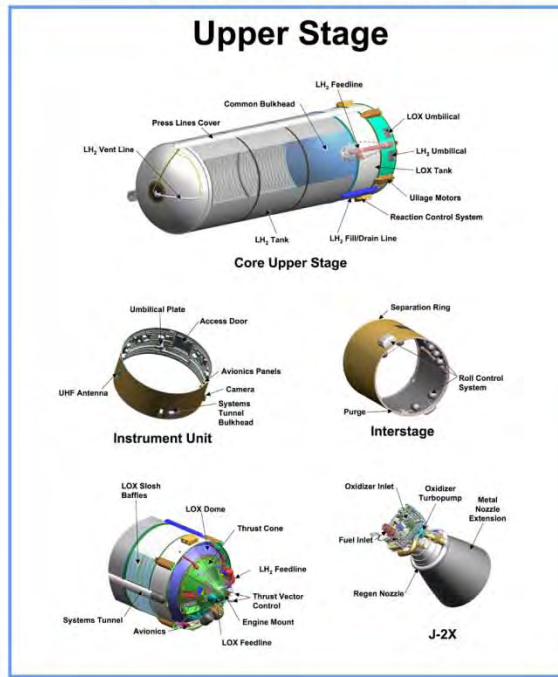
- NASA design
- Boeing production
- \$1.14B contract value

### ◆ Upper Stage Engine (J-2X)

- Saturn derived
- Pratt & Whitney/Rocketdyne
- \$1.28B contract value

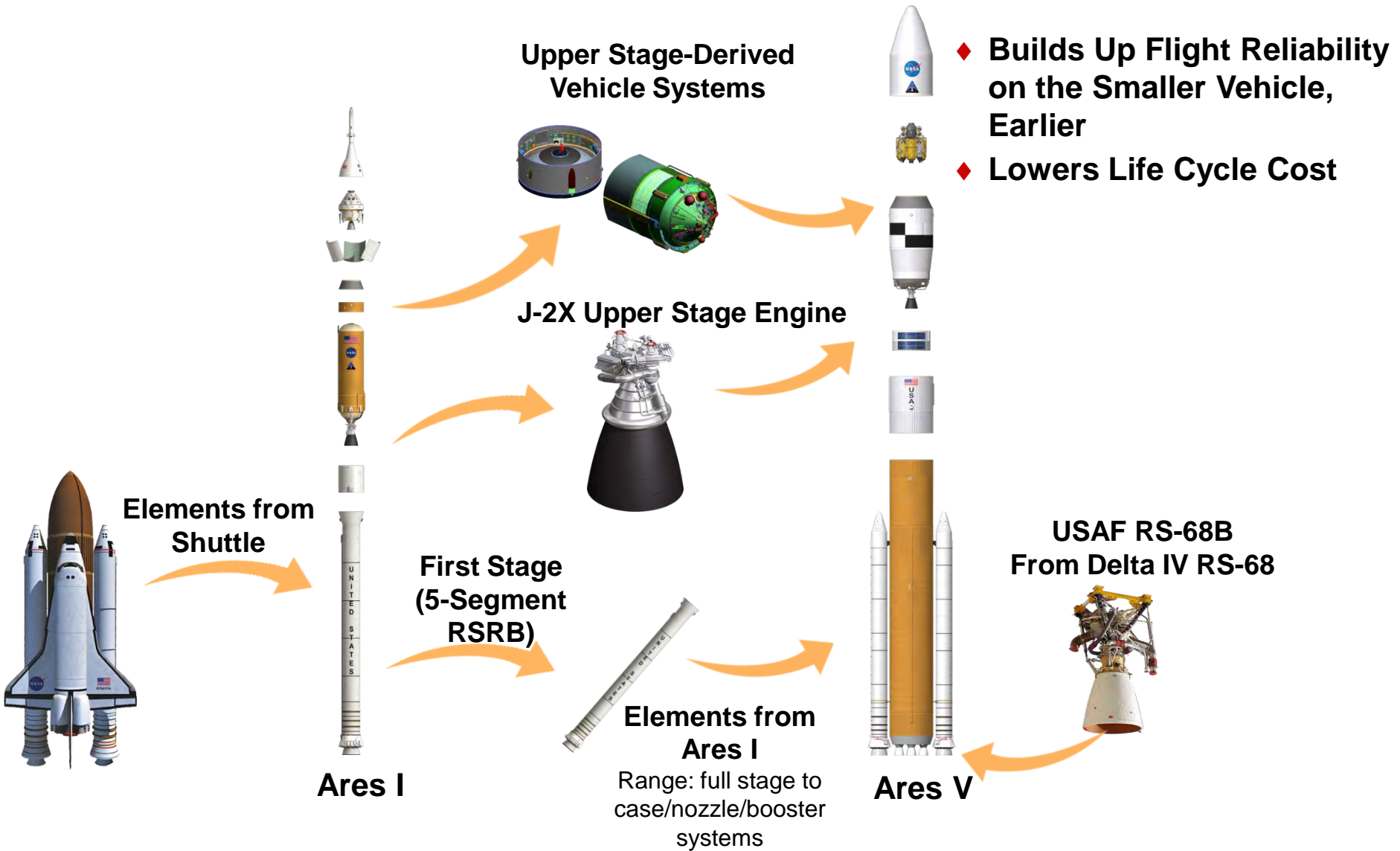
### ◆ First Stage

- Shuttle derived
- ATK Space Systems
- \$1.96B contract value

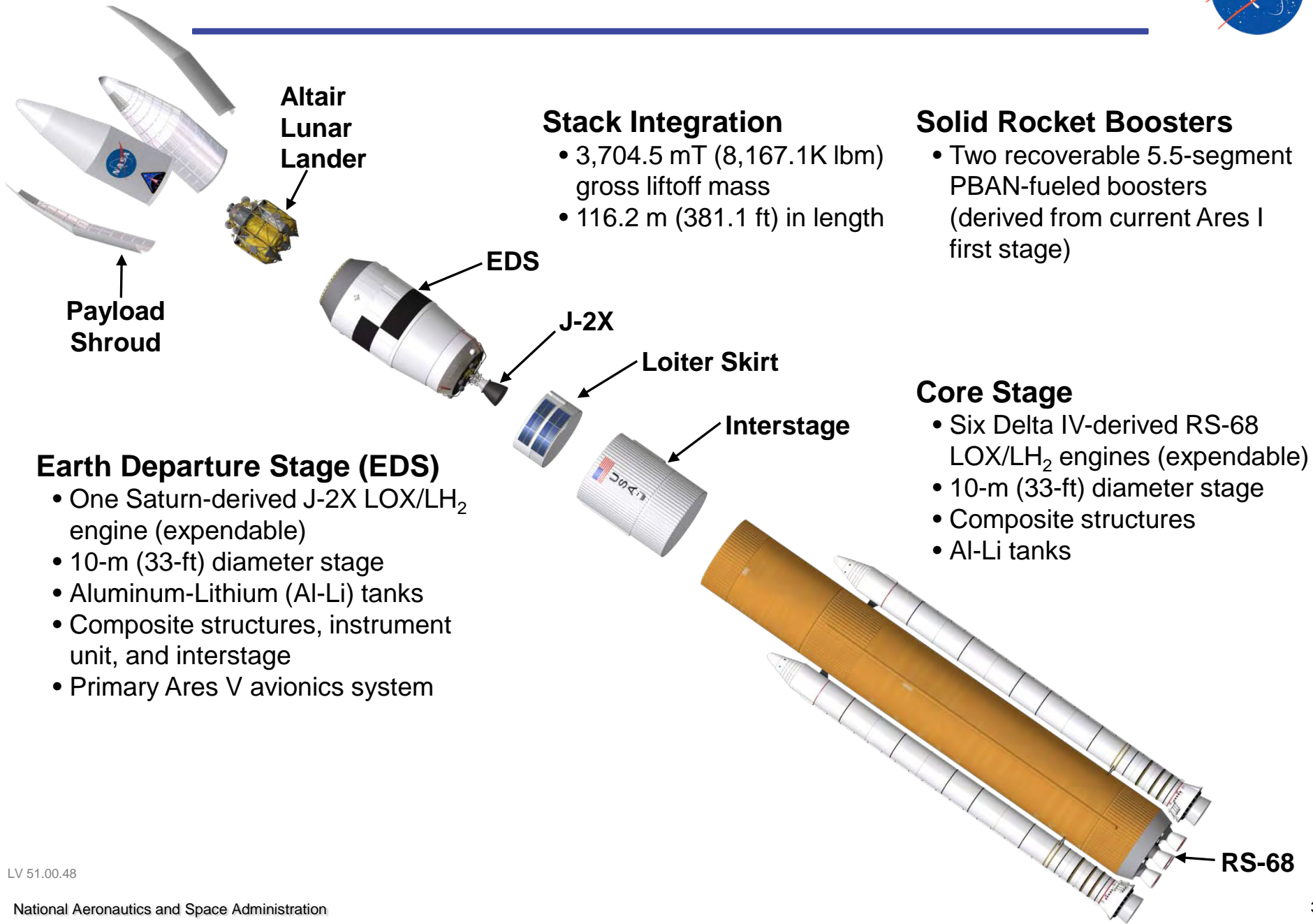


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# Ares I and Ares V Commonality



# Ares V Elements



**Altair Lunar Lander**

## Stack Integration

- 3,704.5 mT (8,167.1K lbm) gross liftoff mass
- 116.2 m (381.1 ft) in length

## Solid Rocket Boosters

- Two recoverable 5.5-segment PBAN-fueled boosters (derived from current Ares I first stage)

**Payload Shroud**

## Earth Departure Stage (EDS)

- One Saturn-derived J-2X LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> engine (expendable)
- 10-m (33-ft) diameter stage
- Aluminum-Lithium (Al-Li) tanks
- Composite structures, instrument unit, and interstage
- Primary Ares V avionics system

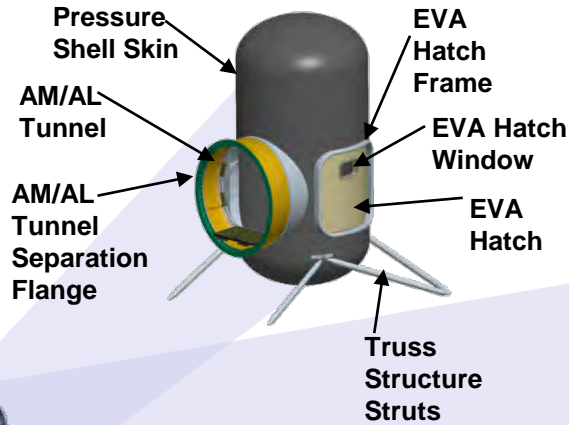
## Core Stage

- Six Delta IV-derived RS-68 LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> engines (expendable)
- 10-m (33-ft) diameter stage
- Composite structures
- Al-Li tanks

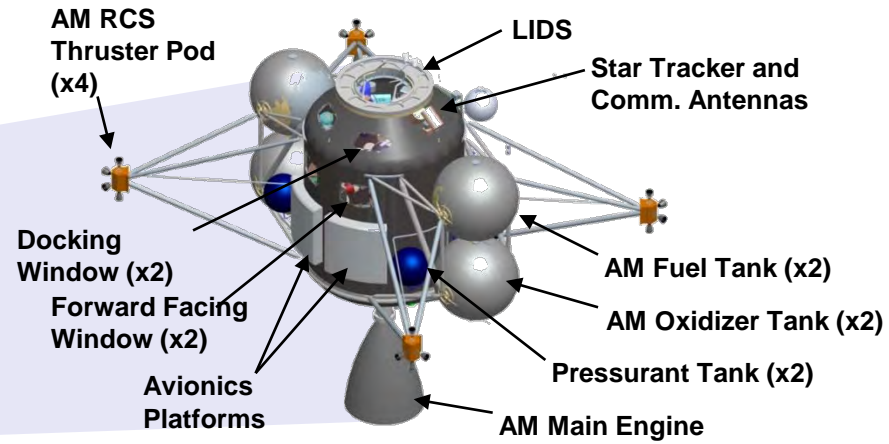
**RS-68**

# Altair Elements

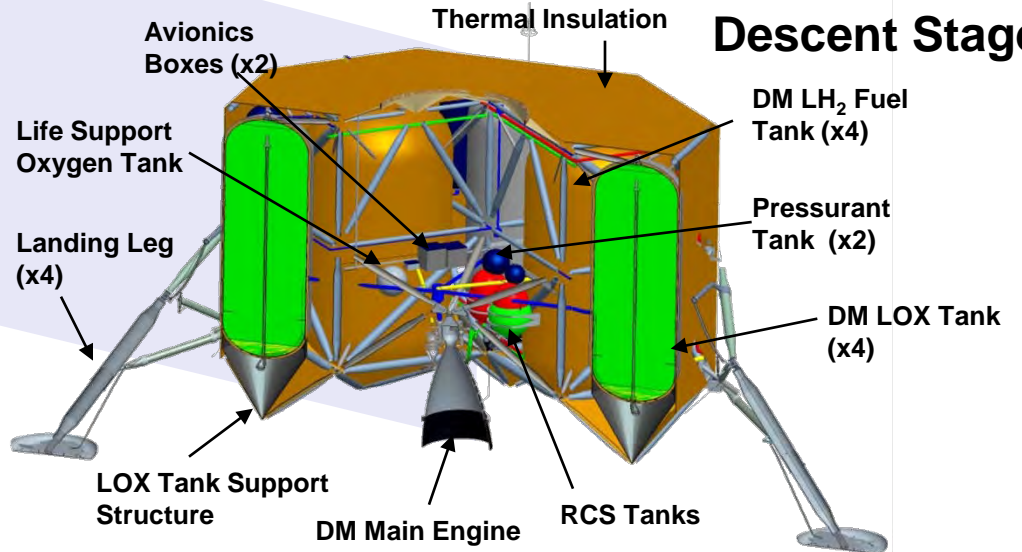
## Airlock



## Ascent Stage



## Descent Stage



# Lunar Surface Systems

## Key Capabilities



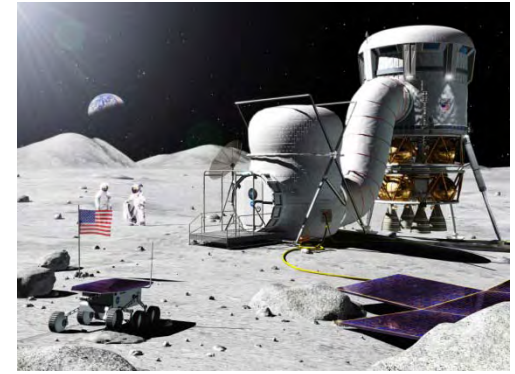
### ◆ Early Lunar Surface System Studies Explored Lunar Outpost Concepts Which Drove Out Key Issues and Informed Altair/Ares V Requirements Development

- Lunar Architecture Team (LAT)-1 in 2006
- LAT-2 in 2007
- LCCR in 2008

### ◆ Key Capabilities

- Sortie, Extended Stay, and Outpost capability
- Pervasive Mobility; ability to explore an extended range (25–100 km) around landing sites
- Solar power with sufficient energy storage to keep assets alive between human visits
- Habitation
- Emphasis on understanding the lunar environment and its applicability to human exploration objectives
  - Developing & testing science protocols
  - Testing planetary protection approaches
  - Improving reliability and functionality of EVA & life support systems
  - Testing systematic approaches for resolving complex problems such as dust mitigation and radiation protection

### ◆ NASA's Point of Departure Surface Architecture Will Be Informed by NASA's Lunar Exploration Objectives As Well As International Partner Interests and Budget



Pervasive Mobility Scenario



# **NASA Expendable Launch Services Current Use of EELV**

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Deputy Associate Administrator  
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National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
June 17, 2009



# Overview

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- NASA's expendable launch vehicles are run by the Launch Services Program (LSP) consolidated at Kennedy Space Center in 1998
  - LSP provides acquisition, technical management, mission integration and launch management
- NASA utilizes a mixed fleet of vehicles (small, medium & intermediate) with varying levels of performance used to support a mix of mission sizes
  - Mainly for Science Mission Directorate payloads, but other NASA Directorates and other government agencies also use NASA launch services
  - Launches conducted from multiple ranges, including RTS, WFF, Kodiak
- Vehicles are selected from the NASA Launch Services Contract (NLS)
  - Through competition based on mass, orbit, class of payload, and best value
  - Current NLS contract expires in 2010, RFP released to extend the contract
- Most recent contract action purchased four intermediate class missions
  - TDRS – K & L, RBSP and MMS
- Important issues
  - Loss of Medium Class launch service provider, which has been 50% of NASA missions historically
  - Compressed manifest
  - Possibility that NASA incurs a portion of the intermediate class infrastructure costs post 2010



# NASA Launch Services Manifest

FPB Approved 3/25/09 Release 6/03/09 Rev. 1	2009				2010				2011				2012				2013				2014				2015				2016							
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 K = KWAJALEIN

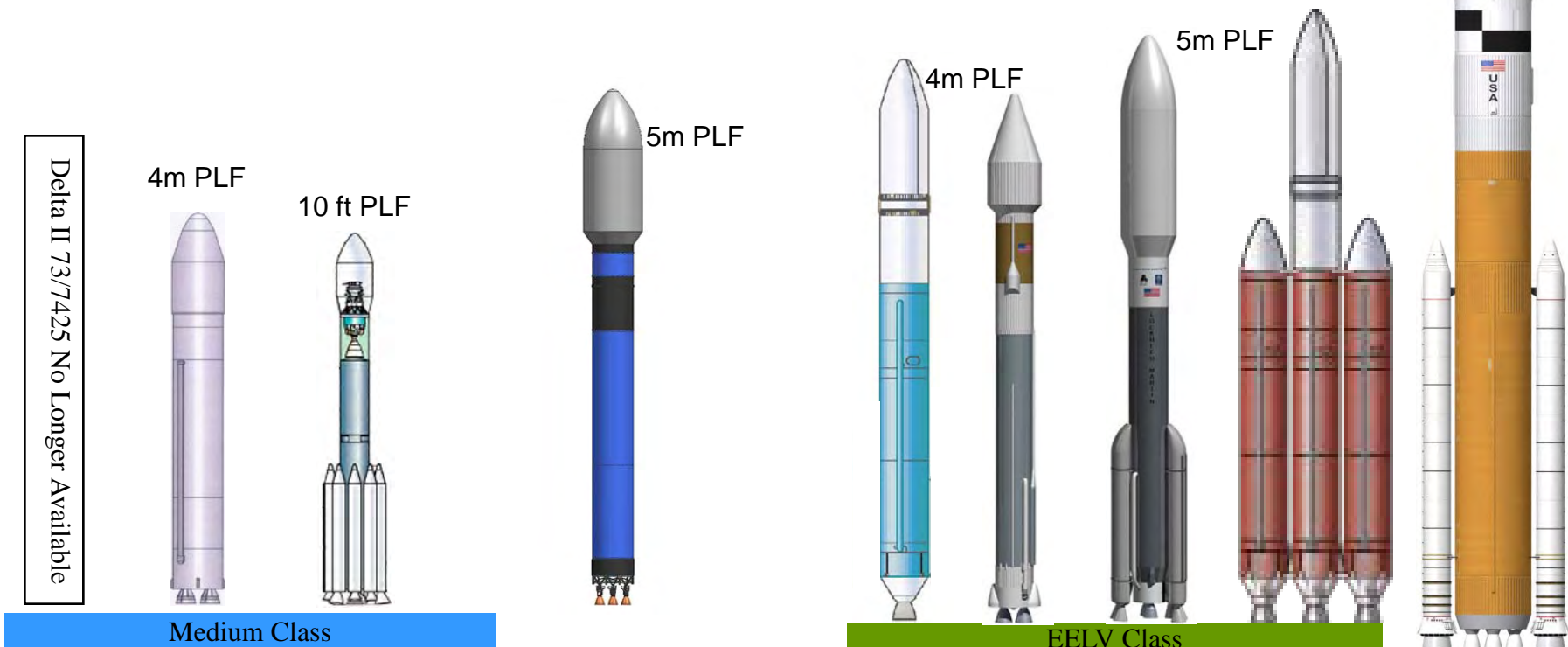






# Medium, Intermediate and Heavy Launch Vehicle Performance Range (Kg)

Performance From Payload Planner's Guides or Company Estimates



Vehicle Orbit	Delta II 7320/5	Taurus 2 WFF	Delta II 7920/5 H	Falcon 9 Block 1 (b)	SIGNIFICANT GAP	Delta 4040	Atlas V 401	Atlas V 551	Delta IV Heavy	Ares V (c)
C3=0	750 (a)	1150 (a)	1400 (a)	2000		2750	3450	6300	9305	62.8 mT(to TLI)
C3=10	650 (a)	950 (a)	1200 (a)	1350		2100	2850	5300	7010	
675 km sun sync	1550	Not achievable from WFF	Not achievable from CCAS	~6500		6800	7250	13600	20250	~187.7 mT (to 29 deg incl, 130 nm)
GTO	N/A	TBS	900	3495		3985	4765	8570	12980	
Perf risk	Low	High	Low	Med		Low	Low	Low	Low	Med
Available for Science Msn	N/A	~1 <sup>st</sup> qtr 2014 (d)	Now	(d)		Now	Now	Now	Now	2 <sup>nd</sup> half CY2019 (d)

(a) Requires additional LV supplied upper stage for high energy missions (b) Falcon 9 Block 2 upgrade planned (higher performing) – available ~4<sup>th</sup> qtr 2013 (c) On hold until conclusion of Augustine Commission (d) Significant schedule risk exists for first flight of any new LV configuration, therefore actual availability is likely 6 -18 mo after dates noted above.



# Briefing to the Review of U.S. Human Space Flight Plans Committee

*Michael C. Gass  
President and CEO  
United Launch Alliance*

**17 June, 2009**



## A Safe, Affordable, and Sustainable Launch Approach

- ❑ Joint utilization of flight-proven systems by NASA, DoD, and commercial provides a safe, affordable, and sustainable approach to exploration
  - Leverages existing investments and reduces annual standalone lien
- ❑ Delta IV Heavy provides safe, low cost capability to launch Orion by 2014 with greater than 20% performance margin
- ❑ Atlas V provides commercial crew to ISS by 2013
- ❑ Further evolution of EELV systems and components provides options and flexibility for exploration to the Moon and beyond
- ❑ Options available for manufacturing, integration and launch operations to address workforce transition and unique requirements

***ULA is prepared to support the thorough evaluation of options with the Committee***



# ULA Operates the Nation's Expendable Launch Fleet

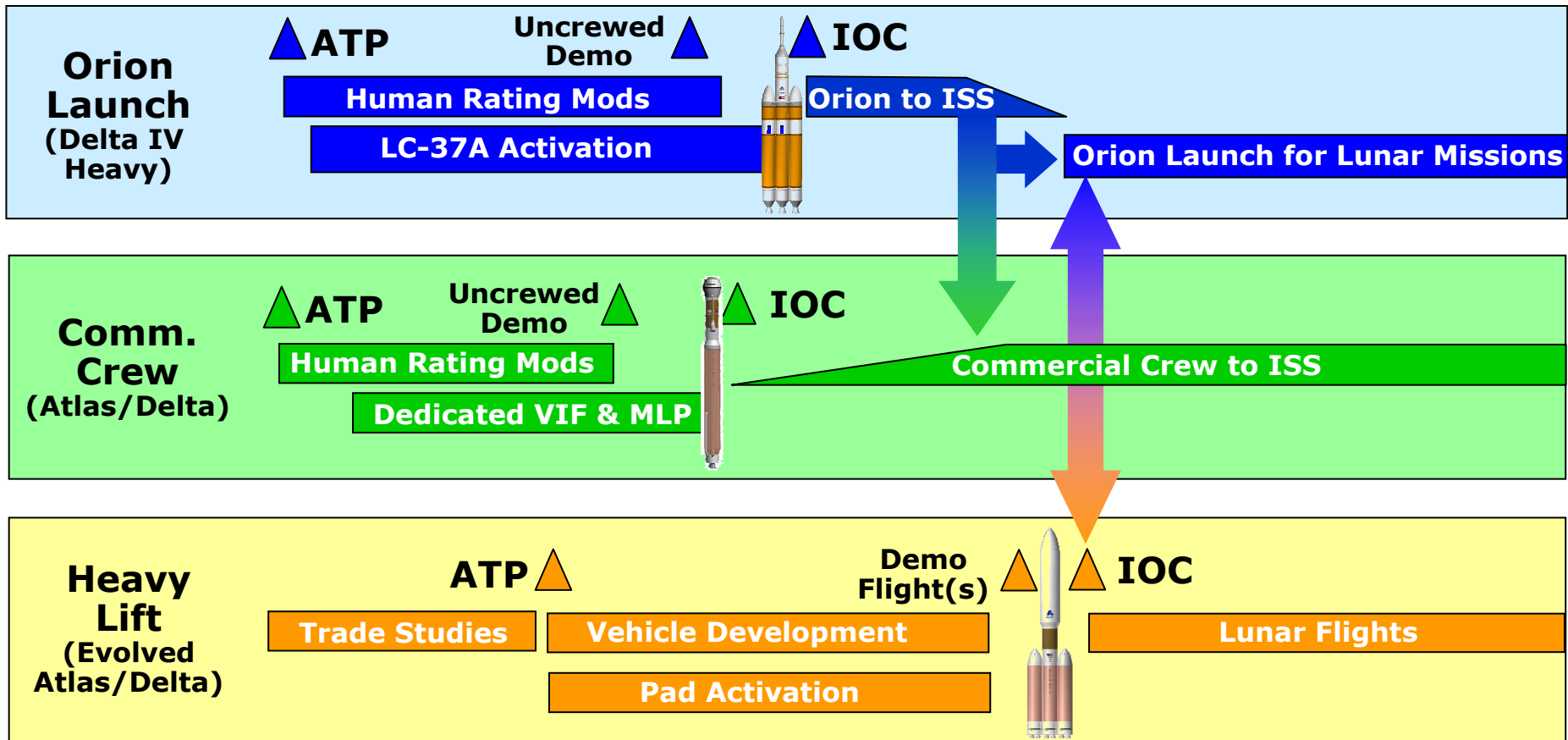


- ❑ Proven Government-Industry Partnership
  - More than 50 years and 1,300 launches
  - Experienced workforce and proven management systems
- ❑ Recent, successful development experience
  - Delta IV and Atlas V developed within the last decade
- ❑ Fully operational state-of-the-art launch systems
  - ULA's stewardship has delivered 100% mission success over 24 missions

***ULA is the Nation's center of expertise for expendable launch systems***

# Building Blocks for Exploration

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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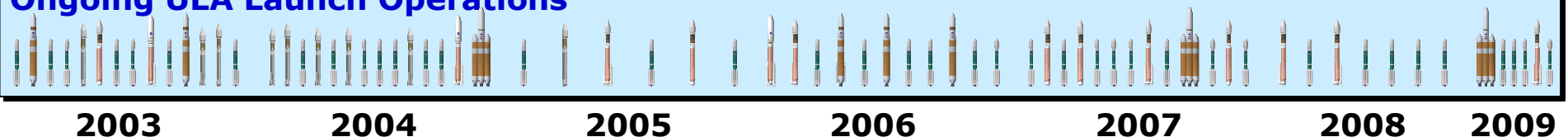




# ULA Experience with Human Rating

- ❑ Involved with NASA and commercial human rating launch studies over the past 8 years
  - Orbital Space Plane, NASA Exploration Launch Studies, NASA CE&R studies, NASA ESAS studies, Bigelow, NASA COTS, FAA studies
  - Input to NASA Human Rating Requirements (8705.2A and 2B)
- ❑ Flight experience key to human rating
  - Detailed understanding of system behavior and environments
    - System margins and risks
    - Precise abort criteria for Emergency Detection System (EDS)
  - Non-crewed missions retire risk prior to first crewed mission

## Ongoing ULA Launch Operations



***Human rating is the interaction between requirements and in-depth systems knowledge best gained with Flight Experience***

# Delta IV Heavy Launch of Orion

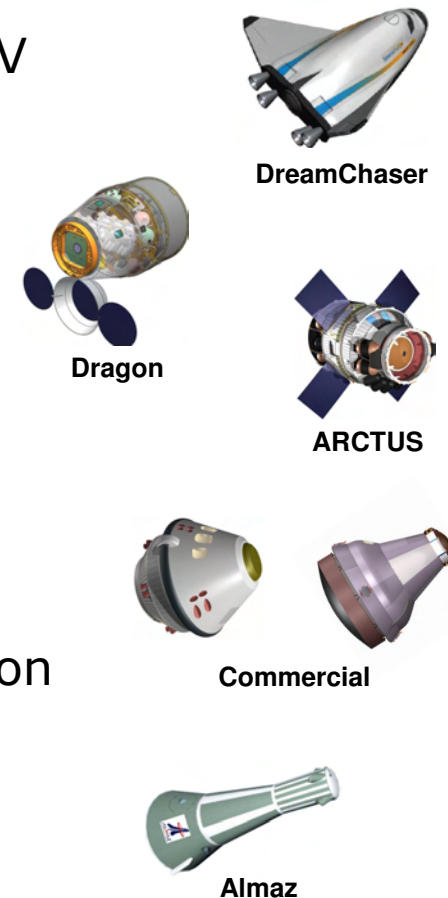
- ❑ Delta IV Heavy has launched 2 operational missions with 100% mission success
- ❑ Human rating Delta IV Heavy is understood
  - Addition of an Emergency Detection System (EDS)
  - Separate launch pad with crew ingress/egress
  - Additional reliability improvements options identified
- ❑ Greater than 20% performance margin for both ISS and lunar missions
  - Trajectories shaped to eliminate black zones
  - DoD planned propulsion improvements benefit NASA
- ❑ Benign launch and abort environments reduce risks for Orion
- ❑ Affordable and credible costs
  - Non-recurring (\$800M pad, \$500M human rating)
  - Recurring (\$300M/launch)
- ❑ Available within 4.5 years from start



***Minimum change to existing, flight-proven system***

# EELV Launch of a Commercial Human Spacecraft

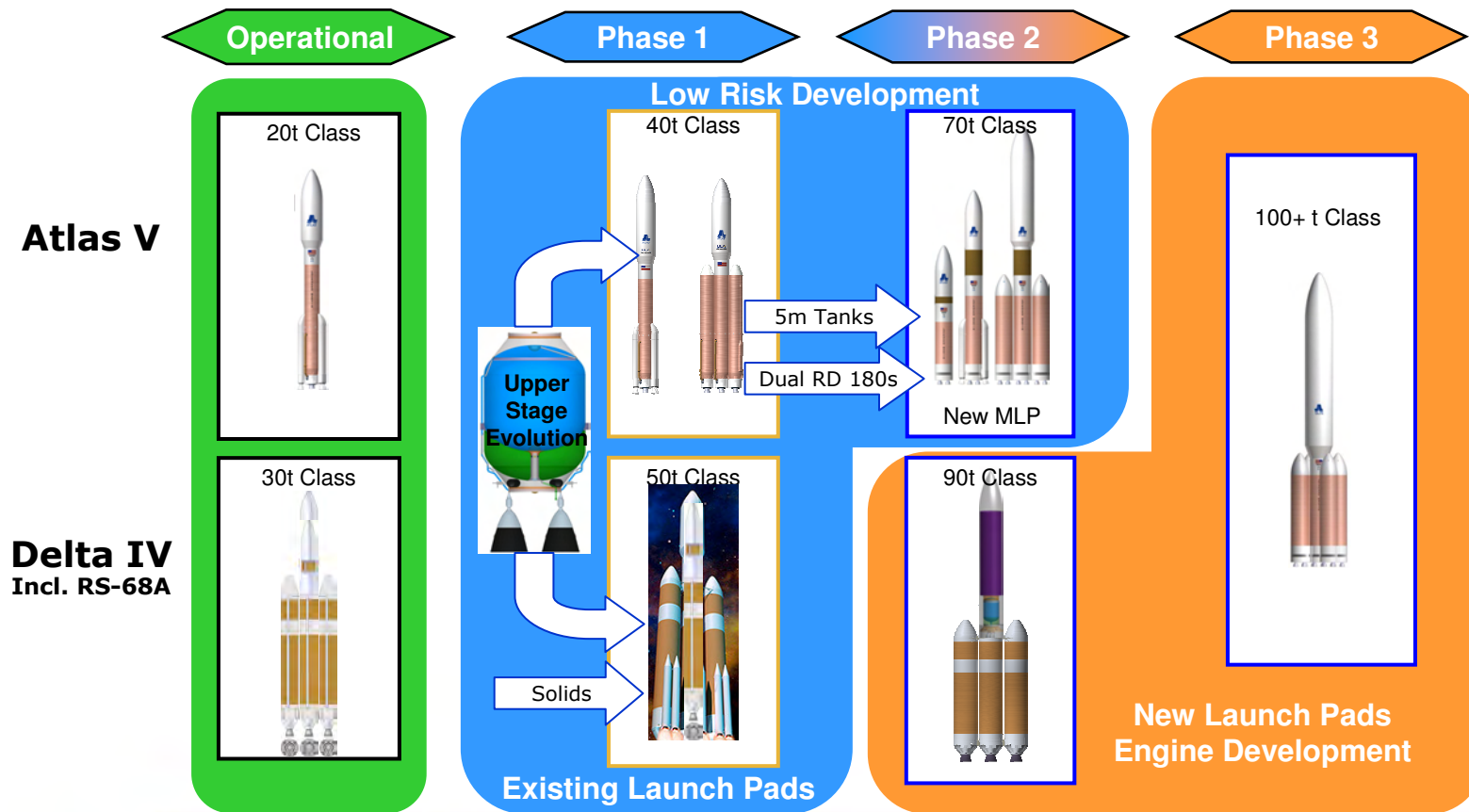
- ❑ Human rating impacts to flight-proven existing EELV are understood
  - Addition of an Emergency Detection System (EDS)
  - Separate VIF/MLP or pad with crew ingress/egress
- ❑ Low non-recurring (\$400M) and recurring costs (\$130M/launch)
- ❑ Human rated Atlas V offered by numerous Prime Contractors during NASA COTS competitions
  - Ongoing integration of entrepreneurial and traditional prime designed commercial crew vehicles
- ❑ Non-crewed missions provide vehicle characterization and flight data prior to first crewed mission
- ❑ EELV is not the critical path to launch a commercial crew transfer vehicle
  - Launch within 4 years of start



***Flight-proven EELV Provides Low-Risk Launch Solution To Launch Commercial Crew Vehicles to LEO***

# EELV Evolution Enables Flexible Mission Architectures

- EELV evolution plans developed for NASA studies during 2003/4
  - Low risk developments achieve 70t Class to LEO
  - With new propulsion and launch site >100t payloads



# COTS Status Update & Crew Capabilities

SPACEX



Elon Musk  
June 17, 2009

# SpaceX Overview



- Founded in 2002 with the singular goal of providing **highly reliable, low cost space transportation**
  - Expand into human transportation once technology is proven
- 800 employees — growing ~50% per year
- Facilities:
  - 550,000 sqft of offices, manufacturing & production in Hawthorne, CA
  - 300 acre state-of-the-art Propulsion and Structural Test Facility in central Texas
  - Launch sites at Kwajalein & Cape Canaveral



Kwajalein



Hawthorne Headquarters



Central Texas



SLC-40, Cape Canaveral

# SpaceX Manifest



Customer	Launch	Vehicle	Departure Point
ATSB (Malaysia)	Q3 2009	Falcon 1	Kwajalein
Falcon 9 Maiden Flight	2009	Falcon 9	Cape Canaveral
NASA COTS - Demo C1	2010	Falcon 9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
Avanti Communications (UK)	2010	Falcon 9	Cape Canaveral
NASA COTS - Demo C2	2010	Falcon9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
MDA Corp (Canada)	2010	Falcon 1	Kwajalein
NASA COTS - Demo C3	2010	Falcon9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
NASA CRS1	2010	Falcon 9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
DragonLab Mission 1	2010	Falcon 9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
Swedish Space Corp. (Sweden)	2011	Falcon 1	Kwajalein
Bigelow Aerospace	2011	Falcon 9	Cape Canaveral
NASA CRS2	2011	Falcon 9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
DragonLab Mission 2	2011	Falcon 9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral
CONAE 1A (Argentina)	2012	Falcon 9	Kwajalein
CONAE 1B (Argentina)	2013	Falcon 9	Kwajalein
NASA CRS3-12 (10 additional missions)	2012-15	Falcon 9/Dragon	Cape Canaveral

Falcon 1 commercial

Falcon 9 commercial

COTS Demo

ISS Cargo Delivery

DragonLab

- **Inaugural mission Q4 2009**
- >5x cost reduction compared to domestic competitors
- Designed from inception for crew transportation
  - Simple, high-reliability architecture
  - Engine-out reliability, similar to Saturn I & V
  - Meets NASA crew-rated safety margins and failure tolerances

All structures, engines, most avionics and all ground systems designed (and mostly built) by SpaceX



# Falcon 9 Status - Merlin



Falcon 9 Engines, Truss & Skirt



Merlin Production Line

# Falcon 9 on launch pad

SPACEX

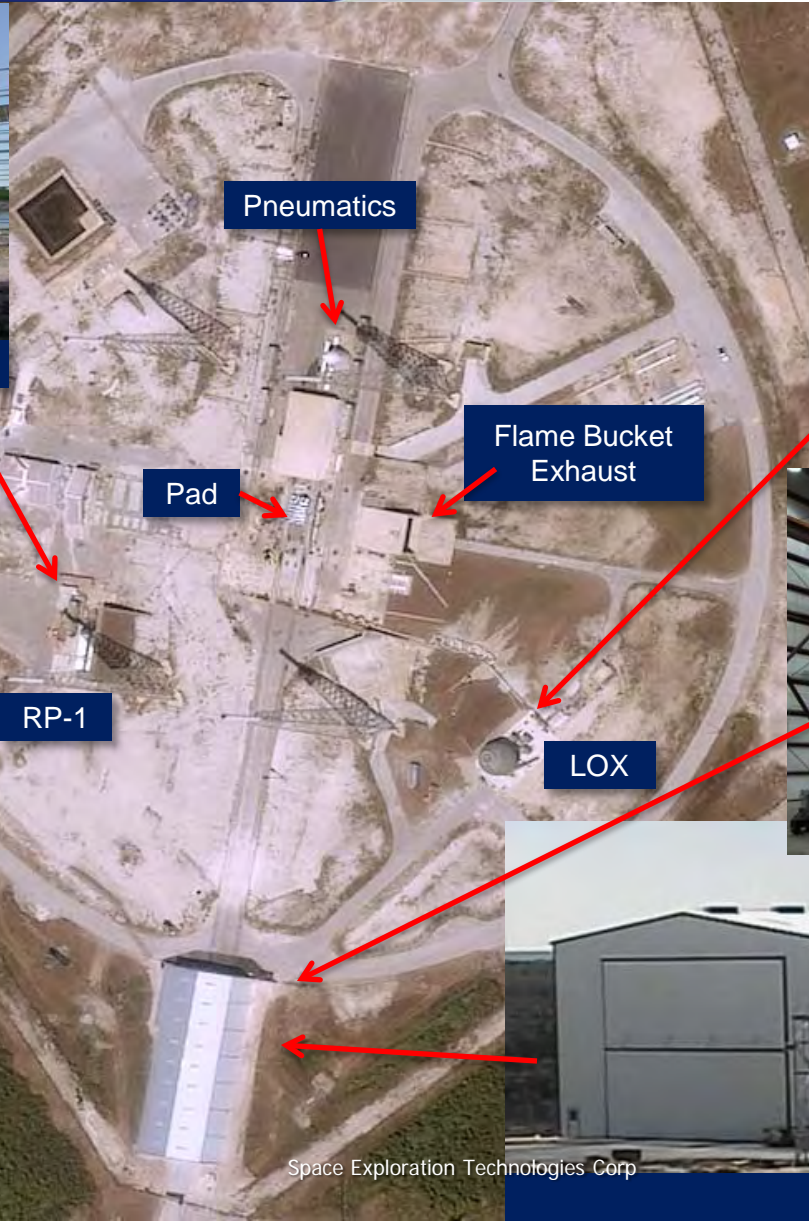
SLC-40 Cape Canaveral, January 2009



# Cape Canaveral Launch Site



RP-1 Fuel Tanks & Skids



125k Gal. LOX Tank



June 16, 2009



Integration Hangar

# Dragon Status



- **Inaugural mission Q1 2010**
- 1<sup>st</sup> flight Qualification testing 90% complete
- 1<sup>st</sup> flight hardware in fabrication
- Designed from inception for crew transportation
  - Meets NASA crew-rated safety margins and failure tolerances

All structures, engines, most avionics and all ground systems designed (and mostly built) by SpaceX

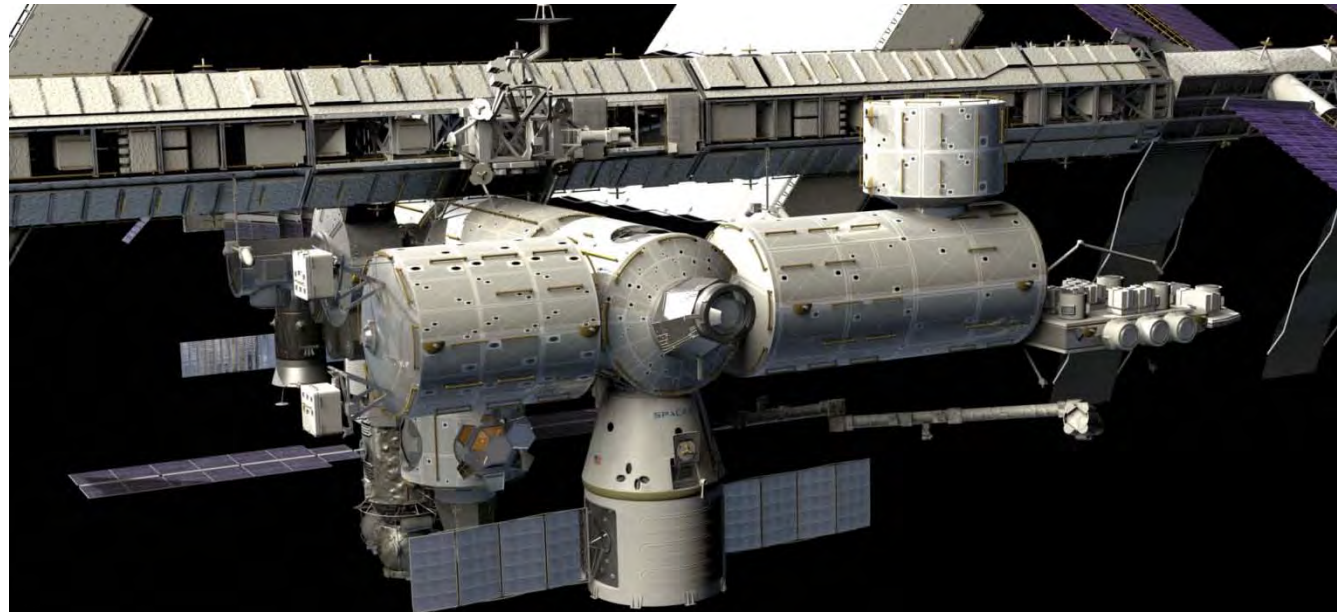


# ISS Integration Status



- Completed ISS Safety Review Panel (SRP) Phase 1 & most of 2
  - Phase 3 (final) scheduled early 2010
- Cargo integration planning in-work with both COTS and CRS programs
- Integration testing (including Joint Integration) is underway

- Also, end-to-end tests of integrated SpaceX-NASA ground system successfully completed



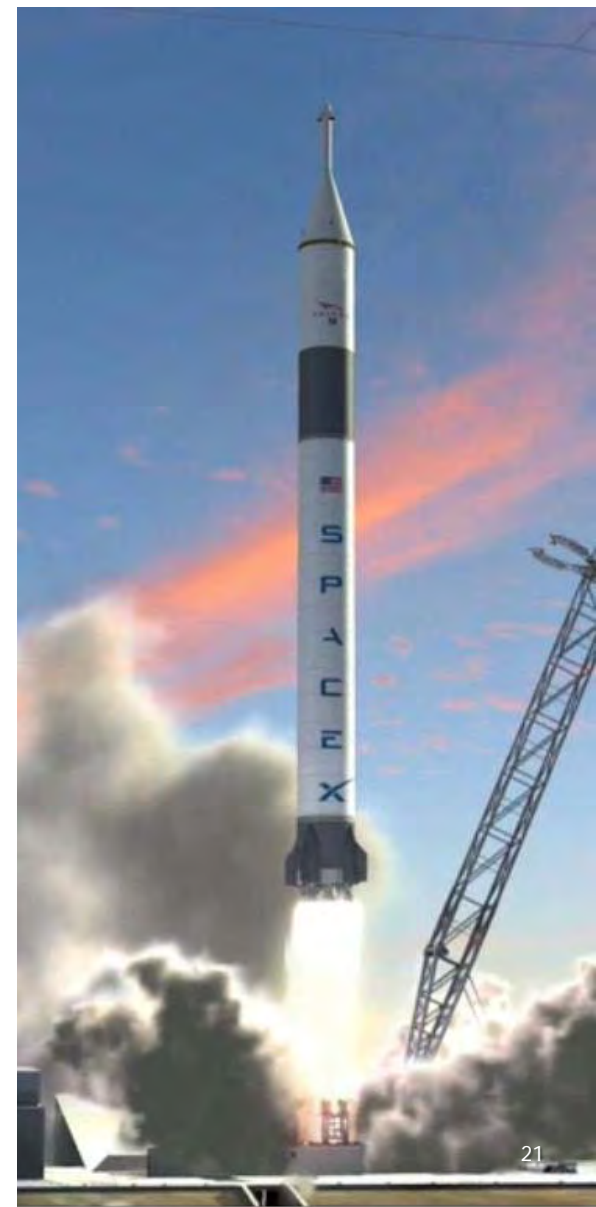
- Completed 14 of 22 milestones on schedule
  - Including all 3 financing rounds
  - Including SRR, PDR and CDR for each Demo
  - CUCU delivery scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Some slips expected in remaining milestones
  - NASA has been fully informed regarding progress toward these milestones
- Demo flights now scheduled for:
  - Demo C1: January 2010 (2 months after inaugural F9 flight)
  - Demo C2: June 2010
  - Demo C3: Aug. 2010

- Both Dragon & Falcon 9 were designed from inception to readily accommodate crew

## This is why SpaceX was founded

- Immediate focus is on cargo for COTS & CRS commitments, BUT...
- In every design decision, the ability to attain human rating rapidly & at low additional cost is paramount

Note: Many human-rating requirements are mandated on the cargo vehicle because it must be safe for ISS crew



# Dragon Already Designed to Accommodate ISS Crew



- For COTS Capabilities A-C, astronauts will enter (and temporarily inhabit) the Dragon spacecraft for loading and unloading of cargo to and from the International Space Station
- Therefore, Dragon already meets the manned requirements to allow this activity, as called out in SSP 50808
  - Air sampling and circulation
    - ISS crew sample Dragon's air supply through the Air Revitalization System (ARS) port before entering the spacecraft, breathing in the air as provided by the Dragon Environmental Control System.
    - Air circulation is provided to ensure safe breathability throughout the spacecraft
  - Temperature and humidity requirements
  - Touch temperature limits: between 39 F and 113 F
  - Human Factors
    - Protection from shock
    - Restrictions on sharp corners, sharp edges, exposed screw threads, burrs, and pinch points.
    - All fonts, colors, and labels are consistent with SSP 50005.

# Additional Dragon Design Features Added for Crew Accommodation



- **Factors of Safety:** primary structures designed to 1.4 or 1.5 on ultimate factors of safety per SSP 30559 (instead of 1.25)
- **Driving Design Load Cases** are specific to crewed missions:
  - Launch escape system ignition, burn & worst-case abort reentry
  - These loads are 30% higher than any loads potentially occurring on a cargo mission
- **Usable Volume:** Selected to accommodate at least 6 crew
- **Fault Tolerance:** At least 2-fault-tolerant, as required for human rating, including Flight Computers & Propulsion systems
- **3.5 g's nominal reentry acceleration** (similar to Gemini)
- **Crew Egress:** 2 hatches one opens outwards, the other inwards
- **Three windows**, even in cargo version
- **Thermal Control System & radiator** are sized for crew requirements
- **>210 days orbital life span:** Positive energy balance, lots of propellant for station-keeping etc.

# Additional Development Required to Fly Crew



- **Launch Escape System**
  - Preliminary designs already defined
  - Leverages heavily off existing SpaceX designs and capabilities
- **Crew Accommodations**
  - Seats, monitoring & overrides
- Up-rate Environmental Control System to full **Life Support**
  - Add CO2 & Humidity Control
- **2.5 years** required for first crewed mission
- **“Life-boat Dragon”** (return only) capability could be achieved within 1.5 years



**...and NASA is NOT the only customer...**

- Lifeboat Dragon could actually be a simpler vehicle than Cargo Dragon
  - Would not require solar arrays (or possibly a radiator), due to short mission duration
  - Cargo Dragon is already two-fault tolerant, as required for ISS safety
- The only significant developments are:
  - Upgraded Environmental Control to sustain crew for return trip duration
  - Crew accommodations (seats etc.) instead of cargo racks
  - Vehicle overrides and monitoring for the crew, as mandated by Human Rating Requirements
    - Note: Dragon cargo vehicle is capable of fully autonomous return to Earth
  - Docking/berthing adapter capable of rapid departure

**All other necessary capabilities are already provided by Cargo Dragon**



**Orbital's**

**ISS Commercial Resupply Service**

**Presented to:**

**Augustine Commission**

**June 17, 2009**

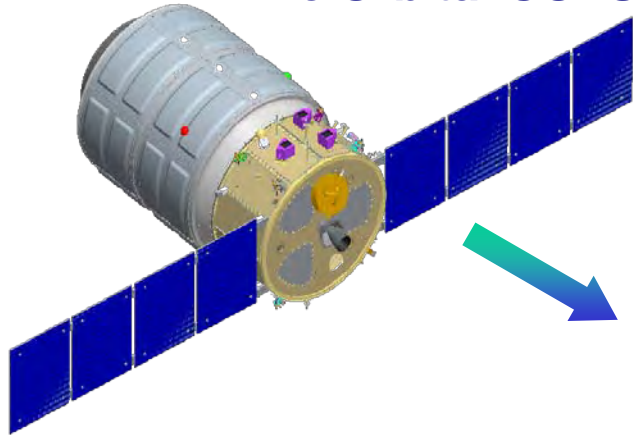
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# Orbital COTS Systems Architecture



The Orbital COTS System is comprised of 5 Major Elements



Cygnus Visiting Vehicle



Orbital COTS System



Taurus II



Cargo Operations

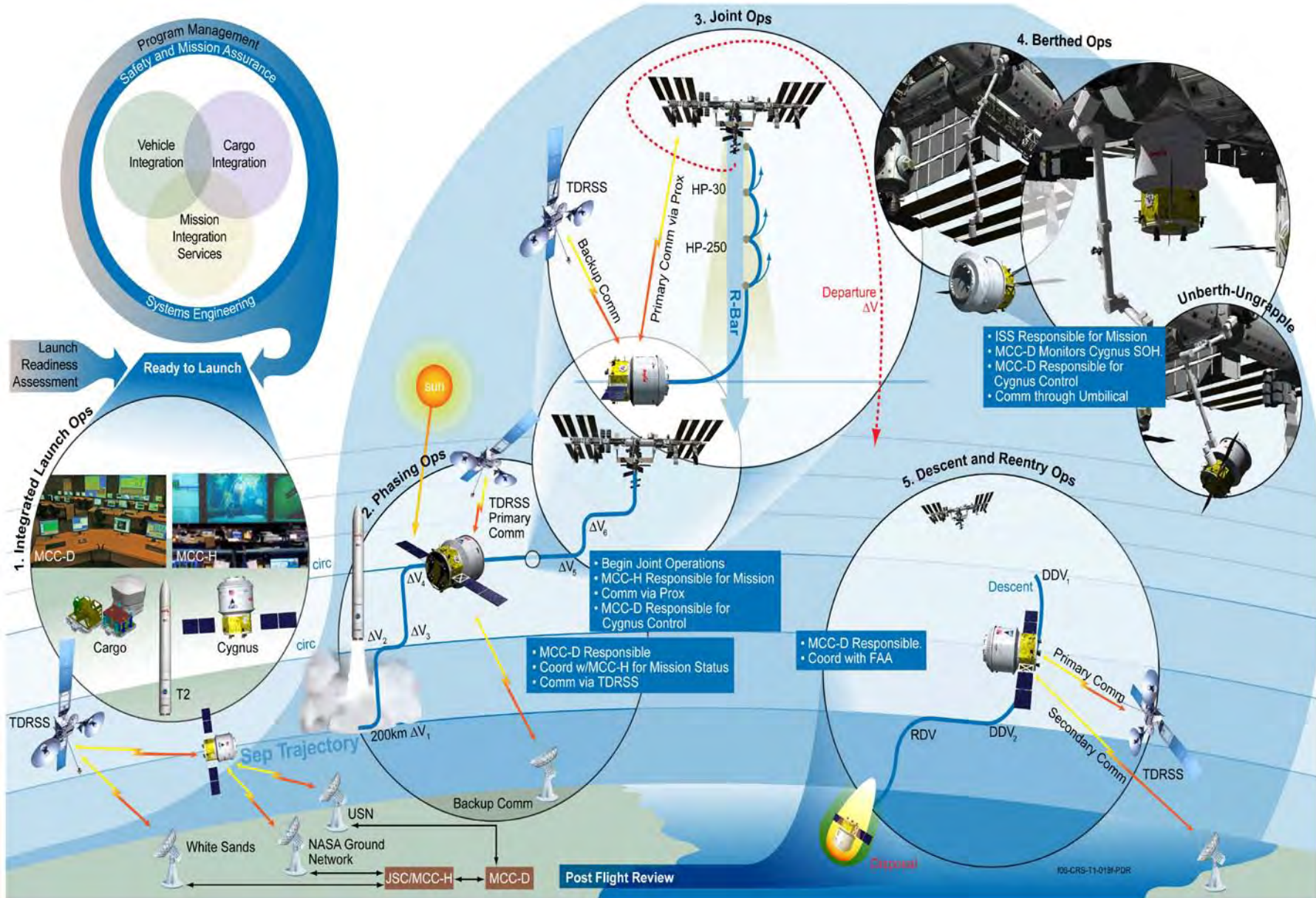


Mission Operations



Integrated Launch Site Operations

# COTS Mission Overview



# Taurus II



## *MEDIUM-CLASS LAUNCH SERVICES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY*

- **Two-Stage Launch Vehicle Designed to Provide Reliable, Cost-Effective, and Responsive Access to Orbit and Earth Escape for Medium-Class Payloads**
- **Designed to be a Highly-Reliable Launcher to Meet NASA Category 3 and Similar DoD Mission Success Standards, and Incorporates Flight-Proven Subsystems to Reduce Development Cost, Schedule and Risk**
- **Initial Missions are Nine Cargo Delivery Launches to the International Space Station (ISS) Under a Demonstration of Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) Agreement and Under a Commercial Re-Supply (CRS) of the ISS Contract**

### *Leverages Flight-Proven Technologies*

- First Stage Powered by Dual AJ26-62 Engines, Second Stage Propulsion Provided by a Castor 30 Solid Motor (Castor 120 Heritage)
- Optional N2H4/NTO-Fueled Orbit Raising Kit is Available
- Enhanced Second Stage will be Available in 2013

### *Fills Medium-Class Launch Services Gap*

- Fills the Gap Between Medium-Light Minotaur IV-Class Vehicles and Heavy-Lift Delta IV and Atlas 5 Offerings

### *Low Risk Design*

- Incorporates Flight-Proven Components from Leading Global Suppliers
- Uses Subsystems Already Successfully Deployed on other Orbital Launch Vehicles

### *Affordable*

- Projected Launch Services Prices Represent Significant Savings Over Existing Medium-and Heavy-Class Launchers, Reducing Total Mission Cost

# Taurus II Facilities at Wallops Island

Cargo Processing Bldg



Road & Dock



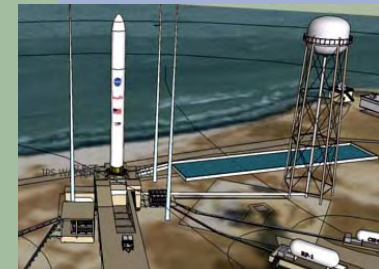
Payload Fueling Facility



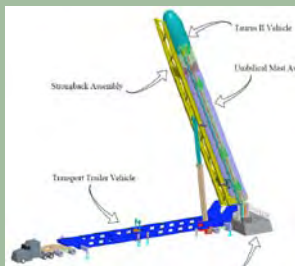
Horizontal Integration Facility



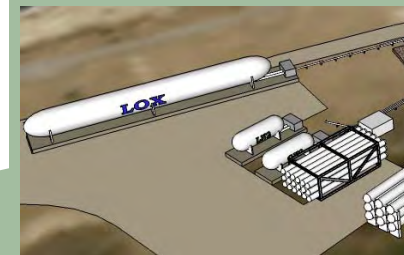
Launch Pad



Transporter/Erector



Liquid Fueling Facility

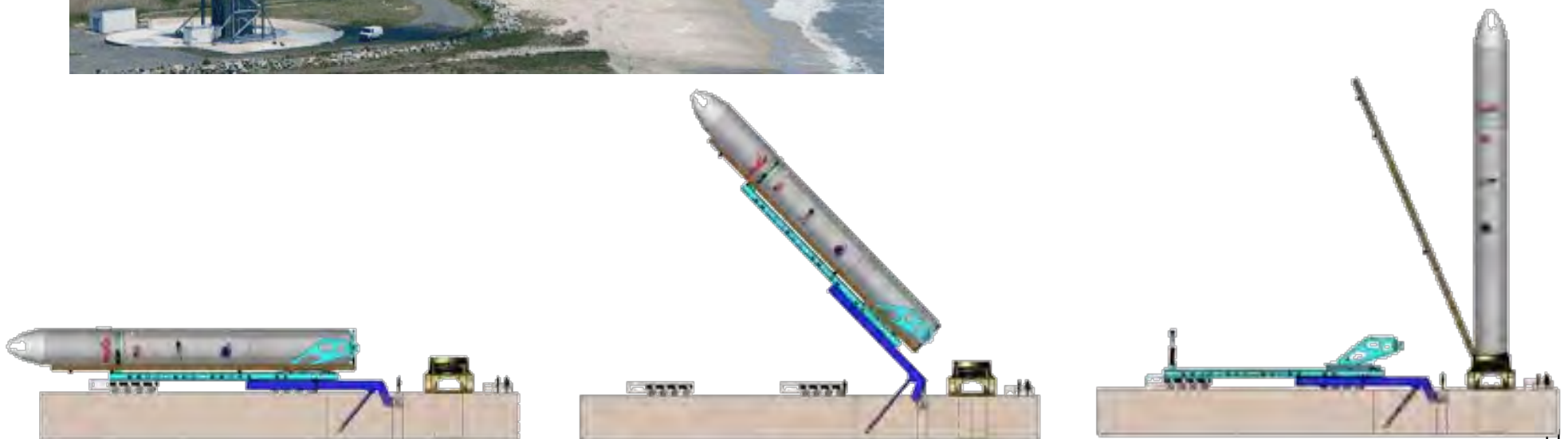


# Taurus II Launch Infrastructure

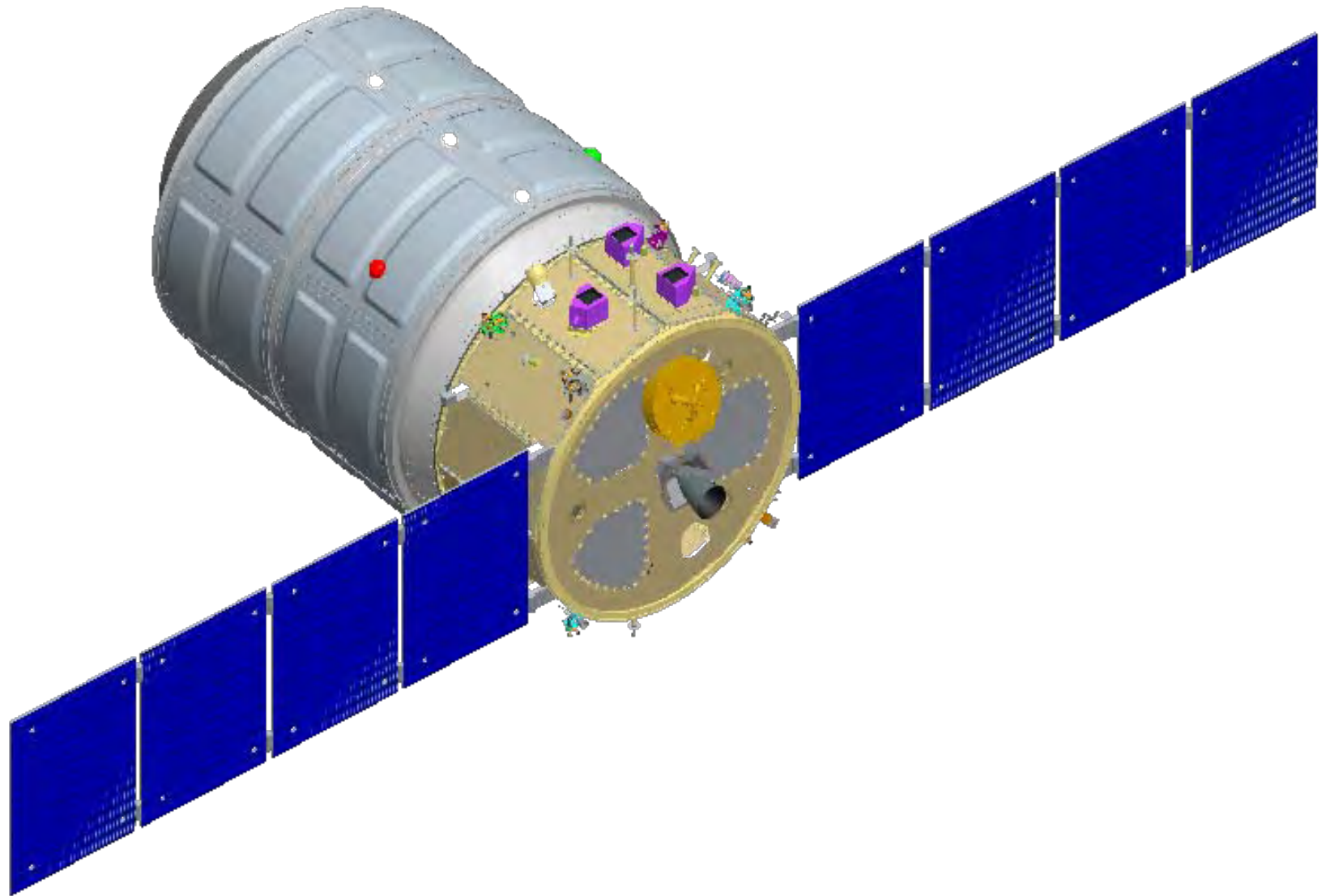


## *HORIZONTAL LAUNCH VEHICLE PROCESSING*

- Horizontal Payload Mate
- Payload Encapsulation Prior to Roll-Out
- Integrated Launch Vehicle Transported 1.2 Miles From HIF to Launch Complex
- Launch Complex Provides Launch Mount, Flame Trench, and Fuel Loading Subsystem



# Cygnus Visiting Vehicle



# Pressurized Cargo Module Cargo Accommodation



## Active Configuration

- Internal Volume 18.75 m<sup>3</sup>

### Cargo Capabilities:

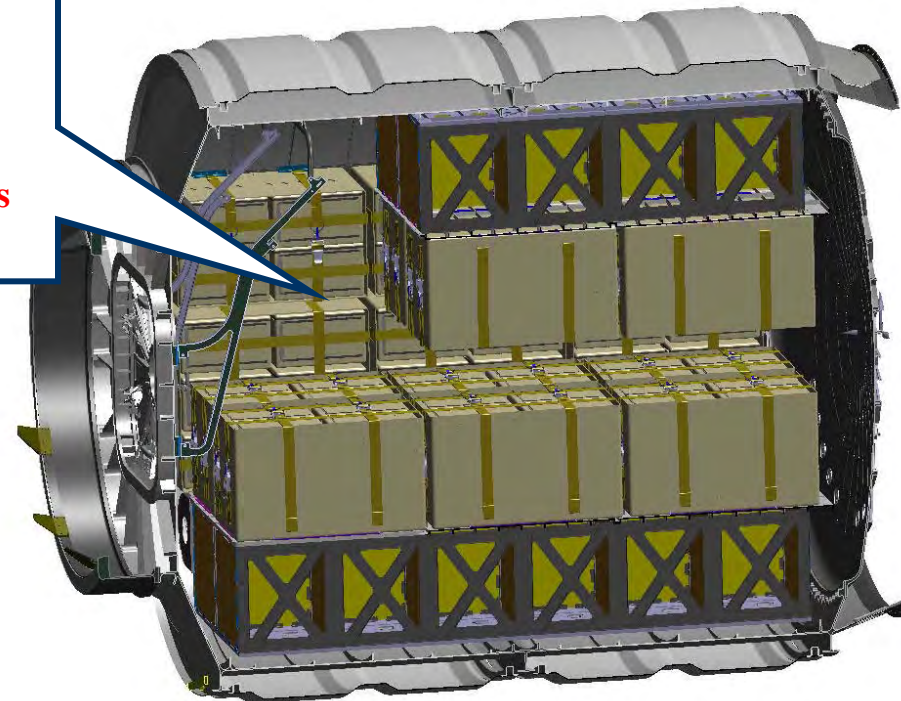
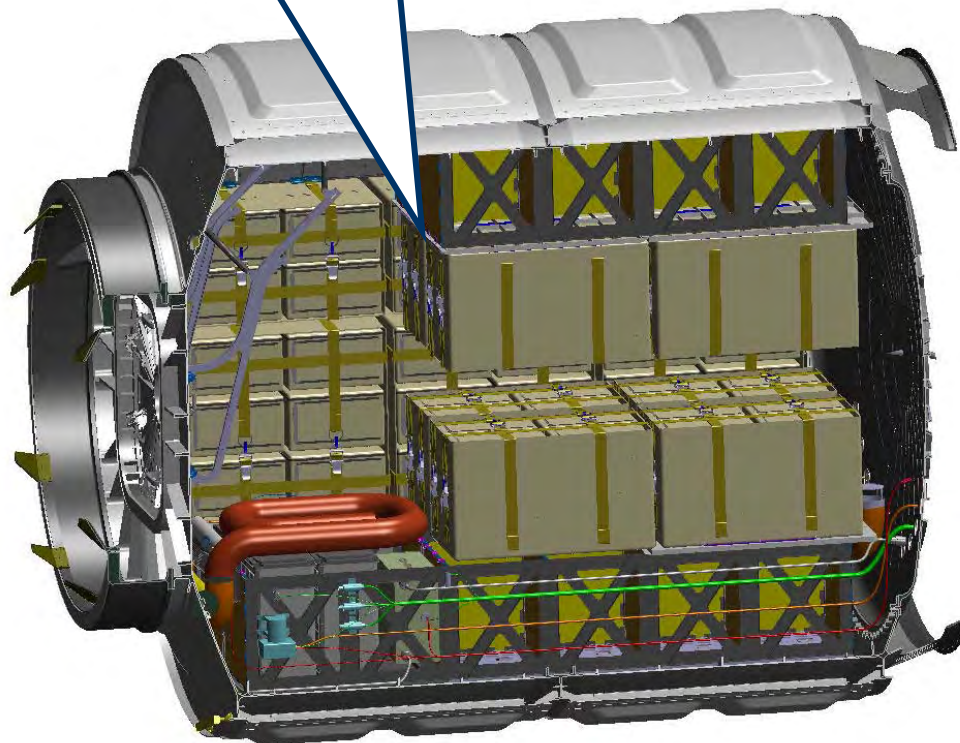
- 35 CTB's
- 14 M02
- 6 M01
- 4 Mid Deck Lockers
- **Equal to 1902 Kg of Cargo Mass**

## Passive Configuration

- Internal Volume 18.75 m<sup>3</sup>

### Cargo Capabilities:

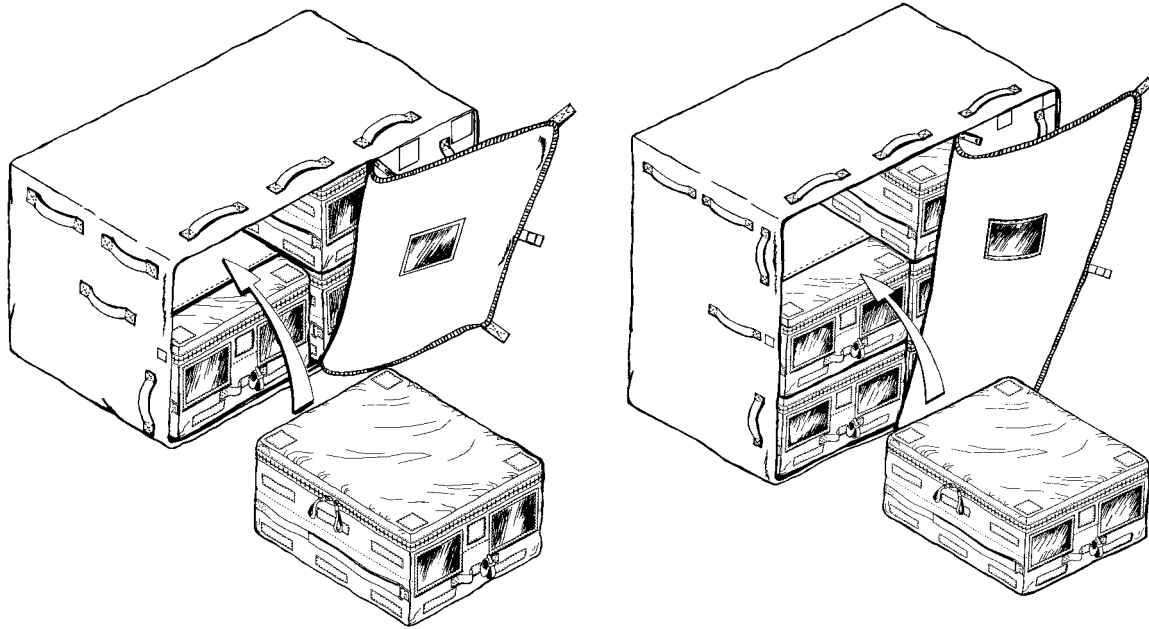
- 42 CTB's
- 10 M02
- 6 M01
- **Equal to 1988 Kg of Cargo Mass**



## Assumptions:

- 31 Kg for a single Mid Deck Locker
- 14 Kg of average mass for each CTB

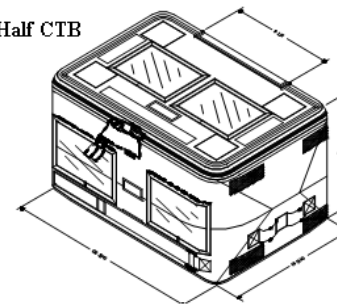
# Standardized Cargo Bags



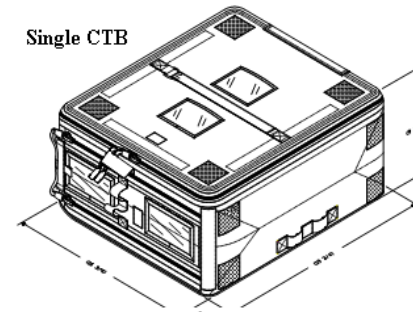
M1 and M2 Cargo Bags

## Cargo Transfer Bags (CTB)

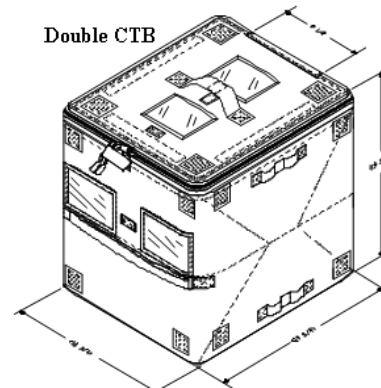
Half CTB



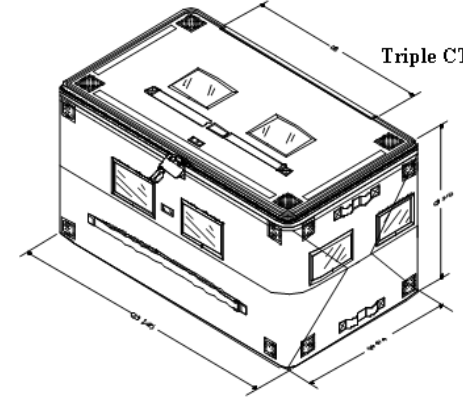
Single CTB



Double CTB



Triple CTB



# Trash on ISS



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# *DIRECT – Safer, Simpler and Sooner*

**DIRECT • Space Transportation System Derivative**

**JUPITER** <sup>130</sup>

Presentation before the  
Review of U.S. Human Space Flight Plans  
Committee  
Washington DC, June 17th 2009

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# Jupiter Builds upon Existing STS Hardware

## Ares-I

- New 5-Seg. SRB
- New J-2X Engine
- New Configuration
- New Infrastructure
- New Upper Stage
- Limited Orion
- Safety Requirements Reduced
- \$14.4 Billion for system that is less capable than an EELV

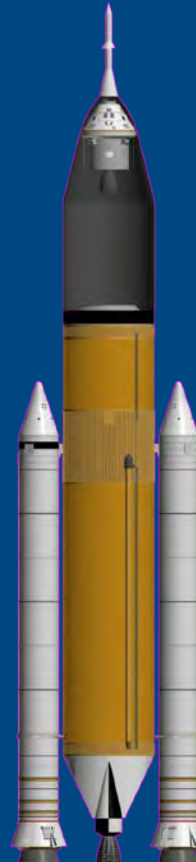


## STS



## Jupiter-130

- Existing 4-Seg. SRB
- Existing SSME Engines
- Existing Configuration
- Existing Infrastructure
- No Upper Stage
- Lunar Class Orion
- Safety Requirements Achieved
- \$8.3 Billion for system that is much more capable than an EELV



**Orion is the Pacing Item not the Launch System**

\$14.4 Billion\*

Total Development Cost

\$8.3 Billion

March 2017

Operational Date

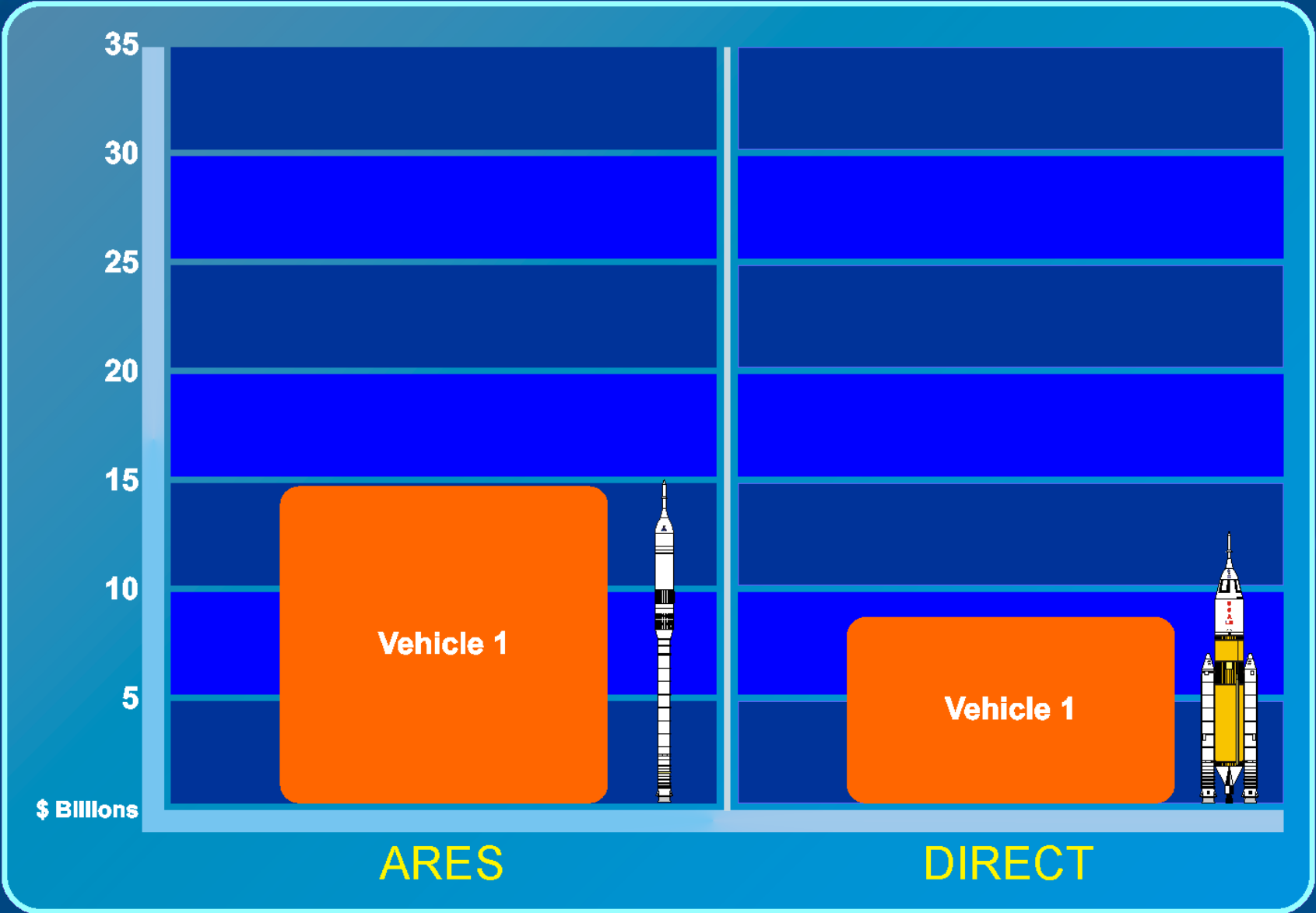
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**DIRECT Closes the Gap within the Current Budget**

\*GAO Figure

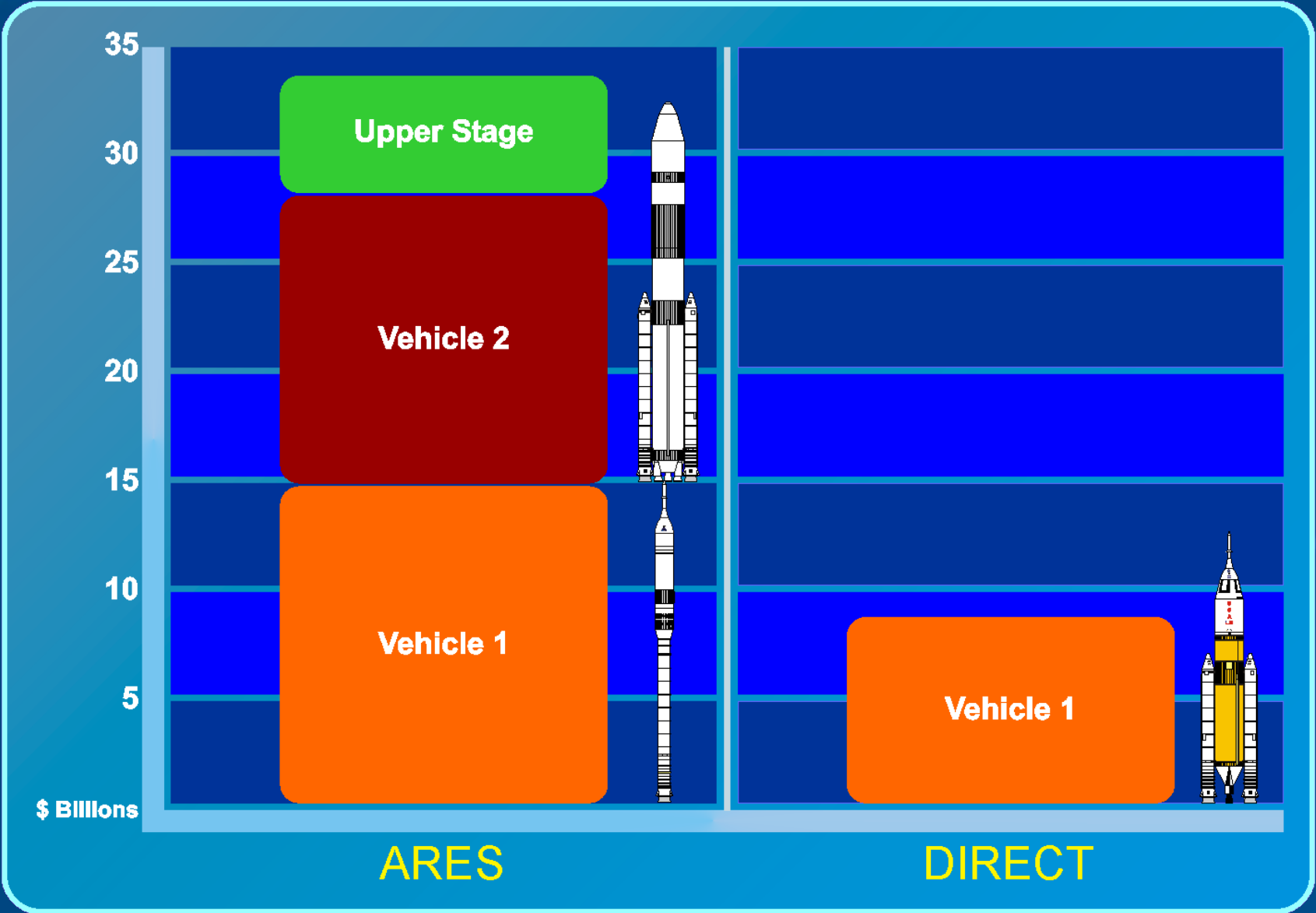


# *DIRECT Creates New Capabilities at a Lower Cost*



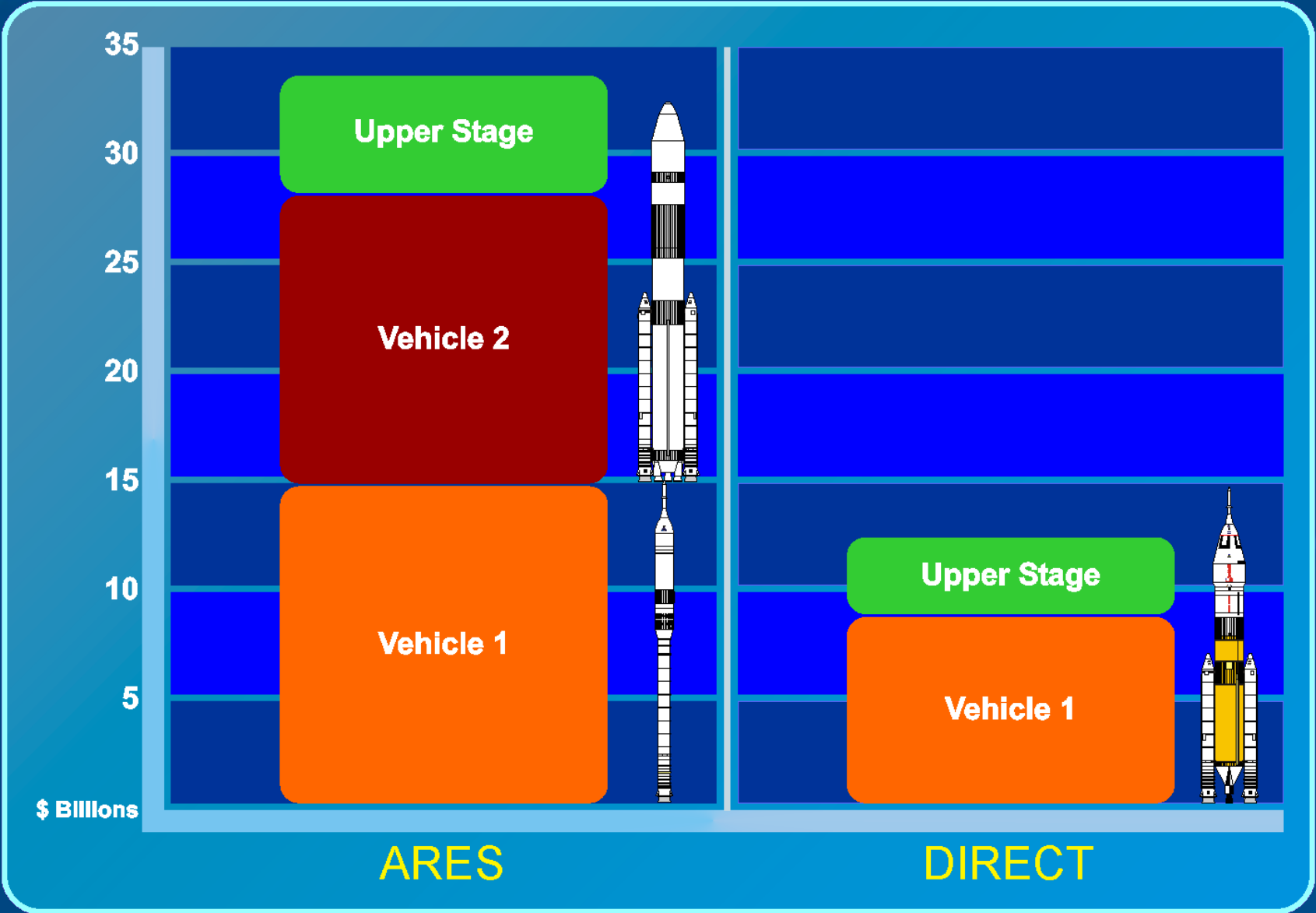


# Two Different Launch Systems "Busts the Budget"





# DIRECT's One Launch System Comfortably Fits the Budget





## *What About the Performance Needed for Mars?*





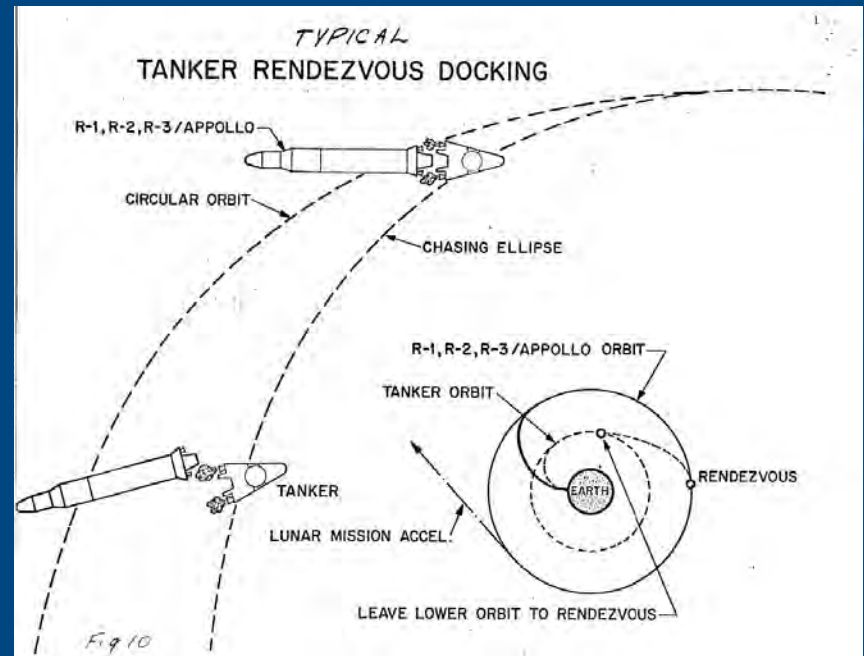
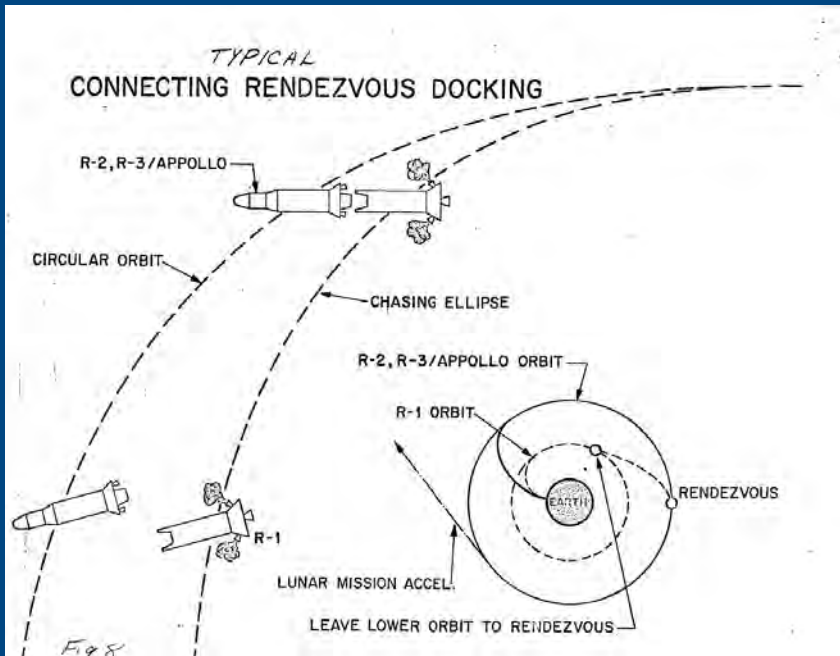
# Wernher Von Braun Figured out Performance 46 Years Ago



“We found the Tanking Mode substantially superior to the Connecting Mode. The performance margin could be enlarged almost indefinitely by the use of additional tankers.”

-Dr. Wernher Von Braun June 7, 1962

## Most of the Mass Needed for a Mars Mission is Propellant





## *Propellant Depots are the Bridge to Long Range Exploration*

*Flexible and Extensible Mission Designs*

*~ 70% of the Mission Mass is Open for Commercial & International Supply*

*Builds the Infrastructure needed for Leveraging Lunar Resources*

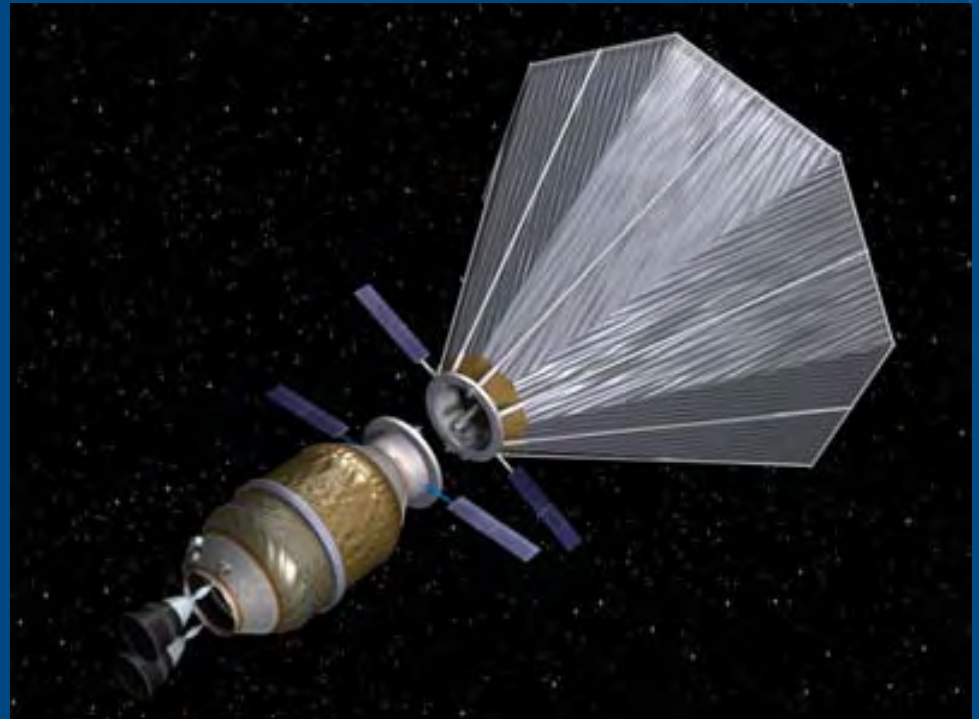
*Enables Reuse of Expensive Spacecraft*

*Amplifies the Capabilities of all Missions by Partner Nations*

*Negates the Need for Super Heavy Lift like the Ares-5*

The DIRECT plan meets the advocates of an exclusive EELV/COTS approach more than half way

With more than enough demand to max out their existing facilities

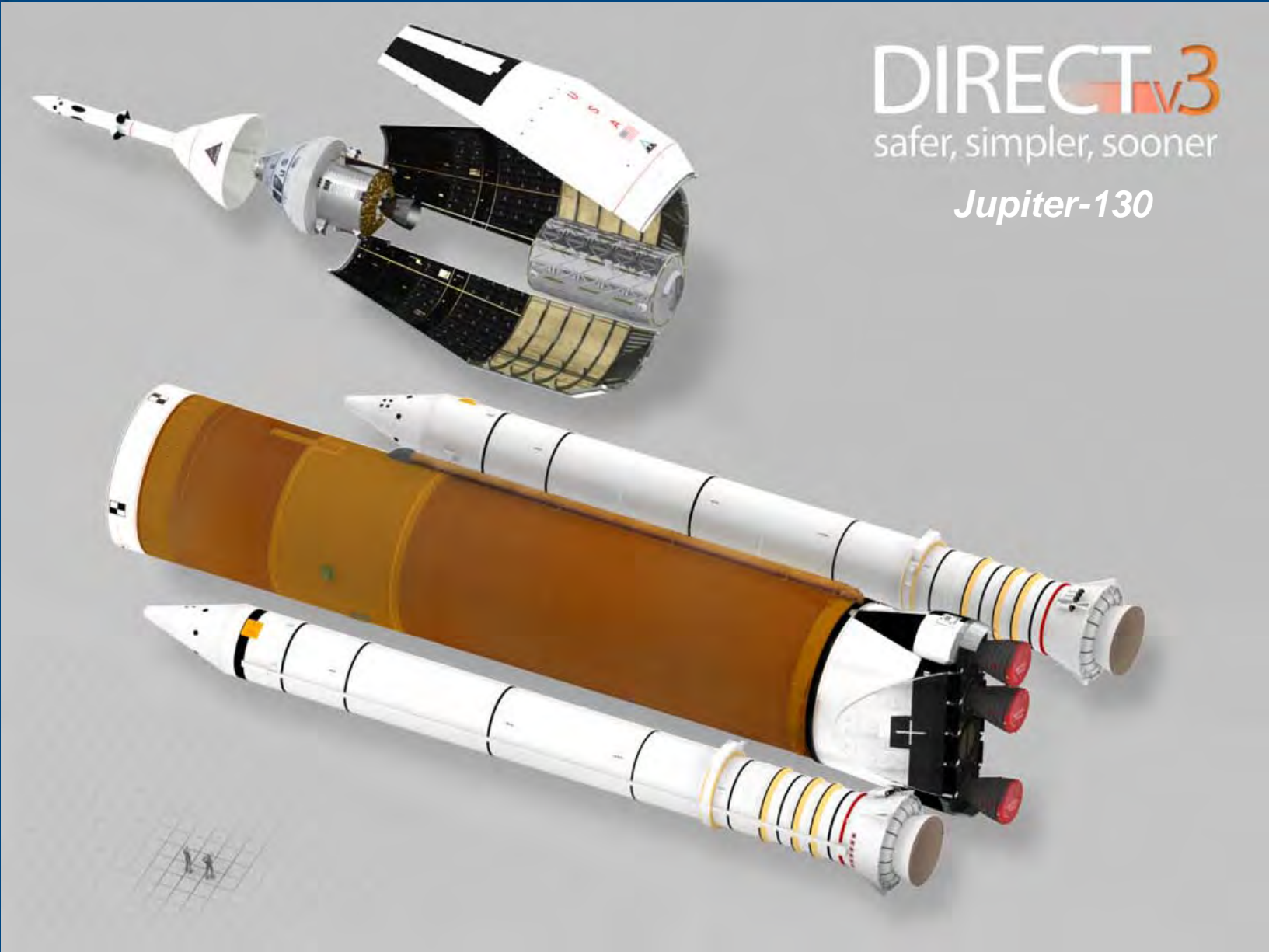




# The Jupiter-130 Protects All Our Options Going Forward

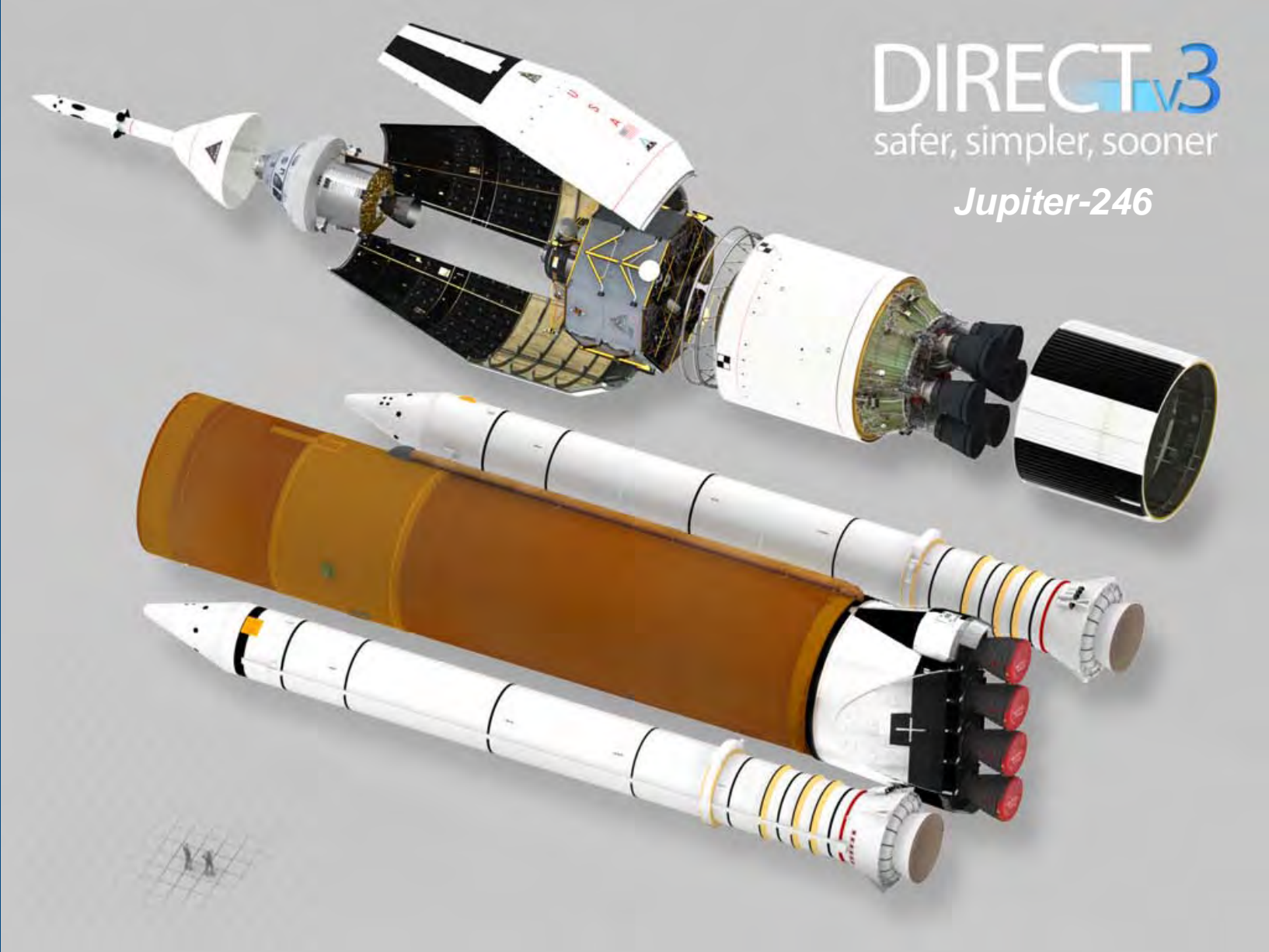
**DIRECT<sup>v3</sup>**  
safer, simpler, sooner

*Jupiter-130*





# One Option Protected is Breakthrough Missions Beyond Earth



DIRECT v3

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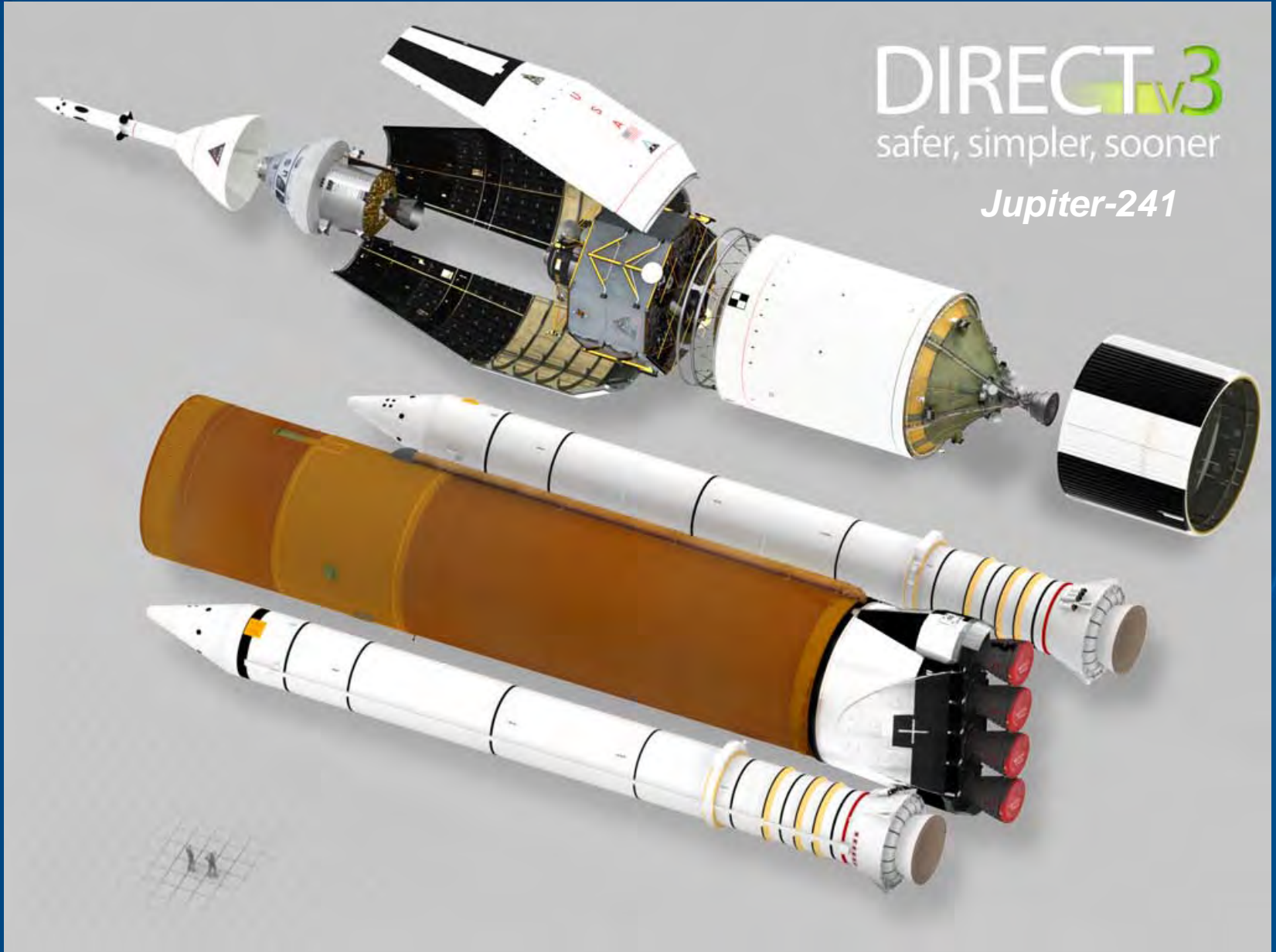
*Jupiter-246*



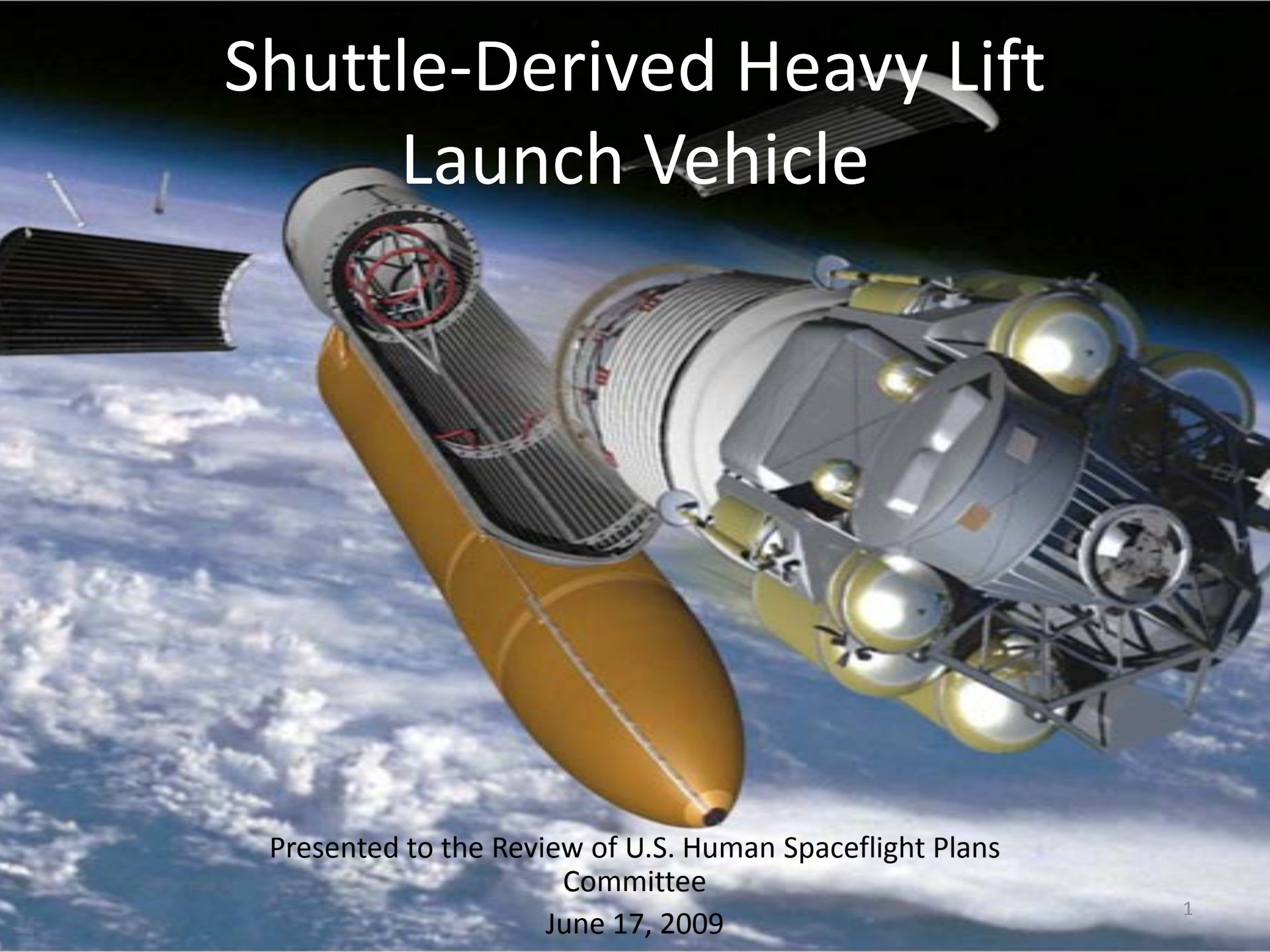
# Jupiter-241 (SSME/J-2X)

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# Shuttle-Derived Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle

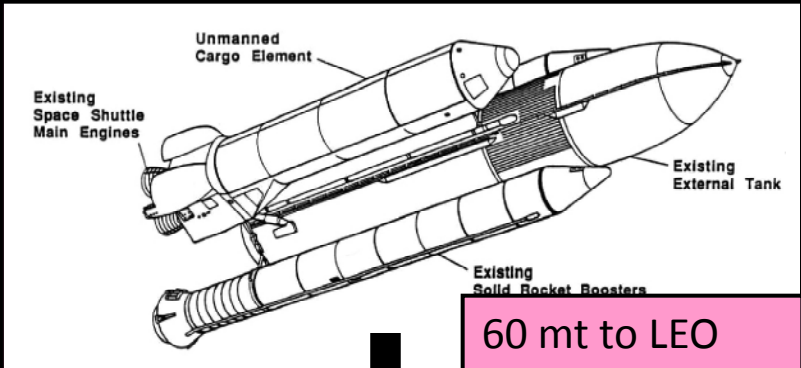


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# Side-Mount Shuttle Derived Vehicle Concepts Have Matured Via Several Major Design Studies

1990's NASA sponsored Shuttle C

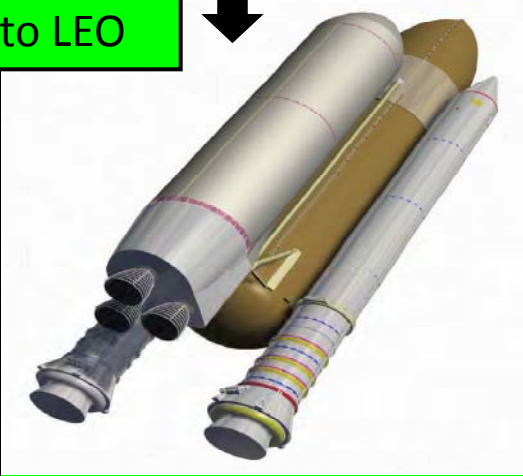


Unmanned Cargo Element  
Existing Space Shuttle Main Engines  
Existing External Tank  
Existing Solid Rocket Boosters

60 mt to LEO

This diagram shows a side-view cutaway of the Shuttle C configuration. It features an unmanned cargo element mounted on top of the orbiter, which is attached to the external tank and boosters. Labels identify the cargo element, main engines, external tank, and boosters.

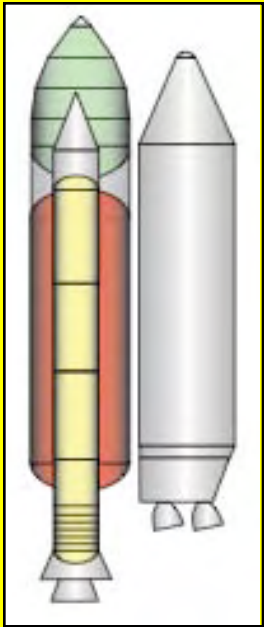
68 mt to LEO



2004 – 2005 Shuttle Derived Launch Vehicle Industry Team Concept B

This 3D rendering shows a side-view cutaway of the Shuttle Derived Launch Vehicle Concept B. It features a larger cargo element mounted on top of the orbiter, which is attached to the external tank and boosters.


66 mt to LEO



2005 Exploration Systems Architecture Study (ESAS)

This diagram shows a side-view cutaway of the ESAS configuration. It features a large cargo element mounted on top of the orbiter, which is attached to the external tank and boosters.

72.1 mt to LEO



2009 HLV Concept

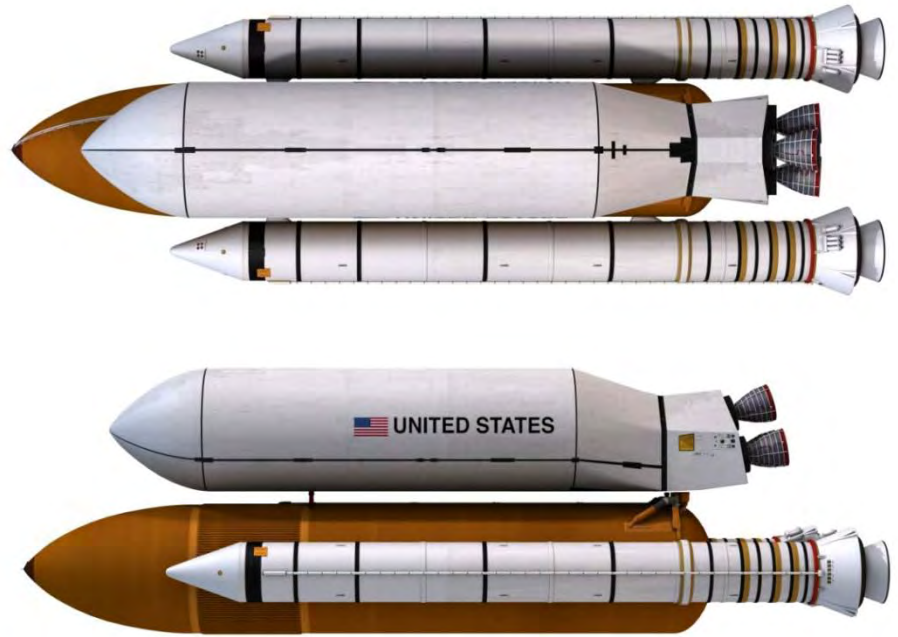
This 3D rendering shows a side-view cutaway of the HLV Concept. It features a large cargo element mounted on top of the orbiter, which is attached to the external tank and boosters.

All performance quotes are net payload (consistent 10% performance reserves)

# HLV Configuration



- 4,544,684 lb at liftoff
- 647 psf max q
- 3.0 g max



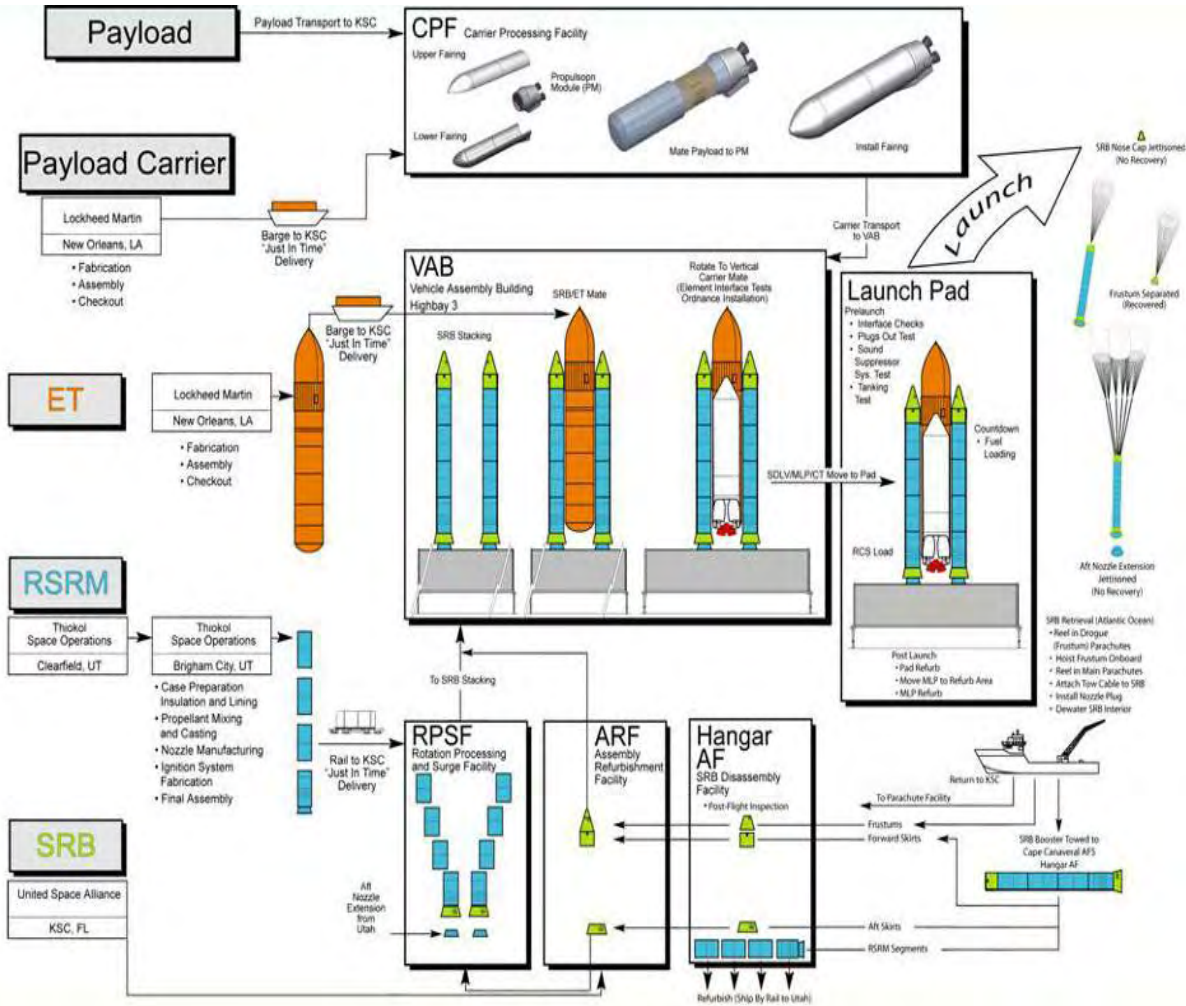
- 7.5-m inner diameter payload carrier
- Modified Shuttle boat tail / Avionics
- Existing 4-segment RSRBs
- Existing ET design

# Design Approach

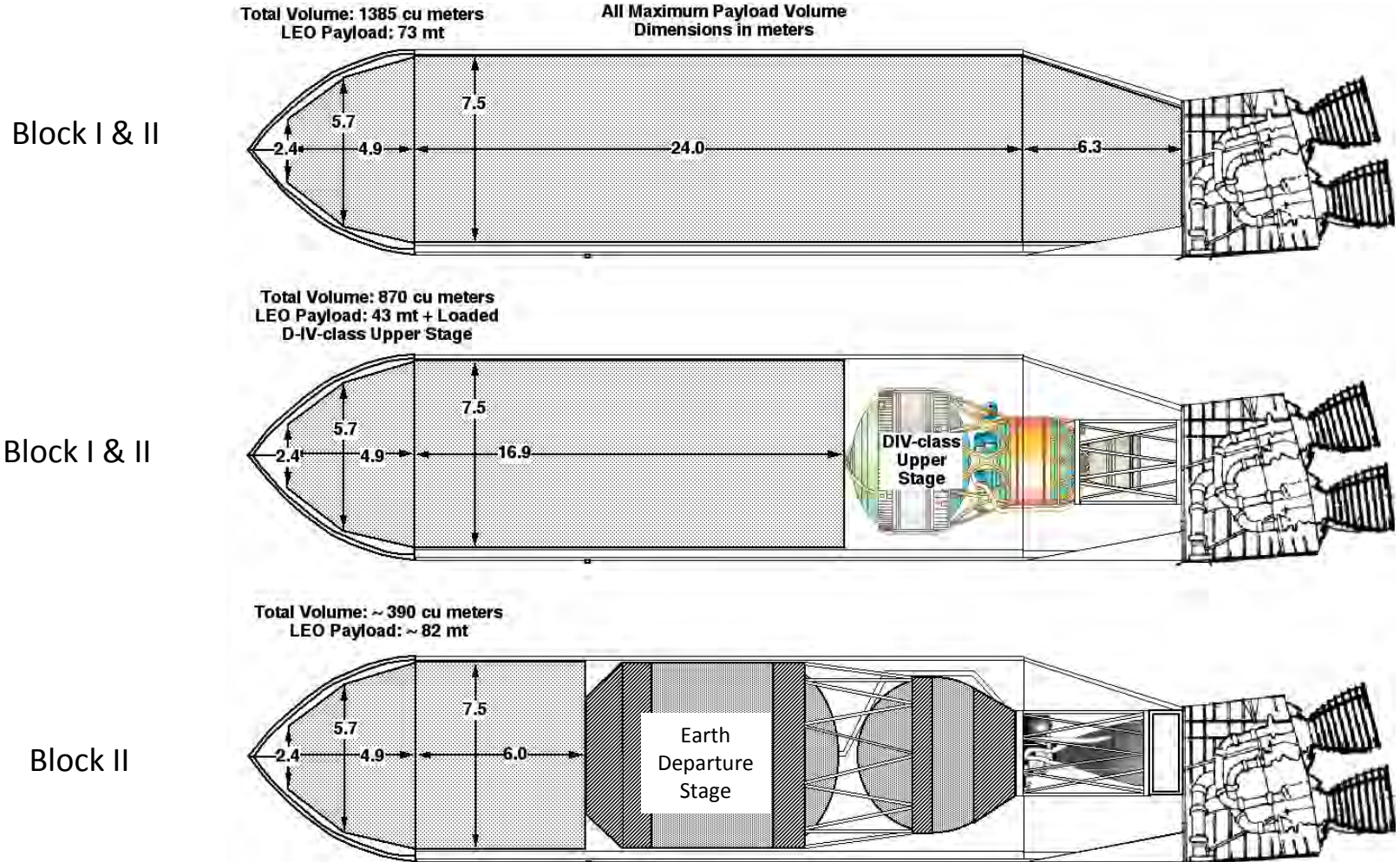
Two block design approach:

- Block I - fly existing Shuttle assets, avionics and software
  - No change to External Tank
  - No change to Solid Rocket Boosters
  - No change to SSMEs
  - Use existing Avionics
  - Use existing Flight Software
  - Use/modify SEI tools (Acoustic, Aerodynamic, Structures, Loads)
  - Existing pad structure
  - Launch and Ground Control software
  - Simplify High-risk aft interface
  - Delete Fuel cells, Cryo, Nitrogen, Cooling systems , OMS, RCS systems
  
- Block II - Block I upgrade to fly new capabilities as Shuttle spares run out

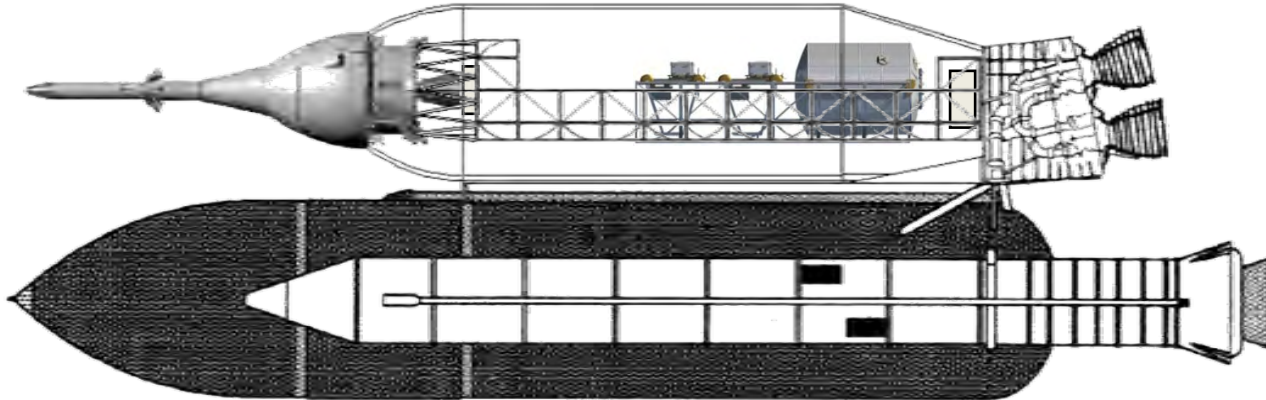
# Use Existing Space Shuttle Infrastructure/Facilities



# Block I & Block II HLV Carrier Design Payload Envelopes



# HLV-CEV Option 2 - ISS Crew & Logistics

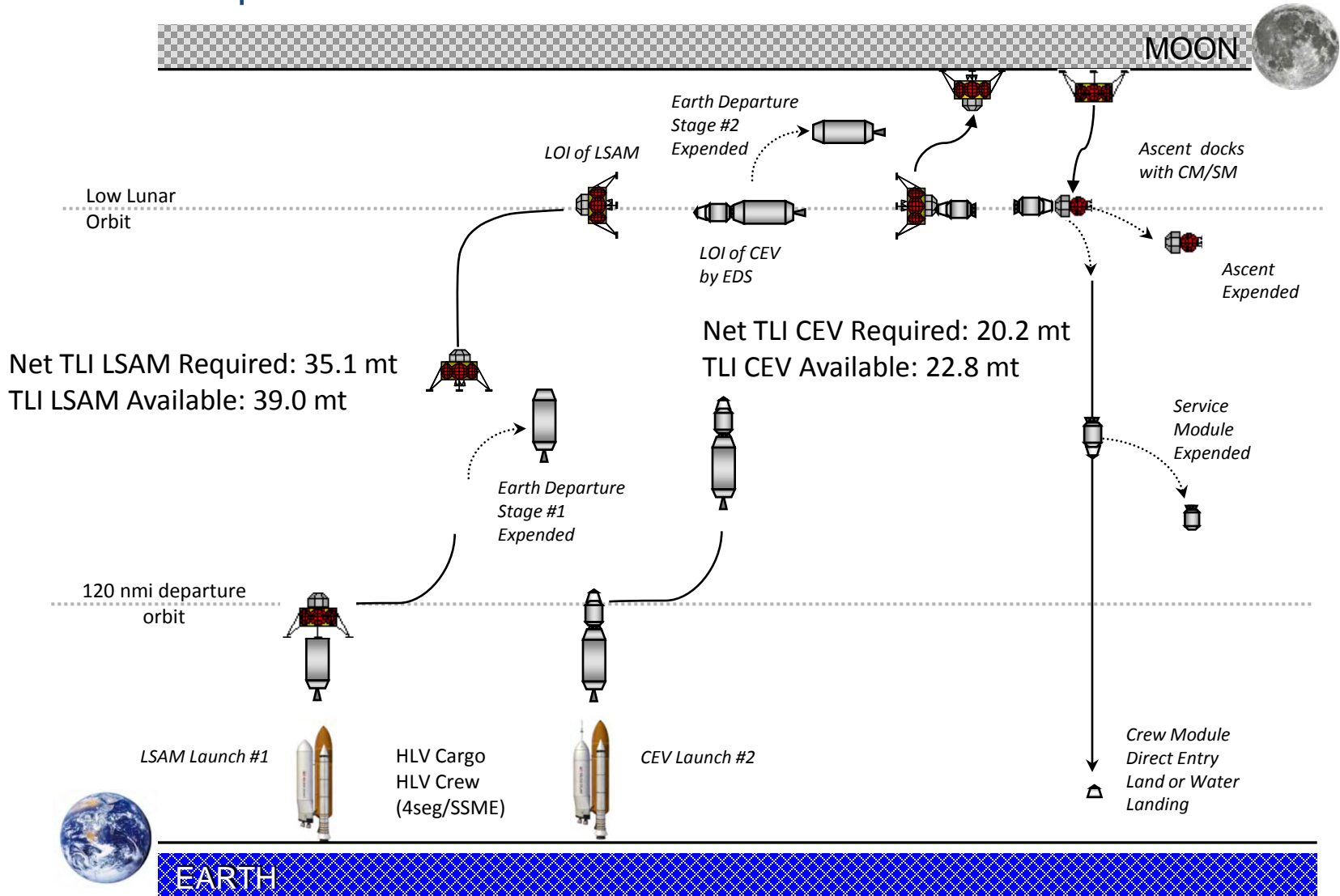


HLV to 51.6 deg MECO: 72 mt

- Orion w/o LAS: 21.2 mt (full propellant load)
  - ASE Structure w/docking adapter: 16 mt (estimated)
  - 120 nmi circularization propulsion: 1.6 mt
  - MPLM: 13.2 mt
  - Available: 11.3 mt (unpressurized logistics w/carriers)
- 
- Aft mounted propulsion conducts 160 ft/sec circularization burn (GNC by Orion)
  - Orion separates from logistics carrier - docks with forward adapter on ASE frame
  - Orion propulsion used for all subsequent orbit maneuvers to and from ISS
    - Sufficient propellants in lunar version Orion Service Module for maneuvers

# Block II HLV

## Split Mission LOR Human Lunar Scenario



# HLV Reliability from the Shuttle PRA

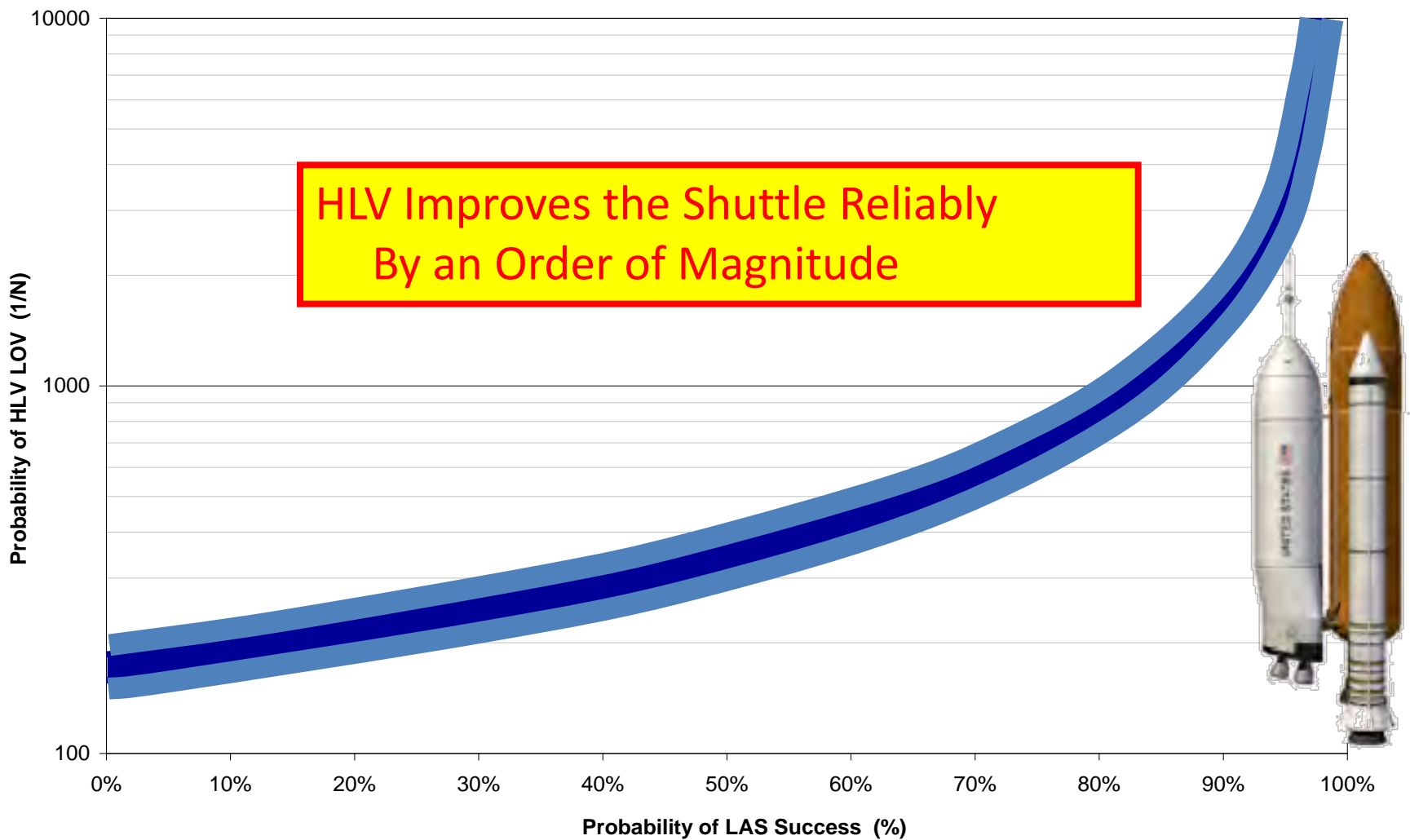
## Assumptions for SSMEs

- 3 SSMEs
- 104% Power Level
- 540 sec. Duration
- No Engine Out Capability
- TBD Carrier Subsystems

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>High Reliability Scenario</b>	<b>Low Reliability Scenario</b>
<b>SSME</b>	<b>1 in 300</b>	<b>1 in 250</b>
<b>RSRM</b>	<b>1 in 1550</b>	<b>1 in 1550</b>
<b>SRB only</b>	<b>1 in 2104</b>	<b>1 in 2104</b>
<b>Total SRB</b>	<b>1 in 893</b>	<b>1 in 893</b>
<b>External Tank</b>	<b>1 in 4762</b>	<b>1 in 4762</b>
<b>Subtotal (Shuttle Systems Only)</b>	<b>~1 in 214</b>	<b>~1 in 188</b>
<b>Payload Carrier</b>	<b>~1 in 1400</b>	<b>~1 in 1000</b>
<b>Total HLV LOV</b>	<b>~1 in 186</b>	<b>~1 in 158</b>



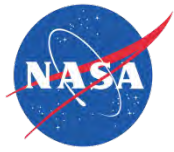
# Probability of HLV LOC with LAS





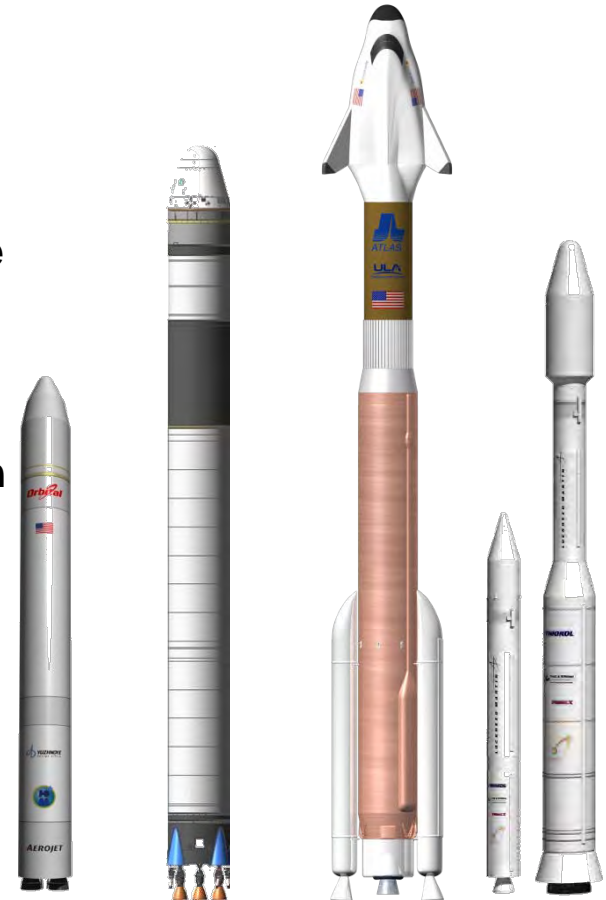
# Commercial Crew and Cargo Program Overview

**June 17, 2009**  
**Doug Cooke**



# Program Objectives

- **NASA established the Commercial Crew & Cargo Program in November 2005 to accomplish the following objectives:**
  - **Implement U.S. Space Exploration policy with investments to stimulate the commercial space industry**
  - **Facilitate U.S. private industry demonstration of cargo and crew space transportation capabilities with the goal of achieving safe, reliable, cost effective access to low-Earth orbit**
  - **Create a market environment where commercial space transportation services are available to Government and private sector customers**



*Extending human presence in space by enabling an expanding and robust U.S. commercial space transportation industry*



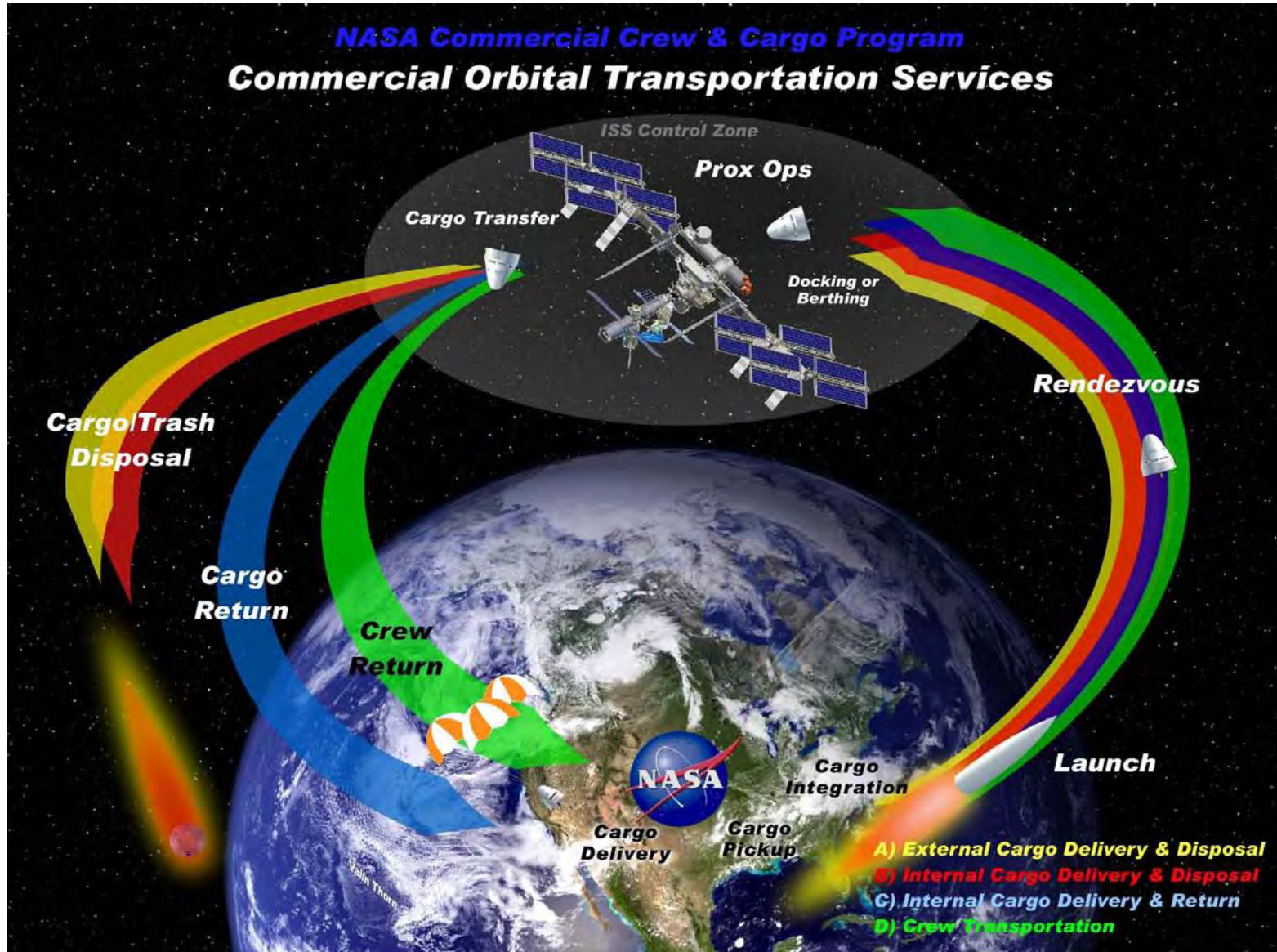
# Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) Overview

- **\$500M budgeted in FY06-FY10 as an *investment* for the demonstration of commercial orbital transportation capabilities**
- **COTS executed in two phases:**
  - Phase 1: Technical Development/Demonstration funded *Space Act Agreements (SAA)*
  - Phase 2: Competitive Procurement of ISS Commercial Resupply Services (managed by SOMD/ISS Program)
- **Phase 1 first round competition for funded SAAs awarded August 2006**
  - SpaceX awarded \$278M SAA
  - Rocketplane Kistler awarded \$208M SAA (Terminated in Oct 07 for failure to meet milestones)
- **Phase 1 second round competition awarded February 2008**
  - Orbital Sciences Corp. awarded \$170M SAA
- **Phase 2 procurement of ISS Commercial Resupply Services (CRS) contracts awarded December 2008**
- **Potential contract value for:**
  - SpaceX \$1.6B for ISS cargo services
  - Orbital \$1.9B for ISS cargo services





# Potential COTS Capabilities



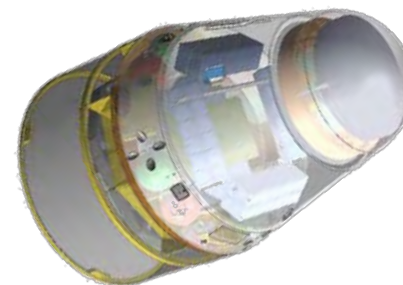
**COMMERCIAL CREW & CARGO**

# SpaceX COTS System

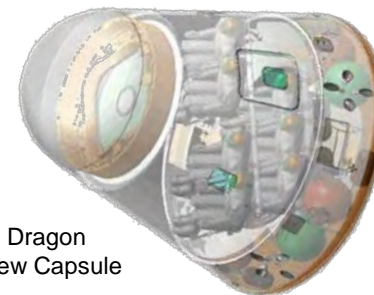


## Description and Features:

- Falcon 9 Medium Class Launch Vehicle
- Dragon Crew/Cargo Spacecraft
- Recoverable launch vehicle and spacecraft
- Cape Canaveral LC-40 Launch Site
- ISS Flight Demonstration: March 2010 (per SAA)
- Cargo Demonstration – up to \$278 M
- Crew Demonstration Option – up to \$308 M (not funded)



Dragon Cargo Capsule



Dragon Crew Capsule

Falcon 9 Rocket



SpaceX Launch Site at Cape SLC 40

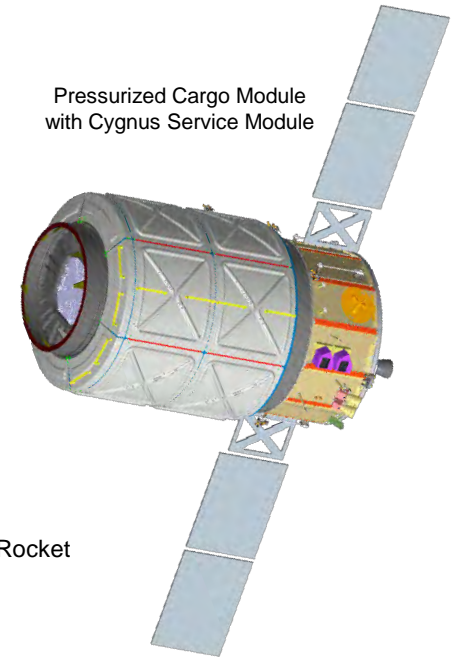


# Orbital COTS System



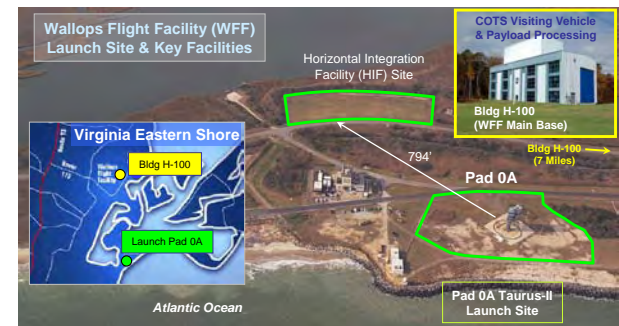
## Description & Features:

- Taurus II Launch Vehicle – derivative of Taurus I with Aerojet AJ-26 engines (2) & Castor 30 2<sup>nd</sup> stage
- Cygnus Service Module used for all missions – derived from STAR™ & Dawn spacecrafts
- Pressurized Cargo Module (PCM): Heritage - ISS MPLM
- Wallops Flight Facility Launch Site
- ISS Flight Demonstration: March 2011
- Cargo Demonstration – up to \$170 M



Pressurized Cargo Module with Cygnus Service Module

Taurus II Rocket



MARS/Wallops Launch Site



# Other Commercial Partners

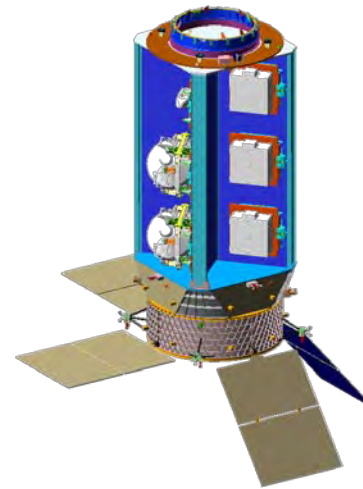


- **NASA continues to support two unfunded SAA commercial partners**

- PlanetSpace
- SpaceDev



SpaceDev DreamChaser



PlanetSpace  
Athena III



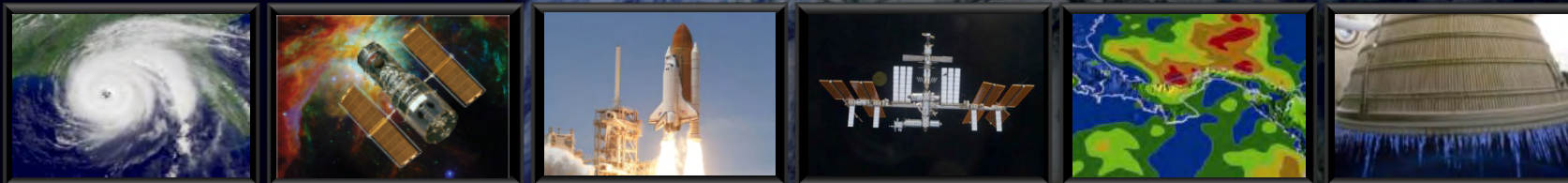




# Space Launch System (SLS) Program Overview NASA Research Announcement (NRA) Advanced Booster (AB) Engineering Demonstration and Risk Reduction (EDRR) Industry Day

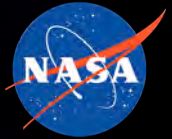


**Space Launch System**



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# SLS Driving Objectives



## ◆ Safe: Human-Rated

## ◆ Affordable

- Constrained budget environment
- Maximum use of common elements and existing assets, infrastructure, and workforce
- Competitive opportunities for affordability on-ramps



## ◆ Initial capability: 70 metric tons (t), 2017–2021

- Serves as primary transportation for Orion and exploration missions
- Provides back-up capability for crew/cargo to ISS

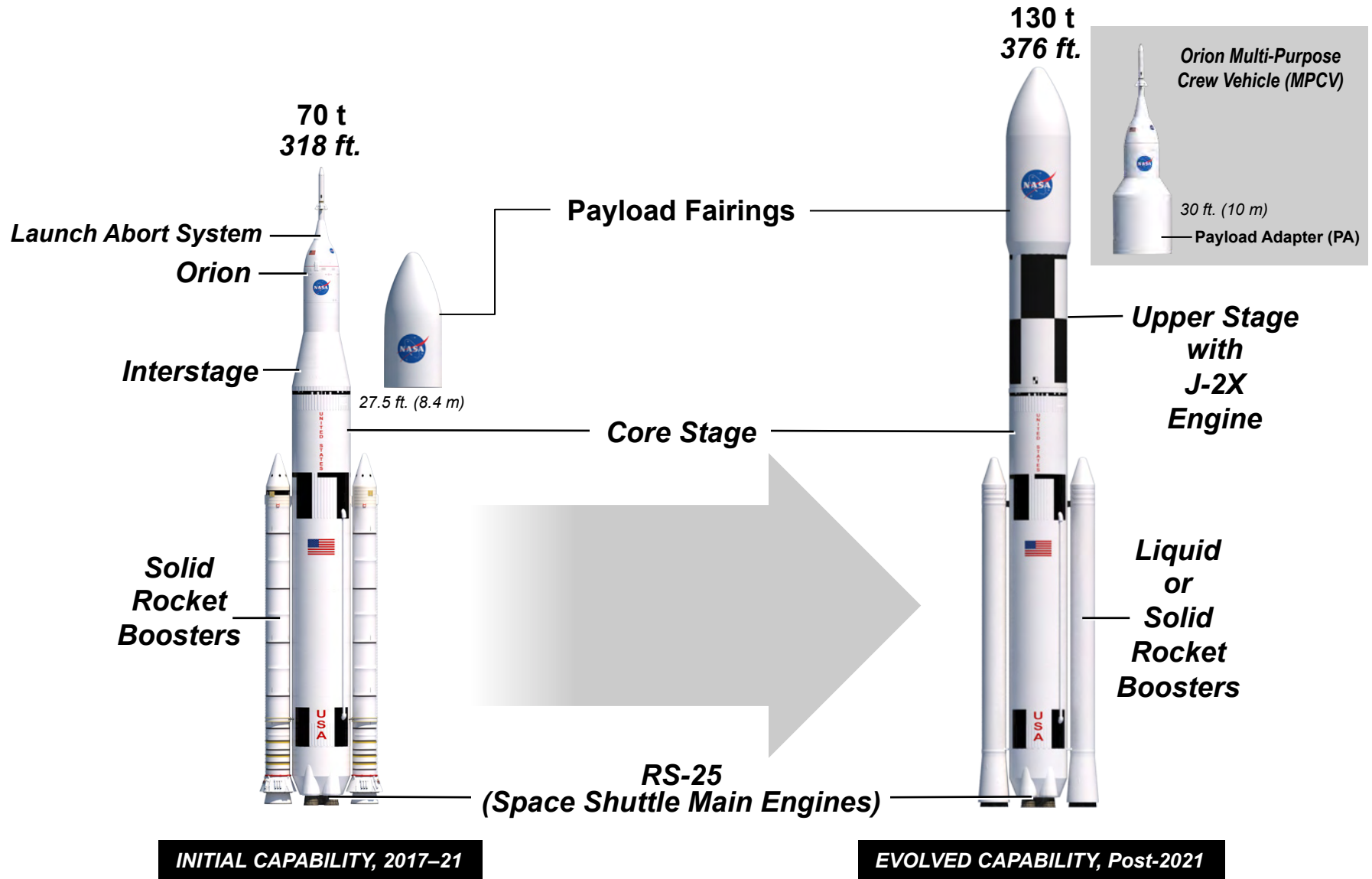
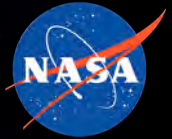
## ◆ Evolved capability: 130 t, post–2021

- Offers large volume for science missions and payloads
- Modular and flexible, right-sized for mission requirements



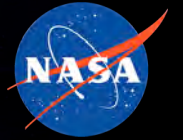
*SLS First Flight in 2017*

# SLS Architecture Uses Existing and Advanced Technologies to Fly in 2017



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# Ares 1-X Test Flight - 10/2009



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U.S. Future Launch Options  
ENAE 791 - Launch and Entry Vehicle Design

# Falcon 9/Dragon Flight - 12/2010



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# Dragon Recovery

