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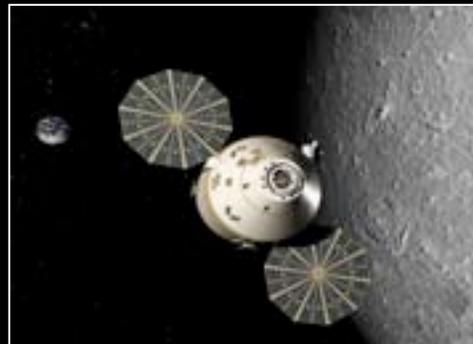
# Exploration Update

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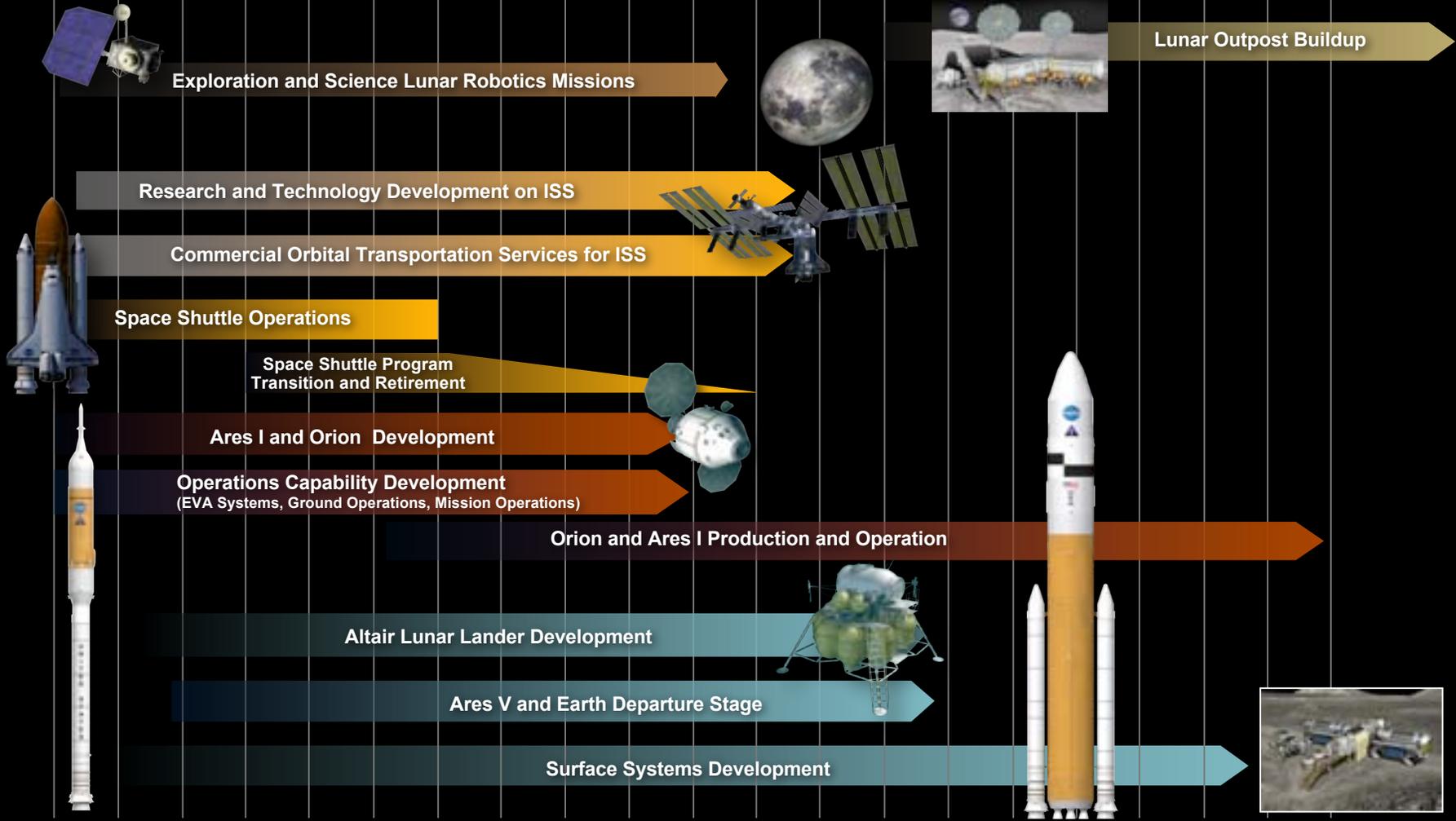
# The U.S. Space Exploration Policy: Foundation for Exploration

- Complete the International Space Station
- Safely fly the Space Shuttle until 2010
- Develop & fly the Crew Exploration Vehicle no later than 2014
- Return to the Moon no later than 2020
- Extend human presence across the solar system & beyond
- Implement a sustained & affordable human & robotic program
- Promote international & commercial participation in Exploration



# Exploration Roadmap

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# ESMD FY08 Objectives

- **Constellation Program (CxP) – Complete milestones including:**
  - Orion and Ares I Preliminary Design Reviews (PDR); Orion System Baseline Review Oct 08, PDR To Be Determined)
  - √ Extravehicular Activity System Definition Review
  - √ Lunar Capability Concept Review (Altair and Ares V Mission Concept Review Completed, Broad Area Announcements/Request for Information (RFI) out)
- **Procurements/Space Act Agreements (SAA) - Complete milestones:**
  - √ Award Ares Instrument Unit Avionics by Dec 07
  - Award the prime contract for CxP Space Suit System (protest under review)
  - √ Complete Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) Phase I, Round 2 SAA selection
- **Advanced Capabilities Division (ACD) - complete milestones including:**
  - √ Delivery of the next generation E-nose to International Space Station for integration
  - √ Human Research Program (HRP) Integrated Research Plan
  - √ Release one HRP NASA Research Announcement
  - √ Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) Pre-environmental review

## ESMD FY08 Objectives (cont.)

- **Transition and Retirement (T&R) – Create a jointly-developed T&R budget line to include preliminary implementation strategy and mitigation plans**
- **Implement integrated program management across ESMD elements**
  - √ Support NASA's goals and objectives by ensuring that external stakeholders are informed of Exploration activities in a timely, coordinated and effective manner (OMB, Congress, Industry, International Partners & Public)
  - √ Enable and lead efforts to grow working relationships and partnerships across mission directorates, other federal agencies, industry and international partners

# Constellation Leverages Unique Skills and Capabilities Throughout NASA and the Aerospace Industry

**Ames**

- ◆ Lead Thermal Protection System ADP
- ◆ Aero-Aerothermal database
- ◆ Ares Abort simulations
- ◆ Software and GN&C support

**Glenn**

- ◆ Lead Service Module and Spacecraft Adapter integration
- ◆ Flight Test Article "Pathfinder" fabrication
- ◆ Ares I-1 upper stage simulator lead
- ◆ Ares power, TVC and sensors lead
- ◆ J-2X altitude/inspace testing
- ◆ SE&I Support

**Goddard**

- ◆ Communications Support

**Dryden**

- ◆ Lead Abort Flight Test Integration/Operations
- ◆ Abort Test Booster procurement
- ◆ Flight Test Article Development/Integration

**JPL**

- ◆ Thermal Protection System support
- ◆ Mission Operations support
- ◆ Test and Verification support

**Johnson**

- ◆ Home for Program
- ◆ Home for Projects: Orion, Mission Ops, EVA, Lunar Lander
- ◆ Lead Crew Module integration
- ◆ Orion Spacecraft Integration
- ◆ GFE projects management

**Langley**

- ◆ Lead Launch Abort System integration
- ◆ Lead landing system ADP
- ◆ Ares I-1 vehicle integration
- ◆ Ares aerodynamics lead
- ◆ SE&I Support

**Kennedy**

- ◆ Home for Ground Ops Project
- ◆ Ground processing
- ◆ Launch operations
- ◆ Recovery operations

**Stennis**

- ◆ Rocket Propulsion Testing for Ares

**Marshall**

- ◆ Home for Ares Project
- ◆ Ares I and V development and integration lead
- ◆ LAS and SM SE&I Support

# Driven by a Strategy

**U.S. Space Exploration Policy**

**ESAS (2005)**  
Methodical approach to architecture mission mode using relevant FOMS

**Global Exploration Strategy (2006)**  
Lunar Objectives Identified

**LAT1 (2006)**  
Early Outpost at Polar Site

**LAT2 (2007)**  
•Cargo Lander  
•Surface Mobility  
•Cargo Unloading, Transport, Emplacement

**CxAT Lunar (May 2008)**  
Preparation for the LCCR Transportation System POD

**LCCR (June 2008)**  
Transportation System POD



May '07 The Global Exploration Strategy – The Framework for Coordination

Nov '07 established the International Space Exploration Coordination Group (ISECG)

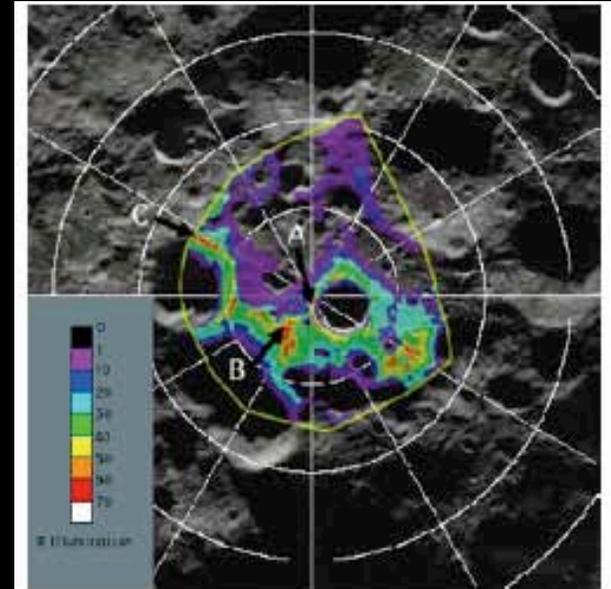
Jan '08 Start of Chamber of Commerce Interface Standards activity via the SEC

NASA/ESA comparative architecture assessment

**Additional review cycles**  
*Lunar Surface Concept 2010 Etc.*

# Possible South Pole Outpost

- **The lunar South Pole is a likely candidate for outpost site**
- **Elevated quantities of hydrogen, possibly water ice (e.g., Shackelton Crater)**
- **Several areas with greater than 80% sunlight and less extreme temperatures**
- **Incremental Deployment of Systems – one mission at a time**
  - Power system
  - Communications/navigation
  - Habitat
  - Rovers
  - Etc.

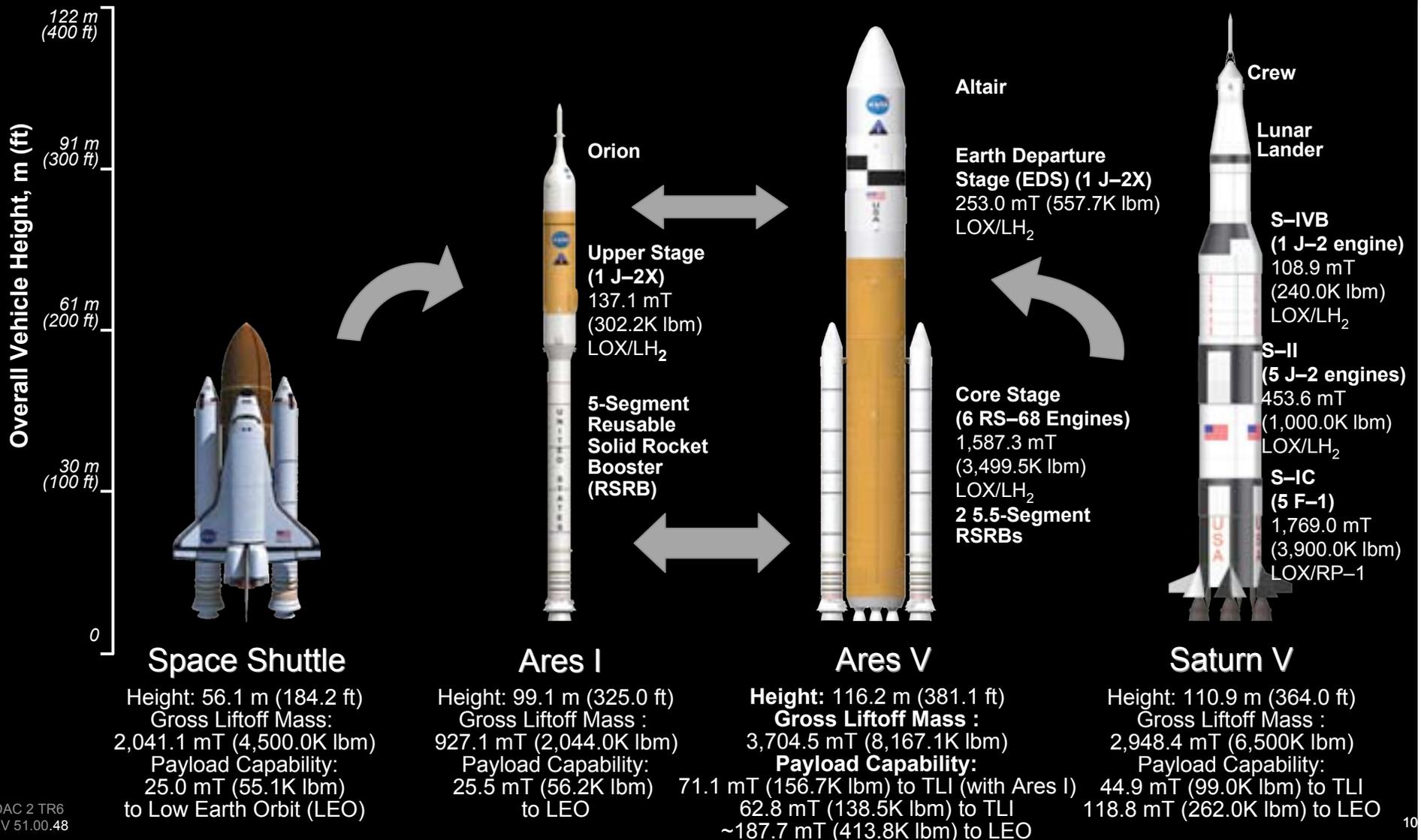


# Lunar Landing



# Building on a Foundation of Proven Technologies

## – Launch Vehicle Comparisons –



# Constellation Program Fleet of Vehicles

**Earth  
Departure  
Stage**



**Altair  
Lunar Lander**

**Ares I  
Crew Launch Vehicle**



**Orion  
Crew Exploration  
Vehicle**

**Ares V  
Cargo Launch Vehicle**



# Constellation Architecture

# Ares I-X Project Recent Progress Highlights



Crew Module



Aft Skirt



Upper Stage Segments in Shipment



Aft Segment Thermal Protection System



Drogue Drop Test No. 1



Fwd Skirt to Top of 5th Seg Simulator

# 2008: Technical Progress

## *Hardware Fabrication and Testing – Ares I*



J2-X Power Pack Testing



J2-X Turbopump Development



Friction Stir Weld Process Development



First Stage Drogue Parachute Drop Test



DM-1 First Stage Exit Cone



A3 Test Stand Subscale Diffuser Test

# 2008: Technical Progress

## *Hardware Fabrication and Testing – Orion*



Second Successful Jettison Motor Test



Crew Module for Pad Abort 1



Parachute Testing

### PA-1 Launch Abort Systems Composite Structural Elements



Adapter Cone



Nose Cone



Abort Motor Static Test – 1

# 2008: Technical Progress

## *Hardware Fabrication and Testing – EVA Systems*



Suit Don/Doff Volume Assessment



Handrail Translation Demonstration



Orion Hatch Ingress/Egress (1" short config)



Altair Hatches Ingress/Egress Test

## 2008: Technical Progress *Construction of Facilities*



J2X A3 Altitude Test Stand  
Construction



Dynamic Test Stand  
Modifications



Launch Complex 39B Lightning  
Protection System Construction

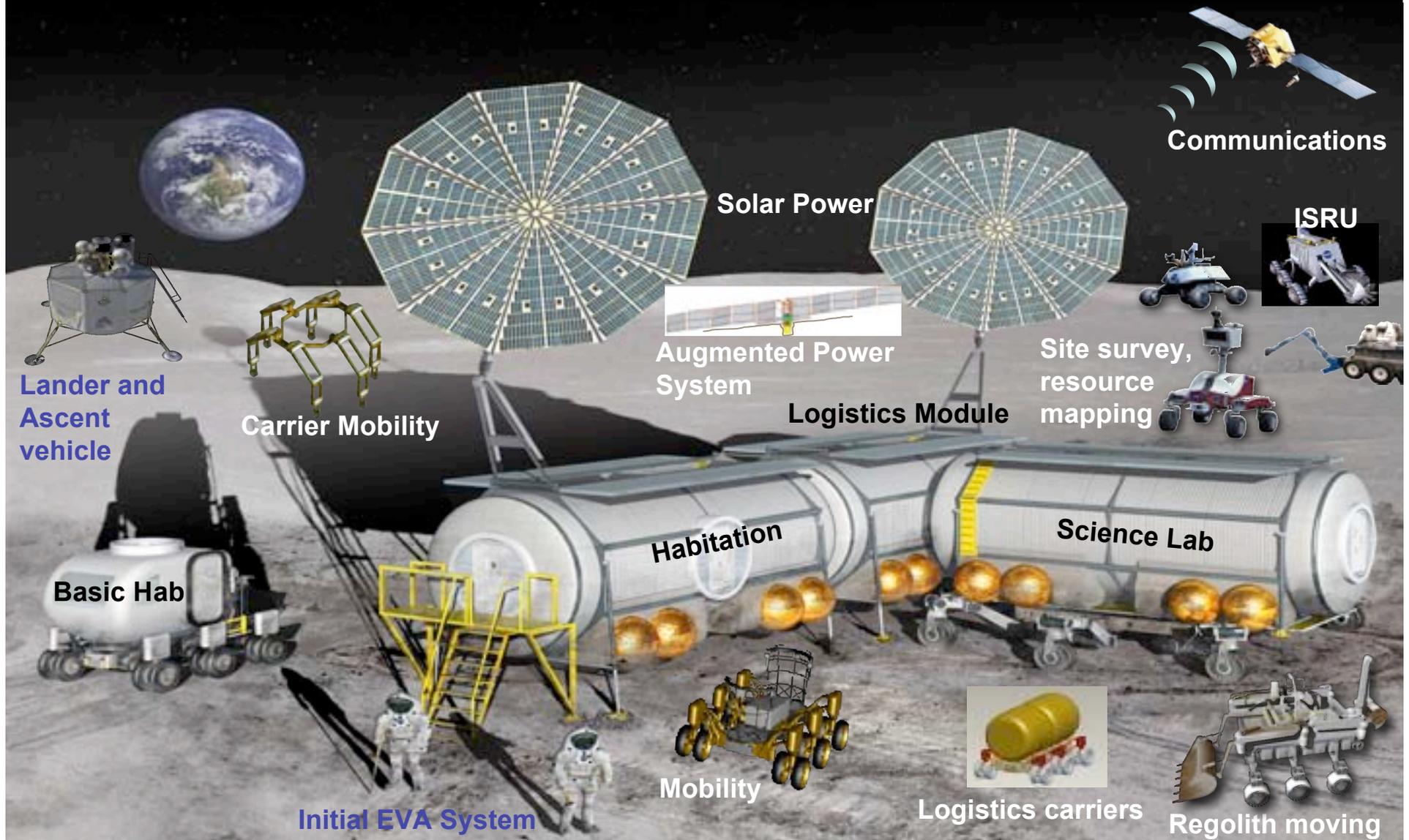


Orion Manufacturing Facilities  
at KSC



Launch Control Center Firing  
Room 1

# Notional Elements of an Outpost



# Small Pressurized Rover Analog

# Summary

- **ESMD continues to deliver as promised**
  - Major work is underway
  - Contracts are in place
  - Our plan is executable
- **NASA has planned and paced the multi-decade Constellation program to live within its means, while carefully identifying and mitigating the threats to mission success**
- **This program will drive us toward new technologies;**
  - will enable a new area of economic activity
  - will strengthen our national security
  - will engage our technical and engineering workforce
  - will provide an opportunity to collaborate on important missions with our international partners
  - and will inspire a new generation of scientists and engineers



# Backup



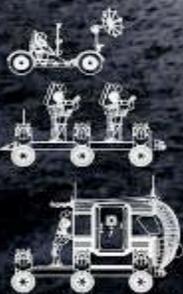
# Lunar Surface Mobility Capability Comparison



## The Original Rover

The Apollo Lunar Roving Vehicle (LRV) was an electric vehicle designed to operate in the low-gravity vacuum of the Moon and to be capable of traversing the lunar surface, allowing the Apollo astronauts to extend the range of their surface extravehicular activities.

Specifications:  
Weight: 462 lbs (210 kg)  
Payload: 490 kg (1080 lbs)  
Length: 3.1 m (10 ft 2 in)  
Wheel Base: 2.3 m (7 ft 6 in)  
Height: 3.75 ft (1.1 m)  
Wheels: 4 x 32 in diameter, 9 in wide



## The Small Pressurized Rover

The Small Pressurized Rover (SPR) is formed by placing a crew cabin on a mobility chassis. The SPR cabin is designed to expedite EVA and provide a comfortable environment for longer range traverses. The SPR can mate with habitats and other SPRs.

Specifications:  
Weight: 6600 lbs (3000 kg)  
Payload: 2200 lbs (1000 kg)  
Length: 15 ft (4.5 m)  
Wheelbase: 13 ft (4 m)  
Height: 10 ft (3 m)  
Wheels: 12 x 39 in diameter, 12 in wide

## The Chariot

The crew mobility chassis can carry up to four suited astronauts, various payloads, or be driven robotically. The modular system accepts "turrets" for suited crew, bulldozer blades, winches, survey instruments, manipulators, and other construction implements.

Specifications:  
Weight: 2200 lbs (1000 kg)  
Payload: 6600 lbs (3000 kg)  
Length: 15 ft (4.5 m)  
Wheelbase: 13 ft (4 m)  
Height: 4 ft (3.3 m)  
Wheels: 12 x 39 in diameter, 12 in wide



# Importance of Mobility in the Lunar Architecture

