



# NASA Advisory Council

## HEO Committee Public Meeting

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# Agenda



- 1. 2021 Accomplishments**
- 2. 2022 Look Ahead**
- 3. Mission Directorate Reorganization**
- 4. Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate (ESDMD) Update**
- 5. Space Operations Mission Directorate (SOMD) Update**

# **2021 Accomplishments**



# NASA's 2021 Human Spaceflight Accomplishments



Splashdown of SpaceX Cargo Resupply 21 (CRS-21)



Orion handover to Exploration Ground Systems for processing



NASA SpaceX Crew-2 launch



Northrop Grumman Commercial Resupply Services (CRS-15)



Artemis I Core Stage shipment to Kennedy Space Center



Artemis I Core Stage Green Run



Gateway PPE/HALO launch vehicle contract awarded to SpaceX



Artemis III Human Landing System selected



Announcement of first Private Astronaut Mission to the International Space Station (ISS)



Artemis II European Service Module (ESM) delivered to Kennedy Space Center



Launch of Mark Vande Hei and cosmonauts to ISS on Soyuz 64S



Return of Soyuz 63S and crew from the International Space Station



SpaceX Cargo Resupply (CRS-22)



NASA SpaceX Crew-1 return from the space station



Nauka Multipurpose Laboratory installed on the space station



Gateway HALO contract awarded to Northrop Grumman



Launch of Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)



Launch of Landsat-9 Earth observation mission



Northrop Grumman Commercial Resupply Services (CRS-16)



Return of Kate Rubins and cosmonauts from ISS on Soyuz 63S



Return of NASA SpaceX Crew-2



Launch of NASA SpaceX Crew-3



Stacking completed for Artemis I transportation system



NASA's announcement of new class of astronaut candidates



Launch of Lucy mission to explore Jupiter's Trojan asteroids



Launch of IXPE X-ray imaging mission



Five companies selected to develop concepts for recurring human lunar landing services



Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD) launch



Announcement of new class of Flight Director applicants



More than 1,500,000 participating students in ISS STEM activities



Launch of the James Webb Space Telescope



NASA astronauts and Russian cosmonauts completed 13 spacewalks



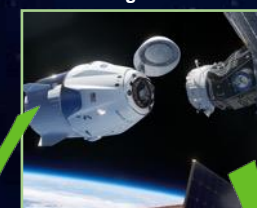
10 NASA astronauts lived and worked aboard the station



Five commercial cargo missions to ISS



Three partners selected by NASA to develop Commercial LEO Free-flyer Concepts



NASA selects Axiom Space for the second Private Astronaut Mission to the ISS

# **2022 Look Ahead**



# THIS IS NASA 2022



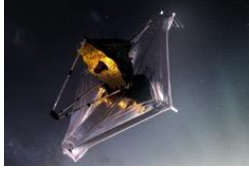
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# Upcoming Events



## **Webb Telescope – January 2022**

The James Webb Space Telescope completes mission deployments/arrives in its L2 (second Lagrange Point) orbit about 29 days after launch (mission support from SCan and LSP)



## **Northrop Grumman (NG-17) – Targeting Feb. 19, 2022**

Northrop Grumman's 17th commercial resupply services mission to the International Space Station; launching from Virginia



## **Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-T (GOES-T) – March 1, 2022**

NASA and NOAA's latest weather satellite, GOES-T, launching from Florida



## **Mark Vande Hei to set new record for NASA human spaceflight – March 15, 2022**

Vande Hei will hold the record for the longest single spaceflight for an American astronaut; return to Earth planned for March 30 after 355 days in space.



## **CAPSTONE – March 19, 2022**

NASA CubeSat to validate new navigation technologies and verify dynamics in Gateway's planned orbit; launching from New Zealand



## **Axiom Mission 1 (Ax-1) – NET March 31, 2022**

First private astronaut mission to the International Space Station; duration ~8-10 days long



# Upcoming Events



## **Artemis I – March/April 2022**

The first integrated flight test of the uncrewed Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft on a multi-week mission around the Moon



## **Orion splashdown – Pending Artemis I launch**

NASA's Orion spacecraft splashdown following a multi-week mission around the Moon



## **Intuitive Machines' CLPS Flight – First Quarter 2022**

Suite of robotic NASA payloads sent lunar surface as part of a Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) delivery; lunar landing in the following weeks



## **NASA's SpaceX Crew-4 – NET April 15, 2022**

Crew-4 launching from Florida to the International Space Station



## **Boeing Orbital Flight Test-2 (OFT-2) – May 2022**

Boeing's uncrewed CST-100 Starliner OFT-2, launching from Florida to the International Space Station



## **Astrobotic's CLPS Flight – June 2022**

Suite of robotic NASA payloads sent to the lunar surface as part of a Commercial Lunar Payload Services delivery; landing will occur in the following weeks



# Upcoming Events



## **DART – Sept. 26-Oct. 1, 2022**

Window when Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) spacecraft impacts an asteroid in world's first test of planetary defense



## **NASA's SpaceX Crew-5 Launch / Crew-4 Return – Fall, 2022**

Boeing's CFT earliest possible launch to space station from Florida



## **Artemis II Crew Announcement – 2022**

NASA will announce the astronauts that will fly on the first crewed flight of Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System rocket for the Artemis II mission



## **Boeing's Crew Flight Test (CFT) – Under review pending OFT-2**

Boeing's CFT earliest possible launch to space station from Florida



## **Boeing Starliner-1 – Under review pending earlier flight tests**

Launch of first operational Boeing commercial crew launch to space station from Florida

# **Mission Directorate Reorganization**

# Mission Directorate Reorganization



In September 2021, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson announced the agency was creating two new mission directorates that would best position the agency for the next 20 years. The move separated the Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate (HEOMD) into the new **Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate (ESDMD)** and **Space Operations Mission Directorate (SOMD)**.

The changes were made because of increasing space operations in low-Earth orbit and development programs well underway for deep space exploration including Artemis missions.

The intent for creating two separate mission directorates was to ensure these critical areas have focused oversight teams in place to support and execute for mission success. This approach also allows one mission directorate to operate in space while the other builds future space systems, so there is a constant cycle of development and operations to advance NASA's goals in space exploration.





# ESDMD Update

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# Briefing Topics



- **Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate (ESDMD) Priorities**
- **Manifest Updates and Status**
- **Artemis Mission Status and Forward Plan**
- **Moon-Mars Architecture**
- **Gateway**
- **Future Artemis Mission Status**

# ESDMD Priorities

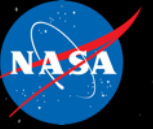


- Successful preparations for and execution of the Artemis I mission
- Working refinements of Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate (ESDMD) organization; communication with stakeholders for review and input; Implementation; Connectivity with Space Operations Mission Directorate (SOMD)
- Incorporation and embedding of science across Artemis
- Execution of Artemis II, III and IV final developments, build completion, launch and operations this includes program/project management process improvements
- Defined lunar and Mars architecture with on-ramps for newly developed technology based on broad objectives



# **Manifest Updates and Status**

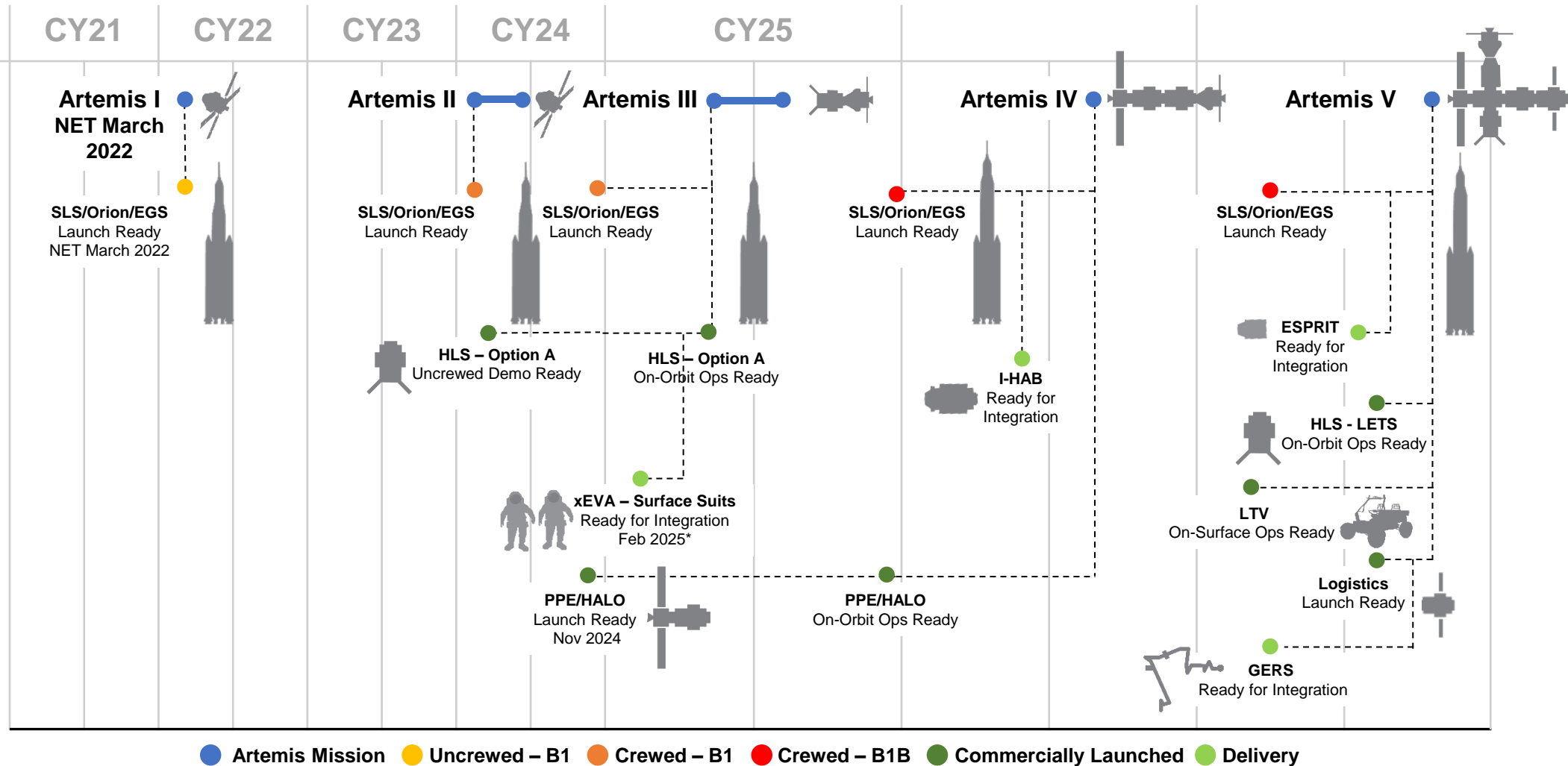
# Working Manifest for Technical Integration



## Key Terminology:

**B1:** Block 1 (SLS with ICPS)  
**B1B:** Block 1B (SLS with EUS)  
**EGS:** Exploration Ground Systems  
**ESPRIT:** European System Providing Refueling, Infrastructure & Communications  
**EUS:** Exploration Upper Stage  
**GERS:** Gateway External Robotics System  
**HALO:** Habitation and Logistics Outpost  
**HLS:** Human Landing System  
**ICPS:** Interim Cryo Propulsion Stage  
**I-HAB:** International Habitat  
**LETS:** Lunar Exploration Transportation Services  
**LTV:** Lunar Terrain Vehicle  
**PPE:** Power & Propulsion Element  
**SLS:** Space Launch System  
**xEVA:** Exploration Extravehicular Activity

\*Date based on Government planning and estimates; not contract informed



# **Artemis I Mission Status and Forward Plan**

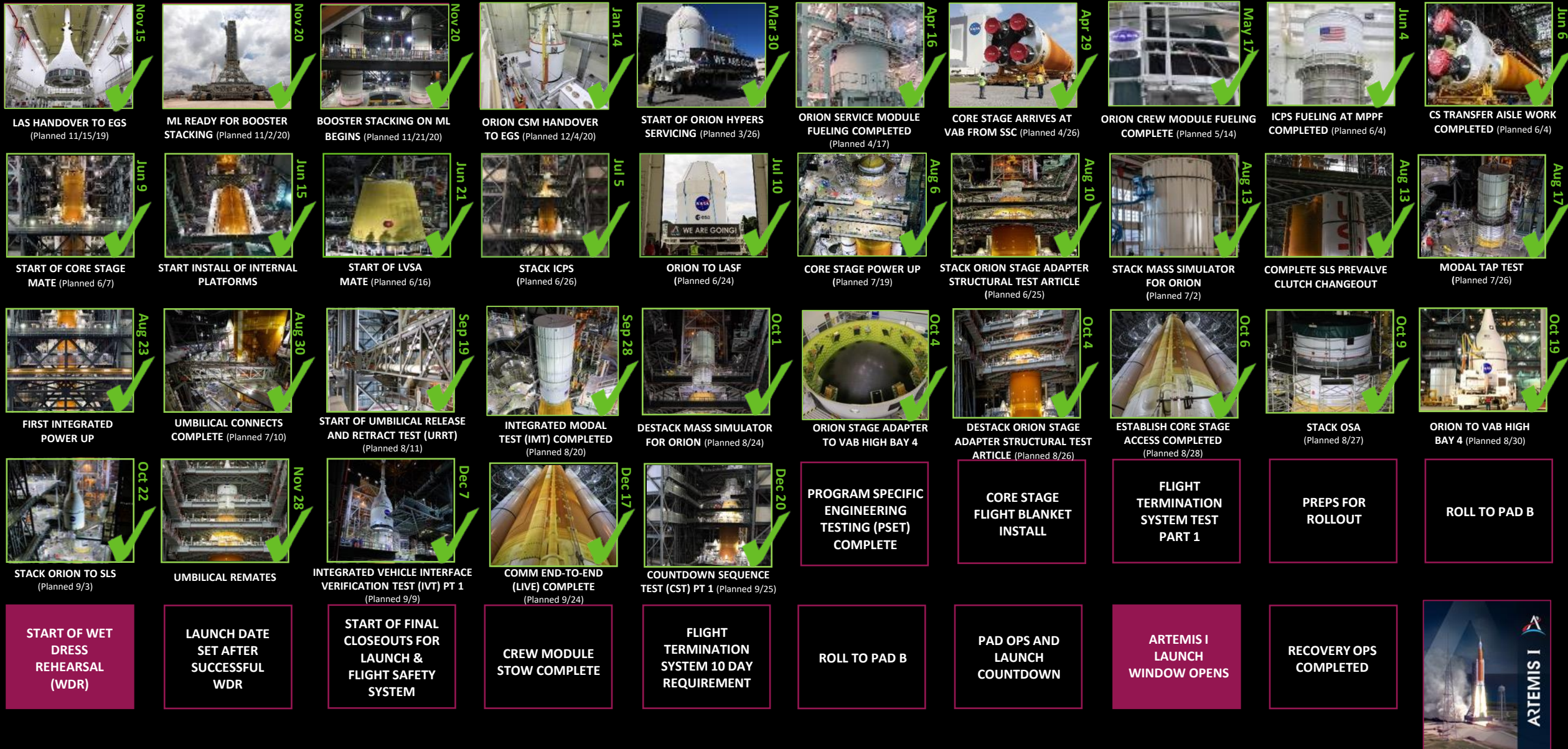


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As of 1/5/2022

# MAJOR MILESTONES FOR ARTEMIS KSC FLOW

Status – Jan 5 – Will Be Updated As Risk Is Realized

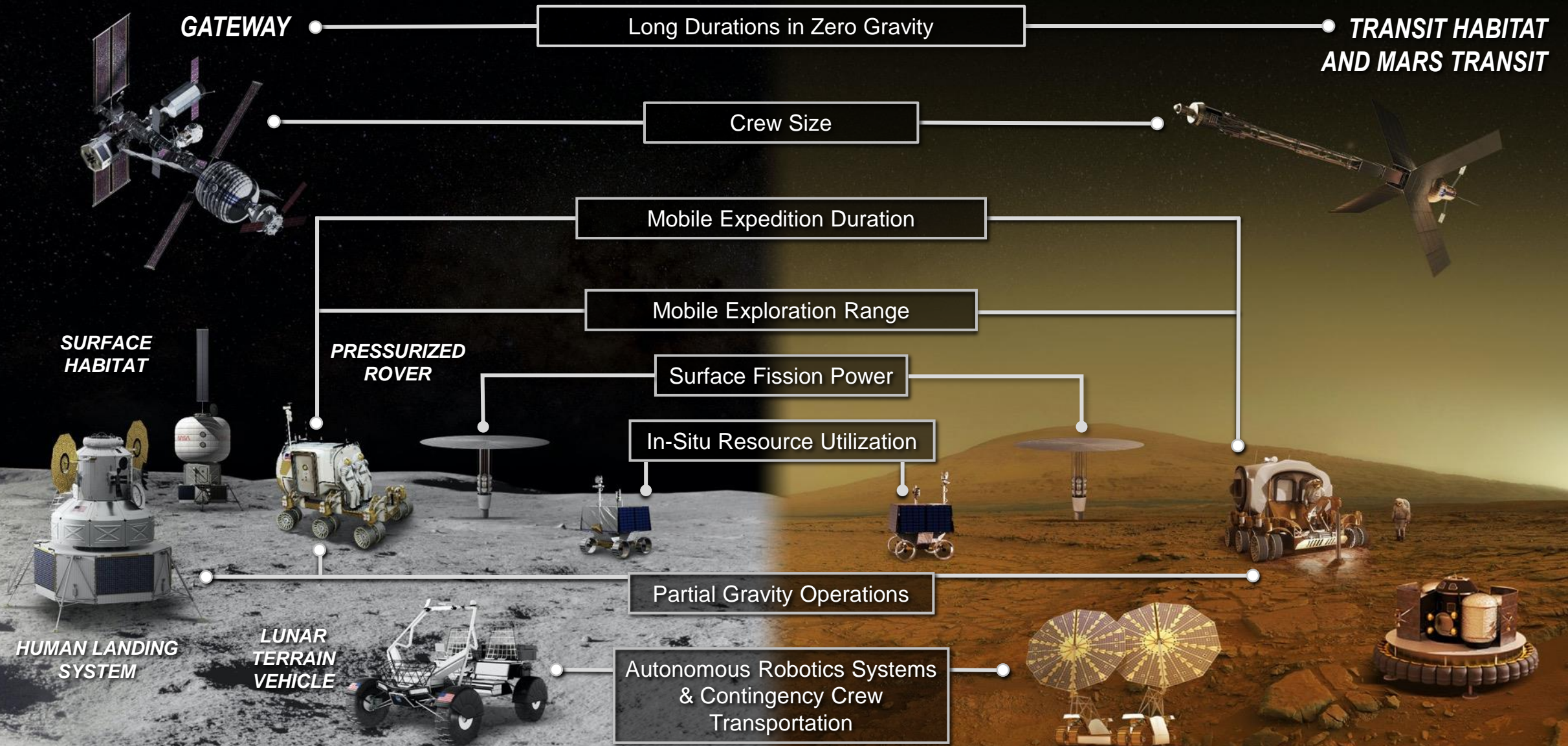
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# **Moon-Mars Architecture**



# Time on Systems for Validation



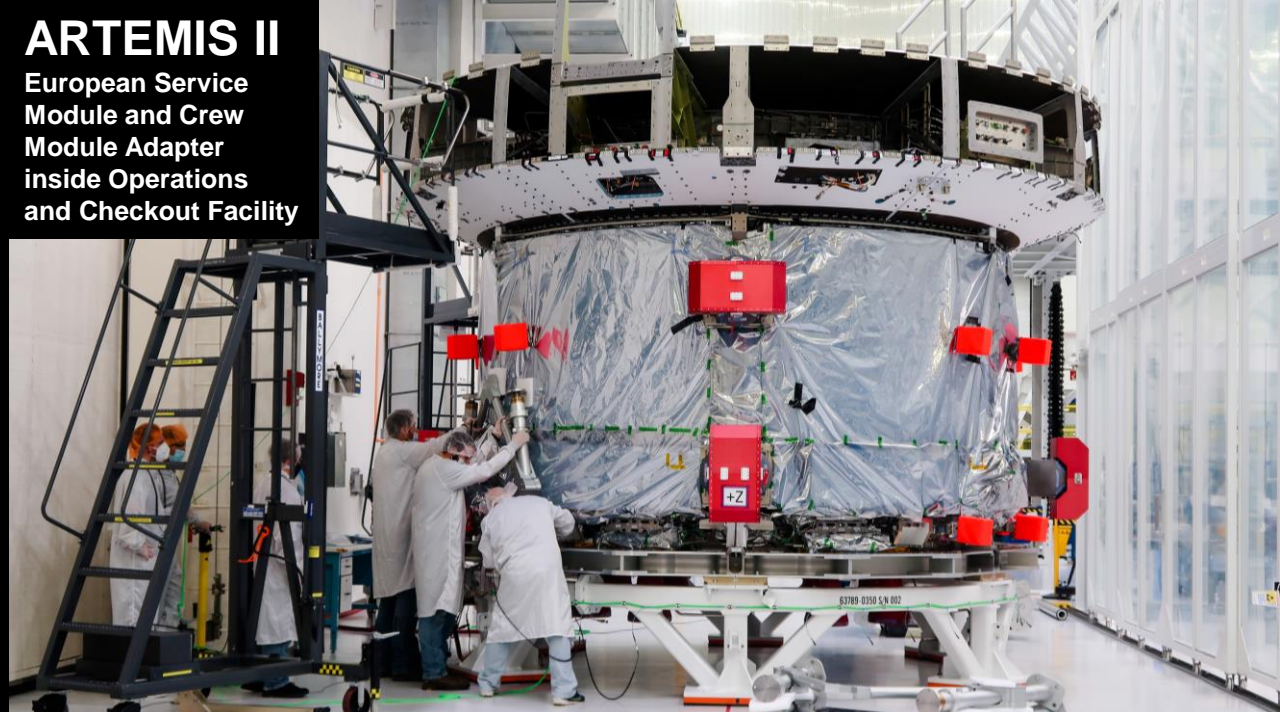
# **Future Artemis Mission Status**



**ARTEMIS II**  
Crew Module at  
Kennedy Space Center



**ARTEMIS II**  
European Service  
Module and Crew  
Module Adapter  
inside Operations  
and Checkout Facility



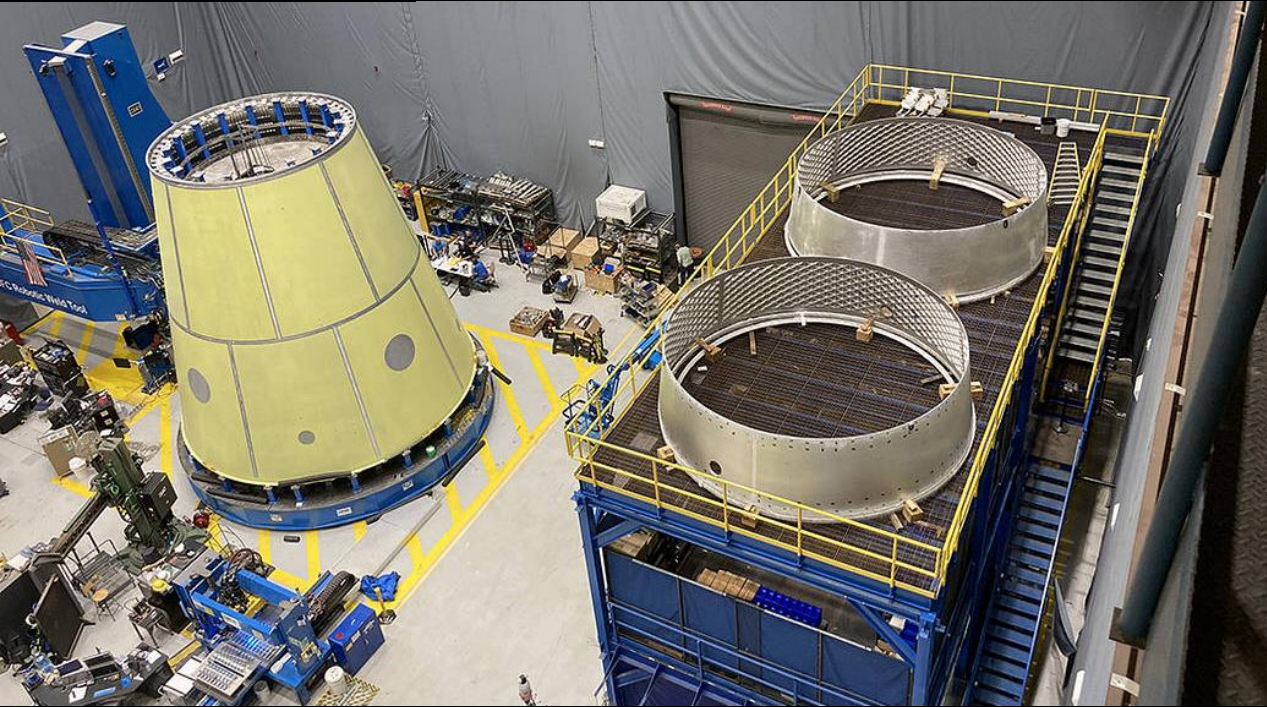
**ARTEMIS II**  
Heat Shield at  
Kennedy Space Center





## ARTEMIS II + III

Launch Vehicle Stage  
Adapter (II) and Orion Stage  
Adapters (II + III)



## ARTEMIS II

Interim Cryogenic  
Propulsion Stage





**ARTEMIS III**  
Pressure Vessel at  
Kennedy Space Center

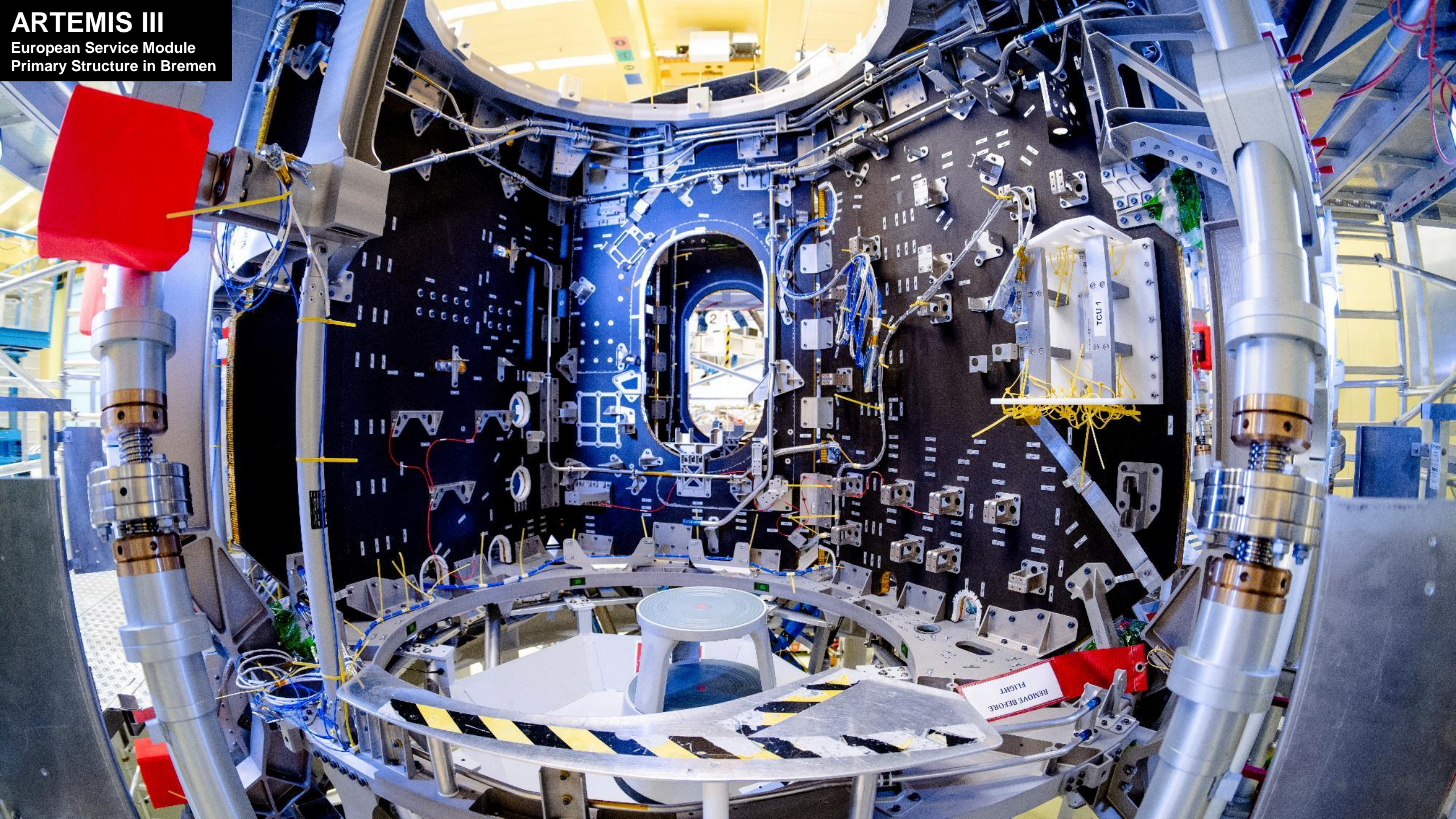








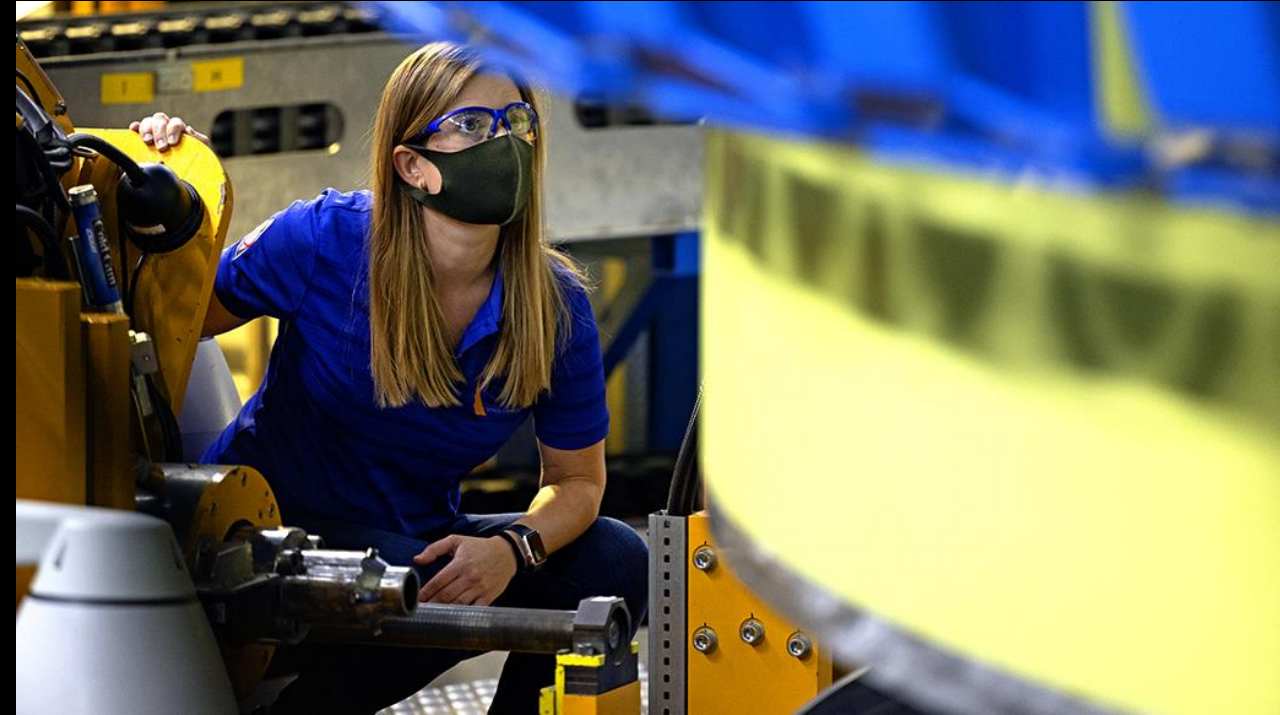
**ARTEMIS III**  
European Service Module  
Primary Structure in Bremen





# ARTEMIS III

SLS Forward Skirt





# ARTEMIS IV

SLS Booster Motors



# ARTEMIS IV

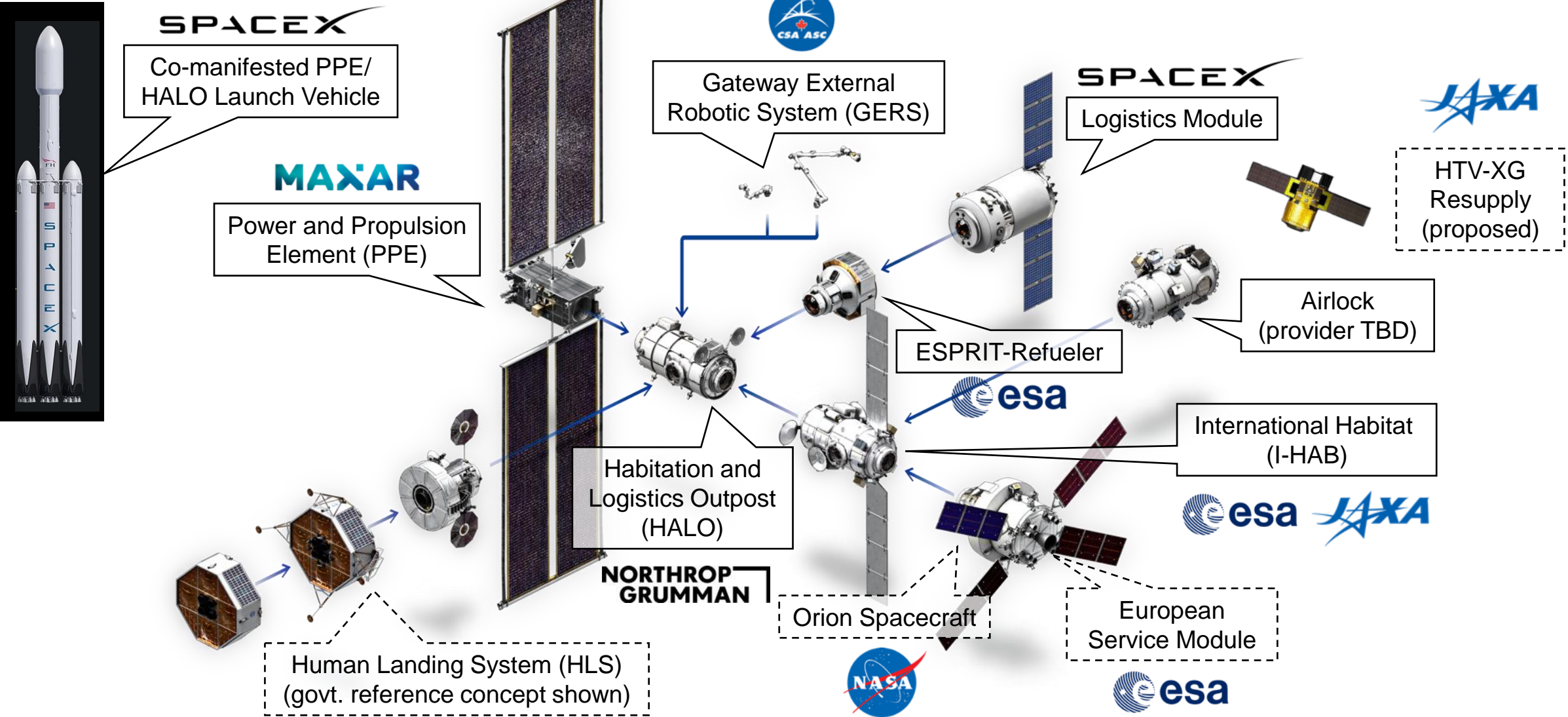
SLS Core Stage  
Engine Section



**Gateway**



# Gateway Integrated Spacecraft

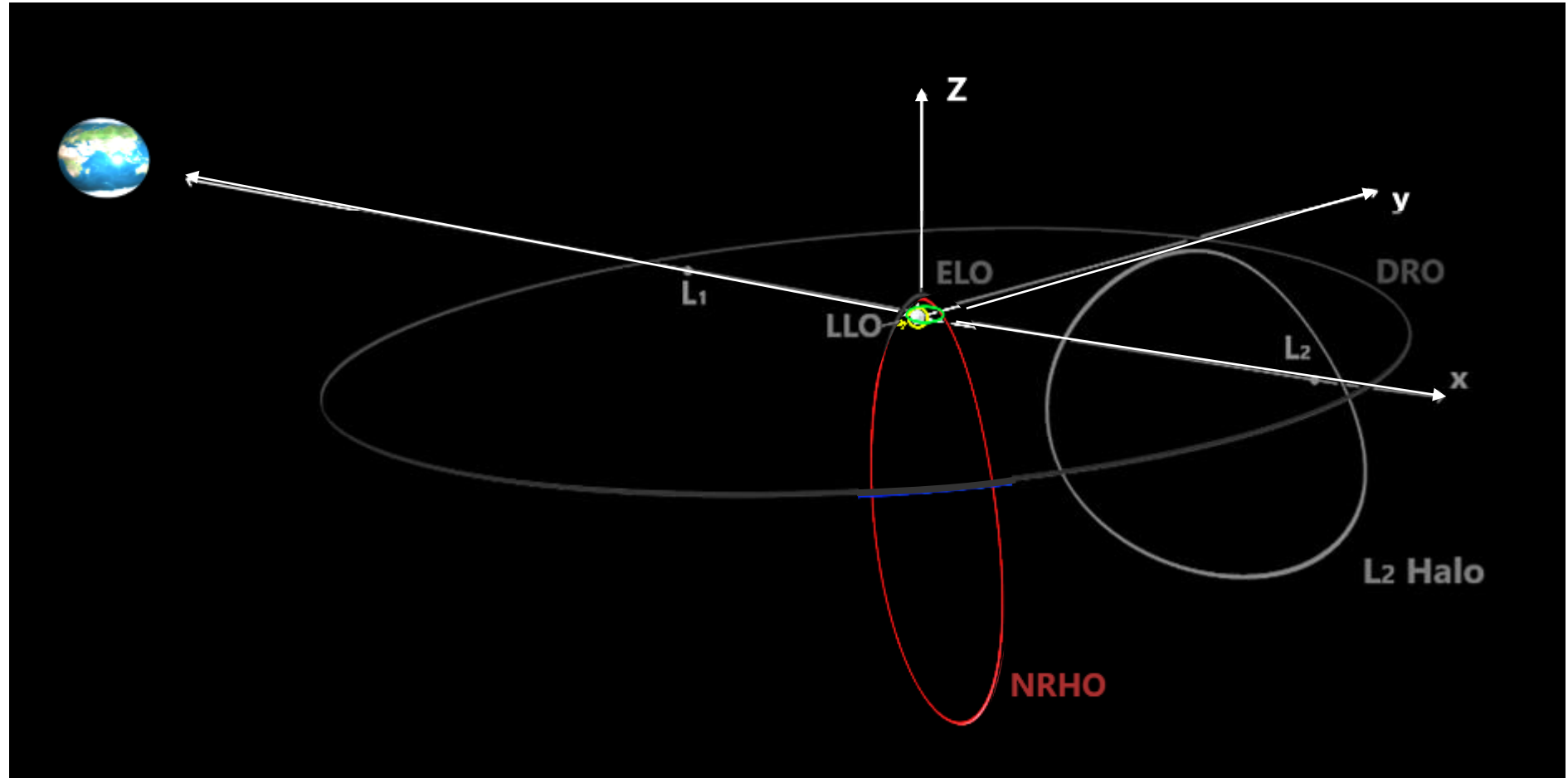


# Gateway Near Rectilinear Halo Orbit (NRHO)



## Staging Orbit Drivers:

- ✓ Crew Vehicle Access
- ✓ Lunar Surface Access
- ✓ Orbit Maintenance
- ✓ Power/Lighting
- ✓ Thermal Balance
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Extended Lunar Mission Duration
- ✓ Mars Mission Buildup
- ✓ Mars Mission Analog
- ✓ Mars Mission Departure Point
- ✓ Mars Mission Return Point
- ✓ International Collaboration



**Near Rectilinear Halo Orbit Supports Sustainable Lunar Exploration and Mars Preparation/Transit/Return Point**

# Conclusion

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- Reorganization process moving and working to wrap up soon
- Artemis I
  - Push to Artemis I is critical with some key upcoming milestones
    - E.g – Countdown Systems Test #2, Engine Blanket Closeout, Wet Dress Rehearsal
- Artemis II
  - Artemis I lessons learned expected to have impact on Artemis II
  - First crew launch will be significant
- Artemis III
  - Credible plans for Human Landing System development and execution are in process
  - Extravehicular Activities Suit development details to be refined with contract award
- Artemis IV
  - Mission elements (Mobile Launcher-2 and Block 1B) in focus
  - Challenges expected with Block 1B development
  - Working International Partner and Logistics Element





# SOMD Update

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# Briefing Topics



- **SOMD Priorities**
- **ISS Extension**
- **Commercial LEO**
- **Evolution of Space Communications**
- **Launch Vehicle Strategy**
- **Conclusion**

# SOMD Priorities



- Lay the groundwork for the Exploration Operations function
- Execute on the strategies to maintain and expand usage of the International Space Station (ISS) through 2030
- Mature the stepping stones to have a Commercial LEO Destination and evolution of our research and technology partnerships by 2030
- Continue the transformation of the Near Earth Network support strategy and further evolution of the Deep Space Network to accommodate the future communication, and related service demands
- Continue the evolution of launch vehicle strategies for a range of risk strategies for the agency



# **International Space Station (ISS) Extension**

# ISS Extension Through 2030



- On December 31, 2021, the White House announced a decision to extend operations of the ISS through 2030\*
- Extension through 2030 will allow time to complete critical exploration development activities while bringing new commercial LEO capabilities online
- The ISS International Partners are working with their respective governments to extend through 2030
- There are no technical constraints to operating through 2030



\* <https://blogs.nasa.gov/spacestation/2021/12/31/biden-harris-administration-extends-space-station-operations-through-2030>

# ISS Mission Goals

## Enable Deep Space Exploration

Validate Exploration Technologies and Reduce Human Health Risks

## Conduct Research to Benefit Humanity

Life-saving medical research & applications, understanding climate change, sharing discoveries with all

## Lead International Collaboration

Maintain & expand international partnerships, set norms & standards

## Foster Commercial Space Industry

In partnership with Commercial LEO Office

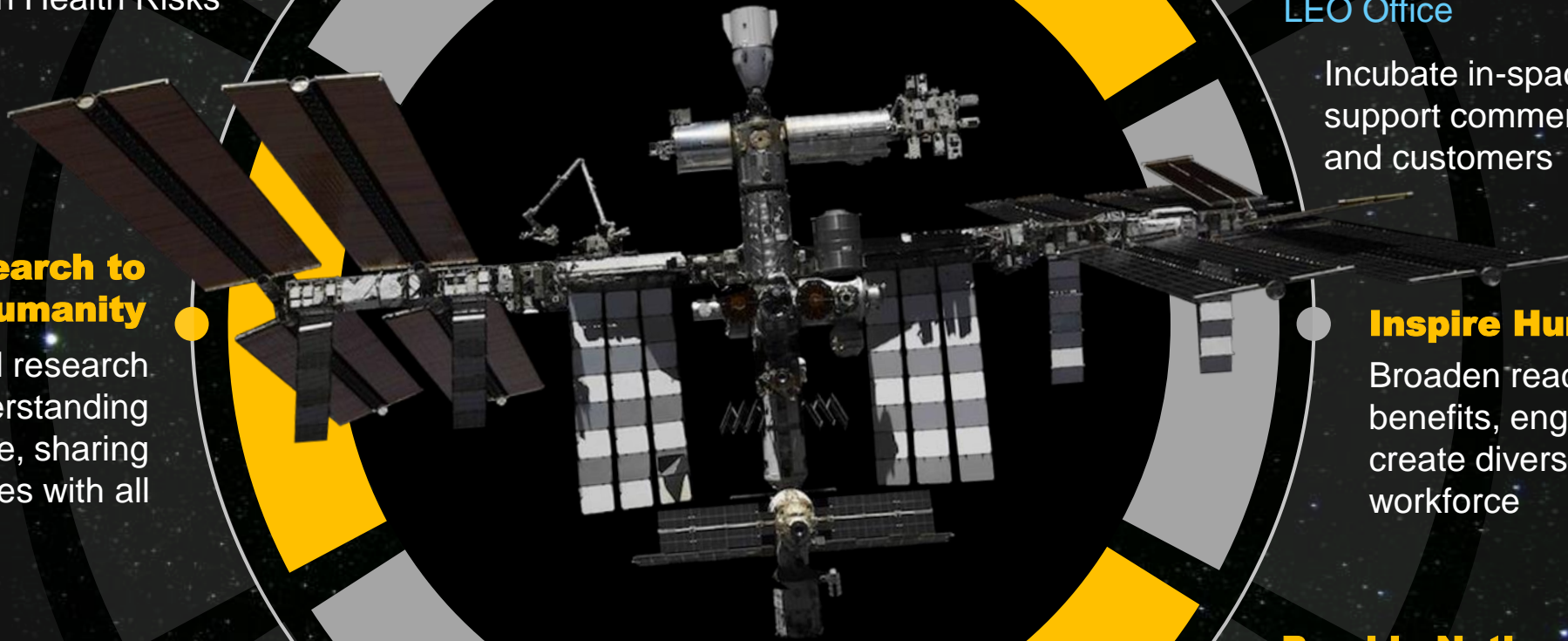
Incubate in-space manufacturing, support commercial LEO facilities and customers

## Inspire Humankind

Broaden reach of space benefits, engage public, create diverse future STEM workforce

## Provide National Human Space Flight Infrastructure

Ensure continuous human presence in LEO - no gap; provide destination for crew & cargo transportation



# **Commercial Low-Earth Orbit (LEO)**



# Commercial Crew Success



**NASA SpaceX Crew-1**  
*Completion of first operational commercial crew flight to the International Space Station*



**NASA SpaceX Crew-2**  
*First commercial mission to fly two international crewmembers; a record 199 days in space*



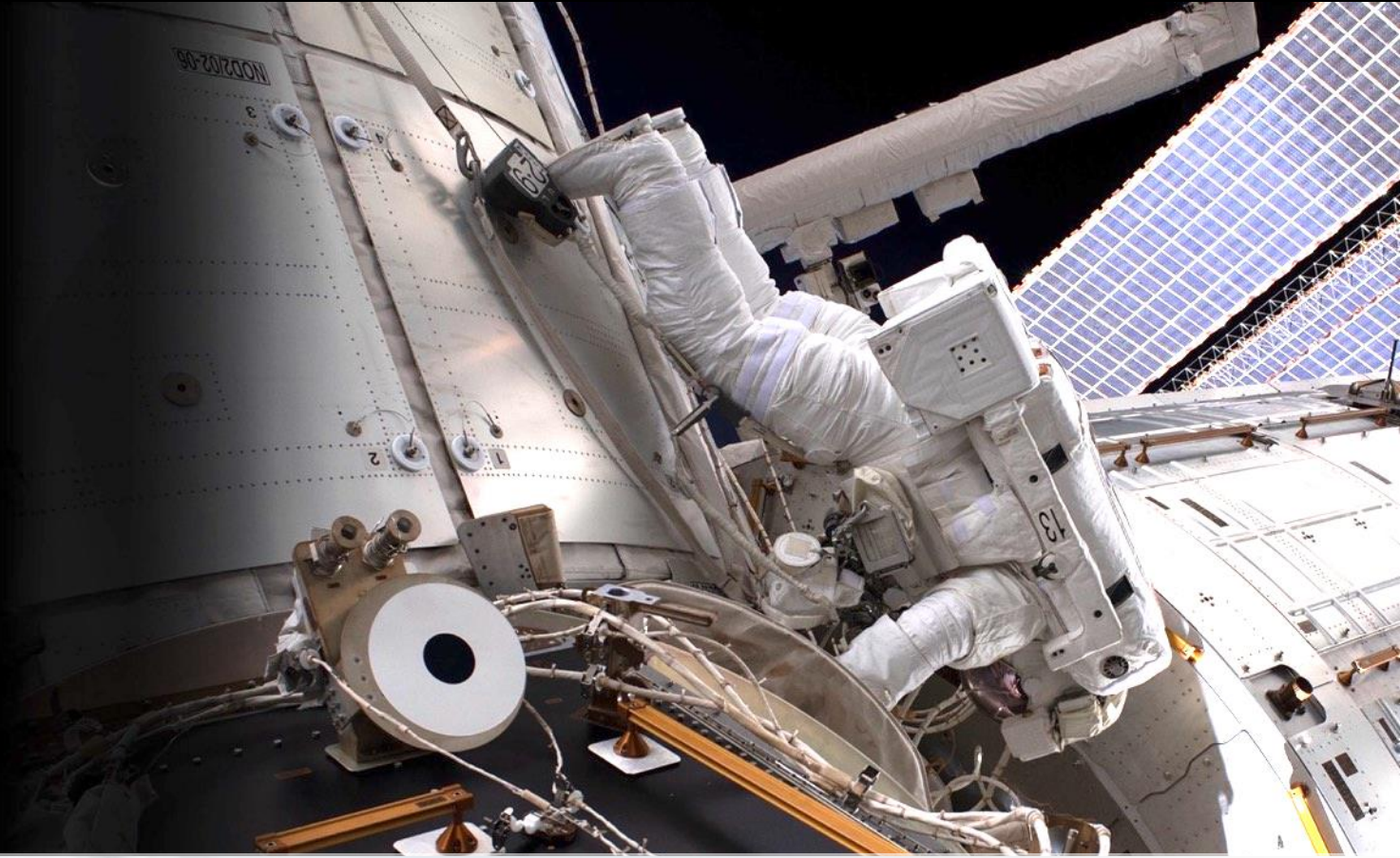
**NASA SpaceX Crew-3**  
*Arrived at the space station for a planned 6-month scientific research mission*





The International Space Station is the centerpiece of exploration and a model for a new future in space.

By building continuous and ongoing cargo and crew operations aboard the space station, along with commercial and international partnerships, human exploration can advance at a sustainable pace.



*Operational*

*Final Dev*



Northrop Grumman



SpaceX



Sierra Space

*Operational*

*Final Dev*



SpaceX



Boeing

*Concept Maturation*



Sierra Space



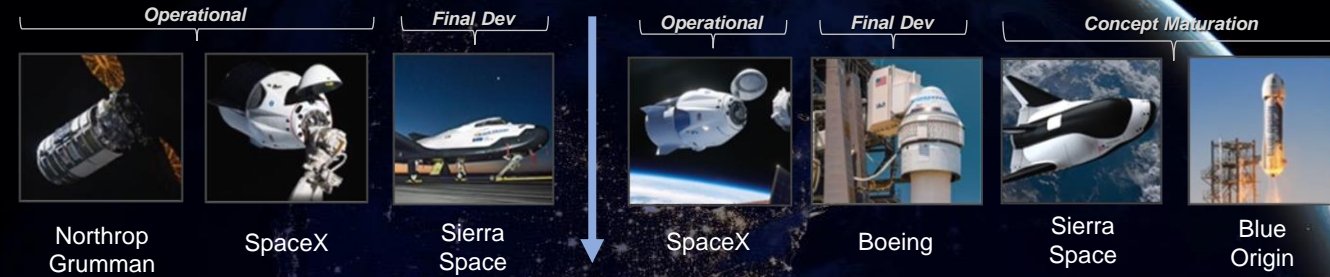
Blue Origin



# Vision for LEO Economy: A World of New Possibilities

- NASA is one of many customers in a robust low-Earth orbit (LEO) economy
- Commercially-owned and operated transportation for cargo and crew
- Commercially-owned and operated LEO destinations that are safe, reliable, and cost-effective
- Regular production, distribution, and trade of goods and services
- Ongoing research and science activities including a LEO National Lab
- Continuation of human spaceflight exploration objectives
- Sustained presence and U.S. leadership in LEO

## COMMERCIAL CARGO & CREW TRANSPORTATION



## COMMERCIAL LEO DESTINATIONS



Notional

Axiom

## More Elements of a Strong LEO Economy



Private Astronaut  
Missions & Space  
Tourism



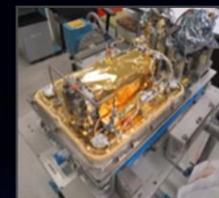
Commercial Marketing,  
Advertisement &  
Entertainment Activities



Inspiration for  
Student STEM  
Activities



In-Space  
Manufacturing  
& Production



LEO National Lab



Technology  
Demonstrations



Human Research



# **Evolution of Space Communications**

## Communications Networks

Deep Space Network (DSN)

Near Space Network (NSN)

ACCESS

12 Ground Complexes

## Areas of Focus

Communication Network  
Operations and Management

Commercialization of  
Near Earth communications

Optical and quantum communication

Technological Advancements

Positioning, Navigation and Timing

LunaNet

Human Spaceflight Network Integration

Spectrum Management

Search and Rescue

Networks Development

# Space Communications & Navigation (SCaN)

*Supporting capabilities that are critical to every NASA mission, providing astronauts, scientists, engineers, and mission controllers reliable exchange of data between satellites in space and facilities on the ground*



## Recent Accomplishments

10 Science Mission Directorate (SMD) primary operations

60 SMD extended operations

6 human spaceflight missions including Crew-2 launch and Crew-1 return, + 4 launch vehicles

## New Initiatives and Long-Term Plans

Transition to commercial providers, targeting 2023 for 100% commercial service (existing and new missions)

Provide architecture supporting exploration and science programs through 2040+

Initiate technical demonstrations on ISS to enable deep space exploration

Engage academia and the public with STEM activities, grants, and internships



# **Launch Vehicle Strategies**

## Heritage Fleet

Electron  
Pegasus XL  
Antares  
Atlas V  
Falcon 9  
Falcon Heavy

## Emerging Fleet

Vulcan  
New Glenn  
Rocket 3.0  
Alpha  
Terran

## Areas of Focus

Launch Operations  
Engineering  
Integration  
Analysis  
Program Management

~22 years launching  
99 full missions + advisory services  
98% mission success rate



# Launch Services Program

*Providing the United States with a dependable and secure Earth-to-space bridge dedicated to launching all types of spacecraft for all types of missions*

## Recent Accomplishments

Successful launch of Landsat 9, Lucy, DART, and IXPE between September – December 2021

Successful “advisory” launch of JWST in December 2021

Award of GOES-U and Europa Clipper

Venture-Class Acquisition of dedicated and rideshare launch services (VADR) RFP released

HALO + PPE award and management of launch services

## New Initiatives and Long-Term Plans

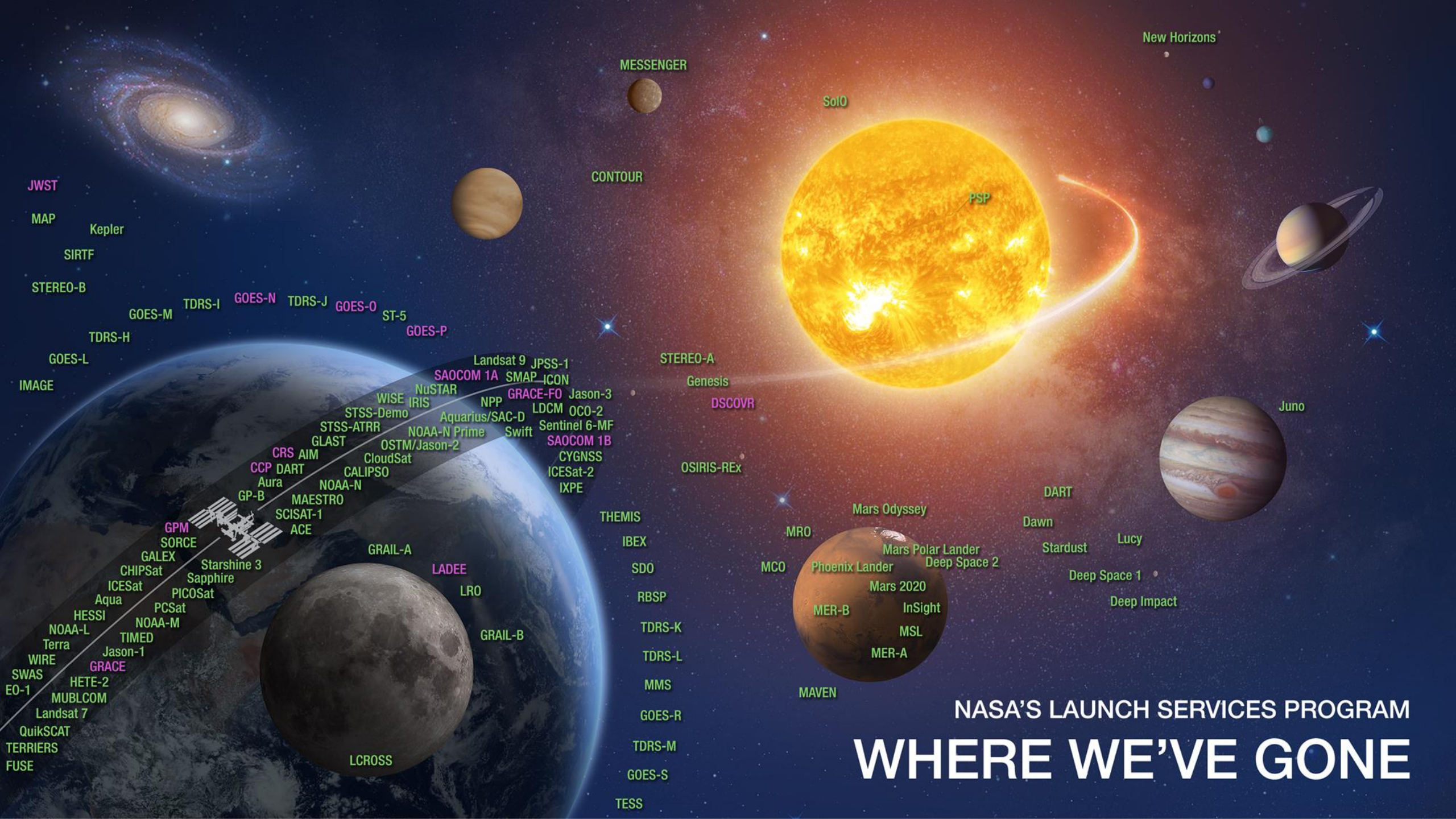
Provides management of NASA Launch Services contracts, launch mission assurance, mission design and launch integration support

Certify new commercial rockets to launch high-value civil-sector payloads

Provide launch “advisory services” to NASA missions as tasked

Evolve growth of NASA’s small satellite sector





JWST

MAP

Kepler

SIRTF

STEREO-B

GOES-M

TDRS-I

GOES-N

TDRS-J

GOES-O

ST-5

GOES-P

TDRS-H

GOES-L

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Landsat 9 JPSS-1

SAOCOM 1A SMAP-ICON

WISE NuSTAR

STSS-Demo IRIS

STSS-ATRR NOAA-N Prime

GLAST OSTM/Jason-2

CCP DART

GP-B NOAA-N

MAESTRO SCISAT-1

SORCE ACE

GALEX Starshine 3

CHIPSat Sapphire

ICESat PICOSat

Aqua PCSat

NOAA-L NOAA-M

HESSI TIMED

Terra Jason-1

WIRE GRACE

SWAS HETE-2

EO-1 MUBLCOM

Landsat 7

QuikSCAT

TERRIERS

FUSE

GRAIL-A

LADEE

LRO

GRAIL-B

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MER-A

MAVEN

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Deep Space 2

Mars 2020

InSight

MSL

DART

Dawn

Stardust

Deep Space 1

Lucy

Deep Impact

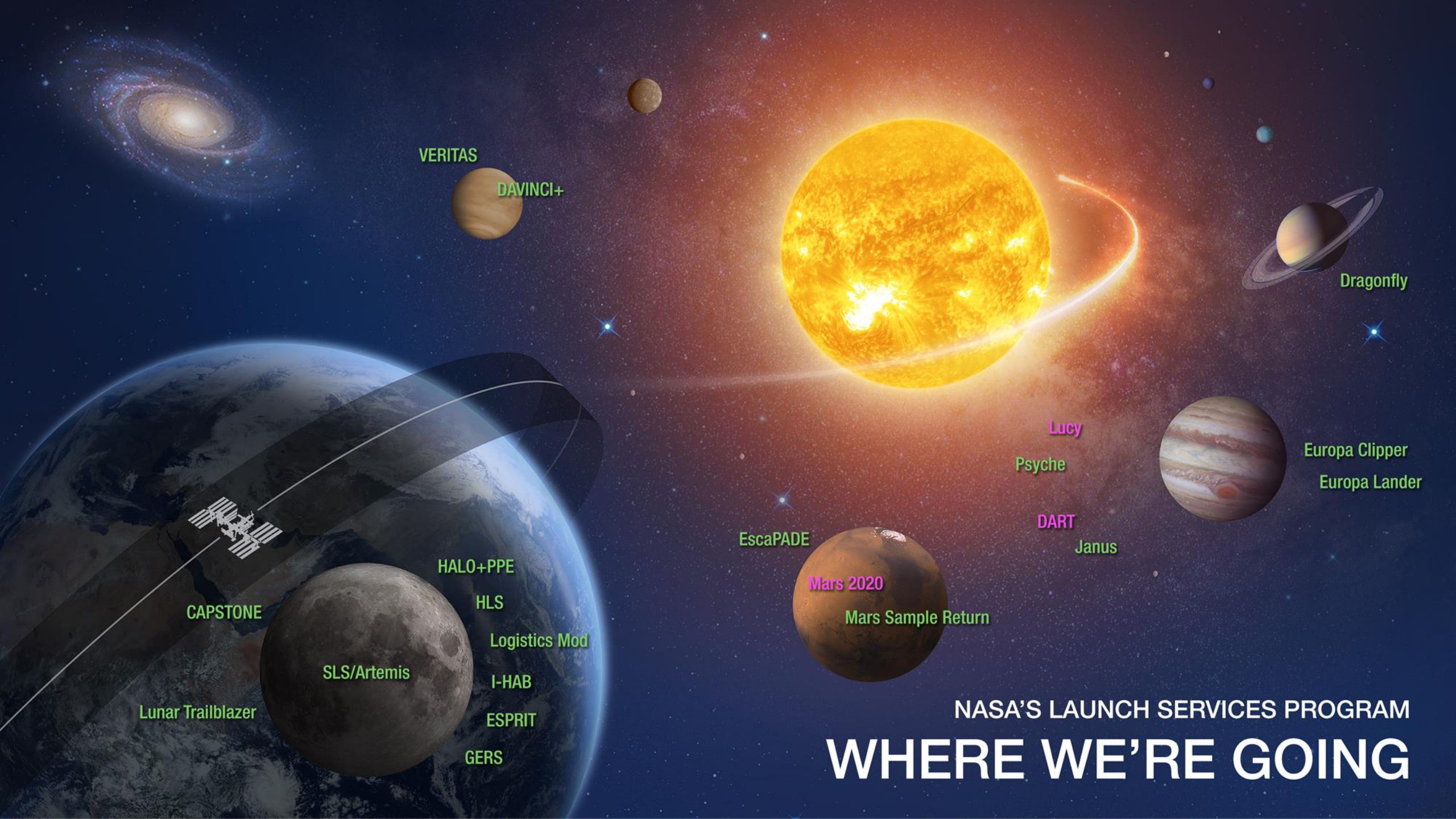
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NASA'S LAUNCH SERVICES PROGRAM

WHERE WE'VE GONE





VERITAS

DAVINCI+

Dragonfly

Lucy

Psyche

Europa Clipper  
Europa Lander

DART

Janus

EscaPADE

Mars 2020

Mars Sample Return

HALO+PPE

HLS

Logistics Mod

I-HAB

ESPRIT

GERS

CAPSTONE

SLS/Artemis

Lunar Trailblazer

NASA'S LAUNCH SERVICES PROGRAM

WHERE WE'RE GOING



# SOMD Conclusion



SOMD is committed to leveraging all aspects of our organization to prepare for operational Artemis missions with an eye toward human missions to Mars and will continue to provide excellent support to missions across the agency.

**These include:**

- Operational Experience
- Expanding Science on ISS
- International Partnerships
- Proven Business Models
- Launch Services
- Space Communications Assets



# Questions