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SLS OVERVIEW AND PROGRESS

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SLS BLOCK 1 CONFIGURATION FOR EM-1



SLS NATIONWIDE TEAM WORKING WITH OVER 1100 CONTRACTORS IN 42 STATES

VOLUME

 Space Launch System will be able to offer payload accommodations with five times more volume than any contemporary launch vehicle

• Space Launch System will offer an initial capability of greater than 70 metric tons to low Earth orbit; current

• Payload fairings of up to 10-meter diameter are being studied

Evolved version of SLS will offer Mars-enabling

capability of greater than 130 metric tons to LEO







Missions

400m3



5m fairing w/ science payload Science Orion with Science 8m fairing with large aperture telescope

MASS

250m3

Missions 400m3

1.200m3



DEPARTURE ENERGY

U.S. launch vehicle maximum is 28 t

- SLS offers reduced transit times to the outer solar system by half or greater
- Higher characteristic energy (C3) also enables larger payloads to destination



BENEFITS OF SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM VEHICLE CAPABILITIES



FIVE-SEGMENT SOLID ROCKET BOOSTERS PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MARKINGS APPLIED, ORBITAL ATK TEST FACILITY, PROMONTORY, UTAH



WELDING THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORE STAGE NASA'S MICHOUD ASSEMBLY FACILITY, LOUISIANA



LEVERAGING THE RS-25 ROCKET ENGINE RS-25 HOT FIRE TESTING, NASA'S STENNIS SPACE CENTER, MISSISSIPPI



INTERIM CRYOGENIC PROPULSION STAGE NOW AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER



MOON

- Lunar Flashlight (NASA)
- Lunar IceCube (Morehead State University)
- LunaH-Map (Arizona State University)
- OMOTENASHI (JAXA)

ASTEROID

• NEA Scout (NASA)

SUN

 CuSP (Southwest Research Institute)

EARTH

- EQUULEUS (JAXA)
- Skyfire (Lockheed Martin)



AND BEYOND

- Biosentinel (NASA)
- ArgoMoon (ESA/ASI)
- Cislunar Explorers (Cornell University)
- CU3 (University of Colorado Boulder)
- Team Miles (Fluid & Reason)

EM-1: ONE LAUNCH, MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES SMALLSATS TO BE DEPLOYED FROM THE ORION STAGE ADAPTER





BUILDING THE EXPLORATION UPPER STAGE NASA'S MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, ALABAMA



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