



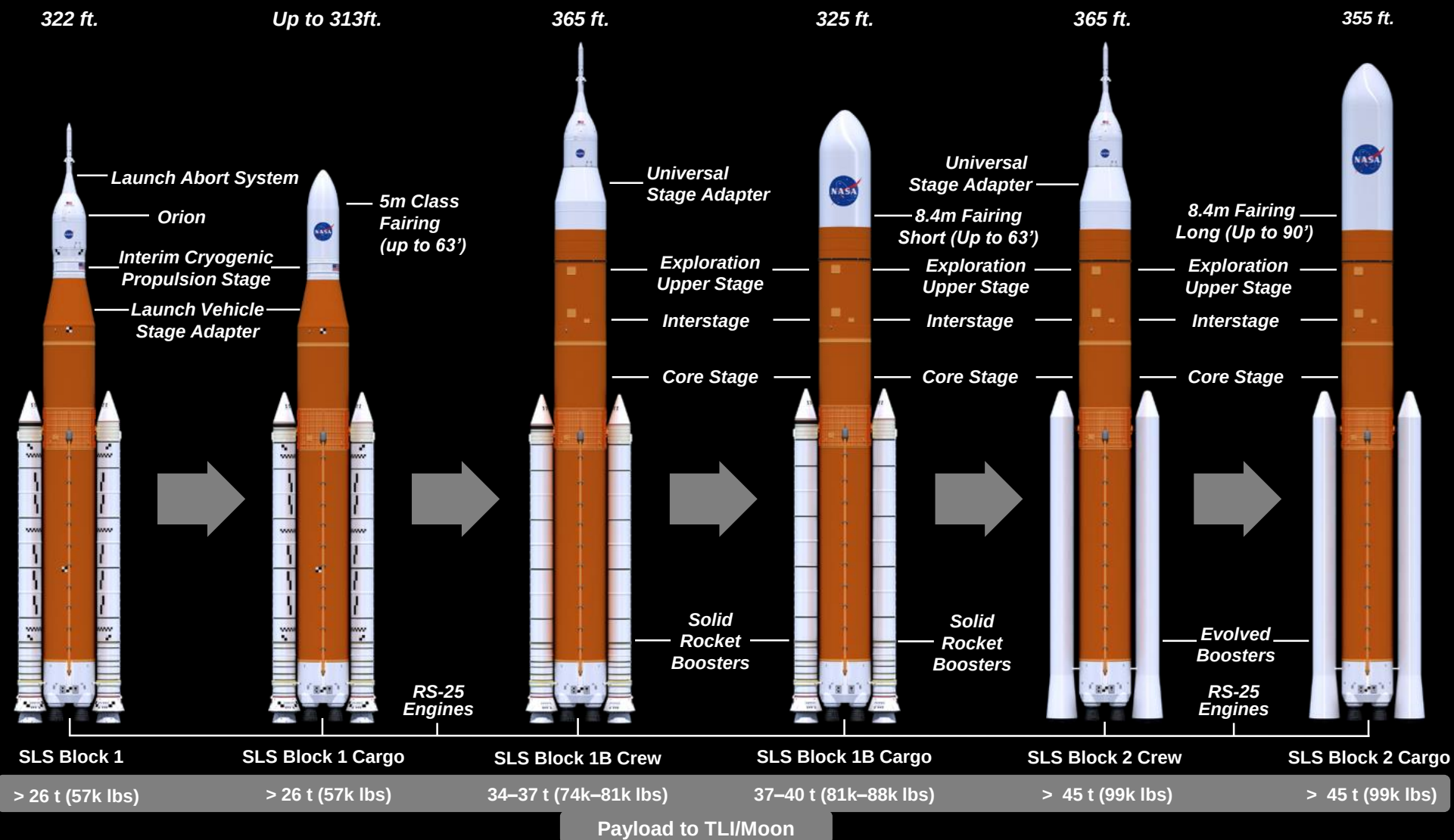
NASA'S SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM: PAYLOAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR LUNAR EXPLORATION, SCIENCE MISSIONS

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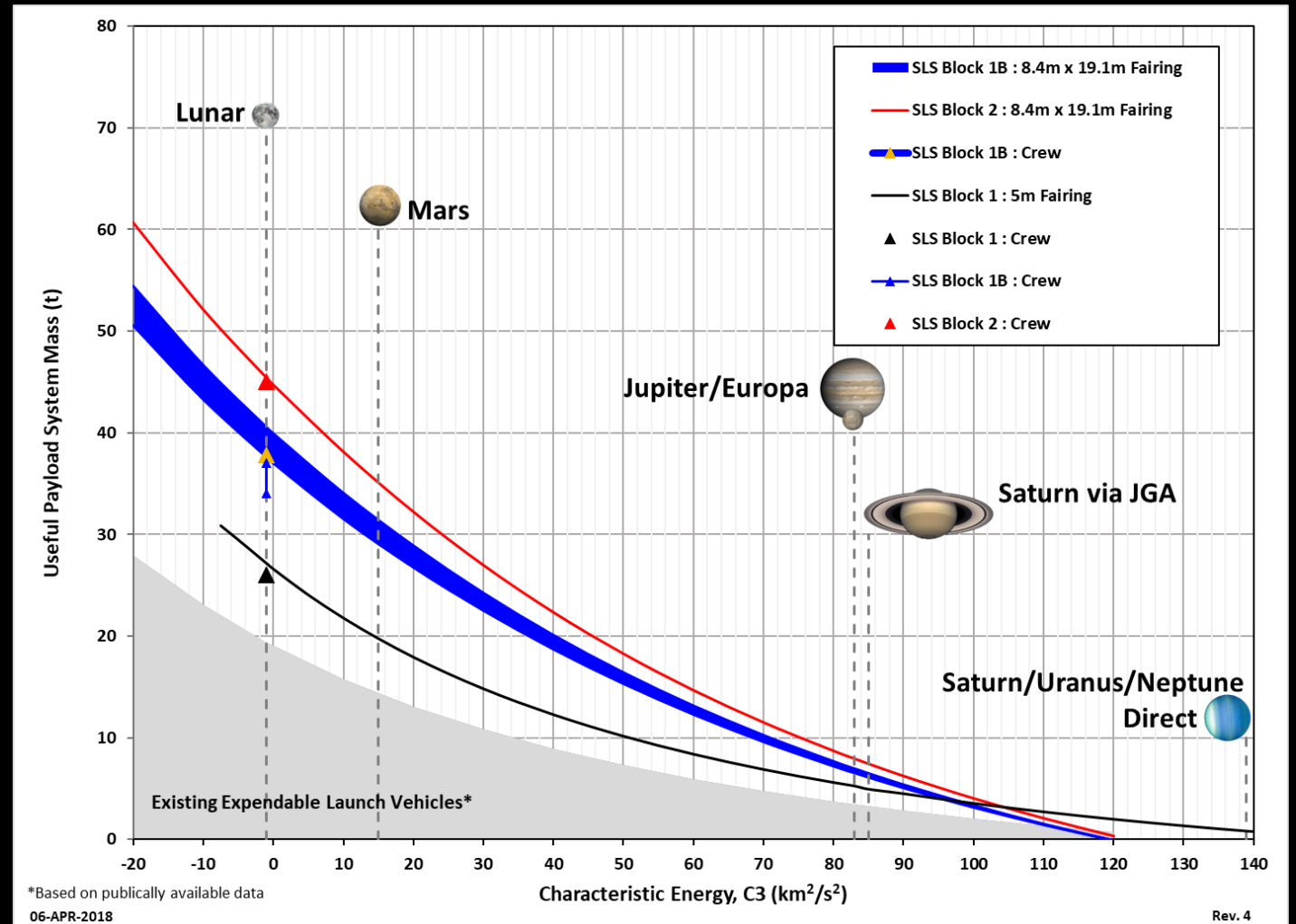
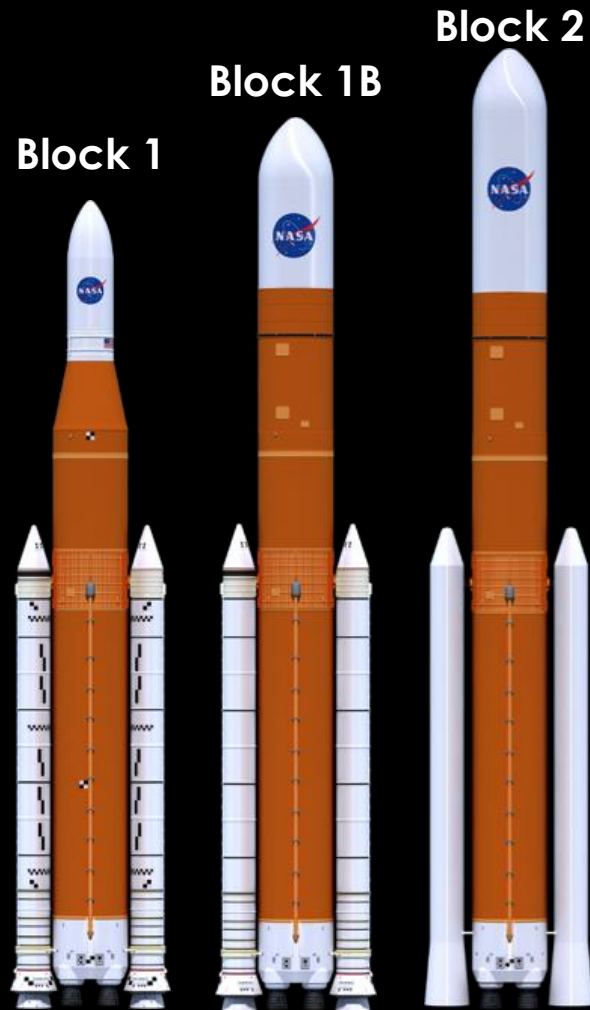
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NASA's Space Launch System

SLS EVOLVABILITY

FOUNDATION FOR A GENERATION OF DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION



SLS C3 PERFORMANCE

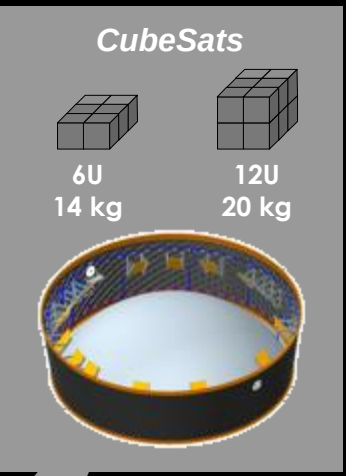
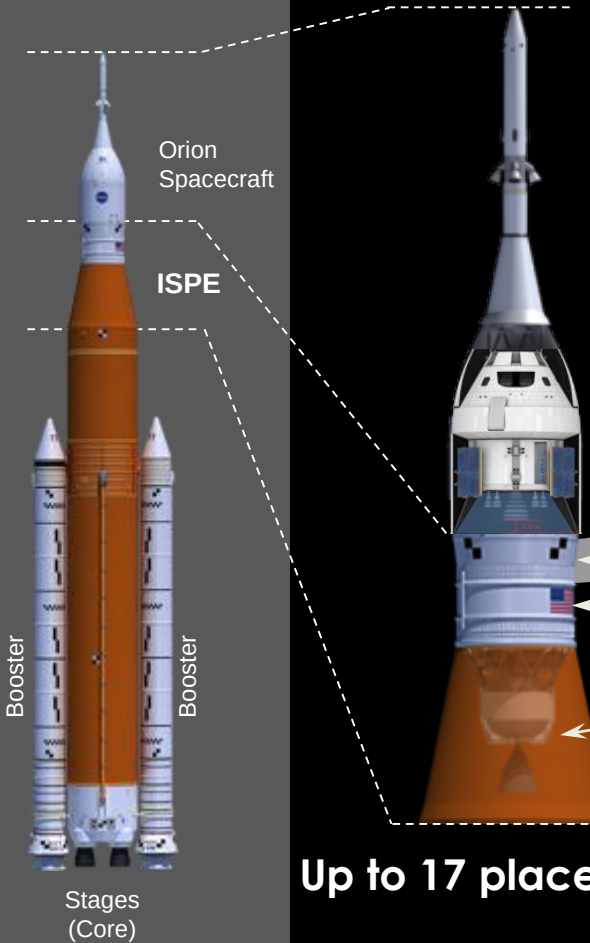


SLS performance is optimized for lunar destinations ($C3 = -0.99 \text{ km}^2/\text{s}^2$)

BLOCK 1 PAYLOAD ACCOMMODATIONS

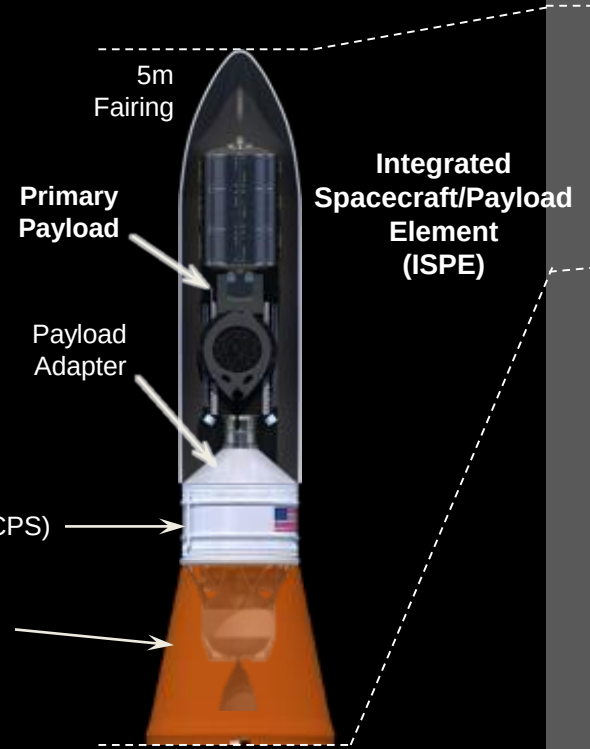


SLS Block 1 Crew

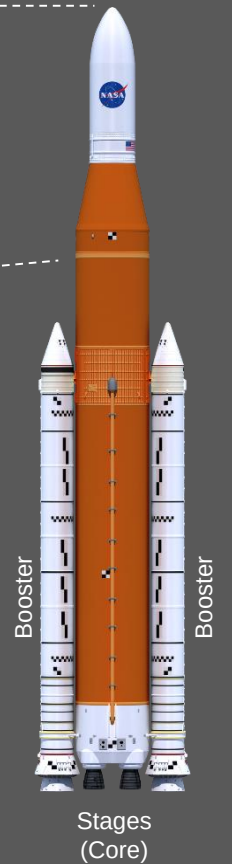


Up to 17 places $\leq 12U$

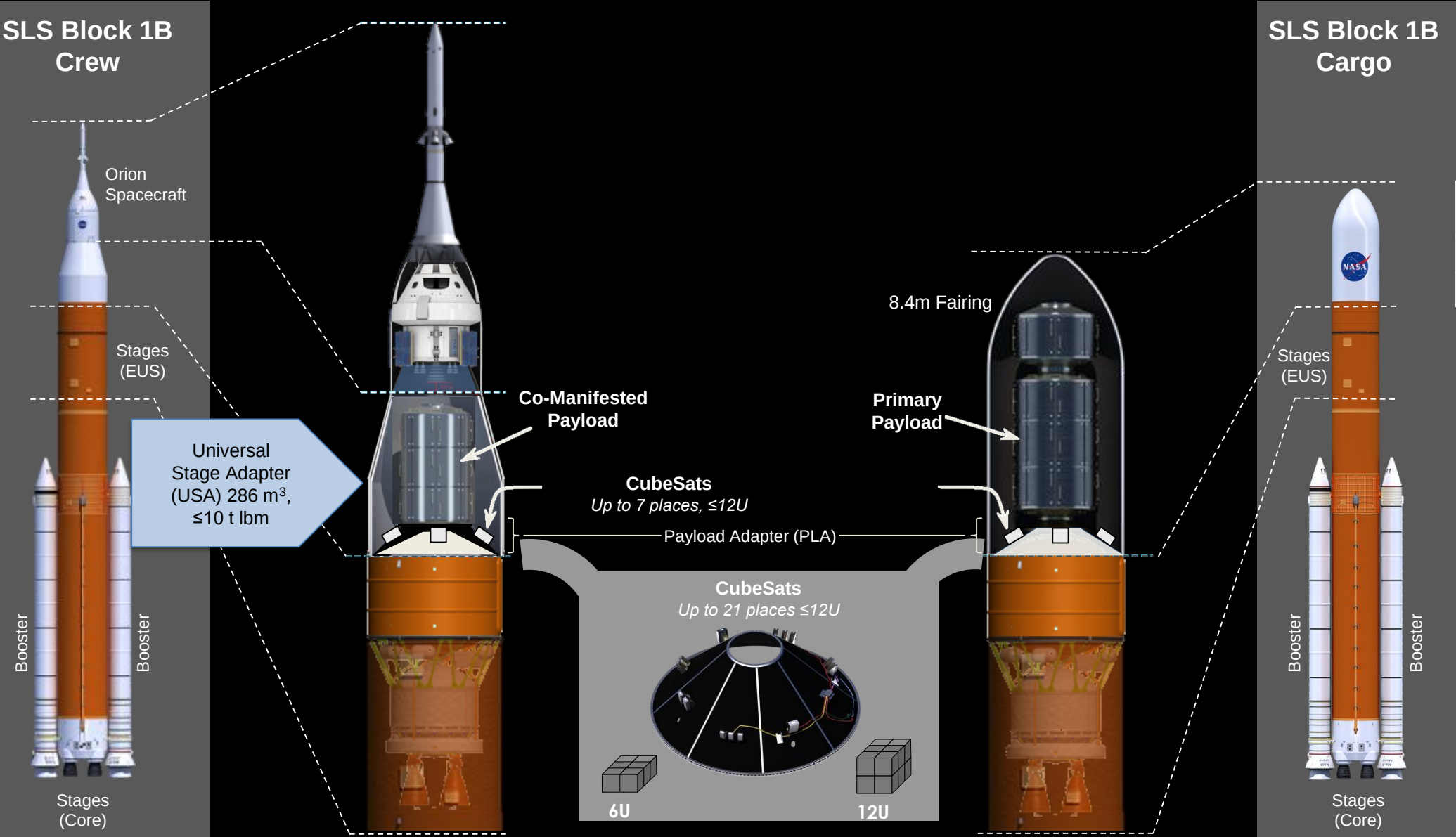
SLS Block 1 Cargo



229 m³ available volume

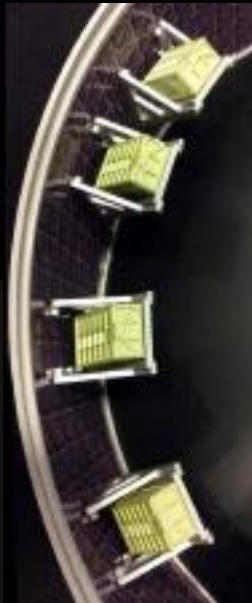


BLOCK 1B PAYLOAD ACCOMMODATIONS



Fairing diameter x length	Available volume
8.4 m x 19.1 m	621 m³
8.4m x 27.4 m	988 m³

SLS ENABLES LUNAR, MARTIAN MISSIONS



CubeSats

Smallsat access to deep
space, propulsive capabilities



Orion with short-duration
hab module

286 m³
10 t lbm capability



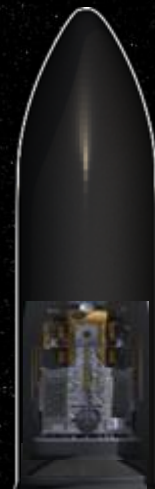
10m fairing w/notional
Mars payload

1,320 m³
>45 t lbm capability

SLS ENABLES SCIENCE MISSIONS



- Europa Clipper and Lander
- Dual spacecraft to the Ice Giants
- Interstellar probe
- Large-aperture space telescopes



Robotic
Payloads to
the outer
solar system



Orion with
Co-manifested
Science Missions



Large-Aperture
Space Telescopes



Interstellar Probe

SLS PROGRESS TOWARD ARTEMIS I: FLIGHT ARTICLES



SLS PROGRESS TOWARD ARTEMIS II & BEYOND



Five RL-10s complete



*All booster motor segments cast;
seven complete*



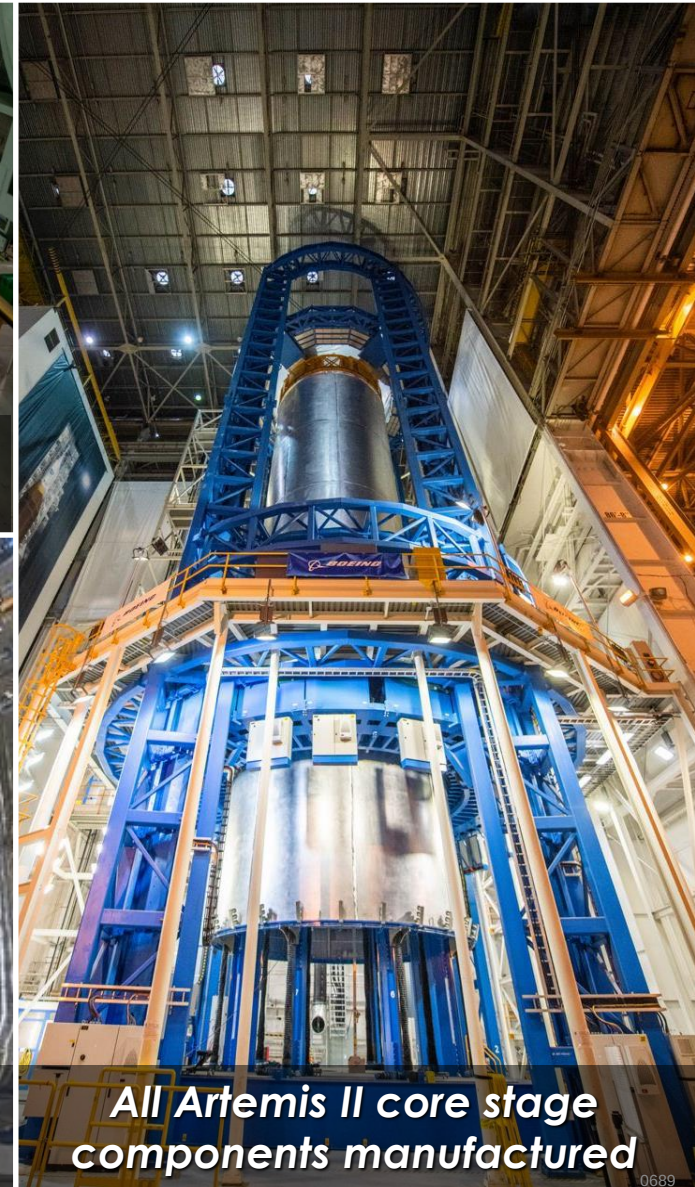
*Two RS-25s complete,
controllers green run*



*Payload adapter manufacturing
demonstration article*



*LVSA, OSA, ICPS
panels machined*



*All Artemis II core stage
components manufactured*

MORE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

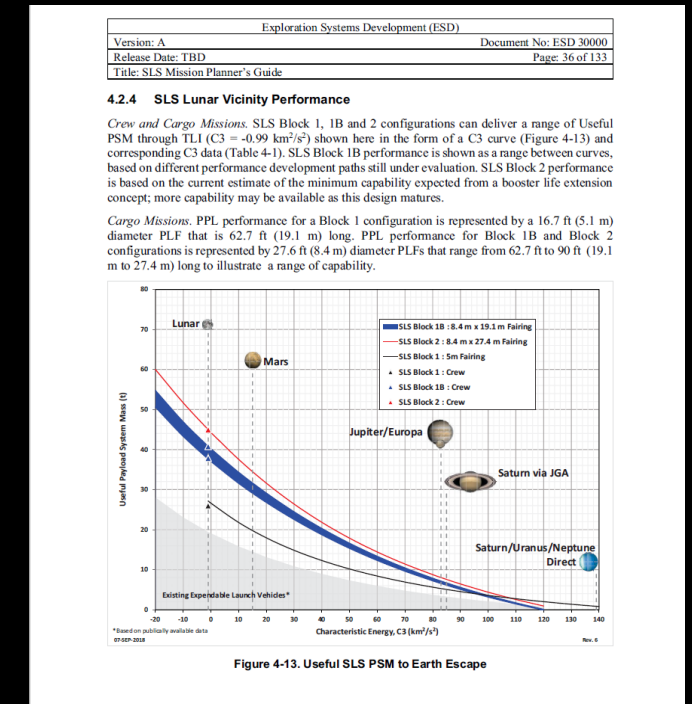
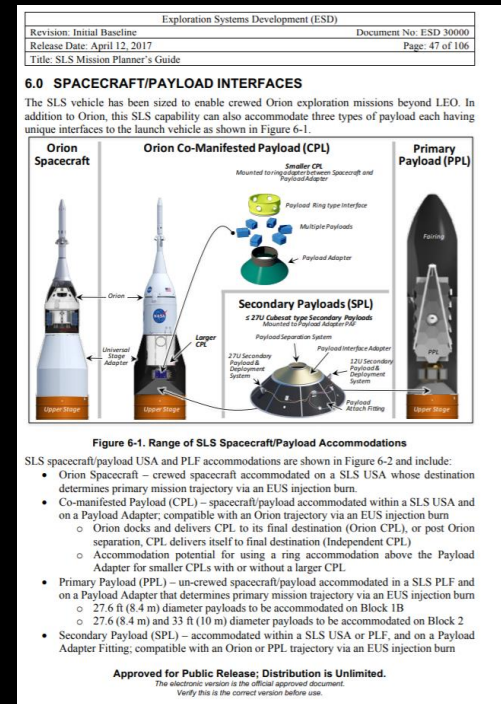
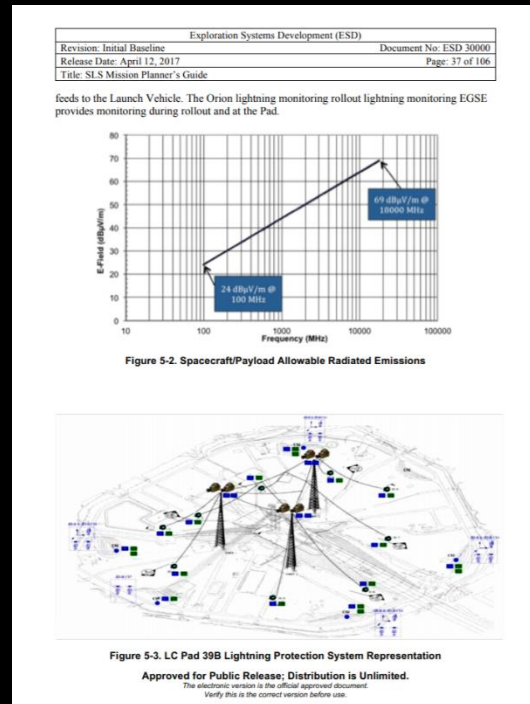
SLS MISSION PLANNER'S GUIDE



• SLS Mission Planner's Guide (ESD 30000)

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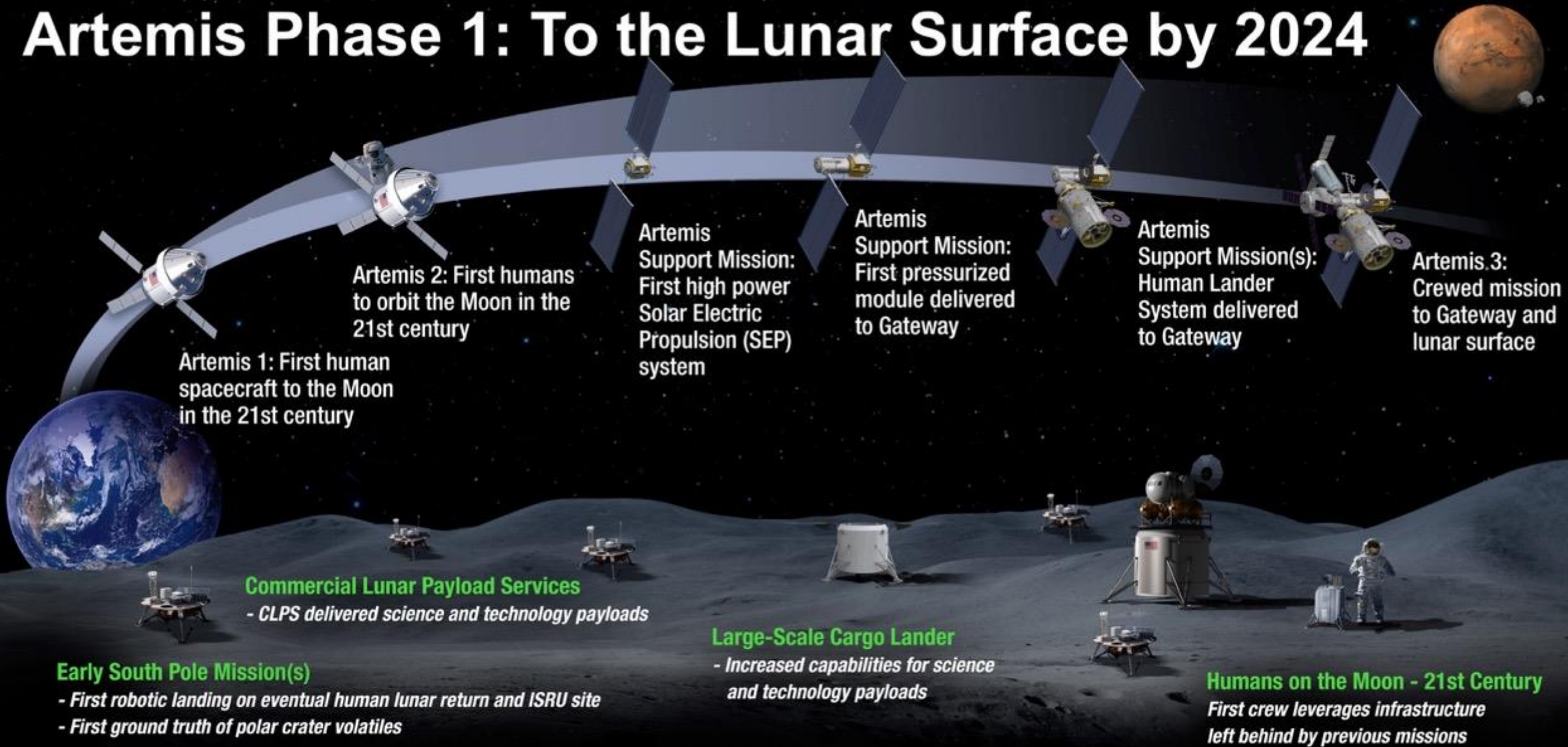


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BACKUP



Artemis Phase 1: To the Lunar Surface by 2024



LUNAR SOUTH POLE TARGET SITE

2019

2024

NASA'S SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM

UNIQUE CAPABILITY FOR HUMAN AND ROBOTIC EXPLORATION

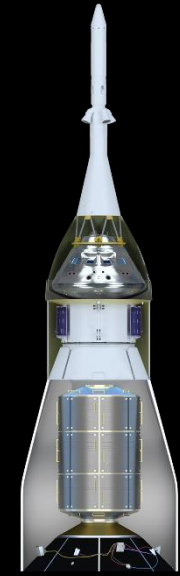


VOLUME

- Block 1B: **Double the volume** of any contemporary heavy lift vehicle
- **Only vehicle** that can carry the Orion and a co-manifested payload to the Moon



8.4 m x 27.4 m
fairing with
large-aperture
telescope



Orion with Co-
Manifested
Payloads

**Not to scale*

MASS

- Block 1B: Can launch **50% more mass** than any contemporary launch vehicle
- Block 2: Mars-enabling capability of **greater than 45 metric tons** to Trans Lunar Injection



Contemporary
Heavy Lift



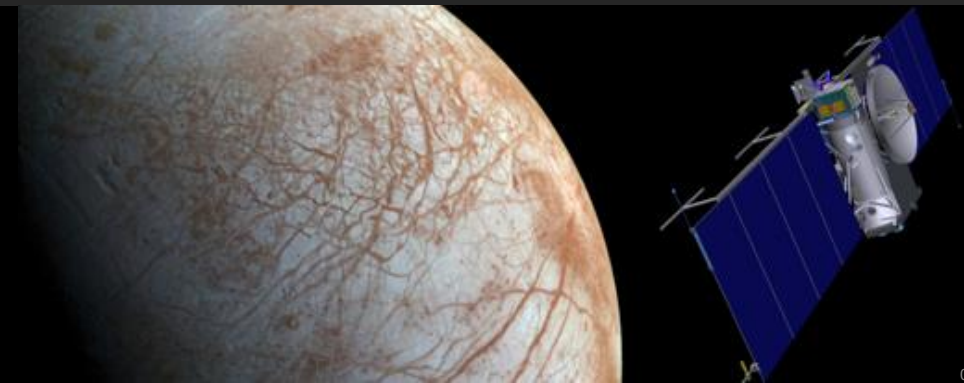
SLS
Block 1B



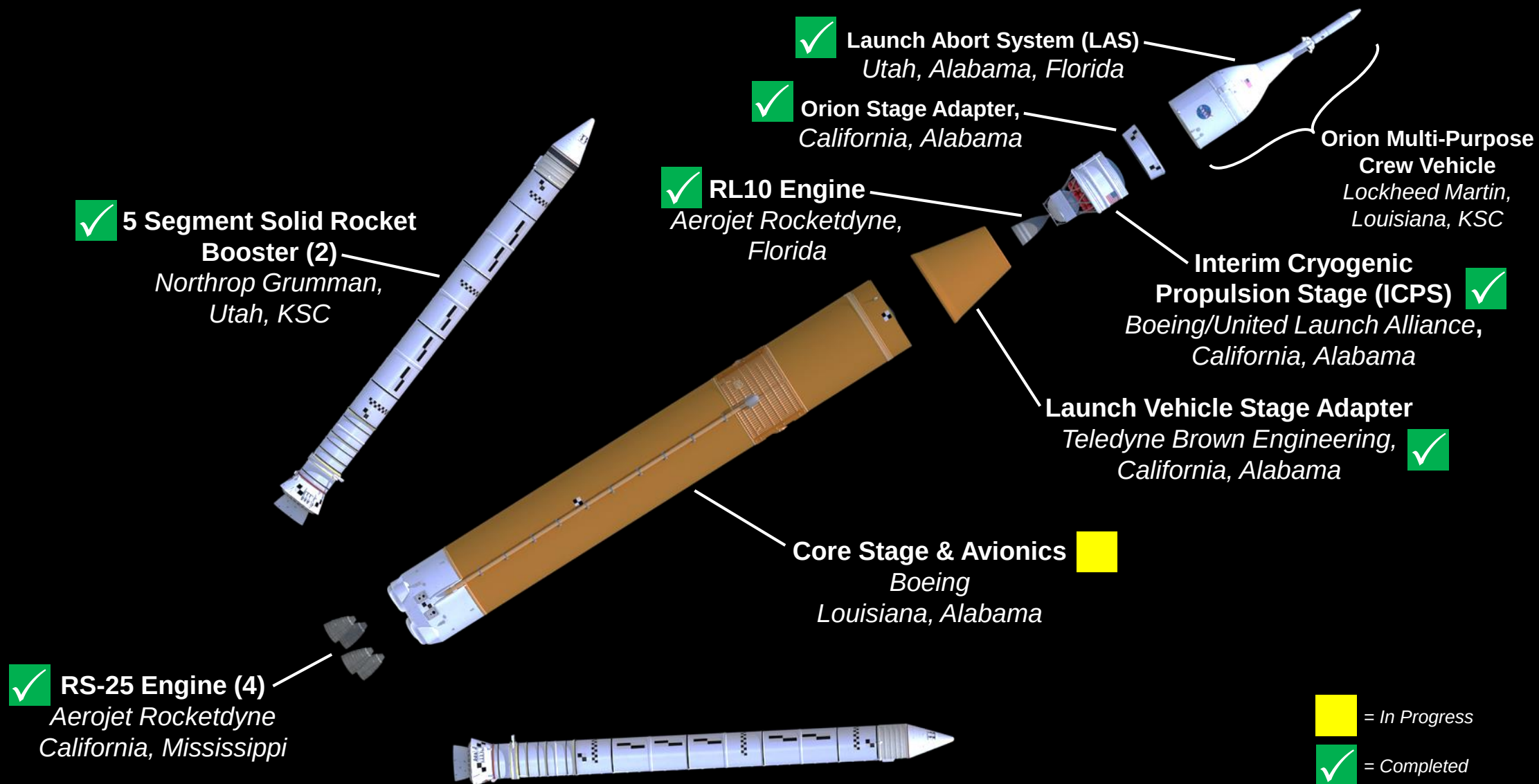
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Block 2

DEPARTURE ENERGY

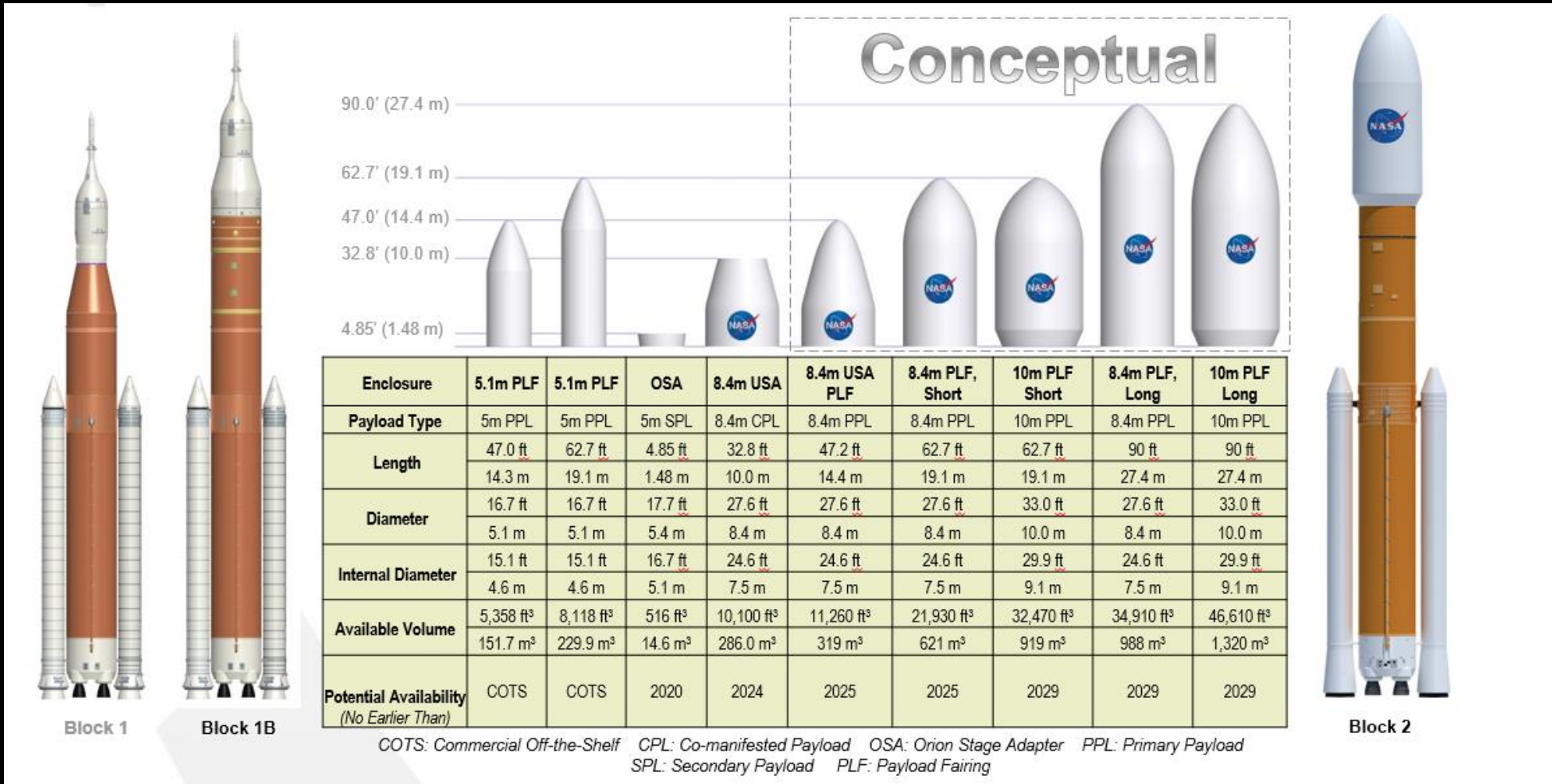
- **Reduce transit times by half or greater** to the outer solar system
- Enables larger payloads to **deep space destinations**



SLS BLOCK 1 CONFIGURATION

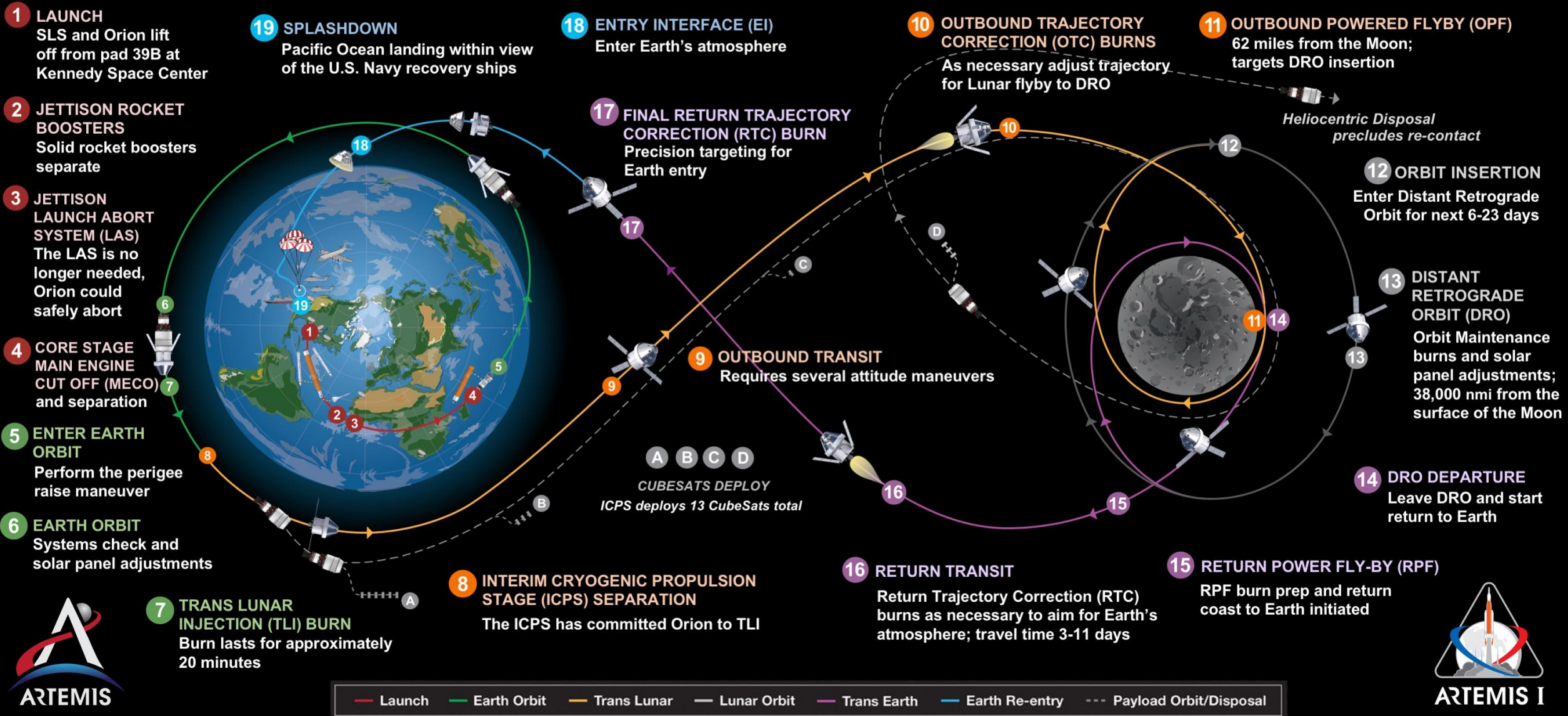


UNMATCHED VOLUME FOR PAYLOADS



ARTEMIS I

The first uncrewed, integrated flight test of NASA's Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System rocket, launching from a modernized Kennedy spaceport



ARTEMIS I

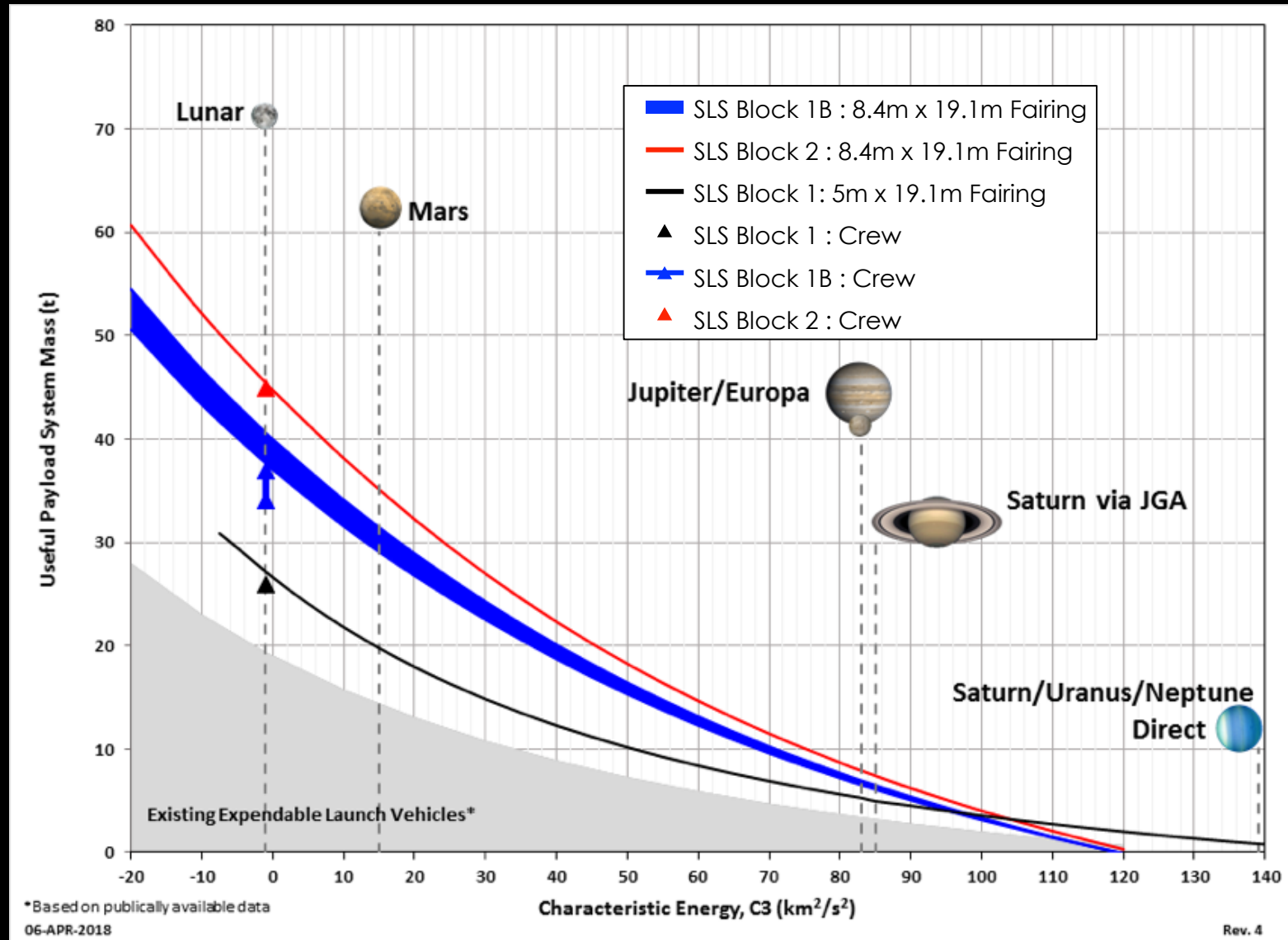
Total distance traveled: 1.3 million miles – Mission duration: 26-42 days – Re-entry speed: 24,500 mph (Mach 32) – 13 CubeSats deployed



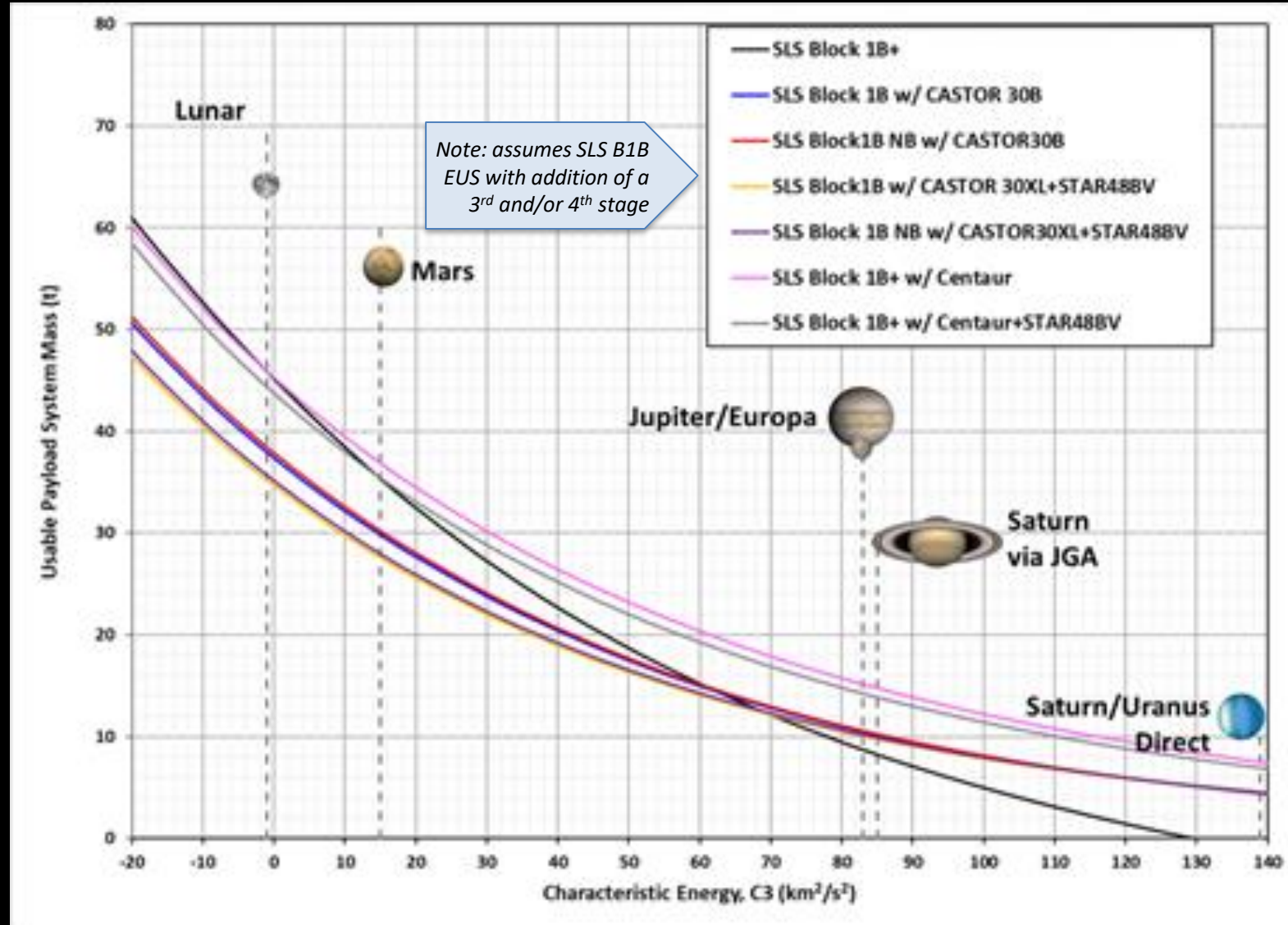
ARTEMIS I

FULL SYSTEMS CHECKOUT PRIOR TO CREWED MISSIONS

SLS MASS TO DESTINATIONS



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REMAINING STEPS TO FINAL INTEGRATION



BOOSTERS: Deliver forward & aft assemblies, ship motor segments; crews maneuvering pathfinders in RPSF



CORE STAGE: Engine installation, shipping to SSC, Green Run test campaign, shipping to KSC



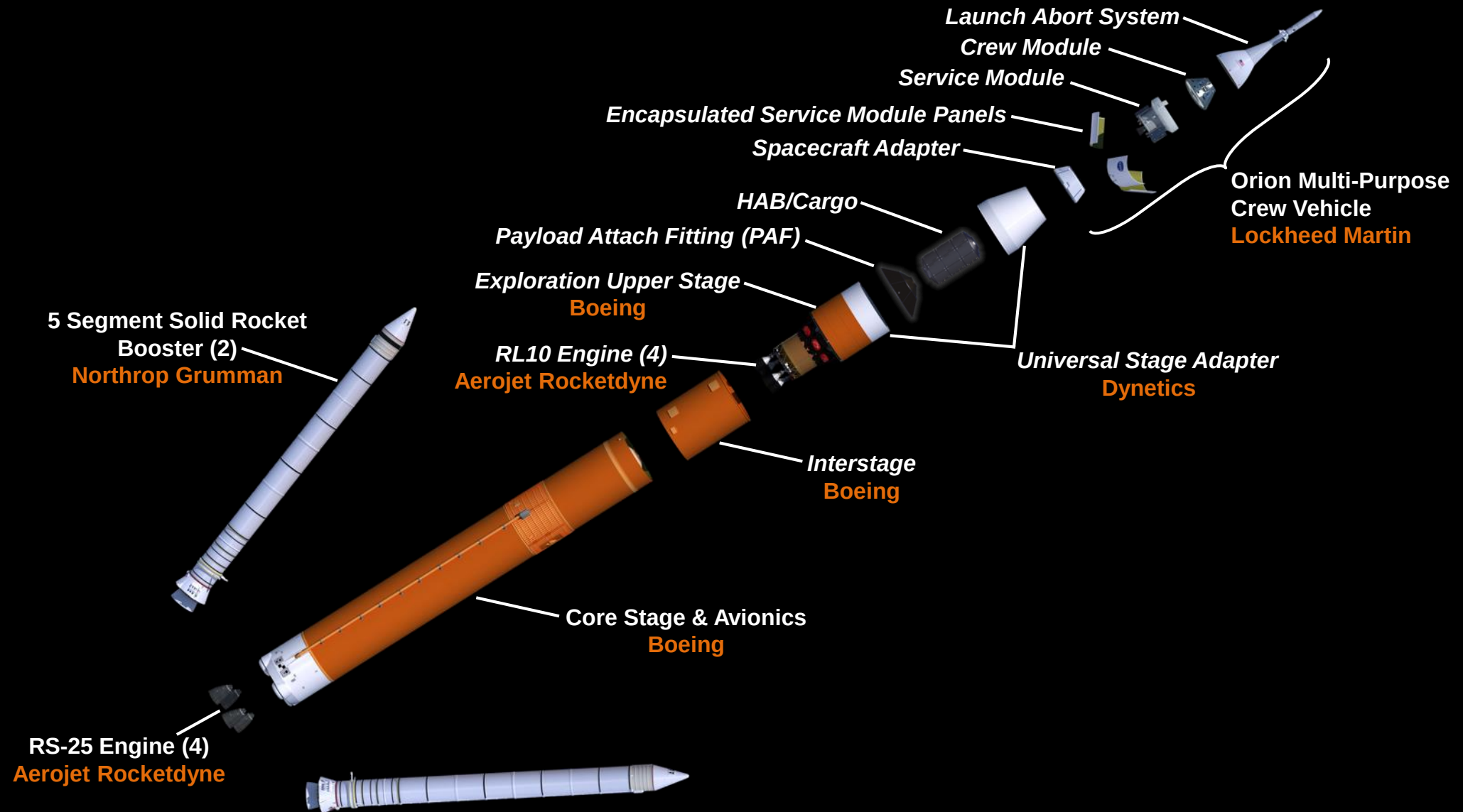
LAUNCH VEHICLE STAGE ADAPTER: Install DFI, quick disconnects & cable runs; final checkout; shipping



SYSTEMS ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION: DCR, flight software delivery, Software Integration Lab (SIL) certification, CoFR, training



SLS BLOCK 1B CONFIGURATION



THIRD FLIGHT AND BEYOND



Five RL-10s complete



Booster processing



Payload adapter manufacturing demonstration article



RS-25 HIP-bonded main combustion chamber



Tooling for USA

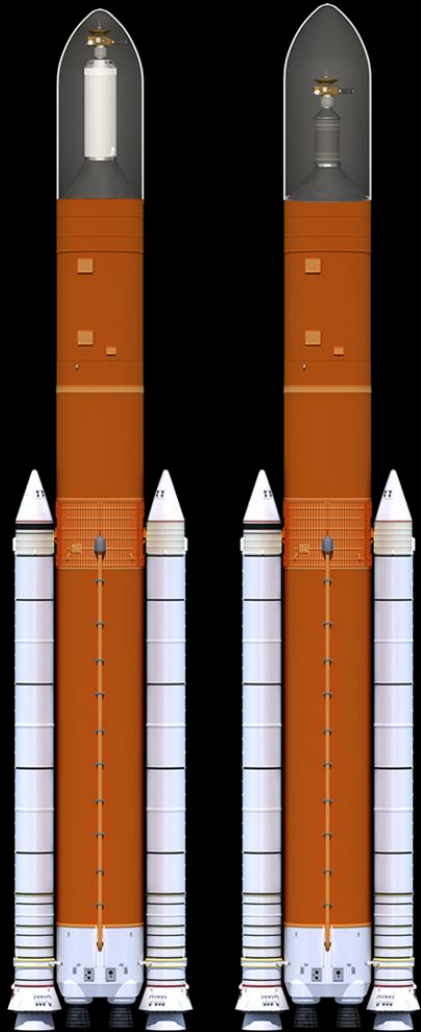


EUS weld confidence articles



Additively manufactured pogo accumulator

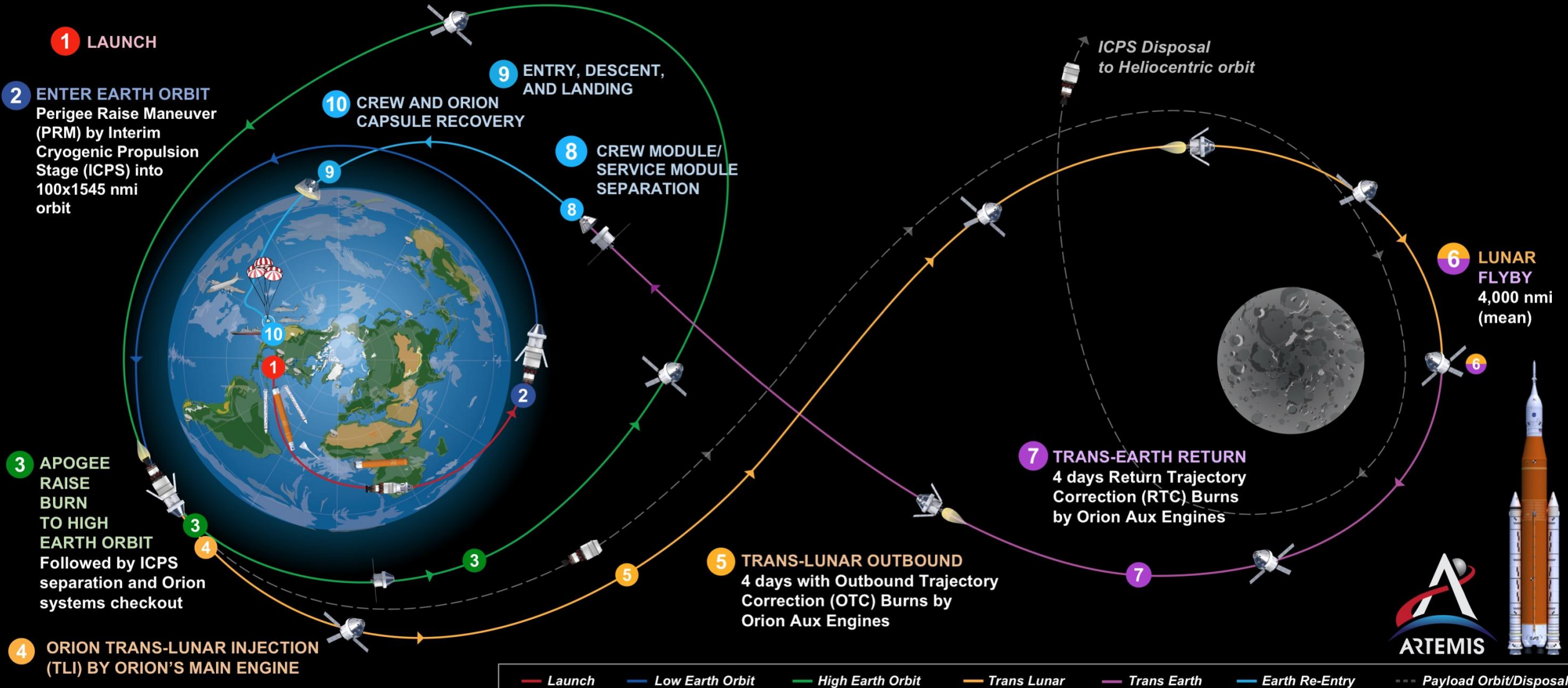
SLS CAN ENABLE BREAKTHROUGH SCIENCE MISSIONS



- SLS is America's heavy-lift vehicle for strategic human exploration and scientific missions
- Manufacturing is complete for the first flight; SLS is nearing the integration phase
- SLS has a flexible architecture and an evolvable upgrade path
- Discussions with the science community are ongoing to determine how SLS can enable breakthrough science missions, such as sending a probe to interstellar space

ARTEMIS II

Crewed Hybrid Free Return Trajectory, demonstrating crewed flight and spacecraft systems performance beyond Low Earth Orbit (LEO)



SLS Configuration (Block 1) with Human Rated ICPS | 15x1200 nmi (27.8x2222.4 km) insertion orbit | 28.5 deg inclination

4 astronauts | Mission duration: 10 Days | Re-entry speed: 24,500 mph (Mach 32)

SLS LIFT CAPABILITIES

FOUNDATION FOR A GENERATION OF DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION



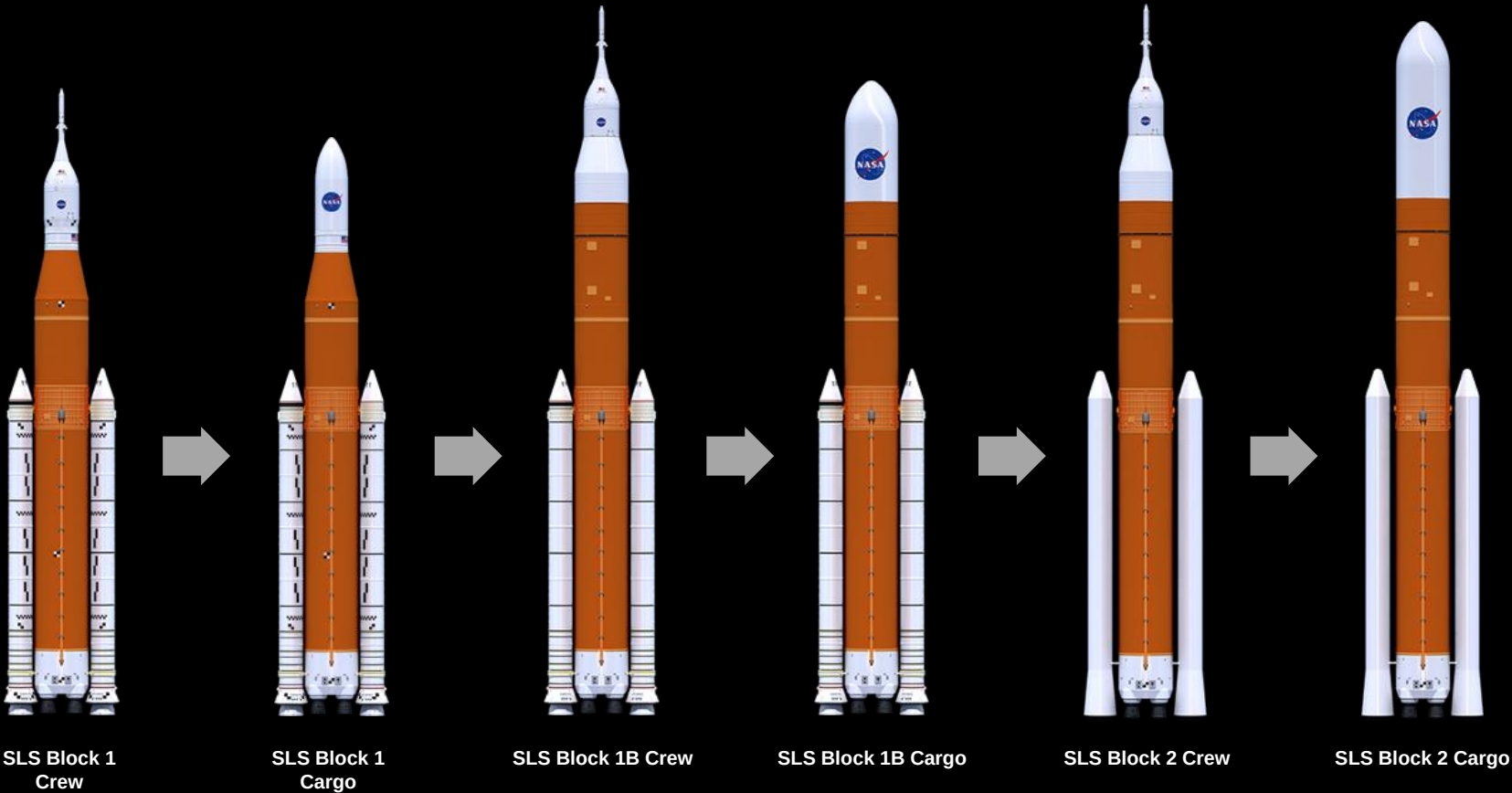
Payload to LEO	95 t (209k lbs)	95 t (209k lbs)	105 t (231k lbs)	105 t (231k lbs)	130 t (287k lbs)	130 t (287k lbs)
Payload to TLI/Moon	> 26 t (57k lbs)	> 26 t (57k lbs)	34–37 t (74k–81k lbs)	37–40 t (81k–88k lbs)	> 45 t (99k lbs)	> 45 t (99k lbs)
Payload Volume	N/A**	9,030 ft ³ (256m ³)	10,100 ft ³ (286m ³)**	18,970 ft ³ (537 m ³)	10,100 ft ³ (286m ³)**	34,910 ft ³ (988 m ³)

Low Earth Orbit (LEO) represents a typical 200 km circular orbit at 28.5 degrees inclination

Trans-Lunar Injection (TLI) is a propulsive maneuver used to set a spacecraft on a trajectory that will cause it to arrive at the Moon. A spacecraft performs **TLI** to begin a lunar transfer from a low circular parking orbit around Earth.

The numbers depicted here indicate the mass capability at the Trans-Lunar Injection point.

** Not including Orion/Service Module volume



Maximum Thrust	8.8M lbs	8.8M lbs	8.8M lbs	8.8M lbs	11.9M lbs	11.9M lbs
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