



Returning to the Moon: NASA's Artemis Missions

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PERSONAL INFORMATION



- Project Manager for Orion (Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle) operations at NASA Ames Research Center
 - Orion is one of the elements of NASA's Artemis program with objective to land the first woman and next man on Moon by 2024
- Project Manager for Science mission proposals
- Prior to current role, I spent 11 years in Entry Systems division designing, developing and testing heatshield materials and systems. I had the opportunity to work on many different projects at NASA.
 - Mission concept studies to send probes to Ice giants
 - Thermal analysis of Entry vehicles
 - Asteroid entry on Earth and their break-up





ARTEMIS

Twin sister of Apollo and goddess of the Moon in Greek mythology, Artemis is the torch-bringer personifying our path to the Moon. During the next era of human exploration, we will discover life-saving, Earth-changing science and technology along the way.

NASA's goal is to land the first woman and first person of color on the Moon and return them safely to Earth. When the Artemis astronauts land on the lunar surface, they will step into the future, bringing all of humanity with them.

VALUABLE LUNAR SCIENCE



Study of Planetary
Processes



Understanding
Volatile Cycles



Impact History of
Earth-Moon System



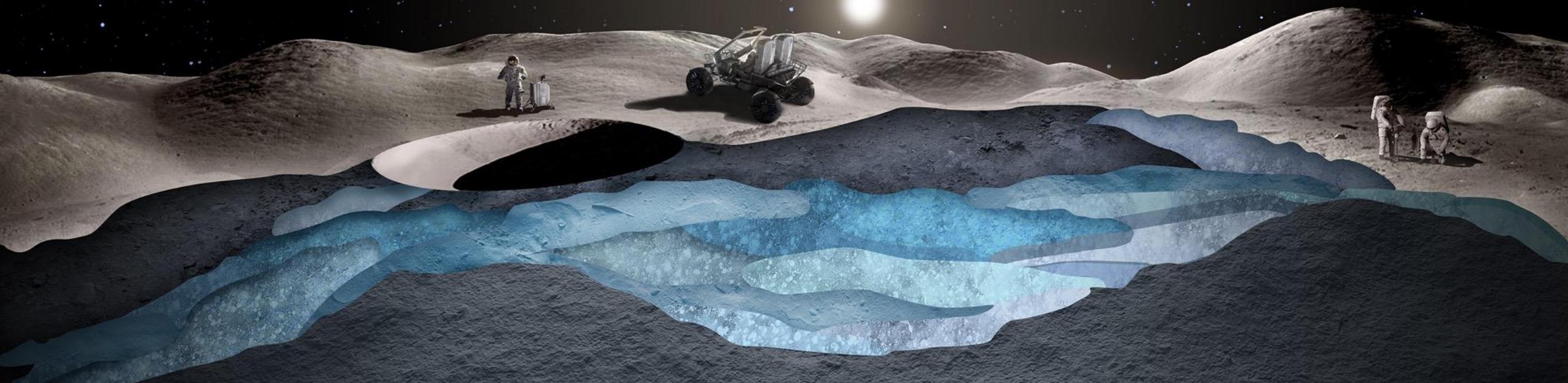
Record of the
Ancient Sun



Fundamental
Lunar Science



Platform to Study
the Universe



LUNAR SURFACE SCIENCE OBJECTIVES



Mission Needs Drive Design

LOW EARTH RETURN

3 HOURS

3,000°F

17,500 MPH

250 MILES



LUNAR RETURN

3 DAYS

5,200°F

24,700 MPH

240,000 MILES



MARS RETURN

9 MONTHS

6,200°F

26,800 MPH

39,000,000 MILES



*Numbers are averages

Artemis: a Foundation for Deep Space Exploration



Space Launch System



Orion spacecraft



Human Landing System



Surface Operations



Gateway



Exploration Ground Systems



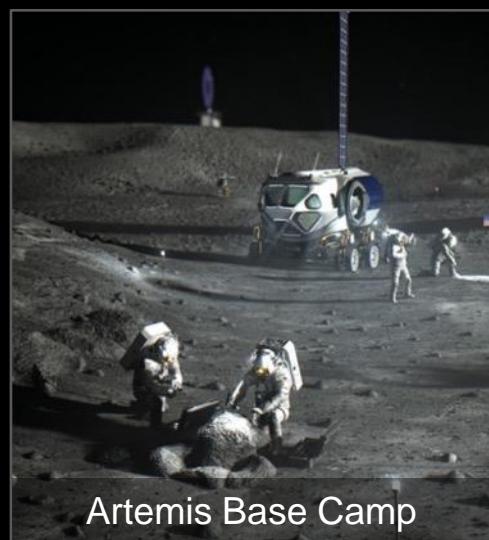
Space Communications & Navigation



Surface Mobility

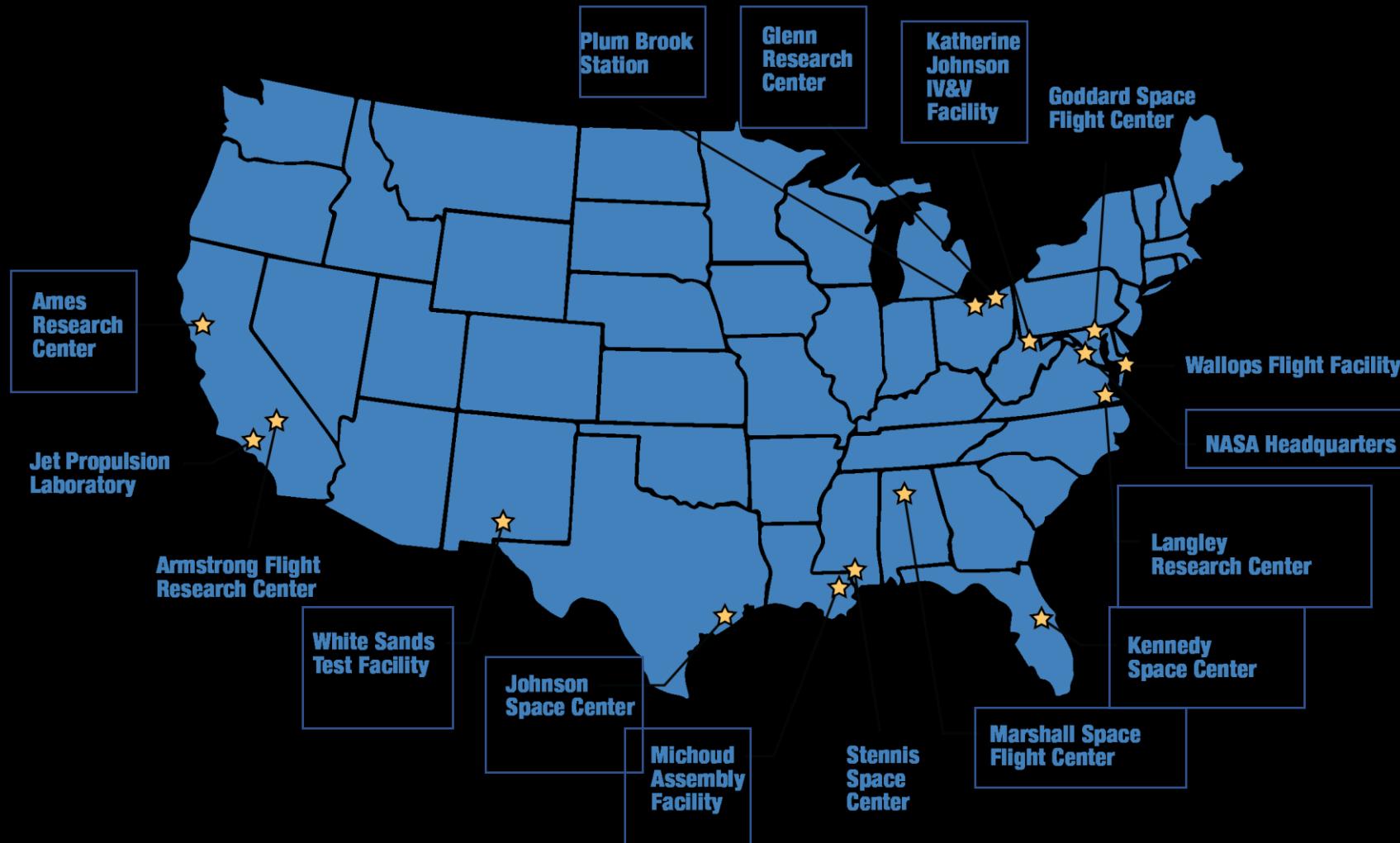


Space Suits



Artemis Base Camp

Key Artemis Contributions by NASA Centers



SLS



BOOSTER



Together, the SLS twin boosters provide more than 75 percent of the total SLS thrust for two minutes at launch.

ENGINES

Each of the RS-25 engines produces more than 500,000 lbs thrust for the 8 minute climb to space.



CORE STAGE



The core stage holds the hydrogen and oxygen propellant tanks and the avionics.

UPPER STAGE & ADAPTERS

The upper stage provides in-space propulsion with one RL10 engine. Two adapters connect elements and finish the SLS stack.

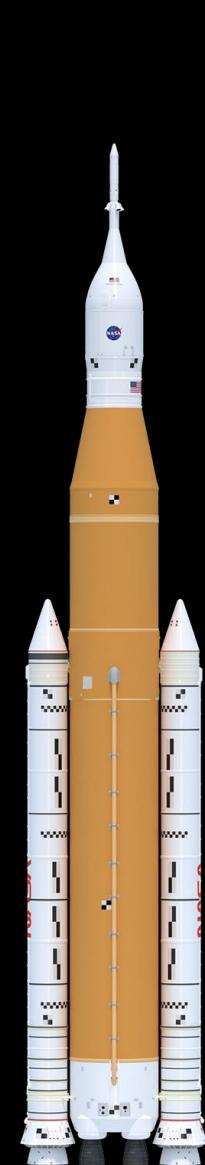




STATUE OF LIBERTY
305 ft.



SPACE SHUTTLE
184 ft.



SLS / ORION Block I
322 ft.



SLS / ORION Block II
364 ft.



SATURN 5
363 ft.

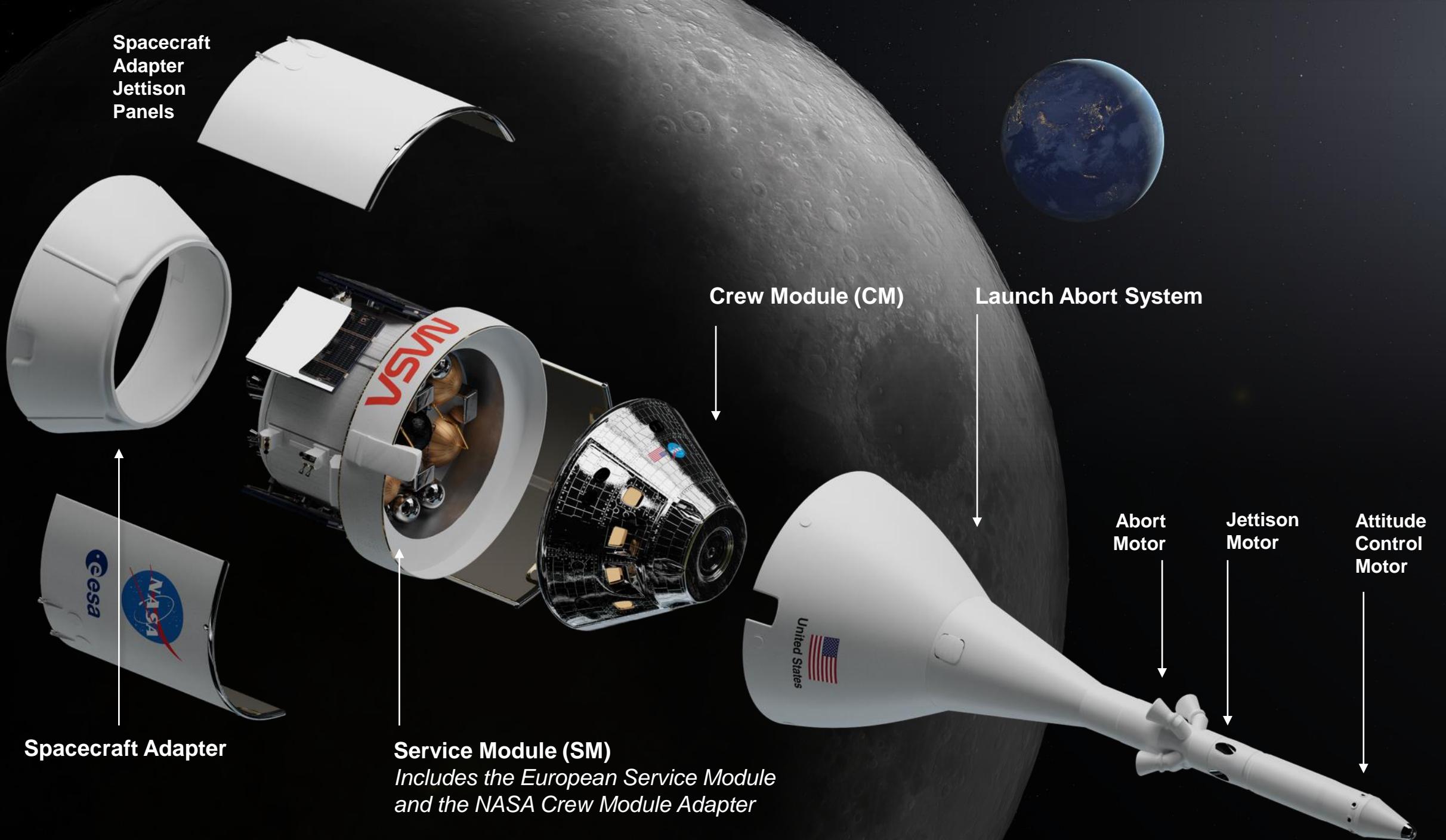
EGS







ORION



Artemis I Payloads

Science and technology investigations and demonstrations paving the way for future, deep space human exploration



Moonikin Campos

The Moonikin is a male-bodied manikin previously used in Orion vibration tests. Campos will occupy the commander's seat inside and wear an Orion Crew Survival System suit



Radiation Sensors

There will be three types of sensors, including the ESA Active Dosimeters, Hybrid Electronic Radiation Assessor, and the Radiation Area Monitor.

MARE

Radiation shielding Personal Protection Equipment (radiation vest) for astronauts.

Crew Interface

Technology Payload (CITP)

Creates an interactive experience between Orion and the public during the mission

Bio-Experiment-1

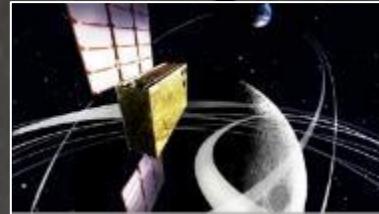
Battery-powered life sciences payload for biology research beyond low-Earth orbit (LEO)



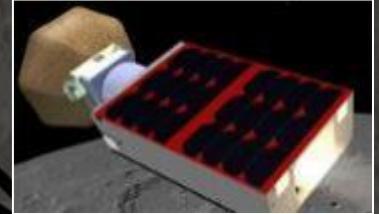
ArgoMoon



LunaH-Map



EQUULEUS



OMOTENASHI



LunIR



Near-Earth Asteroid Scout (NEA Scout)



Lunar IceCube



BioSentinel



Team Miles



CuSP

Orion Quick Facts

Performance

Number of crew 4

Mission Duration up to 21 days

Trans-Lunar Insertion Mass

Artemis I 53,000 lbs.

Artemis II 58,000 lbs.

Gross Liftoff Weight

Artemis I 72,000 lbs.

Artemis II 78,000 lbs.

Height

Crew module + service module 26 ft.

Orion stack (launch abort system + crew module + service module) 67 ft.

SLS Block 1 Configuration (Orion + SLS stack) 322 ft.

Post-Trans Lunar Insertion Mass

Artemis I 51,500 lbs.

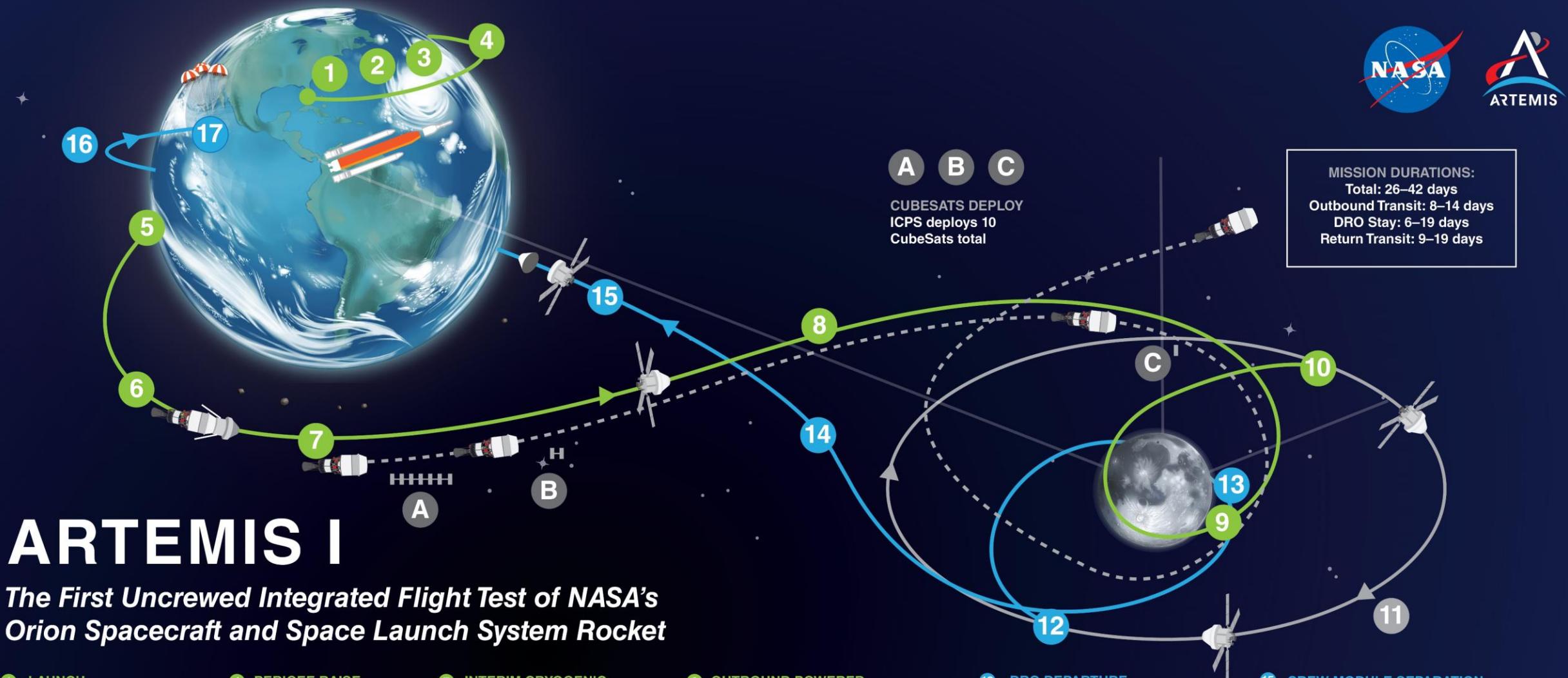
Artemis II 57,000 lbs.

Usable Propellant 19,000 lbs.

Total Change in Velocity (ΔV) with Fully Loaded Propellant Tank

Artemis I 53,000 lbs.

Artemis II 58,000 lbs.



ARTEMIS I

The First Uncrewed Integrated Flight Test of NASA's Orion Spacecraft and Space Launch System Rocket

1 LAUNCH
SLS and Orion lift off from pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center.

2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM

3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF
With separation.

4 PERIGEE RAISE MANEUVER

5 EARTH ORBIT
Systems check with solar panel adjustments.

6 TRANS LUNAR INJECTION (TLI) BURN
Maneuver lasts for approximately 20 minutes.

7 INTERIM CRYOGENIC PROPULSION STAGE (ICPS) SEPARATION AND DISPOSAL
ICPS commits Orion to moon at TLI.

8 OUTBOUND TRAJECTORY CORRECTION (OTC) BURNS
As necessary adjust trajectory for lunar flyby to Distant Retrograde Orbit (DRO).

9 OUTBOUND POWERED FLYBY (OPF)
60 nmi from the Moon; targets DRO insertion.

10 LUNAR ORBIT INSERTION
Enter Distant Retrograde Orbit.

11 DISTANT RETROGRADE ORBIT
Perform half or one and a half revolutions in the orbit period 38,000 nmi from the surface of the Moon.

12 DRO DEPARTURE
Leave DRO and start return to Earth.

13 RETURN POWERED FLYBY (RPF)
RPF burn prep and return coast to Earth initiated.

14 RETURN TRANSIT
Return Trajectory Correction (RTC) burns as necessary to aim for Earth's atmosphere.

15 CREW MODULE SEPARATION FROM SERVICE MODULE

16 ENTRY INTERFACE (EI)
Enter Earth's atmosphere.

17 SPLASHDOWN
Pacific Ocean landing within view of the U.S. Navy recovery ship.

ARC Technical Support Areas

Crew Service Module (CSM) : TS, AA and E&L



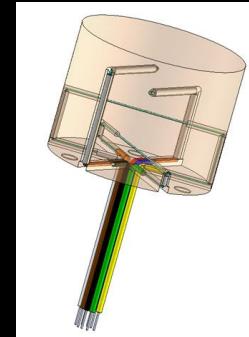
Heatshield testing, system analysis, recovery and post flight support



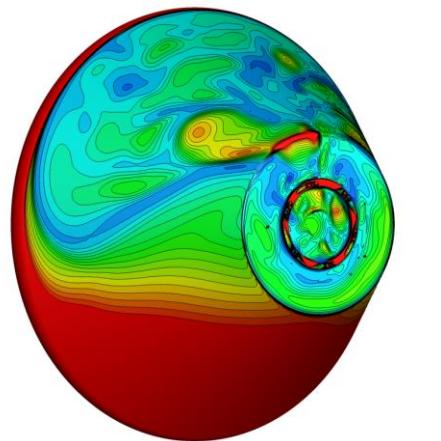
Backshell testing, analysis recovery and post flight support



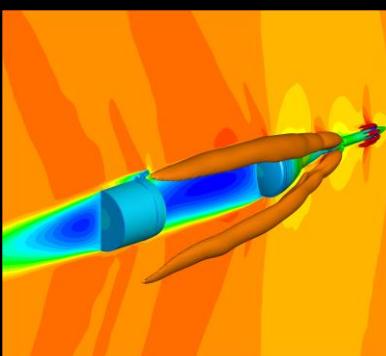
Arcjet testing



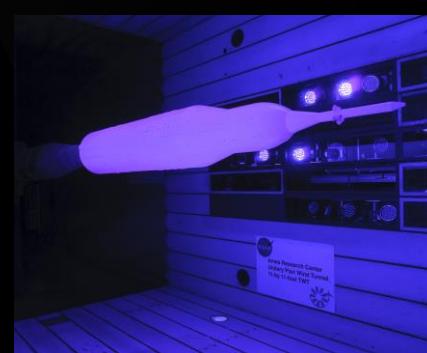
TPS Development Flight Instrumentation (DFI)



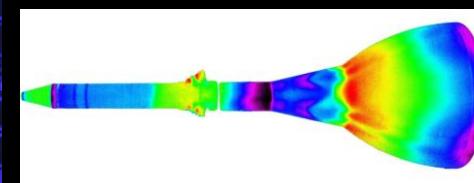
Aero thermal environment and Aero thermal database generation



Vehicle Aerodynamics, wind tunnel test support and aero database



wind tunnel testing



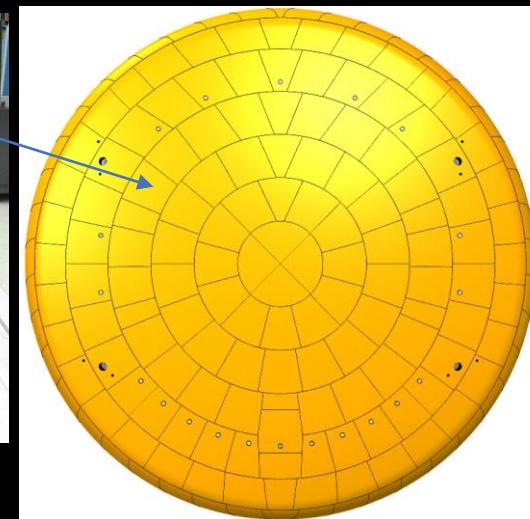
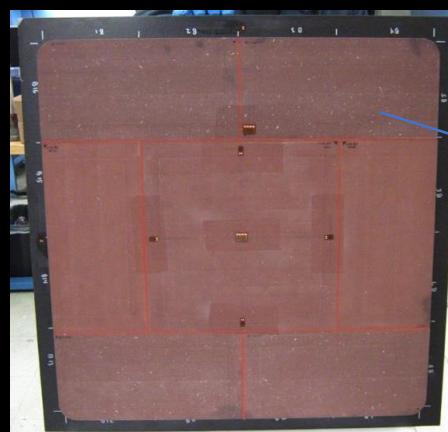
Launch abort environments, acoustics and vibrations

Orion TPS - Heat Shield

- The Apollo Honeycomb/Gunned (HC/G) system was flown on EFT-1 in 2014
 - Avcoat 5026-39 HC/G
 - Composite/Ti carrier structure

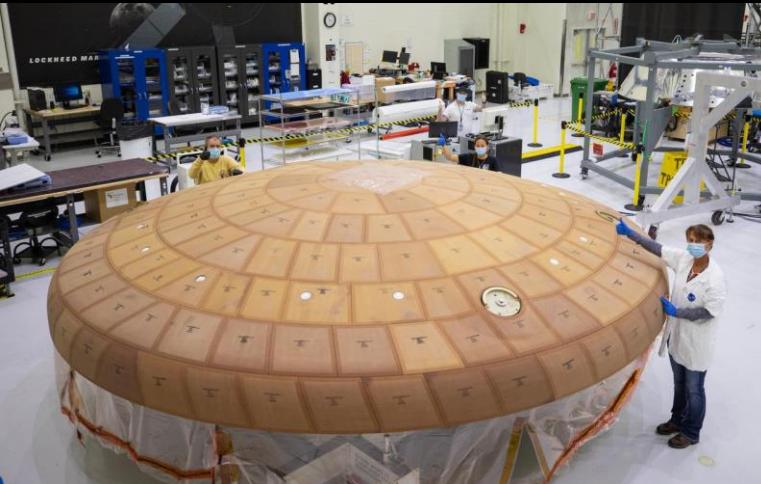


- For Artemis missions, the Orion baseline is Molded Avcoat blocks
 - Avcoat 5026-39 M
 - No honeycomb
 - Bonded to the carrier with EA9394 epoxy
 - RTV-560 between blocks
 - Composite/Ti carrier structure
 - Reduced mass from EFT-1



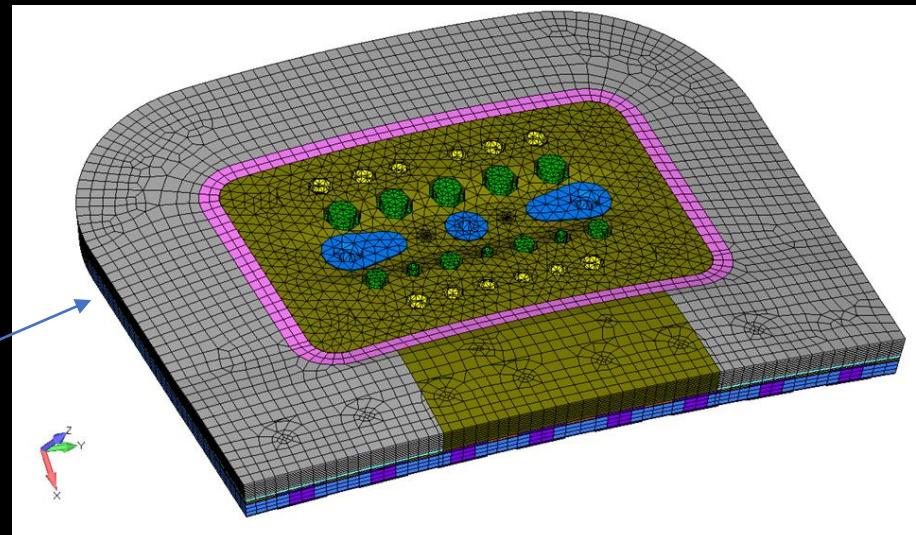
Heatshield Fun Facts

- » During return to Earth from a mission to the Moon, Orion and its heat shield must protect the vehicle and crew from external temperatures up to around 5,000°F.
 - » This is hotter than the melting point for titanium, which is about 3,000°F.
 - » It's also about half the surface temperature of the Sun, which is about 10,000°F.
- » While the outside temperatures during entry into Earth's atmosphere will reach 5,000°F, inside the spacecraft it will be in the mid-70s – hotter than molten lava on the outside and cool as a cucumber on the inside.
- » The heat shield on the bottom of the crew module is 16.5 feet wide. It is the largest ablative heat shield in the world. Orion's thermal protection system is one of the most important parts of the spacecraft and is responsible for protecting the astronauts during their return.



Orion TPS – Systems Analysis

ARC System analysis group provides insight/oversight for LM analysis, thermal analysis, thermal response analysis, arc-jet and other test data interpretation, guidance in arcjet test design and planning etc.

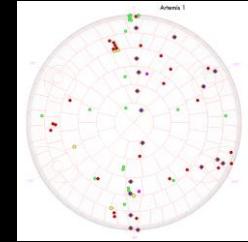


Thermal Analysis and verification of umbilical panel

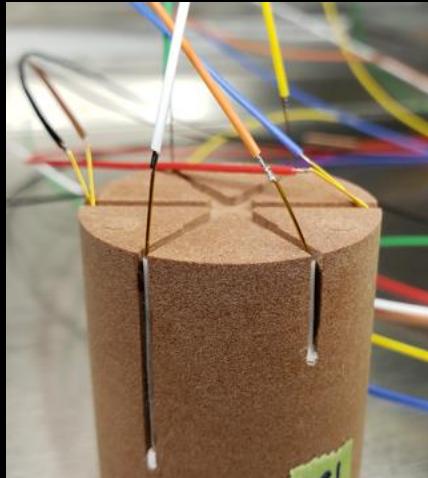
In addition, ARC TPS team is actively supporting pre and post Artemis 1 flight planning, recovery and post flight TPS analysis.

Orion TPS DFI (Developmental Flight Instrumentation)

- Objective - deliver Artemis 1, 2, 3 + instrumentation hardware (heatshield and backshell) for measuring TPS performance, aerothermal environments, vehicle wind-relative orientation, and atmospheric density during the atmospheric entry of the Crew Module (CM).
- Both heatshield as well as the backshell have numerous embedded sensors that include – Thermal plugs, Flush Air Data System (FADS), shoulder pressure transducers, Radiometer, Spectrometer and Optical recession sensors



Artemis 1 FADS pressure transducer



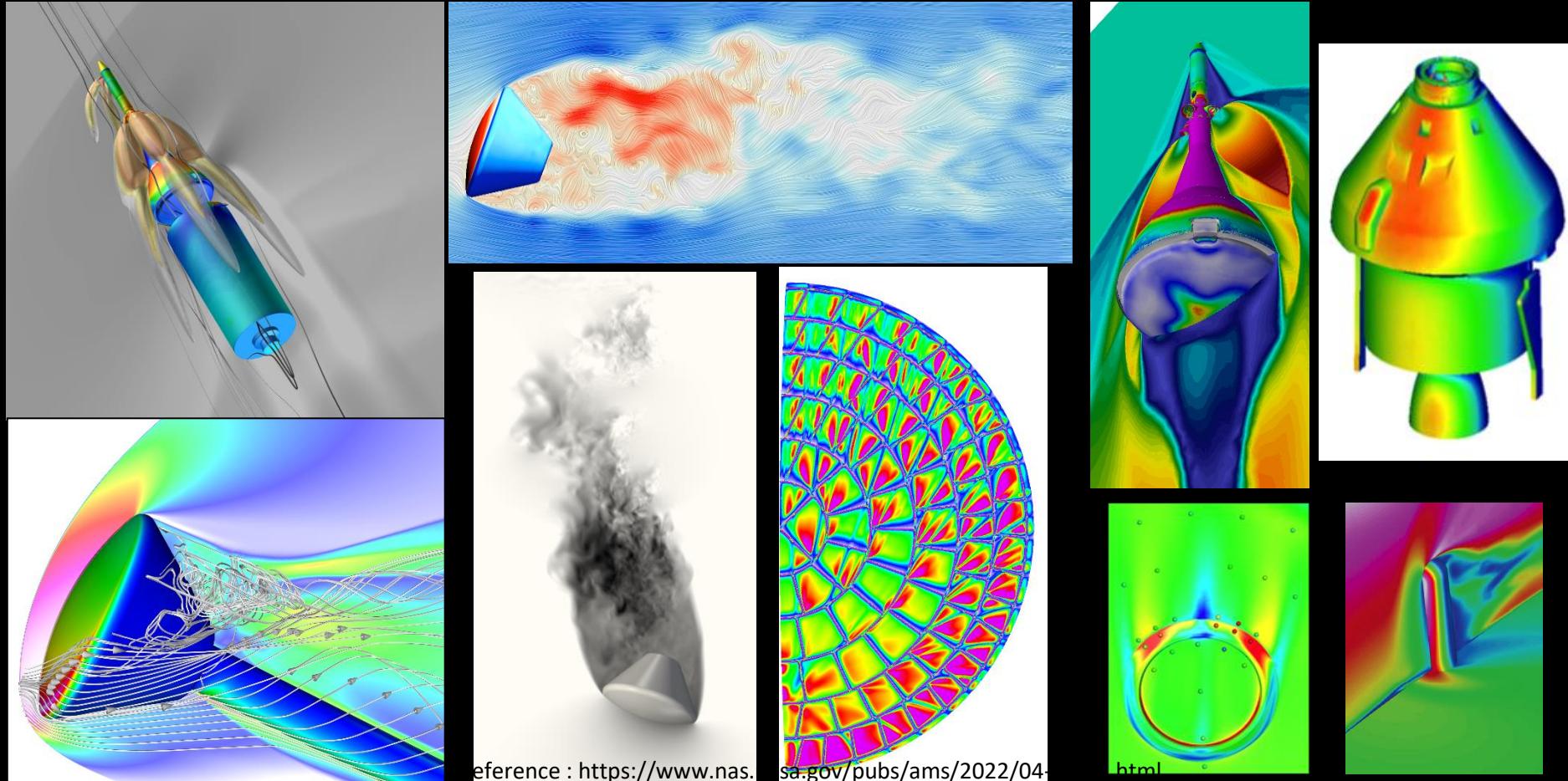
Artemis 1& 2 Thermal Plugs with embedded Thermocouples



Artemis-1 Radiometer sub-assembly

Orion Aerosciences

- CFD is used to develop environments for Aerodynamics and Aerothermodynamics for all phases of flight
- CFD tools are validated utilizing ground and flight test data before applying it in design analyses
- Key challenges for CFD in Orion Aerosciences
 - Aero: Complex geometries, turbulence, wake flows, plume flows, fluid-structure interaction (parachutes)
 - Aerothermal: Complex geometries, turbulence, wake flows, plume flows, gas-surface chemical interaction, radiation



Launch Abort System



Ensuring Astronaut Safety

NASA is developing technologies that will enable humans to explore new destinations in the solar system. America will use the Orion spacecraft, launched atop the Space Launch System rocket, to send a new generation of astronauts beyond low-Earth orbit to places like an asteroid and eventually Mars. In order to keep astronauts safe in such difficult, yet exciting missions, NASA and Lockheed Martin collaborated to design and build the Launch Abort System.

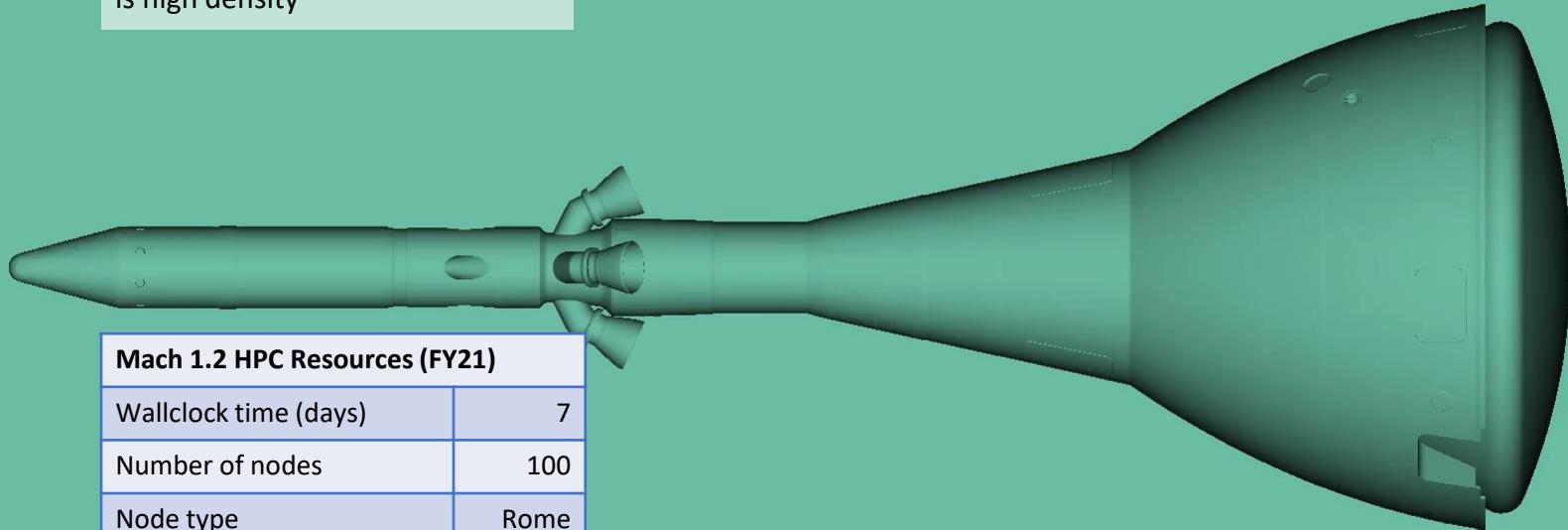
Ascent Abort Flight Test (AA-2)



- Date: July 2, 2019
- Vehicle: Launch abort vehicle atop Northrop Grumman provided booster
- Trajectory: Abort occurs at Mach 1.17 and accelerates to Mach 1.6

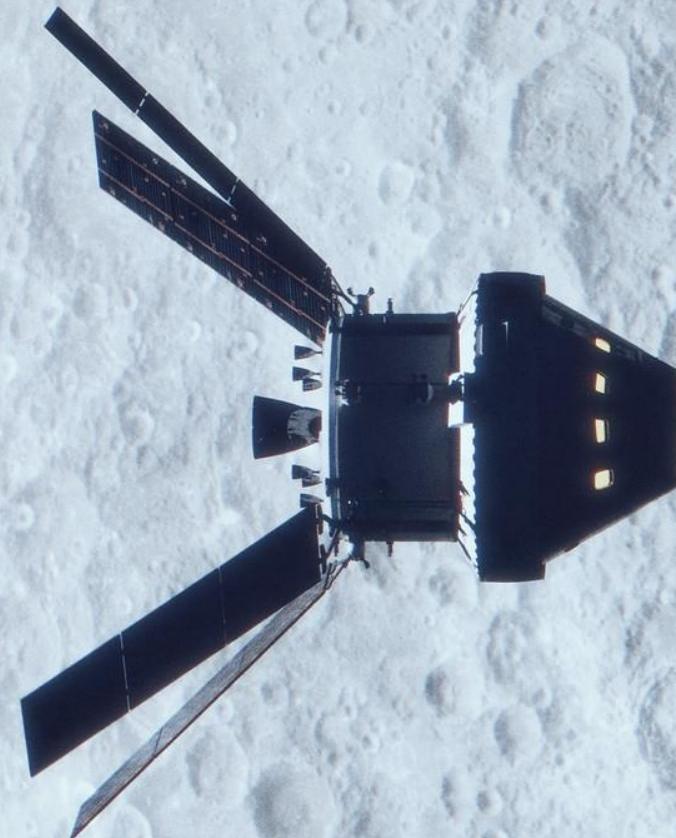
AA-2 Mach 1.2 Simulation

Video from AA-2 Mach 1.615 simulation: logarithm of density on the cut plane and vehicle surface, where red is low and blue is high density



Mach 1.2 HPC Resources (FY21)	
Wallclock time (days)	7
Number of nodes	100
Node type	Rome
Total number of cores	12,800
Time simulated (seconds)	0.58
Volume data (TB)	100

ARTEMIS II



ARTEMIS III





Questions

A large, dark, semi-transparent sphere representing the Moon, centered in the background.

Backup

HLS

Initial Human Landing System

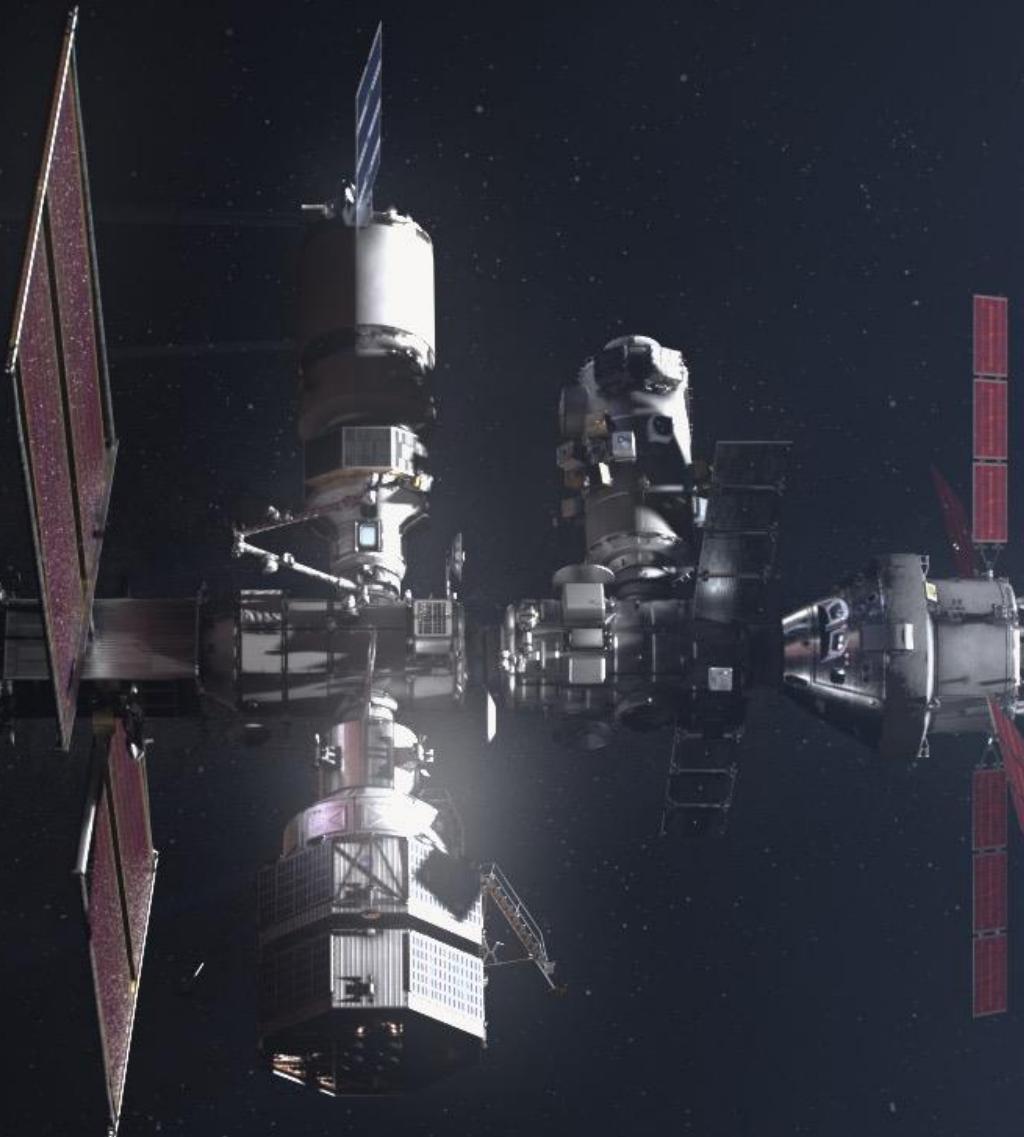


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GATEWAY



G A T E W A Y



ARTEMIS BASE CAMP

Comm, Nav, Power »

» In-Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU)

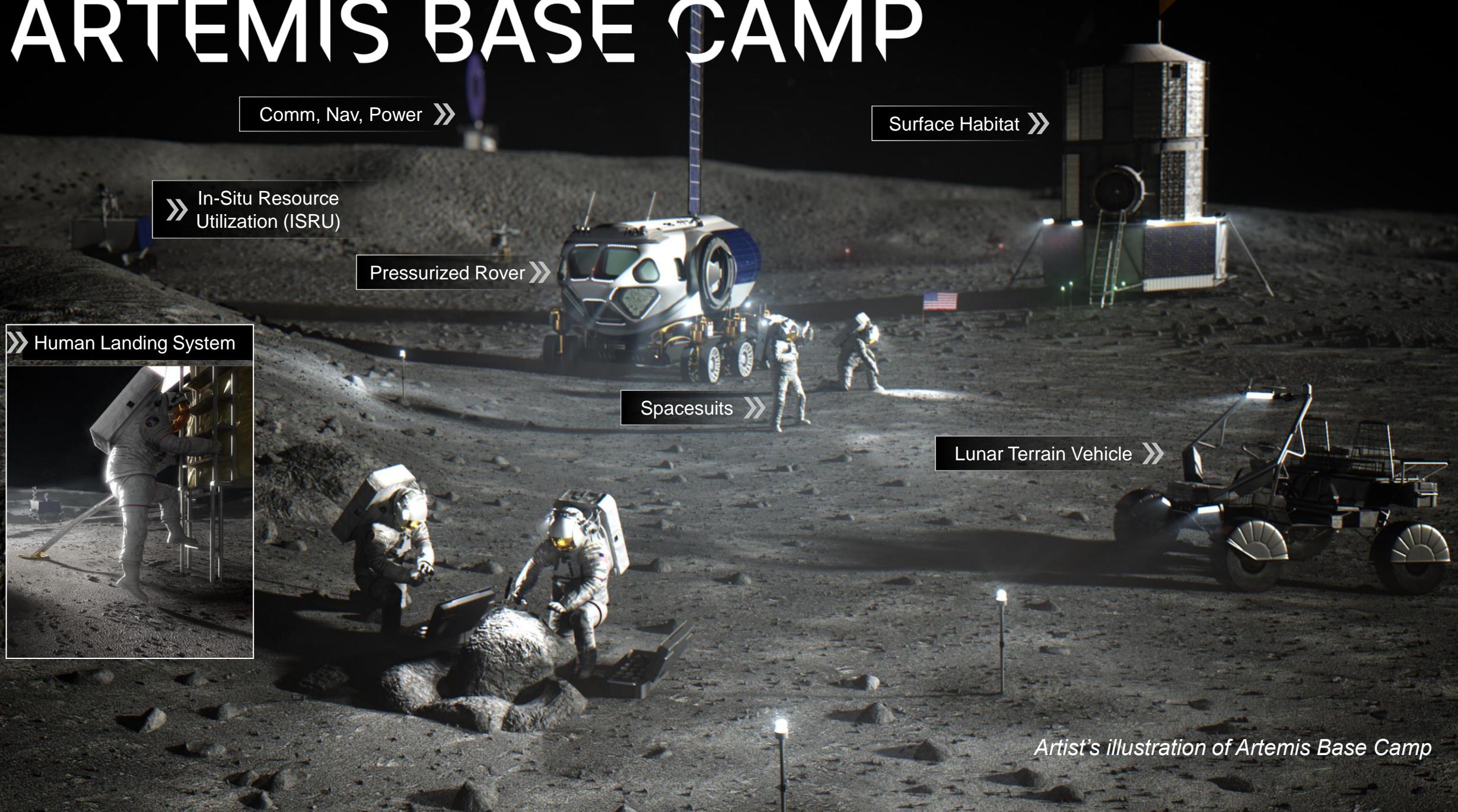
» Human Landing System

Pressurized Rover »

Spacesuits »

Surface Habitat »

Lunar Terrain Vehicle »



Artist's illustration of Artemis Base Camp



ARTEMIS II

First Crewed Test Flight to the Moon Since Apollo

1 LAUNCH
Astronauts lift off from pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center.

2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM

3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF
With separation.

4 PERIGEE RAISE MANEUVER
Orion reaches its highest point in Earth orbit.

5 APOGEE RAISE BURN TO HIGH EARTH ORBIT
Begin 24 hour checkout of spacecraft.

6 PROX OPS DEMONSTRATION

Orion proximity operations demonstration and manual handling qualities assessment for up to 2 hours.

7 INTERIM CRYOGENIC PROPULSION STAGE (ICPS) DISPOSAL BURN
Orion performs a maneuver to dispose of the ICPS.

8 HIGH EARTH ORBIT CHECKOUT
Life support, exercise, and habitation equipment evaluations.

9 TRANS-LUNAR INJECTION (TLI) BY ORION'S MAIN ENGINE

Lunar free return trajectory initiated with European service module.

10 OUTBOUND TRANSIT TO MOON
4 days outbound transit along free return trajectory.

11 LUNAR FLYBY
4,000 nmi (mean) lunar farside altitude.

12 TRANS-EARTH RETURN

Return Trajectory Correction (RTC) burns as necessary to aim for Earth's atmosphere; travel time approximately 4 days.

13 CREW MODULE SEPARATION FROM SERVICE MODULE

14 ENTRY INTERFACE (EI)
Enter Earth's atmosphere.

15 SPLASHDOWN
Ship recovers astronauts and capsule.

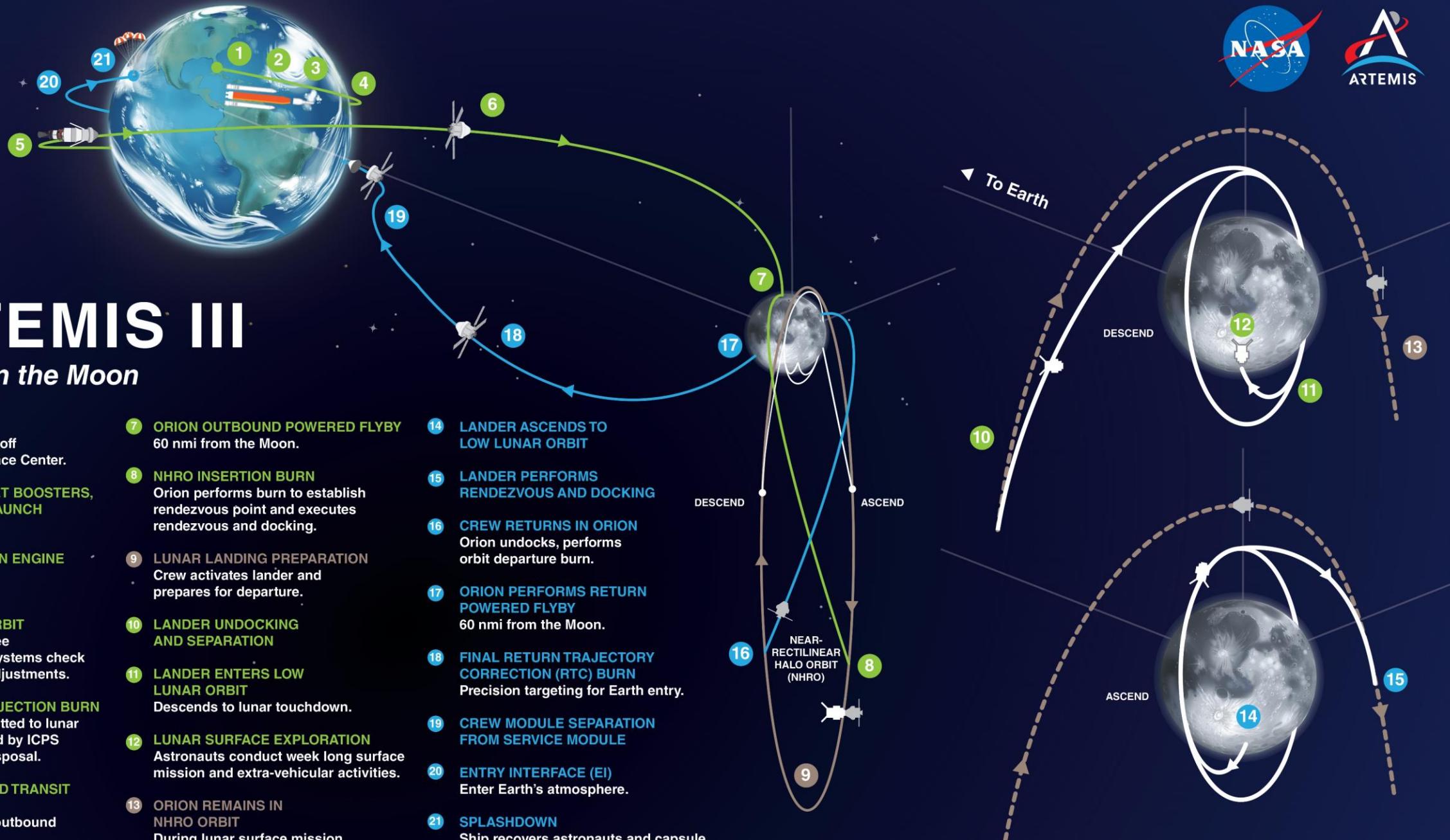
PROXIMITY OPERATIONS DEMONSTRATION SEQUENCE



ARTEMIS III

Landing on the Moon

- 1 LAUNCH SLS and Orion lift off from Kennedy Space Center.
- 2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM
- 3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF With separation.
- 4 ENTER EARTH ORBIT Perform the perigee raise maneuver. Systems check and solar panel adjustments.
- 5 TRANS LUNAR INJECTION BURN Astronauts committed to lunar trajectory, followed by ICPS separation and disposal.
- 6 ORION OUTBOUND TRANSIT TO MOON Requires several outbound trajectory burns.
- 7 ORION OUTBOUND POWERED FLYBY 60 nmi from the Moon.
- 8 NHRO INSERTION BURN Orion performs burn to establish rendezvous point and executes rendezvous and docking.
- 9 LUNAR LANDING PREPARATION Crew activates lander and prepares for departure.
- 10 LANDER UNDOCKING AND SEPARATION
- 11 LANDER ENTERS LOW LUNAR ORBIT Descends to lunar touchdown.
- 12 LUNAR SURFACE EXPLORATION Astronauts conduct week long surface mission and extra-vehicular activities.
- 13 ORION REMAINS IN NHRO ORBIT During lunar surface mission.
- 14 LANDER ASCENDS TO LOW LUNAR ORBIT
- 15 LANDER PERFORMS RENDEZVOUS AND DOCKING
- 16 CREW RETURNS IN ORION Orion undocks, performs orbit departure burn.
- 17 ORION PERFORMS RETURN POWERED FLYBY 60 nmi from the Moon.
- 18 FINAL RETURN TRAJECTORY CORRECTION (RTC) BURN Precision targeting for Earth entry.
- 19 CREW MODULE SEPARATION FROM SERVICE MODULE
- 20 ENTRY INTERFACE (EI) Enter Earth's atmosphere.
- 21 SPLASHDOWN Ship recovers astronauts and capsule



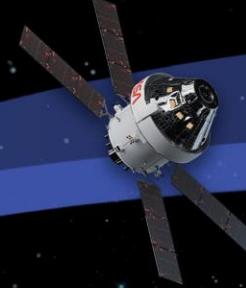
Artemis: Landing Humans On the Moon



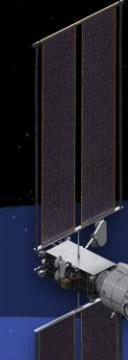
Lunar Reconnaissance
Orbiter: Continued
surface and landing
site investigation



Artemis I: First
human spacecraft
to the Moon in the
21st century



Artemis II: First humans
to orbit the Moon and
rendezvous in deep space
in the 21st century



Gateway begins science operations
with launch of Power and Propulsion
Element and Habitation and
Logistics Outpost

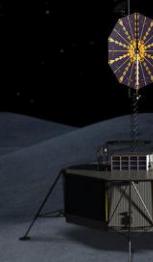


Artemis III-V: Deep space crew missions;
cislunar buildup and initial crew
demonstration landing with Human
Landing System



Early South Pole Robotic Landings

Science and technology payloads delivered by
Commercial Lunar Payload Services providers



Uncrewed HLS
Demonstration

Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover
First mobility-enhanced lunar volatiles survey

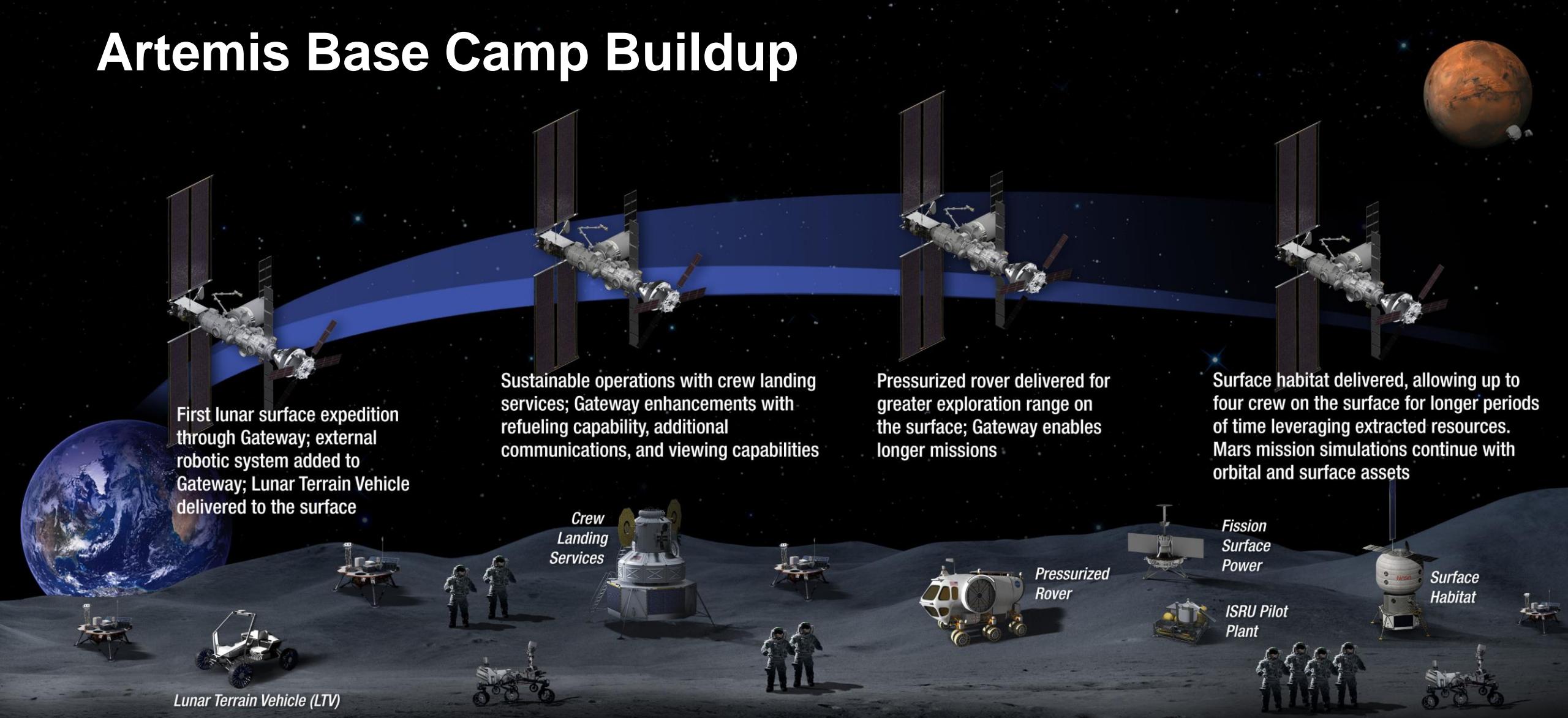


Humans on the Moon - 21st Century
First crew expedition to the lunar surface

LUNAR SOUTH POLE TARGET SITE



Artemis Base Camp Buildup



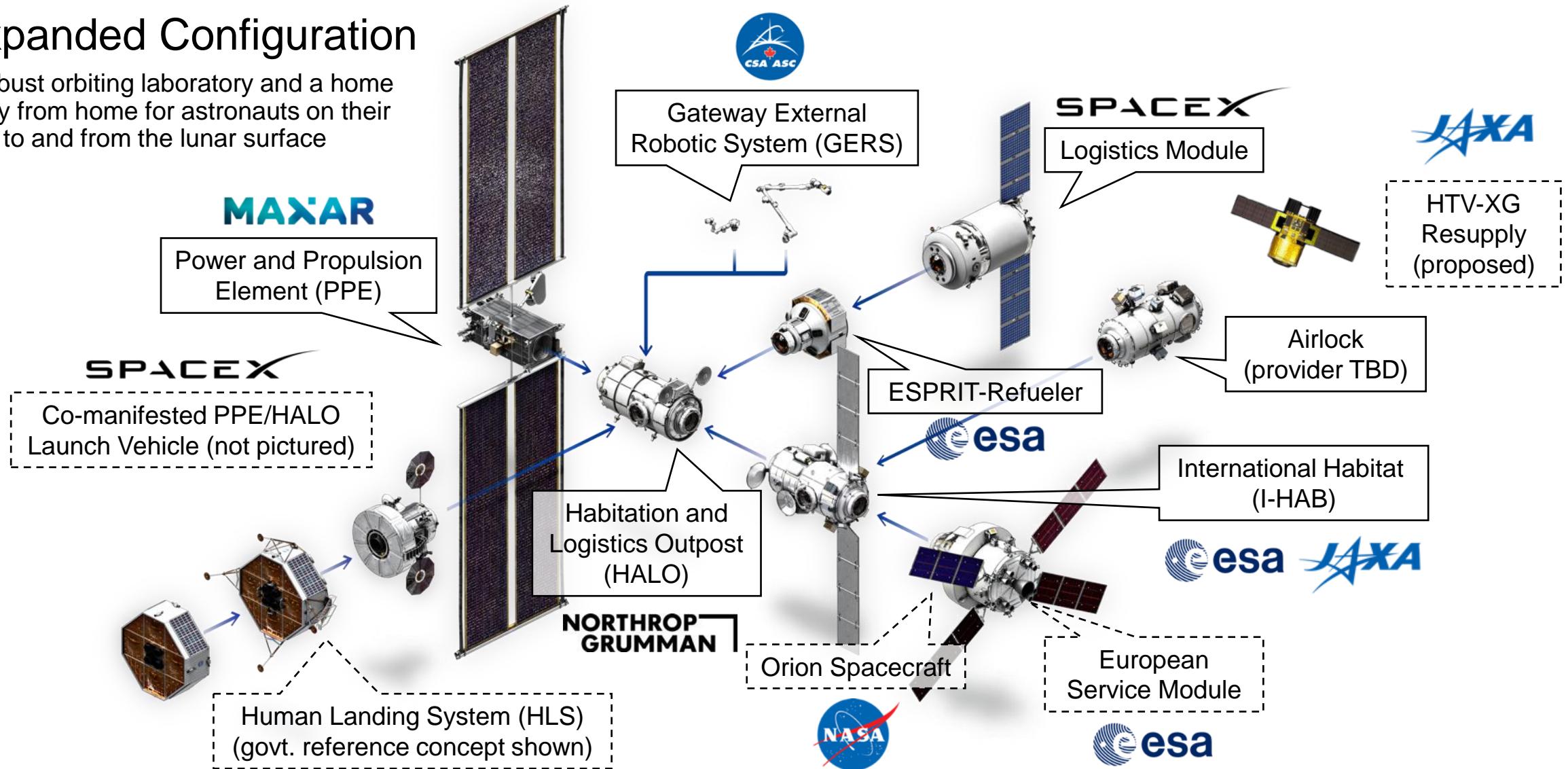
SUSTAINABLE LUNAR ORBIT STAGING CAPABILITY AND SURFACE EXPLORATION

MULTIPLE SCIENCE AND CARGO PAYLOADS | U.S. GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES | TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATIONS DEMONSTRATIONS FOR MARS

GATEWAY

Expanded Configuration

A robust orbiting laboratory and a home away from home for astronauts on their way to and from the lunar surface



GATEWAY ORBIT

Cislunar space offers innumerable orbits for consideration, each with merit for a variety of operations. The Gateway will support missions to the lunar surface and serve as a staging area for exploration farther into the solar system, including Mars.

ORBIT TYPES

LOW LUNAR ORBITS

Circular or elliptical orbits close to the surface; excellent for remote sensing, difficult to maintain in gravity well.

» Orbit period: 2 hours



DISTANT RETROGRADE ORBITS

Very large, circular, stable orbits; easy to reach from Earth, but far from the lunar surface

» Orbit period: 2 weeks



HALO ORBITS

Fuel-efficient orbits revolving around Earth-Moon neutral-gravity points

» Orbit period: 1-2 weeks



NEAR-RECTILINEAR HALO ORBIT (NRHO)

ACCESS

Easy to access from Earth orbit with many current launch vehicles; staging point for both lunar surface and deep space destinations



ENVIRONMENT

The deep space environment is useful for radiation testing and experiments in preparation for missions to the lunar surface and Mars

NRHO

SCIENCE

Favorable vantage point for Earth, sun and deep space observations

COMMUNICATIONS

Provides continuous view of Earth and communication relay for lunar farside

SURFACE OPERATIONS

Supports surface telerobotics, including lunar farside; provides a staging point for planetary sample return missions



Commercial Lunar Payload Services

14 CLPS providers are currently on contract and eligible to bid on payload deliveries to the Moon

