

Overview of the Artemis Program

*Returning to the South Pole of
the Moon after 50 Years*

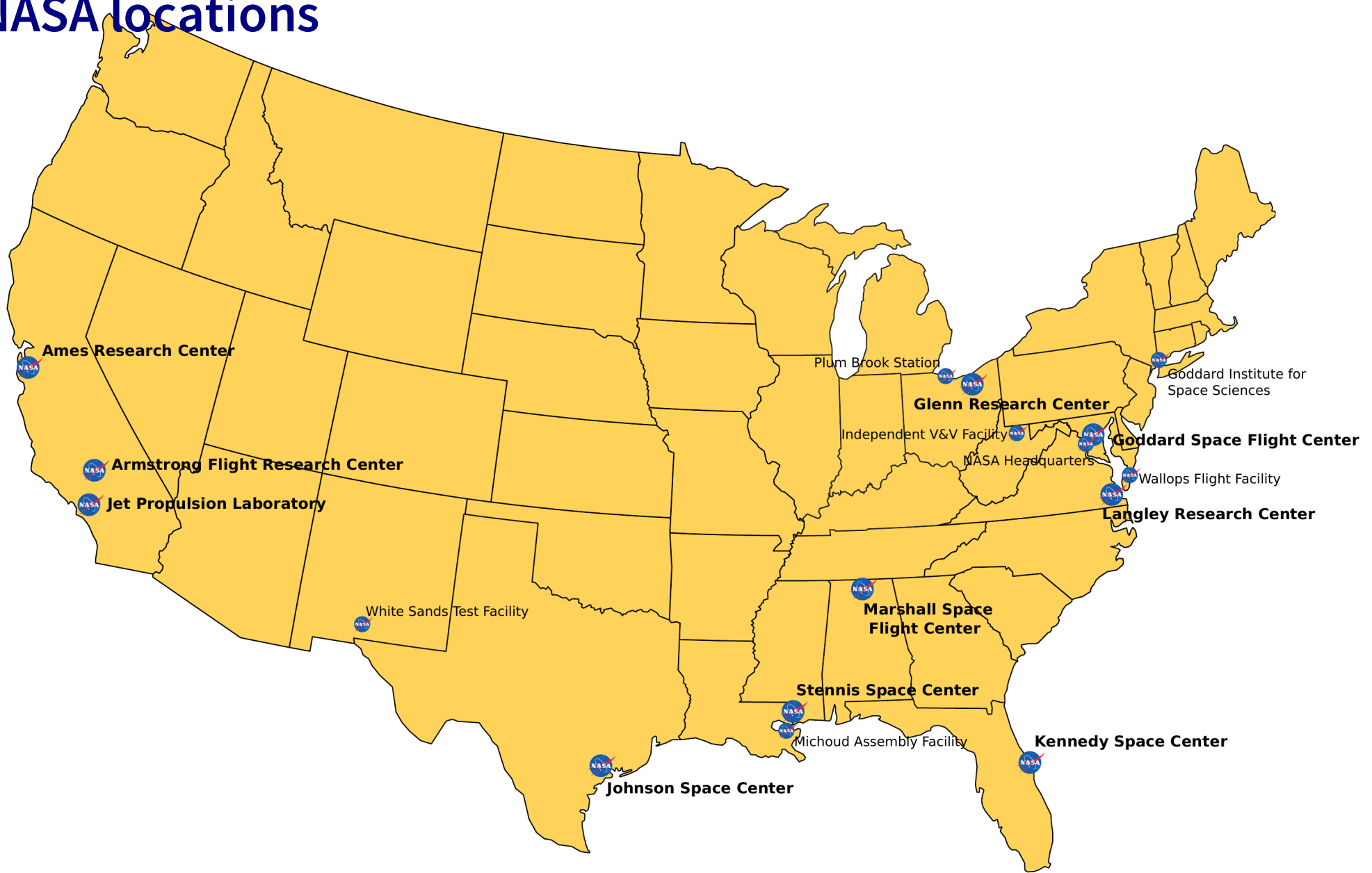
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About NASA

- Agency of the U.S. federal government
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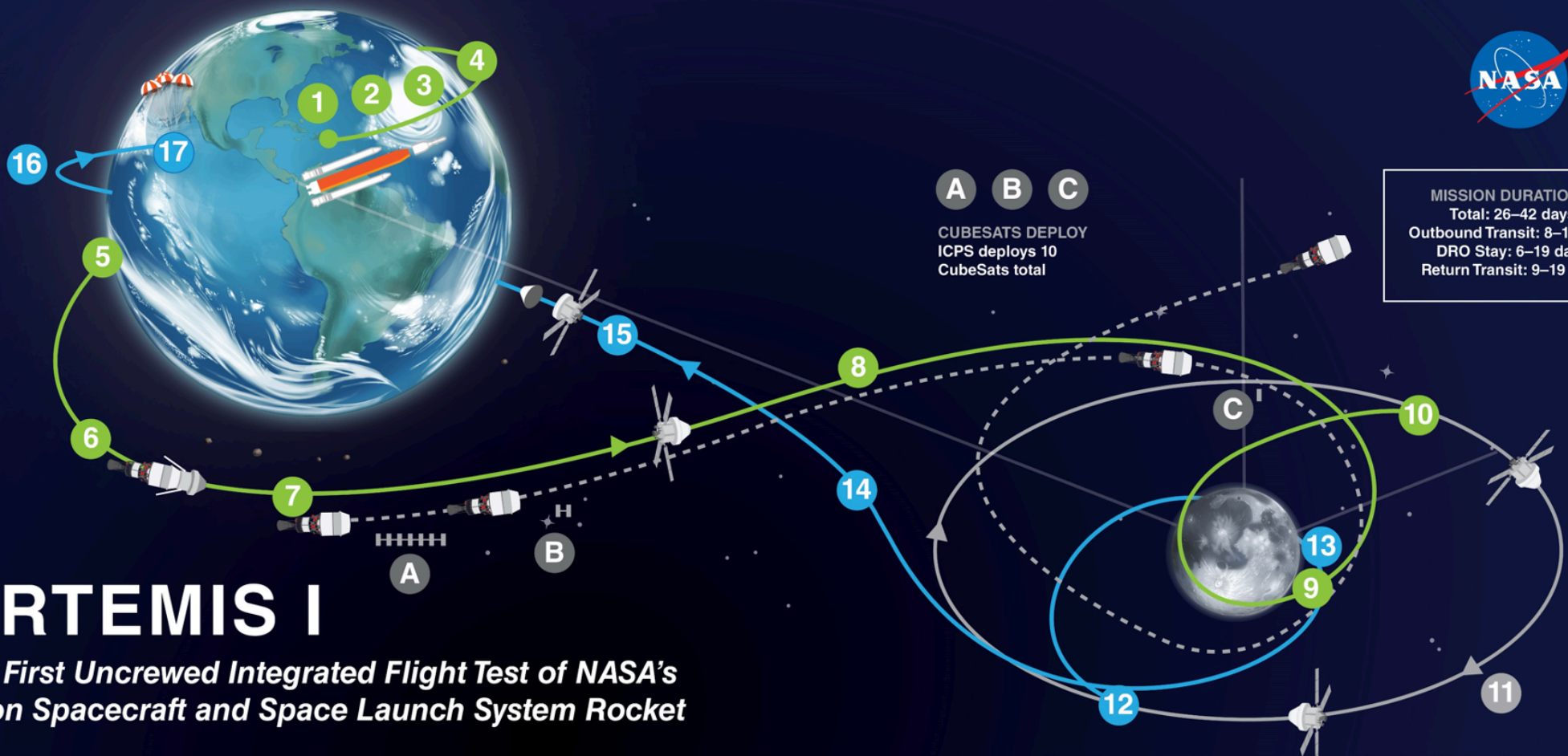




Artemis Missions

(Plan) Three missions to return the first woman, first person of color, and the next man to the South Pole of the Moon.

Create a sustainable human presence in cislunar space.



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 CUBESATS DEPLOY
 ICPS deploys 10
 CubeSats total

MISSION DURATIONS:
 Total: 26–42 days
 Outbound Transit: 8–14 days
 DRO Stay: 6–19 days
 Return Transit: 9–19 days

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.



A
 CUBESATS DEPLOY
 ICPS deploys 4
 CubeSats total

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 SOLID ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM**
- 3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF**
With separation.
- 4 PERIGEE RAISE MANEUVER**
- 5 APOGEE RAISE BURN TO HIGH EARTH ORBIT**
Begin 23.5 hour checkout of spacecraft.
- 6 ORION SEPARATION FROM INTERIM CRYOGENIC PROPULSION STAGE (ICPS) FOLLOWED BY PROX OPS DEMO**
Plus manual handling qualities assessment for up to 2 hours.
- 7 ORION UPPER STAGE SEPARATION (USS) BURN**
Begins high Earth orbit checkout. Life support, exercise, and habitation equipment evaluations.
- 8 PERIGEE RAISE BURN**
- 9 TRANS-LUNAR INJECTION (TLI) BY ORION'S MAIN ENGINE**
Lunar free return trajectory initiated with European service module.
- 10 OUTBOUND TRANSIT TO MOON**
Outbound Trajectory Correction (OTC) burns as necessary for Lunar free return trajectory; travel time approximately 4 days.
- 11 LUNAR FLYBY**
6,479 miles (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	
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Artemis II Crew

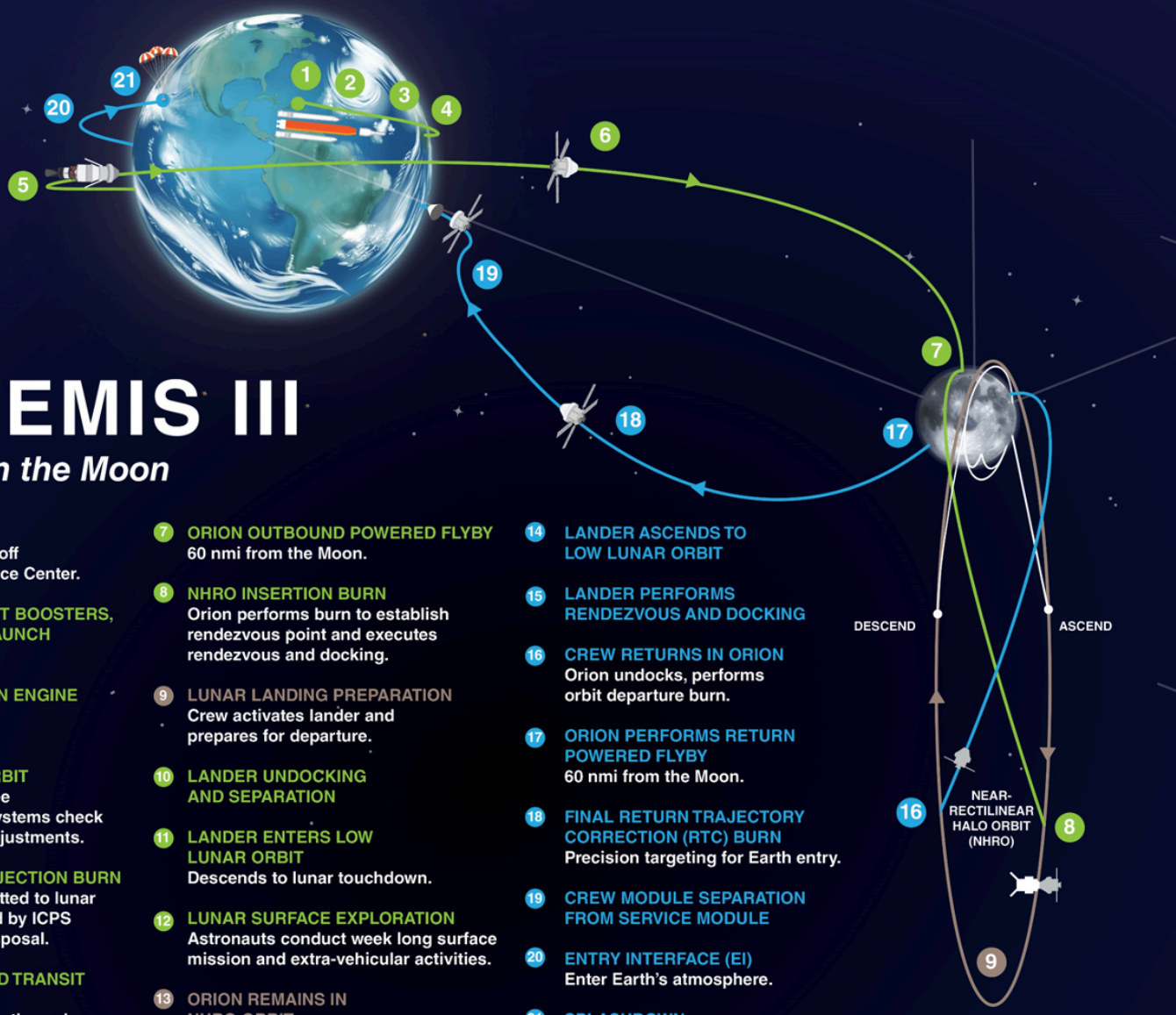
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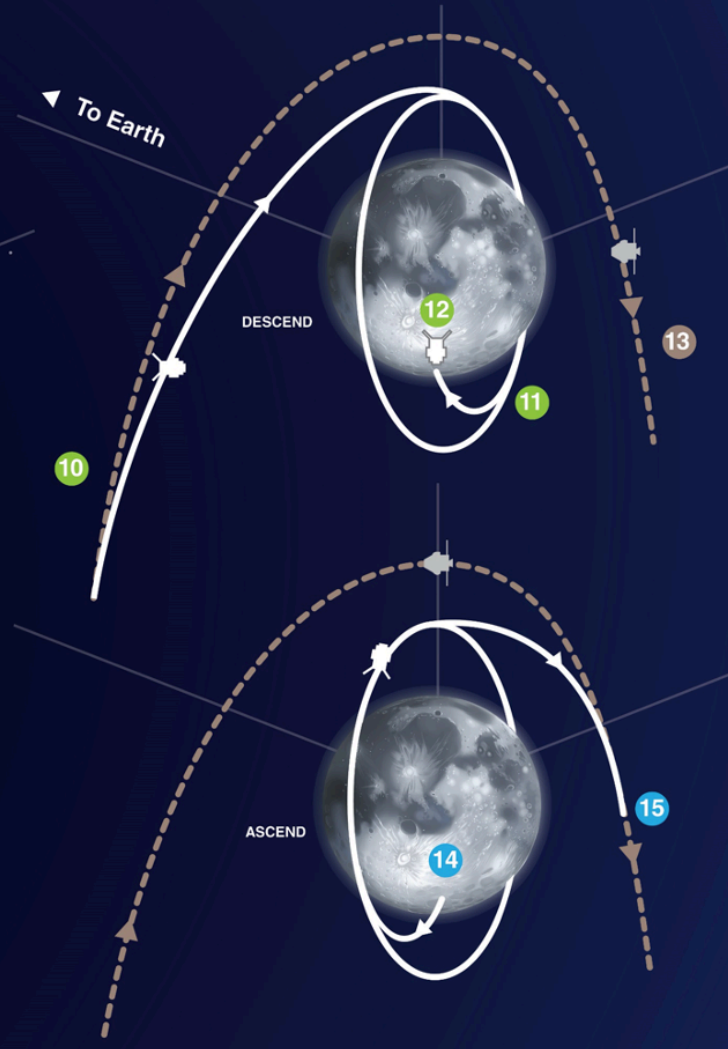




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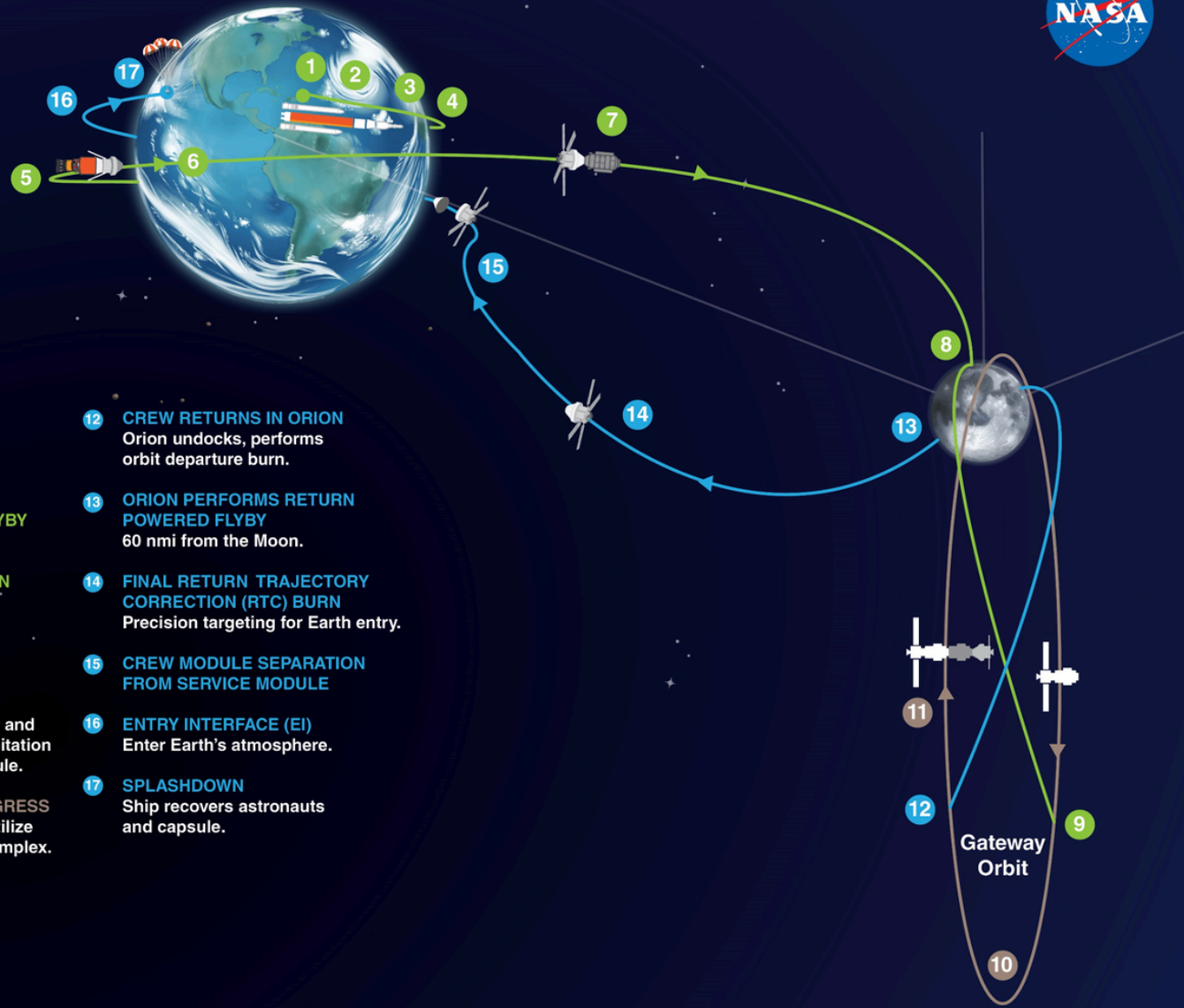
Landing on the Moon

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- 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

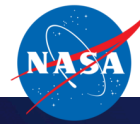


ARTEMIS IV

International Habitation Module delivery to Gateway



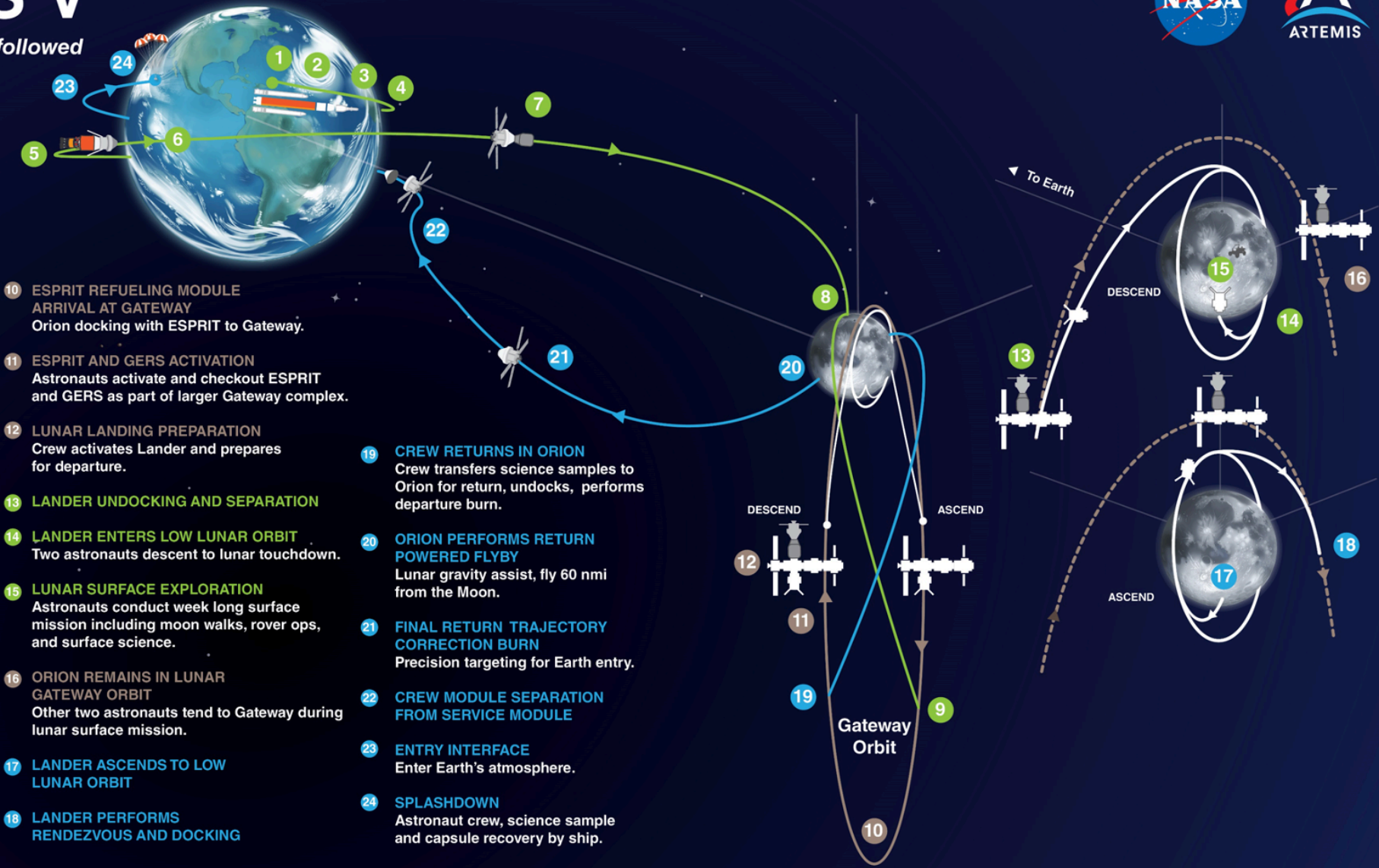
- 1 LAUNCH**
SLS with I-HAB payload and crewed Orion lift-off from Kennedy Space Center.
- 2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM**
- 3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF**
With separation.
- 4 ENTER EARTH ORBIT**
Exploration Upper Stage performs circularization of Low Earth Orbit. Systems check and solar panel adjustments.
- 5 TRANS LUNAR INJECTION BURN**
Exploration Upper Stage commits Astronauts in Orion and I-HAB to lunar trajectory.
- 6 ORION TUGS I-HAB TO MOON**
Orion separation from USA, docking with I-HAB and extraction from USA followed by Orion tug of I-HAB to NRHO and EUS disposal.
- 7 ORION OUTBOUND TRANSIT TO MOON**
Requires several outbound trajectory burns.
- 8 ORION OUTBOUND POWERED FLYBY**
60 nmi from the Moon.
- 9 GATEWAY ORBIT INSERTION BURN**
Orion performs burn to establish rendezvous point and executes rendezvous and docking.
- 10 INTERNATIONAL HABITATION MODULE ARRIVAL AT GATEWAY**
I-HAB docking with Orion to Power and Propulsion Element (PPE) and Habitation and Logistic Outpost (HALO) module.
- 11 I-HAB ACTIVATION AND CREW INGRESS**
Astronauts ingress, activate and utilize I-HAB as part of larger Gateway complex.
- 12 CREW RETURNS IN ORION**
Orion undocks, performs orbit departure burn.
- 13 ORION PERFORMS RETURN POWERED FLYBY**
60 nmi from the Moon.
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Enter Earth's atmosphere.
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ARTEMIS V

ESPRIT delivery to Gateway followed by Crewed Lunar Landing

- 1 LAUNCH**
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- 2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS, FAIRINGS, AND LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM**
- 3 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF**
With separation.
- 4 ENTER EARTH ORBIT**
Exploration Upper Stage performs circularization of Low Earth Orbit. Systems check and solar panel adjustments.
- 5 TRANS LUNAR INJECTION BURN**
Exploration Upper Stage commits Astronauts in Orion and ESPRIT to lunar trajectory.
- 6 ORION TUGS ESPRIT TO MOON**
Orion separation from USA, docking with ESPRIT and extraction from USA followed by Orion tug of ESPRIT to Gateway orbit and EUS disposal.
- 7 ORION OUTBOUND TRANSIT TO MOON**
Perform periodic outbound trajectory correction maneuvers.
- 8 ORION OUTBOUND POWERED FLYBY**
Lunar gravity assist, fly 60 nmi from the Moon.
- 9 GATEWAY ORBIT INSERTION BURN**
Orion performs burn to establish rendezvous point and executes rendezvous.



- 10 ESPRIT REFUELING MODULE ARRIVAL AT GATEWAY**
Orion docking with ESPRIT to Gateway.
- 11 ESPRIT AND GERS ACTIVATION**
Astronauts activate and checkout ESPRIT and GERS as part of larger Gateway complex.
- 12 LUNAR LANDING PREPARATION**
Crew activates Lander and prepares for departure.
- 13 LANDER UNDOCKING AND SEPARATION**
- 14 LANDER ENTERS LOW LUNAR ORBIT**
Two astronauts descent to lunar touchdown.
- 15 LUNAR SURFACE EXPLORATION**
Astronauts conduct week long surface mission including moon walks, rover ops, and surface science.
- 16 ORION REMAINS IN LUNAR GATEWAY ORBIT**
Other two astronauts tend to Gateway during lunar surface mission.
- 17 LANDER ASCENDS TO LOW LUNAR ORBIT**
- 18 LANDER PERFORMS RENDEZVOUS AND DOCKING**
- 19 CREW RETURNS IN ORION**
Crew transfers science samples to Orion for return, undocks, performs departure burn.
- 20 ORION PERFORMS RETURN POWERED FLYBY**
Lunar gravity assist, fly 60 nmi from the Moon.
- 21 FINAL RETURN TRAJECTORY CORRECTION BURN**
Precision targeting for Earth entry.
- 22 CREW MODULE SEPARATION FROM SERVICE MODULE**
- 23 ENTRY INTERFACE**
Enter Earth's atmosphere.
- 24 SPLASHDOWN**
Astronaut crew, science sample and capsule recovery by ship.



Comparison to Apollo



Apollo: One Saturn V Launch per Mission

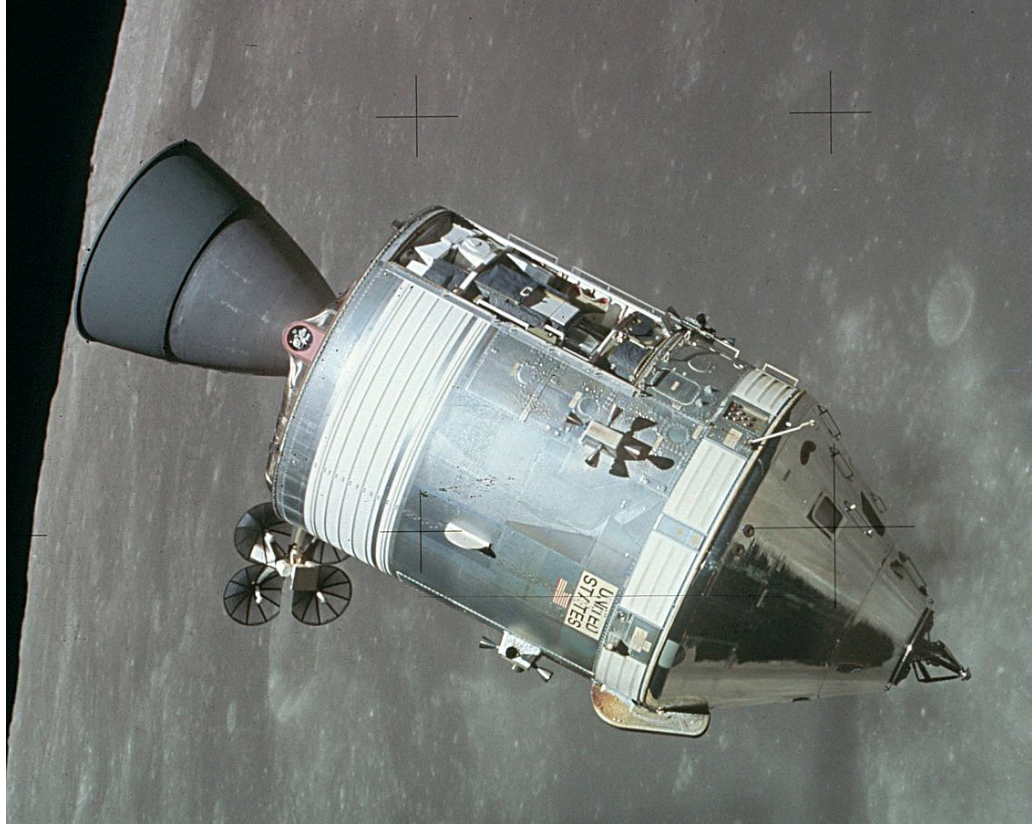
- One Saturn V launch from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA
- Including two spacecraft: Command and Service Modules, Lunar Module
 - CSM has a large engine to enter Lunar orbit and return to Earth
 - Lunar module has two engines; one for landing and one for taking back off
- CSM stays in lunar orbit (w/ one astronaut) while LM lands on Moon (2 astronauts)
- Only CSM returns to Earth
 - Lunar ascent module discarded in Lunar orbit
 - Eventually crashes into the Moon
 - Only Command Module reenters Earth's atmosphere

Apollo Launch Vehicle: Saturn V



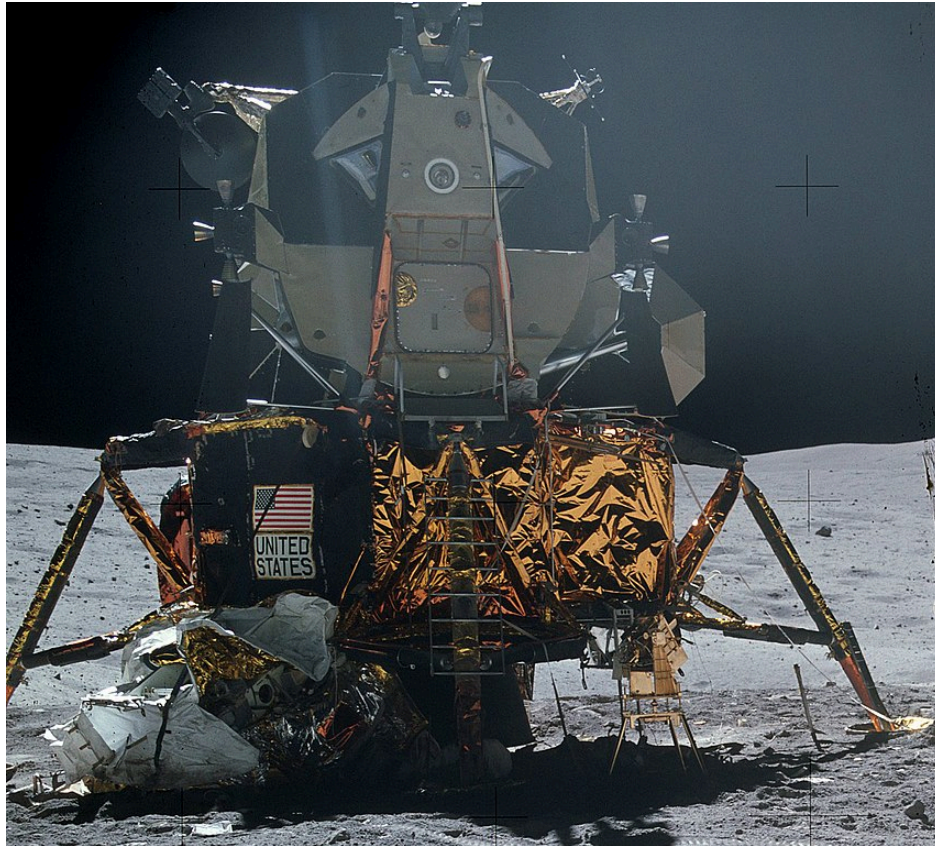
- 3 stages + 2 spacecraft
- First stage (S-IC): 5 x F-1 engines: kerosene + liquid oxygen
- Second stage (S-II): 5 x J-2 engines: liquid hydrogen + LOX
- Third stage (S-IVB): 1 x J-2 engine, used twice during mission

Apollo Spacecraft: Command and Service Module



Apollo 15 CSM in lunar orbit (photo taken from Lunar Module)

Apollo Spacecraft: Lunar Module



Apollo 16 LM on surface of the Moon



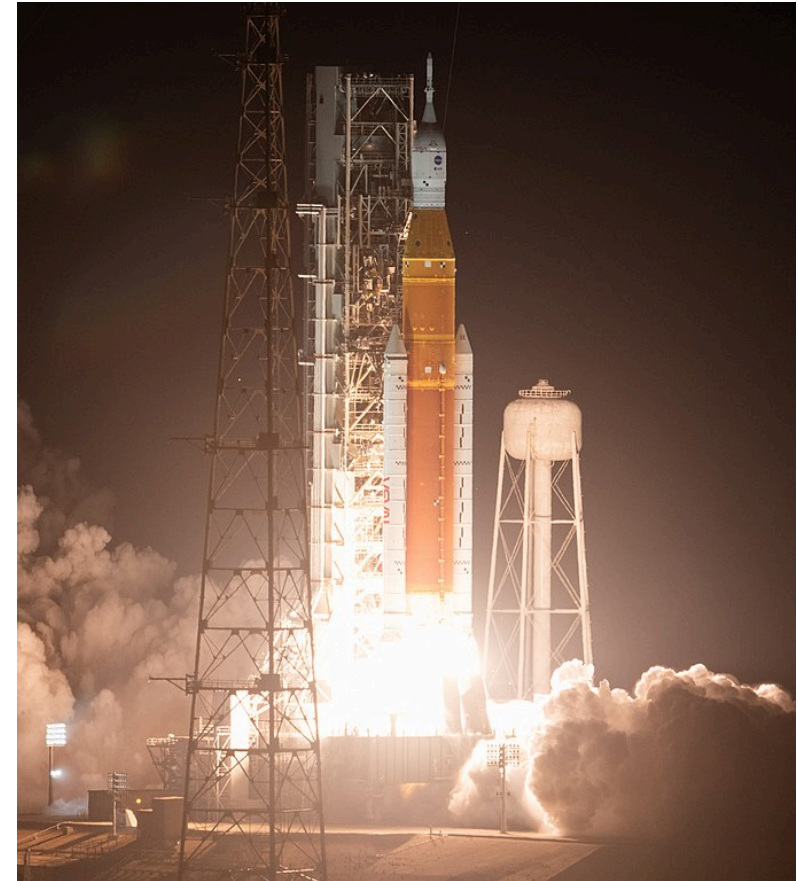
Artemis Spacecraft

- NASA vehicles (with ESA support) get the crew to Lunar orbit
- Commercially provided vehicles (SpaceX, Blue Origin, and others) provide landers and laboratory for lunar orbit

Artemis Launch Vehicle: SLS



Legacy Space Shuttle hardware includes RS-25 engines and Solid Rocket Boosters

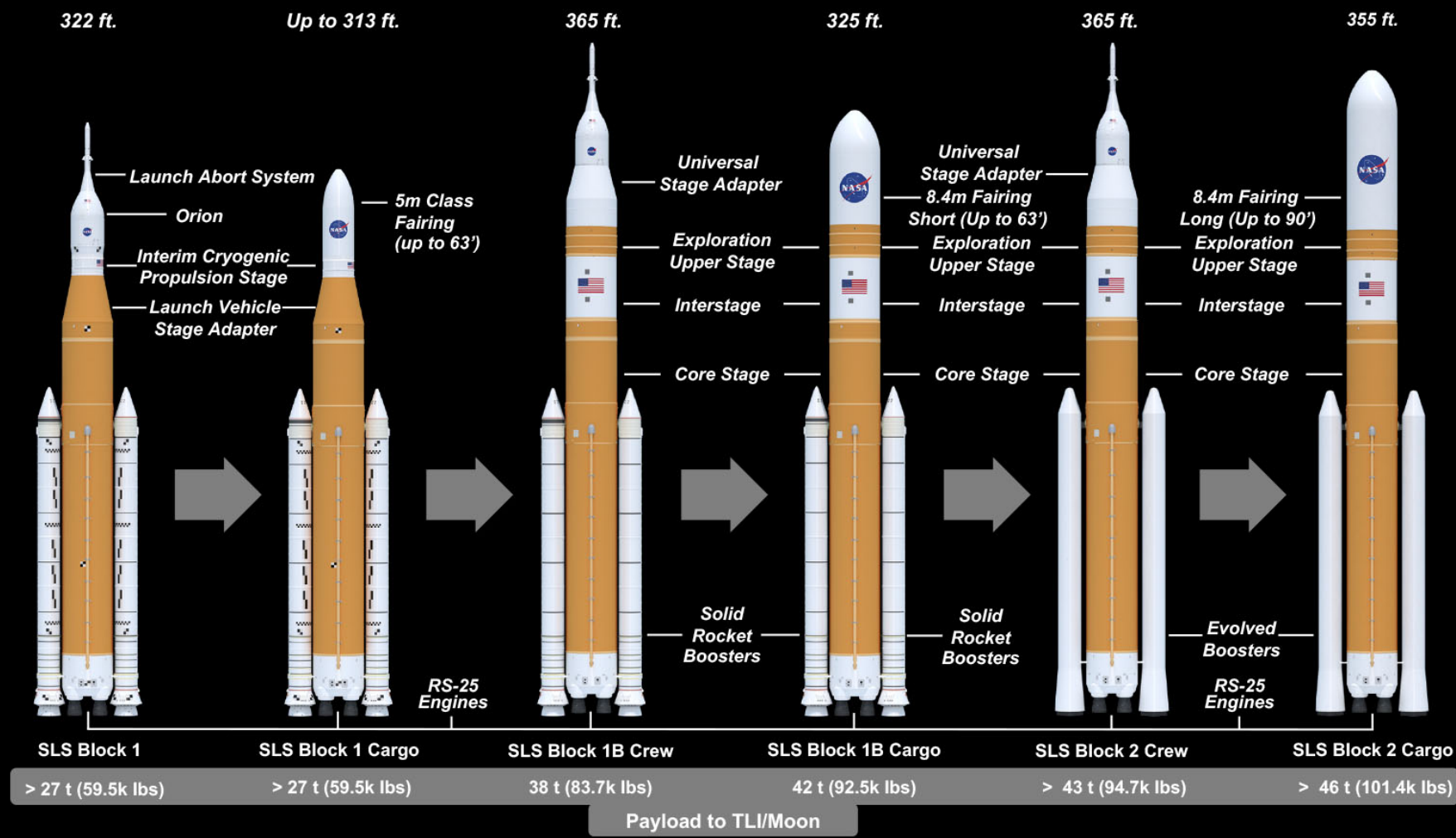


Apollo-like mission using Space Shuttle hardware



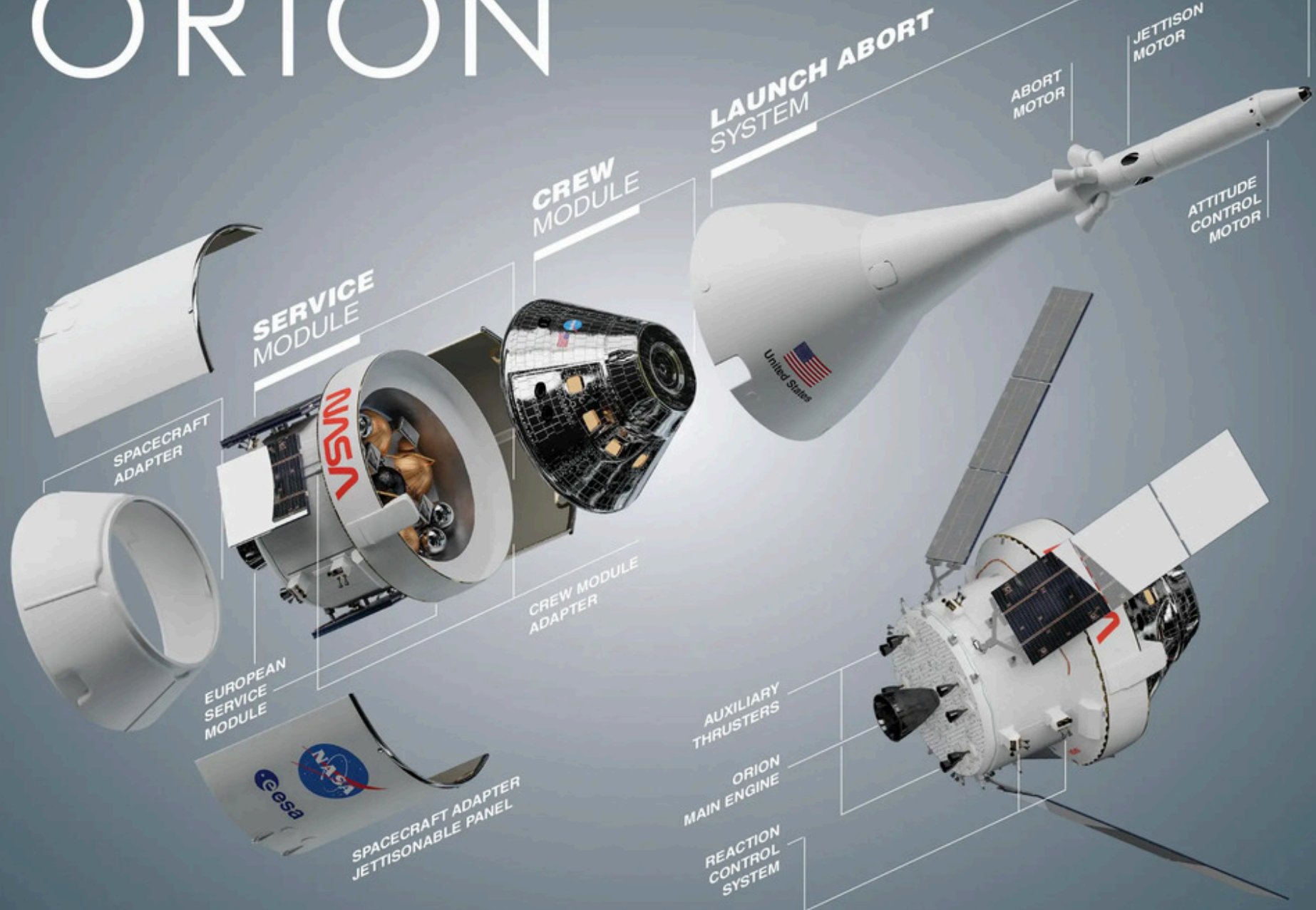
SLS EVOLVABILITY

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Artemis Crew Spacecraft: Orion

ORION



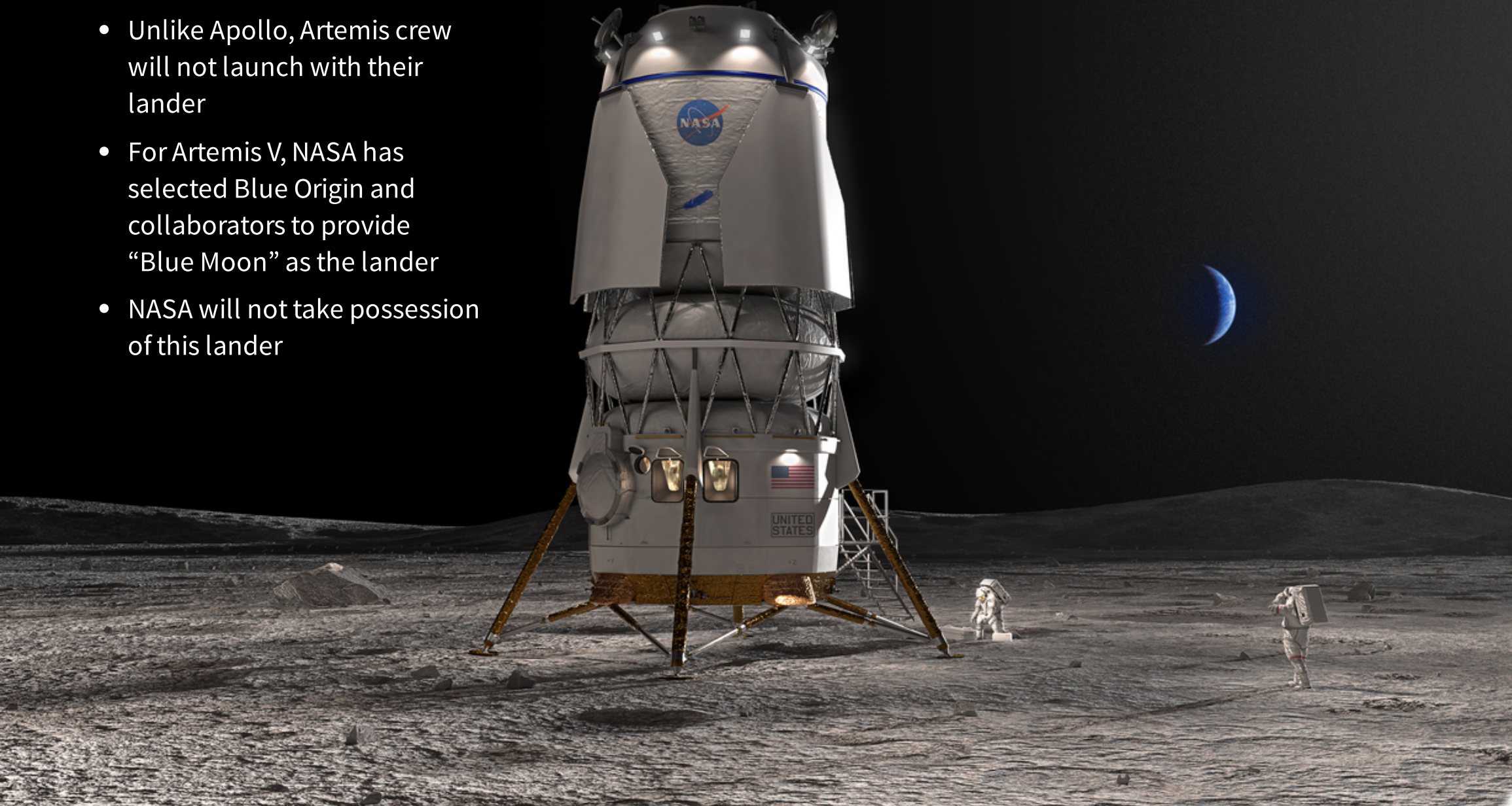
Artemis Human Landing System

- Unlike Apollo, Artemis crew will not launch with their lander
- For Artemis III and IV, NASA has selected SpaceX
- to provide “Starship HLS” as the lander
- NASA will not take possession of these landers

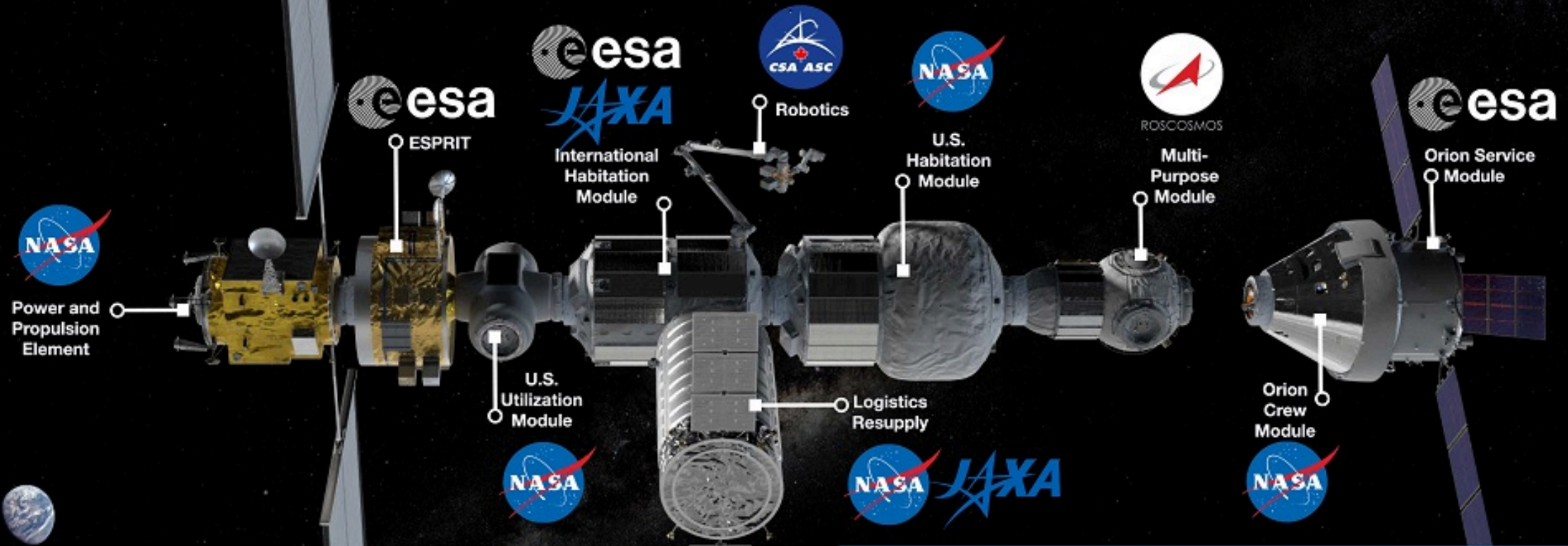


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- For Artemis V, NASA has selected Blue Origin and collaborators to provide “Blue Moon” as the lander
- NASA will not take possession of this lander



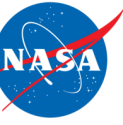
GATEWAY CONFIGURATION CONCEPT



EXPLORE
MOON to MARS

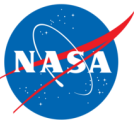
A DEEP SPACE HUB FOR SCIENCE AND EXPLORATION COLLABORATION

Command Module for Lunar Surface Assets	Internal and External Payloads	Internal and External Robotics
Mixed Fleet Deliveries	Human Lunar Surface Systems	International Crew



More about Artemis

Historical Context: Constellation Program



2008 launch of Ares I-X, prototype of Ares I crew launch vehicle

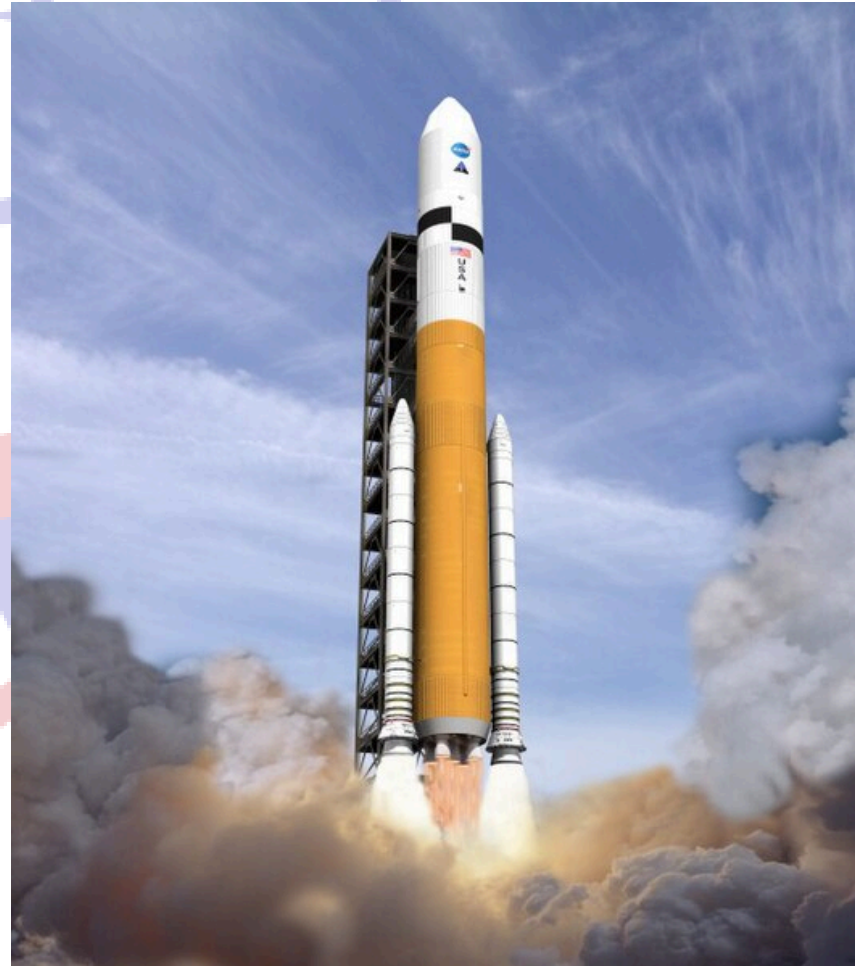


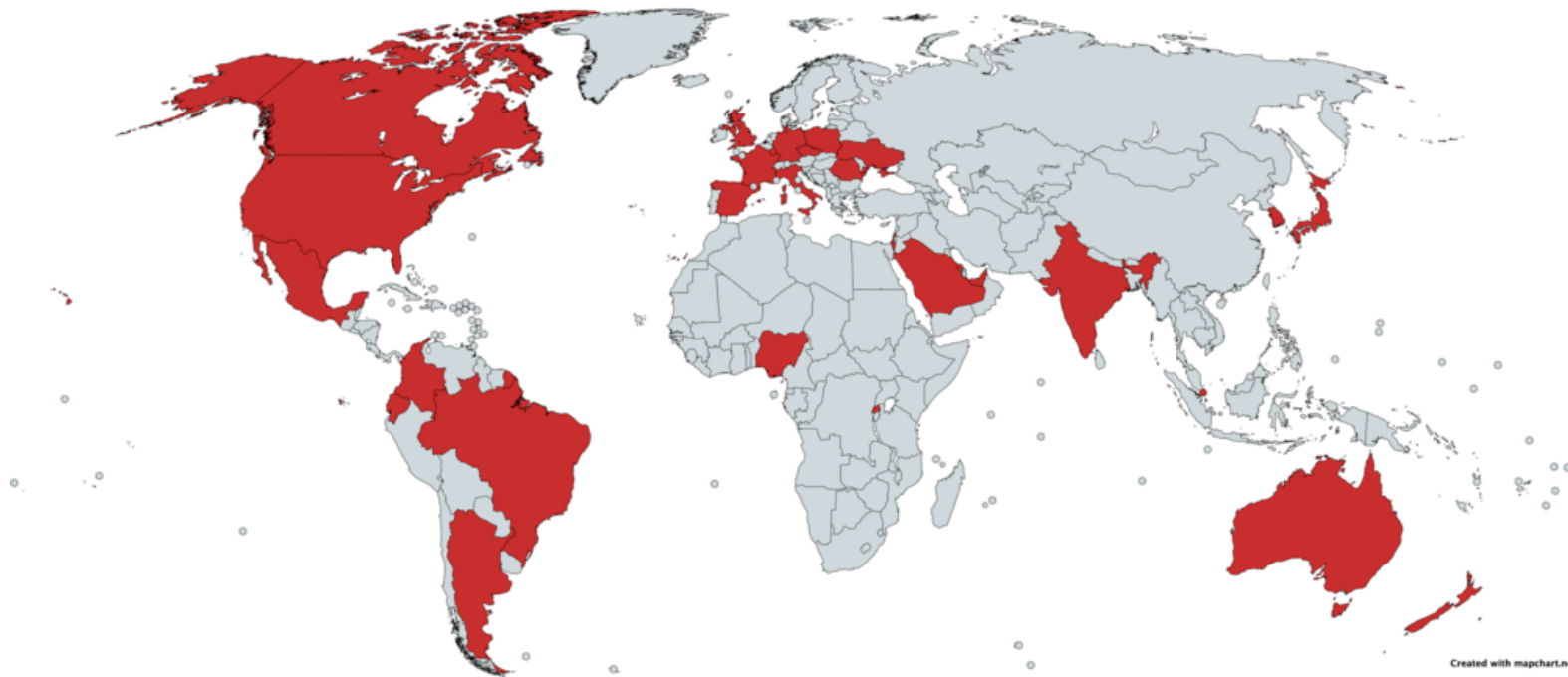
Illustration of Ares V cargo launch vehicle (*construction never started*)



Artemis Accords

Agreement currently signed by 29 countries (09-13-2023) that reaffirm the Outer Space Treaty and allow for extraction of resources from space (e.g. Helium-3 from lunar regolith)

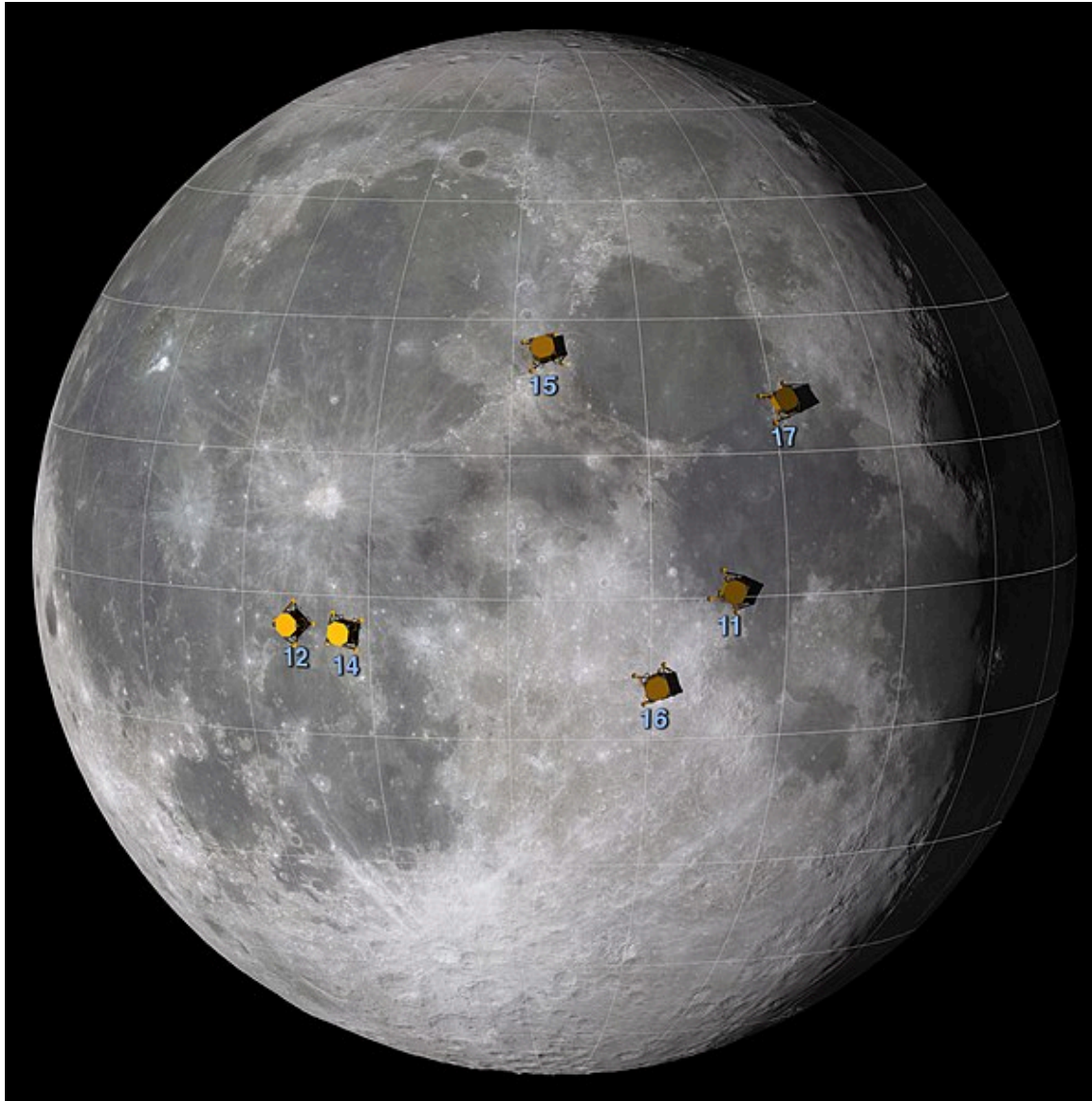
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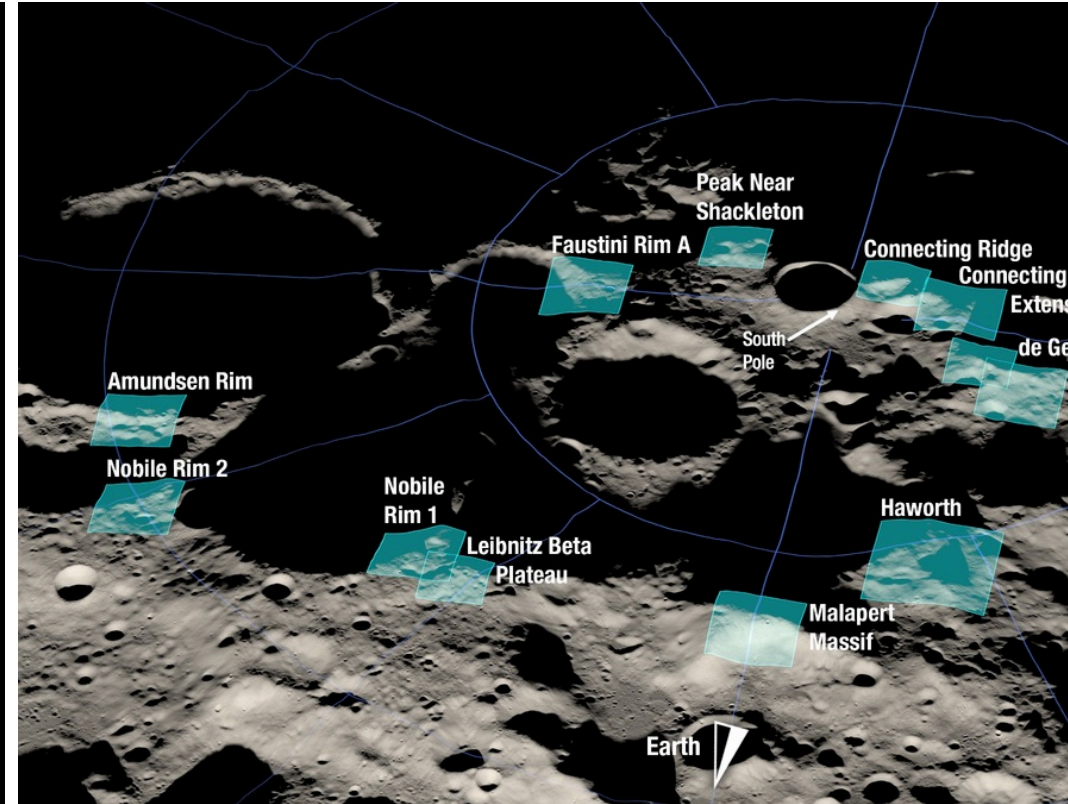
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More interesting landing sites



Credit: NASA GSFC



Credit: NASA

The Lunar south pole region has craters whose bottoms never see sunlight. That means water ice can persist there! (Moon's axial tilt is only 1.54° , compared to Earth's 23.4°)

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- OVERFLOW (Langley)
- LAVA (Ames)
- Cart3D (Ames)
- Kestrel (DoD)

Artemis I: We Are Ready video

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- Writer & Director: Paul Wizikowski
- Appearances by Keke Palmer, Randy 'Komrade' Bresnik, Rick Labrode, Holly Ridings, Judd Frieling, Fiona Turret, Nujoud Merancy, Howard Hu, Vanessa Wyche

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Appendix: Supercomputing in the Artemis Program



Artemis I: We Are Ready



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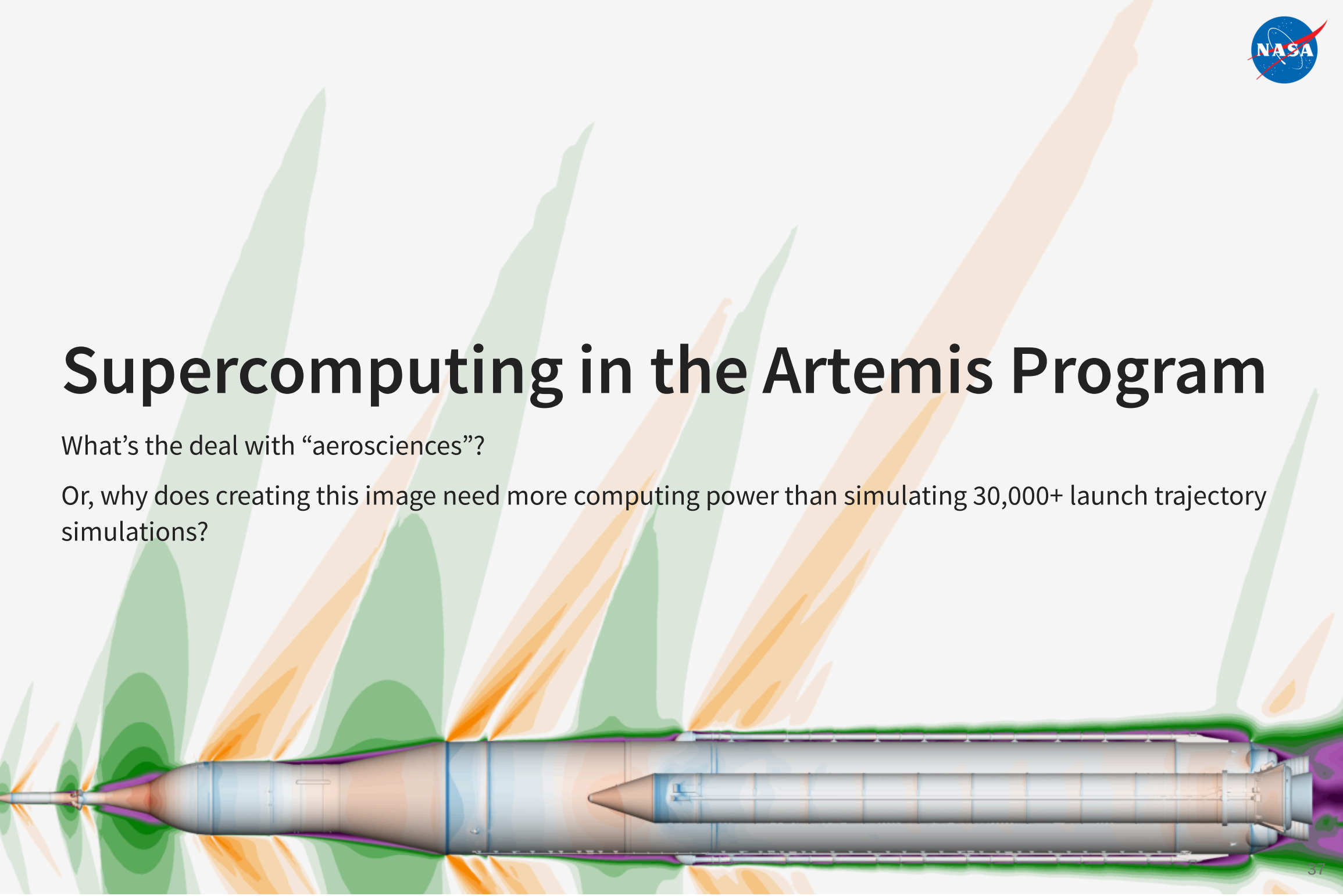
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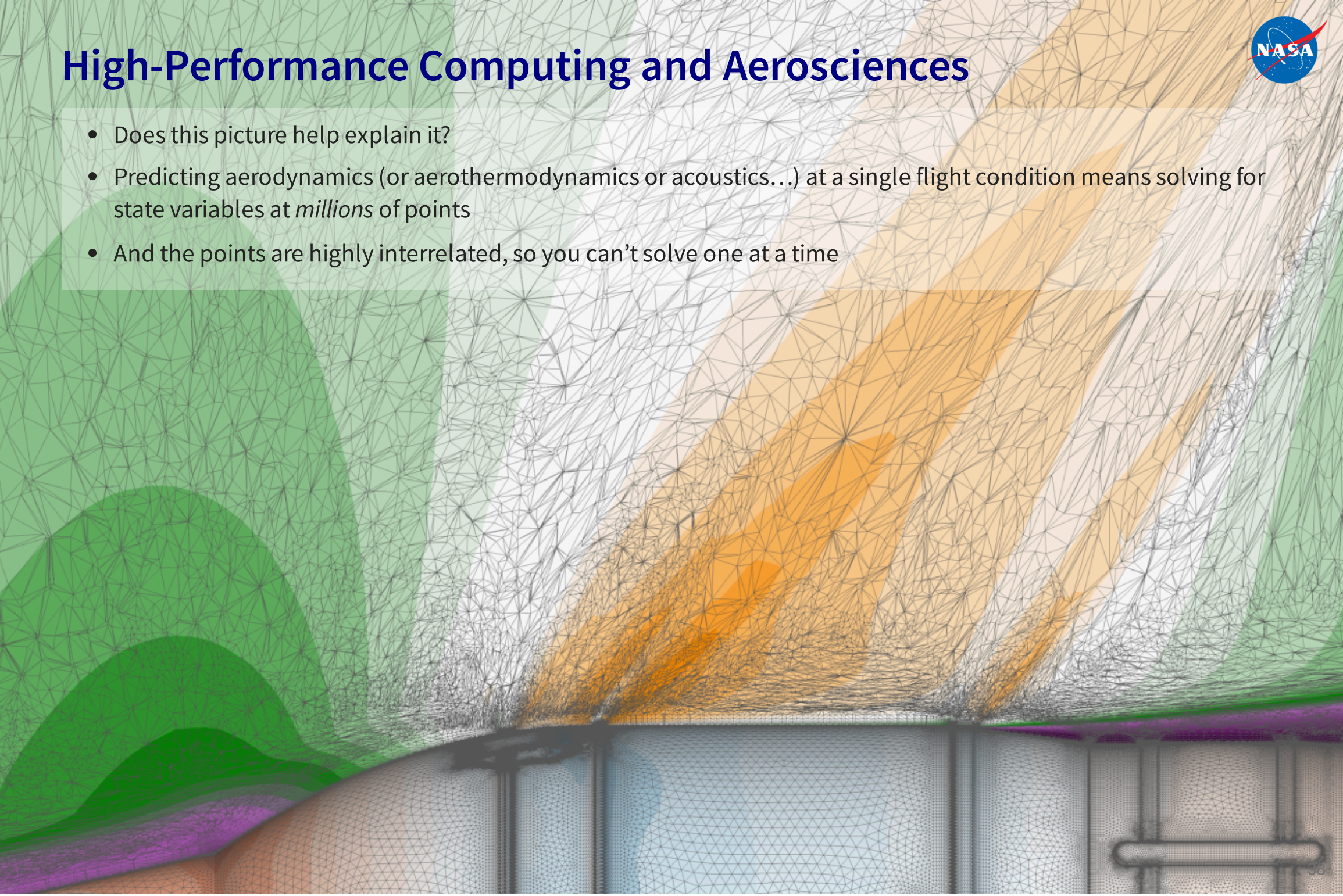
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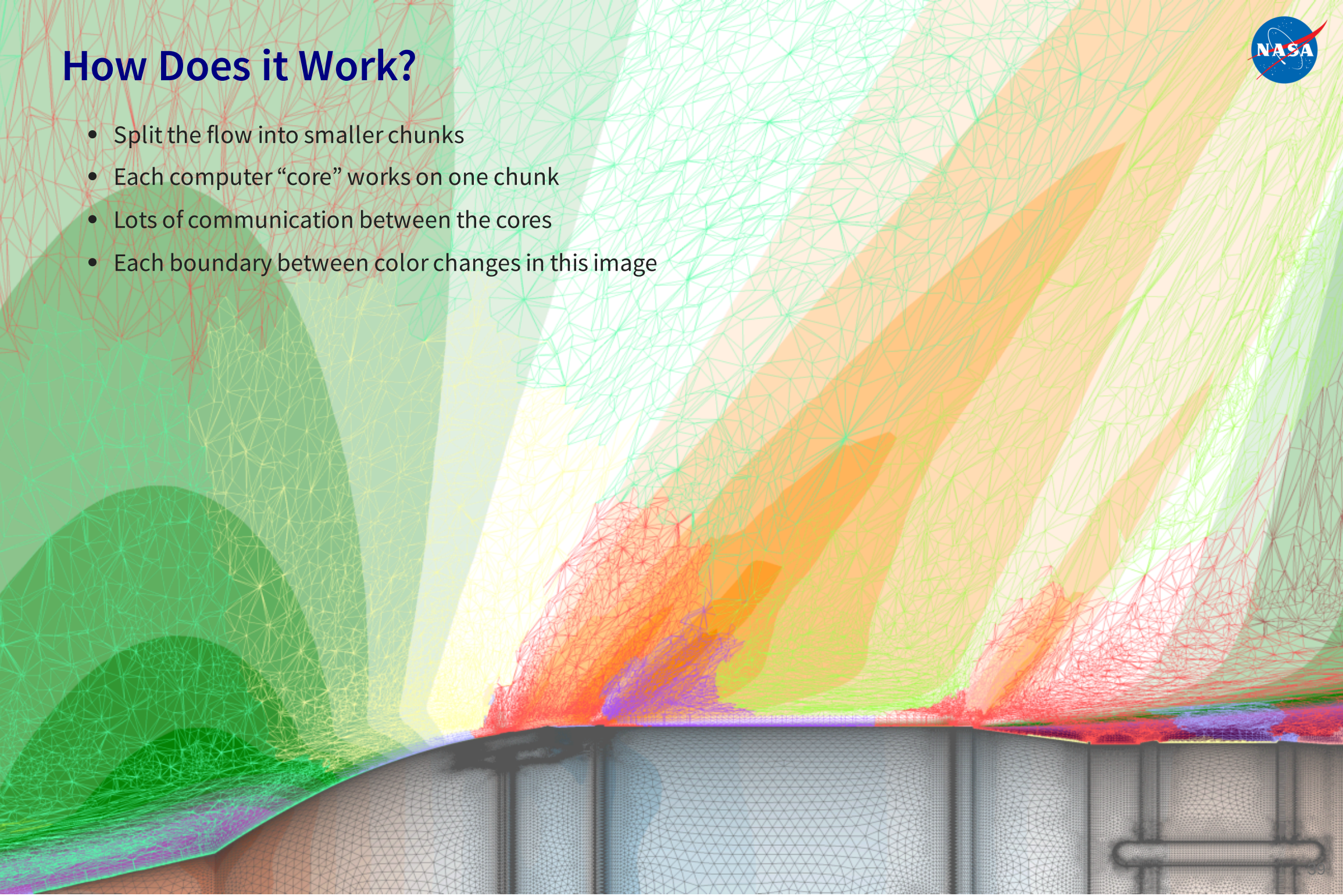
High-Performance Computing and Aerosciences

- Does this picture help explain it?
- Predicting aerodynamics (or aerothermodynamics or acoustics...) at a single flight condition means solving for state variables at *millions* of points
- And the points are highly interrelated, so you can't solve one at a time



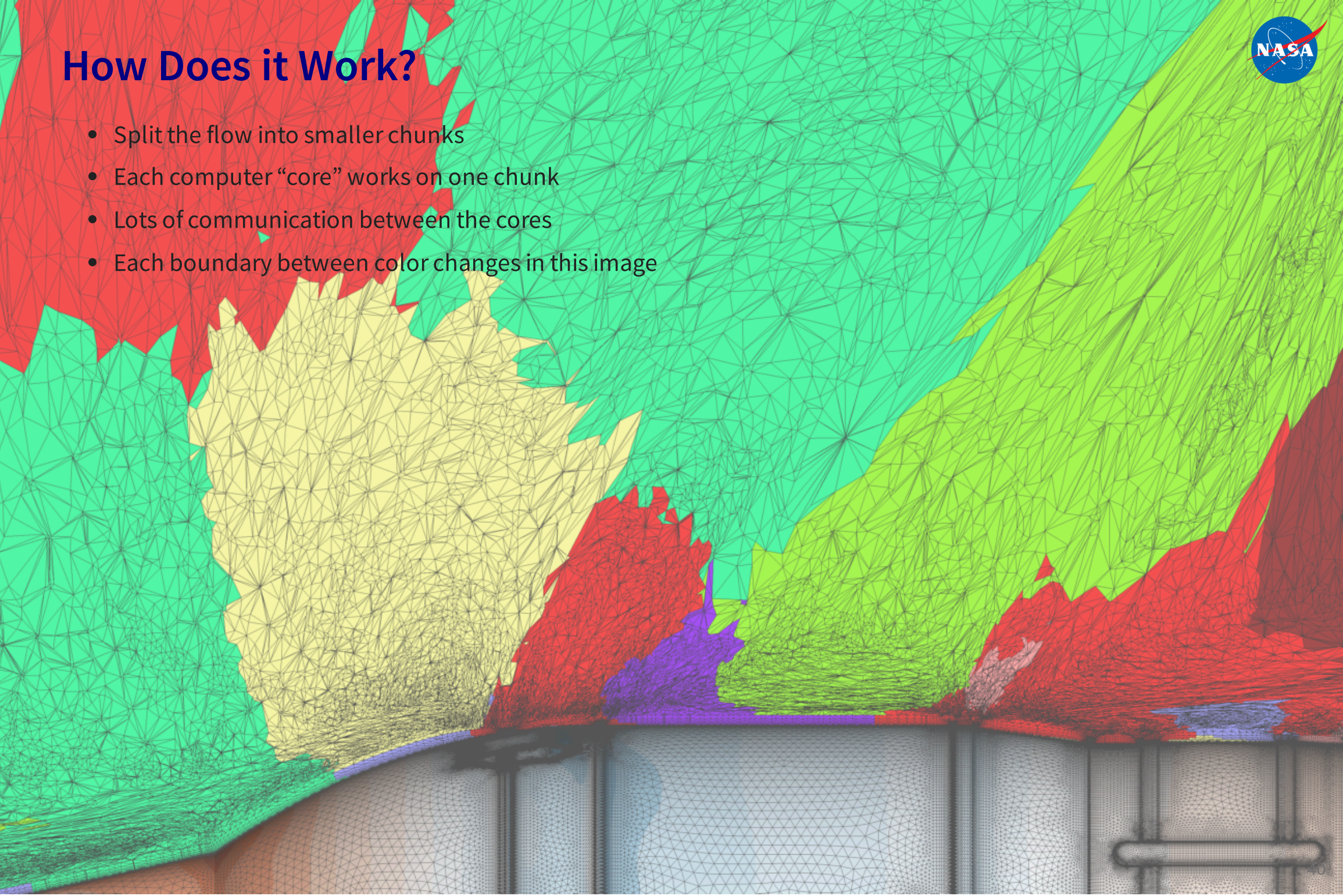
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- Lots of communication between the cores
- Each boundary between color changes in this image

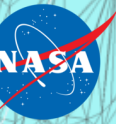


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Put it All Together





Environments

Artemis Launch Environments

Stage 2:

- Near-vacuum
- Separation events



Booster separation:

- Many dimensions
- 10k or more sims



Abort:

- Can happen at any time
- Chemistry is important
- Highly unsteady

Ascent (steady):

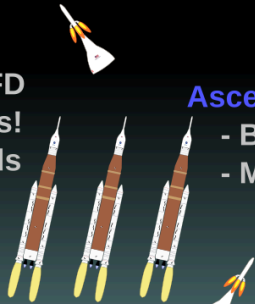
- Relatively simple CFD
- But do it 1000+ times!
- Wide range of speeds

Ascent (unsteady):

- Buffet, acoustics
- Mostly wind-tunnel

Ascent (aerothermal)

- Predict heating
- Separate sims



Subsonic abort

Lift-off:

- High energy!
- Multi-phase
- (Water, throat plug...)
- Acoustics



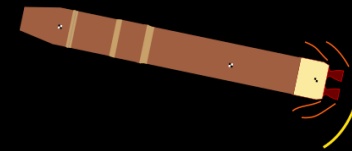
Pad abort

Pre-launch:

- High winds
- (Hurricane Nicole?)
- Vehicle only held at 10 points

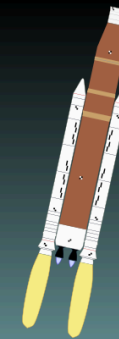
Core Stage Reentry

- Predict debris
- In a different ocean



Headless Stack

- Similar to CS reentry
- Upper stage present
- Descent or reentry



Booster Descent

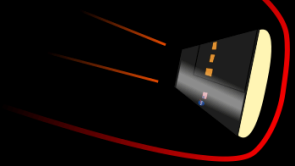
- SRBs not recovered
- Predict impact in ocean



Reentry Environments

Peak heating:

- Complex chemistry
- Ablation



Free Descent

- Before parachutes
- Separated flow



Parachute Descent

- "Flexible" structures
- Dynamic

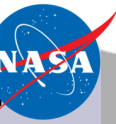


Liftoff and Related Environments

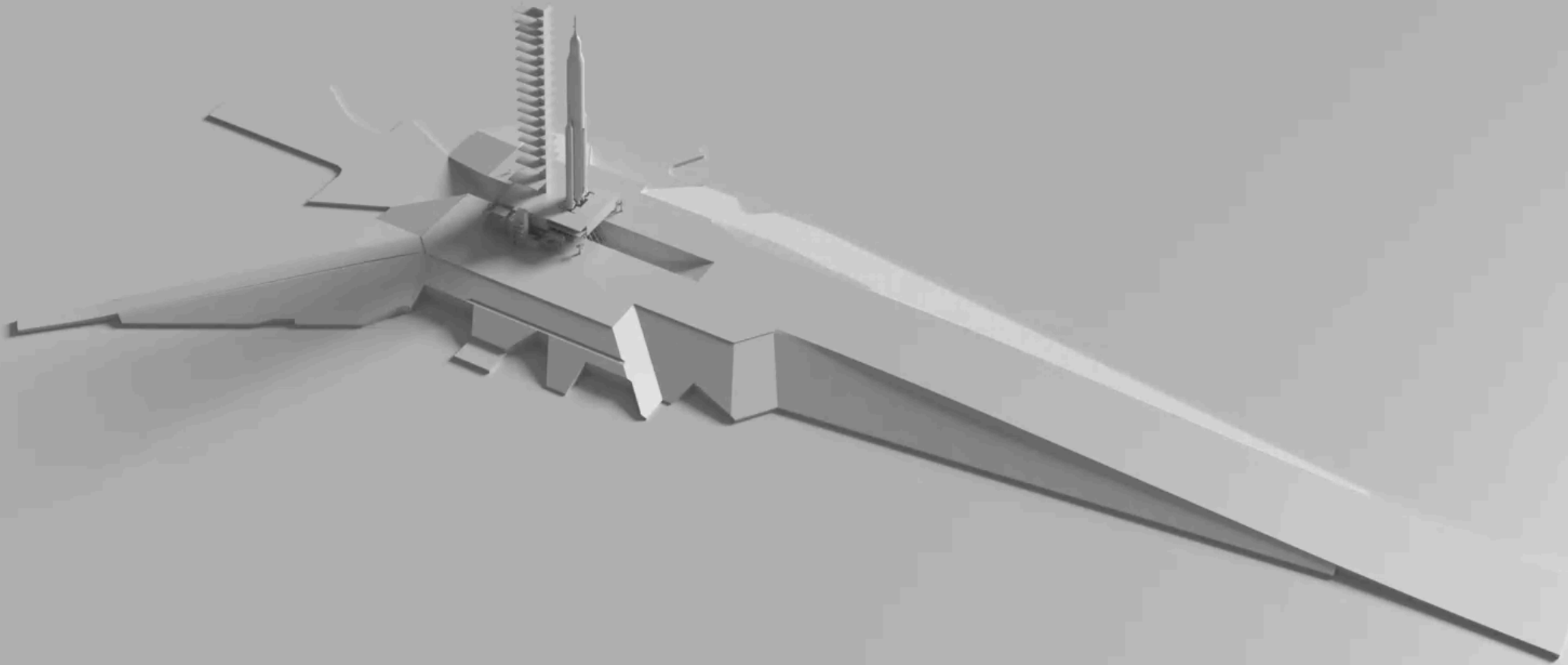
Credit: NASA Ames/LAVA Team

Video: Tim Sandstrom

POC: Michael Barad



This visualization depicts the Space Launch System geometry and a volume rendering of mass fractions for liquid water (blue), water vapor (white), and vehicle exhaust (purple low, yellow high). The water system and liquid engines are started and allowed to reach a quasi-steady state before the solid motor engines are started.



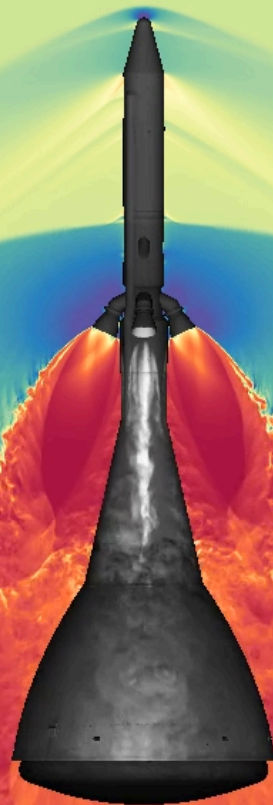
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Ascent Abort

Credit: NASA Ames/LAVA Team

POC: Francois Cadieux



Scale-resolving simulation of supersonic Ascent Abort Test 2 (AA-2) during its initial firing sequence when the vehicle is moving at nearly 1.2 times the speed of sound. The video shows a slice through the density field where high density is blue (air), and low density is red (hot exhaust gas). It also depicts the axial velocity on the surface of the vehicle where white is high and black is low. The rendering illustrates the large disparities in flow velocity and density in the highly turbulent plumes, which

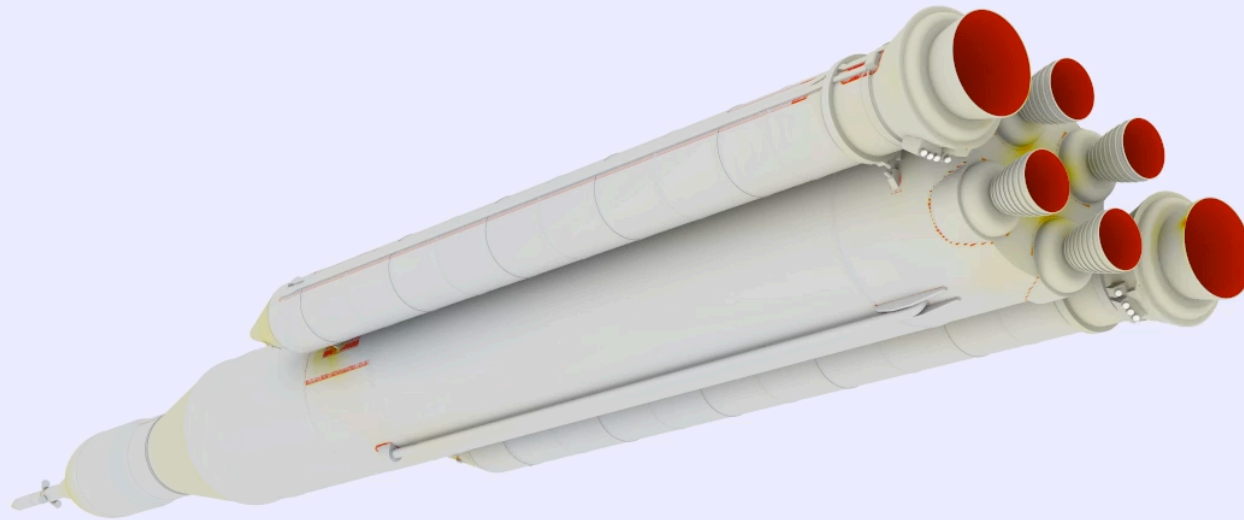
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Booster Separation

Credit: NASA Ames/Jeff Onufer, Tom Pulliam

Video: Tim Sandstrom

POC: Derek Dalle



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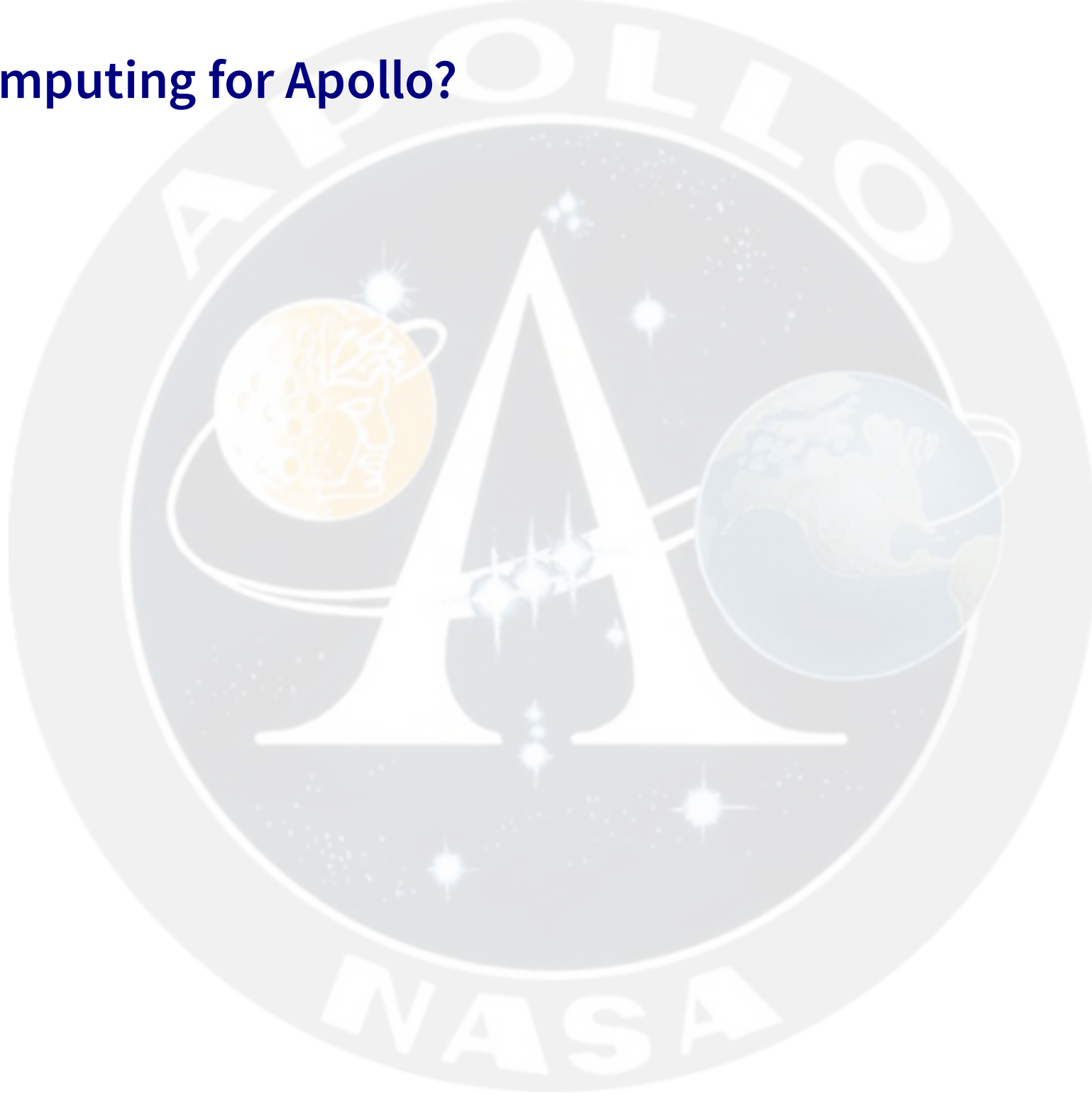
movement of booster noses
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Then and Now

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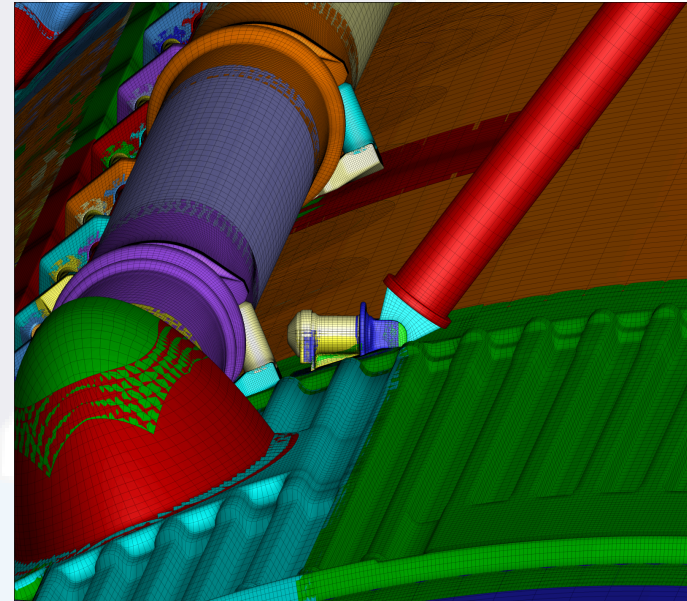
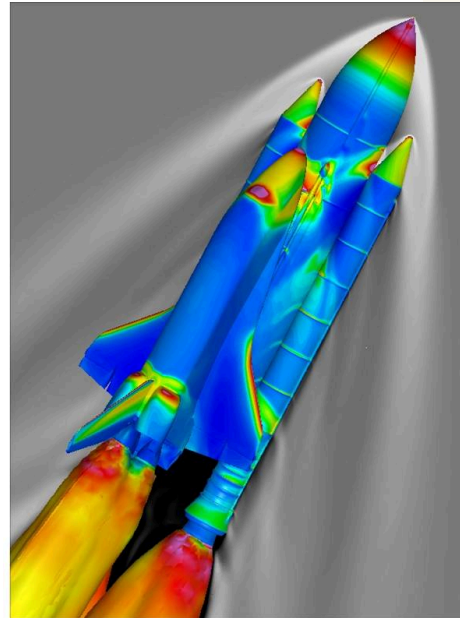
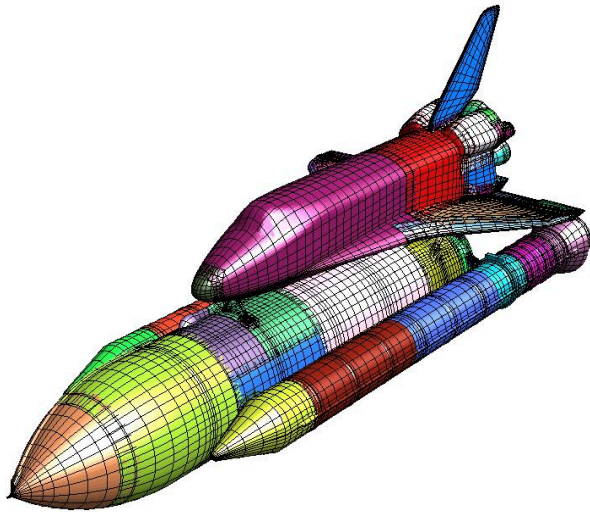
Supercomputing for Apollo?



Supercomputing for Space Shuttle

Accurately predicting the Space Shuttle ascent aerodynamic environment has proven a very elusive goal.

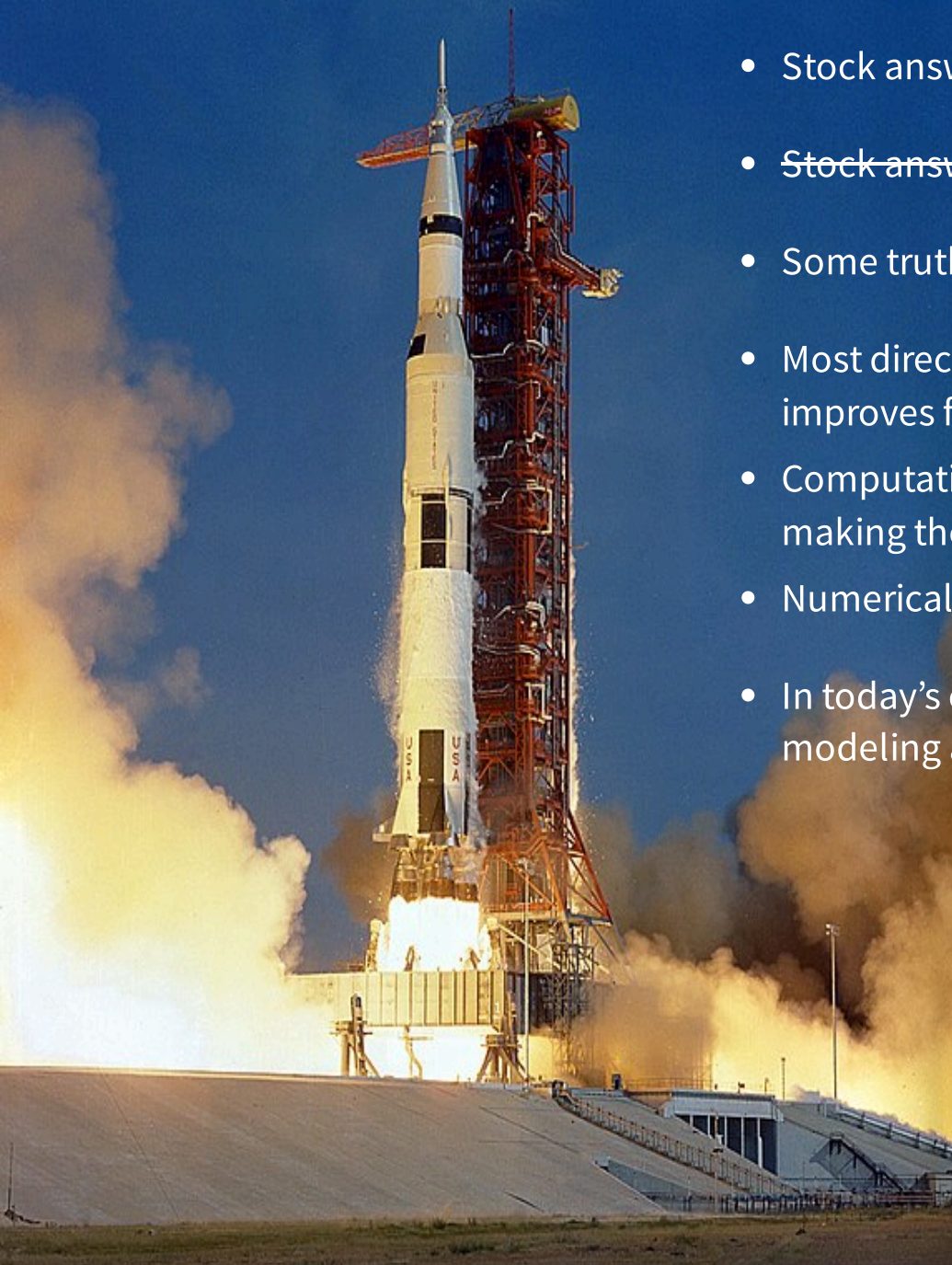
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By the end of the program, use of supercomputing for aerospace looks a lot like today.

SPACE SHUTTLE

Why Is High-Performance Computing Necessary?



- Stock answer: Modeling is cheaper than other types of testing
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- Some truth to that overall, but reality is more complicated
- Most direct reason to use HPC: would it be rational to **not** use a tool that improves flight safety?
- Computational/numerical models are much quicker to set up and change, making them really useful in the early stages of a program
- Numerical models can incorporate physics that are hard to ground-test
- In today's environment, ground testing, flight testing, and supercomputing modeling are highly complementary