

21st Century Space Launch Complex

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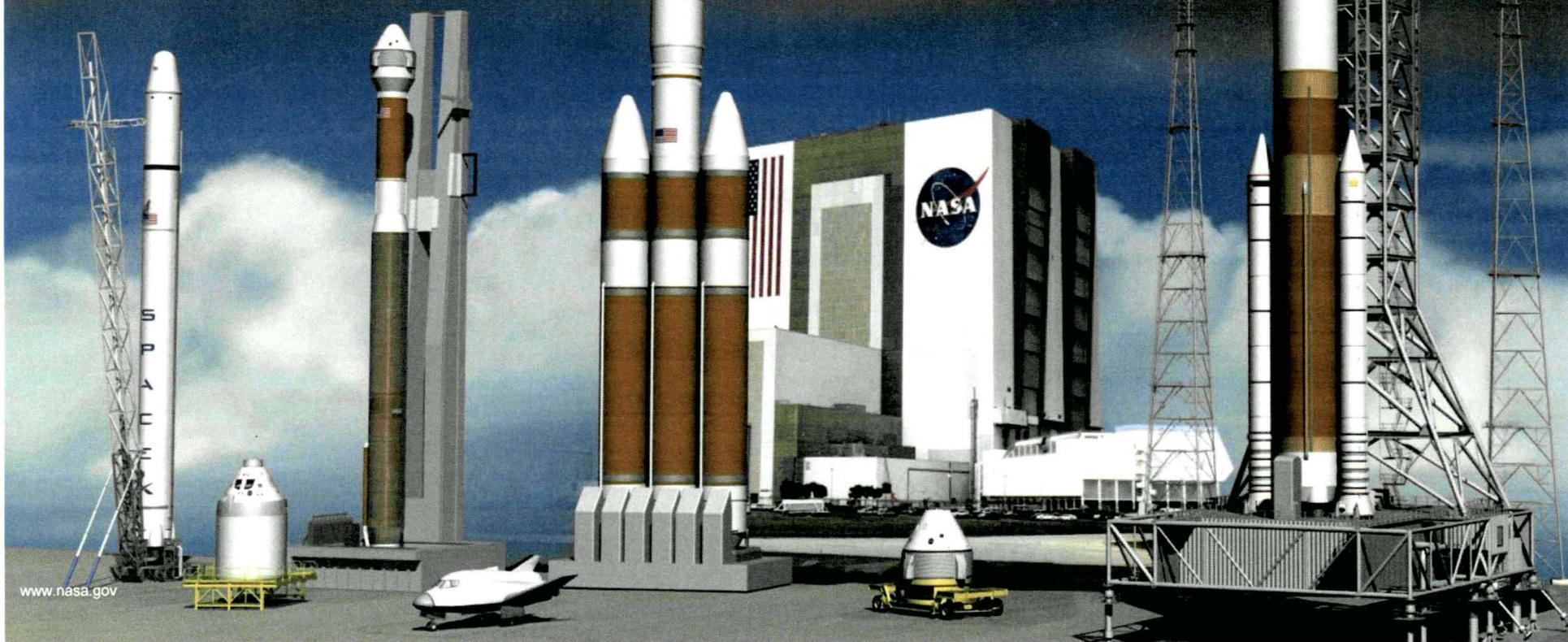
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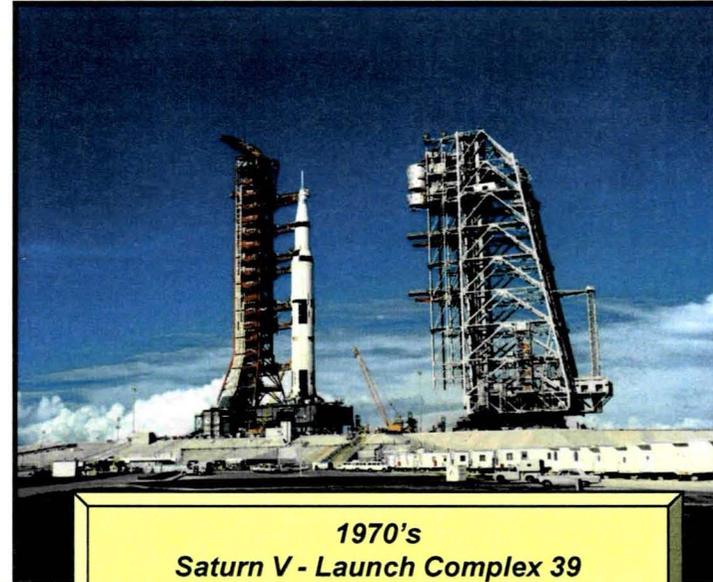
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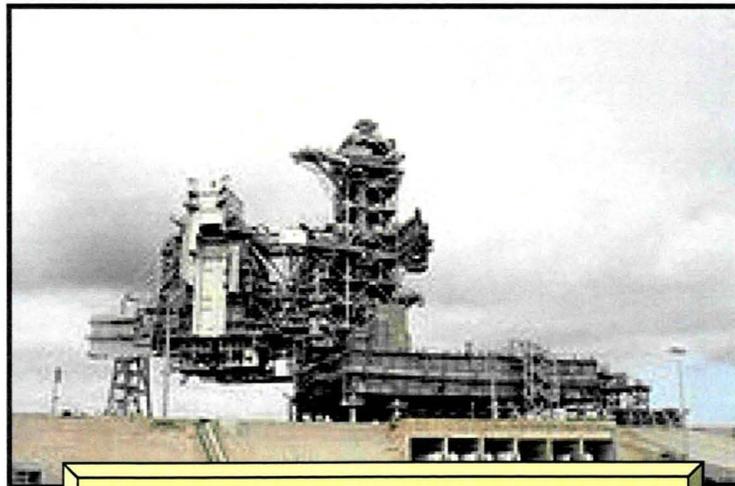
Kennedy Space Center, 1950-2011



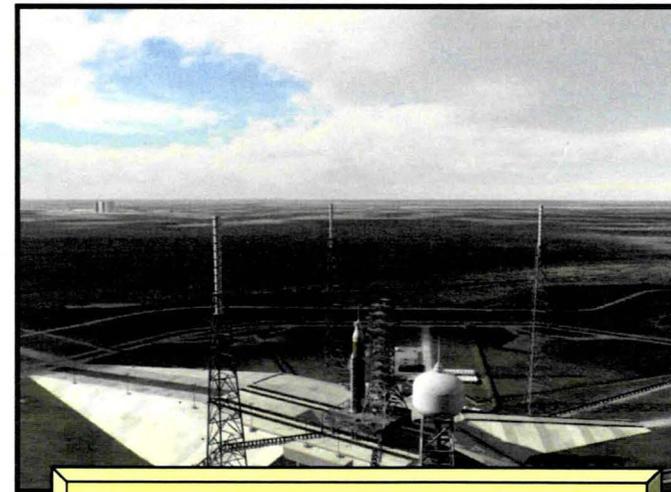
1950's
ICBM Row



1970's
Saturn V - Launch Complex 39



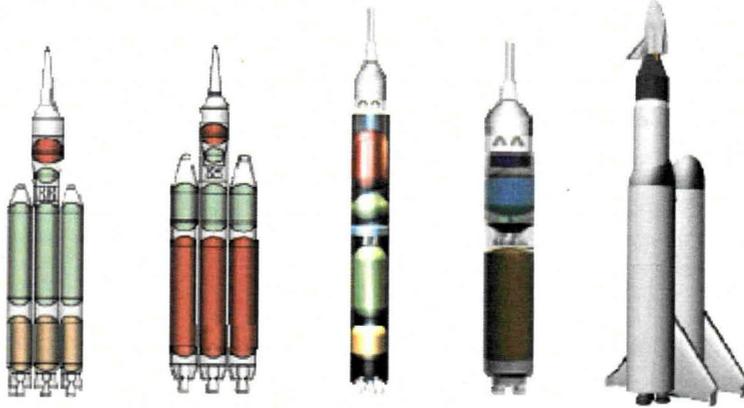
1980's - 2000's
Space Shuttle - Launch Complex 39



2010's
21st Century Space Launch Complex



Launch Vehicle Concepts and Architectures



Expendable Launch Vehicles



SSTO-Rocket



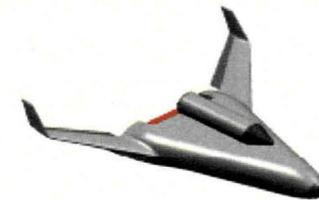
SSTO-AB/Rocket



Partially Reusable



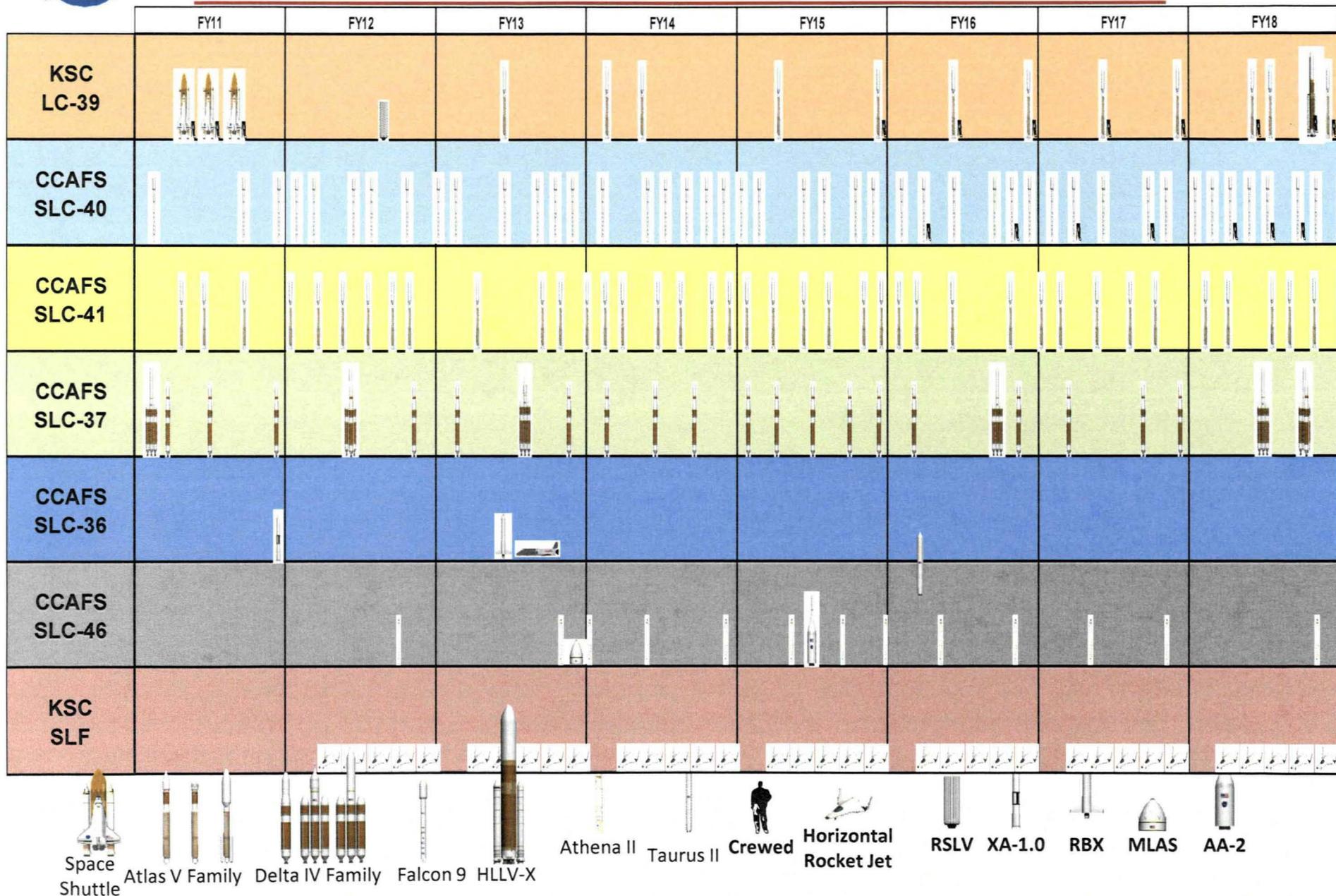
Fully Reusable



Architectures are High-Level System Descriptions With Relatively Little Detail

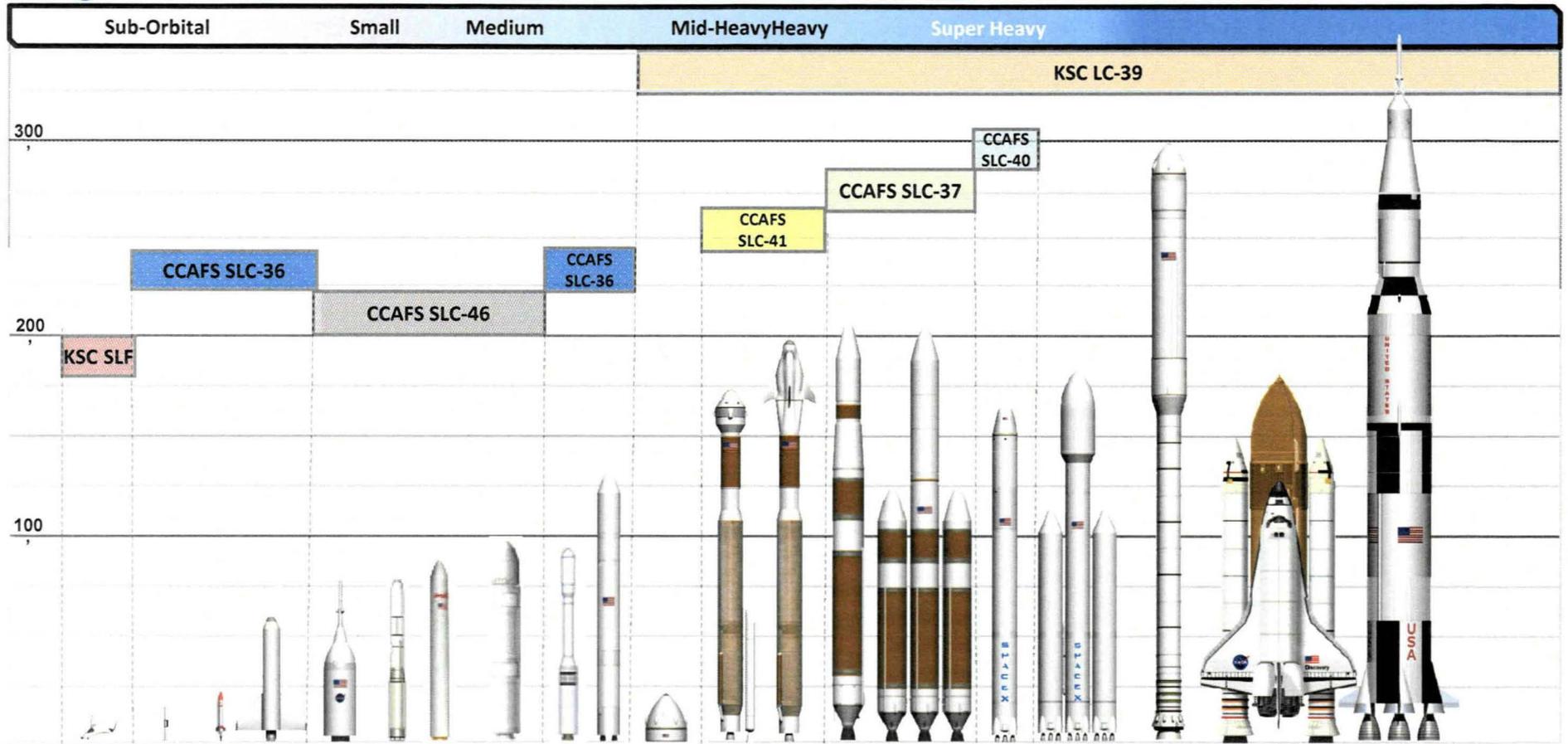


Notional Launch Manifest





Launch Capability



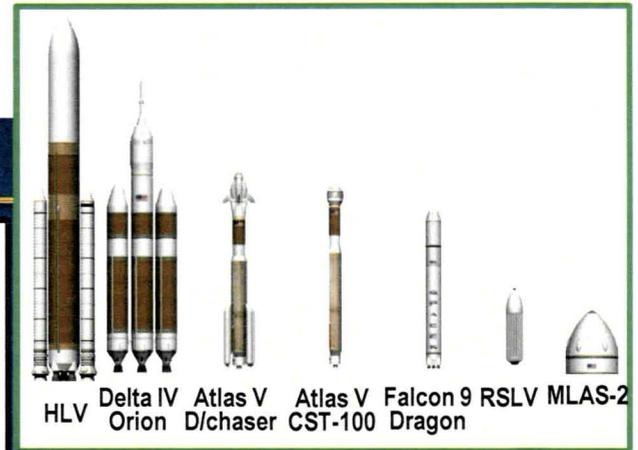
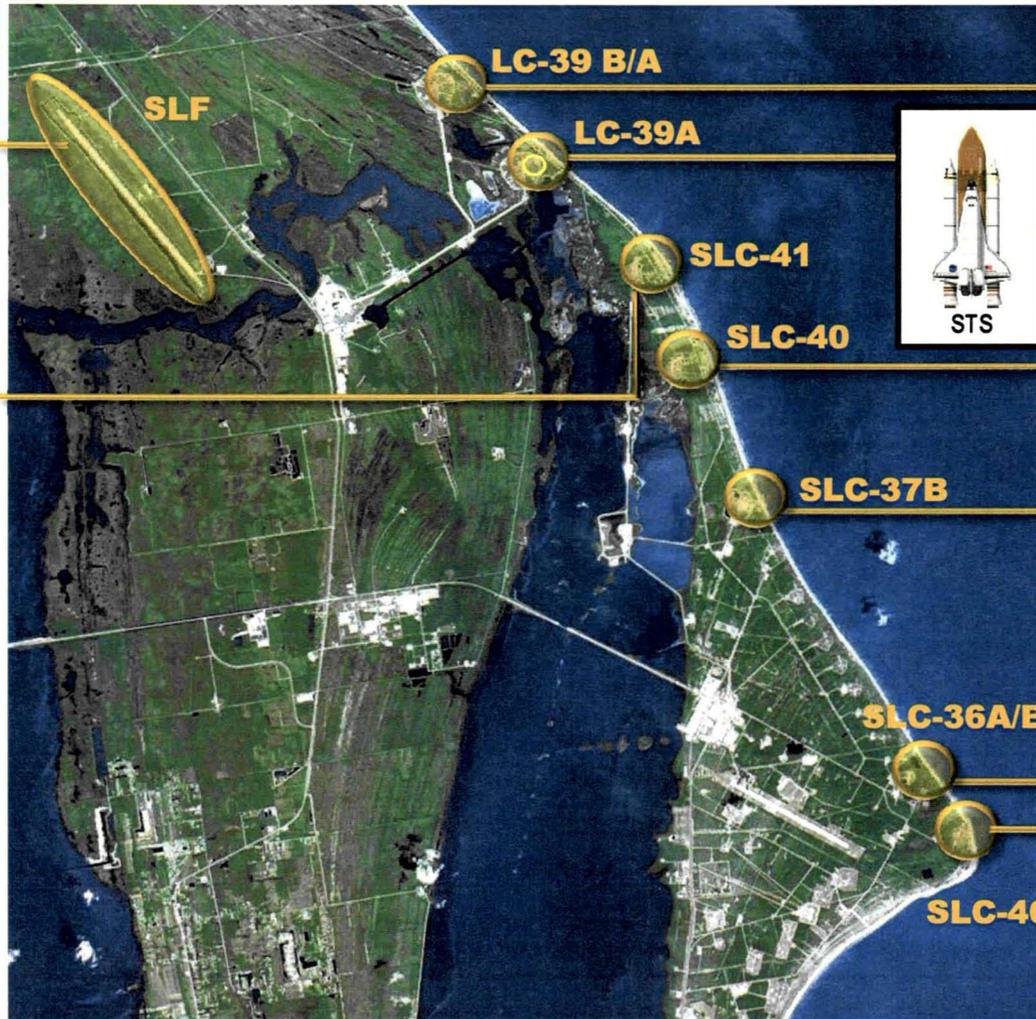
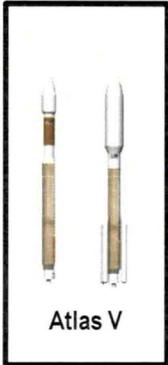
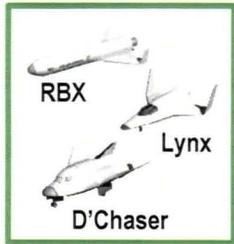
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Status	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Retired	Active	Active / Proposed	Proposed	Retired	Retired	Notional
Ht. (ft)	12	15	18 / 62	80	78 / 87	95	92/131	20	171 / 194	205	160 / 180	300	184	363	321.5
FS Comm	LOX/ RP1	LOX/ IPA	LOX/ethanol LOX/ RP1	Solid	Solid	Solid	(I) Solid (II) LOX /RP1	Solid	LOX/RP1/Solid LOX/RP1	LOX/LH2	LOX/ RP1	Solid	LOX/LH2/ Solid	LOX/ RP1	LOX/LH2/ Solid
FS Thrust (lbf)	12K	3.5K	4.5K / 338K	361K	496K	383K	383K / 734K	4.2K	1.2M / 860K	650K / 1.9M	1.1M / 3.4M	2.8M	6.8M	7.6M	~8.8M



Launch Site for Every Vehicle

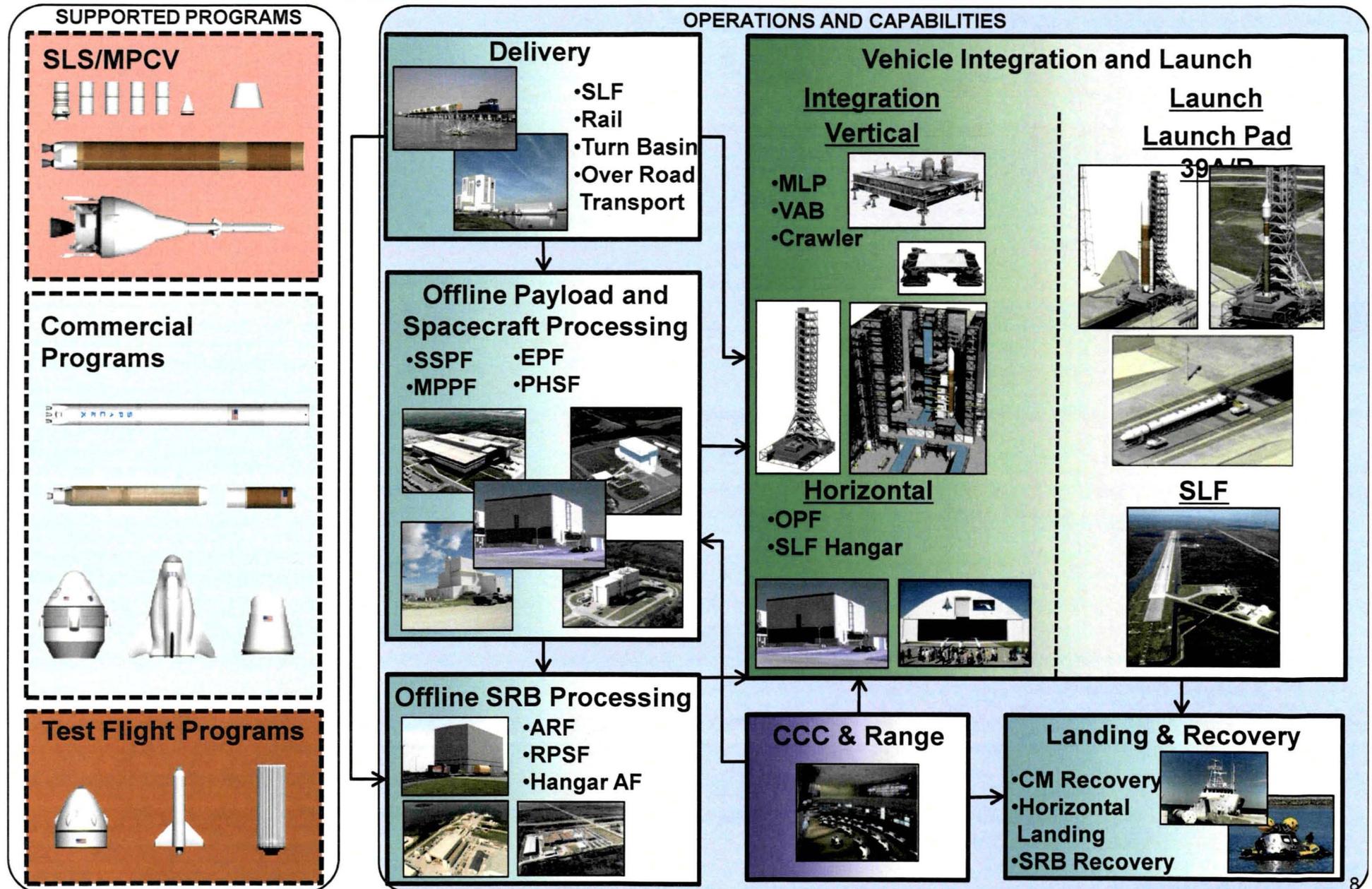
Active

Potential



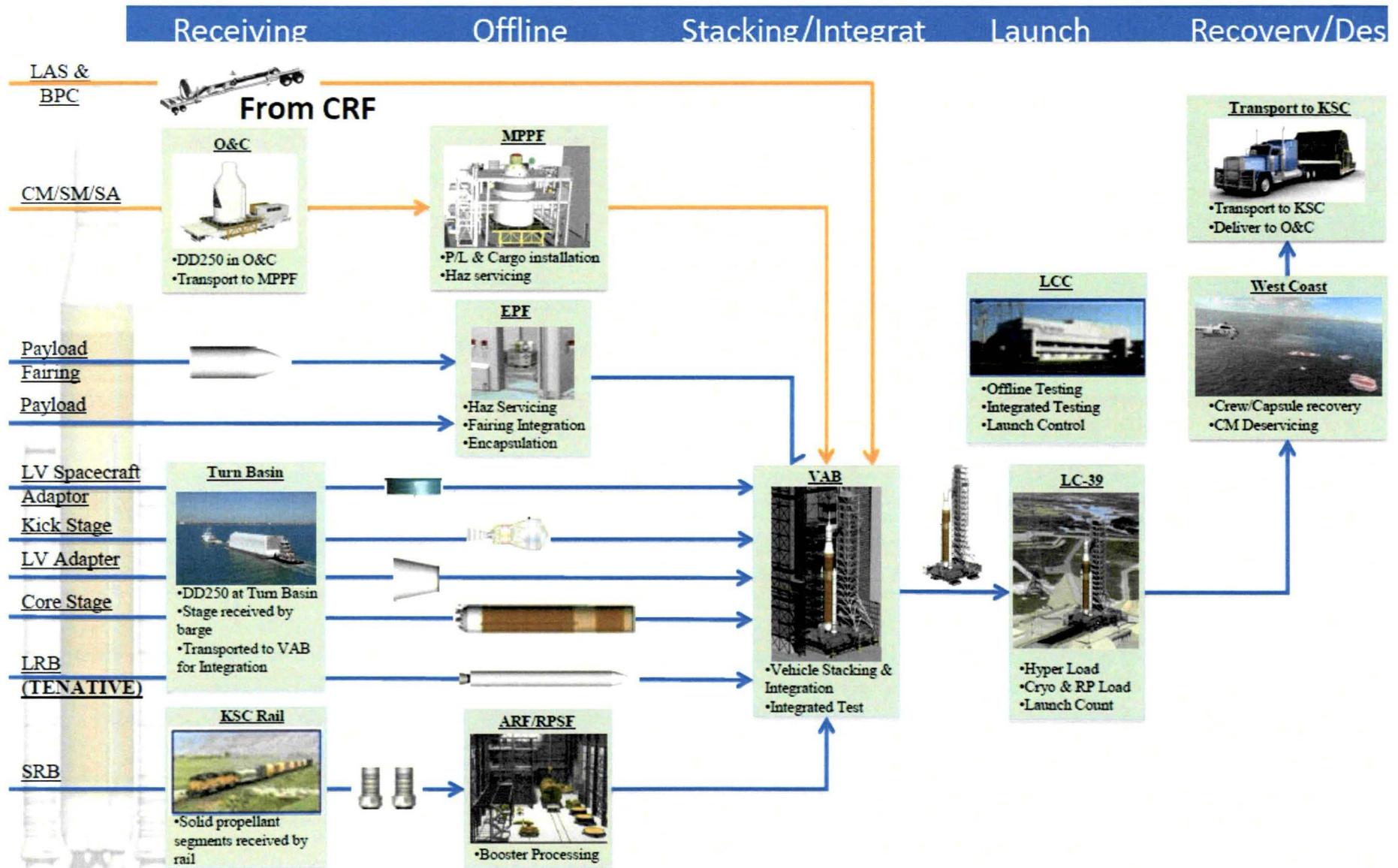


Launch Complex Concept of Operations





SLS Vehicle Configuration Concept of Operations

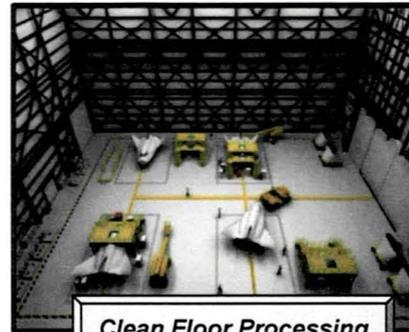




Flexible Approach



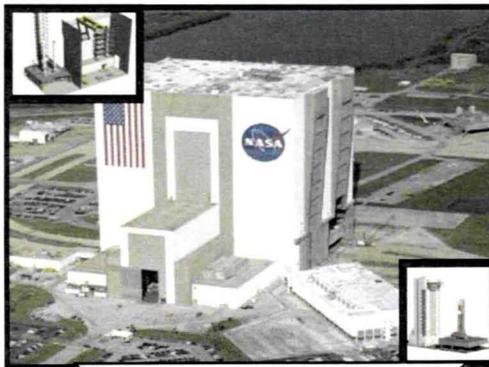
Horizontal Launch & Landing



Clean Floor Processing



Small Vehicle Launch



Multi-Use Integration



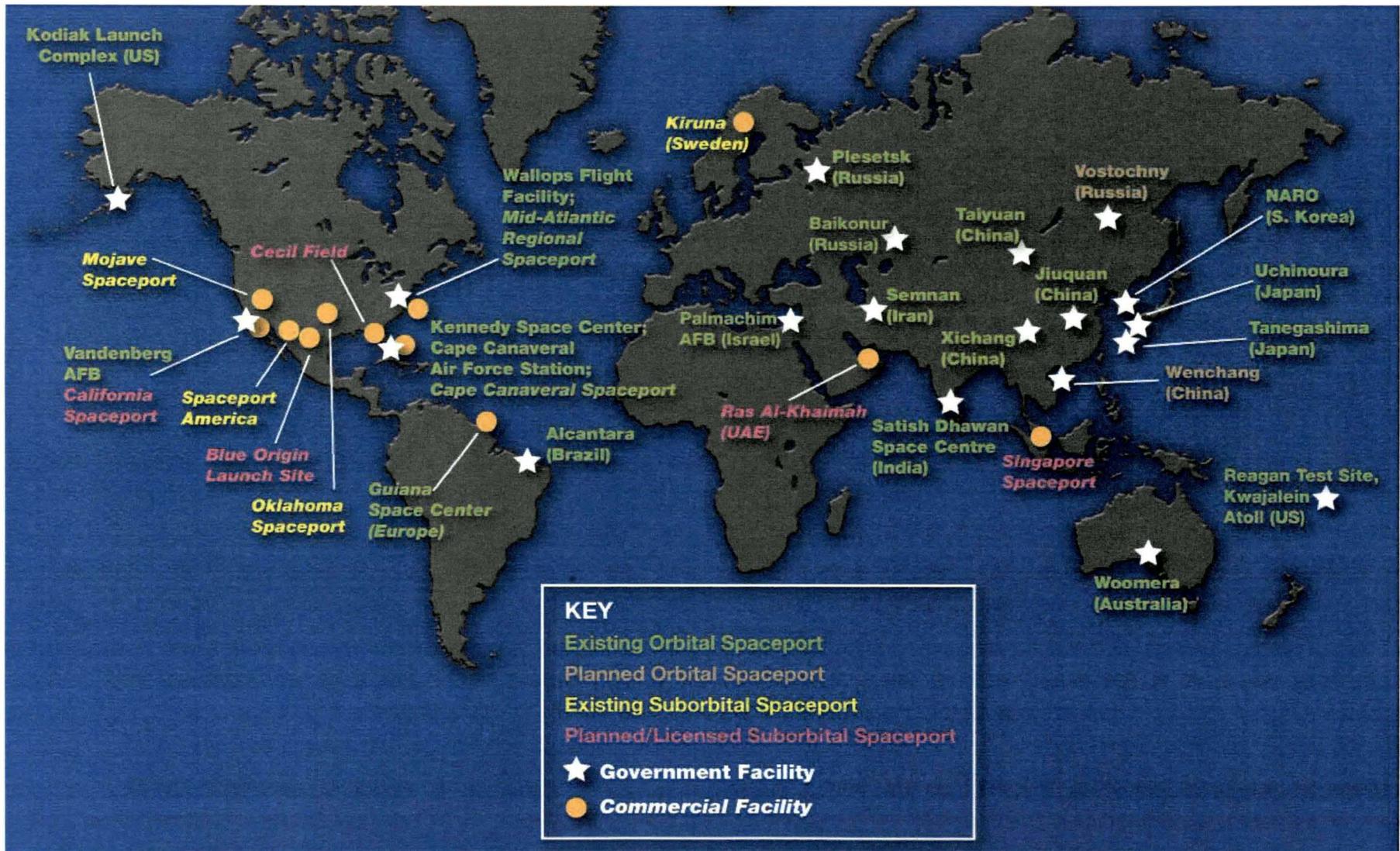
Heavy Class Launch Capability



Flexible Launch Capability



Spaceports around the World





NASA programs and Commercial Partnerships

- ◆ **NASA programs (SLS, MPCV, LSP, ISS) continue to be the core business of Kennedy Space Center**
- ◆ **Commercial partnerships expand the portfolio of KSC activities and provide opportunities for growth**
- ◆ **Both operating modes complement each other**
 - Low Risk: Programs allow NASA to push the boundaries and develop new capabilities
 - Low Cost: Commercial entities drive down costs for established capabilities and expand the space industry
- ◆ **The future KSC combines the best attributes of each to become the location of choice for all Space Commerce**

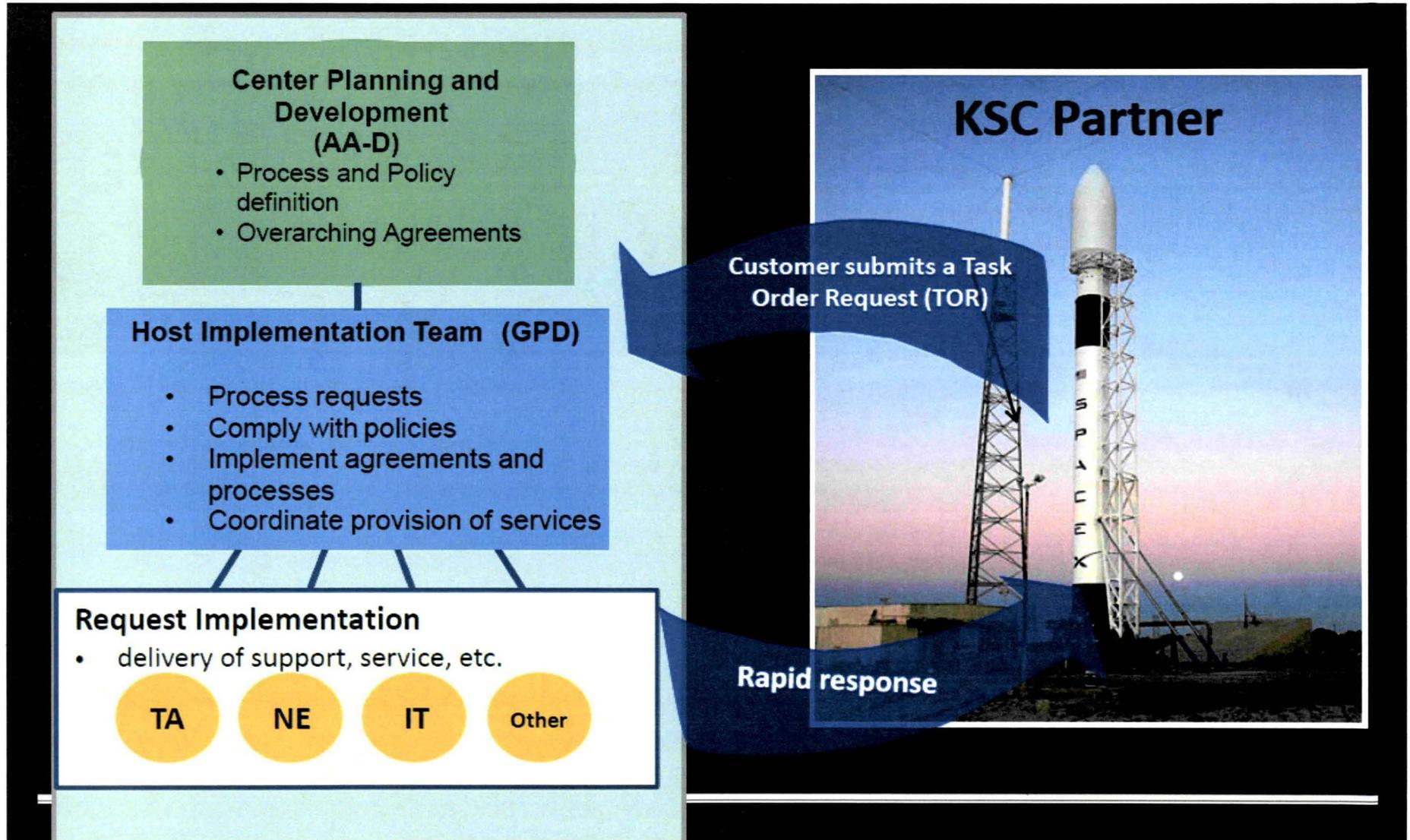


KSC Directorates and Commercial Partnerships

- ◆ **Chief Counsel Office (CC) provides legal guidance**
- ◆ **GG provides center-wide costing and financial guidance**
- ◆ **Center Operations (TA) provides institutional coordination during partnership development and implementation**
- ◆ **EX and PA help coordinate the Center's interaction/messaging with the public, legislators, and media**
- ◆ **IT has a strong involvement in modeling and simulation used to secure partnerships and forward planning for new tenants at KSC**
- ◆ **21st Century Ground Systems Program provides multi-use architecture studies for KSC master planning**
- ◆ **FA administers CCDev program**
- ◆ **LX, UB, PH, VA and NE provide engineering expertise to evaluate and develop partnership**
- ◆ **GPD is designed as the primary implementing organization for sign partnerships**



Partnership Example





Summary

◆ Features of a 21 CSLC

- Flexibility to support evolving launch vehicles and spacecraft
- Standard interfaces to support multiple customer needs
- Enhance Range capability and flexibility
- Reconfigurable processing areas and control rooms
- Revitalized infrastructure

◆ KSC is open for Business

- KSC workforce is shifting to accommodate a multi-user commercial capability in addition to traditional large programs
- Commercial interaction will lead to improved internal customer focus
- Implementing technologies to overcome constraints for flexible, multi-use concepts and cost sharing
- Collaborating with NASA, DoD and commercial Programs