

# *THE FUTURE SCENE AT CAPE CANAVERAL SPACEPORT*

## Synopsis:

- What's coming up in the next few years at the Cape.
- A look at recent events, new launch vehicles on the horizon, and upcoming plans for Cape Canaveral AFS and Kennedy Space Center.

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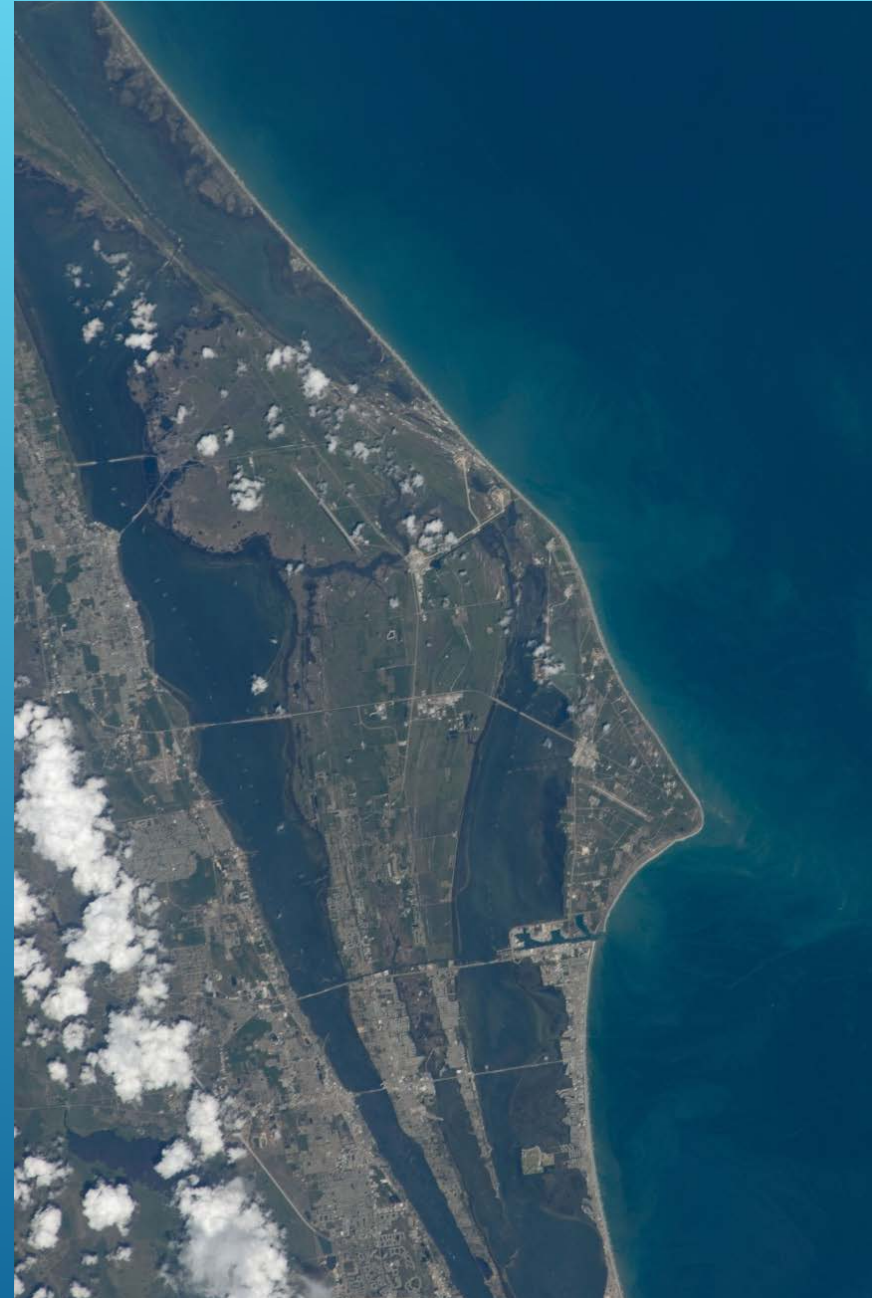
Or:

“How I Learned to Stop Worrying  
and Love Clear Plastic Fins”

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# OVERVIEW

- ▶ A Very Quick Cape History
  - ▶ - Changing Times
  - Satellite Boom
  - Dispense with the Excess
- ▶ Your Grandfather's Cape
- ▶ Not Your Grandfather's Cape
- ▶ Launch Complex Shuffling
- ▶ Rockets & Spacecraft Galore

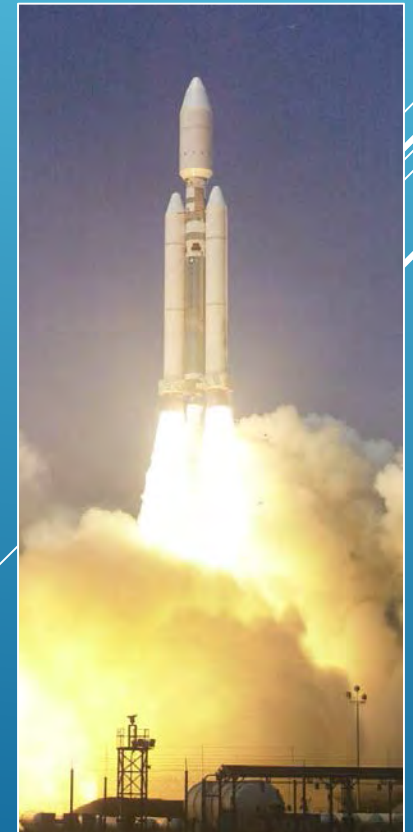
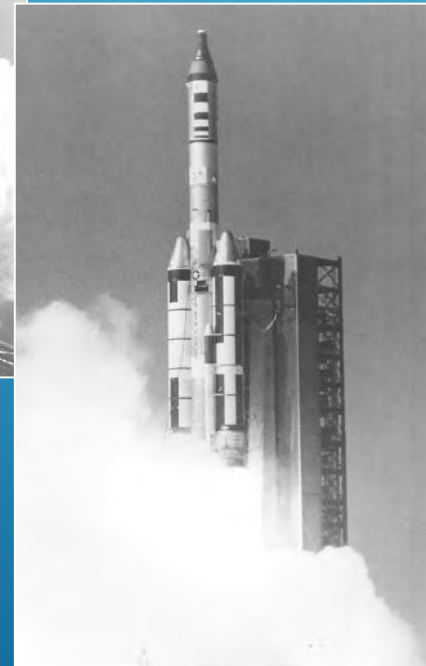


# A VERY QUICK CAPE SPACEPORT HISTORY

- Active since 1950
- Over 3,400 launches supported



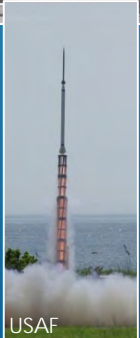
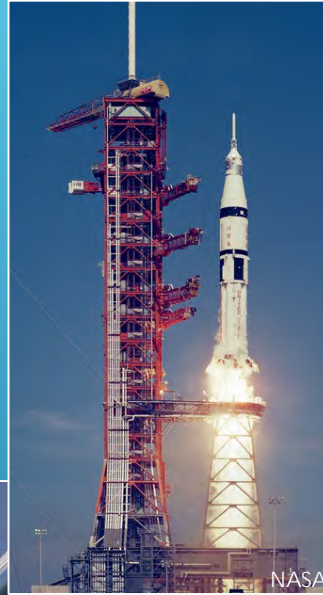
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# A VERY QUICK HISTORY (CONT'D)

- Diverse launch vehicle mix
- Every U.S. crewed flight flew from the Cape Spaceport



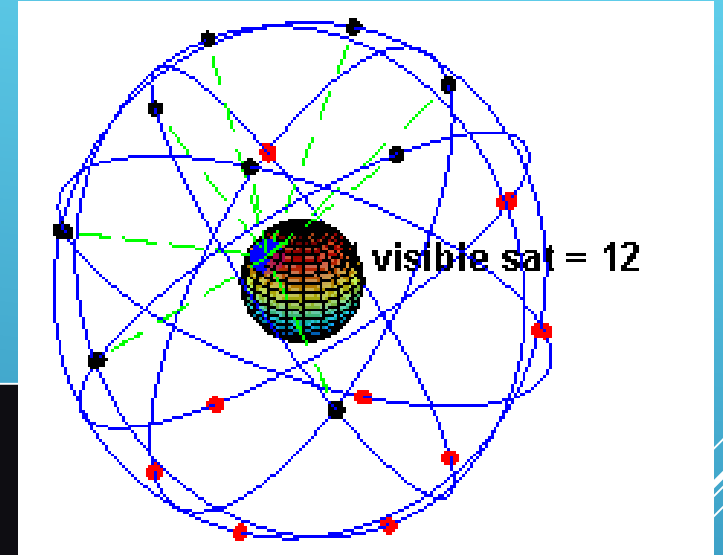
# CHANGING TIMES

- ▶ Space Industry is Transitioning
  - ▶ Limited government budgets lead to a shift toward commercial
  - ▶ Government reliance on the private sector will significantly increase
  - ▶ Global Space Industry Revenues from Commercial Sources already far exceed Government



# COMING SOON TO A SKY NEAR YOU!

- ▶ Massive satellite constellations promising global coverage for comm & imaging
- ▶ Providing Internet service for everyone everywhere:
  - ▶ OneWeb: 2,620 satellites!
  - ▶ SpaceX network: 4,425 satellites!!
- ▶ Fleets of Imaging satellites:
  - ▶ Planet
  - ▶ Terra Bella
  - ▶ WorldView Legion





# GOVERNMENT EXCESS FACILITIES TRANSFER



- ▶ “Surplus” government facilities changing hands





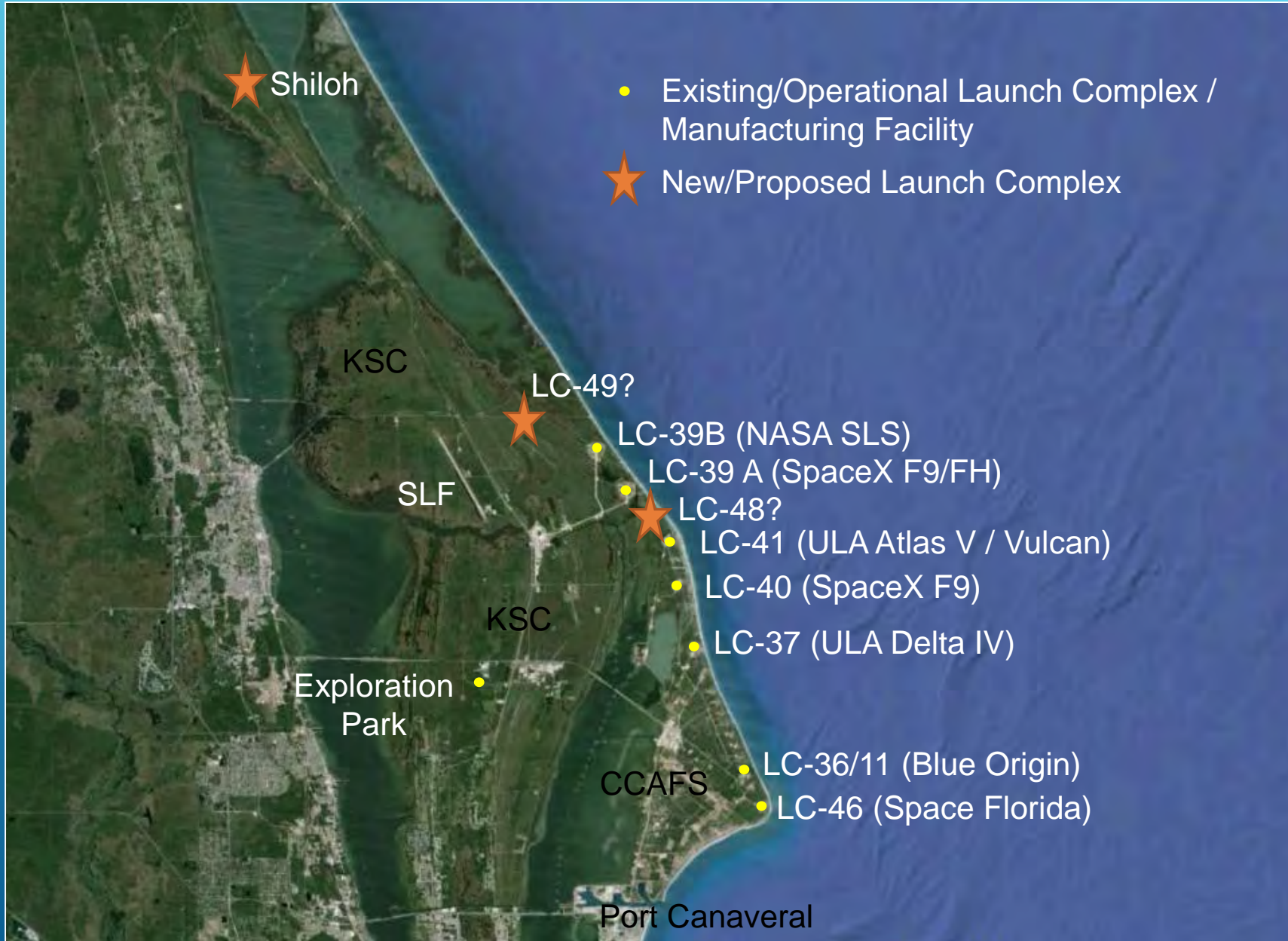
# YOUR GRANDFATHER'S CAPE

- ▶ Launch Complexes purpose-built
- ▶ Every program had their own CX - sometimes multiple CX
- ▶ Government programs, Government-run



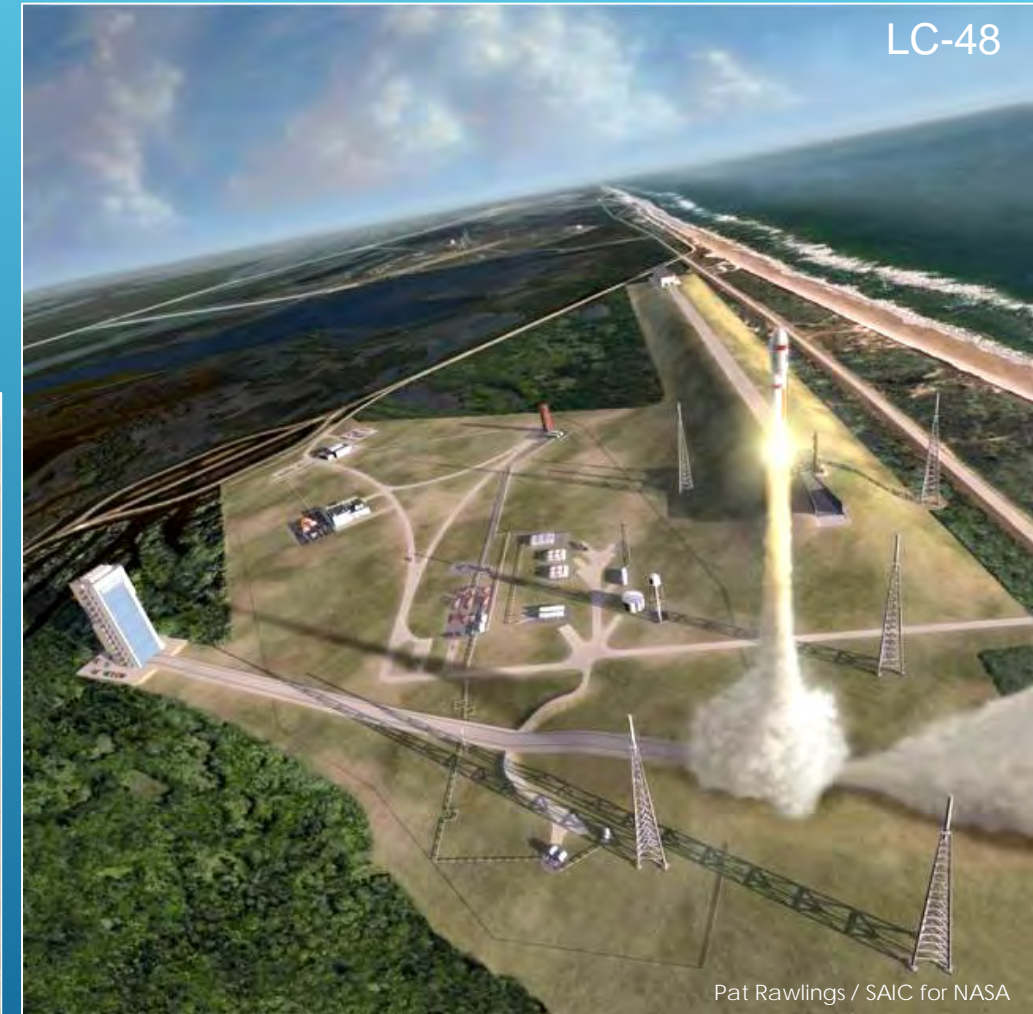
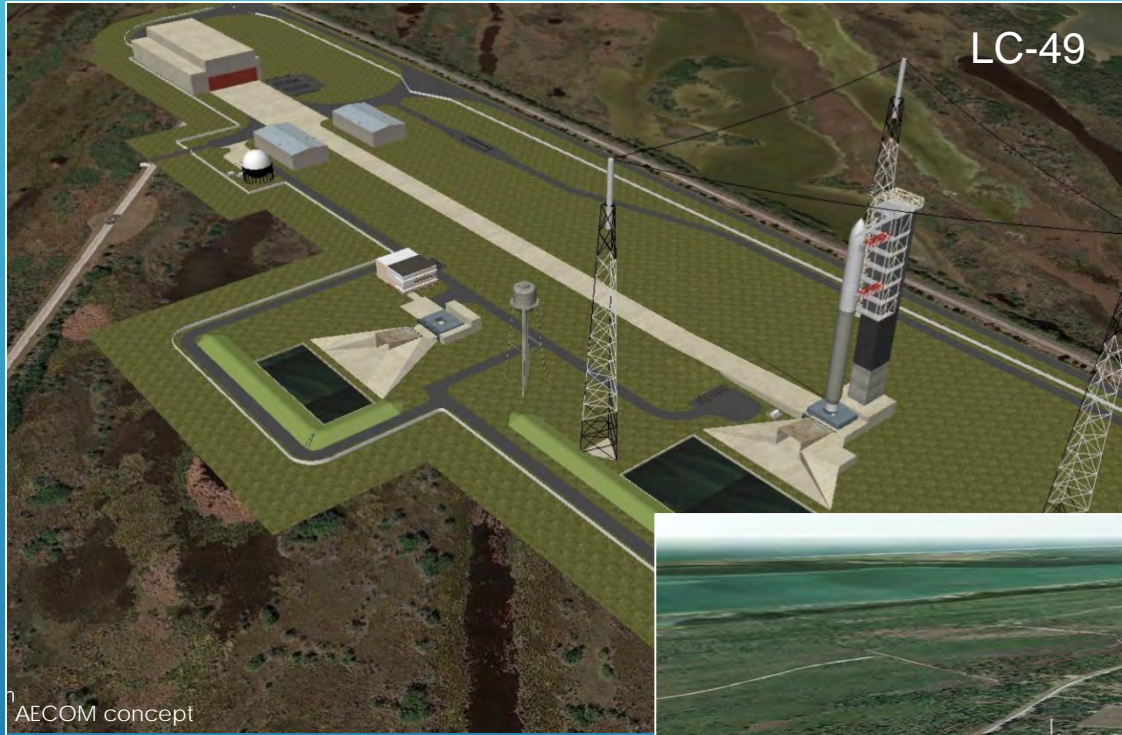


# NOT YOUR GRANDFATHER'S CAPE





# MAKE ROOM FOR NEW LAUNCH PADS





# SPACE FLORIDA NOW RUNNING THE SLF

Past



Present



Future



- ▶ Commercial tenant development
- ▶ Next-gen spacecraft and UAS advanced aerospace systems
- ▶ Development, testing, and manufacturing opportunities



# RECENT ACTIVITIES AT THE SLF



Super Guppy delivery of Orion pressure vessel



Antonov Delivery of ULA Atlas V Payload



Visit from Vintage B-17 by CAF



Mockup Orbiter refurbishment by LVX Systems



Genovation GXE Vehicle Testing

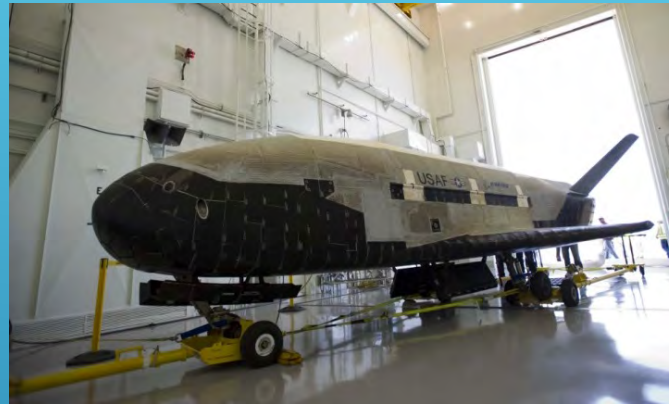


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# ORBITER PROCESSING FACILITIES? NO MORE !!

OPF-1 & 2



to USAF Boeing X-37B



OPF-3



to Boeing Starliner



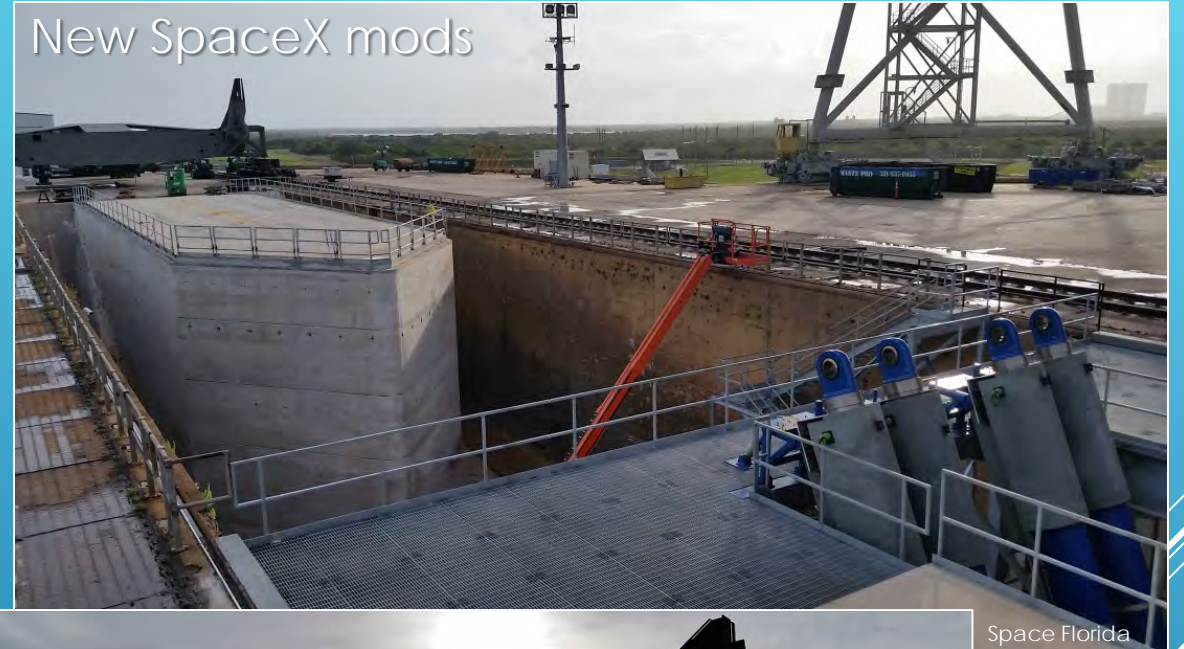


# REPUROPSED LAUNCH COMPLEX 39A


Shuttle era Flame Trench



New SpaceX mods



# ROCKETS & SPACECRAFT GALORE

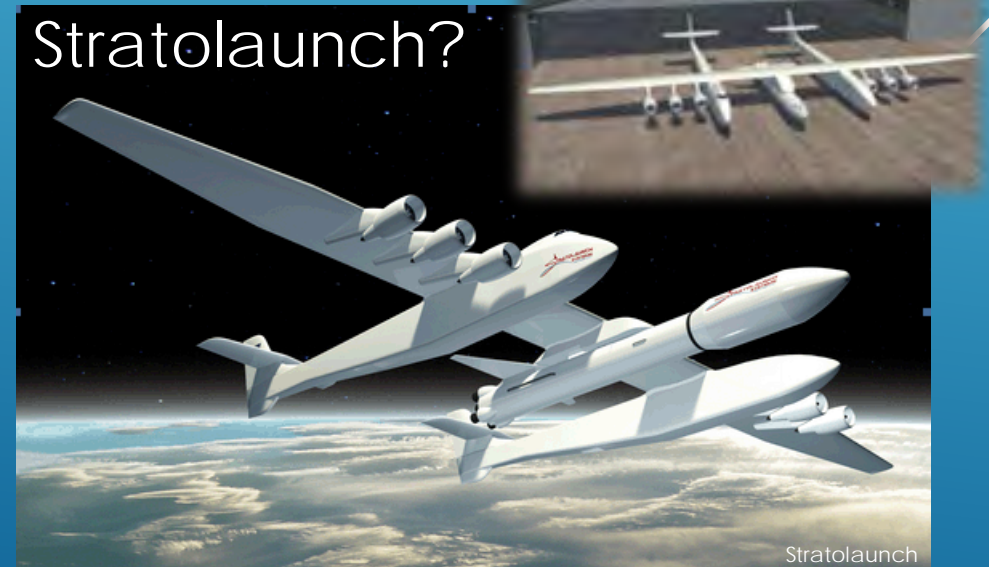
- ▶ Horizontal Launch Vehicles
  - ▶ NASA Space Launch System / *Orion*
  - ▶ United Launch Alliance – *Atlas V* / *Delta IV* / *Vulcan*
  - ▶ Space Exploration Technologies - *Falcon*
  - ▶ Boeing *Starliner* CST-100
  - ▶ Sierra Nevada *Dream Chaser*
  - ▶ Orbital ATK *Minotaur*
  - ▶ Blue Origin *New Glenn*
  - ▶ Small Launch Vehicles
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# THINGS WITH WINGS (HLV)



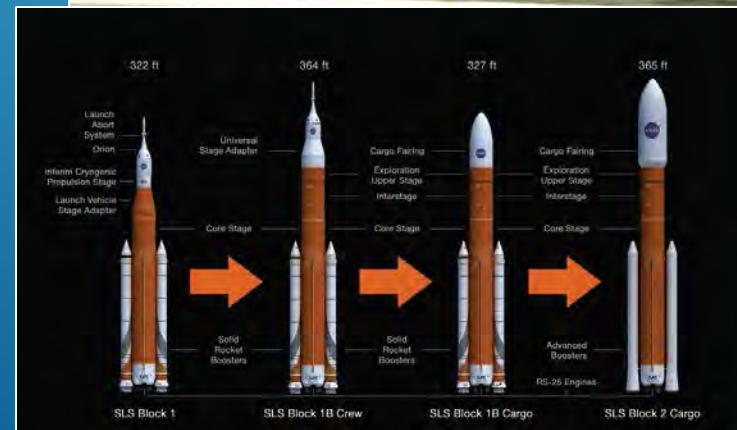
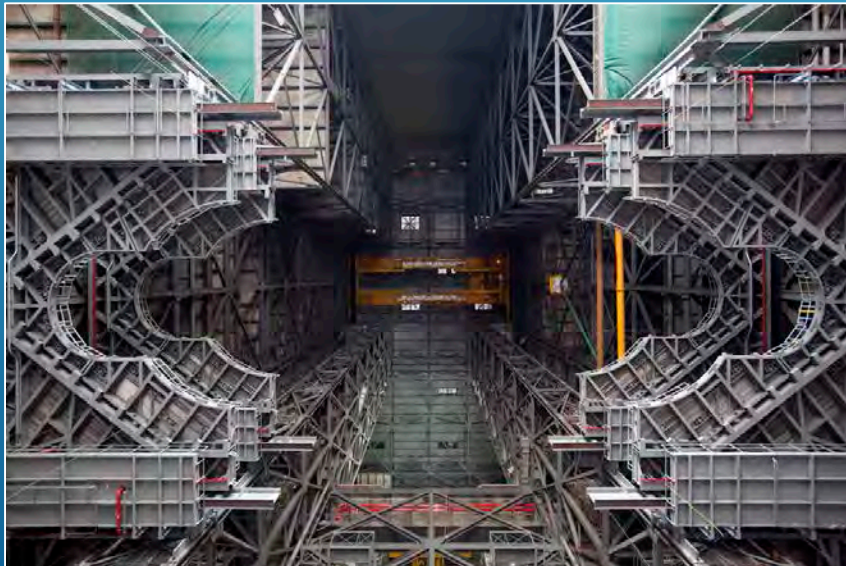
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# SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM

- ▶ CX-39B
- ▶ Launch every two years?



NASA



# ORION – EXPLORATION CREW VEHICLE

- ▶ 7 astronaut capacity
- ▶ “Mission to Mars” component
- ▶ Interim Cryogenic Upper Stage
- ▶ ESA Service Module

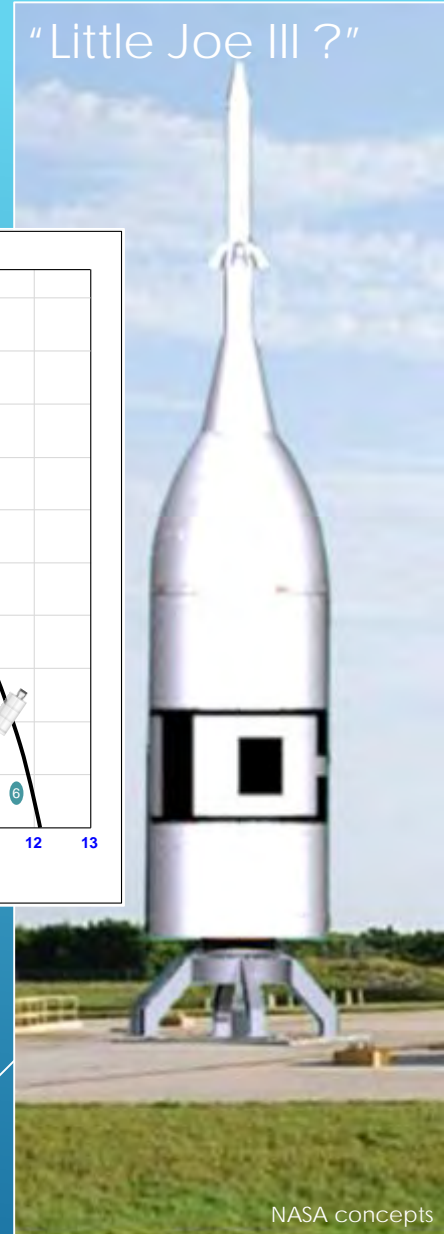
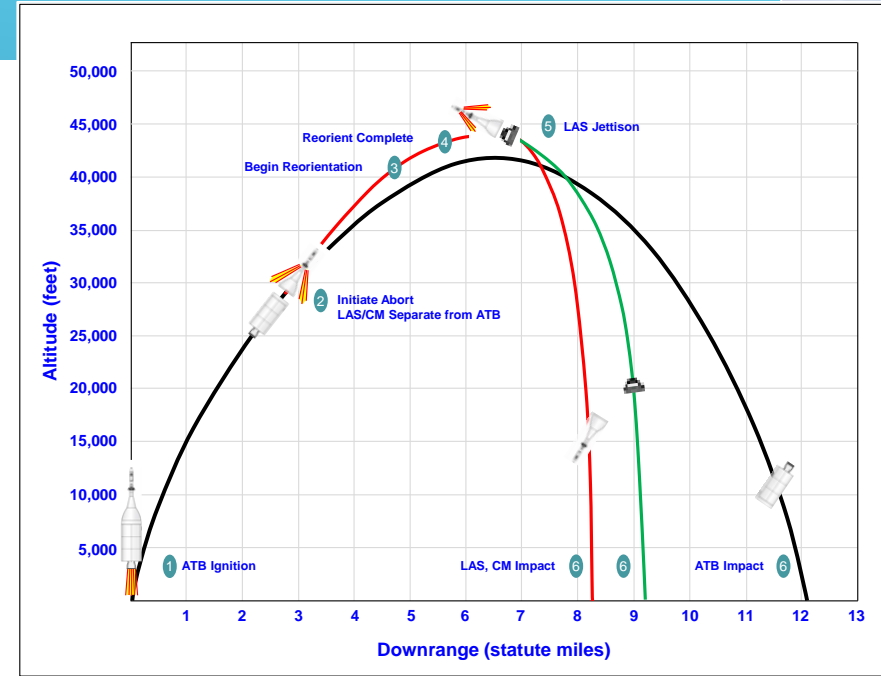
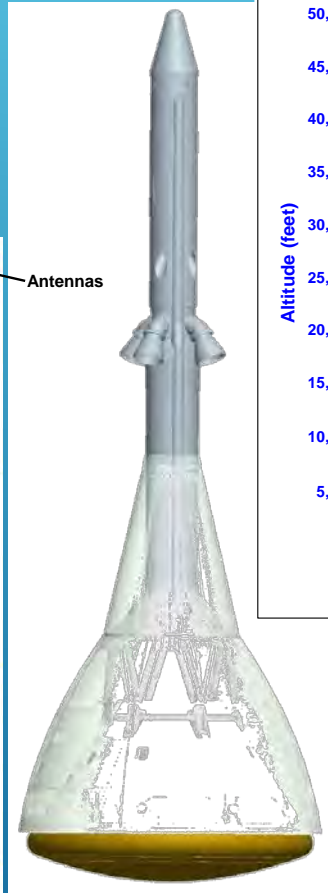
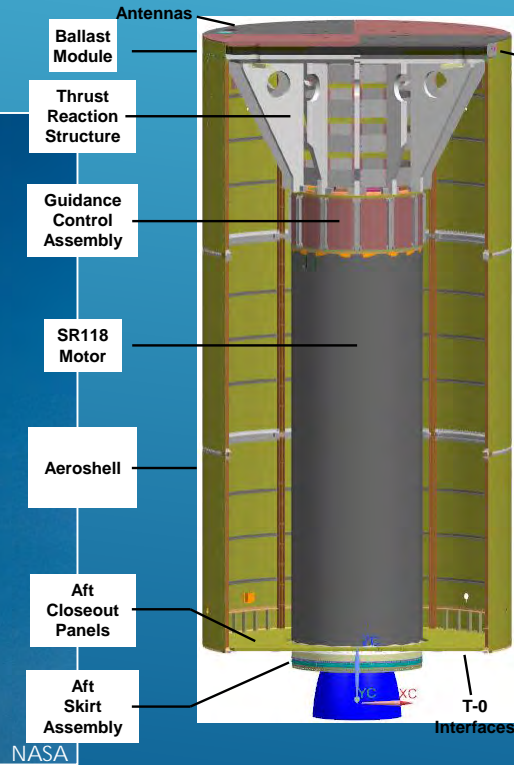
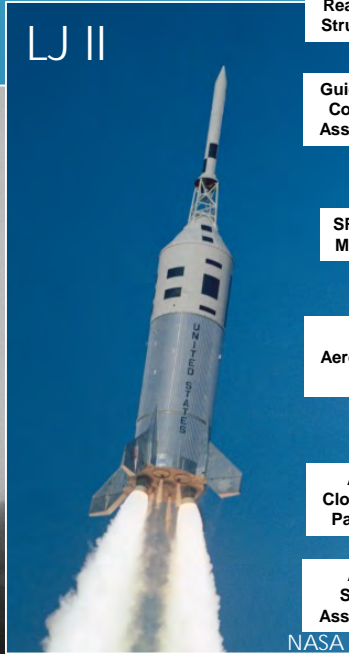


NASA concept



# ORION - ASCENT ABORT AA-2

- ▶ High altitude flight test of Launch Abort System i.e., "Little Joe III"
- ▶ Launch from SLC-46



# UNITED LAUNCH ALLIANCE

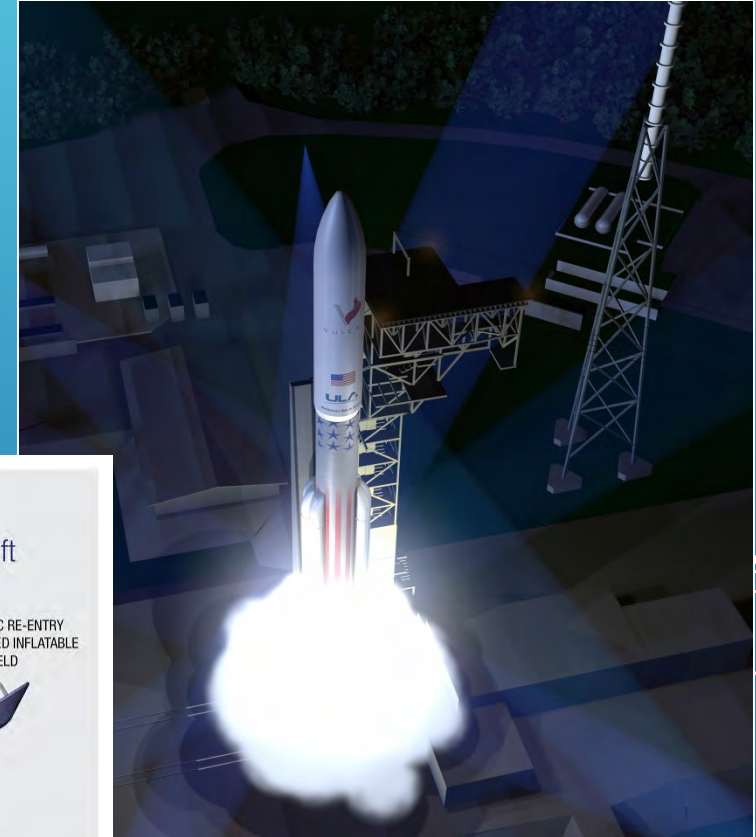
- ▶ *Atlas V / Delta IV*
- ▶ Launch from SLC-41 & 37



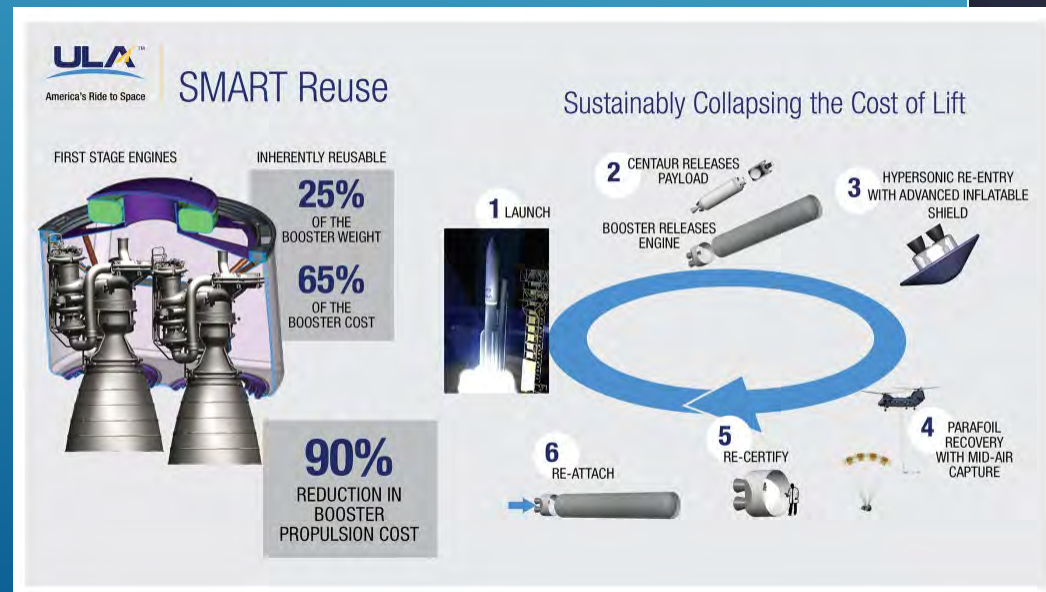


# UNITED LAUNCH ALLIANCE

- ▶ *Vulcan*
- ▶ Launch from SLC-41



ULA concepts



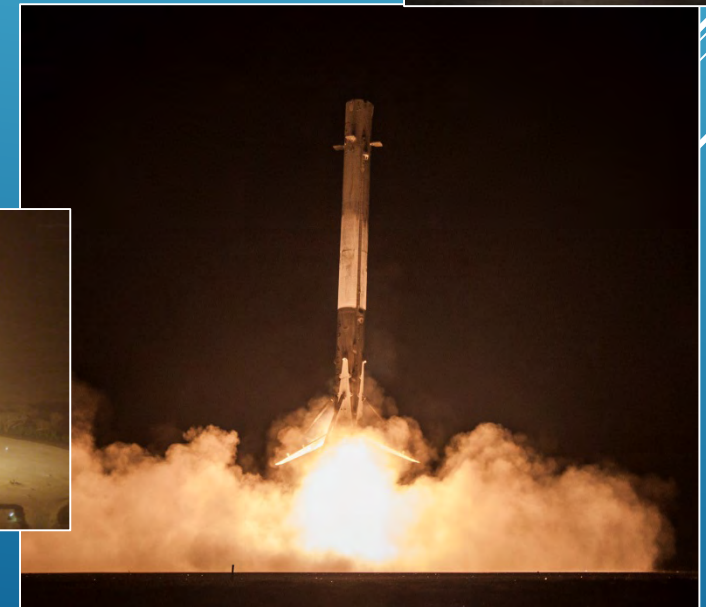
# SPACEX *FALCON 9*



- ▶ Launch from CX-39A and SLC-40
- ▶ Re-usable boosters: flyback to Autonomous Spaceport Drone Ship or Landing Complex 1



SpaceX



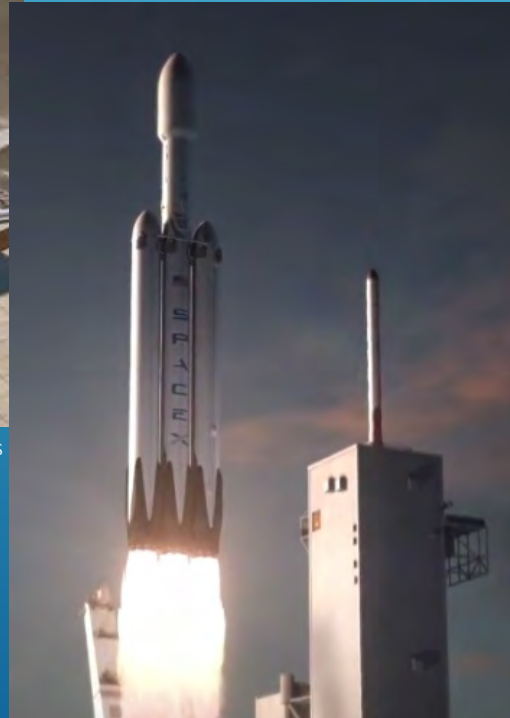


# SPACEX *FALCON HEAVY*

- ▶ Launch from CX-39A
- ▶ Boosters (X3) fly back to Landing Complex 1

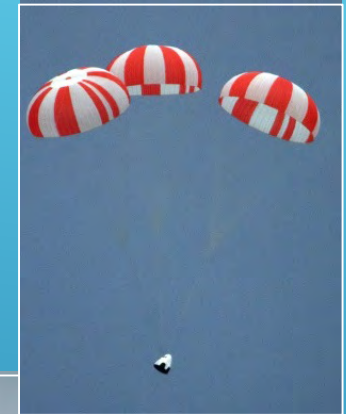


SpaceX concepts



# SPACEX *DRAGON*

- ▶ Commercial Crew and Cargo contracts
- ▶ Looking at propulsive landing vice parachutes



SpaceX concepts



# BOEING *STARLINER* CST-100

- Commercial Crew and Cargo contracts



Boeing concepts





# SIERRA NEVADA *DREAM CHASER*



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# BLUE ORIGIN – NEW GLENN ORBITAL BOOSTER



750K sq ft manufacturing facility

Blue Origin

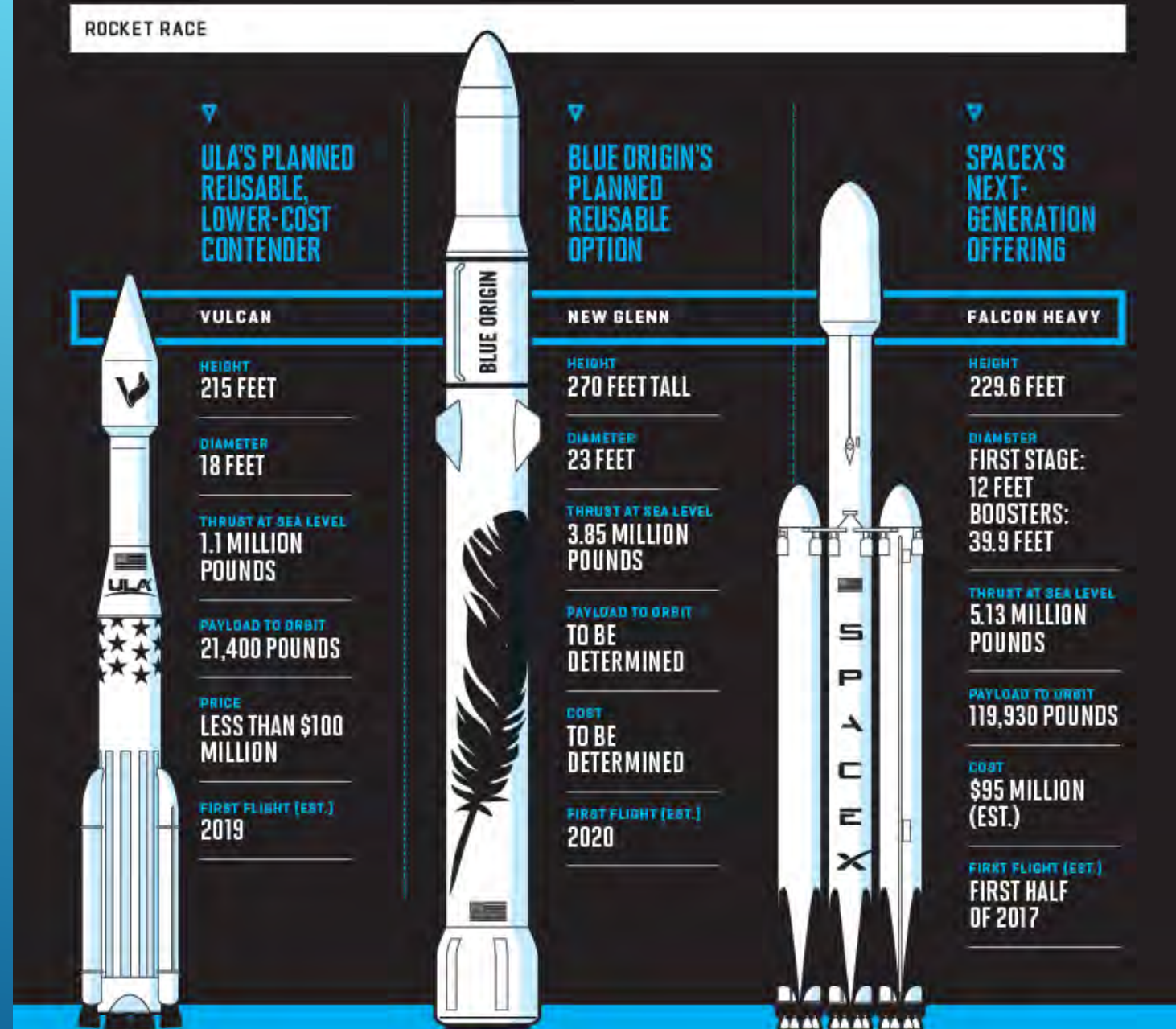
Launch Site/Static Test SLC-36 & 11





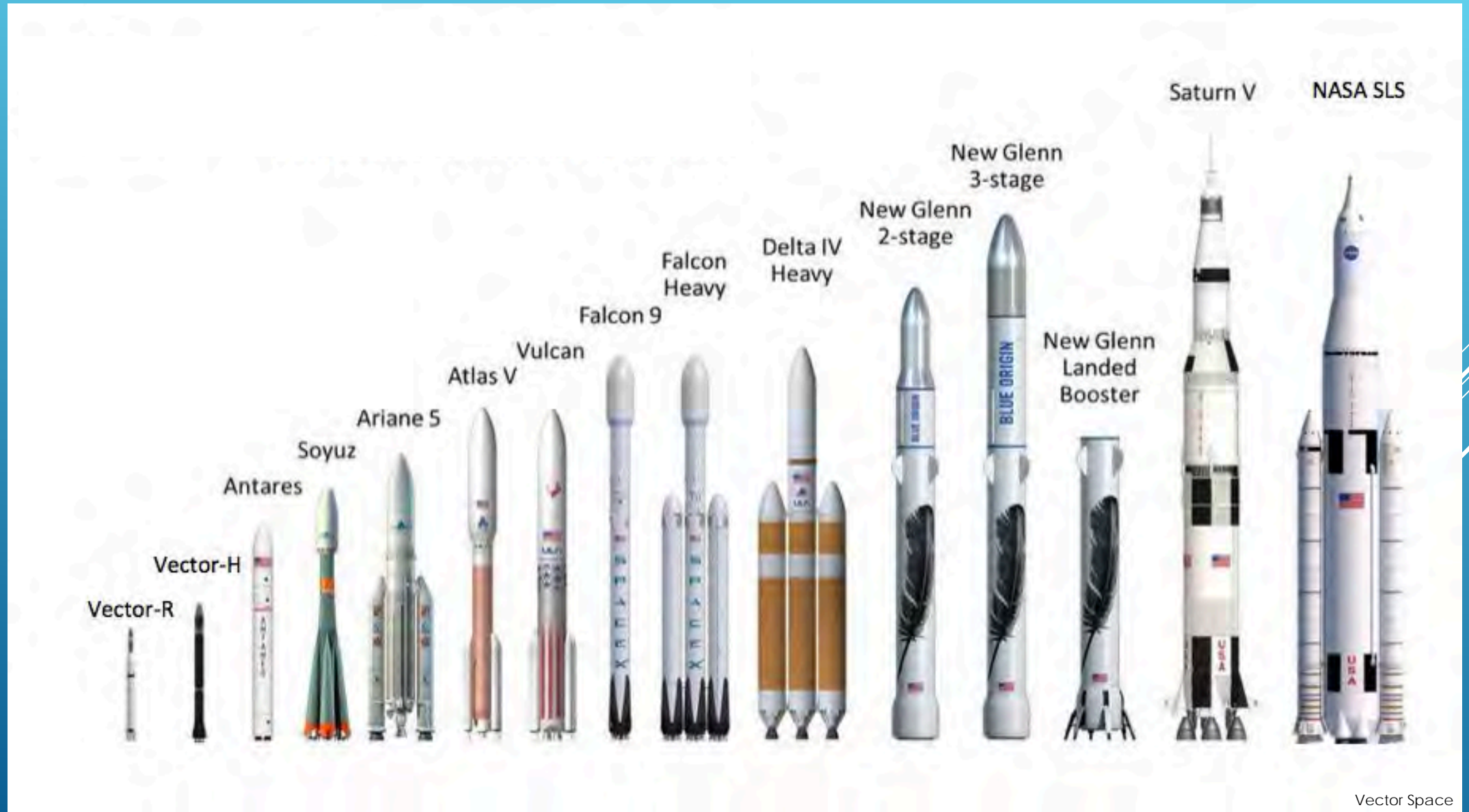
# BIG BOOSTERS COMPARED

- ▶ Orbital launchers
- ▶ *Vulcan & New Glenn*:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> stage BE-4 LOX/CH<sub>4</sub>
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage LOX/LH<sub>2</sub>
- ▶ *Falcon Heavy*:
  - LOX/RP-1

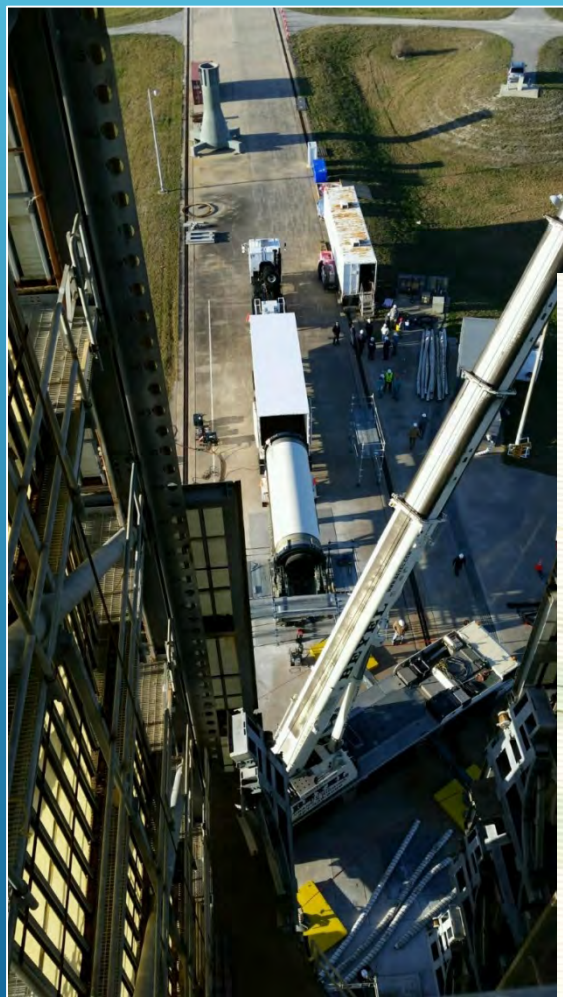




# LAUNCH VEHICLE SIZE SPECTRUM



# ORBITAL ATK MINOTAUR-IV



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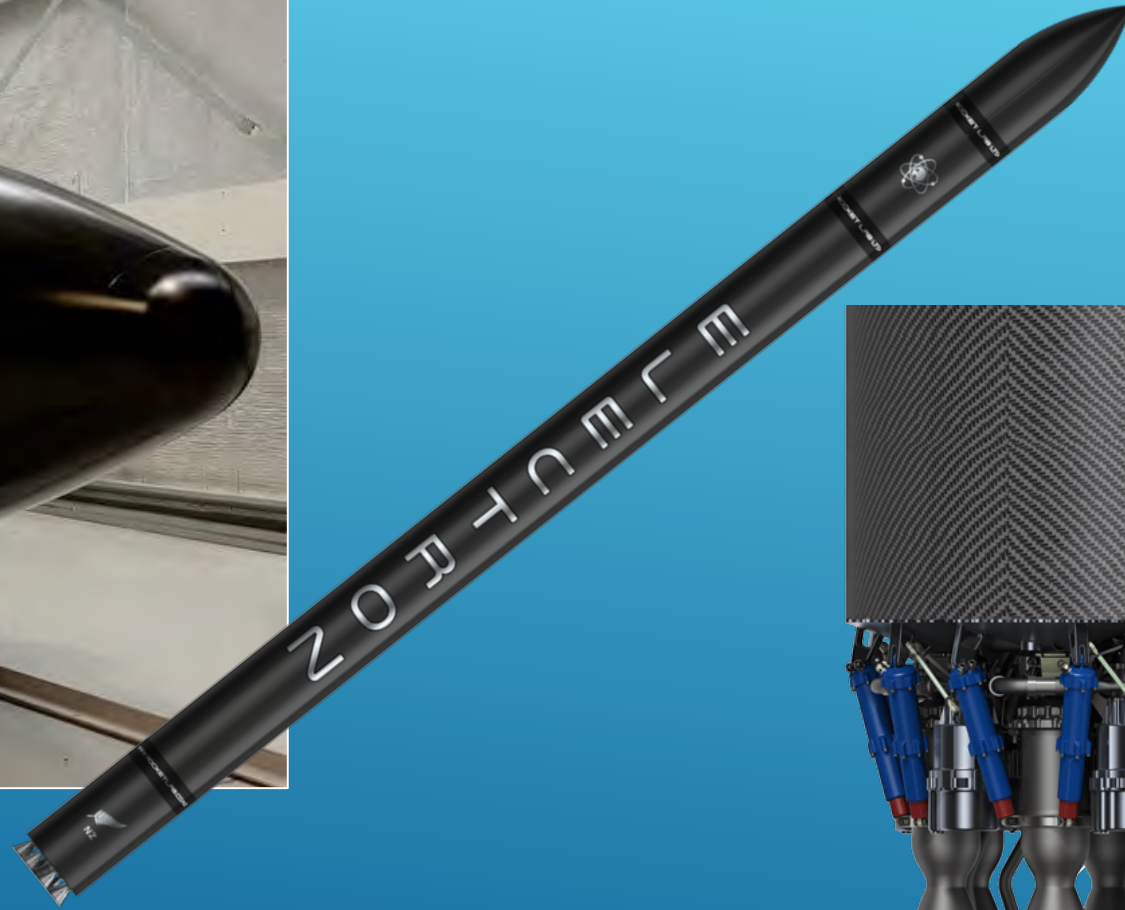
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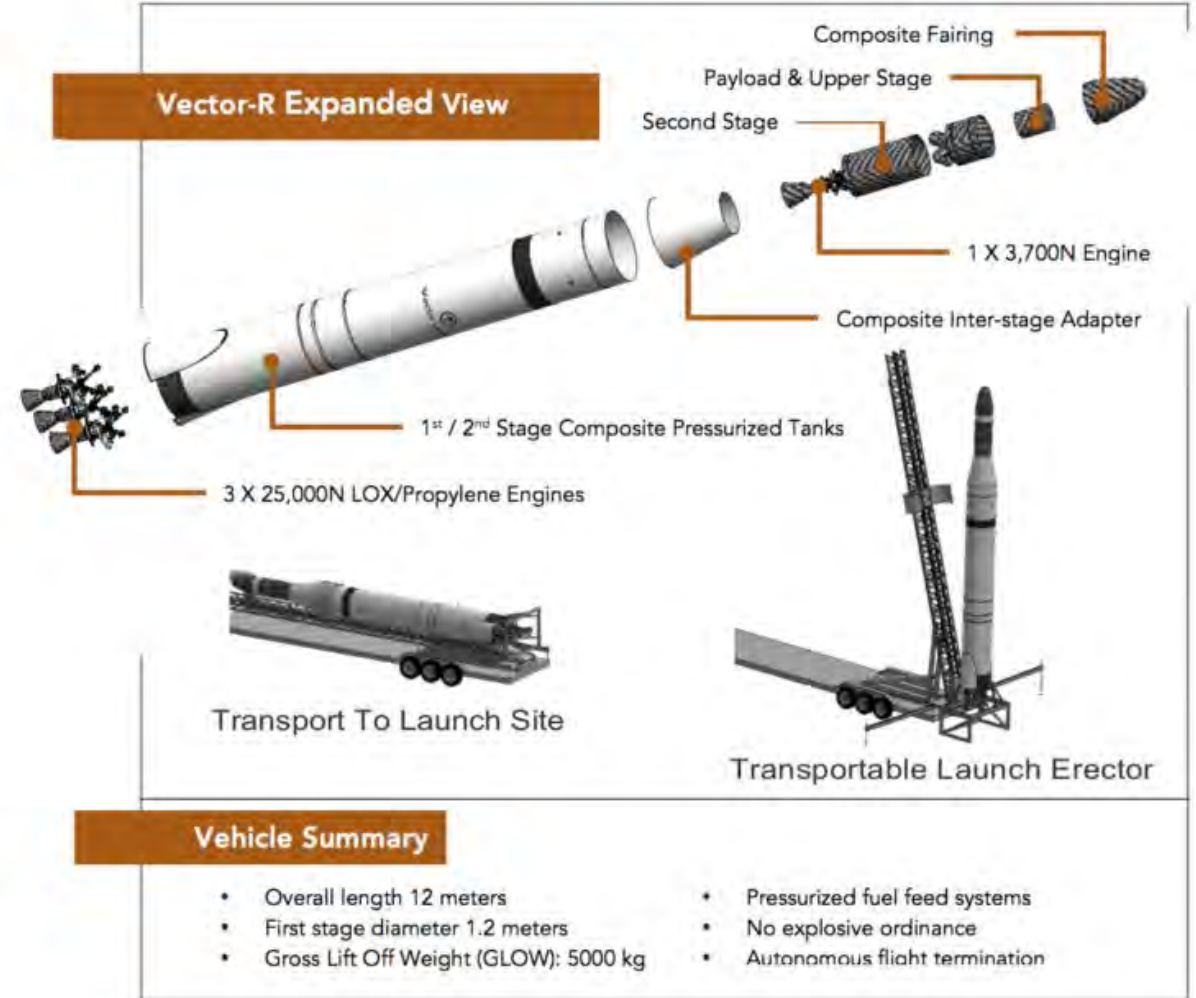
# SMALL LVS – ROCKETLAB *ELECTRON*



# SMALL LVS – VECTOR SPACE



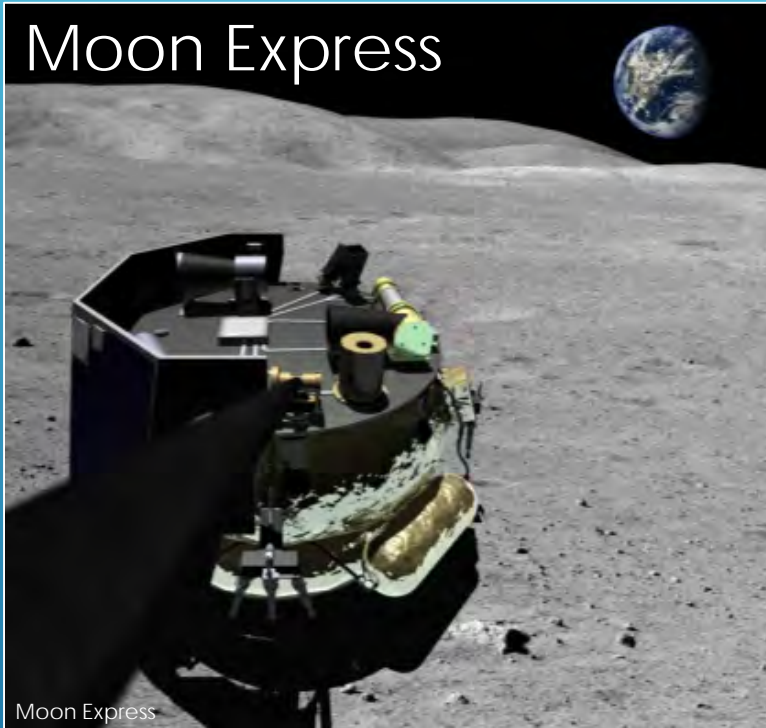
Vector Space





# OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ON THE WAY

Moon Express



Orbital ATK NGL



# QUESTIONS?

