



DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION SYSTEMS

*Heritage Capabilities Enabling
Deep Space Human Exploration Missions*

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Introduction

SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM

ORION

GROUND SYSTEMS



Ground Systems Processing Facilities at KSC

Operations and Checkout
(O&C) Building

Rotation Processing
and Surge Facility

Multi-Payload
Processing Facility

Vehicle Assembly
Building



Left: Apollo Command and Service Module in O&C (1960s)

Right: Orion Crew and Service Module in O&C (2019)

Ground Systems Facilities in the U.S.A.

- Michoud Assembly Facility
(New Orleans)
- B-1/B-2 Test Stand (Stennis)

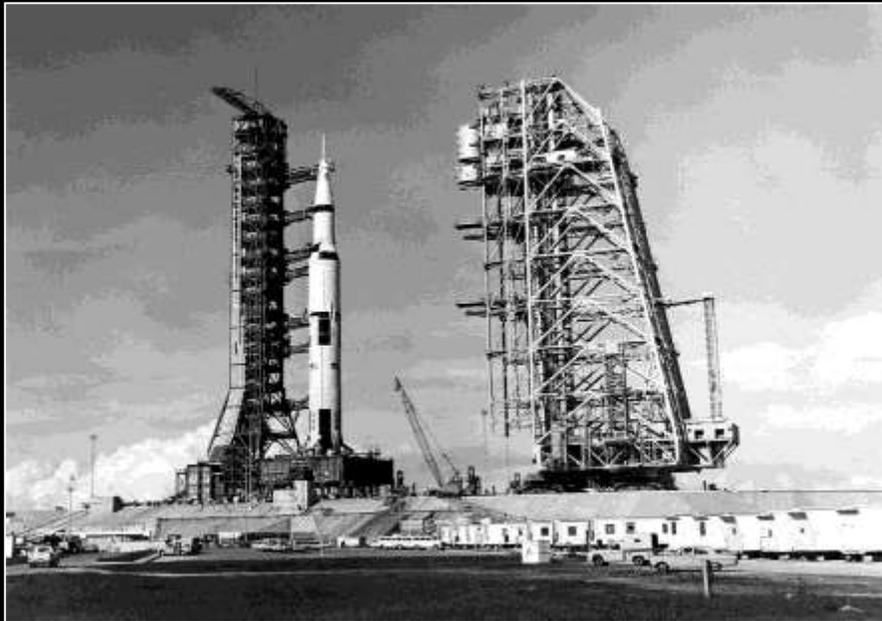
- Plum Brook Station (Glenn)
- Lunar Landing Research Facility
(Langley)



B-1/B-2 Test Stand with Saturn 1-C Test Stage (1960s) and Artemis Core Stage Pathfinder (2019)

Ground Systems Launch and Mission Ops

- Space Launch Complex 39B (KSC)
- Launch Control Center (KSC)
- Mission Control Center (JSC)
- Huntsville Ops Support Center (MSFC)



Space Launch Complex 39B for Apollo (1969), Shuttle (2009) and Artemis (2019)

Transportation and Logistics Systems

Pegasus Barge | Super Guppy | Crawler Transporter

Crawler Transporter



Pegasus Barge Arrives at KSC with SLS Core Stage Pathfinder (2019)

Super Guppy



Launch Vehicle Flight Systems

- Boosters
- RS-25 Engines
- Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS)
- RL-10 Engine



Heritage Hardware from Space Shuttle to be used on Space Launch System (SLS) – Block 1 configuration shown

Spacecraft Flight Vehicle Systems

- Crew Module
- ECLSS

- Service Module
- Engines



Apollo



Orion



Automated Transfer Vehicle – Solar Arrays



*Space Shuttle – Orbital
Maneuvering System Engines
and RS-25 Engines*



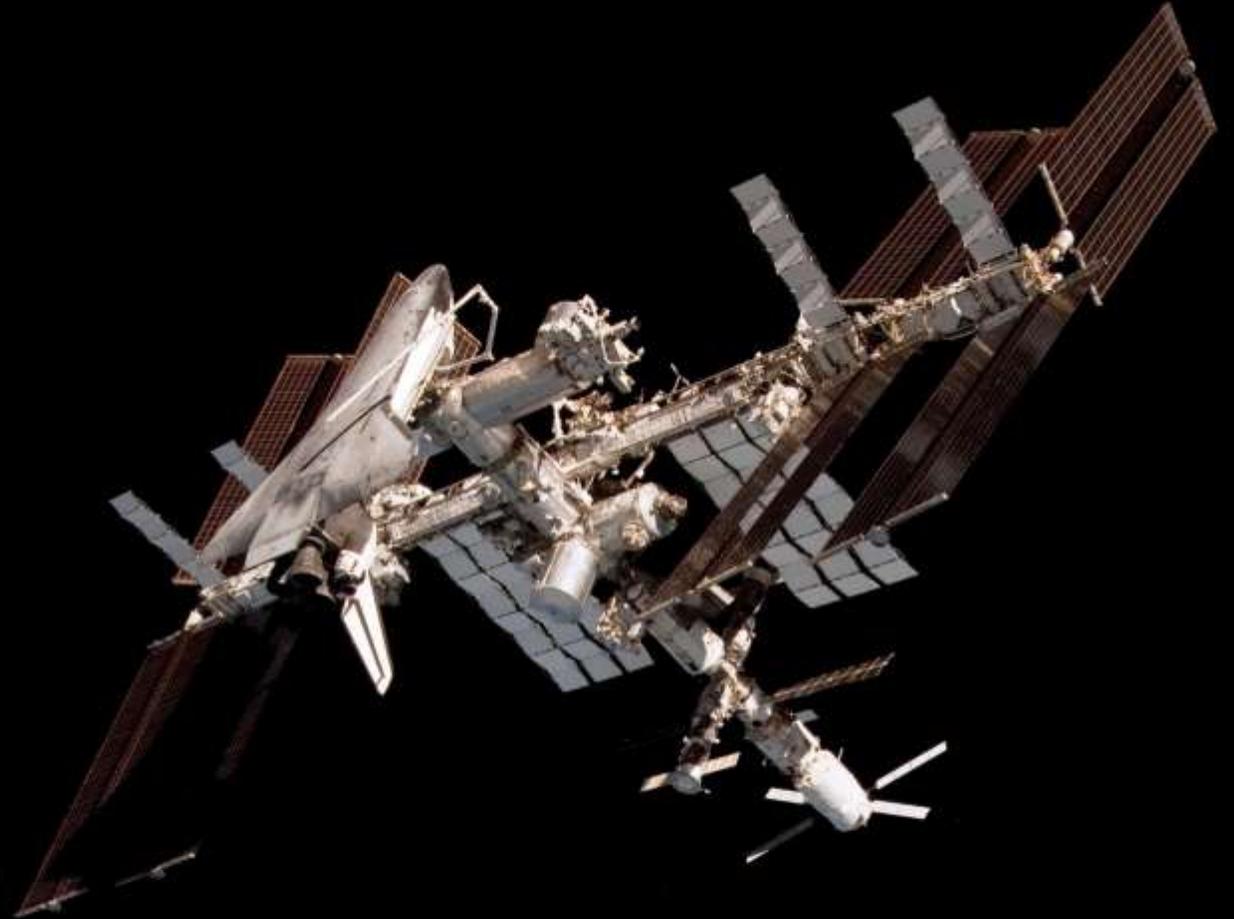
*Orion solar array testing at
Plum Brook Station*

Conclusions

Observed Themes:

- Transportation and Logistics
 - Infrastructure
 - Launch Vehicle Systems
 - Spacecraft Systems
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Leveraging heritage systems has both advantages and disadvantages.



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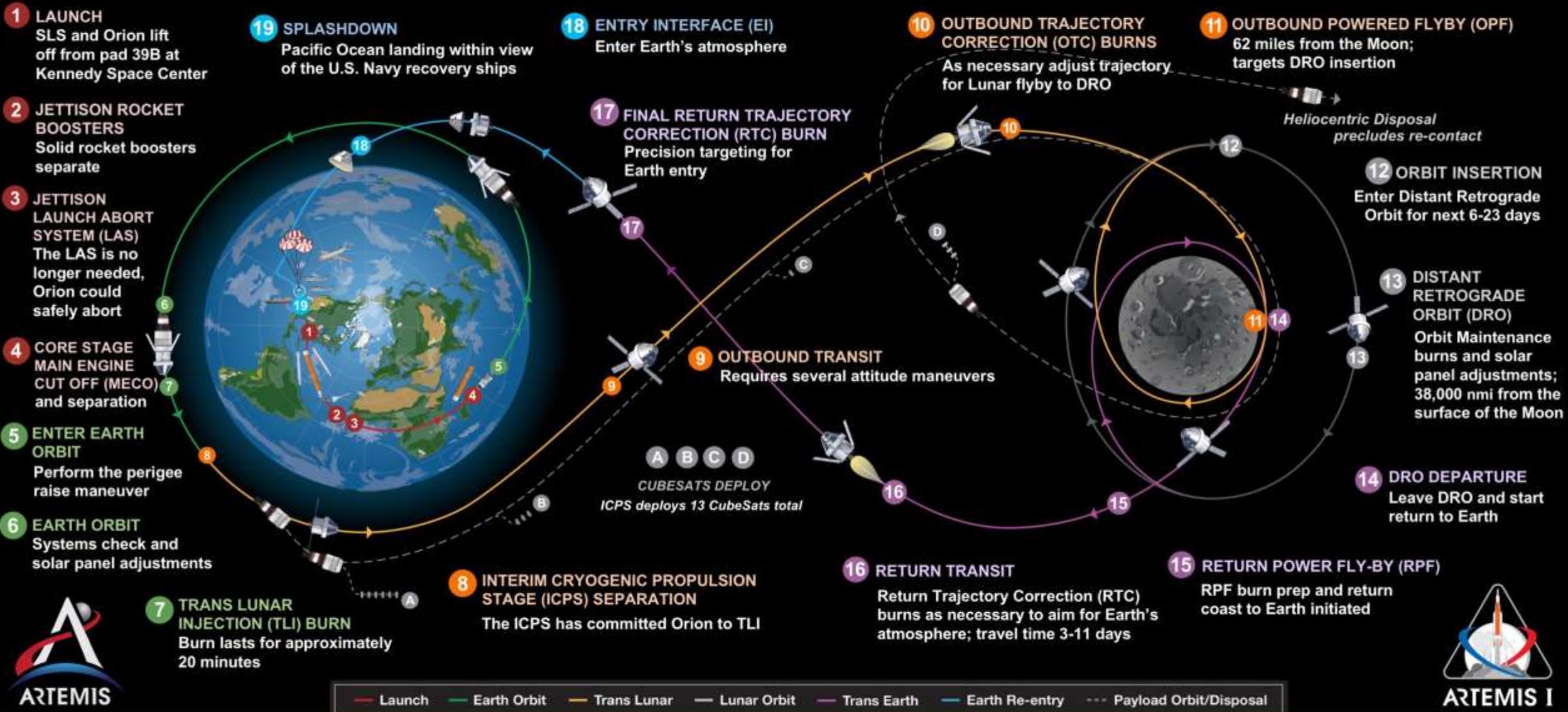
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ARTEMIS I

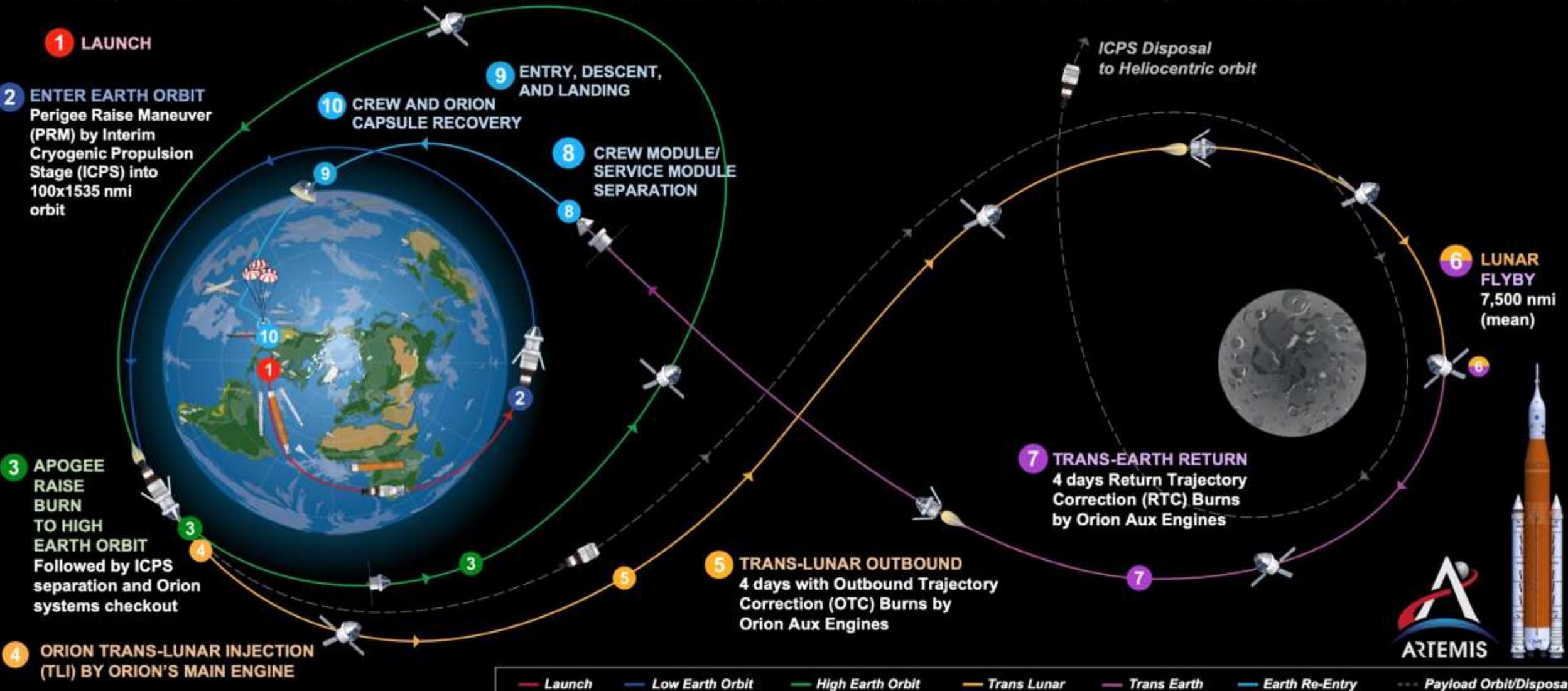
The first uncrewed, integrated flight test of NASA's Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System rocket, launching from a modernized Kennedy spaceport



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

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 insertion orbit | 28.5 deg inclination

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