



Getting to First Flight —

*Equipping Space Engineers
to Break the Start-Stop-
Restart Cycle*

Agenda

- NASA: Why America Explores Space
- Marshall Space Flight Center Capabilities
- Marshall Engineering
- The Workforce Environment
- NASA Programs are Tied to Administration Cycles
- Consistently Communicate the Engineering Continuum
- Engineering is the Art of Creative Compromise
- Plan Programmatic Content to Deliver Incremental Capability
- Communicate Significant Accomplishments
- Mission Success Requires Talent and Tenacity

NASA: Why America Explores Space



Opening New Frontiers

Marshall Space Flight Center Capabilities



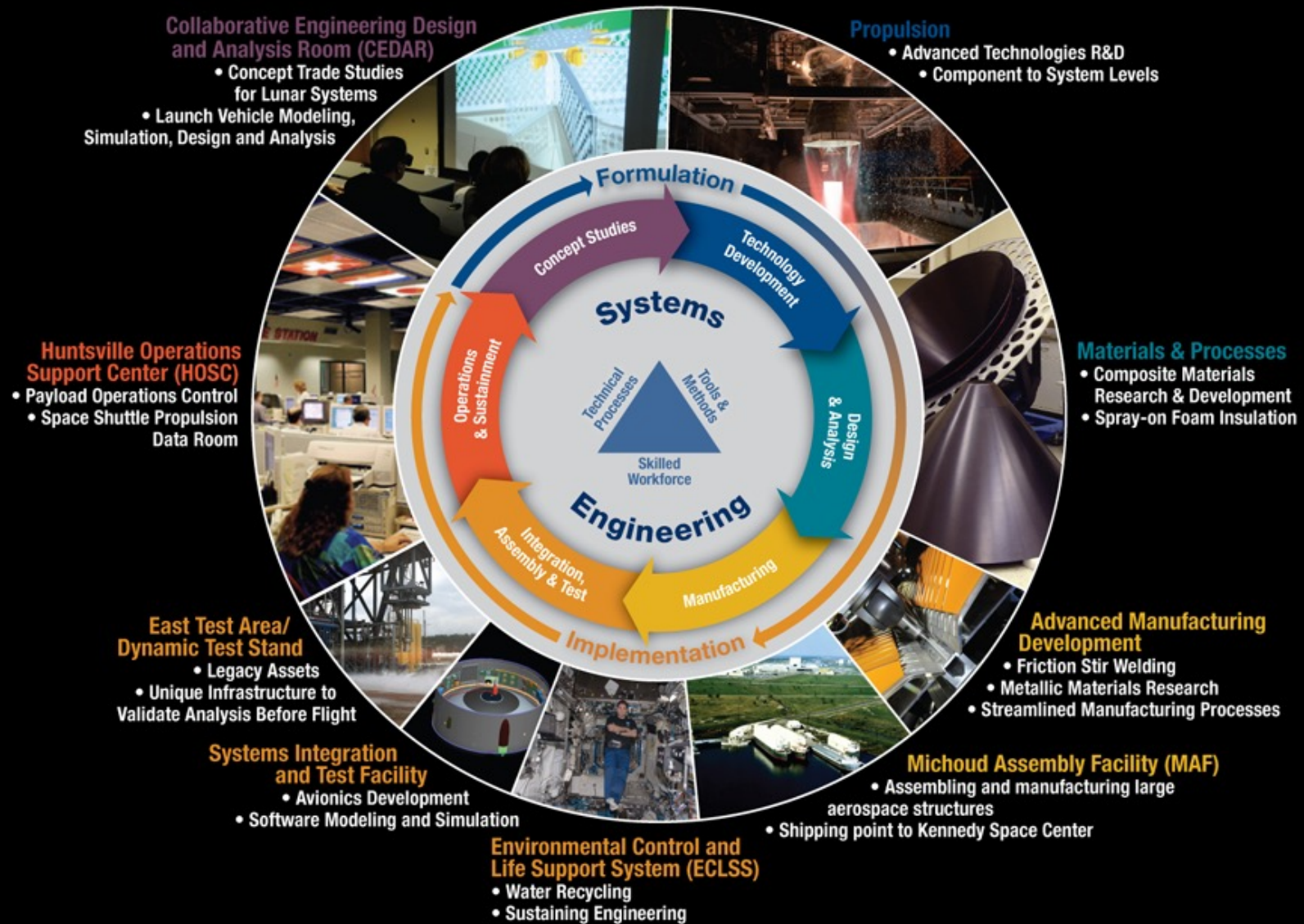
Transportation and
Propulsion
Systems

Life Support Systems

Earth and Space Science
Spacecraft, Systems, and
Operations

Contributing to America's Space Agenda

Marshall Engineering



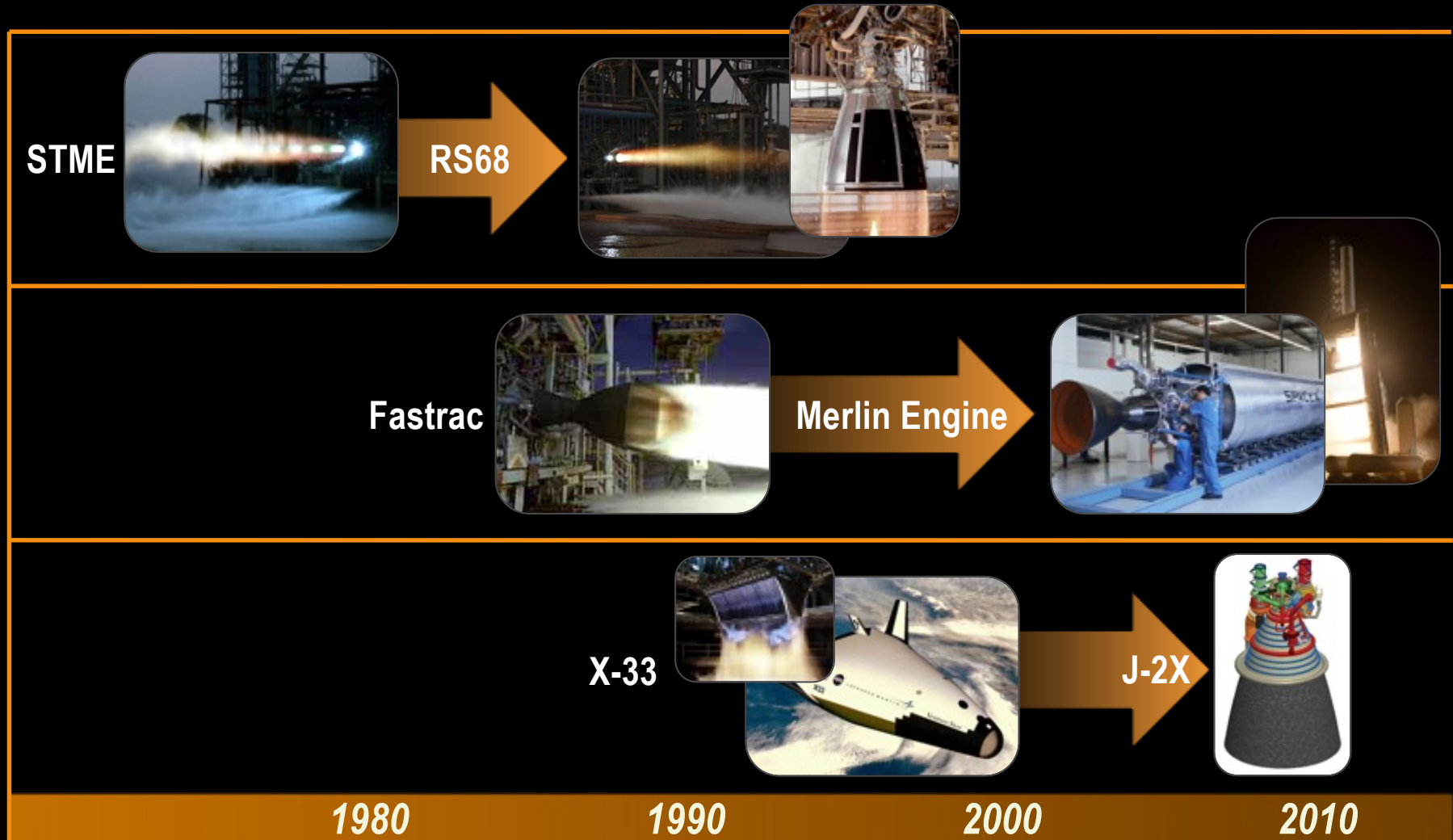
Expertise for Scientific Space Exploration

NASA Programs are Tied to Administration Cycles



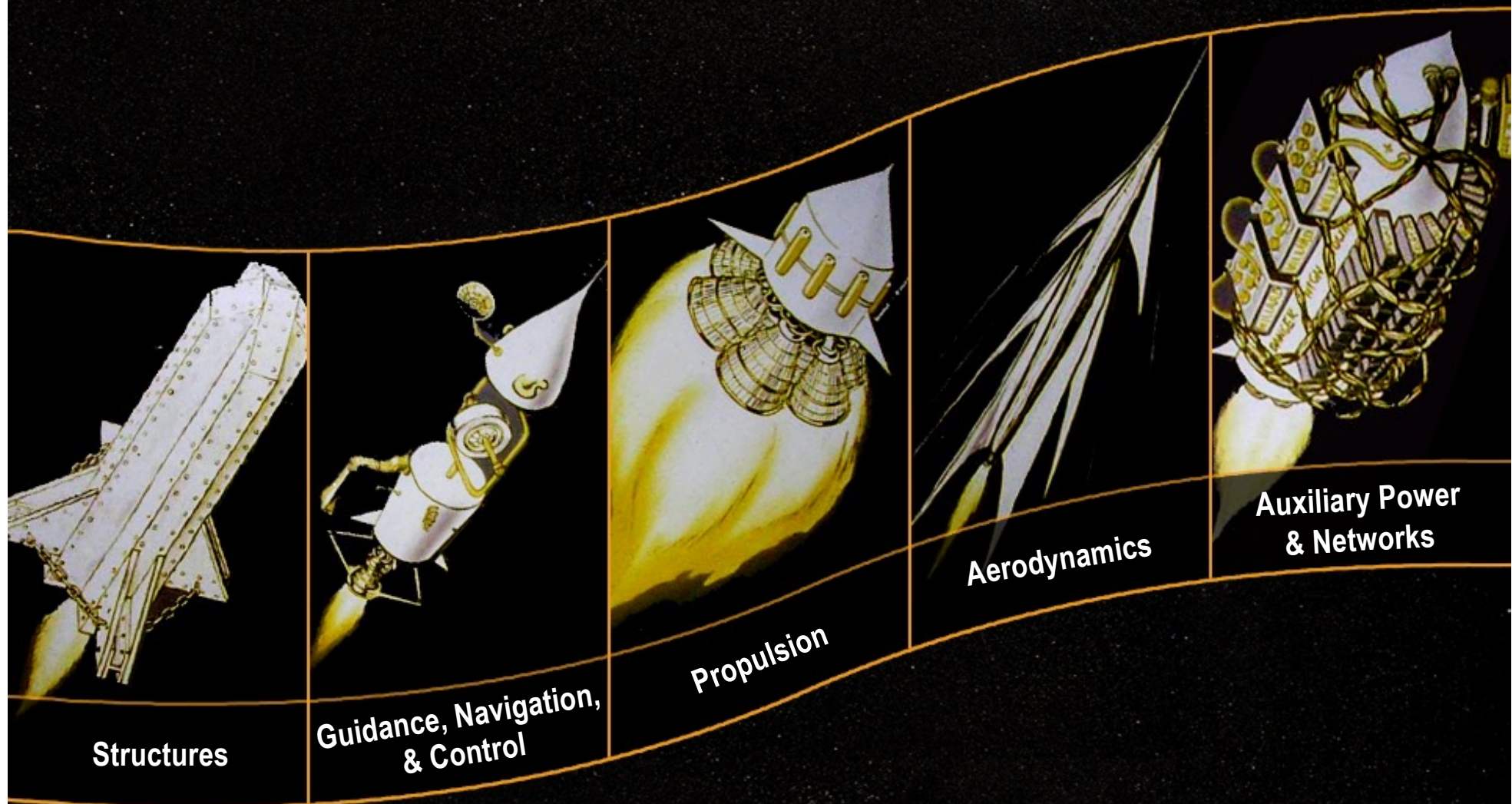
Direction and Redirection Come Every 4 to 8 Years

Consistently Communicate the Engineering Continuum



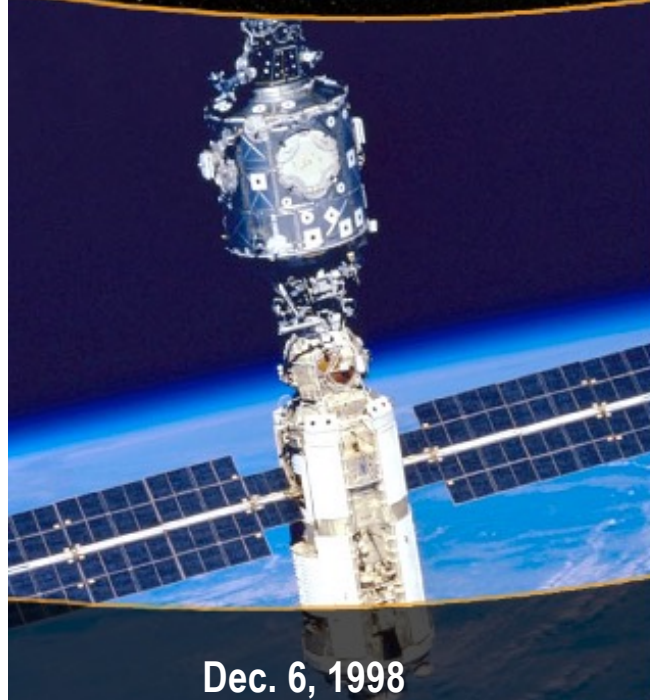
Technical Successes Transcend the Start-Stop-Restart Cycles

Engineering is the Art of Creative Compromise



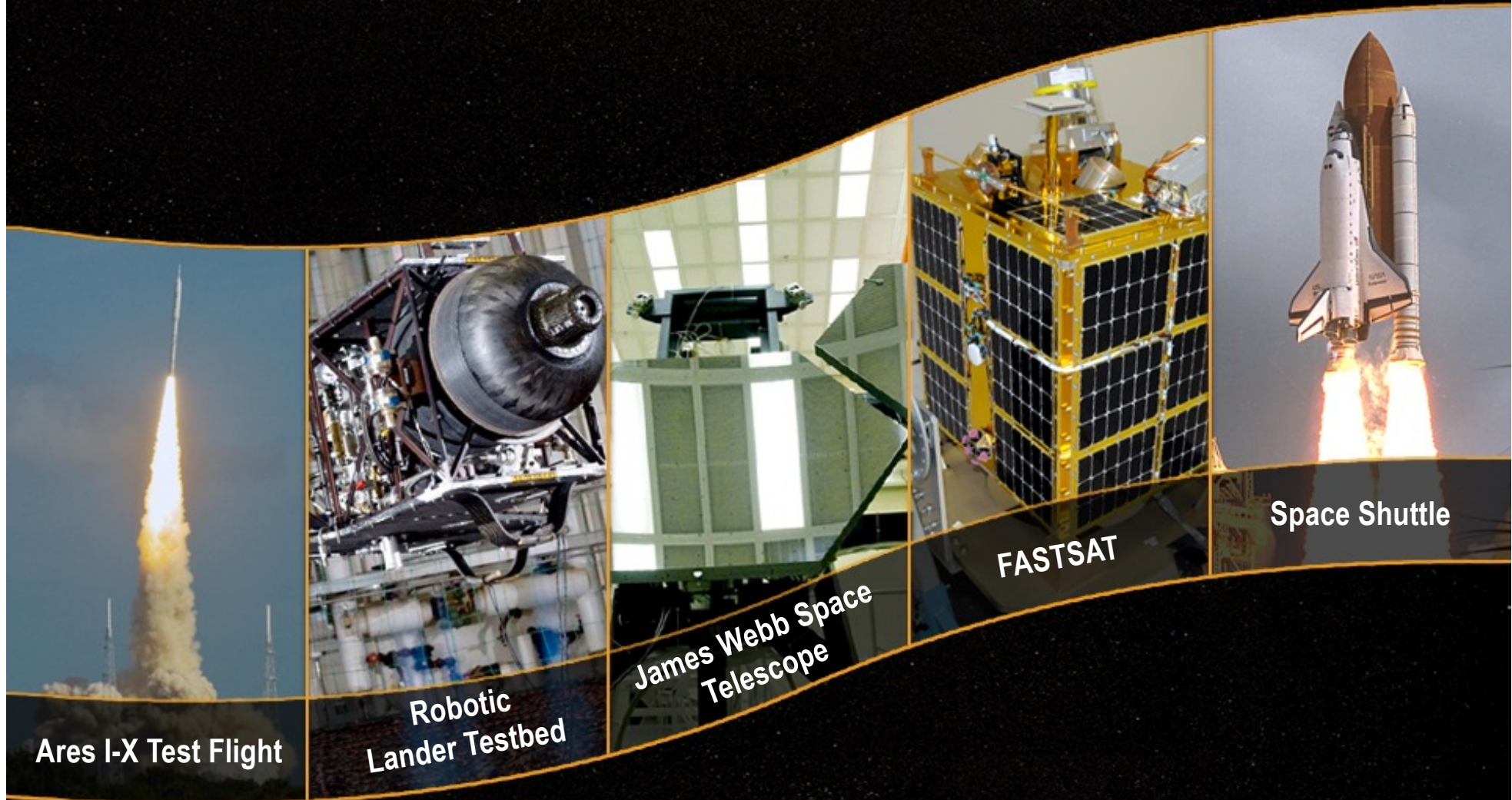
Relationships Overcome Conflicting Cultural Views of Shared Requirements

Plan Programmatic Content to Deliver Incremental Capability



Engineering Takes Time and Patience... and Compromise

Communicate Significant Accomplishments



Ares I-X Test Flight

Robotic
Lander Testbed

James Webb Space
Telescope

FASTSAT

Space Shuttle

Focus the Workforce on Successes

Mission Success Requires Talent and Tenacity



Space Engineering is the Work of Generations



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