

# ***DEFENSE DAILY***

Briefing Slides From  
Elon Musk  
Mars Presentation  
At 2016 IAC in Mexico

Not refilling in orbit would require a  
3-stage vehicle at 5-10x the size and cost

Spreading the required lift capacity across  
multiple launches substantially reduces  
development costs and compresses schedule

Combined with reusability, refilling makes  
performance shortfalls an incremental rather  
than exponential cost increase

Allows reusability of the ship and  
enables people to return to Earth easily

Leverages resources readily available on Mars

Bringing return propellant requires approximately  
5 times as much mass departing Earth



VEHICLE SIZE	●	●	●
COST OF PROP	●	●	●
REUSABILITY	●	●	●
MARS PROPELLANT PRODUCTION	✗	●	●
PROPELLANT TRANSFER	●	●	●

- GOOD
- OK
- BAD
- ✗ VERY BAD

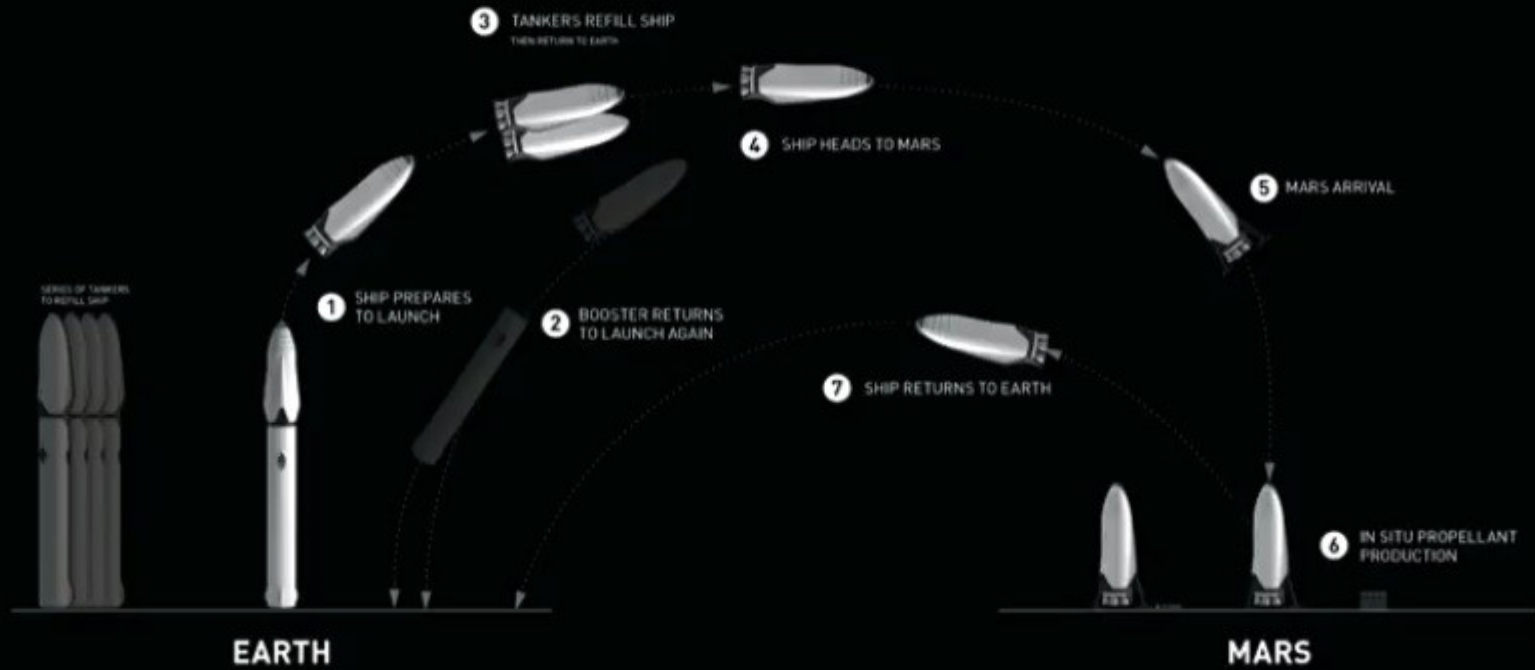
# SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

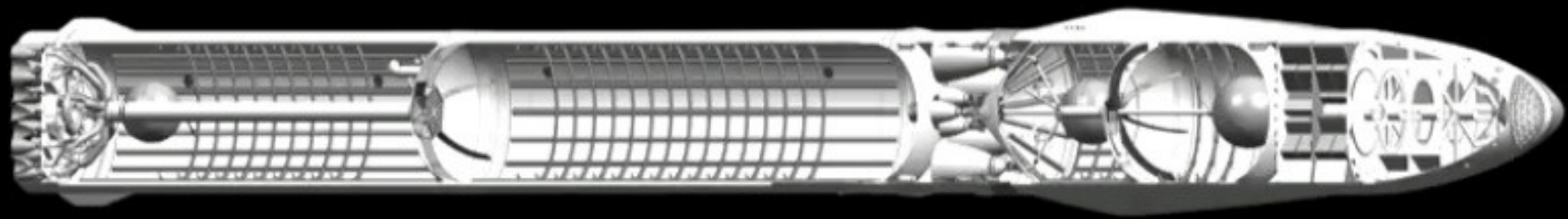
## TARGETED REUSE PER VEHICLE

1,000 uses per booster

100 per tanker

12 uses per ship



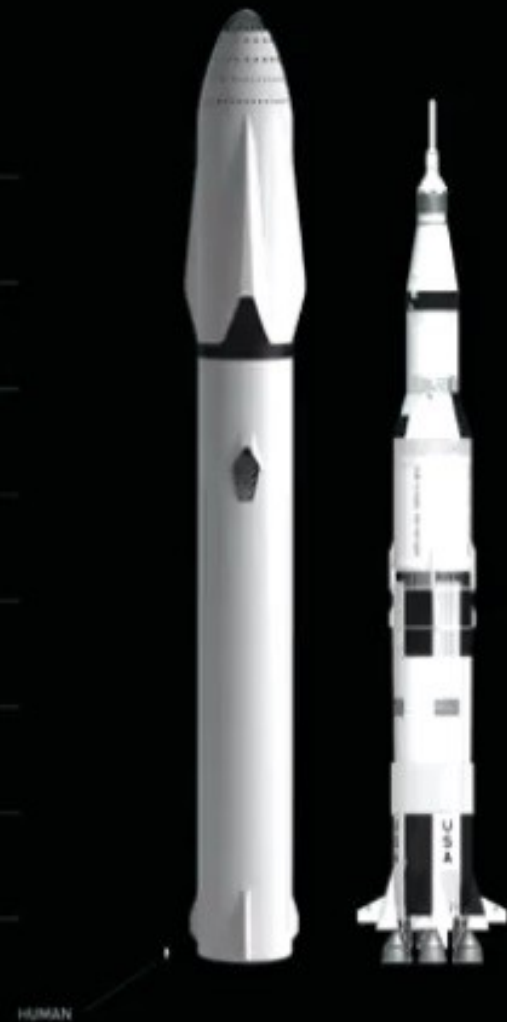


Carbon-fiber primary structure  
Densified  $\text{CH}_4/\text{O}_2$  propellant  
Autogenous pressurization

# VEHICLES BY PERFORMANCE



	MARS VEHICLE	SATURN V	RATIO
GROSS LIFT-OFF MASS (t)	10,500	3,039	3.5
LIFT-OFF THRUST (MN)	128	35	3.6
LIFT-OFF THRUST (t)	13,033	3,579	3.6
VEHICLE HEIGHT (m)	122	111	1.1
TANK DIAMETER (m)	12	10	1.2
EXPENDABLE LEO PAYLOAD (t)	550	135	4.1
FULLY REUSABLE LEO PAYLOAD (t)	300	-	-







<b>Cycle</b>	Full-flow staged combustion
<b>Oxidizer</b>	Subcooled liquid oxygen
<b>Fuel</b>	Subcooled liquid methane
<b>Chamber Pressure</b>	300 bar
<b>Throttle Capability</b>	20% to 100% thrust

#### **Sea-Level Nozzle**

Expansion Ratio: 40  
Thrust (SL): 3,050 kN  
Isp (SL): 334 s

#### **Vacuum Nozzle**

Expansion Ratio: 200  
Thrust: 3,500 kN  
Isp: 382 s

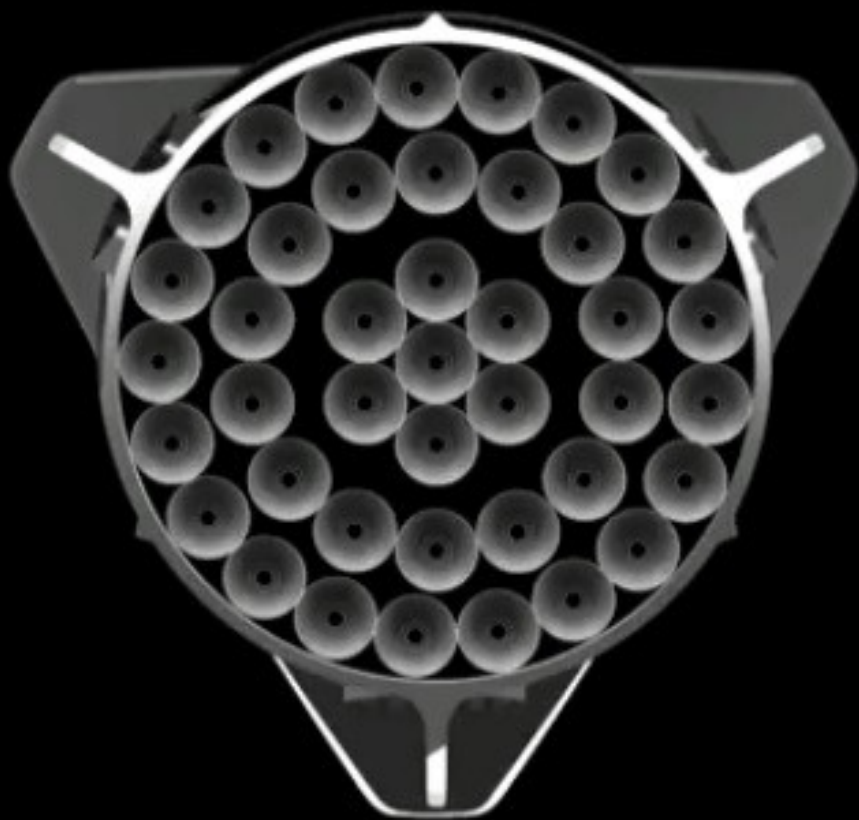


Length	77.5 m
Diameter	12 m
Dry Mass	275 t
Propellant Mass	6,700 t
Raptor Engines	42
Sea Level Thrust	128 MN
Vacuum Thrust	138 MN

Booster accelerates ship to staging velocity, traveling 8,650 km/h (5,375 mph) at separation

Booster returns to landing site, using 7% of total booster prop load for boostback burn and landing

Grid fins guide rocket back through atmosphere to precision landing



### **Engine configuration**

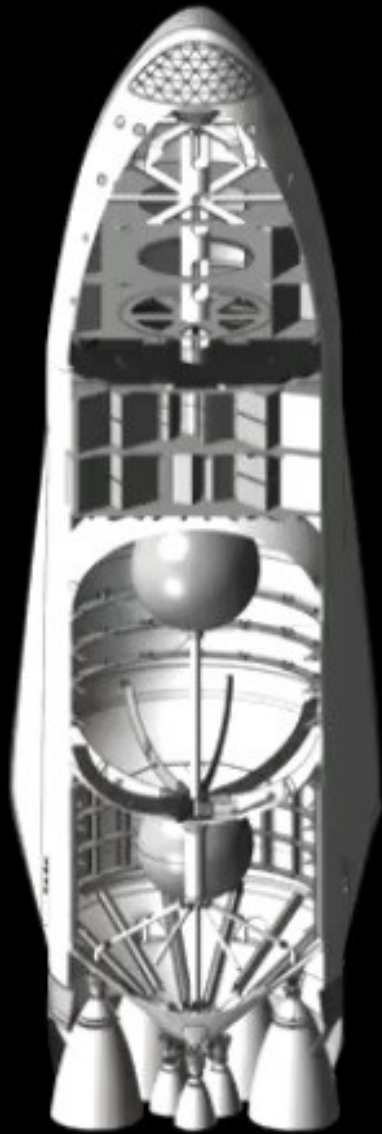
Outer ring: 21

Inner ring: 14

Center cluster: 7

**Outer engines fixed in place**

**Only center cluster gimbals**



<b>Length</b>	49.5 m
<b>Max Diameter</b>	17 m
<b>Raptor Engines</b>	3 Sea-Level - 361s Isp 6 Vacuum - 382s Isp
<b>Vacuum Thrust</b>	31 MN
<b>Propellant Mass</b>	Ship: 1,950 t Tanker: 2,500 t
<b>Dry Mass</b>	Ship: 150 t Tanker: 90 t
<b>Cargo/Prop to LEO</b>	Ship: 300 t Tanker: 380 t
<b>Cargo to Mars</b>	450 t (with transfer on orbit)

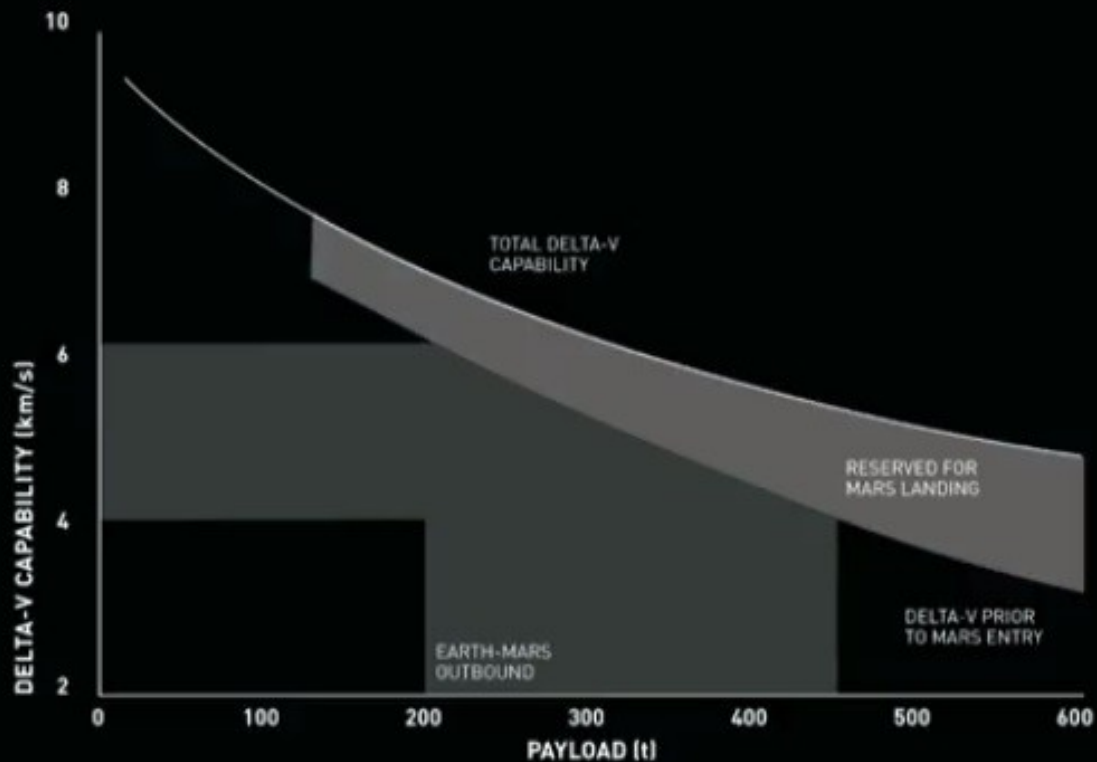
Long term goal of 100+ passengers/ship

# SHIP CAPACITY

EARTH-MARS TRANSIT TIME (DAYS)  
BY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

YEAR	TRIP TIME (d)
2020	90
2022	120
2024	140
2027	150
2029	140
2031	110
2033	90
2035	80
2037	100
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>115</b>

TMI DELTA V: 6 km/s  
Mars Entry Velocity: 8.5 km/s

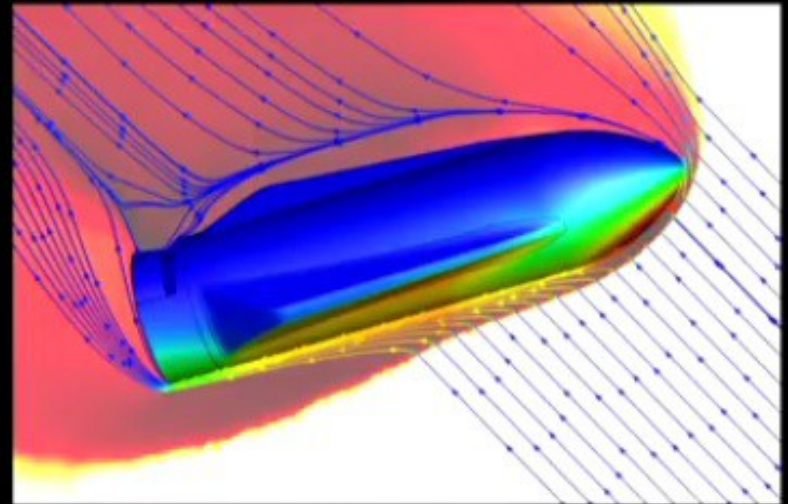


## ARRIVAL

From interplanetary space, the ship enters the atmosphere, either capturing into orbit or proceeding directly to landing

Using its aerodynamic lift capability and advanced heat shield materials, the ship can decelerate from entry velocities in excess of 8.5 km/s at Mars and 12.5 km/s at Earth

G-forces (Earth-referenced) during entry are approximately 4-6 g's at Mars and 2-3 g's at Earth



First ship will have small propellant plant, which will be expanded over time

Effectively unlimited supplies of carbon dioxide and water on Mars

5 million cubic km ice

25 trillion metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>



# COSTS

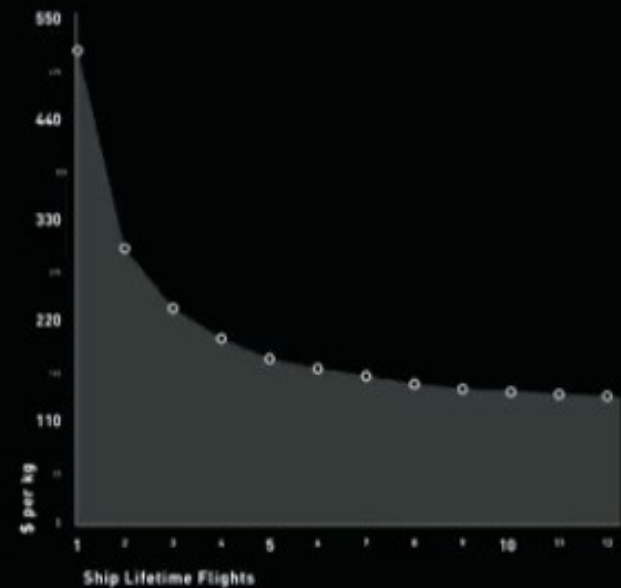
With full reuse, our overall architecture enables significant reduction in cost to Mars

	BOOSTER	TANKER	SHIP
FABRICATION COST	\$230M	\$130M	\$200M
LIFETIME LAUNCHES	1,000	100	12
LAUNCHES PER MARS TRIP	6	5	1
AVERAGE MAINTENANCE COST PER USE	\$0.2M	\$0.5M	\$10M
TOTAL COST PER ONE MARS TRIP <small>(Amortization, Propellant, Maintenance)</small>	\$11M	\$8M	\$43

Cost Of Propellant: \$168/t  
 Launch Site Costs: \$200,000/launch  
 Discount Rate: 5%

Sum Of Costs: \$62 M  
 Cargo Delivered: 450 T

Cost/ton to Mars: <\$140,000





## FUNDING

Steal Underpants

Launch Satellites

Send Cargo and Astronauts to ISS

Kickstarter

Profit

# NEXT STEPS

