Launch Operations

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Stacking Apollo 13 in the VAB

Mid-Semester Feedback (as of 3 PM today)

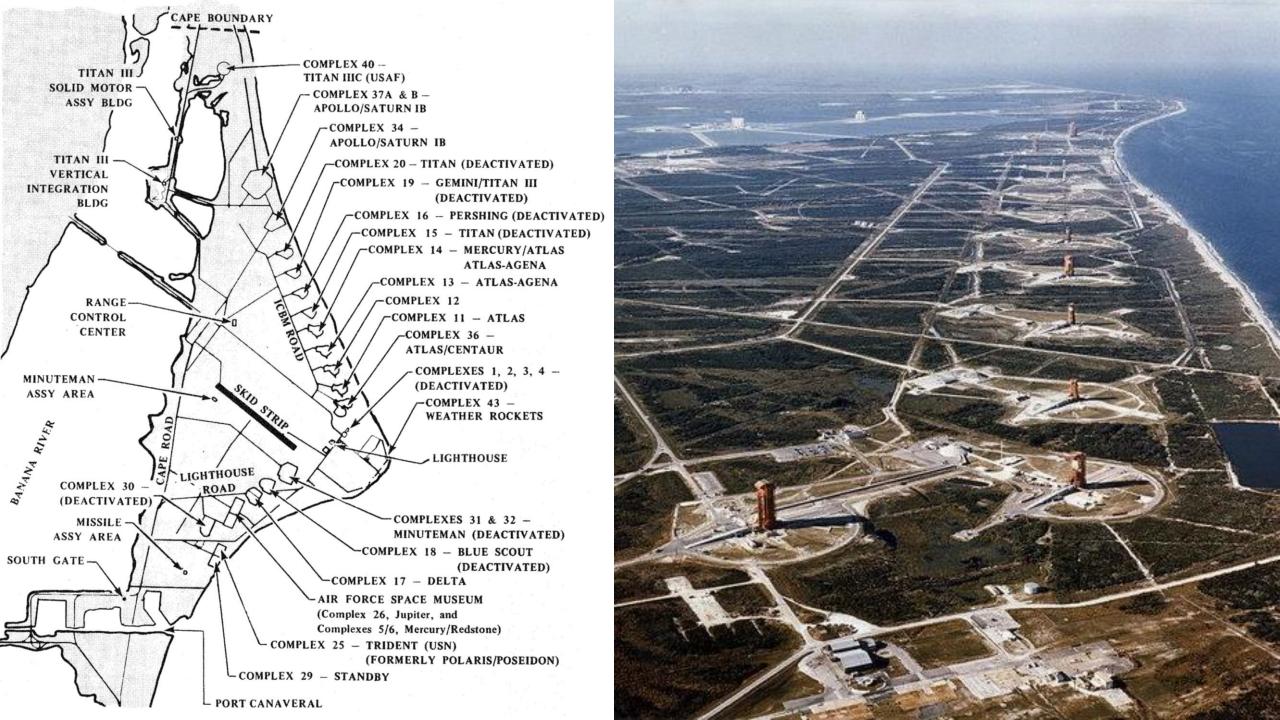
- Some things we can do
 - Rubric in advance for every assignment
 - Preview reading assignments for next class

- Some things we might do
 - Mix up the table activities somehow
- Some things you can do
 - Preview the questions

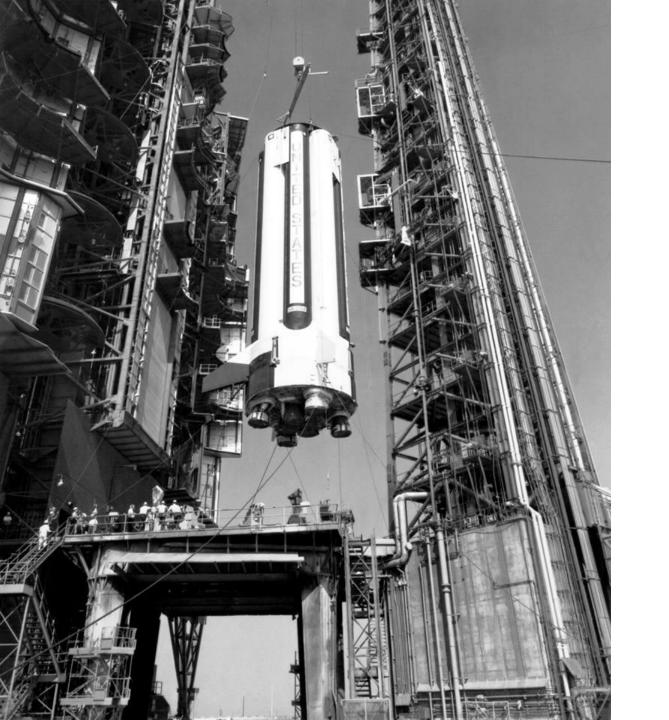
The assigned readings and videos	11 respondents	33 %
The lectures	30 respondents	91 %
The discussion group sessions	19 respondents	58 [%]
The case study assignment	16 respondents	48 [%]

Some Big Questions

- Where to launch from
 - Florida or Georgia?
- Where to assemble the rocket
 - On the pad or in a separate building (with vertical or horizontal transport)?
- How to check out the rocket and the spacecraft
 - Manual or automatic?
 - On the pad, in some other place, or in parts in different places?
- How will range safety be assured?

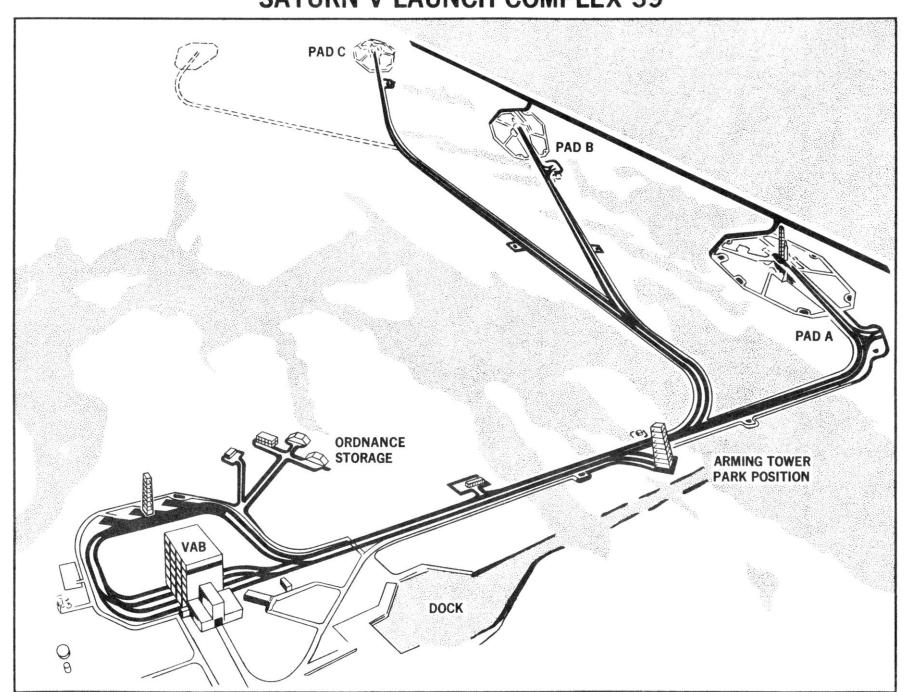








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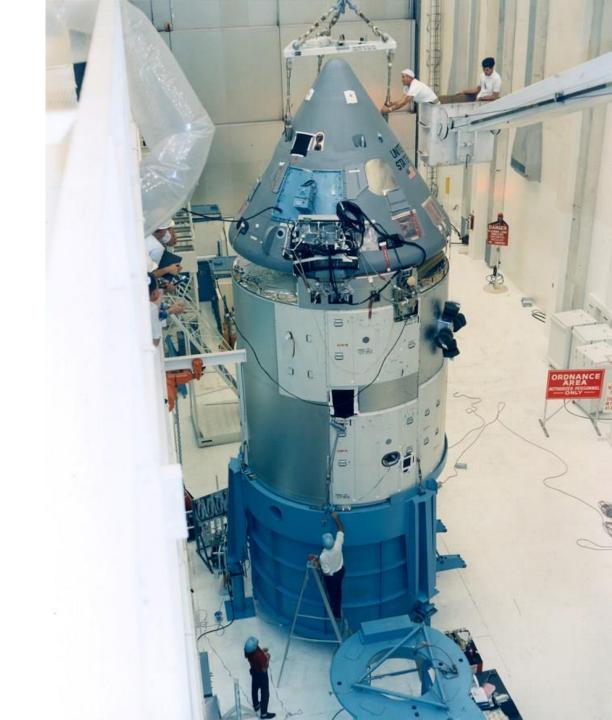


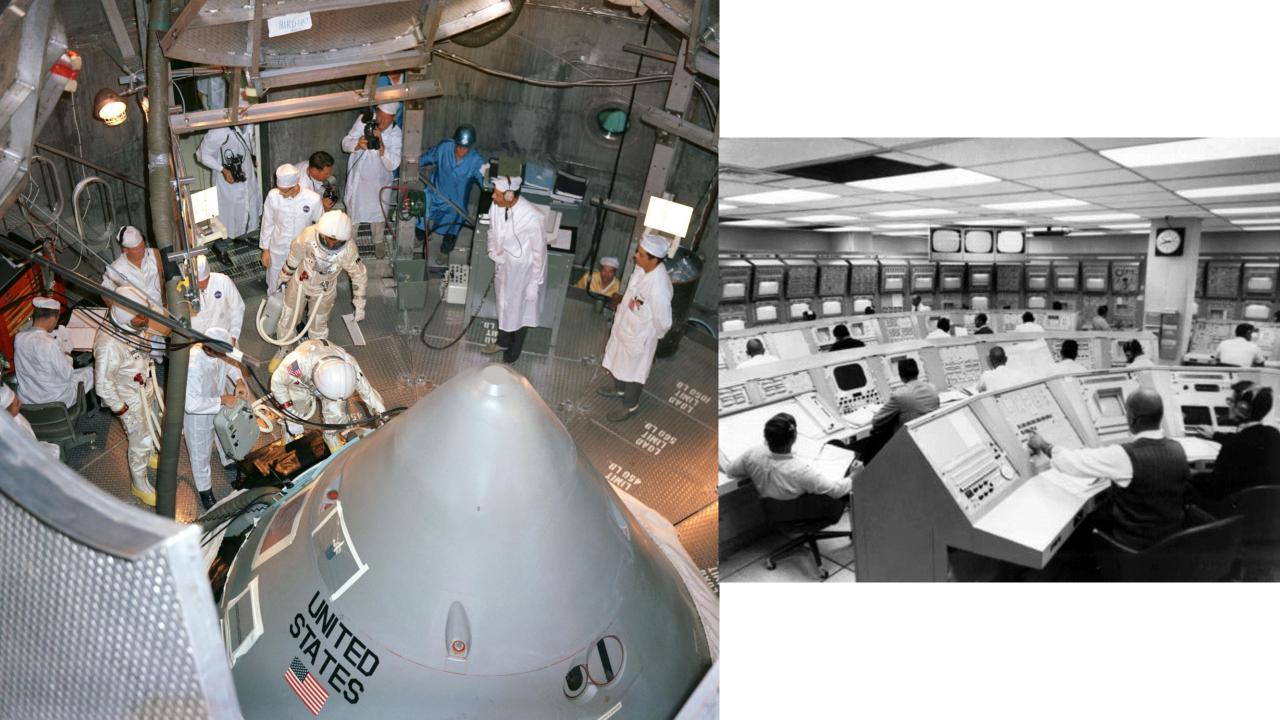














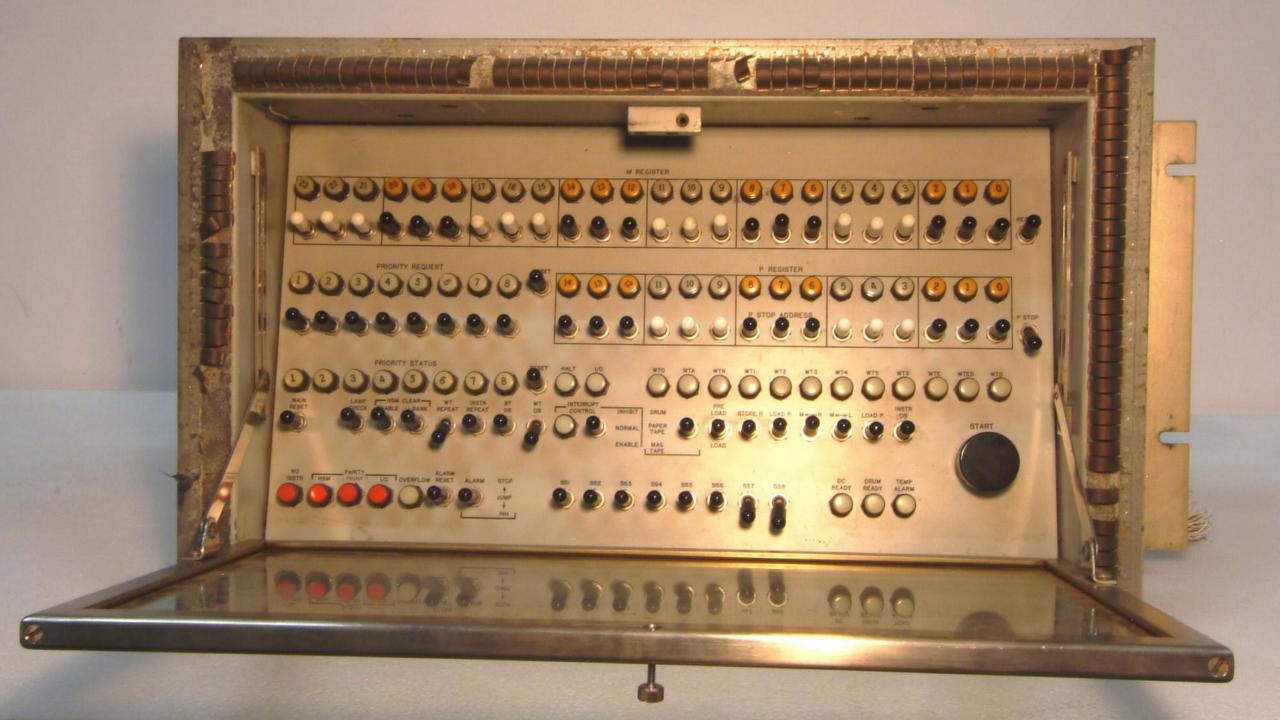






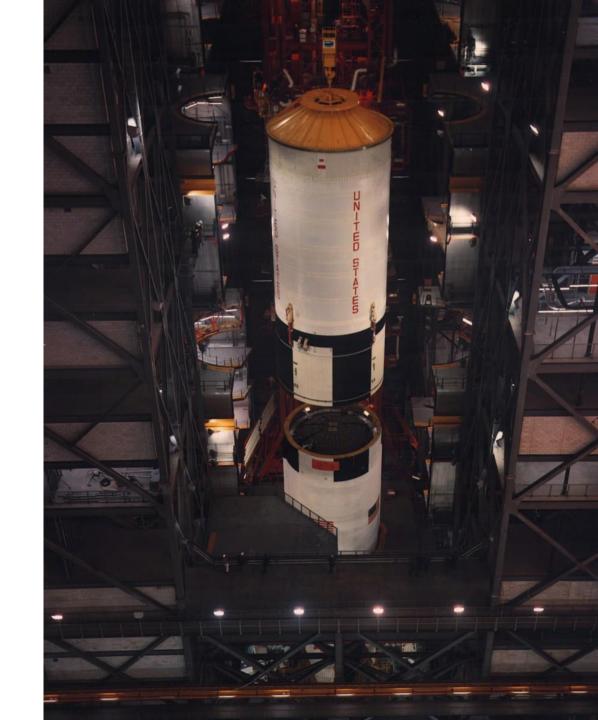




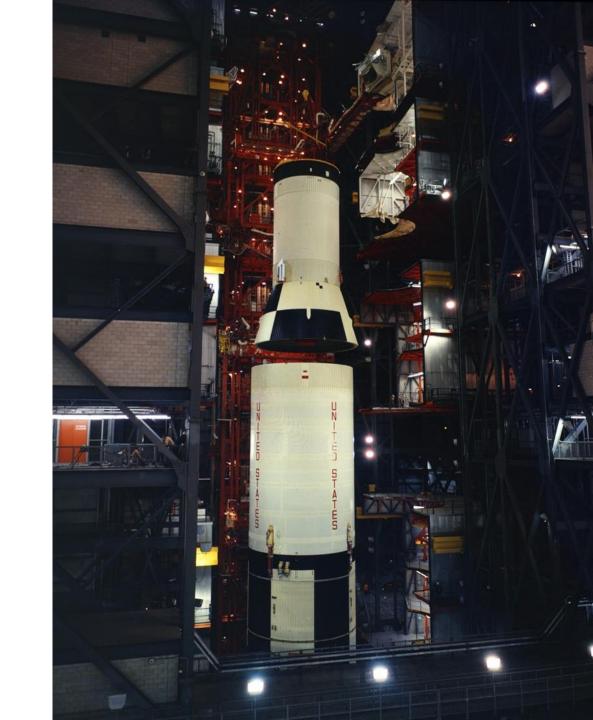


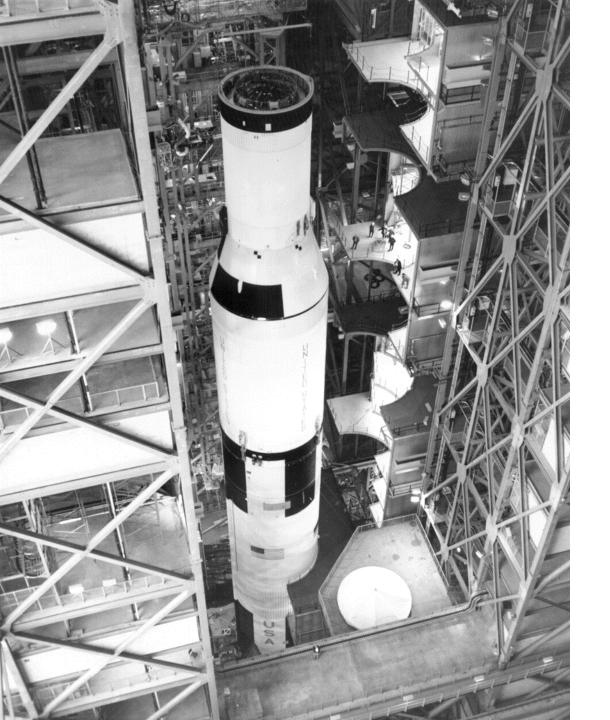


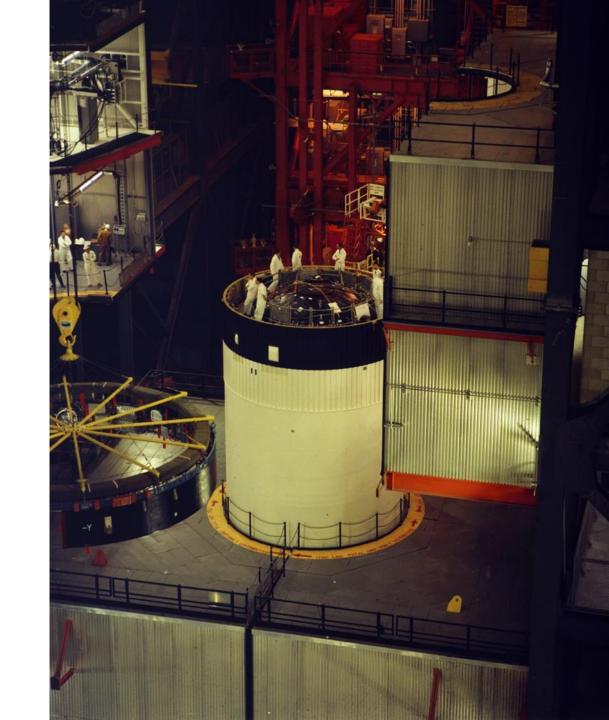


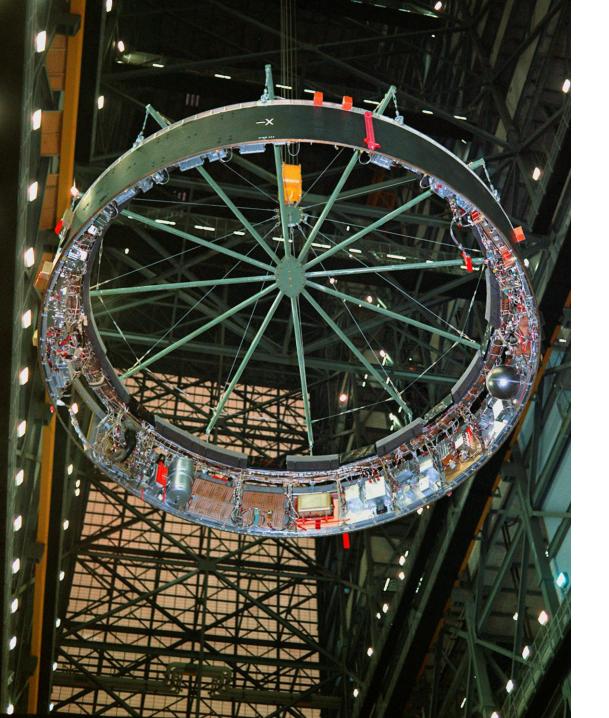






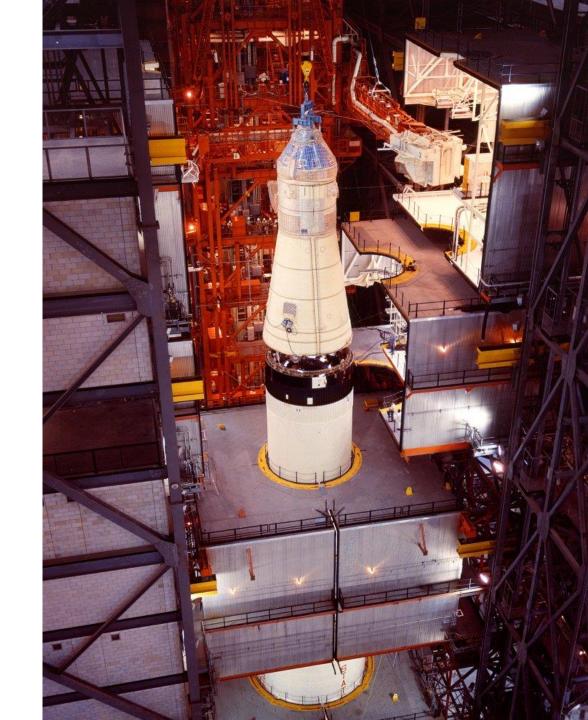


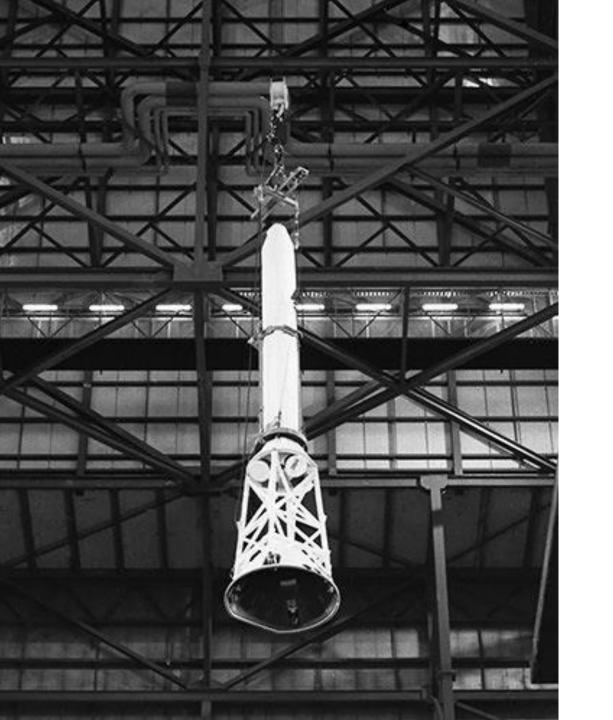














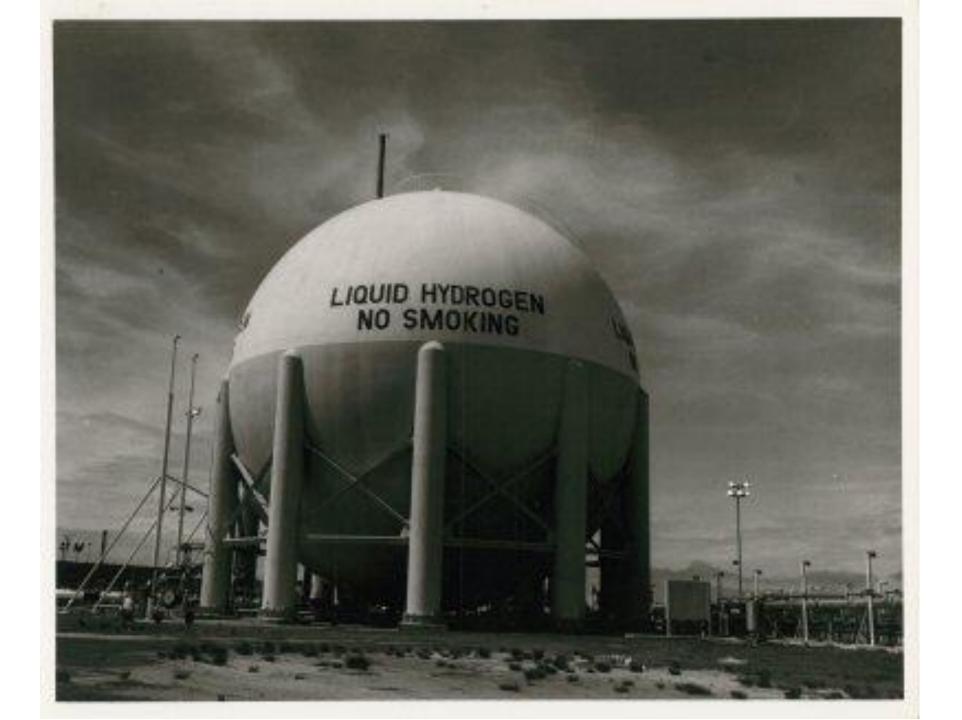


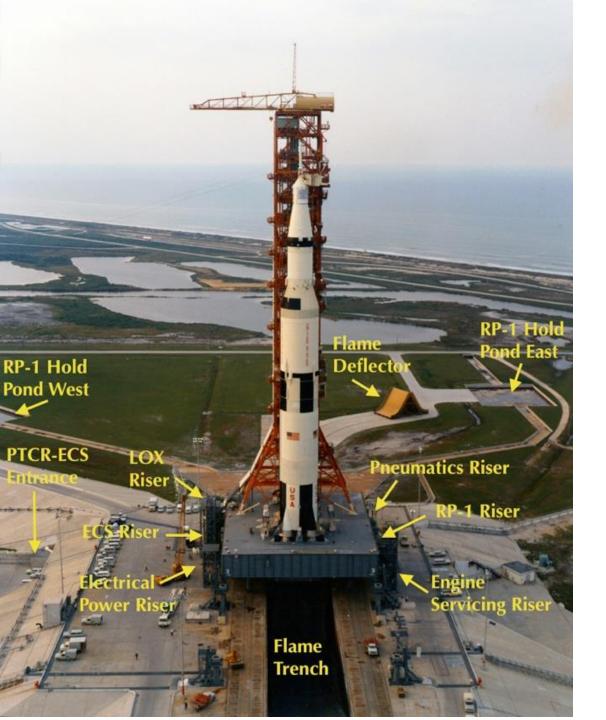






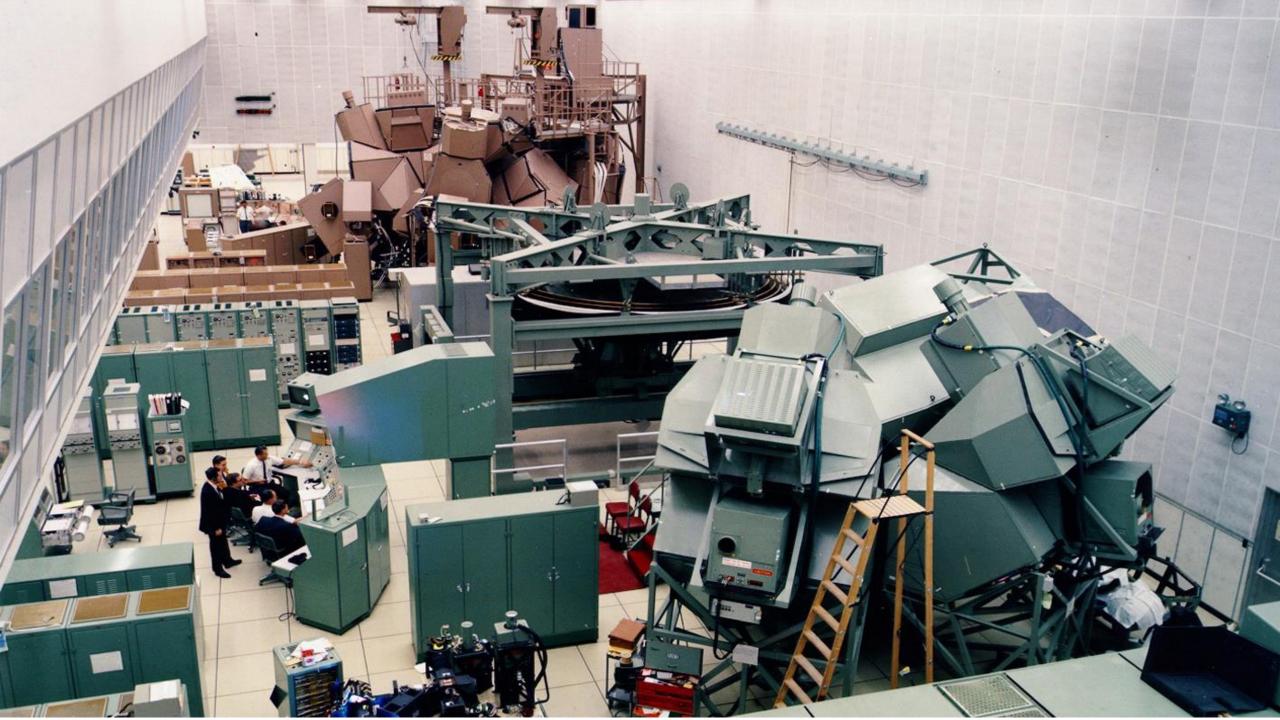




















Discussion Groups

- Benson Chapter 6 ("LC-39 Plans Take Shape")
 - Figuring out that a road was better than railroad or canal
- Ward Chapter 5 ("The VAB and the Mobile Launcher")
 - How the pieces were put together
- Ward Chapter 8 ("Life at the Launch Pad")
 - Safety, Security, and Mission requirements
- Bridge to Space video
 - On overview of the Kennedy Space Center in the context of the Apollo 6 mission

Readings for Gemini: Rendezvous and Docking

- FETM video episode 1 ("Can We Do This?")
 - NASA from the lunar landing decision through the end of Project Gemini
- Mathews ("Collective Knowledge Gained from Gemini")
 - An conference paper providing an overview of goals and accomplishments
- Summary Conference chapter 2 ("Summary of Rendezvous Operations")
 - A detailed review of Gemini rendezvous
- Hacker chapter 12 ("Spirit of 76") [32 pages! Read 1 hour from the start]
 - The story of the first rendezvous

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