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# 10-Year Lunar Architecture Capability Study (LunA-10) Government Integration Team

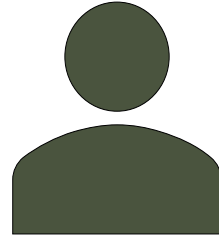
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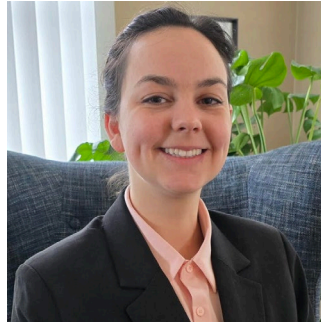
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# The LunA-10 Analytical Framework

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- This is *a* version of the Lunar Economy, not *the* Lunar Economy.
- Any lunar economy framework includes error bars
- LunA-10 aims to start the discussion: what is needed to enable a commercial lunar economy, and where do **you** fit in?

## Framework

What does the Lunar Economy Look Like?

## Value Chains

How do we get there?

## **What is the Lunar Economy?**

### **“The Gold Nugget”**

CA Gold Rush: Before gold was found at Sutter’s Mill,  
the initial investment was fur trading.

Fur trails and fur economy enabled the Gold Rush to take place.

Today, the initial investment is O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.  
As the economy and the new market evolves,  
new “gold nuggets” may be discovered.

## **What is a Sustainable Lunar Economy?**

Economically Positive (over time)

Converges to a state with little material being brought from Earth

Co-operative, international, and interoperable



# Commercial Lunar Framework Assumptions

- Robotic only: No Human Spaceflight
  - Using standards (LunaNet) is acceptable
  - Avoid use of Govt. Infrastructure (DSN, TDRSS, etc.)
- Focus on Cislunar Space to Lunar Surface
  - Not focusing on down mass to Earth
  - Direct to Earth comms is an exception
- No Nuclear Power
- Geographic Location Agnostic
  - Solutions provided for either Equatorial or Polar cases.

# The Four Ages of the Lunar Economy

## Exploration Age

Years 0-3

- We are here, now!  
Bespoke, self-sufficient missions  
Exploration and Tech Demos

## Foundational Age

Years 3-6

- Larger vehicles and devices  
Some business cases close  
Focused on MVE demos

## Industrial Age

Years 6-10

- Large cross-mass (Lunar Rail)  
Recoup of investments  
Fully-functional ISRU

## Jet Age

Year 10+

- Economic engine producing  
100+ tons of O<sub>2</sub>/month  
Multi-site (Equator + Pole)  
Little up-mass from Earth







# The Exploration Age



Image Credit: National Park Service



# Exploration Age Definition

# Assumptions

We are here, now.

Bespoke rovers and instruments, self-sustaining (no grid)

Determine mining reserves, and plan locations to utilize resources

Demonstrate enabling technologies (Reactors, power, etc.)

- Tech-demo experiments, which will lead to commercial MVE experiments

Lander-based equipment staging, which will be connected with later

- "Fort Astoria"

Launch Costs: \$1M/kg

Orbital PNT/STM Services – Little to none

All services are lander based, to include comms backhaul to Earth

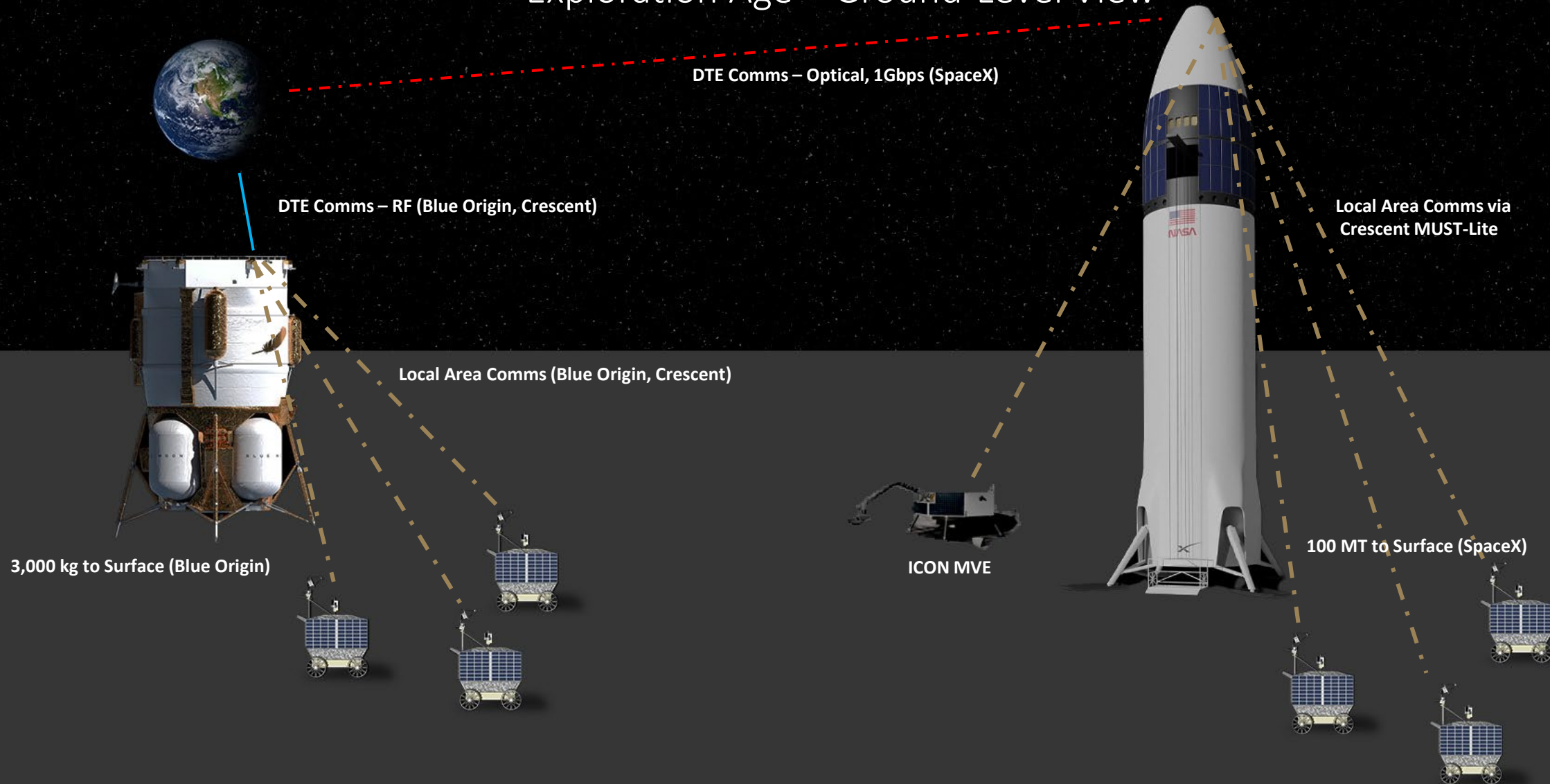
Today's Rover tech (VIPER-class)

- Carrying Capacity = ~100 kg max
- Speed = ~1 km/hr
- Limited to no survive the night capability

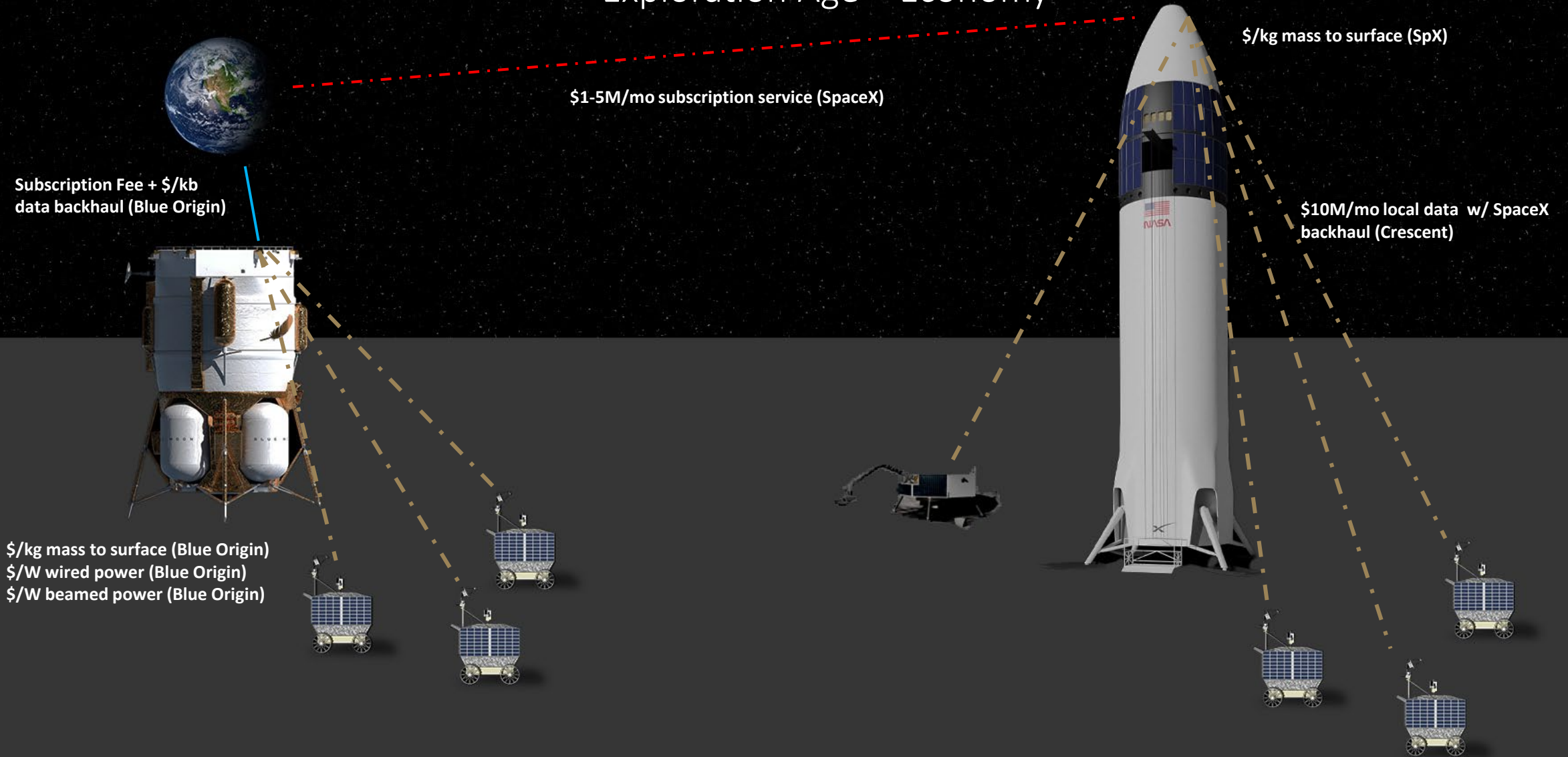
Experimental ISRU



# Exploration Age – Ground-Level View



# Exploration Age – Economy





# The Foundational Age



# Foundational Age Definition

Faster, heavier, standardized rovers,  
with roads/trails to ride on  
[Covered Wagons]

Improved Surface building (roads,  
landing pads, foundations)

Building of Power/PNT/Comms  
infrastructure

Prep-work and MVEs for future tech  
(Lunar rail beds and fabrication)

Functional ISRU begins.

# Assumptions

Decreasing launch Costs: \$.75M/kg

Commercial Orbital PNT and STM  
services in infancy

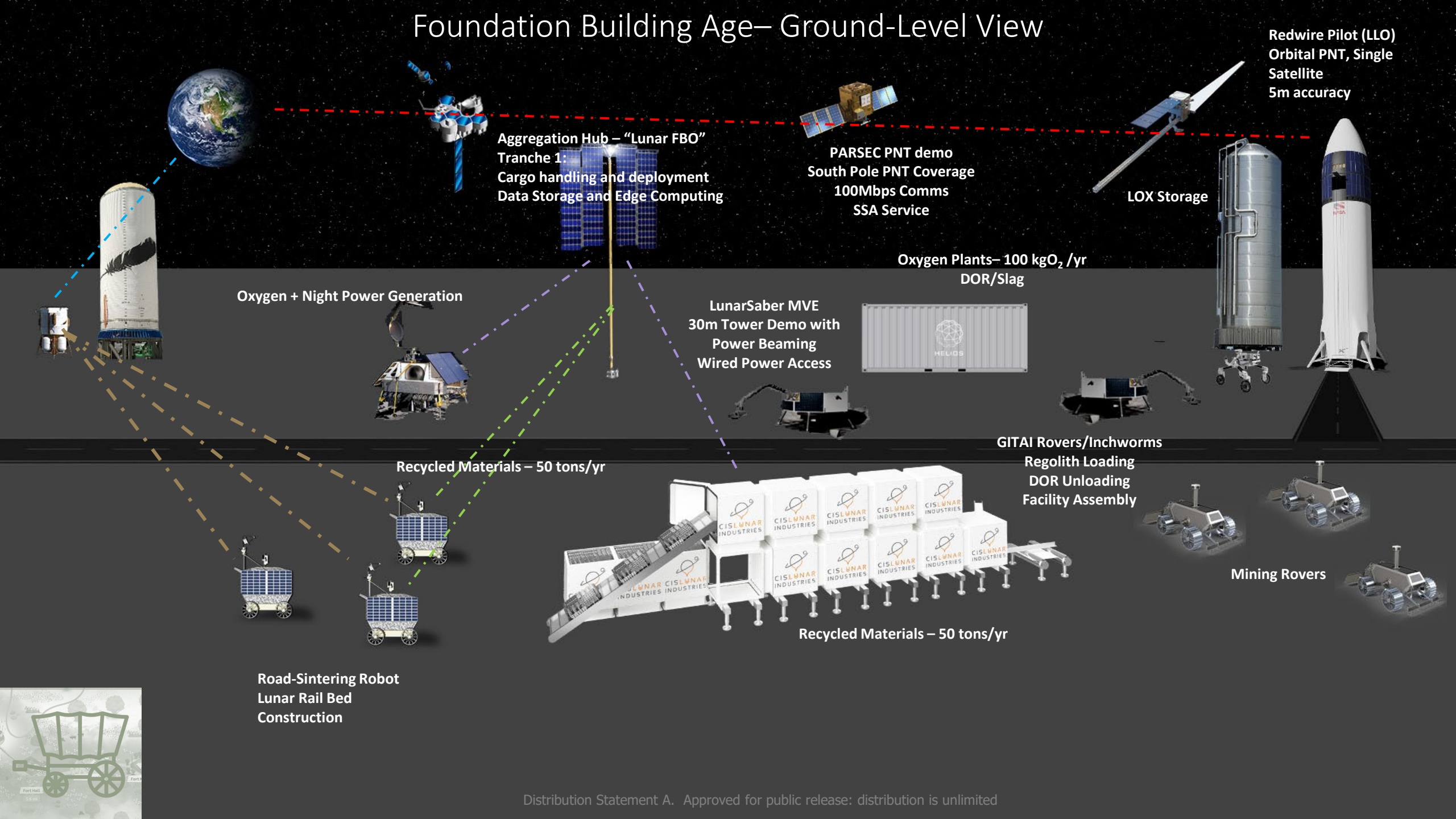
Commercial Orbital Comms Relays  
growing

Initial ISRU reserves across the  
Moon are determined, and can  
begin to be mined



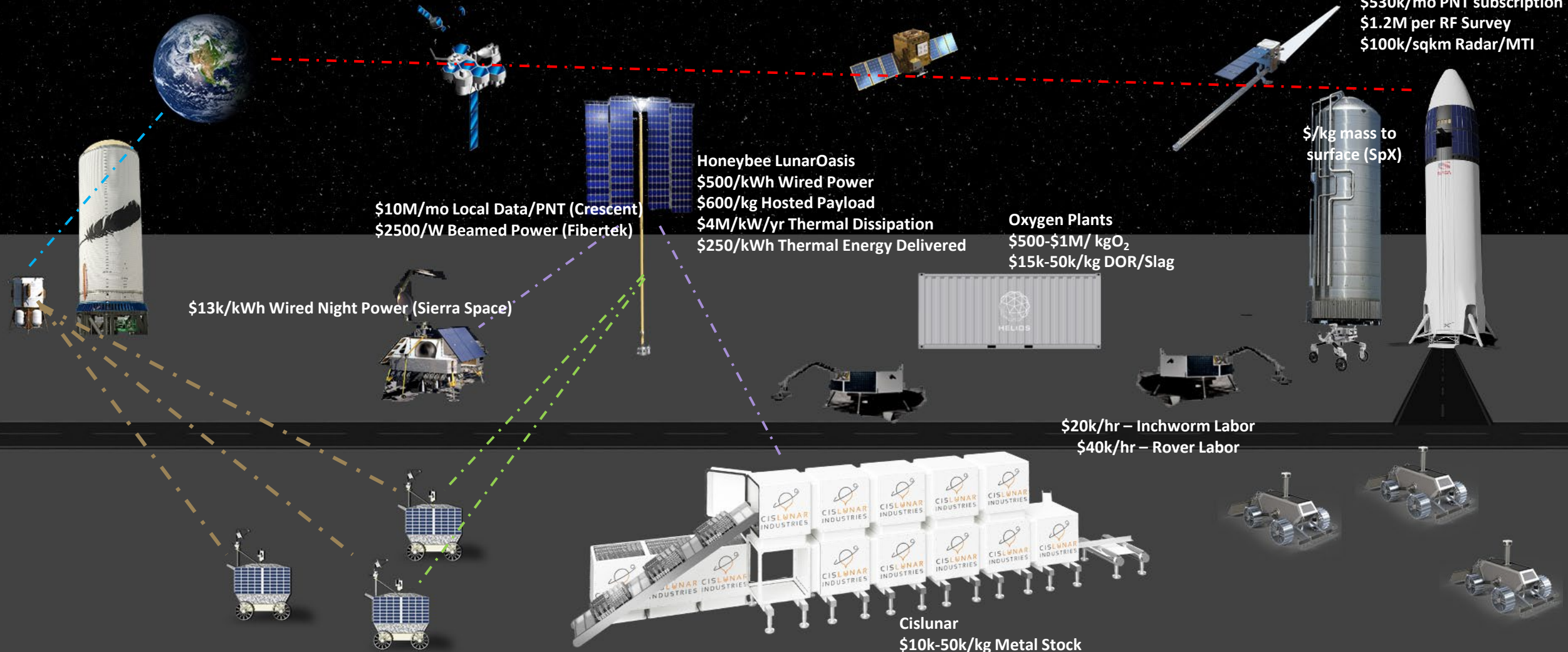


## Foundation Building Age— Ground-Level View



# Foundation Building Age–Economy

RedWire  
\$750k/mo Data Backhaul  
\$530k/mo PNT subscription  
\$1.2M per RF Survey  
\$100k/sqkm Radar/MTI







# The Industrial Age



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# Industrial Age Definition

Lunar Rail logistics backbone  
("Transcontinental Railroad")

Large, excavation-class rovers  
(needed for rail construction,  
reused for mining)

As hardware lifetime of pilot plants  
ends, recycling begins

- The pioneer "forts" close, and RR stops  
become the center of economic activity

# Assumptions

Orbital PNT and STM have reached  
full constellation status

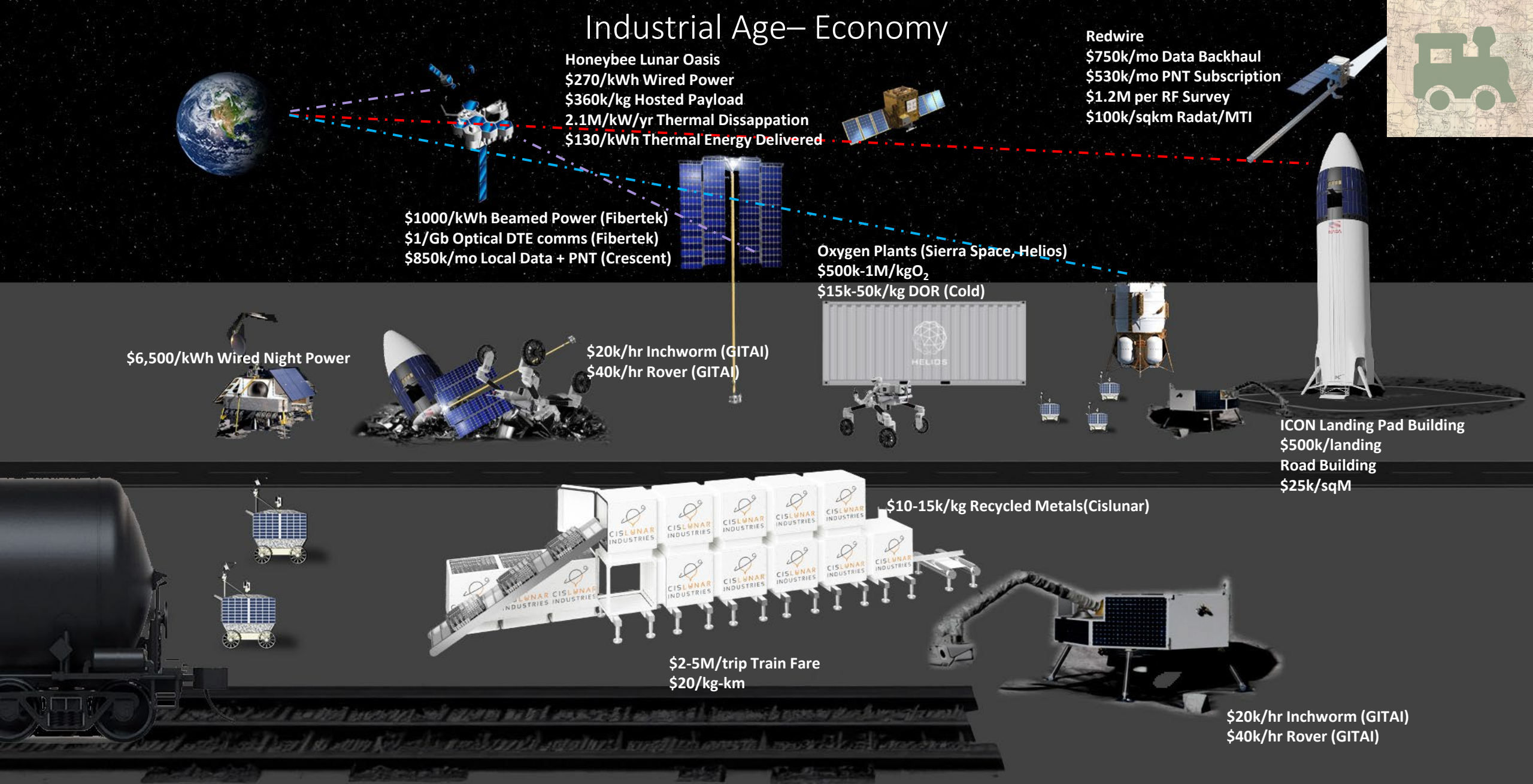
Large-scale power generation on  
the surface has started; lunar  
utilities are commercially viable

Comms coverage and latency allow  
routine teleoperation of robotics





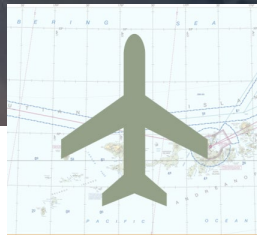
# Industrial Age—Economy



# The Jet Age



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# Jet Age Definition

Trans -lunar and Back to Earth rocket transportation becomes commonplace

Ability to produce 100+ tons O<sub>2</sub>/month

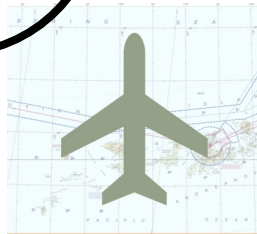
- This will enable in-situ refueling of Starship, which can transit to other areas of the Moon

# Assumptions

Full PNT and STM covered (of populated areas)

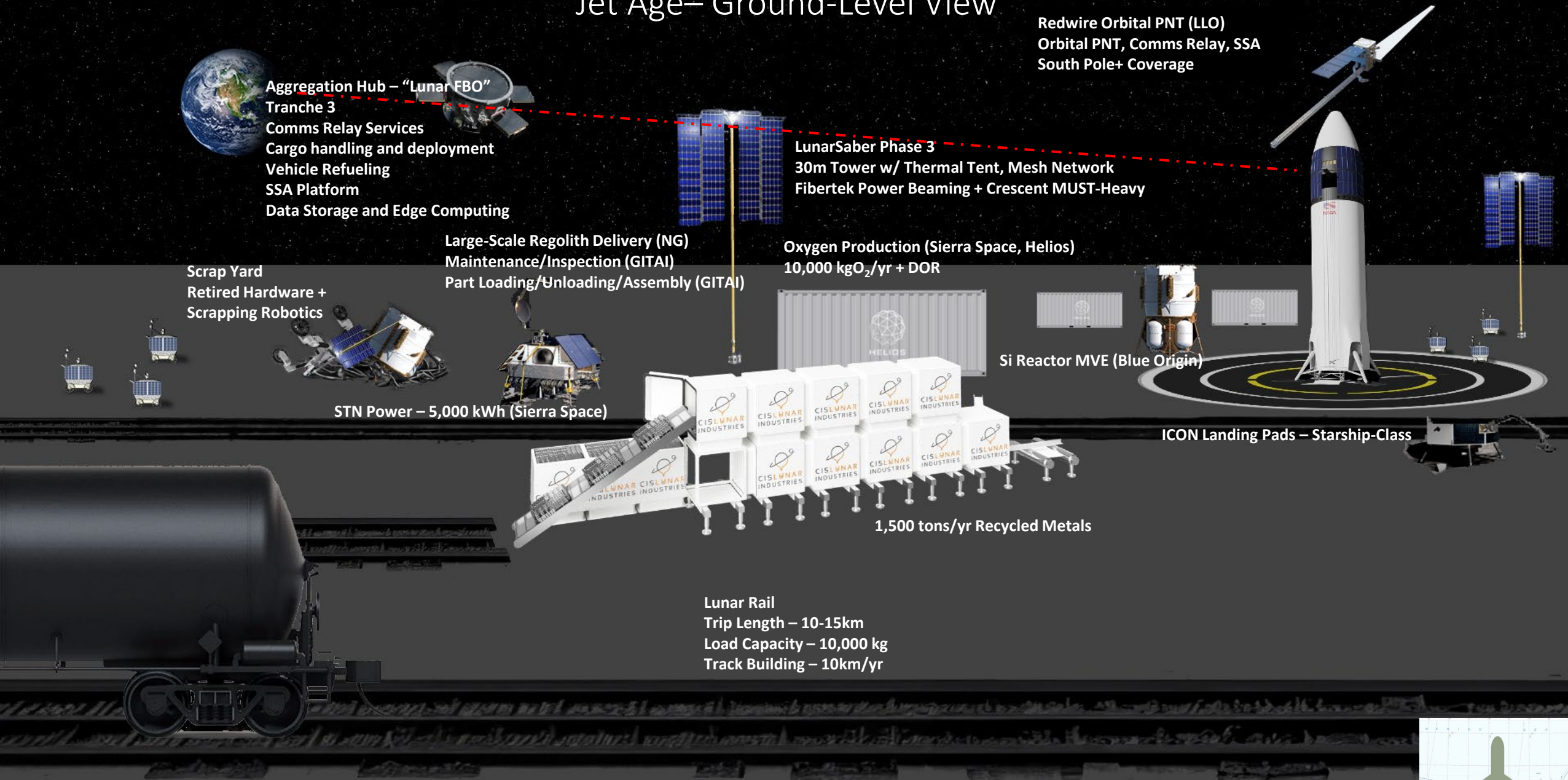
Full communications coverage around the Moon

Thermal rejection and Survive the Night shelters are realized

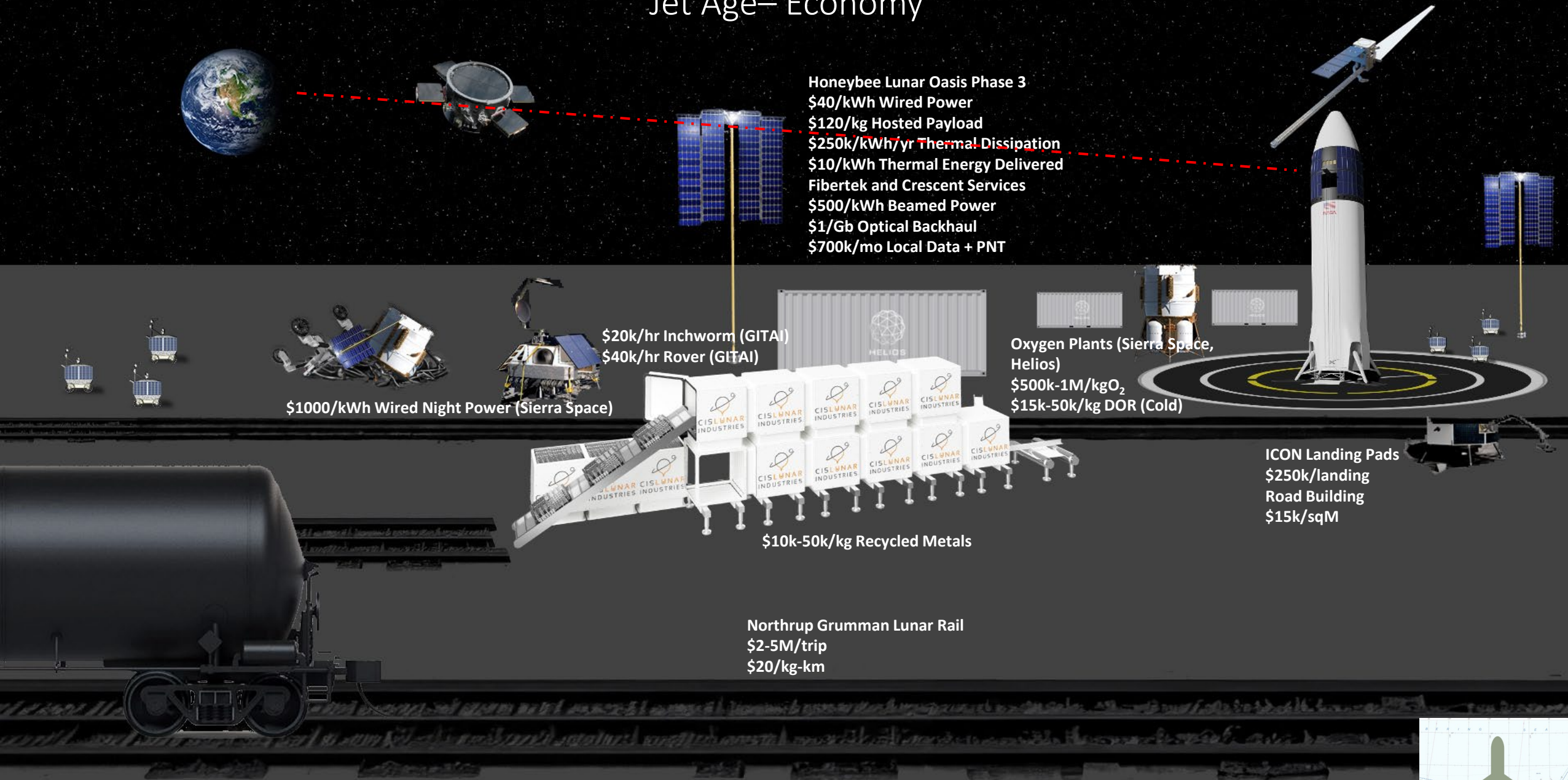




# Jet Age– Ground-Level View



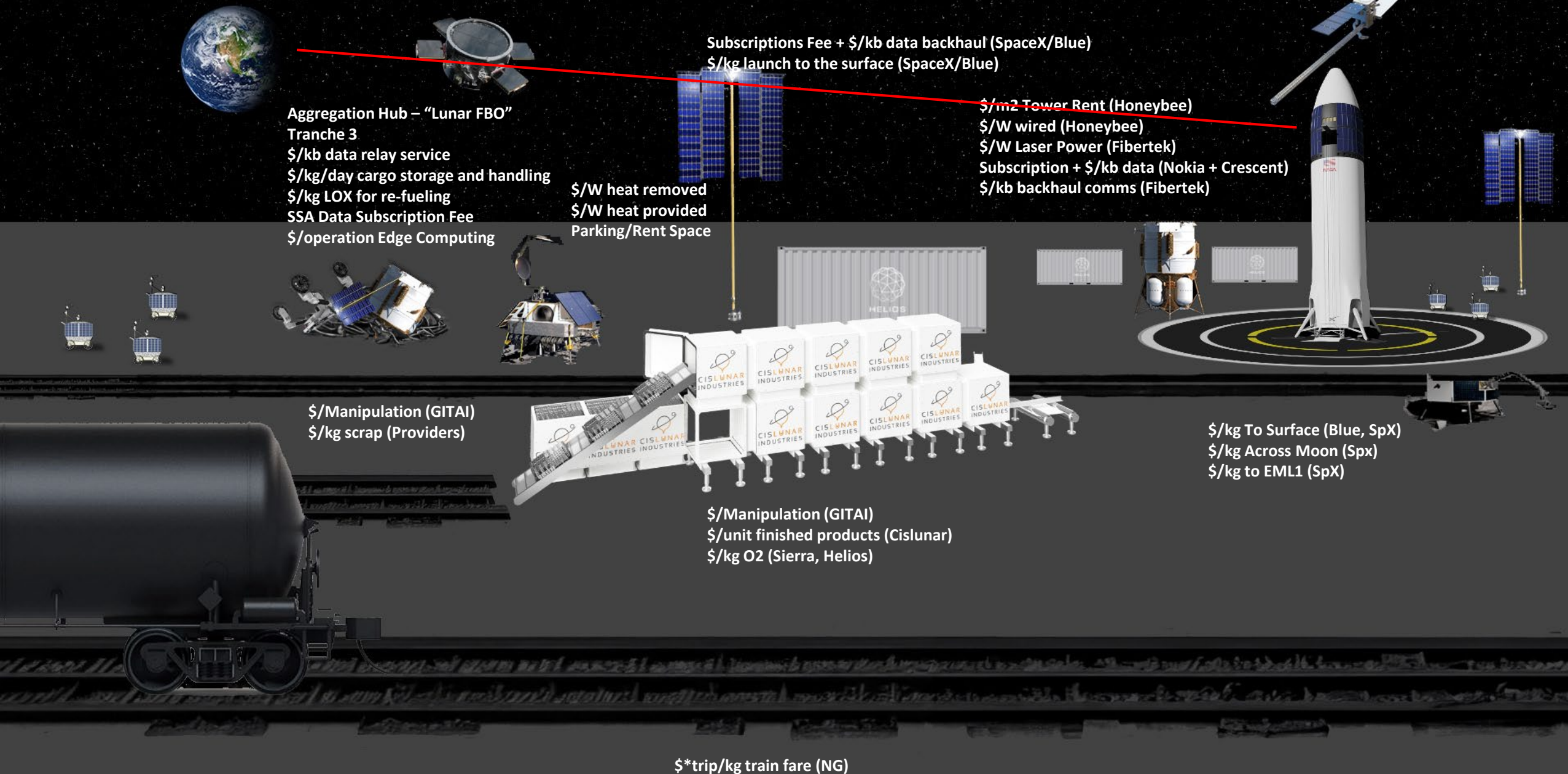
# Jet Age—Economy





# Jet Age– Ground-Level View

Orbital PNT Subscription Fee  
SSA Data Subscription Fee





# Value Chains



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# Value Chain (VC) Development

- Five Enterprise Value Chains (VCs) by Five primary elements:
  - Transport/Logistics
  - Power
  - Communications
  - PNT
  - ISRU
- An enterprise chain has multiple candidate use cases: based on technical difficulty, CONOPS, location, or implementation timeline
- Primary Elements sub-divided into series of tasks to accomplish an element (2<sup>nd</sup> order analysis)

# Value Chain Candidate Use Cases

5 Enterprise Value Chains per Primary Elements:

## **Transport/Logistics**

**"Pioneer Path" Rover**

"Improved Road" Rover

Lunar Rail

Intra Lunar Space Travel

## **Position, Navigation, Timing**

Two-Way Ranging

Traditional (GPS-Like)

Surface Traffic Management

Space Traffic Management

## **Communications**

Surface – RF

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Wired – On Lander/Ship

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## **In-Situ Resource Utilization**

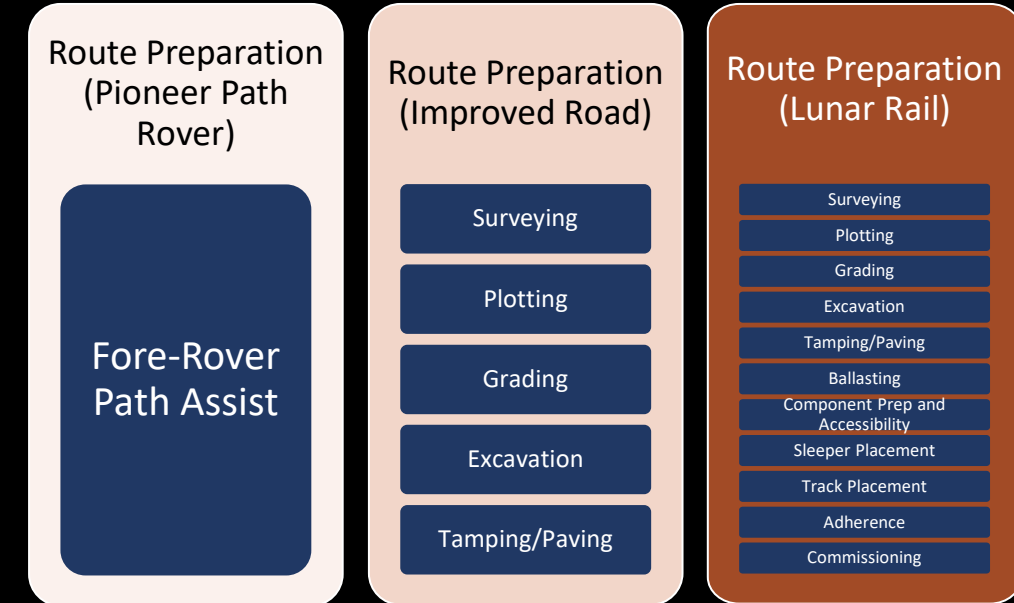
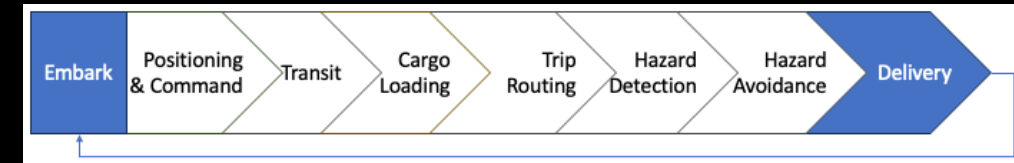
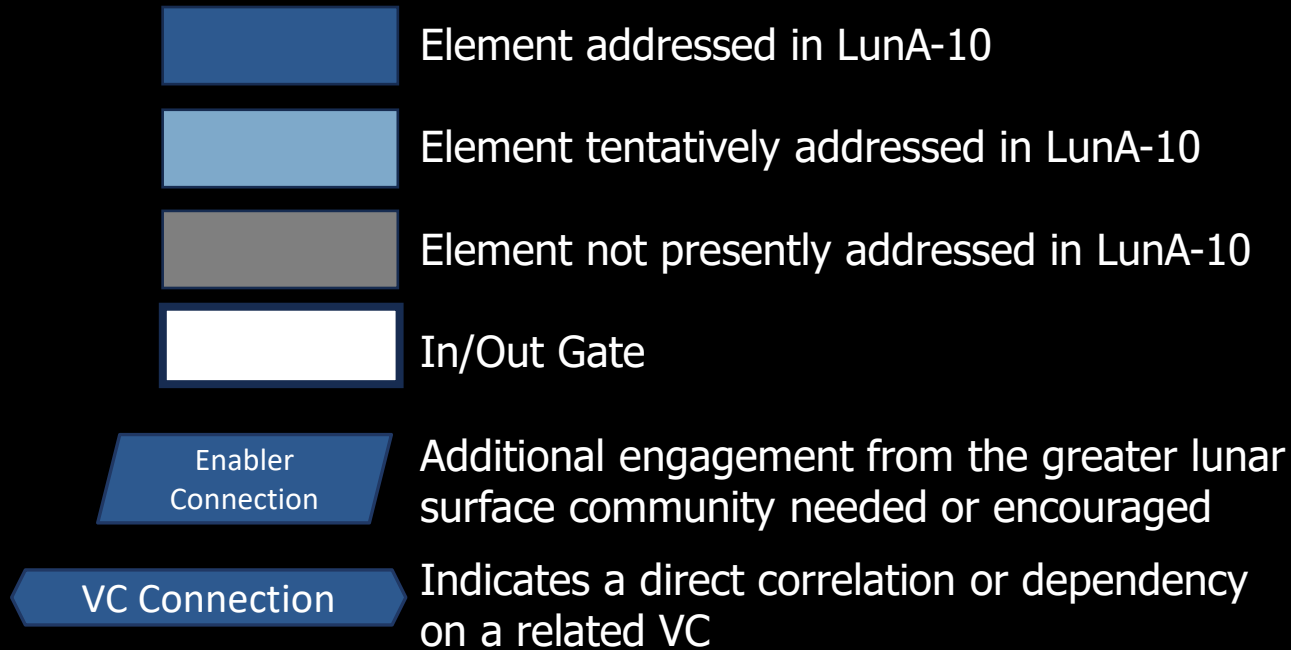
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Material Recycling

Metals/Water Ice/REE/Si

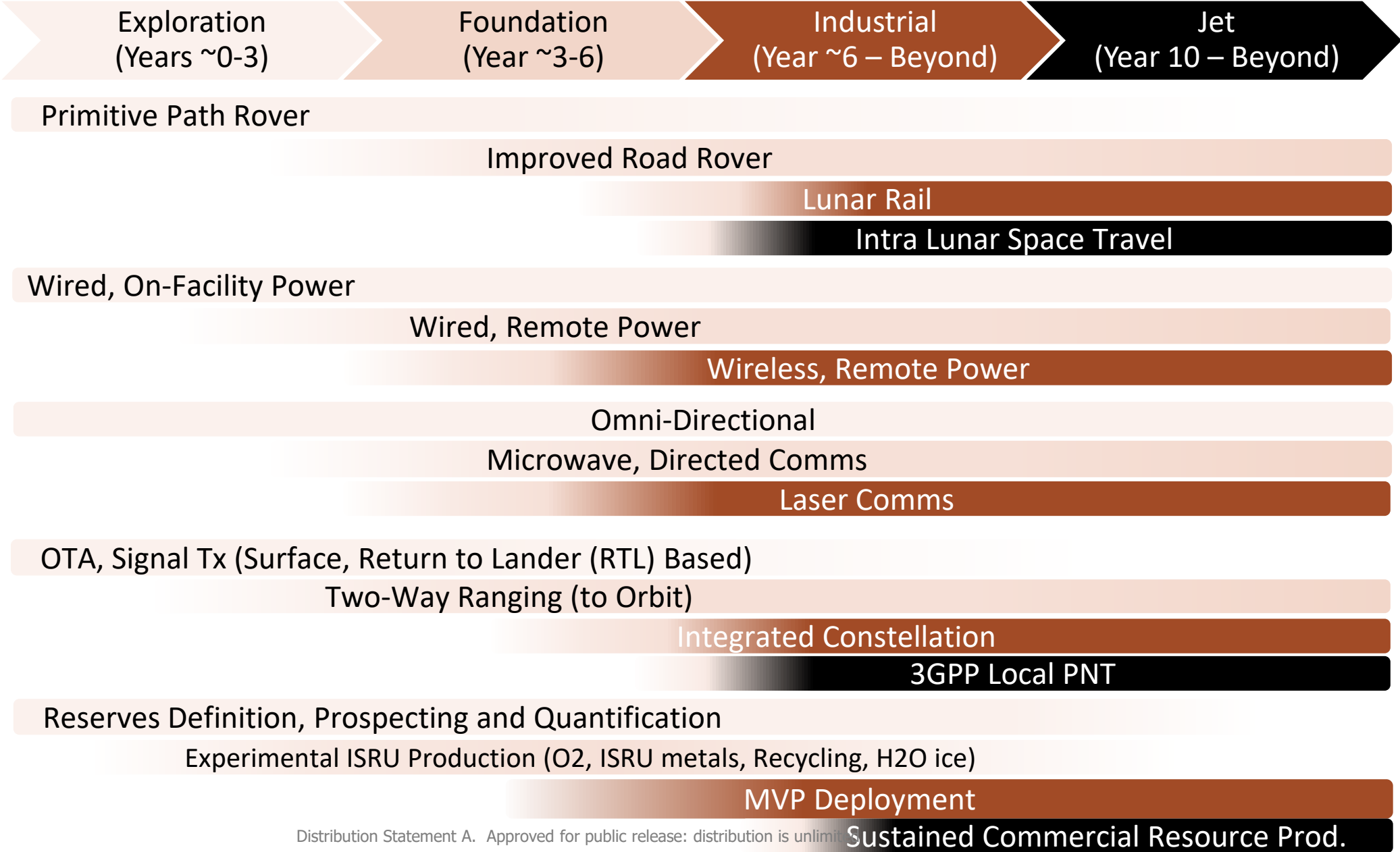
# Value Chain (VC) Schema

- Establishes an enterprise framework for evaluation of multiple capabilities within a given Technical Area
- Illustrates increasing complexity / developmental gaps of use cases under the same Value chain construct



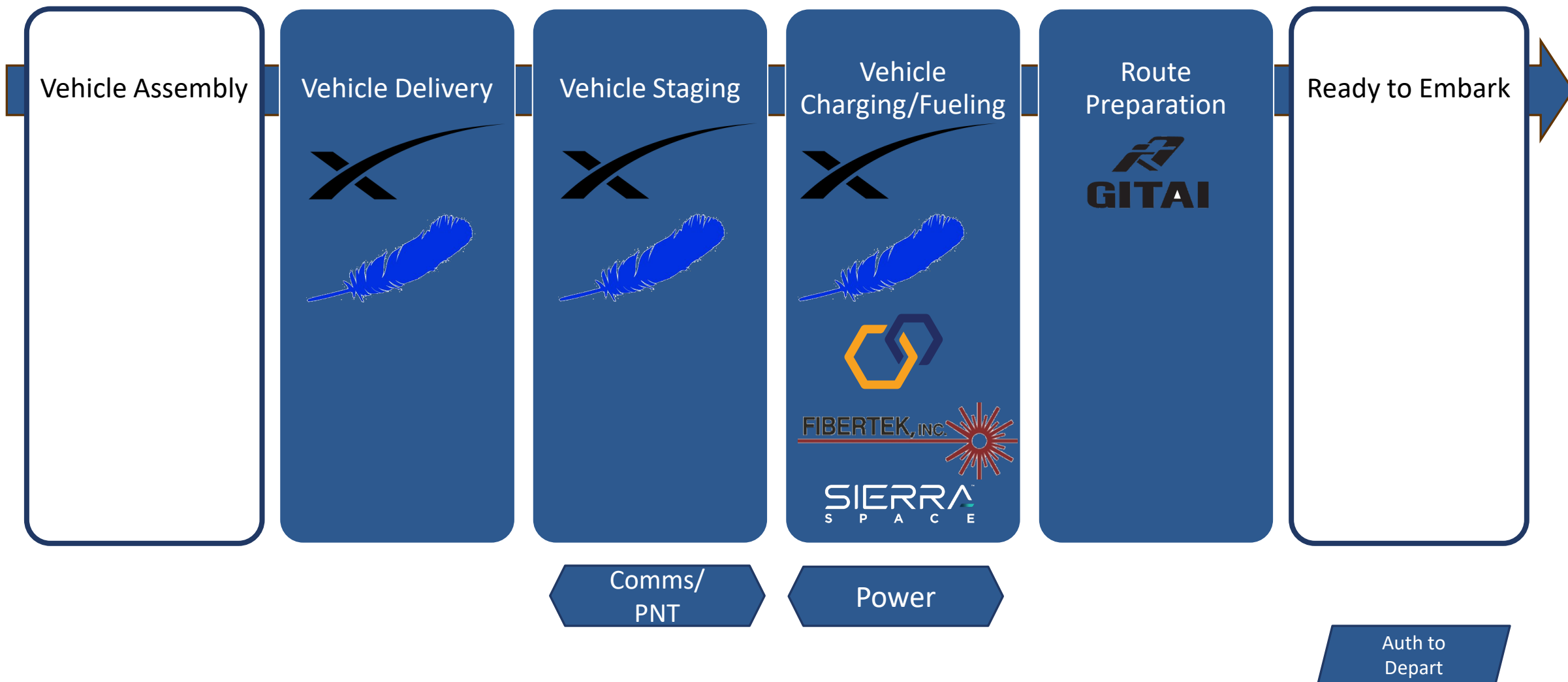
**An expandable and adaptable framework for multiple functional areas and use cases**

# VCs Through the LunA-10 Decade (and Beyond)

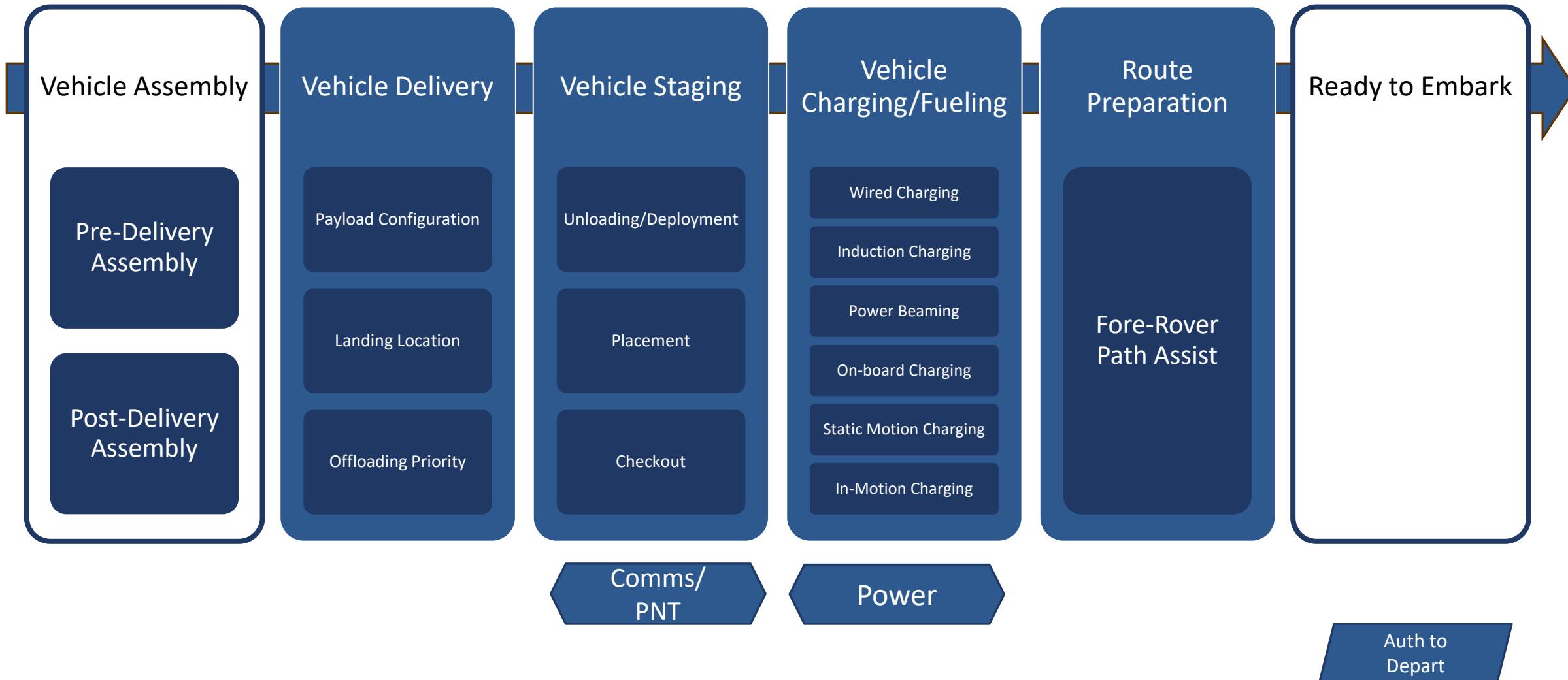




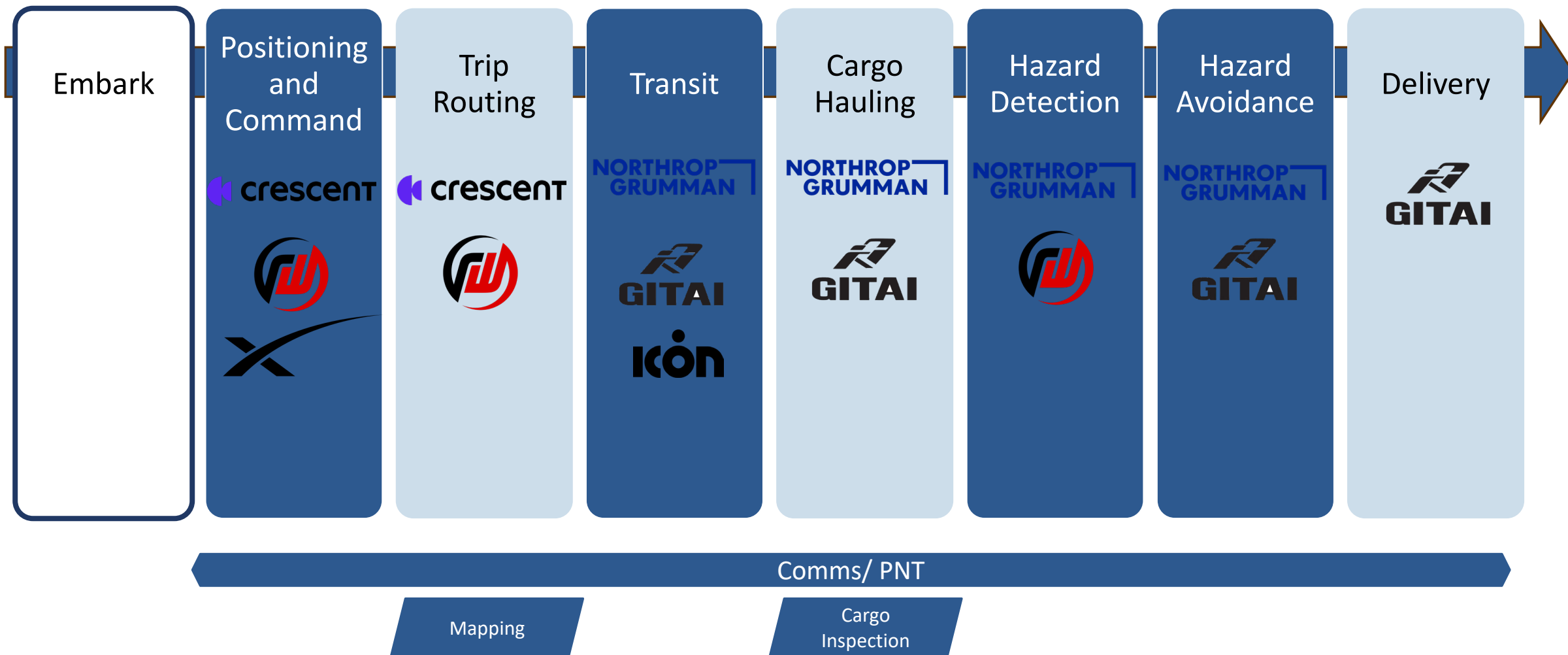
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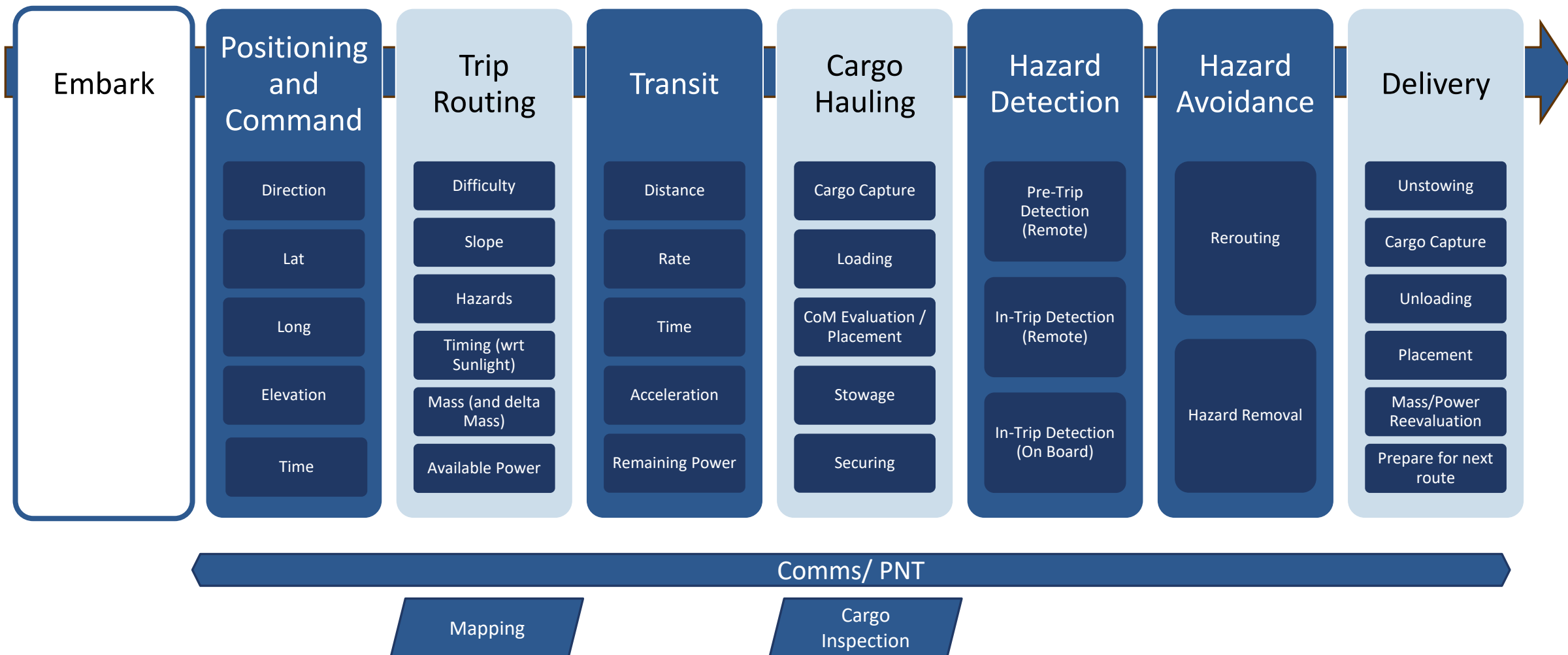


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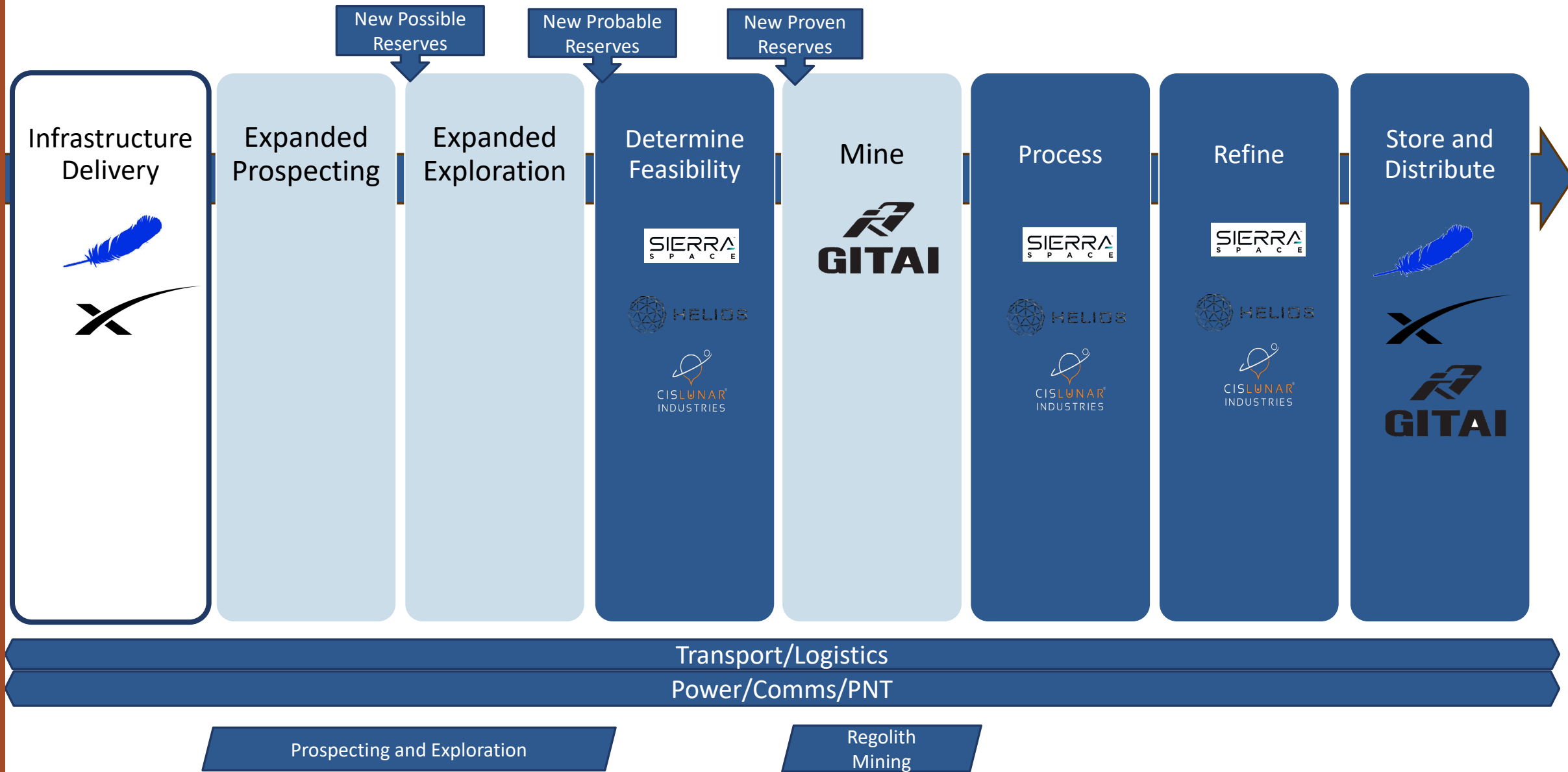


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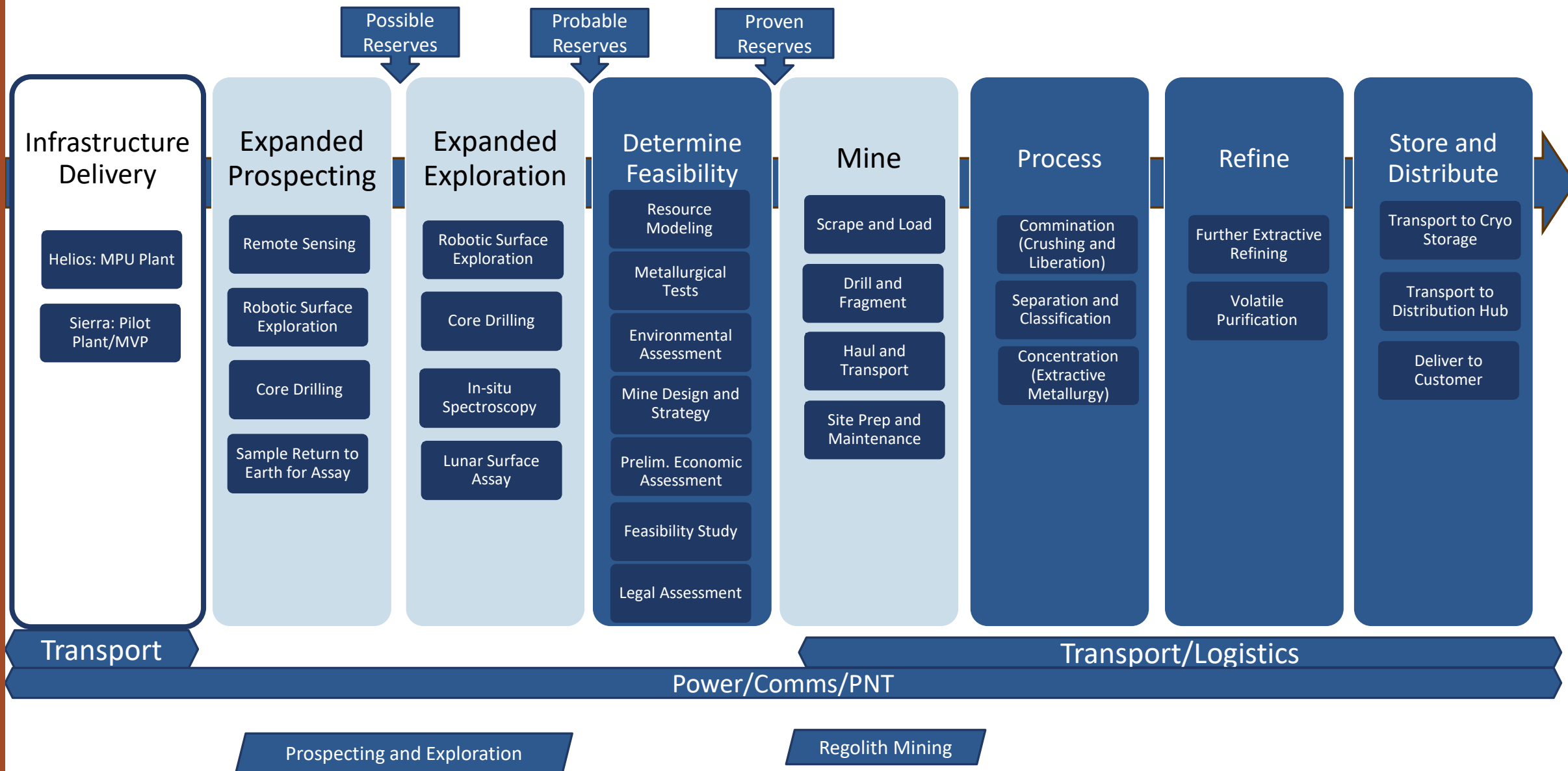
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# ISRU – Regolith Derived Oxygen Value Chain



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# Have Any Questions?

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Come talk to us here at LSIC!

## **Breakout Session 1**

Transportation, Robotics, ISRU Team Presentations  
Power, Communications, PNT/SSA Team Presentations

## **Breakout Session 2**

Government Integration Team Frameworks & Value Chains

# **Appendices and Backup Slides**



# Appendix 1 – Nomenclature/Glossary

DOR – De-Oxygenated Regolith (waste material from O2 Reactors)

DTE – Direct-to-Earth (communications)

ISRU – In-Situ Resource Utilization

LTM – Lunar (surface) Traffic Management

MPU – Maximum Performance Unit – Commercially viable product

MVE – Minimum Viable Experiment – Demo-level proof of concept system

MVP – Minimum Viable Product – Deployment level system, at a minimum performance threshold

PNT – Position, Navigation, and Timing

Re-ISRU – ISRU for Recycling

SSA – Space (orbital) Situational Awareness

STN – Survive The (Lunar) Night

# Appendix 2 – LunA-10 Timeline

	LunA-10 Framework Timeline											
Year/Task	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	
Age	Exploration Age			Foundational Age			Industrial Age				Jet Age	
Artemis	Artemis II	Artemis III Gateway Launch		Artemis IV		Artemis V LTV	Artemis VI	Artemis VII Gateway Ops Pressurized Rover				
Other NASA	LRO Coverage	LRO Coverage Nokia LTE/4G Demo (PRIME-1)	LCRNS Alpha LRO Coverage Ends	LCRNS Bravo LIFT-1	LCRNS Charlie RFM Rover			LIFT-2				
Aggregation Hub			Tranche 1				Tranche 2			Tranche 3		
Orbital PNT							MUST corrections from Redwire			MUST 3GPP Service, <1m accuracy		
Surface PNT	MUST Two-Way Ranging			MUST Hybrid - 2-Way Ranging + Orbital Corrections						MUST 3GPP, <1m accuracy		
Orbital PNT & SSA (Redwire)			MVE - Single Satellite			MVP Constellation - South Pole coverage			Additional assets for equatorial coverage			
DTE Comms - RF	MK1-based DTE Li	Parsec Demo	Parsec Lunar Relay - South Pole Coverage			Redwire Constillation Access						
DTE Comms - Optical	Starship-based Optical Starlink											
Surface Comms - Optical					MVE - Nano LION		LION Micro				Multiple LIONS	
Surface Comms - RF	MK1-based SAN	MUST MVP demo, Pathfinder node (ECS, D		More MUST MVP/SAN units deployed: ECS (Comm via Lunar Relay, DTE Comm) SAN Service (Surface Comm)		Extend MUST network & implement 3GPP: ECS (Comms via Lunar Relay) SAN Service (Surfa				Extend network: MUST-Heavy, MUST units		
Power Beaming					MVE - Nano LION		LION Micro				Multiple LIONS	
Power Generation	Lander-based Solar			LunarOasis MVE		LunarOasis Network			LunarOasis Extended Network			
Thermal/STN				LunarOasis MVE		LunarOasis Network			LunarOasis Extended Network		MUST Heavy/NITE	
ISRU (O2)			Initial Plants (100 kg/yr)			Commercial Plants (1,000 kg/yr)			Large-Scale Plants (10,000 kg/yr)			
ISRU (Recycling)				MVE Deployed	1st MSF Deployed				2nd MSF	3rd MSF	4th MSF	
Roads and Pads		MVE/Tech Demo Mission		Road, Railbed, MK1-class Pad Building			Lunar Rail Build; Starship Pad begins			Starship Pads Complete, Extend Rail		
Lunar Rail				MVE Equipment Launched	Pilot Rail (0.2 km) MVE	Engineering Track, Start Building Operational Rail			10-15 km of Rail	Expand rail to outer settlements		

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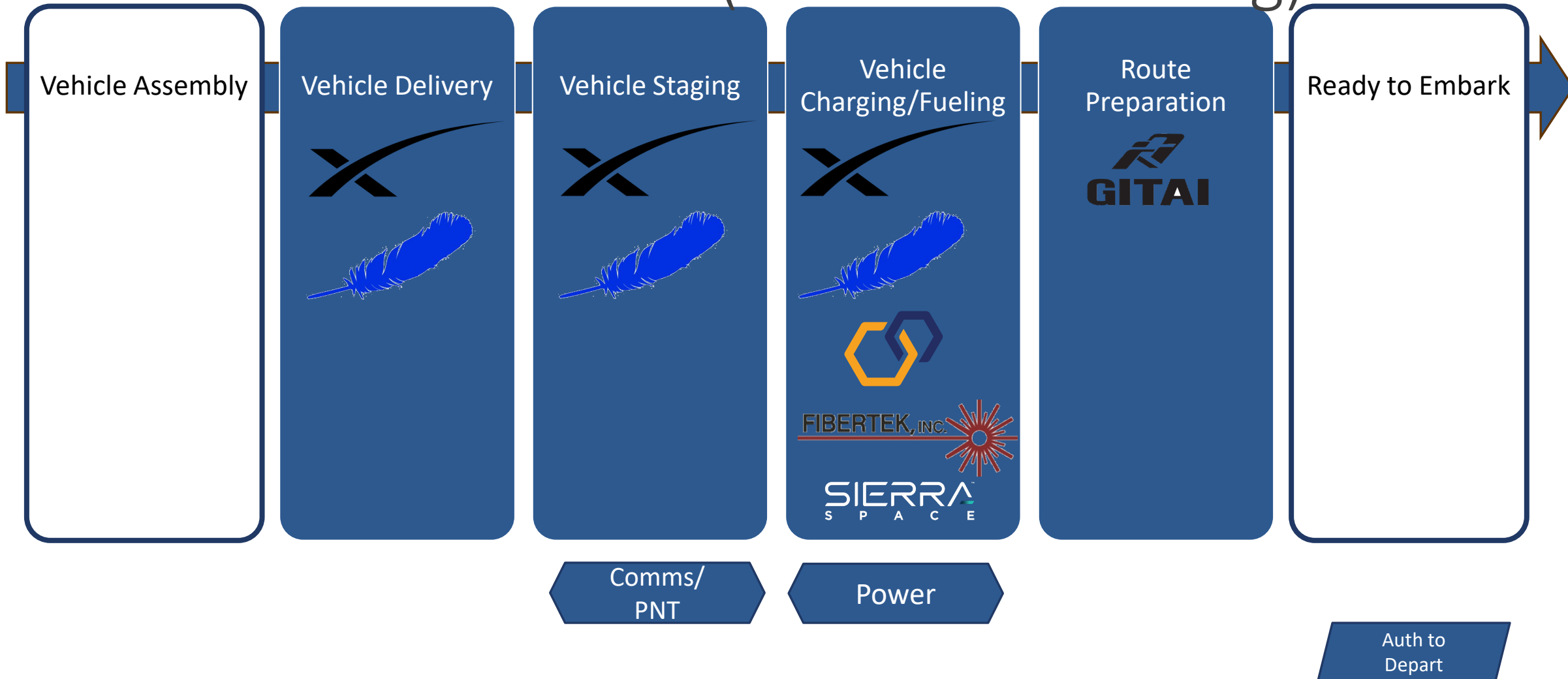
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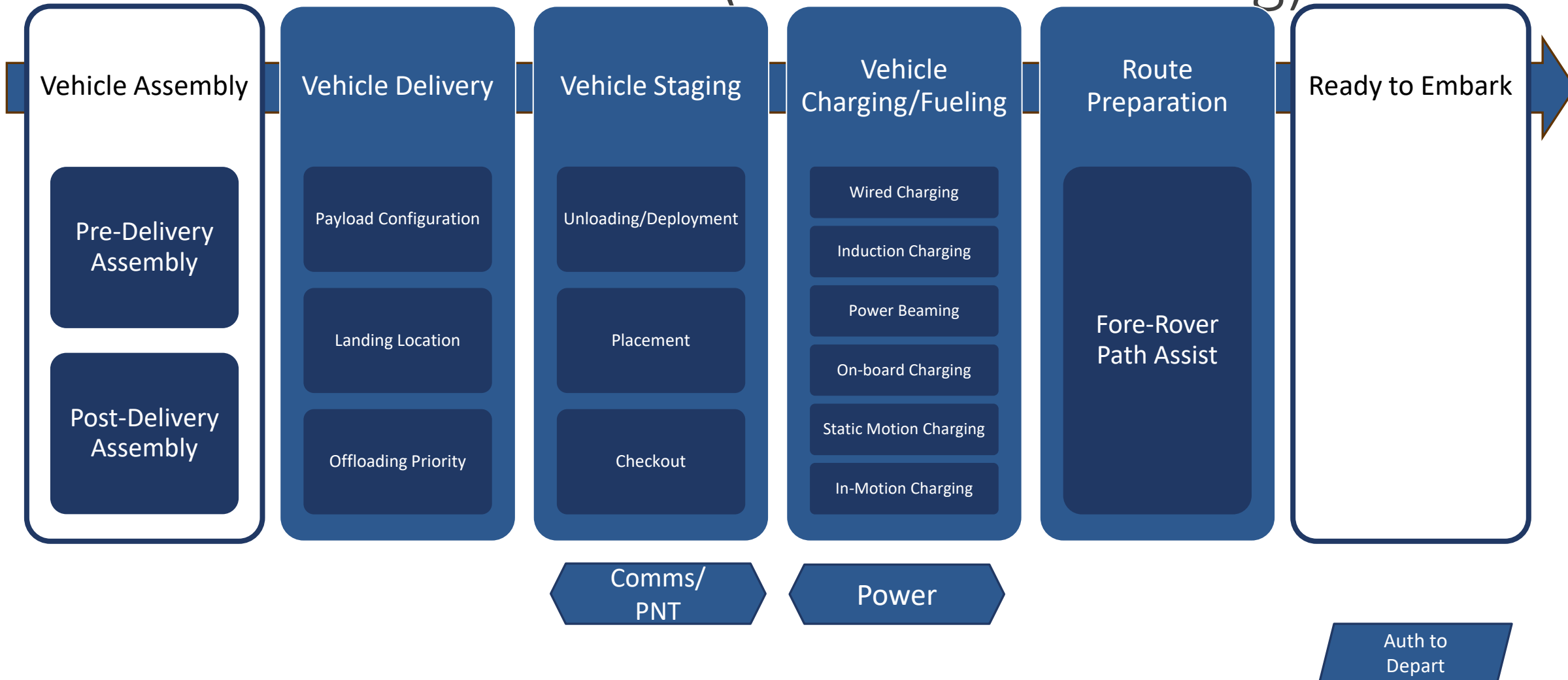
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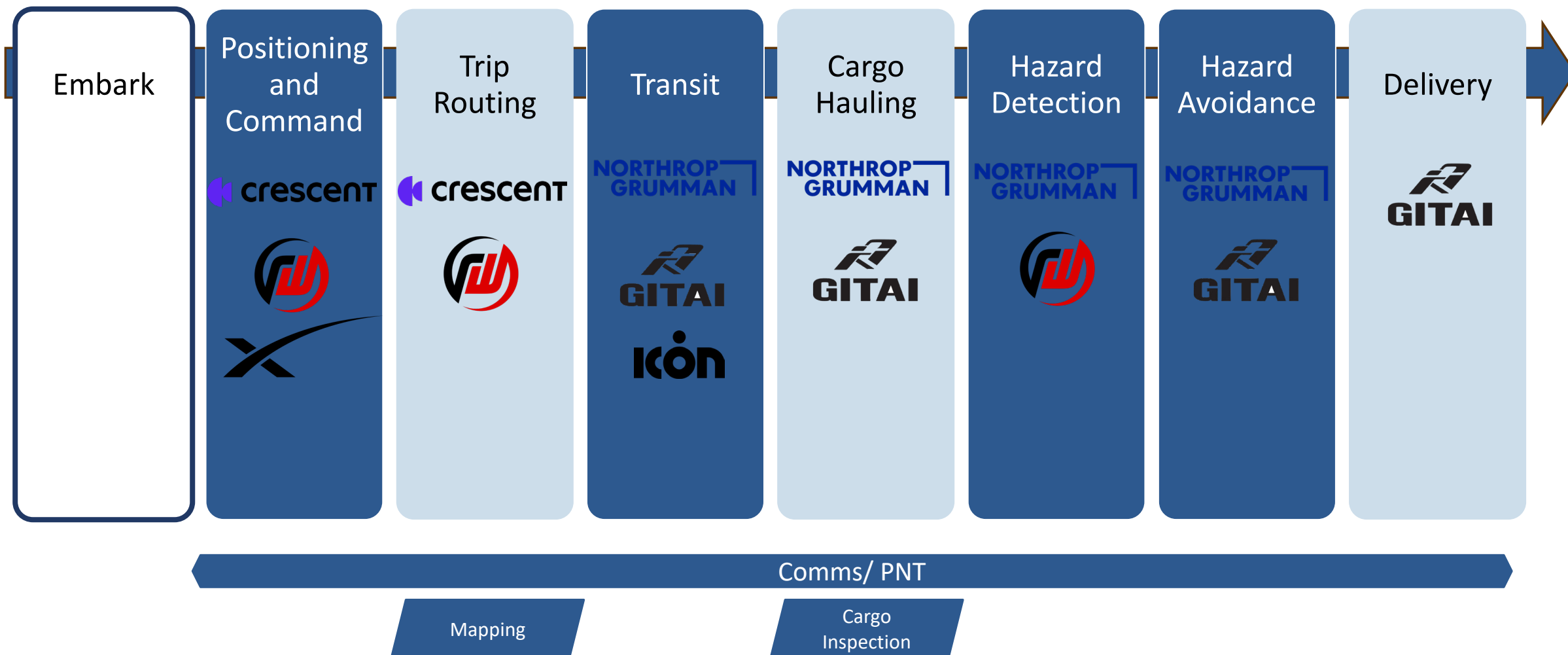


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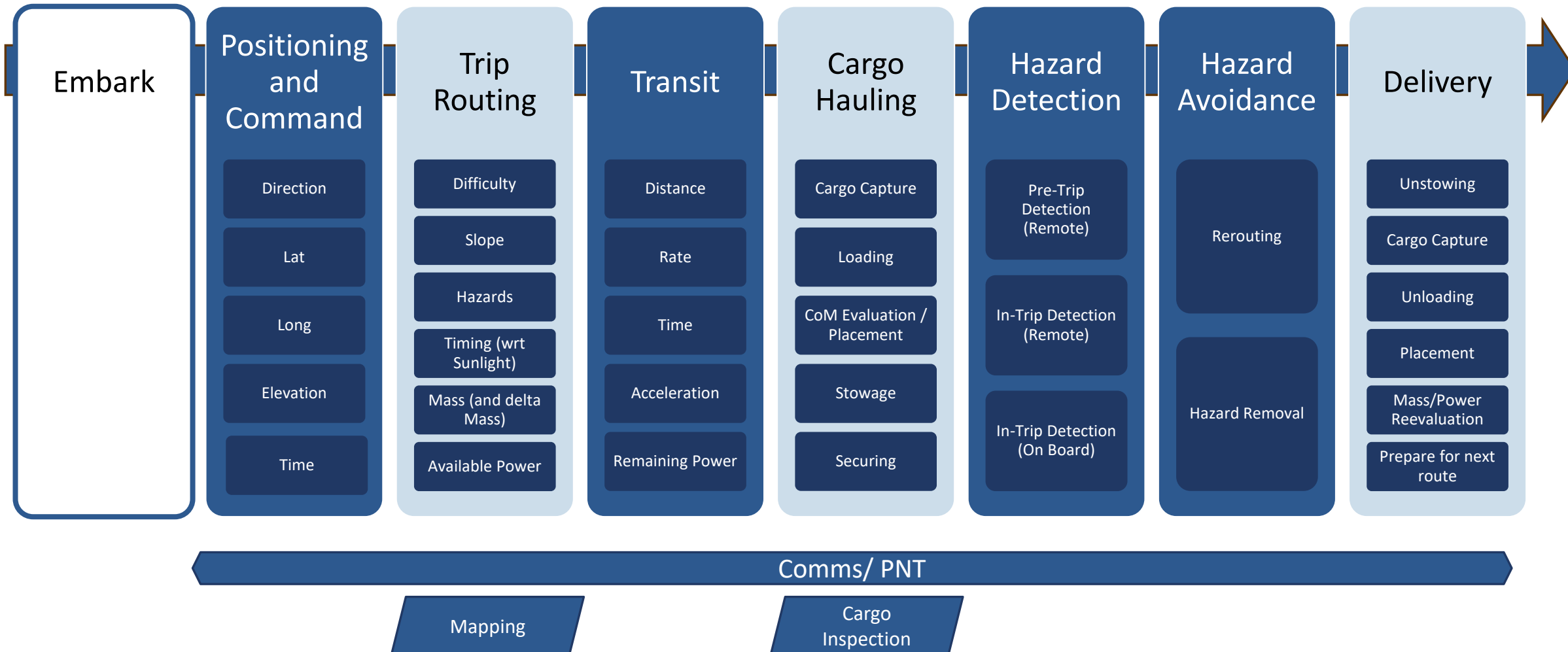




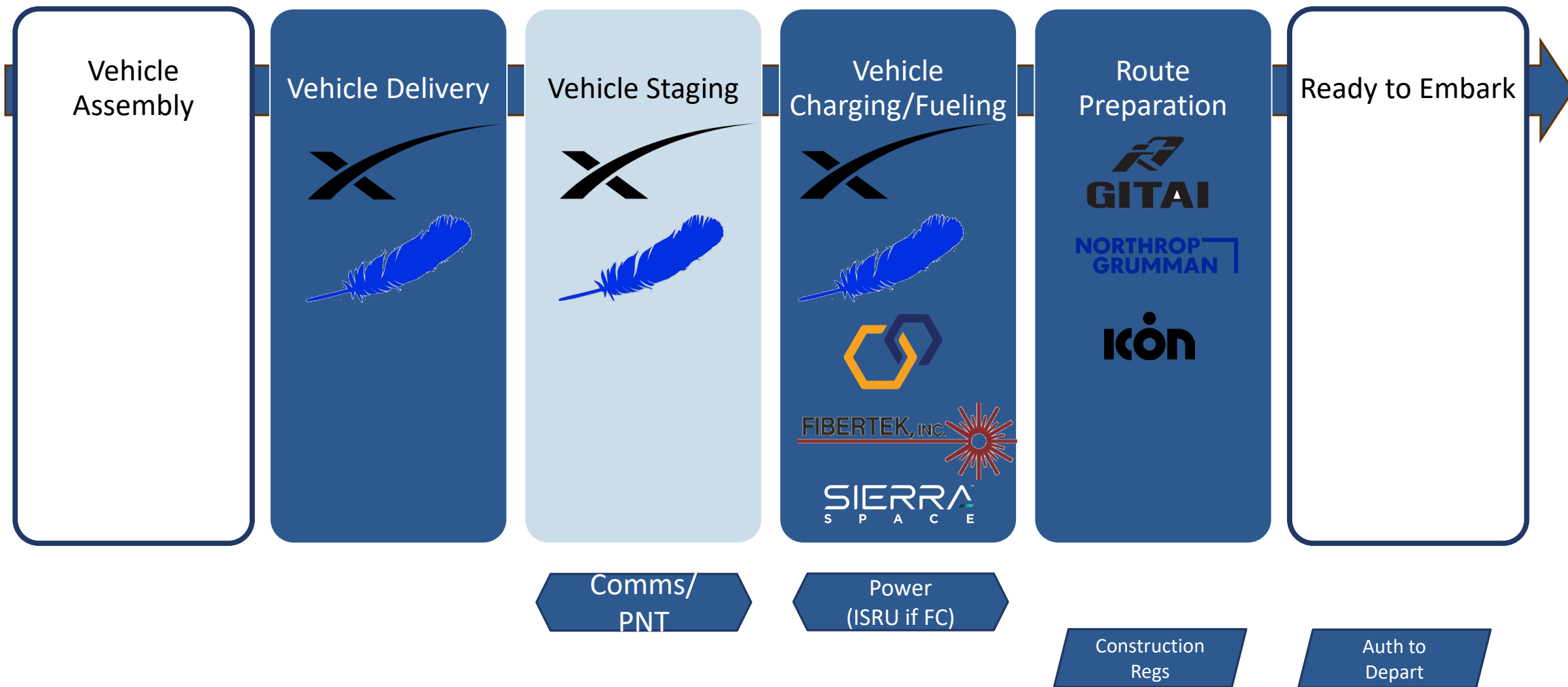
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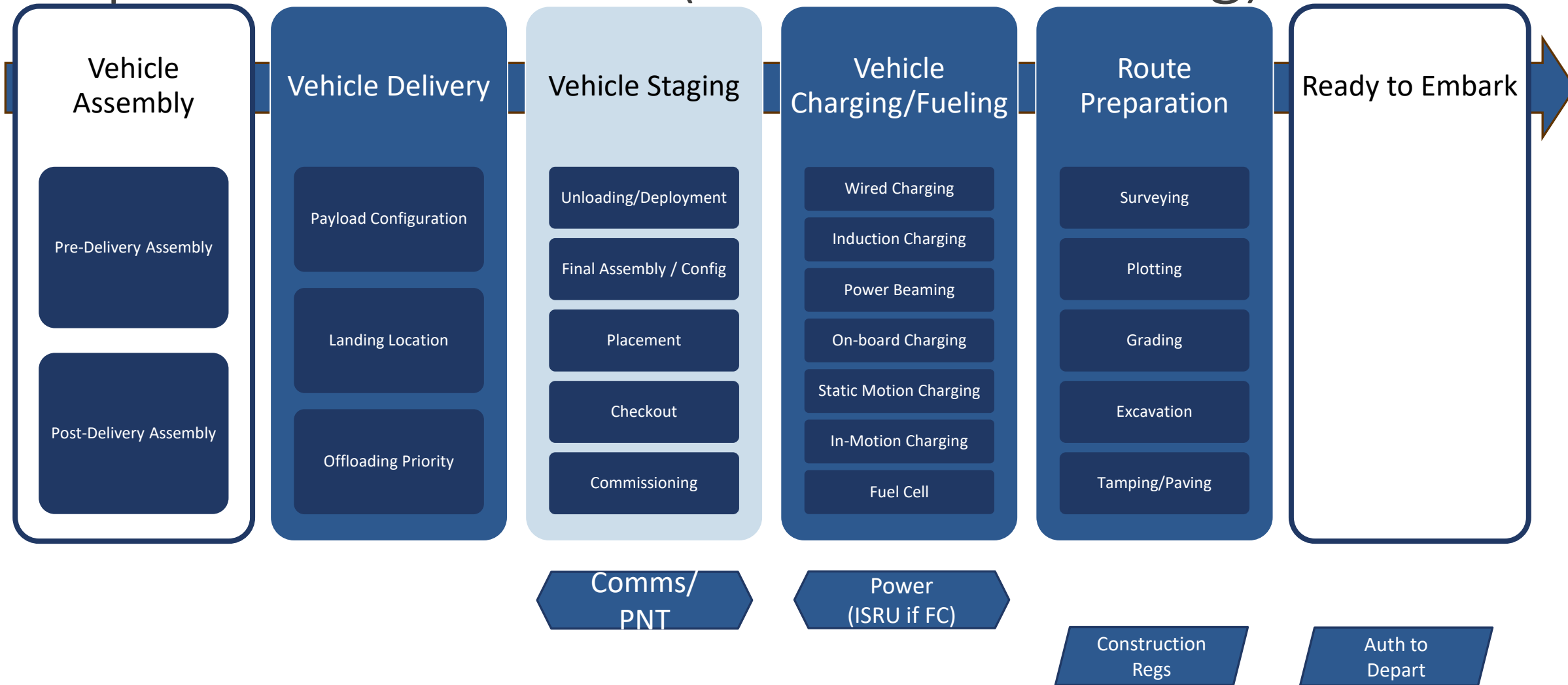
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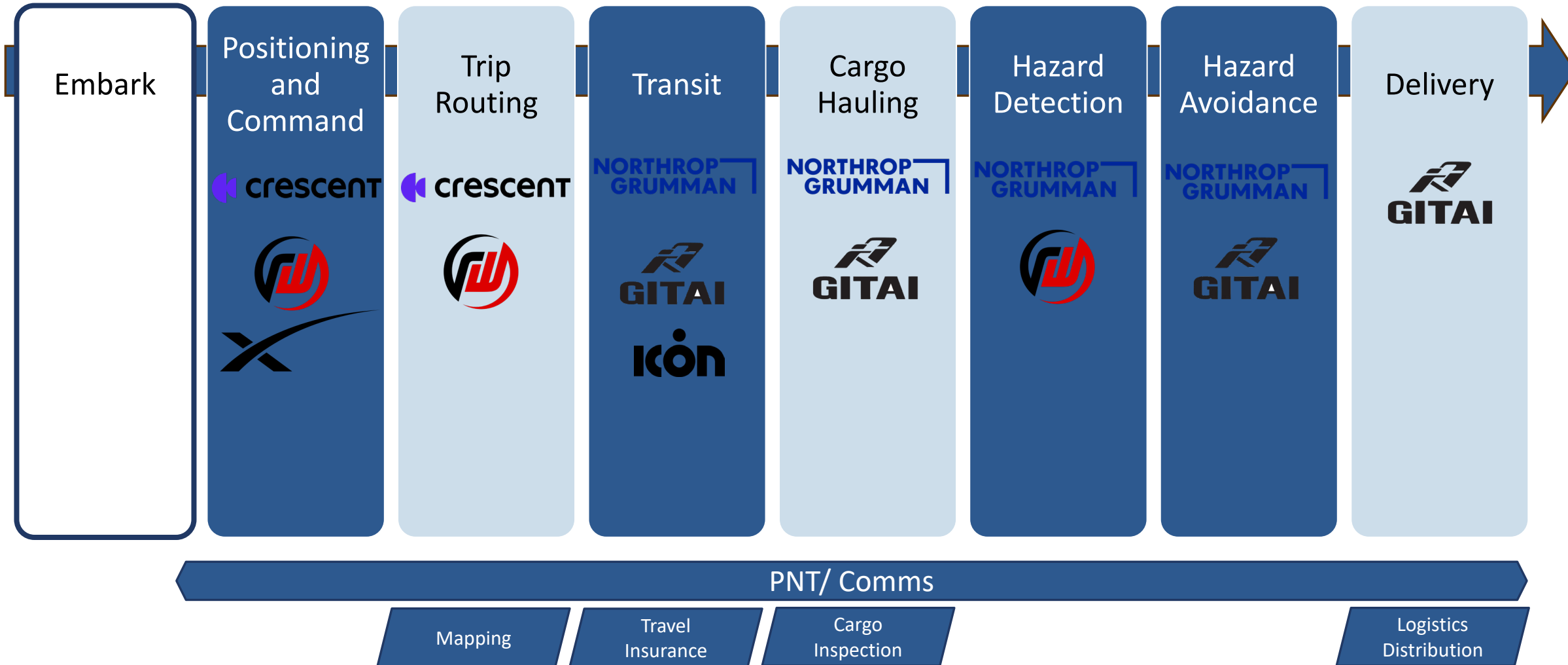


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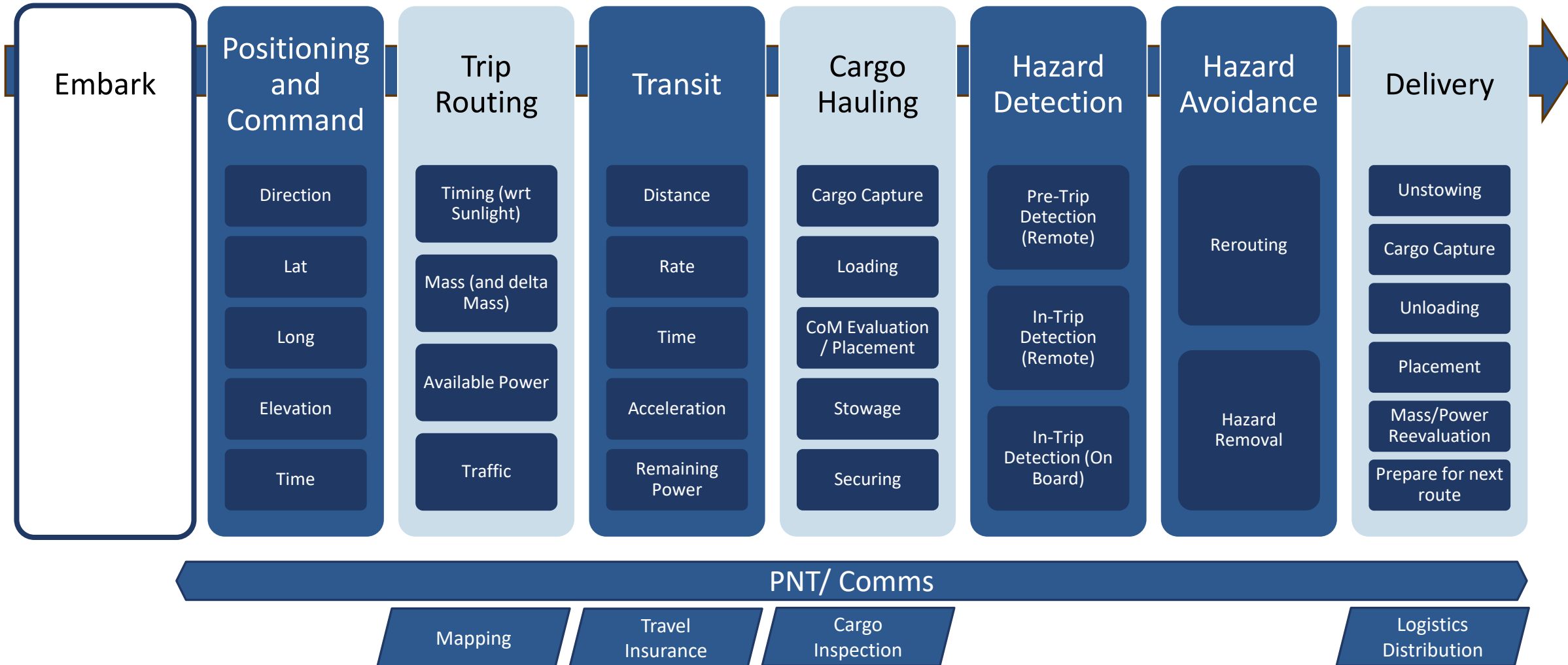




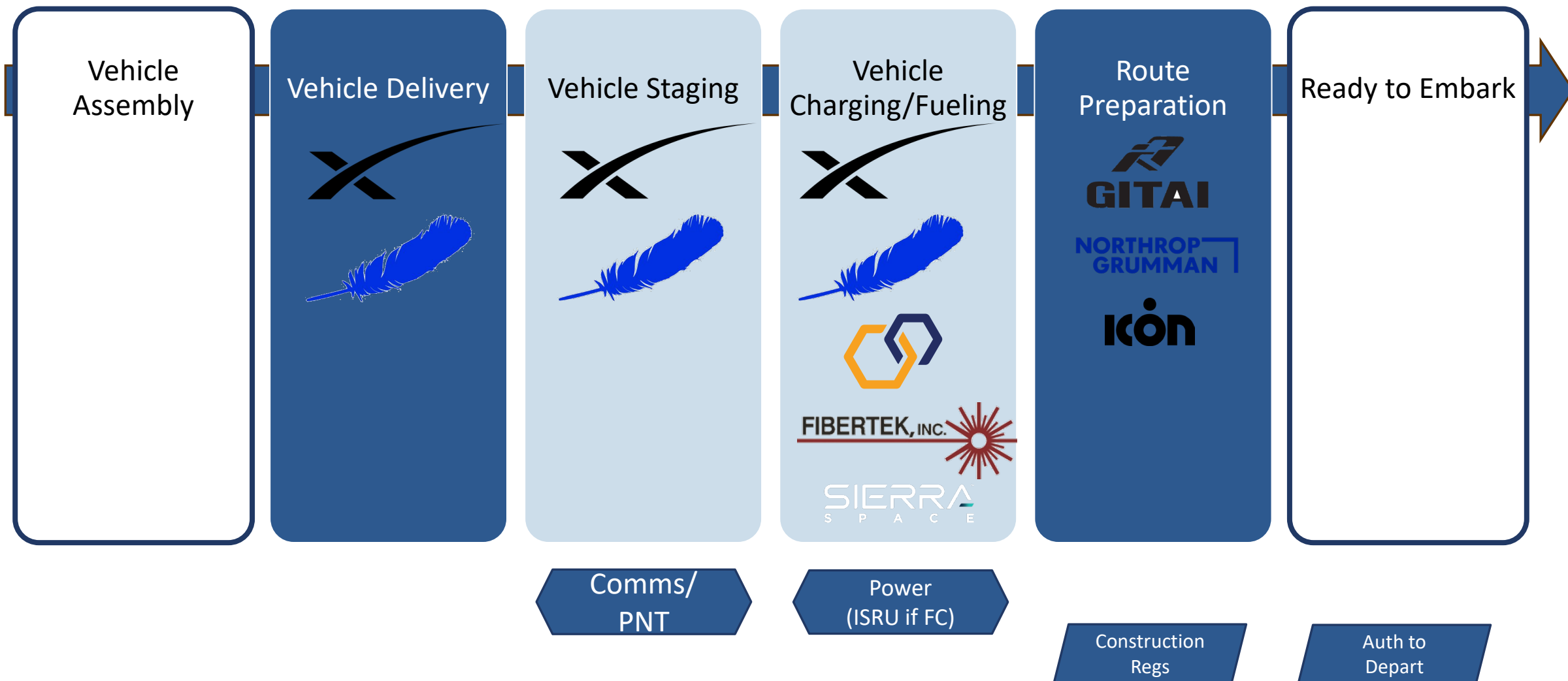
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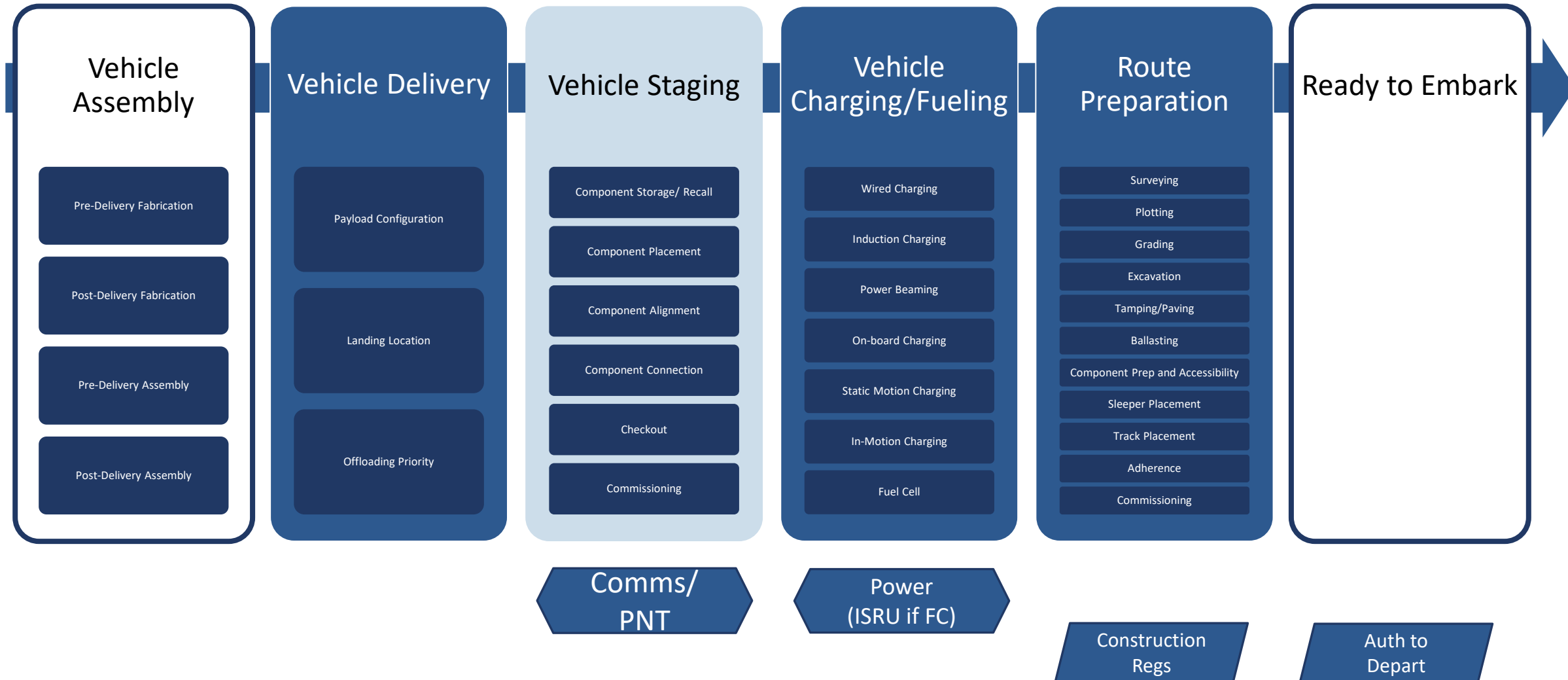
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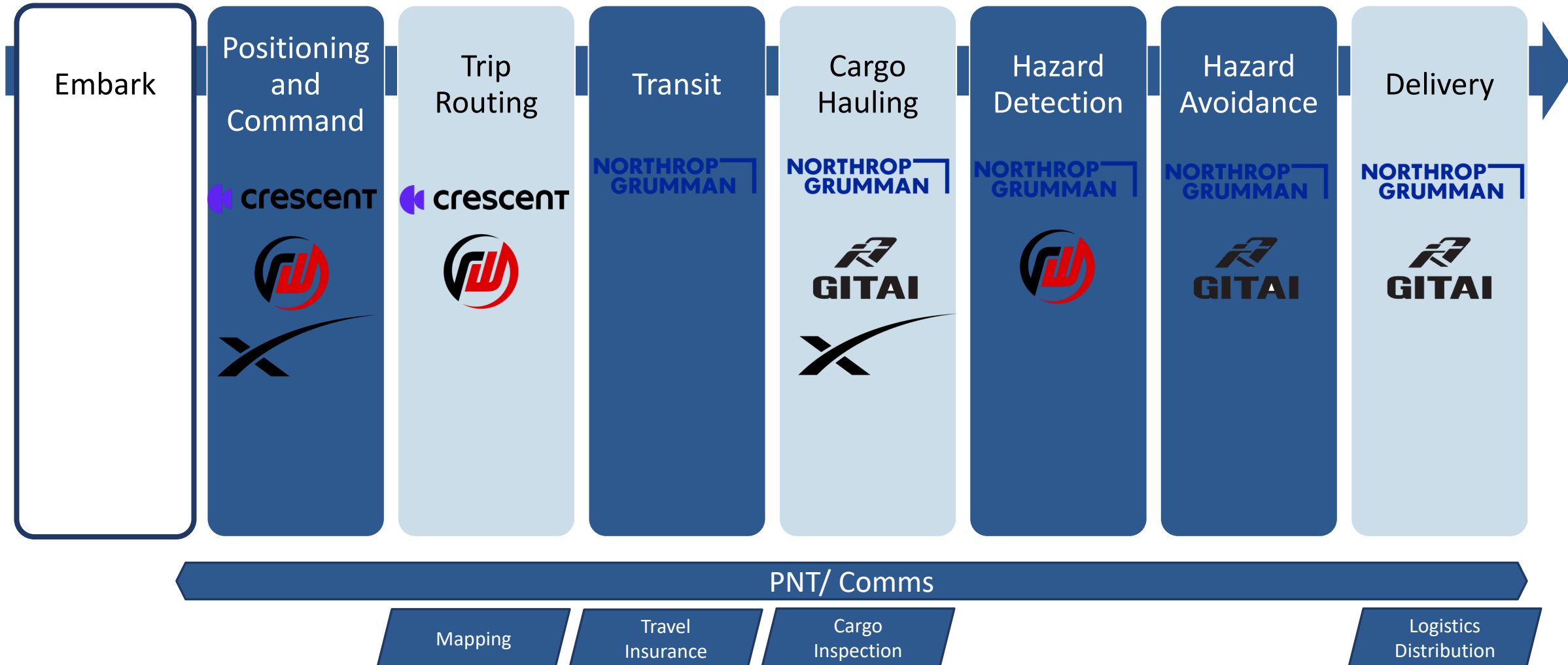


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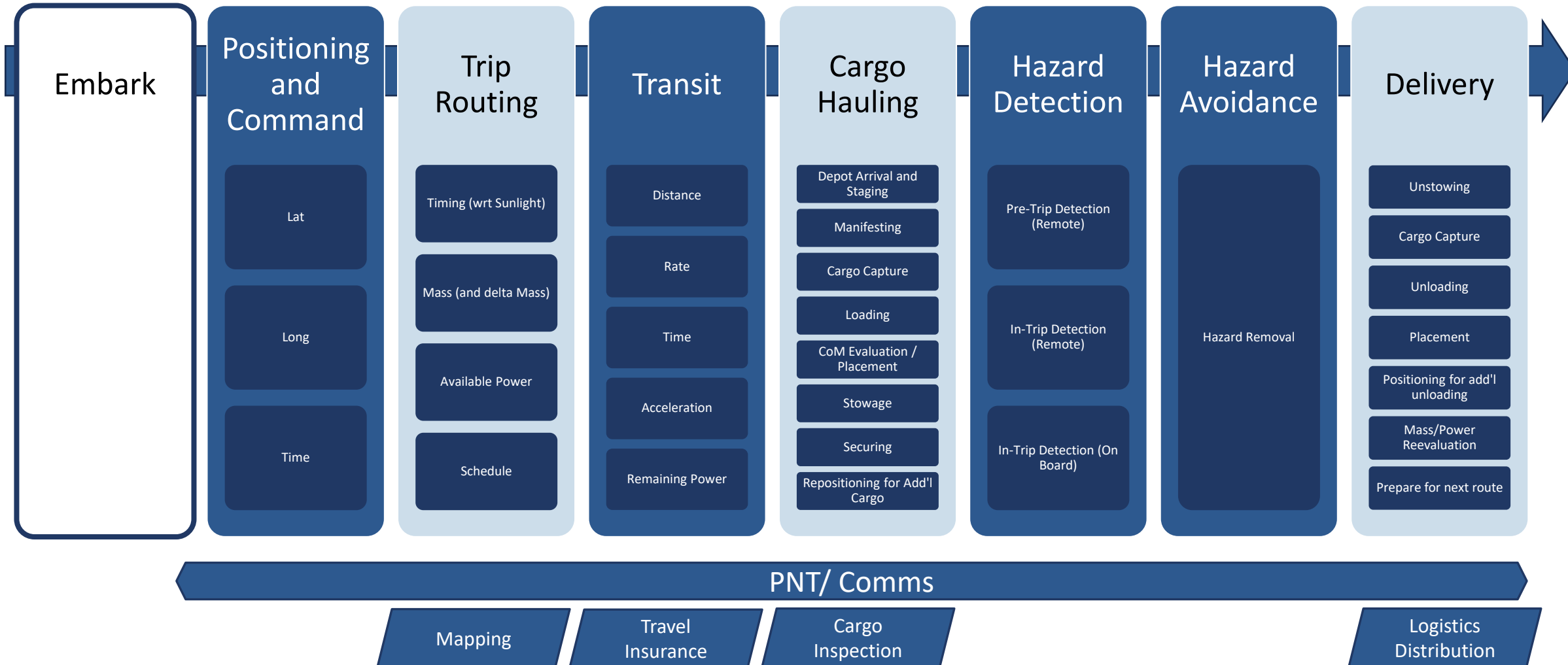




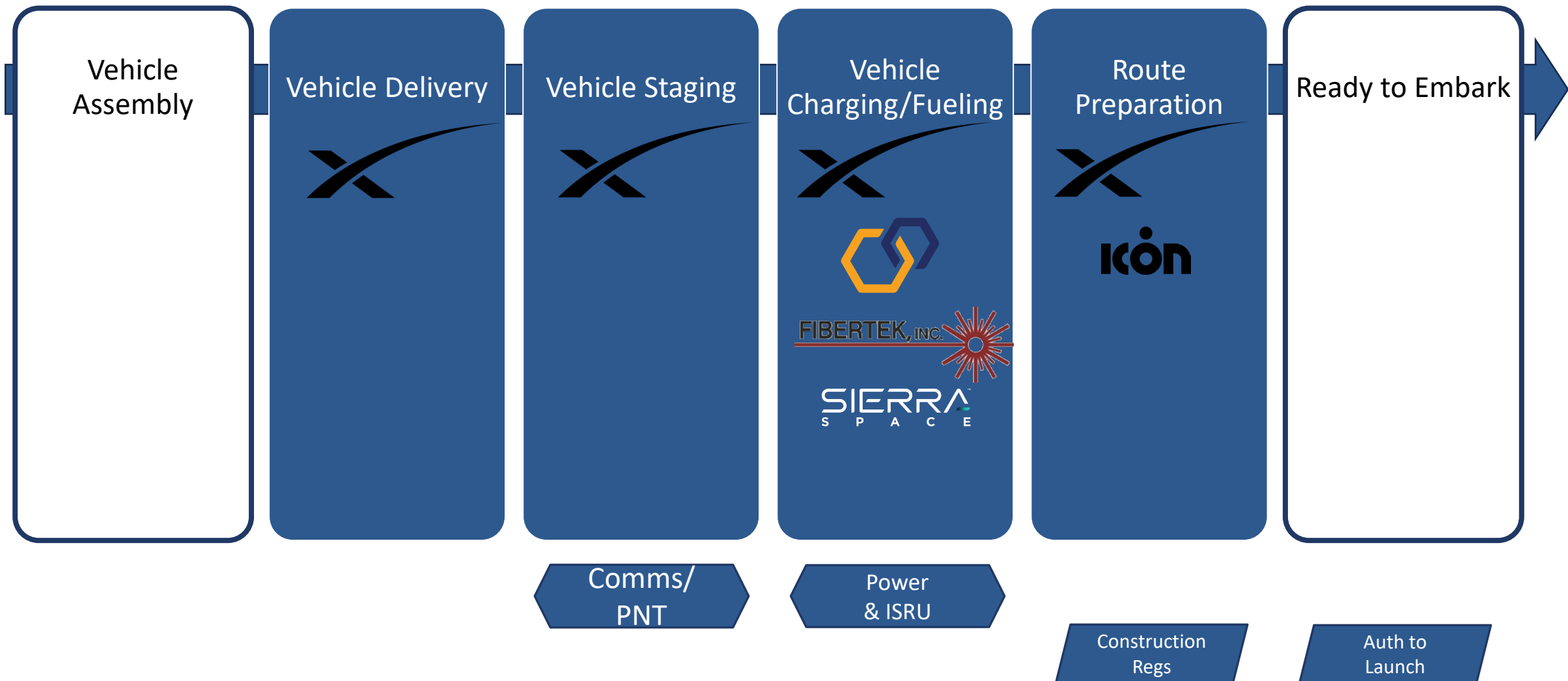
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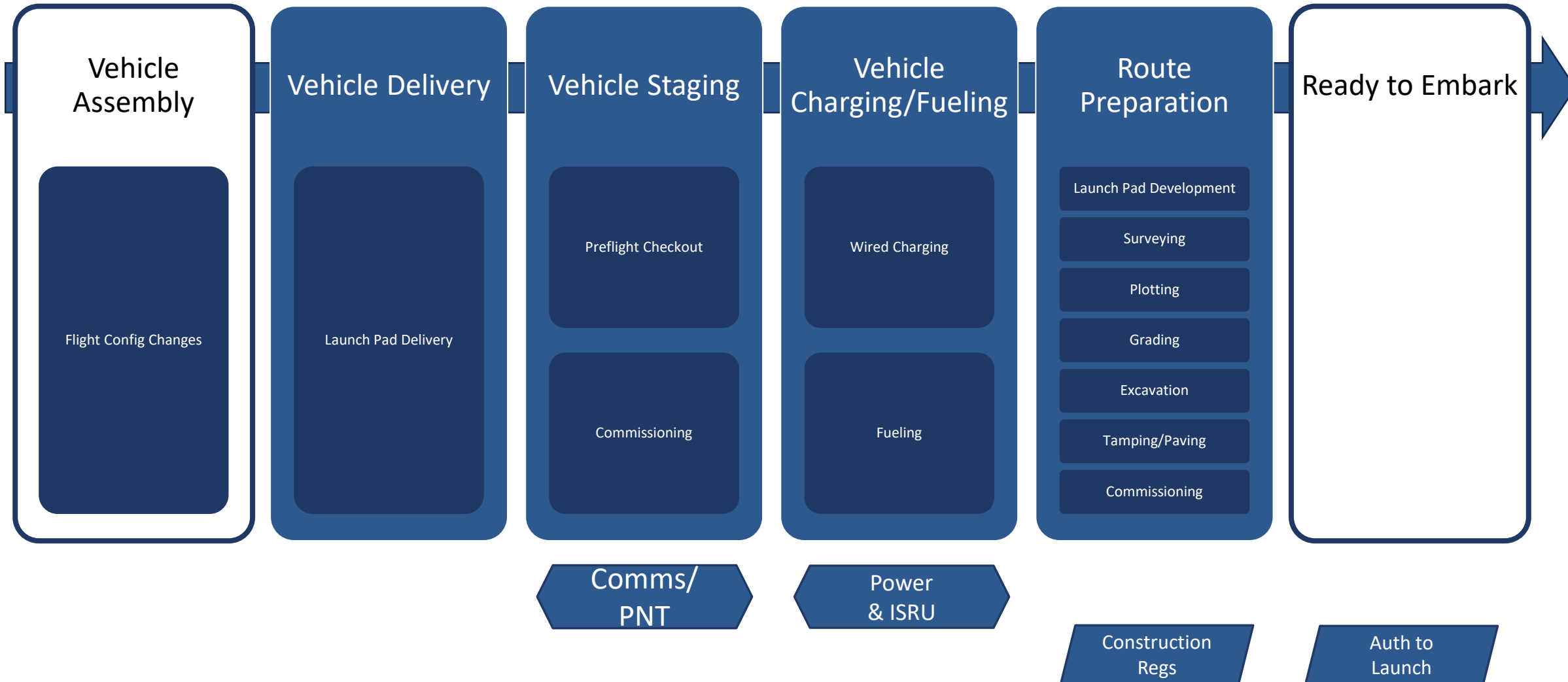
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# Logistics and Transportation Value Chain 4 Inter-Lunar Space Travel (Prior to Embarking)

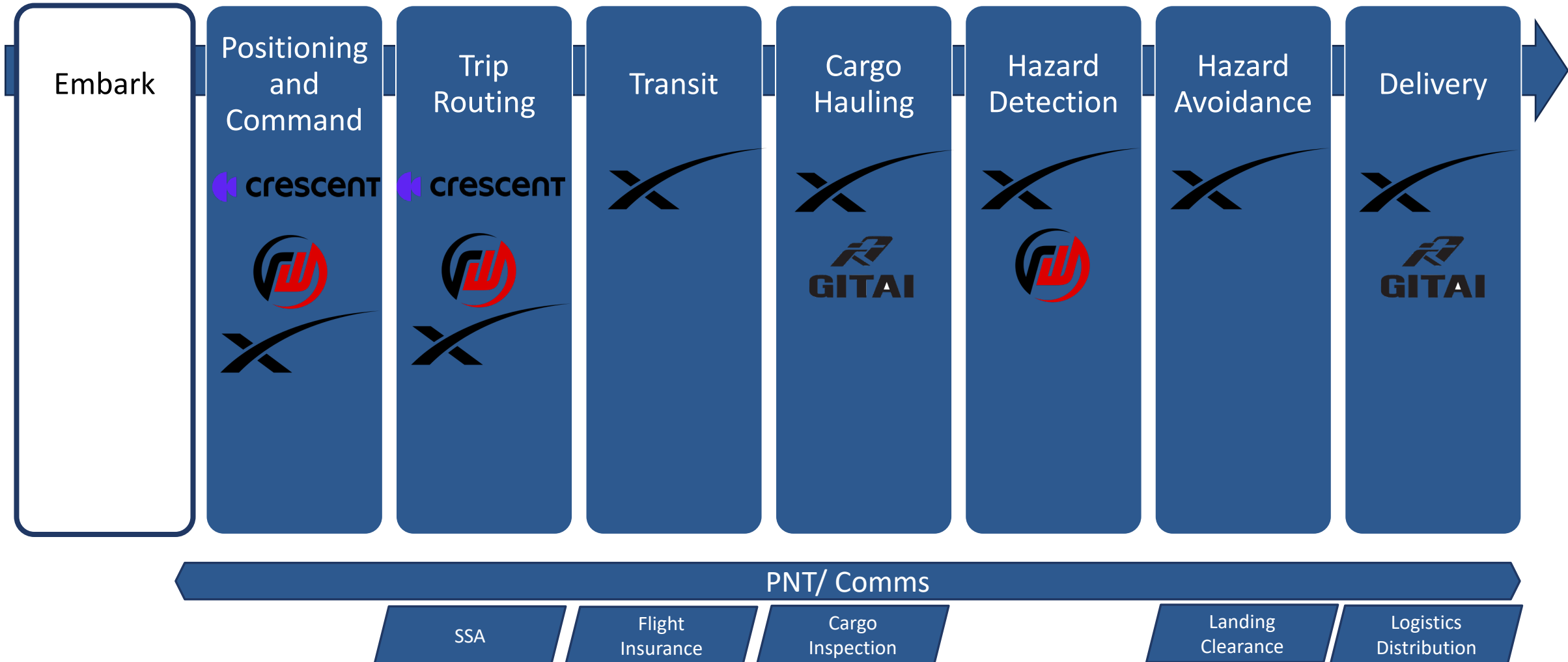


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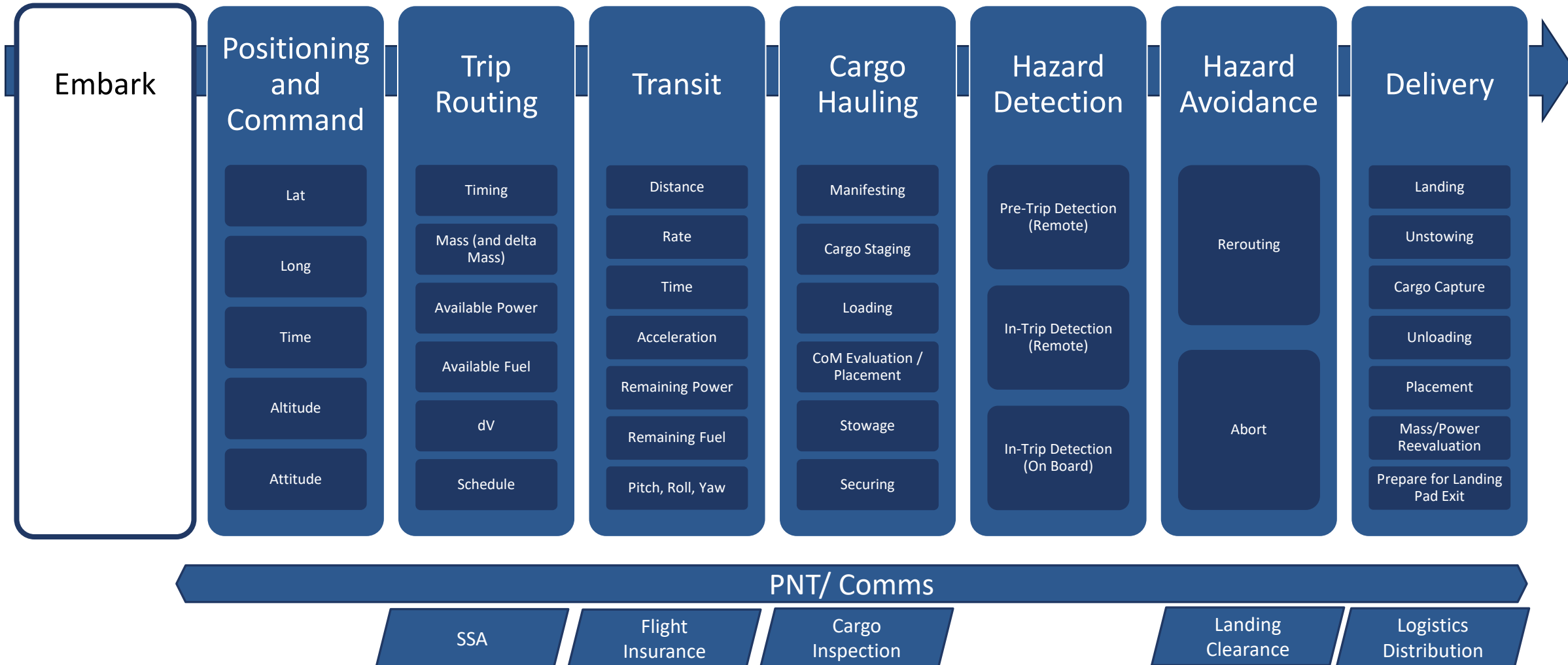




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# Appendix 5 – Position, Navigation, Timing, and Space Situational Awareness Value Chains



# Position, Navigation and Timing Value Chains

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## Foundation Building Phase: Two-Way Ranging

- Uses Crescent's Parsec constellation
- Higher revisit rate and more observations gives greater accuracy in shorter timespans (down to 5m accuracy)

## Industrial Building Phase: Traditional "LPS" PNT

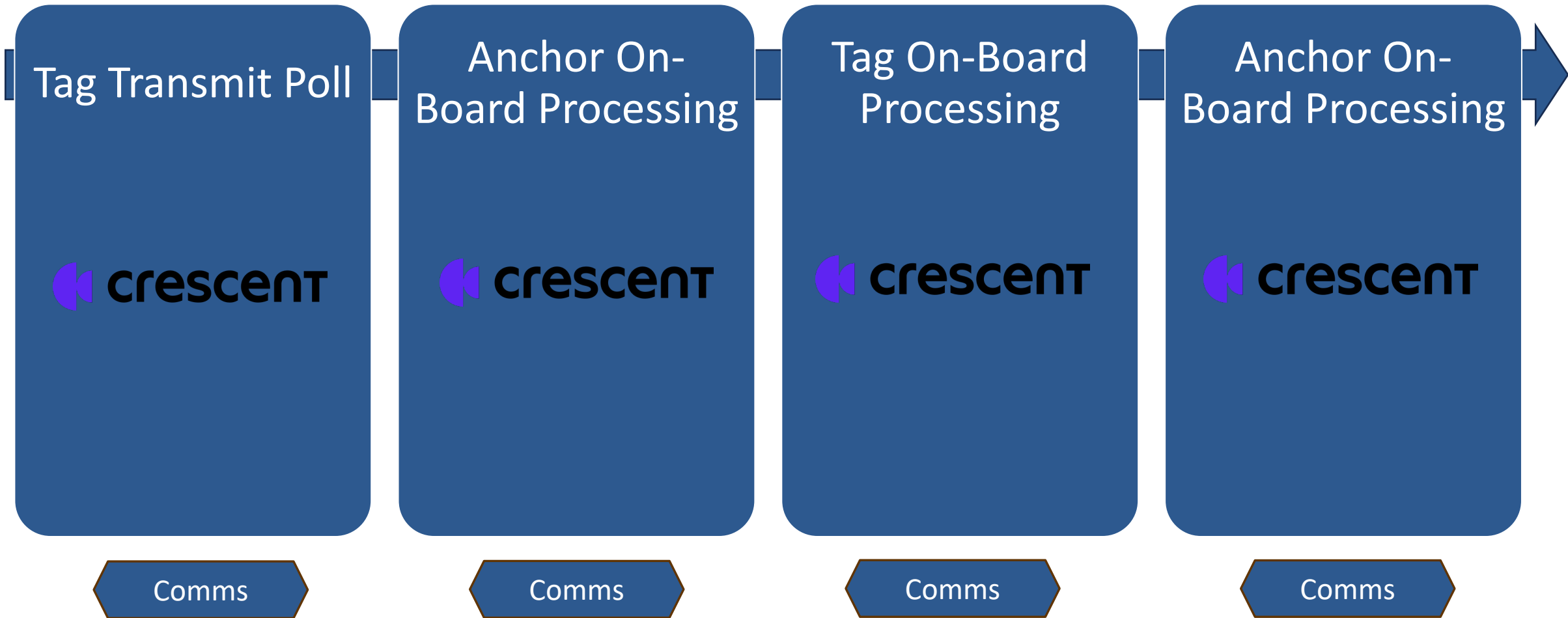
- Focuses on Redwire orbital constellation => 1m positional accuracies
- NIBs/MUSTs mounted on stationary object can serve as DGPS stations
  - Sub-meter accuracies when within range of DGPS station

## Jet Age: 3GPP-Integrated PNT

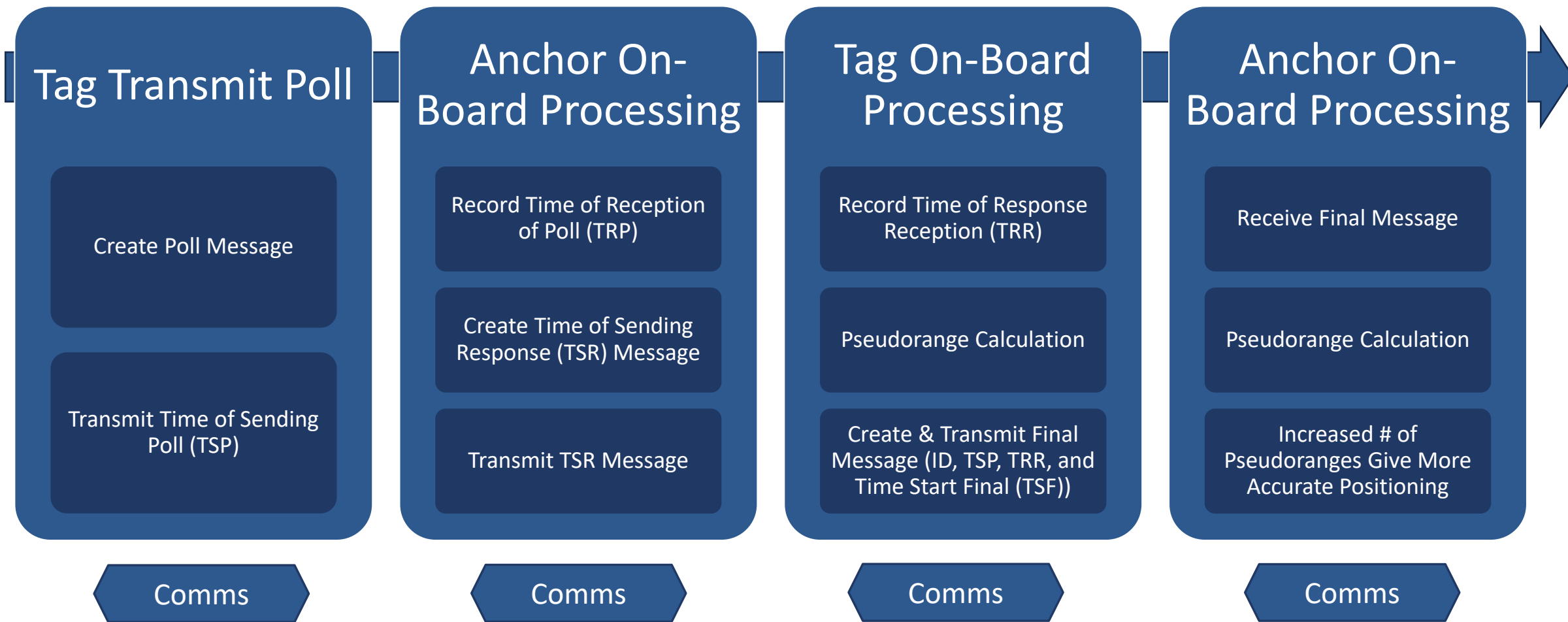
- Relies upon critical mass of 3GPP nodes (Crescent)
- Hybrid Solution utilizing local comms & orbital constellation



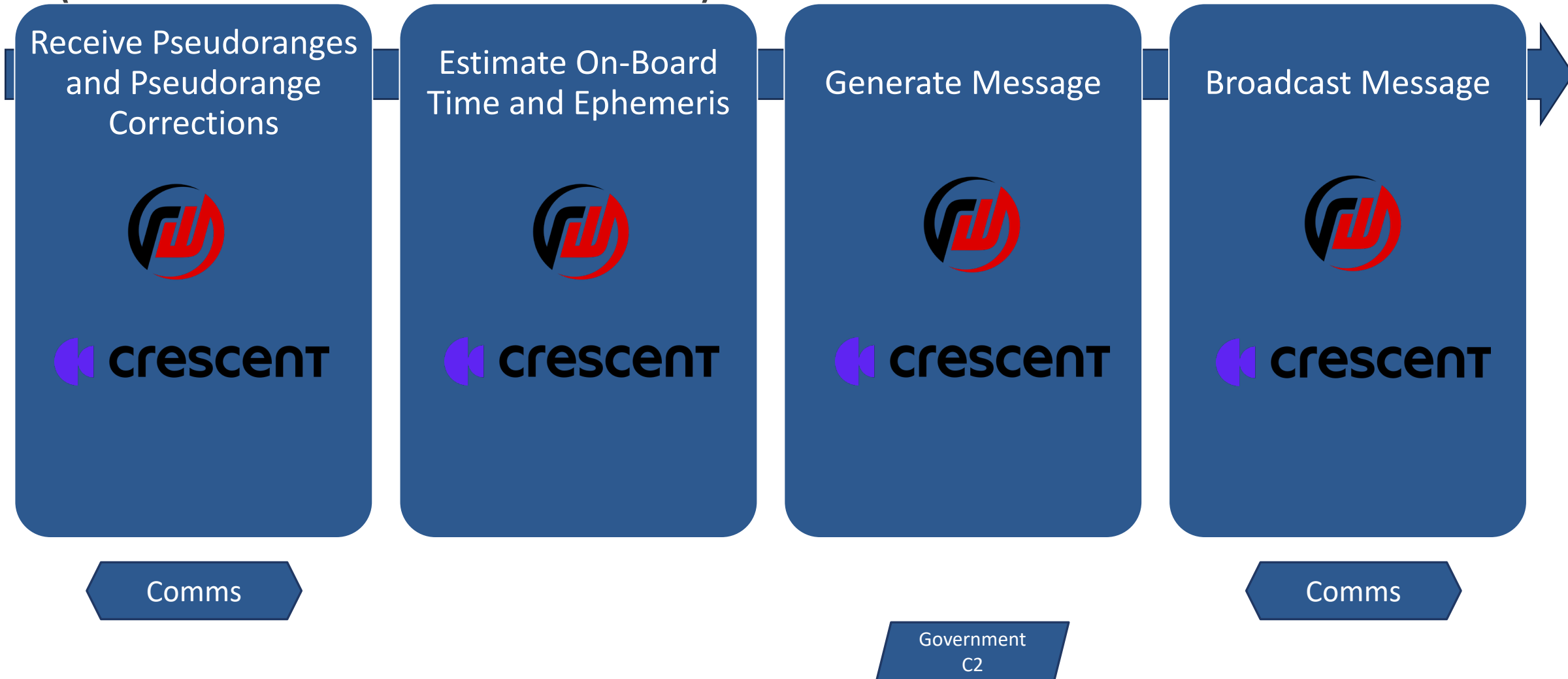
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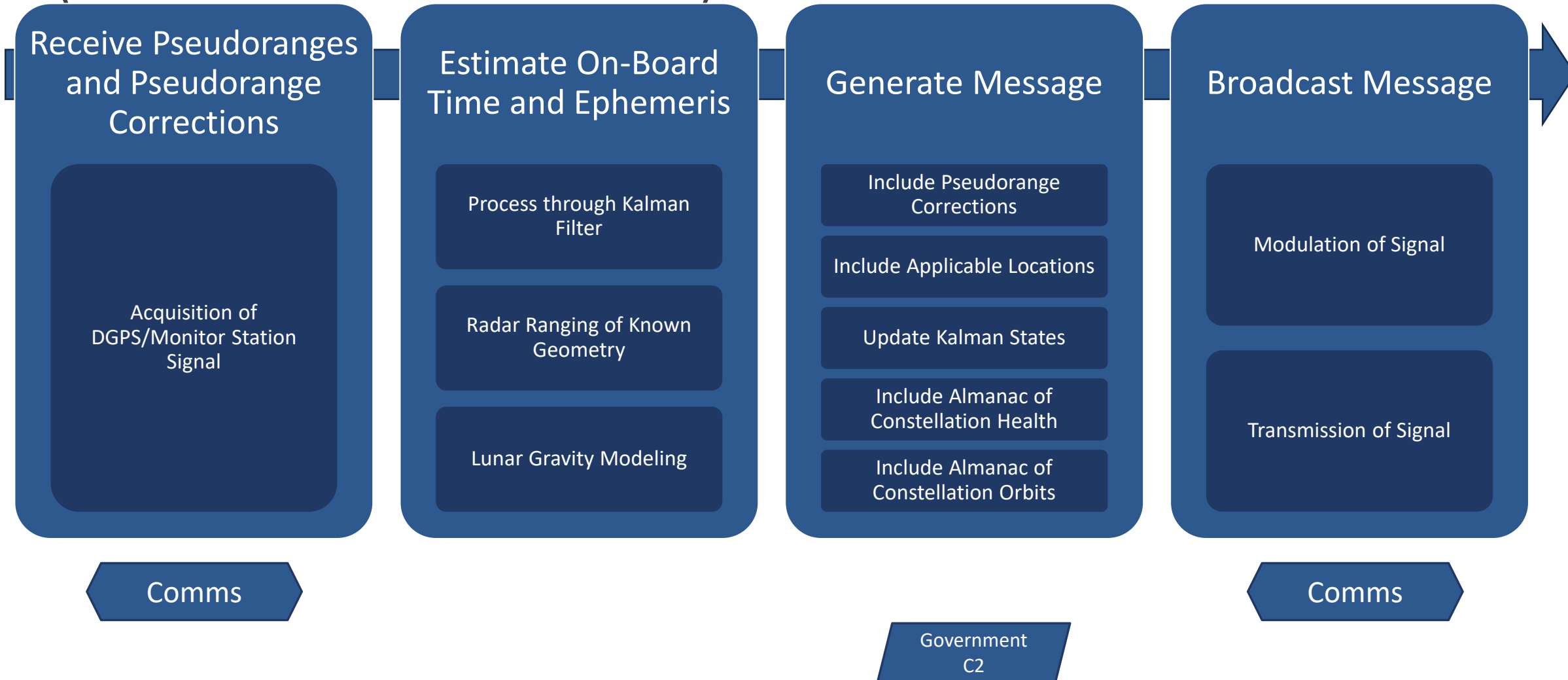
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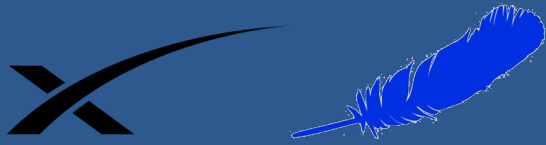
# Position, Navigation, and Time Value Chain (Traditional – Provider)





# Position, Navigation, and Time Value Chain (Traditional – Monitoring Station)

Receive Message at  
Known Location



Comparison of Message  
to Known Position



Transmit Data Package  
to Satellites

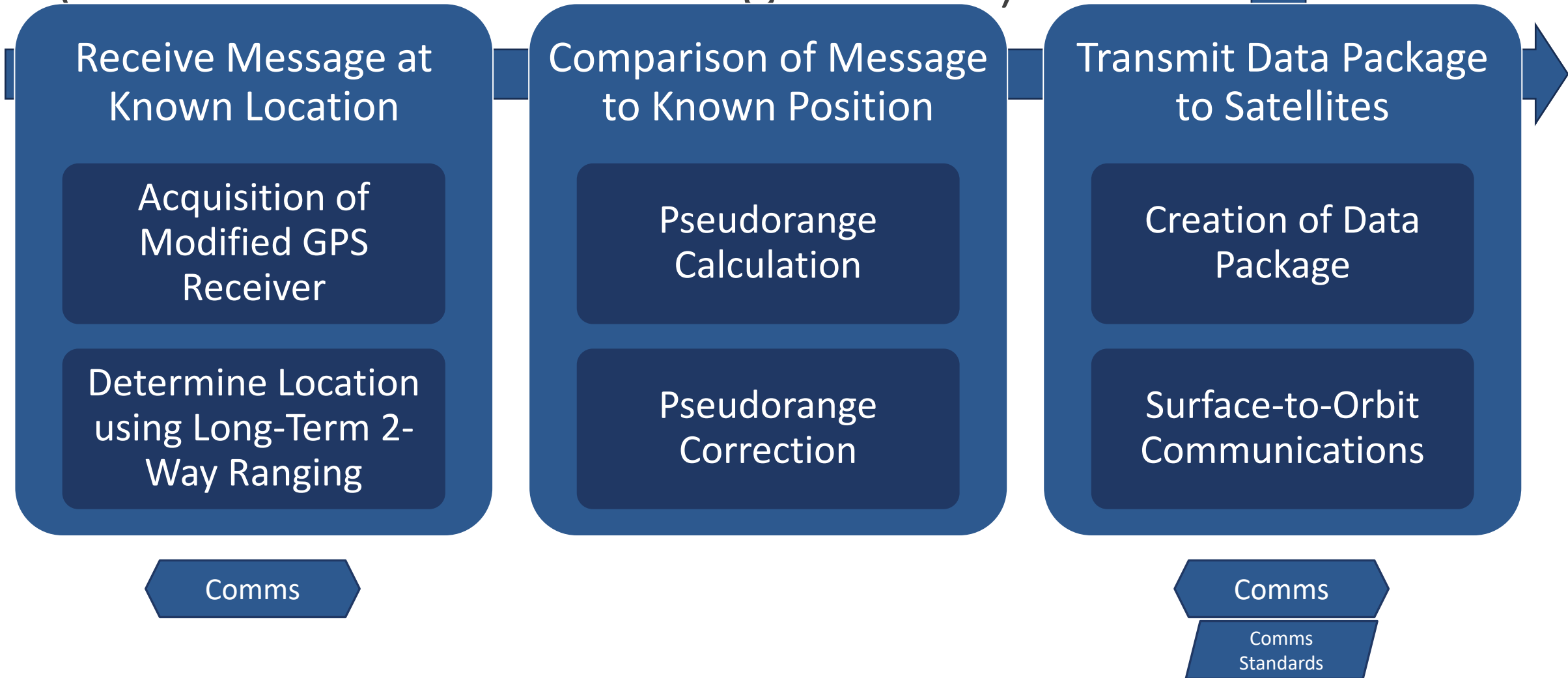


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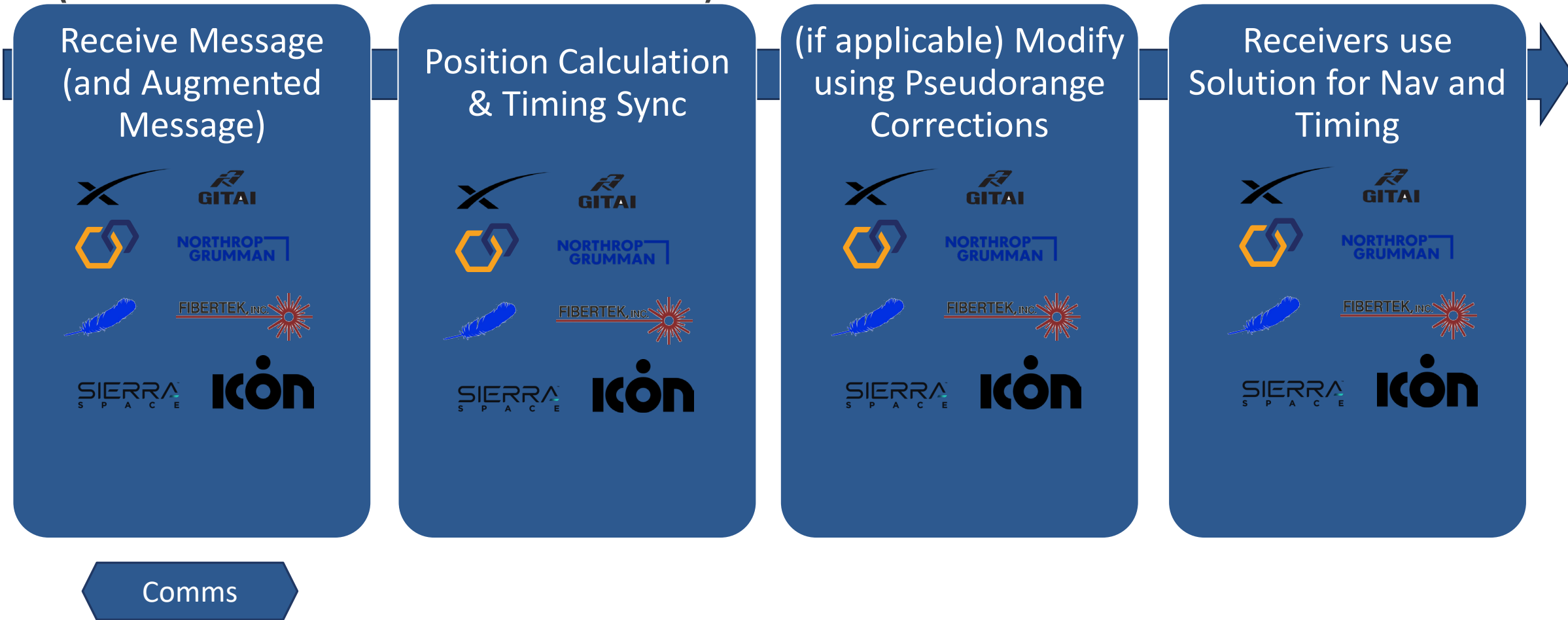
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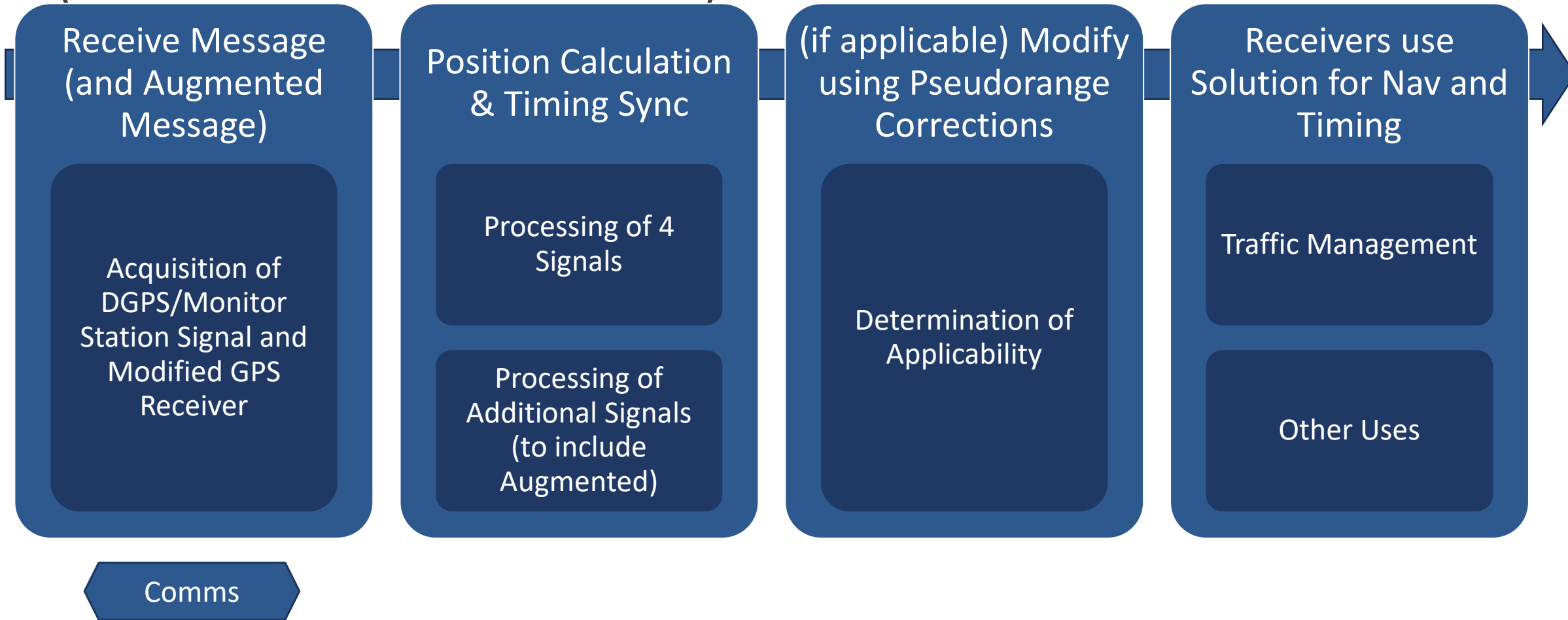
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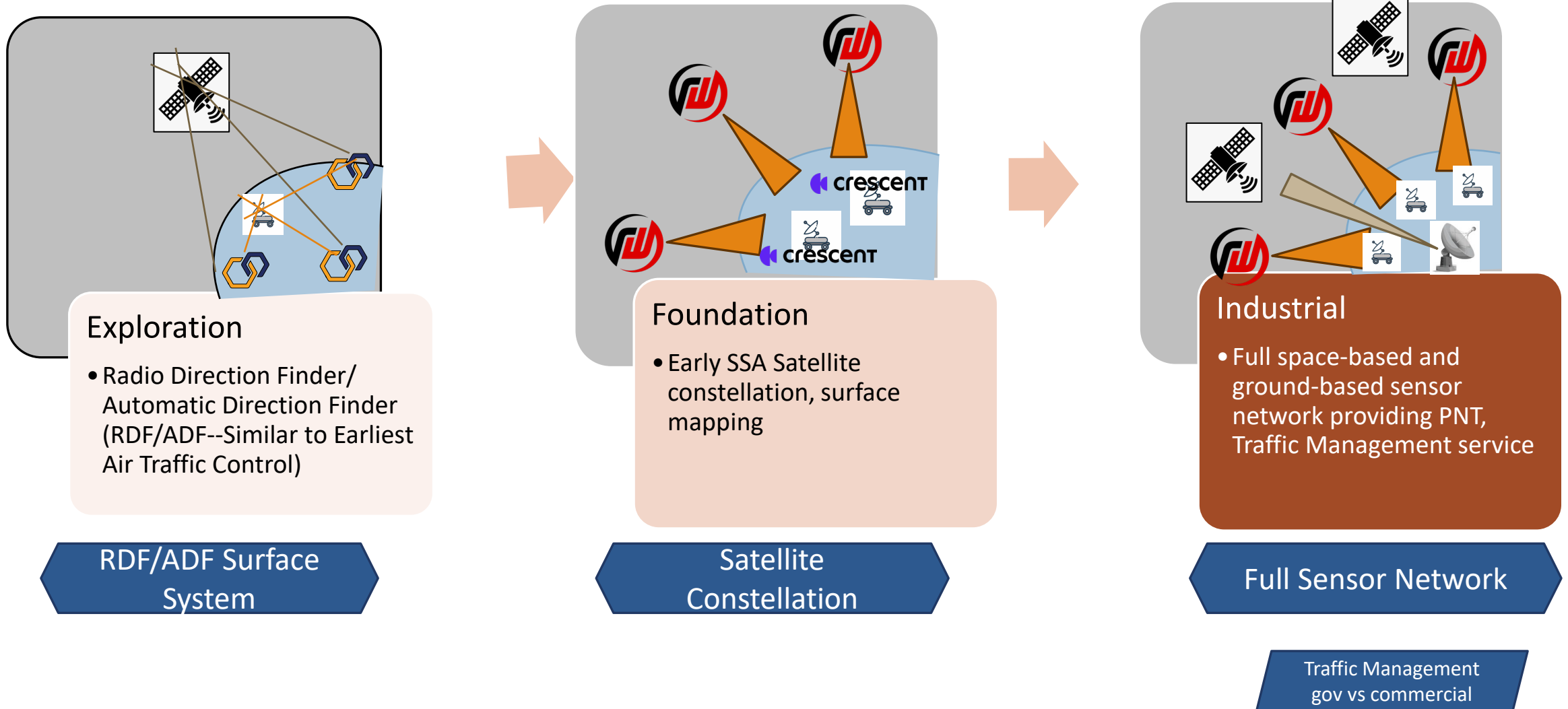


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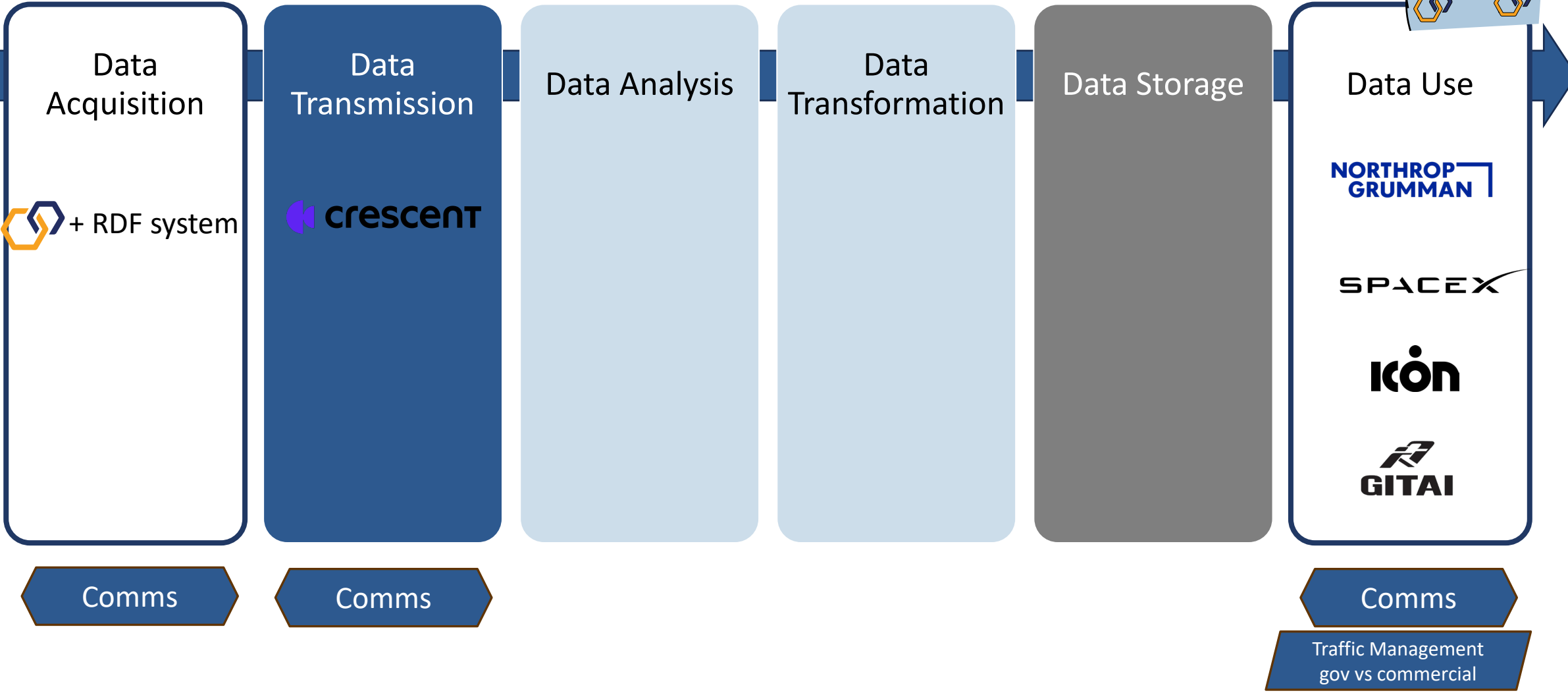




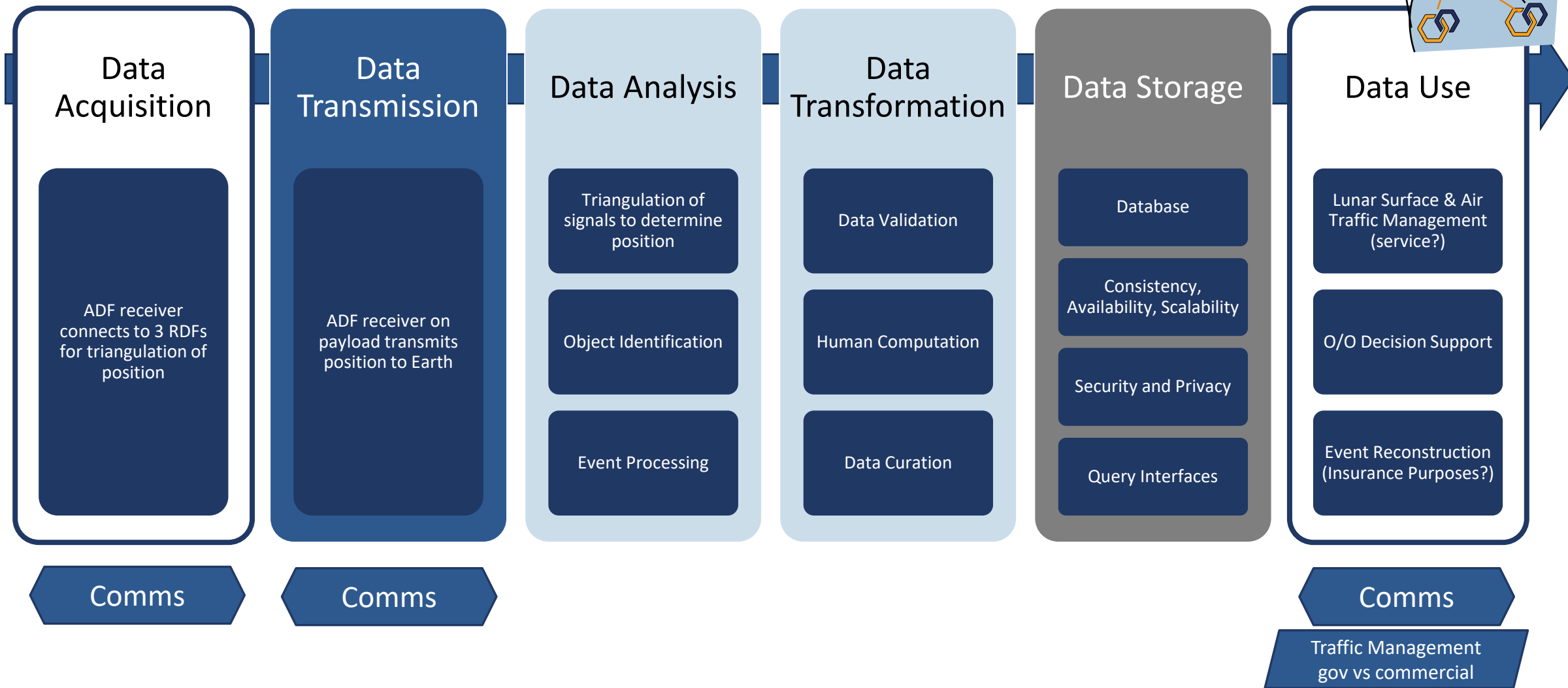
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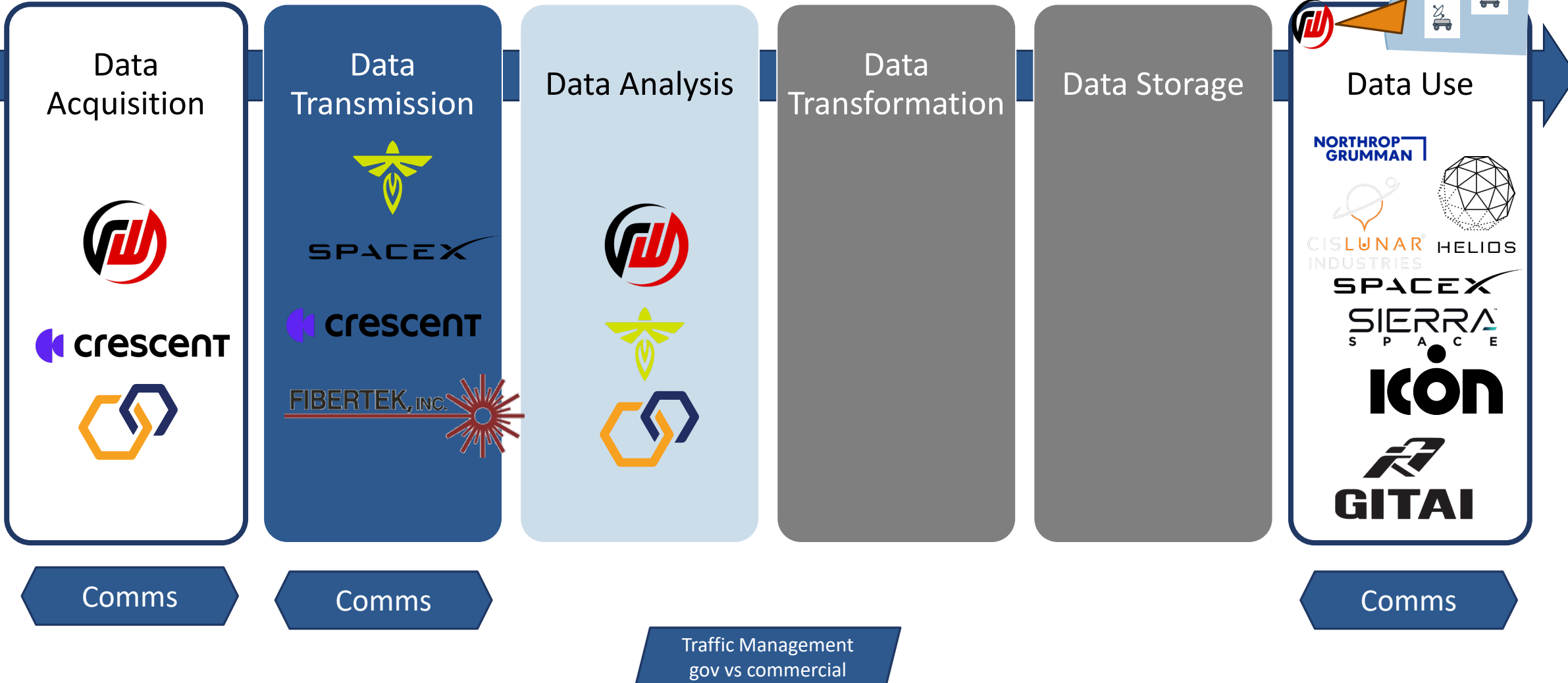
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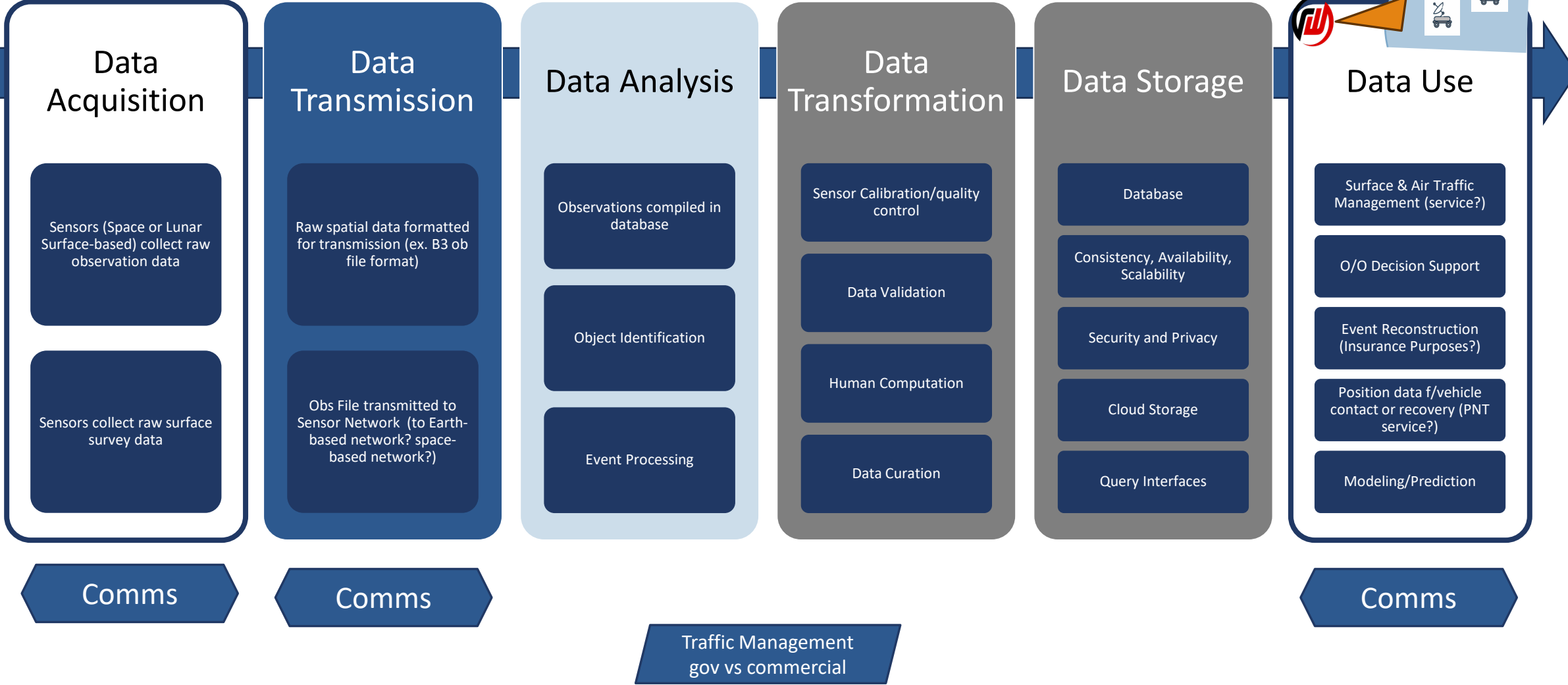


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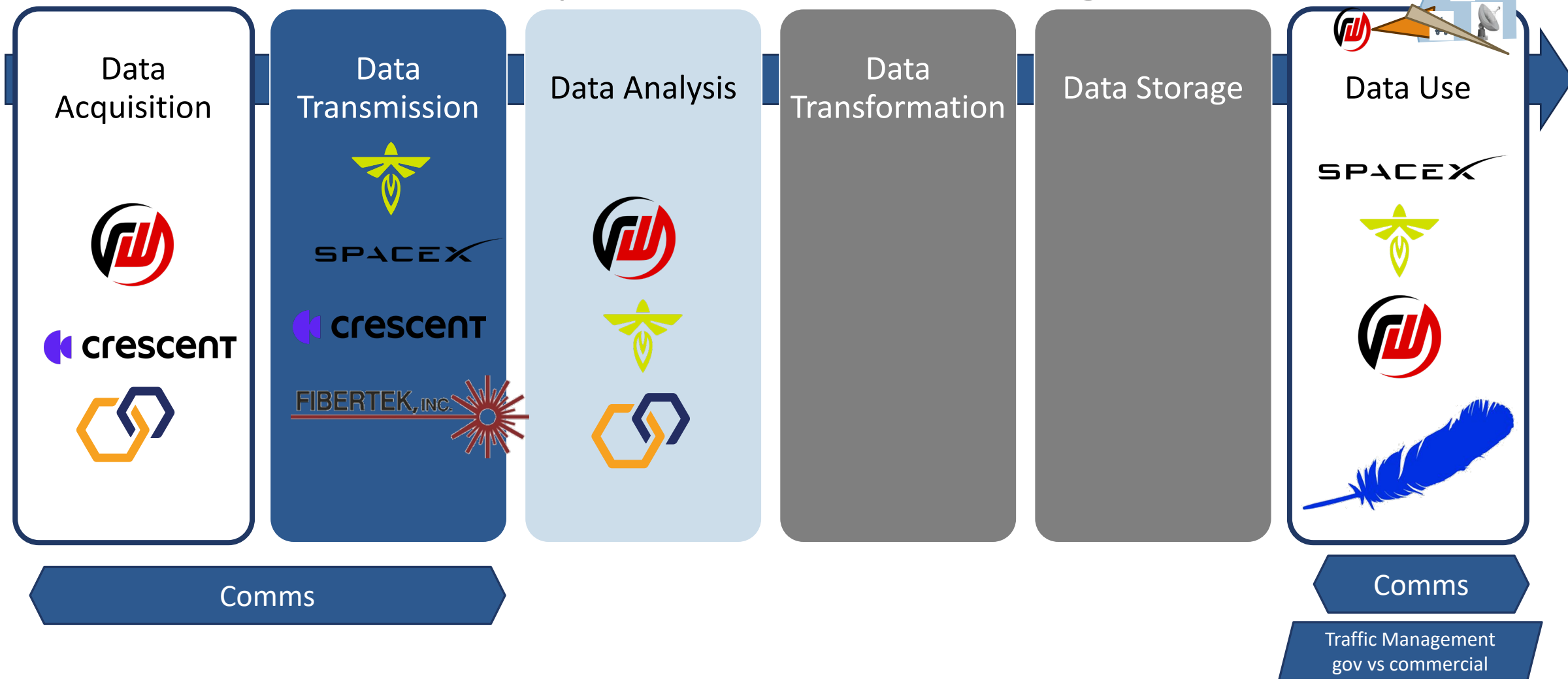




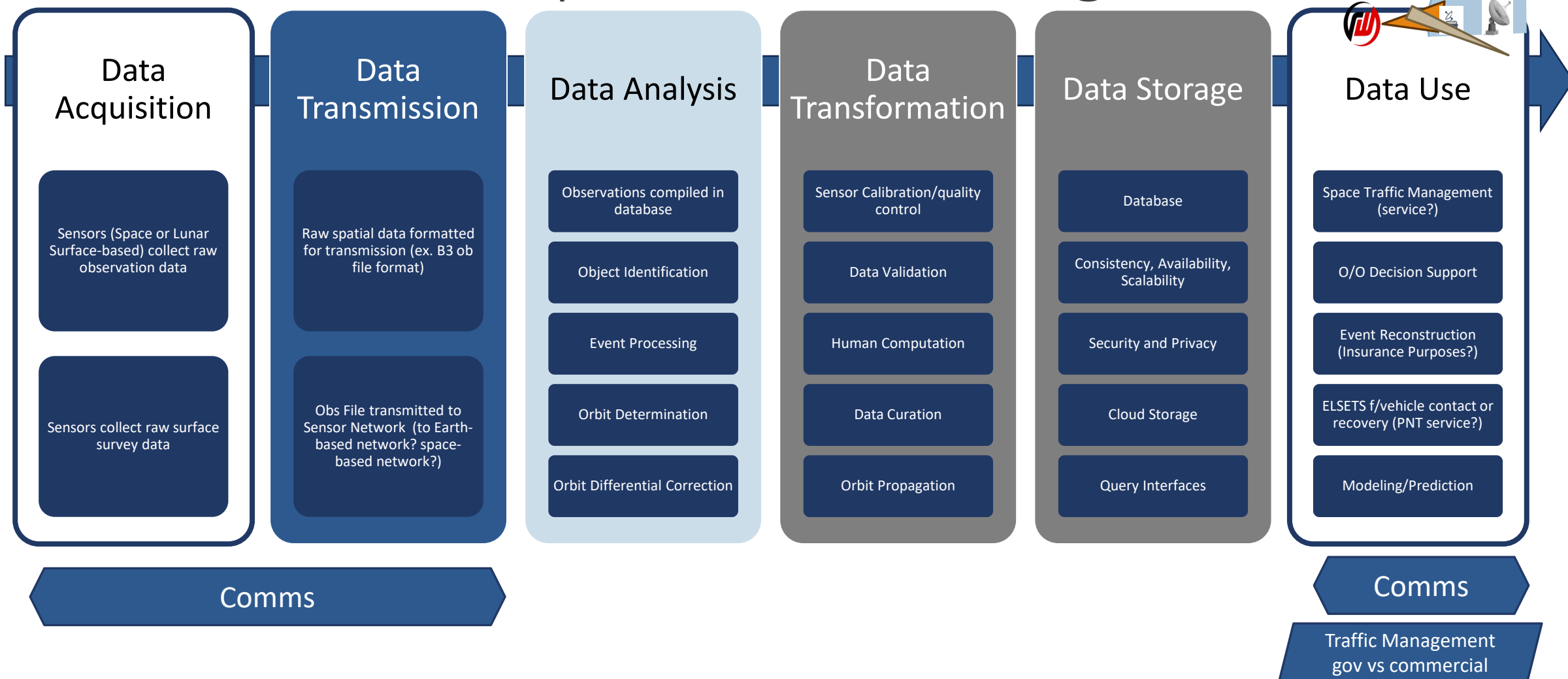
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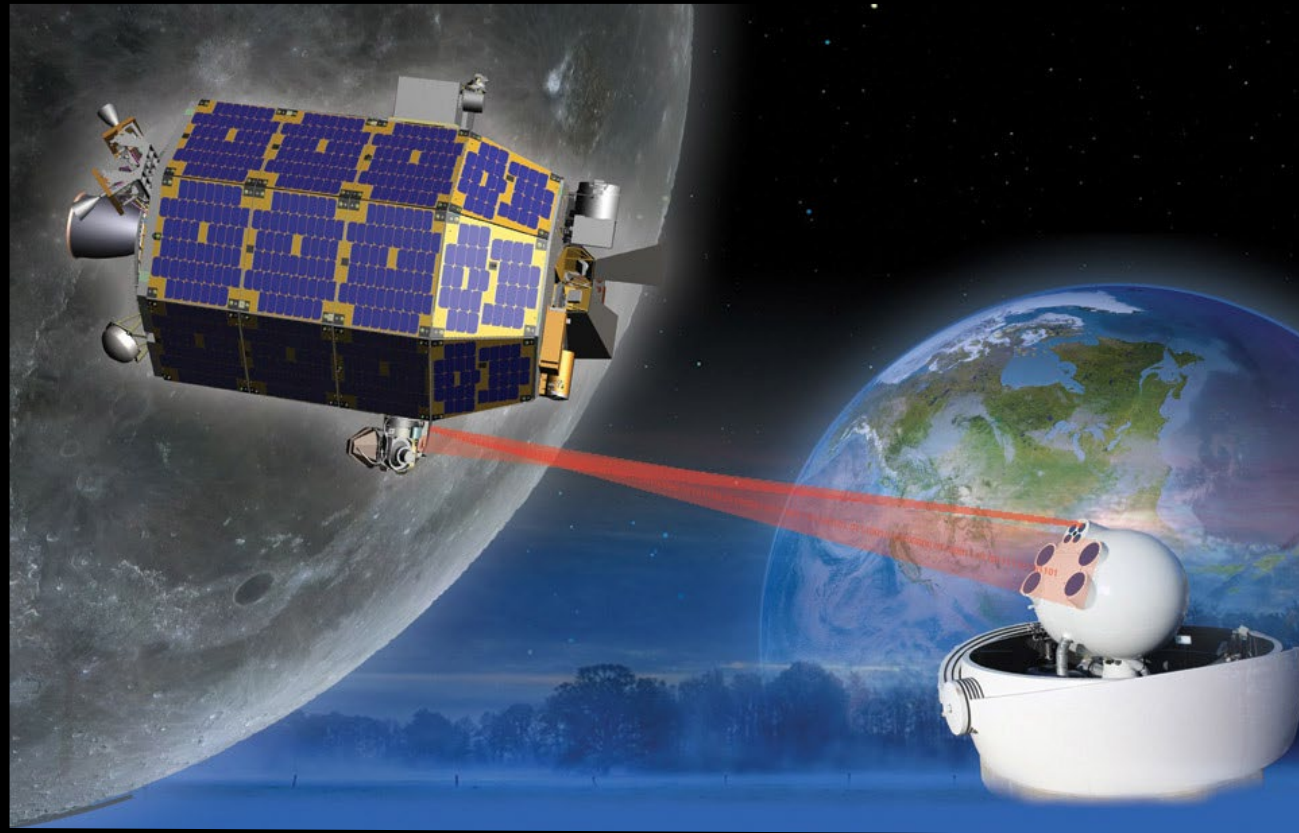
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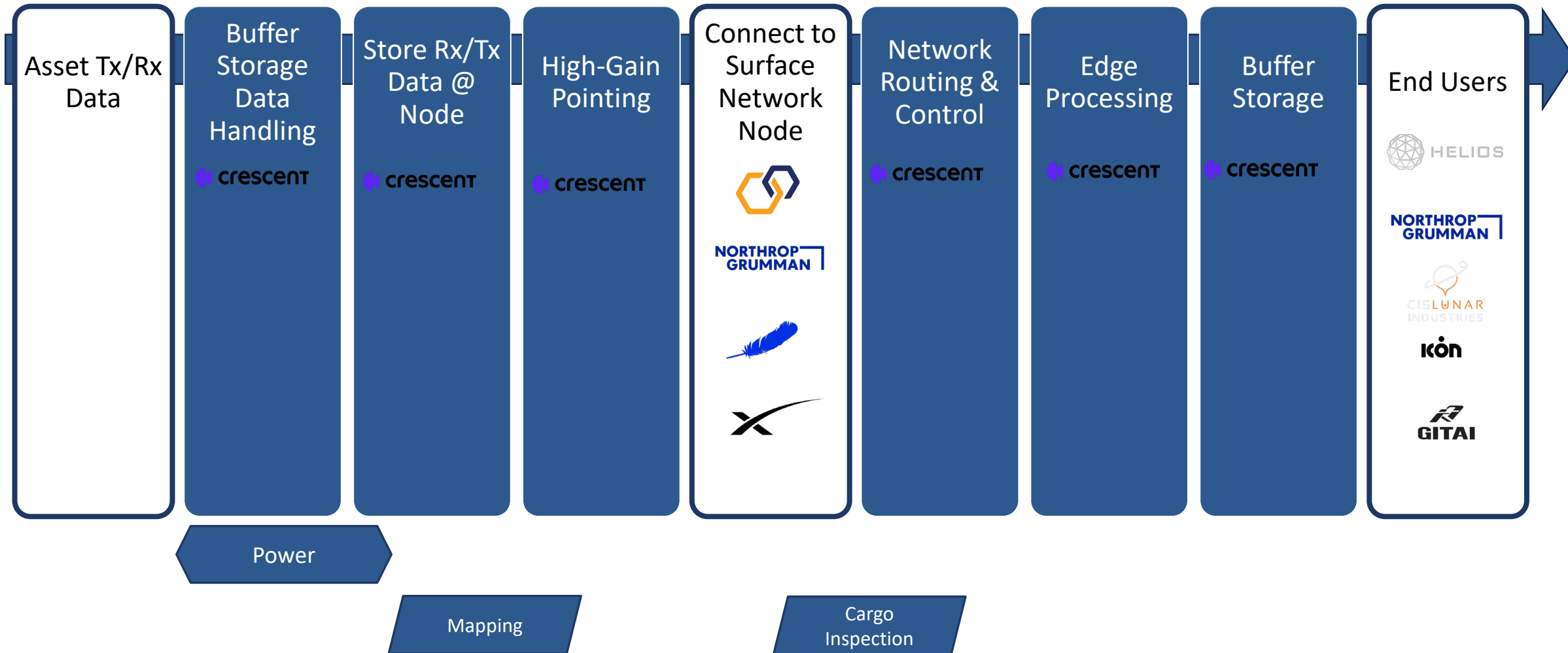
# Appendix 6 – Communications Value Chains





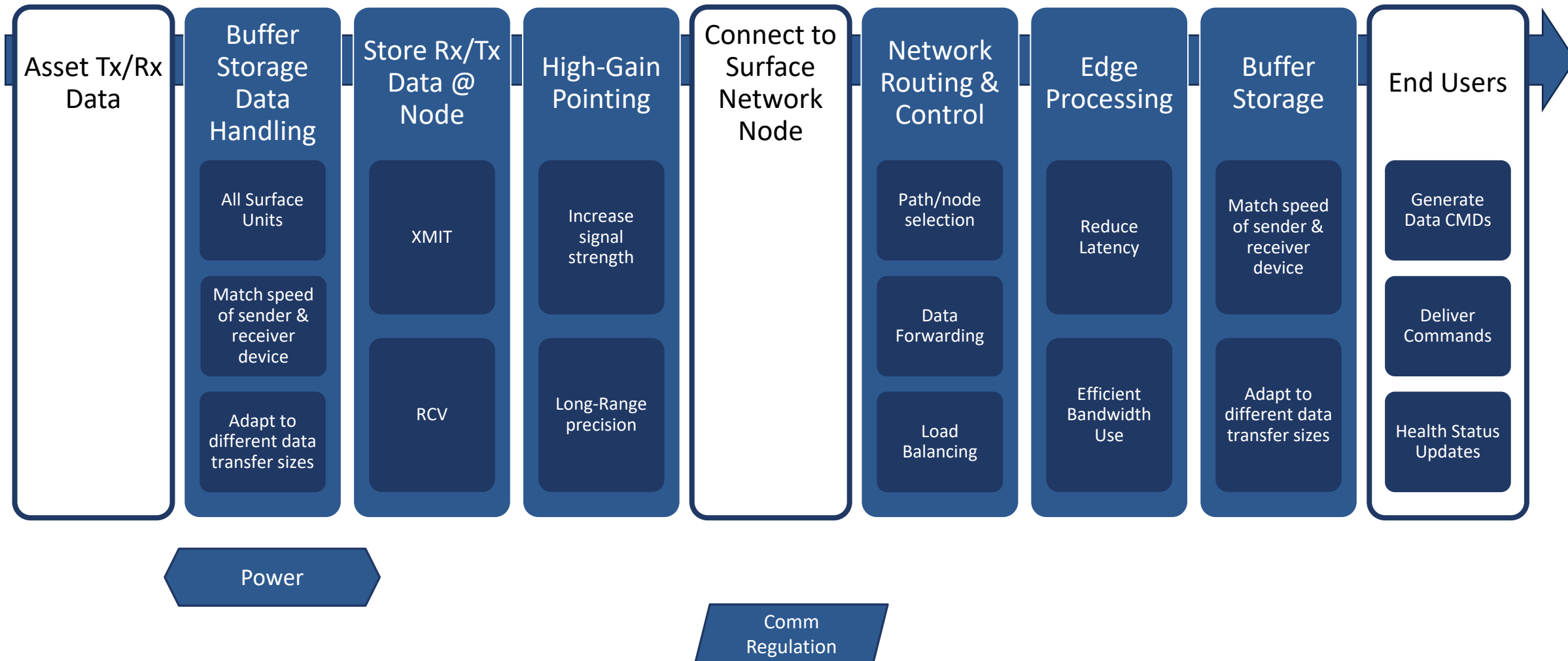
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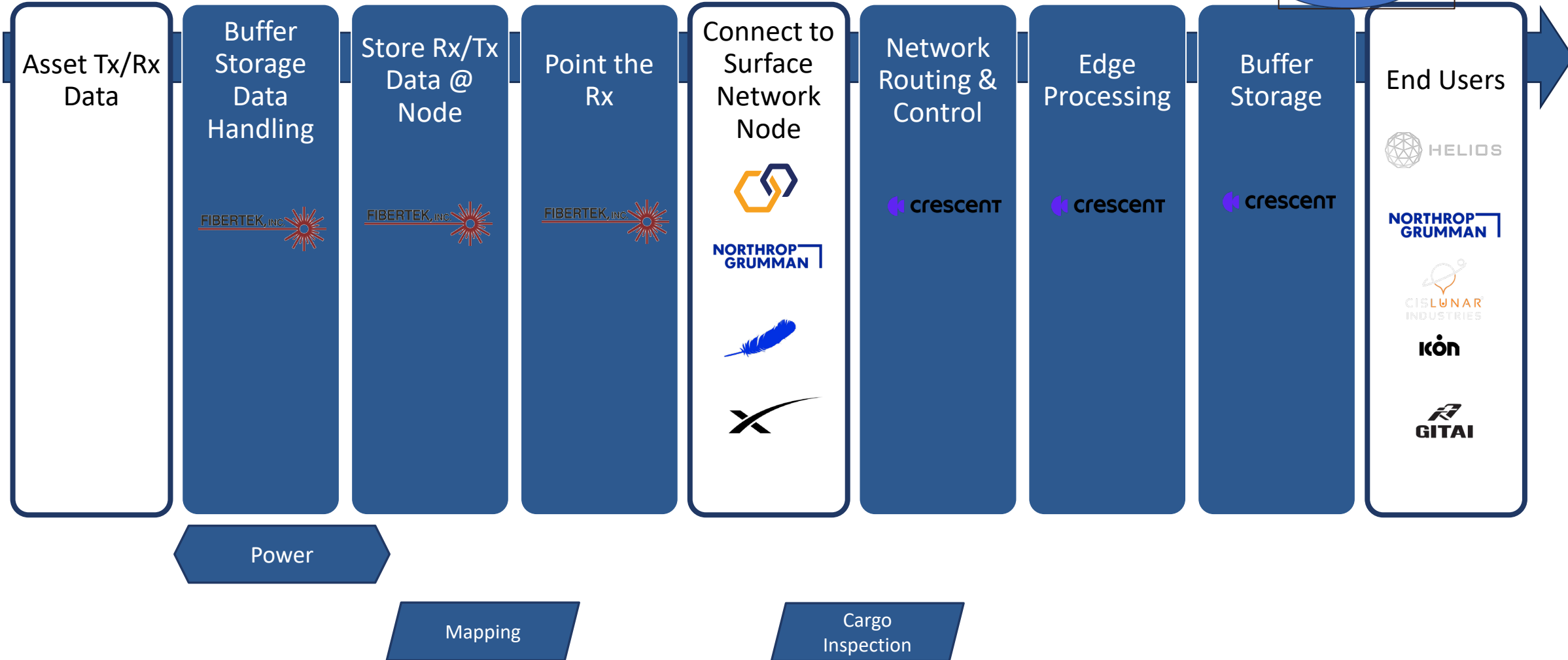
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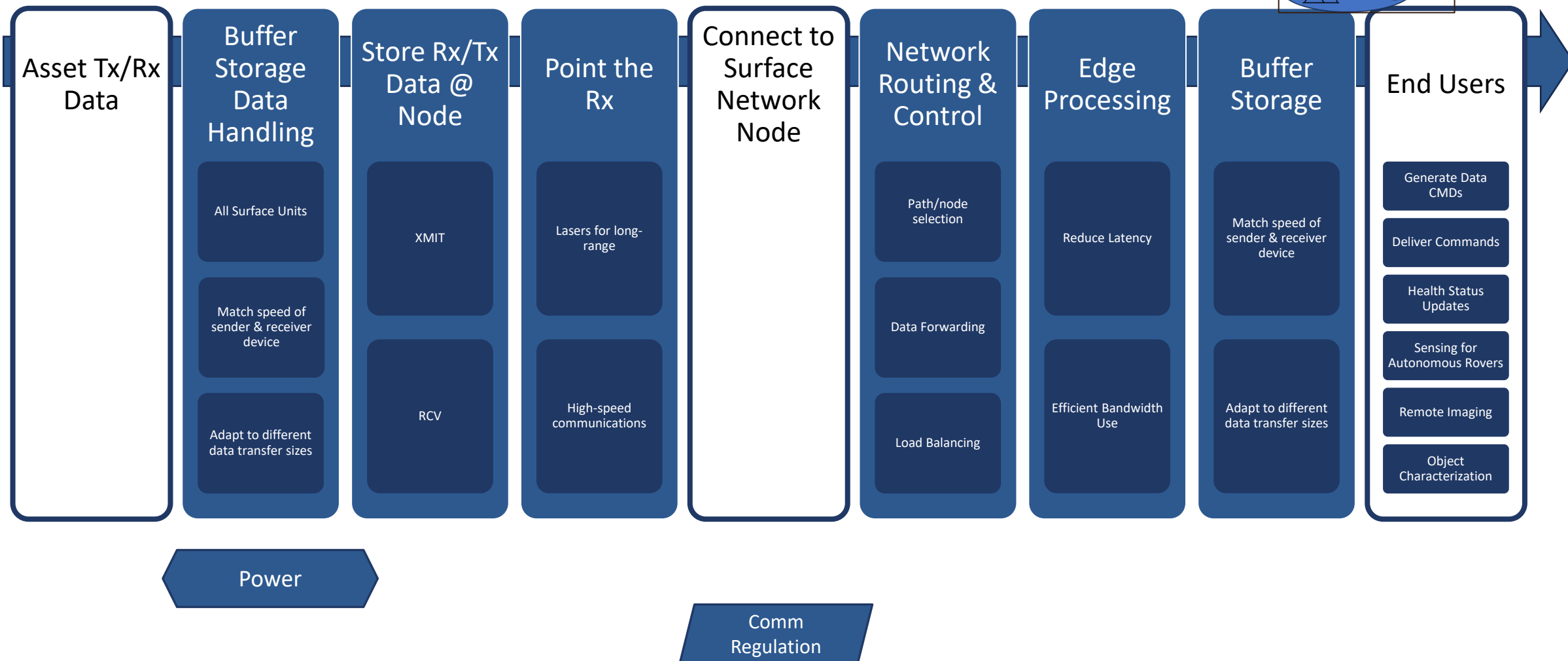
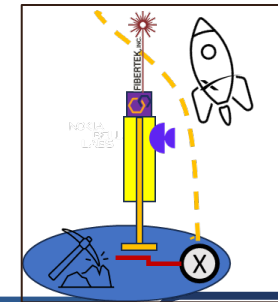
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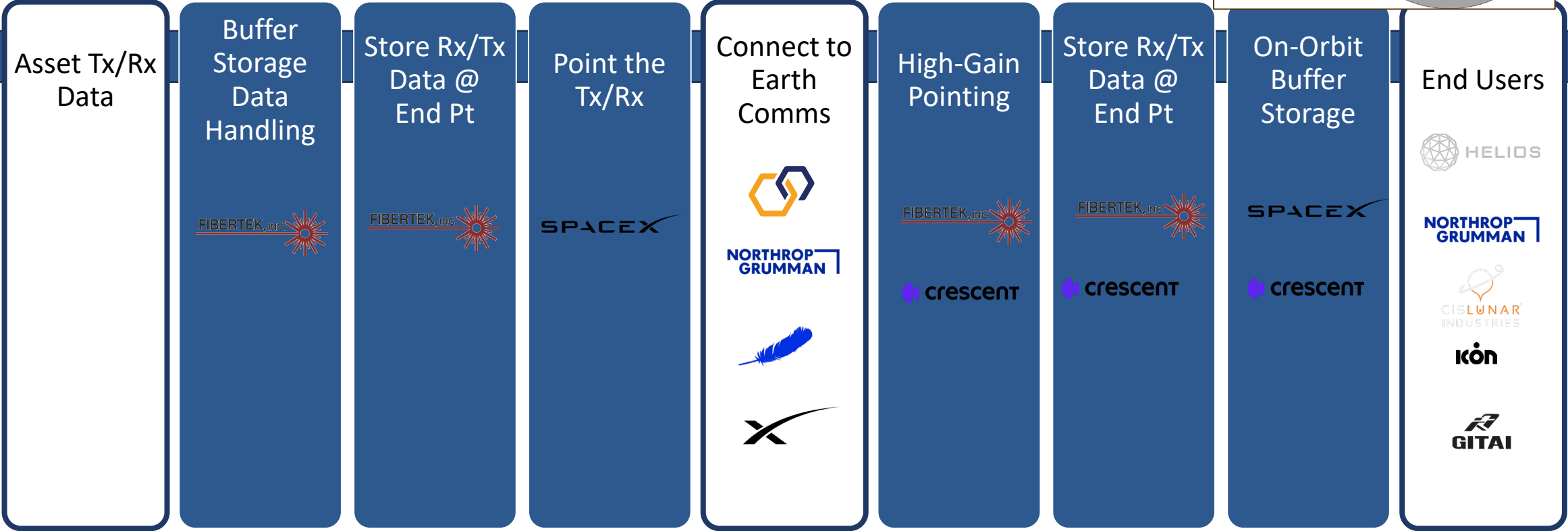
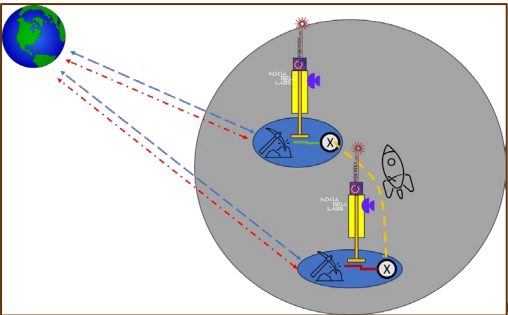
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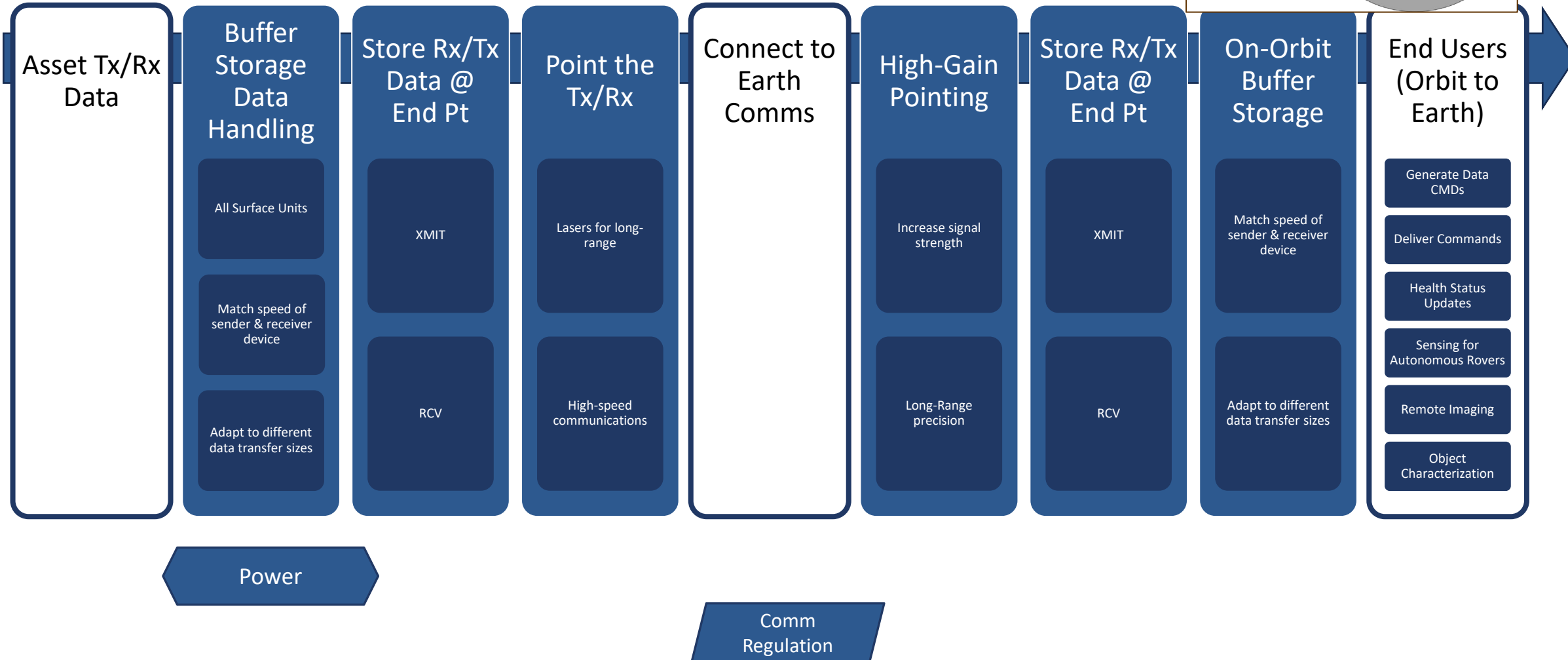
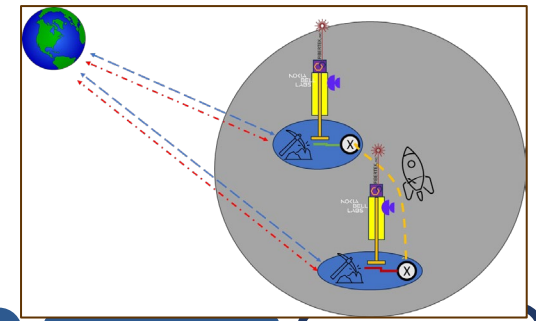




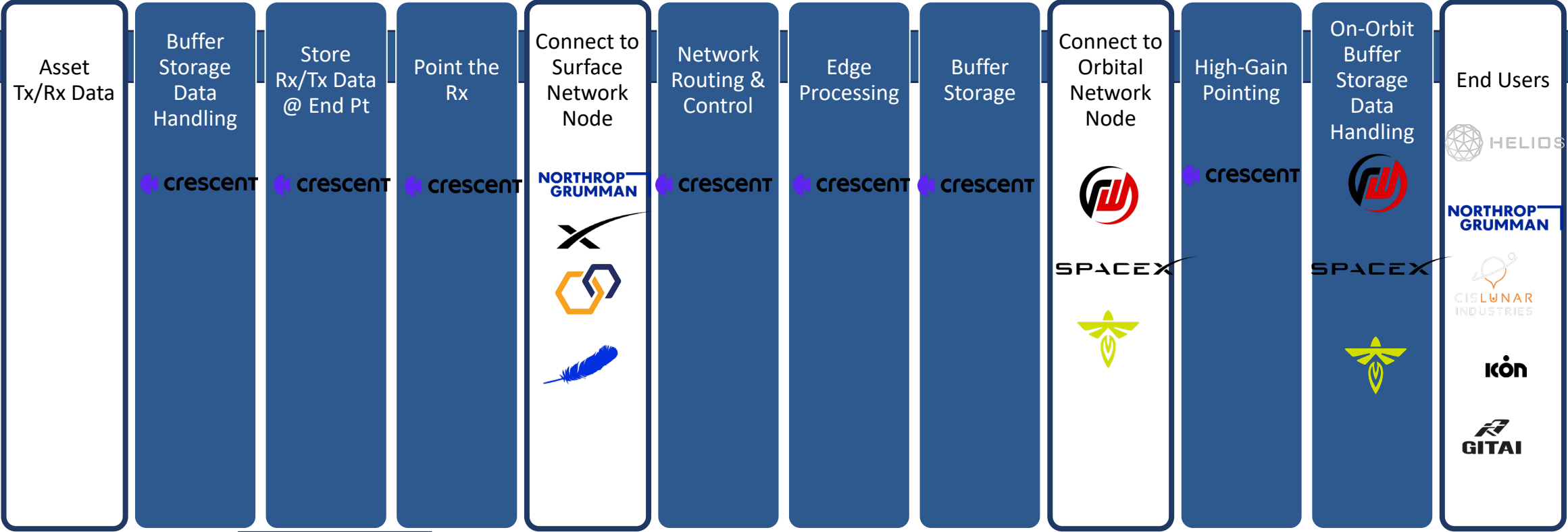
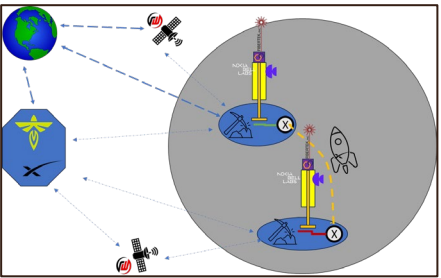
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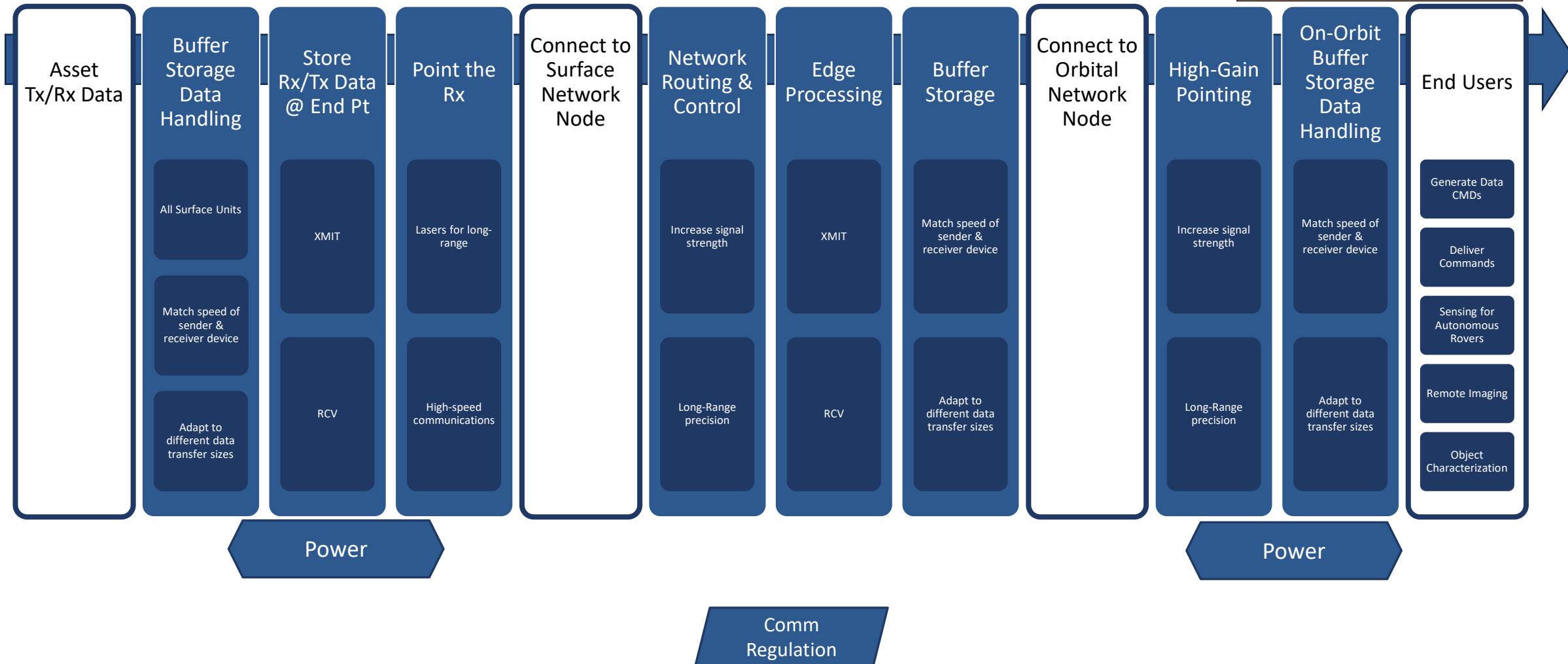
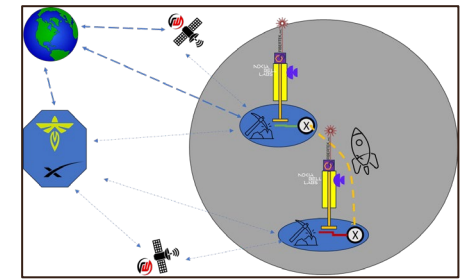
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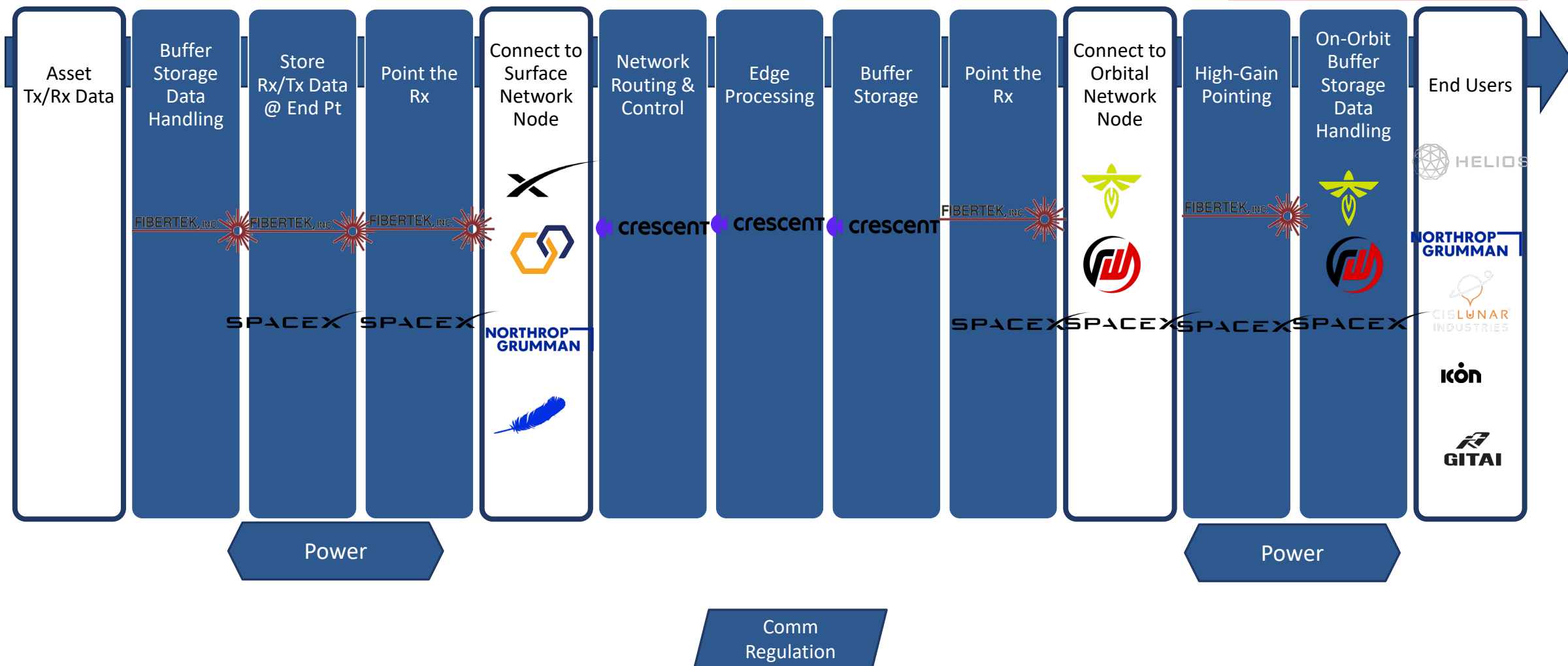
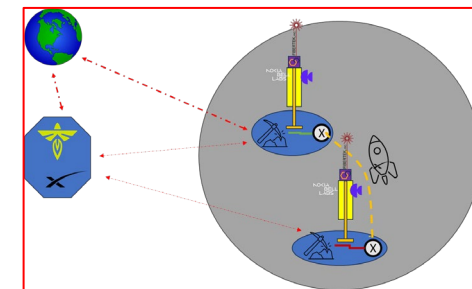
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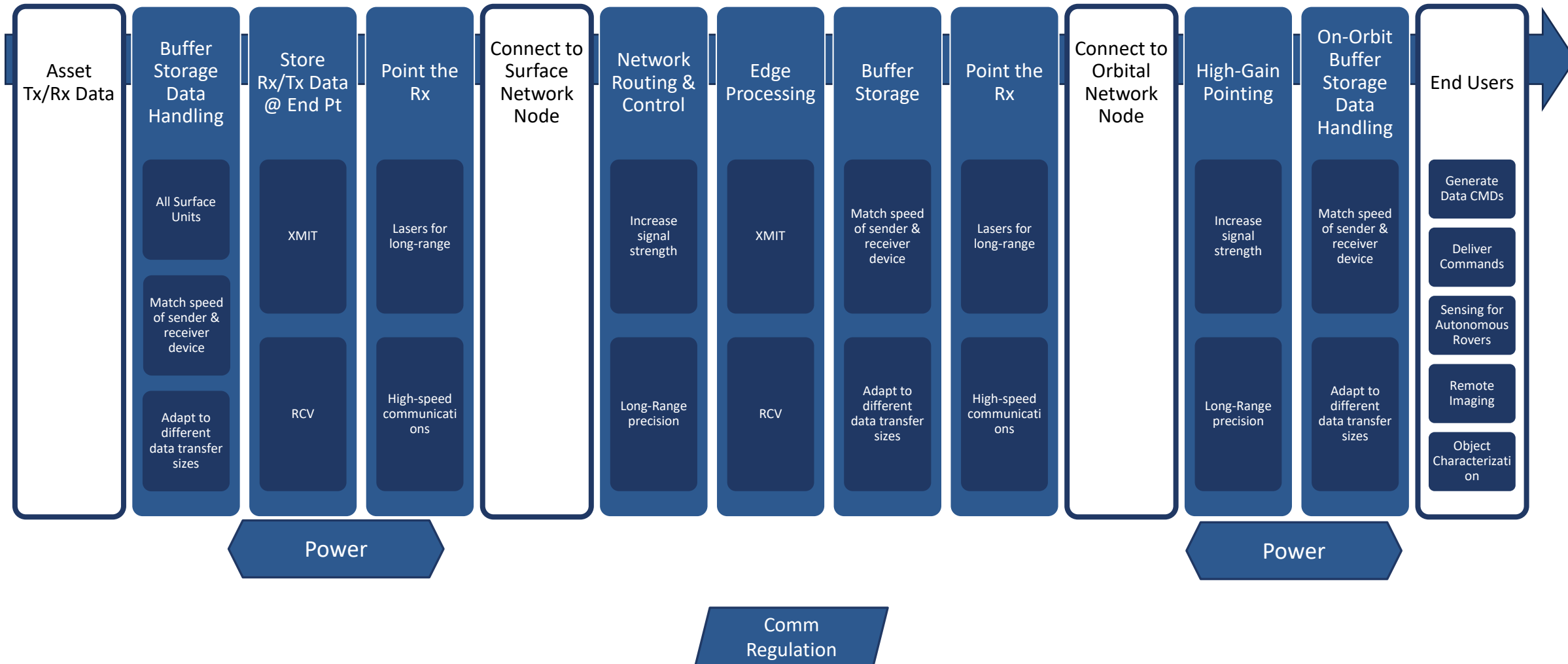
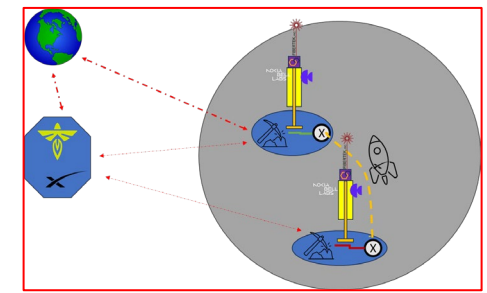


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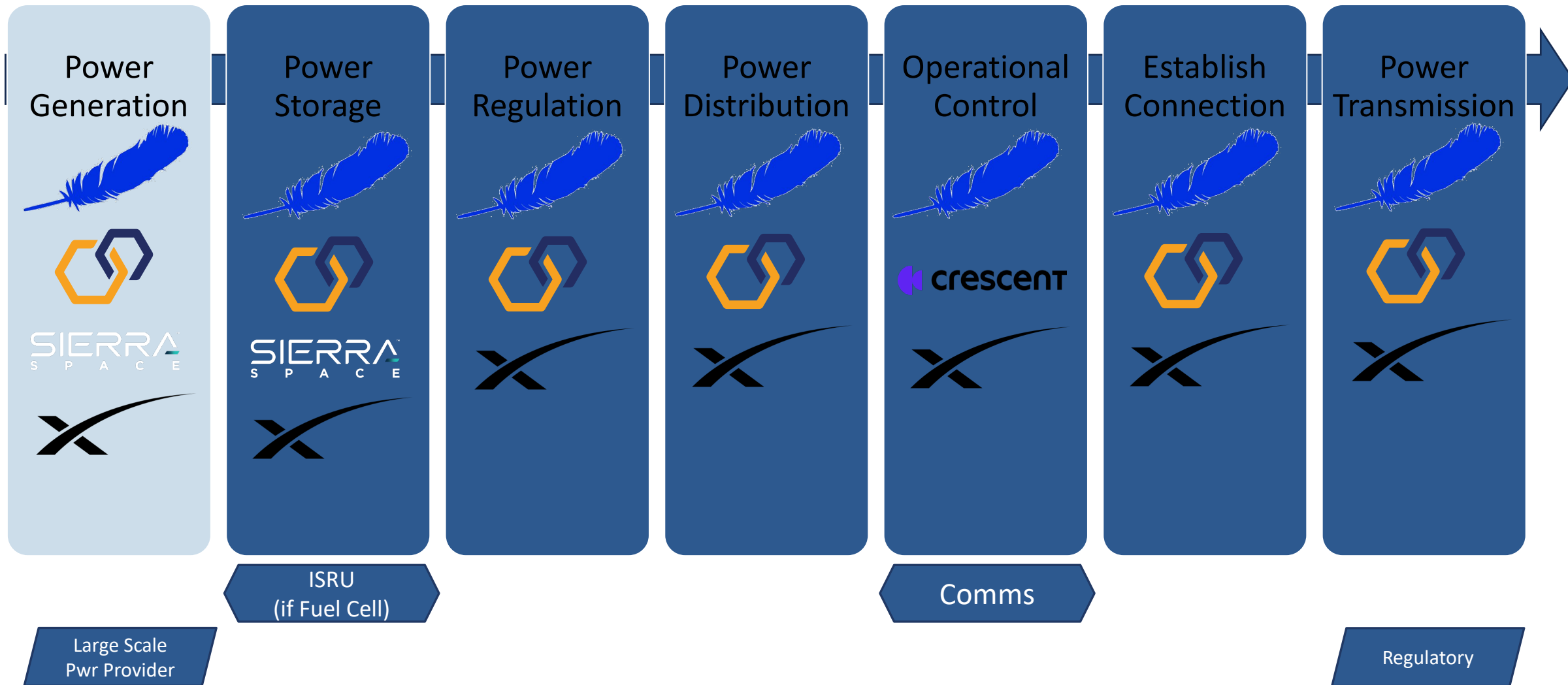
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# Appendix 6 – Power Value Chains

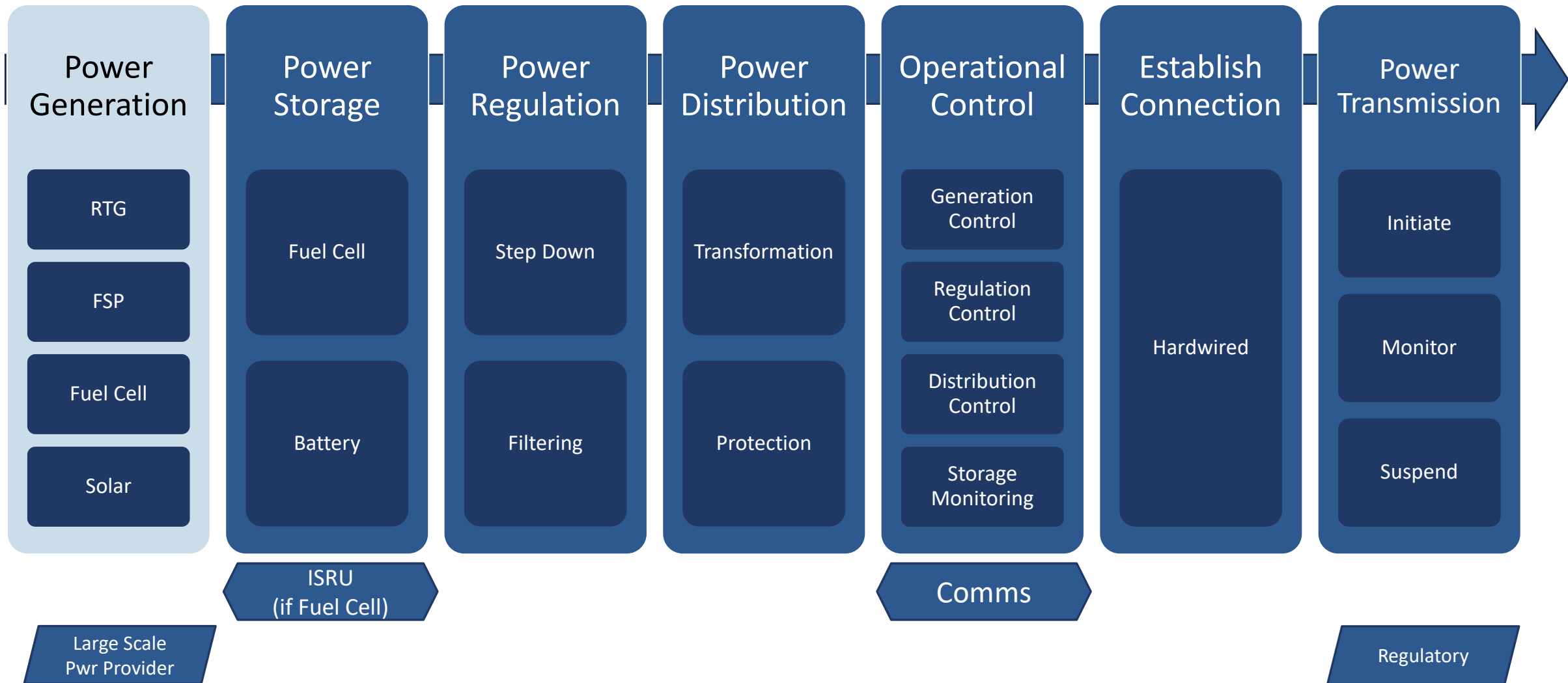
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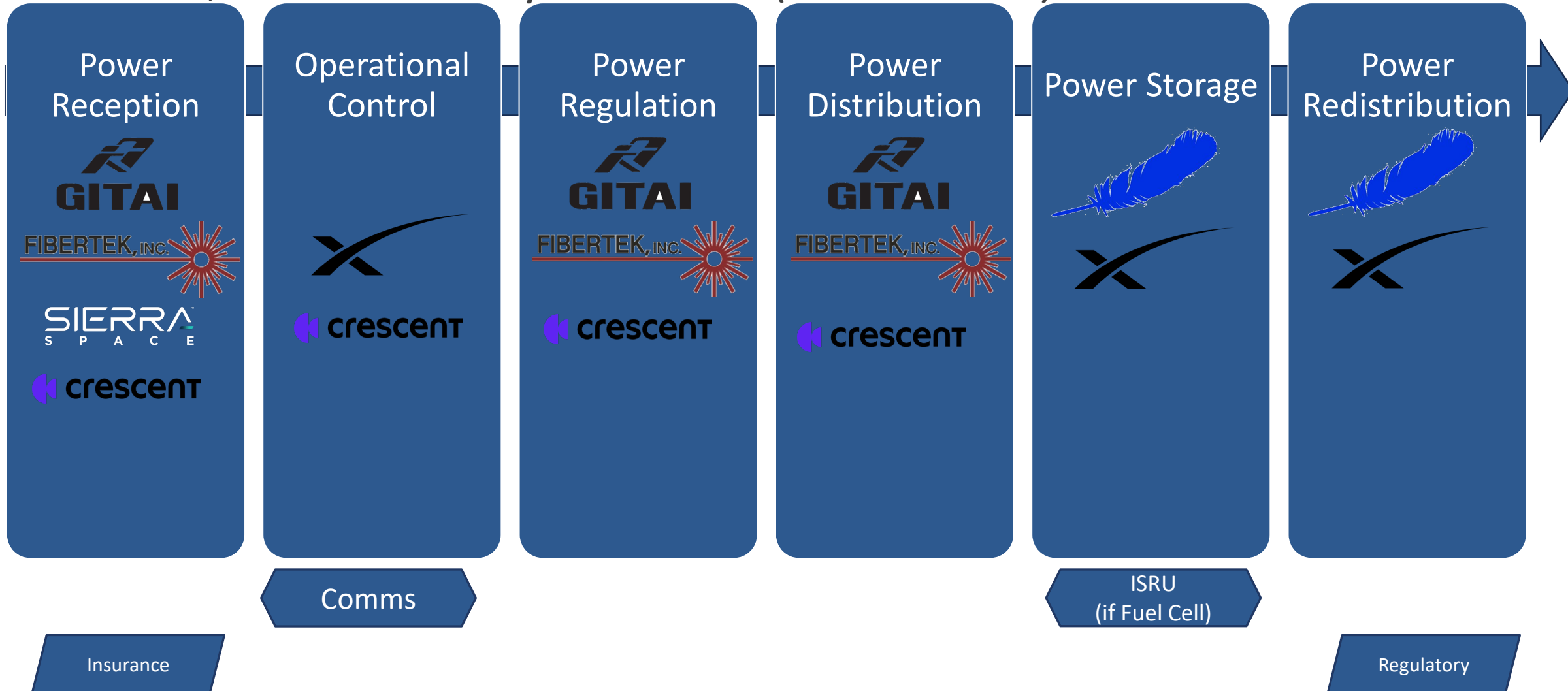
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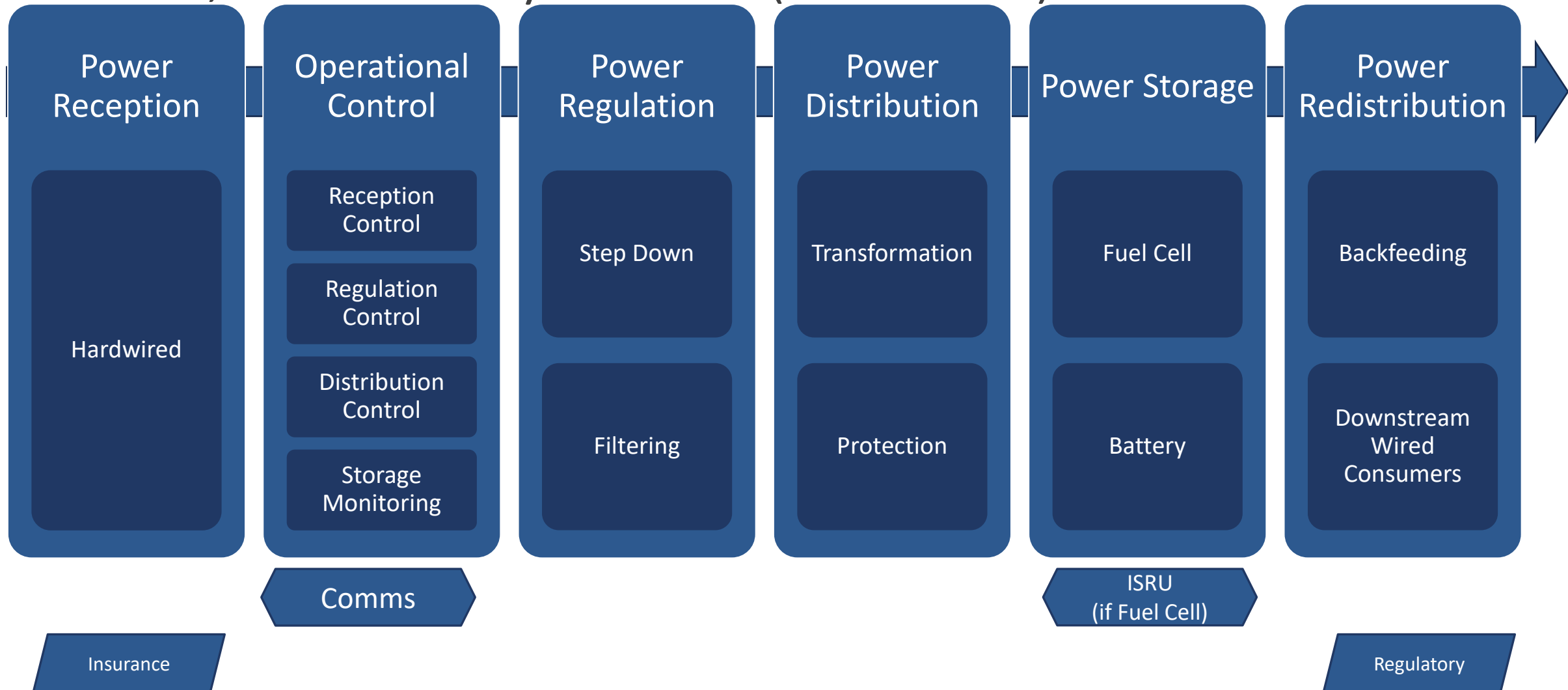
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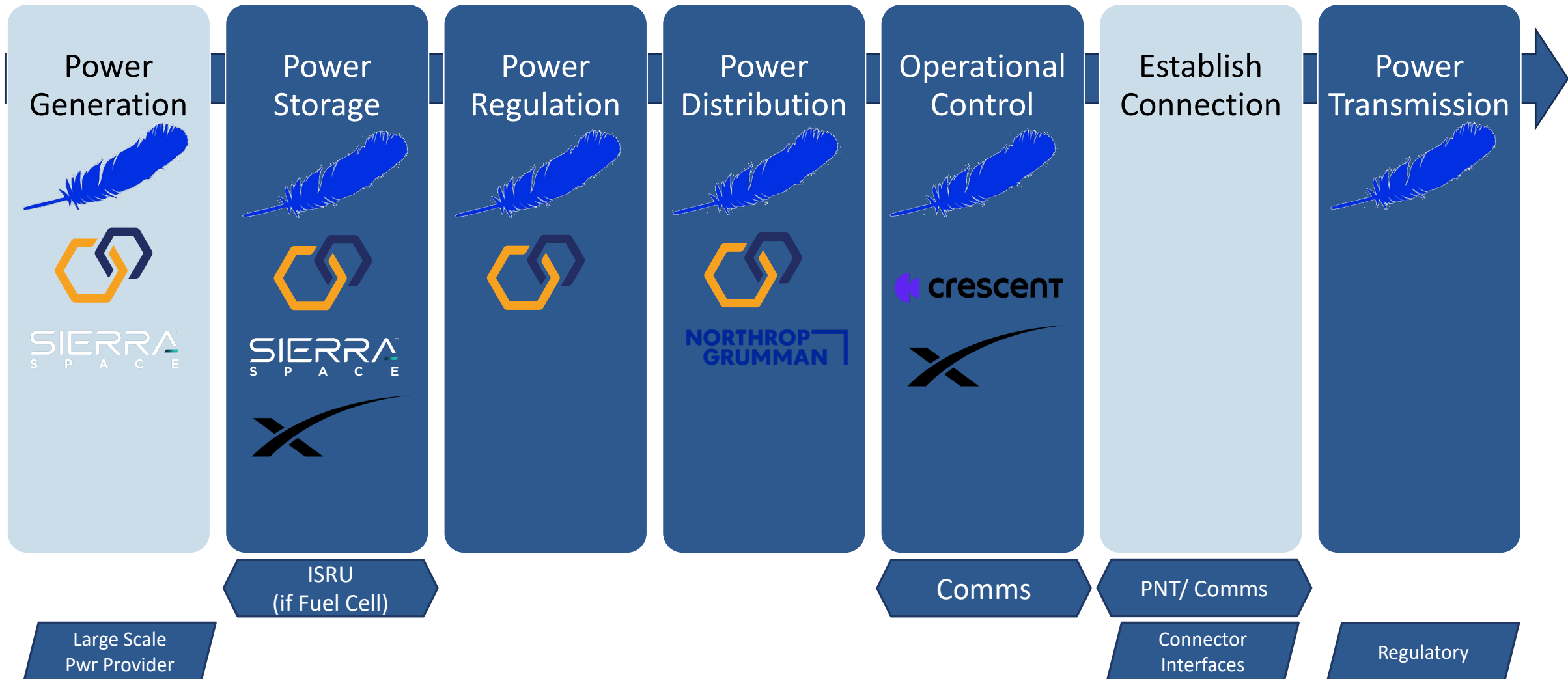


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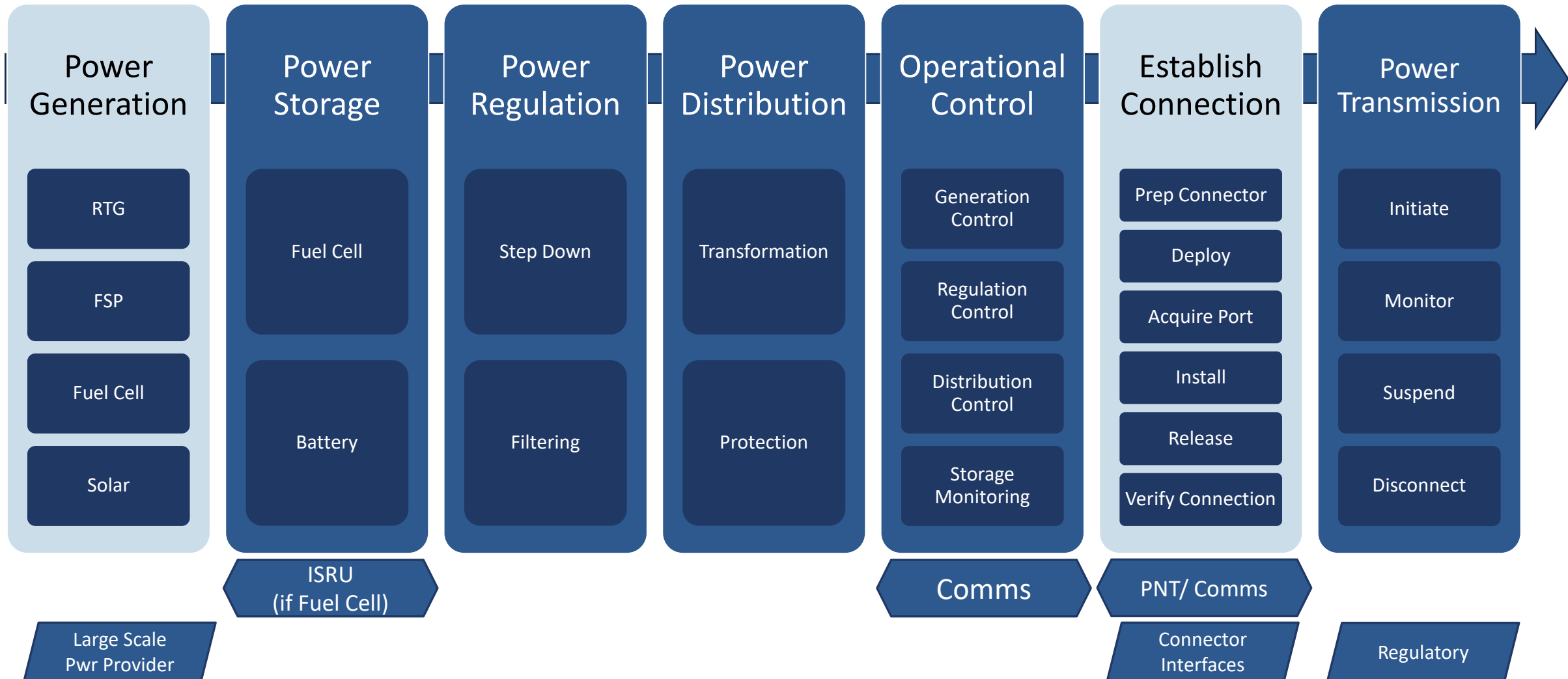


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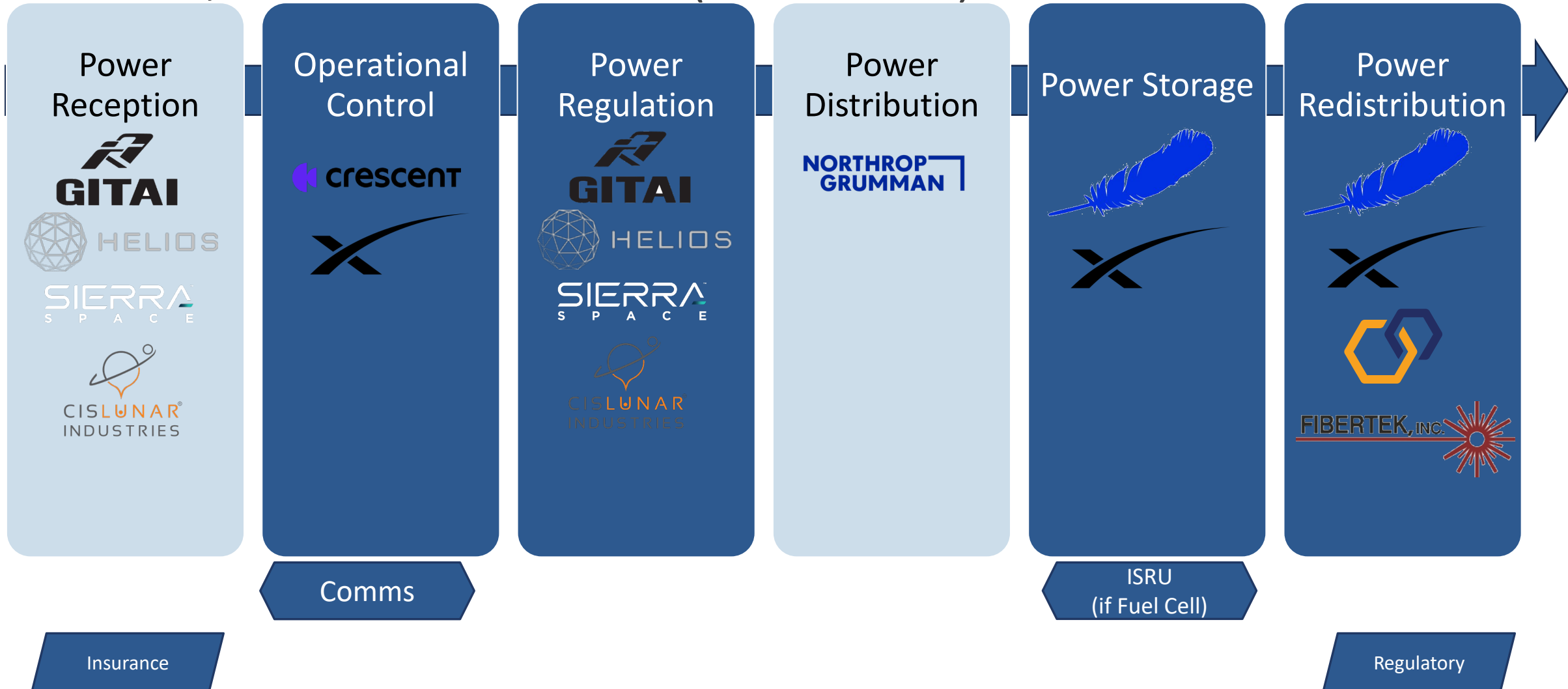
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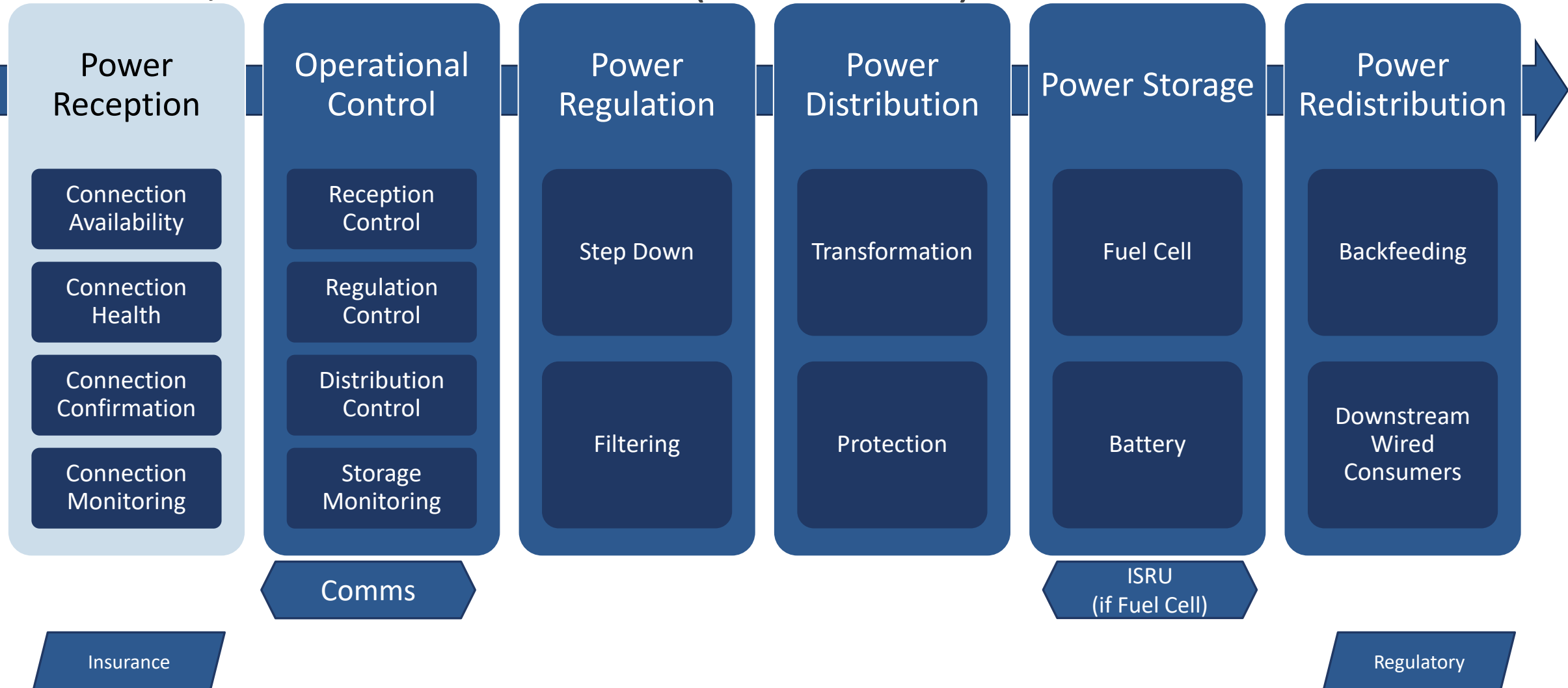
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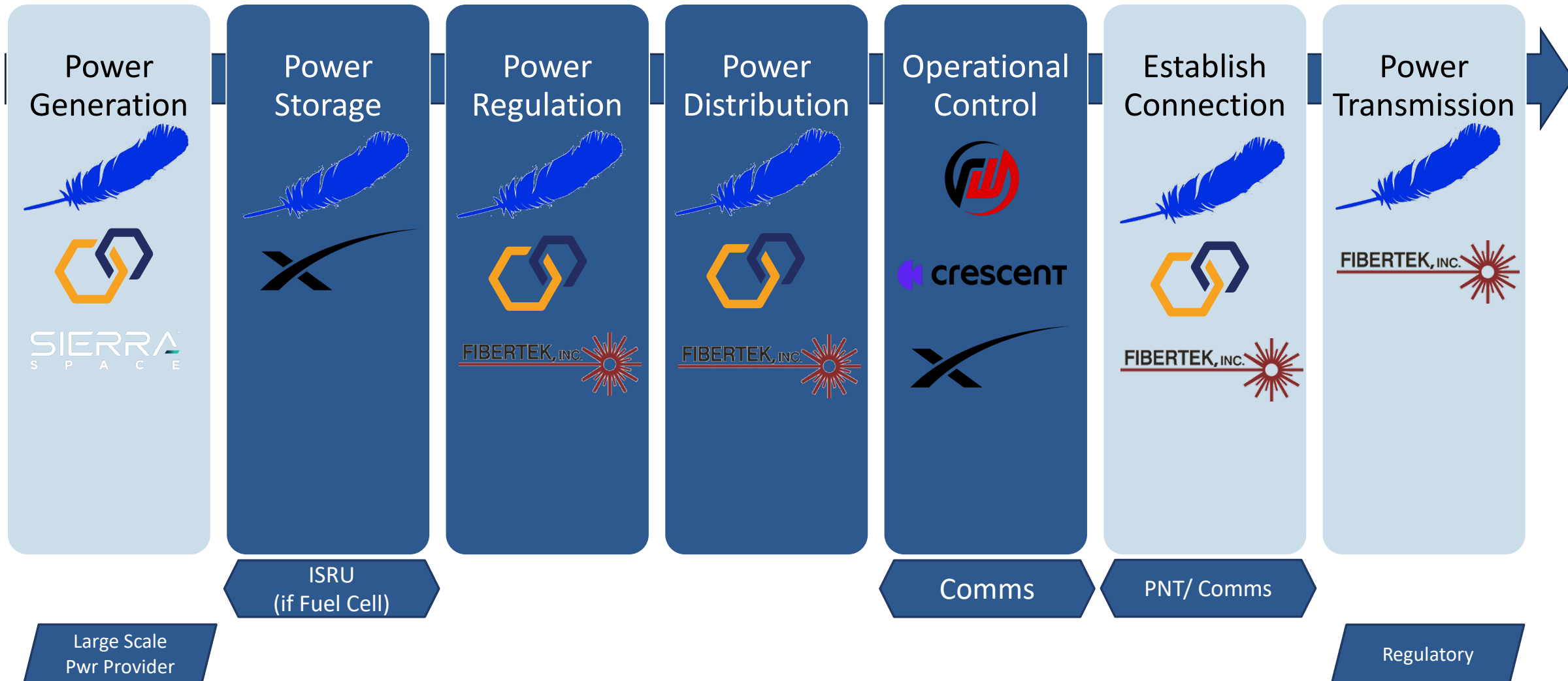
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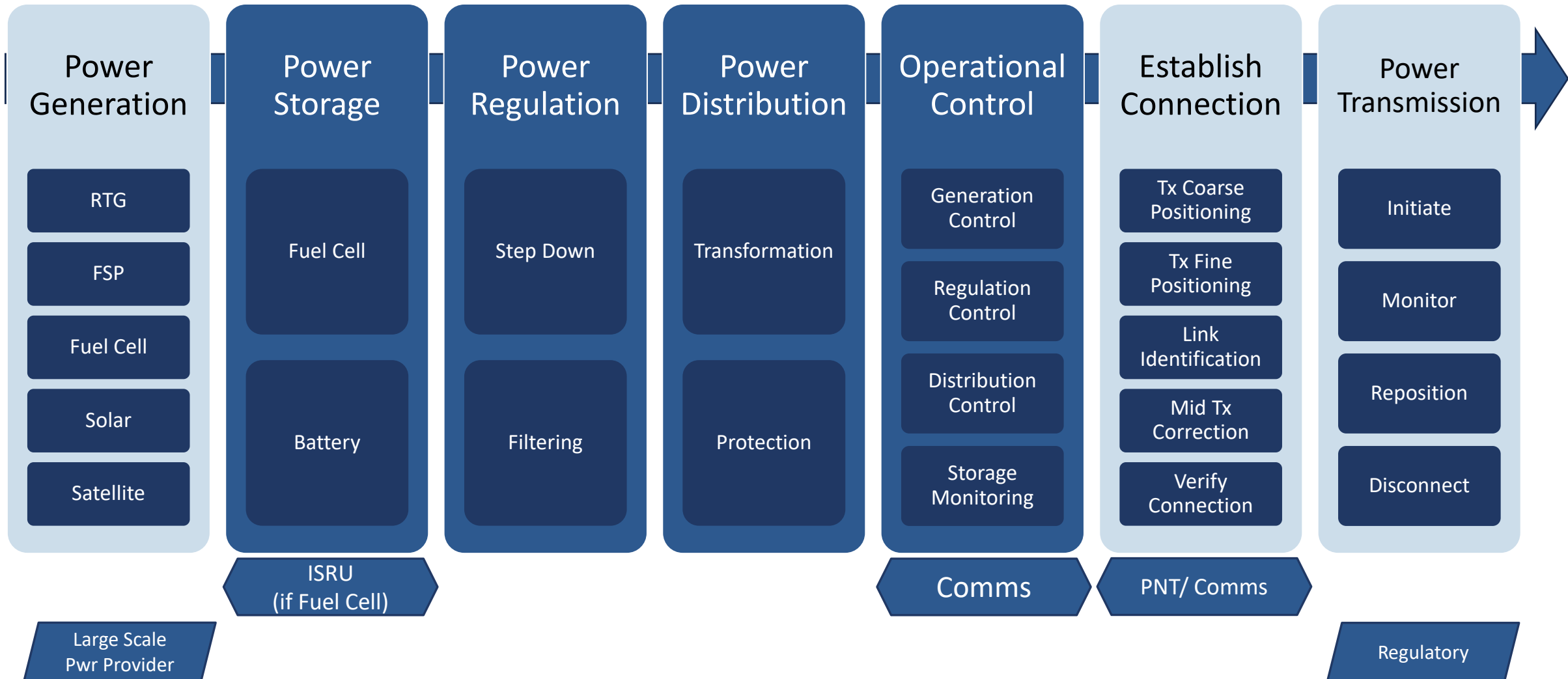
# Power Value Chain 3

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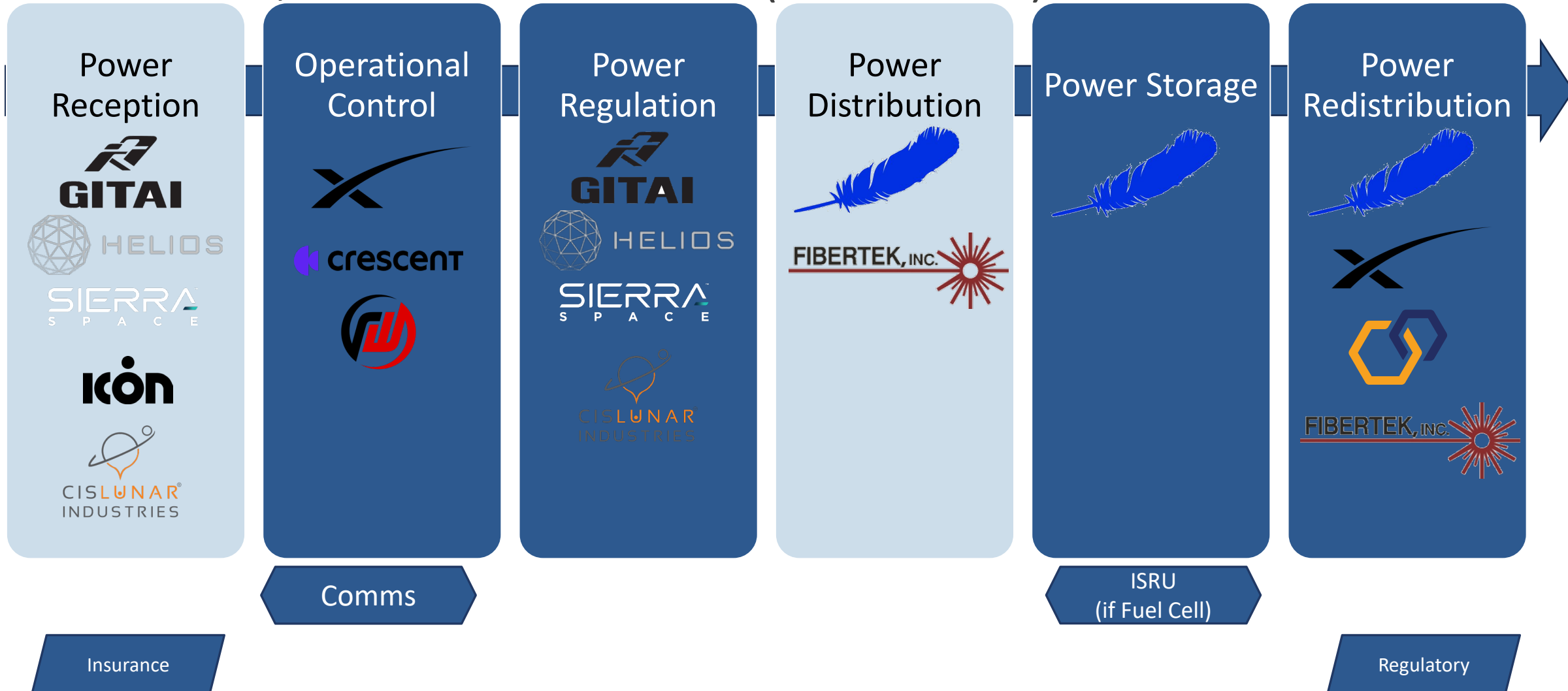
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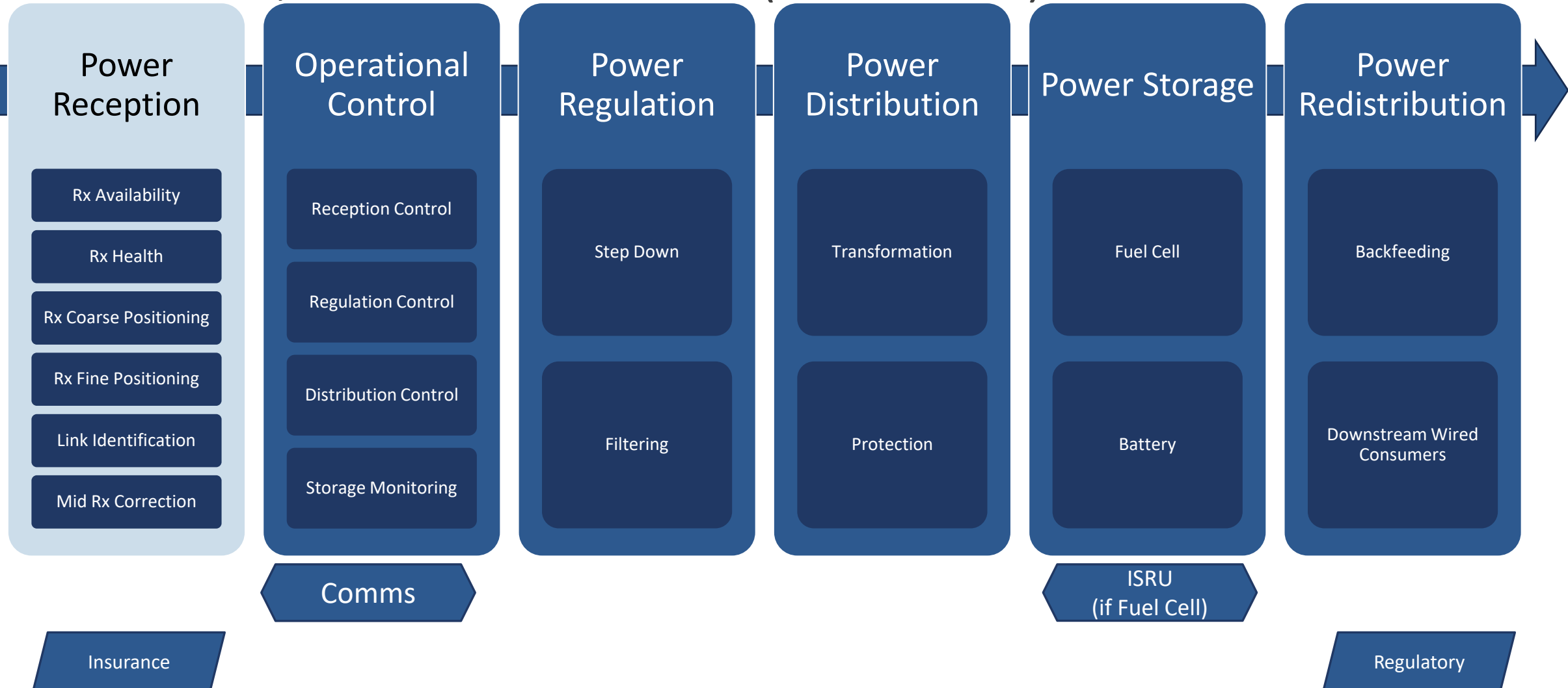
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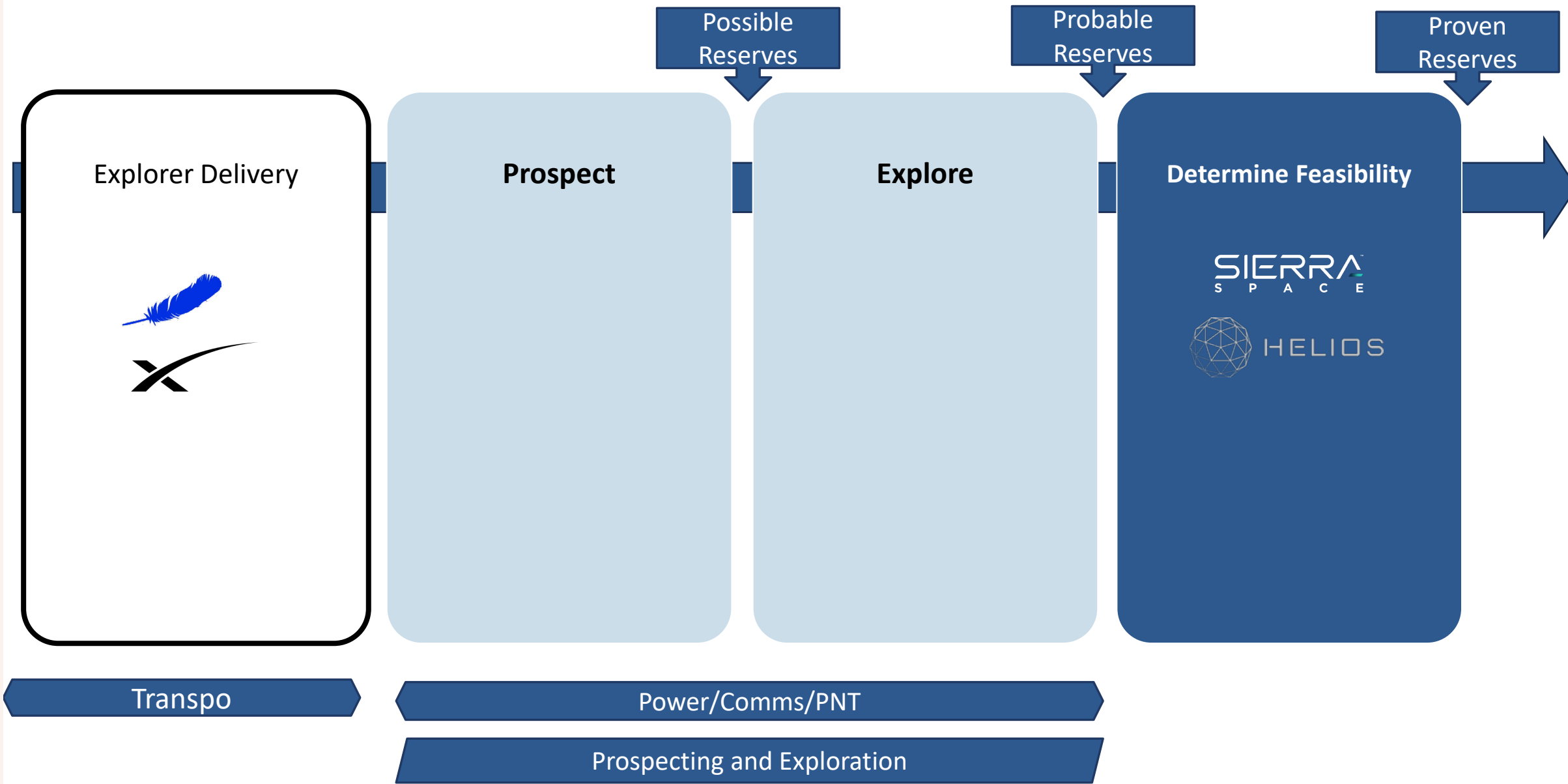


# Appendix 7 – ISRU Value Chains

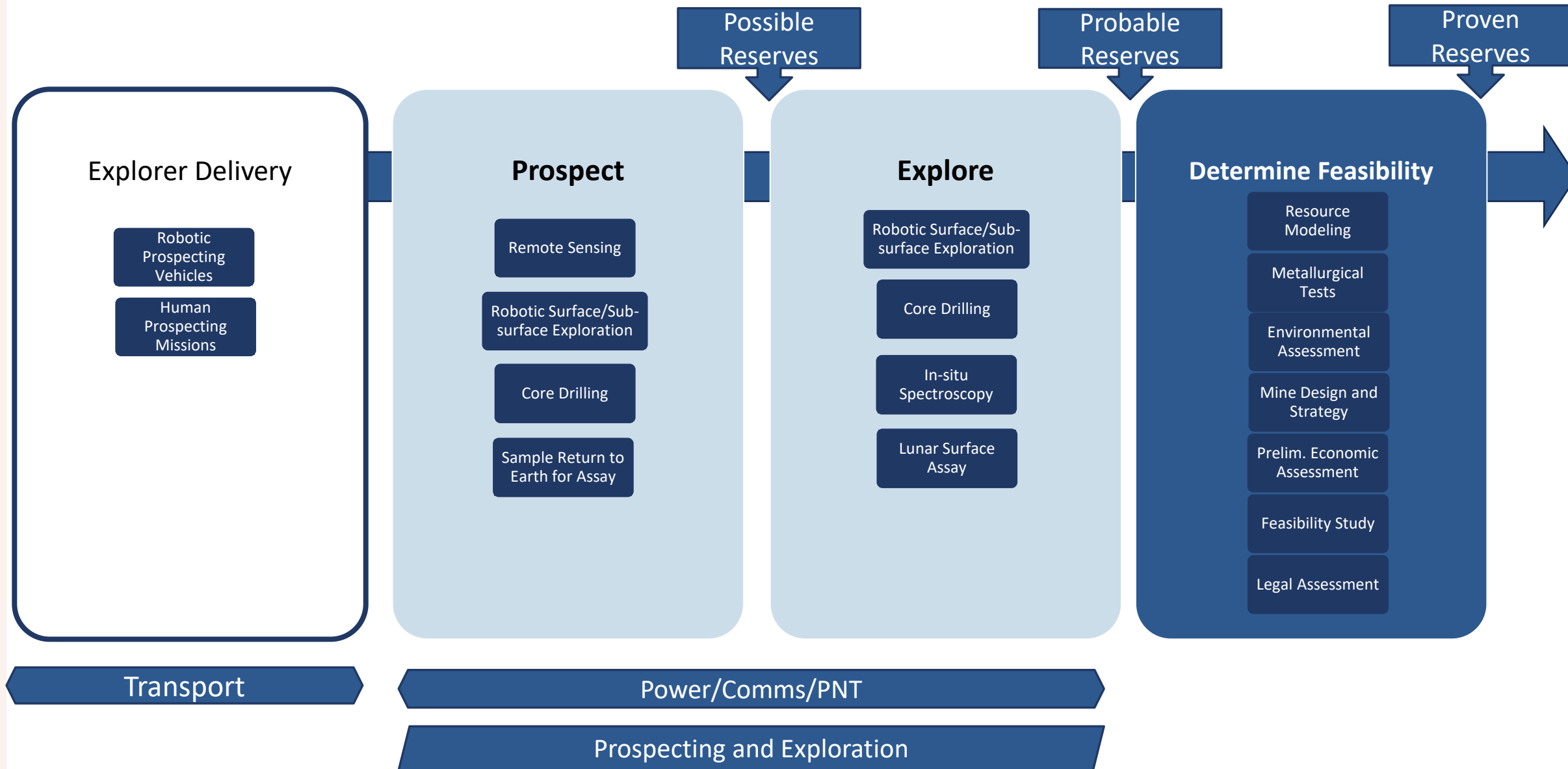


Exploration Phase (Years 0-3)

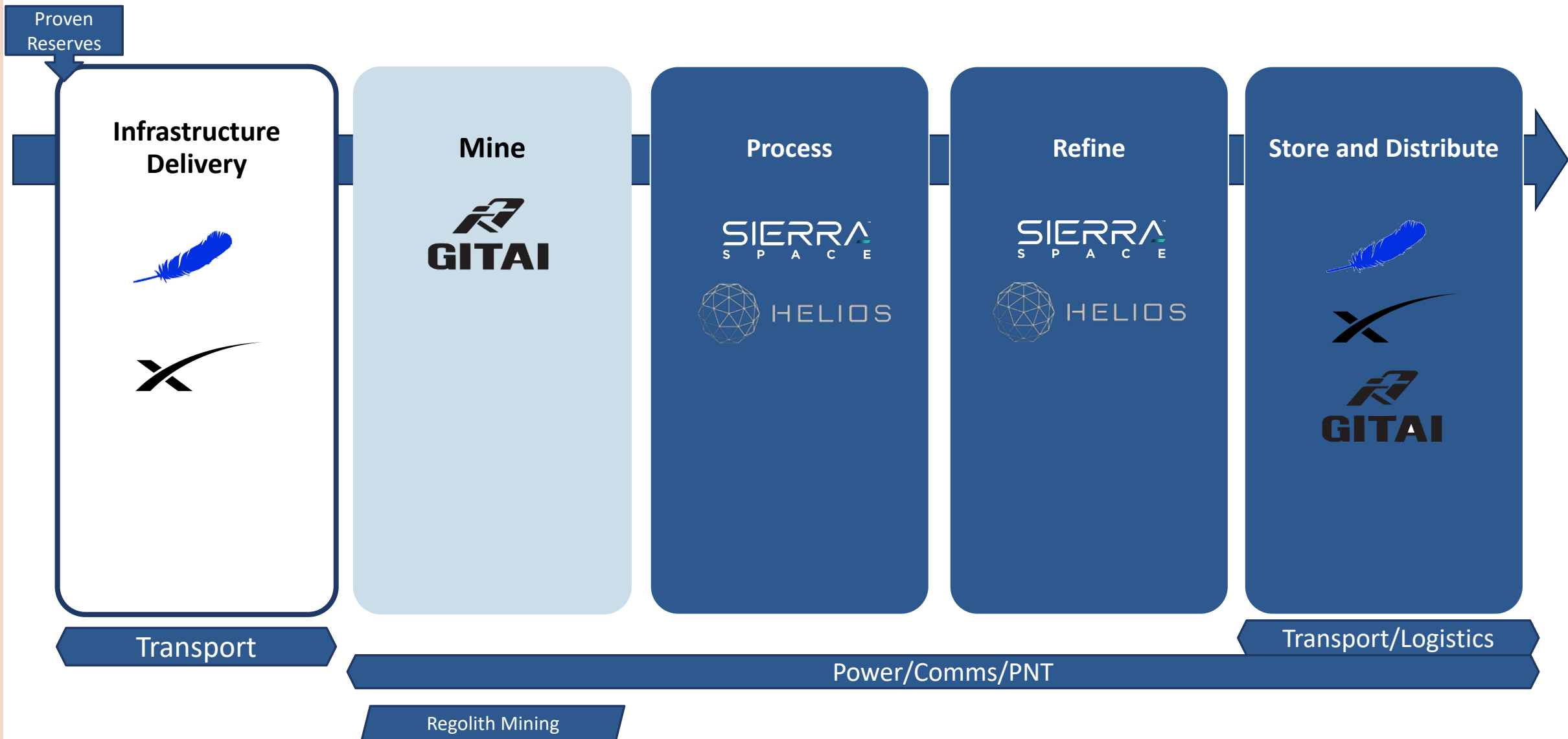
ISRU – REGOLITH DERIVED OXYGEN VC



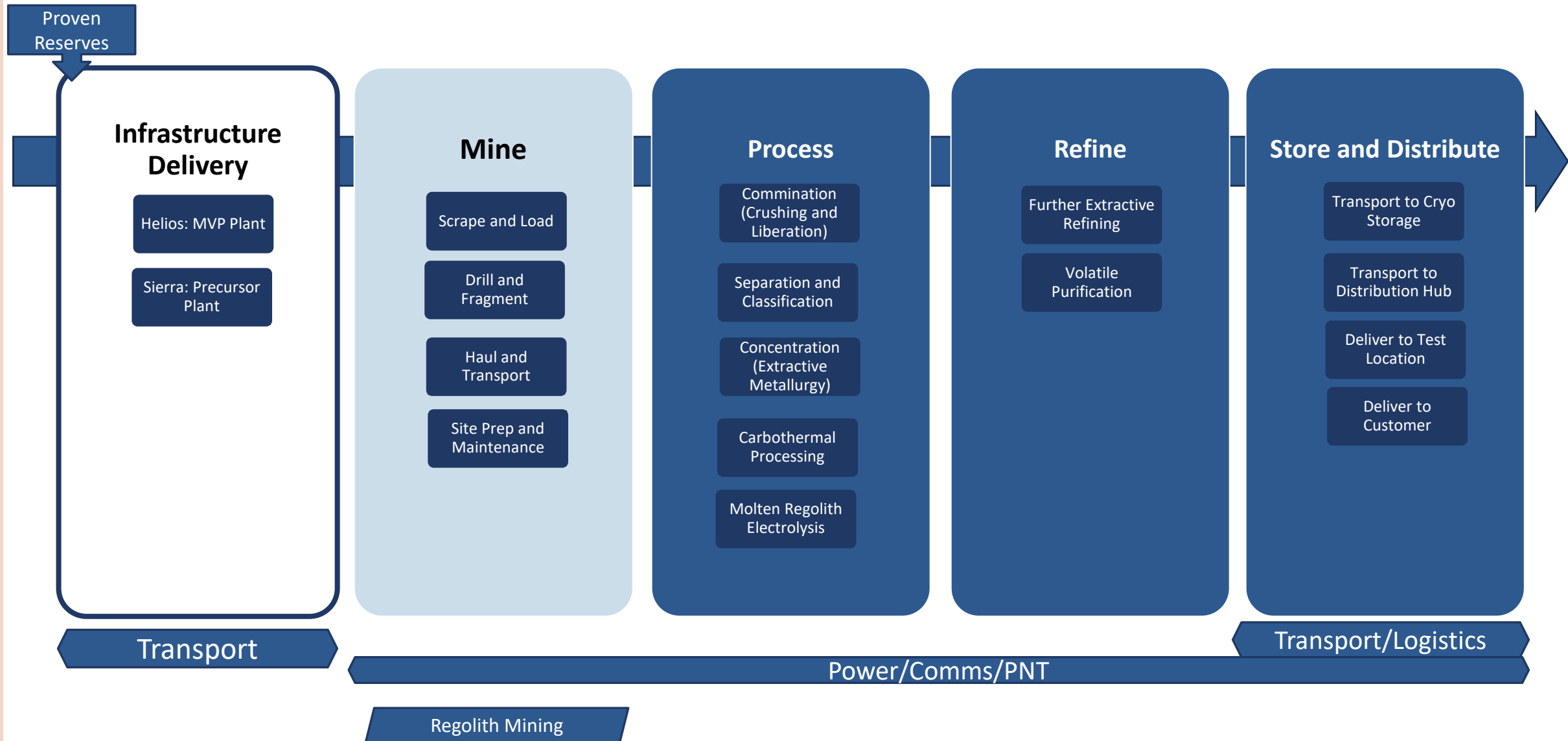
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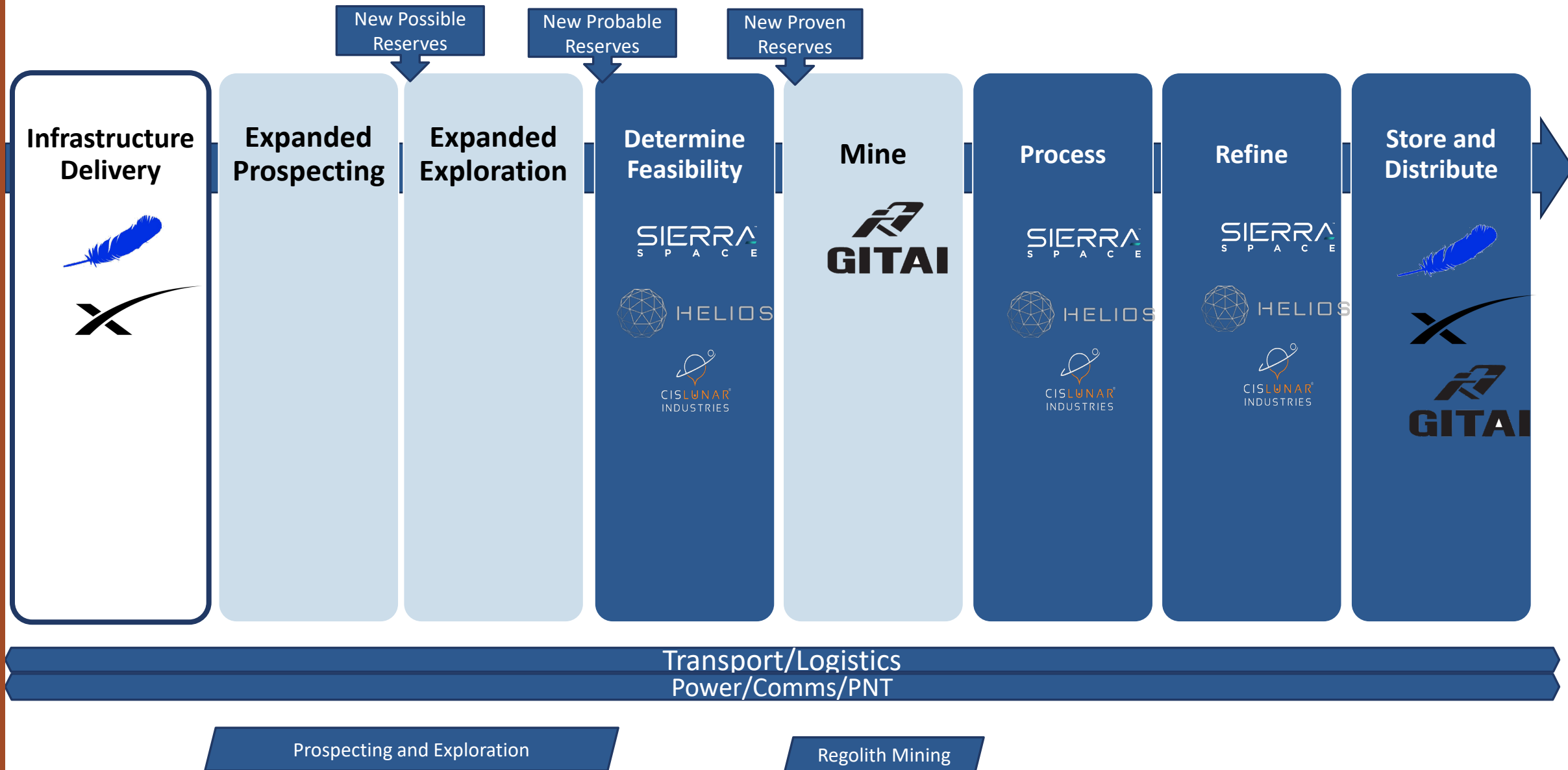
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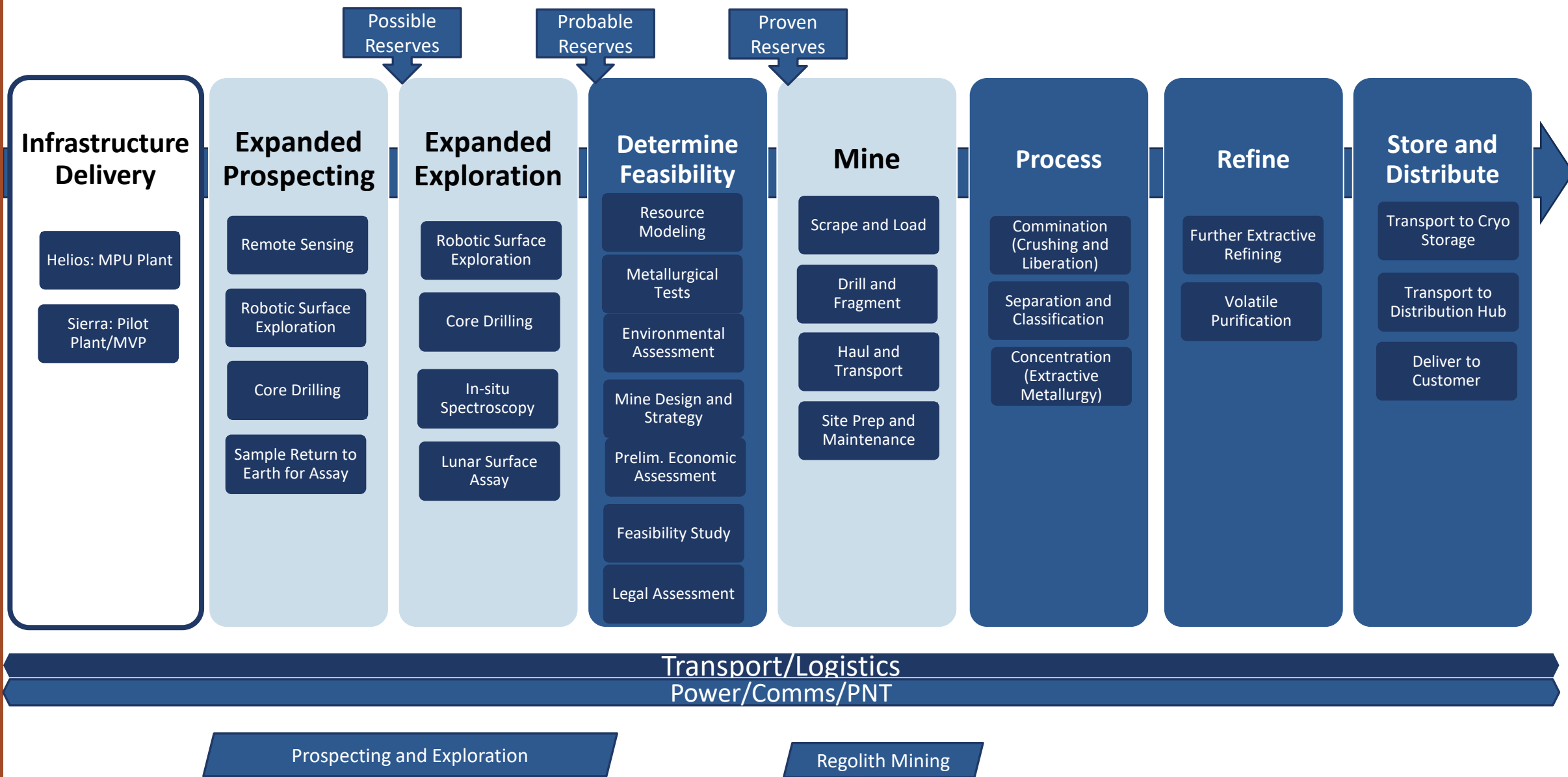
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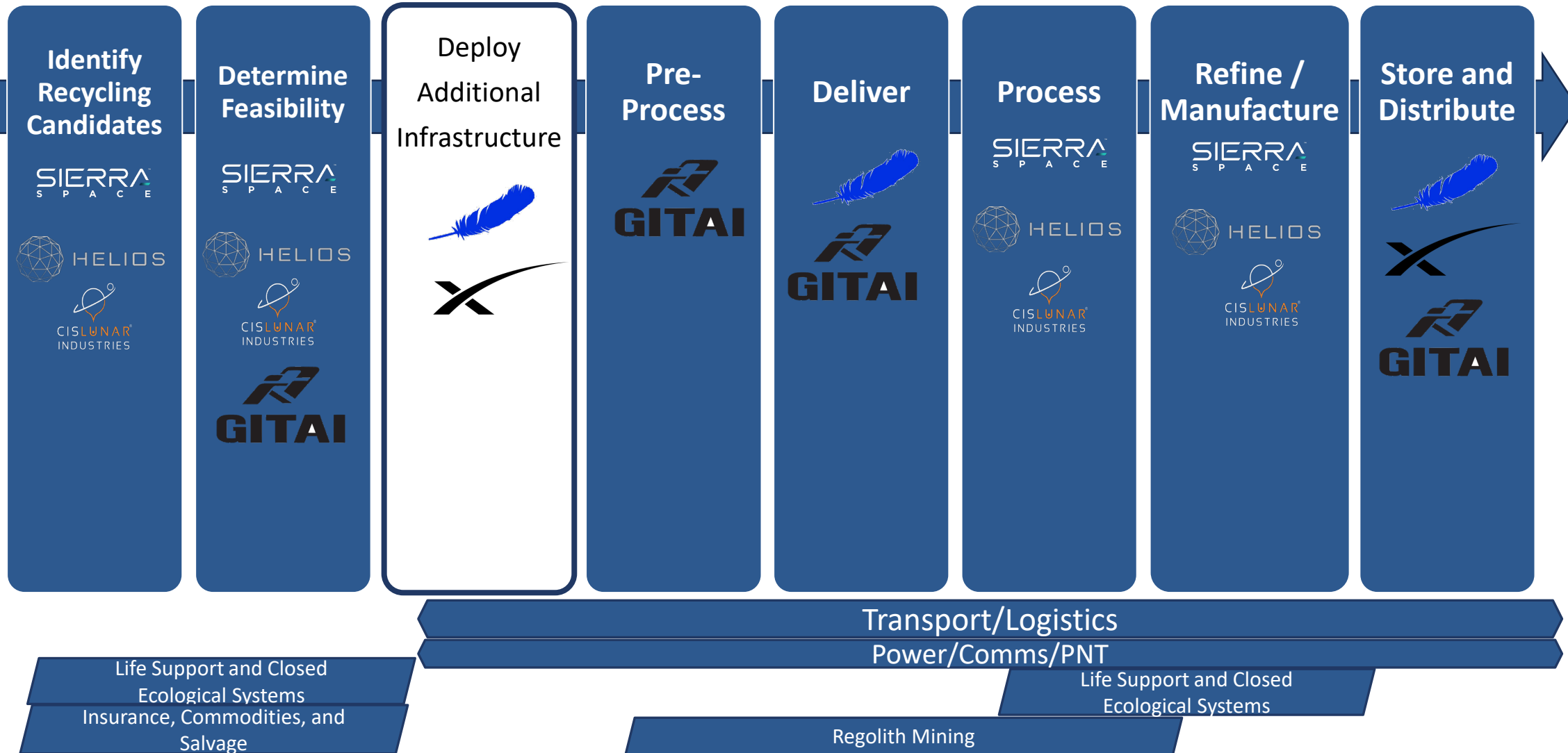
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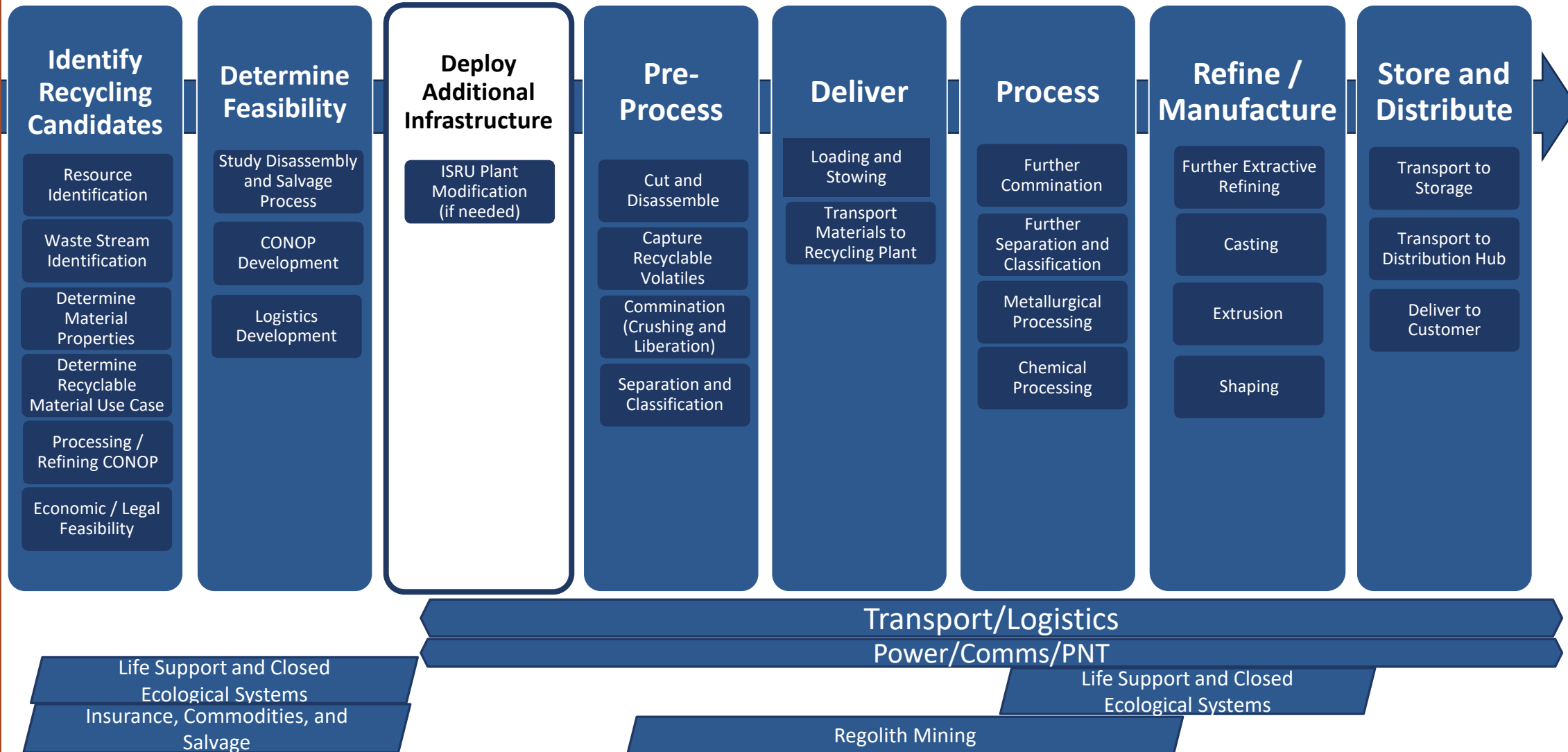
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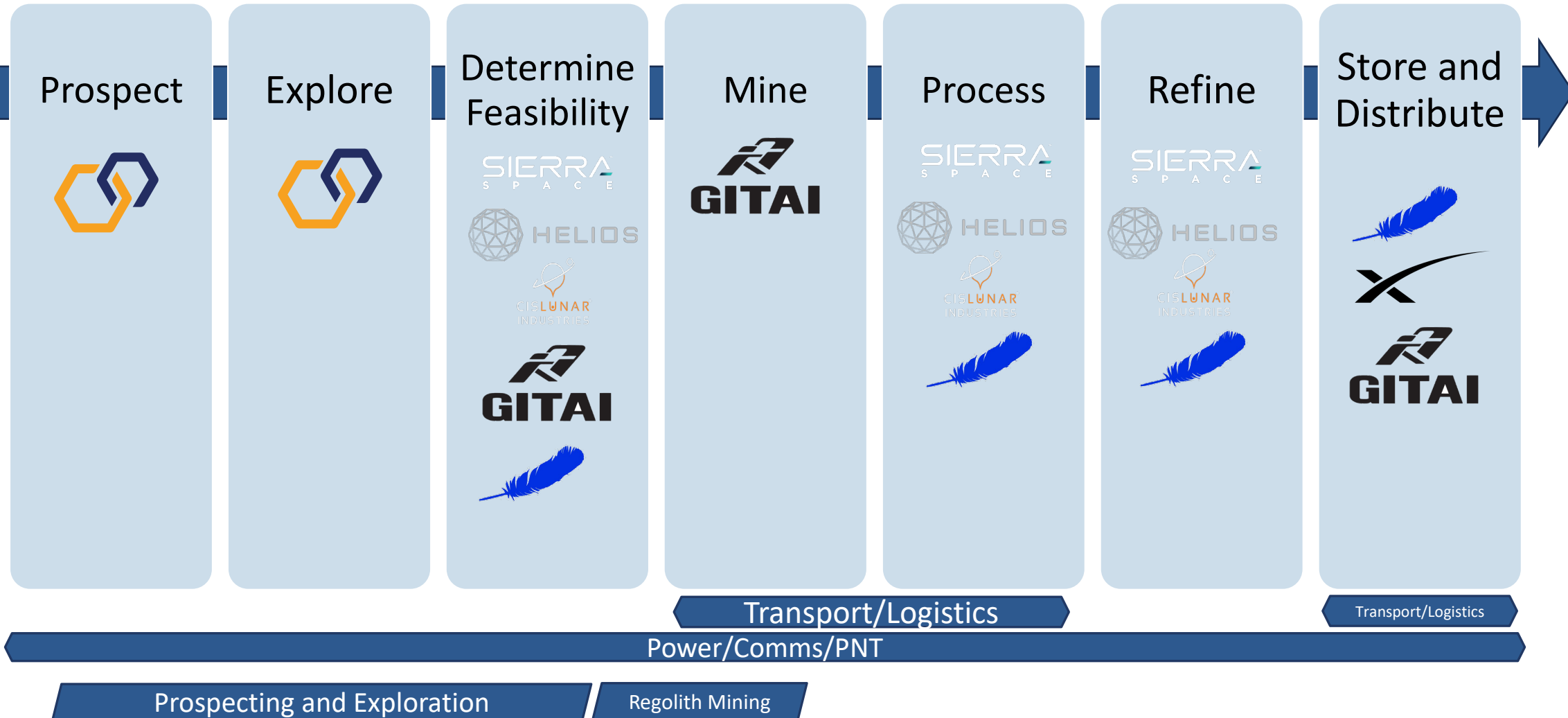
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