

Daily Space Snapshot

April 13, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

Sen. Jerry Moran, chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee that funds NASA, said he opposes proposed cuts to parts of NASA's budget and will seek funding levels similar to last year. Moran made the comments April 12 in Colorado Springs ahead of the 41st Space Symposium.



TOP SIGNAL
Key Senate appropriator rejects proposed NASA budget cuts

Image: SpaceNews



MARKET MOVE
MISSION RECAP
Artemis II Moon mission complete! ✓✓✓✓✓✓ - Space Launch System rocket launched crew into space - Orion spacecraft kept astronauts safe - Fle

Image: X · NASA



POLICY
Hubble Spies an Active Spiral

Image: NASA



LAUNCH OPS
Atomic-6 unveils online marketplace for orbital data centers

Image: SpaceNews



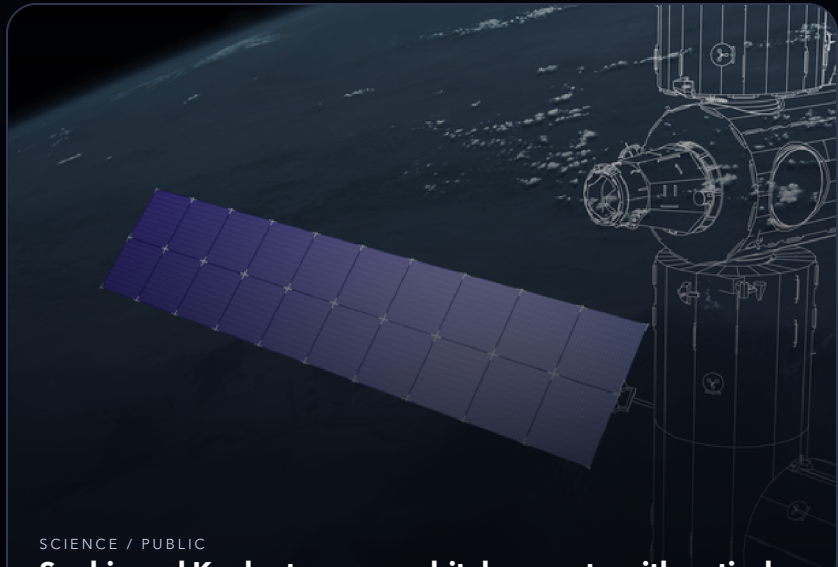
PROGRAM WATCH
Orbit is filling up fast. Now comes the awkward bit: pre-empting and handling a crisis.

Image: SpaceNews



HARDWARE
Citra Space raises \$15 million Series A to expand platform for identifying objects in orbit

Image: SpaceNews



SCIENCE / PUBLIC
Sophia and Kepler to marry orbital compute with optical links

Image: SpaceNews

SIGNAL METER

Topic Heat

Launch Ops	33
Programs	50
Policy	17

LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Apr 14, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**
CAS Space launch listing
- Apr 14, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
Starlink Group 10-24
- Apr 15, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-27
- Apr 16, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
BlueBird Block 2 FM2
- Apr 18, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-22

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

Momentum Signal	68%
Caution Signal	32%

68% momentum vs 32% caution across 12 stories from the last 24 hours (7 momentum-leaning, 5 caution-leaning). Momentum leads, with caution concentrated around execution and launch risk.