Development and International Cooperation of China Space Transportation System

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PREFACE



Space transportation system is the cornerstone of developing space technology and ensuring the space activities, the carrier of large-scale development and utilization of space resources, as well as the important impetus to the development of national economy.



China space transportation system is represented by Long March (LM) launch vehicles, and Yuanzheng (means expedition) series upper stages.



China space transportation system construction started in 1960s and has made remarkable achievements. Now, it has already grown up with the capability of rapid access to space, development and utilization of space. China has been always looking forward to extending international cooperation, developing space technology and sharing achievements with the world.

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- Development of China's space transportation system has experienced 5 phases, and four generations with 17 types of launch vehicles designed and manufactured, capable of sending the various payloads into low, medium and high orbits.
- Long March (LM) launch vehicles has conducted 244 flights with successful rate of 96% until December 2016.



LM-2C



LM-3B

LM-7

LM-5

- Major projects such as manned spaceflight, lunar exploration, Beidou Navigation System have been successfully implemented.
- LM Launch Vehicles have delivered different kinds of spacecrafts into low, medium or high orbits.



LM-2C SERIES



The LM-2C series, including LM-2C and LM-2C/CTS, provides both two-stage and three-stage types, with 43 m in length and 3.35 m in diameter. The series is mainly used for LEO, SSO and highly elliptic orbit satellite missions.

The standard payload adapter interfaces that LM-2C series adopt are 660, 937 and 1194A. Besides single payload missions, LM-2C series can also provide multiple-satellite and piggyback launch missions.

Satellites can be injected into different orbits by LM-2C from Jiuquan, Taiyuan and Xichang satellite launch center. Due to its high success rate, LM-2C series is the first launch vehicle awarded the Gold Medal Launch Vehicle in China.

• LM-2F Space Labo

○ LM-2F LAUNCH VEHICLE



LM-2F launch vehicle is dedicated for China manned space project. It includes two types, for spaceship launching and for space laboratory launching. The LEO launch capability of each type is 8100 kg and 8600 kg respectively.

Since LM-2F sent Shenzhou-5 spaceship and Chinese first astronaut into space in October 2003, China has made many breakthroughs in manned space technology, well on the way to realizing its three-step plan.

Till now, all 10 flight missions of China manned space project have been accomplished by LM-2F, including one Tiangong space laboratory module, 5 unmanned and 4 manned Shenzhou spaceships. It is a key support to the project.

Main Characters

Parameters	Manned spaceship	Space laboratory
Number of Stage	2	2
Overall Length (m)	58.34	52.03
Max. Diameter (m)	3.35	3.35
Lift-off Mass (t)	497.9	497.9
Lift-off Thrust (kN)	5923	5923
Number of Booster	4	4
Launch Capability(LEO) (kg)	8100	8600

LM-3A SERIES

The LM-3A Series, including LM-3A, LM-3B and LM-3C, is an important member of Long March Family. The launch vehicles in this series are mainly used for GTO missions.

LM-3A is a three-stage, liquid-propellant launch vehicle with GTO capability of 2600 kg.

LM-3B takes LM-3A as its core stage with 4 strap-on boosters. With GTO capability of 5500 kg, LM-3B is the most powerful launch vehicle currently operating in China.

LM-3C also takes LM-3A as its core stage with 2 strap-on boosters, providing 3800 kg launch capability to standard GTO.



LM-5 SERIES C LAUNCH VEHICLE



The under-developed LM-5 series launch vehicle is the new generation launch vehicle of China, mainly applied for manned space station, lunar probe, heavy satellite and multi-satellite launch missions.

LM-5 launch vehicle will take its maiden flight in 2014. It is a two-stage launch vehicle with a core stage of 5 m and 4 identical strap-on boosters of 3.35 m. Its lift-off thrust is 10572 kN. The GTO launch capability is 14000 kg.

launch capability is 25000 kg.

LM-5 launch vehicle.



LM-5 Series Launch Vehicle

- On November 3rd, Long March 5 LV (LM-5) accomplished her first flight, and delivered over 14-tons experimental payloads to geostationary transfer orbit (GTO).
- □ LM-5 also has the ability for **25ts to low earth orbit** (LEO), which makes her the biggest LV in China.





- China has developed new medium launch vehicles for SSO and GTO missions.
- □ The key technologies for heavy-lift launch vehicle are being demonstrated, which can deliver 140ts to LEO and 50ts to LTO. The project will be activated in next five years.



- □ Independent manned space flight capability: LM-2F of China and Soyuz of Russia becomes the only two launch vehicles that can conduct manned space missions.
- □ Intensive launch: From 2011 till 2016, LM Launch Vehicle has completed 91 launch missions, 18 launches per year on average and with success rate of 97.8%, both on leading position of the world.



- □ Deep space exploration and space orbit transfer: LM launch vehicles used for high orbits missions hold the capability to deliver deep space vehicles, with its capability for LTO and MTO missions being 8.2t and 5t respectively.
- □ Upper stages of Yuanzheng series can operate for 48 hours, and its engine can be restarted for 20 times. Upper stage is also named as "space shuttle bus" with strong flexibility and adaptability.



Four space launch sites: China has formed a launch site network covering both coastal and inland areas, high and low altitudes, which provides various trajectories to satisfy manned spaceships, space laboratory modules, deep space probes and all kinds of satellites.



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International Cooperation

- □ China conducts international cooperation on space transportation system by means of **piggyback launch** and **commercial satellite launch service**.
- LM Launch Vehicle family are reliable and have **fulfilled capability**.
- Based on development of space transportation system, China is open to the world to provide commercial launch services, such as full spectrum, great capability and strong adaptability.





International users exchange



Commercial satellite launch or piggyback launch service

International Cooperation

LM-3A LVs have the capability of 5.5 tons for GTO.

- □ LM-5 LVs meet the requirements of larger payloads, multi-satellite launch, lunar mission and mission to Mars.
- **LM-6**, **LM-7** and **LM-11** are mainly developed for SSO and LEO missions.



Parameters	LM-3B	LM-5	LM-6	LM-11
Capacity (t)	5.5, GTO	14, GTO	0.5~1,700km SSO	0.35, 700km SSO

- □ "Space ride": China's LM launch vehicles has been launched over 200 times, which means rich piggyback chances for other countries. Potential piggyback capability and launch window will be published regularly and updated timely. This shall serve as a piggyback launch platform for developing and emerging space countries, which will promote the harmonious development of space industry around the world.
- □ "Space shuttle bus": The launch mode of LM launch vehicles with Yuanzheng upper stages works like a "space shuttle bus". Orbital deployment of piggyback payloads shall be achieved through cluster-launch of multi-payload.





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Conclusion

- After years of research and development, China space transportation system has achieved tremendous progress with the formation of major product and technology systems: LM family, and Yuanzheng family of upper stages.
- ❑ China has the capacity of delivering various payloads into predetermined orbits, and, with promotion of global space technology, we have conducted extensive international cooperation in the field of commercial satellite launch and piggyback launch.



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