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"Lean Small Satellite Missions Require Lean Access to Space"

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## **Current Access to the Environment of Space**

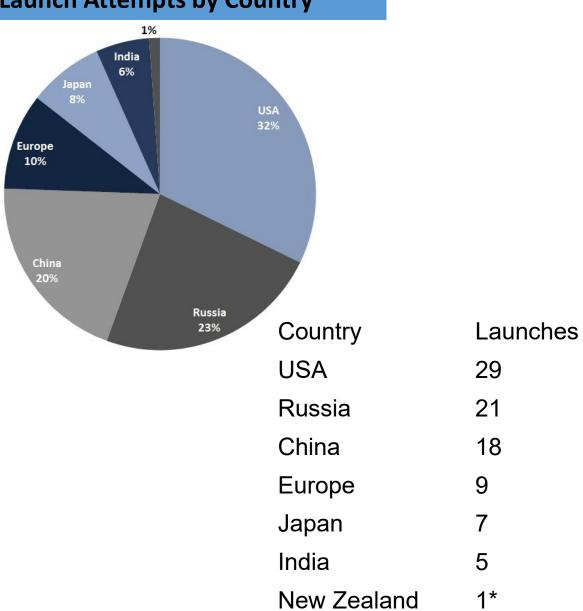


- More than 100 organizations world wide are thought to be currently developing launch vehicles
- More than 30 small launch vehicles being developed ( < 500kg Payloads)</li>
- Ridesharing opportunities have increase by a factor of 10 in the last 5 years

## Status of Access to Space

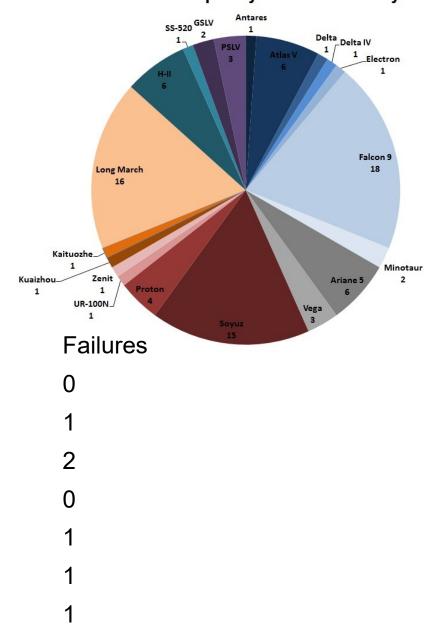
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### **Orbital Launch Attempts by Country**



Total

#### Launch Attempts by Launcher Family



## SLS CAPABILITY AVAILABILITY

SLS Block 1 As Early As 2020 SLS Block 1B Crew As Early As 2023 SLS Block 1B Cargo As Early As 2023 SLS Block 2 As Early As 2028

#### **Provides**

Initial Heavy-Lift Capability

#### **Provides**

105 t to LEO capability via Exploration Upper Stage

Co-manifested payload capability in Universal Stage Adapter

#### **Enables**

Europa Clipper/Lander

Deep Space Transport

Ice or Ocean Worlds Missions

Large-Aperture Space Telescopes

#### **Provides**

8.4-meter fairings for primary payloads

#### **Provides**

130 t to LEO capability via advanced boosters

10-meter fairings for primary payloads

#### **Enables**

Crewed Mars Orbit Missions

Crewed Mars
Surface Missions

#### Enables

Orion Test

SmallSats to Deep Space





Enables





## **SLS Crew Launch Configurations**

A Propulsive Payload Carrier as a Rideshare Capability for Secondary Payloads with a Co-Manifested Payload

Orion Spacecraft

**Spacecraft Adapter** 

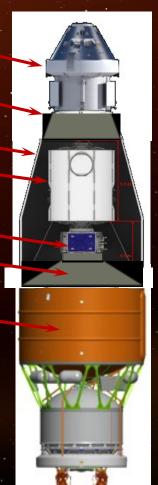
**Universal Stage Adapter (USA)** 

Co-Manifested Payload (CPL)

Propulsive Payload Carrier (PPC) w/ Attached Secondary Payloads

Payload Adapter (PLA)

Exploration Upper Stage (EUS)
Reference

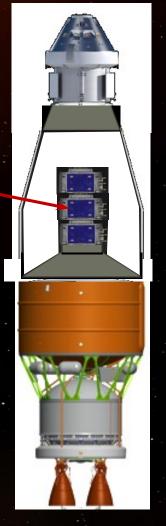


Multiple Propulsive/ESPA Payload

Or Carriers with Secondary Payloads as
a Dedicated Co-Manifested

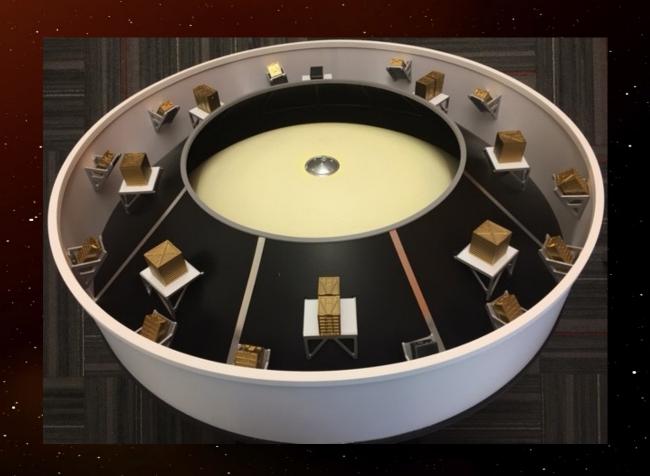
Payload

Multiple PPC/ESPA Type
Carriers as a Dedicated
Co-Manifested Payload (CPL)
w/ Attached Secondary Payloads



## SLS B1B Secondary Payload Accommodation Concept

- Mounting on the Payload Adapter and Universal Stage Adapter (USA)
- Possible Complement
  - 22 6U
  - 2 12U
  - 2 27U
- Mounting on the aft portion of the Payload Adaptor has been shown to be the optimal mounting location





## Lean Access to Space

- Improved CubeSat manifesting via NASA's CubeSat Launch Initiative (CSLI)
- As reliability is demonstrated, some providers may be appropriate for future less risktolerant NASA missions
- Milestones-based payment structure; *limited* LSP insight through milestone reviews
- A single demonstration flight was awarded to Firefly, Rocket Lab, and Virgin Galactic
- Statement of Work: Minimum 60kg to LEO (425km), orbit inclination 33 to 98 degrees, launch date no later than April 15, 2018
- Companies are responsible for LV development costs









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erOne alactic)	Pegasus XL (Orbital)
n	16.9 m
kg	Up to 443 kg to LEO
m	1.18 m
nchronous)	Multiple
•	Certified; Low risk- tolerant spacecraft

#### **Comparison Only**

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# **VECTOR (new)**



High risk-tolerant spacecraft

Alpha 1.0 Electron Launche Specification \* (Rocket Lab) (Firefly) (Virgin Ga Length 17 m 23 m 20 n **Payload Mass** 200 kg 150 kg 300 k Payload Diameter 1.1 m 1.45 m 1.3 r 500 km (Sun Orbit 500 km (Sun Synchronous) 500 km (Sun Sy Synchronous) No certification LV Certification

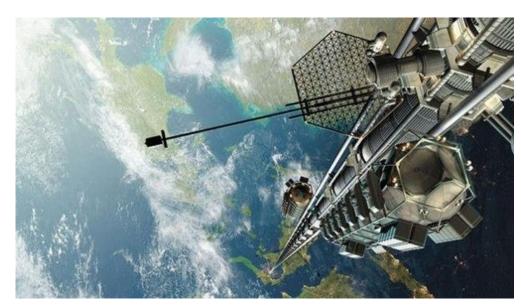
<sup>\*</sup> LSP recommends a 25% reduction from published specifications for vehicles of this size and maturity until successfully demonstrated

## "Lean" Small Satellite Missions Concept

- The concept of "lean satellite missions" was born from the creation and evolution of the practices of lean manufacturing, lean engineering, lean satellites, lean launch and lean operations
- "Lean" is a both technical and management approaches to the "risk and reward" considerations, it is not a standard by itself
- Lean and Six Sigma are widely used in industry as continuous improvement best practices
  - They can also be very complementary in nature and, if performed properly, can produce unprecedented results
  - Lean focuses on eliminating non-value added activities in a process and Six Sigma focuses on reducing variation from the remaining value-added steps
  - Lean provides speed ensuring products and services flow without interruption while Six Sigma ensures that critical product / service characteristics are completed correctly the very first time we do them.

    Typical Product / Service Flow

## What does the Future Hold for Opportunities to Gain Access to Space?



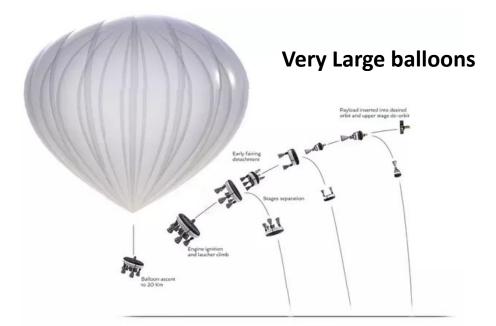
**Space elevator -**



**Space Planes** 



Mega Rail Gun



# Questions

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