

Launcher Evolution

Space Rendezvous KTH 2016

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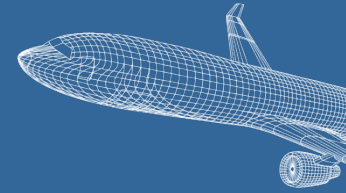
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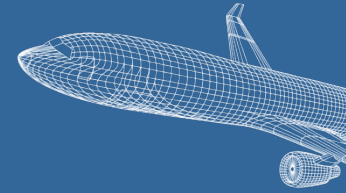


Major changes in launcher market in the 2010's
What happened? What is the future?

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- > 56,000 employees
- > Locations in more than 30 countries
- > £8bn sales



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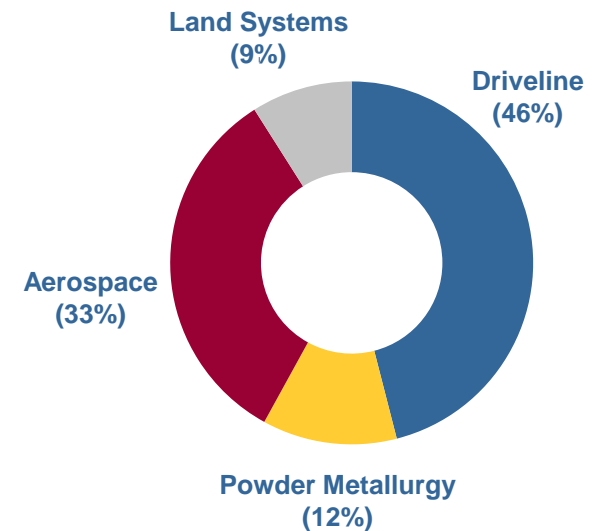


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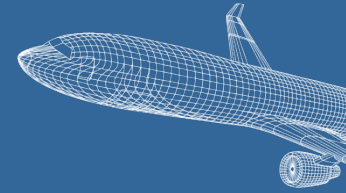
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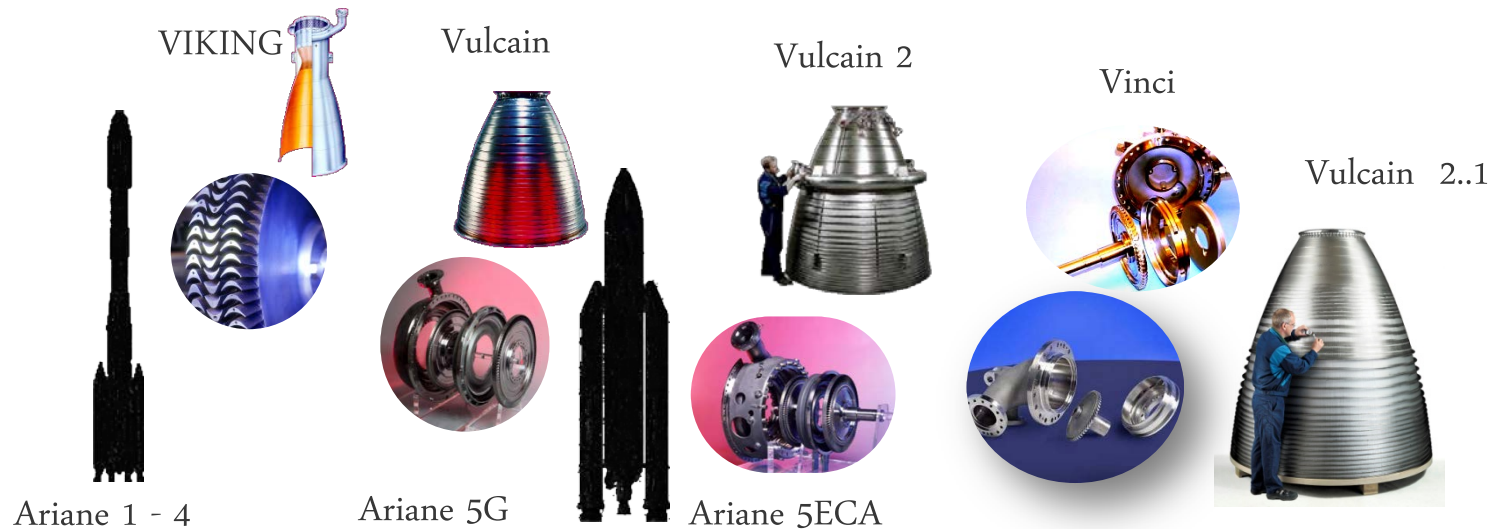
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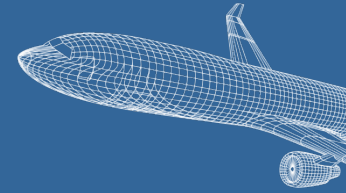


- > Design and Manufacturing of Commercial and Military aircraft engines and Rocket Engines
- > GKN Aerospace Engine Systems
 - 4500 employees in Sweden, Norway, USA and India
 - HQ in Trollhättan, ~2000 employees
- > Space
 - European Center of Excellence for rocket engine turbines and nozzles: applied research, product development and serial production
 - 150/400 employees



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GKN Components on Ariane Rockets



Vulcain 2 (main engine)



Ariane 5

Nozzle

Vinci (Upper stage)

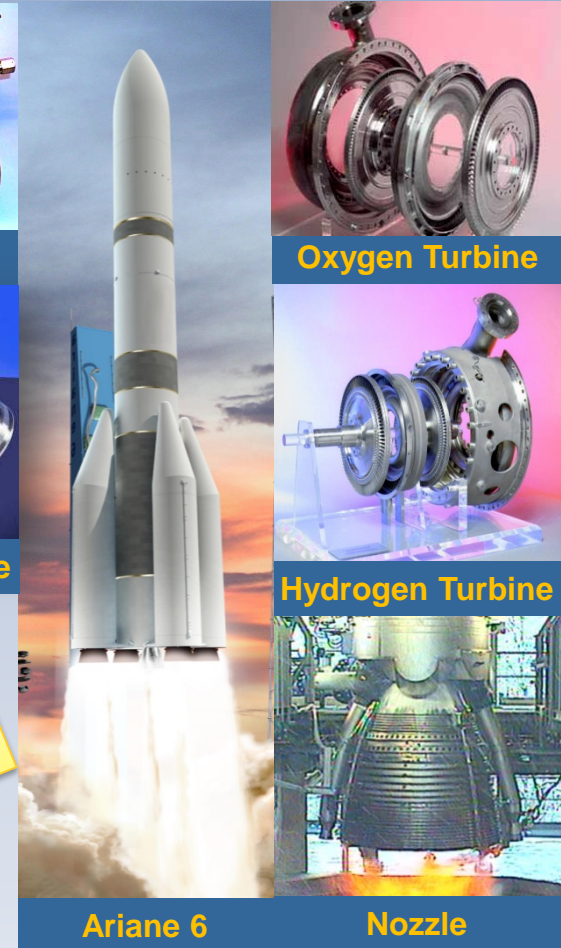


Oxygen Turbine

Hydrogen Turbine

**In development
First flight 2020**

Vulcain 2.1 (main engine)



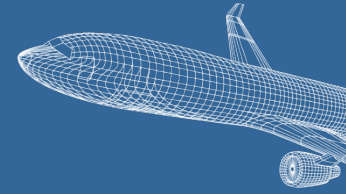
Ariane 6

Nozzle

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Market Changes



Up to ~2010, commercial satellite launches dominated by Arianespace (Ariane 5) and ILS (Proton)

Reliable but expensive launchers

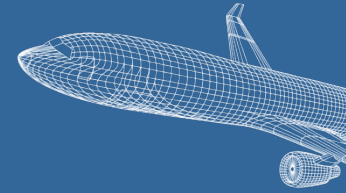
What has changed?

- > New players on market – game changers
 - 2009: SpaceX publishes official launch prices
 - 2013: First successful SpaceX launch to GEO – realization of low cost promise
 - 2016: Blue Origin announces New Glenn reusable heavy launcher
- > Demand for manned flights, both tourism and scientific missions
- > Explosive growth of nano/micro satellite market

→ Serious competition on all levels



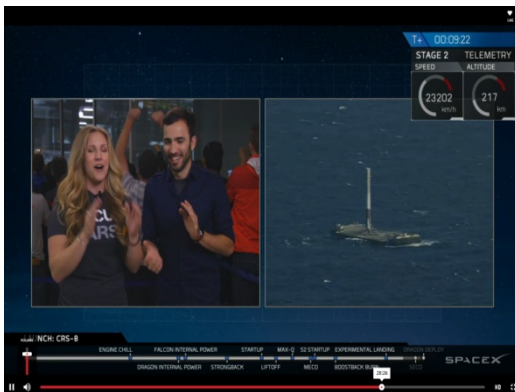
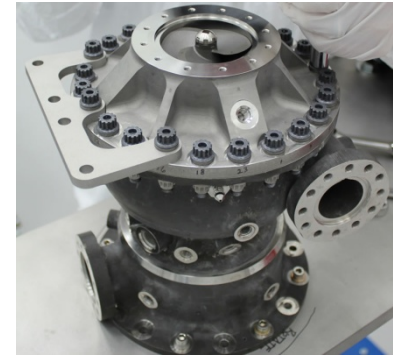
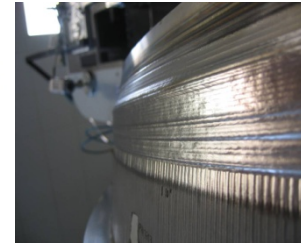
Heavy Launcher Competition



Challenge for all competitors: Cost, Cost, Cost
New launchers are needed, with short time to market

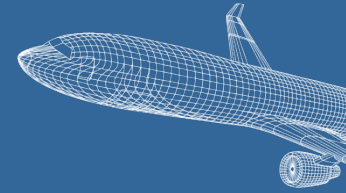
How?

- Rocket design and manufacturing
 - Additive Manufacturing
 - “Back to basics”
- Reusability?
- Streamline industrial structure, reduce bureaucracy

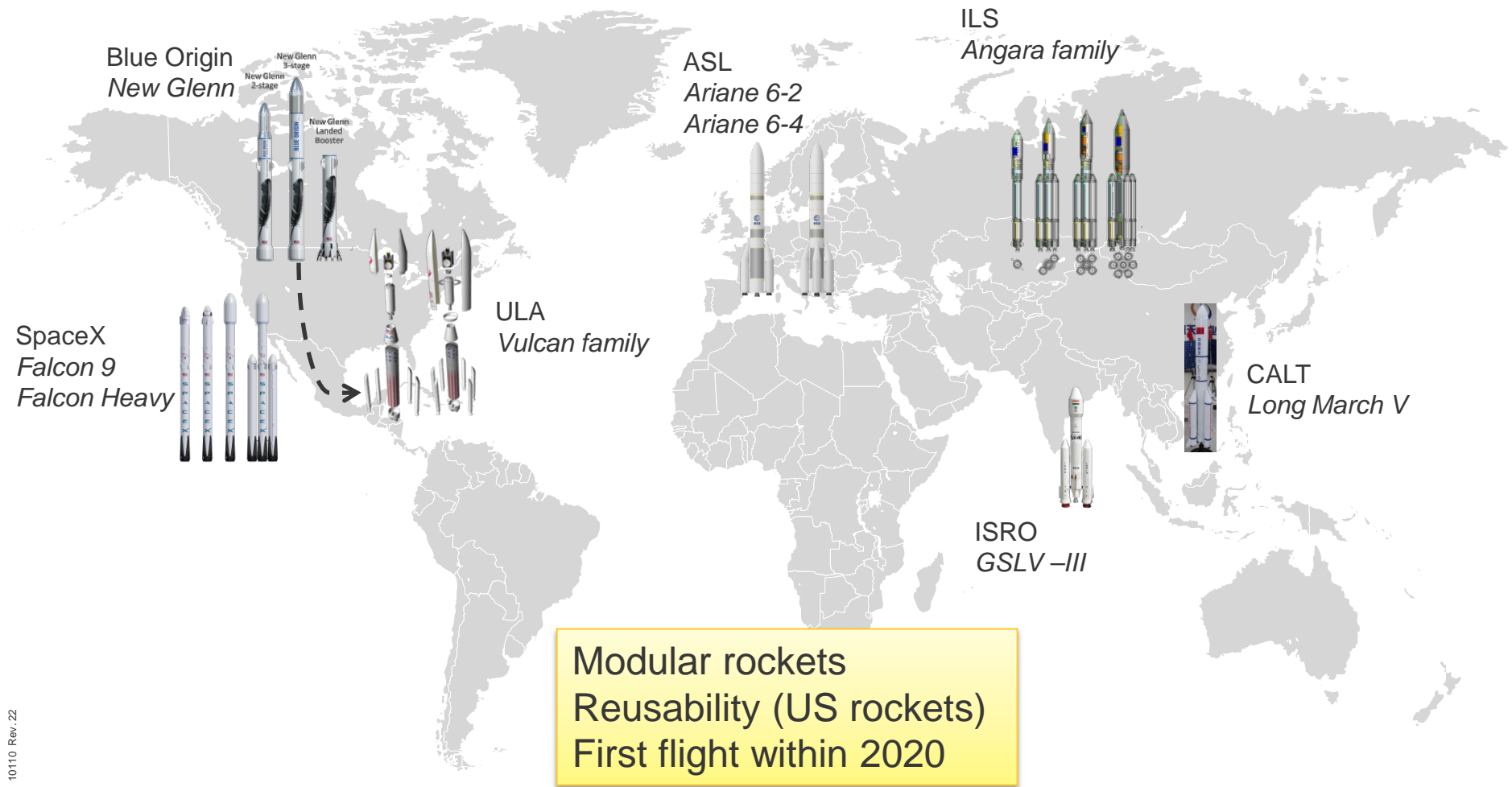


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Heavy Launchers – Global Competition



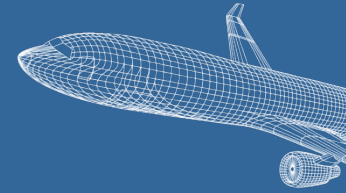
Heavy Launchers in Development



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Arianespace – Ariane 6-2 and 6-4



“Ariane 6 will have twice the mass and twice the volume of the Falcon 9, at less than twice the price” – Patrick Bonguet, Ariane 6 program director

Flexibility

- Modular for different missions (institutes vs. commercial satellites)
- Restartable upper stage engine (Vinci)

Heritage from Ariane 5

- Main engine is improved Vulcain 2 (reduced number of parts, new technologies)

Technology sharing with Vega rocket (common engine P120)

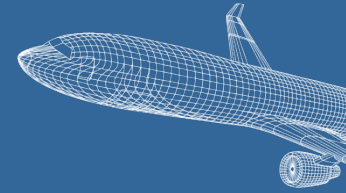
Changed industrial structure

First flight 2020



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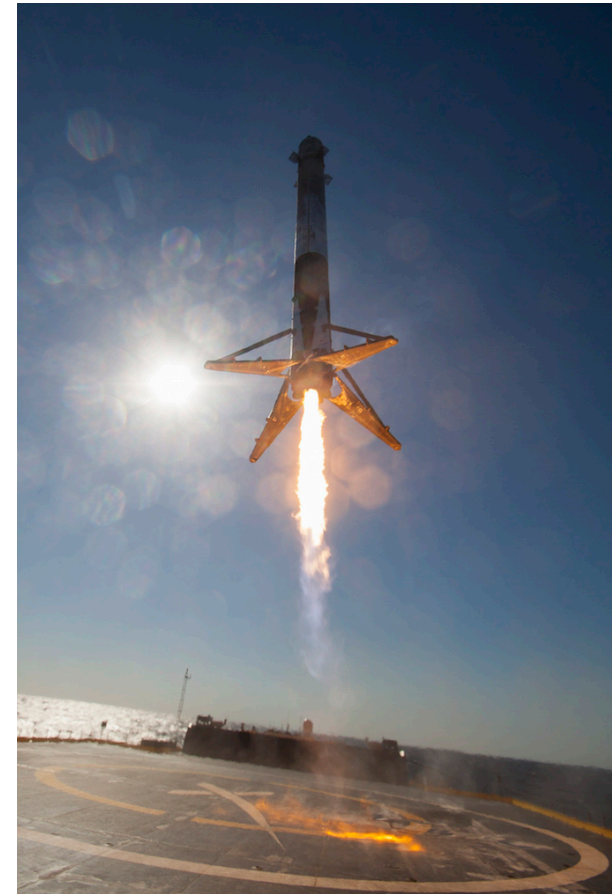




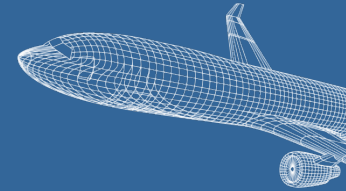
End goal is human exploration and colonization of solar system

→ Falcon rockets are steps on this path

- Successes with Falcon 9, 5 T to GTO
- Reusability proven, low price confirmed
- Falcon Heavy in development, 12 T to GTO
- "Back to basic": modular rockets, robust manufacturing
- Additive manufacturing



Blue Origin



Very little information available. End target?

Jeff Bezos: *“Our vision is millions of people living and working in space, and New Glenn is a very important step. It won’t be the last of course. Up next on our drawing board: New Armstrong. But that’s a story for the future.”*

New Shepard

- > Sub orbital space tourism, start 2017
- > 400 AM parts
- > Test bed for future rockets

New Glenn announced September

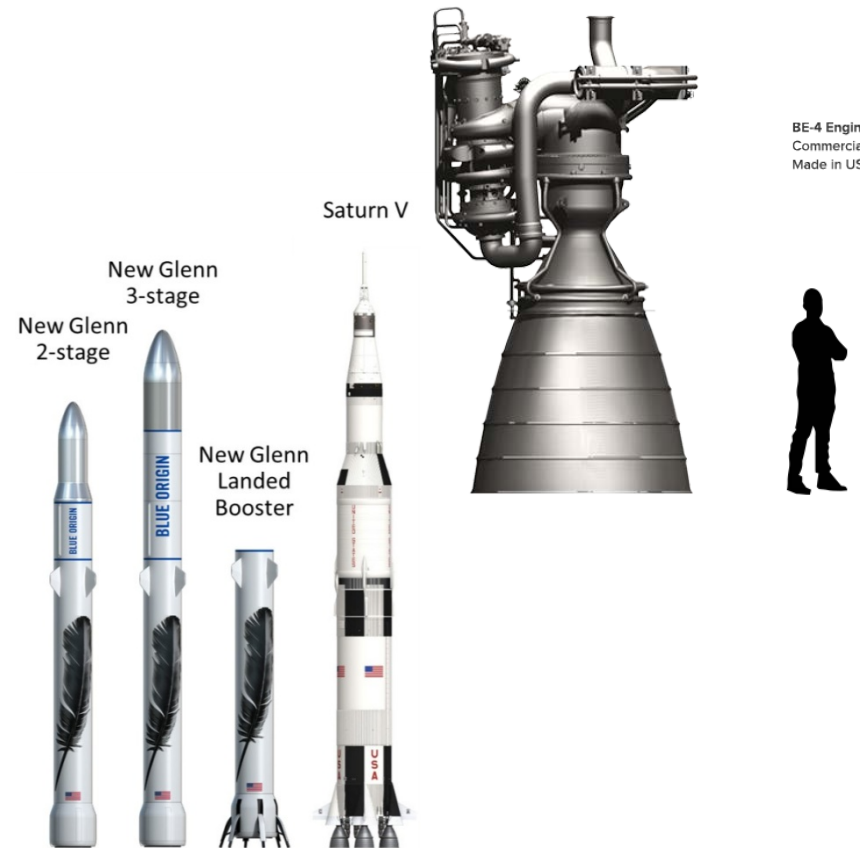
- > Huge rocket
- > Manned flights beyond LEO
- > Flight before 2020



New Armstrong?

Rocket Engine development

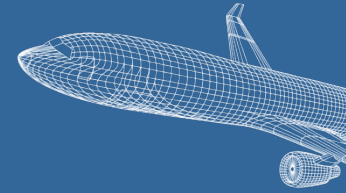
- > BE-3 – main engine for New Shepard
 - Throttling abilities for landings
 - > BE-4 – Staged Combustion engine for New Glenn
- **BE-4 is frontrunner for ULA Vulcan!**



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Small Launchers



**Small satellite market had exploded:
nano/microsatellites – market for
new small launchers?**

Several small launchers in development

- Rocket Labs Electron (NZ)
- Virgin Galactic Launcher 1 (US)

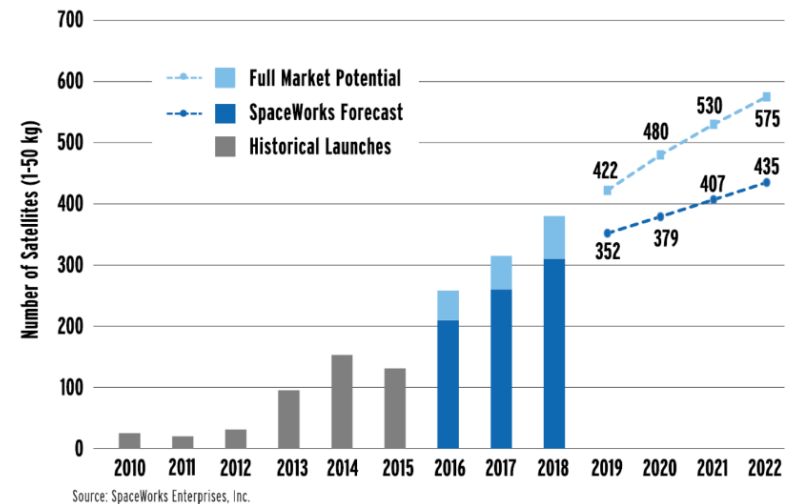
**All with target “low cost access
to space”**

**Many satellites but not high
total weight**

**Many likely to be launched
on conventional launchers**

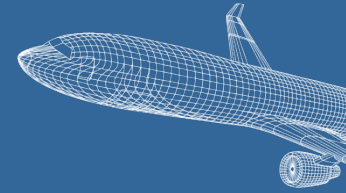
Nano/microsatellite launch history and forecast

Projections based on announced and future plans of developers and programs indicate as many as 3,000 nano/microsatellites will require a launch from 2016 through 2022.



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Manned Launches – In Development



Very active!

Space Tourism – sub orbital

- > Virgin Galactic
- > Blue Origin



Commercial missions (ISS)

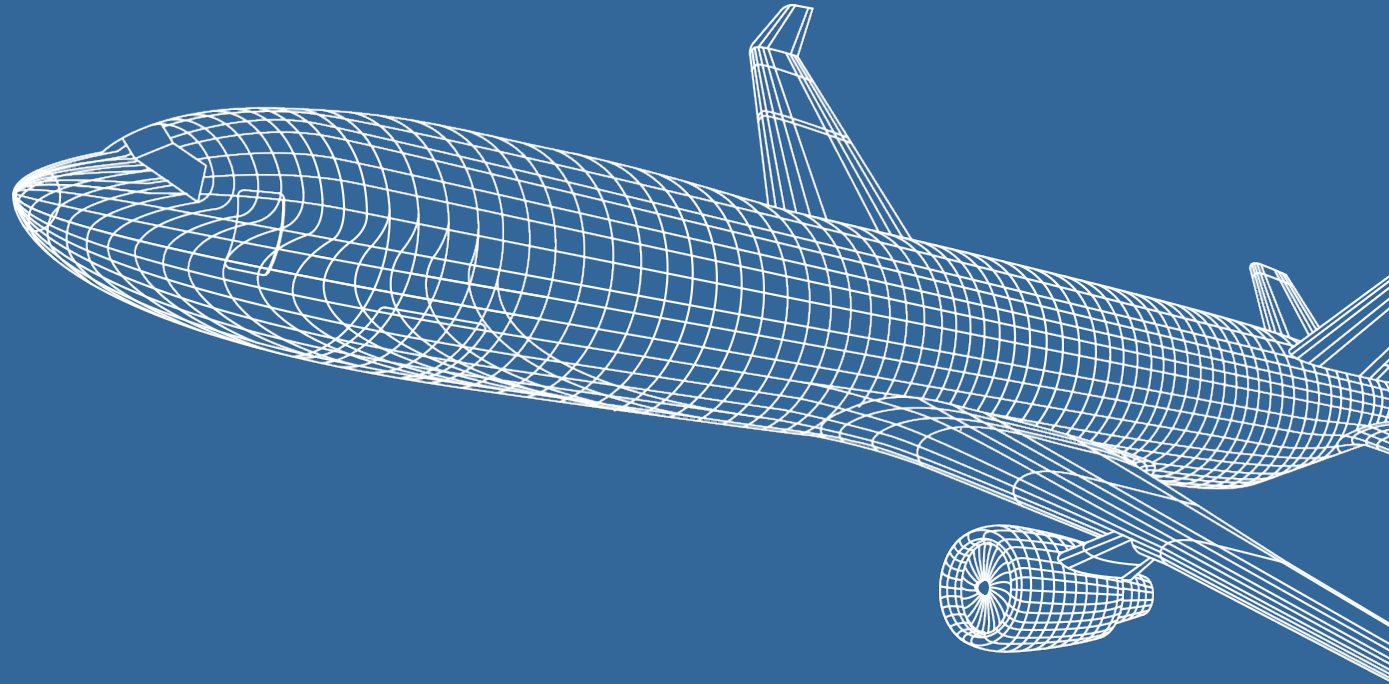
- > SpaceX Dragon Capsule
- > Boeing Starliner



Exploration

- > NASA Space Launch System, SLS
- > SpaceX Interplanetary Transport System, ITS
- > Blue Origin New Armstrong





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