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DOD PICOSAT LAUNCH  
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# STS-113 MEPSI Deployment



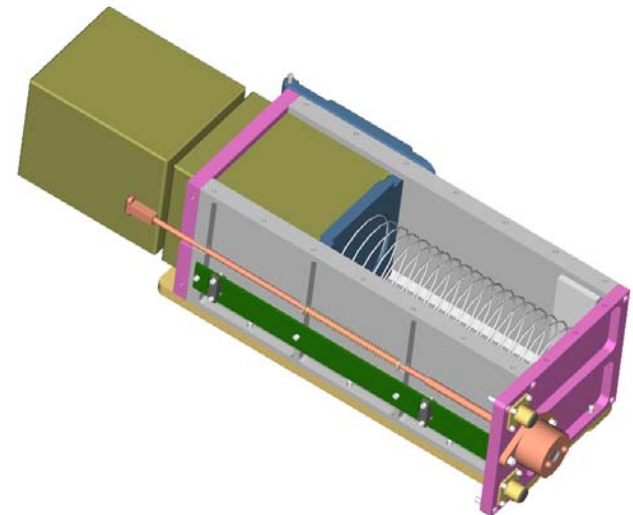
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# DOD PICOSAT Launch Methods - STP SSPLs

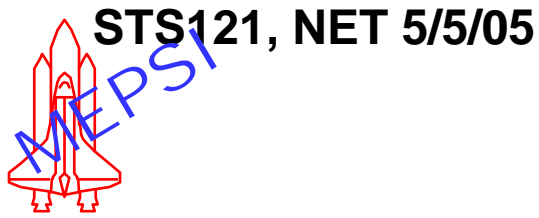


- DoD-developed capability to launch picosat class spacecraft (< 5kg) from the shuttle
- 2 sizes of picosat
  - SSPL 4410 (4x4x5 inches)
  - SSPL 5510 (5x5x5 inches)
- Launchers could be used for 1 “double” picosat
  - Mass limited

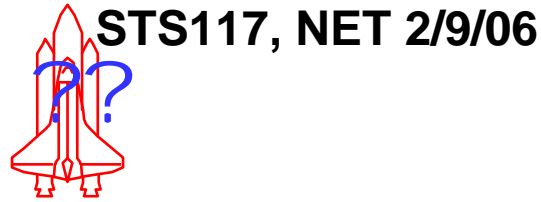




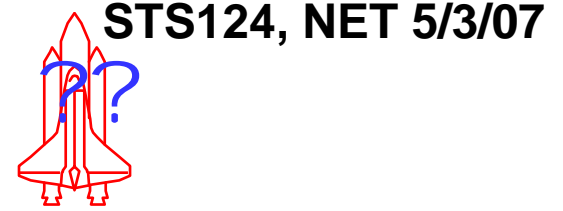
# Projected Shuttle Picosat Launches



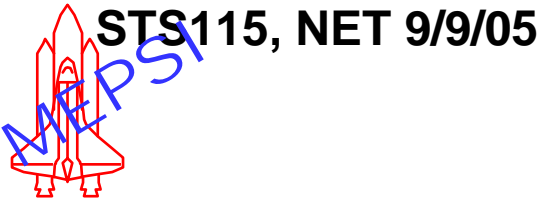
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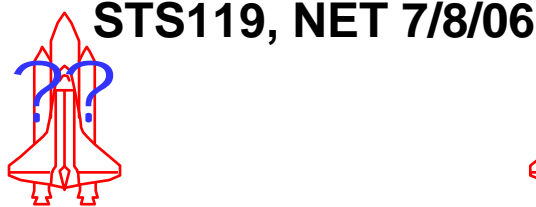
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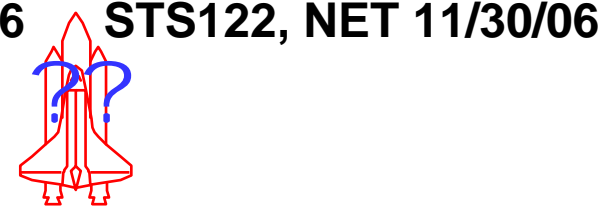
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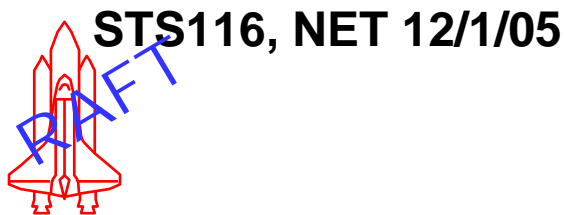
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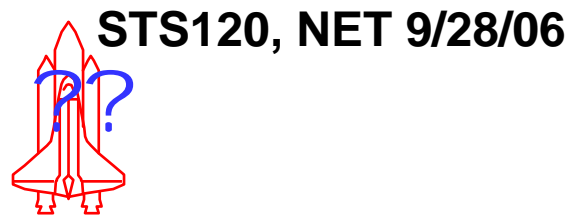
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**STS122, NET 11/30/06**



**STS116, NET 12/1/05**



**STS120, NET 9/28/06**

There are more.....



# Summary

- **DOD is using PICOSATs and will have unused capability**
- **Still working with NASA & Space Grant to “share” DOD launchers**
  - **Ball is in NASA’s court**
- **Looking into a US ELV Picosat launch capability...**