

RocketPod™ Update

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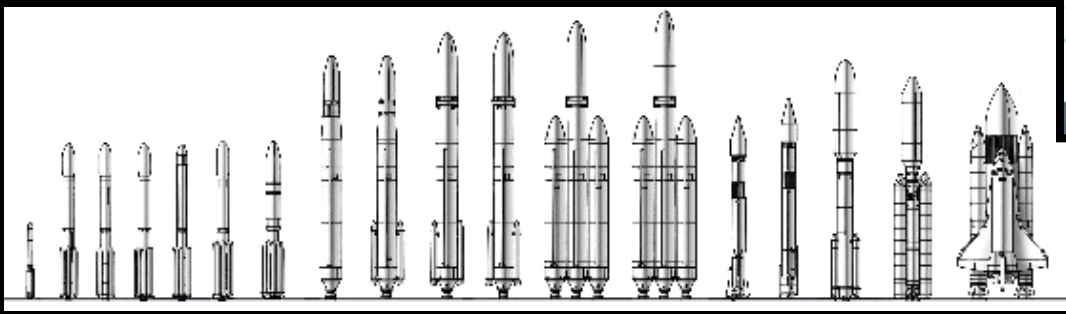
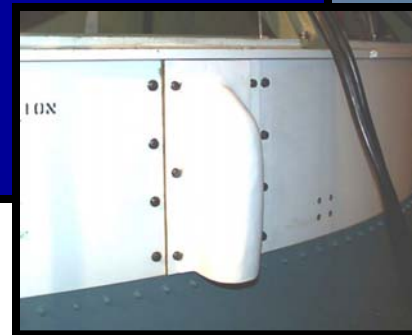
- **RocketCam™: Get the picture.**
- **RocketPod™: Get the ride.**



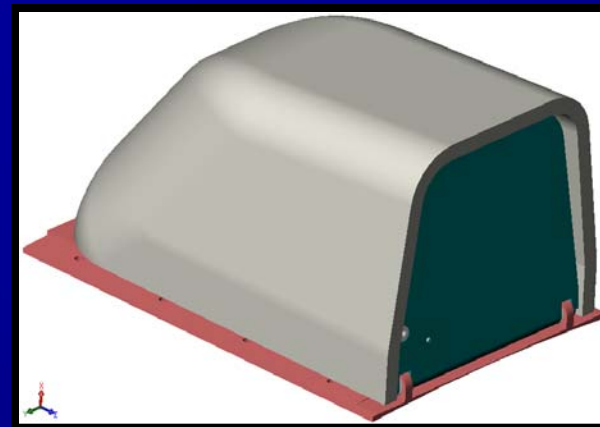
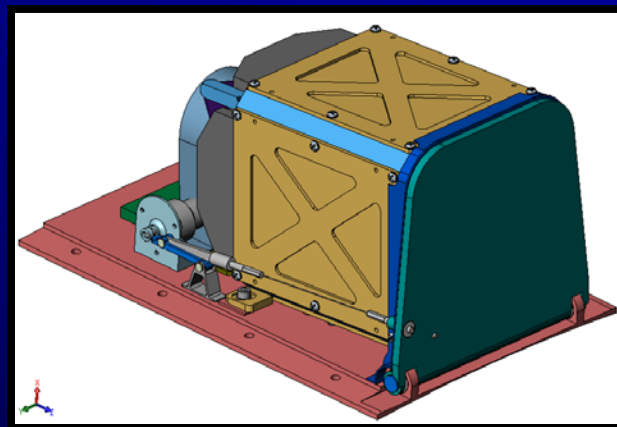
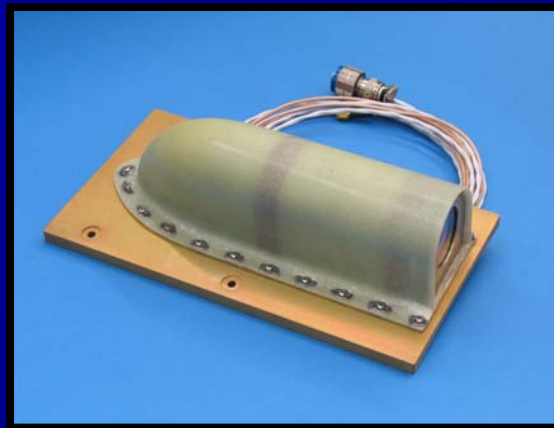
RocketCam Space Heritage



- **Launched on 59 projects since 1997**
 - 35 rockets to orbit (76 cameras)
 - 22 suborbital launches (52)
 - 2 spacecraft (6)
- **All relatively simple integrations**
- **All relatively low cost**
- **All successful**
- **Many more to come**

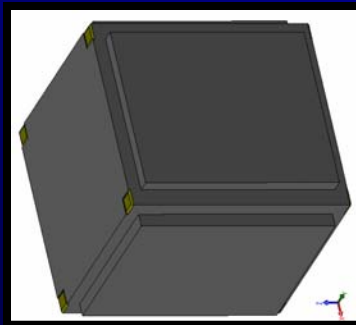
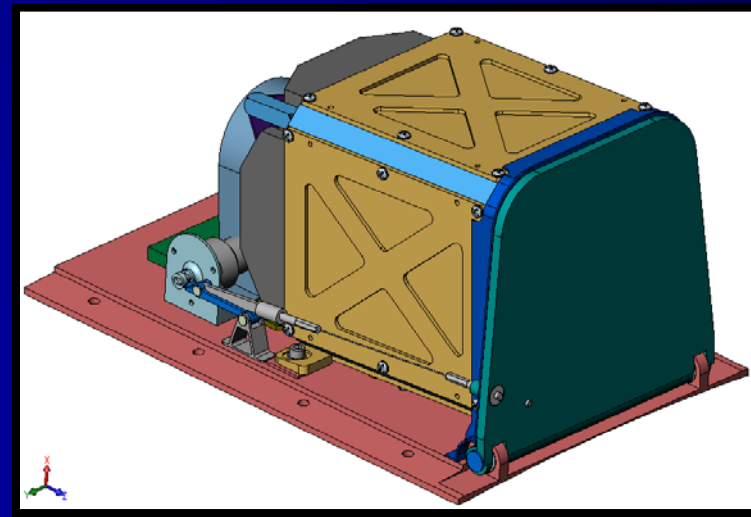
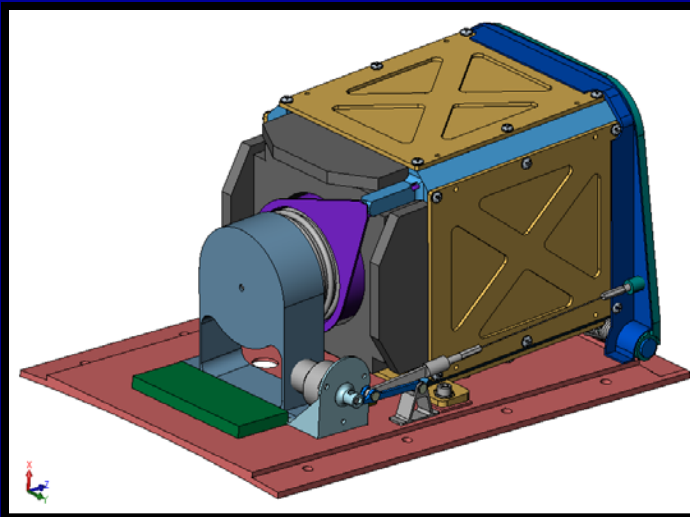


RocketCam to RocketPod (Delta II example)



RocketPod™ patented in U.S. and Europe

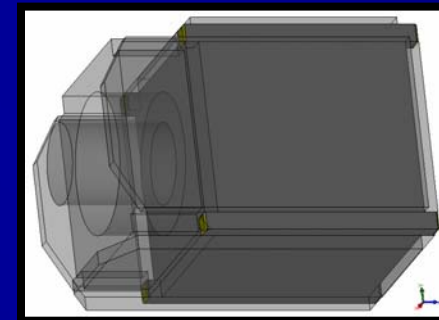
RocketPod Internal View



Std. CubeSat

Sep velocities:

- 2.6 m/s for 0.6 kg payload
- 2.0 m/s for 1.0 kg
- 1.4 m/s for 2.0 kg



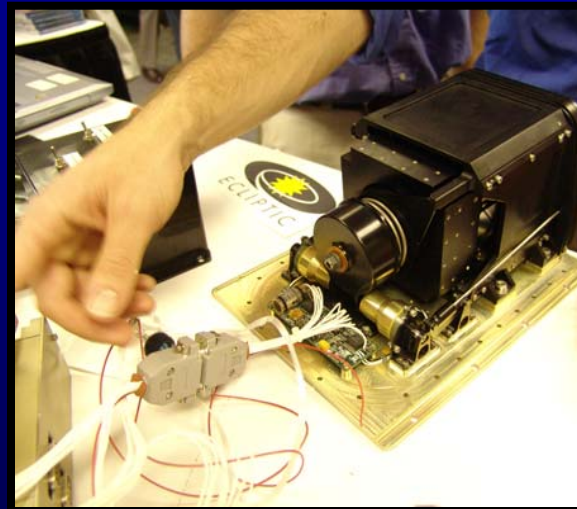
"CubeSat+"

Project Accomplishments

2002-2004



- **Delivered a flight-like RocketPod working model**
 - 8 mos. after contract start (delivered 2004 Jul)
 - Verified functionality in lab and in simulated microgravity
- **Delivered a preliminary User's Manual**
- **Secured add-on funding for definitive Delta II secondary payload assessment via USAF/SMC**
 - Completed 2004 Dec by Boeing

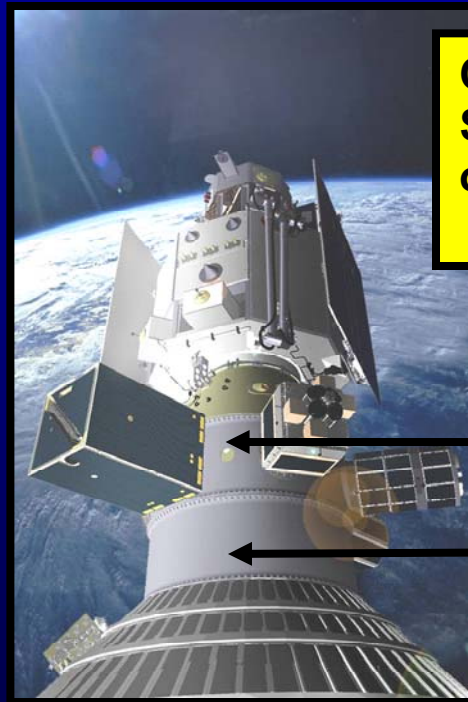


Project Accomplishments

2005-2006



- Assessed integration issues for most other U.S. ELVs, plus some spacecraft
 - Delta IV, Atlas 5, Minotaur, Taurus, Falcon 1
- Settled on Atlas 5 “C Ring” as most desirable RocketPod (and P-Pod) location

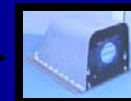
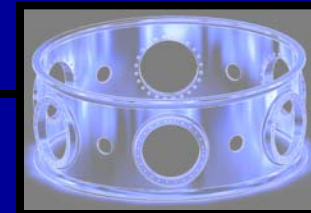


Completed DARPA Phase-1 STTR with Cal Poly SLO to identify and work orbital launch opportunities for RocketPod and P-Pod
-- Focused on 2009 Atlas 5 launch

ESPA Ring

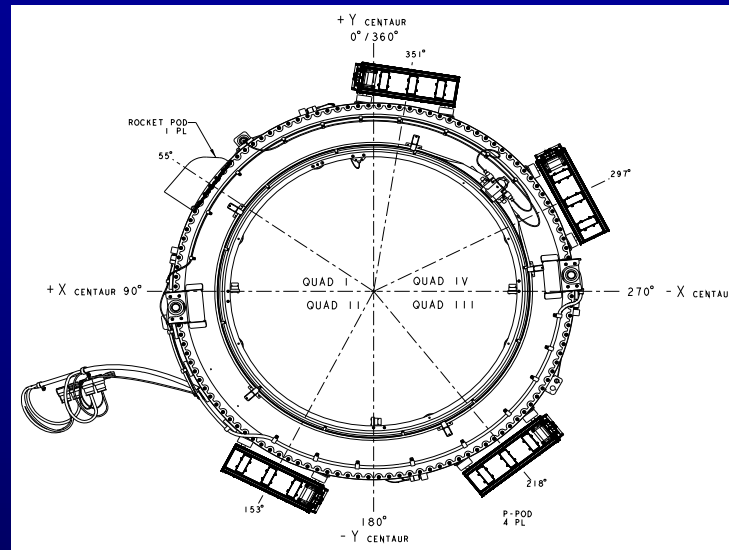
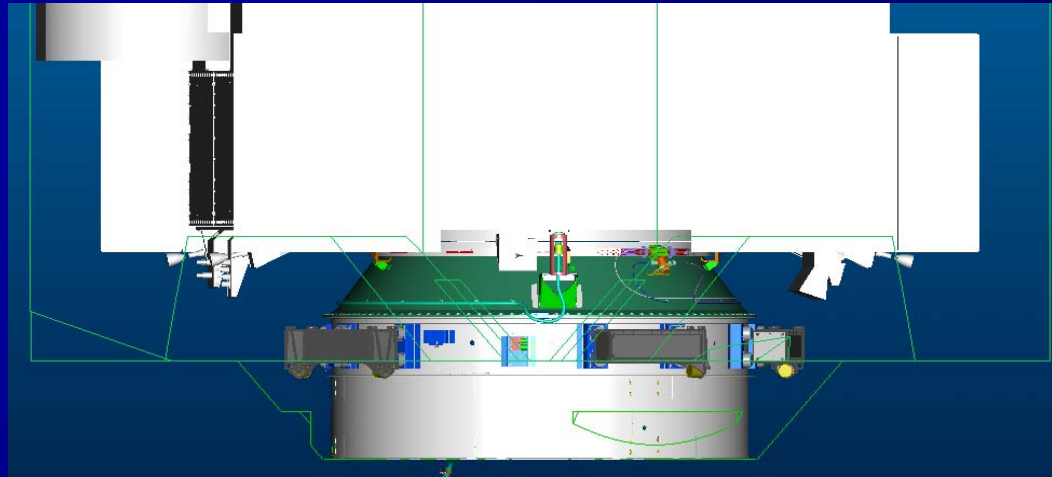
C Ring

RocketPod (xN)



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Mid-2007 Baseline Atlas 5 Concept



5 slots

2007-2008 Developments



- **2007-present: Continued with suborbital launch plans**
 - Garvey Spacecraft Corp. reusable rocket
- **2007: Ecliptic and Cal Poly proposed DARPA Phase 2 STTR, continuing with C-Ring baseline**
 - Awarded but not on contract yet
 - ULA funded by KSC to perform initial NRE for accommodating ** 6 ** standard P-Pod mounting locations
 - Make this interface the same for a single RocketPod mounting
 - Make P-Pod and RocketPod qualification and CubeSat integration processes nearly identical
- **2008: KSC funding for ULA halted before PDR**
 - STTR plan and milestones in re-work now
 - Will re-assess other launchers such as Minotaur
 - Expect to be on contract this quarter; 2010 launch target

Suborbital Launch Plans



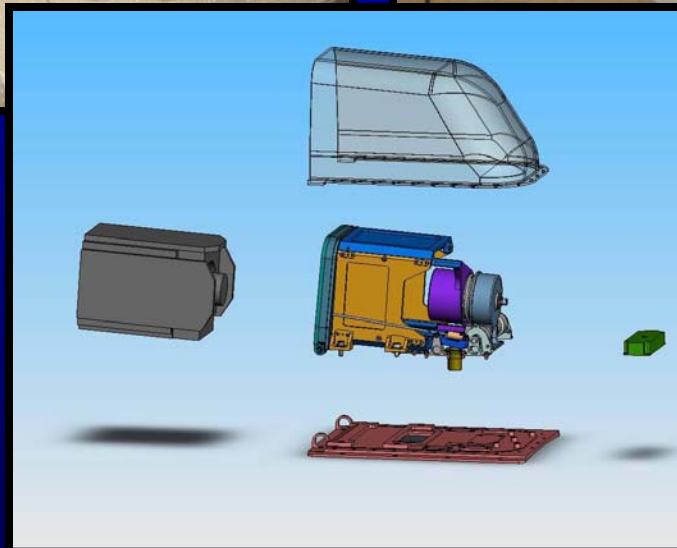
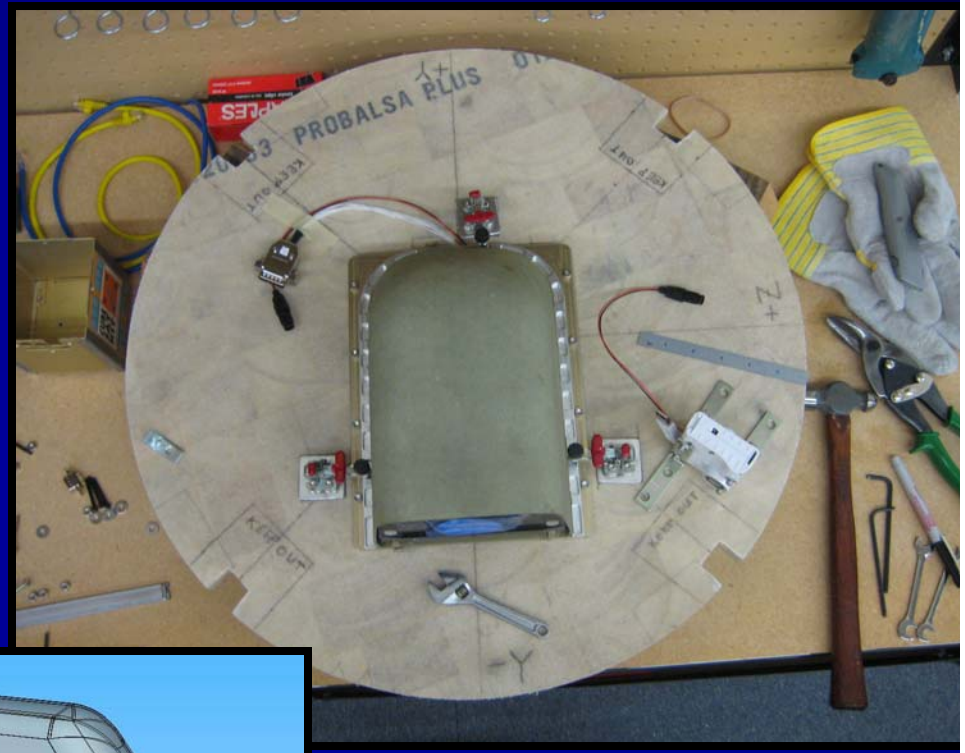
- **Two suborbital RocketPod launches (same day) originally planned for last fall on Garvey P-9A/B reusable rocket**
 - Now scheduled for early June
 - Hardware layout designed and built up last summer by two Caltech undergrad interns
 - Final system tests, pre-ship review and hardware delivery planned for this month

Ecliptic Summer Internship (2007)



Jason Cerundolo (l) and Brian Hires (r)

Prepping for P-9A/B (late last summer)



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Garvey P-9A/B in Work

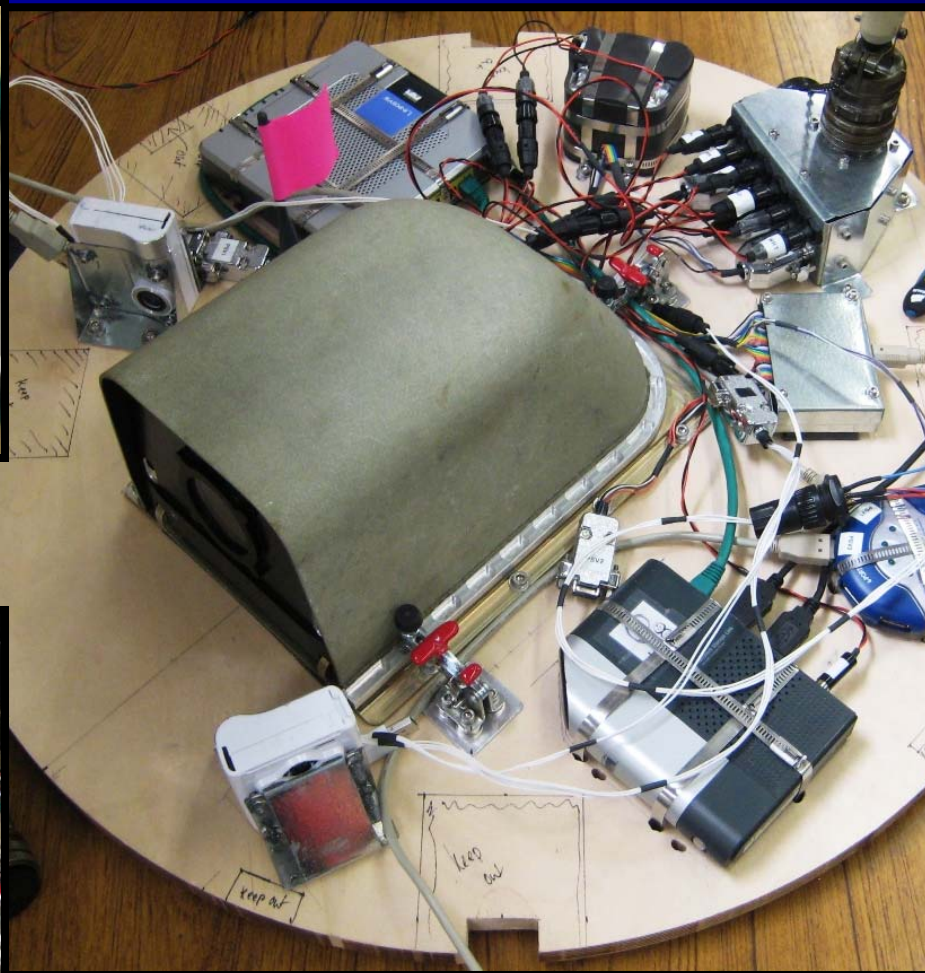
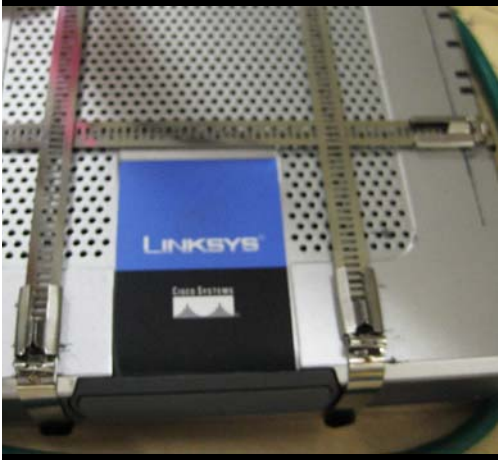
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Prepping for P-9A/B (last week)



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Garvey P-9A/B in Work (Last week)



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