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# INTERORBITAL SYSTEMS' NEPTUNE MODULAR ROCKETS: REVOLUTIONIZING LOW-COST SPACE ACCESS-----SUMMER 2012 REPORT

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### **ROCKET BUILD-TEST-LAUNCH FACILITIES**



- -- R&D and Manufacturing: Mojave Spaceport, since 1996
- -- Two Rocket Engine Test Sites: Mojave Spaceport
- -- Low-Altitude Flight-Test Area: PRS Mojave Test Area
- -- Orbital Spaceport (Ocean): Worldwide
- -- Land-Based Launches: Kingdom of Tonga, South Pacific











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### **KEY ROCKET HARDWARE BUILT IN-HOUSE**





Advanced Composites including state-of-the-art lightweight propellant tanks



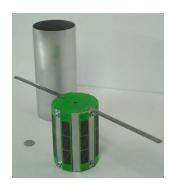
**Ablative Rocket Engines and Components** 



**Advanced Guidance Hardware and Software** 



**Modular Rocket Components** 



Small Satellites: TubeSat and CubeSat Kits



Rocket Injectors, Valves Systems, and Other Metal Components

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#### **IOS UNIQUE ROCKET TECHNOLOGIES**



#### -- NEPTUNE Modular Rocket System (three- and four-stage)

Assembled from multiple Common Propulsion Modules (CPMs)
Parallel- and tandem-staging options
Radically reduced rocket system development costs
Can be customized for a wide range of payloads
Ideal design for assembly-line mass production

### -- Environmentally Safe, Storable, High-Density Hypergolic Propellants White Fuming Nitric Acid (WFNA) and Turpentine/Furfuryl Alcohol

Instantaneous chemical ignition eliminates need for an ignition system

#### -- Low-Cost Propellant Tank Technology

Proprietary acid-resistant tank liners and tank ends State-of-the-art carbon composite tank reinforcement technology

#### -- Blowdown Propellant Feed

Eliminates the need for turbopumps or a separate pressurant system

#### -- Unique Rocket Engine Injector

Automatically maintains propellant jet flow-rate in blowdown mode Maximizes specific impulse over a wide pressure input range

#### -- CPM Engine is Ablatively Cooled and Gimballed

Ablative engines allow lighter propellant tanks Gimballing allows rapid attitude correction in a rough-sea environment

-- Canister-Based Ocean Launch



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### **COMMON PROPULSION MODULE (CPM)**





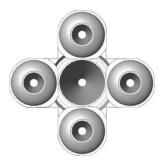
- -- Basic building block/construction element of the N-Series Rockets
- -- Bi-propellant storable, hypergolic liquid rocket system
- -- Blowdown propellant feed
- -- State-of-the-art, all-composite propellant tanks
- -- Single gimballed rocket engine
- -- CPMs clustered together in multiples to meet mission requirements for both small and large payloads

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### **SELECT CPM CONFIGURATION EXAMPLES**





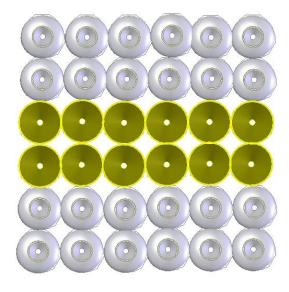
N5 5 CPMs Three stages Payload: 30-40 kg



N7 7 CPMs Three stages Payload: 50-60 kg



N9 9 CPMs Three stages Payload: 100- kg



N36 36 CPMs Three stages Payload: 1,000 kg

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### **N5 MODULAR ROCKET SYSTEM**



### Three-Stage Launch Vehicle with Parallel and Tandem Staging

- -- Five (5) Common Propulsion Modules (CPMs)
- -- Stage 1: 4 CPMs with parallel staging
- -- Stage 2: 1 CPM
- -- Stage 3: Kick stage with solid motor (tandem staging)
- -- Length: 31.5 feet (10.3 m); Maximum diameter: 6.2 feet (1.89 m); fits cargo container
- -- Payload: 66 lbs (30 kg) to a 192 mile (310 km) self-decaying polar orbit to eliminate orbital debris
- Academic base pricing: \$8,000 includes TubeSat Personal Satellite Kit and Launch or \$15,000 CubeSat Personal Satellite Kit and Launch







Stage 3

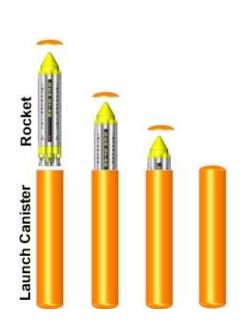
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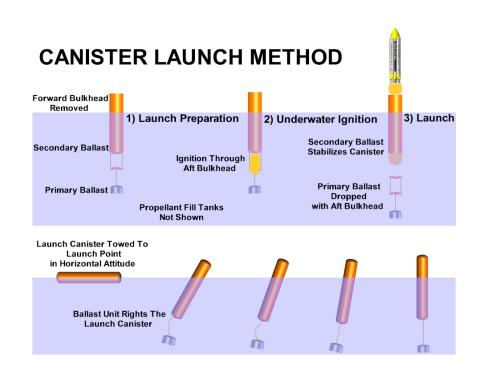




### **CANISTER OCEAN LAUNCH**







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### **CPM MOBILE ROCKET LAUNCHER**







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### **BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY**





**Ultra Lightweight Propellant Tank Technology** 

- -- Acid-resistant propellant-tank liner
- -- Carbon-composite exterior shell
- -- Low-tech construction method
- -- Ideal for mass production



#### **Solid Rocket Motor Technology**

- -- Orbital kick-motor applications
- -- Long burn-times with low thrust
- -- Soft ride for payload
- -- Ideal for mass production

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### **BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY**



#### **Storable Propellant Rocket Engine Technology**

- -- Recent successful test of gimballed roll-control engine and rocket controller
- -- IOS is first in the US to use high-density nitric acid and turpentine as propellants of choice
- -- Precursor to 7,500-lb-thrust hot-firing of NEPTUNE GPRE-7.5KNTF Modular Rocket Main Engine



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### **NEWS AND UPCOMING MISSIONS**





Completed Phase I NASA SBIR Small Business Innovative Research Award

**CPM TV: Common Propulsion Module Test Vehicle**Low-altitude suborbital test flights 2012 FAA Class 3 Waiver

Finalizing details of New High-End Satellite Venture with the GWU

Olav Zipser High-Altitude Jump Record Attempt from SR 145 CPM





NASA NanoSat Challenge/ IOS Satellite Missions I & II, 2013

**Google Lunar X PRIZE Lunar Missions 2014** 

**Orbital Expeditions Space Tourism Flights 2014** 

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### **IOS TUBESAT AND CUBESAT KITS**



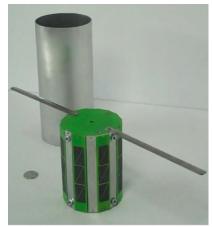
#### **FEATURES**

- -- PCB Gerber Files
- -- Spectrolab TASC solar cells
- -- A Li-ion battery pack (3.7 V 5200 mAh)
- -- Microcomputer (NetMedia BasicX-24 or Arduino Mini)
- -- Transceiver (Radiometrix)
- -- Antennas,
- -- Fasteners
- -- Complete instructions and assembly guide
- -- CubeSat Chassis



IOS CubeSat Kit





TubeSat with Sample Ejection Cylinder





### N5: MISSION I & II LAUNCH MANIFESTS 2013



#### **CubeSats**

UC Irvine, UCISAT1
FPT University, Vietnam, F-1 CubeSat
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore VELOX-P CubeSat,
Google Lunar X PRIZE(GLXP) Team PLAN B (Canada)
GLXP Team EuroLuna, Romit 1 (2-Unit CubeSat from Denmark)
NASA Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Facility, 1 CubeSat & 2 TubeSats
King Abdullah University, Saudi Arabia (KAUST) (2 IOS CubeSats;1TubeSat; 1 suborbital payload)
The Golden iPod: Voyager revisited; Earth to Sky, spaceweather.com, Bishop, CA, STEM Program
Pakistan's I CUBE-1 Islamabad Institute of Science and Technology

Denmark's GLXP Team Euroluna: *Romit 1* 2U (2-Unit) Cubesat



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#### **TubeSats**

Morehead State University (Kentucky Space) (TubeSat and 2 suborbital payloads)

InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico

University of Sydney (Australia) (2) *i-INSPIRE (initial-INtegrated SPectrograph, Imager & Radiation Explorer)* Aslan Academy (Private LA High School) STEM Program

Project Calliope (Space Music Project) Dr. Sandy Antunes' Mission to Sonify the Ionosphere

Universidad de Puerto Rico / Marcelino Canino Canino Middle School, STEM micro-meteoroid impact study

GLXP Team SYNERGY MOON Space-Qualifying Rover Team Astronomska Udruga Vidulini's (AUV) Comms

GLXP Team Part-Time Scientists / Fluid & Reason Software (2) (US/Germany): Wes Faler's FRETS 1

Naval Postgraduate School (3) (TubeSats as ad-hoc orbital communication nodes) and 2 suborbital payloads

Defense Science and Technology Lab (DSTL) United Kingdom, Earth observation

Austrian Arts Group mur.at with MURSAT: Earth-as-Art Project

United States Military Academy at West Point (2)

Brazilian Space Institute/108 5th-7th Grade Students, Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil STEM Program

Mexican Satellite Project ULISES Sat from PLAY Festival's Arts/Soccer Opera from Space

TriVector Services (Huntsville) TRACsat – TriVector Radiation and Attitude Control Satellite

La Despensa (The Pantry) Advertising Agency/Iniciativas en Idiomas (Madrid, Spain)

NASA Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Facility (2)

Galaxy Global, 1 TubeSat, donated to NASA Educational Program

Institute of Advanced Media Arts and Sciences/The Science Project, Inc., Japan (7)

AKQA Advertising, San Francisco

Universidad de Chile, Santiago

University of Sao Paulo, Brazil (2)

David Lawrence K-8 School, North Miami, Florida

• Fifteen additional projects pending including Taiwan, Uruguay, South Africa, and many more!



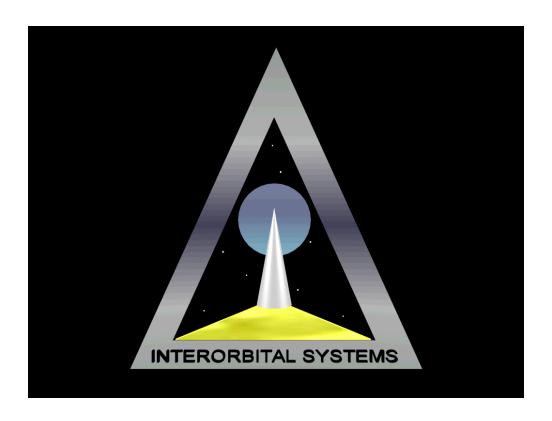
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