

# Citizens in Space

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Suborbital Flight Opportunities on the XCOR Lynx Spacecraft

#### Lynx Spacecraft

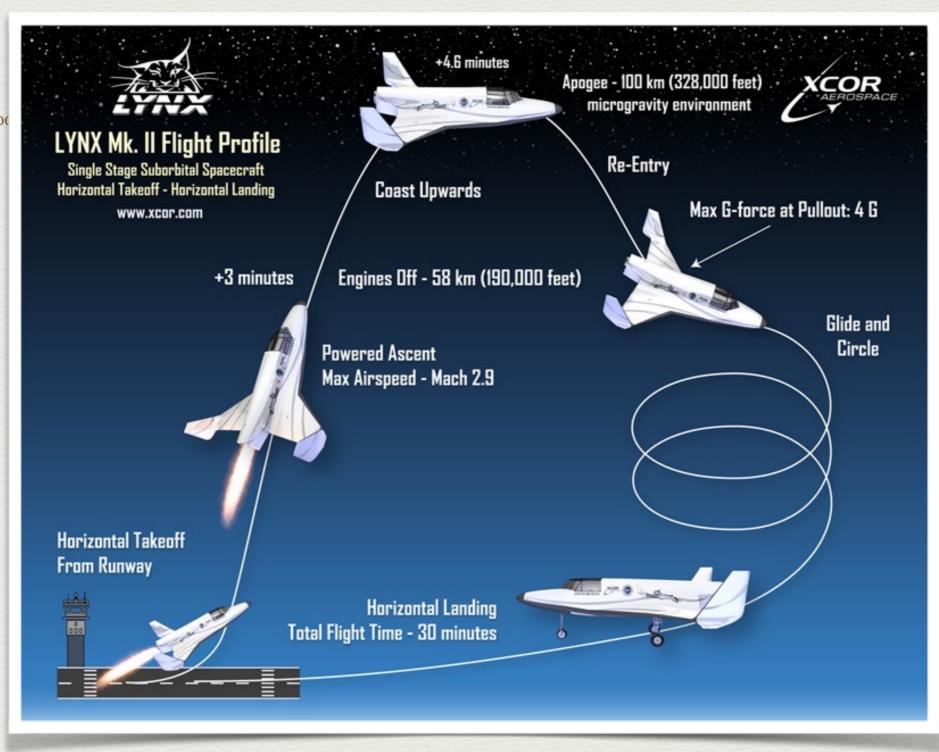


- Developed by XCOR Aerospace
- Fully reusable

- Low Cost (~\$100K/flight)
- Rapid Turn-around / High Flight Rate (4x per day)
- 1 pilot, 1 payload operator / spaceflight participant

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#### Lynx Spacecraft Status

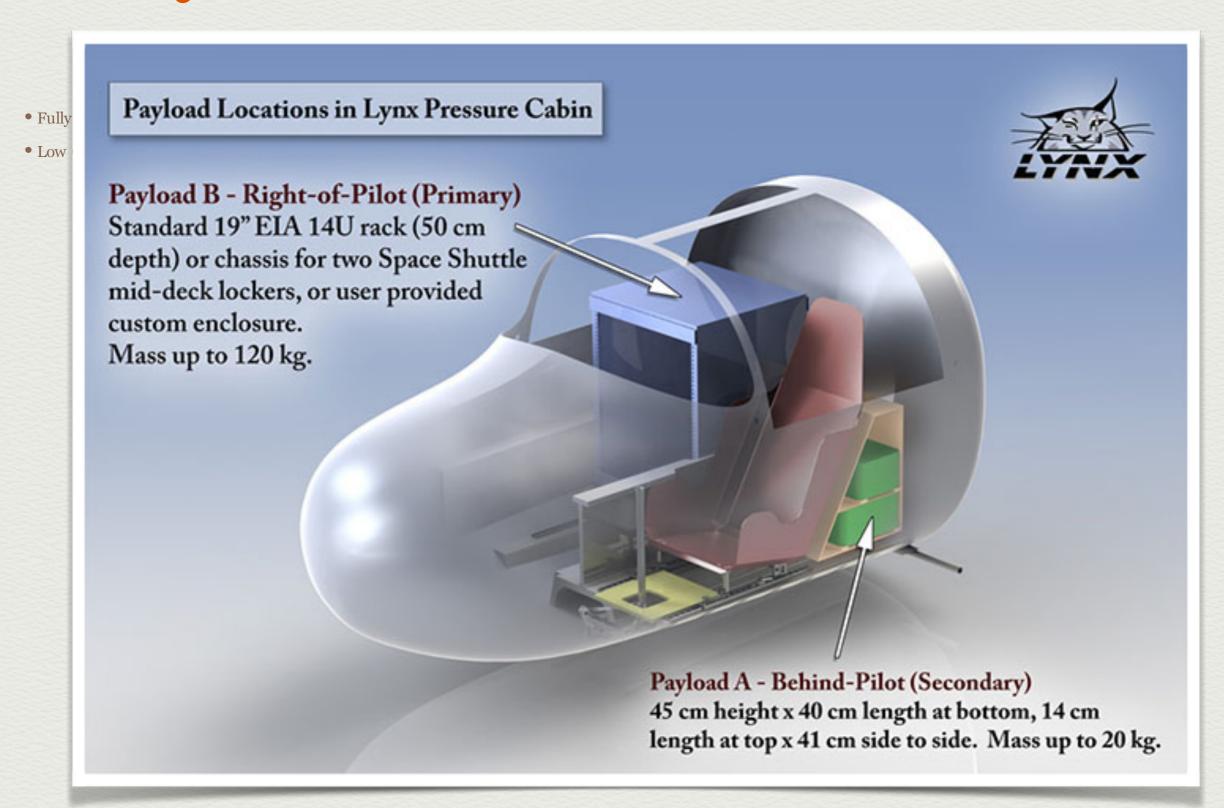


- Mark 1 (prototype) now under construction
- First flight 2015
- 12-18 month flight test program
- The time to start building experiments is now

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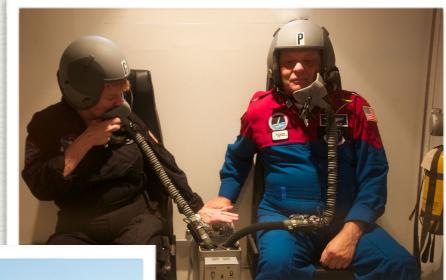
#### Citizens in Space

- A project of the United States Rocket Academy
- Promoting citizen science and citizen space exploration
- Phase I 10 flights on XCOR Lynx spacecraft
  - Largest single bulk purchase of suborbital flights for scientific purposes
  - 10 citizen astronauts, 100 citizen-science experiments
  - First five citizen-astronaut candidates currently in training

#### Citizen Astronaut Training



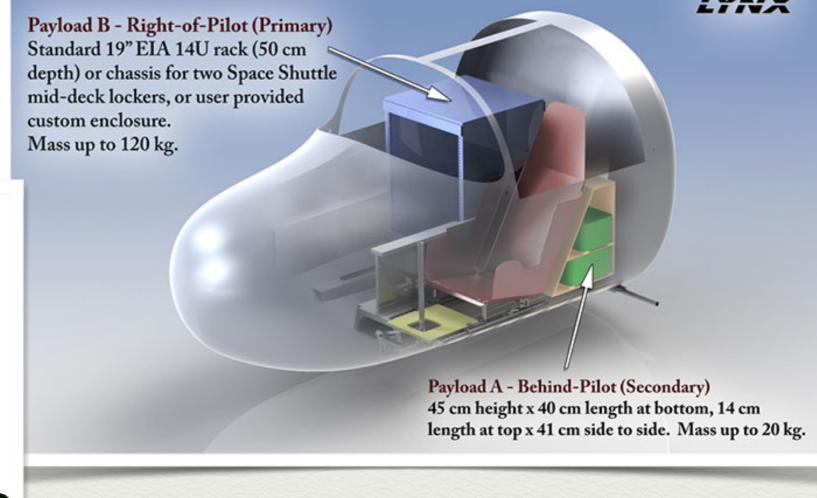


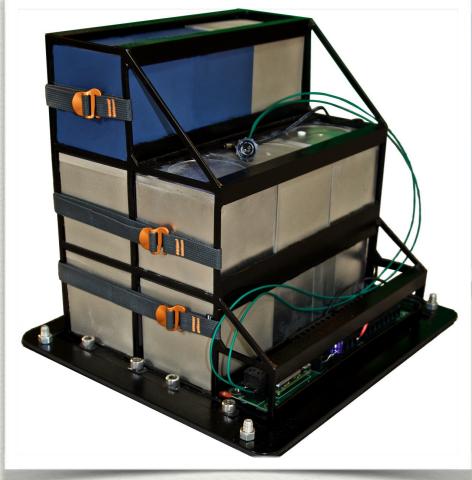






Payload Locations in Lynx Pressure Cabin

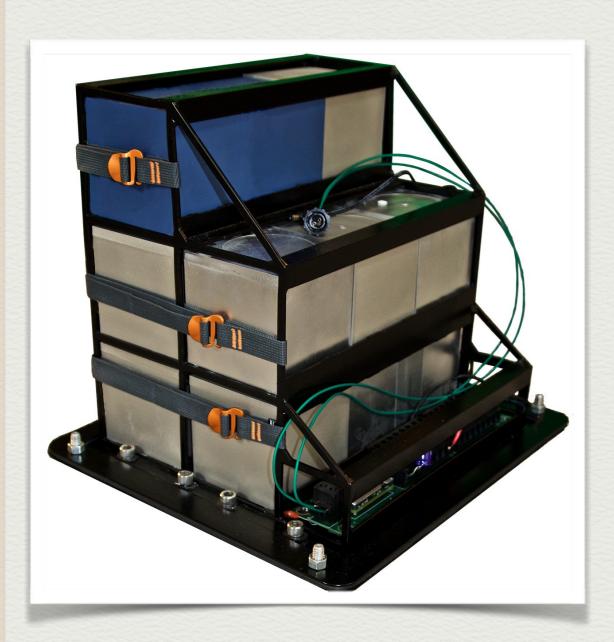




• "Payload A"



- Developed with assistance from:
  - Texas A&M University
  - State of Texas (Space Engineering Research Center)
  - XCOR Aerospace



- Accommodates 1U, 2U, 3U payloads
  - Up to 15U total
  - 1 unit = 10 cm or 4", 1 kg max
- 5V or 12V electrical power
  - Configurable prior to flight
  - 2.1mm center-positive barrel connector
- 140W maximum electrical power
- 200W maximum thermal
- Double containment (soft cover not shown)
- Payloads can be autonomous or controlled by payload operator (wireless or wired; iOS, Android, or arm panel)



- Open-source hardware design
- Payload development with low-cost, offthe-shelf hardware
  - Arduino, BeagleBone Black, etc.
  - SD cards for data storage
  - Standard brackets, etc. will be available through Terran Sciences Group (or print your own)
  - Cub Cam under development for inflight photo and video
  - Online component catalog



- Documentation (in progress):
  - Payload Design and Manufacturing Guide
  - Payload Testing and Qualification
     Guide
  - Payload Handling and Integration
     Guide
- Training and education
  - "Hello, World" experiments
  - Space Hacker Workshops



- Flight-test program will gather baseline data for experiment designers:
  - Accelerometer
  - Gyroscope
  - Magnetometer
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
  - Acoustic
  - Radiation



- Third-party integrators:
  - Nanoracks
  - Arrete STEM
  - 555

# Call for Experiments

#### Requirements

- Real citizen science address legitimate scientific or engineering questions (not just textbook demonstrations of known principles)
- Reproducible by other citizen scientists
  - Budget (low-cost)
  - Facilities (community machine shop, hackerspace, DIYbio lab)
  - Documentation
  - Open-source license

# Call for Experiments

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