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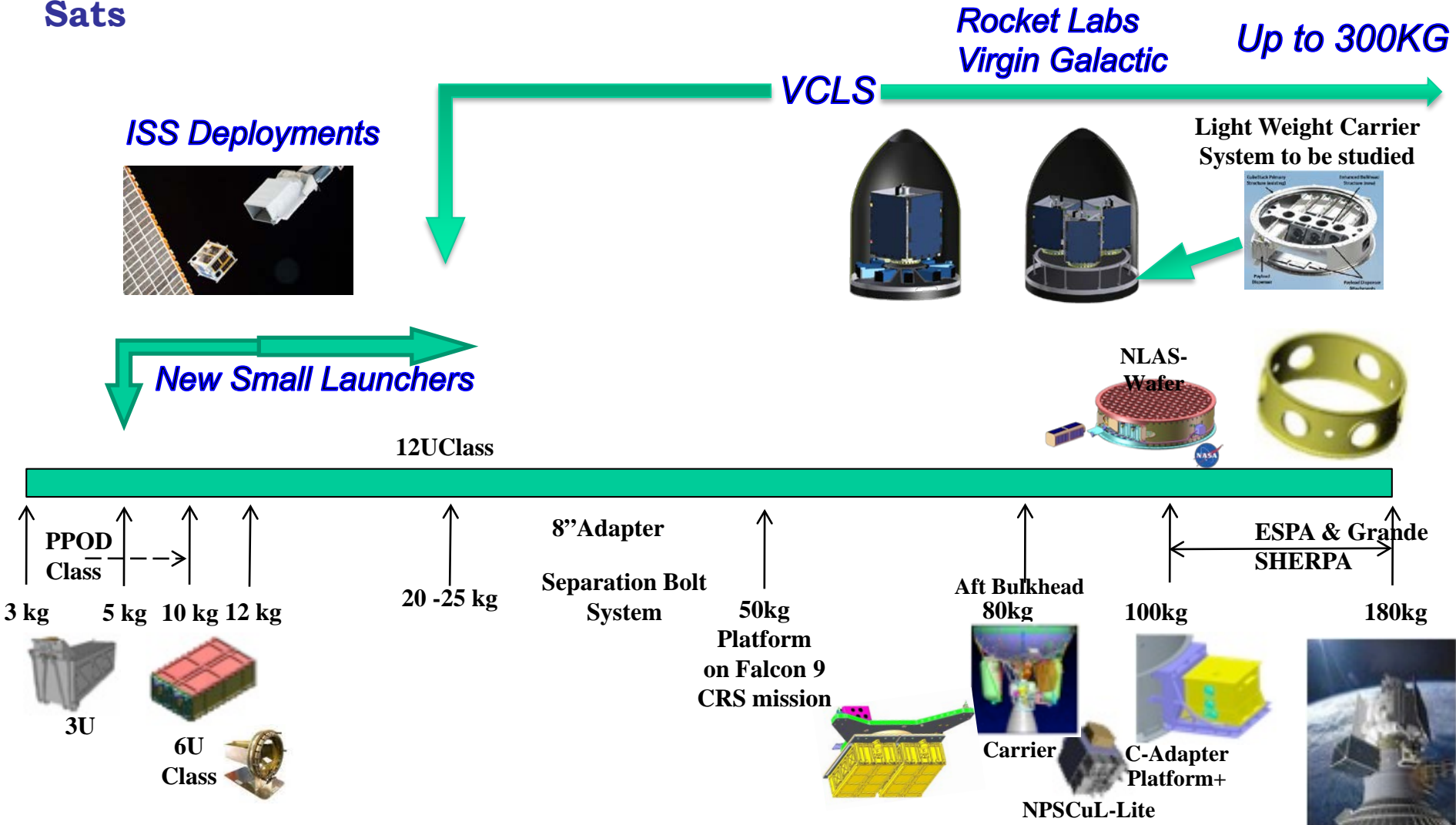


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# Small Payload Capabilities



The diagram below shows expected capabilities in launching Small Sats





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# CubeSat Missions Manifest



LV Provider	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>NASA</b> 	MarCO 5/5/18 InSight (AV) 2*            ELaNa XVIII 9/12/18 ICESat-2 (DII) 4**	TROPICS 3 Missions NET Aug 2019 TBD 1*	MMO Missions July 17, 2020 TBD *
<b>NASA ISS</b> 	ELaNa XXIII 5/1/18 OA-9 9*	ELaNa XXI NET Sept. 2018 TBD 9*	
<b>ORS/STP</b> 	ELaNa XV 4/30/18 STP-2 3*		
<b>Commercial</b>	ELaNa XIX 3/1/2018 VCLS (RL) 14***            ELaNa XX 2018 (U/R) VCLS (VG) 11**	ELaNa XXIV NET Sept. 2018 TBD 7*	



SPL Manifested

\* # CubeSat Missions



ELaNa Manifested

\*\* Number includes 1 non-CLSI CubeSat Mission



In Work

\*\*\* Number includes 3 non-CLSI CubeSat Mission

Launched	CSLI Manifested	CSLI Un-Assigned
59	51	35



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# VCLS



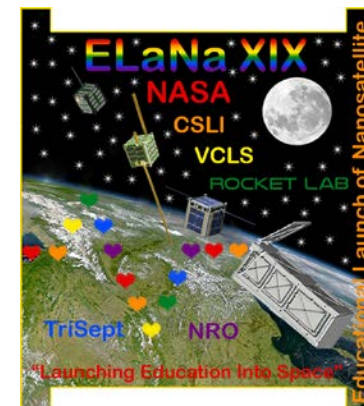
**Rocket Labs will launch ELaNa XIX for NASA with 14 CubeSat Missions as primary payloads NET Mar 2018**

**Completed PDR, CDR and QDR**



**Virgin Galactic will provide a Launch services for ELaNa XX NET Aug 2018. Mission**

**Completed PDR and CDR and working to QDR in 2018**



**LSP is evaluating the potential use of the VCLS class vehicles for future NASA missions**



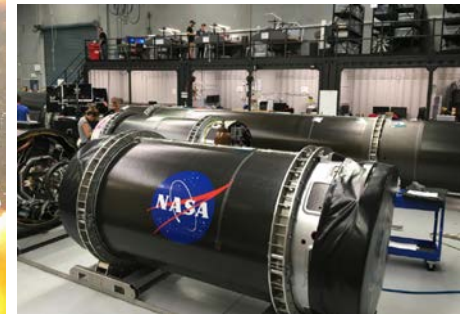
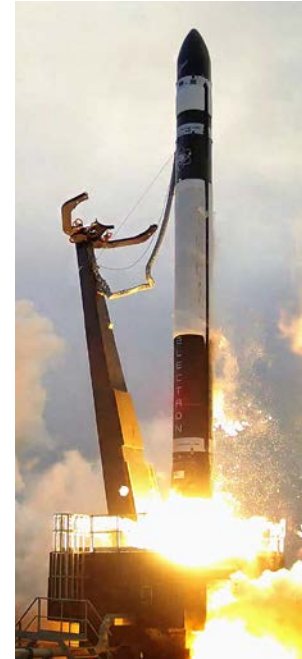


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# NASA Venture Class Launch Service (VCLS) with Rocket Labs



- **Rocket Lab is a US Company headquartered in Huntington Beach, California**
  - Primary Vehicle is the *Electron* – a dedicated microsatellite launcher capable of placing 150 kg to 500km SSO
- **Rocket Lab is contracted for the LSP ELaNa XIX Mission**
  - 14 CubeSats to 85 deg @ 500km
    - 3U and 6U, Tyvak & PSC Deployers
  - Manifested as Flight 4; Vehicle is in Final Assembly
- **First flight, “It’s a Test”, conducted in May 2017**
  - Achieved majority of mission objectives, including 2<sup>nd</sup> stage ignition and fairing separation, but failed to reach orbit due to launch range anomaly
- **Second flight, “Still Testing” currently in launch campaign**
  - Attempted launch in Dec 2017, scrubbed
  - Next attempt in Jan 2018
    - Flying (3) Commercial Spacecraft in Rocket Lab *Maxwell* Dispensers







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# NASA Venture Class Launch Service (VCLS) with Virgin Orbit



- **Educational Launch of Nanosatellites XX (ELaNa-XX)**
- **Flying 13 Cubesats for a total of 29U**
  - 43kg of payload mass
- **Uses an Xtenti built FANTM-Inverse CubeSat adapter and FANTM-Rail Dispenser systems**
- **Mission Orbit: 90 deg x 500 km circular**



Current Manifest		
Payload Name	Customer	Size
CACTUS-1	Capitol Technology University, Laurel, Md	3U
ALBus	NASA Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio	3U
PolarCube	University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colo.	3U
Cape-3	University of Louisiana Lafayette, La.	1U
Q-PACE	University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.	3U
MiTEE	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.	3U
RadFXSat-2	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn	1U
PICS	Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah	2 x 1U
INCA	New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M	3U
MicroMas-2b	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lexington, Mass	3U
EXOCUBE	California Polytechnic University, San Louis Obispo, Calif.	3U
TechEdSat-7	NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett, Calif.	2U



