

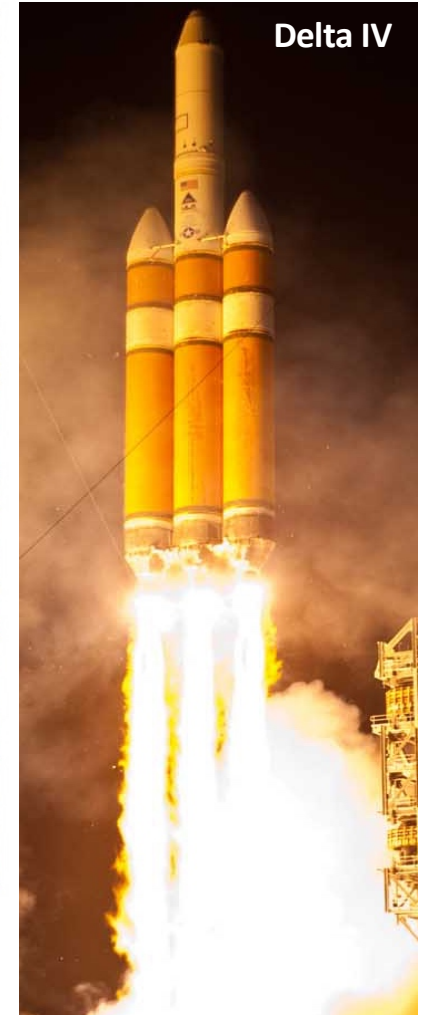
VULCAN CENTAUR LAUNCH SYSTEM

Hardware of the Future

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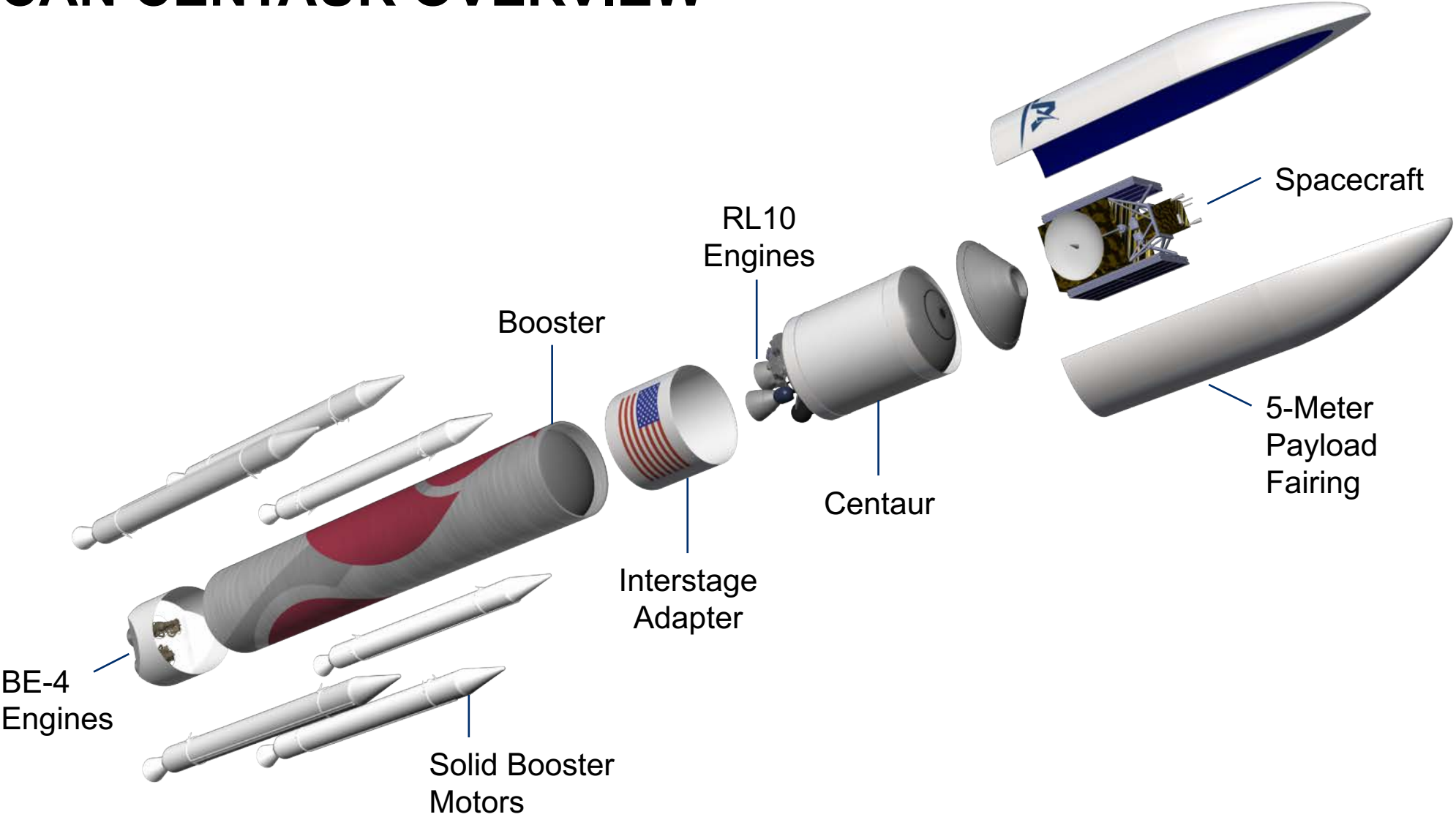
MISSION SUCCESS...132 AND COUNTING!



**DEVELOPING A
NEXT GENERATION
ROCKET
VULCAN CENTAUR**



VULCAN CENTAUR OVERVIEW





VULCAN CENTAUR LAUNCH SYSTEM

**INITIAL CAT A/B
PROTOTYPE**
2021

**FINAL CAT A/B/C
PROTOTYPE**
2023

Common Payload Fairing

51', 67' or 70'
(15.5, 20.4 or 21.3 m)



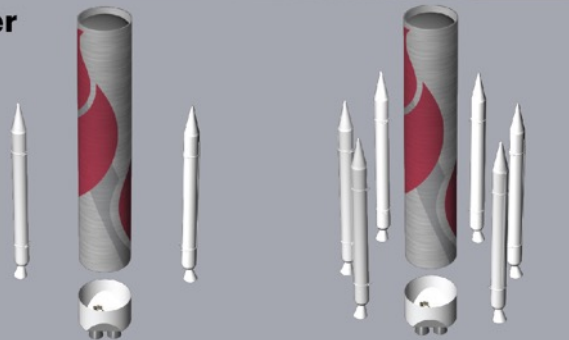
Common Centaur

Next Gen RL10



Common Booster and GEMs

5.4 m Booster
0-6 GEM 63XLs
BE-4 Main Engine



**Vulcan Centaur:
Higher Performance, Lower Cost**

Major Investments in Factory Automation

1.6M square-foot Factory in Alabama



State-of-the-Art Manufacturing



State-of-the-Art Test Facilities



**ULA Know-How:
132 Mission Successes**

Upgraded, Flexible Launch Pads

SLC-41, CCAFS – Florida



SLC-3, VAFB – California



Vertical Payload Integration



Upgraded Infrastructure



U.S.-Produced Components

Composites



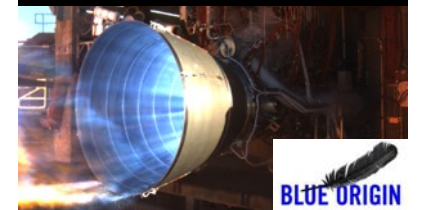
RL10 Upper Stage Engine



GEM 63XL Solid Rocket Motors



BE-4 Booster Engines



**MASSIVE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS
COMPLETE
UP TO 20 VULCAN
VEHICLES PER
YEAR**



• Universal Weld System (UWS)



Circumferential Friction Stir Welding (CFSW)

ADVANCED ENGINE & MOTOR DEVELOPMENT



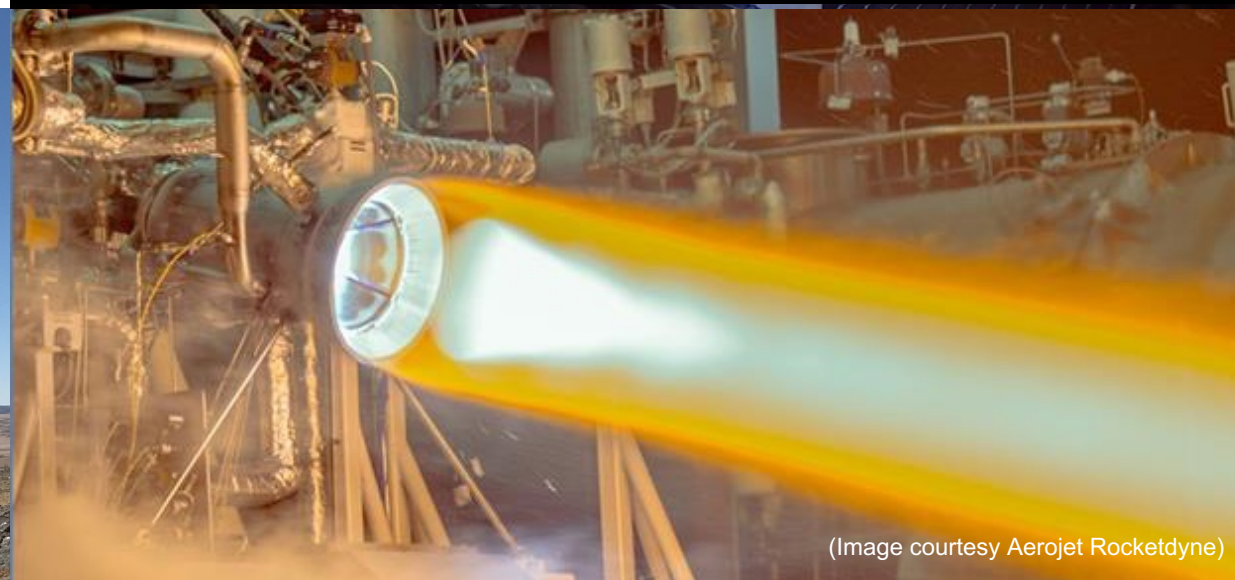
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Hotfire Test of BE-4 Engine



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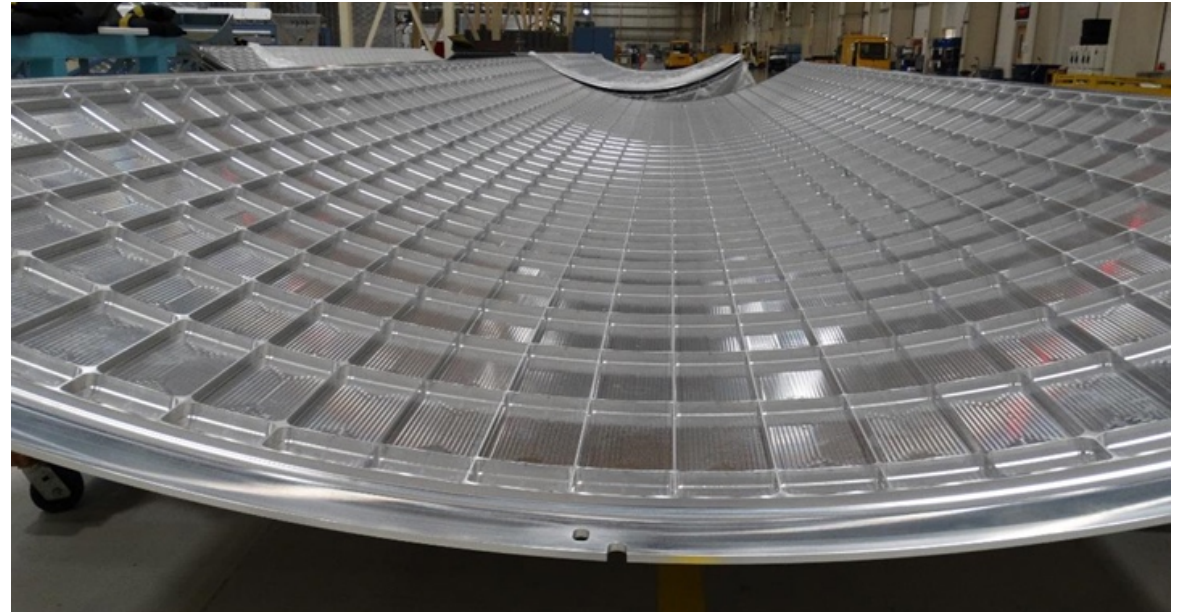
Hot Fire Testing of GEM 63 SRB



(Image courtesy Aerojet Rocketdyne)

Hot Fire Test of Additively Manufactured RL10CX Combustion Chamber

**INNOVATIVE
DESIGN AND
MANUFACTURING
MORE CAPABLE
AND COST
EFFICIENT
HARDWARE**



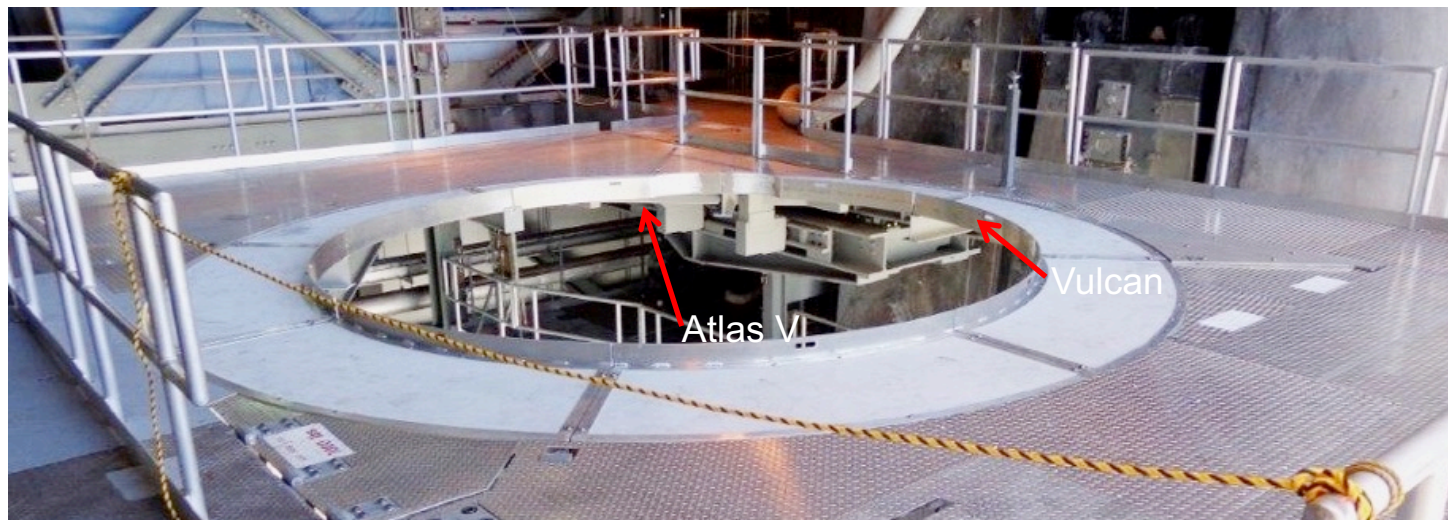
Booster Tank Panel Orthogrid Pattern



(Image courtesy RUAG Group)

First Made-In-America Out of Autoclave Composite Payload Fairing

**PAD
MODIFICATIONS
UNDERWAY
SUPPORTING
FIRST
VULCAN
FLIGHT
IN 2021**



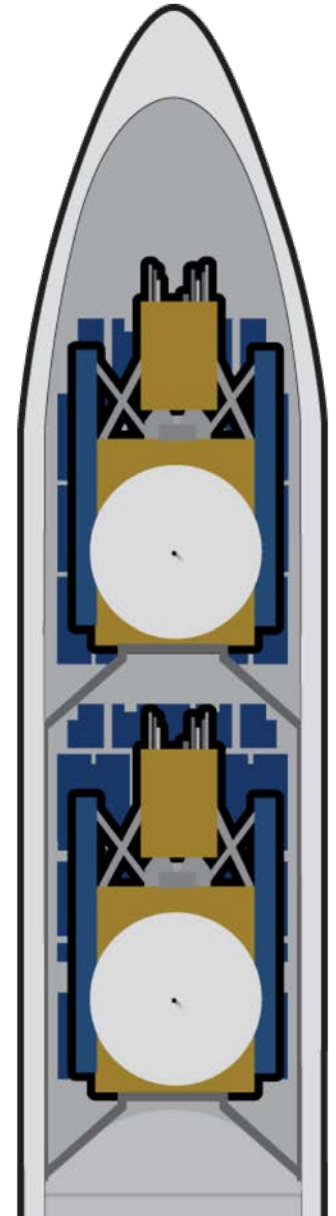
Retrofitted Launch Facilities



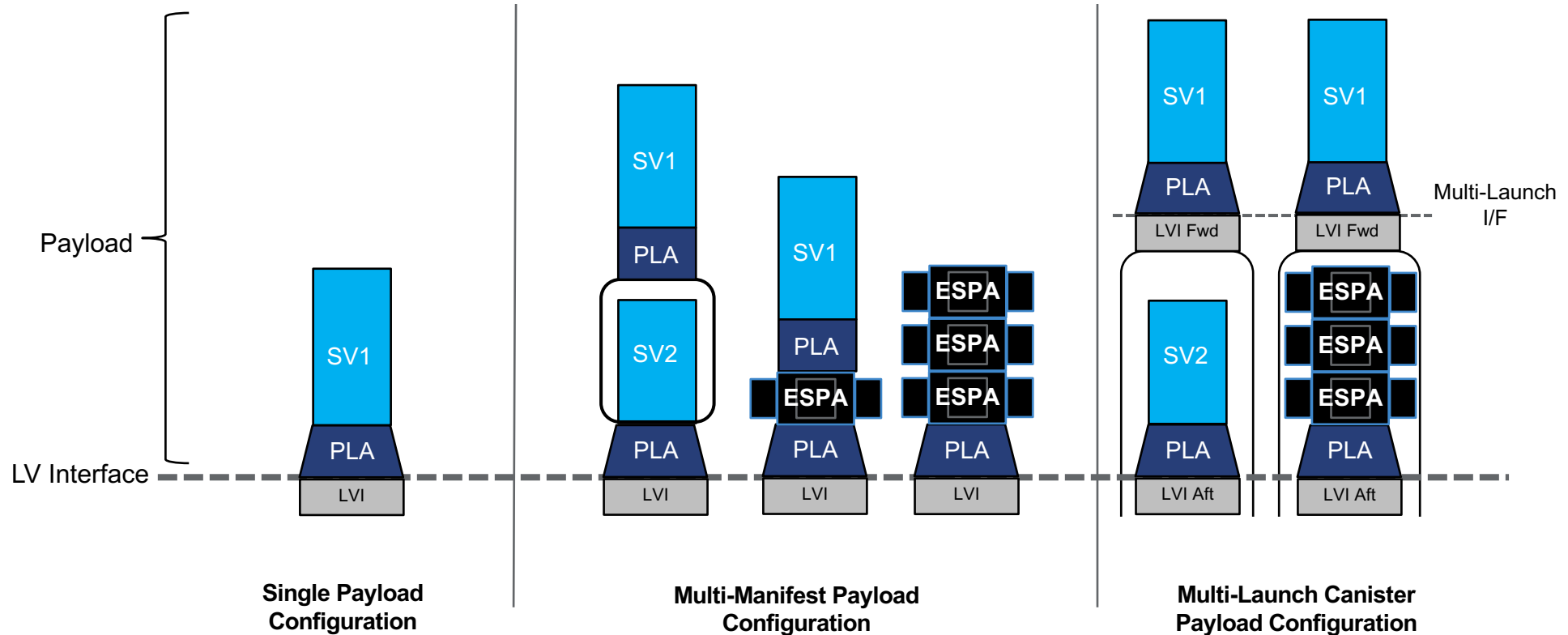
Vertical Payload Integration; Both Coasts, All Vehicles

MULTI-LAUNCH CAPABILITIES

- **Berth-Agnostic Approach**
 - Conditioned Upper and Lower Berth
 - Individual Instrument Purges
 - Dual Re-Rad Capability
 - Environments In Line w/ Single Launch Configuration
 - Individual Payload Users Room
 - Manifest Flexibility



POTENTIAL PAYLOAD CONFIGURATIONS



Rideshare



ABC Payload
(Aft End Centaur)

Not to Scale

SUMMARY

Vulcan Centaur Provides the World's Best Value for Launch Services

- Innovation Hardware Solutions Provide Affordable Space Access
- Reliable Launch of Critical Customer Payloads

Leverages Atlas and Delta Experience and Mission Success

- Retains Flight Proven Systems for Optimized Orbital Insertion Accuracy
- Increased Lift Capability and Rideshare Opportunities
- Maintains Unparalleled Mission Success Record

On track for 2021 First Launch!

**Vulcan Centaur is the Future of Affordable, Flexible,
and Reliable Space Flight**