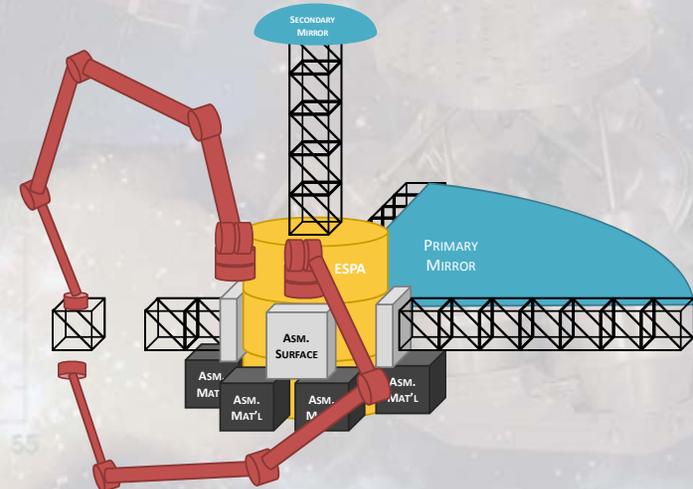
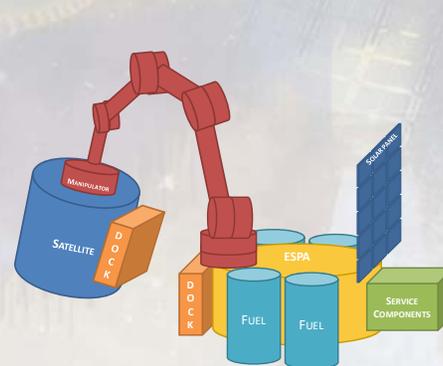
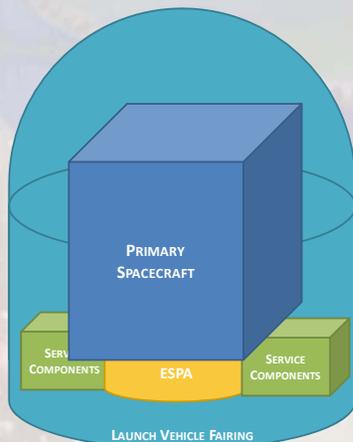


# ESPA as Base Vehicle for Servicing Missions

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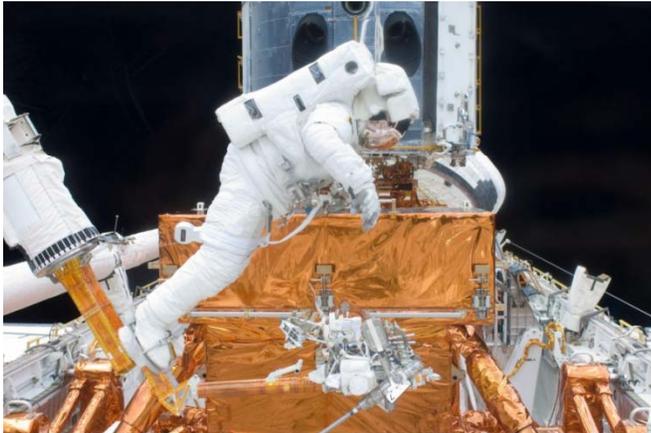
# Outline

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- **EELV Secondary Payload Adapter background**
- **ESPA structure**
- **ESPA modularity**
  - NASA and LRO secondary payload
- **ESPA orbital maneuvering vehicles**
- **ESPA variations**
- **ESPA as base vehicle for servicing missions**

# CSA Engineering Relevant Programs

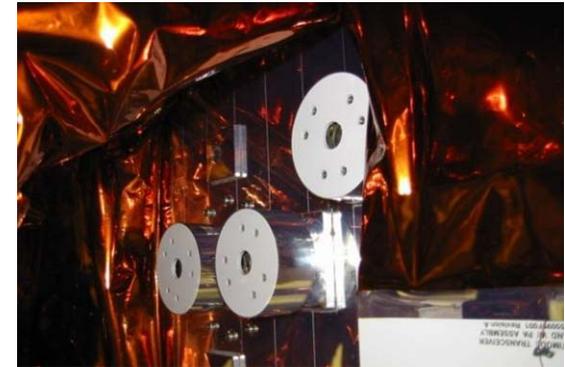


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**Axial Carrier M-Strut isolators**



**Solar array dampers**



**GLAST tuned mass dampers**



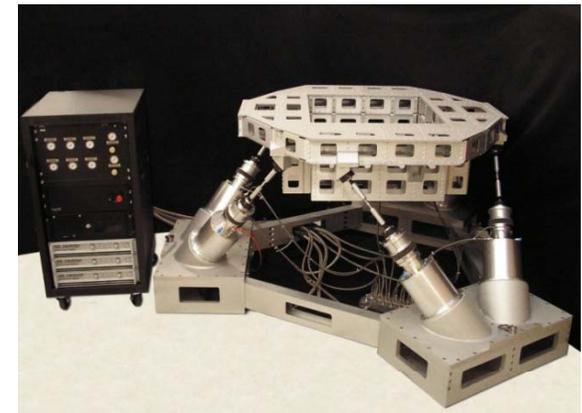
**Ground Test: JWST  
Six-axis positioner**



**Electromagnetic  
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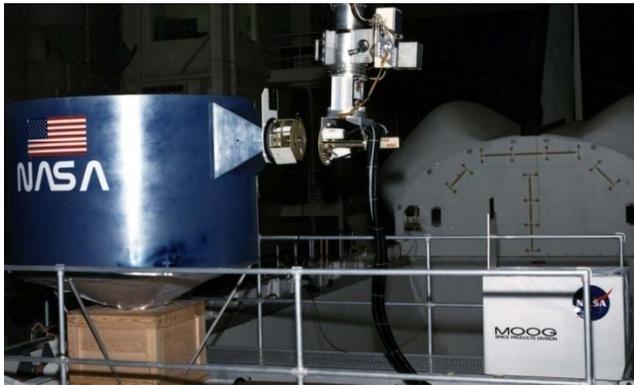


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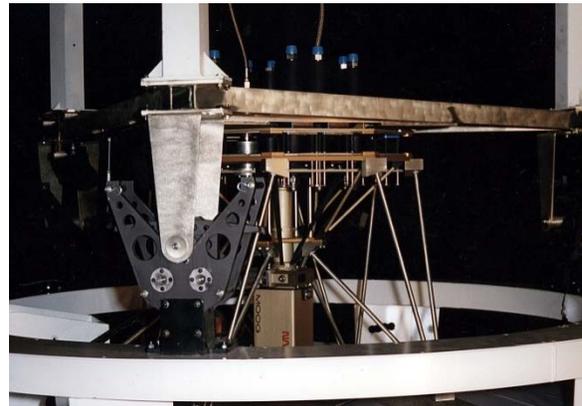


**Flight motion and  
jitter simulators**

# Moog Relevant Programs



**Automated Umbilical Connector  
Testing at JSC**



**Automated Fluid Interface  
Testing at MSFC**



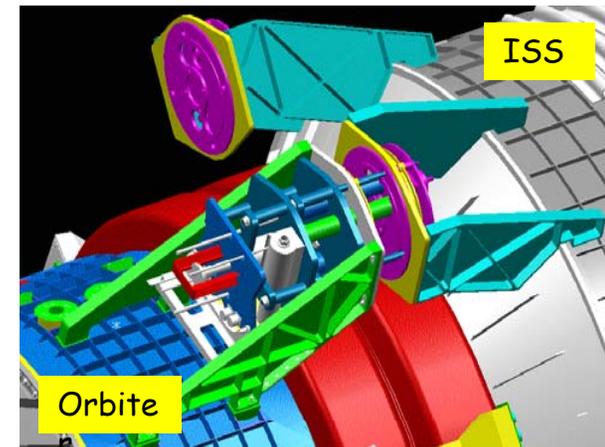
**Universal Refueling  
Interface**



**ISS Thermal System  
Fluid Disconnect**



**ISS Flight Telerobotic  
Servicer - 7DOF Joints**



**ISS Orbital Fluid Transfer  
System PDR Design**

## ESPA as Mission Enabler

- In 2006, NASA moved Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) Mission from Delta II to Atlas V, creating excess lift capacity
- 19 proposals from NASA Centers were submitted for secondary payload mission
  - All viable mission scenarios used ESPA as payload adapter
- Ames Research Center's LCROSS won competition; Northrop Grumman built spacecraft around ESPA
  - Spacecraft directed Centaur upper stage to impact lunar surface
    - » Propellant tank mounted on Ring interior
  - Launch from Cape June 18, 2009
    - » Lunar impact October 9
  - Northrop Grumman and NASA stated that ESPA was essential to mission success



NASA/Northrop Grumman  
LCROSS satellite  
integrated with LRO



## EELV Secondary Payload Adapter

- ESPA accommodates six 400-lb satellites as secondaries on EELV Medium launches
- ESPA installed between primary spacecraft and launch vehicle at 62-inch interface
  - Six ESPA “ports” with 15-inch interface for secondary spacecraft
  - Stiffness-driven structure achieves **ESPA design mandate**  
*No added risk for primary payload*
- ESPA Standard Service in development at ULA to implement policy directive from Secretary of Air Force
  - ESPA Rings on all Air Force EELVs with excess capacity
- ESPA use for applications other than original design objective has been demonstrated
  - Dedicated secondary mission, e.g., LCROSS
  - ESPA Orbital Maneuvering Vehicles in development
  - ESPA structure variations developed under NASA funding



# ESPA Ring Structure

- **Satellite adapter designed for Atlas V and Delta IV**
  - United Launch Alliance medium EELVs
  - Qualified for 15,000-lb primary and six 400-lb secondary spacecraft
  - Compatible with SpaceX Falcon 9
    - » Same diameter interface as EELV
- **Structural hub for free-flyer spacecraft and orbital maneuvering vehicles**
- **Building block for modular mission configurations**
- **Stiffness driven design and high strength margins**

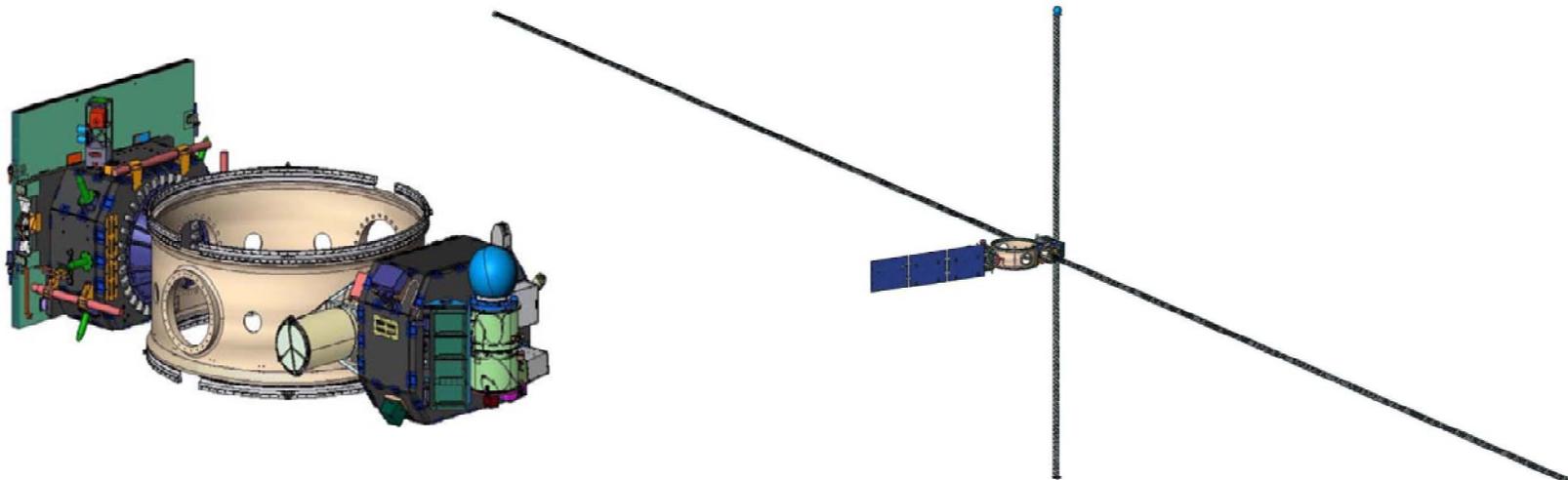


**STP-1 Atlas V launch stack  
March 2007**

# ESPA as Satellite Structure

## Demonstration and Science Experiments (DSX)

- Air Force Research Lab mission uses 4-port Ring
  - Experiments require 3-axis-stabilized spacecraft bus (but no propulsion), suite of radiation sensors, and extended duration in MEO
- Thirteen payloads in 3 research areas with common requirements
  - Wave Particle Interaction Experiment (WPIx): investigate electromagnetic wave-particle interaction in MEO
  - Space Weather Experiment (SWx): collect space weather data
  - Space Environmental Effects (SFx): collect data on degradation in MEO
- Target launch co-manifest with operational DoD satellite in 2012

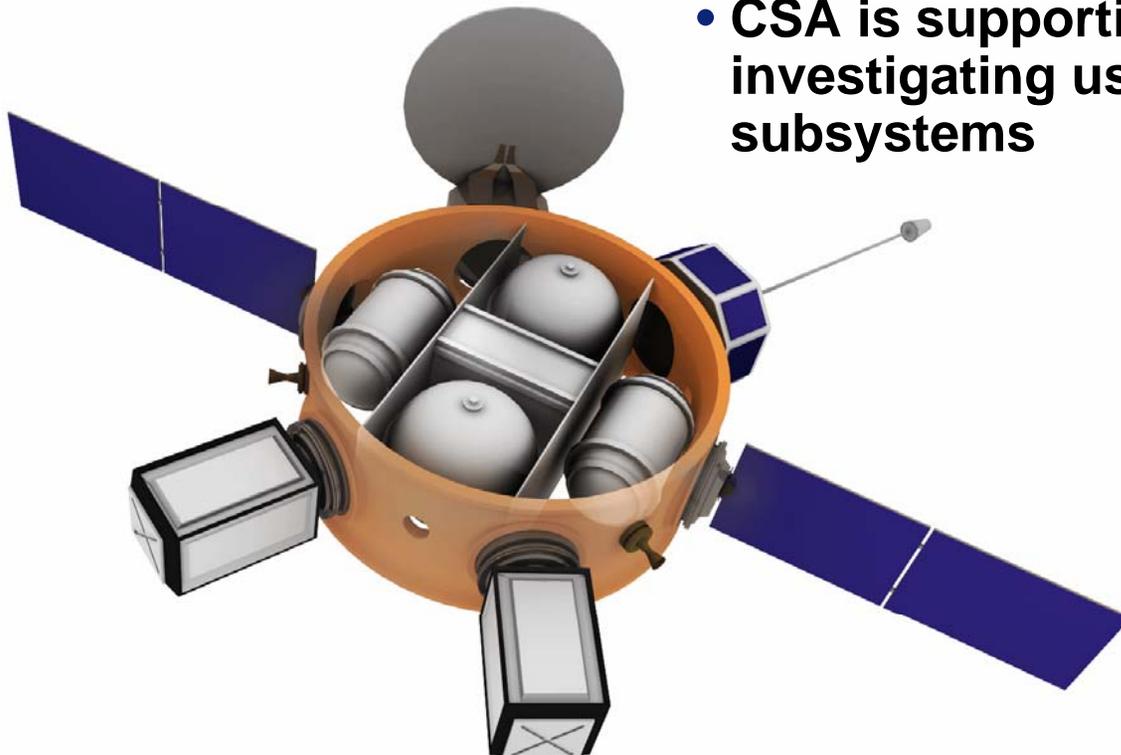


# ESPA as Orbital Maneuvering Vehicle

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Adapter is launch vehicle final stage or hub of free-flyer

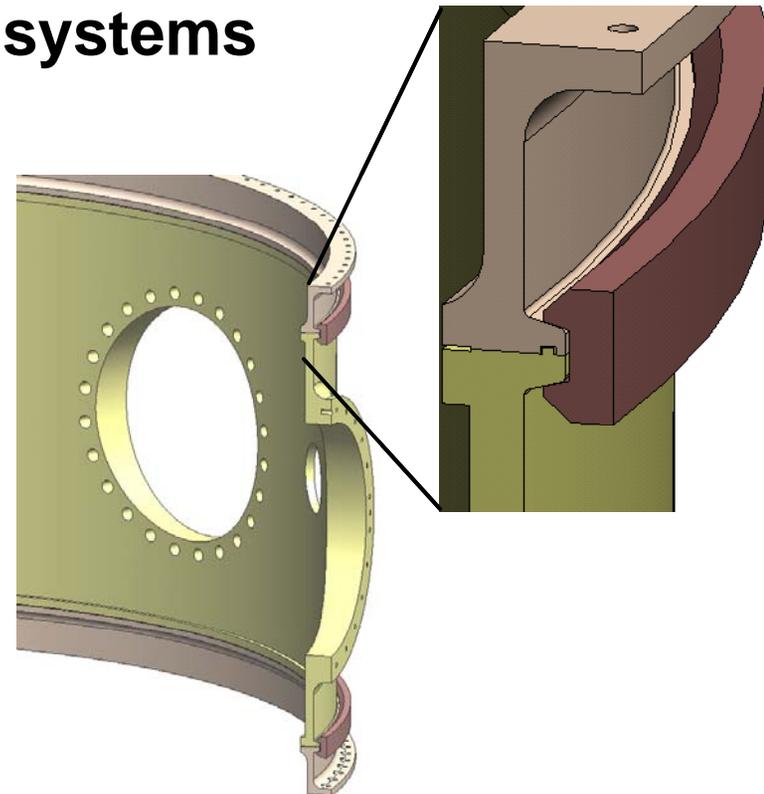
- On-board propulsion provides enhanced capability
- AFRL and STP are funding development of ESPA Orbital Maneuvering Systems
- CSA is supporting teams and investigating use of Moog components in subsystems



# ESPA Variation Integral Separation Systems

- **Low-shock separation system built into Ring**
  - Primary interface modified to share sep system function
  - Elimination of bolted interface reduces stack height and weight
- **Designs developed for two systems**
  - Ruag Space AB (formerly Saab Space)
  - Planetary Systems Corp.

**Developed to PDR level  
under NASA SBIR**

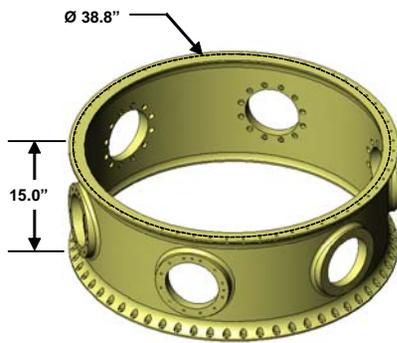


# ESPA Variations

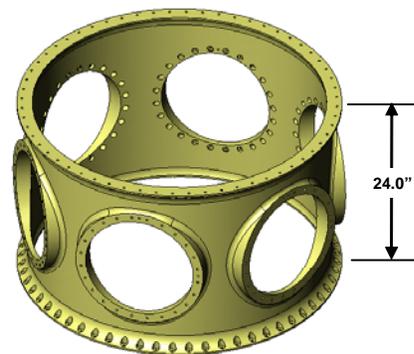
## Larger and Smaller Rings

- **ESPA Grande**
  - Standard ESPA 62-inch diameter
  - Ring height variable up to 60 inches
  - 23.25-inch secondary ports
  - 660-lb secondary spacecraft
- **Small Launch ESPA**
  - 38.8-inch interface compatible with Minotaur, Falcon, Taurus, Delta II
  - 15-inch Ring, 8-inch ports
  - 24-inch Ring, 15-inch ports

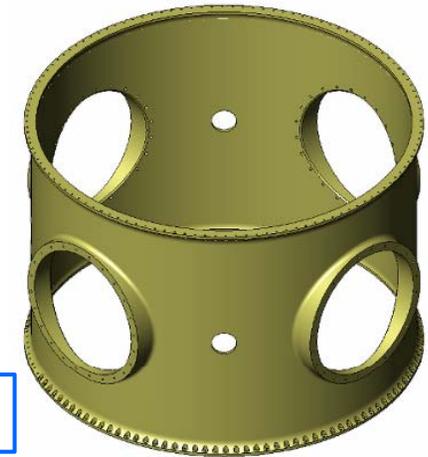
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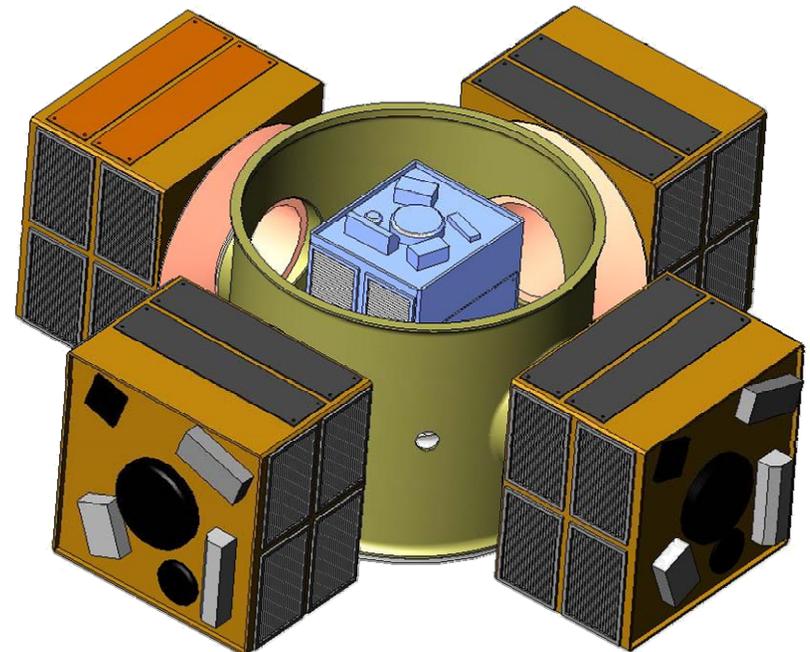
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**SL-ESPA-24**



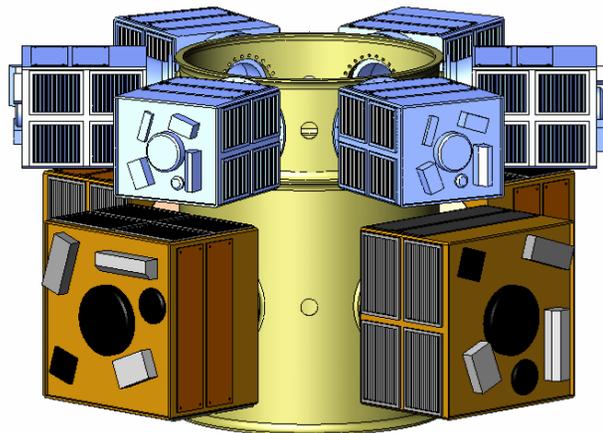
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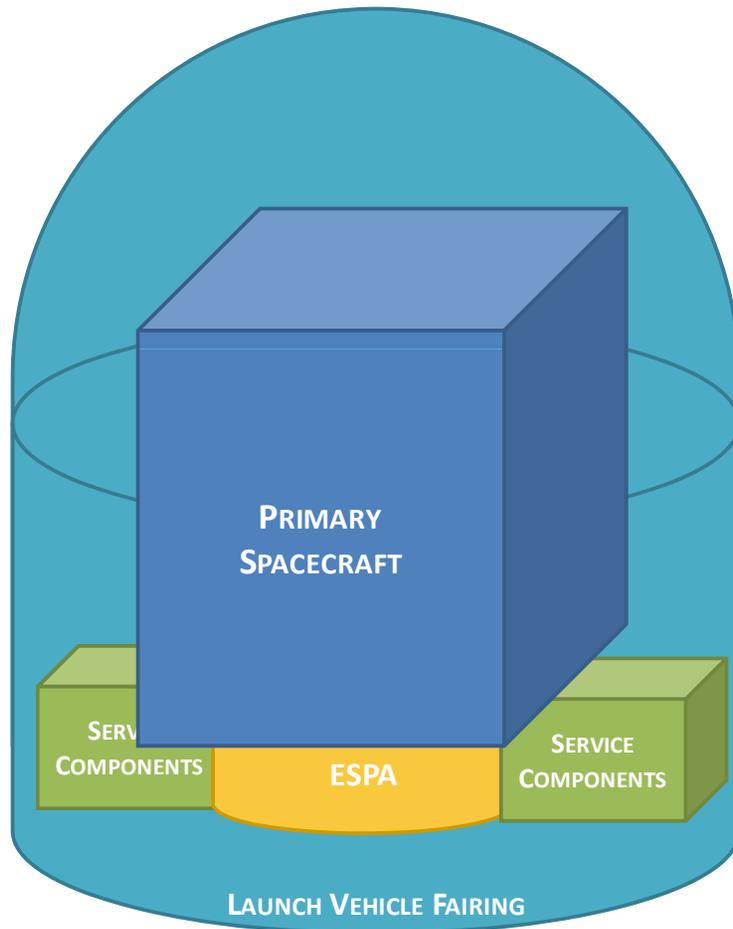
## Stacking of ESPA Rings

**Satellite constellations  
deployed on single launch  
employing multiple Rings**

- Up to thirty-six 400-lb spacecraft on six stacked (standard) ESPAs
- Up to sixteen 660-lb spacecraft on stack of four ESPA Grande Rings

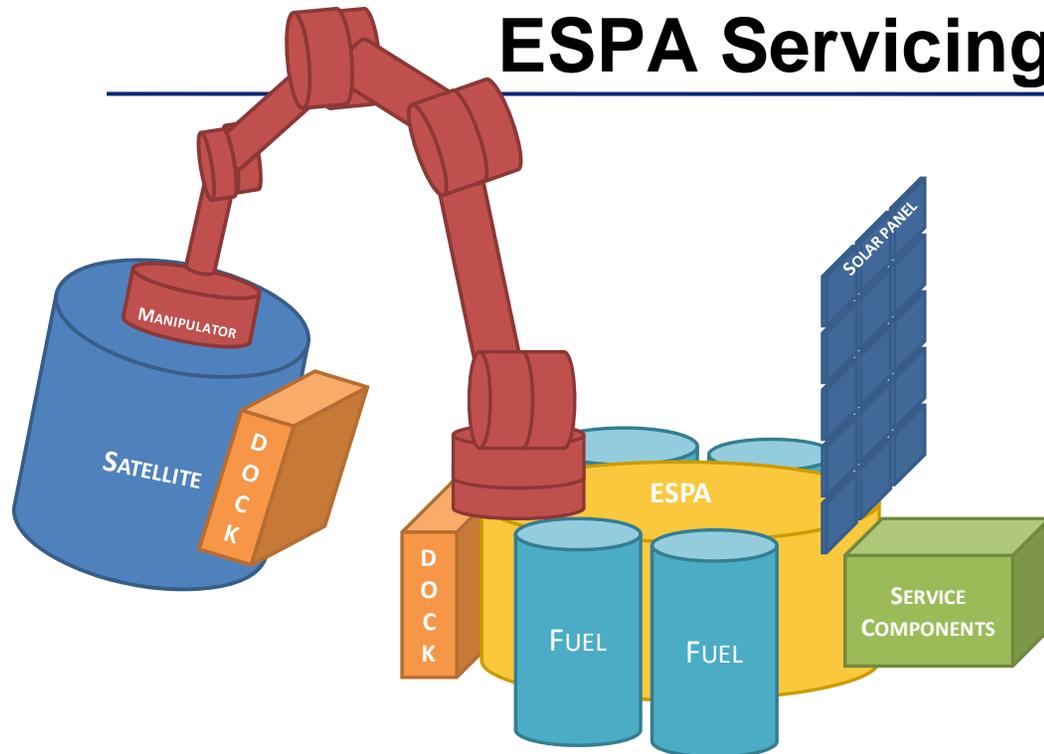


# On-Orbit Servicing: ESPA as Component Launch System



- **Flight qualified adapters**
  - Transparent to primary mission
  - Technical Readiness Level 9 (TRL9)
- **ESPA launches components or spacecraft segments for later use in servicing or assembly by another spacecraft**
  - ESPA inserted into mission with minimal impact to launch
  - After launch, servicing spacecraft docks with ESPA, removes/ replaces components on failed system

# On-Orbit Servicing: ESPA Servicing Vehicle

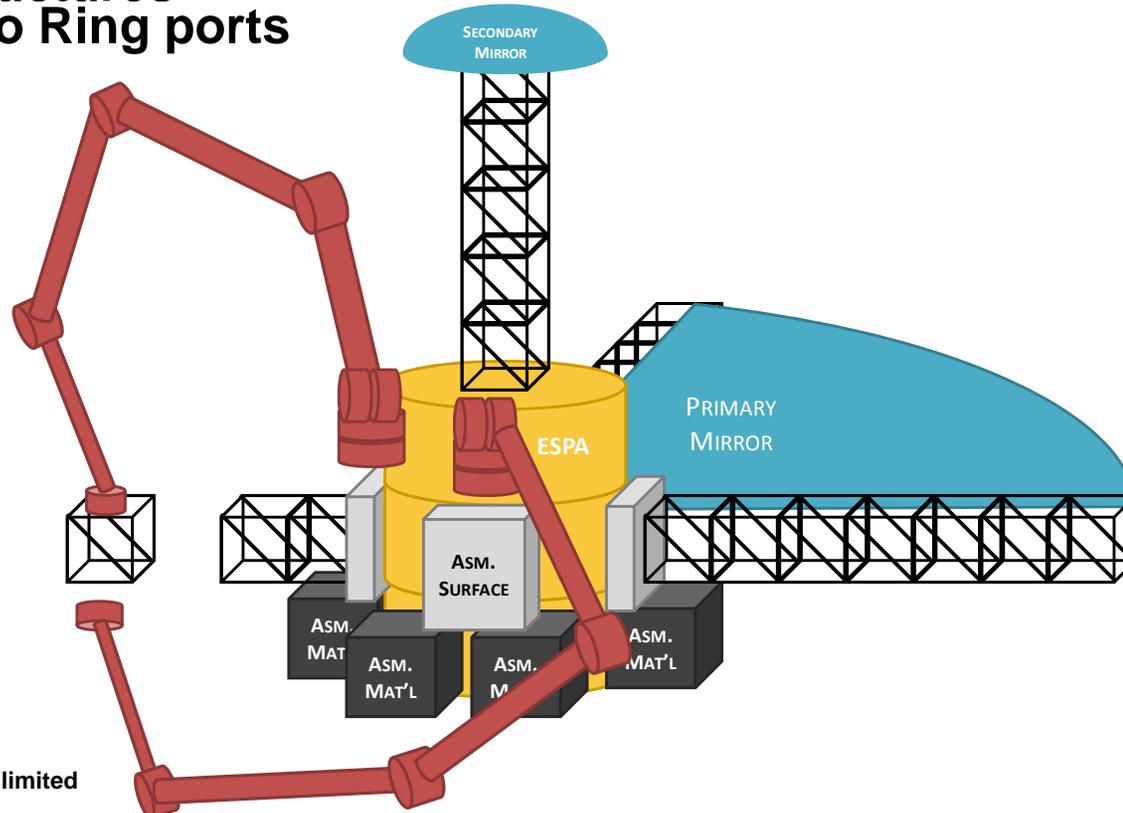


- **Standard ESPA structure augmented with robotics, avionics, propulsion, servicing modules**
  - Modules selected per servicing mission need
  - Inserted on launch as available
  - Transparent to primary spacecraft

- **On orbit rendezvous with target satellite**
  - Inspection
  - Docking
  - Exchange of cryogenics, fuel, components, payloads
- **On mission completion, ESPA de-orbits itself and/or non-functional spacecraft**

# On-Orbit Servicing: ESPA as Assembly Hub

- Ring(s) launched with construction elements and dexterous manipulators
  - On-orbit base for structure assembly
  - Extended structures mounted onto Ring ports
- Launch as single Ring or ESPA stack
  - Within fairing limitations
  - Additional rings jettisoned after extracting components
  - Alternative use as mast for stability



## ESPA Provides a Running Start

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- **ESPA modularity, ESPA variations, other adapters → opportunities for mission flexibility**
  - Stacking of Rings
  - Separable interface
  - ESPA Grande
  - CSA adapters for Delta II, Minotaur IV, Falcon 1e
  - Moog fluid transfer systems and mechanisms
- **Robust adapter structure → multiple configurations of servicing base vehicle**
  - Robotic arms or other components mounted to secondary ports or to Ring cylinder
  - Structure serves as launch interface, on-orbit bus, mission building block
- **ESPA can be combined with CSA's SoftRide whole-spacecraft isolation systems and other adapters**
  - [www.moog.com/products/spacecraft-payload-interfaces](http://www.moog.com/products/spacecraft-payload-interfaces)
  - [www.csaengineering.com/oos](http://www.csaengineering.com/oos)