

IN-SPACE TRANSPORTATION

SOLVING THE LAST-MILE PROBLEM IN SPACE JOEL C. SERCEL, PHD CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

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MIKHAIL KOKORICH

President & Founder

Founded two billion dollars companies Created 3 space companies, launched 10 satellites



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INVESTING IN SPACE VS. GENERAL TECHNOLOGY



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CUMULATIVE SATELLITES LAUNCHED BY ORBIT



• GEO PROJECTED



DESTINATION

DIRECT FLIGHT



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DESTINATION

DEDICATED Launch

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DEDICATED Launch

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STANDARD ORBIT



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3. ARRIVAL AT **INITIAL ORBIT**

LAUNCH SEQUENCE

THE SOLUTION





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PERFECT COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES







ARDORIDE 2021

VIGORIDE 2020

0-300KG







5,000-10,000KG

FERVORIDE

2022







MISSION

To provide the most effective and affordable in-space transportation services supplied by resources available in deep space.





- More efficient—3-4 times more than chemical rockets.
- More affordable—using water as a propellant radically reduces cost.
- Faster—3-4 times faster than ion.
- Safer—water less volatile than other propellants.



UNTIL NOW **SATELLITES** HAVE BEEN WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD



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HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

THE TYRANNY OF SPACE TRANSPORTATION COSTS

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INFREQUENT LAUNCHES

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ADDITIONAL MISSION REQUIREMENTS

> UNAFFORDABLE SYSTEMS



BUT WHAT DRIVES LAUNCH COST?

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Energy? Hardware? Labor?







Rocket flight can be as cheap as air travel!



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BY 2028 SPACE LAUNCH COSTS WILL BE



BY 2050 SPACE LAUNCH COSTS WILL BE



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~ **\$500** /кс

~ **\$10**/kg

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WHY NOW?



AGILE METHODS PROVEN FOR AEROSPACE

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THE RISE OF THE BILLIONAIRE VISIONARY

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JEFF BEZOS, BLUE ORIGIN, APRIL 2017

BLUE ORIGIN

IF WE CAN MAKE ACCESS TO SPACE







REUSABLE SPACECRAFT PROVEN

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIP PROVEN

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CHANGE IS HERE!

A VIRTUOUS CYCLE OF IMPROVEMENT

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MASSIVE, AFFORDABLE SPACE INDUSTRIES



THE COMING DECADE AN EXPLOSION OF NEW INDUSTRIES IN SPACE

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ROADMAP



VIGORIDE EXT AVAILABLE

- 100-300 kg
- 500W solar panels
- Single payload ESPA adapter

ARDORIDE **AVAILABLE**

- 500-1000 kg
- 2-3kW solar panels
- ESPA ring.

FERVORIDE AVAILABLE

- 5-10 Tons
- 5-10kW solar panels
- Reusable Platforms



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MX-I MISSION OVERVIEW

- Mission Objective: Flight Demonstration of the Momentus Designed Vigor RF Water Plasma Thruster
- Mission Success: 100 Individual Burns of 1 Minute or More
- Platform: Astro Digital Corvus-16
- Development: 4 Month Development Program
- Duration: 6 Months on Orbit
- Program Format: Mission as a Service





OUR FIRST MISSION

- Title: Momentus X1 (MX-1)
- In-space technology demonstration less than one year from company formation
- First flight demo of microwave electrothermal water plasma powered thrusters in space
- Launch: Q1 2019 on Soyuz









FLIGHT PROPULSION SYSTEM DELIVERED *NOV 22, 2018*





INTRODUCING VIGORIDE

- Up to 1 km/sec ΔV for spacecraft in LEO enables
- Significantly expanded mission life for CubeSats and small satellite missions
- More complex mission architectures, including orbit plane spacing for constellations
- Vastly expanded orbits and planes reachable from ISS, PSLV, and small satellite launch vehicles



AS SAFE AS IT GETS

- - Propellant Toxicity: De-ionized water, completely non-toxic
 - Maximum Pressure: 1 atm baseline (alternate concepts up to 3 atm)
 - Highest Voltage: 28 V (alternate concepts at 48 V)
 - Maximum Battery Capacity: 100 Whr (Li-ion)

VIGORIDE HAS NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR COMPONENTS



2020

0-300KG

~**1** KM/SEC

99 cm (39 in)

\$1.2 M

APPLICATIONS

Micro-satellites boosting Nano-satellites clusters boosting Platform for deorbiting services Platform for in-orbit maintenance Small deep space missions In-space booster stage for small rockets





PAYLOAD VOLUME ENVELOPE



ESPA VOLUME ENVELOPE

ESPA GRANDE VOLUME ENVELOPE

VIGORIDE COMPATIBLE WITH ALL STANDARD SMALLSAT PAYLOAD ADAPTER INTERFACES (ESPA, BISHOP, PSLV, ELECTRON, ETC)

BISHOP AIRLOCK VOLUME ENVELOPE



VIGORIDE IN LAUNCHER ONE FAIRING WITH 24X 3U CUBESATS



VIGORIDE IN LAUNCHER ONE FAIRING WITH MAXIMUM PAYLOAD VOLUME





VIGORIDE MISSION PARAMETERS

PARAMETER

IN-SPACE DRY MASS

MAXIMUM WET MASS WITH PAYLOAD

TOTAL IMPULSE CAPABILITY

ΔV CAPABILITY FOR 100 KG PAYLOAD

ΔV CAPABILITY FOR 250 KG PAYLOAD

PAYLOAD PERFORMANCE FROM ISS (4) KM

All mission cases assume de-orbiting to 200 km periapsis

	VALUE
	35 KG
	315 KG
	100,000 N-S
	689 M/S
	343 M/S
00 KM) TO 1000	142 KG, 62 DAYS









VIGORIDE CAN PROVIDE 1 KM/S FOR 50 KG PAYLOADS OR 500 M/S FOR 150 KG PAYLOADS

VIGORIDE ALTITUDE PERFORMANCE



HIGH LEO AND MEO ACCESS FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF PAYLOADS



IF LESS ΔV IS NEEDED, TRIP TIME CAN BE REDUCED



VIGORIDE **EXTENDED** IN LAUNCHER ONE FAIRING WITH 24X 3U CUBESATS

2021

0-300 KG >5 KM/SEC

\$3.5 M

APPLICATIONS

Mini-satellites boosting Small GEO satellite boosting Microsatellites clusters boosting Platform for in-orbit servicing Deep space missions (asteroids, lunar, Mars) Small rocket in-space booster









VIGORIDE EXTENDED IN LAUNCHER ONE FAIRING WITH NOTIONAL MAXIMUM VOLUME PAYLOAD

44" [112 cm]









VIGORIDE EXTENDED MISSION PARAMETERS

PARAMETER

IN-SPACE DRY MASS

MAXIMUM WET MASS WITH PAYLOAD

TOTAL IMPULSE CAPABILITY

PAYLOAD: LEO TO GTO

PAYLOAD LEO TO GEO

PAYLOAD LEO TO LUNAR ORBIT

PAYLOAD TO ESCAPE

MAIN THRUSTER

LEO departures from 200 km circular orbit

ESPA GRANDE	LAUNCHER ONE
135 KG	135 KG
700 KG	500 KG
2X10 ⁶ N-S	1X10 ⁶ N-S (TYPICAL)
300 KG	175 KG
225 KG	125 KG
150 KG	100 KG
100 KG	75 KG
650 SEC ISP, 0.8 N	650 SEC ISP, 0.8 N

MOMENTUS IS BUILDING AND FLYING REAL HARDWARE

X1 HARDWARE DELIVERED & INTEGRATED 2018

HIGH POWER VIGORIDE EXTENDED **TESTS 2019**

VIGORIDE COMMERCIAL SERVICE 2020





13+ GLIENTS \$420 MILLION IN LOI'S SI MILLION IN REVENUE **\$8.3 MILLION IN SEED**













VISION

A future where humanity is equipped to move freely throughout the solar system.







DISCUSSION

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