

Why a Toaster Makes all the Difference – Problem Solving in Stressful Situations





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About me

- 22 years old
- Born in Düsseldorf, Germany
- Studying mechanical engineering at TUM
- Built a sailing yacht after school
- Building rockets since 2021







My journey in WARR rocketry

2021 – 2023: Ground support equipment engineer in project Nixus

2023: Launch Crew of project Nixus at SAC 2023 and EuRoC 2023

2023 – ongoing: Founder and lead of project WESP

2024: Successfully launched and recovered at SAC 2024











The history of WARR - Babarella









The history of WARR - Babarella









The history of WARR - Hyper











Recent WARR Alumni





founded by WARR Alumni | in 2018



about to be founded by WARR Alumni

Many more to follow...





Project Cryosphere







The Team

- Over 150 members
- More than 11 different disciplines
- The future of aerospace in Munich







The Team



Launch Crew - Constancia | Portugal - EuRoC 2023



Launch Crew - Mojave Desert | USA – July 2023



Launch Crew - Camino Real | USA – SAC 2024





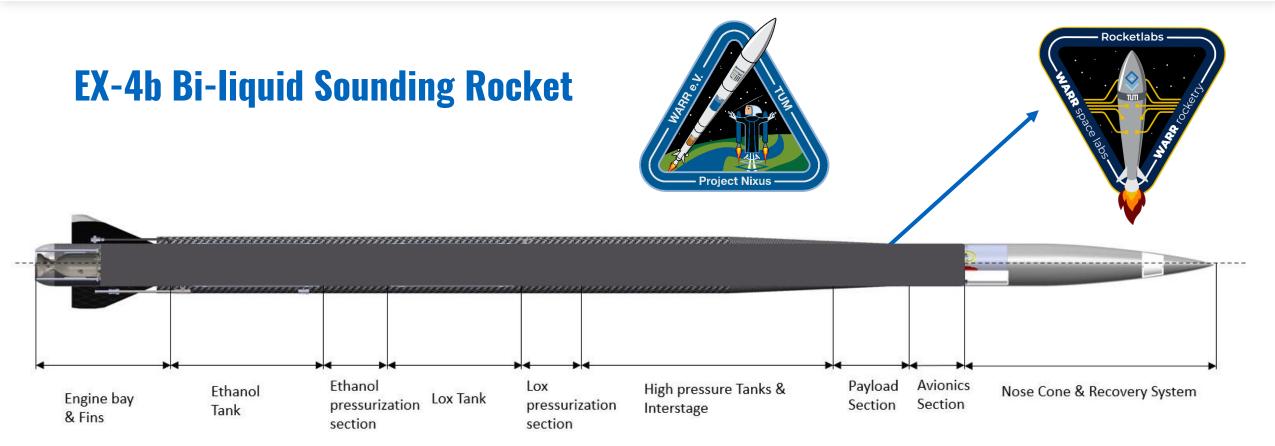
Project Nixus











~ 85 KG LAUNCH MASS

~5.0 KM APOGEE

~ 65 KG DRY MASS

~ Mach 1.0

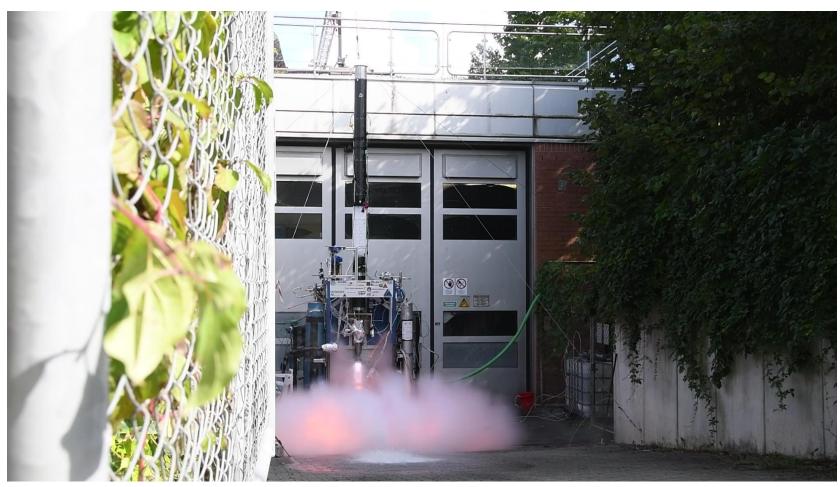
~ 3500 N max THRUST

~11 s BURN TIME





Project Nixus









Project WESP







EX-1E Solid two-staged rocket launched at SAC 2024

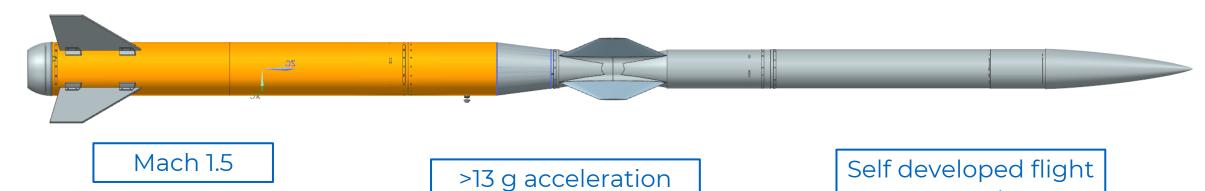


Payload based on an ISS experiment developed by SpaceLabs

8km Apogee

In-flight ignition

computer



05/07/2024





Recent WESP Launches:

21.04.2024:

Where: Straubing

• **Apogee:** 130m

• Stages: One

20.06.2024:

• Where: Spaceport America – New Mexico

• **Apogee:** 7800m

Stages: Two



Launch day | Delft – 2023



Launch day | Spaceport America – 2024





Spaceport America Cup 2024

- Largest Intercollegiate Rocketry Competition
- Global participation from top universities
- → Over 150 institutions
- Has been initiated in 2017
- First SRAD High power two staged launch from a European team







European Rocketry Challenge 2024

- Largest Intercollegiate Rocketry Competition in Europe
- Over 600 Students participating
- Has been initiated in 2020
- Second participation of Project Nixus at the competition







Daily schedule – Launch day

2.00am: Get up 11.33am: Liftoff

2.30am: Payload integration 11.39am: Both stages had successful touchdown

4.00am: Departure to launch site 1.12pm: Range is clear for vehicle recovery

5.30am: Control room and pad setup 1.26pm: Visual on lower stage

6.30am: Final integration on rail 1.42pm: Visual on upper stage

7.00am: Vehicle health checks 2.34pm: Both stages recovered successfully

7.48am: Launch readiness 3.00pm: Post-launch vehicle check

... waiting for GO from weather and FAA ... 3.45pm: Leaving Spaceport America

5.15pm: Arrival at rented house

11.11am: Range and Sky are clear for launch

11.14am: Igniter installation







Daily schedule – Days before launch

2.00am: Get up

2.30am: Payload integration

4.00am: Departure to launch site

5.30am: Control room and pad setup

6.30am: Final integration on rail

7.00am: Vehicle health checks

7.48am: Launch readiness

... waiting for GO from weather and FAA ...

4.00pm: Airspace closed

4.45pm: Leaving Spaceport America

6.15pm: Arrival, payload disintegration

8.00pm: Dinner

9.30pm: **EOD**













General facts

- 23 people involved in launch operations, 21 came as supporters
- Most advanced system at the competition
- 10t of support equipment
- Nearly 150 people involved
- Biggest student rocketry convention & competition in europe
- Constancia, Portugal







Logistics

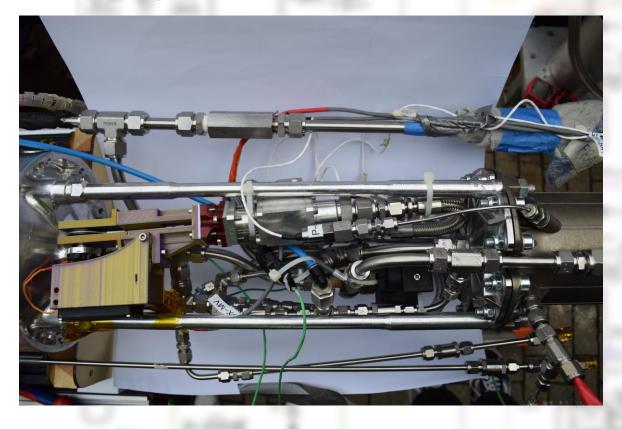
- Launch rail:
 - o 23m high
 - o 3,5t heavy
- Several server racks for live communication with the vehicle
- Fueling equipment
- Emergency tools







Toaster story

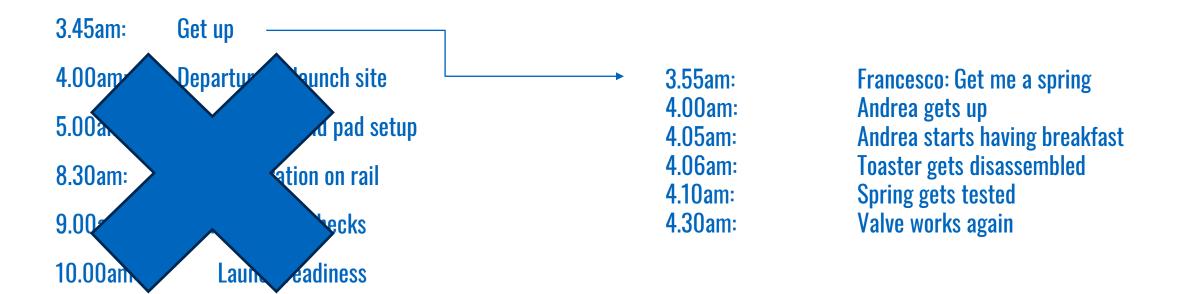








Timeline







European Rocketry Challenge 2023





Winner of the EUROC 2023 design award October 2023



Honors the overall best design implementation, which displays a high competency in all its characteristics, is based on stringent strategic decisions, provided an exceptional challenge to realize, and might even go beyond pure rocketry to put special attention towards its innovation and/or payload.





Where are we going?

Breaking Barriers of student rocketry

- First student developed pump-fed liquid rocket engine
- Maiden flight in October 2025
- Fully in-house developed by students
- Enable practical learning within several areas
 - Controll algorithms
 - Fluid dynamics
 - Testing experiences







Summary

- Yearly competition launches
- Launches with apogee ~ 9 km
- Transonic flight regime
- Driven by industry standard tech
- In-house propulsion system development and testing







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