

## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES, OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES FOR MICROGRAVITY SCIENCE

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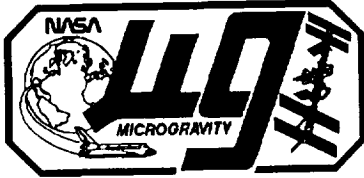
### ABSTRACT

Microgravity Science in the U.S.A. involves research in fluids science, combustion science, materials science, biotechnology and fundamental physics. The purpose is to achieve a thorough understanding of the effects of gravitational body forces on physical phenomena relevant to those disciplines. This includes the study of phenomena which are usually overwhelmed by the presence of gravitational body forces and, therefore, chiefly manifested when gravitational forces are weak. In the pragmatic sense, the research involves gravity level as an experimental parameter.

Calendar year 1992 is a landmark year for research opportunities in low earth orbit for Microgravity Science. For the first time ever, three Spacelab flights will fly in a single year. IML-1 was launched on January 22; USML-1 was launched on June 25; and, in September, SL-J will be launched. A separate flight involving two cargo bay carriers, USMP-1, will be launched in October. From the beginning of 1993 up to and including the Space Station era (1997), nine flights involving either Spacelab or USMP carriers will be flown. This will be augmented by a number of middeck payloads and get away specials flying on various flights.

All of this activity sets the stage for experimentation on Space Station Freedom. Beginning in 1997, experiments in Microgravity Science will be conducted on Station. Facilities for doing experiments in protein crystal growth, solidification and biotechnology will all be available. These will be joined by middeck-class payloads and the microgravity glove box for conducting additional experiments. In 1998, a new generation protein crystal growth facility and a facility for conducting combustion research will arrive. A fluids science facility and additional capability for conducting research in solidification, as well as an ability to handle small payloads on a quick response basis, will be added in 1999. The year 2000 will see upgrades in the protein crystal growth and fluids science facilities. From the beginning of 1997 to the fall of 1999 (the "man-tended capability" era), there will be two or three utilization flights per year. Plans call for operations in Microgravity Science during utilization flights and between utilization flights. Experiments conducted during utilization flights will characteristically require crew interaction, short duration and less sensitivity to perturbations in the acceleration environment. Operations between utilization flights will involve experiments that can be controlled remotely and/or can be automated. Typically, the experiments will require long times and a pristine environment. Beyond the fall of 1999 (the "permanently-manned capability" era), some payloads will require crew interaction; others will be automated and will make use of telescience.





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 Research Objectives, Opportunities, and Facilities**

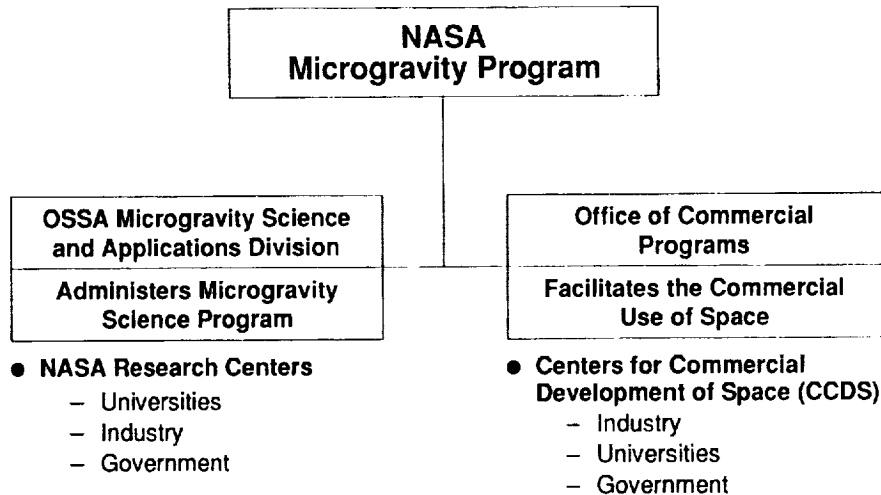
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NASA Microgravity Program



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## Program Goal



**Develop a comprehensive research program in fluids science, combustion science, materials science, biotechnology, and fundamental physics for the purpose of attaining a structured understanding of gravity-dependent physical phenomena and those physical phenomena made obscure by the effects of gravity.**

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## Fluid Dynamics and Transport Phenomena Research Areas



- **Multiphase flow and heat transfer**
- **Suspension/colloid/granular media mechanics**
- **Solid-fluid interface dynamics**
- **Capillary phenomena**
- **Magneto/electrohydrodynamics**
- **Transport phenomena**



## Combustion Science Research Areas



- Ignition, smolder, solid materials
- Gaseous diffusion flames
- Gaseous premixed flames
- Heterogeneous (particles and droplets)
- Metals and combustion synthesis

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## Materials Science Research Areas



**Electronic and Photonic Materials**  
**Metals and Alloys**  
**Glasses and Ceramics**

or

**Crystal Growth**  
**Solidification Fundamentals**  
**Thermophysical Properties**

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## Biotechnology Research Areas



- Cell physiology
- Cell differentiation
- Protein crystal growth
- Biological separations

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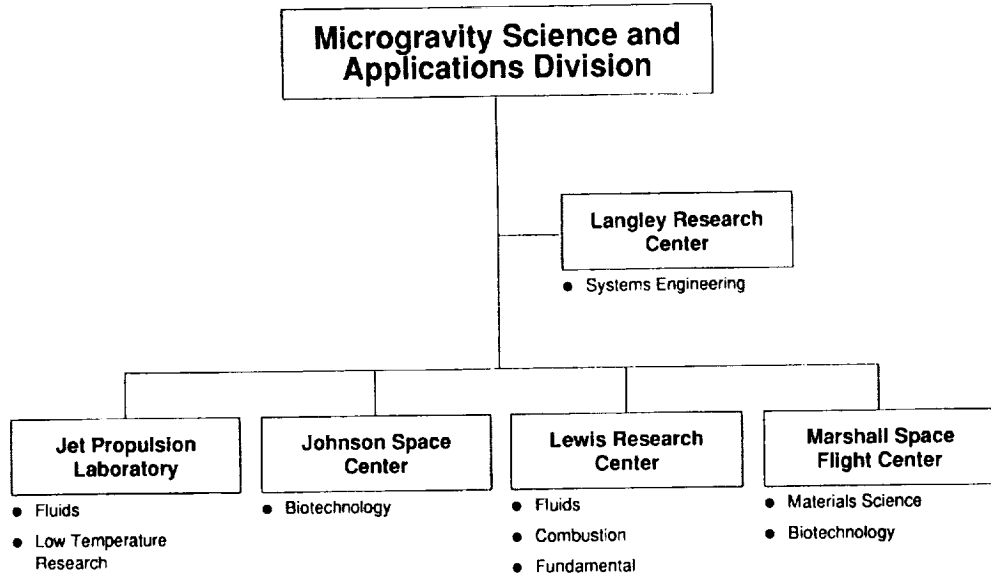
## Fundamental Physics Research Areas



- Critical point phenomena
- Gravitational physics



# NASA Centers Supporting The Microgravity Science and Applications Division



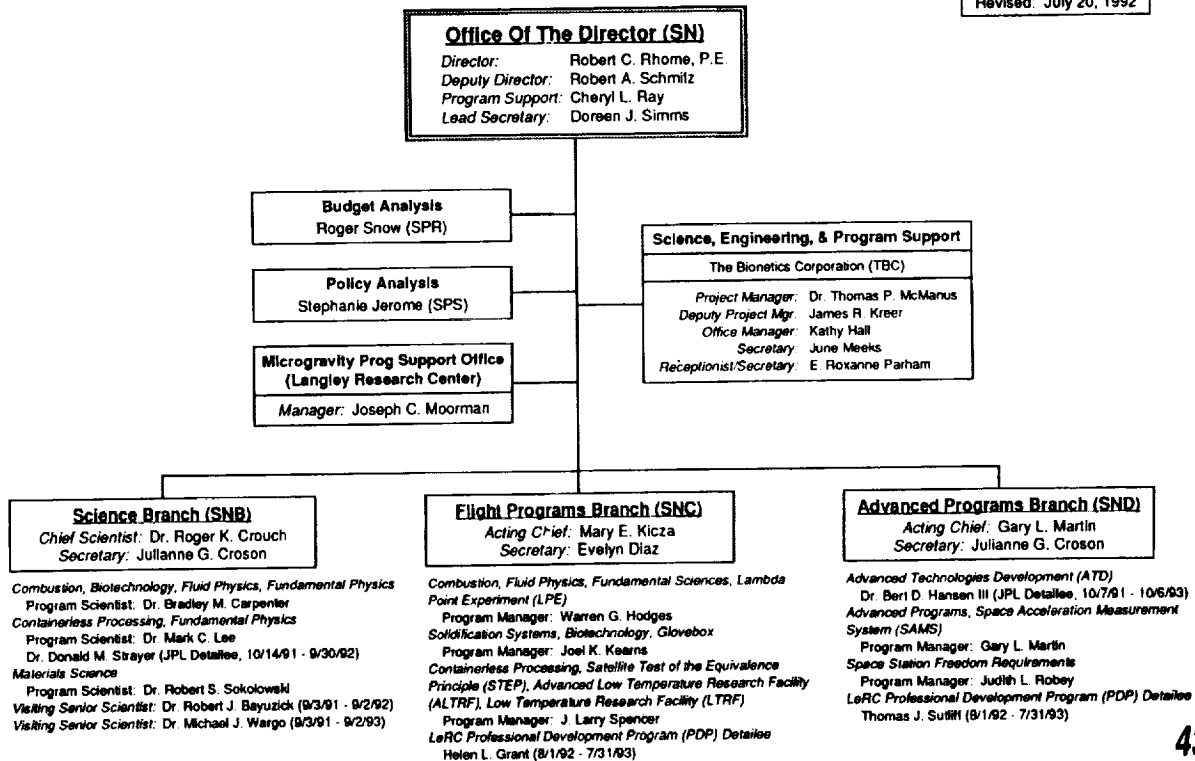
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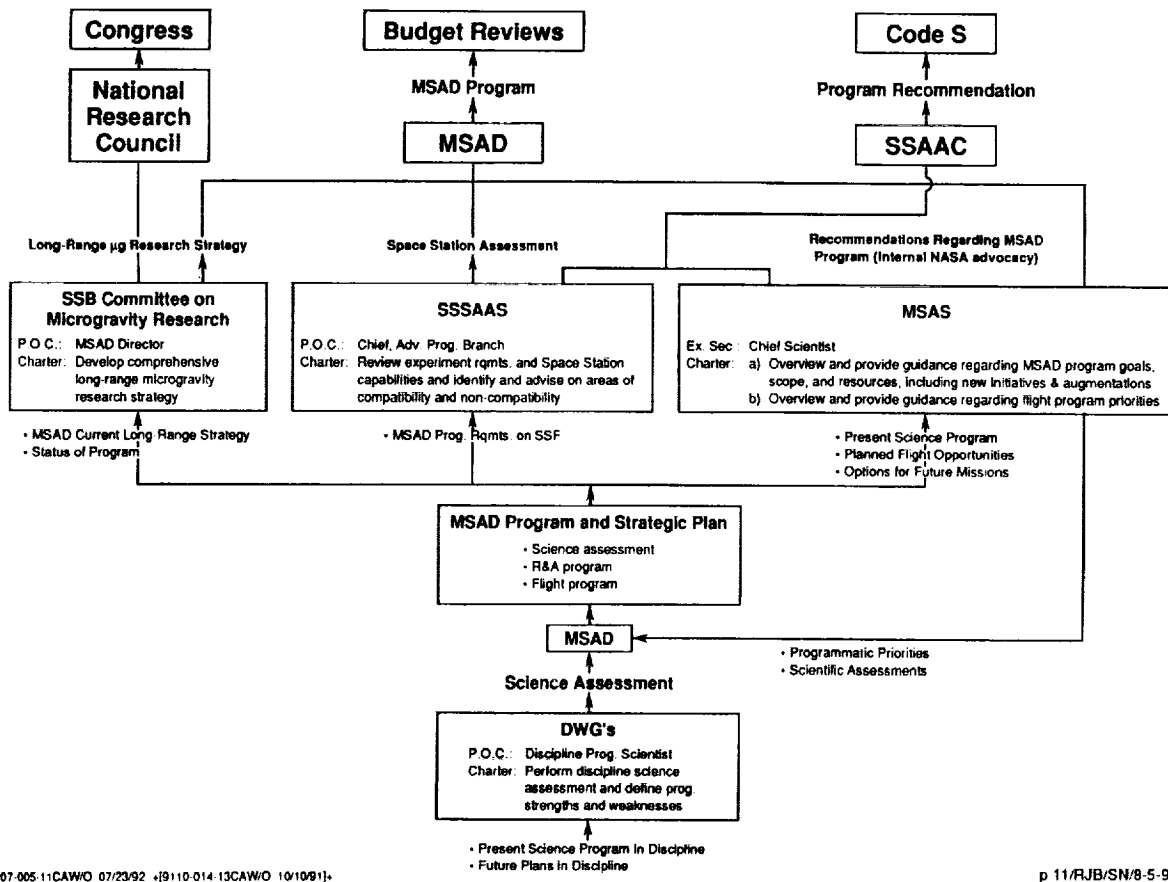
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## FLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES -- THE PRESENT



### ● Four MSAD missions in CY92:

**IML-1** – successful mission: January 22 - 30, 1992

**USML-1** – successful mission: June 25 - July 9, 1992

**Spacelab-J**

**USMP-1**





**International Microgravity Laboratory (IML-1)  
Microgravity Science and Applications  
Experiments**



Apparatus/Experiment	Acronym	Principal Investigator	Country of Origin
• Fluids Experiment System	FES		U.S.A.
– A Study of Solution Crystal Growth in Low Gravity	TGS	Dr. R. B. Lal	U.S.A.
– Casting and Solidification Technology	CAST	Dr. M. H. McCay	U.S.A.
• Vapor Crystal Growth System	VCGS	Dr. L. van den Berg	U.S.A.
• Mercuric Iodide Crystal Growth	MICG	Dr. R. Cadoret	France
• Protein Crystal Growth	PCG	Dr. C. Bugg	U.S.A.
• Organic Crystal Growth Facility	OCGP	Dr. Kanbayashi	Japan
• Cryostat	CRY		Germany
– Protein Crystal Growth in Cryostat		Dr. McPherson	U.S.A.
– B-galactosidase/Inhibitor-Single Crystal Growth		Dr. W. Littke	Germany
– Crystal Growth of Electrogenic Membrane Protein Bacteriorhodopsin		Dr. G. Wagner	Germany
• Critical Point Facility	CPF		ESTEC
– Critical Fluid Thermal Equilibrium		Dr. A. Wilkinson	U.S.A.
– Heat and Mass Transport at the Critical Point		Dr. D. Beysens	France
– Light Scattering and Interferometry Experiments		Dr. A. Michels	Netherlands
• Space Acceleration Measurement System	SAMS	Dr. R. DeLombard	U.S.A.



**U.S. Microgravity Laboratory (USML-1)  
Microgravity Science and Applications  
Experiments**



Apparatus/Experiment	Developer	Principal Investigator
• Crystal Growth Furnace (CGF)	MSFC	
– Orbital Processing of High Quality Cd-Te		D. Larson
– Crystal Growth of II-VI Semiconducting Alloys by Solidification		A. Lehoczky
– Study of Dopant Segregation Behavior During Growth of Ga-As in Microgravity		D. Matthiesen
– Vapor Growth of Hg-Cd-Te in Microgravity		H. Wiedemeter
• Drop Physics Module (DPM)	JPL	
– Science and Technology of Surface Controlled Phenomena		R. Apfel
– Drop Dynamics Investigation		T. Wang
– Measurement of Liquid-Liquid Interfacial Tension of a Compound Drop		M. Weinberg
• Protein Crystal Growth (PCG)	MSFC	C. Bugg
• Solid Surface Combustion Experiment (SSCE)	LeRC	R. Altenkirch
• Surface Tension Driven Convection (STDCE)	LeRC	S. Ostrach
• Glovebox Experiment Module (GEM)	MSFC	17 experiments
• Zeolite Crystal Growth (ZCG)	Battelle Adv. Materials Center	A. Sacco
• Generic Bioprocessing Apparatus (GBA)	Center for Bioserve Technology	L. Stodleck
• Astroculture (ASC)	Wisconsin Ctr. for Auto. & Robotics	T. Tibbets
• Space Acceleration Measurement System (SAMS)	LeRC	R. DeLombard



**Spacelab J (SL-J)  
Microgravity Science Experiments**



Apparatus/Experiment	Acronym	Country of Origin
Acoustic Levitation Furnace	ALF	Japan
Bubble Behavior Experiment Unit	BBU	Japan
Crystal Growth Experiment Furnace	CGF	Japan
Free Flow Electrophoresis Unit	FFEU	Japan
Gas Evaporation Experiment Facility	GEF	Japan
Gradient Heating Furnace	GHF	Japan
Image Furnace	IMF	Japan
Liquid Drop Experiment Facility	LDF	Japan
Marangoni Convection Experiment Unit	MCU	Japan
Organic Crystal Growth Experiment Facility	OCF	Japan
Pool Boiling Experiment (GAS)	PBE	U.S.
Protein Crystal Growth	PCG	U.S.
Space Acceleration Measurement System	SAMS	U.S.
Solid Surface Combustion Experiment	SSCE	U.S.

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**U.S. Microgravity Payload (USMP-1)  
Microgravity Science and Applications  
Experiments**



Apparatus/Experiment	Developer	Principal Investigator
• Lambda Point Experiment (LPE)	JPL	J. Lipa
• MEPHISTO	CNES	J. Favier
– The Morphological Stability and In Situ Monitoring of Binary Alloy Solidification		
– In-Situ Monitoring of Crystal Growth		G. Abbaschian
• Space Acceleration Measurement System (SAMS)	LeRC	R. DeLombard



# Microgravity Science and Applications Division Baseline Plan: 1994 - 2004



FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE		MATERIALS SCIENCE		BIOTECHNOLOGY		
SPACE MISSIONS	Condensed Matter Physics	Lambda Point Experiment Critical Fluid Light Scattering Experiment Critical Fluid Viscosity Measurement Experiment Low Temperature Research Facility Satellite Test of Equivalence Principle	Metals and Alloys	Isothermal Dendrite Growth Experiment TEMPUS (F) Large Isothermal Furnace (F) Space Station Furnace Facility	Cell Science	RAMSES (F) Detailed Supplemental Objectives Bioreactor Biotechnology Facility
	Fluids & Transport Phenomena	Surface Tension Driven Convection Experiment Drop Physics Module Critical Point Facility (F) Bubble, Drop, and Particle Unit (F) Geophysical Fluid Flow Cell Mechanics of Granular Materials Advanced Fluids Middecks Advanced Fluids Module Fluid Physics/Dynamics Facility Modular Containerless Processing Facility	Glasses and Ceramics	Drop Physics Module Modular Containerless Processing Facility	Macro-molecular Crystal Growth	Protein Crystal Growth Cryostat (F) Advanced Protein Crystal Growth Advanced Protein Crystal Growth Facility
	Combustion Science	Solid Surface Combustion Experiment Advanced Combustion Middecks Advanced Combustion Module Modular Combustion Facility	Electronic & Photonic Materials	Crystal Growth Furnace MEPHISTO (F) Advanced Automated Directional Solidification Furnace Programmable Multizone Furnace Space Station Furnace Facility		
SO & DA	Space Acceleration Measurement System Glovebox Experiment Module		Acceleration Characterization and Analysis Project Orbital Acceleration Research Experiment			
R & A	Drop Tubes/Towers		Parabolic Flights		Sounding Rockets	
ATD	Advanced Furnace Technology Vibration Isolation Technology		Non-Contact Temperature Measurement Combustion/Fluids Diagnostics		Laser Light Scattering Experiment Interface Measurements	

(F) - Foreign Hardware

☐ - Space Station Freedom Facility

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## Microgravity Science and Applications Division Planning Manifest

CY91	CY92	CY93	CY94	CY95
SLS-1 (STS-40) LD - 6/5/91 SAMS SSCE-2 GaAs (GAS)	IML-1 (STS-42) LD - 1/22/92 FES/VCGS SAMS PCG CRYOSTAT (I) CPF (I) MICG (I) OCGF (I)	SL-D2 (STS-55) LRD - 1/27/93 BIOLABOR (I)	IML-2 (STS-66) LRD - 7/30/94 APCF (I) SAMS TEMPUS (I) BDPU (I) FFEU/TEI-HT (I) RAMSES (I) CPF (I) LIF (I) VIBES (I) QSAM (I)	USML-2 (STS-73) LRD - 5/6/95 SAMS CGF GFFC STDCE GBX MGM APCG CVTE
	USML-1 (STS-50) LD - 6/25/92 PCG DPM CGF STDCE SSCE-4 SAMS GBX OARE		USMP-2 (STS-62) LRD - 1/25/94 AADSF (A-1) IDGE CFLSE SAMS SAMS MEPHISTO (I)	SL-E1 (STS-70) LRD - 1/28/95 Coop. Prog.
	SL-J (STS-47) LRD - 8/12/92 PCG SAMS SSCE-5 PBE Proto. (GAS)			USMP-3 (STS-72) LRD - 4/4/95 AADSF (A-2) SAMS SAMS MEPHISTO (I)
	USMP-1 (STS-52) LRD - 9/24/92 LPE SAMS SAMS MEPHISTO (I) CVTE-1 (U)			

### NOTES:

- (LRD) Launch Readiness Dates and STS flight numbers from SSP Baseline Manifest, Mar. 20, 1992
- (LD) Launch Date
- (I) indicates non-U.S. hardware on which U.S. Investigators are flying (International)
- (U) indicates U.S. non-MSAD hardware in which MSAD Investigators are flying
- + indicates enhanced/upgraded version
- \* Will not fly if Space Station is available
- ☐ Candidate transition hardware

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CY96	CY97	CY98	CY99	CY00
	<b>USML-3</b> <b>(STS-___)</b> <b>LRD - ___/___/97</b> STDCE+ APCG CGF+ SAMS GBX DCE  <b>SL-E2</b> <b>(STS-94)</b> <b>LRD - 11/18/97</b> Coop. Prog.  <b>USMP-4</b> <b>(STS-86)</b> <b>LRD - 1/25/97</b> AADSF (A-1) IDGE+ SAMS SAMS MEPHISTO (I)	<b>USMP-5</b> <b>(STS-97)</b> <b>LRD - 3/18/98</b> IDGE+ SAMS SAMS AADSF (A-2) MEPHISTO (I)	<b>USMP-6</b> <b>(STS-___)</b> <b>LRD - ___/___/___</b> MEPHISTO (I) AADSF (A-1) SAMS SAMS LTRF-20	<b>USMP-7</b> <b>(STS-___)</b> <b>LRD - ___/___/___</b> AADSF (A-2) SAMS SAMS

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<b>MIDDECK</b> <b>OR GAS</b>  <b>(STS-37)</b> <b>LD - 4/5/91</b> PCG-III-4  <b>(STS-43)</b> <b>LD - 8/2/91</b> SSCE-3 PCG-III-5 SAMS-1  <b>(STS-48)</b> <b>LD - 9/12/91</b> PCG-II-2  <b>(STS-44)</b> <b>LD - 11/24/91</b> Cell Cult. DSO	<b>MIDDECK</b> <b>OR GAS</b>  Cell Cult. DSO (1)  <b>(STS-45)</b> <b>LD - 3/24/92</b> GaAs (GAS)  <b>(STS-54)</b> <b>12/3/92</b> SSCE-6	<b>MIDDECK</b> <b>OR GAS</b>  SAMS (4/yr) APCG (4/yr) APCF (I) Coop. Prog. (1/yr)  <b>(STS-___)</b> <b>2/93</b> SSCE-7  <b>Spacehab-1</b> <b>(STS-57)</b> <b>LRD - 4/22/93</b> SAMS CVTE 2 (U) Cell Cult. DSO PBE (GAS)  <b>(STS-58)</b> <b>LRD - 6/22/93</b> Cell Cult. DSO  <b>Spacehab-2</b> <b>(STS-60)</b> <b>LRD - 10/21/93</b> SAMS  <b>(STS-___)</b> <b>7/93</b> SSCE-8	<b>MIDDECK</b> <b>OR GAS</b>  SAMS (3/yr) APCG (4/yr) Cell Cult. DSO PBE (GAS) CVTE-3 (U) APCF (I) Coop. Prog (1/yr)  <b>(STS-___)</b> <b>MGM</b> <b>SAMS</b>  <b>SOUNDING</b> <b>ROCKET</b> Pool Fires	<b>MIDDECK</b> <b>OR GAS</b>  SAMS (3/yr) APCG (3/yr) Coop. Prog. (2/yr) Smoldering (GAS)  <b>SOUNDING</b> <b>ROCKET</b> Pool Fires (2/yr)   <b>FREEFLYER</b>  <b>(STS-71)</b> <b>LRD - 2/21/95</b> EURECA-2L (I) Coop. Prog.

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SAMS (4/yr) APCG (4/yr) Coop. Prog. (2/yr) Smoldering (GAS)	SAMS (2/yr) APCG (3/yr) DARTFire (2/yr) AFMD1-1 PMZF (2/yr) AFMD2-1 Coop. Prog. (2/yr)  (STS- <u>   </u> ) MGM SAMS	DCE PMZF Bioreactor	AFMD1-2 PMZF (2/yr) Bioreactor AFMD2-2	PMZF (2/yr) Bioreactor MSMD-1
	SSF	SSF	SSF	SSF
	APCG SAMS SSF TBD Middeck Class BTF SSFF (C1)(M1)	APCGF (C1) SSFF (C1)(M1) FPDF/MCF (C1) - Comb 1 SAMS SSF	APCGF (C1) SSFF (C1)(M1)(M2) FPDF/MCF (C1) - Comb 1 - Fluid 1 SRR SAMS SSF	APCGF (C2) SSFF (C1)(M1)(M2) FPDF/MCF (C1) - Comb 2 - Fluid 2 SRR SAMS SSF
FREEFLYER	FREEFLYER	FREEFLYER  (STS- <u>   </u> ) EURECA-3L (I) Coop. Prog.  FSFF	FREEFLYER	FREEFLYER  FSFF STEP

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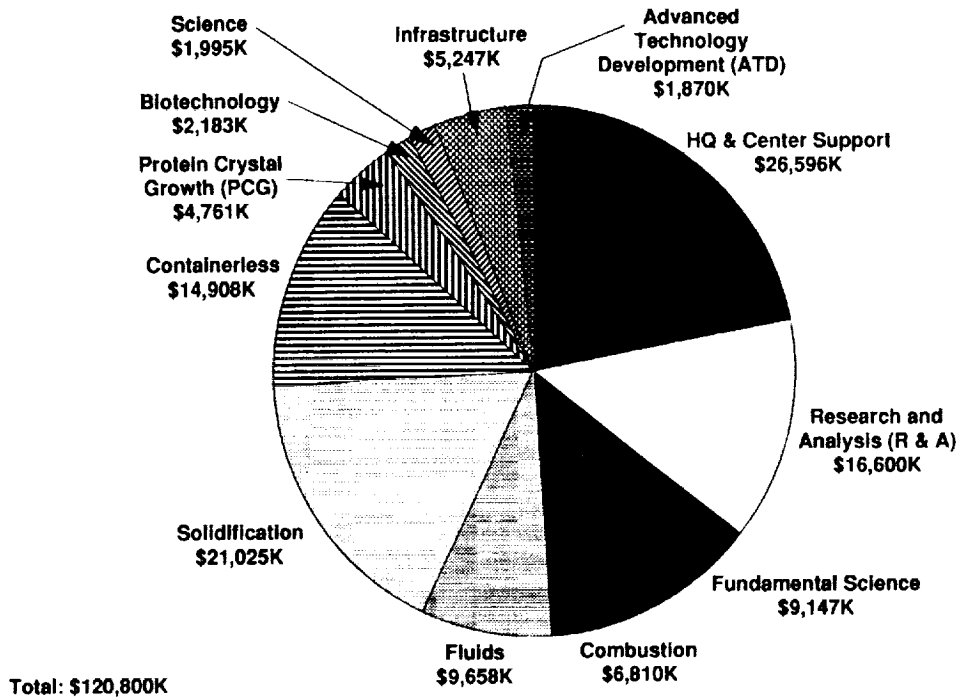


**Planned Research Announcements**

Calendar Year:	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>97</u>
<b>Combustion Science</b>			▽		▽		
<b>Biotechnology</b>	▼			▽			▽
<b>Fluids and Transport</b>	▼		▽			▽	
<b>Materials Science</b>	▼		▽			▽	
<b>Fundamental Science</b>	▼			▽			▽
<b>Ground-Based Research</b>		▽	▽	▽	▽	▽	▽
<b>Combustion</b>			•	•		•	•
<b>Biotechnology</b>		•	•	•	•		
<b>Fluids and Transport</b>		•		•	•		•
<b>Materials Science</b>		•		•	•		•
<b>Fundamental</b>		•	•		•	•	



# Microgravity Science and Applications Division FY92 Budget by Program



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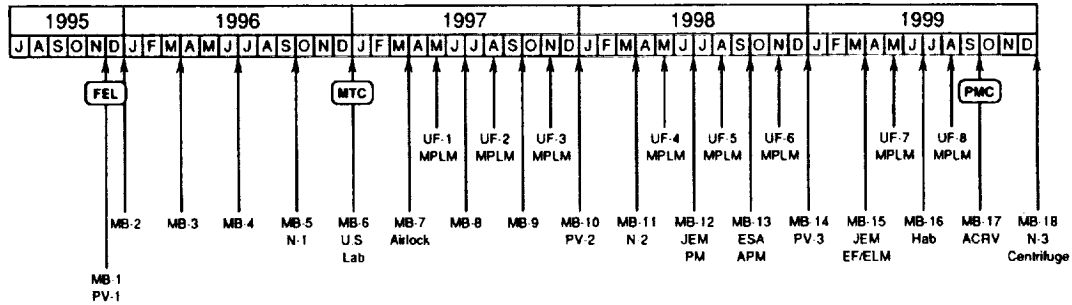
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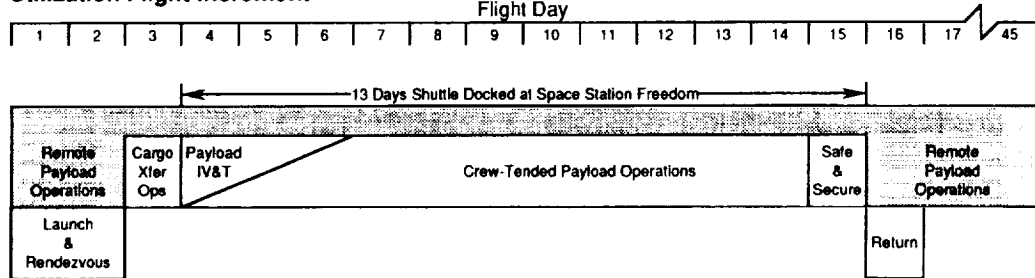
# Integrated Launch Schedule



## Overall Flight Sequence



## Utilization Flight Increment



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# MSAD Space Station Payload Traffic Model (April 1992)



	CY 1997	CY 1998	CY 1999	CY 2000		
Protein Crystal Growth	APCG	APCGF C1	APCG	APCGF C1, APCGF C2	APCG = Advanced Protein Crystal Growth APCGF = Advanced Protein Crystal Growth Facility BTF = Biotechnology Facility Comb = Combustion Module Fluids = Fluids Module FPDF = Fluid Physics/Dynamics Facility MCF = Modular Combustion Facility MCPF = Modular Containerless Processing Facility MDC = Middeck-Class Payloads MGBX = Microgravity Glovebox SAMS = Space Acceleration Measurement System SRR = Small and Rapid Response Payloads C = Core M = Module	
Solidification Research	SSFF C1, M1		M2			
Fluids & Combustion		Comb 1, FPDF/MCF C1	Fluid 1	Fluid 2, Fluid 1		
Containerless Processing	← UNDER REVIEW →					
Small & Rapid Response			SRR 1			
Middeck-Class Payloads with SAMS SSF *	MDC, MDC					
Biotechnology	BTF					
SSF-Provided Microgravity Glovebox	MGBX					
						Returned Hardware Space Station-Unique Hardware Transition Hardware (Assume MPE/Interface Adaptor provided by SSF)

\* SAMS SSF is Station-unique hardware, not transition hardware



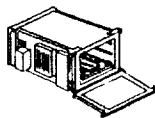
- Evaluate the effects of gravity on the growth of protein crystals
- Study physics/dynamics of macromolecular crystal growth
- Support biotechnology research by growing high quality macromolecular protein crystals which can be used for x-ray crystallography

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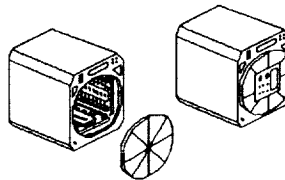
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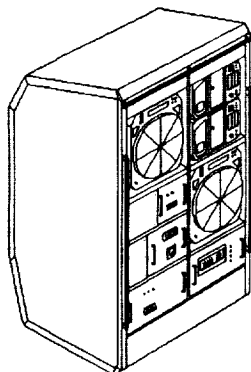
Protein Crystal Growth Program Evolution



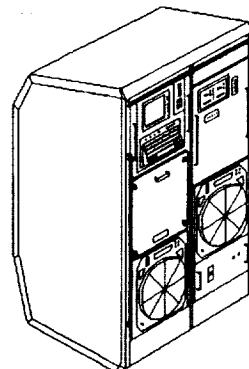
**PCG (current)**  
Protein Crystal Growth  
Middeck Refrigerator/  
Incubator Module with  
Vapor Diffusion Apparatus



**APCG (1993 - 1997)**  
Advanced Protein Crystal Growth  
Middeck using Thermal Enclosure  
System (TES) for PI-specific crystal  
growth hardware



**APCG transition  
(1997)**  
TES units modified  
for flight in SSF



**APCGE (1998 - 2000)**  
Advanced Protein Crystal Growth  
Facility for SSF  
Host Facility for Advanced Thermal  
Enclosures, PI-specific Crystal Growth  
Hardware





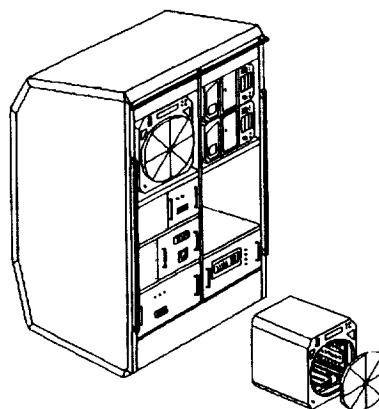
## Advanced Protein Crystal Growth (APCG) Payload Description (1997 - 1998)



- Power            0.5 kW nominal/1 kW peak
- Mass            300 kg
- Volume         1 rack

### TRANSITION HARDWARE

2 Thermal Enclosure System (TES) units with crystal growth apparatus  
SSFP provides adapter hardware, integration



- APCG plans to accommodate second generation crystal growth hardware in TES units
  - Vapor Diffusion Apparatus
  - Thermally-controlled batch process
  - Liquid-liquid diffusion
  - Dynamically-controlled systems
- Automated experiment initiation and deactivation

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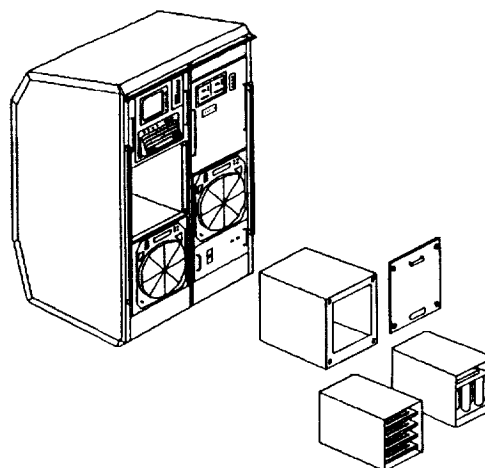


## Advanced Protein Crystal Growth Facility (APCGF) Payload Description (1998 - 2000+)



- Power            2.1 kW nominal/2.4 kW peak
- Mass            616 kg
- Volume         1 rack

Space Station-unique hardware  
Advanced thermal enclosures  
Enhanced diagnostic systems with imaging capability



- Third generation protein crystal growth hardware
  - May accommodate a larger number of experiments than APCG by using advanced thermal enclosures
  - Can accommodate current TES, new thermal enclosures, or PI-supplied thermal enclosures for long-duration crystal growth, and enhanced diagnostics
  - Automated experiment initiation and deactivation

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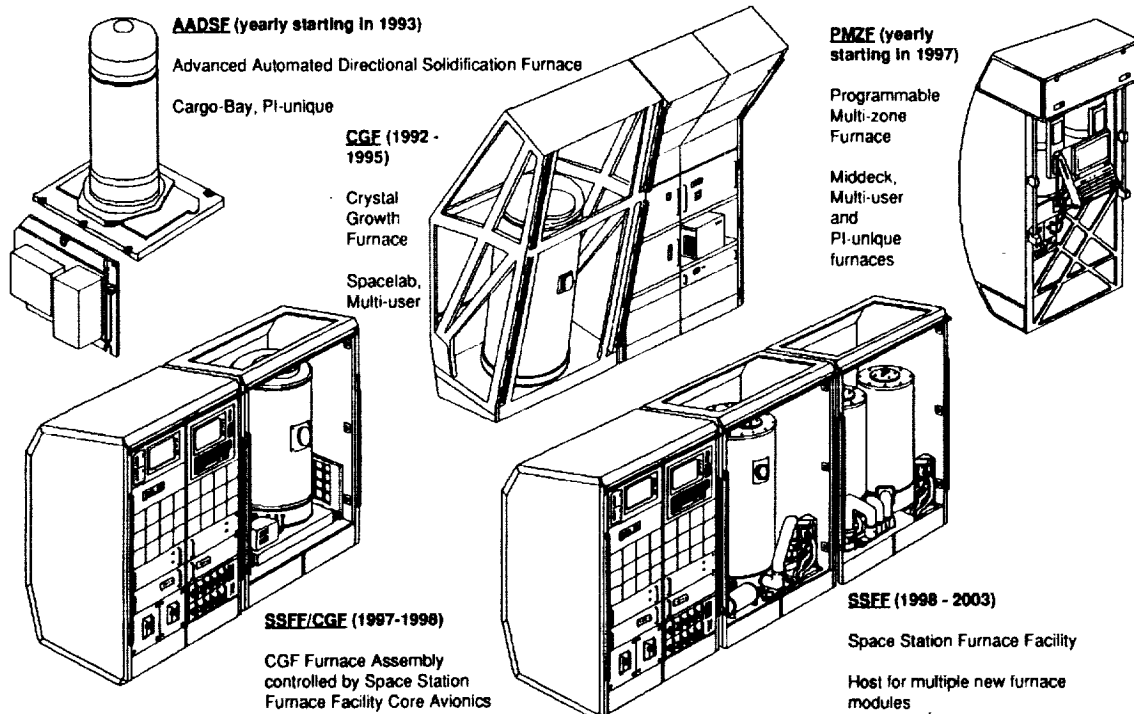
- Gain understanding of the mechanisms which correlate directional solidification parameters and materials properties for various technologically important materials
- Explore potential for utilization of low gravity environment to develop unique materials or materials structures which have unique, crafted properties
- Measure thermophysical properties of materials

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Solidification Research  
Program Evolution

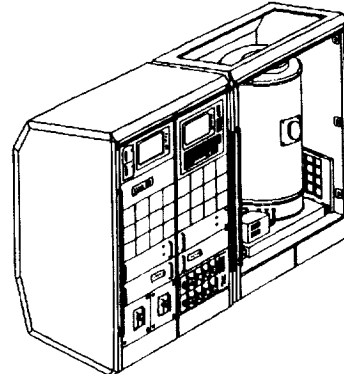




## Space Station Furnace Facility/Crystal Growth Furnace Payload Description (1997 - 1998)



- **Power** 2.0 kW nominal/4.0 kW peak
- **Mass** 1050 kg
- **Volume** 2 racks
- 1 Rack - Core Space Station-unique controls, power conditioning and diagnostics
- 1 Rack CGF furnace
  - Pressure vessel with flexible glovebox
  - Reconfigurable furnace module
  - Furnace translation mechanism
  - Automated sample exchange mechanism (up to six samples)



- Gradient zone thickness can be optimized before launch, and a heat extraction plate can be included to obtain steeper gradients
- Interface demarcation will be available by mechanical and current pulsing

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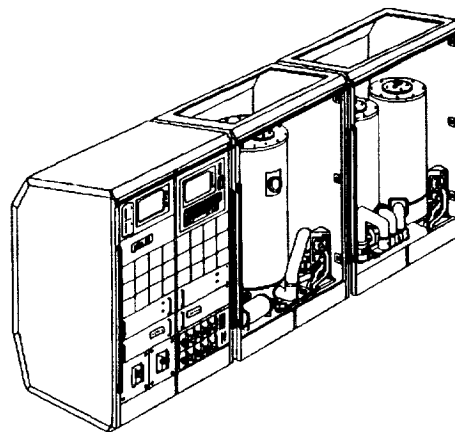
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## Space Station Furnace Facility (SSFF) Payload Description (1999 - 2003)



- **Power** 6.5 kW nominal/9.0 kW peak
- **Mass** 1,350 kg
- **Volume** 3 racks
- 1 Rack - Core Space Station-unique controls, power conditioning and diagnostics
- 1 Rack Furnace Module 1
- 1 Rack Furnace Module 2



- Furnace Modules -- to be determined from NASA Research Announcement/ Announcement for Opportunity (NRA/AO) selection -- first PI selections in August 1992
- Modules being considered
  - Upgraded programmable Multi-Zone Furnace (used for planning purposes)
  - Transparent Furnace
  - Bridgman with Quench
  - Float-Zone Crystal Growth Furnace

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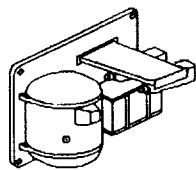
- Provide better understanding of fundamental theories of combustion processes and phenomena, such as:
  - Premixed gaseous fuel combustion
  - Laminar and turbulent diffusion flames
  - Flame spreading and smoldering with solid fuels
  - Flame spreading over liquid pools
  - Effectiveness of fire extinguishing techniques
  - Droplet, particle, and spray combustion
  - Metals combustion
  
- Provide scientific and engineering data for a variety of combustion related applications, such as spacecraft fire safety

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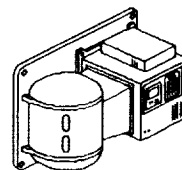
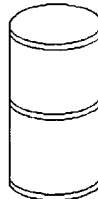
### Combustion Program Evolution



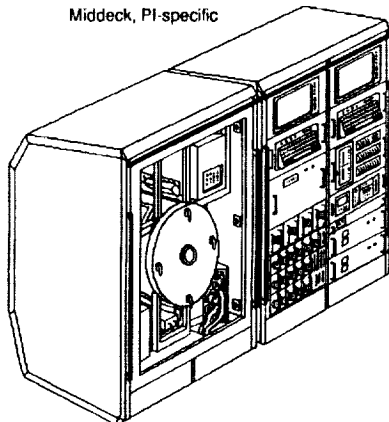
**SSCE (1990-present)**  
Solid Surface Combustion Experiment  
Middeck, PI-specific

**Smoldering GAS (1995)**

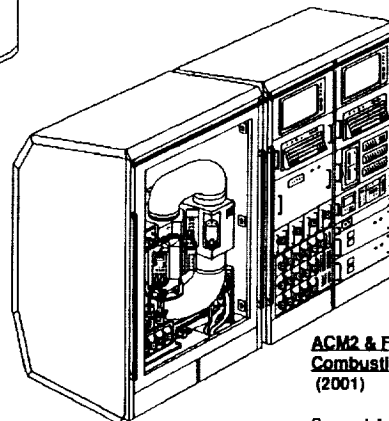
Smoldering combustion experiment  
Get-away special payload, PI-specific



**ACMD (1997)**  
Advanced Combustion Middeck  
Middeck, multi-user



**ACM1 & Fluids/Combustion Core (1998 - 2000)**  
Advanced Combustion Module  
Core systems support multi-user combustion modules



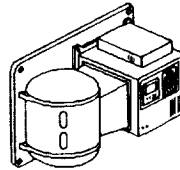
**ACM2 & Fluids/Combustion Core (2001)**  
Second Advanced Combustion Module



## Advanced Combustion Middeck Payload



- Power 120 W
- Mass 400 kg
- Volume 4 middeck lockers



- A CoDR was held in December 1991
- Will have the capability to do multiple experiment samples intensified video for low luminosity
- Studying the capability for chamber atmosphere clean-up

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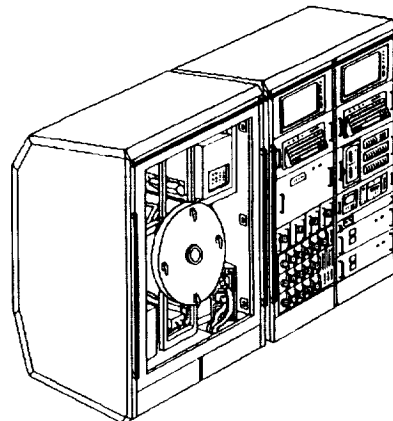
## Modular Combustion Facility (MCF) Payload Description (1998 - 2000)



- Power 1.5 kW nominal/2.3 kW peak
- Mass 1,400 kg
- Volume 2 racks

### TRANSITION HARDWARE

- 1 Rack - Core Shares a common core with the fluids module
- 1 Rack Module 1 - Combustion experiment rack



- The combustion experiment rack will house a generic combustion chamber with investigation-specific equipment
  - Nozzles for burning of gases
  - Sample holders for solid fuels experiment
- The combustion chamber will have ports to accommodate different modular diagnostics systems:
  - CCD video system
  - Infrared imager
  - Schlieren imaging system
  - Temperature measuring probes
  - Gas sampling probes

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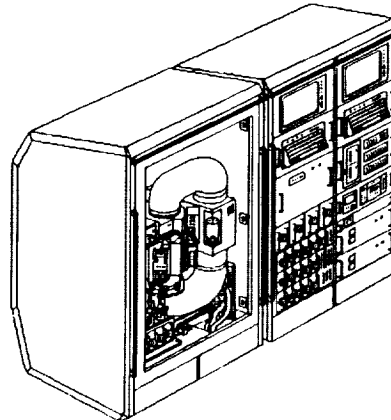
## Modular Combustion Facility (MCF) Payload Description (2001+)



- **Power** 5 kW nominal/7.1 kW peak
- **Mass** 1,400 kg
- **Volume** 2 racks

### STATION-UNIQUE HARDWARE

- 1 Rack - Core Core 2 shared with fluid modules
- 1 Rack Module 2 - combustion experiment rack



- **Module 2 to be determined from NRA/AO selection**
- **Two candidate experiment racks under study**
  - Quiescent Combustion Chamber
  - Low-Speed Combustion Tunnel

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## Fluid Physics and Dynamics Science Utilization



- **Provide advances in theories of fluid physics**
- **Provide improvements in thermophysical property measurement**
- **Provide scientific and engineering data related to fluids-related applications and systems**
- **Experiments may cover a broad area of interest:**
  - Isothermal-isosolutal capillary phenomena
  - Capillary phenomena with thermal/solutal gradients
  - Thermal solutal convection and diffusive flows
  - First order phase transitions in a static fluid
  - Multi-phase flow

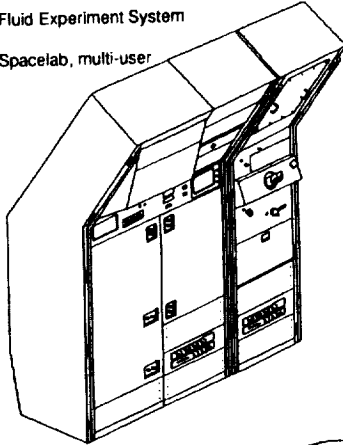


# Fluids Program Evolution



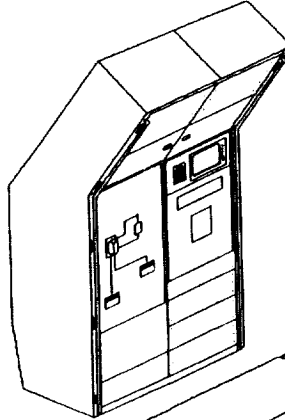
**EES (1985, 1992)**

Fluid Experiment System  
Spacelab, multi-user



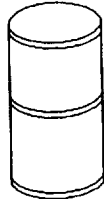
**STDCE (1992, 1995, 1997)**

Surface Tension  
Driven Convection  
Experiment  
Spacelab, PI-specific



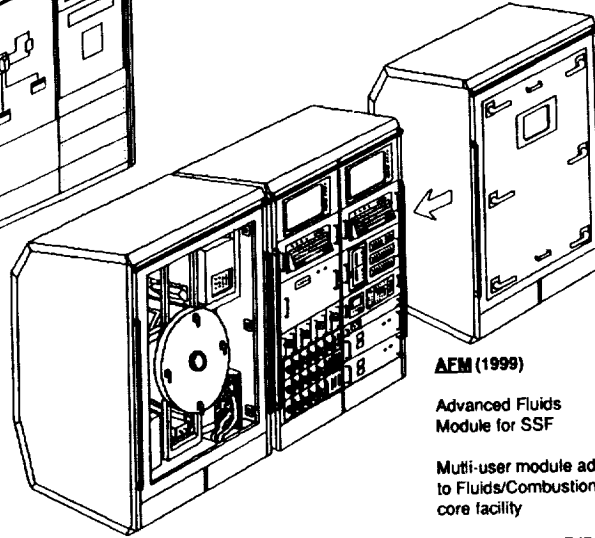
**PBE (1992 - 1994)**

Pool Boiling Experiment  
Get-away special  
payload, PI-specific



**AEM (1999)**

Advanced Fluids  
Module for SSF  
Multi-user module added  
to Fluids/Combustion  
core facility



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# Fluid Physics Dynamics Facility (FPDF) Payload Description (1999+)

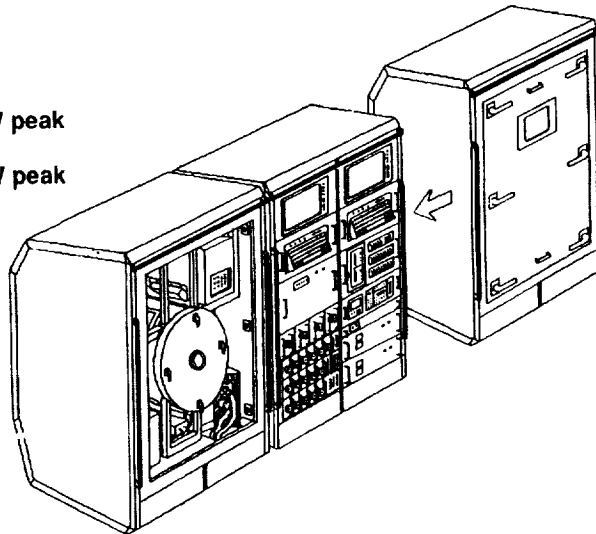


- **Power** Fluids Module 1:  
2.0 kW nominal/3.0 kW peak  
Fluids Module 2:  
5.9 kW nominal/9.5 kW peak

- **Mass** 700 kg

- **Volume** 1 rack

- 1 Rack Core shared with MCF  
Fluids Module-1 (1999)  
Changed out for  
Fluids Module-2 (2000)



- **Modules 1 and 2 -- to be determined by AO/NRA selection**
- **Two candidate experiment racks under study**
  - Support dynamic fluid experiments in a multi-phase apparatus
  - Vibration isolation containment enclosure for sealed-cell experiments

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- Accommodate experiments requiring the positioning and manipulation of materials without physical contact with container walls
- Conduct research on properties and phenomena that on Earth are seriously affected by container contamination, container-generated nucleations, and gravity effects

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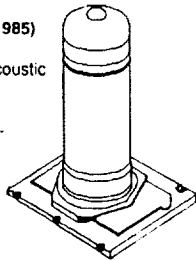
Containerless Program Evolution



**SAAL (1983, 1985)**

Single Axis Acoustic Levitator

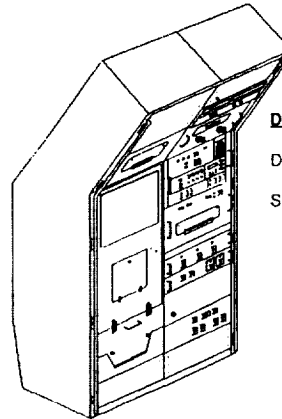
Cargo-bay, PI-specific



**DDM (1985)**

Drop Dynamics Module

Spacelab, PI-Specific

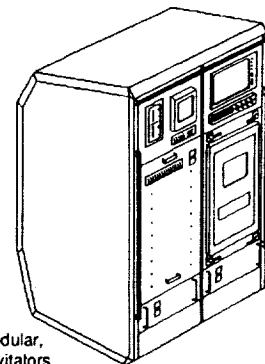


**MCPE (under review)**

Modular Containerless Processing Facility for SSF

Host facility for modular, inter-changeable levitators

- Electromagnetic
- Electrostatic
- High Temp Acoustic

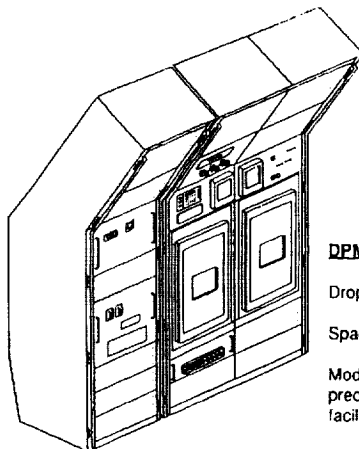


**DPM (1992)**

Drop Physics Module

Spacelab, multi-user

Modular concept, precursor for SSF facilities



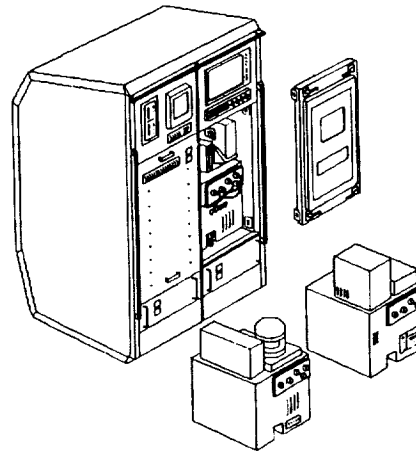




## Modular Containerless Processing Facility (MCPF) Payload Description (under review)



- Power 2.5 kW nominal/3.0 kW peak
  - Mass 700 kg
  - Volume 1 rack
- Sample positioning devices  
Diagnostics and control



- Levitation modules to position the sample may be electrostatic, electromagnetic, acoustic fields, or a hybrid combination
- Gain understanding in vast area of physical sciences ranging from the behavior of liquid drops in space, the measurement of thermophysical properties of materials, and the characterization of metals, glasses, and ceramics heated to temperatures up to 2700°C

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## Biotechnology Science Utilization



- Study cell function and differentiation in a low mechanical stress environment
- Culture end-differentiated tissue models for studies of genetic regulations

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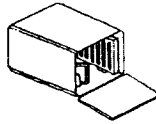
# Biotechnology Program Evolution



IEF (1984, 1988)

Isoelectric Focusing

Middeck, PI-specific



PPE (1982, 1988)

Phase Partitioning Experiment

Middeck, PI-specific

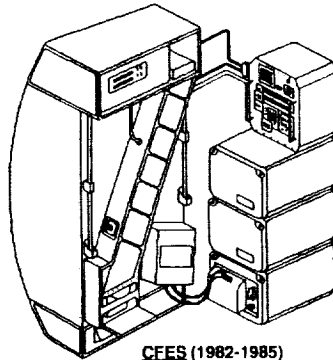
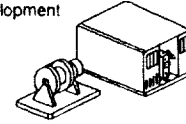


Bioreactor (DSO in 1991 future flights TBD)

Rotating wall cell culturing system

Middeck, multi-user

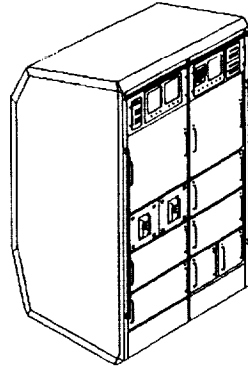
Awaiting results of 1991 Biotechnology NRA to determine future flight development



CFES (1982-1985)

Continuous Flow Electrophoresis System

Middeck



BTF (1997)

Biotechnology Facility for SSF

Host Facility for future investigations in:

- Cell culturing
- Cell separations
- Future areas of Biotechnology

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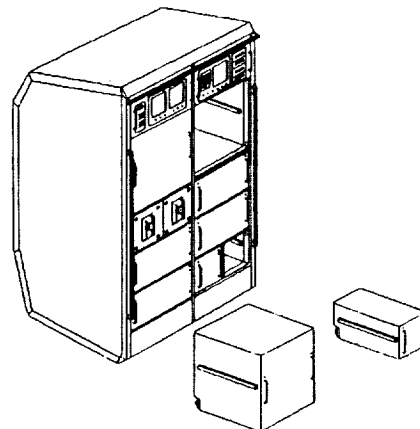
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# Biotechnology Facility Payload Description (1997+)



- Power TBD kW nominal and peak
- Mass 700 kg
- Data TBD Kbits/sec
- Volume 1 rack



- The BTF will accommodate a series of PI-developed, self-contained biotechnology experiments. BTF "services" will include power conditioning and distribution, video and data processing, and basic gases and fluids.

- Concept may serve as the basis for a Small and Rapid-Response (SRR) Payload (1999)



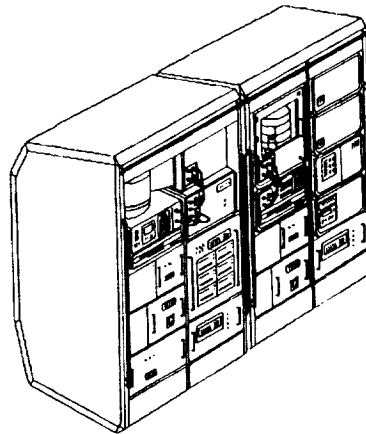
## "Middeck Class" Payloads (1997+)



- Power TBD kW nominal and peak
- Mass TBD
- Data TBD Kbits/sec
- Volume 2 racks

### TRANSITION HARDWARE

Middeck-class experiments  
SSFP provides adapter hardware, integration



- The SSFP-provided Middeck Class Payload Adapter (MDC) will host a series of small to moderate-scale microgravity experiments by providing an interface that emulates the Shuttle middeck

Experiments in Fluids and Transport Phenomena, Combustion, Materials Science

- MDC Accommodations will be similar to those provided by the SSFP interface hardware used for the APCG Transition Payload

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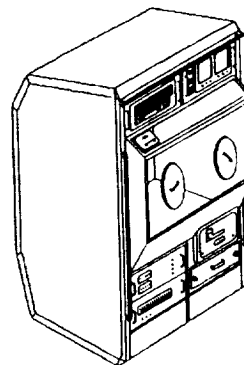
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## SSFP-Provided Microgravity Glovebox (1997+)



- Power TBD kW nominal and peak
- Mass 700 kg
- Data TBD Kbits/sec
- Volume 1 rack



- The SSFP-Provided Materials Science Glovebox (MSG) provides an enclosed work space isolated from the SSF ambient environment for handling microgravity science samples and hardware
- The MSG will accommodate a series of small-scale microgravity science experiments and technology demonstrations
- MSG services will include video and film cameras with appropriate lighting, temperature control and heat rejection in the work volume, power outlets for use by experiments and apparatus for recovering fluid spills

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### Utilization Flights

- **All Microgravity Science and Applications Division (MSAD) payloads plan to operate during utilization flights**
- **Some operations will be very similar to Spacelab**
  - High-speed film cameras for data storage
  - Discipline-emphasis crew skills
- **Operations unlike Spacelab**
  - On-orbit rack changeout
  - Logistics/resupply (gases), sample harvesting, and changeout for return
  - Experiment set up for ground-tended runs

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### Unmanned Operations

- **All MSAD payloads except combustion plan to operate during ground-tended operations**
- **Payloads will require uplink communications**
  - For initiating run sequences
  - Power on/off
  - Restart experiment run
- **Payloads will require downlink**
  - Monitoring experiment runs
  - Health and safety
  - Quick-look analysis



## Operational Intent of MSAD-MTC



- **Two to three 16-day utilization flights each year**
- **Operation of facilities during utilization flights**
  - Experiments requiring crew interaction
  - Shorter duration experiments
  - Experiments that are less sensitive to "noisy" acceleration environment
- **Operations between utilization flights (ground-tended periods)**
  - Experiments that can be controlled remotely and/or automated
  - Longer duration experiments
  - Experiments requiring a pristine environment
- **Operations during assembly flights**
  - Conducted on a non-interference basis
  - May be limited to changing out samples and setting up experiments to be initiated later

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## Operational Intent of MSAD-PMC



- **Payloads requiring crew interactions**
- **Automated payloads utilizing telescience methods**
- **Crew time is a limited resource**

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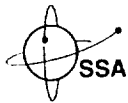
- **Science return from MSAD payloads will begin in 1997 after launch of the U.S. Laboratory and will continue through 2000+**
  - MSAD plans to conduct a broad range of experiments during the unmanned periods prior to PMC, during utilization flights, and PMC and beyond on SSF
- **Science operations conducted during the utilization flights will be similar to Spacelab flights except for the added tasks of collecting and securing of samples, experiment setup for unmanned runs, and rack/module equipment changeout**
- **Unmanned operations will require automation of payloads and telescience but minimal two-way communications between MSAD payloads and the ground is intended**



- **Active, growing, diverse program**
- **Areas of research**
  - Biotechnology
  - Combustion
  - Fluids Science
  - Fundamental Physics
  - Materials Science
- **Continuing to find new experimental possibilities**
  - Encouraging science community to participate
  - Soliciting science proposals through NRA's
  - Facilitating their development
- **Collaborating with the international science community**
  - Sharing use of facilities
- **Looking forward to an exciting decade in microgravity research**

## Back Up Charts

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### Science Planning Process



- **Community involvement in the program**
  - Four DWG's plus Microgravity Subcommittee to Space Science and Applications Advisory Committee (SSAAC)
- **National Academy of Sciences**
  - Microgravity Science Committee of the Space Studies Board
    - Established in 1988
    - First meeting in 1990
  - Development of long-term strategy for microgravity sciences
- **Integrate microgravity initiatives into OSSA program**
  - SSAAC review and advice
  - OSSA Strategic Plan



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