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NASA Perspective and Initiatives in Additive Manufacturing

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- **“FOR Space” Additive Manufacturing**
- **“IN Space” Additive Manufacturing**
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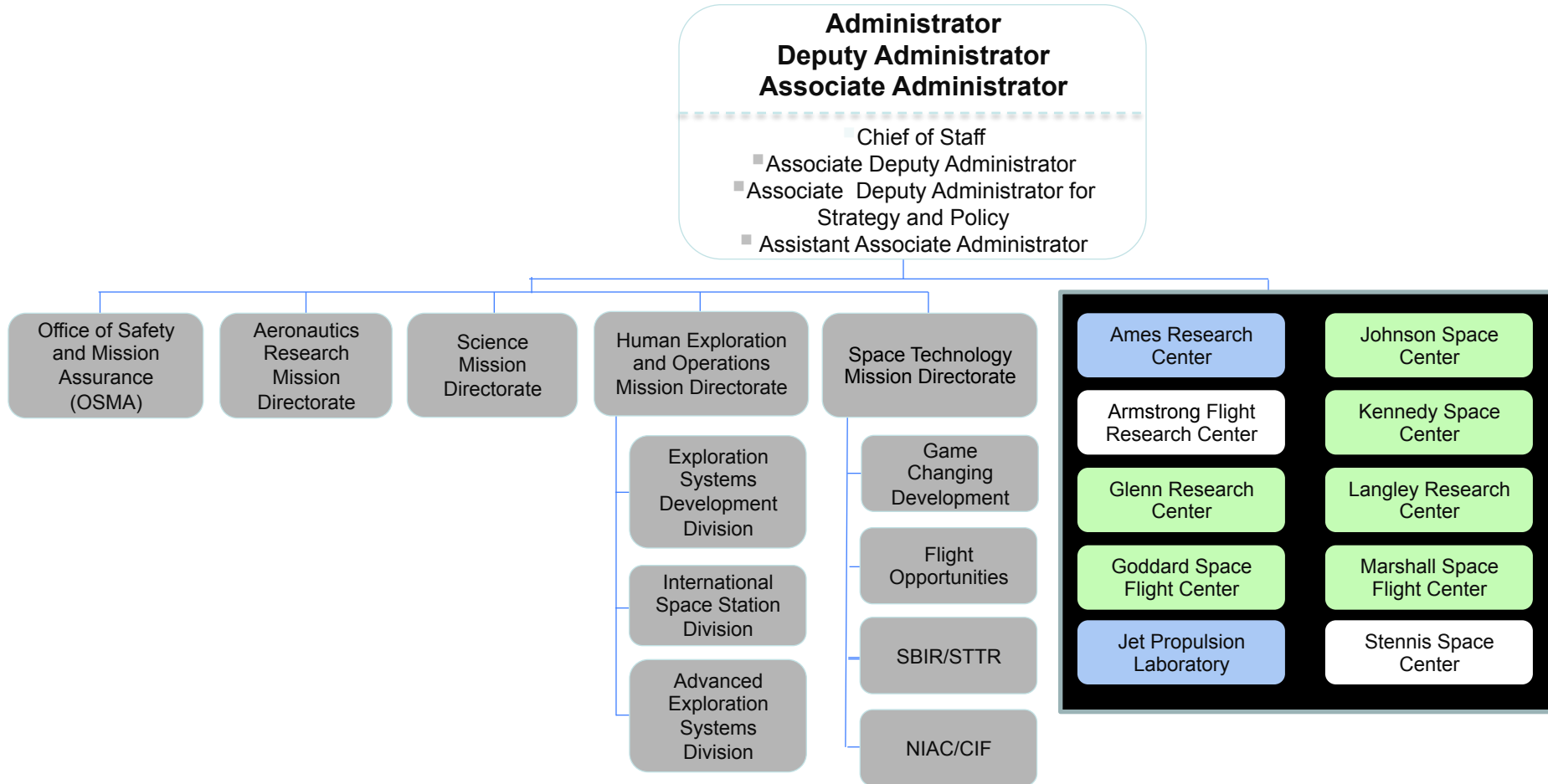
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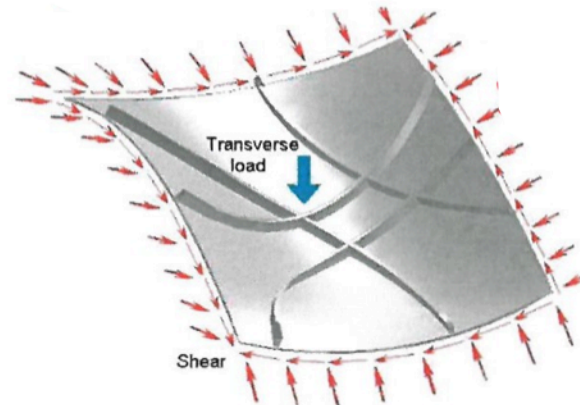
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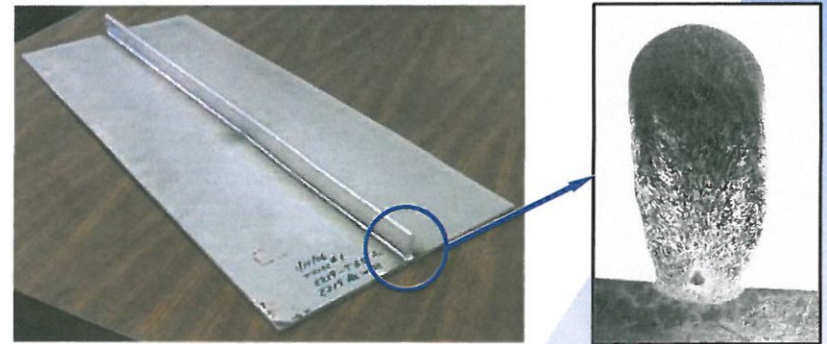


Aeronautics Applications

- Engineered materials coupled with tailored structural design enable reduced weight and improved performance for future aircraft fuselage and wing structures
- Multi-objective optimization:
 - Structural load path
 - Acoustic transmission
 - Durability and damage tolerance
 - Minimum weight
 - Materials functionally graded to satisfy local design constraints
- Additive manufacturing using new alloys enables unitized structure with functionally graded, curved stiffeners
- Weight reduction by combined tailoring structural design and designer materials



Design optimization tools integrate curvilinear stiffener and functionally graded elements into structural design

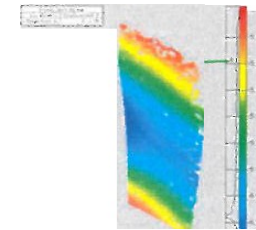


High toughness alloy at stiffener base for damage tolerance, transitioning to metal matrix composite for increased stiffness and acoustic damping

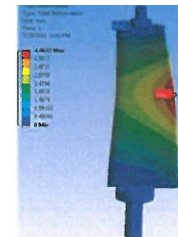
- Objective: Conduct the first comprehensive evaluation of emerging materials and manufacturing technologies that will enable fully non-metallic gas turbine engines.
- Assess the feasibility of using additive manufacturing technologies to fabricate gas turbine engine components from polymer and Ceramic matrix composites.
 - Fabricate prototype components and test in engine operating conditions
- Conduct engine system studies to estimate the benefits of a fully non-metallic gas turbine engine design in terms of reduced emissions, fuel burn and cost
- Focusing on high temperature and fiber reinforced polymer composites fabricated using FDM, and fundamental development of high temperature ceramics / CMC's using binder jet process



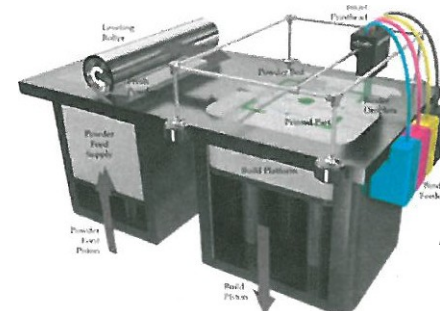
Polymer Vane Configuration in Cascade wind tunnel Rig



Digital Image Correlation Measurements



Finite Element Analysis

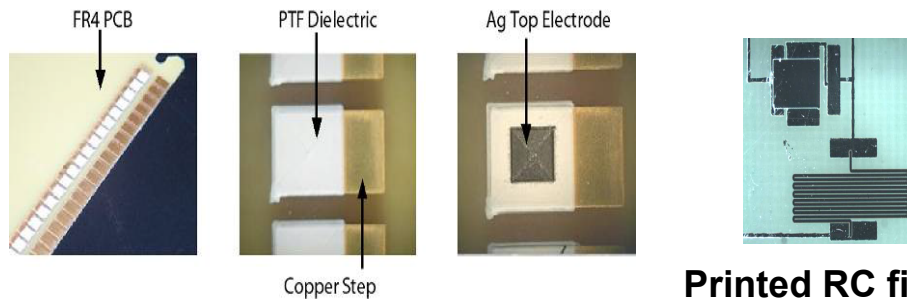


Binder jet process was adapted for SiC fabrication



“FOR Space” Additive Manufacturing

- Aerosol jet printing of various circuit building blocks: crossovers, resistors, capacitors, chip attachments, EMI shielding.



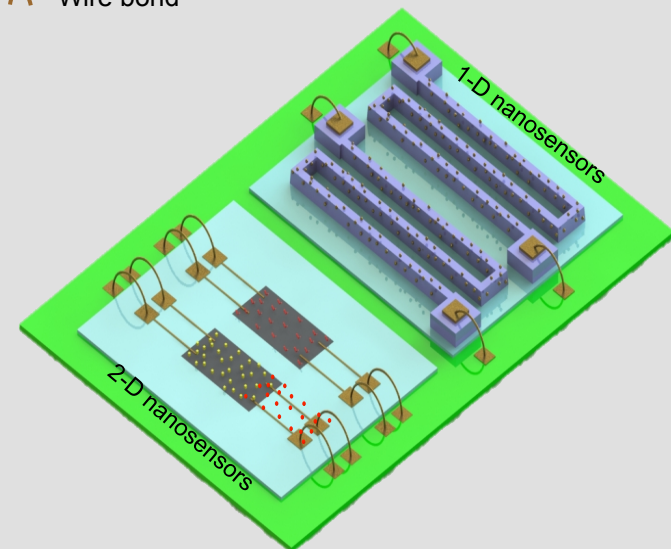
Printed RC filter

Multi-layer deposition, Polyimide dielectric and Ag deposited onto Cu pads to make a simple capacitor

- Nanosensors printed directly on a daughter board for chemical detection
- Super-black nanotechnology coating: Enable Spacecraft instruments to be more sensitive without enlarging their size. Demonstrated growth of a uniform layer of carbon nanotubes through the use of Atomic Layer Deposition.

Printed Nanosensor

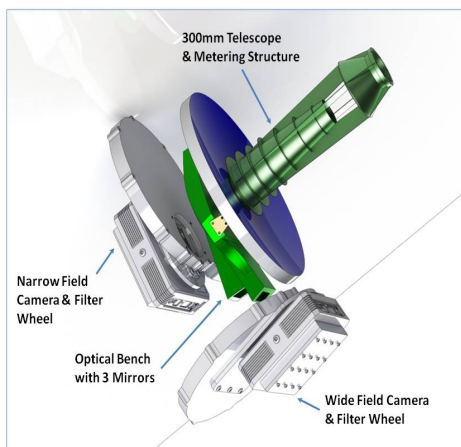
- Graphene
- Functional groups for selectivity
- Printed Circuit Board
- Contact pad
- Metal lead
- ⤿ Wire bond
- Nanowires
- Metal cluster for selectivity



- GSFC’s first Additive Manufacturing (AM) part for instrument prototype/possible flight use (FY12) - Titanium tube - in a tube – in a tube for cryo thermal switch for ASTRO-H
- First to fly AM component in space (FY13) – battery case on suborbital sounding rocket mission
- Miniaturizing telescopes: Utilize new Direct Metal Laser Sintering (DMLS) to produce dimensionally stable integrated instrument structures at lower cost
- Unitary core-and-face-sheet optical bench material
 - Features tailored alloy composition to achieve desired coefficient of thermal expansion
- Efficient radiation shielding through Direct Metal Laser Sintering:
 - Develop a method for mitigating risk due to total ionizing dose (TID) using direct metal laser sintering (DMLS) and the commercially-available Monte-Carlo particle transport code, NOVICE to enable otherwise difficult to fabricate component-level shielding



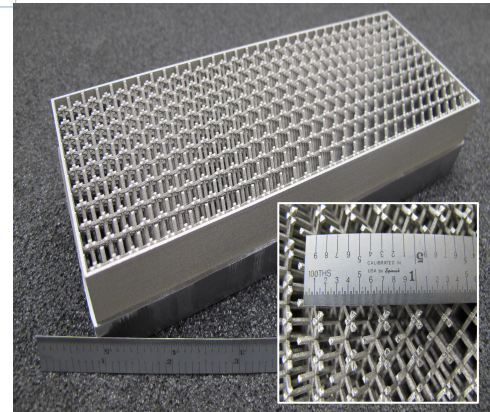
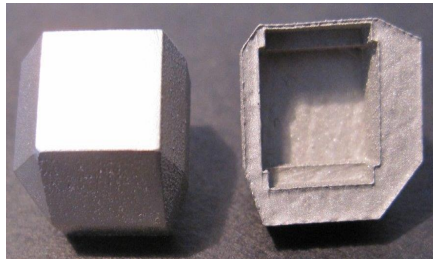
Battery Case



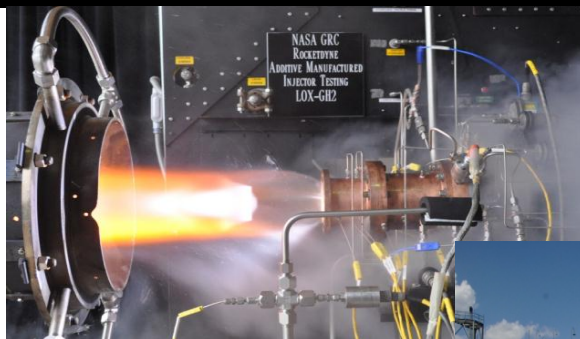
0.3m Telescope via DMLS

CubeSat-class 50-mm (2”) imaging camera/instrument - mirrors and integrated optical-mechanical structures- manufacturing with 3D-printed parts

Optical bench core material sample

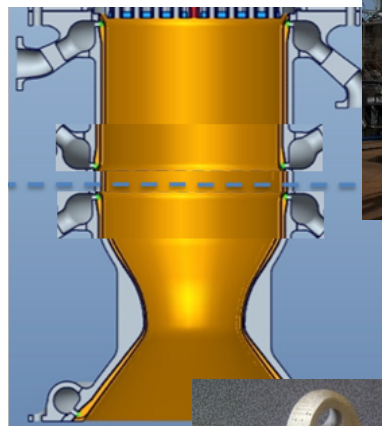


- GRC and Aerojet Rocketdyne tested an additively manufactured injector in 2013 under the Manufacturing Innovation Project (MIP)
- MSFC successfully tested two complex injectors printed with additive manufacturing August 2014
- GRC, LaRC, and MSFC Team building on success of MIP program to develop and hot fire test additively manufactured thrust chamber assembly
 - Copper combustion chamber and nozzle produced via Selective Laser Melting (SLM)
 - Grade from copper to nickel for structural jacket and manifolds via EBF³
- RL10 Additive Manufacturing Study (RAMS) task order between GRC and Aerojet-Rocketdyne sponsored by USAF.
 - Related activity - Generate materials characterization database on additively manufactured (AM) Ti-6Al-4V to facilitate the design and implementation of an AM gimbal cone for the RL10 rocket engine.
- GRC, AFRL, MSFC Additive Manufacturing of Hybrid Turbomachinery Disk:



GRC and Aerojet Rocketdyne test

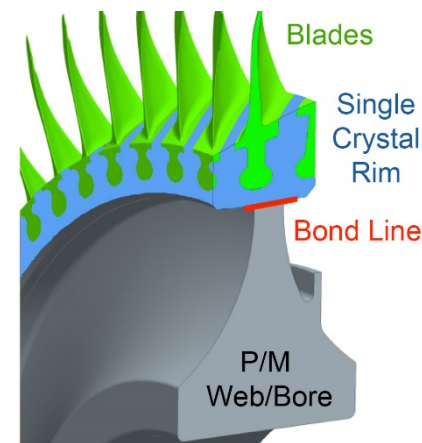
MSFC AM engine test



CAD sketch of rocket nozzle

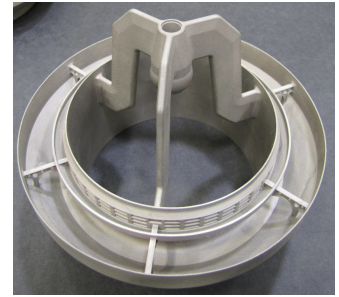


Full Scale from ORNL



Hybrid Disk Concept

- Powder Bed Fusion (PBF) technologies enable rapid manufacturing of complex, high-value propulsion components.
- Flexibility inherent in the AM technologies increases design freedom; enables complex geometries. Designers can explore lightweight structures; integrate functionality; customize parts to specific applications and environments.
- Goal: reduce part count, welds, machining operations → reduce \$ and time



J-2X Gas Generator Duct

Pogo Z-Baffle

Turbopump Inducer

RS-25 Flex Joint

Part	Cost Savings	Time Savings
J-2X Gas Generator Duct	70%	50%
Pogo Z-Baffle	64%	75%
Turbopump Inducer	50%	80%

RS-25 Flex Joint	Heritage Design	SLM Design
Part Count	45	17
# Welds	70+	26
Machining Operations	~147	~57

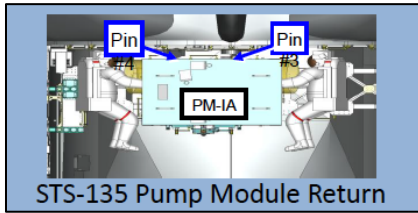
- AM techniques can create extremely fine internal geometries that are difficult to achieve with subtractive manufacturing methods.



ISS Urine Processor Assembly

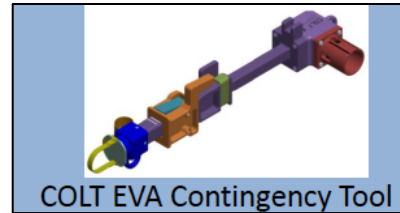


Air Filter/Scrubbers



STS-135 Pump Module Return


ISS EVA Tool Fabrication & Certification Demo




COLT EVA Contingency Tool

- ISS Tool Design for Manufacturability and Processing
- Structural Integrity Verification
 - Material Properties
 - Non-destructive Evaluation
 - Structural Analysis and Testing

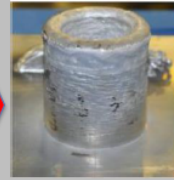
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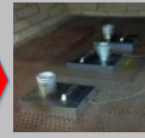
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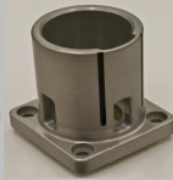
Deposition




Pre-form



Heat Treat




Finished Part

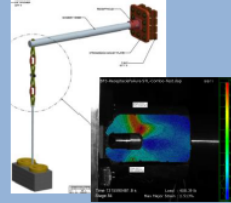


Assembly

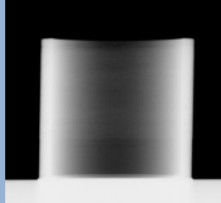
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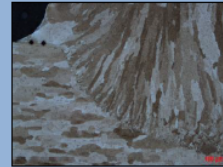
Coupon Testing



Part Testing



Inspection



Metallography



“IN Space” Additive Manufacturing

- Air Force Space Command and the Air Force Research Laboratory Space Vehicles Directorate and the NASA Science and Technology Mission Directorate, requested the US National Research Council (NRC) to
 - Evaluate the feasibility of the concept of space-based additive manufacturing of space hardware
 - Identify the science and technology gaps
 - Assess the implications of a space-based additive manufacturing capability
 - Report delivered in July
 - Printed in September



NRC Report: http://www.nap.edu/download.php?record_id=18871

- **Analysis.** Agencies need to do systems and cost benefit analyses (CBA) related to the value of AM in space. The analyses should not focus just on how AM could replace traditional manufacturing but how it can enable entirely new structures and functionalities that were not possible before. A specific area where a CBA would be helpful is in the manufacture of smaller satellites on the ISS.
- **Investment.** Targeted investment is needed in areas such as standardization and certification, and infrastructure. The investment should be strategic, and use workshops and other information-sharing forums to develop roadmaps with short and long-term targets.
- **Platforms.** Given the short life of the ISS, agencies should leverage it to the extent feasible to test AM and AM parts.
- **Cooperation, coordination and collaboration.** Instead of stove-piped parallel development in multiple institutional settings, it is critical that there be cooperation, coordination and collaboration within and across agencies, sectors, and nations. It would be useful to develop working groups, conferences and leverage existing efforts such as the *America Makes*.
- **Education and training.** Agencies need to develop capabilities related to relevant fields such as material science and others that would be important for the development of the field of AM.

Earth-based



Pre-2012

International Space Station



3D Print Tech Demo

2014



Metal Printing

Printable Electronics

Add Mfg. Ctr. Facility

Optical Scanner

SmallSats

Self-repair/replicate

Recycler

2015

2016

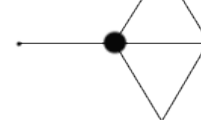
2017

2018

Asteroids



Lagrange Point

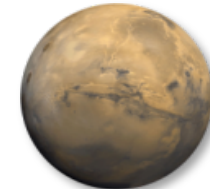


Exploration

Lunar



Mars



2020-25

2025

2030 - 40

Ground & Parabolic centric:

- Multiple FDM Zero-G parabolic flights
- Trade/System Studies for Metals
- Ground-based Printable Electronics/Spacecraft
- Verification & Certification Processes under development
- Materials Database
- Cubesat Design & Development

- **POC 3D Print: First Plastic Printer on ISS Tech Demo**
- **NIAC Contour Crafting**
- **NIAC Printable Spacecraft**
- **Small Sat in a Day**
- **NRC Study**
- **Center In-house work in additive, SynBio, ISRU, robotics**

- Next Generation 3DPrint
- Print-a-Sat: First cubesat printed in space
- Recycler Demo: recycle printed plastic part back into feedstock
- Metal Demo
- ISS Printed Part Utilization Catalogue

ISS: Utilization/ Facility Focus

- Integrated Facility Systems for stronger types of extrusion materials for multiple uses including metals & various plastics
- Printable Electronics Tech Demo
- Synthetic Bio Demo
- SmallSat Build & Deploy

Lunar, Lagrange FabLabs

- Initial Robotic/ Remote Missions
- Provision some feedstock
- Evolve to utilizing in situ materials (natural resources, synthetic biology)
- Product: Ability to produce multiple spares, parts, tools, etc. "living off the land"
- Autonomous final milling to specification

Planetary Surfaces

- *Points Fab*
- Transport vehicle and sites would need Fab capability
- Additive Construction

Mars Multi-Material Fab Lab

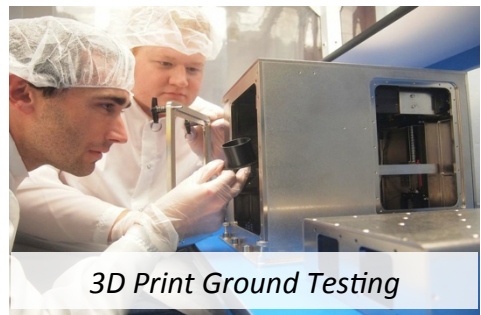
- Utilize in situ resources for feedstock
- Build various items from multiple types of materials (metal, plastic, composite, ceramic, etc.)
- Product: Fab Lab providing self-sustainment at remote destination

Meets objectives of Agency Decadal Survey AP10 and STMD Technology Areas 7 and 12

ISS Technology Demonstrations are Key in 'Bridging' Technology Development to Full Implementation of this Critical Exploration Technology.

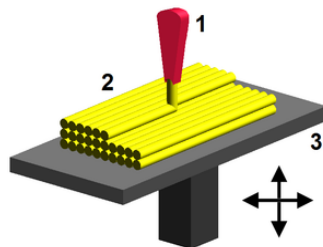


Microgravity Research

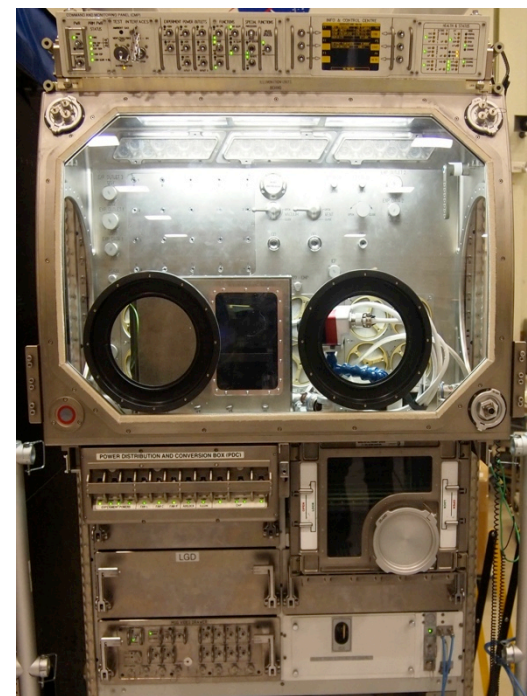


3D Print Ground Testing

The 3D Print project will deliver the first 3D printer on the ISS and will investigate the effects of consistent microgravity on melt deposition additive manufacturing by printing parts in space.

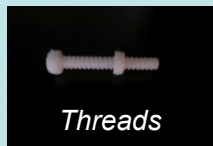


- Melt deposition modeling:
- 1) nozzle ejecting molten plastic,
 - 2) deposited material (modeled part),
 - 3) controlled movable table



3D Print in Micro-G Science Glovebox (MSG)

Potential Mission Accessories



Threads



Springs



Containers



Buckles



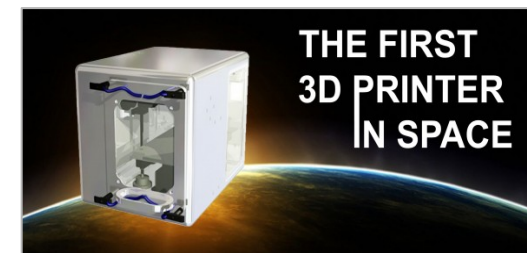
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Clamps

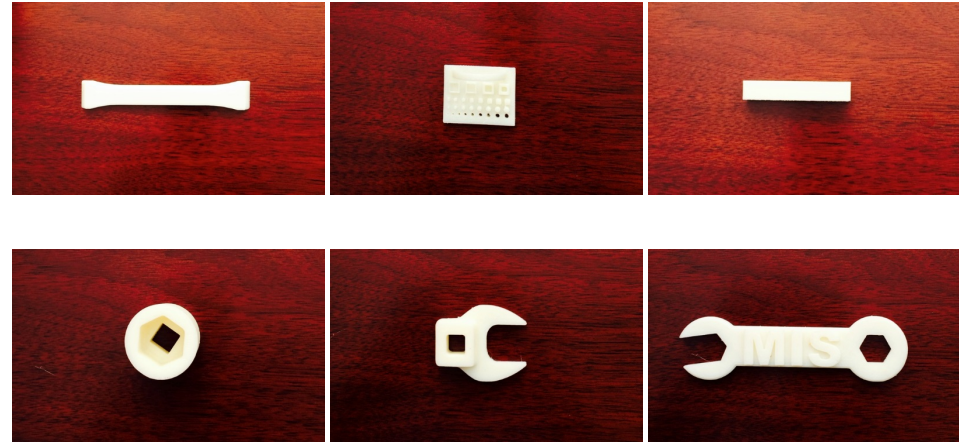
3D Print Specifications

Dimensions	33 cm x 30 cm x 36 cm
Print Volume	6 cm x 12 cm x 6 cm
Mass	20 kg (w/out packing material or spares)
Est. Accuracy	95 %
Resolution	.35 mm
Maximum Power	176W (draw from MSG)
Software	MIS SliceR
Traverse	Linear Guide Rail
Feedstock	ABS Plastic



**THE FIRST
3D PRINTER
IN SPACE**

- **3D Printing in Zero-G Continuation:**
 - MSFC analyses of Flight Parts compared to ground samples, publish results
- **Utilization Catalogue Development**
 - MSFC/JSC working with ISS IVA Tools and Operations Support Offices to define, first AM Parts for In-space Utilization
- **ISS Scanner/In-space Verification & Validation**
 - Made in Space, Inc.: provides CoTS Scanner for ISS Flight
- **In-space Materials Characterization Database**
 - MSFC Foundation for In-space utilization, analyses, testing, & verification
- **Recycler Tech Demo**
 - Two Phase I SBIRs awarded which will be completed early FY15.



Original Part Printed



Recycle printed part back into Feedstock Filament

Printable Electronics

- ARC/MSFC/JPL: Develop in-space manufacturing capabilities to produce functional electronic and photonic component on demand.

In-space Additive Repair

- JSC/MSFC: working with JSC and MMOD Office to develop and test process for ground-based repair of MMOD simulated damaged panels for future in-space capability.

Printed Electronics for In-Space Manufacturing

(a) Dimatrix piezoelectric drop-on-demand materials printer (b) Carbon nanotube ink fountain pen (c) Single jet atmospheric pressure plasma materials deposition system (d) Printed carbon nanotubes on cellulose paper (e) Conductive silver nanowire traces on curved ABS plastic used to light LED

- **Develop in-space manufacturing capabilities to produce functional electronic and photonic components on demand.**
- **Printable inexpensive functional electrical devices is a rapidly evolving field**
 - substrates include: plastic, glass, silicon wafer, transparent or stretchable polymer, cellulose paper, textiles
 - Various inks are being developed including: carbon nanotubes, silver, gold, copper, titanium dioxide, silicon dioxide
- **Take the first step towards printing electronics on-demand in space – building block approach**
 - Select, develop and characterize links for electronics printing
 - Development and fabrication of flight suitable electronic printer
 - Demonstrate circuit blocks
- **Fly a Technology Demonstration on ISS to build some functional electronic/ photonic circuits, sensors, electrodes, displays, etc.**
 - Mature on-orbit capability to print-on-demand. Parts are printed from computer aided design (CAD) models which can be pre-loaded or uplinked from Earth
- **Previously Ames demonstrated printed devices include: strain gauge, chemsensor, pH sensor, biosensor**

Printable Spacecraft Electronic Platforms for NASA Missions

Andra Short, Principal Investigator, JPL

Task Description

- The NIAC Phase 2: "Printable Spacecraft" - completed in FY14, final report in review.
- Examined the use of printed electronics in NASA engineering, science and human exploration applications
- Developed a reference mission and point design for an multi-functional integrated science sensor "spacecraft".
- Evaluate programmatic benefits for cost, mass and risk.
- Addressed critical technical challenges by developing a bench-top prototype of the integrated sensor spacecraft and performing space environment compatibility testing on material and device coupons.

System Functionality

- Multiplexing two independent sensors measurements
- ADC and data storage
- Wireless communication

Components

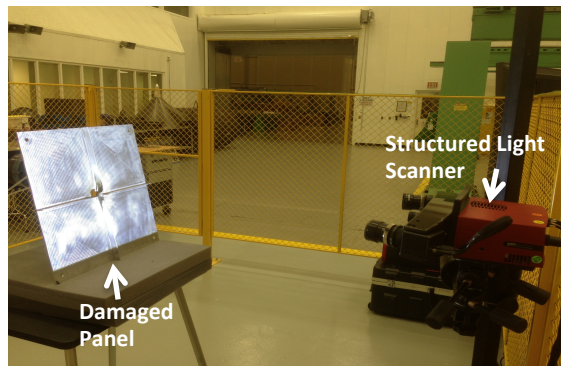
Printed:	Discrete:
• Thermistor & Photoresistor	• Processor, ADC, RF chip
• Resistors & Capacitors	
• Antenna & TFFs	
• All interconnects	

Advances in State of the Art

- Intersystem multi-functional compatibility of various printed devices and micro-electronics
- Low Voltage platform and TFFs
- Multiplexing continuous data from multiple sensors.
- New sensor design.



Close-up of simulated MMOD Damage to External ISS Panel



Scanning the Damaged Panel



Additive Construction

- Co-led by KSC & MSFC: Joint project with Engineer Research and Development Center – Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers.





Technical Objectives

Build the standard level of information on AM powder bed fusion processes that is required for qualification of any new critical process used for aerospace applications

Expand and extend the manufacturing base for aerospace hardware through standardization and qualification of critical AM processes. Better understanding of controlling process parameters and process failure modes will be achieved through completion of this study. Opportunities for industry participation are available in each of the tasks below.

1. Build Interactions / Effects – ARC/LaRC/MSFC **Objective:** *Understand how basic AM build factors influence part properties.*
2. Powder Influence / Effects – GRC **Objective:** *Understand how basic powder feedstock characteristics influence a part's physical, mechanical, and surface properties.*
3. Thermal Processing / Effects – LaRC/MSFC **Objective:** *a) Understand how standard wrought thermal processes influence AM mechanical properties, and b) explore the potential cost and benefit of AM-specific thermal processing.*
4. Surface Improvement / Effects – MSFC **Objective:** *Understand how as-built and improved AM surface texture influence part performance and fatigue life.*
5. Applied Materials Characterization – GRC/LaRC/MSFC **Objective:** *Enable use of AM parts in severe aerospace environments.*
6. Qualification of AM Critical Components – MSFC **Objective:** *Develop an Agency-wide accepted practice for the qualification of AM processes for aerospace hardware.*

Related Task: Process Modeling – GRC,MSFC **Objective:** *Use precipitation modeling to predict location specific microstructure in as-fabricated and post-processed 718, which has been fabricated with selective laser sintering*



- **Activity Title:** Foundational NDE Methodology for Certification of Additive Manufacturing (AM) Parts and Materials
- **Purpose:** Develop certification methodologies designed to ensure the production of safe and reliable AM parts for spaceflight applications. Emphasis will be placed on metals and AM processes used in fabrication of propulsion system components.
- **Justification:** AM is a rapidly emerging technology and there is a recognized lag in AM process and part validation and certification methodologies. NDE has been identified as one key technology to close this gap.
- **Summary:** The OSMA state of the art AM report will be used to define highest priority needs/gaps for NDE of AM parts. Resources will be used to down select and optimize NDE techniques that will then be combined with NDE modeling for a cost-effective methodology for verifying part quality. A workshop will be held mid year to assess progress and further define needs.

- NASA, including each Mission Directorate, is investing in, experimenting with, and/or utilizing AM across a broad spectrum of applications and projects.
- Centers have created and are continuing to create partnerships with industry, other Government Agencies, other Centers, and Universities.
- In-house additive manufacturing capability enables rapid iteration of the entire design, development and testing process, increasing innovation and reducing risk and cost to projects.
- For deep space exploration, AM offers significant reduction to logistics costs and risk by providing ability to create on demand.
- There are challenges: Overwhelming message from recent JANNAF AM for Propulsion Applications TIM was “certification.”
- NASA will continue to work with our partners to address this and other challenges to advance the state of the art in AM and incorporate these capabilities into an array of applications from aerospace to science missions to deep space exploration.