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DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SERVICE MODULE PROPULSION SUBSYSTEM FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE CREW VEHICLE

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Background

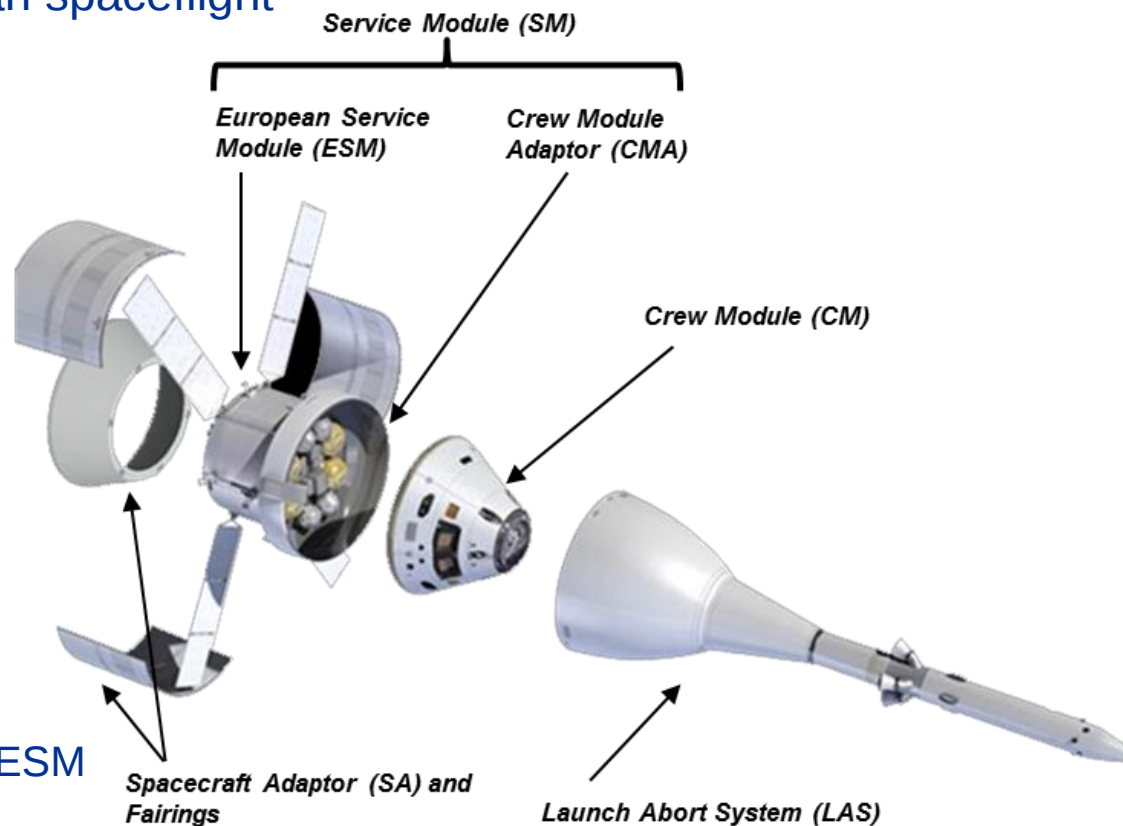
- Orion/MPCV the future of human spaceflight beyond LEO

- Major Elements of Orion

- ESM (Airbus)
- CMA (Lockheed)
- CM (Lockheed)
- SA (Lockheed)
- LAS (Lockheed)

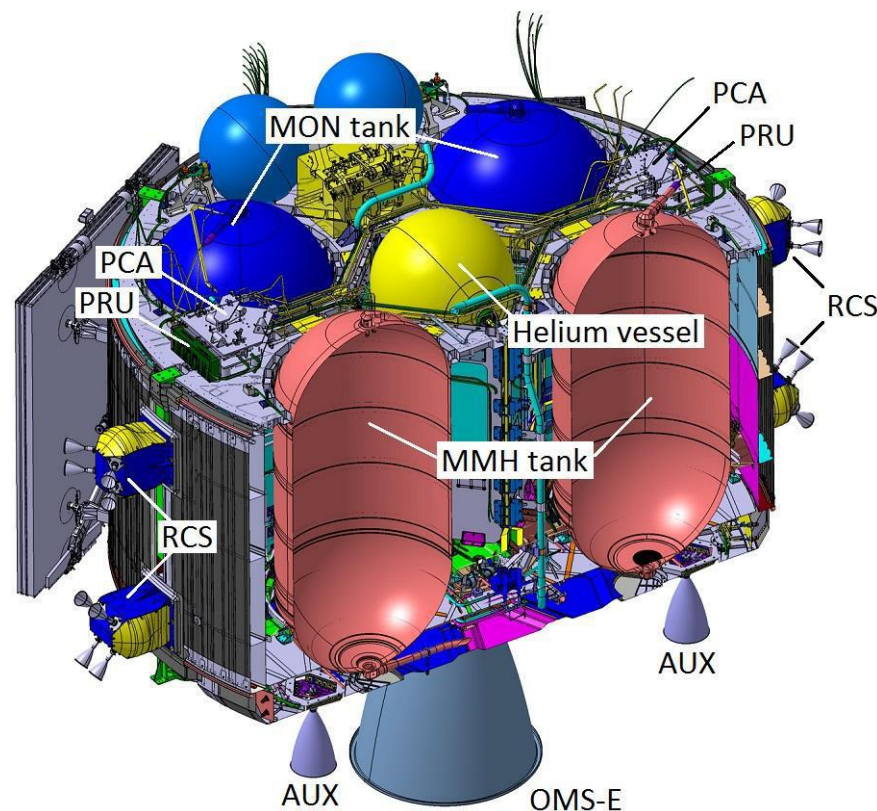
- Major Milestones

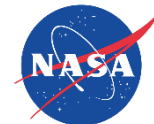
- May 2011: Study Phase
- November 2012: Decision for ESM
- May 2014: System PDR
- November 2014: PSS PDR
- February 2016: PSS CDR
- June 2016: System CDR
- August 2017: Initiation of PQM Tests



Propulsion Subsystem (PSS) Description

- Pressure-fed, bi-propellant propulsion system
- Uses MMH and NTO (MON-3)
- Usable Propellant: 8,602 kg (18,964 lbm)
- 4 metallic propellant tanks, 2 per propellant type, plumbed serially
- 2 Composite Overwrap Pressure Vessel (COPV) helium bottles, 1 per commodity
- 3 classes of engines, all supplied from common propellant storage
 - 1 Main Engine with Thrust Vector Control (TVC)
 - 8 Auxiliary Engines, one string
 - 24 RCS Engines, 2 redundant strings, 6 pods





PSS Development Approach

- Hardware Heritage
 - Schedule limitations and budget constraints drove the need for extensive use of heritage hardware designs
 - In some cases flight hardware reuse (from Shuttle) was required, and will be delta-qualified for use on Orion (e.g., Orbital Maneuvering System (OMS) Engine, TVC)
- Primary sources of heritage:
 - ATV
 - Shuttle
 - Orion Crew Module (CM) Propulsion Subsystem (PSS)
 - Ariane 5 Hypergolic Upper Stage (EPS)
- Targeted Development Testing
 - Component development testing was performed to address the highest risk areas of heritage design compliance with Orion requirements
 - Assembly level development testing was performed to understand complex assemblies and component interactions

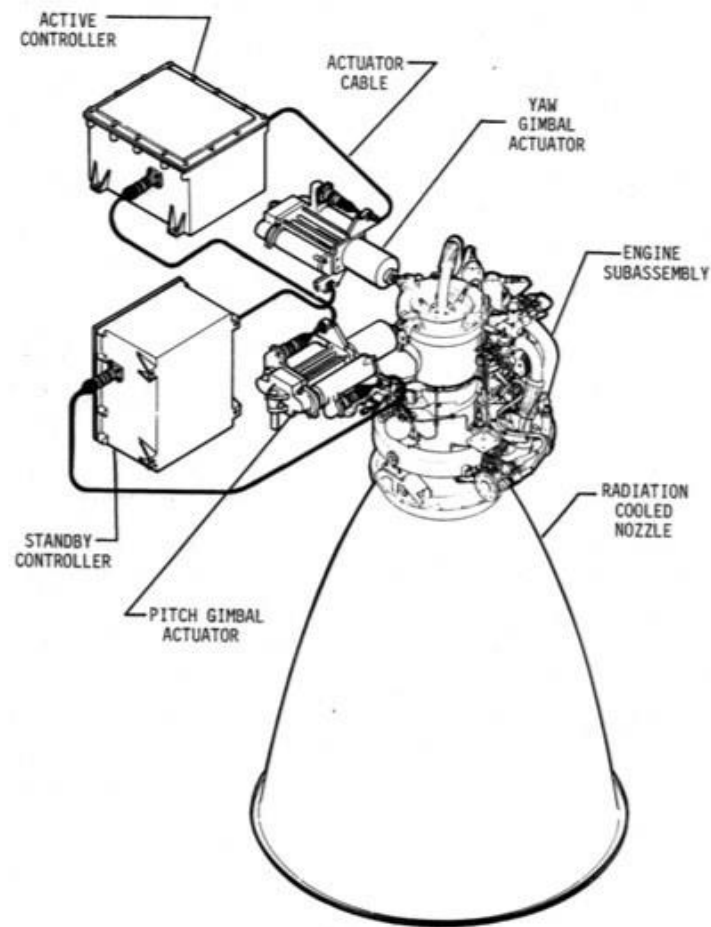
Orbital Maneuvering System Engine (OMS-E)

- Heritage
 - Direct re-use of assets from Shuttle Orbiters, all assets have varying flight history
- Basic Specifications:
 - Thrust: 6000 lbf
 - Isp (min): 310 sec
 - MR: 1.65
 - Nozzle area ratio: 55:1
- Orion Use
 - Used by Orion for major translational maneuvers
- Design Changes (only as required)
 - Redundant chamber pressure measurement and 2nd fuel injector temperature sensor
 - Heater kit (on TCA nozzle)
 - New harnesses



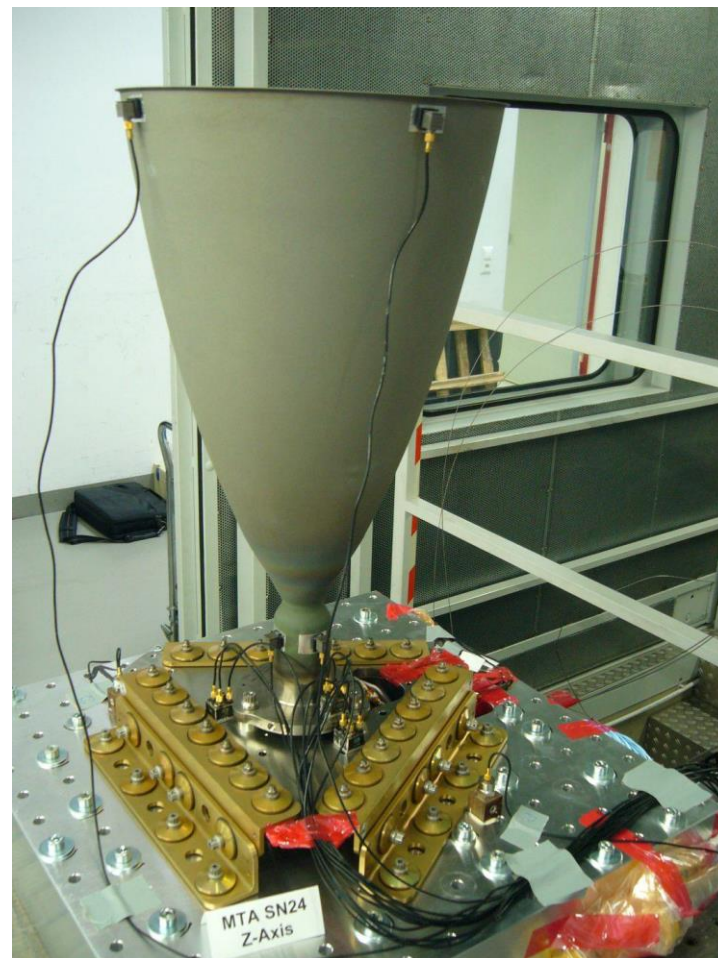
Thrust Vector Control (TVC)

- Heritage
 - Direct re-use of assets from Shuttle Orbiters, all assets have varying flight history
- Orion Use
 - Used by Orion to gimbal the main engine during major translational maneuvers
- Development Testing
 - Random vibration on controller box (lead to card retention design mod)
- Design Changes (only as required)
 - Circuit board retention in controller box (single instance from Shuttle flight history)
 - New, longer harnesses



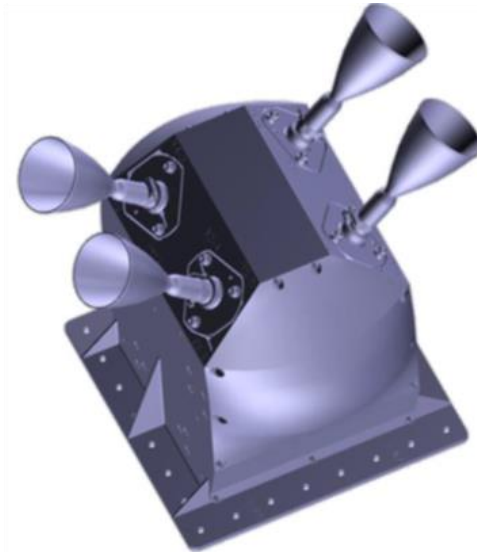
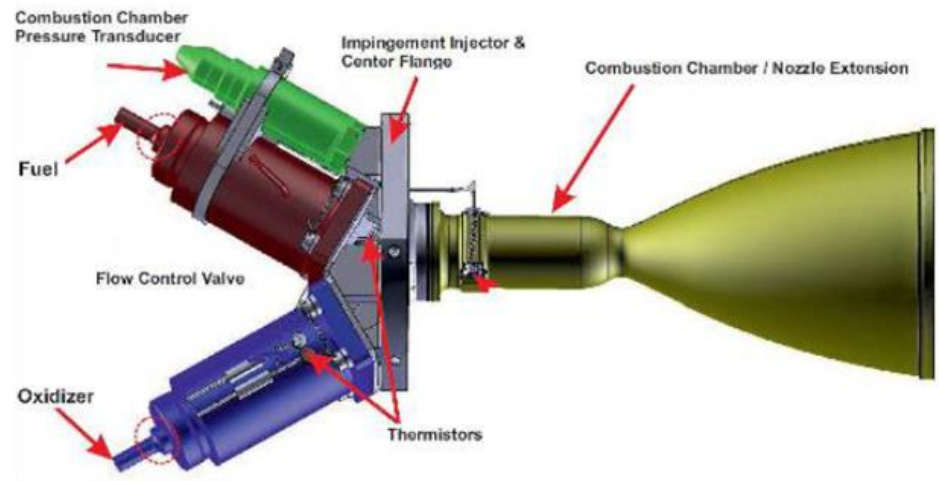
Auxiliary (Aux) Engines

- Basic Specs
 - (8) fixed position engines
 - Thrust: 105 lbf
 - Nozzle area ratio: 164:1
- Orion Use
 - Nominally used for separation maneuvers and mid-course correction maneuvers
 - In contingency scenario (failed main engine), used for major translational maneuvers
 - Drives the need for long continuous duration firing
 - Drives the need for off-pulsing (to steer)
 - Control authority requires 50% duty cycle
- Development Testing
 - Random Vibration (added vibration isolation bracket)
 - Hot fire, duty cycle (changed MR)



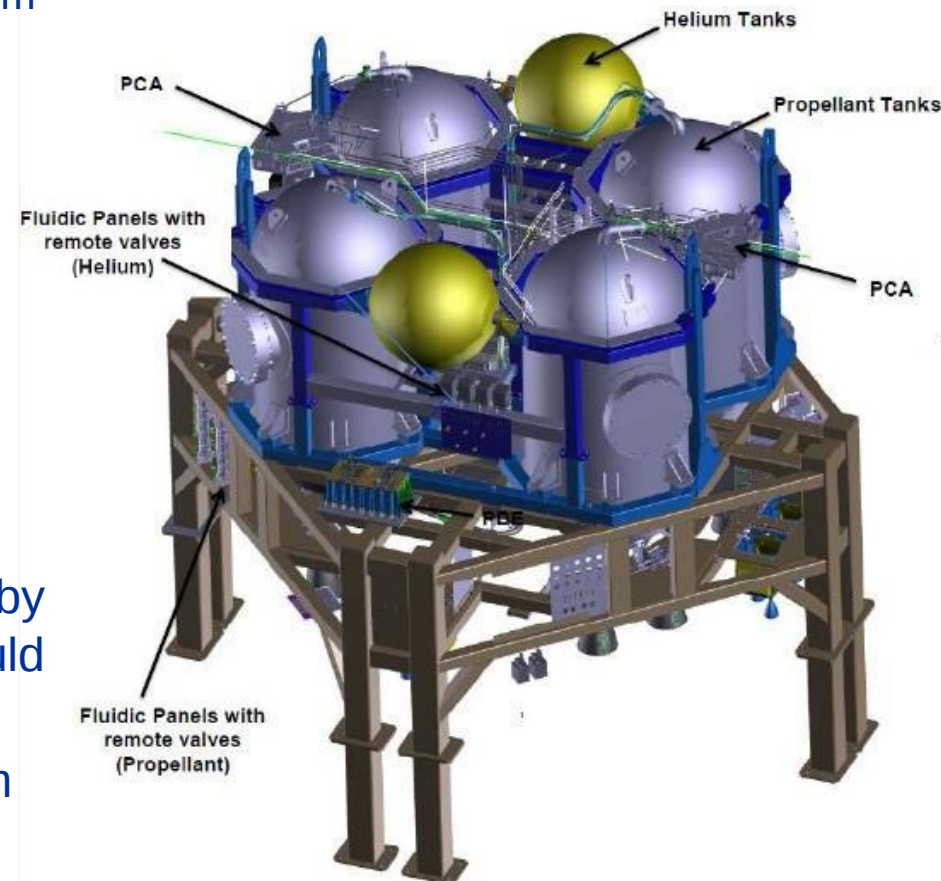
Reaction Control System (RCS) Thrusters

- Basic Specs
 - (24) engines, two redundant strings of 12 engines each
 - Packaged in 6 pods of 4 engines each
- Orion Use
 - Used for attitude control, rendezvous, and proximity operations
- Development Testing
 - Hot fire, 5 Hz command frequency (PT thermal issue)



Qualification Testing – Propulsion Qualification Model (PQM)

- System level qualification test to be performed at WSTF in Test Stand 301
 - Sea level test stand for hypergolic system testing
 - Self-pumping diffuser added for OMS-E
- Flight like configuration with some exceptions:
 - Non-flight prop tanks (without PMD's)
 - Single string of RCS thrusters
 - One string of valves per PCA
 - Partial representation of helium cross feed system
- Will complete PSS design qualification by test. Requirements verification that could not be accomplished at a lower level
- Will provide insight into complex system interactions and will also be used for anchoring of analytical models





Summary and Conclusions

- Major design milestones are complete (PDR, CDR). The ESM design meets Orion requirements and is ready for hardware manufacturing and assembly
- Heavy reliance on heritage hardware designs allowed for an expedited design/development schedule within the available budget
- Targeted component and assembly-level development testing were used to buy down the areas of highest risk



Backup



Heritage Designs and Development Testing

Component	Supplier	Heritage	Dev Testing	Test Focus
OMS-E	Aerojet	Shuttle	No	N/A
TVC	Honeywell	Shuttle	Yes	Vibe (controller)
Auxiliary Engines	Aerojet	Apollo, ATV, HTV, ...	Yes	Vibe, Duty Cycle
RCS Engines	Airbus	ATV	Yes	Command Freq.
Helium Bottles	Airbus	ATV, Ariane 5 EPS	No	N/A
Helium Filter	Sofrance	Ariane 5 EPS	No	N/A
High Pressure Gas Latch Valves	VACCO	Shuttle	No	N/A
High Pressure Solenoid Valves	VACCO	Shuttle	Yes	Higher Op. Press.
Pyro Valves	Cobham	Orion CM	No	N/A
Propellant Tanks	Airbus	OST23	No	N/A
Tank PMD's	Airbus	ATV, OST1, OST2	Yes	Vibe (dry)
BDRV	RDI	Orion CM	Yes	Design Scaling
MLIV	VACCO	Orion CM	No	N/A
ABIV	Airbus	ATV	No	N/A
RBIV	Airbus	ATV	No	N/A
BRV	Airbus	ATV	No	N/A
ABPF	VACCO	ATV	No	N/A
PDE	Airbus	ATV	No	N/A
PRU	Airbus	None	No	N/A