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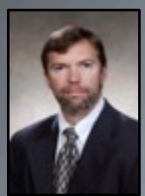
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Lisa Watson-Morgan, Ph.D.



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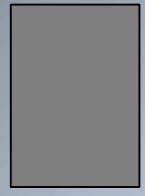
Engineering Management



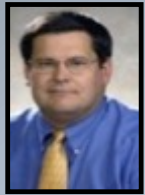
Technical Assistant
Richard Stroud



Technology & Innovation
Assistant
Lybrease Woodard



Associate Director
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Vacant



Director
Larry Leopold



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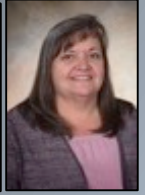
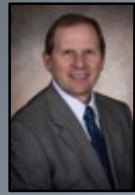
Associate Director for
Operations
Roger Baird, detail



SLS Program Chief
Engineer
Garry Lyles

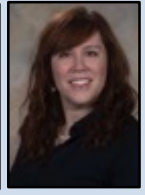
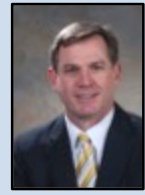


Sr. Lead, Space Trans &
Propulsion
Mike Kynard



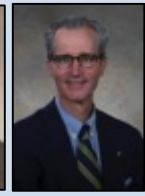
ED10 – Resource Management
Mgr., Roger Baird
Dep. Mgr., Angie Nolen

ED04 – Advanced Concepts
Mgr., Mark Rogers
Dep. Mgr., Rachel McCauley



EE01 – Chief Engineers Office
Chief Eng: Katherine Van Hooser
Dep. Chief Eng., Nelson Parker

EM01 – Materials & Processes Lab
Mgr., Suren Singhal
Dep. Mgr., Scotty Sparks



ES01 – Space Systems Dept.
Mgr. Tia Ferguson
Dep. Mgr., Don Holder, detail

ER01 – Propulsion System Dept.
Mgr. Mary Beth Koelbl
Dep. Mgr., Robert Champion



EV01 – Spacecraft & Vehicle Sys.
Mgr., Charlie Finnegan
Dep. Mgr., Angelia Walker, detail

ET01 – Test Laboratory
Mgr., Ralph Carruth
Dep. Mgr., Vacant



Engineering Disciplines



Advanced Concepts



- Concept Definition, Integration, & Analysis
 - Earth-to-Orbit Transportation
 - In-Space Transportation
 - Habitation & Crew Systems
 - Science & Robotic Exploration
- Architecture Analysis
- Technology Assessments
- Feasibility Studies
- Concept Evaluation

Space Systems



- Instruments & Payloads
- Environmental Control & Life Support Systems
- Electronics
- Software
- Small Mechanical Systems
- Fabrication & Assembly Services

Spacecraft & Vehicle Systems



- Systems Engineering & Integration
- Structural Design and Analysis
- Loads & Dynamics
- Aero-sciences
- Thermal Design, Analysis, & Control
- Modeling & Simulation
- Guidance, Navigation, & Control
- Terrestrial & Space Environments

Propulsion Systems



- Propulsion Engineering
- Liquids & Solids
- Component Design and Development
- Fluid Systems Design & Analysis
- Computational Fluid Mechanics
- In-Space Propulsion
- Nuclear Propulsion

Materials & Processes



- Metallics
- Composites
- Ceramics
- Environmental Effects
- Fracture & Failure Analysis
- NDE & Tribology
- Chemistry
- Materials Control & Informatics
- Advanced Manufacturing

Test Lab



- Propulsion Testing
- Structural Testing
- Thermal Vacuum
- Shock & Vibration
- Acoustic
- Experimental Fluids Test & Development
- Test Support (Piping and Structure Design/Analysis Pressure and Propellants)

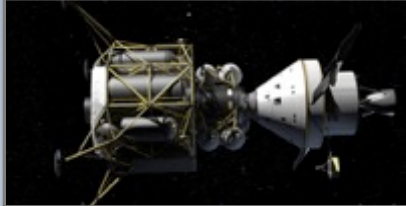
Advanced Concepts

Earth to Orbit Concept Definition & Analysis



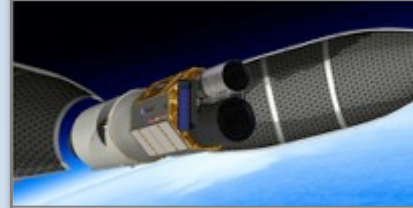
- Earth to Orbit Trajectory Analysis
- Weights & Sizing
- Vehicle Structural Analysis
- System Level Trades

In-Space Systems Analysis



- Architecture Analysis
 - Concept of Operations
 - Mission Analysis
- Technology Assessments
- In Space Element Definition
- Habitation & Crew System

Exploration & Discovery (Analysis, Mission Concept Definition and Spacecraft Concepts)



- Scientific & Robotic Exploration
 - Planetary Science
 - Earth Science
 - Heliophysics
 - Astrophysics
 - Human Exploration Precursors
- Human Exploration
- Technology Demonstrations

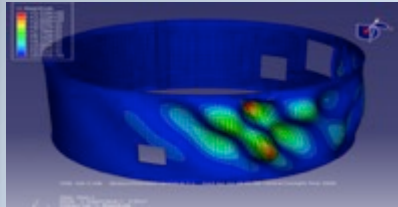
Spacecraft & Vehicle Systems Department

Systems Engineering & Integration



- **Technical Management**
 - Risk and Knowledge Management
 - Perform Metrics and Margin Management
 - Lifecycle Review Planning
 - Certification of Flight Readiness Strategy
 - Trade Study Identification and Tracking
- **System Design and Definition**
 - Integrates and Manages Overall System Design
 - Establishes Design Requirements and Facilitates Compliance
- **Test and Verification**
 - Leads Verification and Validation Planning and Integration
- **Systems Analysis**
 - Leads and Performs System-level Modeling and Analysis
 - Mass Margin Management
 - Ascent Debris Assessment
 - Assistance with Systems Hazard and Failure Evaluations
 - Human Factors Engineering

Structural Design & Analysis



- **Structural Dynamics, Loads & Stress Analysis**
 - Structural analysis
 - Fracture mechanics
 - Vibroacoustic environment definition
 - Integrated coupled loads analysis
- **Structural & Mechanical Design & Modeling**
 - Vehicle component design and integration
 - Pyrotechnic systems analysis
 - Meteoroid debris analysis
- **Composite Structures**
- **Aerosciences**
 - Aerodynamics
 - Acoustic environments
 - Rocket exhaust plume characterization
 - Aerothermodynamics
 - Venting
- **Thermal Design, Analysis & Control**
 - Thermal/fluid analysis
 - Launch vehicle TPS
 - Spacecraft thermal analysis

Flight Mechanics & Analysis



- **Control Systems Design & Analysis**
 - Requirements Definition
 - Development
 - Verification
 - Launch Vehicle & Spacecraft
- **Guidance & Trajectories**
 - Guidance laws
 - Trajectory designs
 - Mission analysis
- **Navigation Systems**
- **Modeling & Simulation**
- **Integrated Systems Health Management and Automation**
 - Architecture definition
 - Algorithm development & modeling
- **Natural environments**
 - Terrestrial
 - Planetary

Propulsion Systems Department

Liquid Propulsion Systems Design & Integration



- Liquid Engine Systems Design and Integration
- Pressurization, Feed and Propellant Systems Design and Integration
- Engine Systems Analysis & Health Management
- Development and integration of pressure-fed chemical propulsion systems for satellites, spacecraft, descent/ascent vehicles, and launch vehicles
- Long-Duration In-Space Cryogenic Propellant Storage and Delivery Systems for chemical and nuclear propulsion stages
- Advanced Propulsion & Power Research & Development including: High Power Electric Propulsion, Nuclear Thermal Propulsion, Space Nuclear Power Systems, and Nuclear Surface Power Systems.

Solid Propulsion Systems



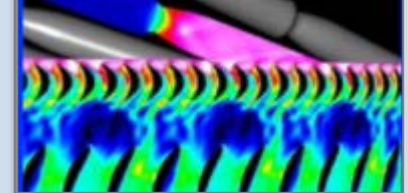
- Solid Boost Propulsion Systems Integration for SLS
- Separation & Maneuvering Solid Propulsion Systems Design and Development
- Solid Propulsion Design and Trade Studies
- Anomaly Resolution/Tiger Team Support
- Flight Readiness Assessments
- Propellant Grain Design
- Ballistics Performance Analysis
- Requirements Analysis/Development/Test Planning
- Propellant/Liner/Inhibitor Formulation and Evaluation
- Propellant and Liner Mix Cast Insight
- Independent access to motor production capacity

Propulsion Component Design & Development



- Turbo-machinery Design, Analysis, Test, Evaluation, Assessment of Turbo-machinery Components and Advanced Development
- Combustion Devices Design, Analysis, Test, Evaluation, Assessment of Combustion Devices Components and Advanced Development
- Valves, Actuators, & Ducts Analysis, Design, Test, Evaluation, and Assessment of Valves, Regulators, Actuators, Lines, Ducts and Advanced Development
- Detail Component and System Design specializing in Propulsion Components and Subsystems
- Thrust Vector Control Systems Analysis, Design, Test, Evaluation, and Assessment of TVC systems

Propulsion Structural, Thermal, & Fluid Analysis



- Structural Dynamics Analysis
- Strength, Fatigue, and Fracture Analysis
- Rotordynamic Analysis
- High speed Vibration Data Analysis
- Vibroacoustic and Shock Analysis
- Internal and Lift-off/Separation Acoustics
- Multiphase Flows
- Combustion Dynamics
- Loads and environment predictions
- Air and Waterflow Testing for Turbines, Pumps, Nozzles, and Feedlines
- Thermal and thermal structural analysis
- Thermal fluid analysis including characterization of environments
- Thermo-chemical analysis and testing
- Infrared thermography

Test Laboratory

Propulsion Test



- Sub-scale injectors & elements, thrusters, gas generators, turbopumps
- Oxygen & Hydrogen cold flow
- Cryostructural
- On-orbit vacuum environment
- Solar thermal propulsion
- Solid motor propellant & materials
- Hot gas material characterization
- Engine Systems (LH2, CH4, RP-1)

Experimental Fluid Dynamics Test



- Air & water flow
- Full flow air blow down for turbopump turbine inlet testing
- Subscale nozzle internal contours & back pressure data via blow down testing
- Pump impeller & inducer sub- & full-scale performance mapping via visual water flow testing
- Subsonic & supersonic vehicle model & nozzle testing at Mach 0.2-5.0
- Air blow down testing of subscale solid motor casing & nozzle designs
- Probe calibration testing

Environmental Test



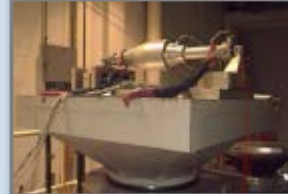
- Thermal vacuum
- Thermal cycle/humidity
- Altitude
- Launch ascent/descent
- Vacuum bake out
- Optical certification bake out
- Arc Jet/Hot Gas
- Development, qualification, acceptance, & research testing of space flight hardware

Structural Strength Test



- Hazardous structural test
- Cryostructural test
- Tensile & compressive loads test
- Combined Environments
- Load environments to simulate launch, on orbit, & landing conditions for development, qualification, acceptance & research testing of space flight hardware

Structural Dynamics Test



- Experimental modal analysis to verify & correlate analytical finite element models of space flight hardware.
- Vibration, acoustic, & pyrotechnic shock testing for space flight hardware development, qualification & acceptance.
- Micro-gravity vibration emission testing

Test Support



- Propellants, Pressurants & Calibration
- Advanced Instrumentation Applications
- Special Test Equipment Design
- Test Planning
- Emerging Technologies
- Data System & Software Development

Materials & Processes Lab

Laboratory Metrics



~ 150 Civil Servants
~ 120 On-site Contractors

18 Facilities

Numerous Agency Unique Capabilities

Materials Science

- Microgravity (μg) Flight Experiment Development
- Space Life and Physical Sciences /MaterialsLab
- Metals, Glasses, Semiconductors, Bio-materials, Polymers, Ionic Liquids
- μg Simulation Systems
 - Electrostatic Levitator
 - Furnaces

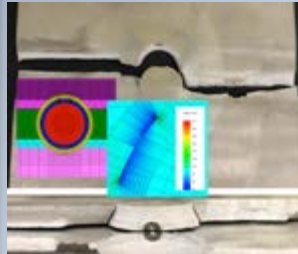
Testing & Environmental Effects



- Mechanical Property Testing
- Hydrogen Testing
- Tribology
- Metrology
- Analytical Chemistry
- Space Environmental Effects Testing
- Debris & Weather Impact Testing
- Flight Experiments



Damage Tolerance



- Damage Tolerance Determinations
- Fracture Control Board
- Fracture Control & Analysis

Non-Destructive Evaluation



- Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) Inspections, Process Development & Application

Metallic M&P



- Metallurgical Engineering
- Materials Diagnostics & Failure Analysis
- Metals Process Development
- Corrosion

Metals Manufacturing



- Solid State Welding
- Large Scale Process Development / Tooling & Manufacturing

Nonmetallic M&P



- Polymers & Composites Test and Application
- Ceramics & Ablatives

Composites Manufacturing



- Fiber Placement Robot
- Additive Mfg
- Digital Mfg Support
- TPS Process Development

Materials Selection, Control, & Engineering Support

- Materials Requirements, MUAs, MIULs
- M&P Controls
- Contamination & Foreign Object Debris Control
- Materials Obsolescence Support



Materials Data Management

- MAPTIS – Agency asset
- Physical Sciences Informatics
- Database Management

Space Systems Department

Systems Engineering & Integration



- Lead Systems Engineers
- Hardware & Software Requirements & Verification
- System Level Trade Studies
- Avionics Systems Integration
- Engineering Discipline Interface
- Systems Engineering Management Plan

Mechanical Design, Analysis & Fabrication



- Strength Analysis
- Structural Dynamics & Loads Analysis
- Vibroacoustics
- Thermal Design & Analysis
- Mechanisms
- Fluid Systems Design & Analysis
- Modeling & Simulation
- Loads & Dynamics
- Mechanical Fabrication & Assembly

Avionics Design



- Instrumentation & Advanced Flight Sensors
- GN&C Hardware
- Imaging & Video Systems
- Embedded Control Systems
- Optics
- Flight & Ground Computers
- Data Systems
- RF Systems
- Communications

Electrical Integration & Fabrication



- Electrical Power Systems
- Electromagnetic Environmental Effects
- EMC Analysis
- Electrical Integration
- Electronic Fabrication & Assembly
- Electronic Packaging Design
- EEE Parts Analysis & Verification

Flight & Ground Software



- Mission-Critical Flight Software
- Propulsion Controllers
- Payload Flight Software
- Software Testing, Costing & Metrics
- Systems Integration Lab (SIL)
- Systems Integration & Test

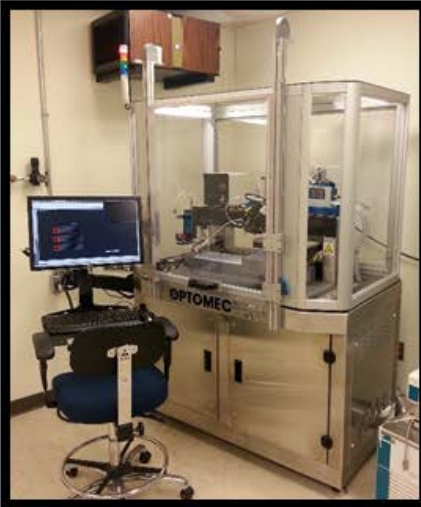
Systems Development, Integration & Test



- Science Payload Hardware Development
- Systems Integration & Test
- Flight Experiment & Payload Operations
- Sub-orbital Flight Tests of "Breadboard" Instruments
- Water and Air Systems Development Testing
- ECLSS Flight Hardware Acceptance & Quality Testing
- Fluid System Design & Analysis (ECLSS)

EEE Parts Packaging- Additive Electronics Laboratory

**Optomec High Precision
3D Aerosol Jet Printer**



Primary Focus: Utilizing 3D additive dispensing, screen printing, and aerosol jet deposition processes to develop nanoelectronics including but not limited to:

- **Solid State Ultracapacitors**
- **Graphene Superconducting Circuitry**
- **Organic Photovoltaics & LEDs**
- **Electroluminescent Devices**
- **Sensors**
- **PCBs**
- **Antennas**
- **3D Flexible Interconnects for Area Array Packaging**
- **Embedded Electronics Packaging**
- **Advanced Electronic Manufacturing**

**HMI 485 High Precision
Screen & Stencil Printer**



**Hengli Custom 8-Zone HT
Sintering Furnace**



**Hengli Custom 4-Zone LT
Sintering Furnace**



**Silverson L5M-A
Laboratory**



**PVA 350 Tabletop
Robotic Dispensing System**



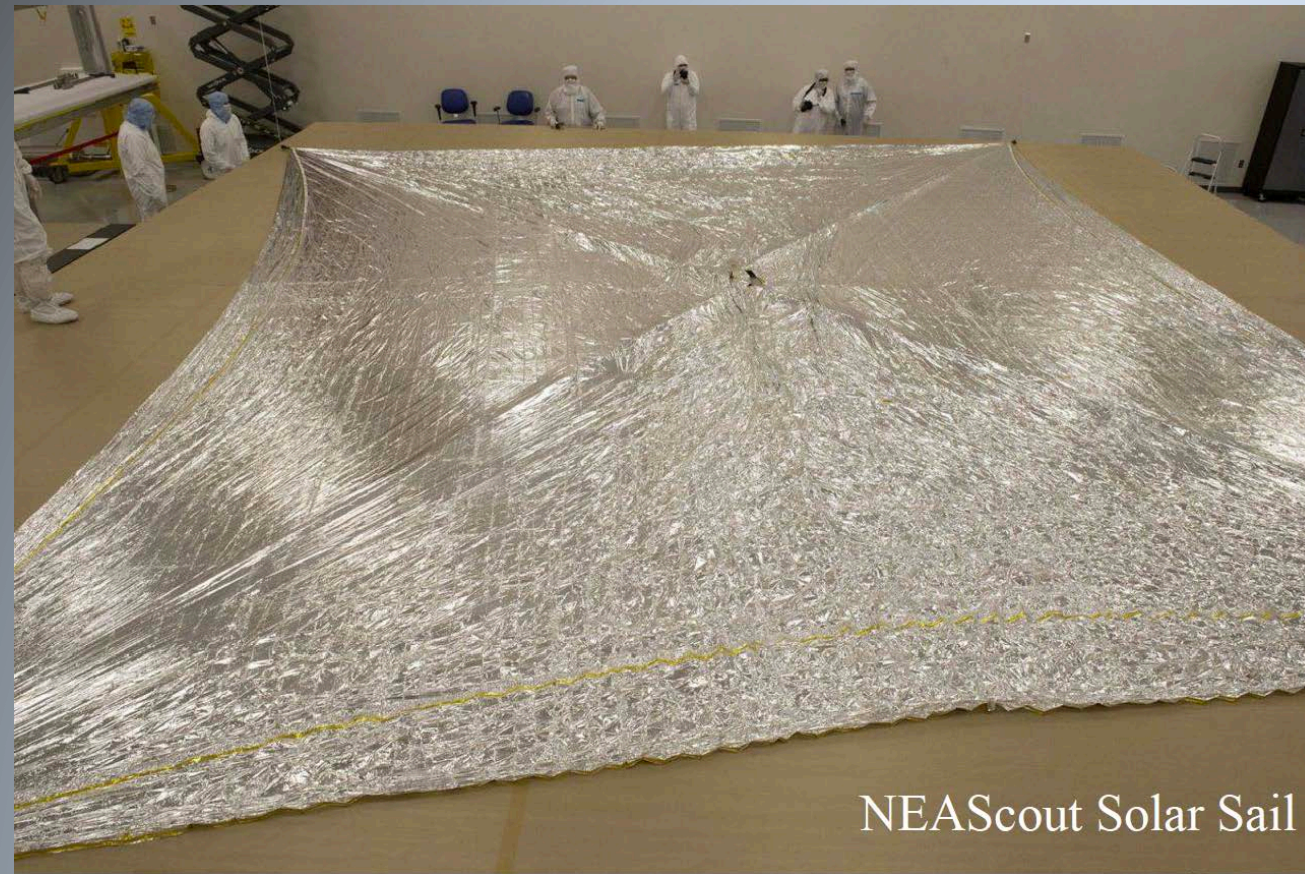
Solar Array Antenna



National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

The Lightweight
Integrated Solar Array
and anTenna (LISA-T)

Near Earth Asteroid Scout Sail



SLS EM-1 Secondary Payload

NASA MSFC Materials & Process Development Flexible Sensing Technology

Background and requirement

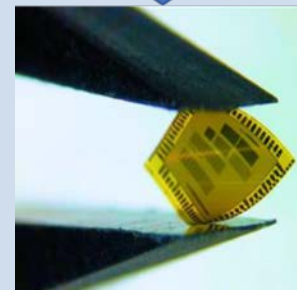
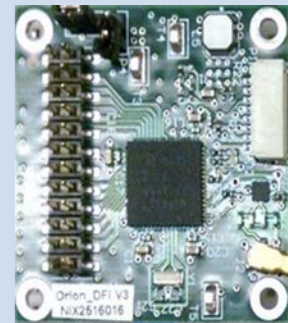
ISM Multi Material Fabrication Key Areas:

- **Development of Flexible Sensing Technology:**

- Development of next-generation flexible sensor platforms and printed sensors for Astronaut Crew Health Monitoring on International Space Station.
- Development of materials and processes for printed sensors.
- Evaluation and incorporation of new component technologies (flexible components, wireless communications, etc.)

- **Energy Storage Technology Development:**

- Develop triboelectric power in order to build a self-contained sensor system.
- Further maturation of an all-printed supercapacitor.
- Developing very high energy density supercapacitors for battery replacement with several commercial companies.
- Developed an Al-air battery with University of Tennessee & ORNL for scalable battery replacement applications.



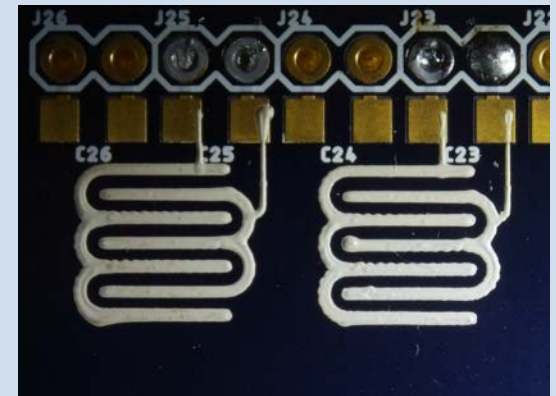
**Flexible
Electronics
Sensors**

NASA MSFC Materials & Process Development Flexible Sensor Development

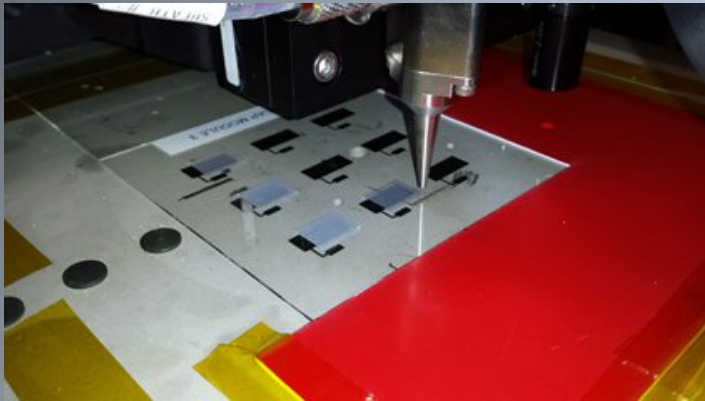
Multi Material Fabrication and Materials Development

Development of Flexible Sensing Technology:

- Development of next-generation wireless flexible sensor platforms and printed sensors for Astronaut Crew Health Monitoring on International Space Station.
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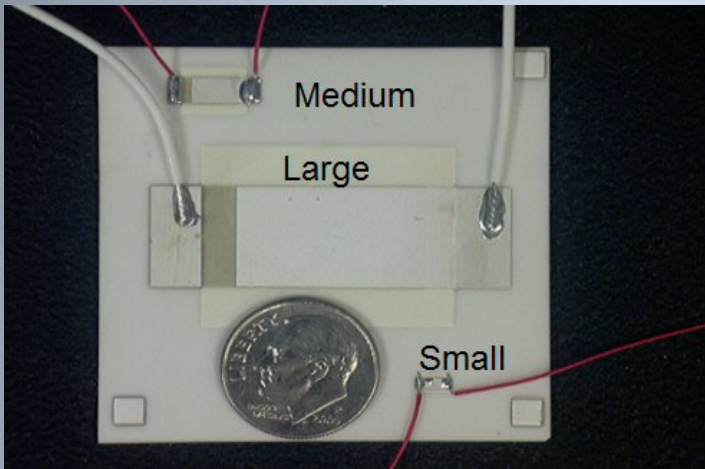
Printing Electronics



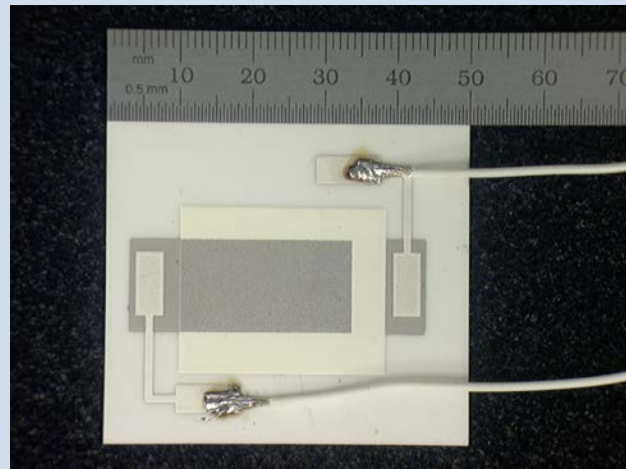
Dielectric ink printing



Wireless humidity sensor



Three different sizes



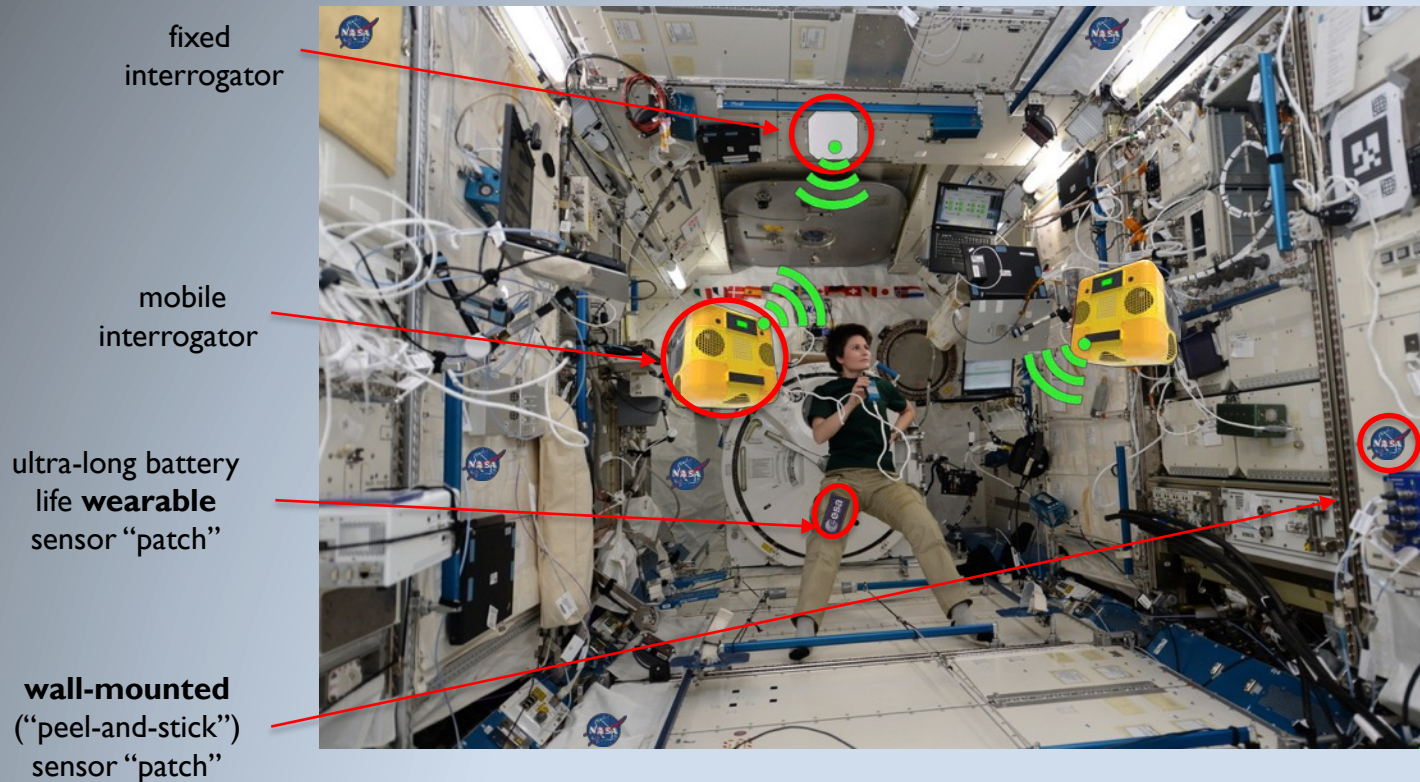
Ultra cap with leads

Ultracapacitors and Humidity Sensors

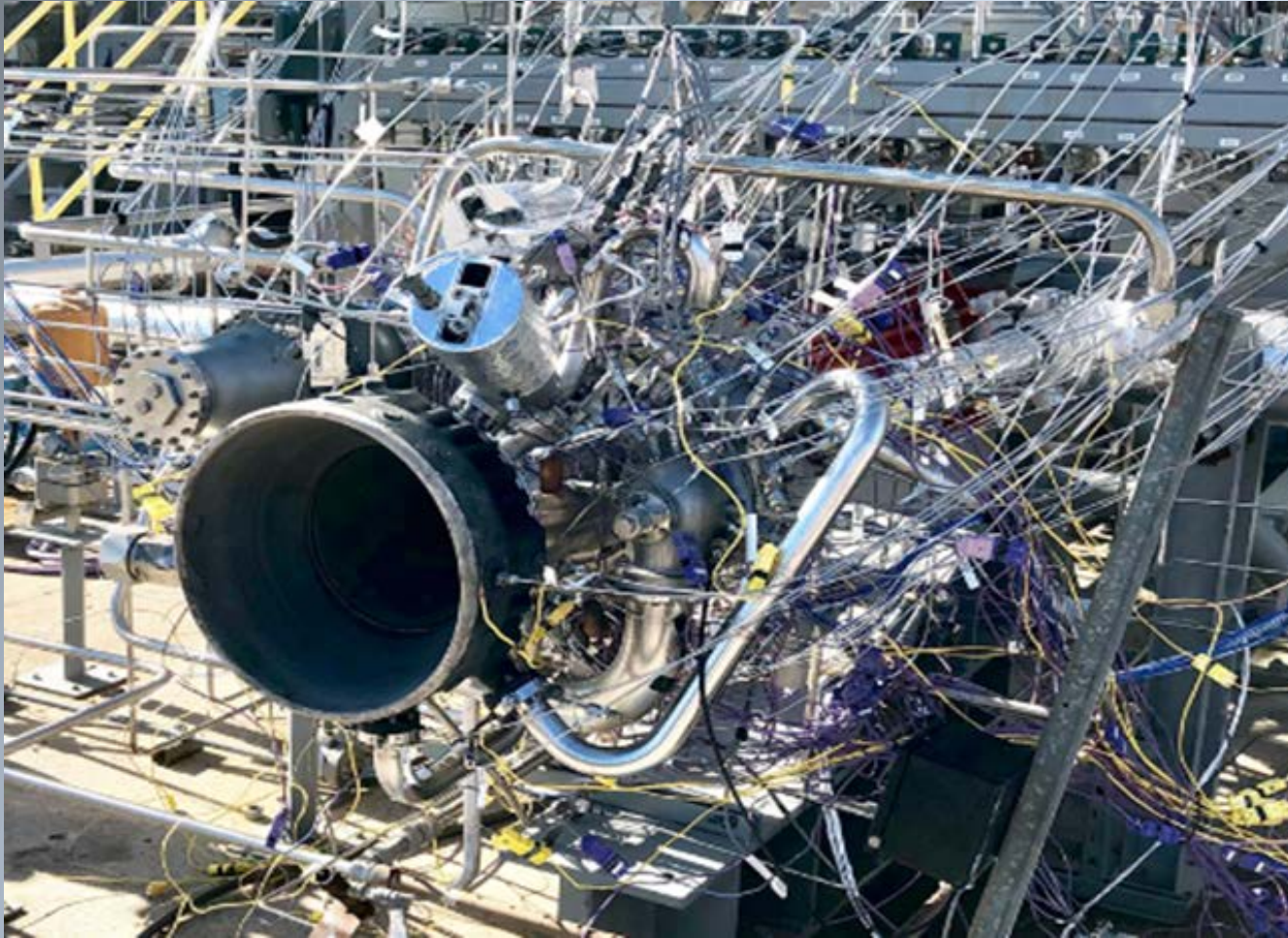
NASA MSFC Materials & Process Development

Flexible Sensor Development

Wearable Wireless Sensors Operational Concept



We are not there yet! Engine Instrumentation March 2019



Engineering the Future

