National Aeronautics and Space Administration



EXPLORESCIENCE

30th Thermal Fluids and Analysis Workshop Engineering NASA's Science Missions

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First, a little bit about myself...



NASA SCIENCE

AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM









Earth Science

KEY SCIENCE THEMES

Search for Life Elsewhere

Protect & Improve Life on Earth

Discover Secrets of the Universe

RESEARCH

~10,000 U.S. Scientists Funded
~3,000 Competitively Selected Awards
~\$600M Awarded Annually

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

~\$500M Invested Annually

EARTH-BASED INVESTIGATIONS

20 Airborne Missions8 Global Networks

SPACECRAFT

98 Missions 82 Spacecraft

Science by the **NUMBERS**

SMALLSATS/ CUBESATS

22 Science Missions14 Technology Demos

SOUNDING ROCKETS

16 Science Missions5 Tech/Student Missions

BALLOONS

10 Science Missions**4** Technology/Student









CYGNSS



Nature Scientific Reports: Change in mean SMAP soil moisture compared to change in CYGNSS SNR

RainCube/TEMPEST-D Observing Typhoon Trami

Spacecraft constellation separated by 5 minutes revealing 3D storm structure



Illustration of complementary nature of these sensors flown in constellation for observing precipitation



Science at LaRC





NASA LaRC SMD Budget

SMD funding represents ~30% of Langley's budget in FY19

50% of SMD funding at Langley supports Agency functions (SOMA, ESSPPO, and AETC facilities)

Science Directorate



LaRC Science Missions in Development





Climate Absolute Radiance and Refractivity Observatory (CLARREO) Pathfinder

Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO)

LaRC Science Missions in Development



Stereo CAmeras for Lunar Plume-Surface Studies (SCALPSS)



Athena

EXPLORE LANGLEY - Earth Energy Budget

We provide precise, accurate, consistent and continual monitoring, measuring and archiving of data to detect and understand climate change.



Above Anvil Plumes Produced Simultaneously itorms With Plumes Producing Nearly All The Severe Wegther At This Time

Detecting Severe Weather

Clouds and the Faith's Radiant Energy System Flight Model 6

Applications:

- Agroclimatology (Nutella)
- Sustainable Building (3M & UMich)
- Renewable Energy

EXPLORE LANGLEY - Upper Atmosphere Composition

We study Earth's stratosphere and upper atmosphere (aeronomy), as well as space weather in the context of sun-Earth connection.

- Flight instruments: SAGE, LIMS, HALOE, and SABER
- Technology Development SAGE IV
- Research & Analysis





EXPLORE LANGLEY - Air Quality

We study changes in the atmosphere's chemistry and what those changes mean for the environment and public health



EXPLORE LANGLEY - Lidar Remote Sensing

SOCIETAL IMPACT



NASA data captures Kilauea volcano eruption in Hawaii



Global 3-D "CAT scan"

Longest operating space lidar 12 years

Langley Airborne Science



NAAMES





ACT-AMERICA

KORUS-AQ



ORACLES

ATOM

Langley Delivers Technology That Enables Planetary Science

Technology Advancement, Systems Analysis, Concept Development Through Flight Operations



HPC CFD



Aerocapture Systems Analysis



Integrated composites



Flight Mechanics



Some Closing Thoughts...

- NASA Science continues to be a growing area of the Agency's portfolio and provides information the public craves and policy makers leverage
- Thermal and fluids engineering is key to NASA's Science Missions – from detector stability to reentry thermal protection to cooling systems for RTGs, we can't do it without you!
- These disciplines are a great way to bridge into flight systems engineering and project management because you are involved in all phases of a mission and many times your designs and analyses touch every part of the system

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