

A Quick Overview of the Advanced Materials and Processing Branch

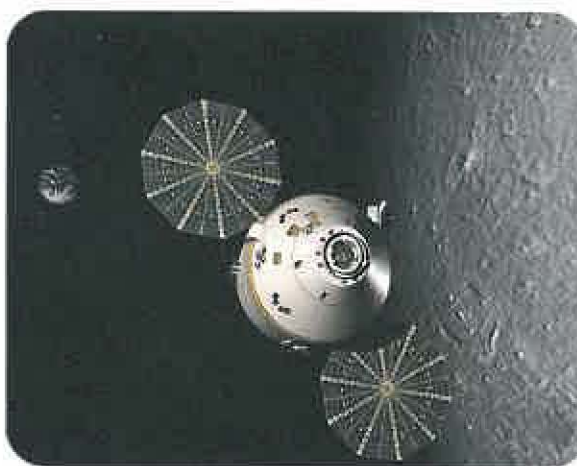
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NASA Langley at a Glance (2012)



Founded in 1917 as the first civil aeronautical research lab

~\$853M PY2012 Budget
~\$823M NASA Langley budget
~\$30M External business

~3,600 Workforce
~1,900 Civil Servants
~1,700 Contractors (on/near-site)

Langley's Economic Impact (2011)

National economic output of ~ \$2B and generates over 17,000 high-tech jobs
Virginia economic output of ~ \$1B and generates over 9,000 high-tech jobs

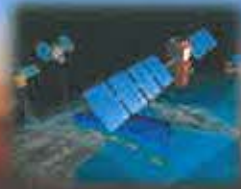
Infrastructure/Facilities

788 acres, 169 Buildings
~\$3.3B replacement value

Aeronautics
44%



Science
28%



Space Tech
15%



Human Exploration
12%



Education
1%



Cross-Agency Support Programs & Construction/Environmental Compliance & Restoration

Center Management & Operations

(Facilities, Fab, Engineering, Tech Authority, B&P, IRAD, Safety/Mission Assurance, Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources)

Agency Management & Operations

(NASA Engineering & Safety Center, Office of Chief Engineer, Agency IT)

Construction/Env Compliance & Restoration

(Revitalization Plan)

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Advanced Materials and Processing Branch 5+ Facilities : Offices and Laboratories



The Future of Materials for NASA



Mission Statement : *"To Develop Advanced Materials and Processes that Expand the Engineering Design Space to Enable NASA Missions."*

- **Reduction in areal densities of load bearing structures requires the combination of all three material classes: Polymers, Metals, and Ceramics**
 - Reduce amount and traditional use of mechanical fasteners
 - Make bondlines and welds stronger than the weakest parent material
 - Directly insert the correct material where it is needed
- **The increased efficiency of solid state device technology requires the combination of all three material classes: Polymers, Metals, and Ceramics**
 - Decrease material defects and increase operating temperature ranges
 - Increase control of multifunctional properties
 - Directly insert the correct material where it is needed
- **To achieve this, AMPB needs to continue investing in 4 fundamental core technical areas:**
 - New Materials through **Synthesis** (Composition of Matter)
 - New Materials through **Processing**
 - **Characterization** of Materials
 - **Computational** Modeling and Lifting of Material Interactions

AMPB : New Materials through Synthesis

Physical Science Centric Discipline

“The manipulation of atoms and molecules to produce new materials. Includes the development of new synthetic techniques and methodology, and equipment modification and customization.”

Academic Disciplines include Chemistry, Physics, Ceramics, Metallurgy, and Materials Science.

Technologies are resins (solid and liquid), metal alloys, ceramic solid solutions, coatings, adhesives, nanomaterials, molecularly engineered materials, elastomers, “active/smart” materials.

Products are powders, pellets, ingots, solutions, wafers and other stock forms of materials ready to be processed into test specimens.



Chemical Synthesis



Sputtering



Electric Arc Furnace



Epitaxial Growth Chamber

AMPB : New Materials through Process

Engineering Centric Discipline

“The creation of new materials through the processing or combining of stock materials into new forms. Includes the development of new fabrication techniques and technology.”

Academic Disciplines include Chemical, Ceramic, Polymer, Mechanical, and Metallurgical Engineering.

Technologies are processing parameter control, novel fabrication methods, scalable processes, new hybrid materials, bonding and joining technology, extrusion/injection surface engineering and preparation, and equipment design and modification.

Products are particulate, fiber and laminated reinforced composites, films, membranes, engineered surfaces, electrical, optical, and mechanical devices, and prototype structures.

Composites



Ceramics



Plasma Spray

EBF³



AMPB : Characterization



Physics Centric Discipline

“The analysis of material properties at scales from atomic through bulk. Includes instrument design, statistically based data reporting, and new test method development and validation.”

Academic Disciplines include Chemistry, Physics, Microscopy, and Materials Science.

Technologies are customized analytical equipment, unique property test-data sets, streamlining of verification procedures, forensic failure analysis, validation of new test methodologies.

Products are highly accurate and precise data, quality specimen development, unique analytical methods, accurate lifecycle testing, and a fundamental understanding of material properties and composition as tied to synthesis and processing.

Microscopy



Spectroscopy



Thermal Analysis



Mechanical Testing

AMPB : Computation



Numerical Methods Centric Discipline

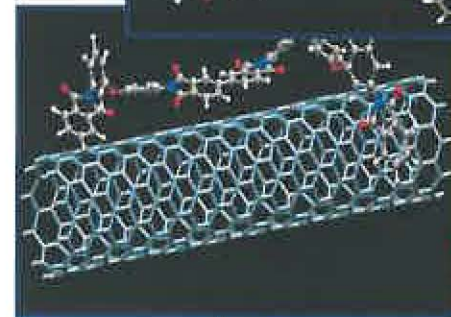
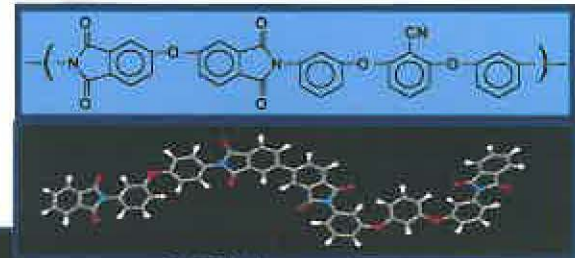
“The use of computation to simulate and predict the behavior and interactions of materials from synthesis and processing through lifing. Includes the input of experimental data and the development of computational and process control algorithms.”

Academic Disciplines include Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Engineering.

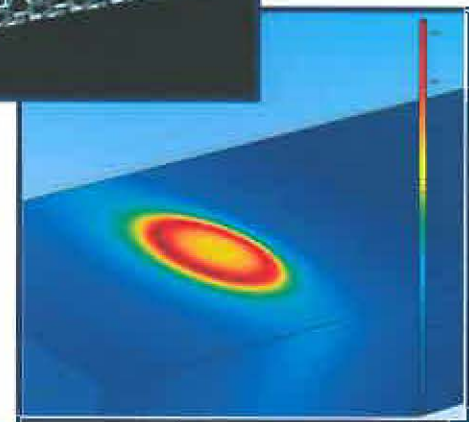
Technologies are Interactive machine codes, database of experimental inputs and material properties, reduction in the amount of experiments to develop a new material or validate a result.

Products are faster development of new materials, process control algorithms, faster computational methods, increased predicative lifing capabilities, and the development of a Virtual lab.

Molecular Simulation



Molecular Interaction



Process Simulation and Control

Technical Capabilities/Instrumentation



- **Materials Synthesis**

- Chemical (small molecule)
- Polymer (macromolecule)
- Metallic Alloys

- **Materials Processing**

- Prepreg and Composite any resin/fiber)
- Solution film casting/melt extrusion
- Vac Press, VARTM, Autoclave, ATP
- Plasma Spray
- EBF3
- Bonding/Joining
- Heat treatment Vac. Furnaces
- Sputtering/PVD

- **Mechanical**

- Electromagnetic/servo-hydraulic load-frames (Liq. He to 3000F to 10-7T)
- Small Ball-screw frames w/ E-Chambers
- Pin-on-disk Tribometer w/ furnace
- Tabor Abrader

- **Analytical**

- SEM/TEM/HR-SEM/SEM – Variable Pressure Lg chamber (w/ EDX, WDS, μ -probe, load frame, EBSD/AFM tips, EELS, SIMS)
- Thermal Analysis (DSC/TGA/TGA-MS/DMA/TMA/Laser Flash/Heat Flow/Rheometers)
- Spectroscopy (NMR/IR/near-IR/UV-Vis/RAMAN//XRD/Elipseometer)
- Chromatography (GPC/GC-MS)
- Surface Analysis (Droplet and Insertion instruments for surface tension/optical profilometer /SPM/Nitrogen Absorption
- Optical Microscopy (Confocal/Fluorescence/Metallograph/X-Polarized

VARTM PMC Metal Hybrid Panels for Lightning Strike Protection: Initial Testing



Before Strike



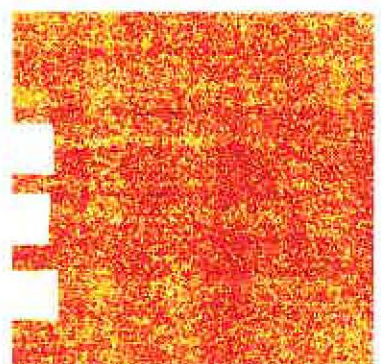
After Strike



X-Ray



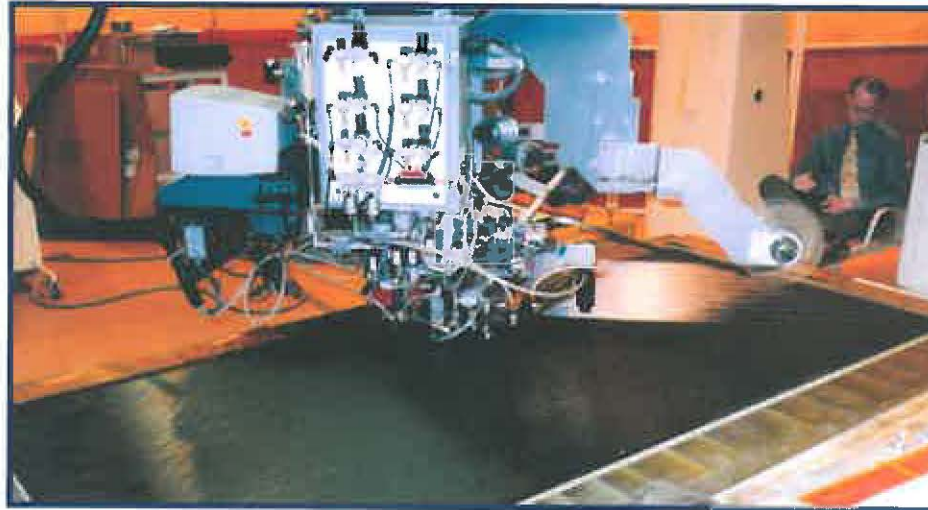
**SOA DEXMET –
Cu Mesh over
PMC**



**PMC-Metal Hybrid
fabricated at LaRC**

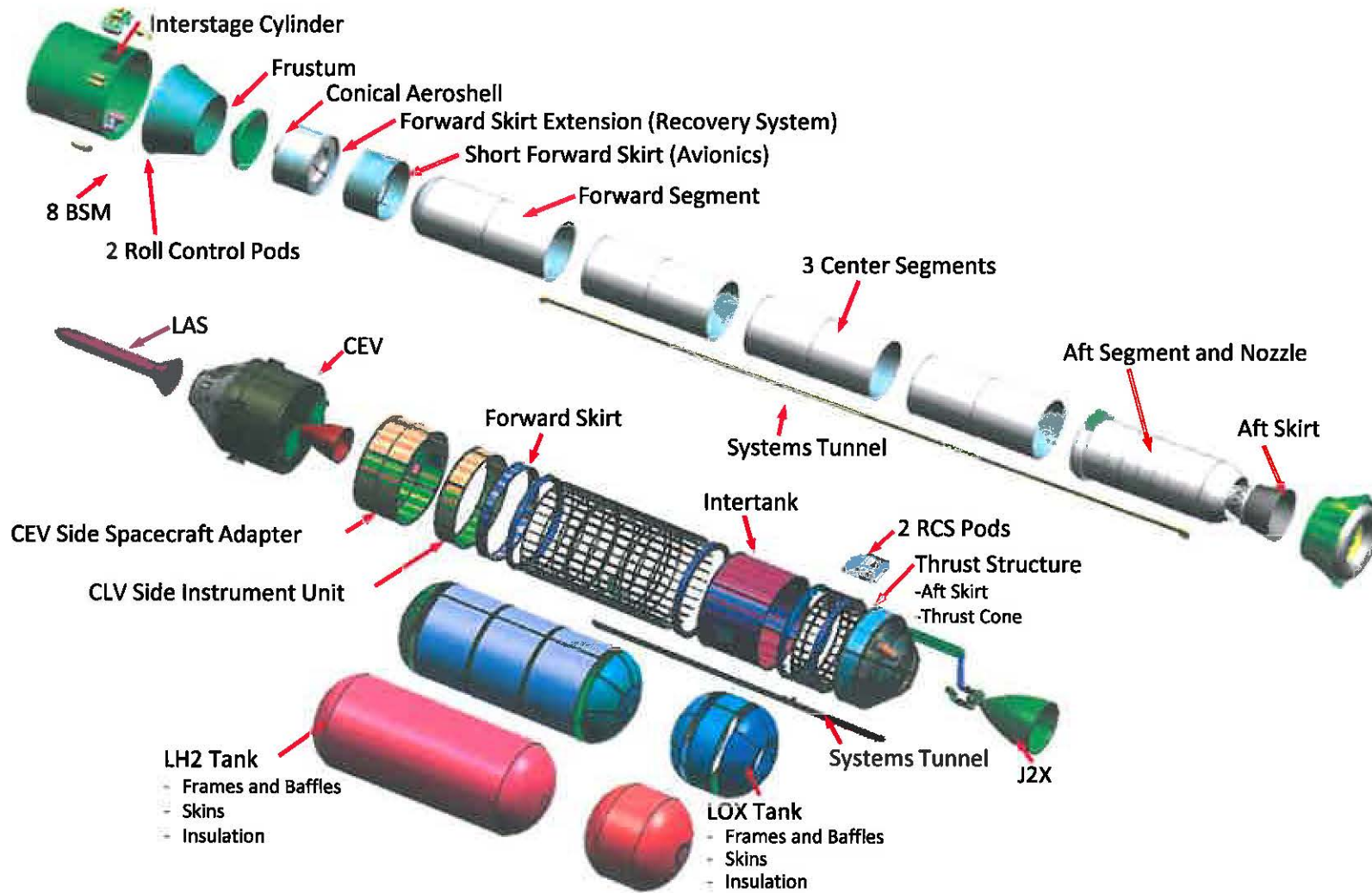
- In trial testing of a glass fabric plasma coated layer secondarily bonded to an IM7/8552 PMC:
 - The strike of the PMC-Metal Hybrid was very dispersive and spread the currents thru multiple paths.
 - Plasma coated PMC exhibited similar displacement and damping characteristics as the SOA DEXMET panel (3mm to 0 in 350ms)
 - Unlike the SOA DEXMET, the plasma coated Hybrid lost no conductivity during the test

HH-ATP of High Performance Thermoplastics



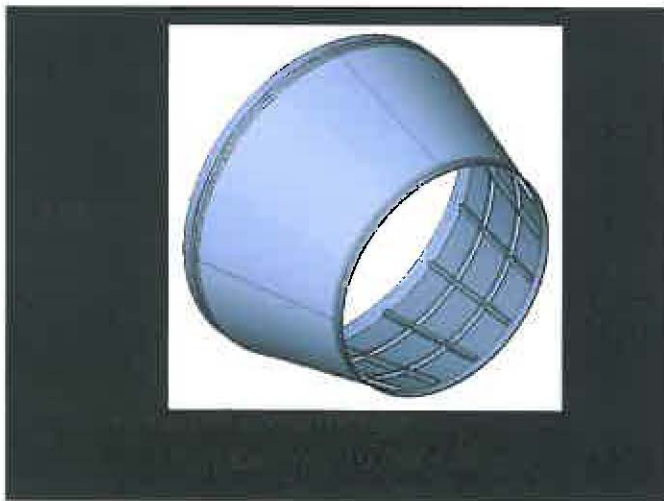
- **Heated Head Automated Tape Placement is a PMC fabrication technology which offers the potential to fabricate high performance thermoplastic matrix composites out-of-autoclave**
 - **Engineering Thermoplastics such as PEEK, PEKK, and PPS have significant advantages over Thermoset matrices such as epoxy and BMI**
 - **Higher Toughness, reducing knockdown associated with CAI.**
 - **Comparable Use Temperatures.**
 - **No out-life or shelf-life issues**
 - **Potential for recycling**
- **Since the adoption of toughened epoxy PMCs in the 1990's by the major airframers, thermoplastic PMCs have found limited use as primary structure on 777 or 787. This is due in large part to the increased manufacturing cost associated with fabrication using these materials. The HH-ATP fabrication process addresses this issue**
 - **In 2010, M&P engineers at BOEING, ATK, and LHM commented that their companies had ongoing research projects to lower the cost of fabricating thermoplastic matrix PMCs for both primary and secondary structure on future aircraft**
 - **Airbus is using thermoplastic PMC on the leading edge of the A380**

Technology Maturation and Insertion



Technology Maturation and Insertion

Transferring Innovative Manufacturing Methods to Industry



Near Net Shape Forming of Conical Structures

Status

- Proven technology for steel
- Apply expertise to Al & Al-Li alloys
- 44" Subscale Al trial, 10/08

Benefits

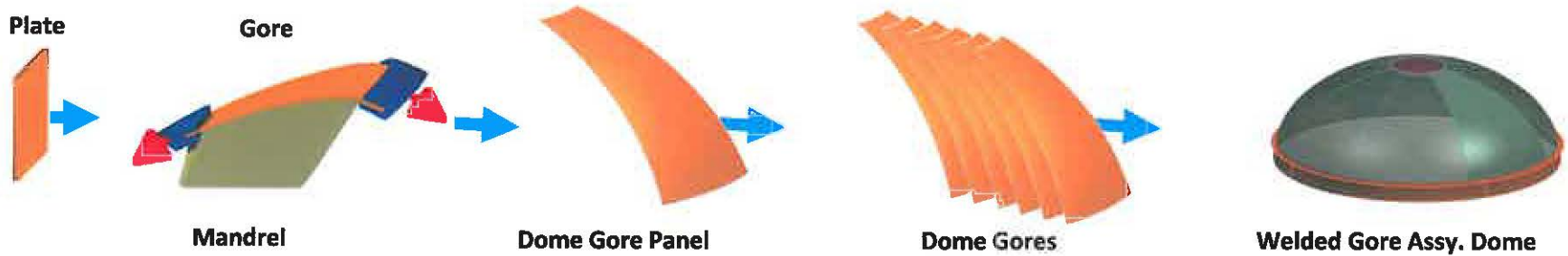
- Increased reliability: elimination of rivets
- Reduced part count & touch labor
- Reduced NDE
- Potentially scalable to Orion CM

Technology Maturation and Insertion

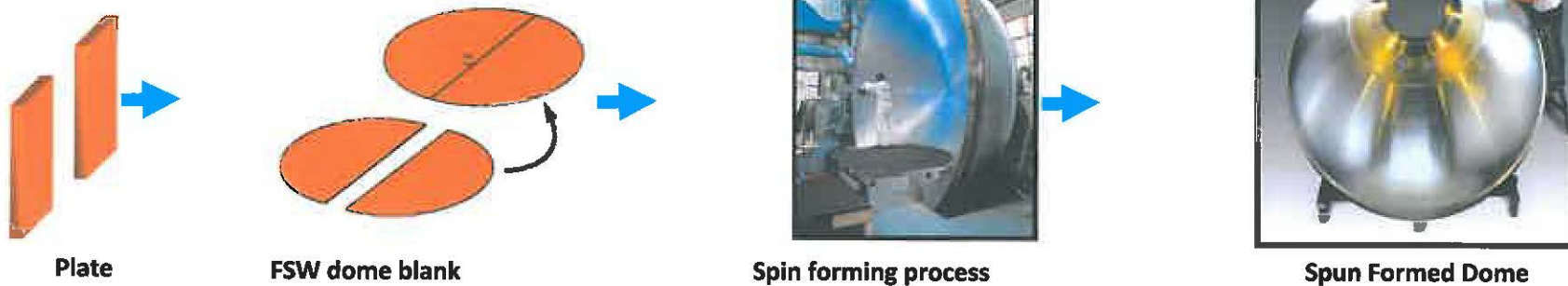
Cryogenic Tank Dome Manufacturing



Traditional Approach



Developmental Approach



Status:

- Joint ETD / ARES I Task
- Assessment of friction stir welded blanks in progress
- 1 m sub-scale spun dome – July 08
- 5 m full-scale demonstration spun dome - Feb 09

Benefits:

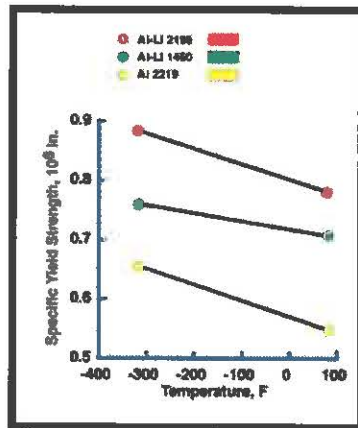
- Improved reliability / safety
- Eliminates up to 9 major welds and associated weld lands
- Reduced part count and touch labor
- Reduced inspection costs

Friction Stir Weld – Spin Formed Dome Technology Merits



Aluminum-Lithium Alloys

- High strength / weight ratio
- Good SCC resistance

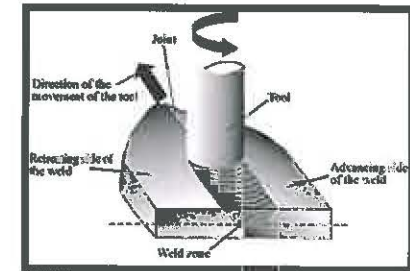


FSW Spun Formed Dome
5 m dia. Al-Li 2195



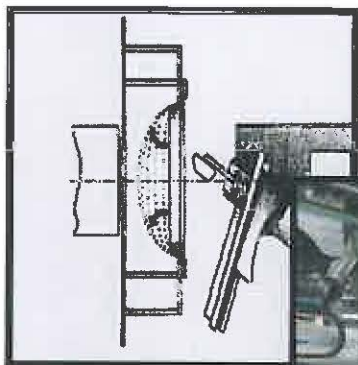
Friction Stir Welding

- Greater strength & ductility than fusion welding
- Low defect occurrence



Spin Forming

- Single piece near net shape manufacturing
- Lower manufacturing costs
- Improved mass fraction
- Improved system reliability



Adaptable, Low Cost Tooling NASA LaRC, MT Aerospace



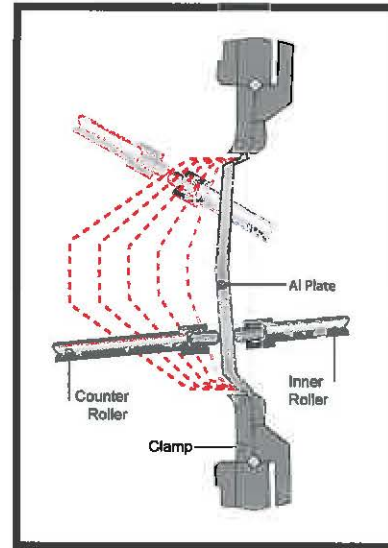
**First successful Aluminum
Dome, Oct. 2011**



As-formed, no machining
0.6m dia.

Aluminum
Forming

Demonstrate with
complex geometry



**First successful Aluminum
Crew Module, May 2012**

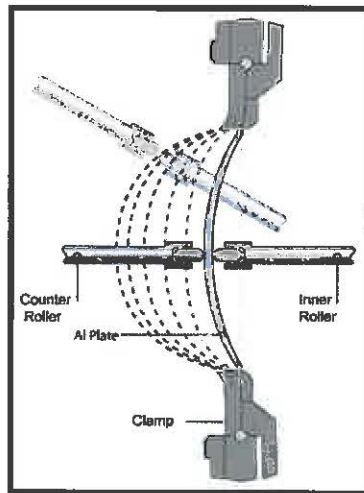


**Commercially Produced
Titanium Dome**



As-formed, no machining
~2m dia.

Counter Roller Process



Scale up to Full Size
Component



Innovative Cryotank Fabrication

NASA LaRC, Leifeld, MT Aerospace

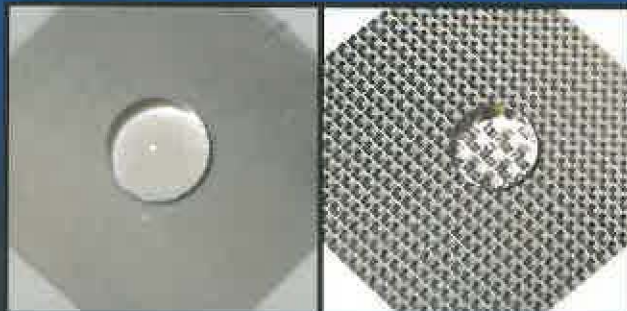


Laser Ablation Patterning for Adhesion Promotion



A Nd:YAG laser removes (ablates) surface material in a controlled fashion. The ablation depth can be controlled by variation of laser power, frequency, and scan speed. Exact parameters for ablation are material dependent. Result is an increase in surface energy and higher bond strength without generating extraneous debris.

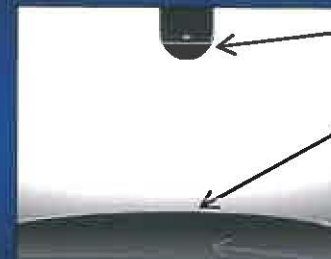
Pattern Visualization



90° cross-hatch pattern

A pattern of line series oriented at rotating 90° intervals, similar to a Peel-

Superhydrophilic surfaces are created



Dispenser

Water Droplet

Adherent surface

Result is a stronger bond

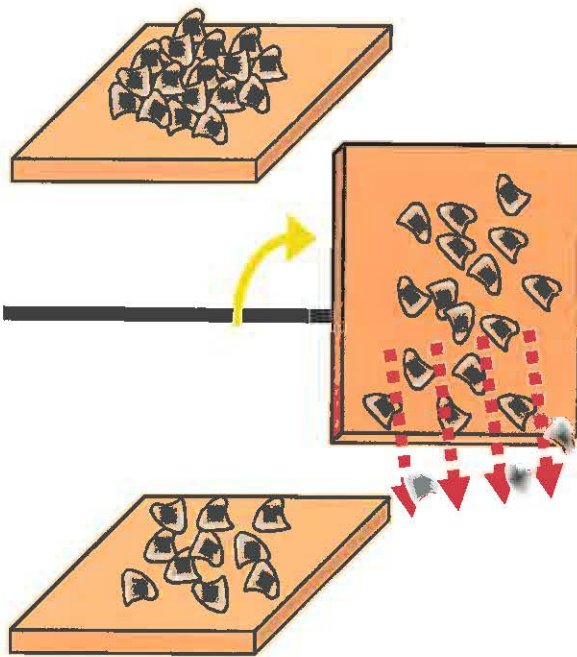


Result is that bond strength increases ~15% and failure mode moves into the composite

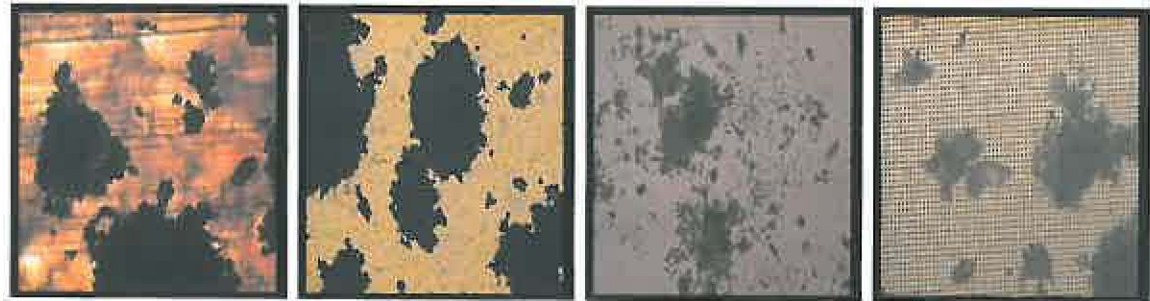
Laser Ablation Patterning for Adhesion Prevention



Lunar dust (regolith) stimulant



Before



After



Teflon[®]

Kapton[®]

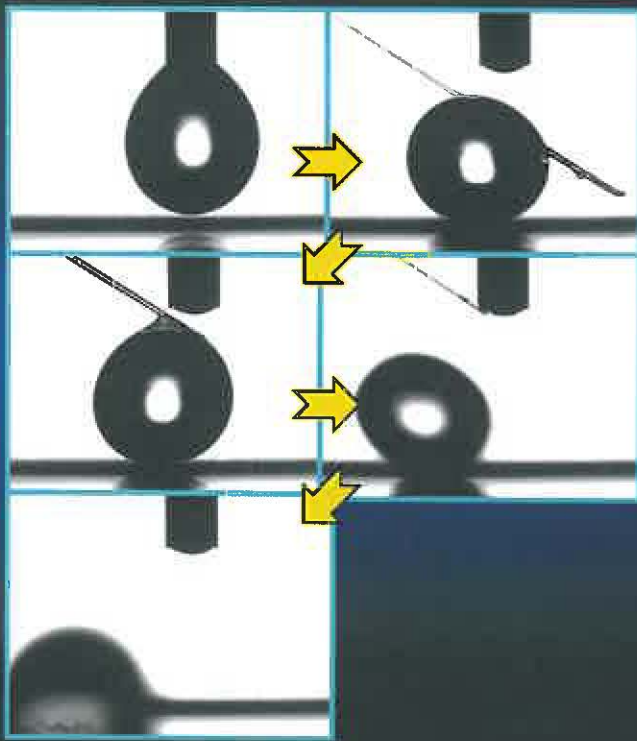
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Patterned
PIS

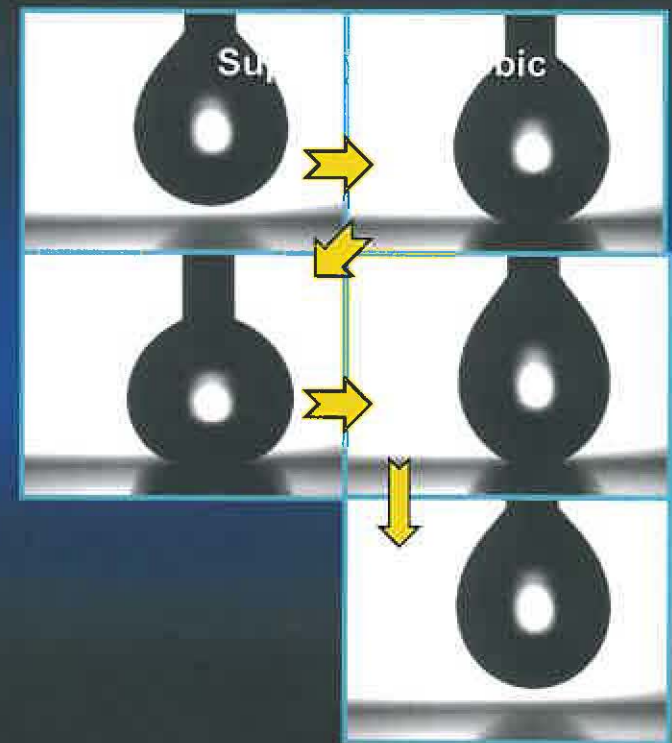
Laser Ablation Patterning on Different Substrates for Self-Cleaning and Antifouling Surfaces



Polyimide Siloxane



Polyimide butadiene-acrylonitrile

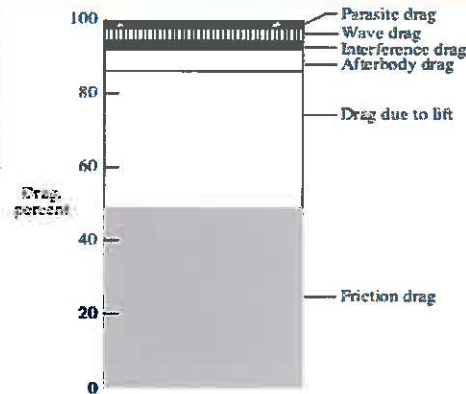
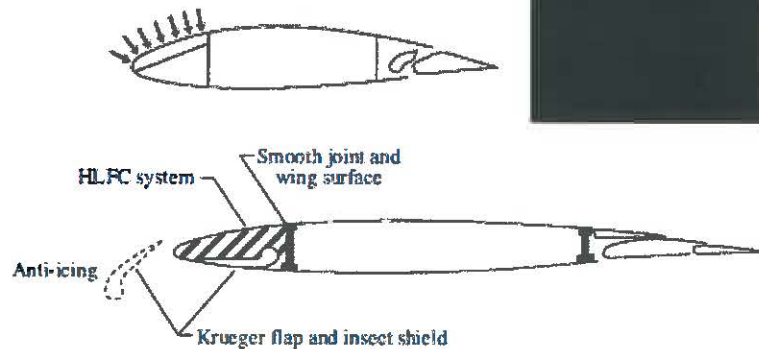


Trapped air between pillars helps prevent droplets from spreading resulting in Superhydrophobicity

Mitigation of Insect Residue on HLFC Leading Edge Surfaces



Hybrid laminar flow control (HLFC)



Why is insect residue important?

- A small percentage of vehicle drag
- Can disrupt laminar flow
- Results in increased fuel usage

Consequence:

- Need to carry extra fuel
- Reduced cargo capacity
- Higher ticket and transportation costs

SOA Insect Residue Alleviation System on HLFC Surface

R.D. Joslin, "Overview of Laminar Flow Control", NASA/TP-1998-208705



Impacted insect adhesion & blockage of HLFC surface

D. O'Donoghue, T.M. Young, J.T. Pembroke, T.F. O'Dwyer, "An investigation of surfactant and enzyme formulations for the alleviation of insect contamination on Hybrid Laminar Flow Control (HLFC) surfaces", Aerso Sci Tech, 6 (2002) 19-29.

Problem:

Adhesion of insect hemolymph (adhesive) and impacted insect (biological adherend) to HLFC leading edge (i.e. aluminum or composite adherend).




Objective:

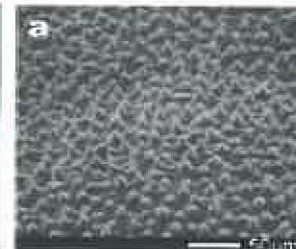
Eliminate all insect residue on HLFC leading edge and/or easy removal of remaining residue after landing through the use of a coating. Other concerns include ease of application, practical real world use, and durability to operational environment.

Approach Combining Coatings and Surface Engineering

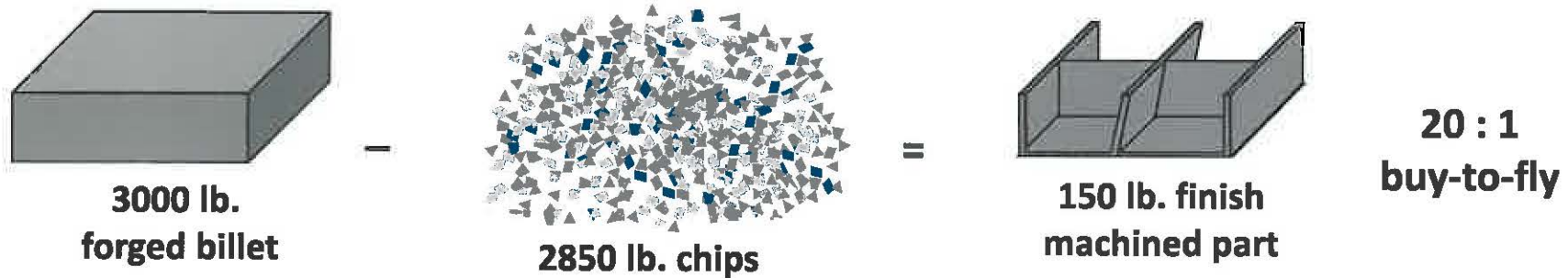


- Use combination of coating chemistry and surface engineering to enhance resistance to insect residue adhesion
 - Abhesive coatings
 - Non-stick coating is based on the coating having very low surface energy as measured by contact angles.
 - Various coatings with low surface energy and hydrophobic characteristics will be used.
 - Coatings will be modified to prevent bug residue coagulation
 - Surface engineering
 - Controlled roughness of surfaces has been shown to enhance hydrophobicity. This approach may be used to to enhance abhesive characteristic of the surface as well.
- Test methods will be developed to simulate bug contamination during flight to screen candidate coatings.

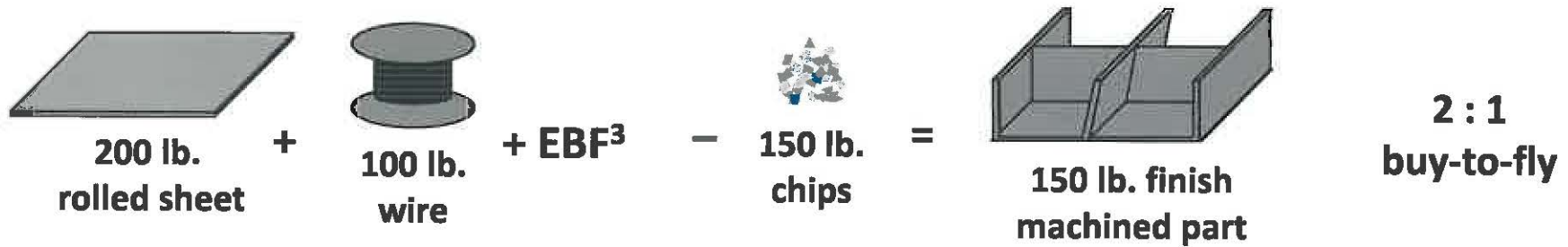
Classification	Contact Angle	Example
Hydrophilic	$\theta < 90$	
Hydrophobic	$150 > \theta > 90$	
Super-Hydrophobic	$\theta > 150$	



EBF³ Manufacturing Process



Additive Manufacturing via EBF³:



EBF³ saves significant resources over current methods: raw materials, energy, fewer chemicals (cutting fluids), lead time = cost

EBF³ Build Process



EBF³ System in ISPR



Initialize → Build → Control → As-Built



Positioning Ourselves for the Future

Emerging Technologies - Enabling Novel Multifunctional Structures



Designed for Assembly

Built-up Structure

Integrally Stiffened

Designed for Performance

Unitized Structure

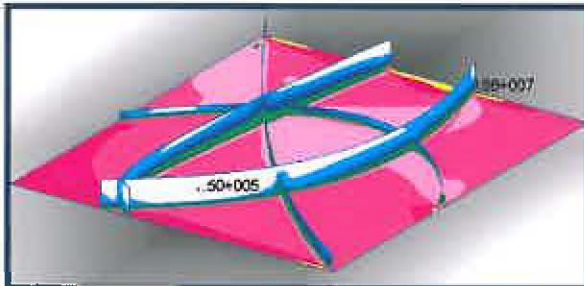


- Skin and stiffeners machined from plate
- Multiple parts and fasteners
- High: cost, scrap, weight, and assembly time

- Skin machined from sheet
- Integrated with near net stiffeners (SPF, extrusions, etc.)
- Replace fasteners (FSW, RSW)
- Reduce: cost, weight, parts, fasteners, assembly time

- EBF3 combines fabrication of material+structure
- Enhanced performance through multi-functional novel design
- Minimize: scrap, weight, fasteners, assembly time

Optimized Structural Design



Structurally optimized panel designs & machined test panel

Funder

NASA Aeronautics – Fixed Wing & Supersonics Projects

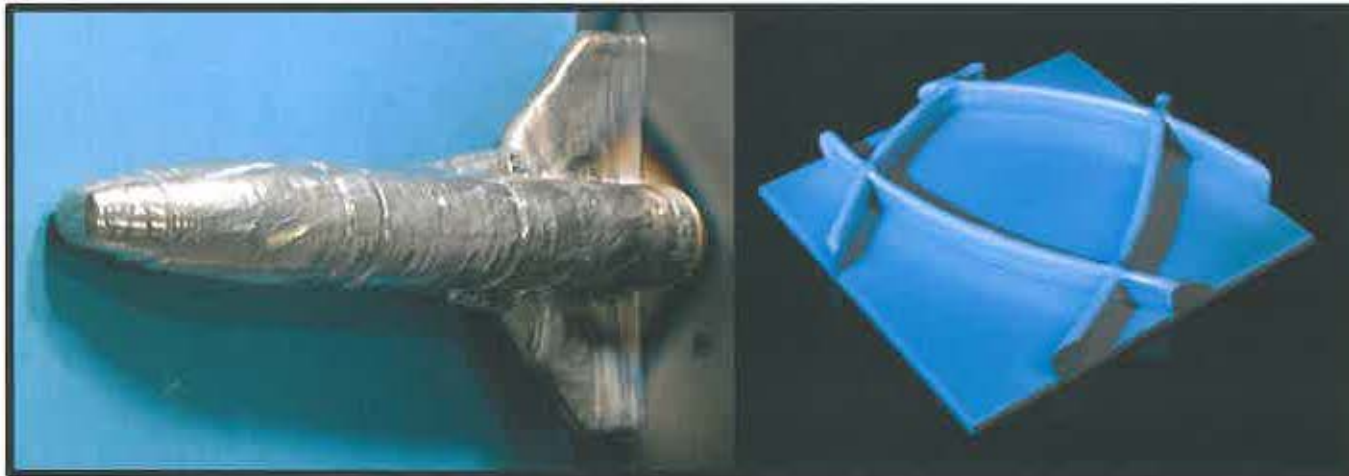
Challenge

Optimize aircraft structural efficiency through structural design and analysis tools (development at VA Tech funded by NASA)

Current Work

- Design and optimization tool development:
 - Contoured stiffeners that follow load paths
 - Acoustically-tailored fuselage structures
 - Aeroelastically-tailored wing structures
 - Functionally graded stiffeners for material properties tailored to structural needs
 - Selectively reinforced structures for improved stiffness and damage tolerance
- Build and test panels for code validation

Sample EBF³ Parts

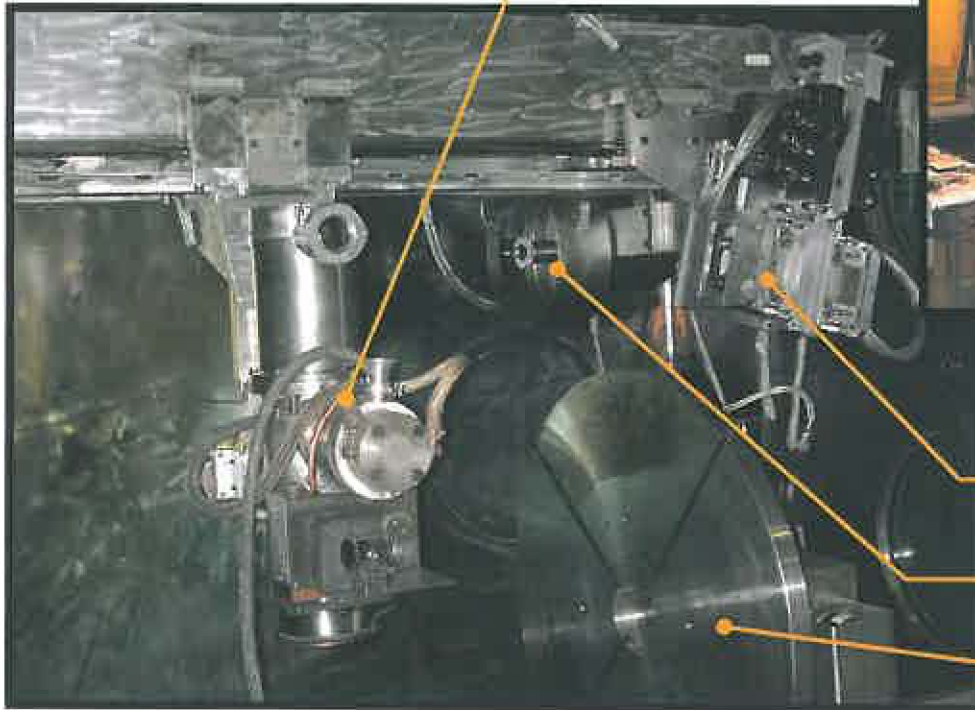


Ground-Based EBF³ System at NASA LaRC



Computer Control System

42 kW EB Gun



7'x9'x9' 10⁻⁵ torr Vacuum Chamber

Dual Wire Feeders

Wire Spool

Tilt/Rotate Positioner

History of EBF³ Development



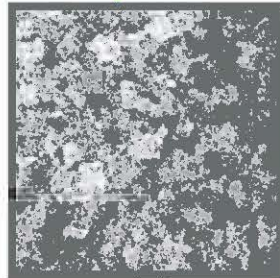
Technology Inception

Technology Maturation



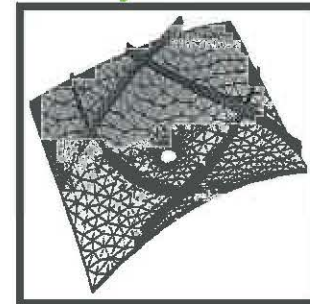
EBF³ system installed at NASA LaRC

Define EBF³ system specs



EBF³ process understanding

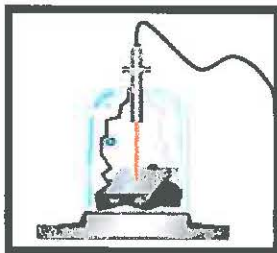
Increasing part complexity



Unitized & graded structures



Design portable EBF³ system



Integrate prototype portable EBF³ system

Microgravity testing



Patent on portable EBF³ concept issued 1/07

Future of EBF³



Commercialization



Computationally guided process maturation



Current Applications



First production parts on aircraft

Influence Future Designs

Selective reinforcement/
integrated sensors



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2013 & beyond

Detailed property testing for certification

Process certified

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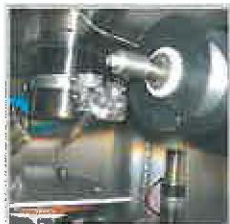
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Retire prototype portable system

Next Gen EBF³ lunar systems build and test



ISS demo of EBF³ system

Lunar surface system demo



NASA Langley EBF³ Technology Road Map for Space



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- 1. LaRC EBF³ "Green Manufacturing" minimizes machining waste by adding metal only where needed
- 1. Successful demonstration of LaRC EBF³ in parabolic zero-g flights
- 2. Proposed ISS demo of LaRC EBF³ for Supportability – build spares and tools on-demand for use on orbit
- 3. **LaRC EBF³ is enabling technology** for future NASA missions by reducing upmass with build as you go
- 4. Dual-use spinoff technology for supportability in remote locations by minimizing system size, power and improving robustness

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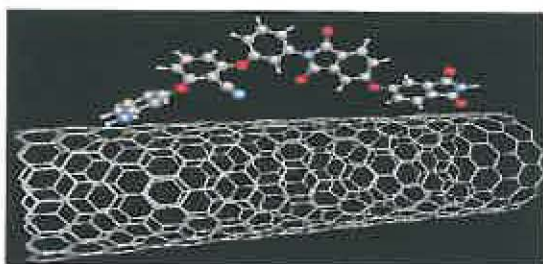
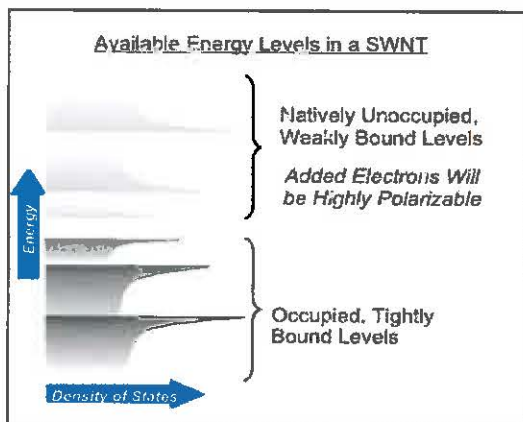
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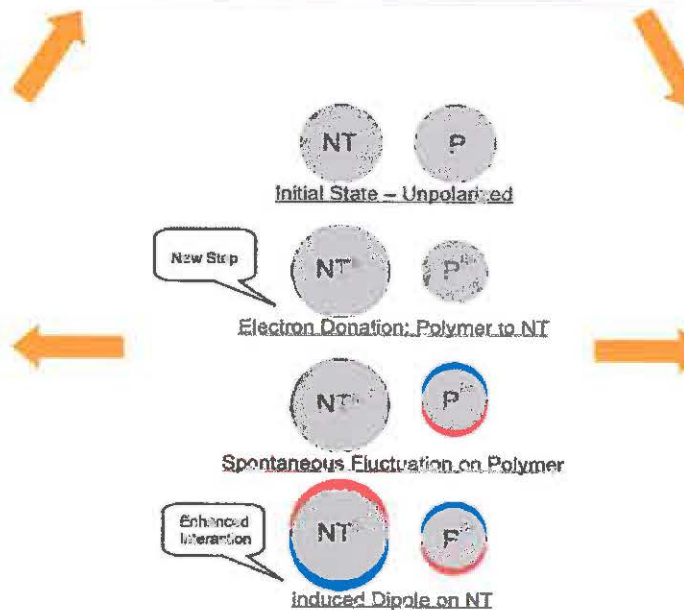
Observed Differences in Nanocomposite Solution Stability



Schematic of Proposed Donor-Acceptor Interactions

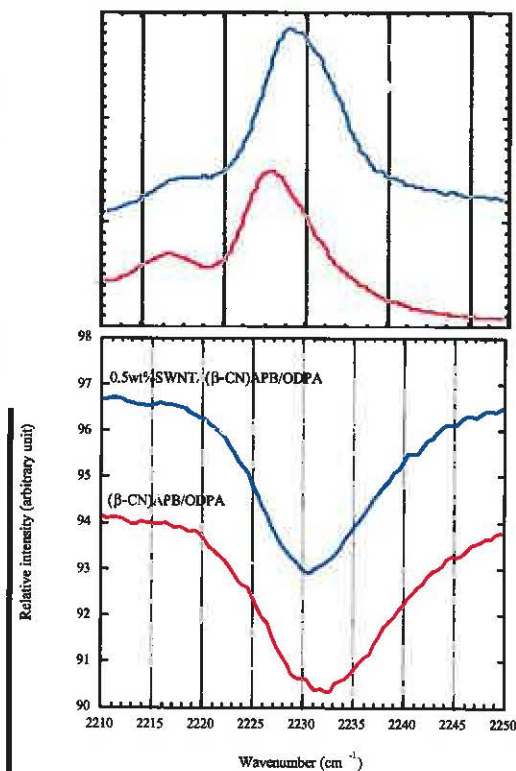


Quantum Chemical Modeling



Experimental Evidence of Donor-Acceptor Interactions

Raman Spectra

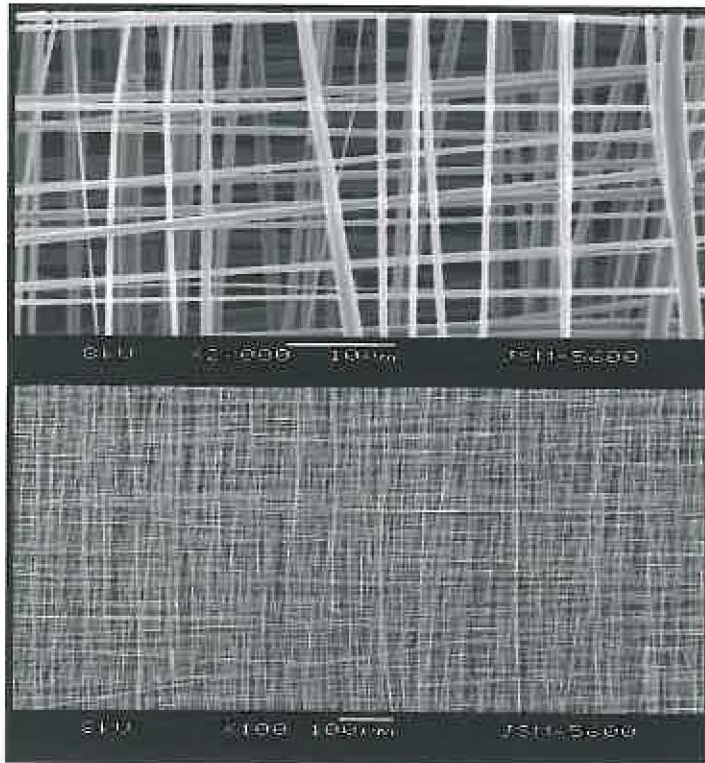


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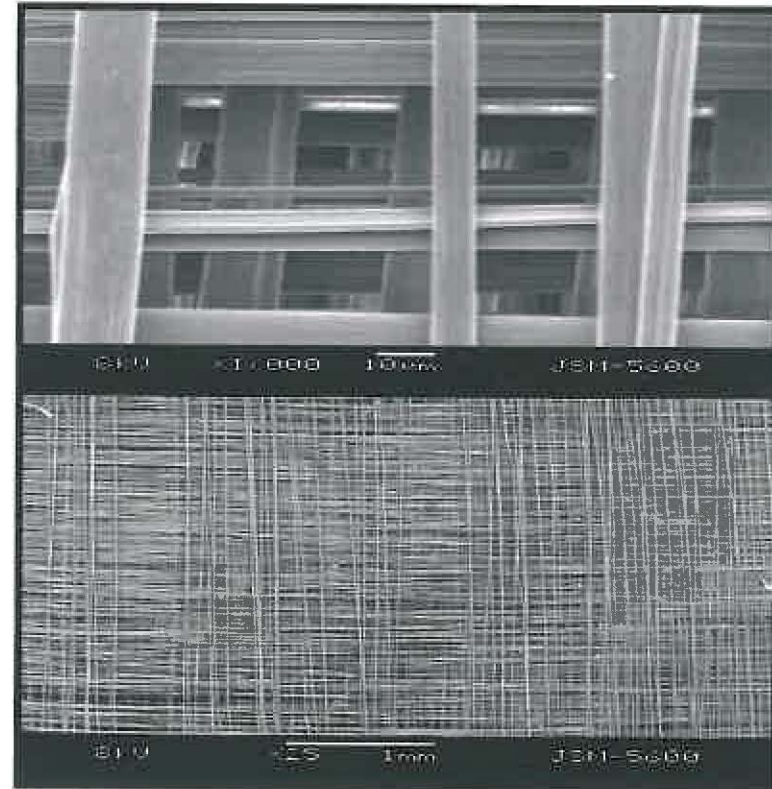
Emerging Technologies - Aligned Electrospun Fibers



30 Layer Aligned Mats



PGA 30 Layer mat: top image at 2000x; bottom image at 25x



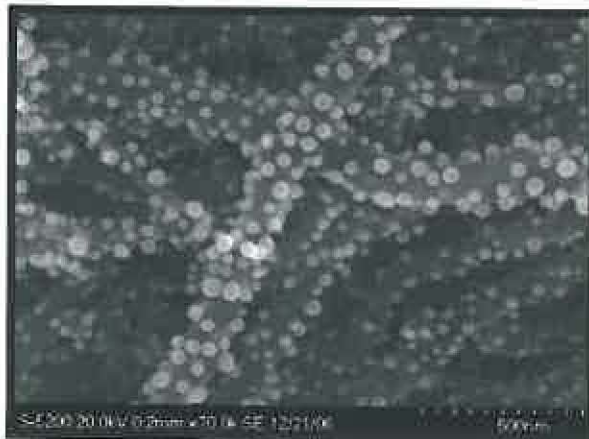
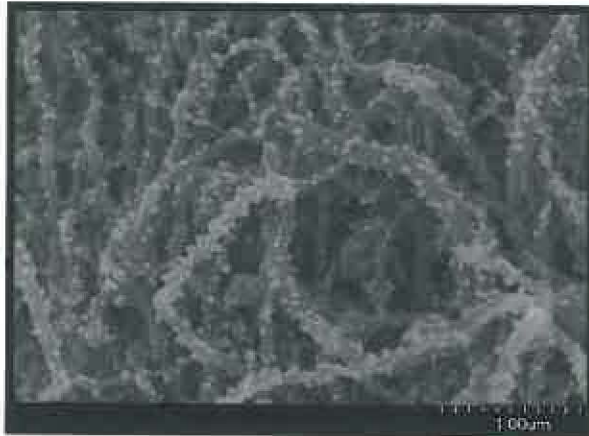
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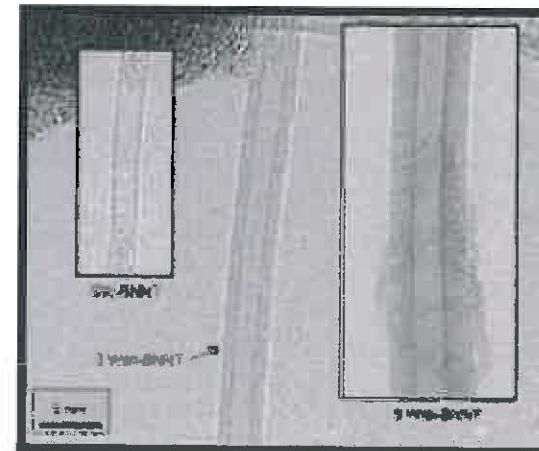
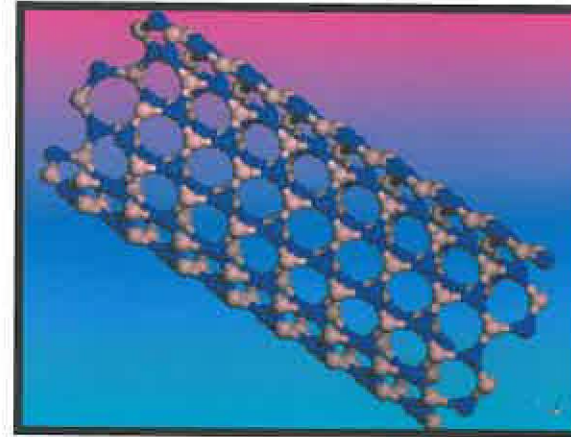
Emerging Technologies - Beyond Carbon Nanotubes



Metal Decorated Nanotubes



Boron Nitride Nanotubes



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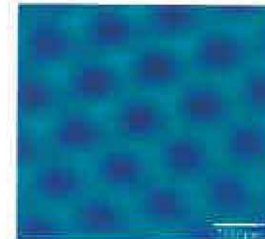
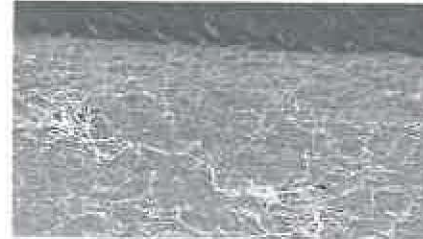
Emerging Technologies – NanoTech to Aerospace Materials



Material Synthesis



Cutting Edge Characterization Tools



Custom Processing Capability for Emerging Materials



Computational Modeling



Test Articles for Materials Evaluation



Extruded CNT Nanocomposite



Injection Molded Tensile Test Specimen



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