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INTRODUCTION

This listing of the Johnson Space Center's scientific and technical publications and presentations is arranged alphabetically by first author within the JSC organization of that author's affiliation at the time the request for approval was initiated. Organizational groupings are made by directorate or major office, then if number of entries warrants, by division or suboffice.

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Technologies developed in support of our civil space program have progressed considerably over the 25-year life of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Many of these advances are the result of a continuing increase in knowledge relative to the environments of space and the utilization of these previously designated hostile elements to gain design application advantages. Much more significant utilization of the environmental elements is forecast as space research and commercial goals and objectives begin to gain momentum. Challenges in design of our Shuttle system and the next major goal, the Space Station, are significant and will result in greater utilization of the microgravity and vacuum of space as a benefit to research and operational goals.


To ensure maximum Space Station productivity and utility, operating personnel must be freed from chores that can be done by machines to devote their time to customer and user needs that cannot be done by machines. Technological advances in a variety of disciplines, collectively called automation and robotics, offer the potential of revolutionizing our approach to space operations. Much of the knowledge gained and the advances made will be transferrable to terrestrial applications to increase the productivity of the nation's economy as a whole. This paper provides an overview and a summary of the various possible applications and benefits of automation and robotics technology, both near-term and long-term to the Space Station system. Also included are remarks relevant to NASA's approach to fostering the development of the needed technologies and views on the benefits to the Nation's economy.


The progress of advancing the technologies of automation and robotics on the Space Station is summarized. NASA's strategy and Space Station design considerations are described. Important considerations such as identification of candidates for the initial station, provisions for incorporation of advanced technology in an evolutionary station, the flight telerobotic system, and life cycle costing are discussed.

Development, testing, and onorbit employment of hardware used in the STS 51-A salvage of two HS-376 series satellites are discussed. Factors in the successful mission included simulation and procedural preparations, orbiter sensor optimization, night stationkeeping techniques, and EVA satellite stabilization tasks, utilizing the manned maneuvering unit (MMU).
MISSION OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE


As the Orbiter flight rate increases and the program moves towards an operational technical/scientific national resource, the challenge to provide quality support, products, and crew training will be extremely difficult with existing approaches and facilities. Several efforts are in work to alleviate the workload being imposed on the present highly trained staff by applying automation techniques, especially in the telemetry monitoring and analysis areas. A phased incorporation of state-of-the-art, multi-tasking, distributed workstations with software defined and developed by operations personnel is well under way. A new concept of user developed prototypes that are evaluated in parallel with present centralized monitoring systems and then phase-incorporated into the mode of operations has been established. Intense involvement of users and developers from concept inception through prototype delivery assures a high degree of evaluation, refinement, and acceptance.


Design, application development, and status are reviewed, including the entry navigation flight control task which the expert system performs; design of the expert system software used for prototype development; the development approach used to create the knowledge base; user interface for the candidate application; the results obtained from the prototype; and the conclusions drawn from this research.


The training for Space Shuttle flights is totally dependent on computer generated cockpit simulations and integrated simulations between the simulators and the Mission Control Center (MCC). These simulations form a complex set of dress rehearsals of the actual space flight allowing the participants to address problems in a real world situation and utilize problem solving rationale just as they will be called upon to do during the real flight. The benefits of this type of training have been demonstrated during the flights of the Shuttle. This system of integrated simulation and training will be continued in the future using even more intricate man-machine interactions required to initialized, control, and operate it.

Current ground control mission operations functions performed for Space Shuttle flights are manpower intensive. The operations community is working toward streamlining this function by developing prototype applications on distributed workstations to monitor, filter, limit sense, and manipulate real time vehicle data. A further step will be to incorporate the expertise of the flight control personnel into the distributed workstations. The fuel cell monitoring automation prototype is being conducted to assess expert system development technology for use within the mission operations community. All of the operations procedures are fully documented and verified (design, simulation, and mission data), and the ground flight controllers (domain experts) fully understand the decision-making reasoning. We believe the flight controllers can build their own expert system applications without the use of knowledge engineers if they are given a computer with an easy-to-use expert system development.


This paper presents a comparison of three widely used software reliability models based on realtime software developed for the Shuttle Mission Simulator at NASA's Johnson Space Center. The realtime code contains approximately 365,000 FORTRAN source lines in 956 modules and 275,000 lines of Assembly code distributed among 686 modules. The simulator provides high-fidelity training for astronauts and ground controllers for Space Shuttle missions. The Littlewood and Verrall, Musa, and Shooman models are compared. Factors stressed are ease of data collection and model implementation, ease of interpretation, and prediction accuracy.

The paper briefly delineates the evolution of automation on all manned spacecraft up to and including the Space Shuttle. A concept for increasing automation and robotics from the current Shuttle remote manipulator system (RMS) to an autonomous system is presented. The Space Station, in the role as a satellite servicing facility and a space transportation mode, will require that many functions be performed by intelligent machines because of limited manpower resources. Systems serviced must be designed to accommodate such systems. The paper addresses the plans for standardizing components for satellite servicing and compares the enhanced capabilities with manual performance. Considering a lunar base, manned GEO stations, and perhaps a manned Mars mission, the paper projects the services which could be required to check out, maintain, and refuel orbital transfer vehicles (OTV), orbital maneuvering vehicles (OMV), and other spacecraft.

The manned maneuvering unit (MMU) is described, with an overview of the controls and physical features and a discussion of the propulsion and electrical systems. The capabilities of the MMU are briefly described, including translational and rotational acceleration rates and attitude hold. Current work on a propellant tank kit (PTK), which will provide sufficient propellant storage capability that the MMU with PTK will have twice the previous delta velocity capability, thus doubling the MMU's maneuvering ability, is shown. Results of development testing in the NASA/JSC Weightless Environment Test Facility are included. Proposed space operations resulting from the enhancement include erecting space structures from the Space Shuttle, assembling and maintaining Space Station, and rescue-transfer of astronauts.


A description of the condensation heat transfer process in a microgravity environment is given. A review of the literature is also reported. Two mechanisms for condensate removal are analyzed by looking into two problems: (1) film condensation on a flat porous plate with the condensate being removed by suction at the wall, and (2) an analytical prediction of the heat transfer coefficient for condensing annular flows with the condensate film driven by the vapor shear. It is concluded that both suction and vapor shear can effectively drain the condensate to ensure continuous operation of the condensers operated in a microgravity environment. It is recommended that zero-g flight experiments be carried out to verify the prediction made in the present paper.


Future large space structures, such as the Space Station, will have high power dissipation and long life requirements which dictate the need for steerable radiators. With the advent of a rotary coupling that enables positioning radiators to a desired environment, this need can be met. In order to perform this task, the coupling requires a control system. Several different concepts have been evaluated for this application. Sensors located on the solar arrays or rotating sensors located on the radiators to measure solar radiation, software control that compares measured flux with expected flux, and software control using Space Station guidance, navigation and control (GN&C) computer inputs were considered. The most effective system was found to be one that uses information from the GN&C computer to determine the
current and required radiator position. Once in operation, updating the programming is not required for growth. Fault detection, replacement, and repair operations are less complex than for the sensor systems. This software control system was selected for the flight design.


Leeds and Northrup Company is developing a long life oxygen (O₂) sensor for monitoring cabin atmospheric O₂ pressure in future spacecraft. This paper presents the sensor design concept and tradeoffs and describes the various methods to calibrate and verify proper operation. The zirconia sensor incorporates both potentiometric and coulometric measuring techniques operating simultaneously and independently of each other. Coulometric measurements are used to calculate the cabin sample O₂ pressure without comparison to any reference state, thereby making it possible to calibrate the sensor without consumables. The use of independent measurements permits the verification of results obtained with either technique and thus greatly enhances confidence in the results. In addition, the design includes fault diagnostics which takes corrective action if a fault occurs. A breadboard sensor has been constructed and is being operated continuously in the laboratory. Preliminary test results are presented.


With the advent of manned spacecraft opportunities requiring routine and complex extravehicular activities (EVA), a new concept for heat rejection is mandatory in order to realize maximum mission productivity. An optimum extravehicular mobility unit (EMU) thermal control subsystem must be capable of successful operation without requiring expendables or introducing contaminants into the environment, conform to reasonable size limitations, and be readily regenerable. This paper describes the development of two thermal control subsystems, one capable of being integrated with the existing Shuttle Orbiter EMU to provide a 3-hour non-venting heat rejection capacity within the EMU mission profile, and a second capable of providing the entire heat rejection capacity required for a potential 8-hour Space Station EVA.

Engineering Directorate


The Thermal Systems Branch in the Crew and Thermal Systems Division at JSC currently has several programs underway to enhance the understanding of two-phase fluid flow characteristics. The objective of one of these programs is to design, fabricate, and fly a two-phase flow regime mapping experiment in the Shuttle vehicle middeck. Such an experiment should aid in defining the types of liquid/vapor dynamic interactions and attendant pressure drops which will be present under microgravity conditions. Another program, sponsored by OAST, will involve the testing of a two-phase thermal transport loop aboard the KC-135 reduced gravity aircraft. The objective of that effort will be to identify system implications of pressure drop variation as a function of the flow quality and flow regime present in a representative thermal system. Information from each of these experiments will be used in designing a flight test article of the prototype thermal bus system which is to be scheduled to fly as a payload aboard the Shuttle vehicle. These experiment results will ultimately allow the Space Station thermal management system to be designed with engineering confidence and with increased operational efficiency.


A NASA sponsored program is under way to establish an environmental control/life support system (ECLSS) research and development plan for a cost-effective technology to be available when advanced manned space missions are being defined and preliminary designs established. Preliminary results of this program are presented, including scope of the defined ECLSS, review of the ECLSS on prior missions, status of the ECLSS, definition of projected advanced manned missions, requirements for advanced missions, unique mission drivers, and planning the ECLSS.


Waste water pre-treatment and recovered water post-treatment techniques are essential for Space Station life support in order to achieve the quality required of recycled water. This paper identifies methods of pre- and post-treatment applicable to spacecraft water recovery by distillation. The results of laboratory investigations show that oxidizers, which typically have been components of urine pre-treatment formulas, produce many volatile organic compounds that contaminate the distillate and must later be removed by post-treatment. Two new nonoxidizing urine pre-treatment formulas have been tested which minimize the generation of volatile organics and thereby significantly reduce post-treatment requirements. Three post-treatment methods were identified from among the many candidates that look promising for removing organic contaminants in recovered water to nonde-
tectable or barely detectable levels. Results of investigations are presented.


The paper discusses the development of an advanced trapezoidal axially grooved (ATAG) heat pipe, which will satisfy space constructible radiator heat rejection requirements for large space power systems. The ATAG heat pipe development program includes a technology demonstration of Space Station heat load and temperature requirements through the design, fabrication, and testing of breadboard and pre-prototype units. The one-g transport capability will be at least 1.2 million watt-inches at an adverse elevation of 0.10 inches and an operating temperature of 20°C. The preprototype will also meet a proof pressure test of 1,200 psi, minimum. A parametric analysis has been conducted to determine trapezoidal groove geometries that can meet the 1.2 million watt-inches transport requirement and can be fabricated by available extrusion technology for a 1.54 inch outside diameter tube. This diameter was chosen to be compatible with the Vought contact heat exchanger. Analysis has shown that the transport requirements for 1.54 inch tubing can not be met using available direct extrusion techniques, but can be met by using the "draw-down" or swaging process on larger diameters.


This paper describes the development of membrane-based subsystems designed to recover very high percentages of reusable water from various Space Station waste waters. The design, fabrication, and testing of a breadboard wash water purification subsystem will be described. Recovery of more than 99.5 percent of the water from raw wash water has been demonstrated by this subsystem. Data describing the efficient post-treatment of various streams are presented. The results of microbiological studies pertaining to these applications are also discussed.


With the advent of the Space Station Program, regenerative environmental control and life support systems (ECLSS) are being considered to minimize logistics requirements, improve system performance, and reduce life-cycle costs. NASA sponsored regenerative ECLSS hardware development has been achieved through the Space Station Preprototype (SSP) and the Regenerative Life Support Evaluation (RLSE) programs, and ongoing advanced preprototype subsystem development and testing. The SSP program focused on regenerative life support techniques to satisfy projected goals of long-duration earth orbital missions.
Although the program was prematurely terminated by a funding redirection, portions of the regenerative atmospheric revitalization group (ARG) and water and waste management group (WWMG) were delivered to the NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) for evaluation. The RLSE program continued to pursue this technology through fabrication of second-generation ARG and WWMG subsystems that were tested at NASA JSC. Alternate technology advancement for major ARG and WWMG subsystem elements is being accomplished by individual advanced preprototype subsystem development. In concert with the technology programs, an advanced environmental control system (ECS) test laboratory designed to accommodate the unique requirements presented by regenerative ECLSS has been operational for 12 years. Technologies for six- and three-person oxygen generation, carbon dioxide removal, carbon dioxide reduction, phase change urine reclamation, hyperfiltration wash water reclamation, water quality monitor, organic content monitoring, and posttreatment have been characterized as subsystems and integrated ARG and WWMG systems.


The Manned Maneuvering Unit (MMU) was flown on three Shuttle flights during 1984 and demonstrated just some of its many capabilities. In addition to the satellite rendezvous, docking, and stabilization techniques already verified, the MMU has the capability to rescue disabled crew members, assist with satellite servicing and refueling, perform inspections and photography, and assist with on-orbit construction. Many of these capabilities have applications in both the Shuttle and Space Station eras. Various augmentations to the MMU are being considered and developed for these future applications. Enhancements discussed in this paper include a digital electronics assembly, navigation aid, and a propellant tank kit.


Future spacecraft missions will be characterized by high electrical power requiring active thermal control subsystems for acquisition, transport, and rejection of waste heat. These systems will be designed to operate with minimum maintenance for up to 10 years, with widely varying externally imposed environments as well as the spacecraft waste heat rejection loads. This paper presents the design considerations and idealized performance analysis of a typical thermal control subsystem with emphasis on the temperature control aspects during off-design operation. The selected thermal management subsystem is a cooling loop for a 47 Kw_e representative fuel cell, consisting of a fuel cell heat exchanger, thermal storage, pumps and radiator. Both pumped liquid transport and two-phase transport options are presented with similarities and differences for control requirements of these loops examined.
15. Sepahban, Sonbol (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Company); Armeniades, Constantine (Rice University); and Moorhead, Louise (University of Texas Medical School): Investigation of Pharmacologic Treatments for Proliferative Vitreoretinopathy, Using the Vitreous Microtensiometer. Presented at the 4th Annual Meeting on Biomedical Engineering Research in Houston, February 14, 1986, Houston, Texas.

Pharmacologic treatments for proliferative vitreoretinopathy (PVR) were evaluated by measuring in situ the tensile strengths of simulated membranes in rabbits, using the vitreous microtensiometer (VMT). Suction was exerted through the VMT capillary on membranes in freshly enucleated eyes. The stress at which a membrane disintegrated designated its tensile strength. Effects of treatments with Beta-amino-propionitrile (BAPN) and 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) on two types of PVR models were evaluated by the VMT. A combination BAPN-5FU therapy was found to significantly reduce strength of membranes induced by injection of retinal pigment epithelial (RPE) cells, at 99 percent confidence level, and to be effective in 50 percent of cases. These results demonstrate value of the VMT in assessing pharmacologic therapies for PVR. Drug-induced changes in strength of vitreous membranes are detected even in absence of clinical effects, thus leading to treatment optimization.


Simulation of spacecraft on-orbit operations is discussed in reference to Martin Marietta's Space Operations simulation laboratory's use of computer software models to drive a six-degree-of-freedom moving base carriage and two target gimbal systems. In particular, key simulation issues and related computer software models associated with providing real-time, man-in-the-loop simulations of the manned maneuvering unit (MMU) are addressed with special attention to how effectively these models and motion systems simulate the MMU's actual on-orbit operations.


18. Verostko, Charles E.; Garcia, Rafael; Pierson, Duane L. (JSC); Reysa, Richard P. (Boeing Aerospace Company); and Irbe, Robert (Northrop Services, Inc.): Results on Reuse of Reclaimed Shower Water. Presented at the 16th Intersociety Conference on Environmental Systems, July 14-16, 1986, San Diego, California.

A microgravity whole body shower (WBS) developed in Man Systems Division and the Crew and Thermal Systems Division's Waste Water Recovery System (WWRS) development hardware were used in a closed loop test where raw shower water was produced and processed for shower reuse. The WWRS included chemical pretreatment, phase change distillation and post-treatment for purification of shower water. Thermoelectric integrated hollow fiber membrane evaporation subsystem (TIMES) was the
phase change process employed and the post-treatment was accomplished with activated carbon and mixed ion exchange resin beds and a microbial check valve (MCV) iodine bactericide dispensing unit. The purpose of this test was to evaluate a NASA approved Shuttle soap for whole body showering comfort, evaluate the effects of the shower water on WBS and TIMES, and evaluate purification qualities of the recovered water in a closed loop operation. This paper describes the test hardware, the controls exercised for whole body showering, shower water collection and chemical pretreatment for microorganism control, TIMES operation and recovered water post-treatment. During the closed loop test, samples were taken to evaluate the water quality for both chemical and microbial impurities at selected locations through the water purification process. The water was recycled five times and findings demonstrate the feasibility and applicability of reusing reclaimed shower water in Space Station. Chemical pretreatment effectively controlled microorganism growth and the TIMES with post-treatment effectively reduced the organic impurities. The MCV provided adequate and positive disinfectant.


Automatic control of various functions of an extravehicular activity (EVA) portable life support system (PLSS) would provide improvements in crew productivity and comfort as well as the PLSS operating efficiency. A key element in the control system is the selection of the optimum controller input parameters. Careful choice of inputs will allow the controller to calculate and provide valuable system status and safety information as well as to perform the basic control functions. This paper reports on the results of a study in which the full range of possibly relevant inputs was considered. Arguments are presented leading to the selection of the recommended control system architecture.


The manned maneuvering unit (MMU) has been flown on nine sorties and has accumulated 10 hr and 22 min of flying time during three Space Shuttle missions. These Space Shuttle flights have demonstrated a capability for free space traverses up to 98 m (320 ft), cargo transfer, and tracking, docking, stabilizing, and orienting large satellites. These and additional MMU capabilities will benefit the Space Station and its onboard payloads. First and foremost is the capability to rescue an EVA crewmember who might inadvertently separate from the Space Station. There will also be tasks at worksites inaccessible by other Space Station equipment and tasks where EVA time is critical. Many Space Station and payload assembly and inspection tasks will need MMU support. Significant Space Station mission flexibility is added by the MMU for backup and contingency roles. These Space Station roles will require a major upgrade to the Space Shuttle MMU design.

The Shuttle waste management system has undergone a variety of design changes to improve performance and man-machine interface. These design improvements have resulted in more reliable operation and hygienic usage. The design enhancements include individual urinals, increased urine collection air flows, increased solids storage capacity, easier access to personal hygiene items, and additional wet trash stowage. This paper describes the development and flight evaluation of these improvements. The Shuttle Orbiter has proved to be an invaluable test bed for development and inflight evaluation of life support and habitability concepts which involve transport or separation of solids, liquids, and gases in a zero-gravity environment.

This paper describes reusable software applications. Application examples include error prevention (rather than error detection), stepwise refinement, data encapsulation, data-directed design, data and functional abstraction, and PL/I. Examples from STAR'S development are given of structured specifications, functional abstraction, data abstraction, data-directed design, encapsulation, and reusable software. The structured specification for STAR uses a state machine informal specification of the STAR system. A model is included for writing reusable software as derived from the STAR software design and code. A discussion is given on the organization and implementation of the STAR reusable software.


Leeside shock layer and wake spectral radiation measured during the high altitude portion of the reentry of Space Shuttle Orbiter STS 51-D are presented and are compared with similar measurements obtained in an arc jet tunnel. The spectra, measured with a low-resolution spectral camera, are compared in order to identify the radiating species in a wavelength range from 4000 to 8000 angstroms. High-resolution measurements of the arc jet spectra were available to aid in identifying species contributing to the radiation measured with the low-resolution instrument. In addition, a nonequilibrium air radiation calculation technique is used to aid in the identification and to obtain some qualitative information about the temperature of the radiating species. Emissions identified are: N2 first positive and N2 second positive systems, the N2+ first negative system, and the sodium-D lines. No atomic air species or CN are observed. The spectra and procedure will be of use in comparison of flight flowfield properties with computational predictions and for guidance in developing future flight experiments.


This paper summarizes the principal analytical techniques used for component mode synthesis of undamped structures. A new form of component mode, called an applied force attachment mode, is described. Recent contributions to the literature on synthesis of damped structures are noted, and the paper concludes with a brief discussion of recent combined analytical/experimental studies.

This paper introduces a computer model, composed of sets of subsystem modules, organized by function, that allows decision makers to quickly assess the impacts of various options for a lunar base and the associated space transportation systems. The model, when fully mature, will assist in the generation and documentation of detailed scenarios including development and operational costs, networks, processes, products, and capabilities. Upon release, this model will go under configuration control to allow systematic and controlled updates. New revisions will be made to include new subsystem modules and more accurately model the transforms that define the relationships among the various subsystems, as these relationships are better understood. Premature decisions based on insufficient information can be minimized. Implications of design tradeoffs are more readily apparent. Common sets of definitions are established and system boundaries firmly defined. The model is also self-documenting. The evolution of long-term, large scale projects is preserved in detail. Past decisions and their justifications can be revisited and modified to account for the changing technological and political environment. In the near term, this model can help identify the common subsystems that will be needed in any lunar base scenario, no matter how aggressive or austere.


Engineers within the JSC Advanced Programs Office (APO) were put in charge of visual analysis of photographic data extracted from the STS 51-L tracking cameras. Part of the visual analysis involved pinpointing coordinates of specific areas on these photographs. The solid modeller, GEOMOD, inside the SDRC I-DEAS package, proved invaluable to the study. This paper discusses the problem areas and their resolution in the performance of the study. These areas include the creation of computer models representing real structures using GEOMOD, the positioning of the structure to make it match photographic orientations, and the use of GEOMOD abilities to extract coordinates and to place markers on the solid model to match photographic areas of interest. As part of this discussion, GEOMOD's advantages and disadvantages will be revealed, as well as the mathematics involved in determining eye position for correct photographic matching. Also, the area of perspective viewing with respect to telephoto lenses will be highlighted.


A simple and efficient method proposed earlier to compute the full viscous flow over a hypersonic aerobrake body at angles of attack has been improved, and its results are evaluated against available data. The method numerically solves for the shock layer ahead of the body
and the trailing wake from the Navier-Stokes equations formulated in conformal polar and azimuthal-angle coordinates. The computational domain is confined by the body wall, outflow surface and the bow shock, which is adjusted along the radial direction iteratively. The algebraic grid and the well-developed alternating direction implicit factorization technique are credited with the rapid convergence rate and reasonably accurate results obtained with 400 time-marching iterations on a 28 x 36 x 7 grid. Agreement is satisfactory between the predicted shock shapes and the schlieren photographs, and in the wall pressure distributions for two ellipsoid-cones of 1:3.07 and 1:10 and for a 70° cone-cylinder. Details of the base flow on the pitch plane and the shear-layer impingement on the cylindrical afterbody are presented for an ellipsoid-cylinder aerobrake body.


The backward Euler scheme was used to solve a large system of inviscid flow and chemical rate equations in three spatial coordinates. The flow equations were integrated simultaneously in time by a conventional ADI factorization technique, then the species equations were solved by either simultaneous or successive technique. The methods were evaluated in their efficiency and robustness for a hypersonic flow problem involving an aerobrake configuration. It was found that both implicit methods can effectively reduce the stiffness associated with the chemical production term and that the successive solution for the species was as stable as the simultaneous solution. The latter method is more economical because the computation time varies linearly with the number of species.


A coarse-grid correction algorithm has been implemented into an implicit upwind Euler solver and tested for transonic airfoil problems. The Euler solver uses split-flux formulation and penta-diagonal scalar equations, respectively, for the explicit and implicit operators. The multigrid sequence starts at the fine grid level, then steps down to each coarse grid level to smooth error components using implicit operators. Estimate of residuals can be obtained by two approaches, which differ in the level where the residuals are collected. Both approaches will lead to a work reduction factor of 12 for a Mach 0.75 flow at 2 degrees incidence on a 65x26 grid. The work reduction factor is found to increase proportional to the number of grid levels.


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The technology and spacecraft design challenges of aerobraking are discussed as related to the bold agenda formulated by the National Commission on Space to carry America's civilian space enterprise into the 21st century. The efficiency and systematic progression achieved through the synergism of a low Earth orbit spaceport, Earth to spaceport transportation, and a space based reusable aerobraking orbital transfer vehicle are discussed. The low Reynolds number hypersonic aerodynamics and aerothermodynamics phenomena are presented along with the requirements for understanding the nonequilibrium chemistry and thermodynamics through ground experiment, computational chemistry, and computational fluid dynamics. The rationale for a proposed aeroassist flight experiment to provide certification of our understanding and the associated computational capabilities is discussed as it pertains to obtaining efficient spacecraft design and capability development.


The challenge of developing reusable, space-based transportation systems which can take advantage of aerobraking to achieve greater performance and overall efficiency is addressed. Aerobraking environmental factors associated with achieving higher energy reusable systems are delineated along with the need for a coupled utilization of ground test capabilities and computational fluid dynamics (CFD). The validation of the required level of understanding and certification of this approach for the design of an aerobraking orbital transfer vehicle (AOTV) requires a flight test. The certification of CFD capability to provide the aerodynamic performance and aerothermodynamic environment for an AOTV would be a major technological milestone in achieving a more productive approach to the design and development of flight systems.


The development and evolution of an aggressive lunar base conceived on a principle of continuous growth towards an objective of self-sufficiency is presented. The surface mission objectives and support systems are discussed in some detail in order to understand the requirements of alternative transportation system technologies and system elements. Trade study results qualify the benefits and costs of the various transportation system assumptions. Systems include conventional chemical propulsion concepts, advanced chemical propulsion, electric propulsion (with varying energy sources), momentum exchange devices (tethers), and electromagnetic launchers and reaction engines. Several concepts of lunar propellant supply systems are also included in the trade study results.


Apollo lunar exploration results demonstrate the existence of helium-3 of solar origin impacted into the lunar soil by the solar wind. The concentration of helium in lunar soils ranges from less than one ppm to about 35 ppm, with an average soil concentration in the lunar maria containing about 15 ppm. The concentration increases with decreasing grain size; in the size fraction smaller than 20 microns in some Apollo 17 soils, the concentration is approximately 50 ppm. The mineral ilmenite has also preferentially retained helium, with concentrations of up to 25 ppm reported in separated fractions. Some soil breccias have helium concentrations higher than that in surface soils. The ratio of helium 4 to helium 3 is 2200:3000 in various soil and soil fraction samples. Techniques for extraction have been proposed that utilize either heat or mechanical means to release the helium. Recent lunar base studies at the Johnson Space Center have defined the systems for various lunar surface development scenarios and the associated transportation systems that are required to support the base. One or two round trips of the proposed transportation system elements have the capacity to deliver, to the surface of the Earth, enough helium-3 to supply the electrical energy needs of the United States for one year. Using the cost data generated for this lunar base study, it is possible to approximate the marginal cost for the production and delivery of the helium-3.


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An analysis has been performed to assess the suitability of various antenna design approaches for the initial operational configuration (IOC) of the U.S. Space Station. Coverage zones in the vicinity of the Space Station have been defined for specific communication purposes. Individual, mechanically steered antennas have been compared with electronically scanned and multiple-beam antennas for each zone.


The multifunction synthetic aperture radar antenna technology (MSART) program was tasked with the definition and development of advanced antenna technology in support of future spaceborne synthetic aperture radar (SAR) systems such as the Shuttle imaging radar (SIR) program. Spaceborne SAR systems were required to perform multiple missions and support multiple functions. In the case of Shuttle missions, the antennas were required to be restowed for return to the earth. The systems were also required to be cost effective and reliable. Long lifetimes are anticipated for Space Station and satellite missions, making reliability a more critical requirement in these cases. This paper presents the history and the results of the MSART program, including the hardware prototypes developed. The three basic antenna technologies, slotted waveguide, open ended waveguide, and microstrip with distributed amplifiers, are compared.


Future synthetic aperture radar (SAR) missions will require lightweight multifrequency, multipolarization spacecraft antennas. NASA has conducted an investigation of possible antenna technologies, and has identified two promising technologies: interleaved open ended waveguide antennas constructed from metallized graphite epoxy and distributed microstrip antennas. The investigation and candidate technologies are described in this paper.


Future space antennas will require electronic beam steering to satisfy mission requirements. Phased array antennas are necessary to perform this function. Distributed amplifiers can also be added to enhance reliability and improve system link margins. JSC is developing two phased array antenna breadboards in house, one as a possible upgrade to the Shuttle's S-Band system, and one as a candidate antenna.
for the Space Station multiple access system. Both antennas have distributed amplifiers and phase shifters at the element level, but the design approaches for the two antennas vary, depending upon mission requirements and interfaces with other parts of the vehicle they support. The design approaches and hardware developments are presented in this paper.


NASA is developing a distributed phased array antenna at the Johnson Space Center as a possible upgrade for the Space Shuttle Orbiter S-band phase modulation communications system. The antenna consists of an eight element transmit section, eight element receive section, and a single L-band receive element. Each transmit chain consists of a phase shifter, a high power amplifier, and a right handed circularly polarized (RHCP) microstrip element. Each S-band receive chain consists of a RHCP microstrip element, a low noise amplifier, and a phase shifter. There is also an eight-way power divider for the transmit section and an eight-way power combiner for the S-band receive section. The transmit section, S-band receive section, and L-band receive element are mated to a single RF connector via a triplexer. The antenna design was constrained by the existing Orbiter system and space environment. The solution to the interface design problems led to an antenna system which provides improved link margins and yet supports previous operational configurations.


The tracking Techniques Branch of the Johnson Space Center has had a 5-year effort to develop advanced rendezvous, stationkeeping, and docking sensors. This effort was in response to an identified NASA need for a development program to address the long term tracking needs of Shuttle, Space Station, manned maneuvering units, orbital transfer vehicles, orbital maneuvering vehicles, tethered satellites, satellite servicing, and other free flying experiments and payloads. One result of this effort has been the design, development, and breadboarding of a laboratory model of a laser docking system radar, which uses a solid-state laser to measure target position and attitude for a large variety of vehicles and payloads. The next step in the verification of the laser docking system radar is its use in flight experiments aboard the orbiter. Experiments are planned which will allow flight experience to be gained for the laser docking system radar with minimum impact to the orbiter. The radar would be mounted in the payload bay of the orbiter in the location which would allow a view of the -Z docking axis. A grid computer would be used inside the cabin to provide control to and display data from the radar. The connection between the radar and the grid will be a fiber optics link that looks through a very small part of the aft orbiter window. This method will eliminate the need for complex orbiter interfaces or modifications. The laser docking system radar will be manifested as a piggyback experiment on normal retrieval missions. The radar will operate in a
data taking and displaying mode while the crew carries out manual stationkeeping and docking maneuvers. The data from the flight experiments will then be used to design an operational sensor that is small, lightweight, and capable of meeting the long term tracking needs of NASA and industry in rendezvous stationkeeping, docking, berthing, and robotic control.


When the cables between the crew cabin and the payload bay on the Shuttle were chosen, all the special data needs for payloads were not known. As a consequence, for some payloads, special accommodations have to be made to transfer needed data between the cabin and the payload bay (e.g., a new penetration is sometimes needed in the pressure vessel so that cable needed to accommodate higher data rates for a particular payload can be installed). This special action requires much time and money. A conventional fiber-optics feed-through is difficult and costly, so a special way of transmitting data optically through a spot in the corner of the cabin window is being developed. This system would not only solve data bandwidth problems, but would also provide a communication link which would not depend on the existing Orbiter link. The following is a look at system design and engineering considerations in the development of the Optical Communications through the Shuttle Window (OCTW) system.


The Space Station Control Zone is a disc shaped region 40 nautical miles in diameter and 10 nautical miles thick around the Station. It is estimated that 6 simultaneous multiple access (MA) channels will be required to satisfy the projected communications needs within this zone. These channels will be used to communicate with MA users located anywhere within the control zone. This paper details the trade-offs and design implementation of a multiple beam integrated phased array to provide antenna coverage of the control zone. The array is a compact, modular assembly using gallium arsenide circuits, microstrip elements, and advanced packaging techniques. This results in a small, reliable antenna system capable of meeting the projected Space Station requirements and flexible enough to grow and evolve as the Space Station communications needs develop.


Optical information processing offers a method of synthetic vision that is characterized by speed, light weight, reliability, flexibility, and simplicity, when compared with the digital computation approach. In automating many operations in the Space Station era, NASA will have significant application for such a vision system, and there are many other applications that make similar demands. We examine the ramifications of using an optical information processing ap-
approach in conjunction with a control system. Some aspects of the interaction are the following: (1) the sequence of filters used in a programmable vision system, separately to estimate distance and relative attitudes, (2) the information required to run the vector Kalman filter, and implications for vision system design, (3) covariance, uncertainty, and time autocorrelation (independence) of estimates, and how they relate overall control system performance requirements to vision system requirements, (4) speed: frequency of updates of estimates and lag time between a measurement and delivery of the resulting estimate, (5) the two-way flow of information and the division of processing between the sensor system and the control system, when the vision system has a limited port into the control system and must process information with some ignorance of the total environment, (6) predicted motion as used to select attitude-estimating filters in the vision system.


For automation and robotics applications in the Space Station era, NASA's Johnson Space Center is pursuing several means of synthetic vision. Autonomous servicing of satellites, automated docking of large space structures, and electromagnetically passive station-keeping are a few of the applications of synthetic vision, and the optical correlator is one of our approaches. The deformable mirror device of Texas Instruments will form the basis of the first correlator in this project. The in-house activities will include an adaptive impulse deconvolution method of characterizing it to allow its operation as a phase-only filter. The in-house portion of the project will include a programmable remapper to accomplish some standard spatial remappings of the input image for rotation and scale invariance. Primitive edge operators, anti-aliasing as scale changes, and complete flexibility in remapping the input image can be accomplished. Contracted efforts in optical processing pattern recognition are described.


Recent advancements in the areas of tracking, communications, automation/robotics vision sensors as applicable to space programs will be discussed. Optical and laser-based communications and tracking system implementations will be presented. Technology advancements in these systems will be highlighted. Communications systems for broadband, high data rates, and efficient operation will be discussed. The state-of-the-art at 20/30 GHz and millimeter wavebands will be summarized. Other topics to be discussed will include: optical data processing, TV-based vision systems, laser vision sensors, and microwave imaging for vision applications. The fusion of these sensors for remote control, rendezvous, stationkeeping, tracking, and satellite repair will also be presented.

This paper presents some of the results on the radio frequency (RF) coverage analysis of the Space Station (SS) to Tracking and Data Relay Satellite Systems (TDRSS) links and the multiple-access (MA) links. The antenna systems for both types of communication links were identified by considering typical operational scenarios, different types of services needed, and the architecture of the communication system. The paper describes the obscuration analysis tools for the placement of the antennas and an optimization procedure used to design the MA near range antenna system.


Many low vision patients have only limited areas of the retina that are capable of transmitting an image to the visual cortex. Hardware is being developed (for possible future implementation as a practical low vision device) that will real-time spatially remap the entire visual space into the still active areas of the retina. The hardware will be used to investigate candidate remappings for maculopathies, retinitis pigmentosa, and perhaps glaucoma. The Jacobian spatial discriminant theory behind the candidate remappings was presented, and static images that have undergone these remappings were shown.


Results are presented of advanced work being performed at RCA on system design for the Space Station multiple access subsystem which includes equipment aboard the Space Station itself, and aboard the spaceborne group of user vehicles. In addition to the system development efforts, early hardware design work is being performed. A Ku-band transceiver representing the extravehicular activity (EVA) or other user equipment configuration has been breadboarded and system testing performed. Additional hardware which will be assembled to form a Space Station multiple access (MA) communications subsystem test bed where the subsystem itself, as well as its hardware components, will be tested and evaluated. The design described was developed by RCA for NASA for evaluation purposes only and does not necessarily represent the design to be implemented on the Space Station. In particular, the radio frequency band final selection has not yet occurred.

A breadboard of the baseline Space Station multiple access communications system is being developed by RCA under contract to JSC. The preliminary design supports up to seven high data rate users and up to twelve low data rate users. Additional users are accommodated through a demand-assignment orderwire channel. A maximum of 22 Mbps can be transmitted for each high rate channel, and 500 kbps can be transmitted by each low rate channel. The system transmits in a band from 13.4 to 13.7 GHz and receives in a band from 14.6 to 14.89 GHz. It has a distributed architecture with modulators/demodulators and IF components located centrally, and signals distributed by an IF bus. Fiber optics and coaxial cables are being studied for the IF bus media. RF components are located at the antenna sites. The distributed system approach minimizes the duplication of Space Station equipment and signal losses in long cable paths.


A proposed enhancement to the existing Space Shuttle S-band antenna system used to communicate to ground directly or via the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (TDRS) is described. Improvement on the order of 11 to 14 db is expected in the communication link circuit margins. The new antenna system uses a distributed phased array design in which power amplification is distributed over an array of circularly polarized patch elements and located next to these elements, eliminating excessive cable losses and forming the key to the improved performance in the new design. The radiating beam generated by the array is electronically steered toward its target where pointing information is obtained from the Shuttle general purpose computer (GPC) via multiplexer/demultiplexer (MDM) interface.

17. Ratliff, James E.; Space Station Communications System Design and Analysis. Presented at the 37th IAF Congress, October 4-11, 1986, Innsbruck, Austria.

The Johnson Space Center is responsible for the definition, design, and development of the communications system for the Space Station Program. This task is enormous in light of the inherent complexity of spaceborne systems, the number of simultaneous communications links required to support Space Station operations, and the magnitude of design variables. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the role of the communications system in the overall Space Station Program in regard to the impacts placed on its design, and to present the methods developed to perform the design and analysis of the Space Station communications system.

18. Ratliff, James E. (JSC); Tsang, Chit-Sang; and Chie, Chak-Ming (LinCom

Space Station FDMA communications system requirements, design and analysis are addressed. The analysis is primarily based on numerical results generated by a computer simulation system called SCSS. The time-line communications performance during real time mission operation is also discussed. The purpose of this paper is threefold: introduction to Space Station multiple access communications system requirements, demonstration of system analysis by a computer tool, and design of a FDMA communications system for the Space Station.


The Space Station communications and tracking (C&T) system's control and monitoring subsystem (CMS) will employ a network of computers to perform complex management and status monitoring functions. Workstations will be provided for crewmen to select C&T services and monitor status. Expert systems will be developed for the CMS to assist the crew in managing the complex C&T system with minimal ground support. Provisions will be made to incorporate "intelligence" in the form of rules into the CMS central computer software to automatically deal with the routine C&T system management and status monitoring functions. As more is learned about how to operate the C&T system it will be incorporated into the CMS expert systems until most of the management decisions will be made onboard. Several implementation approaches are being considered such as Lisp coprocessors, multitasking CPU's with embedded expert system software and stand-alone expert system processors. These hardware approaches and several software development approaches will be evaluated in a CMS prototype development system at JSC.


The Space Station communication system will use microwave frequency radio links to carry digitized information from sender to receiver. The ability of the antenna system to meet stringent requirements on coverage zones, multiple users, and reliability will play an important part in the overall multiple access communication system. This paper describes the configuration of a multibeam conformal phased array antenna and the individual microwave integrated components incorporated into this antenna system.


One of the antenna systems being proposed for the Space Station multiple access communication system is based on the use of a multibeam conformal phased array. The system is a 5 channel, full duplexed, Ku-
Band frequency division multiple access scheme which will allow communications from 1 kilometer to 185 kilometers from the Space Station structure. Implementation involves the design of microwave components such as low noise amplifiers, high power amplifiers, phase shifters, and the integration of these components into the antenna structure. Significant interest has been given to monolithic circuits integrated into an array of microstrip patch antennas. Space Station use of a conformal array is desired because of the spherical nature of the gain/coverage requirement.


A horizontal, planar-scan, near field measurement facility for testing spaceborne antennas has been developed for Johnson Space Center. The probe scanner will be located near the ceiling of an existing anechoic chamber. The available scan area approaches 40' x 40', one of the largest installations developed to date. The mechanical deflections of the steel translation beam which supports the probe carriage are to be less than +0.005 inches. Rigid environmental control will be necessary to preserve the mechanical accuracy of the scanner, as well as the precise alignments of the lasers and optical components used for position measurement and control. Four linear measurements will be used to locate the position of the translation beam and probe carriage. A combination of ten additional angular and straightness measurements will be obtained for characterizing the planarity of the probe. Position errors will be compensated by a software algorithm. Probe travel rates up to 30 in./sec. will be possible in the initial installation. Also, a configuration of high data rate receivers is planned. The capability of processing a 5K x 5K data set will be provided.
Simulation and Avionics Integration Division


This paper discusses all aspects of the crew control mockup planning expert (CCMPE) development project. Special emphasis is given to the planning and scheduling architecture employed by the CCMPE. An example illustrating the problems associated with planning in a dynamic environment is included. Other topics discussed include: hardware and software interface issues; project management issues; and planned follow-on activities.


Research and applications work in AI is being conducted by several groups at JSC that interact with each other on an informal basis. In the Research and Engineering Directorate, these groups include (1) the Artificial Intelligence and Information Sciences Office, (2) the Simulation and Avionics Integration Division, (3) the Avionics Systems Division (ASD), and (4) the Tracking and Communications Division. In the Space Operations Directorate, these groups include (1) the Mission Planning and Analysis Division--Technology Development and Applications Branch, (2) the Spacecraft Software Division, and (3) the Systems Division--Systems Support Section. The first part of the article describes the AI work in the Research and Engineering Directorate. The second part of the article, to be published in the Conference edition of the AI Magazine, describes the AI work in the Space Operations Directorate.


This paper presents an approach to implementing in Prolog expert systems which operate under real-time constraints. Real-time constraints are defined as requirements for the expert system to respond to a universe state change in a prespecified time interval. In aerospace domains this time interval is typically in the 80ms to 1 second range.


An autonomous free-flying robot has been recommended by the NASA Advanced Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) for proximity servicing outside the Space Station. In order to perform Space Station proximity servicing, the free-flying robot must have an autonomous rendez-
vous capability. This includes defining and planning trajectories to visually located targets, stationkeeping, and defining and planning arm/end effector trajectories for the execution of servicing tasks. The robot's trajectory planner generates trajectories in the constrained world space, expressed in generalized coordinates, (a combination of end effector and mobile base position, rate and force), and then uses an inverse kinematic and dynamic submodule to translate those trajectories into corresponding command trajectories in joint-mobile base jet space.

Using analysis results from the POST trajectory optimization program, an adaptive guidance algorithm is developed to compensate for density, aerodynamic, and thrust perturbations during an atmospheric orbital plane change maneuver. The maneuver offers increased mission flexibility along with potential fuel savings for future reentry vehicles. Although designed to guide a proposed NASA Entry Research Vehicle, the algorithm is sufficiently generic for a range of future entry vehicles. The plane change analysis provides insight suggesting a straight-forward algorithm based on an optimized nominal command profile. Bank angle, angle-of-attack, engine thrust level, and ignition and cutoff times are modulated to adjust the vehicle's trajectory to achieve the desired end-conditions. A performance evaluation of the scheme demonstrates a capability to guide to within 0.05 degrees of the desired plane change and five nautical miles of the desired apogee altitude while maintaining heating constraints. The algorithm is tested under off-nominal condition of ±30% density biases, mwo density profile models, ±15% aerodynamic uncertainty, and a 33% thrust loss and for various combinations of these conditions. Based on fuel comparisons with results of the optimization program, the guidance scheme offers a near optimum solution without the complexity of real-time optimization.


The Advanced Information Processing System (AIPS) is designed to provide a fault tolerant and damage tolerant data processing architecture for a broad range of aerospace vehicles. The AIPS architecture also has attributes to enhance system effectiveness such as graceful degradation, growth and change tolerance, and integrability. Two key building blocks being developed by the AIPS program are a fault and damage tolerant processor and communication network. A proof-of-concept system is now being built and will be tested to demonstrate the validity and performance of the AIPS concepts.


LISP and Prolog are the primary languages used for development of artificial intelligence and expert system program applications. For the NASA Space Station Program, Ada has been designated the language for operational software. This includes network operating system, system software, and all flight applications. One of the features of the Space Station will be advancements in the field of automation and robotics. Expert system technology is expected to be a major consideration in the design and maintenance of Space Station subsystems. This presentation discusses the three languages, Ada, LISP, and Pro-
log, in the context of Space Station requirements. Plans for a Space
Station automation test bed will also be described.

4. Chevers, Edward S.: Concept for Space Station Avionics Integration/
Verification/Checkout/Maintenance. Presented at the SAE Aerospace
Control and Guidance Meeting, March 13, 1986, Salt Lake City, Utah.
As NASA begins development of the Space Station, the long term
implications of onboard test and checkout are being addressed as part
of the early design definition phase. This paper presents a concept
that satisfies all aspects of subsystem and subsequent system level
development and integration from the factory to onorbit maintenance,
modification, and upgrade. Both hardware and software requirements
are considered in the concept.

5. Chevers, Edward S.: Space Station Integration and Verification
Concepts. Presented at the AIAA/IEEE Digital Avionics Systems
Conference, October 13-16, 1986, Fort Worth, Texas.
One of the major study tasks in the early design definition phase
of the Space Station is the long term implications of onboard test and
checkout techniques. This paper describes a concept that begins with
subsystem and subsequent system level development and integration in
the factory and continues on to onorbit maintenance, modification, and
upgrade. Requirements for both hardware and software are considered
in the concept.

6. Chevers, Edward S.: Space Station Requirements for Common APSE Inter-
face Standard (CAIS). Presented at the KIT/KITIA Working Group Meet-
ing, January 13, 1986, San Diego, California.
The Space Station data system architecture is based on a decentra-
lized concept with independent processing nodes performing specific
subsystem functions in relatively autonomous fashion. Initially, all
processors will be identical in both hardware and system support soft-
ware. Contractors will design, code, and validate application soft-
ware on these standardized and homogeneous flight computer resources.
After the Space Station has reached a permanently manned operational
status, some portions of the data management system will be upgraded
with new hardware and/or software as requirements change. To support
this development, a standard interface for commercial software tools
must be defined to allow portability of tools to several different
host computers. There must also be unique modeling tools defined
which permit multiple flight computers operating in parallel on common
data streams to be emulated on one development host. This distributed
architecture and multitarget interoperability are requirements which
must be addressed by the KIT/KITIA. This presentation describes the
Space Station design, software tools environment, and validation
procedures.

ties. Presented at the ACM SIGADA (Special Interest Group-Ada) Meet-
The NASA Space Station Program has selected Ada as the language of
choice for all operational software. However, there are some concerns
relative to the ability of existing compilers and program environments
to generate codes for target flight computers which must operate in
real time. The Johnson Space Center and University of Houston/Clear Lake, in conjunction with the local aerospace contractor community, have been conducting studies to resolve these issues and other potential problems for the Space Station. This presentation defines the concerns with the Ada language, describes studies which are in progress or have been completed, and presents additional areas requiring resolution.


The Space Station Program has moved significantly into the Phase B program design. This presentation discusses ongoing activities associated with the guidance, navigation, and control (GN&C) design of the core Space Station. A description of the dual keel configuration is first presented. The present GN&C system design is described, including both system architecture and software functions. Significant interface areas with the GN&C design are discussed. Finally, important areas of emphasis are outlined as part of future activities.


The success of the Space Shuttle avionics systems is due in large measure to the effectiveness of the system-level verification testing required prior to each mission. Applying this experience to the Space Station does not appear to be practical or even possible in some respects. A new approach is needed which accommodates the unique program characteristics and takes advantage of the 15-year growth in technology between programs. This paper reviews some of the Shuttle experience and presents a new approach for consideration by the Space Station Program. It includes as an example the important role that flight control/structural dynamics testing played in the Shuttle Program and how this would be accomplished for the Space Station. It appears to be the way for the future. The question is, is it timely for the Space Station?


The tethered satellite system (TSS) is modeled on the systems engineering simulator (SES) at the Johnson Space Center to examine "man in the loop" critical TSS mission phases and to study missions where high fidelity, real time Shuttle Orbiter/payload interactions are required. The Space Shuttle Orbiter is modeled as a rigid body with six degrees of freedom (DOF). Virtually all mission important functions are simulated and continuously validated. The tethered satellite is also modeled as a rigid body with 6 DOF. The two bodies are constrained by an elastic, massless tether which adds one more DOF, making a total of 13 DOF. The satellite model has an attitude control system which controls motion about the tether axis using gaseous nitrogen thrus-
ters. In addition, two inline thrusters are modeled to provide additional tether tension at close ranges. The satellite inertial measurement unit and tether deployer system are modeled as perfect systems.


This presentation provides a summary description of the Space Station Data Management System (DMS) baseline definition which will be used as the basis for preliminary design of the DMS as well as for Space Station systems and subsystems which interface with the DMS system or use DMS components in their design. The definition includes descriptions of the DMS hardware and software components, user services, and interfaces. The relationships and allocations of responsibilities between the DMS and other subsystems for issues such as commonality, standards, data privacy, fault/redundancy management, and command management are also described.


The Advanced Information Processing System (AIPS) is a data processing architecture designed to meet the reliability requirements of space vehicle applications. The AIPS architecture is highly modular. The needs of a specific application can be met by selecting components from a set of hardware building blocks and software system services. One such building block is a fault and damage tolerant input/output network which allows a data processing element to communicate serially with I/O devices. The system service which is responsible for the reliable operation of an I/O network is the I/O Network Manager. The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory is presently building an AIPS proof-of-concept prototype. High level design objectives of the network manager software for the prototype include transparency to network users, adaptability to dynamically changing system configurations, and modularity. Ada language constructs have been found which support these design goals.


The software development model proposed decomposes the project by successive refinement into a hierarchy of subprojects. Each subproject implements one of the functions required, making use of the products of subprojects below it in the hierarchy. A project template is proposed that is used recursively to schedule the activities in each of the subprojects and of the project as a whole. The underlying philosophy of the model is that everything should be done as soon as possible. In particular, coding at each level of refinement is done immediately after the design for that level and before the designs at the next level. That is, both design and code are interleaved in a top-down manner. A side effect of using this model is that the effort
required in a planned software project can be estimated from a predicted hierarchy of functions rather than from predicted lines of code.


Previous papers on Ada for distributed systems assumed an absence of fault tolerance. In that case, it is difficult to implement a rendezvous scheme without multiple transmissions over the network to ensure processors remain active throughout the wait for the rendezvous. In a fault tolerant system, this problem does not exist. If one of the processors in an FTP fails, the fault is detected. If the fault can be masked, processing continues normally. If it is not possible to isolate the fault, the FDIR will reconfigure the system such that functions on the failed FTP are run on a different FTP. In either case, the communication can proceed successfully. For this type of system, it is possible to design an efficient communication service to implement the Ada rendezvous. An Ada design for the communications system is presented, including a description of the services provided in all seven layers of an International Standards Organization (ISO) open systems interconnect (OSI) model communications system. The system capabilities (hardware and software) that allow this communication system are also described.


The paper presents an automatic controller for Space Shuttle Orbiter stationkeeping and formation keeping. The controller uses a feed forward loop for nonequilibrium set point and maneuver transients, and a discrete-time, linear-quadratic regulator for feedback control. The paper describes the selection of design parameters, such as sample time and quadratic cost matrices, to provide good performance in the presence of sensor or noise and actuator granularity. Results show good performance with the current orbiter sensors; extremely precise control is demonstrated using enhanced sensors.


The Space Station will serve as a center where specialists from many countries can converge with the common goal of scientific discovery. Towards this end, the Space Station Data System (SSDS) must provide responsive services to users and ensure operational independence while supporting system safety. It does this via the real-time control function which manages user commands and limited flight resources such as power, thermal dissipation and attitude position. Real-time control is responsible for overall coordination and control of on-board core systems and for command and resource management services in support of payload operations. This paper focuses on the discrete event simulation effort undertaken as part of the proof of
design for the SSDS real-time control function. The function is described and parametric studies performed to assess disk and processor performance are discussed.


The Space Station data system (SSDS) design presented provides a data system architecture which simultaneously supports core operational and user payload access requirements and offers a number of advantages over user interfaces to traditional systems: (1) The space and ground network node is viewed as a single entity, greatly reducing the traditional discontinuity between space and ground system designs. (2) Uniform, standardized interfaces to this node are provided to all users, to all payloads, and to platforms replacing customized interfaces. (3) A data-driven network node is responsive to data as it is received rather than requiring preconditioned uplink and downlink scheduling. The primary means of implementation of this design approach is through the data delivery service (DDS), which provides communication intelligence, space/ground core/user integration, and is the major component in the end-to-end transparent user access. Its services are available to all elements of the Space Station Program without regard to their physical location or their traditional functional allocation. Data Delivery supports multiple missions and multiple users. A unified data delivery ground portion of the network node includes both downlink and uplink in a symmetric manner. The identical services provided to user elements on the ground are provided to user elements in space.

Development of the orbital spacecraft consumables resupply system (OSCRS) is an essential and logical step in the progression of man's utilization of space. Present and future space assets which would benefit from resupply provide specific design related requirements. These requirements integrated with the roles OSCRs is to play in the industrialization of space provide an optimized utilitarian vehicle. Specific areas of requirements and their impact on OSCRs design include the potential user resupply requirements and mission scenarios, unique user spacecraft handling needs and other OSCRs uses and the accompanying integration concerns. These and other elements and their effect on the evolution of an OSCRs design are discussed. The paper closes with a focus on the influence the bipropellant resupply scenario has on the design and development of the generic resupply tanker.


The baseline orbital maneuvering engine (OME) of the Space Shuttle is a pressure-fed engine utilizing storable propellants. A significant performance uprating of this engine can be achieved through the use of a gas generator-driven turbopump that increases OME operating pressure. A higher pressure engine can have a greater nozzle expansion ratio in the same envelope and at the same thrust level, giving increased engine Isp. The results of a pre-development component demonstration program being pursued at the Johnson Space Center are presented. These include the preferred uprated OME configuration, descriptions of test hardware, and discussion of test results. Tests and analyses confirm the capability of the concept to meet or exceed performance and life requirements. Storable propellant upper stage concepts using an uprated OME are also discussed. Analyses indicate this high performing engine can be used in a storable propellant upper stage to achieve a "payload to geosynchronous earth orbit (GEO)" capability comparable to existing cryogenic stages.


The baseline orbital maneuvering engine (OME) of the Space Shuttle has the potential for significant performance uprating, leading to increased Shuttle payload capability. The approach to OME uprating that is being pursued at the Johnson Space Center is the use of a gas generator-driven turbopump to increase OME operating pressure. A higher pressure engine can have a greater nozzle expansion ratio in the same envelope and at the same thrust level, giving increased engine Isp. The results of trade studies and analyses that have led to the preferred uprated OME configuration are presented. The significant ac-
complishments of a predevelopment component demonstration program are also presented, including descriptions of test hardware and discussion of test results. It is shown that testing to date confirms the capability of the preferred uprated OME configuration to meet or exceed performance and life requirements. Potential future activities leading to a full-scale development program are presented. The capability for the uprated OME to be used in future storable propellant upper stages is also discussed.


The life of many spacecraft can be significantly extended if they are resupplied in orbit with propellants and pressurant gases. The resupply can take place from the Space Shuttle, the orbital maneuvering vehicle (OMV) which can move between the Space Shuttle and an orbiting Space Station, or from depot supply tanks at the Space Station. In addition, a space-based OMV and the Space Station both require on-orbit resupply themselves. The OMV has a bipropellant (NTO, MMH) propulsion system, and hydrazine and gaseous nitrogen systems for station proximity operations. Fluids such as freon, ammonia, methanol, superfluid helium, gaseous nitrogen, and water may need to be resupplied to the Space Station for subsystem working fluid replacement or payload/experiment fluid replenishment. Candidate fluid transfer methods and possible pressurant gas transfer methods are discussed, and relative advantages/disadvantages presented along with a technology status assessment of each. Fluid management technology issues that can drive the design of on-orbit resupply systems and capabilities are specifically addressed. Preliminary designs for both monopropellant and bipropellant orbital spacecraft consumables resupply systems (OSCRS) are presented.


Increasing electrical power requirements have made a solar dynamic power system (SDPS) a serious contender for the electrical power generating system for the Space Station because of its potential advantages compared to a photovoltaic power system at higher power levels. An SDPS converts solar energy into electricity by utilizing rotating heat engines. A thermal energy storage (TES) system is required to supply the heat engine with a constant temperature source of heat energy during the eclipse portion of a low Earth orbit. The TES system operates by using the latent heat of energy of a phase change material to absorb energy at essentially constant temperature during the sunlit portion of the orbit and then release this energy to the engine at the same temperature for use during the eclipsed portions. Currently, the TES system is considered to be the weakest link in the SDPS with regard to technology readiness. One reason for this is that the long term (5-10 years) compatibility between the TES phase change material and its container has yet to be proven. Materials compatibility testing is underway at the Johnson Space Center to determine whether a TES
system can meet the Space Station long life and reliability requirements. Preliminary test results and conclusions from this test program are presented.


The rapidly developing capability of the Space Shuttle to repair satellites on orbit will soon be extended to include other types of service, including the replenishment of consumables, many of which will be liquids and gases. An integrated system must be developed which is capable of delivering all of the necessary fluids to orbit in a safe, reliable, cost effective manner. An overview of the general requirements for such a system is presented, including a traffic model for all fluids. A set of detailed resupply system requirements is developed for those fluids which represent the most immediate market for on orbit resupply.

A preliminary design is described for a resupply system for monopropellant hydrazine, with specific application to the GRO spacecraft refueling planned for 1991 and the requirements which evolve from the traffic model. A similar conceptual design is presented for a system suitable for use with earth storable bipropellants.


On-orbit resupply of fluids will be essential to the evolving generation of large and long life orbital stations and satellites. Although sizes of the fluid resupply tankers to accomplish these tasks may vary considerably depending on the specific application, the transfer/servicing technologies and hardware design concepts for a specific fluid should be basically the same. This paper discusses the resupply of concept options presently envisioned, the technology and hardware problems projected to implement these concepts, and the proposed, as well as ongoing, NASA activities to resolve these problems.


It is currently expected that the initial power source will be photovoltaic solar arrays. Since the Space Station is eclipsed during roughly one third of the orbit and the solar arrays do not produce electricity during this time, some sort of energy storage system (ESS) is necessary. One candidate technology is the regenerative fuel cell (RFC). A joint advanced development program was initiated by the Lewis Research Center and the Johnson Space Center to design, manufacture and integrate a regenerative fuel cell Space Station Prototype (RFC SSP). Improvements for the RFC SSP are being made in both the water electrolysis system and the fuel cell. The RFC SSP incorporates long-life fuel cell technology, increased cell area for the fuel cells, and high voltage cell stacks for both units. Microprocessor control and monitoring hardware and software are also being incorpor-
ated. This unit will be tested on the ground in a thermal-vacuum environment at a nominal 10 kW level. Space Station condition will be simulated to prove that such a closed cycle system is efficient, practical, and capable of handling all envisioned Space Station power system operating conditions.


Several studies have been published on the oscillation of a bubble in an imposed pressure field. These studies are not applicable to large bubbles because the approximations used are chosen to model small bubbles. Free bubbles ranging from 10 to 200 cm in diameter occur in low gravity applications. A linear analysis of the coupled dynamic, heat transfer, and diffusion equations is presented. The model is designed to be accurate for large bubbles and moderate to low frequencies. Both pressurized and vapor bubbles are treated. Graphs showing numerical evaluation of the theoretical formulas are displayed.


Premature ignition of composite propellants has received increased scrutiny due to a solid rocket accident which was attributed to an electrostatic discharge within the propellant grain. A test program was initiated to investigate propellant sample size and temperature effects. Results show that propellant ignition using the sample sizes and test configuration described was not readily produced. The breakdown strength of the propellants decreased with decreasing temperature. The resistance of the propellants was observed to increase with decreasing temperature.


The production of the NASA Standard Initiator (NSI), a squib used to start most pyrotechnic events on the Space Transportation System, involves the measurement of the unit's bridgewire resistance. The measured value is influenced by contact resistance due to surface contaminants between the measurement connector and NSI. Fluctuations in resistance would sometimes result in NSI rejection due to specification deviations. Such deviations were attributable to contact resistance variation. Minimizing contact resistance through the use of the 4 contact 2 pin connector has been demonstrated in test and is now being implemented in the production of NSI's.

The space-based orbit transfer vehicle (OTV) will require a large cryogenic fuel storage facility at the Space Station. An alternative to fuel storage onboard the Space Station is a tethered orbital refueling facility (TORF) which is separated from the Space Station by a sufficient distance to induce a gravity gradient to settle the propellants. Facility operations are a major concern associated with a tethered LO2/LH2 storage depot. A study was carried out to analyze the preferred TORF deployment direction (up or down with respect to the Space Station) and whether the TORF should be permanently or intermittently deployed. The analyses included safety, contamination, rendezvous, servicing, transportation rate, communication, and viewing. An upwardly, intermittently deployed facility is the preferred configuration for a tethered cryogenic fuel storage.


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Microgravity research of material processes, a primary application of the Space Station, imposes severe design requirements. A single tether will shift the center of gravity, placing a gravity gradient acceleration on the Space Station when deployed. Varying the length of opposing tethers can actively position the system center of gravity to compensate for changes in the mass distribution on the Space Station itself. This will allow more flexibility in the Space Station configuration and a more consistent gravity level. Similarly, opposing tethers can balance the acceleration produced by other tether applications to meet the microgravity requirement. Another option is to deploy tether applications intermittently, so that a gravity gradient acceleration will only be produced on the Space Station for a short period of time, when experimentation can be stopped. Placing an automated laboratory on a tether elevator will enable processes to be expanded over a range of accelerations.

Large bubbles in low levels of gravity are easily distorted by random acceleration of the storage tank. It is shown that the governing equation for the distortion is a special case of the Mathieu equation. Since solutions of the Mathieu equation are unstable, it is shown how the spectrum of the random acceleration affects instability and break-up of the bubble. Computer simulation is used to illustrate the results.


This paper summarizes the work to date on the lunar surface base propulsion systems study performed for Johnson Space Center. Results will include lunar propellant availability and associated processing techniques, and propulsion/vehicle system design concepts. These propellant supply and transportation concepts will then be addressed in terms of mission and traffic model trade studies and technology requirements.


The major disadvantage of parabolic solar concentrators is sensitivity to mirror surface slope errors and solar tracking errors. The sensitivities of a paraboloidal concentrator, a multifaceted paraboloidal concentrator, and a scalloped geometry concentrator to errors in surface slope and solar tracking accuracy were analyzed by a ray trace computer program. The analysis was performed for an 18-m (60 ft) diameter concentrator with a 1.05-rad (60°) rim angle. The scalloped geometry concentrator was found to be at least sensitive to surface slope errors and more tolerant of errors in solar tracking than the other concentrators. For example, if errors of 17 mrad (1°) in surface slope and of 17 mrad (1°) in solar tracking exist simultaneously, focal spots of 2.1 m (6.9 ft), 2.8 m (9.3 ft), and 0.49 m (1.6 ft) diameter are produced for the paraboloidal, multifaceted paraboloidal, and scalloped geometry concentrators, respectively.

An atomic oxygen exposure facility has been developed for materials degradation studies to provide (1) absolute reaction cross sections for use in engineering design problems, (2) formulations of reaction mechanisms for use in selection of suitable existing materials and design of new, more resistant ones, and (3) calibration of flight hardware (mass spectrometers, etc.) in order to directly relate experiments performed in low earth orbit to ground based investigations. The facility consists of (1) a cw laser sustained discharge source of 0-atoms having a variable energy up to 5 eV and an intensity of between $10^{15}$-$10^{17}$ O-atoms s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$, (2) an atomic beam formation and diagnostics system consisting of various stages of differential pumping, a mass spectrometer detector and a time-of-flight analyzer, (3) a spinning rotor viscometer for absolute O-atom flux measurements, and (4) provision for using the system for calibration of actual flight instruments.


Significant progress in thermal protection system design has occurred since the first manned space flight of Mercury in May 1961 with its single use ablative thermal protection system (TPS) and the first Space Shuttle Orbiter flight in April 1981 with its multi-mission TPS. Currently, there is a great deal of interest in TPS systems for the aeroassisted orbital transfer vehicle (AOTV) being proposed for use between geosynchronous earth orbit stations and the low earth orbit Space Station. This presentation discusses the major material and design challenges associated with TPS, various TPS materials that are used, the different design approaches associated with each of the materials and the entry aerothermodynamic environment which plays a large role in TPS design. Specific TPS concepts used for the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo vehicles, Shuttle Orbiter, and proposed systems for AOTV's are discussed.


The results of a Shuttle Orbiter nose cap entry aeroheating assessment, thermal analysis and correlation of flight data using multidimensional thermal math models (TMM's) and a chemically reacting boundary layer program are described in this paper. The object of this study was to verify and revise, if required, the nose cap design heating methods and the TMM's used for flight certification. Flight temperature measurements from two orbiter vehicles, Columbia and Chal-
lenger, have been used in this analysis and provide the basis for ver-
ification and correlation of the aerothermodynamic environment. Nose
cap thermal response predictions, using TMM's verified from certifica-
tion tests, show that the aerothermodynamic environment can be satis-
factorily predicted using accepted analytical methods.


A number of efforts are underway by NASA to further develop fracture
control methodology. These efforts have grown, in part, from the need
for a reliable and consistent methodology for Space Shuttle payloads
and, in the coming years, for the Space Station. The important recent
accomplishments in these efforts have been: 1) formation of the NASA
Fracture Control Analytical Methodology Panel, 2) development of the
NASA/FLAGRO computer program, 3) development of the computer data base
for fracture mechanics material properties, and 4) writing of the
guidelines document for fracture control procedures on Space Shuttle
payloads. Brief discussion is given on these four topics and future
planned activities.

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The likely role of atmospheric atomic oxygen in the recession of
spacecraft surfaces and in the Shuttle glow has revived interest in the
accurate measurement of atomic oxygen densities in the upper at-
mosphere. The Air Force Geophysics Laboratory is supplying a quad-
rupole mass spectrometer for a materials interactions flight experi-
ment being planned by the NASA Johnson Space Center. The mass spec-
trometer will measure the flux of oxygen on test materials and will also
identify the products of surface reactions. The instrument will be
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oxygen at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. This paper summarizes
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The Air Force Geophysics Laboratory flew a quadrupole-type mass
spectrometer on STS-4 to measure concentrations of positive ion and
neutral species with high temporal and spatial resolution. In prep-
aration for future flights, the instrument is being calibrated at a
new atomic oxygen beam facility at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.
A high energy (5 eV) atomic oxygen beam is produced using a continuous
optical discharge technique. An oxygen/carrier gas plasma, pumped by
a high power cw CO2 laser, is expanded through a supersonic nozzle.
The resulting beam has sufficiently high flux and velocity to simulate
orbital conditions. The response of the flight mass spectrometer will
be compared to measurements made with other beam diagnostic tools to
determine the sensitivity of the mass spectrometer to atomic oxygen.
The calibrated instrument will be flown as part of the Johnson Space
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Reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC), a structural composite whose devel-
opment was targeted for the high temperature reentry environments of
reusable space vehicles, has successfully demonstrated that capability
on the Space Shuttle Orbiter. This paper deals with the characteriza-
tion testing, structural analyses, full-scale qualification testing,
and flight certification of this state-of-art composite for the Orbi-
ter. Achievement of the program goals required detailed coordination
of the design allowables, the manipulation of the test data into usable
forms, and the analytical verification process. Included are discus-
sions of the engineering decisions pertaining to the development of
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This paper addresses the external induced environment generated by
Space Station activity or more specifically by gases, particles, and
light background. These contaminant species must be controlled if
sensitive systems such as solar energy collectors or science experi-
ments exposed to the external environment are to function properly.
The requirements, discussed in detail, generally set limits on the
level of gas species, matter deposited on surfaces, and light back-
ground levels over the various spectral regions. They also address
environment monitoring and contamination controls during manufactur-
ing. Limits on effluent release and system leakages are in turn de-
 and system leakages are in turn de-
 from these requirements. Overall, the process provides an op-
timum balance between laboratory/environmental life control system
fluid management problems and contamination sensitive external sys-
tems. Once requirements are established, Space Station contamination
performance, which is analytically assessed, can be compared with
needs, and design trades can be directed to optimum system design.
Performance studies conducted to date indicate that the core Station
can provide an adequate environment for astronomy measurements if con-
tamination effects are considered early in design. Results of these
studies and associated design solutions which define the preliminary
Space Station environment are presented.

Significant surface interactions which are very likely due to exposure to atomic oxygen in low Earth orbital environment have been observed on recent space flights. These interactions are manifested as surface recession and, therefore, mass loss, and appear to arise from oxidation of the materials involved. A computer model has been developed to compute atomic oxygen fluence (total integrated flux) for a generalized spacecraft in orbital flight based on mass spectrometer and incoherent scatter (MSIS) ambient density predictions. Calculations for Space Station surfaces using this model have been made. Assuming a constant altitude flight strategy, total fluence on ram-facing surfaces during a complete solar cycle is $1.2 \times 10^{22}$ atoms/cm$^2$ and $6.7 \times 10^{21}$ atoms/cm$^2$ for solar-facing surfaces with both sides exposed. Using material reactivities for composite materials and thin films developed from flight experiments, total recession for ram and solar inertial surfaces will be 0.036 cm (14 mils) and 0.020 cm (8 mils), respectively, per solar cycle. For a station life of 30 years, approximately three cycles will be experienced; the resulting recession appears unacceptable for certain surfaces. These effects must be accounted for if long-lived operation is to be expected.


Various coatings are being developed to protect sensitive materials. Fluoropolymers or metal oxides codeposited with small amounts of poly-tetrafluoroethylene would be applied directly to space structures such as polyimide solar array substrates. Metallized foils would protect composite tubes, and conversion coatings with the correct optical properties would become integral parts of basic structures. To intelligently plan protection of long-duration satellites, we must augment the limited data base on atomic oxygen interactions with materials in low Earth orbit, using both Shuttle flight experiments and ground-based facilities. Space Station design is imminent, and our understanding of such interactions is critical to its success.


The requirement for long life in the range of 30 years for structural components and 20 years for power systems requires new considerations in material selection. Additionally, extended exposure to large amounts of atomic oxygen from the Earth's rarified atmosphere has recently been shown to be a very significant degrading factor for spacecraft materials, even generating completely new requirements for coatings used on exterior surfaces. Considerations of Shuttle lift capabilities, the large amount of mass associated with Space Station components, and the low mechanical loads imposed on components result in thin-walled structures made from organic matrix/carbon fiber composite materials. These materials have to be stable not only for over
175,000 thermal cycles, but also for 30 years in the atomic oxygen environment. Hardware impacts and solutions being developed for Space Station applications are discussed.


It is evident from previous Space Shuttle flights that the low Earth orbital (LEO) environment interacts with spacecraft surfaces in significant ways. One manifestation of these interactions is recession of organic polymer-based surfaces presumably due to oxidation by atomic oxygen, the major component of the LEO environment. Experiments have been conducted on many of the Space Shuttle flights to measure reaction rates and effects of various parameters on reaction rates. Flight experiments conducted on Space Shuttle flights 5, 8, 11 and 41G have yielded quantitative data while other flights provided only qualitative or limited quantitative data. Surface recession on these flights indicates reaction rates in the range of 2-3 x 10^-24 cm^3/atom for organic polymers. Application of these rates to Space Station exposure for main components suggests as much as 0.3 to 0.4 cm of recession will occur for forward facing surfaces. Such effects dictate the need for lightweight durable coatings to protect susceptible materials.


Among the significant sources of internal disturbances that must be considered in the design of Space Station control systems are the loads induced on the structure from various crew activities. Flight experiment T013, flown on the second manned mission of Skylab, measured force and moment time histories for a range of preplanned crew motions and activities. This experiment has proved itself invaluable as a source of on-orbit crew induced loads that has allowed a Space Station forcing function database to be built. This will enable forced response such as accelerations and deflections, attributable to crew activity, to be calculated. The flight experiment, resultant database and structural model preprocessor, analysis examples and areas of continued research are described.


Results are given of an analysis of the relative strengths and weaknesses of the collocation and the boundary integral (BIE) methods when used in the determination of stress intensity factors for two-dimensional crack geometries. Single and multiple crack geometries are considered in both symmetric and unsymmetric configurations with trac-
tions applied on the boundaries of the domain as well as on the crack surfaces.


Previous studies for predicting aeroheating to the Orbiter nose cap have used wind tunnel data, simplified heating correlations, and boundary layer solutions. This paper presents a comparison of viscous shock layer and boundary layer solutions at high altitudes including the effects of nonequilibrium chemistry and variable wall catalyticity. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) shock layer program, a chemically reacting boundary layer program (BLIMPK) and the BLIMPK viscous shock layer option have been used to assess the Orbiter nose cap heating and flow field at high altitudes. Available Orbiter flight data will be used to compare with the predictions. The results of these studies indicate higher heating associated with the viscous shock layer solutions at altitudes greater than 200Kft. The two shock layer programs result in comparable heating rates for high wall catalyticity.


This paper presents results of a study to evaluate the aero-dynamic heating environment around the Space Shuttle Orbiter nose cap in the region of the Shuttle entry air data system (SEADS) pressure ports during Orbiter entry and to determine the effect of surface catalycity on the columbium ports and on the reinforced carbon-carbon (RCC) thermal protection system material. The method of analysis was based on the kinetic version of the boundary layer integral matrix procedure (BLIMPK) Program. This paper presents results using this method with both the STS-9 best estimate trajectory (BET) and the design (14414. Ic) trajectory. The viscous flow field around the nose cap including atom mole fractions and heating distributions is discussed. Results were used in flight and arc-jet test thermal math models.


A flight experiment has been proposed for the Space Shuttle which utilizes an ion-neutral mass spectrometer to obtain in-situ ambient density measurements and identify reaction products from modeled polymers exposed to the atomic oxygen environment. An overview of this experiment is presented and the method of calibrating the flight mass spectrometer in a neutral beam facility prior to its use on the Space Shuttle is established.

The current NASA activities in telerobotics, which is a combination of teleoperation and robotics, consist of studies, technology development, and the initiation of the flight telerobotic servicer for the Space Station. The basic concept of a space telerobot consists of two dextrous manipulator arms controlled from a remote station. This fundamental concept, as defined in studies of the telerobotic work system (TWS), has been expanded and evolved from the proposed initial application on the Space Shuttle for satellite servicing to a variety of functions on the Space Station. The development of a TWS represents a valuable resource for remote performance of a variety of tasks in the unstructured and hazardous environment of space. The concept of TWS provides a focus for robotic technology development beyond the realm of conventional industrial robotics with spinoff to military, firefighting, construction, and aid to the handicapped applications.


The telerobotic work system (TWS) is a concept for performing tasks in space remotely from the operator. The approach combines functional capability of the flight crew controlling a pair of dextrous manipulator arms in a teleoperation mode with the system architecture for robotic modes of control. Rigors of space operations demand that autonomous activities be transparent to the human controllers. The inaccessibility of the work site makes alternative techniques of task completion important to success of a mission. The design approach for the TWS combines these elements in a system that increases the crew productivity as well as providing backup techniques to maximize probability of mission success. Productivity of the crew can be enhanced by remote operations with the TWS controlled from a shirt sleeve environment. Task compatibility with EVA capabilities should be retained to back up the TWS. The design of the control station for TWS operation will be influenced by the effects of zero G on the operator. Ground based teleoperation has demonstrated the advantages of force feedback in doing dextrous tasks. Restraints become critical in reacting the feedback forces. Other zero G effects may change the perception of displays. Manipulative task performance will be affected by response of the work pieces that will not have gravity to orient and retain them. Understanding the interaction of the mechanisms, control systems, and sensory perceptions of the task without gravity and atmosphere will be the thrust of the flight test program.


Requirements to service and repair satellites from the Space Shuttle and to construct the Space Station have created the need for supplements and alternatives to extravehicular activity (EVA) by space
crews. The application of automation and robotics in time critical and hazardous operations is an important alternative capability for Space Transportation System operations. The basic concept of a tele-robotic work system (TWS) consists of two dextrous manipulator arms controlled from a remote station. An increase in productivity can be achieved by an evolution from teleoperation to telepresence to supervisory control to a supervised adaptive robotic system. The TWS concept is described as well as the system requirements, system architecture, and development approach. The anticipated result is a system that will have application on the Space Station, but will have been developed and demonstrated on the Space Shuttle.


The need to increase astronaut productivity for assembly, servicing, and maintenance missions has led to the definition of a concept for remote operations called the telerobotic work system (TWS). Dextrous manipulator arms are controlled from the Space Shuttle Orbiter cabin or a Space Station module. Concepts for the TWS have been developed by the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center through contracts with the Grumman Aerospace Corporation and Martin Marietta Aerospace. An evolutionary development of the system is proposed as a means of incorporating technology advances. Early flight testing is needed to address the uncertainties of robotic manipulation in space. Space robotics can be expected to spin off technology to terrestrial robots, particularly in hazardous and unstructured applications.


Whether adding microgravity to an experiment as a key ingredient or as an "X" factor, investigators need to minimize cost and risk while assuring adequate control and data. The crew quarters of the Space Shuttle Orbiter, called the middeck, offers the optimum environment for this type of activity. The experiment packages can be controlled by the investigator until shortly before launch, and can be retrieved shortly after landing. Utilities are readily available. Human interaction and observation by astronauts and crewmembers is also possible. NASA is optimizing this resource with its new middeck accommodations racks (MAR's), which can displace the original galley normally carried on Spacelab module flights.
Space Station Engineering Office


The Presidential Commission which investigated the Challenger accident recommended that NASA "make all efforts to provide a crew escape system for use during gliding flight." In response to that recommendation, government and industry studies were conducted of emergency ground egress, manual and powered extraction bail-out, powered flight mission aborts, water landing, and various seat and capsule ejection systems. This paper summarizes the survey of ejection seats which was done in support of the Ejection Escape Study Team. This survey determined which currently available seats can be incorporated into the Shuttle Orbiter and compared their performance capabilities with the Orbiter flight envelope. The systems, their differences, and the attributes which are significant to the Orbiter application are described. The conclusions of the survey were that the three seats in production meet essentially the same significant performance requirements, that all would require modifications for high altitude escape, and that DoD and industry specialists are available to provide the help needed to tailor the seats for Orbiter installation.
MISSION SUPPORT DIRECTORATE


Factors to be considered in developing or performance tuning any NOMAD2 application system are discussed and summarized. A recommended approach to performance tuning a NOMAD2 system already in production is given. Examples of performance improvements achieved on an actual production system are included to illustrate the effectiveness of the techniques presented.


With the advent of complex and highly sophisticated space systems, a need exists for large institutional simulations having built-in integrity for growth and modification throughout the life cycle of the simulation. This integrity is imperative in order to stay abreast of real-world software and hardware modifications or additions, and to avoid the high costs of rehosting for each addition to the simulation. This paper addresses those large real-time man-in-the-loop simulations with associated problems and suggested solutions and related trade-off analysis. Discussions will include capacity, expansion, synchronization, interfaces, operability, development reliability and cost as well as training requirements.


The collision probability of satellites in geosynchronous orbit is discussed and proposed techniques for controlling the geosynchronous environment are summarized. A new technique for predicting the expected time between collisions is introduced and its results compared to those of previously used techniques. Its unique feature is the use of deterministic methods to model the motion of satellites and statistical techniques to estimate collision probability, allowing realistic distributions of active and expired satellites to be used in the prediction process. Options for dealing with expired geosynchronous satellites and an overview of a detailed analysis of options for removing spent upper stages (PAM-D, IUS, etc.) are given.


A conceptual guidance algorithm has been developed for the boost phase of the Mars Ascent Vehicle (MAV) based on numeric prediction/correction techniques. A numeric algorithm was chosen for its ability
to model external forces such as aerodynamic drag. This algorithm has been tested under dispersed conditions and has been found fast enough and accurate enough to satisfy the projected Mars sample return ascent requirements.


This paper presents a semi-analytic technique for predicting orbit lifetime of geosynchronous transfer orbits. A previous study numerically predicted orbit characteristics that minimize orbit lifetime; however, no geometric explanation for these results was presented. The purpose of this paper is to offer a geometric explanation for these results by examining the important perturbations affecting orbit lifetime separately and superimposing these results.


Organizational decisions regarding computer technology and information policy can be seen as the outcome of either "iron triangles" or "issue networks." These constructs, borrowed from the federal policy-making literature, are easily interpreted in the context of automated data processing. Iron triangles are the traditional trinity of users, managers and designers. Issue networks are looser and broader coalitions of many computer literate participants. At NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) issue networks provide the driving force in determining the way systems are designed and technologies chosen. The major information technology issues facing JSC were found to be the building of stronger communications networks, the need for greater commonality of systems and languages, improved planning, and prototyping as a system development method. Around these issues, broad networks of professionals, both inside and outside JSC, have coalesced to determine information policy and management within the organization.

This paper describes design concepts for the habitation modules of the U.S. Space Station. A flexible interior architecture features modularized equipment compartments that permit access for maintenance and in-orbit reconfiguration as functional requirements change. The overall interior arrangement is presented with emphasis on crew quarters, operations and maintenance work stations, galley provisions, health maintenance facilities, and subsystem equipment compartments. Electrical and fluid utilities are shown. Design features to enhance crew comfort and safety are described as well as functional and design relationships with the European and Japanese modules and the U.S. laboratories.
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   Robotics is one of the innovative approaches being considered to improve productivity and safety in future in future space systems such as NASA's Space Station. Robots can perform hazardous and repetitive tasks and free humans for safer and more productive activities. However, robots may also pose hazards. One obvious hazard is collisions with humans or equipment as a result of loss of control over the robot. Collision avoidance will become more difficult with the advent of autonomous/intelligent robots. NASA systems safety personnel are interested in utilizing robots to improve the safety of space operations and ensuring that safety is inherent in robot design. This paper explores some of the robotic safety enhancements, notes some of the safety concerns, and suggests ways to overcome these concerns. We explore these topics by focusing on industrial robots, the Space Shuttle RMS, existing space hardware requirements, and future robot concepts.

   Space stations of the future will have many areas of concern involving safety in the internal environment. The research-oriented nature of Space Station operations will require that safety be of paramount importance to ensure crew survival and mission continuity. Fire is perhaps one of the more credible threats to the internal environment. The behavior of fire in the microgravity of space has not been extensively studied in the brief history of manned space flight. The inability of the crew to evacuate the fire area for extended periods of time and the space environment place constraints on the fire detection and suppression methods designed for use on a Space Station. Crew training to react to the fire threat and take the best course of action will be vital to crew safety.

The U.S. Space Station program has completed definition activities and is now involved in Phase B preliminary design of the Station elements and systems. This effort will lay the ground work for the production Phase C/D activities which are to begin in 1987. The Space Station is being built to accommodate selective and adaptive phasing of capabilities. This is accomplished inherently in that elements of the Station such as modules and truss structure are natural replicate units. Innovative approaches to the design of Station systems are being emphasized with respect to three principal considerations: productivity, cost, and safety.


Maintainability is being implemented during the Phase B (Definition and Preliminary Design) portion of the program by Space Station Program Office (Level B) and Project Office (Level C) personnel. A Maintainability Guidelines Document has been written and distributed to all four Phase B work-package centers. Trade studies are being performed to determine the most economical balance between initial cost (reliability) and life-cycle-cost (crew-time and replacement hardware cost). A working group which is comprised of Level B and Level C maintainability personnel will synthesize and evaluate the results of these trade studies, and from this data will generate a Maintainability Plan and Maintainability Requirements which will become a part of the Space Station design-and-build contract (Phase C/D).


Several electromagnetic techniques should be extensively investigated as potential candidates for Mars lander propulsion system augmentation. For electromagnetic braking, pulsed microwave fields can be used to generate an enhanced plasma sheath which is acted upon by spacecraft-generated pulsed magnetic fields. This "plasmodynamic torquing" technique could be used to slow and turn the spacecraft. By generating microwave fields and plasma sheaths with specific geometries, asymmetric effects might be achieved which could be used for translation or force vectoring augmentation. This technique could increase landing approach flexibility by increasing surveillance and horizontal range capability.


5. Holt, Alan C.: Mobile Robots and Artificial Intelligence for Large Payload Assembly and Maintenance. Presented at Robex 86 June 4-6, 1986,
Houston, Texas.

Several large payloads (dimensions greater than 10 meters) have been defined for potential assembly and installation on the initial operating capability (IOC) Space Station. These potential activities mean that the development of autonomous robotics and artificial intelligence systems must be paced, as a minimum, to match the required increase in large space structures assembly capability. Robots which are capable of flying around the Station and maintaining a certain position and attitude will be required. Propulsion capabilities (range and attitude hold duration) exceeding that of the manned maneuvering unit will be needed. The robots should also be able to grasp a structure and use two free arms to manipulate a structural element or perform another task. Extensive autonomous capabilities with embedded task learning techniques should be coupled with an advanced telesrobotic mode which can be used to teach the robot a new task or to perform a time critical, contingency operation.

6. Nolan, Mark B.; and Stone, Dennis A.: Advanced Technology for the Space Station. Presented at EASCON 86, September 9, 1986, Washington, D.C. This paper discusses the goals and objectives of the Space Station Advanced Development Program; the organization and approach used to implement the program; the technologies included within the program; the actions taken and planned to facilitate the transfer of the Advanced Development results and products into the mainstream of the Space Station design; and the planning for the continuation of the technology program to support the evolution and growth of the Space Station Program elements.


8. Rice, William E.: International Participation in Space Station. Presented at EASCON 86, September 9, 1986, Washington, D.C. Published in Proceedings. A key aspect of the U.S. Space Station Program is the potential for significant participation and investment by other nations as partners to the U.S. in the design, development, and operation of NASA's next major goal, a permanently manned space station. Studies are underway in Canada, Europe, and Japan to examine and refine the basic characteristics of the candidate hardware elements proposed for complementary development by our international partners. This paper examines the fundamental concepts of the proposed partnership, the various hardware elements under consideration for development in Canada, Europe, and Japan, and the current activities aimed at reaching agreement so that the partnership can begin its development efforts towards achieving this ambitious cooperative space endeavor.

Two basic approaches were considered to generate and store electricity on the Space Station. The first was the more traditional photovoltaics approach using solar cells to generate the electricity and electrochemical devices, either batteries or regenerative fuel cells, to store the power. The second approach examined was the use of heat engines to convert solar energy into electricity (solar dynamics). This approach uses concentrated solar energy to heat a working fluid which in turn drives a turbine operating in either a closed Brayton or Rankine cycle. Energy is stored as heat using the large latent heat of fusion of metallic salts. Approaches considered for the primary power distribution system included high voltage DC and high voltage AC at a frequency of either 400HZ or 20KHZ.

A comparison of the explosion hazards of hydrazine and methylhydrazine (also known as monomethylhydrazine or MMH) fuels in aerospace environments is presented. A section on hazards resulting from incompatibility covers the effect of materials on the fuels as well as the effect of the fuels on materials. Thermal hazards resulting from runaway reactions are also discussed. A section on hazards resulting from ignition covers flammability limits, ignition energies, spontaneous ignition, deflagration, detonation, and deflagration to detonation transition. A section on unusual hazards resulting from the aerospace environment describes the effects of changing altitude on flammability of the fuel, sublimation and freezing at high altitudes, and ignition resulting from rapid pressurization of the liquid fuels.


In oxygen, metals can ignite and undergo rapid combustion, thereby making metals fires difficult to detect and extinguish. This paper provides a review of the ignition and combustion properties of metals and speculation on how these properties might change in zero-gravity environments. Review of the ignition and combustion properties of metals indicates that they are controlled by different processes. Ignition of metals is dependent on the rate of the heat generated by oxidation and on the rate of heat lost prior to ignition. Oxidation prior to ignition is strongly dependent on the state and properties of the oxide coatings that form and adhere to the metal surfaces. Combustion of metals is dependent on whether the metal burns as a vapor or as a liquid. The hot molten mass produced during combustion has a large effect on the burn propagation rate of metals, which, in turn, has a large effect on the flammability properties of metals. In zero-gravity environments, it is believed that the ignition properties of metals will not change significantly from those observed in one-gravity environments; however, the combustion and flammability properties may change as the force of gravity is eliminated.


The mixing and explosion of LOX and LH₂ is a concern for National STS Program operations. To understand this problem, cryogenic mixing is experimentally studied by pouring 1,2,2-trichloro-2,1,1-trifluoroethane (Freon 113) into LN₂, LN₂ into LH₂, and LH₂ onto LN₂ in a 1m x
15cm cylindrical glass vessel. Data from these experiments is compared with previous studies and a hypothesis advanced that LOX/LH₂ mixing will result in a complex, heterogenous, multiphase aggregation including LOX, SOX, LH₂, and VH₂. Calculations on the internal (Chapman Jouguet) detonation properties for each combination of phases and for an aggregate are presented. Visual and x-ray observations of the process and mass measurements are reported. Freon 113 in LN₂ forms a buoyant jet with nucleate boiling. LH₂ onto LN₂ does not mix, but rather "floats" atop LN₂. LN₂ poured into LH₂ forms a turbulent jet with nucleate boiling. The jet front obtains a constant velocity after impact. Calculated for LN₂ into LH₂ is a Reynolds number of 1,800,000; a Weber number of 7.2; heat transfer coefficients varying from 5 to 34 kW/m²; bubble diameters of 3.0 to 5.0 mm, containing nitrogen nuclei of less than 1 mm diameters; concentrations of LN₂ of 0.15 molar, with mixture densities between 5.3 and 74.2 kg/m³, corresponding to mole fractions between 0.004 and 0.23 in the jet and 0.86 in the bubbles. Physical explosions, when LN₂ was poured into LH₂, did not occur.


Investigators at the NASA White Sands Test Facility (WSTF) are currently studying ways to determine the rate at which condensable products outgas from configured items in space-simulation chambers. The WSTF throughput test method can be used to measure this rate when the partial pressure of the condensable products is determined from quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) data. To test this concept, a prototype test system is being constructed that will consist of a high-vacuum chamber with an isothermal vessel and two or more QCMs. Preliminary tests completed at WSTF support the validity of this unique approach.


Scientists at the NASA White Sands Test Facility (WSTF) are investigating the relationship between pressure and condensation rates of outgassed materials. The validity of the WSTF throughput test method was previously tested at WSTF using palmitic acid. Data from these tests were compared to data from other preliminary tests using adipic and behinic acid. The comparison indicated that surface forces between outgassed molecules and the condensing surfaces can cause the condensaton flux to be different from the incident flux. They can also cause the evaporative flux, away from a surface, to be different from the expected value. These discrepancies are discussed in terms of both potential and dynamic interactions of outgassed molecules with surfaces.


The oxygen materials test experience background of the White Sands
Test Facility is discussed. The basic elements of combustion are reviewed (fire triangle, etc.). The process of selecting both metals and nonmetals for oxygen service is investigated. The importance of designing for contamination control as well as the need for institution and maintenance of rigorous cleaning programs is emphasized. Many pictorial examples of material, component, and system failures are provided.


Advancing technology is creating a demand for higher oxygen-use pressures and temperatures, which increase the risk of and damage caused by fire. Engineers who design oxygen systems must carefully test and select the metals and alloys to be used in those systems. At the NASA White Sands Test Facility, Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Company is working with NASA to develop four test systems that can be used to evaluate metals and alloys for use in oxygen systems. The frictional heating and the particle impact test systems simulate ignition sources that have caused fires in gaseous oxygen systems. The promoted ignition and flame propagation test systems simulate conditions that occur in oxygen systems once a fire has been started. Results from test programs using these systems have been used to improve the design of an oxygen flow control valve for the Space Shuttle and to aid in the design of engines for the orbital transfer vehicle. The four test systems are also being used to contribute significantly to scientific research. As a more complete understanding of the ignition and combustion is obtained, advances in the state of the art of metals and alloys used in oxygen systems will be made.
The Space Bioreactor Program was divided into three phases. Phase I was devoted to concept demonstration and utilized Mouse lymphocytes (strain L1210). Phase II was to be a transition and research phase in which an appropriate cell type for future work would be selected. It also was intended to be an ongoing effort that would continually feed information into a flight development program (Phase III). The targeted cell type for post-conceptual prototype and flight operations was an HEK strain which required substrate attachment for growth. Such cells are fragile and require sophisticated engineering and control techniques to provide an adequate environment for growth. The current bioreactor designs, known as laboratory test units (LTU's) incorporate some of the anticipated levels of sophistication but are still under development and are expected to become more autonomous with time. Several cell runs utilizing HEK cells on microcarriers have been completed in the LTU's. The results to date have been employed primarily to define improvements needed in the laboratory units.

In addition to its preventive duties, the SS Health Maintenance Facility (HMF) must prevent unnecessary rescues and improve survivability of the injured or seriously ill awaiting rescue, requiring a system of intravenous nutritional support for periods up to 28 days in a microgravity environment and meet projected metabolic needs of an ill crewmember. The technical status of aseptic fluid transfer systems, available energy substrates, and delivery hardware was surveyed. A prototype total parenteral nutrition (TPN) system was developed that can accommodate either central or peripheral intravenous access methods. This is accomplished by using a lyophilized glucose-amino acid mixture in a 3-4 liter capacity bag, reconstituted by adding varying amounts of sterile USP water generated onboard. This delivers a minimum of 30% over estimated basal metabolic requirements and utilizes a lipid emulsion for a portion of the delivered calories. A rehydratable TPN system for use in the Space Station HMF is feasible and could be implemented without major advances in TPN techniques.

Echocardiography obtained before, after, and during exposure to
microgravity and noninvasive estimation of central venous pressure (CVP) during weightlessness have provided quantitative insights into the human cardiovascular adaptation to microgravity. Right ventricular dimension was found to be 35% decreased throughout the period of weightlessness and returned to baseline after flight. Left ventricular end-diastolic volume index (LVDDVI) was 20% increased during weightlessness. After an 85% rise in cardiac index the first day, values returned to preflight levels for the duration of the mission. CVP estimated from the jugular vein stop flow pressure decreased progressively from preflight values for the first 3 days of microgravity and then reached a plateau. Recovery from 7 days in space appeared to require a week of re-exposure to Earth's gravity.


At the NASA Space Biomedical Research Institute's neurophysiology Laboratory, the motion sickness susceptibility tests used are the staircase velocity motion test (SVMT), coriolis sickness susceptibility index (CSSI), off vertical rotation (OVR), sudden stop test (SST), and the static chair during parabolic flight test. Recently acquired computing capability and accumulation of data from sufficient numbers of subjects has facilitated the empirical determination of values of reliability for some of these tests, presented here with a discussion of the implication of these values for space motion sickness research. Sufficient data exist to enable calculation of reliability values for the CSSI, SVMT and the static chair test during parabolic flight. Reliability values reported are of the test-retest type and were obtained by correlating scores for the same subjects in a test under equivalent conditions on two or more occasions.


This brief review summarizes our knowledge of space physiology as it relates to the cardiovascular system. Only actual flight information is utilized; no attempt is made to include the wealth of ground-based simulation data nor are areas remote to the cardiac system discussed. Gaps in current understanding are highlighted in a manner of suggested plans for future spaceflight investigations.


Physiological and biochemical changes that are documented to occur during space flight may influence the pharmacodynamics and therapeutics of drugs administered to crew members. Due to the lack of technical feasibility coupled with operational constraints of such studies during space flight, clinical drug monitoring in space remains an uninvestigated aspect of space medicine. Therefore, developing and testing simple, noninvasive sample collection methods and establishing
clinical pharmacokinetic profiles of some important drugs used during flight are important for successful space medical operations of the future. Efforts are focused on characterizing inflight pharmacokinetics of drugs such as acetaminophen and scopolamine whose kinetic profiles on the ground have been established using salivary concentrations. Preliminary results suggest that significant changes in the drug dynamics occur during flight.


Ascending preparative electrophoresis in conjunction with double antibody procedure (DAB) has been shown to be useful in purifying mouse intestinal intraepithelial lymphocytes and T splenocytes. To elucidate the mechanism of DAB on electrophoretic mobility, microelectrophoresis was performed. The mobility of human mononuclear cells and epithelial cells was reduced by 36-38% and mobility of human erythrocytes was reduced by 17%. When using cationized second antibody, mobility was reduced by 62-77%, while the use of cationized first antibody had no significant effect on the mobility. These results suggest that a second antibody is necessary to reach above the cell's glycocalyx. Furthermore, mobility of blood group A was reduced by 26% and blood group N was reduced by 31%. These results confirm that a second antibody is required when the antigen exists in the cell membrane while first antibody suffices to affect mobility when the antigen is in the glycocalyx.


A bioreactor is being developed that will, in microgravity, sustain a mammalian cell culture, allow studies of novel culture methods, and produce a crude isolate of medically-important proteins. The cells are cultured on 180μm Sephadex beads suspended in a nutrient medium. On Earth, the stirring required to suspend the beads also damages the cells. In space, less stirring is required, because the beads are weightless. Also under investigation are novel techniques for oxygenation. For example, air bubbles can be kept in the medium until a specified fraction of the oxygen has been used. The bioreactor is being designed to provide cells for biological studies in microgravity or to produce a crude isolate of proteins secreted from cells. In a complete space bioprocess, this protein isolate would be fed to a purification step such as the Continuous Flow Electrophoresis System, which has proved efficient in microgravity. In addition to the design concepts, results from tests of a prototype space bioreactor will be presented.

9. Damron, Kevin; Lewis, Marian L. (Technology, Incorporated); Barlow, Grant H. (Michael Reese Research Foundation); Morrison, Dennis R. (JSC): Comparison of Fibrinolytic and Chromogenic Methods for the
Assay of Plasminogen Activators in Culture Medium From Kidney Cell Subpopulations. Presented at the 8th International Congress on Fibrinolysis, August 24-29, 1986, Vienna, Austria.

Plasminogen activator (PA) in serum free conditioned medium (CM) from electrophoretically separated subpopulations of human kidney cells was tested for activity by fibrin plate lysis (FPL), amidolytic assays (S-2444), tissue PA (t-PA) ELISA, and a micro-clot lysis (MCLA). For comparison of PA production by ESS, we have shown that a battery of assays must be employed to define the several expressions of the activators. Some ESS tested by S2444 and MCLA produced similar PA activity, yet higher activity by FPL. S2444 and MCLA did not measure single chain urokinase like PA (scu-PA) which may have affected FPL. Scu-PA is measureable by preincubation of CM with plasmin and subsequent test by S-2444. FPL does not define contributions of scu-PA nor active t-PA and is less sensitive to plasmin inhibitor found in samples in which MCLA values were 2-4 times lower. MCLA measures active urokinase plus some of the scu-PA in samples.


Standard clinical laboratory methods for the enumeration of reticulocytes in peripheral blood involve staining of blood smears with a supravital stain. Flow cytometry, coupled with Pyronin Y, an RNA specific fluorescent stain, allows rapid identification of subpopulations of reticulocytes in large numbers of cells. The stability of the stain and reproducibility of the procedure were tested in multiple subjects. The method offers an alternative to currently used manual reticulocyte counting techniques. Utilization of fixed cells provides a method whereby blood samples taken during space flight can be analyzed.


Onboard each Shuttle mission, there are one or more evacuated cylinders in which are collected instantaneous whole gas grab samples of the atmosphere. Multiple samples are collected at the beginning, middle, and end of the mission. Recently, a new and improved method of continuously sampling the Orbiter atmosphere, called the solid sorbent air sampler, has been developed and flown. It is capable of compositing samples on a 24 hour basis for 8 days, requires no spacecraft utilities, and is of minimal size and weight. Both of the above sampling procedures result in samples which must be analyzed in the laboratory. A project has been initiated to develop an onboard inflight analyzer that is capable of both sampling and analyzing the atmosphere on a real time basis. A maximum of 96 compounds have been identified in the cylinder samples collected during the first 20 Shuttle missions. The solid sorbent air sampler has flown 3 times to date with over 45 trace level compounds detected. Toxicological assessment of the analytical data derived from the air samples collected during
Shuttle mission indicates that the limits of spacecraft maximum allowable concentrations for volatile compounds have not been exceeded.


The solid sorbent air sampler was used to collect composited air samples from the Orbiter middeck atmosphere during the STS 51-B mission. Atmospheric samples were continuously collected from the Orbiter forward middeck area by flowing air through the sampler at a rate of 2.9 liters per 24 hour period. The solid sorbent material, Tenax, was contained in eight glass lined stainless steel tubes within the sampler. An individual tube was assigned to each 24 hour collection period. Following the mission, the solid sorbent air sampler was returned to the JSC Toxicology Laboratory for desorption and analysis by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. A total of 47 different trace gas contaminants were found in one or more of the Tenax tubes of the sampler. All contaminants were well below their respective spacecraft maximum allowable concentrations. A composite record of all volatiles that were present over each 24 hour sampling period was obtained. The method was sensitive enough to permit quantitative identification of each contaminant.


The purpose of the present study was to examine changes in cardiac and respiratory activity in response to varying levels of time pressure (TP), and to examine the predictability of cardiac responses from changes in specific parameters of the breathing pattern by means of a version of the Stroop color-word conflict test. Results indicated that cardiac and respiratory activity were substantially affected by task performance. Heart rate (HR), heart rate variance (HRV), respiratory rate (RR), inspiratory volume (IVL), inspiratory flow rate (IFR), expiratory time (ET), and expiratory flow rate (EFR) measures changed significantly from baseline to trial. Analyses of variance revealed a significant increase from baseline to trial in HR, RR, IFR and EFR, whereas HRV, IVL, and ET decreased significantly. Although these responses did not differ for the two levels of time pressure, the magnitude of responses from baseline to trial was generally greater (by approximately 50%) in the high TP condition than the low TP condition. Inspiratory flow rate predicted HR, and ET predicted HRV. The data support the general contention that a number of specific components of the breathing pattern along with cardiac variables are substantially affected by task performance, and that certain respiratory parameters may be predictive of cardiac responses.


The metabolic rates during the EASE/ACCESS EVA's of flight STS 61-B are compared with the rates previously recorded during Apollo, Skylab, and Shuttle EVA's. These biomedical data are based on heart rates and oxygen utilization, as well as crew comments. Although metabolic rates can be estimated from heart rate data compared to that recorded during 1-g training, oxygen consumption is a better measurement of actual metabolic energy expended during EVA. Earlier Shuttle EVA's provided us with only one or two readings on the oxygen utilization, but starting with the 61-B mission we have the oxygen data which is time correlated with most of the individual tasks. The average metabolic rate in the Apollo EVA's was 235.1 Kcal/hr (940.4 BUT/hr) and Skylab EVA's averaged 238.4 Kcal/hr (953.6 BTU/hr). Shuttle EVA's show a significantly lower average metabolic rate - 199.38 Kcal/hr (797.52 BTU/hr). Averaging both crewmembers together for the EASE/ACCESS EVA's gives us values of 231.5 Kcal/hr (926 BTU/hr) for the first EVA and 199.5 Kcal/hr (798 BTU/hr) for the second EVA.


In planning for Space Station cabin and suit pressures, it is desirable to establish a procedure which will have a low probability of eliciting intravascular bubbles or symptoms of decompression sickness. The results reported here provide the basis for an evaluation of decompression approximately equivalent to a sea-level cabin and a 9.5 psi suit. Twenty nine human volunteer subjects, selected by age and body fat content similar to the astronaut population, breathed 100% O2 for 2 hours before decompression in an altitude chamber to an atmosphere of 10.2 psi (28% O2, 72% N2). They remained at 10.2 psi, breathing that atmosphere for 24 hours, to assure complete equilibration to the lower nitrogen tension. Then a second decompression to 6 psi (60% O2, 40% N2) enabled them to perform a 6-hour exercise period at metabolic levels similar to those of actual extravehicular activities in space. Precordial doppler monitoring was done every 16 minutes. Of the 29 exposures, there were 3 instances of intravascular bubbles and 1 possible case of mild limb bends. No other symptoms were reported. Exposure to this 6 psi atmosphere with EVA-level of exercise after equilibration in the above described 10.2 psi atmosphere has a very low probability of eliciting intravascular bubbles or symptoms of decompression sickness in this population of subjects.

16. Hunter, Norwood R. (Northrop Services); Greenberg, S. Donald (Baylor College of Medicine); Taylor, Gerald R. (JSC); Swank, Paul R. (Technology, Incorporated); Trahan, Elizabeth B.; Montalvo, Jorge G.; Spjut, Harlan J.; and Estrada, Rolando (Baylor College of Medicine): A Comparison of Cell Atypia Profiles From Squamous and Nonsquamous Lung Cancers. Presented at the 5th International Conference on Automation of Diagnostic Cytology and Histology, May 30, 1986, Brussels, Belgium.

To investigate the possibility that the pattern of bronchial dyspla-
Atypia Status Index (ASI) was determined for each of 200 randomly-selected atypical bronchial epithelial cells per subject. We have previously described our ASI as a value determined from the features of the digitized image of each atypical bronchial epithelial cell which represents the level of atypia in numerical terms. The distribution of ASI values for each sample of 200 atypical cells is called a Cell Atypia Profile (CAP). CAP's were obtained and compared for squamous and nonsquamous cancers of the lung. Preliminary results show that CAP's from nonsquamous cancers have distributions skewed toward the least atypical end of the ASI scale while CAP's from squamous cancers show distributions skewed toward the most atypical end of the ASI scale. This indicates that the histogenesis of nonsquamous cancers of the lung may be different from that of squamous cancer of the lung.


Using a Mars trip as a model, the following flight medicine considerations peculiar to a long duration space trip will be discussed: (1) long term health prediction techniques, (2) readaptation to gravity, (3) sensory defects of aging, (4) bone and muscle atrophy prevention, (5) EVA Cardiac electrical instability, (6) generalized atrophy of tissue cells, (7) malignant tumors, (8) infectious diseases, (9) space radiation effects on carcinogenesis, (10) delayed immunity impairment, (11) partial artificial gravity, and (12) solving the space adaptation syndrome.


Based on preliminary suggestions that individual differences in susceptibility to stressful motion might be related to physiological differences in responses of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, we tested the efficacy of dexamethasone and metyrapone in subjects exposed to cross-coupled accelerative semicircular canal stimulation on a rotating chair. Subjects given 0.5 mg of dexamethasone every 6 h for 48 h could endure 80% more stressful motion (P=0.03) in a within-subjects design study, whereas no improvement followed treatment with 750 mg of metyrapone every 4 h for 24 h. The efficacy of dexamethasone might be explained in terms of its neurochemical actions on several neurotransmitter systems which are also modulated by such classical antimotion sickness drugs as amphetamine and scopolamine. Because dexamethasone induces adaptive changes within the central nervous system it may prove superior to scopolamine and amphetamine, which possess significant side effects, are short acting, and rapidly tolerated.


Metoclopramide (Reglan) was orally administered (10 or 20 mg) to 22
subjects, 75 minutes before stressful linear acceleration induced by parabolic flight maneuvers on a KC-135 aircraft. Serum levels of adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) and arginine vasopressin (AVP) were not significantly altered by drug treatment alone, at either dose. Metoclopramide was ineffective in modulating the incidence of emesis induced by parabolic flight as reported elsewhere. These findings are consistent with the suggestion of Rowe et al. (1979) that the presence of nausea is correlated with AVP release. Inhibition of AVP release mediated by the headward fluid shifts occurring during parabolic flight and during sustained microgravity might account for the present findings and the reports by astronauts of episodes of vomiting without emesis.

20. Kohl, Randall Lee (Universities Space Research Association): Failure of Metoclopramide (M) to Prevent Motion Sickness During Parabolic Flight (PF) or on the Rotating Chair. Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 57, No. 5, 1986.

Metoclopramide (M) at doses of 10 to 20 mg was given 75 min prior to provocative PF and coriolis stimulation in the rotating chair. Subjects undergoing 40 PF maneuvers were taken to an endpoint of emesis; nausea II marked the point at which the rotating chair was stopped. A majority of subjects (63%) experience minimal symptoms during PF, however, those showing emetic responses do so reproducibly and despite the presence of M. Motion sickness may be overriding any therapeutic action of M on GI functioning or the chemotrigger zone.


Terrestrial motion sickness is prevented by sympathomimetic, anticholinergic, antihistaminergic, and glucocorticoid drugs, but not by specific peripherally acting antihistamines or agents facilitating gastric emptying. Although the etiology of terrestrial or space motion sickness remains unknown, several theories have been advanced to account for the therapeutic benefits of these drugs and suggest possible physiologic mechanisms in the malady. The poster presentation reviews the evidence for these mechanisms, presents data on the antimotion sickness efficacy of methamphetamine, methylphenidate, pemoline, phendimetrazine, phentermine, astemizole, dexamethasone, metyrapone, metoclopramide, and gives preliminary results on the efficacy of thyrotropic releasing hormone, scopolamine plus amphetamine, and doxepin. Discussion focuses on endocrine and autonomic manifestations of motion sickness, roles these responses play in either the etiology or resolution of the malady, and on the existence of specific biochemical profiles which may characterize an individual's susceptibility or adaptability.


Sympathomimetic agents are frequent components in antimotion-sick-
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ness drug combinations because of their usefulness in counteracting the sedation caused by stressful motion or resulting from the administration of other antimotion-sickness drugs. The noradrenergic neurochemistry of the brain's arousal-attentional systems prompted us to evaluate the efficacy of five new sympathomimetic drugs and to further define the role of arousal in susceptibility to motion. Subjects were orally administered methamphetamine (20 mg), phenmetrazine (25 mg), phentermine (37.5 mg), methylphenidate (20 mg), or pemoline (75 mg) 2 h prior to taking a Staircase Profile Test. All of the drugs increased resistance to stressful coriolis stimulation by 80-120%. Methylphenidate and pemoline showed fewer side effects. These findings, interpreted in conjunction with the documented inefficacy of most anticholinergic and antihistaminergic drugs tested to date, suggest that sympathomimetic drugs or a generalized state of arousal can inhibit the development of motion sickness.

23. Krebs, Jean M. (Technology, Incorporated); Schneider, V.; Cintron, Nitza, M. (JSC); LeBlanc, Adrian (Technology, Incorporated); Kuo, C. M. (Northrop Services); Johnson, Philip C.; and Leach, Carolyn (JSC): The Effect of Bed Rest and Fluoride Supplementation on Copper, Zinc and Alkaline Phosphatase Levels in Healthy Males. Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Annual Meeting, April 1986, St. Louis, Missouri.

We previously reported that bed rest decreased zinc (Zn) balance and increased serum Zn levels and that 10 mg fluoride (F)/d supplementation increased Zn balance in 9 healthy males. This study has been expanded to include fecal copper (Cu) excretion, serum Cu levels and alkaline phosphatase levels because these may be important to bone formation. Twelve healthy males (ages 19-44) remained on a metabolic research ward for 10 weeks. During weeks 1-5 subjects were ambulatory, and during weeks 6-10 subjects remained in continuous bed rest. Six subjects received 10 or 20 mg F/d during weeks 3-10. Weekly fecal composites were made, and biweekly fasting serum samples were taken. Dietary intakes of Cu and Zn were 1.45 and 10.36 mg/d, respectively. Alkaline phosphatase levels increased with F supplementation (p<0.05). Fecal Cu excretion (0.97±0.06 mg/d) and serum Cu concentrations (1.12±0.10 mg/l) were not changed by bed rest or F supplementation, whereas the changes in Zn balance and serum Zn levels previously reported were confirmed. These results are compatible with increased bone resorption during bed rest and increased bone formation with F supplementation.


Space motion sickness is only one component of the larger multifactorial problem of space adaptation syndrome (SAS). The conditions of spaceflight and habitation in space consequent to Space Station tours and Mars voyages necessitates the understanding of SAS and the physiological mechanisms evoked by this response. Minimizing mal-adaptive physiological responses while enhancing those mechanisms which appropriately cope with the gravitoinertial conditions of spaceflight will require an intimate knowledge of the physiology of manned spaceflight and the adaptive process in order to best utilize, for the purpose of
minimizing space motion sickness, those homeostatic mechanisms inherent in the physiology of man.

Magnetic resonance imaging is being used to investigate physiological changes induced by microgravity. Using human (bed rest) and animal (tail suspension) models simulating zero gravity, muscle atrophy was studied. Despite significant physiological changes in muscle mass, distribution of blood flow, and muscle water, no changes in muscle proton relaxation times were found at several different resonant frequencies (6, 10, 20, 200 MHz). These results suggest that observed changes in relaxation times as reported in pathological studies is likely due to the pathological changes and not the accompanying muscle atrophy.

This report describes experience in maintaining human kidney cells attached to Cytodex 3 microcarrier beads in the ground based laboratory test unit (LTU) bioreactor. These normal diploid cells were initially grown to semi-confluence on beads in static petri plate cultures. Before inoculation into the LTU, growth medium was replaced with serum-free maintenance medium. Factors affecting cell survival including cell handling, seeding density, occult system toxicity and effect of deceased cell lysate were evaluated. The loss of cells within the first 12 hours appeared to be directly related to preloading cell handling procedures and to vessel spin rate. Assay for secreted urokinase and t-PA confirmed that production levels in the LTU were detectable by 24 hours. These ground based evaluations are preliminary to the cell biology flight experiments planned for the space model bioreactor.

27. Lewis, Marian L. (Technology, Incorporated); Barlow, Grant H. (Michael Reese Research Foundation); Damron, Kevin L. (Technology, Incorporated); and Morrison, Dennis R. (JSC): Activation of scu-PA In Human Kidney Cell Culture Medium: Detection By Micro-Clot Lysis and Chromogenic Assay. Presented at the 8th International Congress on Fibrinolysis, August 24-29, 1986, Vienna, Austria.
Conditioned medium (CM) from some human kidney cell cultures showed three to ten times higher activity in fibrin plate lysis (FPL) assays compared to micro-clot lysis (MCLA) and S2444 assays. To determine if scu-PA contributed to these differences, CM, samples and a purified preparation of scu-PA were preincubated with plasmin. Peak activation detected by S2444 occurred after 2.5 hours with plasmin at 3.2 ug/ml. High concentrations of plasmin induced a burst of activity in the first 15 minutes. In the MCLA, an activation lag phase was observed. The activity increase after 15 minutes preincubation with plasmin was 10% for scu-PA and 20% for CM.

28. Lewis, Marian L.; Damron, Kevin L. (Technology, Incorporated);

On Space Shuttle flight 8 (STS-8), human kidney cells were separated in duplicate runs, designated Run 3 and 4, on the McDonnell Douglas continuous flow electrophoresis system (CFES). Postflight, subpopulations were cultured and assayed for urokinase (UK) and tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA) production. Separation profiles showed cells in 34 and 37 fractions in the two runs. In the ground control, cells were separated in 45 fractions. An apparent enhancement of resolution was achieved on STS-8 compared to the ground control. Substantial cell numbers were found over most of the range, 28-34 fractions, in-flight and over only 14 mid-range fractions in the ground control separation. A battery of fibrinolytic and chromogenic assays for UK showed good reproducibility of separation of functionally similar cells in the two flight experiments. High UK producer cells were found within the same two or three fractions in the mid-mobility range for both flight and ground control. An enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for t-PA showed the highest t-PA producing fractions in the very high mobility range in both flight separations and in the mid-mobility range in the ground control.


Recently we have applied the stepwise Bayesian linear discriminant analysis procedure to a large non-astronaut motion sickness data base in an attempt to develop and cross validate a set of linear equations that can optimally predict the tested subjects' susceptibility to motion sickness in KC-135 parabolic flights. In this study we restricted our attention to the development of alternative prediction procedures. The logistic model, the most promising procedure among those alternatives proposed, differs from the other procedures in that it deals with criterion variables taking only values 0 and 1 (e.g., sick and nonsick), and that it assumes nonlinear relationships between the criterion variables and the predictors. As an alternative procedure, the logistic model will be applied to the same data set used in the discriminant analysis procedure. The prediction results from this alternative procedure will then be compared with those of the discriminant analysis procedure. In the predictions of sick or nonsick, and of vomit or nonvomit, a single-equation logistic model will be used. In the predictions of low, moderate, or high susceptibility, a two-equation logistic model will be used. Three parameter estimation methods (least squares, maximum likelihood, and Bayesian) and two iteration methods (Gauss-Newton, and Davidon) will be examined with the above logistic models. The logistic model should be able to improve the above predictabilities of the tested subjects' susceptibilities to motion sickness in KC-135 parabolic flights, if the relationships between the criterion variables and the predictors are in fact nonlinear.

The Medical Sciences Division at Johnson Space Center is in the early stages of requirements and systems definition for a modular inflight medical system known as the Space Station Health Maintenance Facility (HMF) which will provide preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic capabilities. The goals of the HMF are to ensure the health and safety of the crew, prevent an unnecessary rescue, and increase the probability of success of a necessary rescue. HMF requirements derive from the operational constraints such as weightlessness, previous inflight medical experiences, and the projected "risk" of medical/surgical contingencies. The unique challenge of providing medical coverage for Space Station requires the development of low weight, low volume, highly automated medical hardware having wide application to terrestrial medical care.


Several commercially available clinical diagnostics instruments have been identified as possible candidates for use in the Space Station Health Maintenance Facility, including the Kodak DT60 (with attached DTE Module), the Boehringer Mannheim Diagnostic (BMD) Reflotron, and the Clay Adams QBC, all desktop instruments weighing less than 20 kilograms each. An engineering evaluation was performed on each instrument to determine its compatibility with the microgravity environment. All gravity dependent aspects were identified and eliminated by modification of the instruments. The instruments were then operated on the KC-135 parabolic flight during which approximately 30 sec/cycle of microgravity was available for testing. Through 40 parabolic cycles of operation, all instruments functioned properly.

32. Meehan, Richard T.; Bost, Kenneth; Neale, Laureen S.; Duncan, Ulric; Walsh, Pat (University of Texas Medical Branch); Taylor, Gerald R. (JSC); and Blalock, Ed: ACTH and Endorphin Receptors on Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells. Presented at the 5th International Conference on Automation of Diagnostic Cytology and Histology, May 30, 1986, Brussels, Belgium.

Neuropeptide receptor positive cells from 50 subjects were identified by indirect immunofluorescence with monospecific antiserum against immunoaffinity purified ACTH and endorphin receptors by single and simultaneous multiparameter flow cytometry analysis. No diurnal variation was observed among 5 donors between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily for 5 days (13±1% vs. 12±2% for ACTHr and 17±1% vs. 17±1% for ENDOr positive cells). The percentage of unfractionated cells bearing ACTH and endorphin receptors in 4 donors was reduced by SRBC rosetting from 19±4% to 4.4±4% for ACTHr and 23±5% to 6±3% for ENDOr, whereas the monocyte and B cell fraction was increased to 24±4% ACTHr and 25±15% for ENDOr. This study indicates that ACTH and endorphin receptor positive peripheral blood mononuclear cells in humans exhibit
minimal diurnal variation and are expressed primarily on monocytes and B cells, but also on some T helper/inducer and T suppressor/cytotoxic cell populations.


Experiments on six flights of the Space Shuttle demonstrated advantages for electrokinetic separations performed in microgravity. A continuous flow electrophoresis (CFE) operated in microgravity can separate up to 700 times more protein per unit time than on Earth. The use of space electrophoresis, recirculating isoelectric focusing, and counter current distribution techniques are now being used to purify enzymes, hormones, and many cell types which secrete protein products. Kidney cells which produce urokinase and tissue-plasminogen activator, pituitary cells producing growth hormone, pancreatic beta cells and hybridoma cells have all been purified using these techniques. Recent space experiments have shown that cells attach 20-50% more readily to microcarriers, lymphocyte response to mitogens is reduced over 90%, release of growth hormone from pituitary cells is 60-70% less, bacterial replication is increased 3-4X, bacterial resistance to antibiotics is increased, and transfer of bacterial DNA is faster in microgravity. These all suggest that microgravity has a direct affect on certain cell functions and can provide unique insight into fundamental biodynamics.


NASA is developing unique bioreactors to culture mammalian cells in microgravity for space biology experiments and production of biological products. The first space bioreactor has been designed for microprocessor control, no gaseous headspace, circulation and resupply of culture medium, and slow mixing in very low shear regimes. Flight experiments will verify systems operation under microgravity conditions and measure the efficiencies of mass transport, gas transfer, oxygen consumption and control of low shear stress on human cells attached to microcarrier beads. Recent flight experiments have suggested major alterations to in vitro cell function and secretion under microgravity conditions. Experiments are investigating the altered response of T-lymphocytes to PHA mitogens and observation of changes in growth hormone secretions by pituitary cells. The threshold for biophysical effects of shear forces, pulsed flow, and other parameters are also being studied. New methods are being considered to study dynamic cellular systems which may be altered when living cells are suspended in microgravity or extended periods of time.


Bioprocessing experiments on six recent flights of the Space Shuttle
demonstrated enhanced separation of living cells and their secretory products. Continuous flow electrophoresis system (CFES) operated in microgravity can separate up to 700 times more protein per unit than on Earth. Medically important proteins include erthropoietin, urokinase, and interferon. CFES also was used to isolate specific subgroups of kidney cells which produce urokinase, subgroups of pituitary cells that secrete growth hormone, and subgroups of pancreatic cells which secrete insulin. Space experiments using recirculating isoelectric focusing and other separation techniques are being developed along with a space bioreactor for microcarrier culture of human cells.


Growth Hormone (GH) producing cells from the rat pituitary flown on SL-3 were found to contain more intracellular GH but released less GH in culture. After transplantation into hypophysectomized rats, flight cells released only 50% of the GH into the recipient host compared to control cells. LC fractionation of culture media showed that flight cells did not release a high molecular weight GH variant that enriched in bioactivity. On STS-8, pituitary cells released 1/20 the amount of GH in vitro released on Earth in ground-based controls. Data to date implicate a direct microgravity-induced defect in GH secretion which may in turn be related to muscle and bone changes seen on the SL-3 rats.


On STS-7 and STS-8, human kidney cells were transported in special syringes and culture chambers to study the efficiency of harvesting cells from microcarrier beads and to determine if anchorage dependent cells could attach to microcarriers after mixing in micro-G. Attachment to Cytodex-3 microcarriers was studied at ambient cabin temperature (26°C). By 48 hours 37% of the beads had cells attached; however, cell proliferation rates could not be determined accurately. Experiments on STS-8 at 37°C showed that within 2.5 hours after mixing, 92% of single cells were attached to beads, compared to 40% in the ground controls, and cell proliferation was normal over 24 hours.


Peripheral blood mononuclear cells were obtained from 7 subjects at sea level (SL), and at hypobarically-simulated altitudes of 7,500 ft (ALT 1) and 25,000 ft (ALT 2) during a 7-week decompression chamber study (Operation Everest II). Circulating leukocyte subpopulations were identified by flow cytometry using fluoresceinated monoclonal antibodies. In vitro pokeweed mitogen (PWM) and phytohemagglutinin
(PHA) stimulated cell populations were evaluated for \(^{35}\text{S}\) Methionine incorporation at 24 hours, tritiated Thymidine uptake at 72 hours, and NK cytotoxicity at 24 hours by \(^{51}\text{Cr}\) released from K562 cells. Under the most stressing condition, an increase in the percentage of monocytes (9±1% SL vs. 19±3% ALT 2) was observed, although percentages of T helper/inducer, T suppressor/cytotoxic, and B cells remained constant in the peripheral circulation. NK cytotoxicity was unimpaired in 6 of 7 subjects at ALT 2 despite reduced PHA (but not PWM) stimulated protein synthesis at 24 hours and reduced blastogenesis at 72 hours. This study indicates that hypoxia may impair host resistance in humans by inducing immunoregulatory abnormalities such as an increase in monocytes in the peripheral circulation and a decrease in the ability of lymphocytes to respond to mitogenic challenge.


Current investigation is aimed at evaluating the pharmacokinetic application of salivary concentration profiles of acetaminophen. Following oral administration of 650mg acetaminophen to five normal subjects, salivary drug levels of acetaminophen were identical to those of plasma with an S/P ratio of 1 and a correlation coefficient greater than 0.9 during all phases of drug disposition. Absorption rate constants and elimination half-lives calculated from plasma and saliva profiles ranged between 3.5 to 4.6 h\(^{-1}\) and 1.8 to 2.1 h respectively. Area under the curve for plasma and saliva (37±16 and 38±15 ug.h/ml respectively) were also in close agreement. These results indicate that salivary concentration profiles of acetaminophen can be successfully employed for therapeutic monitoring as well as for pharmacokinetic and bioavailability estimations of the drug.


The H-reflex, measured inflight, was recorded along with vestibulo-spinal EMG from the gastrocnemius and self-motion reports were obtained in response to a sudden earth vertical fall. Preflight, inflight and postflight motion sickness reports were also recorded, and related to the H-reflex data. The results indicated that early inflight H-reflex amplitude was similar to that recorded preflight, but that measurements obtained later in the flight (day seven) did not show a change in potentiation as a function of the different drop to shock intervals. Immediate postflight H-reflex response in three of the four astronauts tested showed a rebound effect. Postflight gastrocnemius EMG in response to the sudden fall did not show a significant change from preflight values. However, one crewman who was tested early postflight did show an increase in EMG activity in response to the sudden fall. This immediate postflight effect returned to baseline rapidly. Self-motion perception obtained inflight suggested that the early inflight drops were perceived like those pre-
flight. Drops later inflight were described as sudden, fast, hard and translational in nature. Immediately postflight the drops were perceived as those late inflight, and the astronauts said that they did not feel as though they were falling, rather that the floor came up to meet them. Post hoc H-reflex amplitude, both preflight and postflight, was related to inflight space motion sickness.


Counterrolling of the eyes with the neck flexed at tilts of 0, 15, 30 and 60 degrees relative to the trunk was measured both CW and CCW in 6 astronauts using the flash after-image method. A neck brace requiring whole body tilt was used as control. Measurements were made on the first day in flight, and followed with measurements on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th days of flight. A minimum of 3 measurements were obtained at each day of the flight. Both tilt angle and target displacement were counterbalanced. Results from Shuttle flights 61-C, 61-E, will be discussed. It is hypothesized that the normal otolith induced torsional eye movement will be absent early in the flights due to the loss of a directional gravity gradient. As the flight progresses, neck receptor information will replace otolith input and counterrolling will be present.

42. Santy, Patricia A.: On Being a Psychiatrist and Flight Surgeon at NASA. Presented at the LAC/USC Medical Center, October 14, 1986.


The combination of unique characteristics associated with space flight, closed environments, and the planned Space Station presents special disinfection problems for life support system designers. For design purposes, the Space Station will have a 90 day tour of duty, an unlimited useful hardware lifetime, and a 28 day time to rescue. Because of the isolated nature of this closed environment, the indefinite length of occupancy, and potential for microbial proliferation, provisions must be made for maintenance, monitoring, and restoration of sanitary conditions inflight without the aid of ground intervention. Areas of specific need are internal cabin surfaces, cabin atmosphere (normal deposition mechanisms are absent), water systems, waste management and personal hygiene systems, food systems, and filter and adsorbant beds. Specific requirements and related disinfection options are described in detail.

Several years ago, an integrated waste and water management system was developed under a joint Atomic Energy Commission, Air Force, and NASA. The system utilized distillation and catalytic oxidation processes for purifying waste water and microbial digestion and incineration for waste solids disposal. The system successfully operated for 200 days continuously handling a 4-man equivalent of urine, feces, wash water, condensate, and trash. This system was reviewed for applicability, updating, and possible synergism with other life support systems. This paper discusses the synergistic aspects of thermal integration, commonality of design, and new technology applied to advanced life support systems.


The inflight digitizing facility (IDF), which may be operational in as many as 3 of 4 Space Station habitation modules, supports the Health Maintenance Facility (HMF), where imaging will be used for clinical analyses such as microbial identification, echocardiology, blood cell differentials, urine sediment analysis, and fundoscopy. An IDF will also support the Human Research Facility (HRF) with the above capabilities plus other special activities for plant, animal, and human research. A third IDF may also be used in the materials processing module to evaluate activities such as crystal growth and cell development or to detect morphological alterations. Data will be collected, displayed, analyzed, and stored in orbit. In addition, digital data will be relayed to ground laboratories for processing. Subsequently, experts will be able to communicate with Space Station personnel for continued data collection and inflight analysis.


The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of extended O2 prebreathe on symptom and bubble incidence during decompressions simulating extravehicular activity. Venous bubbles were detected in 18 of 38 subjects decompressed after a 6 hour prebreathe. Four of these subjects reported symptoms of altitude decompression sickness. No symptoms or bubbles were detected in eight subjects who had prebreathed 8 hours. The incidence of symptoms and bubbles when combined with prior data on 3.5 and 4.0 prebreathes showed an inverse correlation to prebreathe time. The incidence of symptoms was higher than has been reported exposing subjects to decompression of shorter duration with less activity.

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Retrospective studies have suggested a greater susceptibility to altitude decompression sickness in females. In recent tests females have been included in test protocols investigating altitude decompression sickness. This paper reports on the incidence of symptoms and bubbles in these tests as a function of the sex of the subject. In the combined studies with 67 exposures, there was a total incidence of mild symptoms of decompression sickness of 8% and of venous gas bubbles of 21%. For male subjects the incidences were 6% symptoms and 23% bubbles; for female subjects the incidences were 9% symptoms and 18% bubbles. There was no statistical difference in the incidence of symptoms or venous gas bubbles between males and females.


Reevaluation of the data from Skylab Medical Experiment M171 reveals a statistically significant inflight elevation of the respiratory quotient of approximately five percent over preflight and postflight values. The source of the RQ increase might be dietary because the calculated RQ from space food is .967 compared to .83 of the normal terrestrial diet. The inflight RQ may be affected by the residual iodine bactericide present in the potable water, or may be a manifestation of abnormal thyroid functions. Thyroid stimulating hormone levels (TSH) were elevated for at least 14 days postflight, though thyroxine levels increased only slightly, and triiodothyronine (T3) remained constant. Ground tests could be devised which could isolate the source of RQ elevation.
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   A Landsat multispectral scanner and multitemporal classification approach based on three features derived from the greenness profile has proved very effective in separating and identifying corn, soybeans, and other ground cover classes in the United States. The objective of this study is to investigate the separation of summer crops in Argentina, using the same greenness profile features that have proved effective in the U.S. corn belt. The area chosen for this study is a much more complex cropping practice area in the northwest corner of Buenos Aires province in Pampa Humeda, where corn, soybean, sorghum, sunflower, and pastures are cultivated. It is shown that the profile features can provide very effective separation, except in the case of corn from sorghum. Separation between corn and soybeans was found to be greater than in the U.S. This study suggests that the automatic, unsupervised classification approach developed in the U.S. can be used for summer crop area estimation in Argentina with relatively minor modification.


   The key role of vegetation in the global carbon cycle is clearly demonstrated by the semiannual variations of the carbon dioxide concentration in a given hemisphere. The primary variables of interest are the net primary productivity and the biomass on a global scale, and the key to their estimation is the leaf-area index (LAI). A global determination of the LAI is practical only with remote sensing satellite systems. A hierarchical approach to obtaining a LAI map of deciduous boreal forests, which contain a significant part of the total global carbon reservoir, using satellite data is presented. The results show that it is very important to understand the nature of the basic physical interaction of solar radiation with canopy biophysical characteristics, if meaningful estimates of these variables are to be made. This understanding has been achieved using ground, helicopter, and aircraft measurements made very near the area covered by the Landsat satellite.

Returned surfaces of the MEB thermal blanket from the Solar Max Satellite offer an opportunity to examine debris and micrometeoroids in the near-Earth environment. Impact features are craters (up to 140µm in diameter) and penetration holes (0.80-500µm). The craters have generally smooth, raised, and overturned rims and textured interiors. The holes have almost identical, overturned rims on front and back sides of layer 1 suggestive of hypervelocity impact. Beneath a hole on layer 2, a spray pattern of pits and small holes or a textured surface is generally present. When a projectile penetrated layer 2, the holes are typically irregular. Many particles associated with impact features are projectile residue. Micrometeorite residue is present in 12 out of 39 impact features. The remaining impact features contain particles which show a combination of Ti, Si, Zn, K and Cl. Except for Cl, this combination of elements is consistent with known spacecraft paint pigments. Paint particles in 19 impact features suggest that these features may have been formed by orbiting paint impacts.


During an ore mineralogy study of the DeLamar Silver Mine in Owyhee County, Idaho, polybasite was found to contain up to 7.8 wt% Se. Compositional and crystallographic data were critically evaluated and augmented with new microprobe and XRD data. Polybasite exists as a fully disordered monoclinic cell, with approximate cell dimensions of a=13, b=7.5, c=12A, and β=90.0°, called the 1-1-1 cell, an intermediate 2-2-1 cell, and a doubled, fully ordered 2-2-2 cell. The 2-2-1 cell is predominant at the DeLamar Silver Mine. The unit cell dimensions of polybasite increase regularly with increasing amounts of Se. The intermediate 2-2-1 polybasite cell is stable over the entire compositional range examined in this study. In contrast, the fundamental 1-1-1 cell was found only in polybasites with 6.36 wt% or greater Se, and the fully doubled 2-2-2 cell was only encountered for polybasites containing no Se. Two explanations for this are that (1) the polybasite containing high Se cooled quickly, quenching the high temperature
disordered 1-1-1 and intermediate 2-2-1 polybasite cells, or (2) the presence of Se in polybasite inhibits full ordering to the 2-2-2 cell.

A triennial publication of facts and opinions regarding lunar sample study, lunar geochemical orbiter, and lunar base activities.

Mars sample return represents a second-in-a-civilization opportunity to reap rich scientific rewards from ambitious space missions which return samples from another solar system body. As we have learned more about the red planet, our scientific questions have become better defined but far more numerous. Viking showed us that life on Mars is extremely unlikely, but were there ever lifeforms there? There is clear evidence for flowing water on the surface of the planet, but where is that water now? Mars has been a hot and volcanically active planet; when did it run out of heat and become inactive? Its atmosphere is very thin yet highly evolved; what has happened to the atmosphere? Mars has geologic features that are unique in our solar system such as the 26 km high Olympus Mons, the 7 km deep Valles Marineris and the curious cratered and smooth plain terranes. What planetary processes have presented us with this Martian puzzle? The answers to many of these questions can be found in the careful study of samples from the Martian surface.

This discussion centers on three areas of interaction of the Space Station with ambitious planetary missions: staging and launching from Space Station, recovery of the returning spacecraft and samples to Space Station, on-orbit sample examination and quarantine at Space Station. Advantages and disadvantages of the role of Space Station in each of these situations are discussed and potential design issues and requirements for Space Station planning are identified. Sample return missions are highlighted in this discussion because they are among the most ambitious missions and place the most severe requirements on the Space Station.


We utilized various three-element correlation plots to examine sev-
eral possible explanations for the volatiles in Venus' atmosphere e.g., solar-meteorite and solar-Earth mixtures, lunar-solar and lunar-Earth mixtures, extremely fractionated solar, and low-temperature fractionation produced by adsorption and clathrate formation. C on Venus is consistent with a solar-Earth or lunar-Earth mixture but not with two component mixtures involving meteorite volatiles. N is consistent with a variety of possible mixtures or with low-temperature processes that concentrate volatiles. Kr on Venus is not consistent with a solar-meteorite mix. Xe on Venus is consistent with two component mixtures only if its abundance is actually several factors lower than the upper limit reported. Ne appears consistent only with an extreme lunar-like fractionation of solar composition. N, Ar, Kr, and Xe would be consistent with all of Venus' volatiles having been derived from a lunar-like, but extremely fractionated solar component, but C would be in excess relative to this fractionation, and Ne, deficient. We suggest that the most consistent explanation of the volatiles in Venus' atmosphere is that they are a mixture of Earth-like component, which contributes most of the C, N, and nearly all of the Ar and Ne. This suggests that Venus and the Earth contain a common volatile component in comparable concentrations.


The existence of trapped gases, apparently shock-implanted from the Martian atmosphere into certain phases of the EETA79001 shergottite-meteorite, raises important questions as to the mechanism of gas implantation and whether the implanted gas has been mass fractionated. To study the phenomenon of shock-implantation of gases, we artificially shocked whole-rock and powder samples of a terrestrial basalt to pressures of 2-35 GPa in the presence of controlled gas mixtures ranging from $10^{-4}$ to 3 atmospheres. Experimental data are consistent with shock-implantation of Martian gases without mass fractionation into shock-melted phases of EETA79001; the progenitor of these melts may have been porous fragmental material.


15. Cintala, Mark J.; Horz, Friedrich (JSC); and See, Thomas H. (Lockheed


Three modes are possible for obtaining samples of cometary material: remote sampling, hover mode sampling, and landed (anchored) sampling. For each mode, trade-offs involving complexity, risk factors, and cost must be analyzed for the spacecraft and the sampling system. Flyby results for P/Comet Halley indicate heterogeneity in the cometary nucleus that could dictate sampling at several different locations. Coring drills, drive tubes, and specialized mantle sampling devices must operate at cold temperatures (100 to 189 K) without heating the sample. Sample selections must be accommodated by the sample return canister, which must also be protected from thermal excursions.


In a program for utilizing both intensity and polarization of light emerging to space from the top of the atmosphere for remote sensing of the earth's surface, polarized images have been obtained in four flights of the Space Shuttle. The photos were taken with a pair of boresighted and synchronized Hassleblad 70mm cameras fitted with polarizing filters, the filters being oriented horizontally on one camera and vertically on the other. STS 51-A yielded more than 100 pairs of black and white images in polarized light, and similar pairs were obtained with color film on STS 51-G, STS 51-I, and STS 61-A missions. Selected image pairs have been digitized, the vertically and horizontally polarized images brought into registration, and the resulting signals processed to give images in degree of polarization, as well as intensity, for different sun-scene-observer geometries and various continental and oceanic features. Many of the scenes show surface properties more distinctly in degree of polarization than in simple intensity.

A preliminary calibration of the impact related holes found in the Solar Max Mission satellite thermal blankets and louvers was performed at the JSC. The small light-gas gun (1.78mm bore) was used to sabot-launch projectiles ranging from 110 to 400 micrometers, at speeds between 5.7 and 6.8 km/s. Projectile materials used were glass and aluminum oxide. The test samples consisted of unflown spare aluminum louvers of 99.45% pure aluminum (1145-H14), 140 micrometers thick, and thermal blanket targets consisting of 14 layers of 6.3 micrometer aluminized Mylar, interspersed with a dacron mesh. These were sandwiched between a 25 micrometer and a 76 micrometer Kapton layer on each side. The outer surfaces of the Kapton layers were gold and copper colored respectively, but their insides were aluminized. This abstract deals with the results of the hole size versus the size of the impacting particle only.


21. Dietrich, John W.; and Amsbury, David L.: Incised Meanders: A Normal Product of Stream Erosion. Presented at the 99th Annual Geological Society of America Meeting, November 10-13, 1986, San Antonio, Texas. Sinuous valleys cut into bedrock are common in many arid and semiarid regions. Sinuosity greater than 1.50, the lower limit for applying the term "meander" in alluvial streams, is common. Some streams that drain basins smaller than 5 square miles have small, well-developed, incised meanders. Within areas of uniform bedrock, meander size increases as stream flow (inferred from drainage basin area) increases. Photographs from space document these features in diverse terrain. Maps plus observations from aircraft and in the field provide additional data for areas in the southwestern United States. On the Edwards Plateau, incised streams with drainage basins of 5 to 10 square miles exhibit meander lengths of 1/5 to 1/4 mile; streams draining 70 square miles exhibit meander lengths of about one mile. Incised meanders in the Guadalupe Mountains are of similar size in streams draining less than 5 square miles; but they increase to only 1/2 mile in a drainage basin of 90 square miles. Tributaries of the Escalante River in south-central Utah exhibit meander lengths only 1/6 the size of those on the Edwards Plateau for similar drainage areas. The decrease in meander size westward may reflect the decrease in rainfall.

22. Duke, Michael B.: Lunar Base as an International Infrastructure Project. Presented to the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study, July 7-11, 1986, Anchorage, Alaska. A number of problems need to be solved in order that a lunar base can become a productive and eventually self-sufficient entity. Technical problems include reducing the high cost and increasing the safety of Earth to orbit transportation; creating the infrastructure of space stations and reusable space vehicles that would service the Earth-Moon transportation system; and establishing the technology for
utilizing lunar resources. Political/social problems to be solved include the question of who benefits from the utilization of lunar resources, those who invest or the entire Earth, independent of the investment; and, what are the mechanisms of financing such undertakings. An international consortium may be an effective way to approach the problems, particularly if the consortium can find novel ways to address and delineate the responsibilities that belong to Governments and to private entities. The consortium might build and operate the base, but not the required space transportation system (other than perhaps special purpose vehicles). In this manner, the consortium would be free to contract with space transportation system entities (NASA, ESA, USSR, private) that are available to support the demands of the enterprise. Such a program would maintain a strong incentive for competition to provide low cost and safe Earth-Moon transportation.


Human excursions to Mars are a long term goal of the space programs of the world. Utilizing technology currently under development, such missions can be anticipated in the 20-40 year planning timeframe. The development of an operational space infrastructure, including Earth to orbit launch capacity, low earth orbit (LEO) servicing capability, and orbital transfer vehicle (OTV) technology are on the critical path to Mars. Answers to operational questions, principally dealing with long term life support issues (is artificial gravity needed?), mission autonomy, and planetary protection need to be obtained before Mars spacecraft can be designed for early missions. The goal of sustained outposts on Mars requires attention to questions of routine space transportation system performance, the development of a robust space infrastructure, and the development of self-sufficiency at Mars. The prospect of such ventures opens opportunities for many technological innovations and the potential for international cooperation on a scale not previously undertaken in the exploration of space.


Although it is possible to design manned missions to Mars that do not involve prior lunar missions, a strategy that includes the development of a lunar base before or concurrent with the Mars program offers potential benefits from space infrastructure development, space operations experience, and utilization of lunar materials for propulsion. Common utilization of infrastructure elements (e.g., orbital transfer vehicles, space operation center modules) is emphasized in this approach. Common utilization of transportation elements such as spacecraft lunar and Mars landers does not appear to provide significant benefits.


Products for space propulsion and space construction are readily
available from known lunar materials, and become competitive with Earth-derived resources when the market requires on the order of 1000 metric tons per year in low earth orbit. The minimum transportation cost of lunar materials to low earth orbit, utilizing conventional technology (cryogenic propellant rockets), eventually might be in the range of $5/KG (compared to $3000/KG now from Earth); advanced technologies such as electromagnetic launchers can reduce these costs further. As transportation costs from Moon to LEO decline, the variety and quantity of lunar materials utilized in LEO will grow. Thus, lunar resources could be the basis for a major expansion of LEO activity. Lunar oxygen, iron, aluminum, and titanium are highly concentrated. Other essential elements, such as hydrogen and carbon, are dispersed. It has not been demonstrated conclusively that they can be extracted economically at any market level; the size of the necessary mining operations is tens of square kilometers/year. These operations, if they prove economic, will dominate the development of lunar surface activities, due to their demands on equipment and people. Once a foothold has been established, many other economic activities can be envisioned for the lunar base. With diminished transportation costs, tourism may be feasible. The lunar surface may become a location for food production for and waste recovery from space operations. The lunar base could be a key transportation hub in the human exploration of Mars.


At a lunar base, the challenge is to adapt to and modify an existing environment by use of lunar materials. It is a major challenge, and a principal focus of this conference, along with magnetic levitation for surface transportation. The concepts interact at a variety of levels. Maglev should be uniquely compatible with operations in the lunar vacuum. Low-cost Moon to space and space to Moon transportation is key to the long-term viability of a lunar export economy. Another thread that ties maglev and the lunar base together is the general advancement of the relevant technologies of materials, structures, electronics and computers that will support both ventures.


Stepwise heating studies of the Archean sediments reveal a wide variety of C and N isotopic compositions. Compositions for the gases released at elevated temperatures are essentially identical with those of modern-day atmosphere. Supporting evidence that the argon
trapped within the sediments is "ancient" strongly suggests that the trapped carbon and nitrogen are samples of the trapped early atmosphere components. If this is the case, the isotopic compositions of the C and N components present in the Archean atmosphere are essentially identical to those present today despite the fact that the atmosphere has probably changed from an essentially neutral composition, (e.g., CO₂, N₂, H₂O) to an oxidizing composition (e.g., N₂, O₂, H₂O, Ar).


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A periodical issued by the Antarctic Meteorite Working Group to inform scientists of the basic characteristics of specimens recovered in the Antarctic.


Low-temperature DSC can provide information about aqueous diagenetic processes on meteorite parent bodies whereas high-temperature DSC can be used to evaluate bulk mineralogical properties of various types of meteorites. Upon cooling, wet Murchison (water/meteorite mass ratio = 0.57) crystallized water ice near 260 K, followed by solidification of a more freeze-resistant water complex, and decrease in heat capacity. Upon heating, frozen Murchison produced liquid water, followed by thermal decomposition of a water complex. Heat capacity of the unfrozen mixture was substantially higher than that of the frozen precursor. Both the cooling- and heating-curve transitions were reproducible through several temperature cycles. Persistence of "unfrozen" water at temperatures far below 273 K supports the proposition that aqueous alteration on the Murchison parent body might have occurred at very low temperatures.

Clay mineraloids are associated with gypsum, K-Fe-sulfates (possible jarosite), cryptocrystalline rust, and possible with zeolites and/or (secondary) alkali feldspars as terrestrial weathering products in stony Antarctica. Weathering formed fracture fillings in fusion crusts of eucrites EETA79004 and EETA79005, diogenites ALHA77256 and EETA79002, shergottite EETA79001 and H5-chondrite ALH82102 and decomposition products of glass and plagioclase in interior samples of a-chondrites. Clay mineraloids displayed massive to incipient-vermicular forms with elemental compositions that suggest smectite- and mica-like phases. Deposits were too small to yield pure material for phase identification although x-ray diffractometry and differential scanning calorimetry of bulk samples suggested that the clay mineraloids were not well crystallized. "Hydrocryogenic" diagenesis can initiate clay-mineral formation on timescales of 10⁴-10⁶ y even with only limited supplies of liquid water. Cosmochemists must take care not to confuse possible weathering-induced elemental and isotopic fractionations in Antarctic meteorite samples with signatures of pre-terrestrial "cosmic" processes. Given proper sample selection and testing, though, occurrence of clay-mineraloid and other weathering products should probably not impede progress in studies of Antarctic meteorites.


Condensation of water-ice and other frosts on Mars should proceed by heterogeneous nucleation on dust particles because, as on Earth, the naturally occurring low degrees of atmospheric water-vapor supersaturation inhibit homogeneous nucleation. Although mineral substrates might serve to initiate condensate formation on Mars, early-formed condensates might also serve as substrates for heterogeneous nucleation of later condensates. Phase H₂O-Ic might be the best overall nucleator of other condensates so that it is important to determine which mineral substrates are the most effective nucleators of H₂O-Ic. If condensates observed at the Viking 2 landing site nucleated on red dust, implying that Fe-oxides were important nucleators, Hem and Gt would be the most competitive choices. If identity of the Fe-oxide was known, a case might have been made for the water condensate being either H₂O-Ih (favored by Hem) or H₂O-Ic (favored by Gt). Alternatively, identification of the condensate might have been used to argue for possible identification of the Fe-oxide. If the condensate was a mixture of H₂O and CO₂, a case for Gt might have been made, based on the fact that Gt favors condensation of H₂O-Ic which, in turn, favors condensation of solid CO₂.


Condensation of frosts on Mars should depend not only on temperature and degree of vapor supersaturation but also on the nature of dust particles that would act as condensation nuclei. For a given particle
size, the favorability of a condensate nucleator is determined by (1) degree of crystallographic misfit, or disregistry (8), between substrate and condensate, (2) chemical-bond compatibility between substrate and condensate and (3) abundance of substrate surface defects that would encourage assembly of atoms or molecules. New data on ice-forming characteristics of candidate Martian materials, obtained by differential scanning calorimetry, confirmed previous evidence for systematic variations in ice-nucleation temperature, \( T_n \), among geologic materials. By considering individual types of minerals separately, factors (2) and (3) can be held relatively constant and differences in nucleation effectiveness can be estimated by computation of (1).

35. Gooding, James L.: Possible Significance of Cubic Water-Ice, \( \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Ic} \), in the Atmospheric Water Cycle of Mars. Presented at the MECA Workshop on Atmospheric \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \) Observations of Earth and Mars, September 25-27, 1986, Houston, Texas.

Most discussions of water ice on Mars tacitly assume that common hexagonal ice, \( \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Ih} \), is the appropriate phase. Although ice-Ih is the dominant polymorph of water-ice on Earth, a second low-pressure polymorph which crystallizes in the isometric (cubic) system, \( \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Ic} \), can form in special ultracold environments. Occurrence of ice-Ic in the Mars water cycle would be significant for two reasons. First, the Ic/Ih phase transition might comprise a significant but previously unrecognized term in heat-balance equations that have been applied to evaporation or condensation in the water cycle in models for atmosphere/polar-cap or atmosphere/regolith interactions. Second, ice-Ic might possess distinctive properties as a nucleator of other condensates that could substantially affect the processing and distribution of volatiles in both the water and carbon dioxide cycles. Water vapor on Mars occurs mostly in the lower 20 km of the atmosphere where prevailing temperatures and pressures typically vary from 150 K/1 mbar at altitude to 250 K/10 mbar near the surface. Condensate clouds near and above the summits of the Tharsis volcanoes (20-27 km elevation) have been interpreted as high-altitude water-ice clouds, indicating that atmospheric condensation on Mars does, in fact, occur under the ultracold, low-pressure conditions that should favor formation of ice-Ic by the vapor-deposition mode.


New experiments were conducted to investigate the freezing and melting of water ice in a natural regolith that evolved in a Mars-like environment but without significant clay-mineral production. For silt- and sand-sized fractions, with mass ratios of water/sample = 1, the onset of freezing occurred at 266-267 K whereas the onset of melting occurred at 272-273 K. For comparison, pure water (in aluminum) undercooled to 256-257 K before onset of freezing. Therefore, the net effect of the substrate was to raise the freezing-onset temperature, relative to pure water. The temperature of melt initiation, defined as the first-inflection limit in the heat-flow curve during melting, was 271-272 K for pure water but was only 269-271 K for the water/
sample mixtures. Although melting-onset and freezing-onset tempera-
tures were approximately independent of water/sample ratio, the tem-
perature of melt initiation covaried with water/sample ratio. Even in
the absence of salts, temperatures at which freezing and melting of
water occur in the Martian regolith should not be the same as those
that apply to pure water.

37. Gooding, James L. (JSC); and Muenow, David W. (University of Hawaii):
Martian Volatiles in Shergottite EETA79001: New Evidence From
Oxidized Sulfur and Sulfur-Rich Aluminosilicates. Geochimica et

High-vacuum pyrolysis of individual, petrologically documented chips
of Lithology A (pyroxene-maskelynite host rock) and Lithology C (glass
inclusion) from the same interior portion of EETA79001 produced sulfur
in substantially different proportions of oxidized \((\text{SO}_2)\) and reduced
\((\text{H}_2\text{S},\text{S})\) species. Because Lith-C contains trapped noble gases and ni-
trogen of Martian atmospheric affinity, a logical explanation for its
oxidized sulfur would be rock/atmosphere reactions that occurred on
Mars prior to or during the melting event that produced Lith-C. Bulk
elemental compositions of two varieties of sulfur-rich aluminosili-
cates in Lith-C can be arithmetically mixed to produce a composition
that agrees remarkably well with that of surface fines at the Viking
landing sites, suggesting that Lith-C might actually contain relict
grains of Martian weathering or alteration products.

38. Greeley, Ronald (Arizona State University); and Williams, Richard J.
(JSC) editors: Space Station Planetology Experiments Workshop. NASA

A meeting of 50 planetary scientists, sponsored by Arizona State
University and the Lunar and Planetary Institute, considered the uses
of the Space Station to support experiments in their various disci-
plines. Abstracts (28) present various concepts for impact and
aeolian processes, particle formation and interaction, and other
planetary science experiments. Summaries of the rationale, hardware
concepts, accommodations, and recommendations are included.

39. Guimon, R. Kyle (University of Arkansas); Lofgren, Gary (JSC);
Sears, Derek W. G. (University of Arkansas): A Study of Effect of
Devitrification on Thermoluminescence in Type 3.4 Ordinary Chondrites.
Presented at the 17th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference,
XVII, pp. 297-298.

40. Guimon, R. Kyle; Sears, Derek W. G. (University of Arkansas); Lofgren,
Gary (JSC): Laboratory Metamorphism of a Primitive Meteorite. Pre-
sented at the 17th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, March 17-
Science XVII, pp. 299-300.

41. Helfert, Michael R.; and Wood, Charles A.: Shuttle Photos Show

Formation of a lunar regolith-derived soil substrate could support a lunar based agricultural industry. Growing higher plants in a lunar base controlled ecological life support system could remove CO₂ and add O₂ to the atmosphere, produce food, recycle waste products, contribute to a water purification system, and offer psychological support.


Tests of the fusion of the finest fraction (F₃) model for the formation of lunar agglutinate glass, in which mixtures of coarse and fine sodium and potassium feldspars were shocked, have indicated that the model is valid in principle. As a follow-up, refined experiments employed actual lunar soils (from A-11 and A-16). Other than the generation of impact melts, modal changes caused by experimental shock include destruction of pore spaces and fused-soil clasts, and conversion of plagioclase to maskelynite. From the petrographic and chemical data it appears that the impact glass formed mainly from the fine fraction and the fused soil component. The impact glasses exhibit the same chemical enrichments and depletions as the corresponding fine soil fractions, and plot on or near a mixing line between the bulk and fine fraction of the soil in which they were formed.


Survival of unmelted impactor fragments at relatively high collision velocities has been demonstrated in the laboratory and on Solar Max thermal blankets. It thus appears possible to collect relatively unaltered hypervelocity particles in Earth orbit. Additional impact experiments are necessary to evaluate materials of ultra-low densities. Ultimately a stack of very thin foils, rather than some foam material, may also be considered and may be tailored for capture of specific impactor masses. Operationally, recovery of projectile fragments from such materials becomes a concern, because penetration paths may be tens of projectile diameters in length. Target media that may be dissolved quantitatively without adverse effects on the contemplated microanalyses appear desirable for expedient recovery of particle fragments.

45. Housen, Kevin R. (Boeing Aerospace Company); Holsapple, Keith A. (University of Washington): How Do Collisional Outcomes Depend On Size Scale? Presented at the 17th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference,
Collisional fragmentation of asteroids and satellites has been simulated in experiments in which small cubes or spheres of rock or ice are shattered during hypervelocity impacts (e.g. 1-4). Useful applications of these results require an understanding of how collisional outcomes depend on the size scale of the experiment. This is particularly important in light of the fact that observable asteroids are some 15 to 20 orders of magnitude more massive than their laboratory counterparts. The purpose here is to consider scaling laws, which help to bridge the size gap between small-scale experiments and asteroids.


Simultaneous observations at CTIO and ESO of the 20 August 1985 stellar occultation by Neptune, showing a central flash at both stations together with measurable intensity fluctuations through the entire occultation, yield new information about the nature and origin of the well-known occultation "spikes." The two records follow parallel tracks through the Neptune shadow, separated by about 80 km and passing about 1100 km south of the shadow's geometrical center. Fluctuations seen at both stations are highly correlated (~80%) outside the shadow's mean half-intensity locus. Correlation decreases rapidly inside this locus, while mean "spike" widths systematically increase. The observed pattern can be qualitatively reproduced by a model of an oblate isothermal atmosphere with a superimposed anisotropic spectrum of random density waves. The inferred anisotropy is ~100 (radial power/transverse power). This result indicates that energy is deposited into a broad range of turbulent wavelengths in Neptune's stratosphere, with preference for small vertical wavelengths and large horizontal wavelengths.


As a result of satellite breakups and the disintegration of spacecraft surfaces, a very large number of small particles have been detected orbiting the Earth. In certain regions of Earth orbit, the hazard to spacecraft from these particles already exceeds the hazard from natural meteoroids. New operational and engineering practices could reduce the production rate of these particles; however, new policies may soon be required which have a significant impact on the future growth of space.

48. Konradi, Andrei; Richmond, R. G.; and Hardy, A. C. (JSC); Atwell, W. (Rockwell International): Space Shuttle Dosimeters as Indicators of Long-term Inner Belt Stability. Presented at the American Geophysical
Thermoluminescent dosimeters were carried on 20 Shuttle flights between 1983 and 1986 at a variety of orbital altitudes corresponding to the region of the atmospheric cutoff of the South Atlantic Anomaly. Shielded by the Space Shuttle structure, these dosimeters respond to any penetrating inner belt protons and galactic cosmic rays. The measured orbit averaged dose was compared to dose calculations based on radiation belt models for solar maximum and solar minimum derived from data centered around 1970 and 1964, respectively. The results show that after two solar cycles the observations agree with the predictions of the solar minimum model to better than a factor of two. This difference falls within the accuracy of the model.


The occultation of a star on 20 August 1985 by Neptune was observed at 2.2 μm and 0.01 s time resolution with the 1m ESO telescope and the 1.5m CTIO telescope. A highlight of these observations was the detection of a "central flash" midway between immersion and emersion. This detection provides an unexpected opportunity to determine a value of Neptune's oblateness $\epsilon$, and to probe the atmospheric extinction at 2.2 μm, which is related to the stratospheric methane mixing ratio. We find $\epsilon = (2.08 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-2}$ and assuming a 120 K stratospheric temperature, an atmospheric transmission of 0.70 ± 0.20 for an integrated column density of 1.9 km-atm. The inferred value for the CH$_4$ mixing ratio at 0.3 mbar is 0.6% with a factor 10 uncertainty, which may indicate supersaturation of methane in Neptune's stratosphere.


Dynamic crystallization experiments in which heterogeneous nucleation is an important variable have been completed on three melts of chondrule composition. Compositions were chosen to best represent chondrules with porphyritic olivine and pyroxene and radial pyroxene textures. Experimental results show that heterogeneous nucleation is nearly essential for the formation of porphyritic textures. Without preexisting nuclei, too much supercooling is established before crystallization is initiated and the textures are more likely to be dendritic or radial. In the near total absence of nuclei, radial textures can form at cooling rates as slow as 50°C/hr. in this study. By varying the heterogeneous conditions and having a melt in which the appropriate phases are stable or metastable, most of the recognized chondrule textures can be produced in a single melt composition. Oli-
olivine inclusions in pyroxene can form readily during an experiment from a starting material which did not initially contain olivine crystals. Thus care must be taken in the assumption that olivine inclusions in pyroxene represent preexisting crystals.


Reflectance spectra of Mercury have been obtained periodically from 1963 through 1984. Since 1969, these observations were made in an effort to learn about the surface mineralogical composition of Mercury, and, by extension, surface and internal processes which have affected the planet's evolution. Using the phases of the planet around maximum elongations, Mercury's 6.1385 deg/day rotational rate, and bidirectional reflectance spectroscopy theory, some spatial resolution across the planet has been obtained. Ambiguities exist among recent, high quality spectra covering terrain consisting of 50% intercrater plains and 50% Caloris Basin with the encompassing smooth plains. A very shallow absorption feature, which has been attributed to Fe²⁺ in orthopyroxenes, is evident in two spectra but noticeably absent in a third. This difference cannot be explained by reflected light from different terrain.


The Plasma Motor/Generator-Proof (PMG/POF) of Function Experiment is a low cost Payload of Opportunity for flight on the Shuttle Orbiter using the Hitchhiker-G carrier. The objective of this experiment is to provide a credible engineering verification of the key physical processes identified as crucial to the performance of Plasma Motor/Generator (PMG) tether systems by flying a PMG/POF "non-tether" experiment. The experiment deploys a far end package (FEP) containing a hollow cathode system, connected to another hollow cathode system at the Orbiter end by a #32 AWG umbilical wire. Adequate induced voltage and separation from spacecraft wake effects is achieved by the 200 meter wire length, without having to deal with tether stabilization and retrieval problems, for demonstration of the hollow cathode plasma coupling. The deployed wire and 25 kg FEP are jettisoned at the completion of the experiment. The results obtained from initial flights now scheduled for HHG-2 and HHG-3 will also provide a basis for planning larger scale investigations using the TSS system and expanded PMG/POF type experiments.

NASA-JSC has defined four PMG reference systems to provide a standard basis for comparison to use in study and analysis of future propulsion and power applications. Sized for nominal operation at 2 kW, 20 kW, 200 kW, and 1 Megawatt respectively, they are a hollow cathode based version of the electrodynamic tether concept, which we identify by the terminology "Plasma Motor-Generator" (PMG). The PMG reference systems are equally applicable to use as electric generators to provide power to a spacecraft or as electric motors (nominal thrust ratings of .25, 2.5, 25 and 125 Newtons respectively) using power from the spacecraft. After comparing solar array and fuel cells with electrodynamic tethers using passive metal "balloons," electron guns, and/or various plasma sources, the studies at JSC settled on the PMG system using a short massive tether of aluminum wire and teflon insulation. Operating at relatively high current and low voltage, the PMG avoids requirements for technology advances to handle very high voltages. All four reference systems employ passive, $IxB$ phasing of magnetic reaction forces for control of tether dynamics, and DC impedance matching for tether current/power control. If a specific mission results in dynamic disturbances beyond the stability limits of the 10 km massive tether without satellite or tether reel, a 10-100 km low mass ballast tether (or "space anchor") with a small anchor mass would be used. In no case does active "tether reeling" appear to be required for any of the presently recommended applications.


The Apollo 16 regolith breccias resemble the soils in grain-size distribution and in the relative proportions of major petrological components, except agglutinates. Many of the breccias are compositionally different from the Apollo 16 soils in that they lack an important mafic component present in the soils. Although some groupings occur, the petrologic and chemical compositions of the regolith breccias do not correlate with the station location of the samples. All but one of the breccias show some evidence of irradiation at the lunar surface. We conclude that most of the Apollo 16 regolith breccias were not formed from any known Apollo 16 soil. They appear to be well-commminuted material that contains ancient regolith developed during the late stage heavy bombardment of the moon when large impacts were much more common relative to small impacts so that regolith did not have time to significantly mature before being diluted by fresh ejecta and buried.

58. McKay, David S. (JSC); Wentworth, S. J. (Lockheed Engineering and Man-
Glasses are a ubiquitous component of regolith breccias. These glasses include ropy, clastic, and quenched crystallized types as well as homogeneous glasses. Several lines of evidence suggest that many, and in some cases most, of these glasses were not made from local regolith by small scale reworking processes. This evidence includes high relative abundances of these glass types compared to agglutinates in many regolith breccias and presence of these glass types in regolith breccias having very low FMR maturity (an indication of lunar surface reworking by small impacts) interpretations that ropy glass types are mainly derived from large impacts and the high abundances of glasses of non-local composition in some regolith breccias. Specifically, up to 80% of non-mare glasses in some Apollo 15 regolith breccias are KREEP-rich. Although KREEP rocks are inferred to be present in the Apennine Bench formation and in other regions close to the Apollo 15 site (3), the KREEP-rich glasses were not produced from any combination of local mare basalts or local soils of the compositions sampled at the Apennine front. An attempt to systematically group these glasses from regolith breccias by both compositional groupings and age clusters might provide a record of the composition and frequency of major impactors in the earth-moon system over time. This record could be compared with the terrestrial impact record to further explore whether such impacts might be episodic. This comparison might be particularly profitable for glasses from younger regolith breccias because these impact glasses may overlap the time span best defined in the terrestrial record.


The shergottites are a group of igneous-textured meteorites which may be from Mars. Despite extensive study by the Shergotty Consortium, chronology and petrogenesis of the Shergotty meteorite remain controversial. One aspect of this controversy concerns whether Shergotty has undergone metasomatic alteration. Another concerns the Sm/Nd ratio of the Shergotty parent melt (SPM), and the resulting implications for the complexity of melt generation processes. While Shergotty's bulk Sm/Nd is greater than chondritic, the source region (SR) is constrained by isotopic systematics to have Sm/Nd less than chondritic. If Sm/Nd_{SPM} < Sm/Nd_{SR}, this melt could have been generated by simple processes such as equilibrium partial melting of common mafic mineral assemblages. However, if Sm/Nd_{SPM} > Sm/Nd_{SR}, more complex processes (e.g., batch melting) are required. Sm and Nd D's for Shergotty zoned augite rims do not differ markedly from those for magnesian cores of similar Wo. Factors in addition to PX Fe/Mg are responsible for the apparent correlation with pheno/matrix D's. Similarity of D's for rims and cores supports our previous estimate of
the REE content of the Shergotty parent melt. Agreement between SPM Sm and Nd contents calculated from mineral separates and from bulk sample argues against metasomatic alteration. Extreme LREE enrichment in Fe-rich PX separates is NOT intrinsic to PX.


REE distribution coefficients were measured between synthetic pyroxenes and melts similar in composition to the inferred Shergotty intercumulus liquid, by in situ analysis with the electron microprobe, using samples doped to per cent concentration levels. These coefficients exhibit a strong positive correlation with pyroxene wollastonite content. Recommended values for augites similar in composition to the Shergotty cumulus augite cores (Wo32En48) are D(La)=0.023, D(Ce)=0.039, D(Nd)=0.10, D(Sm)=0.17, D(Eu)=0.16, D(Gd)=0.20, D(Yb)=0.29, and D(Lu)=0.30. Recommended values for pigeonites similar in composition to the Shergotty cumulus pigeonite cores (Wo52En58) are D(La)=0.002, D(Ce)=0.004, D(Nd)=0.019, D(Sm)=0.031, D(Yb)=0.13, and D(Lu)=0.13. These values resemble distribution coefficients measured for terrestrial basalts of higher Mg/Fe than the Shergotty melt, rather than those of more evolved siliceous rocks of similar Mg/Fe to the Shergotty melt. Thus it appears that Mg/Fe is considerably less important than other factors in determining distribution coefficient values for pyroxenes.

REE abundances were computed for the Shergotty intercumulus melt using distribution coefficients measured for the natural phase compositions. These computed abundances display LREE depletion. Such LREE-depleted abundance patterns cannot be generated by simple partial melting of a mafic mineral assemblage having the LREE-enriched patterns required for a two-stage Sm-Nd evolution history. This result implies that either (1) the melting process was complex (e.g., continuous melting), (2) the source region had a more complex history than that of the simple 2-stage model, or (3) Shergotty does not satisfy the closed-system assumption of the calculation, and has suffered post-magmatic LREE-enrichment.

Permanent bases on the Moon and Mars are the first steps in colonization of the solar system. Studies have established that the key technologies for accomplishing these programs are power generation, propulsion, and self-sufficient life support. The greatest technological uncertainties associated with long range planning lie with the life support systems, human physiological reactions to long duration space travel, and psychological and social responses to isolated and confined habitation on planetary surfaces. Projections based on solution of technical problems and only modest investment in space activities predict a Mars base within 50 years. At the present time, the timetable for extraterrestrial development is constrained by social issues rather than purely technical ones. Only large social groups (such as nations) can garner the resources necessary to move people into space. However, given the geometric character of technological development, the space-based technology of the future may place such resources of power, propulsion, and manufacturing within the reach of smaller groups. Under such conditions space colonization will grow faster than anticipated in the same way the New World grew explosively once its resources were within the reach of entrepreneurs.


By the turn of the Century, passenger traffic to low Earth orbit (LEO) will increase on the Space Shuttle, or its successor, as well as on planned Soviet and European vehicles. In addition, the U.S. and its international partners plan to construct in LEO a permanently manned space station. Berthed at the space station will be orbital transfer vehicles, reusable spacecraft capable of taking payloads to geosynchronous orbit and other destinations beyond Earth's radiation belts. These space transportation elements could take humans and cargo to the Moon routinely. Although not now part of NASA's plans, manned lunar landings will be possible early in the 21st Century. As human activity in space becomes commonplace, a base on the Moon will become an issue of space policy. Informal studies of such an enterprise have identified the near term roles of politics, economics, and science in establishing and sustaining a permanent lunar surface facility. In the long term, a lunar experience can be the beginnings of settlement of the solar system. However, the limiting factor in such visionary scenarios is the performance of biological systems rather than transportation technology. The major challenge to sustaining a permanent lunar base is closure of a life support system based on ecological principles rather than chemical processing. Thus, the next steps in space should provide extraordinary new research opportunities for agriculture in a unique environment.


In 15 years, by the year 2000, the Space Transportation System will include reusable upper stages delivering payloads from the Space Station to destinations such as geosynchronous orbit (GEO) and lunar or-
bit. The principles being expressed in space policy predict that a permanent lunar surface base will then be on the agenda. Although commonly viewed as an exercise in technology, human occupation of the Moon has implications for science, law, domestic politics, international relations, and the economics of space development. Economic issues take on particular importance for strategic planning. Long term continuous presence cannot become a reality unless political drivers are superseded by economic ones. Current models of space activities indicate potential markets in space for lunar resources in the form of propellant, shielding, and structural material. More complete cost and market analysis requires research on process technologies adapted to the lunar environment and on geological inventory of the lunar resource base.


The SHRIMP ion microprobe at the ANU was used to determine Pb/Pb, U/Pb and Th/Pb ages of small zircons intergrown in six clasts of lunar granite found in thin sections of Apollo 14, 15, and 17 breccias. Four small clasts with a variety of granitic textures and mineralogies have zircons with concordant ages. Two granitic clasts in breccia 15405 include small euhedral zircons which gave concordia intercepts of about 4.33 BY with evidence of Pb loss at the time of breccia formation about 1.3 BY. Both the 14303,209 granite and 15405 QMD clasts have been measured to have the REE pattern of lunar KREEP. This is the first direct evidence that some lunar granite crystallized during the solidification of the global lunar magma ocean. Previous investigations have determined that younger lunar granites have low initial Sr ratios and cannot simply be remelted ancient granite but may have instead formed in layered intrusions in the lunar crust.


The special properties of zeolites have prompted their use in a variety of agricultural processes. These hydrated aluminosilicates of alkali and alkaline earth cations have been recognized (1) to form in saline, alkaline soils; (2) to occur as residual phases in soils with zeolite-rich parent rocks; and (3) to occur as phases introduced in soils by eolian additions and fluvial deposition. There are over 40 naturally occurring zeolites; however, only about 9 zeolite types have been recognized to occur in soils, including clinoptilolite, analcime, chabazite, heulandite, mordenite, phillipsite, natrolite, stilbite, and gismondine. Clinoptilolite is the most abundant zeolite in soils. Several analytical methods have been used to identify zeolites in soils, including x-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), electron microprobe analysis, transmission electron microscopy (TEM), infrared analysis, and cation exchange capacity (CEC). Quantities of zeolites have been estimated in soils by semiquantitative XRD analysis and by chemical measurements using a CEC method. For routine
chemical and mineralogical analyses, it is possible to separate the zeolite from soils of various mineralogies by particle size fractionation and heavy liquid separations. Special precautions should be exercised when treating soils with chemical dispersants before mineralogical analyses. Zeolites with high Si/Al atomic ratios (e.g., clinoptilolite) can withstand chemical dispersion (e.g., IN NaOAc buffered to pH=5, 30% H2O2, and dithionite-citrate-bicarbonate); however, zeolites with low Si/Al atomic ratios (e.g., analcime) tend to dissolve during acid pretreatments.


I have attempted to set constraints on the causes of extreme volatile depletion by examining a large body of geochemical data on the basaltic achondrites. The data considered here include analyses of whole rock eucrites and diogenites and igneous lithic clasts from eucrites, diogenites, polymict eucrites, howardites and mesosiderites. The parent body of the basaltic achondrites appears to have initially contained alkali element (and presumably other volatile element) abundances comparable to those in CO and CV chondrites, and perhaps higher. Magmatic processes on the basaltic achondrite parent body resulted in >90% loss of the volatile alkali element inventory from the parent body. The positive correlations observed between e.g. Rb and Rb/AH (Average Highly Incompatible Refractory) elements in basaltic lithologies are the result of volatilization from the basaltic magmas near the surface of the parent body.


Petrologic and chronologic studies of basaltic clasts in Mesosiderites have been initiated in order to determine the petrologic evolution of their parent body. Patwar RV-02 is a two-pyroxene (pigeonite-augite) basalt in which augite is a late magmatic phase. This clast has suffered shock metamorphism that has modified the original magmatic texture. Pyroxene composition data show that FeO reduction processes occurred during crystallization from the magma. Mount Padbury RV-05 is a one-pyroxene (pigeonite) basalt that also underwent shock metamorphism. The pyroxene compositions give no evidence for magmatic FeO reduction processes. We believe that from the melt by increasing the Ca/(Ca+Fe+Mg+Mn) ratio of the melt. Preliminary Rb-Sr results on Patwar RV-02 show that the Rb-Sr system is disturbed, and yield an upper limit for the age of shock metamorphism of 3.6 Ga.


We are continuing our chronologic and petrologic study of basalts and gabbros from mesosiderites. Vaca Muerta RC-07 is a coarse-grained gabbro clast with high tridymite and merrillite abundances. Pyroxene in this clast contains abundant inclusions of rounded plagioclase, a feature not observed in the gabbroic eucrite Moore County. RC-07 pyroxenes show a trend of decreasing Fe/Mn with Fe/Mg caused by FeO reduction in the magma as previously noted for Patwar RV-02. Preliminary RB-Sr results for Vaca Muerta RC-07 show that the whole rock lies on an eucrite reference isochron of 4.56 Ga age. Basalt clast RV-05 from Mount Padbury yields an isochron age of metamorphism of 0.92 Ga, but the data indicate that the Rb-Sr system was not completely reset at this time. Many of the petrological and chemical features of mesosiderite basalts and gabbros suggest that they may have been formed by impact melting processes. We are evaluating this possibility.


The Dry Valleys are a deglaciated set of valleys located in southern Victoria Land, Antarctica. Physical weathering processes dominate there because the low temperatures and paucity of liquid water limit chemical weathering and also participation by biological activity. Chemical weathering does occur, although at very slow rates. Basically, it is characterized by the decomposition of primary silicate minerals into clay minerals and amorphous to crystalline ferric oxides. The cold, dry climate of the Dry Valleys is probably the best terrestrial approximation to the climate of contemporary Mars. It is possible that weathering processes dominant in the Dry Valleys are also active on the martian surface. We are studying the spectral manifestations of weathering in Dry Valley soils as an analogue for interpreting martian spectral data in terms of primary and secondary mineralogies.


79. Morrison, Donald A.; Phinney, William C. (JSC); and Maczuga, David E. (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Company): Layering in the Mulcahy Lake Gabbro. Presented at the Geological Association of Canada Annual Meeting, May 19, 1986, Ottawa, Canada. The Mulcahy lake gabbro is a 6 km thick Archean layered intrusion consisting of lower, middle, upper and marginal zones, each with iron-enrichment fractionation trends interrupted by cycles of replenishment and mixing. Plagioclase, cpx, opx, and rare olivine are cumulus phases. Magnetite forms thin cumulates in highly evolved compositions. Hornblende invariably is an intercumulus phase. The parent liquid was multiply saturated and the residual liquids increased in density during fractionation and layer development.

80. Morrison, Donald A.; Phinney, William C. (JSC); and Maczuga, David E. (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Company): A Link Between the Bird River Sill and Nearby Basalts. Presented at the Geological Association of Canada Annual Meeting May 19, 1986, Ottawa, Canada. The Bird River sill and apparently associated basaltic flows and hypabyssal units are representatives of a class of Archean rocks typified by the presence of equant plagioclase megacrysts of An85+/-5. Equant plagioclase megacrysts occur sparsely in discrete horizons in the lower anorthositic and upper anorthositic units of the sill. Megacrysts in the upper unit are An86+/-1 with sodic rims. Matrix plagioclase is An86 (cores) to <An71 (rims). Megacrysts in the lower anorthositic unit are An88-81 and matrix laths are An88-81 (cores) to An50 (rims), although one horizon has An35 to 32. These lower units occur a few meters above the contact with the sill's basal ultramafic unit which has relict olivine of Fo74. Compositional and texturally identical megacrysts occur in volcanics and hypabyssal rocks exposed to the north of the sill proper. Rare earth abundances in megacrysts and flows indicate that the flows could be parental to the megacrysts. The MgO/FeO ratios of the flows are compatible with the relic olivine observed at the top of the ultramafic unit. Experimental crystalli-
zation (one atm, FMQ) of representative flow compositions shows that plagioclase of megacryst composition is on the liquidus for about 25 C. before cpx and then olivine appear. An85 plagioclase is neutrally buoyant or may float in the multiply saturated liquid. These observations indicate that the basalts could represent a liquid parental to the sill.


Archean anorthosites and related plagioclase megacryst-bearing volcanics and hypabyssal rocks form a small but important part of Archean terrains. Equant, unzoned plagioclase megacrysts are >An80 and constant An suggests a small temperature interval. The anorthosite at Bad Vermilion Lake, Ontario (92.45W, 44.40N), is stratified, consisting of units distinguished by variations in megacryst size frequency distributions. Sorting, gradations from well sorted to unsorted units, and mixing of size variants suggest that flow was important in the stratification process. Significant adcumulate growth of plagioclase and mafics occurred. The parent liquid is a high iron tholeiite in which An80 plagioclase floats or is neutrally buoyant at ambient conditions.


Homogeneous, dense (both irregular and splash form) glass bodies with high silica contents (~67% SiO₂) occur in the vicinity of Lonar crater, India. Petrographic and chemical criteria clearly indicate that these are not volcanic in origin and are quite similar to the tektites reported in the literature. The tektite-like bodies at Lonar crater are unique in that they occur in an essentially basaltic terrain providing an opportunity to study their formation. Geochemical data suggests that these tektite-like bodies are the impact melt products of 2/3 local basalt component and 1/3 intertrappean sediment (chert) occurring locally. Strong terrestrial geochemical signatures reflecting the target rock patterns and abundance ratios clearly support their terrestrial origin due to meteorite impact, as has been suggested by earlier workers.


84. Petersen, Jon S. (Aarhus University, Denmark); and Lofgren, Gary E.
Coupled and noncoupled eutectic feldspar intergrowths have been produced by dynamic crystallization experiments in the ternary feldspar-water system. Fractionation during plagioclase crystallization in nearly all compositions examined results in eutectic growth when a solute-enriched boundary layer becomes supersaturated with K-feldspar. The growth rate of the eutectic product generally exceeds that of monophase growth by a factor of 10 or higher and is an effective means of reducing thermal supercooling. Coupled intergrowths have lamellar structures that are normal to a planar, nonfaceted, solid-liquid interface. Uncoupled eutectic growth occurs in the more K-rich melts. The melt-grown composites have textures strikingly similar to feldspar intergrowths found in cumulus feldspars of the Larvikite monzonite suite in the Oslo igneous province, and this similarity suggests that eutectic growth from near-cotectic melts may account for certain coarse feldspar intergrowths.


A broad-ranging session on "The Dynamic Earth" included papers on evolution of the atmosphere, crust, mantle, and core as well as on igneous processes, tectonics, and questions about the evidence for terrestrial impacts.


Large (up to 20 cm), equidimensional, highly calcic (An80-90) plagioclase megacrysts occur in all Archean cratons both as anorthositic complexes and in basaltic sills, dikes, and flows. The megacrysts occur in two distinct environments: (1) extensive, subparallel dike-swarms that crosscut huge areas of gneisses and greenstones, and (2) flows or small intrusions in greenstone belts. The former indicate large stable continental terrains whereas the latter suggest oceanic terrains. Both require large volumes of melt for long periods of time under huge areas of both continental and oceanic Archean crust. Rare earth element analyses of the matrices and separated plagioclase combined with experimentally determined distribution coefficients predict both tholeiitic and alkalic basalts as the parent melts.

88. Potter, A. E. (JSC); and Morgan, T. H. (Southwestern University): Fur-
Following the initial discovery of sodium vapor in the atmosphere of Mercury, additional observations have been made, using both the University of Texas McDonald Observatory 2.4 meter telescope and the McMath Solar Telescope at KPNO. The sodium density appears to fluctuate, with a maximum density observed during July 1985. A temperature estimate was made from high resolution measurements of the line profile, with the result that the apparent translational temperature is approximately 500 K. Spatial distribution was measured using the McMath solar telescope main spectrograph coupled to a CID image detector. The sodium atmosphere appears to be about 20% larger than the planet measured along the north/south polar line. There was no evidence for a "tail," as was suggested by earlier spectroscopic measurements. The sodium is thought to keep a steady-state balance between supply and loss. The main source is probably meteoritic infall. It is lost by ionization and trapping in the solar wind, and by radiation pressure during times when the radial velocity of Mercury relative to the Sun is large.
different apparitions. The column abundance of sodium vapor, estimated from the ratio of the two D lines, was not constant, but varied with time and with position on the planet. The disc-averaged sodium abundance appeared to decrease with increasing solar radiation pressure, which implies that radiation pressure plays a role in the sodium atmosphere. The north-south distribution of sodium differed in the two spatially-resolved observations completed to date. Potassium emission from Mercury was measured at two apparitions. The disc-averaged sodium/potassium ratio was approximately 80, which is much greater than the cosmic abundance ratio. The north-south distribution of potassium on the planet was found to be different from that for sodium.


Capture of micrometeoroids using impactors in low-Earth orbit may destroy their chemical, mineralogical, and structural properties. A survey of chondritic porous micrometeorites lists their properties that may provide information on formation and evolution of comets and asteroids. These requirements constrain capture of micrometeoroids on the Space Station.


Analytical electron microscopy of the anhydrous mineralogy of an interplanetary dust particle shows that the chemical composition of constituent olivines and iron-sulfides, as well as the structural properties of the particle, are consistent with low-temperature annealing of an amorphous presolar precursor.


Analytical electron microscopy of an interplanetary dust particle collected in the Earth's stratosphere showed the presence of unusual silica-rich particles. Their chemical, crystallographical and morphological properties are consistent with a volcanic origin. It is suggested that during prolonged periods of global volcanism stratospheric collections of micrometeorites may become contaminated with small-sized volcanic particles.

95. Rietmeijer, Frans J. M. (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services
Micrometeorites collected in the Earth's stratosphere and by Earth-orbiting satellites are currently investigated using a wide variety of micro-analytical techniques. These studies provide a wealth of data on small bodies in our solar system, such as comets and asteroids.


Experimentally obtained Mg-SiO smokes were studied by analytical electron microscopy (AEM) using samples that had been previously characterised by repeated IR-spectroscopy. AEM shows that unannealed smokes contain some degree of (micro-) crystallinity which increases with increased annealing for up to 30 hours. An SiO2 polymorph (tridymite), MgO as well as Si and Mg metal may form contemporaneously as a result of growth of forsterite (Mg2SiO4) microcrystallites in the initially non-stoichiometric smokes. After 4 hours annealing, forsterite and tridymite react to enstatite (MgSiO3). We suggest that IR spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction analysis should be complemented by detailed AEM to detect budding crystallinity in vapor phase condensates.


The physical properties of impact features in the Solar Max main electronics box thermal blanket are consistent with hypervelocity impacts of particles in the near-Earth space environment. The majority of particles are orbital debris and include spacecraft paint and bismuth-rich particles. At least 30% of all impact features are caused by micrometeorites which include silicates and sulfides. Some micrometeorites survive impact with only minor shock-metamorphic effects or chemical fractionation. Currently calibration experiments are underway to relate flux to particle diameter (or mass).


As part of a comprehensive SEM/EDXA (scanning electron microscopy/energy dispersive x-ray analysis) study of Solar Max impact features, we examined and describe here a louver crater (sample 787) which contains abundant material thought to represent residue of a micrometeorite projectile. Many features found in crater 787 are similar to those produced by experimentally firing silicate projectiles of known chemistry into metal targets at velocities up to 6.4 km/s. These include: (a) abundant projectile material preserved in a nonuniform distribution as droplets, stringers, films, and masses; (b) surface relief of projectile melt varying from smooth to vesicular; and (c) metal spherules embedded in projectile melt, displaying immiscibility of metal target and silicate projectile melts.


We analyzed particles associated with impact features; i.e., those found on the front of the first layer within one crater or hole diameter and those in spray patterns on the front of the second layer of the Solar Max MEB thermal blanket. These particles, <1|m to -50|m in size, show spherical, globular, irregular, and fragmental morphologies. A higher proportion of contaminant particles on the front of layer 1 than on back of layer 1 and the front layer 2 probably contributes to the larger modal particle size on the front of the first layer. The chemistry of particles associated with impact features shows two distinctive and major categories: meteoritic particles and paint particles. The latter contains at least Ti, Si, or Zn as two of its major elements. Paint particles are concentrated on the front of layer 1, while meteoritic particles are largely found on the front of layer 2. The meteoritic particles include Mg- and Mg, Fe-silicates (MSF), Fe- and Fe, Ni-sulfides (FSN) and particles of approximate chondritic composition. MSF particles recovered from one impact feature are unshocked olivine (Fo77) single crystals (d(010) = 10.3A) that survived hypervelocity impact without melting. Our classification enables us to identify projectile residues but we recognize that the long duration exposure in space of the Solar Max satellite (50 months) may have resulted in superposition of meteoritic and paint particles associated with an impact feature.

102. See, Thomas H. (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Company);
Petrographic observations and major element analyses for 50 impact melt-splashes from the Apollo 16 landing site are presented. The objective was to evaluate whether they are melts derived from impacts into local soils or from local bedrock below the soil. The optical investigations indicate that most melt-splashes draped their host rocks inside the growing crater cavity; also, the specific host-rocks are the parent-materials of the impact melts. The observed host rocks represent a subset of all lithologies returned from the Cayley/Descartes landingsite and this limited suite of rocks is believed to characterize the Cayley formation in the southern half of the Apollo 16 landing site; most likely, the glasses and host-rocks are the ejecta of S-Ray Crater.


Rb-Sr, K-Ar, and Sm-Nd isotopic studies were undertaken for two Apollo 14 very high potassium (VHK) mare basaltic clasts from breccias 14305 and 14168. The samples are distinctly more radiogenic than other lunar mare basalts. Rb-Sr data for the whole rock and mineral separates determine internal isochrons corresponding to essentially identical ages of $3.83 \pm 0.08$ b.y. and $3.82 \pm 0.12$ b.y. Identical Rb-Sr and K-Ar isotopic results fro the two rocks indicate that they could be derived from the same flow. The source material for these basalts had a Rb/Sr ratio similar to those of Apollo 14 high-Al mare basalts and a nearly chondritic Sm/Nd ratio. Extreme enrichments of Rb/Sr and K/La during the formation of VHK basalts can be adequately explained by an assimilation model that involves basalt/granite interaction. K, Rb-rich components of granitic wall rocks in highland crust were selectively introduced into ascending hot high-Al mare basaltic magma upon contact. A similar crustal assimilation process has been frequently observed in terrestrial, mantle-derived magma that ascended through the continental crust.

Agglutinates are extraterrestrial soil particles which consist of mineral, lithic, and glass fragments cemented together by a matrix of glass. The latter represents impact-fused soil. Papke proposed a model for agglutinate formation via fusion of the finest soil fraction (F3) in which agglutinate glasses should exhibit chemical enrichments and depletions similar to those of the fine (<10 μm) fines, which are fractionated from the bulk soil. In the first part of this study we shocked mixtures of albite and orthoclase and found that the compositions of the impact glasses were indeed more strongly influenced by the fine fraction than by the coarse fraction. Here we report the results of shock recovery experiments on soil mixtures, again with contrasting coarse and fine component compositions, but this time using actual lunar soils. The compositions of the impact glasses mimic those of the corresponding finest soil fractions and fall on a chemical mixing line between the bulk and the fine fraction.


Approximately 4310 My ago a relatively large (500+ micron) zircon crystallized within a clast of Ca-rich plagioclase. The zircon was fractured into numerous smaller crystals and was subsequently overgrown by a second generation of zircon at approximately 4183 My ago. The original bytownite clast was also shattered and regrown within this same time frame. Both zircon and bytownite were later emplaced within a melt sheet (breccia) around 4000 MY, without suffering any substantial lead loss or gain. Apparently neither the overgrowth event at 4180 MY nor the breccia formation at 4000 MY disturbed the U/Pb systematics of the zircon.


A series of cratering and catastrophic fragmentation experiments has been performed, involving the impact of aluminum and stainless-steel spheres into warm (~298K) and cold (~100K) granodiorite targets. Although some vague hints of a thermal effect might be found in some of the results, in no case was there a substantial difference between the warm and cold series. Since these experiments were well within the strength-dominated regime of impact phenomena, variations due to low target temperatures in more energetic events will probably be negligible. Thus, there appear to be no significant temperature-dependent mechanical effects during impact into solid rock over a wide range of temperatures prevalent in the solar system.

Debris in the orbits of some periodic comets has been identified in the IRAS database. Viewed from the earth, many of these dust trails extend across several degrees to many tens of degrees of sky. Dynamical analysis of some of the cometary dust trails (associated with P/Tempel 2 and P/Gunn) indicates that a significant fraction of the dust trail material resides in millimeter through centimeter diameter particles, and that these trails are the superposition of cometary emissions over a few orbital periods. In order to identify all major dust trails at the time of the IRAS mission, we have begun an examination of the IRAS sky flux maps. Trails discovered are compared to the projected orbits of 136 short-period comets, 35 long-period and hyperbolic comets, 36 asteroids in comet-like orbits, and 58 meteor streams. The above comets and asteroids are also identified, where possible, to check for objects expected to have observable trails, but whose trails are not seen. Preliminary results of this survey are presented.


Upper amphibolite to granulite facies migmatitic garnet-bearing mafic gneiss and paragneiss of the Kapuskasing structural zone are modeled geochemically as the residue of a partial melting event that produced the HREE-depleted dacites of the Michipicoten greenstone belt, Ontario. Modelled compositions of felsic melts derived from Kapuskasing mafic gneiss are most similar to Michipicoten HREE-depleted dacites after about 10% melting of a depleted basalt starting composition or approximately 50% melting of an enriched basalt, but anomalous concentrations of the LREE, Th, Co, and Ba suggest that a more complex model is involved. If compositions calculated for partial melts derived from Kapuskasing paragneiss are mixed with melts from the mafic gneiss, the composite model liquid possesses trace element (including LREE, Th, Co and Ba) abundances similar to the HREE-depleted dacites.


HREE-depleted dacites and tonalites, which comprise a significant component of the Earth’s Archean sialic crust, are widely believed to have formed by 10-30% melting of mafic source rocks in the lower crust. In the Michipicoten greenstone belt of Ontario, however, trace element data are consistent with field and petrographic evidence that HREE-depleted dacites formed by anatexis of both mafic gneiss and paragneiss in the adjacent Kapuskasing uplift. Thus, models for growth rates of sialic crust during the Archean should not assume a simple sima to sial transformation always occurs, since significant reworking of existing sialic crust may also be involved.

111. Taff, L. G.; and Jonuskis, D. M. (Lincoln Laboratory, M.I.T.): Results

At the previous COSPAR meeting we reported on a unique bi-telescopic method of observing objects in near-Earth orbit. We also provided preliminary values for the ratio of the untracked to the tracked population of such objects (8:1). Since that time we have streamlined the video processing hardware, revisited the celestial mechanics analysis underlying the deduction of a particle's height — whether from a measurement of parallax or angular speed — and are increasing our observational program by a factor of ten. The bulk of this paper describes a now definitive statistical sampling of the 100-2000 km elevation range, presents height/inclination correlations, gives a complete number/height distribution curve, and so on. Unfortunately the early submission date of this abstract precludes the inclusion of meaningful results.


In a turbulent solar nebula, and early in the history of the solar system, the presence of metastable alumina polymorphs may have catalyzed hydrocarbon produced reactions.


A search for objects in geosynchronous Earth orbit was conducted using the Spacewatch camera system. A total sky area of 8.78 sq deg was observed; some areas were covered on more than one night of observations. The telescope drive was off so that during the integrations the stars were trailed while geostationary objects appeared as round images. The technique should detect geostationary objects to a limiting apparent visual magnitude of 19. Ten objects were found, three of which were observed on separate nights. Seven of these objects are probably geostationary satellites having apparent visual magnitudes brighter than 14. Three objects having magnitudes fainter than 14 showed motion in the north-south direction. The absence of fainter stationary objects suggests that smaller debris does not exist in geostationary positions.


Weak absorption features near 0.7 microns due to the presence of iron oxides in phyllosilicates have been identified in terrestrial serpentines and chlorites and carbonaceous chondritic material. Reflectance spectra acquired using a CCD spectrograph of C-, P-, D-, and F-class asteroids (generally considered to be primitive solar system material) are being examined for the presence of these absorption features. For this study, these spectra were chosen from reflectance spectra of 40 asteroids based upon criteria which included good spectral signal-to-noise and photometric observing conditions. Median filtering and FFT enhancement techniques are being conducted in order to reduce noise and define any existing features. Possible sources of spurious features, including variations among solar analog standard stars and temporal changes in ozone absorption, are being simulated to determine if they could cause absorption features. Preliminary examination indicates that some weak features exist among these spectra, especially those of main-belt primitive asteroids. Results of the more extensive study will be presented.


JHK photometry is presented of six stars which will be occulted by Neptune during 1986 and 1987. Two stars are possible candidates for infrared photometric observations of occultations.


Seven new chips of Lithology C material from shergottite EETA79001 were studied by means of scanning electron microscopy and energy dispersive x-ray analysis. Lithology C is a term used for pockets of impact glass in EETA79001; these pockets contain trapped gases that suggest a Martian origin for the shergottites. Results of the study showed that Lithology C is heterogenous with respect to both texture and composition. Textures among the chips range from holohyaline to almost entirely quench-crystallized. There is a wide range in glass compositions within each chip and an even wider range from sample to sample. Secondary phases (i.e., low-temperature aqueous alteration products) are abundant in some samples; these include sialic rust and secondary aluminosilicates as vein and vesicle fillings. Calcium carbonate is also present in two samples. It is not clear whether the calcium carbonate is of Martian or Antarctic origin. A Martian origin is possible, since the largest calcium carbonate deposit came from near the center of the meteorite, away from the Antarctic weathering environment; in addition, calcium carbonate has never been reported as a product of weathering of Antarctic meteorites. Further work is needed to constrain the origin of the secondary phases in EETA79001.

118. Wentworth, Susan J. (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Company); and McKay, David S. (JSC): Grain Size and Petrographic Analysis of Disaggregated Apollo 15 and 16 Regolith Breccias. Presented at


Polarized views of Earth have been collected by Space Shuttle crews using a pair of boresighted synchronized Hassleblad 70mm cameras onto which a vertical and a horizontal polarizing filter were attached. On STS 51-A more than 100 pairs of black and white images were acquired. Color pairs were acquired on STS 51-G, STS 51-I and STS 61-A (October 1985). Selected image pairs have been digitized, the vertical and horizontal polarized images registered to each other, and the image of the degree of polarization constructed, for several types of scenes and different sun-scene-observer geometries. Considerable difference in degree of polarization is apparent in many of the scenes. The degree of polarization varies significantly among colors for many scene components. Enhancement of patterns in some water surface features appear in the images of degree of polarization. Analysis of these images to determine information content relative to scene component discrimination, reduction of scene signal noise, atmospheric contribution, and water surface penetration is in progress.


During the first 24 Space Shuttle missions thousands of color photographs of volcanoes were taken by geologically trained astronauts using handheld cameras. Depending on the camera lens used the photos typically cover areas either 70 km or 170 km on a side, with resolutions of 30m or 80m - characteristics similar to Landsat TM and MSS images, respectively. Astronaut photos are taken at a variety of look angles, thus complementing the constant time and constant vertical view of Landsat images. The pictures are often excellent for reconnaissance studies of many of the world's volcanoes - the majority of which are unmapped - and have been used to plan field itineraries where maps are not available. In inaccessible or poorly mapped regions, the photographs provide basic statistical data on the existence, geometry, and morphology of volcanoes, thus facilitating volcano-tectonic interpretations. Digitization, rectification, and image processing of the photographs enhance analysis (e.g. measuring areas). Astronaut photos have also documented nearly three dozen eruptions, four of which were not otherwise reported.

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Mexico): The Microstructures of Cylindrical Tochilinites. The Amer-

Individual tochilinite (ideally 2FeO9S 1.67[(Mg, Fe) (OH)2]) fibers
from Cornwall, Pennsylvania, and the Jacupiranga Mine, Brazil, have
been examined using scanning electron microscopy (SEM), analytical
electron microscopy (AEM), and high resolution transmission electron
microscopy (HRTEM). Dominant morphologies for tochilinite from these
locations are filled and hollow cylinders. HRTEM of Cornwall toch-
ilinite cylinders reveals that they are composed of laths stacked into
polygonal sectors around the cylinder axis. Within each polygonal
section the curvature of the tochilinite sheets does not exceed 10-2
radian. Adjacent laths are slightly rotated about the cylinder axis,
which provides the effective curvature responsible for the cylindrical
morphology. Greater effective sheet curvature results in cylinders,
as shown by the material from Cornwall. Tochilinite from the Jacupi-
ranga Mine has a smaller effective sheet curvature, which results in a
cladded morphology. Similar morphologies can be observed for the
"poorly characterized phases" within C2 carbonaceous chondrite meteo-
rite matrices.

129. Zolensky, Michael E.; McKay, David S. (JSC); Schramm, L. S.; Thomas-Ver
Ploeg, K. L. (Northrop Services); Warren, J. L.; Watts, L. (Lockheed
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Dust Catalog, Vol. 8/No. 1: Particles from Collection Flag W7013.

This catalog summarizes preliminary observations on 123 particles
retrieved from collection surface W701, a silicone-oil-coated flat
plate "flag" (with a 30 cm² surface area) which was flown aboard a
NASA WB57-F aircraft over west-central North America from May through
July 1981. This flag was installed in a specially constructed wing
pylon which ensured that the neccessary level of cleanliness was main-
tained between periods of active sampling. During successive periods
of high altitude (20 km) cruise, the flag was exposed in the stratosphere by pilot command and then retracted into sealed storage containers prior to descent. A total of 65 hours of stratospheric exposure was accumulated for flag W7013.


Tephra-rich samples of blue ice were gathered from the Far Western Ice Field and the Allan Hills Main Ice Field in South Victoria Land, Antarctica. These ice sheets have been dated at <1.2x10^5 and 3 to 6x10^5 years old respectively. Tephra from the Far Western Ice Field was fine-grained (10μm mean), containing abundant basanitic glass and phenocysts of forsterite (Fo79), bytownite (An73), fassaite, and sulfides. By comparison, the tephra from the Allan Hills Main Ice Field was ten times as coarse-grained and contained less glass, with phenocrysts of kaersutite, forsterite (Fo85), plagioclase (variable), cpx (Wo50 En27), sulfides, and oxides. Despite the fact that this tephra has lain encased in snow and ice since immediately after its deposition, aqueous alteration products are ubiquitous. When ice exists in intimate contact with solids a thin interfacial layer of so called "unfrozen water" is present, allowing ionic migration and consequent aqueous alteration to occur at temperatures even below -10°C. Alteration due to the action of "unfrozen water" will disturb analyses of otherwise pristine Antarctic tephra, complicating tephra chronology studies. Surficial alteration of glass grains to imogolite will serve to substantially increase the apparent bulk abundance of alumina and water, at the expense of all other components.


Mass spectra of cometary dust particles measured by the PIA instrument onboard Giotto show quite some unexpected and striking features. Small particles below 10-14 g are much more abundant than anticipated by the models. Most of the particles are rich in light elements such as H, C, N, and O, suggest to the validity of models describing the cometary material as including organic material. The light elements specifically seem to have a low ratio of mass per volume. Three examples of original mass spectra showing typical compositions are compared to a synthetic (computer generated) mass spectrum which shows what had been expected.


Man-Systems Division

1. Britell, Catherine (VA Medical Center); Ciciora, John; Johnson, Dale (Johnson Engineering Corporation); and Louviere, Laura L. (JSC): The Unistik Vehicle Controller: A Unique Approach to Driving for People with Disabilities. Presented at the 12th Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Conference, 1986, Vancouver, Canada.

The Unistik (TM) represents a unique, cost-effective, and reliable system for enabling people with severe physical disabilities to drive a motor vehicle. It is wholly contained within the passenger compartment, is easily installed, and retains the integrity of the normal vehicle control system. Since the device is a "bolt-on" system, it can be moved to a new vehicle with ease and is expected to last the lifetime of the user. The expected relative low cost and wide availability of the system will make driving available to a significant number of people who would otherwise be dependent in transportation.


This paper describes research and development at NASA for increasing the productivity of crews on the Space Station in intravehicular (IV) workstations, extravehicular (EV) workstations, and telerobotics. Research on IV productivity has centered around the physical characteristics of workstation design, human-computer interactions, and the construction and use of expert systems. The focus of EV productivity has been on the interface between the human and various devices, including the extravehicular mobility unit (EMU), manned maneuvering unit (MMU), and work tools. Telerobotics on Space Station will involve an IV crewmember operating an EV robot; research and development issues for space telerobotics include the information required by the operator and the flexible allocation of tasks to the operator and robot as a function of increasing autonomous capabilities in the robot.


Proper design of devices to restrain and position astronauts in microgravity is essential for working and living in space. This paper traces the development of crew restraints throughout the history of the U.S. space program and examines the functioning of various restraints in their conditions of use. Design issues and recommended design guidelines for intravehicular crew restraints are identified.


This paper presents an overview of the Man/System Integration Standards (MSIS) program standards to be developed to ensure proper integration of the man/system interface requirements for launch, reentry, on-orbit, and extraterrestrial space environments with those of other programs.
aerospace disciplines. Concise design considerations, design requirements, and design examples are provided. The standards are being developed through a Government/Industry Advisory Group (GIAG). The documentation will consist of four hard copy volumes, a videotape, and a relational database. The videotape uses in-space film footage from Gemini, Skylab, and the Shuttle to illustrate specific man/system integration problems (scenes are cross-referenced to the MSIS topics). The relational database provides a means for storing and manipulating the MSIS data.

   This paper describes some of the ways in which human capabilities in space are different from those on Earth, including visual and auditory perception, olfaction and taste, kinesthesia, coordination, and vestibular function. Workload considerations are presented, and psychological and social factors that can affect crew performance on long-duration space missions are discussed.

   A comparison was made for the reach capability of Shuttle space suit vs. unsuited. Graphics were generated and reach envelope volumes computed. The space suit reduces the reach envelope volume from about 64% to 97%, depending on the type of envelope measured.

   Currently three advanced development study projects are being conducted for NASA in the areas of the food supply and service system, the advanced food hardware system, and the personal hygiene system. The studies are related through the sharing of data base systems and joint working group meetings. These studies are two year projects which will result in requirements definitions, end-item system specifications, and identification of areas requiring further research and development efforts. Study results will be incorporated into Space Station efforts as information becomes available.

   A team approach including members from NASA, aerospace companies, and the food industry was taken to study current and advanced technologies in food related areas to develop requirements and specifications for the Space Station food system. Food system interfaces with power, water, and contamination control systems were taken into consideration, but optimization of the human interface with the food system remained the most important criterion due to habitability con-
cerns. Areas addressed by trade-off studies to determine feasible concepts included daily food, emergency food, extravehicular activity food, packaging, storage, utensils, ground operations, serving techniques, resupply logistics, trash management, sanitation, contamination control, maintenance and quality control. Results of the study will determine end-item specifications for the Space Station food system and identify areas requiring further research and development efforts.


A preliminary food system was designed for the NASA Space Station which will be launched in the early 1990's. A unique multi-disciplined approach was used in conjunction with a data management system and trade-off analyses to arrive at a food system which includes freezers, refrigerators, microwave ovens, convection ovens that reach 350°F and controlled atmosphere storage of fruits and vegetables. One of the design goals of the food system was to make it as Earth-like as possible. An industrial advisory board made up of volunteers from various segments of the food industry provided guidance and direction.


NASA is developing a Man/System Integration Standard for the design and development of space habitats. Included in this paper is a discussion of the anthropometrics, architecture, activity centers, and health management sections of the standard. There is a brief description of the general contents of each of these sections and some of the human factors considerations that are unique to the space environment.


This paper summarizes requirements, design concepts, and baseline configuration for an advanced food hardware system (AFHS) for the Space Station. It is planned that Space Station will employ unique food hardware items that have never been flown in space such as a dishwasher, microwave oven, blender/mixer, bulk food and beverage dispensers, automated food inventory management, a trash compactor, and an advanced technology refrigerator/freezer. Each of these new technologies and designs is described and the trades, design, development, and testing associated with each are summarized. Space Station objectives and constraints which impact the design of food hardware and their implications for hardware selection, design, and test are described.

An overview of manned space flight is given. This describes the key goals and achievements of the space programs of the United States and of the Soviet Union. The importance of the "Man" in manned space flight is emphasized. Human factors are shown to have played an ever increasing role in the design of manned spacecraft.


A study was undertaken to identify the components of an automatic system for analysis of specific organic compounds in the Space Station potable water supply. The gas chromatographic system for such an analysis is limited to commercially available off-the-shelf hardware and includes the sample inlet, an ionization detector, and capillary columns as well as computerized compound identification. The sampling system will be a special variation of the purge and trap Tenax mode using six-port valves and a 500 microliter water sample. Capillary columns used for the separating of contaminants will be bonded phase fused silica with a silicone stationary phase. Two detectors can be used: photoionization and far ultraviolet, since they are sensitive and compatible with capillary columns. A computer system evaluation and program with the principle of compound identification based on the retention index is presented.
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The Space Station will require a high degree of system autonomy to function efficiently over its lifetime. Autonomous operation necessitates that systems be maintained and repaired using knowledge-based expert systems and robotics. Knowledge of the geometry of systems, functionality, procedures, rationale for design decisions, relationships among components, must be captured during Space Station design by the contractors using readily available hardware and software with minimal impact on the design process. Appropriate choices of software tools and techniques of knowledge representation are required for successful design knowledge capture.


Conceptual designs of NASA's Space Station make use of telerobots, robots, expert systems, intelligent graphics, and other modern automation approaches to assembly and operation. These designs offer a number of options which must be compared against many competing criteria related to variables such as cost, safety, reliability, spinoff potential, etc. The process by which a large number of possible design options are reduced to a single design has been called design convergence. To aid in the management of this process, NASA is using multiattribute decision analysis and economic network models. This talk covers some of the mathematical properties of these models and illustrates their application to design convergence.


Design of NASA's Space Station has begun. During the design cycle, and after activation of the Space Station, the recurring need will exist to access not only designs, but also deeper knowledge about the designs, which is only hinted at in the design definition. Areas benefiting from this knowledge include training, fault management, and onboard automation. NASA's Artificial Intelligence Office at Johnson Space Center and the Mitre corporation have conceptualized an approach for capture and storage of design knowledge.

NASA has a database for tracking tasks which uses personal names as part of the key and must ensure that these names are spelled consistently. A table of valid names is specified in a schema declaration using NOMAD2, with the requirement that each name entered into the database be a member of this names table. On membership failure, this application reads the user's screen for the misspelled name and then searches for the nearest valid name in the names table. Each letter is assigned a number from 3 to 9 as an information weight; 3 is the weight for "a,e,i,n,o,s,t"; 4 is the weight for "d,h,l,r,u"; 5 is the weight for "c,f,g,m,p,w"; 6 is the weight for "b,v"; 7 is the weight for "k,q"; 8 is the weight for "j,x,y"; 9 is the weight for "z". The weight assigned to a letter is based upon the relative frequency with which that letter occurs in the names table. This algorithm computes a likeness value for any pair of names as follows: the likeness is initially set to zero; then, for each letter in the alphabet, if that letter is present in both names, the weight for that letter is added to the likeness value. Pairing the misspelled name with each name in the names table, a likeness value is computed for each pair. From the pair with the largest likeness value, the name most probably intended by the user is displayed.


The integration process of activities conducted for the experimental assembly of structures in extravehicular activity (EASE)/assembly concept for construction of erectable space structures (ACCESS) payload is provided as a subset to the standard payload integration process used to fly payloads on the Space Shuttle. The EASE/ACCESS payload integration activities are chronologically reviewed in this paper beginning with the initiation of the flight manifesting and integration process. The development and documentation of the EASE/ACCESS integration requirements are also discussed along with the implementation of the mission integration activities and the engineering assessments supporting the flight integration process. In addition, the STS management support organizations, the payload safety process leading to the STS 61-B flight certification, and the overall EASE/ACCESS integration schedule are presented.


To maximize the efficiency of the Space Transportation System as a shared cargo launch system and to enhance the mixability and launch opportunities for payloads carried on the Space Shuttle, NASA has
developed a shared cargo standard launch window. The launch window is based on the transfer orbit Sun angle requirements of an established, common class of geosynchronous communications satellites. It is applicable to mixed cargoes launched from the John F. Kennedy Space Center into 28.5° inclination orbits. The window consists of two time periods, each 2 hours long, centered at 0023 and 1223 Greenwich mean time, and extends unchanged throughout the year.

Significant design improvements to the Shuttle waste management system (WMS) and its related personal hygiene support provisions (PHSP) have recently been made to improve overall operational performance and human factors interfaces. The WMS design improvements basically involve improved urinal flow and processing, individual urinals, and provisions for manually compacting feces and cleanup materials to ensure adequate mission capacity for worst case missions. The basic arrangement and stowage of the PHSP used during waste management operations were extensively changed to better serve habitability concerns and operations needs and to improve the hygiene of WCS operations. This paper describes these changes, and the design/development and flight test evaluation of these improvements. In addition, other unique mission dictated or improvement type changes are described, such as additional provisions for eight crewmembers and changes to a new four-tier sleep station.


Degraded magnetic tapes and data were recovered from damaged reels through a series of chemical, mechanical, and rerecording processes. This paper describes the procedures used on three reels of tape recovered from the Space Shuttle Challenger after being immersed in the ocean for six weeks.
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