Space Station Toxic and Reactive Materials Handling Workshop

Summary of Presentation Entitled: The Materials Processing Sciences Glovebox
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Summary:
The Materials Processing Sciences Glovebox is a rack mounted workstation which allows on orbit sample preparation and characterization of specimens from various experiment facilities. It provides an isolated safe, clean and sterile environment for the crew member to work with potentially hazardous materials. It has to handle a range of chemicals broader than even PMMS. The theme of the presentation is that The Space Station Laboratory Experiment Preparation and Characterization Operations Provide The Fundamental Glovebox Design Characteristics. The presentation discusses Glovebox subsystem concepts and how internal material handling operations affect the design.

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MATERIALS PROCESSING
SCIENCES GLOVEBOX

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OVERVIEW

- DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS
- SUBSYSTEMS AND FUNCTIONAL SCHEMATIC
- SUBSYSTEM DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE FEATURES
- MATERIAL HANDLING ISSUES AFFECTING DESIGN
- CONCLUSIONS

THEME: SPACE STATION EXPERIMENT PREPARATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OPERATIONAL DEFINITION PROVIDES FUNDAMENTAL DESIGN GOALS FOR ALL GLOVEBOX SUBSYSTEMS
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DEFINITION

- Rack Mounted, Crew Accessible but Isolated Work Area for Sample Preparation and Characterization Operations
- Provides User Protection to Handle Potentially Hazardous Materials

Therefore

- Provides an Internal Waste Handling Capability
- Airlock Isolation Entry of Specimens and Equipment
- Fluid Handling and Cleaning Tool Interfaces and Other Needed LSE Characterization Equipment Interfaces

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GLOVEBOX REQUIREMENTS

ACCOMODATIONS
Cleaning Fluids and Tools, etching and encapsulation equipment, access to subsystem and required LSE utilities, sample characterization and observation, biological preparation of media, pH meter, small mass measurement device, microscopic supplies, macroscopic inspection, device for analysis and results of data, separate and dispose of waste materials.

PROVISIONS
Class 100 to Class 109k (continuous) cleanliness, determination of cleanliness levels, 0.5"ΔP steady state pressure operation below cabin, 10 air exchanges per hour, 1E-03 atm cc/sec helium leakage at steady state ambient conditions, sterilization, prevention of crew contamination, glove removal and replacement, surface restraints in work area, video observation of internal operations, DMS interface, access to operational, maintenance and diagnostic data, lighting and illumination, imaging.
Usage

- Integrated Glovebox Systems Are Used For Realizing Users Characterization Needs By:
  - Interfacing with Experiment Facilities (via Material Transporter)
  - Accommodating Supporting LSE, Services (video, power etc..)
  - Being Operator Friendly

- Design of Glovebox is Determined by How It is Used
Subsystems

- 6 Subsystems Defined:
  - Cabinet (Work Area)
  - Accommodation Volumes (Storage, Access to Utilities)
  - Data Management System (Crew Access to Procedures, Maintenance, Video, Diagnostic Information)
  - Air System (Filtration/Cleansing of Internal Environment)
  - Waste Management (Storage, Treatment, Prep for PMMS)
  - Airlock (sterile/clean entry of specimens/equipment)
CABINET

*Design Features*

- Work Volume Accessed Via Gloveports
- Interfaces Other Subsystems (Air, Waste Airlock, Storage/Service etc.)
- Human Factors of Operation a Major Design Consideration
- Dependent Upon Equipment Complement Needs For Characterization (other LSE)
- Materials of Construction Dependent on Chemical Compounds, Quantities, Mixtures and Possible Reactions
Accommodation Volumes

Design Features

- Ease of Access to Stored Supplies
- Service/Storage Access Panels (for protection)
- Adequate Storage Volume to Support Operations
- Instrumentation Access to Rack Mounted LSE for Measurement
DMS

Design Features

- Computer Access to User Operational Procedures
- Computer Access to Internal Diagnostic and Repair/Maintenance Procedures
- Instrumentation Access for Leak Detection and Cleanliness (particulate/chemical) State Measurement and Validation
- Safety Interlocks (Normal, Transient Conditions)
- Video Observation of Internal Operations
Air System

Design Features:
- Filtration and Trapping of Floating Fluid and Particulate Matter
- Removal of Organic and Inorganic Via TCCS
- Filtration from Class 100 to Class 100
- Closed Loop System Design Similar to GPWS and Bioclone
Waste Management System

Design Features

- Interfaced to Work Volume Via Fluid Tools and Cleaning Tools
- Chemical Level Monitoring Instrumentation
- Separates Fluid and Solid Waste Materials
- Treats, Stores or Diverts to PMMS
- Multiple Use States: Startup/Shutdown/Cleaning/Validation
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Space Station Materials Processing Sciences Glovebox

Airlock

Design Features

- Interfaces with Material Transporter/Portable Glovebox
- Preserves Environmental Integrity of Samples
- Large Enough to Import LSE and Specimen Containers
- Leak Integrity/Detection/Validation
- Human Factors Consideration for Operation
Materials Handling Issues Affecting Design

- Avg Vol/Subsys = 6.42 ft^3
- Adequate Volume For Meeting Design Goals

Usable Volume
- 37.50 x 18.25 x 2.50
- 37.50 x 26.00 x 10.00
- 37.50 x 30.75 x 42.40
- 37.50 x 28.00 x 6.00

Total Internal Volume: 52.51 cu. ft.
Total Payload Volume: 38.50 cu. ft.
Materials Handling
Issues Affecting Design

- SPECIMEN PREPARATION OPERATIONS
  - Fluid and Wet Chemistry Operations
    spill sets, chemical mixtures, quantities and state
  - Solids Particulate Generation
    quantity, size, chemical composition
  - Handling Operations
    tools needed, stored supplies, services
  - Visual or Video Observations
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MATERIALS PROCESSING

SCIENCES GLOVEBOX

Materials Handling
Issues Affecting Design

- CHARACTERIZATION OR REPAIR OPERATIONS
  - Measurements Required for Given Operations
  establish LSE complement baseline
  and thus volume, service accommodations etc..

DESIGN OF GLOVEBOX IS DETERMINED BY HOW IT IS TO BE USED
CONCLUSIONS

- Packaging Subsystems Within Volume Constraints May Not Be Possible Unless:
  - Re-interpretation of Use and Functional Limitations examples:
    - Waste Processing vs Total Storage
    - Internal Transport of LSE vs Feedthrough Accommodation
    - Self Contained Chemical and Cleanliness Monitoring System
    - Self Contained Leak Detection Validation System
CONCLUSIONS (continued)

• A Baselined Set of Mission Operation Scenarios Should be Developed to Establish Design

ie.. sets of materials to be handled, tools, LSE etc..

- Chemical Levels/Cleanliness Monitoring May Be Accomplished By a Shared Effort With PMMS

• Trade Study Recommendations Using Baseline Set May Simplify Unit
  
  - based upon User interviews followed by development of concepts and procedures to accommodate

  example: compartmentalization of work area to achieve class 100 cleanliness from class 100k
U. S. Laboratory Chemical Hazard Remediation

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Space Station Project PMMS Objectives

Process Fluid Supply
Process Material Transport
Waste Dispensation
Chemical Storage and Leak Detection
PMMS Subsystems

Basic Subsystems

Process Fluid Supply
Waste Processing
Water Recovery and Processing
Chemical Storage and Transport

Peripheral Subsystems

Portable Glovebox
Emergency Shower and Eye Wash
Vacuum Maintenance System
Process Material Management System

- Chemical Storage
- Water Resupply
- Process Fluid Supply
- Laboratory Facilities
- PMMS Water Processing System
- PMMS Waste Handling System
- Vacuum Maintenance System
- Waste Gas Vent
- Waste Liquid Storage
- Waste Gas Storage
USL Chemical Storage, Handling, and Isolation

Transport while maintaining isolation from the USL atmosphere

- Containment levels
- Portable glovebox

Ambient, safe storage for 90 day mission set

- PMMS-supplied
- User-supplied
USL Waste Handling Requirements

Process and reclaim waste water as appropriate

Accommodate contaminated effluent

Handle leaks and spills within USL facilities

Separate and condition phases for storage or periodic venting as appropriate
Potentially Hazardous Operations on the USL

Chemical and waste storage

Chemical and waste transportation

Chemical and waste processing
USL Hazard Remediation Approach

Survey past experience on Skylab, Spacelab, and Shuttle
Gather data on each material candidate
Screen materials based on criteria and limits established by the Space Station Project
USL Material Database Development

Database includes the following information:

1. Chemical name and formula
2. Physical properties
3. Phases used
4. Hazard classification
5. Amount used or generated per cycle and the location in the USL
6. Total amount used or generated
7. Recommended treatment methods and location
8. Spacecraft maximum allowable concentration
9. Functional classification
10. Major incompatibilities
11. Comments

Aid for matching USL and user requirements to reach the optimum design
Criteria for USL Experiment Material Screening

Accommodation levels for storage, containment, and processing for sample, reagent, and waste materials will be determined according to the following:

1. Concentration
2. Reactivity
3. Toxicity
4. Flammability limits
5. Chemical compatibility
6. Corrosiveness
7. Quantity
8. Use rate
9. pH
10. Solubility
11. Phase
12. Flash point
13. Latent heat of neutralization
14. Reaction and degradation products
15. Spacecraft maximum allowable concentration (SMAC)
16. Cleanup techniques
17. Detectable limits and detection techniques
18. Temperature and pressure conditions of use
19. Additional substances used in the same volume
20. Processes or procedures performed
21. Storage, transfer, and use guidelines
22. Spill impacts on the ECLSS
Space Station USL Hazardous Material Control Procedure

Alternate Material Selection

- USL Users
  - Past Experience
  - Initial Material Screening
    - Identify Process or Procedure
      - Identify Use Conditions
        - Compatibility
        - Reactivity
        - Toxicity
        - Flammability
          - Spill Impacts
            - Reject
              - Flight
              - Material Acceptance
                - Experiment Procedure & Safety Review
                  - Storage Transfer & Use Guidelines
                    - Pass
Develop USL Material Classifications and Waste Remediation Techniques

Segregate separately and store for further use or return to earth

Treat locally before central disposal

Treat locally before local disposal

Recover water from selected experiment operations
PMMS Approach to Handling Chemical Classes

Local Treatment and Storage

Filter
Separate phases
Liquid storage
Segregate hazardous chemicals and return to proper storage after verifying containment

Transportation

Appropriate containment
Appropriate subsystem interfaces

Central Treatment and Storage

Filter
Separate phases
Reclaim water from candidate wastes
Inert gas purge potential for recycle
Rack-Level Waste Handling Methodology

- **CHEMICAL STORAGE**
- **FINAL WATER POLISHING AS REQUIRED**
- **AQUEOUS WASTE**
- **WATER PROCESSING**
- **LOCAL WASTE PROCESSING**
- **HIGHLY CONTAMINATED WASTE LIQUID STORAGE**
- **LABORATORY FACILITY**
- **WASTE PROTOCOLS**
- **PROCESS FLUIDS**
- **VACUUM MAINTENANCE SYSTEM**
- **PMMS WASTE VENT**
Personal Protective Equipment

Goggles, face protection, or both

Gloves or proper material

Protective coat or suit as appropriate

General laboratory safety equipment
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GROUND BASED ELECTRONIC CRYSTAL GROWTH
SAFETY PRACTICES

0. KEY CONSIDERATIONS
   * FACILITY SELECTION
   * EQUIPMENT SELECTION
   * PERSONNEL SELECTION AND TRAINING

0. DESIGN FOR SAFETY
   * FACILITY
   * EQUIPMENT
   * PERSONNEL PROTECTION

0. TRAINING
   * FACILITIES OPERATION
   * EQUIPMENT OPERATION
   * EMPLOYEE SAFETY

0. SUMMARY - Q&A
GROUND BASED ELECTRONIC CRYSTAL GROWTH
SAFETY PRACTICES

A. FACILITY SELECTION

1. ASSESS HAZARDS PARAMETERS
   o TOXICITY
   o QUANTITY
   o SITE LOCATION

2. DEDICATE SPACE AND SERVICES

3. COMPARTMENTALIZE
   o SMALLEST CUBIC FOOT OF SPACE REQUIRED FOR PROCESS
   o MINIMIZE POSSIBLE CLEANUP AREA
GROUND BASED ELECTRONIC CRYSTAL GROWTH
SAFETY PRACTICES

B. EQUIPMENT SELECTION

1. IDENTIFY POSSIBILITIES FOR A CATASTROPHE
   o PRESENCE OF TOXIC SOLIDS OR GASES
   o FIRE POTENTIAL
   o CHEMICAL CONTAINMENT

2. DESIGN "IN" SAFETY FEATURES VS. ADD-AS-YOU-GO

3. EVALUATE VENDORS KNOWLEDGE OF HAZARDS
GROUND BASED ELECTRONIC CRYSTAL GROWTH
SAFETY PRACTICES

C. PERSONNEL SELECTION AND TRAINING

1. ESTABLISH BASELINE MEDICAL RECORDS
   o HEAVY METALS BASELINE
   o PULMONARY FUNCTIONS BASELINE

2. HAZARDS TRAINING
   o CLASSROOM BEFORE PRODUCTION AREA
   o EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
   o OSHA RIGHT-TO-KNOW
   o SPECIAL NOTES ON HANDLING HAZMAT
D. FACILITY SAFETY

1. FIRE PROTECTION

2. DETECTORS
   - SMOKE
   - TOXIC GAS
   - COMBUSTIBLE GAS

3. CENTRAL ALARM CENTER
   - MONITOR FIRE SYSTEM
   - MONITOR DETECTORS
   - EVACUATION ALARM
   - 24-HOUR MONITORING, ON OR OFF-SITE

4. CONTAMINATION SURVEILLANCE
   - WIPE SAMPLES
   - GAS/VAPOUR DETECTOR PUMPS

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E. EQUIPMENT SAFETY

1. DESIGN FOR SAFE OPERATION AND SHUTDOWN
   - REMOTE MONITORS OF CRITICAL PARAMETERS
   - REMOTE SHUTDOWN AT CENTRAL ALARM CENTER

2. DESIGN FOR CONTAINMENT OF TOXIC MATERIAL
   - HIGH VELOCITY EXHAUST HOODS
   - EXTENSIVE USE OF GLOVE BOX APPARATUS
   - NEGATE NEED FOR FULL-TIME RESPIRATORS

3. DESIGN FOR EXPEDITED CLEANUP
   - ISOLATE AREA/EQUIPMENT
   - EASY BREAKDOWN OF EQUIPMENT
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SAFETY PRACTICES

F. PERSONNEL PROTECTION

1. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
   o DUAL USEAGE-CLEANROOM AND HAZMAT PROTECTION
   o CONSIDER DISPOSABLE GARMENTS, GLOVES

2. RESPIRATORY PROTECTION (OSHA 1910.134)
   o ROUTINE DUTIES VS. NON-ROUTINE DUTIES
   o AIR SUPPLIED VS. CHEMICAL CARTRIDGE
   o MASK MUST BE FITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL
   o MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE REQUIRED
   o REQUIRES WRITTEN PROCEDURES

3. EYE/FACE PROTECTION
   o CHEMICAL SPLASH
   o FRAGMENTS

4. SPECIAL PROTECTION
   o HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CLEANUP
   o MAJOR FACILITY MODIFICATIONS

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GROUND BASED ELECTRONIC CRYSTAL GROWTH
SAFETY PRACTICES

G. TRAINING

1. FACILITIES OPERATIONS
   - REVIEW WRITTEN PROCEDURES
   - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
   - EMERGENCY RESPONSE

2. EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS
   - COMMUNICATE CHANGES
   - REVIEW WRITTEN PROCEDURES

3. EMPLOYEE SAFETY
   - SCHEDULED SAFETY MEETINGS
   - SEEK EMPLOYEE INPUTS
   - CONTINUAL REVIEW OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS