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HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM AREA
OF THE INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN

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HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM:
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

• EVA SYSTEMS SUPPORT
  - FLEXIBLE EASY TO USE, HIGH PRESSURE EVA GLOVES.
  - EVA SUIT MAINTAINABLE ON - ORBIT / IN - SITU BY CREW.

• LIFE SUPPORT
  - AIR RECYCLING AND WASTE (LIQUID, GAS, SOLID) PROCESSING
    AND RECLAMATION OF 90+%.
  - RADIATION SHIELDING TO DOE PROTECTION STANDARDS.
  - AUTOMATED LIFE SUPPORT SENSORS & CONTROL SYSTEMS.

• CREW STATION DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
  - REAL TIME RESPONSE TO VIRTUAL REALITY ENVIRONMENT WITH
    <.01% MOTION LAG AND ,50 MS. VISUAL LAG.
  - TRANSFER HUMAN - COMPUTER INTERFACE DESIGN GUIDELINES
    TO INDUSTRY.

• FIRE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY
  - CONTINUOUS MONITORING TECHNIQUES FOR INCipient EVENT.
  - FIRE EXTINGUISHING, DISPERSAL, & CLEANUP FOR FIRE EVENT.
HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM: TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

- ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF KEY, HIGH-PAYOFF CAPABILITIES
  - EVA GLOVES
  - VISUALIZATION TECHNOLOGIES
  - EFFICIENT LIFE SUPPORT

- ENABLE DEMONSTRATIONS / IN-FLIGHT TESTS OF:
  - EVA & LIFE SUPPORT CONTROLS AND SENSORS
  - VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

- AUGMENT R&T AREAS THAT ARE MINIMALLY FUNDED
  - DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HUMAN-INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS
  - PLSS COMPONENTS (BATTERIES, CO₂ PROCESSING)
  - EVA DISPLAY AND CONTROL TECHNIQUES
  - LIFE SUPPORT SENSORS & CONTROLS
  - BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT (ZERO FUNDED)
  - FIRE SAFETY (ZERO FUNDED)
  - ADVANCED ECLSS & HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL

- TRANSFER MATURING TECHNOLOGY TO FOCUSED THRUSTS
  - HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERFACE DESIGN GUIDELINES
  - EVA SUIT MOBILITY (JOINT) AND MATERIALS (HARD & SOFT)
  - DISPLAYS FOR PROXIMITY OPERATIONS

- BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT MEDICAL OPERATIONS
  - IMPROVED REFRIGERATION / FREEZERS
  - HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY
  - LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM: OBJECTIVES

PERFORM FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH IN FOUR MAJOR AREAS OF HUMAN SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF NASA'S SPACE PROGRAMS, THE MAJOR SUBELEMENT TOPICS ARE:

- EVA SYSTEM SUPPORT TO HUMAN PERFORMANCE.
- LIFE SUPPORT & BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIES.
- CREWSTATION DESIGN TECHNOLOGY.
- FIRE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY.
- HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY.
HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM:
BENEFITS

**BASE R & T**
- Increase safety, effectiveness, and reliability of human activities in space.
- Space human support knowledge base established.
- Increase design of closure of future space life support systems.
- Enable efficient and effective monitoring of critical life support systems.
- Enable efficient, non-toxic thermal control systems.

**BENEFITS FOR OPERATIONS THRUSTS:**
- Extension of mission lifetime and reliability for spacecraft and support crew, reduced human error due to fatigue and isolation effects, and increased crew efficiency.

**BENEFITS FOR EXPLORATION THRUSTS:**
- Increased mission reliability due to lightweight, adaptable surface EVA systems and crew workstations matched to meet mission requirements and human limitations for a family of missions over a wide variety of lunar and martian surfaces.
- Eliminate resupply, maximize self-sufficient life support systems.

**BENEFITS FOR PLATFORM THRUST:**
- Capabilities for significant increase in number of EVA excursion, elimination of prebreathe requirements, automatic servicing of PLSS and suit units, on-orbit repairable EVA egress, don and doffing.
- Reduce resupply requirements & increase mission duration.
- Provide in-situ sensor & control system for SSF life support.
- Utilize SSF as in-space life support testbed.

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HUMAN SUPPORT STATE-OF-THE-ART

MAJOR ELEMENTS:

- **EVA**
  - SHUTTLE SUIT: PREBREATHE & GROUND SERVICING HIGH PRESSURE, ZERO PREBREATHE SUITE DEMO IN LAB (AX-5, ZPS, MOD III)
  - SHUTTLE PLSS: NON-REGENERATIVE, GROUND SERVICE (OVERALL STATEMENT).

- **LIFE SUPPORT**
  - RE-SUPPLIED AIR AND WATER AND REGENERATIVE CO₂ REMOVAL.
  - THERMAL: CURRENT HEAT PIPES & RADIATORS GROWTH LIMITED, LOW EFFICIENCY.
  - SENSORS: GC/MASS SPEC; MANUAL SAMPLING & CONTROLS.
  - BIOMEDICAL: LIMITED S-O-A TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION.

- **CREWSTATION DESIGN**
  - MODELS: PRELIMINARY KINEMATIC MODELS OF HUMAN MOTION IN ZERO-G.
  - INTERFACE: INTERFACE DESIGN GUIDELINES, NASA-STD 3000 CHAPTER FOR SSF.

- **FIRE SAFETY**
  - LIMIT MATERIALS TO NON-FLAMMABLES
  - FLAMMABLES ISOLATION.
  - HALON, CO₂ FIRE SUPPRESSION

HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM: RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AX-5 HIGH-PRESSURE SPACE SUIT DEVELOPMENT
- VISION MODEL DEMONSTRATION FOR DATA COMPRESSION AND MACHINE VISION
- HUMAN GRAPHICS SYSTEM DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF HUMAN/SYSTEM INTERFACES.
- HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION GUIDELINES ADDED TO MAN-SYSTEM INTEGRATION STANDARD.
- DEMONSTRATED EXPLORATION OF THE MARTIAN SURFACE USING VIRTUAL WORKSTATION.
- EVA METABOLIC RESEARCH LABORATORY COMPLETED AND CERTIFIED.
- RIGOROUS SYSTEM ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY DEVELOPED FOR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM TRADES & OPTIMIZATION.
- INITIATED LIFE SUPPORT SENSOR & CONTROLS RESEARCH.
- EXTENDED DURATION ORBITER BASELINED REGENERATIVE SOLID AMINE CO₂ REMOVAL SYSTEM.

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OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM

LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION, OFFICE OF SPACE SCIENCES APPLICATION
- LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH DATA IN HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY.
- LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS ANALYSIS FOR CELSS TO IDENTIFY SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
- HUMAN PERFORMANCE MODELS FOR MILITARY SYSTEM APPLICATIONS.
- ADVANCED HUMAN - CREWSTATION INTERFACE DESIGN GUIDELINES.
- MODELING TOOLS FOR CREWSTATION DESIGN UNDER NASA - ARMY AIRCRAFT AIRCREW INTEGRATION (A3I).
- LIFE SUPPORT RESEARCH - WASTE MANAGEMENT RESEARCH FOR SHIPBOARD & SPACECRAFT APPLICATIONS.
- LIFE SUPPORT SENSORS & CONTROLS FOR SUBMARINE & SPACECRAFT CLOSED ENVIRONMENTS.

HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM: PRIORITIES

SSTAC COMMITTEES:

  - PLAN TO REPORT OUT JULY 1991.
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SSTAC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HUMAN PERFORMANCE FOR LONG - DURATION SPACE MISSIONS

1. EVA PRODUCTIVE OPERATIONS FOR FUTURE MANNED MISSIONS NEED NEW GLOVE TECHNOLOGY, ON-ORBIT / IN-SITU SUIT MAINTAINABILITY CURRENT SUITS INCOMPATIBLE FOR LUNAR OR PLANETARY SURFACE OPS.
   a) DEXTEROUS GLOVES.
   b) HIGH RELIABILITY, LOW MAINTAINABILITY SUIT SYSTEM.
   c) LIGHTWEIGHT COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS FOR PLSS & SUIT.
   d) FLEXIBLE COMMUNICATIONS.
   e) MOBILITY.
   f) MULTI-FUNCTION DISPLAYS.

2. TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LEVELS OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE UNDER ZERO-GRAVITY OR MICRO-GRAVITY MISSIONS, AND TO COUNTER DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF WEIGHTLESSNESS AND RADIATION EXPOSURE.
   a) MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH AND COORDINATION BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY & MEDICAL DISCIPLINES.
   b) COUNTERMEASURES OF PREVENT DEBILITATING EFFECTS.
   c) COUNTERMEASURES OF AMELIORATE DEBILITATING EFFECTS.
   d) HUMAN PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENTS, GIVEN RESTRICTED HUMAN CAPABILITIES.

3. LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS (INTEGRATED PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL AND CLOSED CYCLE) FOR SPACECRAFT AND LUNAR / PLANETARY HABITS.
   a) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DATABASES LEADING TO SYSTEM DESIGN.
   b) DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITIES.
   c) LOW WEIGHT, REDUCED VOLUME, LOW POWER, HIGH RELIABILITY COMPONENTS, LOW MAINTAINABILITY IN-SITU / ON SITE.

4. HUMAN WORK ENVIRONMENT DEFINITION AND DESIGN CONSTRAINTS FOR PLANETARY SPACECRAFT AND LUNAR / SURFACE HABITATS AND WORK AREAS.
   a) HUMAN-SYSTEM FUNCTION ALLOCATIONS, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT METHODS AND PREDICTIONS FOR SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY.
   b) HUMAN TASK, TOOLS AND JOB AIDS.
   c) DEFINITION TO TELEROBOTIC MANAGEMENT AND METHODS.
   d) CONSTRAINTS AND REQUIREMENTS DUE TO HARSH WORKING ENVIRONMENT, I.E., RADIATION, DUST, PARTIAL GRAVITY, TEMPERATURE EXTREMES, COMMUNICATIONS, SAFETY.

5. HUMAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT DEFINITION AND RELIABLE METHODS FOR QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EVALUATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.
   a) PHYSICAL.
   b) HUMAN FACTORS STANDARDS.
   c) PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS.
   d) INTERFACES BETWEEN HUMAN-SYSTEM AND HUMAN-HUMAN.

6. DESIGN SUPPORT METHODS AND TOOLS.
   a) REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR USE OF DESIGN SUPPORT TOOLS AND CAPABILITIES, (CAD, CAM, CAE, MIDAS).

7. IDENTIFICATION OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS (HUMAN ERROR) FOR SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE HUMAN PERFORMANCE FOR LONG DURATION SPACE MISSIONS, INCLUDING LUNAR AND PLANETARY SURFACE OPERATIONS.
   a) DEVELOPMENT OF A HUMAN PERFORMANCE DATABASE AND LESSONS FROM OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES.
   b) DEVELOPMENT OF DATA STORAGE, RETRIEVAL, AND ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY.
   c) DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE TO SPECIFY HUMAN CAPABILITIES AND HUMAN ERROR.
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SSTAC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HUMAN PERFORMANCE FOR LONG - DURATION SPACE MISSIONS

8. DEVELOPMENT OF ARTIFICIAL REALITY TECHNOLOGY AND COGNITIVE AIDS FOR APPLICATION IN FIELDS OF SPACE EXPLORATION, MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION, TRAINING, AND HUMAN-SYSTEM DESIGN.
   a) DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS TO ACCOMMODATE DATABASES FOR VIRTUAL REALITY GRAPHICS, ICONS AND INTERACTIONS.
   b) LOW COST HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAYS WITH HIGH RESOLUTION, STEREO, COLOR, AND WIDE FIELD-OF-VIEW.
   c) HUMAN-CENTERED INTERFACES AND INTERACTIVE AIDS.
   d) DATA HANDLING TECHNIQUES FOR REAL-TIME VIRTUAL REALITY INTERACTIONS.

9. SIMULATION AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY METHODS FOR SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION FOR LONG DURATION MISSIONS.
   a) SPECIAL AND PART TASK MISSION SIMULATION.
   b) EMBEDDED TRAINING METHODS.
   c) INTELLIGENT TRAINING SYSTEMS.

10. PHYSICAL AUGMENTATIONS AND WORKSTATION DESIGN CONCEPTS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY.
    a) ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN SENSORY AND MOTOR CONTROL CAPABILITIES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AREAS INCLUDING TELEROBOTIC INTERFACES, EVA WORK AIDS END EFFECTORS, COMPUTATIONAL VISION METHODS AND ADVANCED IMAGING SYSTEMS.
    b) CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES, EMBODIED IN NASA STANDARD 3000, "MAN-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION STANDARDS".

HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM: ISSUES

1. RESPONSIVENESS OF EXISTING AND PLANNED PROGRAM TO SSTAC RECOMMENDATIONS IN HUMAN PERFORMANCE REPORT (5.91) - RATINGS:
   A - FULLY RESPONSIVE  B - MINIMALLY RESPONSIVE  C - NOT RESPONSIVE
   RECOMMENDATIONS:
   1 - A  6 - A
   2 - C  7 - A
   3 - A  8 - A
   4 - B  9 - B
   5 - A  10 - A

2. DEGREE TO WHICH THE REDUCED PROGRAM IN EXPLORATION HUMAN FACTORS IS CONSIDERED RESPONSIVE TO AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.

## MILESTONES

**CREWSTATION - HUMAN SUOOPRT**

91 - COMPLETE ANALYSIS AND TEST AN COGNITIVE MODELS FOR HUMAN - COMPUTER INTERFACES. (JSC)

92 - COMPLETE EVALUATION OF FORCE - TORQUE DISPLAY FORMAT. (ARC)

93 - COMPLETE TESTS OF 3 - D MOTION ANALYSIS FOR VISUAL HAZARD DETECTION. (ARC)

94 - COMPLETE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HUMAN - COMPUTER INTERFACE WITH INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS. (ARC)

95 - REVISE NASA - STD - 3000 TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION ON TELEROBOTICS INPUT / OUTPUT. (ARC)

96 - COMPLETE DESIGN OF VALIDATION EXPERIMENTS OF IN SPACE COGNITIVE AND PERCEPTIONAL METHODS. (ARC)

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## HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM: RESOURCES CURRENT

**FISCAL** | **FY 1990** | **FY 1991** | **FY 1992** | **FY 1993** | **FY 1994** | **FY 1995** | **FY 1996**
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---
HUMAN SUPPORT R & T (RTOP 506-71) | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.8
HUMAN SUPPORT EXPLORATION | 2.3 | 3.5 | 16.0 | 24.0 | 33.5 | 39.0 | 47.0
Reragation | .9 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 20.0 | 24.0
Life Support | | | | | | | |
Radiation Protection | | 0.53 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 6.0
Extravehicular Activity Systems | 0.5 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 12.0
Exploration Human Factors | 0.9 | — | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 3.0

**TOTALS:** | 6.8 | 7.9 | 21.2 | 29.0 | 38.8 | 44.5 | 52.6
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HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN:
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

- DEVELOPMENT OF METHODS TO AUGMENT HUMAN SENSORY, MOTOR AND INTELLECTUAL CAPABILITIES.

- PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN WORKSTATION DESIGN AND EVALUATION.

- PROVIDE RELIABLE TECHNIQUES AND METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE, WORKING AND LIVING ENVIRONMENTS.

- NEW TRAINING METHODS AND APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENDED DURATION IN SPACE FOR SPACE CREW AND GROUND SUPPORT STAFF.
HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN:

**BENEFITS**

- INCREASE SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS AND RELIABILITY OF CREW AND GROUND SUPPORT STAFF.

- MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS TO FUSE HUMAN AUTOMATION INTERACTIONS.

- UTILIZE AERO TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES TO SPACE DOMAINS BY EXTENSION OF COCKPIT DESIGN AND CREW INTERFACE.

- BENEFITS OF FOCUSED PROGRAMS.

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HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN:

**OBJECTIVES**

OBJECTIVE: TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES, METHODS AND TECHNOLOGY TO ASSURE THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF HUMAN IN-SPACE. GOALS INCLUDE:

- DEVELOP THE HUMAN FACTORS INFORMATION AND DATABASE TO SUPPORT ALL TECHNOLOGIES NEEDED FOR HUMAN EXPLORATION OF SPACE.

- SUPPORT NATIONAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE HUMAN FACTORS ISSUES IN MISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ARCHITECTURES.

- DEVELOP THE HUMAN FACTORS KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE POSSIBLE A RANGE OF MISSION OPTIONS.

- PRODUCE RESEARCH PRODUCTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE 1990 DECADE TO SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR THE HUMAN EXPLORATION OF SPACE DECISIONS.

- CREATE INTERRELATIONSHIPS AND APPROACHES TO PROMOTE EARLY AND SUBSTANTIVE U.S. TRANSFER OF HUMAN FACTORS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN STATE-OF-THE-ART

HUMAN PERFORMANCE

MODELS: 1) PRELIMINARY KINEMATIC MODELS OF HUMAN MOTION AND STRENGTH IN ZERO-GRAVITY.
2) GRAPHICS (PLAID) MODELING OF HUMAN IN SHUTTLE AND SSF.

CREW INTERFACE: 1) DESIGN GUIDELINES, NASA STD - 3000

INTERFACE: 2) HUMAN COMPUTER INTERFACE TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY, JSC VISION LABORATORY, ARC.

HUMAN - 1) VIRTUAL INTERFACE ENVIRONMENT
AUTOMATION - WORKSTATION DEVELOPED AND IN USE (NON - ROBOTIC REAL TIME).
SYSTEMS: 2) DATABASE OF MARTIAN (SELECTED) SURFACE.
HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN:
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- VISION MODEL OF HUMAN VISUAL SYSTEM USED AS ALGORITHM TO 
  DEMONSTRATE DATA COMPRESSION AND HUMAN VISION 
  OPERATIONS.

- GRAPHICS SYSTEM DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT CONCEPTIONAL 
  DESIGN OF HUMAN - SYSTEM INTERFACE.

- HUMAN - COMPUTER INTERFACE GUIDELINES ADDED TO "MAN - 

- DEMONSTRATED EXPLORATION OF THE MARTIAN SURFACE BY 
  VIRTUAL WORKSTATION USING ANALOG STUDIES IN DEATH 
  VALLEY.

- ESTABLISHED A SPACE OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE DATABASE OF 
  HUMAN PERFORMANCE.

OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT 
TO HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN

- DOD - DESIGN OF HUMAN COMPUTER INTERFACES FOR MILITARY 
  SYSTEMS. NASA - DOD TAG.

- FAA - STUDIES OF FLIGHT CREW PERFORMANCE; COAUTHOR OF 
  FAA - NASA NATIONAL PLAN FOR AVIATION HF, COORDINATED 
  THROUGH FAA - NASA COORDINATION COMMITTEE

- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION - PERFORMANCE OF HUMANS IN 
  ISOLATED (ANTARCTICA) ENVIRONMENTS.

- CODE SB - TRANSFER AERO RESEARCH RESULTS IN CIRCADIAN 
  DERGNCHNOSIS TO ASTRONAUT CONDITIONING.

- CODE RC - TRANSFER OF AVIATION HUMAN FACTORS 
  TECHNOLOGY IN CREW TRAINING AND FATIGUE 
  COUNTERMEASURES.
SS TAC COMMITTEE ON HUMAN PERFORMANCE FOR LONG DURATION SPACE MISSIONS (1989 - 1991)

1. HUMAN WORK ENVIRONMENT DEFINITION AND DESIGN CONSTRAINTS FOR PLANETARY SPACECRAFT AND LUNAR / SURFACE HABITATS AND WORK AREAS.
   a) HUMAN-SYSTEM FUNCTION ALLOCATIONS, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT METHODS AND PREDICTIONS FOR SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY.
   b) HUMAN TASK, TOOLS AND JOB AIDS.
   c) DEFINITION FOR TELEROBOTIC MANAGEMENT AND METHODS.
   d) CONSTRAINTS AND REQUIREMENTS DUE TO HARSH WORKING ENVIRONMENT, I.E., RADIATION, DUST, PARTIAL GRAVITY, TEMPERATURE EXTREMES, COMMUNICATIONS, SAFETY.

2. HUMAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT DEFINITION AND RELIABLE METHODS FOR QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EVALUATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.
   a) PHYSICAL.
   b) HUMAN FACTORS STANDARDS.
   c) PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS.
   d) INTERFACES BETWEEN HUMAN-SYSTEM AND HUMAN-HUMAN.

3. DESIGN SUPPORT METHODS AND TOOLS.
   a) REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR USE OF DESIGN SUPPORT TOOLS AND CAPABILITIES, (CAD, CAM, CAE, MIDAS).

4. IDENTIFICATION OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS (HUMAN ERROR) FOR SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE HUMAN PERFORMANCE FOR LONG DURATION SPACE MISSIONS, INCLUDING LUNAR AND PLANETARY SURFACE OPERATIONS.
   a) DEVELOPMENT OF A HUMAN PERFORMANCE DATABASE AND LESSONS FROM OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCES.
   b) DEVELOPMENT OF DATA STORAGE, RETRIEVAL, AND ANALYSIS TECHNOLOGY.
   c) DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE TO SPECIFY HUMAN CAPABILITIES AND HUMAN ERROR.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF ARTIFICIAL REALITY TECHNOLOGY AND COGNITIVE AIDS FOR APPLICATION IN FIELDS OF SPACE EXPLORATION, MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION, TRAINING, AND HUMAN-SYSTEM DESIGN.
   a) DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS TO ACCOMMODATE DATABASES FOR VIRTUAL REALITY GRAPHICS, ICONS AND INTERACTIONS.
   b) LOW COST HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAYS WITH HIGH RESOLUTION, STEREO, COLOR, AND WIDE FIELD-OF-VIEW.
   c) HUMAN-CENTERED INTERFACES AND INTERACTIVE AIDS.
   d) DATA HANDLING TECHNIQUES FOR REAL-TIME VIRTUAL REALITY INTERACTIONS.

6. SIMULATION AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY METHODS FOR SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION FOR LONG DURATION MISSIONS.
   a) SPECIAL AND PART TASK MISSION SIMULATION.
   b) EMBEDDED TRAINING METHODS.
   c) INTELLIGENT TRAINING SYSTEMS.
7. PHYSICAL AUGMENTATIONS AND WORKSTATION DESIGN CONCEPTS TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY.
   a) ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN SENSORY AND MOTOR CONTROL CAPABILITIES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AREAS INCLUDING TELEROBOTIC INTERFACES, EVA WORK AIDS END EFFECTORS, COMPUTATIONAL VISION METHODS AND ADVANCED IMAGING SYSTEMS.
   b) CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES, EMBODIED IN NASA STANDARD 3000, "MAN-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION STANDARDS".

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MILESTONES

HUMAN FACTORS - EXPLORATION

92 - COMPLETE VALIDATION OF HUMAN ARM STRENGTH IN 0-G AND PARTIAL G.

94 - COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS FOR CREW ACCOMMODATIONS ON LUNAR SURFACE (TRASH MANAGEMENT, FOOD, STORAGE REQUIREMENTS). (JSC)

95 - COMPLETE DEMONSTRATION OF VIRTUAL WORKSTATION WITH TELEROBOTIC COMMANDS. (LARC)

96 - ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATOR'S VISUAL ACCESS, VIA SYNTHETIC VISION METHODS, AND IMAGE ENHANCEMENT (LIGHTING, CAMERA POSITIONING, FIELD OF VIEW).

97 - COMPLETE GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMATED SYSTEM DISPLAY, CONTROLS AND PROXIMITY OPERATIONS. (ARC)

98 - COMPLETE INTEGRATION OF LABORATORIES FOR HUMAN PERFORMANCE TESTING. (ARC, JSC)
MILESTONES

HUMAN FACTORS - OPERATIONS

94 - COMPLETE ADAPTATION OF TRANSPORT CREW TRAINING (CRM) TO SPACECRAFT CREWS. (ARC, JSC)

94 - COMPLETE ADAPTIVE COGNITIVE MODELS OF SPACE FLIGHT AND GROUND CREW (ARC).

95 - VALIDATE CIRCADIAN RHYTHM SHIFTS AND METHODS / EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS (JSC) AND DEVELOP INSTRUCTION MODULE (ARC).

96 - COMPLETE VIRTUAL REALITY CAPABILITIES FOR ON-BOARD SPACECRAFT TRAINING (ARC, JSC).

EVA PROGRAM:
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

• FLEXIBLE EASY TO USE, HIGH PRESSURE EVA GLOVES WITH LOW COST TO PRODUCE AND INCREASED VERSATILITY.

• EVA / EMU DISPLAY AND CONTROL TECHNIQUES.

• MAINTAINABLE ON ORBIT / IN SITU EMU BY CREW.

• RELIABILITY INCREASE TO MATCH MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

• FLIGHT WEIGHT COMPONENTS IN PLSS AND SUIT MATERIALS FOR SURFACE OPERATIONS IN 1/3 AND 1/6 GRAVITY.

• ZERO PREBREATHE REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE OPERATIONAL OVERHEAD.

• AIR RECYCLING AND WASTE (LIQUID, GAS, SOLID) PROCESSING AND RECLAMATION.

• RADIATION SHIELDING FOR PERSONNEL.

• DUST RESISTANT.

• EMU MOBILITY OVER ROUGH TERRAIN.

• FLEXIBILITY IN DESIGN / SINGLE DESIGN BASE WITH MULTIPLE MISSION ADAPTATION
EVA PROGRAM:

OBJECTIVE

TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY BASE FOR ADVANCED EVA SUIT, GLOVES, PLSS, SUIT INTERFACES, MOBILITY AIDES WHICH ARE RUGGED, RELIABLE, AND CAPABLE OF HIGH USE RATES FOR ORBITAL AND SURFACE MISSIONS. GOALS INCLUDE:

• DEVELOP ROBUST EMU FOR SPACE STATION FREEDOM OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.
• DEVELOP LUNAR AND MARTIAN SURFACE SUIT COMPONENTS.
• PROVIDE EASY TO USE AND HIGHLY MAINTAINABLE PLSS.
• ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT OF KEY, HIGH - PAYOFF CAPABILITIES FOR EVA GLOVES.
• TRANSFER MATURING TECHNOLOGY TO FOCUSED THRUSTS AND TO MISSIONS FOR EVA SUIT MOBILITY (JOINTS) AND SUIT MATERIALS, EVA DISPLAY AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES.

EVA PROGRAM:

BENEFITS

• INCREASE ON - ORBIT EASE OF USE, EFFECTIVENESS AND MAINTAINABILITY OF EMU SYSTEM.

• APPLICATION OF R & T BASE TO THRUST (ENABLING TECHNOLOGY FOR ALL ASPECTS)
  PLATFORM - EXPLORATION (SURFACE SUIT)

• ORDER OF MAGNITUDE INCREASE IN EVA SYSTEM CAPABILITY.

• TRANSFER OF EVA TECHNOLOGY TO TERRESTRIAL APPLICATIONS.
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## EVA STATE-OF-THE-ART

- **SHUTTLE EMU OPERATION AT 4.3 PSIA:**
  - Requires EVA prebreathe 100% O₂ for 4 hrs. or;
  - Depress cabin to 10.2 PSIA - 24 hrs. with 40 minute prebreathe prior to EVA
  - Operational "R" factor = 1.65 (High bends risk)

- **SHUTTLE EMU CURRENTLY CERTIFIED FOR 3 EVA'S PER FLIGHT**
  - Two planned EVA's; one contingency EVA
  - Delta certification in process for 25 EVAs per flight

- **SHUTTLE EMU REQUIRES MANUAL SERVICING AFTER EACH EVA**

- **SHUTTLE EMU REQUIRES GROUND TURNAROUND FOR MAINTENANCE AFTER EACH FLIGHT:**
  - Special equipment support; non-modular PLSS

- **LIMITED RESIZING ON-ORBIT**

- **HIGH LIFE CYCLE COST DUE TO LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS**

- **EVA'S SCHEDULED FOR SPECIFIC SHUTTLE FLIGHTS: NOT CONSIDERED ROUTINE OPERATION FOR EVERY FLIGHT**

- **GLOVES ARE CUSTOM MADE AND EXPENSIVE**

- **PAPER DISPLAYS OF PROCEDURES**

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EVA PROGRAM:
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• AX-5 HIGH PRESSURE SUIT COMPLETED AND EVALUATED WITH MARK III AND CURRENT SHUTTLE SUITS.
• EVA METABOLIC RESEARCH LABORATORY COMPLETED AND CERTIFIED.
• EVALUATION OF A PROTOTYPE THERMAL CONTROL CONCEPT COMPLETED.
• ANALYSIS OF HELMET MOUNTED DISPLAY CONCEPT AND ELECTRONIC WRIST MOUNTED DISPLAY CONCEPT COMPLETED.
• IDENTIFIED INITIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SURFACE SUIT.
• OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE DATABASE TAXONOMY ESTABLISHED.
• EVALUATION OF POLYMER MATERIALS AND GLOVE MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUE FOR GLOVES COMPLETED.
• PHYSICAL METHODS TO MEASURE 1/6 GRAVITY EFFECTS ON HUMAN METABOLIC RATES COMPLETED.
• DATABASE STRUCTURED FOR HUMAN STRENGTH AND MOTION IN MICRO GRAVITY.

OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO EVA PROGRAM

• NO OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS, BESIDES NASA
• EUROPEAN AGENCIES UNDER EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY DEVELOPING EVA TECHNOLOGY FOR HERMES.
• SOVIET MIR / SALYUT SUIT OPTIMIZED FOR ON - ORBIT ADJUSTMENT AND MAINTENANCE.
• CODE S - EVA MINOR MODS.
  - NO SSF DEVELOPMENT.
EVA PROGRAM: PRIORITY

SS TAC COMMITTEE ON HUMAN PERFORMANCE FOR LONG DURATION SPACE MISSIONS (1989 - 1991)

1. EVA PRODUCE OPERATIONS FOR FUTURE MANNED MISSIONS NEED NEW GLOVE TECHNOLOGY, ON - ORBIT / IN - SITU MAINTAINABILITY CURRENT SUITS INCOMPATIBLE FOR LUNAR OR PLANETARY SURFACE OPERATIONS.
   a) DEXTEROUS GLOVES.
   b) HIGH RELIABILITY, LOW MAINTAINABILITY SUIT SYSTEMS.
   c) LIGHTWEIGHT COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS FOR PLSS & SUIT
   d) FLEXIBILITY COMMUNICATIONS.
   e) MOBILITY.
   f) MULTI - FUNCTION DISPLAYS.

2. PORTABLE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.
   a) LOW WEIGHT, REDUCED VOLUME, LOW POWER. HIGH RELIABILITY COMPONENTS, LOW MAINTAINABILITY IN SITU / ON SITE.

3. COMBINE BEST FEATURES OF AX-5 AND MARK III SUITS INTO AN HYBRID SUIT FOR SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS ON SPACE STATION FREEDOM.

MILESTONES

EVA - EXPLORATION
  92 - COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF LUNAR SURFACE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (DUST EFFECTS, THERMAL RAYS, MOBILITY) (JSC).
  93 - PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION FOR PLANETARY EMU CONFIGURATION (ARC).
  94 - LAB DEMO OF THERMAL MANAGEMENT CONCEPT FOR LUNAR OPERATIONS (JSC).
  95 - COMPLETE SELECTION OF DISPLAYS FOR LUNAR SUIT AND GLOVES.
  96 - COMPLETE FABRICATION OF ADVANCED PLSS (ARC).
  98 - DEMONSTRATE BREADBOARD OF LUNAR SUIT / PLSS IN SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT.
MILESTONES

EVA - PLATFORM

93 - COMPLETE DESIGN CONCEPT FOR HYBRID SUIT.
94 - COMPLETE TESTING OF BREADBOARD FOR UPGRADED PLSS.
95 - COMPLETE TESTING OF ADVANCED DISPLAY CONCEPT.
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98 - COMPLETE TESTING OF HYBRID PROTOTYPE SUIT AND COMPONENTS.
HUMAN SUPPORT

INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN
FOR THE CIVIL SPACE PROGRAM

HUMAN SUPPORT:
LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY

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TECHNOLOGY NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

- ELIMINATE (OR MINIMIZE) RESUPPLY OR EXPENDABLES
  FOR LONG DURATION MISSIONS.

- WATER AND ATMOSPHERIC SUPPLIES CONTROLLED
  WITHIN MICROBIAL AND CHEMICAL CONTAMINANT
  LIMITS.

- MINIMIZE CREW INTERACTION/INTERVENTION WITH LIFE
  SUPPORT SYSTEM OPERATION.
OBJECTIVE

- DEVELOP A REGENERATIVE PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY BASE TO ENABLE HUMAN EXPLORATION MISSIONS:
  - DEVELOP AND UTILIZE APPROPRIATE SYSTEM ANALYSIS METHODOLOGIES TO GUIDE R&T EFFORTS.
  - EFFICIENT AIR, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCESSORS.
  - EFFICIENT HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL.
  - SENSOR AND CONTROL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES FOR AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONS.
  - DEMONSTRATE CLOSED SYSTEM OPERATIONS IN GROUND TESTBEDS.
  - VALIDATE SPACE-BASED OPERATION OF REQUIRED COMPONENTS.
  - DEVELOP NASA EXPERTISE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING R&T APPLICABLE TO LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

BENEFITS

- ENABLES LONG DURATION HUMAN SPACE MISSIONS (CURRENT ABSENCE OF ANY TECHNICAL BASIS FOR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS).

- LONGER DURATION MISSIONS W/O RESUPPLY. INCREASED SAFETY, CREW HEALTH, RELIABILITY, MISSION SUCCESS.

- REDUCED LIFE CYCLE COST WITH REGENERATIVE SYSTEMS.

- POTENTIAL TERRESTRIAL SPIN-OFFS IN WATER RECLAMATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT, MICROBIAL AND CHEMICAL SENSORS FOR A VARIETY OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS.
ORGANIZATION OF PROGRAM

LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

BASE R & T
ARC, JSC, LeRC
- CHEMICAL PROCESSING
- SENSORS & CONTROL
- PLSS THERMAL CONTROL
- HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL
- BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT
- FIRE SAFETY

EXPLORATION
LEAD: ARC
JSC, JPL
- TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
- LUNAR BASE LIFE SUPPORT TESTBED
- SENSORS & CONTROLS
- SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

PLATFORMS
JPL, MSFC, JSC, ARC, LeRC
- SENSORS & CONTROLS
  LEAD: JPL, (MSFC)
- ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL - JSC
- TECHNOLOGY AND IN-SPACE VALIDATION - JSC, ARC
- ADV. REFRIG. SYSTEMS - JSC
- BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT - JSC
- FIRE SAFETY - LeRC

LIFE SUPPORT STATE-OF-THE-ART

- OPEN (I.E., STORED) AND/OR RESUPPLIED AIR AND WATER SUPPLIES.

- WASTE STORAGE AND RETURN TO EARTH.

- PRIMARY MANUAL SENSING AND CONTROL AND CONTAMINANTS IN AIR, WATER.

- COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS RELIABILITY DATA NON-EXISTENT FOR REGENERATIVE LIFE SUPPORT OR INTEGRATED SYSTEMS.
PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL LIFE SUPPORT
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Introduced commercially available S-O-A chemical processing modelling techniques as integral part of the research approach.

- Develop a comprehensive, rigorous systems analysis methodology for the conduct of technology trades and system optimization.

- Extended duration orbiter developing the regenerative solid amine CO₂ removal system for operational use.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- US Navy - Pollution - Free Navy by 2000
  - Submarine life support
  - Surface ship waste management

- National Institute for Standards and Technology
  - Chemical, biological sensors

- US Army - sensors for biological, chemical warfare systems

- National Science Foundation - Antarctica base life support
PRIORITY FOR LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY

1. SENSORS AND CONTROLS
   - CHEMICAL SENSORS
   - MICROBIAL SENSORS
   - ENVIRONMENTAL SENSORS
   - AUTONOMOUS CONTROL SYSTEMS

2. INTEGRATED SYSTEM TESTBED
   - INVESTIGATE COMPLEX CLOSED SYSTEM INTERACTIONS
   - DEMONSTRATE SENSOR AND CONTROL SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES
   - DEMONSTRATE LONG LIFE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

3. REGENERATIVE LIFE SUPPORT PROCESSOR TECHNOLOGIES
   - AIR, WATER, WASTE MANAGEMENT
   - HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL

EXTERNAL REVIEWS OF LIFE SUPPORT

SSTAC / ARTS
   - AD HOC REVIEW TEAM ON ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY
   - CURRENTLY FORMULATING FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS
   - DECEMBER 1990 - JULY 1991

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT
   - COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW & ASSESSMENT OF THE EXISTING LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY BASE.
   - WATER RECLAMATION - MID 1991
   - AIR REVITALIZATION - LATE 1991
   - WASTE PROCESSING - MID 1992
   - SYSTEMS ANALYSIS & MATH MODELS - MID 1992
MILESTONES

FY '91 - INITIATE INTEGRATED LUNAR BASE LIFE SUPPORT TESTBED FACILITY / TECHNOLOGY BUILDUP (CURRENT TECHNOLOGY). (JSC)

FY '91 - COMPLETE INTEGRATED LUNAR TESTBED, INITIATE OPERATIONS. (JSC)

FY '92 - INITIATE LAB / BREADBOARD TESTS OF WATER RECLAMATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCESSORS. (ARC)

FY '92 - INITIATE LAB / BREADBOARD TESTS OF ADVANCED AIR PROCESSORS, HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL. (JSC)

FY '94 - COMMENCE WATER, WASTE, AIR, THERMAL CONTROL SUBSYSTEM TEST. (ARC, JSC)

FY '95 - INITIATE TECHNOLOGY TESTBED. (ARC)

FY '98 - COMPLETE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY LUNAR BASE LIFE SUPPORT INTEGRATED SYSTEM TESTS. (JSC)

HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM:
RESOURCES

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FACILITIES: JSC: LUNAR BASE LIFE SUPPORT TESTBED. ARC: LIFE SUPPORT LABS, TECHNOLOGY TESTBED.
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN

LIFE SUPPORT ELEMENTS (PLATFORMS AND R & T BASE)

- PLATFORMS
  - SENSORS AND CONTROLS FOR SSF LIFE SUPPORT.
  - LIFE SUPPORT COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT AND IN-SPACE TESTING ABOARD SSF.

- PLATFORMS AND R & T BASE
  - ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL FOR SSF HABITAT

- BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT (PLATFORMS AND R & T BASE)
  - ADVANCED REFRIGERATION SYSTEM FOR LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH MISSIONS.
  - STS, SPACELAB, EDO, SSF, SEI
  - HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY.

- FIRE SAFETY (PLATFORMS AND R & T BASE)
  - FUNDAMENTAL FIRE BEHAVIOR IN SPACE ENVIRONMENTS
  - DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF TECHNOLOGIES FOR:
    - FIRE PREVENTION
    - FIRE DETECTION
    - FIRE SUPPRESSION

INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN: RESOURCES R & T BASE AND PLATFORMS

R & T BASE

FY '91 FY '92 FY '93 FY '94 FY '95 FY '96 FY '97
.5M (PLUS INFLATION ON OUT YEARS) (OLD)

CURRENT CONTENT: CHEMICAL PROCESSING FOR LIFE SUPPORT ($300K), SENSORS ($50K), EVA THERMAL CONTROL ($150K).

WITH AUGMENTATION: INCREASE FUNDING FOR ELEMENTS ABOVE, ADD FUNDING FOR HABITAT THERMAL CONTROL, BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT AND FIRE SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS.
## INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN: RESOURCES R & T BASE AND PLATFORMS

### PLATFORMS

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### PROPOSED CONTENT:

- SSF LIFE SUPPORT SENSORS AND CONTROLS (OLD AND NEW)
- ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL FOR SSF HABITAT (OLD AND NEW)
- SSF LIFE SUPPORT COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT AND IN-SPACE TESTING: (FUNDING FULLY OR PARTIALLY UNDER OLD AND NEW: SPECIFIC CONTENT DEPENDS UPON SSF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND FINAL CONFIGURATION)

### ISSUES

- AGENCY COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY AND SYSTEMS FOR SPACE STATION FREEDOM AND EXPLORATION MISSIONS.
- RELATIVE FUNDING LEVELS OF AGENCY LIFE SUPPORT RESEARCH PROGRAMS:
  - OAET TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM FUNDING COMPARABLE WITH OSSA CONTROLLED ECOLOGICAL LIFE SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING.
- LACK OF SUBSTAINED OAET LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM IN THE R & T BASE PROGRAM AS A CAPABILITY, EXPERTISE SOURCE FOR FOCUSED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.
"Many of NASA's currently planned activities such as extended duration orbiter, Space Station Freedom assembly operations, extended duration crew operations, and extended duration missions beyond earth orbit may face significant safety problems arising from inadequate consideration of human performance and human capacity. Potential human performance problems can arise from either extended normal operations that exceed the knowledge base for humans in space or from unexpected (non-normal), and even unforeseen events (unexpected and not part of the training syllabus), that will certainly occur during long-duration missions."

--Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, 1990
CURRENT SPACE GOALS

SPACE EXPLORATION

"Develop & demonstrate critical technologies needed for human exploration of planetary surfaces & the emplacement of human outposts on the Moon & Mars."

- COMPUTATIONAL MODELS OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE
- TRAINING SPECIFIC TO SEI MISSIONS
- HUMAN/SYSTEM INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY

"Develop & demonstrate technology to reduce the cost of NASA operations, improve safety & reliability of those operations, & enable new, more complex activities to be undertaken with robust & flexible support systems."

- EFFECTIVE RELIABLE OPERATIONS DEPEND ON HUMAN CAPABILITIES
- DEMONSTRATION IN LAUNCH & MISSION CONTROL FOR STS
CURRENT SPACE GOALS

SPACE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

"Develop the advanced technology required for acquiring & understanding observations from future NASA space & Earth science missions."

- SCIENCE WILL BE PERFORMED BY HUMANS WHETHER ON EARTH, SPACE PLATFORMS, OR ON PLANETARY SURFACES
- EXPLORATION REQUIRES HUMAN DISCOVERY & CREATIVITY
- USING & INTERPRETING DATA IS A HUMAN ENDEAVOR. ANALYSIS TOOLS MUST BE READILY AVAILABLE

SPACE PLATFORMS

"Enhance future science, exploration & commercial missions by developing & validating technologies that will enable reductions in launch weight, increase lifetime, decrease on-orbit maintenance, & decrease logistics resupply needs."

- SPACE PLATFORMS WILL BE USED FOR LIFE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS INCLUDING HUMAN FACTORS
- MAINTENANCE WILL BE DONE BY HUMANS, OR HUMANS ASSISTED BY INTELLIGENT TOOLS REQUIRING A HUMAN-CENTERED INTERFACE
CURRENT SPACE GOALS

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

"Provide technologies that substantially increase operability, improve reliability, provide new capabilities, while reducing costs."

- OPERABILITY INCLUDES THE HUMAN IN THE SYSTEM ON EARTH AND/OR IN SPACE

PRIORITIES

SSTAC subcommittee report identified, for all future manned space missions, specific areas needing human factors research, technology development, & guidelines

LIVING ENVIRONMENT
human performance measures
criteria for assessing total environment in terms of human productivity

WORK ENVIRONMENT
mission analysis
identify human functions, and tasks
identify appropriate tools, job aids

WORKSTATIONS
provide guidance to industry
foster high payoff, high risk display technology
PRIORITIES

TRAINING
- NASA leadership role
- unique approaches for long duration missions
- new simulator technology
- advanced training methods

PHYSICAL AUGMENTATION
- telerobotics
- EVA work aids
- computational vision

INTELLECTUAL AUGMENTATION
- user models
- flexible and effective interfaces
- intelligent aids for assisting crew members

TOPICS

- BASE R&T & AUGMENTATION
- EXPLORATION
- OPERATIONS
- SCIENCE
CREWSTATION DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

BASE R & T

including AUGMENTATION

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

• DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO ENSURE SAFE, RELIABLE, & EFFECTIVE HUMAN INTERACTION

• HUMAN-CENTERED APPROACHES TO MISSION PLANNING, OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

• METHODS TO EVALUATE AND DESIGN FOR HUMAN-HUMAN AND HUMAN-MACHINE COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

• DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR INTELLIGENT AIDING SYSTEMS TO ENSURE SAFE, RELIABLE, & EFFECTIVE HUMAN INTERACTION
BENEFITS

INCREASED SAFETY, PRODUCTIVITY, AND RELIABILITY OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN SPACE

TRANSFER AERO TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES TO SPACE

APPLICATION OF BASE R & T TO THRUSTS

- EXPLORATION: HUMAN PERFORMANCE CREW SUPPORT HUMAN-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

- OPERATIONS: CREW COORDINATION CIRCADIAN COUNTERMEASURES TRAINING HUMAN-CENTERED INTELLIGENT ASSISTANT

- SCIENCE: DATA VISUALIZATION

STATE-OF-THE-ART

- TELEROBOTIC CONTROL DEMONSTRATION WITH VIRTUAL WORKSTATION

- PROTOTYPE OF 3-D AUDITORY DISPLAY SYSTEM

- DEMONSTRATED VIRTUAL EXPLORATION OF MARTIAN SURFACE

- VISION MODEL DEMONSTRATION FOR DATA COMPRESSION

- NARROW BANDWIDTH METHOD FOR COLOR TRANSMISSION DEVELOPED

- PROXIMITY OPERATIONS SOFTWARE FOR EVA PLANNING AND SELF RESCUE PROTOTYPED
CREWSTATION DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
BASE R & T

MILESTONES

BASE R&T
1992 Evaluate force-torque display format
1993 Test telerobotic operation and planning tools in Mars analog environment
1994 Simulate teleoperated, in-space docking
1995 Demonstrate crew support & enhancement technologies for Lunar habitat workstations & surface exploration systems

AUGMENTATION
1993 Test 3-D motion analysis for visual hazard detection
1994 Demonstrate Lunar habitat workstations
1995 Design prototype of crew command, control, communication and exploration systems for Lunar surface
1996 Design cognitive/perceptual experiments for space
1998 Validate human performance models

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OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

DARPA -- ENHANCING VISUAL DISPLAY TECHNOLOGY
USAF -- TRAINING WITH VIRTUAL WORKSTATIONS
ARMY -- COGNITIVE/PERCEPTUAL MODELING, HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN TOOLS

FAA/NASA AERO -- CREW COORDINATION, CREW TRAINING, FATIGUE/CIRCADIAN COUNTERMEASURES, WORKLOAD MEASURES, HUMAN/MACHINE INTERACTION, ETC.

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EXPLORATION THRUST

"Develop & demonstrate critical technologies needed for human exploration of planetary surfaces & the emplacement of human outposts on the Moon & Mars."

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EXPLORATION HUMAN FACTORS TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

COLLABORATION BETWEEN ARC (LEAD CENTER) & JSC (PARTICIPATING CENTER)

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

- MISSION ANALYSIS FOCUSED ON HUMAN PARTICIPATION
- DATABASES & COMPUTATIONAL MODELS OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE
- DESIGN & PROTOTYPE EQUIPMENT TO ENABLE CREW TO PERFORM ALL OPERATIONAL & MAINTENANCE TASKS SAFELY, RELIABLY & EFFICIENTLY
- TRAINING PROGRAM SPECIFIC TO SEI MISSIONS, INCLUDING ON-BOARD TRAINING TECHNOLOGY & EXPERT SCIENCE ADVISORS
- INTEGRATION OF AUTOMATED & INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS WITH HUMAN OPERATORS
USER PULL

LMEPO has identified human factors issues as cross-cutting all exploration technologies:

- PSYCHOLOGICAL, BEHAVIORAL, & PERFORMANCE ADAPTATION TO LONG-DURATION MISSIONS
- HUMAN/SYSTEM INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS
- GROUP DYNAMICS
- COGNITIVE EFFECTS OF WORKLOAD & STRESS
- INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
- CREW SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

- LMEPO 17 MAY 1990 REPORT TO SSTAC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

OBJECTIVES

- IDENTIFY & DEVELOP ENABLING & HIGH-LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGIES FOR EXPLORATION HUMAN SUPPORT
- ENABLE SAFE & EFFICIENT DESIGN OF CREW & MISSION SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR HUMAN INTERACTIONS WITH ENVIRONMENTS & EQUIPMENT
- IDENTIFY & DEVELOP THE TECHNOLOGIES & THE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HUMAN OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, & INTERVENTION OF THE SYSTEMS NEEDED TO PERFORM A VARIETY OF EXPLORATION MISSIONS
- ENABLE SAFE & RELIABLE CREW OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (DURING NOMINAL & OFF-NOMINAL)
BENEFITS

- INCREASED SAFETY, PRODUCTIVITY, & RELIABILITY OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN SEI MISSIONS
- HUMAN-CENTERED MISSION PLANNING TOOLS
  - PERCEPTUAL/COGNITIVE MODELS VALIDATED FOR SEI MISSIONS
  - INTELLIGENT ADVISORS & TRAINING TOOLS
  - HUMAN-AUTOMATION INTERFACE PROTOTYPE
  - HIST TESTBED

STATE-OF-THE-ART

- DEMONSTRATION OF EVA PLANNING TOOL
- DEMONSTRATION OF VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT WORKSTATION
- MIDAS--HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN TOOL (though not adapted for space)
- COGNITIVE/ATTENTION PERFORMANCE MODEL
MILESTONES

1994 Identify human factors issues of systems for Lunar-surface operations
Demonstrate interactive visualization of human scale digital terrain based on virtual exploration

1995 Demonstrate virtual workstation simulated mission scenarios of telerobotic camera

1996 Demonstrate virtual environment exploration planning tool
Develop prototype of design of crew communication, control & exploration technologies for Lunar surface operations

1997 Provide recommendations for on-board training technology & protocols for EVA self-rescue.
Provide provisional design guidelines for displays & controls of automated systems, robotic assistants, proximity operations, & EVA systems for Lunar-surface operations
Validate model-based virtual visualization techniques of exploration behavior with leading planetary geoscientists

OPERATIONS THRUST

"Develop & demonstrate technology to reduce the cost of NASA operations, improve safety & reliability of those operations, & enable new, more complex activities to be undertaken with robust & flexible support systems."
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

- Long duration space missions will introduce new & challenging stresses on crew productivity, communication, coordination & response to emergencies.

- Extended-duration space operations will carry astronauts into unknown performance regimes.

- Current procedures manual & checklist for STS flight deck are inefficient & time-consuming.

- Unexpected occurrences during launch sequence can push NASA test director to the limit of human cognitive capacity & beyond.

OBJECTIVES

- Adapt crew coordination training developed for aviation to the special needs of space operations crews.

- Adaptn circadian countermeasures to the needs of astronauts & ground crews.

- Assess workload for various mission scenarios & develop optimized training for anomalous events.

- Replace procedures manuals with human-centered intelligent assistants.

- Develop cognitive model of NASA test director job & prototype intelligent support system.
BENEFITS

- OPTIMAL USE OF LIMITED HUMAN RESOURCES
- MAXIMUM CREW PERFORMANCE & ALERTNESS THROUGH COUNTERMEASURES TO CIRCADIAN DISRUPTION
- IMPROVED PERFORMANCE IN HIGH WORKLOAD SITUATIONS
- MAXIMIZE TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS

STATE-OF-THE-ART

- CONVENTIONAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR CIRCADIAN DISRUPTIONS USE FOR SHUTTLE CREW
- COCKPIT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN COMMERCIAL AVIATION
- TRAINING OF FLIGHT CREW & MISSION CONTROL CREW EMPHASIZES REPETITION & OVER-LEARNING
- INITIAL NASA TEST DIRECTOR COGNITIVE MODEL
- AUTOMATED CHECKLIST TECHNOLOGY
MILESTONES

1993  Conduct mission analysis of STS procedures
       Enhance knowledge base for anomaly situations
1994  Adapt transport crew training to improve coordination of
       space operation crews
       Adapt existing countermeasure strategies, & develop
       instruction module
1995  Implement countermeasure strategies & evaluate
       Develop intelligent support system for NASA Test Director
1996  Complete Procedures Advisor for emergencies
1997  Prototype low-mass on-board training simulator

SCIENCE

"Develop the advanced technology required for acquiring &
understanding observations from future NASA space & Earth
science missions."

DATA VISUALIZATION
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

- Make visualization approaches compatible with evolving scientific methodologies for data analysis.

- Provide virtual environment interactions with highly complex planetary data by dynamically and continuously tuning the system to user's specific informational requirements.

- Demonstrate utility of virtual environment systems in real-world planetary visualization applications, including EOS and SEI.

- Investigate benefits of virtual environment systems for user interpretation of massive quantities of time-varying, three and higher dimensional planetary databases.

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TECHNOLOGY NEEDS & CHALLENGES

- Develop guidelines from visual science to ensure effective use of shape, color, & animation in visualizations.

- Develop image compression and coding algorithms for effective management of image information.

- Support development of reliable, cost-effective flat panel display technologies.

- Develop multi-resolution strategies for access to & transmission of large databases.

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OBJECTIVES

- DEVELOP INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TECHNIQUES FOR INTERACTIVELY VISUALIZING SCIENTIFIC DATA, AS WELL AS MERGING DATA WITH MODELS
- REAL-TIME, INTERACTIVE VISUALIZATION OF DIVERSE TYPES OF REMOTELY SENSED DATA
- DERIVE IMPROVED PLANETARY VISUALIZATION CONCEPTS, METHODS, TRADEOFFS, DESIGN GUIDELINES & SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FROM FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN EXPLORATION BEHAVIOR
- EFFECTIVE USE OF HUMAN VISUAL SYSTEM & PERCEPTUAL AND MOTOR CONTROL
- RAPID & SIMPLE ACCESS TO LARGE SCIENCE DATABASES

BENEFITS

- POTENTIAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN INTERPRETABILITY OF PLANETARY DATA
- BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN GENERIC VISUALIZATION TOOLS & SPECIFIC INTERACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS OF SCIENTIFIC USERS
- FOCUS VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIVITY & SYSTEMS ON CHALLENGING E0S AND SEI APPLICATIONS
- EFFICIENT DATA ACQUISITION, ARCHIVING, REDUCTION, & TRANSMISSION
- BETTER MISSION PLANNING
STATE-OF-THE-ART

- **TESTBED DEVELOPED ON ADVANCED GRAPHICS COMPUTERS**
- **SOPHISTICATED VISUALIZATIONS ARE AVAILABLE, BUT THESE ARE CUSTOMIZED FOR SPECIFIC APPLICATION, INVOLVE INTENSIVE WORK BY VISUALIZATION SPECIALISTS AND ARE UNAVAILABLE TO TYPICAL SCIENTIST IN MOST DISCIPLINES**
- **VISUALIZATION TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES ARE LIMITED**
- **VISUALIZATION LIMITED BY INTERFACE TECHNOLOGY**

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MILESTONES

1993 Document feasibility of visualization methods
1994 Demonstrate interactive visualization of human scale digital terrain based on virtual exploration
1995 Initial image management facilities
   Initial virtual user environments for data visualization
1996 Improved model building tools
1997 Demonstrate capability to conduct virtual data visualization via high-speed network
2000 Generalized graphical user interfaces
CONCLUSION

AEROSPACE HUMAN FACTORS RESEARCH DIVISION

FACILITIES

Human Performance Research Laboratory

- 65,000 square feet of office and laboratories for 180 people
- Virtual Interactive Environment Workstation
- Vision Science & Technology lab
- Cognition lab
- Crew Factors lab
- Circadian Factors & Countermeasures Data Analysis lab
- Cockpit Information Transfer lab
- Man-machine Integration, Design & Analysis System
- Highbay for Exploration HF Testbed

CONCLUSION

RESEARCH STRATEGIES OVERVIEW

R&T BASE RESEARCH

PRIMARY
CREWSTATION DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

VISION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
VIRTUAL DISPLAYS
3-D AUDITORY DISPLAYS
COGNITIVE MODELING

RELATED
HUMAN ENGINEERING METHODS

HF IN AVIATION

EXPLORATION

MISSION ANALYSIS
HUMAN PERFORMANCE MODELS
CREW SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIES
CREW ADVISORY & TRAINING
HUMAN-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION TESTBEDS

OPERATIONS

CREW COORDINATION
FATIGUE COUNTERMEASURES
WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT METHODS
PROCEDURES ADVISOR TECHNOLOGY
PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT TECH

SCIENCE

DATA VISUALIZATION
ISSUES

• Human factors activities currently planned represent only augmentations of currently funded activities -- NO NEW INITIATIVES.

• Despite acknowledgment of important role of human factors HF is not included in

SPACE PLATFORMS THRUST
TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY THRUST

"Many of NASA's currently planned activities may face significant safety problems arising from inadequate consideration of human performance and human capacity."

--Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, 1990

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INTRODUCTION

- JSC HAS BEEN AND WILL BE INVOLVED IN BASE R&T, EXPLORATION AND OPERATIONS THRUSTS, AND ANY OTHER THRUST THAT MIGHT REQUIRE HUMAN FACTORS INPUTS

- R&T RESEARCH TRANSITIONS TO THRUSTS AS IT REACHES MATURITY AND IS APPLICABLE

- THRUSTS DRIVE R&T RESEARCH BY IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE BASIC UNDERSTANDING IS LACKING
OBJECTIVE

- THE OBJECTIVE OF THE HUMAN SUPPORT TOPS IS TO ADVANCE CRITICAL AREAS OF ENABLING AND ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES WHICH SUPPORT CREW CAPABILITIES AT ALL DESIGN AND OPERATIONAL STAGES BY PROVIDING GUIDELINES, DESIGN TOOLS, AND CREW TRAINING

- THIS PROGRAM CONSISTS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN
  - HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERFACES
  - STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR MAN-SYSTEMS
  - CREW TRAINING ON BOARD AND ON GROUND
  - EVA HUMAN FACTORS
  - MODELS OF HUMAN CAPABILITIES

RELATIONSHIP TO THRUSTS

- THE HUMAN SUPPORT RESEARCH IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO
  - EXPLORATION THRUST - HUMAN EXPLORATION OF UNKNOWN TERRITORY, USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND EQUIPMENT, MUST BE MADE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE
    - PROVIDE HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES
    - PROVIDE MAN-SYSTEMS STANDARDS FOR HABITAT, VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT
    - PROVIDE HUMAN-FACTORED EVA EQUIPMENT
  - OPERATIONS THRUST - PREPARATION OF THE CREW FOR OPERATIONS MUST ENABLE THE CREW TO REACH AND MAINTAIN ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL IN PERFORMING THOSE OPERATIONS
    - PROVIDE TECHNOLOGIES AND GUIDELINES FOR TRAINING
    - PROVIDE OPERATIONS GUIDELINES BASED ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE
ORGANIZATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT JSC

- HUMAN SUPPORT R&T -
  - CREW STATION DESIGN
  - EVA HUMAN FACTORS

- EXPLORATION HUMAN FACTORS
  - HUMAN PERFORMANCE MODELS
  - CREW SUPPORT
  - HUMAN-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION
  - TESTBEDS

- OPERATIONS THRUST
  - TRAINING AND HUMAN FACTORS
  - CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS
  - CREW AIDS

STATE OF THE ART

- SOFTWARE ENGINEERS DO HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERFACES BASED ON NASA-STD-3000

- NASA-STD-3000 (MAN-SYSTEM INTEGRATION STANDARDS) USED TO DETERMINE SIZES, LABELS, COLORS, COMPONENTS, AND OTHER PARAMETERS IN SYSTEM DESIGNS

- HAVE TAXONOMY FOR OPERATIONAL DATA BASE ESTABLISHED

- CREW EVALUATIONS OF HUMAN FACTORS DESIGNS ARE HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE; OBJECTIVE ANALYSES BEGUN

- MINIMUM UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN COGNITIVE PROCESSES
STATE OF THE ART cont.

- ELEMENTARY MODELS OF HUMAN PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES IMPLEMENTED IN PLAID
- LOW-FIDELITY TESTBEDS
- GROUND-BASED COMPUTER SIMULATIONS HEAVILY USED FOR TRAINING
- NO INFLIGHT TRAINING

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CREW STATION DESIGN
  - SPACE STATION COMPUTER DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES BASED ON HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION STUDY SERIES
  - NASA-STD-3000 REV A RELEASED
  - PAYLOAD DEPLOYMENT AND RETRIEVAL INTELLIGENT AID INTERFACE BASED ON EXPERIMENTS IN GRAPHICAL INTERFACES TO INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS
  - OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE DATA BASE INTEGRATED ALL MISSIONS SINCE RETURN TO FLIGHT
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS cont.

- EVA AIDS
  - HELMET MOUNTED DISPLAY EVALUATED IN LAB FOR SPACE STATION
  - SPEECH RECOGNITION TESTS CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH HMD
  - STRENGTH MODEL IN 1-G DEVELOPED AND VALIDATED FOR ARM

PROGRAM

- CREW STATION DESIGN
  - COMPLETE WORKSHOP AND PUBLISH BOOK ON COGNITIVE MODELS FOR HCI - 1991
  - PUBLISH GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERFACES TO INTELLIGENT SYSTEM - 1994

- EVA HUMAN FACTORS
  - FIT, FORM, FUNCTION ELECTRONIC CUFF CHECKLIST - 1991
  - LEG STRENGTH COMPUTER MODEL - 1993
  - WHOLE BODY STRENGTH MODEL - 1996
PROGRAM cont.

- EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY
  - VALIDATE ARM STRENGTH MODEL IN 0-G AND PARTIAL-G - 1992
  - UTILIZE COGNITIVE MODELS FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS AND USER - 1995
  - PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION, RATE, FORCE FEEDBACK AND TELEOPERATORS - 1996
  - INTEGRATE LABS WITH MOCKUPS SO THAT INTEGRATED TESTS CAN BE RUN FROM MOCKUPS IN WETF, ABL, ROIL, AND OTHER FACILITIES WITHOUT DUPLICATING RESOURCES - 1997

- OPERATIONS
  - DEVELOP NON-UMBILICAL UNDERWATER PLSS FOR EVA TRAINING - 1996
  - DEVELOP VIRTUAL REALITY CAPABILITIES IN BOARD AND CHIP FORM TO PERMIT ON ORBIT TRAINING - 1998
  - DEVELOP INTERACTIVE TRAINING FROM IN-FLIGHT WORKSTATION TO GROUND BASED SIMULATOR - 1999
PRIORITIES

1. PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE MODELS
   o ENHANCE DESIGN FROM PRELIMINARY STAGES THROUGH OPERATIONS

2. NASA-STD-3000 AND OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE DATA BASE
   o ENHANCE DESIGN FROM PRELIMINARY STAGES THROUGH OPERATIONS

3. VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FACILITIES
   o PERMIT IN-FLIGHT TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSES

4. INTEGRATED TEST BED
   o MAKES OTHER RESEARCH POSSIBLE

5. HUMAN FACTORS OF EVA
   o MAKES EVA SAFER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE; ESSENTIAL FOR EXPLORATION
Integrated LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

- Base R & T
- Exploration Technology
- Space Platforms

Presented to
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM REVIEW
SPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

June 26, 1991

Vincent J. Bilardo, Jr., Manager
Physical/Chemical Regenerative Life Support Project

BRIEFING OBJECTIVE

- Present the Integrated Physical/Chemical Regenerative Life Support (P/C RLS) technology development plan
  - Base R & T
  - Exploration Technology Program (ETP)
  - Space Platforms
KEY PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Advance the state-of-the-art of regenerative life support technologies to satisfy future mission requirements (Base, ETP, Platforms)
  - Air, water, and solid waste recovery of consumables
  - Cabin thermal management
  - Sensors and control systems
- Demonstrate integrated system performance through Technology Readiness Level 6 (ETP)
  - Unmanned and manned
  - Demonstrate long-life system performance
- Develop advanced technology processors/subsystems for Space Station Freedom growth (Platforms)

Long-life Performance
- Increase reliability and operating life beyond Space Station Freedom requirements
- Minimize need for crew intervention
- Ensure full habitability over long durations

Self-Sufficiency
- Further minimize logistics resupply

System Impact
- Minimize mass, power consumption, volume
## PRELIMINARY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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<th>TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GOAL</th>
<th>TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE</th>
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| • Processor reliability/operating lifetime | • Satisfy mission requirements  
• Ensure crew safety/survival | ✓  
✓ |
| • Integrated system demonstrations | • Full mission duration ground demo tests | ✓ |
| • Simplified water recovery subsystem | • Minimum number of processors  
• Single grade water quality (potable)  
• Eliminate pretreatment chemicals | ✓  
✓  
✓ |
| • Trace/microbial contaminant monitoring and control | • Real-time air and water quality monitors  
• Eliminate resupplied post-treatment chemicals | ✓  
✓ |
| • Solid waste processing | • 10-100x reduction in solid waste storage volume  
• Minimize health hazards/enhance crew safety | ✓  
✓ |
| • Mass/power/volume | • Satisfy mission allocations  
• Minimize resupply | ✓  
✓ |

## PRELIMINARY TARGETS FOR SEI APPLICATION

(Based on SSF ECLSS Flight Specs Pre-Restructuring)

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<th>MASS (lbfm)</th>
<th>AVERAGE POWER (W)</th>
<th>VOLUME (ft³)</th>
<th>RESUPPLY MASS¹ (lbfm/90 days)</th>
<th>TARGET FOR SEI MISSION²</th>
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| CO₂ Reduction       | CO₂ Reduction | 600         | 600              | 23          | 94                           | 75% reduction in mass, resupply mass  
• Extended operating life. |
| Trace Contaminant Control | Trace Contaminant Control | 119         | 88               | 7.5         | 142                          | Order of magnitude reduction in resupply mass. |
| Urine Recovery      | Urine Recovery | 408         | 400              | 21          | 448                          | Order of magnitude reduction in resupply mass;  
• Extended operating life. |
| Hygiene Water Recovery | Hygiene Water Recovery | 723         | 350              | 41          | 261                          | Order of magnitude reduction in resupply mass;  
• Extended operating life. |
| Potable Water Processing | Potable Water Processing | 612         | 250              | 41          | 114                          | 50% reduction in mass, volume, resupply mass;  
• Extended operating life. |

NOTES:  
(1) Based on 8 person crew. Values shown are for baseline technologies as of June, 1990. No explicit allocations exist for resupply mass/volume.  
(2) For all processors, at least an order of magnitude decrease in total maintenance time (scheduled and unscheduled) will be required. If a nuclear power source is not available, at least a 50% reduction in average power consumption will be required.
### Integrated P/C RLS Project

#### REGENERATIVE LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY STATE OF THE ART

**SEI CANDIDATES CURRENTLY FUNDED BY P/C RLS PROJECT SHOWN IN BOLD.**

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<td>Multi-Filtration</td>
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### Integrated P/C RLS Project

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<td>Stored and Returned</td>
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<td>Air Trace Contaminant Monitoring</td>
<td>Mass Spectrometer</td>
<td>Advanced Mass Spectrometer &quot;Smart&quot; Sensors</td>
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PROJECT STATUS

• System engineering capability established
  - Generic Modular Flow Schematic (GMFS) analysis tool (JPL)
  - Initial Lunar Outpost (ILO) LSS preliminary design and systems assessment (ARC)
  - System engineering techniques (ARC)
  - Enhanced analytical capability to support testbed design, planning, and data analysis (JSC)
  - On-line LSS database system development (ARC)
• Process simulation capability established
  - Evaluation of industry-standard chemical process simulation tools (ARC, JSC)
  - Development of detailed process simulation models of advanced technologies (ARC, JSC)
• Technology assessments performed by independent experts
  - Air and water processes (HQ)
Integrated P/C RLS Project

CURRENT STATUS (Cont'd)

- Infrastructure buildup underway
  - Build-up of personnel, laboratory equipment, computer hardware/software (ARC, JSC, JPL)
  - Assessment of existing testbed support facilities at JSC, ARC
- Innovative research program initiated
  - Process research grants established at MIT, North Carolina State, Iowa State (through ARC, JSC)
  - In house tasks initiated (ARC, JSC)
- Initiated test stand and testbed hardware projects (JSC, ARC)

Physical/Chemical Regenerative Life Support Project

Project management strengthened

- Personnel selected for key positions (ARC, JSC)
- Developing bottoms-up critical path project plan (ARC)
  - Automated linking of project content, budgets, and schedules
- Coordinating project implementation through Intercenter Working Group (All)
  - Budget guidelines, RTOP submittals, SBIR reviews, etc.
  - Technology development recommendations, testbed planning, etc.
- Revising 5-Year P/C RLS Project Plan document

Physical/Chemical Regenerative Life Support Project
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- Basic Research
- System Engineering
- Process Design
- Test Stand Validation
- Subsystem Testbed Validation
- Integrated System Testbed Validation
- Flight Experiments

TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL ACHIEVED

1-3
- Basic Research
  - Utilize University Grants, SBIR's, industry and in-house expertise to generate new concepts

1-6
- System Engineering
  - Develop and apply rigorous, top down systems design and analysis capability to augment sound engineering judgment

4
- Process Design
  - Utilize chemical process simulation tools to assist in the design of new physiochemical processes
  - Validate processes on laboratory bench

4-5
- Test Stand Validation
  - Test breadboard processor in stand alone mode
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL ACHIEVED

5+ • Subsystem Testbed Validation
- Test breadboard processors grouped together into a subsystem, e.g., water recovery subsystem

5-6 • Integrated System Testbed Validation
- Test breadboard processors integrated together with all critical subsystems present using crew simulators
- Test man-rated prototype processors in integrated, full-function demonstration with human subjects

6-7 • Flight Experiments
- Utilize Space Station Freedom as an advanced technology testbed
- Develop and fly selected technologies with potential microgravity sensitivities

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TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT APPROACH

- Utilize existing P/C RLS Project organization to manage three technology elements
  - Base R & T/Human Support
  - Exploration Technology Program (ETP)/Human Support
  - Space Platforms Technology Program/Space Stations/Zero-Gravity Life Support

- Focus each element appropriately:
  - Base R & T → High risk innovative research
  - ETP → High priority advanced technologies for Lunar/Mars exploration
  - Platforms → Growth Space Station Freedom and microgravity transfer/excursion vehicle applications

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL REGENERATIVE LIFE SUPPORT PROJECT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

- OSSA Life Sciences Div. (Code SB)
- OAET Office of Exploration (Code RZ)
- OAET Prop., Power & Energy Div. (Code RP)
- Lead Center for Project Management
- Ames Research Center
- Johnson Space Center
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory

- Human Health, Bioregenerative Subsystems Requirements
- Exploration Mission Requirements
- External Advisory
  - SSTAC
- Marshall Space Flight Center
  - Kenny L. Mitchell
- Ames Research Center
  - Richard A. Lamparter
- Johnson Space Center
  - Albert F. Behrend, Jr.
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory
  - P.K. Seshan

* Chair Intercenter Working Group
### Integrated P/C RLS Project

#### CONTENT SUMMARY

**Base R & T Element**

**Current Plan**

- **506-71-21**
  - Chemical Processing
    - Advanced process research (simulation and laboratory experimentation)
      - Water reclamation
      - Trace contaminant control

- **506-71-41**
  - Sensors and Controls
    - Advanced in situ real time chemical sensors

**Augmented Plan**

- Chemical Processing
  - Expanded process research into additional high risk, high payoff areas
    - Solid waste processing

- Sensors and Controls
  - Microbial sensors for air and water

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#### CONTENT SUMMARY

**Exploration Technology Element**

**Current Plan**

- **593-41-11** Air Revitalization
  - Basic research

- **593-41-21** Water Reclamation
  - Process development

- **593-41-31** Waste Management
  - Breadboard procurement and test

- **593-41-51** Thermal Control
  - Subsystem testbed development

- **593-41-41** Systems Integration
  - System Engineering (Systems analysis, design synthesis, etc.)
  - Integrated System Testbed Development

- **593-41-61** Systems Control
  - Sensors
  - Control Systems/Advanced Automation
  - Sensor/Control Integration

**Augmented Plan**

- Same elements at significantly reduced runout funding level (relative to FY91 OMB budget)

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## CONTENT SUMMARY

**Space Platforms Element**

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### Components and Subsystems
- Air Revitalization
- Water Reclamation
- Solid Waste Processing
- Thermal Control

### Sensors and Controls

### Space Station Freedom Testbeds
- Ground-based testbeds at MSFC in addition to ARC and JSC

- **694-41** Space Platforms Technology Flight Experiments
  - Components and Subsystems
  - Air revitalization, water reclamation, solid waste processing, and thermal control components tested aboard Space Station Freedom

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**Emphasis on microgravity sensitive processes and SS Freedom ECLSS upgrades**
**NEW TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE DEVELOPMENT TEMPLATE**

(All figures shown are per processor unit, e.g., an oxygen generation unit)

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Total Technology Development Cost Per New Concept: $950 - 2250K

**Developed by P/C RLS Intercenter Working Group on 4-25-91**

**Strictly hardware cost; excludes cost of personnel, facilities, supplies, analytical services, system integration, etc.**

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**SUMMARY OF TESTBED STRATEGY**

- Develop two integrated system testbed facilities
  - New technology emphasis at ARC
    - Breadboard grade hardware
    - Supports development of successive generations of new technology for evolving SEI program phases
  - Mature technology emphasis at JSC
    - Early identification of system-level technology issues
    - Validate long duration integrated system performance of mature LSS technologies
    - Ensures transition of technology to mission developers

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"SYSTEM O"
PREPROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM TESTBED

- Description
  - Integrated development system testbed
    - Incorporating existing SS Freedom-era "preprototype" hardware
    - Installed in 20 ft. dia. environmental chamber at JSC

- Objectives
  - Establish early, minimum cost integrated system testbed utilizing existing hardware and facilities
  - Validate long-duration integrated system performance of mature LSS technologies
    - Reliability and operating life
    - Habitability (e.g., trace and microbial contaminant control, etc.)
    - System control and automation
    - Maintainability and crew intervention
  - Demonstrate integrated LSS and Thermal Control System (TCS) performance
  - Transition into human-rated Lunar Demonstrator Integrated System Testbed (System II)

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"SYSTEM I"
NEW TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM TESTBED

- Description
  - Integrated breadboard systems testbed
    - Incorporating new SEI-era LSS technology
    - Installed into refurbished 16 ft. dia. environmental chamber at ARC

- Objectives
  - Investigate intra- and inter-subsystem interactions of new technology breadboard units developed by P/C RLS Project to meet SEI requirements
    - Processor functional performance
    - Advanced sensors
    - System control and automation
  - Validate system engineering tools and predictions
  - Integrate individual subsystem breadboard testbeds together to produce system-level testbed
  - Provide initial integrated testing of new technology prior to upgrade for high fidelity testing in System II
"SYSTEM II"
LUNAR DEMONSTRATOR INTEGRATED SYSTEM TESTBED

- **Description:**
  - Integrated Lunar Demonstrator System Testbed
    - Incorporating preprototype new technology hardware developed for lunar outpost
    - Utilizes same facility at JSC as System O

- **Objectives**
  - Validate long-duration integrated system performance of high fidelity, preprototype-grade hardware intended for lunar outpost mission
    - Similar test objectives as System O
  - Provide human-rated testing of lunar mission LSS technology
    - Final step to achieve Technology Readiness Level 6 for Initial Lunar Outpost Technology Set
  - Transition into facility for in-line support of lunar outpost LSS design, development, and certification activities

INTEGRATED LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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- **Water Recovery**
- **Solid Waste**

ARC

- **Solid Waste Management Subsystem Testing**
- **Water Recovery Subsystem Testing**
- **New Technology System Testbed**
- **Air Revitalization Subsystem Testing**

JSC

- **Current Technology System Testbed**
- **Human-Rated Integrated System Testbed**
- **Integrated System Testbed**

**Key**
- New Technology Flow
- Information Flow
- Procurement Lead
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MAJOR MILESTONES SUMMARY

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SUMMARY

Benefit of the Augmented Program

- Builds robust ground-based testbed program
- Ensures development of upgraded SS Freedom processors
- Ensures development of required sensor technology
Office of Aeronautics, Exploration and Technology (OAET)
Integrated Technology Plan for Civil Space Program

Life Support Technology

- Active Thermal Control
  - Research and Technology Base Program (Augmentation)
  - Space Platforms Technology Program - Space Stations

- Life Support
  - Space Platforms Technology Program - Technology Flight Experiments
  - Instep Experiment

HQ Sponsor: Ms. Peggy Evanich/Code RP

NASA JSC Support Activities
SSTAC Meeting
June 24-28, 1991

Albert F. Behrend, Jr.
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RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAM
AUGMENTATION

ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAM AUGMENTATION
ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS/CHALLENGES

• ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY IS REQUIRED TO ENABLE HABITAT HEAT REJECTION
• TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES:
  • DEVELOP HIGHLY EFFICIENT, LOW MASS, RELIABLE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR PLANETARY HABITATS
• SPECIFIC CHALLENGES INCLUDE:
  - Increase waste heat rejection temperature above that of the environment to enable rejection to space.
  - Utilize gravitational and thermal environment to enhance heat rejection capability.
  - Develop high temperature heat rejection devices which are remotely deployable.
  - Better understand the systems level interactions between multi-system (i.e., ISRU, power, habitat) thermal control systems technologies through development of analytical techniques.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAM AUGMENTATION
ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

OBJECTIVES

• PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY BASE REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN HUMAN LIFE IN THE HOSTILE THERMAL ENVIRONMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PLANETARY SURFACES
  - Potential technologies include gravity-aided heat pumps, high temperature heat rejection devices, convective/radiative devices, and non-toxic two-phase fluids.
**RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAM AUGMENTATION**

**ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**

**BENEFITS**

- Enable rejection of moderate temperature (275 K-295 K)
- Reduce adverse transmisivity effects due to planetary atmospheres
- Enable robotic radiator deployment in gravity environment
- Take advantage of gravity environment and planetary atmosphere
- Provide fluid which allows for high heat transport per unit mass of fluid, thus significantly reducing power requirements
- Foster continuing industry competition for thermal control systems technology

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**THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

**JSC - LEAD**

**BASE R & T**

- Thermal Control
  - Heat Acquisition
  - Heat Transport
  - Heat Rejection
  - Analysis

**PLATFORM THRUST**

- Active Thermal Control
- Heat Rejection
- Thermal Storage
- Performance Analysis

**EXPLORATION THRUST**

- Systems Studies
- Integrated System Development
- Systems Level Testing
- Performance Analysis

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RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAM AUGMENTATION
ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

STATE OF THE ART ASSESSMENT

- SOA heat rejection technology would impose as much as a 62% launch mass penalty compared to advanced radiator concepts.
- Current vapor compression heat pump Coefficient of Performance is at best 2.5. Technology development goal is >4.0 to reduce power requirements.
- Non-toxic two-phase fluids non-existent for room temperature operation.
  Goal: Non-toxic fluid with a saturated vapor density > 0.64 kg/m³ at 35 °C (Water is 0.04 kg/m³)

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS (506-41)

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2. HEAT ACQUISITION AND TRANSPORT SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT
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3. MONITORING AND CONTROLS
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- BENEFITS
  - ENABLE REJECTION OF MODERATE TEMPERATURE (275 K-295 K)
  - REDUCE ADVERSE TRANSMISIVITY EFFECTS DUE TO THE PLANETARY ATMOSPHERE
  - ENABLE ROBOTIC RADIATOR DEPLOYMENT IN GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT
  - TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT AND PLANETARY ATMOSPHERE
  - PROVIDE FLUID WHICH ALLOWS FOR HIGH HEAT TRANSPORT PER UNIT MASS OF FLUID, THUS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING POWER REQUIREMENTS
  - FOSTER CONTINUING INDUSTRY COMPETITION FOR THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

SPACE PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - SPACE STATION

ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL
ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS/CHALLENGES

- ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE HEAT REJECTION REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCREASED POWER LEVELS AT EACH GROWTH PHASE OF STATION.
  - Increased radiator efficiencies to avoid deployment of additional radiators as heat rejection requirements increase in direct proportion to increase in power growth.

- TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES:
  - IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF BASELINE ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM
  - SPECIFIC CHALLENGES INCLUDE:
    - Increase waste heat rejection capability while minimizing deployed radiator area.
    - Provide for a low-mass load leveling method to accommodate for peak loads.
    - Accurately predict system performance through development of analytical tools.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop thermal control systems technologies to improve performance of baseline systems.
  - Potential technologies include higher capacity heat pipe radiators, heat pumps, thermal storage units, heat exchangers, monitoring and control systems, and test and verification techniques.
BENEFITS

- INCREASE HEAT REJECTION CAPABILITIES WHILE MINIMIZING IMPACT TO EXISTING SYSTEMS
- INCREASE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM RELIABILITY BY REDUCING SENSITIVITY TO MICROMETEROID/ORBITAL DEBRIS ENVIRONMENT
- MINIMIZE RADIATOR AREA GROWTH RELATED TO INCREASED POWER LEVELS
- ACCOMMODATE MODULAR GROWTH, ON-ORBIT ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE
- FOSTER CONTINUING INDUSTRY COMPETITION FOR THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS PROGRAM
JSC - LEAD

BASE R & T
- THERMAL CONTROL
  - Heat Acquisition
  - Heat Transport
  - Heat Rejection
  - Analysis

EXPLORATION THRUST
- SYSTEMS STUDIES
- INTEGRATED SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
- SYSTEMS LEVEL TESTING
- PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

PLATFORM THRUST
- ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL
- HEAT REJECTION
- THERMAL STORAGE
- PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
STATE OF THE ART ASSESSMENT

- THERMAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY HAS NOT BEEN DEVELOPED TO A MATURITY LEVEL WHICH WILL EFFICIENTLY ENABLE SSF GROWTH TO 225 KW (Power level).
  - Current heat pipe technology permits development of micrometeoroid/orbital debris insensitive radiators.
  - Current heat pipe technology is limited to 54,000 W-in, which leads to heavier radiators than SSF baseline. Technology development goal is 150,000 W-in heat pipe capacity.
  - Current vapor compression heat pump Coefficient of Performance is at best 2.5. Technology development goal is >4.0.
  - Thermal storage technology goal is > 600 kJ/kg. (Water is < 200 kJ/kg)

- EXISTING RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAM TO DEVELOP ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES IS SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERFUNDED.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- **TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS:**
  - Increase heat rejection capability with minimal impact to existing systems
  - Increase thermal control system reliability by reducing sensitivity to micrometeoroid/orbital debris environment
  - Minimize radiator area growth related to increased power levels
  - Accommodate modular growth, on-orbit assembly and maintenance
  - Foster continuing industry competition for thermal control systems technology

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**SPACE PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - TECHNOLOGY FLIGHT EXPERIMENTS**

**HUMAN LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS**
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS/CHALLENGES

• Optimize life support systems, including thermal control, for extended microgravity operation
  • Maximize performance and efficiency
  • Minimize mass and volume
  • Maximize reliability

• Requires better understanding of microgravity and its long-term influence on life support systems performance characteristics

OBJECTIVES

• Use space station freedom (SSF) as a technology flight test bed for gravity sensitive processes
  • Component level
  • Subsystem level
  • System level (may be constrained by available SSF volume and interface capabilities

• Develop two reusable modular test beds
  • Life support
  • Thermal control

• Develop appropriate math models
BENEFITS

- Allows examination of candidate fundamental processes associated with air revitalization, waste water treatment, waste management, and active thermal control (ATC) and how to take advantage of, or to minimize, the effects of micro-G

- Allows study of fundamental heat transfer and fluid dynamic behavior of two-phase fluids in micro-G, primarily for the optimization of the ATC

- Provides assessment of long-term process performance in micro-G

- Provides facility to flight qualify equipment for future long-term micro-G missions

STATE OF THE ART ASSESSMENT

- Adequate design and modeling correlations available

- Lack of "real environment" operational data often results in costly over design

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS (506-49)

- Completed assessment of life support and thermal control fundamental processes affected by gravity
  - Phase separation
  - Gas absorption
  - Condensation
  - Evaporation
  - Free convection heat transfer
  - Two-phase fluids heat transfer
  - Two-phase flow and pressure drop
  - ETC.

- Finalizing conceptual designs based on use of two SSF equipment racks
  - Limits SSF interfaces to only electrical power and cooling water
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**Basis for Resource Estimates:**

**Sub-element 1**
- $6M for advanced life support test bed and first set of test articles
- $2.0M for flight experiment integration, $2.8M for second set of flight test articles

**Sub-element 2**
- $3.4M for advanced thermal control test bed and first set of test articles
- $1.2M for flight experiment integration, $1.5M for second set of flight test articles

**Sub-element 3**
- 2 MYE for modeling and analysis before PDR. 3 MYE after PDR thru flights

**SUMMARY**

- USE SSF AS TECHNOLOGY FLIGHT TEST BED TO OPTIMIZE LIFE SUPPORT AND ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR MICROGRAVITY OPERATION

**BENEFITS**

- ALLOWS EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE FUNDAMENTAL PROCESSES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR REVITALIZATION, WASTE WATER TREATMENT, WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND ACTIVE THERMAL CONTROL (ATC) AND HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF, OR TO MINIMIZE, THE EFFECTS OF MICRO-G
- ALLOWS STUDY OF FUNDAMENTAL HEAT TRANSFER AND FLUID DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR OF TWO-PHASE FLUIDS IN MICRO-G, PRIMARILY FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF THE ATC
- PROVIDES ASSESSMENT OF LONG-TERM PROCESS PERFORMANCE IN MICRO-G
- PROVIDES FACILITY TO FLIGHT QUALIFY EQUIPMENT FOR FUTURE LONG-TERM MICRO-G MISSIONS
OAET INSTEP PROGRAM

ELECTROLYSIS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT STUDIES (EPICS) EXPERIMENT

- **Objective**

  - Investigate ways low-g environment can improve water electrolysis performance by experimenting with electrochemical cells having various components of different microstructural catalytic characteristics and fluid flow paths

- **Benefits**

  - Improvement in performance will lower power requirements
  - Results will validate electrolysis concept planned for Space Station Freedom life support application
  - Results may offer design improvements to other electrochemical processes involving a gas/liquid interface
ELECTROLYSIS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT STUDIES (EPICS) EXPERIMENT

- Technical Description

- Be self-contained experiment with its own microprocessor data collection and storage capability
- Employs three cells of differing microstructural characteristics at anode, cathode, and electrolyte matrix
- Current density and temperature will be varied to determine effect on cell operating voltage
- Electrolysis feed water is continuously replenished by a fuel cell recombiner reaction
- Crew interface is minimized with single switch start-up and shutdown with unit contained in a Shuttle middeck payload locker

EPICS EXPERIMENT PACKAGING CONCEPT

Characteristics
Weight, lb: 37.6
Volume, ft³: 1.9
Power, W: 100
ELECTROLYSIS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT STUDIES (EPICS) EXPERIMENT

- Status

  - Two separate Statements of Work for the Phase B and optional Phase C/D have been prepared
  - RFP will be released from JSC to Life Systems, Inc., on June 24, 1991
  - Contract will be initiated on September 25, 1991

- Milestones/Schedule

  - 31-month Program: 6-month Phase B and 25-month Phase C/D
    - Conduct Concept Design Review - March 1992
    - Complete Non-Advocate Review - April 1992
    - Conduct Preliminary Design Review - June 1992
    - Begin Engineering Model Fabrication (3.5 months) - September 1992
    - Anticipated Launch Date - April 1994

- Projected Program Cost

  - Phase B  - $134K
  - Phase C/D - $1198K
  - Total  - $1332K
HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM
FOR INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN

SENSORS AND CONTROLS FOR SPACE STATION
LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY (PLATFORMS)

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION

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TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

0 IN SITU CHEMICAL, MICROBIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SENSORS FOR CONTINUOUS, REAL-TIME STATUS ON PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL LIFE SUPPORT PROCESSES

0 PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL PROCESSES' CONTROLS FOR AUTOMATION OF LIFE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

0 COMPUTER INTEGRATION OF IN SITU SENSORS AND CONTROLS FOR RELIABLE, UNATTENDED LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS OPERATIONS

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

0 ACCURATE, DEPENDABLE, IN SITU CHEMICAL "ANALYZERS" - AIR & WATER ENVIRONMENTS

0 IN SITU MICROBIAL SPECIES DETECTORS

0 "INTELLIGENT" CONTROLS

0 SENSORS INTEGRATION/NETWORK WITH AI

OBJECTIVES

0 DEVELOP AND VALIDATE INTEGRATED LIFE SUPPORT SENSORS AND CONTROLS

SENSORS TECHNOLOGIES
- IN SITU, REAL-TIME, SELF-CALIBRATING, GRACEFUL DEGRADATION
- CHEMICAL (VARIOUS SPECIFIC SPECIES, QUANTITY LEVELS, AND CONDITIONS)
- MICROBIAL (SPECIFIC SPECIES, LOW LEVELS, RESPONSIVE)
- ENVIRONMENTAL (AEROSOLS, HUMIDITY, SMOKE)

CONTROLS TECHNOLOGIES
- PROCESS AND SENSORS COMPATIBLE
- AUTONOMOUS
- RELIABLE

COMPUTER INTERFACE
- MULTIPLE LEVELS OF OPERATION
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS

0 NASA PROGRAM
   - STS AND EDO
   - ENABLE SSF OPERATION
   - SPACE LAB OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH
   - LUNAR/MARS HABITATS

0 INDUSTRY
   - CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING
   - HYDROCARBON PROCESSING
   - POWERPLANT OPERATION
   - GROUNDWATER/WASTE CONTROLS
   - "SICK BUILDING SYNDROME" MANAGEMENT

0 MEDICAL DIAGNOSES AND CARE

0 GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS
   - U.S. NAVY (SUBMARINES)
   - U.S. ARMY (CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL WARFARE PROTECTION)
   - EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND CONTROLS)
   - NSF (ANTECUTICA)

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION CHART FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES
TECHNOLOGY STATE OF THE ART

SSF SENSORS/CONTROLS BASELINE

- AIR REVITALIZATION
  - CENTRAL GC/MS MONITOR
  - INFRA RED DETECTORS FOR CO AND CO₂
  - BIOLOGICAL DETECTORS - BATCH ANALYSIS

- WATER RECLAMATION
  - TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON - OXIDATION/CO₂ ANALYSIS
  - PH AND CONDUCTIVITY - ELECTROCHEMICAL PROBES
  - BIOLOGICAL DETECTORS - BATCH ANALYSIS

- WASTE MANAGEMENT
  - NO CONTAMINANT ANALYSIS - STORAGE ONLY

SENSORS/MONITORS NOT DEFINED FOR MANY PROCESSING OPERATIONS
CONTROLS NOT INTEGRATED WITH SENSORS INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY STATE OF THE ART (cont'd)

CHARACTERISTICS OF GC/MS MONITOR FOR SSF

- SAMPLE LINES FROM EACH PROCESS POINT TO ANALYZER
- MULTI-PORT SAMPLE SELECTOR
- SAMPLE TREATMENT/PREPARATION OPERATION
- WASTE - EXCESS SAMPLE STORAGE/DISPOSAL PROCEDURES
- MULTI-COMPONENT ANALYZER
- MONITOR SUPPORT - EXPENDABLE MATERIALS, POWER, . . .
- RELATIVELY LARGE/HEAVY COMPONENT
- INFORMATION NOT CONTINUOUS, NOR REAL-TIME, FROM ALL LOCATIONS
SENSORS AND CONTROLS FOR SSF LIFE SUPPORT

TECHNOLOGY STATE OF THE ART (cont'd)

- CHEMICAL SENSORS
  - NOT SELF-CALIBRATING
  - MAY BE MASKED OR ALTERED BY OTHER SPECIES
  - LIMITED LIFE AND RELIABILITY
  - UNDEPENDABLE DEGRADATION
  - HIGH SELECTIVITY IN FEW APPLICATIONS

- MICROBIAL SENSORS
  - NO CANDIDATES

- CONTROLS FOR LIFE SUPPORT NOT DESIGNED FOR AUTONOMOUS OPERATION

- INTEGRATED CONTROL NON-EXISTENT FOR LIFE SUPPORT APPLICATION

RELATION TO NASA MISSIONS' REQUIREMENTS

- SHUTTLE AND SPACELAB OPERATIONS
  - IN-SPACE TEST AND INTEGRATION

- EXTENDED DURATION ORBITER (EDO)
  - IN SITU SENSOR RETROFIT TO AIR AND WATER
  - CONDUCT IN-SPACE TESTING OF LIFE SUPPORT PROCESSES/SENSORS

- SPACE STATION FREEDOM
  - SENSORS/CONTROLS RETROFIT FOR AIR AND WATER SUBSYSTEM OPERATIONS

- EVA MISSIONS
  - REGENERATIVE PORTABLE LIFE SUPPORT OPERATIONS

- LUNAR/MARS HABITATS
  - COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS SENSORS AND CONTROLS INTEGRATED INTO SYSTEM FOR PROLONGED MISSION OPERATION
**SENSORS AND CONTROLS FOR SSF LIFE SUPPORT**

**LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS SENSORS/CONTROLS MILESTONES**

**FY 93** - COMPLETE LABORATORY SCREENING OF STATE-OF-THE-ART SENSORS

**FY 94** - COMPLETE SENSORS REQUIREMENTS DEFINITION AND SYSTEM MODEL DESCRIPTION

**FY 95** - DEFINE CONTROLS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRED FOR SYSTEMS OPERATIONS

**FY 96** - DEMONSTRATE SENSORS-CONTROL-COMPUTER INTERFACE OPERATIONS

**FY 97** - DEMONSTRATE CHEMICAL SENSORS FOR AIR, WATER & WASTE PROCESSING OPERATIONS

**FY 98** - DEMONSTRATE CHEMICAL SENSORS AT SUBSYSTEM PROCESSES LEVEL

**FY 99** - DEMONSTRATE MICROBIAL SENSORS FOR AIR, WATER & WASTE PROCESSING OPERATIONS

**FY 02** - DEMONSTRATE MICROBIAL SENSORS AT SUBSYSTEM PROCESSES LEVEL

**FY 04** - DEMONSTRATE COMPLETE SENSOR AND CONTROL OPERATION AT SSF INTEGRATED TESTBED

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**SENSORS AND CONTROLS FOR SSF LIFE SUPPORT**

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SUMMARY

TECHNICAL ISSUES

- In situ chemical sensors development for physical/chemical processes' monitor/control
- In situ microbial sensors development for incorporation into physical/chemical processes and operations
- Integration of sensors with SSF controls

BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

- Improved reliability and autonomy of SSF life support operations
- Sensors/controls applicable to existing and advanced life support systems
- Basis for working with industry and other government agencies
- Technology applicable to a myriad commercial operations
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN
EXTERNAL REVIEW

HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM

FIRE SAFETY
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BASE
AND
SPACE PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

JUNE 26, 1991
ROBERT FRIEDMAN
NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER
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FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

POLICY STATEMENT

• REALISTIC SAFETY PHILOSOPHY IS TO MINIMIZE FIRE RISK AND AVOID CREW INJURY OR ANY SPACECRAFT DAMAGE THAT THREATENS THE MISSION

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

• UNUSUAL FIRE BEHAVIOR IN LOW GRAVITY
• LITTLE PAST EXPERIENCE FOR ACCURATE RISK PREDICTIONS
• EXTREME HIGH VALUE OF SPACECRAFT AND MISSION OPERATIONS
• LIMITED RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLETE FIRE PROTECTION

OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM

• TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING OF FIRE BEHAVIOR IN THE SPACE ENVIRONMENT AND TO APPLY THE RESULTS FOR IMPROVED AND EFFICIENT FIRE PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND SUPPRESSION IN SPACECRAFT

ORIGINAL PAGE IS OF POOR QUALITY
FIRE SAFETY IN NASA HUMAN-CREW SPACECRAFT

- FIRE SAFETY ALWAYS RECEIVES PRIORITY ATTENTION IN NASA MISSION DESIGNS AND OPERATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND MATERIAL ACCEPTANCE STANDARDS

- RECENTLY, INTEREST IN SPACECRAFT FIRE-SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HAS INCREASED BECAUSE
  - IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LOW-GRAVITY AND NORMAL-GRAVITY COMBUSTION SUGGESTS THAT PRESENT FIRE-SAFETY TECHNIQUES MAY BE INADEQUATE OR, AT BEST, NON-OPTIMAL
  - THE COMPLEX AND PERMANENT ORBITAL OPERATIONS IN FREEDOM DEMAND A HIGHER LEVEL OF SAFETY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM BENEFITS

- APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, AND COST REDUCTION IN CURRENT AND FUTURE SPACECRAFT
- ADVANCED RESEARCH IN FUNDAMENTAL COMBUSTION AND FIRE SCIENCE (GREATLY AIDED BY THE ABSENCE OF THE OVERWHELMING BUOYANT FLOWS IN MICROGRAVITY)
- ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC/COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION OF SPACE THROUGH WELL-DEFINED AND REALISTIC SAFETY STANDARDS
- POTENTIAL SPIN-OFFS IN NONFLAMMABLE MATERIAL AND FIRE-SENSOR KNOWLEDGE

RELATION TO OAET THRUSTS

- R & T BASE:
  - DEVELOPMENT OF FLIGHT EXPERIMENTS ON LOW-GRAVITY FIRE CHARACTERISTICS (EXPANSION OF IN-STEP PROJECT)
  - DEVELOPMENT OF FLIGHT EXPERIMENTS FOR LOW-GRAVITY MATERIAL FLAMMABILITY ASSESSMENTS (WITH CODE Q)

- FOCUSED THRUST:
  - APPLICATION OF BASIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION TO DEVELOPMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION FOR ADVANCED SPACECRAFT
SPACECRAFT FIRE RISK STRATEGIES

SPACECRAFT FIRE-SAFETY STATE OF THE ART

PREVENTION

- LARGE DATABASE AVAILABLE ON ACCEPTABLE "NON-FLAMMABLE" MATERIALS
- NASA TEST METHODS UNDER EVALUATION BY NIST; MODIFICATIONS ARE SUGGESTED
- RECENT RESEARCH DEFINED LOW-GRAVITY FLAMMABILITY LIMITS AND VENTILATION EFFECTS

FIRE DETECTION

- AIRPLANE SMOKE DETECTOR DESIGNS ADAPTED TO SPACECRAFT
- NO SPACE-RELATED DATA

FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT

- SPACECRAFT EXTINGUISHING AGENTS SELECTED BY SYSTEM ANALYSES
- RECENT RESEARCH DEFINED RELATIVE EFFICIENCY OF AGENTS AS ATMOSPHERIC SUPPRESSANTS

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CURRENT PRACTICES IN FIRE PREVENTION FOR SPACECRAFT

- LIMITING MATERIALS, AS FAR AS PRACTICAL, TO THOSE THAT ARE "NON-FLAMMABLE", BASED ON NHB 8600.1 FLAMMABILITY TESTS

- AVOIDANCE OF IGNITION SOURCES, THROUGH ELECTRICAL INSULATION AND GROUNDING, OVERPRESSURE CONTAINMENT, AND THERMAL/ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD PROTECTION

- GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES FOR WASTE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL, FLUID LEAK PREVENTION, "FLAMMABLES" ISOLATION, AND SO ON

UPWARD FLAME PROPAGATION TEST

NHB8060.1B APPROVAL TEST FOR SOLID MATERIALS IN HABITABLE SPACECRAFT AREAS
PROBLEMS IN FIRE PREVENTION FOR SPACECRAFT

- Many common items, particularly commercial instruments and personal use items, cannot pass the flammability test. These are permitted onboard spacecraft when controlled through isolation, storage protection, or barriers. Nevertheless - configuration changes may occur during missions - foam materials, velcro patches, etc., pose special flammability problems (smoldering, particle expulsion)

- Material fire hazards may increase in the future for freedom - greater variety of commercial and test materials - higher probability of exposure to ignition "incidents" - changes and relaxation of safety attitudes (long missions)

- Current understanding of microgravity combustion questions the relevance of normal-gravity-test acceptance standards to low-gravity flammability behavior

CURRENT PRACTICES IN FIRE DETECTION FOR SPACECRAFT

- Shuttle is equipped with nine state-of-the-art ionization smoke detectors (cargo-bay laboratories have six or more additional detectors)

- Shuttle detectors have internal fans for particle separation (dust particle bypass of ionization chamber) and for adequate atmospheric sampling

- Shuttle detectors are monitored to measure particle concentration and to alarm at preset concentrations
FIRE DETECTION IN THE SHUTTLE

PROBLEMS IN FIRE DETECTION FOR SPACECRAFT

- THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STANDARD SENSORS IN RESPONDING TO THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF MICROGRAVITY FIRES IS UNCERTAIN
  - SMOKE AND AEROSOL PARTICLE SIZE, SIZE DISTRIBUTION, AND DENSITY ARE UNKNOWN
  - MICROGRAVITY FLAMES ARE STEADY (FLICKER CIRCUITS DO NOT IDENTIFY THESE FLAMES)
  - THE HEAT AND MASS TRANSPORT OF FIRE "SIGNATURES" TO THE SENSOR ARE DIFFERENT, INFLUENCING RESPONSE TIMES

- SPECIFIC FIRE SCENARIOS AND RISK MODELS, NECESSARY TO GUIDE OPTIMUM SENSOR SPACING AND LOCATION, ARE LACKING

- TRADEOFFS FOR OPTIMUM DECISIONS ON SENSITIVITY VS. FALSE ALARMS, MANUAL VS. AUTOMATED RESPONSES, AND SO FORTH, ARE LACKING
CURRENT PRACTICES IN FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT FOR SPACECRAFT

- SHUTTLE EQUIPPED WITH THREE FIXED AND FOUR PORTABLE STATE-OF-THE-ART HALON 1301 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- OPERATION OF FIXED EXTINGUISHER FROM PANEL REQUIRES ACTUATION OF AN "ARM" SWITCH FOLLOWED BY THE "DISCHARGE" SWITCH
- NORMAL COMBUSTION PRODUCTS OF CO, AND WATER ARE REMOVED FROM THE ATMOSPHERE BY THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEM
- OTHER COMBUSTION PRODUCTS, SUCH AS CO, ARE REMOVABLE, IN TRACE QUANTITIES ONLY, BY AN ACTIVATED CARBON FILTER
- MISSION WOULD BE TERMINATED AFTER EXTINGUISHER DISCHARGE FOR SUBSEQUENT GROUND CLEANUP

FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT IN THE SHUTTLE
PROBLEMS IN FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT FOR SPACECRAFT

- LIMITED SELECTION OF USEFUL EXTINGUISHING AGENTS FOR SPACE
  - NONGASEOUS OR MIXED-PHASE (FOAM) TYPES NOT SUITABLE
  - REMOVAL OF AGENT AND PRODUCTS FROM CLOSED ENVIRONMENT IS A CRITICAL CONCERN

- HALON 1301 AND SIMILAR HALOCARBONS ARE TO BE PHASED OUT OF USE IN NEXT DECADE BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

- EFFECTIVENESS OF AGENT DISPERSAL AND DELIVERY MODE UNDER THE DIFFERING MASS AND HEAT TRANSPORT RATES IN MICROGRAVITY HAVE YET TO BE DEMONSTRATED

- FOR THE PERMANENT ORBITAL MISSIONS OF FREEDOM, UNKNOWN LONG-TERM TOXIC AND CORROSIVE EFFECTS OF AGENT AND PRODUCT RESIDUES ARE A CONCERN

EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF MICROGRAVITY FIRE BEHAVIOR RELEVANT TO FIRE SAFETY

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Comparision of Flames on Thin Solid Surfaces (Paper, for Example)

Narrow flame lengthened by buoyant flow

Flickering, bright yellow flame

Short pyrolysis zone

Small flame standoff

Direction of buoyant flows

Direction of flame spread

Flame width of same order as flame length

Pale flame

Diffuse, blue leading edge

Long pyrolysis zone

Large flame standoff

No low-gravity flame

Low-gravity flame

Potential enhancement of flammability by low air flows at low gravity

Ventilation influence

Oxygen conc. in air

Flammability increase

Air velocity

Paper experiment

Air velocity
SPACE STATION FREEDOM FIRE PROTECTION

MAJOR ISSUES

• THE COMPLEX CONFIGURATION, VARIED CREW ACTIVITIES, AND SCIENTIFIC AND COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FIRE HAZARDS. THE LONG-TERM, PERMANENT ORBITAL MISSION INCREASES THE PROBABILITY OF FIRE "EVENTS" TO NEAR UNITY.

• THE INITIAL ASSEMBLY PERIOD POSES PARTICULAR CONCERNS - NO MEANS OF REMOTE MODULE ISOLATION OR FIRE CONTROL TO COMBAT FIRE EVENTS DURING INTERIM UNATTENDED TIMES - INCREASED MATERIAL FLAMMABILITY IN HIGHER-O2-CONCENTRATION ATMOSPHERES (REQUIRED FOR EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES)

• THE DEPENDENCIES AND TRADE-OFFS BETWEEN MANUAL AND AUTOMATED FIRE PROTECTION ARE UNRESOLVED. THE AUTOMATED DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MAY FAIL DURING A FIRE, FOR EXAMPLE.

• THE APPLICATION OF THE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF LOW-GRAVITY FIRE BEHAVIOR TOWARD PRACTICAL FIRE-PROTECTION HARDWARE AND OPERATIONS FOR SPACE IS STILL IN A VERY EARLY STATE OF DEVELOPMENT

• SEVERE DESIGN CONSTRAINTS ON POWER, MASS, AND VOLUME DEMAND SIMPLE YET HIGHLY EFFICIENT DETECTION-SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS

DETAILED SCOPE OF PROJECTS FOR SPACECRAFT FIRE SAFETY

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OAET PRIORITY PROJECTS UNDERLINED; AUGMENTED DOUBLE UNDERLINED

• R & D ON FIRE-DETECTION COMPONENTS AND SUBSYSTEMS
  - VENTILATION MODELING FOR EFFECTIVE SENSOR PLACEMENT
  - LOW-GRAVITY FIRE "SIGNATURES" AND SENSOR TECHNOLOGY
  - CENTRALIZED DETECTION SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION PROCESSING

• R & D ON FIRE-SUPPRESSION COMPONENTS AND SUBSYSTEMS
  - EVALUATION AND TESTING OF EXTINGUISHING AGENTS
  - DELIVERY SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY

• DEVELOPMENT OF RISK ASSESSMENT METHODS, DECISION ANALYSES, EXPERT SYSTEMS, AND AUTOMATION

• R & D ON POST-FIRE CLEANUP TECHNOLOGY
  - IDENTIFICATION OF LOW-GRAVITY COMBUSTION/EXTINGUISHMENT BYPRODUCTS
  - EFFECTIVE, CONTINUOUS ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING TECHNIQUES
  - HIGH-CAPACITY, EMERGENCY ATMOSPHERIC CLEAN-UP TECHNIQUES

• SPACE EXPERIMENTS TO TEST AND VERIFY SELECTED TECHNIQUES

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ORGANIZATION OF FIRE-SAFETY PROGRAM

BASELINE PRIORITY

RISK-BASED FIRE-SAFETY STUDY (IN PROGRESS WITH UCLA)

FLAME CHARACTERISTICS AND "SIGNS" FOR DETECTION IN SPACE

FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT METHODS FOR THE SPACE ENVIRONMENT

LOW-GRAVITY MATERIAL FLAMMABILITY ASSESSMENT (WITH CODE Q)

AUGMENTED

DEVELOPMENT OF PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENTS MODELS FOR FREEDOM AND ADVANCED SPACECRAFT

DEVELOPMENT OF DETECTION SYSTEMS AND LOGIC FOR FREEDOM AND ADVANCED SPACECRAFT

DEVELOPMENT OF FIRE EXTINGUISHING, DISPERAL, AND CLEANUP SYSTEMS FOR FREEDOM AND ADVANCED SPACECRAFT

CONTINUOUS MONITORING TECHNIQUES FOR ATMOSPHERIC CONTROL AND EARLY WARNING

RELATIONSHIP OF OAET FIRE-SAFETY ELEMENTS

R & T BASE

RISK ANALYSES

MATERIAL FLAMMABILITY (FIRE PREVENTION)

NIST

JSC & MSFC DATABANK

UCLA

SPACE PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

FIRE DETECTION TECHNOLOGY

FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT TECHNOLOGY

POST-FIRE CLEANUP

OSSA (BASIC SCIENCE)

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OAET FIRE-SAFETY PROGRAM ELEMENTS

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SUMMARY

- PRESENT STATUS CURRENT SPACECRAFT FIRE-SAFETY PRACTICES, BASED MAINLY ON SKILLED APPLICATIONS OF GROUND AND AIRCRAFT TECHNIQUES, ARE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE

- ISSUES FOR FUTURE SPACECRAFT AND MISSIONS, HOWEVER, ADVANCES IN FIRE-SAFETY STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY ARE ESSENTIAL
- THE GROWING BODY OF KNOWLEDGE OF MICROGRAVITY COMBUSTION SCIENCE OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVED AND MORE EFFICIENT FIRE-SAFETY TECHNIQUES
- THE COMPLEX, PERMANENT ORBITAL OPERATIONS OF FREEDOM IMPOSE NEW DEMANDS ON FIRE SAFETY AND INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF FIRE INCIDENTS
- NEW INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON THE APPLICATION OF MICROGRAVITY COMBUSTION SCIENCE AND QUANTITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENTS TO PRACTICAL CONCEPTS OF FIRE SAFETY

- BENEFITS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY IN SPACECRAFT FIRE SAFETY PROMISE REDUCED RISK FACTORS AND IMPROVED FLEXIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN SPACECRAFT TECHNIQUES TO PROMOTE GREATER MISSION SAFETY AND ENCOURAGE BETTER UTILIZATION OF FUTURE SPACECRAFT
### OBJECTIVES

- PROGRAMMATIC
  - TO DEVELOP, VERIFY, AND DEMONSTRATE IN SPACE FLIGHT, EFFICIENT FIRE DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION HARDWARE/TECHNIQUES FOR ADVANCED SPACECRAFT

- TECHNICAL
  - TO ADVANCE THE KNOWLEDGE OF SPACECRAFT FIRE SAFETY THROUGH RESEARCH ON QUANTITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENTS AND MICROGRAVITY FIRE CHARACTERISTICS

### SCHEDULE

- 1995 ESTABLISH MICROGRAVITY TO NORMAL-GRAVITY MATERIAL FLAMMABILITY CORRELATIONS
- 1995 COMPLETE SCALE-MODEL, GROUND-BASED MICROGRAVITY FIRE CHARACTERISTICS EXPERIMENTS
- 1996 ESTABLISH QUANTITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR FIRE SAFETY
- 1996 COMPLETE SHUTTLE EXPERIMENT PROGRAM
- 2000 INITIATE FIRE DETECTION-SUPPRESSION EXPERIMENTS ON FREEDOM

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### PARTICIPANTS

- LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER
- MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
- JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
MEDICAL SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY FOR REMOTE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

(INFORMATION FOR SPACE SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN, HUMAN SUPPORT PROGRAM; RP/M. L. EVANICH, COORDINATOR)

MEDICAL SCIENCES DIVISION
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
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TECHNOLOGY NEEDS:

Health care systems for on-site use by exploration crews:
• Medical care system
• Health monitoring and countermeasures system
• Environmental monitoring and countermeasures system

Components based on known, state of the art technologies

"Infrastructure:" dedicated work volume(s), utilities connections, information communication, management and display (local and remote)
OBJECTIVES:

Technology development program:

- interaction with universities, laboratories, commercial industries
- coordination of design, fabrication, test and assessment
- functional, space rated devices, systems
- systems and (medical) operations development

Development of component technologies for health care systems:

- Medical diagnostics and monitoring technology
- Integrated medical care technology
- Telemedicine technology
- Health care informatics technology
- Pharmaceuticals, IV fluids and administration technology
- Countermeasures technology and protocols

BENEFITS:

- Proof of concepts essential for lunar, Mars exploration missions.
- Focused development of health care methods to minimize payload, operational volume, crew time requirements.
- Development of common technologies, devices: production cost, volume, mass savings; training, operations simplicity; potential application to other space systems, e.g. EVA biomedical monitors.
- Accurate specification of equipment, supplies, work volume.
- Potential for development of modular health care systems for mission elements, program phases.
- Development of operations protocols with prototype hardware and user environment.
- NASA leadership in systems engineering applied to medical technology.
- Recognition, support of U.S., international medical communities.
ORGANIZATION OF (PROPOSED) TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM:

- Health care systems concept design, test coordination, requirements:
  SD/Medical Sciences Division
- Device (HW, SW) development:
  university, industry contracts; selected inhouse development projects
- Medical care system:
  SD2/Medical Operations Branch
- Health monitoring and countermeasures system:
  SD5/Space Biomedical Research Institute
- Environmental monitoring and countermeasures system:
  SD4/Biomedical Operations Research Branch

PROPOSED TOPICS/STATE OF THE ART:

MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS, MONITORING TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-01):

- Laboratory diagnostics: chemical, hematological, microbiological analysis of discrete sample using compact, easy to use, reliable instrumentation (preferably one integrated system).
- Imaging diagnostics: planar xray, computer assisted tomography, (digital) ultrasound, and/or magnetic resonance instrumentation for use at patient bedside (compact, safe, easy to use).
- Physiologic monitor: non-, minimally-invasive continuous monitors of ECG, blood pressure, cardiac output, oxygen consumption, carbon dioxide production, and metabolic rates, blood oxygen saturation.
PROPOSED TOPICS/STATE OF THE ART (cont'd.):

INTEGRATED MEDICAL CARE TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-02):

- Single patient care unit, to include: patient support surface; utilities connections/portable sources (electrical power, oxygen/air, vacuum, water); biological fluid handling system; electronic data transfer, storage, management, display system; pharmaceuticals, supplies storage system; fluid formulation, administration system; ventilatory support system.

- System engineering and technology for: rescue, resuscitation, (local) patient transport; emergency surgery and critical care; long term patient care and management; long distance transport; hyperbaric treatment.

- Determination of patient care work volume(s).

- Development of treatment protocols.

TELEMEDICINE TECHNOLOGY AND DEMONSTRATION (593-xx-03):

- Identification of technologies to provide telemedicine between two or more remote locations.

- Assembly of two-way text, voice, image communication system, based on preliminary lunar outpost requirements. (remote data access, macro-/microscopic image transmission, image processing; medical, environmental data)

- Use in patient care in space-relevant, remote analog environment in communication with university medical center providing level 1 trauma care.
PROPOSED TOPICS/STATE OF THE ART (cont'd.):  

HEALTH CARE INFORMATICS TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-04):
- Integrated health care informatics (automated data acquisition and management) system to provide:
  - Occupational medical care (environmental health monitoring and hazard response protocols)
  - Preventive medical care (physical health monitoring and maintenance recommendations)
  - Clinical medical care (definitive diagnosis and decision support; protocols for treatment)
- Development of common technologies:
  - Informatics systems for environment, health, medical data
  - Exercise and EVA biomedical monitor instrumentation and data interfaces
  - Data communication protocols
- Development system, mockup and trainer systems.

PHARMACEUTICALS, IV FLUIDS AND ADMINISTRATION (593-xx-05):
- Space (NASA) pharmacopeia development.
- Packaging, storage system development.
- Investigation of pharmacokinetics; determination of drug dose, administration technology.
- Development of on-site IV fluid production, administration system.
- Development of blood, blood component replacement technology for space use.
- Development of nutritional support technology.
- Space human use approval of drugs and formulation, administration devices.
PROPOSED TOPICS/STATE OF THE ART (cont'd.):

COUNTERMEASURES TECHNOLOGY AND PROTOCOLS (593-xx-06):

- Design, development, test of exercise technologies and protocols to prevent or accelerate adaptation to space environment(s).

- Design, development, test of psychological support methods for individuals and groups, e.g. chronobiologic adaptation, private communication.

- Identification, development, test, approval of pharmacologic countermeasures, e.g. radioprotectants, bone deposition, muscle growth agents.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-07):

- Identification of technologies to provide environmental monitoring within closed habitats, esp. unknown or unspecified materials.

- Design, development, test of instrumentation, sensor, sampling systems.

- Design, development, test of microscopic imaging system, with capability for teleoperation.
**BASELINE PROGRAM/MILESTONES:**
(Note: Dates indicate completion; technology development should start FY92.)

**MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS, MONITORING TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-01):**
- Identification of participants: 10/93
- Redesign of SSF HMF experimental systems, or restart: 10/94
- Clinical trial: chemistry: 6/95, physiologic monitor: 6/95, imaging: 10/95
- Redesign, miniaturize for lunar outpost habitat: 10/96
- Clinical trials, integration: 10/98

**BASELINE PROGRAM/MILESTONES (cont'd.):**

**INTEGRATED MEDICAL CARE TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-02):**
- Design of integrated system: 10/94
- Biological fluid handling: 10/95
- Utility specifications; display technology: 10/95
- Work volume specification: 10/96
- Inventory, supply logistics: 10/96
- Treatment protocols: 10/98
### BASELINE PROGRAM/MILESTONES (cont'd.):

#### TELEMEDICINE TECHNOLOGY AND DEMONSTRATION (593-xx-03):

- **Identification of technologies, participants**: 10/93
- **Specification, set up experimental system**: 1/94
- **Guidelines and protocols (selected discipline)**: 10/95
- **Guidelines and protocols (selected disciplines)**: 10/97
- **Field system design, set up**: 10/97
- **Design of lunar outpost system**: 10/98

#### HEALTH CARE INFORMATICS TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-04):

- **Concept design**: 10/94
- **Integrated informatics system:**
  - medical care subsystem: 10/95
  - crew member health status subsystem: 10/96
  - environmental health monitoring subsystem: 10/97
- **Biomedical monitor system (medical, health, EVA application):**
  - experimental system (ECG, VO2, VCO2, MR, O2 sat): 10/95
  - test and redesign: 10/98
- **Treatment protocols**: 10/98
BASELINE PROGRAM/MILESTONES (cont'd.):

PHARMACEUTICALS, IV FLUIDS AND ADMINISTRATION (593-xx-05):

- Space pharmacopeia: 10/94
- ID commercial suppliers, participants: 10/96
- Storage system, shelf life: 10/96
- Pharmacokinetics, administration technology: 10/97
- IV fluid production, administration technology: 10/97
- Blood, blood component replacement: 10/97
- Nutritional support technology: 10/97
- Space human use approval: 10/98

COUNTERMEASURES TECHNOLOGY AND PROTOCOLS (593-xx-06):

- Analysis of operational health concerns: 10/94
- Design of exercise countermeasures for:
  - reduced muscle strength, endurance: 10/95
  - decreased aerobic capacity, anaerobic endurance: 10/96
- Design, test of chronobiologic modes and schedules: 10/96
- Identification, test of pharmacologic countermeasures: 10/97
BASELINE PROGRAM/MILESTONES (cont'd.):

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING TECHNOLOGY (593-xx-07):

- Preliminary requirements; identification of technologies 10/93
- Design of monitoring instrumentation, sensor, sampling systems; design of microscopic imaging system 10/95
- Fabrication, test; redesign for lunar habitat 10/98

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OBJECTIVES

• PROGRAMMATIC

IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED IN REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE AREAS OF RELIABILITY, SAFETY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WEIGHT, AND ACOUSTIC NOISE EMISSION.

• TECHNICAL

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHUTTLE AND SPACELAB HIGHLIGHT A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY FOR SPACE PLATFORMS.

BENEFITS TO SPACE TECHNOLOGY

• SPACE PLATFORMS

HUMAN SYSTEMS SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE AREA OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR COOLING/FREEZING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES. THE SAME TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED FOR REFRIGERATION OF PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN THE FOOD PREPARATION AREAS.

• SPACE SCIENCE

THE REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED MIGHT ALSO MEET THE NEEDS OF OBSERVATORY SYSTEMS FOR DETECTOR OR OPTICAL SYSTEM COOLING.

• EXPLORATION

HUMAN SUPPORT AND SURFACE OPERATIONS ARE GOING TO REQUIRE SIMILAR SUPPORT FOR REFRIGERATION OF FOOD AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE.
PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

RS/ SPACE TECHNOLOGY
(ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION AND FUNDING)

SPACE PLATFORMS
THRUST GROUP
(TECHNICAL DIRECTION)

IC/ TECHNOLOGY AND
COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
OFFICE
(JSC OAET RTOP COORDINATION)

SE/ LIFE SCIENCES PROJECT DIVISION
(SELECT TECHNOLOGY, MONITOR PROTOTYPE ASSEMBLY, TEST
PROTOTYPE, COORDINATE DSO PROJECT)

CONTRACTOR/UNIVERSITY/ INDUSTRY
(DESIGN AND FABRICATION)

STATE OF THE ART

THE STATE OF THE ART IN REFRIGERATION IS CURRENTLY
DEVELOPING IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. LSPD WILL
PERFORM A SIX MONTH SURVEY OF THOSE DISCIPLINES
AND DEVELOP A NEW REFRIGERATOR/ FREEZER TO FLY ON THE
SHUTTLE AS A DSO. THE TECHNOLOGIES WE PLAN TO EVALUATE
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- THERMOACOUSTIC REFRIGERATOR
- SCROLL COMPRESSOR
- GIFFORD MCMAHON REFRIGERATOR
- RESONANT ACOUSTIC REFRIGERATOR
- ROTARY RECIPROCATING REFRIGERATOR
- STIRLING COMPRESSOR
- THERMOELECTRIC COOLERS
- NON-TOXIC REFRIGERANTS
RELATIONSHIP AMONG ELEMENTS

- RS/ SPACE TECHNOLOGY
  ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION AND FUNDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- SPACE PLATFORMS THRUST GROUP
  TECHNICAL DIRECTION AND PROGRAM COORDINATION BETWEEN RS AND JSC

- IC/ TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS OFFICE
  PROGRAM MONITOR AND RTOP COORDINATION BETWEEN RS AND SE

- SE/ LIFE SCIENCES PROJECT DIVISION
  EVALUATE TECHNOLOGIES, DEVELOP AND TEST PROTOTYPE, MONITOR FABRICATION OF DSO REFRIGERATOR/ FREEZER, COORDINATE SHUTTLE FLIGHT OF DSO

- CONTRACTOR/ UNIVERSITY/ INDUSTRY
  DESIGN AND FABRICATE PROTOTYPE AND DSO.

BASELINE PROGRAM

- THIS PROGRAM IS A NEW START

AUGMENTED PROGRAM MILESTONES/PRODUCTS

- REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY SURVEY REPORT
- DEVELOP PROTOTYPE REFRIGERATOR/ FREEZER
- FABRICATE DSO REFRIGERATOR/ FREEZER
- COORDINATE DSO FLIGHT
- ANALYZE AND REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE DSO FLIGHT
PRIORITIES

- HIGHEST TO LOWEST

- SURVEY STATE OF THE ART IN REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY
- SELECT THE OPTIMUM TECHNOLOGY TO MEET THE FORECAST REFRIGERATION REQUIREMENTS
- PROTOTYPE A REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER USING THE TARGET TECHNOLOGY
- BUILD OR CONVERT THE PROTOTYPE TO A DSO REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER
- COORDINATE A FLIGHT EVALUATION OF THE DSO
- EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DSO FOR USE OF THE TECHNOLOGY IN FUTURE APPLICATIONS

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ISSUES

• PROGRAMMATIC
  COST VS. RELIABILITY (REDUNDANCY & PROVEN TECHNOLOGY)
  TIME VS. SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION
  SAFETY (REFRIGERANT TOXICITY)
  RELIABILITY PROBLEMS WITH EXISTING REFRIGERATOR/FREEZERS
  ACOUSTIC NOISE VS. WAIVERS

• TECHNICAL
  CURRENT REFRIGERANT TOXICITY
  CURRENT REFRIGERATOR NOISE PROBLEMS
  ZERO G PERFORMANCE
  COMPRESSOR VS. THERMOELECTRIC VS. ACOUSTIC VS. SPACE RADIATORS
  ROTARY COMPRESSOR VS. RECIPROCATING COMPRESSOR
  BI-PHASE REFRIGERANT VS. GAS EXPANSION

SUMMARY

• TECHNICAL ISSUES
  SIMPLICITY VS. EFFICIENCY
  PROVEN TECHNOLOGY VS. STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY
  WEIGHT AND VOLUME VS. RELIABILITY, ACOUSTIC NOISE, EFFICIENCY
  REFRIGERANT TOXICITY
  ZERO G PERFORMANCE

• BENEFITS OF THE TECHNOLOGY
  PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHUTTLE AND SPACELAB HIGHLIGHT A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY FOR FUTURE NASA PROGRAMS IN ZERO OR PARTIAL GRAVITY ENVIRONMENTS. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS.
EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITY (EVA) SUIT SYSTEM

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NASA-JSC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
SSTAC MEETING
JUNE 24-28, 1991

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NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
CREW AND THERMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION

SPACE EXPLORATION
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS/CHALLENGES

- Develop and validate technologies for mobile, lightweight, multi-use EVA suits and PLSS for planetary surface use.

- Continue development of analytical and hardware technologies necessary to enable humans to perform EVA productively and efficiently in the hostile environments of the Moon and Mars.

- Concentrate effort in four technology areas:
  - Human requirements definition, emphasizing human factors.
  - EVA systems integration, modeling and trade studies.
  - Portable life support subsystems technology: thermal control emphasizing heat rejection; atmosphere control subsystems.
  - Space suit technology: emphasizing lightweight structural materials, dust protection techniques, and glove tactility and dexterity.

TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS

- Lightweight EMU structural materials
- Enhanced space suit/glove mobility features
- Long-life, dust contamination insensitive materials and components
- Low weight/volume portable life support sub-systems
- Regenerable portable life support system components
- Increased human productivity using electronic data displays
- High fidelity analytical models capable of addressing issues such as reliability, maintainability, manufacturability and life cycle costs of various advanced EMU concepts.
EVA TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED TO DATE HAS BEEN FOCUSED TO SUPPORT ZERO-G BASED PROGRAMS: (SHUTTLE / SPACE STATION)

CURRENT EVA SYSTEMS ARE NOT SUPPORTIVE OF EXTENDED OPERATIONS ON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON OR MARS

- SYSTEMS TOO HEAVY
- DUST CONTAMINATION PROBLEMS
- SYSTEMS NOT DESIGNED FOR PLANETARY SURFACE MOBILITY FUNCTIONS
- CURRENT EVA SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL PENALTIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR USE ON PLANETARY SURFACE
- LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM EXPENDABLES RESUPPLY LOGISTICS PROBLEM FOR LONG-TERM OPERATIONS
- SYSTEMS NOT DESIGNED FOR MAINTAINABILITY AT MISSION USE LOCATION

APOLLO - ERA EVA TECHNOLOGY NOT SUITABLE TO SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS:

- POINT DESIGN ORIENTED (SHORT MISSION USE LIFE)
- TECHNOLOGY OBSOLETE AND NOT EASILY REPRODUCIBLE TODAY (ELECTRONICS, SUIT JOINT MATERIALS)
- SUIT HAD LIMITED MOBILITY CAPABILITY
SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY: HUMANS IN SPACE
EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITY SYSTEMS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FY90-91) CONTRIBUTING TO SOA

- INITIATED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS TO STUDY DUST PROTECTION DESIGN
  CONCEPTS
- CONDUCTED PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF CANDIDATE ABRASION RESISTANT SUIT
  MATERIALS
- INITIATED DEVELOPMENT OF LIGHTWEIGHT SUIT COMPONENT ELEMENTS
- CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED PROCEDURAL AIDS TO INCREASE EVA
  PRODUCTIVITY.
  - PROTOTYPE HELMET-MOUNTED DISPLAY SYSTEMS (SBIR EFFORTS)
  - PROTOTYPE ELECTRONIC CUFF CHECKLIST (ECC) TO REPLACE CURRENT
    "CARDBOARD" CHECKLIST (UPN 506-71 HUMAN SUPPORT EFFORT):
      - BETTER VISIBILITY
      - MORE MEMORY
      - NO "FLIPPING" OF PAGES
      - HUMAN-FACTORED DISPLAY FORMAT

SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY: HUMANS IN SPACE
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OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

U.S. GOVERNMENT

NO OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BEING CONDUCTED OUTSIDE OF NASA
SPONSORSHIP.

U.S. INDUSTRY

LIMITED IR&D EFFORTS BEING PURSUED BY AEROSPACE COMPANIES ON
PLANETARY SURFACE EVA TECHNOLOGY.

MAJORITY OF IR&D EFFORTS DIRECTED TO ORBITAL ZERO-G SHUTTLE /
STATION APPLICATION.

EUROPEAN AGENCIES

CONCENTRATING EVA SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS
TOWARD NEAR-EARTH ORBITAL APPLICATIONS.

SOVIETS

NO INDICATIONS OF ANY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BEING
EXPENDED TOWARD PLANETARY SURFACE EVA OPERATIONS.
MAJOR MILESTONES: (GOALS)

- 1992 ----- COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF LUNAR SURFACE OPS. REQUIREMENTS (DUST EFFECTS, THERMAL RANGES, MOBILITY, ETC.)
- 1993 ----- COMPLETE CONCEPTS FOR LUNAR THERMAL MGT.
- 1994 ----- CONDUCT LAB. DEMONSTRATION OF LUNAR PLSS THERMAL CONTROL
- 1995 ----- CONDUCT LAB. TESTS OF LUNAR EVA SUIT MOBILITY ELEMENTS
- 1996 ----- COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF LUNAR SUIT / GLOVES / ELECTRONIC DISPLAY METHODS
- 1997 ----- COMPLETE TECHNOLOGY FOR EARLY LUNAR EVA OPTION
- 1998 ----- DEMONSTRATE BREADBOARD LUNAR SUIT / PLSS IN SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT
- 1999 ----- COMPLETE LUNAR SURFACE EVA SUIT SYSTEMS R&T

TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

SYSTEMS STUDIES: CONDUCT SYSTEM LEVEL STUDIES TO DETERMINE:
- MISSION / ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENT DRIVERS
- HUMAN PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES
- WORK SYSTEM INTEGRATION TASKS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT

PORTABLE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS: PERFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TO DEMONSTRATE:
- LOW WEIGHT / VOLUME REGENERABLE SYSTEM COMPONENTS
- SIMPLE AND RELIABLE DESIGNS
- MINIMIZED SYSTEM WEIGHT / VOLUME EFFICIENT PACKAGING CONCEPTS
- EASE OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DURING THE MISSION

EVA SUIT / GLOVES: CONTINUED FOCUSED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE:
- LIGHTWEIGHT SUIT COMPONENT ELEMENTS
- DUST PROTECTION DESIGNS AND REMOVAL TECHNIQUES
- LONG-TERM DURABILITY AND INCREASED RELIABILITY
- OPTIMUM MOBILITY WITH MINIMAL CREWMAN FATIGUE
NASA-JSC
Crew & Thermal Systems Division
EVA Technology Development Support Laboratories

- Advanced Life Support
  - Thermal heat rejection
  - EVA suit removal
  - Calcium sensor
  - Fuel cells
  - Emergency egress capability
  - Complete data acquisition

- WETF Suit Prep Lab
  - Crew suit assembly/checkout
  - Repair/maintenance activities
  - Suit/glove component test

- Displays & Controls Labs
  - Ada software development
  - Automatic cooling control
  - Helmet-mounted display
  - Voice recognition

- Performance Test Lab
  - Unmanned mobility torque range tests
  - Bench cycle life component tests

- Advanced EMU Lab
  - Mobility evaluation
  - Subject lift checks
  - Prototype fabrication
  - Pressure/leakage tests
  - Glove evaluation

- Fit-Check Evaluation Room
  - Astronaut subject EMU fit checks
  - Glove box evaluations
  - Man-loads testing

- Weightless Environment
  Training Facility (WETF)
  - Depth: 25 ft (7.6 m)
  - Length: 78 ft (24 m)
  - Width: 33 ft (8.8 m)

NASA-JSC
Reduced Gravity Test Facilities

- Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL)
  - Depth: 90 ft (27.4 m)
  - Length: 235 ft (71.6 m)
  - Width: 115 ft (34.1 m)

- KC-135 Aircraft
  - Levels:
    - 0 - 0.15 g
    - 0.15 - 0.3 g
    - 0.3 - 0.6 g (Lunar)
    - 0.3 - 1.0 g
    - 0.6 - 2.0 g
    - 1.0 - 3.0 g
    - 2.0 - 4.0 g
    - Hyper-G
  - Durations:
    - 25 sec
    - 30 sec
    - 40 sec
    - 15 sec
    - 3 min
  - 2nd KC-135 planned (FY 92)
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ISSUES

- CRITICAL DESIGN ISSUES FACING FUTURE PLANETARY SURFACE EXPLORATION MANDATES IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVA TECHNOLOGY:
  - DESIRED LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY READINESS WILL NOT BE FULLY ACHIEVED BY NEED DATE

SPACE PLATFORMS
SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS / CHALLENGES

- Develop advanced robust EMU capable of high use rates for space station Freedom operational support and capable of planned evolution to support trans-lunar and trans-mars missions.

- Implement applicable technologies from suit development activities (MK. III / AX-5) and regenerable PLSS development activities for advanced extravehicular mobility unit (AEMU):
  - Eliminate prebreathe to reduce operational overhead
  - Advance glove technology to lower manufacturing cost without affecting dexterity
  - Develop life support technologies that provide high reliability, low life cycle cost and on-orbit maintainability
  - Develop packaging technologies that allow on-orbit maintainability with minimum crew time and logistics penalties.

SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS

- Hybrid space suit incorporating "lessons learned" from joint JSC / ARC suit development test program (MK III / AX-5 suits)
- Elimination of prebreathe to reduce EVA operational overhead
- Advanced glove technology including reduced manufacturing cost
- PLSS technologies that provide high reliability, low life cycle cost and on-orbit maintainability
- Advanced electronic display of mission / task information to the EVA crewperson
- Automated systems design approach for EMU checkout and servicing
SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS

ZERO - GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

STATE-OF-THE-ART ASSESSMENT

SHUTTLE EMU OPERATES AT 4.3 PSIA:
- Requires EVA prebreathe of 100% O₂ for 4 hours or;
- Depress cabin to 10.2 PSIA for 24 hours with 40 minutes EVA
- Operation "R" factor = 1.65 (High Bends Risk)

SHUTTLE EMU CURRENTLY CERTIFIED FOR 3 EVA’S PER FLIGHT
- Two planned EVA’s; one contingency EVA
- Delta certification in process for 25 EVAs for SSF use

SHUTTLE EMU REQUIRES MANUAL SERVICING AND EXPENDABLES RECHARGE AFTER EACH EVA
- Adds to high life cycle cost due to logistics requirements

SHUTTLE EMU SUIT CURRENTLY HAS LIMITED RESIZING CAPABILITY ON-ORBIT
- Arm and leg length resizing capability being developed for SSF use

SHUTTLE EMU HAS HIGH LIFE CYCLE COST DUE TO LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS
SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FY90-91) CONTRIBUTING TO SOA

- COMPLETED TESTING AND EVALUATION OF HIGHER OPERATING PRESSURE (8.3 PSI) TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATOR MODEL SPACE SUITS (MK III / AX-5)
- SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED AND IDENTIFIED KEY MOBILITY AND DESIGN FEATURES FOR FUTURE ORBITAL SPACE SUIT APPLICATION.

SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS
(CONTINUED)

SOVIETS

• Recently demonstrated improved, second generation of previously flown Salut/Mir EMU during in-flight evaluation of manned maneuvering unit.
• Soviets have shown high interest in recently completed MK.III and AX-5 comparative test program and have requested test results.
• Soviets have revealed little of their advanced technology program.

JAPANESE:

• Expressed interest to lease/procure Shuttle EMU suits for use in Japanese water immersion test facility they may plan to build and operate in the near future.
• Development of Japanese EVA program management infrastructure to support their manned spaceflight program is expected.

AUGMENTED PROGRAM

• AEMU program is not funded within the currently structured baseline program work plan; to be funded within augmented work plan

MAJOR MILESTONE: (GOALS)

• 1993 - AEMU technology baseline identified (PDR)
• 1994 - AEMU detail design complete (CDR)
• 1995 - Manuf. drawings/detail specs. review
• 1997 - AEMU prototype fabrication complete
• 1999 - AEMU environmental testing complete
SPACE PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGY: HUMAN SYSTEMS
ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

AEMU TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP/SCHEDULE

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SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

- DEVELOP ADVANCED, ROBUST EMU CAPABLE OF THE HIGH USE RATES NEEDED FOR ROUTINE, ORBITAL EVA OPERATIONS:
  - SPACE STATION FREEDOM OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
  - SUPPORT OF TRANS-LUNAR AND TRANS-MARS MISSIONS

- ORBITAL AEMU PROGRAM IS COMPLEMENTARY TO LUNAR/MARS PLANETARY EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITY SYSTEM PROGRAM.
- COMMON TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE COORDINATED AND INTEGRATED THROUGH JOINT JSC AND ARC PARTICIPATION
- UNIQUE TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT PLANS.

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SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATION
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

FY93 FISCAL AND SUPPORT RESOURCES
(XXX-XX) ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

• NO RTOP / W.B.S. AT THIS TIME; PLANNED FOR FY93

NASA-JSC
Crew & Thermal Systems
Division
EVA Chamber Test
Laboratories
(Bldg. 7 Complex)
SPACE PLATFORMS: SPACE STATIONS
ZERO-GRAVITY ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

ISSUES

- DEVELOPMENT OF AEMU CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF FY93 BUDGET AND CONTINUATION OF THE SPACE STATION PROGRAM
Office of Aeronautics, Exploration and Technology (OAET)
Integrated Technology Plan for Civil Space Program

ADVANCED PLSS TECHNOLOGY

HQ Sponsor: Dr. James P. Jenkins/Code RC
NASA-JSC Supporting Activities
SSTAC Meeting
June 24-28, 1991

ALBERT F. BEHREND, JR.
NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
CREW AND THERMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS/CHALLENGES

- Develop and validate technologies for a safe, lightweight, multi-use PLSS for planetary surface use.
- Develop life support technologies that provide high reliability, low life cycle cost, and on-orbit maintainability.
- Demonstrate low life cycle cost life support technologies for CO2, humidity, and heat removal.
- Concentrate effort in specific technology areas:
  - CO2 removal
  - Humidity control
  - Thermal control
  - Power systems
  - Oxygen supply

TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS

- Low weight and volume portable life support systems for heat rejection and atmospheric control.
- Regenerable PLSS components - low life cycle/logistics costs.
- High reliability PLSS components which are on-orbit maintainable.
- Increased crew safety for portable life support systems.
STATEN OF THE ART ASSESSMENT

- EVA TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED TO DATE HAS BEEN FOCUSED TO SUPPORT ZERO-G BASED PROGRAMS (SHUTTLE/SPACE STATION)
- CURRENT EVA SYSTEMS ARE NOT SUPPORTIVE OF EXTENDED OPERATIONS ON LUNAR OR MARTIAN SURFACES
  - SYSTEMS ARE TOO HEAVY

EMU SYSTEM WEIGHTS HAVE INCREASED SINCE APOLLO ERA
STATE OF THE ART ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)

- LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM EXPENDABLES RESUPPLY LOGISTICS
  - 10 LBS WATER AND 1.35 LBS LiOH PER EVA
- SYSTEMS ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR MAINTAINABILITY AT MISSION USE LOCATION PROBLEM FOR LONG-TERM OPERATIONS
  - SHUTTLE EMU REQUIRES SERVICING AFTER EACH EVA
- CURRENT EVA SYSTEMS OPERATIONS PENALTIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR USE ON PLANETARY SURFACES
- APOLLO-ERA EVA TECHNOLOGY NOT SUITABLE TO SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
  - POINT DESIGN ORIENTED
  - TECHNOLOGY OBSOLETE AND NOT EASILY REPRODUCIBLE TODAY (ELECTRONICS, PUMPS, MOTORS)

FY 90-91 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- INITIATED EFFORTS FOR LIGHTWEIGHT/REGENERABLE SUIT COMPONENT ELEMENTS
  - HYDROGEN VENTING METAL HYDRIDE HEAT SINK
  - EMU SUBCRITICAL LIQUID OXYGEN STORAGE & SUPPLY SYSTEM
  - VENTING MEMBRANE FOR CO2 AND H2O REMOVAL
- RFP'S RELEASED APRIL 8, 1991
- PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR EVALUATION JUNE 10, 1991
- CONTRACT EXECUTION SEPTEMBER 16, 1991
OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

- **U.S. GOVERNMENT**
  NO OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BEING CONDUCTED OUTSIDE OF NASA SPONSORSHIP

- **U.S. INDUSTRY**
  LIMITED EFFORTS BEING PURSUED BY AEROSPACE COMPANIES ON PLANETARY SURFACE EVA TECHNOLOGIES
  MAJORITY OF IR&D EFFORTS DIRECTED TO ORBITAL/ZERO-G SHUTTLE/STATION

- **EUROPEAN AGENCIES**
  CONCENTRATING ON EVA SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TOWARD NEAR-EARTH ORBITAL APPLICATIONS

- **SOVIETS**
  NO INDICATIONS OF ANY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BEING EXPENDED TOWARD PLANETARY SURFACE EVA OPERATIONS

BASELINE PROGRAM

- **INITIATION OF THREE ADVANCED PLSS TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS**
  - HYDROGEN VENTING METAL HYDRIDE HEAT SINK
  - EMU SUBCRITICAL LIQUID OXYGEN STORAGE & SUPPLY SYSTEM
  - VENTING MEMBRANE FOR CO2 AND H2O REMOVAL

- **CONTRACTS IN EVALUATION AS OF JUNE 10, 1991**

- **CONTRACT EXECUTION SEPTEMBER 16, 1991**

- **CONTRACTS RANGING FROM 19 TO 20 MONTHS WITH MULTI-YEAR FUNDING PLANNED**

- **DELIVERY OF BREADBOARD HARDWARE FOR EACH CONTRACT SCHEDULED FOR FY 93**
TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

- LOW WEIGHT/VOLUME PLSS COMPONENTS
- REGENERABLE/LOW EXPENDABLES PLSS COMPONENTS
- SIMPLE AND RELIABLE COMPONENT DESIGNS
- MINIMIZE SYSTEM WEIGHT/VOLUME BY EFFICIENT PACKAGING
- EASE OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DURING THE MISSION

ISSUES

- CRITICAL DESIGN ISSUES FACING FUTURE PLANETARY SURFACE EXPLORATION MANDATES IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVA TECHNOLOGY
  - DESIRED LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY READINESS WILL NOT BE FULLY ACHIEVED BY NEED DATE
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS/CHALLENGES

- DEVELOP AND VALIDATE TECHNOLOGIES FOR A SAFE, LIGHTWEIGHT, REGENERABLE PLSS FOR SSF USE
- DEVELOP AN ADVANCED, ROBUST EMU CAPABLE OF HIGH USE RATES NEEDED FOR SPACE STATION FREEDOM OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
- DEVELOP LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIES THAT PROVIDE HIGH RELIABILITY, LOW LIFE CYCLE COST, AND ON-ORBIT MAINTAINABILITY
- DEMONSTRATE LOW LIFE CYCLE COST LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGIES FOR CO2, HUMIDITY, HEAT REMOVAL, AND POWER SUPPLY
- DEMONSTRATE HIGH RELIABILITY, LOW VOLUME, LOW MAINTENANCE FAN TECHNOLOGY
- DEMONSTRATE ELECTRONIC INFORMATION DISPLAYS TO PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- DEVELOP AUTOMATED COOLING CONTROL SYSTEM TO PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF LIMITED COOLING SUPPLY
TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS

- Low weight and volume portable life support systems for heat rejection and atmospheric control
- Regenerable PLSS components - low life cycle/logistics costs
- High reliability PLSS components which are on-orbit maintainable
- Hands-free access to information
- Real-time data updates to crew checklist information
- More efficient use of PLSS cooling supply resulting in smaller system
- Concentrate effort in specific technology areas:
  - CO2 removal
  - Power systems
  - Humidity control
  - Oxygen supply
  - Thermal control
  - Displays and controls

INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY PLAN (ITP) FOR THE CIVIL SPACE PROGRAM

FOCUSED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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LEAD: NASA-ARC
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- M. ROUEN
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- J. KOSMO

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J.W. MCBARRON
- M. ROUEN

PARTICIPATING: NASA-ARC
DR. BRUCE WEBBON

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STATE OF THE ART ASSESSMENT

- CURRENT SHUTTLE EVA SYSTEMS WILL SUPPORT SSF ACTIVITIES WITH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS
  - LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS RESUPPLY LOGISTICS PROBLEM FOR LONG-TERM, HIGH-FREQUENCY EVA OPERATIONS
    - 10 LBS WATER AND 1.35 LBS LiOH PER EVA
  - HIGH LIFE CYCLE COST
  - SYSTEMS NOT DESIGNED FOR SIMPLE MAINTAINABILITY
    - SHUTTLE EMU REQUIRES SERVICING AFTER EACH EVA
  - SSF AEMU TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT REMOVED FROM SSF PROGRAM DURING SCRUB ACTIVITIES
    - SSF AEMU TECHNOLOGIES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF WINDING DOWN WITH CLOSEOUT FUNDS

FY 90-91 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CONTINUED TERMINATION EFFORTS FOR PREPROTOTYPE TECHNOLOGIES
  - HCI METAL HYDRIDE HEAT PUMP
  - AIRESEARCH METAL OXIDE CO2 AND H2O REMOVER
  - AIRESEARCH LOW VOLUME AIR BEARING FAN
  - ERGENICS FUEL CELL
- DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMATIC COOLING CONTROL SYSTEM IN-HOUSE TEST PROGRAM
OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS (CONT'D)

SOVIETS
• RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED IMPROVED, SECOND GENERATION OF PREVIOUSLY FLOWN SALUT/MIR EMU DURING IN-FLIGHT EVALUATION OF MANNED MANEUVERING UNIT.
• SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN HIGH INTEREST IN RECENTLY COMPLETED MK III AND AX-5 COMPARATIVE TEST PROGRAM AND HAVE REQUESTED TEST RESULTS.
• SOVIETS HAVE REVEALED LITTLE OF THEIR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

JAPANESE
• EXPRESSED INTEREST TO LEASE/PROCURE SHUTTLE EMU SUITS FOR USE IN JAPANESE WATER IMMERSSION TEST FACILITY WHICH THEY MAY PLAN TO BUILD AND OPERATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
• DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE EVA PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFRA-STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THEIR MANNED SPACEFLIGHT PROGRAM IS EXPECTED.
TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

- PORTABLE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES
  - LOW WEIGHT/VOLUME SYSTEM COMPONENTS
  - REGENERABLE TECHNOLOGY
  - SIMPLE, RELIABLE, EASILY MAINTAINABLE
  - MINIMIZE SYSTEM WEIGHT/VOLUME THROUGH EFFICIENT PACKAGING
  - EASE OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ON ORBIT
  - INCREASE SYSTEM EFFICIENCY THROUGH THE USE OF AUTOMATED CONTROLS
  - INCREASE CREW EFFICIENCY THROUGH THE USE OF AUTOMATED CONTROLS AND INFORMATION DISPLAYS

AUGMENTED PROGRAM

- AEMU PROGRAM IS NOT FUNDED WITHIN THE CURRENTLY STRUCTURED BASELINE PROGRAM WORK PLAN; TO BE FUNDED WITHIN AUGMENTED WORK PLAN

MAJOR MILESTONE: (GOALS)

- 1993 - AEMU TECHNOLOGY BASELINE IDENTIFIED (PDR)
- 1994 - AEMU DETAIL DESIGN COMPLETE (CDR)
- 1995 - MANUF. DRAWINGS/DETAIL SPECS. REVIEW
- 1997 - AEMU PROTOTYPE FABRICATION COMPLETE
- 1999 - AEMU ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING COMPLETE
Space Platforms

FY93 FISCAL AND SUPPORT RESOURCES
(XXX-XX) ADVANCED EXTRAVEHICULAR MOBILITY UNIT (AEMU)

- NO RTOP / W.B.S. AT THIS TIME; PLANNED FOR FY93

ISSUES

- DEVELOPMENT OF AEMU CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF FY 93 BUDGET
ARC-EVA Systems Research Program: Base R&T, Exploration, and Platform Applications

Integrated Technology Plan for the Civil Space Program

Presentation To:
Space Systems and Technology Advisory Committee
Human Support Element Review
27 June 1991

Presented By:
Bruce Webbon, PhD
Chief, Extravehicular Systems Branch

Agenda

- Technology Needs and Objectives
- EVA Work System Elements
- Relationships Between Thrust Applications
- Work Breakdown Structure
- Priorities
- Current EVA Research Topics
- ARC Program Implementation
- Recent Accomplishments
- Platform Application
- Issues
- Summary
- Addendum
Overall Technology Needs and Objectives

Program Premise:
EVA is an enabling operational resource for all future manned space missions.

Current EVA Technology Limitations:
• limits EVA productivity for routine operations, science and exploration, and contingency operations
  - 5% on each EVA
  - maximum of 42 EVA hours per shuttle flight
  - one day rest between EVA's
• imposes serious operational and logistical constraints
  - overhead intensive
  - approximately 1 kg mass expended/EVA hour
• may be difficult to evolve for Exploration mission requirements

EVA Technology Program Objectives:
• develop EVA systems to provide a safe, routine, reliable, and affordable resource for mission planners
• demonstrate subsystem technology and integrated system prototypes in realistic experimental environments
• provide support to flight systems development programs

Technology Issues/Needs

STS EVA System
• Issue: Current EVA system does not allow routine, cost-effective EVA operations
• Need: Incorporate mature advanced technology to upgrade STS EMU

Platform Application
• Issue: STS EMU not designed to meet platform requirements
• Need: Utilize known technology and develop a space-based EMU

Lunar Application
• Issue: Currently available technology is not adequate for routine lunar EVA operations
• Need: Expand technology base, build and evaluate prototype lunar EVA work system

Mars Application
• Issue: We currently do not know how to design an EVA work system for Mars missions
• Need: Develop understanding of task and human requirements, new subsystem concepts, expand technology base, build and evaluate prototype Mars EVA work system
EVA Work System Elements

- Extravehicular mobility unit (EMU)
  - portable life support system (PLSS)
  - pressure suit

- airlock and EMU support equipment

- tools, mobility aids, and work stations

- interfaces to teleoperated and other work aids

Relationship Between Thrust Applications

- Future EVA systems must accommodate:
  - Platform operations
  - Lunar exploration and operations
  - Mars exploration and operations

- Path to System Commonality:
  - No pre-conceived position regarding desirability/feasibility of EVA system commonality
  - Separately define environmental, operational, and science requirements for each mission application
  - Conduct separate studies and analyses to determine optimum EVA system(s) for each thrust application
  - Examine study results to identify common components and systems
  - Define logical EVA systems evolutionary plan
Priorities

Technology priorities are a function of the application

Platform Application - No fundamental technology issues
- Realistic definition of user requirements (WBS 1.1.1)
- Select optimum components from available suit and PLSS technology base (WBS 1.2.4 & 1.3.4)
- Build and test prototype, integrated EVA work system (WBS 1.4)

Lunar Application - Many suit design and system integration issues, fundamental PLSS issues
- Define mission and human requirements and conduct trade studies (WBS 1.1.1-3)
- Develop PLSS subsystem technology base (WBS 1.2.1-4)
- Design prototype suit once requirements are understood (WBS 1.3.4)
- Build and test prototype, integrated EVA work system (WBS 1.4)

Mars Application - Fundamental issues for all EVA work system elements
- Define mission and human requirements and conduct trade studies (WBS 1.1.1-3)
- Develop PLSS subsystem technology base (WBS 1.2.1-4)
- Develop suit subsystem technology base (WBS 1.2.1-4)
- Build and test prototype, integrated EVA work system (WBS 1.4.1-3)
Current EVA Research Topics

- **ARC Base R&T Task Areas**
  - EVA heat balance and controls
  - Fusible materials research
  - Packed bed sorbent canisters
  - Suit mobility elements

- **Proposed FY92 ETP Task Areas**
  - **ARC**
    - WBS 1.1 Systems Studies
      - Exploration Environments, Tasks, & EVA Scenarios
      - Planetary gravity biomechanics studies
      - Planetary EVA System studies
      - WBS 1.2 Portable Life Support System
      - Planetary thermal control systems
      - CO2 Sorbent modeling and concept testing
      - Electronic system architectures, controls, and displays
      - PLSS analysis and design studies
    - WBS 1.3 EVA Suits & Equipment
      - Lightweight suit elements and structures
      - End effector evaluation
      - Evaluate airlock and body restraint concepts

- **ISG**
  - Exploration mission studies
  - Reduced gravity biomechanics studies
  - Life support optimization program
  - Venting metal hydride thermal control system
  - Subcritical O2 storage & Venting CO2 membrane
  - Heads-up display testing
  - PLSS studies
  - Fabricate composite STS torso
  - Glove refinement and procure pair of advanced gloves

- **Platform Task Areas (FY 93 new start) - TBD**

ARC Program Implementation

**In-House R&D**
- ARC staff performs "hands-on" research and engineering development
- Scientific work resulting in publications and patents
- Development of innovative concepts for EVA systems
- Demonstration/proof of concept by analysis and test of hardware
- Publish results and demonstrate hardware

**Contracts**
- Proof of concept hardware often fabricated on contract
- Small Business Innovative Research contracts
- R&D contracts

**University Grants & Cooperative Agreements**
- National Research Council Post-doctoral Fellows
- University grants and cooperative agreements

**Collaboration with other Government Agencies/Organizations**
- Naval Oceans Systems Command
- Naval Experimental Diving Unit
- Army Electronics Technology and Devices Laboratory
- USAF School of Aerospace Medicine

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University Grants & Cooperative Agreements

Current

- NRC Fellow studying Mars EVA systems
- MIT PhD student doing dissertation research in biomechanics of walking in partial gravities
- North Carolina A&T program to develop logistics software analysis techniques for EVA systems
- San Jose State University cooperative agreement for research in:
  - fusible materials
  - heat sink fluid flow
  - CO2 sorbents
  - EVA system cost modeling
- Stanford University PhD student doing dissertation research in EVA biomechanics and load carrying capabilities in partial gravity
- University of Missouri grant in EVA Thermal Control

Future

- NRC proposal for experimental research in EVA heat balance and control systems
- Georgia Institute of Technology - School of Textile Engineering
- University of California-Berkeley - Schools of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
- University of Utah and Utah State University
- Duke University

FY 90-91 Accomplishments

- Proved function and verified predicted performance of fusible heat sink concept
- Conducted study of Mars EVA concepts
- Demonstrated concept for integration of advanced suit arms with STS suit torso
- Identified promising materials for use in fusible heat sinks
- Analytically examined concepts for increasing utilization efficiency of packed-bed sorbents
- Examined concepts for regeneration of LiOH sorbent
- Completed study of CO2 partial pressure effects in closed environments
- Began conceptual design of advanced EVA electronics and display concepts
- Began human experiments to produce human “performance map” for PLSS automatic control
- Developed experimental method to examine biomechanical issues related to planetary EMU design
- Initiated grant research relationships with MIT and Stanford in planetary EMU biomechanics
Code SAE 1990-91 Publications and Patents

Publications


• Chase, W., "Human Information Display Engineering", In Publication as ARC Code SAE Technical Report


• Seer, A., "Allowable Exposure Limits for Carbon Dioxide During Extravehicular Activity", in publication as NASA SP

Patents

• Lomax, C. and Webbon, B., "Cooling Apparatus and Couplings Therefore", patent applied for 1991, ARC Case No. 11921-1
Resource Issues

• Projected base R&T program barely sufficient to maintain in-house research teams
  
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  - Projected (1988) Pathfinder EVA Budget:
    
    | FY 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 |
    |------|----|----|----|----|
    | $1.12M | $4.25M | $6.50M | $7.30M | $8.00M |
  - Actual FY 91 budget was $0.976M
  - Actual cumulative Pathfinder budget for FY89-91 approximately 20% of projected

• 1988 schedule called for completion of a prototype planetary EMU in FY96

• Current baseline ETP budget for EVA:
  
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• ETP schedule calls for completion of a prototype planetary EMU in FY96

• Revised EVA Plan in review/approval cycle
  - Baseline budget will allow comfortable technology development program
  - Budget will not provide a complete prototype EMU by FY96
  - Overguidelines tasks required are identified in revised plan

Program Issues

• Revised Code R - Extravehicular Activity Systems Project Plan is currently under review

• Base R&T program barely sufficient to maintain research teams

• Proposed Exploration funding will produce EVA technology base required for Space Exploration Initiative Missions
  - support vigorous university research program to provide trained engineers
  - Universities support relevant staff, courses, and facilities
  - Contract R&D will be an integral part of program
  - Industry direct IR&D funds to collaborative NASA/Univ/contractor JEA’s

• Currently planned Exploration funding will not produce planetary EMU prototype in FY96 per current Exploration Technology Program schedule

• NASA must maintain stable funding base for long-term business planning and project success
Summary

Technical Issues

- Platform application requires utilization of relatively mature, currently available technology
- Planetary exploration requires advances in all areas of EVA technology

Technology Benefit

- Human exploration cannot be done effectively without a routine EVA capability

Addendum

(The following material provides a detailed description of the current ARC program)
Mission Requirements Definition (WBS 1.1.1)

Objective
Define and document a set of design reference EVA scenarios that can be used to derive lower level requirements as needed

Benefit
Design requirements will be solidly based on scientific, exploration, and construction tasks that must be performed by EVA

Technical Approach
• Review and collate all relevant data on the EVA environments under consideration
• Survey relevant mission planners and scientific users to define required EVA tasks for operations such as Mars exobiology, geology, construction, etc.
• Review studies concerning the mix of man and machines to perform candidate tasks
• Review EVA operational rules and requirements
• Combine the acquired data into a set of credible scenarios i.e., "A day in the life of an EVA geologist on Mars" for review by the EVA technical community
• Utilize scenarios to derive requirements as needed, for example:
  - scenario requirement "How steep a slope must an EVA geologist on Mars be able to climb to collect desired rock samples?"
  - derived requirement "What suit lower torso mobility is required to perform this scenario?"

Implementation
• Considering a cooperative agreement with the Schools of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of California-Berkeley

Status/Milestones
• Discussions underway with university
• Final EVA design scenarios completed in FY93

Plans
• Distribute scenarios and solicit comments

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Human Requirements Definition (WBS 1.1.2)

Objective
Define and understand the human requirements, capabilities, and limitations relevant to the design of the EVA work system

Benefit
Simplify and optimize the EVA work system while increasing productivity, safety, and comfort

Technical Approach
• Conduct experiments using 0-g EVA work simulator to develop human performance map for use in PLSS control systems
• Develop and use a technique to simulate a partial gravity environment using buoyancy, balloon, and computer modeling
• Perform human experiments in simulated partial gravity to produce design guidelines for planetary EMU development
• Use fully developed techniques to evaluate and refine EVA subsystem prototypes

Implementation
In-house research at ARC supported by university collaborators

Status/Milestones
• First phase of experiments using 0-g simulator is underway
• Validation experiments for planetary gravity simulator completed, analysis of experimental data underway

Plans
• Planning collaborative experiments on JSC KC-135 aircraft this summer
• Planning next set of planetary experiments to investigate load-carrying capabilities in 1/6 and 3/8g
• Awaiting approval of NRC proposal for heat balance work using ARC simulators

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Integrated EVA System Studies (WBS 1.1.3)

Objective
Develop required analytical tools for analysis of EVA systems and use analytical techniques to study candidate EVA system elements and concepts

Benefit
Evaluation of concepts analytically prior to development will filter out bad ideas prior to large investment of resources

Technical Approach
- Develop and acquire appropriate analytical tools
- Derive innovative new concepts for EVA work system elements and complete systems
- Analytically model and refine the concepts and trade and compare alternative approaches
- Recommend "best" concepts and evaluate their task performance in the EVA design scenarios
- Analysis will include factors such as supportability and life-cycle cost

Implementation
- In-house studies, university cooperative agreement, contractor studies

Status/Milestones
- Complete initial study of Mars EMU concepts - FY92
- Planetary EMU configuration recommendation - FY93

Plans
- Continue university grant in system supportability guidelines
- Expand in-house studies in FY92

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SUIT CONCEPT #18—
MARS ATMOSPHERE PRESSURE SUIT—
PASIVE HEAT REJECTION

- O2 bottle for helmet breathing
- Neck dam seals helmet
- Relief valve—mars atm. exhaust
- Radiation thru suit
- Evaporation thru suit
- Convection to Atmosphere
- Compressed mars atmosphere for torso pressurization
- Mars atmosphere compressor onboard rover

Section A--A

- Removeable outer layer
- Thermal layer
- Pressure restraint
- Outer Bladder
- Mars Atmosphere
- Inner Bladder (Bio&Chem isolation)
- Skin
ADVANCED SUIT/SHUTTLE AIRLOCK INTEGRATION STUDY
CANDIDATE #4 DRAWING A

CONSIDERATION
- Door redesigned to match contour of airlock
- Designed to 4-2 in. nominal thickness
- 8 in. deep in nominal design
- Airlock adaptor plate re-designed to locate
- E.M.U. adapter with vent in 5.5 in. wall of release
- Leaves approximately 1 inch clearance
- Between corner of airlock and wall

CONCLUSION
- Possible problem with launch dynamics
- Fits into airlock
- Provides clearance to release from airlock
- As well as design
- Alternate alternative
- Requires redesign of door area

NOTES
- This drawing is for study purposes only
- Not all items are to scale
- Approximate shoulder width is shown
- Shoulders may be rotated to reduce interference

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Thermal Control Systems (WBS 1.2.1)

Objective
Invent, analyze, develop, and characterize new concepts for EVA thermal control and heat balance.

Benefit
Reduced EVA system size and power requirements along with reduction in mass expended per EVA hour.

Technical Approach
- Analyze environmental and metabolic requirements for each EVA scenario to determine system requirements.
- Create and evaluate new concepts for:
  - thermal energy acquisition
  - heat transport through the system
  - heat rejection to the environment
  - heat storage within the system
- Conduct proof-of-concept experiments and tests as required to verify the concepts.
- Develop most promising prototypes so that they can be accurately analytically characterized in trade studies.
- Select and integrate best candidates into PLSS test beds.

Implementation
- Continue in-house and university program.
- R&D contracts to develop and refine prototypes.

Status/Milestones
- Report on promising concepts for heat rejection - FY92.
- Complete proof of concept testing of 0-g fusible heat sink prototype - FY93.

Plans
- Initiate competitive procurement of advanced heat sink - FY93.

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HEAT-TRANSFER RATE

BTU/HR

TIME, HR

Point of all ice melted.

Figure 11

FOURTH PROTOTYPE CONFIGURATION
(CONNECTORS / NO BAFFLES / TURBULENT)

HS14-17
METHALPY from 0°F to 40°F

Sodium chloride
Sodium carbonate
Creatinine
Potassium
Sodium phosphaze
Sodium dichloro-
nickel sulfate
Trichloroacetic acid
Methanol
Benzene, benzyl alcohol
Arsenic trichloride
4-Methoxybenzthanoic acid
Cyclooctane
1,2-dibromoethane
Methanol
Benzene,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydrocyclopenta[d]
Benzene,
2,3-butanedione
2-methyl-2-butanone
2-Methyl-2-butanone
Atmosphere Control (WBS 1.2.2)

Objective
Invent, analyze, develop, and characterize new concepts for EVA atmosphere control

Benefit
Reduced EVA system size and power requirements along with reduction in mass expended per EVA hour

Technical Approach
- Analyze environmental and metabolic requirements for each EVA scenario to determine system requirements
- Create and evaluate new concepts for:
  - removal of contaminants (CO₂, humidity, trace gases) from suit breathing gas
  - oxygen replenishment, pressure regulation, and gas circulation
- Conduct proof-of-concept experiments and tests as required to verify the concepts
- Develop most promising prototypes so that they can be accurately analytically characterized in trade studies
- Select and integrate best candidates into PLSS test beds

Implementation
- Continue in-house and university program
- R&D contracts to develop and refine prototypes
- Current SBIR contract

Status/Milestones
- Complete fabrication of test stand for experiments on sorbent bed optimization - FY91
- Report on feasibility of regeneration of LiOH sorbent from products of absorbent reaction - FY91
- Report on experiments to improve sorbent cannister efficiency - FY92

Plans
- Initiate development of integrated pressure control module - FY92
- Initiate studies of use of membranes for CO₂ and humidity control on Mars - FY92

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Full-Size CO₂ Cannister Test Stand
Preliminary Design

[Diagram of test stand]
Electronic Systems and Components (WBS 1.2.3)

**Objective**
Develop electronic subsystems and components using state-of-the-art architecture and packaging

**Benefit**
Great increase in EVA astronaut productivity and safety along with reductions in size and power requirements

**Technical Approach**
- Studies of system requirements
- Determination of electronic system architecture meeting requirements
- Design of EVA information simulator to allow human experiments on optimum display techniques
- Broadband electronic system using advanced bus architecture
- Conduct experiments integrating inputs from system sensors and outputting display and control information
- Develop and test prototype solid state devices using designs resulting from experiments

**Implementation**
- In-house analysis and experimental program to define requirements
- Collaboration with other government labs to develop custom solid state devices

**Status/Milestones**
- Report on advanced EVA electronic system requirements - FY91
- Complete preliminary design of EVA display simulator - FY92
- Report on automatic system concepts using "human performance map" - FY92

**Plans**
- Initiate PLSS controls experiments - FY92
- Initiate fabrication of display simulator - FY92
- Initiate human experiments using display simulator - FY94

Principal Investigator: Joe Lavelle (415) 604-6676

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Objective
Coordinate and integrate efforts in other areas to produce integrated PLSS prototypes

Benefit
Proof-of-concept for advanced PLSS prototypes at reduced cost

Technical Approach
- Use analytical characterization of subsystems to produce and analyze alternative PLSS design concepts
- Produce preliminary designs of selected PLSS systems
- Decide on optimum approach to fabricate/procure required subsystems
- Assemble and evaluate PLSS prototypes
- Define system support and integration requirements

Implementation
- In-house and contractor analysis and fabrication of prototype systems

Status/Milestones
- Report on results of studies of advanced 0-g PLSS concepts - FY92

Plans
- Initiate fabrication of integrated advanced PLSS - FY94
- Complete fabrication and initiate evaluation testing - FY96

Principal Investigator: Doug Smith (415) 604-6728
Objective
Develop suit materials, mobility joint, and fabrication technologies for Exploration missions

Benefit
Increase human productivity and enable EVA to become a safe, routine resource for Exploration missions

Technical Approach
• Emphasize use of advanced materials for suit weight reduction and increased durability
• Develop families of mobility joints to provide minimum operating forces at any chosen suit pressure
• Utilize results from biomechanics experiments and EVA scenarios to determine suit configuration concepts

Implementation
• In-house design and evaluation testing
• Fabrication and materials work done on contract and grant/cooperative agreement

Status/Milestones
• Light weight suit element completed - FY 92
• Planetary suit configuration selection - FY 95

Plans
• Initiate design of light weight suit element - FY91
• Begin fabrication of advanced mobility joints - FY93

Principal Investigator: Vic Vyukul (415) 604-5386
AMES AX-5 HARD SPACE SUIT
STRUCTURAL OPTIONS

MATERIAL REMOVED TO ALLOW FOR VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS

FULL BODIED STRUCTURE (.500 INCH THICK)

DOUBLE MULLED STRUCTURE

CAVITY FOR HAZARD PROTECTION
- DEBRIS
- RADIATION
- THERMAL

SHOULDER JOINT CONSTRUCTION
TYPICAL FOR ALL JOINTS

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Glove & End Effector Technology (WBS 1.3.2)

Objective
Develop glove and end effector concepts, materials, and fabrication technologies to enable highly capable hand performance at any desired suit pressure.

Benefit
Increased EVA productivity at any desired suit pressure.

Technical Approach
- Gloves
  - Initially concentrate on materials and fabrication techniques
  - Longer term, develop innovative concepts for gloves
- End-effectors
  - Complete fabrication of existing designs for 1, 3, and 6 degree of freedom
  - Evaluate current designs in underwater testing
  - Select best approach for additional effort

Implementation
- Materials and fabrication techniques - TBD
- End-effector work in-house

Status/Milestones
- Complete end-effector evaluation and selection - FY95

Plans
- TBD

Principal Investigator: Vic Vykukal (415) 604-5386
EVA Ancillary Equipment (WBS 1.3.3)

Objective
Develop new concepts for EVA support equipment such as planetary surface airlocks, body restraints, tools, etc.

Benefit
Increased EVA productivity with reduced support costs

Technical Approach
- Initial plan is to concentrate on airlocks and body restraints
- Fabricate and evaluate mockups of innovative airlock concepts
- Fabricate and evaluate restraint concepts in NBTF

Implementation
- In-house

Status/Milestones
- Report on restraint concept evaluation - FY93
- Report on airlock concept evaluation - FY94

Plans
- Select planetary surface airlock concept(s) for mockup fabrication - FY92
- Complete fabrication of mockups - FY93

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Vic Vyukkal (415) 604-5386
Suit System Integration & Test (WBS 1.3.4)

**Objective**
Assemble proof of concept prototype suits and evaluate against scenario requirements

**Benefit**
Final proof of suit concept's ability to perform required tasks

**Technical Approach**
- Fabricate prototype suits
- Test performance against requirements derived from design scenarios
- Refine prototypes based on lessons learned during testing

**Implementation**
- TBD

**Status/Milestones**
- Planetary suit demonstrator completed - FY98

**Plans**
- Begin fabrication of planetary suit prototype - FY95

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Hardware/Software Integration (WBS 1.4.1)

**Objective**
Coordinate all subsystem elements to produce integrated EVA work system prototype

**Benefit**
Proof of overall system concept in realistic environment

**Technical Approach**
- Early definition of subsystem and system requirements
- Definition of hardware and software interfaces
- Definition of reliability and fault analysis requirements
- Creation of hardware and software interfaces
- Definition of test procedures and integrated system test beds

**Implementation**
TBD

**Status/Milestones**
No effort planned until FY 94

**Plans**
TBD

Principal Investigator: TBD
Systems Test (WBS 1.4.2)

Objective
Demonstrate that prototype integrated EVA work systems meet the design reference scenario requirements

Benefit
Cost effective proof of integrated system concepts

Technical Approach
- Develop integrated systems test plan
- Define and develop test facilities and equipment
- Perform integrated system tests
- Test and refine prototypes through OAET Technology Level 6-System Validated in Relevant Environment

Implementation
TBD

Status/Milestones
No effort planned until FY 94

Plans
TBD

Principal Investigator: TBD

System Logistics & Support (WBS 1.4.3)

Objective
Consider and develop appropriate logistics and support technologies for prototype EVA work systems

Benefit
Early consideration of logistics and system supportability may affect choice of subsystem technology for development

Technical Approach
- Define and develop diagnostic approaches for candidate systems
- Analyze and define servicing and maintenance requirements and systems
- Define and develop inventory management and resupply approaches
- Define and develop an approach to supportability information management
- Consider and define specialized training requirements for candidate systems

Implementation
TBD

Status/Milestones
TBD

Plans
Approach for development of logistics analytical tools will be defined starting in FY 92-93

Principal Investigator: TBD