Extravehicular Activity (EVA)
Hardware & Operations Overview

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Objectives and Overview

- Define Extravehicular Activity (EVA), identify the reasons for conducting an EVA, and review the role that EVA has played in the space program.
- Identify the types of EVAs that may be performed.
- Describe some of the U.S. Space Station equipment and tools that are used during an EVA:
  - Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU)
  - Simplified Aid For EVA Rescue (SAFER)
  - International Space Station (ISS) Joint Airlock and Russian Docking Compartment 1 (DC-1)
- EVA Tools & Equipment
- Outline the methods and procedures of EVA Preparation, EVA, and Post-EVA operations.
- Describe the Russian spacesuit used to perform an EVA.
- Provide a comparison between U.S. and Russian spacesuit hardware and EVA support.
- Define the roles that different training facilities play in EVA training.
Definition of EVA

• Extravehicular Activity (EVA)
  – Definition: Crewmember leaves the protective environment of a pressurized spacecraft cabin and ventures out into vacuum of space wearing an extravehicular spacesuit.

  – Purpose
    • Contingency or Mission Success Repairs
    • Experiments or Testing
    • Spacecraft Servicing
    • Space Structure Construction [e.g., International Space Station (ISS)]
Definition of Spacesuits

- Spacesuits
  - Typically, 2 types of pressurized “spacesuits” have been constructed to support our space programs

  - Launch, entry, and abort (LEA) spacesuit
    - Used to protect crewmembers from launch, ascent, abort, landing and other dynamic loading
    - Capable of providing protection from loss of cabin pressure and crew rescue following landing.

  - Extravehicular Activity (EVA) spacesuit
    - Used to allow crewmembers to work effectively in the harsh external space environment (provides protection from vacuum, thermal, micrometeoroids, radiation, etc.).
Historical Overview

• First EVA was conducted by USSR/Alexi Leonov on March 18, 1965.
  – Many EVAs have since been accomplished by the Soviet Union & Russia continuing into
    the International Space Station era.

U.S. EVA Experience

• Gemini EVA Experience -
  – Start of EVA program was excursion to perform a special set of procedures in a new and
    hostile environment.
  – Proved EVA to be a viable technique for operations outside the spacecraft crew
    compartment.
  – Problems encountered: helmet fogging, overheating due to high metabolic activity
    (primarily due to suit constraints and lack of training).
  – Gemini Extravehicular Spacesuit and Life Support
    • 5-layer Gemini spacesuit was intended primarily for Intravehicular Activity (IVA).
    • 2 additional layers were added for EVA (making 7 layers total).
    • An umbilical was used to tether the EVA crewmember to the spacecraft and to supply breathing
      oxygen.
  – 5 Gemini missions involved nine EVAs for a total of **12 hours and 22 minutes** of EVA.
Historical Overview

- **Apollo EVA Experience**
  - Spacesuit was redesigned to allow greater mobility.
  - Suit used for lunar and in-space EVAs.
  - Suit was configured with its own portable life support system providing:
    - Pressurization & Atmosphere
    - Communication
    - Ventilation
    - Cooling
    - Waste management system
  - 7 EVA missions totaling **170 hours** of EVA (15 on lunar surface, 5 outside Crew Module).
  - Last 3 Apollo missions (15, 16, & 17) utilized the lunar rover vehicle for greater range in lunar exploration.
Historical Overview

• Skylab EVA Experience
  – Apollo-style suit used.
  – Umbilical replaced portable life support system and provided breathing oxygen, cooling, and served as a tethering device.
  – 10 EVAs were performed during the 3 Skylab missions totaling 82.5 hours.

• Space Shuttle EVA Experience
  – New space suit design for additional mobility and modularity.
  – Portable life support system designed for microgravity operation.
  – Increased operational capability from orbiter.
  – Accumulated 1000s of hours of EVA experience over 200+ EVAs.

• Space Station EVA Experience
  – EMU certified for extended duration on-orbit operations (25 EVAs).
  – Orbital Replacement Unit (ORU) capability added.
  – Accumulated 1000s of hours of EVA experience over 150+ EVAs.
EVA Categories
ISS & Shuttle Terminology

- Three basic categories of EVA:
  1. **Scheduled EVA:**
     - EVA planned and trained prior to launch and included in the mission timeline.
     - Both ‘skills-’ and ‘task-based’ training used
  2. ** Unscheduled EVA:**
     - EVA, although trained, not included in the scheduled mission activities, but which may be required to achieve mission or operational success.
     - Both ‘skills-’ and ‘task-based’ training used
  3. **Contingency EVA:**
     - EVA required to effect the safety of the crew and vehicle.
     - ‘Skills-based’ training used
- Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU)
- ISS Joint Airlock
- Equipment & Tools (including Simplified Aid For EVA Rescue (SAFER))
EVA Systems - EMU

• The EMU is an independent system that provides the crewmember with environmental protection, mobility, life support, and communications during EVA.

• EMU provides consumables to support an EVA of 7 hours maximum duration.
  • 15 minutes for egress
  • 6 hours for useful work
  • 15 minutes for ingress
  • 30 minutes for reserve

• EMU is an integrated system consisting of two subassemblies:
  • Space Suit Assembly (SSA)
  • Portable Life Support System (PLSS)
• Space Suit Assembly Components:
  • Hard Upper Torso (HUT)/arms
  • Lower Torso Assembly (LTA)
  • Extravehicular (EV) gloves
  • Helmet/Extravehicular Visor Assembly (EVVA)
  • Communications Carrier Assembly (CCA; Comm Cap)
  • Liquid Cooling and Ventilation Garment (LCVG) / Thermal Cooling Under-Garment (TCU)
  • Operational Bioinstrumentation System (EKG)
  • Disposable In-Suit Drink Bag (DIDB)
  • Maximum Absorption Garment (MAGs)
EVA Systems – Space Suit Assembly

- Extravehicular (EV) gloves
- Extravehicular (EV) boots (and insert)
EVA Systems – Life Support

- Life Support System Components:
  - Display and Control Module (DCM)
    - Provides Caution & Warning System (CWS) messages, EMU parameters, and EMU controls to crewmember
• Life Support System Components:
  • Portable Life Support Subsystem (PLSS)
    - Provides breathing O₂, electrical power, communications, cooling
    - Responsible for suit pressure control
    - Circulates O₂ and removes CO₂, humidity and trace contaminants
    - Controls thermal environment
  • Secondary Oxygen Package (SOP)
    - Provides a minimum of 30 minutes of emergency O₂ in open-loop purge mode
    - Activated automatically during EVA, if necessary
• Life Support System Components (Cont’d):

  • Space-to-Space EMU Radio (SSER)
  • Caution and Warning System (CWS)
  • Early Caution and Warning System (ECWS)
    - Provides EMU status parameters and biomedical data for transmission to Mission Control
  • Battery
    - Primary
    - Rechargeable EVA Battery Assembly (REBA)
  • Contaminant Control Cartridge (CCC; LiOH Cartridge or Metal Oxide (METOX) Cartridge)
    - Removes CO$_2$ and trace contaminants
• Space Shuttle
  • Two (2) EMUs are baselined on each Shuttle flight with enough consumables to support three (3), two-crewmember EVAs. Of these 3 EVAs,
    – One 7-hour EVA may be supported.
    – Two EVAs of 3-hours and 4-hours respectively may be supported for Orbiter contingency EVA operations.
  • Consumables provided include:
    • CO2 cartridge (non-regenerable LiOH)
    • Oxygen
    • Potable water (for drink bags)
    • Feedwater (or sublimator water)
    • Power
    • Battery chargers

• International Space Station (ISS)
  • 4 - EMUs are, typically, kept on board to support EVAs
  • Sufficient consumables allow a large number of EVAs to be performed
  • Consumables provided include:
    • CO2 cartridge (metal oxide) and regenerator
    • Oxygen
    • Potable water (for drink bags)
    • Feedwater (or sublimator water)
    • Power
    • Battery chargers
ISS Joint Airlock:
- Primary for U.S. ISS EVAs (both Orbiter and Station-based)
- Compatible for use with Russian Orlans
- Made up of two parts: Crew Lock and Equipment Lock
  - Equipment Lock is used for stowage, recharge and servicing of EMUs and to don/doff the EMUs
  - Crewlock is the volume nominally depressed to vacuum for crew to go EVA
EVA Systems - ISS Joint Airlock

STS-104 / Flight 7A
(Summer 2001)
• EMU-mounted tools & equipment
  – TV Camera
  – Lights
  – Mini-workstation
  – Waist tethers
  – EVA Cuff Checklist
  – Wrist mirror
  – Body Restraint Tether
  – Pistol Grip Tool (PGT)
  – ISS Small Trash Bag
EVA Equipment & Tools

- Mini Work Station (MWS)
  - Attaches to front of the EMU
  - Used to carry small tools
  - Tools are secured via tether rings or via bayonet receptacles
  - MWS end-effector with retractable tether provides restraint to EVA Crewmember at worksite

- Note: “Drop-proof tether” PIP pins are used to secure certain items such as a socket onto a tool caddy.
• Commonly Used Tethers
  - Safety Tether (55’ and 85’)
    - Used to secure the EVA crewmember to the vehicle
  - Suit tethers (Waist, Wrist)
    - Used to secure small items to the suit, usually for transfer
  - Retractable EVA Tether (RET)
    - Used to secure small items, usually while item is in use
  - Body Restraint Tether (BRT)
    - Attaches to the Mini-Work Station (MWS)
    - End-effector provides semi-rigid restraint to EVA crewmember at worksite via handrail (also used for translating small objects)
    - Requires less time than setting up a Portable Foot Restraint and is more stable than a MWS end effector
- Note: EVA tether protocol is that crewmembers and equipment must be tethered at all times
  - Always make a connection before you break a connection.
SAFER (Simplified Aid for EVA Rescue)

• SAFER is a self-contained, propulsive backpack self-rescue system that provides the EV crewmember with self-rescue capability when the orbiter is not present or cannot immediately perform EVA rescue.
  • Propellant: Pressurized nitrogen gas
  • Controlled by a single hand controller
  • Stowed in ISS Airlock, used on ISS EVAs
  • Sufficient propellant and power for one self-rescue (~13 min)
  • Test flight on mission STS-64; self-rescue capability on STS-76
  • Power up of production model SAFER on STS-86
  • Tethered test flight of production model SAFER on Flights 2A and 3A
SAFER Deployment

- **STOWED**
- **DEPLOYED FOR ATTACHMENT TO EMU**
- **ATTACHED (NORMAL EVA CONFIGURATION)**
- **ATTACHED (HCM RELEASED)**
- **ATTACHED (SELF-RESCUE MODE)**
EVA Equipment & Tools

- Pistol Grip Tool (PGT)
  - EVA torque wrench (i.e., a bolt turner)
    - Has a programmable torque limiter and turn limiter
    - Crewmember needs to be secured depending on amount of torque required
    - 2ft-lbs to 25ft-lbs of torque available
    - Generally used for ISS assembly missions and maintenance EVAs

← 1-G Testing of the PGT
EVA Equipment & Tools

• Foot Restraints
  • Attach to structure via a socket
  • Provides EVA crewmember rigid restraint at a worksite (Newton’s 3rd Law)
• Different types:
  • Portable foot restraint (PFR) (Shuttle)
  • Articulating PFR (APFR) (U.S. ISS)
  • Interoperable APFR (IAPFR) (U.S. & Russian ISS)
Crew and Equipment Translation Aid (CETA) Cart

- Essentially an EVA equipment cart
- Translates by CM manually pulling it along truss
- Use brakes to stop and stay parked
- Typical use: small ORU replacement on front truss face
EVA Operations Overview

EVA operations can be divided into three phases:

Pre-EVA  EVA  Post-EVA
• Equipment Prep
  – Prepares the airlock and the EMUs to be checked out before EVA.
    • This is normally performed a few days before the EVA or before the Orbiter docks to the Station.

• EMU Checkout
  – Checks all EMU systems.
    • Performed a few days before the EVA or before the Orbiter docks to the Station.

• EVA Prep
  – All steps performed the day of the EVA prior to going EVA, including:
    • EMU Donning
    • Prebreathe with 100% oxygen
Pre-EVA: Prebreathe

O₂ Prebreathe reduces the risk of Decompression Sickness (DCS)

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<td>Mask prebreathe time</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>1 hour (1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; day)</td>
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<td>In-suit prebreathe time</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>100 min</td>
<td>50 min (2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; day)</td>
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<td>Ops Overview</td>
<td>Breathe 100% O₂ in-suit for 4 hours while cabin is at 14.7, go out the door.</td>
<td>In Suit prebreathe light exercise totals 90 min; 50 min light exercise, 40 min Metox change out</td>
<td>Breathe 100% O₂ on mask while depressing cabin to 10.2, wait approx. 9 hours before in-suit prebreathe, go out the door.</td>
<td>Exercise on ergometer (i.e., bike) for 10 minutes at beginning of mask prebreathe (100% O₂), depress airlock to 10.2, breathe in-suit for 1 hour, go out the door.</td>
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<td>Total EVA prep &amp; P/B time:</td>
<td>5:42 hrs</td>
<td>3:12 hrs</td>
<td>13:12 hrs</td>
<td>4:02 hrs</td>
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• Note: Long-duration exploration vehicles plan to utilize 8 psia / 32% O₂ atmosphere.
20-Foot Chamber
## Overhead of an EVA
(EVA Campout – Times Approximate)

### Night Before EVA
- **PRE SLEEP 3 hours**
  - 60 min mask PB
  - 10.2 Dep
  - 45 min before 11.8
- **POST SLEEP 35 min**
- **HYGIENE BRK 70 min**
- **EMU Donning 55 min**
- **EMU Prebreathe (50 min)**
- **C/L Dep (30 min)**
- **POST SLEEP 40 min**

### EVA Day
- **POST SLEEP 35 min**
- **EMU Donning 55 min**
- **EMU Prep (~1 hour 30 mins)**
  - **Airlock Repress**
  - **Suit Depress (30 mins)**
- **IN SUIT Prep (50 mins)**
- **Crewlock Depress to vacuum (30 mins)**
- **EVA Prep (~1 hour 30 mins)**
  - **EVA Prep for Donning (30 mins)**
  - **Suit Donning (1 hour)**
- **Suit Purge (12 mins)**
  - **Airlock Repress to 14.7**
- **In-suit Prebreathe (50 mins)**
- **Crewlock Depress to vacuum (30 mins)**
- **EVA tasks (6 hours 30 mins)**
- **Airlock Repress (20 mins)**
- **Post EVA without EMU H2O Recharge or METOX Regeneration (1 hour)**
- **PRE SLEEP (2 hours)**

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### Night Before EVA Summary
- Pre Sleep (3 hours total)
- Mask Prebreathe (1 hour)
  - 10.2 psi Airlock Depress (20 mins)
- 10.2 psi Overnight Campout (8 hours 40 mins minimum)

### EVA Day Summary (continued)
- EVA Prep (~1 hour 30 mins)
  - EVA Prep for Donning (30 mins)
  - Suit Donning at 10.2 (1 hour)
- Suit Purge (12 mins)
  - Airlock Repress to 14.7
- In-suit Prebreathe (50 mins)
- Crewlock Depress to vacuum (30 mins)
- EVA tasks (6 hours 30 mins)
- Airlock Repress (20 mins)
- Post EVA without EMU H2O Recharge or METOX Regeneration (1 hour)
- Pre Sleep (2 hours)
### EVA Operations: Overview of EVA Tasks

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<td>6 hours</td>
<td>Worksite operations: Shuttle and ISS-based</td>
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<td>– All Shuttle EVA crewmembers are trained to perform the following Orbiter contingency tasks (if necessary) for each flight:</td>
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<td>- Failed airlock hatch latches or actuator tasks</td>
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<td>- Failed Remote Manipulator System (RMS) tasks</td>
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<td>- Manual stowage of radiators or Ku-band antenna</td>
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<td>- Manual closure of payload bay doors</td>
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<td>- Installation of payload bay door latch tools</td>
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<td>- Manual separation of Shuttle from ISS (96 bolt task)</td>
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Post-EVA Operations

• EMU Doffing

• EMU Maintenance and Recharge
  – O₂ tank recharge
  – Battery recharge
  – H₂O tank refill
  – METOX regeneration/ LiOH swap
  – Suit cleaning
  – Suit resize (if required)
Comparison of Russian & U.S. EVAs

• Russian Orlan-M Spacesuit
• U.S. Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU)
• Orlan-M Spacesuit

- Visors
- Helmet Lights
- Backpack
- LCG
- Electrical Control Panel (ПО-4МТ)
- Suit Pressure Gauge (УДСК)
- Backpack Closure Strap
- Pneumo-Hydraulic Control Panel (ПГПУ-1М)
- Emergency O₂ Hose
- Fluid Umbilical Connector (ОРК-19)
- Electrical Umbilical
- Orlan Safety Tether

Back-Entry Orlan-M
Suit Enclosure

- Helmet Assembly
- Hard Upper Torso
- Upper Arms
- Backpack Closure Strap
- Lower Arms
- Suit Probe
- Umbilical Interface
- Leg Assembly
- Gloves
- Boots
- Orlan Safety Tethers
- Suit Probe
• Arm Assembly
(Thermal Micrometeoroid Garment “TMG” Removed)
• **Leg Assembly**
  *(TMG Removed)*

- **Crotch Sizing Strap**
- **Thigh Joint**
- **Knee Joint**
- **Rotation Limiters**
- **Ankle Bearings**
- **Waist Flange**
- **Waist Sizing Strap**
- **Upper Leg Sizing Strap**
- **Lower Leg Sizing Strap**
Orlan-M Glove
Electrical Control Panel (ПО-4МТ)

- Primary Pump Switch
- Primary Fan Switch
- Reserve Fan Switch
- Power Switch
- Reserve Pump Switch
- Volts/Tone Mute Button
- Liquid Crystal Display
- Battery Voltage/Oxygen Tank Pressure Display

Orlan-M Electrical Control Panel (ПО-4МТ)
Electrical Control Panel (ΠΟ-4МΣ) • Orlan-M Electrical Control Panel (ΠΟ-4ΜΣ) (side view)

- Helmet Light Switch
- Reserve Radio Switch
- Primary Radio Switch
- Push-to-Talk Switch
Radio Telemetry Apparatus Unit (БРТА-1М)

• Contains the following electrical assemblies:
  – Korona-M Communications Radio
  – Tranzit-A Telemetry Radio (2 parts)
    • Data Gathering Unit (ТА-237)
    • Transmitter (ША-347)
  – Battery (autonomous power supply)
  – Current and Power Measurement Unit (БКНТЗ)
  – High-Frequency Filter (ФР (ТК))
  – Annunciation Unit (БС-1М)
  – Relay Module (МР)

• БРТА-1М attaches to bottom of backpack enclosure (not pressurized)

• Easily attached to and removed from suit
Radio Telemetry Apparatus Unit (БРТА-1М) (Shown without Primary Oxygen Tank installed)
Safety Tethers

- Two Safety Tethers attached on the right HUT/Leg Assembly flange
  - Not designed for EVA removal
  - One Tether is fixed length
  - One Tether is variable length
  - Both tethers share an attaching strap
  - Tether hooks
    - One fault tolerant
    - Titanium construction
    - Certified for 600 kg (1320 lbs)

- Variable Length Safety Tether
EVA Tools and Crew Aids

• Orlan Tether Adapter (OTA)
  – Provides interface points for U.S. tools
  – Provides various equipment tether loops

• OTA Interface Block
  – Permanently mounted to the waist flange of the Orlan suit
  – Provides load support to the OTA
  – Provides one crew safety tether loop

• Standard U.S. Tool Configuration
  – OTA
  – Right Swing Arm
  – Retractable Equipment Tethers (RET)
  – EVA Camera (Digital or F5)
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan - Manufacturers

• EMU
  United Technologies, Hamilton-Sundstrand, Windsor Locks, CT

• Orlan
  Zvezda Research, Development, and Production Enterprise,
  Tomilino (Moscow Region), Russia
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan - Applications

• EMU – Space Shuttle and International Space Station (ISS)
  – In operation since 1981 to present
    • Several upgrades have been made

• Orlan-M – Mir Space Station and ISS
  – In operation since 1997 (replaced Orlan-DMA)
    • Upgraded Orlan-MK to be delivered to the ISS in 2008
Comparison with Russian EVAs

EMU vs. Orlan – General Characteristics

- **EMU**
  - Suit operating pressure: 4.3 psi
  - Mission duration: 6.5 hours + 30-minute contingency
  - Weight: ~280 lbs
  - On-Orbit Service life: 25 uses/2 years (with maintenance)
    - Returned for refurbishment

- **Orlan-M**
  - Suit operating pressure: 5.8 psi
  - Mission duration: 6.5 hours + 30-minute contingency
  - Weight: ~230 lbs
  - On-orbit Service life: 12 uses/4 years (with maintenance)
    - Not returned for refurbishment
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Spacesuit Assembly

• EMU Construction
  – Semi-rigid construction; aluminum hard upper torso
  – Urethane-coated nylon pressure bladder
  – Orthofabric and aluminized mylar thermal/meteoroid garment
  – Ball-bearing joints
  – Liquid-cooling and ventilation undergarment
  – Display & Controls Module (DCM)
  – Polycarbonate helmet and polysulfone visors; helmet lights
  – Location for attachment of mini-work station, etc.

• Orlan-M Construction
  – Semi-rigid construction; aluminum hard upper torso
  – Urethane-coated nylon pressure bladder
  – Orthofabric and aluminized mylar thermal/meteoroid garment
  – Liquid-cooling undergarment
  – Electrical Control Panel / Pneumo-Hydraulic Control Panel
  – Polycarbonate helmet and visors; helmet lights
  – Probe provided for attachment of mini-work station, etc.
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Spacesuit Assembly Differences

• EMU
  – Sizing: Medium, large, and extra large size modular components and the use of sizing inserts (legs and arms) allow a fairly large population range to be accommodated
    – Multiple glove sizes including some custom-sized gloves
  – Gloves are heated to provide protection from cold environment; wrist disconnect is on suit side
  – Suit Donning: Bottom entry
  – Helmet is removable
  – Waist tether(s) removable
  – Includes provisions for TV camera

• Orlan-M
  – Sizing: One size with adjustable sizing axial restraint cable in arms/legs
    – 2 glove sizes
  – Glove wrist disconnect is on glove side
  – Suit Donning: Back entry
  – Helmet integrated into suit
  – 2 Waist tethers (fixed and variable length); not removable
  – Orlan-MK includes provisions for U.S. TV camera
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Portable Life Support Assembly

• EMU
  – Closed-loop, 100% oxygen
  – Expendables replaced or recharged on-orbit
  – Primary & secondary oxygen tanks
  – Liquid cooling via garment and use of sublimator
  – Carbon Dioxide and trace gas scrubber
  – Average/Max metabolic rates: 1000 BTUs (290 W) / 2000 BTUs (580 W)
  – Primary battery Li-ion
  – Radio for voice, data, and medical information; use of headset

• Orlan-M
  – Closed-loop, 100% oxygen
  – Expendables replaced or recharged on-orbit
  – Primary & secondary oxygen tanks
  – Liquid cooling via garment and use of sublimator
  – Carbon Dioxide and trace gas scrubber
  – Average/Max metabolic rates: 1025 BTUs (300 W) / 2050 BTUs (600 W)
  – Primary battery is zinc-silver-oxide (rechargeable)
  – Radio for voice, data, and medical information; use of headset
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Portable Life Support Assembly Differences

• EMU
  – Primary O2 pressure: 2 tanks @ 900 psi (rechargeable); Secondary O2 pressure: 2 tanks @ 6000 psi (non-rechargeable)
  – Most electronics located in life support backpack @ vacuum
  – Crewmembers communicate between each other
  – Single fan-pump-water separator
  – Liquid cooling and ventilation garment; biocide: iodine
  – CO2 scrubber: silver oxide or lithium hydroxide
  – Additional rechargeable battery used for glove heating (nickel-metal-oxide)
  – Prebreathe: 4-hour in-suit, 10.2 psi, and 14.7/10.2 psi & ergometer protocols available

• Orlan-M
  – Primary and Secondary O2 pressure: 6000 psi; both removable and non-rechargeable
  – Electronics (except for БРТА) located in life support backpack @ 100% O2
  – Crewmembers communicate via the vehicle (signal is relayed)
  – Redundant fans and pumps
  – Liquid cooling garment; biocide: silver ions
  – CO2 scrubber: lithium hydroxide
  – Prebreathe: 1-hour @ 550 torr
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Work Aids

- **EMU**
  - Compatible with:
    - Mini-work station
    - Numerous EVA tools including foots restraints, etc.
    - Simplified Aid For EVA Rescue (SAFER)
    - Donning stations

- **Orlan-M**
  - Compatible with:
    - Mini-work station
    - EVA tools including foots restraints, etc.
    - REBA – helmet lights
    - Donning stations (however, rarely used on orbit)
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Crew Preference Items

• EMU
  – Comfort gloves
  – Eyeglass holder
  – Fresnel lens (various strengths)
  – In-suit drink bag
  – Maximum absorbent garment (MAG)
  – Socks
  – Valsalva device
  – Wristlets
  – Miscellaneous: Lint free wipes, Anti-fog wipes, Comfort pads, Moleskin tape, Stericide sanitizer

• Orlan-M
  – Comfort gloves
  – Dosimeter (passive)
  – Socks
Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlan – Operations Differences

- Russian EVA crewmembers talk directly to engineers on ground
- U.S. EVA crewmembers talk through Capcom

- Russian EVA training is more skills based
- U.S. EVA training is more task based

- Russian EVA crewmembers have little or no Intravehicular (IV) interaction
- U.S. EVA crewmembers work with an IV crewmembers before, during, and after an EVA

- Russian EVA crewmembers use a hand-over-hand tether protocol
- U.S. EVA crewmembers use a safety tether (ISS & shuttle) and a slidewire (Shuttle)
EVA Training Facilities

- Shuttle Full-size Mockup Trainers (historical)
  - Crew Cabin Trainer (CCT) and CCTII
  - Full Fuselage Trainer (FFT)
EVA Training Facilities

• Space Station Mockup Training Facility (SSMTF) Airlock Mockup
EVA Training Facilities

- EMU Caution and Warning System (ECWS) Trainer
EVA Training Facilities

- Vacuum chambers
  - 11-foot chamber
  - Environmental Test Article (ETA) chamber
  - Space Environment Simulation Lab (SESL) chamber
  - Space Station Airlock Test Article (SSATA)
EVA Training Facilities

• Virtual Reality Lab
EVA Training Facilities
Charlotte for Low Gravity Mass Ops

Source: Osterlund, J. & Lawrence, B. 2012
EVA Training Facilities

• Precision Air-Bearing Floor (PABF)
EVA Training Facilities

- Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL)
EVA Training Facilities

- Micro-gravity via DC-9 (KC-135 below retired)
EVA Training Facilities
The Active Response Gravity Offload System (ARGOS)

• ARGOS uses an inline load cell to continuously offload of a portion of a human or robotic subject’s weight during all dynamic motions
WEB Links

• EVA History/Advanced suit program –
  http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/xa/advanced.html

• Hamilton Sunstrand (designers of the EMU) -
  http://www.hsssi.com/Applications/SpaceSuits/

• DX32/35 Home page –
  http://mod.jsc.nasa.gov/dx/dx32/evahp.htm

• EC5 Homepage –
  http://ctsd.jsc.nasa.gov/ESS/index.html

  http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.actaastro.2011.03.031
Backup Material
# Pressures

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<th>Altitude (ft)</th>
<th>Atmospheric Pressure (psi)</th>
<th>Oxygen Concentration (%)</th>
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<td>Sea Level</td>
<td>14.7</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Nitrogen Concentration is 80%. 1 atmosphere (1 atm). 101.325 kPa.</td>
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<td>10,000</td>
<td>10.11</td>
<td>70% of Sea Level</td>
<td>Early signs of hypoxia (shortage of oxygen in the body)</td>
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<td>15,672</td>
<td>8.3</td>
<td>56% of Sea Level</td>
<td>Exploration Atmosphere recommended pressure</td>
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<td>18,000</td>
<td>7.34 or (14.7 / 2)</td>
<td>51% of Sea Level</td>
<td>½ atm</td>
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<td>23,500</td>
<td>5.8</td>
<td>40% of Sea Level</td>
<td>Russian Orlan operating pressure</td>
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<td>30,250</td>
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<td>30% of Sea Level</td>
<td>U.S. EMU operating pressure</td>
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<td>34,000</td>
<td>3.62 or (7.34 / 2)</td>
<td>25% of Sea Level</td>
<td>¼ atm</td>
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<td>101,381 (19.2 miles)</td>
<td>0.147 or (14.7 / 100)</td>
<td>≈1% of Sea Level</td>
<td>1/100 atm</td>
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<td>283,076</td>
<td>0.000147 or (14.7 / 100,000)</td>
<td>0% of Sea Level</td>
<td>ISS (220 miles or 1,161,600 ft)</td>
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## Comparison with Russian EVAs
### EMU vs. Orlans

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<td><strong>Entry Method</strong></td>
<td>Rear Entry: Self-donning typical Easy suit ingress/egress</td>
<td>Waist Entry: Self-donning possible More difficult in/egress</td>
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<td><strong>Pressure</strong></td>
<td>5.7 psid nominal</td>
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<td><strong>Pre-breathe</strong></td>
<td>30-minute nominal</td>
<td>40 min. nominal from 10.2 psi cabin 4 hour nom from 14.7 psi</td>
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<td><strong>Sizing</strong></td>
<td>One size Adjust lengths of arms and legs</td>
<td>Modular 137 measurements made</td>
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<td><strong>Useful Life</strong></td>
<td>4 years or 12 EVAs Burns on re-entry in Progress vehicle</td>
<td>2 years or 25 EVAs Refurbished and recertified on ground</td>
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<td><strong>Displays</strong></td>
<td>C&amp;W lights on front of suit and in helmet; can send suit data to ground</td>
<td>CWS, DCM display: msg and status; can send suit data to ground</td>
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Comparison with Russian EVAs
EMU vs. Orlans

• Resupplying/Recharging
  – Orlan H2O tank refilled and O2 tanks replaced after each EVA
  – EMU H2O and O2 tanks resupplied via umbilical

• Orlan and EMU coolant operation similar
  – Both Orlans and EMUs use sublimators
  – Liquid Cooling (and Ventilation) Garments [LC(V)Gs] are similar

• Umbilicals
  – Orlan umbilical provides power, comm, and pre-breathe O2
  – EMU umbilical provides power, comm, O2, recharge H2O and cooling H2O

• Gloves
  – Orlan gloves used for two EVAs
  – EMU gloves used multiple times, electrically powered glove heaters

• Emergency procedures
  – Orlan: Few simple messages, gloves have reference tables on them
  – EMUs have Caution and Warning System, combined with a cuff checklist

• Both Orlans and EMUs have duplex comm
Thermal Micrometeoroid Garment