Nondestructive Evaluation Education, Experiences and Career at NASA

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Agenda

• Education and Experiences
• Publications/Patents
• NASA Programs with NDE Involvement
Publications/Patents

– Areas
  • Ultrasonic stress/preload measurements: Modeling and measurement
  • Residual stress measurement
  • Thermal NDE, Temperature measurement: modeling, analysis, measurement, data processing
  • Eddy current flaw detection
  • Computed Tomography: POD Analysis
  • POD data analysis
  • X-ray Flaw detection: Modeling and analysis

– Publication Sites

– U.S. Patent
  • Thermal NDE, two patents for NASA
  • Citation in Patent: 1 (used by Boeing for bolt assembly of critical joints on commercial planes)
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Internet Sites with Profile and Publications

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Education and Experience

1974-1976: Junior College, University of Bombay (Mumbai)
1976-1981: Bachelor of Technology (Mechanical Engineering)
             Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
1981-1982: Union Carbide India Ltd. (Bombay)
             Maintenance Engineer
1983-1985: M.S. (Mechanical Engineering)
             University of Oklahoma
1985-1987: Pace Setter Inc. Manufacturing Engineer
             ASNT Level III (UT)
1988-1993: Rockwell International, Downey, CA
             NDE/Quality Engineer, Space Shuttle Orbiter Program
             ASNT Level III (PT, MT, RT, ET)
             PE (Mechanical Engineering)
1993-2003: Rockwell International and Boeing North American
             Kennedy Space Center
             NDE, Ground Support Engineering and Orbiter Handling Engineering
2002: Doctor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Mumbai
2004-Current: NASA Johnson Space Center
             Lead NDE Engineer
University of Mumbai (Bombay)

Established 1857
Established by British Rulers in India

University is Ranked 5th in India

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Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Established in 1958
Ranked 39th in Asia
IIT Undergraduate Brand is Recognized worldwide
as IIT Engineers have emigrated to most developed countries and done very well.

Main Building
Sports Field
Mechanical Eng. Side View
Mechanical Eng. Entrance

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University of Oklahoma

Well known in College Football
7 national championships,
44 conference championships
#88 in Mechanical Eng. by U.S. News

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Space Shuttle Program
Rockwell Intl., Downey and Palmdale CA

- **Space Shuttle**
  - First flight: **April 12, 1981**
  - Last flight: **July 21, 2011**

Worked in Downey plant from 1988 to 1993

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Kennedy Space Center
Space Shuttle Launch Pad & VAB Area

Google Map of Vehicle Assembly Building Area

Worked at Kennedy Space Center for Boeing from 1993 to 2003

Space Shuttle Orbiter Towlines
Designed by Ajay Koshti

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Ultrasonic Preload Measurement Applications

Case 1: Clamp Joint (Shank in Clearance)
Measure bolt preload

Case 2: Double Shear Joint
Measure Load P

Figure 1-11b

Case 3: Flange Joint

Measure bolt preload

Case 4: Clamp Joint with Interference

- Ultrasonic transducer contacts on bolt head or tail
- Measures ultrasonic wave return trip
- transit time through the length of the bolt

See papers 1 through 7 by Ajay Koshti
for applications of four cases. Covers modeling and experimental results.

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Space Shuttle Ultrasonic Preload Applications

Three bolt (0.7” Dia) locations in a Flange Joint in the 17” Orbiter/ET Disconnect

Led development of above ultrasonic preload applications.

Two 2” Dia. Orbiter to Aircraft attachment bolts in Clamped Joint

Two Vertical Tail attachment sleeve bolts in Interference Joint

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Tailcone is the only hardware built by Boeing before acquiring Rockwell Aerospace and McDonnell Douglas. Tailcone was used for a ferry flight atop Boeing 747.
NASA Johnson Space Center

Robonaut R2 above ISS
Currently ISS is the largest program for NASA Johnson space Center.
International Space Station

Station statistics

- **COSPAR ID**: 1998-067A
- **Call sign**: Alpha
- **Crew**: Fully crewed 6
- **Launch**: 1998
- **Launch pad**: Baikonur 1/5 and 81/23 Kennedy LC-39
- **Mass**: approximately 450,000 kg (990,000 lb)
- **Length**: 72.8 m (239 ft)
- **Width**: 108.5 m (356 ft)
- **Height**: c. 20 m (c. 66 ft)
- **Pressurised volume**: 837 m³ (29,600 cu ft)
- **Atmospheric pressure**: 101.3 kPa (29.91 inHg, 1 atm)
- **Perigee**: 417 km (259 mi) AMSL [2]
- **Apogee**: 422 km (262 mi) AMSL [3]
- **Orbital inclination**: 51.6° degrees [1]
- **Average speed**: 7.66 kilometres per second (27,600 km/h; 17,100 mph) [2]
- **Orbital period**: 92.83 minutes [2]
- **Orbit epoch**: 8 March 2014 [2]
- **Days in orbit**: 5587 (8 March)
- **Days occupied**: 4874 (8 March)
- **Number of orbits**: 87564 [2]
- **Orbital decay**: 2 km/month

Statistics as of 9 March 2011

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NASA Ellington Field, Houston

Jose Hernandez, former astronaut and JSC Nondestructive Evaluation Engineer at NASA Ellington Field with T-38

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Project Morpheus

USA

Designer: NASA
Manufacturer: NASA/JSC
Application: Planetary and lunar lander
Status: In development

Liquid-fuel engine
Propellant: liquid oxygen / methane

Thrust: 22000 N
Specific impulse: 321 s
Burn time: tested: 123 s

Used in: Morpheus Lander

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NASA Simplified Aid for EVA Rescue (SAFER)
The Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (Orion MPCV) is an American spacecraft intended to carry a crew of four astronauts to destinations at or beyond low Earth orbit (LEO). Currently under development by NASA for launch on the Space Launch System, Orion is intended to facilitate human exploration of asteroids and of Mars and to retrieve crew or supplies from the ISS if needed.

The MPCV's first test flight (uncrewed), known as Exploration Flight Test 1 (EFT-1), was launched atop a Delta IV Heavy rocket on December 5, 2014, on a flight lasting 4 hours and 24 minutes, landing at its target in the Pacific Ocean at 10:29 Central time. The first mission to carry astronauts is not expected to take place until 2023 at the earliest, although NASA officials have said that their staff is working toward an "aggressive internal goal" of 2021.
NASA Orion Spacecraft

Description

Role: Beyond LEO, back-up for commercial cargo and crew to the ISS

Crew: 2–6

Carrier rocket: Space Launch System (planned-deep space), Delta IV (test flight), Ares I (cancelled)

Launch date: December 5, 2014 (uncrewed test launch)

Dimensions

Height: 5 m (16.5 ft.)

Diameter: 5 m (16.5 ft.)

Pressurized volume: 19.56 m³ (691 cu ft)

Habitable volume: 8.95 m³ (316 cu ft)

Capsule mass: 8,913 kg (19,650 lb.)

Service Module mass: 12,337 kg (27,198 lb.)

Total mass: 21,250 kg (46,848 lb.)

Service Module propellant mass: 7,907 kg (17,433 lb.)

Performance

Total delta-v: 1,595 m/s

Endurance: 21.1 days

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Orion Spacecraft

• NASA’s Orion spacecraft will carry astronauts further into space than ever before using a module based on Europe’s Automated Transfer Vehicles (ATV).

• The ATV-derived service module, sitting directly below Orion’s crew capsule, will provide propulsion, power, thermal control, as well as supplying water and gas to the astronauts in the habitable module.

• The first Orion mission will be an uncrewed lunar flyby in 2018, returning to Earth’s atmosphere at 11 km/s – the fastest reentry ever.
Orion Spacecraft

Engineers successfully tested the parachutes for NASA’s Orion spacecraft at the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Exploration Flight Test 1 Recovery on December 5, 2014

EFT-1 Orion after final weld on June 22, 2012.

Exploration Flight Test 1 Recovery on December 5, 2014

Interior of the Orion mock-up, October 2014.
Orion Spacecraft

Assembly operation to prepare Orion EFT 1 for its first flight in December 2014.

Orion Lifting off on top of a Delta IV Heavy on December 5, 2014
The **Space Launch System (SLS)** is an American **Space Shuttle-derived** heavy **expendable launch vehicle** being designed by **NASA**. It is to replace the retired **Space Shuttle**. The SLS will be the most powerful rocket ever built, with about 20% more thrust than the **Saturn V** and a comparable payload capacity, putting the SLS into the **super heavy-lift launch vehicle** class of rockets.

The SLS launch vehicle is to be upgraded over time with more powerful versions. Its initial Block 1 version is to lift a payload of 70 **metric tons** to **low Earth orbit (LEO)**, which will be increased with the debut of Block 1B and the **Exploration Upper Stage**.

Block 2 will replace the initial Shuttle-derived boosters with advanced boosters and is planned to have a LEO capability of more than 130 metric tons to meet the congressional requirement. These upgrades will allow the SLS to lift astronauts and hardware to various beyond-LEO destinations: on a **circumlunar trajectory** as part of **Exploration Mission 1** with Block 1, to a near-Earth asteroid in **Exploration Mission 2** with Block 1B, and to **Mars** with Block 2. The SLS will launch the **Orion Crew and Service Module** and may support trips to the **International Space Station** if necessary. SLS will use the ground operations and launch facilities at NASA's **Kennedy Space Center**, Florida.
NASA Commercial Crew

Boeing CST 100

SpaceX Dragon with Falcon 9 Launch Vehicle

Sierra Nevada Dream Chaser with Atlas

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SpaceX Dragon Spacecraft

- **Dragon** is a spacecraft developed by SpaceX, an American private space transportation company based in Hawthorne, California. Dragon is launched into space by the SpaceX Falcon 9 two-stage-to-orbit launch vehicle, and SpaceX is developing a crewed version called the Dragon 2.

- During its maiden flight in December 2010, Dragon became the first commercially built and operated spacecraft to be recovered successfully from orbit. On 25 May 2012, a cargo variant of Dragon became the first commercial spacecraft to successfully rendezvous with and attach to the International Space Station (ISS). SpaceX is contracted to deliver cargo to the ISS under NASA's Commercial Resupply Services program, and Dragon began regular cargo flights in October 2012. With the Dragon spacecraft and the Orbital ATK Cygnus, NASA seeks to increase its partnerships with domestic commercial aviation and aeronautics industry.
Dragon 2 Manned Spacecraft

Dragon 2 spacecraft conducting a propulsive hover test, Nov. 2015

Crew Dragon Pad Abort Test Launch, May 6, 2015

An infographic of the SpaceX Dragon 2 Pad Abort Test for the May 2015 test, produced by SpaceX

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SpaceX Falcon 9

The **Falcon rocket family** is an American family of multi-use rocket **launch vehicles** developed and operated by Space Exploration Technologies (**SpaceX**). The vehicles in this family include the flight-tested **Falcon 1** and **Falcon 9**. The Falcon 1 made its first successful flight on 28 September 2008, after several failures on the initial attempts. The larger **Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle** (EELV)-class Falcon 9 flew successfully into orbit on its maiden launch on 4 June 2010. The Falcon 9 is eventually intended to be a reusable vehicle. SpaceX is currently in production of the first **Falcon Heavy** launch system. Other designs for boosters with even larger payload lifting capabilities are currently being researched, but not yet confirmed.
SpaceX Falcon

Falcon 9 first stage on an ASDS barge after the first successful landing at sea, CRS-8 Mission. April 2016

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# Boeing CST-100 Starliner

## General information

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<td>Operator</td>
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<td>Lifetime</td>
<td>210 days (docked to ISS)</td>
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<td>Production Status</td>
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<td>Average mass</td>
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<td>Power</td>
<td>4 x 26300 Kg [1][clarification needed]</td>
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<td>Dimensions</td>
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NASA Commercial Crew: Dream Chaser by Sierra Nevada

Description
Role: Part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program to supply crew and cargo to the International Space Station
Crew: Up to 7

Dimensions
Length: 9.0 m 29.5 ft.
Wing Span: 7.0 m 22.9 ft.
Volume: 16.0 m³ 565 cu ft.
Mass: 11,300 kg 25,000 lb.

Performance
Endurance: At least 210 days
Re-entry: Less than 1.5

Size Comparison to Space Shuttle

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# Bigelow Expandable Activity Module

**Full-scale mock-up of BEAM, January 16, 2013**

**Station statistics**

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<td><strong>Mass:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Diameter:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Living volume:</strong></td>
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Blue Origin

**Incremental Development**

- **Suborbital program in flight testing stage**
  - *Goddard* subscale demonstrator flown 2006-2007
  - *New Shepard* system in development
    - Propulsion Module
      - 2011 testing demonstrated boost, landing and flight to 45,000 feet/Mach 1.2
      - Development of next vehicle underway
    - Crew Capsule – successful pad escape test October 2012

- **Orbital Transportation System**
  - Reusable orbital Space Vehicle (SV)
    - Transport to LEO or ISS for up to seven people
    - ~22,000 lbm with crew at launch
  - Two-stage Orbital Launch Vehicle (OLV)
    - Expendable upper stage
    - Reusable first stage

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Blue Origin

New Shepard Launch on April 29, 2015.

New Shepard landing with parachutes on April 29, 2015.

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