Exploration Technology Demonstration on the International Space Station

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Use of ISS to Demonstrate Exploration Capabilities

From: ISECG Global Exploration Roadmap
Incremental growth of ISS Technology Demonstrations

• Develop and demonstrate key exploration mission-enabling technologies.
  • Experience has shown in-space operational time, testing and adjustments are often required to optimize system performance.
  • Systems can be operated in an in-space environment to gain system maturity and prove the system performance before required for exploration missions.

• Demonstrate exploration capabilities or risk reductions
  • As technologies are proven, combinations of these systems can incrementally build to more complex demonstrations.
    • Example, water recovery and CO2 removal system integration demonstrations.
ISS Support of Exploration & Technology Demonstration

- Use of and building on existing space Infrastructure
  - launch vehicles,
  - in-space resources, power, data, etc.
  - distributed operations and support centers and,
  - on-orbit crew

- Long duration space environment
  - Internal and External ISS payload locations

- Technologies, systems and operational processes can be tested, evaluated, adjusted and proven utilizing ISS without risk to crew or mission success on an exploration mission.
ISS International Partnership

- The NASA ISS Payloads office and ISS program partners CSA, ESA, JAXA and ROSCOSMOS are in cooperation on developing exploration capabilities from the ISS infrastructure.
  - All ISS Program partners have agreed to participate and support the use of ISS in developing exploration technologies, systems and operational processes.
  - ISS Program International agreements may facilitate these efforts
International Cooperation in ISS Technology Demonstration

- ISS Payloads office and ISS International Partners have discussed the exploration technologies and operational areas which ISS resources could support.
- The OCT Technology Roadmap were used to guide the discussions and identify the most suitable technologies for demonstration on ISS
  - Advanced power production and distribution
  - Electric Propulsion
  - Robotic tools, systems and operations
  - Crewed spacecraft operation support tools
  - Advanced communication/navigation systems
  - Close proximity autonomous spacecraft systems
  - Advanced life support systems
  - Human health and protection
  - Enabling space suit technologies
  - Advanced habitats
  - Cryogenic operations
  - Thermal management
More Information

ISS Reference Guide
http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/reference/

Cumulative Results Reports:
NASA/TP–2009–213146–REVISION A

Education on ISS 2000-2006:
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