ISS Payload Philosophy

Our goal is to fly and operate a payload as soon as it is ready

To operate the ISS like a laboratory to enable the flexibility for investigators to adapt their research plan based on new and unexpected findings

Examples:
• Increased air to ground communication channels allows the crew to talk directly to the scientists during operations to review research objectives, discuss observations and findings and collaborate on new ideas
• Improved data rates and on board diagnostic equipment allows researchers to get their results without waiting for the hardware and samples to be returned shortening the research cycle

To continue to make the integration and operation of payloads on ISS as simple and ground like as possible

Examples:
• Implemented a software environment to allow the use of common lab software on-orbit
• Certified 110v AC power source with commercial power connectors
• Continue expand our remote laptop operation system that allows you to operate your payload anywhere the internet is available
• Deploying a payload test set that allows our customer to conduct their end to end testing and verification at their facility
• Delay Tolerant Network = send and ignore
Payload Planning Overview

Strategic Research planning and resource projection is conducted annually by looking forward 3 years to determine if the ISS transportation and on orbit resources are adequate to meet the customer research requirements.

Findings from this review provide the program with recommendations on hardware and resource improvements:

- Additional conditioned cargo return required by 2014
- Second glove box to increase utilization capability
- Additional external sites will be required post 2016
- Additional external data capacity required to support external sites

Increment specific Research Planning begins 18 months prior to the mission.

The first Research Plan is baselined 12 months prior to the mission and refined up to the start of the increment where it transitions to the real time planning and execute phase.

Depending on its complexity a Payload can be entered into the plan anywhere along the process.
Payload Design and Verification

ISS has well defined interfaces allowing payloads to be designed with minimal risk and ground testing.

ISS provides flight support equipment and interfacing hardware to reduce payload developers design time and hardware cost.

The ISS laboratory environment allows greater payload design flexibility.

Examples:
- NASA’s over-site of a payloads design is focused on ensuring crew and vehicle safety not the developers design approach.
- Payloads can be designed with less system redundancy, lower parts certification than systems hardware, i.e. Class “D”.

The program has stratified hardware verification, testing and crew training to reduce planning and manifesting templates.

Examples:
- Hardware that is ready to fly can be added to our research plan and flown in months, weeks and even days depending on the complexity of the devise.
- Crew training can be performed on orbit just in time for operations.
Payload Key Milestones

Payload design requirements and interface data definition begins in the early stages of the payload development and are base lined at the payloads’ Critical Design Review.

Payload application software loads that need to be tested with the on board compliment for that mission is delivered 7 months prior to the mission.

Payload training products need to be complete by 1 month prior to start of crew ground training. On-orbit training can be delivered, up linked and performed any time prior to planned operations.
Pressurized Payload Key Milestones

Payload cargo can be manifested as early as 12 months prior to the mission.

Space is reserved for payloads that are defined later in the planning process:
- Manifests are revised within reason until vehicle packing occurs.

Delivery of cargo to the packing site is driven by vehicle type and when and where the payload cargo needs to be stowed:
- HTV Launch minus 6.5 months for early stow, Launch minus 60 days to 14 days for late stow.
- Space X Launch minus 2 months for early stow, Launch minus 21 to 2 days for late stow.
External Payload Key Milestones

Vehicle type and manufacturing lead time for vehicle flight support equipment determines manifest assignments to launch vehicles:
- HTV Launch minus 24 months
- Space X Launch minus 18 months

Delivery date to the launch site to begin vehicle integration is determined by the carrier:
- HTV Launch minus 6 months
- Space X Launch minus 1 month
Strategic Planning Phase

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COUP Up to 4 years prior to Launch

Strategic

Programmatic Activity

Research Plan

Payload Tactical Plan

Payload Activity

Hardware Development Products

Hardware Operations Products

Operations

Real-Time Operations (Research)

Increment

Stage

Stage

Stage

Post-Flight

Crew Return

Launch

Launch

Launch

Launch

WHO: Points of Contact
WHAT: Requirements Definition
WHEN: Operations Plan
WHERE: Launch and On-Orbit Requirements
WHY: Investigation Objectives

12 months prior to Increment start

Research Plan Approved

Depending on its complexity a Payload can be entered into the plan any where along the process.
Tactical Planning Phase

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- Changes to Baseline Research Plan
- Training Products and Procedures
- Safety Review Packages
- Hardware Verification Data
- Software Verification Data
Operations Phase

- Investigator Participation Real-Time (e.g., Console Operations)
- Crew Conferences
- Anomaly Resolution
- Data Collection and Sample Return
Post-Flight Phase

- Real-Time Operations
  - (Research)
- Post-Flight Operations
  - (Hardware, Data Return)
- ISS Crew Rotation
- Launch

Programmatic Activity

- Research Plan
- Payload Tactical Plan
- Hardware Development Products
- Hardware Operations Products
- Research Plan Approved
- ISS Crew Rotation
- Increment
- Stage
- Stage
- Stage

Payload Activity

- Research Summary Updates
- 30-Day Reports
- Formal Publications
- Launch