

Historical Consequences of STMD Funding Shortfalls

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SEP DEMONSTRATION MISSION

Solar Electric Propulsion (SEP) is an essential capability for current Human Mars mission planning – to efficiently move large payloads to Mars

SEP has numerous other crosscutting applications

Communications Satellites and Government Missions

- more efficient orbit transfer
- increased maneuvering flexibility
- affordable power increase for communications or other payloads

Science and Exploration

- observatory placement and station keeping
- reaching distant destinations at less cost
- higher power for communications or other payloads
- transportation for cis-lunar, Mars, asteroid exploration

Satellite Servicing and Refueling

Space Tug between LEO, GEO or other Orbits

- single use or reusable
- multiple orbits and plane changes

Space Resource Access and Utilization

Orbital Debris Mitigation

Planetary Defense







Crosscutting Solar Electric Propulsion Development and Demonstration Objectives

- Successful transition of matured and tested Game Changing technologies to flight demonstration project
- Develop and demonstrate 25kW to 50kW class Solar Electric Propulsion System
 - Extendable to 300kW for deep space human exploration
 - Directly applicable to Science Mission Directorate and missions for Other Government Agencies
 - A first demonstration mission targeted for the Asteroid Redirect Robotic Mission
- Develop & demonstrate Solar Electric Propulsion component technologies with commercial benefit
 - Reduced mass, efficient packaging, deployable solar arrays for improved commercial satellite affordability and potential ISS retrofitting
 - High power Hall thrusters for all electric commercial satellites



STMD Investments in SEP

Thrusters





Power Processing Units





- Developed and tested high power Hall thruster 12.5 kW-class (2X current SOA)
- Magnetically shielded design to provide long life

Solar Arrays





Designed, built and tested 25-kw-class advanced deployable Solar Array wings

- MegaFlex "fold out" array (ATK)
- Mega-ROSA "roll out" array (DSS)

Hall Thruster & Power Processing Unit (PPU) Development and Risk Mitigation

- Two 12.5 kW Hall Thruster Technology Development Units
 - Validated design methodology & tools
 - Reduced mission and flight hardware development risks
- 2 Brassboard PPUs
 - 300Vin/800Vout (MFR reference)
 - 120Vin/800Vout (Post-MCR reference)

Demonstrated full, integrated performance compatibility of 120-V and 300-V PPUs with 12.5-kW Hall Effect Thruster











Post-test BN discharge chamber shows carbon deposition consistent with magnetically shielded operation

Technology Demonstration Missions

Asteroid Redirect Mission (ARM)

combining Technology Demonstration, Exploration and Science objectives

Mission Concept

- 40 kW-class SEP propels spacecraft to asteroid and returns material to Lunar Distant Retrograde Orbit
- Two 25 kW-class solar array wings and four 12.5kW electric Hall thrusters
- Launch Date for Planning: December 2020
- Launch Vehicle: Delta IV or SLS

Alternate and Complimentary Demonstrations

- Functional space demonstration of large, advanced solar array on ISS
 - RFI for this approach issued in December 2014
- Commercial or OGA partnership on a modified all-electric bus with significant orbital maneuvering capability
- Possible SMD partnership in multiple first-use high-powered SEP demonstrations including: cis-lunar, asteroid, and planetary missions
- Mars exploration precursors or demonstrations



Budgetary Challenges in Conducting a Comprehensive Large-Scale Demonstration

- Government-estimated SEP Module cost (\$433M) significantly exceeds STMD in-guide budget profile (\$229M)
- ARRM Budget Lifecycle and phasing presents significant challenges to timely perform mission. Launch initially June 2019, slipped to Dec. 2020.
- STMD in-guide covers: All SEP activities in FY15-16, all Ion Propulsion activities FY15-21, civil servant-only SEP mission design/studies FY15-21
- STMD in-guide gaps: SEP DDT&E Power, Structures/mechanisms, Thermal, SE&I, RCS
 - Part of Power gap includes SEP Power Solar Array contract, not funded beyond FY16 (STMD funds are short \$40M)
- <u>In general</u>, cost estimates from BAA studies indicate:
 - A 40 to 50 kW-class SEP demonstration requires approximately \$400M
 - A 30 kW-class SEP demonstration requires approximately \$250M
 - If less funding is available in the STMD budget, a major cost-sharing partnership is required to accomplish a demonstration of this scale.
- Continued lack of full funding for STMD and indecision on fully funding ARRM has delayed progress towards a high powered SEP demonstration





STMD SOLAR ARRAY DEVELOPMENT

Need for Solar Electric Propulsion

NASA

- Future exploration missions require high power Solar Electric Propulsion (SEP) to move cargo and humans beyond Low Earth Orbit
- SEP is more efficient than chemical propulsion
 - SEP uses less fuel to the same destination reducing launch mass/cost (20% - 50% reduction)
- STMD initiated a Solar Array Project in FY2011 as the first step towards complete capability
 - Initial vision was a flight demonstration of entire SEP concept, but budget realities necessitated an array development project
 - Autonomously deployed large area arrays were identified as "long pole" in achieving goal
 - Project targeted development metrics of total power (1.5x SOA) and specific power (1.7x SOA)
 - Two contracts were awarded (ATK & DSS) for a total project budget of ~\$11M
 - Both ATK & DSS successfully deployed solar arrays under thermal vacuum conditions (TRL 5)
 - Analytically demonstrated extensibility to 250 kW-class systems





ATK: Megaflex



DSS: Mega-ROSA

Impact of STMD's Solar Array Investment



Technology has significant end-user interest & commercialization potential

- Enables NASA's future exploration missions
 - Results in the fewest SLS launches & the least amount of payload that must be launched to orbit for multiple human exploration missions
- Enables development of satellite servicing system
- Empowers US commercial satellite industry with larger & more capable systems
- Technology is being considered by every domestic prime contractor as an affordable & high-performance replacement to SOA arrays
 - Space Systems Loral developing array with DSS for commercial satellites
 - Two proposers baselined DSS ROSA array for Discovery mission proposals
 - USAF funding ISS demonstration of small-scale ROSA
- Under consideration as an upgrade for ISS solar power system





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LASER COMMUNICATIONS RELAY DEMONSTRATION

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Laser Communications Relay Demonstration



- Demo Description:
 - A minimum two year flight demonstration to advance optical communications technology toward infusion into Deep Space and Near Earth operational systems, while growing the capabilities of industry sources.
- Objectives:
 - Demonstrate bidirectional optical communications between geosynchronous Earth orbit (GEO) and Earth
 - Measure and characterize the system performance over a variety of conditions
 - Develop operational procedures and assess applicability for future missions
 - Transfer laser communication technology to industry for future missions
 - Provide an on orbit capability for test and demonstration of standards for optical relay communications
- Anticipated Benefits:
 - A reliable, capable, & cost effective optical communication technology for infusion into future operational systems
- Anticipated NASA Mission Use:
 - Next Generation TDRS, Deep Space and Near Earth Science
 - ISS and Human SpaceFlight
- Attractive partnering arrangement with Space Systems/Loral as a hosted payload on a commercial telecom satellite and DoD partner for encryption.



LCRD is a hosted payload on an SSL commercial telecom satellite





LCRD KDP-A



- KDP-A held December 2012
- Project de-scoped before KDP-A
 - On-Board Data Processing (Decoding, De-Interleaving, etc.), Store and Forward, DTN, Data Processing and DTN at Both Ground Stations
 - Networking Management
 - In-Band Commanding and No Telemetry on the Optical Downlink
 - Photon Counting Detector in Ground Station 2
 - Commercialization of the Photon Counting Detector
 - Delays GS2 delivery decision until end of FY13
- Notional Launch Readiness Date changed from December 2016 (from proposal) to December 2017 at KDP-A
- KDP-A LCC approved at \$238.9M
- No change in LCC at KDP-B (May 2013), however additional funding was approved for PPM work, upping LCC to \$239.2M (October 2013)



KDP-A/B architecture - LCRD on SSL commercial telecom satellite, with 2 ground stations (GS-1 at OCTL and GS-2 at White Sands)





- In addition to the de-scopes taken prior to KDP-A, LCRD was directed to take additional de-scopes and other changes during the re-plan activity (directed February 2014 and completed March 2015)
 - Content removed/de-scoped from LCRD Budget:
 - JPL Ground Station 1 starting in FY15 Moved to SCaN Optical Ground Station Extension (OGS-X), five years of operation (two years base plus three years extended operations)
 - De-scoped White Sands GS-2
 - Deviation approved for EVM
 - De-scoped E&PO
 - Payload I&T moved from GSFC to SSL after Electrical/Optic Integration Test Bed
 - Post launch checkout Science/Technology, Mission Ops, and LMOC Sustaining moved to SCaN OGS-X post checkout (L+60 days)
 - Encryption scope added October 2014 (no waiver for encryption requirements), to be funded through SCaN and tracked separately
- Re-plan budgets were constrained by STMD funding levels for FY15 and FY16, with LCC at \$294.5M, including encryption
- Notional Launch Readiness Date slipped to June 2019 5/22/15 TDM MM Monthly Assessment





LCRD Notional Launch Readiness Date Change



LCRD LCC

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DEEP SPACE OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

DSOC STMD/GCDP Funding History



Introduction

- STMD/GCDP has been funding DSOC since the end of FY11
 - Original scope to mature key technologies (listed below) to TRL-5 by EO FY14
 - Isolation Pointing Assembly (IPA)
 - Allows "dim-beacon" assisted low-bandwidth control for sub-micro-radian laser pointing accuracy
 - Photon Counting Camera
 - Combines "dim-beacon" acquisition tracking and data uplink functions
 - Laser Transmitter assembly
 - High peak-to-average power ratio and electrical-to-optical conversion for photon-efficient communication
 - Deep-space Optical Transceiver
 - Integrates IPA and PCC with electronics for functional Flight Laser Transceiver (FLT)
 - Ground Receiver Detector Array
 - Single photon counting arrays for detecting faint signal from deep-space using large area collectors

• Funding reduction in March 2013

- De-scoped DSOC Project
 - Three out of five technology elements pursued
 - Isolation Pointing Assembly
 - Photon Counting Camera
 - Ground Receiver Detector Array
 - Technology maturation to TRL-3/4 by EO FY14 instead of originally planned TRL-5

Re-Scoped DSOC at Feb-March 2014

- MOU between STMD/GCDP, HEOMD/SCaN, SMD/Discovery to fund DSOC through FY17
- Mature integrated FLT to TRL-6
- Ready for infusion into Discovery Mission to launch by Dec 2021

DSOC STMD/GCDP Funding History



Funding Profiles

Original Plan FY11-FY14

- TRL-5 maturation
 - Isolation Pointing Assembly (IPA)
 - Photon Counting Camera (PCC)
 - Laser transmitter Assembly (LTA)
 - Optical transceiver
 - Ground Detector Array

De-scoped Plan FY11-FY14

- TRL-3/4 Maturation
 - Isolation Pointing Assembly
 - Photon Counting Camera
 - Ground Detector Array



Actual Funding FY11-FY15 and FY16-FY17 plan

- Mature TRL-6 Flight Laser Transceiver and Ground Detector Array for 5m ground telescope
- Ready to support Discovery Mission
- IPA, PCC and LTA development benefitted from SBIR funding



DSOC STMD/GCDP Funding History



Summary

- How did shortage of funds early on keep DSOC from doing things in a full and timely manner
 - Early development and risk areas could not be fully addressed
 - Understanding why the WSi detectors work (to help design better detector4s with higher yield)
 - Developing larger than 32 x 32 flight detector arrays for DSOC
 - More efficient 1550 nm laser transmitter (as in resonantly pumped)

Other effects

- Loss of focus resulted in loss of some key personnel
- Originally planned involvement of LL-MIIT and NASA/GSFC was de-scoped

Stretching of DSOC Project schedule with identification of Discovery Mission as a potential host for Flight Transceiver has

- Benefitted DSOC Project from developments elsewhere, such as
 - IPA technology from Control Dynamics under SBIR
- Provided opportunity for advancing engineering development not included in original scope
 - Flight Electronics
 - Thermal design
 - Harnessing and umbilical development

STMD/GCDP, HEOMD/SCaN and SMD funding distribution since MOU is shown in bar chart





INTEGRATED PHOTONICS SMALL SPACECRAFT DEMONSTRATION

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US Industry has commercialized "Integrated photonics" to allow many electrooptical components, even glass fibers, to be "squeezed down".....



...into the optical equivalent of a microelectronics "integrated circuit"



For NASA, this means that optical systems for communications and sensors can be reduced in <u>size</u>, <u>mass</u>, and <u>cost</u> by >> 100x by leveraging this commercially-available technology (some customization may be required)

STMD and HEOMD/SCaN are working to fund a cubesat flight demo of integrated photonics in FY17 (\$8M total), which is now under threat due to funding reductions to STMD...

COTS Laser Comm Modem

Low-Cost Laser Comm Links Enabled by Integrated Photonics now Threatened by STMD Funding Reductions



Currently Funded: Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD) in GEO With 2 "Traditional" Modems at 2.88 Gbps

Proposed SCaN/STMD Demonstration of Low-Cost Direct-to-Earth 100 Gbps Laser Terminal on Small-Sat Now Threatened Low Cost, Low SWaP Terminal for LEO Users to LCRD: Now Threatened



Commercial Interest: High-Rate, High-Availability LEO/MEO 100 Gbps Data Network Constellation

1000 km links b/w 44 smallsats



National Aeronautics and Space Administration

CPST → eCryo

EVOLVABLE CRYOGENICS – GRC

WAS:

FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION OF CRYOGENIC PROPELLANT STORAGE AND TRANSFER TECHNOLOGIES THEREBY ADVANCING CAPABILITIES FOR DEEP SPACE TRAVEL TO SERVE BOTH NASA EXPLORATION SYSTEMS AND COMMERCIAL LAUNCH PROVIDERS

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PORTFOLIO OF GROUND DEMOS TO VALIDATE CRYOGENIC FLUID TECHNOLOGIES APPLICABLE TO SLS AND OTHER EXPLORATION MISSIONS BEYOND LEO





- We have no demonstrated capability to store cryogenic propellants in space for more than a few hours
 - SOA is Centaur's 9 hours with boil-off rates on the order of 30% per day
- We have no demonstrated, flight-proven method to gauge cryogenic propellant quantities accurately in microgravity
 - Need to prove methods for use with both settled and unsettled propellants
- We have no proven way to guarantee we can get gas-free liquid cryogens out of a tank in microgravity
 - Gas-free liquid is required for safe operation of a cryo propulsion system
 - Need robust surface-tension liquid acquisition device (LAD) analogous to those in SOA storable propulsion systems
 - Only known experience in the world is the single flight of the Russian Buran single flight (liquid oxygen reaction control system)
- We have no demonstrated ability to move cryogenic liquids from one tank (or vehicle) to another in space



A flight demonstration with cryogenic propellant storage, expulsio and transfer can remedy these problems (*and other more subtle on*











- CPST will:
 - Demonstrate long-duration storage
 - Demonstrate in-space transfer
 - Demonstrate in-space, accurate gauging





				Current							FY11-13	FY14-19	FY11-19
Description			2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
In-house NASA NOA Reqts (without reserve)	Full Cost (\$M)	\$4.007	\$31.581	\$26.033	\$29.132	\$39.054	\$41.074	\$27.846	\$19.259	\$7.547	\$61.620	\$163.912	\$225.532
	Civil Servant Labor (\$M)	\$0.000	\$13.781	\$13.557	\$15.078	\$14.372	\$14.153	\$12.547	\$9.411	\$3.980	\$27.338	\$69.541	\$96.878
	Procurement (\$M)		\$17.663	\$12.232	\$13.703	\$24.332	\$26.571	\$14.949	\$9.499	\$3.391	\$33.881	\$92.446	\$126.327
WYE Labor (\$M)		\$0.000	\$7.087	\$8.030	\$9.356	\$9.441	\$9.835	\$8.374	\$5.695	\$2.492	\$15.117	\$45.193	\$60.309
Materials (\$M)		\$3.987	\$10.575	\$4.202	\$4.347	\$14.892	\$16.736	\$6.575	\$3.804	\$0.899	\$18.764	\$47.253	\$66.018
	Travel (\$M)		\$0.137	\$0.244	\$0.350	\$0.350	\$0.350	\$0.350	\$0.350	\$0.175	\$0.402	\$1.925	\$2.327
	FTE		93.30	90.87	102.56	95.31	90.25	77.45	55.84	22.78	184.17	444.19	628.36
	WYE	0.00	41.35	44.86	48.73	45.83	46.35	38.32	25.30	10.75	86.21	215.27	301.48
Reserves	Full Cost (\$M)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$4.684	\$5.700	\$8.400	\$7.100	\$3.700	\$1.675	\$0.000	\$31.259	\$31.259
NASA In-house NOA Reqts (with reserve)	Full Cost (\$M)	\$4.007	\$31.581	\$26.033	\$33.816	\$44.754	\$49.474	\$34.946	\$22.959	\$9.222	\$61.620	\$195.171	\$256.791
Launch Vehicle/Services Contract NOA Requirements	Full Cost (\$M)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$2.000	\$0.315	\$36.000	\$50.000	\$50.000	\$44.685	\$0.000	\$2.000	\$181.000	\$183.000
TOTAL CPST TDM NOA Requirements	Full Cost (\$M)	\$4.007	\$31.581	\$28.033	\$34.131	\$80.754	\$99.474	\$84.946	\$67.644	\$9.222	\$63.620	\$376.171	\$439.791

CPST was baselined and approved for Phase B on Dec. 9, 2013



CPST vs. ECRYO

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CPST

- Flight Demonstration utilizing SpaceX Dragon Trunk
- Technologies evolve from TRL 5 to 7
- Payload size: 224 kg LH2 (vs. 20 kg), 1.5 m diameter tank (vs. .3m diameter)
- Mission Duration: 1-2 months (vs. hours)
- Technologies <u>Demonstrated on 1.5m tank</u>:
 - Passive thermal control
 - 2 transfers using screen channel liquid acquisition devices
 - RFMG
- Technologies <u>Developed</u>:
 - High Accuracy Delta P Transducer
 - Valve Seat Leak Test
- Implementation
 - In-house payload build
 - Delivery Order on existing CRS Contract for the LV, S/C Bus, Mission Operations, and I&T
- Deliverables:
 - Micro-gravity data to anchor CFM models,
 - Industry workshops to share data,
 - Conference presentations

eCryo

- Ground Demonstration of a CFM technology portfolio
- Technologies develop to a range from 3 to 6
- Ground Tank size: 4m diameter
- N/A.
- Technologies <u>Demonstrated</u>:
 - SHIIVER passive thermal control on 4m tank (MLI and Vapor Cooling)
 - RFMG on GSFC RRM3 Mission yielding flight data
- Technologies <u>Developed</u>:
 - High Accuracy Delta P Transducer
 - Valve Seat Leak Test
 - Super Insulation
 - IVF for SLS
- Implementation
 - In-house research and development
- Deliverables:
 - Industry workshops to share data,
 - Conference presentations,
 - Ground data to anchor CFM models



ECRYO – EVOLVABLE CRYOGENICS



- eCryo will:
 - Develop technology for extended in-space missions with near term gains geared toward industry.
 - Increase capabilities of analysis tools for predictive simulations of in-space cryogenic systems.

			FY 2015			FY 2016				FY 2017				FY 2018				FY 2019			
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Space Launch Systems (SLS) Stages support

eCryo Portfolio Products

\$M	FY15		FY16		FY17		FY19		FY20		OTAL
STMD / TDM	\$	13.356	\$	19.515	\$	10.792	\$	9.899	\$	4.996	\$ 58.558
KDP-C DM w/ Reserves (30 April 2015)	\$	12.001	\$	16.431	\$	10.792	\$	9.899	\$	4.996	\$ 54.119
Total Increase (30 June 2015)	\$	1.355	\$	3.084	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4.439
- IVF Proposal w/o Sunk Costs	\$	1.046	\$	2.984	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4.030
- Additional FTE/ODC Adjustments	\$	0.309	\$	0.100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 0.409
Total LCC	\$	13.356	\$	19.515	\$	10.792	\$	9.899	\$	4.996	\$ 58.558

eCryo was baselined and approved for Phase C on Apr. 30, 2015





EDL ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT

Need for Advanced EDL Architectures



- Mars' atmosphere results in significant EDL challenges
 - Atmosphere causes vehicle to slow down
 - Atmosphere is dense enough to require a heat shield
 - Atmosphere is not dense enough to provide substantial drag necessitating large surface area heat shields
- State of the Art EDL architectures are not sufficient for future human exploration missions to Mars
 - Rigid aeroshells are constrained by launch shroud geometry
 - Current EDL technologies/approaches (MSL, Mars 2020, etc...) are limited to 1 mt payload mass to Mars' surface
 - Human exploration requires landed mass in excess of 18 mt





Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Entry, Descent, and Landing Architecture



STMD's Advanced EDL Investments



- STMD has initiated investments, and developed extensive expertise, in two deployable EDL architectures for human missions to Mars
 - Hypersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (HIAD): Inflatable tori with overlaid, flexible TPS
 - Adaptable Deployable Entry and Placement Technology (ADEPT): Mechanically deployed structure with carbon fabric TPS
- Both entry systems are folded for launch and deployed prior to Mars entry
 - Provide rigid aerodynamic surface and thermal protection for hypersonic deceleration at scales in excess of 25 meters
 - HIAD & ADEPT can also be used for robotic exploration at diameters between 6 and 10 meters



Hypersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (HIAD)



Adaptable Deployable Entry and Placement (ADEPT)

HIAD & ADEPT Opportunities & Accomplishments

- Significant progress has been made maturing HIAD & ADEPT over the past decade
 - HIAD successfully completed a 3 meter diameter flig test (IRVE-3 in 2012) & 6 meter wind tunnel test
 - ADEPT successfully completed a 0.7 meter diameter wind tunnel test campaign and fabrication of 2 meter diameter ground test article
- Both EDL development activities have been impacted by budget reductions
 - Potential HIAD development activity:
 - Execution of 3.7 meter diameter, high energy reentry flight test in partnership with ULA (asset recovery demonstration)
 - Ground-based maturation effort to improve aeroshell capabilities including scale up to >10 meter diameter
 - Potential ADEPT development activity:
 - Execution of six meter diameter ground test program
 - One meter diameter ADEPT test article sounding rocket flight test

HIAD architecture "cutaway" (top) and IRVE-3 sounding rocket flight demonstration (right)



ADEPT ground test article (2m dia.)









Power Generation & Energy Storage



Major NASA Power Capability Needs:

Mars Stationary Surface Power

 In order to live on Mars (or Lunar Surface) power generation is required under all scenarios, present goal is 40kW continuous power; technology baseline for capability satisfaction is nuclear fission, however solar power is possible

Mars Mobile Surface Power

 In order to explore planetary surface; rovers are required technology baseline is 5-10kw fuel cell, however batteries are possible

In-Space Propulsion for Mars Cargo

 Present Mars planning includes 400kw solar arrays for SEP propulsion system; Nuclear Thermal System is under consideration but not likely

Robotic Interplanetary Missions

 Beyond Jupiter, solar power is not viable, present Radio-Isotope Power Systems suffer from limited efficiency and the required use of PU-238; improvements to technology required to sustain Planetary Science Mission Capability

Major Power and Energy Technology Enhancements:

- Batteries with higher energy density required across multiple missions, result in reduced mass
- Radiation tolerant solar cells impact End of Life efficiency of solar arrays (mass) across all missions
- Radiation tolerant, along with high temperature/voltage, electronic components
- Wireless energy transfer allows dislocation of power generation and need across multiple missions







STMD Power & Energy Portfolio

NASA

High Energy Density Batteries:

- NASA has a need for batteries with higher energy density (>300wh/kg @ cell level) than State
 of the Art Li+ technology can provide
- In FY14 STMD initiated a collaboration with ARPA E on advanced battery system. Project is beginning second year and hopes to deliver battery system for Adv. EVA Suit in 2017 (~\$5M spent over 4 years)

Fuel Cell Systems:

- NASA spacecraft and surface systems require fuel cells to generate power over intermediate time horizons and in conjunction with other energy sources, e.g. solar cells
- STMD took over an existing PEM Fuel Cell project when the Mission Directorate was established in 2011, delivered 1kw and 3 kw test articles to HEOMD/AES for testing on rovers (~\$8M spent over 4 years); without pressing need STMD was forced to curtail work in FY14 and eliminate funding in FY15

Photovoltaics:

- Major photovoltaic effort in STMD has been Solar Array Systems project
- NASA has unique needs for Low Intensity, High Temperature, and High Radiation Tolerant solar cells however budget has limited ability to pursue research in this area

Nuclear Systems:

- STMD Kilopower project is pursuing a 1kW fission system using U₂₃₅ vs Pu₂₃₈ (~\$14M over 4 years), demonstration planned for 2018
- System will be extensible to 10kW x4 system capable of being used for Mars surface power requirement
- If successful system may also be used for Interplanetary Robotic Missions in the future

Power Beaming:

 STMD recently released an RFP for which Wireless Power Transfer was a topic for consideration







1 Kw Kilopower Fission System







DEEP SPACE ATOMIC CLOCK DEMONSTRATION MISSION



DSAC Quad Chart

TBM

Multi-pole Trap Quadrupole Trap



Titanium Vacuum Tube

Benefits to Space Navigation and Science

more power efficient and smaller infusible version.

Enable shift to a more flexible/extensible 1-Way radio navigation architecture from the current 2-Way model

Objective: Develop an advanced prototype mercury-

ion atomic clock (TRL 7) and demonstrate for a year in space, providing the unprecedented performance needed for the next generation of deep space

navigation and radio science. Identify steps to build a

- Enables usable multiple spacecraft per aperture tracking
- Enables use of 1-Way uplink X-band tracking/open loop recording for robust gravity science solutions

Fundamental to autonomous radio navigation

- Contributes to smaller landing errors and to mass efficient pinpoint landing via propellant savings
- Needed for fully autonomous aerobraking operations Increase navigation & radio science tracking data accuracy by 10 times and quantity by 2 times

• Improves Mars orbit determination to < 1 m with Ka band tracking Potential to improve clock performance of the next GPS system by 50 x

Key Features for reliable in-space use

- No lasers, cryogenics, or other consumables \rightarrow long life
- Existing vacuum technology and no microwave cavities → easier manufacturability
- · Radiation tolerant at levels similar to GPS Rb Clocks

Technology highlights

- State selection via UV optical pumping using Hg ions
- Extreme stability via no wall collisions & high-Q microwave line
- · Multi-pole trap yields insensitivity to disturbances





DSAC LCC and Schedule History



Date	Event	Planned Launch	LCC Total \$M	HEOMD Share \$M	SMD Share \$M	Notes
9/15/2011	Original JPL TA	Mar 2015	59	15	0	
3/7/2012	KDP B	Mar 2015	59	15	0	Access to Space TBD after termination with Irridium
11/6/2013	KDP C	Sept 2015	67	19	0	Guideline error (\$1M), Host Change to Surrey (4mo. Slip, \$2.3M)
7/15/2015	KDP D	Sept 2016	73	21	4	GS costs (\$0.4M), missed ONC (\$0.8M), and launch slips (\$0.8M) and overruns (\$4M)

- 9% cost growth from KDP C baseline, due to technical issues with the clock and external events. DSAC project has managed to cost very well to date.
- Project on track to deliver demonstration unit/flight payload to Surrey host in December, following final environmental test sequence and final characterization.
- Customer support increasing as project has had successful implementation
 - Increased (HEOMD/SCAN) and new (SMD/PSD) cost sharing
 - Interest expressed in obtaining project ground assets when available (SMD)
 - Increased interest in mission and any non-recurring engineering necessary for infusion into Class B mission
 - DSAC accommodation study with Europa Clipper Pre-project began in June
 - DSAC briefed SMD PSD management on the current DSAC mission and development of a future DSAC for Clipper in July



Schedule Alignment with Europa



DSAC is phased in advance of Europa, offering low implementation risk



Infusion Story









GREEN PROPELLANT INFUSION MISSION



Green Propellant Infusion Mission (GPIM) Project Performance

Technical / Test Performance:

- GPIM will demonstrate the on-orbit use of the HAN-based green monopropellant AF-M315E as an alternative to hydrazine for attitude control and orbit change
- Green Propellant Propulsion Subsystem (GPPS) I&T is nearing completion
 - Decision was made by STMD on 4/17 to use an all 1N thruster flight configuration, removing schedule and programmatic risk of 22N thruster from mission
 - All five 1N thrusters were manufactured and successfully completed their acceptance test sequence (functional testing, hot-fire, vibration testing and post vibration functional tests). This activity began in April and was completed in June.
 - All thrusters have been installed, electrically integrated, and successfully welded in the system
 - Fracture mechanics testing for the propellant tank completed
 - System testing planned for week of July 20
 - GPPS delivery from Aerojet to Ball planned for August 2015



GPPS Propulsion Deck (top)

All 5 1N thrusters Welded

GPPS Propulsion Deck (bottom)

GPPS integration complete



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Primary Challenges

 Much higher flame temperature and lower known allowable soak-back temperature made design of AF-M315E thrusters more challenging vs. conventional N₂H₄ thrusters



How it manifested itself:

- Flight-weight thruster design required refractory metals leading to process development schedule delays, dissimilar material welding/brazing issues, significant catalyst bed heater development
- Detailed refractory materials properties at thruster operating temperatures not available 22N thruster low cycle fatigue issues discovered in life test



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Technology Challenges Have Driven Cost

- Aerojet was able to maintain schedule until life testing began
- Schedule delays driven by manufacturing readiness (immaturity of design going into CDR) delayed test readiness 5 months
- Test issues on 22N thruster caused another 3-4 months of delay
- Nine months of additional thruster development/testing has accounted for 70% of cost growth
- Launch vehicle-driven schedule delay has driven 20% of cost growth

Strategic Technology Readiness Assessment is Important

- Detailed assessment of readiness prior to committing to a flight schedule is vital
- Assessment needs to take into account not only the maturity level of the critical technologies, but also the readiness to integrate into flight hardware

Total LCC (\$M)	\$56.9M
Expected Completion	FY18
Cost Sharing	STMD, AF SMC (SERB P/Ls)
Participating Centers	GRC, KSC, GSFC
Participating Institutions	Ball (lead), AR, AF SMC, AFRL