

Background: Creation of SMT's in 2013



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Raply to Attn of: Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate

TO: Directors, NASA Center

FROM: Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations

SUBJECT: Establishment of NASA System Maturation Teams

NASA Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate (HEOMD) is implementing a capability driven approach to future missions. This capability driven approach provides a framework through which architecture planning can be used to identify critical technology goals. This information, coordinated with the international partner critical technology goals identified in the Global Exploration Roadmap provides a strong foundation for HEOMD strategic planning and investment recommendations in preparation for future human space exploration. The Advanced Exploration Systems (AES) office within HEOMD has been tasked with leading a directorate wide team to develop system maturation roadmaps defining required improvements in design and operability for spaceflight systems to support the needs for future human space exploration. In addition, operation in a spaceflight environment such as on the International Space Station (ISS), when beneficial, should be used to prove the necessary reliability and operating parameters for future missions. These roadmaps will also provide a good foundation for the HEOMD input to the Office of the Chief Technologist technology development roadmap updates scheduled for release next year.

To guide this capability definition, HEOMD is establishing System Maturation Teams (SMT). The purpose of each multi-Center SMT will be to fully develop a roadmap that defines the activities required to advance critical capabilities, the means of demonstrating system performance, and the implementation planning to achieve the steps of the roadmap. These teams will also serve as ongoing subject matter expert teams that will be responsible for providing technical reviews of incoming proposals, recommendations for integrated ISS and ground tests, and inputs to the budget process for their respective areas. The teams will be augmented as required by tasks assigned. For example, international partner representatives may be added to the team to assess the capabilities from a global context. SMT status will be briefed periodically at HEOMD Directorate Program Management Council meetings across the year.

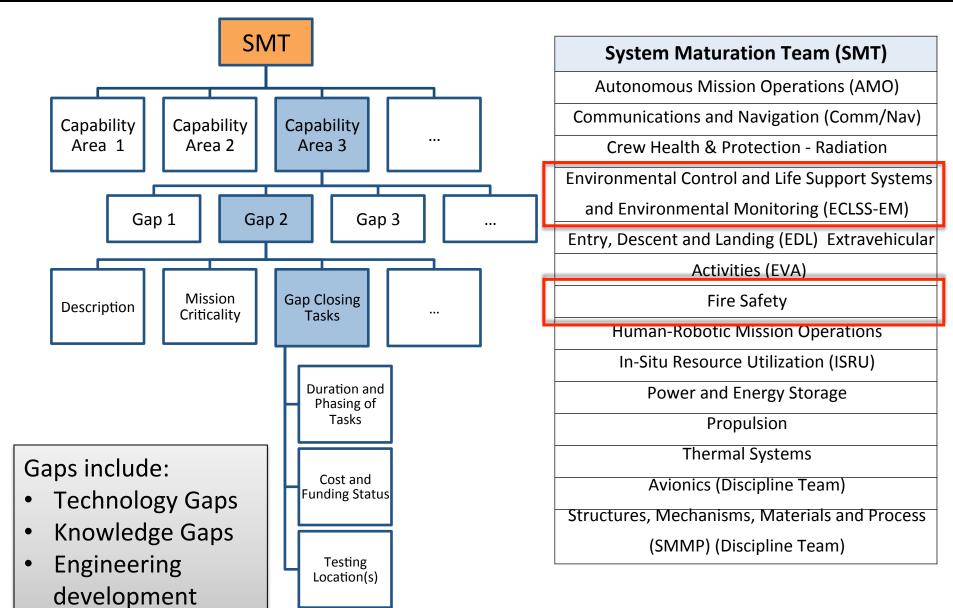
Recognizing that the expertise to accomplish this task is resident across the agency, the candidates to lead the SMTs, identified in the attachment to this letter, have been selected from across the centers. These candidates have been briefed on the goals of the SMT and are in the process of identifying their full team membership across the agency. I request your

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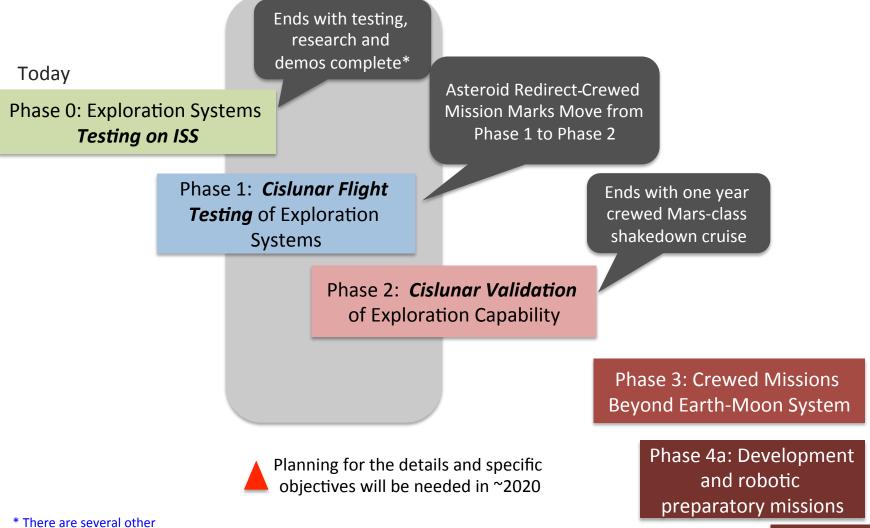
System Maturation Teams





Human Space Exploration Phases From ISS to the Surface of Mars





* There are several other considerations for ISS end-of-life

Phase 4b: Mars Human Landing Missions

Preliminary Top-Level Phase 0 -1 - 2 Objectives

Phase 0: Exploration Research and Systems Testing on ISS

- ■Test Mars-capable habitation systems ECLS, environmental monitoring, crew health equipment, exploration generation EVA suit, fire detection/ suppression, radiation monitoring
- ■Complete human health & performance research and risk reduction activities
- Demonstrate exploration related technologies and operations
 - Autonomous crew operations
 - Docking, prox ops

enables

- Robotic manipulation technology and techniques demonstrations
- Remote presence technology development and demonstrations
- Earth/space science
- Enable development of LEO commercial market

Phase 1: Cislunar Flight Testing of Exploration Systems

- Demonstrate that **SLS and launch** processing systems can insert both Orion and comanifested payloads into cislunar space
- Demonstrate that Orion and mission operations can conduct crewed missions in cislunar space at least for 21 days
- Demonstrate Mars extensible systems and mission operations that reduce risk for future deep space missions (with EVA) beyond 21 days

Validate Mars class habitation and habitation system functionality and

performance

Phase 2: Cislunar Validation of

Exploration Capability

- ■Validate Mars class human health and performance
- Validate operational readiness to leave Earth-Moon system via one year+ "shakedown cruise" (no resupply/crew exchanges, limited ground interaction, etc.)

enables

- Validate cislunar as staging orbits
- Use of high power SEP for deep space missions
- Asteroid related origins of the solar system science objectives
- Demonstrate real-time robotic lunar surface activities
- In situ resource utilization demonstrations

enables

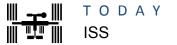
- Origins of the universe, lunar rover volatile sample return
- Other scientific or research objectives?

Specific Habitation Systems Objectives



Habitation **Systems Elements**

The systems, tools, and protections that allow humans to live and work in space and on other worlds.





FUTURE Deep Space





42% O₂ Recovery from CO₂

90% H₂O Recovery

< 6 mo mean time before failure (for some components)

98%+ H₂O Recovery



75%+ O2 Recovery from CO2







Atmosphere



Moisture

Water

LIFE SUPPORT Management Management Management Management



Particles

Waste



Microbes Chemicals



Sound

Limited, crew-intensive on-board capability

Reliance on sample return to Earth for analysis



On-board analysis capability with no sample return



Smaller, efficient equipment

Onboard medical capability

Long-duration food system





CREW HEALTH

MONITORING

ENVIRONMENTAL O. & N.



Monitoring

Pressure.











Exercise Diagnostics Treatment Food Storage

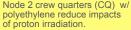


Bulky fitness equipment

Limited medical capability

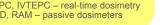
Frequent food system resupply





RAD, REM - real-time dosimetry, monitoring, tracking, model validation &

TEPC, IVTEPC - real-time dosimetry CPD, RAM - passive dosimeters



Large CO₂ Suppressant Tanks

2-cartridge mask

Obsolete combustion prod. sensor

Only depress/repress clean-up

Manual scans, displaced items

Disposable cotton clothing

Packaging disposed Bag and discard

Minimal on-board autonomy

Near-continuous ground-crew comm

Some common interfaces, modules controlled separately



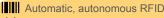
Solar particle event storm shelter, optimized position of on-board materials and CQ



Distributed REM/HERA system for real-time monitoring & tracking CPAD – real-time dosimeter



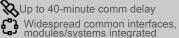
Unified, effective fire safety approach across small and large architecture elements

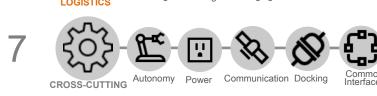


Long-wear clothing & laundry

Bags/foam repurposed w/3D printer Resource recovery, then disposal

Ops independent of Earth & crew

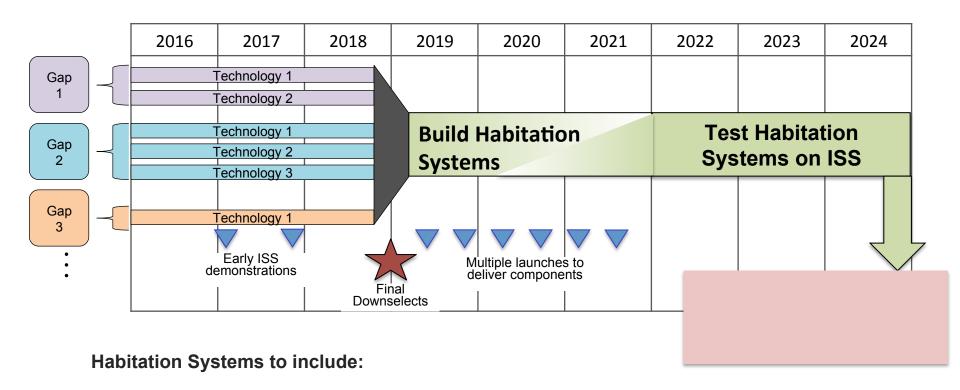






Phase 0 – Habitation Systems Testing on ISS





- •4-rack Exploration ECLSS and Environmental Monitoring hardware
- •Fire Safety studies and end-to-end detection/suppression/cleanup testing in Saffire series (Cygnus)
- •Mars-class exercise equipment
- •On-board medical devices for long duration missions
- Long-duration food storage
- •Radiation monitoring and shielding
- Autonomous crew operations



ECLSS & Environmental Monitoring

Robyn Gatens

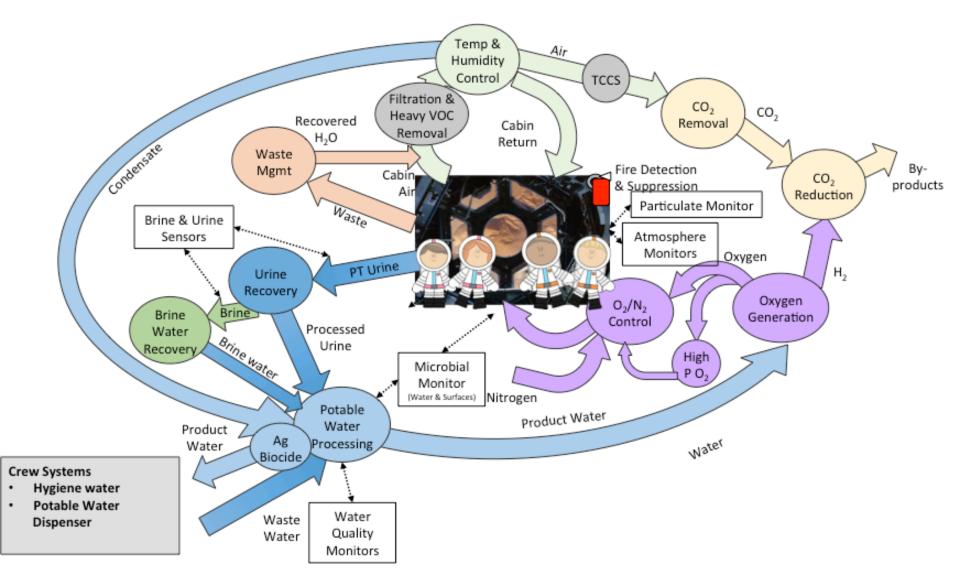
Mars is Harder for ECLSS





Exploration ECLSS Diagram





Current ISS Capabilities and Challenges Atmosphere Management



Circulation

- ISS: Fans (cabin & intermodule), valves, ducting, mufflers, expendable HEPA filter elements
- Challenges: Quiet fans, filters for surface dust
- Remove CO₂ and contaminants
 - ISS: Regenerative zeolite CDRA, supports ~2.3 mmHg ppCO2 for 4 crew. MTBF <6 months. Obsolete contaminant sorbents.
 - Challenges: Reliability, ppCO₂ <2 mmHg, commercial sorbents
- Remove humidity
 - ISS: Condensing heat exchangers with anti-microbial hydrophilic coatings requiring periodic dryout, catalyze siloxane compounds.
 - Challenge: Durable, inert, anti-microbial coatings that do not require dry-out
- Supply O₂
 - ISS: Oxygen Generation Assembly (H₂O electrolysis, ambient pressure); high pressure stored O₂ for EVA
 - Challenge: Provide high pressure/high purity O₂ for EVA replenishment & medical use
- Recovery of O₂ from CO₂
 - ISS: Sabatier process reactor, recovers 42% O₂ from CO₂
 - Challenge: >75% recovery of O₂ from CO₂



Current ISS Capabilities and Challenges Water Management



Water Storage & biocide

- ISS: Bellows tanks, collapsible bags, iodine for microbial control
- Challenges: Common biocide (silver) that does not need to be removed prior to crew consumption; dormancy

Urine Processing

- ISS: Urine Processing Assembly (vapor compression distillation), currently recovers 80% (brine is stored for disposal)
- Challenges: 85-90% recovery (expected with alt pretreat formulation just implemented);
 reliability; recovery of urine brine water

Water Processing

- ISS: Water Processor Assembly (filtration, adsorption, ion exchange, catalytic oxidation, gas/liquid membrane separators),100% recovery, 0.11 lbs consumables + limited life hw/lb water processed.
- Challenges: Reduced expendables; reliability







Current ISS Capabilities and Challenges Waste Management



- Logistical Waste (packaging, containers, etc.)
 - ISS: Gather & store; dispose (in reentry craft)
 - Challenge: Reduce &/or repurpose
- Trash
 - ISS: Gather & store; dispose (in reentry craft)
 - Challenge: Compaction, stabilization, resource recovery
- Metabolic Waste
 - ISS: Russian Commode, sealed canister, disposal in re-entry craft
 - Challenge: Long-duration stabilization, potential resource recovery, volume and expendable reduction



Current ISS Capabilities and Challenges Environmental Monitoring



Water Monitoring

- ISS: On-line conductivity; Off-line total organic carbon, iodine; Samples returned to earth for full analysis
- Challenge: On-orbit identification and quantification of specific organic, inorganic compounds.

Microbial

- ISS: Culture-based plate count, no identification, 1.7 hrs crew time/sample, 48 hr response time; samples returned to earth.
- Challenge: On-orbit, non culture-based monitor with identification & quantification, faster response time and minimal crew time

Atmosphere

- ISS: Major Constituent Analyzer (mass spectrometry 6 constituents); COTS
 Atmosphere Quality Monitors (GC/DMS) measure ammonia and some additional
 trace gases; remainder of trace gases via grab sample return; Combustion Product
 Analyzer (CSA-CP, parts now obsolete)
- Challenges: On-board trace gas capability that does not rely on sample return, optical targeted gas analyzer

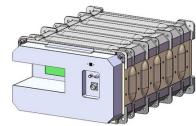
Particulate

- ISS: N/A
- Challenge: On-orbit monitor for respiratory particulate hazards

Acoustic

- SOA: Hand held sound level meter, manual crew assays
- Challenge: Continuous acoustic monitoring with alerting







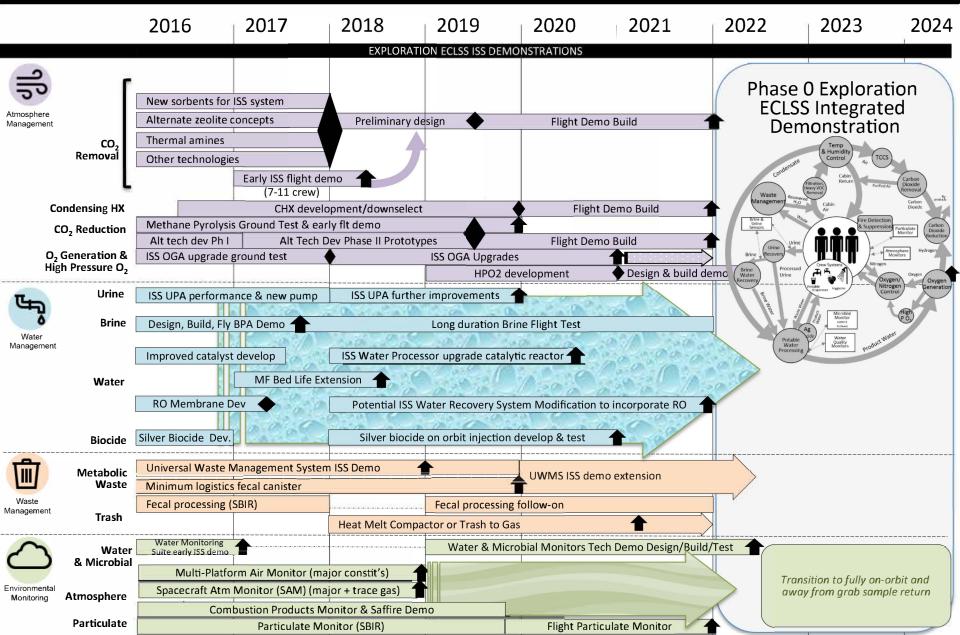
ECLSS & Environmental Monitoring Capability Gaps



Function	Capability Gaps	Gap Criticality:	Gap criticality as applicable to transit Hab	Orion Need
CO ₂ Removal	Bed and valve reliability; ppCO ₂ < 2 mmHg	5 = high	5	
O ₂ recovery from CO ₂	Recover >75% O ₂ from CO ₂		5	
Urine brine processing	Water recovery from urine brine >85%		5	
Metabolic solid waste collection	Low-mass, universal waste collection		5	X
Trace Contaminant Control	Replace obsolete sorbents w/ higher capacity; siloxane removal		4	x
Condensing Heat Exchanger	Durable, chemically-inert hydrophilic surfaces with antimicrobial properties		4	
Water microbial control	Common silver biocide with on-orbit redosing		4	
Contingency urine collection	Backup, no moving parts urine separator		4	X
Urine processing	Reliability, 85% water from urine, dormancy survival		4	
Atmosphere monitoring	Small, reliable atmosphere monitor for major constituents, trace gases, targeted gases		4	X
Water monitoring	In-flight identification & quantification of species in water		4	
Microbial monitoring	Non-culture based in-flight monitor with species identification & quantification		4	
O ₂ generation	Smaller, reduced complexity, alternate H ₂ sensor		3	
High pressure O ₂	essure O ₂ High pressure (3000 psi) O ₂ for EVA/on-demand O ₂ supply for contingency medical		3	
Wastewater processing (WPA)	Reliability (ambient temp, reduced pressure catalyst), reduced expendables, dormancy survival		3	
Non-metabolic solid waste	Volume reduction, stabilization, resource recovery		3	
Particulate monitoring	On-board measurement of particulate hazards		3	
Particulate Filtration	Surface dust pre-filter; regen filter		2	
Atmosphere circulation	Quiet fans		2	
Logistics Reduction	10:1 volume reduction logistical and clothing		2	
Metabolic solid waste treatment	Useful products from metabolic waste		1	

Exploration ECLSS Roadmap





Progress – Atmosphere Management



CO2 Removal

- improved sorbents
- alternate technology development

Oxygen Generation & High Press O₂

- testing to reduce complexity
- high pressure cell stack development
- oxygen concentrator development

Oxygen Recovery/CO₂ Reduction

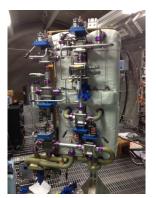
- new technology development
- Condensing Heat Exchanger
 - improved coatings development

Trace Contaminant Control

- alternate commercial sorbent testing
- integrated architecture

Particulate Filtration

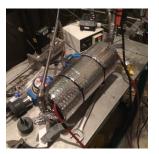
pre-filter and regenerable filter development



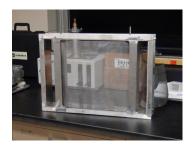








Hydrogen Recombiner



Scrolling Screen Pre-filter

Progress – Water Management



Urine processing

- new pretreat formula on ISS improves recovery to 85-90%
- pump reliability improvements

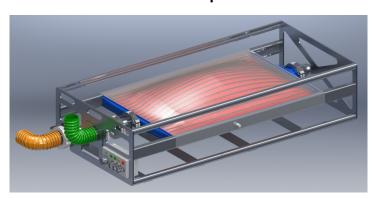
Water processing

- improved catalyst development
- operational filter life extension





ISS flight demonstration in development – flies in 2017



Silver biocide

development of on orbit injection capability



Progress – Waste Management



Commode

- universal waste management system for ISS demo & Orion
- minimum mass fecal container development

Trash management

- heat melt compactor development
- trash to gas development

Fecal processing

torrefaction SBIR development

Logistics Reduction

- long wear clothing demonstrated on ISS
- repurposing of packaging and cargo bags
- RFID-enabled logistics management planned for ISS





Progress – Environmental Monitoring



Atmosphere Monitors

- micro GC/MS for major constituents and trace gases ISS tech demo planned
- laser-based monitors for combustion products and targeted gases (planned for Saffire demonstration)
- improved mass spec for ISS & Orion use

Water Monitor

- ISS demo water monitoring suite on SpX-9
- front end to atmosphere monitor for water samples

Microbial Monitor

- PCR (Razor) flight demonstration (SpX-9)
- DNA sequencer flight demonstration

Particulate Monitor

- aerosol sampler flight demonstration (OA-5)
- SBIR particulate monitor development





Thermophoretic Sampler (TPS)

(Credit: RJ Lee Group)

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Fire Safety

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Fire Safety Capability Gaps

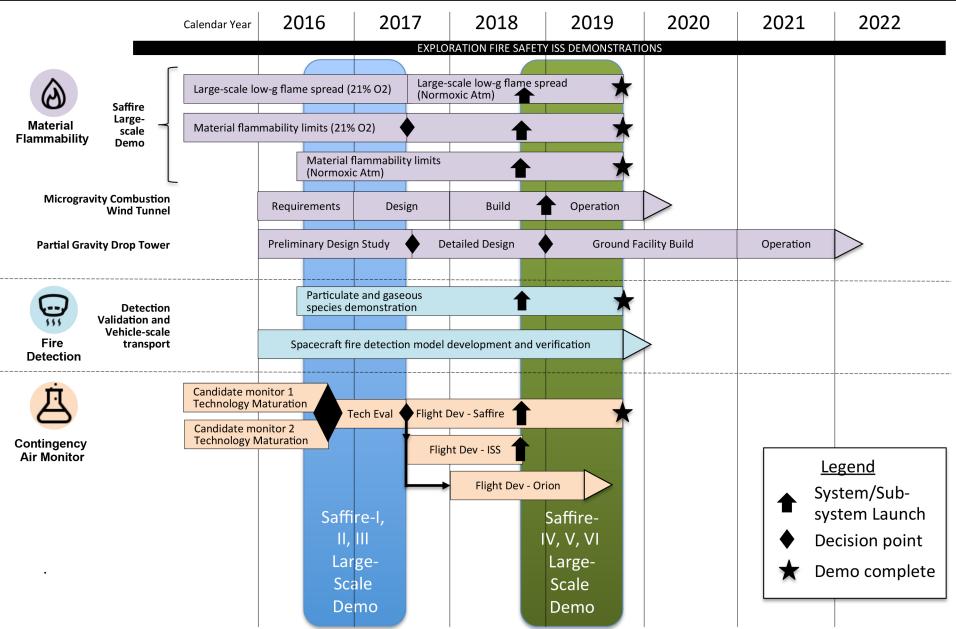


Function	Capability Gaps	Gap criticality as applicable to mg transit Hab	Orion Need
Fire Suppression	ECLSS-compatible and rechargeable fire suppression; compatible with small cabin volumes.	5	x
Emergency Crew Mask	Single filtering cartridge mask (fire, ammonia, toxic spill), compatible with small cabin volumes (no O2 enrichment)	5	x
Combustion Product	Contingency air monitor for relevant chemical markers of post-fire cleanup; CO, CO ₂ , HF, HCl, HCN; battery-operated; hand-held calibration duration 1-5 years; survives vacuum exposure.	5	х
Low- and partial - gravity material flammability	Identify material flammability limits in low-g environment	4	х
Doct fire cleanury	Contingency air purifier for post-fire and leak cleanup; Reduce incident response time by 75% compared to getting in suits and purging atm	4	х
Fire Scenario Modeling and Analysis	Definition of a realistic spacecraft fire to size	3	х
Fire Detection	Early fire detection; particle size discrimination (false alarms)	2	X

Gap Criticality: 5 = high 1 = low

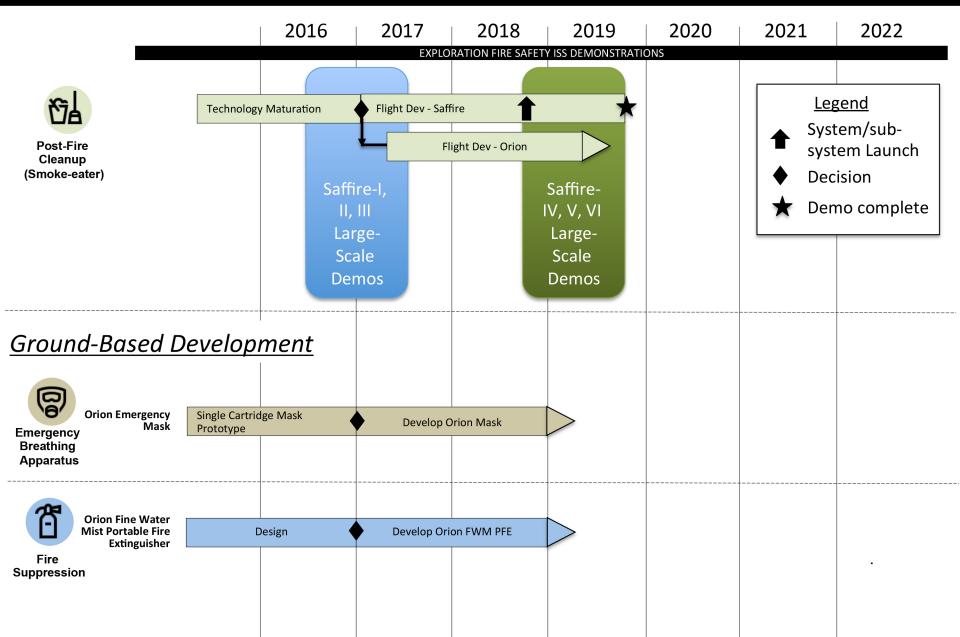
Exploration Fire Safety Roadmap





Exploration Fire Safety Roadmap





Progress



Emergency Crew Mask

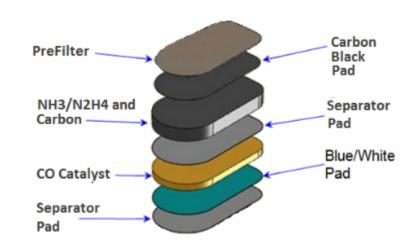
- Joint NESC/Commercialization Readiness Program (CRP)-funding to develop a single, rigidly mounted cartridge for emergency response
 - Protect against either a small-scale fire or 30,000 ppmv (3%) ammonia for >15 min
 - TDA, Inc. funded on Phase III SBIR to develop sorbents



Cartridge is 8 cm wide; sorbent bed is 3 cm deep.

Post-fire/leak clean-up (Smoke-eater)

- Smoke-eater system is being developed concurrently with the emergency crew mask
 - Contains the same adsorber stack but is larger than the crew mask
- Self-contained unit includes a fan
- Demo in Saffire-IV-VI will only include CO catalyst and sized for the Cygnus vehicle and anticipated fire in Saffire



Progress



Fire Suppression

- Determined amount of water to extinguish WSTF battery fire
- Developing light-weight extinguisher tanks based on ISS fine water mist (FWM) portable fire extinguisher (PFE) technology
 - Welded titanium with in internal rubber bladder
 - Carbon-over-wrapped pressure vessel
- Will evaluate performance of prototype systems





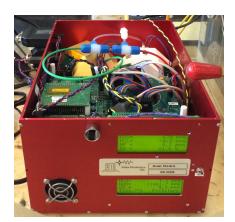
Discharge against the stored energy battery fire (left) and prior to discharge against an open cabin fire (right).

Engineering Development Unit of an ISS FWM PFE

Progress – Combustion Product Monitoring



- Technology development for candidate combustion product monitors has been on-going for several years
 - Two similar technologies have reached maturity to be considered for downselect
- Both technologies measure O₂, CO₂, H₂O, CO, HCN, HF, HCI
- Current effort has been to decrease mass, volume, and power to meet ISS and Orion operational requirements
- Prototype units will be delivered to NASA-GRC at the end of July for evaluation
 - Component hardening, vibration testing, evaluation with calibration gases (JSC) and pyrolysis products (GRC)
- Down-select in September 2016
 - ISS/Orion flight hardware development
 - Incorporation into Saffire-IV-VI







Previous generation CPM technologies (January 2016).

Saffire-I, II, & III Overview



Needs:

- Low-g flammability limits for spacecraft materials
- Definition of realistic fires for exploration vehicles
 - Fate of a large-scale spacecraft fire

Objectives:

- Saffire-I: Assess flame spread of largescale microgravity fire (spread rate, mass consumption, heat release)
- Saffire-II: Verify oxygen flammability limits in low gravity
- Saffire-III: Same as Saffire-I but at different flow conditions.
- Data obtained from the experiment will be used to validate modeling of spacecraft fire response scenarios
- Evaluate NASA's normal-gravity material flammability screening test for low-gravity conditions.



Saffire module consists of a flow duct containing the sample card and an avionics bay. All power, computer, and data acquisition modules are contained in the bay. Dimensions are approximately 53- by 90- by 133-cm

Saffire-I Launch: March 22



- Successful launch of Saffire-I onboard Cygnus OA-6 (SS Rick Husband) on March 22
 - Orbital ATK reported that OA-6 had a nominal ascent.
 - Spacecraft Mission Director reported to the Saffire team "Vehicle is good.
 PCM is good. All inhibits in place. Enjoy the ride."



Launch of OA-6 on March 22 carrying Saffire-I



Saffirel I photograph taken by the ISS crew following initial ingress to the PCM



 OA-6 Pressurized Cargo Module (PCM) berthed to the ISS on Saturday, March 26 with crew ingress into the PCM on March 27

Saffire-I Operations: June 14-20, 2016





NASA and Orbital ATK teams at MCC-Dulles (above) and Fl ight Operations-GRC (right) conducted and monitored Saffire-I operations

- Operations received considerable coverage on social media
 - NASA GRC and Advanced Exploration Systems Division (AES)

- OA-6 unberthed from the ISS at 9:30 a.m.
 EDT on June 22
- Saffire-I was powered on at 2:23 p.m.
- RUN command was sent at 4:41 p.m.
 - Ignition at 4:44 p.m.
- Cygnus smoke detector readings received at 4:52 p.m.



SAFFIRE in the Media

Traditional Media:

- Covered by 315 media outlets worldwide
- Includes: PBS News Hour, CBS News, USA Today Online, Aviation Week and Popular Mechanics Online

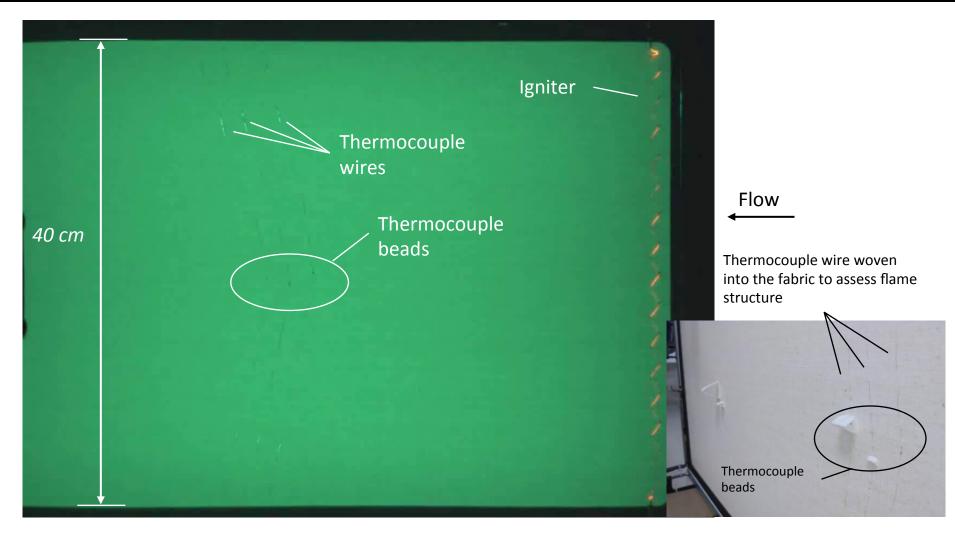
Social Media:

- 20 total posts from NASA accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- 392,102 total engagements (likes, comments and shares)
- 61.5M people reached

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Saffire-I Results - Concurrent Flow Igniter





Saffire-I sample material at the beginning of the concurrent (upstream) burn.

Thermocouple wires are sewn into the sample material with thermocouple beads at various heights in the center of the sample.

Saffire-I Operations - Concurrent Flow Igniter

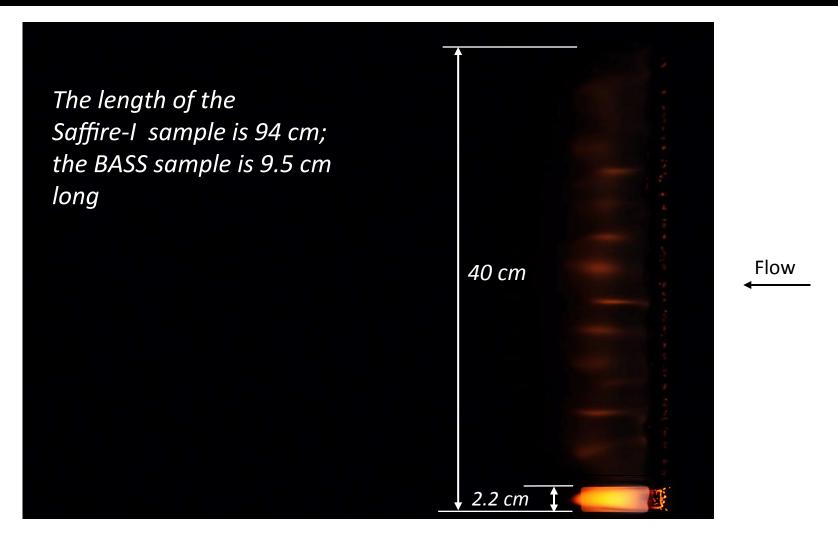




Video of the first 30 seconds of the Saffireo I concurrent (upstream) burn. The burn continued similarly for seven minutes before the flow was turned off. The green LED is on for 1 second and off for two seconds (1 second out of three). Shorter times indicate missing downlinked frames.

Saffire-I Operations - How big is the flame?





Saffire-I flame compared to a flame from the Burning and Suppression of Solids (BASS) experiment conducted in the Microgravity Science Glovebox. Camera exposures and gains are different between the two experiments.

Saffire-IV, V, and VI Overview

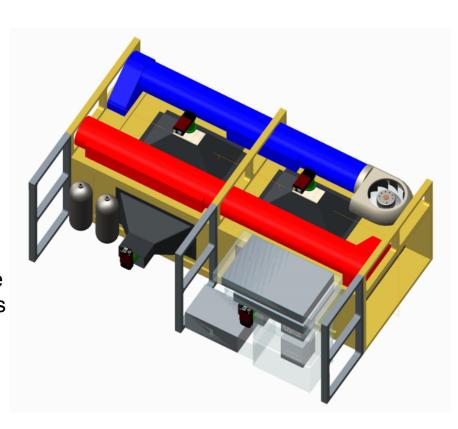


Needs:

- Demonstrate spacecraft fire detection, monitoring, and cleanup technologies in a realistic fire scenario
- Characterize fire growth in high O₂/low pressure atmospheres
- Provide data to validate models of realistic spacecraft fire scenarios

Objectives:

- Saffire-IV: Assess flame spread of large-scale microgravity fire (spread rate, mass consumption, heat release) in exploration atm
- Saffire-V: Evaluate fire behavior on realistic geometries
- Saffire-VI: Assess existing material configuration control guidelines
- All flights will demonstrate fire detection, monitoring, and cleanup technology

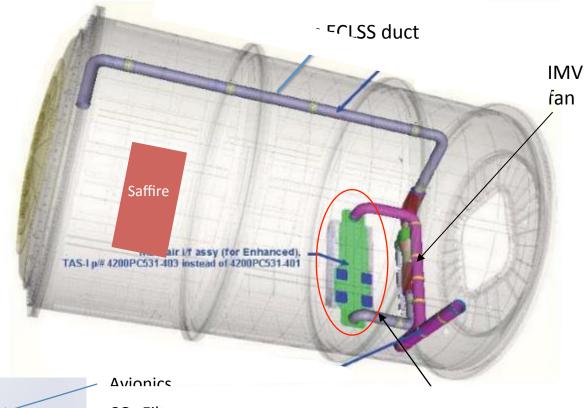


Conceptual design of Saffire-IV-VI experiment module. Dimensions are approximately 53- by 90- by 133-cm. additions from previous Saffire include side view of sample card and oxygen addition.

Saffire IV - VI Hardware Concept



- Concept consists of three distinct hardware locations
 - Saffire flow unit
 - FarA field diagnostic
 - Distributed sensors
- Far-field diagnostic module
 - Combustion product monitor
 - CO and CO₂ sensors
 - Post-fire cleanup module
- Distributed sensor network
 - Temperature
 - CO₂



CO₂ Filter

Smoke Eater

Combustion Product Monitor

Particulate monitors (DuctTrak & Ion chamber)

Middeck lockers (far-field diagnostic)

Far-field diagnostics module

Summary



- Fire Safety gaps are being addressed through ground and flight-based demonstrations
 - SaffireA I, II, and III are addressing material flammability gaps
 - SaffireA IV, V, and VI will address detection, monitoring and clean-up demonstrations
 - Technologies are being simultaneously developed for ISS and Orion
- Fire Safety SMT participates in definition of the demonstrations and evaluation of results

Overall SMT Next Steps



- Use of SMT performance measures, roadmaps, and demonstration plans to drive:
 - ISS (and ISS re-supply) technology demonstration planning and prioritization
 - Specific Proving Ground objectives
- Ongoing refinement of roadmaps as specific Exploration mission architectures evolve
- Coordination through International SMT's to potentially incorporate partner contributions
- Development of standards (e.g. performance, common interfaces) to support interoperability between various commercial and international partner systems and components
- Continued integration across programs and projects/funding sources (ISS, AES, STMD) to advocate for funding of priorities, collaborate, and track through budget process
 - e.g. ECLSS oxygen recovery is combination of STMD-sponsored early development followed by AES-sponsored flight hardware development, and ISS-sponsored flight demonstration & integration



Questions?