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Artemis EVA Flight Operations Preparing for Lunar EVA Training & Execution

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- Role of EVA Flight Operations
- Process of Designing a New Flight Operations System for Lunar EVAs
- Capturing Historic EVA Lessons Learned
- Influencing EVA Hardware Design from an Operations Perspective
- Structured Analog Testing
- Designing Lunar EVA Training Flows using a Risk-Based Approach
- New Methods in Procedure Authoring
- Designing Lunar EVA Execution Systems



Role of EVA Flight Operations

operations

• To protect our astronauts and to plan, train, and fly humans in space.

- Plan
 - Build execution and training operation concepts and mission requirements
 - Influence and evaluate hardware designs
 - Develop operation products: lesson plans, EVA timelines, procedures, flight rules, etc.
- Train
 - Astronauts, flight controllers, and other groups (engineers, safety and program personnel, etc.)
 - Use diverse facilities, laboratories, and analog environments to train **EVA operations**
- Fly
 - Execute missions from Mission Control Center Houston
 - Perform real-time troubleshooting and risk assessments for off-nominal



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EVA Operations







Organization Structure



EVA Systems

- Airlock systems
- Depress/repress
- xEMU operations
 - Pre EVA operations and prebreathe
 - Post EVA operations and maintenance
 - Resize
- xEVA vehicle interface equipment

EVA Task

- Suit mobility and translation
- Ingress/egress
- Tool and timeline management
- Exterior vehicle maintenance
- Electrical, fluid, and structural mechanisms for construction and deployment
- Crew rescue

EVA Science

- Site and sample characterization
- Sample collection and curation
- Science instrumentation



xEVA Operations Team





xEVA Schedule









How do you build your operations systems for Moon and Mars?



Process:

- Develop a robust set of lessons learned from previous programs
- Assess training and execution systems from a risk perspective
- Produce products and processes that increase efficiency
- Leverage existing facilities and capabilities for training and execution
- Develop new processes, facilities, and tools for operations Training Timeframe:
- Develop training (generic and assigned) and execution infrastructure for xEMU EVAs on ISS, Moon, Gateway, and Mars
 - ISS goal of 2023 for Demo EVAs and ready to support a mid 2020's EMU → xEMU transition
 - Moon and HLS/Gateway 2024
 - Mars 2033?

Operation Deliverables







Capturing Historic EVA Lessons Learned

Ike Theriot – xEVA Task Instructor

Capturing Lessons Learned





FOD EVA

Example: EVA Crew Training and Facilities





- Crew feedback • Facility layout and support equipment
- from relevant lessons

lessons learned

- Requirements for Artemis training facilities pulled
- Vacuum Chambers

- Various Training Facilities
 - B29 Centrifuge



- Parabolic Aircraft







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Influencing Hardware Design from an Operations Perspective

Costa Mavridis – xEVA PGS Operations Lead



Influencing EVA Designs from an Operations Perspective



- "It's our job to fully grasp the needs of people using our products and be the spokesperson for them"*
 - Available unassigned crew prevents astronaut office from supporting all design meetings and/or testing.
 - ISS Ops team has the best collection of crew feedback (direct and indirect) on current and past EVA hardware
- Ensure hardware is not over constrained
 - Crew can be very creative and think of new ways to use the hardware to get the job done
- Keep the bigger picture in mind
 - SE&I Teams can help design integration from a requirements stand point, but ops team can help by keeping the 'realistic' use of the hardware in perspective.

*Catherine Courage: VP, Ads & Commerce User Experience (UX) Design at Google





Influencing EVA Designs from an Operations Perspective: Questions to ask on a Design



- **Reliable** Where does this suit, hardware, or tool need to be more robust or redundant to keep crew safe and to prevent failures?
- Injury Prevention Can this design injure the astronaut or suited subject?
- Efficient Does this design increase crew efficiency in EVA operations?
- **Reduced Workload** Does this design add to the cognitive or physical workload?
- Upgradeable If we have to live with this design for the next 40 years, can we make easy upgrades?
- **Maintainable** Does this design significantly reduce preventative and corrective maintenance requirements compared to current EVA hardware?
- Flexible Does this design lock in only one operations concept or does it allow for operation flexibility?
- Compatible Is this design compatible with the current and future operation concepts and other existing hardware?
- **Trainable** Does this design require new or modified training infrastructure?







Hardware Efforts in Development



- Incapacitated Crew Rescue (ICR)
 - Lunar lander designs with high platforms may require lifting operations for ICR scenarios, as well as, for science return mass. Hardware may need to be developed on both the xEMU and lander to raise a crewmember that cannot climb the ladder and assist in returning the crew to the lander.
- Dust mitigation
 - Many Apollo crew comments on the quantity of dust that returned into the vehicle after the EVAs, which created operational and health challenges. How do we remove dust from suits and tools in an effective and <u>timely</u> process.
- Science, Tools, and Equipment
 - There is a need to correctly stow and carry science samples to preserve qualities and characteristics of the samples, especially for volatiles.
 - As seen from ISS, suit components fail, and many of theses failure can preclude an EVA (NO-GO for EVA). It is imperative to design for quick reparability.
 - With the ever increasing sharp edges on ISS and the very sharp regolith and rock on the Moon, there is a need to ensure our xEMU design is at an appropriate risk level for leak penetration and we optimize a design that can sustain crew life in a feed-the-leak scenarios if a hole does penetrate the pressure garment.





Designing Lunar EVA Training Flows using a Risk-Based Approach

Scott Wray – *xEVA Training Lead*

Trevor Graff – *Exploration Scientist*



EVA Skills Training – Phased Approach







EVA Science Training – Phased Approach









- Our success in EVAs over the past 20+ years in ISS construction and maintenance can be attributed to our End-to-End Training philosophy. End-to-end Training was also used from Apollo-Shuttle Training:
 - A two-member, gravity off-loaded, pressurized suited test environment with the highest fidelity mockups, tools, and hardware capable of running the entire duration of an EVA (6-8 hours).
- Approach to assigning risk
 - For every identified lunar task, a risk must be assessed to the task if no training is performed.
 - The FOD training system and flow is developed around performing training events that reduce the risk of loss of crew, injury to crew, and loss of mission objectives.



Example Risk: Medium-Long Distance Ambulation



Current Risk: With NO Training Very High/Severe (Falling, Fatigue, Injury)

Current Facilities: Risk: High/Critical

- ARGOS (Horse Treadmill)
 - 1/6g Pressurized walking suit

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- NBL*
 - 1/6g SCUBA
 - 1/6g Pressurized walking suit



*Not recommended for evaluation/verification of suit ambulation due to water drag effect

Example Risk: Medium-Long Distance Ambulation

Risk Buy-down Low/Severe



Future Facility:

- Hi-Bay AXES facility
 - Large Circular or Oval Track
 - 100 ft minimum diameter corners to minimize impacts to momentum management and gait
 - 1/6g off-load
 - Hi-Fi Pressure Suit (xEMU)
 - Simulated Lunar Lighting
 - Simulated Lunar Topography







• NASA is missing a large facility to train end-to-end EVA timeline operations, manage metabolic rate while translating and performing other operation, characterize and collect diverse science samples, practice crew-MCC communications, and complete crew rescue, all while maintaining a diverse topography, oblique lighting angles, and active xEMU Caution & Warning System.







Structured Analog Testing

Daren Welsh – xEVA Operations Test Lead

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We need a unified, structured approach

- Tests are performed in multiple environments, with different configurations, to address lots of objectives
- A unified test structure will foster collaboration, improve work efficiency, and unify data so we can agree upon results
- A single, unified set of test objectives ensures we are working to the same goals
- Collocation of test documentation provides transparency for inter-team awareness







Test Environment Configurations



Test Environments

- NBL
- ARGOS
- VR
- Parabolic flight
- NEEMO and other field tests
- Shirt-sleeve (APACHE, NBL 1-G room, etc)
- More ...

- <u>Considerations</u>
- Each test environment can have multiple configurations
- Mockups of flight hardware and tools
- Method of providing Lunar weigh-out
 - Different ARGOS gimbals
 - Different NBL weigh-out systems
- Subjects can have different configurations
 - Suit type
 - Dive helmet
- Methods to record data (more on this later)



Test Objective:12

Subject Perceived Exertion | Subject feedback

New Test Structure: Test Objectives



"We don't just perform tests to perform tests. We do it to answer questions."

Determine xEMU interfaces needed for carrying tools.

PACES Perceived Exertion Scale

Contents [hide]	Contents [hide]						Determine xEMU interfaces needed for carrying tools			
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2 Related Test Events						Sponsors	EC7 : EVA Tools Engineering			
3 Overview 4 Data Parameters						Stakeholders	 CX3 : FOD EVA EC7 : EVA Tools Engineering EC5 : EVA Suit Engineering 			
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A small contingent of tools will need to be carried on the xEMU. Need to evaluate methods for connecting/attaching these tools to the suit.							XI : ARES Crew Office			
Related Test Events [edit source]						Related EVA	EVA Gap: Tool Transport on Surface			
The following Category: Test events included this objective:					Gaps:	EVAs				
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The following is a notional list of the tools anticipated to be carried on the suit: point and shoot camera, sample bags, bulk sample container, hammer, chisel, scoop, various tools for powered drilling (maybe none but not sure), special tools for PSR ops (maybe none but not sure).						t Target activity modules:	Activity Module: Geology Traverse and Sampling (Lunar Surface)			
At this point we need to figure out how those tools would best be carried on the suit with the goal of getting to a PDR level in time for the xEMU delta-PDR in July.							Tools			
Data Parameters					1	Required	 Scoop (Artemis) Documented Sample Bag (Artemis) Hammer (Artemis) 			
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Subject Task Acceptability	Subject feedback	PACES Task Acceptability Rating Scale								
Subject Discomfort	Subject feedback	PACES Discomfort Scale								

New Test Structure: Test Objectives Form

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New Test Structure: Standard Measures



Some test objectives can be used generically across all tests

Objective 💠	Data Parameter(s) [✦]	Operational Relevance 🔶	Sponsors 🗢	Stakeholders 🗢	Target Environments	EVA Gaps 🜩	Moon- to-Mars ¢ Element
Compare human health and performance data across analog environments, e.g. ARGOS and NBL	Heart Rate Subject Perceived Exertion Subject Task Acceptability Gait Tracking Subject Discomfort Subject Sim Quality	Gait analysis; physical workload; functional task decomposition; subjective feedback with standard methodology	• SK : H- 3PO	• CX3 : FOD EVA • SK : H-3PO	 NEEMO APACHE ARGOS JSC Rock Yard NBL 	 EVA Gap: EVA Informatics for Health & Performance EVA Gap: EVA Conops for Human Health & Performance 	• HHP
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New Test Structure: Test Events



2019/12/19 ARGOS MKIII Test Test Event:1 Date 2019/12/19 Test Event:1 Flight Environment Lunar Surface Geology Traverse and Sampling (1:00) Test Environment ARGOS Subject Environment MKIII Procedures: Subject Environment Completed Objectives Sponsors Stakeholders Data Parameters Details ~ Characterize physical workload for an activity SK : H-3PO CX3 : FOD EVA Heart Rate Sponsors SK : H-3PO Gait Tracking SK : H-3PO • CX3 : FOD EVA Metabolic Rate Stakeholders CX3 · FOD EVA \checkmark Characterize simulation quality for an activity · Subject Sim Quality SK : H-3PO CX3 : FOD EVA SK : H-3PO SK : H-3PO XL: ARES Data Products: People Geophone Deployment (1:55) Subject(s) Drew Feustel Procedures^[file info] Procedures: Test Director(s) Mike Amoroso Layout and Traverses^[file info] Treadmill Protocol^[file info] Test Conductor(s) Omar Bekdash Jocelyn Dunn Completed Objectives Stakeholders Data Parameters Sponsors IV(s) \checkmark Andrea Meado Characterize physical workload for an activity SK : H-3PO CX3 : FOD EVA Heart Rate Daren Welsh SK : H-3PO Gait Tracking Sensors(s) Metabolic Rate Jenny Sullivan \checkmark Characterize simulation quality for an activity Hardware • CX3 : FOD EVA · Subject Sim Quality SK : H-3PO SK : H-3PO Test Data Collection PACES Heart Rate Equipment Monitors















Designing Lunar EVA Execution Systems

Jaclyn Kagey – xEVA Lunar Architecture Lead



EVA Execution



- FOD EVA is developing operational concepts for the future execution of lunar EVAs.
 - These concepts utilize lessons learned from the success of both Apollo and International Space Station EVAs.
 - Integrate lunar science experts into the flight control team and planning/training process.
 - More efficient to the mission to have a science expert integrated into the FOD EVA team (including physical location during execution)
 - With additional experts in the "Science Support Room" (Apollo SSR) interacting with the Flight Control Team, just like ISS Flight Controllers interact with the Mission Evaluation Room (MER)
 - Plan to test ops concepts during analog missions (NEEMO)
 - Communication and timely response are critical for the safety of the crew and mission success.
- Current challenges include undefined vehicles, tools, and rover access and unknown landing site.



Criticality of Communication during Ops



Clear and timely communication is critical during realtime EVA operations. Past experiences have demonstrated that delays in information can cause teams to go down paths not intended by all teams.

 Example from US EVA 32 – Water Switch flip during depress



EVA Development Process







Artemis 3 EVA 1 (6:00) (edit this summary timeline)

Notional EVA Timelines



- FOD EVA is already working with ARES to identify potential objectives and their priorities.
- These have been formulated into Summary EVA Timelines which can be used for testing and requirements development.





EVA Operations Continuing Work



- xEVA FOD has completed it first Artemis Flight Control Test
 - Several outcomes and lessons learned came out of the event that will be used to build on future test events
- Risk
 - Method to improve crew autonomy due to ≥8 sec delay
 - Real-time independent procedure tracking as locations start having longer comm delays.
 - Verbal note taking paired with imagery for downlink and analysis.
 - Ability to give crew real-time procedures, data, pictures, or diagrams during the EVA to assist the crew with questions or obstacles.
 - Navigation and Location tracking are new needs as we venture further from our how vehicle, into PSRs, and other limited visibility areas.
- Open Work
 - Expand communication and integration methods for ground teams
 - Inclusion of science community, VIPER, CLIPS, and other outside of NASA players
 - Integration between NASA and hardware owners (vehicle, payload, etc.)
 - Will need planning data transfer and real-time communication means





New Methods in Procedure Authoring

James Montalvo – *xEVA Flight Controller*



How we currently author and execute EVA procedures



- Procedures authored in heavilyformatted Word documents
 - Cumbersome to make changes
 - Multiple authors collaborating difficult
 - More cumbersome to review changes someone else has made
- Procedures executed from printed versions of the Word documents
 - Location in procedure (which steps are active) communicated verbally throughout team
 - Notes tracked by hand on paper copy
 - Times tracked on paper copy or in separate application (Excel)

P3/P4 JUMPER STOW (00:15/00:35)



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EVA/134/FIN A

Source: FOIA'd STS-134 Procedures

(https://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson/pdf/539922main_EVA_134_F_A.pdf)





- 1. Make raw procedure data both machine readable and human readable
- 2. Render that raw data into a document that looks nearly identical to current EVA procedures (and optionally into other formats)
- 3. Authors don't have to worry about formatting
- 4. Authors should be able to easily receive changes from contributors and accept, reject, or request updates
- 5. Authors should be able to easily diff changes between nonsequential versions of procedures
- 6. Editing a procedure should have a simple user interface



Maestro prototype



- In-house developed
- Out and in beta
- Tech used:
 - Written in Node.js
 - Editor UI in React framework
 - Desktop app in Electron
 - Isomorphic code for terminal, web, and Electron





Maestro: long-term objectives



- Machine readable means the procedure isn't tied up in an inaccessible format
 - Can query, restructure, and analyze easily
- Complicated time math: Maestro generates a Simple Temporal Network (STN) to perform calculations on time constraints
- Perform procedure verifications (glove/HAP checks placed appropriately, CETA brake release, thermal cover, SAFER checks, ...)
- Maestro can generate multiple versions of a procedure. In the future could generate a public version with sensitive info redacted
- Create output to existing solutions (ProX, PRIDE)
- Currently Maestro just an editor. Later: allow real time execution tracking:
 - Take data on how and when steps performed
 - Correlate exact steps to met rate and other data
 - Record how long certain types of steps generally take
- Tracking state
 - Calculate in-EVA and post-EVA config
 - Summing result of multiple EVAs to see config in future







• Researchers – With machine-readable procedures,

- Engineering, Safety better procedure review process
- output content for next gen formats. Write one procedure, output to multiple formats.
- Electronic crew displays, AR, VR Maestro could





Maestro: Who else should be interested





Collaborative Forum



Please join us on Thursday for our Collaborative Forum to discuss the following question:

- What hardware and systems should be made available to the operations team to reduce risk to loss of crew and loss of mission from an operations perspective?
 - Training systems, knowledge capture and sharing, procedure editors, execution systems and hardware, contingency operations, etc.
 - Are these hardware and systems ready to go or need to be developed more?