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2008 Regional Space Grant Consortium Conference Schedules

**Northeastern Regional
September 4-6th, 2008
West Hartford, CT**

**Mid-Atlantic Regional
September 7-10th, 2008
Baltimore, MD**

**Western Regional
September 25-27th, 2008
Jackson Hole, WY**

**Southeastern Regional
January 2009
Puerto Rico**

**Great Midwestern Regional
October 28, 2008
Atlanta, GA**



2008 ESMD Space Grant Faculty Project



Faculty Assignments

Dr. James Conrad, Univ. of North Carolina - Charlotte (JSC)
Dr. Jiang Guo, California State University Los Angeles (ARC)
Dr. Ellen Lackey, University of Mississippi (KSC)
Dr. Jonathan Lambright, Savannah State University (SSC)
Dr. Prabhakar Misra, Howard University (GSFC)
Dr. Nadipuram Prasad, New Mexico State University (JPL)
Dr. Roger Radcliff, Ohio University (GRC)
Dr. Gregory Selby, Old Dominion University (LaRC)
Dr. Jean-Marie Wersinger, Auburn University (MSFC)
Dr. Stephen Whitmore, Utah State University (DFRC)

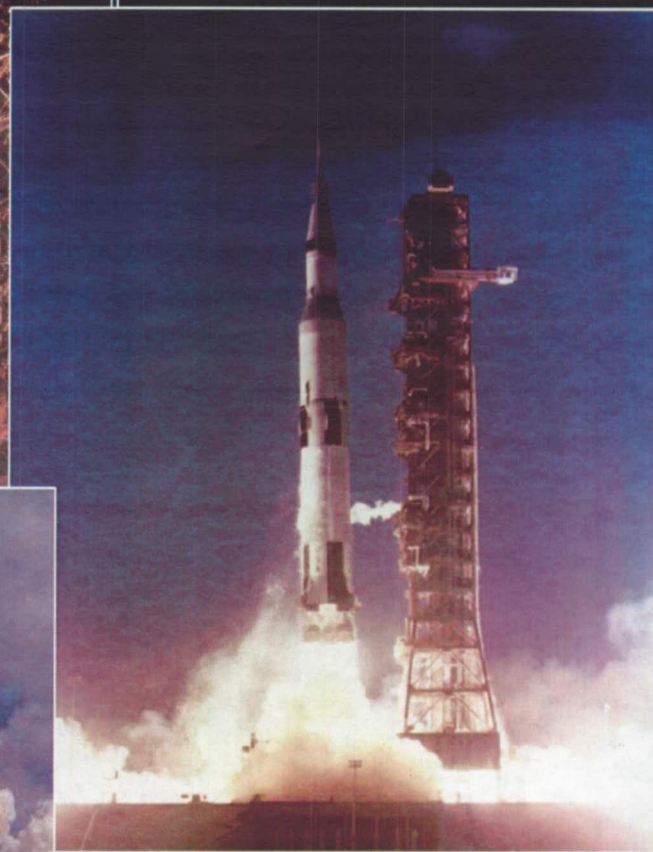
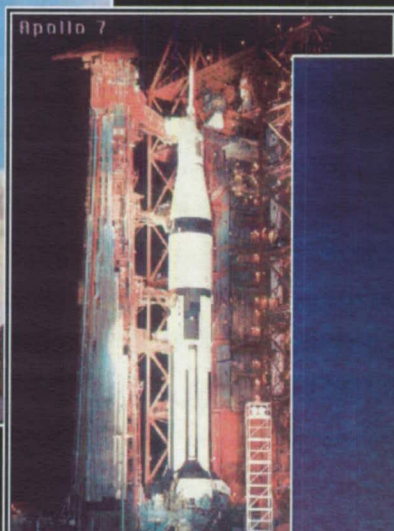
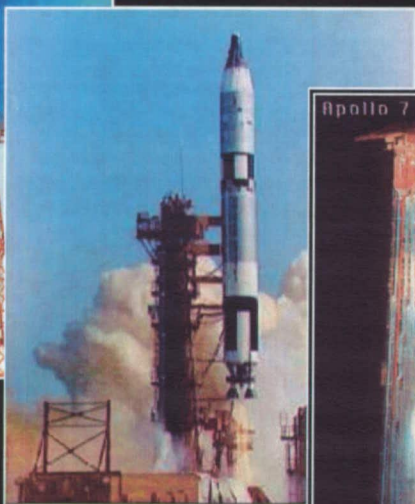
Project Implementation

Gloria Murphy, ESMD SG Faculty Project Manager (KSC)

Objectives

- Gather senior design project ideas and internship opportunities:
 - Relative to space exploration
 - In support of the ESMD Space Grant Student Project
- Support NASA's Educational Framework
 - Outcome 1: Contribute to the development of the STEM workforce

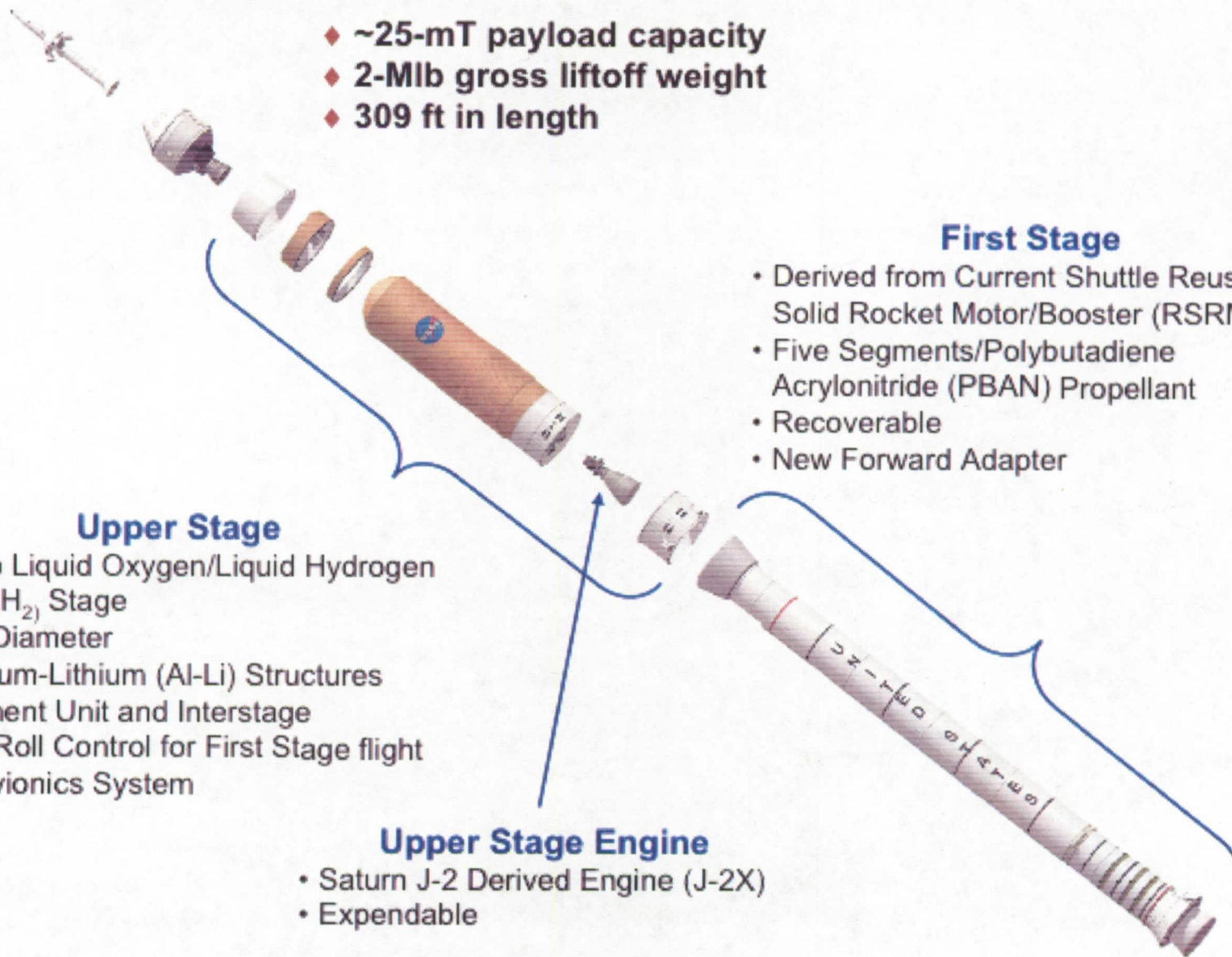
*Ares I,
Ares V*



Ares I Crew Launch Vehicle



- ◆ ~25-mT payload capacity
- ◆ 2-Mlb gross liftoff weight
- ◆ 309 ft in length



Upper Stage

- 280-klb Liquid Oxygen/Liquid Hydrogen (LOX/LH₂) Stage
- 5.5-m Diameter
- Aluminum-Lithium (Al-Li) Structures
- Instrument Unit and Interstage
- RCS / Roll Control for First Stage flight
- CLV Avionics System

First Stage

- Derived from Current Shuttle Reusable Solid Rocket Motor/Booster (RSRM/B)
- Five Segments/Polybutadiene Acrylonitrile (PBAN) Propellant
- Recoverable
- New Forward Adapter

Upper Stage Engine

- Saturn J-2 Derived Engine (J-2X)
- Expendable

ESMD Centers

Ames Research Center

- Lead Orion Thermal Protection System development
- Program and Project analysis support



Dryden Flight Research Center

- Lead Orion Launch Abort System Flight Test development



Jet Propulsion Lab

- Program and Project analysis support



White Sands Test Facility/White Sands Missile Range

- Orion Launch Abort System flight testing
- Orion and Ares propulsion

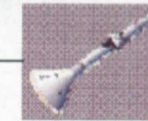
Glenn Research Center

- Orion Service Module and Spacecraft Adapter integration
- Ares Upper Stage subsystem development
- Integrated Orion qualification testing
- Manufacture Ares I Upper Stage simulator



Goddard Space Flight Center

- Communications support



Langley Research Center

- Orion Launch Abort System integration and landing system development and testing
- Test vehicle integration for initial Ares I flight tests



Marshall Space Flight Center

- Ares Project
- Lead Earth Departure Stage
- Ares I Upper Stage propulsion testing

Kennedy Space Center

- Ground Operations Project
- Ground processing, launch and landing/recovery



Johnson Space Center

- Constellation Program
- Project Orion, Mission Operations Project, Lunar Lander Project, and EVA Systems Project

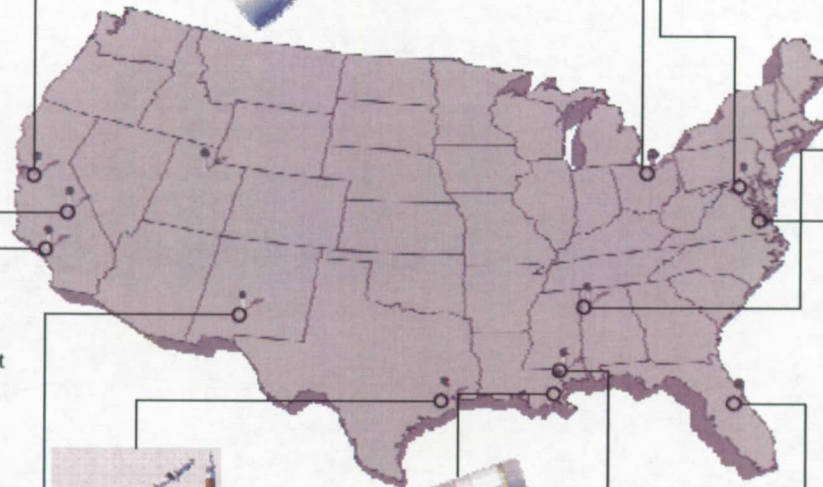
Michoud Ass'y Facility

- Orion component fabrication and assembly
- Possible Ares I Upper Stage, Ares V Core Stage, and Earth Departure Stage assembly and manufacture



Stennis Space Center

- Ares propulsion testing



ESMD Project Areas

Spacecraft

Guidance, navigation, and control;
Thermal; Electrical; Avionics; Power
systems; High-speed reentry;
Interoperability/Commonality; Advanced
spacecraft materials; Crew/Vehicle health
monitoring; Life-support systems;
Command/Communication software;
Modeling and simulation

Ground Operations

Pre-launch; Launch; Mission
operations; Command, control,
and communications; Landing and
recovery operations

Propulsion

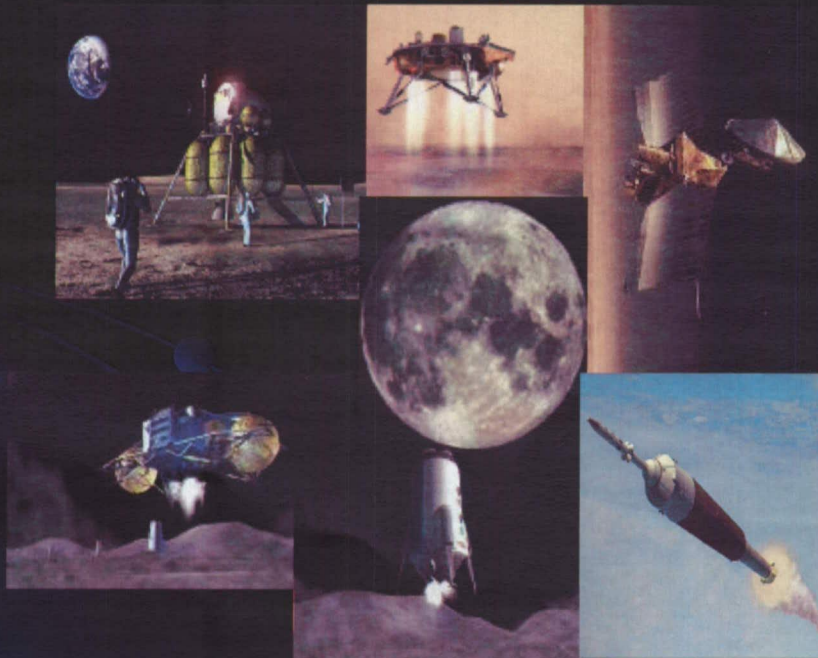
Methods that utilize materials found
on the Moon and Mars; On-orbit
propellant storage; Methods for soft-
landing

Lunar & Planetary Surface Systems

Precision landing software; In-situ
resource utilization; Navigation
systems; Extended surface
operations; Robotics; Environmental
sensors and analysis; Radiation
protection; Life-support systems;
Electrical power and efficient power
management systems

Senior Design Projects for ESMD

Allow students the practical design experience of developing technologies and systems for space exploration under the advice, guidance, and mentorship of university faculty, and NASA engineers and scientists.



The projects are aligned with a clear vision for exploration and serve to stretch one's imagination for developing revolutionary technologies needed to explore our solar system and beyond.

Example of a Senior Design Project

One problem with enclosed living spaces is that sometimes surfaces will collect condensation due to a cold surface behind the wall. This water could promote the growth of plant or animal life (mold and bugs!).



Investigate how you can design a “wall system” that will trap any condensation that forms, then evaporate it periodically (e.g. every six hours) actively using very little energy or passively when the adjacent air warms above dewpoint.

ESMD Senior Design Project Example



Students insulating their senior design prototype of a loop heat pipe.



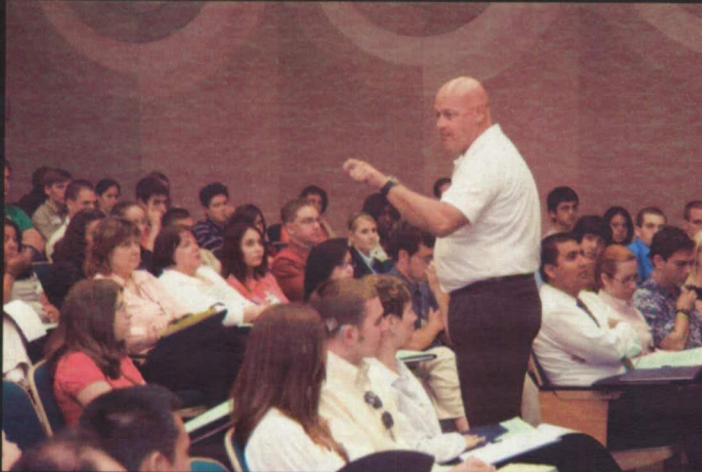
Students preparing sounding rockets for launch at competition.

Internships

- Space Grant Consortia fund the interns to work with their mentors for ten weeks.
- Highly qualified students are placed in the mentors' preferred areas.
- Mentors gain a sense of pride that they have contributed to the next generation workforce of NASA and the space industry.
- Students receive unique and invaluable experiences.



Intern Enrichment Activities



Interns receiving a motivational welcome from Joe Dowdy, Special Operations Manager in the Office of the Director at KSC

- NASA speakers
- Tours and demonstrations
- Picnic with mentors



Group activities included viewing the STS-124 landing

Internship Project Examples



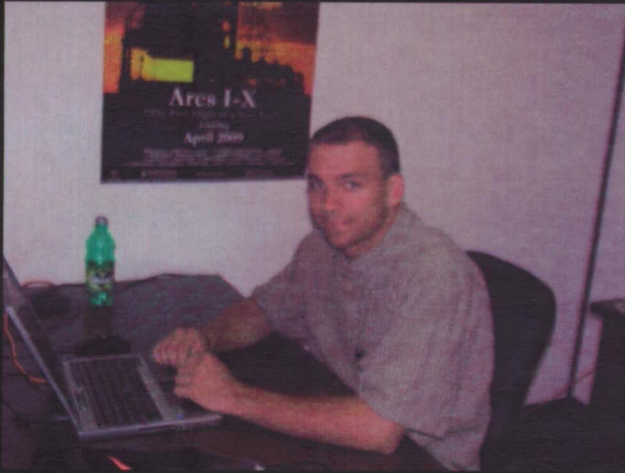
Project Description - Building test bed for lunar simulant and developing a percussive lunar excavator bucket

Samuel – “My mentor emphasizes that what we are working on this summer is useful in a variety of areas in NASA.”

David – “This project has been perfect ...people should apply.”

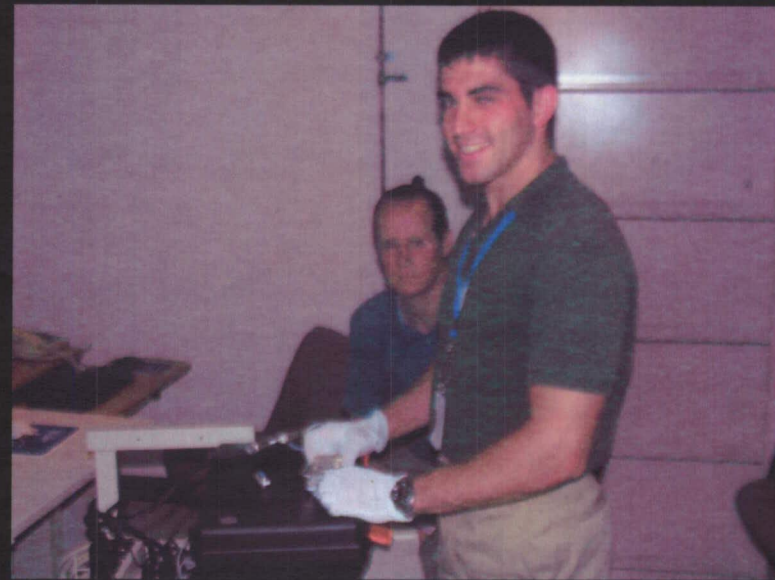


Internship Project Examples



One student is designing and producing a MATLAB® program that seamlessly meshes three different static aerodynamic databases for the Ares I.

One project goal was to improve existing composite materials mechanically and electrically by adding carbon nanotubes to them.



Conclusions

The ESMD Space Grant Faculty Project

- Bridges the gap between academia and the NASA vision and mission. Students connect to real world space-related work.
- Exposes students to new and novel approaches to space exploration that better prepare them for future space-related careers.
- Creates greater awareness of current NASA research to new faculty who have never been previously associated with or exposed to the NASA vision and mission.
- Motivates incorporation of space-related curriculum into higher education institutions to increase the education and knowledge base of graduating students.