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# SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN STUDIES OF MICROGRAVITY

# NASA Grant KSK-R10

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Technical assistance was provided in connection with three projects, namely (1) Capillary Heat Transfer (CHT) Glovebox Experiment, (2) Technological Evaluation of the Microgravity Isolation Mount (MIM) Glovebox Experiment, and (3) Two-Phase Annular Flow in Helical Coil Flow Channels in a Reduced Gravity Environment.

#### Capillary Heat Transfer Glovebox Experiment

The immediate goal in this study was to construct an apparatus for simulating the formation of vapor bubbles that could potentially disrupt the CHT experiment. The result of this effort was that a bubble removal simulation device was developed which formed the basis for the design and fabrication of a portable unit. This unit was employed during crew training in Huntsville, Alabama in preparing the crew members to deal with the appearance of vapor bubbles in the CHT experiment.

## Technological Evaluation of the MIM Experiment

The immediate goal of this effort was to facilitate the analysis of videographically recorded data during the TEM experiment.

As a result of this effort, the video tapes containing TEM data were prepared for analysis by having timing data encoded directly on the tapes. This allowed the evolution of disturbances of the liquid free surface to be analyzed with respect to time. A method employing a microcomputer based video analysis system was then tested and found to be satisfactory for temporal and spatial measurements of liquid free surface disturbances. The tapes are currently being analyzed by a student assistant at Baldwin Wallace College.

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# Two-Phase Annular Flow in Helical Coil Flow Channels in a Reduced Gravity Environment

The immediate goal of this effort was to obtain pressure drop data and flow visualization information for two-phase air-water flow in helical coils, tested under earth gravity conditions.

The results achieved necessitated first preparing a 3/4" I.D. diameter helical coil for conducting two-phase flow ground tests, by connecting and installing that test section in an existing two-phase testing facility at NASA Lewis. Also, it was necessary to install instrumentation and connect that instrumentation to a data acquisition system for the purpose of obtaining measurements of pressure drop across the coiled test section. Initial measurements of pressure drop were made for vertical upward and downward flow, in addition to identifying flow patterns over a range of flow conditions. The flow pattern observations were compared with existing flow pattern maps in the literature.

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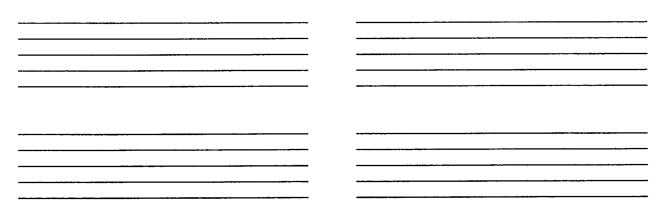
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