Hypersonic Project Overview
Fundamental Aeronautics Program
2008 Annual Meeting

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Agenda

Project Mission & Structure

Discipline Overviews

Major Upcoming Events & Concluding Remarks

Mission Statement

Conduct fundamental and multidisciplinary research to *enable* air-breathing access to space and high-mass entry into planetary atmospheres

Through Discipline-based Research

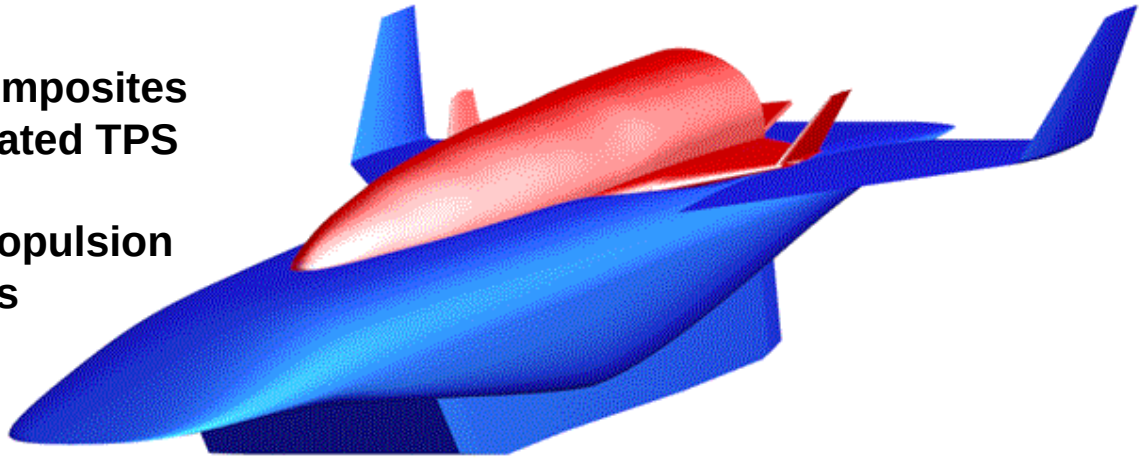
Technical Disciplines

- Materials & Structures
- Propulsion
- Aerodynamics, aerothermodynamics and plasmadynamics
- Guidance, Navigation & Control
- Experimental Capabilities
- Propulsion Technology Integration
- Physics-Based Multi-Disciplinary Analysis & Optimization

Hypersonics Project Focus

Highly Reliable Reusable Launch Systems (HRRLS)
NASA Two Stage To Orbit (TSTO) Reference Vehicle

Ceramic Matrix Composites
Structurally-integrated TPS
Hot Structures
Actively-cooled propulsion
Integrated Controls



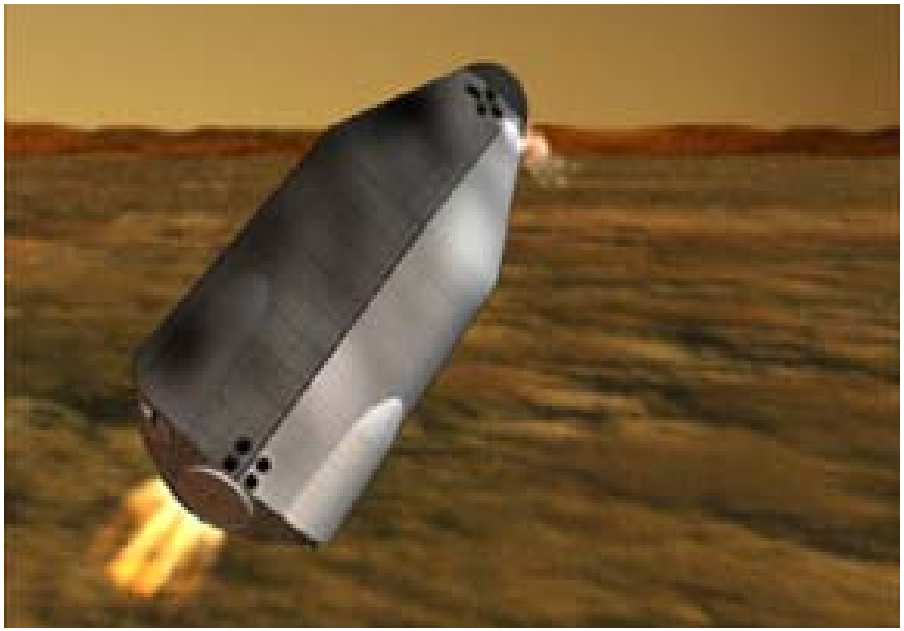
CFD Methods
Physics-based Models
Physics-based MDAO
Vehicle Studies

Turbine-based Combined Cycle Propulsion
Rocket-based Combined Cycle Propulsion
Combustion Physics
Non-Intrusive Diagnostic Tools

Hypersonics Project Focus

High-Mass Mars Entry Systems (HMMES)

Ablators
High Fidelity Ablation Models
Flexible TPS



CFD Methods
Physics-based Models
Physics-based MDAO
Vehicle Studies
Inflatable Re-entry Vehicles

Project Management Structure

Hypersonics Project Leadership

PI: Jim Pittman

PM: John Koudelka

PS: Neil Cheatwood

Technical Leadership Team

PB-MDAO (L4)
John Martin

Propulsion Technology Integration (L3)
Ken Suder

Materials and Structures (L1-L2)
Anthony Calomino

Propulsion (L1-L2)
Aaron Auslender

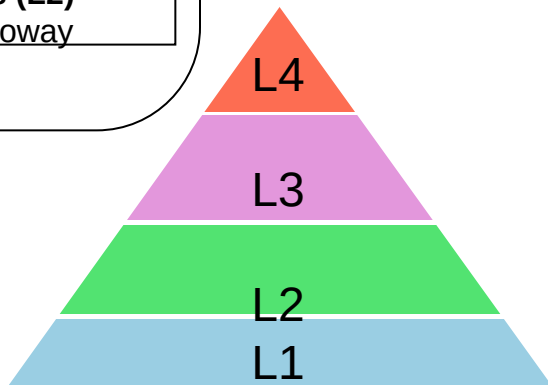
Aero/Aerothermo/Plasma Dynamics (L1-L2)
Seokkwan Yoon

Experimental Capabilities (L1-L2)
Robert Okojie

Guidance, Navigation & Controls (L2)
Don Soloway

Special Projects

IRVE-II	Mary Beth Wusk
HIFiRE Flight 2	Sal Buccellato
X-51	Sal Buccellato
Falcon HTV-2	David Glass
RATTLRS	Chuck Trefny



Management Team

Associate PMs

Mario Perez
Darlene Pokora
Tim Risch
Jim Walker

NRA Manager

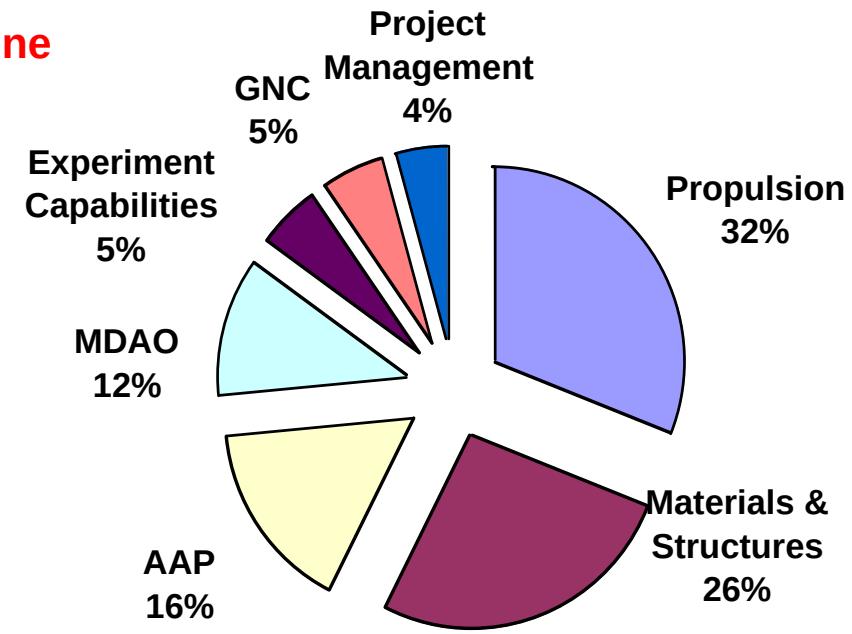
Karl Vaden

Business Team

Marie Daniels, lead

Investment Distribution

by Discipline



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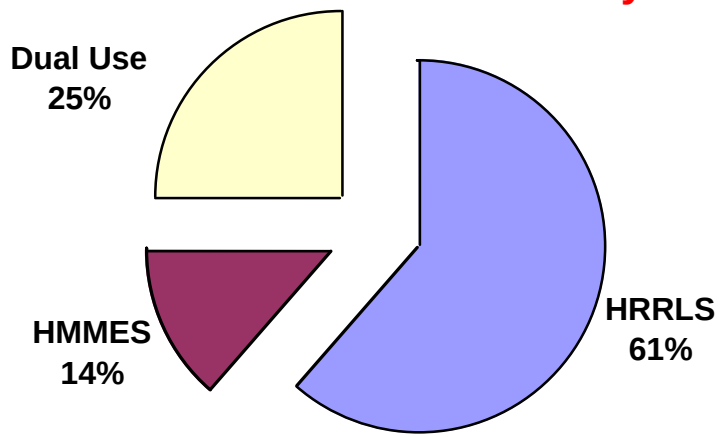

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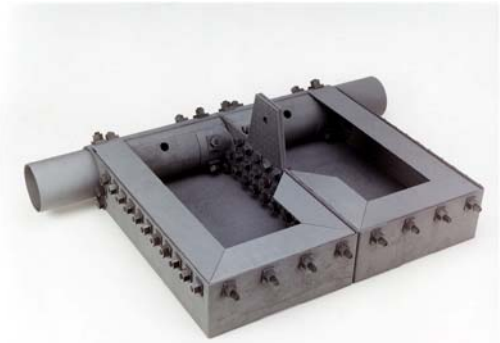
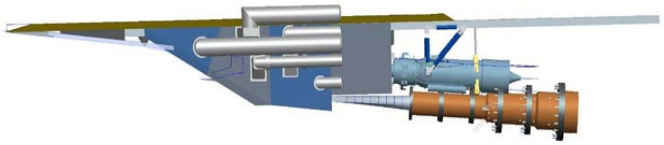
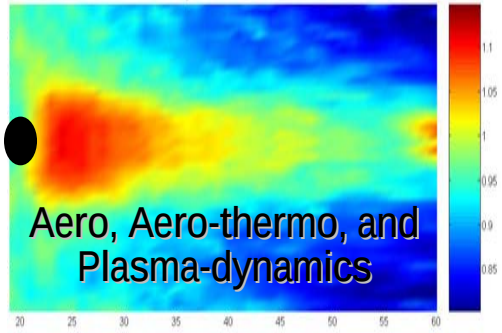
Hypersonic NASA Research Announcements



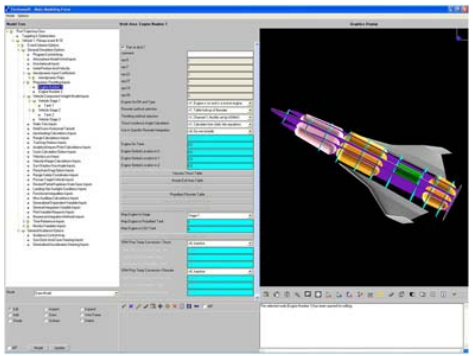
Materials & Structures



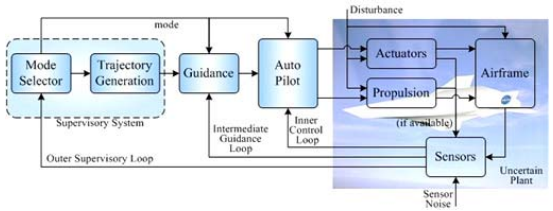
Air-breathing Propulsion



Experimental Capabilities



Multi-disciplinary Studies and Tools

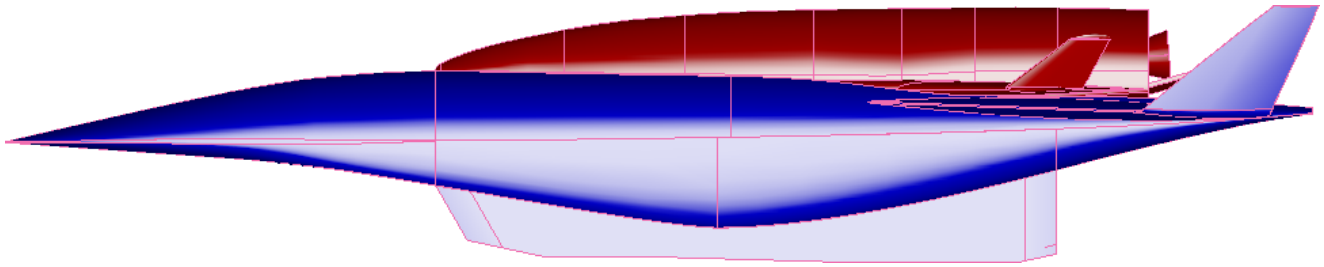


Guidance, Navigation & Control

3 NRAs: Total of 330 Proposals, 82 Awards, ~$50M over 4 years

National Hypersonic Science Centers

✓ **Laminar-Turbulent Transition**
(Boundary Layer Control)



✓ **Materials & Structures**

✓ **Air-breathing Propulsion**

Joint Effort with AFOSR

3 Centers

5 Years maximum with annual renewal

$30M maximum for all Centers combined

White Papers Due October 17, 2008

Final proposals due December 12, 2008

HyBoLT/SOAREX/ALV-X1 Mission

- **ATK rocket destroyed about 20 sec after liftoff as it veered sharply to the south.**
- **Hot-film sensors and data acquisition system functioned.**
- ***Hypersonic Boundary Layer Transition research will continue …***

Wallops Island, Virginia

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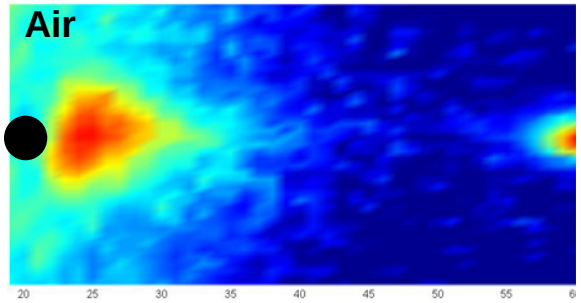
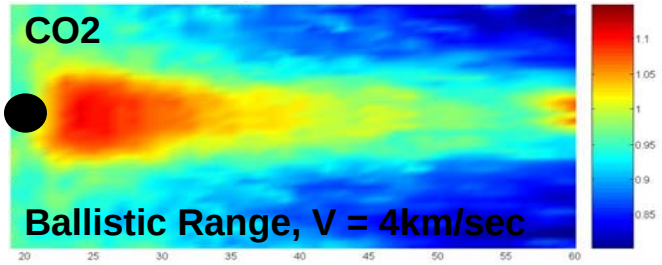
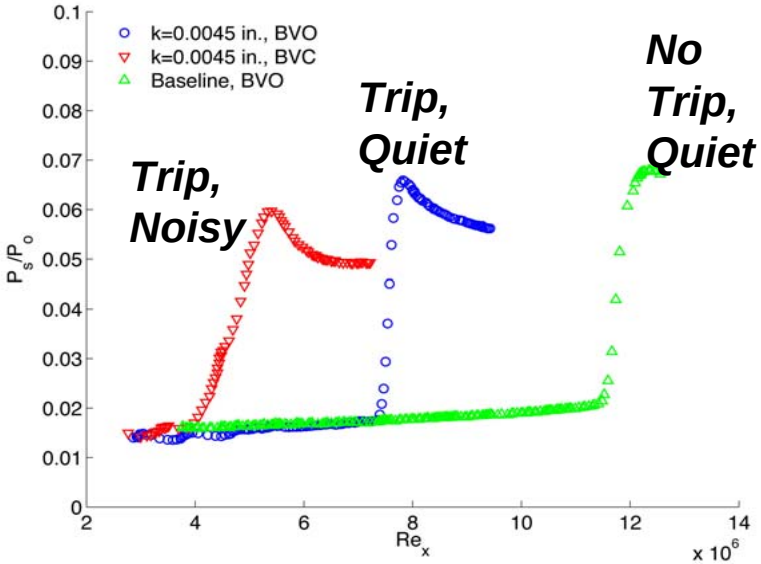
Aero/Aerothermo/Plasmadynamics

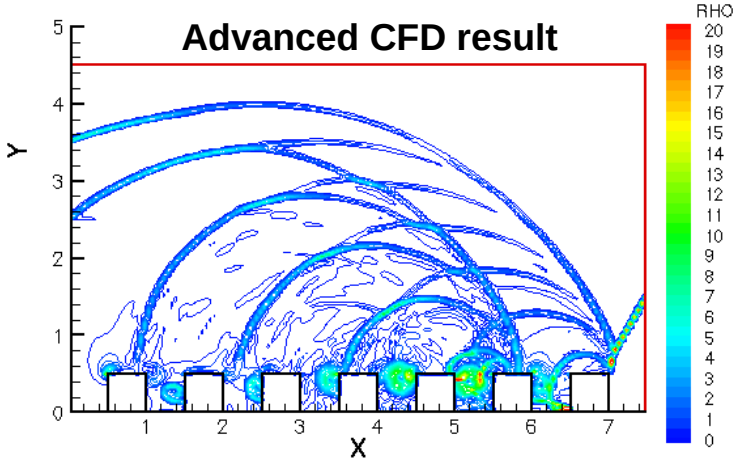
Reduce the uncertainty in aero-heating prediction by 50% (2005 baseline)

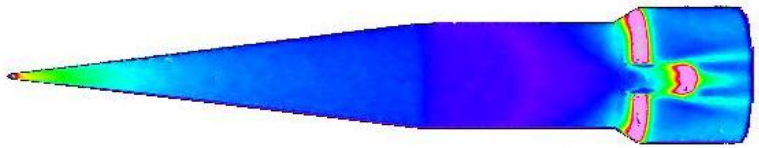






Quiet Tunnel results





HIFiRE-1 Phosphor Thermography
Mach 6 Tunnel

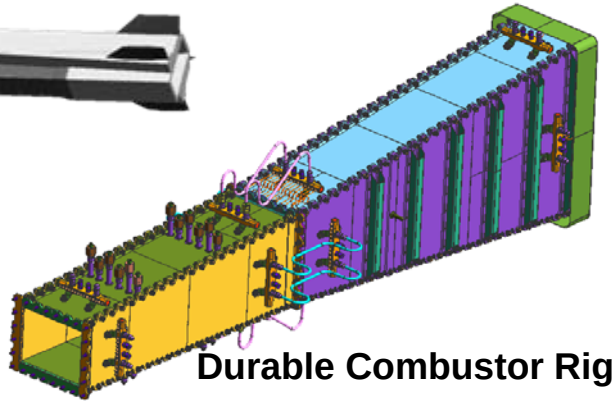
Air-breathing Propulsion Roadmap

Dual Mode Scramjet
- Actively Cooled Structure for long duration flight

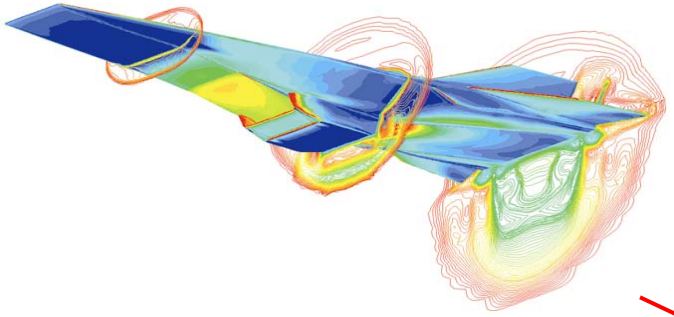
X-43A
- Integrated Vehicle Demonstration
- Scramjet Engine
- Short Duration Flight (Heat Sink Materials)

X-51A

Long Duration

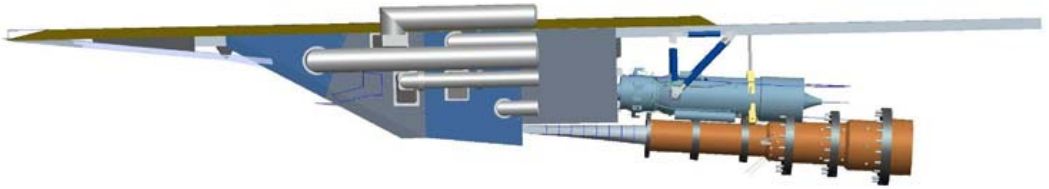


Durable Combustor Rig



Combined Cycle

Turbine-based Combined Cycle Rig



Flight Experimentation

X-51A Program

Successful NASA testing in the 8’ High Temperature Tunnel critical to X-51 Program

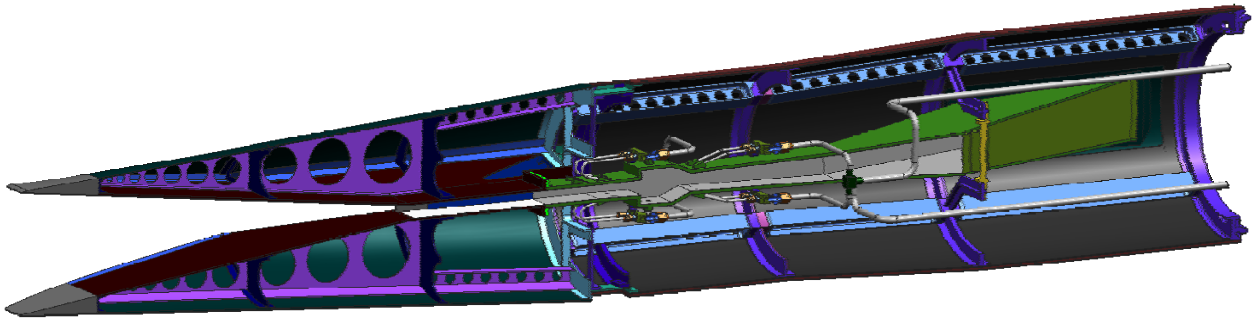
2009 X-51 Flight Test

2006 GDE-2 Test

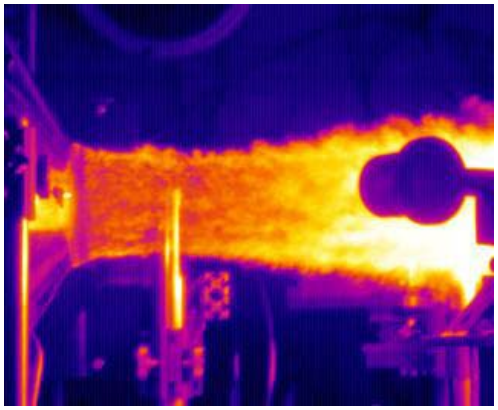
Air-breathing Propulsion

Advance understanding of supersonic combustion using advanced computational tools and diagnostics, ground-based facilities, and flight tests.

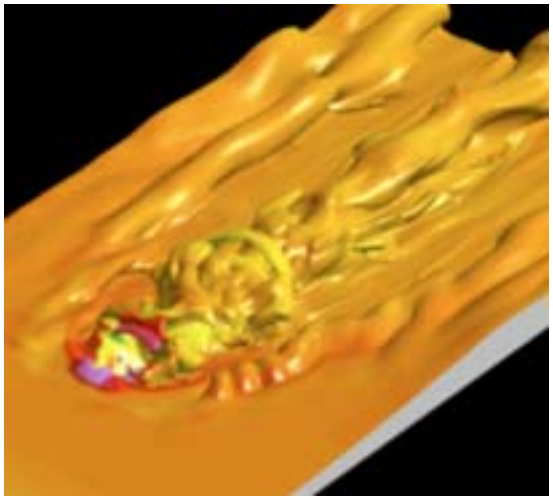
X-51 scramjet test in 8' HTT



HIFiRE Flight 2 scramjet schematic



IR image of H2 flame

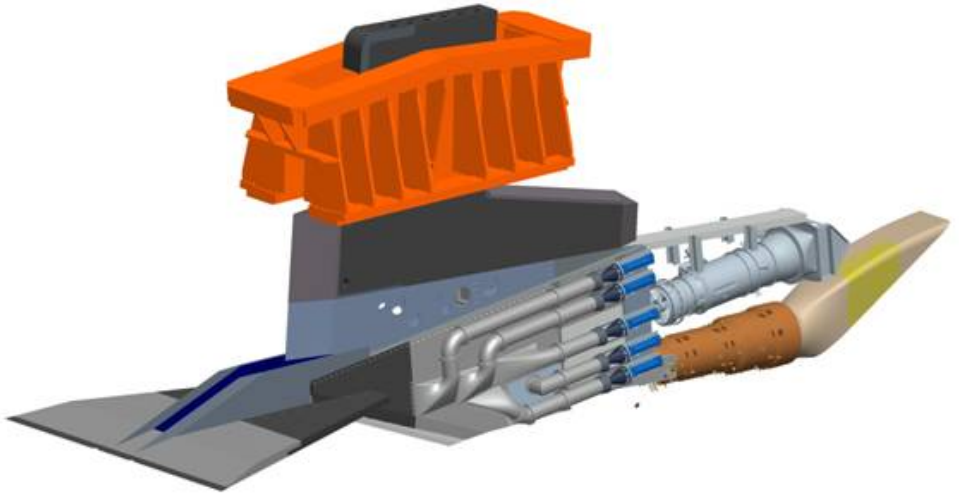


CFD simulation of fuel injection

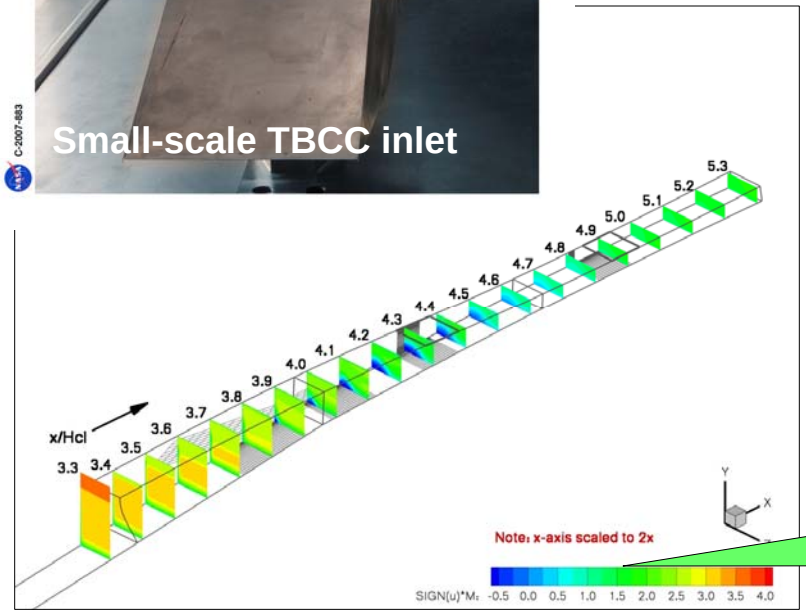
Propulsion Technology Integration

Develop combined-cycle propulsion system with focus on turbine to dual-mode scramjet transition.

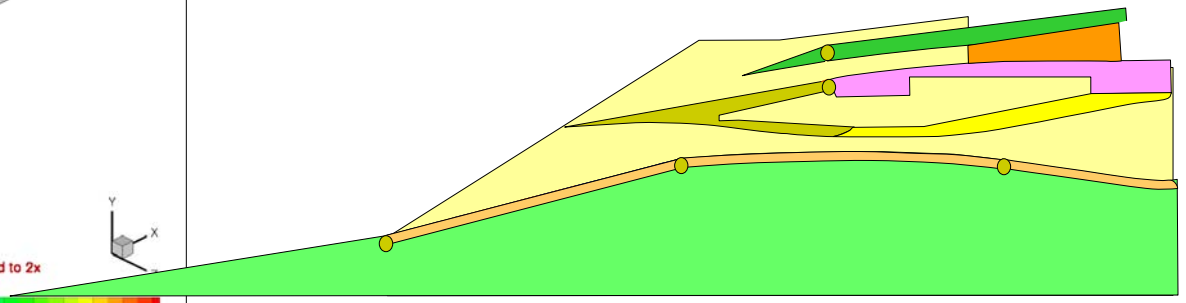
Small-scale TBCC inlet



Schematic of large-scale TBCC rig



CFD result in single flowpath

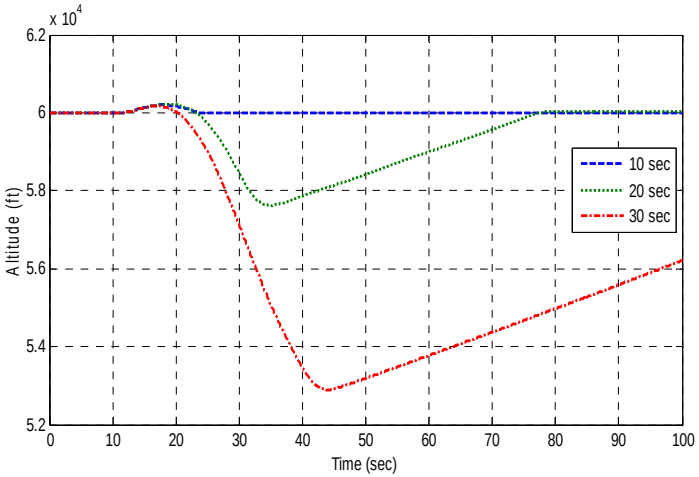


Side view showing dual flowpaths

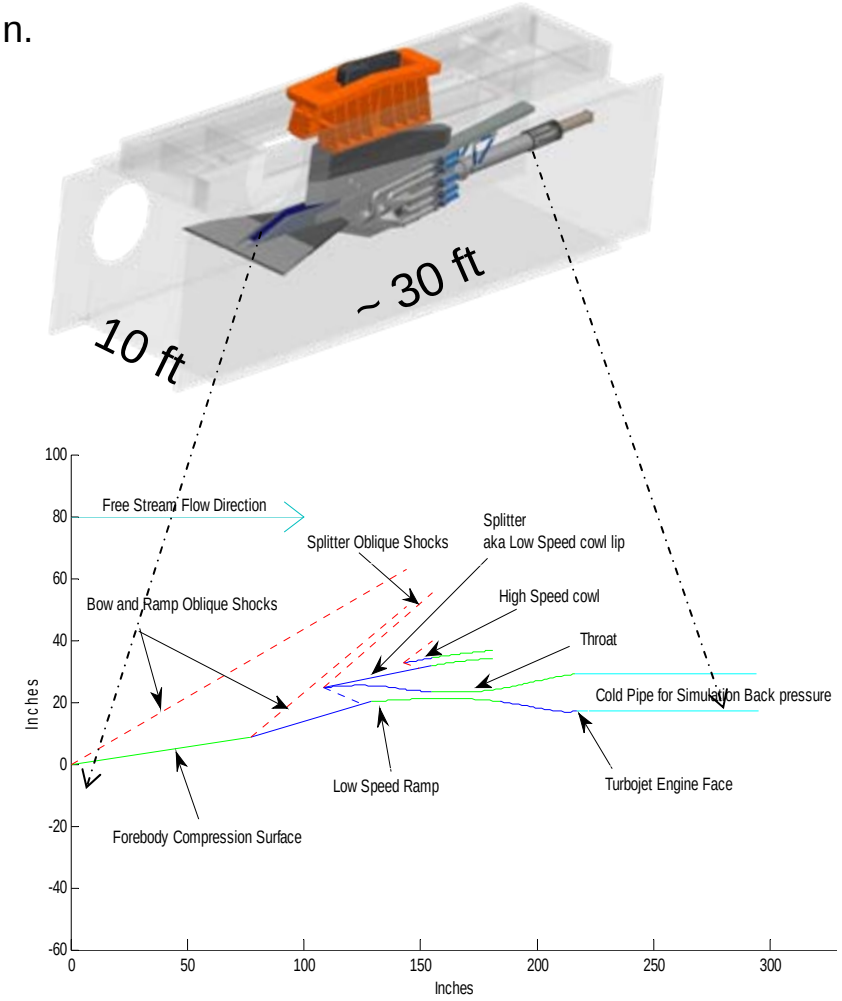
Guidance, Navigation and Control

Develop control design and analysis methodology to enable air-breathing hypersonic vehicles.

Develop design and analysis tools for conceptual design.



Vehicle Altitude Loss during Mode Transition



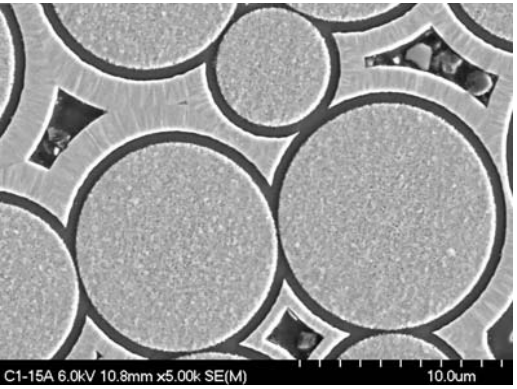
Interactive TBCC Simulator

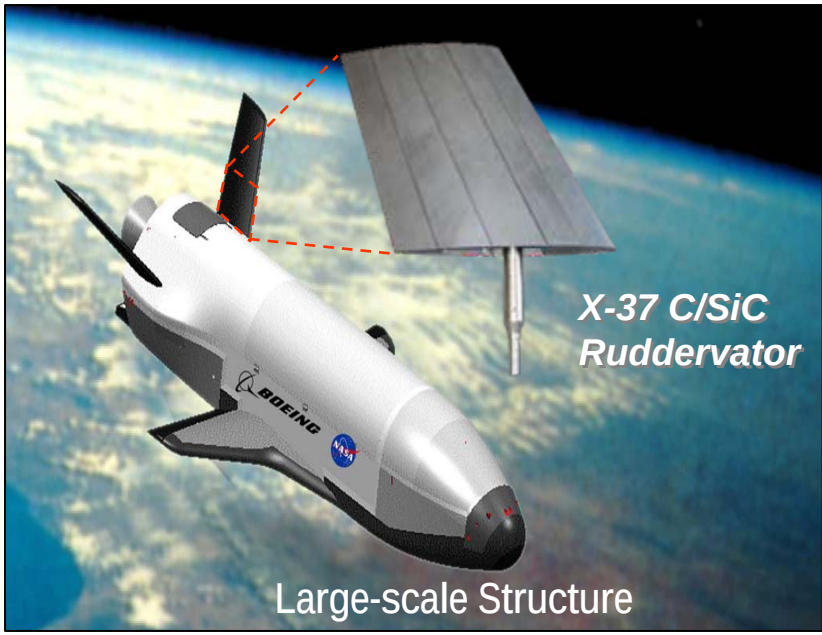
Materials & Structures

Develop 3000°F materials and structures for HRRLS Mission and advanced materials and structures (ablators and inflatables) for HMMES and other high-mass Missions.

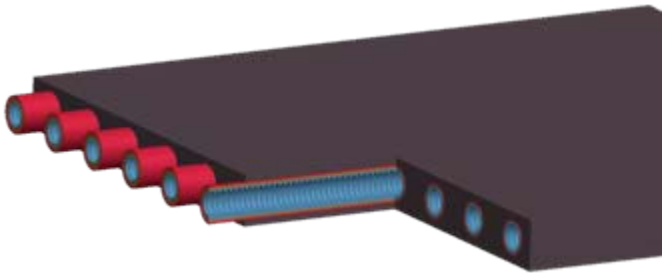
Structurally Integrated TPS

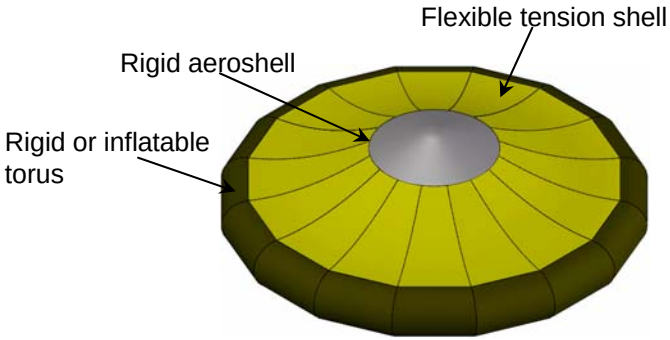
Materials Development





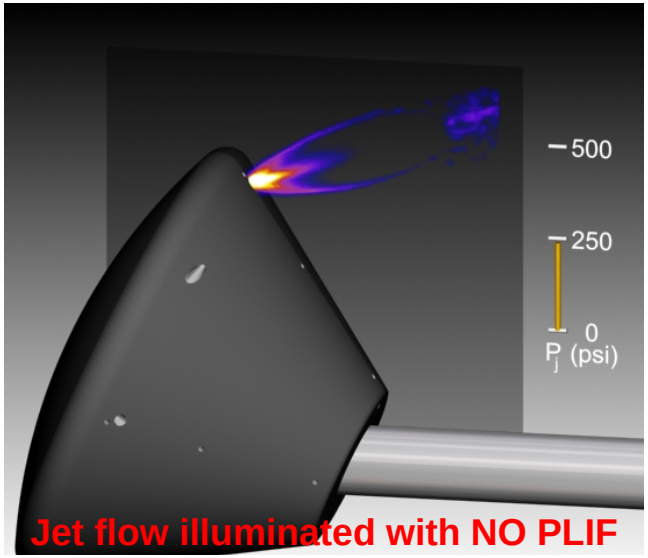
Actively cooled Structure



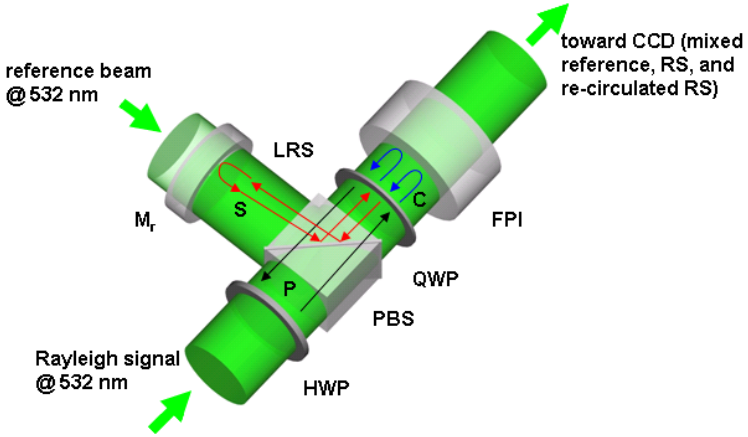


Experimental Capabilities

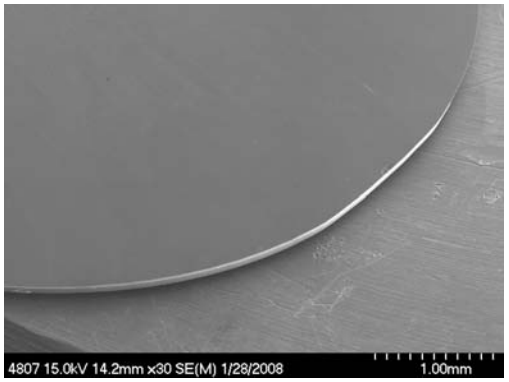
Develop non-intrusive diagnostics for hypersonic flows and high-temperature sensors.



600°C SiC pressure sensor



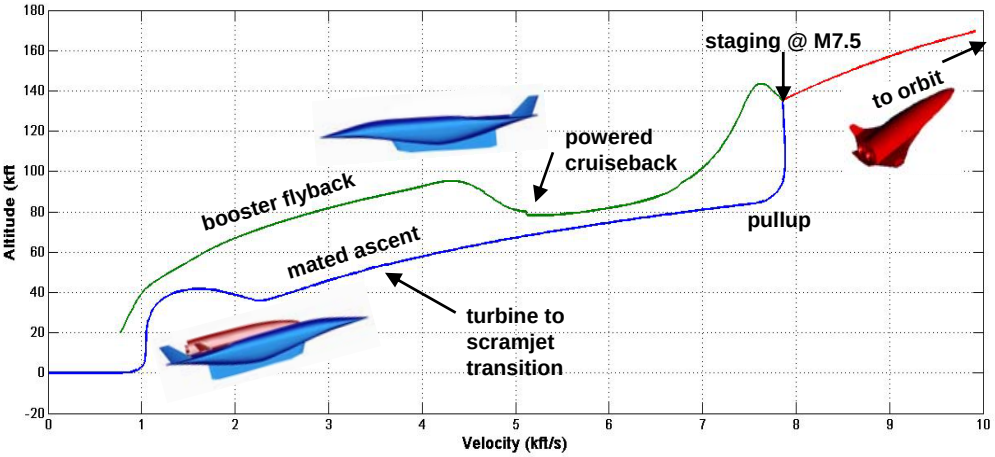
CARS-Rayleigh schematic for measuring species & velocity



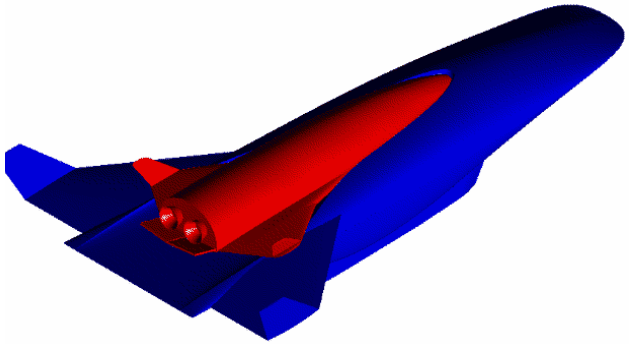
Circular SiC chip for embedding in pressure sensor

Physics-Based MDAO

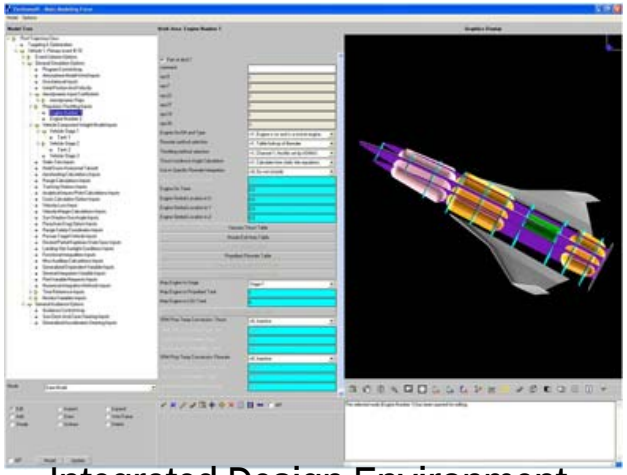
Create advanced vehicle concepts, develop integrated tools sets for analysis and design, and evaluate technology benefits.



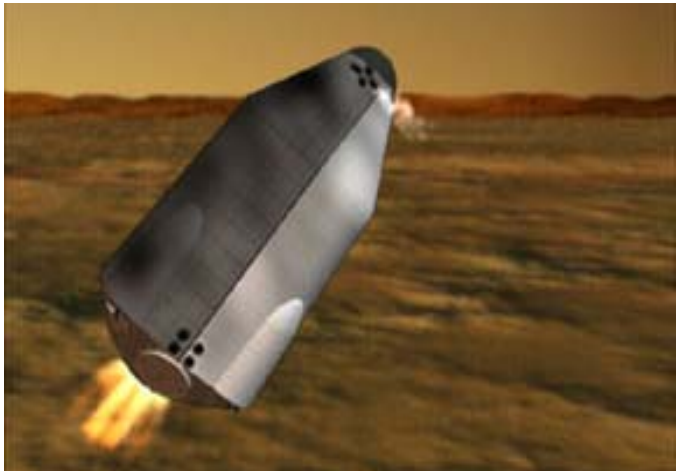
Mission Scenario



Air-breathing Two-Stage-to-Orbit Concept



Integrated Design Environment



High-mass Mars Concept

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National Hypersonic Science Centers

Inflatable Re-entry Vehicle Experiment (IRVE)-II

NASA/Air Force Air-breathing TSTO System Study

NASA High-mass EDL System Study

Mars Science Lander EDL Instrumentation (MEDLI)

Concluding Remarks

Excellent progress in all Disciplines

Hypersonics well-focused on tools and technologies to enable air-breathing access to space and high mass Mars entry

Emerging National “Team” for air-breathing access to space & NASA “Team” for high-mass Mars entry

Strong engagement with university community through NRAs