# Marshall Space Flight Center 

Launching the Future of Science and Exploration


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## NASA Around the Country



## Launching a Legacy



Marshall: uniting science and exploration.

## Marshall's Continuing Role in Space Exploration



Lifting from Earth

Marshall makes significant contributions to each primary focus areai.

## Marshall Space Flight Center History

Proven history of end-to-end systems development and operations


## Lifting from Earth



## Lifting from Earth

## Space Shuttle - Flying Since $19{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ !

- Main engines, external tank, solid rocket boosters, payload operations
- Spacelab science transitioning to International Space Station (ISS) science for longer-term research
- Next launch: STS 133, scheduled for November.


## Our Next Mission STS 133

Launch Target:
4:33 p.m. EDT - Nov. 1, 2010
Orbiter:
Discovery
Mission Number:
STS-133
(133rd space shuttle flight)
Launch Window:
10 minutes
Launch Pad:
39A
Mission Duration:
11 days
Landing Site:
KSC
Inclination/Altitude:
51.6 degrees/122 nautical miles

Primary Payload:
35th station flight (ULF5),
EXPRESS Logistics Carrier 4 (ELC4),
Permanent Multi-Purpose Module (PMM)


NASA astronauts Alvin Drew and Nicole Stott, both mission specialists; Eric Boe, pilot; Steve Lindsey, commander; Michael Barratt and Tim Kopra, both mission specialists. Image credit: NASA

## Space Shuttle Propulsion Systems



## Space Shuttle Obiter Fact

The Orbiter is as long as 3 School Buses and wide as 1-1/2 School Buses


- The Orbiter carries the astronauts, tools, and satellites
- It can dock with the Space Station
- It comes back to Earth and lands like an airplane



## Space Shuttle External Tank (ET) Amazing Facts



Weighs 1.6 million pounds at liftoff: equal to 32,000 elementary school children or
 107 elephants

- The ET holds the entire weight of the Space Shuttle.
- The ET is just a little bit thicker than a coke can.
- ET covered with spray-on foam
 insulation that keeps the $\mathrm{LH}_{2}$ at $-423^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ even in the hot sun

Only part of the Space Shuttle that is not reused


## Reusable Solid Rocket Boosters Amazing Facts




- World's largest solid rocket
149.1 feet high and 12.2 feet wide only 2 feet shorter than the Statue of Liberty or as tall as 9 giraffes standing on top or each other

Produces 2,658,000 pounds of thrust at liftoff

Boosters go to full power in 2/10th of a second

- Heaviest object to parachute to Earth. Splash down in Atlantic Ocean.

Boosters are recovered and reused.


## Space Shuttle Main Engine Amazing Facts



- There are

- Operate for 8 minutes, 40 seconds for each flight
- They use so much fuel they could drain a swimming pool in 28 seconds!

- Engine operates at temperatures from $-423^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (liquid hydrogen to cool engine) to $6,000^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (hotter than the boiling point of iron!)


## Nationwide Shuttle Team



## Space Shuttle and the International Space Station

- The International Space Station (ISS) began assembly in 1998.
- The ISS circles the Earth every 90 minutes.
- The first crew arrived in 2000.
- The Space Shuttle is the primary vehicle for delivering ISS components to space for assembly.
- The Space Shuttle also delivers supplies and crews to the station and returns crews to Earth.
- There have been 34 Space Shuttle

- The ISS currently weighs -1 million Ibs and is -356 feet wide, -290 feet long, and 143 feet high.


## Technologies/Materials Originally Developed For the Space Program...Cool Stuff!

- Edible Toothpaste
- Joystick Controllers
- Ski Boots
- Smoke Detector
- Aerodynamic Bicycle Wheels
- Thermal gloves and boots
- Bar Coding
- Space Pens

樖 - Vision Screening System

- Shock Absorbing Helmets
- Ear Thermometer
- Cordless Tools

0 - Failsafe Flashlight
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- TV Satellite

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- Sun Tiger Glasses
- Medical Imaging


## Astronauts Come From All Over!

Astronauts come from all walks of life, all different parts of the country...there are even astronauts from Alabama!

So don't think that just because you're growing up in Alabama that space is beyond your reach!


| Jan Davis | Tom Mattingly |
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| Jim Voss | Hank Hartsfield |
| Kathy Thornton | Clifton Williams |



## Potential Future Missions and Example Technologietsas



## Lifting from Earth

Leveraging shuttle experience for future transportation systems

- Common boosters, upper stage engines, manufacturing, subsystem technologies, and ground facilities are all extended into building future launch vehicles.
- While we are in transition, Marshall's capabilities, and facilities are applicable and critical to future missions



## Significant Accomplishments



## First Stage

- Design and test - First Stage recovery systems
- Suborbital I-X first stage provided by Ares


## Upper Stage

- World-class manufacturing capabilities for large, complex tanks
- Successful Flight Software Preliminary Design Review (PDR)


## Upper Stage Engine

- Upper Stage Engine Test Stand A-3 structure complete
- Major gas generator and power pack testing complete


## Vehicle Integration and Flight \& Integrated Test

- 7,000+ hours wind tunnel testing, covering entire Mach range (Ares I flight)
- Ares I elements at or beyond PDR; upper stage engine at Critical Design Review (CDR)


Ares I wind tunnel preparation


Parachute test


Ares I-X SRB test


Dome welding facility

## Living and Working in Space

## Systems and Facilities Support

- Continual human presence since 2000
- Node 2 (connector module)
- Node 3 (life support module)
- Cleaning air and recycling water
- Radiation hardened electronics



ISS Test Facility at Marshall


Node 3 Tranquility


Environmental
Control \& Life Support


Delivery of the ISS cupola window


Working in space
Developing systems that support crews living and working on the ISS

## Living and Working in Space

## Science Operations, Hardware and Experiments Support

- Manage science operations around the clock
- Window Observational Research Facility
- Microgravity Science Glovebox
- Materials Science Research Rack



## Living and Working in Space

## Materials Science Research Rack (MSRR)

Basic materials research

- New or improved materials
- New applications for existing materials
- Accommodates diverse material types:
- metals
- alloys
- polymers
- semiconductors
- ceramics
- crystals
- glasses


Crew installs the Materials
Science Research Rack-1
in the ISS Destiny
laboratory (9/09).

## Understanding Our World

## Environmental

Monitoring

- Understanding climate change and weather patterns

Weather
Prediction

- Improving forecasts and weather warning times


## Hurricane

Research

- Predicting the intensity and dynamics of storms


Global Hydrology \& Climate Center


HIRAD


SERVIR
SPoRT


Environmental Monitoring

## Marshall Earth Science-improving our lives and our plapet , $?$

## Understanding Worlds Beyond

## Learning about

 our universe- Scientific instruments to reveal information about activity in deep space
- Management, design and construction


## Learning about

our solar system

- Spacecraft to study and analyze the sun, planets, comets and asteroids
- Program management and instrument development


Marshall scientific discoveries uncover mysteries about our moon, solar system, and universe.

## Understanding Worlds Beyond

## James Webb Space Telescope

Optical Testing at Marshall's X-Ray \& Cryogenic Facility

- Optical measurements are made of the surfaces of all 18 primary mirror segments and one development unit to verify:
- Ability of the mirror segments to resist physical change in extreme temperature
- The optical figure of the mirror segments at space operating temperatures $\left(-400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$



## From Exploration to Innovation



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## Inspiring the Next Generation



Inspiring a new generation through education and outreach.

## Space Economy

- Infrastructure
- Applications
- Transactions
- Commerce


A full array of economic \& scientific benefits derived from the exploration and utilization of space.

## From Exploration to Opportunity



## Marshall is an engine of opportunity.

## New Program Assignments

## Heavy Lift and Propulsion Research and Development Program Office

- \$559M in FY11 and 3.1B over five years
- Broad scope of R\&D activities to support next-generation space launch propulsions technologies
- Target R\&D activities include new approaches to first-stage launch propulsion; in-space advanced engine technology



## Exploration Robotic Precursor Program (XPRP) Program Office



- Approximately $\$ 105 \mathrm{M}$ in FY11 and $\$ 2.6$ B over five years
- New program will send robotic precursor missions to the Moon, Mars, and its moons, Lagrange points, and nearby asteroids to scout targets for future human activities


## New Program Assignments

## Space Technology Demonstrations Program Office

- $\$ 75 \mathrm{M}$ in FY11 and 1.4 B over five years
- Program will support and oversee flight testing of crosscutting aerospace technologies
- Focus is the execution of space flight demonstrations, including designing the test flight program, building the hardware, and performing a mission


## Centennial Challenges Program Office

- \$10M in FY11 and \$50M over five years
- Prize program will seek innovative solutions to technical problems that can drive progress in aerospace technology
- Will encourage participation from independent teams, individuals, student groups, and private companies



## Education: NASA Can, and Must, Make A Difference

NASA relies on well-educated U.S. citizens to carry out its
far-reaching missions of scientific discovery that improve life on Earth

- The Cold, Hard Facts
- Many U.S. scientists, engineers, and teachers are retiring
- Fewer high school seniors are pursuing engineering degrees
- China produces 6 times more engineers than the U.S.
- The Stakes Are High
- U.S. students score lower than many other nations in math, science, and physios
- We spend over \$440 billion on public education, more per capita than any country except for Switzerland
- Potential Solutions: Well=Qualifilied, Motivated Teachers and a National Commitment
- The highest predictor of student performance is teacher knowledge
- The teacher's passion for the subject transmits to students
- Education is the foundation of NASA's and the nation's success as a technological enterprise


Composite of Galaxy with Black Hole
Hubble, Chandra, and Very Large Array, March, 2010

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## ULTRA DEEP FIELD, HUBBLE, 2004


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## Back ups

## ISS Quick Look:

November 20, 1998 First Element Launch (Zarya) atop a Russian Proton launcher
Nov. 2, 2000 START OF PERMANENT HUMAN PRESENCE ON ISS (EXP. 1) May 2009 At 7:34 a.m CDT on 5/29/09, ISS crew increased from three to six Visitors: 193 different people representing 15 countries (through STS-131 arrival) (includes "newest" visitors Naoko Yamazaki, Dottie Metcalf \& Jim Dutton)
"Firsts" aboard from 15 countries
1-USA (Robert Cabana) 7-South Africa (Mark Shuttleworth) 13-Sweden (Christer Fuglesang
2-Russia (Sergei Krikalev) 8-Belgium (Frank De Winne) 14-Malaysia (Muszaphar Shukor)
3-Canada (Julie Payette) 9-Spain (Pedro Duque) 15-South Korea (So-Yeon Yi)
4-Japan (Koichi Wakata) 10-Netherlands (Andre Kuipers)
5-Italy (Umberto Guidoni) 11-Brazil (Marcos Pontes)
6-France (Claudie Haignere) 12-Germany (Thomas Reiter)

## Down-to-Earth Comparisons

- The ISS effort involves more than 100,000 people in space agencies and at 500 contractor facilities in 37 U.S. states and in 16 countries. That's almost half of the entire population of North Dakota.
- Building the ISS in space is like trying to change a spark plug or hang a shelf, wearing roller skates and two pairs of ski gloves with all your tools, screws and materials tethered to your body so they don't drop.
- Living and working on the ISS is like building one room of a house, moving in a family
of three and asking them to finish building the house while working full time from home.


## Spacecraft Comparisons:

Celebrating 48 years of Americans in orbit - Feb.20, 1962 - November 2009 (and continuing)

## STEPPINGSTONES AND BRIDGES

## From MERCURY to the INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION MERCURYIATLAS 6 (J. Glenn) SPACE SHUTTLE SPACE STATION (ISS)

Length: $6 \mathrm{ft}, 10$ inches 122 feet 240 feet (pressurized)
Width: $6 \mathrm{ft}, 21 / 2$ inches 78 feet (wingspan) 357 feet (end-to-end)
Height: N/A 56 feet 45 feet
Volume: 50 cubic feet 2,600 cubic feet 29,561 cubic feet
Weight: 3,500 pounds 200,000 pounds 815,703 pounds
Computers: $05-10$ (incl pyld laptops) 52 (incl pyld laptops)
Flight: 4 hrs, $55 \mathrm{~min}, 23 \mathrm{sec} 12$ days (average

## ISS at Completion

- The ISS solar array surface area could cover the U.S. Senate Chamber three times over.
- ISS eventually will be larger than a five-bedroom house.
- ISS will have an internal pressurized volume of 33,023 cubic feet, or equal that of a Boeing 747.
- The solar array wingspan ( 240 ft ) is longer than that of a Boeing 777 200/300 model, which is 212 ft .
- Fifty-two computers will control the systems on the ISS.
- More than 80 space flights will have been conducted on five different types of launch vehicles over the course of the station's construction.
- More than 100 telephone-booth sized rack facilities can be in the ISS for operating the spacecraft systems and research experiments
- The ISS is almost four times as large as the Russian space station Mir, and about five times as large as the U.S. Skylab.
- The ISS will weigh almost one million pounds ( $925,627 \mathrm{lbs}$ ). That's the equivalent of more than 320 automobiles.
- The ISS measures 357 feet end-to-end. That's equivalent to the length of a football field including the end zones (well, almost - a football field is 360 feet).
- 2.6 million lines of software code on the ground supports 1.5 million lines of flight software code.
- 8 miles of wire connects the electrical power system.
- In the International Space Station's U.S. segment alone, 1.5 million lines of flight software code will run on 44 computers communicating via 100 data networks transferring 400,000 signals (e.g. pressure or temperature measurements, valve positions, etc.).
- The ISS will manage 20 times as many signals as the Space Shuttle.
- Main U.S. control computers have 1.5 gigabytes of total main hard drive storage in U.S. segment compared to modern PCs, which have 20-40 gigabyte hard drives.
- The entire 55 -foot robot arm assembly will be able to lift 220,000 pounds, which is the weight of a Space Shuttle orbiter.
- The 75 to 90 kilowatts of power for the ISS is supplied by an acre of solar panels.


## Improving Lives Through Space Exploration

## Inspiring

... others to imagine, and motivating them to learn

## Prospering

... by creating jobs, new opportunities and new products

Protecting
... the Earth by using the assets of space to help our planet and ourselves

NASA's space exploration pursuits have positive benefits for society.

