

# Space Materials



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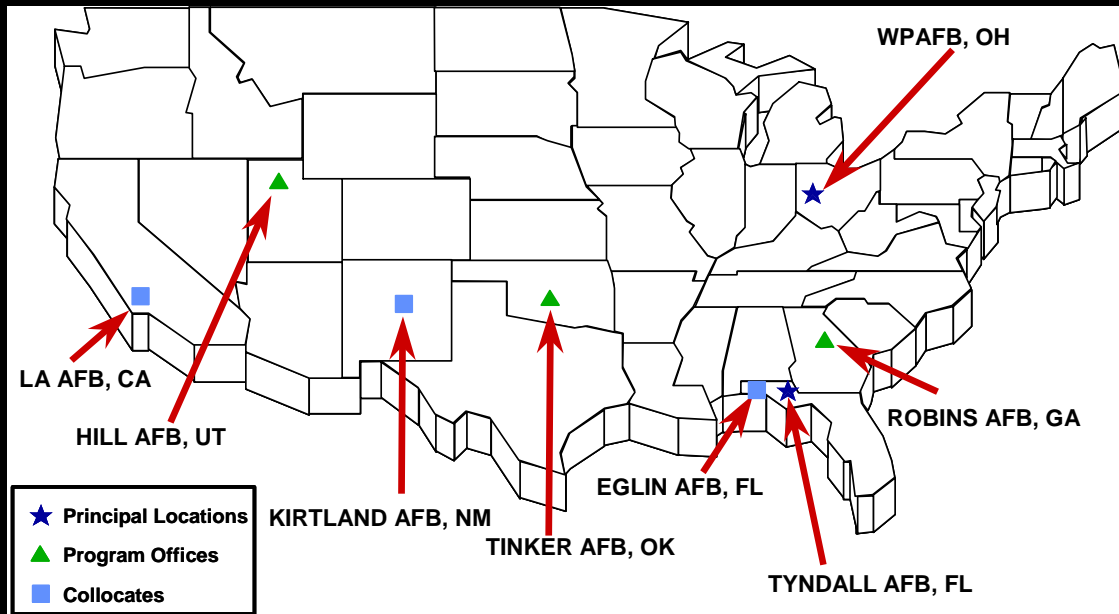
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# Locations & Facilities



Aerospace materials & manufacturing leadership for the Air Force & the Nation



## Wright-Patterson AFB

- 257,000 net square feet
- 200 Lab Modules
- Designed specifically for aerospace materials and processes R&D



## Tyndall AFB

- 128,000 net square feet
- 15 Lab Modules
- Specialized test sites
- Designed specifically for airbase technologies R&D



# Space Materials Technologies



## Structures

Organic Composites  
Metal Composites  
Carbon-Carbon  
Design Methods & Data  
Joining Technology

## Thermal Control

Spacecraft Coatings  
Multi-Layer Insulation  
Radiators & Thermal Planes  
High Conductivity Substrates

## Propulsion

Turbopumps  
Thrust Chamber Jacket  
Lines & Ducts  
Turbomachinery  
Solid Case & Insulation  
Nozzles & Exit Cones  
Spacecraft Engines

## Sensors/Electronics

Detector Materials  
Microwave & Microelectronics  
Semiconductors  
Photonics

## Manufacturing Technologies

Advanced Practices  
Process Optimization

## Systems Support

Failure Analysis  
Consultation  
Co-located Engineering

## Tribology

Solid Film Lubricants  
Adv. Liquid Lubricants  
Life Prediction Methods  
Bearings

## Launch/Reentry

Leading Edges  
Acreage Surfaces  
Nose Tips  
Heat Shields  
Repair  
Antenna Windows

## Space Environment

Space Environ Effects on Matls  
Space Effects Simulation/Evaluation

## Hardening

Sensor Protection  
Hardened Coatings



# Spacecraft Materials Technologies



## Propulsion

- Monopropellant Engine
- Hall Thrusters
- Ion Engines

## Thermal Management

- Thermal Control Coatings
- Thermal Planes
- Radiator Materials

## Electric Power

- Solar Cell Manufacturing
- Polymer Wiring
- Battery Cases

## Communications, Power Control, & Microwave

- Photonic Materials
- Wide Bandgap Semiconductors

## Structures & Assemblies

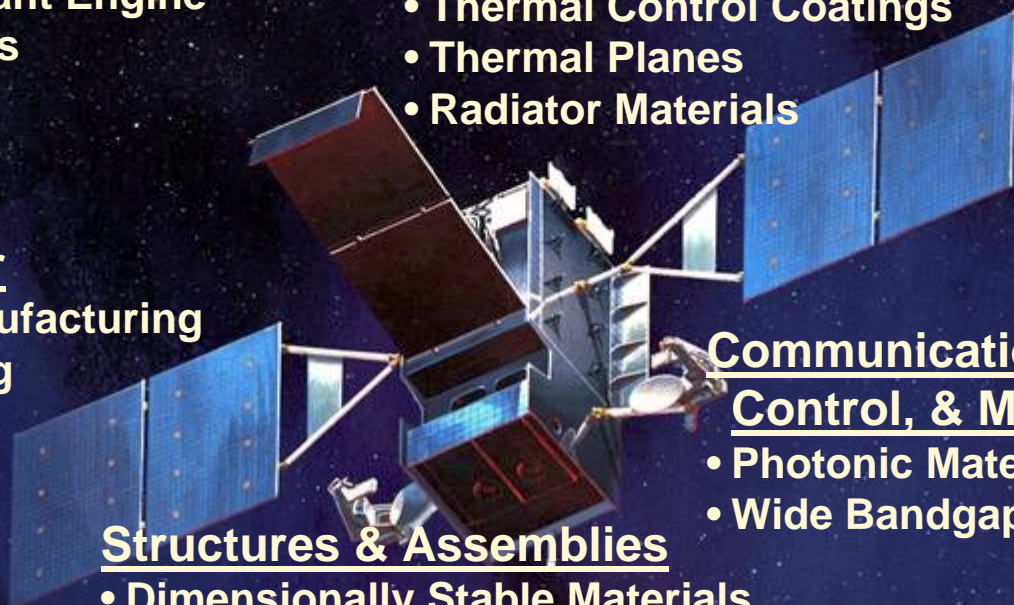
- Dimensionally Stable Materials
- Long-life Lubes & Bearings
- Microelectromechanical Systems
- Multifunctional Materials
- Polymer Membrane Materials
- Mirror Substrate Materials
- Optical Films & Process Design
- Manufacturing

## Sensors

- IR Detectors
- Electro-optics

## Hardening

- Filters
- Optical Limiters





# Access Vehicle Materials Technologies



## Thermal Protection Systems

- Hybrid & Cooled Leading Edges
- Highly Operable, Ceramic Acreage Panels
- Carbon-Carbon Nostetips & Aeroshells
- Gamma Titanium Aluminide for Acreage Panels
- High Temperature Ceramics for Control Surfaces

## Rocket Engines

- Turbopump Housing
- Rotating Machinery
- Lines, Ducts, & Valves
- Nozzles



## Airframe Structure & Subsystems

- Light Weight, High Temperature Polymer Matrix Composites
- Thermal Management
- Polymer Wiring

## Vehicle Health Monitoring

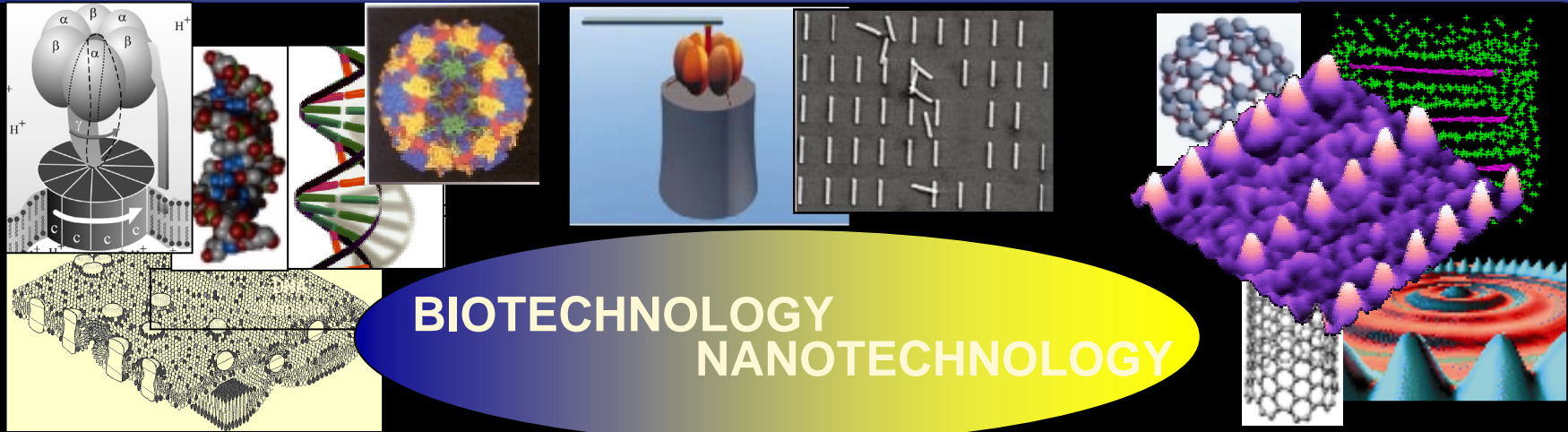
- Non-Destructive Evaluation
- Materials Degradation

## Cryotanks

- Composite Compatibility
- Test Standards Development
- Composite Processing
- Composite Repair Techniques
- Scale-up of Aluminum-Lithium



# Transformational Opportunities

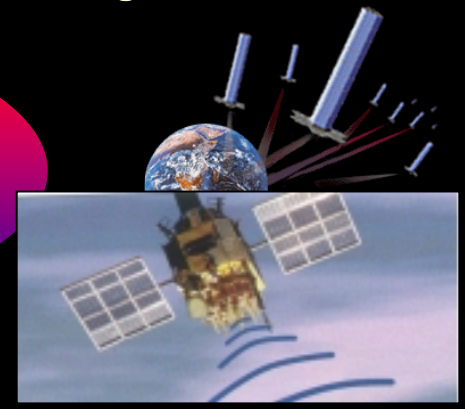


**BIOTECHNOLOGY  
NANOTECHNOLOGY**

- Advanced Optics
- Adaptive, Lightweight Materials
- Ultra-Sensitive Room-Temperature Infrared Detectors

- Anti-Charging Panels
- Light Weight Polymer Wire
- Ultra High Performance Tethers
- Embedded Sensors
- EM Shielding





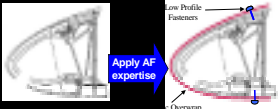
**TRANSFORMATIONAL  
CAPABILITIES**

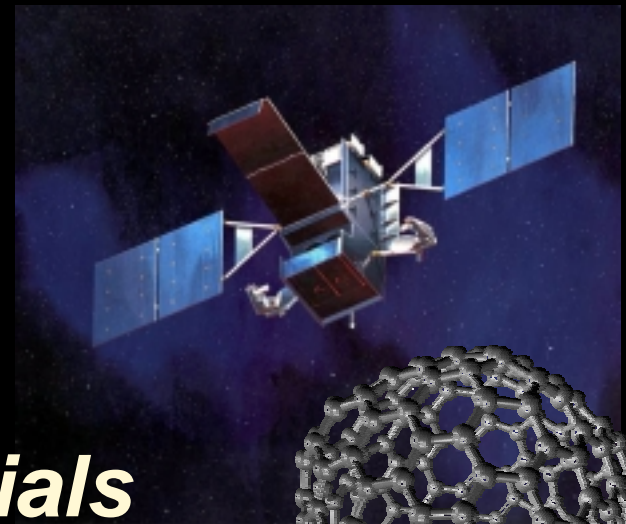




# Space Partnerships & Cooperative Activities



	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COLLABORATIONS</b>	<b>FOCUS</b>
	<b>National Space &amp; Missile Materials Symposium</b>	<b>NASA, DoD, DoE, DARPA, Industry, Academia</b>	<b>National Agenda on Critical Space &amp; Missile Materials Technologies</b>
	<b>Rocket Propulsion Materials Working Group</b>	<b>NASA, DoD, Industry, Academia</b>	<b>Plan &amp; Execute Rocket Propulsion Materials Efforts</b>
	<b>Thermal Protection Systems Working Group</b>	<b>NASA, DoD, DoE, DARPA, Industry, Academia</b>	<b>Planning for Advancement of TPS Technologies</b>
	<b>Materials on International Space Station Experiment</b>	<b>NASA, Industry, Academia</b>	<b>On-Orbit Space Environmental Effects</b>
	<b>Materials &amp; Structures</b>	<b>NASA, Industry</b>	<b>Cooperative Work on CryoTanks &amp; TPS</b>
	<b>Systems Support</b>	<b>NASA</b>	<b>Flight Components Repair &amp; Failure Anal</b>



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# ***Leadership for the Air Force and the Nation***

