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00:00:27,740 --> 00:00:26,060
hello and welcome to future path I'm

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00:00:29,510 --> 00:00:27,750
amreeka forsteri director of external

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00:00:32,840 --> 00:00:29,520
affairs at the NASA Lewis Research

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00:00:35,060 --> 00:00:32,850
Center in Cleveland Ohio in NASA's goal

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00:00:37,580 --> 00:00:35,070
is to try to fly higher further and

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00:00:40,340 --> 00:00:37,590
faster new materials and structures are

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00:00:41,720 --> 00:00:40,350
required to meet these goals in today's

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00:00:43,220 --> 00:00:41,730
segment we're going to look at some of

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00:00:45,049 --> 00:00:43,230
the things being done in our structures

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00:00:47,119 --> 00:00:45,059
division structures for flight

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00:00:58,759 --> 00:00:47,129
propulsion I think you'll find it

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:58,769
interesting let's watch flight in the

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00:01:03,649 --> 00:01:00,719

air or in space requires propulsion

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00:01:06,050 --> 00:01:03,659

systems able to withstand extremes of

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00:01:08,930 --> 00:01:06,060

mechanical stress vibration and

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00:01:11,000 --> 00:01:08,940

temperatures designing these structures

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00:01:13,190 --> 00:01:11,010

and matching available materials to the

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00:01:16,210 --> 00:01:13,200

job has always been a complicated

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00:01:18,980 --> 00:01:16,220

business and is becoming more so

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00:01:20,860 --> 00:01:18,990

requiring safety and reliability from

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:20,870

structures needing minimum maintenance

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00:01:26,180 --> 00:01:24,000

having the least possible weight poses a

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00:01:28,390 --> 00:01:26,190

basic contradiction which can be

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00:01:32,210 --> 00:01:28,400

resolved only by the most sophisticated

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00:01:33,920 --> 00:01:32,220

analytic methods the Lewis research

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00:01:35,420 --> 00:01:33,930
structures division is dedicated to

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00:01:38,060 --> 00:01:35,430
advancing the state of the art of

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00:01:42,260 --> 00:01:38,070
structures technology or aeronautical

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00:01:44,390 --> 00:01:42,270
space and terrestrial applications the

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:44,400
principal product of the division is the

31
00:01:48,590 --> 00:01:46,560
development of validated analytic

32
00:01:51,170 --> 00:01:48,600
methods to predict the behavior of

33
00:01:55,000 --> 00:01:51,180
structural components and systems or

34
00:01:57,560 --> 00:01:55,010
aerospace propulsion and power machinery

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00:01:59,090 --> 00:01:57,570
division provides not only solutions to

36
00:02:01,790 --> 00:01:59,100
problems encountered in current

37
00:02:03,650 --> 00:02:01,800
applications but also leadership in

38
00:02:06,290 --> 00:02:03,660

setting new directions for structures

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00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:06,300

engineering to solve tomorrow's problems

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00:02:12,140 --> 00:02:10,319

today the purpose of the structures

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00:02:15,080 --> 00:02:12,150

division at Lewis research center is to

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00:02:17,239 --> 00:02:15,090

develop advanced credible design tools

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00:02:18,270 --> 00:02:17,249

these tools can then be used by

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00:02:20,790 --> 00:02:18,280

designers

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00:02:22,770 --> 00:02:20,800

to design advanced concepts for future

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00:02:25,530 --> 00:02:22,780

missions both in aeronautics and in

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00:02:27,570 --> 00:02:25,540

space we develop these methods for use

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:27,580

on high-speed computers and they are

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00:02:32,400 --> 00:02:29,200

validated with the state-of-the-art

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00:02:34,470 --> 00:02:32,410

laboratory equipment we can predict the

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00:02:36,449 --> 00:02:34,480
life that is the number of missions that

52
00:02:39,510 --> 00:02:36,459
can be flown by the advanced concept and

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00:02:41,550 --> 00:02:39,520
we can optimize the design both from the

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00:02:45,470 --> 00:02:41,560
point of view of minimum weight or from

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00:02:50,460 --> 00:02:48,270
breakthroughs in flight usually follow

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00:02:53,280 --> 00:02:50,470
developments in propulsion systems in

57
00:02:55,259 --> 00:02:53,290
the early days of flight structures

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00:02:59,040 --> 00:02:55,269
design was a combination of art and

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00:03:01,440 --> 00:02:59,050
trial and error if you are developing a

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00:03:04,320 --> 00:03:01,450
rocket you built an engine derived from

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00:03:07,880 --> 00:03:04,330
earlier designs to be sure it didn't

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00:03:10,559 --> 00:03:07,890
fail you made it sturdier heavy as

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00:03:12,780 --> 00:03:10,569

technology advanced lighter stronger

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00:03:15,540 --> 00:03:12,790

materials and improve manufacturing

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00:03:18,030 --> 00:03:15,550

methods made the impossible possible but

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00:03:21,600 --> 00:03:18,040

mistakes were still made and the results

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00:03:23,280 --> 00:03:21,610

were spectacular and costly failures the

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00:03:25,140 --> 00:03:23,290

job of the structures division is to

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00:03:28,410 --> 00:03:25,150

make sure such accidents will no longer

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00:03:30,960 --> 00:03:28,420

occur they do this by applying the

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00:03:33,330 --> 00:03:30,970

latest scientific analysis possible and

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00:03:36,210 --> 00:03:33,340

by using the most up-to-date testing

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00:03:38,039 --> 00:03:36,220

equipment and methods available to do

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this the staff of scientists engineers

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00:03:43,680 --> 00:03:41,260

and technicians of the division perform

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00:03:46,949 --> 00:03:43,690

work in structural mechanics structural

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00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:46,959

dynamics fatigue fracture and on

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00:03:56,880 --> 00:03:55,120

projects and applications some of the

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00:03:59,009 --> 00:03:56,890

work in structural mechanics includes

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00:04:02,340 --> 00:03:59,019

characterizing the properties of metals

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00:04:04,560 --> 00:04:02,350

used in propulsion systems by subjecting

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00:04:06,870 --> 00:04:04,570

specimens to stress and varying

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00:04:08,789 --> 00:04:06,880

temperatures researchers can predict

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00:04:11,880 --> 00:04:08,799

maximum loading and operating

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00:04:14,069 --> 00:04:11,890

temperatures and testing is performed at

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00:04:16,500 --> 00:04:14,079

very high temperatures on materials that

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00:04:18,599 --> 00:04:16,510

will be used at places like the leading

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00:04:26,689 --> 00:04:18,609

edge of the National aerospace plane

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the work in structural dynamics focuses

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00:04:34,950 --> 00:04:32,039

on the forces affecting bodies in motion

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when the turbine in a jet engine loses a

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00:04:40,200 --> 00:04:37,690

blade or even during a very hard landing

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the vibrations that occur can cause a

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propulsion system to fail tests in

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00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:45,520

dynamics can simulate a blade boss

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00:04:51,230 --> 00:04:48,400

condition to provide test data to

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00:04:53,790 --> 00:04:51,240

compare with simulation models any

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00:04:56,730 --> 00:04:53,800

rotating machine will tend to vibrate at

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00:04:58,529 --> 00:04:56,740

certain critical speeds and since modern

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00:05:00,750 --> 00:04:58,539

rotating equipment is required to

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00:05:03,050 --> 00:05:00,760

operate at ever higher speeds this

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00:05:05,520 --> 00:05:03,060

problem is increasingly important

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00:05:07,560 --> 00:05:05,530

research in the division is developing

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00:05:10,529 --> 00:05:07,570

methods for both active feedback and

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00:05:12,689 --> 00:05:10,539

passive suppression to permit operation

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00:05:16,740 --> 00:05:12,699

of equipment above critical speeds and

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00:05:19,290 --> 00:05:16,750

to reduce bearing wear high-speed

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00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:19,300

computer simulation is required for the

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00:05:24,659 --> 00:05:21,610

full dynamic analysis of rotating

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00:05:26,689 --> 00:05:24,669

machinery parallel computing developed

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00:05:29,250 --> 00:05:26,699

in the division is making this possible

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00:05:31,550 --> 00:05:29,260

by combining a large number of

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00:05:34,020 --> 00:05:31,560

processors in one transfuser

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00:05:36,750 --> 00:05:34,030

computations can be performed rapidly

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00:05:40,170 --> 00:05:36,760

enough to study high speed vibrations of

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00:05:40,180 --> 00:05:45,670

you

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00:05:50,330 --> 00:05:48,650

studies in fatigue and fracture analysis

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00:05:53,840 --> 00:05:50,340

are performed in many of the structures

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00:05:56,030 --> 00:05:53,850

divisions labs both destructive and

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00:05:58,460 --> 00:05:56,040

non-destructive methods are used to

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00:06:01,160 --> 00:05:58,470

evaluate and characterize new materials

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00:06:04,210 --> 00:06:01,170

and sometimes a combination of both are

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00:06:06,680 --> 00:06:04,220

used to improve the analytical process

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00:06:08,630 --> 00:06:06,690

much of this work is directed toward

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00:06:12,410 --> 00:06:08,640

characterizing and understanding

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00:06:15,740 --> 00:06:12,420

advanced material systems as an example

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00:06:18,350 --> 00:06:15,750

researchers in the division sonic map a

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00:06:21,500 --> 00:06:18,360

ceramic disc and send the data to a

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00:06:24,580 --> 00:06:21,510

computer the computer outputs a color

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00:06:27,050 --> 00:06:24,590

simulation showing variations in density

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00:06:30,200 --> 00:06:27,060

defining areas where fractures should

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00:06:32,740 --> 00:06:30,210

occur later the disc is placed in a

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00:06:36,260 --> 00:06:32,750

hydrostatic chamber and fractured the

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00:06:38,950 --> 00:06:36,270

actual fracture disk is then compared to

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00:06:42,050 --> 00:06:38,960

the computer model for verification

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00:06:44,270 --> 00:06:42,060

division researchers also test advanced

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00:06:47,320 --> 00:06:44,280

fiber reinforced composite materials

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00:06:50,450 --> 00:06:47,330

under varied loads expected in aerospace

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00:06:53,090 --> 00:06:50,460

applications data collected from these

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00:06:55,400 --> 00:06:53,100

tests are used to verify mathematical

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00:06:57,650 --> 00:06:55,410

models which describe the material

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00:07:00,020 --> 00:06:57,660

behavior these models are then

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00:07:02,450 --> 00:07:00,030

incorporated into NASA computer codes

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00:07:04,790 --> 00:07:02,460

used to predict the performance of

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00:07:08,480 --> 00:07:04,800

composite structures in a variety of

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00:07:10,730 --> 00:07:08,490

applications beyond solving the problems

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00:07:12,500 --> 00:07:10,740

which can lead to failures the division

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00:07:14,750 --> 00:07:12,510

provides leadership in developing new

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00:07:17,780 --> 00:07:14,760

concepts and integrating information

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00:07:21,140 --> 00:07:17,790

from many sources for application in

151
00:07:23,270 --> 00:07:21,150
areas ranging from windmills to the

152
00:07:25,910 --> 00:07:23,280
Space Shuttle main engines from

153
00:07:27,830 --> 00:07:25,920
fuel-efficient propellers to computer

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00:07:31,280 --> 00:07:27,840
codes for production design and

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00:07:32,870 --> 00:07:31,290
propulsion systems simulations the work

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00:07:35,360 --> 00:07:32,880
of the division provides verified

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00:07:37,640 --> 00:07:35,370
mathematical models and computer codes

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00:07:40,460 --> 00:07:37,650
that are key elements of today's

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00:07:42,710 --> 00:07:40,470
computer based design analyses for

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00:07:45,310 --> 00:07:42,720
flight propulsion systems as well as

161
00:07:47,690 --> 00:07:45,320
many other systems with similar problems

162
00:07:50,270 --> 00:07:47,700
using the products of the structures

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00:07:52,670 --> 00:07:50,280

division designers can better predict

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00:07:55,400 --> 00:07:52,680

the life of a component by constructing

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00:07:56,959 --> 00:07:55,410

it on the computer thereby saving time

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00:08:00,109 --> 00:07:56,969

and material while

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00:08:02,479 --> 00:08:00,119

venting costly failure future aerospace

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00:08:05,559 --> 00:08:02,489

systems will require advanced capability

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00:08:08,419 --> 00:08:05,569

on board computation and real-time

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00:08:10,039 --> 00:08:08,429

sensors will combine to make it possible

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00:08:12,319 --> 00:08:10,049

to monitor the health of advanced

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00:08:14,299 --> 00:08:12,329

systems active elements could be

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00:08:17,029 --> 00:08:14,309

included to make it possible to suppress

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00:08:19,369 --> 00:08:17,039

dynamic instabilities structural

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00:08:21,439 --> 00:08:19,379

tailoring to account for local stresses

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00:08:23,299 --> 00:08:21,449

and local hot spots may be the only way

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00:08:25,369 --> 00:08:23,309

to take advantage of the new lightweight

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00:08:28,909 --> 00:08:25,379

high temperature yet very brittle

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00:08:31,579 --> 00:08:28,919

materials computational simulation will

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00:08:34,939 --> 00:08:31,589

allow designers to make rapid affordable

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00:08:37,219 --> 00:08:34,949

and feasible designs probabilistic

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00:08:39,639 --> 00:08:37,229

methods will allow designers to quantify

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00:08:42,920 --> 00:08:39,649

risk and make trade-offs between

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00:08:44,869 --> 00:08:42,930

performance and life combination these

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00:08:47,240 --> 00:08:44,879

capabilities will allow those designers

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00:08:50,840 --> 00:08:47,250

to operate and design closer to the

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00:08:52,610 --> 00:08:50,850

limits such capability will allow us to

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00:08:55,220 --> 00:08:52,620

build systems that we couldn't build

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00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:55,230

before to carry out missions that

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00:08:59,050 --> 00:08:57,839

conceivably couldn't be carried out with

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the development of these capabilities

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00:09:04,509 --> 00:09:01,410

the structures division hopes to play a

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00:09:07,160 --> 00:09:04,519

major part in bringing them about a

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00:09:10,699 --> 00:09:07,170

special combination of experienced

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00:09:13,699 --> 00:09:10,709

in-house staff and facilities in the

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00:09:16,400 --> 00:09:13,709

Lewis research structures division has

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00:09:19,009 --> 00:09:16,410

been tailored to meet the challenges and

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00:09:22,429 --> 00:09:19,019

needs of a new age of spaceflight and

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00:09:25,639 --> 00:09:22,439

aviation the work of the division

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00:09:28,009 --> 00:09:25,649

continues to evolve technology and will

201
00:09:32,929 --> 00:09:28,019
take us into the next generations of

202
00:09:34,280 --> 00:09:32,939
flight our second segment is about a

203
00:09:36,379 --> 00:09:34,290
process developed at Lewis that we're

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00:09:37,850 --> 00:09:36,389
very proud of an engineer in our

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00:09:40,819 --> 00:09:37,860
materials division developed a process

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00:09:51,810 --> 00:09:40,829
called arc sprayed mono tape let's find

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00:09:58,120 --> 00:09:55,079
unfazed by extreme fire not temperatures

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00:10:01,689 --> 00:09:58,130
possessing amazing strength a strength

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00:10:04,180 --> 00:10:01,699
beyond belief its creation one of

210
00:10:07,269 --> 00:10:04,190
outstanding engineering achievement the

211
00:10:09,699 --> 00:10:07,279
new the ultra advanced composite

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00:10:12,879 --> 00:10:09,709
materials being developed by NASA Lewis

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00:10:15,040 --> 00:10:12,889

Research Center in Cleveland Ohio to

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understand this fascinating field we

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must start with basics and determine

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exactly what is a composite material

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possibly the easiest way to visualize a

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composite material is to offer the

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example of a tennis racquet the arm and

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frame part of the racket is made by

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00:10:34,840 --> 00:10:32,350

combining two distinct materials

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00:10:37,540 --> 00:10:34,850

graphite fibers which give it strength

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00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:37,550

and a low-temperature glue or binder

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00:10:41,879 --> 00:10:39,920

which hold the fibers together that

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00:10:45,309 --> 00:10:41,889

allows it to be fashioned into shape

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00:10:47,499 --> 00:10:45,319

this is a composite material to

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00:10:50,740 --> 00:10:47,509

different parts each with a different

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function research in this area began

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about 25 years ago when minut whiskers

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were discovered growing on electrical

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devices the whiskers were found to be

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single grain crystals that when tested

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00:11:06,250 --> 00:11:03,769

proved to be very strong in later

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research work the whiskers were used in

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00:11:12,370 --> 00:11:09,019

the making of bulk materials today

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00:11:15,550 --> 00:11:12,380

instead of whiskers fibers like silicon

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carbide tungsten and graphite are used

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00:11:19,569 --> 00:11:17,720

with a glue or binder to make such

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00:11:22,480 --> 00:11:19,579

things as engineering and sports

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00:11:24,759 --> 00:11:22,490

products there are some products though

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00:11:25,660 --> 00:11:24,769

that need to be able to withstand higher

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00:11:28,150 --> 00:11:25,670

temperatures

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00:11:30,940 --> 00:11:28,160

at the same time it's also necessary

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00:11:32,890 --> 00:11:30,950

that they be lightweight and stiff which

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00:11:34,600 --> 00:11:32,900

incidentally are very important

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00:11:37,750 --> 00:11:34,610

requirements for just about anything

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00:11:40,180 --> 00:11:37,760

intended for use in space to meet the

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00:11:42,940 --> 00:11:40,190

more demanding requirements a glue or

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binders such as aluminum or titanium may

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be used for other products that need to

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00:11:51,010 --> 00:11:47,720
be heat-resistant at even higher

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00:11:53,470 --> 00:11:51,020
temperatures a nickel or iron base alloy

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00:11:56,620 --> 00:11:53,480
is combined with even certain carbide

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00:11:58,840 --> 00:11:56,630
fibers or tungsten fibers there are

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00:12:03,370 --> 00:11:58,850
several ways to do this and one of them

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00:12:05,620 --> 00:12:03,380
is the arc spray process this method was

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00:12:08,590 --> 00:12:05,630
developed right here at NASA but one of

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our engineers Leonard Westfall he works

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00:12:14,590 --> 00:12:10,460
in the advanced metallic branch of

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00:12:16,840 --> 00:12:14,600
NASA's materials division recently mr.

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00:12:20,590 --> 00:12:16,850
Westfall described exactly how the arc

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process works the process works like

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this we have an arc spray gun which is

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attached to a large vacuum chamber

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inside the vacuum chamber is a drum that

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has our real strong fibers found on the

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surface at a very regular spacing the

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00:12:51,250 --> 00:12:48,140

arc spray gun works by having two metal

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00:12:53,050 --> 00:12:51,260

wires coming into the gun an electric

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00:12:55,780 --> 00:12:53,060

arc is struck between the tips of the

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wires the electric arc is sufficient

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00:13:02,080 --> 00:12:58,040

intensity to cause the water tips to

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00:13:04,630 --> 00:13:02,090

melt I pressure stream of neutral gas

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and will usually use our gun very clean

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argon is sprayed on this molten on the

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00:13:13,750 --> 00:13:11,090

mold and wire tips causing the molten

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metal to dislodge from the from the

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00:13:21,340 --> 00:13:17,390

wires and to be vaporized into very very

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fine particles in sprayed and we aim it

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00:13:28,110 --> 00:13:23,830

right on this drum surface

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00:13:30,780 --> 00:13:28,120

thin sheet that's formed can be as big

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as two drum surface the thin sheet mr.

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Westfall was talking about is called a

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mono tape it comes off the drum very

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00:13:41,670 --> 00:13:38,740

easily because a teflon spray is applied

286

00:13:44,070 --> 00:13:41,680

first the spray allows the material to

287

00:13:49,080 --> 00:13:44,080

get hard and yet not stick to the drum

288

00:13:51,540 --> 00:13:49,090

it simply peels off composite mono tapes

289

00:13:53,850 --> 00:13:51,550

are used to make composite shapes which

290

00:13:57,090 --> 00:13:53,860

are rather complex structures requiring

291

00:13:59,490 --> 00:13:57,100

extremely high strength in order to make

292

00:14:01,740 --> 00:13:59,500

the structure as strong as possible the

293

00:14:05,400 --> 00:14:01,750

mono tapes must be positioned in certain

294

00:14:07,860 --> 00:14:05,410

directions to do this the mono tape is

295

00:14:10,980 --> 00:14:07,870

cut into small pieces and stacked one on

296

00:14:14,010 --> 00:14:10,990

top of the other on the first piece all

297

00:14:16,530 --> 00:14:14,020

fibers are placed in one direction on

298

00:14:18,630 --> 00:14:16,540

the next piece the fibers are put in the

299

00:14:21,390 --> 00:14:18,640

opposite direction of those on the first

300

00:14:23,850 --> 00:14:21,400

piece this alternation of the fibers

301
00:14:25,980 --> 00:14:23,860
direction is continued on the pieces in

302
00:14:29,640 --> 00:14:25,990
order to maximize the structure strength

303
00:14:32,490 --> 00:14:29,650
in different directions the small pieces

304
00:14:35,270 --> 00:14:32,500
of composite mono tape usually are glued

305
00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:35,280
together by a method called hot pressing

306
00:14:39,960 --> 00:14:38,050
very heavy pressure is applied to the

307
00:14:42,150 --> 00:14:39,970
stack while it is subjected to a

308
00:14:45,420 --> 00:14:42,160
temperature of almost 2,000 degrees

309
00:14:48,120 --> 00:14:45,430
Fahrenheit as the metal gets squeezed

310
00:14:50,280 --> 00:14:48,130
together any small imperfections in the

311
00:14:52,770 --> 00:14:50,290
mono tape disappeared and the metal

312
00:14:56,250 --> 00:14:52,780
pieces blend together resulting in a

313
00:14:58,290 --> 00:14:56,260

perfectly solid plate cut into thin

314

00:15:02,010 --> 00:14:58,300

strips the plates are used extensively

315

00:15:04,260 --> 00:15:02,020

at NASA for testing purposes engineers

316

00:15:06,840 --> 00:15:04,270

have been able to make large tubes by

317

00:15:08,790 --> 00:15:06,850

using a pressing guide to shape it they

318

00:15:11,880 --> 00:15:08,800

have made demonstration turbine blades

319

00:15:14,400 --> 00:15:11,890

for jet engines these blades are located

320

00:15:17,250 --> 00:15:14,410

very close to the place where air mixed

321

00:15:19,980 --> 00:15:17,260

with fuel is burned as combustion takes

322

00:15:23,250 --> 00:15:19,990

place the expanding gases hit the blade

323

00:15:24,960 --> 00:15:23,260

causing it to turn it's easy to see why

324

00:15:29,070 --> 00:15:24,970

the blades must be able to withstand

325

00:15:31,650 --> 00:15:29,080

extremely high temperatures presently

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00:15:34,920 --> 00:15:31,660

there are five NASA programs in which

327

00:15:38,220 --> 00:15:34,930

arc spray mono tape plays a major role

328

00:15:41,250 --> 00:15:38,230

our two programs deal specifically with

329

00:15:43,050 --> 00:15:41,260

the space shuttles main engine since the

330

00:15:45,139 --> 00:15:43,060

material now used to make the main

331

00:15:48,600 --> 00:15:45,149

engine is cracking due to thermal shock

332

00:15:51,240 --> 00:15:48,610

NASA is working with tungsten reinforced

333

00:15:54,210 --> 00:15:51,250

super alloys to replace it these

334

00:15:56,850 --> 00:15:54,220

composites in tests so far have proven

335

00:15:58,800 --> 00:15:56,860

to be more shock resistant stronger and

336

00:16:02,730 --> 00:15:58,810

able to withstand higher temperatures

337

00:16:05,100 --> 00:16:02,740

than the present material the second

338

00:16:07,340 --> 00:16:05,110

program deals with the reinforcement of

339

00:16:11,190 --> 00:16:07,350

a combustion liner in the space shuttle

340

00:16:19,019 --> 00:16:11,200

mr. Westfall explains a combustion liner

341

00:16:22,110 --> 00:16:19,029

is a contoured shape that is Hydra

342

00:16:24,300 --> 00:16:22,120

liquid hydrogen cold and it's the vessel

343

00:16:29,040 --> 00:16:24,310

that the liquid oxygen and liquid

344

00:16:31,400 --> 00:16:29,050

hydrogen burned in and you have very

345

00:16:33,810 --> 00:16:31,410

very high temperatures inside this

346

00:16:37,230 --> 00:16:33,820

combustion liner and typically it's made

347

00:16:39,210 --> 00:16:37,240

out of copper or strong copper alloy the

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00:16:42,440 --> 00:16:39,220

problem this combustion liner is

349

00:16:45,960 --> 00:16:42,450

experiencing is the copper alloy is

350

00:16:48,019 --> 00:16:45,970

deforming due to the very high

351
00:16:50,970 --> 00:16:48,029
temperatures and the stresses that are

352
00:16:53,370 --> 00:16:50,980
generated in the thin inner wall causing

353
00:16:55,110 --> 00:16:53,380
in a while to deform and actually

354
00:16:57,900 --> 00:16:55,120
correct and the liquid hydrogen is

355
00:17:01,620 --> 00:16:57,910
leaking out we are putting tungsten

356
00:17:03,360 --> 00:17:01,630
fibers in the inside layer of the

357
00:17:05,460 --> 00:17:03,370
combustion liner to strengthen to

358
00:17:08,069 --> 00:17:05,470
selectively strengthen the inner wall of

359
00:17:11,520 --> 00:17:08,079
the combustion liner this is an example

360
00:17:13,860 --> 00:17:11,530
of one of the test specimens that we

361
00:17:16,620 --> 00:17:13,870
make and we have tungsten fibers

362
00:17:20,160 --> 00:17:16,630
reinforcing the inside surface of this

363
00:17:23,699 --> 00:17:20,170

specimen alright this specimen then will

364

00:17:25,470 --> 00:17:23,709

be tested in a rocket test chamber under

365

00:17:27,290 --> 00:17:25,480

conditions very very similar to the

366

00:17:32,490 --> 00:17:27,300

Space Shuttle main engine and the

367

00:17:34,919 --> 00:17:32,500

material will be tested to to failure we

368

00:17:36,870 --> 00:17:34,929

predict a much longer life with our

369

00:17:40,380 --> 00:17:36,880

tungsten reinforce copper than the

370

00:17:42,750 --> 00:17:40,390

current copper alloy that's being flown

371

00:17:45,200 --> 00:17:42,760

in space shuttle today also regarding

372

00:17:47,299 --> 00:17:45,210

space the third program has

373

00:17:49,820 --> 00:17:47,309

with the creation and development of

374

00:17:52,269 --> 00:17:49,830

very strong tools to hold liquid metals

375

00:17:54,980 --> 00:17:52,279

and heat pipes for nuclear reactors

376

00:17:57,169 --> 00:17:54,990

because of the tremendous pressure the

377

00:17:59,120 --> 00:17:57,179

tubes will have to withstand a new

378

00:18:02,600 --> 00:17:59,130

material is needed that is much stronger

379

00:18:05,269 --> 00:18:02,610

than the one now used using the

380

00:18:07,159 --> 00:18:05,279

composite process engineers are adding

381

00:18:11,090 --> 00:18:07,169

tungsten fibers to the present material

382

00:18:13,610 --> 00:18:11,100

to strengthen it and again in support of

383

00:18:16,190 --> 00:18:13,620

space power the next program is working

384

00:18:18,019 --> 00:18:16,200

to develop a specific container and will

385

00:18:20,180 --> 00:18:18,029

be able to take high temperatures and

386

00:18:23,419 --> 00:18:20,190

amounts of pressure which the current

387

00:18:25,340 --> 00:18:23,429

container cannot in this case the power

388

00:18:29,029 --> 00:18:25,350

being generated would be for a space

389

00:18:31,010 --> 00:18:29,039

station the composite material that has

390

00:18:34,130 --> 00:18:31,020

been developed is three to four times

391

00:18:35,930 --> 00:18:34,140

stronger than the present one surpassing

392

00:18:37,940 --> 00:18:35,940

the program's goal of finding a

393

00:18:40,490 --> 00:18:37,950

substitute container for present

394

00:18:42,889 --> 00:18:40,500

temperature and pressure levels the

395

00:18:45,049 --> 00:18:42,899

engineers at NASA have created one that

396

00:18:49,310 --> 00:18:45,059

can be used as power demands go up in

397

00:18:51,380 --> 00:18:49,320

the future the final program developing

398

00:18:54,039 --> 00:18:51,390

composite materials for use in space

399

00:18:57,139 --> 00:18:54,049

deals with the improvement of radiators

400

00:18:59,690 --> 00:18:57,149

again NASA engineer Leonard Westfall

401
00:19:03,740 --> 00:18:59,700
explains these tubes I talked about

402
00:19:06,399 --> 00:19:03,750
before have radiator panels hooked on on

403
00:19:10,970 --> 00:19:06,409
the back of them to get rid of the heat

404
00:19:14,299 --> 00:19:10,980
all right we're developing fiber

405
00:19:17,750 --> 00:19:14,309
reinforced radiator panels that are made

406
00:19:19,669 --> 00:19:17,760
out of graphite fibers that I have very

407
00:19:21,980 --> 00:19:19,679
very high thermal conductivity and

408
00:19:25,149 --> 00:19:21,990
thermal conductivity is the materials

409
00:19:27,440 --> 00:19:25,159
ability to conduct heat very quickly

410
00:19:30,320 --> 00:19:27,450
alright these fibers conduct heat

411
00:19:34,970 --> 00:19:30,330
extremely fast and we put them in and

412
00:19:37,419 --> 00:19:34,980
copper as a high-temperature glue copper

413
00:19:40,909 --> 00:19:37,429

also has very high thermal conductivity

414

00:19:44,240 --> 00:19:40,919

and so what we end up with is a

415

00:19:47,090 --> 00:19:44,250

structure that has higher thermal

416

00:19:52,519 --> 00:19:47,100

conductivity than copper is very very

417

00:19:54,500 --> 00:19:52,529

stiff and light and this saves weight it

418

00:19:56,870 --> 00:19:54,510

increases the efficiency of the radiator

419

00:19:59,010 --> 00:19:56,880

panels and makes the whole cooling

420

00:20:01,710 --> 00:19:59,020

scheme work much

421

00:20:04,170 --> 00:20:01,720

much better at NASA there is also very

422

00:20:07,290 --> 00:20:04,180

exciting work being done to support the

423

00:20:09,570 --> 00:20:07,300

national aerospace plane the plans for

424

00:20:11,670 --> 00:20:09,580

this remarkable plane call for it to

425

00:20:15,120 --> 00:20:11,680

take off from the ground and fly up

426
00:20:17,550 --> 00:20:15,130
right into orbit it would fly like an

427
00:20:19,920 --> 00:20:17,560
airplane but it's jet engine at higher

428
00:20:23,220 --> 00:20:19,930
altitudes and speeds would become like a

429
00:20:25,440 --> 00:20:23,230
rocket and boosted into space NASA's

430
00:20:27,600 --> 00:20:25,450
advanced metallics branch is working on

431
00:20:29,910 --> 00:20:27,610
developing a fiber-reinforced inner

432
00:20:33,060 --> 00:20:29,920
metallic material out of which to build

433
00:20:35,430 --> 00:20:33,070
the plane currently the plane severely

434
00:20:37,170 --> 00:20:35,440
lacks a suitable material there are

435
00:20:39,420 --> 00:20:37,180
three vital requirements that the

436
00:20:42,150 --> 00:20:39,430
material must have it must be

437
00:20:45,780 --> 00:20:42,160
lightweight highly resistant to extreme

438
00:20:48,120 --> 00:20:45,790

heat and very strong since it will be

439

00:20:50,520 --> 00:20:48,130

used primarily as a major structural

440

00:20:53,550 --> 00:20:50,530

component the composite material being

441

00:20:56,610 --> 00:20:53,560

tested and developed uses ceramic fibers

442

00:20:59,010 --> 00:20:56,620

the intermetallic matrix and ceramic

443

00:21:00,870 --> 00:20:59,020

fibers together form a material that

444

00:21:04,950 --> 00:21:00,880

could be the solution to one of the

445

00:21:07,860 --> 00:21:04,960

planes most pressing needs in all the

446

00:21:10,470 --> 00:21:07,870

research in all of these programs with

447

00:21:12,900 --> 00:21:10,480

all of the discoveries breakthroughs and

448

00:21:16,080 --> 00:21:12,910

amazing new products tested and those

449

00:21:19,110 --> 00:21:16,090

actually in use still according to mr.

450

00:21:21,060 --> 00:21:19,120

Westfall the present work is quote just

451

00:21:24,600 --> 00:21:21,070

scratching the surface in composite

452

00:21:26,910 --> 00:21:24,610

materials besides the fibers in

453

00:21:29,250 --> 00:21:26,920

existence today there are many many

454

00:21:33,540 --> 00:21:29,260

others with great potential that need to

455

00:21:35,730 --> 00:21:33,550

be developed and tested NASA's goal to

456

00:21:39,360 --> 00:21:35,740

develop even stronger fibers that can

457

00:21:41,070 --> 00:21:39,370

work at even higher temperatures some of

458

00:21:42,960 --> 00:21:41,080

the structures NASA has been working on

459

00:21:46,080 --> 00:21:42,970

will be used for the National aerospace

460

00:21:47,160 --> 00:21:46,090

plane or commonly known as nasp naspa

461

00:21:48,930 --> 00:21:47,170

when it is built will have a unique

462

00:21:50,670 --> 00:21:48,940

capability of taking off from any

463

00:22:03,840 --> 00:21:50,680

airport and fly directly into space

464

00:22:08,680 --> 00:22:06,160

imagine taking off from an airport

465

00:22:11,680 --> 00:22:08,690

runway flying at three to five times the

466

00:22:14,590 --> 00:22:11,690

speed of sound at altitudes of 20 miles

467

00:22:16,720 --> 00:22:14,600

or even higher a few short hours after

468

00:22:19,930 --> 00:22:16,730

departure you come to a stop halfway

469

00:22:21,850 --> 00:22:19,940

around the world or maybe you took off

470

00:22:24,250 --> 00:22:21,860

from a runway and flew directly into

471

00:22:26,080 --> 00:22:24,260

orbit to work in space and then you

472

00:22:29,890 --> 00:22:26,090

returned landing on a conventional

473

00:22:32,710 --> 00:22:29,900

Airport runway the National aerospace

474

00:22:35,920 --> 00:22:32,720

plane will try to make both scenarios a

475

00:22:38,440 --> 00:22:35,930

reality NASA and the Department of

476

00:22:41,950 --> 00:22:38,450

Defense have done research on hyper

477

00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:41,960

sonic technology for many years the NASP

478

00:22:47,710 --> 00:22:44,720

technology demonstrator will be a highly

479

00:22:50,170 --> 00:22:47,720

advanced explain a new member of the

480

00:22:54,160 --> 00:22:50,180

elite special research aircraft that

481

00:22:55,930 --> 00:22:54,170

includes the x1 which in 1947 was the

482

00:22:59,470 --> 00:22:55,940

first aircraft to break the speed of

483

00:23:02,470 --> 00:22:59,480

sound and fly supersonic in the early

484

00:23:05,830 --> 00:23:02,480

1960s the x-15 became one of the first

485

00:23:09,550 --> 00:23:05,840

manned hypersonic aircraft and reached

486

00:23:12,750 --> 00:23:09,560

speeds of Mach 7 for about 4,500 miles

487

00:23:16,930 --> 00:23:12,760

per hour one of the key technological

488

00:23:20,100 --> 00:23:16,940

developments of the x30 or NASA are in

489

00:23:22,600 --> 00:23:20,110

the propulsion area an air-breathing

490

00:23:27,280 --> 00:23:22,610

hydrogen-fueled supersonic combustion

491

00:23:29,410 --> 00:23:27,290

ramjet engine or scramjet engine is now

492

00:23:34,240 --> 00:23:29,420

being developed for speeds from about

493

00:23:36,910 --> 00:23:34,250

Mach 7 to Mach 25 the engine uses the

494

00:23:40,660 --> 00:23:36,920

velocity of the vehicle to compress air

495

00:23:42,730 --> 00:23:40,670

as it is rammed into the intake this

496

00:23:45,850 --> 00:23:42,740

compressed air is then mixed with

497

00:23:49,030 --> 00:23:45,860

gaseous hydrogen at this stage to

498

00:23:52,180 --> 00:23:49,040

generate high thrust a development on

499

00:23:54,290 --> 00:23:52,190

which we will focus is materials here to

500

00:23:56,780 --> 00:23:54,300

speak on that is Matt

501
00:24:00,710 --> 00:23:56,790
with the advent of the the aerospace

502
00:24:02,450 --> 00:24:00,720
plane there's become a need for a lot of

503
00:24:04,400 --> 00:24:02,460
new material development beyond a shadow

504
00:24:07,310 --> 00:24:04,410
of a doubt we need new materials all

505
00:24:09,620 --> 00:24:07,320
right and these new materials will most

506
00:24:12,800 --> 00:24:09,630
probably be composite materials but

507
00:24:16,700 --> 00:24:12,810
instead of using a metal matrix based

508
00:24:18,050 --> 00:24:16,710
composite will be using our epoxy based

509
00:24:21,430 --> 00:24:18,060
will be using a metal matrix based

510
00:24:23,930 --> 00:24:21,440
composite all right metal matrix being

511
00:24:26,390 --> 00:24:23,940
copper for instance one of the big

512
00:24:29,240 --> 00:24:26,400
problems NASA is facing with the advent

513
00:24:31,490 --> 00:24:29,250

of the National aerospace plane deals

514

00:24:34,550 --> 00:24:31,500

was not only finding the right materials

515

00:24:37,190 --> 00:24:34,560

to use but in cooling them as well we

516

00:24:38,930 --> 00:24:37,200

have to figure out some way of making a

517

00:24:40,280 --> 00:24:38,940

very strong material that's going to

518

00:24:43,190 --> 00:24:40,290

survive in a high temperature

519

00:24:46,460 --> 00:24:43,200

environment and what we're going to have

520

00:24:48,220 --> 00:24:46,470

to do is actively cool this material all

521

00:24:50,450 --> 00:24:48,230

right by putting some kind of a

522

00:24:52,130 --> 00:24:50,460

cryogenic fluid behind a gaseous

523

00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:52,140

hydrogen or liquid hydrogen which is

524

00:24:56,690 --> 00:24:55,440

very cold and X is a good heat transfer

525

00:25:00,260 --> 00:24:56,700

medium to take heat away from the

526

00:25:02,060 --> 00:25:00,270

leading edge so on on one side of the of

527

00:25:03,110 --> 00:25:02,070

the material on the inside of the wing

528

00:25:05,360 --> 00:25:03,120

for instance there'll be a lot of

529

00:25:07,220 --> 00:25:05,370

coolant rushing through to cool the

530

00:25:09,770 --> 00:25:07,230

inside down and on the outside you'll

531

00:25:11,390 --> 00:25:09,780

have a very hot surface and that is why

532

00:25:12,530 --> 00:25:11,400

we need the high heat conductivity with

533

00:25:14,750 --> 00:25:12,540

our instance you look at fighter jets

534

00:25:17,360 --> 00:25:14,760

that's travel Mach 1 or Mach 2 or even

535

00:25:18,950 --> 00:25:17,370

the Concorde which goes up to Mach 2 you

536

00:25:21,860 --> 00:25:18,960

see that their wings are very narrow at

537

00:25:23,270 --> 00:25:21,870

the leading edges okay and there's a

538

00:25:25,330 --> 00:25:23,280

problem with that because the smaller

539

00:25:28,400 --> 00:25:25,340

the leading edge gets the more difficult

540

00:25:30,950 --> 00:25:28,410

it is to cool and the hotter it gets

541

00:25:33,020 --> 00:25:30,960

because it's such a small it's just such

542

00:25:36,830 --> 00:25:33,030

a small point lying out there in the

543

00:25:39,770 --> 00:25:36,840

free stream that it gets it gets very

544

00:25:42,320 --> 00:25:39,780

warm very quickly the National aerospace

545

00:25:45,230 --> 00:25:42,330

plane is one of the projects being

546

00:25:48,290 --> 00:25:45,240

developed by NASA for future space use

547

00:25:50,810 --> 00:25:48,300

but we cannot expect it to do all of our

548

00:25:53,630 --> 00:25:50,820

work in space the National aerospace

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00:25:57,710 --> 00:25:53,640

plane being something that will possibly

550

00:25:59,900 --> 00:25:57,720

be able to supplement the shuttle fleet

551
00:26:02,510 --> 00:25:59,910
or or maybe even replace it but

552
00:26:04,190 --> 00:26:02,520
obviously if you have an airplane that

553
00:26:07,010 --> 00:26:04,200
can take off from a runway and go to

554
00:26:08,510 --> 00:26:07,020
orbit with some people in it and go

555
00:26:11,780 --> 00:26:08,520
the space station for instance or

556
00:26:14,060 --> 00:26:11,790
something like that obviously it would

557
00:26:18,920 --> 00:26:14,070
have to be capable of shuttle type

558
00:26:20,600 --> 00:26:18,930
operations as far as payload goes I

559
00:26:22,580 --> 00:26:20,610
think moving big things like space

560
00:26:25,250 --> 00:26:22,590
station components or say for instance

561
00:26:26,600 --> 00:26:25,260
they want to go to Mars and they have to

562
00:26:28,220 --> 00:26:26,610
get some big boosters up there or

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00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,230

something like that I don't see the

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00:26:32,480 --> 00:26:30,480

national aerospace plane taking that

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00:26:35,270 --> 00:26:32,490

kind of payload up there the National

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00:26:37,790 --> 00:26:35,280

aerospace plane is expected to yield a

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00:26:41,450 --> 00:26:37,800

high payoff for the United States in the

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00:26:44,720 --> 00:26:41,460

early 21st century with reduced space

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00:26:47,390 --> 00:26:44,730

launch costs vastly reduced transit time

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00:26:49,700 --> 00:26:47,400

on long-haul air routes major

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00:26:52,670 --> 00:26:49,710

investments by private enterprise in

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00:26:56,090 --> 00:26:52,680

commercial space ventures and sustained

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00:26:58,880 --> 00:26:56,100

us preeminence in aeronautics with all

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00:27:02,270 --> 00:26:58,890

of the social and economic benefits that

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00:27:03,680 --> 00:27:02,280

accompany it this is a Mariko forest

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00:27:05,840 --> 00:27:03,690

area wishing you would buy and hope

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00:27:07,880 --> 00:27:05,850

you've enjoyed our show I hope you walk

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00:27:09,290 --> 00:27:07,890

along the future path again with me at