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Re: Australian Scramjet Research

Date: Wed, 15 Sep 1999 19:10:45
Subject: Re: Australian Scramjet Research
From: win@writer.win-uk.net (David)

Larry writes:

>Those of you who are fellow scramjet nuts, will want to
>check out this URL:

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><http://www.spacer.com/>

>Look for the article entitled:
>"Australia Developing Scramjets".

>It is a story about the University of Queensland HyShot Program.

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>This is significant as UQ has a big Shock Tunnel, it has a history
>of hypersonics/scramjet research as well as 'belief' in the concept,
>even when it wasn't popular - enough to drive its research forward,
>instead of stopping. If this project can establish a continuing
>effort at testing scramjets, as well as developing the CFD, they
>could be in the lead eventually.

Waving the Union Jack for a moment :) It's fantastic to see the UK's
Defence Evaluation and Research Agency involved too. They've been doing
work on the programme in their hypersonic wind tunnels.

Tell me Larry, is it the fact that they'll be collecting real-world data on
the thermodynamics of scramjet combustion and its net thrust whilst HyShot
is in flight, then comparing those with T4 and CFD data that makes this
programme a world's first ?

Has anyone tested a free flying scramjet before ? Seem to recall the USSR
did - not sure about the US or anyone else.

Best

Dave

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