Fiscal Year:	FY 2018	**Task Last Updated:**	FY 07/25/2018
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Project Title:	Thermophysical Properties and Transport Phenomena Models and Experiments in Reduced Gravity		
Division Name:	Physical Sciences		
Program/Discipline:			
Program/Discipline--Element/Subdiscipline:	MATERIALS SCIENCE--Materials science		
Joint Agency Name:		**TechPort:**	No
Human Research Program Elements:	None		
Human Research Program Risks:	None		
Space Biology Element:	None		
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Comments:			
Project Type:	FLIGHT	**Solicitation / Funding Source:**	2015 NNH15ZTT002N MaterialsLab Open Science Campaigns for Experiments on the International Space Station
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Flight Program:			
Flight Assignment:			
Key Personnel Changes/Previous PI:	June 2018 report: Project year 2 funding, received after reporting period, was needed to hire a student, as per revised budget. Prof. Jonghyun Lee moved to Iowa State University to accept a tenure-track position in September 2017; he remains CoI.		
COI Name (Institution):	Lee, Jonghyun Ph.D. (Iowa State University (formerly University of Massachusetts))		
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Task Description:	The proposed program will consist of four major elements: continued development of novel non-contact methods for measuring thermophysical properties, including using electrostatic levitation in reduced gravity; application of these methods to materials of interest to industry and the international scientific community; application of the measured properties to produce accurate models of fluid flow and heat and mass transfer in the levitated samples; and application of the measured properties and models to test theories about the effect of processing on microstructure and material characteristics of a family of nonlinear optical crystals. The proposed elements primarily contribute to the research emphasis 1: Thermophysical Property Measurements, with supporting contributions to research emphasis; 2: Materials Processes Affecting Microstructure, Composition, and the Resultant Material Characteristics. The proposed elements vary in scope from the development of methods which are broadly applicable to measurement of thermophysical properties such as density and viscosity, to measurement of the properties of samples proposed by our team and other investigators in MaterialsLab, so models for specific experiments. Through the insight into the transport phenomena inside the samples, the experiment-specific models enable experiments that would otherwise be impossible. Similar models are currently in use for model-enabled experiments on the International Space Station. The results of the model-enabled experiments will advance the scientific understanding of the effect of processing on the properties of non-linear optical crystals, moving them closer to commercial production and sale here on Earth.
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
Research Impact/Earth Benefits:	This project has the potential to improve the manufacturability of photonic devices based on photorefractive materials. Among the many applications are holographic storage of data. The ability to switch light with light could also have a large impact on telecommunications.
Task Progress:	The Principal Investigator (PI) visited Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in December, 2017, with another MaterialsLab PI, Dr. Richard Weber. We had specific discussions about each project. The PI participated in numerous teleconferences about the status of the Electrostatic Levitation Furnace (ELF) and coordination among the different MaterialsLab projects. The PI also participated in teleconferences for the Science Definition Team on Thermophysical Property Measurements. The PI participated in joint efforts to demonstrate the relevance of the MaterialsLab projects to NASA’s exploration mission, and to find partners within NASA who would be interested in the results of our investigations. The team has begun planning with NASA MSFC for ground-based experiments to be conducted next year, including sourcing, procurement, and fabrication of samples.
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