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Project Title:	Fundamental Research on International Standard of Fire Safety in Space - Subteam 1: Study of Flammability of Fabric Materials		
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Key Personnel Changes/Previous PI:	Dr. Sandra Olson is U.S. Co-Investigator on Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)-sponsored project, "Flammability Limits At Reduced-g Experiment (FLARE)." JAXA Principal Investigator (PI) is Prof. Osamu Fujita, Hokkaido University.		
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Task Description:	<p>The objective of the project is to develop a methodology to correlate material flammability limits in normal gravity and microgravity, which allows quantitative estimation of material flammability limit in microgravity based on the flammability data obtained on the ground. The project involves an international team including Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), NASA, ESA (European Space Agency), and universities in Japan, USA, and France. Dr. Olson is a U.S. Co-Investigator for the JAXA sponsored experiments to be conducted aboard the Japanese Experiment Module, Kibo.</p> <p>To establish global standards for fire safety in space, we seek to develop a fundamental understanding of how NASA's material flammability test, NASA-STD-6001.A Test 1, relates to the actual flammability of materials in micro and partial gravity.</p> <p>The investigation strategy is to perform extensive research via ground-based experiments, including 1g and parabolic flight tests, and via theoretical formulations. Flight experiments on orbit in International Space Station (ISS)/KIBO will be performed to verify the correlation. The flight experiments on orbit are expected in 2018 or later.</p> <p>By the end of the project, a new fire safety standard test method for screening spacecraft materials will be proposed that addresses the shortcomings of existing standard test methods such as NASA-STD-6001B.</p>
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
Research Impact/Earth Benefits:	<p>Studying materials flammability in space allows us to accurately control the flow field and thus elucidate the importance of a critical Damkohler number (flow time /reaction time) on flame extinction. The anticipated improved methodology should reduce time and cost for the spacecraft material screening. Investigation and results have Earth benefits for terrestrial fire safety.</p>
Task Progress:	<p>A replacement central processing unit (CPU) and hard drive to replace the failed operating system were launched in Feb. 2022 and experiments were started in May 2022. Experiments continued until October 2022 when the hardware was removed from the Multi-purpose Small Payload Rack (MSPR) rack for a brief hiatus while another experiment was installed in the rack. Experiments are expected to resume in 2023.</p> <p>Experiment 1-2 was conducted during the 2022 operations. NASA has received data from JAXA for analysis in collaboration with the JAXA Principal Investigator (PI) Torikai. A manuscript is being drafted of the parabolic aircraft test campaign collaboration.</p> <p>The 2022 annual international Flammability Limits At Reduced-g Experiment (FLARE) workshop, originally planned to be held in Tsukuba, Japan, was held Sept. 6-8, 2022. [Ed. Note: see FY22 report for additional information.] The next workshop is scheduled for Sept. 2023 in Tsukuba, Japan.</p>
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