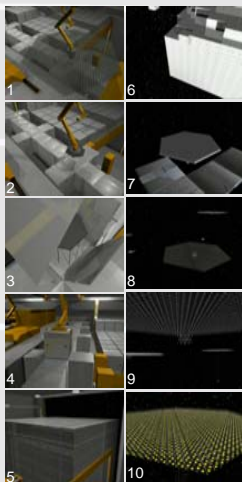


SMART architecture from start to finish

SMART assembly, shipping, and deployment using SMART boxes

Autonomous assembly from SMART components
 3D tetrahedral 3D truss structure from layers of MEMS nodes (1-2)
 Sail (shell) and subsystems deployed from specialized nodes
 Stowed to 1/100 size in propulsion/communication capable box for shipping (3-4)
 1000 boxes form 1 meter cube package shippable to launch location (5-6)
 Spacecraft deployed from boxes for launch in space (7)



SMART deployable spacecraft (8)

Uses SMART Sail, Subsystem Platform, Tethers
 Can be multiple tethered platforms
 Optimized for pre and post deployment ops



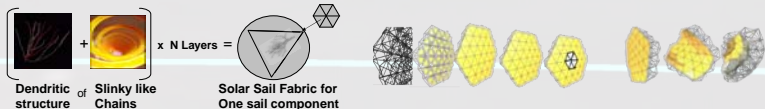
SMART deployable subsystems (9)

SMART Space Frame and Separate Platform for subsystems
 Communication either thin wire or wireless
 Nodes (MEMS) spool/unspool carbon nanotubes
 form tethers, struts, fibers or act as attach points for subsystems



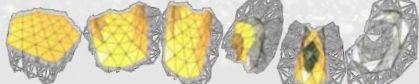
SMART Solar Sail characteristics (10)

10 to 100 times linear stretch from multilayer dendritic polymers
 Polymers consist of layers of Slinky-like helical nanotubule chains
 Multilayer fabric has sufficient reflectivity when fully extended
 Self-configuring morphology for attitude control or adaptation
 Self-deploying surface and struts for attitude control or repair



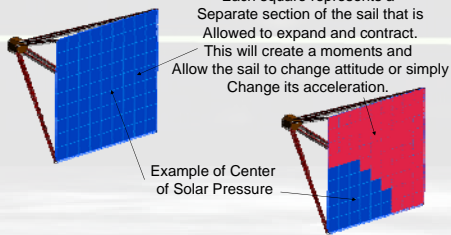
Attitude Control: Using SMART Sail or Surface Self-Configuration

Sail achieves dynamic attitude control through capability for dynamic change in its morphology, thus changes the effective area and distribution of solar reflectivity to change its acceleration and momentum vectors to achieve required orbit and orientation.



Attitude Control: Using SMART Sail or Surface Self-Deployment

Each square represents a Separate section of the sail that is Allowed to expand and contract. This will create a moments and Allow the sail to change attitude or simply Change its acceleration.



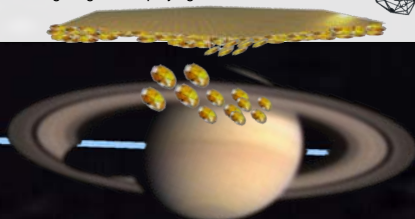
SMART deployable Nuclear Propulsion Craft

Uses SMART Nuclear Propulsion self-configuring for control of thrust
 Expand or Contract to control Critical Mass Properties
 Vary thermal coefficient to control Heat Flow
 Other Subsystems can be tethered to shell
 Pre-deployment size much smaller than post



SMART Hive Carrier characteristics

Sail special reflective shell material
 Individual spacecraft self-tether for transport
 Self-configuring/Self-deploying for attitude control



SARA: The Saturn Autonomous Ring Array

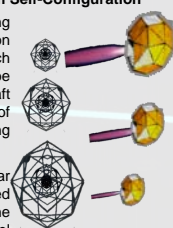
ANTS application to survey dense, dynamic, high G population
 1000 spacecraft swarm
 10 types of 'specialists' with common spacecraft bus
 10 subswarms, ~100 spacecraft each, ~10 each specialist
 Hybrid propulsion for operation in two regimes:
 Solar Sail Transport 'Hive Ship' cruise to outer solar system
 Nuclear Propulsion for individual craft navigate around rings
 Small nuclear batteries for 100's of mWatt power requirements
 Primary objective is in situ exploration of Saturn's Rings to understand formation and origin of planetary systems

ANTS Application: SARA, Saturn Autonomous Ring Array

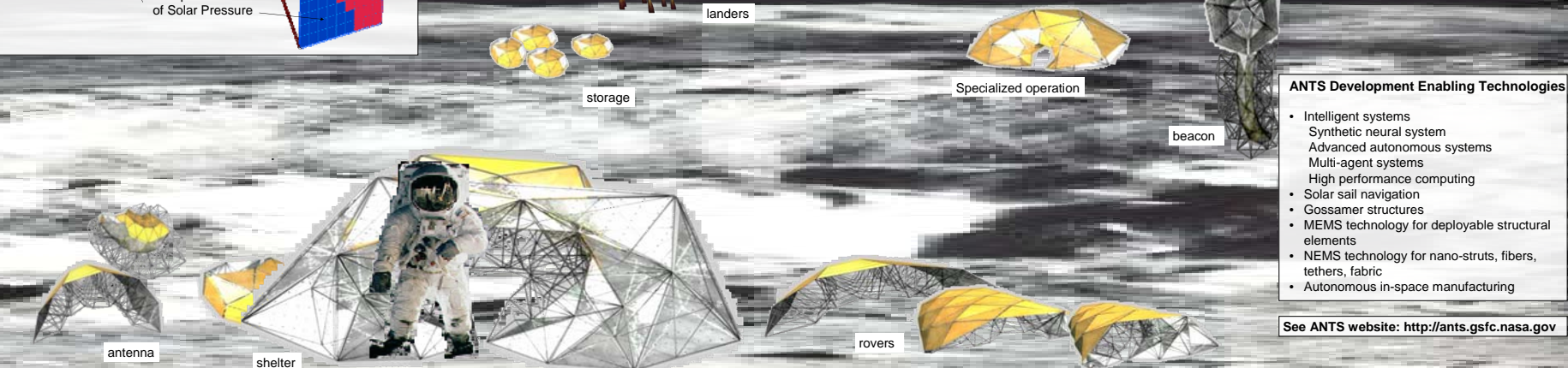
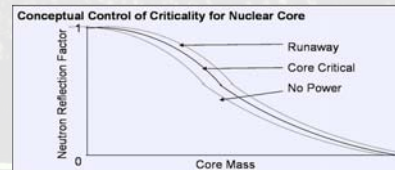
Time Frame: 2025-2030. NEMS
 Environment: Space, High G, High density dynamic population
 Power: 100's mWatts, Solar<3.5AU Nuclear Battery>3.5AU
 Material: 1-3 kg, 100 m²/kg
 Locomotion: 1-3 Sail Carrier<3.5 AU, Nuclear Thermal>3.5AU
 Challenges: Rapid reconfigurability of nuclear source required for attitude control to avoid collisions, take samples

SMART Nuclear Propulsion System Self-Configuration

Design of Self-configuring nanostructures for nuclear propulsion and power control necessary Such autonomous control would be essential in maneuvering the craft and the instrument for collection of rather than collision with ring particles.



The power and speed of the nuclear propulsion drive system proposed would be varied by controlling the temperature and criticality of the fuel element using ANTS technology.



ANTS Development Enabling Technologies

- Intelligent systems
 - Synthetic neural system
 - Advanced autonomous systems
 - Multi-agent systems
 - High performance computing
- Solar sail navigation
- Gossamer structures
- MEMS technology for deployable structural elements
- NEMS technology for nano-struts, fibers, tethers, fabric
- Autonomous in-space manufacturing

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