

# **Michael D. Commons**

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### EDUCATION

2012

# B.S. Mechanical Engineering

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

EXPERIENCE	
1/18 – Present	<ul> <li>Joint Polar Satellite System-2 (JPSS-2)</li> <li>NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center</li> <li>Providing thermal analysis and support to Ball Aerospace for the OMPS instrument</li> <li>Working with Northrop Grumman on developing a GSE configuration for full system TVAC</li> <li>Sink temperature calculations for instrument and electronic radiators and other critical surfaces</li> <li>Developing a TVAC model along with sink panel size, placement, etc.</li> <li>Developed test support documentation (GSE TV/TB settings, test prediction results)</li> <li>Lead NASA Thermal Analyst when supporting shifts during TVAC testing.</li> <li>Responsible for correlating thermal model to test data post-TVAC.</li> <li>Responsible for performing the satellite level Thermal Desktop model test analysis and presenting the thermal analysis results at engineering peer reviews</li> <li>Supported thermal and spacecraft subsystem engineering meetings, trade studies and development tests</li> <li>Knowledge of thermal coatings, thermal control system (TCS) hardware and thermal design techniques</li> </ul>
5/20 – Present	<ul> <li>Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP)</li> <li>Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)</li> <li>Lead thermal analyst for the CoDICE instrument</li> <li>Created thermal model of CoDICE instrument from the ground up including modeling PWBs</li> <li>Thermally designed CoDICE instrument to meet all thermal requirements</li> <li>Successfully completed PDR</li> <li>Working towards CDR</li> </ul>
10/18 – 9/19	<ul> <li>Robotic Tool Stowage (RiTS)</li> <li>NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center</li> <li>Developed reduced Thermal Desktop and TRASYS models to go along with the detailed model delivered to JSC</li> </ul>

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- Created a detailed thermal model of the Light Bar that was integrated with the full detailed RiTS model
- Ran a variety of analyses with the thermal model to show compliance with all listed thermal requirements
- Experience working with the ISS thermal model and complying with ISS specific thermal requirements
- Developing GSE configurations for both component and full system level TVAC tests

## 12/17 - 9/18 Global Ecosystem Dynamics Investigation (GEDI)

NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center

- Developed thermal design for the Bench Checkout Equipment (BCE) GSE
- Performed thermal analysis for BCE to predict TVAC performance and results
- Created TVAC test documentation and WOA's for all thermal integration work (thermocouples, heaters and MLI)
- Aided in integration of thermocouples, heaters and MLI in TVAC chamber
- Worked on all electrical connections of thermal hardware and verified connections and heater performance at the thermal monitoring station
- Generated necessary displays and temperature plots at the thermal monitoring station for use during TVAC test
- Supported shifts during BCE stand-alone and full system GEDI TVAC tests

### 7/15 – 12/17 James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)

NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center

- Supported and led integration tasks of flight-like GSE needed for successful TVAC testing
- Supported manufacturing and installation of MLI, temperature sensors, heaters and other thermal control equipment
- Developed thermal design to cool Auto-collimating Mirrors down to 32.8K
   +/- 0.5K and stabilize by day 35 of TVAC test in time to be used with the telescope
- Used Thermal Desktop create detailed and reduced GSE sub-models, correlated to test data and presented results at engineering peer reviews
- Used Thermal Desktop to develop and run analysis cases needed for successful TVAC test campaigns
- Supported 3 different, multi-month long TVAC test campaigns as lead GSE thermal engineer on console
- Wrote multiple technical reports detailing model correlations, GSE performance during test, etc.

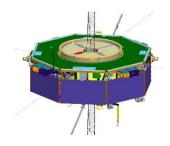
6/12 - 7/15 Magnetospheric Multi-Scale (MMS) Mission NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center

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- Supported the observatory Thermal Vacuum and Thermal Balance test thermal analysis
- Provided observatory Thermal Vacuum and Thermal Balance test support
- Developed Thermal Desktop models of the spacecraft test configuration
- Developed test support documentation (GSE TV/TB settings, test prediction results)
- Responsible for the integration of the observatory thermal model with the test configuration
- Responsible for performing the observatory level Thermal Desktop model test analysis and presenting the thermal analysis results at engineering peer reviews



- Supported thermal and spacecraft subsystem engineering meetings, trade studies and development tests
- Knowledge of thermal coatings, thermal control system (TCS) hardware and thermal design techniques
- Supported TV and TB tests at NASA/GSFC and NRL
- Performed thermal model correlation from Thermal Balance test data
- Performed STOP analysis for all critical spacecraft and instrument structures
- Supported launch operations at GSFC by monitoring thermal performance of spacecraft on console and running flight model on-orbit case sets

#### SKILLS

- Proficient in Thermal DesktopTM and SINDA/FLUINT
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Visual Basic/Excel Macros
- FEMAP experience
- CREO experience
- MatLab and Labview experience
- Data analysis

**Field Engineer Intern** 

#### **OTHER WORK**

#### 05/11-08/11

#### Clark Construction, Bethesda, MD

- Prepared and managed construction documents and records
- Monitored subcontractor performance
- Interpreted construction drawings and conducted field calculations/tests