



29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**FELLOWSHIP SYMPOSIUM**  
 UTAH NASA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM  
 8 MAY 2023



*held at*  
 WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY  
 NOORDA ENGINEERING BUILDING  
 1465 EDVALSON STREET ~ OGDEN, UT 84408

8:30-9:00 AM **Registration** – sign in and pick up materials

9:00 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Dr. Joseph Orr, Utah Space Grant Consortium Director**
- **Dr. Brian Rague, Assoc. Dean of Engineering, Applied Science, and Technology, Weber State University**

*All participants meet together at 9:00 a.m. in Forum on first floor - we will break into concurrent sessions in Rooms 304, 325, and 326 for presentations beginning at 9:15 AM*

**Session 1**      **Session Chair: Dr. Kai Kuck, University of Utah**      **Noorda Bldg, Rm 304**  
 9:15 AM – 9:55 AM

- 9:15 AM      **Trey Blackwell** (Kai Kuck), *University of Utah*  
 Venturi Adapters – Feedback Control and Dynamic Modeling Simulation
- 9:25 AM      **Nathan Welker** (Daniel Maynes), *Brigham Young University*  
 Aerodynamic Effects of Phase Offset Between Synchronized Propellers in Hover
- 9:35 AM      **Collin Ynchausti** (Larry Howell), *Brigham Young University*  
 Preliminary Exploration of Approaches to Increase the Stability of Flat-Foldable Origami-Adapted Designs in the Open, Flat State
- 9:45 AM      **Kyle Jackson** (Yu Huang), *Utah State University*  
 Development of a Nano-Encapsulation Platform with a Novel Antioxidant Indigoidine for the Mitigation of Space Radiation

**Session 2**      **Session Chair: Dr. Cammy Peterson, Brigham Young University**      **Noorda Bldg, Rm 325**  
 9:15 AM – 9:55 AM

- 9:15 AM      **Kaylee Tanner** (Gustavious Williams), *Brigham Young University*  
 Using Landsat and Sentinel to Investigate Drivers of Algal Growth in Utah Lake
- 9:25 AM      **Mark McDonald** (Cammy Petersen), *Brigham Young University*  
 Steering Colloids Using Chemical Gradients and Model Predictive Control
- 9:35 AM      **Alex Chanson** (Maria Rodriguez), *Utah State University*  
 Notes of Black Holes
- 9:45 AM      **Hunter Pruett** (Spencer Magleby), *Brigham Young University*  
 Magnetically-Stabilized LET Joints for Origami-Based Space Arrays



- 9:15 AM    **Ivyann Running** (Spencer Magleby), *Brigham Young University*  
Principles and Categorization of Compliant Surrogate Folds for Deployable Origami-Inspired Mechanical Systems
- 9:25 AM    **Emilee Rickabaugh** (Elizabeth Vargis), *Utah State University*  
Modeling the Effects of Space Travel on the Cardiovascular System using a Bio-Mimetic *In Vitro* Hagfish Protein Model of the Myocardium
- 9:35 AM    **Lars Lofgren** (Kai Kuck), *University of Utah*  
Advances in Noninvasive Urine Oxygen Monitoring for Detection of Acute Kidney Injury
- 9:45 AM    **Shea Smith** (Shiuh-hua Wood Chiang), *Brigham Young University*  
Ultra-low Power ADCs for Space Sensors and Instruments

**BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**

**Anna Cardall** (Gustavious Williams), *Brigham Young University*

LASSO (L1) Regularization for the Development of Sparse Remote-Sensing Models of Water Quality

**Alex Gallion** (David Allred), *Brigham Young University*

Photodegradation of Self-Immolating Polymers as a Potential Solution to Optical Scattering

**SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Isaac Bentley** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Using Projected Sound to Create Specified Objects

**Aikhin Cheng** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

The Benefits of Bifidobacterium Longum and its Viability in Different Environments

**Alix Elliston** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Supplementation of Martian Regolith Media for Sustained Cyanobacterial Growth

**Lonnie Ernst** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Reducing Carbon Dioxide Levels on Mars Using Cyanobacteria

**Kyler Ingles** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Rover Propulsion in Frozen Environments

**Davis Lewis** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Thermally Powered Solar Panels

**Paul Rodriguez** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Production of an Auto Bioluminescent E.coli with Enhanced Lumen Emission

**Antonio Ruiz-Ayala** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

Synthesis of Optically Active Chiral Compounds Using CO<sub>2</sub>

**Mia Sheneman** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

How is a Clean Environment Making Astronauts Sick?

**Chandler Taylor** (Andrew Vogt), *Salt Lake Community College*

Optimization of Nozzle Profiles to Achieve Higher Thrust Performance with Lowering Manufacturing Costs

**Luis Valdez** (Lane Law), *Salt Lake Community College*

The Influence of Mycorrhizal Associations on Monoterpene and Isoprene Emissions in Plants

## UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

**Molly Christensen** (Christian Draper), *Utah Valley University*

Measuring the Periods of Variable Stars in NGC 188

**Mikaela Cowles** (Joseph Jensen), *Utah Valley University*

The First SNAP Surface Brightness Fluctuation Distances

**Tyler Daynes** (Vern Hart), *Utah Valley University*

An Automated Stepper Motor-Driven System for Angular Sampling of High Scattering Angles

**Jessica Johnson** (Christian Draper), *Utah Valley University*

Modelling Filter Response of Galactic Emission Line Spectra

**Benjamin Miera** (Phil Matheson), *Utah Valley University*

Collisional Losses in a VASIMR (Variable Specific-Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket)

**James Morley** (Kim Nielsen), *Utah Valley University*

Creating a System for Automated Imaging of Atmospheric Gravity Waves

**Brayden Roberts** (Joshua Lothringer), *Utah Valley University*

Atmospheric Modeling of Brown Dwarfs

**Brian Seamons** (Joshua Lothringer), *Utah Valley University*

Characterization, Comparison and Confirmation: Atmospheric Composition of WASP-39b with JWST

**Jeremy Tait** (Vern Hart), *Utah Valley University*

A Generative Adversarial Network for Image Reconstruction

**Brantson Wayman & Alexander Gibb** (York Young), *Utah Valley University*

Construction and Characterization of a Nd:YVO<sub>4</sub> Laser for Pumping a BaGa<sub>4</sub>Se<sub>7</sub> Nonlinear Optical System

## UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY

**Taylor Millett** (Sam Tobler), *Utah Tech University*

Hollow Hair and How its Structure helps Big Game Animals Thermoregulate

## WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

**Ren Fisher, Justin Knighton, Tyler Adams** (Christian Hearn), *Weber State University*

Open-Source Antenna Pattern Measurement System, Phase II

## WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

**Caitlin Christensen** (Bonnie Baxter), *Westminster College*

Euhalothece: the Story of a Primary Producer and the Great Salt Lake Benthic Food Chain

**Paulina Martinez-Koury** (Bonnie Baxter), *Westminster College*

Preservation of Biosignatures in Gypsum as a Model for Mars Sample Return

## TEAM POSTERS

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### BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

**PHYSICS AND AEROSPACE STUDENT-CENTERED ACOUSTICS LAB (PASCAL) TEAM** (Kent Gee), *Brigham Young University*

*Bradley McLaughlin, Carson, Gardner, and Zachary Hendry*

Acoustical Measurements of the Space Launch System Artemis-I Launch

**BYU ROCKETRY HIGH POWER TEAM** (David Fullwood), *Brigham Young University*

*Scott Tuley, Riley Brown, Derrick Walker, and Bradley Hornfisher*

BYU Rocketry 2023 IREC & Spaceport America Cup

### UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

**USU GET-AWAY SPECIAL TEAM** (Jan Sojka), *Utah State University*

*Carter Page, Shawn Jones, Ben Willard, Bella Nielsen, Tyler Day, Taylor Rowser, Cooper Gowan, CJ Wayland, Warren*

*Prescott, Jeremy Evans, Lorenzo High, Hunter Nelson, and Kade Angell*

The GASRATS CubeSat: Testing an Optically Transparent, Solar Panel-Integrated Patch Antenna

**USU ROCKET TEAM** (Joel Ellsworth), *Utah State University*

*Zachary Foster, Xavier Kipping, Tyler Gardner, Jorge Hernandez Ramiro, Xander Summers, Jonathon Thomsen, and*

*Sam Murdock*

USU 2023 Spaceport America Cup Competition

### UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

**UTAH STUDENT ROBOTICS TEAM** (Mark Minor), *University of Utah*

*Chandler Millar, Andrew Tolton, Daniel Robinson, Najman Husaini, Creed McCord, Hunter Strathman, Landen Hughes,*

*Bradley Lund, Nathan Bruns, Rylan Metcalf, Jeremy Clark, Minh Le, Daniel Pruschki, Luke Phillips, Joseph Gilsoul,*

*Simon Padgen, Tomas Hammond*

The Archimedes Drum: Innovative Mining for NASA Lunabotics

**NASA BIG IDEA CHALLENGE TEAM** (Hong Yong Sohn), *University of Utah*

*Collin Andersen, Jordan Contreras, Jarom Chamberlin, and John Otero*

NASA BIG Idea Project: Production of Steel from Lunar Regolith through Carbonyl Iron Refining (CIR)

### WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

**WSU ADVANCED PHYSICS LAB COHORT** (John Armstrong), *Weber State University*

*Teagan Della Cerra, Muon Shielding: Effects of Moon Shielding by Lead, Polyethylene, and Water*

*Mary Ghita, Cosmic Watch Muon Detector Case Builds and Radiation Event Counts*

*Ryan Gardner, Cosmic Ray Muons & True Random Numbers*

*Jade Marchant, Measuring Solar Activity with CosmicWatch Muon Detectors*

*Masen Pitts, Blotting Out the Sky: The Affects of Various Shielding Configurations on the Rate of Muon Interactions*

*Nathan Tanner, Jade Marchant, and Matt Wilkinson, Muons, Moody Weather & Many Lines of Code*

*Matt Wilkinson, Are They Really Muons? Determining the Viability of CosmicWatch Muon Detectors in 'Coincidence Mode'*

**Session 4**    **Session Chair: Dr. Lara Brewer, University of Utah****Noorda Bldg, Rm 304****11:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

- 11:00 AM    **Nathan Coleman** (Larry Howell), *Brigham Young University*  
Facilitation of Deployable Antennas using a Panel Structure Optimization Framework
- 11:10 AM    **Katie Varela** (Spencer Magleby), *Brigham Young University*  
A Preliminary Review and Discussion of Metrics for Origami-based Deployable Arrays
- 11:20 AM    **Christine Case** (Stephen Whitmore), *Utah State University*  
Comparing a 3-D Printed Hemispherical-Head and Rankine Body Probe Shapes for Very Low Speed Air Data Measurements
- 11:30 AM    **Savanah Turner** (Denise Stephens), *Brigham Young University (PRERECORDED)*  
Spectral Fits of Brown Dwarfs: Discovering Trends Across the Spectral Type Sequence

**Session 5**    **Session Chair: Dr. Joseph Orr, University of Utah****Noorda Bldg Rm 325****11:00 AM – 11:20 AM**

- 11:00 AM    **Noah Langenfeld** (Bruce Bugbee), *Utah State University*  
Optimizing Nitrogen Use for Continuous Recycling in Closed Life Support Systems
- 11:10 AM    **Natasha Wilson** (Julie Crockett), *Brigham Young University*  
Experimental Characterization of Internal Wave Generation by Multiple Peak Topographies
- 11:20 AM    **Jacob Johnson** (Randal Beard), *Brigham Young University*  
Continuous-time Trajectory Estimation for Differentially Flat Systems

**Session 6**    **Session Chair: Dr. Christian Hearn, Weber State University****Noorda Bldg, Rm 326****11:00 AM – 11:20 AM**

- 11:00 AM    **Jared Payne** (Stephen Schultz), *Brigham Young University*  
Fabrication of Metallic Far Infrared Filters
- 11:10 AM    **Clayton Spencer** (Tianyi He), *Utah State University*  
Development, Modeling and Performance Analysis of an Electric VTOL Aircraft with Tilttable Rotors
- 11:20 AM    **Chase Oliphant** (Steve Gorrell), *Brigham Young University*  
One-Dimensional Radial Turbomachinery Modeling

**Wrap-up & Lunch****Noorda Bldg Forum, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

- 11:45 AM    Feedback, wrap up, discussion of longitudinal tracking, Gateway reporting, evaluation surveys
- 12:00 PM    Lunch combined with UNSGC Trustees and Deputy Trustees