

# Surface tension in microgravity.

*UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DISCOVERING THE  
POSSIBILITIES OF A TESTING UNIT IN SPACE*



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360 seconds in  
microgravity.



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Providing as close to true conditions as possible for as many different research areas as possible

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# The task.



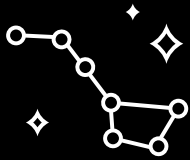
Execute an experiment of choice with a restricted volume of 100 x 80 x 30 mm.

Take advantage of the following circumstances:

- Microgravity.
- Vacuum.
- Radiation different from Earth's.

All whilst following a budget and to be manufactured inhouse at Linköping University.

# The goals.



Scientific  
exploration



Academic  
collaboration



Data  
collection

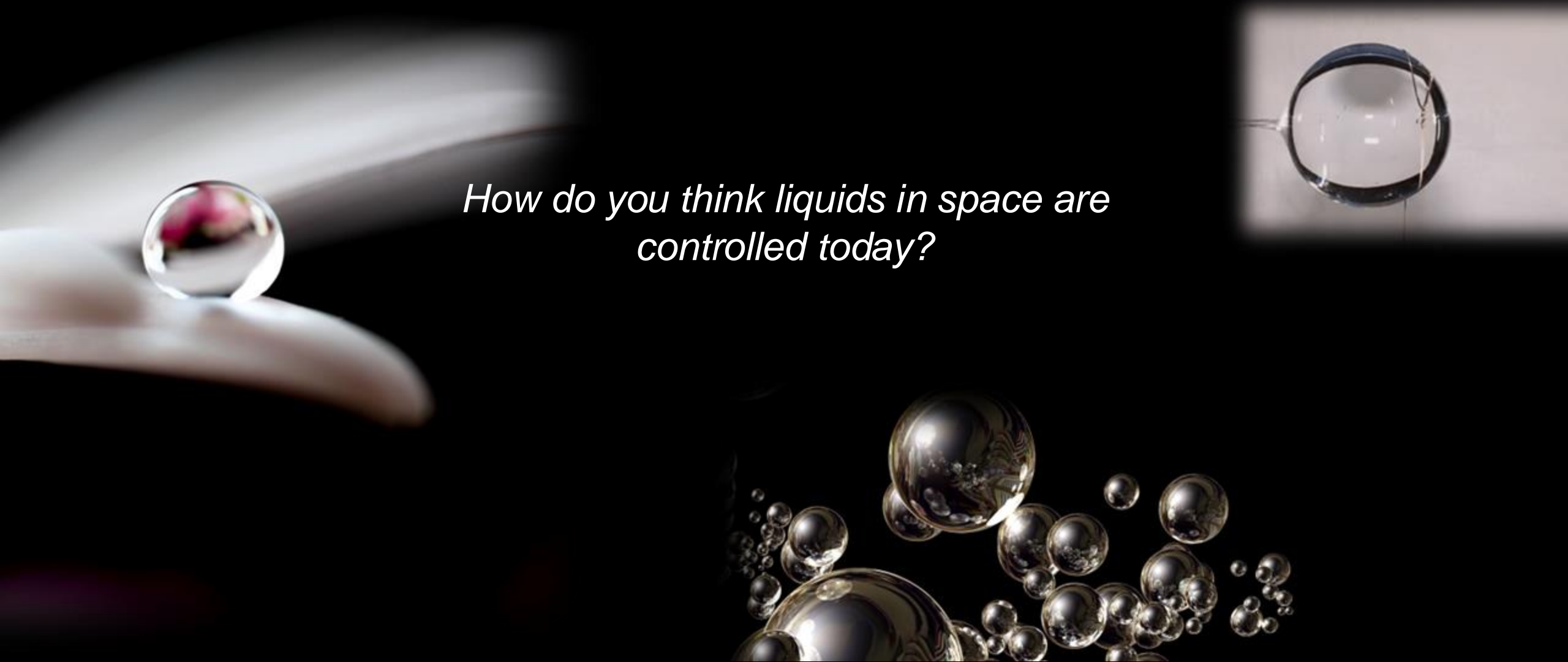


Explore surface tension  
in microgravity.

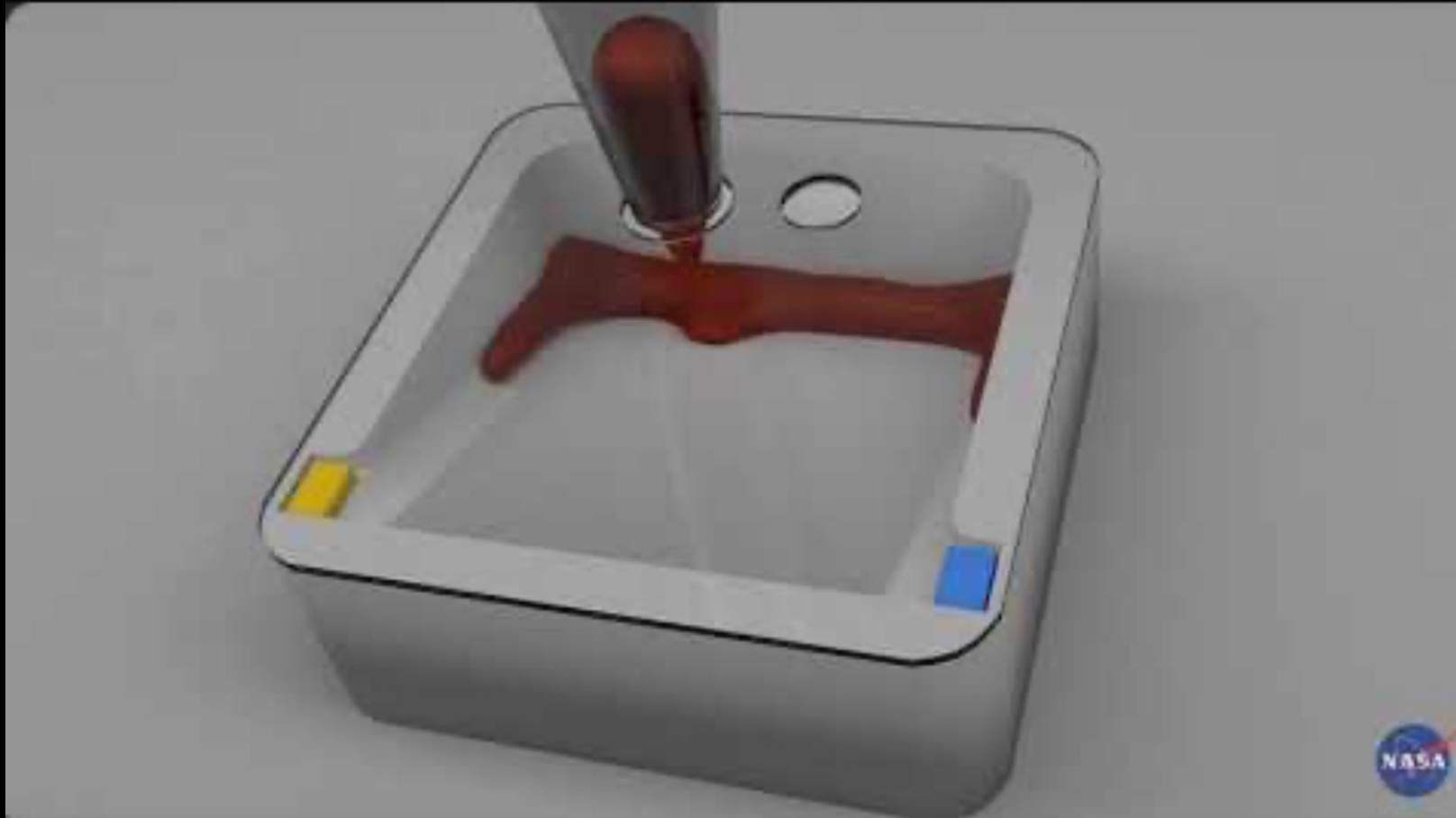


# The phenomena.

*How do you think liquids in space are controlled today?*



# The phenomena.



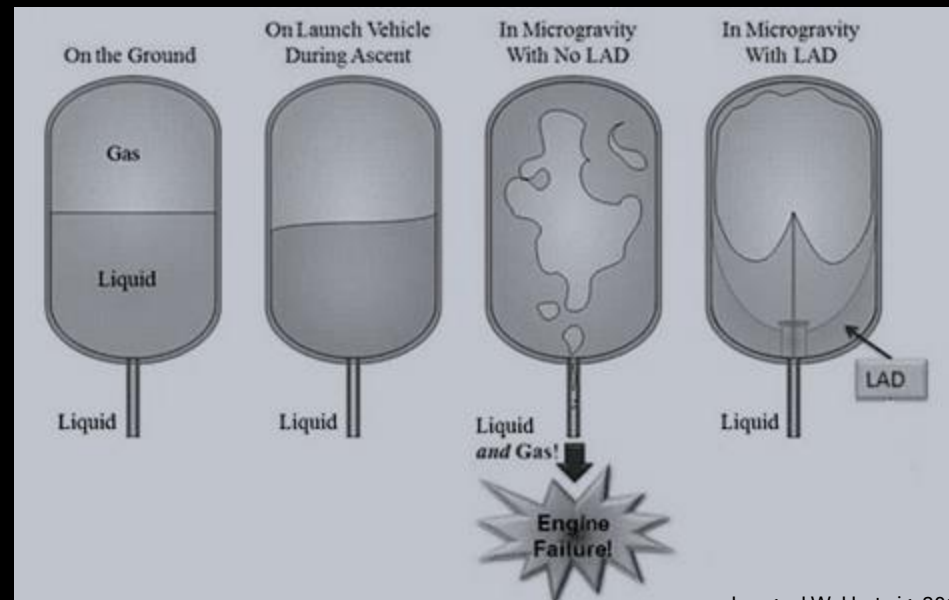
# The phenomena.



# State-of-the-Art today.

PMS : Propulsion management system/device

LAD : Liquid Acquisition Device



# The requirements.



Sealed edges



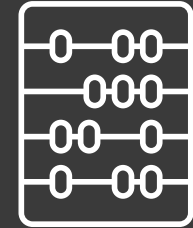
Temperature



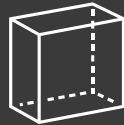
Manufacturable

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Filming the water



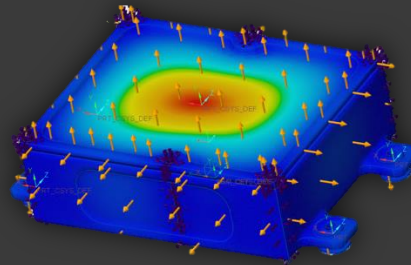
Thoughtfully  
arranged  
components



Size



Differentiate  
the liquid



Pressure proof



Break-wire  
system



No outward  
connection



All flight battery



Safe

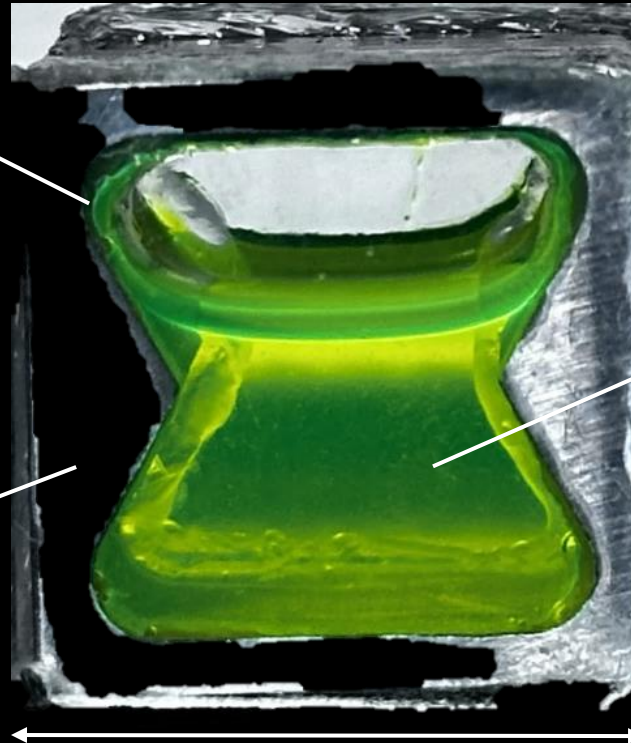
# The testing unit.





# The fluid chamber.

surface coating  
repelling the water

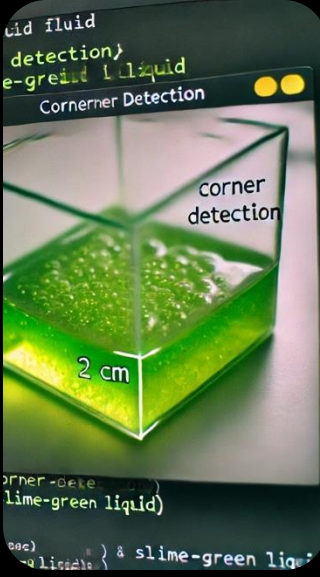
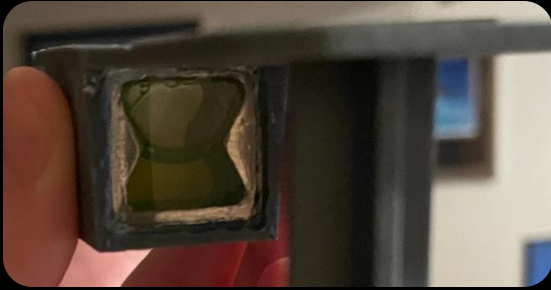


water with luminescent  
substance

aluminium

20 mm

# Next up..

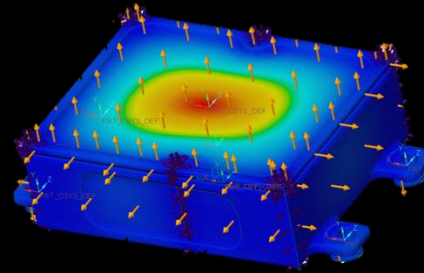




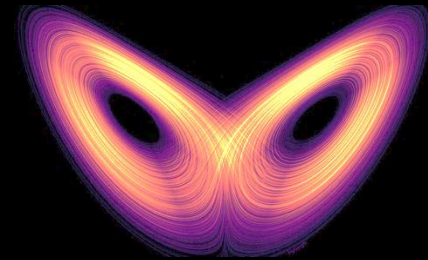
# What we can learn.



Utilize the power of collaboration with and between.



Designing with conditions in mind.



Small test can lead to big insights.

Thank you for your  
attention!

*QUESTIONS ARE WELCOMED*