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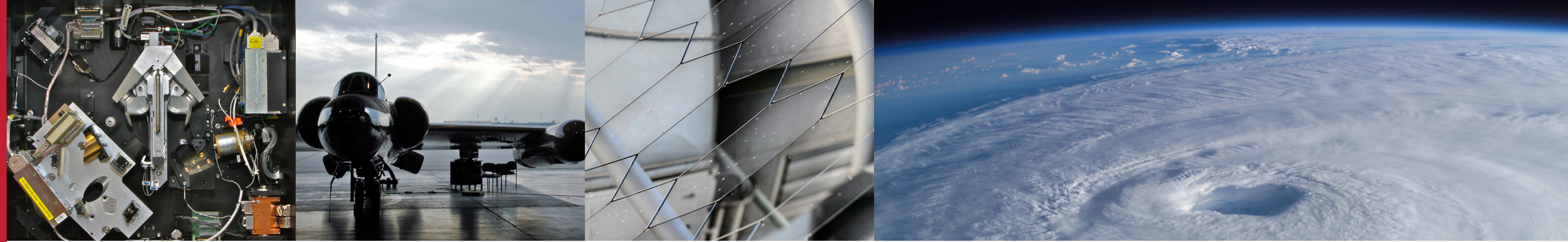
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SSEC delivers world-class engineering solutions for scientific research and operational systems, specializing in the design, development, and deployment of advanced instruments and software systems for terrestrial, airborne, and space applications.

With decades of experience, our multidisciplinary teams work closely with scientists and researchers to transform scientific requirements into robust precision-engineered systems.

We are a trusted partner for government and academic research including Department of Energy, NASA, National Science Foundation, NOAA, and the Department of Defense.

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Software Engineering

- Automated real-time satellite data ingest and instrument control systems
- Geophysical retrieval algorithm development, testing, and deployment
- High throughput computing infrastructure for global satellite data processing
- Interactive satellite data analysis and visualization

Mechanical & Thermal Engineering

- Detailed design, finite element analysis, fabrication, and testing—specializing in precision opto-mechanical systems
- System design for operation at cryogenic (<1 K) temperatures
- Design, analysis, and optimization for vibration isolation
- Design for space and harsh environments, including for deployment in the Antarctic
- Assembly, test, and calibration labs
- Precision temperature metrology traceable to NIST within 5 mK
- Development of multi-instrument mobile research laboratories for scientific field deployments

Electro-Optical Engineering

- High spectral-resolution Lidar systems
- Fourier Transform spectrometers, including imaging systems, used for infrared hyperspectral remote sensing
- High-accuracy NIST Traceable instrument radiometric calibration within 0.1K
- Novel blackbody sources that provide end-to-end on-orbit absolute calibration

Satellite Ground System Reception & Data Processing

- 60+ years receiving, processing, and archiving satellite
- Ingesting and processing 8+ TB of data daily from 30+ satellites
- Supporting NOAA/NESDIS constellations including JPSS, GOES, GeoXO, and NEON
- Supporting NASA projects and missions including VIIRS Atmosphere-SIPS, PREFIRE, TROPICS, and PolSIR

Electrical Engineering

- Signal processing, power electronics, RF systems
- Embedded controllers, Field-Programmable Gate Array platforms
- Space-qualified electronics
- Full in-house assembly and testing labs
- Serial and parallel communication system development

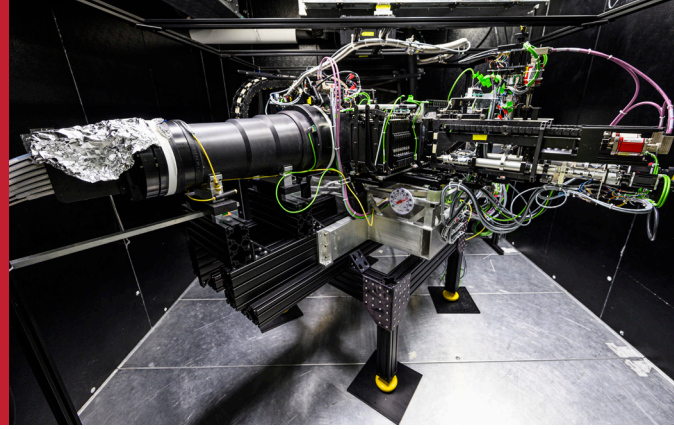
Project Management & Systems Engineering

- Highly integrated end-to-end project execution
- Project development approach flexible and scalable to project needs
- Requirements-based project development & interface control
- Scalable quality assurance and safety programs, compatible with ISO 9001
- Deep experience planning and executing scientific field deployments around the globe

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Current and previous instruments and software engineering



- **S-HIS** – Scanning High-resolution Interferometer Sounder (NASA/NOAA aircraft)
- **HSRL** – High Spectral Resolution Lidar (NSF/DOE ground/aircraft)
- **IDP** – Ice Drilling Program (NSF, ice coring & drilling, subglacial rock coring in polar regions)
- **ASIPS** – Atmosphere Science Investigator-led Processing System (NASA)
- **CSPP GEO** – Community Satellite Processing Package for Geostationary Data (NOAA)
- **ProbSevere** – AI-driven severe weather forecasting (NOAA)
- **Ground Data Processing Facilities** for PROSIR, PREFIRE & TROPICS (NASA)
- **CrIS** – Cross-Track Infrared Sounder Level 1B Algorithm Development (NASA)
- **NGFS** – Next Generation Fire System (NOAA)
- **ARI** – Absolute Radiance Interferometer (NASA flight demo)
- **AERI** – Atmospheric Emitted Radiance Interferometer (ground-based)
- **NIRWALS** – Near InfraRed Washburn Astronomical Laboratories Spectrometer for Southern Africa Large Telescope (NSF, WARF, SALT)
- **GIFTS** – Flight calibration sources (NASA)
- **HSP** – Hubble Space Telescope High Speed Photometer (NASA)
- **DXS** – Diffuse X-ray Spectrometer (NASA Space Shuttle)
- **NFR** – Galileo Jupiter Probe Net Flux Radiometer (NASA)

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