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Tom Cwik leads the JPL Space Technology Office that manages the development of technologies for future NASA missions. He leads a group that develops concepts, and sustains development of the technology until it can be infused into space missions. The technologies span a wide spectrum, but focus on infusion in the five to ten-year timeframe while partnering with NASA, universities and leading-edge companies. He and his team lead a number of these projects.

Tom received his doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. At JPL, he has worked in a range of advanced engineering and project activities including antenna design, instrument development, project formulation, high-performance computing, Cryobot development and in a range of management roles. He works with start-up companies, consults, and is an Adjunct Professor at U Washington.