

Fabricating Reflective Coatings in the Vacuum of Space

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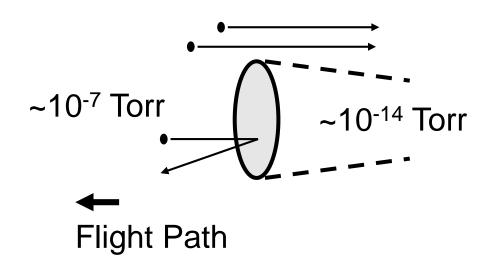


Demonstrate Fabrication in Space Vacuum of Critical Building Blocks for Advanced Semiconductor Development and Production

STS – 60, 69, 80

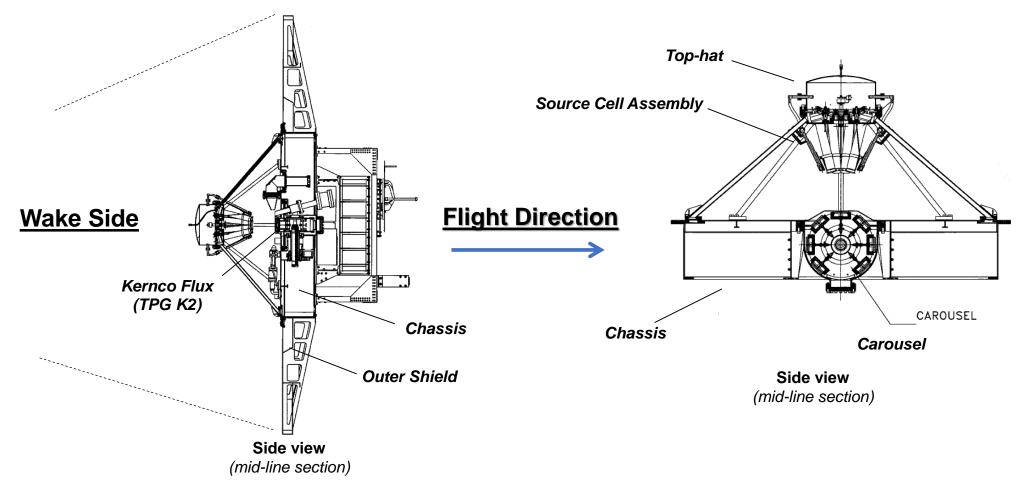
Free-flying platform for Thin Film
Growth in Space Ultra-Vacuum





Vacuum Wake Formation –Redirect Atmospheric and Other Particles Around Spacecraft





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Designed and Built at University of Houston





Assembly and Launched at KSC



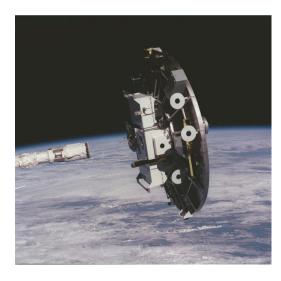


Unberth WSF from Payload Bay



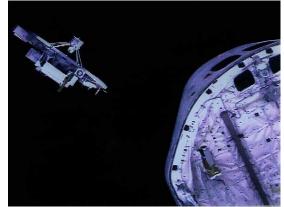
190 Nm circular orbit Ram AO cleaning

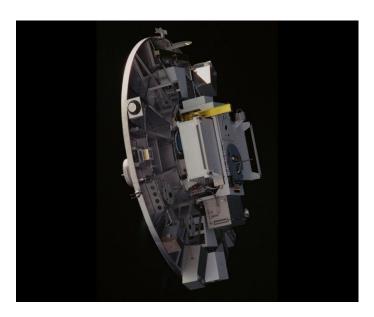




Deploy from arm







30 Nm separation Vacuum Deposition Ops

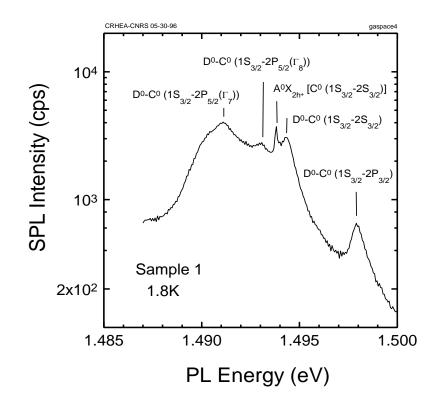


Wake Shield Facility Program Results

Results

- Highest Quality GaAs Semi-Conductors
- Proved Vacuum Wake Concept
- Raised In-Space Vacuum Deposition Technology to TRL 7
- Advanced thin film fabrication and semiconductor technology on Earth and Space

Basis for LRI's Technology and Team to Fabricate Reflective Coatings In-Space to create Ulta-Large Space Mirrors



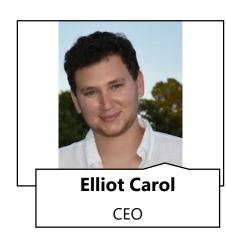


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Founded: 2018 in Houston TX

Heritage: Wake Shield Program

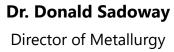
- <u>Technology</u>: In-Space Vacuum Deposition
- Products: In-Space functional materials
 - Coatings
 - Thin-Films
 - Semiconductors













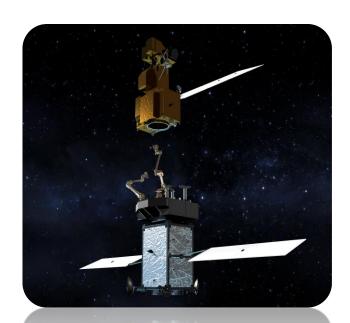
Dr. Alexandre FreundlichDirector of Material
Deposition



In-Space Vacuum Deposition Applications

Satellite Servicing of Existing Space Asset

- Repair of Functional Coatings
- Restoration of Thin Film Materials
- Upgrade of Space Components



In-Space Manufacturing

- Mirrors
- Reflectors
- Antennas
- Radars
- Power Systems





Vacuum Deposited Products

<u>Class</u>	Materials/Product	<u>Type</u>
Class 1	Optical Reflective Coatings	Metallic Coating
	Infrared Reflective Coatings	Metallic Coating
	Ultra-Violet Reflective Coatings	Metallic Coating
	Anti-Reflective Coatings	Metallic Coating
	Anti-Radiation Coating	Metallic Coating
	Anti-Corrosion Coating	Metallic Coating
	Sensitivity Coatings	Metallic Coating
	Dielectric Coatings	Metallic Coating
	RF Coatings	Metallic Coating
	Thermal Coating	Metallic Coating
	Conductive Film	Metallic Coating
Class 2	Planar Antennas (Dipole)	Thin Film
	Conductive Wires	Thin Film
	Solar Cells	Epitaxial Thin Film
	Solar Sails	Thin Film
	Wave Pass Filters	Thin Film
	Band Pass Filters	Thin Film

Deposition Elements		
Ag	GaAs	
<u>Al</u>	InCuSe	
<u>Au</u>	K	
Ве	Mg	
CdS	Ni	
CdT	Si	
Cr	Ti	
Fe	Tin	
Ga	Zn	

And alloys...



In-Space Vacuum Deposited Optical Coatings

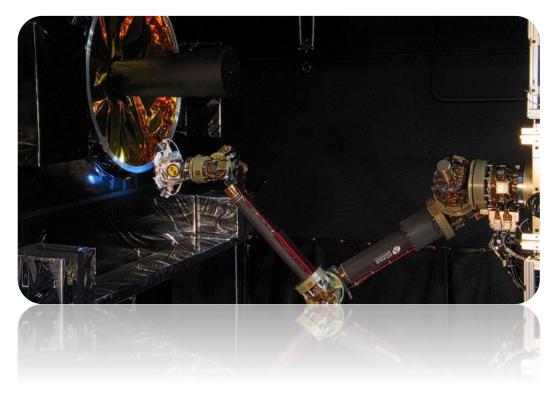
Direct Deposition of Mirror Coatings:

- Visible/UV (Ag, Al)
- Infrared (Au)
- Other (Be, Mg, Ti)

Substrate Material:

- Polymer
- Ceramic
- Metallic
- Hybrid (mesh)

Earth manufactured or in-space manufactured substrates





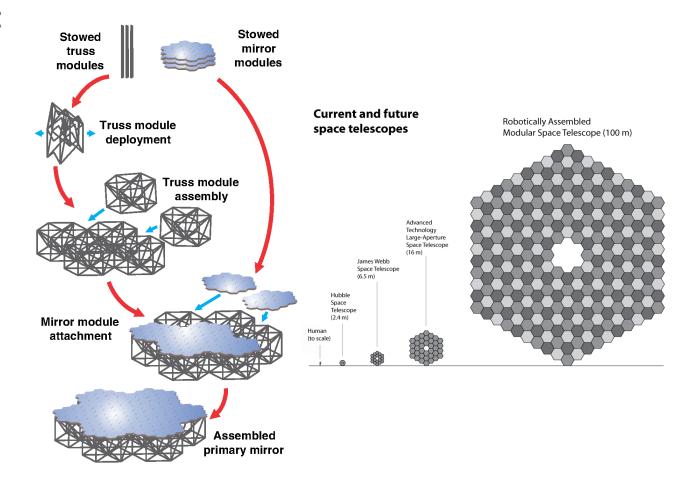
In-Space Vacuum Deposited Optical Coatings

Advantages of Coating in Space:

- Ultra-Large Aperture Mirrors
- Eliminate Corrosion Issues
- Deposition of Pure Al
- Eliminate handling and packaging challenges
- On-Orbit Repair

Mirror Applications:

- Remote Sensing Satellites
- Visible Light In-Space Observatories
- UV and Infrared In-Space
 Observatories





Astrophysics Offering

Enabling Future Large-Scale Space Astrophysical Observatories by Fabricating Functional Materials In-Space

Overview

Type: Coatings and Thin-Film Materials

• Size: 1m – +1000m in Diameter

In-Space Production Capabilities:

- Antennas
- Optical Surface Coatings
- Mirror Coatings
- RF Coatings
- Sunshield Coatings
- Starshade Coatings
- Solar Cells (and Semiconductors)
- Transmission Cables
- Thermal Surface Coatings

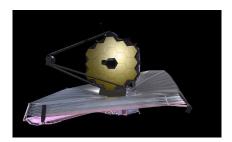
Products	Elements
Mirror Coatings	Ag, Al, Au, Be, Mg, Ti
Sunshield and Starshade Coatings	Al, Si, SiC
Solar Cells (Thin-Film)	CdS, CdT, Ga, InCuSe, Si
Solar Sail Coatings	Al, Si, SiC
Radio Antennas (Thin-Film)	Ag, Al, Ca, Cu, Mg, Au

In-Orbit Asset Servicing



Satellites, Telescopes and Space Stations

Material Fabrication



Functional Materials and Coatings for Astrophysical Observatories

Infrastructure Construction



In-Orbit and Planetary
Surface Infrastructure



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