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CMA, Inc.

- Incorporated August 1991
- 9,000 ft² Facility
- Located in Optics Capital, Tucson, AZ



• What we do:

Design, prototype and manufacture <u>unique</u> custom high-quality lightweight optics and optical systems from Carbon Composite Materials. Activity supported by ongoing R&D effort.

• Goal:

Demonstrate relevance to DoD or Homeland Security applications CMA's precision composite mirror/system technology supporting:

- Large Lightweight Optical Tracking Telescopes
- FLIR systems
- Earth and Space-based Vis.-IR-Microwave imaging Applications, Sensors and Instrument Technologies.
- Lightweight, durable optical, inertial platforms
- Space and Ground Communications, Lasers and Lidar Systems
- Power generation and Transmission
- ISR Sensors and Platforms



What are Composite Mirrors?



Mandrel CFRP Lay-Up

Finished Product







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1.8-meter Vacuum Deposition Chamber



Coating/Process Development

Modal Zernike

Sampling x 4 λ (nm) :632

2 Model Zernike Residual Sampling x 4 At

Shack-Hartmann Testing

WYKO Topo 3-D

- Zygo Mark III Interferometer
- HASO 32 Shack-Hartmann wave front sensor from Imagine Optic, 32X32 array

First 32 Zernike terms for 16-inch CFRP Cassegrain parabolic mi

- WYKO Topo 3-D Surface Measurement
- Fizeau Interferometer
- Ronchi Test
- Newton Interferometer for up to 60cm diameter

RICH Mirror produced in cooperation with Carlo Gavazzi Space for the Italian Space Agency. Mirror is 1.3 m diameter, conical surface. Mirror weight is 8 kg. Mirror is currently being integrated into the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, AMS-02, schedule for STS launch to the ISS in December 2008.

CFRP mirror sample with PMT module in test set up. Optimized reflectivity for λ =420nm

1.3m CFRP Rich Flight model after coating.

> 1.3m CFRP Rich Flight Model Completed

RICH mirror assembly for University of Bristol, Large Hadron Collider, LHCb experiment at CERN. The mirrors are spherical with an ROC of 2700mm, and areal density of 5 kg/m², 2 m² total reflective area, total weight 36 lbs. Reflectivity optimized for UV @ λ =280nm.

Independently

Addressable Cel

8x8 Array of Cells

The Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System,

Pan-STARRS, will employ the largest CCD camera in the world,

1.4 *Gigapixels!* Under contract with IFA, University of Hawaii, CMA produced the 18" X 18" precision CFRP structure to hold the 64 8X8 Orthogonal Transfer Arrays, OTA's, CCD's shown inset. The CFRP structure has 192 oxygenfree copper inserts to mount each of the OTA's.

CMA's produced 3 nutating (chopping) subreflectors for the ALMA US and Japanese Prototype 12m Telescope, 7.5 μ m rms, 12 lbs. A nearly identical subreflector was produced for the APEX Telescope as well, 7.0 μ m rms.

Millimeter Wave Dishes 330 mm CFRP Dishes

All CFRP 3mm-wave dishes, 330mm diameter, f/0.35 parabolic primary reflector, surface accuracy 1 micron rms. Right image shows dishes and receivers under test in Mauna Loa.

Large CFRP Structures Experience AMiBA Telescope

AMiBA Telescope with 7 dishes, 60cm diameter on site on Mauna Loa October 2006

AMiBA Telescope Platform, 6m all-CFRP composite, weight is 2,200 lbs, left images shows platform under construction at CMA, Tucson Az.

GRIN SOLAR CONCENTRATOR 10 WATT SUBMODULE

APERTURE AREA: 300 CM² CONCENTRATION RATIO: 50X MJ SOLAR CELLS: GaInP₂ / GaAs OPTICAL SYSTEM: 2 STAGE CONCENTRATOR STRUCTURE: K1100 CARBON COMPOSITE CMA produced, through DR **Technologies and** AFRL, a gradient index of refraction, **GRIN** augmented solar concentration onto a single crystal PV cell. **Concentrator uses** K1100, high thermal conductivity carbon fibers for high efficiency of the PV cell, GRIN and PV cell shown in bottom of upper right photo.

Large Projection Mirrors Flight Simulator Mirrors

Large CFRP Flight Simulator Mirror Demonstrator

Telescope Options

13-inch RC system

16-inch Cassegrain system

1m Cassegrain system

1.4m Cassegrain system

Optical Fabrication Convex Optical Mandrels

Convex glass mandrels are essential to the production of CFRP mirrors. CMA has a need for various sizes and radii. Shown, left, is our 2m grinding table with a 1m parabolic Pyrex mandrel under fabrication. 1.4m parabola shown below, optical figure of the 80% zone, ready for final blending.

Figure convergence from left to right, bottor of image is the edge of the mandrel

Preliminary astronomical tests with 16-inch CFRP telescope and optics

16-inch CFRP Primary Mirror, f/4.0
SBIG ST-2000-XM CCD
4-second exp. Orion Nebula
Detector @ 1.020C

Detector @ 1.03°C

01-24-05, Tucson valley

16-inch Meade Glass Primary Mirror, f/4.5
SBIG ST-2000-XM CCD
4-second exp. Orion Nebula
Detector @ 1.03°C
12-14-04, Tucson valley

CFRP Optical Performance Roughness Measurements of Flat CFRP Mirror

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Roughness data taken from TOPO 3-D, Data showing ~ 8 Angstroms rms directly replicated on CFRP flat from Pyrex mandrel.

CFRP Optical Performance Shack-Hartmann Wave Front Sensor, 6-inch CFRP Sphere

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CFRP Optical Performance Shack-Hartmann Wave Front Sensor, Applications Inc. 16-inch CFRP Parabola

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Mirror

λ=632nm

Interferograms at λ = 633nm of 12inch CFRP flat mirror, Analysis shows better than λ /10 p-v across 4 inch diameter section. Interferograms taken on Zygo Mark III.

LiteStar 330 330mm RC Telescope

CMA's Prototype, All-CFRP composite telescope, weight with optics 3 kg

ULTRA 1m CFRP Optical Primary Mirror

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Top image is the ULTRA CFRP 1m primary mirror internal structure, all CFRP construction. Center images shows the glass convex parabolic mandrel. Below is an image of the mirror just after coating. Optical measurements are currently underway and are expected to be of fractional-wave performance in the visible. Mirror weight is 27 lbs.

ULTRA 1m CFRP Telescope

composite optical telescope assembly (OTA) for ground-based astronomy. Telescope is shown with 27 pound 1m primary mirror. OTA weight with optics is 175 lbs. First mode frequency for the entire structure is was measured at 50 Hz., 6axis M2 Hexapod control,

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ULTRA 1m CFRP Telescope

Back End, Instrument package

Completed Telescope

CMA has produced and delivered an all-**CFRP** composite telescope, and Az-El mount for the Naval Research Laboratory, NRL. The telescope is an f/10 Cassegrain design with CFRP optics weighing 22 lbs total. The mount is piezo actuator driven for fast tracking capability.

3-D Drawings of the NPOI System

4-noded composite elements (SHELL4L)
SOLID elements for yoke pin
BEAM3D elements for end-fitting bolts
36885 elements
36444 nodes
Total weight=250 lb

BC: ends of yoke pins are fixed

Various Stages of Fabrication

Navy Prototype Optical Interferometer (NPOI) 1.4m all-CFRP composite optical telescope assembly (OTA), shown in the final stages of assembly. Telescope is produced for the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) and is the first of at least 3 identical, deployable lightweight telescopes for the interferometer in Flagstaff Arizona. Total telescope weight with optics is 250 lbs.

Assembled 1.4m OTA ready for final painting

Designs for the 1.4m AZ-EI Mount

Status of NPOI 1.4-m Telescope

- •AZ-EL Mount is under construction
- •Drive elements on order
- •Mandrel for Primary is being completed Still 3-4λ in figure accuracy