

Workshop on Technology for Direct Detection and Characterization of Exoplanets

#### Large Segmented Apertures in Space Active vs. Passive

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# **Segmented Space Telescopes**

- All segmented telescopes are "active," with controlled PM segments and SM
  - Some will require: "active" (deformable) PM segments and/or DM
- Sensing elements include Science Cameras
  - Some will require: metrology (laser truss, edge sensors); dedicated WF sensor



# **Notional Error Budgets: UVOIR**



#### **Active Control Methods for Ultra-Stability**



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#### **ULE Mirrors: Passive and Low-Authority Active**



 ULE mirror segment technology. Harris (previously Kodak) has designed, fabricated and tested lightweight, passive and low-authority ULE segments. Harris has recently developed Capture Range Replication technology, enabling replication of mirrors to within capture range of final processes for figure and surface finish, eliminating much grinding and polishing. This technology is especially useful when multiple mirrors with the same prescription are needed, as is the case with segmented optical systems.

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  - 0-G optical finishing demo
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  New full size MMSD mirror
  - Completed thru plano fusion

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- **C.** Mirror Segment C
  - New full size MMSD mirror
  - Finished thru LTS (100 um PV)
  - Mounted & tested to high level random vibe & shock



- E. Mirror Segment E – New full size MMSD mirror
- Completed thru plano fusion

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### **Harris Capture Range Replication**

- Capture Range Replication uses precision mandrels and low-temperature slumping to replace traditional generategrind-polish processes
- CRR finishes a mirror blank to within capture range for final finishing (MRF or Ion Beam)
- Result is a repeatable, efficient process for ULE mirror fabrication, saving time and cost







### **ULE Mirrors: Passive and Low-Authority Active**

- AMSD and MMSD programs at Harris/Exelis/Kodak developed lightweight ULE mirror segments
- Further development has advanced manufacturability and lowered cost and schedule
- Low-authority architecture uses
   ~24 FCAs to compensate the most challenging fab errors
  - Meet 10 nm RMS figure error over full PM using current processes
- FCAs also provide on-orbit correctability of system-level errors
- FCAs use constant-force design for insensitivity to thermal deformation
- When coupled with stiff substrate, FCAs partially compensate gravity sag for improved testing

- Passive ULE segments meeting 10 nm RMS surface figure error may also be possible with further mfg. process development
  - To reduce ROC-matching errors
  - To improve 0-g figure prediction



## Silicon Carbide (SiC) Mirrors

- SiC has many good properties
  - Stiff for the weight
  - Robust
  - High thermal conductivity
  - Polishable to <20Å (unclad), and to 2 Å (Si clad)

Property	Units	Aluminum	Beryllium	SiC	ULE	Desire
ρ, Weight	g/cm3	2.71	1.85	2.95	2.21	Low
E, Stiffness	GPa	68.3	303	364	67.6	High
E/ρ,Specific Stiffness	KN-m/g	25	164	123	31	High
$\sigma/\rho$ , Stress Loading	N-m/g	46	11	24	3.2	High
α,Thermal Soaks	ppm/°C	22.7	11.4	3.38	±0.03	Low
$\Delta \alpha$ Homogeneity	ppb/°C	100	100	30	10	Low
$K/\alpha$ , Thermal Gradients	MW/m	6.9	19	51	44	High
K/rCp,Thermal Diffusivity	m2/s	6.55	6.07	8.7	0.08	High
$K/\alpha E$ , Thermal Stress	MW-m/N	101	63	140	646	High





- The ESA Herschel 3.5 m Primary Mirror (PM)
  - Multiple segments joined by brazing

## SiC-Based Actuated Hybrid Mirrors (AHMs)

- AHMs are large mirrors
  - PMs or PM segments
  - Made by replication
- Nanolaminate facesheet
  - Multilayer metal foil, made by sputter deposition on a superpolished mandrel
- SiC substrate
  - Reaction-bonded Ceraform SiC is cast in a mold, fired, then bonded to facesheet
- Electroceramic actuators
  - Surface-parallel embedded actuators give large stroke and high accuracy, by design
- AHMs are low mass and high strength
  - Areal density < 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> including electronics for meter-class AHMs
- AHMs are made by replication for high optical quality and low cost



## **Polished Active SiC Mirrors**

- Same SiC substrate
  - Cast to near-net shape, then rough ground
  - Large mirrors made by joining (brazing, e.g.) multiple segments
- Nanolaminate replaced by Silicon cladding
  - Low-stress Si deposited provides amorphous surface layer
  - Polishable to <5 Å microroughness</li>
- Same facesheet actuators, mounts, and thermal control subsystems as AHMs



- Polished SiC mirrors are also low mass and high strength
  - Areal density < 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> including electronics for meter-class mirrors
- Large SiC mirror

### **Actuated Hybrid Mirrors**

Actuated Hybrid Mirrors (AHMs) provide an active mirror architecture



Unwin, S., et. al. (2010)

- Lightweight SiC substrates
  - 0.5 1.35m demonstrated
- Distributed surface-parallel actuation
  - 37 414 actuators demonstrated
- Replicated nanolaminate front surface



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Substrate ribs

Actuators

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## **AHM Correctability**

- Figure control performance:
  - <14 nm rms SFE demonstrated (dominated by initial figure error incurred during nanolaminate release)
  - · High correctability over low-order modes
  - Tested in 1G to 0G specs
- Areal density:
  - 10-15 kg/m<sup>2</sup> substrate
  - < 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> total



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**EM-4a Uncorrected** SFE = 1.88 μm RMS

**EM-4a Corrected** SFE = 0.014 μm RMS

### **Cryogenic Active Mirror Demonstrator**







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- FY16 RTD Activity "Cryo Active Mirrors"
- Subscale active mirror built to demonstrate key functionalities at cryogenic temperatures
  - 0.15m dia, 12 PZT actuators, athermalizing clips
  - Direct polish of SiC
- Functionality characterized down to 26K in cryovac chamber
  - Demonstrated < 1µm RMS figure error at room and cryo temperatures



CAM established essentials for active mirror technology operating at cryo temps & FarIR wavelengths

## **Actuator Influence Functions**

- Influence function measurements were made at 293K, 82K and 26K
- IFs showed consistent shape but reduced amplitude (per volt) as T drops
- Lowering the temperature reduces strain per volt
  - At 82K, reduction is 0.3895 = 1/2.57; at 26K, reduction is 0.2712 = 1/3.69



# Why Use Active Primary Mirrors?

- Segmentated mirrors:
  - To fit large apertures into small launch vehicles, using deployed apertures
  - To lower the mass of the entire space telescope, while preserving stiffness, for nondeployed apertures
  - To reduce risk associated with aggressive light-weighting of extremely large, brittle glass and ceramic structures
- Active mirrors, ULE or SiC:
  - To enable large apertures within current manufacturing capabilities
  - To prevent mission degradation or failure due to fabrication and/or testing errors
  - For testability in 1g
  - To lower mission costs:
    - By relaxing tolerances for many optical specifications throughout the observatory
    - By reducing thermal control power requirements
    - By speeding assembly and test
- Highly-active SiC mirrors:
  - For high optical quality at any temperature without cryo-null figuring
    - For testing at room temperature and operation at cold or cryo temperature
  - To provide high actuator density to support high contrast imaging



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