Advanced Mirror Technology Development (AMTD) thermal trade studies Thomas Brooks, Phil Stahl, Bill Arnold NASA/MSFC

# What is AMTD?

- Efforts associated with this presentation are performed as part of the Advanced Mirror Technology Development (AMTD) program
- Larger aperture space telescopes are required to answer our most compelling science questions.



- AMTD's objective is to mature to TRL-6 critical technologies needed to produce 4-m or larger flightqualified UVOIR mirrors by 2018 so that a viable mission can be considered by the 2020 Decadal Review.
- •To accomplish our objective, we:
  - Use a science-driven systems engineering approach.
  - Mature technologies required to enable highest priority science AND result in a high-performance low-cost low-risk system.

## Description of Primary Mirror

- 4m Circular Monolith
- 0.152m depth front to back
- Light-weighted with a back sheet
- Areal Density is 146 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Optical face coated with  $\varepsilon_{aluminum}$ =0.03
- Fixed Mount
- Material Properties:

Material	Conductivity [W/(m*K)]	Specific Heat [J/(kg*K)]	Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Emissivity	CTE [1/K]
ULE	1.31	766	2210	0.82	30x10 <sup>-9</sup>
Silicon Carbide	180	750	3100	0.9	2.2x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Zerodur	1.46	800	2530	0.9	7x10 <sup>-9</sup>





## Heat Flow Through Mirror

- Most heat enters the mirror from the heated plate and exits through the optical surface
- Heat is transported by radiation (56%) and conduction (44%)



Not to scale

## **Description of Telescope Architecture**

- Cylindrical Shroud; 60° Scarf
- No secondary mirror or baffles
- MLI on outer surface of shroud & sides of mirror ε\*<sub>MLI</sub>=0.03
- Inner surface of shroud painted black
- Heated plate behind mirror
- Placed at L2



#### WFE Contour Video



#### WFE Visualization



Sample WFE Contour Plot (50mK, 140s Period)

Sample WFE with Focus, Tilts, and Astigmatisms Removed (50mK, 140s Period)

## WFE Stability versus Controllability

- Material: ULE
- Period of ACS: 5000s
- Controllability of ACS: Varied
- Density of Mirror: ULE Density
- Emissivity: 0.82
- Thicknesses: Baseline Design
- Conductivity: ULE Conductivity



#### WFE Stability versus Controllability



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## WFE Stability versus Period

- Material: ULE
- Period of ACS: Varied
- Controllability of ACS: 50mK
- Density of Mirror: ULE Density
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## WFE Stability versus Conductivity

- Material: ULE
- Period of ACS: 140s
- Controllability of ACS: 50mK
- Density of Mirror: ULE Density
- Emissivity: 0.82
- Thicknesses: Baseline Design
- Conductivity: Varied



#### WFE Stability versus Mass and Control

- Material: ULE
- Period of ACS: 140s
- Controllability of ACS: Varied
- Density of Mirror: Varied
- Emissivity: 0.82
- Thicknesses: Baseline Design
- Conductivity: ULE Conductivity



## WFE Stability versus Thicknesses

- Material: ULE
- Period of ACS: 140s
- Controllability of ACS: 50mK
- Density of Mirror: ULE Density
- Emissivity: 0.82
- Thicknesses: Varied
- Conductivity: ULE Conductivity



## WFE Stability versus Emissivity

- Material: ULE
- Period of ACS: 140s
- Controllability of ACS: 20mK
- Mirror Density: ULE Density
- Emissivity: Varied
- Thicknesses: Baseline Design
- Conductivity: ULE Conductivity



#### WFE Stability versus Material

- Material: Varied
- Period of ACS: 140s
- Controllability of ACS: 50mK
- Mirror Density: Material Based
- Emissivity: Material Based
- Thicknesses: Baseline Design
- Conductivity: Material Based



# Quick Review

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- RMS WFE Range is directly proportional to the ACS's controllability and period.
- RMS WFE Range is inversely proportional to the mirror's heat capacity and has a weak, negative linear relationship with conductivity and emissivity.
- For the material properties used, Zerodur causes the easiest to meet requirements on an active control system, followed closely by ULE, and distantly by Silicon Carbide

Rod with a mass, specific heat, thermal energy, temperature and coefficient of thermal expansion of m, c<sub>p</sub>, Q, T, and CTE respectfully

Length of rod, L

- Equation 1 describes heat transfer in and out of the rod
- Equation 2 describes linear thermal expansion
- Algebra and calculus then Equation 5
- Equation 4 shows variables that affect thermal strain rate
  - Geometry dependent: L, V, dQ/dt (surface area)
  - Material dependent: CTE,  $\rho$ ,  $c_p$ , and dQ/dt (emissivity and absorptivity)

 $\frac{dQ}{dt} = \rho V c_p \frac{dT}{dt} \quad \text{Equation 1}$  $(\text{CTE}) L \Delta T = \Delta L \quad \text{Equation 2}$  $\frac{dT}{dt} (\text{CTE}) L = \frac{dL}{dt} \quad \text{Equation 3}$  $\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{(\text{CTE})L}{\rho V c_p} \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad \text{Equation 4}$ 

# Summary

• Numerical and analytical models agree that heat capacity and CTE have very strong affects on thermal deformation rates.



$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{(\text{CTE})L}{\rho V c_p} \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

• For an actively controlled substrate, the following figures of merit are proposed:

Massive Active Optothermal Stability, MAOS =  $\frac{\rho c_p}{CTE}$ Active Optothermal Stability, AOS =  $\frac{c_p}{CTE}$ 

#### **Summary Continued**



#### A data table of potential substrate materials is provided\*

Material	Massive Active Optothermal Stability (TJ/m <sup>3</sup> )	Active Optothermal Stability (GJ/kg)	Specific heat (J/kg/K)	Density (kg/m³)	Coefficient of thermal expansion (1/K)
Fused silica	2.91	1.32	741	2202	5.60E-07
ULE 7971	112	51.1	766	2200	1.50E-08
Zerodur	83.1	32.8	821	2530	2.50E-08
Cer-Vit C-101	140	56.0	840	2500	1.50E-08
Beryllium I-70A	0.298	0.161	1820	1850	1.13E-05
Aluminum 6061-T6	0.113	0.042	960	2710	2.30E-05
Silicon Carbide CVD	0.936	0.292	700	3210	2.40E-06
Borosilicate crown E6	0.595	0.255	830	2330	3.25E-06

\* Data in this table is compiled from Yoder, P.R., Opto-Mechanical Systems Design, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Marcel Dekker, New York, NY (1993).

## Any Questions?

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## Methodology



- Tasks boxed in red are handled entirely with a program written in Python.
- Program saves weeks of work per analysis.
- Program has been used to determine relationships between the telescope's characteristics and technical performance parameters like stability.

