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# *Evolution of Materials Properties and the Space Plasma Environment through Interactions and the Dynamics of Spacecraft Charging*

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# **USU Materials Physics Group**

### **A simplified approach to spacecraft charging modeling…**





**This results in a complex dynamic interplay between space environment, satellite motion, and materials properties**

# **The Space Environment**



**Dynamics of the space environment and satellite motion lead to dynamic spacecraft charging (min to decades)**

• **Solar Flares, CME, Solar Cycle** • **Orbital eclipse, Rotational eclipse**

Solar wind and Earth's magneto-sphere structure.



#### **Incident fluxes of**:

- • **Electrons, e-**
- • **Ions, I +**
- • **Photons, γ**
- • **Particles, m**







**STATIC Charging codes such as NASCAP-2K or SPENVIS and NUMIT2 or DICTAT require:**

**Charge Accumulation**

- **Electron yields**
- **Ion yields**
- **Photoyields**
- **Luminescence**

#### **Charge Transport**

- **Conductivity**
- **RIC**
- **Permittivity**
- **Electrostatic breakdown**
- **Penetration range**

**ABSOLUTE values as functions of materials species, flux, fluence, and energy.**





**Specific focus of our work is the change in materials properties as a function of time, position, energy, and charge:**

- **Time (Aging), t**
- **Position (xy,z)**
	- **Charge distributions, Q(z,t)**
	- **Surface voltage, ΔV(xy,t)**
- **Energy**
	- **Temperature, k<sub>B</sub> T**
	- **Deposited Energy (Dose), D**
	- **Power Deposition (Dose) Rate, Ď**
- **Charge**
	- **Accumulated Charge, ΔQ or ΔV(Q, ΔV,D,Ď,t)**
	- **Charge Profiles, Q(xy,z,t)**
	- **Charge Rate (Current), Ŏ(xy,z,t)**
	- **Conductivity Profiles, σ(z,t,Q,Ŏ,D,Ď)**
	- **Electron emission (e-, I + , Γ)**
- **Light emission**
	- **Cathodoluminescence IΓ(t,xy,Q,D,Ď)**
	- **Arcing IΓ(t,xy,Q,D,Ď), ŎΓ(t,xy,z,Q,D,Ď)**

# **Materials Physics Group Measurement Capabilities**



#### **Electron Emission Ion Yield**

#### **Photoyield Luminescence**

#### **Conductivity Electrostatic Discharge**

#### **Radiation Induced Cond. Radiation Damage**



**Dependence on: Time, Pressure, Temperature, Charge, E-field, Dose, Dose Rate** 

# **USU Experimental Capabilities**



### **Absolute Yields**

- **SEE, BSE, emission spectra , (<20 eV to 30 keV)**
- **Angle resolved electron emission spectra**
- **Photoyield (~160 nm to 1200 nm)**
- **Ion yield (He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe; <100 eV to 5 keV)**
- **Cathodoluminescence (200 nm to 5000 nm)**
- • **No-charge "Intrinsic" Yields**
- **T (<40 K to >400 K)**



# **Other Capabilities**

- **Conductivity (<10-22 [ohm-cm]-1)**
- **Surface Charge (<1 V to >15 kV)**
- **ESD (low T, long duration)**
- **Radiation Induced Conductivity (RIC)**
- **Evolution of internal charge distributions (PEA)**
- **Multilayers, contamination, surface modification**
- **Radiation damage**
- **Modeling**
- **Sample Characterization**







# **Instrumentation Overview**

# **Sadly (for an experimentalist) there is no time for this!**

**(Perhaps you will ask a question)**



- **I. Contamination and Oxidation**
- **II. Reflectivity as a Feedback Mechanism**
- **III. Radiation Effects (and t)**
- **IV. Temperature Effects (and t)**
- **V. Radiation and Temperature Effects**
- **VI. Charge Accumulation Effects**
- **VII. Multilayer/Nanocomposite Effects**

# **Case I: Evolution of Contamination and Oxidation**



### **Build up of C contamination on Au by long-duration, high current keV electron beam Common to SEM work**



**Davies, Kite, and Chang** 

**eventually carbon…" --C. Purvis (lead for NASCAP)**



### **Threshold differential charging at ~5 nm of contamination!!!**

# **Case I: Evolution of Contamination and Oxidation**





168 Sample With 18 mbh exposure on 168 V and particle impact!

**Ram, wake and "layered" exposure to: AO, UV, vacuum, ΔT**







# **Case III: Radiation Effects**





# **Strong T Dependence for Insulators**

# **Charge Accumulation**

- **Electron Emission**
- **Charge Recombination**

# **Charge Transport**

- **Conductivity**
- **RIC**
- **Permittivity**
- **Electrostatic Discharge**

## **Examples:**

**IR and X-Ray Observatories JWST, WISE, WMAP, Spitzer, Herschel, IRAS, MSX, ISO, COBE, Planck**

*Outer Planetary Mission* **Galileo, Juno, JEO/JGO. Cassini, Pioneer, Voyager,** 

*Inner Planetary Mission* **SPM, Ulysses, Magellan, Mariner**

# **Case IV: Temperature Effects—A "Perfect Storm"**



# **JWST**

**Very Low Temperature Virtually all insulators go to infinite resistance—perfect charge integrators**

*Long Mission Lifetime (10-20 yr)*  **No repairs Very long integration times**

*Large Sunshield* **Large areas Constant eclipse with no photoemission**

*Large Open Structure* **Large fluxes Minimal shielding**



**Variation in Flux Large solar activity variations In and out of magnetotail**

*Complex, Sensitive Hardware* **Large sensitive optics Complex, cold electronics**

#### **Case IV: Temperature Effects in Charge Transport** p p y



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**Inction DOS** 

 $E_{\text{gap}}$ 

#### **Strong T Dependence for Insulators**

**Charge Transport** • **Conductivity** • **RIC**

$$
\sigma_{RIC}(T,D) = k_{RIC}(T) \cdot D^{\Delta(T)}
$$

*c*  $\Delta(T) \rightarrow \frac{T_c}{T}$  **Exponential Trap Density**



**Uniform Trap Density** 

 $38 - 230$ 

42

46

Ln (Calculated Resistivty (Ohm-cm))

 $\ln$  (Calc

Ξ

 $E_{\rm C}$  $E_{\rm r}$ 

 $E_v$ 

=

50

 $E_{\text{X}p}^{40}$ onential DOS

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**σ** 

 $\Delta(T) \rightarrow 1$ 

 $k(T) \rightarrow k_{RICQ}$ 

**Delta Function Trap Density** 

230 240 250 260<sup>L</sup> 270 280 290 300

 $_{260}$ **t** 

**Uniform DOS** 

 $\Delta(T) \rightarrow 1$ 

 $\pm$   $\varepsilon_{\rm o}$ <sup>U</sup>

 $k(T) \rightarrow k_{RIC_0}$  *T* 



# **Case V: Temperature and Dose Effects**





*Wide Orbital Range* **Earth to Jupiter Flyby Solar Flyby to 4 R<sub>s</sub>** 

**WideTemperature Range <100 K to >1800 K**

*Wide Dose Rate Range* **Five orders of magnitude variation!**





Temperature (K)



**H**-**B** High Dose Rate

#### **Dark Conductivity**

$$
\sigma_{DC}(T) = \sigma_o^{DC} e^{-E_o / k_B T}
$$
  
RIC  

$$
\sigma_{RIC}(T) = k_{RIC}(T) D
$$

 $\varepsilon_r(T) = \varepsilon_{RT} + \Delta_{\varepsilon}(T - 298K)$ **Dielectric Constant**

**Electrostatic Breakdown** 

$$
E_{ESD}(T) = E_{ESD}^{RT} e^{-\alpha_{ESD}(T-298K)}
$$



**Charging model using T and r dependant inputs at various orbits predict a peak in charging at ~0.3 to 2 AU**









### **General Trends**

*Dose rate decreases as ~r-2 T decreases as ~e-r*   $\sigma_{DC}$  *decreases as ~ e<sup>-1/T</sup> σRIC decreases as ~ e-1/T and decreases as ~r-2*

#### Distance from Sun (AU)

# **A fascinating trade-off**

- • *Charging increases from increased dose rate at closer orbits*
- • *Charge dissipation from T-dependant conductivity increases faster at closer orbits*

#### **Case VI: Charge Effects of Yields, Currents & Surface Voltage**









# **Combining all the pieces**



- Analytic solution for SE yield as V<sub>s</sub> changes with J<sub>in</sub>
- **Walden/Wintle model modified for electron beam injection gives:**
	- o **Vs in terms of Jin**
	- o **Jrear in tems of Jin**

# **Case VII: Multilayer/Nanocomposite Effects**



**e-**

#### **Length Scale**

- **Nanoscale structure of materials**
- **Electron penetration depth**
- **SE escape depth**

#### *Time Scales*

- **Deposition times**
- **Dissipation times**
- **Mission duration**



**10 µm**

**C-fiber composite with thin ~1-10 µm resin surface layer** 

**Black Kapton™ (C-loaded PI)**

**Thin ~100 nm disordered SiO2 dielectric coating on metallic reflector**

Dielectric layer

Conductor

# **Diversity of Emission Phenomena in Black Kapton**















#### **3 4**

**1**





**For C-fiber/resin composite Surface Glow, Edge Glow, and Arcing Frequency are all found to increase with:**

- **increasing incident electron flux and energy**
- • **decreasing T**

# **Thickness Dependant Model for Luminescence**





### **Measured Cathodoluminescence Spectra for Fused Silica**





#### **Peak Intensity vs T**

**Red decreases with increasing T Others increases with increasing T**

**29 Red increases with increasing T Purple decreases with increasing T**

### **Model for Luminescence Intensity in Fused Silica**







# **Conclusions**



- **Complex satellites require:** 
	- **Complex materials configurations**
	- **More power**
	- **Smaller, more sensitive devices**
	- **More demanding environments**
- • **There are numerous clear examples where accurate dynamic charging models require accurate dynamic materials properties**
- • **It is not sufficient to use static (BOL or EOL) materials properties**
- • **Environment/Materials Modification feedback mechanisms can cause many new problems**
- • **Understanding of the microscale structure and transport mechanisms are required to model dynamic materials properties for dynamic spacecraft charging models**

# **End with a Bang**





#### **9/24/12 LANL Seminar 32**





# **Instrumentation Overview**

# **Extremely Low Conductivity**





#### **Constant Voltage Conductivity**

- **Time evolution of conductivity**
- **<10-1 s to >106 s**
- **±200 aA resolution**
- $\cdot$  >5 $\cdot$ 10<sup>22</sup> Ω-cm
- **~100 K <T< 375 K**

### **Absolute Electron Yields**





Fig. 2. **Hemispherical Grid Retarding Field Analyzer (HGRFA).** *(a) Photograph of sample stage and HGRFA detector (side view). (b) Cross section of HGRFA. (c) Photograph of sample stage showing sample and cooling reservoir. (d) Side view of the mounting of the stepper motor. (e) Isometeric view of the HGRFA detailing the flood gun, optical ports, and wire harness.* 

#### **Hemispherical Grid Retarding Field Analyzer Electron Emission Detector**

#### • **Works with incident**:

o 20 eV to 30 keV electrons  $\circ$  ~100 eV to 5 keV ions o ~0.5 eV to 7 eV photons

#### • **Precision absolute yield**

 $\circ$  ~1-2% accuracy with conductors  $\circ$  ~2-5% accuracy with insulators o measures all currents o in situ cabsolute calibration

• **low energy e- and UV charge neutralization** • *in situ* **surface voltage probe** • **multiple sample stage** • **~100 K < T < 400 K**



**(X)(Y) EFP 6 axis** 

**Translator** 

# **Surface Voltage Probe**



• **~7 s min scan time**

# **Low Temperature Cryostat**







#### **Used with:**

- **Constant Voltage**
- **Cond.**
- **RIC**
- **SEE/BSE**
- **Cathodoluminescence**
- **Arcing**
- **Surface Voltage Probe**



#### **Closed Cycle He Cryostat**

- **35 K< T< 350 K**
- **±0.5 K for weeks**
- **Multiple sample configurations**

#### **Radiation Sources**

A Electron Gun

#### **Sample Mount**

- **B** Sample Pedestal
- C Sample
- D Sample Mount
- E Sample Mask Selection Gear
- F Interchangeable Sample Holder
- G In situ Faraday Cup
- H Spring-Loaded Electrical Connections
- T **Temperature Sensor**
- J **Radiation Shield**

#### **Analysis Components**

- K UV/Vis/NIR Reflectivity Spectrometers
- L CCD Video Camera (400-900 nm)
- M InGaAs Video Camera (800-1200 nm)
- N InSb Video Camera (1000-5000 nm)
- $O$  SLR CCD Camera (300-800 nm)
- P Fiber Optic Discrete Detectors
- Q Collection Optics

#### **Instrumentation (Not Shown)**

Data Acquisition System Temperature Controller Electron Gun Controller Electrometer Oscilloscope

#### **Chamber Components**

- R Multilayer Thermal Insulation
- S Cryogen Vacuum Feedthrough
- T Electrical Vacuum Feedthrough
- U Sample Rotational Vacuum Feedthrough
- $\overline{\mathrm{V}}$ Turbomolecular/Mech. Vacuum Pump
- W Ion Vacuum Pump
- X Ion/Convectron Gauges Pressure
- Y Residual Gas Analyzer-Gas Species

 $\mathbf{D}$  $\frac{1}{5 \text{ cm}}$ 

#### **Closed-System Helium Refrigerator Sample Stage Mounting**





### **Photon Emission Measurements**





- **35 K< T< 350 K**
- **Sample cooled with l-N2 to 100-135 K. Chamber walls at ambient.** • **Multiple sample configurations to ~10x10cm**

# **Luminescence/Arc/Flare Test Configuration**





# **Radiation Induced Conductivity**





#### **~4 MeV Pulsed Electrons**100 micron Stainless Steel Window 12.5 micron 25-125 micron Sample 25 micron Electrode 6.35 mm Sample Plate Kapton window 19 mm Aluminum Intermediate Base Plate 19 mm Aluminum Chamber Body



# **Electrostatic Breakdown**





### **Just a drop in the bucket…**







**A quantum mechanical model**  of the spatial and energy distribution of the electron states

