



NIAC FELLOWS MEETING

November 9, 1999

Dr. Robert A. Cassanova
Director

"Don't let your preoccupation with reality stifle your imagination" - Robert A. Cassanova

Ground-Air-Interplanetary Transportation Infrastructure

**ELVs,
Shuttle, ISS**

**Space Transportation
Infrastructure??**

Air Travel - Airport & Hub Centered

***Evolution of
Ground, Air and Space
Infrastructure***

**Highway-in-the-sky??
Personal Ground/Air Vehicle??**

Automobiles on Surface Roads

Railroads

Maglev??

Foot, Horseback, Carriages, Waterways

1800

1900

2000

2100

2200

From Doorstep to Destination: Anywhere in the World ... and Beyond

Local

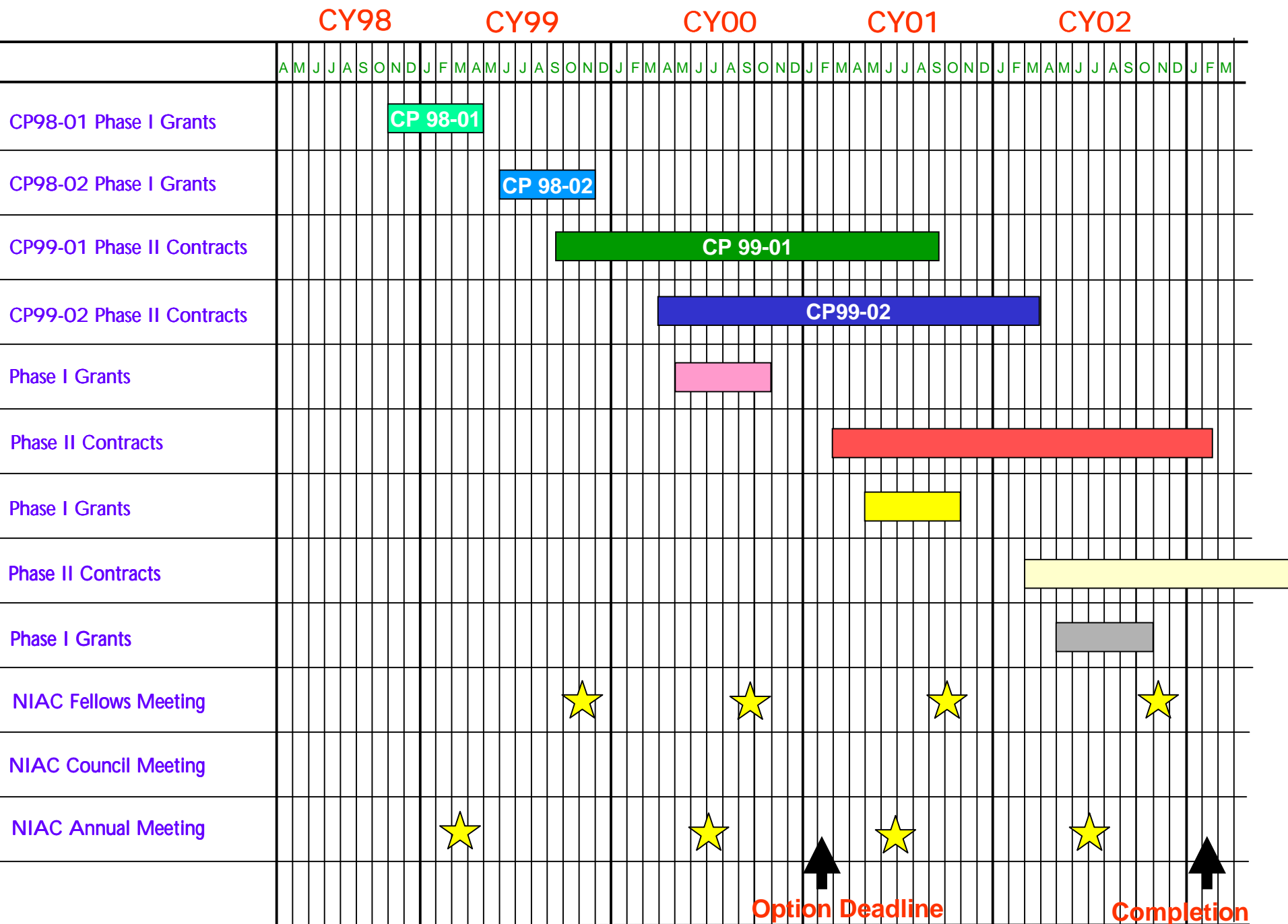
Interstate

Global

Beyond

The Vision

*Seamless, intermodal architecture of
systems for fast, efficient, cost-effective
transportation between any two points*



CY 1998	CY 1999	CY 2000	CY 2001
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9801 Phase I

9802 Phase I

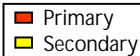
9901 Phase II (19 to 24 months)

CP9801 AWARDEES Phase I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan Bekey Mark E. Campbell Steven Dubowsky Robert E. Gold Paul Gorenstein Clark W. Hawk Steven D. Howe Robert P. Hoyt Ron Jacobs Ilan Kroo Geoffrey A. Landis Ralph L. McNutt, Jr. Clint Seward Charles M. Stancil Robert M. Winglee Neville J. Woolf 	<p><i>A Structureless Extremely Large Yet Very Lightweight Swarm Array Space Telescope</i></p> <p><i>Intelligent Satellite Teams (ISTs) for Space Systems</i></p> <p><i>Self-Transforming Robotic Planetary Explorers</i></p> <p><i>SHIELD: A Comprehensive Earth Protection System</i></p> <p><i>An Ultra-High Throughput X-Ray Astronomy Observatory With A New Mission Architecture</i></p> <p><i>Pulsed Plasma Power Generation</i></p> <p><i>Enabling Exploration of Deep Space: High Density Storage of Antimatter</i></p> <p><i>Cislunar Tether Transport System</i></p> <p><i>A Biologically-Inspired MARS Walker</i></p> <p><i>Mesicopter: A Meso-Scale Flight Vehicle for Atmospheric Sensing</i></p> <p><i>Advanced Solar- and Laser-Pushed Lightsail Concepts</i></p> <p><i>A Realistic Interstellar Explorer</i></p> <p><i>Low-Cost Space Transportation Using Electron Spiral Toroid (EST) Propulsion</i></p> <p><i>Electric Toroid Rotor Technology Development</i></p> <p><i>Mini-Magnetospheric Plasma Propulsion</i></p> <p><i>Very Large Optics for the Study of Extrasolar Terrestrial Planets</i></p>
CP9802 AWARDEES Phase I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas J. Bogar Webster Cash Dean Spieth Shane Farritor Carl Grant Timothy Howard Terry Kammash Laurence E. LaForge Michael LaPointe Kerry T. Nock Eric E. Rice Eric E. Rice John Slough Robert Zubrin 	<p><i>Hypersonic Airplane Space Tether Orbital Launch System</i></p> <p><i>X-Ray Interferometry: Ultimate Astronomical Imaging</i></p> <p><i>Ultralight Solar Sails for Interstellar Travel</i></p> <p><i>A Modular Robotic System to Support the Surface Operations of Human Mars Exploration</i></p> <p><i>An Advanced Counter-Rotating Disk Wing Aircraft Concept</i></p> <p><i>Planetary-Scale Astronomical Bench</i></p> <p><i>Antiproton-Driven, Magnetically-Insulated Inertial Fusion (MICF) Propulsion System</i></p> <p><i>Architectures and Algorithms for Self-Healing Autonomous Spacecraft</i></p> <p><i>Primary Propulsion for Piloted Deep Space Exploration</i></p> <p><i>Global Constellation of Stratospheric Scientific Platforms</i></p> <p><i>Development of Lunar Ice Recovery System Architecture</i></p> <p><i>Advanced System Concept for Total ISRU Based Propulsion & Power Systems for Unmanned and Manned Mars Exploration</i></p> <p><i>Rapid Manned Mars Mission With A Propagating Magnetic Wave Plasma Accelerator</i></p> <p><i>The Magnetic Sail</i></p>
CP9901 AWARDEES Phase II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Robert M. Winglee Ilan Kroo Steven Dubowsky Robert P. Hoyt Neville J. Woolf Paul Gorenstein 	<p><i>Mini-Magnetospheric Plasma Propulsion</i></p> <p><i>Meso-Scale Flight Vehicle for Atmospheric Sensing</i></p> <p><i>Self-Transforming Robotic Planetary Explorers</i></p> <p><i>Moon and Mars Orbiting Spinning Tether Transport (MMOSTT) Architecture</i></p> <p><i>Very Large Optics for the Study of Extrasolar Planets</i></p> <p><i>An Ultra High Throughput X-Ray Astronomy Observatory With A New Mission Architecture</i></p>



■ Primary
■ Secondary

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	Bekey, Ivan <i>Bekey Designs, Inc.</i>	A Structureless Extremely Large Yet Very Lightweight Swarm Array Space Telescope				
	Campbell, Mark E. <i>University of Washington</i>	Intelligent Satellite Teams (ISTs) for Space Systems				
	Dubowsky, Steven <i>MIT</i>	Self-Transforming Robotic Planetary Explorers				
	Gold, Robert E. <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	SHIELD: A Comprehensive Earth Protection System				
	Gorenstein, Paul <i>Smithsonian Institute</i>	An Ultra-High Throughput X-Ray Astronomy Observatory With A New Mission Architecture				
	Hawk, Clark W. <i>University of Alabama-Huntsville</i>	Pulsed Plasma Power Generation				
	Howe, Steven D. <i>Synergistics Technologies, Inc.</i>	Enabling Exploration of Deep Space: High Density Storage of Antimatter				
	Hoyt, Robert P. <i>Tethers Unlimited</i>	Cislunar Tether Transport System				
	Jacobs, Ron <i>Intelligent Inference Systems Corp.</i>	A Biologically-Inspired MARS Walker				
	Kroo, Ilan <i>Stanford University</i>	Mesicopter: A Meso-Scale Flight Vehicle for Atmospheric Sensing				
	Landis, Geoffrey A. <i>Ohio Aerospace Institute</i>	Advanced Solar- and Laser-Pushed Lightsail Concepts				
	McNutt, Jr., Ralph L. <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	A Realistic Interstellar Explorer				
	Seward, Clint <i>Electron Power Systems, Inc.</i>	Low Cost Space Transportation Using Electron Spiral Toroid (EST) Propulsion				
	Stancil, Charles M. <i>Georgia Tech Research Institute</i>	Electric Toroid Rotor Technology Development				
	Winglee, Robert M. <i>University of Washington</i>	Mini-Magnetospheric Plasma Propulsion				
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Bogar, Thomas J. <i>McDonnell Douglas Corporation</i>	Hypersonic Airplane Space Tether Orbital Launch System	Primary	Secondary		
Cash, Webster <i>University of Colorado</i>	X-Ray Interferometry: Ultimate Astronomical Imaging			Primary	
Farritor, Shane <i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>	A Modular Robotic System to Support the Surface Operations of Human Mars Exploration		Primary	Secondary	
Grant, Carl <i>Diversitech Inc.</i>	An Advanced Counter-Rotating Disk Wing Aircraft Concept	Primary			
Howard, Timothy <i>SVS Systems Inc.</i>	Planetary-Scale Astronomical Bench			Primary	
Kammash, Terry <i>University of Michigan</i>	Antiproton-Driven, Magnetically Insulated Inertial Fusion (MICF) Propulsion System	Primary	Secondary		
LaForge, Laurence E. <i>The Right Stuff of Tahoe, Inc.</i>	Architectures & Algorithms for Self-Healing Autonomous Spacecraft	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
LaPointe, Michael <i>Horizon Tech. Development Group</i>	Primary Propulsion for Piloted Deep Space Exploration	Primary	Secondary		
Nock, Kerry T. <i>Global Aerospace Corporation</i>	Global Constellation of Stratospheric Scientific Platforms				Primary
Rice, Eric E. <i>Orbital Technologies Corporation</i>	Development of Lunar Ice Recovery System Architecture		Primary		
Rice, Eric E. <i>Orbital Technologies Corporation</i>	Advanced System Concept for Total ISRU Based Propulsion and Power Systems for Unmanned and Manned Mars Exploration	Primary	Secondary	Secondary	
Slough, John <i>MSNW</i>	Rapid Manned Mars Mission With A Propagating Magnetic Wave Plasma Accelerator	Primary		Secondary	
Spieth, Dean <i>Pioneer Astronautics</i>	Ultralight Solar Sails for Interstellar Travel	Primary		Primary	
Zubrin, Robert <i>Pioneer Astronautics</i>	The Magnetic Sail	Primary		Primary	

Definitions: Phase I and II

PHASE I

6 months

\$50 - 75K

- ① Is the concept revolutionary rather than evolutionary? To what extent does the proposed activity suggest and explore creative and original concepts?
- ② Is the concept for an architecture or system, and have the benefits been qualified in the context of a future NASA mission?
- ③ Is the concept substantiated with a description of applicable scientific and technical disciplines necessary for development?

PHASE II

up to 24 months

up to \$500K

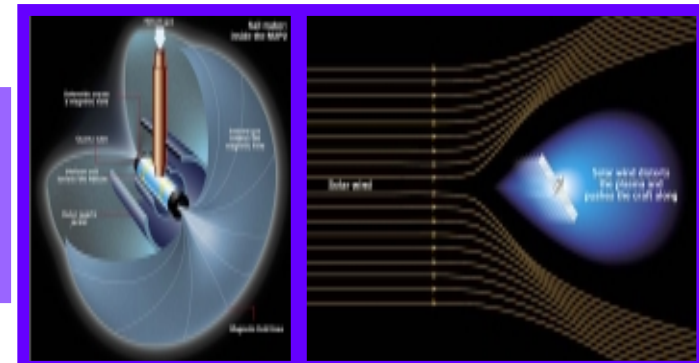
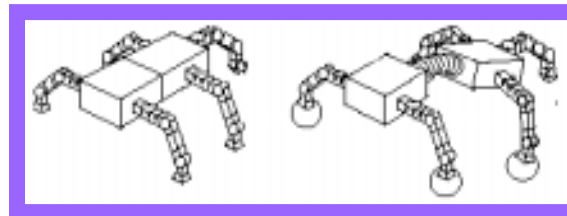
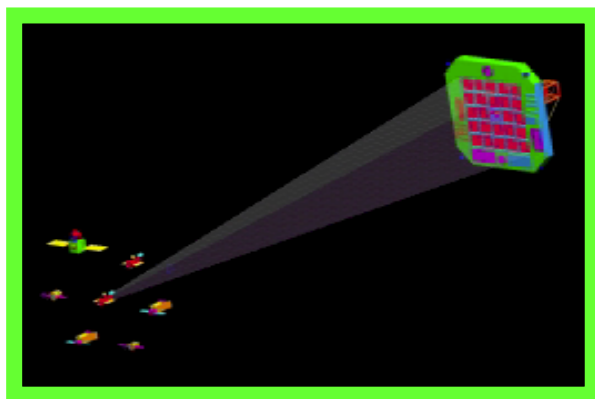
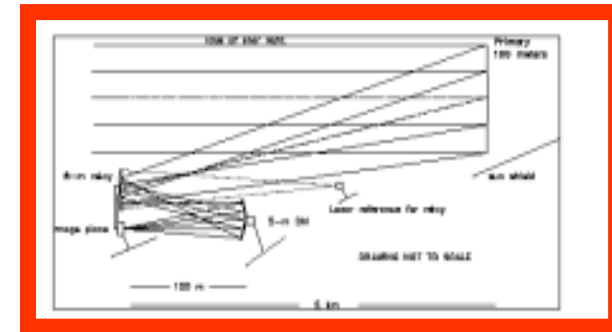
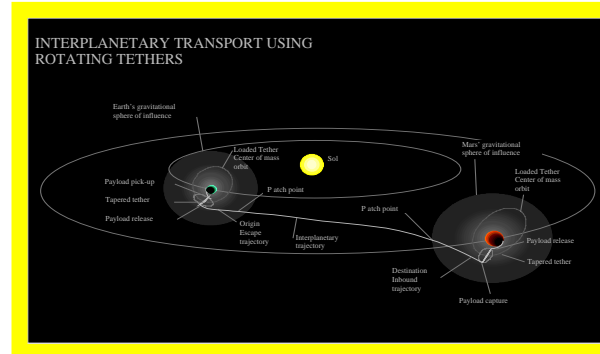
- ① Does the proposal continue the development of a revolutionary architecture or system in the context of a future NASA mission? Is the proposed work likely to provide a sound basis for NASA to consider the concept for a future mission or program?
- ② Is the concept substantiated with a description of applicable scientific and technical disciplines necessary for development?
- ③ Have enabling technologies been identified, and has a pathway for development of a technology roadmap been adequately described?
- ④ Has the pathway for development of a cost of the concept been adequately described and are costing assumptions realistic? Have potential performance and cost benefits been quantified?

Advanced Concepts for the 21st Century

YEAR



Advanced Concepts



NIAC Grant Status Reports - 8:45am - 10:15am

Thomas J. Bogar

McDonnell Douglas Corporation

"Hypersonic Airplane Space Tether Orbital Launch System"

Carl Grant

Diversitech, Inc.

"An Advanced Counter-Rotating Disk Wing Aircraft Concept"

Kerry T. Nock

Global Aerospace Corporation

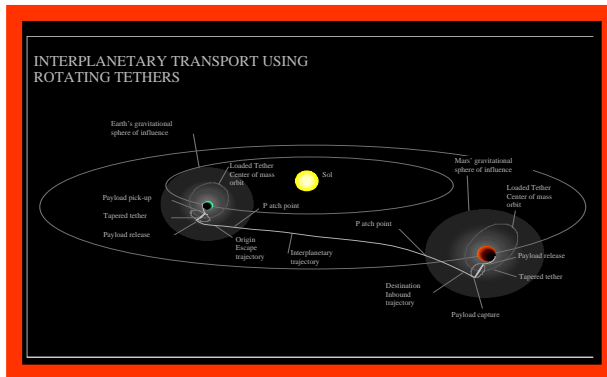
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Ilan Kroo

Stanford University

"Meso-Scale Flight Vehicle for Atmospheric Sensing"

Phase II



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Tethers Unlimited, Inc.

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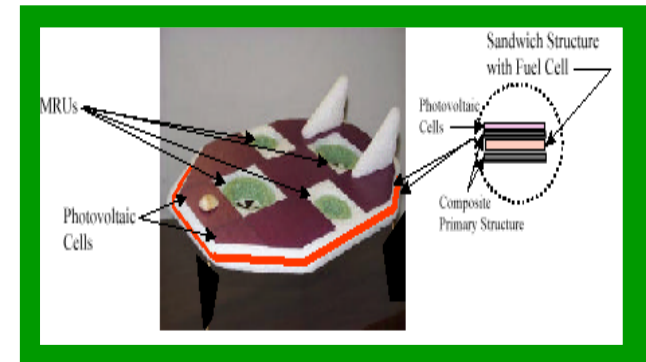
Phase II

Charles M. Stancil

Georgia Tech Research Institute

"Electric Toroid Rotor Technology Development"

Phase I



NIAC Grant Status Reports - 10:30am - 12:00pm

Terry Kammash

University of Michigan

"Antiproton-Driven, Magnetically-Insulated Inertial Fusion Propulsion System"

Michael LaPointe

Horizon Technologies Development Group

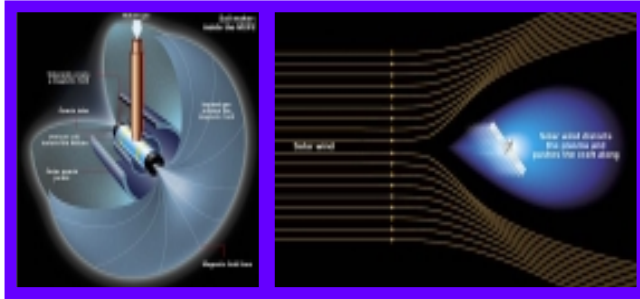
"Primary Propulsion for Piloted Deep Space Exploration"

John Slough

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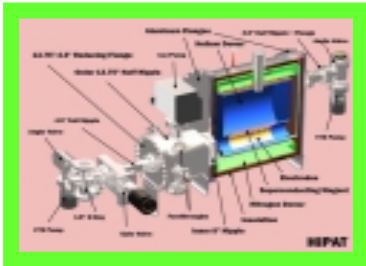
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Related NIAC Grants and Contracts



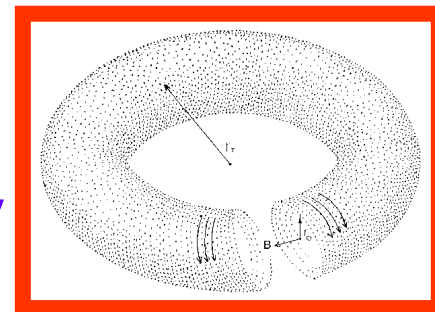
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University of Washington
"Mini-Magnetospheric Plasma Propulsion"
Phase II

Clark W. Hawk
University of Alabama-Huntsville
"Pulsed Plasma Power Generation"
Phase I



Steven D. Howe
Synergistics Technologies, Inc.
"Enabling Exploration of Deep Space: High Density Storage of Antimatter"
Phase I

Clint Seward
Electron Power Systems, Inc.
"Low-Cost Space Transportation Using
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Phase I



NIAC Grant Status Reports - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Robert Zubrin

Pioneer Astronautics

"The Magnetic Sail"

Dean Spieth

Pioneer Astronautics

"Ultralight Solar Sails for Interstellar Travel"

Webster Cash

University of Colorado

"X-Ray Interferometry: Ultimate Astronomical Imaging"

Timothy Howard

SVS Systems, Inc.

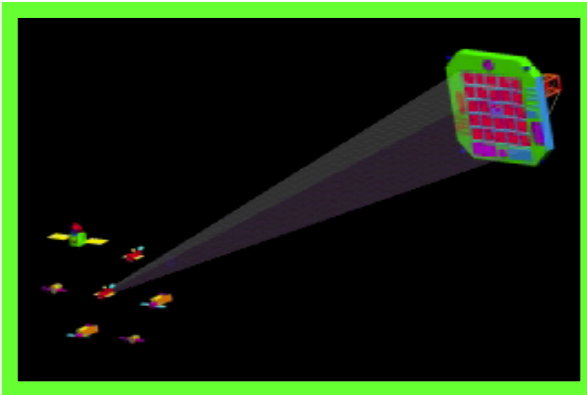
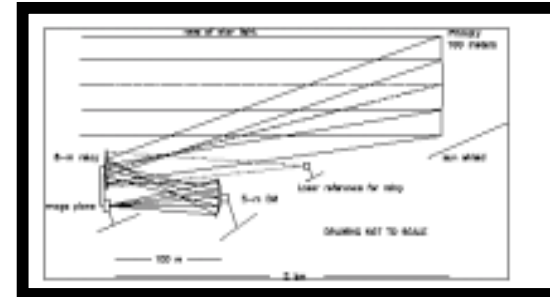
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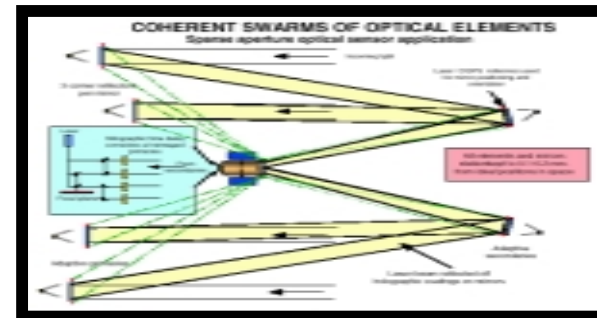
Phase II

Ivan Bekey

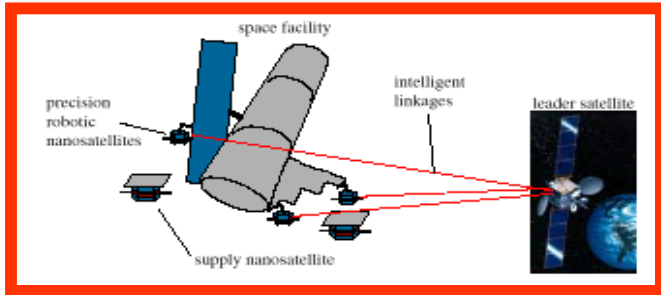
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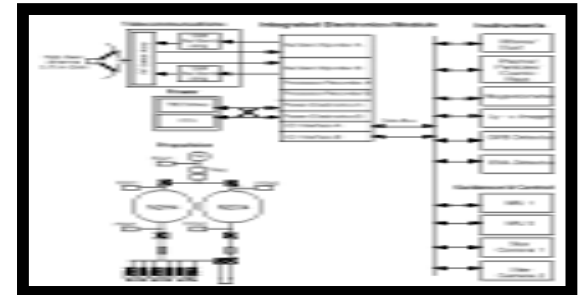
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Ralph L. McNutt, Jr.

Johns Hopkins University

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Phase I



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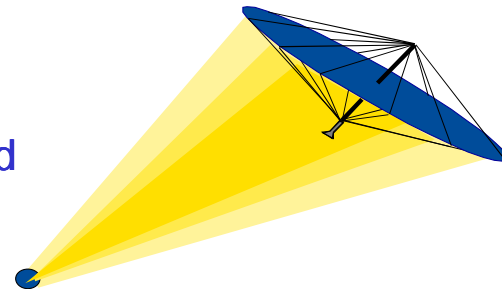
Phase I

Geoffrey A. Landis

Ohio Aerospace Institute

"Advanced Solar- and Laser-Pushed
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Phase I



NIAC Grant Status Reports - 3:15pm - 5:15pm

Laurence E. LaForge

The Right Stuff of Tahoe, Inc.

"Architectures & Algorithms for Self-Healing Autonomous Spacecraft"

Eric E. Rice

Orbital Technologies Corporation

"Development of Lunar Ice Recovery System Architecture"

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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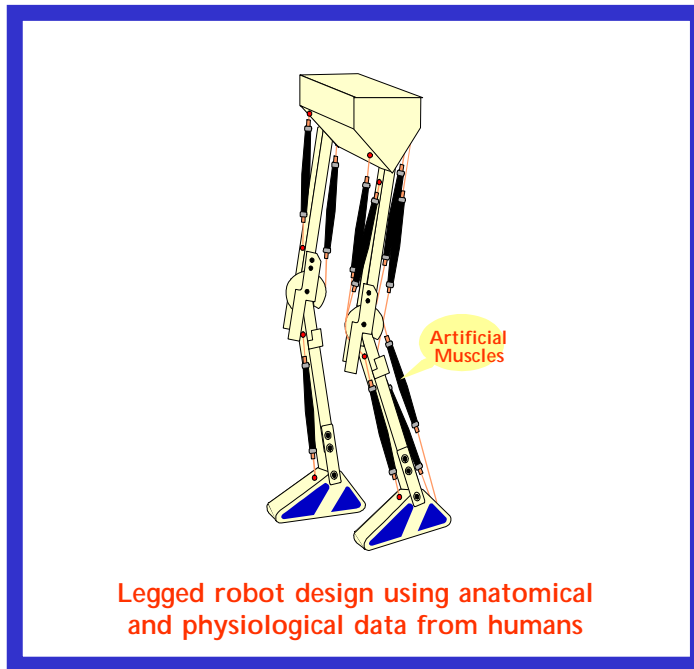
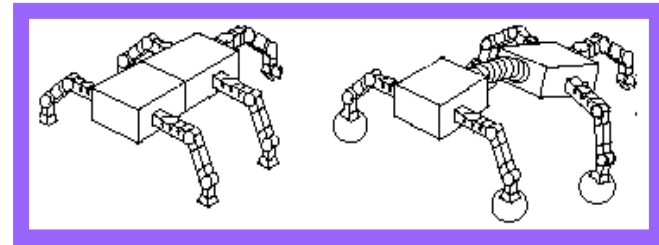
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"Self-Transforming Robotic Planetary Explorers"

Phase II



Legged robot design using anatomical and physiological data from humans

Ron Jacobs

Intelligent Inference Systems Corporation

"A Biologically-Inspired MARS Walker"

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