



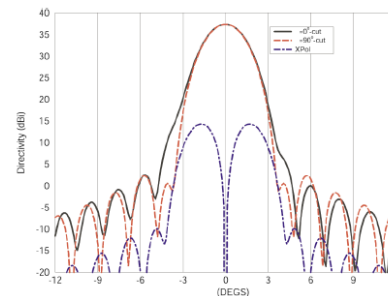
Study of a Spaceborne Microwave Instrument for High Resolution Remote Sensing of the Earth Surface Using a Large-Aperture Mesh

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Objective

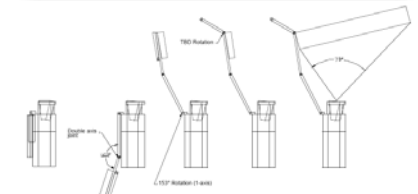
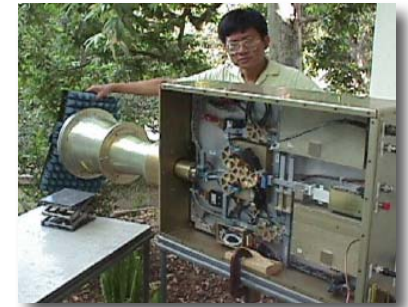
- Develop the Ocean-salinity Soil-moisture Integrated Radiometer-radar Imaging System (OSIRIS) instrument concept for combined passive and active sensing in the 1-3 GHz range, using a 6-m diameter, lightweight, deployable mesh antenna
 - Perform requirements analysis to validate design
 - Perform laboratory measurements of wire mesh samples to determine their microwave emissivity
 - Design the reflector and feed and radar system
 - Perform an antenna and spacecraft configuration study

TRW AstroMesh antenna



Modeled antenna pattern

Outdoor testing of OSIRIS electronics and antenna feed breadboards



Antenna deployment concept

Accomplishments

- Completed requirements analysis and developed the baseline instrument specifications and design, including error budgets
- Completed lab measurements of mesh emissivity and predict the radiometric performance in a simulated orbital thermal environment

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