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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** (2001 – present): Research Scientist in the Pulsed Power Laboratory. Responsible for design, construction and testing of high voltage pulse generators from sub-nanosecond to microsecond pulse lengths for biological, combustion and aerospace applications and for experimental research into high current, high voltage, high repetition rate fast gas switches, semiconductor opening switches and magnetic pulse compression technology for compact pulsed power.

**TRIKON TECHNOLOGIES INC.** (1996 - 1998): Member of the Technical Staff. Responsible for advanced development of the MORI (M=0 Helicon) plasma source, extensions of the technology to 300mm wafer size, with special emphasis on the RF source and Bias subsystems and on high power density electrostatic chucks for oxide etch applications. Initiated extensions of the MORI source technology to gate oxide nitridation and boron implantation. Was in charge of development of efficient cleaning discharges for the MORI-based High Density Plasma CVD system.

**FIRST POINT SCIENTIFIC INC.** (1993 - 1996): Senior Physicist. Principal Investigator for two projects: (1) development of a high energy far infrared laser for plasma diagnostics and (2) development of a plasma centrifuge for material and medical isotope separation. Contributed extensively to projects in the areas of high energy electron beam generation, pulsed laser concepts for plasma diagnostics, electron-beam based methods for treatment of VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, and neutron sources for geophysical exploration.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES** (1983 - 1991): Research Physicist in the Plasma Physics Laboratory, was responsible for experimental R&D projects in areas including: (1) plasmoid generation and transport; (2) magnetic plasma confinement based on rotating electromagnetic fields; (3) generation of high beta, high energy density reversed field configurations by radio frequency power; (4) radio frequency plasma torch concepts for the decomposition of hazardous wastes; (5) production and characterization of atmospheric pressure, high temperature, inductively generated plasmas. In the course of these and other projects he has designed and built high-power radiofrequency generators, plasma coupling antennas, vacuum systems, high power water cooled magnetic field coil systems, laser and microwave interferometers and reflectometers for plasma diagnostics, magnetic and electric probes and associated electronic equipment, laser light scattering diagnostic equipment and spectroscopic systems.

**PLASMA & MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES** (Consultant, 1989 - 1995) Consulted on problems relating to RF plasma sources and the presence of high-power RF fields in different sensitive subsystems.

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