

Overview of High Efficiency, Compact Rotating Detonation Rocket Engines

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Abstract

Rotating Detonation Rocket Engines (RDREs), a type of pressure gain device, represent a revolutionary advancement in propulsion technology, offering significant improvements in efficiency and thrust-to-weight ratio compared to conventional combustion engines. This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of RDREs, exploring their fundamental principles, operating mechanisms, and current development status. Furthermore, it investigates the potential utility of RDREs in future space missions, assessing their capabilities in enhancing spacecraft propulsion systems for various applications such as launch vehicles, satellite maneuvering, deep space exploration, and interplanetary travel. Finally, we present recent test successes and lessons learned at Nobel Works Corp, an Arizona company focused on pressure gain devices. This presentation sheds light on the promising prospects of RDEs in revolutionizing space propulsion, addressing challenges, and unlocking new frontiers in space exploration.