

Wrapped Petal Starshade Mechanical Architecture

Summary Slides

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TRL-5 Test Activities NEW Plan w/addl. prototypes PRE-Decadal

Decadal input (Nov. 19)

Full-Scale (1.3-m long) Unit A

Unit B

Inner Disk Truss Bay (P5-1)

Verify Truss Longerons & Node components length:
- as-manufactured
- after thermal cycles

Validate Truss Longerons & Node component model of:
length vs. I/F Load
length vs. temp

Verify Truss Bay length as manufactured
Test 5-1

Validate Truss Bay model of length vs. temp.
Test 5-2

Verify Truss Bay shape:
- as-manufactured
- after thermal cycles
- after storage with creep
Tests 5-1, 5-5, 5-6

Validate Truss Bay model of length vs. I/F Load
Test 5-3

Full width (~1.6m), thickness (1.6cm), foreshortened length (4m) Unit 1

Unit 2

Petal (P5-2)

Meas. Petal shape: as-manufactured
Verify Petal shape: after deploy cycles, after thermal cycles
Tests 5-1, 5-4, 5-5

Validate Petal model of shape vs. I/F load
Test 5-7

Validate Petal model of shape vs. temp.
Test 5-8

Verify petal shape as-manufactured
Test 5-1

Verify petal shape after deploy cycles
Test 5-4

Validate Petal model of shape vs. I/F load
Test 5-7

Cont. design of edge, shield & DCS I/F's

Final Petal Design

Full-Scale (10-m dia.)

Inner Disk (P5-3)

Verify repeatable Disk deploy tolerances w/ POC Optical Shield (after verifying opacity)
Test 5-9

Verify OS opacity at truss-bay & petal I/F's
Test 5-12

Validate Disk model of shape vs. spoke load
Test 5-11

Verify repeatable Disk deploy tolerances w/ TRL-5 Optical Shield (after verifying opacity)
Test 5-9

Validate Disk model of deployment kinematics
Test 5-10

Full-Scale (2.2-m inner dia.)

Deploy. Control System (P5-4)

Verify DCS unfurls with no edge contact
Test 5-13

Validate DCS model of deployment kinematics
Test 5-14

Additional PLUS sub-assy test verification work (TBD):
e.g. vibe, cold test,

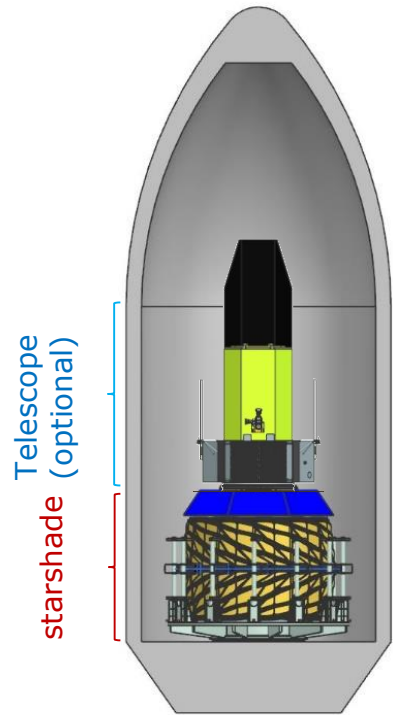
TBD work as needed: Early environmental tests of critical sub-assys if needed to define sub-system

Critical test for this test article

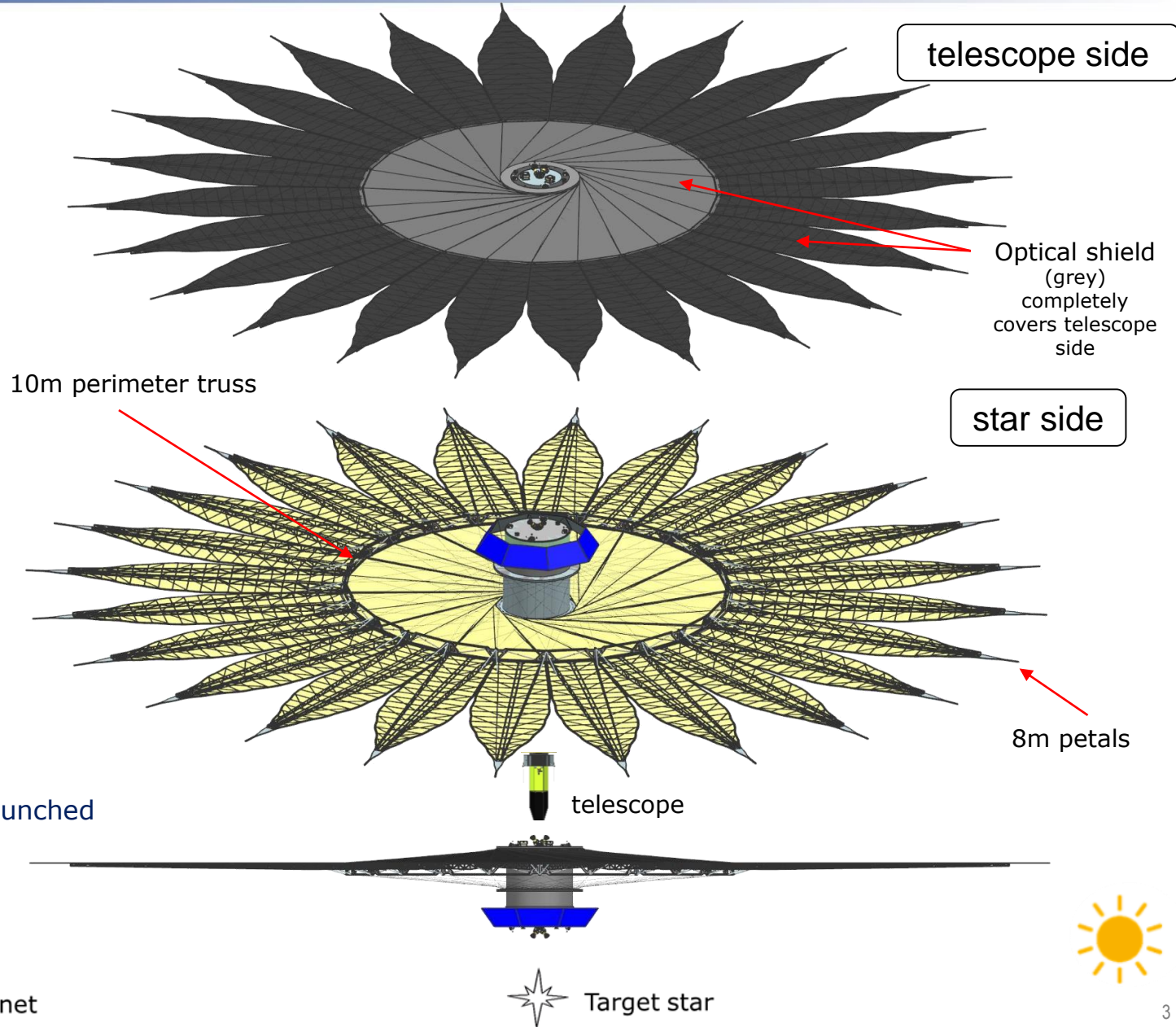


Starshade Wrapped Design

26m NI2 design with 8m petals for ExEp Architecture Trade Study



Stowed config shown co-launched w/1.1m telescope (5m fairing)





Mechanical System Summary

Stowed Analysis Summary

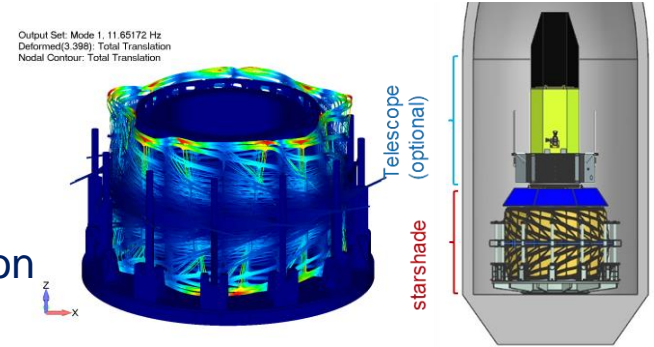
- 1st major lateral mass mode is at 51 Hz (Req't 10 Hz)
- 1st major axial mass mode is at 142 Hz (Req't 25 Hz)
- Strength margins of safety > 2.7
- Meets launch requirements for mission with telescope on top

Deployed Analysis Summary

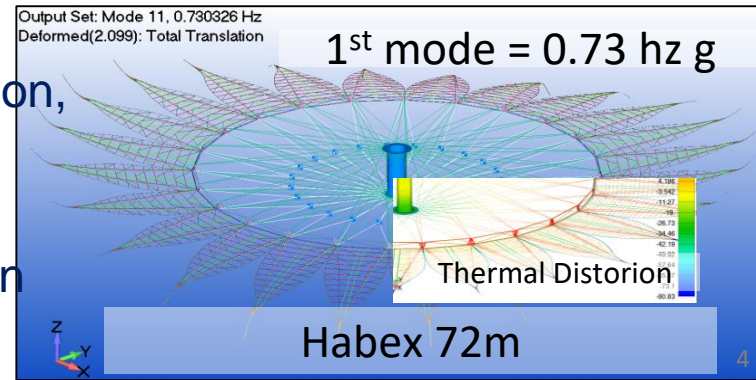
- 1st mode is high at > 1 Hz, 1st in-plane at 17.3 Hz
- High margins
 - Structure Instability due to Spoke Pre-tension
 - Slacking spokes from retargeting thruster fire & thermal loads
- Contrast has low sensitivity to spoke preload or length variation & fault tolerant to missing (broken) spokes

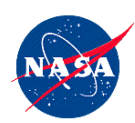
Scalability

- Habex 72m Baseline Design scales in configuration, deployed structural analysis & thermal stability performance (STOP)
- Falcon 9 up to 92m & SLS 150m per configuration study

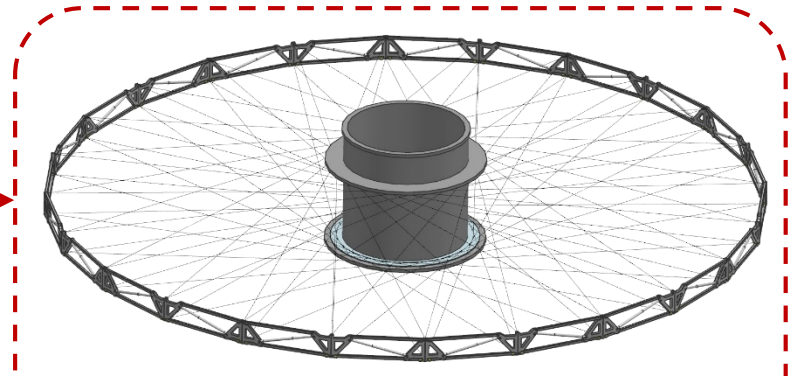
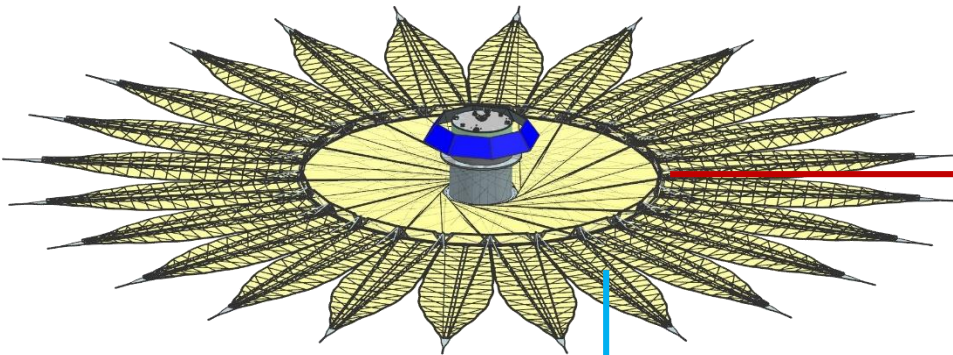


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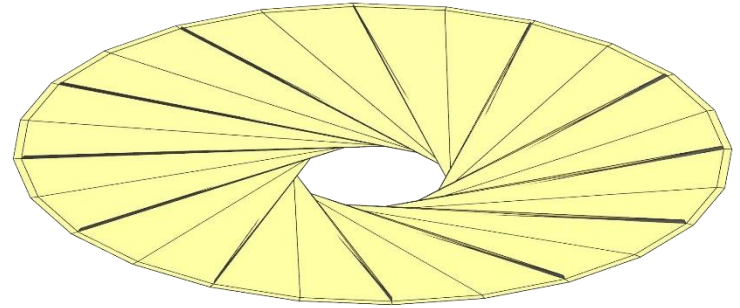




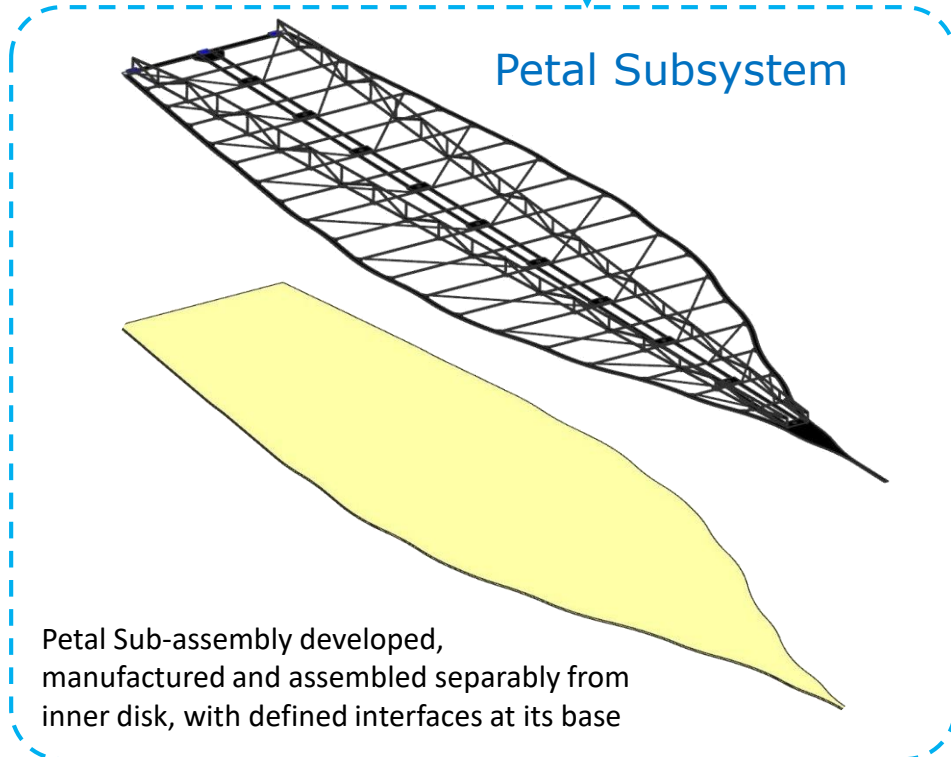
Subsystem Definitions



Truss + spokes + hub constitute separable structure w/defined interfaces to petal

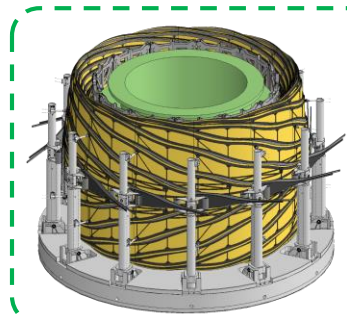


Inner Disk Subsystem



Petal Subsystem

Petal Sub-assembly developed, manufactured and assembled separably from inner disk, with defined interfaces at its base



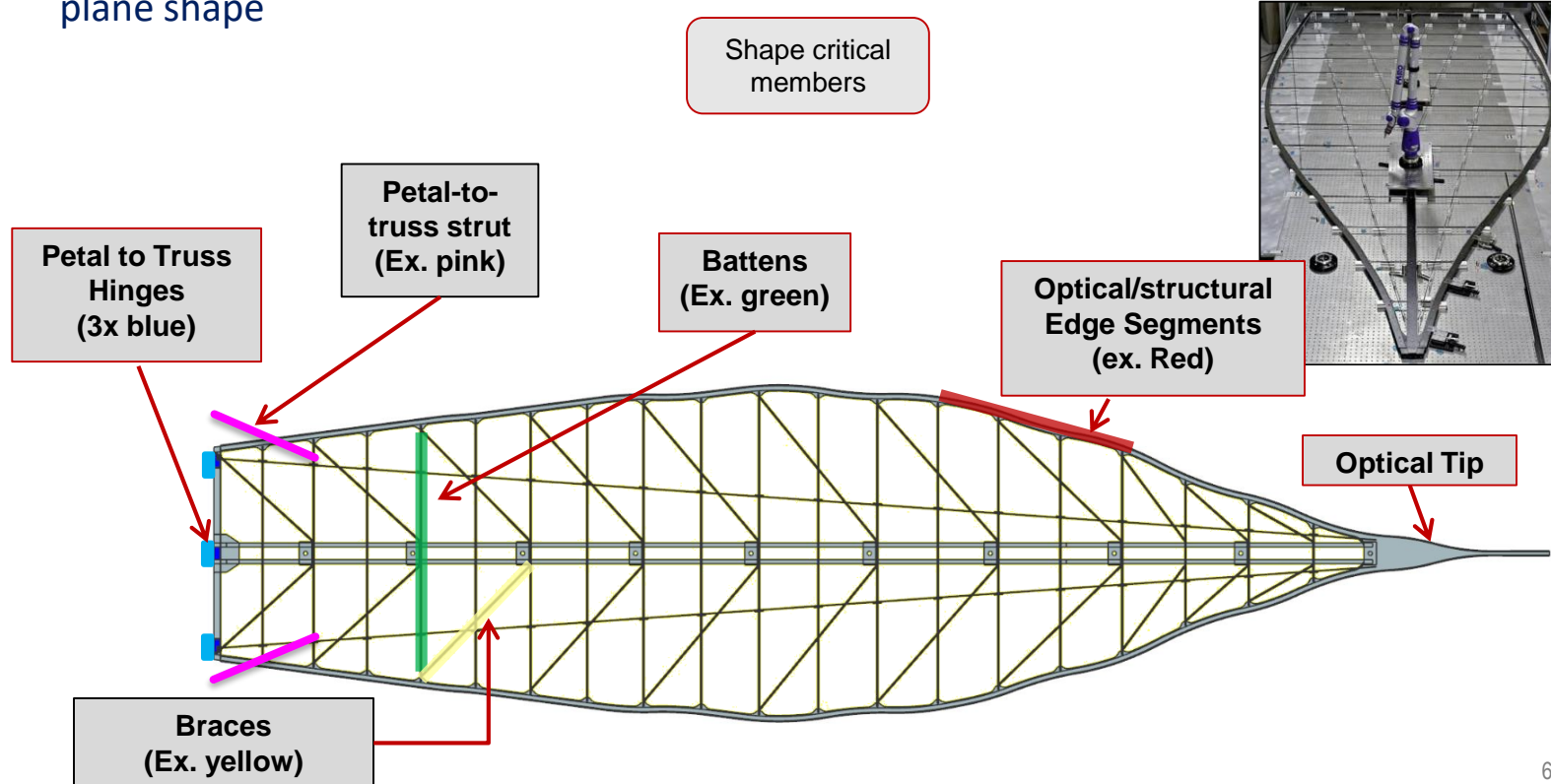
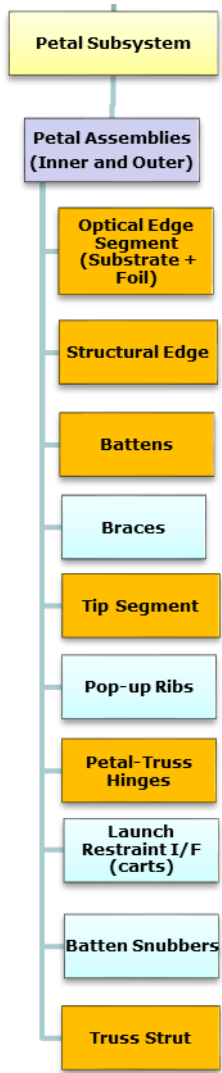
Petal Launch Restraint & Unfurl Subsystem (PLUS)

PLUS controls petal deployment & defines petal L/R interfaces (jettisoned after launch)



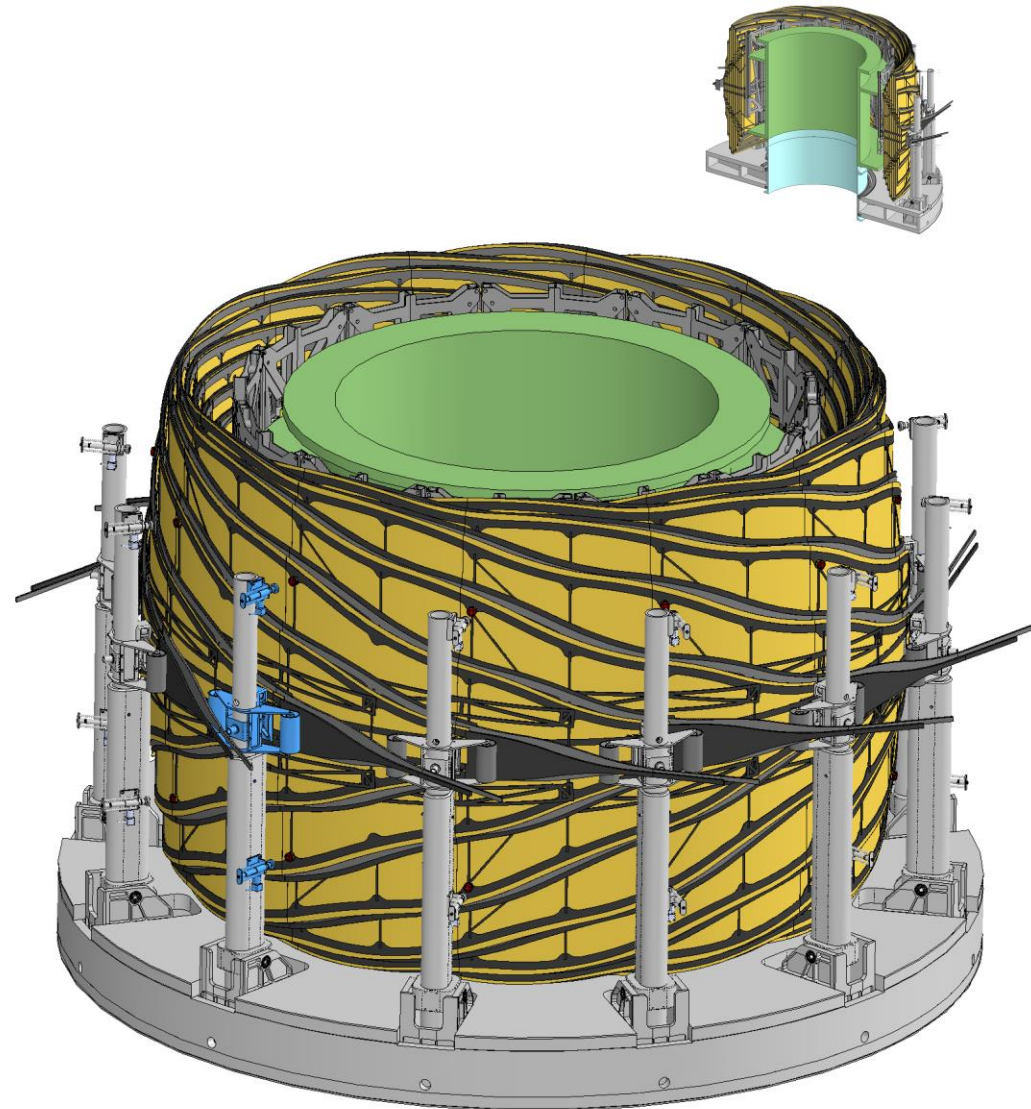
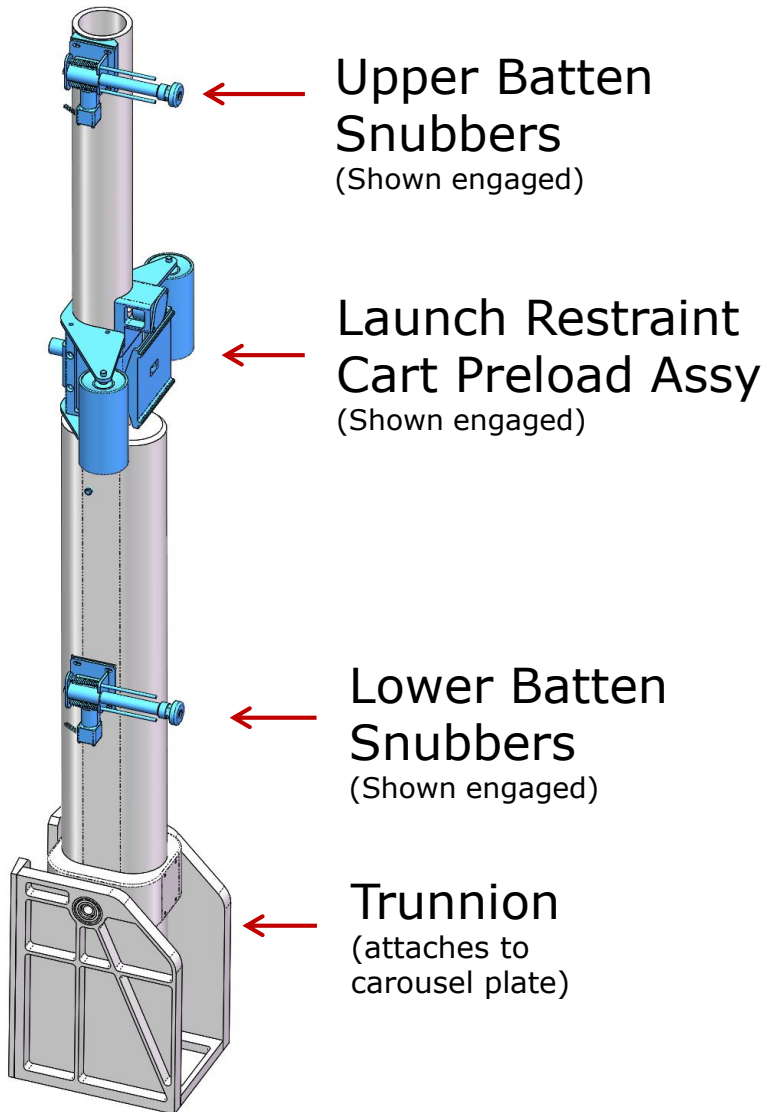
Petal Shape Critical Components

- Petal designed specifically to address in-plane shape stability
 - Battens maintain petal width (COTS & precise)
 - Edges are width-wise-thin and “go where battens tell it to”
 - Braces (diagonals) provide in-plane shear stiffness to maintain shape
- Petal hinges maintain petal position relative to truss (w/std avail. precision)
- Petal-to-truss struts provide out-of-plane support & must minimally influence in-plane shape





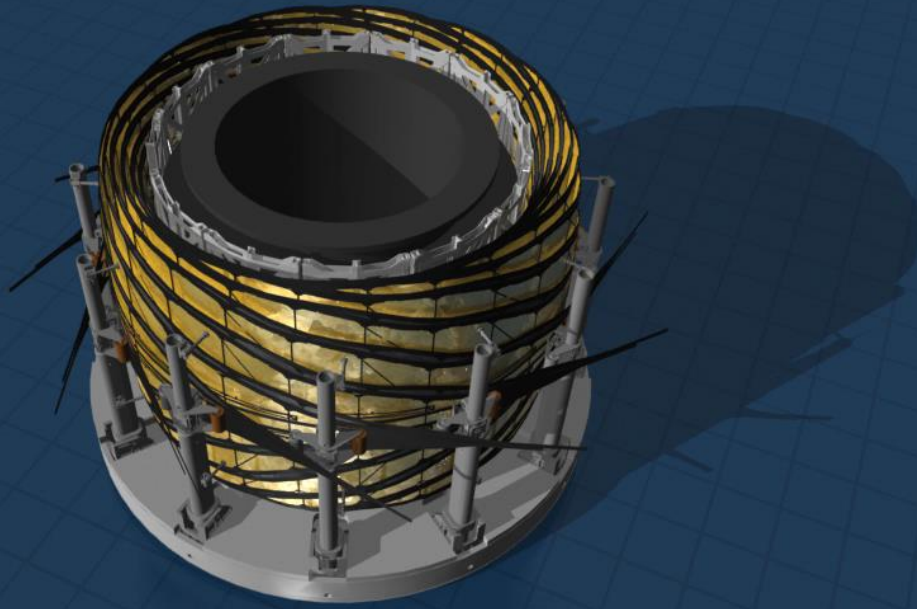
Roller Arm Assembly in Launch Restraint Config



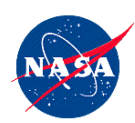
*Arm in Launch Configuration



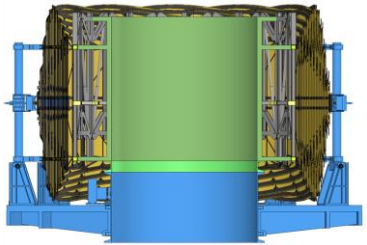
PLUS Visualization & Hardware Deployment Overlay



- PLUS testbed incipient deployments w/future upgrades to include medium fidelity launch restraints, rollers, and a pair of medium fidelity CFRP petals (simulators to serve as boundary conditions for pair of interest), more in TRL discussion

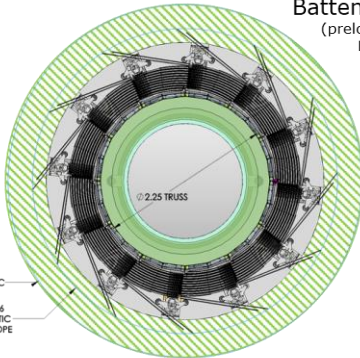


Cross Section View

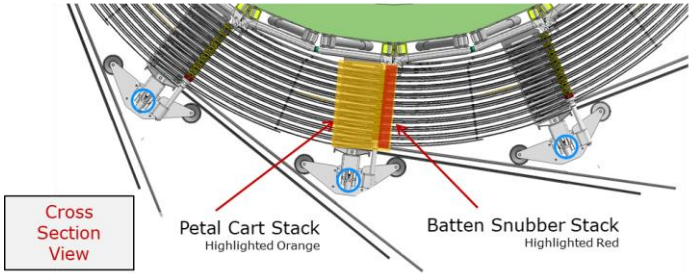
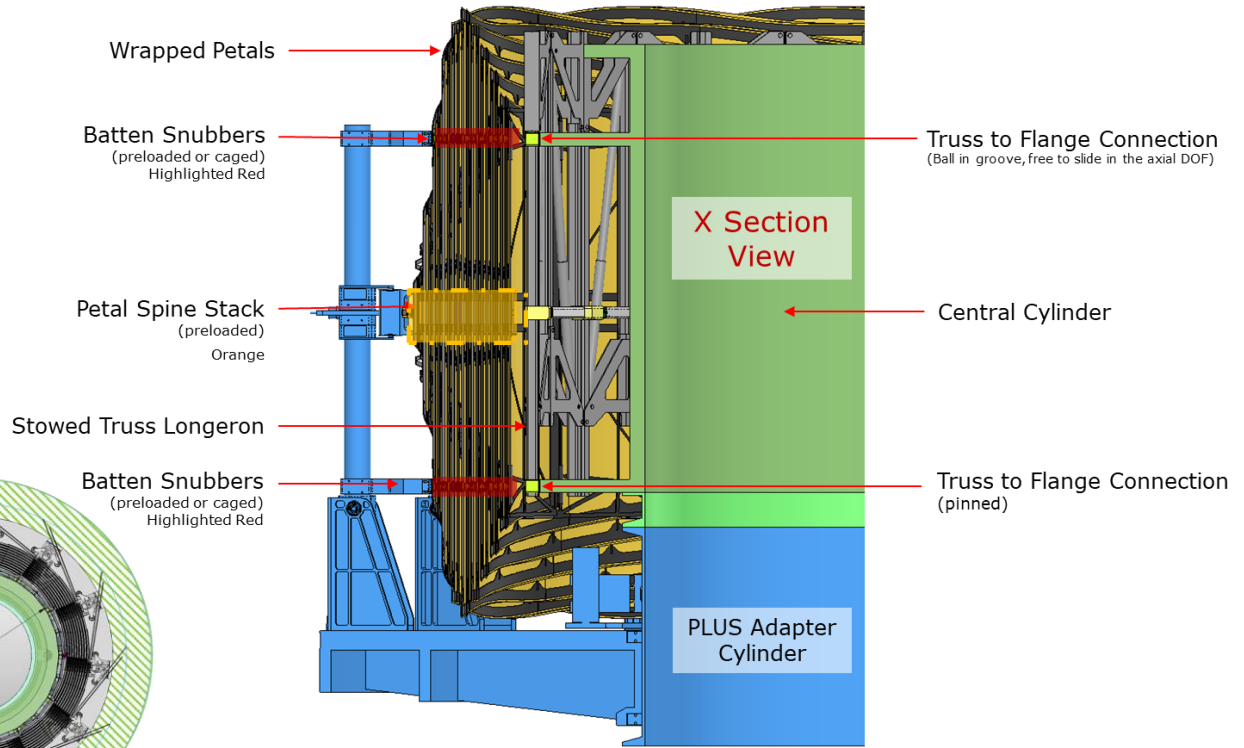


PLUS (Roller Arms, Carousel, PLUS Adapter)

*** Roller-arm/carousel/plus adaptor assy jettisoned after launch (total mass = 608 kg)



4.60 FAIRING DYNAMIC ENVELOPE
3.96 TIP STATIC ENVELOPE
2.25 TRUSS



Cross Section View



Stowed Configuration Modal Analysis

Dedicated Mission

- The primary modes were also checked assuming the dedicated mission configuration

- Telescope mass was taken from “*Exo-S STDT Final Report*,” Table 7.2-1
- Mass = 1,644 kg, Axial CG = 1.7 meters
 - Per Table 7.2-1, the propellant required for Starshade would decrease from 2000 kg to approximately 49 kg
 - Propellant mass in the FEM was conservatively left at 2000 kg
- Impacts to the Petal tip, structural edge, and roller arm modes due to the additional telescope mass were negligible

- Critical frequencies and mass participation fractions

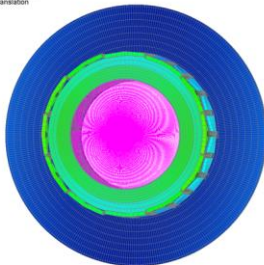
- First primary lateral mode = 24.50 Hz (Mass participation = 1,770 kg)
- First primary axial mode = 104.24 Hz (Mass participation = 2,842 kg)



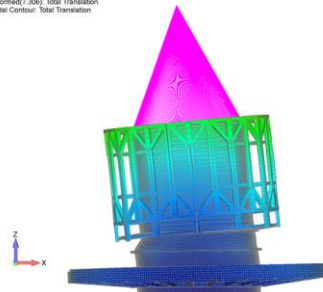
- Requirement: First primary lateral mode greater than 10 Hz
- First primary lateral mode
 - Frequency = 24.36 Hz
 - Mass participation = 619 kg (1,366 lb)
 - Mass participation fraction = 0.11
 - Additional lateral modes occur in this frequency range
 - Petals and roller arms are hidden for clarity

- Requirement: First primary axial mode greater than 25 Hz
- First fundamental axial mode
 - Frequency = 103.93 Hz
 - Mass participation = 1,709 kg (3,767 lb)
 - Mass participation fraction = 0.30
 - Petals and roller arms are hidden for clarity

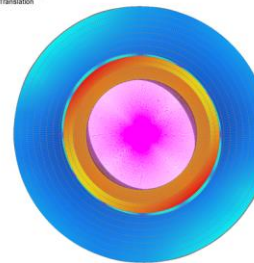
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Deformed: 2.000; Total Translation
Nodal Contour: Total Translation



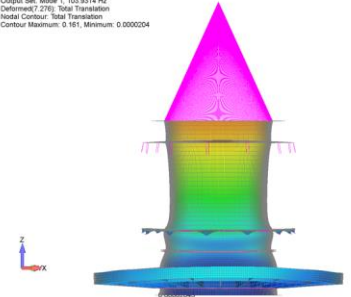
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Output Set: Mode 1, 103.9314 Hz
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Nodal Contour: Total Translation



Output Set: Mode 1, 103.9314 Hz
Deformed: 2.000; Total Translation
Nodal Contour: Total Translation
Contour Maximum: 0.161; Minimum: 0.0000204





Stowed Analysis Summary

- Rendezvous Mission
 - 1st major mass lateral mode is at 51 Hz (Req't 10 Hz)
 - 1st major mass axial mode is at 142 Hz (Req't 25 Hz)
 - Strength margins of safety > 2.7 against falcon 9 user's guide
 - Peak displacements within dynamic fairing envelope
 - Petal edge and tip relative displacements show large margin on petal to petal interaction
- Dedicated Mission (with telescope)
 - 1st major mass lateral mode is at 25 Hz (Req't 10 Hz)
 - 1st major mass axial mode is at 104 Hz (Req't 25 Hz)

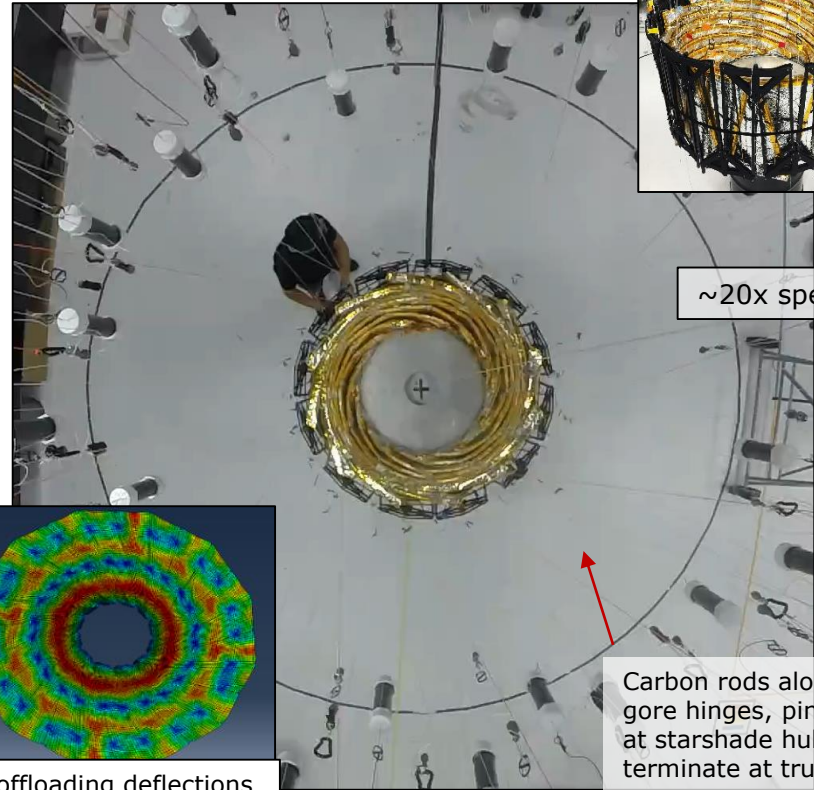


Inner Disk Optical Shield Deployment & Simulations

5m prototype (1/2 flight scale):

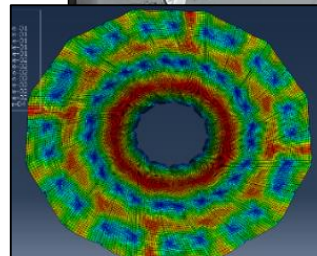
- flight-like materials, learn about required features to enable flight design (e.g. gravity offloading & test)
- Understand shield, spacecraft, truss, & petal relative deployment and required features (e.g. carbon rods for hub/starshade structural connection, analysis pending)

5m optical shield using flight-like materials

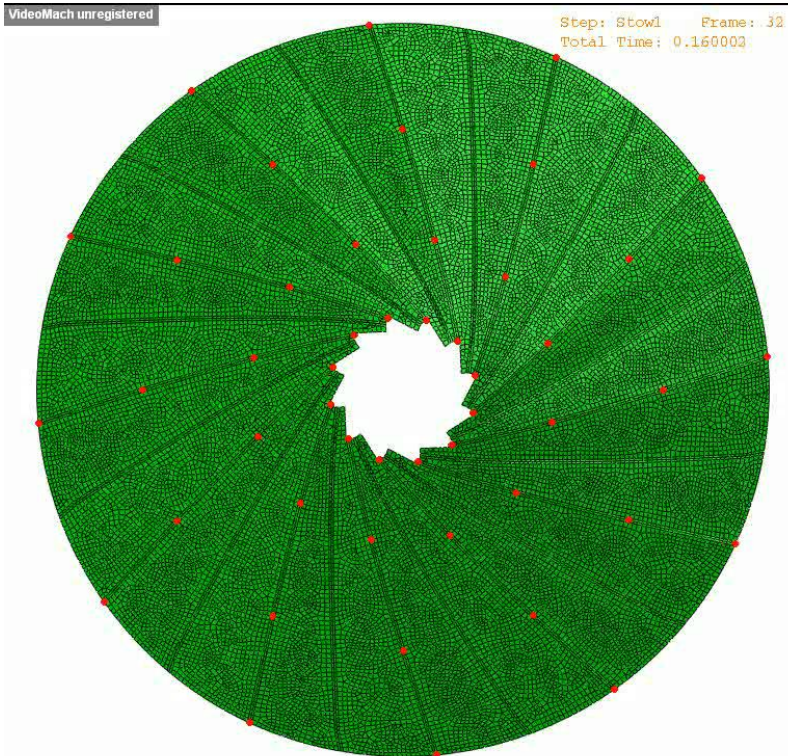


~20x speed

Carbon rods along gore hinges, pinned at starshade hub and terminate at truss



1g offloading deflections in Abaqus model



Deployment Simulation Model in Abaqus:

- Preliminary Abaqus deployment simulation model developed (T. Murphey) & utilized to understand 1g offloading
- Capability exists to combine a future, more developed model with the perimeter truss ADAMS model



Modes & Structure Margin

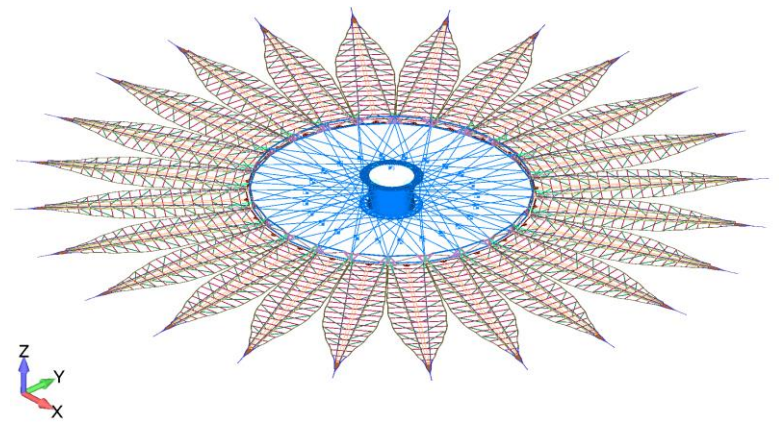
- Wrapped Starshade is ~600kg,
 - 20% of BOL system mass, 50% of EOL system mass
- Modes of interest
 - 1st system mode 1.06Hz
 - First significant truss and petal in-plane mode at F656 = 17.3 Hz (width preserving)

Margin on Structure Instability due to Spoke Pre-tension

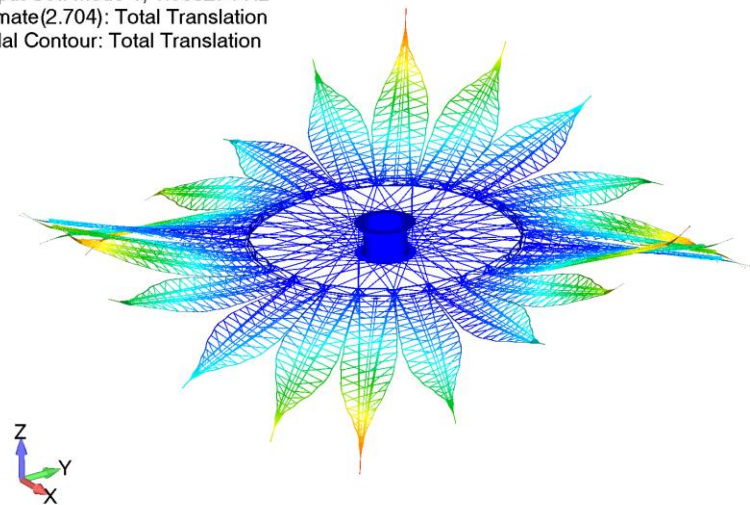
Why analyze elastic instability?

- As a pre-tensioned structure, we want to verify the tension in the spokes is not close to buckling the compression portion of the structure (perimeter truss)

Design Spoke Load	Spoke load to buckle perimeter truss	Margin
16 lbs	1536	HIGH



Output Set: Mode 1, 1.063274 Hz
Animate(2.704): Total Translation
Nodal Contour: Total Translation





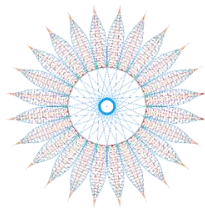
Deployed Analysis Summary

- 1st mode is high at > 1 Hz
- 1st in-plane mode is at 17.3 Hz & is petal width preserving
- High margin on Structure Instability due to Spoke Pre-tension
- High margin on slacking spokes from retargeting thruster fire
- High margin on bounding case thermal loads slacking spokes
- Contrast is insensitive to spoke preload or length variation
- Fault tolerant to missing (broken) spokes (negligible impact)

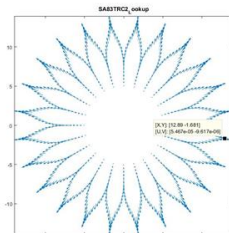
STOP analysis refresher of results for representative cases* :

- Thermal analysis (temperature) results
- Thermal distortion results
- Resulting contrast due to nominal thermal distortion & comparison to the error budget
- CTE variability monte-carlo study results

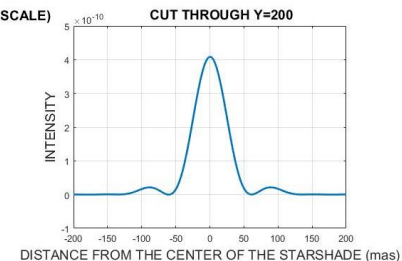
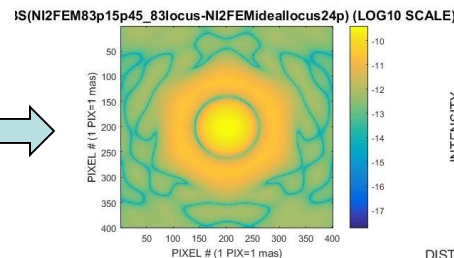
* Subset of sun angle cases showing representative temperatures & distortions/results, full set in backup



Thermal analysis temperature results mapped to structural FEM



Quiver plot of resultant thermally induced shape distortion

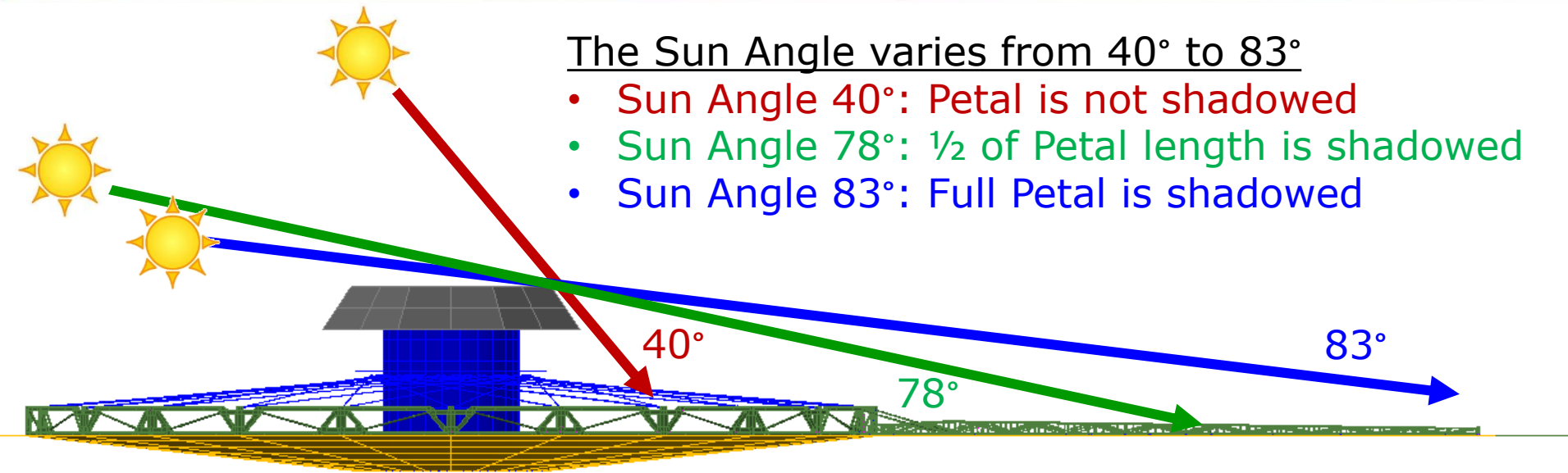




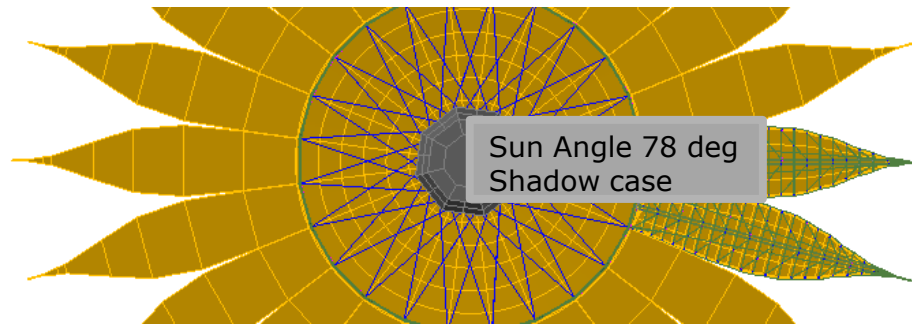
Sun Angles and Shadowing by Hub

The Sun Angle varies from 40° to 83°

- Sun Angle 40°: Petal is not shadowed
- Sun Angle 78°: ½ of Petal length is shadowed
- Sun Angle 83°: Full Petal is shadowed



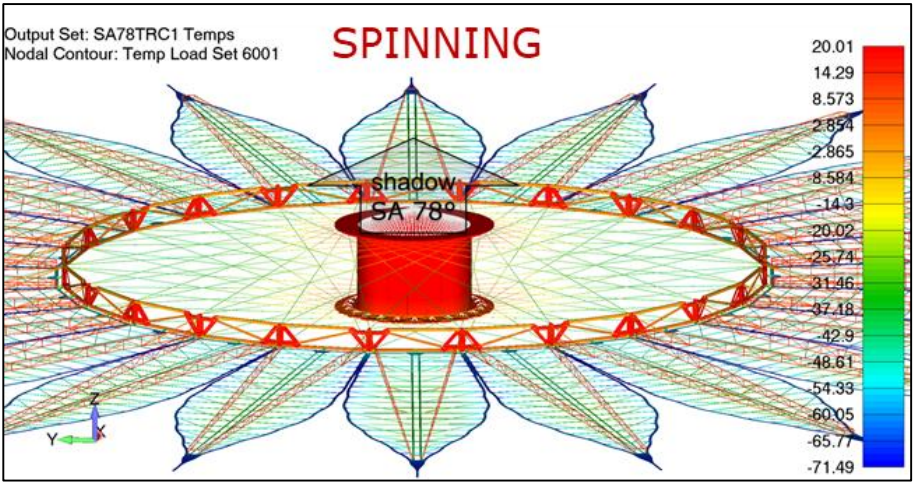
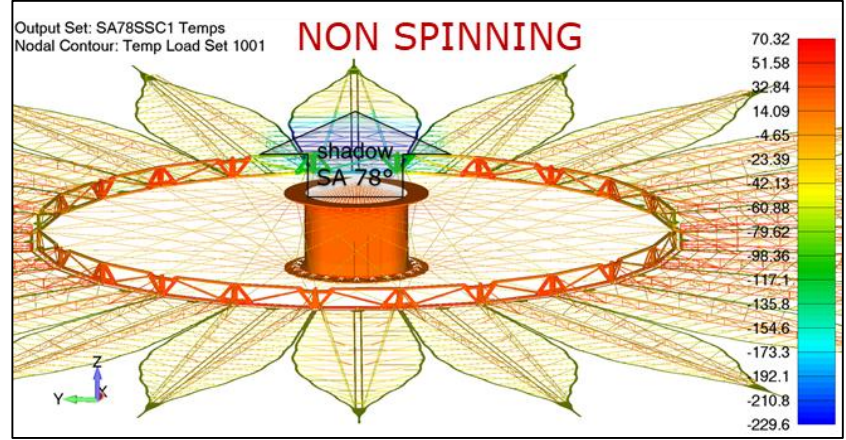
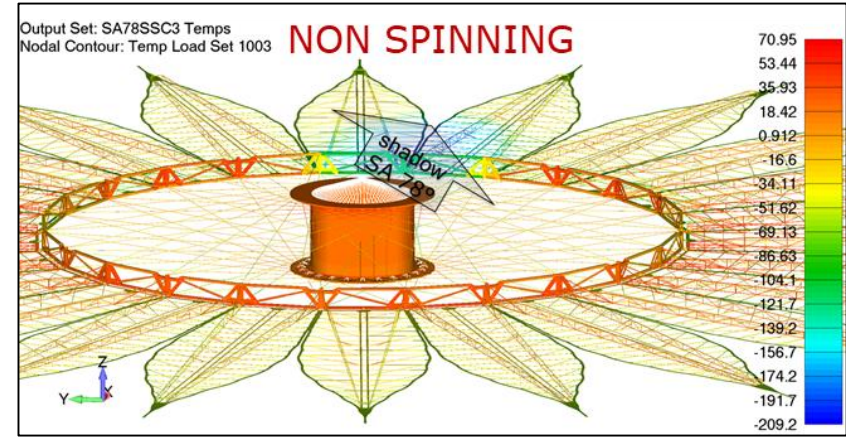
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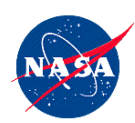




Non-spinning Shadow Orientation Conclusions

	Comment	Gradient	Max/Min Temp
NON-Spinning	Shadow clocking orientation has little effect on max/min temps, only moves cold portion of starshade	300 C	70 C / -230 C
Spinning	Averages temperatures symmetrically around spin axis Transient has negligible effect on contrast	90 C	65 C / -95 C





Sun Angle 78

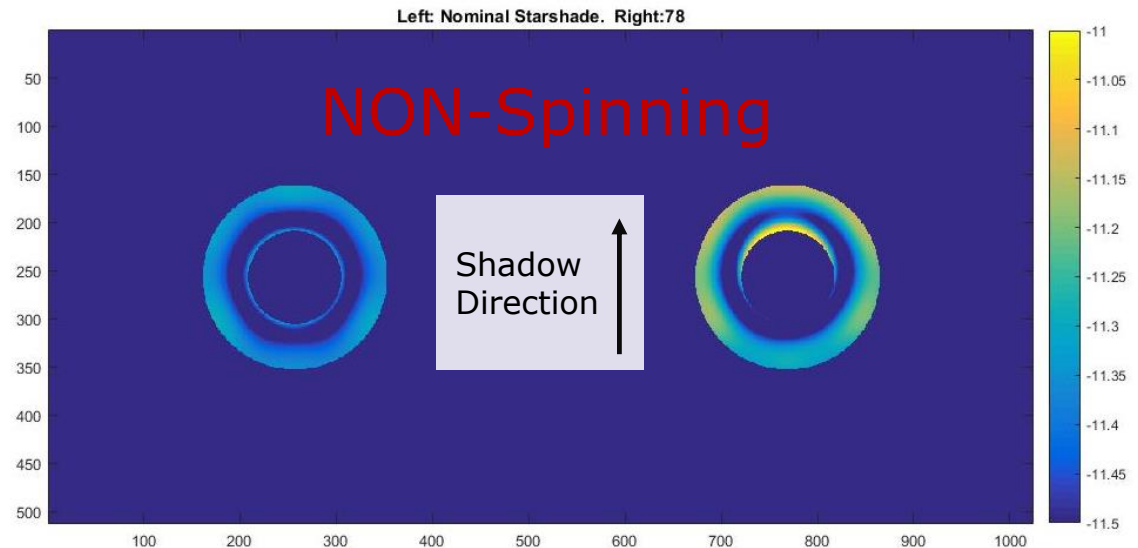
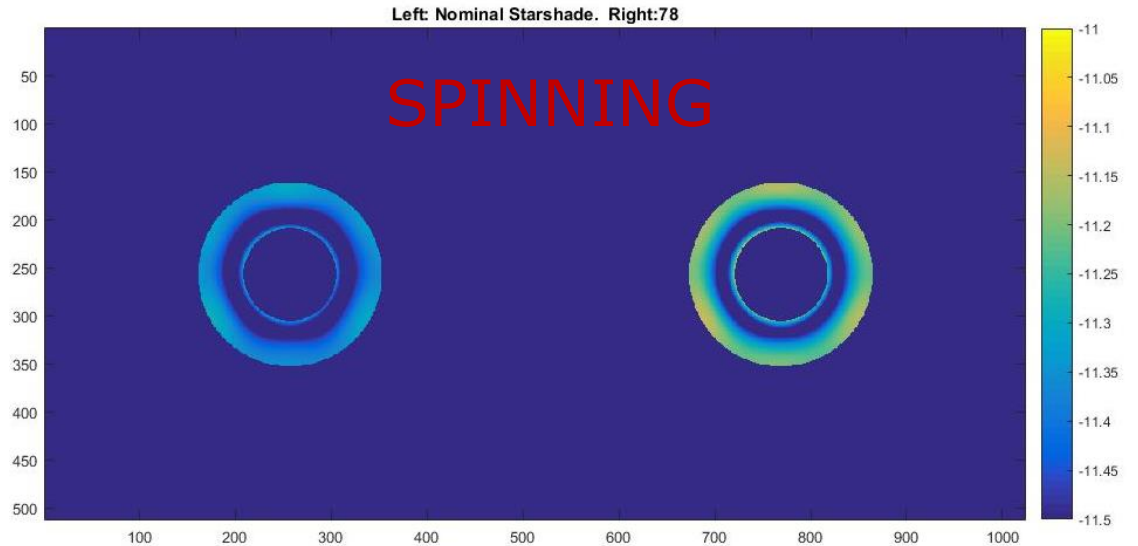
Comparison of Spinning to Non-Spinning

Spinning

- Spinning has a telescope axis-symmetric contrast
- Contrast varies radially

NON-Spinning

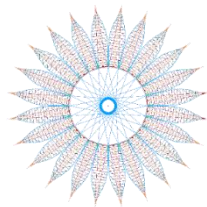
- Largely distorted shadowed petals :
 - Shift high contrast annulus toward shadow
 - Reduce contrast in petal distorted zone



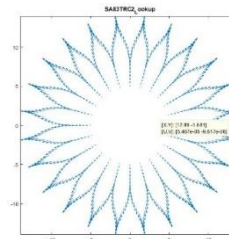


What did we do?

- Thermal elastic distortions are caused by the combination of temperature and CTE
- Thermal analysis results (temperatures) were mapped to the structural model
- CTE material cards were populated with CTE lookup tables, CTE vs temp
 - CFRP ply data test data characterization produces “nominal” CTE curves
 - Ply CTE data combines with layup to produce nominal layup CTE curve based CFRP layup design
 - Wrapped design utilizes 2 different layups
 - Structural Members (most) - Quasi-iso layup from NGAS
 - Optical Edge - Quasi-iso layup with the addition of the amorphous metal foil and 5 mil epoxy each side
 - Truss longerons - Quasi-iso layup with the addition three invar fittings that attach petal hinges
 - Uni-directional pultruded members utilized for JPL’s SWOT program
 - What about variation in CTE? Sensitivity to variation in mean CTE by layup type, and variation in CTE from component to component (for a given layup design) will be varied in a wide enough range to capture bounding variations and to check sensitivity to these bounds.



Thermal analysis temperature results mapped to structural FEM



Quiver plot of resultant thermally induced shape distortion



Thermal Distortion Contrast Results

Case	<i>CBE Delta Contrast x 1e-12</i>	<i>Max Expected Delta Contrast w/ 100% contingency x 1e-12</i>	<i>Max Expected % of Starshade Allocated Shape Error (3.4 e-11)**</i>
<i>Spinning</i>			
40 deg*	0.002	0.01	>1%
78 deg	0.398	1.592	4.6%
83 deg*	0.655	2.62	7.7%
<i>Non- Spinning</i>			
40 deg	0.06	0.24	>1%
78 deg	0.45	1.81	5.3%
83 deg	0.56	2.24	6.5%**

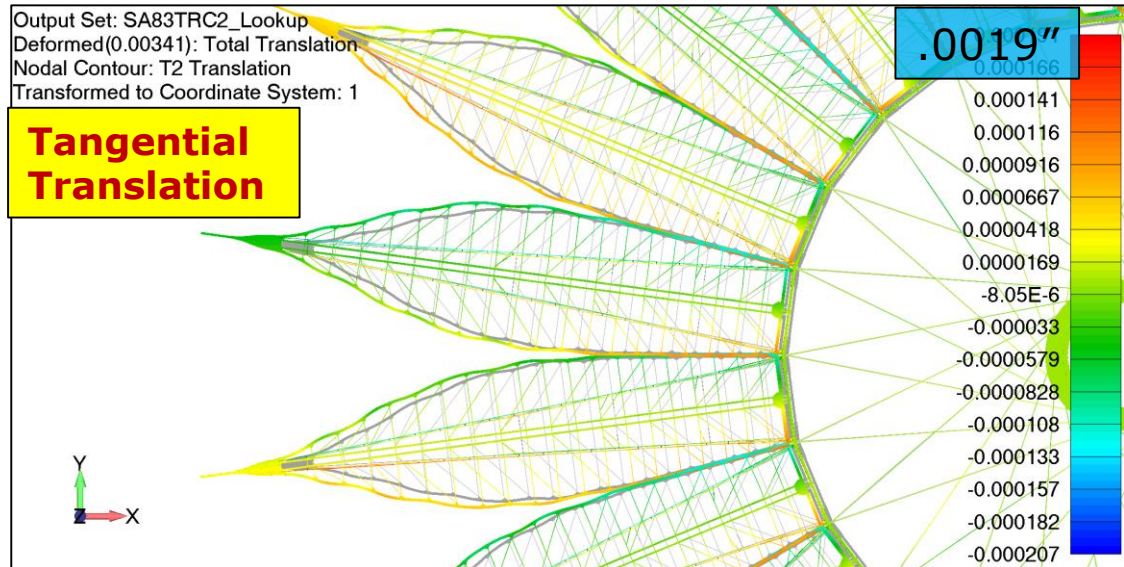
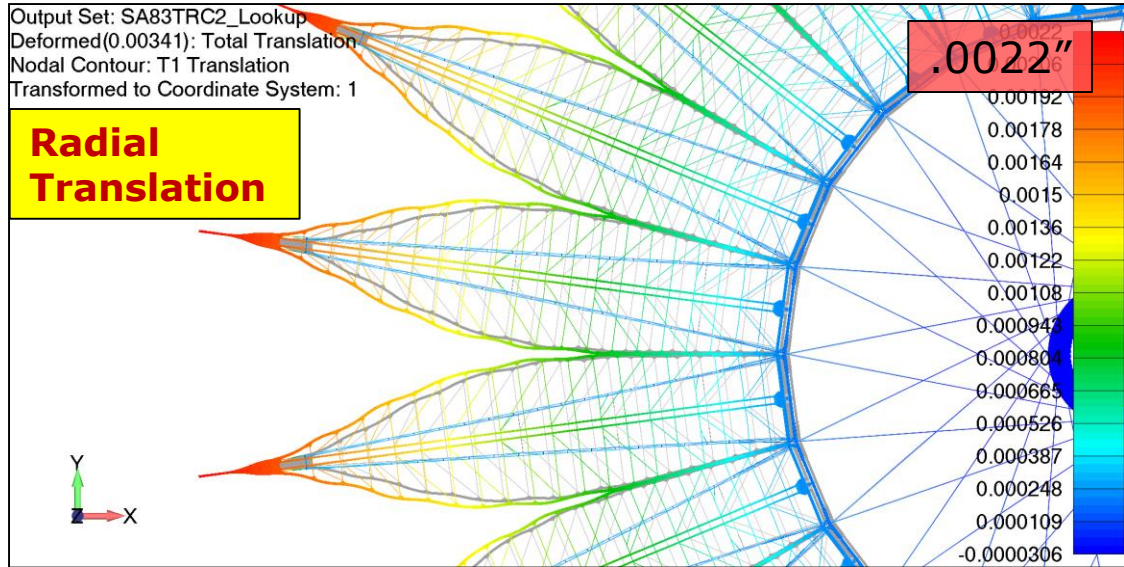
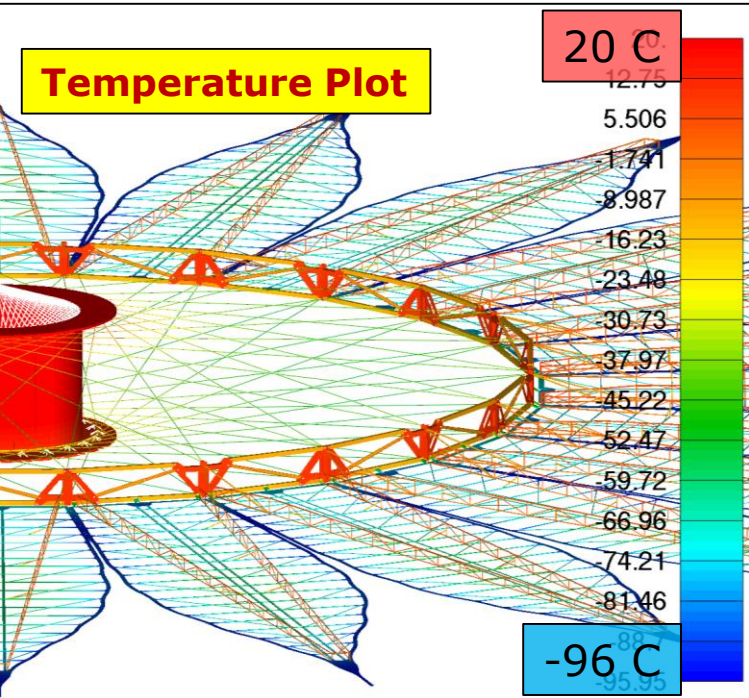
* Utilizes CTE for truss longeron w/ petal interface fittings affecting longeron CTE (w/no CTE design compensation)

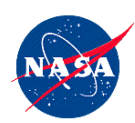
** Error budget carries CBE contrast from spinning results, non-spinning shown for reference only



SA83 SPINNING Distortions

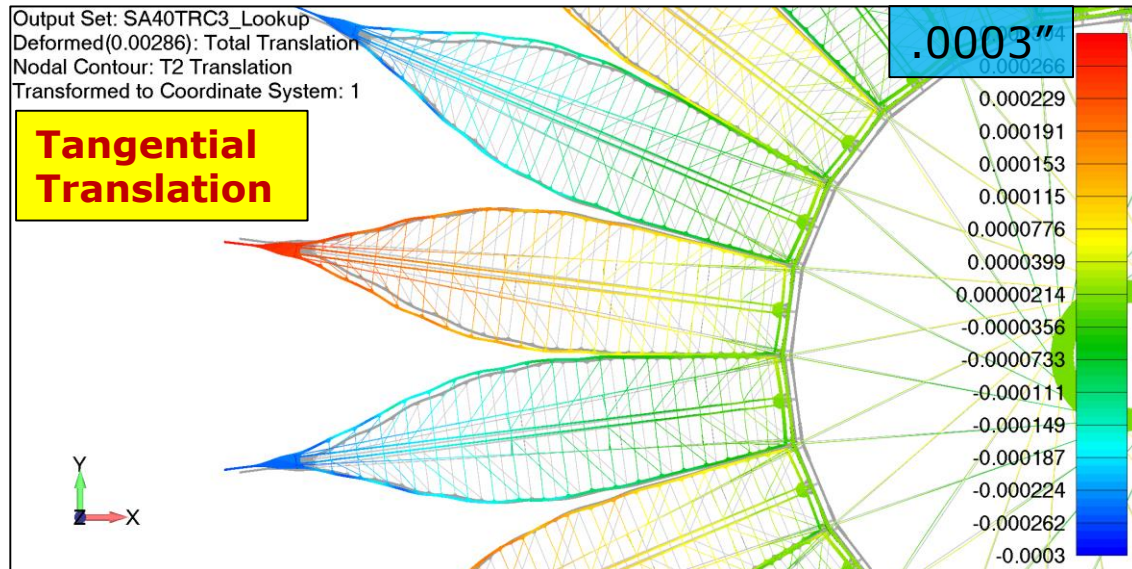
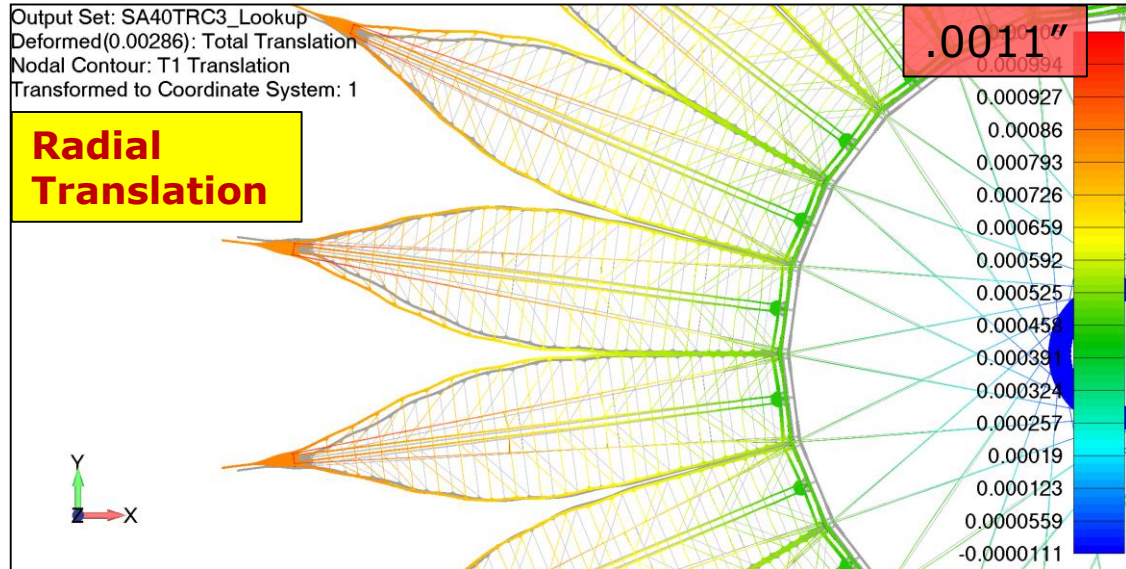
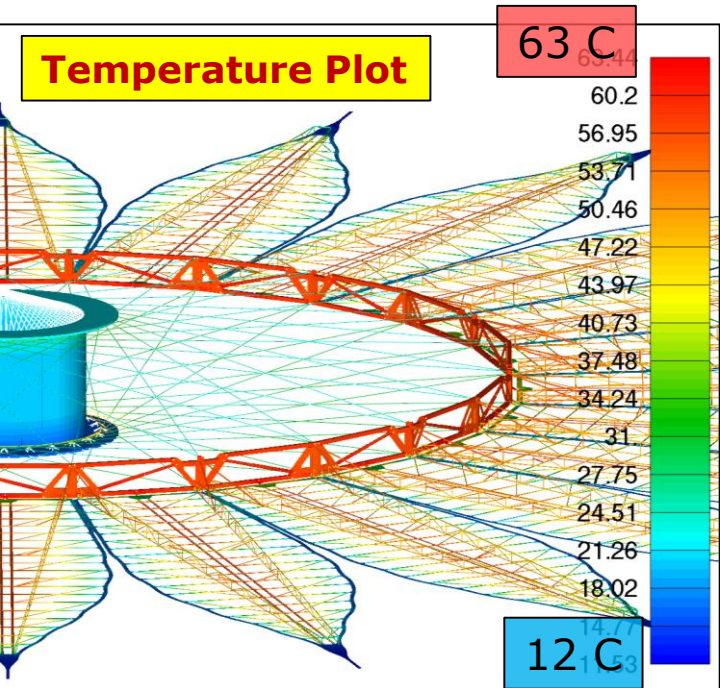
- Raw distortions on order of 50 microns (0.002")
- Distortions correspond to temperature results (thermal analysis), e.g.
 - Truss @ 20 C (room temp) = almost no shape change
 - Petal dT = -65 C, 50 microns (0.002")

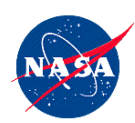




SA40 SPINNING Distortions

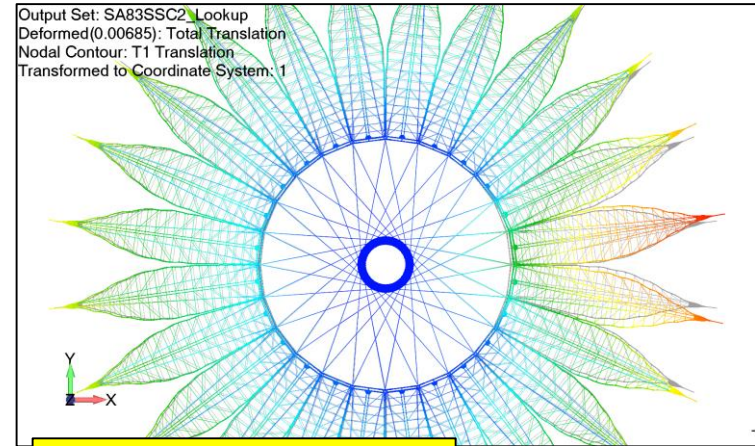
- Raw distortions on order of 50 microns (0.001")
- Distortions correspond to temperature results (thermal analysis), e.g.
 - Truss @ 60 C (dT = 40C), ~25 micron radial expansion
 - Petal dT = ~+40 C, 30 microns (0.002")





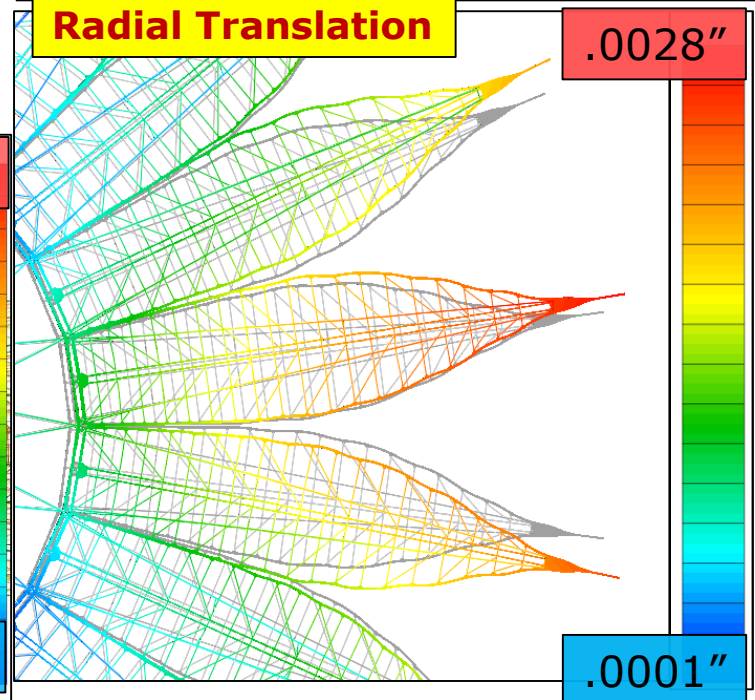
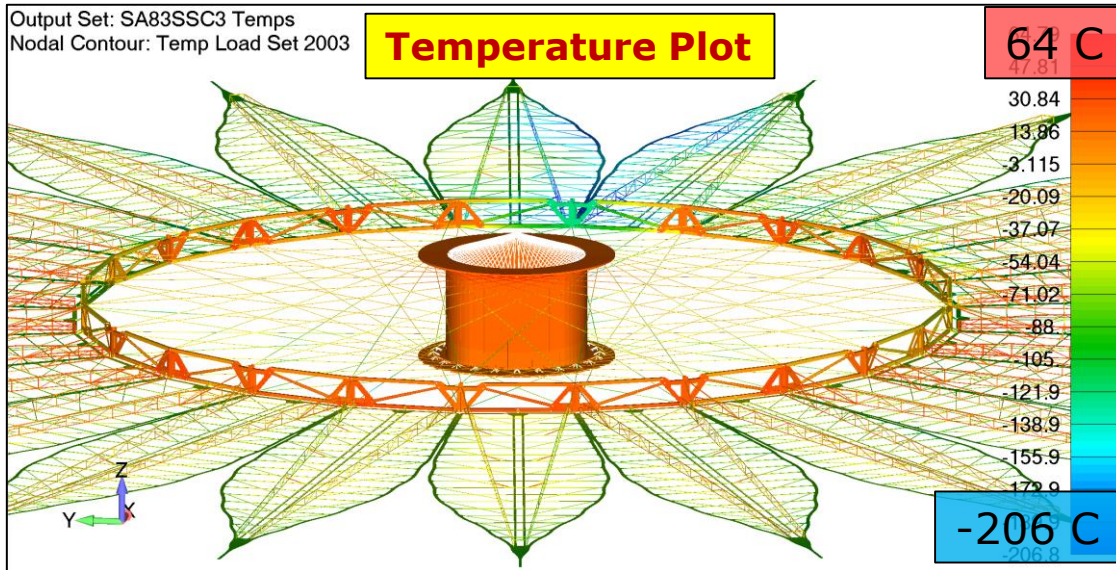
Sun Angle 83, NON-spinning, Distortions

- Sun Angle 83 degrees produces representative distortions and worst case contrast, shown as example of NON-spinning results
- **Raw** distortions on order of 75 microns (0.003")
- Distortions correspond to temperature results (thermal analysis), e.g.
 - Truss HOT @ 70 C (dT = 50C), ~25 micron radial expansion
- Cold Petals are longer, disrupts apodization function



Radial Translation

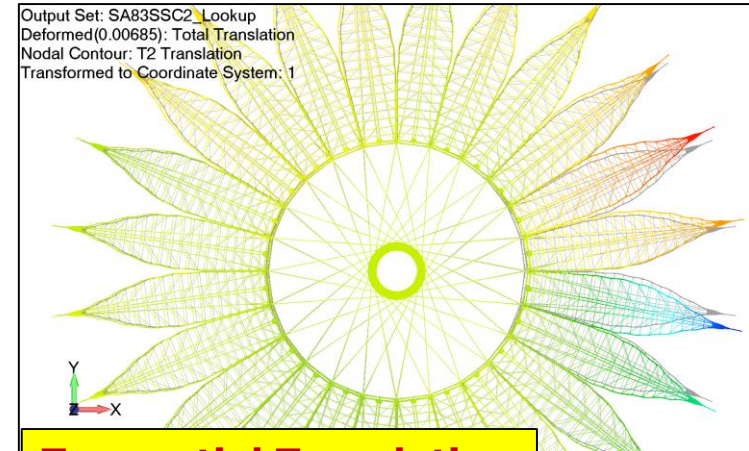
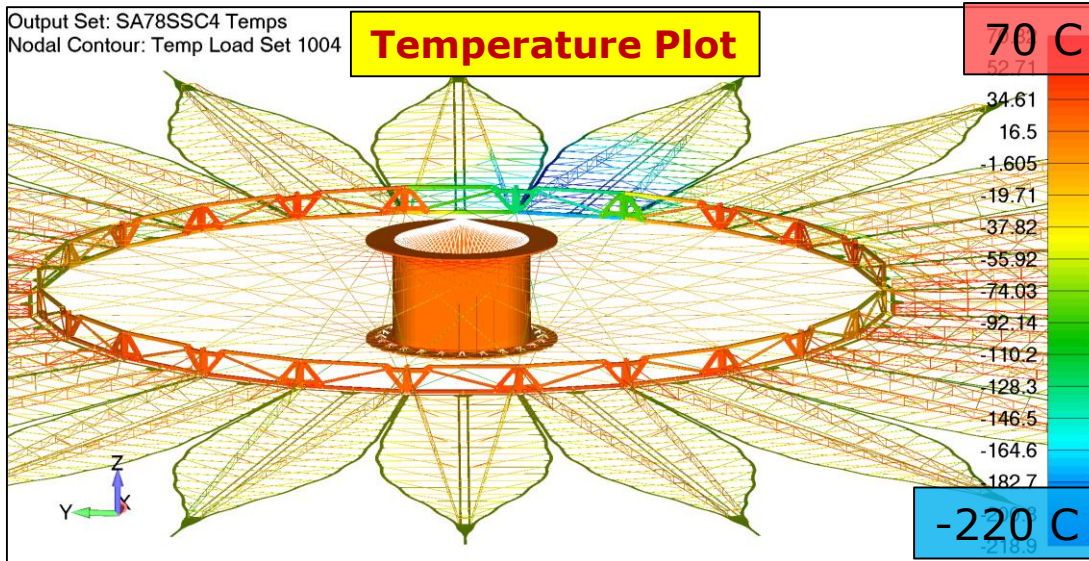
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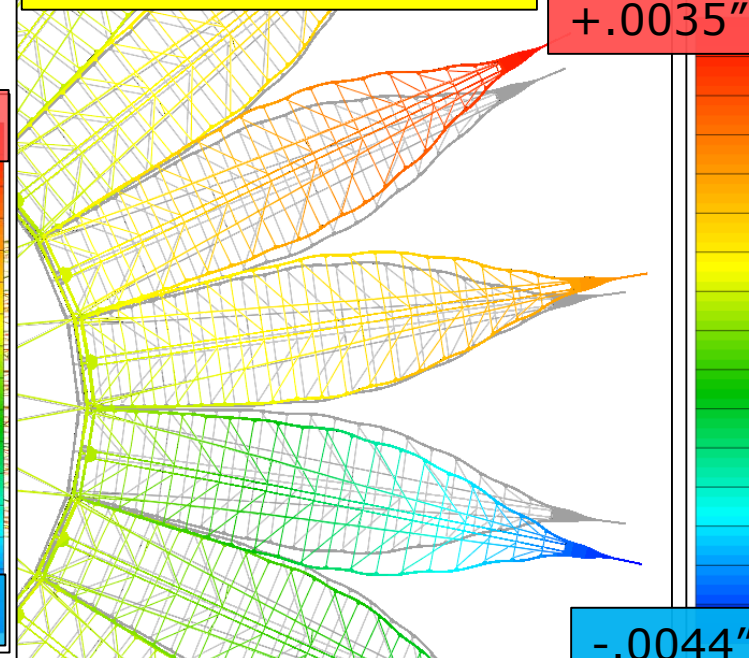
Sun Angle 83, NON-spinning, Distortions

- Sun Angle 83 degrees produces representative distortions for the steady state sun angle cases and is the worst case contrast for steady state, shown as example of NON-spinning results
- **Raw** distortions on order of 100 microns (0.004")
 - Truss bays in shadow are cold, and grow (neg CTE), and splay petals apart from each other



Tangential Translation

+0.0035"





Summary

* Preliminary analysis shows max expected thermally deformed starshade meets requirements for both spinning and non-spinning configurations over working sun angles

Case	<i>CBE Delta Contrast x 1e-12</i>	<i>Max Expected Delta Contrast w/ 100% contingency x 1e-12</i>	<i>Max Expected % of Starshade Allocated Shape Error (3.4 e-11)**</i>
<i>Spinning</i>			
40 deg*	0.002	0.01	>1%
78 deg	0.398	1.592	4.6%
83 deg*	0.655	2.62	7.7%
<i>Non- Spinning</i>			
40 deg	0.06	0.24	>1%
78 deg	0.45	1.81	5.3%
83 deg	0.56	2.24	6.5%**

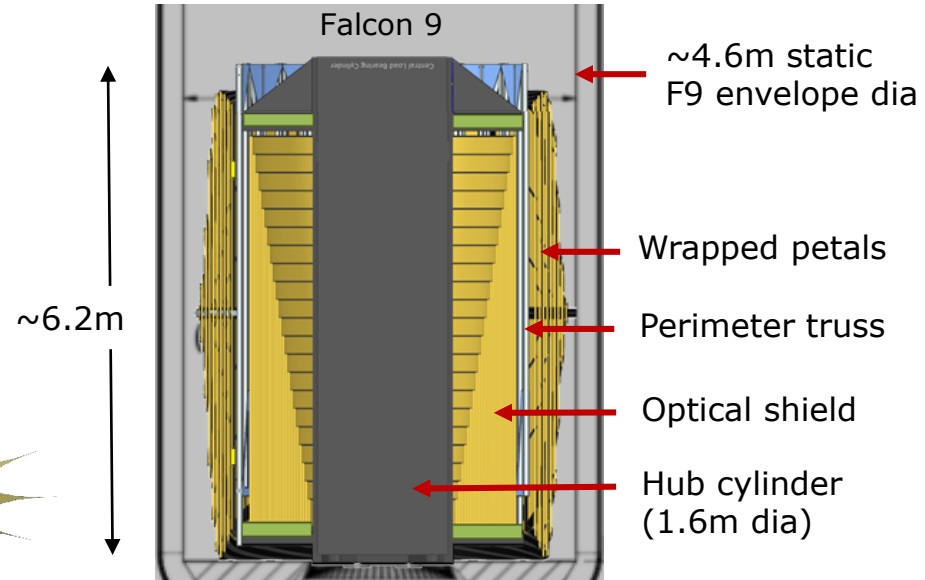
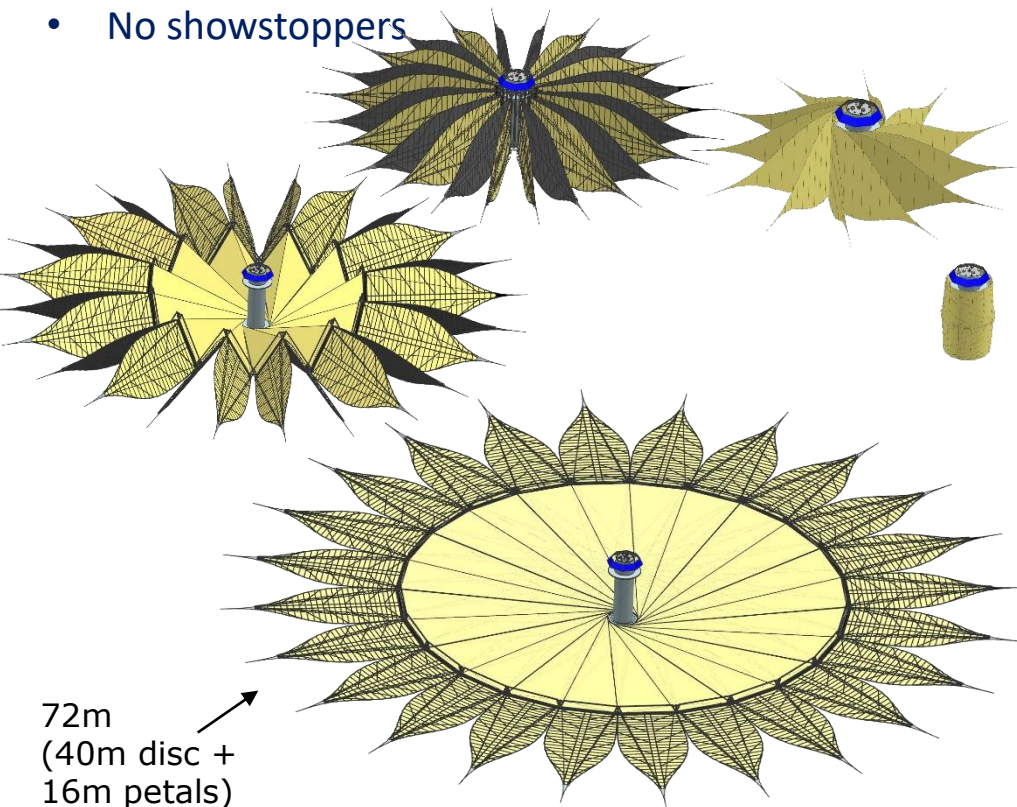
* Utilizes CTE for truss longeron w/ petal interface fittings affecting longeron CTE (w/no CTE design compensation)

** Error budget carries CBE contrast from spinning results, non-spinning shown for reference only

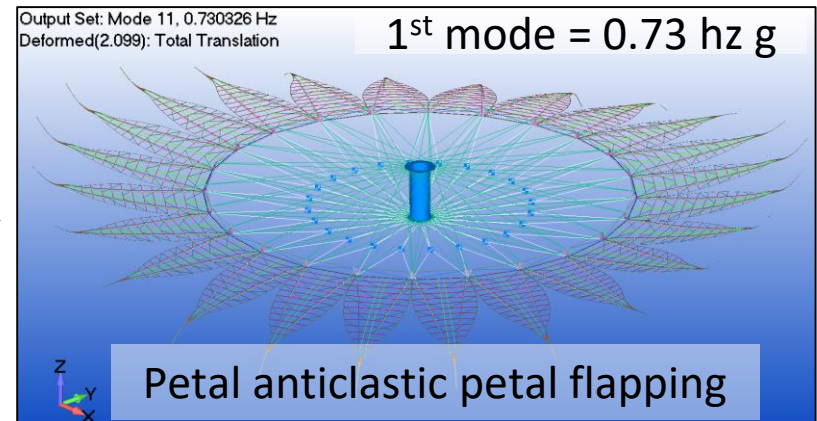
Scalability to HabEx

Configuration & Deployed Analysis

- 72m point design per HabEx STDT study (40m disc, qty 24, 16m petals)
- Rendezvous launch in Falcon 9 (5m fairing)
- Baseline configuration scaled
- Modal analysis promising w/ 1st mode @ 0.72hz
- Error budget scales linearly with starshade size
- No showstoppers



Starshade mass (CBE) = ~2,350 kg
* Based on structural FEM model



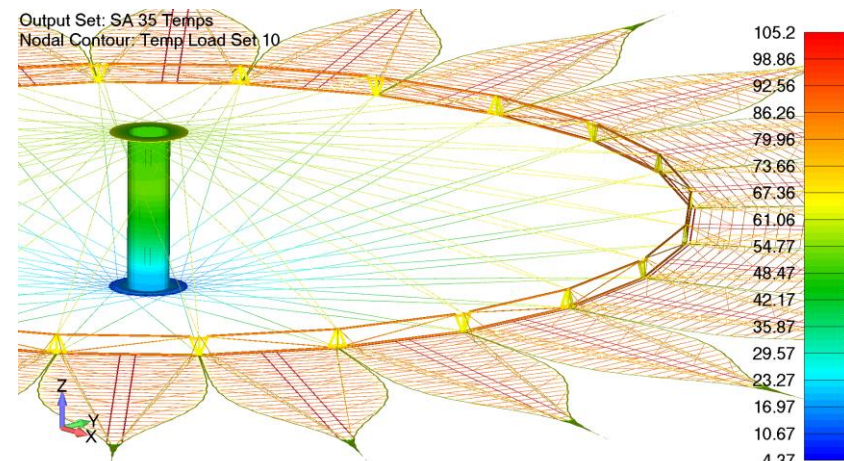
Habex STOP Analysis

Case	<i>CBE Delta Contrast x 1e-12</i>	<i>Max Expected Delta Contrast w/ 100% contingency x 1e-12</i>	<i>Max Expected % of Starshade Allocated Shape Error (3.4 e-11)**</i>
<i>Spinning</i>			
35 deg	0.446	1.784	5%
59 deg	0.044	0.176	<1%
83 deg	0.027	0.108	<1%

Notes:

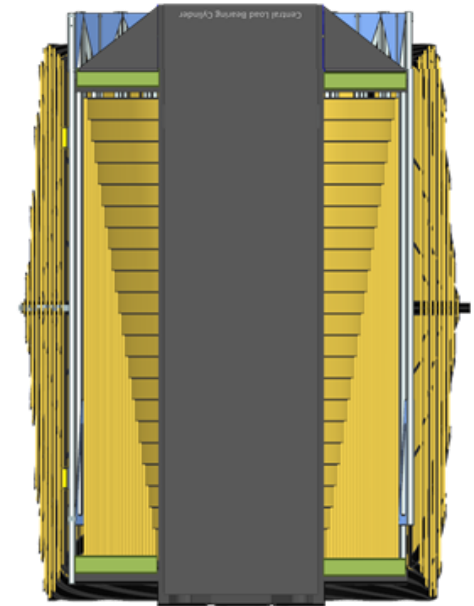
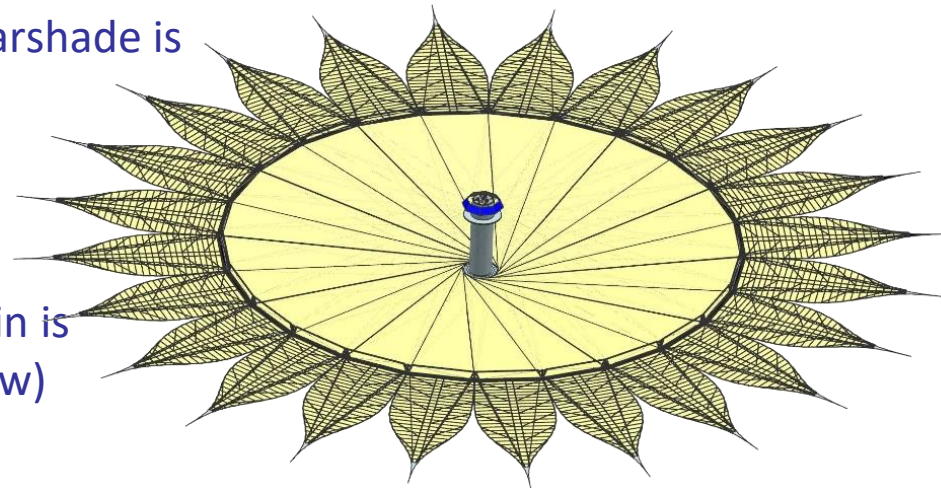
- Only ran spinning cases run for sun angles 35, 59 & 83
- CTE numbers by component from trade study applied to habex config (less longeron fittings, but incl. edge foil)
- Thermal config assumes raw CFRP & black kapton shield on sun side, no thermal optimization
 - Conservative because trade study has shown silicon kapton overlay reduces temperature extremes for structure and thus deformations

** HabEx shape error allocation is currently *similar* to the 26m design, comparison drawn for reference only



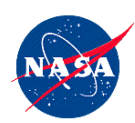
Scalability Factors

- For a given fairing size, maximum size of starshade is limited by:
 - Diameter of the fairing
 - Sufficient volume for propulsion tanks
 - Sufficient volume for optical shield (min is assumes multiple layers lay flat for stow)
 - # of petals and wrap “pitch”
 - Min # of petals 16, fewer petals wrap thinner (but taller)
 - Min pitch = petal thickness ($5/16$ ” up to $1/2$ ”)
 - Height of fairing
 - Fewer petals = wider petals = taller stow height (& thus interplay with stow diameter)
 - Sufficient volume for propulsion tanks
 - Smaller hub cylinder requires taller cylinder for same vol. of tanks & S/C
- Many knobs to turn to tailor design to desired starshade size and meet fairing specs



Summary

- Habex 72m Baseline Design
 - Wrapped design scales in both configuration and deployed stiffness to be credible for a HabEx 72m design
 - Preliminary STOP analysis shows wrapped 72m design meets thermal performance requirements
- Falcon 9 supports up to 92m per configuration study
- SLS block 1 8.4m dia fairing supports up to ~150m per configuration study (LUVOIR)
- Scalability Breaking Point
 - Design is versatile and parameters can easily be tailored to meet starshade overall size requirements, while still meeting deployed stiffness, with also meeting launch vehicle requirements



Thermal Distortion Analysis

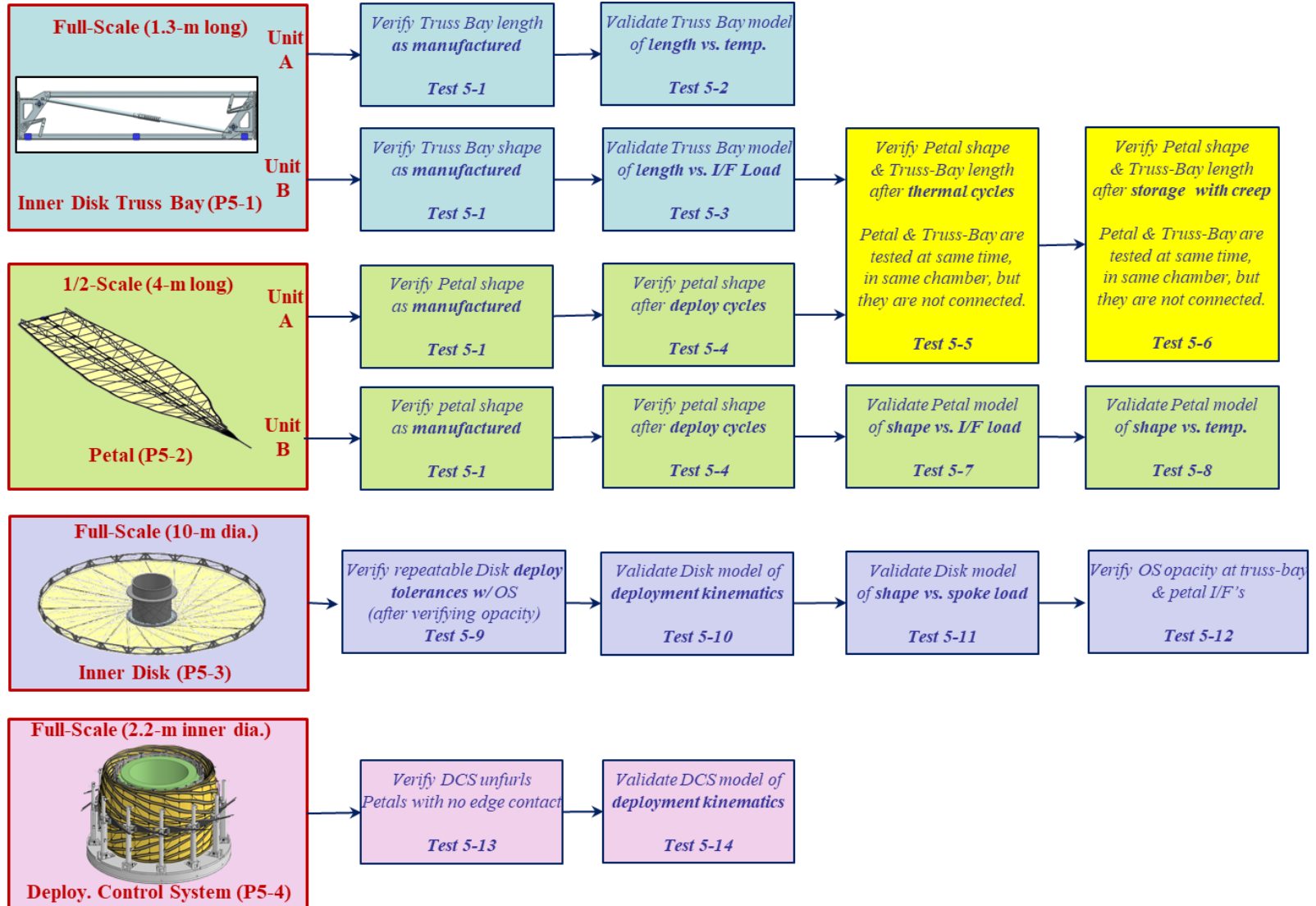
- Two analyses for the impact of thermal distortion on contrast:
 - STOP Analysis: uses thermal mapping and nominal CTE values (temperature dependent) to compute contrast for each sun angle
 - Monte-Carlo Analysis: uses random distributions on CTEs to determine statistical distribution on contrast for each sun angle



RFA #5: Test Article Descriptions

Prototype Test Plan

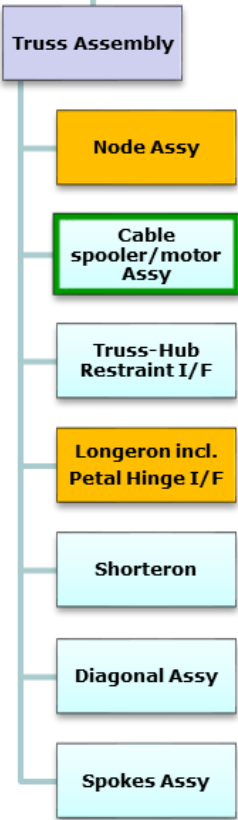
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RFA #5: Test Article Description

Prototype 5-1: Disk Truss Bay

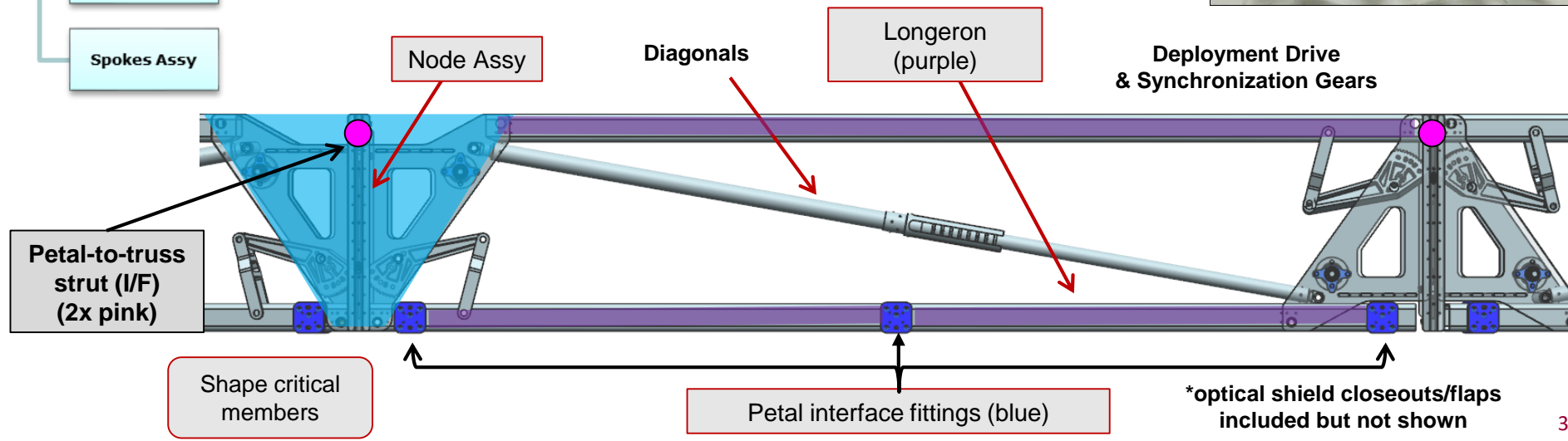
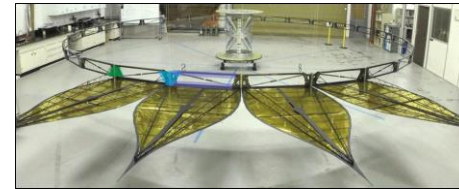


- **Tests:** Verify truss bay dimensions (manufacture), Validate Truss Bay model of length vs. temperature
- **Critical components for tests:** longeron & node
 - average longeron length + node width defines the disk radius (petal position)
- **Scale:** Full (1.3-m long) Truss Bay assembly of medium fidelity (or better)
- **Components:**
 - Longerons are quasi-iso CFRP* tubes with invar petal I/F fittings & I/F to gear assy's
 - Nodes are quasi-iso CFRP* plates with CFRP 'clips' (jointery) & I/F to gear assy's
 - Diagonals are quasi-iso CFRP* tubes with invar end fittings
 - Optical shield close-outs/flaps included (black kapton XC), (not shown in image)
 - Interfaces to Petal: Petal Strut & Petal interface fittings (invar)

*(M55J with cyanate ester resin, per shared NG materials assumption)

** Critical components boxed in red below, orange on left

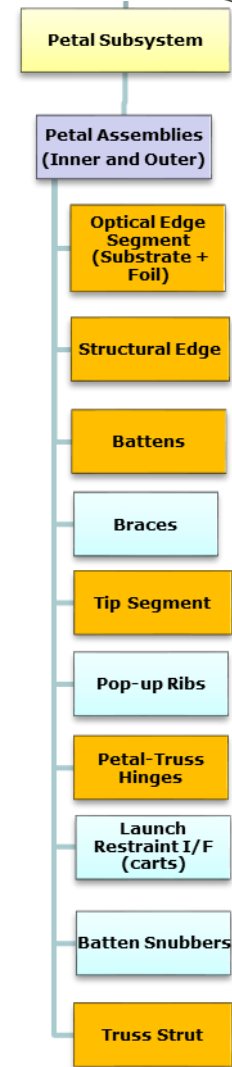
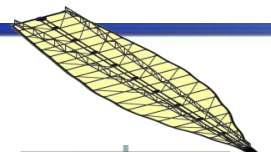
*** Materials are medium fidelity (space-flight compatible)



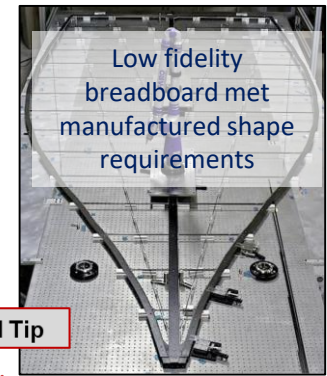
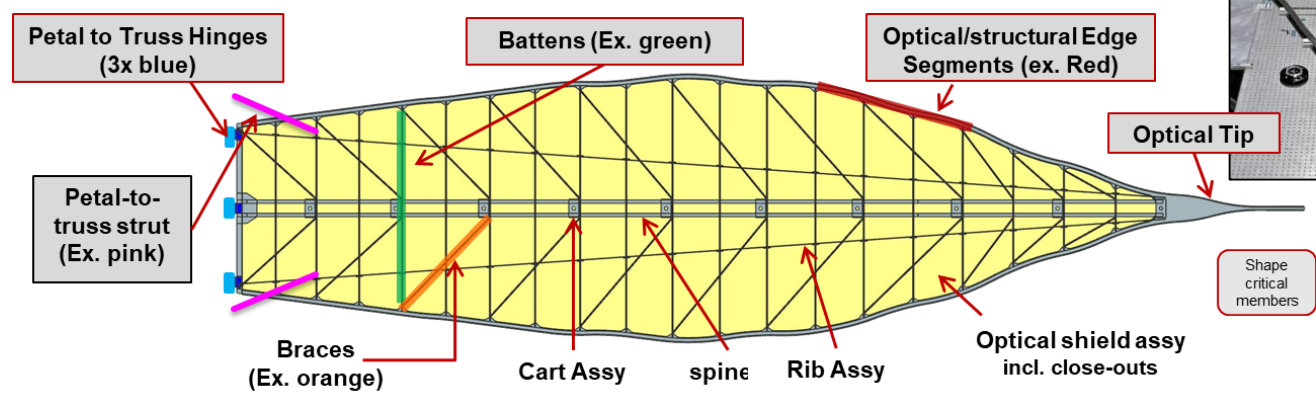


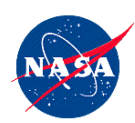
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Prototype 5-2: Petal



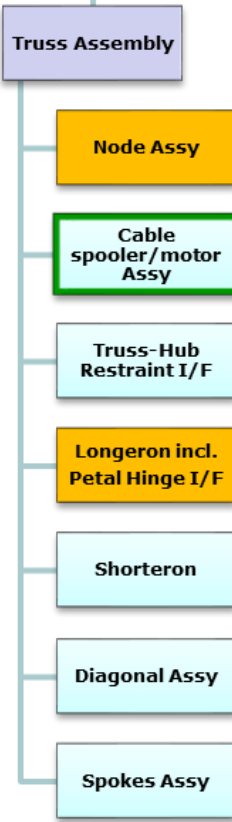
- **Tests:** Verify petal shape as manufactured, shape stability after deploy & thermal cycles & storage (creep), Validate petal model of shape vs. temperature
 - **Critical components for tests:** battens*, optical edge, tip, interfaces to truss, & secondarily: braces, spines, interfaces to PLUS (batten length defines petal width*)
 - **Scale:** Half (0.65m wide at base, 4m long), medium fidelity (or better)
 - **Components:**
 - Materials are medium fidelity (space-flight compatible)
 - Battens are uniaxial pultruded CFRP** COTS material, incl. batten snubbers
 - Optical Edge & Tip Assy's are COTS MBF23 Ni/Fe alloy amorphous metal (MBF23) sandwiched with quasi-iso CFRP* plate, room temp epoxy (reviewed TRL-5 activity developing that product, not discussed in detail here)
 - Interfaces to truss: petal strut assy & petal to truss hinge assemblies (invar hinges)
 - Optical shield including close-outs
 - Spines including carts launch restraints, braces, rib assy
- * M55J with cyanate ester resin, per shared NG materials assumption
 ** T700S data is measured data from JPL SWOT flight program
 *** Critical components boxed in red below, orange on left
 **** Materials are medium fidelity (space-flight compatible)





RFA #5: Test Article Description

Prototype P5-3: Inner Disk Subsystem



- **Tests:** Verify repeatable truss deployment tolerances with OS installed, Validate Disk model of deployment kinematics, Validate Disk model of shape vs. spoke load, Verify OS opacity at truss-bay & petal I/F's

- **Critical components for tests:** All truss components, spokes, optical shield, petals (bases + full simulators)

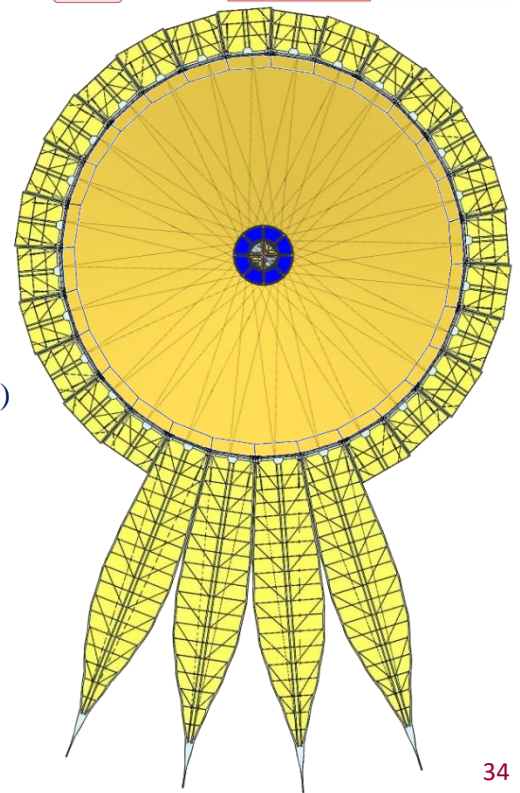
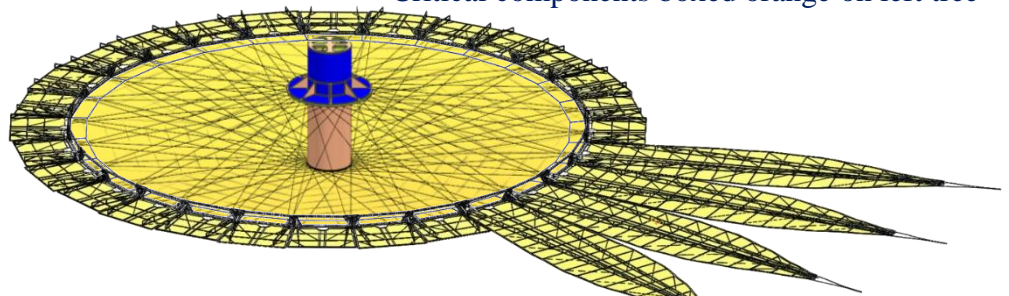
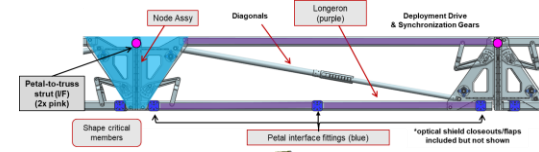
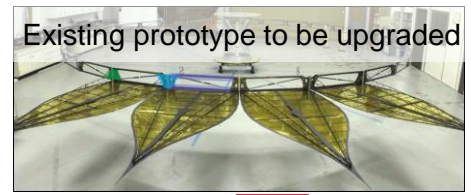
- **Scale:** Full (10m diameter) @ medium fidelity (upgrade of existing prototype)

- **Components:**

- Longerons/shorterons are quasi-iso CFRP* tubes with petal I/F fittings
- Nodes are quasi-iso CFRP* plates w/ Al center beam
- Diagonals are quasi-iso CFRP* tubes (Al end fittings)
- CFRP spoke assemblies (metal fittings)
- Central hub assy (Al)
- Synchronization gear assemblies (Ultem)
- Optical shield close-outs/flaps to petal simulators (black kapton XC)
- Redundant drive spool/motor assemblies (Al/Steel)
- Interfaces to Petal: Petal Strut & Petal interface fittings (Al)
 - Full petal simulations on 4 locations (all features, TBD matl.)
 - Petal bases suff. for petal-truss I/F on all bays (all features, TBD matl.)

*(M55J with cyanate ester resin, per shared NG materials assumption)

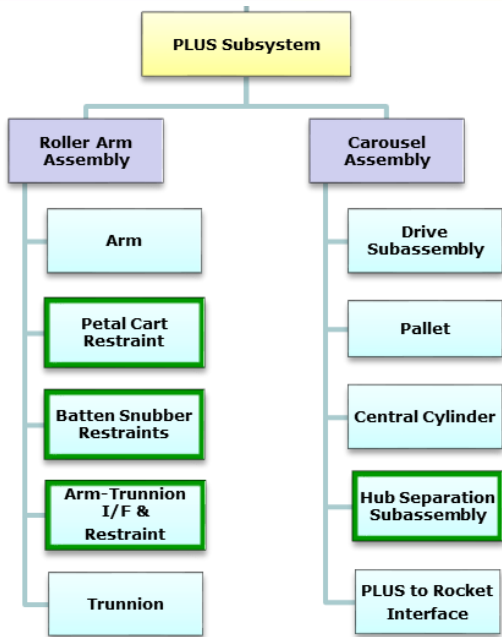
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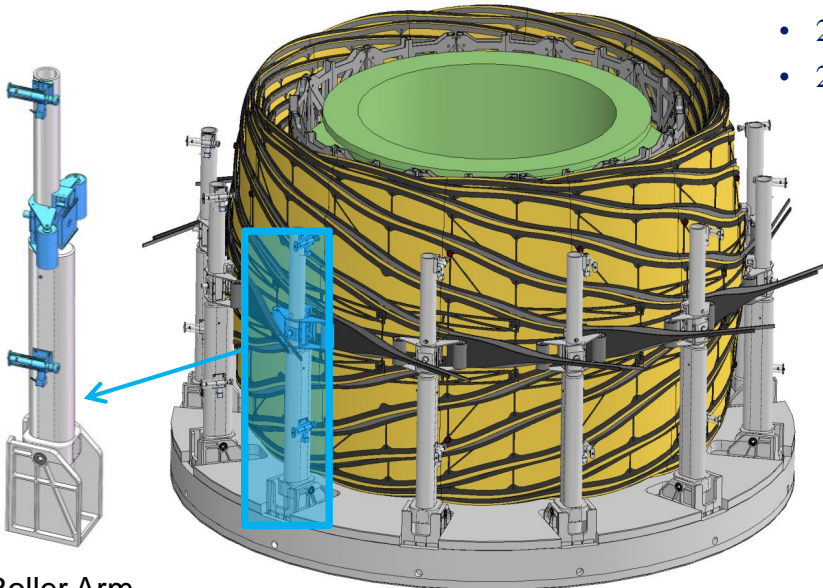


RFA #5: Test Article Description

Prototype P5-4: Deployment Control System



- **Tests:** verifying no edge contact during unfurl and validate the analytical model of deployment kinematics
- **Critical components for tests:** Rollers incl. tip management, 2x 6m composite petals, 2x I/F petals and remaining simulators
 - Key components to enable medium fidelity petal unfurling
- **Scale:** Full 2.25m core + 6m petals (shortened length, full width/thickness) (significant upgrade/overhaul of existing prototype)
- **Components:**
 - Roller arm assemblies (all new, medium fidelity): rollers and tip management, batten snubber and cart restraints
 - Carousel motorized drive system (existing)
 - Petals: all petals incl. all features, e.g. rib assy's & optical shields, snubbers, carts
 - 2x 6m composite petals (new)
 - 2x interface petals (boundary condition for CFRP petals) (new)
 - 20 simulator petals (flexural stiffness of petal, existing in starshade lab)





Technology Summary

- **A detailed plan for TRL-4/5 is presented that focuses on validating the error budget**
- **Wrapping up the trade study now gives us just enough time to achieve a high level of technology readiness before the initial Decadal Survey input, scheduled for Nov. 2019**
- **An aggressive schedule achieves TRL-5 for all starshade subsystems prior to this date**
 - We have reasonably high confidence to retire the major performance risk issues (petal shape and position)