

# Ultra-Stable Observatory

## Roman Space Telescope: Stability Performance for Coronagraph

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*Error Budget and Integrated  
Modeling Lead*

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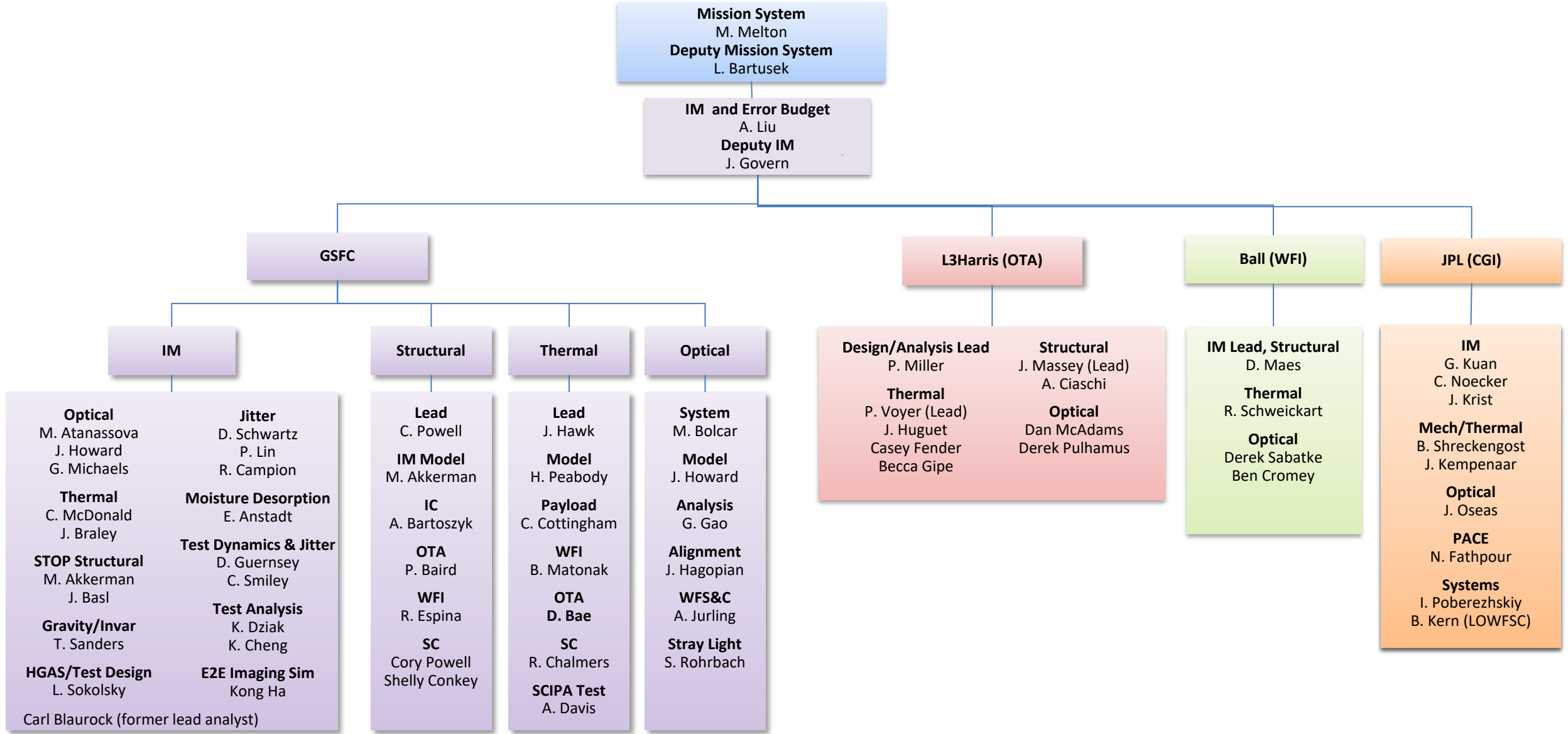
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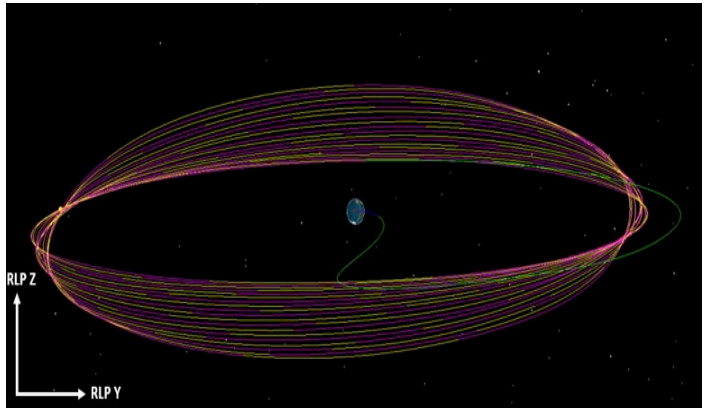


# Roman Mission Overview

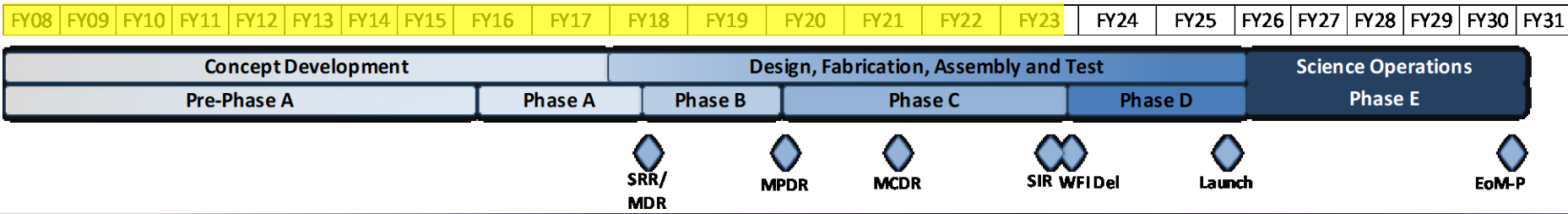
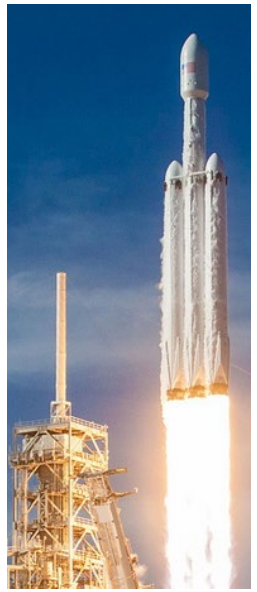
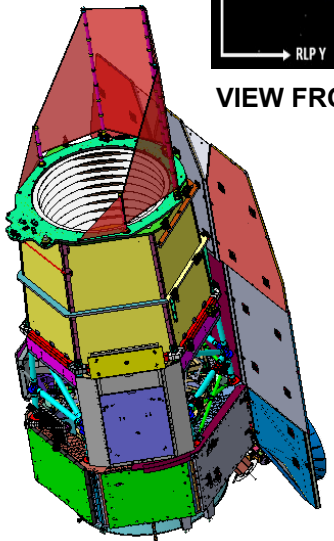


- **RST:** Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (Class A)
- **Mission:** Wide-Field Infrared Survey
- **Objectives:**
  - Determine the nature of the dark energy that is driving the current accelerating expansion of the universe
  - Perform statistical census of planetary systems through microlensing survey
  - Survey the NIR sky
  - Provide the community with a wide field telescope for pointed observations
  - Fly a technology demonstration of a high-contrast coronagraph instrument

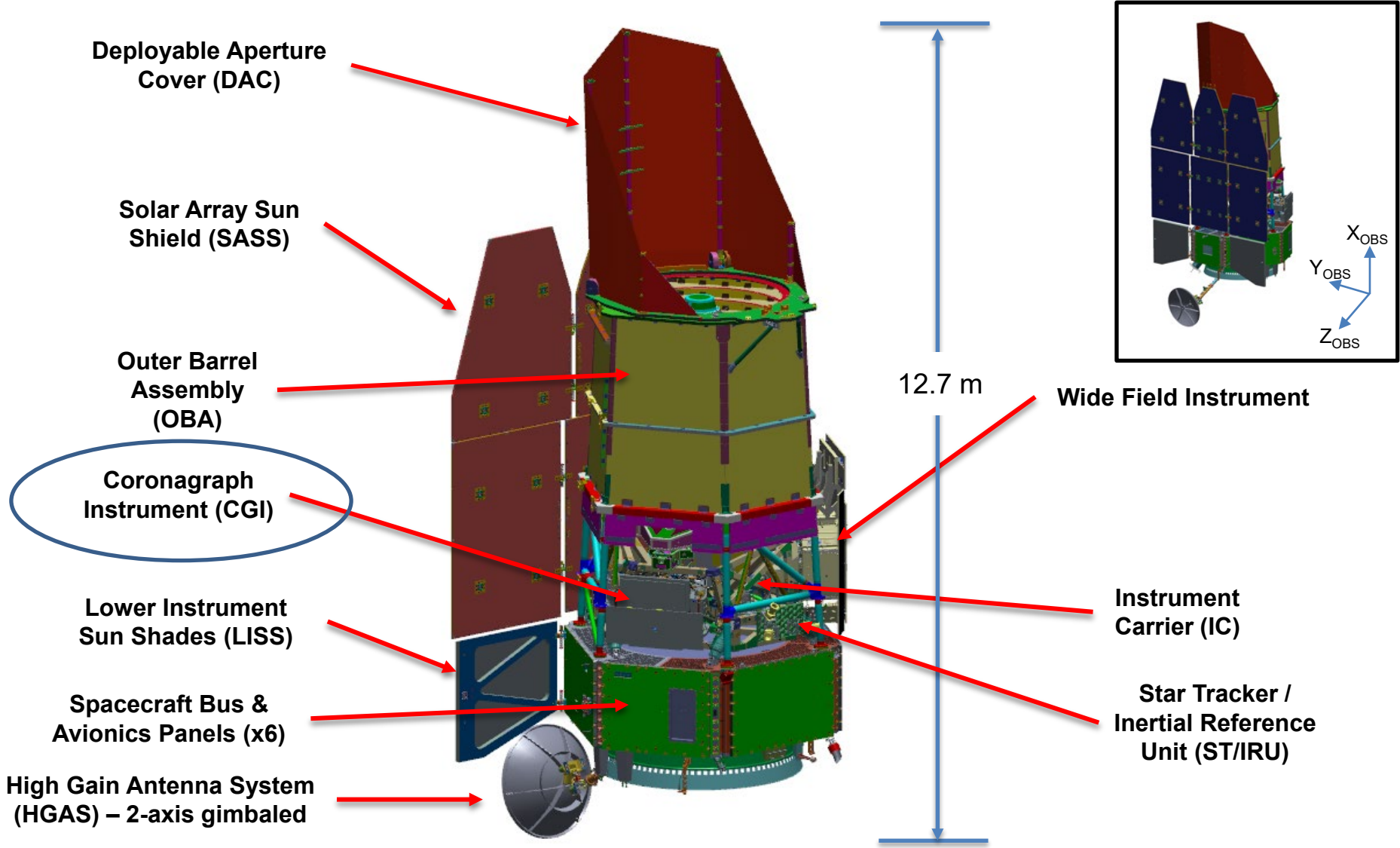
- **Mission Duration:** 5 years science
- **Orbit:** Quasi-Halo Orbit about Sun-Earth L2
- **Launch Vehicle:** Falcon Heavy
- **Launch Site:** Eastern Range
- **Mission Budget:** \$3.3 Billion through Phase E
- **Mass:** 10,750 kg (NTE)
- **LRD:** October 2026



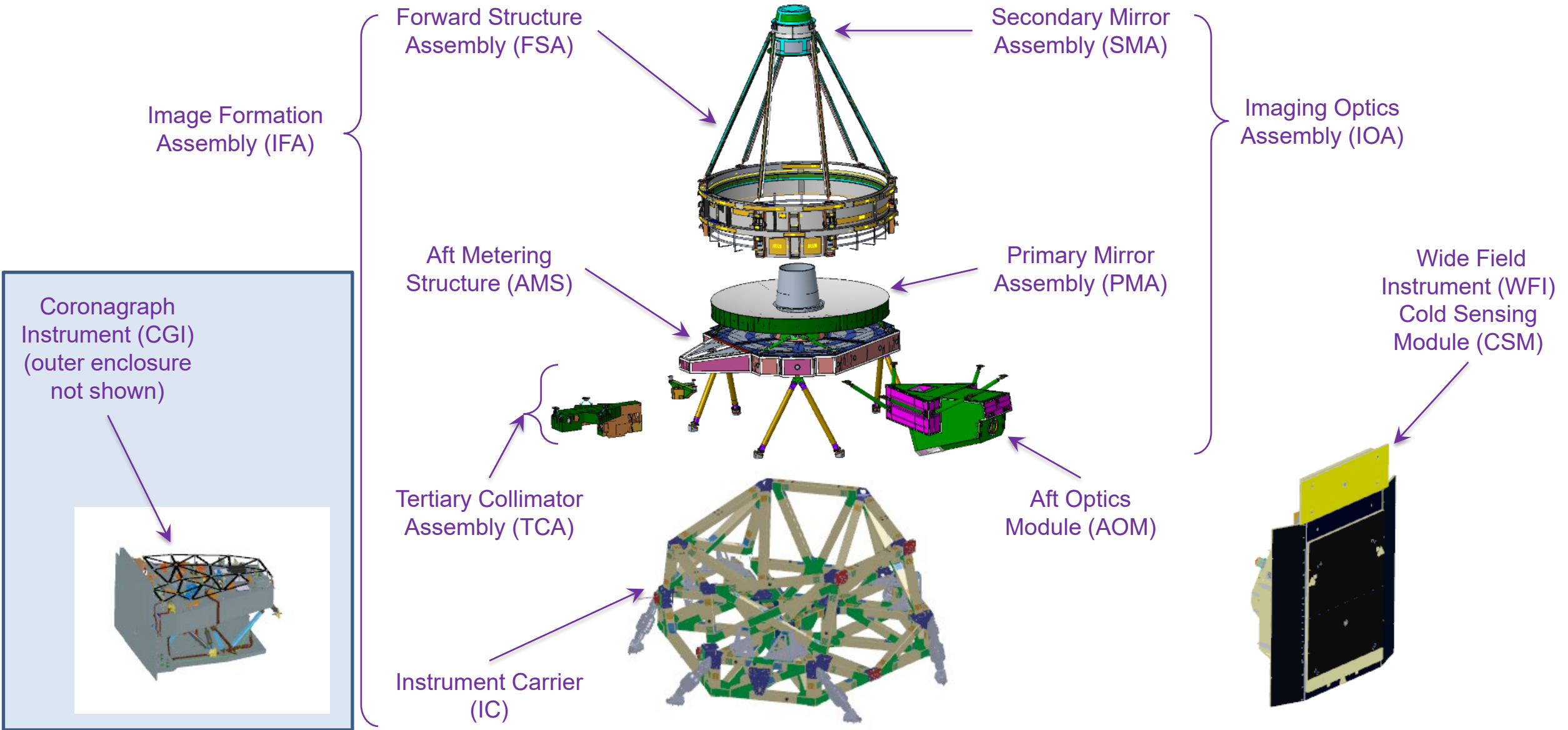
VIEW FROM EARTH TO L2



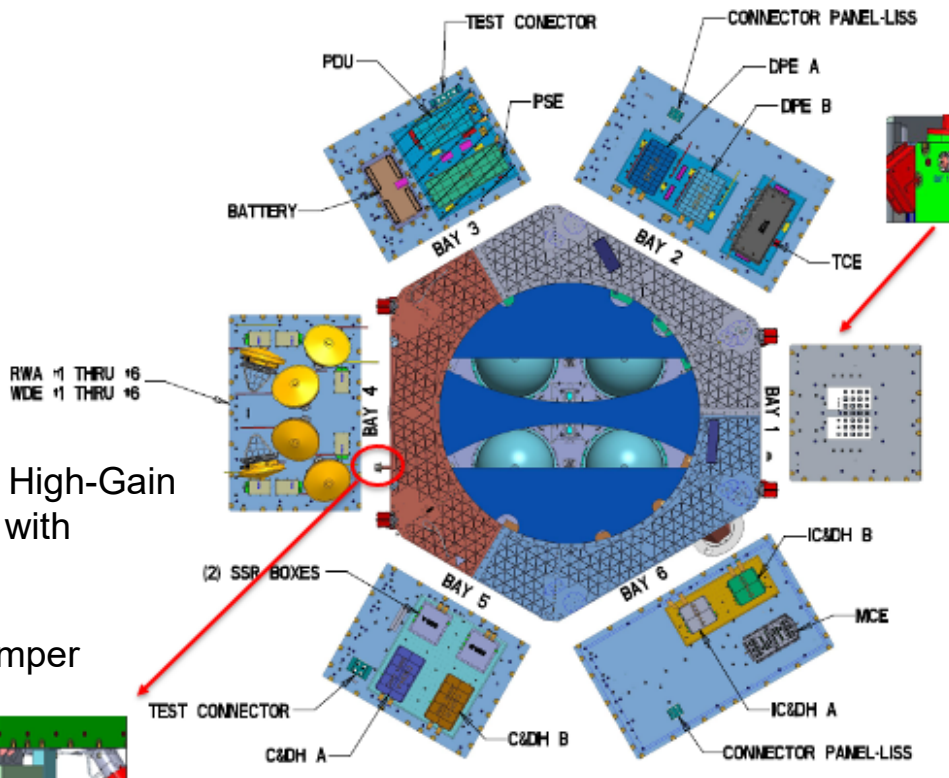
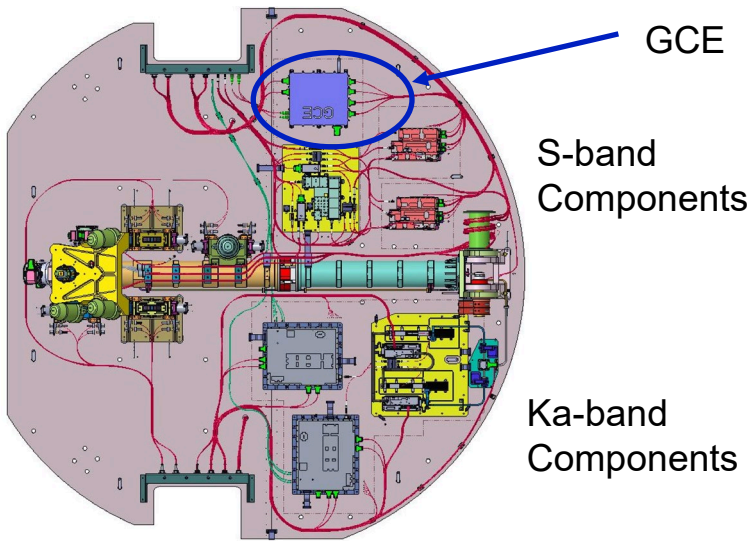
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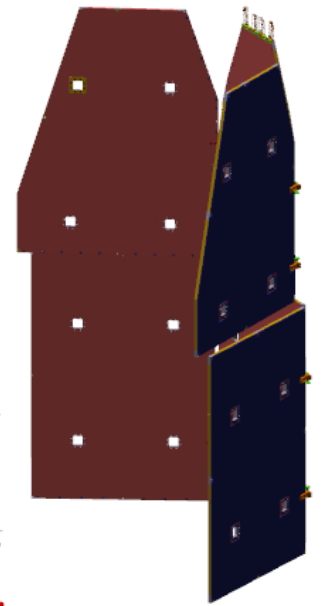
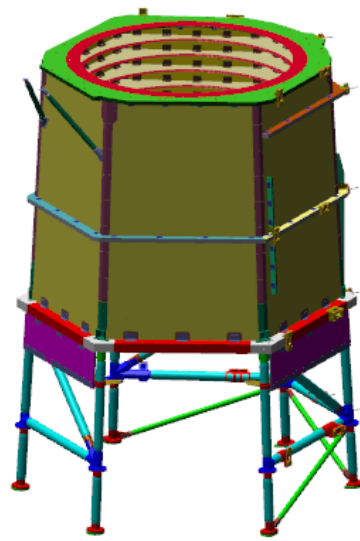
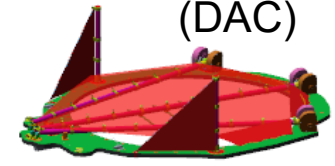
# Integrated Payload Assembly (IPA)



# Spacecraft



Deployable Aperture Cover (DAC)

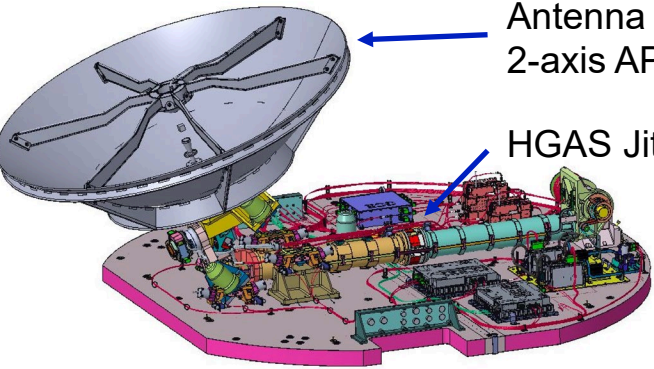


Outer Barrel Assembly (OBA)

Solar Array Sun Shield (SASS)

OBA/SASS/DAC (OSD)

Spacecraft Bus

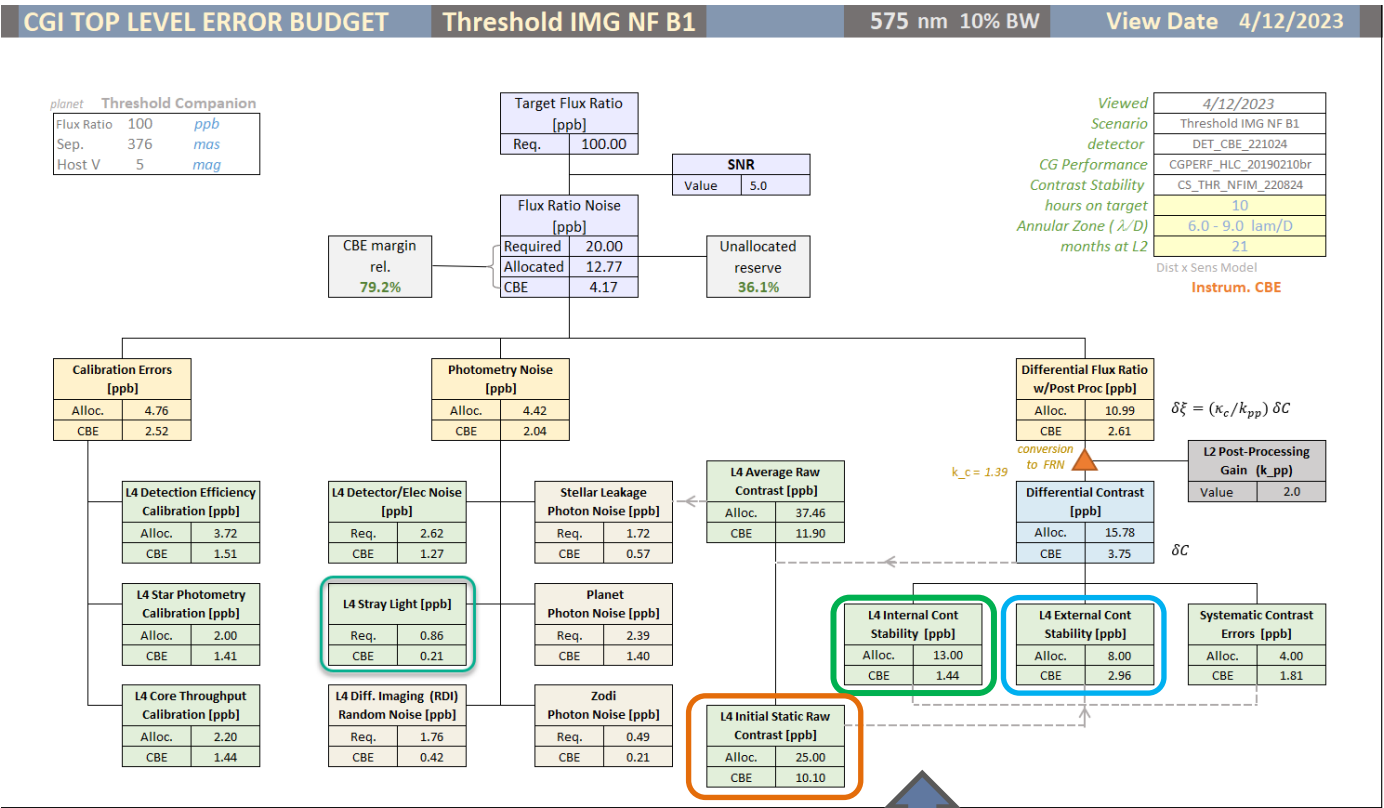


Communications Panel (internal to LV adapter)

# CGI Top Level Error Budget and Stability



- CGI stability requirements flow from Flux Ratio Noise (FRN) error budget
  - Contrast sensitivities, derived from optical diffraction models set in PROPER tool, have been validated against the coronagraph testbed
  - MUF = 2 is used on sensitivities

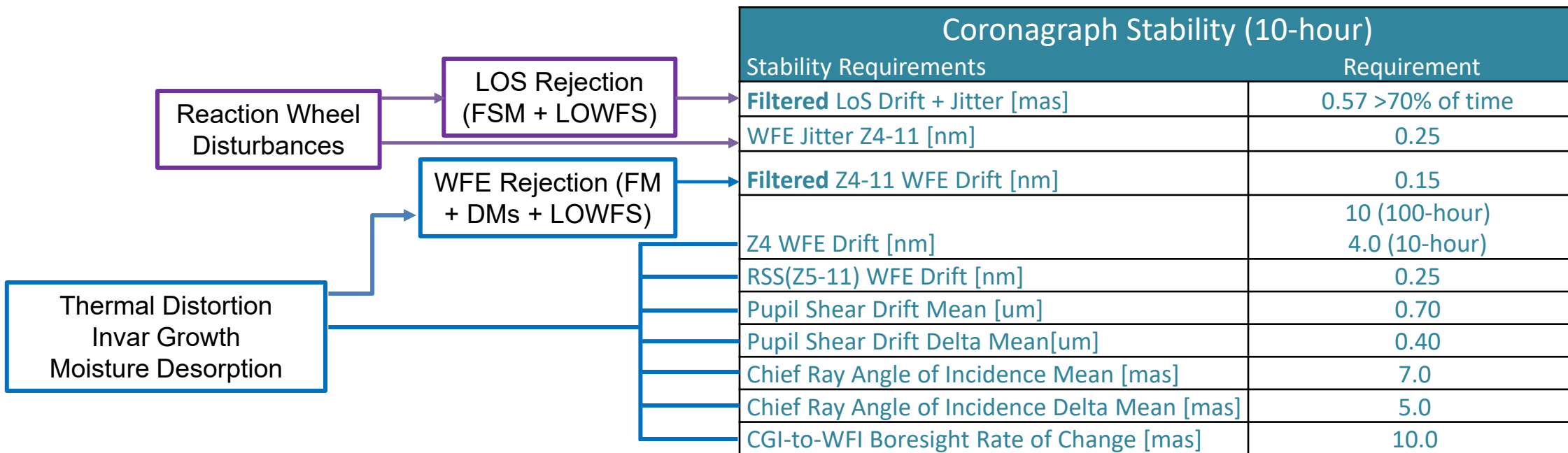


Focus of Presentation

- L4 Initial Static Raw Contrast: quasi-static conditions
- L4 External Contrast Stability: Effects due to Observatory stability during an observing scenario, which CGI must suppress using internal control loops and/or accommodate
- L4 Internal Contrast Stability: Effects due to CGI internal stability, such as DMs, optical bench, etc


# Optical Stability Budget - Coronagraph

- **CGI relies on observatory stability to meet technology demonstration goals**
  - Observatory is designed to meet Wide Field science requirements
- **CGI stability requirements are met by using CGI internal controllers and observatory operational capabilities**
  - LOS jitter rejection achieved by fast steering mirror (FSM) and low-order-wavefront-sensor (LOWFS)
  - WFE drift rejection through focus mechanism (FM) and deformable mirrors (DMs)
  - Constrain wheel speeds
  - Avoid moving HGA during exposures
  - CGI stability requirements only need to be met for  $\geq 70\%$  of images

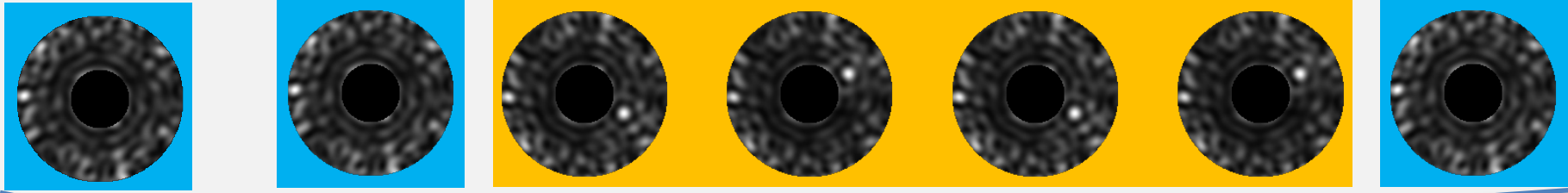
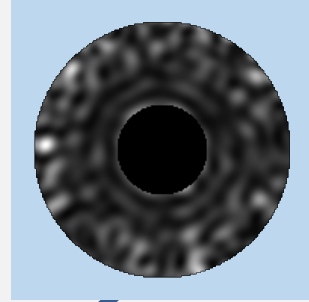
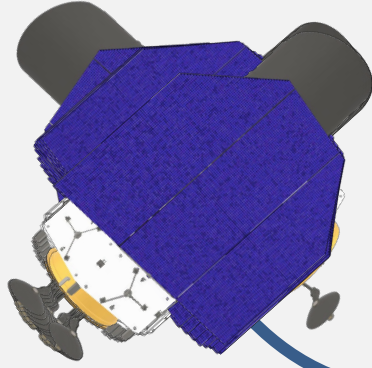




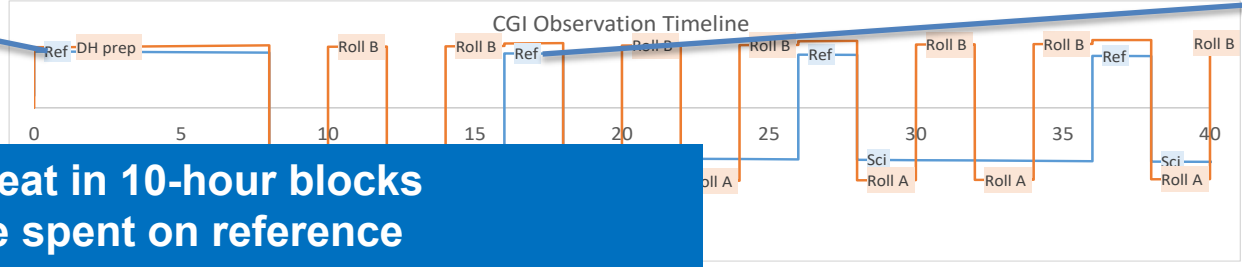
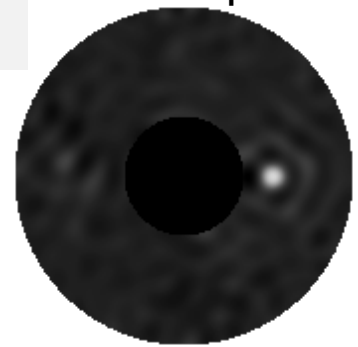
# Observing Scenario

Bright Reference Star 

Target Star 



RDI Output:



**differences repeat in 10-hour blocks  
10-20% of time spent on reference**

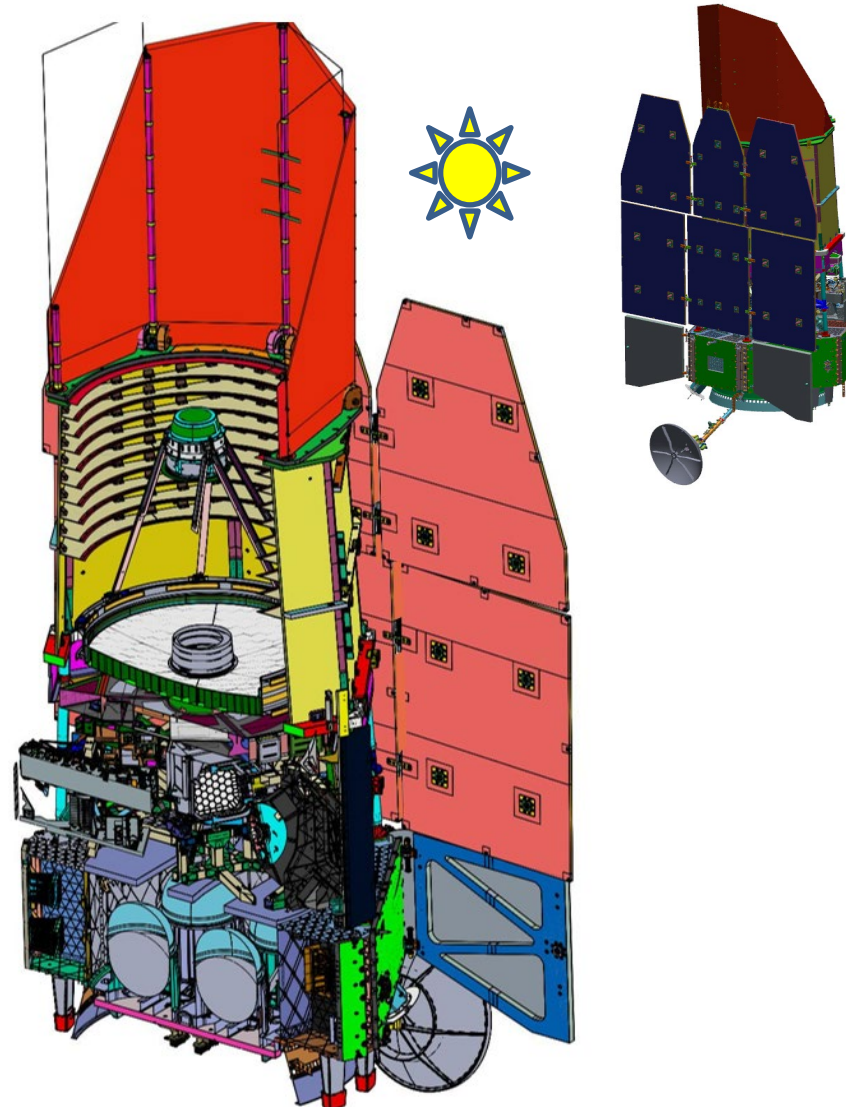
**Observing Scenario Designed for RST+Coronagraph Stability in the Reference Differential Imaging Context**

# Stability Perturbations and Mitigations

## Structural-Thermal-Optical (STOP) and Distortion

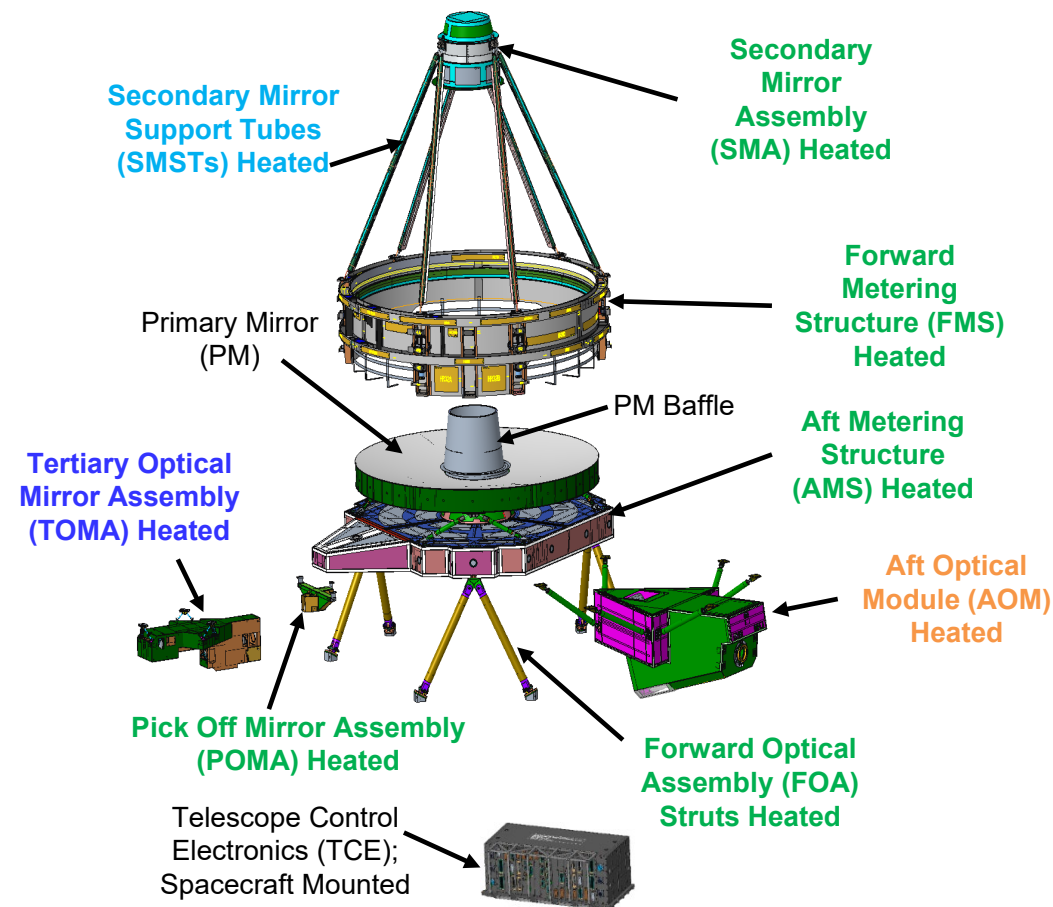
### Perturbations

- **Ground to orbit**
  - Cooldown
  - Gravity release
- **On-orbit variations**
  - Thermal due to change in environment
  - Thermal due to internal heat load variations
  - Hygroscopic dryout
  - Invar growth
  - BOL to EOL material property changes



- **Ground-to-orbit**
  - Place optics at predicted 1G and warm positions to offset gravity and cold-shift effects
  - Cold figure primary mirror
  - Thermal control system
  - Kinematic interfaces (FOA struts and WFI outer enclosure)
  - Flight Alignment compensators
- **Thermal/Thermoelastic Stability**
  - Mechanical sun shields
    - Solar Array and Sun Shield (SASS)
    - Deployed Aperture Cover (DAC)
      - Low emissivity
    - Outer Barrel Assembly (OBA)
    - Lower Instrument Sun Shade (LISS)
  - Thermal control systems
    - OBA, IOA, IC, WFI, CGI, and SC Bay 4
  - Active optics control
    - CGI focus mechanism and deformable mirrors
  - ConOp constraints
    - Reduce slew size and observing plans
- **Long-term material and/or dimensional stability**
  - Flight alignment compensators

- TMS is cold-biased design supplemented with heater control to provide a stable OTA in all specified environments
  - Each heater zone has independent PI thermal control during all phases of mission
  - IOA has multiple temperature-controlled zones
- Outer Barrel Assembly (OBA) provides FOA with a stable, 230 K thermal environment
  - MLI Closeout between AMS and OBA limits FOA's radiative exposure to uncontrolled environments
- Observatory's most thermally sensitive components include the PM, SM, and SMSTs
  - STOP analysis has shown that these components require ~10 mK level stability to meet optical requirements
  - Sub-milli-Kelvin temperature stability capability was demonstrated with a flight-like integrated thermal control system ([Roman DITS](#))
- AOM, POMA, and TOMA are separate optical assemblies located on the aft side of the AMS with their own operating temperatures / thermal designs.
  - TOMA includes a tip/tilt fold mirror to correct pupil shear
  - Each rely on their MLI-blanketed enclosures as radiators to provide sufficient cold-biasing for positive heater control



### Heater Set Points

AOM Heaters @ 218K Set Point

AMS, FMS, FOA Strut, SMA & POMA Heaters @ 266.5K Set Point

SMST Heaters @ 269K Set Point

TOMA Heaters @ 293K Set Point

# Requirement Verification Approach and Model Uncertainty



- **Analysis is a key verification approach for stability requirements**
- **For requirements verified by analysis, all performance predictions include model uncertainty**
- **Model uncertainty can be incorporated by using worst case assumptions, model uncertainty factor (MUF), or Monte Carlo analysis**
  - Optical analysis uses Monte Carlo approach to capture reasonable fabrication and alignment tolerances
  - Thermal analysis uses worst case assumptions
  - Distortion and dynamic analyses use MUF to capture reasonable parameter variations (CTE, moduli, etc.)
- **Roman uses structural Monte Carlo analysis to determine appropriate MUFs for analysis predictions**

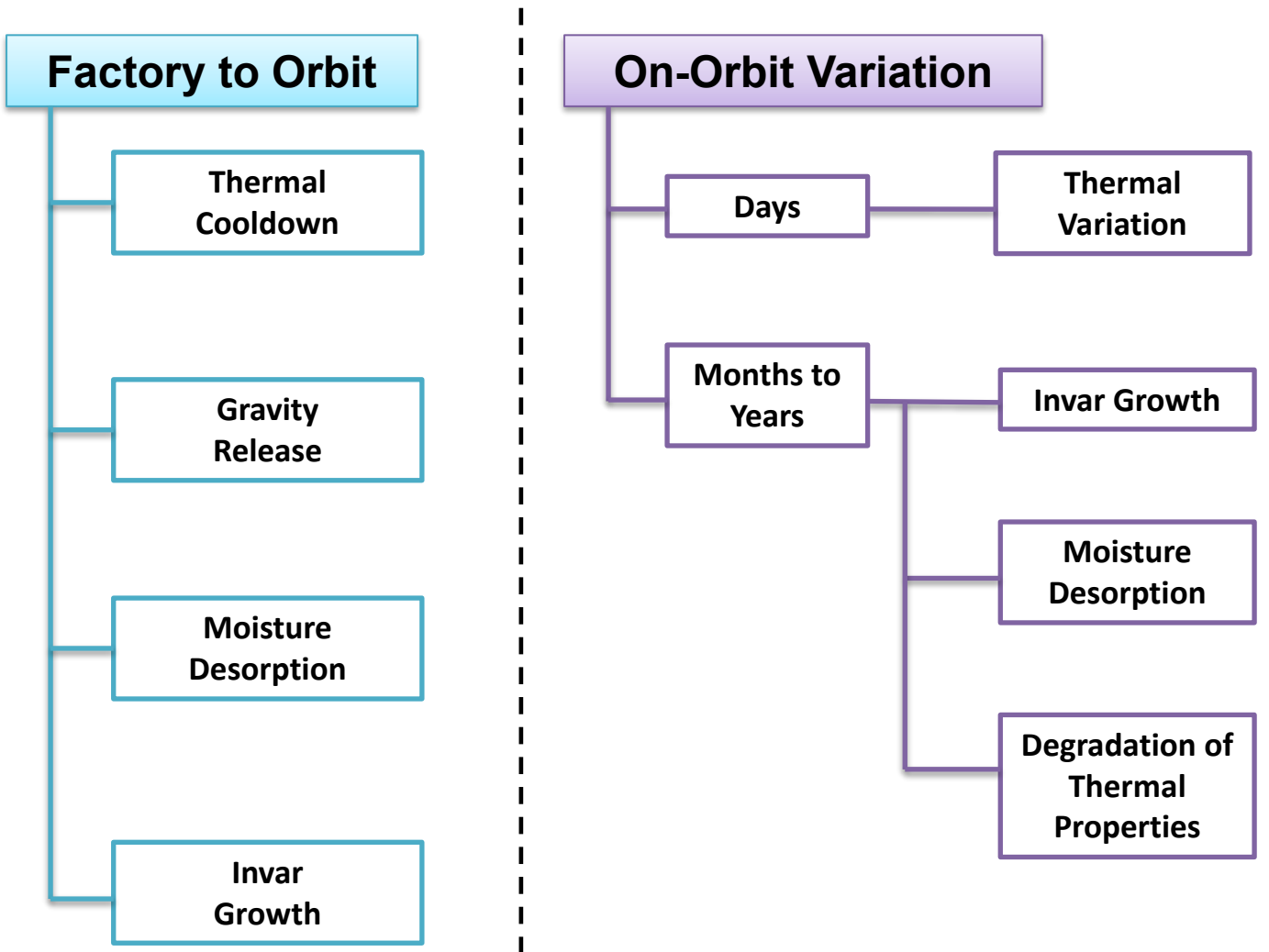
Distortion Analysis	MUF (Phase C – CDR)
STOP	
Cooldown	2 (rigid-body)/1.3 (figure)
WFI and Pupil Stability	2 (rigid-body)/1.3 (figure)
Pupil Clocking	2
LOS drift	4
Gravity Sag and Release	0.1 (alignment) 2 (figure)
Moisture Desorption	2
Invar Growth	1.1

Jitter Analysis	MUF (Phase C – CDR)
Reaction Wheel and HGAS Jitter	3.0 (<50 Hz)
	3-8 (40-100 Hz)
	8.0 (100-325 Hz), 10 (>350 Hz)

# Structural Distortion Analyses Relevant to Optical Performance



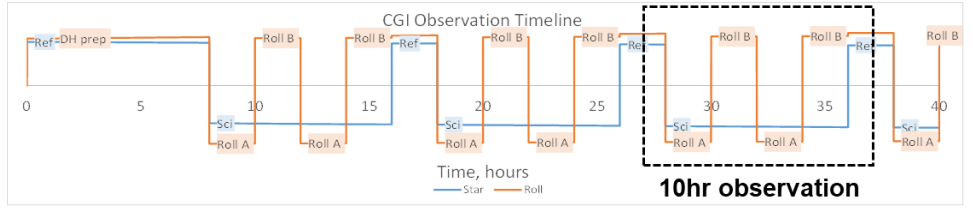
- **IM STOP analysis includes structural distortion from the following sources**
- **Thermal distortion**
  - Dimensional changes due to changes in temperature
- **Moisture desorption**
  - Dimensional changes due to outgassing of moisture from composite components
- **Gravity release**
  - Calculates “locked” strains from the in-gravity integration process
  - Evaluates dimensional changes created by the locked strains once gravity is removed
- **Invar growth**
  - Dimensional changes due to the propensity of Invar to expand after manufacture



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# Structural-Thermal-Optical (STOP) Analysis Flow

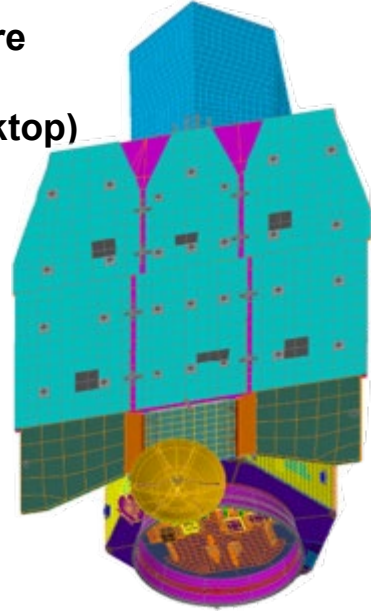
## Observational Scenario (OS)



OS11 Includes both external (eg. sun angle) and internal (eg. electronics dissipation) disturbances

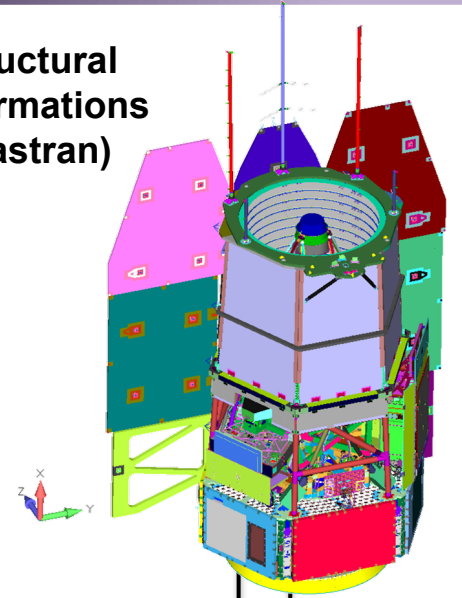
## Temperature Predicts (Thermal Desktop)

Disturbances



Temp. Map

## Structural Deformations (Nastran)



Nodal deformations

Opto-Mechanical Software

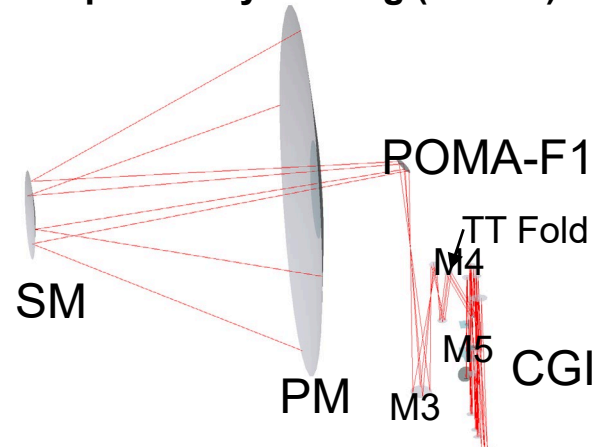
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## CGI Performance Predictions

- Wavefront Error
- Pupil Shear / Clocking
- Image Motion @ Cameras
- Chief Ray Angle of Incidence

Linear Optical Model

## Optical Ray-Tracing (CodeV)



## Optical Pre-Processing (SigFit)

- 6DOF motion of individual optics in local CSYS

# CGI Stability Performance Summary



- **Tight CGI stability requirements are met with MUFs and reasonable margins except for 100-hour Z4 stability**
  - As presented at Mission CDR, slight exceedance of Z4 drift over 100 hours is acceptable
  - Continue to investigate methods to reduce moisture desorption analysis conservatism
- **Bay 4 Bus heater control improvement greatly reduced boresight rate of change error**
  - Reduction of a factor of ~4 from CDR prediction

Req	Description	Units	Alloc	CDR (Cy2)	Cy3.1	% Margin
MRD-498	CGI WFE Drift, Starlight Suppression, 100 hr	nm	10	10.01	12.14	-
	Thermal Variation	nm		2.50	2.50	
	Moisture Desorption	nm		7.31	9.40	
	Invar Growth	nm		0.20	0.24	
MRD-502	CGI to WFI Boresight Rate of Change	mas/hr	10	20.21	5.18	48.15%
	Thermal Variation	mas/hr		20.20	4.48	
	Moisture Desorption	mas/hr		0.01	0.70	
	Invar Growth	mas/hr		4.00E-03	4.72E-03	

Requirement	Description	Units	Alloc	CDR (Cy2)	Cy3.1	% Margin
MRD-489	CGI Pupil Lateral Stability - Mean	um	0.7	0.50	0.51	27.31%
	Thermal Variation	um		0.49	0.49	
	Moisture Desorption	um		0.01	0.01	
	Invar Growth	um		1.00E-03	4.80E-03	
MRD-490	CGI Pupil Lateral Stability - Delta Mean	um	0.4	0.14	0.08	79.50%
	Thermal Variation	um		0.14	0.08	
	Moisture Desorption	um		2.70E-06	1.00E-05	
	Invar Growth	um		0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
MRD-500	CGI Chief Ray Angle of Incidence Stability: Mean	mas	7	2.64	1.21	82.76%
	Thermal Variation	mas		2.48	1.14	
	Moisture Desorption	mas		0.16	0.06	
	Invar Growth	mas		6.00E-05	4.10E-03	
MRD-501	CGI Chief Ray Angle of Incidence Stability: Delta-Mean	mas	5	0.72	0.46	90.82%
	Thermal Variation	mas		0.72	0.46	
	Moisture Desorption	mas		4.30E-05	1.20E-04	
	Invar Growth	mas		0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
MRD-495	CGI Z5-Z11 WFE	pm	250	79.79	97.71	60.92%
	Thermal Variation	pm		57.80	75.33	
	Moisture Desorption	pm		21.19	21.58	
	Invar Growth	pm		0.80	0.80	
MRD-496	CGI Corrected WFE Drift, Z4-Z11	pm	150	7.80	23.99	84.01%
	Thermal Variation	pm		7.80	21.15	
	Moisture Desorption	pm		1.60E-04	2.84	
	Invar Growth	pm		2.00E-05	3.34E-05	
MRD-498	CGI WFE Drift, Starlight Suppression, 10 hr	nm	4	1.22	1.16	70.99%
	Thermal Variation	nm		0.04	0.19	
	Moisture Desorption	nm		1.17	0.95	
	Invar Growth	nm		0.02	0.02	

- **Reaction Wheel Assemblies**

- Six Honeywell HR18-250 RWAs
- Fine balance option for reduced static/dynamic disturbance

- **High Gain Antenna System (HGAS)**

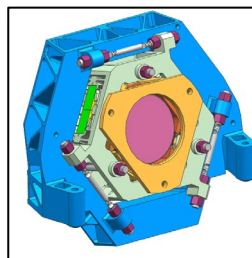
- Two axis gimbal using low-detent stepper motors to provide gimbal pointing
- The antenna **rarely would need to be moved during imaging**

- **WFI Element Wheel (EW)**

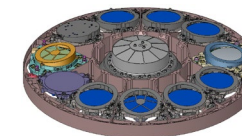
- Stepper motor used to place the desired optic into the light path
- **Will not operate during imaging**

- **CGI Fast Steering Mirror (FSM)**

- Reaction compensated tip/tilt mirror
- **Self-induced disturbance, managed by CGI**
- Note: much less contribution from other, smaller mechanisms (Focus and DMs)

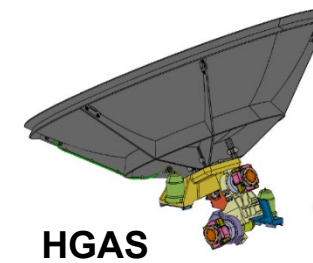
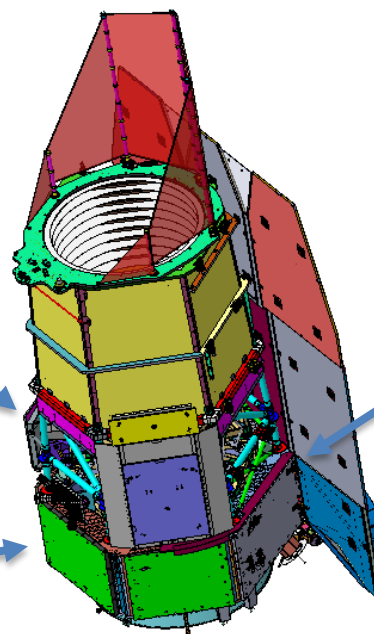
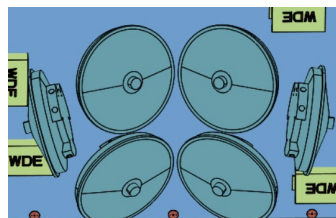


CGI Fast Steering Mirror

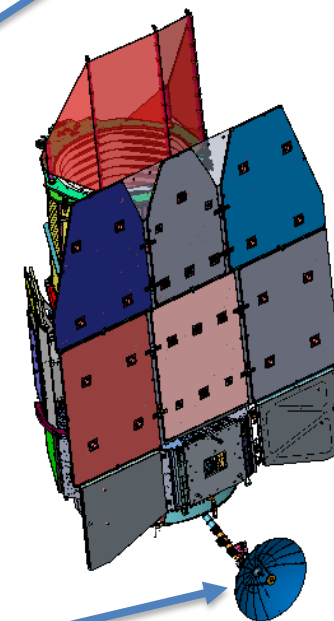


WFI Element Wheel

RWAs

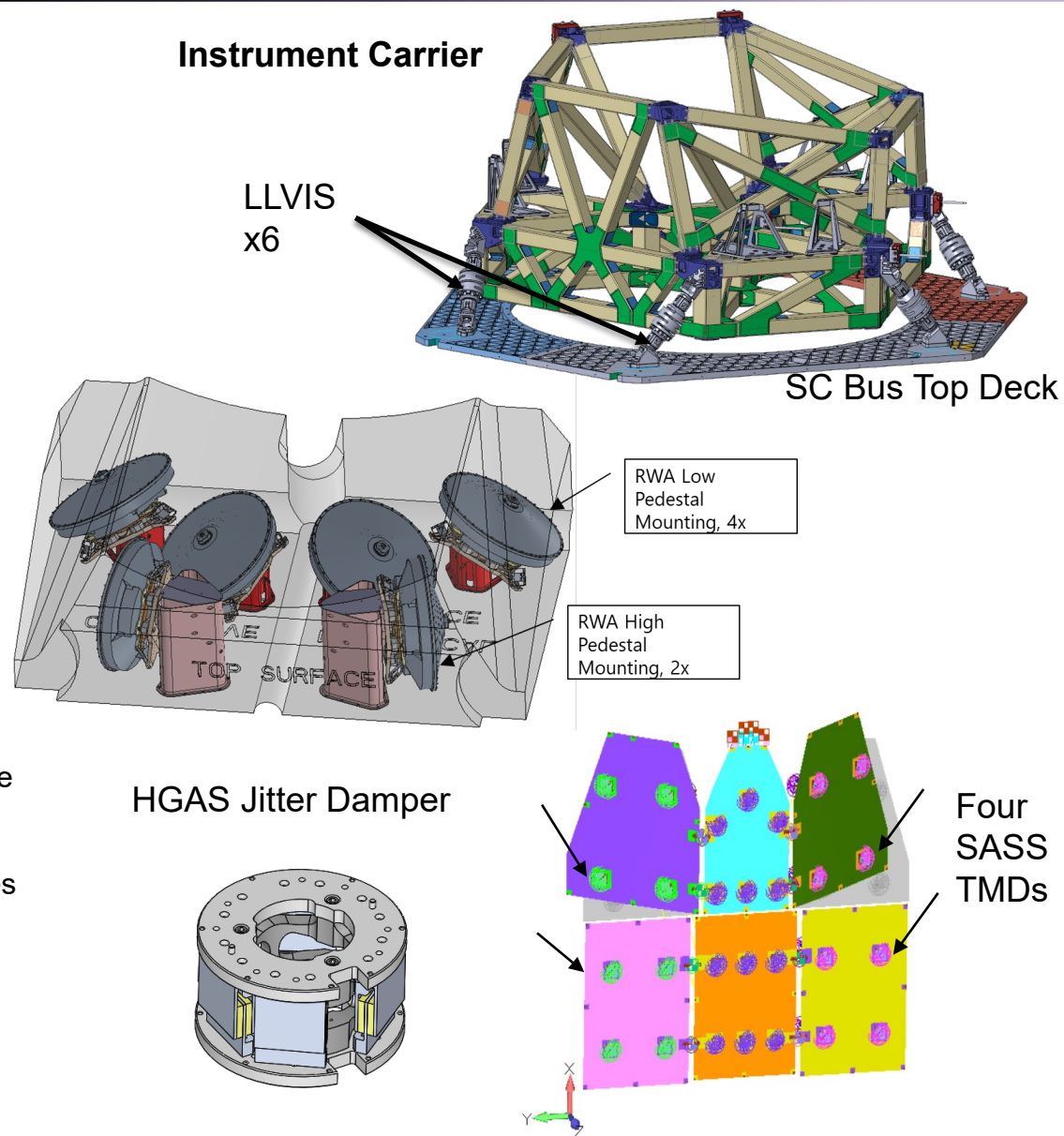


HGAS  
(two gimbal actuators)

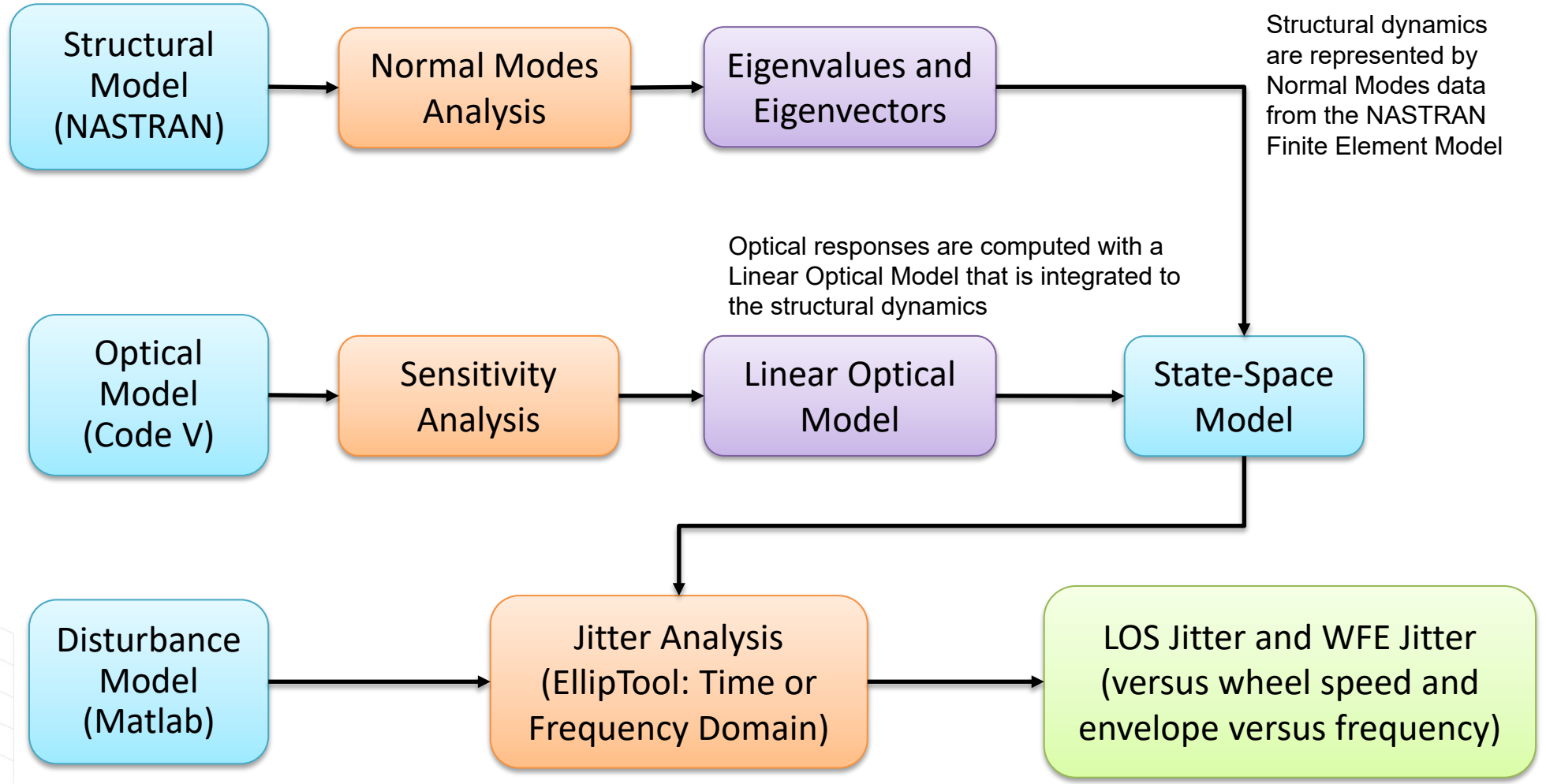
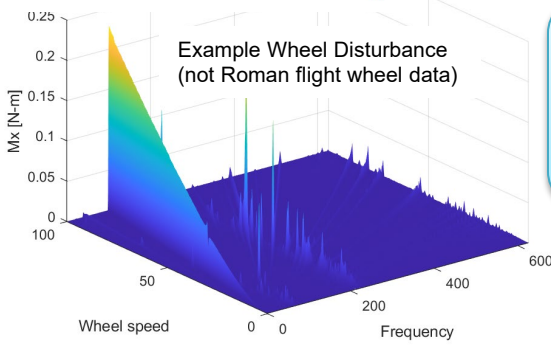
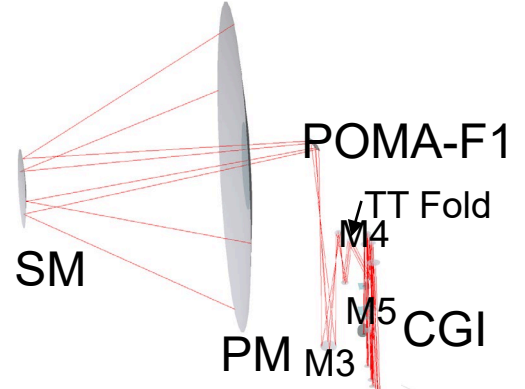
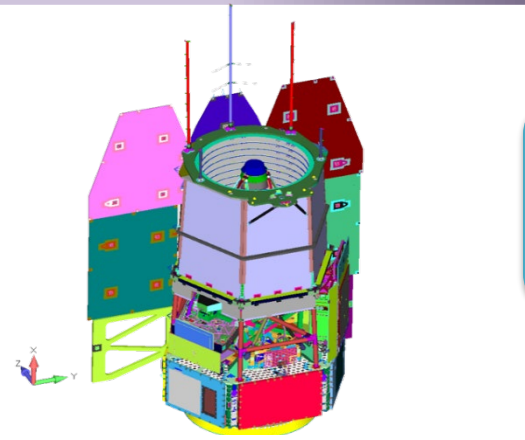




- **Launch Loads and Vibration Isolation System (LLVIS)**
  - Between the SC and IC, **Honeywell** D-strut heritage
  - ~20 Hz first mode, attenuates RWA and HGS disturbances
- **Reaction Wheel Jitter Mitigation Implementations**
  - Each RWA is individually isolated, **Moog CSA** SoftRide heritage
  - RWA speeds are limited to 5 rev/sec (30 RPM) during CGI operation to avoid exciting resonant modes above this frequency
  - ACS is using an L-infinity wheel distribution algorithm that drives four wheels to the same speed
  - ACS is enforcing 1 Hz (60 RPM) separation between the four wheels
- **HGAS Jitter Mitigation Implementations**
  - HGAS Jitter Damper (HJD) developed by **Moog CSA**
    - Damps out HGAS boom modes excited during HGAS operation
  - Actuator microstepping; 16 micro-steps per every detent step
  - HGAS step avoidance during inertial hold
    - ACS is designing their HGAS pointing algorithm and slew profile to minimize the need to step during imaging
  - HGAS step rate keep out zone
    - Accelerate through problematic mode frequencies to avoid ringing up the modes
- **Solar Array Sun Shield (SASS) Tuned Mass Dampers (TMDs)**
  - **Under development by Moog CSA**
  - Damps out SASS modes excited during wheel and HGAS operations



# Jitter Analysis Flow



Structural dynamics are represented by Normal Modes data from the NASTRAN Finite Element Model

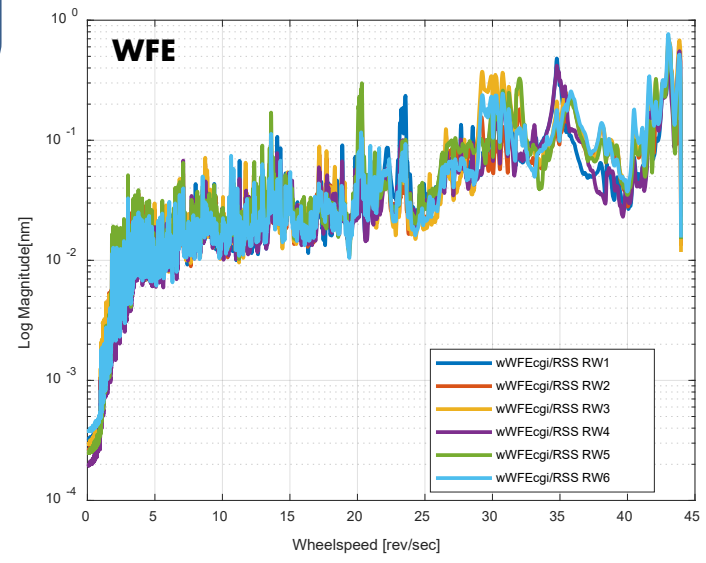
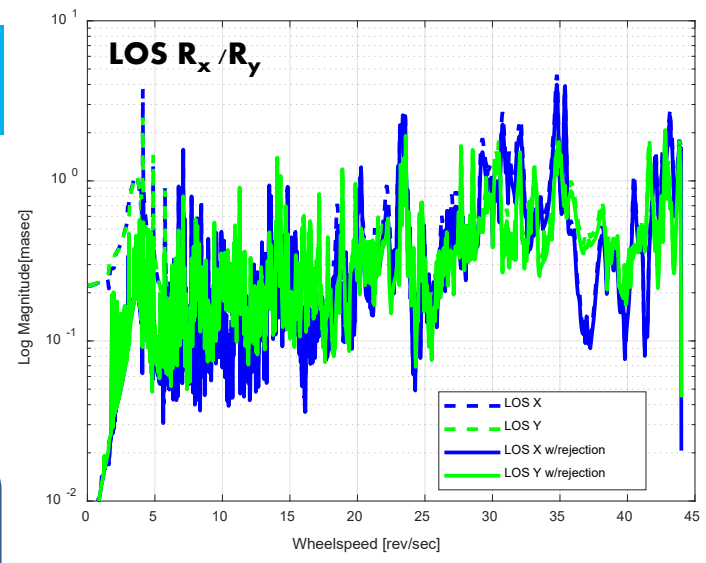
Optical responses are computed with a Linear Optical Model that is integrated to the structural dynamics

Frequency domain (reaction wheel, facility noise) and time domain (stepper mechanism) disturbances are impinged on the integrated model to produce optical response predictions

# CGI Jitter due to Reaction Wheels

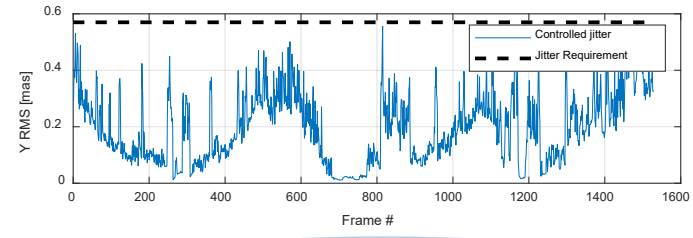
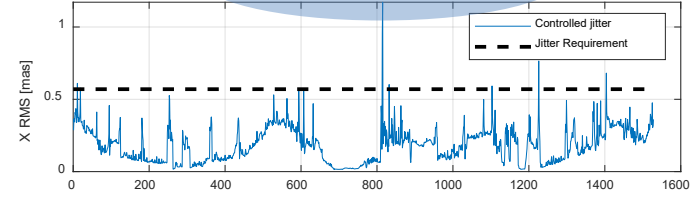
## CGI Jitter vs Wheel Speed

To meet CGI jitter requirements, wheel speed range is constrained to within +/- 5 rev/sec.

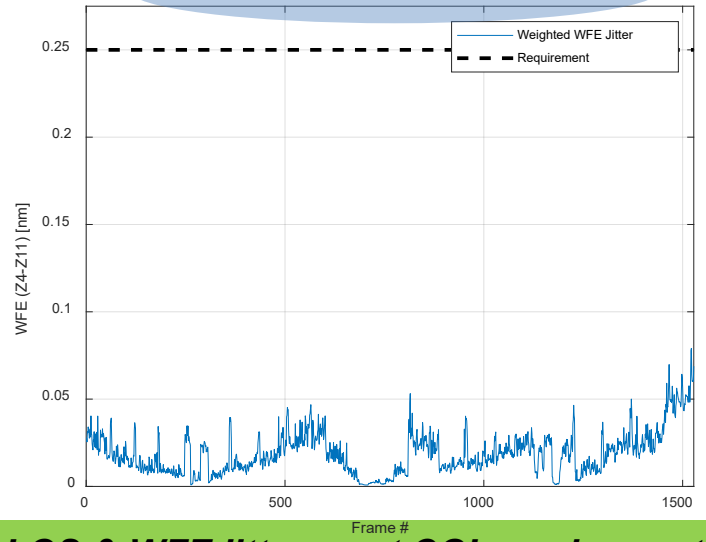


RMS jitter per 100 sec (frame duration) - only science observation, no slews/rolls

X RMS % below requirement = 99.5  
Y RMS % below requirement = 100



Percentage of Zer jitter below requirement = 100

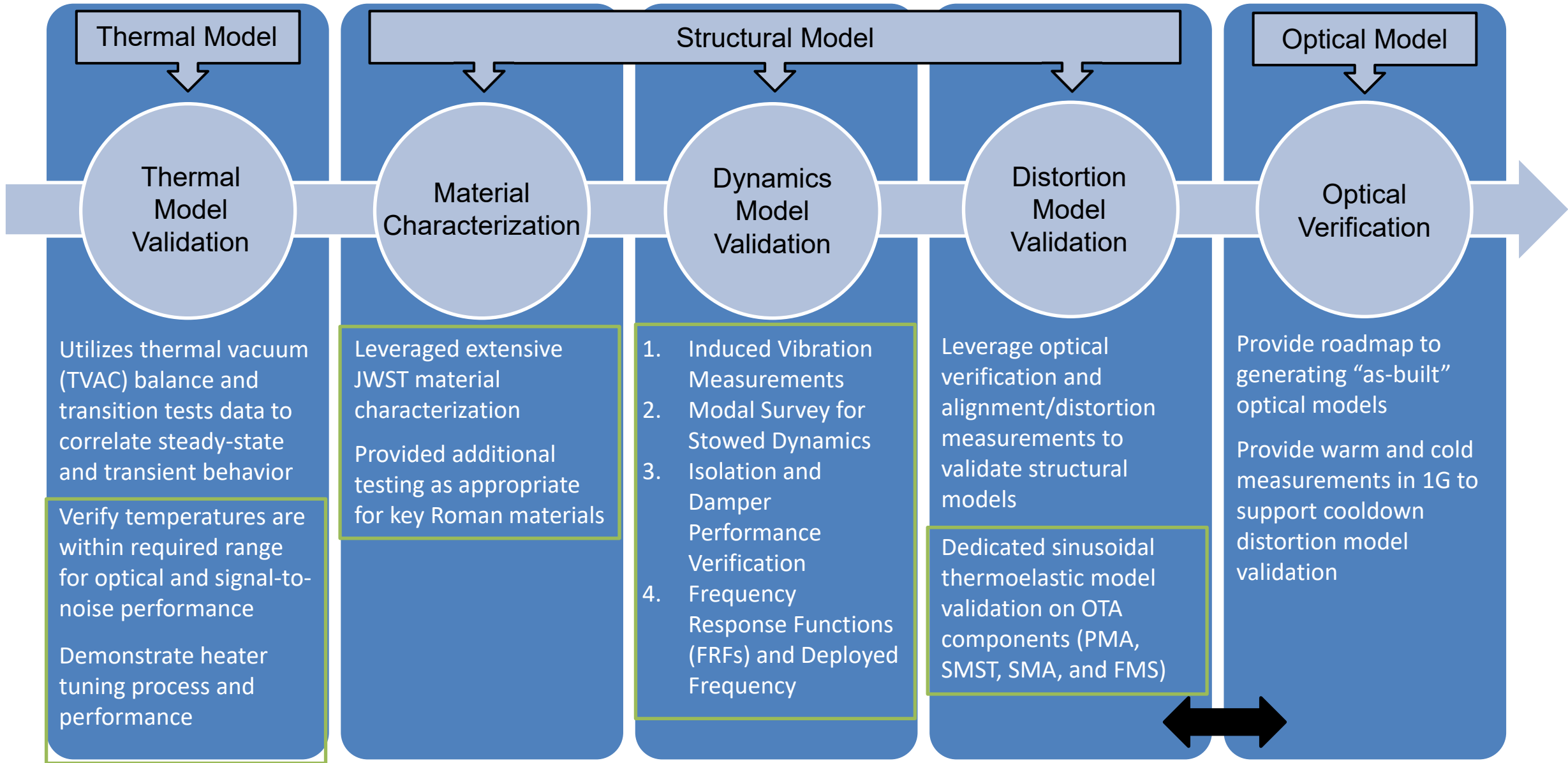


## CGI jitter for OS11

Transient analysis using JPL tool w/ OS11 wheel speed profiles applied to individual wheels

**OS11 LOS & WFE jitter meet CGI requirement > 70% of the time**

# Model Validation Highlights



- **Roman IM and optical Monte Carlo simulation results continue to show design meets key mission performance requirements, including stringent CGI stability requirements**
  - Combination of hardware, software, and operations achieves the CGI stability performance
- **Roman IM has a few key tests that will validate models for nanometer-level stability predictions**
  - Sinusoidal thermal distortion model validation of telescope components
  - Payload heater tuning and temperature stability during Spacecraft + Payload TVAC test
- **Future Work**
  - Additional analyses are planned to further understand system sensitivity, reduce conservatism, and address any stability concerns
  - Support and crosscheck model validation test analysis
  - Prepare for commissioning analysis