

# Development and Sizing of the JWST Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM) Metering Structure

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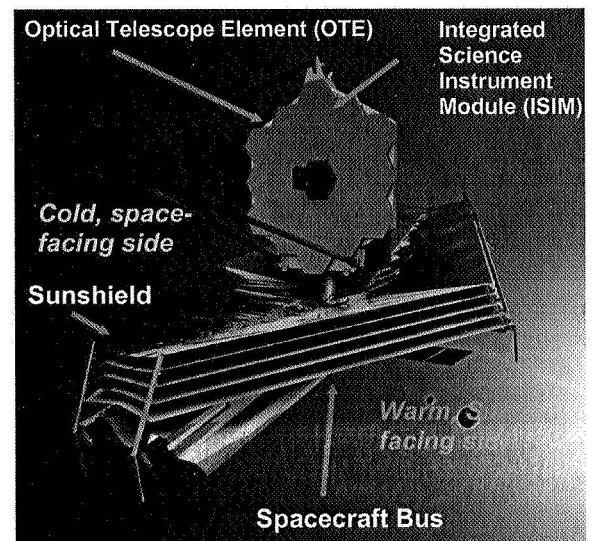
## ABSTRACT

The JWST Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM) includes a large metering structure (approx. 2m x 2m x 1.5m) that houses the science instruments and guider. Stringent dimensional stability and repeatability requirements combined with mass limitations led to the selection of a composite bonded frame design comprised of biased laminate tubes. Even with the superb material specific stiffness, achieving the required frequency for the given mass allocations in conjunction with severe spatial limitations imposed by the instrument complement has proven challenging. In response to the challenge, the ISIM structure team considered literally over 100 primary structure topology and kinematic mount configurations, and settled on a concept comprised of over 70 m of tubes, over 50 bonded joint assemblies, and a "split bi-pod" kinematic mount configuration. In this paper, we review the evolution of the ISIM primary structure topology and kinematic mount configuration to the current baseline concept.

**Keywords:** ISIM, JWST, Metering Structure, Launch, Cryogenic, Distortion, Finite Element Analysis.

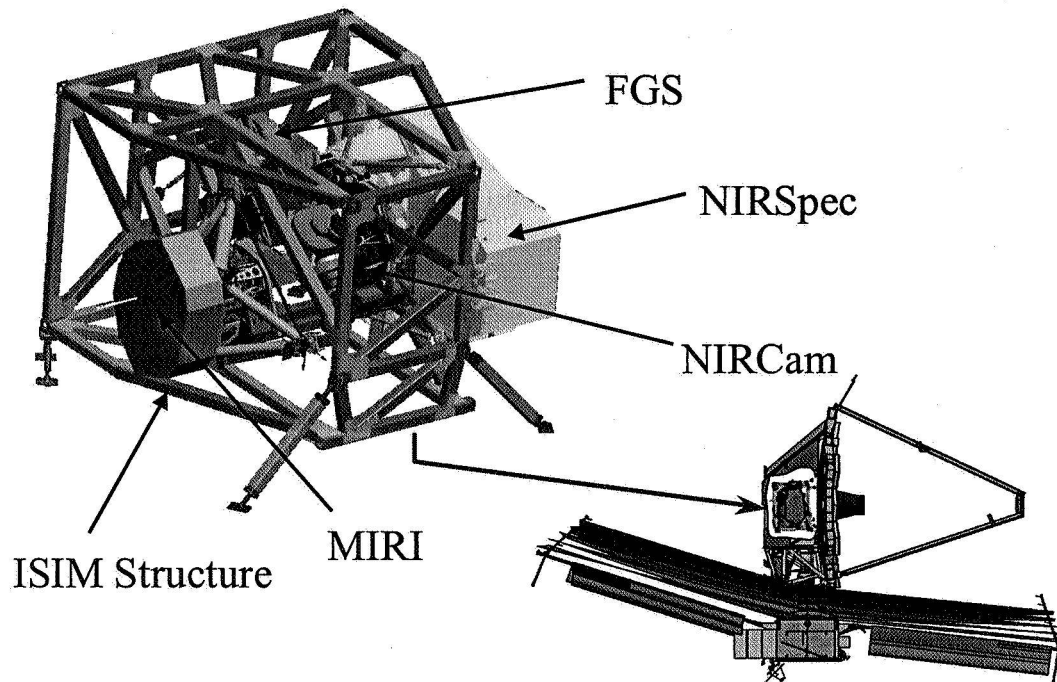
## 1. INTRODUCTION

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is an infrared optimized space observatory that will study the origin and evolution of galaxies, stars and planetary systems following its planned launch in 2013 (Reference 1). The JWST observatory, Figure 1, consists of an optical telescope element (OTE), an integrated science instrument module (ISIM), and a space vehicle that includes a spacecraft bus and a deployable sunshield. The ISIM, Figure 2/Reference 2, consists of structure and thermal subsystems, a Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam), a Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec), a Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI), and a Fine Guidance Sensor (FGS). The focus of this paper is the ISIM structure subsystem that consists of a metering structure that supports the science instruments and kinematic mounts that attach the ISIM to the OTE. The ISIM structure successfully completed a preliminary design review in January 2005 and is currently in the detailed design phase of its development. This paper discusses ISIM structure requirements and challenges, the evolution of the design, structural modeling approaches, and baseline performance predictions.



**Figure 1: James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)**

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**Figure 2: Integrated Science Instrument Model (ISIM)**

## **2. ISIM STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS AND CHALLENGES**

The design of the ISIM structure must accommodate interfaces to the science instruments and OTE while meeting a number of critical requirements, including: mass, minimum frequency, structural integrity, and distortion performance. The combination of stiffness and distortion requirements with mass limitations led to the selection of a bonded composite frame construction for the ISIM structure. A summary of key requirements that have driven the design are as follows. The total design-to mass allocation for the ISIM is 1140 kg with a sub-allocation to the ISIM structure subsystem of 300 kg. The minimum natural frequency of the ISIM fixed at the OTE interface must be greater than 25 Hz.

Structural integrity must be maintained under two challenging environments: launch and cooldown to cryogenic temperatures. Structural integrity of composite bonded joints under launch and thermal loads is a key challenge in the design of the ISIM structure. Reference 3 discusses this aspect of the ISIM structure in detail. Figure 3 lists launch limit loads used for sizing the primary structure. Instruments and ISIM interfaces to the instruments are sized under a set of higher design limit loads also listed in Figure 3. The cryogenic temperatures that the structure must be designed to accommodate include a 22 K survival temperature, an operating temperature in the range of 32 to 37 K, and shifts in the operational temperature of 0.25 K. Design Factor of Safety (FS) of 1.5 is used for ultimate failure of composites, 1.4 for metals and 1.25 for yield.

The distortion performance of the structure is subject to stringent requirements in terms of ground to orbit alignment and operational stability due to shifts in the operating temperature resulting from observatory repointing. Distortion performance requirements are specified in terms of allowable motions at the science instrument interfaces. Ground-to-orbit distortions are limited to  $6.0\text{E-}1$  mm in displacement and 6 arcmin in rotation, while operational stability distortions are limited to  $3.0\text{E-}4$  mm in displacement and  $6.0\text{E-}3$  arcmin in rotation. The following sections describe the evolution of the ISIM primary structure's design to the current baseline.

Primary Structure Launch Limit Load Factors (g)			<b>Instruments &amp; Interfaces</b> <b>Launch Limit Load Factors</b> Based on an Enveloping Mass-Acceleration Curve and weight of instrument: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIRI: <math>\pm 13.5</math> g one axis at a time,</li> <li>Other instruments: <math>\pm 12.0</math> g one axis at a time.</li> </ul>
Load Case	Thrust (V3)	Lateral <sup>a</sup>	
Max Comp.	-6.44	1.5	
Max Tension	+3.25	1.5	
Max Lateral	-3.65	3.0	
a - Lateral loads are swept in V1-V2 plane			

Figure 3: ISIM Launch limit load factors for the primary structure and for the instruments and instrument interfaces. Coordinate axes (V1, V2, V3) are shown in Figure 4.

### 3. PRIMARY STRUCTURE

#### 3.1 Primary Structure Lay Out & Load Paths

A three-dimensional frame type construction is used for the ISIM primary structure as shown in the CAD view of Figure 4. Plate construction has been considered and abandoned in favor of the frame because preliminary trade studies demonstrated that frame is structurally more efficient, provides better access to the instruments and lends itself better to supporting a small number of discrete attachment points for the instruments.

The baseline structure configuration is close to being a three dimensional truss but deviates from it due to moment continuity at its joints and due to open bays needed for instrument integration, access, and stay-out zones. All primary load lines intersect at all structural joints. Open bays degrade stiffness and therefore are stiffened as much as possible through nearby frame and wing structures. Removable members are not used to stiffen the open bays in view of repeatability and distortion concerns. Trusses in different planes are staggered to simplify some joints.

#### 3.2 Primary Structure Members

Primary structure tubular members are of square cross section with rounded corners. Flat-to-flat dimension is 75 mm and the wall thickness is 4.6 mm for all members. Tubes are made of a carbon fiber reinforced laminated composite material system. The primary reasons for this choice are CTE, stiffness, and weight. The material is a biased lay-up using two different unidirectional tapes; M55J/954-3 and T300/954-3, resulting in a high axial stiffness along the length of the tubes, which is important to meet the minimum natural frequency requirement. The material is also designed to result in a near zero CTE along the axis of the tubes for distortion and stability performance. Material is tailored to have a high stiffness per unit weight along the axis of the tubes to help meet the minimum fundamental frequency requirement while staying within the structure weight budget. With a total length of approximately 75 m and a weight of approximately 130 kg, the primary tubular members consume about half of the structure weight budget.

#### 3.3 Kinematic Mounts

ISIM is mounted on the telescope structure through Kinematic Mounts (KMs) in order to minimize transmission of thermally or mechanically induced distortions to and from ISIM. The KMs consist of two bipods and two monopods as indicated in Figure 4 and constrain the six primary rigid body motions of ISIM. KMs are flexural elements with neck-down areas designed to minimize the secondary shear and moment stiffnesses resulting in a close-to-ideal kinematic constraint system. Driving requirements for the

KMs are launch strength, high primary stiffness, and “low” reactions under cool-down to operating temperature.

### 3.4 Primary Structure Joints

Structural joints between the composite material members are critical elements of the primary structure. These are typically the areas of the primary structure with the highest stresses under launch and cool-down environments and their design and analysis targets an optimal balance between strength and weight. Putting fastener holes through the composite parts and using bolts and pins to directly fasten to composite parts is avoided due to the low bearing strength and through-the-thickness compressive strength of composites. Instead, adhesive bonding is used and all bolts and pins are kept in the metallic parts. It was determined by analysis that all the metallic parts that are bonded to the composite tubes need to be INVAR since its CTE approximately matches those of the composite tubes and enables the extreme temperature drop that the structure needs to undergo with no or minimal structural degradation at these joints. Structural adhesive EA-9309 is selected for use at all the bonded joints. Even though it is not as strong as EA-9394, another common adhesive, it is deemed superior to it in this application based on its higher elongation capability and lower stiffness, which helps with thermal survivability.

#### 3.4.1 Plug and Saddle Joints

Use of metallic joints results in stronger and stiffer joint, however added weight needs to be watched closely. ISIM primary structure uses metallic joints only where they are absolutely necessary for structural integrity. Metallic joints are of plug and saddle type as illustrated in the close-up views of Figures 4(a) and (b). Plugs joints are used to structurally connect three or more tubes that lie in different planes and intersect at the same load center. Some of the plug joints also provide flanges for mechanical fastening of the kinematic mounts using tension bolts and shear pins. Tubes are bonded over the prongs of a plug joint. Saddles are bonded over the tubes and provide mounting points for ISIM instruments.

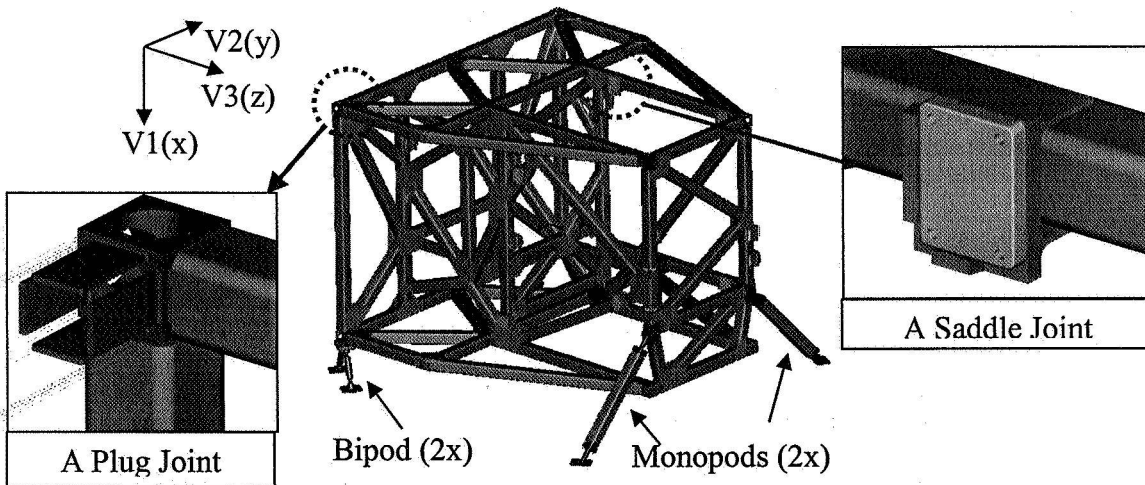


Figure 4: CAD view of ISIM primary structure and close-up of typical plug and saddle joints.

#### 3.4.2 Gusset & Shear Clip Joints

Most of the joints of the ISIM structure use gussets and shear clips bonded to tubes as seen in Figure 4. Gussets are flat plates made up of a quasi-isotropic lay-up T300/954-3. Shear clips are INVAR-36 angle brackets. Joints using gussets and clips are much lighter than those using metallic plugs. Square tubes were preferred over circular ones in order to be able to use gussets and clips, thus resulting in a lighter weight structure. Two typical gusseted joints used by the ISIM baseline structure are depicted in Figures 5(a) and 5(b), a diagonal joint and a K-Joint. A diagonal joint is one in which a member is connected in between two



members of a plug joint using a pair of gussets. Two members are connected to a continuous member by means of a K-Joint.

Gussets provide good load paths for transfer of loads between the tubes in the plane of the gussets. Shear clips transmit transverse shear or out-of-plane forces between two members. Gussets do not provide a good load path for this component of force, which may induce high peel stresses at or near the gusset bonded joints and increases the risk of delamination. Shear clips may be eliminated at a joint only if the transverse shear forces are low enough, such that gussets can safely carry them.

It is important to use two gussets per joint, one on each of the opposite sides of a tube to maintain required stiffness and strength. Another prerequisite to achieve a structurally sound gusset joint is to tie only members that lie in a single primary plane, where a primary plane is defined as being parallel to one of the sides of a tube. Figure 5(c) illustrates an inferior joint, which is missing a gusset because it attempts to connect tubes that lie in two different primary planes. ISIM baseline structure avoids use of these weaker types of joints. Gussets need to have a minimum area based on stress analysis and should avoid stress concentrating features in view of the brittle nature of fiber reinforced composites. Extensive use of flat plate gussets requires all primary tubular members of the ISIM structure to lie in one of three primary planes. Tube connected by gussets cannot be at a compound angle to each other.

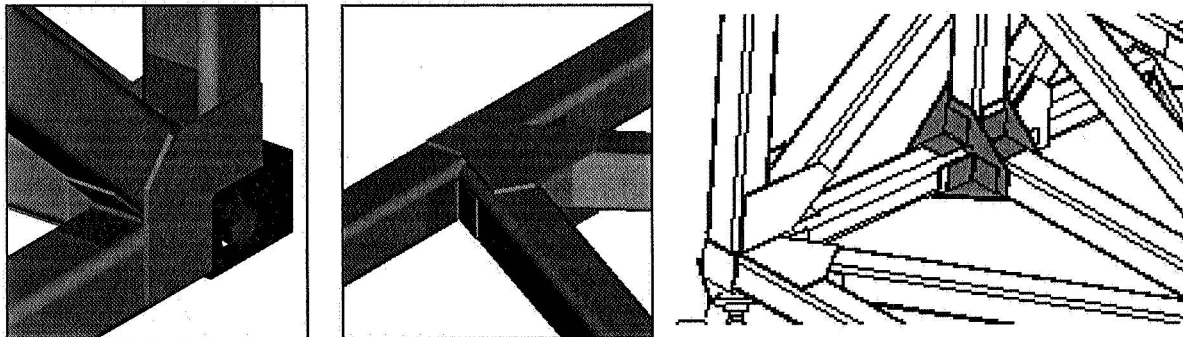


Figure 5: Joints using gussets and clips: (a) Diagonal Joint, (b) K-Joint, (c) Joint missing a critical gusset caused by trying to join members in more than one plane at the same location (not used by the baseline ISIM structure).

### 3.5 Evolution of the Primary Structure and the Kinematic Mounts

An extensive structure lay out trade study was undertaken during the early concept development phase considering over 100 different configurations. Figure 6 shows only a few of the structure lay-outs that were evaluated in order to arrive at an optimal structure topology to meet stiffness and strength requirements given the challenging accommodation and mounting constraints. Finite element analysis (FEA) played a significant role in assessing normal modes response of the structure during the lay out development process.

A significant determinant of the structure lay out and efficiency is the type, location, and orientation of the kinematic mounts. Different possibilities were negotiated with the telescope structure team. Based on load path considerations and FEA results, the significance of a lateral (V2) constraint at the front (+V3) end of ISIM was established. (V1-V2-V3 coordinate system is shown in Figure 4.) This constraint provides an essential torsional stiffness about the V3 axis provided that its load center is located at or close to the ISIM center of gravity. This idea evolved to the split bipod (two monopods) design as shown in Figs. 6 (e)-(f) and finally converged to the design shown in the baseline structure of Figure 4. The monopods are attached to the  $\pm V2$  sides of the front frame instead of the bottom deck. In this arrangement, the monopods provide a greater V2 stiffness owing to the reduced angle between their center lines and the V2 axis. Furthermore, the increased length of the monopods results in a more kinematic set of mounts. At the  $-V3$  corners, two bipods are located and oriented for maximum structural efficiency.

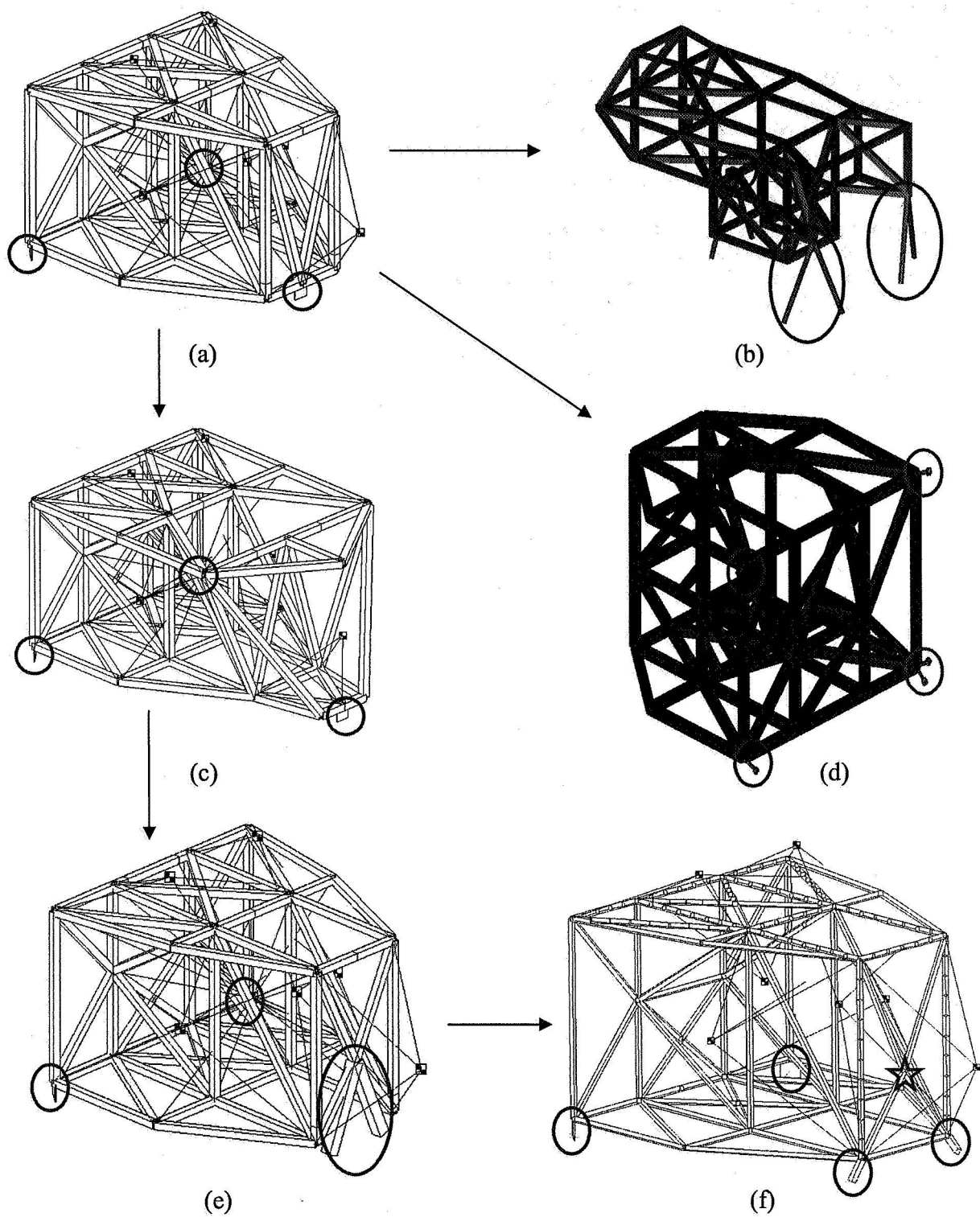


Figure 6: Selected views showing evolution of the ISIM primary structure configuration. Kinematic mounts are circled in red.

## 4. FINITE ELEMENT MODELS

ISIM maintains two structural finite element models (FEM) of the overall integrated ISIM: (1) a loads and dynamics model and (2) a distortion model. These models are shown in Figure 7.

### 4.1 Loads and Dynamics Model

The loads and dynamics model represents the overall stiffness of ISIM structure accurately by using bar elements for the primary structure members and the kinematic mounts. Several different representations of the science instruments are used depending on the type of analysis. The simplest approach includes reduced representations using mass and bar elements tuned to meet the hard mounted fundamental frequency requirement of the instrument. Detailed models of the science instruments are included for coupled loads analysis either as physical or reduced dynamic (Craig-Bampton) models. The loads and dynamics FEM is used to predict the normal modes response of ISIM, to recover primary structure reactions under design limit loads, and for coupled loads analysis. Because of its simplicity and ease with which it can be modified, this model has also been extensively used in concept and trade studies.

### 4.2 Distortion Model

The distortion model is a high fidelity representation of the ISIM structure and the science instruments. The ISIM structure is modeled using solid elements and includes representations of tubes, gussets, clips, metal fittings, and adhesive bond lines. Detailed physical models of the science instruments are included in the distortion model. The ISIM distortion model is used for: distortion analysis under thermal and gravity loading, joint loads determination under cryogenic loading for stress analysis, and normal modes analysis to cross-check the loads and dynamics model.

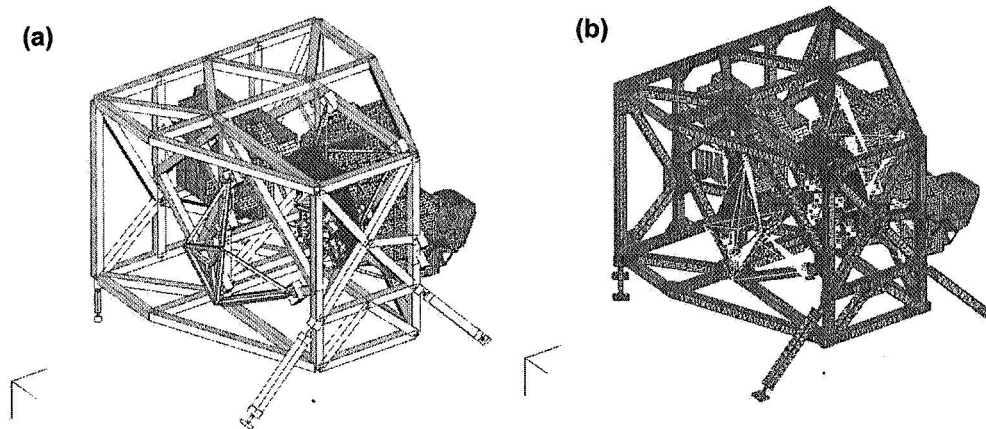


Figure 7: ISIM structural finite element models: (a) loads and dynamics model and (b) distortion model. Detailed physical models of the science instruments are shown in both models.

n	fn (Hz)	Mass Participation (%)						notes
		X	Y	Z	RX	RY	RZ	
1	27.7	0.0	0.1	64.3	0.4	58.7	0.3	Major V3
2	32.6	0.6	0.1	11.0	10.2	8.6	0.1	Minor V3
3	33.9	0.0	74.0	0.1	19.9	0.3	51.9	V2 + V3 Torsional
4	38.4	7.2	2.7	0.6	1.8	0.6	21.9	V1 + V3 Torsional
5	39.0	22.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.3	V1 due to Local SI

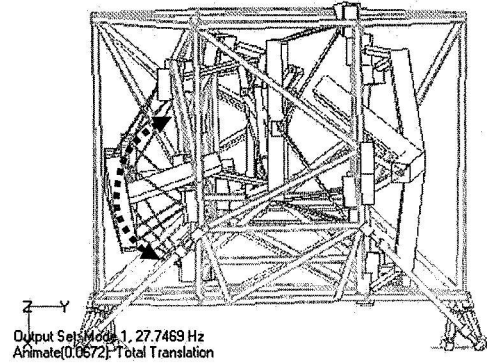
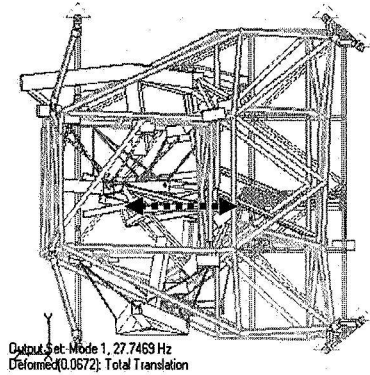
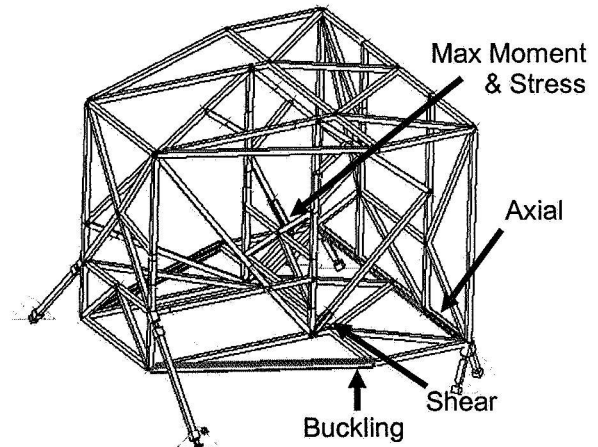
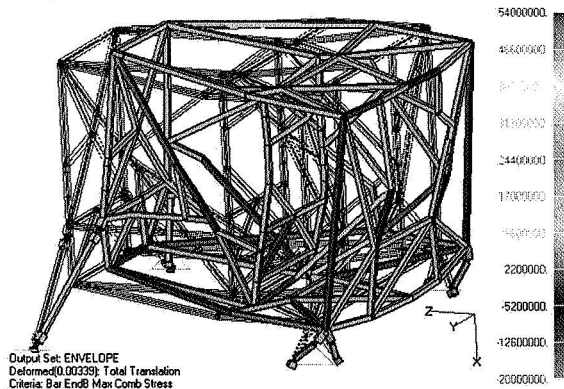


Figure 8: Baseline Structure Normal Modes Analysis Results: (a) Frequencies, mass participation and mode shape descriptions, (b) Views of the fundamental mode shape with arrows indicating major deformation in the V3 axis and local V2 rotation participation in the FGS area.



Primary Structure Bar Element ENVELOPING Limit Reactions (N, N.m)											
element ID	worst	MA1	MA2	MB1	MB2	V1	V2	P	T	stress MS	buckling MS
158202	Stress	205	834	293	627	731	4538	20568	61	2.6	3.7
162306	Buckling	70	135	218	88	181	142	25908	8	5.9	3.1
106108	Axial	198	143	91	130	501	412	47888	8	2.8	7.9
202210	Shear	752	402	430	275	11898	4842	4499	138	3.4	20.4
140148	Moment	54	393	1197	221	3982	1959	1442	114	10.4	+large

Figure 9: Baseline Structure Stress and Margin of Safety (MS) Summary under Launch Loads. (a) Max Stresses (MPa) and deformed shape under enveloping launch cases (b) Structural elements with critical failure modes highlighted (c) Summary of worst case reaction forces and min MS.

## 5. BASELINE STRUCTURE PERFORMANCE PREDICTIONS

### 5.1 Normal Modes & Fundamental Frequency

The fundamental frequency of the baseline structure as predicted by the Loads and Dynamics FEM is 27.7 Hz. This meets the minimum frequency requirement of 25 Hz with margin. Figure 8(a) lists the first five natural frequencies and mass participation percentages along with a description of the mode shapes. Figure 8(b) shows deformed shape plots of the fundamental mode at 27.7 Hz.

### 5.2 Stress Analysis and Strength Margins of Safety (MS)

The loads and dynamics FEM is used to predict the reactions of primary structure members under launch design limit loads. Figure 9(a) shows enveloping maximum stresses of the tube members. Strength Margins of Safety is defined as  $MS = (\text{Allowable Stress or Force}) / (\text{Applied Stress or Force}) * FS - 1$ . Minimum MS is calculated for the primary members using predicted maximum stresses and material allowables as well as using maximum predicted forces and column buckling strength of the members as listed in Figure 9(c). Figure 9(b) highlights members that are critical under different failure modes such as maximum bending, maximum shear, and buckling. MS for the primary members are positive thus meeting the strength requirement.

Gusset joints of the structure are also evaluated for strength under launch loads using a top level stress analysis approach based on classical hand calculations. Launch reactions obtained from loads FEM are used. Figure 10 summarizes the results of this analysis and highlights the members with critical gussets. All MS are positive for the gussets thus complying with the launch strength requirement.

A more in depth stress analysis of the critical structural components including bonded joints is in progress. Detailed stress analysis models are prepared and run under launch as well as cool-down load cases. Details of these analyses are not presented here, as they are not the focus of this paper.

<b>Gusset Net Section Stress, Smax=</b>	<b>133.9</b>	<b>MPa</b>
<b>MS for Gusset Stress=</b>	<b>0.94</b>	
<b>Average Shear Stress, Taum=</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>MPa</b>
<b>MS for Joint Shear=</b>	<b>0.26</b>	
<b><u>Selected Analysis Data</u></b>		
<b>Gusset Thickness, t=</b>	<b>0.0046</b>	<b>m</b>
<b>Gusset bonded width=</b>	<b>0.050</b>	<b>m</b>
<b>Gusset Bonded Length, b=</b>	<b>0.075</b>	<b>m</b>
<b>FS for Ultimate Failure=</b>	<b>1.50</b>	
<b>Additional FS=</b>	<b>1.15</b>	
<b>Bond Stress Peaking Factor=</b>	<b>2.5</b>	
<b>Gusset Ultimate Strength=</b>	<b>447 MPa</b>	
<b>Interlaminar Shear Strength=</b>	<b>50 MPa</b>	

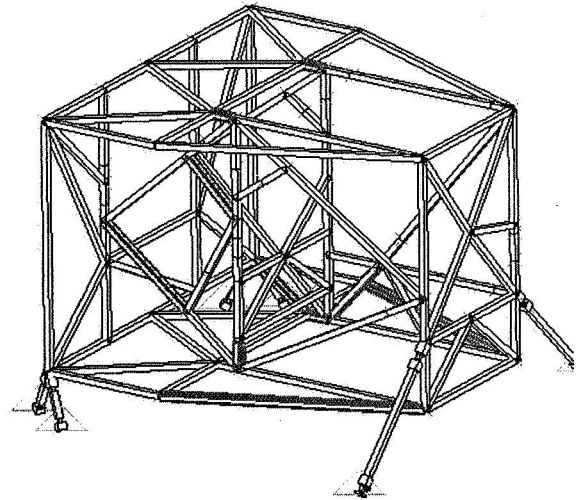


Figure 10: Summary of gusset joints top level stress analysis based on reactions predicted by loads and dynamics FEM. Critical gussets are highlighted.



### 5.3 Distortion Analysis

The distortion FEM was used to predict ISIM structure distortion performance under thermal and gravity loading with respect to both ground to orbit alignment and operational stability requirements. For ground to orbit performance, the ISIM structure meets requirements for science instrument interface pad motions, science instrument interface pad-to-pad relative motions, and allowable loads at the telescope interface. For operational stability, the ISIM structure meets requirements for science instrument interface motions and allowable loads at the telescope interface. Details of these analyses are not presented here, as they are not the focus of this paper.

## 6. SUMMARY

This paper has provided an overview of the design challenges and resulting structural evolution to the current baseline concept for the JWST-ISIM structure. The combination of stiffness and distortion requirements with mass limitations led to the selection of a bonded composite frame construction for the primary structure. Kinematic mount design was tailored to maximize natural frequency while limiting secondary interface loads. Finite element models used to predict structural performance were described along with baseline performance predictions. The baseline ISIM structure currently meets all key requirements and is in the detailed design phase of development.

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## James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)

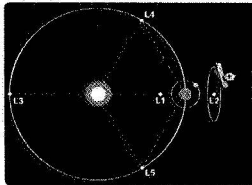
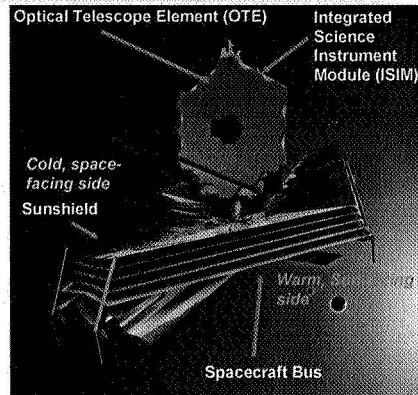


### Mission Objective

- Study the origin and evolution of galaxies, stars and planetary systems
  - Optimized for infrared observations (0.6 – 28  $\mu\text{m}$ )

### Organization

- Mission Lead: Goddard Space Flight Center
- International collaboration with ESA & CSA
- Prime Contractor: Northrop Grumman Space Technology
- Instruments:
  - Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam) – Univ. of Arizona
  - Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec) – ESA
  - Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) – JPL/ESA
  - Fine Guidance Sensor (FGS) – CSA
- Operations: Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI)



### Description

- Deployable telescope w/ 6.5m diameter segmented adjustable primary mirror
- Cryogenic temperature telescope and instruments for infrared performance
- Launch NET June 2013 on an ESA-supplied Ariane 5 rocket to Sun-Earth L2
- 5-year science mission (10-year goal)

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## JWST Architecture



**Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM)**  
 - Located inside an OTE provided ISIM Enclosure  
 - Contains 4 Science Instruments (NIRCam, NIRSpec, MIRI, FGS/TF)

**Optical Telescope Element (OTE)**  
 - 6 meter Tri-Mirror Anastigmatic  
 - 18 Segment Primary Mirror

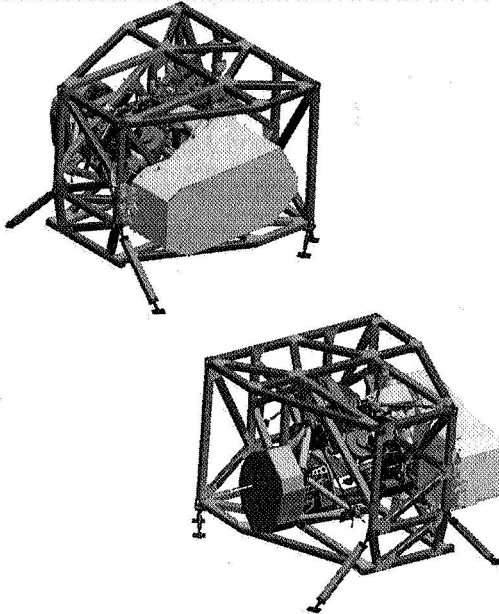
OTE Secondary Mirror

OTE Primary Mirror

**Sunshield (SS)**  
 - 5 layers to provide thermal shielding to allow OTE and ISIM to passively cool to required cryogenic temperatures

**Spacecraft Bus**  
 - Contains traditional "ambient" subsystems

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- ISIM Structure is being designed by GSFC.
- Swales Aerospace substantially contributing to ISIM design and analysis.
- ISIM Instruments are being provided by different agencies.
- ISIM Structure successfully passed PDR (Preliminary Design Review) in January 2005 and meets all design requirements.
- Detailed Design & Analysis of the Structure is in progress.
- Critical Design Review is scheduled for March 2007.

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- Scientific Instrument (SI) Accommodations
  - ♦ Volumes & Access
- SI & OTE Interfaces
- Total Supported Mass of 1140 kg
- Structure Mass Allocation of 300 kg
- Minimum Fundamental Frequency
  - ♦ 25 Hz with margin
- Structural Integrity under Launch
- Thermal Survivability
  - ♦ Survival Temp= 22 K
  - ♦ Operating Temp= 32 K
- Distortion Performance
  - ♦ Cool-Down to 32 K
  - ♦ Operational Stability at 32 K

Design a Structure that satisfies these Constraints and meets the following Challenging Requirements:

**Challenge#1**  
**Launch Stiffness & Strength**  
**Focus of this Presentation**

Challenge#2

Challenge#3

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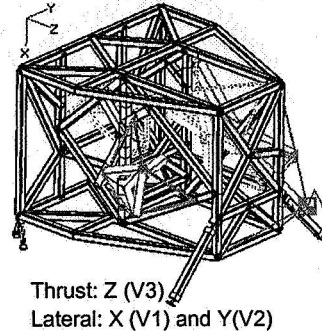
## Launch Design Limit Load (DLL) Factors



### ISIM Primary Structure Launch DLL Factors, g's

Load Case	Thrust (V3)	Lateral (V1,V2) <sup>a</sup>
Max Compression	-6.44	1.5
Max Tension	+3.25	1.5
Max Lateral	-3.65	3.0

a - Lateral loads are swept in the V1-V2 plane



### Instrument & Instrument Interfaces Launch DLL

Based on an Enveloping Mass-Acceleration Curve and weight of instrument:

- MIRI:  $\pm 13.5$  g one axis at a time
- All other SIs:  $\pm 12.0$  g one axis at a time

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## Factors of Safety (FS) for Flight Hardware Strength Analysis



Type of Structure	Qualification by	FS	
		ultimate	yield
Metallic	Analysis & Test	1.40	1.25
	Analysis only	2.6	2.0
Mechanical Fastener	Analysis & Test	1.40	1.25
Composite Material	Analysis & Test	1.50	-
Adhesive	Analysis & Test	1.50	1.25

#### Notes:

- 1 FS listed apply to both mechanically and thermally induced loads.  
Strength Margin of Safety,  $MS = \text{Allowable} / (FS * \text{Applied}) - 1$
- 2 Use of an additional fitting factor (typically 1.15) is at the discretion of the analyst.
- 3 For tension fasteners, use an FS of 1.0 on torque preload tension. Maintain a minimum gapping FS of 1.25.
- 4 Localized yielding of adhesive that does not undermine performance is acceptable.

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## ISIM Primary Structure Overview

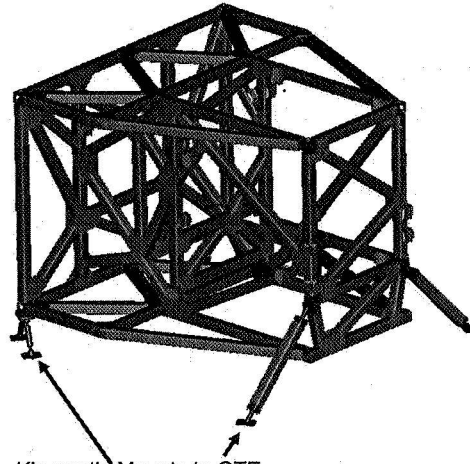
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### Frame type construction selected

- provides good access to SIs
- structurally more efficient than plate construction for supporting discrete mounting points of SIs. Verified this through early concept studies.

### Carbon Fiber Composite Materials used for Primary Structure Members

- Biased Laminate with
  - High specific stiffness
  - Near-zero CTE
- 75 mm square tubes with 4.6 mm wall thickness
- Length~75 m, Mass~130 kg



### Kinematic Mounts to OTE

- 2 Bipods (Ti-6Al-4V)
- 2 Monopods (Tubes+Ti-6Al-4V Post Flexures)
- Total Mass~25 kg

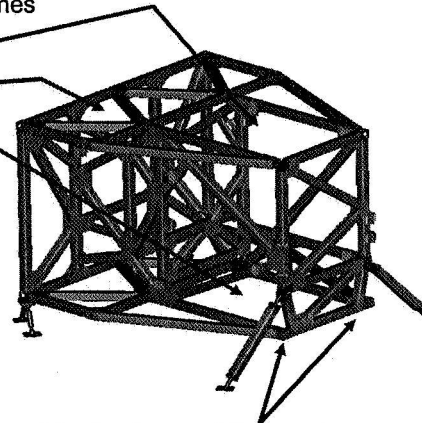
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## Primary Structure Load Paths

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- Structure lay-out is close to a 3D truss but deviates from it due to need to have open bays for SI integration and stay-out zones
- Open bays are for
  - NIRC& Light Cones
  - FGS
  - AOS stay-out zone
- Open bays stiffened through adjacent trusses and "wings."
- No removable members used to stiffen the open bays in view of distortion risk.
- All primary load lines intersect at joints.
- Trusses in different planes are staggered to simplify some joints, for example:
  - with the removal of the dewar, plug fittings at the two lower +V3 corners are also removed and members properly offset and joined through lighter gussets and shear clips.



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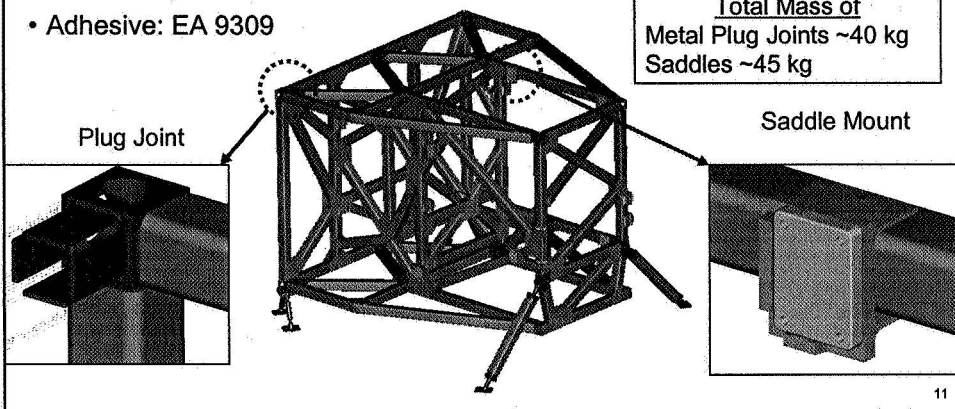


## Primary Structure Metal Joints



- Use of metal minimized due to structure weight limitations
- Metal parts used where absolutely necessary to make joints strong and stiff enough such as Plug Joints and Saddle Mounts (at SI interfaces)
- All metal parts bonded to composite tubes have to be INVAR for thermal survivability
- Adhesive: EA 9309

Total Mass of  
Metal Plug Joints ~40 kg  
Saddles ~45 kg



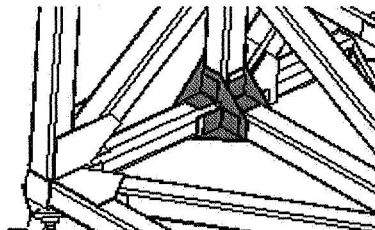
## Primary Structure Gusseted & Clipped Joints



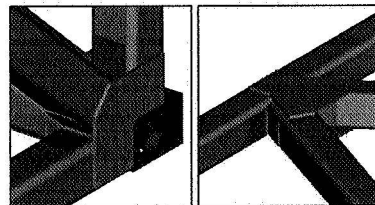
- Square Tubes used to make light weight joints possible with gussets and shear clips
- Gussets and clips sized to result in joints with good strength provided that
  - a pair of gussets and a pair of clips are used, and
  - gussets are not notched to undermine the joint load paths
- Gussets: 4.5 mm thick QI (Quasi-Isotropic) Laminate
- Clips: 1.9 mm thick INVAR
- Adhesive: EA 9309

Total Mass of  
Gussets ~20 kg  
Shear Clips ~10 kg  
Adhesive ~2 kg

Joint missing a critical gusset  
Caused by trying to join members in perpendicular planes at the same location.  
Not used by the baseline ISIM Structure



Joints with good load paths  
1) Diagonal Joint, 2) K-Joint



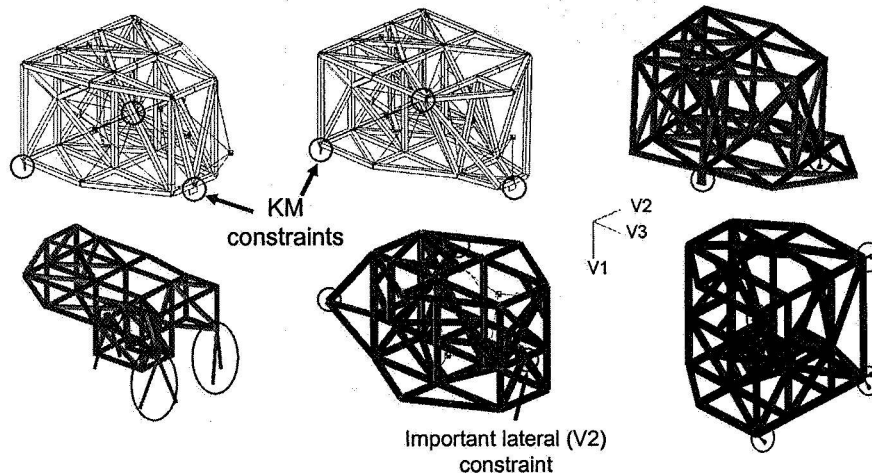
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## Evolution of Structure Topology & OTE Kinematic Mount Configuration

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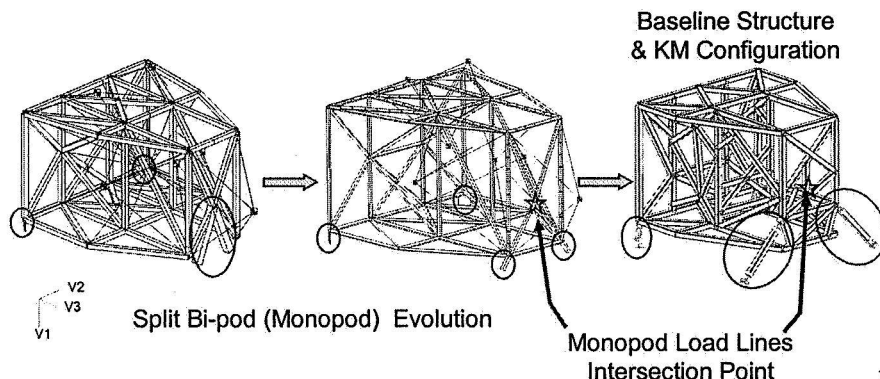
- An exhaustive study of structure topology has been performed to arrive at an efficient structure lay-out. Selected intermediate results are displayed.
- ISIM/OTE interface configuration is also very critical to ISIM frequency & mass.
- Started with 3 point Kinematic Mount (KM) interface and considered many options.

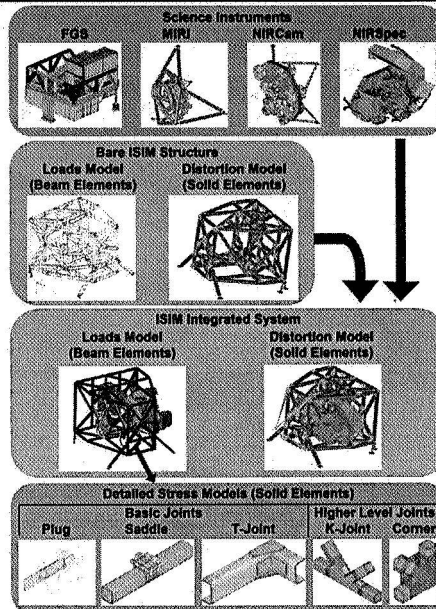


## Arriving at the Final Structure Topology & OTE Kinematic Mount Configuration

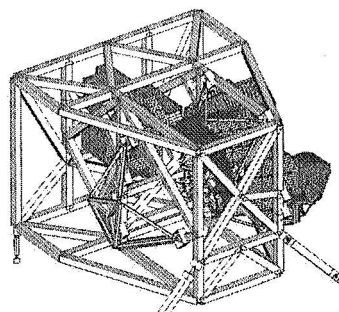
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- Found that a lateral (V2) constraint at the +V3 end is very effective
  - if it is at or close to the projected CG of ISIM
  - Because it provides an essential V3 torsional stiffness
  - Finally evolved to a split Bipod (pair of Monopods) as shown below.
- At the -V3 end, two bipods are oriented optimally for maximum stiffness.
- The resulting structure topology is discussed in detail on the next slide.

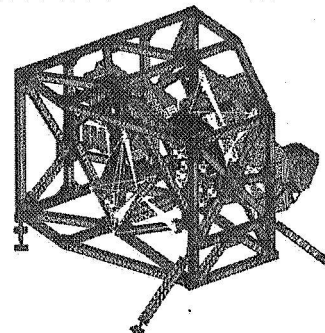




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- ISIM Loads Model:
  - ♦ Normal modes analysis
  - ♦ Loads derivation for stress analysis
  - ♦ Coupled loads analysis (CLA)
- Model fidelity:
  - ♦ Beam element representation of ISIM structure
  - ♦ Simplified, physical, or reduced (Craig-Bampton) models of science instruments depending on analysis



- ISIM Distortion Model:
  - ♦ Distortion analysis (thermal, gravity)
  - ♦ Loads determination for stress analysis
  - ♦ Normal modes analysis (cross-check loads model)
- Model fidelity:
  - ♦ Solid element representation of ISIM structure
  - ♦ Full science instrument models

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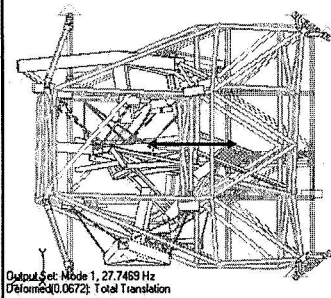


## Normal Modes Analysis Summary

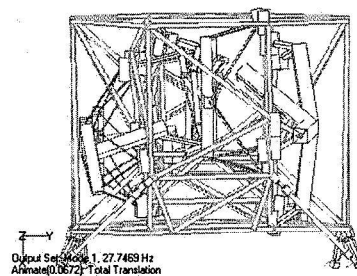


Fundamental frequency is predicted to be 27.7 Hz and meets the requirement of 25 Hz with sufficient margin.

n	fn (Hz)	Mass Participation (%)						notes
		X	Y	Z	RX	RY	RZ	
1	27.7	0.0	0.1	64.3	0.4	58.7	0.3	Major V3
2	32.6	0.6	0.1	11.0	10.2	8.6	0.1	Minor V3
3	33.9	0.0	74.0	0.1	19.9	0.3	51.9	V2 + V3 Torsional
4	38.4	7.2	2.7	0.6	1.8	0.6	21.9	V1 + V3 Torsional
5	39.0	22.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.3	V1 due to Local SI



Fundamental  
Frequency  
Mode Shape  
dominated by  
KM and SI  
support  
structure  
flexibilities



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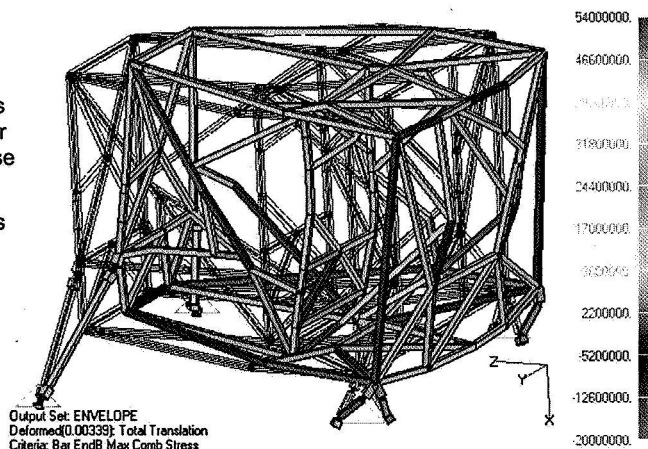
## Maximum Deformations & Stresses Under Launch Loads



- Results shown for the envelope of all launch load cases
- Max deformation is under 3.5 mm
- Max tube stress is ~54 MPa which is well under the allowable

Primary Tube Stress  
Contours (Pa) Under  
Enveloping Load Case

Deformed &  
Undeformed Shapes  
Shown



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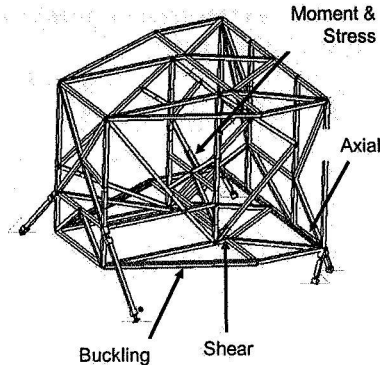




## Tube Max Reactions & Min MS Under Launch Loads

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- Most highly loaded tubes listed and highlighted
- All MS for tube net-section stress are high
  - Away from the joints
  - Calculated in spreadsheet under launch limit reactions recovered from loads model
- All MS for tube column buckling are high



### Tube Elements Summary of Results

Max Limit Axial Load, Pmax= 47.9 kN  
 Max Tube net-section Stress, Smax= 54.1 MPa  
 min MS for Tube net-section Stress= 2.6  
 min MS for Tube Column Buckling= 3.1

### Primary Structure Bar Element ENVELOPING Limit Reactions (N, N.m)

element ID	worst	MA1	MA2	MB1	MB2	V1	V2	P	T	stress MS	buckling MS	
158202	Stress	205	834	293	627	731	4538	20568	61	2.6	3.7	gp
162306	Buckling	70	135	218	88	181	142	25908	8	5.9	3.1	gp
106108	Axial	198	143	91	130	501	412	47888	8	2.8	7.9	cp
202210	Shear	752	402	430	275	11898	4842	4499	138	3.4	20.4	pc
140148	Moment	54	393	1197	221	3982	1959	1442	114	10.4	+large	gc

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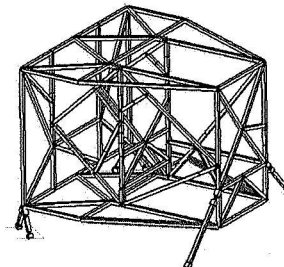


## Joint Reactions & MS under Launch Loads

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### Gussets

- Joint reactions under launch loads are recovered from loads model. Selected results shown here for gussets.
- Stresses and MS are calculated by hand analysis for:
  - Gusset net-section failure
  - Gusset-tube bonded joint shear failure
- Summarized below and highlighted in the FEM plot



Highly loaded gusset-tube joints highlighted

### Summary of Results

Gusset Net Section Stress, Smax= 133.9 MPa  
 MS for Gusset Stress= 0.94  
 Average Shear Stress, Taum= 10.5 MPa  
 MS for Joint Shear= 0.26

### Selected Analysis Data

Gusset Thickness, t= 0.0046 m  
 Gusset bonded width= 0.050 m  
 Gusset Bonded Length, b= 0.075 m

Safety Factor for Ultimate Failure, SFu= 1.50  
 Additional Safety Factor, Sfa= 1.15  
 Bond Stress Peaking Factor, Sfb= 2.50  
 Gusset Ultimate Strength, Fcu= 447.0 MPa  
 I/L Shear Strength, Fi= 50.0 MPa

member ID	Gusset Codes at ends of member 1 & 2 are shear directions end A end B				end type	Gusset Normal Stress MPa	Bond Shear Stress MPa
	1	2	1	2			
158202	1	0	0	0	gp	133.9	10.5
174260	1	0	0	0	gc	129.3	10.1
208218	1	0	0	0	gc	98.1	7.9
178264	1	0	0	0	gc	88.2	7.1
114140	1	0	0	0	gc	82.2	6.6

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## Summary of All-Up Structure Reactions & MS under Launch Loads

- ISIM structure meets launch Strength Requirement. All MS under launch loads calculated here as well as in detailed stress analysis (reported elsewhere) are positive.

Structure	Failure Mode	MS
Primary Tubes	Net-Section	+2.6
	Column Buckling	+3.1
Gussets	Net-Section	+0.94
	Bonded Joint	+0.26

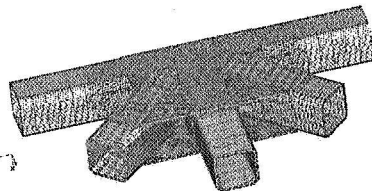
- Following limit reactions predicted by the Loads FEM are used in detailed stress analysis.

Structure	Limit Reaction under Launch Loads	kN
Primary Tubes	Axial Load	47.9
Plug Joints	Effective Axial Load	77.7
Shear Clip Pair	Transverse Shear	6.1
Diagonal Joint	Axial Load	38.2
K-Joint	Axial in K	29.3
Saddle	Normal	15.0
	Shear	8.7

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## Joint Stress Analysis Summary

- Detailed stress analysis has been completed for each of the following joint types:
  - ♦ Plug joint
  - ♦ Saddle joint
  - ♦ Generic T joint
  - ♦ Slanted T joint
  - ♦ Generic K joint
  - ♦ NIRSpec K joint
  - ♦ Diagonal joint
  - ♦ KT joint (see picture below)
- See Proc. SPIE Vol. 5868, 58680K (Aug. 19, 2005) for details on joint stress analysis.

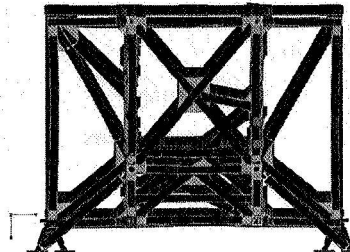


### Joint Margin Summary

Joint Type	Cool-Down		Launch	
	failure mode	min MS	failure mode	min MS
Plug	tube in-plane	0.34	tube in-plane	0.31
Saddle	inter-laminar	0.52	tube in-plane	0.52
T, Generic	inter-laminar	0.19	clip yld	0.15
T, Slanted	inter-laminar	0.45	clip yld	0.14
K, Generic	inter-laminar	0.21	tube in-plane	0.28
K, NIRSpec	inter-laminar	0.04	clip yld	0.43
Diagonal, Half Gusset, 1 Clip	inter-laminar	0.02	clip yld	0.14
Diagonal, Full Gusset, 2 Clips	inter-laminar	0.03	clip yld	0.38
KT	inter-laminar	0.04	clip yld	0.15

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Deformed Geometry: Cooldown to 32 K



- Distortion analysis completed to assess performance with respect to alignment and stability requirements.
- Alignment/Relative Motion:
  - ♦ Instrument pad motions limited under thermal (cooldown from room temperature to operating temperature) and gravity loading.
- Stability:
  - ♦ Instrument pad motions limited under thermal loading (0.25 K temperature change at operating temperature).
- ISIM/OTE Interface Loads:
  - ♦ Forces and moments limited for both cooldown and operational stability.

Performance Summary

	Alignment/Relative Motion (Updated Post-PCR Results)	Operational Stability (PCR Results)
FOS	-Pad motion meets optical budget requirement in all 6 DOF wrt ref B -SI pad-to-pad motion and between bipoles meets budget requirements	-Motion meets stability budget
MIRI	-Pad motion meets optical budget requirement in all 6 DOF wrt ref B -SI pad-to-pad motion meets budget requirements	-Motion meets stability budget
NIRCam	-Pad motion meets optical budget requirement in all 6 DOF wrt ref B -SI pad-to-pad motion meets budget requirements	-Motion meets stability budget
NIRSpec	-Pad motion meets optical budget requirement in all 6 DOF wrt ref B -SI pad-to-pad motion meets budget requirements	-Motion meets stability budget
ISIM KM	-Meets force-moment curve	-Meets force-moment curve

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- ISIM primary structure has been designed and sized to meet the challenging requirements of Launch Stiffness & Strength given:
  - ♦ Difficult design constraints including;
    - SI integration access,
    - SI and OTE Interfaces,
    - Tight structure weight budget
  - ♦ And the other conflicting Structural Requirements namely;
    - Thermal Survivability under cryogenic cool-down cycles to 22 K
    - Alignment Performance under cool-down to and during operation at 32 K
- Simple Loads FEM proved to be very effective & efficient in guiding structure design
  - ♦ Concept & Trade Studies
  - ♦ Tube wall thickness optimization

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