# Flexure Concepts for 40K

# Metered Flexure Mount of Hardware for Cryogenic Testing

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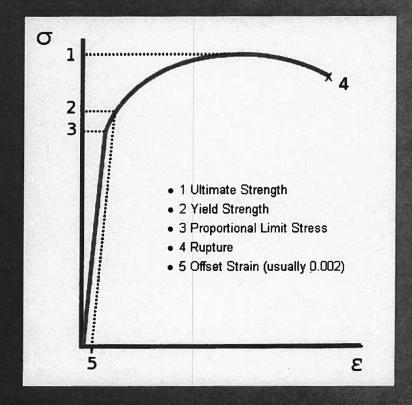
# **Design Challenge**

- How do you kinematically mount an ultralow CTE optical assembly for sub-40K metrology?
  - Factors of Safety of 3 on Yield / 5 on Ultimate
  - Typical Mounting materials are aluminum or stainless steel
  - Optical Assembly CTE: Aluminum CTE = 8
  - Optical Assembly CTE: SS CTE = 6

### **Yield vs Ultimate Strength**

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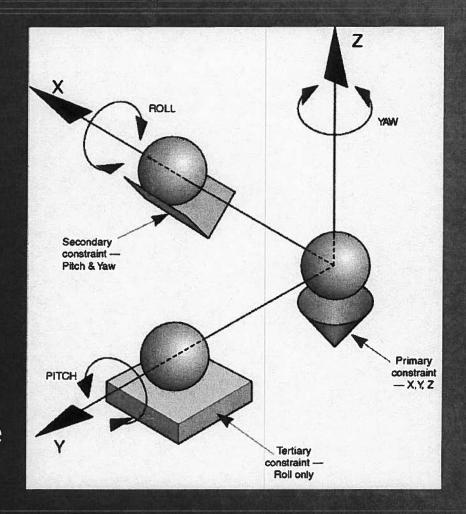
- Yield Strength: the stress at which a material begins to deform plastically
- Ultimate Strength: the maximum stress that a material can withstand while being stretched/pulled before plastic deformation



### Kinematic Mount Review

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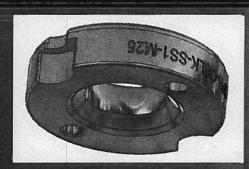
- Constrain 6 degrees of freedom (6-DOF) ... no more, no less
- Mounting system cannot impart a moment on the payload
- Only rigid body motions are observed in payload
- Disadvantages
  - Point Contact
  - Invariant Point is Ball in Cone

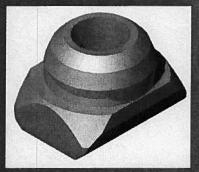


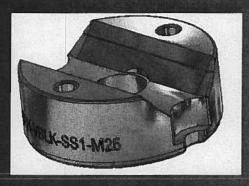
### 2-2-2 Kinematic Mount

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- Ball in a Cone (3-DOF)
- Cylinder in a Groove (2-DOF)
- Advantages ...
  - Same assembly at all three locations (modularity)
  - Line Contact distributes stress for increased load capacity
  - Invariant Point is chosen by designer



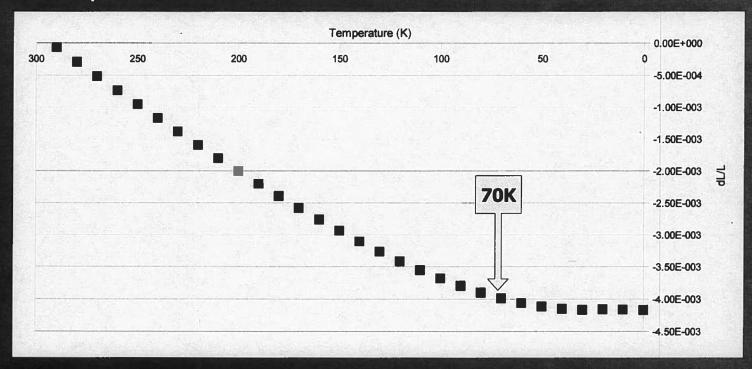




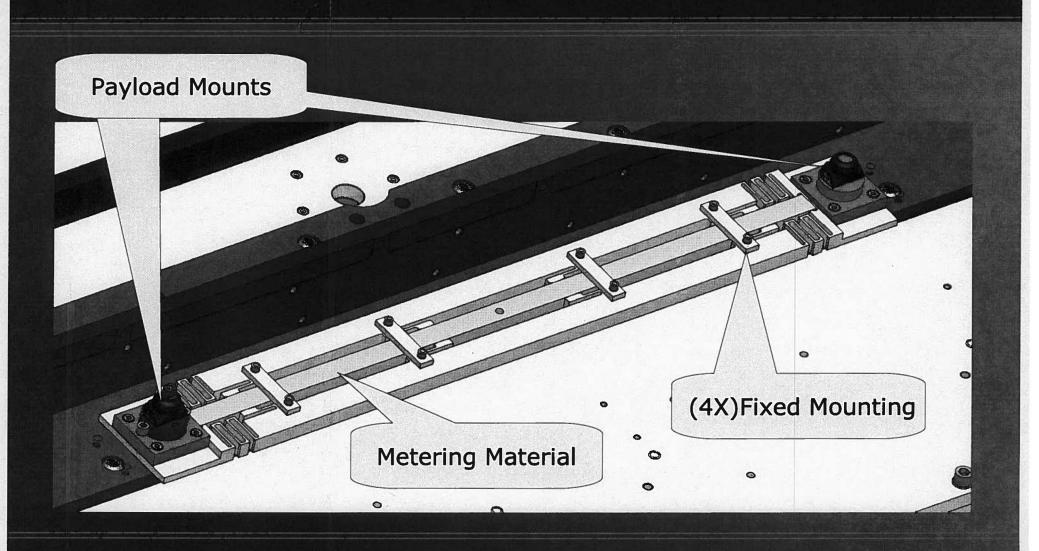
### Sub-40K Target / 70K Properties

Material Property Reference: MIL-HDBK-5H, 1 Dec 1998 p3-364 and F.R. Schwartzberg, S.H. Osgood, R.G. Herzog, M. Knight, Cryogenic Materials Data Handbook (revised), v1, sections A, B, C, AFML-TDR-64-280, AD713619 (1970)

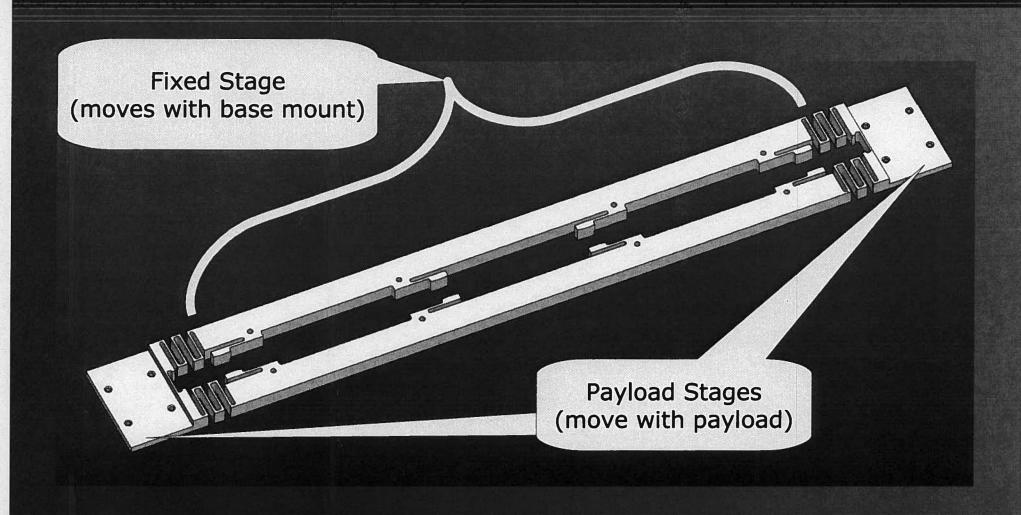
#### At 70K, deformation is at 95%



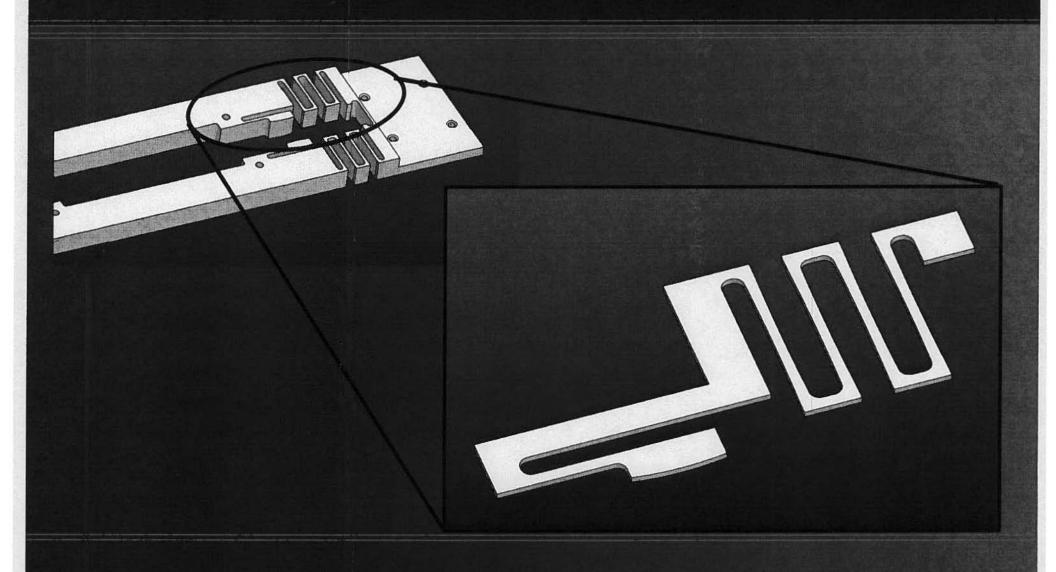
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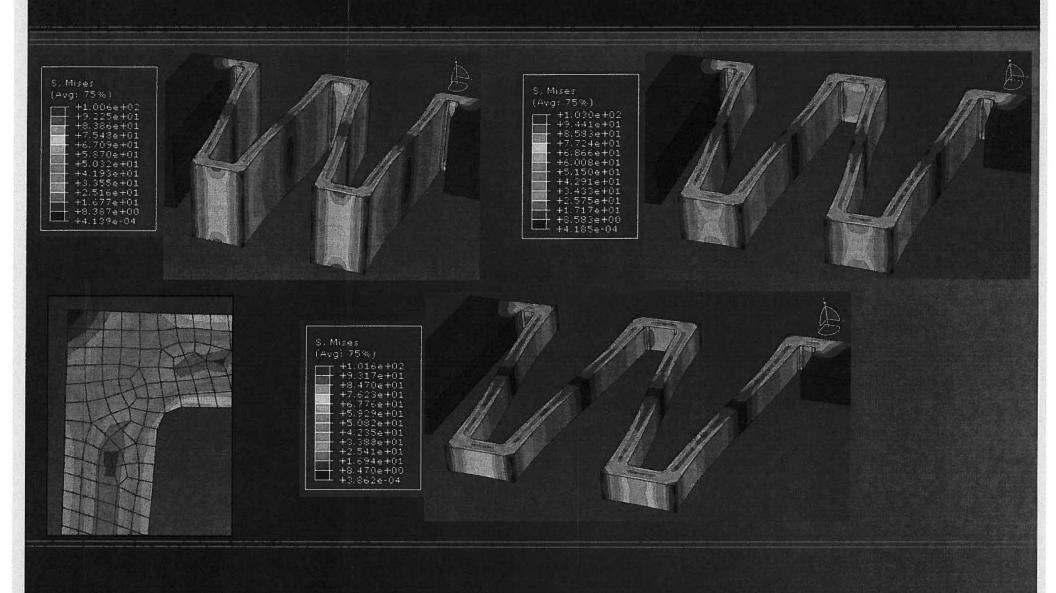
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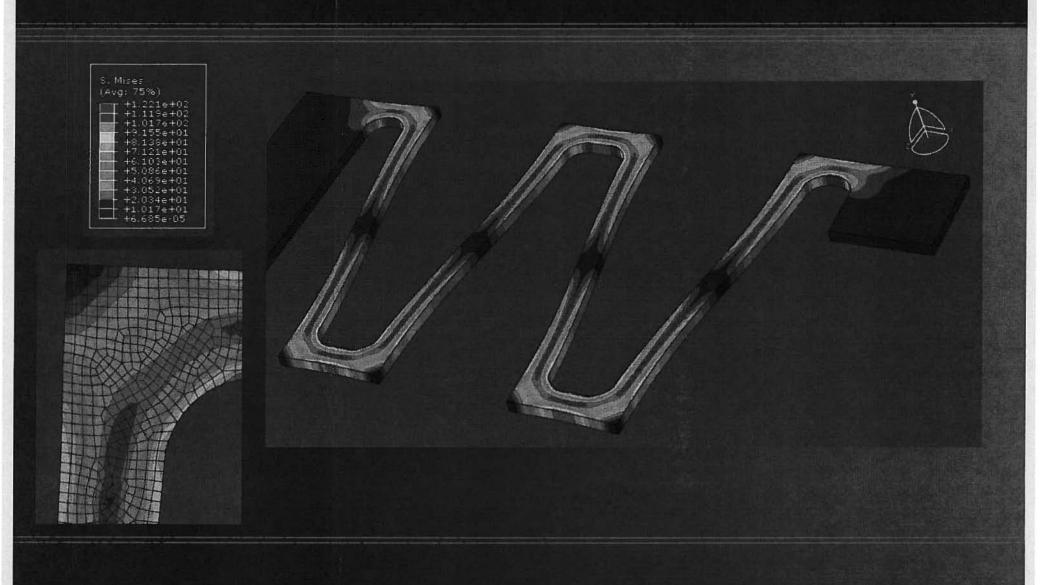
# **Symmetry Helps with Analysis**



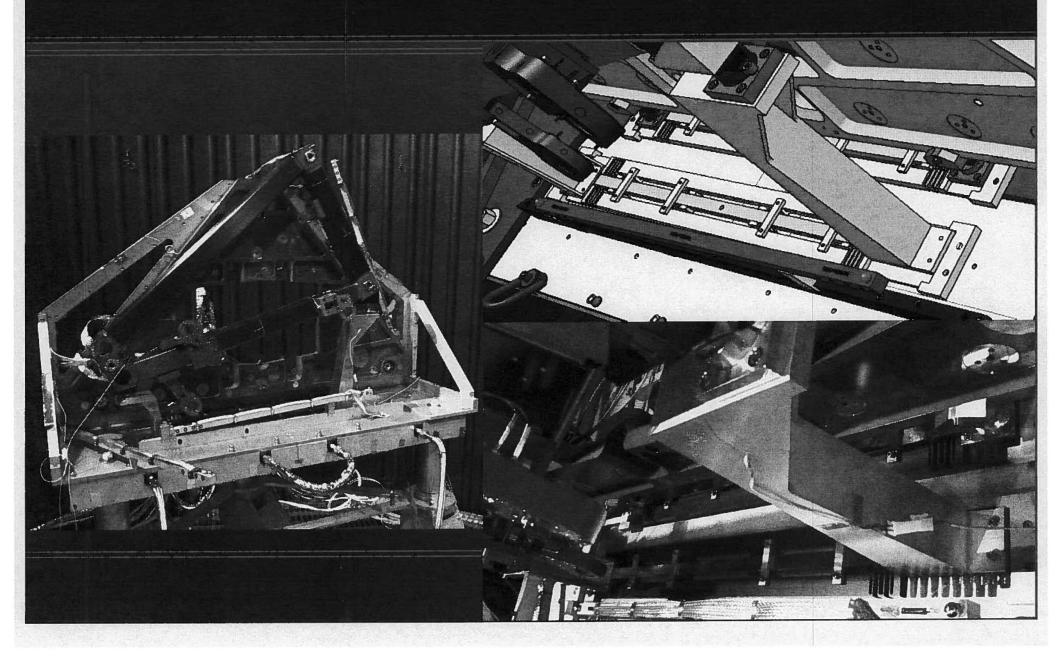
### Is this a 2D Problem?



# Final Analsys Run



# Did It Work?



### What's Next?

 Metered Flexure Mount in 6-DOF System

