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# Transition From Centroid-based to Landmark-based Optical Navigation during OSIRIS-REx Navigation Campaign at Asteroid Bennu

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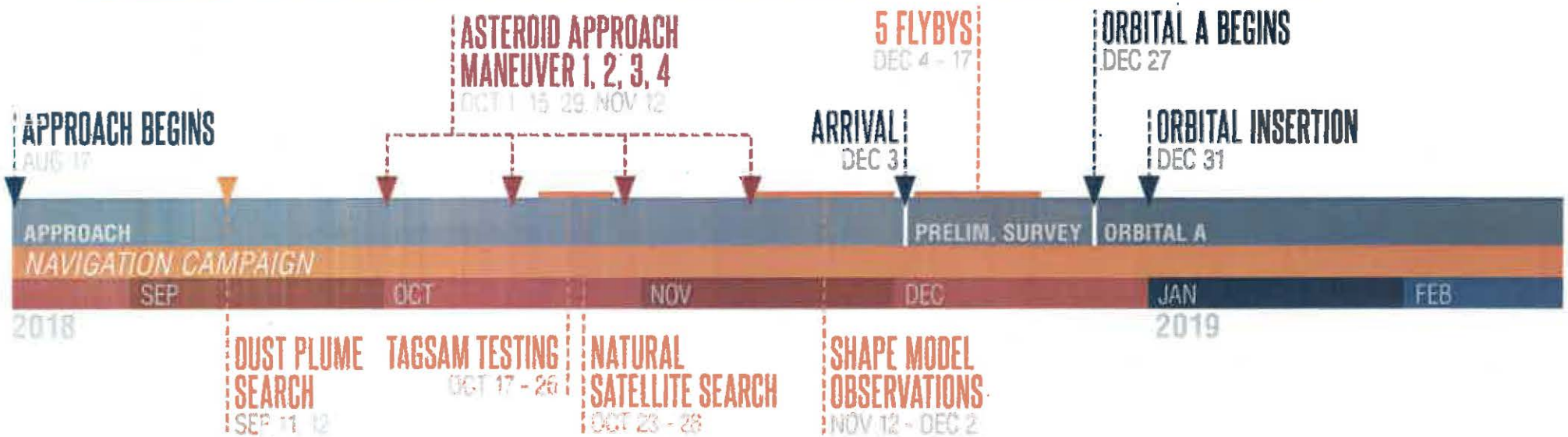
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# Navigation Campaign Overview



- Centroid-based OpNav utilized throughout Nav Campaign
- Landmark-based OpNav begins officially in Orbital A, with some preliminary work during Preliminary Survey
- Shape model development during Orbital A:
  - spc075draft.v1 delivered on 12/27
  - spc075draft.v7 delivered on 1/10 after first iteration with FDS
  - spc075draft.v9 delivered on 1/20 after second iteration with FDS

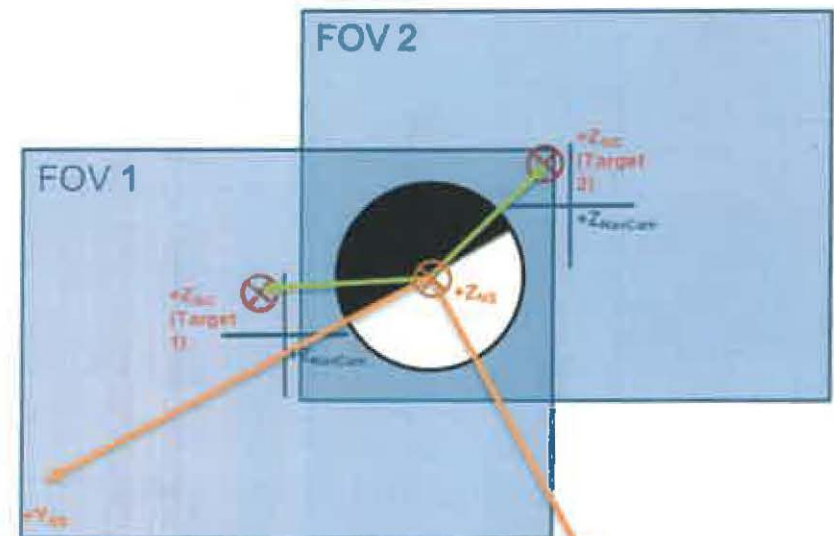


# Orbital A OpNav Imaging Plan



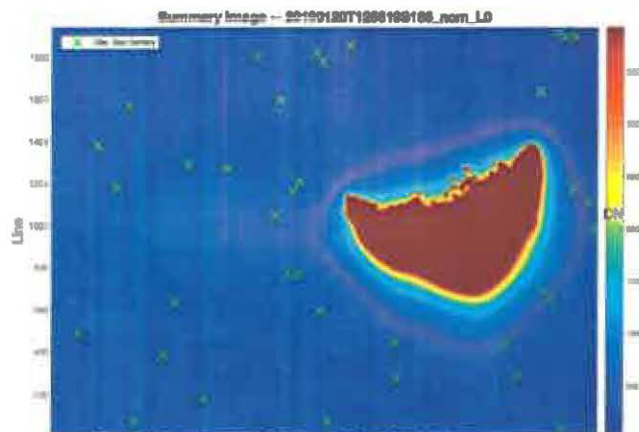
- Two-hour imaging cadence
- 2 long-short image pairs at each 2x1 mosaic target
  - Ephemeris-relative targeting along spacecraft's down-track direction (largest predictive uncertainties)
  - GNC enables gyro-only propagation mode to minimize noise in attitude data sampling
- Attitude is
  - estimated from stars in long exposure
  - propagated via reconstructed attitude to short exposure image (~7 seconds earlier)
- OpNav observables computed from short exposure

## 2x1 Mosaic Schematic



	NavCams 1 & 2
FOV (°)	44 x 32
IFOV (μrad/px)	280
Detector size (px)	2592x1944
Aperture (mm)	2.28
F/#	3.5
Focal length (mm)	7.6
Pixel size (microns)	2.2x2.2

## Long Exposure image of Bennu and Stars



Orbit A Top View  
2018/12/31 10:11:00.0000 UTC

Orbit Insertion Burn #3

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Orbit A Side View

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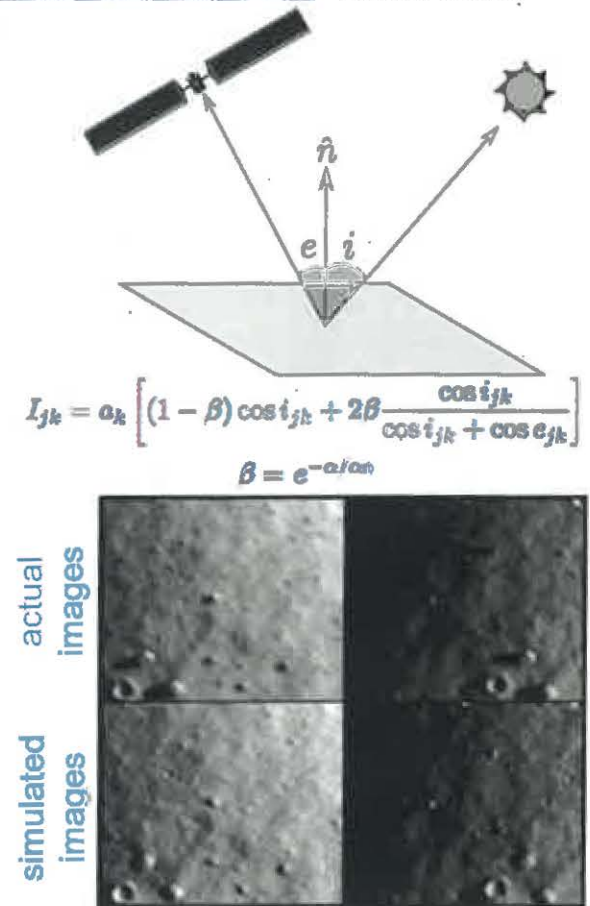
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## SPC Overview



- Stereophotoclinometry (SPC) is a technique for performing relative navigation using terrain features of a body (e.g., Bennu)
  - **Stereo** refers to the use of multiple images to determine a feature location
  - **Photoclinometry** refers to the method of “shape through shading”, i.e., determining topographic features through apparent brightness, slopes, and albedo
- Shape model developed by OSIRIS-REx Altimetry Working Group
- FORTRAN utilities used to compare simulated and actual images in order to construct 2D bearing measurements (expressed in the camera frame) to known landmark locations





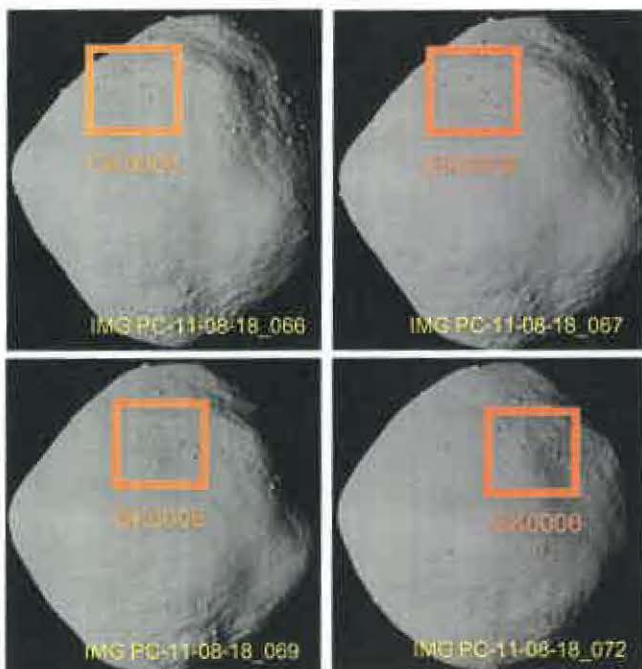


## SPC Processes



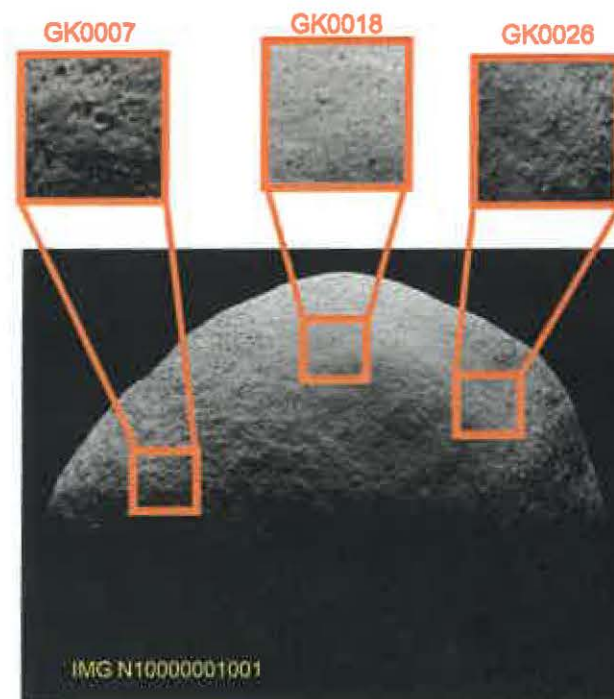
- **Step 1: Maplet Construction**

- ALTWG Team builds a set of maplets using multiple images per maplet



- **Step 2: Using Maplets for Navigation**

- Navigation Team identifies and precisely locates multiple maplets in a single image

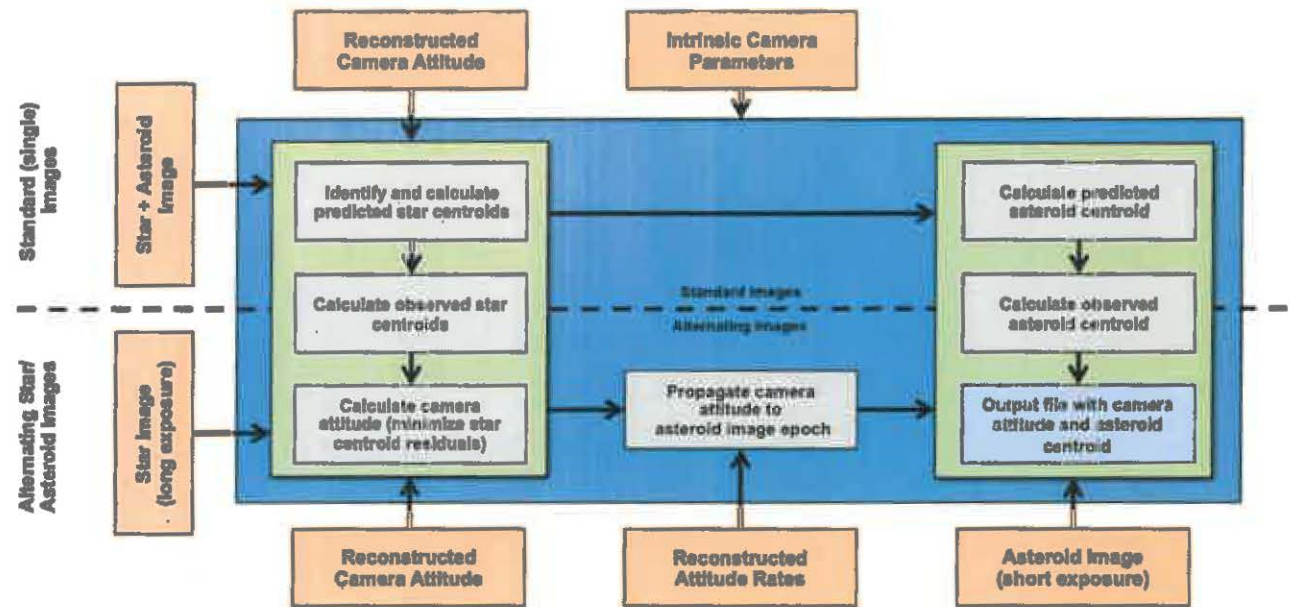




# Centroid-based Optical Navigation Techniques



- Centroid-based optical navigation
  - Centroids of stars are calculated and used to determine inertial attitude of the camera at the image epoch
  - Observed centroid of the target is calculated using centerfinding algorithm
  - Camera attitude and residual between the predicted and observed target centroid are then used to estimate a solution for the body-relative spacecraft state
- KinetX Image Processing software suite (KXIMP)
  - Consists of a suite of MATLAB functions and scripts used to calculate centroid-based OpNav observables
  - KXIMP ingests images of the target and background stars, determines centroids of visible stars and targets in the field, calculates the inertial camera attitude, and packages the relevant data into an output file that is passed to the primary OD filter software



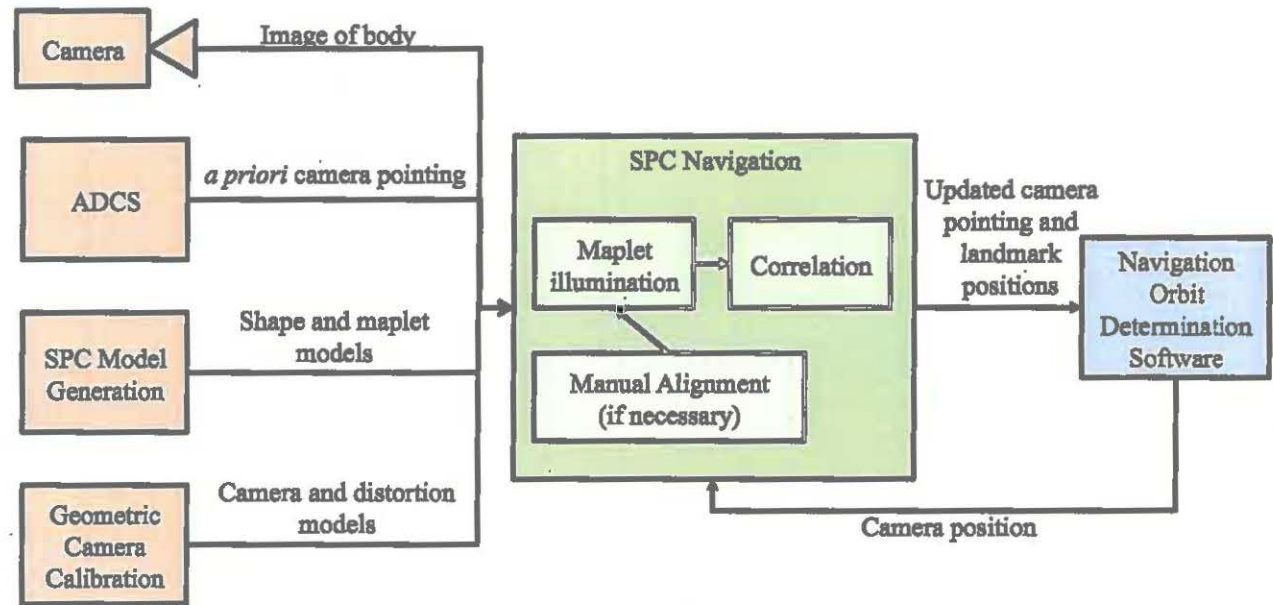
KinetX KXIMP OpNav Software Processing Flow



# Landmark Optical Navigation Techniques



- **Landmark Optical Navigation**
  - The use of landmarks on the body to solve for both the body and spacecraft position in the presence of pointing knowledge errors.
  - If the pointing knowledge uncertainties are large, it requires a large FOV to capture large enough span of landmarks in the image to break the degeneracy between pointing and position errors.
- **SPC (Stereophotoclinometry) Software**
  - Landmark OpNav processing tool developed by Bob Gaskell that is used during Orbital A through TAG
  - Identifies and estimates landmark positions and pointing in OpNav images
  - Generates optical regres file to be incorporated into OD process
  - Also used by science team to generate shape model and terrain maps



SPC Landmark OpNav Software Processing Flow



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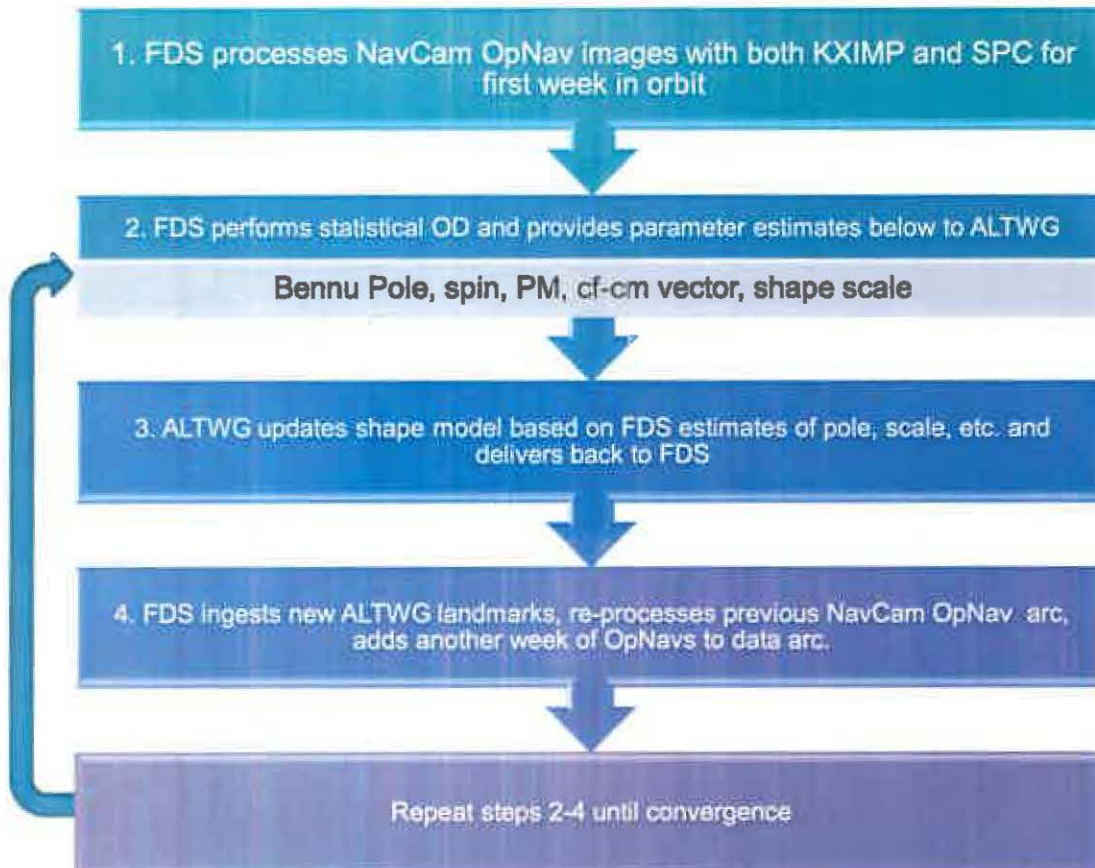
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# ALTWG-FDS Shape Model-Landmark Iteration



- The Altimetry working group (ALTWG) is responsible for developing and delivering the asteroid shape model and DTMs at various resolutions.
- Iteration between FDS and ALTWG will be required to:
  - Ensure shape model development is closely tied to best OD solutions
  - Resolve coordinate frame, pole offsets and spin rate
  - Ensure shape model is properly scaled
  - Identify and fix problem landmarks/regions
  - Successfully complete transition to landmark-Nav
- Two iterations were required during Orbital A during the 3-week transition period
- Shape model/landmarks developed by JPL Nav Team provided independent source of landmark data that was also assessed by the FDS team



## Transition to Landmark Navigation



- Orbit A is the best time to perform the transition from centroid-based to landmark OpNav.
  - Operationally less intensive with fewer maneuvers and ephemeris updates
  - Orbital phase transition period allows overlap comparisons between the two OpNav techniques
- Landmark Transition Success Criteria:
  - Predicted trajectory state errors meet the accuracies required for Detailed Survey science observations
  - Reconstructed OD accuracy
    - Landmark-based-reconstructed trajectories improved over star-based-reconstructed solutions
  - Predictive OD accuracy
    - Predictions from landmark based OD solutions improved over centerfinding
  - Landmark residuals have converged and consistent with shape model requirements
  - Bennu geophysical parameters have converged to within expected uncertainties





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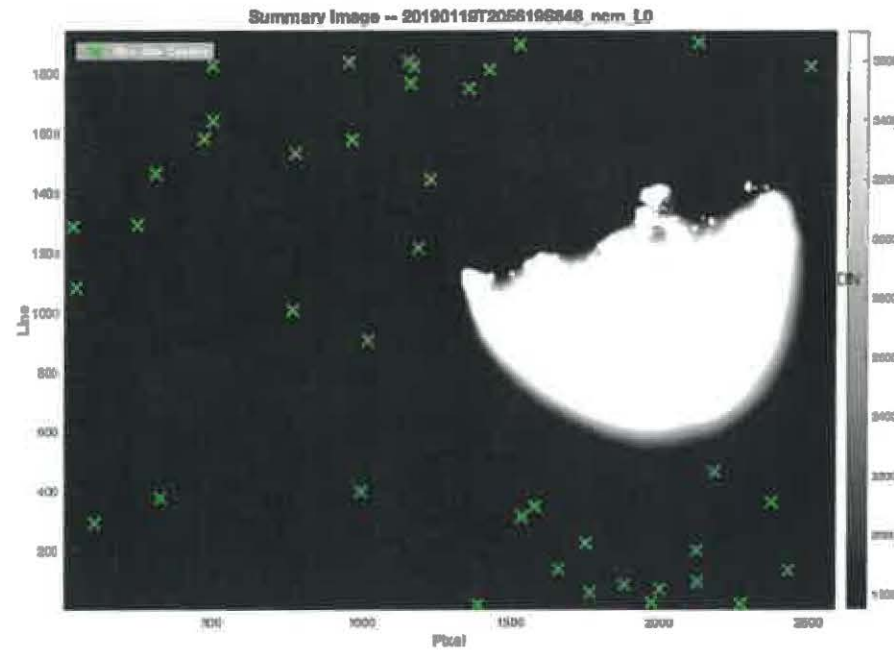
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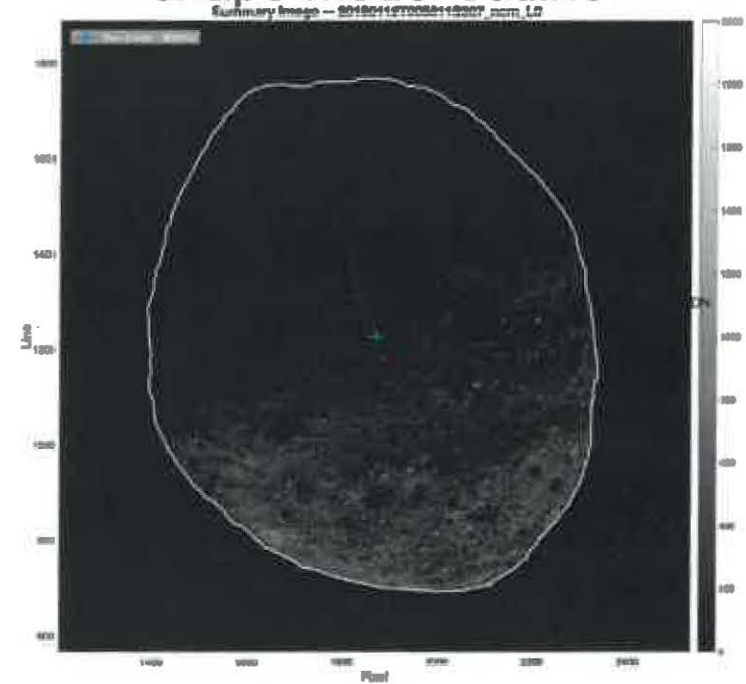
# Exceptional KXIMP Centerfinding Performance



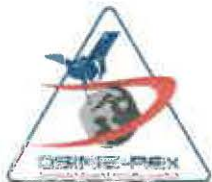
### KXIMP star solution results



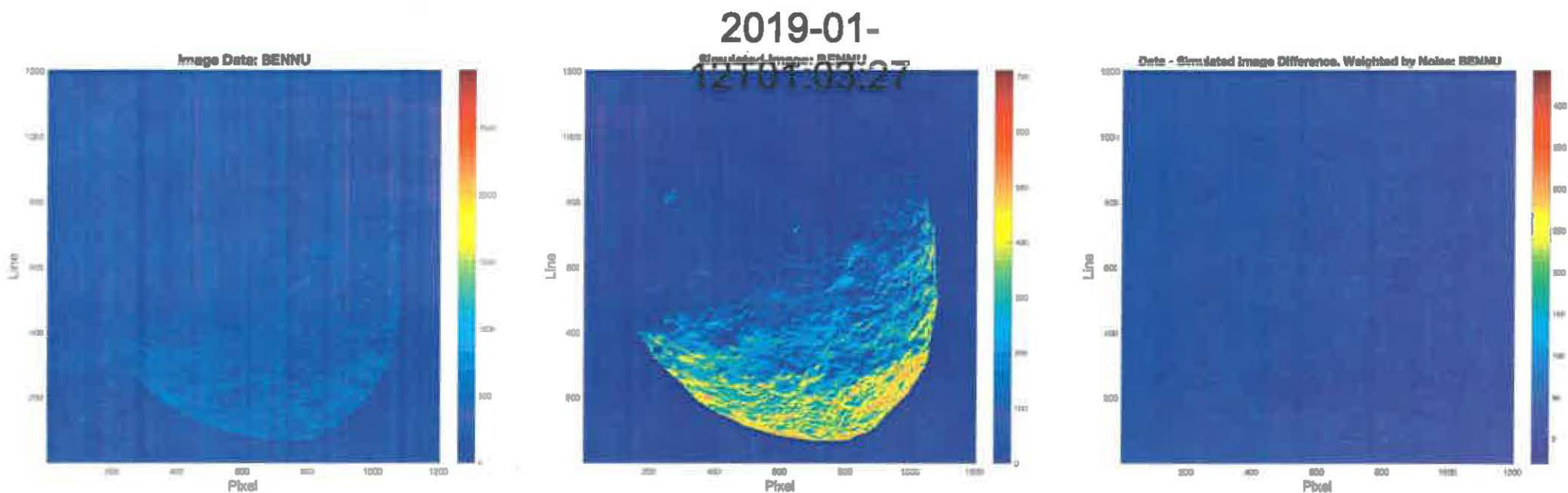
### KXIMP centroid results with shape model outline.







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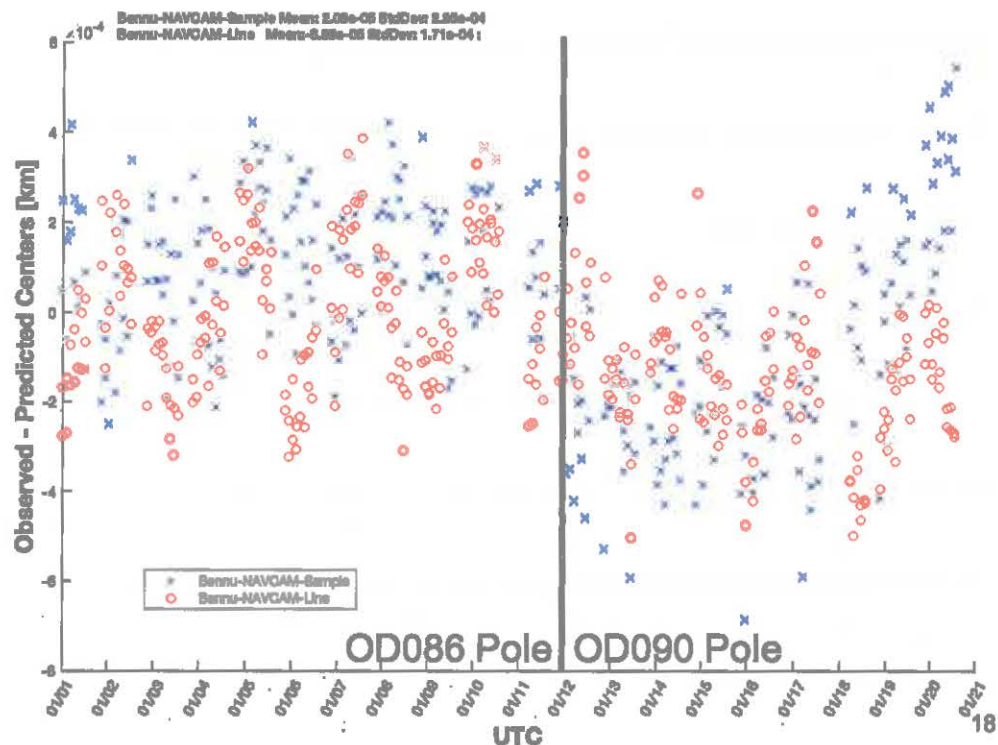
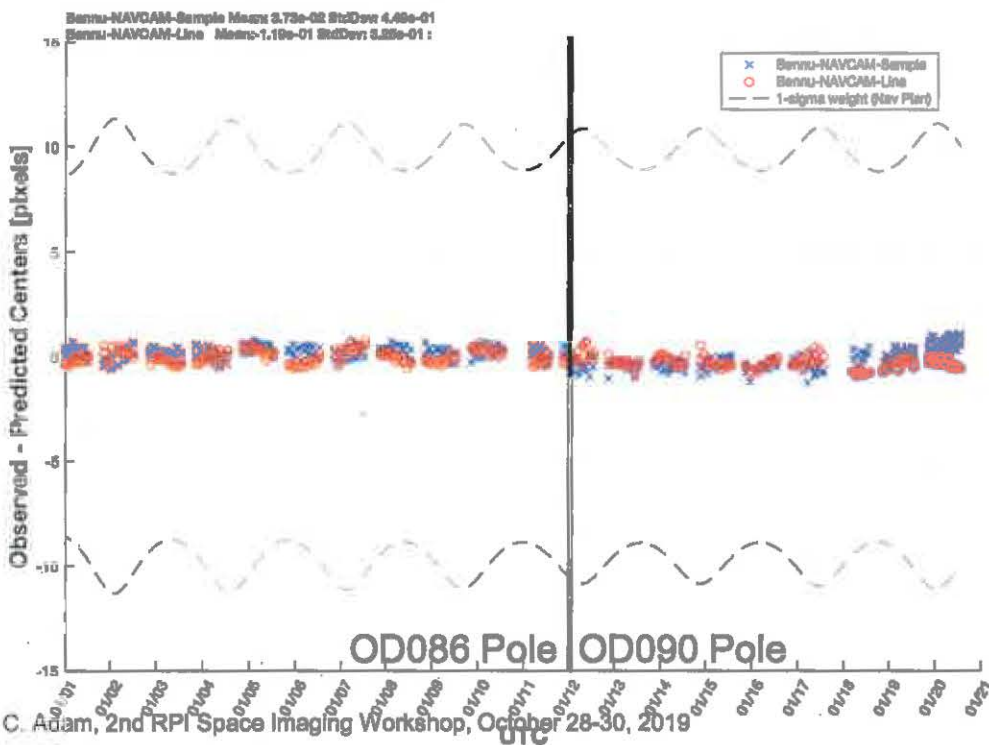




# Exceptional KXIMP Centerfinding Performance



- Analysis assumed  $\sim 10\text{px}$ , 1-sigma ( $1\text{px} + 1\%$  of Body Diameter).
- Residual performance has been  $< 0.5\text{px}$  or  $< 30\text{cm}$ , 1-sigma (**0.06%** of Body Diameter).





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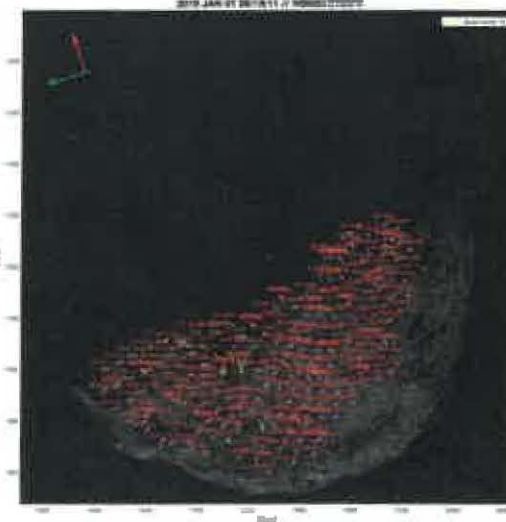
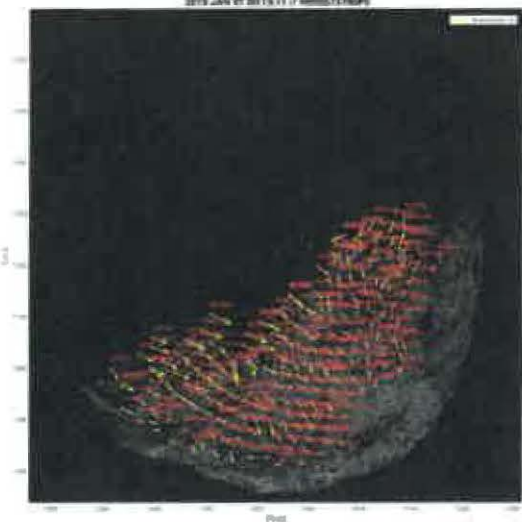
# Residual Quiver Plot Comparison between 3 delivered ALWTG models (two iterations with FDS)



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**Model: spc075draft.v7  
delivered 1/10**

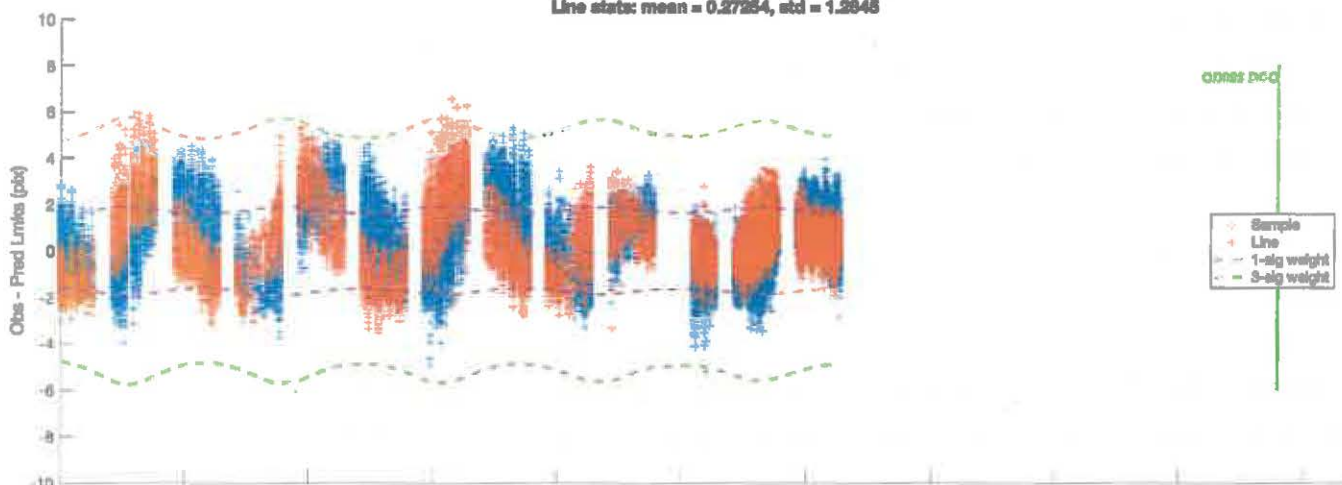
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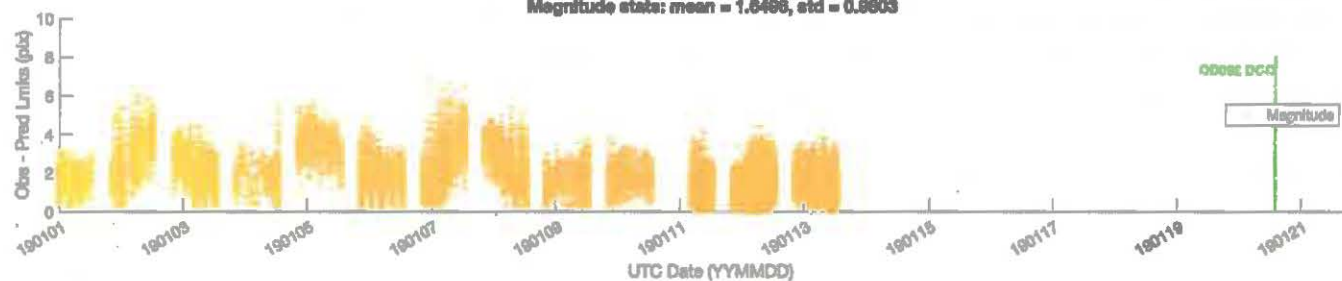


Landmark Residuals wrt OD092 Traj and SPC Att  
Sample stats: mean = 0.37047, std = 1.3881  
Line stats: mean = 0.27254, std = 1.2845



**First model shows structure due to pole and center of coordinate frame errors**

Magnitude stats: mean = 1.6496, std = 0.9803

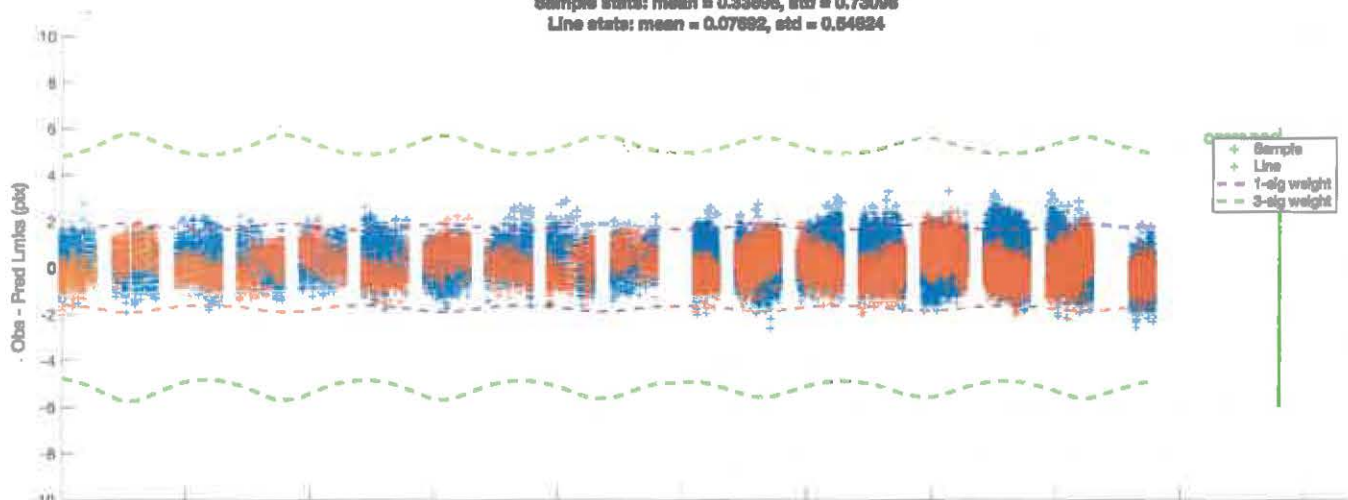




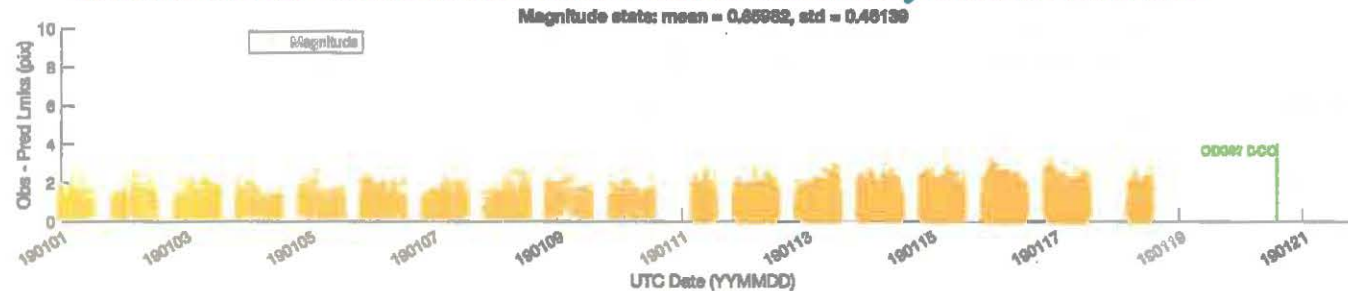
# OLM004\_spc075draft.v7 Px/Ln Residuals w.r.t OD092



Landmark Residuals wrt OD092 Traj and SPC Att  
Sample stats: mean = 0.33896, std = 0.73098  
Line stats: mean = 0.07692, std = 0.54624



**Second model shows reduced residual levels and systematic structure**

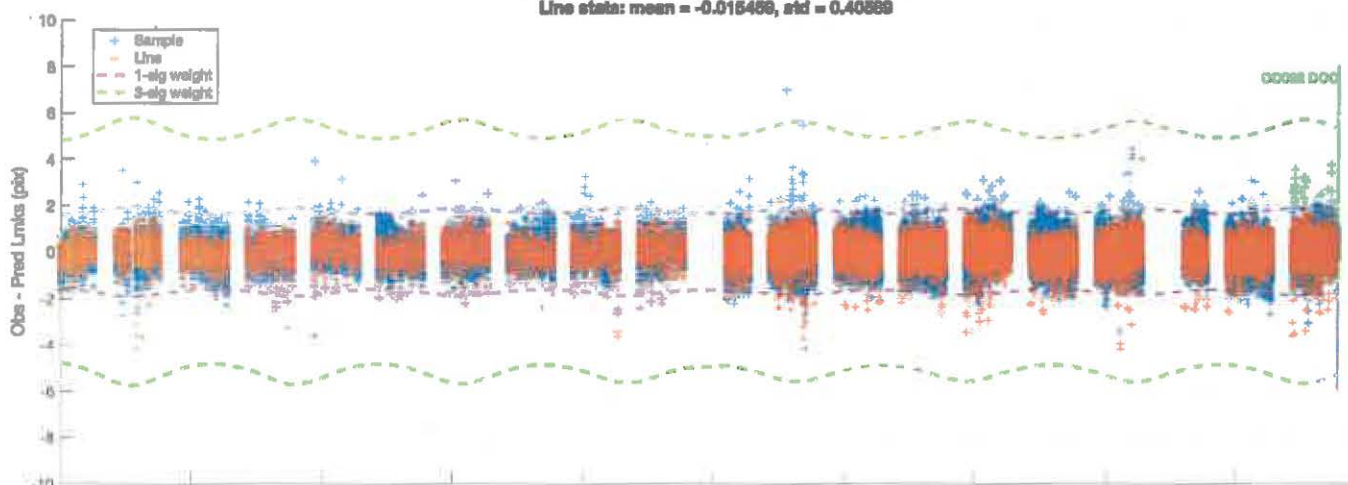




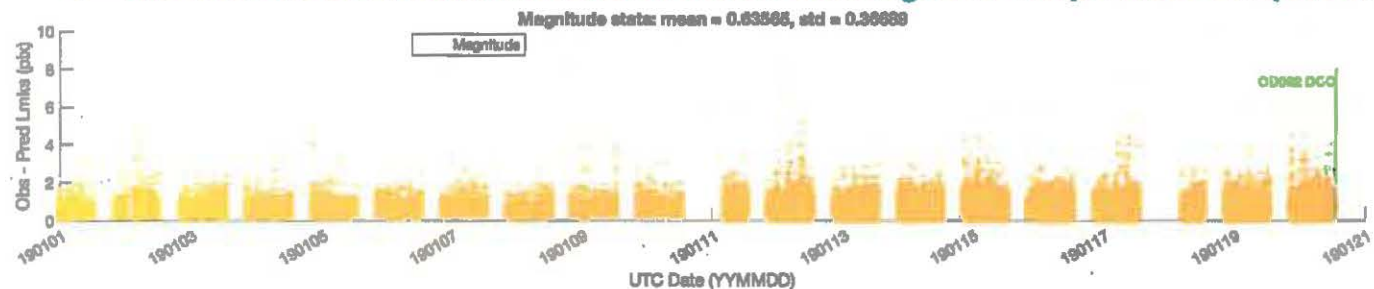
# OLM001\_spc075draft.v9 Px/Ln Residuals w.r.t OD092



Landmark Residuals wrt OD092 Traj and SPC Att  
Sample stats: mean = -0.0077898, std = 0.81124  
Line stats: mean = -0.015488, std = 0.40889



**3<sup>rd</sup> and final model landmark residuals have converged to shape model requirements**



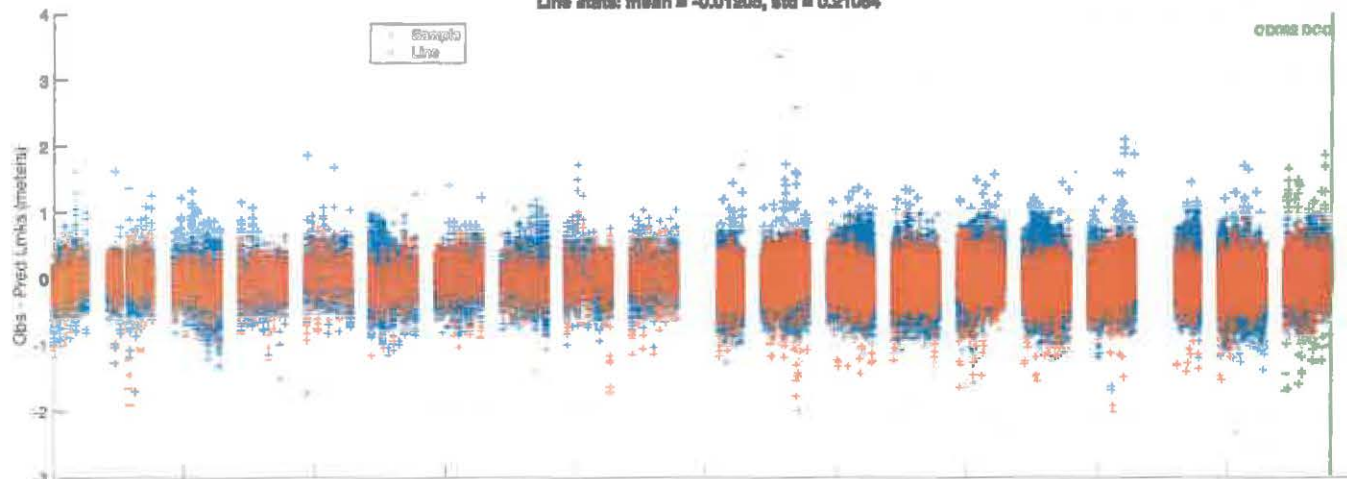




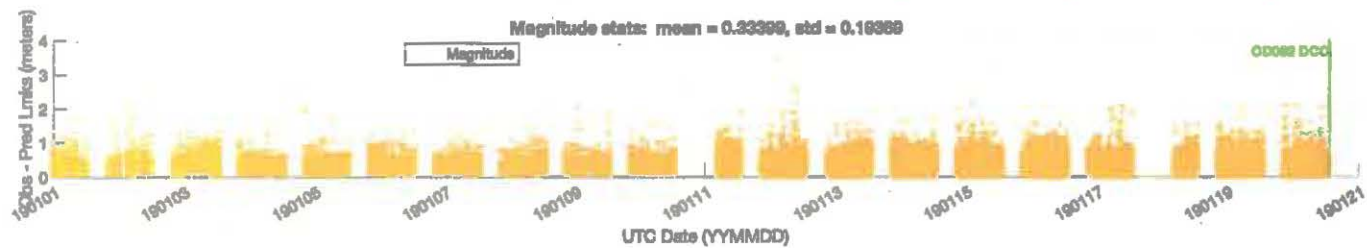
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Landmark Residuals wrt OD092 Traj and SPC Att  
Sample stats: mean = -0.0029202, std = 0.32346  
Line stats: mean = -0.01925, std = 0.21084



**3<sup>rd</sup> and final model landmark residuals have converged to shape model requirements**





## Conclusions



- **Centroid-based OpNav performance was exceptional throughout Approach, PS, and Orbit A**
  - This performance was enabled due in part to the exceptional fidelity of the Nolan model early in approach, and the early limber and SPC models delivered by ALTWG
  - Early shape model deliveries helped improve the OpNavs and OD on Approach and Preliminary Survey which fed back into the shape model building. Alleviated trajectory errors which fed back into better shape formulation.
- **Landmarks from ALTWG are meeting the primary 75 cm requirement**
  - ALTWG model landmarks are good to ~52 cm 1-sigma. When corrected, landmarks are good to ~16 cm 1-sigma (2 iterations between ALTWG and FDS)
- **Orbit determination performance in Orbital A exceeded pre-mission expectations, due in part to:**
  - Centroid-based OD solutions performing as well as Landmark-based solutions
  - Landmarks allowed for better estimation/convergence of Bennu geophysical parameters than centroid solutions (CF/CM offset, Pole, rotation rate)
  - Landmarks allowed us to identify small errors in the centroid models and when corrected produce consistent trajectories and parameter estimates



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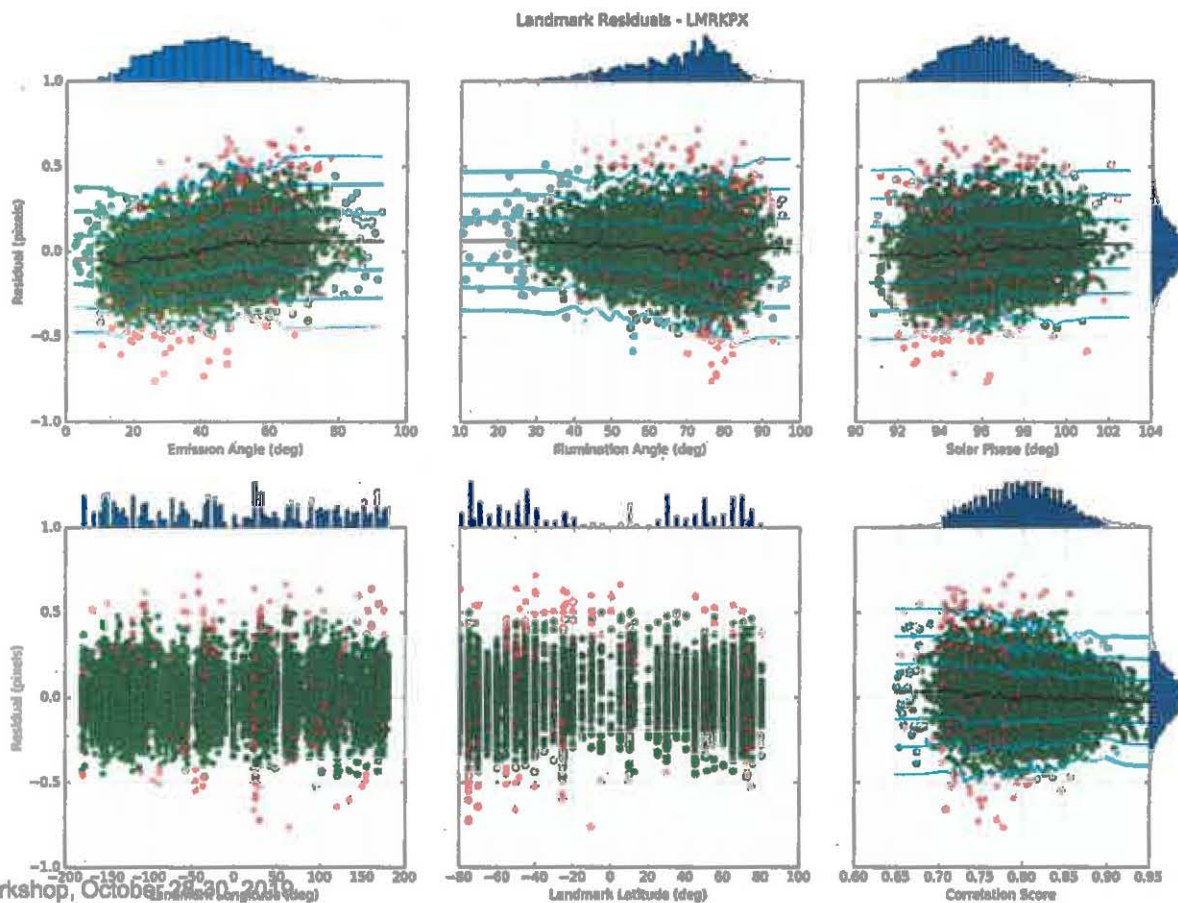
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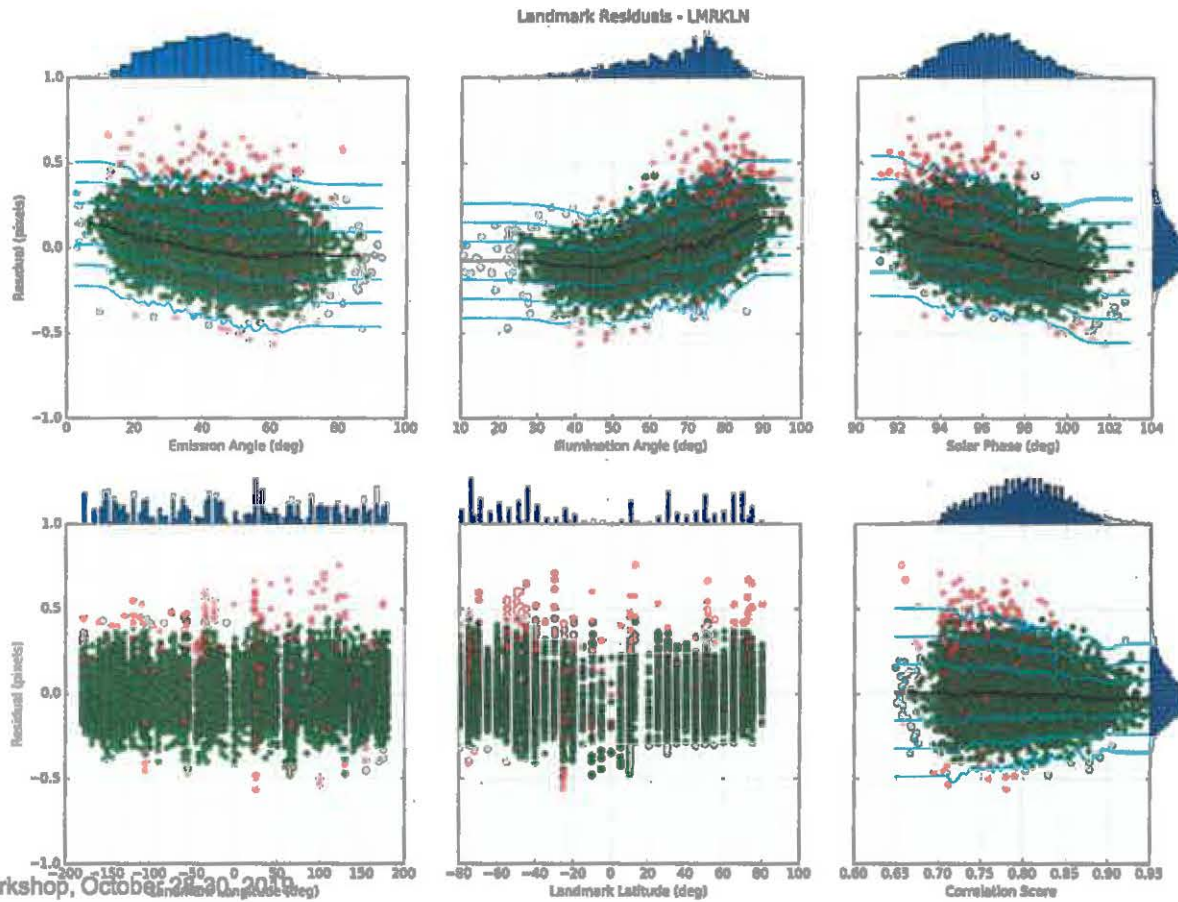


# Landmark Residuals - Pixel





# Landmark Residuals - Line

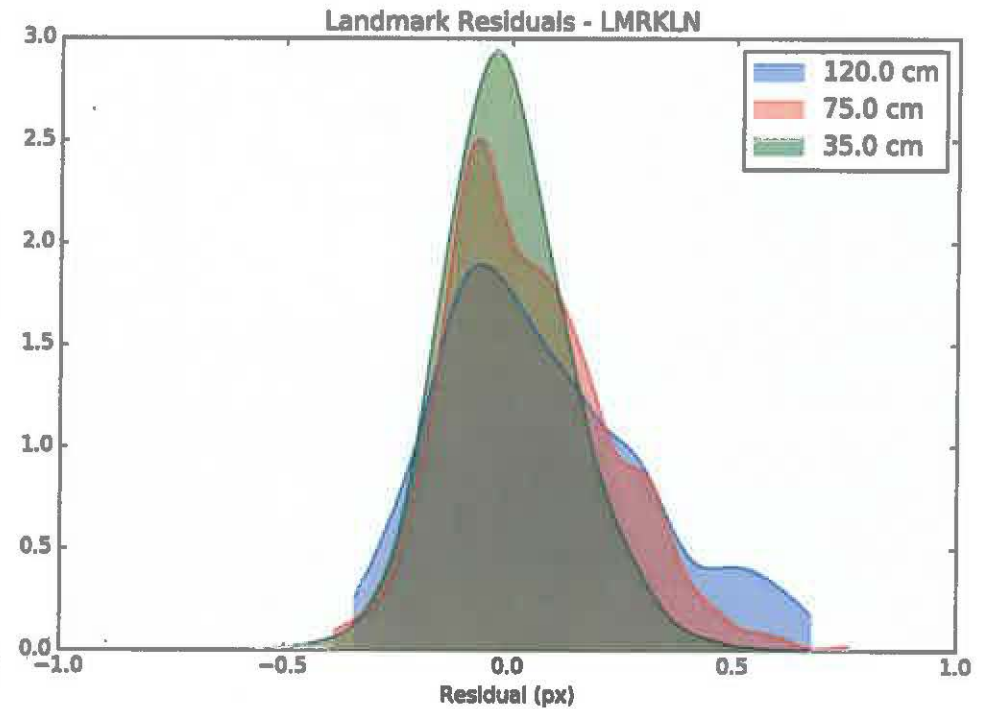
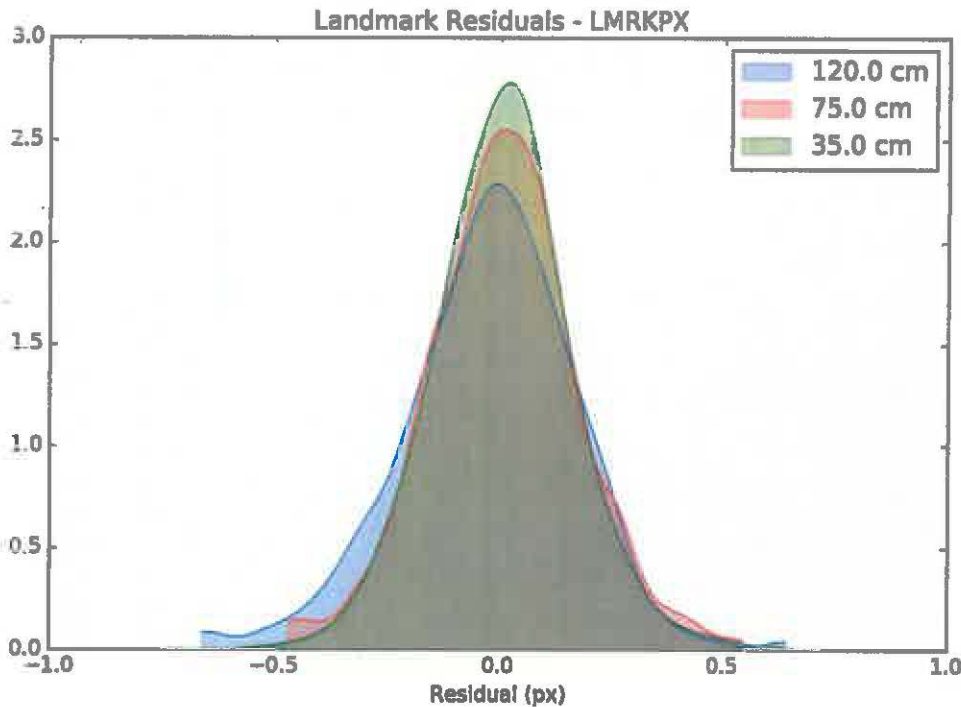




# Shape Model Resolution



- FDS is not seeing a significant difference in the landmark residuals based on maplet resolution when landmarks locations are corrected





# ALTWG Global Altitude Correction

