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ABSTRACT

This report gives a detailed preliminary design and complete performance evaluation of an 11-channel large aperture scanning radiometer antenna for the Shuttle Imaging Microwave System (SIMS) Program. Provisions for interfacing the antenna with the Space Shuttle Orbiter are presented and discussed. A program plan for hardware development and a rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost are also included.

The conceptual design of the antenna is first presented. It consists of a four-meter diameter parabolic torus main reflector, which is a graphite/epoxy shell supported by a graphite/epoxy truss. A rotating feed wheel assembly supports six Gregorian subreflectors covering the upper eight frequency channels from 6.6 GHz through 118.7 GHz, and two three-channel prime focus feed assemblies for 0.6, 1.4, and 2.7 GHz. The feed wheel assembly also holds the radiometers and power supplies, and a drive system using a 400 Hz synchronous motor is described.

The RF analysis of the antenna is performed using physical optics procedures for both the dual reflector Gregorian concept and the single reflector prime focus concept. A unique aberration correcting feed for 2.7 GHz is analyzed. A structural analysis is also included. The analyses indicate that the antenna will meet system requirements.
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Shuttle Imaging Microwave System (SIMS) is a multi-channel, high resolution, passive radiometer for observations of thermal emission from the Earth's atmosphere and surface. It is being designed to fit within the Space Shuttle payload. The Shuttle will be in an earth viewing orbit with its axis in the direction of flight. The SIMS antenna beam will be scanned in a plane normal to the flight vector while orbital motion will provide scanning in the orthogonal direction. The large payload of the Shuttle allows a much larger antenna than possible on previous space vehicles. This larger antenna structure will provide increased resolution and in addition will make possible the use of longer wavelengths not previously used for earth observations.

The purpose of this study was to study, investigate and recommend a suitable antenna concept which will be referred to as SIMS-A. This conceptual design must provide simultaneous operation at eleven frequencies from 0.610 GHz to 118.7 GHz. In addition, it was desirable that the primary collimator be capable of operating at frequencies up to 300 GHz. The 11 channelized frequencies for this concept—SIMS-A (Alternative 1)—are:

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<th>Channel</th>
<th>Frequency (GHz)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.610</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>1.413</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2.695</td>
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<td>6.6</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>53.0</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>94.0</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>118.7</td>
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It was also desirable that a five-channel system (4, 5, 7, 8 and 10) be considered. This system, referred to as SIMS-A (Alternative 2), must have growth capability to Alternative 1.

The frequency spectrum requirements imply a true-time delay optical type collimating system. Each channel is relatively narrow band so that a multiplicity of channelized feeds will adequately provide the desired frequency coverage. For these reasons the prime candidate solution to the SIMS-A requirements was a parabolic torus reflector with a rotating feed wheel containing Gregorian sub-reflector feeds for the high frequency channels and point source focal plane feeds for the lower frequency channels. It was a requirement to perform a design study and performance analysis of this prime candidate and any suitable alternative concept approved by JPL.
Primary emphasis of the design study was to achieve a conceptual design with the following properties:

- Maximum main beam efficiency > 90 percent
- Minimum insertion loss
- Simplicity of mechanical construction (consistent with performance requirements)
- Minimal cost
- Space Shuttle payload compatibility

Significant output requirements of the study were to include: discussions of results of all analyses; specifications, drawings and description of the recommended antenna system; and a rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost estimate for each alternative.

Volume I contains all of the technical results while Volume II presents a recommended program plan, schedule and ROM cost estimate. Section 2 of Volume I gives a detailed description of the antenna, its performance characteristics, and the Shuttle/SIMS interface characteristics and considerations. Section 3 presents the design approach and all analyses upon which the conceptual design is based. Section 4 is a discussion of considerations which will be significant in developing a test program for an antenna of this size and frequency bandwidth with an intended use in the Space Shuttle. Conclusions and recommendations which have resulted from this study are found in Sections 5 and 6 respectively.
2. ANTENNA CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This specification describes an antenna which meets all of the functional requirements of Exhibit I entitled "SIMS-A Antenna Study Requirements" dated January 7, 1975, and conforms to JSC 07700, Volume XIV, Revision C, Change No. 11, entitled Space Shuttle System Payload Accommodations. Section 2.2 presents a description of the antenna and Section 2.3 provides the performance characteristics of the baseline antenna.

*For convenience, reference to this document will be identified simply as JSC 07700.
2.2.1 Electrical (RF) Specifications

2.2.1.1 General

The antenna operates on eleven frequency channels from 0.61 GHz to 118.7 GHz. It is composed of an offset-fed parabolic torus reflector fed by a number of aberration correcting feeds spaced around a rotating feed wheel. In operation, continuous rotation of the feed wheel scans the antenna beams in the cross-track direction, called azimuth for simplicity. The along-track direction is called elevation. During the portion of the scan when the feeds are not illuminating the reflector, the entire feed assembly passes through a three-sided enclosure which gives reference temperatures for calibration purposes.

2.2.1.2 Specific Item Descriptions

Main Reflector

The main reflector is a parabolic torus with a diameter of 4m and a height of 2m. The bottom of the reflector corresponds to the vertex of the parabola, which has a focal length of 1m. The reflector subtends 180 deg. in azimuth from its center.

Feed Systems

The rotating feed wheel contains a number of feed positions in its circumference. The predominant feed concept is a Gregorian subreflector with a horn primary feed. Dual concentric primary feeds are used in those cases where two bands share the same subreflector, and each feed is dual polarized. The primary feed in all cases can be a rectangular corrugated horn 2.6λ high and 1.5λ wide. A small flare angle is used to maintain less than 0.1λ path length error in the horn aperture. The various parameters (feed size, feed location, subreflector location, and surface contour) have been optimized as discussed in Paragraph 3.1.

The Gregorian approach is used at all frequencies for which overall performance is acceptable. Analysis indicates that for the lowest three frequencies another approach is required, and feeds located near the paraxial focus which directly illuminate the parabolic torus are utilized. These are called prime focus feeds. For the lowest frequency (0.61 GHz), a very simple feed with four dipoles spaced 0.63λ apart in a square lattice is used. For the second frequency (1.413 GHz), a narrower feed pattern is needed to minimize the effects of reflector aberration. A seven element dipole array (a central dipole surrounded by six dipoles located on a circle of radius 0.683λ) is used. The outer six dipoles are fed in phase and 6 dB lower in amplitude relative to the center one.

The effects of the relatively poor collimation of the parabolic torus are severe enough at 2.695 GHz that a relatively complex feed is required. The feed for that frequency is a 19-element slot array with the elements located on a triangular lattice and forming a hexagonal aperture. The amplitude and phase of the 19 slots have been optimized for best overall performance, as discussed in Paragraph 3.1.2.3.
Vertically polarized dipole arrays for 0.61 GHz and 1.413 GHz integrate well with a horizontally polarized slot array for 2.695 GHz, with the slot array forming the ground plane for the dipole arrays. The slot array, being cross polarized relative to the dipoles, can "look through" the dipoles with little degradation. A feed array with the opposite polarizations (0.61-H, 1.413-H, and 2.695-V) is located diametrically opposite on the feed wheel to give dual polarized operation.

The baseline configuration of all feeds on the feed wheel is shown in Figure 2-1. Eight locations spaced 45 deg. apart on the feed wheel are used. All feeds are dual frequency and dual polarized except for the lowest three bands, which have three frequencies with one polarization each.

For each dual frequency feed, the presence of the higher frequency aperture in the center of the lower frequency aperture will cause degradation of main beam efficiency at the lower frequency. The patterns of the primary feed will narrow and the sidelobe levels will increase due to the aperture blockage, causing primarily an increase in spillover past the subreflector. A suitable dual frequency concentric feed must be developed and the magnitude of this degradation would be determined at that time. All of the drawings, designs, and analyses in this report deal with this baseline feed layout, but the analysis does not include the blockage effects.
An optional alternative feed layout is shown in Figure 2-2. Here 10 feed positions spaced 36 deg. apart are used. The primary advantage of this layout is that only two dual concentric feeds are used, 6.6/94 and 10.69/118.7 GHz. The frequency separation here is more than 10:1 so the blockage degradation effect will be minimal. There are several disadvantages, however, so the alternate configuration should only be used if the baseline proves to have too much blockage. The disadvantages are:

1. More subreflectors (eight rather than six).
2. Less room for flanges around the subreflectors. These flanges would be used to direct the spillover energy to areas where it will be absorbed, hence improving beam efficiency and enhancing coupling to the calibration cavity.
3. A filter is required to separate 20 and 22 GHz, which share a common horn aperture. This will increase losses in these two channels.

This optional configuration will not be considered further in this report.

Figure 2-2. Optional Layout with 10 Feed Locations
Figure 2-3 shows the feed layout for Alternative 2. Eight feed locations with only one dual concentric feed (6.6/94 GHz) would be used. Because four feeds are included for the highest frequency, the rotation speed required to give contiguous coverage on the earth will be only 2.1 rps rather than the 5.4 rps required for two feeds at 118.7 GHz.

Calibration Loads

As each feed rotates, it will pass through a warm and a cold calibration enclosure. These enclosures consist of a plane of absorber above the feeds in the vertex plane of the reflector, a plane of absorber below the feeds, and a cylindrical section of absorber on the outside of them. Thermal emission from external sources will have to reflect off at least two absorber surfaces in order to reach the feed, so the effective absorptivity of the calibration load is correspondingly better than that of the absorber surface itself. Consequently, a thin and broadband free space absorber with -20 dB reflectivity can be effectively used.

The calibration targets require keeping all feed assemblies below the vertex plane in order to avoid mechanical interference. The feed assembly for the lowest three bands is centered 17.08 cm below the vertex plane to ensure this. As a result the antenna beams are elevated above the horizontal plane in these three bands.

Figure 2-3. Feed Configuration for Alternative 2 Frequencies
Radiometers

The specific design of the radiometers is not covered in this report. However, the radiometer block diagram is shown in Figure 2-4. The radiometer can be packaged in two parts as shown. This allows placing Package A, which can be quite small, very close to the feed. Package B would then be placed in its normal location closer to the center of the feed wheel. This split packaging concept would be used in the highest frequency channels to avoid the losses of long millimeter waveguide runs. In addition, because Package B is connected with coax its position can be adjusted to balance the feed wheel.

Power Supplies

Power is transmitted to the feed wheel using non-contacting inductive coupling. This power is rectified, filtered, and regulated in power supplies which are located on the feed wheel.

Data Link

The video data will be multiplexed onto a Ku-band carrier and transmitted off the feed wheel using a non-contacting "data link". This requires a Ku-band transmitter and modulator on the feed wheel.

2.2.2 Mechanical Design

2.2.2.1 General/Overall Description

The SIMS-A conceptual design antenna to which this specification applies is shown positioned in the Space Shuttle Orbiter payload bay in Figure 2-5. The antenna is provided with three retention trunnions which are latched by three non-deployable (bolt-down) load retention fittings along the payload bay door longerons and one fitting which is captured by a payload bay keel fitting. All Orbiter fittings and fitting locations are standard and no special components are required. Except...
Figure 2-5. Orbiter with SIMS-A Antenna
for electrical connections, there are no other physical interfaces between SIMS-A and the Orbiter. However, there are antenna performance parameters which may be considered as Orbiter/payload interface items. These are discussed in Para. 2.3.2.1.

Figure 2-6 is a perspective sketch of the antenna alone and Figures 2-7 and 2-8 comprise a three view drawing (CRB751101) which identifies all antenna sub-assemblies and major components. The antenna main frame is a truss structure which provides load paths from all areas of the antenna to the retention trunnions. The trunnions are capable of transferring all antenna loads into the orbiter retention fittings without failure. The truss structure also provides nodal points which support the parabolic torus primary reflector surface. Additionally, the main frame provides a truss wall for support of the feed wheel drive mechanism and the radiometer calibration target housings. The drive mechanism assembly contains the drive motor, gears, bearings and drive shaft required to drive the rotating feed wheel at its required speed. The rotating feed wheel, keyed to the drive shaft, contains the sub-reflectors, feed horns, feed arrays, waveguides, radiometers, data link and power supplies which are required to achieve the RF performance requirements. Radiometer calibration targets wrap around the feed wheel in areas outside the main beam scan area. The housings are attached to the antenna main frame. The speed control is accomplished by using an AC synchronous motor synchronized to a 400 Hz power source. An encoder keyed to the drive shaft indicates shaft position with a digital output.

2.2.2.2 Detailed Descriptions

Rotating Feed Wheel

Figure 2-9 (2 sheets) is a drawing of the feed wheel (CRB 751007). The wheel is made from two honeycomb sandwich discs spaced about six inches apart by eight radial honeycomb sandwich ribs and eight honeycomb sandwich circular ring segments. The ribs are continuous from hub to outer end, while the circular ring segments fit between the ribs. Spokes on the hub are bonded between the face sheets of the rib-panels. The arrangement of these components forms eight approximately trapezoidal compartments between the hub wall, circular ring segments and ribs. Access to these compartments is provided by making the section of the outboard (away from the drive shaft) disc between the hub and circular ring into a removable door. The door is shear pinned to the ribs so that the door participates in resisting bending of the wheel assembly. All electronic hardware except power supplies, radiometers and feed components are installed in the compartments. There are provisions for mounting 32 radiometers and 32 power supplies on the wheel although only 30 of each are required. The extra locations may be used to distribute balance weights as required. The outboard disc has attached to its inner (between discs) side 16 radiometers and to its outer side all of the power supplies. The 16 remaining radiometer locations are on the outer side of the inboard (drive shaft side) disc and these radiometers are for the high frequency feed at each of the subreflector locations. The high frequency feeds are connected to their respective...
Figure 2-6. Antenna Perspective View
radiometers by coaxial lines, therefore the radiometers for those feeds can be adjustable with respect to radial distance from the hub and this feature may be used to obtain fine adjustments in dynamic balance of the wheel. There are six subreflector-fed by dual frequency concentric horns and two triple frequency arrays spaced at equal angles around the periphery of the wheel. The low frequency section of each concentric horn is connected to a turnstile junction which distributes the two polarizations through waveguides to the correct radiometer. The high frequency horn section is inside the lower frequency horn section and its waveguide is brought through the wall of the larger waveguide and connected to an orthomode transducer. Each output from the orthomode transducer is combined in a separate mixer assembly with the output from a local oscillator. The signal from the mixer is pre-amplified near the horn/transducer/mixer assembly and connected by coaxial cable to the correct radiometer. There are two feed support channels diametrically opposite each other on the wheel perimeter. Each channel supports the feed horns, waveguides, transducers, mixers, local oscillators and pre-amplifiers associated with three dual-frequency feeds.

**Reflector/Main Frame**

The reflector/main frame assembly shown in Figures 2-10 and 2-11 is a space truss structure composed of many tubular graphite-epoxy elements of 1.00 in. O.D and 0.125 in. wall thickness. In the aperture area the elements form nodes at approximately 15.00 in. spacing in orthogonal directions along the reflector contour. A 0.030 in. thick graphite-epoxy laminate shell (parabolic torus) is bonded to the nodes of the back-up structure. Three trunnion fittings and one tongue fitting conforming to Rockwell International Space Division's Drawing VC70-004105, Rev. A (See Appendix B) are built into the truss structure. These four fittings form the determinantal four-point retention system used to mount SIMS-A in the Shuttle Orbiter payload bay. With the keel fitting and the two longeron fittings in the plane of the system center of gravity as shown on the drawing there are 63 candidate mounting locations using standard Orbiter hardware. Two trussed walls close out the ends of the structure and the one spanning the parabola axis side of the aperture has provisions for mounting the drive mechanism and the radiometer calibration targets. The aperture shell is made reflective by electro-deposited nickel.

**Drive and Shaft Position Pickoff System**

The drive mechanism for the rotating feed wheel is shown in schematic form in Figure 2-12 and as an assembly drawing in Figure 2-13 (2 sheets). The mechanism is an independent module attached to the trussed wall spanning the main frame assembly. Within its housing an AC synchronous motor with power factor correction drives the main shaft through a two stage helical gear train. An encoder, keyed to the shaft, provides shaft position data.

The graphite-epoxy drive shaft is supported in the housing on two 8.00 inch I.D. angular contact bearings. A 12.00 inch pitch diameter helical gear attached to the drive shaft is driven by the output gear of the intermediate shaft which is driven by the motor pinion. Overall reduction is 36.96:1.00. A brake is integrated into the gear train and is released when power is applied to the motor.
TARGET ABSORB

CALIBRATION TARGET HOUSING FIBERGLASS HONEYCOMB SANDWICH

VIEW
Figure 2-8. Antenna Plan View

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FEED SUPPORT 2 PLACES

LOW FREQUENCY RADIOMETERS

HIGH FREQUENCY RADIOMETERS

VIEW A-A

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Figure 2-9. Feed Wheel Drawing (Sheet 1 of 2)
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THICK ARRAY
SUPPORT PANEL
Boa
L.
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_ Y GRAPHITE
297x254
- EPDXY LAMINATE • .031
97x242
GRAPHITE-EPDXY LAMINATE • .031
THICK 60TH S10E3 ALL PANELS
GItAPHITE-EPDXY •
339x236
3
/A CELL
.457- THICK 6OX
494x244
SECTION WALLS..031 THICK BOTH SIDES ALL
6.0 L6/FT
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HONEYCOM6
98x224
tAJELS
GORE.
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GRAPHITE-EPDXY- % CELL
i.0 LB/FT
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HOUEYCOKB CORE7
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618x155
JINC
STRI

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SECTION J-J FULL SIZE

SECTION D-D ¼ SIZE

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Figure 2-9. Feed Wheel Drawing (Sheet 2 of 2)
TYPICAL PAYLOAD MOUNTING
PER ROCKWELL DWG VC70
ORBITAL FLIGHT CONFIG.
CHANGE NO. OF JSC-07

REFLECTOR CONTOUR AT ANTENNA CENTER LINE

1. ELEMENTS CODED
2. THE TRUSS STRUCTURE ANALYZED USING THIDIMENSIONAL INPUT TO THE COMPUTER OUTPUT
3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN

NOTES:

FOLDOUT FRAMES
Figure 2-10. Reflector/Main Frame Assembly - Side and Front Views

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Per Rockwell DwG VC 75
For Original Flight Config
Appropriate Change No.
Vol. XIV

PAYLOAD KEEL TONGUE
PER ROCKWELL DWG VC 75
FOR ORIGINAL FLIGHT CONFIG
APPROPRIATE CHANGE NO.
VOL. XIV

System C.G.
90.00 R
Payload Envelope

Payload Centerline

Antenna Centerline
Payload Bay Centerline

Drive Mechanism (CRB 751026) Ref
Drive Mechanism Support

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Figure 2-10. Reflector/Main Frame Assembly - Side and End View

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CYLINDRICAL TRUSS ELEMENTS ARE GRAPHITE-EPoxy FIBER ORIENTATION IS UNIDIRECTIONAL.

DETAIL B FULL SIZE
Figure 2-11. Reflector/Main Frame Assembly - Plan View

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Figure 2-12. Drive and Encoder Schematic

\[
f_{vis} = N^2 f_m + f_L
\]

\[
\theta_{sync} = 324.65398 \text{ RPM}
\]

\[
J_T = N^2 J_m + J_L
\]

\[
360^\circ = 8192 \text{ counts with } 22.56 \mu\text{s dwell time per count at synch speed}
\]

- \( \dot{\theta} \) = angular velocity
- \( f_{vis} \) = total viscous damping coefficient
- \( N \) = gearing reduction ratio
- \( f_m \) = viscous damping coefficient of motor
- \( f_L \) = viscous damping coefficient of load (bearings)
- \( J_T \) = total inertia
- \( J_M \) = inertia of motor
- \( J_L \) = inertia of load (wheel, shaft, etc.)
GENERAL NOTES

ALL MOVING PARTS WHICH REQUIRE LUBRICATION TO BE TREATED WITH "VAC-KOTE" BY BALL BROTHERS RESEARCH CORP. BOULDER COLORADO.

MATERIALS TO BE SELECTED FOR MINIMUM DIFFERENTIAL EXPANSION/CONTRACTION IN SPACE ENVIRONMENT (-95°C TO +82°C)
OPERATING TEMPERATURE (-96°C TO -37°C)

Figure 2-13. Drive System Drawings (Sheet 1 of 2)

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Figure 2-13. Drive System Drawings (Sheet 2 of 2)

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The motor is a three-phase, 400 Hz, four-pole hysteresis type having the following characteristics:

Nominal rating 1/4 H.P.
Input 3 phase
frequency 400 Hz
voltage, line-to-line 200 Vrms
full load watts 365 watts
full load amps 3.85 amps
Synchronous speed 12,000 rpm

Torque developed
starting 80 oz-in.
pull-in 25 oz-in.
pull out 27.2 oz-in.
rated 21 oz-in.

The shaft angle encoder is a self-decoding, natural binary, optical unit. It provides $2^{13}$ (8192) resolution in 360 deg. The binary word is provided on 13 parallel, TTL compatible, output lines with LSB (least significant bit) value of 0.0439453 deg. (2.6 minutes of arc). Mechanical characteristics are:

Operating speed (max.) 375 rpm
Slewing speed (max.) 3000 rpm
Starting torque req'd. 0.5 oz-in.
Running torque req'd. 0.4 oz-in.

Power factor correction to achieve unity power factor at synchronous speed is accomplished by inserting an estimated capacitance of 2.5 µF between each 400 Hz line and the neutral. The recommended capacitors are:

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<th>Dimensions</th>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1 µF</td>
<td>.75 in. dia. x 2.12 in. long</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1.5 µF</td>
<td>1.00 in. dia. x 2.12 in. long</td>
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Metal case, glass to metal seal with polycarbonate dielectric.

400 VDC 240 V at 400 Hz
Calibration Target Housings

Each target housing is a channel cross-section, 60 deg. annulus shown installed in Figures 2-7 and 2-8. The channel cross-section wraps around the edge of the feed wheel enclosing the subreflector, feed horn, waveguides, and feed support channel. The target materials are attached to the inside of the housing with minimal clearance for the rotating wheel components. The three walls forming the channel are plastic honeycomb sandwich construction. The flat wall on the drive shaft side of the channel is attached to the drive mechanism support wall of the main frame.
2.3 PERFORMANCE OF THE BASELINE ANTENNA SYSTEM

2.3.1 Electrical (RF)

As noted previously, the antenna consists of a parabolic focus main reflector with a combination of Gregorian subreflector feeds and prime focus feeds for the various channels.

2.3.1.1 Gregorian Subreflector

A cross-section of the Gregorian subreflector contour in relation to the main reflector is shown in Figure 2-14. This concept is used for eight channels from 6.6 through 118.7 GHz. A normal Gregorian subreflector for use with a paraboloidal main reflector is an ellipsoid. With a torus, the subreflector surface is easily defined only in the plane \( X = 0 \), where the main reflector is exactly a parabola and the subreflector is exactly an ellipse. At all other points, the subreflector surface is chosen to maintain a constant path length between the feed and the aperture plane \( Y = 0 \). The analysis of this report defines the subreflector point corresponding to a given ray path. Given the point \((X, O, Z)\) where the ray crosses the aperture plane, the point on the subreflector which connects that ray to the feed is precisely located by a FORTRAN subroutine GEODES given in the appendix, using a procedure outlined by Gustincic. As discussed in Paragraph 3.1.1.1, the location of the feed and subreflector have been optimized for best overall performance. The parameters which define the optimized location are given in Table 2-1.

![Figure 2-14. The Antenna Geometry](image)
Table 2-1. Subreflector Design Parameters

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<td>R</td>
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<td>H</td>
<td>0.0813 R</td>
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<tr>
<td>F</td>
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<td>S</td>
<td>0.4000 R</td>
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The periphery of the subreflector is also defined numerically. The aperture used is defined in the X-Z plane by two ellipses as shown in Figure 2-15. This aperture shape gives a smooth aperture contour which avoids flats that will degrade the sidelobe level. It also avoids the areas near the upper right and left corners that are not suitable for use due to severe torus phase aberrations in these areas.

An aperture diameter of 1.6 meters in both dimensions is therefore utilized. Projecting this dual ellipse aperture back along the geometric rays to the subreflector defines the subreflector contour, which is illustrated in Figure 2-16.

![Figure 2-15. Definition of Dual Ellipse Aperture Shape](image)

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Figure 2-16. Three Views of Subreflector
A flange is required around the periphery of the subreflector. The purpose of this flange is two-fold.

1. To reflect the spillover energy in a downward direction, away from the main reflector. This will keep the spillover from appearing as sidelobes in the far field patterns, which will degrade the main beam efficiency. The corresponding areas below the main reflector will be lined with absorber.

2. When the feed is within the calibration cavity, the flange will also guarantee that virtually all of the feed illumination will be coupled to the cavity. Without the flange, the spillover will illuminate areas outside of the cavity and degrade the calibration accuracy.

Specific design of this flange should be done as part of the detailed design of the subreflector. It is not shown in the sketches for simplicity.

The surface contour of the subreflector must be accurate to 0.0025 cm rms (0.001 in.) to ensure adequate performance at the higher frequencies.

2.3.1.2 Gregorian Feed

The nominal feed characteristics are given in Table 2-2.

These are called nominal characteristics because the overall performance with such a feed has been completely evaluated. The feed was assumed to have a rectangular aperture 2.6λ high by 1.5λ wide with no phase error and a cosine taper in both dimensions, such as would be approximately the case for a rectangular corrugated horn.

A dual concentric feed could be fabricated as shown in Figure 2-17. The high frequency feed passes through the center of the low frequency turnstile junction. Two 'Magic Tee' hybrids are required to feed opposite ports of the turnstile, thus giving crossed linear polarization for the low frequency channel. A normal orthomode transducer gives crossed linear polarization in the high frequency channel.

Table 2-2. Nominal Feed Characteristics

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<tr>
<td>Pointing angle (from vertical)</td>
<td>90 deg</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beamwidth (3 dB)</td>
<td>44.1° Az x 26.0 deg ± 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beamwidth (10 dB)</td>
<td>80.4° Az x 45.5 deg ± 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sidelobe level</td>
<td>23.0 dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spillover (power outside of</td>
<td>2.62% (-0.115 dB)</td>
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<tr>
<td>active portion of subreflector)</td>
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Figure 2-17. Possible Dual Concentric Feed Design
As noted earlier, the amount of degradation in the low frequency channel caused by the presence of the high frequency channel has not been determined because it would have to be done experimentally.

Other horn types, such as an elliptical version of the dual mode conical horn\(^3\),\(^4\) could also be used. The use of such a horn for the high frequency channel in a dual concentric feed would reduce blockage because a dual mode horn would be considerably smaller than a corrugated horn. A dual-mode horn would also be easier to fabricate with sufficient accuracy for the millimeter wavelength channels. Development and experimental evaluation of the elliptical dual mode conical horn is needed to verify its performance.

Still another horn type is a wide-flare-angle ring-loaded corrugated horn.\(^5\) This horn has been investigated experimentally in a round conical configuration (equal beam widths). The use of a large flare angle and large aperture size makes the feed pattern tend to be equal to that of the dominant mode in the conical horn independent of frequency, and the use of ring loaded corrugations gives a bandwidth of 6:1 while maintaining the required capacitive surface impedance, except for a small stop band with inductive reactance which could be located between two channels. Its applicability as a Gregorian feed is questionable for the following reasons:

1. The patterns are not exactly constant over the 6:1 bandwidth, so a complete evaluation of the effect on beam efficiency is needed. Even with well-controlled patterns, the performance margin with respect to main beam efficiency and spillover is very small, making the feed patterns quite critical.

2. The presence of a well-defined phase center which is constant over the band has not been established.

3. Fabrication of the horn in an elliptical shape would be difficult, so a rectangular version should be investigated.

Should these questions be resolved sufficiently, a number of channels could be located at one position on the feed wheel with possible cost and performance advantages over the baseline design. Such an evaluation involves hardware development so it is beyond the scope of this study.

2.3.1.3 Prime Focus Feeds

The prime focus feeds at 0.61, 1.413, and 2.695 GHz are co-located as shown in Figure 2-18.

0.61 GHz

Four dipoles excited with equal amplitude and phase are used. The dipole spacing is 30.962 cm (0.63\(\lambda\)) in both directions. Because of the narrow bandwidth required, the dipoles can be spaced as close as 2.457 cm (0.05\(\lambda\)) above the 2.695 GHz slot array which acts as a ground plane. The beamwidth of this feed will be about 44 deg.
Figure 2-18. Triple Frequency Prime Focus Feed

1.413 GHz

Seven dipoles are used, with the central dipole excited 6 dB stronger than each of the outer six. The positions and amplitudes of the dipoles are summarized in Table 2-3. These dipoles can be spaced somewhat closer to the ground plane than the 0.61 GHz dipoles, or 1.5 cm (0.071λ). The use of seven dipoles reduces the beamwidth to about 34 deg. in order to reduce the degradation caused by the aberrations of the parabolic torus.

Table 2-3. Dipole Array Excitation for 1.413 GHz

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The feed for this channel is a 19 slot array with a hexagonal aperture. This feed was optimized for maximum performance by systematically adjusting the amplitude and phase of each slot. The feed pattern then has approximate amplitude symmetry with about a 27 deg. beamwidth at -3 dB and a 55 deg. beamwidth at -10 dB. The phase, however, varies over a 100 deg. range to compensate for the aberrations of the torus. Details of the amplitude and phase distribution on the slots and the primary patterns are given in Paragraph 3.1.2.3.

The slot array can be fed by a stripline corporate feed with variable path lengths to produce the desired phase distribution. Because of variations in the mutual coupling over such a small array, it is expected that several iterations with the actual hardware will be required to achieve the desired slot excitations with sufficient accuracy.

2.3.1.4 Overall Performance

The calculated overall performance is given in detail in Table 2-4. Analyses which support these figures can be found in Section 3.1. Most of the parameters for the Gregorian channels are based on the 6.6 GHz results, so they are pessimistic because the performance of this geometric optics design will improve with increasing frequency due to reduced diffraction losses. Consequently, the slight deficiencies in main beam efficiency at 94 and 118.7 GHz are of no concern because the actual efficiency will be higher.

2.3.2 Mechanical Specifications

2.3.2.1 Shuttle Interface

Baseline Four-point Retention Concept

A four-point retention system, as shown in Figure 2-19 (for a generalized payload), provides a statically determinate mounting. The attachment fittings along the longeron react to loads in either the ±X and ±Z (primary fittings) or the ±Z directions (stabilizing fitting), while the lower keel fittings (auxiliary) react loads in the ±Y direction only. (See Figure 2-20 for a definition of the orbiter coordinate system). The stabilizing fitting may be located on either the left or right side of the antenna. The orbiter supplied interface fittings will minimize Y-loads in the primary fittings, X and Y loads in the stabilizing fittings, and X and Z loads in the keel fittings. The primary (X and Z load) fittings and the auxiliary (Y load) fitting on the antenna are located in a common plane and the stabilizing fitting is located 59.00 inches from this plane.

SIMS-A Attachment Locations in Payload Bay

Eight primary payload structural attachment locations are available for SIMS-A along the payload bay between \( X_0 = 715 \) and \( X_0 = 1128 \) as shown in Figure 2-21. Each location consists of three attachment points, one on each longeron (\( Z_O = 414, Y_O = \pm 94 \)) and one at the keel (\( Z_O = 305, Y_O = 0 \)). Each set of three attachment points
## Table 2-4. Antenna Performance

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*Assuming 80% of spillover is absorbed.
**Defined relative to the 50° circle for this frequency.
PRIMARY FITTINGS; REACT LONGITUDINAL & VERTICAL LOADS ($F_x$ & $F_z$)

LOWER AUXILIARY FITTING; REACTS SIDE LOAD ($F_y$) SHOULDBE LOCATED UNDER PAYLOAD CG

STABILIZING FITTING; REACTS VERTICAL LOAD ($F_z$) (OPTIONAL LOCATION, RIGHT OR LEFT LONGERON)

Figure 2-19. Payload Retention System (Typical Payload)
TYPE: ROTATING, ORBITER REFERENCED

ORIGIN: APPROXIMATELY 200-INCHES AHEAD OF THE NOSE AND APPROXIMATELY 400-INCHES BELOW THE CENTERLINE OF THE PAYLOAD BAY

ORIENTATION AND LABELING:

THE X AXIS IS PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE PAYLOAD BAY, NEGATIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF LAUNCH

THE Z AXIS IS POSITIVE UPWARD IN LANDING ATTITUDE

THE Y COMPLETES THE RIGHT-HANDED SYSTEM

THE STANDARD SUBSCRIPT IS \( o \)

Figure 2-20. Orbiter Coordinate System

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Figure 2-21. Payload Primary Attachment Locations

RETENTION POINTS $\rightarrow x_0$

PAYLOAD ENVELOPE

7 EQUAL SPACES (56-INCHES EACH)

8 (X & Z) LOAD RETENTION BEAM ATTACH POINTS ON EACH LONERON

8 LATERAL LOAD RETENTION BEAM ATTACH POINTS AT LOWER CENTER-LINE $z_0 = 305$

$y_0 = 94$

$y_0 = 0$

$z_0 = 414$

$z_0 = 400$
defines a plane normal to the payload bay center line. The spacing of the fittings along the payload bay coincides with the 59 inch spacing between primary and stabilizing fittings on the antenna, providing a number of positions and orientations for mounting the antenna. The orbiter provides for the installation of vernier bridges which accommodate bolt-down payload fittings at 11.8 in. spacing as currently defined in JSC-07700. Figure 2-22 illustrates the concept and provides the currently configured candidate positions. Rockwell drawing VC70-004105 Rev "A" (see appendix) shows a modification to be incorporated in JSC-07700 which will reduce the vernier increments to 3.933 in. Table 2-5 is a listing of orbiter stations at which the coplaner fittings on SLMS-A may be located while having available a longeron fitting 59.0 in. away to pick up the stabilizing fitting on the antenna. The table also identifies the location as primary (P) or vernier (V) and describes the possible orientations of the antenna. There are 63 positions of which 40 may have the feed wheel forward or aft. The maximum forward limit for any part of the antenna is X_o = 666. The maximum aft limit depends on whether there is an OMS (Orbital Maneuvering System) kit aboard. With no kit and the feed wheel forward the maximum aft limit is X_o = 1209. With an OMS kit and the feed wheel aft the maximum aft limit is X_o = 1168. With an OMS kit aboard the aftmost position will probably be prohibited since only 16 to 26 in. would remain between the aft edge of the antenna and the forward edge of the kit (JSC-07700 locates the forward end of kit at X_o = 1184 and VC70-004105 Revision A locates it at X_o = 1194, See Figure 2-23).

Standard Payload Attachment Interface

The antenna shall provide for attach fittings which will mate to the orbiter payload attachment fittings and shall be capable of transferring to the orbiter fittings the loads generated when the mass of the antenna is accelerated to the limits described in Para 2.3.2.3. Design details and manufacturing tolerances for payload attachment fittings (both orbiter and payload mounted) shown on drawing no. VC70-004105 are to be determined. The configuration shown on the antenna in Figures 2-7 and 2-8 and on the reflector/main frame in Figures 2-10 and 2-11 are scaled to tentative dimensions called out on drawing no. VC70-004105 and provide sufficient volume to satisfy load requirements.

Electrical Power Requirements

The antenna drive system power requirements are given in Table 2-6. The orbiter power system has 115 VAC 400 Hz available but only with Level II NASA approval. With the approval approximately 2 KW of 400 Hz power will be available on-orbit but never during launch or re-entry. However, there are no standard provisions through which a payload can tap the 400 Hz power source. Therefore a junction box must be installed in one of the two wiring trays (See View F-F, Figure 2-24) along the side of the payload bay in order to provide a connection to the antenna. If Level II approval is not obtained, a DC to 400 Hz inverter must be supplied with the antenna. The power for the inverter can be obtained through one of the two mid-payload bay electrical interfaces located on the right side of the bay approximately at Station X_o = 695 (Y_o and Z_o to be determined) or from one of two interfaces located on the aft bulkhead (X_o = 1307; Y_o and Z_o are to be determined) Candidate electrical interface locations are shown in Figure 2-24.

Any of the locations described has adequate capacity for the antenna drive system. Table 2-7 describes the power available at each location,
Figure 2-22. Potential Locations for Non-deployable Payload Primary Attachment Fittings
Table 2-5. Shuttle Orbiter Stations for Locating Vernier (V) and Primary (P) Fittings for SIMS-A

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63 total locations
40 locations wheel can be forward or aft
Figure 2-23. OMS Payload Bay Kits

Table 2-6. Drive Power Requirements

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<td>Three phase, four wire</td>
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<td>-6.0 VDC ± 1%, 0.07 AMP</td>
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Figure 2-24. Electrical Interface Locations
Table 2-7. Payload Power Interfaces

- Mid Payload Bay (Dedicated Fuel Cell Interface)

1. Ascent and Descent (Power Source Shared with Orbiter) 27.0 to 32.0 volts dc with peak-to-peak ripple of 0.9 volts or less at any single frequency and 1.6 volts or less over a broad band of frequencies, provided the payload meets the requirements of JSC Specification SL-E-0002, dated June 4, 1973, “Electromagnetic Characteristics, Requirements for Space Shuttle Program,” at the interface.

2. On Orbit (Power Source Dedicated to Payload) 27.0 to 32.0 volts dc (2 to 12 kw) with TBD ripple except that generated by the payload.

3. Mid Payload Bay (Power Source Shared with Orbiter) 27.0 to 32.0 volts dc with peak-to-peak ripple of 0.9 volts or less at any single frequency and 1.6 volts or less over a broad band of frequencies, provided the payload meets the requirements of JSC Specification SL-E-0002, dated June 4, 1973, “Electromagnetic Characteristics, Requirements for Space Shuttle Program,” at the interface.

- Aft Payload Bay — 24.0 to 32.0 volts dc with peak-to-peak ripple of 0.9 volts or less at any single frequency and 1.6 volts or less over a broad band of frequencies, provided the payload meets the requirements of JSC Specification SL-E-0002, dated June 4, 1973, “Electromagnetic Characteristics, Requirements for Space Shuttle Program,” at the interface.

Use of the orbiter 400 Hz power source is more desirable than use of an inverter due to the accurate 1 part in \(10^8\) frequency control by the orbiter master timer.

- Grounding — The Orbiter electrical power is a 2-wire structure ground system. Payloads should carry all ground return through the Orbiter electrical interface to the Orbiter structure ground.

Characteristics

The antenna configuration shown in Figure 2-6 weighs approximately 1400 lb. See Table 2-8 for the distribution of weight. The weight indicated for the feed wheel includes JPL supplied radiometers, power supplies and other electronic hardware.

The antenna system can be contained in a cylinder 15 ft in diameter and 9.84 ft long. The actual volume occupied by the system is shown in Figures 2-7 and 2-8.

Table 2-8. Weight Distribution

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Drive Mechanism</td>
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<td>Calibration Targets</td>
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<td>Reflector/Main Frame</td>
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<td>Misc hardware, cables, inverter, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Payload Electrical Energy

The Orbiter EPS will provide 50 kwh of electrical energy to the payload. To support payloads requiring more than 50 kwh, provisions will be made to the Orbiter for installing one reactant storage kit outside the payload envelope. Volume for four additional kits can be provided outside the payload envelope. Each kit shall be capable of providing approximately 840 kwh of additional energy. The weight of the kits, including reactants, shall be charged to the payload.

The 50 kwh value is based on a nominal seven-day mission; excess Orbiter electrical energy as available, may be utilized by the payload.

The power consumed by the drive system at steady state operation is approximately 101 watts (Table 2-6) assuming a motor efficiency of 93 percent with the 0.25 HP (rated) drive motor producing 0.130 HP. Assuming a conversion efficiency in the rotating transformer of 95 percent, 253 watts of orbiter power are required to produce the 240 watts needed by the JPL equipment mounted on the feed wheel. Total steady-state requirements are 351 watts and spin-up requires less than 0.1 kw-hr. 49.9 kw-hr consumed at 0.351 kw will last 142 hrs or 5.92 days. For missions longer than five days, consideration must be given to the installation of reactant tanks described above. Since the JPL furnished components will not require power until spin-up is complete, the maximum power drain will be 0.365 kw required to start the drive wheel.

Although the antenna design presented does not require caging of the feed wheel for structural reasons, a brake is required to stop the wheel prior to de-orbit. A lock preventing rotation during launch and re-entry is considered desirable but not mandatory. The simplest brake concept is to reverse the motor. If desired a toggle actuated holding device will then prevent rotation. The actuating device would require power only to change state.

2.3.2.2 Functional

Rotating Feed Wheel and Subreflector

The antenna feed wheel rotates at a constant rate, \( f = 324 \text{ RPM} \) (\( \omega = 33.93 \text{ rad/sec} \)). The rate is dictated by RF performance parameters and limitations on the number of radiometers available. The wheel structure, the mounted components, and the fastenings joining them are subjected to radial accelerations,

\[
a (g's) = \frac{r(\text{ft}) \left[ \frac{\omega (\text{rad})}{\text{sec}} \right]^2}{32.2 \left( \text{ft/sec}^2 \right)}
\]

\[
a (g's) = 35.75 r \quad (r \text{ in feet})
\]

*Electrical Power System
The radial force, $F_r$, exerted on the wheel by an elemental mass, $W$, of the wheel or a mounted component, $W$, located at a radius, $r$, is,

$$F_r = W \, \text{lbs} \, r \, \text{ft} \, 35.75$$

When these forces act out of the center plane (or neutral axis) of the wheel they produce bending moments equal to the product of the force times the distance between its line-of-action and the neutral axis. These bending moments will produce deflections unless balanced by reversed moments due to a balancing mass located on the opposite side of the neutral axis. If one side of the wheel is exposed to the sun or other source of radiant heat flux while the opposite side is not, the resulting difference in temperature will produce a deformation of the wheel if the thermal coefficient of expansion and the temperature difference are of sufficient magnitude. Testing of the antenna in the terrestrial environment will expose the feed wheel to a 1 g load acting parallel to the axis of rotation which also will cause a deflection. Since testing is to be done by a static procedure (wheel not rotating), the deflection caused by radial forces will not appear during testing and similarly the deflection caused by gravity will not be present during the orbital use of the antenna. Gravity deflection of the feed wheel concept presented here is 0.0017 in. The orientation for testing must be such that the gravity deflection is in the same direction a deflection caused by unbalanced radial forces. The magnitude of unbalanced radial forces must not produce deflections greater than the deflection produced by gravity.

Dynamic balancing of the feed wheel reduces the deflection to less than 0.0017 in. Static balancing of the wheel assures that the center-of-mass of the entire assembly is sufficiently close to the axis of rotation that deflection of the shaft due to static imbalance is less than 0.0001 in.

The sub-reflectors deflect less than 0.0005 in. at any point on their surface when their mass is subjected to the acceleration of constant rotational speed.

The rotational inertia of the feed wheel without consideration for inertia due to balance weights is 9027 slug-in$^2$. The analysis for the speed control system used 10,000 slug-in$^2$ which allows 973 slug-in$^2$ for drive shaft, gear train, and balance weight inertias.

After adjustment of sub-reflectors and feeds for optimum RF performance and after the feed wheel has been balanced, both statically and dynamically, all attached components are dowel pinned to the wheel.

The deflection allowables discussed above are summarized in Table 2-9.

**Drive System**

The drive system gear train provides reduction (36.962429:1) of drive motor shaft speed of 12,000 RPM to a feed wheel drive shaft speed of 324.324 RPM while multiplying the maximum motor shaft torque output from 80 in.-oz to 15.385 lb-ft at the feed wheel drive shaft. Helix angles on the gearing are chosen which accommodate the pitch line velocities and produce minimum thrusts on the shafts.
Table 2-9. Feed Wheel Data

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Machining for fit of bearings and for the location of gears and shafts uses jig-bore tolerances. Bearings are ABEC Class 7 and gears are Precision 2.

The drive shaft is made from graphite-epoxy with the fibers wound to provide a thermal coefficient of expansion of $7.0 \times 10^{-6}$ in./in./°F in the radial direction which corresponds to the coefficient of the bearing race and drive system housing material. The winding will also result in a minimal (less than $1 \times 10^{-6}$ in./in./°F) coefficient in the axial direction. The axial direction coefficient is minimized in order to prevent defocusing of the system due to change in length of the shaft.

The critical frequency of the free end of the drive shaft is over 2100 RPM sufficiently greater than 324 RPM to exclude any possibility of supporting resonances.

All bearings, gears and other friction surfaces are lubricated with vacuum deposited film lubricants bearing the generic name Vac-Kote developed by Ball Brothers Research Corporation, Boulder, Colorado.

**Speed Control**

A synchronous motor will accelerate any inertia load to synchronous speed that it can start rotating, and which has a running (friction) torque requirement that is less than the motor pull-in torque rating. It is convenient to relate all values to the load shaft for discussion. The motor-speed to load-shaft-speed gear ratio (N) is 36.962429 to one. The developed motor torques are tabulated below at the motor and at the load shaft.

- $T_L = N \times T_m \times (5.203 \times 10^{-3})$
- $T_L = \text{Load torque (lb - ft.)}$
- $T_m = \text{Motor torque (oz. - in.)}$
- $N = \text{Gear ratio}$

2-54
Developed Torque | $T_M$ (oz in.) | $T_L$ (lb ft)
--- | --- | ---
Starting Torque | 80.0 | 15.38524
Pull-in torque | 27.2 | 5.23098
Pull-out Torque | 25.0 | 4.80789
Rated Torque | 21.0 | 4.03862

Starting torque of a motor is the torque which the motor will develop at rest at any angular position of the rotor.

Pull-in torque is the maximum torque under which the motor will pull into synchronous speed as the rotor approaches synchronous speed.

Pull-out torque is the maximum torque which the motor will develop at synchronous speed.

Rated torque is the recommended maximum requirement at synchronous speed for continuous duty.

The synchronous speed of the selected motor is 12000 RPM which yields 324.65398 at the load shaft.

Breakaway friction torque (at load shaft) is:

Two Main Bearings at 80 oz in. | 160 oz in.
Motor and geartrain (estimate) | 40 oz in.
Encoder | 0.5 oz in.

200.5 oz in.

or 1.04 lb ft

Total Inertia (at load shaft) including wheel, shaft, motor, geartrain, encoder, and an estimate for wheel balancing weights is 10,000 slug-in$^2$ which converts to 69.5 lb ft sec$^2$.

The motor starting torque reflected to the load shaft is 15.385 lb ft. During the acceleration period the running friction torque requirement will be similar to the breakaway friction torque requirement which leaves about 14 lb ft of developed torque to accelerate the load inertia. Starting acceleration will be:

$$\alpha = \frac{T_L}{J_L} = \frac{14}{69.5} = 0.2014 \text{ Rad/sec}^2$$

At about one half of synchronous speed the running friction torque requirement will begin to increase reducing the torque available to accelerate the load. Time required to achieve synchronous speed will be less than ten minutes.
At synchronous speed, the inertia torque requirement is zero, and motor torque developed will be required only to overcome system losses due to friction. It is estimated that the main shaft bearing friction torque requirement may be 200 percent greater than the starting value at the synchronous speed of 324.65 RPM. Allowing a similar increase for the other friction contributors, the running friction torque required at synchronous speed may be 2.1 lb ft.

The rated torque is 4.04 lb ft as previously stated, then the required torque is about half of the rated value, which provides a good margin.

**Shaft Angle Data**

The optical shaft angle position encoder selected provides the shaft angle data in unambiguous natural binary format. The output is available on 13 parallel lines and is TTL/DTL compatible, i.e., logic ONE is 3.5 VDC minimum to 6.0 VDC maximum, and logic ZERO is 0.0 ± 0.5 VDC. Output for 360 deg. is 8192 counts with each count, or least significant bit (LSB), equal to 0.0439453 degrees of arc, or 2.636718 minutes of arc. The binary format is:

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To provide an unambiguous output, a V-scan technique is used, with a decode circuit, to detect the four least significant data bits. This decoding is accomplished within the encoder. The encoder will generate a Data Ready gate, about 4 micro-second long, to indicate the data is stabilized.

At synchronous speed, a single bit value of 0.0439 degrees is traversed in about 22.5 µs.

**Tolerances**

The drive mechanism will lock-in at synchronous speed and hold that speed subject to the frequency of the input power. The 400 Hz frequency tolerance is ±0.5 Hz which is ±0.12 percent. Thus the synchronous speed will have a tolerance of ±0.12 percent resulting in a minimum value of 324.26 RPM and a maximum value of 325.04 RPM.
The shaft angle encoder binary word has a digital incremental accuracy of ±0.5 LSB and an alignment accuracy of ±0.9 LSB for an RSS tolerance of about ±1.03 LSB equals ±0.045 deg.

**Reflector/Main Frame**

The reflector/main frame works as an integral unit to provide a parabolic torus reflecting surface which is maintained at its fabricated contour with virtually no distortations when subjected to the environment (functional, not launch) of the SIMS-A mission. The reflector shell is laminated from graphite-epoxy in order to minimize thermal distortions which would otherwise degrade the RF performance. The material used has a thermal coefficient of expansion less than 0.1 μ in./in./°F.

The surface will be coated with a conductive coating. Initial plans are to electrodeposit nickel over the surface.

The shell is attached to a rigid space truss which provides the paths by which all vibratory, acoustic, linear acceleration or other loadings reach the orbiter trunnion fittings. The elements of the space truss are designed to have thermal strains which are compatible with the thermal strains of the reflector shell. The main frame includes truss structured walls which span the assembly at each end. The wall spanning the vertex end of the parabolic torus provides support for the drive mechanism (with feed wheel attached) which represents a concentrated load of 440 lbs on the wall. The same wall also provides support for the calibration target housings which can be represented as 2 concentrated loads of 30 lbs each. The reflector/main frame design shown in Figure 2-10 (2 sheets) weighs approximately 820 lbs and a computer analysis of the structure under a 20 g static load provides confidence in the integrity of the structure. (See Para 3.2.2) The truss width in the vicinity of the trunnion fittings and keel tongue fitting provides adequate length for rigidly installing these fittings. These fittings transfer all SIMS-A loading to the orbiter trunnion fittings. The design of the fittings is dictated by JSC-07700.

**2.3.2.3 Environmental**

The conceptual design antenna described must satisfy the environmental parameters associated with a circular orbit of 340 kilometers altitude and a nominal duration of seven days but with a duration of up to 30 days maximum possible. The natural and induced environments to which the antenna may be subjected due to operation with the Space Shuttle System are applicable design requirements and are summarized below. The applicable paragraph numbers of JSC 07700 are given in parentheses. When an asterisk (*) appears before a referenced JSC 07700 paragraph number it indicates that JSC-07700 should be referred to for the requirements or for additional information.

**Natural Environments**

1. Atmospheric (4.1.1)

   Pressure
   - 12.36 to 15.23 psia (surface), 3.28 psia (35,000 ft) (4.1.1.1)
Temperature • -23°F to +115°F (surface), -65°F nominal (25,000 ft) (4.1.1.2)

Fungus • Antenna shall use non-fungi nutrient materials (4.1.1.3)

Humidity • Zero to 100 percent relative humidity at temperature extremes defined above* (4.1.1.4)

Lightning • TBD (4.1.1.5)

Ozone • 3 to 6 parts per hundred million (phm) - (surface) 100 phm (35,000 ft) * (4.1.1.6)

Salt Spray • One percent (wt) salt (NaCl) solution for 30 days * (4.1.1.7)

Sand/Dust • Equivalent of 140 mesh silica flour with velocity up to 500 ft/min and particle density 0.25 gr./ft³ (4.1.1.8)

2. Space (above 90 kilometers) (4.1.2)

Pressure • 1.4 x 10⁻⁵ to 8 x 10⁻⁶ Torr (129 kilometer)
2.2 x 10⁻⁶ to 4.7 x 10⁻⁷ Torr (185 kilometer)
2.2 x 10⁻⁹ to 4.7 x 10⁻¹¹ Torr (926 kilometer)
approx 1 x 10⁻¹¹ Torr (2222 kilometer) (4.1.2.1)

Solar (Thermal) • Solar radiation 443.7 Btu/ft²/hr
Earth albedo 30%
Earth radiation 77 Btu/ft²/hr
Space sink temperature 0° Rankine (4.1.2.2)

Solar (Nuclear) • Galactic cosmic radiation * (4.1.2.3.1)
Trapped radiation * (4.1.2.3.2)
Solar Particle events * (4.1.2.3.3)

Meteroids • * (4.1.2.4)

Induced Environments (4.2)

Ground Handling and Transportation (4.2.1)

Temperature • * (4.2.1.1)

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Purge Gas • * (4.2.1.2)

Shock • Bench - 20 g terminal sawtooth shock pulse of 20 millisecond duration in each of six axes

Transportation - as simulated by sinusoidal impulses in the frequency range from 3 to 5 Hz controlled to 1-inch double amplitude displacement (4.2.1.3)

Acceleration • Hoisting 2 g vertical within a ±20 deg. cone angle (4.2.1.4)

Vibration • 4 sweeps at 1/2 octave/min. (Sinusoidal motion)
   2 - 5 Hz at 1.0 inch double ampl.
   5 - 26 Hz 1.3 g peak
   26 - 500 Hz 0.36 inch double ampl.
   500 - 1000 Hz 5 g peak (4.2.1.5)

Flight Environment (4.2.2)

Pressure • Figures 2-24a and 2-25 (4.2.2.1)

Vibration • Launch - about 29 second at levels shown in Figure 2-26 (4.2.2.2)

Acoustics • Spectra in Figure 2-27 (4.2.2.3)

Time history per Figure 2-28

Acceleration • Table 2-10 for 65,000 lb up 32,000 lb down

Table 2-11 for 65,000 lb down *(7.5)

Shock • Pyrotecnic - TBD (4.2.2.5a)

Landing *(4.2.2.5b)

Crash Safety Shock *(4.2.2.5c)

Transient Vibration *(4.2.2.5d)

Contamination • Outgassing - Selection criteria shall be one percent total mass loss and 0.1 percent volatile condensable material (VCM) as defined in JSC spec SP-R-0022 *(4.3)
Figure 2-24a. Orbiter Payload Bay Internal Pressure Histories during Ascent

Figure 2-25. Orbiter Payload Bay Internal Pressure Histories during Entry
Actual vibration input to payloads will depend on transmission characteristics of midfuselage—payload support structure and interactions with each payload's weight, stiffness, and CG.

These levels are typical of lift off, transonic and max Q flight.

Figure 2-26. Random Vibration at Payload Midfuselage Interface and In Cabin.
Figure 2-27. Analytical Predictions Maximum Orbiter Payload Bay Internal Acoustic Spectra

Figure 2-28. Orbiter Payload Bay Internal Acoustic Time History
Table 2-10. Cargo Limit Design Accelerations for 65 KLB Up and 32 KLB Down

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<tr>
<th>CONDITION</th>
<th>X</th>
<th>Y</th>
<th>Z</th>
<th>X-X</th>
<th>Y-Y</th>
<th>Z-Z</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lift-off</td>
<td>-2.9</td>
<td>-1.0</td>
<td>-1.5</td>
<td>-0.10</td>
<td>-0.15</td>
<td>-0.15</td>
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<tr>
<td>High-Q Boost</td>
<td>-1.6</td>
<td>+0.5</td>
<td>+0.5</td>
<td>+0.10</td>
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<td>+0.15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boost-Max. LF (Ort Alone)</td>
<td>-2.7</td>
<td>+0.2</td>
<td>-0.75</td>
<td>+0.20</td>
<td>+0.25</td>
<td>+0.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Entry and Desc Pitch Up</td>
<td>+1.26</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>+2.5</td>
<td>+0.25</td>
<td>+0.75</td>
<td>+C.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry and Desc Yaw</td>
<td>+0.75</td>
<td>+1.25</td>
<td>+1.6</td>
<td>+C.25</td>
<td>+C.30</td>
<td>+C.75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Landing</td>
<td>&lt;1.6</td>
<td>+0.5</td>
<td>+1.5</td>
<td>+C.25</td>
<td>+1.25</td>
<td>+0.30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crash</td>
<td>+9.00</td>
<td>+1.5</td>
<td>+4.5</td>
<td>+C.25</td>
<td>+C.75</td>
<td>+C.30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crash (Crew Compartment)</td>
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<td>+3.3</td>
<td>+16.0</td>
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NOTES

Sign convention follows that of the Orbiter coordinate system. Angular accelerations follow the right hand rule.

Crash accelerations are ultimate. The longitudinal accelerations are directed in all aftward azimuths within a cone of 20 deg half-angle. The specified accelerations shall operate separately.

Crash landing loads shall be carried through the payload support fittings and their attachment fasteners only. Support structure shall be designed to withstand the fastener loads locally.

Ascent and landing conditions include dynamic transients effects but do not include the dynamic response of the payload.

For payload weights between 32 KLB and 65 KLB, use a linear interpolation between the accelerations given in Tables 2-10 and 2-11 for the entry, landing and crash condition.
Table 2-11: Cargo Limit Design Accelerations for 65 KLB Down

<table>
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<th>CONDITIONS</th>
<th>Linear - g</th>
<th>Angular - rad/sec²</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>X</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<tr>
<td>Entry and Lev</td>
<td>0.92</td>
<td>2.18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pitch</td>
<td>-0.02</td>
<td>2.18</td>
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<td>Yaw</td>
<td>0.65</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Landing</td>
<td>0.87</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crash</td>
<td>0.43</td>
<td>2.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crash (Crew)</td>
<td>0.85</td>
<td>1.62</td>
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*Thermal - Payload Bay Wall Thermal Environment per Table 2-12 (4.2.2.7.1)

Payload Bay Data Point Locations per Figure 2-29 (4.2.2.7.1)

Payload Bay Entry Thermal Environment per Figures 2-30a, b, c (4.2.2.7.1)

Payload Bay Surfaces per Figure 2-31 (4.2.2.7.1)

On-Orbit Thermal Environment of Empty Payload Bay per Figure 2-32 (4.2.2.7.1)

(one possible SIM-A orbit configuration is the "port side to sun" column.)

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Table 2-12. Payload Bay Wall Thermal Environment

<table>
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<tr>
<th>CONDITION</th>
<th>DESIGN MINIMUM</th>
<th>DESIGN MAXIMUM</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prelaunch</td>
<td>+ 4°C (4.4°C)</td>
<td>+ 120°F (45°C)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Launch</td>
<td>+ 40°F (4.5°C)</td>
<td>+ 150°F (65.5°C)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>On-Orbit (doors closed)</td>
<td>See C&amp;D</td>
<td>See A&amp;E</td>
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<tr>
<td>Entry and postlanding</td>
<td>-100°F (-73°C)</td>
<td>+ 200°F (93.5°C)</td>
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</table>

Heat leak criteria into cut of a 100°F (37.5°C) constant payload are as follows:

A. Total bay heat gain, average  
   \( \leq 0 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-hr} \) (0 Watt/Meter\(^2\))
B. Heat gain, local area  
   \( \leq 3 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-hr} \) (9.5 Watt/Meter\(^2\))
C. Total bay heat loss, average  
   \( \leq 3 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-hr} \) (9.5 Watt/Meter\(^2\))
D. Heat loss, local area  
   \( \leq 4 \text{ Btu/ft}^2\text{-hr} \) (12.6 Watt/Meter\(^2\))

*Thermal (Cont)  
* Orbiter Attitude Hold Capabilities per Figure 2-33 (4.2.2.7.2)
* Payload Bay Entry Air Temperature per Figure 2-34 (4.2.2.7.3)
* Payload Bay Nodes and Mission Attitude per Figure 2-35
* Temperature vs time – Nodes 671 and 673 per Figure 2-36
* Temperature vs Time – Nodes 4877 and 5371 per Figure 2-37

*Advance data for a mission profile similar to SIMS-A
Figure 2-29. Payload Bay Wall and Payload Data Point Location
(a) $X_0 = 582 \text{ to } 760$
Figure 2-30. Entry Thermal Environment $X_\circ = 760$ to $919$

(b) $X_\circ = 760$ TO 919

(c) $X_\circ = 919$ TO 1191
Figure 2-30. Entry Thermal Environment $X_o = 582$ to 1191.
SECTION A-A  SECTION B-B
($X_0 = 578-919$) ($X_0 = 919-1191$)

Figure 2-31. Payload Bay Surfaces
### Figure 2-32. On-orbit Thermal Environment Empty Payload Bay

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<tr>
<th>DATA POINT LOCATION</th>
<th>BOTTOM TO SUN</th>
<th>TOP TO SUN</th>
<th>PORT SIDE TO SUN</th>
<th>TAIL TO SUN</th>
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<tr>
<td>PORT STBD</td>
<td>SOLAR FLUX</td>
<td>SOLAR FLUX</td>
<td>SOLAR FLUX</td>
<td>SOLAR FLUX</td>
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<tr>
<td>T</td>
<td>Q</td>
<td>T</td>
<td>Q</td>
<td>T</td>
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<td>X • 582 TO 760</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>-67 (-82.78)</td>
<td>2.015 (6.357)</td>
<td>48.851 (5.411)</td>
<td>-6 (-21.11)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>-71 (-79.44)</td>
<td>3.608 (1.1382)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>-105 (-76.11)</td>
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<td>+4 (-15.56)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>-47 (-43.89)</td>
<td>16.101 (5.0794)</td>
<td>37.568 (11.8576)</td>
<td>-3 (-19.44)</td>
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<td>X • 760 TO 919</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>-130 (-90.00)</td>
<td>2.445 (0.7713)</td>
<td>51.360 (15.2026)</td>
<td>-10 (-23.33)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>-125 (-87.22)</td>
<td>4.354 (1.3736)</td>
<td>73.155 (23.0783)</td>
<td>0 (-17.78)</td>
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<td>-87 (-66.11)</td>
<td>10.690 (3.3724)</td>
<td>64.599 (20.502)</td>
<td>-7 (-21.67)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>-58 (-50.00)</td>
<td>16.026 (5.0557)</td>
<td>57.564 (11.8533)</td>
<td>-5 (-22.22)</td>
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<td>2.421 (0.7638)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>-143 (-97.22)</td>
<td>4.340 (1.3591)</td>
<td>73.440 (23.1682)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>-100 (-73.33)</td>
<td>10.632 (3.3541)</td>
<td>65.552 (20.6797)</td>
<td>0 (-17.78)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>-70 (-55.67)</td>
<td>15.855 (5.0016)</td>
<td>38.629 (12.1863)</td>
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<td>70.737 (22.3155)</td>
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<td>10.520 (3.3188)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>-80 (-62.22)</td>
<td>11.695 (3.6894)</td>
<td>48.046 (15.517)</td>
<td>-16 (-26.67)</td>
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**T** - TEMPERATURE − °F (°C)

**Q** - ORBITAL AVE. ABS. SOLAR + EARTH HEAT FLUX − Btu/hr·sq ft (Watts/sq cm·10−3)
### Orbiter Attitude Hold Capabilities

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<tr>
<th>β RANGE DEGREES</th>
<th>ORBITER ORIENTATION</th>
<th>HOLD CAPABILITY HOURS</th>
<th>PREENTRY THERMAL CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS HOURS</th>
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<tr>
<td>0 TO 60</td>
<td>ANY</td>
<td>≥ 160</td>
<td>≤ 12</td>
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<tr>
<td>60 TO 90</td>
<td>A. OTHER THAN 3-AXIS INERTIAL HOLDS</td>
<td>CYCLES OF 6-HOUR HOLDS FOLLOWED BY 3 HOURS OF THERMAL CONDITIONING FOR WORST THERMAL ATTITUDES</td>
<td>≤ 7</td>
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<td>B. 3-AXIS INERTIAL HOLDS</td>
<td>≥ 160</td>
<td>≤ 12</td>
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Figure 2-33. Orbiter Attitude Hold Capabilities
Figure 2-34. Entry Thermal Environment Payload Bay Air Temperature
Figure 2-35. Shuttle Orbiter Payload Bay Thermal Model Nodes
Figure 2-36. Temperature vs Time - Nodes 671 and 673.
Figure 2-37. Temperature vs Time - Nodes 4877 and 5371.
3. DESIGN APPROACH AND ANALYSIS

3.1 ELECTRICAL ANALYSES

3.1.1 Gregorian Feeds

3.1.1.1 Design Approach

Initially the offset parabolic torus main reflector and the surface contour and trimline of the Gregorian subreflector were designed using geometric optics exclusively. Subsequently the total system was analyzed in detail using physical optics. Such parameters as the position of the subreflector relative to the paraxial focus, the position of the feed relative to the subreflector, and the inclination angle of the feed were optimized by Gustincic. For each set of parameters, maps of the power density transformation ratio $T'$ were generated. This ratio compares the solid angle subtended by a bundle of optical rays at the feed to the incremental area of the bundle in the aperture plane. A high transformation ratio means the energy in the feed is being concentrated in a relatively small area of the aperture. This will reduce the aperture taper in that area. Designing the antenna for high main beam efficiency requires a smooth aperture illumination with more than 10 dB of aperture taper at the edges to reduce the sidelobe levels, so high values of $T'$ cannot be tolerated.

The various designs were also compared relative to cross polarization loss and the subreflector size and shape. A relatively large size is preferred to allow good operation at the lower frequencies by minimizing diffraction losses. A small size is preferred, however, to allow placing a number of subreflectors around the feed wheel. The subtended angles of the feed in azimuth and elevation were also considered to assure that the design would utilize a feed that would be practical to achieve. All of these considerations led to the choice of the design parameters listed in Table 3-1. The various parameters are defined in Figure 3-1, which also shows the coordinate systems used in the analysis. This design optimization, which was performed by Gustincic, appeared to be entirely satisfactory and was not investigated.

Table 3-1. Subreflector Design Parameters

<table>
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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>$H$</td>
<td>0.0813 $R_0$</td>
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<td>$F$</td>
<td>0.5625 $R_0$</td>
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<td>$S$</td>
<td>0.4000 $R_0$</td>
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<td>$TF$</td>
<td>90°</td>
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Figure 3-1. Coordinate Relationships
In Gustincic's design, the subreflector periphery was defined relative to a twelve sided aperture shape. Each point in the aperture periphery, traced back to the subreflector along the corresponding optical ray, defines the subreflector contour. Flat sides in an aperture are undesirable, however, because they cause a pedestal in the effective linear aperture distribution and therefore raise the sidelobe level in the pattern cuts that pass through the aperture flats. A rounded aperture shape, however, has a zero at the ends of the effective linear aperture distribution. The sidelobe level and main beam efficiency would thus be better. Furthermore, the aperture shape was too complex to handle conveniently in the analysis. Consequently, a dual ellipse aperture shape which closely approximates Gustincic's aperture shape was chosen. It is illustrated in Figure 3-2. The corresponding subreflector shape is quite irregular and has no straight surfaces at all. It was illustrated in Figure 2-16.

One minor change should be made to this overall design during the hardware phase. Presently, the top of all subreflectors and the bottom of the main reflector are in the same plane, and the lowest ray from the main reflector grazes the subreflector. This leaves no room for a calibration tunnel to pass over the subreflector without blocking the aperture. Consequently, the entire dual-ellipse aperture contour should be moved up about 0.03R. (6 cm), which will also lower the trim line on the subreflector, to leave about 0.036 R. (7.2 cm) clearance. This allows for the calibration cavity, clearance between the cavity and subreflector, and clearance between the aperture and top of the cavity to avoid blocking the near field of the main reflector. The effect of this slight change on the antenna performance should be minimal.

3.1.1.2 Analysis of the Gregorian Reflector System

Geometric Optics Design

The first phase of the analysis was to repeat the geometric optics design procedure used by Gustincic. This was done to check those results and, more importantly, to obtain the subreflector surface coordinates with high accuracy and in the form of a subroutine for use in the analysis program.

The result of this analysis is a subroutine GEODES, which has the input/output parameters of Table 3-2. The variable names are the same as those used by Gustincic, and like his analysis all length parameters are normalized to the radius of the main reflector. All vectors relate to the unit vectors of the basic (X, Y, Z) coordinate system. FORTRAN program listings are given in Appendix A.

Physical Optics Analysis Approach

The subreflector was first broken up into approximately equal area segments. The currents on each segment were calculated using the physical optics approximation. The main reflector was then broken up into approximately equal segments, and the scattered field from the subreflector at each main reflector point was calculated by summing the contribution (using the exact near field expressions) of each subreflector segment. The main reflector current was then approximated using

*FORTRAN type variable names are used, giving an unusual appearance to the equations but good correspondence to the FORTRAN code.
Figure 3-2. Dual Ellipse Aperture Shape

(0.0, 0.8)

(0.4, 0.3)

UPPER ELLIPSE SEGMENT

APERTURE SHAPE IN GUSTINCIC'S REPORT

LOWER ELLIPSE SEGMENT

(0,0)
Table 3-2. Input/Output Parameters of Geodes

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<th>Inputs</th>
<th>Outputs</th>
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<td>X : X coordinate on the main reflector (also aperture)</td>
<td>Y : The Y coordinate on the main reflector.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z : Z coordinate on the main reflector (also aperture)</td>
<td>R'R : The vector from the feed point to the subreflector point. This vector is expressed as follows, using the local (XX, YY, ZZ) coordinate system: ( \vec{R}' = X(-XX) + Y(-YY) + Z(-ZZ) )</td>
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The subroutine also uses the following design parameters which are communicated in common block REFPRM:

- \( F \) : Parameters defined by Gustincic
- \( H \) : Parameters defined by Gustincic
- \( K \) : \( 2 - S + \sqrt{H^2 + (F - S)^2} \), which is the total path length from the feed to the aperture plane \( y = 0 \). This was then related to main beam efficiency by properly accounting for the power spilled over past the subreflector and past the main reflector.

Choice of Subreflector Segments

In order to compute the main reflector currents induced by the field scattered off the subreflector, \( N_m \cdot N_s \) individual field contributions must be calculated, where \( N_m \) is the number of main reflector segments and \( N_s \) is the number of subreflector segments. This product can be \( 10^6 \) or more, so the computer execution time can become impractically large. Consequently, the choice of a grid of points on the subreflector was made with care in order to minimize the number of subreflector segments. The use of a regular grid with equal area segments gives the fewest elements, but the irregular shape and considerable curvature of the subreflector makes this difficult.
The subreflector is, however, approximately spherical in shape. Assuming it was a sphere, a grid of exactly equal area segments could be chosen as in Figure 3–3 by placing the points on latitude lines (constant $\theta$ in spherical coordinates) and spacing them circumferentially by the angular increment $d\phi = \frac{d\theta}{\sin \theta}$. This only works well on a portion of a sphere, which is no problem in this case. These equal area segments were then projected onto the subreflector.

The description of the analysis is complicated by the use of three local coordinate systems ($XX, YY, ZZ$), ($XF, YF, ZF$), and ($XS, YS, ZS$) along with the basic ($X, Y, Z$) system, as shown in Figure 3–1. All vectors, however, are expressed in terms of the basic unit vectors $X$, $Y$, and $Z$. The use of a local system is noted where it occurs.

The ($XS, YS, ZS$) system is centered at the approximate center of curvature of the subreflector, and rotated as shown to place the plane of symmetry in the $X$-$Y$ plane. Conventional spherical coordinate angles ($TH, PH$) are also defined in the local system. The relationship to the basic system is:

\[
XS = X - Y - YYS \\
YS = Z + H - ZZS \\
ZS = -X
\]

The spherical coordinate angles are defined by the equations:

\[
\cos(TH) = \frac{ZS}{\sqrt{XS^2 + YS^2 + ZS^2}} \\
\tan(PH) = \frac{YS}{XS}
\]

For the half of the subreflector with $XX > 0$, coordinate points are then chosen equally spaced in $TH$ from $TH_{MIN}$ to $\pi/2$, where $TH_{MIN}$ is the minimum value reached on the periphery of the subreflector (about 29 deg in the present design). For each value of $TH$ used, the value of $PH$ at the bottom of the subreflector, or minimum value of $PH$, must be calculated. This is done in the computer program by systematically perturbing the ($X, Z$) aperture coordinate on the periphery of the aperture (using the subroutine GEODES) until the desired value of $TH$ is obtained. The value of $PH$ is then stored as $PH_1$ at that point. If the spacing in $TH$ is $DTH$, then the spacing in $PH$ is

\[
DPH = \frac{DTH}{\sin(TH)}
\]

The spherical angles of each subreflector point are thus defined. They are summarized below.

\[
TH = \pi/2 - DTH \cdot (I - 1/2) \\
PH = PH_1 + DPH \cdot (J - 1/2)
\]

where $PH_1$ is the value of $PH$ at the bottom of the subreflector for this value of $TH$. 

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Figure 3-3. Division of a Sphere into Equal Area Segments
The actual point on the subreflector that has the spherical angles \((\theta, \phi)\) is found by two-dimensional iteration of the aperture coordinates \(X\) and \(Z\), using the subroutine GEODES, until the angles of the subreflector point are sufficiently close to the desired values. A two-dimensional form of Newton's method is used and convergence takes two to four iterations. The coordinates of the center of each subreflector segment are thus defined by this procedure. The next step is to calculate the actual area of each segment.

For each subreflector point, let \(\mathbf{V}\) be the vector from the subreflector point to the approximate center of curvature. It is defined as

\[
\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{O} - \mathbf{R}
\]

where

\[
\mathbf{O} = \hat{\mathbf{Y}}(F - YYS) + \hat{\mathbf{Z}}(-H + ZZS)
\]

The magnitude of \(\mathbf{V}\) is the distance from the approximate center of curvature to the subreflector point. The surface normal vector is \(\mathbf{N}\). The actual incremental surface area \(DS\) can then be calculated using the area of the adjacent spherical segment and the angle between the surface normal and the sphere radius vector \(\mathbf{V}\).

\[
DS = \frac{\mathbf{V}^2 \cdot \sin(\theta) \cdot d\theta \cdot d\phi}{(\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{N})/|\mathbf{V}|}
\]

The fact that the subreflector is not exactly a sphere causes \(|\mathbf{V}|\) to vary from 0.150 to 0.163 over the subreflector surface, while the denominator varies from 1.00 to 0.986 due to the fact that \(\mathbf{N}\) and \(\mathbf{V}\) do not remain parallel. A variation in \(DS\) of 20 percent over the subreflector is the result, but this is quite good considering the subreflector shape. A total of 550 subreflector points (both sides of the symmetry plane) spaced 0.4\(\lambda\) apart are required at 6.6 GHz, and 1332 points would be required at 10.69 GHz.

**Primary Pattern**

The primary pattern was chosen to be that of a rectangular aperture with a cosine aperture distribution in both planes, as shown in Figure 3-4. This would represent the patterns of a rectangular corrugated horn fairly accurately. The vector representation of the pattern was defined assuming that the aperture power was equally transmitted by electric and magnetic currents. Again, this represents the horn aperture fairly accurately, because the aperture is far from cutoff. To normalize all of the further computations, the primary patterns were integrated over the forward half sphere to determine the directivity, and the on-axis directivity \(PKGN\) was used to normalize the primary patterns so that unit power is transmitted. In the local feed coordinates \((XF, YF, ZF)\) the primary pattern magnetic field is \(HPP \cdot \phi + HTP \cdot \theta\). These vector components are given by the following equations, assuming a distance of one meter. The equations are derived from the closed form expressions of the far field patterns of a cosine amplitude distribution given in Silver6.

\[\text{NN is obtained from the geometric optics design program GEODES as an intermediate step in determining the subreflector coordinates.}\]
Figure 3-4. Coordinate System for the Primary Horn Aperture

\[
HPP = \frac{AF}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin(PF)}{\sqrt{1 - \left[\sin(TF) \cdot \cos(PF)\right]^2}} \right] \tag{12}
\]

\[
HTP = -\frac{AF}{2} \left[ \frac{\cos(TF) \cdot \cos(PF)}{\sqrt{1 - \left[\sin(TF) \cdot \cos(PF)\right]^2}} \right] \tag{13}
\]

\[
AF = \cos(U1) \cdot \cos(U2) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sin(TF) \cdot \sin(PF) \cdot PKGN}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot \Theta}} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{2 \cdot U1}{\pi}\right)^2 \right] \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{2 \cdot U2}{\pi}\right)^2 \right] \tag{14}
\]

\[
U1 = \frac{EK \cdot A \cdot \sin(TH) \cdot \cos(PH)}{2} \tag{15}
\]

\[
U2 = \frac{EK \cdot B \cdot \cos(TH)}{2} \tag{16}
\]
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\[ \text{ETA} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \]  
\[ \text{EK} = 2 \pi/\lambda \]  

A = Width of aperture  
B = Height of aperture  

TF, PF are the conventional spherical coordinate angles.

The factor \( \sin(\text{TF}) \cdot \sin(\text{PF}) \) term in the equation (14) is equal to the cosine of the angle off the horn axis. This additional term gives a pattern which is closer to the measured patterns plotted in Silver\textsuperscript{6}, pages 344-345.

These formulas were computed by a subroutine PRIPAT, with inputs and outputs as outlined in Table 3-3.

**Subreflector Currents**

The final step in this portion of the analysis is to compute the subreflector currents. Looking ahead to the later physical optics (P.O.) analysis, the quantity actually calculated is \( J_S ds \), which according to the P.C. approximation is equal to:

\[ J_S ds = 2 \cdot DS \cdot (\overrightarrow{NN} \times \overrightarrow{HP}) \]

Where \( \overrightarrow{HP} \) is the incident magnetic field. In the following analysis, \( \overrightarrow{HP} \) is referenced to unit radius and does not include the phase term \( e^{-jk_1} \). The magnitude of the current–area product and the path length "PATH" is calculated and stored for each subreflector segment. In the calculation of the subreflector currents, the feed is

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**Table 3-3. Input/Output Parameters of PRIPAT**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Input Parameters</th>
<th>Output Parameters</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STP (1)</td>
<td>HTP ( \wedge \text{TF component of the magnetic field at a distance of one meter} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STP (2)</td>
<td>HPP ( \wedge \text{PF component of the magnetic field at a distance of one meter} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>STP (3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>STP (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Width of aperture (parallel to X axis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Height of aperture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EK</td>
<td>( 2\pi/\lambda )</td>
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allowed to be offset from its nominal design position. This allows evaluation of cases where two feeds of different bands are placed side-by-side and feed the same subreflector, or cases where the feed is offset due to manufacturing tolerances or mechanical deflections. The vector from the nominal feed position to the offset position is

\[ \vec{OS} = \hat{Z} \cdot FZ - \hat{Y} \cdot FY \]  

The offset is limited to the Z and Y axes in order to preserve the symmetry of the antenna and thus greatly reduce computation time. The negative sign occurs because of the relationship between the XX, YY, and ZZ feed coordinate system and the basic system.

The subreflector point must be expressed in spherical coordinates relative to the offset and inclined feed coordinates to obtain the feed pattern using the PRIPAT routine. The feed rectangular coordinate unit vectors are

\[ \vec{XF} = -X \]  
\[ \vec{YF} = -Y \cdot SP + Z \cdot CP \]  
\[ \vec{ZF} = Y \cdot CP + Z \cdot SP \]  

Where \( SP = \sin(\Theta) \), \( CP = \cos(\Theta) \), and \( \Theta \) is the pointing angle of the feed relative to vertical.

The spherical coordinate unit vectors \( \vec{TF} \) and \( \vec{PF} \) are related to the corresponding rectangular coordinate vectors \( \vec{XF}, \vec{YF}, \) and \( \vec{ZF} \) as follows:

\[ \vec{TF} = \vec{XF} \cdot \cos(\Theta) \cdot \cos(P) + \vec{YF} \cdot \cos(\Theta) \cdot \sin(P) - \vec{ZF} \sin(\Theta) \]  
\[ \vec{PF} = \vec{YF} \cdot \cos(P) - \vec{XF} \cdot \sin(P) \]  

Substituting (21) - (23) into (24) and (25),

\[ \vec{TF} = \vec{X} \cdot \left[ -\cos(\Theta) \cdot \cos(P) \right] + \vec{Y} \cdot \left[ -SP \cdot \cos(\Theta) \cdot \sin(P) - CP \cdot \sin(\Theta) \right] + \vec{Z} \cdot \left[ CP \cdot \cos(\Theta) \cdot \sin(P) - SP \cdot \sin(\Theta) \right] \]  
\[ \vec{PF} = \vec{X} \cdot \sin(P) - \vec{Y} \cdot SP \cdot \cos(P) + \vec{Z} \cdot CP \cdot \cos(P) \]  

Finally, the incident magnetic field is calculated in the subroutine PRIPAT in the form

\[ \vec{HP} = \vec{TF} \cdot HTP + \vec{PF} \cdot HPP \]  

Substituting (26) and (27) into (28) gives
\[ \hat{H}_P = X \{-HTP \cdot \cos(TF) \cdot \cos(PF) + HPP \cdot \sin(PF)\} + Y \{HTP \cdot [-SP \cdot \cos(TF) \cdot \sin(PF) - CP \cdot \sin(TF)] - HPP \cdot SP \cdot \cos(PF)\} + Z \{HTP \cdot [CP \cdot \cos(TF) \cdot \sin(PF) - SP \cdot \sin(TF)] + HPP \cdot CP \cdot \cos(PF)\} \] (29)

This expression for \( H_P \) is referenced to unit radius. Taking into account the range dependence of the primary pattern, the current induced in the subreflector is then

\[ JSDS = (2 \cdot DS/R\theta) \cdot (N\vec{N} \times H\vec{P}). \] (30)

Where \( R\theta = RO \cdot |\vec{R}\vec{R}| \), \( RO \) being the radius of the main reflector and \( \vec{R}\vec{R} \) is the vector from the feed point to the subreflector point. All of the main- and subreflector coordinates are normalized to the main reflector radius as in Gustincic's analysis, so the factor \( RO \) appears frequently to obtain absolute lengths where needed.

At this point, the vector \( \vec{R}\vec{R} \), the vector \( JSDS \), and the path length \( RO \cdot |\vec{R}\vec{R}| \) from the feed to the subreflector point are all placed in permanent computer storage. The \( Z \) and \( X \) components of the main reflector current are then calculated along the reflector cut lines shown in Figure 3-5 to evaluate the results at this stage and to define the limits of the main reflector to be integrated to obtain the far field pattern.

![Figure 3-5. Lines on Main Reflector Used for Interim Evaluation](image-url)
Main Reflector Currents

The second computer program reads the value of R̅R, JSDS, and PATH for each subreflectors point and computes first the main reflector currents and then the far field patterns.

To compute the main reflector current, the near field form of the diffracted magnetic field in Rusch and Potter is used.

\[
H_\Phi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \left( \bar{J}_S \times \bar{a}_R \right) (jk + \frac{1}{r})(e^{-jkr/r}) ds
\]  

(31)

This equation was obtained by substituting (2.6-5) into (2.6-4) of Rusch and Potter and setting the magnetic current to zero.

The main reflector point is defined by the vector \( \bar{P} = XX + (Y - F) \hat{Y} + (Z + H) \hat{Z} \) extending from the feed point to the main reflector point. The subreflector point is defined by the vector \( \bar{R}_s \) extending from the feed point to the subreflector point. Then, a vector \( \bar{S}_M \) which extends from the subreflector point to the main reflector point and absolute distance \( R_{SM} \) are defined:

\[
\bar{S}_M = \bar{P} - R\bar{R}
\]  

(32)

\[
R_{SM} = \bar{R}_s \cdot |\bar{S}_M|
\]  

(33)

rather than the normal vector \( \bar{a}_R \), the length vector \( \bar{S}_M \) is used to save a computation step. They are related by the formula

\[
\bar{a}_R = \bar{S}_M \cdot \bar{R}_s / R_{SM}
\]  

(34)

Finally, the magnetic field is obtained by a summation of the contributions

\[
d\bar{H} = \left[ \frac{\bar{R}_s}{(4 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{SM}^2)} \right] (JSDS \times \bar{S}_M)(j \cdot EK + 1/R_{SM})
\]

\[
\left[ e^{-j \cdot EK \cdot (R_{SM} + PATH)} \right]
\]  

(35)

Here the term PATH is included in the exponential term to take care of the phase of the subreflector current.

The integration over the main reflector uses a rectangular grid in the aperture plane projected back on the main reflector. The incremental area is

\[
DS = \frac{DX \cdot DZ \cdot R_{O}^2}{|N \cdot \hat{Y}|}
\]  

(36)
Where DX and DZ are the aperture coordinate increments and \( \vec{N} \) is the surface normal unit vector of the main reflector, which is given in Gustincic as follows:

\[
\vec{N} = -\frac{\hat{X} \cdot X}{\sqrt{(1 + Z^2) \cdot (X^2 + Y^2)}} - \frac{\hat{Y} \cdot Y}{\sqrt{(1 + Z^2) \cdot (X^2 + Y^2)}} - \frac{\hat{Z} \cdot Z}{\sqrt{(1 + Z^2)}} \tag{37}
\]

The vector \( \vec{J_M} \) is then computed, representing \( \vec{J} \delta S \) on the main reflector. It is equal to

\[
\vec{J_M} = 2 \cdot DS \cdot (\vec{N} \times \vec{HP}) \tag{38}
\]

### Far Field Pattern

The Fraunhofer approximation to the vector diffraction equation for the magnetic field, when it is referenced to a one meter distance, is

\[
\vec{H_F} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Sigma} (\vec{J} \times \vec{a}_t)(\text{jk})(\text{e}^{-j\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}) \text{d}s \tag{39}
\]

The far field is obtained by a summation of the individual contributions

\[
d\vec{H} = [j \cdot \vec{E}_K / (4 \cdot \pi \cdot \rho)] \cdot (\vec{J_M} \times \vec{A_R}) \cdot (\text{e}^{+j \cdot \vec{E}_K \cdot (\vec{A_R} \cdot \vec{R})}) \tag{40}
\]

Where \( \vec{R} \) is the vector from the origin to the main reflector segment and \( \vec{A_R} \) is the unit vector in the direction of the far field pattern point. To allow taking pattern cuts in a coordinate system centered on the main beam, the pattern coordinate system is oriented at an angle \( TB \) from the vertical as shown in Figure 3-6. The vector \( \vec{A_R} \) is then

\[
\vec{A_R} = \hat{X} \cdot \text{STP} \cdot \text{CPP} + \hat{Y} \cdot \text{STP} \cdot \text{SPP} + \hat{Z} \cdot \text{CTP} \tag{41}
\]

Where \( \text{STP} = \text{SIN}(TP) \)
\( \text{CTP} = \text{COS}(TP) \)
\( \text{SPP} = \text{SIN}(PP) \)
\( \text{CPP} = \text{COS}(PP) \)

TP and PP are the spherical coordinate angles

The relationship between the rotated and basic unit vectors is given by the expressions

\[
\hat{X}' = \hat{X} \tag{42}
\]
\[
\hat{Y}' = \hat{Y} \cdot \text{CTB} + \hat{Z} \cdot \text{STB} \tag{43}
\]
\[
\hat{Z}' = -\hat{Y} \cdot \text{STB} + \hat{Z} \cdot \text{CTB} \tag{44}
\]

Where \( \text{STB} = \text{SIN}(TB) \) and \( \text{CTB} = \text{COS}(TB) \). Substituting Eq. (42) - (44) into (41) gives the following expression for \( \vec{A_R} \)
Figure 3-6. Coordinate System for Far Field Patterns

\[ \mathbf{AR} = \hat{X} \cdot \mathbf{STP} \cdot \mathbf{CPP} \]
\[ + \hat{Y} \cdot (\mathbf{CTB} \cdot \mathbf{STP} \cdot \mathbf{SPP} - \mathbf{STB} \cdot \mathbf{CTP}) \]
\[ + \hat{Z} \cdot (\mathbf{STB} \cdot \mathbf{STP} \cdot \mathbf{SPP} + \mathbf{CTB} \cdot \mathbf{CTP}) \]  

To separate the Fraunhofer magnetic field into vertically and horizontally polarized components, the following unit polarization reference vectors were defined:

\[ \mathbf{HV} = \hat{X}[-\mathbf{CT} \cdot \mathbf{CP}^2 - \mathbf{SP}^2] + \hat{Y}[-\mathbf{ST} \cdot \mathbf{CP}] + \hat{Z}[\mathbf{SP} \cdot \mathbf{CP} \cdot (1 - \mathbf{CT})] \]  
\[ \mathbf{HH} = \hat{X}[\mathbf{SP} \cdot \mathbf{CP} \cdot (\mathbf{CT} - 1)] + \hat{Y}[\mathbf{ST} \cdot \mathbf{SP}] + \hat{Z}[\mathbf{CP}^2 + \mathbf{CT} \cdot \mathbf{SP}^2] \]  

Where \( \mathbf{ST} = \sin(\mathbf{TH}) \)
\( \mathbf{CT} = \cos(\mathbf{TH}) \)
\( \mathbf{SP} = \sin(\mathbf{PH}) \)
\( \mathbf{CP} = \cos(\mathbf{PH}) \)

\( \mathbf{TH} \) is the angle between the \( (-\hat{Y}) \) axis and \( \mathbf{AR} \), and \( \mathbf{PH} \) is the rotational angle of the pattern point. The vector \( \mathbf{AR} \) expressed in terms of these angles is

\[ \mathbf{AR} = \hat{X} \cdot \mathbf{ST} \cdot \mathbf{CP} - \hat{Y} \cdot \mathbf{CT} + \hat{Z} \cdot \mathbf{ST} \cdot \mathbf{SP} \]  

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Therefore,

\[ ST = \sqrt{ARX^2 + ARZ^2} \]  
\[ CT = -ARY \]  
\[ SP = \frac{ARZ}{ST} \]  
\[ CP = \frac{ARX}{ST} \]

Where ARX, ARY, and ARZ are the corresponding components of AR.

These reference vectors are the same ones that occur when various pattern cuts are taken on a path in range using the lower azimuth table, with the elevation table tilted forward to point the beam at the transmitter. The upper azimuth table gives the angle of the pattern cut, and the transmitted polarization is rotated along with the upper azimuth table when changing the cut angle. It is surprising that the form of these reference vectors is so complicated.

The magnitudes are then

\[ HP = |\vec{H}_F \cdot \vec{H}_V| \]  
\[ HC = |\vec{H}_F \cdot \vec{H}_H| \]

and the gain at any point is

\[ G = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot ETA \cdot HP^2 \]

Finally, the radiated power is integrated according to the formula

\[ PP = \int_0^{TL} \int_0^{2 \cdot PI} ETA \cdot HP^2 \cdot \sin(TS) \cdot DTH \cdot DPH \]

\[ PT = \int_0^{TL} \int_0^{2 \cdot PI} ETA \cdot (HP^2 + HC^2) \cdot \sin(TS) \cdot DPH \cdot DTH \]

Here PP is the principally polarized power contained in the pattern from the center of the beam to the angle TL and PT is the corresponding total power. The value of PP at TL = 1.25 \( \Theta \) gives the total power in the main beam, while the ultimate value of PT should equal

\[ PT(PI) = \eta_{s1} \cdot \eta_{s2} \]

where \( \eta_{s1} \) is the subreflector spillover efficiency

\[ \eta_{s2} \] is the main reflector spillover efficiency
3.1.1.3 Results of Gregorian Reflector Analysis

Performance vs. Frequency

The first objective of the physical optics analysis was to determine the performance of the Gregorian design at various frequencies. This would evaluate the effect of diffraction on the overall main beam efficiency and consequently define the lowest frequency for which this design approach is viable.

The subreflector currents were calculated at 2.695 GHz, 6.6 GHz, and 10.69 GHz. Following that, the main reflector current along the lines X = 0 and Z = 0.3 was calculated for each frequency. This data is illustrated in Figure 3-7 through 3-18. A considerable improvement in phase error and spillover past the main reflector (indicated by the magnitude of the current for values of Z<0.0 and Z>1.0) can be seen for 6.6 GHz relative to 2.695 GHz. The main reflector current at 10.69 GHz is very similar to 6.6 GHz, however, indicating that the geometric optics limit may have already been reached.

The far field patterns were calculated at 2.695 GHz and 6.6 GHz. They are conveniently summarized in the contour plots shown in Figures 3-19 and 3-20, respectively. The calculated performance at these two frequencies is summarized in Table 3-4.

The main beam efficiency was estimated assuming a portion of the subreflector and main reflector spillover components are absorbed rather than scattered into sidelobe regions of the pattern.

In the physical optics analysis, they were simply lost and the pattern integration up to the 2.5θ point accounted for those losses due to the fact that the patterns were normalized for unit total power transmitted by the feed. The total power contained in the pattern is thus equal to the product of the main reflector spillover efficiency and subreflector spillover efficiency. If 80 percent of the spillover components is absorbed, the total power contained in the pattern would be

\[ P_p + 0.2 (1 - P_p) \]  

Table 3-4. Performance Calculated According to Physical Optics

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Value @ 2.695 GHz</th>
<th>Value @ 6.6 GHz</th>
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<td>Average 3 dB Beamwidth</td>
<td>4.76 deg</td>
<td>2.06 deg</td>
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<td>Angle at 2.5 Beamwidth Circle</td>
<td>5.95 deg</td>
<td>2.58 deg</td>
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<td>Fraction of feed power contained within 2.5 θ circle</td>
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<td>91.26%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Contained in Pattern</td>
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<td>96.11%</td>
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<td>Main Beam Efficiency</td>
<td>92.52%</td>
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Figure 3-7. Azimuth Cut of Reflector
Current, 2.695 GHz

Figure 3-8. Azimuth Cut of Phase,
2.695 GHz
Figure 3-9. Elevation Cut of Reflector Current, 2.695 GHz

Figure 3-10. Elevation Cut of Phase, 2.695 GHz
Figure 3-11. Azimuth Cut of Reflector Current, 6.6 GHz

Figure 3-12. Azimuth Cut of Phase, 6.6 GHz
Figure 3-13. Elevation Cut of Reflector Current, 6.6 GHz

Figure 3-14. Elevation Cut of Phase, 6.6 GHz
Figure 3-15. Azimuth Cut of Reflector Current, 10.69 GHz

Figure 3-16. Azimuth Cut of Phase, 10.69 GHz
Figure 3-17. Elevation Cut of Reflector Current, 10.69 GHz

Figure 3-18. Elevation Cut of Phase, 10.69 GHz
Figure 3-19. Contour Plot of Far Field Pattern, 2.695 GHz

Figure 3-20. Contour Plot of Far Field Pattern, 6.6 GHz
Where \( P_p \) is the fractional power contained in the entire physical optics pattern. The main beam efficiency with this assumption is

\[
\eta_{mb} = \frac{2\pi \int_0^{1.25\Theta} \int_0^{2\pi} P(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{P_p + 0.2 (1 - P_p)}
\]

(58)

**Bandwidth**

To determine whether some adjacent channels could use the same feed aperture, a bandwidth study was conducted. Keeping the same feed aperture size (1.5\( \lambda \) by 2.6\( \lambda \) at \( f_0 \)) the operating frequency was varied to determine the performance over a given bandwidth. Potential pairs of candidate channels which could be combined are: the 20 and 22 GHz pair, and the 94 and 118.7 GHz pair. Table 3-5 shows the results of this bandwidth study. The range 0.95 \( f_0 \) to 1.05 \( f_0 \) covers 20 to 22 GHz, and the performance is excellent over this bandwidth, and combining 20 and 22 GHz into one feed aperture is feasible if desired.

The range 0.95 \( f_0 \) to 1.20 \( f_0 \) covers the 94 and 118.7 GHz frequencies, which is the only other pair that could be combined. The higher frequency would suffer about 12 percent loss in resolution compared to the baseline single frequency design. However, because 118.7 GHz is used for atmospheric mapping, resolution is not as critical at this frequency. The combination is thus feasible if some way of separating the two frequencies without excessive loss is devised.

**Table 3-5. Results of Bandwidth Study**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>( f ) (GHz)</th>
<th>( f/f_0 )</th>
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<td>1.15</td>
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<td>1.85</td>
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<td>7.92</td>
<td>1.20</td>
<td>39.73</td>
<td>1.83</td>
<td>2.07</td>
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*80 percent of spillover absorbed.
Offset Feed Evaluation

The performance of the Gregorian reflector system was then analyzed for the case of a feed offset by half the feed dimension in ZZ direction. This would represent a general offset dual frequency feed like that of Figure 3-21. In an optical system, displacement by half the feed height should have the same effect on the pattern at all frequencies. Consequently, the performance was calculated at 6.6 GHz to be representative of all frequencies above that.

The amplitude of the main reflector current along the line $Z = +0.3$ is shown in Figure 3-22 and its phase in Figure 3-23. Correspondingly, the amplitude and phase along the reflector symmetry line $X = 0$ are shown in Figures 3-24 and 3-25. The elevation amplitude (Figure 3-24) shows slight asymmetry due to the fact that the feed was not rotated as it was displaced. The spillover loss, however, was less with the displaced feed (0.04 dB vs 0.12 dB) so this should not degrade performance appreciably. The phase, however, shows considerable phase distortion caused by the offset.

This phase distortion caused considerable beam broadening. The peak gain dropped from 39.1 dB down to 34.8 dB, a loss of 4.3 dB. The average half-power beamwidth increased from 2.06 to 3.24 deg, indicating considerable loss in resolution. The contour plot of Figure 3-26 shows the beam shapes become nearly triangular and the skirts are broadened considerably compared to the on-axis contour plot of Figure 3-20. The beam efficiency was not as seriously degraded, however. 88.7 percent of the feed power was contained within the $2.5 \, (H)$ circle as compared to 91.3 percent on-axis.

Figure 3-21. Typical Dual Frequency Offset Feed
Figure 3-22. Azimuth Cut of Reflector Current for Offset Feed

Figure 3-23. Azimuth Cut of Phase for Offset Feed
Figure 3-24. Elevation Cut of Reflector Current for Offset Feed

Figure 3-25. Elevation Cut of Phase for Offset Feed
Figure 3-26. Contour Plot-Offset Feed

AVERAGE 3 dB BEAMWIDTH = 3.24°

BEAM EFFICIENCY = 88.7%
Conclusions

The conclusions drawn from this data are as follows:

1. The Gregorian concept should be used at 6.6 GHz and above. Although 2.695 GHz main beam efficiency appears marginally acceptable, the patterns are severely distorted and furthermore the subreflector would not be in the far field of the feed. At the lower three frequencies a prime focus type of feed should be used because diffraction effects would be severe.

2. Covering 20/22 GHz or 94/118.7 GHz with one feed aperture is feasible provided a suitable way of separating the channels can be devised.

3. Dual frequency operation using offset feeds is not a good concept due to excessive pattern distortion and beam broadening. Multifrequency concentric feeds should give much better performance.
3.1.2 Prime Focus Feeds

3.1.2.1 Overall Approach

The physical optics analysis indicated that prime focus feeds are needed for 0.61, 1.413, and 2.695 GHz. Measurements in Gustincic indicate that a four dipole feed was adequate for 0.61 GHz. At 2.695 and possibly 1.413 GHz, some type of aberration correction is needed to correct the severe aberration of the parabolic torus.

Several feed concepts were considered, such as end fire elements, line source feeds, and arrays. Because three frequencies are required at one prime focus feed location, the driving function in the choice among them turned out to be how well the concept was adaptable to multiple frequency operation. An array approach was chosen on that basis since multiple banding arrays using interlaced elements and look-through elements is well understood and practical. Furthermore, control of the amplitude and phase of the pattern of an array is relatively precise compared to other approaches, so aberration correction should be easily achieved.

Feed pattern synthesis was performed by visualizing the feed as a multiple beam array. Each beam illuminates a portion of the torus and thus gives control of the amplitude and phase of that segment. The various beam excitations blend together into a smooth aberration correcting feed pattern due to the natural interpolation process inherent with rounded beam shapes. The amplitudes and phases of the aperture distributions required for each beam are then added in the aperture plane to give the composite aperture distribution required, so the multiple beams exist in concept only — a simple corporate feed producing the desired amplitudes and phases is all that is required.

One constraint imposed on the multiple frequency prime focus feed was that they not project above the focus vertex plane so that they would pass through the calibration enclosures. This necessitated a feed center depressed considerably below the paraxial focus, giving beam positions that were elevated up to 7.8 deg. above the horizon.

An analysis program using physical optics to approximate the torus currents was developed. Far field patterns were calculated in the same way as for the Gregorian analysis. The feed radius was optimized for best operation at 1.413 GHz using a simple feed approach. The performance at 0.61 GHz using the same feed location was then calculated, and a seven beam feed for 2.695 GHz was synthesized.

3.1.2.2 Analysis

The objective of the prime focus feed analysis is the calculation of the Vector HP, which is the magnetic field of the feed at the main reflector point. The calculation of the main reflector current using the physical optics approximation and calculation and evaluation of the far field patterns proceeds identically to that of the Gregorian analysis, using equation (38) through (57). The geometry of the torus and feed are given in Figure 3-27. The feed radius is FD and its depression is MD.
Figure 3-27 Coordinate Systems for Prime Focus Feed Evaluation
Like the previous analysis, a subroutine PRIPAT is used to calculate the feed pattern in the local feed coordinate system (XF, YF, ZF) and normalized for unit radius. Inputs and outputs for the prime focus feed version of PRIPAT are summarized in Table 3-6.

Table 3-6. Input/Output Parameters for PRIPAT (Prime Focus Feed Version)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Parameters</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>SCA(1) = SIN(TF)</td>
<td>Where TF and PF are the conventional spherical coordinate angles of the primary pattern point.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SCA(2) = COS(TF)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SCA(3) = SIN(PF)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SCA(4) = COS(PF)</td>
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<tr>
<td>IE = 1 for vertically polarized slot element</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2 for horizontally polarized slot element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 for vertically polarized dipole element</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 for horizontally polarized dipole element</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>NE = Number of elements in array</td>
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<tr>
<td>X, Y = Arrays giving positions of elements</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>A = Complex array giving complex amplitude of each element</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>EK = Wave number</td>
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<td>PD = Peak directivity</td>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Output Parameters</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>HXF, HYF, HZF = Rectangular components of magnetic field referenced to one meter radius.</td>
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For the purposes of calculating the feed pattern, the sine and cosine of the spherical coordinate feed angles TF and PF are required. They are calculated according to the formulas

\[
\begin{align*}
\cos (TF) &= \frac{ZF \cdot FR}{|FR|} \\
\sin (TF) \cdot \cos (PF) &= \frac{XF \cdot FR}{|FR|} \\
\sin (TF) \cdot \sin (PF) &= \frac{YF \cdot FR}{|FR|}
\end{align*}
\]

Where FR is the vector from the feed to the reflector point, given by the formula

\[
FR = X \cdot X + Y \cdot (Y - FP) + Z \cdot (Z + HP)
\]

The feed pattern, whether from a simple or an aberration correcting feed, is calculated in PRIPAT by a summation of the contributions of each individual dipole or slot. They are normalized to carry unit power by a calculation of the feed directivity in a separate program.

The feed coordinate unit vectors are related to the basic unit vectors according to the equations

\[
\begin{align*}
XF &= -\hat{X} \\
YF &= \hat{Z} \cdot STP - \hat{Y} \cdot CTP \\
ZF &= \hat{Z} \cdot CTP + \hat{Y} \cdot STP
\end{align*}
\]

Where STP = SIN (TP), CTP = COS (TP), and TP is the angle of the feed relative to vertical.

The magnetic field of the feed at the surface of the main reflector is then

\[
\hat{HP} = \frac{\mathcal{E} \cdot KE \cdot |FR| \cdot RO}{|FR| \cdot RO} \left[ \hat{X} (-HXF) + \hat{Y} (HZF \cdot STP - HYF \cdot CTP) + \hat{Z} (HZF \cdot CTP + HYF \cdot STP) \right]
\]

3.1.2.3 Optimization and Evaluation of Prime Focus Feeds

Integration of Three Frequency Bands

A four dipole feed spaced 0.5λ on a side was first evaluated at several frequencies. With a depressed feed position, however, the spillover loss was 10 percent and the main beam efficiency was too low due to insufficient edge taper. Consequently, 0.63λ dipole spacing was evaluated. The spillover dropped to only 3.1 percent and the main beam efficiency was very nearly 90 percent at 0.61 GHz. However, the aberrations were too severe at 1.413 GHz so a still narrower feed beamwidth was chosen for that frequency. A seven dipole feed (a center dipole surrounded by a ring of six dipoles with -6 dB relative amplitude) gave adequate performance, with 1.4 percent
spillover and 94.1 percent main beam efficiency. With a 19 slot array for 2.695 GHz, a configuration as shown in Figure 2-18 was chosen. This places the 1.413 GHz feed somewhat closer to the paraxial focus than the other two, but the 1.413 GHz elements exactly interlace the 2.695 GHz slots which will minimize interaction effects.

1.413 GHz Feed

The position of the feed relative to the paraxial focus was optimized for 1.413 GHz with the rationale that this was the most critical of the three. At 2.695 GHz aberration correction would be available using the array feed while at 0.61 GHz the aberration should be less. From the layout of the feed, it was determined that the center of the 1.413 GHz feed would have to be depressed 0.065 RO (13 cm) to maintain the 52 cm x 52 cm feed system clear of the vertex plane. The feed radius was varied from 0.50 to 0.56, keeping the feed centered in the included angle of the reflector by varying the pointing angle. The results are summarized in Table 3-7.

As can be seen, the three performance parameters do not optimize at the same feed radius. A value of 0.52 was chosen as a good compromise position.

0.61 GHz

The location of the 0.61 GHz feed was now defined as

\[ \begin{align*}
FD &= 0.5438 \\
HD &= 0.0854 \\
TP &= 40.61^\circ
\end{align*} \]

At this location, the average beam width is 17.4 deg. and the feed power contained within the 2.5 ° circle is 89.86 percent with 3.14 percent spilled over the main reflector. The effective beam efficiency can be easily raised above the required 90 percent by the use of absorber below the vertex of the torus, where most of the spillover occurs, or by phasing the feed to scan the beam up slightly.

Table 3-7. Feed Position Trade-off

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Feed Radius</th>
<th>Feed Pointing Angle (deg)</th>
<th>Average Beamwidth (deg)</th>
<th>Gain (dB)</th>
<th>Main Beam Efficiency (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>0.50</td>
<td>41.30</td>
<td>9.19</td>
<td>26.27</td>
<td>94.38</td>
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<td>0.52</td>
<td>40.61</td>
<td>8.96</td>
<td>26.35</td>
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<td>0.54</td>
<td>39.90</td>
<td>8.94</td>
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<td>93.73</td>
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<td>0.56</td>
<td>36.19</td>
<td>8.64</td>
<td>26.18</td>
<td>92.69</td>
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A simple feed at 2.695 GHz produced a disappointing efficiency of 85 percent but gave a starting point for aberration correction. The 19 slot array was visualized as producing seven beams which illuminate different portions of the parabolic torus reflector to give a systematic optimization technique. The amplitude of each outer beam was made equal to -8dB relative to the center beam to give an aperture illumination of the desired shape. The scan angle of each outer beam was 21 deg. from broadside, and an amplitude distribution which gave -25dB sidelobe level for the individual beams was used. The relationship of the seven beams to the parabolic torus is shown in Figure 3-28. If the phase of the center beam is arbitrarily set to 0 deg., the phase of the remaining six beams give six degrees of freedom which can be optimized. Even with symmetry, there are four degrees of freedom. Some analysis is needed to reduce this because optimization in four dimensions is almost impossible.

If the six degrees of freedom are identified with the phase modes \( \cos n\phi \) and \( \sin n\phi \) of the outer six beams, the effect of each can be identified as in Table 3-8.

The odd modes can be eliminated because they correct for aberration errors which cannot exist due to reflector symmetry. The mode with order 1 primarily corrects for the scan angle of the beam, so it can be eliminated because the beam does not have to be at any particular angle above the horizon. Furthermore, very little

Figure 3-28. Feed Beam Locations Showing the Optimum Phases

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Table 3-8. Effect of Phase Modes

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<th>Order</th>
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<th>Expression</th>
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<td>Even</td>
<td>$\phi = \phi_0$</td>
<td>Focus correction</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Even</td>
<td>$\phi = \phi_1 \cos \phi$</td>
<td>Elevation scan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Odd</td>
<td>$\phi = \phi_2 \sin \phi$</td>
<td>Azimuth scan</td>
</tr>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Even</td>
<td>$\phi = \phi_3 \cos 2\phi$</td>
<td>Principle plane astigmatism</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Odd</td>
<td>$\phi = \phi_4 \sin 2\phi$</td>
<td>Diagonal plane astigmatism</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Even</td>
<td>$\phi = \phi_5 \cos 3\phi$</td>
<td>Third order phase</td>
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astigmatism was noted in the phase plots that were made for the simple feed, so only focus and third order phase errors were included at first for two degrees of freedom. These were iteratively optimized for best performance. The optimum third order correction was only 0.25 radians, while the major phase error turned out to be in focus. A plot of main beam efficiency, gain, and beam width as a function of focus correction is given in Figure 3-29. The performance trade-off is aperture utilization vs main beam efficiency as evidenced by the decreasing efficiency and decreasing efficiency.
beamwidth with increases in the focus correction. With 1.4 radians of focus correction, the effective aperture size is slightly over 1.6 meters while the power in the main beam is 91.64 percent. A final correction for astigmatism was made, indicating that 0.2 radians of astigmatism correction gave a slight decrease in beamwidth at the expense of 0.11 percent in efficiency. The beam phases are shown in Figure 3-28, and the primary patterns of the feed are shown in Figures 3-30 and 3-31. The composite amplitude and phase distribution is given in Table 3-9. The performance of the antenna at 2.695 with this feed is summarized in Table 3-10. The increase in performance from a simple feed to the 19 slot array feed is evident, particularly in terms of main beam efficiency and gain. The main beam efficiency in Table 3-10 again assumes that 80 percent of the spillover is absorbed.
Figure 3-31. Phase of Feed Pattern for Various $\phi$ Angles

Table 3-9. Slot Array Excitation for 2.695 GHz

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>XF</th>
<th>ZF (cm)</th>
<th>Amplitude</th>
<th>Phase (deg)</th>
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Table 3-10. Performance at 2.695 GHz

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>4-Dipole Feed</th>
<th>19 Slot Feed</th>
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<tr>
<td>Beamwidth, Az x El</td>
<td>4.55° x 5.17°</td>
<td>4.86° x 5.02°</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aperture, Az x El</td>
<td>1.77m x 1.56m</td>
<td>1.66m x 1.61m</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gain</td>
<td>30.84 dB</td>
<td>31.61 dB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Main Beam Efficiency</td>
<td>84.81%</td>
<td>93.18%</td>
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3.1.3 Radiometric Calibration Techniques

3.1.3.1 Calibration Techniques and Errors

The output of a microwave radiometer is usually a voltage that is proportional to the radiometric brightness temperature at the input to the radiometer receiver. Since the dynamic measurement range of a SIMS channel is not likely to exceed 6 dB (75°K to 3000°K) it is reasonable to assume a linear response,

\[ V = T(V_2 - V_1) + V_1 T_2 - V_2 T_1 \]  \[(59)\]

where \( V_1 \) and \( V_2 \) are the output voltages that occur when two known radiometric calibration temperatures \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) are established at the input.

One source of measurement error arises because of the difficulty in establishing precise values for the temperatures \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \). We now assess these errors for two different calibration techniques.

3.1.3.2 Switched Load Calibration

In this case the radiometer’s antenna is first replaced by a matched termination that is maintained at a known physical temperature \( T_1 \) and then by a second load at a different temperature \( T_2 \). The terminations act as black body radiators with emissivity of unity, so that \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) are equal to the radiometric brightness temperatures at the input. When the antenna is reconnected and pointed to a source whose brightness temperature is \( T_b \) the presence of loss in the antenna and its feed transmission line modifies the brightness temperature as seen by the radiometer. The actual brightness temperature is given by

\[ T = (1 - L) T_b + LT_o \]  \[(60)\]

where \( L \) is the fractional loss, assumed here to be at a constant physical temperature equal to \( T_o \). The loss \( L \) would include the asymmetrical part of any switch loss, if one is used.

Under these circumstances the radiometer’s output voltage is given by (59) after substitution of (60); we find:
Letting the output voltage be $V_o$ in the absence of loss, we have for the error

$$\Delta V = V - V_o = L(T_o - T_b) \frac{V_2 - V_1}{T_2 - T_1}$$

(61)

From (1) and (2) we have

$$dV = (1 - L) \frac{V_2 - V_1}{T_2 - T_1} dT_b$$

hence (3) becomes

$$\Delta T_b = \frac{L}{1 - L} (T_o - T_b)$$

(62)

The resulting measurement error is directly proportional to the fractional loss and to the difference between antenna physical temperature $T_o$ and target brightness temperature $T_b$. For example, assume 1 dB loss in an S-band radiometer antenna, at temperature $T_o = 290^\circ$K, viewing the ocean, whose brightness temperature will be about $100^\circ$K. The error in observed brightness temperature will be about $49^\circ$K. If the loss is reduced to 0.1 dB the error becomes about $4.5^\circ$K which is still large enough to require correction. If the correction is to be estimated to an accuracy of 0.45 deg. (i.e., 10 percent) then $L$ and $T_o - T_b$ must be known to 5 percent i.e., to 0.005 dB and 14.5 deg., respectively. Such an accuracy is not easy to achieve and the difficulty is compounded by the fact that the loss $L$ is invariably distributed and the temperature $T_o$ is rarely uniform.

A technique that avoids the difficulty has been described by Hardy\(^8\), and will now be discussed.

### 3.1.3.3 Antenna Aperture Calibration

We assume that black body emitters are coupled in turn to the antenna aperture, thereby establishing calibration temperatures $T_{b1}$ and $T_{b2}$ at the aperture. For ideal black bodies these temperatures will simply be the thermometric temperatures of the emitters. Due to loss in the antenna, however, the temperatures $T_1$ and $T_2$ at the radiometer receiver input must be obtained from equation (60) and the same applies during target observation. When the appropriate substitutions are made in equation (59) the loss factors $L$ and $1 - L$ cancel and we have

$$V = \frac{T_b(V_2 - V_1) + V_1 T_{b2} - V_2 T_{b1}}{T_{b2} - T_{b1}}$$

(63)
But this is of exactly the same form as (59), and since \( L \) does not appear there is no measurement error due to antenna loss. The effect of loss has been "calibrated out". This is true only if \( T_0 \) remains constant during target observation and throughout both calibration cycles.

For the system described by Hardy (see previous reference) it was possible to ensure essentially 100 percent coupling between black body and antenna. For the SIMS radiometers it is not possible to guarantee unity coupling factor and, as we shall discuss below, this is a source of measurement error. Coupling factor, as used here, is synonymous with the emissivity of the black body/antenna system.

### 3.1.3.4 Error Due to Imperfect Coupling

We assume that the black body sources are constructed in identical fashion, so that each couples to the antenna with a coupling coefficient \( \beta \). The complement of \( \beta \), that is \( 1 - \beta \), represents the coupling between the antenna and all the surrounding space external to the black body. This surrounding space will be characterized by some brightness temperature \( T_s \) which we assume to be very nearly the same for the two calibrating conditions. The radiometric calibration temperatures at the antenna aperture are now given by

\[
\begin{align*}
T_{b1} &= \beta T_1 + (1 - \beta) T_s \\
T_{b2} &= \beta T_2 + (1 - \beta) T_s
\end{align*}
\]

where \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) are the temperatures of the two black body sources.

After performing these calibrations the radiometer output for a target whose brightness temperature is \( T_b \) may be found by substituting (64) into (63), giving

\[
V = \frac{V_o}{\beta} + \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} \left[ \frac{V_2 T_1 - V_1 T_2 - T_s (V_2 - V_1)}{T_2 - T_1} \right]
\]

where \( V_o \) is the output that would occur under ideal coupling conditions, i.e., \( \beta = 1 \). Thus the error is \( \Delta V = V - V_o \) where

\[
\Delta V = \frac{1 - \beta}{\beta} (T_b - T_s) \frac{V_2 - V_1}{T_2 - T_1}
\]

From (5) and (6) we also have

\[
dV = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{\beta (T_2 - T_1)} \, dT_b
\]

hence the temperature error becomes

\[
\Delta T_b = (1 - \beta) (T_b - T_s)
\]
This has the same form as (4) with coupling loss replacing ohmic loss and external brightness temperature $T_s$ replacing the physical temperature $T_0$. The aperture calibration technique is thus no better than the switched load calibration unless the coupling factor $\beta$ can be made to approach unity very closely. In fact, for equal coupling loss in the one case and ohmic loss in the other, the switched load method is probably preferable on grounds that a more accurate correction can be derived. This is because the physical temperature $T_0$ of the antenna loss can be measured more accurately than can the rather nebulous brightness temperature $T_s$ of the external space. The same remark probably also applies to measurement of ohmic loss, $L$, and coupling factor $\beta$.

3.1.3.5 Application to SIMS-A

The present concept for the SIMS-A antenna utilizes an offset parabolic torus reflector with multiple frequency radiometers and feed systems mounted on a rotating wheel. Each feed provides a 60 deg. cone of illumination that sweeps over the torus through an angle of 180 deg., then experiences a dead period as the wheel turns through the remaining 180 deg. This dead time between scans is available for radiometric calibration; either one of the techniques discussed previously can be adapted for this use. In the case of the aperture technique, it will not be possible to couple to the main reflector aperture but it is possible to couple to the individual feed systems if the wheel is arranged to pass through an absorbing tunnel during the dead time.* This is indicated in the accompanying fold-out drawing, Figure 3-38, in which two sector-shaped absorbing tunnels are shown. These "cavities" must be maintained at constant and uniform temperatures $T_1$ and $T_2$ in order to constitute black body calibration sources.

The absorbing material used to line the cavities should be thin and capable of broadband operation over a wide range of angles of incidence. Of the standard materials listed by Emerson & Cuming, type AN best meets all these requirements. Thus, AN75 material is 1-1/8 in. thick and has less than -20 dB reflectivity at normal incidence (-17 dB at 70 deg. incidence angle) over the range from 2.5 to >50 GHz. This does not represent an exceptionally low reflectivity (many microwave absorbers achieve -40 dB at normal incidence) but a very low reflection coefficient is not necessarily needed. Multiple reflections within the cavity will create a very small effective, or overall, value of reflectivity; this is the principal behind optical black body sources. The absorptivity of the material must be high, and the AN type material appears to be satisfactory in this respect. Making the cavity of conducting metal walls, lined on the inside with AN75 absorber, will ensure that rays from the feed horn that strike the Gregorian subreflector will be essentially absorbed after two or more internal reflections at the cavity walls. In the worst case, i.e., -17 dB reflectivity at 70 deg. incidence, two reflections produce a net reflectivity of -34 dB, corresponding to an emissivity of 0.996.

* Note that this requires that the ohmic losses outside of the subreflector be minimized. In particular, the spillover past the main reflector should be as low as possible.
TRUSS STRUCTURE ENVELOPE

BLACK BODY AT $T_1$

DRIVE MECHANISM HOUSING

BLACK BODY AT $T_2$

SECTOR-SHAPED TUNNEL OR "CAVITY" OF CONDUCTING METALLIC WALLS LINED WITH AN75 ABSORBER

SUBREFLECTOR (6 IDENTICAL)

TO NADIR

RADIOMETER CLUSTER (30 RADIOMETERS TOTAL)

FEED ASSY (TYPICAL 6 PLACES)

PAYLOAD BAY CLEARANCE ENVELOPE

ROTATING FEED DISC

TRUSS ENVELOPE

MAXIMUM ENVELOPE

3M

2M

4M

Figure 8

ORIGINAL PAGE IS OF POOR QUALITY
NOTE:

TO REDUCE WALL THICKNESS AND HENCE MINIMIZE APERTURE BLOCKING THIS WALL COULD BE A METALLIC MIRROR (I.E., NO ABSORBER ON INNER SURFACE)

Figure 3-38. Calibration Loads Location
There remains to be considered those rays from the feed horn that do not strike the sub-reflector and that might therefore "escape" through the open sides of the tunnel. Calculations have shown that this feed spillover past the sub-reflector amounts to 2.6 percent. It is a relatively simple matter to place additional reflecting surfaces on the wheel in such a way as to block these spillover rays and ensure that they, too, are reflected toward the absorbing cavity walls. Figure 3-39 shows sectional views of a sector-shaped absorbing cavity in which the supplementary reflectors are indicated by dotted lines. By this means, the already small spillover can be reduced to a negligible value. It appears feasible to achieve an overall coupling coefficient (or emissivity) of 0.995 in a carefully designed cavity of this type. The supplementary mirrors should be designed to reflect spillover energy to the back and bottom walls of the cavity, and to avoid illuminating the main dish.

A possible alternative to the standard AN material is Emerson and Cumings CR117, a castable absorber. This is a ferrite loaded resin having a dielectric constant of about 20, with moderate dielectric loss (tan \( \delta_e = 0.05 \)) but high magnetic loss (tan \( \delta_m = 1 \)). Loads and reference terminations using this material have been developed by Dr. Richard Iwasaki at JPL, making clever use of the Brewster angle to achieve low reflectivity.

The material is cast in the form of triangular ridges, bonded to an aluminum plate to form a tile, as shown in Figure 3-40. The Brewster angle for this material (arc \( \tan(\sqrt{\varepsilon}) \)) is about 77.5 deg. Hence, if the included angle of each triangular ridge is 25 deg. there will be almost no reflection for a wave incident normally on the tile. This applies only for parallel polarization, however, and assumes the tile is thick enough for complete absorption. The reflectivity for perpendicular polarization will be high. Techniques for dealing with this problem are being developed by Dr. Iwasaki. An obvious solution here would be to use two cavities, one for each polarization.

Since reflectivity is small only near the Brewster angle, special curving and shaping of the tiles would be needed to ensure this condition. This could lead to such a large increase in cavity dimensions as to create significant aperture blocking of the main reflector.

At the two lowest frequencies 0.6 and 1.4 GHz, the AN75 material is not thick enough (1-1/8 in.) to absorb incident radiation effectively and the coupling of cavity to antenna will be decreased. Hence the switched load technique appears better suited to calibration of these channels.

A method for implementing this technique is shown in Figure 3-41. The components within the dotted lines must be housed in a temperature regulated enclosure accurately stabilized at a temperature \( T_0 \) which will be assumed to be about 2400K as discussed in the next section. A SPDT switch is required to switch the radiometer receiver from the antenna to the calibrating circuit at the end of each scan. This is preferably a latching circulator device in which switching energy is small so that little power will be dissipated that could cause local heating and temperature gradients. The scan rate at 324 rpm is 5.4 lines per second, hence the circulator must latch 10.8 times per second. Latching energy can be held to 5 milijoules or less so that switching power will be less than 50 milliwatts and should cause negligible local heating.
Figure 3-39. Sector Shaped Black Body Cavity
Figure 3-40. Absorbing Tile

Figure 3-41. Switched Load Calibration
With the avalanche noise diode turned off, the calibration circuit will establish a temperature $T_{c1}$ equal to $T_o$ at the receiver input. Halfway through the dead cycle between scans the avalanche diode bias is turned on and a second calibration temperature $T_{c2}$ is established at the input, where

$$T_{c2} = \gamma T_o + (1 - \gamma) T_N$$  \hspace{1cm} (66)$$

$\gamma$ is the coupling coefficient for the directional coupler and $T_N$ is the temperature of the attenuated avalanche diode noise. If the attenuator pad shown in Figure 3-41 has a transmission coefficient of $\alpha$ then we have

$$T_N = \alpha T_{\text{diode}} + (1 - \alpha) T_o$$  \hspace{1cm} (67)$$

where $T_{\text{diode}}$ is the noise temperature of the avalanche diode. Such diodes are usually described by their so-called excess temperature ratio, $t$, expressed in decibels above the standard temperature 290°K,

$$t = \frac{T_{\text{diode}}}{290} - 1$$

and units are commercially available with values of $t$ around 15.25 dB for general use and considerably higher (e.g., 36 dB) for special applications. The effective temperature for the general purpose units is thus about 10,000°K.

If a 10 dB directional coupler is used ($\gamma = 0.9$) and it is desired to place the calibrating temperature $T_{c2}$ at 300°K while $T_{c1} = T_o = 240°K$ then (66) indicates that $T_N$ should be 840°K. Equation (67) then shows that, for $T_{\text{diode}} = 10,000°K$, a 12.1 dB attenuator pad ($\alpha = 0.061$) will be needed in order to make $T_N = 840°K$.

The insertion loss of the circulator switch will increase the receiver noise figure and hence degrade the temperature resolution by a small amount. It will not affect accuracy of the calibration, however, except to the extent that this loss is different for the two positions of the switch. Any such asymmetrical loss is equal to the (small) difference in insertion loss between the antenna switch position and the calibration switch position. Its effect can be correlated for quite accurately (assuming that the loss has been accurately measured) for the loss will always occur at constant temperature $T_o$.

The error due to antenna losses ahead of the calibration circuit is not so accurately calculable; for the antenna and its transmission line will probably not be at a uniform temperature, and an accurate ohmic loss measurement on an antenna is not easy. It will be advisable to place a thermal insulating section of RF transmission line at the antenna port of the circulator switch in order to prevent heat transfer from the regulated enclosure to the antenna. Otherwise, temperature gradients will be set up in the enclosure and $T_o$ will not be uniform and constant. The discussion on temperature control in the next session has direct applicability to the design of this enclosure, even though it is specifically addressed to the black body cavities.
Avalanche diodes have proven to be highly reliable and stable noise sources when operated at constant temperature and constant reverse bias current. Stability tests conducted on type MC 7026 (Microwave Semiconductor Corp.) avalanche diodes demonstrated stabilities of 0.001 dB per day and 0.0015 dB per week in the excess noise temperature ratio [9]. The absolute value of this ratio was found to vary from 35 to 36 dB for different units so it is clear that they are not absolute standards. Reference [10] also has useful information on noise diode stability.

A suitable diode for the SIMS-A channels at 0.6 and 1.4 GHz is the type MC 1100, a coaxial unit rated at 15.5 + 0.5 dB ENR from 10 MHz to 1.5 GHz. It operates with reverse bias of 28 volts at 6 ma. The whole calibration circuit will require calibration itself, since the avalanche diode is not an absolute source. This is best done by comparing it against a carefully built oven load, using a radiometer as the comparison sensor. For example, the calibration circuit and the oven load can be connected to the two arms of a Dicke switch. If the oven temperature is varied until a null balance is obtained then the calibration circuit temperature will be equal to that of the oven. In this way the diode, attenuator pad and directional coupler are all calibrated at once.

3.1.3.6 Temperature Control of the Calibration Sources

During operational use of the SIMS-A system the open shuttle payload bay will face the earth while the antenna scans in the cross-track direction. (This geometry makes it impractical to use the black body radiation of space itself, at 2.7°K, for calibration purposes.) The orbiter will, to a large extent, screen the SIMS antenna and the black body sources from space itself and they will be radiatively coupled to the earth below. It is possible to analytically determine the temperature anywhere within the payload as a function of time for a given orbit. This was done for an orbit nearly identical to the proposed one. The results from that study show that, in the region of the calibration sources, the maximum skin temperature of the payload bay to be expected is -38°C (235°K)*, and the minimum -95°C (178°K) (Figures 2-36 and 2-37). It is therefore possible to achieve an equilibrium temperature somewhat below -38°C. This is accomplished by appropriate surface treatment that creates a small value of $\alpha/E$ where $\alpha$ is the absorption coefficient for solar radiation and $E$ is the emissivity for infrared radiation from the earth. If the black body sources are to be treated this way they must also be thermally well insulated from other structures such as the wheel. Fortunately, convection will play no role, otherwise the open sides of the black body cavities would make temperature regulation impossible.

The two black body sources can be counted on to reach an "ambient" temperature that does not exceed 235°K, but which will fluctuate by a few degrees below this level during orbit. Heaters and suitable sensing and regulating circuitry can then be added in order to raise and stabilize one of the sources to the temperature $T_1$ equal to, say, 240°K. The other will be raised to and stabilized at a higher temperature, $T_2$, which we take to be 300°K. It is desirable to make the difference $T_2 - T_1$ large, in order to reduce extrapolation errors. Such errors will occur because most targets will have radiant temperatures that lie below 240°K (as low, even, as 100°K at the low frequencies) making extrapolation necessary beyond the range $T_2 - T_1$.

* These thermal calculations were for an empty bay. Other experiments may modify this condition.
However, if $T_2$ is made very much larger than $T_1$ then problems due to radiative coupling between the two black bodies will be encountered. It is not recommended to lower $T_1$ below the suggested value because cryogenic cooling would be required.

Successful control of the temperatures of the calibrating sources will require extremely careful design due to the critical nature of the thermal problems involved. One problem that we have heretofore ignored will be caused because the wheel must rotate into and out of the two black body cavities. Hence it will radiatively couple directly to the absorbing materials unless the wheel, and all components on it, have a very low emissivity in the infrared. We assume that this can be achieved.

An additional problem is posed by the presence on the wheel of the two low frequency switched calibration circuits. These must be thermally insulated from the wheel, and we have already assumed that each will be stabilized and controlled to a temperature of 2400 K. No problem occurs if these enclosures couple radiatively to the black body cavity that is also maintained at 2400 K. A difficulty will arise, however, if they couple to the second cavity, for it is maintained at a higher temperature, 3000 K, and a mutual perturbation of the temperatures will occur. It therefore appears desirable to mount the two low frequency calibration circuits near the hub of the wheel so that they need not pass through either black body during rotation. This, however, lengthens the feed lines for the 0.6 and 1.4 GHz channels, and causes only a negligible increase in antenna feed line loss.

In the thermal design of all the calibration circuitry the emphasis must be on attaining uniformity of temperature by elimination of gradients. Thermal time constants should be long compared to the period of rotation of the wheel, so that when thermal equilibrium is reached any temperature modulation caused by the wheel will be negligibly small. Long term variations in the temperatures of the calibration sources, such as will occur during the course of full orbit, will be minimized by the temperature regulating circuitry. The effect of any small long term variations can be rendered negligible by continuously monitoring the temperatures using thermistors as diode sensors.

It appears feasible to attain an overall accuracy of ±0.250 K in the knowledge of the physical temperatures $T_1$, $T_{C1} = T_0$ (about 2400 K) and $T_2$ (equal to about 3000 K). The accuracy to be expected for $T_{C2}$ is more difficult to estimate. Since the ENR of the noise diode depends on the diode's physical temperature (which is $T_0 = 2400$ K), the accuracy of $T_{C2}$ can be no better than that of $T_0$ and may be considerably worse. It is therefore desirable to stabilize and monitor $T_0$ as accurately as possible.

3.1.4 Miscellaneous Analysis

3.1.4.1 Field of View

A field of view of ±60 deg. is required. There is no optical blockage in the Gregorian channels from 6.6 GHz up, as shown in Figure 3-42 where the reflector is seen at 60 deg. scan. There may be some effect at 6.6 GHz between the near rim of the reflector and the diffracted aperture field, but the clearance of 0.068 (12 cm) between the optically illuminated region and the reflector rim should make this a very minor effect. In the lower channels that are prime focus fed, the effective aperture is larger and some effect will definitely be seen. The degraded field of view and the extent of degradation to 60 deg. scan should be determined for the lower three
channels. This should be done experimentally because a theoretical evaluation would be very difficult and probably inaccurate due to the geometry of the problem.

3.1.4.2 Tolerance Requirements

The most critical item in terms of relative tolerance is the main reflector, because the accuracies on the order of one mm over a diameter of 4 meters are required. Because surface contour errors have a much more severe effect on beam efficiency than the more normal antenna parameters such as gain or sidelobe level, this tolerance will need to be more stringent than would normally be assigned.

Ruze's tolerance analysis\(^{11}\) is appropriate for this problem. Because the torus is an offset reflector it is difficult to define an equivalent F/D ratio. The curvature in the elevation plane is like that of a reflector with F/D = 0.31, while in the azimuth plane it is about 0.62. The aperture diameter is 1.6 meters at the high frequencies where the tolerance effects occur, while the focal length is one meter. An average F/D of 0.4 was assigned for the purposes of performance analysis.

Measuring the contour along the direction of propagation (y axis), the effective tolerance according to Ruze is

\[
\epsilon = \frac{\Delta y}{1 + (D/4F)^2},
\]

(68)
where $\Delta y$ is the rms reflector tolerance measured parallel to the $y$ axis and $\epsilon$ is the effective rms tolerance. For $F/D = 0.4$, this makes $\epsilon = 0.72 \Delta y$. The correlation length of the reflector contour errors is relatively small compared to the antenna diameter, as required by Ruze's analysis. This was determined by investigating the error contours of typical large reflector antennas. Consequently, the tolerance efficiency according to Ruze is

$$\eta_T = e^{-(4\pi \epsilon/\lambda)^2} \quad (69)$$

Because the random errors will reduce the gain without appreciably affecting the antenna beamwidth, the main beam efficiency is also reduced by this same factor. Figure 3-43 is a plot of (69), expressed as gain loss in percent vs. the rms tolerance parallel to the $y$-axis. Tolerance is expressed in inches so as to be related to normal industrial practice. Strictly interpreting the requirements for beam efficiency, a tolerance of 0.002 in. rms is indicated. However, because the 118.7 GHz channel is in an atmospheric resonance region and thus is used for atmospheric temperature mapping rather than terrain mapping, the main beam efficiency can be defined relative to the 5° circle rather than the 2.5° circle. This gives more margin before the effect of reflector tolerance is included so 0.003 in. rms is allowable. A subreflector tolerance of 0.001 in. rms was used because it is practically achievable in the smaller size, and the overall performance will not be appreciably affected by errors of that magnitude.

Should operation at 300 GHz (reflector only) be desired, an appropriate tolerance relative to the 300 GHz loss curve of Figure 3-43 should be chosen. This tolerance would be a trade-off of cost vs. performance. A reflector in the tolerance range required has never been built in this size, so development risk would also be a factor.

3.1.4.3 Temperature Resolution

The number and distribution of feeds and radiometers were defined in Para 2.2.1.2. The expected temperature resolution can be calculated from

$$\Delta T = \frac{L T_s}{\sqrt{B t}}$$

where $t = \frac{N h \phi^2}{\nu S} = $ integration time (sec)

$$\Delta T = \text{Nadir temperature resolution (}^\circ\text{K)} \quad L = \text{Loss expressed as } 10^{\alpha/10} , \alpha = \text{attenuation in dB} \quad T_s = \text{System noise temperature (}^\circ\text{K)} \quad B = \text{Predetection bandwidth (Hz)}$$

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Figure 3-43. Torus Reflector Tolerance (in)
N = Number of beams integrated

h = Altitude = 340 Km

Θ = 3 dB beamwidth (radians)

v_s = Track velocity = 7.3 Km/sec

Θ_s = Total feed rotation = 2π radians

The results are given in Table 3-11. The temperature resolution for the lossless case is given in the column headed ΔT/L. Losses will be minimized by locating mixer pre-amps directly behind the feeds. Estimated attenuation (a) is given and the net temperature resolution (ΔT) is seen in the last column. The loss in channels 1 and 2 is principally attributed to coax connectors and spillover. Channel 3 has the highest loss which includes that of the stripline array. Losses for channels 4 through 11 consist of waveguide junctions, orthomode transducer, a very short length of waveguide and 80 percent of the spillover loss. These feeds are concentric and the high frequency feed, while being electrically longer than the outer feed (low frequency), introduces a discontinuity which results in a small amount of loss. For this reason it is expected that all gregorian feed losses will be approximately equal to 0.34 dB including 0.14 dB of absorbed spillover. These results agree favorably with those of Table 3-11.

Table 3-11. Preliminary Temperature Resolution

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v_s = 7.3 Km/sec

h = 340 Km

Θ_s = 360

Θ_s = 5.4 rps
3.1.5 Antenna Patterns

The calculated antenna patterns are enclosed for reference purposes.

The first pattern set, Figures 3-44 through 3-50 gives the various cuts through the beam at 30 deg. angular increments at 0.61 GHz using the four dipole feed. Figure 3-51 is the integrated power vs. angle. All patterns are given as relative power (dB) vs. angle from beam center. The rotation angle $\phi = 180$ deg. is the azimuth cut, and $\phi = 270$ deg. is the elevation pattern downward from beam center. In all cases, the two curves in the pattern represent principle and cross polarization while the two curves in the integrated power plot represent principally polarized power and total power.

Figures 3-52 through 3-58 give the various pattern cuts at 1.413 GHz using the seven dipole feed, and Figure 3-59 gives the integrated power vs angle at that frequency.

Figures 3-60 through 3-66 give the various pattern cuts at 2.695 GHz using the optimized 19 slot array feed, and Figure 3-67 gives the corresponding integrated power.

Figures 3-68 through 3-72 give the calculated pattern cuts for 6.6 GHz in 45 deg. rotational increments using the Gregorian subreflector, and Figure 3-73 gives the corresponding integrated power.
Figure 3-44. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 90^\circ$

Figure 3-45. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 120^\circ$

Figure 3-46. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 150^\circ$

Figure 3-47. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 180^\circ$
Figure 3-48. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 210^\circ$

Figure 3-49. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 240^\circ$

Figure 3-50. Pattern Cut, 0.61 GHz, $\phi = 270^\circ$

Figure 3-51. Integrated Power for 0.61 GHz
Figure 3-52. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, \( \phi = 90^\circ \)

Figure 3-53. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, \( \phi = 120^\circ \)

Figure 3-54. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, \( \phi = 150^\circ \)

Figure 3-55. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, \( \phi = 180^\circ \)
Figure 3-56. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, $\phi = 210^\circ$

Figure 3-57. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, $\phi = 240^\circ$

Figure 3-58. Pattern Cut, 1.4 GHz, $\phi = 270^\circ$

Figure 3-59. Integrated Power for 1.4 GHz
Figure 3-60. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 90^\circ$

Figure 3-61. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 120^\circ$

Figure 3-62. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 150^\circ$

Figure 3-63. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 180^\circ$
Figure 3-64. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 210^\circ$

Figure 3-65. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 240^\circ$

Figure 3-66. Pattern Cut, 2.7 GHz, $\phi = 270^\circ$

Figure 3-67. Integrated Power for 2.7 GHz
Figure 3-68. Pattern Cut, 6.6 GHz, $\phi = 90^\circ$

Figure 3-69. Pattern Cut, 6.6 GHz, $\phi = 135^\circ$

Figure 3-70. Pattern Cut, 6.6 GHz, $\phi = 180^\circ$

Figure 3-71. Pattern Cut, 6.6 GHz, $\phi = 225^\circ$
Figure 3-72. Pattern Cut, 6.6 GHz, $\phi = 270^\circ$  
Figure 3-73. Integrated Power for 6.6 GHz
3.2 MECHANICAL ANALYSES

3.2.1 Overall System

Layout

A preliminary layout was prepared to establish the relationship of the various subassemblies of the system to one another and to establish an overall envelope which could be located in the orbiter payload bay. The layout used the initial computer-generated contours for both the primary and sub-reflectors and these contours have been maintained throughout the study. The layout indicated a system using a 4-meter (13.123 ft) diameter parabolic torus reflector and 2.82 meter (9.25 ft) diameter feed wheel could be located in the 15 ft diameter orbiter payload bay with adequate room for supporting structure and mounting provisions.

Interface Fitting Locations

Figure 1(c), "sketch of possible configuration of SIMS-A antenna system on shuttle orbiter," of Exhibit II accompanying the contract, indicated SIMS-A may be located in the aftmost section of the payload bay. Examination of JSC-07700 indicated that the amount of OMS (Orbital Maneuvering System) propellant carried aboard the orbiter depends on the payload weight, height of orbit, launch site, orbit inclination, and other factors. When the mission requires more propellant than is carried in the integral tank, additional OMS propellant is supplied in kits located in the aft end of the payload bay. When used, these kits extend from the aft bulkhead forward to X₀ = 1194. If SIMS-A were configured to fit in the aftmost part of the payload bay, it could not be moved forward to accommodate an OMS kit because the relationship between keel and longeron fittings at the aft candidate primary fitting locations (X₀ = 1187 and X₀ = 1246) does not correspond to the relationship at primary fitting locations between X₀ = 715 and X₀ = 1128. At these latter locations all longeron and keel fittings fall on the same orbiter station. If SIMS-A is configured to have the longeron (primary) fittings and the keel (auxiliary) fitting form a plane and to have the other longeron (stabilizing) fitting located 59.0 in. (the distance between primary fittings in the orbiter) from this plane, then 8 primary and a large number of vernier locations are available for retention of SIMS-A. Because this arrangement will provide more opportunities for the SIMS-A experiment to be included in a shuttle sortie, it was selected for the design presented.

Examination of Thermal Criteria

JSC-07700 contains thermal information for various theoretical payload and orbit configurations. Examination of the available information provided minimal information on any orbit configuration approximating that of SIMS-A. The column of Figure 2-32 labeled "port side to sun" represents a possible orbital configuration for SIMS-A (open payload bay toward earth for entire orbit). The temperatures developed in the payload bay are constant with time and relatively constant with respect to location in the bay (from -15.56°C (+4°F) to -23.33°C (-10°F) in the X₀ range of interest). The entry thermal environment curves shown in Figures 2-30 a, b, and c for three payload bay sections indicate a maximum temperature of 82.22°C (180°F) may be expected between X₀ = 582 and X₀ = 760. Temperature versus time plots of general nodes in the payload bay for the orbital configuration shown at the top of Figure 2-35 were
obtained from JSC through Rockwell's Space Division. The curves are shown in Figures 2-36 and 2-37. The curves show a maximum on-orbit temperature of \(-38^\circ\text{C} (-36.4^\circ\text{F})\) at node No. 673 and a minimum on-orbit temperature of \(-95^\circ\text{C} (-139^\circ\text{F})\) at node No. 671. The curves also indicate rates of change during the eclipses of approximately \(0.5^\circ\text{C/ sec} (0.9^\circ\text{F/ sec})\). The temperature range determined thus far is from a maximum of \(88.22^\circ\text{C} (180^\circ\text{F})\) during re-entry to a minimum of \(-95^\circ\text{C} (-139^\circ\text{F})\) on-orbit. Table 2-12 has design minimums and maximums of \(-73^\circ\text{C} (-100^\circ\text{F})\) and \(+93.5^\circ\text{C} (200^\circ\text{F})\) respectively for the payload bay wall. From the data examined a preliminary design temperature range of \(-100^\circ\text{C} (-148^\circ\text{F})\) to \(+95^\circ\text{C} (+203^\circ\text{F})\) with an operating range of \(-95^\circ\text{C} (-139^\circ\text{F})\) to \(-15^\circ\text{C} (+5^\circ\text{F})\) appears reasonable for SIMS-A. Consideration should be given to JSC-07700 paragraph 4.2.2.7: "Thermal Environment. The determination of the temperature environments which the payload will actually experience in the payload bay requires knowledge of the specific mission environment from boost through entry, the type of thermal control provided by the Orbiter and the payload, and the payload bay and payload thermal characteristics. To obtain this information requires detailed knowledge of the actual Orbiter and payload design, as well as the specific inflight orientations which probably will vary for each different mission objective."

3.2.2 Reflector/Main Frame

Material

The examination of thermal information obtained from Johnson Space Center via Rockwell International's Space Division indicates that on-orbit temperatures in the orbiter payload bay vary from about \(-37^\circ\text{C} (-35^\circ\text{F})\) to \(-95^\circ\text{C} (139^\circ\text{F})\) and fluctuations of \(35^\circ\text{C} (63^\circ\text{F})\) can occur in 30 to 40 seconds. It is likely that such rapid changes will take place over portions of the reflector due to shading (by the feed wheel for example). Thermal expansion or contraction of such areas will be restrained by other areas not subjected to the same thermal change, thus setting up internal stresses which manifest themselves as distortions in the reflector surface. Therefore a material with very low CTE (Coefficient of Thermal Expansion) must be used to satisfy the RF performance requirements of SIMS-A. The material should be of low density to minimize loading on the supporting structure and to reduce the costs of placement in orbit. The modulus of elasticity should be sufficiently high that a thin reflector shell (30 to 60 mils thick) supported by nodes moderately spaced (approx. 15 inches) would not deflect under its own weight in the 1g terrestrial testing environment.

Graphite-epoxy, an advanced composite material, satisfies the design requirements of SIMS-A. Design and fabrication practices are well established and are adaptable to development of SIMS-A. The development of graphite-polymide, a higher temperature, more moisture resistant material, is progressing rapidly, but its benefits are not required by SIMS-A. If the development should result in a graphite-polymide material with cost lower than graphite-epoxy then it would become a good candidate material. For the present, graphite-epoxy is the material selected for the reflector shell and the supporting structure.

The reflector conductive surface must be capable of withstanding the stresses of differential thermal expansion or contraction. The temperature extremes encountered during orbit and re-entry can produce a negative \(\Delta T\) of \(121^\circ\text{C} (218^\circ\text{F})\) and
a positive $\Delta T$ of 74°C (133°F) from a fabrication temperature of 21°C (70°F). From the stress-strain relationship it follows that

$$\sigma = \epsilon E$$

where

$\sigma$ = stress

$\epsilon$ = strain

$E$ = modulus of Elasticity

and for a thermal strain,

$$\epsilon = (\alpha_{RC} - \alpha_{G-E}) \Delta T$$

where

$\alpha_{RC}$ = CTE of reflective coating

$\alpha_{GE}$ = CTE of graphite-epoxy

$\approx 0.1 \ \mu\text{in/in/}^\circ \text{F}$

$\Delta T$ = temperature change

Therefore,

$$\sigma_{RC} = (\alpha_{RC} - \alpha_{G-E}) E_{RC} \Delta T$$

Equation (70) was solved for several materials with adequate reflective qualities for the $\Delta T$'s of interest and the resulting $\sigma_{RC}$ was compared to the yield stress of the material. Electro-deposited nickel, the only material examined which did not reach its yield stress, has been tentatively selected as the conductive coating for the reflector. However, additional study should be conducted and simulation tests should be made before the selection is finalized.

Configuration

The main frame must provide support for the reflector shell, the drive mechanism/feed wheel assembly, and the calibration targets. Acceleration of these masses (due to launch, landing, etc) produce forces which must be reacted by the orbiter structure. The main frame must provide load paths for these forces from their points of origin to the retention trunnions. In order to obtain first cut numerical data on structural member sizing, weight, and magnitudes of stresses and deflections to be encountered, it was decided to model a main frame structure and subject it to a static load computer analysis. It was required that the configuration to be modeled be feasible with respect to fabrication and performance requirements and yet be easily modeled. Several configurations for modeling are described in
Table 3-12. Configuration 1 in the table was selected for modeling because it lends itself to the design of an efficient structure while providing uniform shell support spacing and being fairly easy to model.

Analysis

The reflector/main frame modeled for computer analysis consists of a parabolic torus reflector surface made from 0.032-inch thick graphite epoxy supported by a truss structure having 10 truss frames which are perpendicular to the centerline of the parabolic torus. The truss frames are spaced to provide equal spacing (15.066 inches) along the curvature of the parabola. The support nodes on any frame are spaced at approximately 15 in. intervals along the length of the radius arc for the particular frame. The support nodes are connected to each other by plate elements which represent the reflector shell. The frames are constructed from round elements having an outside diameter of 1.0 inch with 0.125 inch walls. Similar longitudinal and diagonal elements join adjacent frames.

The structural analysis of the reflector and truss structure was performed on NASTRAN, a finite element computer program for structural analysis that is intended for general use. Structural elements are provided for the specific representation of the antenna construction, which can be rods, beams, shear panels, plates and shells of revolution. The range of analysis types in the program include: Static response to concentrated and distributed loads, to thermal expansion and to enforced deformation; dynamic response to transient loads, to steady state sinusoidal loads and to random excitation; determination of real and complex eigenvalues for use in vibration analysis, dynamic stability analysis, and elastic stability analysis. NASTRAN uses a finite element structural model, wherein the distributed physical properties of a structure are represented by a finite number of structural elements which are interconnected at a finite number of grid points, to which loads are applied and for which displacements, velocities and accelerations are calculated.

The model was analyzed for 20 g static loads applied along the longitudinal (orbiter, X) and vertical (orbiter, Z) axes of the structure. This arbitrarily chosen input is somewhat higher than the $3\sigma$ value of the rms (5.5 g) acceleration due to random vibration.

The program sub-routines were called which provide axial force, total axial stress, bending stress, deflection of nodes, system weight, system C.G. location, and plate principle stresses. The sub-routine which generates a CRT display of sectional or perspective views as requested was called to produce the views shown in Figure 3-74 through 3-87.

Due to the symmetrical configuration of the structure only one-half of the structure was modeled for the computer analysis. The drive mechanism and feed wheel assembly were not modeled, but were included in the analysis as lumped masses concentrated at appropriate points on the structure. The half structure consisted of about 1000 rod (truss) elements and 47 plate (reflector) elements. Tables 3-13 and 3-14 give the element numbers, nodal limits, and the stress values for the 9 highest, and 10 lowest stressed elements respectively. Stresses in the elements located radially around the trunnions and data on the highest stressed plate element are given in Table 3-15. The total output was too voluminous to include in the report.
<table>
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<th>No.</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Advantages</th>
<th>Disadvantages</th>
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| 1   | Thin shell on truss with frames perpendicular to torus axis. | 1. Efficient structure. Elements not concentrated at one end.  
2. Spacing of nodal supports uniform in both directions  
3. Truss provides ideal (axial) loading for graphite-epoxy.  
4. Fairly easy to model for computer analysis.  
5. Easy to develop contour adjustments. | 1. Non-uniform truss frames.  
2. Cost higher than with truss frames radial. |
| 2   | Thin shell on truss with frames located radially about the torus axis. | 1. Simplest structure  
2. Identical (or similar) frames  
3. Lowest Cost  
4. Truss provides ideal (axial) loading for graphite-epoxy.  
5. Easy to model for computer analysis.  
6. Easy to develop contour adjustments. | 1. Concentration of elements at one end.  
2. Spacing of nodal supports not uniform. |
| 3   | Stiffened shell on framed structure with stiffening panels on outside (Monocoque) | 1. Very rigid. | 1. Large spacing between nodal supports requires stiffened shell (e.g. honeycomb).  
2. More difficult to model for computer analysis.  
3. Contour tolerance met by grinding. |
Figure 3-74. Computer Perspective of Antenna Main Frame and Reflector
Figure 3-75. View A (x = 0)
Figure 3-76. View B
Figure 3-77. View C
Figure 3-78. View D
Figure 3-79. View E
Figure 3-80. View F
Figure 3-81. View G
Figure 3-82. View H
Figure 3-83. View J

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Figure 3-84. View K
Figure 3-85. View L
Figure 3-86. View M
Figure 3-87. View N
Table 3-13. Stress Levels in High Stressed Elements

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<td>23,000</td>
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1. Most elements can be located in Figures 3-74 through 3-87.
2. Stress with double load for drive mechanism applied.

Table 3-14. Stress Levels in Low Stressed Elements

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1. Most elements can be located in Figures 3-74 through 3-87.
2. Stress with double load for drive mechanism applied.
Table 3-15. Stress Levels in Elements Around Trunnion

<table>
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<th>Element No.</th>
<th>Mode Limits</th>
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<th>Bending Contribution psi</th>
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<td>300</td>
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<td>67-309</td>
<td>4,200</td>
<td>2,200</td>
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<td>Stabilizing Support</td>
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<td>464</td>
<td>187-188</td>
<td>3,600</td>
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<td>756</td>
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<td>765</td>
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<td>7,900</td>
<td>400</td>
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<tr>
<td>766</td>
<td>222-188</td>
<td>3,000</td>
<td>1,000</td>
</tr>
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</table>

1  Plate element (reflector) No. 2016 bounded by nodes 86, 84, 107 & 104 had a maximum principle stress of 5100 psi.
2  Most elements can be located in Figures 3-74 through 3-87
3  Stress with double load for drive housing applied.

The results of the analysis indicated that a few truss members had negative margins of safety. These members were in the area of the structure that supports the drive mechanism and feed wheel assembly. Upon re-examination of the computer model, it was discovered that twice the mass of the drive mechanism and feed wheel assembly had been added to the structure. With the reduction of this mass to its actual value, the negative margins of safety would be eliminated. Additional examination showed that bending stress contributions in many elements were abnormally high (loads applied at nodes of ideal trusses produce only axial loads in the elements) and other elements were stressed so low they might well be eliminated if stability is maintained. The entire weight modeled was 818 lbs, of which 440 lbs was the concentrated load of the drive mechanism and feed wheel assembly (only 220 lbs should have been used). The remaining weight of 378 lbs is distributed between 1/2 of the reflector shell and truss structure, thus the total weight of the analytical main frame and reflector is 756 pounds.

This weight can be considered a maximum since the stress levels discussed indicate that lightening is certainly a possibility. It was previously mentioned that this configuration lends itself to the design of an efficient structure and it can be seen from the analytical results which elements are candidates for weight removal or addition in order to distribute the stresses uniformly. It is concluded from the results of the analysis conducted that the conceptual design of the main reflector and truss structure is structurally reliable to perform its intended purpose, although weight reduction and optimization of stress distribution could be achieved with additional analysis.
Tolerance and Fabrication Techniques

The tolerance of the reflector surface is an RF performance parameter, determined in section 3.1 to be 0.003 inch rms. The tolerance on dimensions between retention fittings is not currently defined, but since the 4-point retention system prevents shuttle motions from inducing distortion of the payloads, it is expected they will not be severe.

The methods of fabrication using advanced composites such as graphite-epoxy are well developed and several companies have broad experience in the design and fabrication of both space and terrestrially oriented hardware incorporating this material.

An informal specification for the SIMS-A reflector/main frame was prepared and submitted to several of these companies for the following reasons:

1. This structure represents the single predominating item in all cost considerations, therefore it was desired that as many conceptual design configurations as possible be considered.

2. A good response would better define the problem areas to be encountered in fabrication.

3. Advance knowledge of a program such as SIMS-A by potential fabricators can prove beneficial to the program as interest is generated.

4. To secure, as a benefit to SIMS-A, the experience in advanced composites of those companies responding.

Two responses to the informal specification were obtained:

1. Shuttle Imaging Microwave System (SIMS) Main Reflector

A report to Rockwell-International
29 October, 1975
from: General Dynamics
Convair Aerospace Division
San Diego, CA 92112
(Appendix C)

2. Technical Description of SIMS-A Antenna

October, 1975
from: Rockwell-International, Inc.
Tulsa Division
Mingo Facility
Tulsa, OK 74151
(Appendix D)
The two responses appear in the noted appendices. It was not intended that the multiple configurations represent any kind of design competition. The companies solicited were informed that a response would be considered indicative of their interest in SIMS-A.

**Potential Problem Areas**

Some areas which will require additional investigation or analyses are given below:

1. Selection of reflective coating
2. Method of deposition of coating
3. Contour adjustment devices
4. Establish surface finish requirements
5. Facilities for performing environmental tests
6. Venting of honeycomb or closed structures if used
7. Moisture control

### 3.2.3 Feed Wheel and Sub-Reflectors

**Initial Feed Wheel Configuration and Sub-Reflector Material Tradeoff**

Dimensions based on initial calculations of the subreflector contours were used to establish the feed arrangements considered. Calculations of scan time were made from the following equation

\[
\frac{t_s}{\nu_s} = 46.448 \times N \Delta \theta
\]

where

- \(t_s\) = scan time required for the feed assembly to complete one revolution
- \(h\) = height of orbit = 340 KM
- \(N\) = effective number of feeds
- \(\Delta \theta\) = largest angle of rotation between successive feeds of the same frequency (°)
- \(\nu_s\) = shuttle speed = 7.32 KM/sec.
The calculated value of $t_s$ for 118.7 GHz (the critical frequency for determining rotation speed), with $N = 1$, was 0.0831669 second and

$$ f = \frac{1}{t_s} \text{ (revolutions per second)} $$

or

$$ f = 12.024 \text{ rps} = 721.44 \text{ rpm} $$

and

$$ \omega = 2\pi f = 75.55 \text{ rad/sec} $$

for a frequency of 118.7 GHz. Several configurations of feed arrangement were considered, the largest angle between multiple feeds was determined for each of them and $N$ was determined for 118.7 GHz. Actual speeds were calculated from

$$ f_{\text{actual}} = \frac{f_{(N=1)}}{N} \text{ or } \omega_{\text{actual}} = \frac{\omega_{N=1}}{N} \text{ (72)} $$

Accelerations were calculated from

$$ a = \frac{r (\omega_{\text{actual}})^2}{9.8} \text{ (73)} $$

where

$$ a = \text{acceleration in g's} $$

$$ r = \text{radial distance to sub-reflector C.G.} = 1.01 \text{ M.} $$

All of the initial feed configurations had values of $N$ (at 118.7 GHz) ranging from three to four and produced accelerations at the sub-reflector from 65 g down to 37 g. All of the initial configurations were rejected and replaced with a configuration having $N = 2$. The change was made in the interest of reducing the number of radiometers thus reducing the overall system cost. Material tradeoff studies for the sub-reflector had already been conducted prior to the change using the 38.15 g acceleration ($N = 3.926$, $\omega = 19.16 \text{ rad/sec}$) of one of those initial configurations. The results of the studies were shown to be useful even after the change in configuration was made. The approach taken in the initial tradeoff studies follows:

The sub-reflector must withstand both thermal and inertial loads with minimum distortion. Inertial loading will predominate in producing distortion of the sub-reflector surface. The material selected should have a high flexural modulus-to-density ratio and also a coefficient of thermal expansion which closely matches that of the wheel structure. One of the materials considered was a honeycomb sandwich using glass-reinforced polyimide resin facings and core material. Since the deflection equation for sandwich construction has two terms and the equation for deflection of homogeneous materials has only one term, it was difficult to compare the two types with a single
parametric relationship. In order to present comparative information, a flat sandwich cantilever sample beam representing a one inch slice through the sub-reflector center was designed to produce a deflection of less than 0.005 inch (the same section within a doubly curved surface would not deflect as far). See Figure 3-88 for the relationship of the sample beam to the spinning disc.

From Hexcel, Honeycomb Sandwich Design, Brochure "E," pp. 7 and 9 (symbols partially changed)

\[
\delta = \frac{qL^4}{384D} + \frac{qL^2}{24t_c G_c} 
\]

\[
D_{\text{approx}} = \frac{E_f t_f t_c t}{2 \lambda_f} \text{ per inch of beam width}
\]

where

- $\delta$ = deflection, inch
- $q = wN_g = \text{load, psi}$
- $w = \text{beam weight per inch}$
- $l = \text{beam length, inches}$
- $G_c = \text{shear modulus of core, psi}$
- $E_f = \text{modulus of elasticity, psi}$
- $t_f = \text{facing thickness, inch}$
- $t_c = \text{core thickness, inch}$
- $t = \text{total thickness, inch}$
- $\lambda_f = (1 - \mu)^2$ where $\mu$ is Poisson's ratio
- $N_g = \text{Number of g's acceleration}$

Polyimide facing weight was $6.59 \times 10^{-5} \text{ lb/mil/in}^2$; 6 lb/ft$^3$ polyimide core weight was $3.47 \times 10^{-3} \text{ lb/in/in}^2$

\[
E_f = 3.5 \times 10^6 \text{ psi} \quad L = 6.4 \text{ inch}
\]

\[
\lambda_f = 0.98 \quad N_g = 38.15
\]

\[
G_c = 15 \times 10^3 \text{ psi}
\]
Figure 3-88. Relationship of Beam Model to Disc Configuration for Initial Material Tradeoff
Reflective surface was 1 mil alum. = $9.72 \times 10^{-5}$ lb/in$^2$. (alum. only in early analyses)

A 0.50-in. thick sandwich consisting of 0.030-in. face sheets and 0.44-in. thick core produced a deflection of 0.0044 in. and weighed 0.0357 lb. Two comparisons were made between this sample beam material and that of homogeneous candidate materials. First, beams of homogeneous materials but with the same total weight were compared to the sandwich for deflection. For a one inch width beam to maintain the same weight, $W$, the thickness

$$t = \frac{W}{\ell \rho}$$

(77)

where

- $t$ = thickness, inches
- $W$ = weight, lbs.
- $\rho$ = density, lbs/in$^3$
- $\ell$ = length, inches

then

$$t = \frac{0.0357 \text{ lb.}}{\rho (6.4 \text{ in.})} = \frac{0.00558}{\rho}\text{ in.}$$

The moment of inertia

$$I = \frac{bt^2}{12} = \frac{\ell^3}{12} \text{ (for 1-in. width)}$$

(78)

For a homogeneous cantilever beam

$$\delta = \frac{q\ell^4}{8EI}$$

(79)

where

- $\delta$ = deflection, in.
- $q = wN_g$ = load, psi
- $\ell$ = length, in.
- $E$ = Modulus of Elasticity, psi
- $I = \text{Moment of Inertia, in.}^4$
- $N_g$ = No. of g's acceleration

Equation (79) was used to determine the deflection of fixed weight (equal to sandwich beam weight) beams and the results were tabulated in Table 3-16 together with other pertinent data.
Table 3-16. Material Characteristics

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<th>$\delta$ (lb/in$^3$)</th>
<th>$E$ (10^6 psi)</th>
<th>$\alpha$ (10^-6 in/in^2°F)</th>
<th>Const. Wt. (0.0357 lb)</th>
<th>Const. $\delta$ (0.0044 in)</th>
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<td>0.0610</td>
<td>10.4</td>
<td>$&lt;$0.1</td>
<td>0.091 6.30 0.0660 0.358 382.4 0.1398 5.57</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aluminum</td>
<td>0.1070</td>
<td>10.6</td>
<td>13.70</td>
<td>0.052 1.17 0.390 0.470 865.2 0.3219 12.83</td>
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</table>

Weights of beams which would produce the same deflection as the sandwich beam were also determined using:

$$ t = \left( \frac{12q^2L^4}{8E\delta} \right)^{1/3} = \left( \frac{12E^2N}{8E\delta} \right)^{1/2} $$

(80)

and

$$ W = \zeta t \ell $$

with

$$ \delta = 0.0044 \text{ in.} $$

(81)

The results of the weight comparison are also given in Table 3-16 with the equivalent total reflector weight based on an estimated 255 sq in. surface area.

The calculated data showed the sandwich construction merits the strongest consideration with respect to inertial loads. Cost analysis indicated the sandwich will be less costly than solid structures of beryllium or graphite-epoxy.

Beryllium has little if any thermal properties advantage over the sandwich and therefore was eliminated. Aluminum might prove the least costly but the high weight and high coefficient of thermal expansion were sufficient to eliminate it. The sandwich and solid graphite-epoxy remained as candidates. It is not necessary that the graphite-epoxy be as thick as shown since a truss structure of graphite-epoxy may be used to stiffen it (ultimately, a sandwich, using graphite-epoxy core and facings was selected). The assumption of a simple thick section was adequate for the tradeoff since it was retained as a candidate material.
Feed Wheel and Subreflector Final Configuration Selection

The feed wheel configuration shown in Figure 3-38 was selected as the final choice for SIMS-A, alternate 1. The wheel has \( N = 2 \) for 118.7 GHz which virtually doubled the speed of rotation over the initial candidates. Since inertial loading is proportional to the square of speed, the number of \( g \) is increased by a factor of 4. Deflection in uniformly loaded beams is proportional to the fourth power of beam length, so the effect of shortening the sample beams previously discussed was studied. Deflection equations,

\[
\delta \left( \text{simple supported} \right) = \frac{5}{384} \frac{wL^4}{EI} \\
\delta \left( \text{cantilever} \right) = \frac{wL^4}{8EI}
\]

were set equal to each other and solved for \( L \) in terms of \( L \) giving

\[
L = 0.4705L = 0.5L
\]

Figure 3-89 illustrates a double disc feed wheel configuration which has the effect of reducing the sample beam lengths to one-half their value when mounted on a single disc and which satisfies equation (85) for a reflector with overall height of 12.24 in.

When \( L \) is replaced by \( L/2 \) in equation (85) the deflection is reduced by a factor of 16. Deflection was increased by a factor of four due to increasing the speed of rotation. The net effect of these two changes was to reduce the deflection of a sample beam to one-fourth its deflection when mounted on a single disc.

Figure 3-89. Dual Disc Reflector Support

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Feed Wheel and Subreflector Final Material Selection

The wheel structure must expand or contract at the same rate as the main frame. If a material with a large difference in CTE is used and the system undergoes a large ΔT, the feed point on the periphery of the wheel will move by an unacceptable amount, thus defocusing the antenna. For example, a 1.0 meter radius feed wheel made from a material with a CTE of $6.0 \times 10^{-6}$ μin./in./°F and the wheel axis supported by a main frame structure with a CTE of $0.1$ μin./in./°F. Therefore, it was decided that mately 0.050 in. would occur. This is based on a fabrication temperature of 70°F and an orbital temperature of -148°F or a ΔT of -218°F. Therefore, it was decided that graphite-epoxy should also be used in the fabrication of the feed wheel structure. While researching various methods of fabricating the wheel from graphite-epoxy it was found that Hexcel Products, Inc., Dublin, Ca. has developed a 6.0 #/FT³, 3/8 cell-size, honeycomb core made from graphite-epoxy. It is claimed that the material will be commercially available in the late 1970's at an anticipated ROM cost in that time frame of about $300/board ft.

The conceptual design drawing of the feed wheel and sub-reflector (CRB-751007), Figure 2-9 (2 sheets) was prepared, incorporating graphite-epoxy sandwich construction extensively.

The final value for the antenna beamwidth at 118.7 GHz was established at 0.1142 deg or 0.00199 radian. This resulted in a calculated $t_\phi = 0.09259$ second.

$$f_{(N=1)} = \frac{1}{t} = 10.8 \text{ rps} \quad (86)$$

$$f_{(ACTUAL)} = \frac{f_{(N=1)}}{N} = 5.4 \text{ rps} = 324 \text{ rpm} \quad (87)$$

$$\omega_{(ACTUAL)} = 2\pi f_{ACTUAL} = 33.93 \text{ rad/sec} \quad (88)$$

The acceleration at the subreflector was determined using a 0.91 meter (36 in.) radius for the C.G. location instead of the 1.01 meter used in previous analyses. A completed layout indicated the smaller figure was more accurate.

$$a = \frac{I(\omega)^2}{g} = 107 \text{ g} \quad (89)$$

A new sample sandwich beam with the shorter length (2.97 in.) derived from Figure 3-89 was analyzed for deflection. The design parameters were:

Facings: Graphite-epoxy 0.063 in.

- $E = 15.4 \times 10^6$ psi (isotropic)
- $\rho = 0.061$ lb/in.³
- $\lambda = 1 - \mu^2 = 0.98$
Core: Graphite-Epoxy 0.625 in. thick

3/8 in. cell size, 6 lb/ft$^3$ density

$G_c = 50,000$ psi

w direction

Total Sandwich: 0.751 in. thick

\[ w = 0.0098 \text{ lb/in.} + \text{plating allowance} \]

\[ \omega = 0.010 \text{ lb/in.} \]

Total deflection of the graphite-epoxy sandwich beam is less than 0.0003 in. due to inertia load of constant angular rotation. The weight of the sandwich panel part of each reflector is about 2.33 lb and the attachment ribs, etc., weigh about 1.85 for a total of approximately 4.4 lb.

Analyses on the feed wheel were based on the dimensional data on the drawing (CRB-751007) and weights of:

1. 75 lb for wheel structure
2. 4.4 lb for each reflector
3. 1.8 lb for each power supply
4. 2.4 lb for each radiometer
5. 3.8 lb for each low frequency array
6. 16.0 lb for each feed support ancillary
7. 15.0 lb for all feeds

Total weight is approximately 290 lb. The wheel was analyzed for centrifugal loading due to the $33.93 \text{ rad/sec}^2$ rotation of the wheel and a 1 g load normal to the wheel.

For the centrifugal loading condition the outboard (away from drive shaft) disc was analyzed. For this analysis the disc was considered to be a solid isotropic material and an "effective" modulus of elasticity and thickness were determined in accordance with Paragraph 3.1.5 of ANC-23(12). The maximum radial and tangential stresses in the disc were calculated according to Roark(13).

The maximum radial and tangential stresses in the disc were determined to be 48.3 psi and 123 psi, respectively. Due to these low stress levels it was concluded that the other components of the wheel would also be structurally adequate.
For the normal loading condition the radial ribs were analyzed to determine the maximum deflection of the wheel. The ribs were considered to be cantilevered beams supported at the hub with the weight of the wheel evenly distributed along their length. Each rib was assumed to support one-eighth of the total weight of the wheel. The ribs were also considered to be a solid isotropic material and "effective" modulus of elasticity and thickness were determined. Also an effective section of the outboard and inboard discs were also included in determining the moment of inertia of the ribs. The maximum deflection of the unsupported end of the beam was found to be 0.0017 in.

From this analysis it was concluded that the conceptual design of the feed wheel was structurally reliable for the specified environmental conditions. The analyses are shown below.

**Outboard Disc**

For this analysis the sandwich panel was considered to be a solid isotropic material. For this assumption, "effective" values of modulus of elasticity and thickness were used. (Ref Para 3.1.5 of ANC-23, "Sandwich Construction for Aircraft."

\[
E_e = \frac{H}{2 \sqrt{3} \lambda_f \frac{D}{H}} \tag{90}
\]

\[
t_e = 2 \sqrt{3} \lambda_f \frac{D}{H} \tag{91}
\]

where:

\[
\lambda_f = (1 - \mu_f^2) \approx 0.98 \tag{92}
\]

\[
D = \frac{E_f}{12 \lambda_f} (t^3 - t_c^3) \tag{93}
\]

\[
H = E_f (t - t_c) \tag{94}
\]

\[
E_f = 15.4 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in.}^2
\]

\[
t = 0.437 \text{ in.}
\]

\[
t_c = 0.375 \text{ in.}
\]

\[
D = \frac{15.4 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in.}^2}{12 (0.98)} \left[ (0.437)^3 - (0.375)^3 \right] = 40,227 \text{ lb-in.}
\]

\[
H = 15.4 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in.}^2 (0.437 - 0.375) = 954,800 \text{ lb/in.}
\]
Centrifugal Loading (Ref. Roark, Chap. 15, Case 8)

Radial tensile inertia stress, $S_r$

\[
S_r = \frac{3 + \mu}{8} \frac{w \omega^2}{386.4} \left( R^2 + R_o^2 - \frac{R^2 R_o^2}{r^2} - r^2 \right)
\]

where:

- $\mu$ = Poisson's ratio = 0.14
- $w$ = Density
- $\omega$ = 33.93 rad/sec
- $R$ = 35.5 in.
- $R_o$ = 4.0 in.
- $r$ = Distance from center to point where stress is to be determined

Tangential tensile inertia stress, $S_t$

\[
S_t = \frac{1}{8} \frac{w \omega^2}{386.4} \left[ (3 + \mu) \left( R^2 + R_o^2 + \frac{R^2 R_o^2}{r^2} \right) - (1 + 3\mu) r^2 \right]
\]

For this analysis it is assumed that the weight of the disc, the weight of the power supplies, and the weight of one-half of the radiometers are evenly distributed throughout the disc

\[
W_T = W_D + W_{PS} + \frac{1}{2} W_R
\]

\[
= 18.2 + 57.7 + 38.6 = 114.5 \text{ lb}
\]

\[
w = \frac{W}{At} = \frac{114.5}{\pi (35.5^2 - 4^2) (0.704)} = 0.0416 \text{ lb/in.}^3
\]

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Max radial inertia stress occurs at \( r = \sqrt{RR_0} \)

\[
S_{r_{\text{MAX}}} = \frac{3 + \mu}{8} \frac{w \omega^2}{386.4} (R - R_0)^2
\]

\[
= \frac{3.14}{8} \frac{(0.0416)(33.93)^2}{386.4} (35.5 - 4.0)^2
\]

\[
= 48.3 \text{ lb/in.}^2
\]

Max tangential inertia stress occurs at \( r = R_0 \)

\[
S_{t_{\text{MAX}}} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{w \omega^2}{386.4} \left[ (3 + \mu) R^2 + (1 - \mu) R_0^2 \right]
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{4} \frac{(0.0416)(33.93)^2}{386.4} \left[ 3.14 (35.5)^2 + 0.86 (4.0)^2 \right]
\]

\[
= 123 \text{ lb/in.}^2
\]

1g Load Normal to Plane of Wheel

Assume that this load is reacted by the 8 radial ribs which act as cantilevered beams anchored at the hub of the wheel

Assume solid material determine "effective" modulus of elasticity and thickness

\[
E_e = \frac{H}{2 \sqrt{3} \lambda_f D/H}
\]

\[
t_e = 2 \sqrt{3} \lambda_f D/H
\]

\[
D = \frac{E_f}{12 \lambda_f} (t^3 - t_c^3)
\]

\[
\Upsilon = E_f (t - t_c)
\]

\[
E_f = 15.4 \times 10^6 \text{ lb/in.}^2
\]

\[
\lambda_f = 0.68
\]

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\[ t = 0.81 \text{ in.} \]
\[ t_c = 0.75 \text{ in.} \]
\[ D = \frac{15.4 \times 10^6}{12 (0.98) (0.81^2 - 0.75^2)} = 143,479 \text{ lb-in.} \]
\[ H = 15.4 \times 10^6 (0.81 - 0.75) = 924,000 \text{ lb/in.} \]
\[ t_e = 2\sqrt[3]{3 (0.98) 143479/924,000} = 1.35 \text{ in.} \]
\[ E_e = \frac{H}{t_e} = \frac{924,000}{1.35} = 683,770 \text{ lb/in.}^2 \]
\[ \delta = \frac{w L^4}{6E I_e} \]
\[ w = \frac{286.5}{8 (25)} = 1.43 \text{ lb/in.} \]
\[ I = \frac{1.35 (5.25)^3}{12} + 2 \left[ 2.0 (0.704) (3.937)^2 \right] \]
\[ = 59.9 \text{ in.}^4 \]
\[ \delta = -\frac{1.43 (25)^4}{8 (683,770) (59.9)} \]
\[ = -0.0017 \text{ in.} \]

An investigation into gyroscopic effects on the feed wheel was conducted from,
\[ T_r = J \omega_r \omega_p \]  \hspace{1cm} (reacted torque)  \hspace{1cm} (104)

where
\[ J = \text{wheel inertia} = 63 \text{ slug-ft}^2 \]
\[ \omega_r = \text{speed of wheel} = 34 \text{ rad/sec} \]
\[ \omega_p = \text{pitch or yaw rate} \]
\[ = 1^\circ/\text{sec} = 0.01745 \text{ rad/sec} \]
\[ T_r = 38 \text{ lb-ft} \]
The pitch rate due to orbit is

\[ \omega_p = \frac{360 \text{ deg}}{1.55 \text{ hr} \times 3600 \text{ sec/hr}} = \frac{0.064^\circ}{\text{sec}} = 0.00113 \text{ rad/sec} \]

which results in a constant yaw torque,

\[ T_y = 2.4 \text{ lb-ft} \]

Both of the above values are very low with the high value being approximately equal to the bending moment induced into the wheel due to a 1 g gravity load normal to the plane of the wheel.

Deflection due to a temperature difference on opposite sides of the wheel can be determined from,

\[ \delta = \frac{\Delta T \alpha L^2}{8t} \]

where:

- \( \Delta T \) is the difference in temperature of faces separated by distance, \( t \).
- \( \alpha \) = coefficient of thermal expansion

and

\[ L \] is the undisturbed diameter of the wheel

\[ \delta \approx \frac{\Delta T (0.1 \times 10^{-6}) (111)^2}{8 \times (6)} \]

\[ \delta \approx 0.000026 \Delta T \]

A temperature difference of over 100°F would be required to deflect the wheel edge 0.003 in.

Fabrication Techniques and Potential Problem Areas

Fabrication with graphite-epoxy incorporates methods similar to those used in laminating with glass reinforced plastics. The primary difference is that in graphite-epoxy, the fabrication procedures are not standard or "shop practice" as in some other plastics, but instead, the procedures are specified in design. For example, contoured surfaces such as the subreflector are laminated from computer generated tiles of graphite reinforcement and the number of plies and their orientation would be specified on drawings. With other materials, choice of such parameters may be left to the shop.

Fabrication techniques are now well established for graphite-epoxy and the analytical tools used to define the parameters which result in a design meeting
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specified structural requirements are fully developed. Therefore, the choice of materials and the physical arrangement of details forming the wheel results in a design which is structurally sound and physically attainable.

In preparing a final design consideration should be given to the following:

1. Provide adequate thickness in sandwich facings to prevent bearing failure at attachments.
2. Sub-reflector conductive surface (same as main reflector)
3. Early coordination with honeycomb core supplier to assure availability.
4. Shear pin requirements for all attached items to insure no movement from tested positions.
6. Techniques for preliminary alignment of sub-reflectors and feeds prior to RR tests.
7. Electrical cable feed-through from shaft to feed wheel.
8. Venting of honeycomb core or other closed structures.

3.2.4 Drive Mechanism

Several configurations of drive mechanization for SIMS-A were considered and a tradeoff of features is given in Table 3-17. The 2-pass helical gear train driven by a hysteresis synchronous motor was selected because the advantages stated are compatible with SIMS-A requirements.

The 8-in. diameter of the shaft was chosen arbitrarily in the early phases of the study because it would easily handle the largest loads that could be anticipated at that time and also because a large final drive gear could be installed on a large shaft without extending a great distance beyond the shaft diameter. The large diameter has been retained, which gives the shaft a high stiffness with 0.250 in. minimum thickness walls. The shaft is made from graphite-epoxy with fiber windings oriented to produce a coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) equal to the CTE of the steel bearing races in the radial direction while having as low a CTE as possible in the axial direction in order to prevent defocusing due to temperature change. For the minimum properties section of the shaft,

\[
I = \frac{\pi}{64} (d_0^4 - d_1^4)
\]

\[
I = \frac{\pi}{64} (7.00^4 - 6.5^4) = 30.24 \text{ in.}^4
\]

\[
E = 15 \times 10^6 \text{ psi (estimated)}
\]

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# Table 3-17. SIMS-A Drive Mechanism Tradeoff Study

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<tr>
<th>Type of Drive</th>
<th>Advantages</th>
<th>Disadvantages</th>
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<tr>
<td>Motor/Belt/Pulley</td>
<td>Simplicity</td>
<td>Temperatures too low for belt materials</td>
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<td>Tension varies with temperature</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor/Chain/Sprocket</td>
<td>Simplicity</td>
<td>Chain Links wear rapidly</td>
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<td>Inherent Backlash</td>
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<tr>
<td>Direct Drive Torque Motor</td>
<td>Simplicity (if available without development)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Would require development to reach 324 rpm.</td>
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<td>Low Speed Motor/Worm Gear Box</td>
<td>Low Cost (Standard Components)</td>
<td>Speed control not precise</td>
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<td>Worm gearing requires clutch for spin-down</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low Speed Motor/Helical Gear Box</td>
<td>Low Cost (Standard Components)</td>
<td>Speed control not precise</td>
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<td>Helical gears produce thrust loads on shafts</td>
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<td>High-Speed Hysteresis Synchronous Motor (motor pinion drives 28-inch dia spur gear)</td>
<td>Precise Speed Control</td>
<td>Pitch line velocity too high</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&gt;2400 ft/min.</td>
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<td>Lange gear has high inertia</td>
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<tr>
<td>High-Speed Hysteresis Synchronous Motor (motor pinion drives 2-pass spur gear train)</td>
<td>Precise Speed Control Less inertia *</td>
<td>Pitch line velocity still too high</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(with minimum dia pinion)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High-Speed Hysteresis Synchronous Motor (motor pinion drives 2-pass helical gear train)</td>
<td>Precise Speed Control Smoother Operation Lower Pitch Line Velocity due to smaller pinion allowable, but helical gears can tolerate higher velocities. *</td>
<td>Helical gears produce thrust loads on shafts</td>
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- **Selected Configuration**

* Hysteresis Synchronous Motor Advantages
  - Low noise and vibration
  - Constant speed regardless of load and voltage variation
  - Capable of synch on high inertia loads & uniform starting torque
  - Will lock in at any position with respect to line voltage
  - Available in 1/4 H.P. 3φ 2080 400 Hz with 80 in-oz start torque

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The deflection of the free end of the shaft is determined from,

\[ y = \frac{P a^2}{3 EI} (l + a) \]  

(107)

where:

- \( P \) = applied load
- \( a \) = free end overhang = 12 in.
- \( l \) = distance between bearings = 8 in.

and spring rate,

\[ K = \frac{P}{y} = \frac{(P) 3 EI}{(P) a^2 (l + a)} \]  

(108)

\[ K = \frac{(3) (15) (10^6) (30.24)}{(12)^2 (8 + 12)} \]

\[ K = 472,500 \text{ lb/in.} \]

from which the deflection due to 1 g acting on the 290 lb (9 slug mass) wheel normal to the shaft axis is,

\[ \delta = \frac{290 \text{ lb}}{472,500 \text{ lb/in.}} = 0.0006 \text{ in.} \]

and the critical speed

\[ \omega_{CR} = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} \]  

(109)

\[ \omega_{CR} = \sqrt{\frac{472,500}{9}} = 299 \text{ rad/sec} \]

\[ f_{CR} = \frac{\omega_{CR}}{2\pi} = \frac{229}{2\pi} = 36.4 \text{ rev/sec} \]

\[ f_{CR} = 2188 \text{ RPM} \]  

The critical frequency is much higher than the 324 RPM speed of the feed wheel, and the 1 g deflection would permit testing the antenna with the wheel axis horizontal if it were expedient to do so. Therefore, the shaft design is structurally and functionally sound.

The drive shaft bearings are Kaydon (or equivalent) 8.00 I.D., 0.75-in. cross-section, angular contact type. The large cross section was selected because bearing
life is extended when the larger sizes are used. The maximum operating period of 30 days can be used to determine total revolutions for a single sortie, 14 x 10^6, but the number of sorties expected from one antenna is not known and the 0.75-in. bearing should provide a wide margin for expected service life. Angular contact was chosen because this type bearing is very tolerant of preload (which is anticipated) and is also capable of reacting against thrust loads caused by the helical gears. The reduction from motor shaft speed of 12,000 RPM to drive shaft speed of 324 RPM is accomplished in two passes through helical gears. See Table 3-18 for calculated data.

Helix angle on the gears will be selected in the final design to satisfy pitch line velocity requirements and produce minimal thrust. Helix angles will be oriented to prevent additive thrusts from the two meshes.

Gearing, bearings, shaft, and drive motor will be housed in a steel housing having the same CTE as bearings and gears.

Lubrication is to be a space qualified treatment developed by Ball Brothers Research Corp., Boulder, Colorado under the trade name Vac-Kote.

Some items to be considered in final design are:
1. Effect of different CTE between housing and main frame.
2. Thrust effects on motor torque requirements.
3. Optimum preload on bearings.
4. Helix angle and orientation.

3.2.5 Scan Drive Control

The three-phase, 400 Hz, synchronous motor was selected following consideration given to the several alternatives available. Other servo systems that may be considered include two-phase, 400 Hz, closed-loop servo, closed-loop dc servo, and a closed-loop about a dc torquer motor. Factors considered are available power,

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<th>Gear</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Pitch Dia (inch)</th>
<th>No. Teeth</th>
<th>Size (Pitch)</th>
<th>Speed (RPM)</th>
<th>Pitch Line Velocity (ft/min)</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Motor Shaft Pinion</td>
<td>0.6250</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>12,000</td>
<td>1963.50</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Driven</td>
<td>3.0000</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>1963.50</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Drive</td>
<td>1.5000</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>981.75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Driven (Output Shaft)</td>
<td>11.5625</td>
<td>185</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>324,324</td>
<td>981.75</td>
</tr>
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</table>
system volume and weight requirements, and achievable accuracy. The advantages of a closed loop servo system are minimized when the drive requirement is a constant speed in one direction for a long period of time as is the case here. The dc torquer which can be mounted on the output shaft thus eliminating the gear train is worthy of consideration. Advantages being in control of the acceleration and deceleration phase and in the ability to position the output shaft, once stopped, at a specific location where a holding pin can be engaged to lock the shaft. A brush-type dc torquer would not be preferred. A brushless type dc torquer of sufficient torque rating and capable of operating at the required speed would have to be developed. An accuracy of better than 0.5 percent could be attained using the rate of change of the encoder output as a closed loop control. However, the system complexity required for the dc torquer system indicates that the synchronous motor is preferred.

The selection of the natural binary, optical encoder was primarily based on the beam position accuracy requirement and equipment availability. The beam position accuracy is specified to be 0.3 beamwidth. At 118.7 GHz the beamwidth is 0.115 deg so the encoder accuracy should be 0.0345 deg or about 1 part in 10,000. This is slightly greater than $2^{13}$. A search for an encoder showed that none are available with greater than $2^{13}$ resolution at the speed of operation (324 rpm). Therefore the resolution at 118.7 GHz will be 0.04 deg. A suitable sensor alternative would be a magnetic rather than an optical device. Also considered was the synchro and synchro-to-digital converter, however resolution achievable at this speed seems to be limited to $2^{12}$ and so were eliminated.
4. TEST PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 ELECTRICAL TESTS

There are several unique characteristics of this antenna which make its RF evaluation somewhat extraordinary. These aspects are discussed below.

4.1.1 Static vs Dynamic Test

Dynamic deflections at the design rotation speed are calculated to be relatively small. Consequently, a static test is sufficient to prove the performance of the antenna, and a system level dynamic test against radiometric point sources would prove the performance does not change with the wheel rotating at its design speed. One way to prove the dynamic antenna performance would be to compare the static antenna patterns to oscilloscope traces which represent the radiometer response as the beam sweeps through a point source. Only static tests will be discussed in this section.

4.1.2 Antenna Range Setup

The range length at 118.7 GHz ($2D^2/\lambda$) should be at least 2027m (6651 feet). Because very accurate boresighting accuracy is required over this range, a laser autocollimation boresighting technique is suggested, as shown in Figure 4-1. An
optical flat would be permanently mounted to the back of the reflector and parallel to the X-Z plane. When the reflected laser beam is centered on the laser itself, the reflector is positioned properly relative to the range. The precision rotary table (machinist's type) can then be rotated 180 deg, and the pattern can be measured. The precision rotary table can then be re-positioned over the ±60 deg scan range and additional pattern cuts made. The feed wheel shaft encoder gives a precision readout of the angle of the feed wheel relative to the reflector.

This range setup allows precision measurements without any reference to the positioner synchros, except to reset the 0 deg position after each pattern. The rotary table is much more accurate than the synchros. The rotary table can be eliminated, however, if the antenna positioner has an encoder mounted. It appears that useable patterns at 118.7 GHz can be recorded on the 0.5 deg per inch scale provided that the antenna positioner runs smoothly. Patterns with this approximate beamwidth have been measured at Rockwell/Autonetics on a six foot millimeter reflector.

Measurement of main beam efficiency is very difficult, requiring a number of pattern cuts and integration of the measured patterns. It is suggested that these be made only at a few critical frequency channels, with measurements of gain and beamwidths (az and el) for the other channels to verify that performance levels are sufficiently near calculated values. With so many frequency channels, it would be easy to unnecessarily increase the cost and delay the schedule with too much testing.
4.2 MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL TESTS

4.2.1 Acoustic vs Random Vibrations Test

Several considerations lead to the conclusion that conducting both acoustic and random vibration tests will be redundant, and that the acoustic test is the most appropriate. These are discussed below.

The random vibration levels encountered in the shuttle payload compartment represent the response of the mid fuselage to the acoustic environment. Consequently, testing to the acoustic environment is more related to the cause than a random vibration test.

Because of the large surface area of the SIMS-A antenna, large acoustic pressures will be present to transmit stresses into the structure from the exposed surfaces. The shuttle mid fuselage attach points, on the other hand, are connected to a massive structure with considerable damping, so their response to the acoustic environment will tend to be much lower. One would expect, therefore, that the stresses from the direct acoustic environment will be much larger than the stress from the induced response of the shuttle structure. A cursory investigation of the expected acoustic and random vibration levels in the shuttle payload bay support this conclusion.

Finally, the acoustic test will be less expensive. The reason for this is the cost of a vibration test fixture, which will be very high for an antenna of this size and weight, while only minor fixturing is required for acoustic tests.

4.2.2 Photogrammetric Measurements

Essential to the success of the SIMS-A performance is the surface conformity of the reflector surfaces. Conventional means are convenient to measure the sub-reflectors, however due to its large size it is desirable to measure the surface contour photogrammetrically. This technique was developed primarily for the purpose of accurate measurement of large reflector contours. It is capable of accuracies in excess of 1 part in 100,000 of the antenna aperture (≈ .0016 in).

Analytical photogrammetric triangulation is a least squares triangulation process. Two or more accurate two dimensional photographic records of an object on which an unlimited number of discrete targets are located provide sufficient data from which to calculate a unique set of three dimensional coordinates for each target (and thus the surface contour).

The reflector surface will be prepared by lightly affixing an array of targets at arbitrary locations. The surface is then photographed by two or more cameras, also at arbitrary locations, and the image is recorded on micro-flat photographic plates. The sets of X, Y coordinates of the target images on the plates is then measured in a coordinatograph. Once these points are known and the focal length of the lens is accurately known, sets of simultaneous equations are developed. More than a sufficient number of knowns exist to permit solutions by the method of least squares. The X, Y, Z coordinates of all of the targets are obtained from these solutions.
The technique is thus an instantaneous record of all data necessary to determine the surface contour. For SIMS-A the following photogrammetric measurements of the surface contour are recommended: the engineering model upon fabrication; the prototype model subsequent to qualification tests; and the flight model upon fabrication.
4.3 RECOMMENDED TEST PLAN

For qualification, the following test program is recommended for the antenna.

1. Limited Functional Test (including photogrammetric measurements of the reflector contour)
2. Acoustic Test (non operating)
3. Limited Functional Test
4. Thermal Vacuum Test (non operating)
5. Complete functional (including photogrammetric measurements of the reflector contour)

For acceptance the same test sequence is used, at reduced levels, except that the reflector contour measurements will only be made prior to testing. The complete functional tests will give confidence that the reflector contour remains accurate after the environmental tests.
This study started with the basic concept of a parabolic torus and a rotating feed assembly with Gregorian subreflector feeds and prime focus type feeds. The performance of both types of feeds was analyzed in a fairly rigorous manner using physical optics methods, leading to the conclusion that these concepts were usable for all channels except 2.695 GHz. A unique seven-beam slot array feed for 2.695 GHz was conceived and optimized. Performance with this aberration correcting feed was more than adequate. A design concept covering all eleven channels with adequate performance levels (>90% beam efficiency and resolution equal to that of a 1.6 m aperture) was therefore worked out.

A preliminary design of the complete antenna system was then defined. It consists of a truss supported graphite/epoxy main reflector with a graphite/epoxy feed wheel assembly having six Gregorian subreflectors, a dual channel concentric feed for each subreflector, and two three-channel prime focus feed assemblies. Preliminary mechanical and structural designs of the parabolic forms, the wheel assembly, and the wheel drive system were executed. Finally, a preliminary design and analysis of a suitable calibration system was performed.

The preliminary design is conservative in the sense that the materials and fabrication concepts have all been used in space. Considering that the shuttle acoustic and vibration environments are generally a decade less severe than those of present launch vehicles, no problems in meeting the environment is foreseen. Thermal environments were identified for the conceptual design, whereas an analytical thermal model will be required for the detailed design. The only item requiring an advancement in the state-of-art is the reflector, which is larger and more precise than those that have been developed in the past. Companies with experience in this area are responsive, however, and very interested in undertaking a development program to meet SIMS-A requirements. This and other risk areas are outlined in Table 5-1. These areas should be monitored carefully during hardware development.

In summary, the conservative preliminary design and thorough performance analysis indicate that the hardware development program will have only normal risks in spite of the large aperture, rapid scan speed, and wide frequency range of the antenna.
<table>
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<th>Risk Area</th>
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<td>Main reflector</td>
<td>See text</td>
<td>Less than 90 percent efficiency in 94 and 118.7 GHz channels due to degraded accuracy</td>
<td>Development and advancement of state-of-art</td>
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<td>Availability of graphite/epoxy honeycomb</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>A new design concept for the feed wheel and Gregorian subreflector will have to be developed</td>
<td>Maintain close observation of product development at Hexcel</td>
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<td>Structural failure of feed wheel assembly</td>
<td>Very low (wheel is lightly stressed)</td>
<td>Program delay for re-design or potential safety problems</td>
<td>Thorough structural analysis of design</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plating of Graphite/epoxy</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Program delay (qual test) Degraded mission (in flight)</td>
<td>Choose vendor with experience or perform extensive process development and testing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thermal design of calibration cavity</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Loss of calibration accuracy due to thermal gradients in cavity</td>
<td>Careful thermal design and analysis, or development of broadband absorber with better thermal conductivity</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dual concentric feed for Gregorian</td>
<td>Moderate to high</td>
<td>Higher losses than expected due to spillover, resulting in degraded temperature resolution</td>
<td>Change to design with 8 subrefectors (low risk)</td>
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A program plan for the development, fabrication and test of a flight model of the SIMS-A antenna was developed in the course of this study. This plan, presented in Volume II, constitutes the recommended actions which should follow this conceptual study.

In summary the detailed design and development of the SIMS-A antenna is conceived as consisting of four phases: Phase 1 - Design and Development; Phase 2 - Engineering Model; Phase 3 - Prototype Model; and Phase 4 - Flight Model. Phase 1 will accomplish all of the detailed design, design verification, and interface specification preparation. In Phase 2 the engineering model will be fabricated and tested. Phase 3 will accomplish the fabrication and qualification testing of the prototype model. Phase 4 will consist of fabrication and flight assurance tests of the flight model.

Two areas of required development should be identified specifically. These are:

- Feeds
- Calibration loads

Performance requirements and design concepts for the feeds and calibration loads were defined in the report, however detailed design parameters are required for proof of design. These parameters require hardware development. This development must be conducted as a distinct development program or as part of the overall antenna development.
7. NEW TECHNOLOGY

The SIMS-A antenna conceptual design study yielded no reportable new technology items.
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GREGORIAN REFLECTOR SYSTEM

1. Main Program to Calculate Subreflector Currents and Two Cuts of Main Reflector Current
2. GEODES Subroutine — Calculates subreflector point given X, Z
3. PRIPAT Subroutine — Calculates primary pattern of feed aperture
4. AMPHIS Subroutine — Plots the output of the main program
5. VCROSS Subroutine — Computes the cross product of two vectors
6. VNORM Subroutine — Normalizes a vector
7. Main Program to Calculate Main Reflector Currents and Far Field Patterns
8. Main Program to Calculate the Directivity of the Feed

REFLECTOR WITH PRIME FOCUS FEED

1. Main Program to calculate the main reflector currents and far field patterns
2. PRIPAT Subroutine — Calculates the feed pattern
3. Main Program to calculate the feed directivity and prepare a radiation distribution printout of the feed pattern. In addition, will calculate the element amplitudes and phases given the amplitudes and phases of the seven beams of the 19 element slot array.
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**PARAMETRIC TORUS MAIN - GREGORIAN SUBREFLECTOR**

**COMPUTATION OF SUBREFLECTOR CURRENTS AND SCATTER PATTERN**

**REAL** 4 RH(3,700) JS(3,700) PATH(700) VM(350) VPHS(350) HM(350)

1. HPHS(350) JSDS(3) VRSM(3) AH(3) HI(3) NNS(3) TEM(3) STP(4)

**REAL** 8 X,Y,Z RR(3) NN(3) TF PF F H*CT ST K XF(99) DTH

1. TH PH XM ZB ZM DRAD TRA RAD TI TH2 PH1 XI Z1 XDEL PI TWOP1 YS

2. ZZX+DELX+DELY+DELZ+DELZ+DELZ+XZLIM+DPM+XAR(5) ZAR(5) THAR(5) PHAR(5)

3. ITEMP STH PH2 FY FZ C SC SS RNX RRNY RNNZ

**REAL** 4 RHS JX(39700) JY(39700) PATH(700) VM(350) VPHS(350) HPM(350)

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3. ITEMP STH PH2 FY FZ C SC SS RNX RRNY RNNZ

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**READ DATA (MKS UNITS)**

1. READ(5,20) END=200 NTH NTRL NAC F H S THPD YS ZS X M ZB ZM PXM

1. PLZ PBZ PZT DTH R0 FREQ A B PKGN FY FZ (X T I = 1NTH)

**FORMATT**(**I** 5 X NO.) THETA ON SUBREFLECTOR=**I** 13.4 X MAX NO. OF **I**

1. *ITERATIONS=**I** 13.4 X**R** CHER RASTER INCREMENT=**I** 13/6 X**R** FEED RADIUS (**

2. **F** = **F**10.6 **F** FEED DEPRF=**I** 0.6 X**R** SUB. VERTEX (**

3. **R**ADIUS(5) = **F**10.6 **F** FEED POINTING ANGLE=**F**10.4 **F**

4. APPROX. CENTER OF SUBREFLECTOR Y**S**=**F**9.6 **F** Z**Z**=**F**9.6 **F**

5. **F**6 **F** X**M**=**F**10.6 **F** Z**M**=**F**10.6 **F** X MAX IN PLOT

6. **F**1 = **F**10.6 **F** Z VALUE IN PLOT 1 = **F**10.6 **F** Z**Z**=**F**9.6 **F**

7. **F** = **F**10.6 **F** **Z** MAX IN PLOT 2 = **F**10.6 **F** THEETA IN**R** SUB.**R**

8. = **F**10.5 **F**X MAIN HEFL RAIN = **F**10.6 **F** FREQUNCY=**F**10.4 **F**

9. FEED DIMENSION=**F**10.6 **F** FEED A DIMENSION=**F**10.5 **F** PEAK=**F**

1. POWER GAIN=**F**10.6 **F** FEED Y OFFSET=**F**10.6 **F** FEED Z OFFSET

2. T=**F**10.6 **F** INITIAL VALUES OF X FOR EDGF CONTOUR=**F**(6X 10F10.6

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**WHITE** (6.35)

**FORMAT**(**I** 8X TH**R** X PH**3** IT**R** 3X **1** X**7** 1 **5** ISP**5** X

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C*** CALCULATE CONSTANTS

ISN 0014   FS=SNGL(F)
ISN 0015   HS=SNGL(H)
ISN 0016   THP= DHLE(THPD)/URAD
ISN 0017   ST=DSIN(THP)
ISN 0018   CT=DCOS(THP)
ISN 0019   K=DQSRT(H**2+(F-S)**2)+2.*DDO
ISN 0020   SP=SNGL(ST)
ISN 0021   CP=SNGL(CT)
ISN 0022   EK=2.*PI*FREQ/CL

C*** ANGLES DEFINED RELATIVE TO APPROXIMATE CENTER OF CURVATURE

ISN 0023   ISP=0
ISN 0024   PWH=0.
ISN 0025   DO 120 T=1,NTH
ISN 0026   TH=PI/2.00D0-DTH*(DFLOAT(I)-0.00D0)
ISN 0027   STH=DSIN(TH)

C*** CALCULATE VALUE OF PHI AT BOTTOM EDGE OF SUBREFLECTOR (ITERATIVE)

ISN 0028   X1=XR(I)
ISN 0029   DO 40 ITRL=1,NTRL
ISN 0030   X=X1+DELXZ
ISN 0031   Z=ZH+(ZM-ZB)*DQSRT(1.000D0-(X/XM)**2)
ISN 0032   CALL GEODES(X,Z,Y,RR,NN)
ISN 0033   RAD=DQSRT(RR(1)**2+(RR(2)+YY)**2+(RR(3)-ZZ)**2)
ISN 0034   TH1=DCOS(-RR(1)/RAD)
ISN 0035   X=X1+DELXZ
ISN 0036   Z=ZH+(ZM-ZB)*DQSRT(1.000D0-(X/XM)**2)
ISN 0037   CALL GEODES(X,Z,Y,RR,NN)
ISN 0038   RAD=DQSRT(RR(1)**2+(RR(2)+YY)**2+(RR(3)-ZZ)**2)
ISN 0039   TH2=DCOS(-RR(1)/RAD)
ISN 0040   DELX=DELX*(TH1+TH2-2.00D0*TH)/(TH2-TH1)
ISN 0041   X=X1+DELX
ISN 0042   IF(DAYS(DELX).LT.XZLIM) GO TO 50
ISN 0044   40 CONTINUE

C*** CALCULATE PARAMETERS FOR LAST ESTIMATE OF SOLUTION

ISN 0045   Z1=ZH+(ZM-ZB)*DQSRT(1.000D0-(X1/XM)**2)
ISN 0046   CALL GEODES(X1,Z1,Y,RR,NN)
ISN 0047   RAD=DQSRT(RR(1)**2+(RR(2)+YY)**2+(RR(3)-ZZ)**2)
ISN 0048   TH1=DCOS(-RR(1)/RAD)
PH1=UATAN2(RR(3)-ZZS,-RR(2)-YYS)
WRITE(6,55) TH1,PH1,ITRL,X1,Z1
FORMAT(*,13X,2F10.0,I3,2F8.4)
DPh=DTH/STH
JM=40P1/DPh
DO 116 J=1,JM
PH1=PH1+DPh*(DFLOAT(J)-0.5D0)

DO 70 ITRL=1+NTRL
XAR(1)=X1
XAR(2)=X1+DELX1
XAR(3)=X1
XAR(4)=X1-DELX1
XAR(5)=X1
ZAR(1)=Z1
ZAR(2)=Z1
ZAR(3)=Z1+DELX1
ZAR(4)=Z1
ZAR(5)=Z1-DELX1
DO 60 IPT=1,5
CALL GEODES(XAR(IPT),ZAR(IPT),Y+RR+NN)
RAD=DSQRT(RR(1)**2+(RR(2)+YYS)**2+(RR(3)-ZZS)**2)
THAR(IPT)=DARCOS(-RR(1)/RAD)-TH
DTEMP=(THAR(2)-THAR(4))*(PHAR(3)-PHAR(5))-(THAR(3)-THAR(5))*(PHAR(2)-PHAR(4))
DELX=2.0D0*DELX*(PHAR(1)*(THAR(3)-THAR(5))-THAR(1)*(PHAR(3)-PHAR(5)))/DTEMP
DELZ=2.0D0*DELZ*(THAR(1)*(PHAR(2)-PHAR(4))-PHAR(1)*(THAR(2)-THAR(4)))/DTEMP
DEL=DSQRT(DELX**2+DELZ**2)
X1=X1+DELX
Z1=Z1+DELZ
IF (DEL*LE*XZLIM) GO TO 80
CONTINUE
IF (Z1.GE.ZR) GO TO 90
IF (DSQRT((X1/XM)**2+((ZH-Z1)/ZR)**2).GT.1.0D0) GO TO 120
GO TO 100
IF (DSQRT((X1/XM)**2+((ZH-Z1)/(ZM-ZR)**2).GT.1.0D0) GO TO 120
C**** CALCULATE PARAMETERS FOR LAST ESTIMATE OF SOLUTION AND INCLUDE
**FFFT OF OFFSETS**

ISN 0088   100 CALL GEOOEES(X1*Z1,Y,RR*NN)
ISN 0089   101 RNN=USRRT(RR(1))**2+(RR(2)*YYS)**2+(RR(3)-ZYS)**2
ISN 0090   102 TH2=ACOS(-RR(1)/RAD)
ISN 0091   103 PH2=ATAN2(RR(3)-ZYS,-RR(2)-YYS)
ISN 0092   104 DTEMP=(NN(3)*(ZYS-RR(3))-NN(2)**2+(YYS-RR(2))-NN(1)**2)/RAD
ISN 0093   105 DS=SNGL(STH*DTH*DP*RAD**2/DTEMP)*R0**2
ISN 0094   106 RR(2)=RR(2)*FY
ISN 0095   107 RR(3)=RR(3)-FZ
ISN 0096   108 DTEMP=DSTRT(RR(1)**2+RR(2)**2+RR(3)**2)
ISN 0097   109 TEMP=SNGL(DTEMP)
ISN 0098   110 R0=TEMP/R0
ISN 0099   111 TEMP=SNGL(-NN(1)**2+NN(2)**2+NN(3)**2+R0**2)
ISN 0100   112 DOMEQ=DS*TEMP/R0**2
ISN 0101   113 PRNX=RR(1)/DTEMP
ISN 0102   114 RNY=RR(2)/DTEMP
ISN 0103   115 RNZ=RR(3)/DTEMP
ISN 0104   116 C=PRNX*CT+RNY*ST
ISN 0105   117 SC=-RRNX
ISN 0106   118 SS=RNNNZ*CT-RNNY*ST
ISN 0107   119 TF=ATAN2(USRRT(SC**2+SS**2),C)
ISN 0108   120 PF=ATAN2(SS,SC)
ISN 0109   121 STP(1)=SIN(SNGL(TF))
ISN 0110   122 STP(2)=COS(SNGL(TF))
ISN 0111   123 STP(3)=SIN(SNGL(PF))
ISN 0112   124 STP(4)=COS(SNGL(PF))
ISN 0113   125 CALL PRIPAT(STP,A3+EK*PKGN+HTP+HPP)
ISN 0114   126 HTOT=USRRT(HTP**2+HPP**2)
ISN 0115   127 HI(1)=2.*(HPP*STP(3)-HTP*STP(2)*STP(4))
ISN 0116   128 HI(2)=2.*(HPP*SP+STP(4)-HTP*(CT+SP*STP(2)*STP(3)))
ISN 0117   129 HI(3)=2.*(HPP*CP*STP(4)-HTP*(CP*STP(2)+STP(3)-SP*STP(1)))
ISN 0118   130 NNS(1)=SNGL(NN(1))**2/DS/R0
ISN 0119   131 NNS(2)=SNGL(NN(2))**2/DS/R0
ISN 0120   132 NNS(3)=SNGL(NN(3))**2/DS/R0
ISN 0121   133 CALL VCRROSS(NNS,H1,JSOS)
ISN 0122   134 ISP=ISP+1
ISN 0123   135 IF(ISP.GT.700) GO TO 130
ISN 0124   136 PATH(ISP)=R0
ISN 0125   137 WRITE(6,105) TH2,PH2,ITRL,X1,Z1,ISP,RAD,DTEMP,HTOT
ISN 0126   138 FORMAT(*,3X,2F10.6,13,2F8.4,16,2F11.7,1PE14.6)
ISN 0128  DO 110 IC=1,3
ISN 0129  JS(IC,ISP)=JSDS(IC)
ISN 0130  110 RRS(IC,ISP)=SNGL(HR(IC))
ISN 0131  PWR=PWR+ETA*DOME*H*TOT**2
C**** IMAGE SIZE OF SUBREFLECTOR, PHI=PI-PI

ISN 0132  175 (IC,ISP)=STP(4)
ISN 0133  CALL PRIPAT(STP,A,B,PKGN,HIP,HPP)
ISN 0134  HI(1)=2.*(HPP*STP(3)-HPP*STP(2)*STP(4))
ISN 0135  HI(2)=-2.*(HPP*SP*STP(4)+HPP*(CP*STP(1)+SP*STP(2)*STP(3)))
ISN 0136  HI(3)=2.*(HPP*CP*STP(4)-HPP*(CP*STP(2)*STP(3)-SP*STP(1)))
ISN 0137  NNS(1)=-NNS(1)

ISN 0138  CALL VCRUSUS(NNS,HI,JSDS)
ISN 0139  ISP=ISP+1
ISN 0140  IF(ISP.GT.700) GO TO 130
ISN 0141  PATH(ISP)=NO
ISN 0142  DO 113 IC=1,3
ISN 0143  JS(IC,ISP)=JSDS(IC)
ISN 0144  RRS(1,ISP)=SNGL(RR(1))
ISN 0145  RRS(2,ISP)=SNGL(RR(2))
ISN 0146  RRS(3,ISP)=SNGL(RR(3))
ISN 0147  PWR=PWR+ETA*DOME*(HPP**2+HPP**2)

ISN 0148  116 CONTINUE
ISN 0149  120 ISP=ISP
ISN 0150  130 NSUB=ISP
ISN 0151  DHSV=10.*ALOG10(1./PWR)
ISN 0152  WRITE(6,135) DHSV,NTH,NTRL,NSUB,F,H,S,THPD,YYS,ZZS,X,M,ZH,DMTH

ISN 0153  135 FORMAT(10,5X,1*SPILLOVER LOSS IN DH=1,F9.4/10,5X*SUBREFLECTOR *,
1 1CUURRENTS DATA LISTING*/10,1X,314.3F12.7,F12.5,F12.7,2X,3,
3 9X,1*JSDS(1),1*JSDS(2),1*JSDS(3),9X,1*PATH,9X,1*ISP*/1)

ISN 0154  WRITE(9,140) NTH,NTRL,NSUB,F,H,S,THPD,YYS,ZZS,X,M,ZH,DMTH,RO
ISN 0156  150 ISP=ISP+1
ISN 0157  WRITE(6,155) (RRS(IC,IC),IC=1,3),(JS(IC,IC),IC=1,3),PATH(I),I
ISN 0158  150 WRITE(9,160) (RRS(IC,IC),IC=1,3),(JS(IC,IC),IC=1,3),PATH(I),I
ISN 0159  155 FORMAT(1,1X,1P7E14.6,18)
ISN 0160  160 FORMAT(1P7E14.6,18)

C**** CALCULATE SCATTER PATTERN
ISN 0161  DO 195 ICUTD=1,2
IF (ICUTD.EQ.2) GO TO 162
IF (PXM.LE.0.) GO TO 195
CALL DXDYV(1.0.PXM.DXDX.NDX.IDX.NDX+20.0.IERR)
PXL=0.
PXH=PXM
CALL GRID1V(1.PXL.PXR.-40.*0.*DXDX*2.*NDX+5.*IDX+5.*NXDX+3)
CALL PRINTV(20.,AZIMUTH CUT ALONG Z=1.408.*1003)
CALL LARLV(PZ+568.*1003.*6.1.1)
GO TO 164
IF (PZT.LE.PZ) GO TO 10
CALL DXDYV(1.PZH.PZT.DXDX.NDX.IDX.NDX+20.0.IERR)
PXL=PZH
PXH=PZT
CALL GRID1V(1.PXL.PXR.-40.*0.*DXDX*2.*NDX+5.*IDX+5.*NXDX+3)
CALL PRINTV(28.,ELEVATION CUT ALONG X=0.0000.*400.*1003)
NL=NXV(PXL)
NPL=(NXV(PXH)-NL)/NAC+1
HMAX=0.
DO 190 I=1,NPL
IX2(I)=NL+NAC*(I-1)
IF (ICUTD.EQ.2) GO TO 194
XS=OXV(IX2(I))
PX2(I)=XS
YS=SQR((1.-PZ**2/2.)**2-XS**2)
GO TO 160
PZ=UXV(IX2(I))
PX2(1)=PZ
XS=0.
YS=1.-PZ**2/2.
DO 170 IC=1+3
HP(IC)=(0.,0.)
DO 180 J=1,NSUB
VRSM(1)=XS-HRS(1,J)
VRSM(2)=YS-F5-RRS(2,J)
VRSM(3)=PZ+HS-RRS(3,J)
CALL VNORM(VRSM) AR+RSM
RSM=RO*RSM
T1=EK*(RSM+PATH(J))
CTEMP=CMPLX(1./RSM**29EK/RSM)*CMPLX(COS(T1)-SIN(T1))
CALL VECROSS(1.1),AR, VTEMP)
DO 180 IC=1,*3
HP(IC)=HP(IC)*CTEMP*CMPLX(VTEMP(IC)*0.)
T1=SQR2(T1*PZ**2)
T2=T1*SQR2(XS**2+YS**2)
CNX=CMPLX(-XS/T2+0.)
CNV=CMPLX(-YS/T2+0.)
CNZ=CMPLX(-PZ/T2+0.)

### DETERMINE PHASE AT APERTURE PLANE Y=0, RELATIVE TO GEOMETRIC OPTICS PHASE, AND WITH PI PHASE SHIFT REMOVED

T1=EY*K0*(SNGL(K)-YS)-PIS
CPHS=CMPLX(COS(T1)*SIN(T1))/CMPLX(4.*PIS*0.)
VMOLS(CNX*HP(2)-CNV*HP(1))#CPHS
HPOLS(CNY*HP(3)-CNZ*HP(2))#CPHS
VM(I)=CABS(VPOL)
IF(VM(I).EQ.0.) GO TO 142
VPHS(I)=DRADS*ATAN2(AIMAG(VPOL),REAL(VPOL))
GO TO 184

VPMS(I)=0.
HM(I)=CABS(HPOL)
IF(HM(I).EQ.0.) GO TO 186
HPHS(I)=DRADS*ATAN2(AIMAG(HPOL),REAL(HPOL))
GO TO 188

HPHS(I)=0.
VPM=SQR2(VM(I)**2+HM(I)**2)
IF(VPM.GT.HMAX) HMAX=VPM
CONTINUE
CALL AMPPHS(VM,HMAX,VPHS,0)
CALL AMPPHS(HM,HMAX,HPHS,1)
CONTINUE
GO TO 10
STOP
END
REQUESTED OPTIONS: OPT=Z.DE.CK

OPTIONS IN EFFECT: NAME(MAIN) OPTIMIZE(2) LINECOUNT(42) SIZE(MAX) AUTOAHL(NONE)

SOURCE ERCDIC NOLIST DECK OBJECT MAP NOFORMAT 60STMT NOXREF ALC NOANSF NOTERMINAL FLAG(I)

ISN 0002 SUBROUTINE GEODES(X,Z,Y,RR,NN)
ISN 0003 REAL*8 RR(3),NN(3),N(3)*M(3)*RF(3)*X,Z,F,H,Y,TEMP1,TEMP2,C,K

ISN 0004 COMMON/HFPRM/F,H,K
ISN 0005 Y=DSQRT((1.000-Z**2/2.000)**2-Z**2)
ISN 0006 RF(1)=X
ISN 0007 RF(2)=Y-F
ISN 0008 RF(3)=Z+H
ISN 0009 TEMPl=DSQRT(1.000-Z**2)
ISN 0010 TEMP2=TEMP1*DSQRT(X**2+Y**2)
ISN 0011 N(1)=-X/TEMP2
ISN 0012 N(2)=-Y/TEMP2
ISN 0013 N(3)=-Z/TEMP1
ISN 0014 M(1)=-2.000*N(1)*N(2)
ISN 0015 M(2)=1.000-2.000*N(2)**2
ISN 0016 M(3)=-2.000*N(3)*N(2)
ISN 0017 C=((K-Y)**2-RF(1)**2-RF(2)**2-RF(3)**2)/(2.000*(K-Y*M(1)+RF(1)*

ISN 0018 DO 10 I=1,3
ISN 0019 10 RR(I)=RF(I)*C*M(I)
ISN 0020 TEMPl=DSQRT(RR(I)**2+RR(2)**2+RR(3)**2)
ISN 0021 DO 20 I=1,3
ISN 0022 20 RRN(I)=RR(I)/TEMP1
ISN 0023 TEMPl=DSQRT(2.000*(1.000+RRN(1)*M(1)+RRN(2)*M(2)+RRN(3)*M(3)))
ISN 0024 DO 30 I=1,3
ISN 0025 30 NN(I)=-(RRN(I)+M(I))/TEMP1
ISN 0026 RETURN
ISN 0027 END
SUBROUTINE PRIPAT(STP,A,B,EK,PKGN,HT,HP)
C**** PATTERN OF RECTANGULAR APERTURE, COSINE TAPER IN BOTH PLANES,
C**** EQUAL ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC DIPOLES FOR LOW CROSS-POLARIZATION

REAL*4 STP(4)
DATA PI,ETA/3.141593,76,731/

U1=EK*A*STP(1)*STP(4)/2.
U2=EK*B*STP(2)/2.
AF=COS(U1)*COS(U2)*SQRT(STP(1)*STP(3)*PKGN/(4.*PI*ETA))(/((1.-(1.2.*U1/PI)**2)*(1.-(2.*U2/PI)**2))
HP=AF*0.5*(1.+STP(3)/TEMP)
HT=-AF*0.5*STP(2)*STP(4)/TEMP
RETURN
END
ISN 0002 SUBROUTINE AMPPHS(AMP, AMPM, PHS, ICONT)
ISN 0003 REAL*4 AMP(1), PHS(1)
ISN 0004 COMMON/PLTPRM/PXL, PXR, DXDX, NDX, IDX, NXDX, NL, NPL, PX2(350), IX2(350)
ISN 0005 C**** ICONT=0 FOR THE FIRST SET OF GRAPHS AND 1 FOR THE SECOND
ISN 0006 IF(ICONT.EQ.0) GO TO 10
ISN 0007 CALL GRIDIV(1, PXL, PXR, 40, 0, DXDX, 2, NDX, 5, IDX, 5, NXDX, 3)
ISN 0008 CALL PRINTV(29, 'CROSS POLARIZATION AMPLITUDE', 400, 1023)
ISN 0009 GO TO 15
ISN 0010 10 CALL PRINTV(32, 'PRINCIPLE POLARIZATION AMPLITUDE', 384, 1023)
ISN 0011 15 IX1=NL
ISN 0012 IY1=NYV(20, * ALOG10(AMAX1(0.01*AMP(1)/AMPM)))
ISN 0013 DO 20 I=2, NPL
ISN 0014 IY2=NYV(20, * ALOG10(AMAX1(0.01*AMP(1)/AMPM)))
ISN 0015 CALL LINEV(IX1, IY1, IX2(I), IY2)
ISN 0016 CALL LINEV(IX1, IY1, IX2(I), IY2)
ISN 0017 IX1=IX2(I)
ISN 0018 20 IY1=IY2
ISN 0019 CALL GRIDIV(1, PXL, PXR, -180, 0, DXDX, 20, NDX, 5, IDX, 5, NXDX, 4)
ISN 0020 CALL PRINTV(29, 'PHASE RELATIVE TO G, 0, PHASE', 396, 1023)
ISN 0021 IX1=NXV(PX2(I))
ISN 0022 IY1=NYV(PHS(I))
ISN 0023 DO 30 I=2, NPL
ISN 0024 IXP2=NXV(PX2(I))
ISN 0025 IY2=NYV(PHS(I))
ISN 0026 CALL LINEV(IX1, IY1, IXP2, IY2)
ISN 0027 CALL LINEV(IX1, IY1, IXP2, IY2)
ISN 0028 IX1=IXP2
ISN 0029 30 IY1=IY2
ISN 0030 RETURN
ISN 0031 END

ISN 0003 REQUESTED OPTIONS: OPT=2, DECK
ISN 0004 OPTIONS IN EFFECT: NAME(MAIN) OPTIMIZE(2) LINECOUNT(42) SIZE(MAX) AUTODBL(NONE)
ISN 0005 SOURCE EBCDIC NOLIST DECK OBJECT MAP NOFORMAT GOSTMT NOXREF ALC NOANSF NOTERMINAL FLAG(I)
SUBROUTINE VCHUSS(A, B, C)
REAL*4 A(3), B(3), C(3)
C(1) = A(2)*B(3) - A(3)*B(2)
C(2) = A(3)*B(1) - A(1)*B(3)
C(3) = A(1)*B(2) - A(2)*B(1)
RETURN
END
SUBROUTINE VNONM(A(3),VM)

REAL*4 A(3),H(3)

VM=SQR(A(1)**2*A(2)**2*A(3)**2)

H(1)=A(1)/VM

H(2)=A(2)/VM

H(3)=A(3)/VM

RETURN

END
**COMPUTE MAIN REFLECTOR CURRENTS AND FAR FIELD PATTERNS OF A**
**TORUS/GREGORIAN REFLECTOR SYSTEM**
**PROGRAM MAKES USE OF JX = -JX ACROSS SYMMETRY LINE**

```fortran
ISN 0002 INTEGER*4 NA(46)
ISN 0003 REAL*4 RRX(600), RRY(600), RRZ(600), JSX(600), JSY(600), JSZ(600)
ISN 0004 1 PATH(600), JMG(20, 20), PWP(75), PWT(75), Y(46, 46), HP(17, 75)
ISN 0005 2 HC(17, 75), JMGK(31, 17)
ISN 0006 COMPLEX*8 HPX, HPY, HPZ, HVX, HVY, HYZ, HXX, HXY, HYY, HZX, CNX, CNY, CNZ, CARX,
ISN 0007 1 CARY, CARZ, TWDS, HFX, HFY, HHZ, CIEMP, JMX(46, 46), JMY(46, 46)
ISN 0008 2 JMZ(46, 46), CSTB(31, 17)
ISN 0009 DATA PI, CL, DRAD, ETA/3.141593, 2.997925E-1957.2957893769731/
ISN 0010 DO 5 I = 1, 3142
ISN 0011 TP = DTH * (FLOAT(I) - 0.5)
ISN 0012 5 CSTB(I) = CMPLX(COS(TP), SIN(TP))
ISN 0013 READ(520, END=210) NXM, NZ, NPR, NPTS, NCUTS, DX, DZ, DTHD, DPHD, PHI0D
ISN 0014 1 TBD, WT
ISN 0015 FORMAT(5I4, 14X, 6F12.0)
ISN 0016 READ(9, 30) NTH, NTRL, NSUB, F, H, S, THPD, YYS, ZZS, XM, ZB, ZM, DELTH, R0
ISN 0017 1 FREQ, A, BP, PKGN
ISN 0018 FORMAT(3I4, 5F12.0)
ISN 0019 I = 0
ISN 0020 I = I + 1
ISN 0021 READ(9, 50, END=60) RRX(I), RRY(I), RRZ(I), JSX(I), JSY(I), JSZ(I), PATH(I)
ISN 0022 1 I = 1, 2
ISN 0023 ICRD
ISN 0024 READ(7, 14, END=18) RXR(I), RYR(I), RRZ(I), JSX(I), JSY(I), JSZ(I), PATH(I)
ISN 0025 1 I = 1, 2
ISN 0026 FREQ, A, BP, PKGN
ISN 0027 WRITE(6, 70) NXM, NZ, NPR, NPTS, NCUTS, DX, DZ, DTHD, DPHD, PHI0D, TBD, WT
ISN 0028 1 NTH, NTRL, NSUB, F, H, S, THPD, YYS, ZZS, XM, ZB, ZM, DELTH, R0, FREQ, A, BP, PKGN
ISN 0029 2 I
ISN 0030 FORMAT(1X, 5X, *CARD INPUT PARAMETERS*, /6X, *NXM=*, I4, *, *NYZ=*, I4)
ISN 0033 3 *TBD=*, F9.4, 6X, *CUT WEIGHTS=*, 17F5.1, 0
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**LEVEL 2.1 ( JAN 75 )**
**OS/360 FORTRAN H EXTENDED**
**DATE 75.269/17.50.48**

**REQUESTED OPTIONS:** OPT=2

**OPTIONS IN EFFECT:**
- NAME (MAIN) OPTIMIZE (2)
- LINECOUNT (42)
- SIZE (MAX)
- AUTODBL (NONE)
- SOURCE EBCDIC NOLIST NODECK OBJECT MAP NOFORMAT GOSTMT NOXREF ALC NOANSF NOTERM FLAG (I)
**compute main reflector currents**

```fortran
C**** COMPUTE MAIN REFLECTOR CURRENTS  *  *  ** JMX, JMY, JMZ ARE JS*DS

ISN 0022  
RECWLFREQ/CL

ISN 0023  
EK=2.*PI*RECWLFREQUENCY/CL

ISN 0024  
R0=RO/(4.*PI)

ISN 0025  
THMD=DTHD*FLOAT(NPTS)

ISN 0026  
DTH=DTHD/DRAD

ISN 0027  
DPH=DPHD/DRAD

ISN 0028  
PHIO=PHIOD/DRAD

ISN 0029  
TB=TBD/DRAD

ISN 0030  
STB=SIN(TB)

ISN 0031  
CTB=COS(TB)

ISN 0032  
JMGX=0.

ISN 0033  
CALL COUNTV

ISN 0034  
DO 90 I=1,NZ

ISN 0035  
Z=DZ*(FLOAT(I)-0.5)

ISN 0036  
XM=1.-Z**2/2.

ISN 0037  
NX(I)=2*MIN0(NXM,INT(XM/DX))

ISN 0038  
JMN=NX(I)

ISN 0039  
JH=JMN/2

ISN 0040  
JHP1=JH+1

ISN 0041  
DO 85 J=1,JH

ISN 0042  
JMH=J-JH

ISN 0043  
X=DX*(FLOAT(JMH)-0.5)

ISN 0044  
Y(I,J)=SQRT(1.-Z**2/2.)*Z**2-X**2)

ISN 0045  
T1=SQRT(1.*Z**2)

ISN 0046  
T2=T1*SQRT(X**2+Y(I,J)**2)

ISN 0047  
T3=Y(I,J)/T2

ISN 0048  
CNX=CMPLX(-X/T2,0.)

ISN 0049  
CNY=CMPLX(-T3,0.)

ISN 0050  
CNZ=CMPLX(-Z/T1,0.)

ISN 0051  
TWDS=CMPLX(2.*DX*DZ*R0**2/T3,0.)

ISN 0052  
PX=X

ISN 0053  
PY=Y(I,J)-T

ISN 0054  
PZ=Z+H
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ISN 0055  HPX=(0.,0.)
ISN 0056  HPY=(0.,0.)
ISN 0057  HPZ=(0.,0.)
ISN 0058  DO 80 K=1,NSUB
ISN 0059   SMX=PX-RRX(K)
ISN 0060   SMY=PY-RRY(K)
ISN 0061   SMZ=PR-RRZ(K)
ISN 0062   RSM=RO*SQR(T(SMX**2+SMY**2+SMZ**2))
ISN 0063   T1=RECW(RSM+PATH(K))
ISN 0064   IT1=3143-INT(3142.*(T1-AINT(T1))+1.0)
ISN 0065   T2=RO*PI/RSM**2
ISN 0066   CTEMP=CMPLX(T2/RSM,T2*EK)*CSTB(IT1)
ISN 0067   VTX=JSY(K)*SMZ-JSZ(K)*SMY
ISN 0068   VTY=JSZ(K)*SMX-JSX(K)*SMZ
ISN 0069   VTZ=JSX(K)*SMY-JSY(K)*SMX
ISN 0070   HPX=HPX+CTEMP*VTX
ISN 0071   HPY=HPY*CTEMP*VTY
ISN 0072  80 HPZ=HPZ*CTEMP*VTZ
ISN 0073   JMX(I+J)=TWDS(CNY*HPZ-CN*HPY)
ISN 0074   JMY(I+J)=TWDS(CNZ*HPX-CN*HPZ)
ISN 0075  85 JMZ(I+J)=TWDS(CNX*HPY-CN*HPX)
C IF(J.LE.JH) GO TO 90 (REPLACE IF NO SYMMETRY)
ISN 0076  DO 90 J=JHP1,JH
ISN 0077   JMH=J-JH
ISN 0078   JC=J-J+1
ISN 0079   Y(I+J)=Y(I,JC)
ISN 0080   JMX(I+J)=JMX(I,JC)
ISN 0081   JMY(I+J)=JMY(I,JC)
ISN 0082   JMZ(I+J)=JMZ(I,JC)
ISN 0083   IPR=I/NPR
ISN 0084   JPR=JMH/NPR
ISN 0085   IF((NPR*IPR.NE.I).OR.(NPR*JPR.NE.JMH)) GO TO 90
ISN 0087   JMAG(IPR+JPR)=SQR(T(REAL(JMX(I+J)*CONJG(JMX(I+J)))+JMY(I+J)*
           1*CONJG(JMY(I+J)+JMZ(I+J)*CONJG(JMZ(I+J))))
ISN 0088   IF(JMAG(IPR+JPR).GT.JMGX) JMGX=JMAG(IPR+JPR)
ISN 0090  90 CONTINUE
ISN 0091   CALL TIMEV(ELTIME)
ISN 0092   WRITE(6,95) ELTIME
ISN 0093  95 FORMAT(*9,5X,COMPUTATION OF MAIN REFLECTOR CURRENTS IS NOW
           1*COMPLETE, ELAPSED TIME=*F8.3,* SECONDS/*0*,5X,AMPLITUDE MAP
           *)
ISN 0094  IM=NZ/NPR
ISN 0095  DO 110 I=1,IM
ISN 0096  JM=NX(I)/(2*NPR)
ISN 0097  DO 100 J=1,JM
ISN 0098  100 JMAG(I,J)=20.*/ALOG10(AMAX1(0.0019,JMAG(I,J)/JMGX))
ISN 0099  110 WRITE(6,120) I*(JMAG(I,J)*JS19JM)
ISN 0100  120 FORMAT(I5*1X920F5.1/(6X92OF5.1))

C**** COMPUTE FAR FIELD PATTERN

ISN 0101  HTH=0.
ISN 0102  DO 130 J=1,NPTS
ISN 0103  PWP(J)=0.
ISN 0104  130 PWT(J)=0.
ISN 0105  DO 150 I=1,NCUTS
ISN 0106  PP=PHIO*DPH*FLOAT(I-1)
ISN 0107  SPP=SIN(PP)
ISN 0108  CPP=COS(PP)
ISN 0109  DO 150 J=1,NPTS
ISN 0110  TP=DTH*(FLOAT(J-095)-0.5)
ISN 0111  STP=SIN(TP)
ISN 0112  CTP=COS(TP)
ISN 0113  ARX=STP*CPP
ISN 0114  ARY=CMPLX(ARX*0.)
ISN 0115  ARY=CTB*STP*SP-CTB*CTP
ISN 0116  ARX=CMPLX(ARY*0.)
ISN 0117  ARY=STB*STP*SP+CTB*CTP
ISN 0118  ARZ=CMPLX(ARZ*0.)
ISN 0119  ST=SQRT(ARX**2+ARZ**2)
ISN 0120  CT=-ARY
ISN 0121  SP=ARZ/ST
ISN 0122  CP=ARX/ST
ISN 0123  HVX=CMPLX(-CT*CP**2-SP**2,0.)
ISN 0124  HVY=CMPLX(-ST*CP,0.)
ISN 0125  HVZ=CMPLX(SP*CP*(1.-CT),0.)
ISN 0126  HHX=-HVZ
ISN 0127  HHY=CMPLX(ST*SP,0.)
ISN 0128  HHZ=CMPLX(CP**2+CT*SP**2,0.)
ISN 0129  HFX=(0.0,0.)
ISN 0130  HFX=(0.0,0.)
ISN 0131  HFZ=(0.0,0.)
DO 140 II=1,NZ
Z=DZ*(FLOAT(II)-0.5)
JH=NX(II)
JH=JH/2
DO 140 JJ=1,JM
X=DX*(FLOAT(JJ-JH)-0.5)
T1=RECWL*RO*(X*ARX+Y(II,JJ)*AKY+Z*ARZ)
T2=T1-AINT(T1)
IF(T2) 133,136,136
T2=T2+1.
IT1=INT(3142.*T2+1.0)
CTEMP=CSTB(IT1)
HFX=HFX+CTEMP*(JMY(II,JJ)*CARZ-JM(Z(II,JJ)*CARY)
HY=HY+CTEMP*(JMY(II,JJ)*CARZ-JM(Z(II,JJ)*CARX)
HP(I,J)=EK*CABS(HVX*HFX+HVY*HFY+HVZ*HFZ)/(4.*PI)
HC(I,J)=EK*CABS(HHX*HFX+HHY*HFY+HHZ*HFZ)/(4.*PI)
HTOT=SQR(HP(I,J)**2+HC(I,J)**2)
IF(HTOT.GT.HTM) HTM=HTOT
PWP(J)=PWP(J)+STP*ETA*WT(I)*HN(19J)**2
PWT(J)=PWT(J)+STP*ETA*WT(I)*HTOT**2
600=10.*ALOG10(49.*ETA*HTM**2)
CALL TIMEV(ELTIME)
WRITE(69160) GDB9,ELTIME
FORMAT(*COMPUTATION OF PATTERNS IS NOW COMPLETE'/6X,1*PEAK GAIN=*,F9.5,*,DB',10X,*ELAPSED TIME=*,F8.3,*,SECONDS*)
CALL DXYV(1.0,THMD,DXDX,NDX,IDX,NDX,20.0,IERR)
DO 190 I=1,NCUTS
PPD=PHI0D+DPHD*FLOAT(I-1)
CALL GRIDIV(1.0,THMD-40.0,DXDX,2.5,NDX,5.0,IDX,5.0,NDX,3)
DO 180 J=1,NPTS
TPD=DTHD*(FLOAT(J)-0.5)
IX2=NXV(TPD)
IY2=NYV(20.*ALOG10(AMAX1(0.0,HP(I,J)/HTM)))
IYC2=NYV(20.*ALOG10(AMAX1(0.0,HC(I,J)/HTM)))
IF(J.EQ.1) GO TO 170
CALL LINEV(IX1,IYP1,IX2,IYP2)
CALL LINEV(IX1,IYP1,IX2,IYP2)
CALL LINEV(IX1,IYC1,IX2,IYC2)
CALL LINEV(IX1,IYC1,IY2,IYC2)
ISN 0173  170  IXL=IX2
ISN 0174    IYP1=IYP2
ISN 0175    IYC1=IYC2
ISN 0176    CALL PRINTV(4*PHI=10°)
ISN 0177    CALL LARLV(PPD=42°,6°,1,3)
ISN 0178    CALL PRINTV(7°*DEGREES,98°)
ISN 0179    PWP(I)=PWP(I)*DPH*DTH
ISN 0180    PWT(I)=PWT(I)*DPH*DTH
ISN 0181    DO 193 I=2,NPTS
ISN 0182        PWP(I)=PWP(I)*DPH*DTH+PWP(I-1)
ISN 0183    PWT(I)=PWT(I)*DPH*DTH+PWT(I-1)
ISN 0184    WRITE(6,196) (PWP(I),I=1,NPTS)
ISN 0185    WRITE(6,198) (PWT(I),I=1,NPTS)
ISN 0186    CALL GRIDIV(1+THMD90+IDX+NDX+3)
ISN 0187    IX1=NXV(DTH)
ISN 0188    IYP1=NYV(PWP(I))
ISN 0189    IYC1=NYV(PWT(I))
ISN 0190    DO 200 J=2,NPTS
ISN 0191        IXP=IYP1,IX2+IYP2
ISN 0192        IYC=IYC1
ISN 0193    CALL LINEV(IY1,IX1,IX2,IX2,IX2,IYP2)
ISN 0194    CALL LINEV(IX2+IYP1)
ISN 0195    CALL LINEV(IX1+IYC1,IY2+IYC2)
ISN 0196    CALL LINEV(IX1+IY1+IY2)
ISN 0197    CALL LINEV(IY1)
ISN 0198    CALL LINEV(IY1)
ISN 0199    CALL LINEV(IY1)
ISN 0200    IX1=IX2
ISN 0201    IYP1=IYP2
ISN 0202    IYC1=IYC2
ISN 0203    GO TO 10
ISN 0204    STOP
ISN 0205    END
REAL*4 STP(4), STM(4)

DATA PI, CL, ETA, STM/3.141593, 2.997925E-1, 1.376, 731, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0/

READ(5, 20, END=60) NTP, A, B, FREQ

FORMAT(112, 3F12.0)

WRITE(6, 30) NTP, A, B, FREQ


EKP = 2. * PI * FREQ / CL
DTP = PI / FLOAT(NTP)
P = 0.
DO 40 I = 1, NTP
TH = DTP * (FLOAT(I) - 0.5)
STP(1) = SIN(TH)

DO 40 J = 1, NTP
PH = DTP * (FLOAT(J) - 0.5)
STP(2) = COS(TH)
STP(3) = SIN(PH)
STP(4) = COS(PH)

CALL PRIPAT(STP, A, B, EK, 1, HT, HP)
P = P * STP(1) * (HT**2 + HP**2)
P = P * ETA * DTP**2
CALL PRIPAT(STM, A, B, EK, 1, HT, HP)
P = ETA * (HT**2 + HP**2)
DIR = 4. * PI / PMAX / P
DBDIR = 10. * ALOG10(DIR)
WRITE(6, 50) DIR, DDBIR
FORMAT(*1*5X, *DIRECTIVITY=*, *10.5X, *DB=*, *F7.3)
GO TO 10
STOP

END
**C**** FAR FIELD PATTERN OF A PARABOLIC TORUS REFLECTOR WITH A PRIME**

**FOCUS FEED**

**ISN 0002** INTEGER*4 NX(46)

**ISN 0003** REAL*4 JMGX, JMAX(20, 20), JPHS(20, 20), PWP(75), XF(19), YF(19), PWT(75), Y(46, 46), HP(17, 75), HC(17, 75), WT(17), SCA(4), DB(75)

**ISN 0004** COMPLEX*8 HFX, HFY, HFX, HZY, HHY, NMX, NMY, CNX, CNY, CNZ, CARX, CARY, CARZ, TWDS

**ISN 0005** DATA PI, CL, DRAD, ETA/3.1415929, 2.997925E-07, 7.2957893767, 376.731/

**ISN 0007** DO 10 I=1, 3142

**ISN 0008** TP = DTH * (FLOAT(I) - 0.5)

**ISN 0009** CSTB(I) = CMPLX(COS(TP), SIN(TP))

**ISN 0010** READ(5, 30) IE, NE, NX, NZ, NPR, NPTS, NCUTS, FD, HD, TPD, R0

**ISN 0011** FORMAT(7I3, 4F12.0)

**ISN 0012** WRITE(6, 40) IE, NE, NX, NZ, NPR, NPTS, NCUTS, FD, HD, TPD, R0, FREQ, PD, DX

**ISN 0013** FORMAT(11, 5X, 'ELEMENT TYPE=', 12, 10X, 'NUMBER OF ELEMENTS=', 13, 3X)

**ISN 0014** RECWL = FRED / CL

**ISN 0015** EK = 2. * PI / RECWL

**ISN 0016** TP = TPD / DRAD

**ISN 0017** STP = SIN(TP)

**ISN 0018** CTP = COS(TP)

**ISN 0019** CSTP = CMPLX(STP, 0)

**ISN 0020** CCTP = CMPLX(CTP, 0)
**C**** CALCULATE MAIN REFLECTOR CURRENTS • • • JMX,JMY,JMZ ARE JS=DS

**ISN 0028**
JMX=0.

**ISN 0029**
CALL COUNTV

**ISN 0030**
DO 75 I=1,NZ

**ISN 0031**
Z=OZ*(FLOAT(I)-0.5)

**ISN 0032**
XM=1.-Z**2/2.

**ISN 0033**
NX(I)=2.*MINO(NXM,INT(XM/DX))

**ISN 0034**
JM=NX(I)

**ISN 0035**
JH=JM/2

**ISN 0036**
JHP=JM+1

**ISN 0037**
DO 50 J=1,JH

**ISN 0038**
JM=J=JM

**ISN 0039**
X=DX*(FLOAT(JMH)-0.5)

**ISN 0040**
Y(I,J)=SQR0((1.-Z**2/2.)*Z-X**2)

**ISN 0041**
T1=SQR0((1.+Z**2))

**ISN 0042**
T2=TI*SQR0(X**2+Y(I,J)**2)

**ISN 0043**
T3=Y(I,J)/T2

**ISN 0044**
CNX=CMPLX(-X/T2,0.)

**ISN 0045**
CNY=CMPLX(-T3,0.)

**ISN 0046**
CNZ=CMPLX(-Z/T1,0.)

**ISN 0047**
TD0=CMPLX(2.*DX*OZ*R0**2/T3,0.)

**ISN 0048**
FRX=X

**ISN 0049**
FRY=Y(I,J)-FD

**ISN 0050**
FRZ=Z+HD

**ISN 0051**
FRM=SQR0(FRX**2+FRY**2+FRZ**2)

**ISN 0052**
T1=FRM*R0

**ISN 0053**
T2=-EK*T1

**ISN 0054**
CFRA=CMPLX(COS(T2)/T1,SN(T2)/T1)

**ISN 0055**
CTF=(FRZ*CTP+FRY*STP)/FRM

**ISN 0056**
IF(CTF.EQ.0.) GO TO 45

**ISN 0058**
SC=FRX/FRM

**ISN 0059**
SS=(FRZ*STP-FRY*CTP)/FRM

**ISN 0060**
PF=ATAN2(SS,SC)
STF = SQRT(S5**2 + SC**2)

SCA(1) = STF
SCA(2) = CTF
SCA(3) = SIN(PF)
SCA(4) = COS(PF)

CALL PRIPAT(SCA, IE, NE, XF, YF, AC, EK, PD, HXF, HYF, HZF)

HPX = HXF*CFRA
HPY = (HZF*CSTP*HYF*CCTP)*CFRA
HPZ = (HZF*CCTP*HYF*CSTP)*CFRA

JMIX(I,J) = TDWS*(CNX*HPZ-CNZ*HPY)
JMY(I,J) = TDWS*(CNX*HPX-CNZ*HPY)
JMZ(I,J) = TDWS*(CNX*HPY-CNZ*HPX)

GO TO 50

JMX(I,J) = (0., 0., 0.)
JMY(I,J) = (0., 0., 0.)
JMZ(I,J) = (0., 0., 0.)

CONTINUE

DO 75 J = JHP1, JM
JMIX(I,J) = XMIX(I,J)
JMY(I,J) = YMIX(I,J)
JMZ(I,J) = ZMIX(I,J)

IPR = I/NPR
JPR = JMH/NPR

IF ((NPR*IPR+NE,I) .OR. (NPR*JPR+NE,JMH)) GO TO 75

JMX(I,J) = JMIX(I,J) + JMY(I,J) + JMZ(I,J)

CONTINUE

CALL TIMEV(ELTIME)
MWRITE(6980) ELTIME
FORMAT(90995X9, 'COMPUTATION OF MAIN REFLECTOR CURRENTS IS NOW Complete')
1 COMPLETE. ELAPSED TIME= 9F8.39 SECONDS. 
2 MAP OF MAIN REFLECTOR CURRENT

ISN 0103 IM=NZ/NPR
ISN 0104 DO 100 I=1,IM
ISN 0105 JM=NX(I)/(2*NPR)
ISN 0106 DO 90 J=1,JM
ISN 0107 JMAG(I+J)=20.*ALOG10(AMAX(0.001,JMAG(I+J)/JMGX))
ISN 0108 WRITE(6,95) I,(JMAG(I+J)+J=1,JM)
ISN 0109 95 FORMAT(6+14L1X+20F5.1)
ISN 0110 WRITE(6,110) (JPHS(I,J)+J=1,JM)
ISN 0111 110 FORMAT(6X+20F5.2)
ISN 0112 HTM=0.
ISN 0113 DO 120 J=1,NPTS
ISN 0114 PWP(J)=0.
ISN 0115 120 PWT(J)=0.
ISN 0116 DO 160 I=1,NCUTS
ISN 0117 PP=PHI0+OPH*FLOAT(I-1)
ISN 0118 SPP=SIN(PP)
ISN 0119 CPP=COS(PP)
ISN 0120 DO 160 J=1,NPTS
ISN 0121 TP=DTM*(FLOAT(J)-0.5)
ISN 0122 STP=SIN(TP)
ISN 0123 CTP=COS(TP)
ISN 0124 ARX=STP*CPP
ISN 0125 ARY=CT8*STP*SPP-ST8*CTP
ISN 0126 ARZ=STB*STP*SPP*CTB*CTP
ISN 0127 CT=-ARY
ISN 0128 SP=ARZ/ST
ISN 0129 CP=ARX/ST
ISN 0130 HVX=CMPLX(-CT*CP**2-SP**2,0.)
ISN 0131 HVY=CMPLX(-ST*CP**2,0.)
ISN 0132 HVZ=CMPLX(SP*CP*(1.-CT),0.)
ISN 0133 HMX=-HVZ
ISN 0134 HMY=CMPLX(ST*SP,0.)
ISN 0135 HNZ=CMPLX(CP**2*CT*SP**2,0.)
ISN 0136 HFX=(0.,0.)
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ISN 0141
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HFY = (0.0, 0.0)
HFZ = (0.0, 0.0)
DO 150 II = 1, NZ
Z = DZ * (FLOAT (II) - 0.5)
JM = NX (II)
JH = JM / 2
DO 150 JJ = 1, JM
X = DX * (FLOAT (JJ - JH) - 0.5)
T1 = RECWL * RO * (X-ARX + Y * (II, JJ) * ARY + Z * ARZ)
T2 = T1 - AINT (T1)
IF (T2) 130, 140, 140
T2 = T2 + 1.
IT1 = INT (T1) + T2 + 1.0
CTEMP = CSTB (IT1)
HFX = HFZ * CTEMP * (JM * (II, JJ) * CARZ - JMN (II, JJ) * CAR)
HFZ = HFZ * CTEMP * (JM * (II, JJ) * CAR - JMN (II, JJ) * CARZ)
HP (I, J) = EK * CABS (HVX * HFZ * HYY * HFZ * HVZ * HFZ) / (4.0 * PI)
HC (I, J) = EK * CABS (HXX * HFZ * HYY * HXY * HFZ) / (4.0 * PI)
MTOT = SQRT (HP (I, J) ** 2 + HC (I, J) ** 2)
MTOT = HTM
IF (MTOT > HTM) HTM = MTOT
PWP (J) = PWP (J) + STP * ETA * WT (I) * HP (I, J) ** 2
PWT (J) = PWT (J) + STP * ETA * WT(I) * HTM ** 2
HD = 10. * ALOG10 (4. * PI * ETA * HTM ** 2)
CALL TIMEV (ELTIME)
WRITE (6, 170) HD, ELTIME
FORMAT (10, 5X, 130, 10, 5X, 130)
1 PEAK GAIN, DB, ELAPSED TIME, SECONDS
2 PATTERN CUTS FOR PRINCIPLE POLARIZATION
CALL DXDYV (I, 0, THMD, DXDX, NDX, IDX, NXDX, 20.0, IERR)
DO 200 I = 1, NCUTS
PPD = PH10D + DPHD * FLOAT (I - 1)
CALL GRIDIV (1.0, THMD, 0.0, 0.0, DXDX, 2.0, NDX, 5.0, IDX, 5.0, NXDX, 3)
DO 190 J = 1, NPTS
TPD = OTHD * (FLOAT (J) - 0.5)
IX2 = NXV (TPD)
DR (J) = 20. * ALOG10 (AMAX1 (0.01, HP (I, J) / HTM))
IYP2 = NYV (DB (J))
IVC2 = NYV (20. * ALOG10 (AMAX1 (0.01, HC (I, J) / HTM)))
IF (J, EQ, 1) GO TO 180
CALL LINEV(IX1, IYP1, IX2, IYP2)
CALL LINEV(IX1, IYP1, IX2, IYP2)
CALL LINEV(IX1, IYC1, IX2, IYC2)
CALL LINEV(IX1, IYC1, IX2, IYC2)

ISN 0185  180  IX1=IX2
ISN 0186  IYP1=IYP2
ISN 0187  IYC1=IYC2

CALL PRINTV(4*PHI=1*10.0)
CALL LABLV(PDP*42.0*61.3)
CALL PRINTV(7*DEGREES*98.0)
WRITE(6,205) I*, (DB(J) * J=1, NPTS)
FORMAT(('0*1X*12.15F7.2/(4X*15F7.2))
PWP(1)=PWP(1)*DPH*0TH
PWT(1)=PWT(1)*DPH*0TH
DO 210 I=2, NPTS
PWP(I)=PWP(I)*DPH*0TH+PWP(I-1)
PWT(I)=PWT(I)*DPH*0TH+PWT(I-1)
WRITE(6,220) (PWP(I) * I=1, NPTS)
WRITE(6,230) (PWT(I) * I=1, NPTS)
FORMAT(('0*5X*PRINCIPLE POLARIZED POWER*/(4X*15F7.4))
FORMAT(('0*5X*TOTAL POWER*/(4X*15F7.4))
CALL GRIDIV(V10.0*THMD, 9.1.0.05, DDX, 2, IDX, 4, NXDX, 3)
IX1=NXV(DTMD)
IYP1=NYV(PWP(1))
IYC1=NYV(PWT(1))
DO 240 J=2, NPTS
IX2=NXV(DTMD*FLOAT(J))
IYP2=NYV(PWP(J))
IYC2=NYV(PWT(J))

ISN 0210  CALL LINEV(IX1, IYP1, IX2, IYP2)
ISN 0211  CALL LINEV(IX1, IYP1, IX2, IYP2)
ISN 0212  CALL LINEV(IX1, IYC1, IX2, IYC2)
ISN 0213  CALL LINEV(IX1, IYC1, IX2, IYC2)
ISN 0214  IX1=IX2
ISN 0215  IYP1=IYP2
ISN 0216  240  IYC1=IYC2
ISN 0217  GO TO 20

ISN 0218  250  STOP
ISN 0219  END
SUBROUTINE PRIPAT(STP, X, Y, A, EK, PD, HXF, HYF, HZF)
real*4 X(19), Y(19), STP(4)
complex*8 A(19), AF, HXF, HYF, HZF
DATA PI*ETA/3.141593,376.731/
AF=(0.,0.)
DO 10 I=1,NE
PHS=EK*STP(I)*(X(I)*STP(4)+Y(I)*STP(3))
AF=AF*A(I)*CMPLX(COS(PHS),SIN(PHS))
AF=AF*CMPLX(STP(2)**0.75*SQRT(PD/(4.*PI*ETA)),0.)
GO TO (20,30,40,50),IE
C**** IE=1 VERTICALLY POLARIZED SLOT ELEMENT
STP=STP(I)**2
CPS=STP(3)**2
DENOM=SQRT(1.-STS*CPS)
HNX=(STS*CPS-1.)/DENOM
HNY=STS*STP(3)*STP(4)/DENOM
HNZ=STP(1)*STP(2)*STP(4)/DENOM
GO TO 60
C**** IE=2 HORIZONTALLY POLARIZED SLOT ELEMENT
STP=STP(I)**2
SPS=STP(3)**2
DENOM=SQRT(1.-STS*SPS)
HNX=-STS*STP(3)*STP(4)/DENOM
HNY=(1.-STS*SPS)/DENOM
HNZ=STP(1)*STP(2)*STP(3)/DENOM
GO TO 60
C**** IE=3 VERTICALLY POLARIZED DIPOLE ELEMENT
DENOM=SQRT((STP(1)*STP(4))**2+STP(2)**2)
HNX=-STP(2)/DENOM
HNY=0.
HNZ=STP(1)*STP(4)/DENOM
GO TO 60
C**** IE=4 HORIZONTALLY POLARIZED DIPOLE ELEMENT
DENOM=SQRT((STP(1)*STP(3))**2+STP(2)**2)
HNX=0.
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ISN 0033  HNY = STP(2)/DENOM
ISN 0034  HNZ = STP(1)*STP(3)/DENOM
ISN 0035  60  HXF = AF*CMPLX(HNX,0.)
ISN 0036  HYF = AF*CMPLX(HNY,0.)
ISN 0037  HZF = AF*CMPLX(HNZ,0.)
ISN 0038  RETURN
ISN 0039  END
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REQUESTED OPTIONS: OPT=2, DECK

OPTIONS IN EFFECT: NAME(MAIN) OPTIMIZE(2) LINECOUNT(42) SIZE(MAX) AUTODBL(NONE)
SOURCE EBCDIC NOLIST DECK OBJECT MAP NOFORMAT GOSTMT NOXREF ALC NOANSF NOTERMINAL FLAG(I)

**C**** EVALUATE PRIMARY PATTERNS AND CALCULATE DIRECTIVITY

REAL*4 STP(4,0)(26), PP(26), A(19), P(19), X(19), Y(19), D(19)

DATA PI, CL, ORAD, ETA, S032, UB, DTH, DPH, DPB, D/3, 1415932, 997925E-1
1 57.29578, 376, 7318, 6602546, 1, 3, 4008, 7266466, 2, 2, 208305E-1
2 1.047198, 3.2686E-2, 0762E-2, 2.3, 2686E-2, 5, 0762E-2, 6, 7215E-2
3 6.7215E-2, 5.0762E-2, 3.2686E-2, 6.7215E-2, 2, 9, 6022E-2, 2, 6.7215E-2
4 3.2686E-2, 5.0762E-2, 6.7215E-2, 2, 6.7215E-2, 2, 3, 2686E-2
5 5.0762E-2, 3, 2686E-2

ISN 0002 10 READ(5, 20) IX0, NTP, NC, FREQ, DE(A(I), P(I), X(I), Y(I), I=1, 1 NC)

ISN 0003 20 FORMAT(4I3, 2F12.0/(4F12.0))

ISN 0004 WRITE(6, 30) IX0, NTP, NC, FREQ, DE(A(I), P(I), X(I), Y(I), I=1, 1 NC)

ISN 0005 30 FORMAT(19X, 5I2, 5F10.4, 1PE14.6/13X, A*19X, P*19X, X*19X, Y*/
2 (** 1P4E20.6))

ISN 0006 40 WRITE(6, 50) IX0, NTP

ISN 0007 50 FORMAT(6X, AMPLITUDE AND PHASE OF ELEMENTS SPECIFIED)/*/0,12X*
1 *X, 19X, Y, 17X, A-REAL, 14X, A-IMAG*

ISN 0008 60 AC(I)=CMPLX(A(I)*COS(P(I)), A(I)*SIN(P(I)))

ISN 0009 70 WRITE(6, 80)

ISN 0010 80 FORMAT(6X, COMPLEX AMPLITUDE OF ELEMENTS SPECIFIED)/*/0,12X, *X*,
1 19X, Y, 17X, A-REAL, 14X, A-IMAG*

ISN 0011 90 AC(I)=CMPLX(A(I)*P(I))

ISN 0012 100 WRITE(6, 10)

ISN 0013 110 FORMAT(6X, AMPLITUDE AND PHASE OF REAMS SPECIFIED)/*/0,12X, *X*,
1 19X, Y, 17X, A-REAL, 14X, A-IMAG*)

ISN 0014 EJP=CMPLX(COS(P(I)), SIN(P(I)))
ISN 0025  DO 120 I=1,3
ISN 0026       X(I)=DE*FLOAT(I-2)
ISN 0027       Y(I)=-2.*DE*SQ32
ISN 0028  120   AC(I)=EJP*CMPLX(D(I)*A(I)+0.)
ISN 0029       DO 130 I=4,7
ISN 0030       X(I)=DE*(FLOAT(I)-5.5)
ISN 0031       Y(I)=-DE*SQ32
ISN 0032  130   AC(I)=EJP*CMPLX(D(I)*A(I)+0.)
ISN 0033       DO 140 I=8,12
ISN 0034       X(I)=DE*FLOAT(I-10)
ISN 0035       Y(I)=0.
ISN 0036  140   AC(I)=EJP*CMPLX(D(I)*A(I)+0.)
ISN 0037       DO 150 I=13,16
ISN 0038       X(I)=DE*(FLOAT(I)-14.5)
ISN 0039       Y(I)=DE*SQ32
ISN 0040  150   AC(I)=EJP*CMPLX(D(I)*A(I)+0.)
ISN 0041       DO 160 I=17,19
ISN 0042       X(I)=DE*FLOAT(I-18)
ISN 0043  160   AC(I)=EJP*CMPLX(D(I)*A(I)+0.)
ISN 0044       DO 170 I=1,6
ISN 0045       IB=1+l
ISN 0046       PB=DPB*(FLOAT(I)-0.5)
ISN 0047       SP=SIN(PB)
ISN 0048       CP=COS(PB)
ISN 0049       DO 170 J=1,19
ISN 0050       PS=P(IB)-UB*(X(J)*CP+Y(J)*SP)/R
ISN 0051       CTEMP=CMPLX(D(J)*A(IB)+0.)
ISN 0052  170   AC(J)=AC(J)*CTEMP*CMPLX(COS(PS),SIN(PS))
ISN 0053       SUM=(0.,0.)
ISN 0054  180   AC(J)=AC(J)+CTEMP*CMPLX(COS(PS),SIN(PS))
ISN 0055       DO 190 I=1,NE
ISN 0056  190   SUM=SUM+AC(I)
ISN 0057       DO 200 I=1,NE
ISN 0058       AC(I)=AC(I)/SUM
ISN 0059       WRITE(6,195) X(I),Y(I),AC(I)
ISN 0060  195   FORMAT(' ',1P4E20.6)
ISN 0061  200   WRITE(14,210) X(I),Y(I),AC(I)
ISN 0062  210   FORMAT(1P4E15.6)
ISN 0063       PWR=0.
ISN 0064       DO 240 I=1,18

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TF = DTH * (FLOAT(I) - 0.5)
STP(1) = SIN(TF)
STP(2) = COS(TF)
DO 230 J = 1, 26
PF = DPH * (FLOAT(J) - 0.5) - PI / 2.
STP(3) = SIN(PF)
STP(4) = COS(PF)
CALL PRIPAT(STP, IE, NE, X, Y, AC, EK, 1, HXF, HYF, HZF)
PINC = ETA * REAL(HXF*CONJG(HXF) + HYF*CONJG(HYF) + HZF*CONJG(HZF))
PWR = PWR + STP(1) * PINC
IF(IE.EQ.1 .OR. IE.EQ.3) GO TO 220
PP(J) = ATAN2(AIMAG(HYF), REAL(HYF))
GO TO 230
PP(J) = ATAN2(AIMAG(HXF), REAL(HXF))
DB(J) = 10. * ALOG10(4. * PI * PINC)
WRITE(6, 250) DB, PP
FORMAT(*10, 1X, 26F5.1, 1/2X, 26F5.2)
PD = 0.5 / (PWR * DTH * DPH)
PDB = 10. * ALOG10(PD)
WRITE(6, 260) PD, PDB
FORMMAT(6X, 'DIRECTIVITY='T9.5, 5X, DB='T7.3)
GO TO 10
STOP
END
**ATTACH LOCATION**

**NOTE:** ATTACH LOCATIONS OVER FRAMES MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH SPECIAL CUSTOM-DESIGNED LONG BRIDGE FITTINGS

**LONGERON**

LONG. BRIDGE CAN BE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR A SPECIFIC PAYLOAD

**FUSELAGE STUD FRAME**

**FUSELAGE PRIMARY FRAME (2 PLACES)**

**VIEW B-B SCALE 8**

**CUSTOM-DESIGN LONG BRIDGE ASSY CONCEPT**

**NOTE:** NOT ORBITER-SUPPLIED

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**REFERENCE ATTACH LOCATION**

**SHEAR KEEL FTG**

**REFERENCE ATTACH LOCATION**

**LOADED ATTACH LOCATION (REF)**

**LOADED KEEL FITTING (REF)**

**KEEL BRIDGE**

**STABILIZING STRUT**

**P/L YAW TONGUE ENVELOPE TBD**

**ASSY INSTALL NO SCALE**

**VIEW C-C SCALE 8**

**TYPICAL KEEL BRIDGE ASSY INSTALL**

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**OLD OUT FRAME**
APPENDIX B. SPACE DIVISION BASELINE DESIGN

REFERENCE DRAWINGS

(USE LATEST REVISION)

VC 70-000002 DESIGN GEOMETRY SHUTTLE
VC 76-000003 DESIGN CONFIGURATION CONTROL
VC 70-004001 MIDFUSELAGE DESIGN CONTROL
VL 70-006417 OMS CARGO BAY KIT-HORIZ TANKS
VL 70-004150 P/L ACCOMM GROUND HANDLING
VL 70-006419 F/F FUSELAGE PRO
VL 70-004107 MIDFUSELAGE SYS
VL 70-003002 F/F FUSELAGE PRO
VL 70-003344 KIT 1 DOCK MODULE ASSY INSTALL
VL 70-003345 KIT 2
VL 70-003346 KIT 3 DOCK MODULE ASSY INSTALL
MC 621-0052 MANIPULATOR INSTALL (PROCURE)

GENERAL NOTES

THIS DWG IS BASELINE PER MCR 2000 R7 07-79-74
- REMOTE CONTROL TRUNKLINE RELEASE AT STATIONS
- 39 (140") SPACING OF REFERENCE ATTACH LOCATIONS
- P/L TO ORBITER FIELD JOINT AT BEARING OUTFIT
- 4-PT DETERMINATE P/L INSTALL
- P/L MAX DYNAMIC ENVELOPE
- REMOTE MANIPULATOR
- SPECIAL KEEF LOCATIONS FOR X LOADS
- SPECIAL AFT LONGERON BRIDGE
- 3.93 INCH VERNIER ATTACH LOCATIONS

1. IF CUSTOM DESIGN BRIDGE (VIEW B,B) OVER BRIDGE
   THE ADJACENT BRIDGE FTG CANNOT BE INSTALLED
2. THEN THE SPECIAL AFT BRIDGE FTG (VIEW D) IS
   IMPOSSIBLE P/L ATTACH AVAILABLE AT ALL LOCATIONS
   NOTED BY CODE A, B, C
   ALL SUPPORT FTG AVAILABLE AS SHOWN THUSLY 'F'
   LOCATION X = (161) (29745) (5) 74" (51 724)

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APPENDIX B. SPACE DIVISION BASELINE DRAWING

REFERENCE DRAWINGS

(USE LATEST REVISION)

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VC 70-000003 DESIGN CONFIGURATION CONTROL
VC 70-004001 MIDFUSELAGE DESIGN CONTROL
VL 70-008417 OMS CARGO BAY KIT-HORIZ TANKS STUDY
VL 70-004150 P/L ACCOMM GROUND HANDLING PROV
VC 70-009101 4PT FUSELAGE PROV
VC 70-004107 MIDFUSELAGE SYS INTERFACE
VC 70-003002 FWD FUSELAGE PROV
VL 70-004149 P/L ACCOMM P/L HANDLING & VIEWING
VL 70-003344 KIT 1 DOCK, MODULE ASSY INSTALL INTERFACE
VL 70-003345 KIT 2 DOCK, MODULE ASSY INSTALL INTERFACE
WC 621-0052 MANIPULATOR INSTALL (PROCUREMENT)

GENERAL NOTES

1. THIS DWG IS BASELINE PER HCR 0200 R7 07-77-74 FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
   - REMOTE CONTROL TRUNKAGE RELEASE AT STATIONS INDICATED
   - 3' (984) SPACING OF REFERENCE ATTACH LOCATIONS
   - P/L TO ORBITER FIELD JOINT AT BEARING OUTERCORE
   - 4PT DETERMINATE P/L INSTALL
   - P/L MAX DYNAMIC ENVELOPE
   - REMOTE MANIPULATOR
   - SPECIAL KEEL LOCATIONS FOR X LOADS
   - SPECIAL AFT LONGERON BRIDGE
   - 3933 INCH VERNIER ATTACH LOCATIONS

2. IF CUSTOM DESIGN BRIDGE (VIEW B-B) OVER 32 DEG TO BRIDGE IT IS USED, THE
   ADJACENT BRIDGE FTG CANNOT BE INSTALLED

3. WHEN THE SPECIAL AFT BRIDGE FTG (VIEW DD) IS USED
   (A) THE ADJACENT FWD FTG MUST ALSO BE USED
   (B) THE X (303-3096) ATTACH LOCATION FTG CANNOT BE USED

4. THIS DWG REPLACES DWG "VL 70-004109 (SAME TITLE)"

5. WITH THE SLIDING (FORWARD) P/L ATTACH, THE SPAN BETWEEN THIS AND
   THE STATIONARY ATTACH IS NOT CONSTRAINED EXCEPT AS NOTED
INTRODUCTION

General Dynamics Convair Division is pleased to submit this brief technical report to Rockwell International for the Shuttle Imaging Microwave System (SIMS). In this proposed approach, a reflector configuration is discussed that incorporates only those design concepts and manufacturing methods with proven, successful performance at Convair.

The Convair design concept consists of a surface-adjustable parabolic-torus reflector of thin-gage, pseudoisotopic graphite/epoxy, reinforced by radial truss members and outside closure skins of similar material. Contour adjustment points along each radial truss allow the reflector to be "tuned" during final assembly. This low-risk assembly approach has been used extensively at Convair for large, precision reflectors and has resulted in acceptance of 100% of the composite antennas produced. The reflector will mount to a "L" shaped torque box which also serves as the drive mechanism housing. Arms extending from this torque box provide for additional support for the rotating feed disc. The torque box and arms will consist of laminated graphite/epoxy channel side members spanned by graphite/epoxy honeycomb skin panels. The lower portion of this torque box will be reinforced with rib members where Y-load shuttle attach fittings are located. Similar attach fittings are located at the reflector ends to react X and Z loads for the entire system.

Convair experience with lightweight graphite/epoxy antennas is typified by the eight-foot-diameter technology antenna shown in Figure 1. This 45-pound structure had a natural frequency of more than 50 Hz. Contour accuracy at fabrication was 2.5 mils rms. During solar-thermal-vacuum testing, using a 300-point photogrammetric measurement, with the worst-case side-on-sun condition, only a 0.5-mil rms increase was experienced on the reflector surface with a +200 to -200°F thermal differential.

The SIMS reflector study was organized within and managed by the Convair Composite Structures Programs group. This project-oriented organization consists of key technical specialists from Structures, RF Design, Materials Research, Manufacturing Development, Tooling, and Design-to-Cost functional departments. All group members are located within the project area.

Composite Structures Programs, managed by Mr. D. R. Dunbar, has been an established group with Convair since 1967. Over the years, Convair has become a recognized leader in composite structures technology and has been in the forefront of development of composite antennas and other thermally stable composite systems.

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LARGE PRECISION GRAPHITE/EPoxy SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN BUILT

C-BAND TO 300 GHz FREQUENCY COMMUNICATION ANTENNAS ARE FEASIBLE WITH GAIN CAPABILITY TO 70 dB

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Figure 1.
TECHNICAL APPROACH

GENERAL

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY — Convair proposes to use a unique but proven design for the main reflector. This design is lightweight, easily inspected, and immune from problems associated with thermal shock or pressure decay. Of greatest importance, however, is the built in capability of surface contour adjustment as part of antenna assembly.

Convair's approach to minimizing the reflector's distortion from optimum shape has six unique aspects.

1. The reflector is laid up with computer-configured prepreg tiles. This ensures that the properties at any point on the surface are the same as any other within the tolerances equivalent to a flat plate layup.

2. The use of the GY-70/X-30 graphite/epoxy system is an isotropic laminate for all thermal expansion and minimal deformations due to dissimilar properties of the graphite parts.

3. Thermal cycling will increase the dimensional stability of the graphite parts.

4. The adjustment capability of the shell concept ensures optimum shaping and minimizes or eliminates differences in the reflector coming off the tool due to small inherent variations in composite properties and cure cycles eliminating risk of losing a shell due to not meeting specified surface tolerances.

5. A profilometer system and accompanying software will be used that measures thousands of points on the reflector and draws a contour map of the best fit parabola and focal position.

6. Thermally controlled factory assembly area with 70 ±3°F and 20% humidity (control for graphite).

Convair will use the technology developed in more than $5.5 million worth of similar composite experience as typified by our eight-foot technology antenna shown in Figure 1. The extensive qualification testing (Figure 2) done on that antenna gives Convair confidence that the design philosophy proposed for the SIMS reflector is one that will ensure success.

DESIGN DESCRIPTION — The SIMS reflector assembly is shown in Figure 3. It is a section of a parabolic torus and must fulfill the primary requirements listed in Table I.
Figure 2. Test Program Successfully Completed on Convair's 8-foot Graphite Antenna
Table I. Primary Design Requirements

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<td>Reflector surface accuracy</td>
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The general structural arrangement shown in Figure 4 depicts the basic parabolic-torus section and the "L-shaped" drive mechanism housing and support arms. The basic parabolic-torus section (reflector) consist of a 0.065-inch thick shell of pseudo-isotropic 10-ply graphite/epoxy (GY-70/X-30). A coating of vapor deposited aluminum 0.04 mils thick with a protective overcoat of SiO₂ will provide the high gain desired.

Convair chose a open isogrid radial rib system to support the reflector shell because of its extremely low weight and cost and its adaptability to "tuning" the reflector surface. Convair has demonstrated the low cost of isogrid structural panels (cocured out of graphite/epoxy) during its 1973-1975 IRAD programs. Figure 5 depicts the isogrid (truss) rib design. The clips at the top of the rib interface with the backside of the reflector shell. These clips will be prefitted to the various ribs (13) and reflector backside. The first bond operation will be at the clip/reflector interface. The clip/rib interface will be clamped until "tuning" has been completed. Proper position of each clip is finally secured by bonding the clip to the rib. All backup structure for the reflector skin was to be previously bonded together prior to the "tuning" of the reflector surface. The removable back panel provides access for this "tuning" operation. The back panel will then be bonded in place to close out the structure. It is expected that all panels (i.e., back, forward and aft panels) will be similar in construction and thickness to the reflector shell.

Convair chose (graphite/epoxy) honeycomb for the basic panel construction of the Drive Mechanism Housing and support arms structure because of its low weight and cost, especially when large, flat clean panels are required. Convair has built and tested
Figure 4. Sketch SIMS Parabola-Torus Reflector

RIBS - ISOGRID (TRUSS) LOCATE ON 15° RADIALS

SUPPORT ARMS

FORWARD PANEL

REFLECTOR SKIN

DRIVE MECHANISM HOUSING

AFT PANEL

BACK PANEL (TYP)
Figure 5. Sketch - Rib Open Isogrid (truss)
many small sandwich panels and test beams having ultra-thin graphite/epoxy facings and has built a large flat demonstration panel having 0.010-inch-thick facings for a Global Positioning Satellite study. This housing will be an assembly (Figure 6) of such honeycomb panels and simple laminated graphite/epoxy channels and plates. At the trunnion support for the Drive Mechanism a simple internal, external collar arrangement on each honeycomb panel face is illustrated. Details in the areas of the shuttle interface fittings, although not shown, are not expected to add appreciable to the cost or complexity of this proposed design.

Convair proposes to use a well qualified graphite/epoxy material system in this program. GY-70/X-30, a Fiberite Corporation prepreg using Celanese fibers, is an extremely high modulus system. It has the unique characteristics of a near zero coefficient of thermal expansion and a modulus of over 15 msi in all directions in a balanced isotropic layup. Typical recent expansion data of isotropic GY-70/X-30 (see Figure 7) has averaged -0.03 μin/in° F.

For the 0.01 μin/in° F specified for the SIMS reflector it will require a slight increase in the basic resin content to raise its CTE and to exercise precise controls on fabrication techniques to control the present scatter in the materials CTE. Convair has been successful in tuning graphite/epoxy to the required 0.01 μin/in° F coefficient of thermal expansion with bonded on aluminum foil strips which has been demonstrated in thermal vacuum testing of thermally stable optical components. Figure 8 is an example of the tuning method employed. Moisture absorption and desorption is a well understood phenomenon at Convair, and effective means have been developed to deal with it. Figure 9 depicts the effect of moisture on the particular laminate recommended for the SIMS reflector.

Table 2 compares various candidate material systems and shows their thermophysical properties. Convair chose the X-30 resin by Fiberite for two reasons. First, it is a system that has been well characterized and qualified for space optical systems at Convair. Second, it cures at a relatively low temperature, minimizing the thermal expansion problems associated with layup and cure cooling, and it eliminates microcracking.

GY-70 graphite fibers are supplied by Celanese as a continuous collimated multifilament yarn having an average modulus of 77 ±4 msi and a minimum tensile strength of 220 ksi when tested in accordance with Celanese specifications SUM-S-108G and SUM-S-130. Over twenty batches of GY-70/X039 have been received from Fiberite in the last year and have been utilized in support of hardware systems. Table 3 summarizes tests on production batches and included prepreg properties.

REFLECTOR SURFACE PROPERTIES — Convair's coating of vapor deposited aluminum will ensure a minimum of loss due to the reflector.
Figure 6. Sketch – Drive Mechanism Housing
(typical construction for support)
Figure 7. CTE Test Results of Shell Extension Laminate
GY-70/X-30 (0, 36, 72, 108, 144)$_s$
Figure 8. Structural Tuning Experiment
LENGTH CHANGE AS A FUNCTION OF EXPOSURE TIME TO 75°F, 50% HUMIDITY FOR
GY-70/X-30 (0.45, 90, 135) 2 (1522x)

Figure 9
**Table 2. Candidate Material Systems**

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As revealed by photomicrograph techniques, graphite fibers embedded in an epoxy matrix form an essentially continuous semi-conductive plane. The resistivity of carbon fibers varies from $775 \times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm to $1500 \times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm, depending upon the type of fiber.

Measurements of reflectivity at 12 and 18 GHz conducted at Convair on polished copper and aluminum and bare HM-S/epoxy graphite/epoxy verify the theoretical plot of reflectivity shown in Figure 10 within a few hundredths of a decibel. Measurements conducted on HM-S/epoxy cured shell samples indicate a loss of approximately 0.02 to 0.04 dB relative to a polished copper sample.

OUTGASSING CHARACTERISTICS — Outgassing of materials in vacuum are of concern for two reasons:

1. Outgassed products cause a secondary system malfunction such as deposition of coating on mirrors which alters the mirror's optical properties or deposition of an insulating coating on electrical contacts which prevents electrical continuity during system operation.

2. Materials being outgassed can suffer a change in mechanical or physical properties that may be detrimental to the function of the material.

Stanford Research Institute (SRI) in its work for Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) defines volatile condensable material (VCM) as the weight of condensate obtainable at 77°F (25°C) in a given interval of time from a given weight of material (1/8 inch thick) maintained at 257°F (125°C) in a vacuum of at least $5 \times 10^{-6}$ torr. JPL and SRI selected 125°C in 1962 as the upper limit that might be encountered in spacecraft operations in space.

A number of test methods exists for determining the applicability of various nonmetallic materials for use in space. Most methods determine total weight loss and VCM for a given time period, and most are modifications of the SRI technique. SRI used thermal-vacuum analytical procedures to determine loss in weight, maximum VCM content, and the character of the VCM released by the polymeric products. SRI used infrared spectro-photometry to identify VCM and mass spectrometry to identify the noncondensable substances. From a historical standpoint, it was assumed that polymeric substances that lose less than 1% of their weight in a thermal-vacuum environment are suitable for spacecraft applications. It is very important that the nature of the materials lost is known, and a value of $\leq 0.1\%$ VCM was set up as an additional standard. Many materials that exceed the 1% total weight loss will still meet the more important 0.1% maximum VCM.

SRI developed a technique known as "micro-VCM" determination for rapid screening of candidate polymeric materials. This method has been correlated with macro-VCM determinations. SRI's system can accommodate and test 24 samples simultaneously. The candidate polymeric materials are cut into small pieces of about 1/16 by 1/16 inch.
Figure 10. Reflector Surface Reflectivity Loss
and postcured as required. Coatings are evaluated after application to stainless steel screens, while oils or viscous liquids are taken up in ignited asbestos. Samples of 100 to 200 milligrams are placed in preweighed microaluminum boats and stored for a minimum of 24 hours at room temperature and 50% RH. The samples are weighed on a microbalance and placed in compartments in heatable copper blocks. Preweighed copper or salt flat collector plates are also attached to copper cooling blocks. The whole system is assembled in a vacuum system, which is then evacuated to a pressure less than $10^{-6}$ torr. The heater blocks are maintained at 125°C for 24 hours while the collector plates are at 25°C.

Macro-VCM determinations developed by SRI utilizes 4- to 10-gram samples, and this test provides information concerning the rate at which VCM is re-evaporated. The equipment used is very similar for both micro- and macro-VCM tests. A macro-VCM determination consists of measuring the amount of VCM collected (and weight loss incurred) from polymeric products at intervals of 24, 48, 96, and 336 hours in an environment of 125°C and $10^{-6}$ torr. Fresh samples are used for each time period. The thickness of the macro specimens is no greater than 1/3 inch, and there is no preconditioning of the specimens. Results obtained with the macro-VCM apparatus are definitive. They are used for spacecraft material selection, whereas the micro-VCM is used for eliminating grossly inadequate polymers.

NASA/MSFC has done extensive evaluation of the outgassing properties of both non-metallic and metallic materials per Specification 50M02442, "ATM Material Control for Contamination Due to Outgassing", in support of the Apollo Telescope Mount (ATM) Program, and recently several facilities throughout the country have evaluated the outgassing characteristics of graphite/epoxy composites. The data is summarized in Table 4.

The testing at NASA/MSFC of HM-S/X-904 and HT-S/E-350 was specifically conducted to support the LST-type application. The graphite/epoxy was mounted on an electrical heater and placed approximately four inches from sample mirrors. These mirrors, provided by Itek, were aluminum-coated, first-surface reflectors with a magnesium fluoride overcoat. The purpose of the overcoat was to minimize the reflectance at 121.6 nm. All outgassed products moved toward the mirrors due to the pumping action of the system and the thermodynamic parameters of the tests. The vacuum maintained during the tests was less than $10^{-6}$ torr, and no significant optical damage was observed above wavelengths of 121.6 nm.

Convair has evaluated the outgassing characteristics of selected graphite/epoxy composites under AFML Contract F33615-72C-1388. The device consists basically of an ultra-clean, oil-free vacuum system equipped with a quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) which measure the mass deposited 8 inches from the line perpendicular to the 4-inch-diameter specimen, a residual gas analyzer (RGS), and optical surfaces for collecting outgassing products. The RGS monitors residual gases in the 0 to 250 atomic mass unit range to identify outgassing products within this range. The optical collection
Table 4. Outgassing Data on Graphite/Epoxy and Boron/Epoxy Composites

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<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Panel Fabricator</th>
<th>Testing Agency</th>
<th>Test Agency</th>
<th>Test Method</th>
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<th>VCM (%)</th>
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Sine in outgassing the resin is the prime contributor, the latter data is a confirmation of the ATM type data obtained at NASA/MSFC. None of the boron or graphite reinforced epoxies evaluated to date to either SRI or ATM tests have failed to pass the respective requirements.

DIMENSIONAL STABILITY — One of the prime material requisites for this program is a predictable and repeatable coefficient of thermal expansion. Convair has evaluated numerous graphite/epoxy composites in the past from -320 to 375F. This work was...
Table 5. Outgassing of HM-S/X-30 Composite

<table>
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<th>Test Duration</th>
<th>Temperature</th>
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<td>RGA:</td>
<td>No Change</td>
<td>No Change</td>
<td>Specular</td>
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Note: Test performed under AFML Contract F33615-72-C-1388

The data includes the effect of fiber modulus, resin content, voids and microcracks, layup orientation, and batch-to-batch variation. It has been found in many of the thermal expansion runs that several temperature cycles are required until stabilization occurs and the test points can be repeated time after time. This has also been found to be true in large bonded graphite/epoxy structures. Generally, five thermal cycles are more than adequate to thermally stabilize the graphite/epoxy. The stabilization mechanism has never been pinpointed although many theories exist. Convair believes that for antenna applications, it is good practice to thermally cycle all graphite/epoxy parts before final use.

The repeatability of thermal expansion characteristics from part to part is of utmost importance for the proposed antenna and associated hardware. In order to assure stability of the thermal expansion characteristics of the hardware, Convair proposes to expose it to ten thermal cycles from -10 to 50°C before final usage.

RESISTANCE TO MICROCRACKING — Microcracking, sometimes known as transverse stress relief cracking, occurs with many graphite/epoxy composites. The primary cause is the difference in the elastic and thermal properties of the graphite reinforcement and the epoxy. In many cases, the microcracking can be analytically predicted. Composites containing higher modulus fibers are more likely to encounter microcracking because of more negative thermal expansion coefficients and because they are generally more difficult to adhere to, resulting in lower shear strengths. Therefore, one would expect GY-70 and Thornel 75 laminates to be more prone to cracking than HM-S and Modmor I systems, which in turn would be more likely to crack than HT-S, A-S, or Thornel 300 systems. Layup orientations also affect the occurrence of microcracking. Generally, in crossplied layups it is desirable to minimize the angle between successive plies and to minimize large numbers of plies in one direction sandwiched between angled plies. Selection of resin is of extreme importance, it being desirable to have a tough resin with a high modulus and high strain capacity. A resin that cures at relatively low temperature (250 to 275°F) will also minimize microcracking since it results in lower built-in thermal stresses.

Microcracking is not a concern from a structural standpoint, at least with respect to low cycle fatigue criteria. Torsion of microcracked laminates under Air Force Contract F33615-70-C1442 showed no adverse effects as a result of low cycle fatigue.
Convair has recently shown that GY-70/X-904 isotropic laminates almost always crack in cooldown after curing at 375°F. Cracks generally parallel the fibers in each lamina. In some cases where the panels at RT have not microcracked, subsequent cooling to -320°F causes cracking. By going to the Fiberite X-30 resin that cures at 250 to 275°F, isotropic GY-70 laminates have been prepared which survive cycling to -320°F without cracking. Using the most sensitive thermal expansion measuring equipment available (laser precision dilatometer), the temperature at which microcracking occurs can be accurately pinpointed.

Figure 10 shows GY-70/X-30 that has been cycled from 300°F to -320°F. Thermal cracking to a very minor extent was encountered at approximately -170°F. The photomicrograph taken at 50X shows the normal void-free appearance of GY-70/X-30. In contrast, the best 350°F curing GY-70/epoxy from a thermal stability standpoint will have many more microcracks. Generally, higher temperature curing systems will have more lamina affected and the crack spacing will be about half that of the GY-70/X-30.

MOISTURE EFFECTS — Graphite/epoxy composites are affected by moisture absorption. The effects, which have been the subject of considerable experimental efforts by Convair, are manifested in two forms: (1) loss in high temperature, matrix-dominated strength properties and (2) changes in physical dimensions. The effects are reversible in that either heat and/or vacuum will drive off the moisture and return the composites to their dry control properties and dimensions. The cause of the problem is the plasticization of the epoxy resin by moisture which subsequently lowers the glass transition temperature of the resin. This is true for all epoxy resins, and the effects on reinforced epoxies have been noted with boron, graphite, fiberglass, and Kevlar reinforced systems.

Under Contract NAS8-27435, it was shown that water boil is a good accelerated aging test technique and correlates well with three- and six-week exposures to 120°F and 95 to 100% RH. It also correlates well with exposures to 20 weeks at 65 to 75°F and 52% RH. Ambient exposures in vacuum (10⁻³ torr) dry the composites, and testing specimens after such exposure shows slight improvement in strength over initial control tests. Testing to date with high modulus or ultra-high modulus (HM-S or GY-70) reinforced epoxies shows less effect due to moisture exposure than that obtained with the higher strength, lower modulus graphite-reinforced epoxies. Convair has shown that vacuum drying of graphite/epoxy is possible at RT and 10⁻³ torr. Recent testing
at Convair of a 26-inch-long by 2-inch-diameter graphite/epoxy tube after ambient aging showed that length stabilization occurred after approximately six hours in vacuum.

PRECISION STRAIN (MICROYIELD) CHARACTERISTICS — The microyield strength of a material is defined as the tensile stress level at which one part per million of permanent plastic strain is detectable. Recently graphite/epoxy systems have been measured for the first time. Itek Corporation, using an Instron test machine in a controlled temperature environment, measured the microstrain behavior of unidirectional and crossplied panels of GY-70/X-904, HM-S/4617, and GY-70/X-30 panels prepared by Convair. The technique consisted of loading to a stress level, unloading, and measuring residual strain with large precision strain gages. This was repeated at higher and higher stress levels until the residual strain exceeded 0.5 microinch. Figure 11 3-19 shows plots of the precision strain characteristics of both GY-70/X-904 and GY-70/X-30. Testing of the GY-70 unidirectional and pseudoisotropic laminates was stopped at 20,000 psi (which is far in excess of the precision yield strength of some metals) because of equipment limitations. These results tend to confirm theoretical considerations, which suggest the precision yield point is at least 90% of the breaking strength. For this program, however, a microyield point of 20 ksi (the test data limit) will be conservatively assumed.

RESISTANCE TO RADIATION — Radiation is a concern from several standpoints: (1) possible loss in strength or change in elastic moduli and (2) possible scission of polymers into lower molecular weight species, which will increase outgassing rates and thereby increase potential for changes in optical properties of mirror systems.

The effects of radiation on reinforced plastics as well as other polymeric materials are dependent on the environments to which the material is exposed, such as elevated temperatures and vacuum or air atmospheres. As a rule, the effects of penetrating radiation and elevated temperature on a polymer in air are more severe than the effects of the same dose of radiation and elevated temperature in vacuum or inert atmosphere.

Ultraviolet radiation can produce photochemical reactions in the polymeric resin binder of reinforced plastics that are similar to the reactions taking place during exposure to penetrating radiation (i.e., cross-linking and chain scission). Because of the high absorptivity of the resins in the ultra-violet region of the spectrum, however, most of the energy is deposited near the exposed surfaces, and damage effects are limited to changes in spectral properties such as darkening or an increase in solar absorptivity. The bulk of the material is not affected, and mechanical properties of typical cross-sectional thicknesses used for structural applications on the external surfaces of a spacecraft are not significantly changed. The damage effects noted by various investigators appear to have been due principally to the elevated temperature produced by energy absorption during the accelerated ultraviolet irradiation rather than to the ultraviolet photolysis itself.
Under Air Force Contract F33615-70-C-1422, Convair conducted extensive exposures of graphite/epoxy composites to space environments using the guidelines established in SAMSO-TR-70-218, "Space Environmental Testing of Advanced Composite Materials," dated April 1970. It was recognized that planned spacecraft will have active lifetimes in the space environment of from two years to as long as fifteen years.

Specimens of epoxy matrix composites were subjected to UV exposure in vacuum, electron, and proton radiation. Dimensions, flexure strength, and shear strength were checked.

All the samples were exposed to 756 hours of vacuum ($10^{-6}$ torr) and equivalent four-sun UV exposure. None of the specimens showed any change in width or length as a result of this exposure, and none showed any visible discoloration or surface change of any kind. Therefore, the irradiated specimens were subjected to 1 Mev particle radiation for 10 minutes. The results of this testing also indicate no strength loss at room temperature. The loss in strength at 350F was attributed to moisture effects since there was more than six months of ambient storage between exposure and testing. A summary of the data is given in Table 6.

**Figure 11. Precision Yield Characteristics for Graphite/Epoxy Composite Materials**

**EPOXY ADHESIVE** — Convair proposed to join the structural details by adhesive bonding. The adhesive selected is Hysol Corporation's EA934. This system is a filled modified epoxy that cures at room temperature. Originally developed by Shell Chemical Corporation, it has been used extensively at Convair for Atlas and Centaur applications at temperatures from -320F to 450F. This system was used in the assembly of a large OV1 graphite/epoxy adapter section, which was successfully built and tested under Air Force Contract F33615-70-C-1442 and also on the GEMS (half-scale graphite/epoxy shell version of the large space telescope), the HEAO-B, and the 8-foot composite antenna.
Table 6. Radiation Exposure Data (unidirectional layups)

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<td>280</td>
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<td>69.5</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>4.7</td>
<td>4.6</td>
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*Strength at 350F after water boil was 23.7 ksi flex & 5.7 ksi shear
1. All values in ksi
2. Vacuum/UV is 75G hours 10^-6 torr at 4 suns UV
3. Vac/UV/electrons same as note 2 plus 10 minutes 1 Mev electrons
4. Vac/UV/protons same as note 2 plus 10 minutes 1 Mev protons

Extensive test data exists on the basic adhesive as well as on graphite/epoxy bonded joints. Table 7 summarizes some bulk adhesive data on the EA934 as well as on other adhesive candidates for space optics systems. Figures 12 and 13 are plots of modulus and thermal expansion as a function of temperature for the EA934 system.

Table 7. Structural Properties of Candidate Adhesives (cast bulk tensile specimens - room temperature)

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<td>Avg</td>
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Figure 12. Stress-Strain Data for Cast Hysoi EA-934 Adhesive

In all graphite/epoxy joint testing, failure has occurred in the graphite/epoxy adherends rather than the adhesive. Joint strength is, therefore, dependent on the specific graphite/epoxy, the joint geometry, and test conditions. Table 8 shows some
Figure 13. Total Linear Thermal Expansion of Candidate Bonding Adhesives

Table 8. Cure Time Versus Tensile Shear (etched 2024-T3 Clad, MMM-A-132).

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<th>Time (at end of pot. life)</th>
<th>Strength (psi)</th>
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<td>3-4 hr at 75°F</td>
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<td>2 hr at 200°F</td>
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Table 9. Summary of Outgassing Data on EA-934

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<th>Cure Conditions</th>
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<th>Total Wt. Loss (%)</th>
<th>VCM (%)</th>
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<td>7 days at RT</td>
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<td>16 hr at 65°C (149°F)</td>
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<td>SRI</td>
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<td>4 hr at 66°C (150°F) plus 2 hr at 109°C (212°F) in vacuum</td>
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<td>ATM</td>
<td>Passed</td>
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Hysol data on EA934 bonded aluminum joints as a function of cure time and temperature. It shows that the reaction is completed at room temperature in less than one week. This is important from an outgassing standpoint.

Extensive outgassing tests have been conducted on EA934 using both the ATM and the more stringent SRI conditions. A summary of the data is given in Table 9. The data supports the selection of the EA934 as the adhesive. In addition, the GEMS structure has just completed extensive thermal/vacuum testing. This large bonded graphite/epoxy structure was subjected to 36 days at approximately $10^{-6}$ torr, during which time extensive measurements were made on its optics using a Hewlett Packard 5526A laser measurement system. Visual examination of the mirrors after 36 days of exposure showed no outgassed products. In fact, the very sensitive laser system showed no power losses that could be attributed to outgassed products. Since the GEMS shell was bonded with EA934, this fine performance supports Convair's material selections.

FABRICATION AND ASSEMBLY

FABRICATION AND ASSEMBLY PHILOSOPHY — The antenna manufacturing philosophy is based on minimizing all stress and tolerance buildup during the fabrication and assembly sequence.

An aid in fabricating graphite/epoxy components is Convair's proprietary dielectric monitor which can be used during each heat cure cycle. The monitor visually indicates the "static gel point," a phase during a heat cure cycle where the resin system and any type of tooling material is thermally compatible.
The monitor is used initially to determine at what cure temperature a metal tool should be designed to for curing a specific resin system without inducing stresses due to thermal expansion differences between the resin system has been determined, the heat cure temperature is held at that point until a predetermined time span has passed. Pressure and vacuum are released during cure cycle cooldown to prevent part stressing during that phase of the cure cycle.

All metal cure cycle tools will be designed and made so that the tool configuration is at the required shape when the static gel point of the resin system occurs. All graphite/epoxy parts remain thermally stable at this point and it is important that any fabrication tool, other than a graphite/epoxy tool, is not allowed to induce stresses in the parts due to heatup or cooldown thermal differences.

Assembly distortions will be minimized by using tooling approaches that minimize bondline pressures. The hydroscopic nature of epoxy resin and its accompanying geometric growth will be reduced by maintaining a constant 20% humidity and 70 ±5°F during assembly and profilometer tests.

FABRICATION AND ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE

Reflector Shell

The reflector shell will be laid up on a male bulk graphite tool. Graphite is chosen due to its stability and machinability. The tool will be machined to a ±1-mil tolerance by using a trace template and machining in a controlled temperature machine shop. The surface RMS will be initially determined by use of a ±1-mil tolerance check template. The reflector tool will be made with thermal differences determined to produce a graphite/epoxy reflector dish having the desired shape acceptance criteria.

A computer program is used to plot patterns for graphite prepreg tiles for the isotropic paraboloid shell. The primary advantage of this approach is that the tiles are shaped so that fibers are oriented along the major axis of the panels, reducing waste, while the fibers are "clocked" tile-to-tile to achieve isotropic characteristics over the compound surface. The full-size computer generated patterns are transferred photographically to template stock, reducing drafting time.

An "ideal" fiber in the surface of the paraboloid at a vertex centered point \((r, \theta, z)\) makes an angle \((\theta + \phi)\) to the tangent radial vector at the point where \(\phi\) is the ply angle. This simple algorithm is used as a basis for pattern generation.

There are two steps in generating a panel: (1) constructing a fiber that runs longitudinally through the center of the panel, and (2) constructing a flat panel around the fiber which has the proper shape and dimensions so that when worked down on the surface of the paraboloid, the central fiber follows its correct path and the boundaries of the panel.
fit adjacent panels. The first step is solution by numerical methods of the equations governing the ideal fiber. The second step is an empirical solution based upon observed characteristics of unidirectional graphite fibers in an uncured resin matrix when worked into a three-dimensional shape.

Preliminary patterns for a single lamination are generated and taped together over the master tool to verify the pattern fit. Another set is generated to layout the cutting procedure from graphite stock. When the pattern set meets requirements of engineering and fabrication, it drawn finally on dimensionally stable pattern material. This flexibility provided by the computer yields near optimum patterns for the isotropic shell.

Each shell layup ply will be vacuum compacted to ensure intimate contact with the tool and with each succeeding ply. The reflector dish will then be vacuum bagged and heat cured. Figure 14 shows typical tiles for one-quarter of a prepreg laminae.

Thermal Cycling

It is recommended that the main reflector be thermal cycled to increase the composite material's dimensional stability. Tests at Convair indicate that for those structures, where holding a shape is critical, thermal cycling materially reduces creep or permanent set. A typical truss assembly was thermally cycled 15 times and its shape measured before and after each five cycles. The results are shown in Figure 15. It is clear that most stability is achieved after only five cycles.

Reflector Dish Surface Preparation

The reflector assembly will be abraded with a fine 35µ grit. The surface will then be cleaned by a water/oil-free solvent and a 0.04-mil-thick vapor deposited aluminum coating and overcoat applied.

Reflector Shape Adjustment

The reflector assembly will be positioned under Convair's computerized dish measurement device and adjusted to the specified tolerances by use of micrometer adjustors. The reflector assembly will then be inverted and positioned from the same points as experienced under the dish measurement device. The truss ribs will then be locked-out by bonded-on clips.

The reflector assembly will then be placed in a holding fixture which also picks up the same positioning points as used on previous assembly operations. The remaining angle clips will be located and bonded in position.
Figure 14. Typical Computer-Generated Tiles for Reflector Prepreg Laminate

Figure 15. Exaggerated Plot of Permanent Set Due to Thermal Cycling (scale - 0.15, set exaggerated 1000X)
SURFACE CONTOUR MEASUREMENT DEVICE — Facilities for precision reflector surface measurement (to 0.0001 inch) consist of an adjustable (two angular coordinates) sweep arm and an electronic sensor head (shown in Figure 16). Data is recorded digitally and immediately processed for contour evaluation, as shown in Figure 17. Output parameters are surface rms, focal length, rotation about x and y axes, vertex displacement, and deviation of each sample point from the best fitting paraboloid. A detailed contour plot of the overall surface is also produced.

On the basis of this plot, the sensor arm is positioned over high and low areas of the contour; micrometer adjustments force the surface toward the best-fit parabola-torus.

The major advantage of this proposed design is that it allows fine surface contour adjustment after the reflector dish is cured, thus minimizing the impact of manufacturing and material variations inherent in the layup and cure conditions. This is accomplished as shown in Figure 18 for a typical antenna.

ACCEPTANCE TESTING

Acceptance testing will consist of a modal search on the test model (or engineering model) plus a thermal environment test on each antenna.

MODAL SURVEY — To verify the math model analysis, Convair will conduct a low level sinusoidal vibration and modal survey test. The antenna assembly will be evaluated using the same techniques developed in the Viking modal survey tests. It will be mounted in our 15 by 15 by 25-ft dynamic test tower and hard mounted by its interface fittings to the tower base reaction mass. This mass is a plate, 12 by 12 ft by 6 in., weighing 35,000 pounds.

Two 50-pound-force electrodynamic exciters will be attached to the antenna structure using "sting" bars. The attack locations will be varied to assure excitations of fundamental torsional and bending modes. We will install ten Endevco 2200 series accelerometers on the structure in locations designated by Convair personnel. A low force survey sweep between 5 and 150 Hz will be made to determine the maximum response frequencies. The input and response data will be recorded on real-time direct write recorders. This data will be used to identify the modal frequencies by the relative responses of the accelerometer.
We will also use a roving accelerometer to refine the mode shape data. We will derive this steady state response using the co-quad analyzer. The accelerometer outputs are fed to a co-quad analyzer to produce the resulting mode shape. The co-quad output is in turn fed to the digital computer system and stored on digital magnetic tape. When sufficient data is accumulated at each frequency the mode shape will be printed in tabular form. A Tektronics Model 4010 computer display terminal will be used for real time display of the mode shape data.

MASS PROPERTIES

Mass properties for the reflector, Drive Mechanism Housing and Support Arms is shown in Table 10. These are very rough figures of the graphite/epoxy material components that have been identified and exclude the attach fittings, fasteners, aluminum foil and adhesives that would be utilized in the completed structure.
1) The barrel assembly is bonded to the cured reflector shell.

2) The trusses are then attached to the barrel and micrometer adjustment devices installed between the truss and the dish at twelve points (2 x 6 trusses)

3) This rigid assembly is then put under the profilometer (GDCA's contour measuring device) and the micrometers are used to push or pull the thin shell from the rigid truss until the optimum shape is obtained. This is done in a humidity (20% RH) and temperature controlled environment.

4) The adjustment pins are then locked out and the assembly is removed from the profilometer and placed on the assembly fixture where straps are bonded to the truss chord member and the shell's radial angles, thus locking the trusses and the shell in the optimum position. The adjusting pin and set screw are then removed.

Figure 18. Contour Adjustment Process for a Typical Large Antenna
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INTRODUCTION

The Missile Systems Division of Rockwell International has requested from the Tulsa Division a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost and a technical description to design and fabricate the SIMS-A Antenna. Tulsa Division has been making glass composite parts for twelve years and advanced composite parts for six years. The Division is currently under contract to design and fabricate the Payload Bay Doors for the Space Shuttle. These are graphite/epoxy, 60-foot long doors made from 15 foot by 12-1/2 foot individual panels. A photograph of a panel and other photographs of a layup and bond tool, and a manufacturing demonstration panel are attached. The proposed SIMS-A Antenna is similar in overall size to the pictured 15 foot by 12-1/2 foot graphite/epoxy panel.

SUMMARY

The SIMS-A Antenna requires a graphite/epoxy material that is very rigid and that has a coefficient of expansion of approximately \(0.01 \times 10^{-6} \text{ inch/inch } ^{0}\text{F.}\) This is a lower coefficient of expansion than materials used on current programs. A development program will be conducted by Tulsa Laboratories using cross ply layups of graphite/epoxy tape to select a combination of a specific modulus graphite with its epoxy matrix that will as near as possible have a coefficient of expansion of \(0.01 \times 10^{-6} \text{ inch/inch } ^{0}\text{F.}\) The coefficient of expansion will be checked over the range of +220 F to -170 F. The preferred material will then be subjected to water absorption to measure dimensional stability.

The proposed antenna design uses a honeycomb structure for the shell with an eggcrate backing to provide maximum rigidity. Analysis techniques using the ASKA program will confirm the structural integrity of the antenna.

Graphite/epoxy structure is cured in an autoclave at 350 F. Gelation occurs at about 280 F to 300 F. To eliminate tool expansion a graphite/epoxy tool will be developed. In fabrication of the part, layers of .005 inch tape in 3 inch strips will be layed up on the tool. The cross ply technique will be used in a repeating manner to reach the desired thickness for the skin. Experience has shown that there is some spring back of parts so the antenna will be brought into final tolerance by grinding. The reflector surface will then be nickel plated followed by a final polishing operation.
The antenna final dimensional accuracy will be verified at the grinding vendor's facility.

The program schedule shows the time span for major activities. In order to complete the effort in 24 months, an overlap of job tasks is required. For example the design can be in work at the same time that the optimization of the low coefficient of expansion material is being done.

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURAL CONFIGURATION

The SIMS-A Antenna structure consists of the following.

Antenna Shell

The shell is a graphite/epoxy composite approximately one inch thick. The inner precured moldline skin is approximately .15 inches thick, the outer cocured skin is approximately .06 inch thick. The core material is one inch Nomex flex core.

The composite shell is closed out by the core being chamfered 30 degrees.

Antenna Support Truss

The truss work is comprised of approximately four bulkhead frames, six longitudinal frames and four partial longitudinal frames. The frames are graphite/epoxy composites of approximately .50 inch thick with .016 inch skins using Nomex core. The framework has an "eggcrate" design being attached to each other and the shell by graphite/epoxy angles. The truss has exterior skins making the structure torsionally rigid.

Cruciform

The cruciform at the aft end is a graphite/epoxy layup. There are two sections, horizontal and vertical. Each layup has a hat section major layup and a skin to close out the structure. There is allowance made in design for adjustment to the antenna shell in the cruciform. The adjustments are in both vertical and horizontal directions and are of the eccentric pin design.

Forward Beam

The forward beam is adjustable in the horizontal direction and is also a graphite/epoxy layup similar to the cruciform. The adjustment is also an eccentric pin. Pin material will be either stainless or titanium.
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Antenna Retention

There will be six retention locations on the structure to attach to the shuttle. These fittings are expected to be titanium.

Conceptual Sketches

Conceptual sketches of the antenna configuration are shown in Figures 1 through 5. The weight of this structure is less than 1000 Kg.
GRAPHITE/EPOXY MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

Successful design and fabrication of a zero expansion shell of the dimensions involved in the subject reflector requires (a) exacting care in selection of material combinations, (b) verification of expansion characteristics of the basic shell construction, (c) verification of the thermal stability of a contoured shell section, and (d) generation of critical processing procedures.

MATERIAL SELECTION

Fundamentally, designing a zero thermal expansion structure consists of balancing expansion forces within the constituent fibers against those in the constituent matrix so that the composite remains static over wide temperature excursions. Furthermore, this static balance must be achieved in all directions. In order to achieve such a balance, one material (the fiber) must have a very low, slightly negative, thermal expansion coefficient and a high modulus of elasticity. The second material (resin matrix) should have a low modulus of elasticity. Its expansion coefficient, on the other hand, is not highly critical. Through the application of a computer, a zero-expansion laminate can be designed theoretically. Table I presents moduli and thermal expansion characteristics of epoxy resin, adhesive, typical graphite fibers, and Kevlar fibers, extracted from various sources. The higher modulus fibers (e.g. GY-70, Modmor I, and Thornel 75) have greater ability to resist deformation due to expansion and contraction of the resin, hence are the leading candidates for this application. The resin candidates are Narmco 5208, Fiberite 934, and Hercules 3501, because all of these have been demonstrated, during Space Shuttle Payload Bay Door testing, to be thermally stable without crazing down to -270°F. Ability to modify the expansion coefficient of the resin by adding small amounts of graphite powder will assist in the final adjustment of properties. Still another tool that may be used to control expansion is hybridizing with Kevlar 49 fibers. This will be used as a last resort due to the probable necessity for hybrid tapes. Along with the correct material combination and fiber orientation, the relative amount of each, i.e. the fiber and matrix volume fractions, will also require careful control. One of the principal adhesive candidates will be Reliabond R-398, because it has demonstrated stability over a wide temperature excursion. Core candidates will be Nomex (HRH-10) and fiberglass (HRP) because of their adequate low temperature stability. Aluminum core is not considered satisfactory for this application due to large thermal mismatch with the facings.

Verification of Expansion Characteristics

Based upon the final outputs of design program iterations, tentatively three configurations will be tested to verify the theoretically optimized designs for (3) candidate material systems. Each system will involve a different fiber/resin combination, and possibly a different core.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Fiber Orientation</th>
<th>Modulus of Elasticity (MSI)</th>
<th>Test Temperature (Range) °F</th>
<th>Measurement Direction</th>
<th>Expansion Coefficient (μ in/in/°F)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Epoxy Resin (unfilled)</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>~0.5</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>+25 to +45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Epoxy Resin +15% Graphite Particles</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>-300 to +350</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>-0.56</td>
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<td></td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>90ø</td>
<td>+18.0</td>
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<td></td>
<td>+45ø</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>45ø</td>
<td>-0.43</td>
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<tr>
<td>Modmor I/Epoxy</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-0.41</td>
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<tr>
<td>Modmor I Fiber</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Thornel 75 Fiber</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>-459 to +932</td>
<td>-0.2 (ave.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Thornel T-300/5208</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>~20</td>
<td>0 to +200</td>
<td>+0.02</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HTS/X904</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>~23</td>
<td>-300 to +500</td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>-0.25</td>
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<td></td>
<td>0ø</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>90ø</td>
<td>+15.5</td>
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<td>Modmor I/X-30*</td>
<td>[03/±45.5/90]s</td>
<td>-75 to +75</td>
<td>-0.005 to +0.014</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kevlar 49 Fiber</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>+32 to +212</td>
<td>-3.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reliabond R-398 Adhesive</td>
<td>-270 to +400</td>
<td>+24</td>
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*Reported by General Dynamics, Convair Division
The physical measurement test matrix is presented as Table II. Flat sandwich panels approximately 36" x 36" square will be provided for testing. Specimens will be tested in sandwich form. Panels will be fabricated according to optimized procedures established as described in a subsequent paragraph.

**TABLE II**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Resin System</th>
<th>Fiber</th>
<th>Measurement Angles</th>
<th>No. of Temp. Points</th>
<th>Ply Angle</th>
<th>Total Number of Measurements</th>
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<tr>
<td>1, 2, 3</td>
<td>A, B, C</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Parallel</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Crossply</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Crossply</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1, 2, 3</td>
<td>A, B, C</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Crossply</td>
<td>25</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>61</strong></td>
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</table>

**Verification of Stability of Curved Shell Sub-Component**

A typical section of curved shell will be produced prior to full scale part manufacture, and thermally tested to demonstrate stability. The part will be produced in the identical manner planned for the full scale part, i.e. the reflective surface precured as a thin laminate, followed by cocuring of the back surface skin over the assembled core. The subscale shell will represent about one-quarter of the periphery and full length of the full scale part. Stability will be demonstrated by (a) accurately measuring the contour of the shell in two planes normal to each other while the shell rests unrestrained on a supporting base, (b) raising the temperature of the back surface to about 200°F by suitable means, as with an electric blanket, and (c) remeasuring the contour at temperature. The test can be performed inexpensively as: (a) highly accurate contours are not required to confirm stability, i.e. measurements are relative, and (b) temperature stabilization in the test panel is not necessary to demonstrate shape stability of an essentially "zero-expansion" material. Figure 6 illustrates the simplicity of the test setup. Only relative change in position of discrete measurement points is involved. The contour template is made of low expanding material, and is not allowed to become heated during measurement since only brief point contact is made with the part. Through use of accurate height gages, changes in contour as small as .001 inch will be detectable.

Subsequent to thermal stability demonstration, approximately one percent moisture will be introduced into the structure and any change in contour determined. In the event moisture absorption causes dimensional instability, the reflector will be sealed by bonding foil over all exposed areas. It is assumed that the polished, metal plated reflective surface will in itself provide an effective moisture barrier over the plated area.
FIGURE 6 - CONTOUR STABILITY MEASUREMENT FIXTURE SCHEMATICALLY SHOWN
Establishment of Processing Procedures

Processing of the parabolic reflector will be highly critical in order to achieve required stability. Precise controls will start with the pre-impregnated graphite tape materials which will be permitted little variation in resin content, and which will have imposed on them rigid uniformity and quality requirements. Layup techniques will emphasize accurate alignment of fibers. Bleeding and bagging sequences will stress precise and uniform control of the resin fraction throughout the molded part. The required bleeder plies will be accurately calculated and resin bleed controlled through use of an essentially sealed system employing a semi-permeable membrane (see Figure 7). The semi-permeable membrane permits passage of air and volatile resin components, while blocking the flow of liquid components. Curing and postcuring schedules will be designed to: (a) minimize residual stresses in the cured part, (b) produce void-free skins, and (c) eliminate possible residual curing/outgassing in service. Excessive residual stress may cause distortion during machining of the front face necessary to bring it into contour. Voids are likely to affect thermal stability adversely, and will enhance moisture absorption. Residual curing (with associated resin shrinkage) in service may significantly distort the contour. Cocuring of the back skin over honeycomb core poses a special problem in void elimination. Normal cocuring procedures result in laminates containing voids. Thinner laminates, and those molded over large sized cells, contain higher void contents. Void content can be minimized in such cases by using 1/8 inch cell honeycomb and by precuring a ply of adhesive film over the honeycomb surface prior to molding the skin.

To establish the optimized processing procedure, approximately ten flat sandwich panels will be fabricated. These panels will be approximately 36 inches square. The criteria for suitability will be visually observed uniformity and quality, resin and fiber fractions in the molded parts, and flatness after cure and postcure. Flatness will be determined on a surface table.

Mechanical testing described in the next section will be performed on specimens from process development panels fabricated during the time period approaching establishment of the final processing procedure.

Verification of Structural and Physical Properties

Loads to be experienced by the reflector and supporting structure will be relatively light. Therefore an extensive structural testing program is not required. Accurate knowledge of stiffness is expected to be more important than strength. Hence, strain gaging of specimens will be required. The mechanical test matrix shown in Table III is considered adequate. All tests are to be performed as sandwich beams. Moduli and Poisson's ratios will be required to confirm theoretical design predictions. Test materials will be derived from flat sandwich
REQURED RESIN LOSS PER PLY OF PREPREG TAPE:

\[ = W_F \left( \frac{1}{T-W_F} - \frac{1}{T-W_L} \right) \]

WHERE \( W_F \) IS FIBER AREAL WT. (g/m\(^2\))
\( W_F \) IS PREPREG RESIN WT. FRACTION
\( W_L \) IS LAMINATE RESIN WT. FRACTION

BLEEDER ABSORPTIVITY:

181 FIBERGLASS FABRIC ~ 130 g/m\(^2\) PER PLY
120 FIBERGLASS FABRIC ~ 60 g/m\(^2\) PER PLY

FIGURE 7 - BAGGING ARRANGEMENT FOR PRECISE CONTROL OF RESIN AND FIBER VOLUME FRACTIONS
panels generated during process optimization.

In addition to verifying structural properties for design purposes, it will also be necessary to perform acceptance and process control tests on materials used in hardware for engineering test and delivery. Acceptance tests will consist of the following:

- Thermal expansion (3 temperatures and 3 directions in & molded flatness) test sandwich
- Sandwich flatwise tension (adhesive)
- Resin, fiber, and void volume fractions of test laminates (skins)
- Prepreg physical properties (resin content, flow, gelation time, volatile content)
- Visual examination
- Ultrasonic examination of cured panels.

Process control tests will be the same as acceptance tests, excepting for prepreg physical properties.

### TABLE III
**MECHANICAL TESTING MATRIX**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test or Property</th>
<th>No. of Temp. (°F)</th>
<th>No. of Loading Directions</th>
<th>No. of Tests Per Condition</th>
<th>Total No. of Specimens</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tensile Strength</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tensile Modulus</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compression Strength</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compression Modulus</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poisson's Ratio</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3x2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beam (core) Shear</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flatwise Tension</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thermal Cycle</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>145</strong></td>
</tr>
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</table>
Acceptance and process control tests will be designed to assure attainment of required characteristics in full scale parts, i.e. to assure there has been no significant change in materials after design properties are established.

After establishment of tentative design characteristics and optimized processing procedures, preliminary material and process specifications and detailed processing procedures will be prepared to assure compliance with requirements.

Cycling Tests: Specimens of crossplied sandwich panel described in Table II will be plated with metallic reflective coating, then cycled (100) times between -170F and +210F. The coating will be optically examined for evidence of cracking, blistering, and delamination. Short beam shear tests will then be performed at R.T. and elevated temperature to verify adequacy of the sandwich adhesive bond.

GRINDING AND POLISHING

The SIMS reflector tolerance requirement (conformity to contour) is much tighter than can ordinarily be obtained in graphite/epoxy structures. To get the needed tolerance will require a grinding operation.

The grinding and polishing will be accomplished at Teledyne Laboratory, Inc., Berkeley, California. The grinding and polishing will provide a reflector surface which conforms to the contour defined by the data points to an accuracy of ±.001 inch rms, ±.0025 inch peak. The grinding machine and measurement apparatus are attached to a computer which compares the actual surface contour to the theoretical contour and provides a print-out of contour error. The depth to the surface of the SIMS-A Antenna requires a tooling modification change. Some of this tooling expense could be saved if the 180 degree torus could be reduced to 120 degrees.

SURFACE REFLECTIVITY

To obtain the 99% reflectivity the surface must be a good conductor. The percent reflective \( \rho \) is calculated as follows:

\[
\rho = \left| \frac{Z_s - Z_o}{Z_s + Z_o} \right| \times 100
\]
where $Z_o$ is the free space impedance 377 ohms.

$Z_s$ is the surface impedance and may be determined by:

$$|Z_s| = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi f \mu}{\sigma}}$$

where $f$ = frequency in Hz

$\mu$ = permeability in henry/meter

$\sigma$ = conductivity in mhos/meter

The conductive surface skin depth required is determined as follows:

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}}$$

This skin depth is the depth at which current density has decreased to $1/e$ (about 36.8 percent) of its value at the surface. The values obtained for the reflectivity calculations will be valid as long as the material thickness is greater than $\delta$.

Materials considered as possible reflector surfaces and the reflectivity, thickness, and coefficient of expansion are given in the table below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Min % Reflection</th>
<th>Min $\delta$ Skin Depth (inch)</th>
<th>Thermal Expansion Per $^\circ$F (x10$^{-6}$)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nickel 99.9%</td>
<td>99.75</td>
<td>.00012</td>
<td>7.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rhodium</td>
<td>99.88</td>
<td>.000182</td>
<td>4.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gold</td>
<td>99.92</td>
<td>.000126</td>
<td>7.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Silver</td>
<td>99.93</td>
<td>.000103</td>
<td>10.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chromium</td>
<td>99.92</td>
<td>.00013</td>
<td>3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solid Graphite</td>
<td>81.2</td>
<td>.0030</td>
<td>.01</td>
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</table>

After considering the above variables as well as cost and availability it was decided to use nickel on the reflective surface.
The required metal coating for the reflector surface will be applied after the surface has been ground to contour. This metal will be applied by brush electroplating nickel onto the graphite/epoxy to a thickness of 0.00035 inch. This surface would then be ground to remove 0.0002 surface thickness to provide the final contour with a surface finish of 64 microinches.

Thermocycling test will be conducted on graphite/epoxy specimens with the metal plating to insure that the metal used and the plating process will hold up to the required operating temperature range.

PROJECT ENGINEERING

The project engineer will coordinate all technical tasks with the customer and Tulsa Division technical personnel. He will work with Engineering and Laboratory personnel in development of a graphite/epoxy layup that meets design requirements. The project engineer will coordinate with Design, Tooling, and Manufacturing people to insure a part that will comply with specifications. He will interface with subcontractors for measuring thermal coefficient of expansion and for grinding of the reflector surface.

STRUCTURAL DESIGN

The Structural Design support for the SIMS-A Antenna will consist of locating one engineer at Missile Systems Division for approximately two days to establish interfacing at engineering go-ahead, preparing layouts and concepts for design of the antenna from graphite/epoxy, preparing drawings for test evaluation, engineering assistance to the Tulsa Laboratories, technical assistance to the Tulsa Tooling and Manufacturing departments, and Engineering Material Review support for the manufacturing effort.

Drawing Support

The drawing support at Tulsa will consist of preparing various concepts and layouts of the cruciform, forward beam shell, payload retention system and truss support - approximately 100 production drawings and approximately 3 joint test development drawings.

Interface Support

The interface support will require approximately two layouts and two, two-day trips to MSD. One trip will be planned for interfacing and one trip for coordination review.
Technical Assistance

The design support for technical assistance will consist of coordinating engineering information with Tulsa Laboratories, Planning, Manufacturing, and Tooling Departments.

Manufacturing Support

The Manufacturing support will consist of Engineering working directly with Manufacturing effort in material review action, drawing interpretation and drawing change support.

ANALYSIS - STRESS, THERMAL, AND WEIGHTS

Assumptions

1. The general criteria for the Space Shuttle will be used, such as safety factors, etc.
2. The reflector will be designed to react the loads imposed by its own mass and by the drive and control systems housing when acted upon by the accelerations shown in the informal specification for the SIMS main reflector.
3. The antenna and its support structure will be analyzed for the thermal loads which are to be provided to Rockwell-Tulsa at a later date.
4. The material will have a thermal coefficient capable of maintaining the expansion requirements.
5. A dynamic analysis will not be made. The accelerations (G's) listed in the informal specification (Figures 6 and 7) will be used with the idealized static model.

Computer Analysis Justification

o Finite element analyses will be used to determine SIMS antenna surface distortions induced by thermal gradients.

o Finite element techniques will also be utilized to obtain stress and strain data from loads resulting from design accelerations.

o The Automatic Systems Kinematic Analysis (ASKA) finite element program is the program currently best suited for the accomplishment of the analyses listed above because:

   3) ASKA contains a large family of sophisticated anisotropic finite elements,
b) ASKA has been used extensively for the static analyses of structures composed of advanced composite materials.

c) ASKA has superior multilevel substructuring capabilities.

d) Both mechanical and thermal loading are easily accommodated in ASKA.

e) Dynamic response analyses are provided for in the ASKA-DYNAN system.

f) A high confidence level in the validity of ASKA results has been acquired as a consequence of extensive ASKA usage for the internal loads analyses of the Air Force B-1 Bomber and the NASA Space Shuttle.

g) ASKA was used by the Tulsa Division for the internal loads analyses of the Space Shuttle graphite/epoxy Payload Bay Doors.

The following tasks are necessary to meet the requirement and ensure the structural integrity of the SIMS Antenna system.

**Preliminary Review**

Become familiar with the system requirements.

Determine general operational requirements.

**Computer Analysis**

Review and define a method to impose the load criteria, and the thermal requirements on the idealized structure.

Determine nodal point coordinates

Coding topology data.

Run CRT plots.

Geometric data determined.

Material layup determined.

Check of data, boundaries, and checkout runs.

**Design Support**

Assist the Design section on the structural configuration studies.

Assist in material selections.
Review and approve drawings (approximately 100).
Review and approve material specifications.

Load Analysis

Idealize the structure for a refined finite element analysis and distribute the external loads in a manner which will simulate the actual structure and its loads.

Determine the deflections and thermal stresses due to the environment.

Post-process.

Specimen Testing

Review the different proposed materials and determine if tests are required to determine material properties and thermal-physical properties.

Assist in defining tests.

Monitor tests.

Assist in evaluation of test results.

Stress Analysis

Conduct a stress analysis of the antenna system based on the design criteria and the loads.

Documentation

Prepare a formal stress report which contains the external loads, internal loads, deflections, thermal stresses and deflections, and stress calculations necessary to analytically verify the strength of the structure.

Weight Control

A comprehensive weight control program will be conducted during the design and production phases of the contracted equipment with emphasis placed on the following tasks:

- Weight trade-off studies.
- Establishing target weights.
- Weight and C.G. calculations of the detail components as the design progresses.
- Final weight calculations of all components prior to the release of drawings.
- Preparation of weight status reports.
- Maintaining up-to-date records.
- Obtaining actual weights during fabrication.
Reports and Coordination Meetings

Time required to attend coordination meetings and prepare weekly and/or monthly reports to assist in project evaluation.

CHECKING AND STANDARDS

The Checking and Standards function will check each drawing to assure conformance with MIL-D-1000 and MIL-STD-100 and will assure that drawings are consistent with each other. Material and standard callouts will be compared with approved listings. Assistance in obtaining standards for use will be provided.

MASTER DIMENSIONS

The master dimensions group will receive and document master dimensions data in the form of basic definition and contour generators. The group will develop and document contour points as definition to support production of design aids and manufacturing tools. They will coordinate with the authorizing division and quality assurance to insure part accuracy.

NASA DOCUMENTATION

Based on recent experience on the Shuttle Payload Bay Doors and interface with the Space Division, the following is estimated to be the documentation required by NASA for the SIMS Antenna.

Material

All material selected for use in manufacture of the antenna will be from an approved list such as Space Division Specification MC999-0096. Material required but not on the approved list will be documented in an IL request to the buyer with rationale as to need and desirability of non-approved material.

All material, including fasteners, material reviews, material substitutions, etc., will be documented on a material usage form for transmittal to the buyer.

Drawings and Specifications

Engineering drawings and specifications shall be prepared to the requirements in MIL-D-1000 and MIL-STD-100. Changes and/or updating of drawings for the deliverable item shall be accomplished by the seller's internal system. Drawings shall be submitted to the buyer upon release. Specifications referenced on drawings will be available upon request.
Analyses

Design analyses associated with structural integrity and thermal stability will be conducted. Results will be documented in the seller's format and transmitted to the buyer.

Test Data

Test procedures for both coefficient of thermal expansion and structural properties as well as test results will be documented in the seller's format and transmitted to the buyer.

Quality Engineering

Inspection and verification procedures will be developed and will be available to the buyer upon request.

Test results which cover surface adequacy, thermal stability, and reflective characteristics will be transmitted to the buyer. An acceptance data package will be assembled for delivery with the hardware which will consist of the following:

1. Drawings
2. Acceptance Test Data
3. DD250
4. Identification of Age Sensitive Items
5. Replacement Record
6. Weight Record
7. Waiver Record
8. Record of Material Review Actions
9. Notes and Comments
10. As Built Configuration

Reports

A monthly status report will be prepared. In addition to general activities the report will contain:

1. Documentation Status/Schedule

FACILITIES PLAN

The Tulsa Division, Rockwell International Corporation is located on two major sites adjacent to the Tulsa International Airport, Air Force Plant No. 3, in which Rockwell-Tulsa occupies 706,000 square feet, and the Mingo Facility which consists of 242,000 square feet. In addition, the Tulsa Division has a facility at McAlester, Oklahoma, which consists of 92,000 square feet.
Facility requirements required for fabrication of the SIMS-A Antenna are within existing capabilities at Tulsa with minor modification and rearrangement of bonding operations. Tooling fabrication, detail parts fabrication, bonding and processing will be accomplished within existing area, utilizing available production flows and equipment.

Area will be made available in Air Force Plant No. 3 where the NASA 20 ft. x 40 ft. autoclave is located, and will be activated for bonding the reflector shell structure. Special layup areas and trim areas will be installed to support the autoclave bonding. Non-destructive test, ultrasonic systems and x-ray, are available in Air Force Plant No. 3, and will support the program by adding special holding fixtures and attachments peculiar to the end items.

The Mingo Facility, Building 605 bonding will support the layup, bond and trim of other panels and structure elements by using the existing 9 ft. x 30 ft. autoclave, layup area, and trim area.

Some modifications and rearrangements will be required without impact to ongoing programs.

INSPECTION

The reflector will be inspected prior to grinding, using standard optical equipment templates.

Source inspection will verify the contour and surface requirements at the grinding and plating vendor's facility. The vendor, Tinsley Laboratories, uses a laser measuring system that is a part of their grinding setup to confirm that surface data points are to contour.