Performance of the Primary Mirror Center-of-Curvature Optical Metrology System during Cryogenic Testing of the JWST Pathfinder Telescope

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Introduction

The JWST primary mirror consists of 18 1.5 m hexagonal segments, each with 6-DoF & RoC adjustment. The telescope will be tested at its cryogenic operating temperature at Johnson Space Center. The testing will include center-of-curvature measurements of the PM, using the Center-of-Curvature Optical Assembly (COCOA) and the Absolute Distance Meter Assembly (ADMA). The performance of these metrology systems, including hardware, software, & procedures, was assessed during two cryogenic tests at JSC, using the JWST Pathfinder telescope. This paper describes the test setup, the testing performed, and the resulting metrology system performance.

#### Telescope Cryogenic Test

- **Photogrammetry (PG) system for global PM position.**
- **Center-of-curvature optical assembly (COCOA) for segment alignment & PM WFE measurement.**
- Alignment cameras for initial capture.
- Multi-wavelength interferometer (MWIF) for phaseing of segments from mm to nm.
- Reflective null to generate PM waverfront.
- Computer-generated-hologram (CGH) for interferometer/null WFE calibration.
- Absolute distance meter assembly (ADMA) for axial PM-to-COCOA distance.

#### Goals of Pathfinder Testing

- Operate optical metrology systems in flight telescope test environment.
- Complete commissioning, characterization, & stress testing of COCOA, ADMA, & PG.
- Demonstrate COCOA & ADMA ability to align & phase PMSA's and measure PM WFE.
- Demonstrate PG ability to globally align PM. See reference 5.
- Quantify performance of optical metrology systems.
- Confirm/update procedures, software, & analyses.
- Increase test team experience.

Alignment & Phasing of PMSA’s

Successfully aligned & phased PMSA's from 160,000 nm-PV down to 32 nm-PV in piston.

PM WFE Measurement Repeatability

- RMS precision for measured PM WFE of 11 nm-rms.
- Variation of measured segment piston of 7 nm-rms.
- Variation of measured segment tilt of 7 nm-rms.
- All results within error budget allotments.

Measured vs Predicted WFE

Measured WFE of segment A4 compared to prediction from opto-mechanical model, generated using previous cryogenic measurement of A4 and vertical gravity determination from structural model. Alignment aberrations removed, optimized for lateral alignment & scale, and 138-term Zernike fit applied to reduce high-frequency noise.

**ADMA Performance**

- Cross-check of ADMA performance carried out using laser tracker measurements at atmosphere.
- ADMA & laser tracker measurements agreed to 96 um, against requirement of 120 um.
- System repeatability at vacuum well within expected values.
  - PMSA Target 2r repeatability of 2 um
  - COCOA Target 2r repeatability of 23 um
- Successfully demonstrated functionality at vacuum & cryo.

Summary & Conclusions

- Demonstrated that PM center-of-curvature optical metrology system meets all of the test requirements required for the flight telescope test.
- Greatly improved procedures, software, & analyses.
- Test team gained invaluable experience.
- One further Pathfinder test, the Thermal Pathfinder Test, will provide an opportunity for a final check of the hardware, procedures, and data analysis tools.
- The knowledge gained and the lessons learned during the Pathfinder testing will be of great benefit to the accurate & efficient cryogenic testing of the JWST flight telescope.

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