





Performance of the Center-of-Curvature Optical Assembly during Cryogenic Testing of the James Webb Space Telescope

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The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)





- Near & mid IR
- 3-mirror anastigmat
- Orbit around L2
- NASA, ESA, & CSA
- 6.6 m diameter PM
- 18 segments
- Beryllium w/ gold coating
- 6-DOF & ROC each seg
- 32-59 K operational temp





JWST in Chamber A at JSC







Optical Layout for JWST Cryogenic Test





PM Alignment & Measurement

- Photogrammetry (PG) for global positioning.
- Center-of-curvature optical assembly (COCOA) for PM alignment & wavefront error (WFE) measurment.
 - Alignment cameras for initial capture.
 - Multi-wavelength interferometer (MWIF) & reflective null for final alignment & PM WFE measurement.
 - Computer-generated-hologram (CGH) for interferometer/null WFE calibration.
 - Displacement measuring interferometers (DMIs) to monitor axial change during thermal distortion test.
- Fiducial lights around PM for initial alignment.
- Absolute distance meter assembly (ADMA) for axial distance/ROC.



PM Layout for JWST Cryogenic Test







PM Alignment & WFE Measurement Overview



Objectives:

- Align PM Segment Assemblies (PMSAs) into a phased PM, with proper ROC & conic constant, and align phased PM globally to fixed Aft Optical System (AOS).
- Measure phased PM WFE, ROC, conic constant, & collecting area in 1g test environment.
- Realign & measure WFE as required to support other testing, such as PM Thermal Distortion Figure Drift Tests and Pass-and-a-Half testing.

Phased PM measurement results used to:

- Compare measured 1g PM WFE to prediction.
- Estimate 0g PM WFE.
- Check measured 1g PM ROC & conic constant deltas from nominal to expected uncertainties.
- Determine PM collecting area and compare to prediction.



The Center-of-Curvature Optical Assembly







PM Alignment Sequence

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- **1**. Align outer PMSAs to AOS using PM.
 - Only outer PMSAs capable of holding PG targets.
- 2. Align COCOA to outer PMSAs.
- **3.** Align PMSAs in tilt using Coarse Alignment Subsystem.
 - To within range of Fine Alignment Subsystem.
- 4. Align PMSAs in tilt using Fine Alignment Subsystem.
 - To within range of interferometer (i.e. get fringes).
- 5. Align & phase PMSAs using Multi-Wavelength . Interferometer.
 - Correct PMSA piston errors progressively via step-down process through incremental "synthetic wavelengths" from 15 mm to 17 um.
 - Align PMSAs in tilt, radial decenter, clocking, & ROC to minimize total PM WFE.
 - Adjust COCOA in decenter to minimize PM tilt and pointing to minimize PM coma. Maintain axial distance with ADMA.

6. Iterate as required.









PMSA Alignment Results





Excellent final PMSA alignment & phasing results:

- Piston: 118 nm-PV (34 nm-RMS), meeting requirement of ≤150 nm-PV
- Tilt: ≤83 nrad
- Decenter: ≤816 um
- Clocking: ≤683 urad
- Power/ROC: ≤10 nm-PV

Good PM WFE convergence:







PM global alignment results from PG after final PMSA alignment & phasing:

	Measured	Tolerance
Piston (mm)	-0.016	±0.084
Decenter (mm)	0.451	±0.030
Clocking (mrad)	-0.036	±0.697
Tilt (mrad)	0.065	±0.079

 During alignment of PMSAs using COCOA, PM was inadvertently misaligned in global decenter.

- Cause determined to be error in settings within code used for calculations of PMSA & COCOA alignment moves from measured PM WFE.
- Error led to incorrect COCOA pointing, resulting in global decenter of PMSAs/PM to realign to COCOA.
- Could have corrected misalignment. But team determined that alignment was acceptable, since amount of misalignment was known.
- And ability to globally align PM to within all tolerances demonstrated during late cool-down.



Final PM WFE Measurement Results







- Excellent PM WFE achieved, with low segment-level astigmatism.
- 183 nm-rms achieved close to theoretical minimum of 158 nm-rms.
- Unusual, uncorrectable deformation noticed on PMSA at far right.
 - Determined to be from hang-up of PMSA PG target on edge closeout not flight issue.





- PM ROC & conic results both met requirements.
- See Poster 10698-136, "Setting the James Webb Space Telescope primary mirror radius-of-curvature and conic constant during cryogenic testing", by Joseph Cosentino for further details.

Parameter	Measured Value	Delta from Nominal	Estimated Uncertainty	Required Uncertainty
ROC (mm)	15,879.209	-0.013	±0.350	±0.400
Conic	-0.996692	-32 ppm	±21 ppm	±200 ppm

- Predicted PM collecting area, as viewed from center-of-curvature, was 25.054 m² with an uncertainty of +4.3% / -4.2%.
- Measured area of 25.411 m² matched predicted area to 1.4%, well within prediction uncertainty and below measurement uncertainty requirement of ≤5%.



Measured-minus-Predicted PM 1g WFE







Result of 25.8 nm-rms within estimated prediction/measurement/registration uncertainty of 26 nm-rms. One PMSA not shown due to deformation discussed above.



Estimated vs Predicted Og PM WFE



Estimate

37 nm-rms

Prediction 39 nm-rms



Prediction from 0g WFE of each PMSA from cryogenic acceptance testing. Estimate from removal of 1g deformations from JWST cryogenic test measurement. Excellent visual & magnitude correlation.



Summary & Conclusions



All test objectives accomplished.

- Aligned PMSAs into phased PM, with proper ROC & conic constant.
- Measured phased PM WFE, ROC, conic constant, & collecting area.
- Aligned PM globally to AOS.
- Aligned PM sufficiently for all other testing.

All test requirements met.

- Measured 1g PM WFE matched prediction to within tolerance.
- Estimated 0g PM WFE, with excellent correlation to prediction.
- Measured PM ROC & conic constant within required uncertainties.
- Measured PM collecting area matched prediction to within tolerance.