



Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (STEREO) Pre-Phase-A Requirements Review



Guidance and Control

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G&C Requirements—Design Drivers

- Spacecraft pointing—(3σ)

Roll	Pitch/Yaw
– Knowledge: ± 20 arcsec	± 0.1 arcsec
– Control: $\pm 0.1^\circ$	± 20 arcsec
– Jitter: 30 arcsec RMS	1.5 arcsec (0.1 to TBD Hz) (with SCIP error signal, which is ± 0.1 arcsec)
- Jitter is challenge
- Need high control bandwidth =>
 - High wheel torque
 - Fast sampling rate
 - Minimize disturbances
 - Modern control techniques



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G&C Requirements—Other

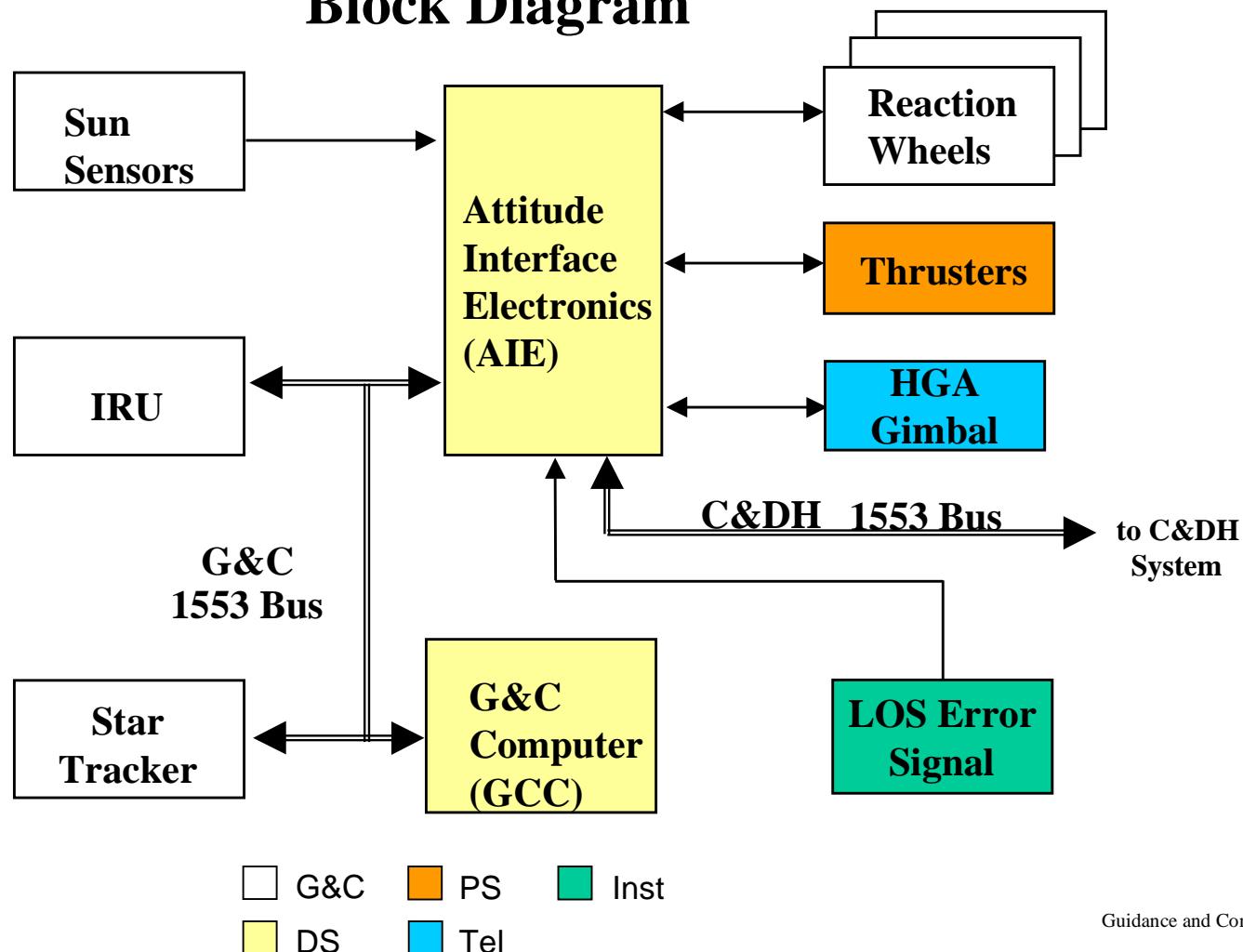
- Point LOS within 5 arcmin of Sun for SCIP acquisition
 - Requires good coalignment
- Nominal HGA pointing to 0.1° ; maintain HGA pointing during thrusting; complete autonomous thruster firings within 300 seconds
 - Sets gimbal step frequency
 - Need small impulse bit and small Δt
 - In-flight HGA alignment cal – TBD
 - On-board ephemeris for HGA pointing vectors
- Momentum storage capacity > 4 days in operational mode
 - Sizes wheel momentum
- Return from any attitude in < 12 minutes
 - Thruster attitude control – TBD
 - May size wheel torque
- Solar pressure momentum bias within Sun-angle limit



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STEREO Guidance & Control System Block Diagram





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Baseline G&C Equipment

Item	Heritage	Performance
IMU	NEAR	HRG, $0.01^\circ/\text{hr}^{1/2}$
Star tracker	TIMED	3 arcsec, 7.5 Mv stars
Reaction Wheels	NEAR	Torque: 0.025 Nm Momentum: 4 Nms
Sun Sensors	NEAR	0.5° quantization 0.25° accuracy
AIE	TIMED	
G&C Computer	TIMED	



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Inertial Reference Unit (IRU)

- Supplier: Delco Electronics
- Gyros:
 - Delco 130Y Hemispherical Resonator Gyros (HRG)
 - Rate bias stability $< 0.001^\circ/\text{hr}$, over 16 hr
 - ARW $< 0.01^\circ/\text{hr}^{1/2}$
- Redundancy:
 - NEAR: redundant CPU, power; four gyros
 - Cassini: single-string
- Projected P_S (system function) = 0.9996 for mission life
 - (four gyro IRU)



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Reaction Wheel Assembly (RWA)

- Supplier: Ithaco, Inc. (Type A)
- Characteristics:
 - Brushless DC motor
 - Bipolar tachometer
 - Separate electronics, stacked to save weight and space
- Performance:
 - Angular Momentum: 4 Nms (@ 5100 RPM)
 - Torque: 0.025 Nm (*higher torque possible*)
 - Unbalance:

static	< 1.5 gm cm
dynamic	< 40 gm cm ²
 - Torque noise PSD: $1 \times 10^{-11} (\text{Nm})^2/\text{Hz}$, 0.1 to 1 Hz
 - Continuous operating life: > 4 years



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Sun Sensors

- Supplier: Adcole
- Digital Solar Attitude Detector (DSAD) system
 - Five detector heads, each measures 2-axis Sun vector in $\pm 64^\circ$ FOV
- Accuracy:
 - 0.5° quantization
 - 0.25° bit transition-angle accuracy
- Flight proven, many times

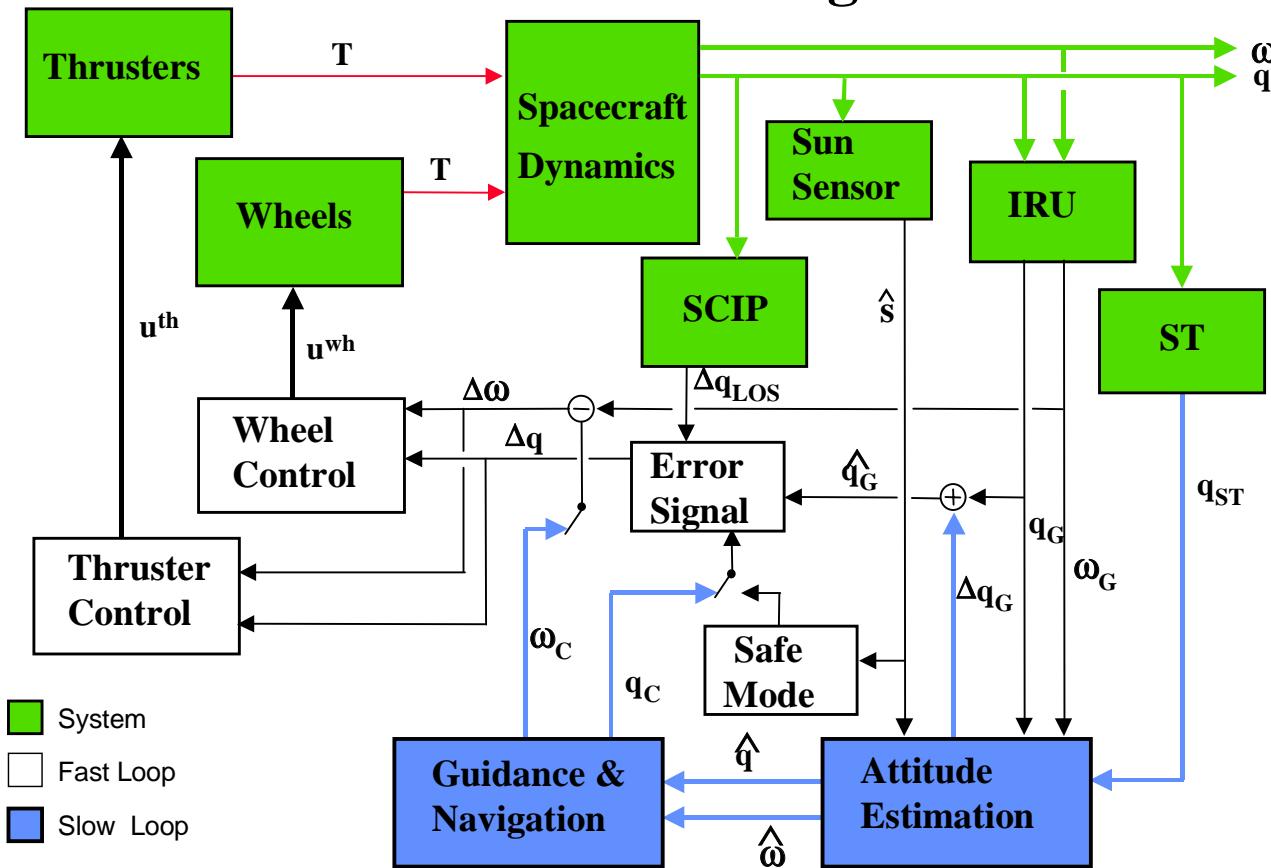


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Functional Block Diagram

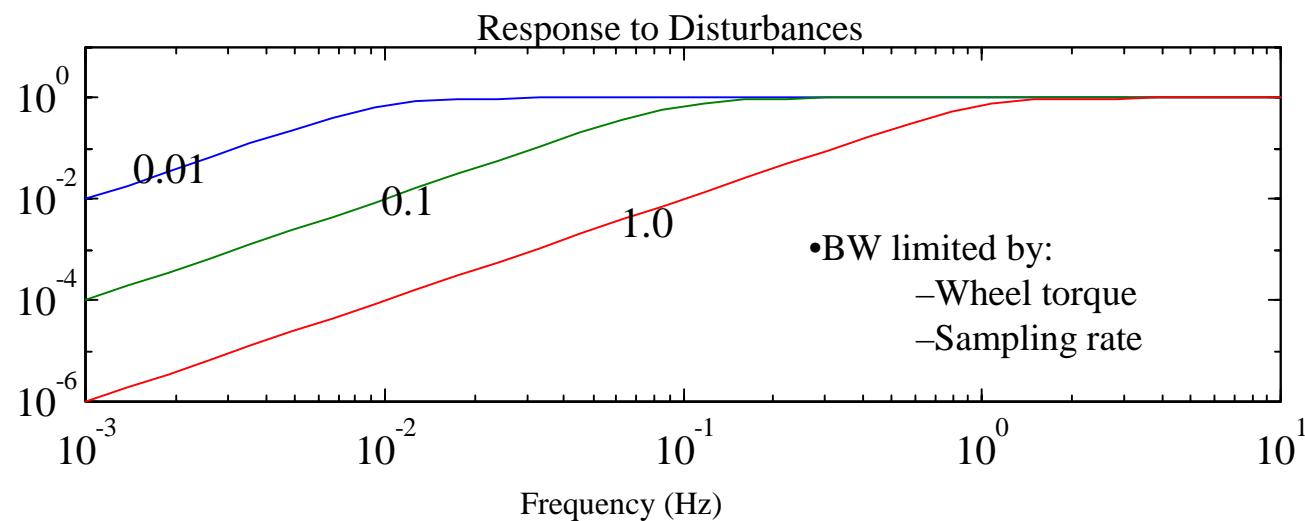
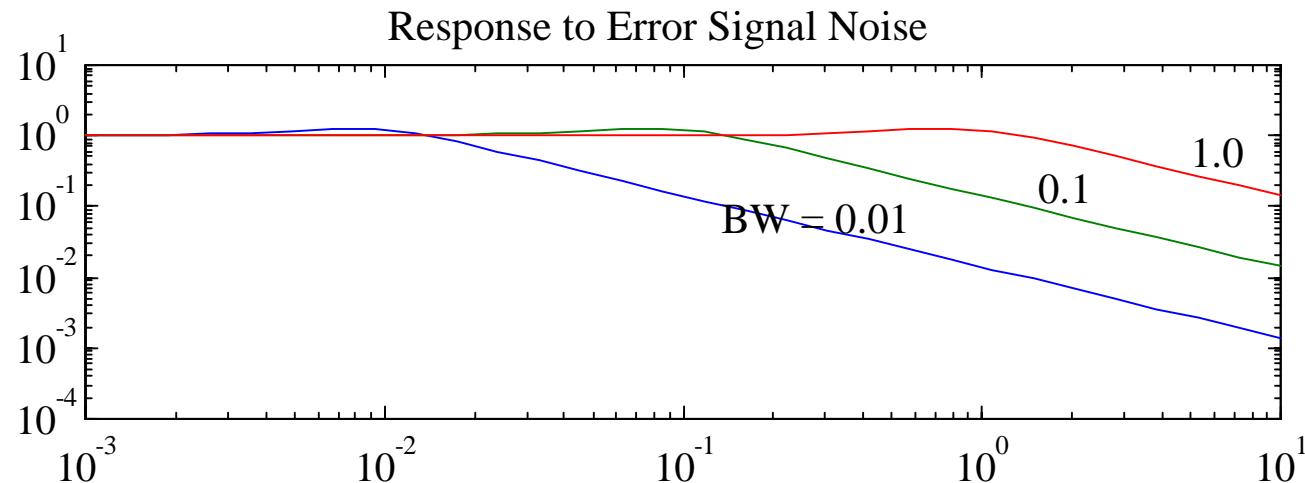




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Control Bandwidth (BW) Effects)





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Star Tracker

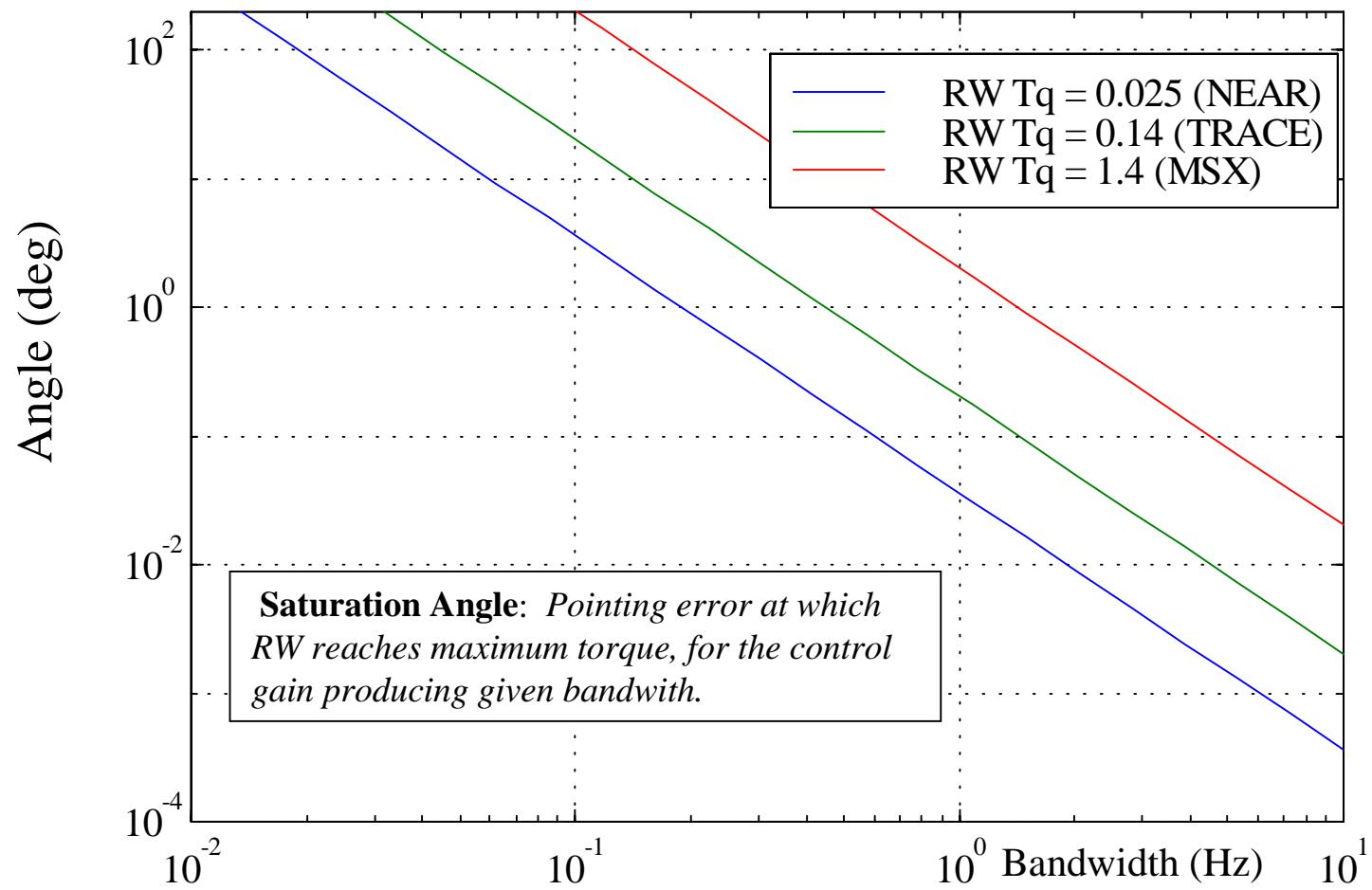
- Supplier: Lockheed Martin
- Accuracy:
 - 3 arcsec P/Y; 32 arcsec R (1σ)
 - 7.5 Mv stars
 - 8.8° square FOV
- Quaternion output
 - Autonomous star ID within ~ 2 sec
 - 5 Hz update, 1553 interface
- Flown on DS1, P59; to fly on TIMED, EO1, MAP, IMAGE, ...



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RW Saturation Angle (deg) vs. Control Bandwidth





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Redundancy Considerations

- Four Wheels
 - Full capability if any one fails
 - Enable wheel speed control to avoid troublesome frequencies
- Four Gyros
 - Full capability if any one fails
 - Lower noise if all four used
- Fine Sun Sensor
 - In addition to, or in place of, coarse DSADs
 - Enable mission pointing without LOS error signal
- ST gives some backup to LOS error signal



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Momentum Bias Mode

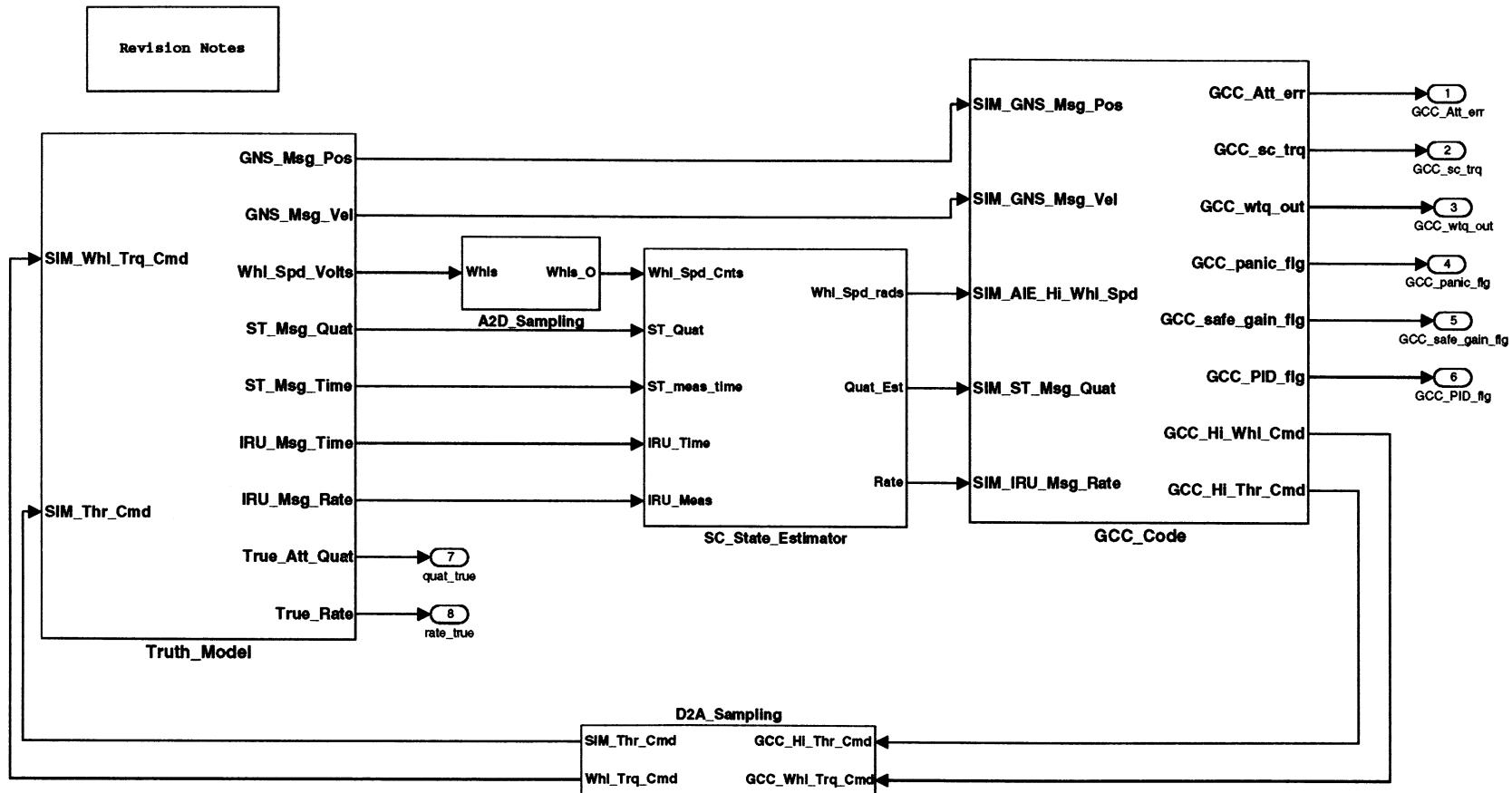
- Possible for safe mode, or if y or z wheel fails–
 - x wheel runs at large fraction of its max speed
 - Other wheel(s) used to damp nutation
 - Precession by thruster firings
- Degraded pointing accuracy –
 - Stability dominated by nutation
 - Accuracy limited by momentum precession
- Fuel for angular momentum precession:
 - About 150 mgm/day for $1^\circ/\text{day}$ precession ($H=4 \text{ Nms}$, $Isp=65 \text{ s}$)
- If x wheel fails –
 - y and z RW control still possible
 - Two-sided thruster limit cycle for x



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Top Level STEREO



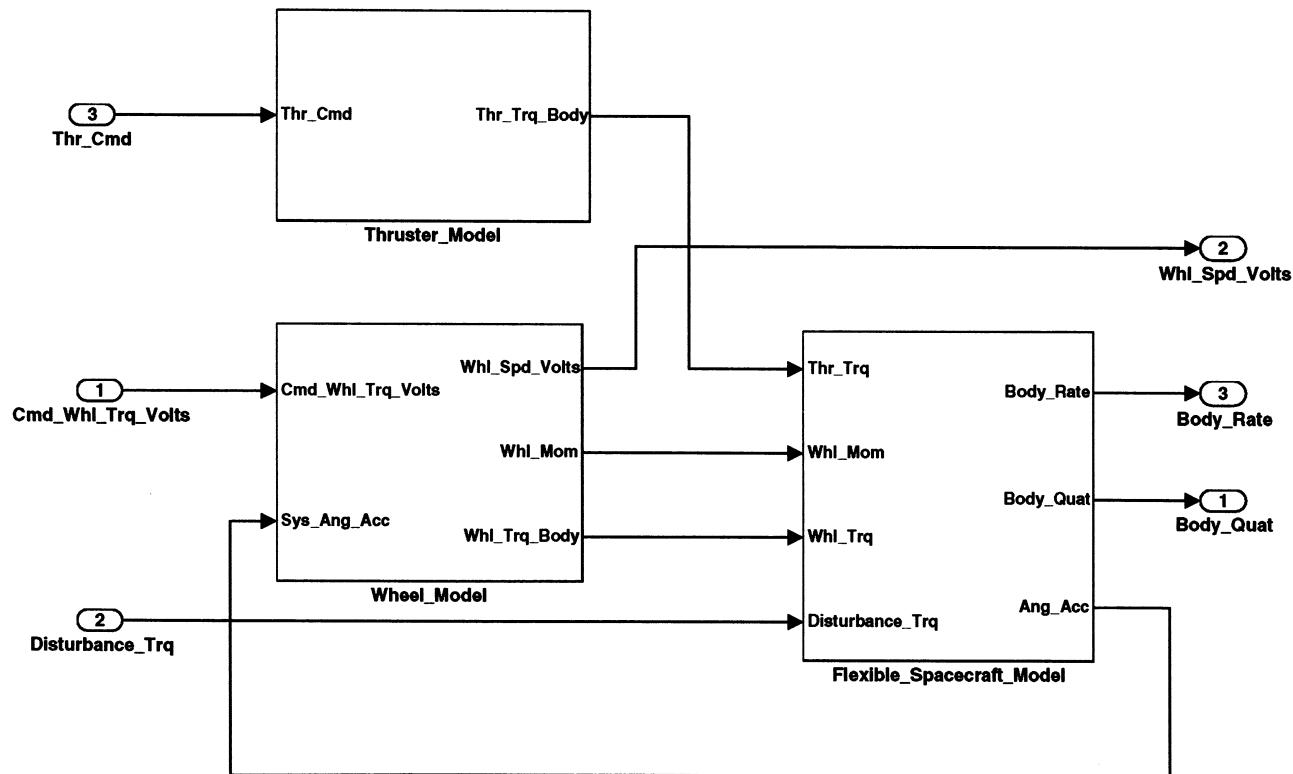


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Preliminary STEREO Dynamics

Dynamics





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Flexible Spacecraft Dynamics

$$I\ddot{\theta} + M_I \dot{\xi} = N - \dot{h} - \dot{\theta} \times (I\dot{\theta} + h + M_I \dot{\xi})$$
$$\ddot{\xi} + D\xi + \Lambda\xi + M_I^T \ddot{\theta} = 0$$

where ξ -- modal coordinates of flexible structures;

M_I -- interaction matrix between flexible structures and rigid spacecraft body

$M_I \dot{\xi}$ -- total momentum from flexible structures;

$M_I \ddot{\xi}$ -- total acceleration from flexible structures;

$D = 2k \cdot \text{diag}\{\omega_{f1}, \dots, \omega_{fN}\}$ -- natural damping matrix of flexible structure;

$\Lambda = \text{diag}\{\omega_{f1}^2, \dots, \omega_{fN}^2\}$ -- stiffness matrix of flexible structure.

Assumptions:

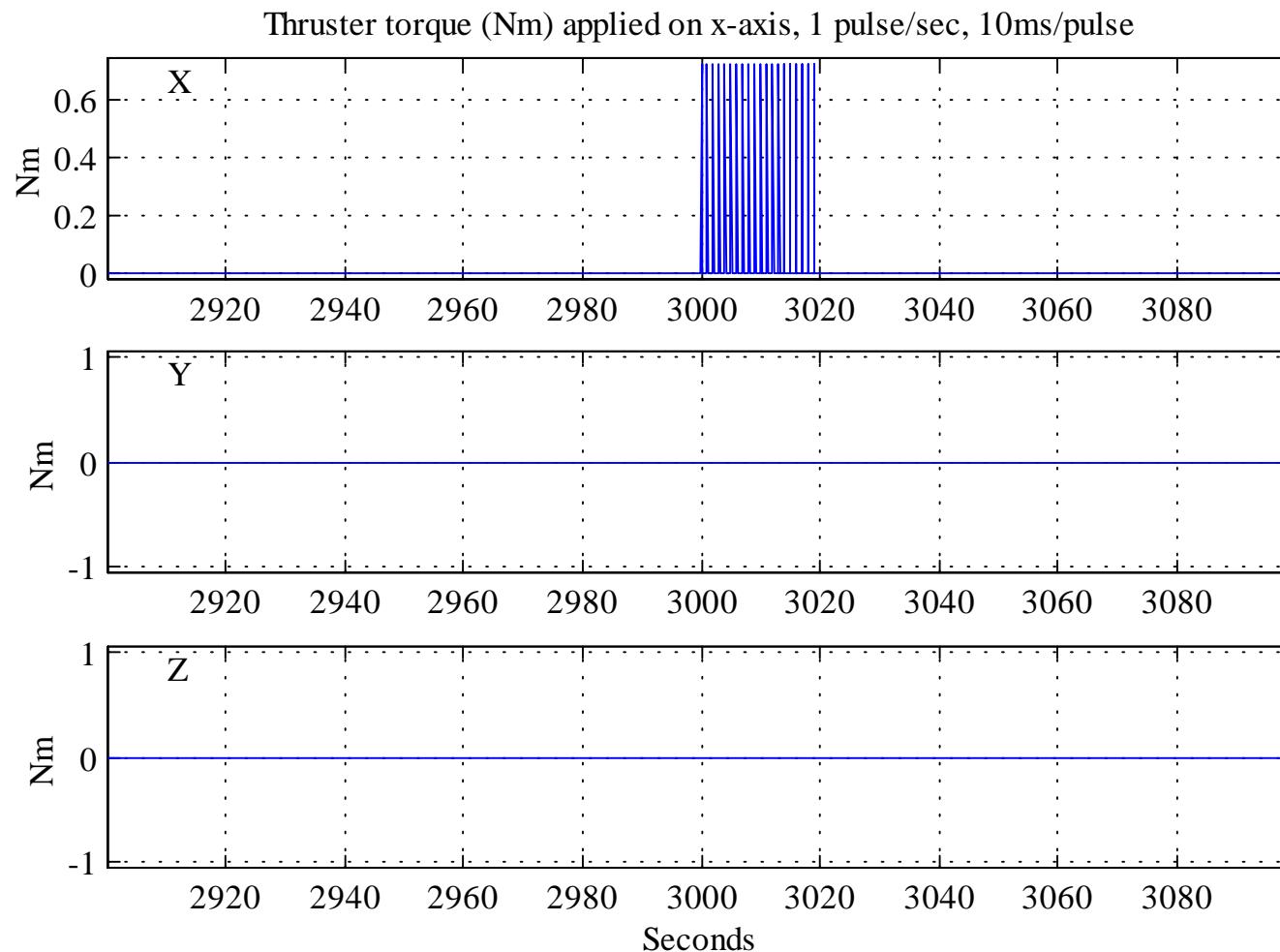
- Uniformly distributed beam like structure
- Normalized modal model, with lowest frequency $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3EI}{(M + 0.243\rho l)l^3}} \text{Hz}$, and
 $f_i = i \cdot f_0, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$, based on preliminary structure parameters.
- Simplified interaction matrix, based on preliminary geometry of flexible structures
- Uncoupled flexible structure models
- No external force on flexible structures



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Thruster Torque, Flexible Simulation

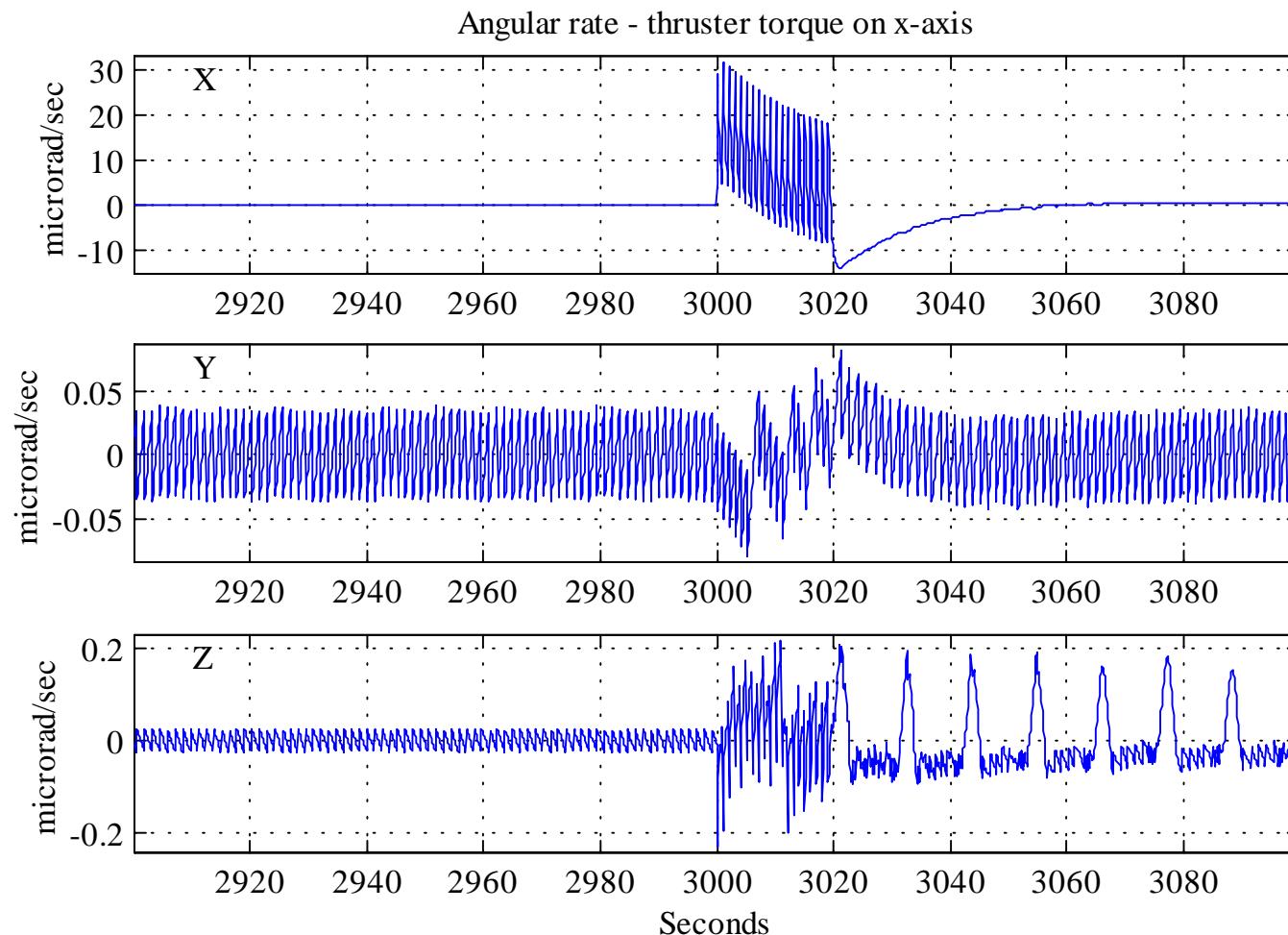




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Angular Rate, Flexible Simulation

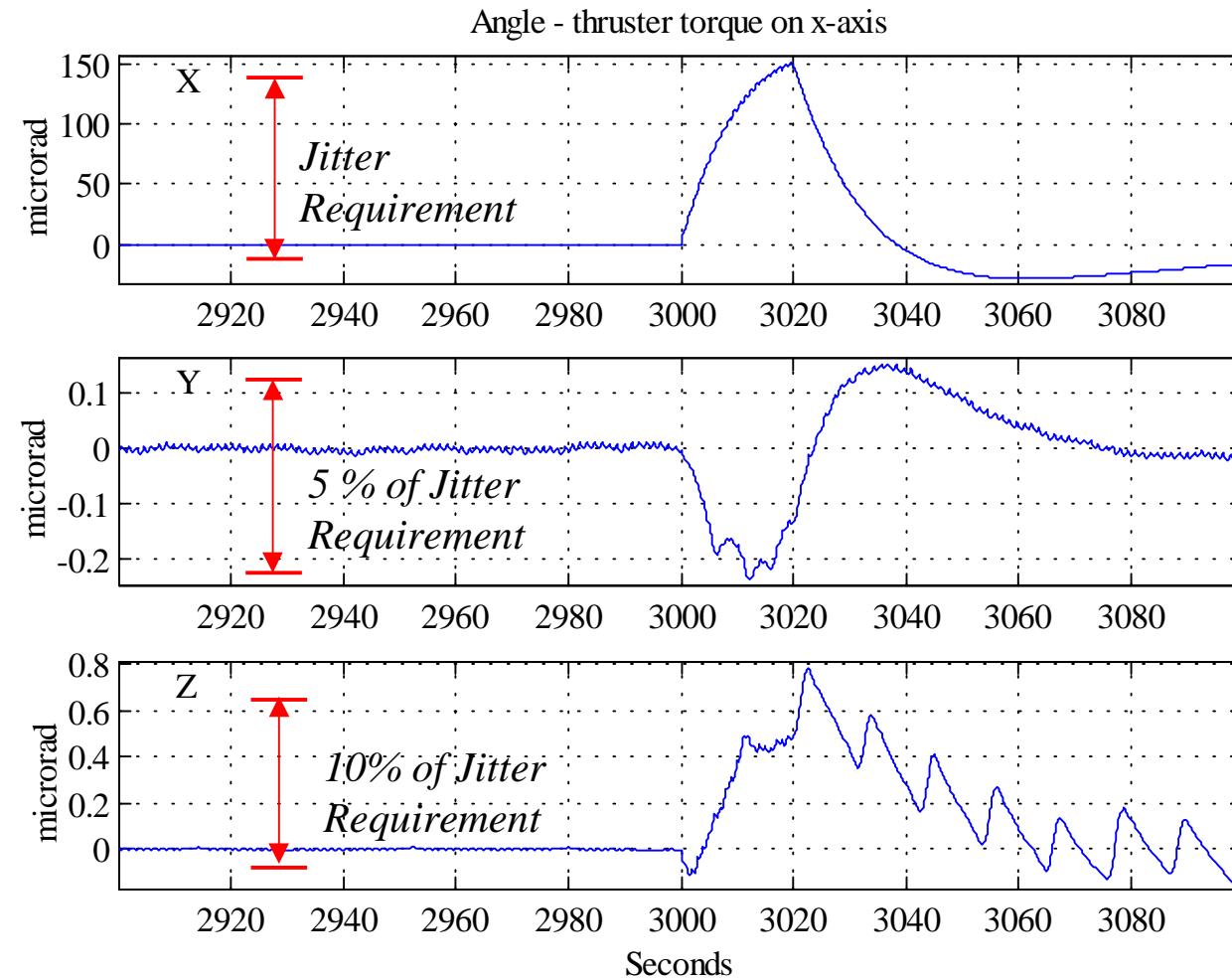




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Pointing Error, Flexible Simulation

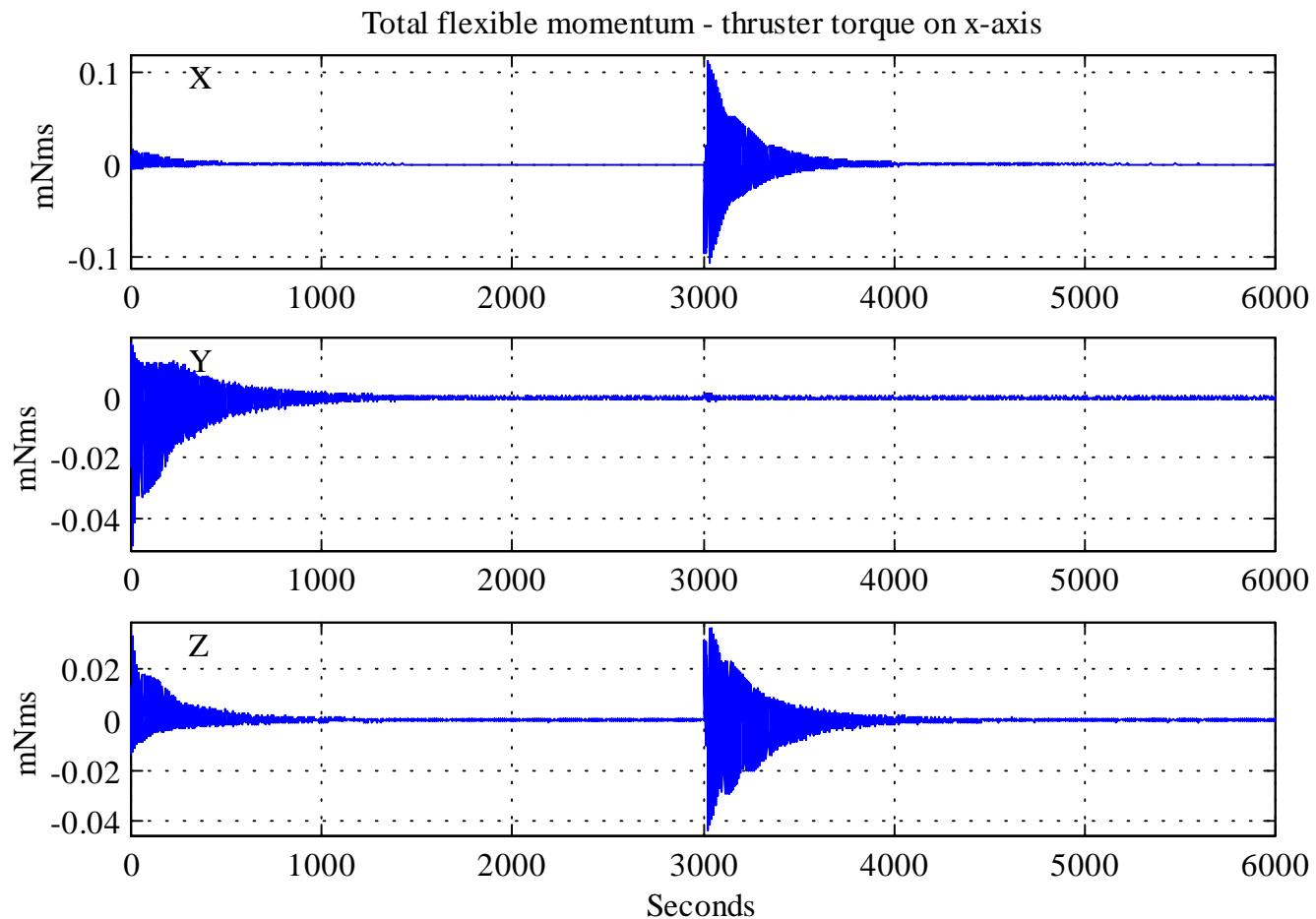




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Angular Momentum in Flexible Modes





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Linear Acceleration, Flexible Modes

