

Landsat 5 Decommission Plan Overview to LST

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Objectives of Landsat 5 Decommission

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 - ◆ Safely lower the spacecraft to a disposal orbit which
 - Removes it as a credible threat to the 705 EOS Fleet
 - Minimizes the time to re-enter the atmospheric
 - ◆ Render all sources of energy onboard either depleted or incapacitated to the extent allowed by the spacecraft design
 - All kinetic energy sources disabled
 - All chemical energy sources (hydrazine) exhausted
 - All electrical systems disabled or incapacitated to the maximum extent

Basis for L5 Decommission Objectives

- **Given the mission's current status, USGS directed the L5 FOT to decommission the satellite**
 - ◆ The failure of IRU redundancy has created an unacceptable risk
- **The FOT follows applicable guidelines from:**
 - ◆ the *National Space Policy of the United States* and
 - ◆ the *U.S. Government Orbital Debris Mitigation Standard Practices*
- **From the National Space Policy:**

Preserve the Space Environment. For the purposes of minimizing debris and preserving the space environment for the responsible, peaceful, and safe use of all users, the United States shall:

 - Continue to **follow the United States Government Orbital Debris Mitigation Standard Practices**, consistent with mission requirements and cost effectiveness, in the procurement and operation of spacecraft, ... in space;
 - Require the **head of the sponsoring department or agency to approve exceptions** to the United States Government Orbital Debris Mitigation Standard Practices **and notify the Secretary of State**

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- From the *U.S. Government Orbital Debris Mitigation Standards*:

4. *Post Mission Disposal of Space Structures*

- 4.1.a) Atmospheric reentry option: Leave the structure in an orbit in which, using conservative projections for solar activity, atmospheric drag will limit the lifetime to **no longer than 25 years** after completion of mission. ...If a space structure is to be disposed of by reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, the risk of human **casualty will be less than 1 in 10,000**.

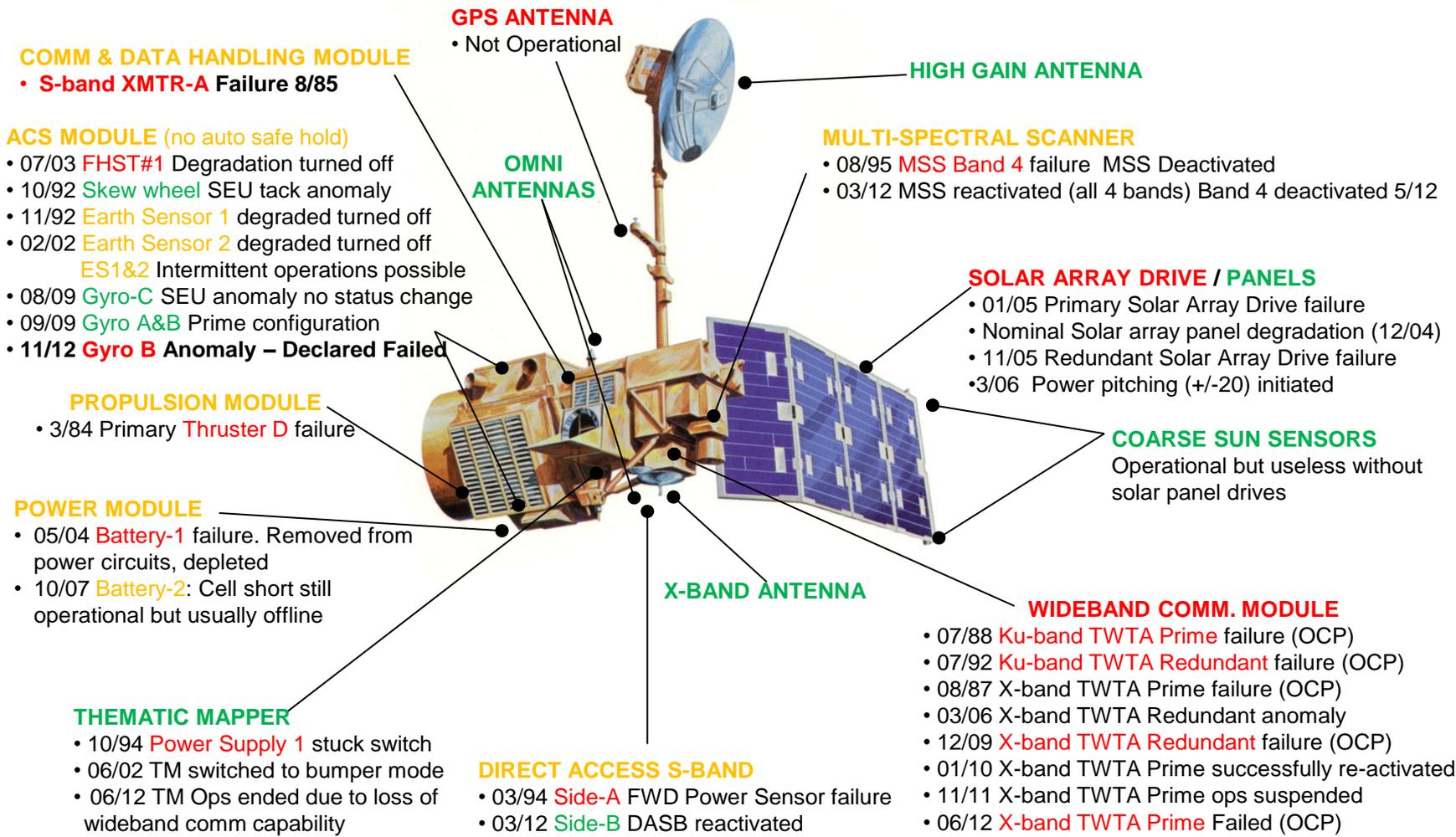
Because of fuel gauging uncertainties near the end of mission, a program should use a maneuver strategy that **reduces the risk of leaving the structure near an operational orbit regime**.

2. *Minimizing Debris Generated by Accidental Explosions*

- 2.2) Limiting the risk to other space systems from accidental explosions after completion of mission operations: **All on-board sources of stored energy** of a spacecraft or upper stage **should be depleted or safed** when they are no longer required for mission operations or **post mission disposal**. Depletion should occur as soon as such an operation does not pose an unacceptable risk to the payload...

Landsat 5 Flight Segment Status

(AFTER NEARLY 3 DECADES OF CONTINUOUS OPERATION)



Basis for Plan Development

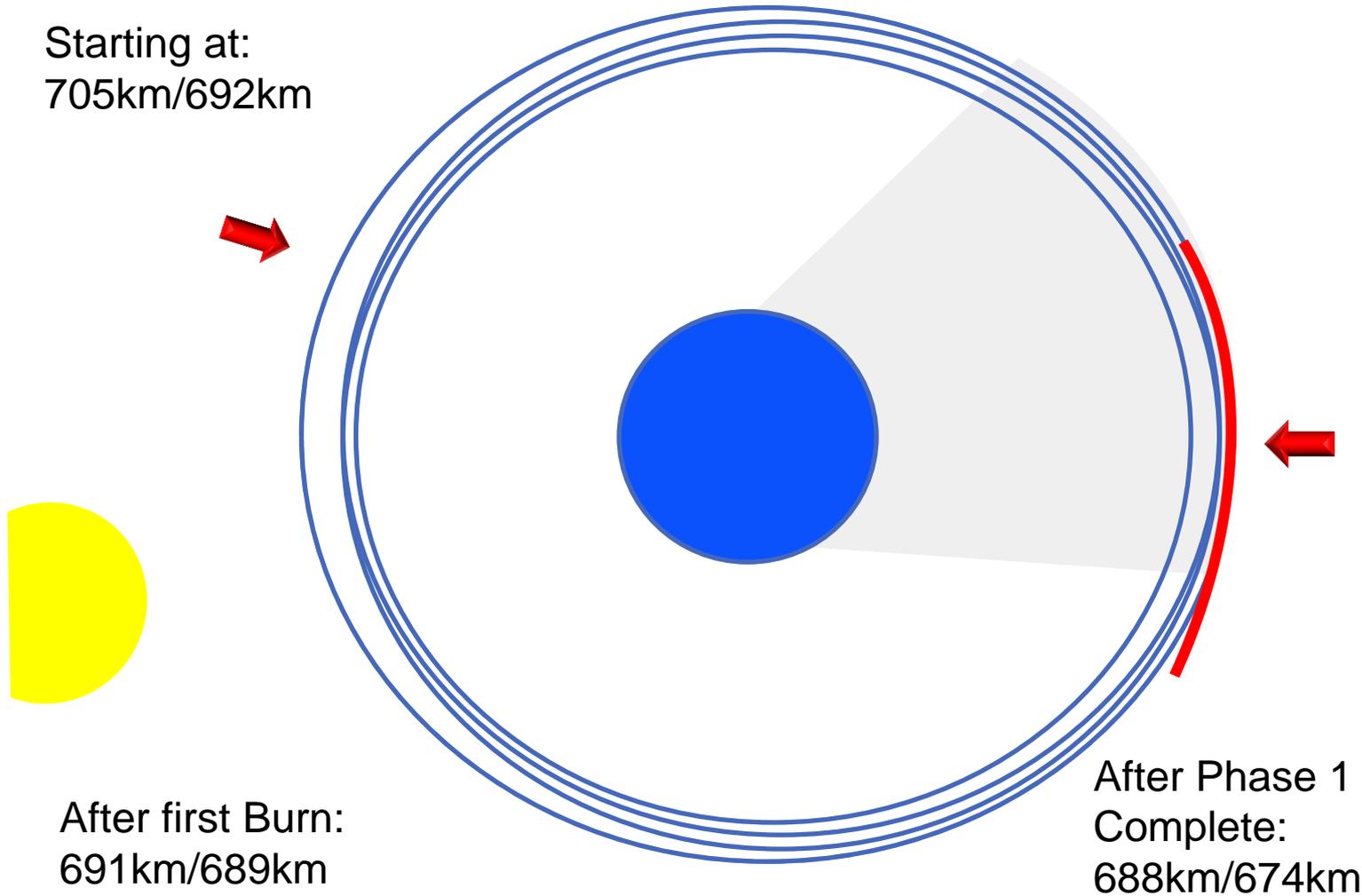
- **Development Philosophy for Satellite Decommissioning Plan**
 - ◆ Reuse of lessons learned from L4 and UARS decommissioning
 - ◆ Use SOP wherever possible
 - Maneuver planning and execution
 - Flight Dynamics (FD) products
 - Contingency responses
 - ◆ Multi-level reviews for new processes and analysis
 - Numerous in-house reviews
 - Reviews with L5/MMS Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
 - External Engineering Peer Review
- **The FOT has developed a four-phase plan to accomplish the decommissioning of Landsat 5**
 - ◆ Phase 1: Remove L5 as a credible threat to the 705 EOS Fleet
 - ◆ Phase 2: Lower the L5 orbit perigee to minimize the time to reentry
 - ◆ Phase 3: Render the Spacecraft Passive
 - ◆ Phase 4: Closeout the Landsat 5 Mission Operations Center (MOC)

Phase 1: Scheduling and Execution of Initial Orbit-Lowering Maneuvers

- The first two maneuvers were intended to essentially remove Landsat 5 as a credible threat to the *705 EOS Fleet*
- After receiving AtP, the FOT began the planning and scheduling of the maneuver
 - ◆ 3-4 weeks out:
 - Model burn sequence
 - Schedule TDRS and GN contacts
 - ◆ 1-2 weeks out:
 - Begin collision analysis risk assessment (CARA) screening process
 - Hold FOT script reviews and rehearsals
 - ◆ 1 week out:
 - Implement decommission maneuver spacecraft configuration
 - May run no-burn attitude slew to verify scripts and power model
- **Execute initial orbit lowering maneuvers**
 - ◆ Two 21-minute burns targeted to lower SMA by 17.5km

Phase 1 Maneuvers

Starting at:
705km/692km



After first Burn:
691km/689km

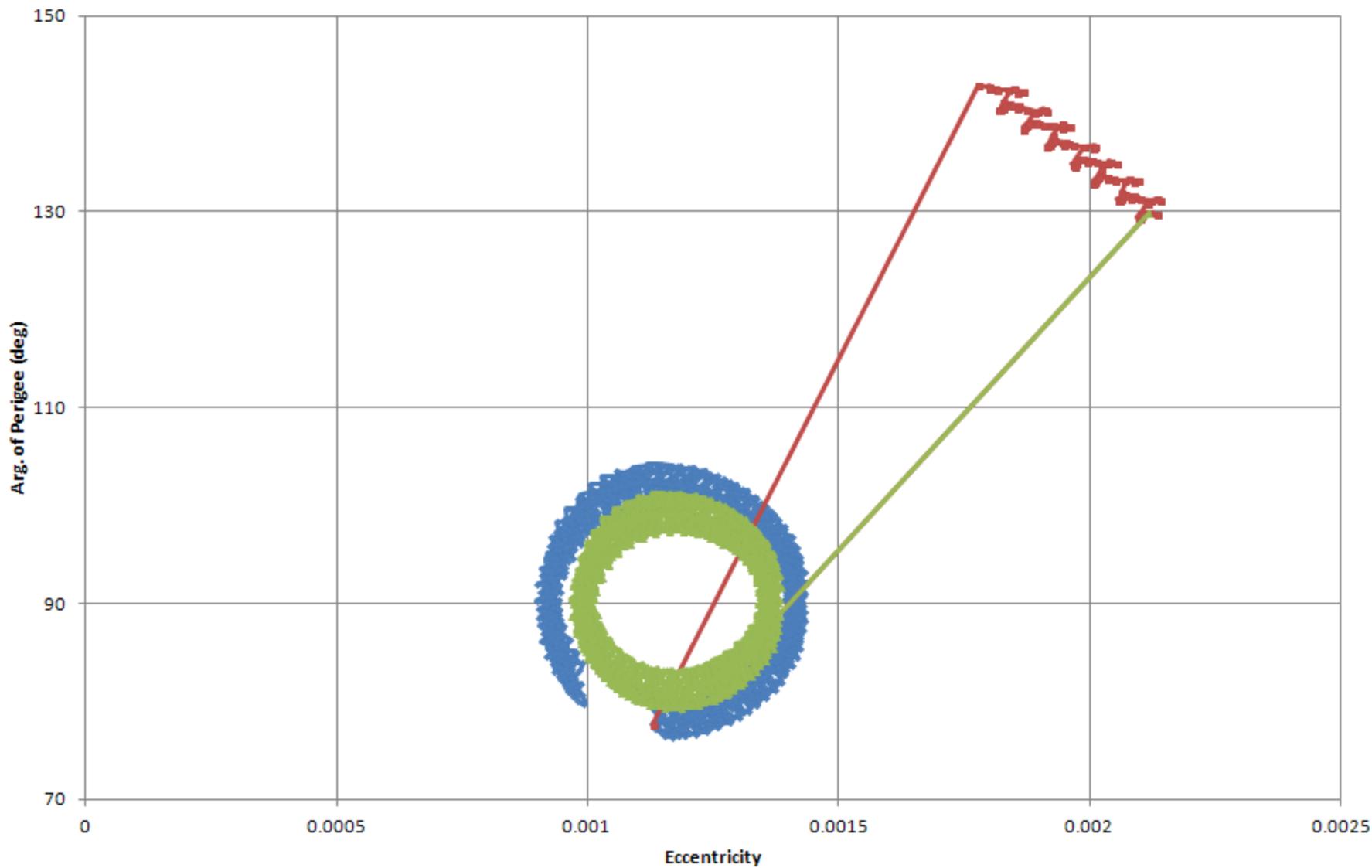
After Phase 1
Complete:
688km/674km

Phase 1 Flight Dynamics Analysis

	Apogee Height*(km)	Perigee Height*(km)	SMA (km)	Delta-V (m/sec)
	707	691	7077.5	
Burn #1	699	675	7065.6	6.28 (4.635)
Burn #2	685	668	7054.6	5.866 (4.561)

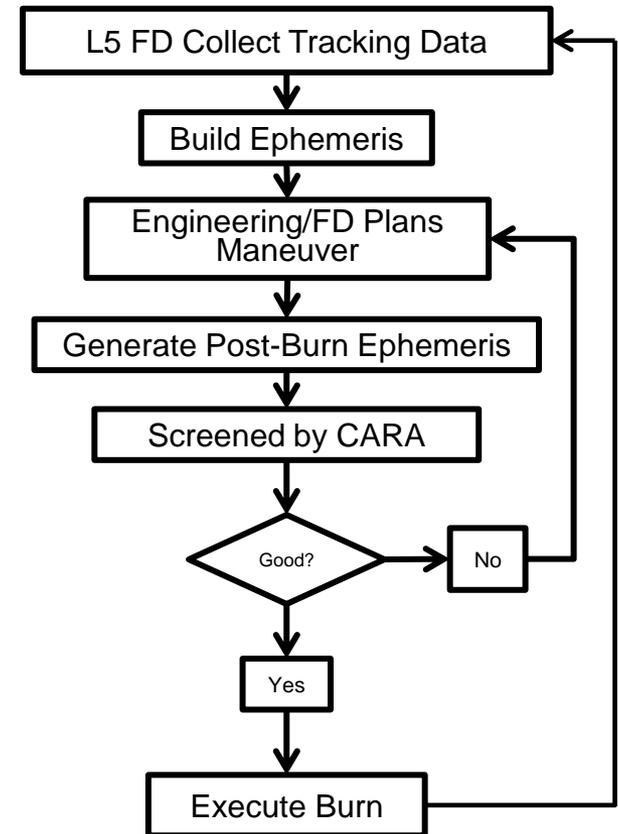
Landsat-5 De-orbit Orbit Frozenness

— Before De-orbit — Post Burn #1 — Post Burn #2



Phase 2 Maneuver Procedure

- As the argument of perigee will now be in constant motion, the orbit angle of each burn will vary
- The procedure will be:
 - ◆ L5 FD collects tracking data and builds a predicted ephemeris product
 - ◆ FD and Ops Engineering create a maneuver plan
 - Maneuver duration is determined by Engineering based on past thruster performance
 - Maneuver location is determined by FD
 - ◆ FD builds a predicted post-burn ephemeris product and delivers it to CARA for screening
 - ◆ Burn is executed
- This will be repeated until remaining fuel/pressurant is exhausted
 - ◆ Latch valves will remain open through end of mission

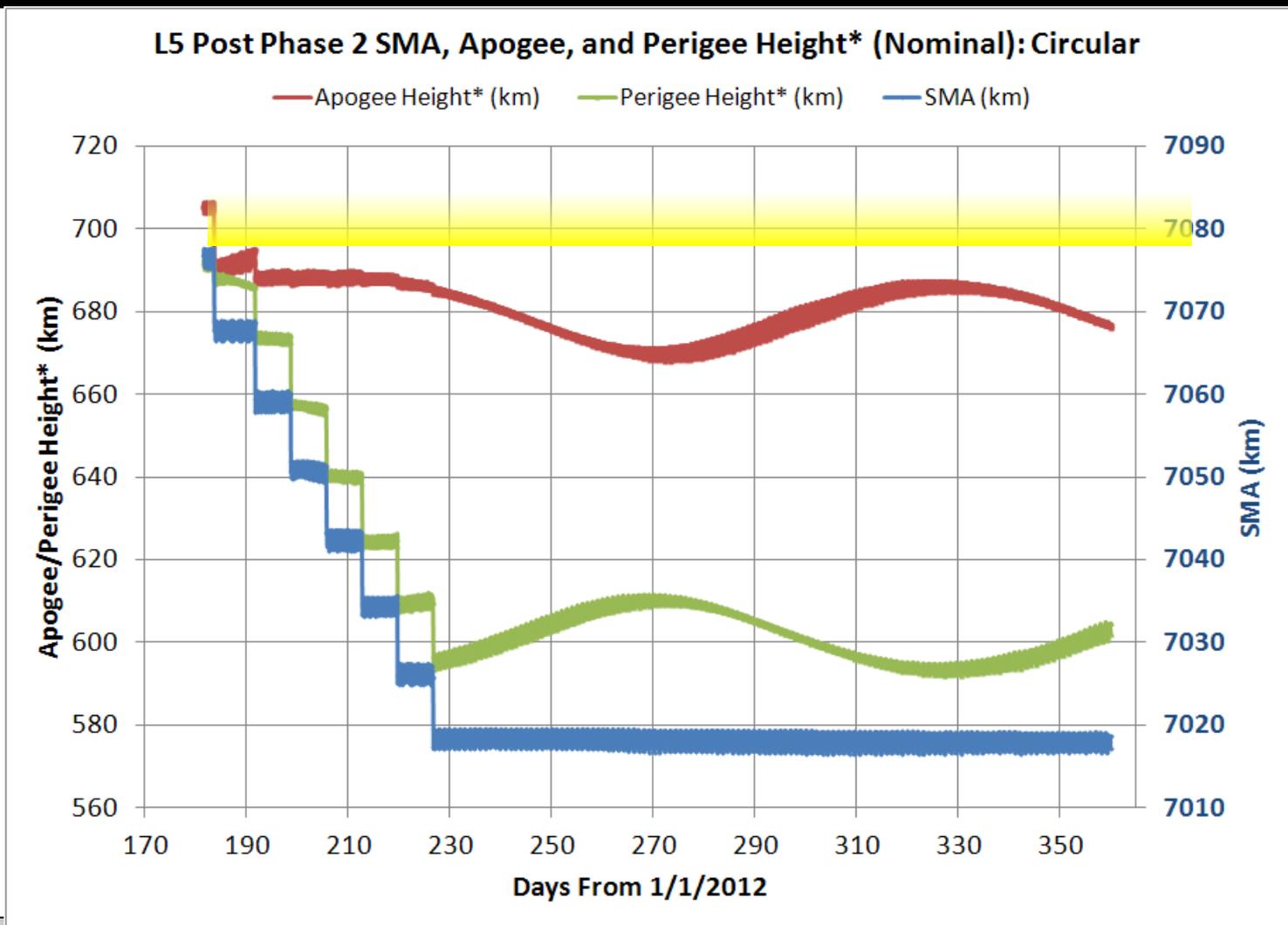


Phase 1&2 Flight Dynamics Analysis

	Apogee Height*(km)	Perigee Height*(km)	SMA (km)	Delta-V (m/sec)
	705	692	7077.65	
Burn #1	691	689	7069	4.64
Burn #2	688	673	7060	4.56
Burn #3	688	657	7052	4.49
Burn #4	688	640	7044	4.43
Burn #5	688	623	7035	4.36
Burn #6	687	608	7027	4.31
Burn #7	685	597	7019	4.25
Total ΔV				31.04

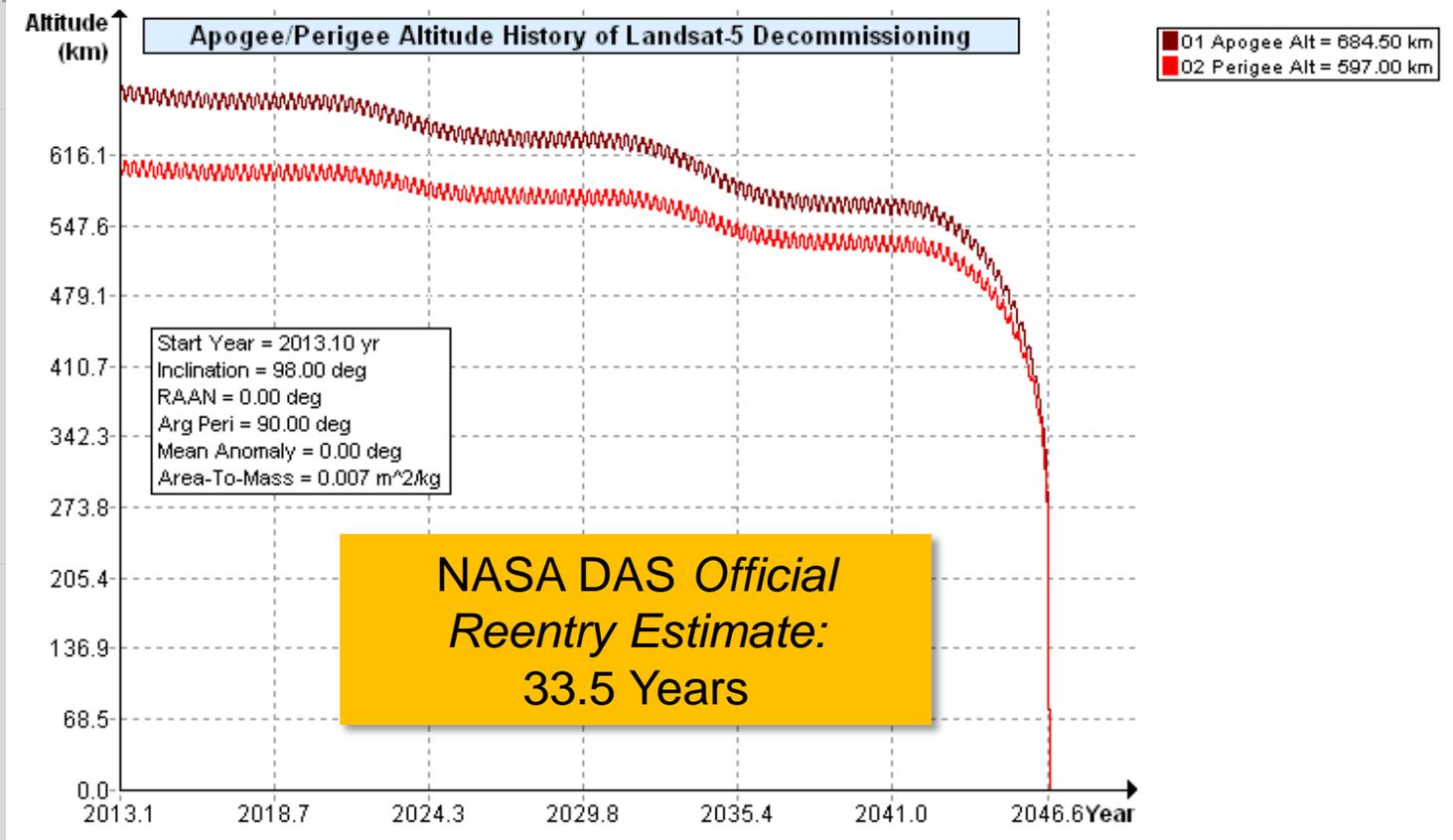
Note: This table contains notional burns meant to represent the total ΔV expected

Phase 2 Flight Dynamics Analysis



Disposal Orbit

- Given 31.05 m/sec of remaining delta-V, the resulting disposal orbit of Landsat 5 will be 696km/587km



Lifetime +0 sigma (years)	79.2	82.9
Lifetime +2 sigma (years)	47.6	48.6

Phase 3: Passivation of Landsat 5

- **Primary Objectives:**

- ◆ Comply with U.S. Government Orbital Debris Mitigation Standard Practices by depleting and disabling all sources of onboard energy
 - Chemical: Hydrazine
 - Electrical: Batteries, RF sources
 - Kinetic: Reaction Control Wheels, Gyros, Payloads
- ◆ Identify those systems that cannot be disabled and devise a methodology to minimize the risk of reactivation.

- **After completion of orbit lowering maneuvers, the FOT will complete the decommissioning process by:**

- ◆ Disabling all sources of stored energy
 - 1 battery must remain online (hardware constraint)
- ◆ Maximizing “potential load” demand on the spacecraft bus
- ◆ Configuring the spacecraft to minimize the possibility/opportunity to capture and store energy
- ◆ Hubble flight software’s (FSW) ability to save the spacecraft
- ◆ Shutting down the spacecraft transmitter
 - It isn’t possible to disable Landsat 5’s receivers

Phase 4: Decommission of Landsat 5 MOC

- **The FOT will**

- ◆ Complete a report on the Landsat 5 decommission process and final status
- ◆ Identify equipment/software/data of historical value and transfer those items to either another USGS mission or the EROS Center in Sioux Falls
- ◆ Identify equipment and software of utility to other USGS missions and transfer those items as appropriate
- ◆ Coordinate excess of remaining equipment
 - Anyone need a microVAX?
- ◆ Discontinue any contracted h/w s/w support
- ◆ Discontinue any contracted L5 Flight Operations Team support