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**FMECA change notes for v2.0**

| ID | Change requested at                   | Note   | Change Action  |
|----|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1  | DDR, FMECA review                     | Although the necessary information is available in the sheets it is recommended that the same terminology is used by all contractors for the separate columns in order to ease the review of the analysis and avoid misunderstandings. In column "d" it should be made clear which are the local and end effects, for instance by using bullets for all cases. If there is only a local effect and no end effect, it should be clearly stated that the end effect is "none". See the template distributed earlier.   | Done. Also brought into line with ECSS-Q-30-02A 7.Sep.01   |
| 2  | DDR, FMECA review                     | RDB-7A/8A/9A failure modes 7-11 have not been filled out.  | Done   |
| 3  | DDR, FMECA review                     | The short circuit case for the DRCU should be carefully considered concerning propagation to the DPU. Propagation of shorts between separate boards and the internal protection should also be considered.   | Not done at BSM level - an MCU issue   |
| 4  | DDR, FMECA review                     | Some of the prevention or compensation methods as stated in column g are not really prevention methods. This column considers means that should be taken in order to compensate for a failure when the failure occurs, in order to minimize or neutralize the effect of the failure, i.e. redundancy, latching current limiters, operator actions. Measures as "prevented by clean room procedures" (RBD-2A-2) and others, RBD-2A-3/4, RBD-5-8, etc should be entered into the remarks column when one wants to highlight the importance of following certain procedures for certain parts. These comments can in some cases also be entered into column h, recommendations, when the corrective action for a critical item that has to be followed up is connected with a certain critical process. | Done   |
| 5  | DDR, Reliability Block Diagram review | Concerning RBD-15 and 16A/B, is 1 out of 2 enough to operate and is C then a fallback if both fail?  | Clarified  |
| 6  | DDR, Reliability Block Diagram        | The RBD-11A/B/C are connected in parallel, but these are not redundant blocks are they. Is the intention here to illustrate the possibility to operate in a degraded mode?   | Clarified  |
| 7  | General comment (email)               | However on interfaces It should be to component level (Cryostat Harnesses should include each individual wire as a component)  | Done at Harness level by component (not by wire) full harness & BSMe/MCU FMECA required          |
| 8  | Reliability Block Diagram             | Some redundant blocks are connected in series with the nominal blocks when they should be in parallel, and some blocks are in parallel when they should be in series, if I understood this correctly. For instance RBD-2A (Jiggle axis flex pivot) and RBD-2B (jiggle axis flex pivot sleeve) should be in series connection with each other, while the redundant blocks of these parts should be in parallel with these (same thing for RBD-6A and RBD-6B)?   | Diagram amended to show load path and retention functions separately                             |
| 9  | Design update, post DDR               | Added common backplane as RBD-8A2  | Done   |
| 10 | DDR report comment                    | Coil Shorting (b) Redundancy: If the relay failed in the closed position, thereby shorting out the motor coil, then this could prove to be a single point failure mechanism depending on the exact implementation scheme adopted. The compliance to the Herschel redundancy philosophy and the effect of the motor coil damping relays on the reliability would have to be formally evaluated in the BSM FMECA.  | Not done at BSM level. BSMe/MCU level issue. Coil shorting may not be implemented with Al coils. |

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## 1. Scope of the document

This document describes the failure modes effect and criticality analysis of the Herschel/SPIRE Beam Steering Mirror mechanism subsystem.

The document is based on the applicable documents cited in paragraph 2.1.

## 2. Documents

### 2.1 Applicable documents

| ID | Title                                 | Author     | Reference                 | Date      |
|----|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Instrument Requirements Document      | B.Swinyard | SPIRE-RAL-PRJ-000034 v1.1 | 10.Jan.02 |
| 2. | BSM Sub System Design Description     | I.Pain     | SPIRE-ATC-PRJ-000587 v4   | 20.Jul.01 |
| 3. | BSM Sub System Specification Document | I.Pain     | SPIRE-ATC-PRJ-000460 v3.2 | Jul.01    |
|    |                                       |            |                           |           |

### 2.2 Reference documents

|   | Title   | Author   | Reference     | Date     |
|---|---|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | Failure Modes, Effects and criticality analysis (FMECA) | ESA ECSS | ECSS-Q-30-20A | 7.Sep.01 |
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### 2.3 Glossary

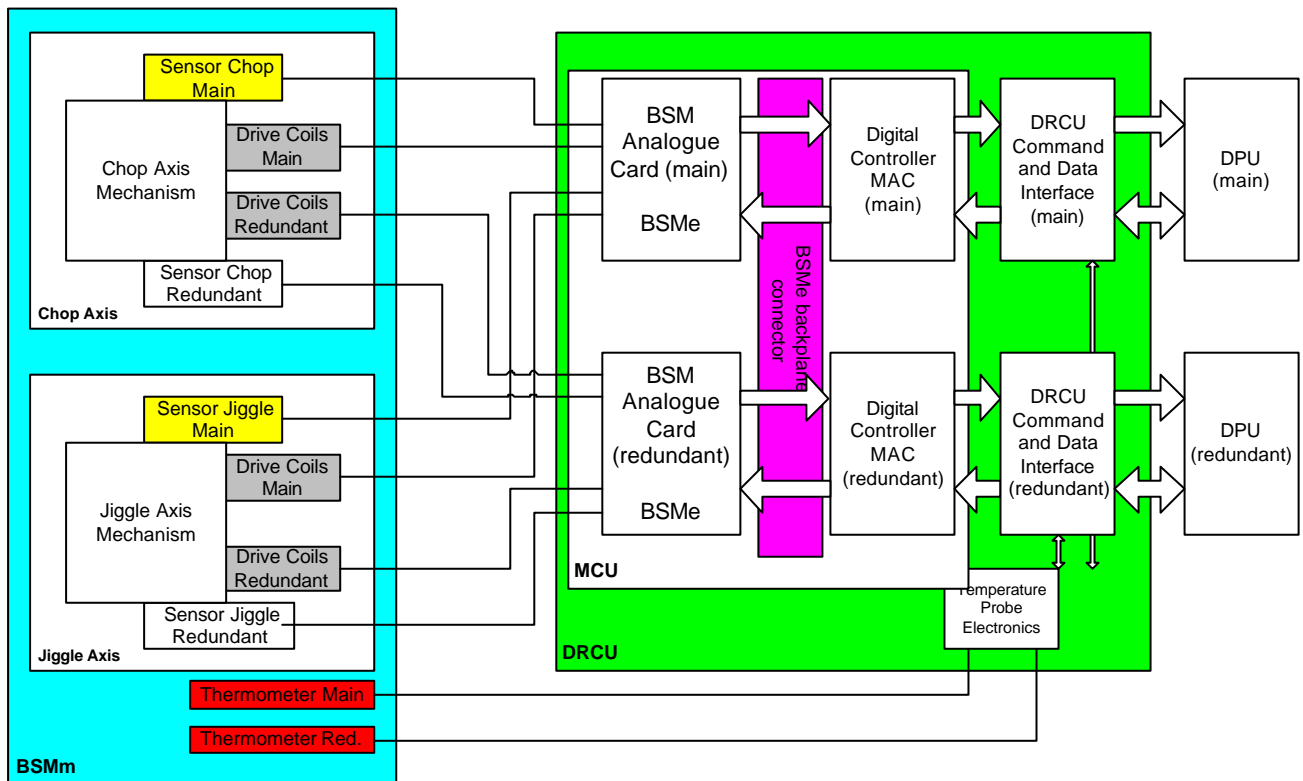
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| AD       | Applicable Document                      | MAC    | Multi-Axis Controller                      |
| CEA      | Commissariat à l' Energie Atomique       | MCE    | Mechanism Control Electronics              |
| CDR      | Critical Design Review                   | MGSE   | Mechanical Ground Support Equipment        |
| CNES     | Centre National des Etudes Spatiales     | MPIA   | Max Planck Institute for Astronomy         |
| CoG      | Center of Gravity                        | MSSL   | Mullard Space Science Laboratory           |
| CQM      | Cryogenic Qualification Model            | NA     | Not Applicable                             |
| DDR      | Detailed Design Review                   | OGSE   | Optical Ground Support Equipment           |
| DESPA    | Département des Etudes SPAtiales         | PFM    | ProtoFlight Model                          |
| DM       | Development Model                        | RAL    | Rutherford Appleton Laboratory             |
| DRCU     | Digital Read-out and Control Unit        | RD     | Reference Document                         |
| EGSE     | Electrical Ground Support Equipment      | BSM    | Beam Steering Mirror                       |
| Herschel | Far InfraRed Space Telescope             | UK ATC | United Kingdom Astronomy Technology Centre |
| FPU      | Focal Plane Unit                         | BSM    | Beam Steering Mirror                       |
| FS       | Flight Spare model                       | SPIRE  | Spectral and Photometric Imaging REceiver  |
| LAM      | Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille | TBC    | To Be Confirmed                            |
| FTS      | Fourier Transform Spectrometer           | TBD    | To Be Defined                              |
|          |  | WE     | Warm Electronics                           |

### 3. Reliability & Redundancy

#### 3.1 Overview

In the BSM design redundancy principles have been implemented so as to avoid single point failures, and the propagation of failures to other subsystems, by means of dedicated redundancy and specific protection devices. Where redundancy can not be realised the architecture is designed to limit the effects of a failure.


The BSMe consists of two complete separate circuits (situated on the same double Eurocard, but supplied by separate connectors). This provides complete parallel redundancy, with main and redundant position sensors and motors, driven by separate main and redundant analogue boards, which are in turn supported by separate main and redundant MACs and DPUs as shown in Figure 1 below. The harnesses, both warm and cryogenic, are also maintained as separate systems.



**Figure 1 : BSM electronics architecture showing parallel redundancy**

The BSMe redundancy scheme will not be able to operate independently of the SMEC mechanism. A failure in the primary system of either mechanism results in both switching to the redundant schemes. Equally, the PCAL and thermometry units carried aboard the BSMs would be required to switch at the same time.

The BSMs and BSMm mechanical design incorporates little redundancy. The structural parts are in general over-designed from a strength viewpoint in order to give adequate stiffness. The structures are maintained at very low stress levels during launch and even lower stresses during orbit. The primary sources of stress will be those induced on assembly and thermal cooldown. The components are manufactured from space-proven materials with good fatigue

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and stress corrosion cracking properties. The design includes the ability to limit the motion of the BSM during launch, to protect the flexures, and physical limits to the motion in the event of a component failure.

The design of the BSMs and BSMm should be such that the BSM will meet the reliability requirements for SPIRE as set out in the IRD (AD-1). In summary this is that a failure of the BSM should not lead to a total loss of the instruments ability to do science, albeit with loss of efficiency due to the need to use a backup observing mode. If for some reason the BSM were unable to move in either axis at all, then science could be obtained using the scan mapping mode - although there would be a serious loss of efficiency/sensitivity. The jiggle axis would provide some limited ability to modulate signal in event of a catastrophic failure in the chop axis and much worse than expected 1/f noise. In order to ensure that SPIRE can obtain data in the event of a BSMm failure, the mechanism must fail such the field of view of the FTS is still available, and that large or unpredictable offsets of the photometer field are not required.

This is achieved by ensuring *by design* that in the event that there is no drive signal reaching the BSM the mirror will be within +/- 0.18 degrees of the nominal bore-sight, and that in the event of a complete mechanical failure the mirror will be within. within + 1.5/-2.4 (the Spectrometer Field of View) degrees<sup>1</sup> of its nominal position

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<sup>1</sup> Note that a careful check will be made as to whether this is +1.5/-2.4 or -1.5/+2.4

### 3.2 Reliability Block Diagram

**BSM Reliability Block Diagram**  
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updated in line with DDR comments and DM design

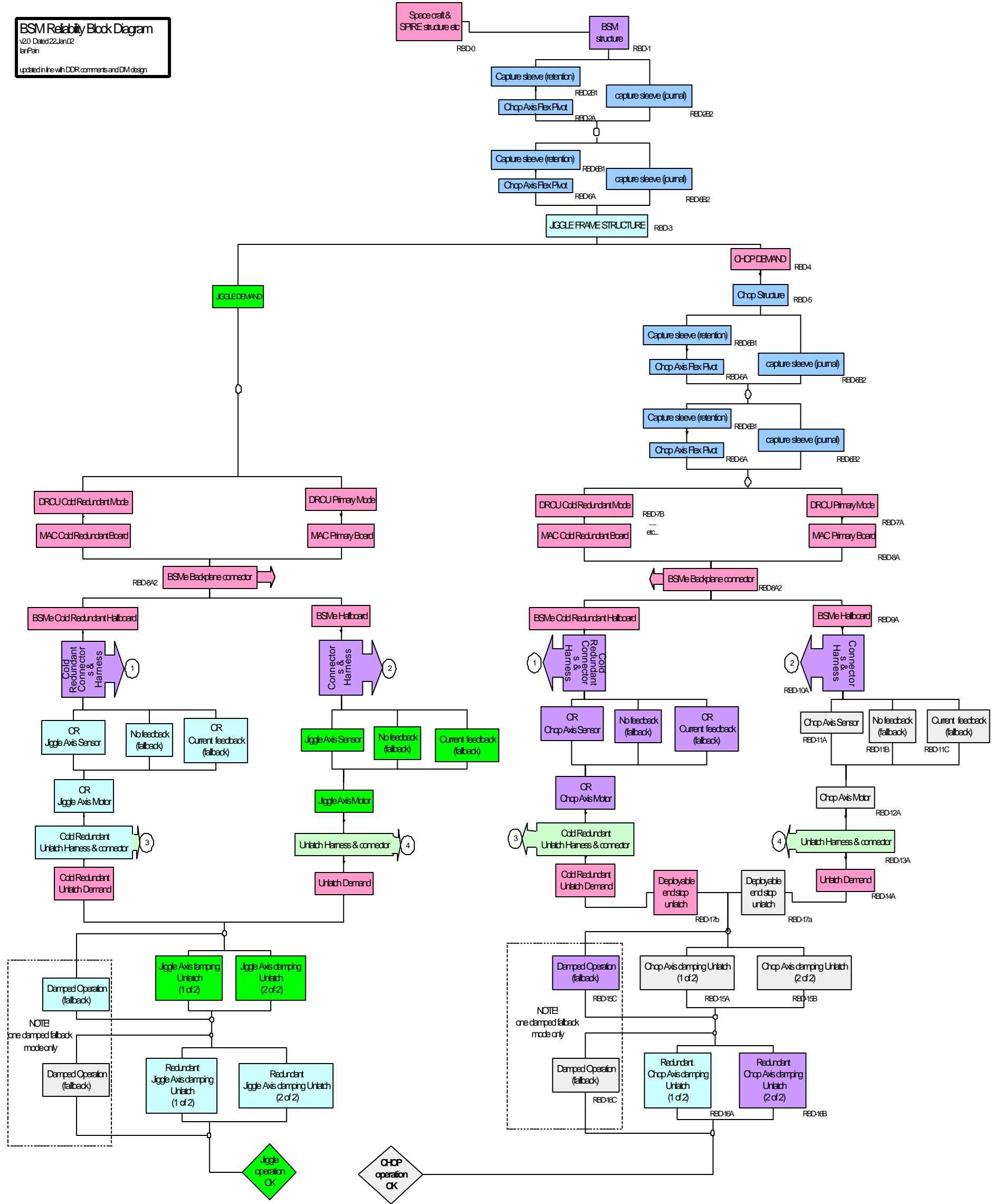


Figure 2 Reliability Block Diagram, BSM

#### Block Diagram Notes

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- The RBD-11A/B/C are connected in parallel, but these are not redundant blocks. The intention here to illustrate the possibility to operate in a degraded mode.



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### 3.3 Single Point Failures

A Reliability Block Diagram is considered above. At this level it is apparent that

1. The wiring harness is a potential Single point failure, unless both the BSMe 'half' boards have an individual cable harness with it's own connectors.
2. The BSM structure and jiggle frame are SPF's. No surprise, but it reinforces the requirement for analysis of these structures for survival, and possible additional tests (e.g. to verify the FEA).
3. Assuming we have a launch damper (shorted motor coils), In the primary operations mode the launch damper 'unlatch' command must unlatch the primary mode motor coil, BUT MUST ALSO unlatch the cold redundant motor coils latching circuit. Vice versa for the redundant mode. This is discussed in the BSME schematic Subsystem Specification Document (Beam Steering Mechanism, Figure 4).
4. The same comment as (1) applies for the cables which send the unlatch command - they should remain separate and parallel.
5. The common connector at the BSMe board is undesirable but is advised by LAM on the grounds of space constraints and the problem that alignment tolerances could lead to an over stress of components if a single board is to be mated via two back-plane connectors simultaneously. Clearly, fully redundant connectors and boards would be preferred, and is being investigated by LAM

### 3.4 FMECA

A failure modes, effects and criticality analysis (FMECA) has been performed, in accordance with the product assurance plan. The full detail is presented in the FMECA work-sheets included as appendix 1.

The FMECA 'viewpoint' is that of normal operation, with the observing mode being assumed to require combined chop and jiggle motion of the BSM.

A FMECA for the other states – off, standby, thermal cooldown, launch, have not been performed. For the first two the main implications are understood to be electronic; i.e incorporated in the MCU FMECA. Cooldown and Launch failures have been folded into the main FMECA, as this is more pragmatic than creating a duplicate analysis.

For each element of the reliability block diagram, a number of failure modes and their implications are considered. The analysis is limited to considering a single component failure at any one time, except for cold redundant components where the operation is exposed only after a prime mode has failed.


The principal recommendations resulting from the FMECA are :

#### 3.4.1 Control Software

1. We need to guard against a software command to unlatch when we don't want to.
2. Observation Definition Software needs to be robust handling chop/jiggle requests (i.e. not forgetting them or sending wrong one, or out of range value .....
3. The bistable deployable end stop relay may have an indeterminate state, in which case the MCU must be robust against it.
4. MCU needs voltage limiter on analogue outputs, and software needs similar check to prevent the system from being driven out of range.
5. need to set invalid sensor range flags in WE (MCU) software

#### 3.4.2 Electronics :

1. for latch solenoid, must be able to turn off power to launch latch solenoid with good redundancy. leaving a solenoid switched on would boil of all the cryogenes fast.

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2. Single connector at BSMe backplane undesirable. The trade is between a single but rugged backplane connector and two less rugged single connectors. LAM to advise.
3. The short circuit case for the DRCU should be carefully considered in the MCU FMECA concerning propagation to the DPU.
4. Propagation of shorts between separate boards of the BSMe and the internal protection should also be considered. in the MCU FMECA

#### 3.4.3 Mechanical :


1. Mirror surface should be tested for print through of light weighting
2. Good process control on magnet adhesive is required
3. The flex pivot mounting is critical.
4. End stops must be well characterised.

## 4. Critical Components Identification

We assume that items which require declaration here are those which "fail to meet the project requirements" for *failure tolerance*, or undetectable loss of redundancy.

As discussed above for SPIRE the failure tolerance is total loss of science - i.e. a failure of the BSM which would result in (a) large pointing offset for the photometer or/and (b) inability to take data with the FTS due to loss of its field of view. i.e. critical components would be those whose failure would result in the BSM failing to meet the required fail safe positions defined in SPIRE-ATC-PRJ-000460, 4.2.13 and 4.2.14.

No such components were identified, but the design must ensure that the fail-safe positions are met should one or more flex pivots or motors fail.

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## 5. Appendix 1 : FMECA worksheets

(original in Excel Spreadsheet form. SPIRE\_fmeca\_v2.xls)

| Mechanical Failure Modes Effect and Criticality Analysis |                          |   |
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| Ident. number | Item/block | Function      | Failure Mode              | Failure Cause            | Mission phase/<br>op.mode                     | Failure effects<br>a. Local effects<br>b. End effects | Severity  | Failure detection method/<br>observable symptoms | Compensation provisions     | Correction actions                             | Remarks                          |  |
|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| RBD-1         | 1          | BSM Structure | thermal path              | Failure to cool down     | loose connector or thermal strap              | Launch  | A. component temperature high.<br>B.degraded detector   | 2R   | high background             | redundant thermal path                         | tested at AIV                    | tested at system integration                           |
|               | 2          |               | attachment to SPIRE bench | Fails on launch          | loose or failed bolt, low cycle fatigue crack | Launch  | A. pointing inaccuracy, damage to BSM components<br>B.pointing inaccuracy, damage to SPIRE.   | 2R   | lack of signal              | three fasteners (2/3 redundant)                |                                  | sizing calc on structural fasteners (MMSL responsible) |
|               | 3          |               | mechanical support        | Failure during operation | high cycle FATIGUE crack, loose bolt          | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. erratic resonance effects, loss of cooling path, motor housing damage<br>B. pointing errors, higher background.<br>PCAL support impaired | 3  | changes natural frequencies | back-up mode - drift map                       |                                  | performed FEA, use SCC OK material                     |
|               | 4          |               | rigid mount               | Degraded operation       | resonance                                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. longer settling time<br>B. longer settling time  | 3  | longer settling time        | reduce speed operation, waveform modifications | confirm micro-vibration spectrum | analysis of micro-vibration spectrum shows OK          |



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|---------------|------------|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
|               | 1          | Jiggle axis flex pivot                   | rotation bearing  | Fails on launch              | over-stress, SCC or low cycle FATIGUE crack | Launch  | A.Loss of restoring torque. Increased friction to drive.<br>B.loss of definition of pointing, Jiggle mode probably unusable | 2R   | -unstable pointing.<br>-Cross coupling of chop with jiggle beyond normal parameters. Increase in drive currents.<br>-Random noise on sensors | -prevention by flex pivot protection sleeve.<br>-redundant bearing surface (RBD-2B) - degraded operation.<br>-Coarse control with motors to central position.<br>-Scan-map back-up mode | increase test programme to cover failure modes if funds permit.     | most likely to lose both flex pivots if one goes.         |
|               | 2          |  | rotation bearing  | Failure during operation     | icing                                       | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. sticky or stuck<br>B. increase in friction & power usage   | 2  | thermal history . Cured by warm up   | back-up mode - drift map  |   | only during AIV - not possible during on-orbit operations |
|               | 3          |  | rotation bearing  | Failure during operation     | high cycle fatigue crack                    | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. sticky or stuck<br>B. increase in friction & power usage   | 2  | deterioration in performance as crack progresses   | back-up mode - drift map  |   | flex pivot alignment procedure is critical                |
|               | 4          |  | rotation bearing  | Failure during operation     | debris ingress                              | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | increase in friction & power usage  | 2  | random sticking.<br>Power consumption high   | scan-map  |   | prevented by clean room procedures                        |
| RBD-2b1       | 1          | Jiggle axis flex pivot protection sleeve | protection sleeve | Failure during operation     | icing                                       | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. sticky or stuck<br>B. increase in friction & power usage   | 3  | motors & sensors working OK but no motion results  | scan-map  |   | only during AIV - not possible during on-orbit operations |
|               | 2          |  | protection sleeve | Failure during operation     | debris ingress                              | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. increase in friction<br>B.increased power usage  | 2  |  | scan-map  |   | prevented by clean room procedures                        |
|               | 3          |  | protection sleeve | friction or end-stop jamming | over-travel on small clearance              | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. increase in friction<br>B.increased power usage  | 2  | end-stop sticking  | deployable end stop ensures spectrometer FoV retained   | flex pivot mounting is important End stops to be well characterised | could consider lead-ion plating of sleeve                 |



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|---------------|------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
|               | 4          |   | protection sleeve                  | friction or end-stop jamming | vacuum welds during launch rubbing contact | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. Stuck<br>B. no jiggle mode.Fixed stare mode, not (0,0) | 2  | motors & sensors working OK but no motion results | back-up mode - drift map                                     | dissimilar metals (aluminium, inconel)  |
| RBD-2b2       | 1          |   | redundant journal bearing function | friction or end-stop jamming | vacuum welds during launch rubbing contact | Launch  | increase in friction & power usage                        | 2R   | erratic torque-position plot                      | back-up mode - drift map                                     | dissimilar metals,passivated/ alo-cromed<br>consider tests of this mode.                                  |
| RBD-3         | 1          | Jiggle frame structure (includes fasteners) | thermal path                       | Failure to cool down         | loose connector or thermal strap           | Launch  | A. component temperature high.<br>B.degraded detector     | 3  | high background                                   | thermal end-stop.<br>Controlled cooldown rate for instrument | tested at AIV<br>Flex pivot differential thermal stresses   |
|               | 2          |   | mechanical support                 | Fails on launch              | low cycle fatigue crack                    | Launch  | loss of chop axis position definition                     | 2  | erratic torque-position plot                      |  | perform FEA, use SCC OK material  |
|               | 3          |   | attachment to BSM structure        | Fails on launch              | loose or failed bolt                       | Launch  | loss of chop axis position definition                     | 2R   | erratic torque-position plot                      | redundant fasteners (4/8)                                    | locking fasteners, torque control   |
|               | 4          |   | mechanical support                 | Failure during operation     | high cycle FATIGUE crack, loose bolt       | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | erratic resonance effects                                 | 2  | changes natural frequencies                       | back-up mode - drift map                                     | perform FEA, use SCC OK material  |
|               | 5          |   | mechanical support                 | Degraded operation           | resonance                                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. longer settling time<br>B. longer settling time        | 3  | longer settling time                              | reduce speed operation, waveform modifications               | confirm micro-vibration spectrum<br>unlikely  |
| RBD4          | 1          | Chop demand                                 | initiate chop                      | no chop requested            | error in ODF, telemetry, operator error    | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B.delay to troubleshoot problem                 | 3  | no chopping                                       | nil in BSM   | ODF software needs to be robust handling chop requests<br>higher level system needs to provide protection |



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|               | 2          |                | initiate chop                             | excessive chop angle or frequency requested | error in ODF, telemetry, software, operator error | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. flex pivot overload or excess power dissipation.<br>B. delay to trouble shoot problem | 2  | as RBD2a                               | nil in BSM  | MCU needs voltage limiter, software needs sanity check | higher level system needs to provide protection |
|               | 3          |                | initiate chop                             | chop demand short circuits                  | electrical short                                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. no control<br>B. excess power dissipation, no control                                 | 2R   | excess power dissipation, fixed offset | reset higher level system; power off at MCU   |  | MCU relays to switch off BSM power amps         |
| RBD5          | 1          | Chop Structure | thermal path                              | Failure to cool down quickly                | loose connector                                   | Launch  | A. component temperature high. Differential thermal stress<br>B. degraded detector       | 3  | high background                        | thermal end-stop. Controlled cooldown rate for instrument                                       | tested at AIV  |   |
|               | 2          |                | attachment to jiggle frame                | Fails on launch                             | , low cycle fatigue crack                         | Launch  | A. pointing inaccuracy, damage to BSM<br>B. pointing inaccuracy, mirror surface degraded | 2  | erratic torque-position plot           |   | perform FEA, use SCC OK material                       | unlikely  |
|               | 3          |                | attachment to jiggle frame                | Fails on launch                             | loose or failed bolt                              | Launch  | A. pointing inaccuracy, damage to BSM<br>B. pointing inaccuracy                          | 2R   | erratic torque-position plot           | flex pivots would act as journal bearing.   |  | locking fasteners, torque control               |
|               | 4          |                | retain magnet & sensor actuator iron core | Fails on launch                             | magnet loosens                                    | Launch  | A. chop axis jams anywhere in range of travel<br>B. jam in indeterminate position        | 2  | chop jams or high friction load        | try cycling prime and redundant motor coils and restore to zero position. Fall back is scan map | good process control on magnet adhesive required       |   |
|               | 5          |                | mechanical support                        | Failure during operation                    | high cycle FATIGUE crack, loose bolt              | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. erratic resonance effects<br>B. pointing errors                                       | 2  | changes natural frequencies            | back-up mode - drift map  | perform FEA, use SCC OK material                       | unlikely  |



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|               | 6          |  | rigid mount       | Degraded operation                                | resonance                                   | Chop & Jiggle Mode<br>A. longer settling time<br>B. longer settling time  | 3        | longer settling time   | reduce speed operation  |   | unlikely  |
|               | 7          | Chop Mirror                            | optical surface   | print through of lightweighting on mirror surface | Chop & Jiggle Mode                          | A. image degradation<br>B. image degradation  | 2        | waffle pattern   |   | test mirror surface for print through                           |   |
|               | 8          |  | optical surface   | contamination on mirror                           | Chop & Jiggle Mode                          | A. image degradation<br>B. image degradation  | 2        | loss of signal, spectrographic signature   |   |   | clean room assembly                                       |
| RBD-6A        | 1          | Chop axis flex pivot                   | rotation bearing  | Fails on launch                                   | over-stress, SCC or low cycle FATIGUE crack | Launch<br>A.Loss of restoring torque. Increased friction to drive.<br>B.loss of definition of pointing, chop mode probably unusable | 2R       | -unstable pointing.<br>- Increase in drive currents.<br>-Random noise on sensors | -prevention by flex pivot protection sleeve.<br>-redundant bearing surface (RBD-6B) - degraded operation.<br>-Coarse control with motors to central position.<br>-Scan-map back-up mode | increase test programme to cover failure modes if funds permit. | most likely to lose both flex pivots if one goes.         |
|               | 2          |  | rotation bearing  | Failure during operation                          | icing                                       | Chop & Jiggle Mode<br>A. sticky or stuck<br>B. increase in friction & power usage   | 2        | thermal history . Cured by warm up   | back-up mode - drift map  |   | only during AIV - not possible during on-orbit operations |
|               | 3          |  | rotation bearing  | Failure during operation                          | high cycle fatigue crack                    | Chop & Jiggle Mode<br>A. sticky or stuck<br>B. increase in friction & power usage   | 2        | deterioration in performance as crack progresses                                 | back-up mode - drift map  |   | flex pivot alignment procedure is critical                |
|               | 4          |  | rotation bearing  | Failure during operation                          | debris ingress                              | Chop & Jiggle Mode<br>increase in friction & power usage  | 2        | random sticking.<br>Power consumption high                                       | scan-map  |   | prevented by clean room procedures                        |
| RBD-6b        | 1          | Chop axis flex pivot protection sleeve | protection sleeve | Failure during operation                          | icing                                       | Chop & Jiggle Mode<br>A. sticky or stuck<br>B. increase in friction & power usage   | 3        | motors & sensors working OK but no motion results                                | scan-map  |   | only during AIV - not possible during on-orbit operations |



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|                | 2          |                                    | protection sleeve                  | Failure during operation                               | debris ingress                             | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. increase in friction<br>B.increased power usage                    | 2  |  | scan-map  |   | prevented by clean room procedures        |
|                | 3          |                                    | protection sleeve                  | friction or end-stop jamming                           | over-travel on small clearance             | Launch  | A. increase in friction<br>B.increased power usage                    | 2  | end-stop sticking  | deployable end stop ensures spectrometer FoV retained | flex pivot mounting is important End stops to be well characterised | could consider lead-ion plating of sleeve |
|                | 4          |                                    | protection sleeve                  | friction or end-stop jamming                           | vacuum welds during launch rubbing contact | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. Stuck<br>B. no jiggle mode.Fixed stare mode, not (0,0)             | 2  | motors & sensors working OK but no motion results        | back-up mode - drift map                              | dissimilar metals (aluminium, inconel)                              |   |
| RBD-6b2        | 5          | redundant journal bearing function | redundant journal bearing function | friction or end-stop jamming                           | vacuum welds during launch rubbing contact | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | increase in friction & power usage                                    | 2R   | erratic torque-position plot                             | back-up mode - drift map                              | dissimilar metals,passivated/ alo-cromed                            | consider tests of this mode.              |
| RDB 7A, 8A, 9A | 1          | DRCU - MAC - BSMe Primary boards   | control                            | Premature operation                                    | chop before unlatch or power surge?        | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. damage to motors or pivots<br>B. loss of function                  | 2  | unknown  | nil in BSM  |   | DRCU to perform FMECA                     |
|                | 2          |                                    | control                            | Failure to operate                                     |  | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode. No unlatch command. | 2R   | no chopping, jiggling. Latch and damping remain in place | scan map  |   | DRCU to perform FMECA                     |
|                | 3          |                                    | control                            | Failure to cease operation                             |  | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. loss of control<br>B. loss of control, excess power dissipation    | 2R   | excess power dissipation, fixed offset                   | reset higher level system or switch to redundant unit |   | DRCU to perform FMECA                     |
|                | 4          |                                    | control                            | Failure during operation - motors fail in on condition |  | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. loss of control<br>B. loss of control, excess power dissipation    | 2R   | excess power dissipation, fixed offset                   | reset higher level system or switch to redundant unit |   | DRCU to perform FMECA                     |





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| 5             |                             | control                      | Failure during operation     |                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2R       | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | scan map or switch to redundant unit                           | indeterminate latch state should be avoided.  | DRCU to perform FMECA                                 |
| 6             |                             | control                      | Degraded operation           |                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A.degraded BSM function<br>B. degraded BSM function              | 2R       | degraded BSM function                            | scan map or switch to redundant unit                           |   |   |
| 7             |                             | control                      | short circuit                |                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2R       | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | nil in BSM   |   |   |
| 8             |                             | control                      | open circuit                 |                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2R       | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | nil in BSM   |   |   |
| 9             |                             | control                      | incorrect function           | design error     | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2        | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | nil in BSM   |   | TESTED AT AIV   |
| 10            |                             | control                      | Incorrect commands           | (software error) | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2        | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | nil in BSM   |   | TESTED AT AIV   |
| 11            |                             | control                      | Incorrect software functions | (software error) | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2        | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | nil in BSM   |   | TESTED AT AIV   |
| RDB-8a2       | common backplane            | electrical connection        | Incorrect software functions | (software error) | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. loss of function<br>B. no chop or jiggle mode.                | 2        | no chopping, jiggling.<br>Latch indeterminate?   | nil in BSM   |   |   |
| RBD 10A       | Connectors and cryo-harness | motor electrical connection  | short circuit                | short            | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. motor shorted, damping increased<br>B. loss of chop or jiggle | 2R       | no motion  | switch to redundant harness and operate against a damped motor |   |   |
| 2             |                             | sensor electrical connection | short circuit                | short            | Chop & Jiggle Mode        | A. sensor shorted<br>B. loss of position data                    | 2R       | invalid or fixed sensor value                    | switch to redundant harness, or operate open loop              | set invalid sensor range flags in WE software | check - does de-power of WE primary open the circuit? |



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|               | 3          |                  | PCAL electrical connection       | short circuit              | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. PCAL shorted  | 3  | nil in BSM  | switch to redundant harness                      |   |                                 |
|               | 4          |                  | thermistor electrical connection | short circuit              | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. thermistor shorted  | 4  | nil in BSM  | switch to redundant harness                      |   |                                 |
|               | 5          |                  | electrical connection            | intermittent short         | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | as short, but more annoying  | 2R   | as short, but more annoying                       | switch to redundant harness                      |   | diagnose by extended telemetry? |
|               | 6          |                  | motor electrical connection      | open circuit               |                           | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. motor shorted, damping increased<br>B. loss of chop or jiggle           | 2R   | degraded motion                                   | switch to redundant harness                      |   |                                 |
|               | 7          |                  | sensor electrical connection     | open circuit               |                           | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. sensor shorted<br>B. loss of position data                              | 2R   | no position feedback                              | switch to redundant harness or operate open-loop |   |                                 |
|               | 8          |                  | PCAL electrical connection       | open circuit               |                           | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. PCAL shorted  | 3  | nil in BSM  | switch to redundant harness                      |   |                                 |
|               | 9          |                  | thermistor electrical connection | open circuit               |                           | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. thermistor shorted  | 4  | nil in BSM  | switch to redundant harness                      |   |                                 |
| RBD 11A       | 1          | Chop Axis sensor | sense position                   | Failure to operate         | open circuit or short     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. closed loop feedback lost<br>B. increased settling time, noise or drift | 2R   | invalid sensor value                              | switch to redundant WE or operate open-loop      | set invalid sensor flags in WE software | problem may be in WE or harness |
|               | 2          |                  | sense position                   | Failure to cease operation | open circuit or short     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. closed loop feedback servo to end stop<br>B. chop against end-stop      | 2R   | no position feedback, excessive power dissipation | switch to redundant WE or operate open-loop      |   |                                 |
|               | 3          |                  | sense position                   | Failure during operation   | open circuit or short     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. closed loop feedback lost<br>B. increased settling time, noise or drift | 2R   | unknown   | switch to redundant WE                           |   |                                 |



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|               | 4          |   | sense position                  | Degraded operation           | mechanical damage         | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. closed loop feedback lost<br>B. increased settling time, noise or drift | 2R   | unknown                 | switch to redundant WE                                       |   |   |
|               | 5          |   |                                 |                              |                           |   |  |  |                         | deleted  |   |   |
|               | 6          |   |                                 |                              |                           |   |  |  |                         | deleted  |   |   |
|               | 7          |   | sense position                  | Incorrect software functions | open circuit or short     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | unexpected behaviour, please contact your systems administrator            | 2R   | nil in BSM              | nil in BSM   | test all modes in ground                                |   |
| RBD 11B       | 1          | Chop Axis control mode with no feedback | backup mode closed loop control | Failure to operate           | unknown                   | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. closed loop feedback lost<br>B. increased settling time, noise or drift | 3  | undamped motion         | switch to redundant harness or operate open-loop or scan-map | test this mode on ground                                | this is a back-up degraded operation mode |
|               | 2          |   | backup mode closed loop control | Incorrect software functions | unknown                   | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | unknown  | 3  | nil in BSM              | nil in BSM   | ensure this operating mode included in software         | this is a back-up degraded operation mode |
| RBD 11c       | 1          | Chop Axis control mode with no feedback | backup mode closed loop control | Failure to operate           | unknown                   | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. closed loop feedback lost<br>B. increased settling time, noise or drift | 3  | undamped motion         | switch to redundant harness or operate open-loop or scan-map | test this mode on ground                                | this is a back-up degraded operation mode |
|               | 2          |   | backup mode closed loop control | Incorrect software functions | unknown                   | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | unknown  | 3  | nil in BSM              | nil in BSM   | ensure this operating mode included in software         | this is a back-up degraded operation mode |
| RBD 12A       | 1          | Chop Axis Motor                         | motive force                    | short circuit                | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | a. no motion<br>b. no motion   | 2R   | no motion               | switch to redundant WE and operate against a damped motor    | is the shorted condition detectable in WE by telemetry? |   |



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|               | 2          |                                  | motive force          | open circuit (broken wires)                          | open circuit                                  | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | a. no motion<br>b. no motion   | 2R   | no motion  | switch to redundant WE   |  |                          |
|               | 3          |                                  | motive force          | part-short circuit (motor windings reduced by short) | short   | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. degraded motion<br>B. degraded motion   | 2R   | increased settling time, changed power dissipation                               | switch to redundant WE and operate against a partly damped motor             |  |                          |
|               | 4          |                                  | mechanical support    | mechanical damage - housing                          | structural support fails                      | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. degraded motion<br>B. degraded motion   | 2R   | increase in friction & power usage (or stuck)                                    | -switch to redundant WE<br>-use jiggle for 1/f removal<br>-revert to scanmap | housing damage can affect redundant motor so is SPF for chopping (but not SPIRE) |                          |
|               | 5          |                                  | mechanical support    | mechanical damage - fasteners loose                  | loose or failed bolt                          | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. degraded motion<br>B. degraded motion   | 2R   | increase in friction & power usage (or stuck)                                    | -switch to redundant WE<br>-use jiggle for 1/f removal<br>-revert to scanmap |  |                          |
|               | 6          |                                  | thermal path          | mechanical damage - shield                           | loose or failed bolt, low cycle fatigue crack | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. degraded motion or thermal hot spot<br>B. degraded motion or increased background | 2R   | increase in friction & power usage (or stuck) , increased background temperature | -switch to redundant WE<br>-use jiggle for 1/f removal<br>-revert to scanmap |  |                          |
|               | 7          |                                  | electrical connection | loss of electrical isolation                         | loose or failed bolt, low cycle fatigue crack | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | unknown  | 2R   | noise or erratic motion  | -switch to redundant WE<br>-use jiggle for 1/f removal<br>-revert to scanmap | investigate  |                          |
| RBD 12B       | 1          | Chop Axis Motor (cold redundant) | motive force          | short circuit (probably on launch)                   | short   | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. damping of primary motor<br>B. increased settling time, power consumption         | 2  | damped motion, increase in power dissipation                                     | operate against a damped motor   | test this mode on ground. Test redundant circuits on establishing orbit          | cold redundant component |



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| RBD 13        | 1          | unlatch harness and connector | unlatch solenoid | short circuit          | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. latch shorted<br>B. Restrictd FoV   | 2R   | no retract signal                                   | switch to redundant harness and operate against a damped solenoid coil  | details TBD by LAM (designing LL for SMEC, BSM to use same unit) |
|               |            |                               | unlatch sensor   | short circuit          | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. sensor indicates closed, but chop motion restricted<br>B. chop motion restricted, limited FoV       | 2R   | sensor indicates closed, but chop motion restricted | switch to redundant harness   | details TBD by LAM (designing LL for SMEC, BSM to use same unit) |
|               |            |                               | unlatch          | intermittent short     | short                     | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | as short,  | 2R   | as short,   | switch to redundant harness, or repeat commands (one success is enough) | details TBD by LAM (designing LL for SMEC, BSM to use same unit) |
|               |            |                               | unlatch solenoid | open circuit           | open circuit              | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. latch unpowered<br>B. Restrictd FoV   | 2R   | no retract signal                                   | switch to redundant harness   | details TBD by LAM (designing LL for SMEC, BSM to use same unit) |
|               |            |                               | unlatch sensor   | open circuit           | open circuit              | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. sensor indicates closed, but chop motion is OK<br>B. sensor indicates closed, but chop motion is OK | 2R   | sensor indicates closed, but chop motion is OK      | switch to redundant harness or operate open-loop                        | incorporate in system checklists                                 |
| RBD 14        | 1          | unlatch demand                | unlatch command  | no unlatch requested   | (software error)          | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. delay to troubleshoot problem   | 3  | no retract signal                                   | nil in BSM  | MCU software to be robust  |
|               |            |                               | unlatch command  | latch command set high | (software error)          | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. delay to troubleshoot problem   | 3  | no retract signal                                   | nil in BSM  | MCU software to be robust  |



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|                 | 3          |                                  | unlatch command      | unlatch demand short circuits       | (software error)                         | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. nil<br>B. excess power dissipation   | 2  | excess power dissipation                     | reset higher level system, operate BSM in limited range of travel. | must be able to turn off power to launch latch solenoid with redundant function | solenoid left on would boil off cryogen off if no provision to turn it off. |
| RBD 15<br>A,B,C | 1          | chop axis damping unlatch relays | open damping circuit | Premature operation (during launch) | open circuit, mechanical damage          | Launch  | A. no damping of coil during launch. Possible damage to flex pivots<br>B. degraded BSM function | 2R   | none   | redundant coils damped   | test this mode on the ground  |   |
|                 | 2          |                                  | open damping circuit | Failure to operate before launch    | short, mechanical damage, software error | Launch  | A. no damping of coil during launch. Possible damage to flex pivots<br>B. degraded BSM function | 2R   | detectable in MCU?                           | redundant coils damped   | MCU feedback required on damping  |   |
|                 | 3          |                                  | open damping circuit | Failure to operate after launch     | short, mechanical damage                 | Commissioning   | A. damping of primary motor<br>B. increased settling time, power consumption                    | 3R   | damped motion, increase in power dissipation | serial redundant switches, possible to operate against damped coil |   |   |
|                 | 4          |                                  | open damping circuit | Failure during operation            | short, mechanical damage                 | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | indeterminate state   | 3R   | unknown                                      | serial redundant switches  |   |   |
|                 | 5          |                                  | open damping circuit | short circuit                       | short, mechanical damage                 | Chop & Jiggle Mode                                    | A. damping of primary motor<br>B. increased settling time, power consumption                    | 2R   | damped motion, increase in power dissipation | serial redundant switches, possible to operate against damped coil |   |   |



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|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|               | 6          | open damping circuit                  | Incorrect commands                   | (software error)           | Launch                     | A. unlatch when not required<br>B. damage to BSM, loss of protection against flex pivot failure | 2   | detectable in MCU?<br>HIDDEN FAILURE?            | nil in BSM   | software protection against premature unlatch demand required    |   |  |
|               | 7          | open damping circuit                  | Incorrect software functions         | (software error)           | Launch                     | A. unlatch when not required<br>B. damage to BSM, loss of protection against flex pivot failure | 2   | detectable in MCU?<br>HIDDEN FAILURE?            | nil in BSM   | software protection against premature unlatch demand required    |   |  |
| RBD 16A       | 1          | chop axis deployable end-stop unlatch | Premature retraction (during launch) |                            | Chop & Jiggle Mode         | no limit of travel during launch. Possible damage to flex pivots                                | 2R  | none   | motor coils damped, flex pivot sleeves, adequate reserve on pivots | could incorporate feedback into MCU?                             |   |  |
|               | 2          |                                       | Restrain chop angle during launch    | damage to pivots           | Overconstrain s pivots     | Launch  | A. induced flex pivot failure - see above | 2R   | as RDB2, 4   | flex pivot sleeves, use of jiggle to address 1/f noise, scan map | test for this during vibration campaigns    |  |
|               | 3          |                                       | Restrain chop angle during launch    | Failure to cease operation | short or mechanical damage | Chop & Jiggle Mode  | A. latch shorted<br>B. Restricted FoV     | 3R   | no retract signal obtained, hard stops at end of travel            | redundant coil on solenoid, redundant harness                    |   |  |
|               | 4          |                                       | Restrain chop angle during launch    | Failure during operation   |                            | Chop & Jiggle Mode  | indeterminate state                       | 3  | unknown  | unknown  | test MCU / software for indeterminate state | unlikely as bi-stable magnet.                                    |
|               | 5          |                                       | Restrain chop angle during launch    | short circuit              | short                      | Chop & Jiggle Mode  | damping of primary solenoid coil          | 3R   | no retract signal obtained, hard stops at end of travel            | redundant coil on solenoid, redundant harness                    |   | details TBD by LAM (designing LL for SMEC, BSM to use same unit) |



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