



Probabilistic Mass Growth Uncertainties

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Abstract



Mass has been widely used as a variable input parameter for Cost Estimating Relationships (CER) for space systems. As these space systems progress from early concept studies and drawing boards to the launch pad, their masses tend to grow substantially hence adversely affecting a primary input to most modeling CERs. Modeling and predicting mass uncertainty, based on historical and analogous data, is therefore critical and is an integral part of modeling cost risk.

This paper presents the results of a NASA on-going effort to publish mass growth datasheet for adjusting single-point Technical Baseline Estimates (TBE) of masses of space instruments as well as spacecraft, for both earth orbiting and deep space missions at various stages of a project's lifecycle This paper will also discusses the long term strategy of NASA Headquarters in publishing similar results, using a variety of cost driving metrics, on an annual bases. This paper provides quantitative results that show decreasing mass growth uncertainties as mass estimate maturity increases. This paper's analysis is based on historical data obtained from the NASA Cost Analysis Data Requirements (CADRe) database.



Background



- NASA previously had no current repository of historical project data (programmatic, cost, and technical data)
- In 2004, NASA implemented a procedural requirement in NPR 7120.5 to conduct comprehensive programmatic data collections, called Cost Analysis Data Requirement (CADRe), at key milestones of a projects lifecycle
- Currently over 170 CADRes have been captured and are available for us by NASA analysts to assess trends, identify cost/schedule behaviors, and obtain project specific insight
- As mass is a key parameter for NASA parametric model, a study was commissioned to use CADRe data to determine the historical observed growth for instruments from various points in the lifecycle



CADRe



 CADRe is a three-part document that describes a NASA project at each major milestone (SRR, PDR, CDR, LRD, and End of Mission).

PART A

 Narrative project description in Word includes figures and diagrams that note significant changes between milestones.

PART B

 Excel templates capture key technical parameters to componentlevel Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), such as mass, power, and data rates.

PART C

 Excel templates capture the project's cost estimate and actual lifecycle costs within NASA cost-estimating WBS to the project's lowest WBS level.



Frequency of CADRes



Program Phases		Fo	ormulation		Implemen	tation	
Flight Projects Life Cycle Phases	Pre-Phase A: Concept Studies	Phase A: Concept Development	Phase B: Preliminary Design	Phase C: Detailed Design	Phase D: Fabrication, Assembly & Test	Phase E: Operations & Sustainment	Phase F: Disposal
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Legend



Mission Decision Review/ICR



All parts of CADRe due ~30 days after site review



CADRe delivered; based on Concept Study Report (CSR) and winning proposal



All parts of CADRe due ~30 days after PDR site review

- Update as necessary~30 days after CDR
- Update as necessary ~30 days after SIR (for larger flight projects)

- CADRe, All Parts

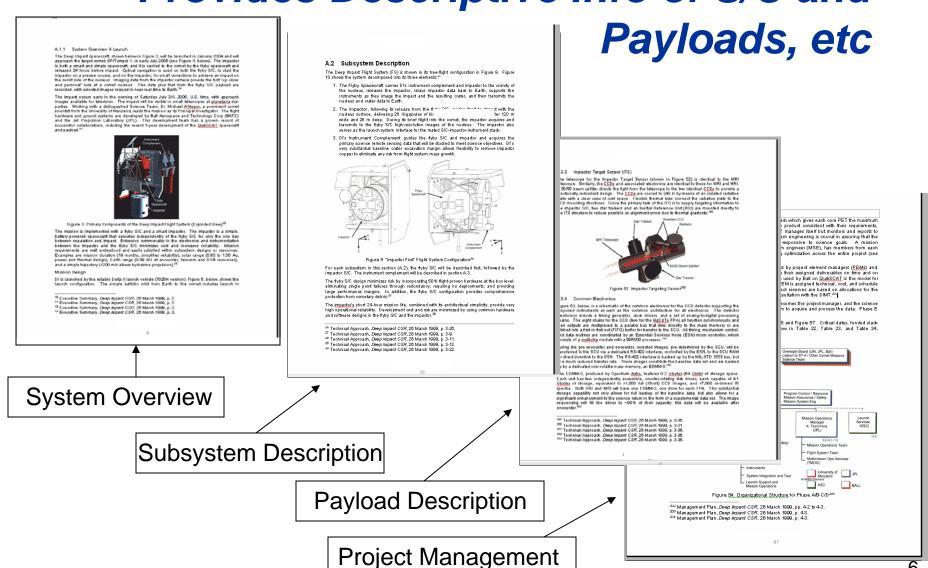
 90 days after launch,
 as built or as deployed
 configuration
- CADRe, update Part C only at the End of Planned Mission



Part A Example



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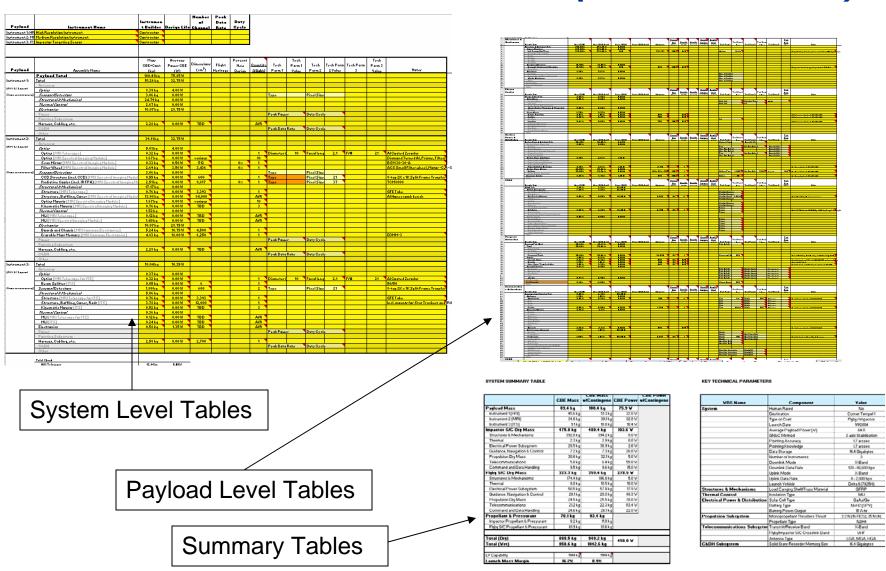




Part B Example



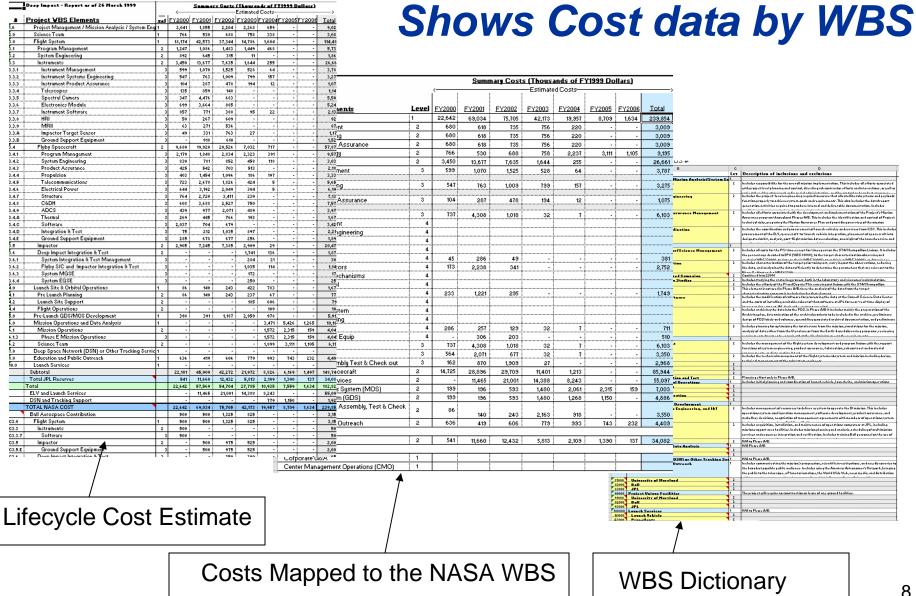
Shows the Technical Data (Mass, Power)





Part C Example

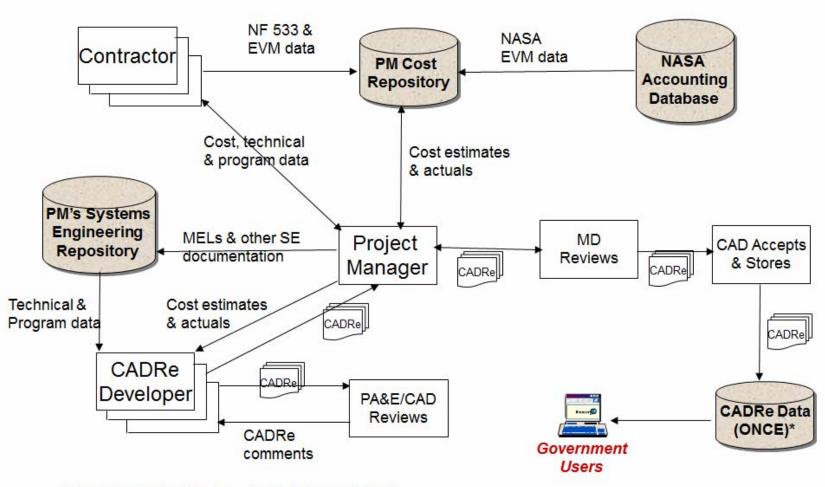






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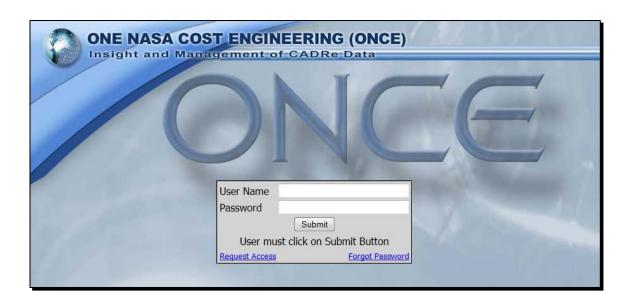






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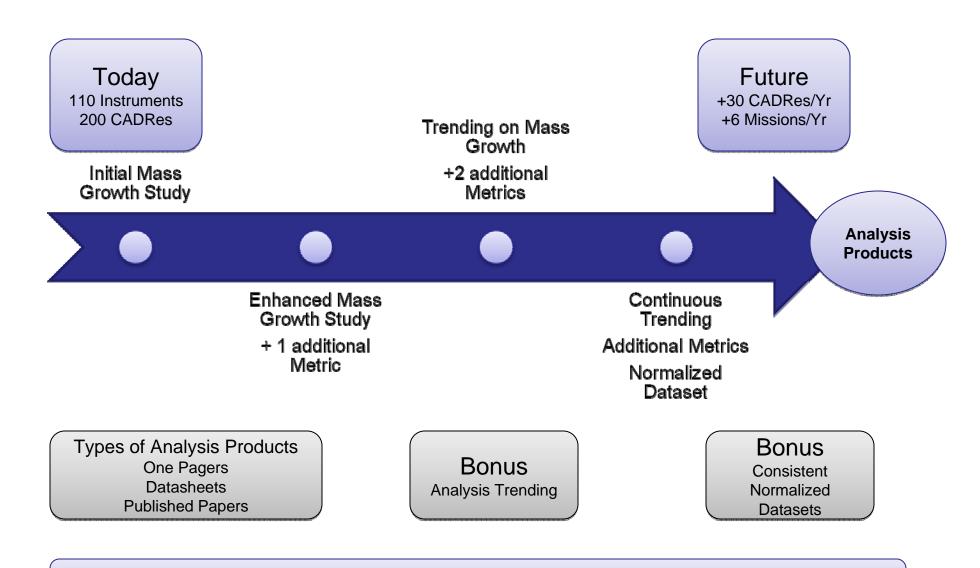




- n NASA-certified Web-based system
 - n Controlled access
- n Automated CADRe search and retrieval



CADRe/ONCE Analysis Product Evolution



Continuous Improvement by Creation and Maintenance of Analysis Products



Study Hypothesis



- As the project nears the launch milestone, mass estimates increase in accuracy
 - Mean of the mass values by milestone approaches 1 (zero growth) – Getting better at predicting Launch Mass
 - Standard Deviation decreases as the mass technical baseline matures – Lower variability in mass range
- An Exponential Decay function can be used to model the average decrease in mass growth as the technical baseline matures
- Exponential Decay is a decrease in a value N according to the law $N(x) = N_0 e^{-\lambda x}$ where:
 - λ is the decay constant
 - $N_0 = N(0)$ is the initial value



Why Use Mass?



Data Availability

Mass is a core technical parameter captured by CADRe

Data Usage

- Mass is widely used as a variable input parameter for Cost Estimating Relationships (CER) of space instruments
- Underestimation of mass impacts CER results

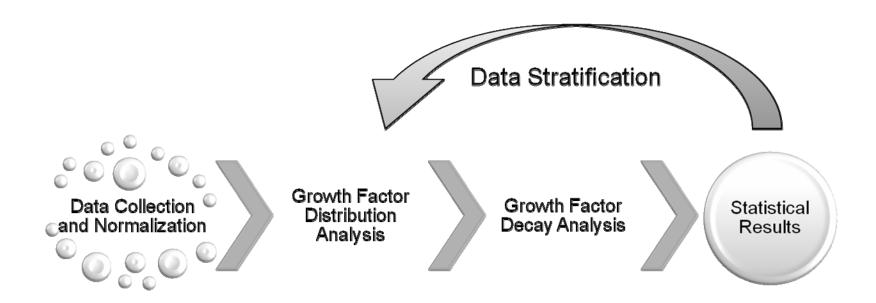
Risk Input

- During development, mass is an estimate
- "Final" mass may be different than what is estimated
- Understanding growth potential allows for better quantification of risk inputs



Study Process





- Assessment and evaluation of source data, extraction, normalization, and format conducted prior to data analysis
- Statistical Analysis software facilitates Growth Factor and Decay analysis

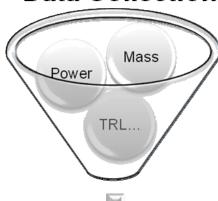
 used COTS tools (Excel and CO\$TAT from ACEIT Software suite)
- Data Stratifications include selection of Milestone groups or technical characteristics of dataset instruments



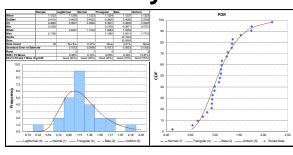
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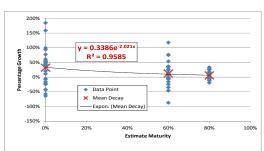
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Consolidated Datasheet

Formatted Analysis Worksheets



Calculation Techniques



Milestone Growth Factors

- Growth factors for mass developed for each mission from each milestone to final launch value
- Two techniques used
 - Technique 1: CDF development and mean value determination from Excel
 - Technique 2: Distribution and statistics determined from CO\$TAT best-fit analysis

Decay Equation

- Identify a group of instruments with data across all targeted milestones
- Determine mean growth factors for each milestone
- Conduct regression analysis
 - · Excel using graphing capability
 - Plot chart of Mean Percentage Growth
 - Run exponential regression through points and display equation
 - Excel using a formula
 - INDEX(LINEST(LN(MEAN PERCENTAGE GROWTH VALUES), ESTIMATE MATURITY), 1)
 - CO\$TAT using Non-linear analysis feature
 - Estimate Maturity = a * EXP(b* Mean Percentage Growth)
 - Calculate decay constant = b



Decay Analysis Results Can be Used to Create a Continuous Mass Growth Model



Basic Model

Instrument Mass Growth

$$M_{Adj} \equiv M \left(e^{-bt} \left(K_{GF} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)$$

 M_{Adj} = Growth-adjusted Mass Estimate Distribution

 K_{GF} = Baseline (@ CSR) Mass Estimate Growth Factor Distribution

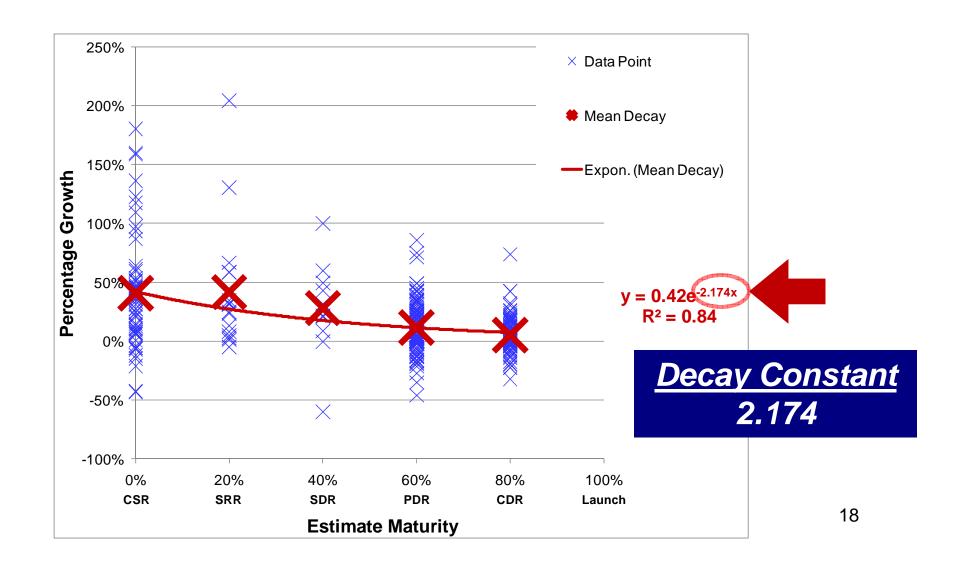
M = Technical Baseline Point Estimate of Mass

b = Mass Growth Decay Constant

t = Estimate Maturity Parameter

(CSR/SRR = 20%; SDR=40%; PDR=60%; CDR=80%; Launch=100%)

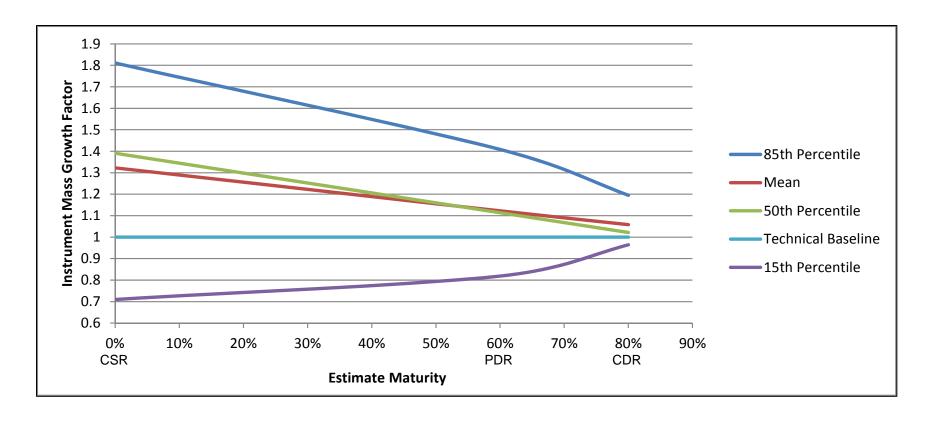
Deriving a Decay Constant from Mass Growth Data





Example of Continuous Mass Growth Decay Model



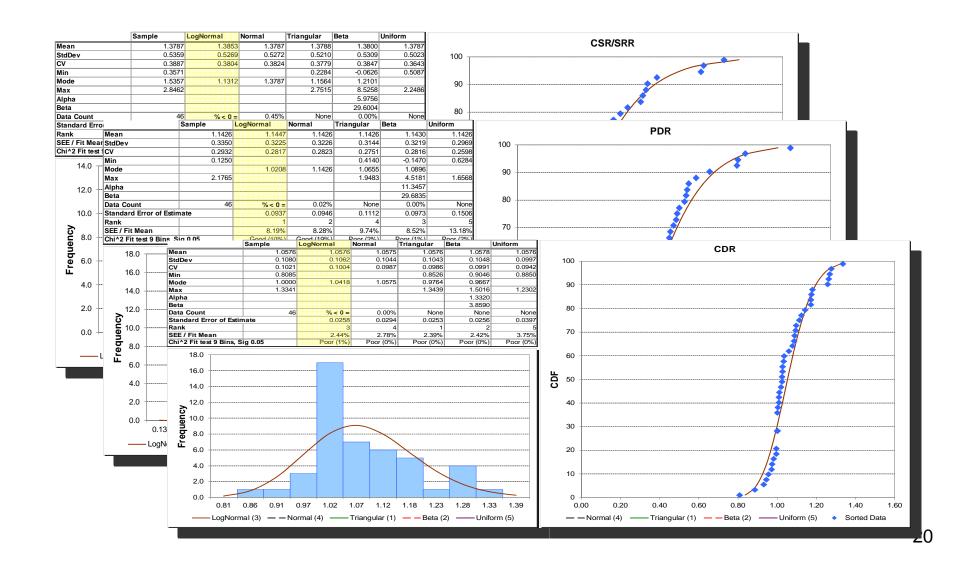


Enhances Analyst Capability to Specify Mass Uncertainty Ranges for CERs and SERs



Mass Growth Distributions Common Milestones – CADRe Data

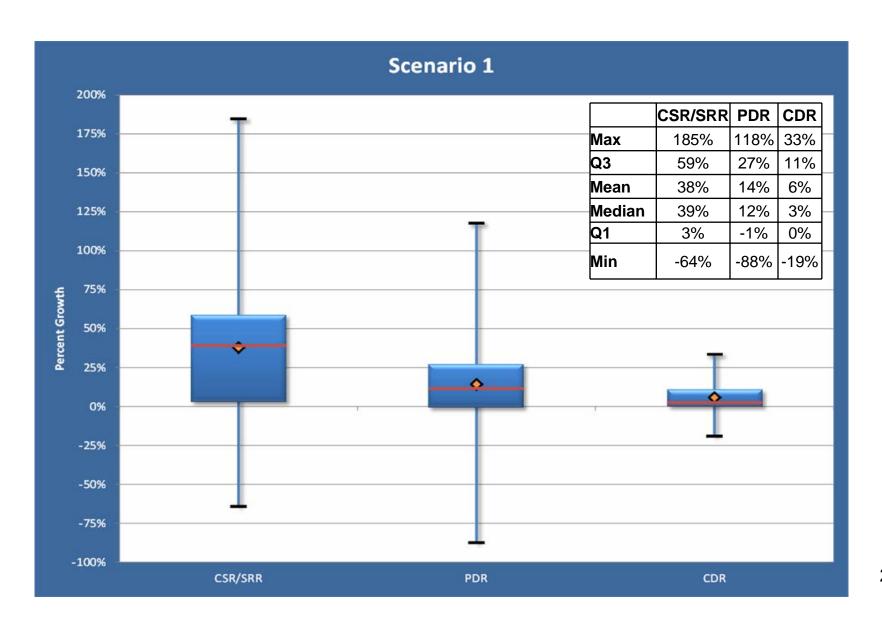






Percent Growth by Milestone Common Milestones – CADRe Data

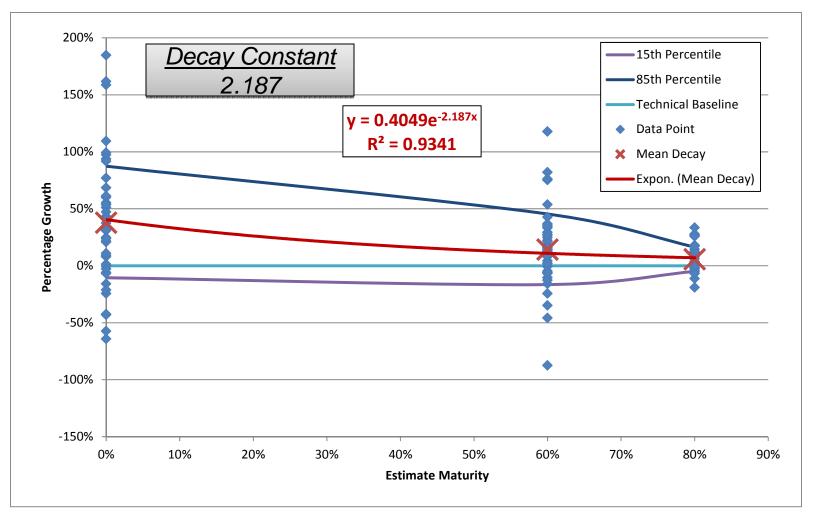






Mass Growth Decay Model Common Milestones – CADRe Data





CSR/SRR = 0%; SDR = 40%; PDR = 60%; CDR = 80%; Launch = 100%



Next Steps



- Finalize Study Results
 - General results for all NASA instruments and Spacecraft
 - Segmentation analysis (e.g., instrument type, destination)
- Publish one-pager fact sheets to help NASA analysts in the field