

Capabilities of Small Satellites of ISRO

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Small Satellite Projects

Points covered ...

- Advantages of Small satellites
- Small satellite busses of ISRO
- Missions with IMS-1
- Missions with IMS-2
- Possible missions with ISRO's small satellites

Advantages of small satellites

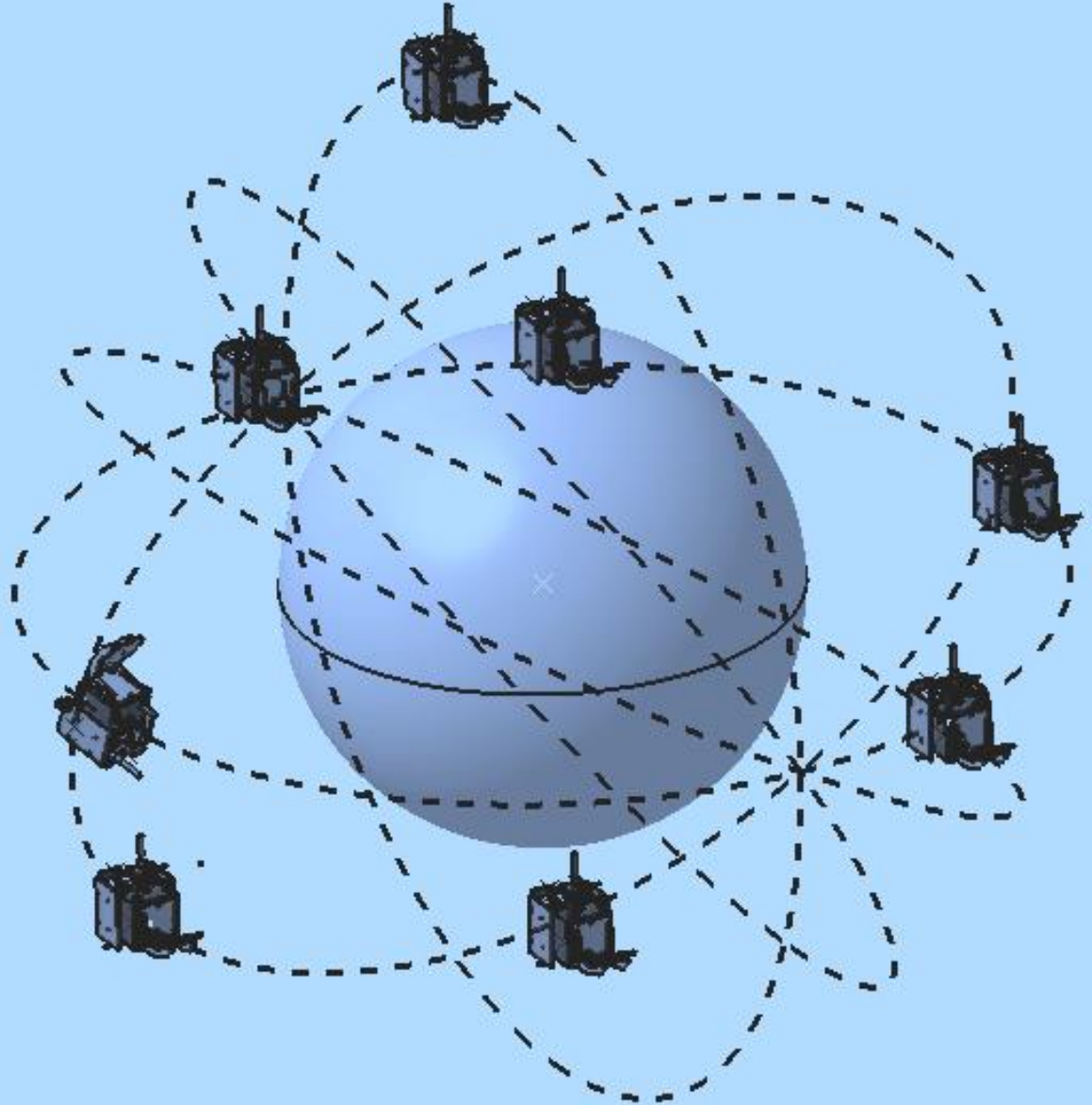
- LOW MASS, LOW POWER AND LOW VOLUME
- LESS COMPONENTS – MORE RELIABILITY
- LOWER COST PER SATELLITE
- QUICK REALISATION
- MORE NO. OF SATELLITES PER LAUNCH
- MISSIONS WITH CONSTELLATION OF SATELLITES
AND FORMATION FLYING -- FEASIBLE
- PERFORMANCE ON PAR WITH EARLIER
OPERATIONAL SATELLITES

Constellation of Satellites

Constellation for

- Disaster management
 - forest fire detection
 - flood monitoring
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- Frequent revisit (hourly)
 - security applications
- Weather monitoring
 - GPS occultation
- LEO communications
- Ship tracking

etc.



INDIAN SMALL SATELLITE BUS CLASSIFICATION



Micro Satellites : IMS-1

Satellite mass < 100 kg
Payload mass < 30 kg

Mini Satellites: IMS-2

Satellite mass < 450 kg
Payload mass < 200 kg



IMS-1

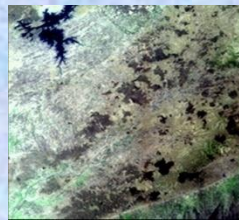
Miniaturization Achievements



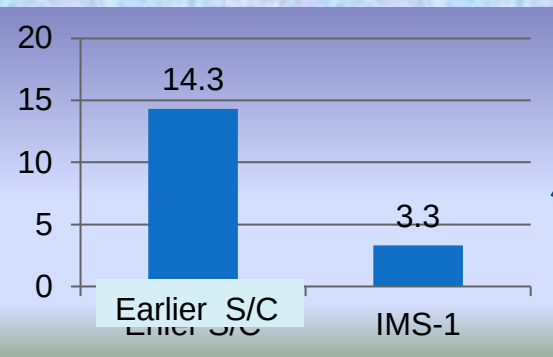
IRS 1A/1B Mass – 1000 Kg
Power generated – 800W
LISS-2 - mass :160 kg -
four Bands
Resolution 36m
swath 148 km

IMS total Mass – 85 Kg
Power – 250W
Payloads – Multi Spectral Camera
Mass – 5.4 kg ; four bands
Resolution 37m ; swath 151km
+ 64 band Hyper Spectral Camera

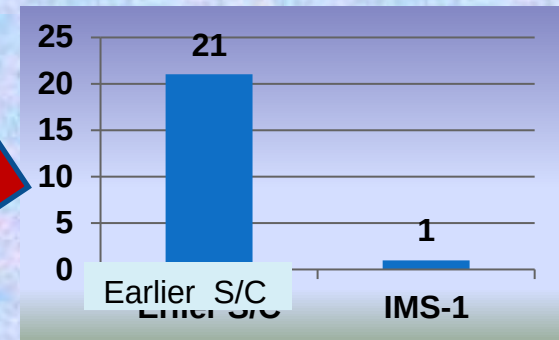
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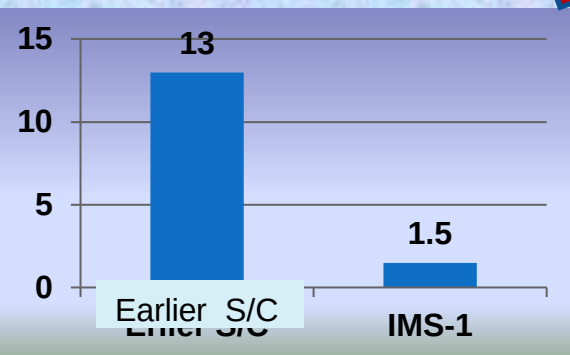
MINIATURISATION OF SOME OF THE SUB-SYSTEMS In IMS



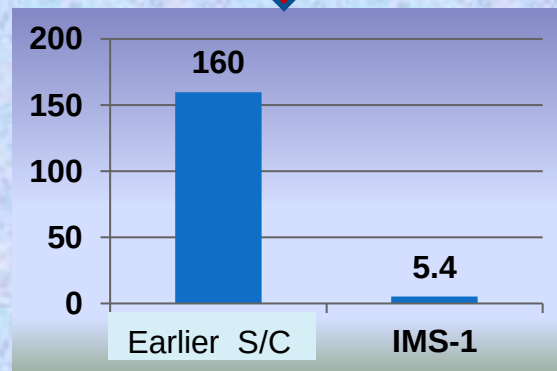
Inertial Reference Unit



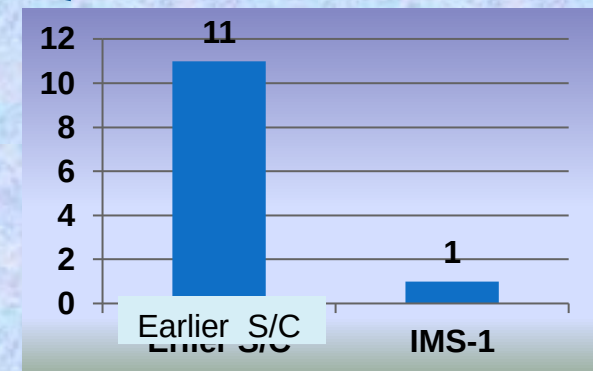
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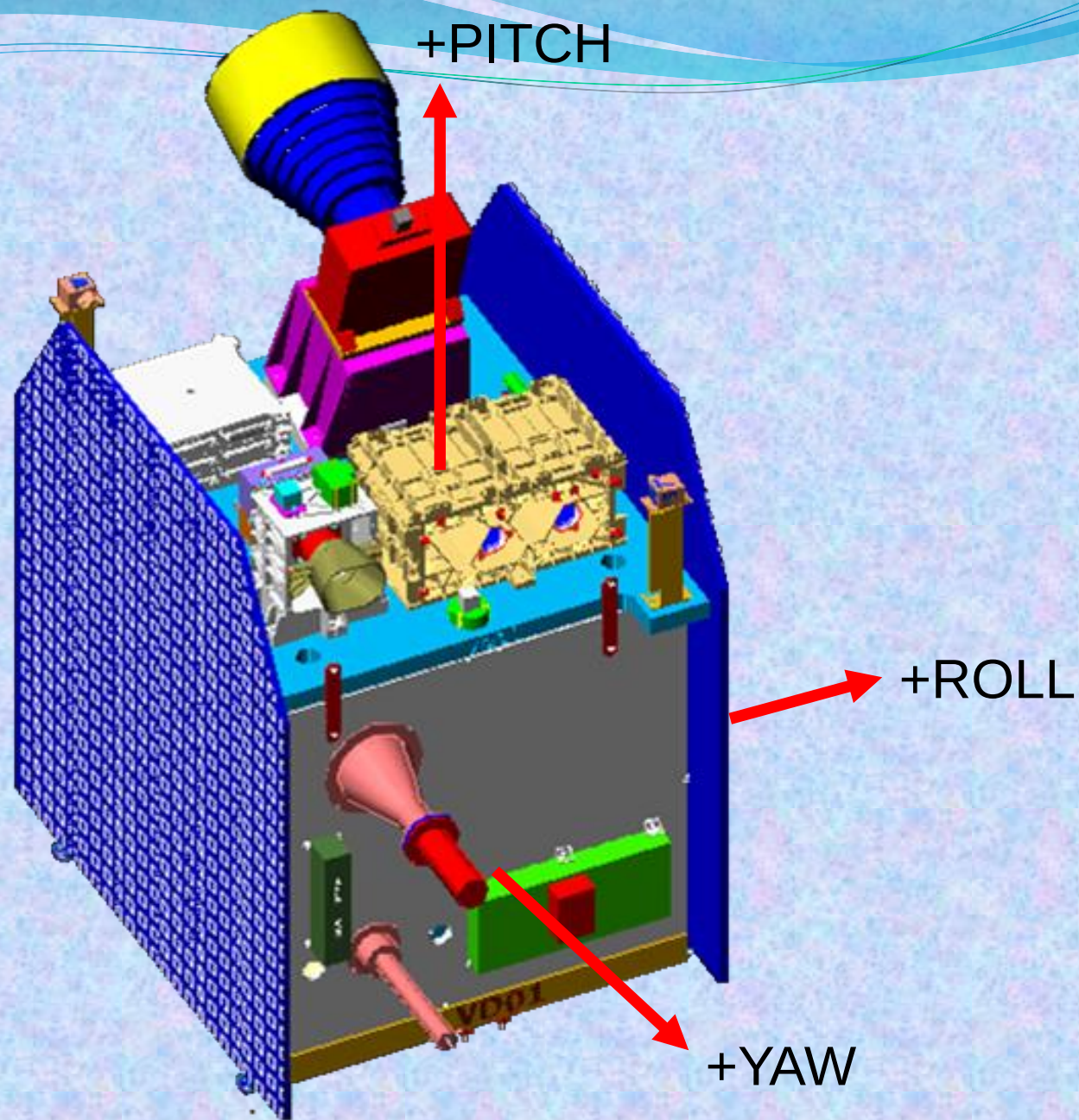
Bus Management Unit



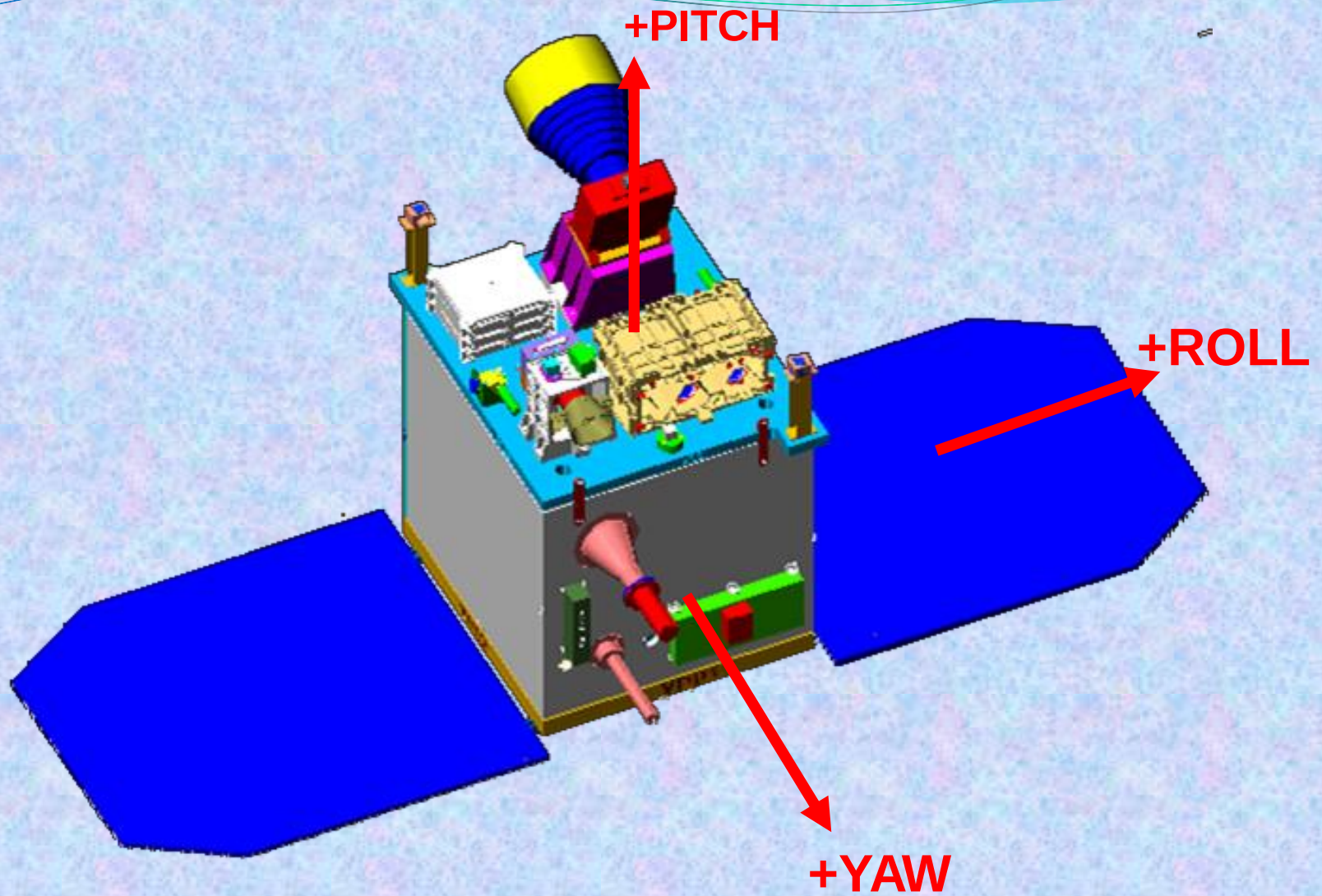
Payload



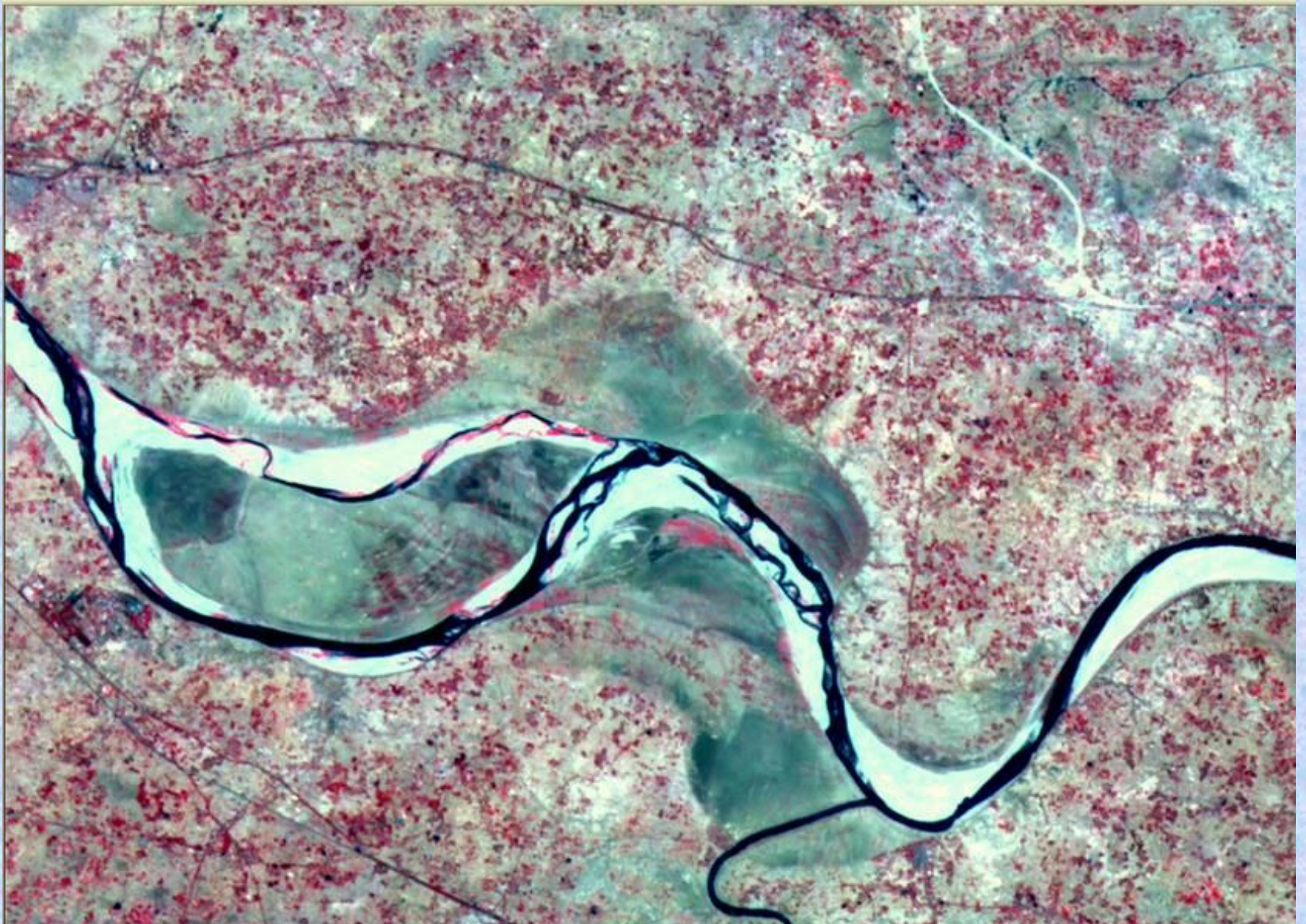
Deployment Mechanisms

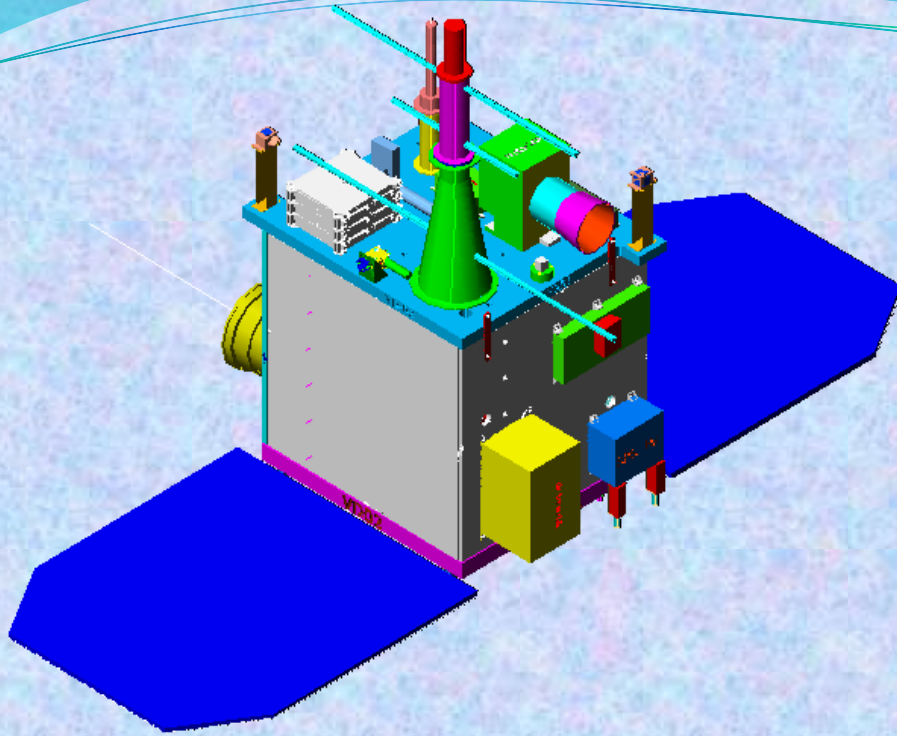


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IMS-1A (YOUTHSAT)

YOUTHSAT PAYLOADS

1. **SOLRAD by Moscow University**

- Research of solar flare activity
- Involvement of young researchers, i.e students and post graduate students in all stages of preparation and realization of the space experiment.

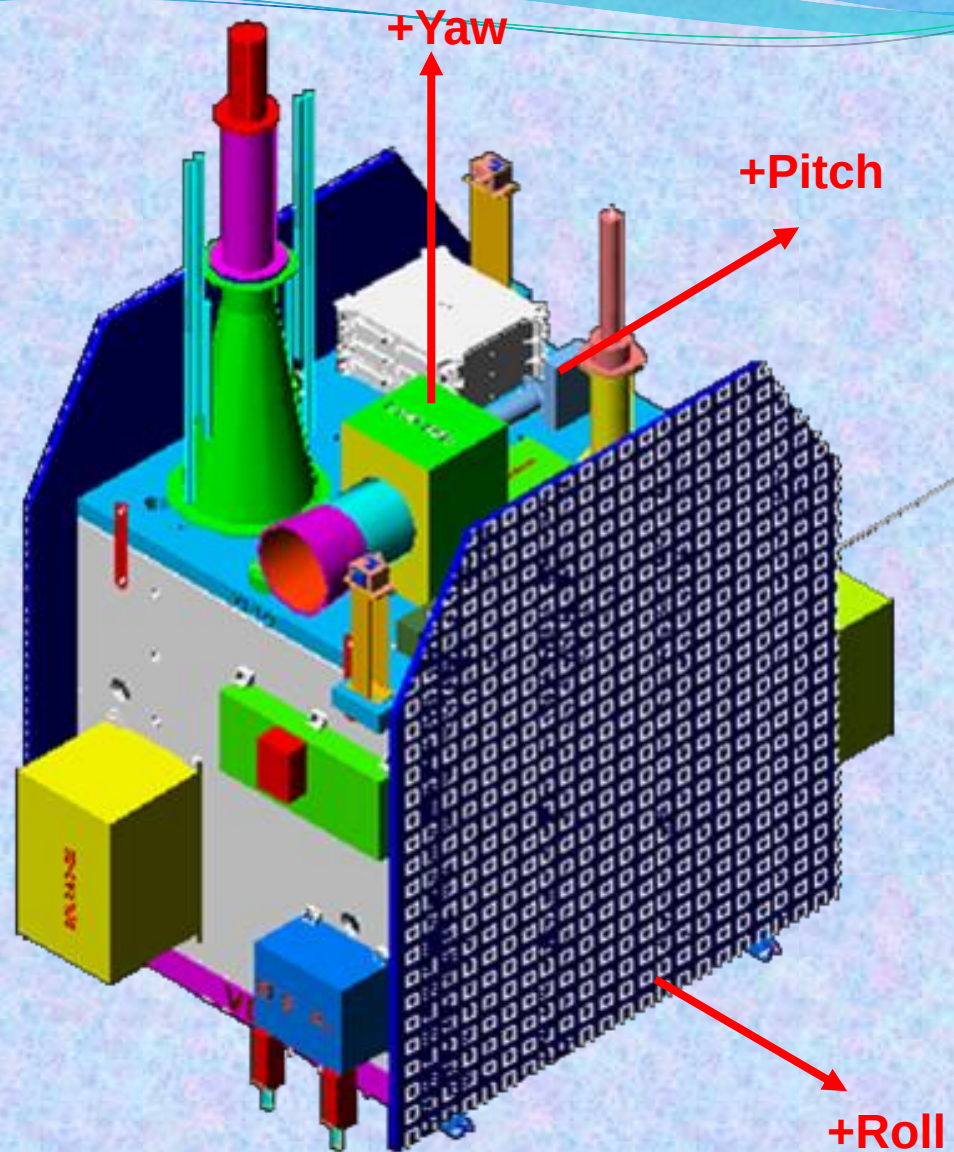
2. **RABIT by SPL-VSSC, Andhra University** **(Radio Beacon for Ionosphere Tomography)**

- For mapping the Total Electron Content (TEC) of the Ionosphere.
- The TEC is derived from the phase difference between two electromagnetic waves as it propagates from onboard beacon through the ionosphere to ground receiver.

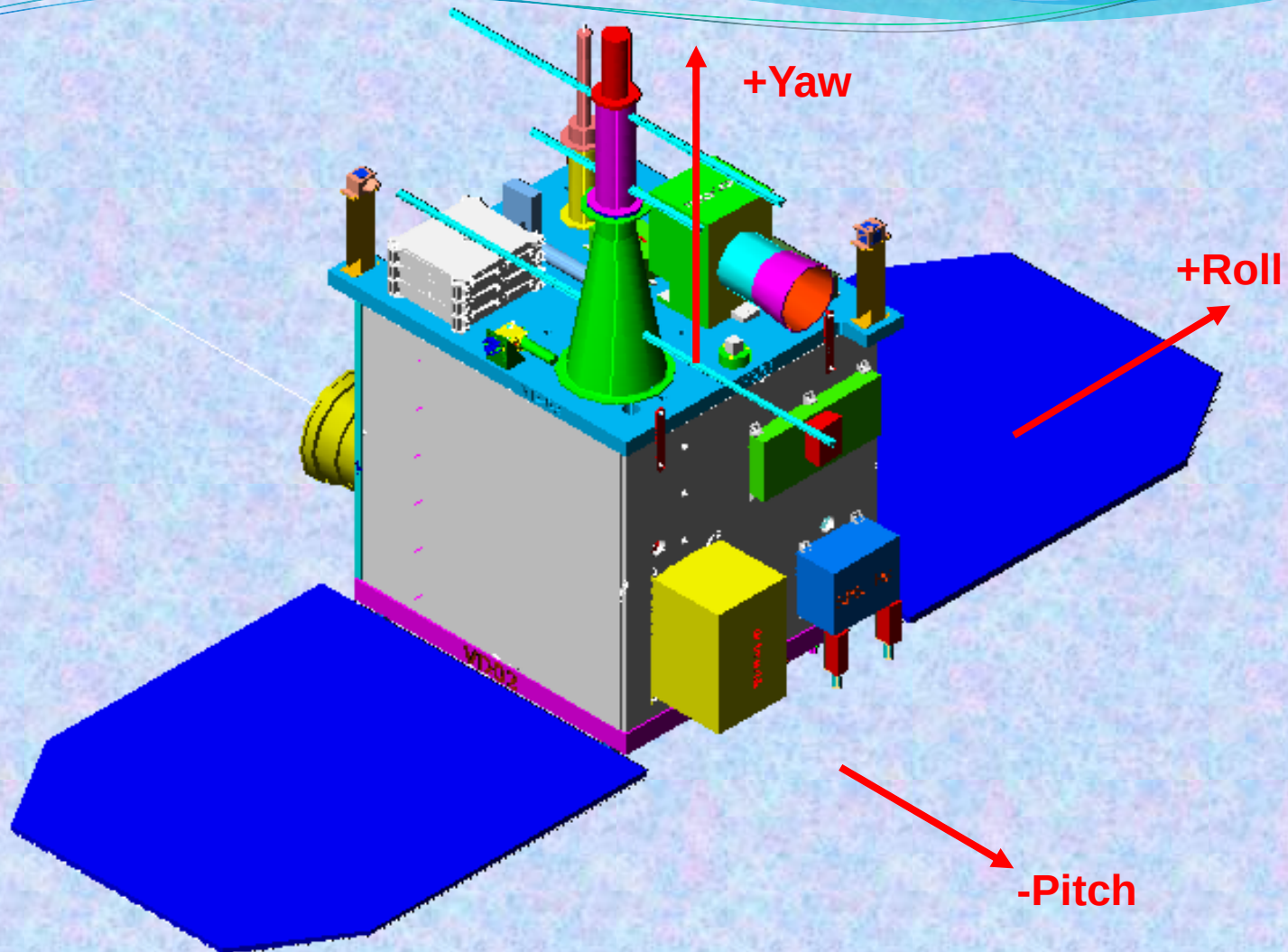
3. **LiVHySI by VSSC & SAC (Limb Viewing Hyper Spectral Imager)**

- The main objective of the proposed instrument is to perform airglow Measurements of the Earth's upper atmosphere (80 to 600 km) in a spectral range of 450 nm to 950 nm with a spatial resolution of 4 km and a spectral resolution of 8 nm.
- The observations would aid in understanding and modeling the earth's atmosphere as a whole in general and the upper atmosphere in particular

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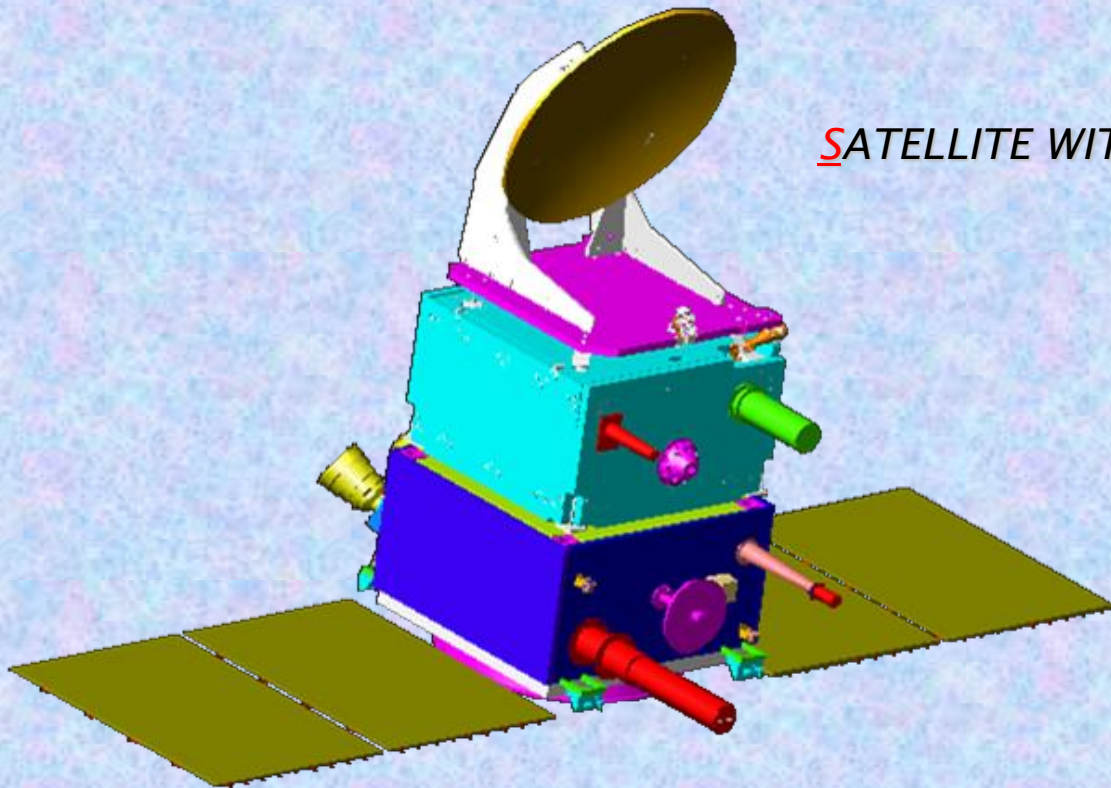


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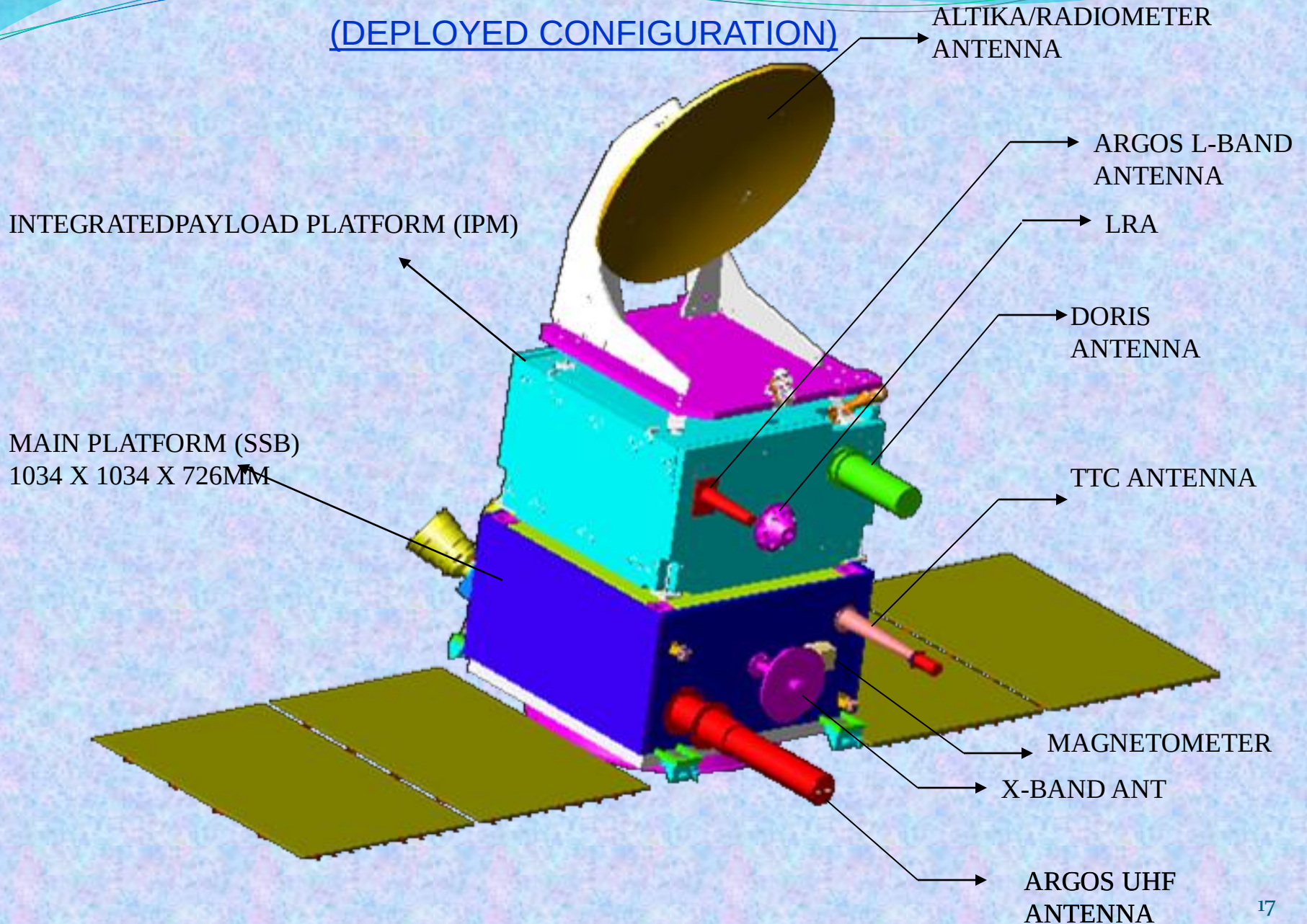
SARAL

SATELLITE WITH ARGOS AND ALTIKA PAYLOADS



SARAL SPACECRAFT 3D VIEW

(DEPLOYED CONFIGURATION)



SARAL SPACECRAFT FEATURES

- **400- 450 kg class satellite**
- **Separate module for payloads.**
- **Maximum available power ~ 855 W**
- **Compatible with PSLV Dual launch configuration**
- **Nominally configured for sun pointing/earth pointing missions**
- **Heritage from IMS-1 / IRS Missions**
- **Life : 5 years**
- **Reliability goal for bus : > 0.9**

PAYLOAD CAPABILITY

MICRO SATELLITE BUS

**P/L Mounting : on the TOP DECK
or AEV DECK**

Volume : 450(R)x500(Y)x200(P)

Mass : 30 kg

Power : 20 W Continuou

35 W Peak (15 min x 14)

Power I/f: Raw Bus (28 –33 V)

Data I/f : LVDS / 1553 B

Data rate: up to 8 Mbps

HK I/f : 1553B

SMALL SATELLITE BUS

**P/L Mounting : on a separate
platform over TOP DECK with
four point interface**

Volume : 900x900x800

Mass : 150 -200kg

Power : 150 W Continuous

Power I/f: Raw Bus (28 –33 V)

Data I/f : LVDS / 1553 B

Data rate: up to 20 Mbps

HK I/f : 1553B

Coming up Missions with IMS-1

- WIFS sat : carries miniaturised Awifs payload of IRS-P6
- OCM sat : carries miniaturised OCM payload of Oceansat-2
- HR IMS : Panchromatic cum Multispectral high resolution imaging mission
- SENSE : payloads for magnetic, electric field measurements and particle detectors
- IRSIS : Payload for Survey of celestial IR sources

Coming up Missions with IMS-2

- Aditya : Solar corona imaging satellite
- POLIX : X-ray polarimeter to study polarisation of celestial X-Ray sources
- TES HySI : Technology experiment satellite with Hyper spectral imager
- ISTAG : Environment monitoring mission
- Disaster management constellation

PAYLOAD CATEGORIES FOR IMS-1 & 2

- **Optical remote sensing payloads**
- **Microwave remote sensing payloads**
- **Payloads for Ocean and atmospheric missions like Radiometers, altimeters, aerosol instruments, Lidars etc.,**
- **Stellar / space science payloads**
- **Low earth orbit communication payloads**
- **Constellation missions**



THANKS
for attention

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