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Summary of Platform Specifications

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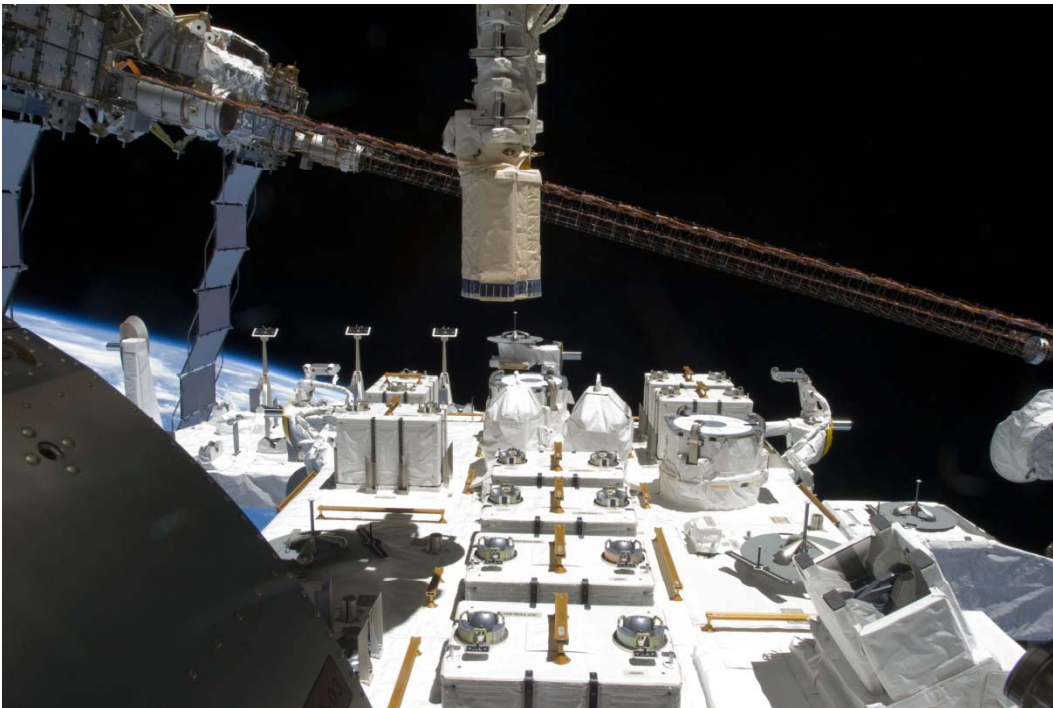
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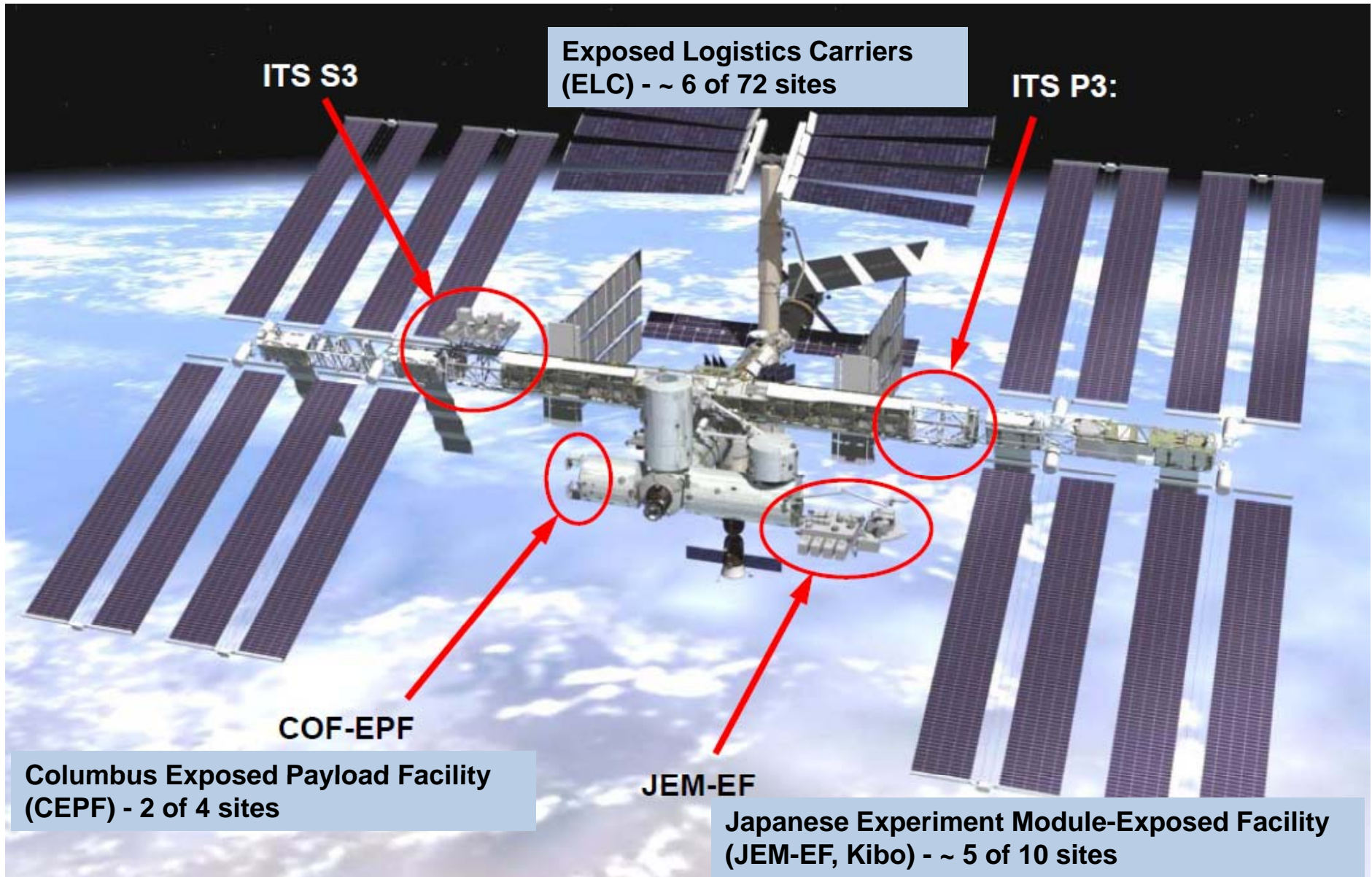
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Topics

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- **Environments**
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 - **Programmatic**

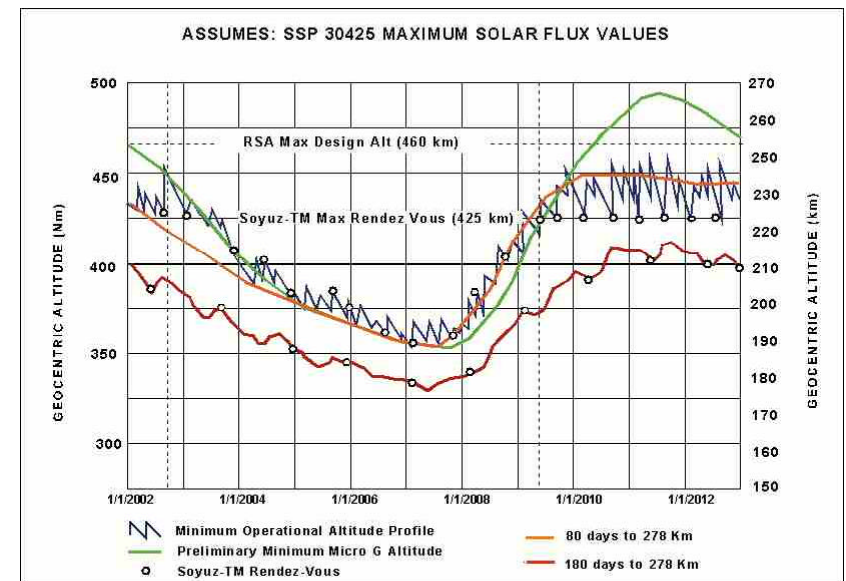
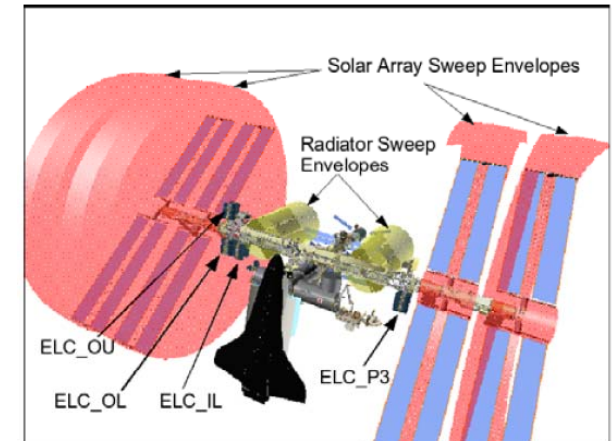


ISS Overview



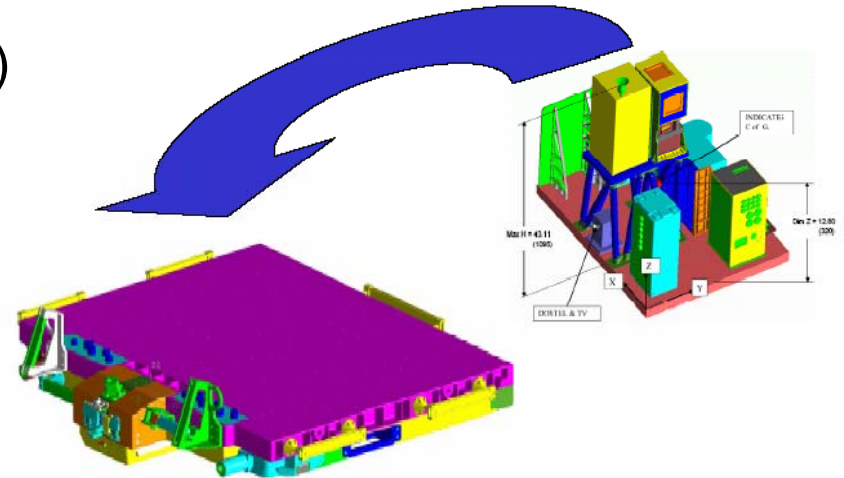
General Features

- 51.6° orbit, 91-minute period
- 340 – 440 km altitude
- Oriented for orbital stability
 - Station oriented to Earth mostly
 - Solar Panels/Radiators pointed to/away from the Sun
- Pointing Accuracy
 - $\pm 0.08^\circ$ for roll & pitch and $+0.23^\circ/-0.02^\circ$ yaw (bending of truss)
- Communications with Earth
 - via TDRSS, : ~ 90%



Columbus External Payload Facility (CEPF)

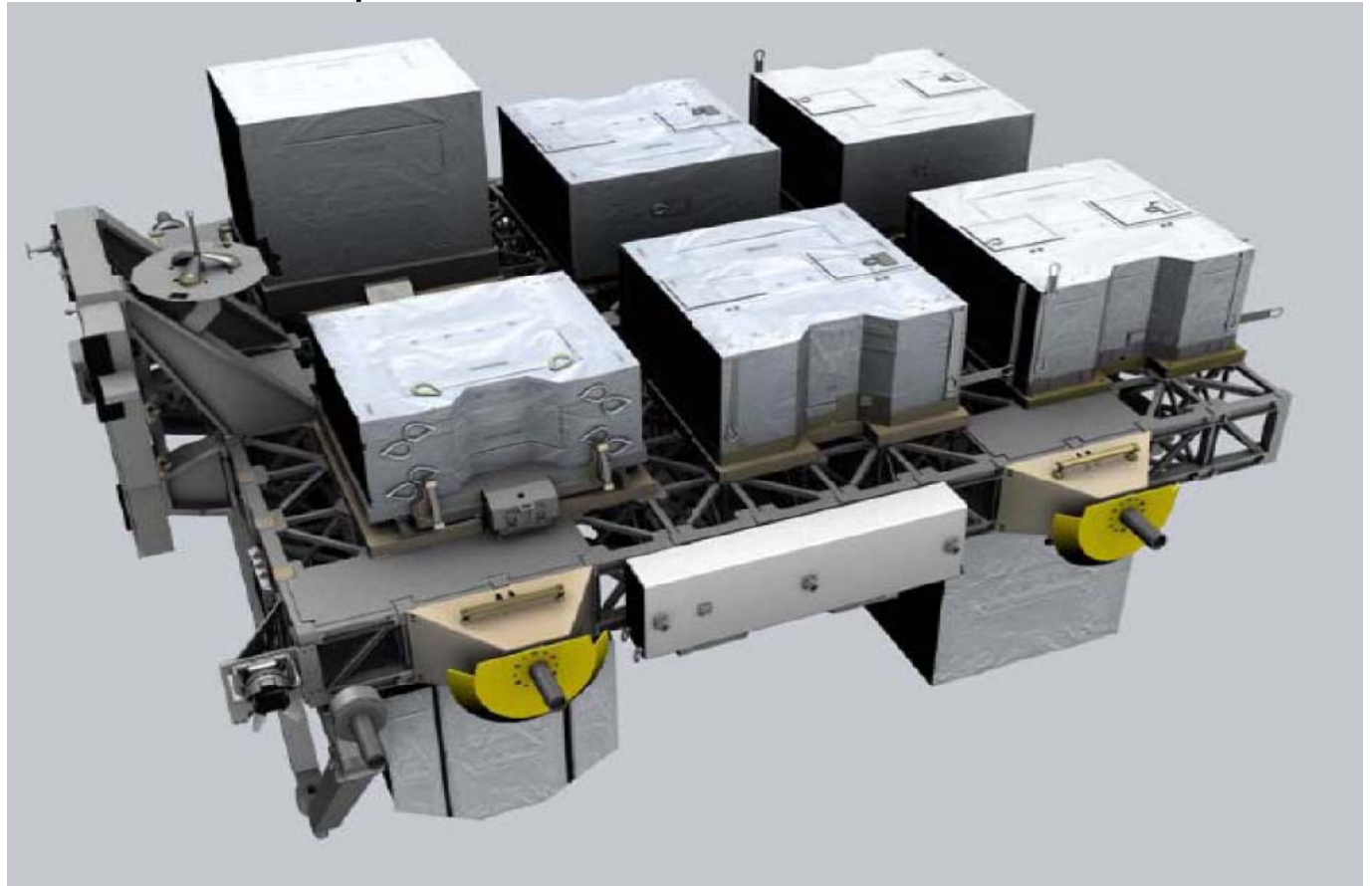
- 4 external sites (2 available to NASA)
- 0.86m x 1.2m baseplate x 1.2m tall
- Mass < 227 kg



- Standard attachment mechanism
 - Actuatable by crew or robotic tools
- 120Vdc, 1,250W
- MIL-STD-1553B, 10Mbps Ethernet

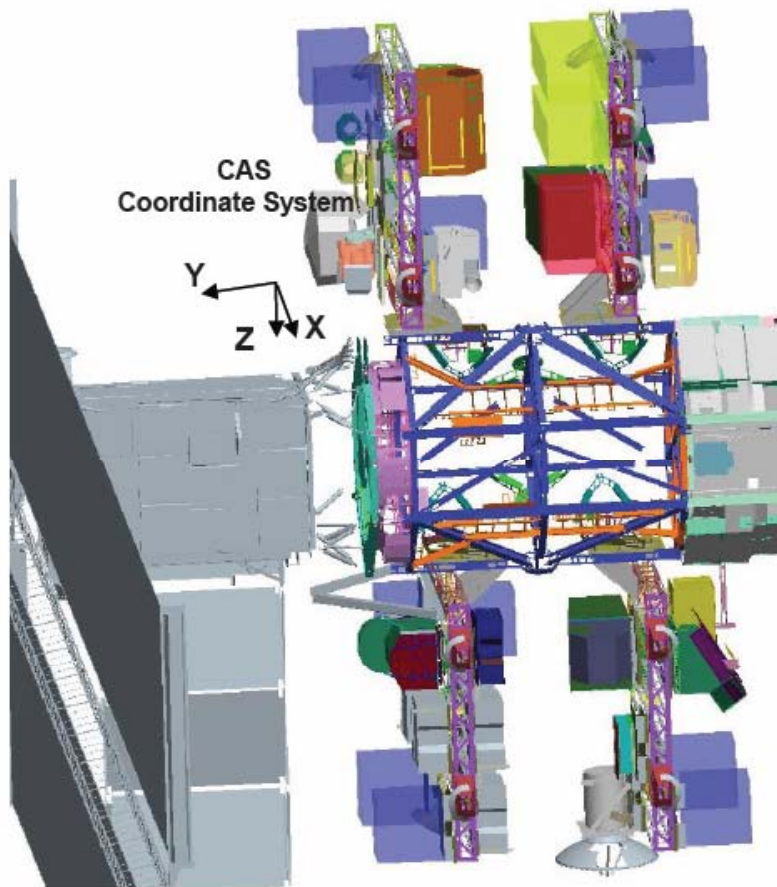
ExPRESS Logistics Carrier

- 6 ELC sites, 2 Science Payloads/ELC
- Same envelope, mass, services as CEPF
- ELC were integrated on the ground
- Payloads can be removed & replaced on orbit

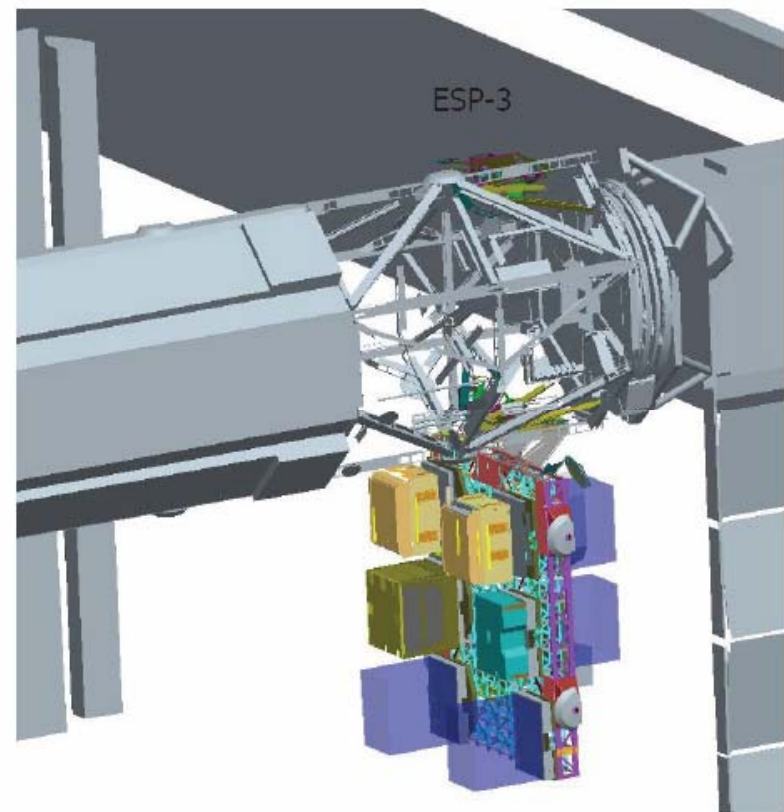


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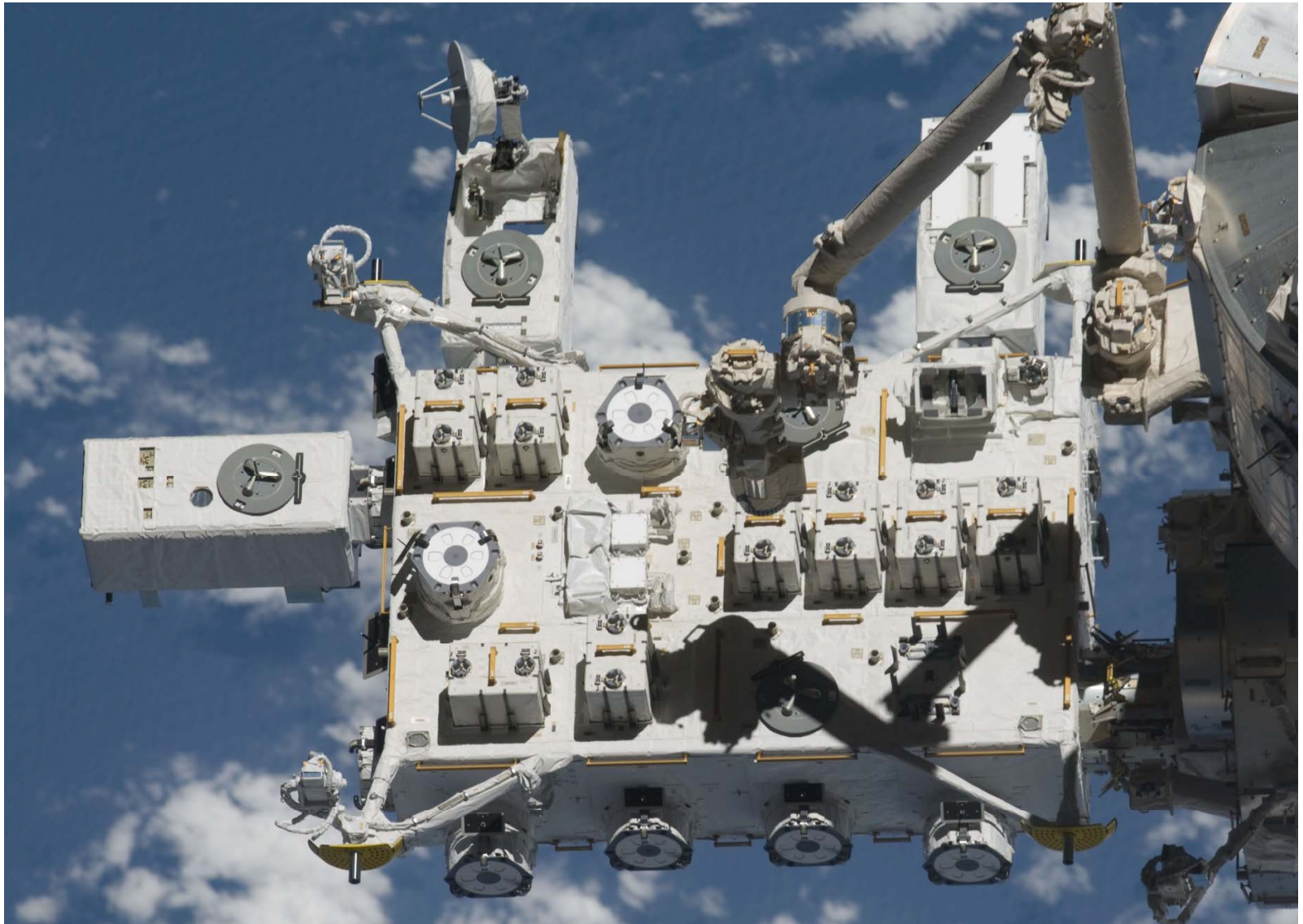
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P3



Kibo: Japanese Experiment Module – Exposed Facility



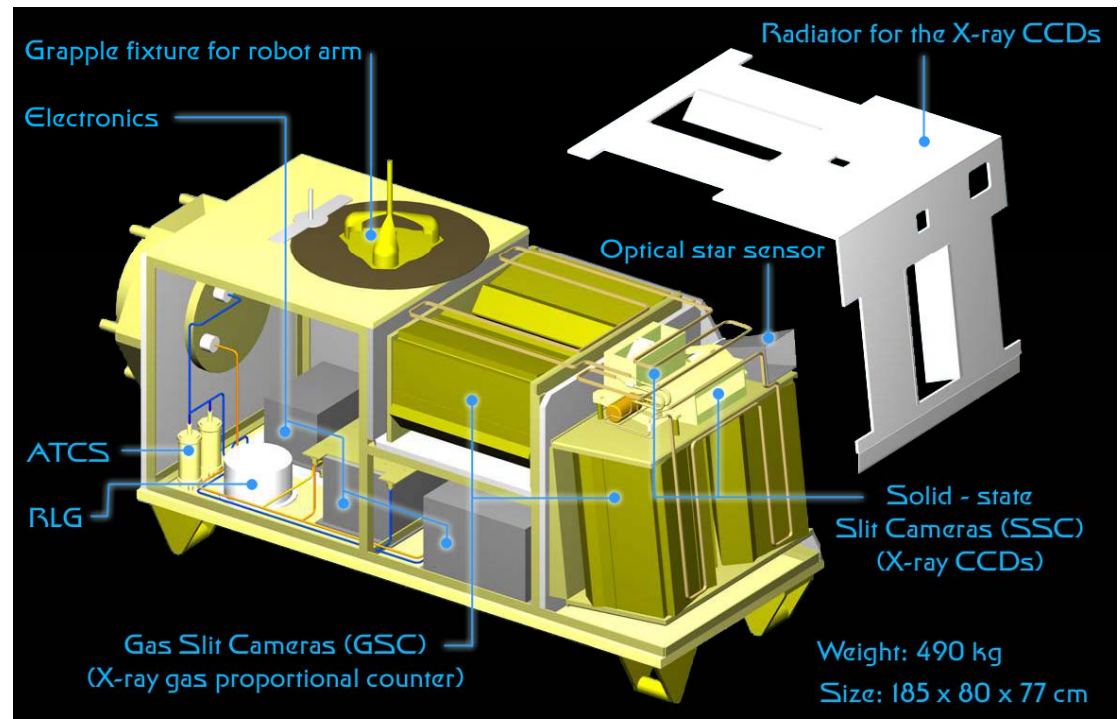
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JEM-EF Payload

- **Unique interfaces**
 - To JEM-EF (Payload Interface Unit)
 - To launch vehicle (Payload Attachment Mechanism)
 - To ISS Arm (Grapple Fixture)
- **Mass**
 - Nominal: 500 kg
 - Heavy: 2,500 kg (2 sites)
- **120 Vdc; 3,000W**



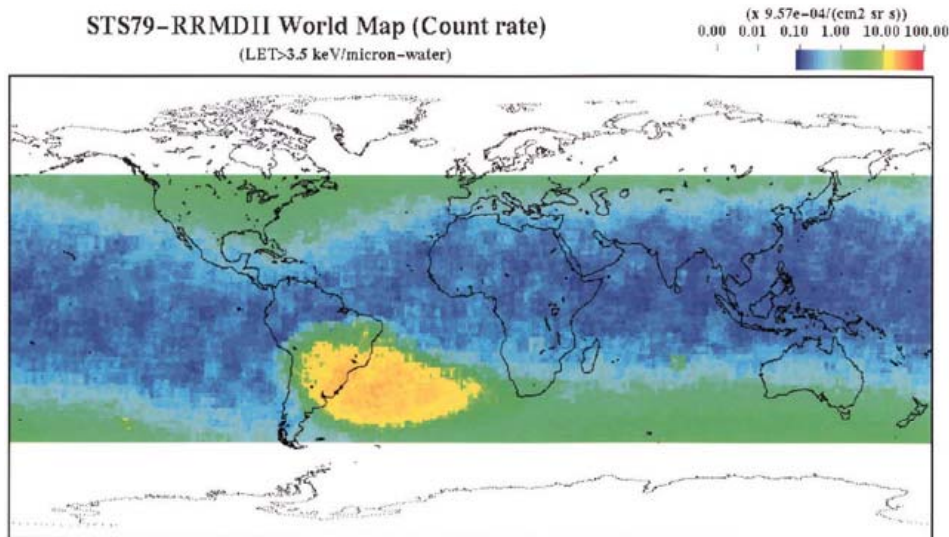
MAXI – JEM-EF Payload

ISS Locations: Summary

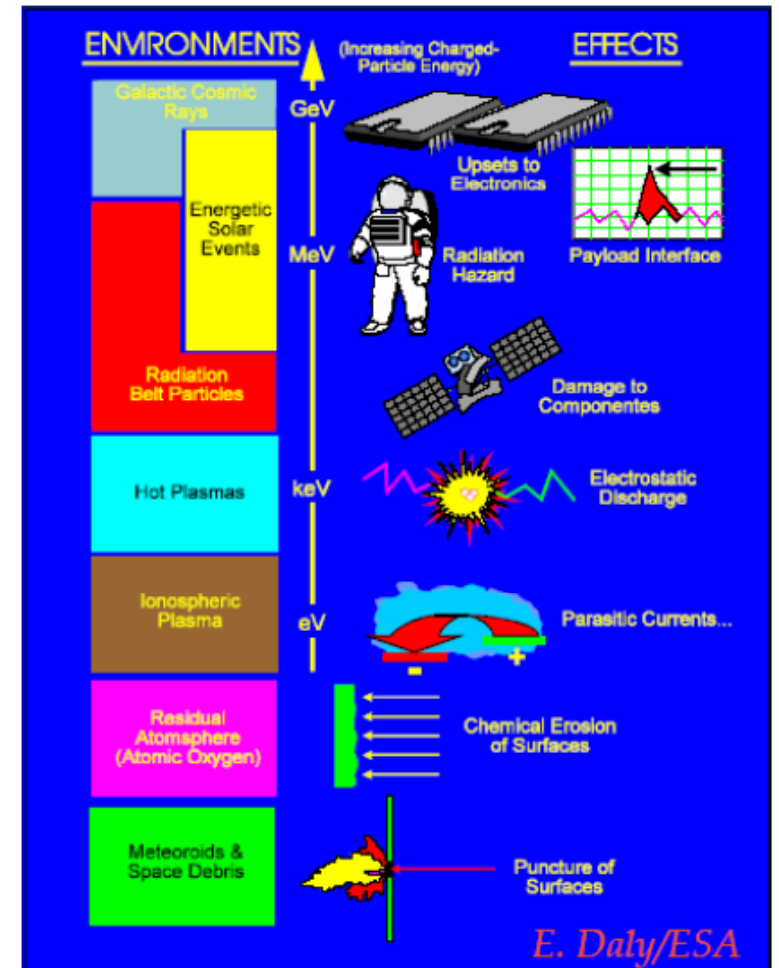
ISS Location	Mass (kg)	Volume (m ³)	Dimensions (m)	Voltage (VDC)	Power (W)	MIL-STS-1553B	Ethernet (10 Mbs)	Hi Rate (100 Mbps)
Columbus	227	1.2	0.8 x 1.2 x 1.2	120	1250	√	√	
Kibo (JEM-EF)	500	1.5	1.85 x 1.0 x 0.8	120	3000	√	√	√
ELC	227	1.2	0.8 x 1.2 x 1.2	28	750	√	√	

Environment

- Thermal
 - 3K sink, 1420 W/m²
- Contamination
 - < 1 µg/cm/year
- Radiation
 - trapped protons, Galactic Cosmic Rays
- Orbital debris & meteroids



JAXA, STS-91 Space Radiation Environment Measurement Program



Barth J., "The Radiation Environment", NASA/GSFC Presentation.

Programmatic Environment

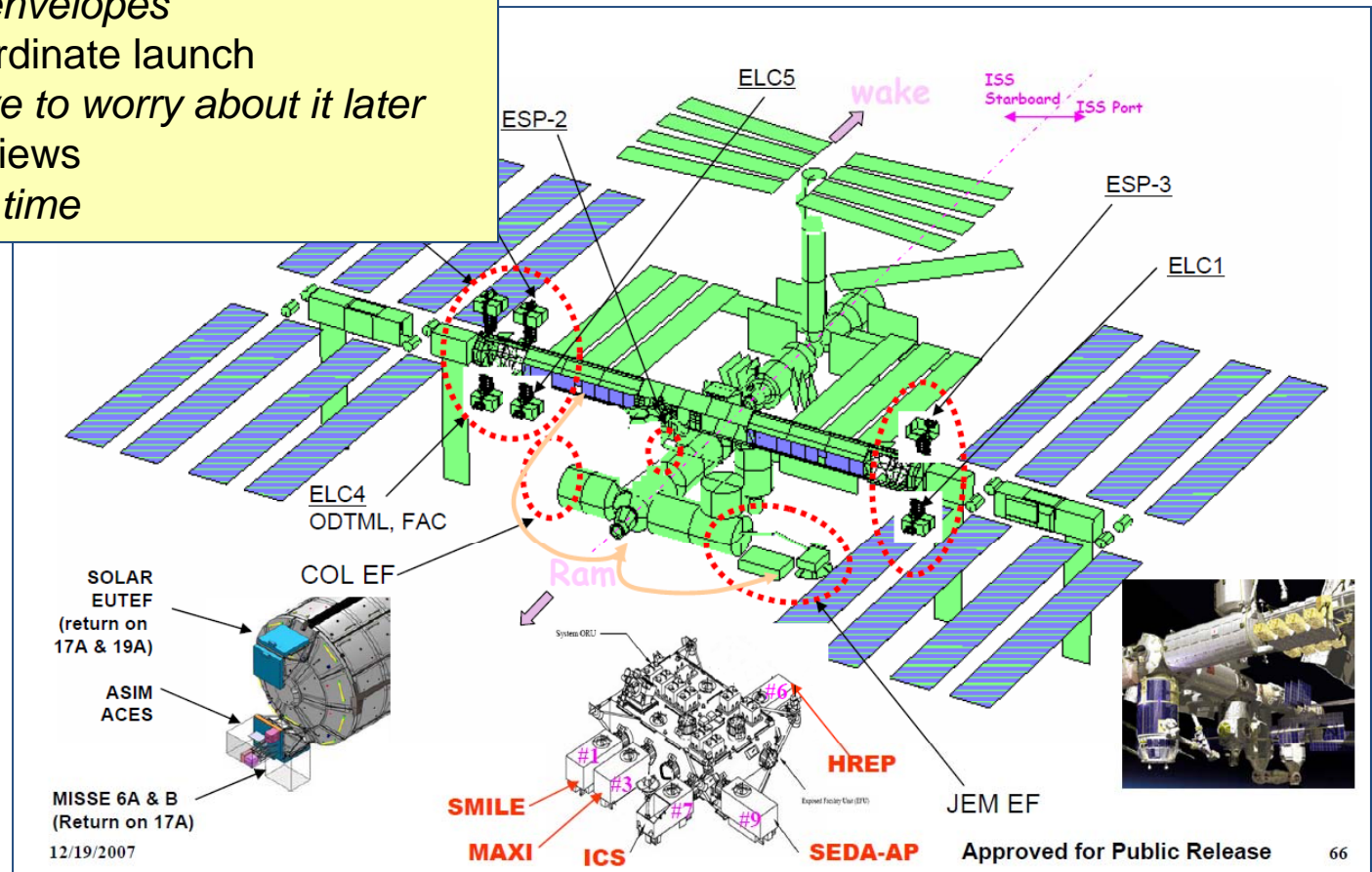
Payload Integration (ISS Payloads Office, Code OZ)

- Formal “3-year” development process
- Safety Process
 - Driven by launch vehicle
 - Generic & unique hazards (pressure vessels, lasers, batteries)
- Launch Services
 - At no cost to Payload Developer
- Analytic Integration



Summary

Above the atmosphere
but ISS carries its own
 Long-duration mission
in 30-minute snips
 Mass is not at a premium
only small envelopes
 You don't have to coordinate launch
but you have to worry about it later
 Unobstructed zenith views
most of the time



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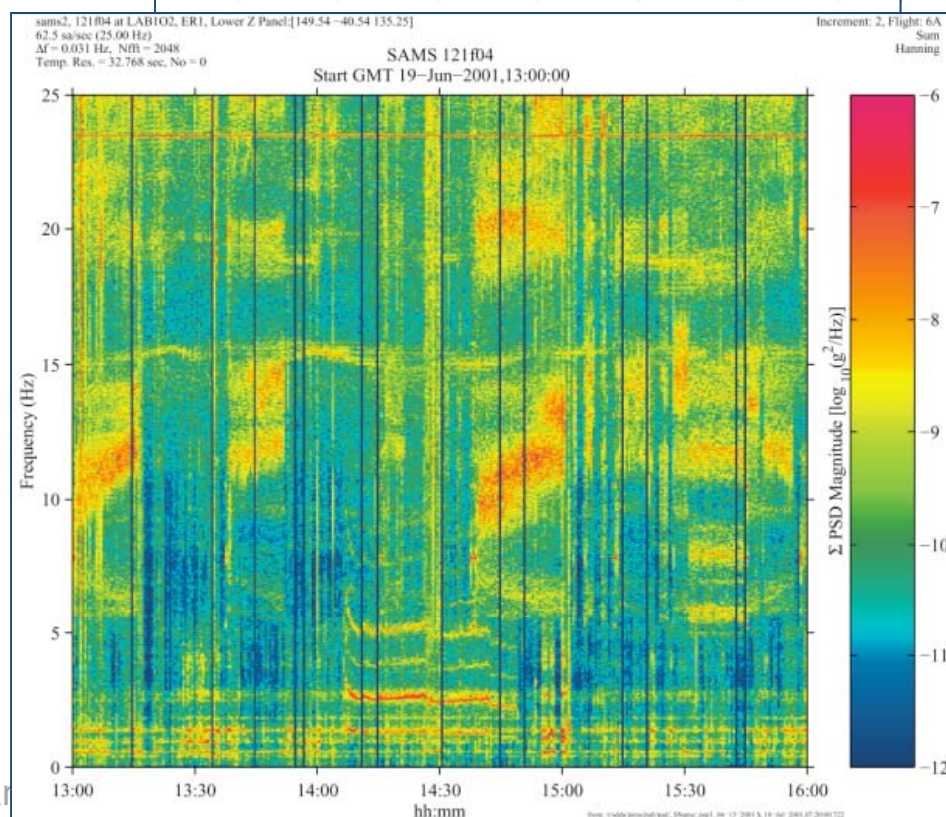
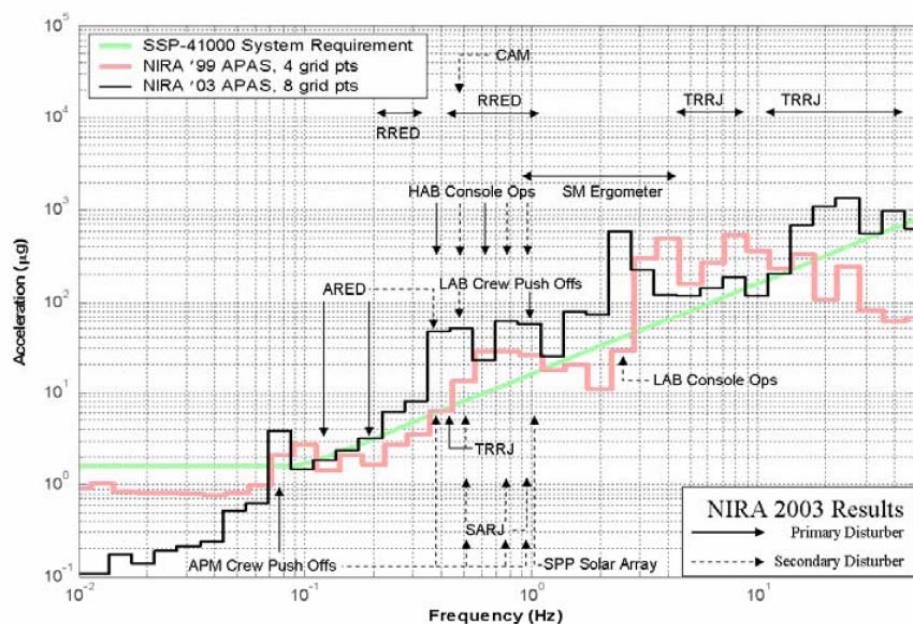
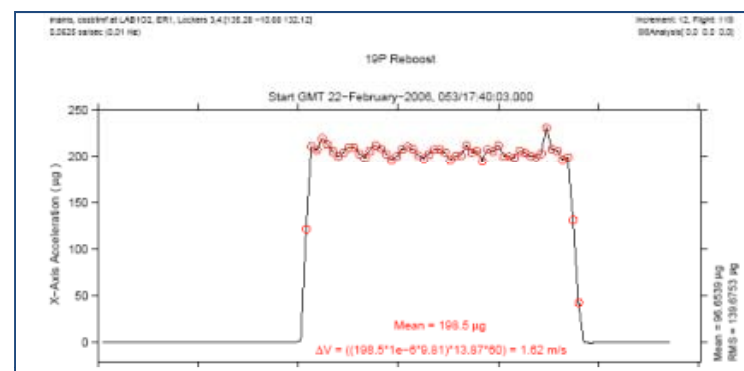
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- Some information was obtained from the NASA Science and Technical Information Program Office document, “Overview of Attached Payload Accommodations and Environments on the International Space Station” (Nov 2007) , <http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/190373main_TP-2007-214768.pdf>
- The photographs were obtained from the Web
- Additional information can be obtained
 - For Columbus Exposed Payload Facility from:
www.spaceflight.esa.int/users/downloads/userguides/colacom.pdf
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Backup Slides

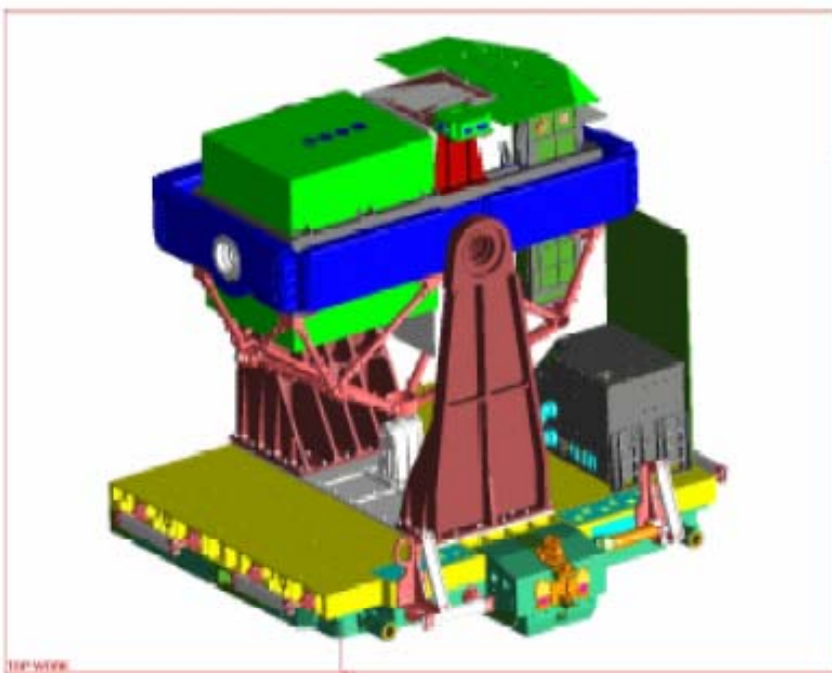
Backup: Accelerations

- 0.2-g, 15-minute reboost
- 2 micro-g quasistatic acceleration
- Dynamic vibration environment



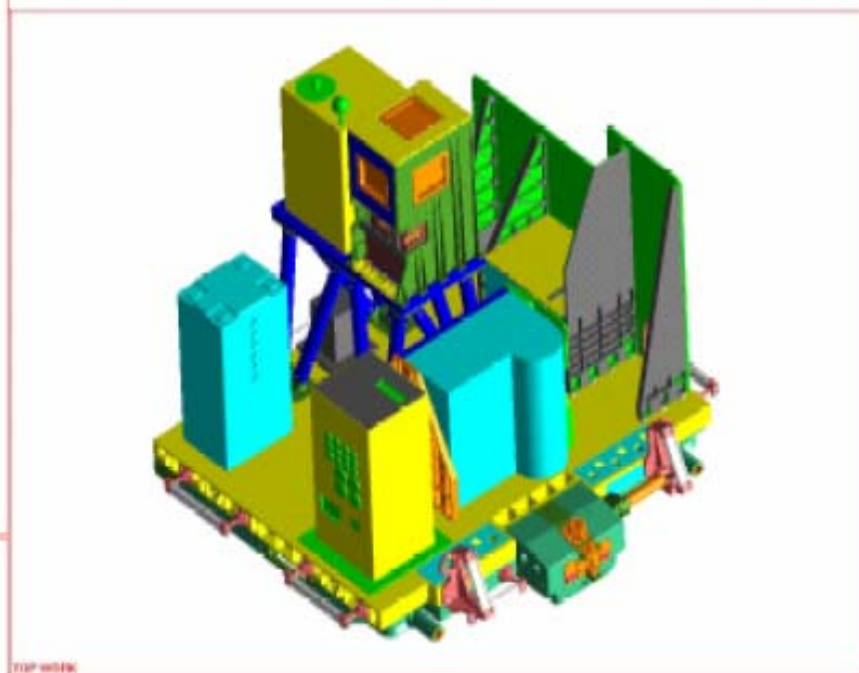
Backup: CEPF Payloads

SOLAR on CEPA



-SOLAR Payload with Integrated Carrier
(EVA mass = ~ 800 lbs)

EuTEF on CEPA



- EuTEF (European Technology Exposure Facility)
Payload with Integrated Carrier (EVA mass = ~ 752 lbs)

Backup: CEPF Payload Fields of View

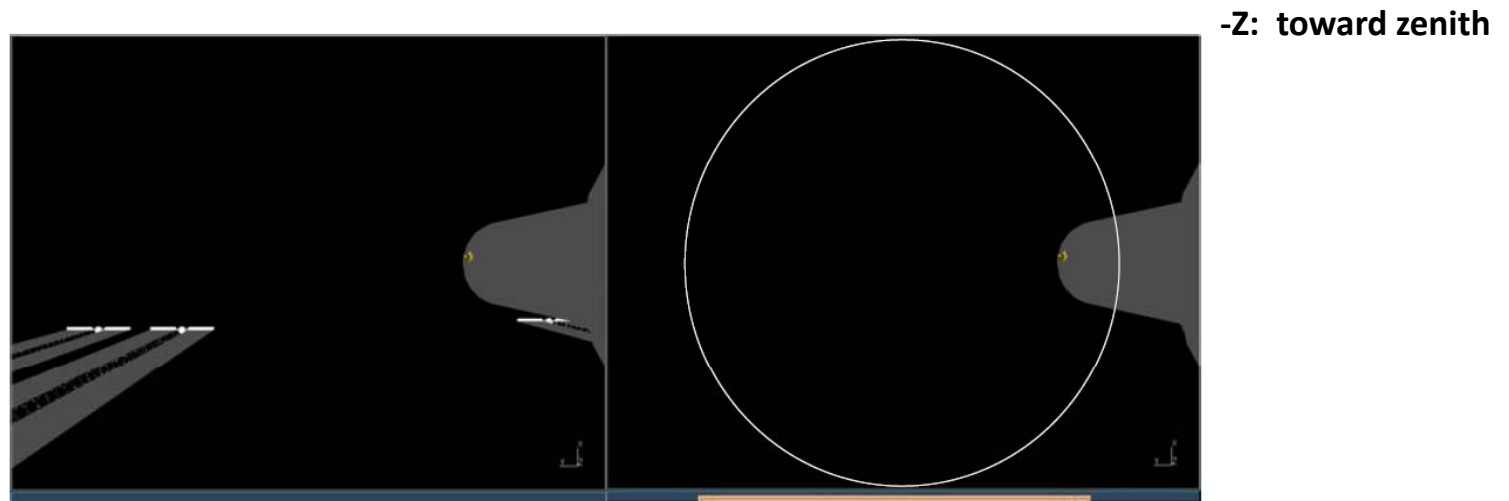
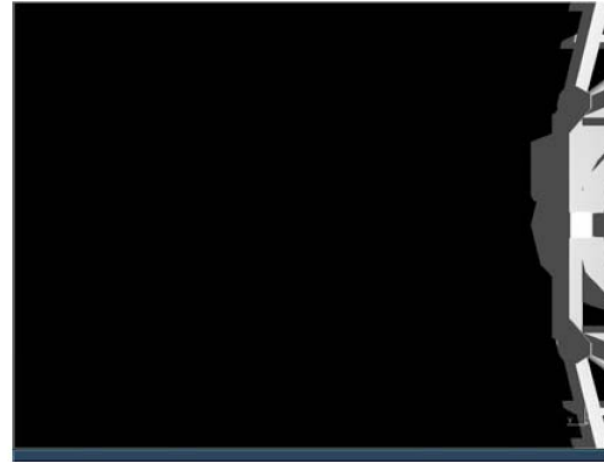
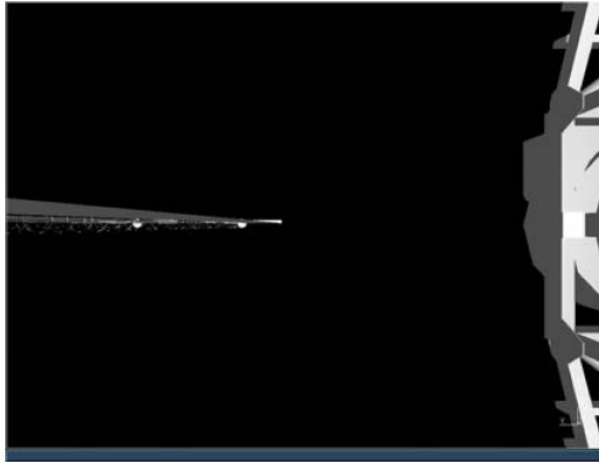


Figure 4.4-5: Columbus-EPF looking -Z, orbital sunrise (left), and orbital noon (right).



Figure 4.4-6: Columbus-EPF looking +Y, orbital sunrise (left), and orbital noon (right).

Backup: ELC Payload Fields of View



-Z: toward zenith

Figure 2.4-8: S3 upper truss, -Z, orbital sunrise (left), and orbital noon (right).

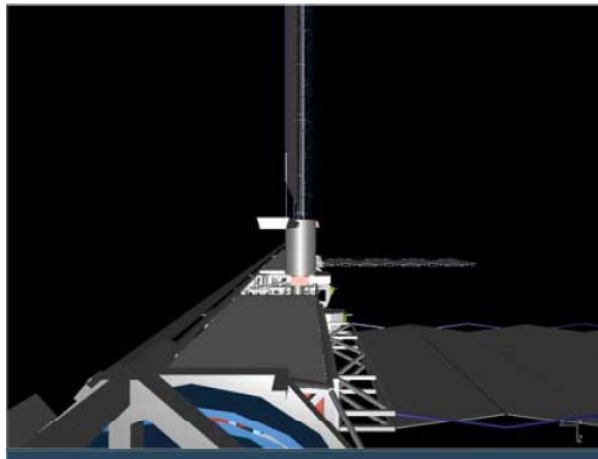
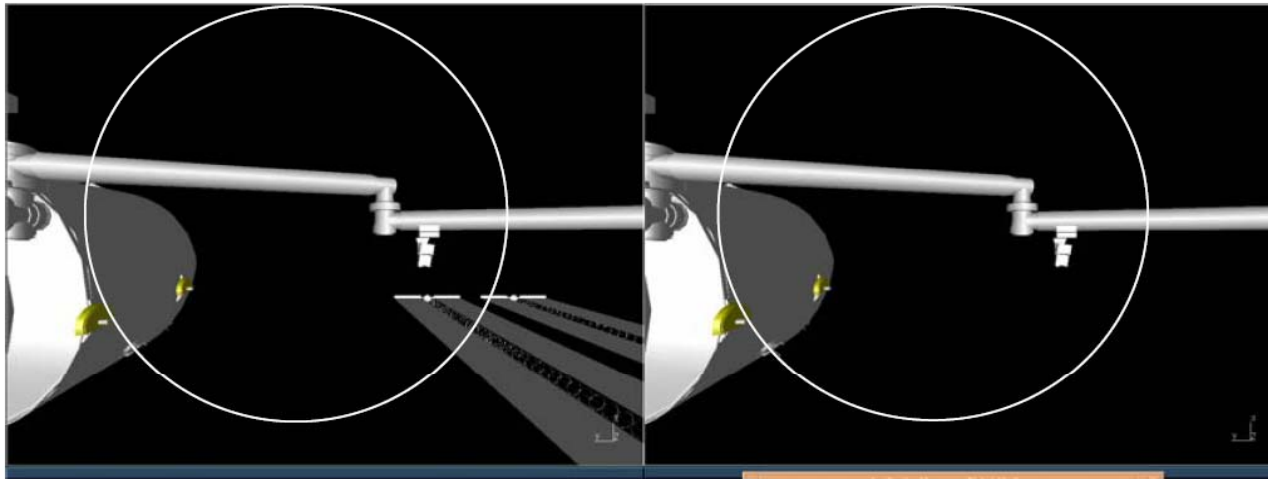


Figure 2.4-9: S3 upper truss, +Y, orbital sunrise (left), and orbital noon (right).

Backup: JEM-EF Payload Fields of View



-Z: toward zenith

Figure 3.4-5: JEM-EF, -Z, orbital sunrise (left), and orbital noon (right).

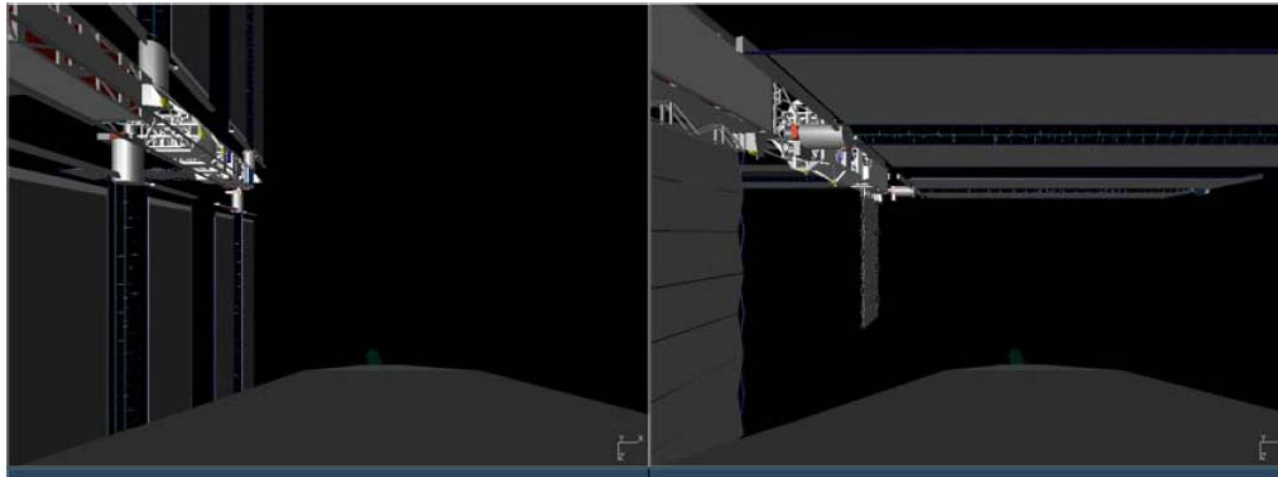


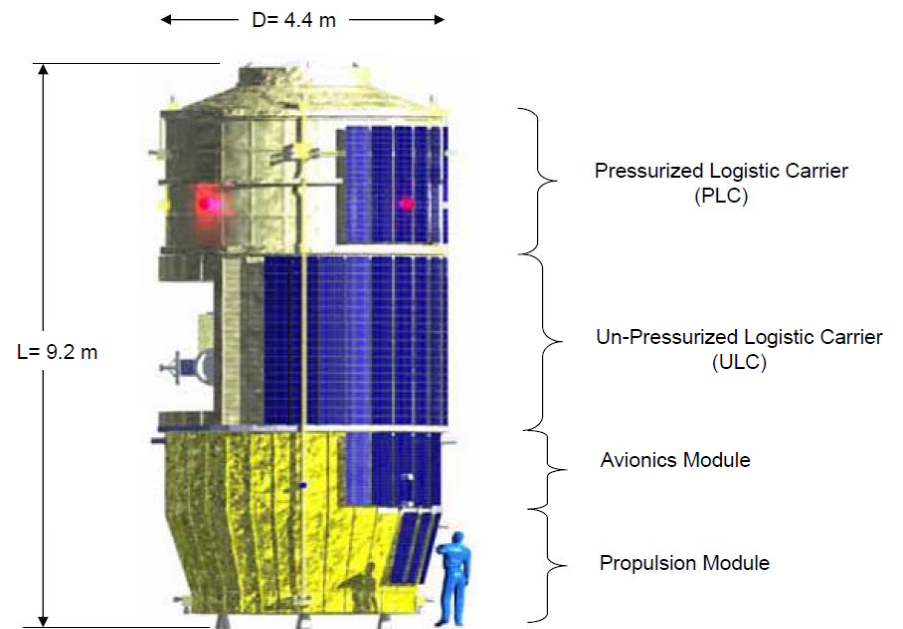
Figure 3.4-6: JEM-EF, -Y, orbital sunrise (left), and orbital noon (right).

Backup: Launch Opportunities

- Space Shuttle
- HTV
- SpaceX/Falcon 9/Dragon



Dragon



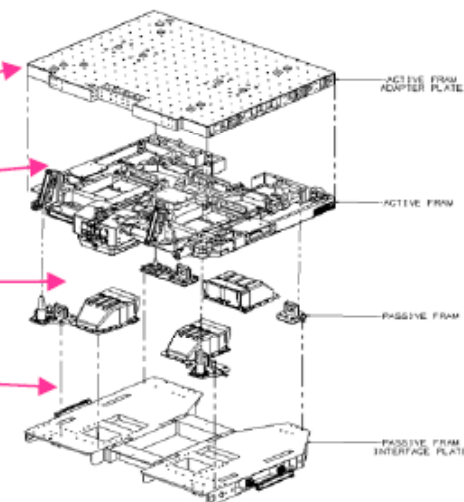
HII-A Transfer Vehicle

Backup: Accommodation Hardware

Mandatory Accommodation Hardware

- JEM EF payload
 1. Flight Releasable Grapple Fixture
 2. Payload Interface Unit
 3. HTV Cargo Attachment Mechanism (HCAM)
 4. HTV Connector Separation Mechanism (HCSM)

- FRAM payload (ExPA, CEPA)
 1. Flight Support Hardware
 2. Adapter plate
 3. ExPA or CEPA
 4. Passive FRAM
 5. PFRAM adapter plate





Thermal Environmental



TABLE 3.5.1.2-1 HOT AND COLD NATURAL THERMAL ENVIRONMENTS

Case	Solar Constant (W/m^2)	Earth Albedo	Earth Outgoing Long Wave Radiation (W/m^2)
Cold	1321	0.2	206
Hot	1423	0.4	286

TABLE 3.5.1.2-2 INDUCED THERMAL ENVIRONMENTS

Induced Environment	Assumed Parameters
Beta Angle	$\pm 75^\circ$
Altitude	150 nmi. to 270 nmi.
Attitude Envelope Without Orbiter ⁽¹⁾	Any combination of $\pm 15^\circ$ Roll (about X axis) ⁽²⁾ $\pm 15^\circ$ Yaw (about Z axis) ⁽²⁾ $+15$ to -20° Pitch (about Y axis) ⁽²⁾
Attitude Envelope With Orbiter Docked to ISS ⁽¹⁾	Any combination of $\pm 15^\circ$ Roll $\pm 15^\circ$ Yaw 0 to 25° Pitch

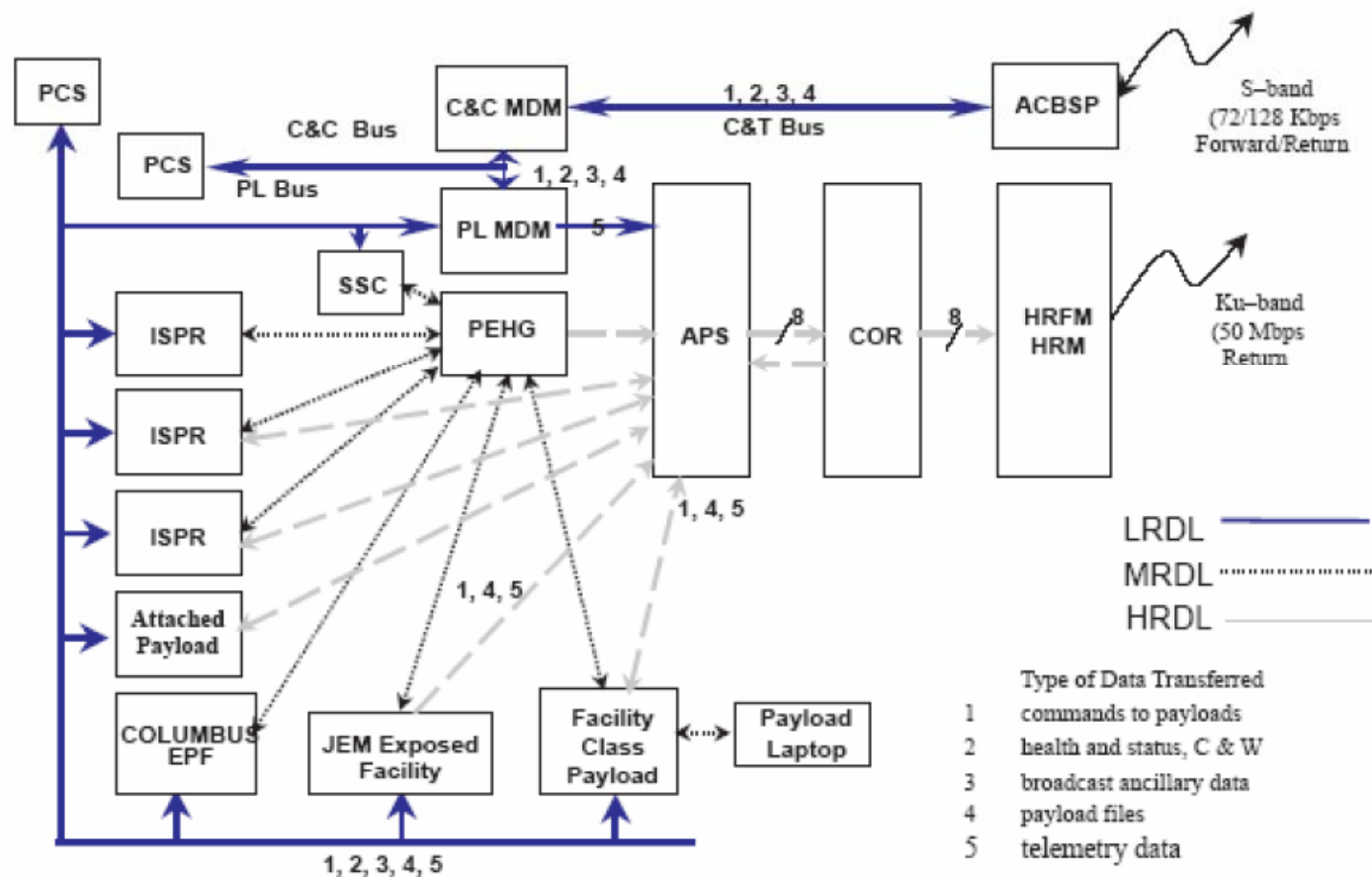
Note(s):

¹ The attitude variations include variations in the Torque Equilibrium Attitude (TEA) as well as variations in the ISS attitude from the TEA attitude, both with Orbiter docked, and without Orbiter.

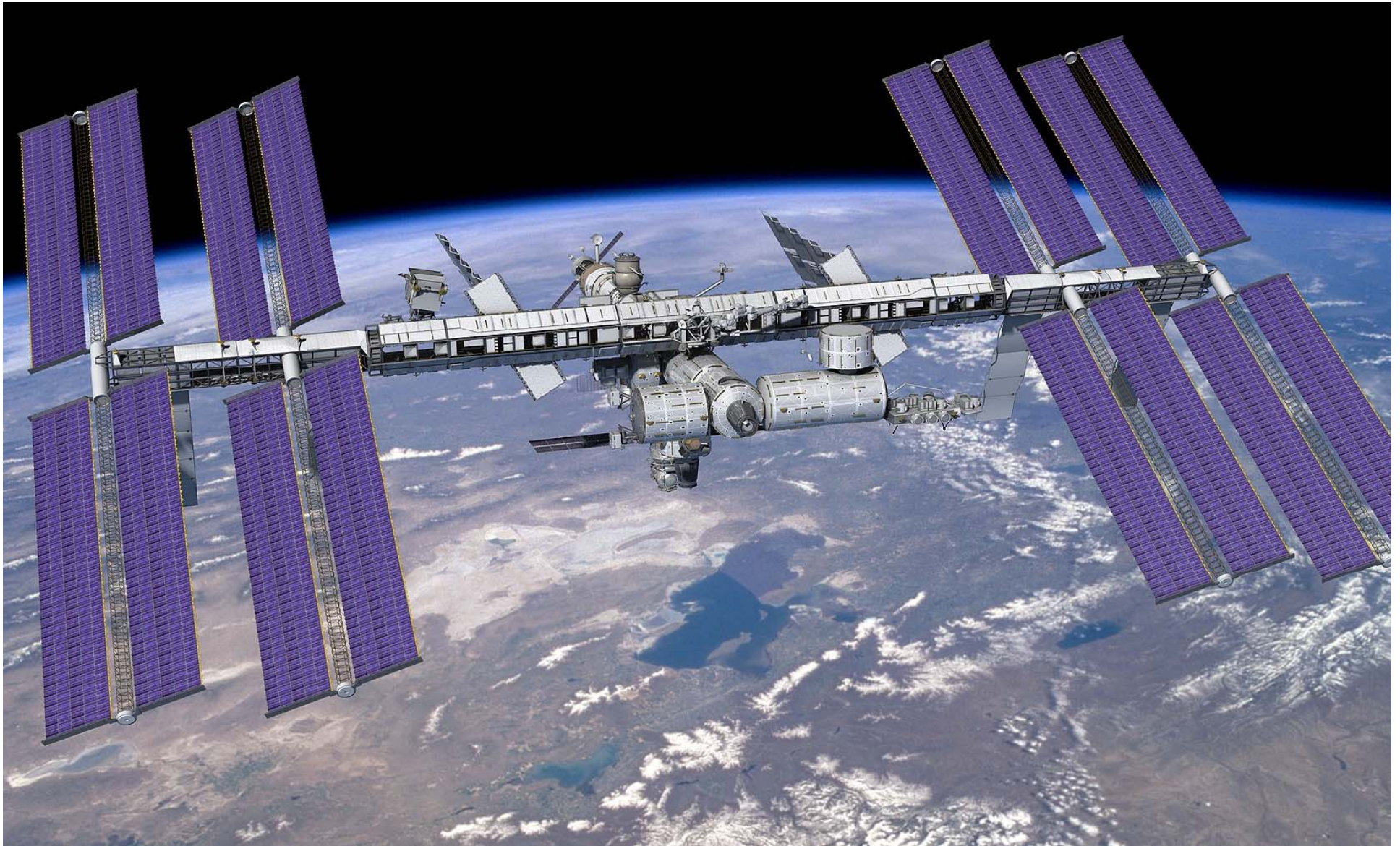
² XYZ axes refer to ISS coordinate system orientation.

Backup: ISS Communications

- All NASA payloads use NASA communication resources
- Ground communications with Payload Operations are via Internet



Backup: Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer



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