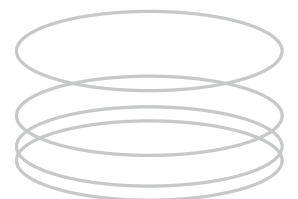




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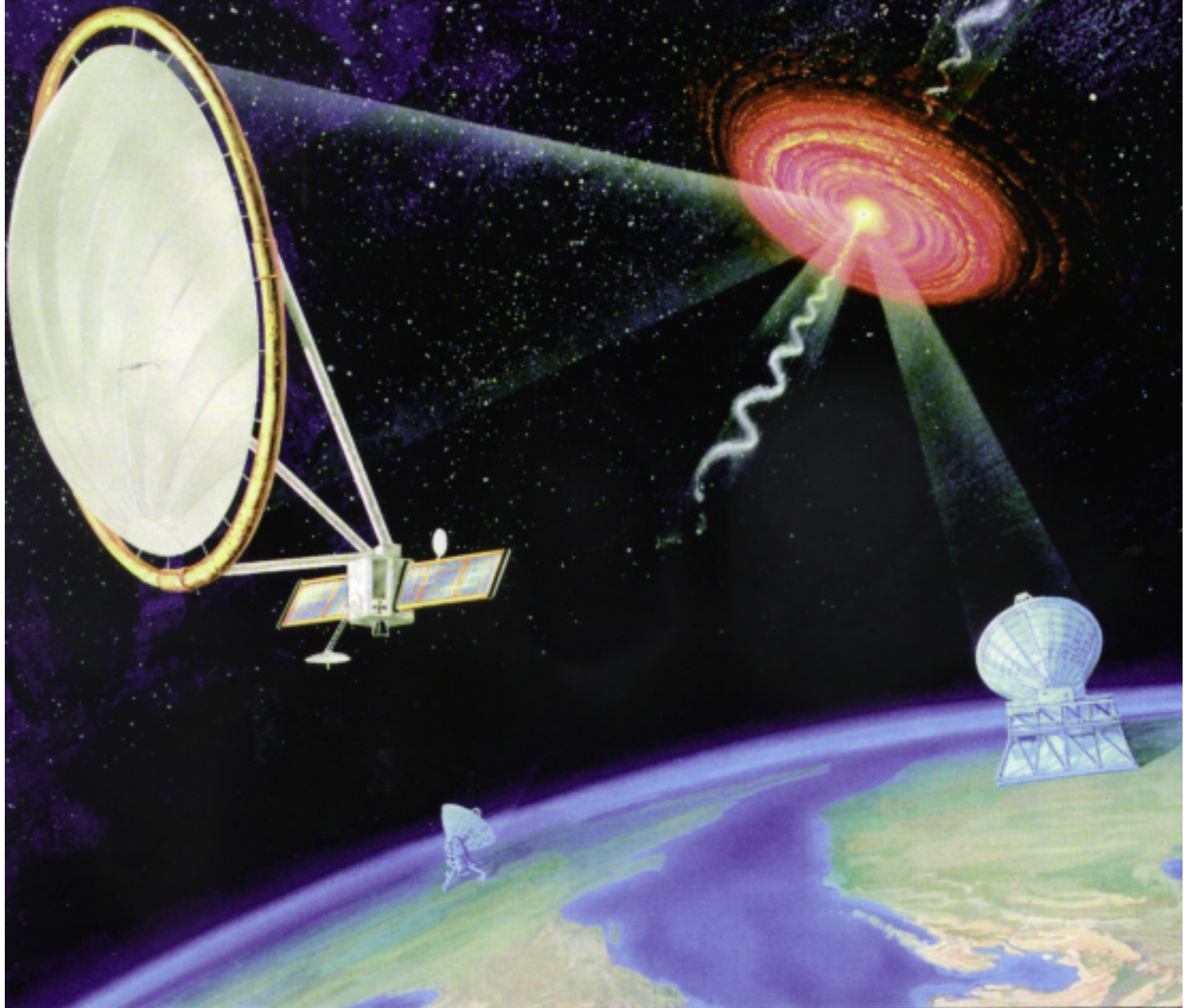
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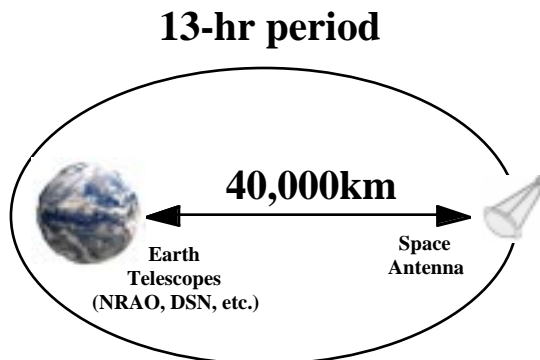
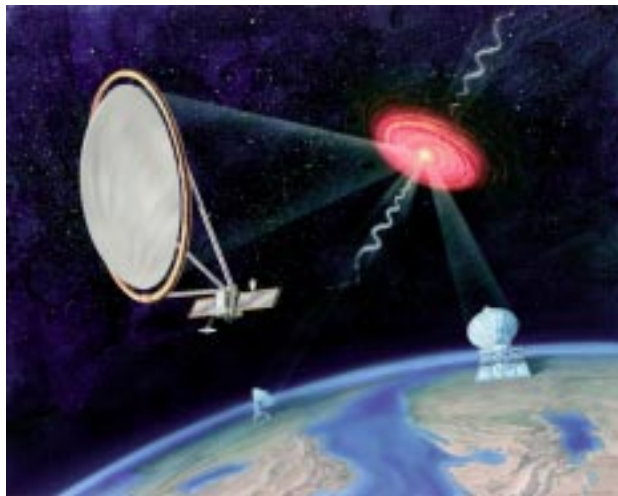
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## 1. ARISE Mission Description



ARISE (Advanced Radio Interferometry between Space and Earth) is a space Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) mission consisting of one (or possibly two) 25-meter radio telescope(s) in a high elliptic Earth orbit. In conjunction with arrays of ground telescopes, ARISE will image the most energetic astronomical phenomena in the universe, namely supermassive black holes. The mission objectives are to image radio sources with a resolution of 10-20 microarcseconds, which corresponds to an improvement in resolution over today's Space VLBI mission by two orders of magnitude. ARISE's observing bands will be 8, 22, 43, (60), and 86 GHz, and system noise temperatures down to 10-20 K. Science data will be downlinked at a rate of 1-8 Gbps

The ARISE spacecraft is placed in a high elliptical Earth orbit in order to synthesize the largest possible imaging aperture. The nominal orbit has a perigee altitude of 5000 km and an apogee altitude of 40000 km. The mission lifetime is approximately 3 years, with a potential start in 2005 and launch in 2008. The spacecraft launch mass is about 1700 kg, allowing for a launch to the desired orbit with a Delta II class launch vehicle.

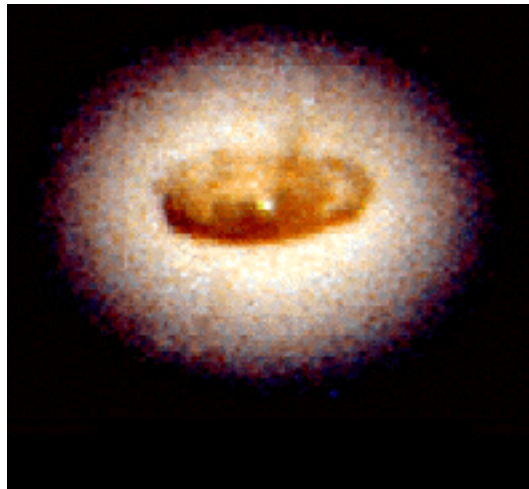
The ARISE spacecraft is designed with two primary goals: 1) to make the mission as low cost as possible, 2) to maximize the antenna performance. Several innovative ideas were used to make the mass and volume a minimum. An inflatable antenna is baselined with a mechanical antenna as secondary option. An inflatable antenna can be packed into a volume that is about 100 times less than an equivalent mechanical structure; the inflatable also is about 5 times lighter and 6 times less expensive to manufacture. The inflation system was combined with the attitude control and propulsion system for additional mass savings. All the structural elements of the antenna will be rigidized after the deployment, to nullify the need for any supplemental gas. The reflector structure also will be operated at a pressure of 1/10,000 atmospheres to lower the requirement for make-up gas, which will be needed to replace the gas lost by leakage due to micrometeoroid penetrations. The inflatable antenna performance is enhanced by using mechanically shaped secondary reflector and an adaptive feed.

To further lower the cost of the mission, ARISE will take advantage of technology development by other missions and programs. It will use the coolers and low noise amplifiers which are being developed for the Europe-led Planck mission, scheduled for launch in 2007. The data systems will take advantage of the developments by the ground VLBI and DOD programs. The inflatable antenna technology development will be greatly aided by the Space Inflatables Program.

## 2. ARISE Science

The primary goal of ARISE is the study of the environment of black holes and other compact objects, as well as the disks of matter surrounding these objects. Secondary goals are the studies of gravitational lenses throughout the universe, and of coronae in active stellar systems.

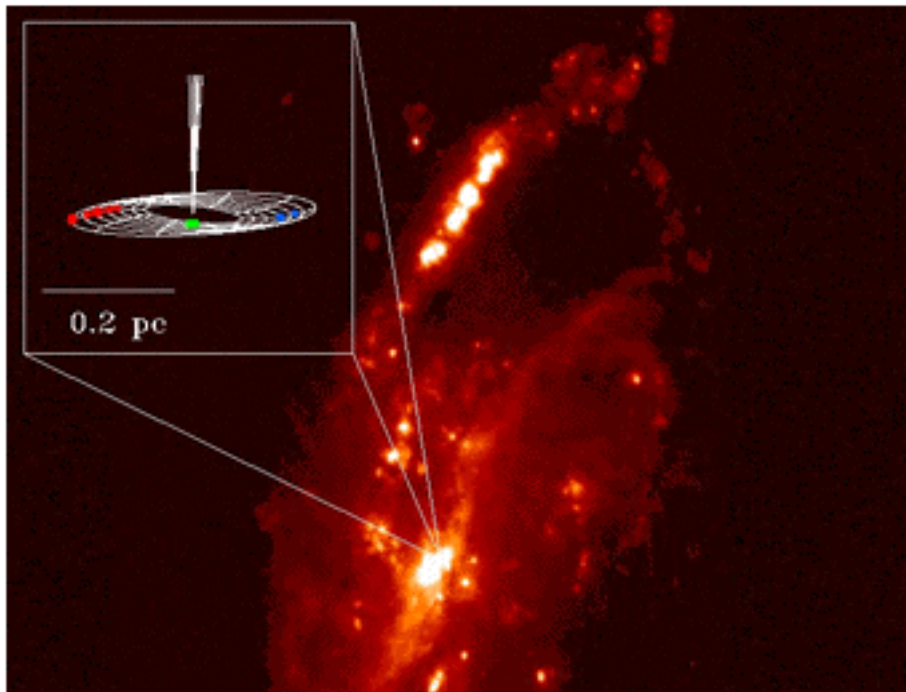
Massive black holes are believed to be the power sources for active galactic nuclei, including the gamma-ray “blazars” first detected by the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory. Among the questions of scientific interest are the method of feeding these black holes, and how they use the fuel to generate the light-speed jets seen in blazars. ARISE will image the region of primary energy deposition and delivery in these objects with a resolution of light days to light months, depending on the blazar distances. Observations at 43 and 86 GHz are required to image these regions in optically thin emission, so that our view is not restricted to an opaque surface. Imaging of these regions in polarized radiation will map out the inner magnetic field structures, required for understanding the energy-generation processes. The combination of the ARISE imaging with gamma-ray observations and X-ray spectroscopy is particularly important to provide a complete picture of the highly energetic phenomena near massive black holes.



**This image from Hubble shows a disk of dust fueling a massive black hole in the center of the galaxy NGC 4261.**

**Fig. 1.1**

An important corollary to the study of black holes is the study of accretion disks on a variety of spatial scales (Fig. 1.1). Such disks are the reservoirs of fuel for black holes, other compact objects, and star-forming regions. Understanding the physics of these disks, and the relation among disks of various sizes, is critical to understanding the complete life cycle of matter near massive objects. ARISE will image the 22-GHz water megamaser emission at the centers of active galaxies, providing direct measurements of black hole masses and of the physics of the accretion process (Fig. 1.2). Weaker maser emission from disks in galactic star-formation regions will also be imaged to help show how the accretion phenomenon scales with mass and power of the accreting objects. Finally, continuum radio imaging of superluminal jets associated with energetic x-ray binary stars in our galaxy will probe the accretion processes on much smaller scales than is possible in extragalactic objects.



**Image of a water maser disk showing:**

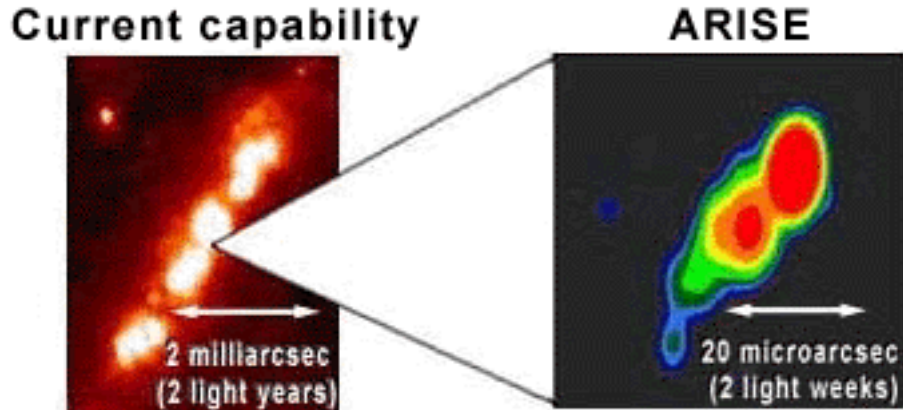
- Red shifted region**
- Constant speed region**
- Blue shifted region**

**Fig. 1.2**

A key secondary science goal for ARISE is the study of gravitational lenses throughout the universe. The accessible resolution of tens of microarcseconds (Fig. 1.3) provides sensitivity to compact objects in the mass range of  $10^4$  to  $10^6$  solar masses; no other astronomical technique has access to such objects, which are among the candidates for the “missing” dark matter in the universe. These lenses also can be used as “cosmic telescopes”, since their magnification provides enhanced linear and angular resolution of distant objects. Thus, it may be possible for ARISE to have an effective resolution even better than that indicated just by the size of its orbit and its observing frequencies.

Another important secondary goal for ARISE is the study of the coronae of active star systems. Very sensitive imaging at 5 GHz or 8 GHz will allow mapping of these coronae with an effective linear resolution much smaller than a stellar radius. In addition, motions in coronal mass ejection events more powerful than those on our Sun can be followed in time scales of hours. Of particular interest is the capability of imaging stellar flares to search for brightness temperatures that indicate coherent emission processes in the coronal plasma; such high brightness temperatures can only be accessed using VLBI baselines much larger than an Earth diameter.





**Simulated comparison of the improvement in imaging resolution from ground VLBI to ARISE.**

**Fig. 1.3**

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### 3. Mission design, coverage and constraints

#### 3.1 Nominal orbit and sensitivity

The ARISE orbit is one of the major factors in determining the science return from the ARISE mission. The final orbit selection will be made after a detailed trade-off between scientific goals and spacecraft design, and after the VSOP and RadioAstron results. In the meantime, a nominal orbit for ARISE has been specified by the science requirements, along with a range of possible values for each parameter. Table 3.1 summarizes these parameters.

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Semi-major axis	29,000 km	15,000 - 50,000 km
Eccentricity	0.6	0.25 - 0.75
Apogee Altitude	40,000 km	40,000 - 100,000 km
Perigee Altitude	5,000 km	1,000 - 6,000 km
Inclination	60 deg	30 - 63.4 deg
Orbital Period	13.5 hr	5 - 30+ hr
Perigee Precession	6 deg/yr	0 - 280 deg/yr
Node Precession	21 deg/yr	5 - 180 deg/yr
Orbit Knowledge	10 cm	3 - 20 cm

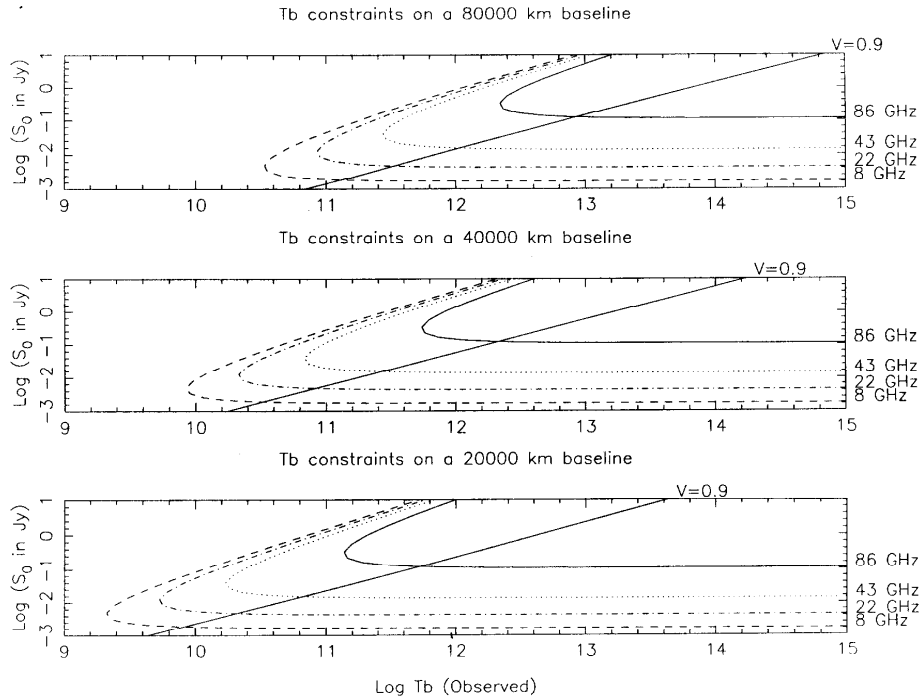
**Table 3.1: Orbit parameters for ARISE**

The selection of the perigee altitude should allow for overlap between ground-ground and ground space telescope baselines for calibration purposes. Low perigee (near 1000 km) will cause more rapid precession of the orbit plane. The apogee altitude should be high enough to provide information at the desired resolution, and will result from a trade between high angular resolution and high dynamic range imaging.

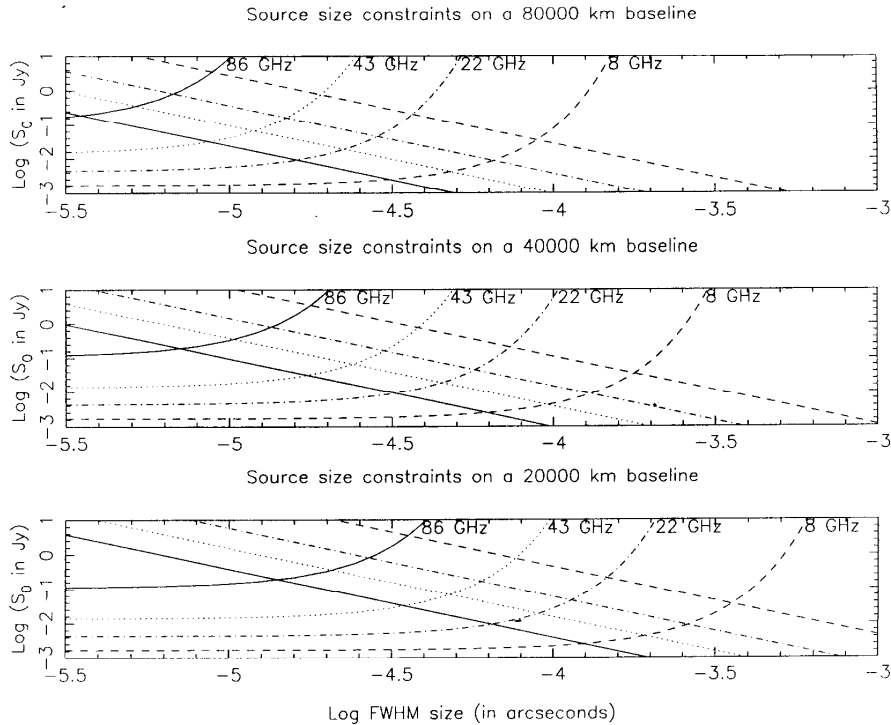
There are several different approaches to examining the ARISE sensitivity. The approach we adopt here is a quasi-physical approach. Given the 7- $\sigma$  sensitivities from ARISE to a single VLBA antenna of 1.7, 4.3, 13.8, and 110 mJy at 8, 22, 43, and 86 GHz respectively, we may ask the question on a given ARISE baseline, what type of sources are we able to detect. In this analysis, a source is represented as a single Gaussian component of total flux density,  $S_o$ , and brightness temperature,  $T_o$ . In Figure 3.1, the detection limits for the 4 ARISE observing bands for 3 different values of baseline length (20,000, 40,000, and 80,000 km) are shown. The straight line corresponds to when the visibility function reaches a value of 0.9. Thus, to the right of this line even though a source might be detected, we would be unable to determine its size. With this simple Gaussian source model, the minimum brightness temperature that can be detected on a baseline of length  $D$  with a detection limit of  $S_d$  is given by:

$$T_{\text{bmin}} = 3.1 \times 10^8 (D/10^4 \text{ km})^2 (S_d/\text{mJy}) \text{ K}$$

This minimum detectable brightness temperature is for a source with a flux density of  $2.7S_d$ . From Figure 3.1, we can see which sources can be detected as a function of observing frequency and baseline length. As an alternative to representing a Gaussian source by its total flux density and brightness temperature, we can represent it by its total flux density and FWHM size. In Figure 3.2, we show what sources can be detected as a function of these two source parameters and baseline length. From this figure we can see the size scales that will be probed by the different ARISE observing bands. In this figure the 0.9 visibility straight line is different for each observing band.



**Fig. 3.1:** Detection limits for the 4 ARISE observing bands as a function of source flux density ( $S_0$ ) and maximum brightness temperature ( $T_b$ ) for 3 different values of baseline length. Sources at the right of the curved lines are detectable, while sources to the left of the diagonal lines are resolvable.



**Fig. 3.2:** Detection limits for the 4 ARISE observing bands as a function of source flux density ( $S_0$ ) and FWHM size for 3 different values of baseline length. Sources above the curved lines are detectable, while sources below the diagonal lines are resolvable.

### 3.2 Orbit normal and (u,v)-coverage

One of the prime goals of the ARISE mission is to image sources with unprecedented angular resolution. The highest angular resolution (u,v)-coverage is obtained for sources that lie along the orbit normal and anti-normal directions. In equatorial coordinates ( $\alpha, \delta$ ) these directions are given by  $(\Omega - 6h, 90^\circ - i)$  and  $(\Omega + 6h, i - 90^\circ)$ . In Figure 3.3, we show the (u, v)-coverage obtained for a one orbit observation with ARISE in its nominal orbit and the VLBA as a functional of the equatorial co-ordinates of the source. Note, that the (u,v)-coverage is essentially linear when the source lies in the orbit plane, shown as a sinusoidal curve in Figure 3.3. Due to the nodal precession ( $d\Omega/dt$ ) the position in the sky of the orbit normal and anti-normal directions precess with time. In the nominal orbit for ARISE, this precession period is 15.7 years compared to 1.61 years for the current Japanese space VLBI satellite, HALCA. For the nominal mission lifetime of 3 years,  $\Omega$  only precesses by  $70^\circ$ , implying that some directions of the sky would never have outstanding (u,v) coverage. The science tradeoffs involved in such a situation are under discussion (also, see section 3.4).

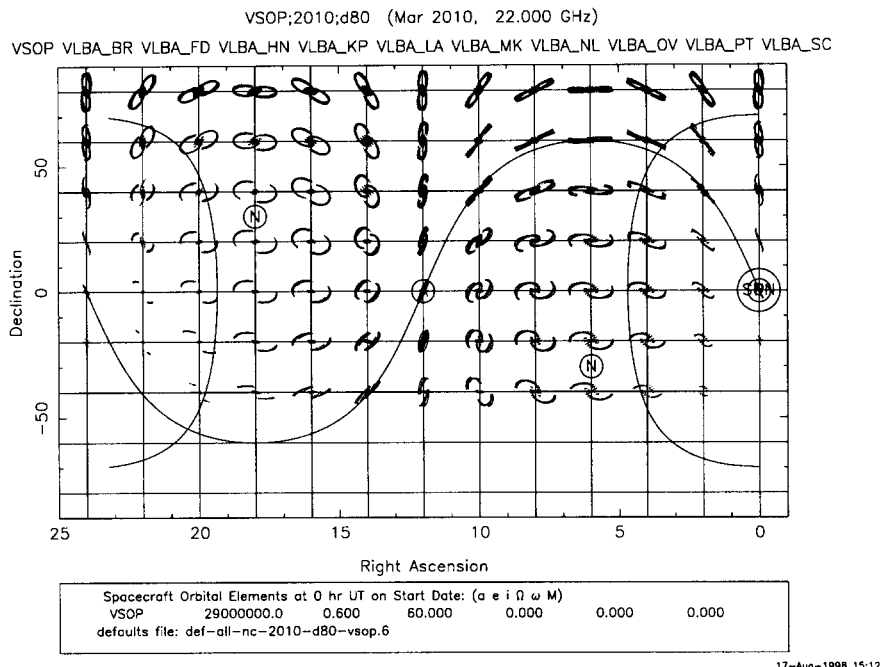


Fig. 3.3: All-sky (u,v)-coverages for a one orbit observation with ARISE in its nominal orbit and the VLBA.

### 3.3 Precession of the orbital elements

At the moment, both the injection argument of perigee  $\omega_0$  and the right ascension of the ascending node  $\Omega_0$  are free parameters. However, for the assessment of the ARISE orbit environment, a value of  $\omega_0 = 0^\circ$  has been assumed. The nominal orbit has an orbital period (T) of 13.56 hours and the precession rates of  $\omega_0$  and  $\Omega_0$  are  $+6^\circ/\text{yr}$  and  $-23^\circ/\text{yr}$  respectively for  $60^\circ$  inclination (and  $+63^\circ/\text{yr}$  and  $-40^\circ/\text{yr}$  respectively for  $30^\circ$  inclination). These nominal ARISE orbit precession rates can be compared to the HALCA precession rates for both  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  which are  $+353^\circ/\text{yr}$  and  $-228^\circ/\text{yr}$  respectively. The relatively low precession rate for  $\omega$  may not be a problem provided that there are no spacecraft link constraints except for the requirement that ARISE must be above the elevation limit of a tracking station. However, the injection value of  $\omega, \omega_0$  needs to be further studied as the optimum value depends on the geographical distribution of tracking stations. If we assume DSN

tracking (with 2 tracking stations in the northern hemisphere and one in the southern hemisphere) then  $\omega_0 = 180$  is to be preferred over  $\omega_0 = 0$  for orbits with  $i < 63.4^\circ$  and hence  $d\omega/dt > 0$ . The low precession rate of  $\Omega$  is of some concern and will be further addressed in Section 3.4.

### 3.4 Orbit trade-offs

It is instructive to examine how the derived orbital parameters  $P$ ,  $d\Omega/dt$ , and  $d\omega/dt$  depend on  $h_p$ ,  $h_a$ , and  $i$ . In Figure 3.4, we show how the orbital period ( $P$ ) depends on  $h_p$  and  $h_a$ . The nominal orbit has a period of 13.56 hours, which coincides quite nicely with the typical ground-based VLBI observation length. Increasing the orbital period much beyond this value has some disadvantages, since the typical imaging observation must last at least one orbit, and radio source structures may vary on time scales appreciably shorter than 24 hours. In Figures 3.5 and 3.6 we show the nodal precession rate  $d\Omega/dt$  for orbit inclinations of  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively. By lowering the inclination from the nominal  $60^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  we increase the nodal precession rate, for a given  $h_p$  and  $h_a$ , by a factor of  $\sqrt{3}$  ( $\Omega\dot{}$  is proportional to  $\cos i$ ). However, this in itself, only reduces the nodal precession period from 15.7 years to 9.06 years. Reducing  $h_p$  from 5,000 km to 1,000 km (while keeping  $h_a$  at 40,000 km) and reducing  $i$  from  $60^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  reduces the nodal precession period to 3.95 years, which is comparable to the mission lifetime.

One consequence of lowering both the perigee height and the inclination is to increase the perigee precession rate (since  $d\omega/dt$  is proportional to  $5\cos^2 i - 1$ ). At an inclination of  $60^\circ$ ,  $d\omega/dt$  is very low since this inclination is close to  $i = 63.4^\circ$ , where  $d\omega/dt = 0$ . For  $h_p = 1,000$  km,  $h_a = 40,000$  km, and  $i = 30^\circ$ ,  $\omega\dot{}$  = 145°/yr. With these orbital parameters over the 3 year ARISE mission lifetime there are 2.48  $\omega$  precession periods. With DSN tracking, ARISE will be able to be tracked longer when  $\omega = 270^\circ$  compared to  $\omega = 90^\circ$ . Thus, in this case, an injection value of  $\omega_0 = 180^\circ$  would be preferred over a value of  $\omega_0 = 0^\circ$ .

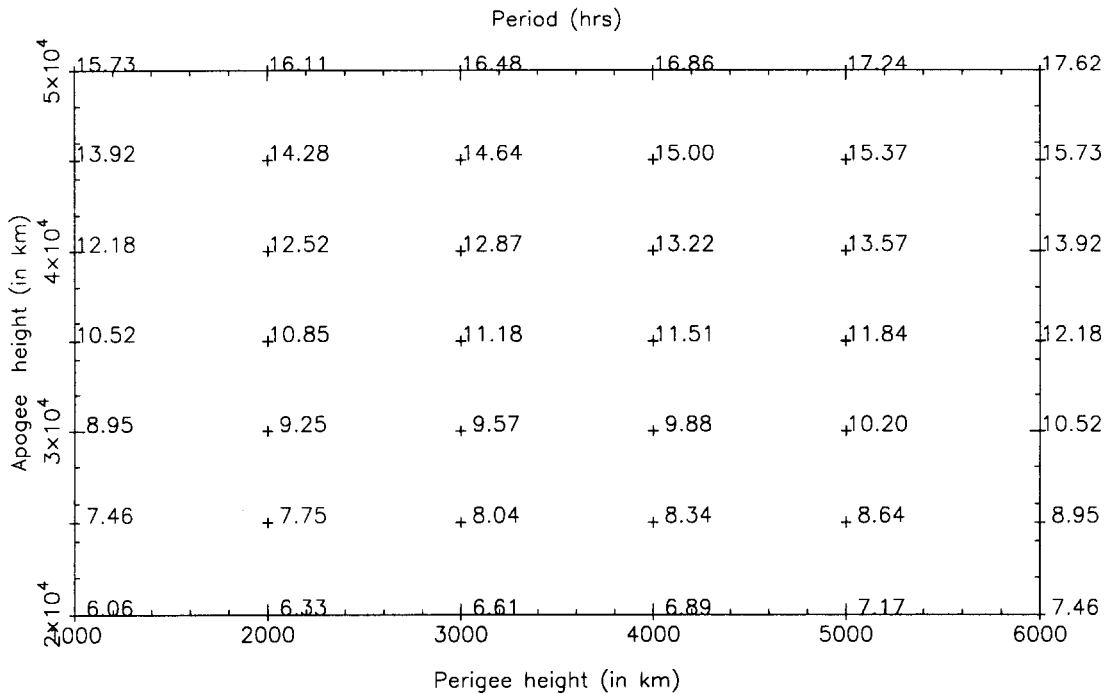


Fig. 3.4: Orbital period as a function of perigee and apogee heights.

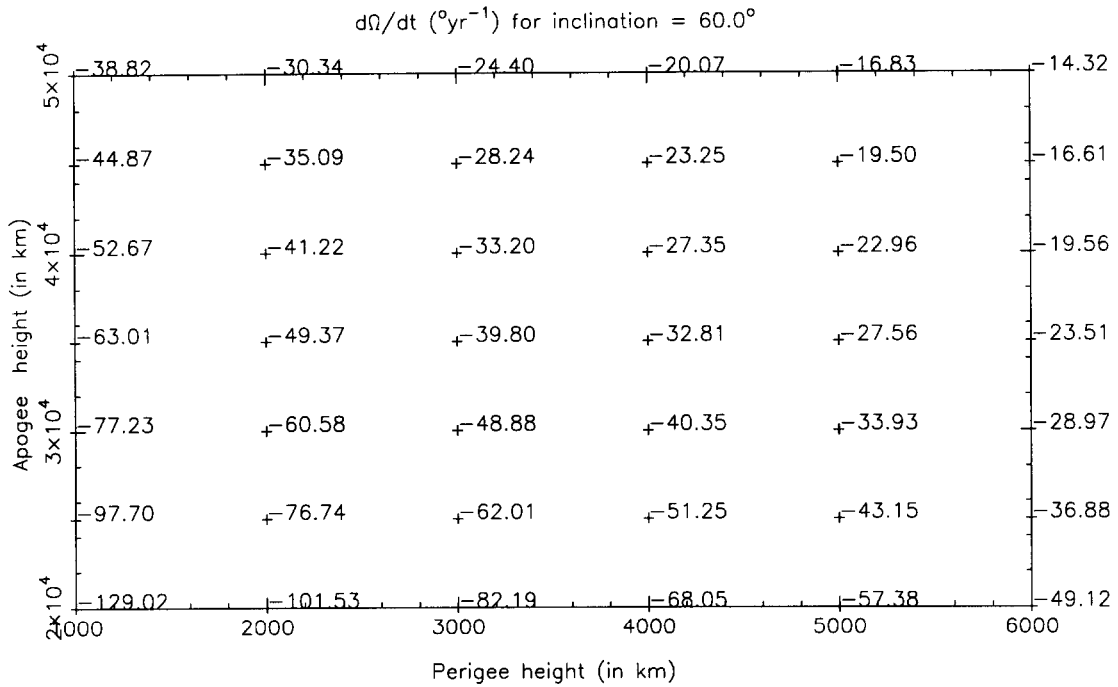


Fig. 3.5: Nodal precession rate  $d\Omega/dt$  as a function of perigee and apogee heights for  $i=60^{\circ}$ .

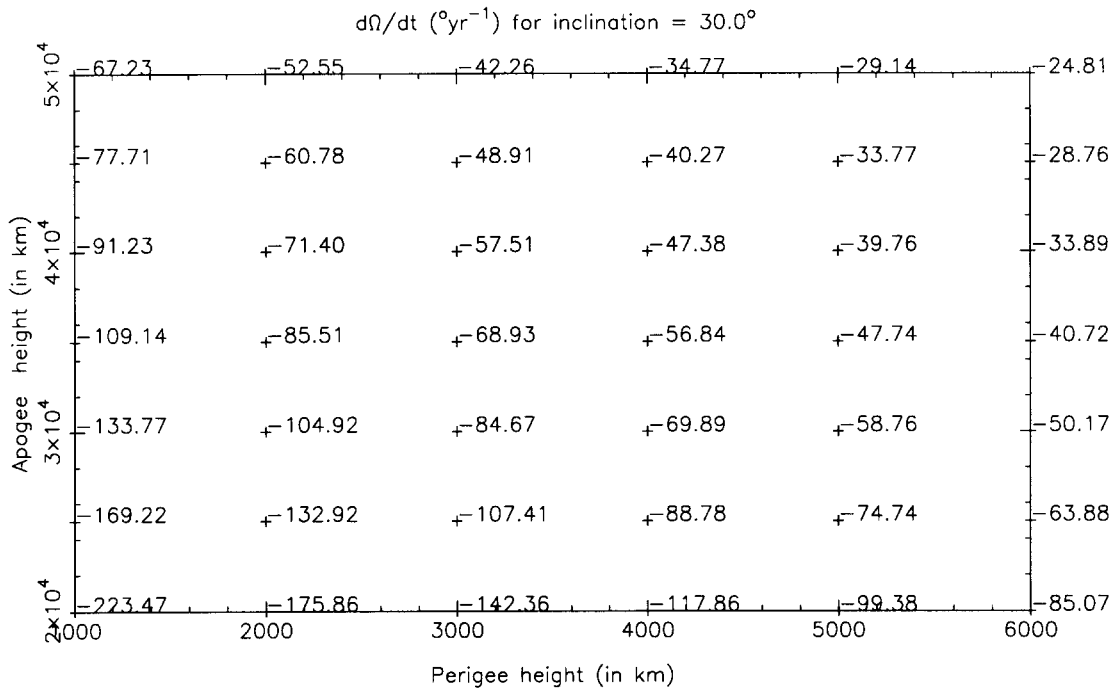
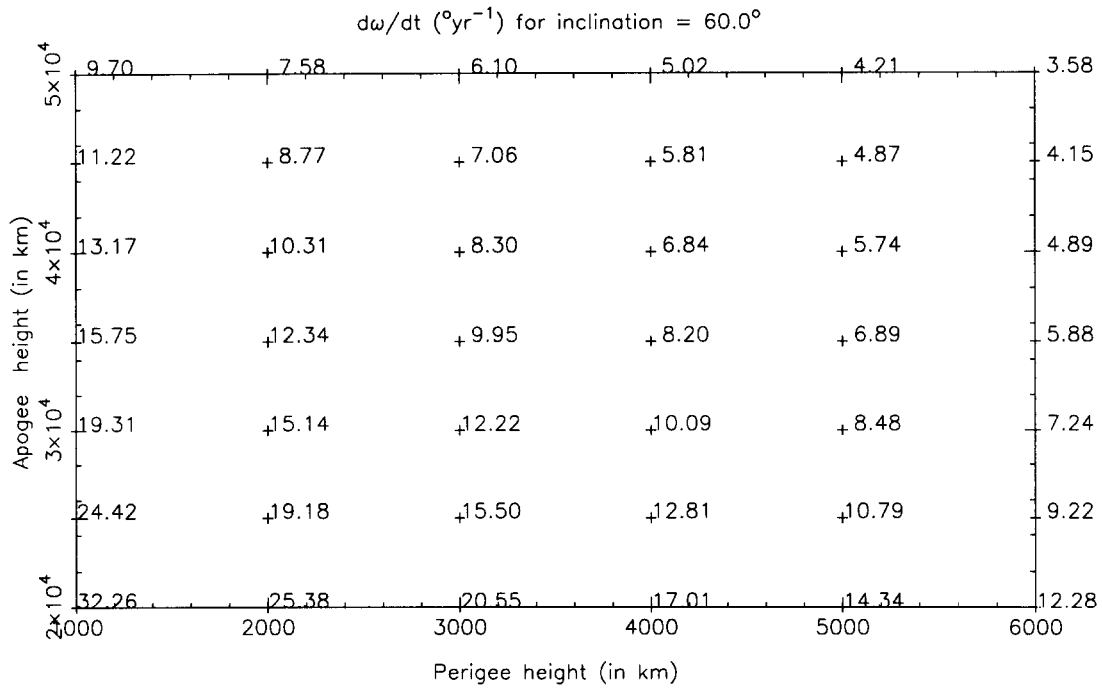
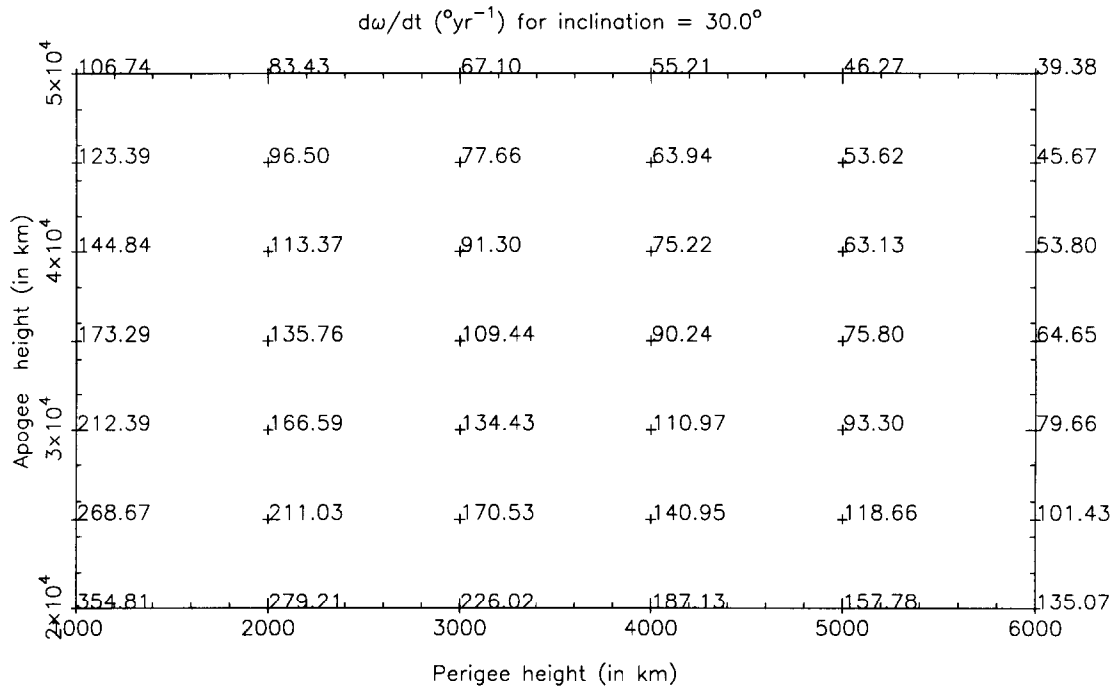


Fig. 3.6: Nodal precession rate  $d\Omega/dt$  as a function of perigee and apogee heights for  $i=30^{\circ}$ .



**Fig. 3.7:** Perigee precession rate  $d\omega/dt$  as a function of perigee and apogee heights for  $i=60^{\circ}$ .



**Fig. 3.8:** Perigee precession rate  $d\omega/dt$  as a function of perigee and apogee heights for  $i=30^{\circ}$ .

In conclusion, nodal precession rate can be increased significantly by lowering the perigee height from 5,000 to 1,000 km and lowering the inclination from 60 to 30°.

### 3.5 Launch capability and sequence

The launch vehicle selected for the ARISE mission is the McDonnell Douglas Delta 7925. The 7925 version features 9 solid rocket motors, and a Star 48B spinning third stage. Its delivery capability can be summarized as:

- 1720 kg on a 185 x 40000 km altitude orbit,  $i=28.7$  deg., 3-m dia. fairing
- 1330 kg on a 185 x 40000 km altitude,  $i=90$  deg., 3-m dia. fairing
- 1220 kg on a Molniya orbit (370 x 40000 km),  $i=63.4$  deg., 2.9-m dia. fairing
- 1170 kg on a Molniya orbit (370 x 40000 km),  $i=63.4$  deg., 3-m dia. fairing.

Figure 3.9 shows the injected mass as a function of apogee altitude and fairing type for the 3-stage 7925 vehicle. For ARISE, the 2.9-m diameter (9.5-ft) fairing was selected since it allowed enough space for the stowed spacecraft and since the injected mass was larger than the 3-m, leaving more margin for spacecraft mass growth. Figure 3.10 shows the performance capability of the 2-m dia. fairing as a function of inclination. Ultimately, the choice of the inclination for the ARISE orbit will depend on the spacecraft mass.

Once launched, the spacecraft will go through a de-spin and stabilization mode. A perigee raise maneuver will then occur at the GTO (Geo Transfer Orbit) apogee. Then several sequences of deployment will happen: deployment of the inflatable antenna and solar arrays; deployment of a rigid astro-mast type arm to carry the sub-reflector to about 3.6 m from the spacecraft; and finally deployment of the telecom antenna.

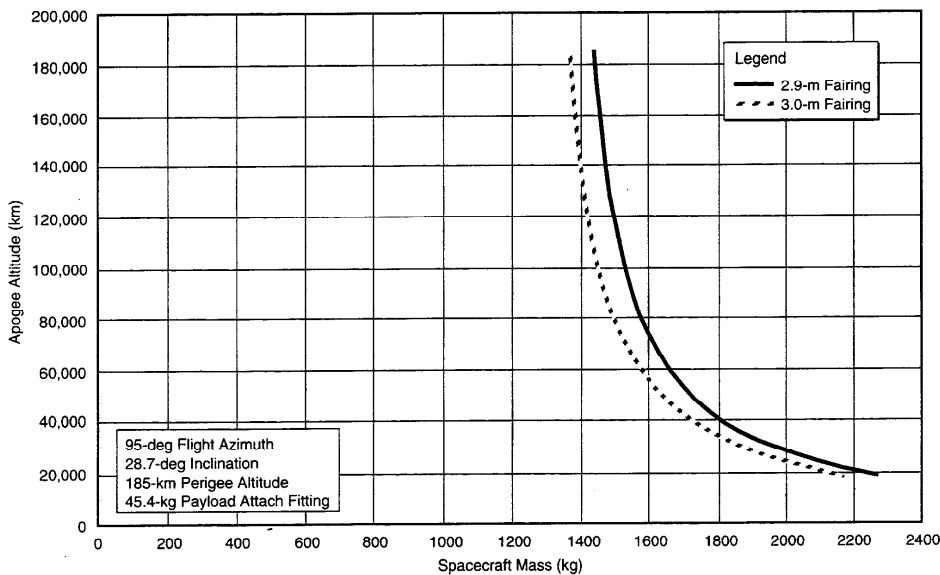


Fig. 3.9: Delta 7925 three stage launch vehicle capability



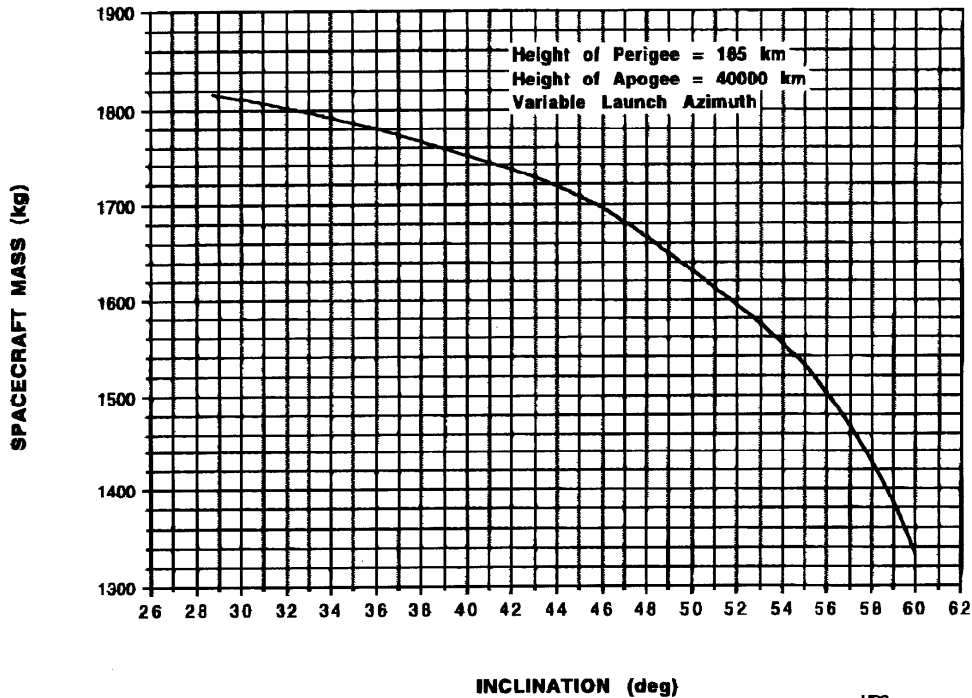


Fig. 3.10: Injected mass as a function of inclination. Delta 7925 2.9-m fairing.

### 3.6 Space environment

The radiation environment for two different inclinations and two different arguments of perigee was assessed. In summary, the trapped magnetospheric charged particles (electrons and protons) dose behind 100-mils of aluminum was:

- 105 krad[Si]/year @  $i = 30$  deg.,  $\omega = 0^\circ$ .
- 40 krad[Si]/year @  $i = 60$  deg.,  $\omega = 0^\circ$ .
- 102 krad[Si]/year @  $i = 30$  deg.,  $\omega = 90^\circ$ .
- 60 krad[Si]/year @  $i = 60$  deg.,  $\omega = 90^\circ$ .

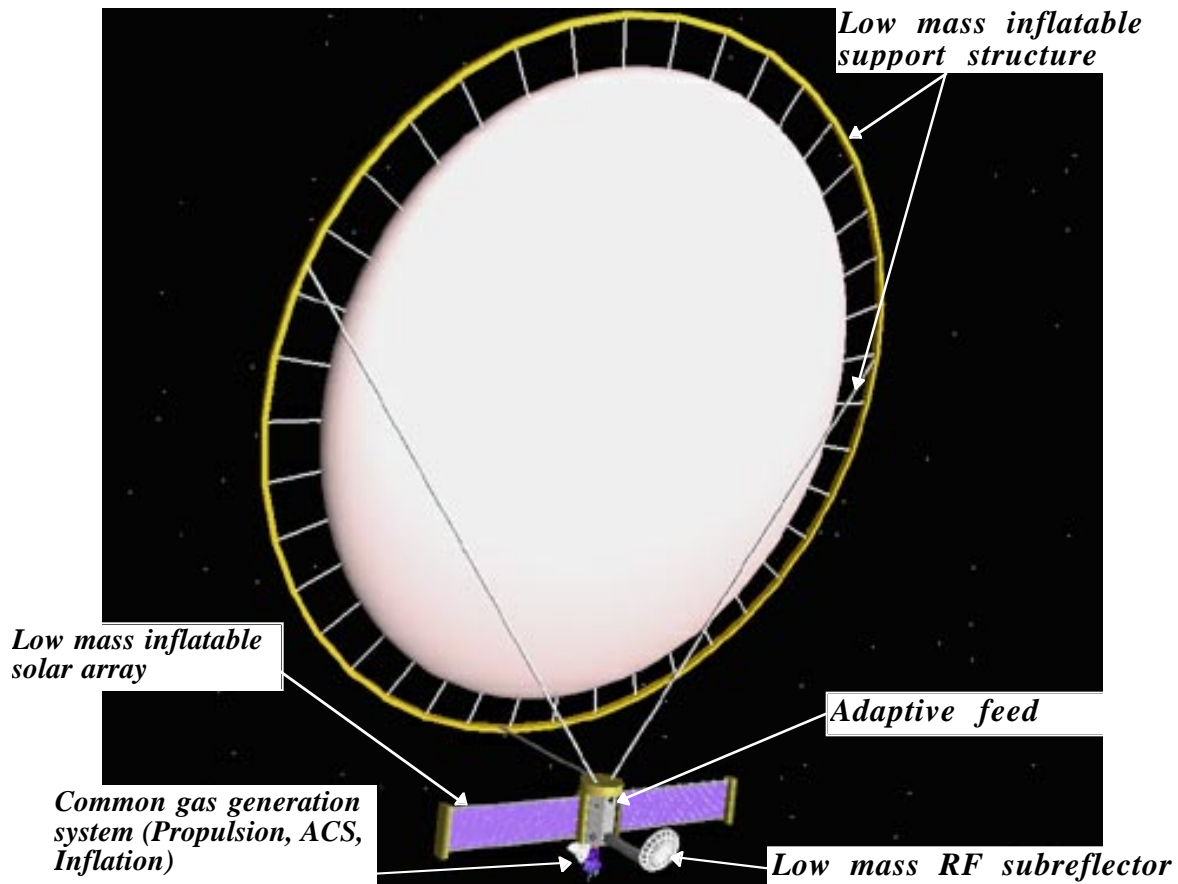
The solar flares proton dose have been calculated to be on average about 10 krad[Si] for 3 years, which is small compared to the trapped magnetospheric particles. The requirement for the reflector radiation material resistance was assessed. Surface dose on the reflector was estimated at about 130 Mrad/year, while bulk dose adds up to about 40 Mrad/year. More details on the radiation environment can be found in Appendix E.

The electrical surface charging (ESD) of the ARISE main reflector was also investigated. In summary, differential static potential between the two thin Kapton sheets (one Al coated) forming the main reflector could reach about 20 kV under worst conditions, which could lead to self-sustained arcs. Although the use of an ITO coated Kapton sheet for the canopy might be satisfactory, electrostatic discharge still remains a materials issue until appropriate tests are done. Details on the ESD environment can be found in Appendix F.

## 4. ARISE Inflatable Antenna

An inflatable antenna was chosen for the ARISE main reflector because of mass, cost and low storage volume considerations. However, a lower risk approach is currently being evaluated using mesh antenna types. Results of this investigation will be reported in the second edition of this document.

### 4.1 Antenna General Description

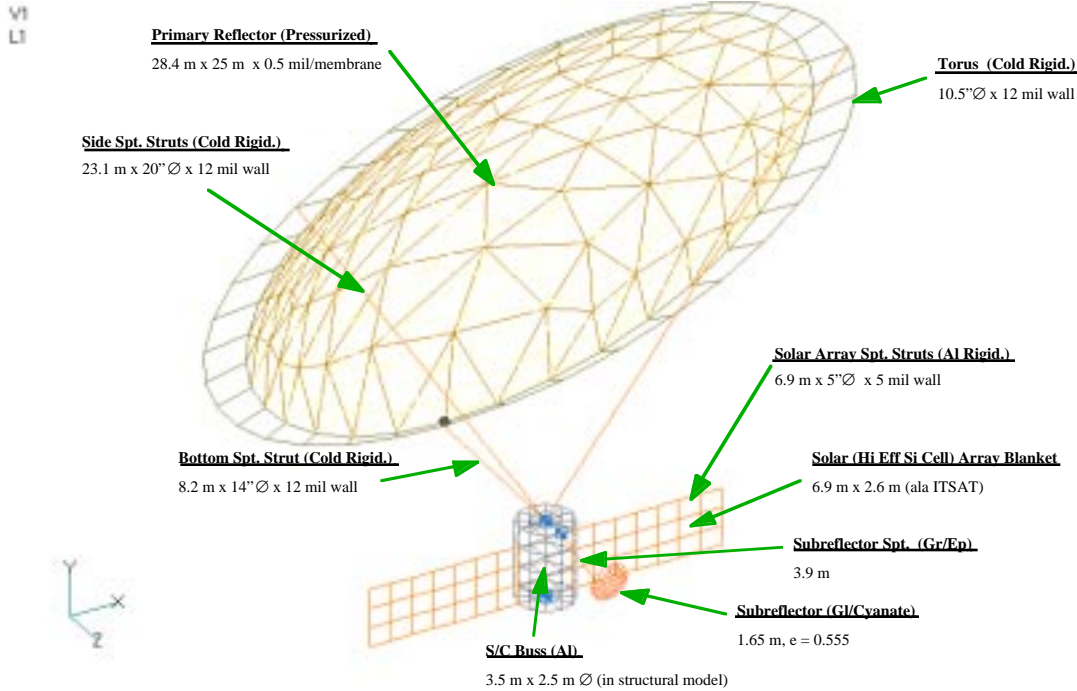


**Fig 4.1: ARISE antenna depicting innovative technologies**

The ARISE primary reflector is comprised of a reflective membrane with an RF transparent front canopy to complete the inflated lenticular envelope. The lenticular is combined with a tubular peripheral support torus forming a large, lightweight, yet relatively stiff space structure. To minimize membrane stress, the lenticular structure is pressurized with  $< 4 \times 10^{-4}$  psi of  $N_2$  and attached to the torus ring with constant force springs in a “trampoline” fashion.

Figure 4.1 shows the configuration of deployable/inflatable/rigidizable technologies used by the ARISE antenna to meet the large structure, low cost, low mass, low storage volume performance requirements.

The antenna assembly is aligned and attached to the spacecraft using three tubular support struts that are inflation deployed from a stowage canister located at the top of the S/C bus. At the torus the antenna support struts are kinematically attached at  $120^\circ$  intervals. They are designed with



**Fig. 4.2: ARISE structural configuration diagram**

optimum diameters, wall thickness, and lengths to give mechanical rigidity (bending, torsion) yet minimal obscuration and shadowing of the primary (see Fig. 4.2).

Recent advances in thin film photo-voltaics and the demonstration of the L'Garde ITSAT Inflatable Solar Array have been incorporated into the ARISE design. To meet its power needs, ARISE requires a large solar array, but at the same time needs low array mass and stowed volume to meet launch vehicle constraints. The ITSAT Solar Array with its high packaging efficiency, low areal density, and solar blanket/inflatable frame design is the best available technology to meet the ARISE requirements.

Rigidizable support structure technologies are used wherever possible on ARISE in order to minimize the need for "make-up" inflation gas. The primary reflector torus and antenna support struts maintain their mechanical stiffness and shape by using cold rigidizable rubber and/or polymer materials that solidify (phase change) in cold space environments. To maintain low temperatures and minimize thermal gradients these support members will be wrapped in MLI blankets. Because of high temperature conditions, the ARISE solar array blankets will be supported by thin walled polymer struts laminated with aluminum foil. The strut tubes are initially over-inflated past the aluminum foil's yield point. Once the pressure is removed, the stressed aluminum maintains much of the strut's rigidity and shape.

## 4.2 Reflector Configuration

The current reflector configuration was selected after extensive evaluation of various reflector antenna geometries, and resulted from some early trade-offs between on-axis and off-axis configurations. Figure 4.3 pictures the two different configurations and Table 4.1 summarizes the pros and cons. Upon thorough examination, it was determined that an off-axis configuration offered better science performance (less obscuration) and fewer constraints for the rest of the spacecraft design.

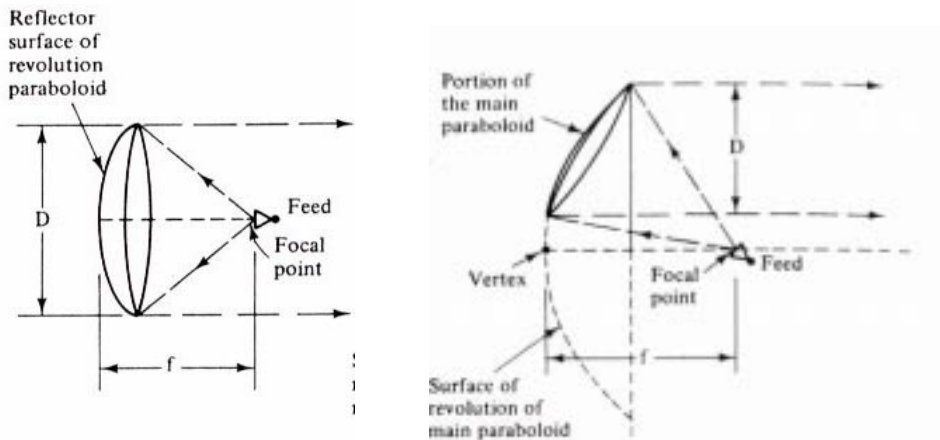


Fig. 4.3: On-axis versus off-axis configurations

	On-axis Pros	Off-axis pros
FOV		No Obscuration
Structures	Symmetry	
ACS	Ease of control	
RF		Un-Obscured Pointing
Fabricability	Same complexity and reflector RMS	Same complexity and reflector RMS

Table 4.1: On-axis versus Off-axis trade-off

Four different off-axis configurations were then evaluated (Prime Focus, Gregorian, Cassegrain, and Schmidt Cassegrain (see Figure 4.4)) using the following criteria: dynamics/structural stiffness, thermal stiffness, RF performance, mass, complexity, deployment reliability and alignment. It was determined that the Gregorian off-axis design uses a smaller and less complex structure and secondary reflector than Cassegrain types. Furthermore, the Gregorian off-axis system offers the possibility of a mechanically shaped secondary that is reasonably sized and controlled.

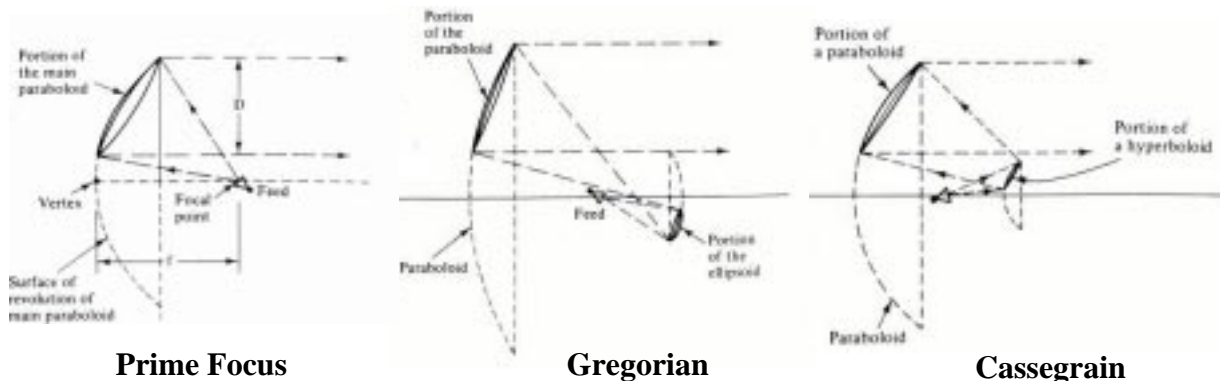


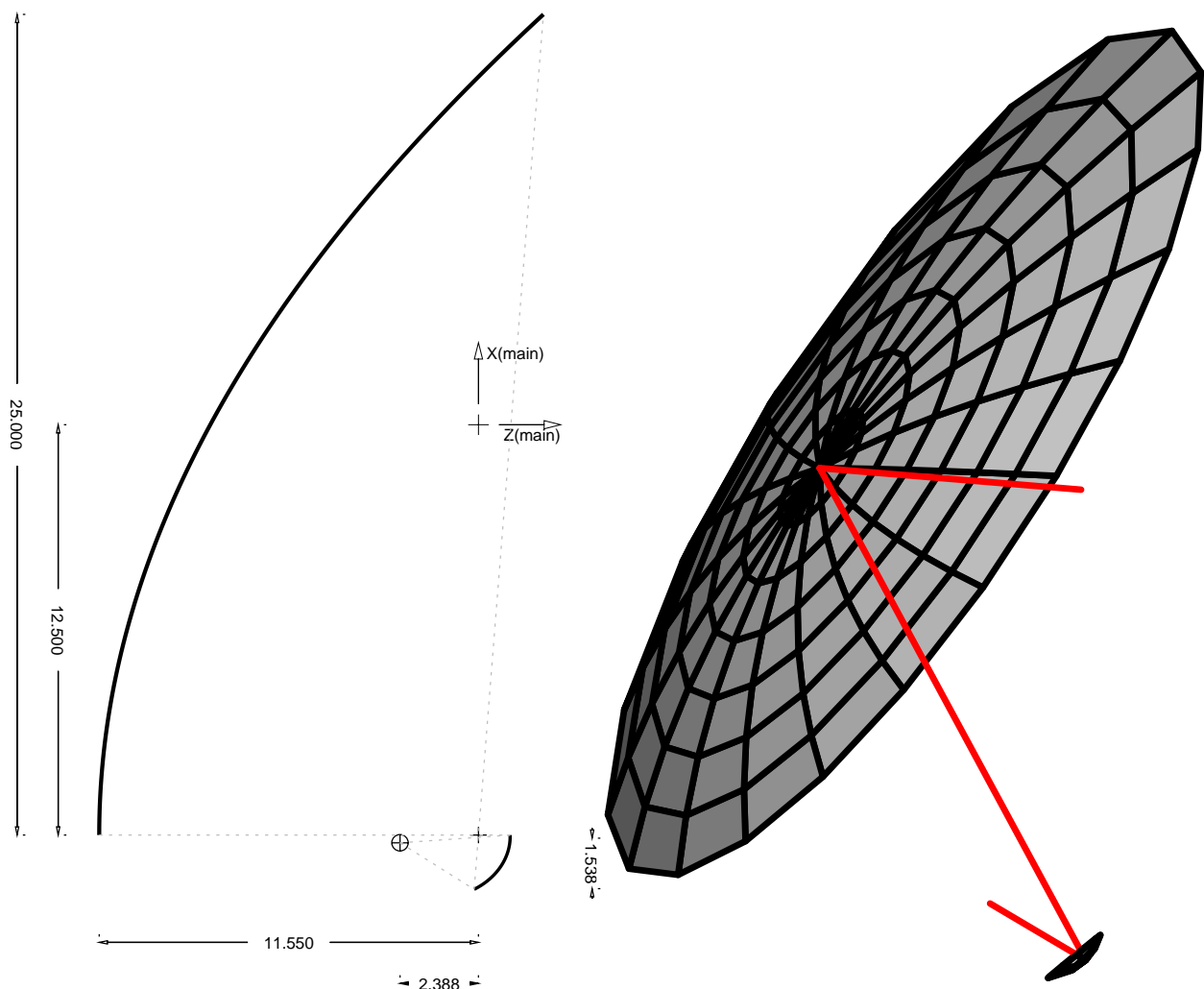
Fig. 4.4: Various off-axis configurations

Based on these arguments, a Gregorian dual-reflector antenna system was selected for ARISE. Figure 4.5 displays a vertical cross-section through the reflector configuration. All the dimensions

shown in this figure are in meters. The geometrical parameters, which fully define the reflector configuration as shown in Figure 4.5, are given below:

On-axis “mother” reflector diameter	$D = 50$ m
On-axis “mother” focal length	$F = 11.55$ m
Off-axis sub-aperture diameter	$D = 25$ m
Tilt angle between main reflector and subreflector axis	$\beta = 5.67$ deg.
Inter foci distance	$L = 2.4$ m
Subreflector eccentricity	$\epsilon = 0.555$

Figure 4.6 shows a three-dimensional representation of the reflector configuration. A ray, coming in from the antenna bore-sight direction, reflected off the center of the main reflector and the subreflector and received by the antenna feed at focus, is also sketched.



**Figure 4.5 (left): Vertical cross-section through the dual reflector geometry as proposed for ARISE.**

**Figure 4.6 (right): Three-dimensional representation of the ARISE dual reflector geometry. Additionally a ray incoming from the bore-sight direction, reflected off the main and subreflector and received at the focus is sketched.**

### 4.3 ARISE Structures and Thermal Analyses

A major consideration in the determination of the relative merits of the off-axis Prime Focus and the Gregorian configurations was structural and thermal behavior. Of special concern were dynamic response, inertial static loading, and thermal distortion effects on antenna shape and alignment. Because of the “soft” nature of inflatable structures, and the temperature sensitivity of polymeric membranes, Structural and Thermal analytical models were created that had more resolution than simple static diagrams and lumped masses. The structure model consisted of over 700 elements (Appendix C) that closely approximated off-axis parabolic curvatures, strut orientation, subreflector alignment, solar array geometry, and S/C mass distribution. Special attention was given to membrane elements, polymer properties, and tubular geometries; all critical to inflatable structural behavior. The thermal model was based on the same nodal geometry and properties allowing a direct one-to-one correspondence between temperature profiles and structural elements.

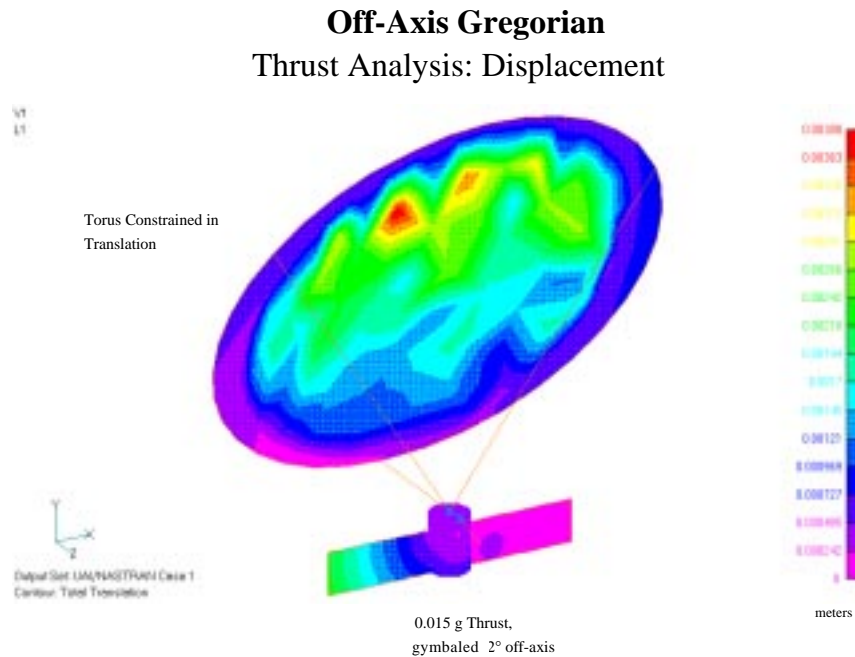
Analytical Results: When the Prime Focus and Gregorian performance predictions were compared, there was very little difference across the board. The Gregorian antenna dynamic performance fared slightly better than the Prime Focus since its center-of-mass was closer to the S/C bus and its antenna support struts were shorter. Inertial response (static thrust) and thermal distortions were virtually the same between the two configurations. Consequently, the Gregorian was selected over the Prime Focus for other reasons than structural and thermal performance (obscuration, corrective optics, ...).

ARISE’s dynamic response was analyzed using normal modes analysis (force driven vibration stimuli have not yet been specified). Table 4.2 lists the first six non-rigid body normal modes for the off-axis Gregorian. In general, the modal frequencies were shown to be representative of large space structures, and are within acceptable bounds given ARISE’s operating scenarios. The resultant modal shapes are classic with tip displacements that are non-critical. (Refer to Appendix C for coordinate references.)

Mode #	Modal frequency (Hz)	Modal Shape	Max. Tip Displacement (cm)
1	0.3	Primary & S/C bus “nodding” to each other	12.5
2	0.5	Primary Y tilt	13.5
3	0.8	Subreflector Y cantilever	5.5
4	0.9	Subreflector Y tilt	5.8
5	1.0	Primary “trampoline” motion	6.1
6	1.2	Subreflector X tilt	2.5

**Table 4.2: ARISE Normal Modes Analysis**

Figure 4.7 shows the resulting structural displacements due to a conventional, static (without transients) thrust maneuver loading. A thrust vector of 0.015g at 2° off-axis was applied at the base of the S/C bus in order to study worst case asymmetric inertial loading. A maximum of 4 mm displacement was predicted. Since thrust maneuvers will not be performed during science observations, it was felt, based on these preliminary results, that thrust/slewing maneuvers would not create critical/catastrophic stress or strain conditions.



**Fig. 4.7: Structural displacements due to a static thrust maneuver loading**

After the initial nominal thermal analysis showed no difference between the Gregorian and Prime Focus configurations, a more detailed worse case orbital thermal analysis of the off-axis Gregorian structure was performed. One of the sub-solar points of the ARISE elliptical orbit was chosen for this test case. It was felt that the combination of solar heating at the bottom edge of the lenticular antenna structure with the Earth's albedo/IR would generate large gradients across the reflector membrane. The results shown in Appendix C, Frame 5 indicate a large gradient of approximately 115 C°. The resultant thermal distortions from this thermal profile are currently being analyzed.

#### **4.4 Antenna surface precision**

An essential element of the ARISE design is the reflector precision. L'Garde has built a 7 meter reflector with a 1.7 mm RMS accuracy but is predicting 1mm RMS accuracy on reflectors of 25m or more with appropriate development effort. To generate a credible estimate of the magnitude and shape of the 25m ARISE antenna error, ground measurements from the 14m Inflatable Antenna Experiment (IAE) reflector were utilized. The IAE reflector shape is shown in the top right of Figure 4.8. It was measured during a ground test in preparation for flight. During the test, one of the torus supports slipped and was not discovered until after the measurements were taken. Nonetheless it is considered representative of the types of errors seen in this class of reflector albeit somewhat exaggerated. As a projection of the type of errors that will be seen in future reflectors which are expected to be more systematic, a FAIM software model prediction of the reflector shape was utilized. FAIM predicts the shape of the inflated reflector analytically, but includes no random errors as seen in material properties and manufacturing errors. The two reflectors were interpolated together resulting in the reflector shape representing the convolution of the theoretical global error generated by FAIM and the manufacturing errors scaled from the as-measured IAE.

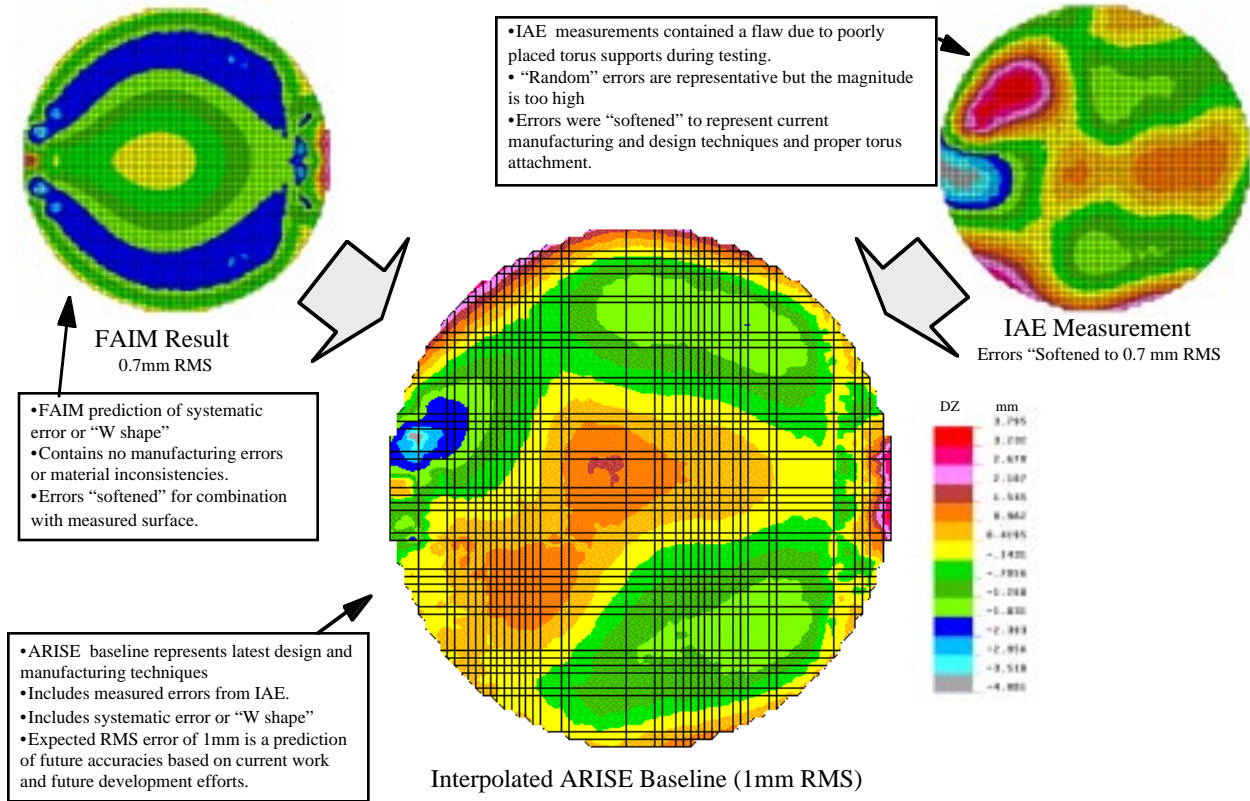


Figure 4.8: ARISE Reflector Precision Projection

#### 4.5 Inflation system

The inflation system for the ARISE mission must provide gas for initial inflation of the struts, torus, envelope (reflector/canopy assembly), and solar array booms, and make-up gas for the envelope over the life of the mission. A range of options was considered, including tanked gas, chemical gas generation, and combinations of these. The baseline specifications for the inflatable antenna are 3.0 kg necessary for initial inflation plus the appropriate amount of make-up gas required over a three-year mission life, and an envelope operating pressure of 10E-4 psia.

The system as currently configured utilizes tanked gas for initial inflation and catalytic hydrazine decomposition for make-up gas. The tank masses are based on scaling relations from a prior study (Thunnissen 1995). No redundancy is incorporated into this conceptual design. The gas tank is 0.24m-dia, T-1000 aluminum-lined graphite-epoxy, initially contains 0.4 kg He gas at 6000 psia, and has a mass of 1.4 kg. The hydrazine tank is 0.40 m-dia titanium, initially contains 23 kg LHZ at 500 psia, and has a mass of 2.4 kg. Estimated mass of catalyst, valves, regulators, filters, orifice, and associated plumbing is 1.2 kg, yielding a total wet mass of 28 kg. With the plumbing items located between the two tanks, the system will fit into an envelope of approximately 0.11 m<sup>3</sup>. The components are essentially off-the-shelf items, although some development of the catalyst bed is anticipated to minimize the ammonia content of the products, to provide the minimum molecular weight possible. (The masses listed here assume 100 percent decomposition of the N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> into N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>.) Jeff Maybee of Primex Aerospace has been consulted about the design of a minimal-ammonia hydrazine catalyst.

Operation of the system begins by actuating the pyro-valve (or latch valve) at the exit of the gas



tank (Fig. 4.9). Regulated helium gas is then introduced into the struts and torus (controlled by a series of solenoid valves), with the cooling of the gas over the duration of the fill assumed to be within acceptable parameters for the cold-rigidized portions of the structure. The initial inflation of the structure is assumed to have a 5-minute duration (worst case). The next operation will be pressurization of the solar array booms to sufficient internal pressure (8 psia) to extend and rigidize, followed by inflation of the antenna envelope to operating pressure. The isolation valve between the hydrazine tank and gas tank is then opened, allowing the gas tank to serve as a reservoir for the products of the hydrazine catalyst bed. The gas tank is of sufficient volume to maintain an approximately one-day supply of make-up gas at nominal conditions, at 5-atm tank pressure. (See section 6.1 for a description of the full launch sequence).

Further definition of the inflation system is dependent on refined estimates of the operational requirements. If the expected catalyst bed exit temperature of 800K is within the allowable temperature range of the spacecraft structural elements, it may, for example, prove feasible to eliminate the gas tank and use the hydrazine system for both initial inflation and make-up. While this does not provide a significant mass advantage, the resulting system will have fewer components. Additionally, the leakage rate at the end of the mission determines the catalyst size and allowable quiescent period for the science mission, unless the fill operation can be done concurrently with data acquisition. The current configuration incorporates a catalyst of 0.2 kg, which is estimated to be sufficient to provide a gas flow rate of 0.6 kg/min.

Potential issues which have yet to be quantitatively addressed include integration of the inflation and propulsion systems, possible absorption of signals by the inflation gas (especially ammonia), possible ionization of inflatant gases caused by large electrical potential gradients between the canopy and reflector (and resultant effect on data collection), and condensation of inflation gases at minimum-temperature conditions.

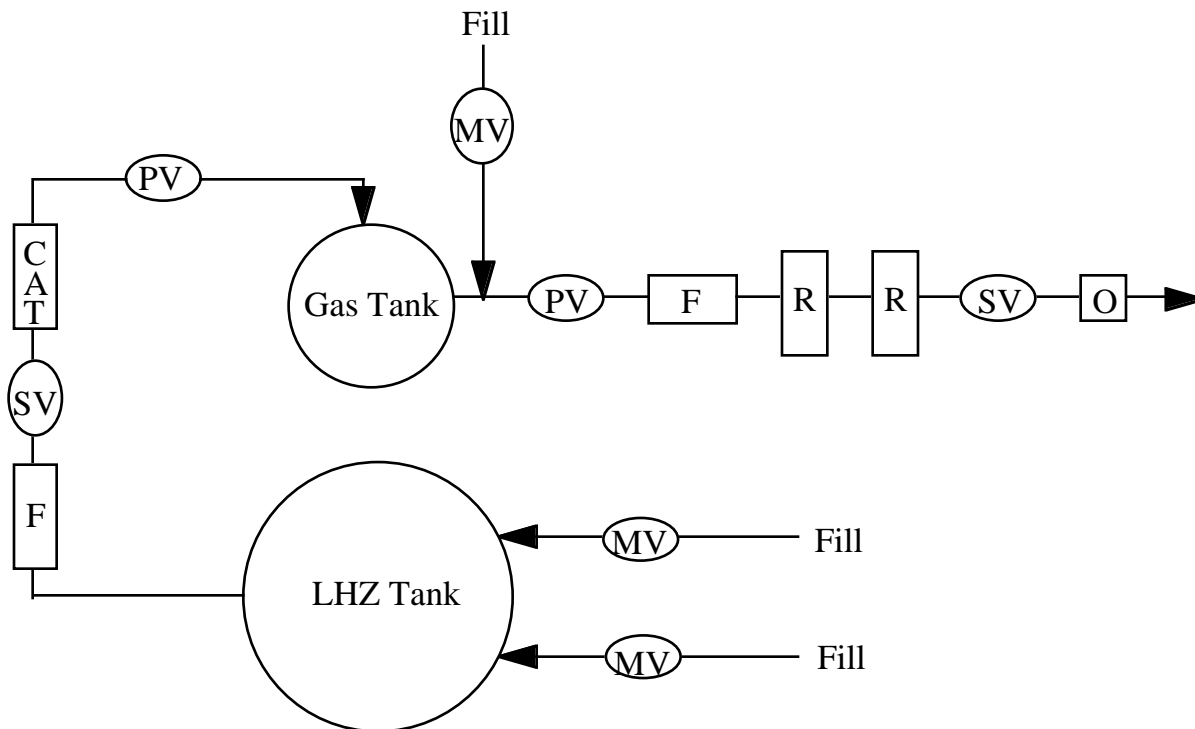


Figure 4.9: ARISE Inflation System: MV = manual valve; SV = solenoid valve; PV = pyro valve; F = filter; R = regulator; O = orifice

#### 4.6 Deployment sequence and Canister design

L'Garde has developed a new flexible enclosure canister as shown in Figure 4.10 and 4.11. The concept promises significant weight savings over the solid canister designs. The lenticular and torus are stored inside a membrane container designed to withstand the increased internal pressure during ascent of the payload. Upon deployment, the top portion of the membrane is released by a pyrotechnic. The petals open, releasing the lenticular and torus. Some residual gas in the lenticular is possible (as was experienced in the IAE flight experiment) and the lenticular is expected to billow out slightly to relieve any internal pressure. After initial deployment the LDDs or L'Garde Deployment Devices are initiated. The next picture in the sequence shows the LDDs deploying the struts. Note, the torus and lenticular are still uninflated and suspended between the extending struts. The next pictures show the struts at full deployment and the torus partially inflated. The lenticular is still not inflated. The solar array gets deployed followed then by the inflation of the lenticular structure. Development of the deployment sequence draws extensively on the lessons learned from the IAE flight experiment.

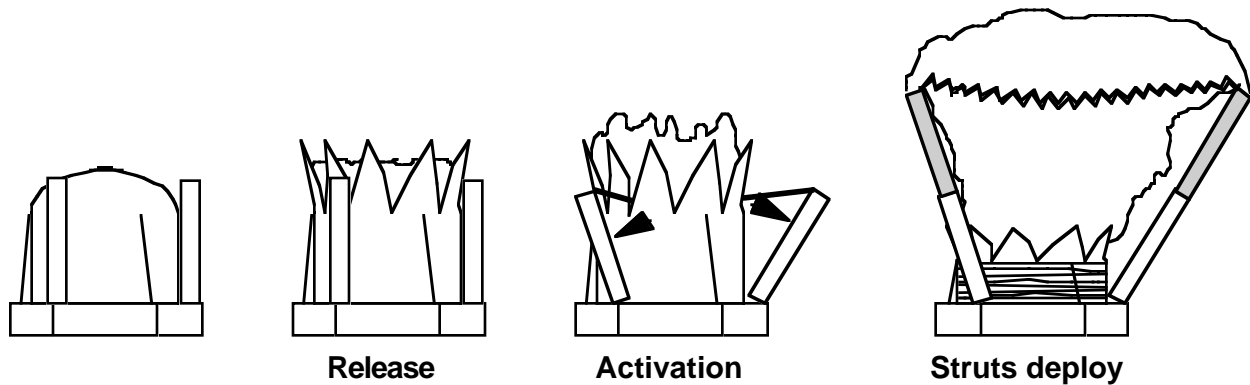


Figure 4.10. ARISE Canister Concept

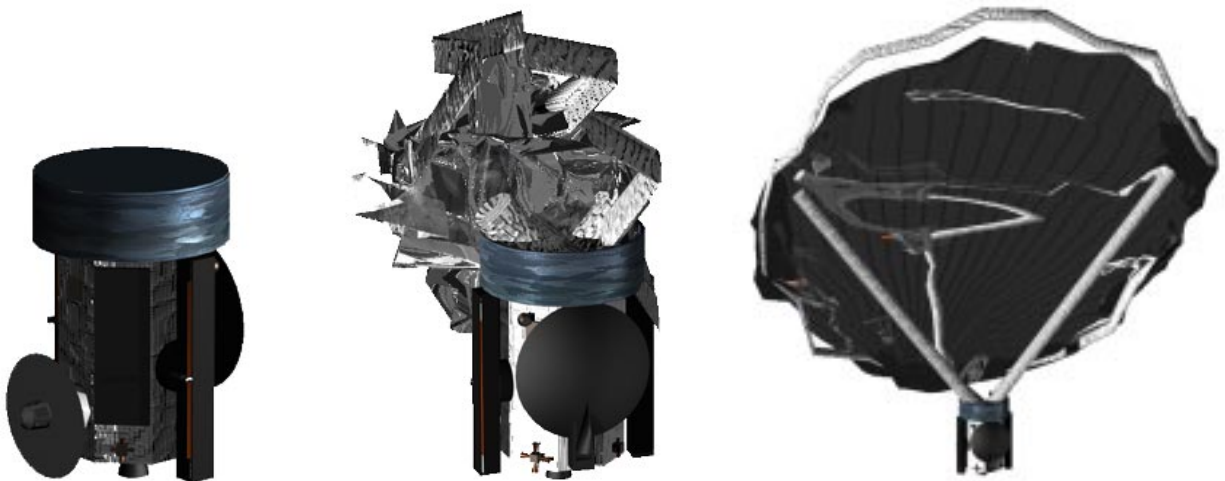


Figure 4.11. Inflatable Antenna Deployment Sequence (by TDM Inc.)



Figure 4.11. Inflation Antenna Deployment Sequence (by TDM Inc.) (continued)

#### 4.7 Subreflector description

The basic configuration and RF error budget for the ARISE radio telescope assumes that the deviations from an ideal surface figure in the primary mirror (or reflector) will be compensated in large part by changing the shape of the secondary reflector. Present assumptions suggest that this correction may have to be done as often as once every fifteen minutes, but not at a frequency of cycles per second. There is work presently underway at Composite Optics Inc. (COI) in tunable radio frequency reflectors in the one to two meter diameter range. Moreover, work is being done on SBIR contracts by a number of vendors to solve the actuator requirements of the Next Generation Space Telescope (NGST). Given this work in progress the assumption is that an actuated, tunable reflector with the desired optical characteristics may be manufactured at reasonable cost, by building on the work in progress at COI and NGST.

There are six basic problems to be resolved with the ARISE secondary mirror task. These are:

- Mirror Skin Design
- Actuator Selection
- Strong Back
- Mass
- Software
- Integration & Launch Packaging

##### Mirror Skin Design

COI has completed a Phase One SBIR for ground based tunable reflectors of comparable size to ARISE's subreflector. These reflectors have a composite surface, and are adjusted with screw jacks on the back surface of the mirror. COI has recently been awarded a phase two SBIR contract to extend this work. Of particular relevance to the ARISE work is the amount of finite element modeling which is being done under these contracts, and the confirmation of these FEM models in full size test mirrors. The models comprise a set of basic design tools which COI can employ, at modest cost, on a prototype design of the ARISE reflector. A request for contract numbers, and relevant technical publications is pending with COI, as of this writing.

### Actuator Selection

To shape the surface of the secondary reflector, a set of cryogenically adapted, precision, linear motors is required. NGST requires more than 2000 cryogenic actuators, some of which must have a travel of millimeters, and others of which must have a resolution in the 10's of nanometers. NGST is presently funding research at the level of around \$800,000 per annum in mechanism development. These mechanisms are being studied in the Low Temperature Science & Engineering cryogenic mechanisms laboratory at JPL. From this work there is a high degree of certainty that actuators suitable for ARISE will be produced. A significant candidate for this actuator is a cryogenic lead-screw designed by Thermetrex Corporation of San Diego. This actuator is tentatively scheduled for test at JPL this fall.

### Strong Back

The actuators that shape the secondary need a stable, structural reaction surface behind the mirror. For lightness and strength this should probably not be inflatable, unless it is a self-rigidized inflatable of some type, perhaps with filled epoxy. A composite strong back structure should work well. Because COI has experience in understanding the composite mirror loads, they are the logical company to design a strong back structure that accurately reacts to those loads. The required mass for such an assembly is not known as of this writing. A small study may be sufficient for COI to adapt their present SBIR work to the ARISE problem. This should probably be done sooner rather than later, in case the mass of the strong back is greater than that included in the present ARISE mass budgets.

### Mass

Generating an adequate predictive model on the mass budget for the secondary mirror assembly is a task that requires some attention at this point. The strong back, actuator, actuator electronics, cables, supporting structure and the mirror masses are not known at this time to any degree of specificity.

### Software

Various organizations have largely resolved the problem of feeding wave-front error into optical surface adjustments over a broad range of wavelengths and response frequencies. A brief survey of the established methods for doing this should be undertaken, in order to select the most appropriate to be adapted to the needs of ARISE.

### Integration and Launch Packaging

Significant economies in mass, and other types of performance advantage can often be achieved by cleverly resolving the design trades in the integration and packaging task. For instance, it may be possible to reduce mass, and launch package volume by designing a strong back / mirror surface system in which a primary and secondary inflatable structure are used. The primary structure might hold the mirror / actuator assembly in place. An inflatable, epoxy-cure-upon-deployment strong back could be designed to provide needed strength to the system.

These design trades are often best done at the early phases of system conceptualization. Therefore a brief integration design-trade study, with a view to mass and volume reduction should be conducted in the very near future.

## 5. Science Payload

### 5.1 Science requirements

The ARISE top level science requirements can be summarized as:

1. **Source detection:** the spacecraft must be able to detect sources that have strength of about 10 mJy at 43 GHz, and about 3 mJy at 22 GHz.
2. **Spacecraft - ground telecom data rates:** 8 Giga bits per second (Gbps), driven by sampling at Nyquist rate (2 samples/sec/Hz) and digitizing at 1bit/sample or 2 bits/sample.
3. **Observation duration:** the spacecraft must be able to observe a single source for 12-24 hours, at one or several frequencies. One coherent integration time is between 15 and 350 seconds.
4. **Sampling duty cycle:** the fraction of time that science data is gathered during one observation is at least 70 %. That leaves 30% for other spacecraft duties.
5. **Gain variation:** the gain in the direction of the source cannot vary more than 2-5% during one coherent integration time.

Table 5.1 to 5.12 provide a more complete set of default parameters for the ARISE mission, together with possible ranges for those parameters. Telescope parameters for the Green Bank Telescope (GBT) have been taken from the GBT web site, while VLBA telescope parameters are taken from the VLBA web site, with some assumptions made about improved system temperatures by the time of ARISE launch. The possible ranges of many parameters are educated guesses. It is unlikely that phase-referencing will be possible at the higher (or any) frequencies for ARISE. However, the tables include the possibility of achieving equivalently long coherence times by means of atmospheric calibration at the ground telescopes (using water vapor radiometers, phase referencing of the ground telescopes, or similar techniques). Finally, in the calculation of spectral-line sensitivities, a channel width of 0.5 km/sec has been assumed in all cases. This was chosen as a compromise among the various types of spectral-line science that might be done, and can easily be scaled for other assumptions by the square root of the channel width.

**Table 5.1: Radio Telescope**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Diameter	25 m	15 - 25 m
Structure	Inflatable	Others
Optics	Off-axis Gregorian	On-axis; Cassegrain
Sun-Avoidance Angle	30 deg	20 - 50 deg
Pointing Accuracy	3 arcsec	2 - 6 arcsec
Slew Rate	2 deg/min	1 - 4 deg/min
Phase Referencing	None	5 - 8 GHz
Surface Accuracy	0.5 mm (target)	0.2 - 1 mm
Corrected Surf. Acc.	0.25 mm	0.2 - 0.5 mm

**Table 5.2: Observing System**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Freq. Coverage	8, 22, 43, 60, 86 GHz	No 8 & 60; add 1.6 & 5
Polarization	Dual Circular	Single Circular
Polarization Purity	< 3%	1-6%
Sampling	1 or 2 bit	2 bit
Calibration Accuracy	2%	1% - 3%
IF channelization	TBD	TBD

**Table 5.3: Sensitivity vs. Frequency - 8 GHz**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Frequency Span	8 - 9 GHz	5 - 9 GHz
$T_{sys}$	12 K	8 - 15 K
Aperture Efficiency	0.50	0.4 - 0.6
System Equivalent Flux Density (SEFD)	130 Jy	75 - 590 Jy
Coher. Time (C=0.9)	350 sec	100 - 2000 sec
Data Rate	4 Gbit/sec	1 - 4 Gbit/sec

**Table 5.4: Sensitivity vs. Frequency - 22 GHz**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Frequency Span	21 - 23 GHz	18 - 23 GHz
$T_{sys}$	16 K	12 - 25 K
Aperture Efficiency	0.38	0.3 - 0.5
SEFD	240 Jy	130 - 1280 Jy
Coher. Time (C=0.9)	150 sec	60 - 1000 sec
Data Rate	8 Gbit/sec	1 - 8 Gbit/sec

**Table 5.5: Sensitivity vs. Frequency - 43 GHz**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Frequency Span	42 - 44 GHz	40 - 45 GHz
$T_{sys}$	24 K	20 - 35 K
Aperture Efficiency	0.24	0.2 - 0.35
SEFD	560 Jy	320 - 2700 Jy
Coher. Time (C=0.9)	60 sec	20 - 400 sec
Data Rate	8 Gbit/sec	1 - 8 Gbit/sec

**Table 5.6: Sensitivity vs. Frequency - 60 GHz (single dish only)**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Parameters	TBD	TBD

**Table 5.7: Sensitivity vs. Frequency - 86 GHz**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Frequency Span	84 - 88 GHz	80 - 90 GHz ?
$T_{sys}$	45 K	30 - 80 K
Aperture Efficiency	0.08	0.08 - 0.2
SEFD	3200 Jy	850 - 16,000 Jy
Coher. Time (C=0.9)	15 sec	5 - 100 sec
Data Rate	8 Gbit/sec	1 - 8 Gbit/sec

**Table 5.8: 7-sigma continuum sensitivity to 1 VLBA antenna**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
8 GHz	1.9 mJy	0.6 - 15 mJy
22 GHz	4.5 mJy	1.3 - 46 mJy
43 GHz	15 mJy	4.4 - 162 mJy
86 GHz	120 mJy	25 - 1400 mJy

**Table 5.9: 7-sigma continuum sensitivity to GBT**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
8 GHz	0.4 mJy	0.1 - 3.6 mJy
22 GHz	0.8 mJy	0.2 - 8.3 mJy
43 GHz	2.5 mJy	0.7 - 28 mJy
86 GHz	26 mJy	5.5 - 300 mJy

**Table 5.10: 7-sigma spectral line sensitivity to VLBA antenna (0.5 km/s channel)**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
8 GHz	0.5 Jy/ch	0.2 - 2.2 Jy/ch
22 GHz	1.0 Jy/ch	0.3 - 3.8 Jy/ch
43 GHz	2.5 Jy/ch	0.7 - 9.5 Jy/ch
86 GHz	14 Jy/ch	2.9 - 57 Jy/ch

**Table 5.11: 7-sigma spectral line sensitivity to GBT (0.5 km/s channel)**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
8 GHz	0.1 Jy/ch	0.04 - 0.5 Jy/ch
22 GHz	0.2 Jy/ch	0.06 - 0.7 Jy/ch
43 GHz	0.4 Jy/ch	0.1 - 1.6 Jy/ch
86 GHz	3.1 Jy/ch	0.6 - 12 Jy/ch

**Table 5.12: Additional mission information**

Quantity	Nominal	Possible Range
Launch Date	2008	2007 - 2012
Lifetime	3 yr	2 - 5 yr
Comm. Link	38 GHz	80 GHz or optical
Tracking Stations	5	4 - 7

## 5.2 Receivers/Amplifiers

The ARISE receiver design is critical to the final performance of the instrument. By providing the lowest noise possible, requirements on the size and performance of the primary mirror can be bound to achievable goals. Cryogenic InP High Electron Mobility Transistors (HEMTs) provide the lowest possible noise for receivers from 1-100 GHz operating at temperatures above 4 K. In

addition InP HEMT transistors operate with the lowest power dissipation of any three terminal device, which is critical for thermal load on the cryocooler.

The baseline ARISE receiver has channels at 8, 22, 43 and 86 GHz. The receiver front end is cooled to 20 K. The front end (Figure 5.1) is comprised of an antenna, orthomode transducer and an InP HEMT amplifier. The front end is nominally designed to have a noise figure of 5 times quantum limited noise at all four frequencies. This noise temperature has already been achieved at 8, 22 and 43 GHz using InP HEMT amplifiers with discrete transistors. This goal at 86 GHz is expected to be met by a cryogenic amplifier program at JPL and is consistent with the goals of the ESA's Planck Surveyor, Low Frequency Instrument. The use of InP monolithic millimeter-wave integrated circuit (MMIC) technology allows for state-of-the-art performance and ease of integration at 86 GHz. This will be crucial should the adaptive array be utilized on ARISE.

Parameter	8 GHz	22 GHz	43 GHz	86 GHz
Noise (K)	8	12	19	39
Bandwidth (GHz)	2	2	4	4
Cryo power (mw)	64	23	15	8

Table 5.13 Performance of the ARISE Receivers.

The cryogenic portion of the radiometer front end is connected to a warm back end via stainless steel waveguide or coaxial cable. The signals are then passed through an image reject filter and mixed down to an IF bandwidth of DC-4 GHz. The mixer will utilize a phase locked local oscillator (PLLO) with phase locking derived from a stable crystal oscillator. Should an adaptive array be implemented, each feed in the array will have its own front end and mixer, the IF signal will be passed into an array processor which will trim the phase of the PLLO on each element individually and adjust the IF amplifier gain. The output of the array processor will be a single IF channel with a "clean" effective beam.

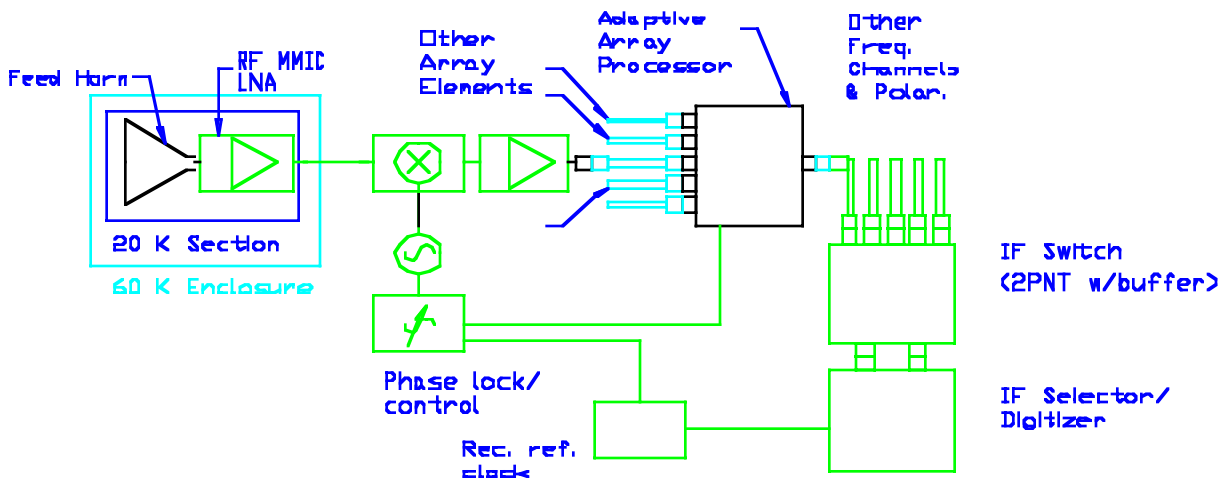


Figure 5.1: ARISE Receiver Schematic.



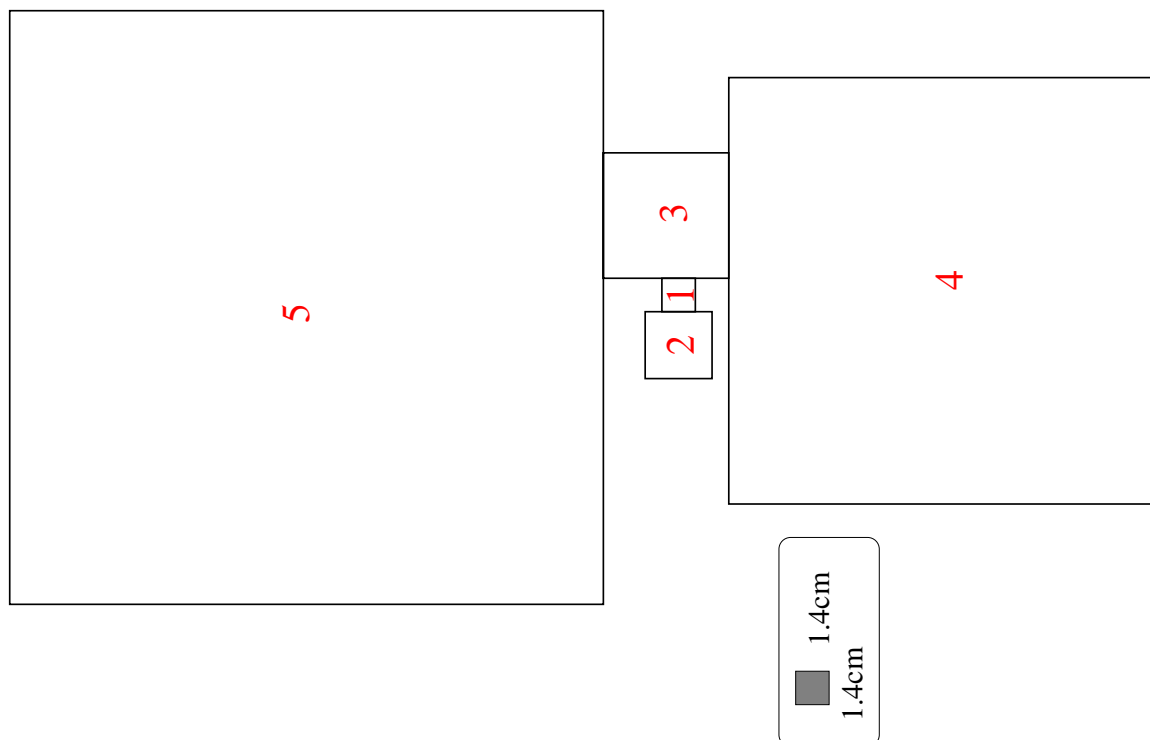
Following the array processor, the IF signals are sorted by frequency and polarization and digitized. A tone provided by a ground based source is digitized along with the signal to provide an accurate phase reference for the signal.

Two approaches towards digitization may be taken. The first option is to build on the current VLBA digitizers which multiplex many 32 MHz A/D converters to build a larger bandwidth. The advantage of this scheme is that it takes advantage of the current VLBA equipment, potentially reducing overall program costs. A second approach is to utilize modern high speed A/D converters operating at frequencies in excess of 1 GHz. The advantage to this technology is a greatly reduced digitizer mass and power, but the development costs to populate VLBI telescopes could be significant.

### 5.3 RF adaptive compensation

At all the operating frequencies, the radiation performance of ARISE has been evaluated using a vector diffraction computer program, which employs Physical Optics on both the main reflector and the subreflector. For the operating frequencies at 43 GHz and 86 GHz, array feeds are utilized to electronically compensate for the performance deterioration caused by surface distortions and beam pointing error. At both operating frequencies, a 19 element array feed is used with  $0.86 \lambda$  inter-element spacing. Investigations into adaptive methods to optimally combine the signals received by the individual array elements are currently under way. Utilization of circularly polarized compensation is also under investigation, and it is expected that although results will not change, hardware and software implementation will be more complex.

#### 5.3.1 *Feed layout and array configuration*

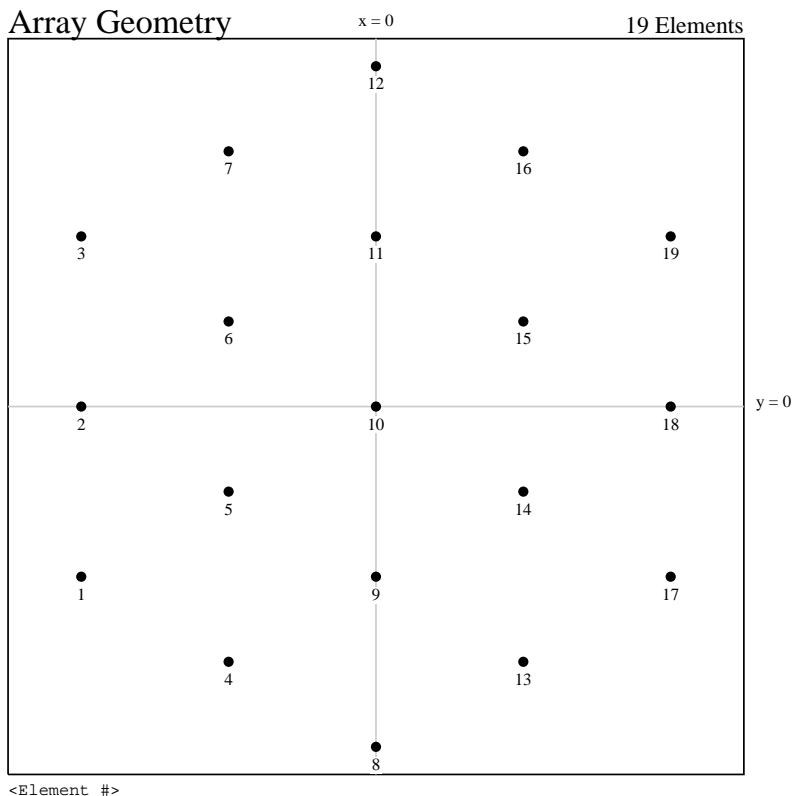


**Figure 5.2:** Layout of the single feed and array of horn feeds for the five different operating frequencies. The numbers refer to 1 = 86 GHz, 2 = 43 GHz, 3 = 22 GHz, 4 = 8 GHz and 5 = 4.85 GHz (Size of scaled square corresponds to size of the 86 GHz feed).

The layout of the horn feeds and array of horn feeds in the focal plane of the reflector are displayed in Figure 5.2. The numbers in this figure refer to the operating frequencies of the respective feed, i.e.

- 1 = 86 GHz
- 2 = 43 GHz
- 3 = 22 GHz
- 4 = 8.0 GHz

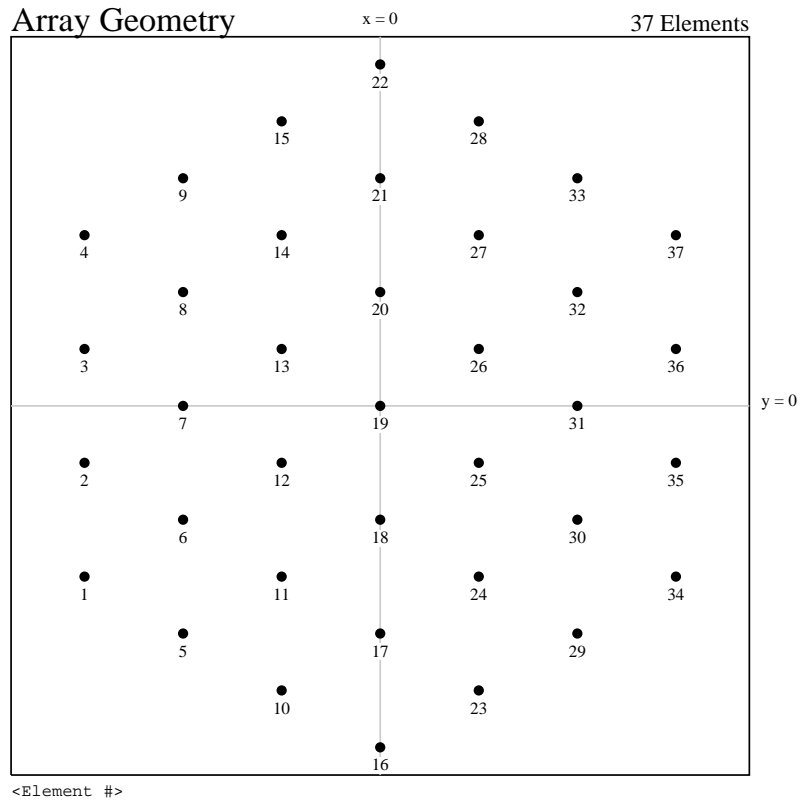
At both 43 GHz and 86 GHz a 19-element array feed is used. Both array feeds are hexagonal based. The feed geometry is displayed in Figure 5.3. The usage of a 37-element array feed is also contemplated. This array feed is similarly hexagonal based and its feed geometry is displayed in Figure 5.4. For the RF performance shown in the following paragraphs, an array inter-element spacing of  $0.86 \lambda$  is assumed. This array spacing is still a subject of ongoing research.



**Figure 5.3: Geometry of the hexagonal based 19-element array feed. The array spacing is at  $0.86 \lambda$ , which is 6 mm at 43 GHz and 3 mm at 86 GHz.**

### 5.3.2 Surface distortions and un-wanted beam tilt

Due to material, manufacturing and deployment imperfections, limitations and errors, surface distortions are introduced in the primary reflector. Because of the unique characteristics of the inflatable membrane structure, these distortions are slowly varying in nature. In order to accurately simulate the RF system performance, the assessment of these distortions in terms of their effects on the radiation characteristics is imperative.



**Figure 5.4: Geometry of the hexagonal based 37-element array feed. The array spacing is at  $0.86 \lambda$ , which is 6 mm at 43 GHz and 3 mm at 86 GHz.**

As an analytic distortion model, a functional dependency of the form:

$$z = \tau * \rho^3 * \sin(3 * \varphi)$$

was considered.  $(\rho, \varphi)$  are the coordinates in a polar coordinate system,  $\tau$  denotes the center-to-peak height of the distortion. A surface plot of this analytic distortion model is displayed in Figure 5.5. A surface RMS value of 0.5 and 1 mm was considered, which resulted in a center-to-peak height of 1.5 and 3 mm in the distortion model described above.

A surface plot of the most recently supplied discrete surface distortion data by L'Garde is displayed in Figure 5.6. This distortion has a surface RMS value of approximately 1 mm.

A further source of RF performance degradation is un-wanted beam pointing. A beam pointing error of only one beamwidth reduces the directivity and antenna efficiency significantly. At higher frequencies the beamwidth becomes more narrow, which makes the accurate pointing more difficult and necessitates the usage of an array feed and corrective feed array excitation to achieve the required RF performance.

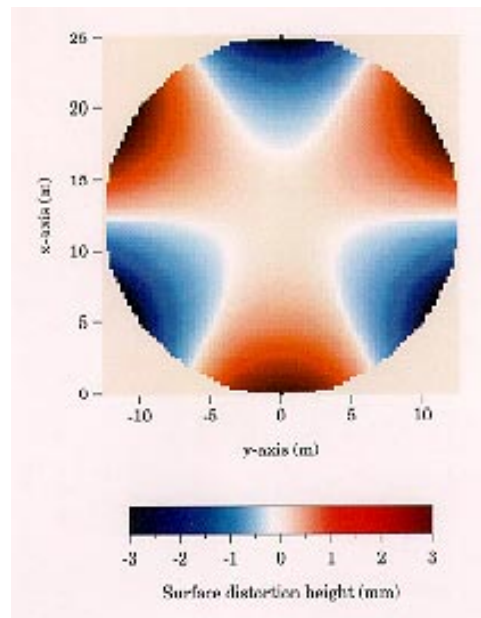


Figure 5.5: Surface plot of the analytic surface distortion model. The center-to-peak height is 3 mm, which yields a rms of approximately 1 mm.

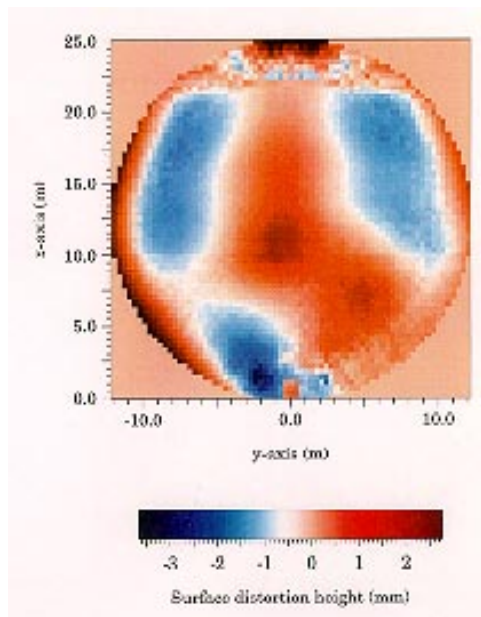


Figure 5.6: Surface plot of the discrete surface distortion data as supplied by L'Garde on 04/06/98.

### 5.3.3 RF performance using single feeds

At first the RF system performance is evaluated using single feeds at each of the five operating frequencies. This approach is less costly and easier in its implementation complexity. The key ARISE RF performance parameters for an undistorted and distorted surface (analytical distortion model) using single feeds at each frequency are displayed in the following table. For the analytical distortion model, an RMS value of 1 mm has been considered. Additionally at the operating frequencies 43 GHz and 86 GHz, a surface RMS value of 0.5 mm has been investigated.

Frequency [GHz]	Configuration	D [dB]	AE [%]	BW [deg.]
<b>8.0</b>	ideal	65.52	81.0	0.110
	distorted (1 mm)	65.19	75.3	0.110
<b>22.0</b>	ideal	74.30	81.0	0.036
	distorted (1 mm)	71.95	47.3	0.045
<b>43.0</b>	ideal	80.19	81.0	0.018
	distorted (0.5 mm)	77.87	48.4	0.022
	distorted (1 mm)	73.79	18.2	0.033
<b>86.0</b>	ideal	86.14	81.0	0.009
	distorted (0.5 mm)	79.82	19.0	0.017
	distorted (1 mm)	76.66	9.1	0.019

**Table 5.14: RF performance of ARISE, using a single feed at each of the operating frequencies.**

In Table 5.14, D denotes the directivity in dB, AE the antenna efficiency (including taper and illumination efficiency) and BW the half-power beamwidth in degrees. Note that the efficiency referred to here includes only taper and illumination efficiency. Other efficiency numbers due to losses caused by effects such as mismatch, feed network, finite surface conductivity, local surface rms, blockage or polarization mismatch are not considered in the antenna efficiency. The ultimate efficiency will be somewhat lower than the value recorded in this table.

It is apparent from the previous table, that the deteriorating effects of the surface distortions increase with frequency. While the losses in directivity and, hence, antenna efficiency are acceptable up to a frequency of 22 GHz, the losses at 43 GHz and 86 GHz are too severe for the RF system performance requirements assuming a RMS value of 1 mm. New ways to achieve the requirements are needed.

#### **5.3.4 RF performance using array feeds**

At both 43 GHz and 86 GHz, array feeds are used to compensate for surface distortions and beam pointing errors. In the following, the RF performance at 43 GHz and 86 GHz is discussed using an array feed as displayed in part 5.3.1 of this section. At first, analytic surface distortions as displayed in Figure 5.5 are considered. In the following table, the three cases 'ideal' (no surface distortions), 'distorted' (analytic surface distortion model) and 'compensated' (using corrective feed array excitation) are considered.

For the discrete surface distortion data as supplied by L'Garde and shown in Figure 5.6, the RF performance at 43 GHz is investigated. With these surface distortions, the directivity reduces to 72.01 dB, where the beam tilts by 0.029 degrees. With a 19-element array as displayed in Figure 5.3 for distortion compensation, the directivity changes to 70.27 dB and the beam tilt reduces to 0.025 degrees. Using a 37-element array as displayed in Figure 5.4, the directivity increases to 73.31 dB and the unwanted beam tilt is fully compensated for. To avoid the usage of a 37-element array, subreflector shaping in combination with a 19-element array compensation is currently under investigation.

Frequency [GHz]	Config.	D [dB]	AE [%]	BW [deg.]
43.0 (RMS=0.5mm)	ideal	80.19	82.40	0.018
	distorted	78.11	51.07	0.022
	compensated	78.38	54.32	0.022
43.0 (RMS=1mm)	ideal	80.19	82.40	0.018
	distorted	74.34	21.42	0.032
	compensated	75.36	27.12	0.030
86.0 (RMS=0.5mm)	ideal	86.18	81.87	0.009
	distorted	80.34	21.32	0.016
	compensated	81.67	29.01	0.015
86.0 (RMS=1mm)	ideal	86.18	81.87	0.009
	distorted	77.17	10.29	0.019
	compensated	78.63	14.41	0.018

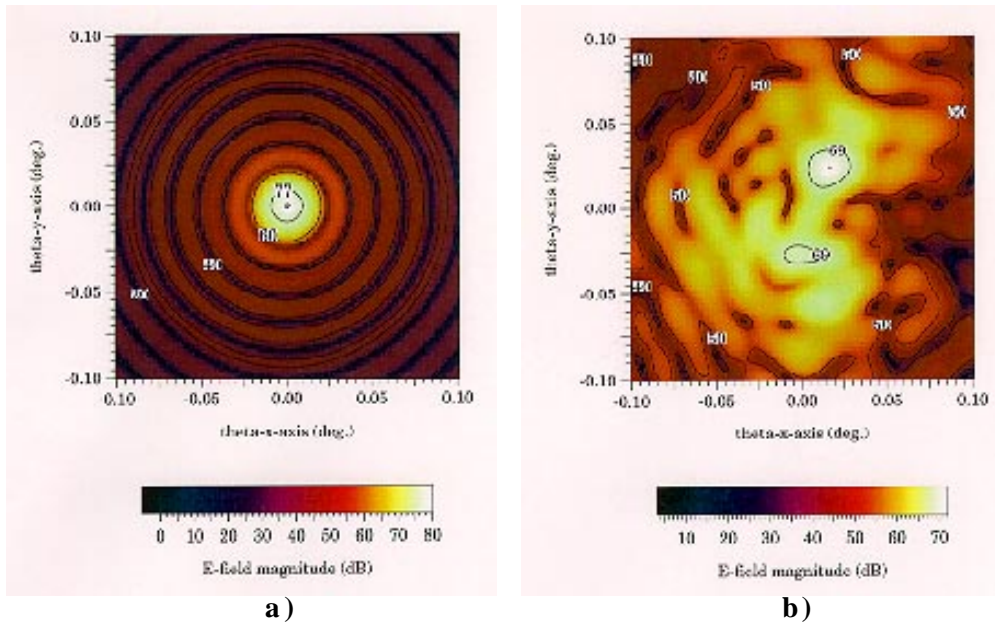
**Table 5.15: RF performance of ARISE at 43 GHz and 86 GHz, using 19-element array feeds with corrective feed array excitation coefficients.**

For the beam pointing error, an unwanted beam tilt in the amount of the half-power beamwidth is considered. At an operating frequency of 43 GHz, the half-power beamwidth is 0.018 degrees. Given a beam tilt of the same amount (0.018 deg.), the directivity and antenna efficiency at boresight without array compensation reduces to 67.13 dB and 4.08%, respectively. With the array compensation, the beam tilt is reduced to 0.006 degrees and the maximum directivity at that location is at 79.1 dB. For an unwanted beam tilt of 0.012 degrees, the array compensation can fully compensate for the tilt. The directivity for the uncompensated and the compensated case are 75.12 dB and 79.64 dB, respectively.

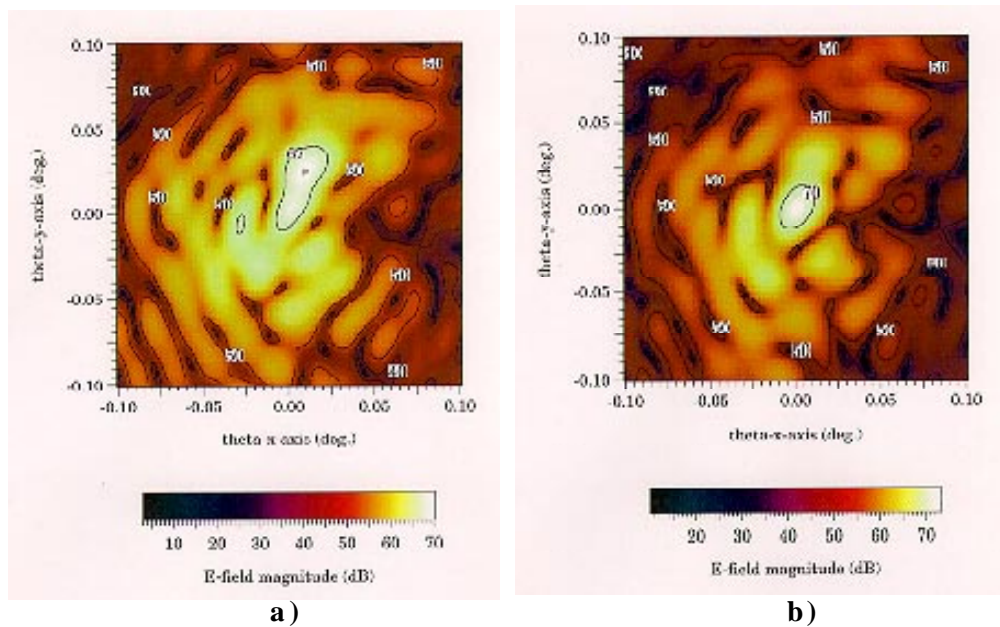
### 5.3.5 *Representative farfield patterns*

The operating frequency for the following four cases is at 43 GHz. In Figure 5.7 a), the beam contour pattern of an undistorted ARISE reflector surface is displayed. In Figure 5.7 b), the distorted beam contour pattern is displayed using the discrete surface distortion data supplied by L'Garde (see Figure 5.6). A single feed is used in these two cases.

In Figure 5.8 a), a 19-element array is used to compensate for the surface distortion effects. In Figure 5.8 b), a 37-element array is used to compensate for the surface distortion. The improvement using array feed compensation with 19 elements and especially 37 elements is clearly visible in these figures.



**Figure 5.7: Beam contour pattern of ARISE at 43 GHz. a) No surface distortions. Single feed. b) Discrete surface distortion model as shown in Figure 5.6. Single feed.**



**Figure 5.8: Beam contour pattern of ARISE at 43 GHz. Discrete surface distortion model as shown in Figure 5.6 a) Feed array compensation using a 19-element array feed. b) Feed array compensation using a 37-element array feed.**

#### 5.4 RF system performances

One of the most critical parameter to assess on ARISE is the overall antenna efficiency. For a 25-m diameter aperture, the science requirements ask for a  $7\sigma$  sensitivity of about 3 mJy at 22 GHz and about 10 mJy at 43 GHz. It is then desirable that the antenna efficiency be at least 0.55 at 22 GHz, at least 0.2 at 43 GHz, and the highest possible at 86 GHz. The RF adaptive compensation scheme described above allow for an increase in antenna efficiency that includes distortions of the main reflector, aperture taper, feed spillover and polarization efficiencies. However, other losses should be taken into account. A preliminary assessment of these other system efficiencies is summarized in Table 5.16 for each frequency of interest. The canopy transmittance is based on testing of a 0.5-mil CP-1 sheet coated with 100 Ang. of ITO, which is currently the candidate material. The reflector material is a 0.5-mil sheet of Kapton coated with Aluminum. The pointing error is an estimate from the spacecraft and antenna ACS analysis.

Efficiency	8 GHz	22 GHz	43 GHz	86 GHz
Adaptive compensation (computed)	0.753	0.473	0.271	0.144
Antenna distortions	(Single feed)	(Single feed)		
Aperture taper				
Feed spillover				
Polarization				
RF path attenuation				
Shadowing (struts + S/C)	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94
Canopy transmittance (twice)	0.93 <sup>2</sup>	0.91 <sup>2</sup>	0.88 <sup>2</sup>	0.85 <sup>2</sup>
Meteoroid shield (twice)	0.95 <sup>2</sup>	0.95 <sup>2</sup>	0.95 <sup>2</sup>	0.95 <sup>2</sup>
Reflector reflectance	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
Surface local rms (specular)	0.98*	0.98*	0.98*	0.98*
Feed displacement	0.98*	0.98*	0.98*	0.98*
Pointing error	0.98*	0.98*	0.98*	0.98*
Surface ohmic efficiency	0.99*	0.99*	0.99*	0.99*
Feed network loss	0.95*	0.95*	0.95*	0.95*
Margin	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
<b>Total efficiency</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.07</b>

**Table 5.16: Projection of the overall aperture efficiency**

\*: estimated efficiency

The prediction of the antenna distortions results from an ACS/dynamics, structural analysis (described in the inflatable antenna section and spacecraft design section) and thermal steady state worst case scenario analysis. The amplitude of the distortions are summarized in Table 5.17. More work needs to be done to assess/confirm these antenna distortions.



<b>Distortions type</b>	<b>Amplitude (peak to valley) (mm)</b>	<b>RMS (mm)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Manufacturing / Wrinkles	3	1	Predicted
Dynamics	< 0.1		Reaction Wheels effects
Thermal	TBD		Not compensated - Steady
ESD Lofting	TBD		Unknown at this stage
Make up gas waves	TBD		Unknown at this stage
<b>Total</b>			

**Table 5.17: Projection of the inflatable antenna distortions**

Assuming the aperture efficiencies stated in Table 5.16, the science system performances then provide a  $7\sigma$  sensitivity summarized in Table 5.18.

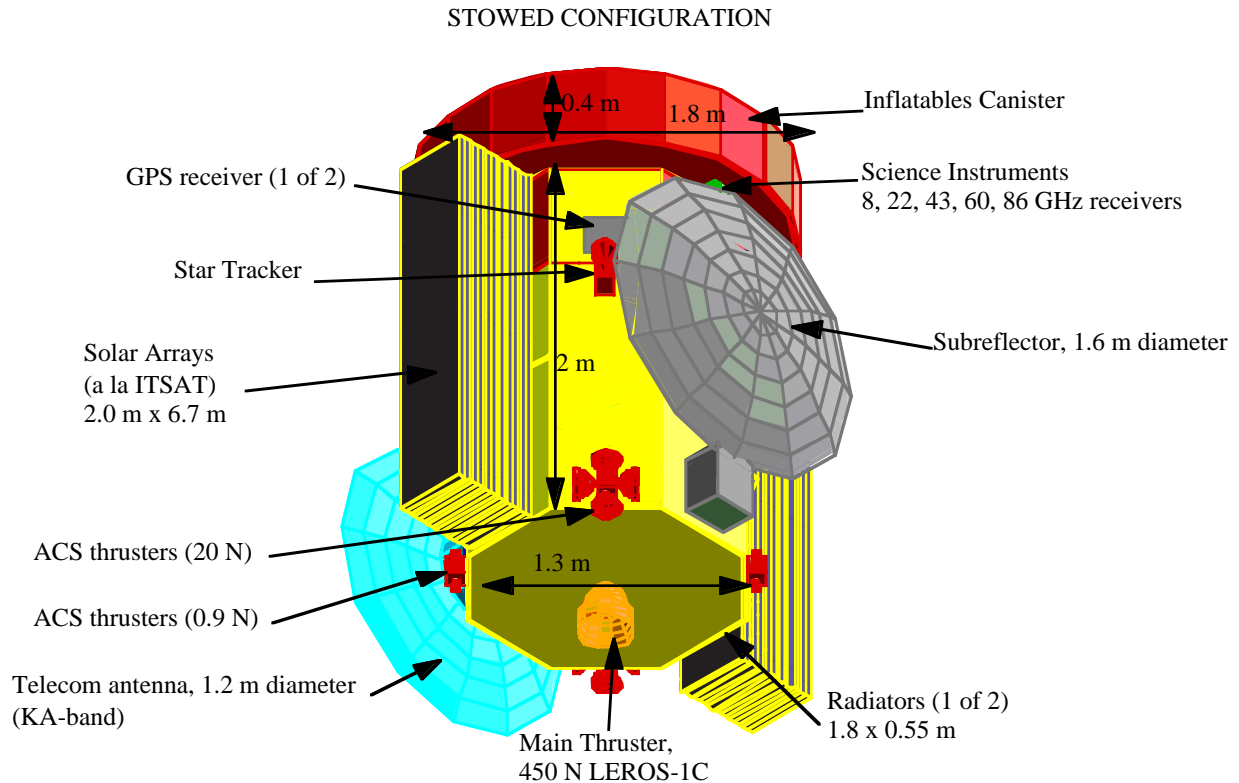
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>8 GHz</b>	<b>22 GHz</b>	<b>43 GHz</b>	<b>86 GHz</b>
ARISE diameter	25 m	25 m	25 m	25 m
ARISE efficiency	0.46	0.28	0.15	0.07
ARISE T <sub>sys</sub>	12 K	16 K	24 K	45 K
VLBA diameter	25 m	25 m	25 m	25 m
VLBA efficiency	0.72	0.52	0.36	0.15
VLBA T <sub>sys</sub>	30 K	60 K	80 K	100 K
Data rate	4 Gbps	8 Gbps	8 Gbps	8 Gbps
Coherence time	350 s	150 s	60 s	15 s
$7\sigma$ limit	2.0 mJy	5.2 mJy	19.0 mJy	130 mJy

**Table 5.18: ARISE Science System Performance Projection**

Sensitivities of the antenna efficiency to the final detection threshold is under investigation.

## 6. Spacecraft Description

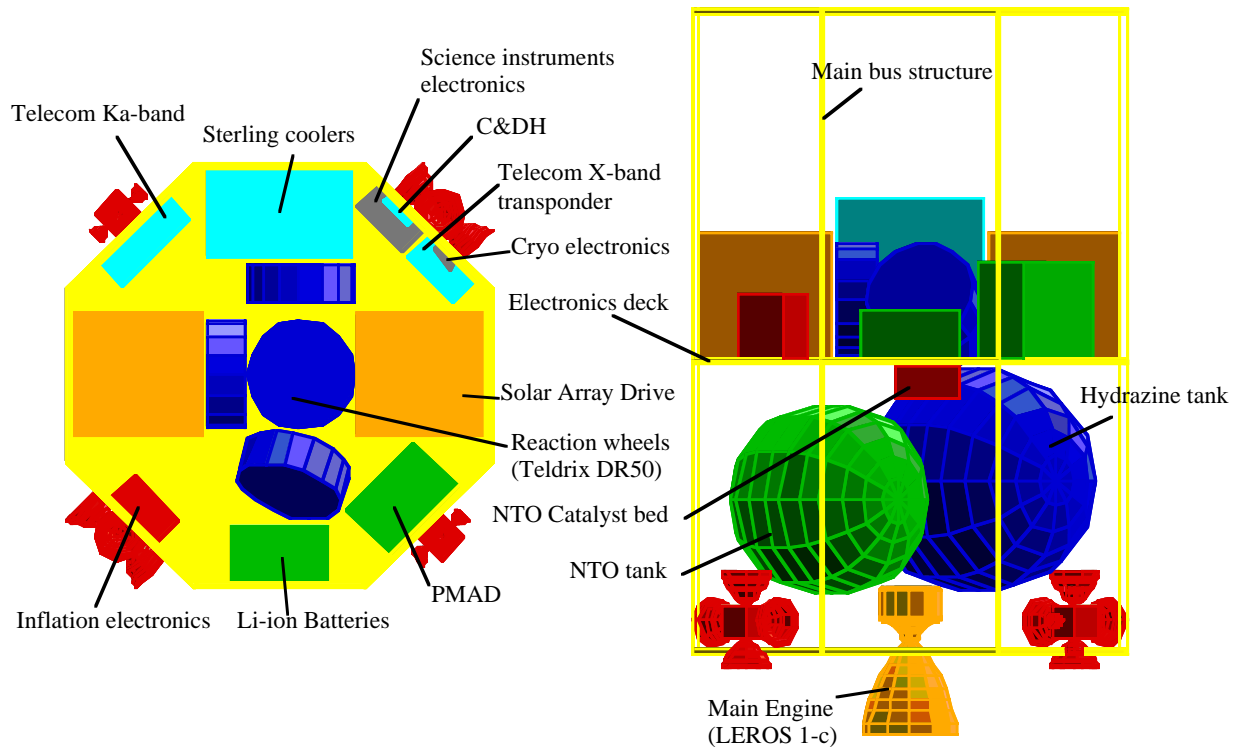
### 6.1 Spacecraft configuration



**Figure 6.1: ARISE spacecraft in the stowed launch configuration**

The spacecraft design is based on an octagonal shaped bus 1.3-m large and 2-m high. Figure 6.1 shows a conceptual external configuration of the ARISE spacecraft. Figure 6.2 shows the conceptual layout of the interior of the spacecraft bus. The octagonal structure supports the inflatable antenna canister on the top, as well as the inflatable solar arrays on two of the side panels. The other panels support a deployable 1.2-m diameter RF Ka-band telecom antenna, a deployable 1.6-m diameter secondary (sub-) reflector, and various other spacecraft equipment (ACS thrusters, GPS receivers, star scanners, radiators, omni-antennas...). The science receivers described in the science subsystem section are located at the focal plane and on the same panel as the sub-reflector and below the canister in a way that no blocking of the receivers occurs. The canister was designed to be part of the bus structure as much as possible (to reduce its structural mass) and to minimize blocking/shadowing of the main reflector.

The spacecraft volume and maximum dimensions were mostly driven by the Delta II 7925 9.5-ft diameter three-stage configuration fairing. The interior dimensions of the fairing are 2.5-m diameter at the base (same diameter for a height of 2-m) and about 4.6-m high. The canister diameter was constrained by the width of the shroud. In the current design, there is about a 0.3-0.4 m radial margin with respect to the shroud for the lower part of the spacecraft (everything below the canister).



**Figure 6.2: Inside layout of the ARISE spacecraft**

The interior layout of the spacecraft was driven by the Delta II 7925 Cg requirement, which must be located about 1.2 m above the separation plane (see Fig. 6.2). The fairing separation plane corresponds to the bottom plane of the spacecraft bus where the adapter will be located. The lower third of the spacecraft bus contains mainly the propulsion module with the Hydrazine, Nitrogen Tetroxide, Xenon and pressurant tanks, feed systems, main engine and mounting, inflation catalyst bed and various hardware associated with the inflation system. About 295 kg of fluids will be initially loaded, and about 128 kg of propulsion dry mass (no contingency) will be mounted in this first third of the spacecraft bus. The middle third will house the electronics deck, with the Telecom, Data system, Power, Attitude Control and Science hardware and electronics. This deck also includes the two cryocooler stages, with the Sorption cooler mounted at the bottom of the inflatable antenna canister. No or little effort was done to integrate the electronics with the structure as per the Lockheed Martin Multifunctional Structures bus design. By 2008, it is to be anticipated that such an integrated bus will be current technology and thus the spacecraft design will have to be revisited to take this technology into account (a projected 20% reduction in total spacecraft mass could be applicable then). The top third of the spacecraft bus holds the inflatable antenna canister which is integrated with the bus structure.

About 6.9 hours after launch, a perigee raise maneuver will occur at the GTO (Geo Transfer Orbit) apogee. Then several sequences of deployment will happen. First, due to its large size, the inflatable antenna will be deployed. This deployment will be controlled and will take between 5 and 20 minutes. The struts will be inflated first, then the torus. The struts and torus will be rigidized through a thermal phase change of the material (cold rigidization). To simplify the inflation system, the inflatable solar arrays will be deployed (on 2 wings) next. This scenario enables the combination of the antenna inflation system, solar arrays inflation system and the attitude control/propulsion system, thus reducing system dry masses. Only once the solar arrays are in place does the reflector/canopy assembly get inflated. The spacecraft will be running on batteries

until solar arrays deployment and will be telecommunicating with the Earth with two omnidirectional antennas. The third deployment will be the sub-reflector one. A rigid astro-mast type arm will be used to carry the sub-reflector to about 3.6 m from the spacecraft. A gimbal system at the end of the mast will then align the sub-reflector with the main reflector. The last deployment will be that of the 1.2-m diameter telecom antenna. This antenna needs to be deployed downward with respect to the spacecraft bus in order to get a clear half-space field of view and also to minimize coupling of Ka-band telecom antenna with the main reflector. A gimbaling system will allow the antenna to rotate and cover a whole half space.

A challenge in the spacecraft design was to take into account all the pointing and field of view requirements. During science observations, the main reflector can be pointed anywhere in the sky except for a 30 deg. cone around the Sun. At the same time the solar arrays must be pointed toward the Sun to provide the 2.4-kW needed (see power budget in section 6.2), and the Ka-band telecom antenna must be pointed toward the Earth for continuous science data downlink. To achieve these requirements, the solar arrays will be one-axis gimballed and the telecom antenna is deployed and 2 DOF gimballed to cover a half-space. At this time it is believed that this configuration should allow for almost continuous coverage of the telecom ground stations but a more thorough analysis should be done to evaluate the effective coverage.

## 6.2 System description, mass and power budgets

A top level mass budget of the ARISE spacecraft is summarized in Table 6.1. A more detailed mass budget can be found in Appendix A. A 30% mass contingency was applied to the spacecraft dry mass. The propulsion module was sized using the launch vehicle injected mass. The main GTO perigee raise maneuver is done with the NTO/Hydrazine 450 N Leros 1-C, which features an Isp of 325 seconds. A  $\Delta V$  of about 380 m/s is achieved. Height (8) 22 N thrusters will be used for main burn trajectory correction, and height (8) 0.9 N thrusters will be used for coarse attitude control maneuvers.

Subsystem	Mass (kg)
Inflatable antenna	192
Telecom	32
C&DH	13
Power	142
ACS	82
Thermal Control	159
Structures/Mechanisms	204
Propulsion (+ACS) system	128
Science instruments	81
<b>Spacecraft dry mass</b>	<b>1033</b>
Contingency (30%)	310
Propellants/Fluids	295
Launch Vehicle adapter	46
<b>Total spacecraft mass</b>	<b>1684</b>
<b>Launch vehicle capability (@ i=36 deg.)</b>	<b>1691</b>

Table 6.1: ARISE spacecraft mass budget

Twelve (12) mini ion thrusters (3-cm diameter, see description in Appendix D) will be used on the inflatable antenna torus to overcome and correct for solar pressure torques. These mini-ion thrusters still need to be developed, and 3 sets of the more mature Field Emission Electric Propulsion (FEEPs) could be used instead for about the same dry mass. One concern though with the FEEPs is that they use liquid metal as propellant and therefore contamination of the canopy and main reflector might be an issue. However, more analysis needs to be done to determine the implications of having ion thrusters on the inflatable antenna torus, both on an ACS and structures points of view. The attitude determination of the spacecraft will be done with star trackers, sun sensors and 2 GPS receivers. Fine pointing will be done with reaction wheels. It is to be anticipated that a closed loop between the science receivers (feed array) and the ACS system will have to be designed in order to achieve the 3-50 arcsec pointing requirements of the main reflector.

The science data requirements are quite demanding (8 Gbps) and an early trade-off between optical and RF downlinks was done. In view of the technology development programs, it was decided that the RF system was a “safer” candidate and therefore chosen as the telecommunication system for the ARISE spacecraft. This choice could be revisited later on. Thus, a 1.2-m diameter Ka-band antenna transmitting 30 W RF will be used to downlink science data at a rate of 8 Gbps. Both polarizations and a high order modulation technique such as the Quadrature Amplitude Modulation will enable the data to be transmitted within the tight 1 GHz bandwidth available at Ka-band. A parallel X-band transponder will be used to uplink commands and valuable time information for VLBI processing. X-band receivers are two patch antennas that will cover near  $4\pi$  steradian coverage.

<b>Mode / Subsystem</b>	<b>Launch + post-launch</b>	<b>Orbit insertion</b>	<b>All deployments</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Stand by, slewing</b>	<b>Eclipses</b>
<b>ACS</b>	133.5	133.5	133.5	228.5	228.5	133.5
<b>Propulsion</b>	60	60	70	520	10	10
<b>C&amp;DH</b>	9	9	9	12	9	9
<b>Inflatable antenna</b>	82	82	82	5	5	5
<b>Power</b>	20	20	20	72	40	40
<b>Mechanisms</b>	0	0	80	80	80	50
<b>Telecom</b>	36	36	36	303	36	36
<b>Thermal control</b>	70	70	70	450	70	70
<b>Science</b>	0	0	0	75	0	0
<b>Subtotal (W)</b>	<b>410.5</b>	<b>410.5</b>	<b>500.5</b>	<b>1745.5</b>	<b>478.5</b>	<b>353.5</b>
<b>Contingency (30%)</b>	123.1	123.1	150.1	523.7	143.5	106.1
<b>Battery recharge</b>				125	125	
<b>Total (W)</b>	<b>533.6</b>	<b>533.6</b>	<b>650.6</b>	<b>2394.2</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>459.5</b>
<b>Source</b>	Primary battery	Secondary battery	Primary battery	Solar array	Solar array	Secondary battery
<b>Duration (hrs)</b>	6.8	0.5	2			0.75

**Table 6.2: Power budget in Watts per mission modes**

The power sources encompass a set of primary Li/SO<sub>2</sub> batteries for post-launch activities (about 5 kWhr), a set of secondary Li-ion batteries (about 350 Whr, with 125 W of recharge power) for power generation during eclipses and a 2-wing inflatable solar array for main power generation.

The array is sized to provide 2.4 kW during science observation (most constraining mode). The inflation system of the solar array is integrated with the main reflector inflation system and propulsion/ACS hardware to reduce dry mass. Power demand per mission modes is summarized in Table 6.2 (see Appendix B for more details). A 30% power contingency was used on all modes. The larger power consumers are the cryo-coolers, the reaction wheels, the telecom 8 Gbps downlink and the mini-ion engines. Also, since the power requirements are large during the science mode, no science will be done during eclipses. Details on all subsystems are given next sections.

### 6.3 Gain and observation duration budget

As part of the science requirements, it was prescribed that for valuable science to occur, the gain of the antenna should not vary more than 2-5% during the sampling period and that the science data acquisition should take at least 70% of the observation duration. In an attempt to address both requirements, lists of potential perturbation during sampling and spacecraft duties during observations were established. Potential perturbations include ACS reaction wheels, cryocooler, thermal and dynamics, lenticular pressure maintenance, and ESD Lofting. Spacecraft duties are summarized in Table 6.3. Both list are evolving as our understanding of the spacecraft, mission and antenna improves.

Task	Frequency (per orbit)	Total Duration (min)
Earth occultation	0-1	30-40
Antenna calibration		
Bright source pointing	1-2	2-4
Antenna stabilization	1-2	TBD
Subreflector focusing	1-2	TBD
Adaptive array calibration	1-2	TBD
Source data acquisition		
Target source pointing	1-2	2-4
Antenna stabilization	1-2	TBD
New source pointing	1	19
Telecom ground station switching	1-3	5-15
Telecom link establishment	1-3	2-6
Reaction wheels unloading	32	32
Cryos set-up	1-2	TBD
Antenna gas maintenance	3-?	TBD
Miscellaneous		
<b>Effective total</b>		<b>TBD (120+)</b>
<b>Total required</b>	30% of orbit	<b>245</b>
<b>RF data acquisition</b>	70% of orbit	<b>571</b>

Table 6.3: Observation duration timeline

## 6.4 Spacecraft Data Flow

### 6.4.1 *Avionics*

#### Requirements and Assumptions

The Command & Data Subsystem (CDS) for the ARISE spacecraft is required to operate for a primary mission life of 3 years. The dual string block redundant design will transfer real time science data to the Telecom subsystem at a rate of 8 Gbps. The CDS will receive periodic uplink commands at rate 2 kbps. An 8 GHz uplink tone will be distributed to the science instrument. The electronics must operate through an equivalent radiation environment of 315 krads behind 100 mils of aluminum. The mass storage element in the CDS is not required to store or process the high speed science data.

#### Design Implementation and New Technology

The CDS required functions are performed by either CDS block redundant strings. Redundancy provides a high level of reliability to meet the primary and extended mission high speed data throughput performance requirements. All of the key elements in the CDS design are new technology.

Real time science data is transferred to the Telecom subsystem via four channels simultaneously. Each FireWire IEEE 1394.B channel will operate at 2 Gbps. High speed First In First Out (FIFOs) registers insert header data and State Of Health (SOH) data into the downlink data frames. The FIFOs may be provided by UTMC or Honeywell. Uplink commands are processed at 2 kbps. The Lockheed Martin PowerPC 750 processor verifies and processes uplink commands, stores time tag commands & GPS data, controls the spacecraft fault protection, routes the science data, distributes the spacecraft time and collects SOH data. Lockheed Martin PowerPC 405 microcontrollers may be used as needed. The flight code and SOH data are stored in flash non-volatile memory. Redundant low power serial busses provide an interface to control and monitor the health of the other subsystems. The flight software code is written in ANSI C or C++. The ACS pointing and control algorithms are supported in the CDS software.

The 14 Multi-Chip Modules (MCMs) in the CDS design have a mass of approximately 4 kg. Each CDS string dissipates 9 watts. One CDS string is active at any given time, while the other string is in a cold sparing mode. Commercial rad-tolerant electronics are shielded behind 100 mils of Tantalum. The shielding mass is 8.7 kg. The effective radiation environment is 19.5 krads Total Ionizing Dose (TID). The electronic devices are immune to Single Event Latch-up (SEL) and immune to Single Event Upset (SEU) to 75 MeV/mg-cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### CDS Avionics Caveats

The IEEE 1394.A FireWire serial bus is presently being developed by the X2000 Team. Their plan is to provide a fixed rate (100 Mbps) data bus design. Although this does not meet the needs for the ARISE mission, the X2000-2 Team could leverage from the X2000 design team effort to develop an IEEE 1394.B FireWire serial bus. The advanced FireWire design would operate up to 3.2 Gbps. Both FireWire designs require some modification to provide electrical isolation between functional subsystems. Commercial high speed rad-tolerant electronics will be a challenge to develop.

## 6.4.2 Telecommunications

### Requirements

The ARISE spacecraft will orbit around the Earth in a LEO orbit with perigee of 5000 Km and apogee of 40,000 km. The telecom system needs to downlink data at up to 8 Gbps with bit error rate (BER) less than  $10^{-4}$ . The observed data is not stored on the spacecraft and needs to be downlinked immediately. The spacecraft is expected to perform science measurements approximately 70% of the time. Link availability is required to be greater than 70 % during observation. Dedicated ground receiving stations are needed. The telecom system also needs to support a command link at 2 Kbps or less and a housekeeping telemetry link at 2 Kbps or less. Two-way Doppler measurements need be performed for accurate time-stamping of the data.

### Candidate Systems

The candidate telecom system designs consist of an X-band transponder for command, housekeeping, and two-way Doppler tracking and a separate high data rate downlink system. Both optical and RF systems have been considered for the high rate downlink.

An optical system was initially recommended because optical systems do not have to meet any spectral usage requirements. The candidate system employs four wavelength-multiplexed lasers, each with output power of 2 W. This is designed to match the four channels of radio science data. The aggregate output is fed to a 30 cm telescope on the spacecraft. With the help of a laser beacon from the ground receiving site, the spacecraft telescope transmit to the ground station which has a one-meter telescope. Initial calculation shows that the lasers can provide over 7 dB of link margin.

The high rate RF system needs to operate in the 37-38 GHz spectrum allocated by the FCC for space VLBI missions. To meet the 8 Gbps downlink requirement with 1 GHz of bandwidth, the candidate RF system implements two 4 Gbps links using left-handed circular polarization (LHCP) and right-handed circular (RHCP) polarization. The high rate RF system transmits at 30 W RF in each polarization to a 34-m DSN antenna. The link margin is about 6 dB.

Optical system offers excellent capability that will greatly benefit ARISE. The ARISE preproject will work closely with the optical communications technologists to monitor the progress of the technology development. It is hoped that the optical telecom technology will become sufficiently matured and that there will be enough operating experience for ARISE to revisit optical communication systems at a later date.

### Current baseline

The current telecom design consists of an X-band transponder for command, housekeeping, and two-way Doppler tracking and a Ka-band system at 37 GHz band for high data rate downlink.

The X-band transponder design is based on the Spacecraft Transponding Modem (STM). Two X-band patch antennas are needed for near  $4\text{-}\pi$  steradian coverage. A 0.5 W SSPA provides sufficient downlink margin. An ovenized oscillator is included to provide accurate Doppler measurement. The ROM cost is \$ 3.3 M. The cost, however, does not include DSN support. DSN cost is included in a separate ground systems development and operation cost estimate.

With 1 GHz of bandwidth at 37-38 GHz, only high order modulation techniques such as quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM) can be considered to support the high downlink data rate. A block diagram of the high data rate transmitter is shown in Figure 6.3. 256-QAM is chosen for



the current baseline. Each transmitted symbol is selected from one of 256 possible waveforms and represents eight bits of information. As alternates to the current baseline of 256-QAM, it is possible to use square-root raised cosine filtering to increase the number of symbols per hertz, thus allowing the use of smaller QAM constellation such as 16-QAM and 32-QAM which are less risky. It is also worthwhile to investigate other spectrally efficient modulations such as GMSK and FQPSK which allow the use of power-efficient non-linear amplifiers on the ARISE spacecraft, but require more spectrum. All of the above options will be examined more closely in future work.

Thirty (30) watts of RF power is needed through a gimbaled 1.2 m high-gain antenna to support up to 4 Gbps using 34-m DSN stations with 6 dB of link margin. A link budget is shown in Table 6.4. A shaping filter at the transmitter is needed to meet FCC's spectral usage requirements. This filter, however, introduces intersymbol interference (ISI) which corrupts the transmitted signal. An equalizer is needed at the ground receiver. The maximum data rate depends on the FCC requirements and the complexity of the shaping filter and equalizer. No channel coding is used. Since the spacecraft also carries a GPS receiver, the gimbaled antenna is expected to be able to point at the receiving DSN sites without the aid of a beacon from the ground.

The throughput of the 1 GHz bandwidth can be doubled through the use two orthogonal polarizations -- left-handed circular polarization and right-handed circular polarization. Further study is needed, however, to see if the polarizations can provide enough separation to satisfy the high signal-to-ratio requirement of 256-QAM. In addition, depolarization of the signal in the presence of water vapor in the atmosphere can cause the two polarizations to interfere with one another. An equalizer can be used to alleviate the effects of depolarization.

The cost for the high-rate system only includes telecom system on the spacecraft and comes up to about \$ 15 M. It does not include the necessary upgrades of the DSN sites such as new RF front-end at 37 GHz, high rate baseband receiver, and equalizer. All ground station development cost and operation expenses are kept separately in the ground systems cost estimate. The ARISE spacecraft needs to orient itself to point the inflatable antenna at the observed objects. One gimbaled antenna is needed to meet the 70% availability requirement. The gimbaling system will allow for a half space view of the Earth (180 deg. 2 DOF capability).

There are many challenges for using 256-QAM as the 8 Gbps system. High order modulations such as 256-QAM has thus far only been used in very stable communication channels like wire-line systems. Atmospheric effects can make reliable transmission of 256-QAM difficult. The effect of water vapor at 37 GHz can be significant especially in heavy rain at low elevation angles. Highly linear power amplifiers at 37 GHz need to be developed. There are also proposed lunar missions with whom ARISE is expected to share the 37-37.5 GHz spectrum. Although the overlapping of telecom coverage areas on the Earth is not expected to be significant, ARISE will have to coordinate with these missions to avoid mutual interference. A separate transmitter using only the 37.5-38 GHz spectrum can be added to provide downlink during overlaps, albeit at a lower data rate.

We expect the advances in high data rate commercial RF systems will solve many of the problems described above by 2004. The risk of the RF system can also be significantly reduced if the required data requirement is lowered to 2 or 4 Gbps. One problem which deserves immediate attention that the current stage of the design effort has not been able to address is the cross coupling of the 1.2-m telecom antenna and the 25-m inflatable antenna. The downlink frequency of 37-38 GHz of the telecom system is very close to two of the ARISE observation bands at 43 GHz and 22 GHz. The transmit signal of the telecom system is many orders of magnitude larger than the observed signal at 43 and 22 GHz and the transmit power spectrum of the telecom system may not undergo sufficient attenuation at these 43 GHz and 22 GHz. Cross coupling of the transmit signal to the 25-m antenna can contaminate the signal in the observed bands. Judicious placement of the antenna and the use of absorbing material and other techniques should be investigated.

Transmitter power	30.00	Watts
Transmitter power	44.77	dBm
Transmitter losses	-2.00	dB
Antenna gain	53.00	dBi
Antenna Efficiency	-2.22	dB
Pointing loss	-3.00	dB
EIRP	90.55	dBm
Distance	4.00E+04	km
Link Frequency	3.75E+10	Hz
Atmospheric attenuation	-5.00	dB
Space losses	-215.96	dB
Ground receiver parameters		
Polarization losses	-1.00	dB
Receive antenna gain	80.00	dBi
Receiver cable/feeder losses	-2.00	dB
System Noise Temperature	80.00	K
Noise spectral density	-179.57	dBm/Hz
Received power Summary		
Received total power	-53.41	dBm
Received Pt/No	126.16	dB-Hz
Data Rate	4.00E+09	bps
Eb/No	30.14	dB
Eb/No Threshold (uncoded)	24.00	dB
Link Margin	6.14	dB

Table 6.4. Link budget of the 8 Gbps downlink. The link is consist of a RHCP and a LHCP each at 4 Gbps.

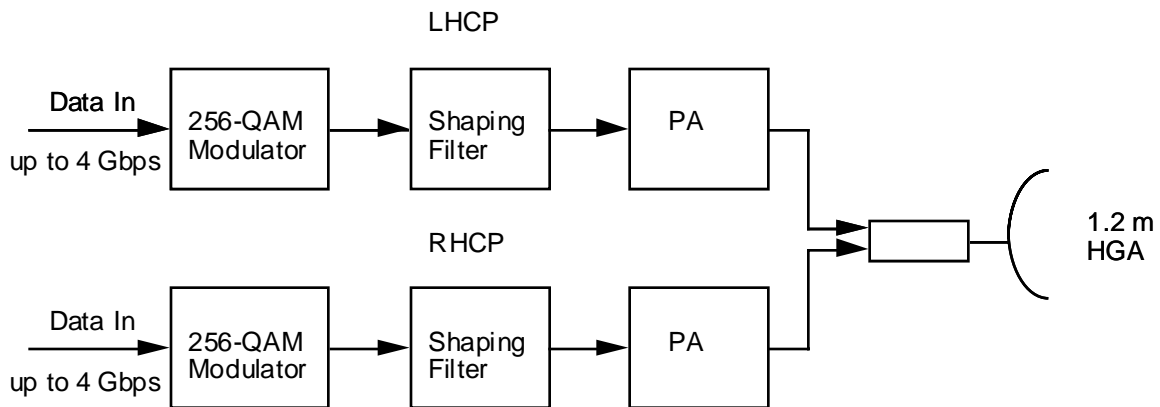


Figure 6.3. Block diagram of the 8 Gbps downlink transmitter

## 6.5 Spacecraft thermal design

The thermal control system for the ARISE spacecraft consists of two specific elements: 1) the cryocooler stage, and 2) the bus thermal control.

### 6.5.1 *Cryocoolers stage*

The cryocooler stage will consist of a three stage cooler system, which is required to provide the science instruments with a 20 K temperature. The first stage will be a Stirling mechanical cooler, while the second cooler stage will be a Sorption cooler. The first stage will operate between about 295 K to 60 K, while the Sorption stage will bring the science detector to 20 K. This system will require 350 watts of electrical power, and will have a mass of about 90 kg.

### 6.5.2 *Bus Thermal Control*

The other spacecraft systems that affect the Thermal Control System are: the Power system, because of the batteries, and Solar Array requirements; the Propulsion System, because of the temperature requirements of the propellants; and the systems that require electronics components, because of their temperature limits. Further the thermal design requires a knowledge of the structure because its material (thermal conduction) and configuration (radiation) effect the thermal exchange between spacecraft elements.

The TCS must control the temperature of the spacecraft elements within allowable limits for this spacecraft, which has an electrical power level of about 2400 watts, has a cold zone, which must be maintained at 20 K. The design uses standard passive thermal control elements, and will use technology that is available at the technology cut off date. Multilayer Insulation (MLI) blankets will control the thermal radiation between the spacecraft and space as well as between spacecraft elements. Thermal surfaces will be used to control the thermal balance between the spacecraft and the environment. Thermal conduction control will be used to maintain thermal gradients as required. Also required are electric heaters and controllers for temperature sensitive elements such as the batteries, and propulsion elements.

To maintain the science elements at 20 K, a two stage cryogenic cooler system is required, and will consist of a Stirling cooler, and a Sorption cooler system. The design must incorporate thermal isolation between the spacecraft bus elements and science stage, which will require thermal conduction and radiation isolation. The thermal energy from the cryogenic coolers will be transferred to thermal radiators with looped heat pipes that are mounted on the spacecraft bus. The thermal radiators will be constructed from high performance composite material and will also incorporate heat pipes.

The thermal control of the inflatable elements will use passive means, plus heaters, if necessary for storage, deployment and rigidization. Several optional rigidization techniques are being evaluated, one technique is cold rigidization. This technique requires that the inflatable elements be kept below 225 K. An initial analysis shows, that with the correct external thermal surface, in this case FEP-Aluminum or FEP-Silver, this temperature level can be achieved. To provide the uniformity required, a simple 5 layer MLI blanket will be necessary. The inflatable elements must be kept above the rigidization temperature during launch and prior to deployment, and this will be accomplished with a MLI cover, and a small heater. The deployment must be accomplished rather rapidly, as the inflatable elements will cool to 225 K between 3 to 20 minutes. Figure 6.5 summarizes the thermal control system elements for ARISE.

<b>System Elements</b>	<b>Mass (kg)</b>	<b>Electrical Power (watts)</b>
Bus Elements		
Multilayer Insulation (MLI)	14.0	
Thermal Conduction Control	3.0	
Thermal Control Surfaces	2.0	
Thermal Radiators	11.0	
Thermal Louvers	4.0	
Looped Heat Pipes	3.0	
Electric Heaters/Thermostats	5.0	
Instrumentation	2.5	100 Avg.
Misc.	20.0	
Cryocooler Elements		
cryocooler	90.0	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154.5</b>	<b>450</b>

**Table 6.5: Thermal Control System Elements**

## 6.6 Spacecraft attitude control

The ACS system (in conjunction with propulsion) has to perform changes in velocity (delta-V). In addition, it must determine and control spacecraft attitude and rate to allow science observations. It must do this in the presence of various external and internal disturbances. To verify performance, models must be built for both static and dynamic analysis. Below we discuss the requirements, choice of components, cost, and analysis including modeling.

### ACS Requirements

The ARISE pre-deployment requirements include, from the ACS standpoint, a 380 m/s delta-V (approximately 34 minutes duration given a 450 N main engine). The science requirements are described as follows:

- calibration requires a 2 degree slew in 60 seconds;
- a slew of 180 degrees in 60 minutes to 2 hours is desirable (slew rate 1 to 4 degrees in 60 seconds);
- keep the boresight to within +/- 30 degrees from the Sun;
- a quiescent phase during observing time of a duration from 2 to 20 minutes (depending on the observation frequency);
- pointing accuracy during observation of 2 to 6 arcseconds.

The ARISE stability requirements, as a function of frequency, are shown in Table 6.6.

While maintaining these requirements the ACS must also counteract external disturbance torques consisting of Earth's gravity gradient forces and moments, and solar pressure forces and moments. In addition there are internal disturbance sources such as the ACS components themselves (thrusters or reaction wheels) and other devices such as certain coolers (sorption coolers will be quiet, but Stirling can be quite noisy).

Frequency [GHz]	Motion [arcsec]	Time Scale [sec]	Stability [arcsec/sec]
5	<b>50</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0.042</b>
8	<b>29</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0.024</b>
22	<b>11</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0.020</b>
43	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.028</b>
86	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.025</b>

**Table 6.6: Stability Requirements**

### Components

To satisfy these stringent requirements and perform routine ACS operations, one set of reaction wheels and two sets of thrusters with different thrusting capability are envisioned as the actuators. One star tracker, one Sun sensor, one Inertial Reference Unit, and one GPS receiver are envisioned as on-board attitude sensors. These may be redundant for reliability as desired. These components are described in Table 6.7.

The ACS design is driven by the tight requirements and low structural frequencies of the antenna, which dictates reaction wheels for fine pointing. These are sized by the torque and momentum capability required for slewing and counteracting environmental torques.

Vibration isolation components may be necessary, depending on the design of the cooling system, and the results of more detailed dynamics simulations. These can either be passive, as the isolation used for the Hubble Space Telescope reaction wheels, or active, as for STRV2.

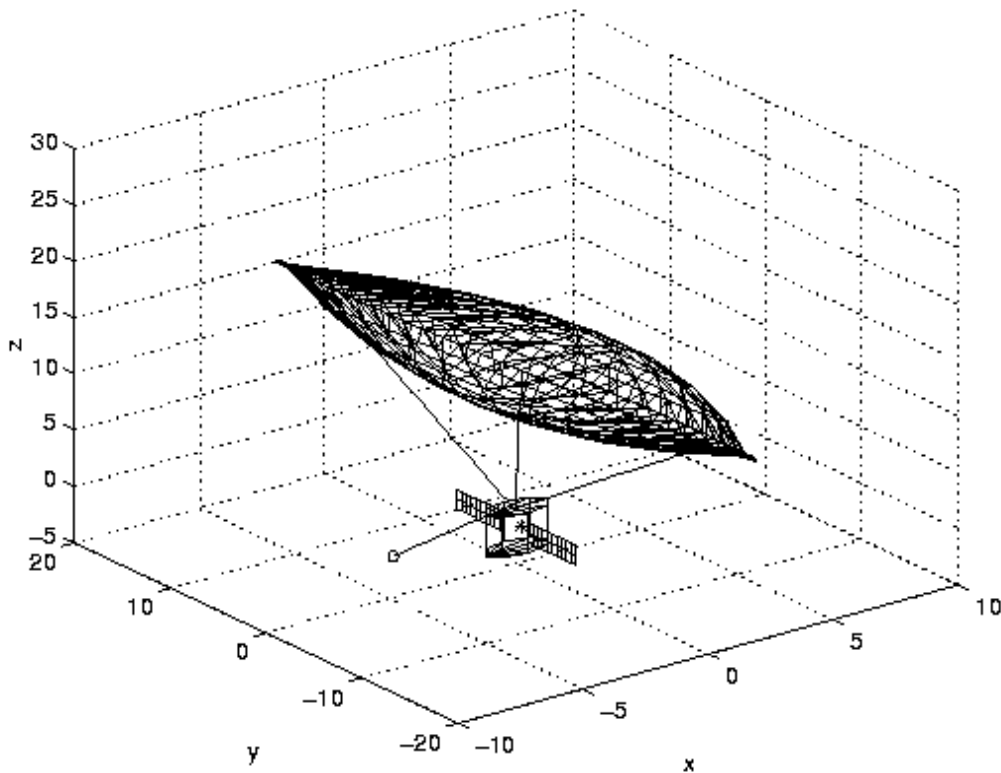
These components can meet the accuracy requirements for the spacecraft bus itself. However, to point the optical boresight to these same accuracy will require calibration of the alignment between the optical axes and the bus axes. In addition, the stability of this calibration is an issue since it may not be possible to calibrate during observations. Thermal variations and material aging may cause significant perturbations requiring periodic re-calibration. This issue may require a closer interaction between the RF and ACS subsystems. This may also require an active metrology system for calibration during observations.

Component	Type	Mass [Kg]	Power [W]	Number
<b>Reaction Wheels</b>	Teldix DR50	12	150/15	4
<b>Electronics</b>		2	30/5	4
<b>Star Tracker</b>	CT601 class	8	12	1
<b>IRU</b>	HRG	5	22	1
<b>Sun Sensor</b>	Electronics Head	0.5	0.5	1
<b>0.9 N Thrusters</b>		2.5	5	8
<b>22 N Thrusters</b>		2.5	5	8
<b>ACS Computer</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>		62	122	

**Table 6.7. ACS Hardware Components**

### Performance Analysis

Some calculations have been done to size the disturbance environment and quantify the pointing problem. A finite element model of the ARISE spacecraft has been built in Matlab using the IMOS software (Integrated Modeling of Optical Systems) . This has been refined by using NASTRAN data for consistency with the structural design. The finite element model features all the structural dynamic components of the spacecraft, with the exception of the bus and the subreflector, which are assumed to be rigid. The solar panels and the subreflector boom are, however, modeled using finite elements. See Figure 6.4 for the model. Therefore, we have beam elements for the support struts and the hard truss, and membrane elements for the reflector and the canopy. The inflatable torus, modeled as a circular ring, is connected to the reflector/canopy through a set of pretensioned constant force springs. The membrane elements are linear, with no pretension. All material properties are homogeneous and isotropic. The finite element model has 1876 degrees of freedom (132 beams, 72 constant force springs, 396 membranes, 24 multipoint constrained degrees of freedom, 472 massless degrees of freedom obtained through Guyan reduction), of which 1382 are retained for the dynamic analysis. A model for the reaction wheels, including saturation at 0.2 Nm, is also included in the structural model. The model also describes input forces and torques, such as those derived from gravity gradient, solar pressure, thruster forces, and reaction wheel torques. Static and dynamic deformation under open loop or closed loop control can be produced.



**Figure 6.4.**

### Disturbances

Given the inertia matrix, it is easy to determine the gravity gradient torque for arbitrary spacecraft orientations. The worst case gravity gradient torque is less than  $5.12\text{E-}3$  Nm. IMOS also has the capability of determining the gravity deformation forces that also result from the gradient; these are less than  $4.5\text{E-}4$  N. The solar force direction in the spacecraft frame of reference has an angle with the boresight ( $\theta$ ), and an angle of rotation around the boresight ( $\alpha$ ). The impact of the force on the antenna can be determined and the forces and torques determined for various geometries. See Figure 6.5.

Preliminary analyses show that the solar force is less than  $3.7\text{E-}3$  N, the solar torque is less than  $0.05$  Nm, the gravity gradient force is less than  $4.5\text{E-}4$  N, and the gravity gradient torque is less than  $5.12\text{E-}3$  Nm. Of interest is the distance between the center of pressure and the center of mass, equal to  $[-6;-7.5;-14.0]$  m. Also, see Figures 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9 for the various dynamic quantities of interest during the solar torque unloading maneuver.

Cooler disturbance data is not yet available, but an example of the possible magnitude of the disturbance is given by work on STRV2. In that case, a 1 watt TI cryogenic cooler was used. It produced forces of about 5N at various harmonics of the 55 Hz drive frequency. If the ARISE cryocooler produces forces of this magnitude, it is very likely that it will have to be isolated at least by a passive system similar to that used on Hubble.

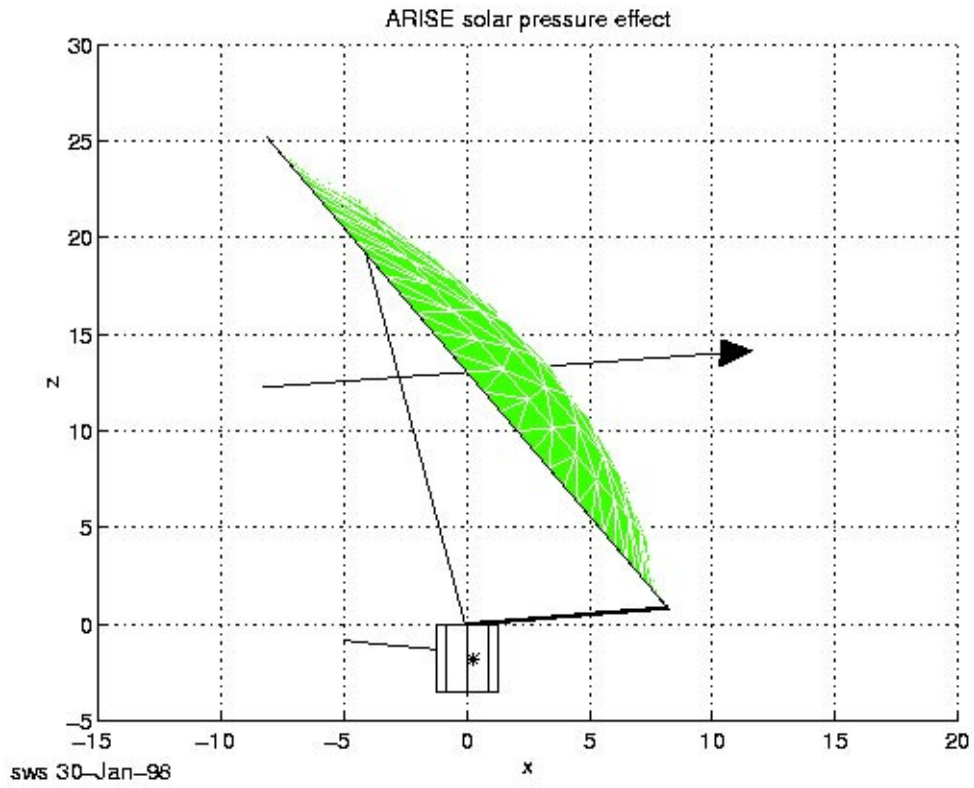


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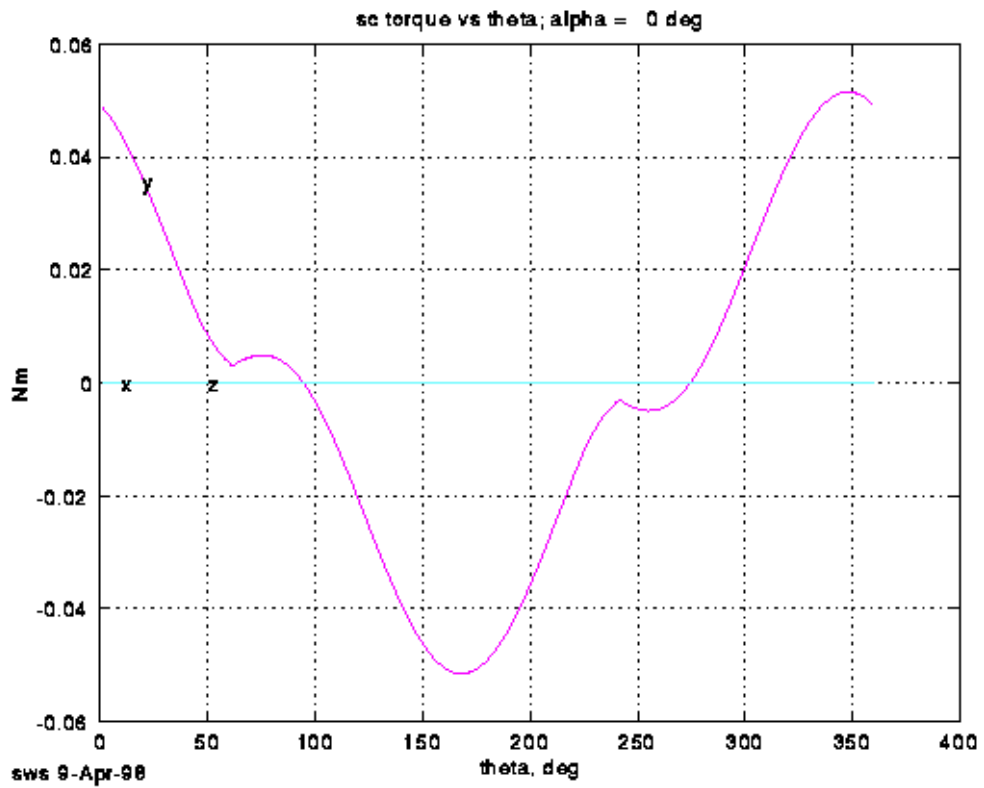


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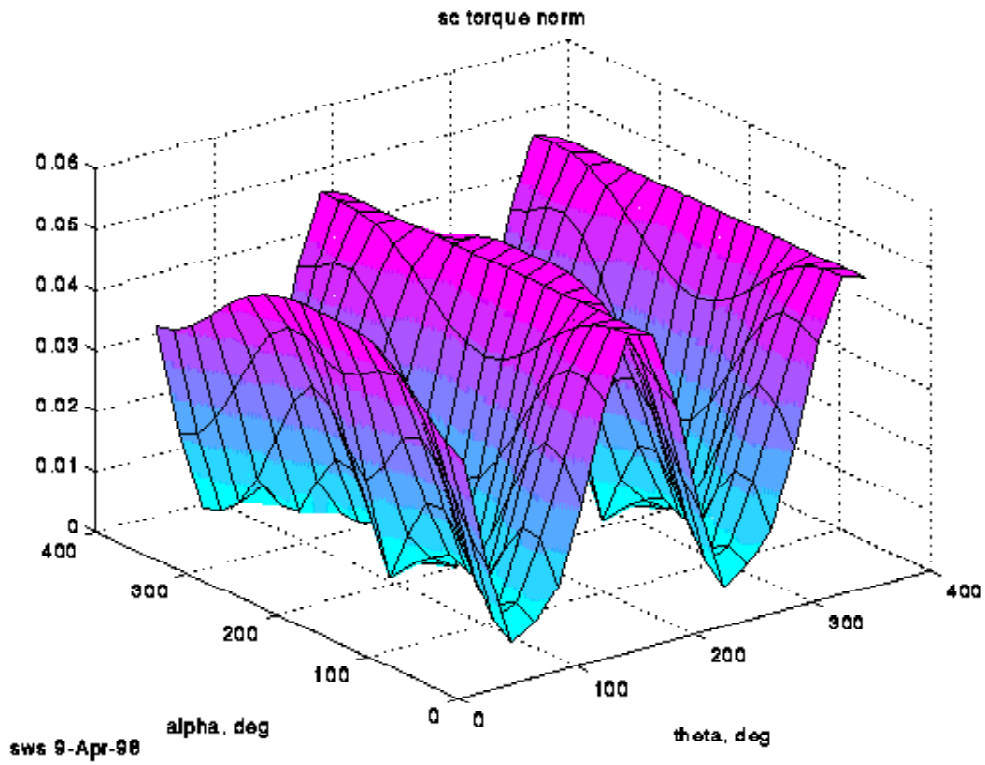


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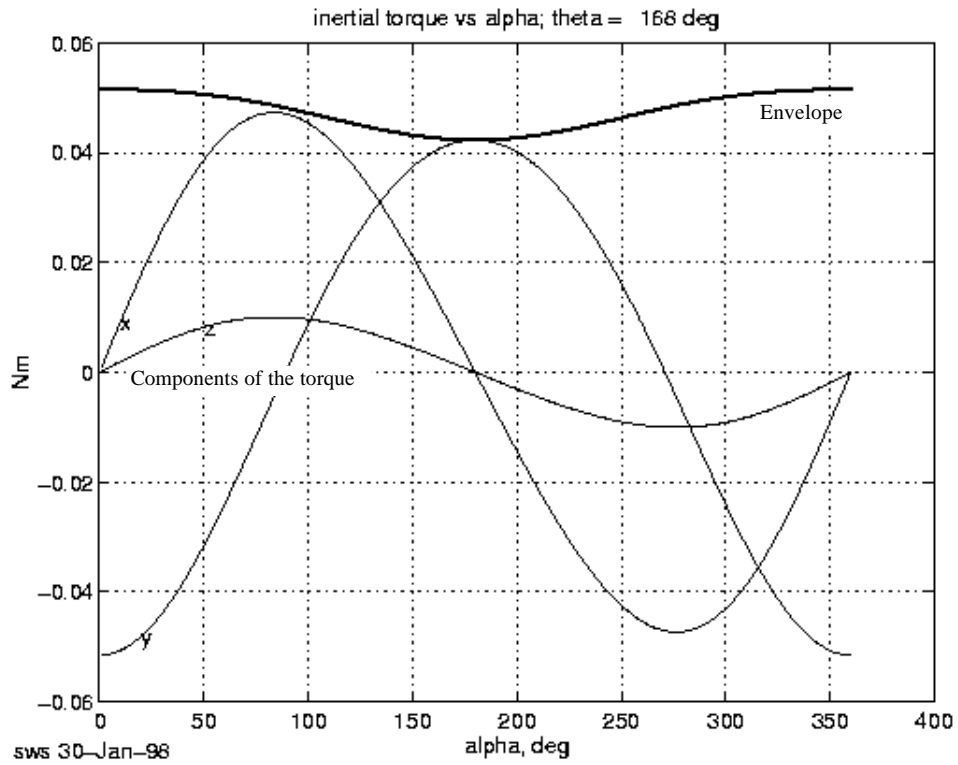


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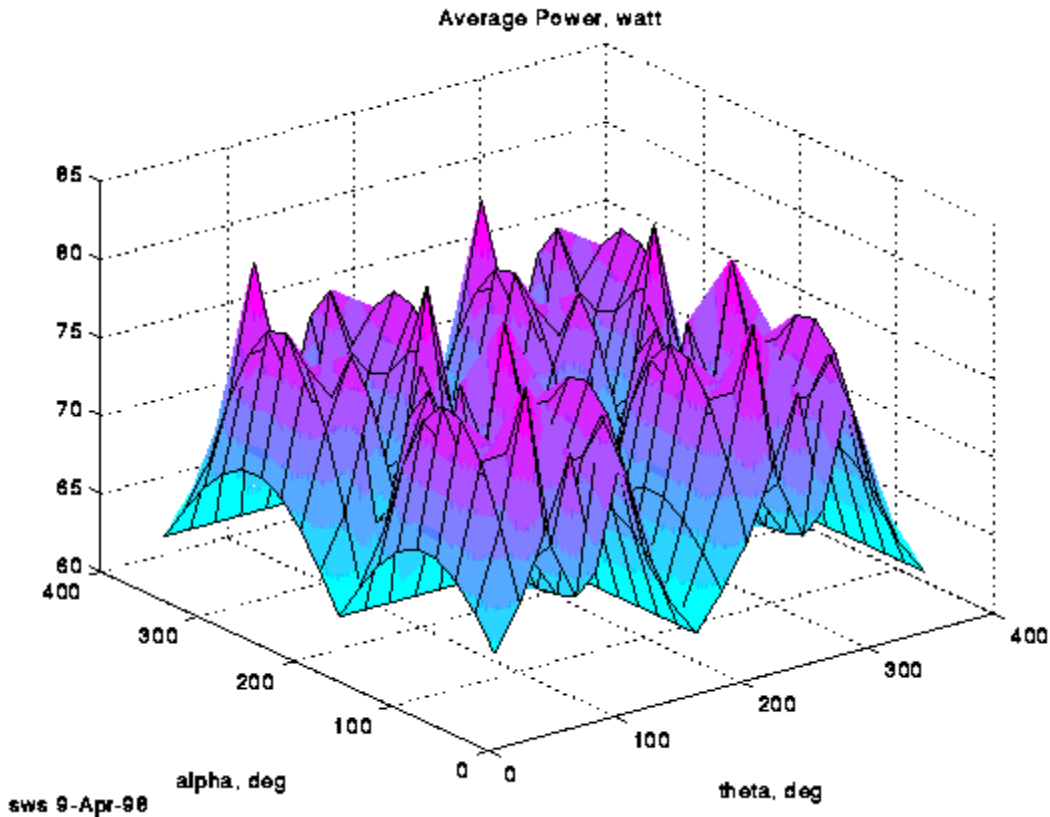


Figure 6.9

### Momentum Management

After examining various options for reaction wheels, we have chosen the following wheel:

Teldix DR 50:

- torque: 0.3N
- max momentum: 300 Nms
- max wheel speed: 6000 Rpm
- power: 150/15/3 watt
- mass: 12 kg
- size: 0.15 m x 0.5 mD

Given the maximum torque, we can wait as long as 99 minutes before unloading the wheels, which certainly is longer than required. The wheels will then be spinning at maximum speed (6000 RPM) and drawing maximum power. A better choice seems to be to unload if the wheels reach about 1/4 of their momentum capability, which requires much less power. This also leaves a large margin for observational flexibility. In addition, the reaction wheel disturbances are functions of the square of the wheel speed, so minimizing the speed improves the pointing performance.

The power usage, considering all solar angles is given in table 6.6. The max power is the power required for all 3 wheels just before unloading, minimized over all solar incidence angles. This assumes we unload all wheels at once. The maximum average power is the power for all 3 wheels, averaged over one cycle, taking the maximum over all solar incidence angles. When the antenna is

pointing at 30 degrees from the sun (worst case requirement), it can stay at minimum torque capability of the reaction wheels for a total of 31 minutes, before unloading. To be able to sustain the solar torque disturbance, it can spin at 1.2 mrad/s for about 12 hours.

**Table 6.8. Power for reaction wheels during observations.**

option	time before unloading (min)	H at unloading (Nms)	max power (watt)	max average power (watt)
A	99	300	314	180
B	26	80	117	81

The wheels can perform 2 degree slew in about 118 seconds and a 180 degree slew in about 19 minutes. Both of these are well within the requirements.

Unloading the solar torques can require a significant amount of hydrazine. This amount can be reduced by using ion thrusters. This amount can also be reduced by rotating the whole spacecraft about the boresight, but this maneuver would affect the power collection and telecommunications subsystems, and to some extent even the science data gathering.

#### Dynamic Analysis and Control

While we do not want to use the thrusters during science observations, it will be necessary to unload the reaction wheels periodically and so we want to quantify the disturbance this will cause.

Preliminary analysis of a 2 second firing of a pair of 0.9 N thrusters resulting in a couple about the vertical axis of the spacecraft (z), shows that the maximum relative deformation at the joint between the torus and a rigidizable struts is never exceeding 20 mm, and the residual vibration rapidly dies out because of the high structural damping present in the inflatable structure (3% structural damping). See Figures 6.10, 6.11 and 6.12.

Figure 6.13 shows the attitude control block diagram used in the simulations. Figure 6.14 and Figure 6.15 show open loop simulation done with the Hubble reaction wheel model, at 500 rpm and 2000 rpm, respectively. What is shown is the angle due to deformation at the torus-strut attachment point when the wheels are operating. Based on test data, the wheels produce disturbance forces and moments due to imbalance, motor cogging, and ripple. For the 2000 rpm case we can still meet the requirements. This indicates that isolation of the wheels may not be needed. Note that we may obtain additional margin by keeping the wheels at a lower speed by unloading more often, which is quite possible as the observation times for the radio frequencies requiring the highest precision are only about 2-3 minutes. If we unload every 10 minutes for the maximum disturbance torque, then the peak wheel speed is only about 600 rpm.

Closed loop analysis was made of a 2 degree slew in 200 seconds maneuver about the x-axis of the spacecraft, using reaction wheels. The results show this to be a very benign maneuver. Figure 6.16 shows the spacecraft slew angle, Figure 6.17 the reaction wheel torque profile, and Figure 6.18 the displacement at the strut-torus attachment.

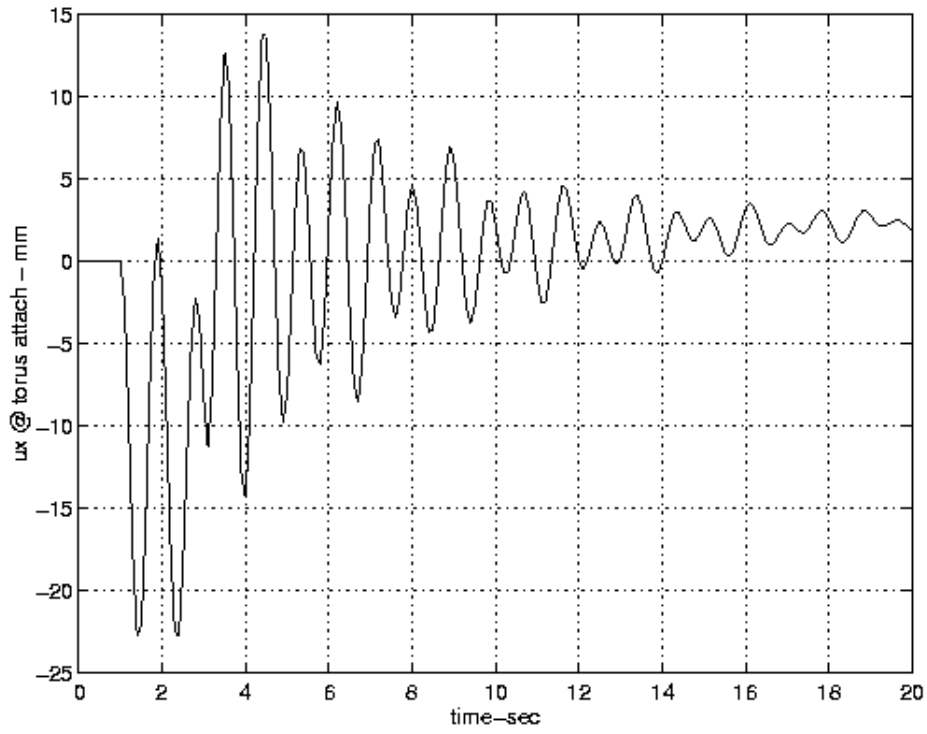


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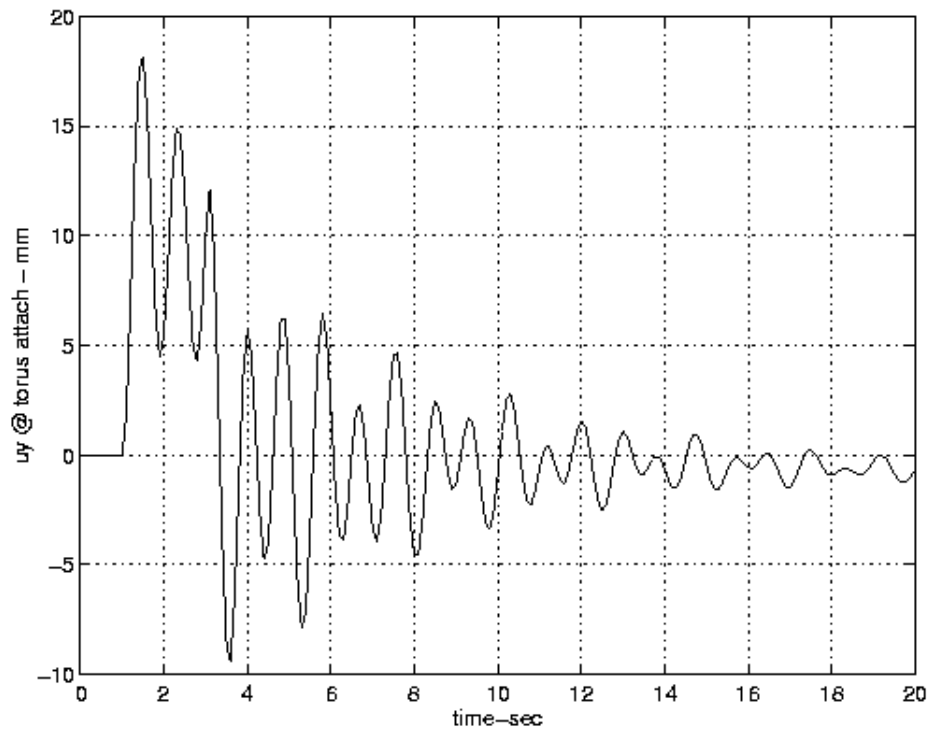


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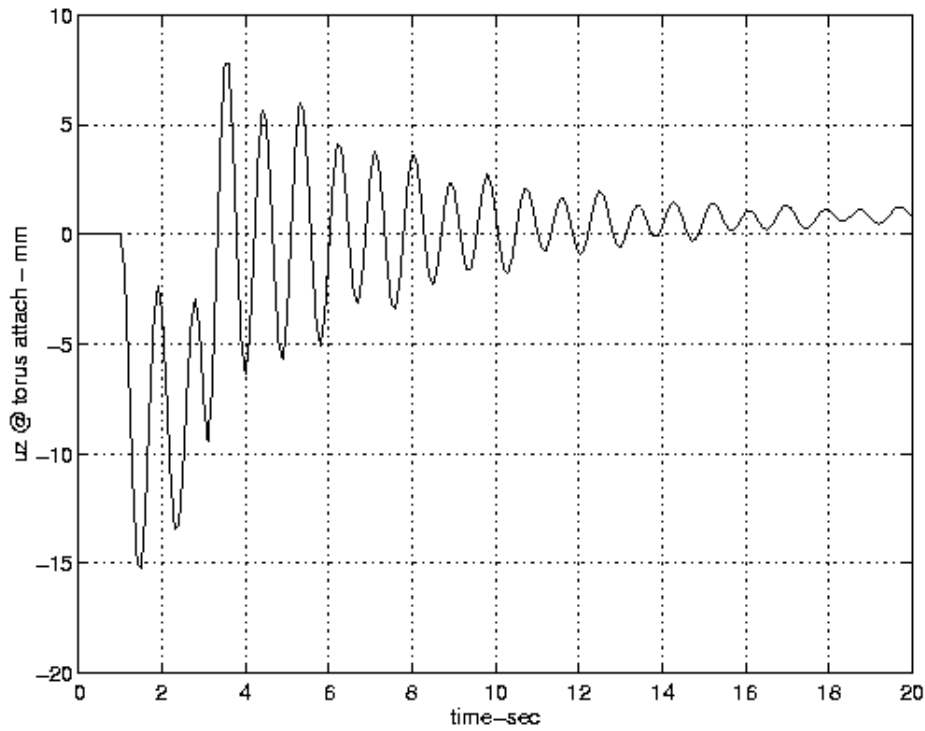


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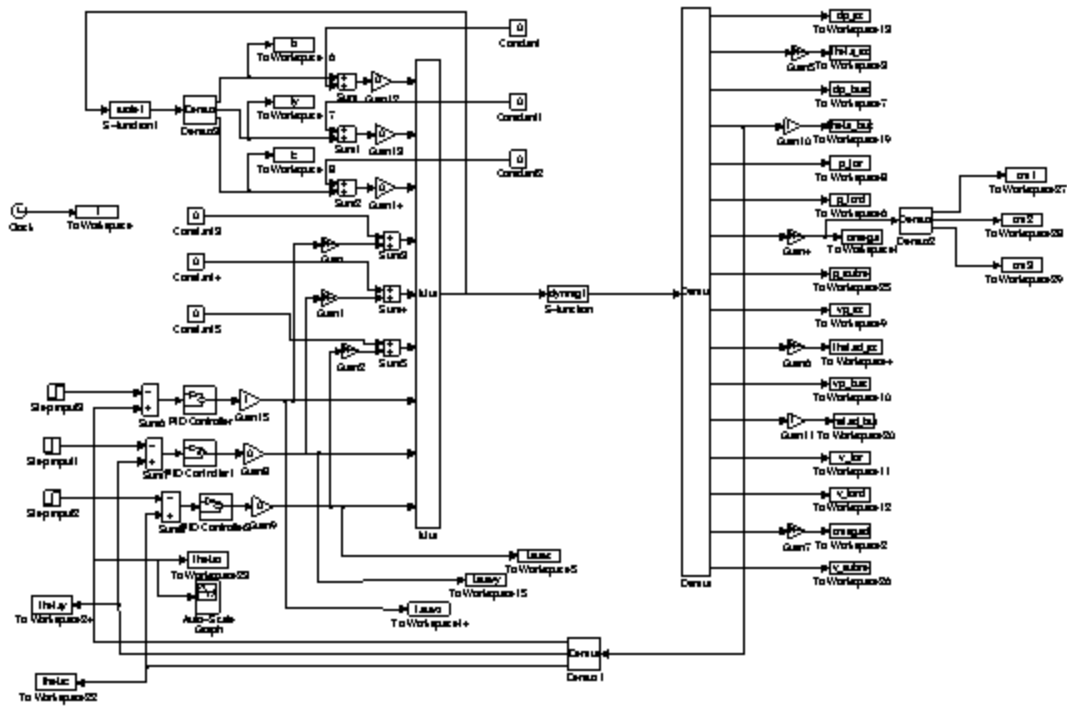


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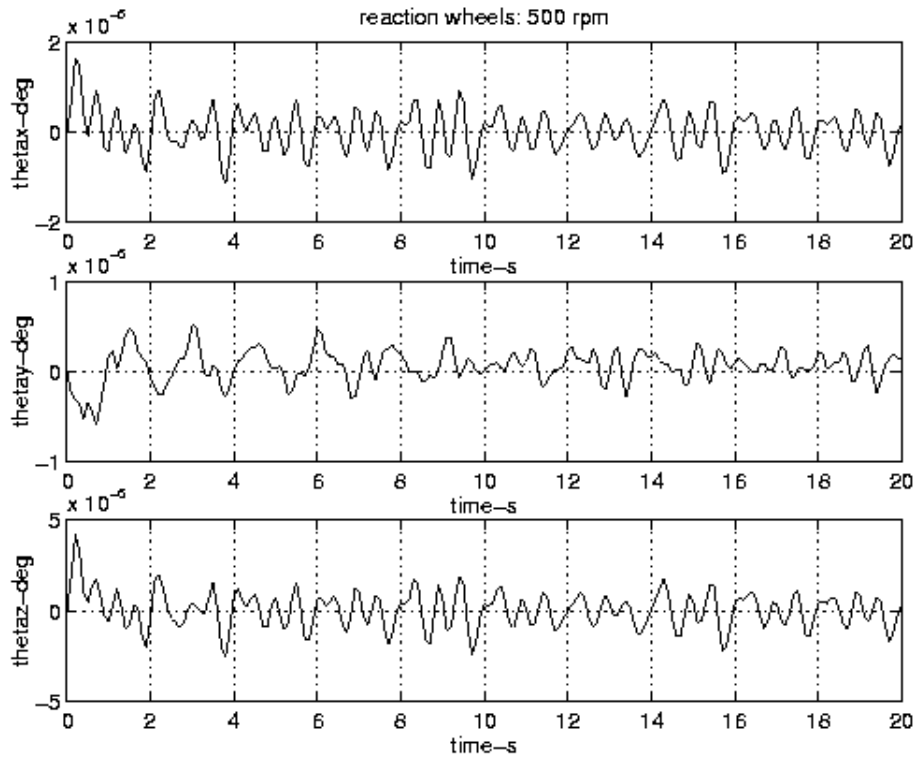


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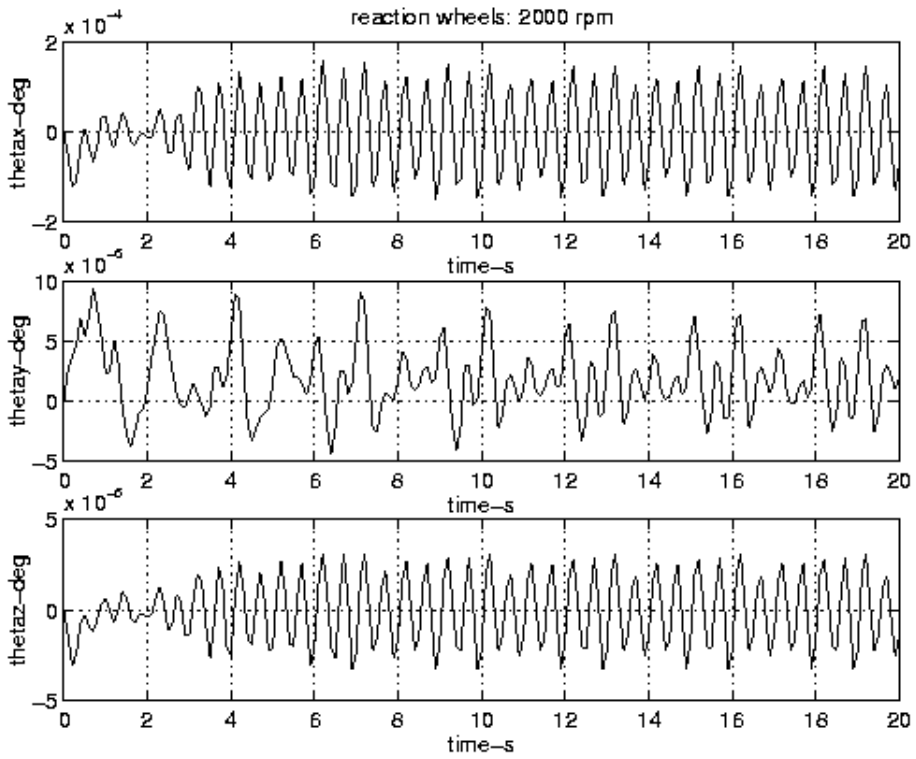


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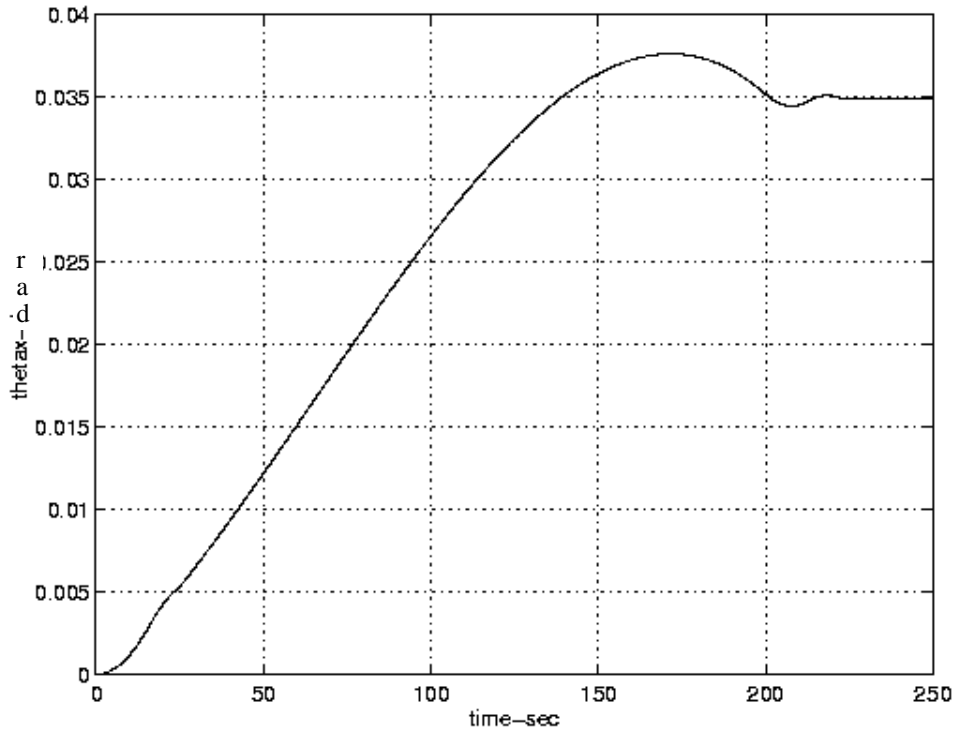


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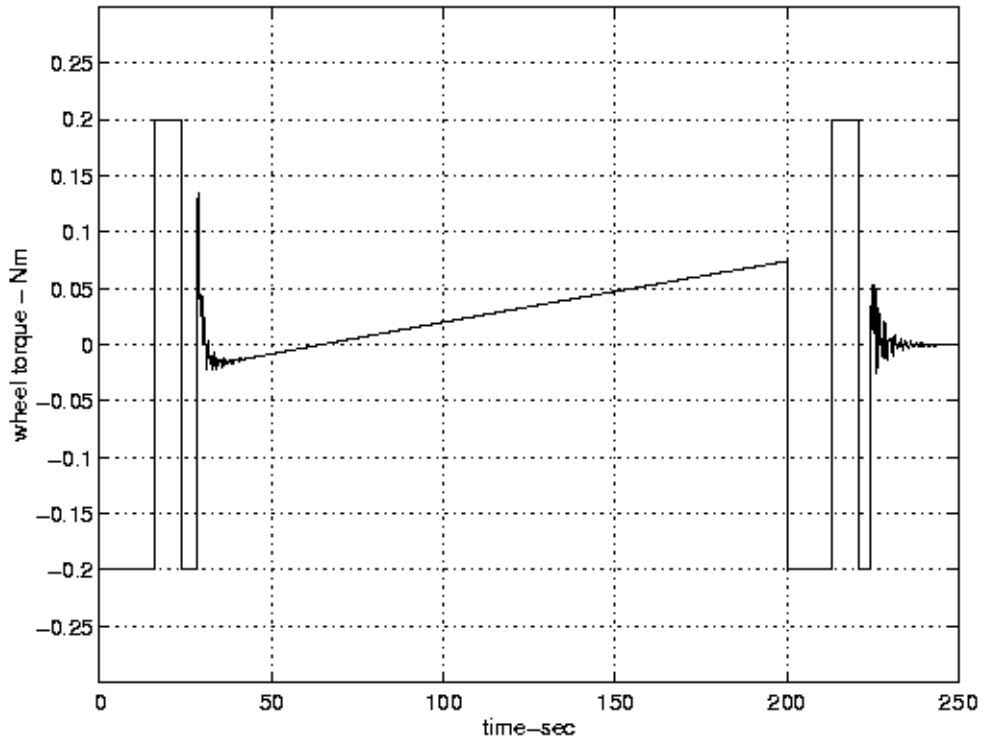


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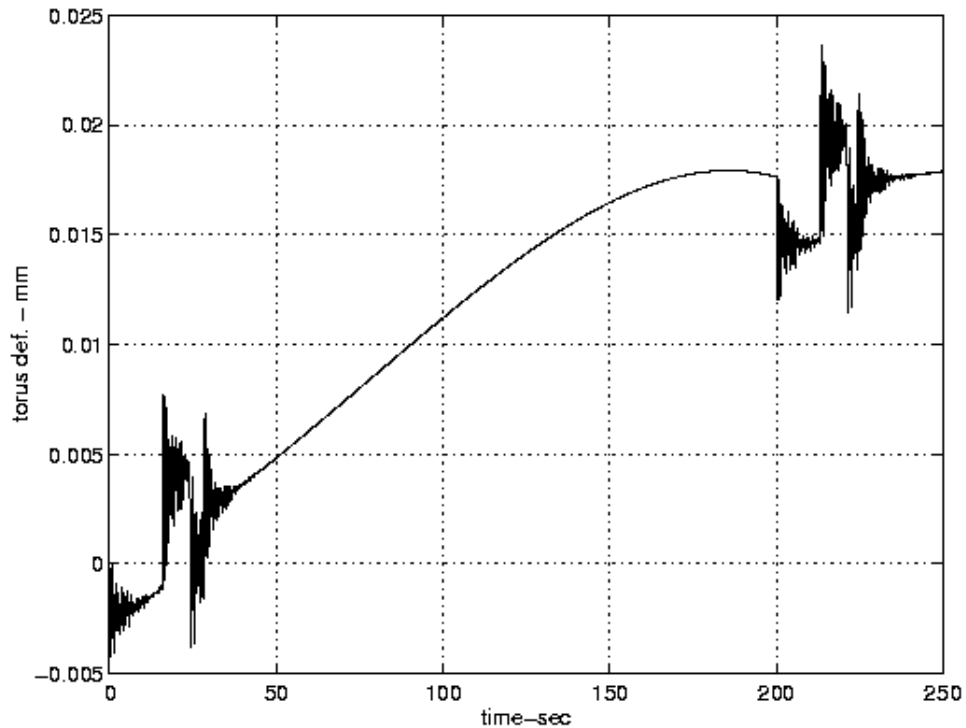


Figure 6.18

## 6.7 Structures and mechanisms

As discussed in the spacecraft configuration section, the spacecraft bus has an octagonal shape 2 m long and 1.3 m wide. It was not attempted in this study to define and design the bus material and thickness. A mass of 10% of the spacecraft dry mass minus propulsion and inflatable antenna subsystem masses was allocated for the spacecraft bus structure, which rounds up to about 71 kg. Masses for the mechanisms, such as subreflector truss and deployment, solar array gimbals, telecom antenna boom and deployment, were estimated. Cables and connectors were taken as 7.5% of the spacecraft dry mass minus propulsion and inflatable antenna subsystem masses. An allocation of 10 kg was also made for additional radiation shielding of sensitive parts of the spacecraft (C&DH shielding was bookkept separately).

## 6.8 Power subsystem

The power system has three major parts. The solar array provides power during sunlit periods. The battery provides power during eclipses, supplements the solar array during peak power periods, and provides power during the immediate postlaunch period, before the solar arrays are deployed. The PMAD system provides power management and distribution. It includes the peak power tracker; distribution, regulation and control electronics; and pyro.

Calculations of the estimated solar array area and mass were based on spacecraft requirements of 2270 W EOL, which includes 30% contingency. Until further details are available on the spacecraft power profile, it was assumed that the solar array would handle all power needs during sunlit periods. Adding an estimated 125 W to recharge the Li-ion secondary battery, the overall array



sizing assumed a net 2400 W EOL requirement. The results for six of the leading cell candidates are detailed in Table 6.9. These mass and area numbers include the cells; thin coverglass (3 mil), with the exception of the copper indium diselenide (CIS) cells which do not include coverglass; wiring, terminals, connectors, and substrates. As is customary, they do not include additional contingency (this is carried at the system level), nor do they include the support structure (connection to the spacecraft), deployment, drive or housing. Overall, the most reasonable compromise between area, mass, cost and availability was projected to be the inflatable array (ITSAT type) using high-efficiency Si cells at a specific power of 86 W/kg BOL. The array area would be 16.3 m<sup>2</sup> and the array mass would be 32.8 kg.

	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Mass (kg)
<b>GaAs</b>	14.9	46.3
<b>2-junction (GaInP/GaAs)</b>	13.3	41.1
<b>3-junction (GaInP/GaAs/Ge)</b>	11.1	32.6
<b>CIS (LMA est.)</b>	36.9	34.3
<b>CIS (L'Garde est.)</b>	36.9	25.2
<b>High efficiency Si</b>	16.3	32.8

**Table 6.9: Calculated Solar Array Area and Mass for 2400 W EOL**

GaAs = gallium arsenide on Ge substrates

GaInP/GaAs = two junction cell on Ge substrate

GaInP/GaAs/Ge = three junction cell on Ge substrate; includes active Ge junction

CIS = copper indium diselenide

Calculations of the estimated secondary battery mass and volume assumed that the battery would be used only during eclipses (460 W for 45 min, or 345 Whr). The primary battery requirements cover a 8.8 hr period immediately postlaunch (4930 W-hr). Until further details are available on the spacecraft power profile, it was assumed that the solar array would handle all active power needs during sunlit periods. It was assumed that neither science data collection nor telecom would not occur during eclipse. It was also assumed that the mission lifetime would be limited to about 3 years, in order that a Li-ion battery could handle the required number of cycles. The numbers do not include battery mass or battery volume contingency, which would be carried at the system level. The required 25 Ahr Li-ion secondary battery would have a mass of 7.3 kg and a volume of 6 liters. It is evident that a large mass and volume penalty would result if a Ni-based battery were to be substituted.

Calculations of the estimated PMAD mass were based on extrapolations from the Phase A Light SAR calculations performed at JPL in 1996. It was assumed that the ARISE EOL solar array power would be 2400 W and the secondary battery capacity would be 25 Ahr. The calculated mass of the peak power tracker would then be 13.9 kg, and the mass of the distribution, regulation and control electronics would be 66.7 kg, for a total PMAD mass of 80.6 kg. The corresponding EOL PMAD specific power would be 30 W/kg. This corresponds favorably to the 30 W/kg anticipated for the JPL X-2000 PMAD second delivery. The results are detailed in Table 6.10.

Several key technology challenges for the power system were identified. First, the advanced solar array technologies (multijunctions and CIS) must be scaled up without appreciable efficiency loss if they are to compete effectively with Si and GaAs. Second, deployment mechanisms for ultralightweight solar arrays need to be flight qualified. Third, Li-ion secondary batteries need a flight demonstration; they also need to be demonstrated in large sizes (over 20 Ahr). Fourth, the PMAD mass can only be reduced if the projected parameters of the X-2000 3rd delivery

(approximately 200 W/kg) can be demonstrated and scaled up. The X-2000 3rd delivery is planned for a very small (10 W) power system.

Extrapolated from LightSAR case:

	<b>LightSAR</b>	<b>ARISE</b>
Solar array power (EOL)	782 W	2400 W
Battery capacity	44 Ahr (Ni)	25 Ahr (Li)
Peak power tracker	6.4 kg	13.9 kg
Dist, Reg & Cntrl Electronics*	15.0 kg	66.7 kg
Total PMAD mass	21.4 kg	80.6 kg
PMAD specific power (EOL)	36.5 W/kg**	30 W/kg***

**Table 6.10: Calculated PMAD Mass**

\*Estimate based on EOL array power corrected for environmental degradation only (EOL/0.85)

\*\*LightSAR assumed a very bare-bones system

\*\*\*30 W/kg is approximate value for X-2000 PMAD 2nd delivery

In summary: Size estimates, including mass and area, have been generated for the ARISE solar array. Size estimates, including mass and volume, have been generated for the ARISE battery. A ROM estimate of power electronics mass and specific power has been calculated. Several key needs were identified. First, more data on the planned orbit and eclipses are needed in order to refine the power system sizing. Second, more data on the spacecraft power profile vs. time are needed in order to determine the proper role of the battery in supplementing the solar array. Third, the calculations assume a moderately benign radiation environment, which may not actually be the case in the planned ARISE orbit; more data is needed on the radiation environment in order to properly size the power system, particularly the solar array which is relatively difficult to shield. Planned near-term activities include: updating the power system design in accord with evolving system requirements; continuing to reduce the power system mass; refining the PMAD mass and cost estimates; and establishing a power system design and fabrication schedule.

Backup data are available in the tables in the Appendix G (Tables A through G).

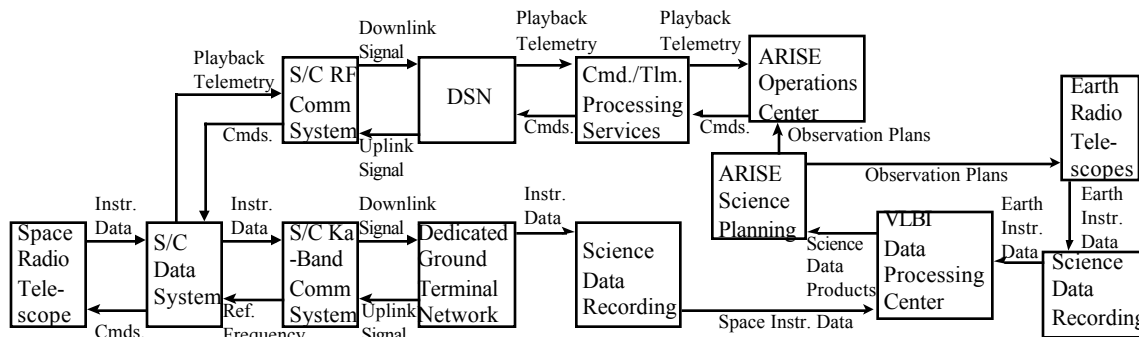


## 7. Ground systems and mission operations

The FY'98 work focused on the space segment of ARISE. The issues and design considerations associated with the ground segment will be studied in more detail in FY'99. This section summarizes the current understanding of the ground system and mission operations.

### Operations and data handling scenario

The ARISE Mission carries out observations on an approximately 70% duty cycle. During observations instrument data are immediately sent to the ground, so the spacecraft must be tracked during all observation periods. Instrument data loss of up to 20% is tolerable during these tracking periods. Instrument data is transmitted at 8 Gbps over a Ka-Band link to a set of dedicated ground terminals. It is recorded at 8 Gbps on tapes which are then shipped to a VLBI data processing center. This instrument data flow is shown on the lower part of Figure 7.1. The upper part of the figure shows the downlink and uplink flows for engineering telemetry and spacecraft commands. Engineering data is recorded on-board the spacecraft and is played back once a week over a DSN 34 meter tracking pass. During this pass the commands to control the next week's worth of observations are transmitted to the spacecraft. These commands are the result of the planning of science and engineering activities needed to achieve the mission goals. A coordinated set of observation plans are sent to radio telescopes on earth to direct the collection of concurrent observations to be correlated with the observations conducted from the spacecraft. Details of the ground system components needed to operate the mission are discussed in the next section.



**Figure 7.1: End-to-End Data Flow**

### Ground system design

Figure 7.2 illustrates the ground system design for ARISE. The ARISE ground system is above and to the right of the dashed line in the figure. The VLBI science observations are planned to be executed by concurrent use of the spacecraft-based radio science instrument and a set of earth-based radio science instruments. The coordinated observation plans are issued from the science planning function shown on the far right hand side of Figure 7.2. Observation plans for the spacecraft are translated at the ARISE Operations Center into a set of commands to be uplinked through the DSN's multimission command processing service once a week. During this once a week DSN track the spacecraft plays back the last week's worth of recorded engineering telemetry which is delivered by the DSN's multimission telemetry processing service. The ARISE Operations Center analyzes the engineering data to assess the performance of the spacecraft and generates any ancillary data about the spacecraft status needed to support VLBI data processing.

ARISE will use a dedicated ground terminal network to handle the instrument data downlink. The network will consist of 3 terminals distributed at sites around the world so as to make coverage almost continually available to the orbiting spacecraft. The terminals will be remotely controlled from the ARISE Operations Center, except for maintenance and tape loading, unloading, and shipping operations. The instrument data from space will be recorded on 2 to 4 tapes for each observation. The tapes will be played back at the VLBI Data Processing Center, along with tapes containing radio science instrument data from concurrent earth-based observations. The VLBI Data Processing Center will perform correlation, fringe fitting, image processing, and data archiving.

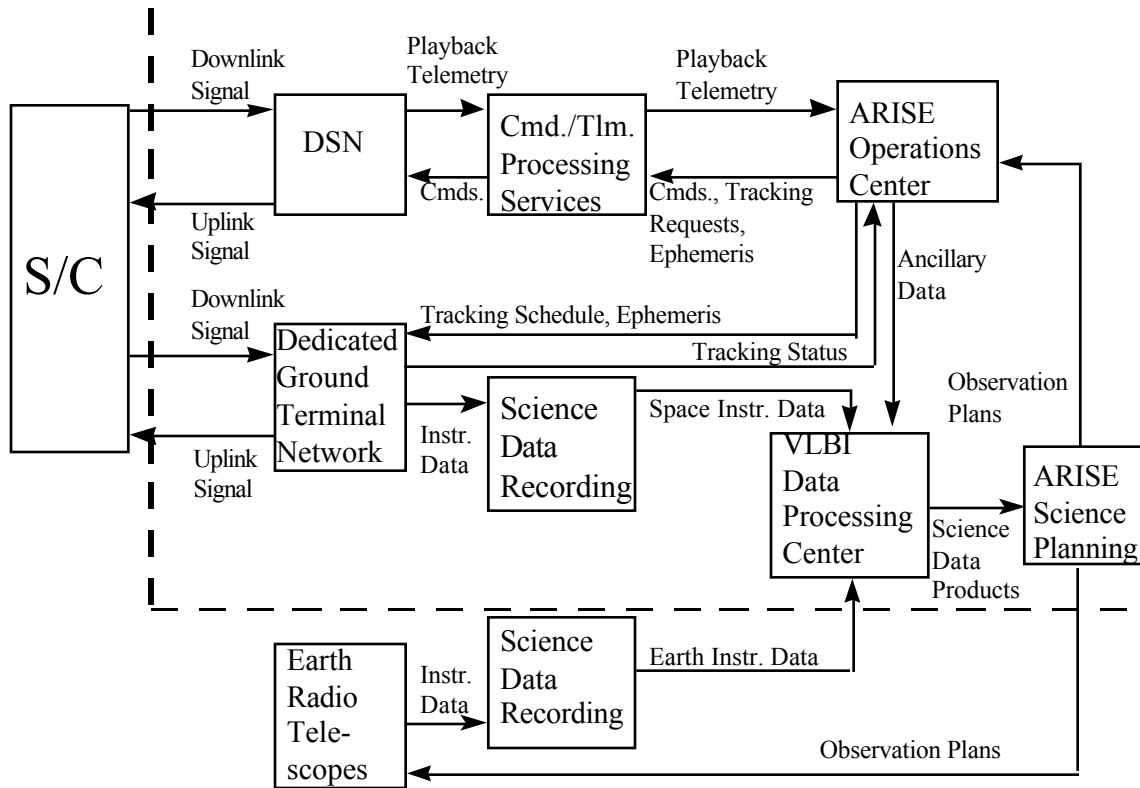


Figure 7.2: Ground System Functional Block Diagram

## 8. Costs

The ARISE cost used JPL's Team X cost estimation tools. Comparison of the ARISE cost profile with other current flight mission profiles were done to validate its applicability. The Team X model build for ARISE uses quasi grass roots estimates for the spacecraft subsystems, mission operations, science team and launch vehicle. It uses historical estimate models for other mission components. These costs assume a 20% reserves on phase A-D and 10% on phase E. They also assume a phase A duration of 18 months, phase B duration of 18 months, phase C/D of 48 months, and phase E of 39 months. Redundancy is typical and the costs are estimated in FY'98 dollars. Table 8.1 summarizes the ARISE cost breakdown. More details can be found in Appendix H. The known subsystem grass roots cost estimates are given below.

	Phase A-D	Phase E
Project Management	12.3	0.7
Science	2.8	1.3
Project & Mission Engineering	5.4	
Payload (science instruments)	27.4	
Spacecraft	<b>144.1</b>	
System management	1.7	
System Engineering	2.5	
Inflatables	6.0	
ACS	32.0	
C&DH	6.0	
Telecommunications	25.3	
Power	11.0	
Propulsion	12.0	
Structure/thermal/cabling	24.7	
Thermal control	2.9	
Cryocoolers	11.0	
Software	7.0	
LV adapter	2.0	
ATLO	20.1	
Mission Operations	35.0	17.0
Launch Vehicle	60.0	
Reserves	49.4 (@ 20%)	2.0 (@ 10%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>356.6</b>	<b>21.0</b>

**Table 8.1: ARISE cost breakdown in FY'98 dollars**

### Ground system development cost and operations cost

The costs for the ARISE ground system development and ARISE mission operations are summarized below. Each of the components of the ARISE ground system pictured in Figure 7.2

are listed in the left hand column (see Table 8.2). The next 3 columns show the cost in FY 98 dollars for technology development, ground system development (Phase C/D) and mission operations (Phase E). There is no need to provide advanced technology development funds for any of the elements of the ARISE ground system. All technologies will be fully developed and ready for use by the beginning of Phase C/D. The Phase C/D development costs are estimated to total approximately \$35M. The Phase E operations costs are estimated to total approximately \$17M for 3 years of operations.

Component	Technology Development Costs (\$M)	ARISE Development Costs (\$M)	Operations Costs (3 Years, \$M)
DSN Tracking	0	0	0.8
Cmd./Tlm. Processing Services	0	0.5	0.2
ARISE Operations Center	0	3	7.5 (17 operators)
Dedicated Ground Terminal Network	0	6 (1 terminal with control system at each of 3 sites = 3, 1 high rate receiver and equalizer at each site = 3)	4.5 (6 operators, tapes and shipping for 3300 tapes [2 - 4 tapes per observation])
Science Data Recording	0	9 (1 decoder at each site = 3, 2 recorders at each site = 6)	Included in DSN Ground Terminal Network Costs
VLBI Data Processing Center	0	16 (1 VLBI correlator and image processor = 6, 10 recorders = 10)	3 (5 operators)
ARISE Science Planning	0	0.5	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>

**Table 8.2: Estimated Development and Operations Costs**

Telecom system cost

System	Costs (\$ k)
RF X-Band	
Transponder	400
SSPA	400
Oscillator	500
Antenna	300
Diplexor	300
Cables and connectors	100
Power supply	600
Testing and support	300
RF Ka-band	
Modulator + shaping filter	800
Power Amplifier	3,750
Antenna	4,000
Misc. electronics	2,000
Cables and connectors	200
Power supply	600
Testing and support	300

<b>Total</b>	13,750
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Thermal control system cost

Workforce *	(11 WY x \$ 150 K)	1,650 K
Multilayer Insulation Mat/Fab/Instl	(14 kg)	700 K
Thermal Conduction Control		100 K
Thermal Control Surfaces		200 K
Thermal Radiator ( includes heat pipes )		400 K
Thermal Louvers (4 units)		800 K
Loop Heat Pipes		1,000 K
Electric Heaters/Thermostats		200 K
Instrumentation		100 K
cryocooler		3,200 K

\*This costing does not utilize the DNP process

**Table 8.3: Estimated Thermal Control Subsystem Cost**

Attitude control system cost

ACS Subsystem cost information is shown in Table 6.14.

ACS Subsystem Description	Cost [K\$]
<b>System Engineering</b>	660
<b>Controls &amp; Analysis</b>	770
<b>Software</b>	1288
<b>I &amp; T</b>	7007
<b>GSE</b>	2908
<b>H/W Engineering</b>	2789
<b>Flight Hardware</b>	16107
<b>TOTAL ACS COST</b>	31529

**Table 8.4: ACS Subsystem Cost**

Power system cost

A rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost estimate for the power system was generated. The details are provided in Table 8.5. The estimated cost of the solar array was \$3.5 M including the array subcontract, JPL engineering support and all burdens. The estimated cost of the battery was \$1.3 M including the battery subcontract, JPL engineering support and all burdens. The PMAD cost was not yet defined since the details of the PMAD system were not yet available; however, it was noted that the LightSAR PMAD system, for a smaller (782 W EOL) power system, was estimated to cost \$5.9 M including labor, engineering support and burdens.

**Table 8.5: Power System Cost Estimate**

- Solar array
  - GaAs \$2K/W x 1700 W = \$3.4 M
  - Si or CIS \$1K/W x 1700 W = \$1.7 M



- High effic Si \$1.5 K/W x 1700 W = \$2.55 M
  - CIS potentially even less expensive but not yet demonstrated
- Multijunction \$2.5 K/W x 1700 W = \$4.2 M
- Add JPL engineering support (\$200 K/yr) + proc/general burdens
- Assume high efficiency Si baseline
  - $((2.55*1.027) + (0.75*0.200) + (2*0.200) + (0.75*0.200))*1.058 = \$3.5 \text{ M}$
- Battery
  - Li-ion batteries = \$170 K apiece x 3 batteries = \$0.51 M (2005 est.)
    - need flight, spare and qualification units
  - Add JPL engineering support (\$200 K/yr) + proc /general burdens
    - $((0.51*1.027) + (0.75*0.200) + (2*0.200) + (0.75*0.200))*1.058 = \$1.3 \text{ M}$
- PMAD
  - LightSAR \$5.9 M incl. labor + engineering support + burdens
  - ARISE being calculated

# APPENDICES

**APPENDIX A**

**ARISE Mass Budget**

**APPENDIX B**

**ARISE Power Budget**

## APPENDIX C

### **ARISE Structures and Thermal Analysis**

**APPENDIX D**

**SEP System**

**APPENDIX E**

**ARISE radiation environment**

**APPENDIX F**

**ARISE ESD environment**



## APPENDIX G

### Power Subsystem

**ARISE Power System Appendix : Backup and Supporting Data**  
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Table A. Solar Array Assumptions

	Cell effic (BOL)	W/m <sup>2</sup> (BOL)	W/kg (BOL)
<b>GaAs</b>	19%	199	68
<b>GaInP/GaAs</b>	21.5%	225	77
<b>GaInP/GaAs/Ge</b>	24.3 %	255	87
<b>CIS (LMA est.)</b>	10%	93	100
<b>CIS (L'Garde est.)</b>	10%	93	136
<b>High effic. Si (2005 proj.)</b>	19%	199	86

- BOL numbers for 1-sun AM0, 28°C (baseline)
- Assume actual array operating temperature of 85°C
- 10% CIS cells avail est. 1999
  - LMA est. originally provided 2/97
  - L'Garde est. w/Al rigidization originally provided 3/97

Table B. Assumptions for the Solar Array Recharging the Battery

- Portion of solar array power is needed to recharge battery
- Assume battery charge efficiency = 0.79
- Assume battery discharge (energy) efficiency = 0.95
- Assume 3.5 hr available to recharge battery per orbit

- Battery prefers charge rate of at least 0.1 C
- 200 W of solar array required to do this
- If recharge time is shorter, more array area/mass required

Table C. Estimated Degradation Factors for Solar Array

- For 3 - 5 yr mission (BOL vs. EOL) -Assumptions
  - Temperature coefficient factor  
0.873 for GaAs, 0.868 for III-V multijunctions, 0.715 for Si or CIS
  - Cell packing factor           0.85 (15% of array area not covered with cells)
  - Radiation degradation       0.85
  - Temperature cycling         0.98
  - Fabrication losses           0.98
  - Micrometeorites             0.98
  - Wiring/diode                 0.96
  - IR losses                     0.98
  - UV degradation             0.98
  - Offpointing                 1.00

Table D. Possible Radiation Environment

- Assume ARISE orbit 5,000 - 40,000 km altitude
- Radiation data from GaAs Solar Cell Radiation Handbook (B. Anspaugh)
- AP8 proton model
  - high energy peak at  $L = 1.5 R_e$  ( $0.5 R_e$  from surface = 3186 km altitude)
  - intermediate energies peak at  $L = 2 R_e$  ( $1.0 R_e$  from surface = 6371 km altitude)
- AE8 electron model
  - inner zone  $L = 1.2 - 2.8 R_e$  ( $0.2 - 1.8 R_e$  from surface = 1274 - 11468 km altitude)
    - peak at  $L = 1.4 R_e$  ( $0.4 R_e$  from surface = 2548 km altitude)
  - outer zone  $L = 3-11 R_e$  ( $2-10 R_e$  from surface = 19113 - 63711 km altitude)
    - peak at  $L = 4-5 R_e$  ( $3-4 R_e$  from surface = 19113 - 25484 km altitude)
  - $L =$  distance from center of Earth;  $R = 6371$  km

Table E: Battery Assumptions

- Assume 30 min eclipse/orbit but during only 3 consecutive months of year
  - 3 yr mission = 2417 eclipses (battery cycles)
  - 5 yr mission = 4028 eclipses (battery cycles)
- 3 yr probably OK for Li-ion (nominally up to 2000 cycles at 50% DOD)
- 5 yr calculated for both Li-ion and Ni-based batteries
- Looked at 3 types of Ni-based batteries which can withstand many cycles at 35% DOD
  - Common pressure vessel (CPV)  $NiH_2$  - available now
  - Single pressure vessel (SPV)  $NiH_2$  - should be available near-term
  - NiCd - available now

Table F: Assumed Battery Baselines at BOL

	Whr/kg	Whr/liter	Max DOD for max cycles
Li-ion	100	120	50%
CPV NiH <sub>2</sub>	35	25	35%
SPV NiH <sub>2</sub>	53	68	35%
NiCd	25	35	35%

Table G: Power Electronics Assumptions

- In general power electronics (PMAD) includes peak power tracker, and distribution/regulation/control electronics
  - More specifically includes DC/DC converters for each load, bus limiter, power control, power distribution network, bench test equipment (BTE), ground support equipment (GSE) and pyro.
- Flight hardware does not include BTE and GSE.

**APPENDIX H**

**ARISE Cost Estimates**

**APPENDIX I**

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