

# ELECTRICAL POWER SUB-SYSTEM

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# INTRODUCTION

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# INTRODUCTION

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# FROM EARTH TO DEEP SPACE ...

36 000 KM

23 000 KM

8 000 KM

800 KM

700 KM

400 KM

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**SPACE  
FOR  
LIFE ///**

**SPACE TO  
CONNECT**

**SPACE TO  
SECURE  
& DEFEND**



**SPACE TO  
OBSERVE  
& PROTECT**



**SPACE TO  
EXPLORE**



**SPACE TO  
TRAVEL  
& NAVIGATE**



# THALES ALENIA SPACE IN 2022

**2,2**  
BN € SALES



**8,500**  
EMPLOYEES



**18** SITES  
WORLDWIDE



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# THALES ALENIA SPACE IN BELGIUM



**A world leader  
in power  
electronics for  
satellites and  
launchers**



**More than  
750**



**Operators  
~20%**

**3 sites**

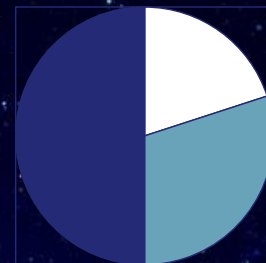
**Charleroi  
Leuven  
Hasselt**



**Belgian leader in  
the space sector**

**>60 years of  
experience in  
Space**

**Engineers  
&  
managers  
~50%**



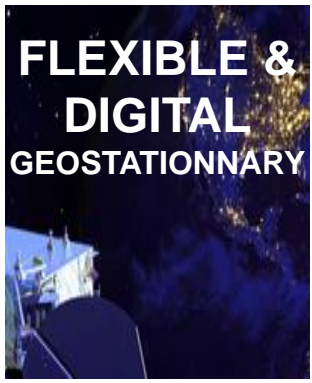
**Support  
functions  
~30%**

**~250 units / year**



# NEW SPACE IN THALES ALENIA SPACE IN BELGIUM

**FLEXIBLE &  
DIGITAL  
GEOSTATIONNARY**



Software-defined **Long term sustainability**

**Electrical propulsion leader**

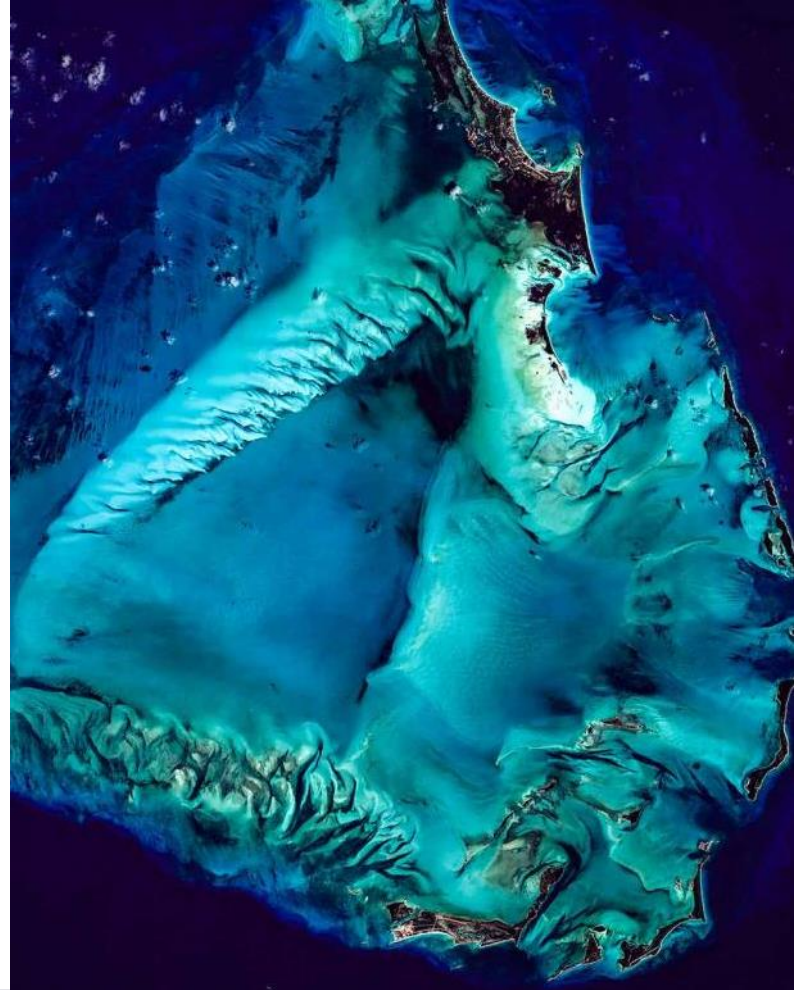
Federate **High power/High voltage integration**

Automotive components **Micro-solutions**

**Agile** Techno-push **New ways of working**

System approach **Automatised manufacturing Partnership**

**Open-innovation** Explore



# A FULLY FLEXIBLE SOFTWARE-DEFINED SATELLITE

## FULL RECONFIGURATION IN ORBIT

## UNRIVALED MISSION PERFORMANCES

## EXTENSIVE HOSTING CAPACITY

## SMART OPERATIONS



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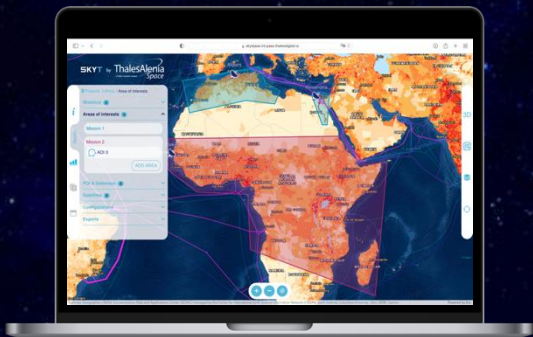
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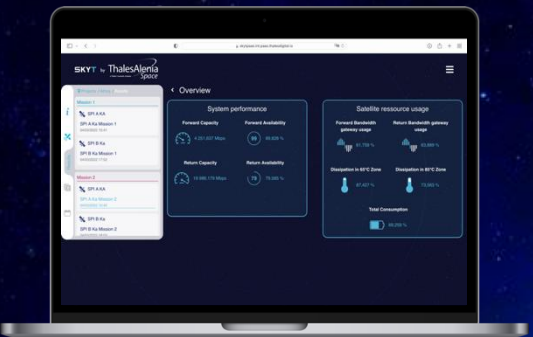
Create Areas of Interests



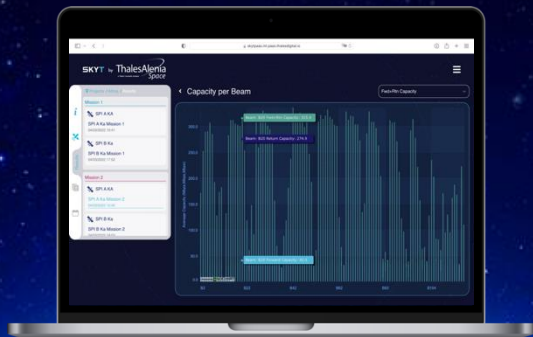
Configure your satellite



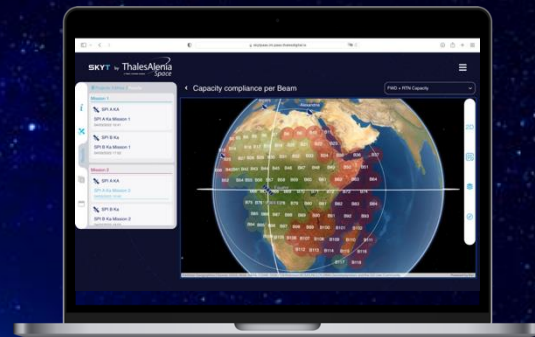
Configure your coverage



Visualise the system budget



Visualise results with barcharts

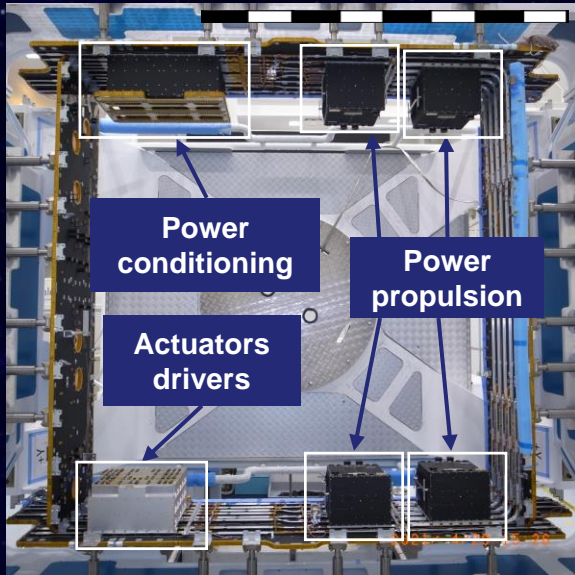


Visualise results in 2D/3D Maps

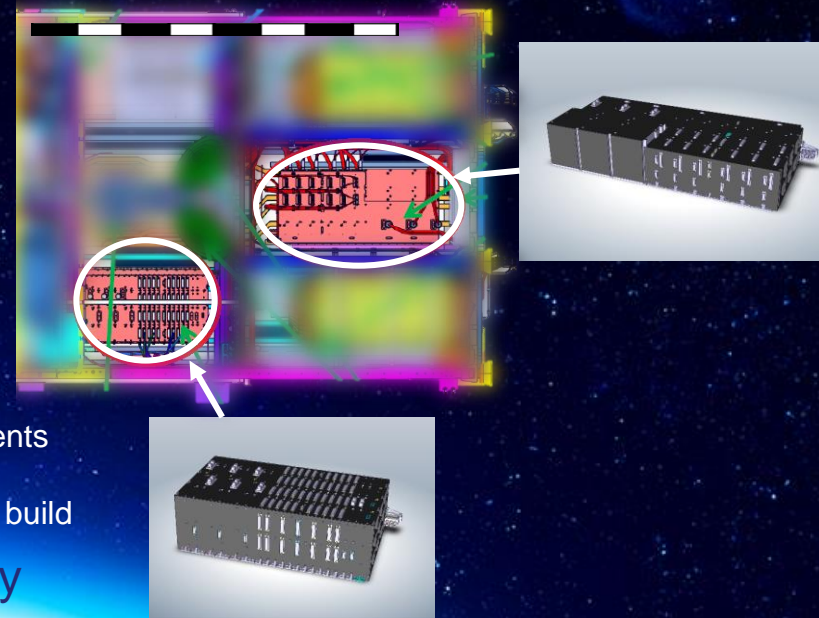
# OUR SOLUTIONS IN BELGIUM

A COMPLETE NEW GENERATION FOR AVIONICS SUBSYSTEM

## 2020 Satellite



## Space Inspire



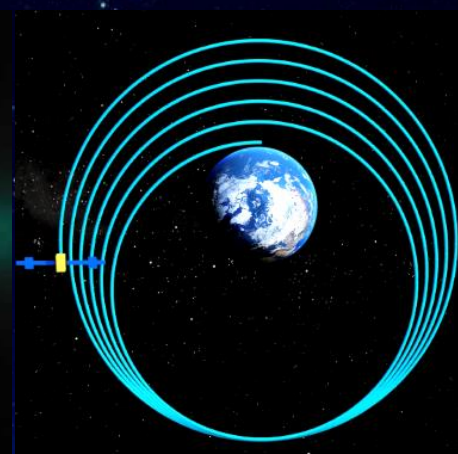
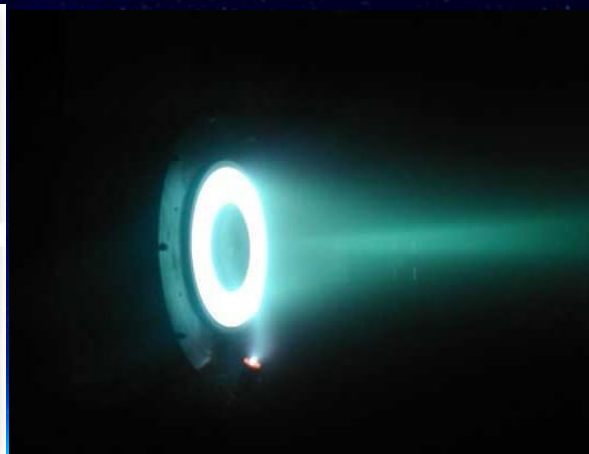
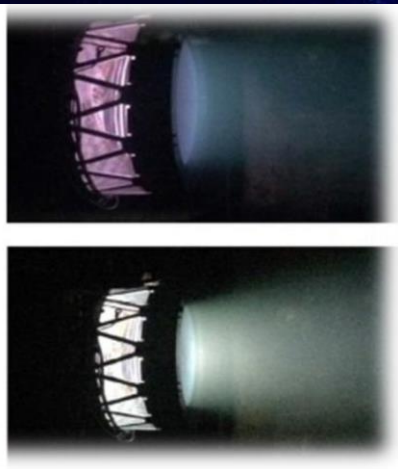
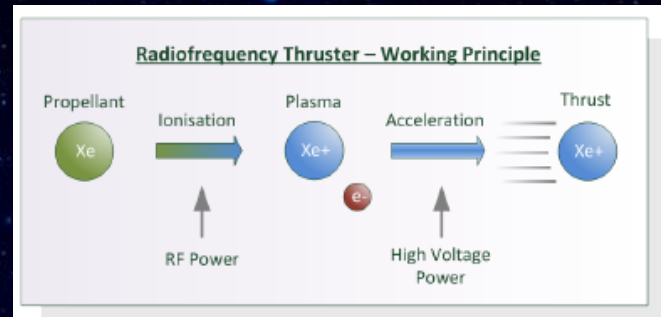
- + More power
- + More interfaces
- + More functions
- + More flexible
- + Less mass
- + Automotive components
- + **Much** more faster to build
- + **Cost efficiency**

# LEADER IN ELECTRICAL PROPULSION

From **Chemical** propulsion to full **Electrical** propulsion  
with **Grid Ion Engine** technology

We provide **power for thrusters**

**Orbit raising | Station keeping**



# SOFTWARE INSIDE & MICRO-SOLUTION

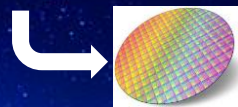
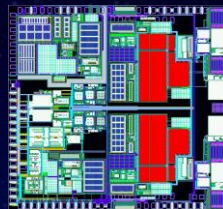


**Proprietary micro-controllers**  
in all products  
with **adapted software solutions**

**Strong partnerships**  
with leading-edge  
companies

Software defined solutions – Flexibility – Live Reconfiguration

**Proprietary GaN driver**  
for all power switches



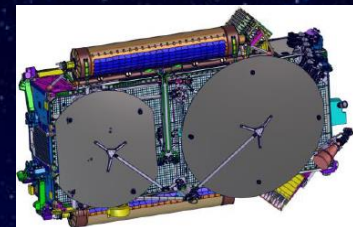
High performance – High integration

# OUR SOLUTION

A COMPLETE NEW GENERATION FOR SOLAR GENERATOR

## Flexible Solar Array

Smaller footprint in launcher  
for bigger solar cells surface

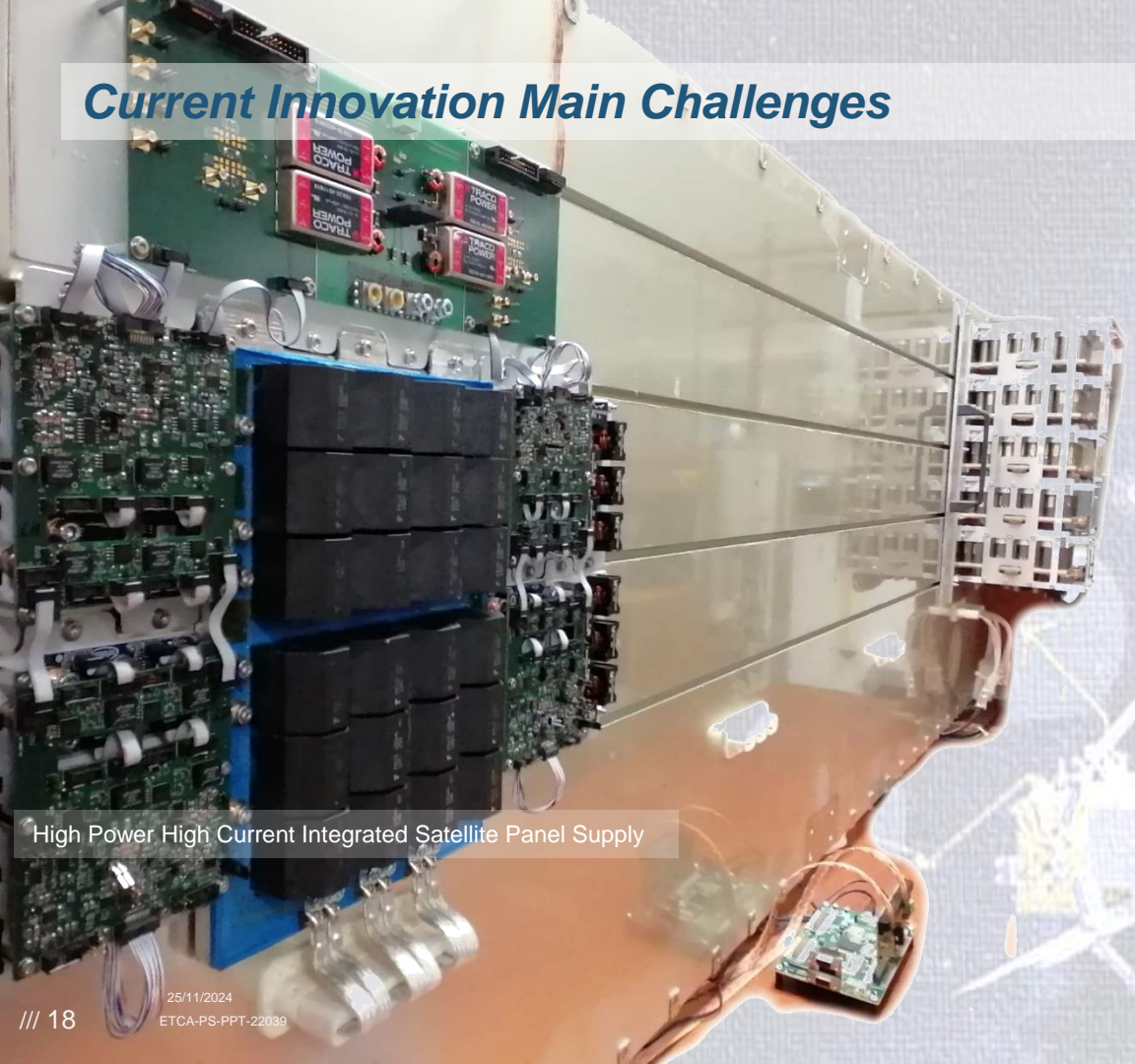


# AND OTHER NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR HIGH VOLTAGE AND HIGH POWER SOLUTIONS...

- Break-through technologies developed since 5 to 10 years, becoming mature now
- Matured in fruitful partnerships with Belgian and European SMEs, in other industries
- Successfully combining « open innovation » in a « fierce competition » environment



# Current Innovation Main Challenges



High Power High Current Integrated Satellite Panel Supply

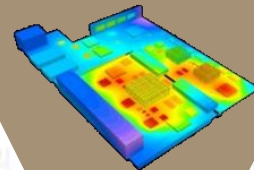
Mass  
Reduction



High  
Integration



Thermal  
Management



Embedded  
AI



# WANNA JOIN THE TEAM ?

## /// Internship / Jobs

- /// Feel free to apply !
- /// For an internship, don't forget to precise the period and if a Master's thesis is included
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# INTRODUCTION

## /// Training

/ GRADUATED AS ELECTROMECHANICS ENGINEER FROM UCLOUVAIN

## /// Professional career in TAS-Belgium at Charleroi

- Specialized in hardware design in Electronics for satellite platform equipments

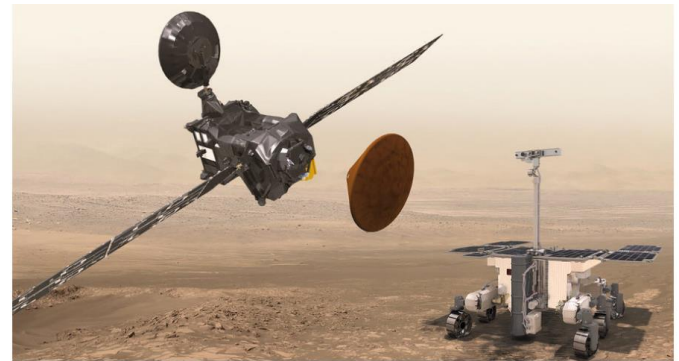
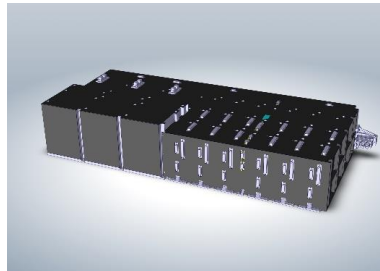
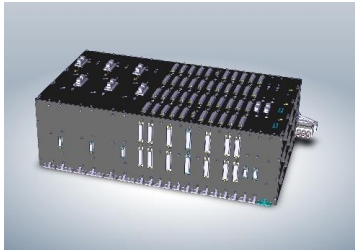
/ ELECTRONIC DESIGNER

- Power conditioning and distribution (PCU/PCDU) Exomars & SWOT project

/ PROJECT DESIGN AUTHORITY

- PCDU modules for Space Inspire (whole HPU + module in ACE)

/ POWER CONDITIONING PRODUCT LINE ARCHITECT



Source: Le Temps

# AGENDA

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🚀 EPS – GENERAL INFORMATION

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🚀 SOLAR CELLS & SOLAR ARRAYS

🚀 OTHERS

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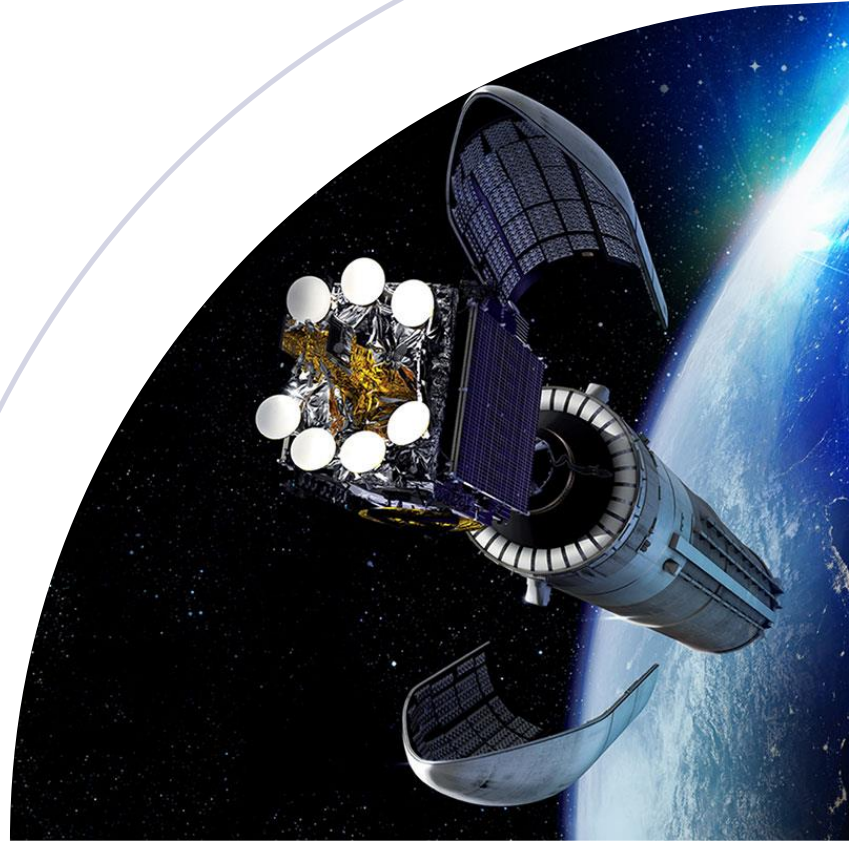
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## 5. Power budget - practical exercise

## 6. Conclusions



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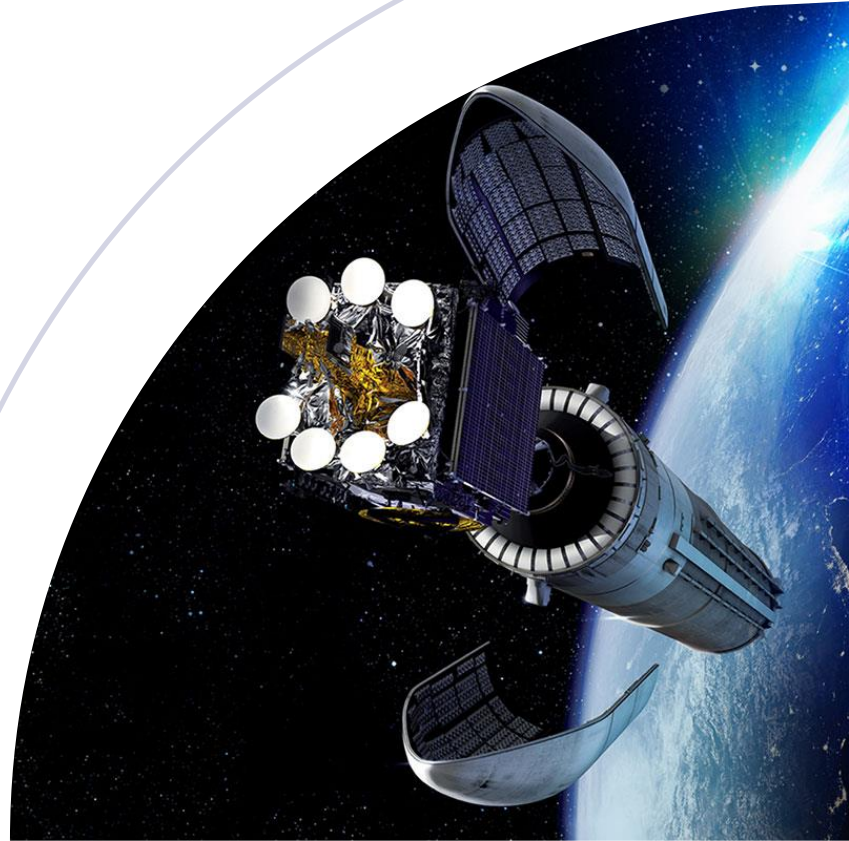
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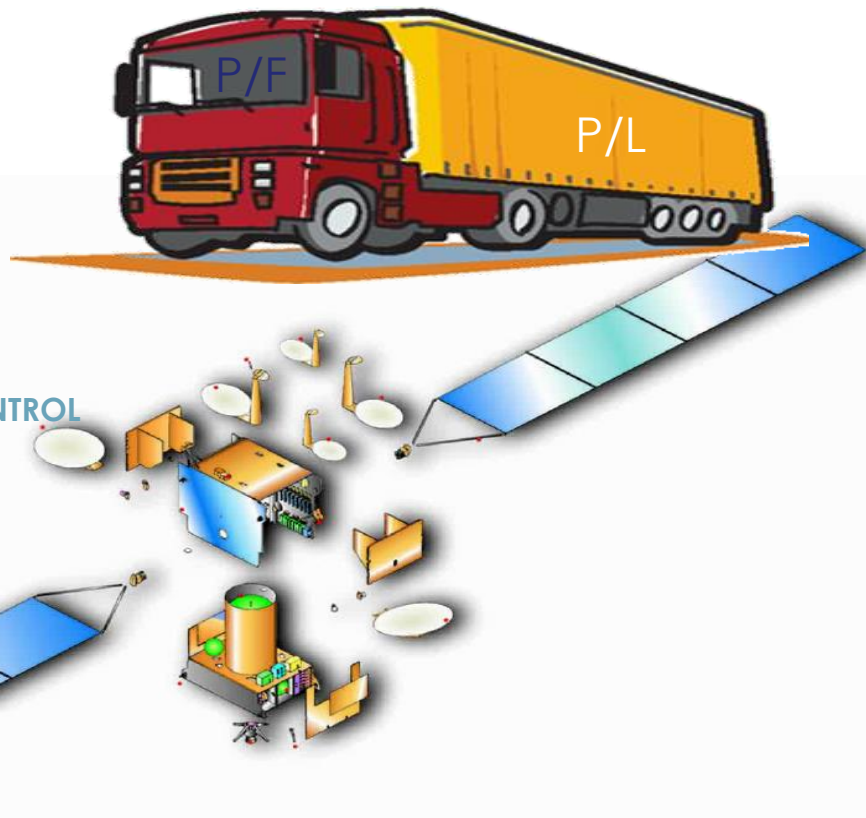
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# INTRODUCTION / EPS GENERAL INFORMATION

A satellite is made of...



## P/F (Platform)

- MECHANICAL & THERMAL STRUCTURE
- ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, AVIONIC, PROPULSION
- ON-BOARD COMPUTER, SOFTWARE, REMOTE CONTROL
- ENERGY SOURCES: SOLAR, BATTERIES, FUEL

## P/L (Payload)

- ANTENNAS, TWTA, ...
- CAMERA, ALTIMETER, RADAR, DETECTORS, ...
- CLOCK, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ...

# ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

## Satellite's Electrical Power Subsystem (EPS) shall

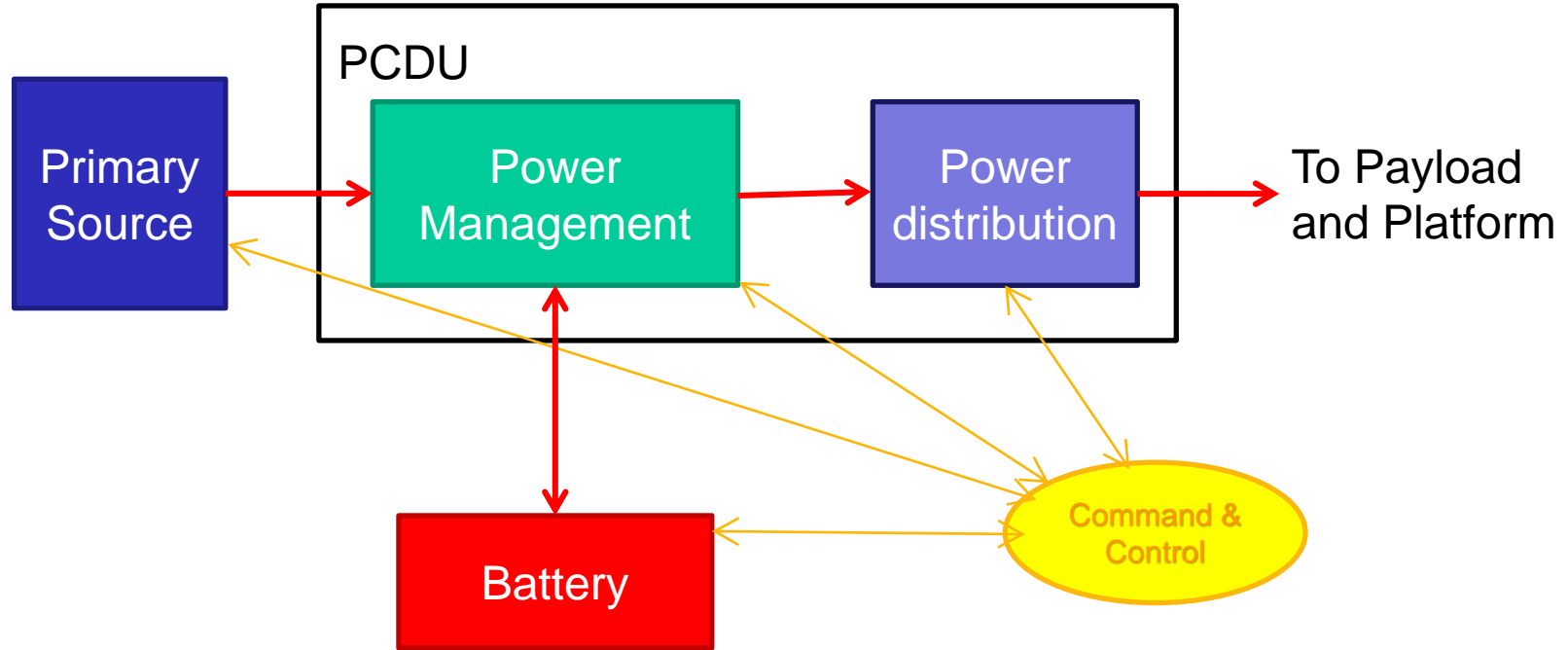
- 🚀 provide electrical power all satellite's units
- 🚀 Storage energy to power units in case of orbital night phases, transient phases and peak power demand
- 🚀 autonomously manage the available power in order supply units and charge the battery
- 🚀 fulfill some distribution requirements providing ON/OFF protected power lines, heater supply (for S/C thermal control needs) and commanding pyro lines (e.g. SA and antenna deployment)
- 🚀 Note: power system failure means the loss of mission

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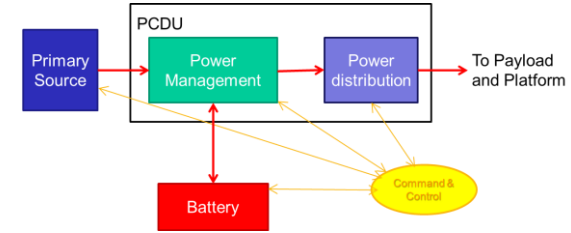
# INTRODUCTION / EPS GENERAL INFORMATION

## General functional block diagram



# INTRODUCTION / EPS GENERAL INFORMATION

## Functions (1/2)



### POWER GENERATION

- The power is generated from different sources ('fuel') or combination of them: the Solar radiant energy (solar cells via photovoltaic effect), Chemical (piles – fuel cells), nuclear (RTG), mechanical (reaction wheels), ...
- Primary sources** convert 'fuel' into electrical power

### ENERGY STORAGE

- The energy is generally stored under an electro-mechanical form and retrieved under an electrical form
- The storage of the energy is done by a **secondary source**, when the primary system's energy is not available or insufficient

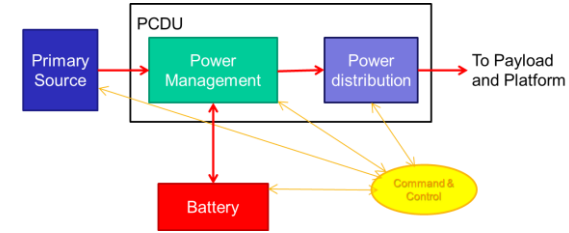
### CONDITIONING AND REGULATION

- This function covers everything which is required to adapt the primary sources to the need of users 'equipment' (constant voltage, battery charge...)

### DISTRIBUTION

- To distribute the conditioned power to users
- DC/DC voltage converters
- ON/OFF switches (sometimes)
- Does not include the harness

# INTRODUCTION / EPS GENERAL INFORMATION



## Functions (2/2)

### PROTECTION

- To avoid a propagation of failures or any Single Point Failure
- Protections against short-circuits
  - Fuses
  - Circuit breakers

### CONTROL

- Observing parameters
  - Current, voltages, temperatures, status, ...
- Information are transmitted to the Ground by telemetry for mid-term and long-term monitoring
- Information are transmitted to the On-Board Computer for real-time monitoring

### COMMAND

- Configuration setting (nominal, safety, recovery, ...)
- Parameters
- ON/OFF

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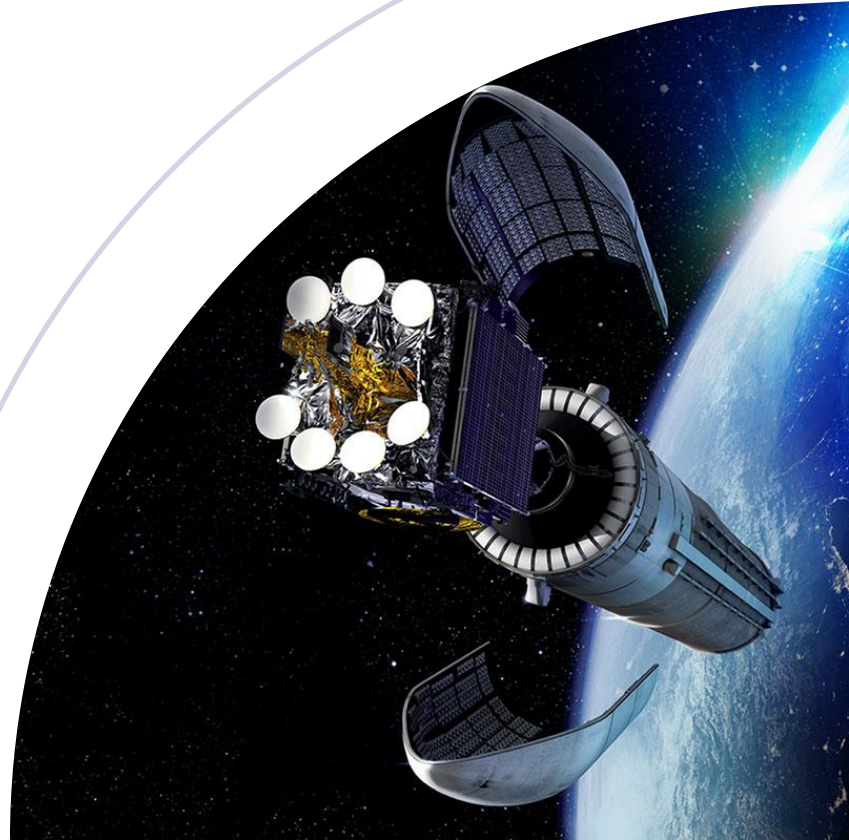
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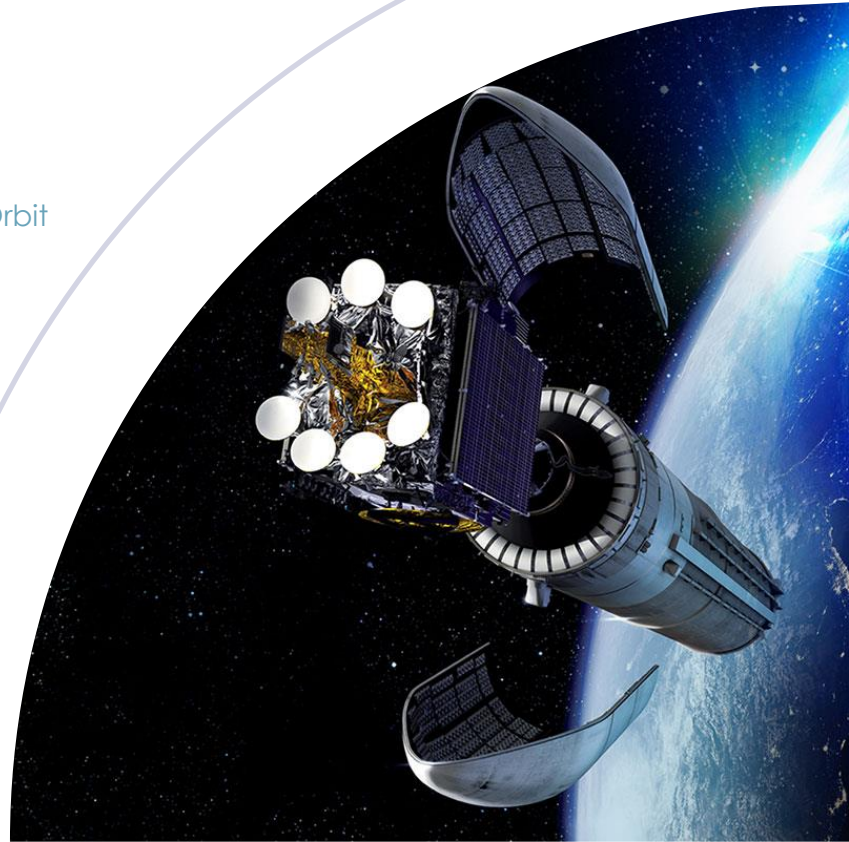
System drivers / Synthesis

## The orbit

- 🌐 Low Earth Orbit (LEO), geostationary (GEO), Mean Earth Orbit (MEO), Sun Synchronous Orbit (SSO), Sun Centric (Interplanetary), ...

## The mission

- 🌐 (Life) duration
- 🌐 Energy budget
  - 🌐 Mission profiles
  - 🌐 Payload needs
  - 🌐 Max and Mean power
  - 🌐 Orientation (attitude) of the satellite
- 🌐 Reliability requirements



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# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## System drivers / Orbits



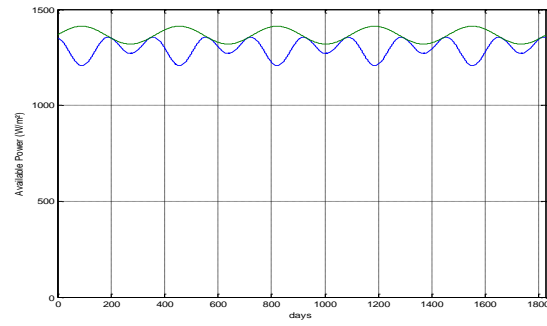
## LEO (Low Earth Orbit) / Scientific applications – Earth observation

### ORBIT

- Altitude: between 350 and 1000 km
- Duration: ~2 hours
- Low sensitivity to radiations

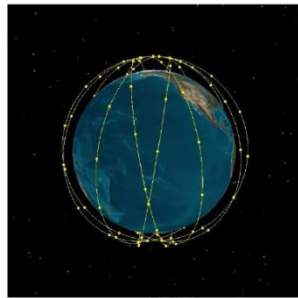
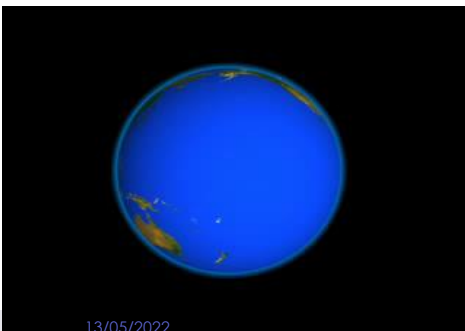
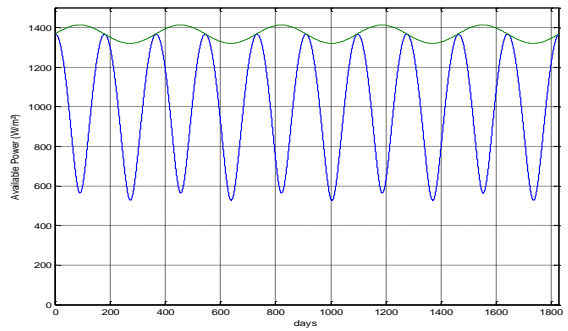
### ECLIPSES

- High variability versus the orbit selection
- Up to 40 % of eclipse duration
- Thousands of cycles along mission duration

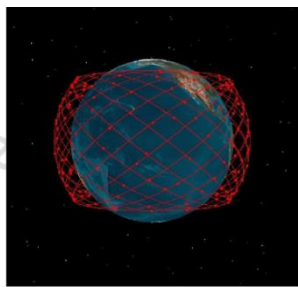


SA flux (sun-synchronous orbit)  
 -> Min SA flux = 1220 W

SA flux (polar orbit)  
 -> Min SA flux = 520 W



Polar Orbit



Inclined Orbit

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## SYSTEM DRIVERS / ORBITS

GEO (Geostationary Orbit): Telecom applications

### ORBIT

- Type: Circular
- Altitude: 35786 km
- Duration: 24 hours
- Medium sensitivity to radiations

### ECLIPSES

- Less than 1% of mission duration
- Only during equinoctial periods
- From few to 72 min max

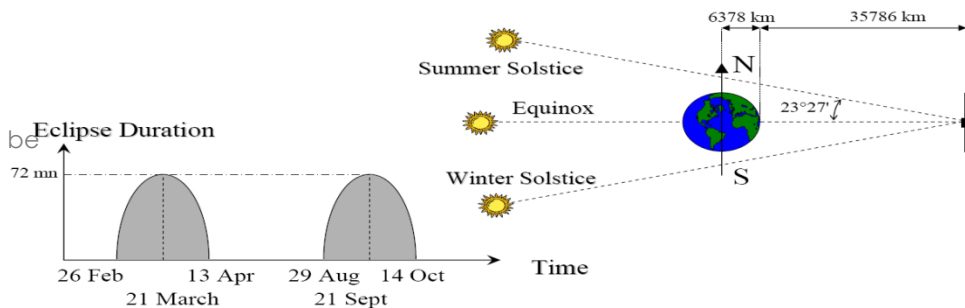
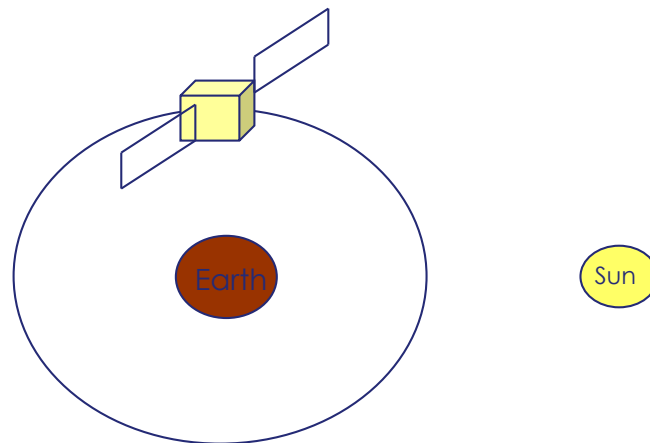
... DURING LIFETIME ... BUT UP TO 6 MONTHS EOR WITH ELECTRICAL PROPULSION DRASTICALLY MODIFY THE SITUATION

- Increased number of longer eclipses
  - Thermal cycling more severe
  - Ratio charge / discharge impacted
  - Higher battery DoD (especially if thrust has to be performed in night mode)
- More stringent radiative environment

### MISSION DURATION

- 15 years

### EXAMPLE(S): SPACEBUS BASED SATELLITES, ...



# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## SYSTEM DRIVERS / ORBITS

### MEO (Medium Earth Orbit): GNSS/TELECOM applications

#### ORBIT

-  Type: Circular
-  Altitude: 1000 to 20000 km
-  Duration: 12 hours
-  Medium to high sensitivity to radiations (according to orbit height)

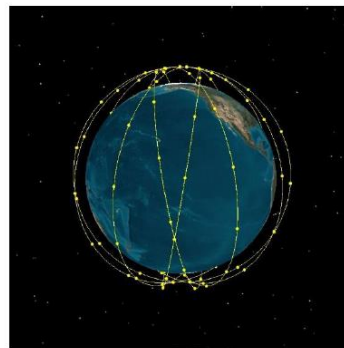
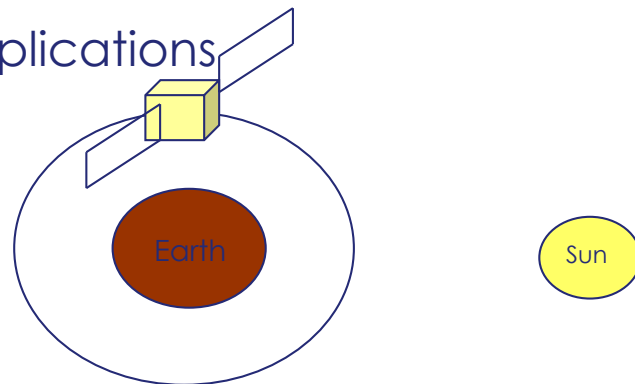
#### ECLIPSES

-  Duration: up to 1 hour

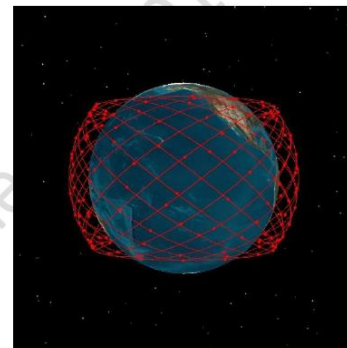
#### MISSION DURATION

-  Up to 15 years

#### EXAMPLE(S): GLOBALSTAR, GALILEO, IRIDIUM, ...



Polar Orbit



Inclined Orbit



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## SYSTEM DRIVERS / ORBITS

### Lagrange Point: Scientific applications - ESA

- 🪐 POINTS WHERE THE COMBINED GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF TWO LARGE MASSES PRECISELY COMPENSATE THE CENTRIPETAL FORCE REQUIRED TO ROTATE WITH THEM (ANALOGY WITH THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT)

🪐 Distance from earth for L1,L2:  $1.5 \cdot 10^6$  km

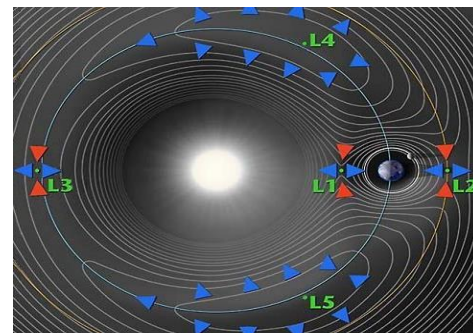
- 🪐 ECLIPSES

🪐 None

- 🪐 MISSION DURATION

🪐 3 years

- 🪐 EXAMPLE(S): HERSCHEL (L2), PLANCK(L2), GAIA(L2),...



### Interplanetary

- 🪐 Challenge : management of solar flux, which decreases

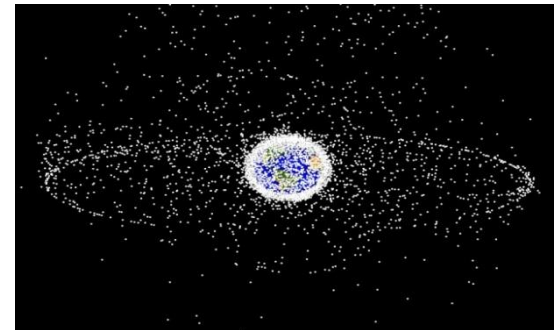
with the square of the distance to the sun

|         | Distance (AU) | Solar flux (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|---------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Mercury | 0.39          | $9.3 \cdot 10^3$               |
| Earth   | 1.0           | $1.36 \cdot 10^3$              |
| Mars    | 1.5           | 582                            |
| Jupiter | 5.2           | 48.7                           |
| Saturn  | 9.5           | 13.5                           |

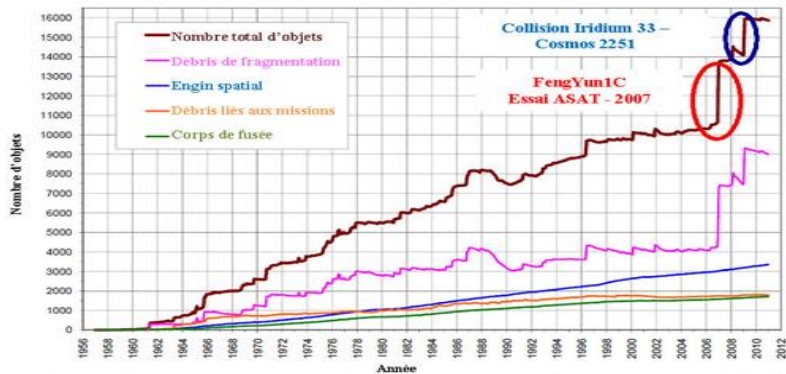
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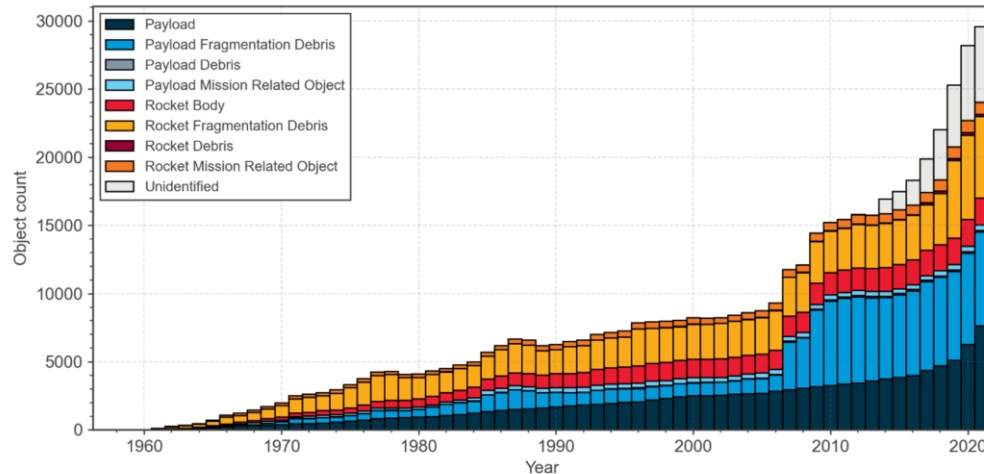
### M-METEORITE & DEBRIS



Nombre d'objets en orbite terrestre par mois selon le type d'objet



- 29 000 parts > 10cm
- 670 000 parts > 1 cm
- >170 000 000 > 1mm
- Large concentration between 700 & 1000 km

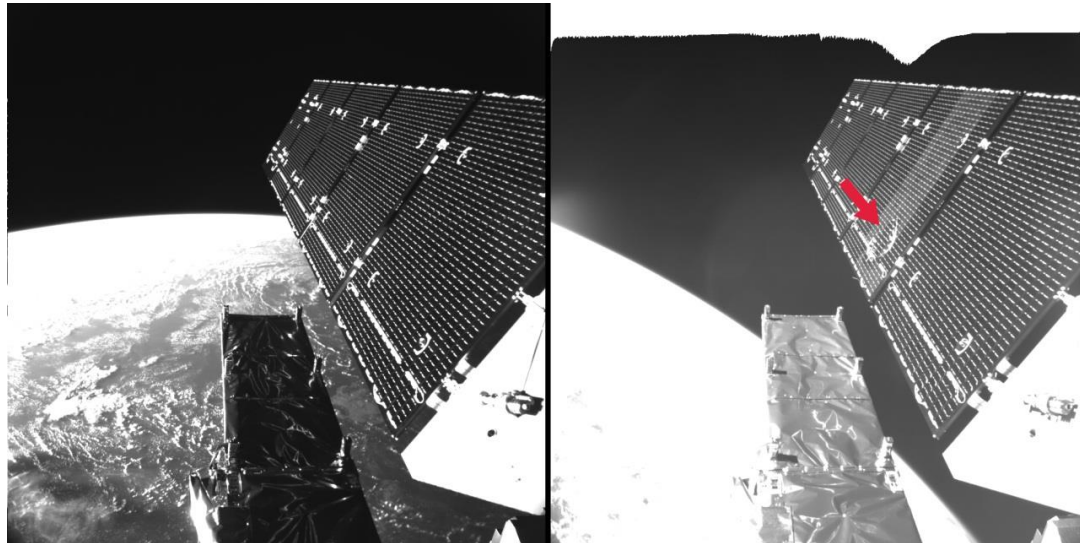
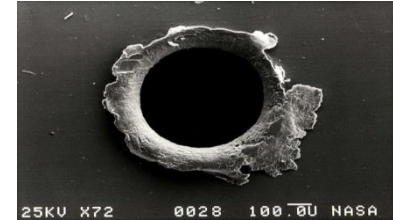


# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## System drivers / Orbits

### 🌐 LOS (FRENCH RULE) TO AVOID GENERATION OF NEW DEBRIS

- 🌐 Controlled desorbitation or
- 🌐 Parking in specific orbit with complete (propulsion and electronic) passivation (25 years in LEO, 100 years in GEO)



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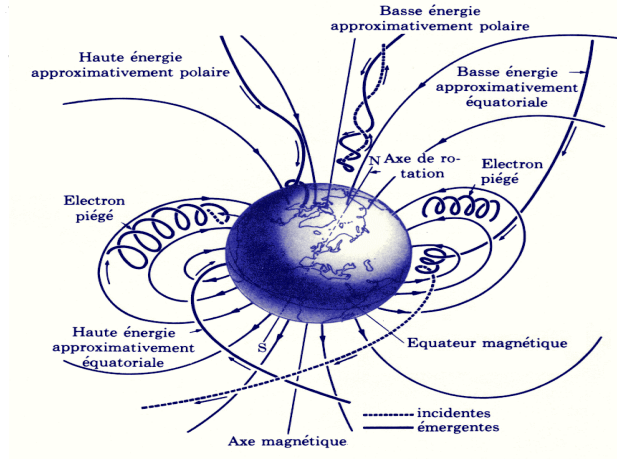
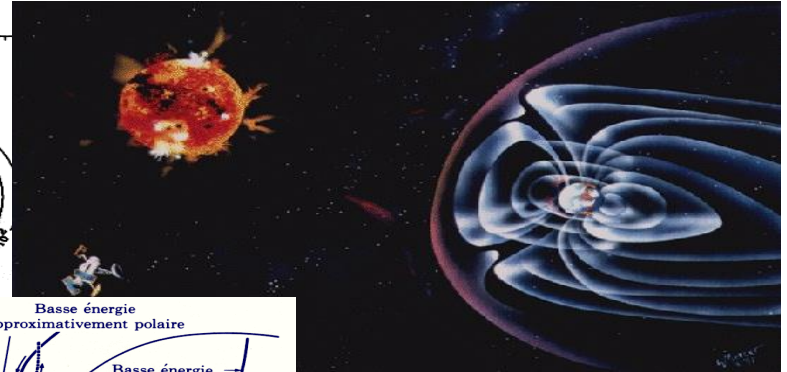
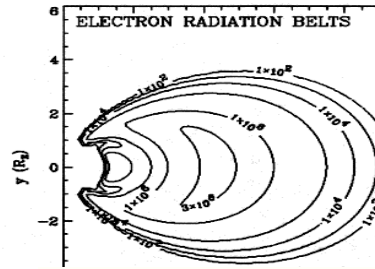
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# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## System drivers / Orbits

### RADIATION SOURCES

-  Trapped electrons  
*Van Allen belts*
-  Trapped protons  
*Van Allen belts*
-  Sun protons  
*Sun eruptions*
-  Space heavy ions  
*Cosmic rays*

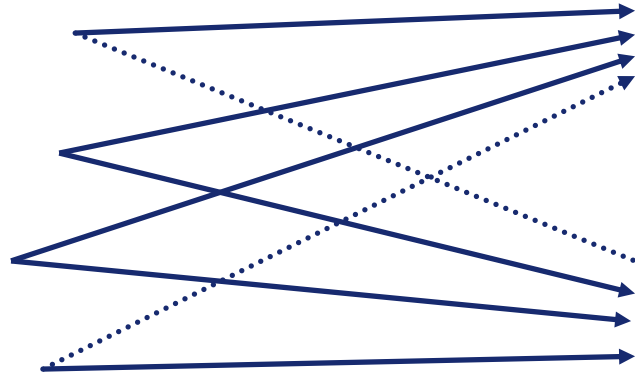


# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## System drivers / Orbits

### RADIATION SOURCES

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*Cosmic rays*



## Effects

### Total dose

Decreasing of semi-conductor performances up to destruction  
SA cells, Mosfets, Bi-polar transistors, ...

### S.E.E.

Transient effect on semi-conductors, may lead to its destruction  
Mosfets, Memory, Amplifiers, ...

-> The radiation environment has a direct impact on the definition & sizing of EPS
















# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## SYSTEM DRIVERS / MISSIONS

### (LIFE) DURATION

-  From few minutes (launchers) to 15 years (Geo)
-  Ageing drifts shall be assessed on each EPS constituent / Even some manufacturers may not be qualified for long term missions (e.g. ABSL batteries)
-  Impact on total radiation dose & nb of thermal cycles

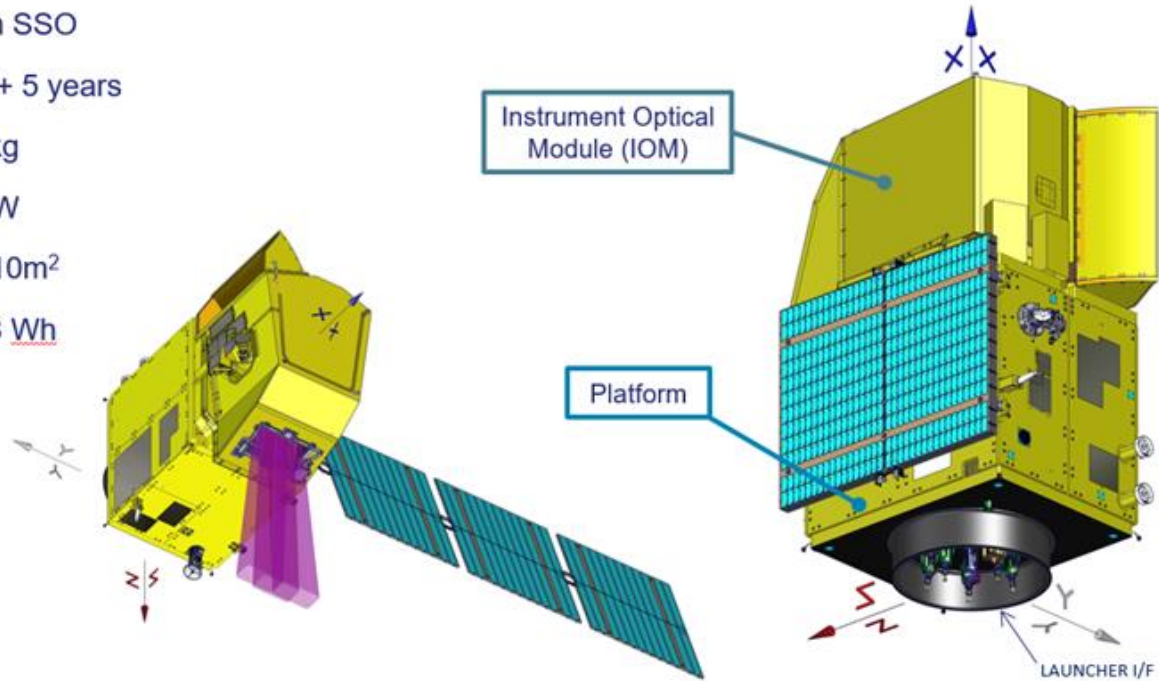
### ENERGY BUDGET

-  Mission profiles
-  Regulated or Not regulated bus VS payload
-  Payload needs
  -  TV broadcasting points a zone of the Earth
  -  Science satellites may point any zone of the sky
  -  Military satellites may point any zone of the earth and shall be very agile
-  Max and Mean power (in sunlight and in eclipse)
-  Orientation (attitude) of the satellite. The attitude constraints directly drive the sizing of the primary and secondary sources: impacts on
  -  Eclipse duration
  -  SA flux
  -  Payload power available (in sunlight and in eclipse)
  -  Definition of recovery / safety attitudes of the S/C
  -  Thermal control
  -  Bus quality
  -  ...

# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## CHIME

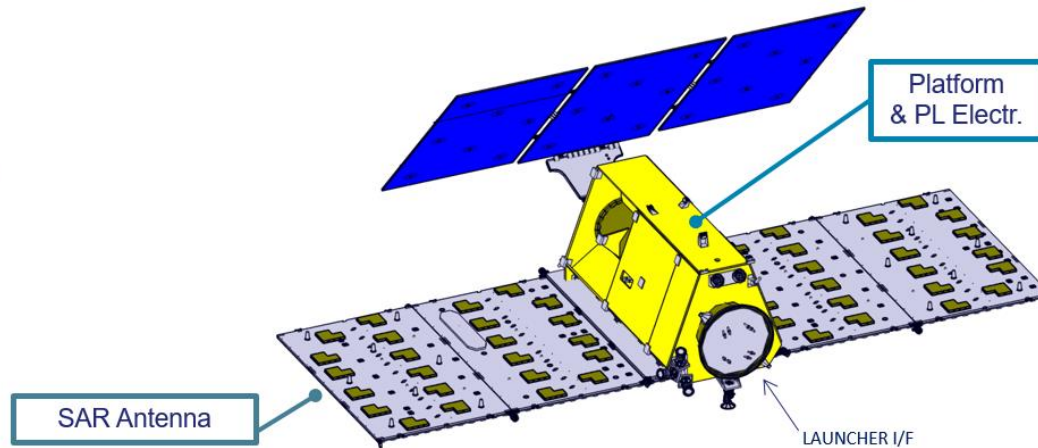
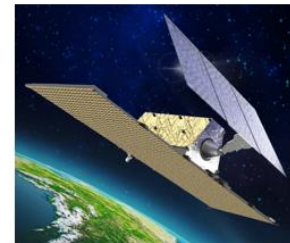
- /// Orbit: 632 km SSO
- /// Lifetime: 7.5 + 5 years
- /// Mass: 1800 kg
- /// Power: 2.2 kW
- /// Solar Array: 10m<sup>2</sup>
- /// Battery: 4608 Wh



# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## ROSE-L

- /// Orbit: 693 km SSO
- /// Lifetime: 7.5 + 5 years
- /// Mass: 2130 kg
- /// Power:  $\approx 6.3$  kW
- /// Solar Array:  $\approx 26$  m<sup>2</sup>
- /// Battery: 10860 Wh

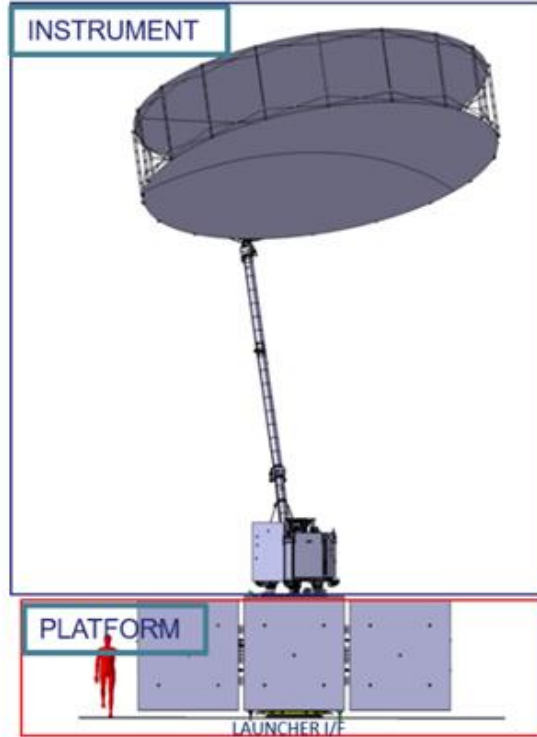




# INTRODUCTION / EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## CIMR

- /// Orbit: 817 km SSO
- /// Lifetime: 7.5 + 5 years
- /// Mass: 1709 kg (dry)
- /// Power:  $\approx 1.96$  kW
- /// Solar Array:  $\approx 14,57$  m<sup>2</sup>
- /// Battery: 3620 Wh



# AGENDA

## 1. Introduction

🚀 EPS – GENERAL INFORMATION

🚀 EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## 2. Primary power sources

🚀 SOLAR CELLS & SOLAR ARRAYS

🚀 OTHERS

## 3. Secondary power sources - batteries

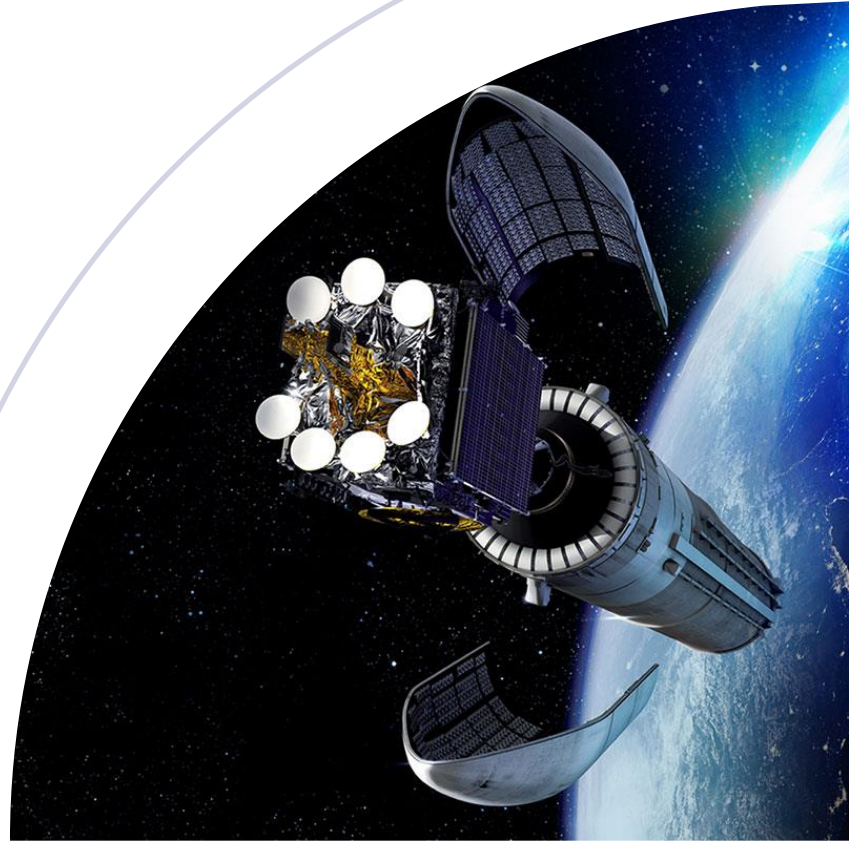
## 4. Power Management, Control & Distribution

🚀 ARCHITECTURE

🚀 PCU / PCDU EXAMPLES

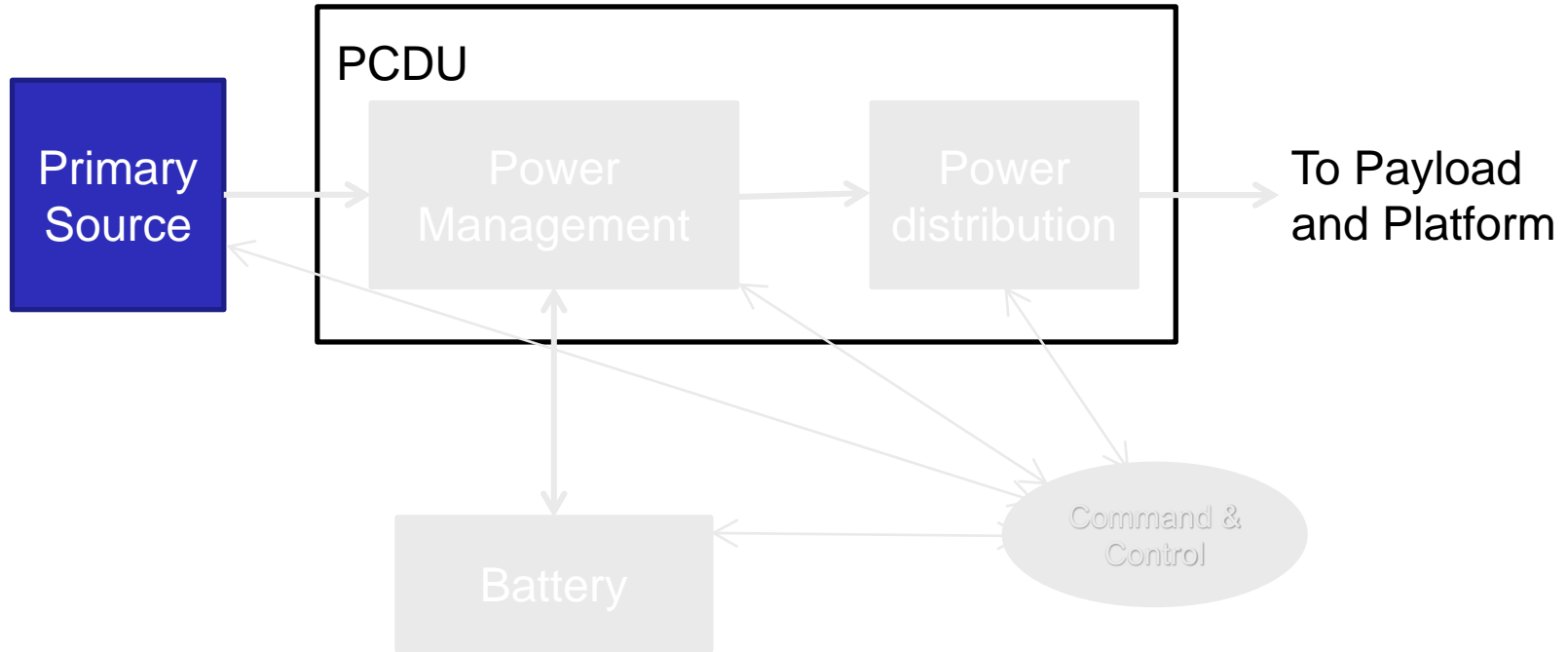
## 5. Power budget - practical exercise

## 6. Conclusions



# INTRODUCTION / EPS GENERAL INFORMATION

## General functional block diagram



# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

## SA cells

🚀 A SOLAR CELL IS COMPOSED OF A SEMI-CONDUCTOR MATERIAL AND CONVERTS PHOTONS TO ELECTRONS

🚀 PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFECT

- 🚀 The solar flux is reflected, absorbed by the solar cell or crosses it
- 🚀 Every absorbed photon whose energy is greater than semi-conductor gap is going to release an electron and to create a positive « hole » (lack of electron). This electron is part of the crystalline network
- 🚀 Photons with excess energy dissipate it as heat in the cell, leading to reduced efficiency
- 🚀 An electrical field is introduced in the cell in order to separate this pair of opposite charges

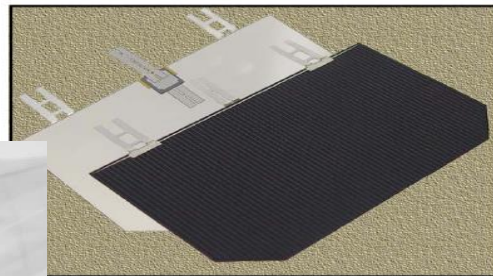
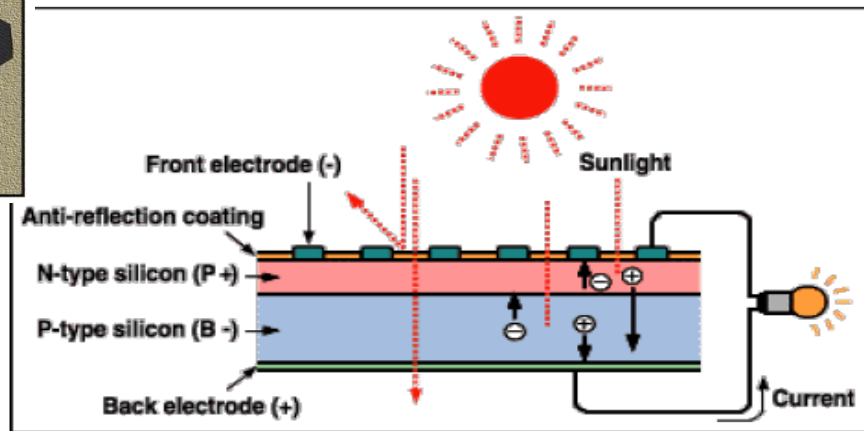


Illustration SPECTROLAB

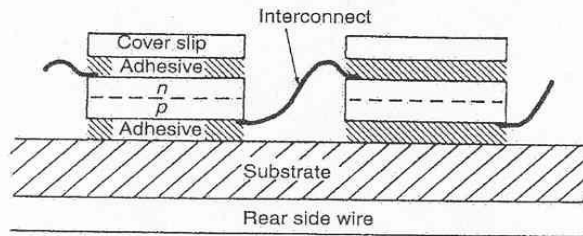
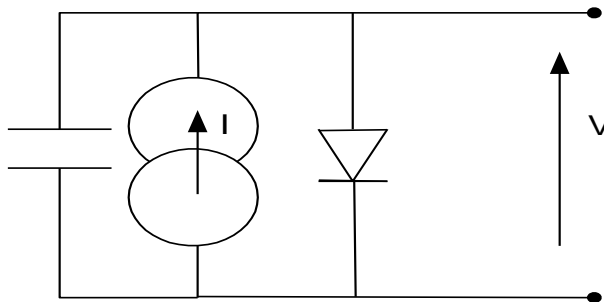


# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

## Equivalent circuit diagram

 EACH SOLAR CELL IS EQUIVALENT TO

-  a current source in parallel with
-  a capacitor (variable) and
-  a diode



**Figure 10.3** Schematic of a typical solar cell assembly

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

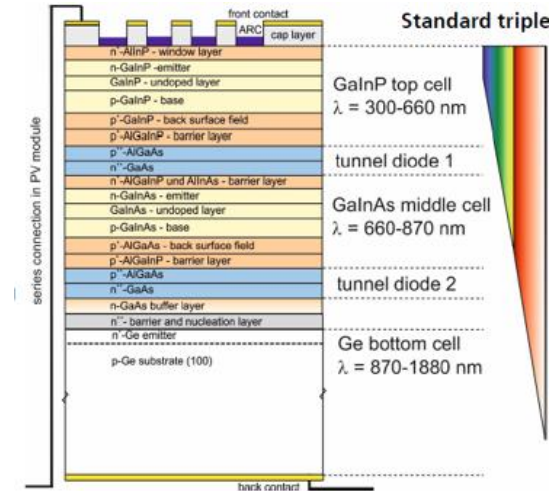
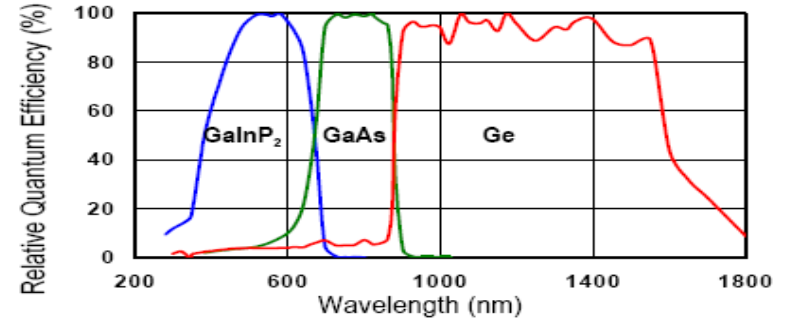
## Solar arrays – performances

### TYPICAL PERFORMANCES AFTER 15 YEARS IN GEO

- Silicon: 100 W / m<sup>2</sup>
- High efficiency silicon: 130 W / m<sup>2</sup>
- AsGa (mono junction): 170 W / m<sup>2</sup>
- AsGa double junction: 200 W / m<sup>2</sup>
- AsGa triple junction: 240 W / m<sup>2</sup>

### POWER / KG:

- Silicon or AsGa/Ge: 40-50 W/kg
- Multi junctions: 50-60 W/kg



# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

## SA cell efficiency & characteristics

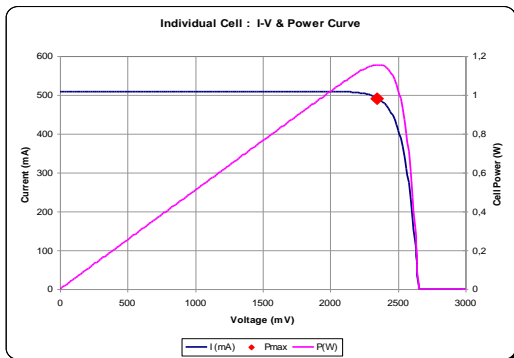


### Electrical Data

|   |      | BOL   | 2,5E14 | 5E14  | 1E15  |
|---|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Average Open Circuit $V_{oc}$                             | [mV] | 2700  | 2616   | 2564  | 2522  |
| Average Short Circuit $I_{sc}$                            | [mA] | 520.2 | 518.5  | 514.0 | 501.9 |
| Voltage at max. Power $V_{mp}$                            | [mV] | 2411  | 2345   | 2290  | 2246  |
| Current at max. Power $I_{mp}$                            | [mA] | 504.4 | 503.2  | 500.6 | 486.6 |
| Average Efficiency $\eta_{bare}$ (1367 W/m <sup>2</sup> ) | [%]  | 29.5  | 28.6   | 27.8  | 26.5  |
| Average Efficiency $\eta_{bare}$ (1353 W/m <sup>2</sup> ) | [%]  | 29.8  | 28.9   | 28.1  | 26.8  |

Standard: CASOLBA 2005 (05-20MV1, etc); Spectrum: AMO WRC = 1367 W/m<sup>2</sup>; T = 28 °C

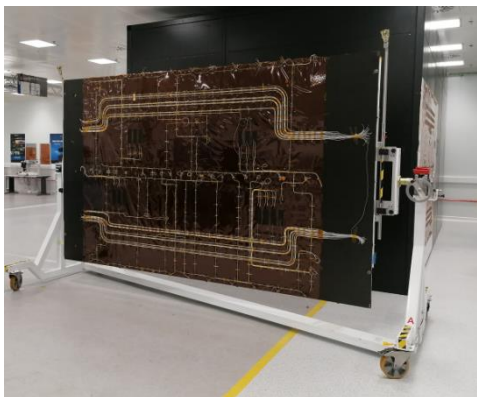
@fluence 1MeV [e/cm<sup>2</sup>]



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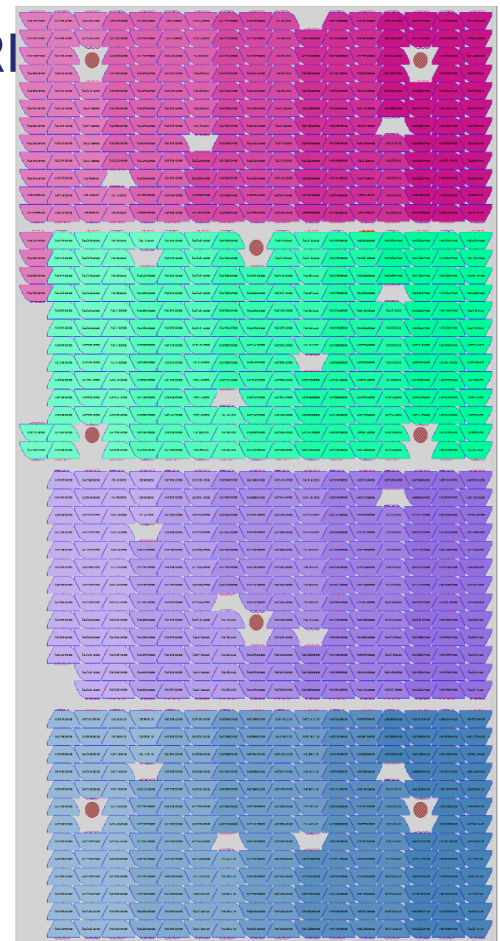
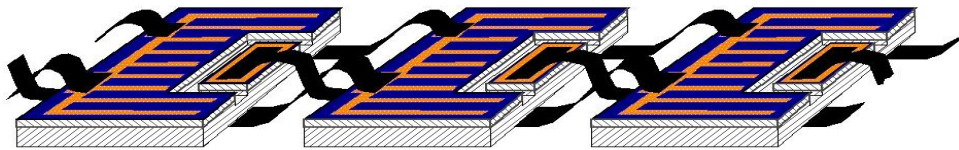
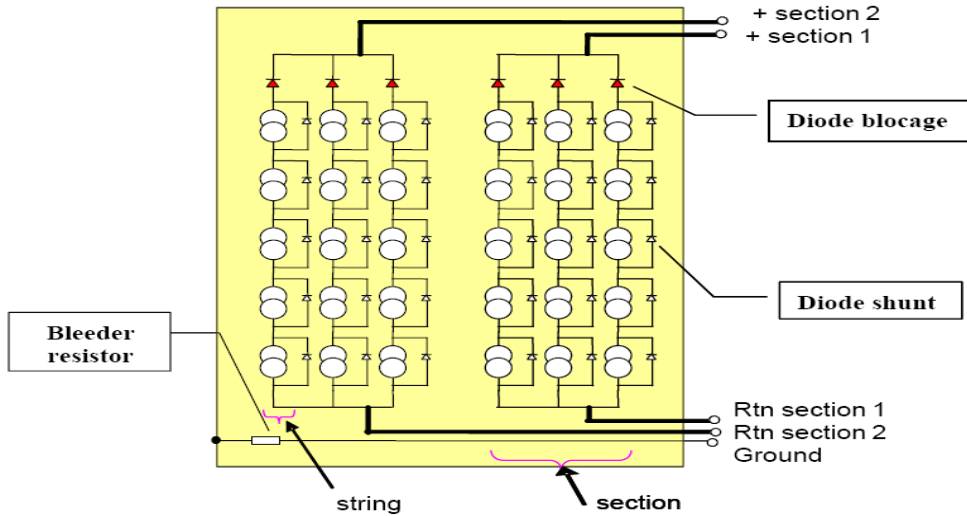
## Solar arrays

- 🌐 A SOLAR CELL PRODUCES SOME HUNDREDS OF MILLIWATTS
- 🌐 A SOLAR ARRAY (SA) IS COMPOSED OF THOUSANDS CELLS ASSEMBLED IN SERIES AND IN PARALLEL
  - 🌐 The network = cells + interconnections + cabling + diodes
  - 🌐 A string = assembling of cells in series to obtain the desired voltage
  - 🌐 A section = strings in parallel to obtain the desired current
- 🌐 SECTIONS ARE INDEPENDENT

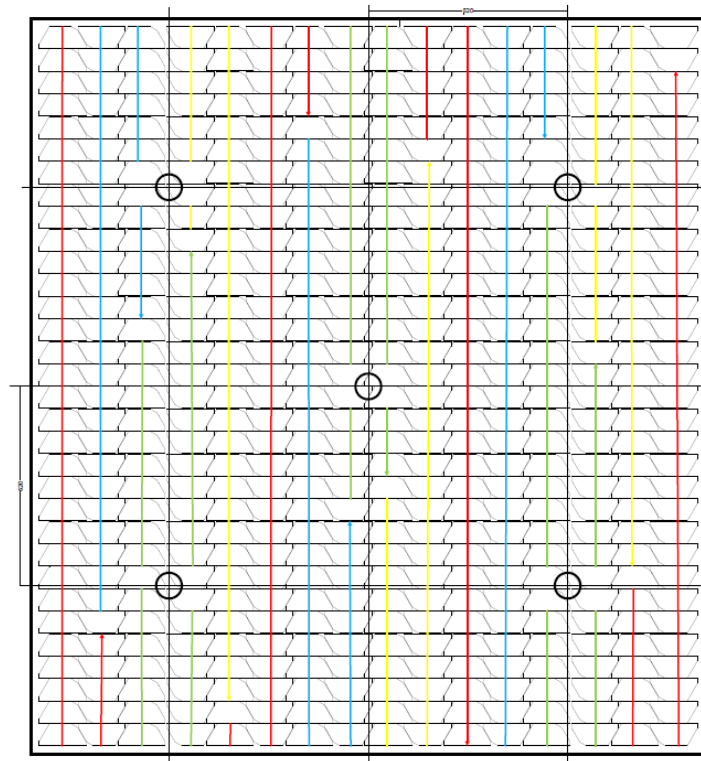
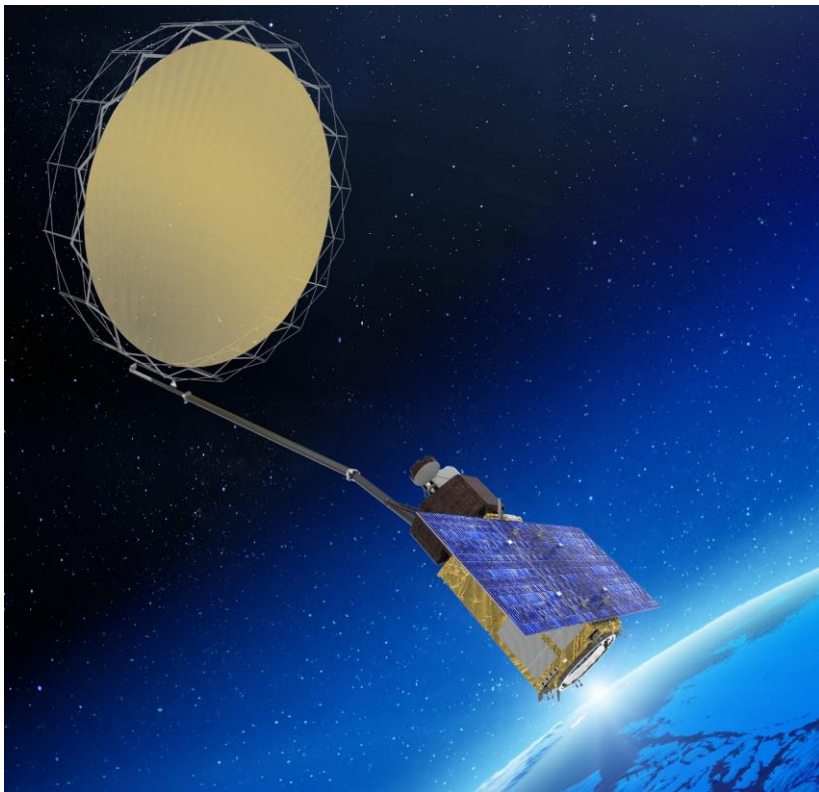




# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARR



# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS



**Copernicus CIMR Wing panel 37s 13p  
2290 mm x 2100 mm dimension**

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# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

Panel, glue, coverglass, ...

## SUBSTRATE

-  Kapton with glass – or carbon- reinforcement

## GLUE, ADHESIVE

-  Fix SA cell on SA panel
-  Fix the coverglass on the cell
-  Ensure electrical & thermal conductivity

## PANEL (HONEYCOMB)

-  Support SA cells
-  Transfer heat to bottom side
-  Face high thermal gradient
-  Be compatible with deployment and orientation mechanisms

## COVERGLASS

-  Protect SA cell against ATOX
-  Protect SA cell against radiation
-  Limit the UV flux to the adhesive layer and to the cell by allowing suitable wavelength selection, via a good optical coupling (between free-space and glass & between glass and adhesive)

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

## Efficiency degradation factors

### CELLS MISMATCH & CALIBRATION

### MISSION LIFETIME

Loss of power: 1% to 2% every year (depends of the orbit)

### RADIATION EFFECTS

## Radiation Degradation

(Fluence 1MeV Electrons/cm<sup>2</sup>)

| Parameters           | 1x10 <sup>14</sup> | 5x10 <sup>14</sup> | 1x10 <sup>15</sup> |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Imp/Imp <sub>0</sub> | 0.99               | 0.98               | 0.96               |
| Vmp/Vmp <sub>0</sub> | 0.94               | 0.91               | 0.89               |
| Pmp/Pmp <sub>0</sub> | 0.93               | 0.89               | 0.86               |

### UV

### METEORITE IMPACT

### ATOX DENSITY

Aggressive and corrosive environment (tied to the LEO) on cover glass protection and on exposed interconnection (oxidation of silver and then increase of resistivity)

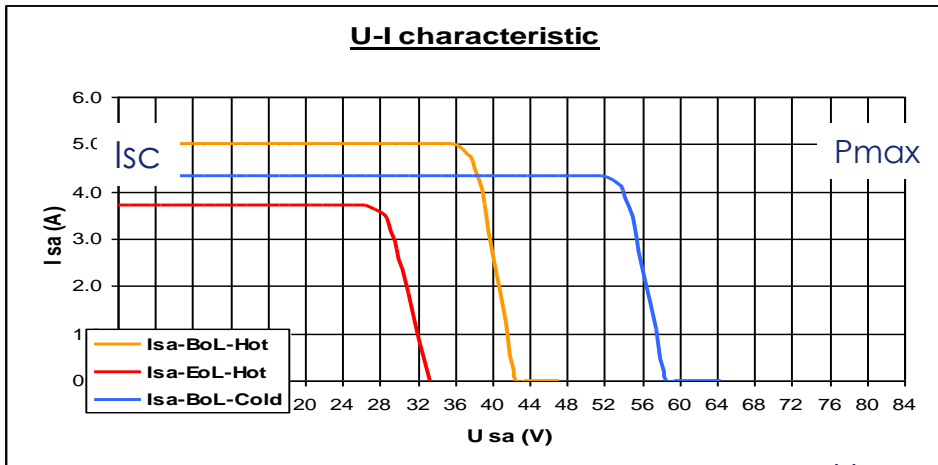
|                  | BOL      | EOL SS   | EOL WS   | Isc Max  | Voc Max  |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Duration         | 0,0      | 12,5     | 12,5     | 0,0      | 0,0      |
| Cell Mismatch    | 0,990    | 0,990    | 0,990    | 1,010    | 1,010    |
| Cell Calibration | 0,970    | 0,970    | 0,970    | 1,000    | 1,000    |
| RSS              | 0,968    | 0,968    | 0,968    | 1,010    | 1,010    |
| CVG Loss         | 0,982    | 0,982    | 0,982    | 0,995    | 0,995    |
| UV + μM          | 1,000    | 0,969    | 0,969    | 1,000    | 1,000    |
| ATOX             | 1,000    | 1,000    | 1,000    | 1,000    | 1,000    |
| Dataset Uncert.  | 1,000    | 1,000    | 1,000    | 1,020    | 1,000    |
| Pointing Error   | 0,9998   | 0,9998   | 0,9998   | 0,9998   | 0,9998   |
| Life Loss        | 0,982    | 0,951    | 0,951    | 1,015    | 0,995    |
| String //        | 13       | 13       | 13       | 6        | 1        |
| Cell serie       | 37       | 37       | 37       | 37       | 37       |
| V bus            | 70,0     | 70,0     | 70,0     | 0,0      | 0,0      |
| Delta V          | 2,8      | 2,8      | 2,8      | 2,8      | 2,8      |
| V fluence (EOL)  | 0,00E+00 | 2,11E+14 | 2,11E+14 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |
| I fluence (EOL)  | 0,00E+00 | 9,89E+13 | 9,89E+13 | 0,00E+00 | 0,00E+00 |
| Solar flux       | 1323     | 1323     | 1413     | 1413     | 1413     |
| Declinaison      | 0,00     | 32,00    | 0,00     | 0,00     | 0,00     |

|                          |        |        |        |         |          |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Temp NOP                 | 99,4°C | 95,3°C | 99,3°C | 122,0°C | NA       |
| Temp OP                  | 80,0°C | 80,0°C | 80,0°C | 121,3°C | -130,0°C |
| Isc                      | 17,4   | 14,2   | 17,9   | 9,23    |          |
| Iop                      | 16,80  | 13,07  | 16,70  | 0       | 0        |
| Voc                      | 80,6   | 76,4   | 76,3   | 76,1    | 129,34   |
| Vmp                      | 73,2   | 68,9   | 69,6   |         |          |
| Imp                      | 16,31  | 13,33  | 16,80  |         |          |
| Power @ Vmp              | 1194   | 918    | 1170   |         |          |
| Power @ Vbus             | 1176   | 915    | 1169   | 0       | 0        |
| Power @ Vbus 1Str Failed | 1085   | 844    | 1079   |         |          |

Datas of Copernicus CIMR Wing panel 37s 13p

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

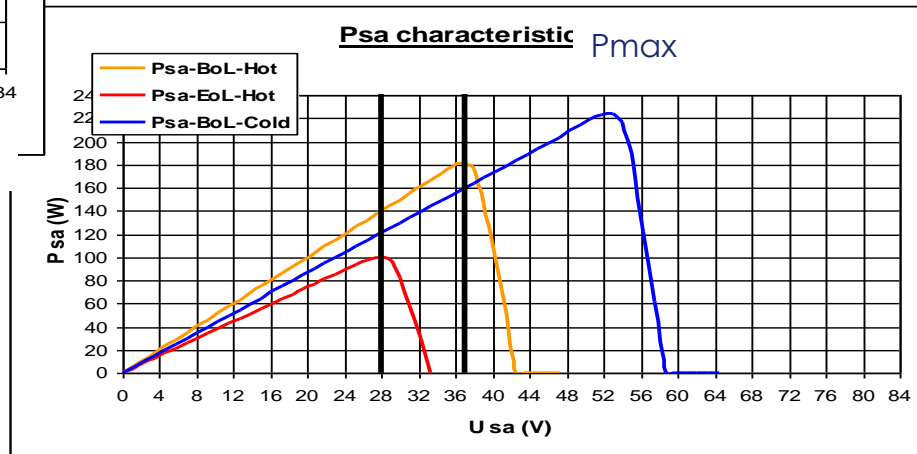
Optimal working point – at max. available power



$P_{max}$  is largely depending of temperature & ageing

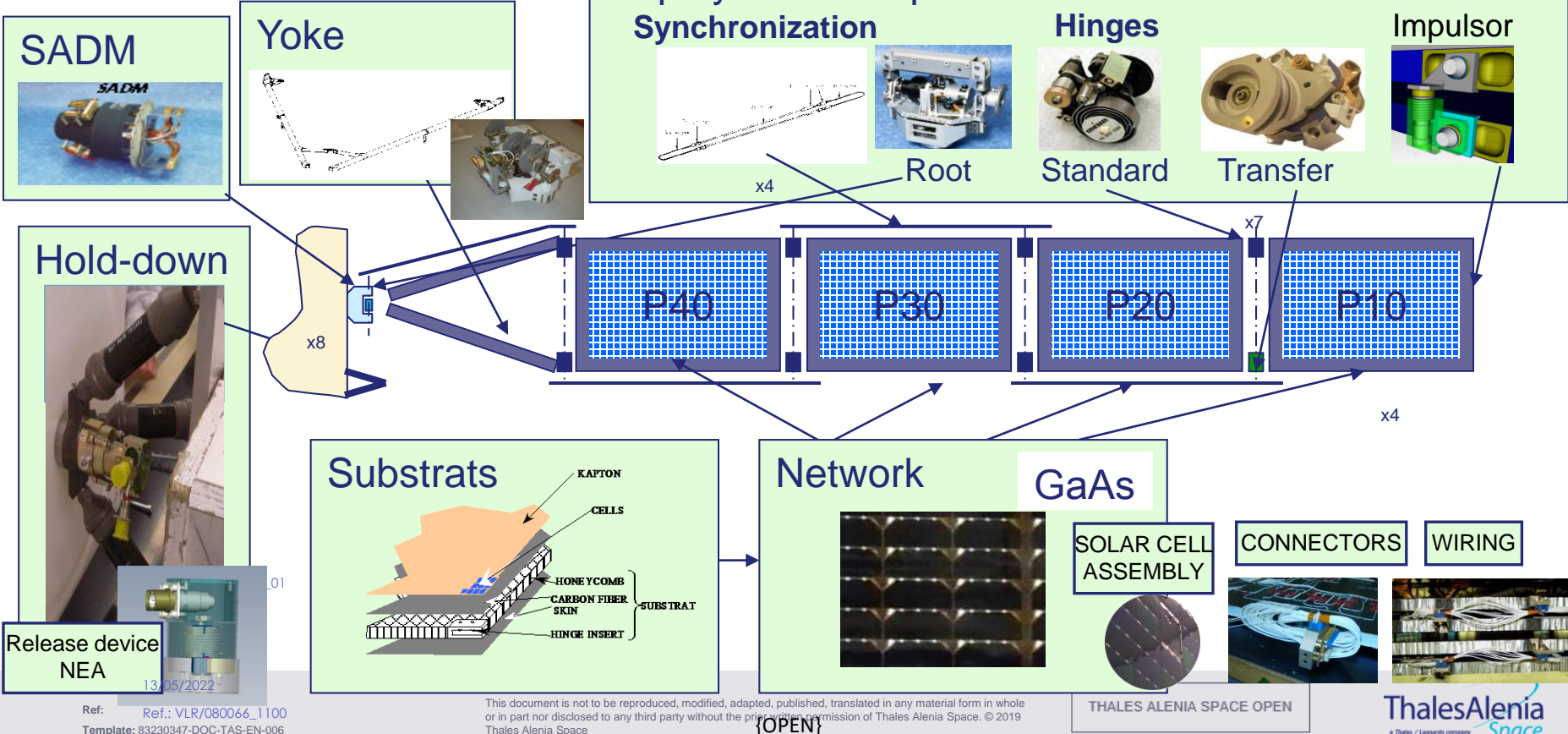
Temperature is linked to

- ☾ The incoming flux
  - ☾ Direct solar flux
  - ☾ Albedo
  - ☾ IR flux of the earth
- ☾ The outgoing flux
  - ☾ Flux reflected by the cells
  - ☾ Power delivered to the satellite
  - ☾ IR flux of the front and rear part of the SA



# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

## Wing architecture



# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / SOLAR CELLS & ARRAYS

## Solar arrays – Types

### FIXED

- Solar cells are glued on the structure of the satellite
- The power is limited by the surface of the satellite

### DEPLOYABLE (FIXED)

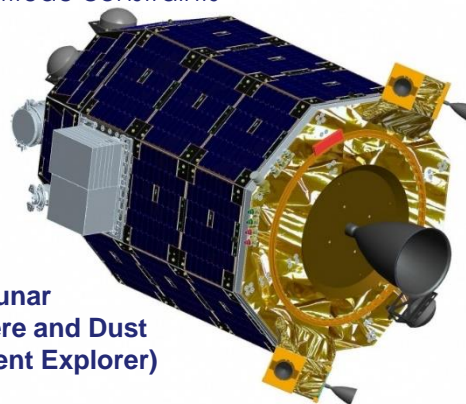
- Solar cells are glued on flaps (folded at launch and deployed in orbit)
- Difficult to manage the attitude constraints

### DEPLOYABLE AND MOBILE

- 1-degree of freedom



CIMR



LADEE (Lunar  
Atmosphere and Dust  
Environment Explorer)



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# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / FUEL CELLS

Electromechanical devices performing a controlled chemical reaction (oxidation) to derive electrical energy (rather than heat energy)

## ADVANTAGES

- Minimal thermal changes
- Compact and flexible solution
- Production of water (manned mission)

## DRAWBACKS

- Need of fuels: hydrogen & oxygen yielding water as the reaction product

USED FOR SHUTTLE ORBITER, LUNAR ROVER, ...

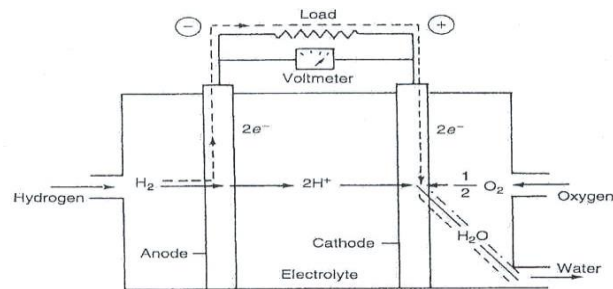


Figure 10.10 Schematic of a hydrogen/oxygen fuel cell. At the anode–electrolyte interface, hydrogen dissociates into hydrogen ions and electrons. The hydrogen ions migrate through the electrolyte to the cathode interface where they combine with the electrons that have traversed the load [2] (From Angrist, S. W. (1982) *Direct Energy Conversion*, 4th edn, Copyright Allyn and Bacon, New York)



# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / FUEL CELLS

Typical current-voltage curve for a hydrogen/oxygen fuel cell

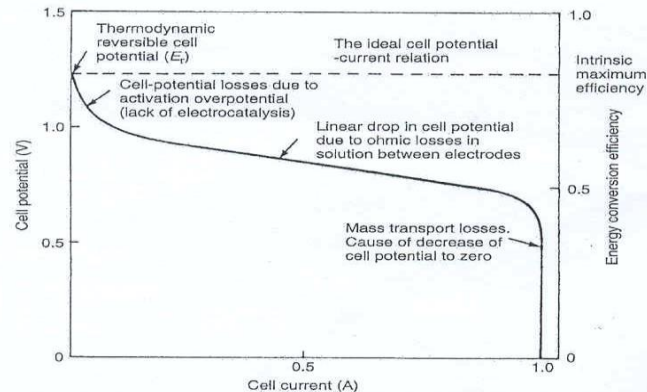


Figure 10.11 Typical cell potential and efficiency-current relation of an electrochemical electricity producer showing regions of major influence of various types of overpotential losses (Source [10])

Performance summary of fuel

| System                  | Specific power (W/kg) | Operation  | Comment  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| Gemini                  | 33                    | 240 h      | Not drinking water                                 |
| Apollo                  | 25                    |            | Operated at 505 K<br>24 h start-up / 17 h shutdown |
| Shuttle                 | 275                   | 2500 h     | 15 min start-up / instantaneous shutdown           |
| SPE technology          | 110 – 146             | > 40000 h  |  |
| Alkaline technology     | 367                   | > 3000 h   |  |
| Alkaline technology     | 110                   | > 40 000 h |  |
| Goal (lightweight cell) | 550                   |            |  |

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / FUEL CELLS

## Use of fuel cell as « secondary power source »

 **REGENERATIVE FUEL CELLS (100 KW SYSTEM POWER) ELECTROLYZE OF WATER IS PERFORMED DURING THE 'CHARGE' CYCLE THANKS TO PRIMARY SOURCE POWER**

### **ADVANTAGE**

 Lower SA power need thanks to judicious sizing of the fuel

### **DRAWBACK**

 Lower efficiency (50 – 60 %) than battery

 **INTERESTING FOR LEO OPERATIONS WHERE ATMOSPHERIC DRAG IS IMPORTANT (VERY LOW ORBITS) -  
> REDUCTION OF PROPELLANT USED FOR ORBIT CONTROL**

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / RTG

Deep-space missions (further than Mars) or Military use

- LONG TIME MISSIONS, NOT-COMPATIBLE WITH FUEL CELLS

- FAR FROM SUN, NOT-COMPATIBLE WITH SA

  - Decrease of SA flux partially compensated by increased of cell efficiency due to decrease of temperature  $(\frac{rE}{rSC})^{1.5}$

-> Use of radioactive decay process, use of thermoelectric effect

## Thermoelectric effect

- GENERATION OF A VOLTAGE BETWEEN (SEMI-CONDUCTOR) MATERIALS MAINTAINING A TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE. POWER FUNCTION OF:

  - Absolute  $T^\circ$  of hot junction
  - $T^\circ$  difference between materials
  - Properties of materials

- LOW EFFICIENCY (< 10 %)

-> REMOVING WASTE HEAT MAY BE AN ISSUE

- HEAT SOURCE: SPONTANEOUS DECAY OF A RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, EMITTING HIGH-ENERGY PARTICLES, HEATING ABSORBING MATERIALS

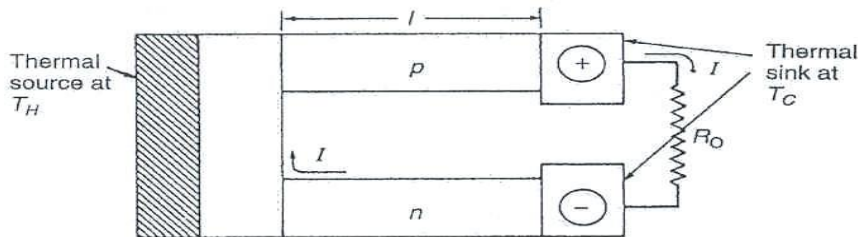


Figure 10.12 Schematic diagram of a semiconductor radioisotope generator (From Angrist, S. W. (1982) *Direct energy conversion*, 4th edn, Copyright Allyn and Bacon, New York)

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / RTG

## Advantages

- 🚀 POWER PRODUCTION INDEPENDENT OF S/C ORIENTATION & SHADOWING
- 🚀 INDEPENDENCE OF DISTANCE FROM SUN
- 🚀 LOW POWER LEVEL MAY BE PROVIDED FOR LONG TIME PERIOD
- 🚀 NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO RADIATION DAMAGE
- 🚀 COMPATIBLE WITH LONG ECLIPSE (E.G. LUNAR LANDERS)

## Drawbacks

- 🚀 Affect the radiation environment of S/C (deployment away from the main satellite bus)
- 🚀 Radioactive source induce safety precautions in AIT
- 🚀 High  $t^\circ$  operation required -> impact thermal environment of S/C
- 🚀 Interfere with plasma diagnostic equipment (scientific missions)
- 🚀 Environmental risk in case of launch failure or S/C crash

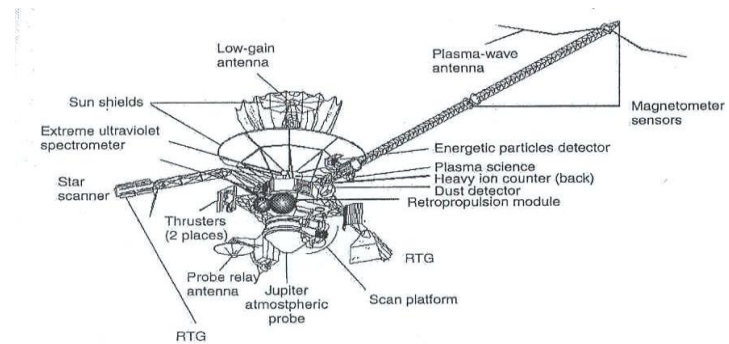
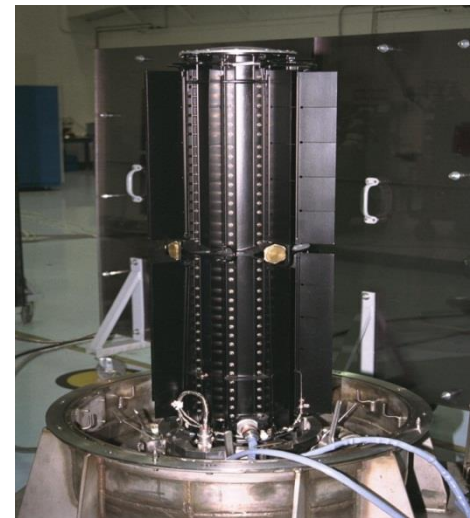


Figure 10.13 The Galileo spacecraft configuration, showing the position of the RTG sources (Courtesy of NASA/JPL/Caltech)

# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / RTG & OTHERS

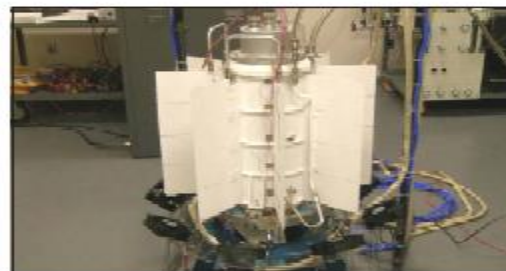
## Example of RTG

|                            |       |          |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| 🪐 CASSINI (SATURN MISSION) | 628 W | 195 W/KG |
| 🪐 GALILEO PROBE/ULYSSES    | 285 W | 195 W/KG |
| 🪐 NIMBUS/VIKING/PIONNER    | 35 W  | 457 W/KG |
| 🪐 APPOLO LANDER            | 25 W  | 490 W/KG |
| 🪐 MARS SCIENCE LABORATORY  | 120 W | 416 W/KG |



## Nuclear fission

- 🪐 FISSIBLE MATERIAL (E.G. URANIUM-235) USE OF NUCLEAR FISSION PROCESS (AS FOR TERRESTRIAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT)
- 🪐 USED TO DRIVE THERMOELECTRIC CONVERTER



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# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / OTHERS

## Solar heat

- 🚀 USE OF SUN ENERGY TO DRIVE A HEAT ENGINE AND THEN A ROTARY CONVERTER TO ELECTRICITY OR A THERMOELECTRIC CONVERTER
- 🚀 CONCEPT INTERESTING FOR SPACE STATION
  - 🚀 Reduced drag (reducing area of SA panels)
  - 🚀 Reduced maintenance effort

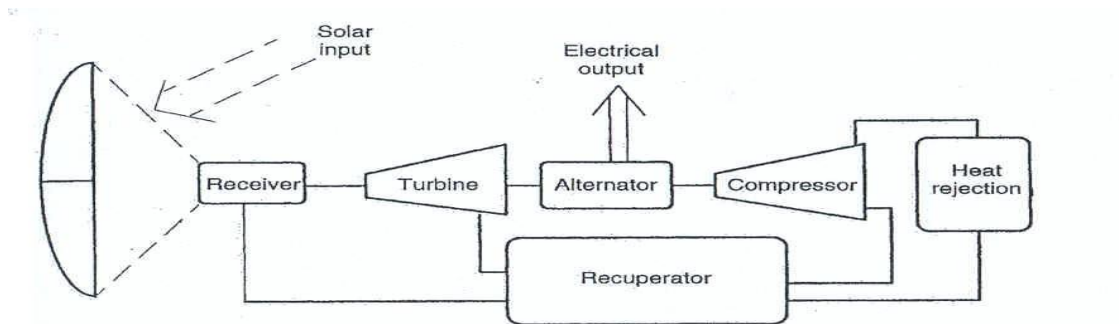


Figure 10.14 Solar dynamic Brayton cycle




# PRIMARY POWER SOURCES / OTHERS

## Other sources

### Fuel Cell

-  Regenerative fuel cells (100 kW system power) electrolyze of water is performed during the 'charge' cycle thanks to primary source power
-  Interesting for very large mission, no application today

### RTG. RadioThermal Generator => e.g. Voyager 1 & 2

-  Generation of a voltage between (semi-conductor) materials maintaining a temperature difference.
-  Low efficiency (< 10 %)
-  Interesting for deep space missions (beyond Jupiter)

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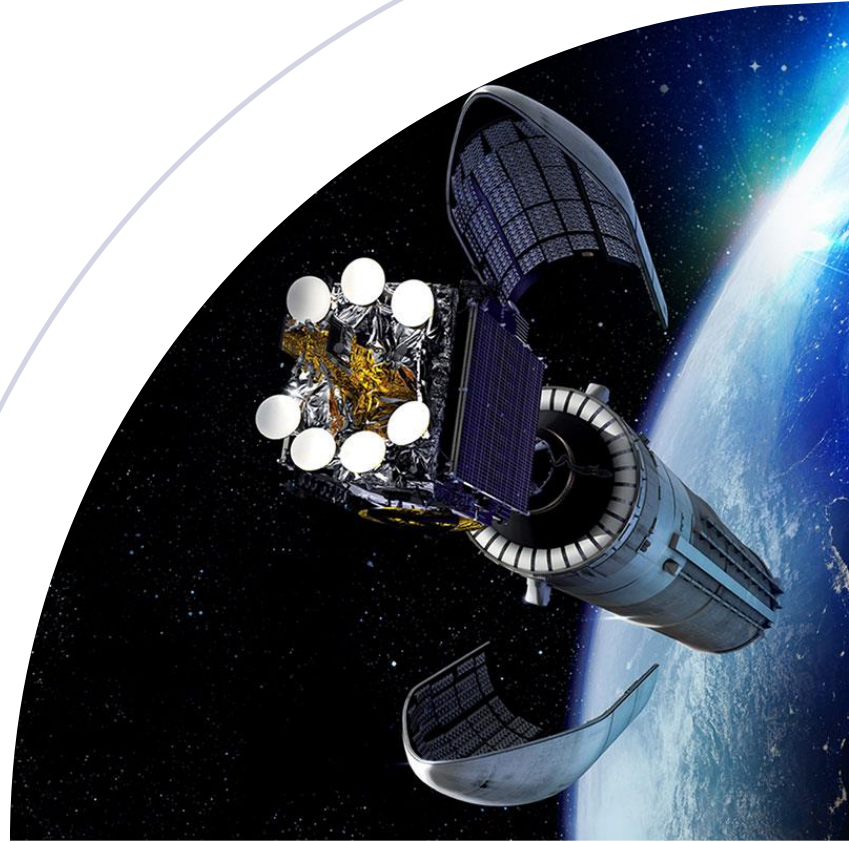
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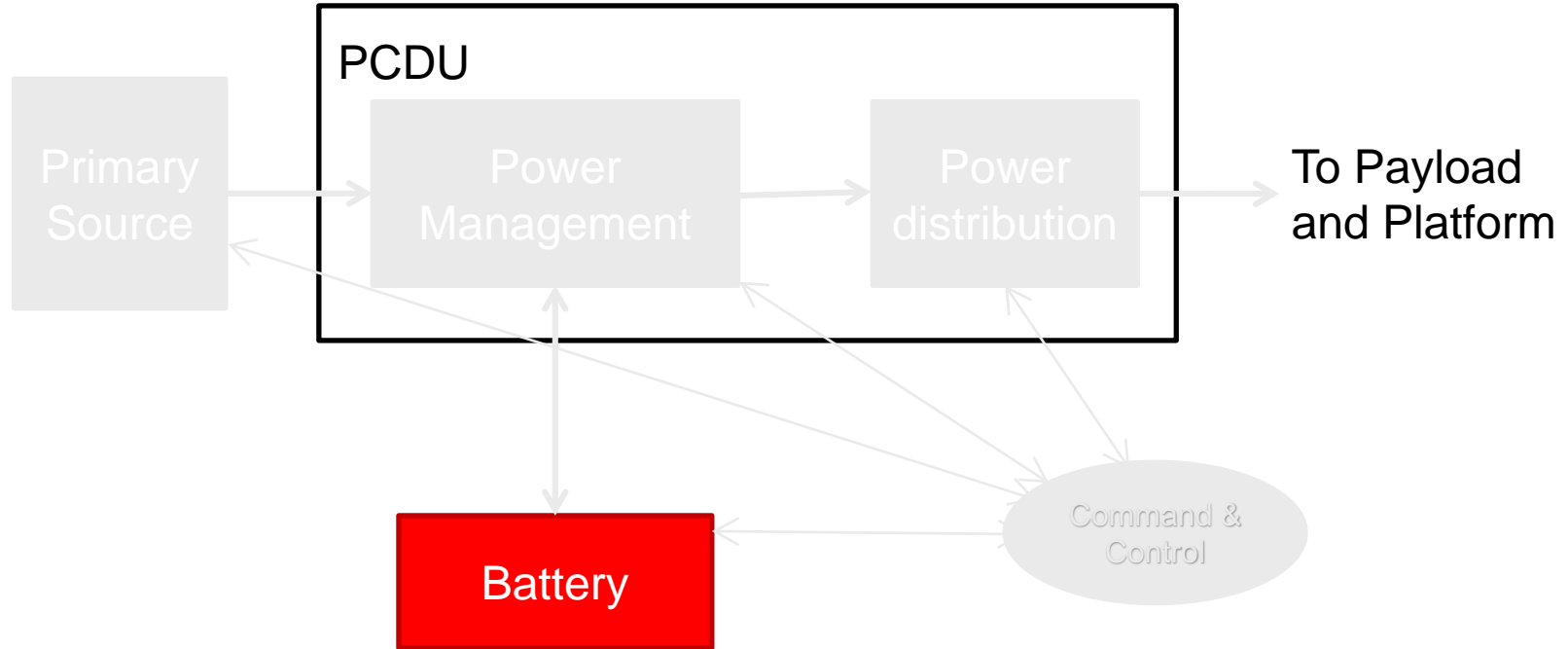
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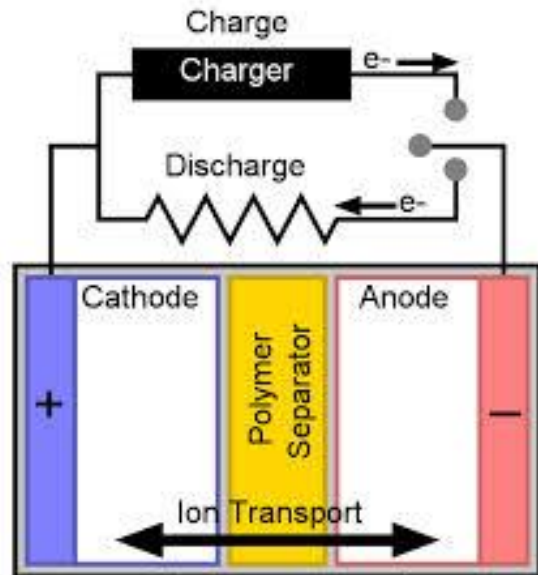
## General functional block diagram



# SECONDARY POWER SOURCES

## Accumulators

- 🌐 **ELECTROMECHANICAL DEVICES PERFORMING A CONTROLLED CHEMICAL REACTION TO DERIVE ELECTRICAL ENERGY**
- 🌐 **DURING DISCHARGE, THE POSITIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL IS REDUCED, ABSORBING ELECTRONS, AND THE NEGATIVE MATERIAL IS OXIDIZED, RELEASING ELECTRONS. IONS ARE DISSOLVED INTO AN ELECTROLYTE AND TRANSFERRED THROUGH A SEPARATOR (WHICH IS AN ELECTRIC INSULATOR) TO EQUILIBRATE THE CHARGE.**
- 🌐 **IF THE ELECTRODE MATERIALS ARE CHOSEN SO THAT THESE REACTIONS ARE REVERSIBLE, THE CELL CAN BE RECHARGED. IT IS CALLED SECONDARY (I.E. RECHARGEABLE).**

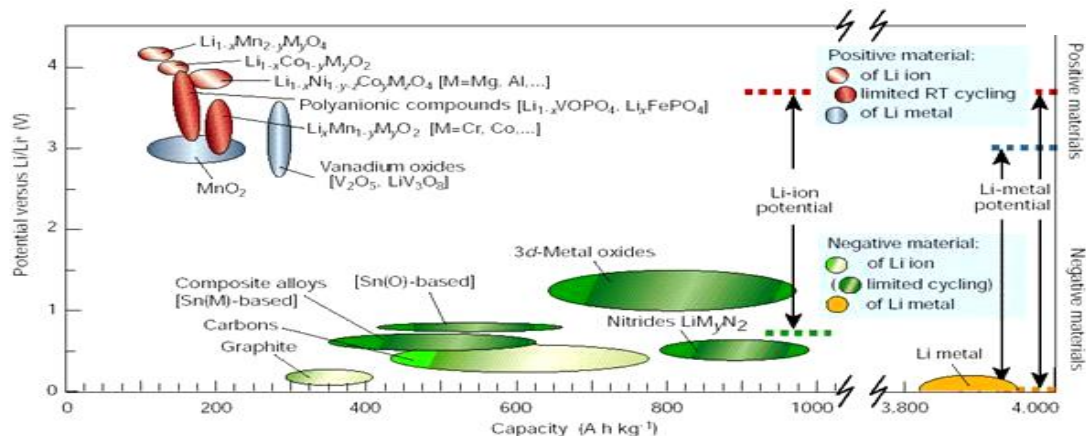
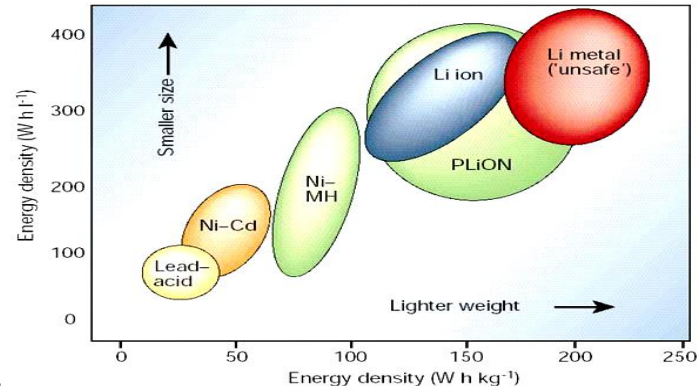


# SECONDARY POWER SOURCES

## Accumulators

### CRITICAL PARAMETERS

- Charge/discharge rate
- Depth of Discharge
- Extent of over-discharging
- Thermal sensitivity to each of these parameters



# SECONDARY POWER SOURCES

## Typical Characteristics

🌐 Capacity : a battery's capacity is the amount of electric charge it can store. Capacity is given in A.h (1 A.h = 3600 Coulomb).

🌐 1.5Ah -> 100Ah

🌐 C rate: the C-rate signifies a charge or discharge rate relative to the capacity of a battery in one hour.

🌐 Cell Open Circuit Voltage : difference between cell electrode potentials

🌐 Voltage range

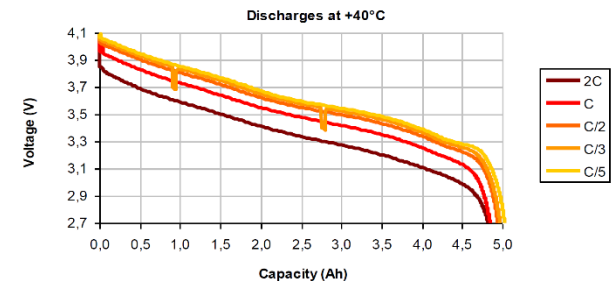
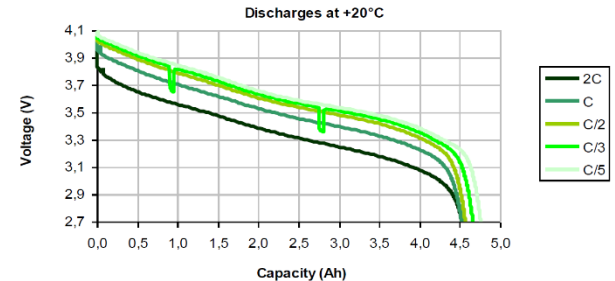
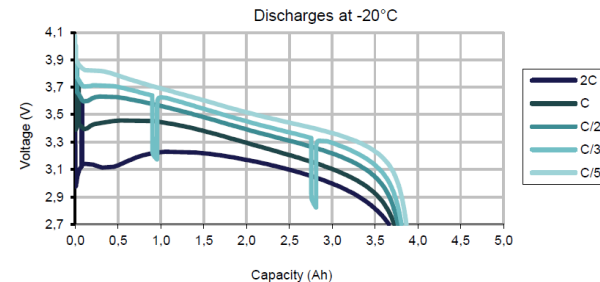
🌐 4.1V -> 3.3V (or 3V or 2.7V)

🌐 Series Resistance

🌐 1mΩ -> 10mΩ

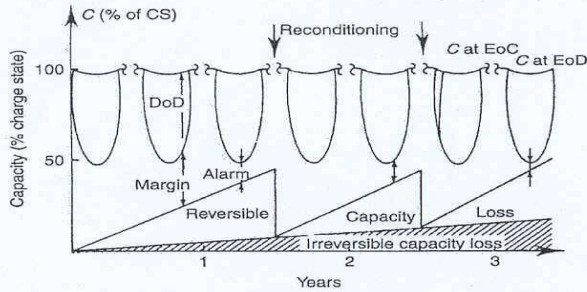
🌐 Leakage current

🌐 0mA -> 5mA

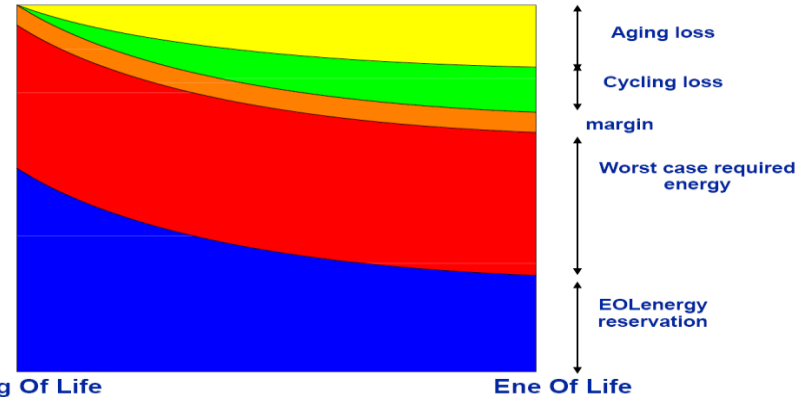
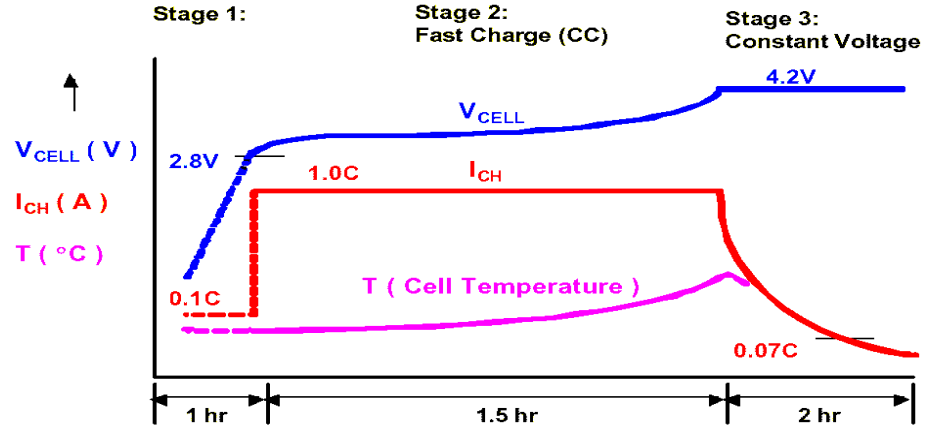


# SECONDARY POWER SOURCES

## Battery tapering & energy sizing



**Figure 10.16** Battery reconditioning via complete discharge to improve battery capacity. Both reversible and irreversible capacity loss occurs [17] (Reproduced by permission of European Space Agency and P. Montalenti)



# SECONDARY POWER SOURCES

## Battery

### ● ROLE: SUPPORT THE SOLAR ARRAY DURING

- LEOP phases
- Eclipses
- Loss of sun pointing
- Peak power demands
- ...

### ● SERIES / PARALLEL ASSEMBLING OF ACCUMULATOR CELLS

- In series to reach the desired voltage
  - 22-37 V in LEO
  - Galileo FoC: 42.5 V
  - SPACEBUS 4000/NEO: 100 V
- In parallel to reach the desired capacity

### ● BALANCING

- Mandatory in GEO
  - deep discharges (up to 80%)
- Trade OFF in LEO:
  - Thousands of cycles
  - smaller discharges



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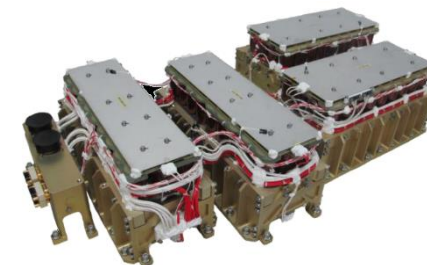
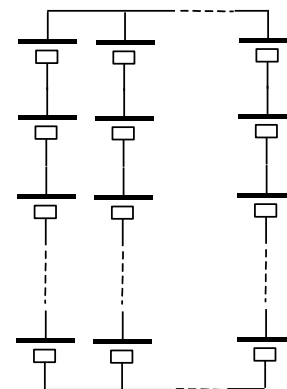


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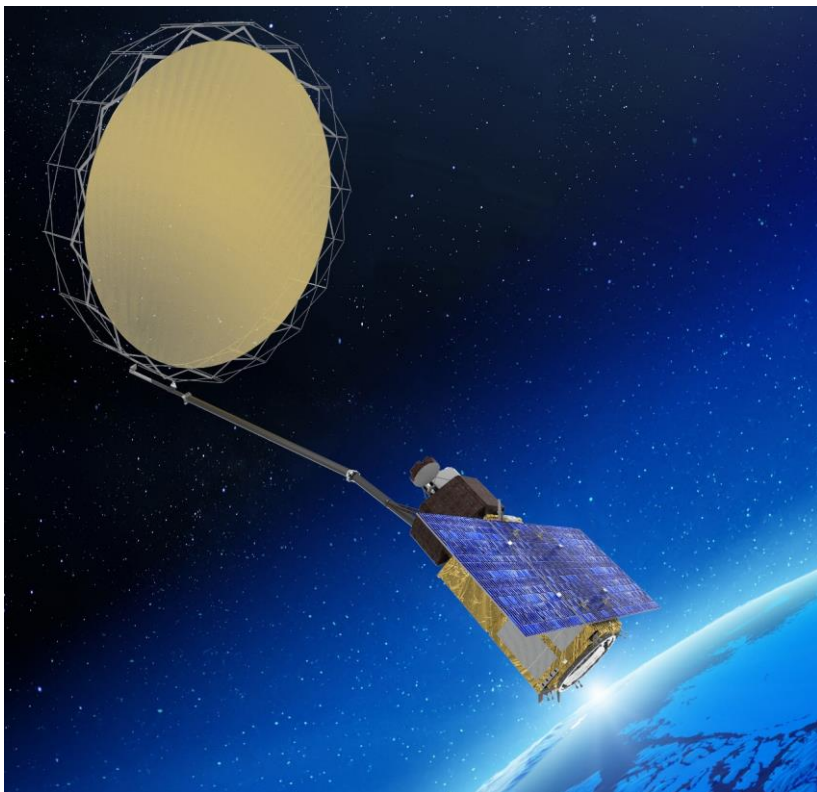
| BoL          | SAFT NiCd<br>VOS 40 | SAFT NiH2<br>93 AN | SAFT Lilon<br>VOS140 | SAFT Lilon<br>MP76065 | SONY LiOn<br>18650HC |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Capacity     | 46 Ah               | 89 Ah              | 38.6 Ah              | 6.1 Ah                | 1.4 Ah               |
| Mean voltage | 1.2 V               | 1.36 V             | 3.6 V                | 3.6 V                 | 3.7 V                |
| Energy       | 55 Wh               | 120 Wh             | 140 Wh               | 22 Wh                 | 5.2 Wh               |
| Mass         | 1610 g              | 2108 g             | 1107 g               | 155 g                 | 41.2 g               |
| Energy/kg    | 34 Wh/kg            | 57 Wh/kg           | 126 Wh/kg            | 141 Wh/kg             | 126 Wh/kg            |
| Efficiency   | 70 %                | 70 %               | 90 %                 | 90 %                  | 90 %                 |

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# SECONDARY POWER SOURCES



Copernicus CIMR Battery Configuration (8S5P)2S

## 8S5P Module

### Nameplate characteristics module

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| End of Charge Voltage | 33.6 V  |
| Capacity nameplate    | 61.5 Ah |
| Energy nameplate      | 1810 Wh |

## CIMR Battery

### Nameplate characteristics CIMR

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| End of Charge Voltage | 67.2 V  |
| Capacity nameplate    | 61.5 Ah |
| Energy nameplate      | 3620 Wh |



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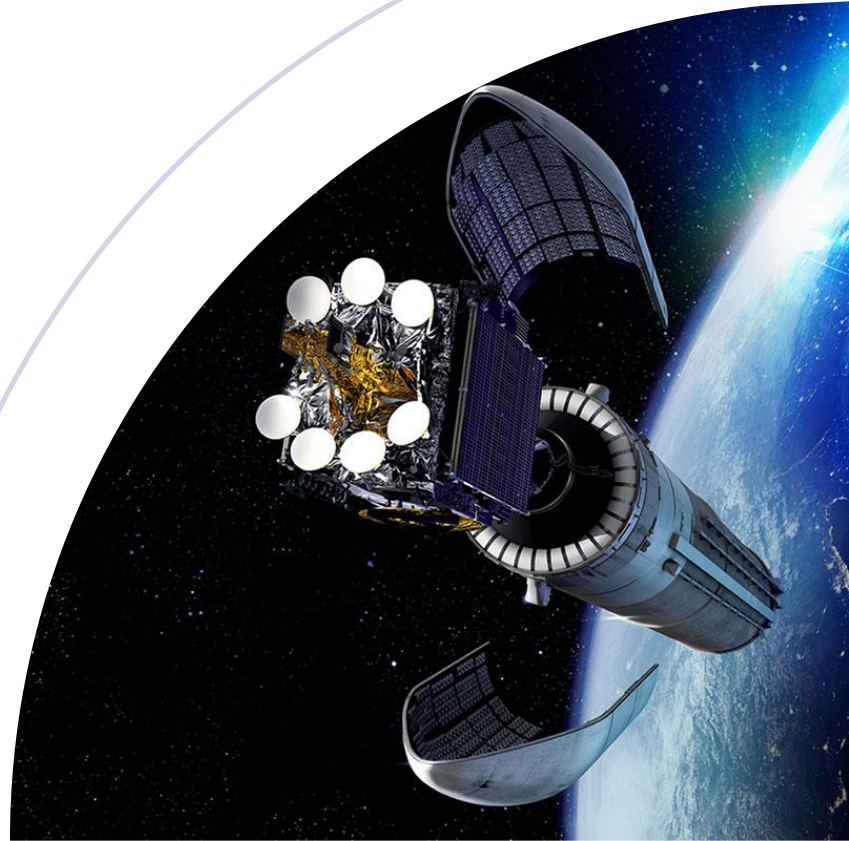
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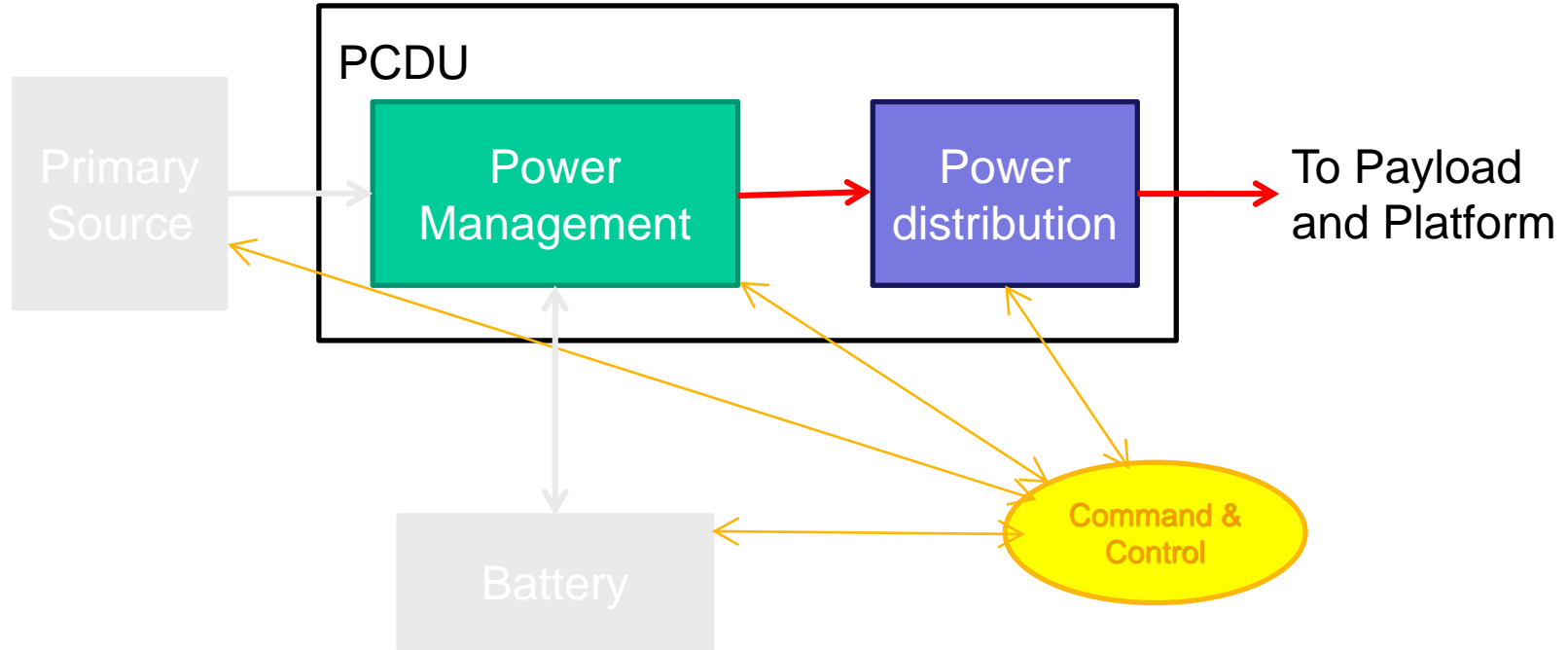
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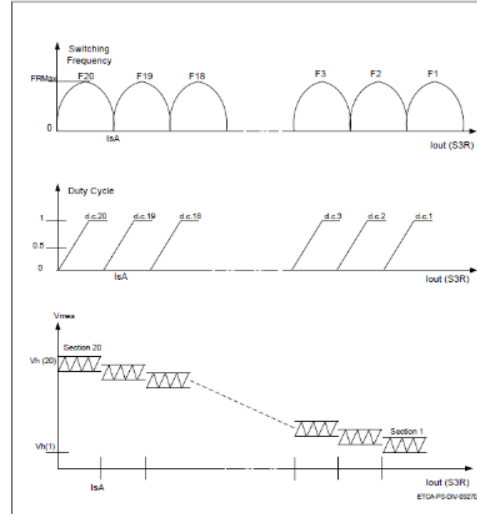
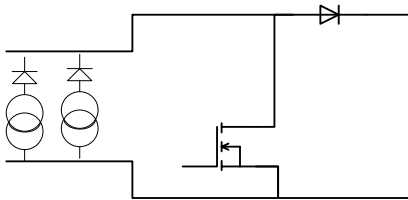
## Conditioning topology

= HOW SOLAR ARRAY POWER IS USED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE DIFFERENT USERS / CHARGE THE

### BATTERY Sequential Switching Series Regulator (S3R)

- S3R operates at the bus voltage and extracts the available power from the solar array for this precise voltage (aka DET Direct Energy Transfer)

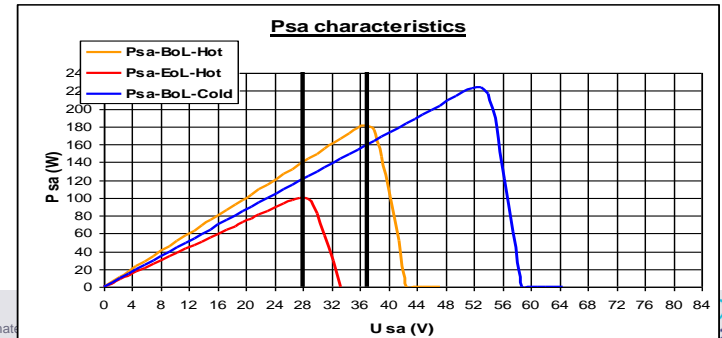
- Simplest solution
- One section in switching
- $f_{sw} < 10\text{kHz}$
- Reliable or Non reliable



### Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT)

- MPPT can operate in a wide range of voltages to track the maximum available power from the solar array, converts the (VMP, IMP) into (Vbus, Ibus)

- More complex and dissipative solution
- Drawbacks: Efficiency & Mass
- Advantages: Works for different SA characteristics / MPP achieved
- Main interest: Interplanetary missions / Non-pointing Solar Arrays (vibrations constrains or PF complexity)



# POWER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL & DISTRIBUTION / ARCHITECTURE

## Bus voltage 1/3

### ARCHITECTURE

#### Regulated

- Voltage variation is limited to about 0,5% whatever the satellite modes

#### Unregulated

- Bus voltage is imposed by the battery voltage

### MANY STANDARDS

- Regulated → 28V, 50 V, 100 V

- Unregulated → [22-33V]; [42-52]; [40-67V] ....

### CHOICE IS BASED ON

#### Bus power

- Recommended ESA rule:  $P < U^2/0.5$  for bus impedance reasons

- High bus voltage means

- Less current and harness simplification 😊

- « High » voltage management at equipment level (SA, battery, PCDU, ...) 🚫

#### Payload flight heritage

#### User's need (mission)

- Scientific payloads may require regulated bus to fulfill their precisions

- Thermal stability of some specific loads may requires regulated bus (thermal management is easier in that architecture)

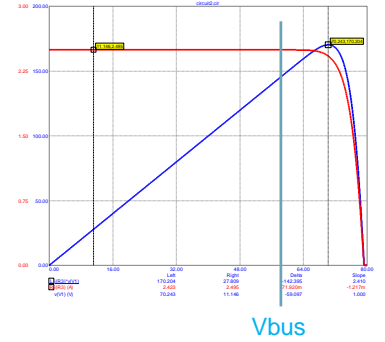
-> SOME ARCHITECTURE MAY EVEN REQUIRES TWO BUSES

# POWER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL & DISTRIBUTION / ARCHITECTURE

## Bus voltage 2/3

### REGULATED BUS

- Voltage variation is limited to about 0,5% whatever the satellite modes
- Solar Array operative voltage is constant
- Need of dedicated electronics to manage the battery discharge
- Substantial power dissipation inside the PCDU during eclipse

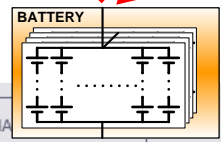
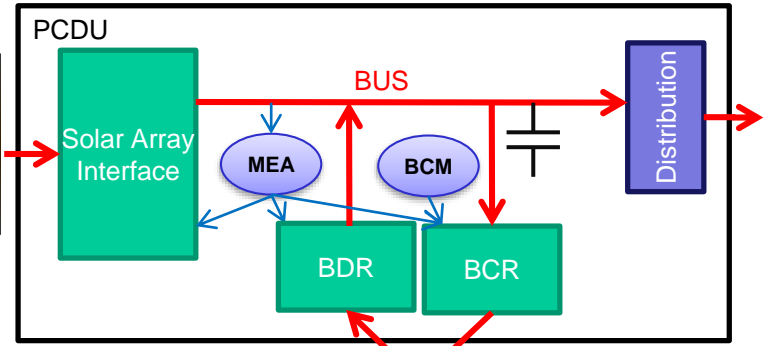
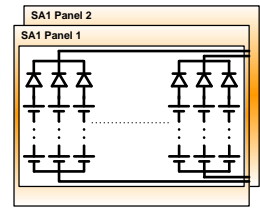


### Bus controlled by the MEA

- Acts on Solar Array Interface if enough power is available
- Acts on Battery Discharge Regulator in any other case

### Battery Recharge Controlled by BCM

- Acts on the Battery Charge Regulator when power recharge is allowed



!! Spacelnspire is a regulated bus with a different control logic !!

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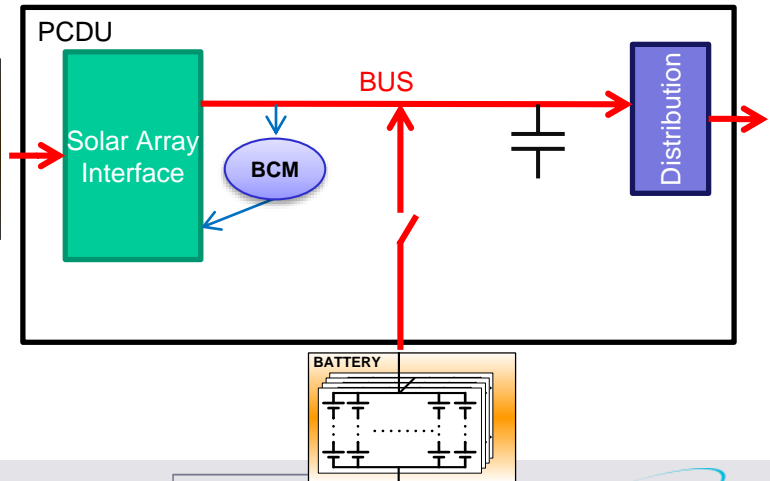
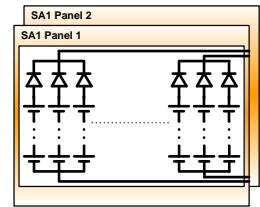
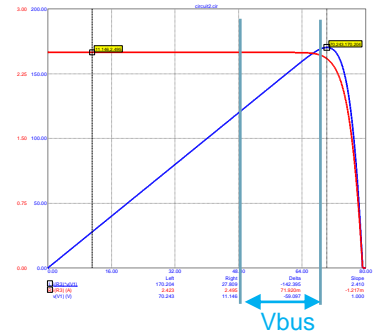
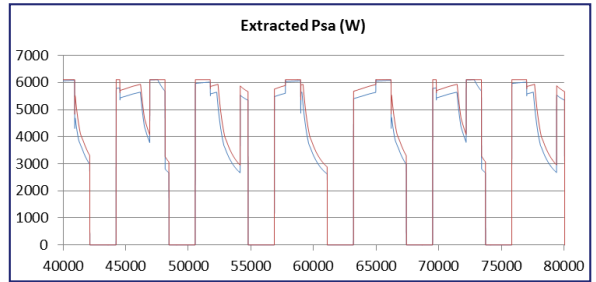
## Bus Voltage 3/3

### UNREGULATED BUS

- Bus Voltage follows the battery voltage
- Solar Array extracted power depends on battery State of Charge

### Battery Recharge Controlled by BCM

- Acts on the Solar Array interface to guarantee the battery charge



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## Distribution architecture

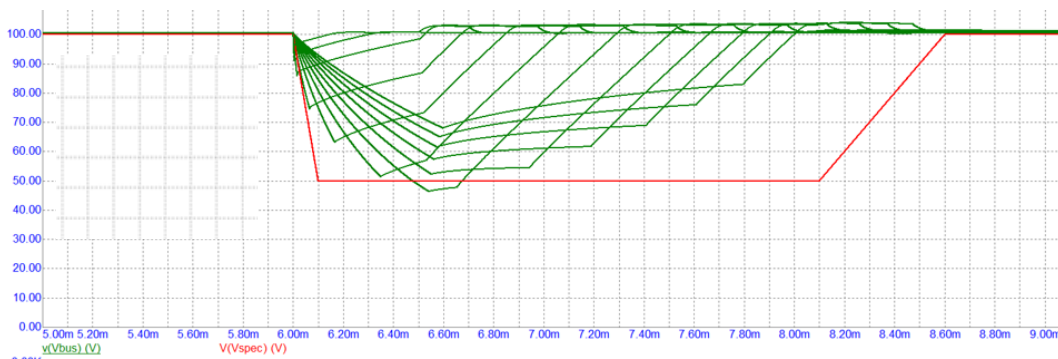
DISTRIBUTION CONCERNS THE WAY THE POWER IS DISTRIBUTED FROM PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES TO USER'S THROUGH PCDU. TO AVOID FAILURE PROPAGATION IN CASE OF USER'S SHORT FAILURE, THESE LINES SHALL BE PROTECTED BY

### FUSE

-  Simplest solution
-  Imposes all the user's to be compatible with bus transients induces by fuse blowing
-  Imposes the need of extraction during AIT phase

### ACTIVE SWITCHES

-  Flexible solution
-  ON/OFF switching capability
-  Control of fault current



# POWER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL & DISTRIBUTION / ARCHITECTURE

## Distribution architecture / some definitions

### LCL

- Latching Current Limiter
- Limits current at user's switch ON or short failure during limitation time
- Trips-OFF if limitation time is exceeded
- ON/OFF command capability

### R-LCL

- Permanent-ON LCL
- Essential load (e.g. OBC)
- LCL + automatic periodic re-arming

### OP-LCL

- 2 switches in series

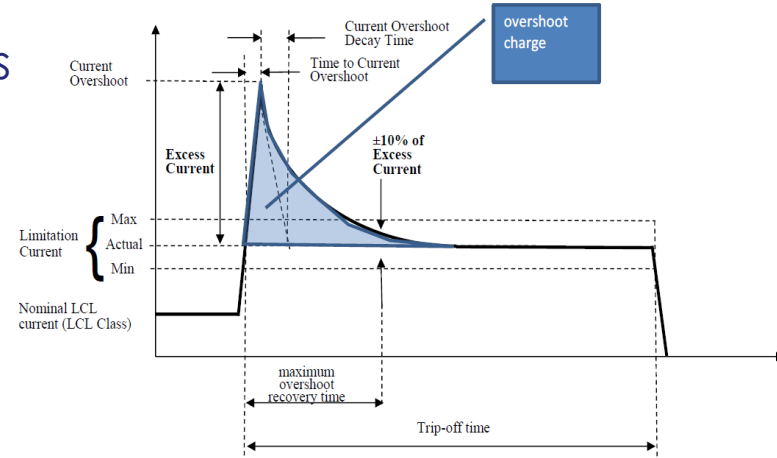


Figure 3-1: LCL overload timing diagram (case 1)

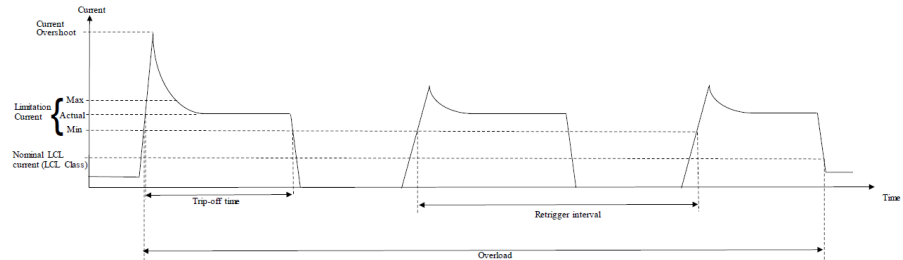


Figure 3-4: RLCL overload timing diagram

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## Other constituents of PCDU

### COMMAND OF MECHANISMS

-  SADM motor driver
-  Antenna motor driver
-  ...

### COMMAND ON DEPLOYMENT

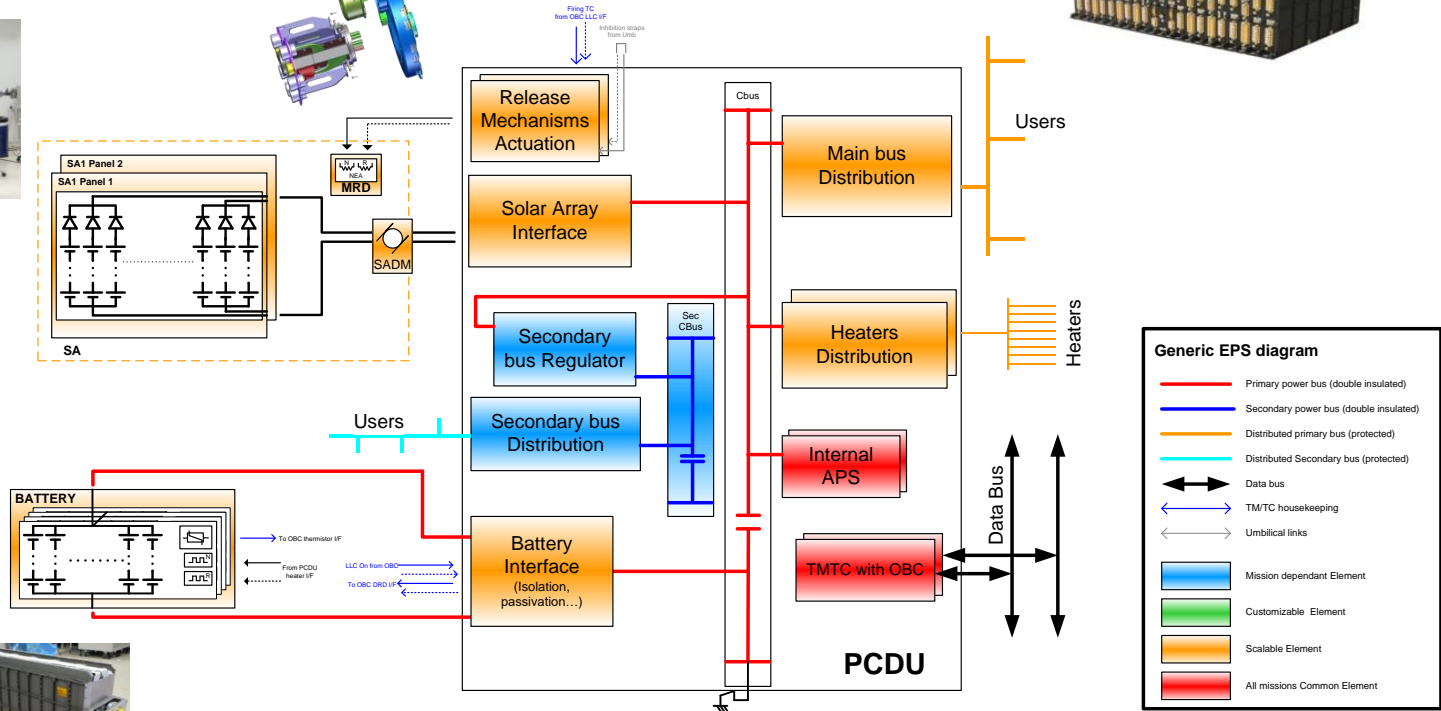
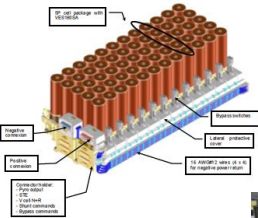
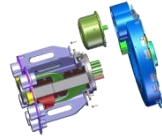
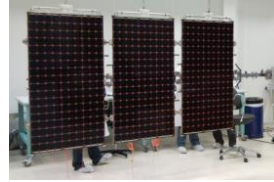
-  Actuation of pyro - MRD
-  Actuation of thermal knives - MRD

### LI-ION BATTERY CELLS MANAGEMENT

### ACQUISITION OF THERMISTORS

### HEATERS

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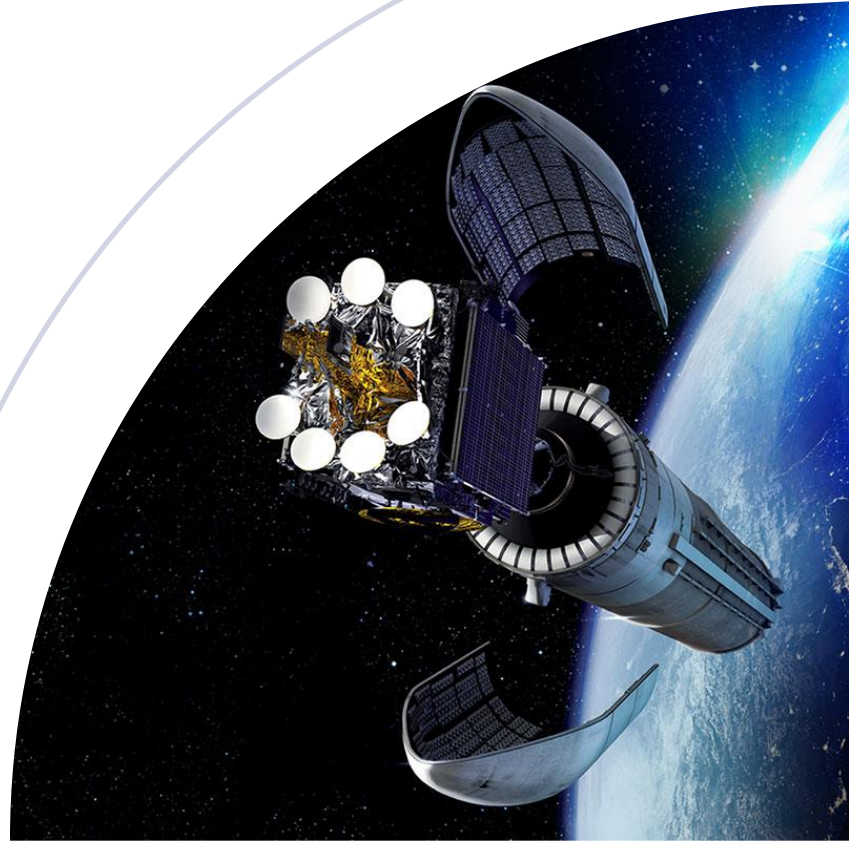
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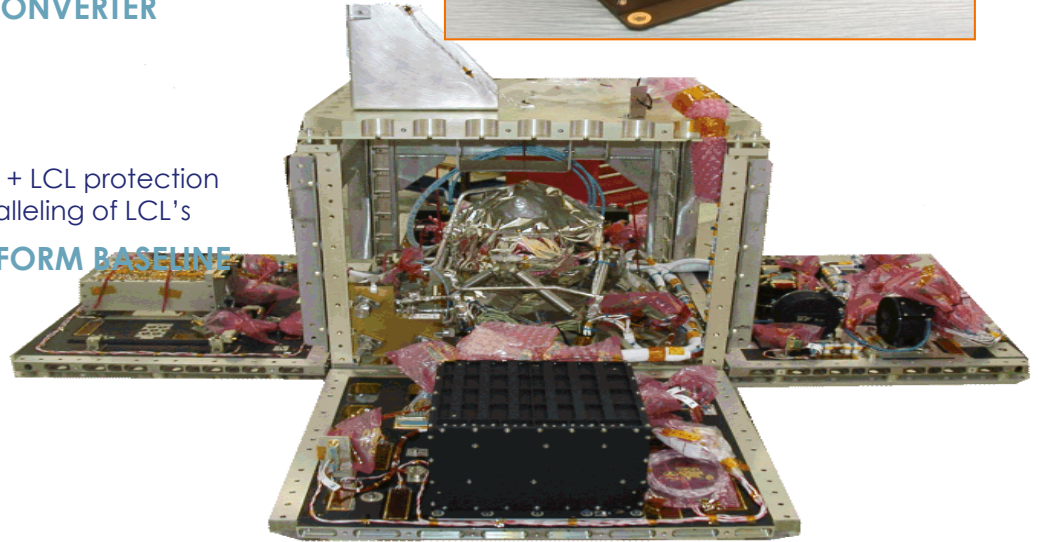
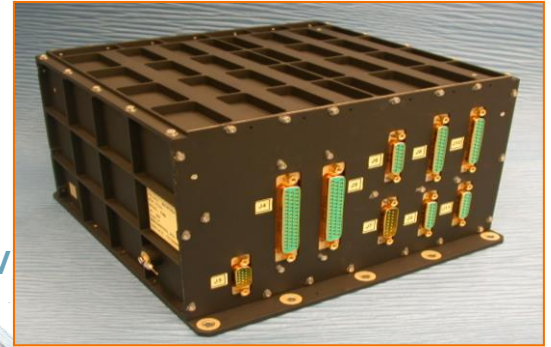
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# POWER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL & DISTRIBUTION / PC(D)U

## Examples $\mu$ SAT

- 🚀 LOW POWER: 260 W / LOW VOLTAGE : UNREGULATED BUS (22-37 V)
- 🚀 SOLAR ARRAY REGULATOR: BOOST CONVERTER
- 🚀 NOT RELIABLE
- 🚀 DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS
  - 🚀 LCL, Pyro
  - 🚀 DC/DC for secondary (+5, +-15,+20 V) + LCL protection
  - 🚀 Adaptability of the distribution by paralleling of LCL's
- 🚀 CNES/ASTRIUM/TAS-F MYRIADE PLATFORM BASELINE

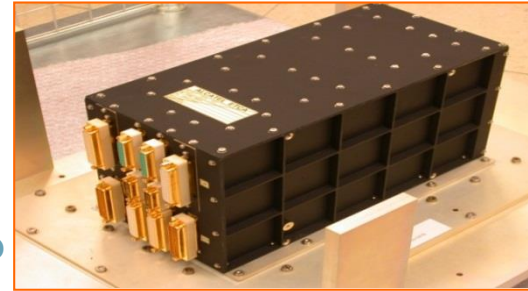


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## Examples Scientific, earth observation & constellations



- 🔗 LARGE FLEXIBILITY NEEDED
- 🔗 MODULAR STRUCTURE
- 🔗 LARGE FLEXIBILITY
- 🔗 REDUNDANCY (TOLERANT TO ONE FAILURE)
- 🔗 BUS POWER : 500 W TO 4200 W
- 🔗 BUS VOLTAGE : UP TO 50 V, NON-REGULATED OR REGULATED
- 🔗 SOLAR ARRAY REGULATION : MPPT OR DET (S3R OR S2R)
- 🔗 LITHIUM CELLS MANAGEMENT : CELLS VOLTAGE BALANCING AND BY-PASS ELECTRONICS
- 🔗 DISTRIBUTION : LCLS, FCLS, RELAYS+FUSES, HEATER SWITCHES, PYRO ELECTRONICS
- 🔗 TMTc : MIL-1553B BUS OR OTHER

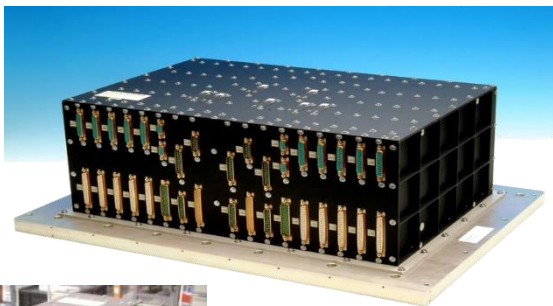


## Challenges of new constellations

- 🔗 USE OF COTS (COMPONENT OFF-THE-SHELF) TAKEN FROM AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCT LINES AND TESTED IN RADIATION “A POSTERIORI” – INCLUDING PLASTIC PACKAGE
- 🔗 USE OF AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION LINES
- 🔗 REVIEW OF COMPLETE VALIDATION / TEST CONCEPT (BURN-IN AT PART LEVEL, SCREENING AT BOARD LEVEL, LIMITED TESTS AT S/C LEVEL,,,)

# POWER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL & DISTRIBUTION / PC(D)U

## Examples Scientific, Earth observation & constellation



### Herschel Planck PCDU

- 1.9 kW
- Regulated bus / S3R: 28 V
- Mass: 24 kg
- 3 FMs manufactured, 2 in flight since May 2009 (missions ended mid-2013)
- Customer: Thales Alenia Space Italy (ESA)

### PCDU for constellation

- 1.2 kW to 1.8 kW
- Unregulated bus / MPPT or S3R: 28 V
- Mass: 7 kg to 13kg
- G\*2 : 25 FMs delivered, 24 in flight
- O3B : 8 FMs delivered, 8 in flight
- Iridium : 84 FMs and delivered, 75 in flight

### ARSAT 50V PCU

- 4,2 kW
- Regulated bus / S3R: 50 V
- Mass: 19 kg
- 1 EM + 2 FMs in flight (Oct-14 & Sept-15)

### SENTINEL-3 PCDU

- 2,1 kW
- Unregulated bus / S3R: 28 V
- Mass: 16.2 kg
- 1 EM + 4 FMs delivered, FM1&2 in flight since February 2016, April 2018

### SENTINEL-1 PCDU

- 5,8 kW
- Unregulated bus/S3R 60V + Regulated bus: 28 V
- Mass: 23.2 kg
- 4 FMs delivered, FM1&2 in flight since April 2014 and 2016

### FRENCH OBSERVATION SATELLITE PCDU

- 2,7 kW
- Unregulated bus/MPPT: 28 V
- Mass: 19.2 kg
- 1 EM + 6 FMs delivered



# POWER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL & DISTRIBUTION / PC(D)U

Examples GEO high power

## SPACEBUS 4000 PCU

- 🚀 FULL REGULATED BUS 6 TO 27 KW / 100 V
- 🚀 SOLAR ARRAY REGULATION: S3R
- 🚀 NO DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION (PCU ONLY)
- 🚀 FLIGHT HERITAGE : 84 PCU'S, 58 IN FLIGHT, 480 YEARS



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Examples GEO high power

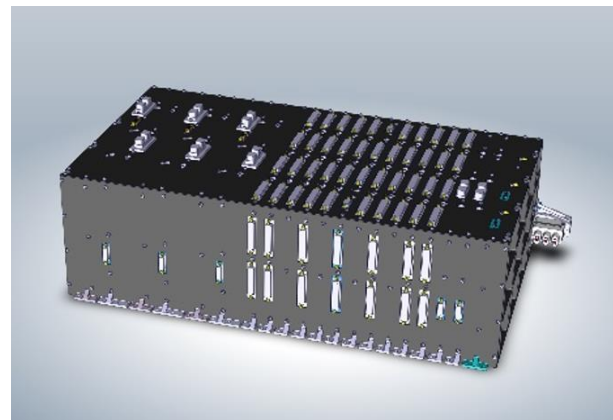
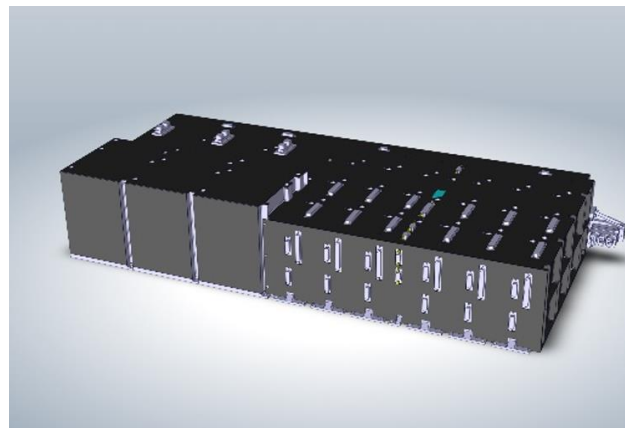
SPACE INSPIRE

## HPU

-  Full regulated bus 8 to 32 kW / 100 V
-  Solar array regulation: S3R
-  Distribution by fuses

## ACE (PCDU PART)

-  Secondary Power Bus 28V
-  Heaters
-  Pyros / MRD
-  Distribution by fuses





# AGENDA

## 1. Introduction

🚀 EPS – GENERAL INFORMATION

🚀 EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## 2. Primary power sources

🚀 SOLAR CELLS & SOLAR ARRAYS

🚀 OTHERS

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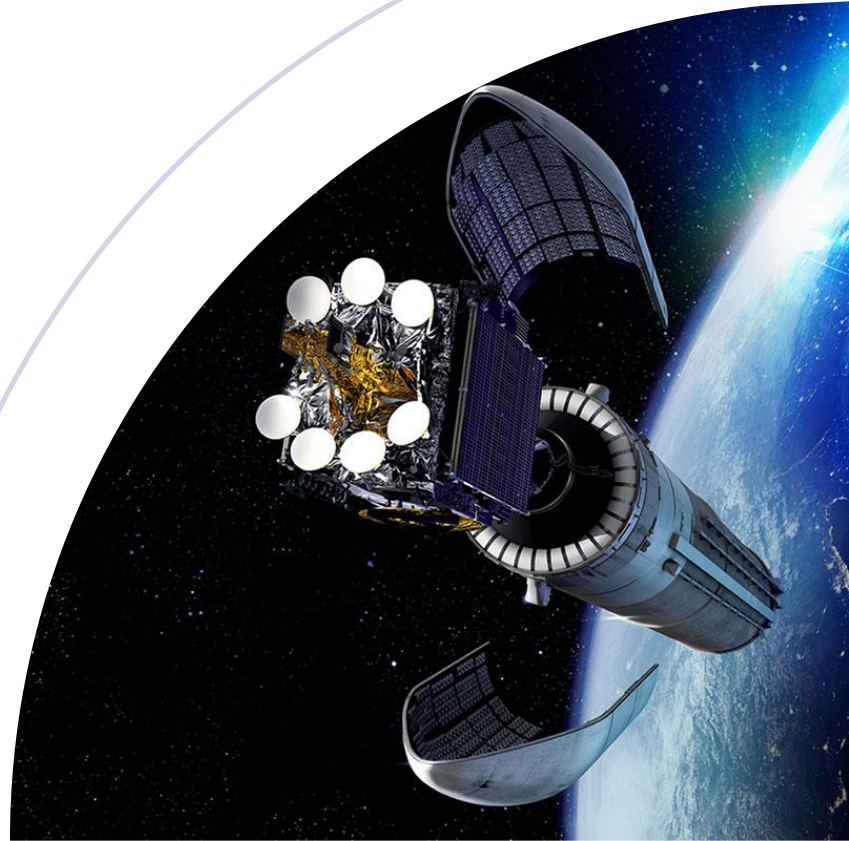
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🚀 ARCHITECTURE

🚀 PCU / PCDU EXAMPLES

## 5. Power budget - practical exercise

## 6. Conclusions



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# EPS SIZING

1. Orbit selection (altitude & inclination trade-off's)
2. Bus voltage trade-off
3. Bus regulation trade-off
4. Battery sizing
5. Power conditioning topology trade-off
6. Solar array's surface

# POWER BUDGET

## ///Study case #1

### / STUDY OF A MICRO SATELLITE TO TARGET SHIP BASED AND GROUND BASED RADARS

- Lifetime: 12 years
- Orbit: Leo

### / PAYLOAD REQUIREMENTS

- Acquisition in sun & eclipse phases
- Bus power of 650 W
  - Max power to be considered
  - Sum of all user's needs (AOCS, payloads, emitters, receivers, thermal control...) including distribution losses (LCL, fuse, harness)
  - Worst case consumption in all satellite phases (acquisition, data transmission, night & day modes, seasons variation on thermal control, ...)
  - Excluding power conditioning needs

# POWER BUDGET

## ///Orbit selection

### / ALTITUDE TRADE-OFF

- Lower than 1000 km (to avoid Van Allen belts impacts on radiation level)
  - Above 500 km to ensure that the cluster altitude can be maintained during lifetime (atmospheric drag effect)
  - Instrument precision is better at low altitude but instrument coverage increases with altitude
- > Circular orbit of 600 km altitude has been selected among several candidates (out of the scope of this study case, based essentially on payload needs)

### / INCLINATION TRADE -OFF

- Polar orbit for best possible coverage worldwide
- Sun-synchronous orbit as other candidate

$$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{Gm_e}$$

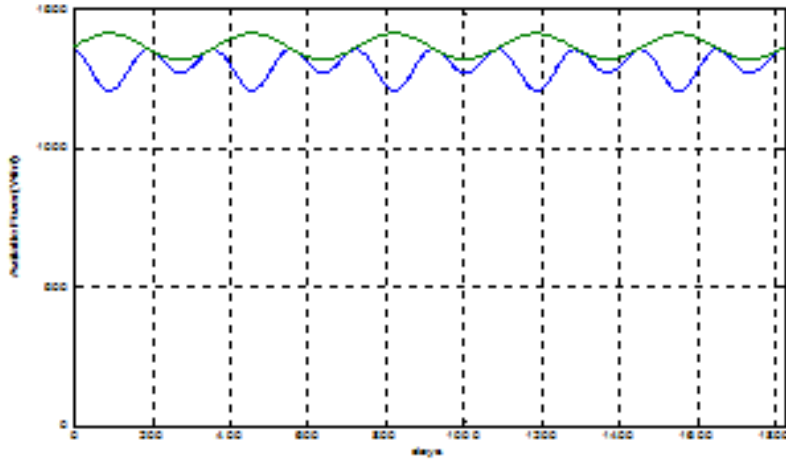
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- $m_e$  is the mass of the Earth ( $=5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ ),
- $r$  is the distance from the satellite to the centre of the Earth (in metres),  
 $r = r_E + h$ , where  $r_E = 6378 \text{ km}$

| Orbit characteristics |                        |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Average height        | 600 km                 | 600 km                 |
| Period                | 97 min                 | 97 min                 |
| Eccentricity          | 0.001 (circular orbit) | 0.001 (circular orbit) |
| Inclination           | 90 ° (polar orbit)     | 98 ° (sun-synchronous) |
| Eclipse duration      | 21.3 min               | 30 min                 |

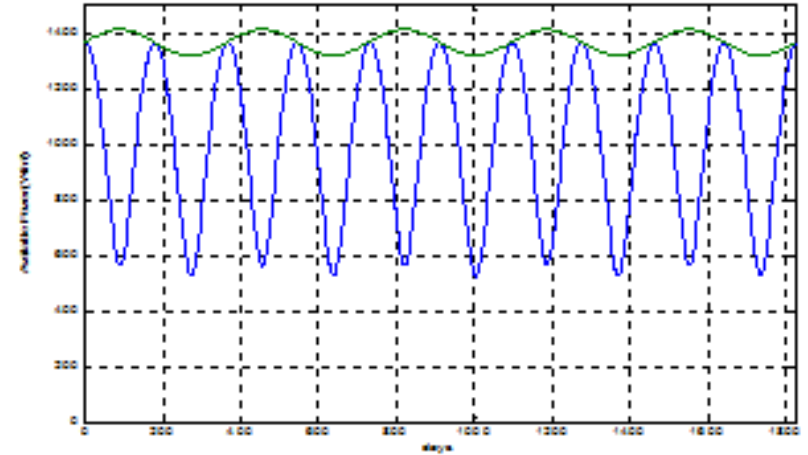
# POWER BUDGET

/// Orbit selection / Inclination trade-off

## Orbit selection / Inclination trade-off



SA flux (sun-synchronous orbit)  
-> Min SA flux = 1220 W



SA flux (polar orbit)  
-> Min SA flux = 520 W

# POWER BUDGET

## ///Orbit selection / Inclination trade-off

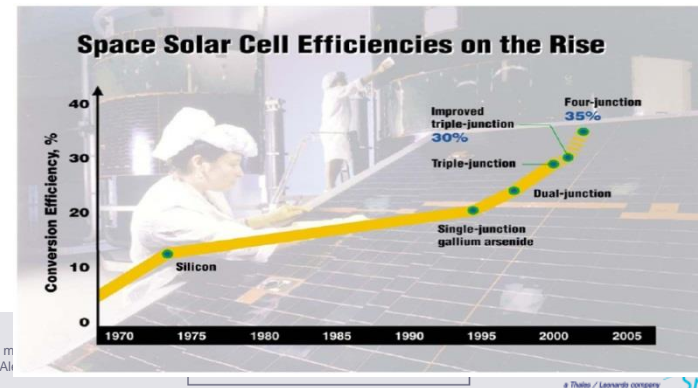
- EPS SIZING SHALL CONSIDER WORST CASE CONDITIONS OF ILLUMINATION AND EOL PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFICIENCY OF SA CELLS. THIS LEADS TO THE FOLLOWING DATA (WORST CASE FIGURES).

|  | Sun-synchronous | Polar |
|--|-----------------|-------|
| Minimum SA flux (W/m <sup>2</sup> )            | 1220            | 520   |
| BOL SA cell efficiency                         | 28 %            |       |
| EOL/BOL ratio                                  | 76.5 %          |       |
| Total available SA power (W / m <sup>2</sup> ) | 260             | 110   |

Cell manufacturer data

- NOTE THAT PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFICIENCY EOL/BOL RATIO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS (SA PANEL MANUFACTURER DATA)

- 5-years mission lifetime
- radiation effects
- UV and meteoritic impact
- effect of ATOX density (aggressive and corrosive environment tied to the LEO) on cover glass protection
- Effect of temperature (including earth albedo)



# POWER BUDGET

## /// EPS sizing: Bus voltage trade-off

### / 28 V

- Compatible with bus power (< 1 kW) → remember: Recommended ESA rule:  $P < U^2/0.5 \rightarrow U = \sqrt{P*0.5} = \sqrt{1kW*0.5} = 22V$
- High hardware heritage

### / 50 V

- Reduced current levels
- Reduced harness & power dissipations

## /// EPS sizing: Bus regulation trade-off

### / REGULATED POWER BUS – MAIN HYPOTHESIS

- BDR (Battery => bus) conversion efficiency=94%

### / UNREGULATED POWER BUS – MAIN HYPOTHESIS

- Internal losses (Battery => bus) internal connections=1%
- BAT to PCDCU harness losses : 3%

**NOTE: PCDCU LOW LEVEL CONSUMPTION: 30 W FOR BOTH CONFIGURATIONS**

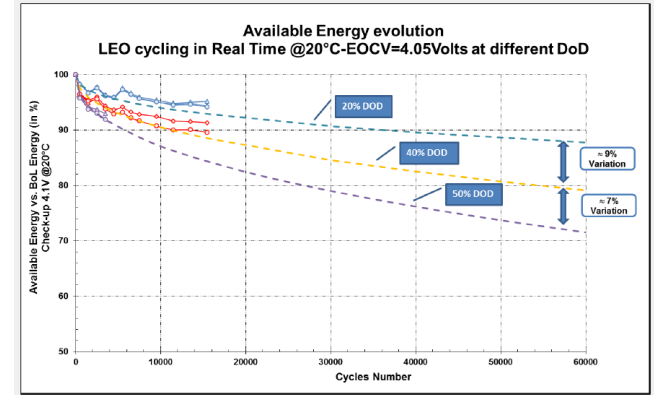
## /// EPS sizing: Battery sizing

### / MAX DOD OF 40 % CONSIDERED FOLLOWING

- Orbit characteristics (period and eclipse)
- Mission duration 10 years => 55 000 cycles

### / BATTERY DISSIPATION (AT BATTERY LEVEL)

- 25 W (discharge)
- 15 W (charge)



# POWER BUDGET

## /// EPS sizing / bus regulation trade-off & Battery sizing

|   | Regulated bus | Unregulated bus |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| User's power in eclipse (W)                                 |               | 650             |
| PCDU losses during eclipse (W)                              | 70            | 35              |
| Satellite power requirement in eclipse (W)                  | 720           | 685             |
| Harness & Battery losses (W)                                | 50            | 45              |
| <b>Total battery power need in eclipse (W)</b>              | <b>770</b>    | <b>730</b>      |
| Eclipse duration (min)                                      |               | 30              |
| Battery useful cycled energy requirement EOL (Wh)           | 385           | 365             |
| Battery energy mission degradation (40% DoD / 56000 cycles) |               | 30%             |
| Battery useful cycled energy requirement BOL (Wh)           | 550           | 520             |
| Battery energy requirement BOL (Wh)                         | 1375          | 1300            |

30W + (1 - 94% or 1%)  
 $P_{out/n} - P_{out} + LL$

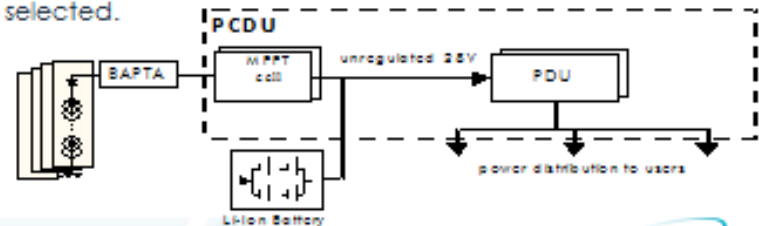
25W + 3%

$P_{ecl} * 0,5 h$

20% fading,  
 5% calendar loss  
 5%  $R_{bat}$  degradation

Energy/DOD DoD=40%

Slight advantage for URB coupled with lower PCDU mass / complexity.  
 If no specific requirement on payload (including EMC), URB is selected.





# POWER BUDGET

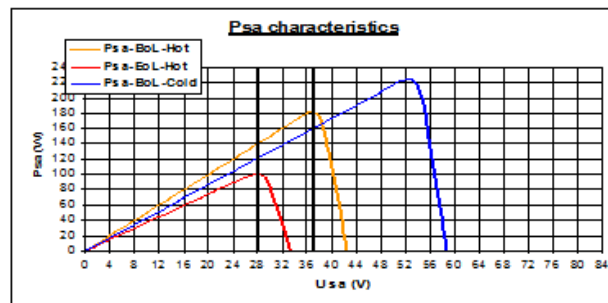
## ///EPS sizing: Conditioning topology trade-off (Unregulated bus topology)

### / MPPT

- Power converter efficiency: 95 %
- Control efficiency: ability to track the maximum power whatever the battery state is (charged, discharged, with or without failure, ...): 99 % accuracy

### / DET

- S3R conversion efficiency: 98 %



## /// EPS sizing: Battery data (based on previous selection)

- Battery recharge duration = 90 % of sunlight duration

**NOTE: CONSIDERING 28 V URB WITH 40 % DOD, BATTERY VOLTAGE IS COMPRISED BETWEEN 28V & 37V IN NOMINAL OPERATING CASES**

# POWER BUDGET

/// EPS sizing: Conditioning topology trade-off

|  | MPPT        | DET  |
|--|-------------|------|
| Battery power requirement in eclipse (W)               | 730         |      |
| Eclipse duration (min) / Battery charge duration (min) | 30 / 60     |      |
| Battery charge power need (W)                          | 365         |      |
| Harness, BAT & PCDU losses (W)                         | 30          |      |
| <b>Battery recharge power need (W)</b>                 | <b>395</b>  |      |
| User's power need in sunlight (W)                      | 650         |      |
| Battery recharge power need (W)                        | 395         |      |
| PCDU low level (W)                                     | 30          |      |
| <b>Total bus power needs (W)</b>                       | <b>1075</b> |      |
| SA conditioning losses (W)                             | 70          | 20   |
| TOTAL SA power needs (W)                               | 1145        | 1095 |
| SA efficiency (W/m <sup>2</sup> )                      | 261         | 248  |
| Minimum SA surface requirement (m <sup>2</sup> )       | 4,4         | 4,4  |

$$(97 - 30) * 0.9$$

$$((P_{ecl}) * 30 \text{ min}) / T_{charge}$$

1% PCDU; 3% harness;  
15W BAT

5% MPPT & 1% tracking  
vs. 2% DET

Non-optimization : 5%

Result is similar, thus DET is chosen as it requires less electronics components

No impact on SA size (considering nominal / constant SA illumination)

|   | Sun-synchronous | Polar      |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| Minimum SA flux (W/m <sup>2</sup> )                 | 1220            | 620        |
| BOL SA cell efficiency                              | 28 %            |            |
| EOL/BOL ratio                                       | 76.5 %          |            |
| <b>Total available SA power (W / m<sup>2</sup>)</b> | <b>261</b>      | <b>111</b> |

# POWER BUDGET

## ///Study case #2

### / STUDY OF A COPERNICUS TYPE SATELLITE

- Lifetime: 12.5 years
- Orbit: Leo

### / PAYLOAD REQUIREMENTS

- Acquisition in sun & eclipse phases
- Bus power of 2kW
  - Max power to be considered
  - Sum of all user's needs (AOCS, payloads, emitters, receivers, thermal control...) including distribution losses (LCL, fuse, harness)
  - Worst case consumption in all satellite phases (acquisition, data transmission, night & day modes, seasons variation on thermal control, ...)
  - Excluding power conditioning needs

# POWER BUDGET

## ///Orbit selection

### I ALTITUDE TRADE-OFF

- Lower than 1000 km (to avoid Van Allen belts impacts on radiation level)
  - Above 500 km to ensure that the cluster altitude can be maintained during lifetime (atmospheric drag effect)
  - Instrument precision is better at low altitude but instrument coverage increases with altitude
- > Circular orbit of 800 km altitude has been selected among several candidates (out of the scope of this study case, based essentially on payload needs)

### I INCLINATION FIXED

- Needed for the mission

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| LEO orbit choice                              |             |                 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
|   | polar orbit | sun synchronous |
| Inclination                                   | 90°         | 98°             |
| Eclipse duration [min]                        | ?           | ?               |
| Min SA flux [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]               | 520         | 1220            |
| BOL cell efficiency [%]                       |             | 0.28            |
| EOL/BOL ratio [%]                             |             | 0.765           |
| EOL WC available SA Power [W/m <sup>2</sup> ] | ?           | ?               |

# POWER BUDGET

## /// Orbit selection

| LEO orbit choice                              |             |                 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
|   | polar orbit | sun synchronous |
| Inclination                                   | 90°         | 98°             |
| Eclipse duration [min]                        | 22.2        | 31.3            |
| Min SA flux [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]               | 520         | 1220            |
| BOL cell efficiency [%]                       |             | 0.28            |
| EOL/BOL ratio [%]                             |             | 0.765           |
| EOL WC available SA Power [W/m <sup>2</sup> ] | 111         | 261             |

## /// Bus Voltage Choice

| Bus voltage choice |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Min Bus voltage    | ? |

# POWER BUDGET

## /// EPS sizing: Bus voltage trade-off

### / 28 V

- Compatible with bus power (< 1 kW)
- High hardware heritage

### / 50 V

- Reduced current levels → remember: Recommended ESA rule:  $P < U^2/0.5 \rightarrow U > \sqrt{P*0.5} = \sqrt{2kW*0.5} = 32V$
- Reduced harness & power dissipations

| Bus voltage choice |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Min Bus voltage    | 31.6 |

## /// EPS sizing: Bus regulation trade-off

### / REGULATED POWER BUS – MAIN HYPOTHESIS

- BDR (Battery => bus) conversion efficiency=94%

### / UNREGULATED POWER BUS – MAIN HYPOTHESIS

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- BAT to PCDU harness losses : 3%

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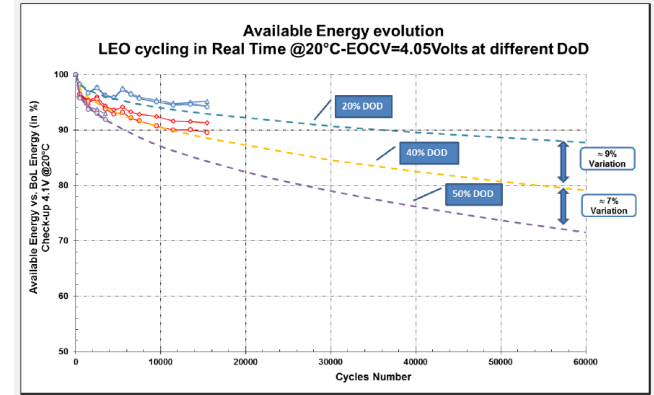
## /// EPS sizing: Battery sizing

### / MAX DOD OF 45 % CONSIDERED FOLLOWING

- Orbit characteristics (period and eclipse)
- Mission duration 10 years => 55 000 cycles

### / BATTERY DISSIPATION (AT BATTERY LEVEL)

- 25 W (discharge)
- 15 W (charge)



# POWER BUDGET

/// EPS sizing / bus regulation trade-off & Battery sizing

| Battery design + Bus regulation choice            |               |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
|   | Regulated Bus | Unregulated Bus |
| User's power in eclipse [W]                       |               | ?               |
| PCDU losses during eclipse [W]                    | ?             | ?               |
| Satellite power requirement in eclipse [W]        | ?             | ?               |
| Harness + Battery losses [W]                      | ?             | ?               |
| Total battery power need in eclipse [W]           | ?             | ?               |
| Eclipse duration min [min]                        |               | ?               |
| Battery useful cycled energy requirement EOL [Wh] | ?             | ?               |
| Battery energy mission degradation                |               | 0.3             |
| Battery useful cycled energy requirement BOL [Wh] | ?             | ?               |
| Battery energy requirement BOL [Wh]               | ?             | ?               |

# POWER BUDGET

/// EPS sizing / bus regulation trade-off & Battery sizing

| Battery design + Bus regulation choice            |               |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
|   | Regulated Bus | Unregulated Bus |
| User's power in eclipse [W]                       |               | 2000            |
| PCDU losses during eclipse [W]                    | 150           | 50              |
| Satellite power requirement in eclipse [W]        | 2150          | 2050            |
| Harness + Battery losses [W]                      | 90            | 87              |
| Total battery power need in eclipse [W]           | 2240          | 2137            |
| Eclipse duration min [min]                        |               | 31.3            |
| Battery useful cycled energy requirement EOL [Wh] | 1168          | 1115            |
| Battery energy mission degradation                |               | 0.3             |
| Battery useful cycled energy requirement BOL [Wh] | 1669          | 1592            |
| Battery energy requirement BOL [Wh]               | 3709          | 3538            |



# POWER BUDGET

/// EPS sizing / bus regulation trade-off & Battery sizing

| VL48E     | VL10E     | VES 100   | VES 140   | VES 180   | MPS*      | VL8P      |                            |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 48        | 10        | 28        | 39        | 50        | 5.8       | 7.5       | Guaranteed capacity Ah     |
| 3.6       | 3.6       | 3.6       | 3.6       | 3.6       | 3.6       | 3.6       | Mean voltage at C/1.5      |
| 4.1       | 4.1       | 4.1       | 4.1       | 4.1       | 4.1       | 4.1       | End of charge voltage V at |
| 170       | 36        | 100       | 140       | 180       | 20        | 100       | Energy Wh                  |
| 150       | 139       | 118       | 126       | 165       | 133       | 118       | Specific energy Wh/kg      |
| 250       | 129       | 185       | 250       | 250       | 65        | 104       | Height mm                  |
| 54        | 33.8      | 54        | 54        | 53        | 18x65**   | 47        | Diameter mm                |
| 1.13      | 0.25      | 0.81      | 1.13      | 1.11      | 0.15      | 0.38      | Weight kg                  |
| Qualified | Qualified | Qualified | Qualified | Qualified | Qualified | Qualified | Status                     |
| GEO, LEO  | GEO, LEO  | LEO       | GEO, MEO  | GEO, MEO  | LEO       | Launcher  | Main application           |

**NOTE: CONSIDERING 50 V URB WITH 45 % DOD, BATTERY VOLTAGE IS COMPRISED BETWEEN 50V & 67.5V IN NOMINAL OPERATING CASES**

# POWER BUDGET

/// EPS sizing / bus regulation trade-off & Battery sizing

| <b>Battery design</b>          |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Bus Max Voltage                | ? |
| Minimum #batteries in series   | ? |
| Minimum #batteries in series   | ? |
| Minimum #batteries in parallel | ? |
| Minimum #batteries in parallel | ? |
| Battery energy BOL [Wh]        | ? |
| #batteries                     | ? |
| Battery Weight [kg]            | ? |

**NOTE: CONSIDERING 50 V URB WITH 45 % DOD, BATTERY VOLTAGE IS COMPRISED BETWEEN 50V & 67.5V IN NOMINAL OPERATING CASES**

# POWER BUDGET

/// EPS sizing / bus regulation trade-off & Battery sizing

| <b>Battery design</b>          |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Bus Max Voltage                | 67.4 |
| Minimum #batteries in series   | 16.4 |
| Minimum #batteries in series   | 17   |
| Minimum #batteries in parallel | 5.8  |
| Minimum #batteries in parallel | 6    |
| Battery energy BOL [Wh]        | 3672 |
| #batteries                     | 102  |
| Battery Weight [kg]            | 26   |

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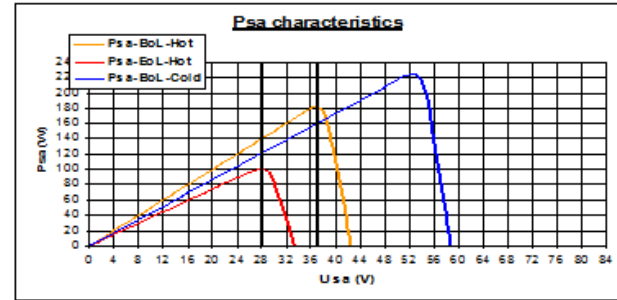
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### / MPPT

- Power converter efficiency: 95 %
- Control efficiency: ability to track the maximum power whatever the battery state is (charged, discharged, with or without failure, ...): 99 % accuracy

### / DET

- S3R conversion efficiency: 98 %



## /// EPS sizing: Battery data (based on previous selection)

- Battery recharge duration = 75 % of sunlight duration

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# POWER BUDGET

## /// EPS sizing: Conditioning topology trade-off

| SA interface design                              | MPPT | DET  |
|--|------|------|
| Battery Power requirement Eclipse [W]            |      | ?    |
| Eclipse duration [min]                           |      | ?    |
| Battery charge duration [min]                    |      | ?    |
| Battery charge power need [W]                    |      | ?    |
| Harness, BAT & PCDU lossed [W]                   |      | ?    |
| Battery recharge power need [W]                  |      | ?    |
|  |      |      |
| User's Power need in sunlight [W]                |      | 2000 |
| Battery recharge power need [W]                  |      | ?    |
| PCDU low level [W]                               |      | 30   |
| Total Bus Power need [W]                         |      | ?    |
|  |      |      |
| SA conditioning losses [W]                       | ?    | ?    |
| Total SA power need [W]                          | ?    | ?    |
| SA efficiency [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]                | ?    | ?    |
| Minimum SA surface requirement [m <sup>2</sup> ] | ?    | ?    |

# POWER BUDGET

## /// EPS sizing: Conditioning topology trade-off

| SA interface design                              |      |      |
|--|------|------|
|  | MPPT | DET  |
| Battery Power requirement Eclipse [W]            |      | 2137 |
| Eclipse duration [min]                           |      | 31.3 |
| Battery charge duration [min]                    |      | 52   |
| Battery charge power need [W]                    |      | 1282 |
| Harness, BAT & PCDU lossed [W]                   |      | 66   |
| Battery recharge power need [W]                  |      | 1348 |
|  |      |      |
| User's Power need in sunlight [W]                |      | 2000 |
| Battery recharge power need [W]                  |      | 1348 |
| PCDU low level [W]                               |      | 30   |
| Total Bus Power need [W]                         |      | 3378 |
|  |      |      |
| SA conditioning losses [W]                       | 203  | 68   |
| Total SA power need [W]                          | 3581 | 3446 |
| SA efficiency [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]                | 261  | 248  |
| Minimum SA surface requirement [m <sup>2</sup> ] | 13.7 | 13.9 |

# AGENDA

## 1. Introduction

🚀 EPS – GENERAL INFORMATION

🚀 EPS DESIGN DRIVERS

## 2. Primary power sources

🚀 SOLAR CELLS & SOLAR ARRAYS

🚀 OTHERS

## 3. Secondary power sources - batteries

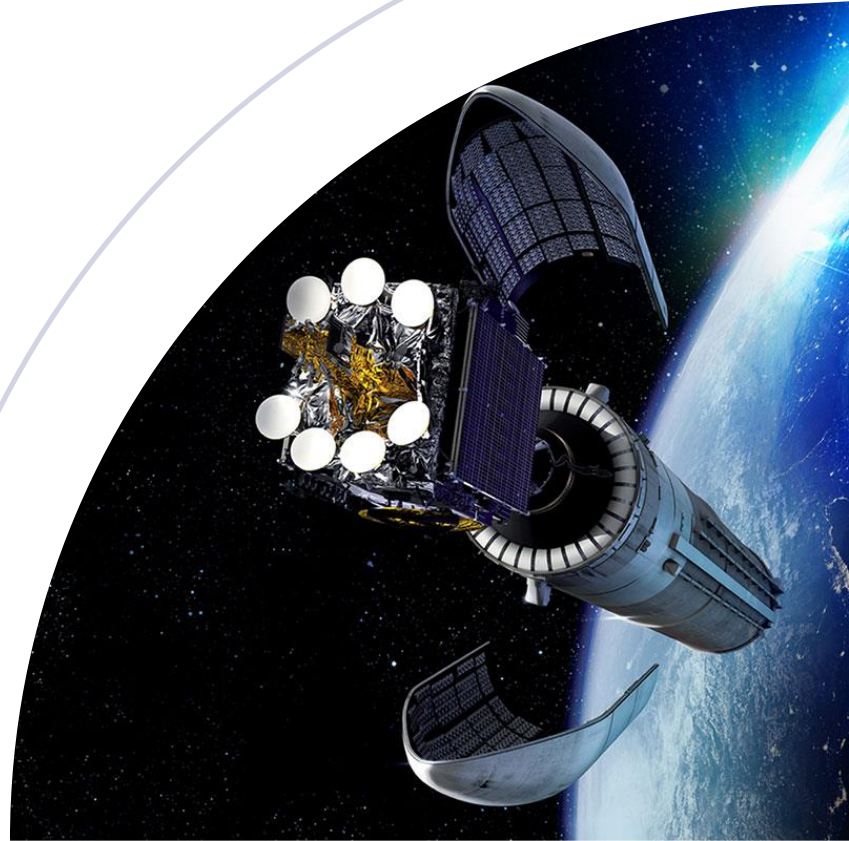
## 4. Power Management, Control & Distribution

🚀 ARCHITECTURE

🚀 PCU / PCDU EXAMPLES

## 5. Power budget - practical exercise

## 6. Conclusions

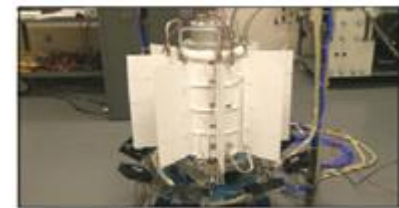
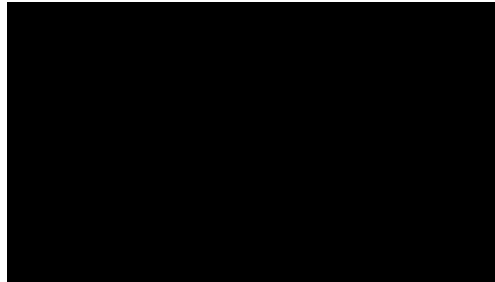


# CONCLUSIONS

/// The design of any Power Subsystem is strongly linked with System analyses (Attitude & Orbit, Mission, Operations)

/// The electrical architecture of spacecrafts is not standard

- / UNREGULATED OR REGULATED POWER BUS
- / VOLTAGE (28 V, 50 V, 100 V, ...)
- / CONDITIONING (S3R, MPPT, ...)
- / PROTECTIONS (RELIABLE OR NOT)
- / DISTRIBUTION (FUSE, LCL, ...)
- / ...



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**AND SHALL BE ADAPTED NEARLY ON CASE BY CASE ....**



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