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MAGNETOSPHERIC MULTIPROBES  
INVESTIGATIONS AND INSTRUMENTATION

SPACELAB ACTIVE EXPERIMENTS WORKING GROUP MEETING  
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MULTIPROBE SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

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- o DETERMINE THE SPATIAL STRUCTURE OF PLASMA PHENOMENA SUCH AS THE AURORA, CONVECTION REVERSALS, AND ION TROUGHS
  
- o SEPARATE SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL VARIATIONS IN THESE PHENOMENA
  
- o DETERMINE FIELD-ALIGNED CURRENT DENSITIES BY MEASURING CURL  $\bar{B}$  AND APPLYING THE MAXWELL EQUATION  $\text{CURL } \bar{B} = \mu_0 \bar{J}$
  
- o PERFORM MULTIPLE-POINT ANALYSES OF PARTICLE BEAMS, WAVE FIELDS AND PLASMA CLOUDS THAT ARE INJECTED INTO THE IONOSPHERE AND MAGNETOSPHERE BY SPACELAB ACTIVE EXPERIMENT FACILITIES



MULTIPROBE SPATIAL CONFIGURATIONS

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o MISSION A

INITIAL: A CLUSTER COVERING A VOLUME WITH DIMENSIONS IN THE RANGE  
OF 1 km TO 20 km.

FINAL: LINEAR TRAIL WITH INTERPROBE SPACINGS OF 1 km TO 100 km.

o MISSION B

LINEAR TRAIL WITH INTERPROBE SPACINGS OF 600 km TO 6000 km.

o POSITION DETERMINATION

200 METERS (MISSION A)

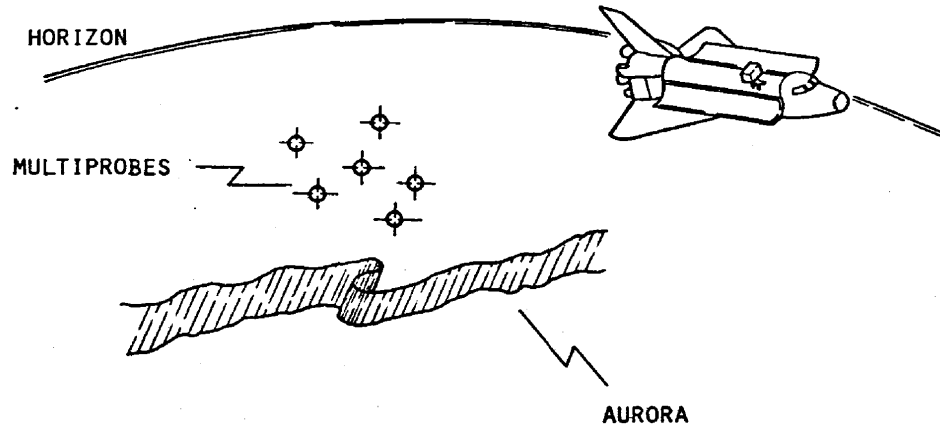
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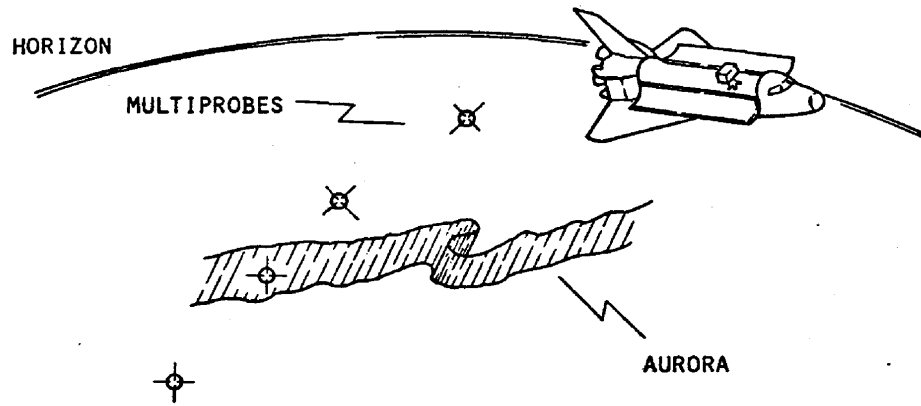
MULTIPROBE MISSION A SPATIAL CONFIGURATIONS

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MISSION A (CONFIGURATION 1)



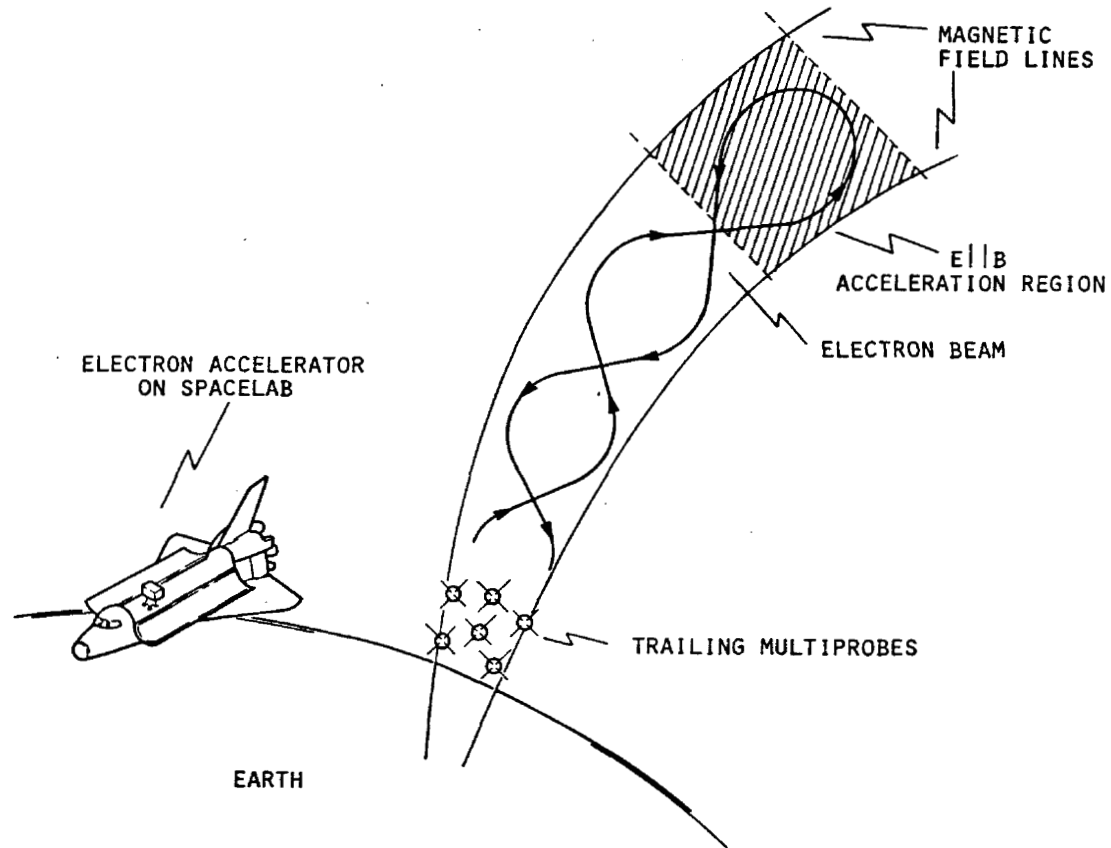
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ELECTRON BEAM INJECTION EXPERIMENT  
WITH MULTIPROBES

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MULTIPROBE SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENTS

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BASIC COMPLEMENT

- o VECTOR MAGNETIC FIELD WITH ACCURACY OF 50 nT AND SPATIAL RESOLUTION OF 200 METERS.
- o VECTOR ELECTRIC FIELD WITH ACCURACY OF 5 mV/m AND SPATIAL RESOLUTION OF 200 METERS.
- o ELECTRON DENSITY AND TEMPERATURE WITH SPATIAL RESOLUTION OF LESS THAN 1 km.
- o ENERGY SPECTRA AND PITCH-ANGLE DISTRIBUTIONS OF SUPRATHERMAL ELECTRONS FOR ENERGIES OF 5 eV TO 30 keV WITH AT LEAST TEN COMPLETE ENERGY SCANS PER SPIN PERIOD.

OPTIONS

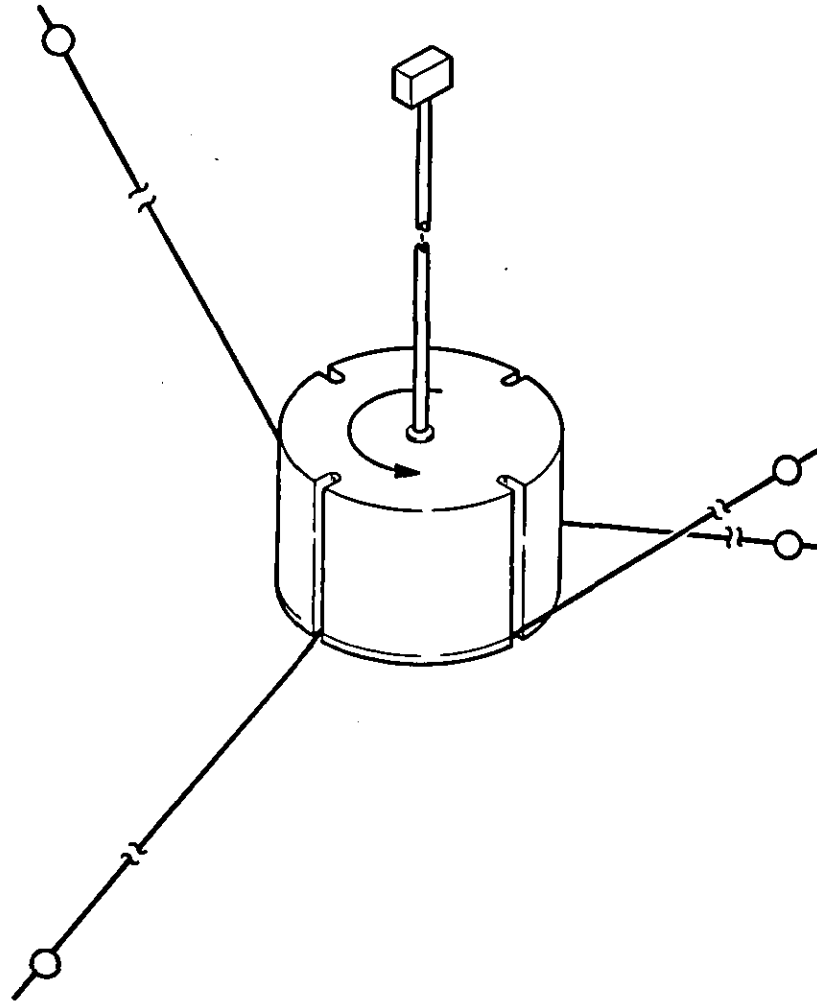
- o VECTOR ION DRIFT WITH ACCURACY OF 100 m/s, AND SPATIAL RESOLUTION OF LESS THAN 10 km.
- o THERMAL ION TEMPERATURE AND COMPOSITION OVER MASS RANGE OF 1 TO 56 AMU.



MULTIPROBE WITH DEPLOYED BOOMS AND ANTENNAS

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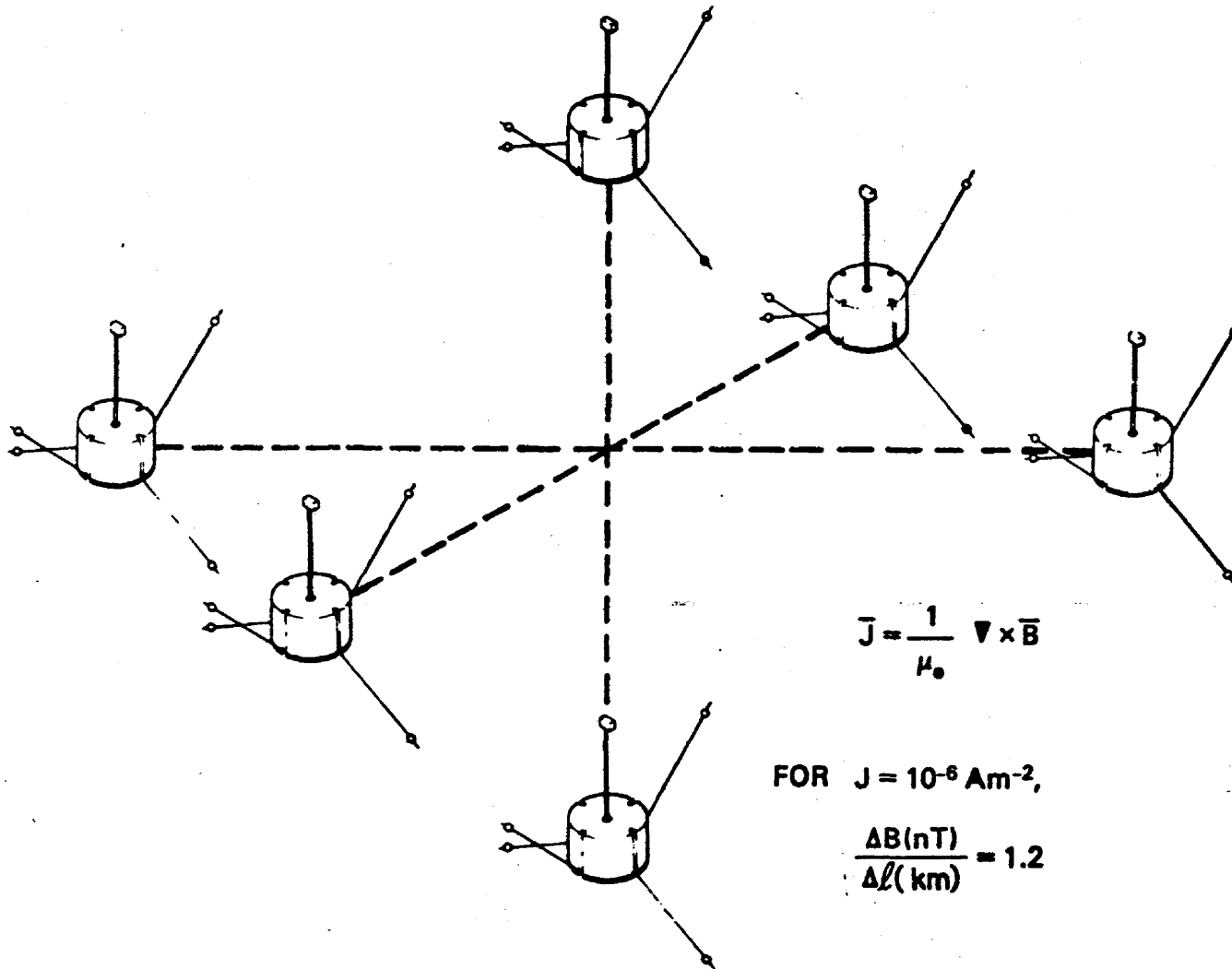






# MULTIPROBE CLUSTER FOR CURRENT MEASUREMENTS

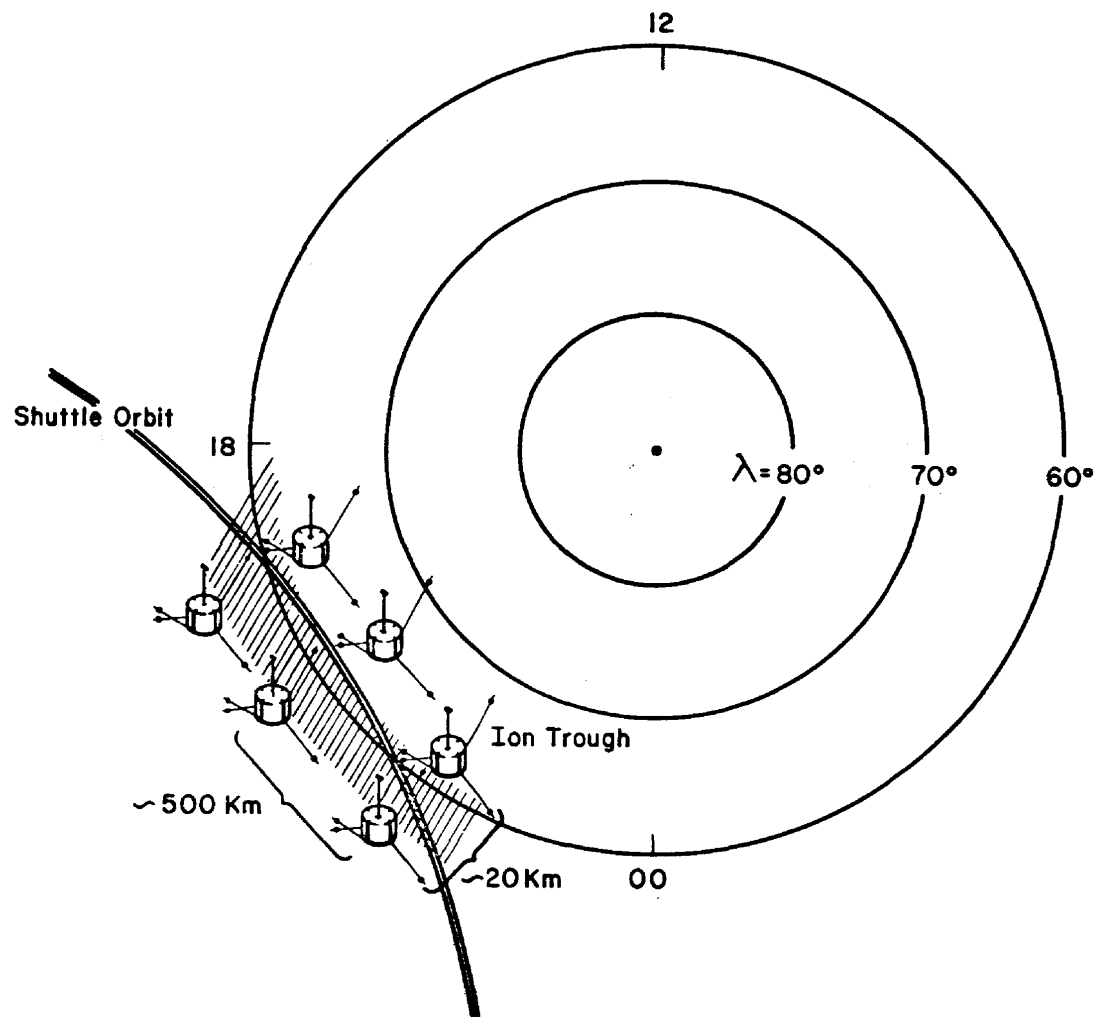
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MULTIPROBE INVESTIGATION OF STRUCTURE  
AND DYNAMICS OF ION TROUGH

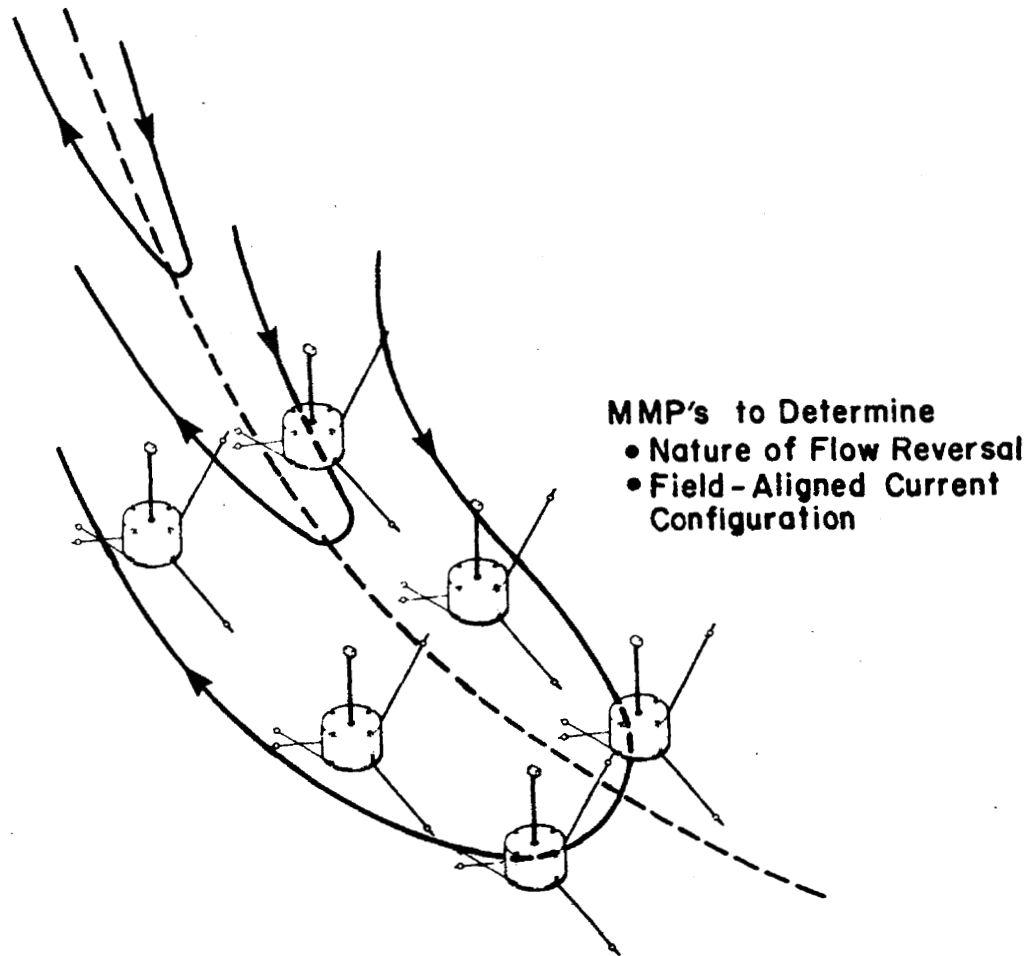
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**MMP INVESTIGATION OF FLOW REVERSALS  
(CLEFT AND HARANG DISCONTINUITIES)**

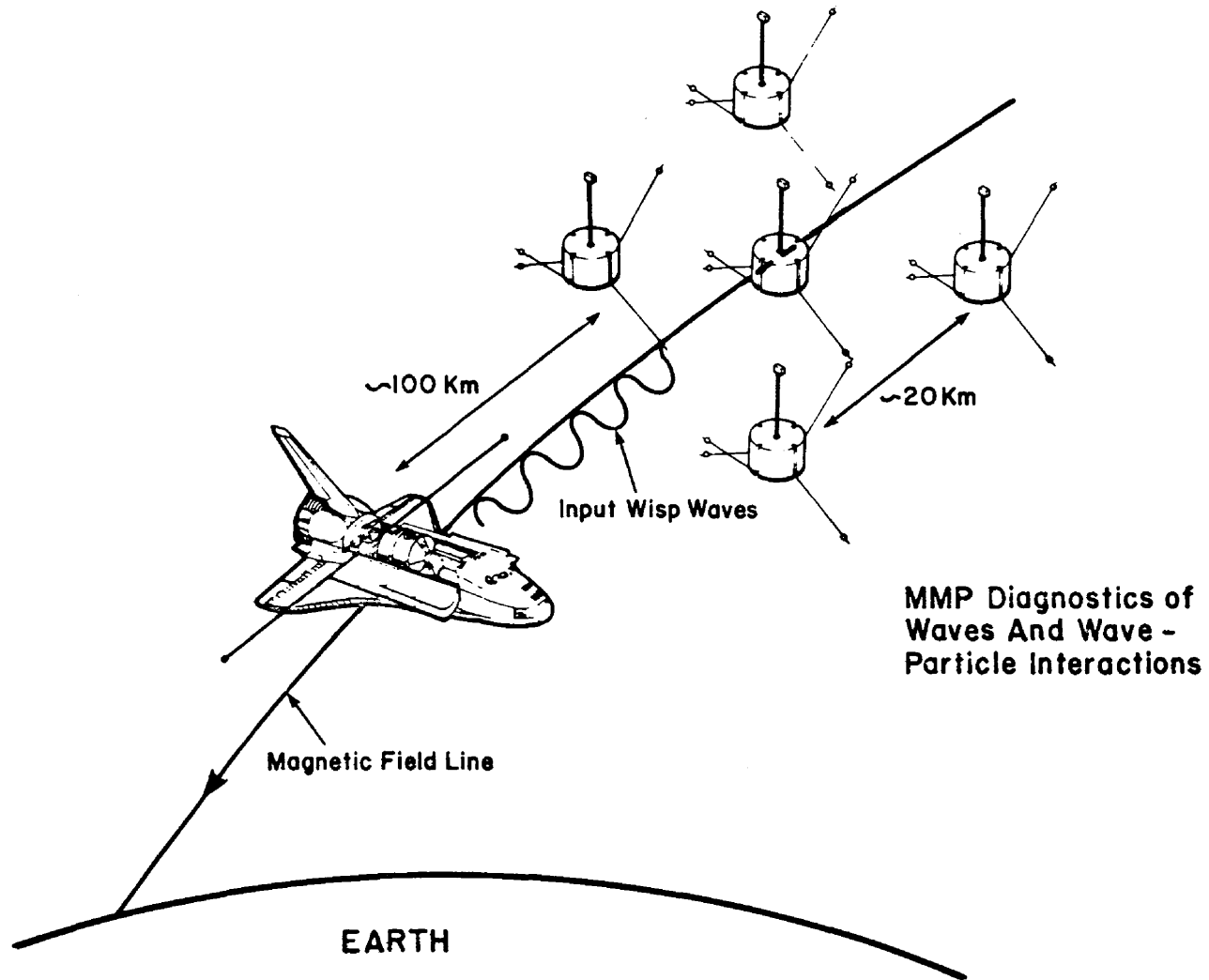
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# USE OF MULTIPROBES IN WISP WAVE INJECTION EXPERIMENTS

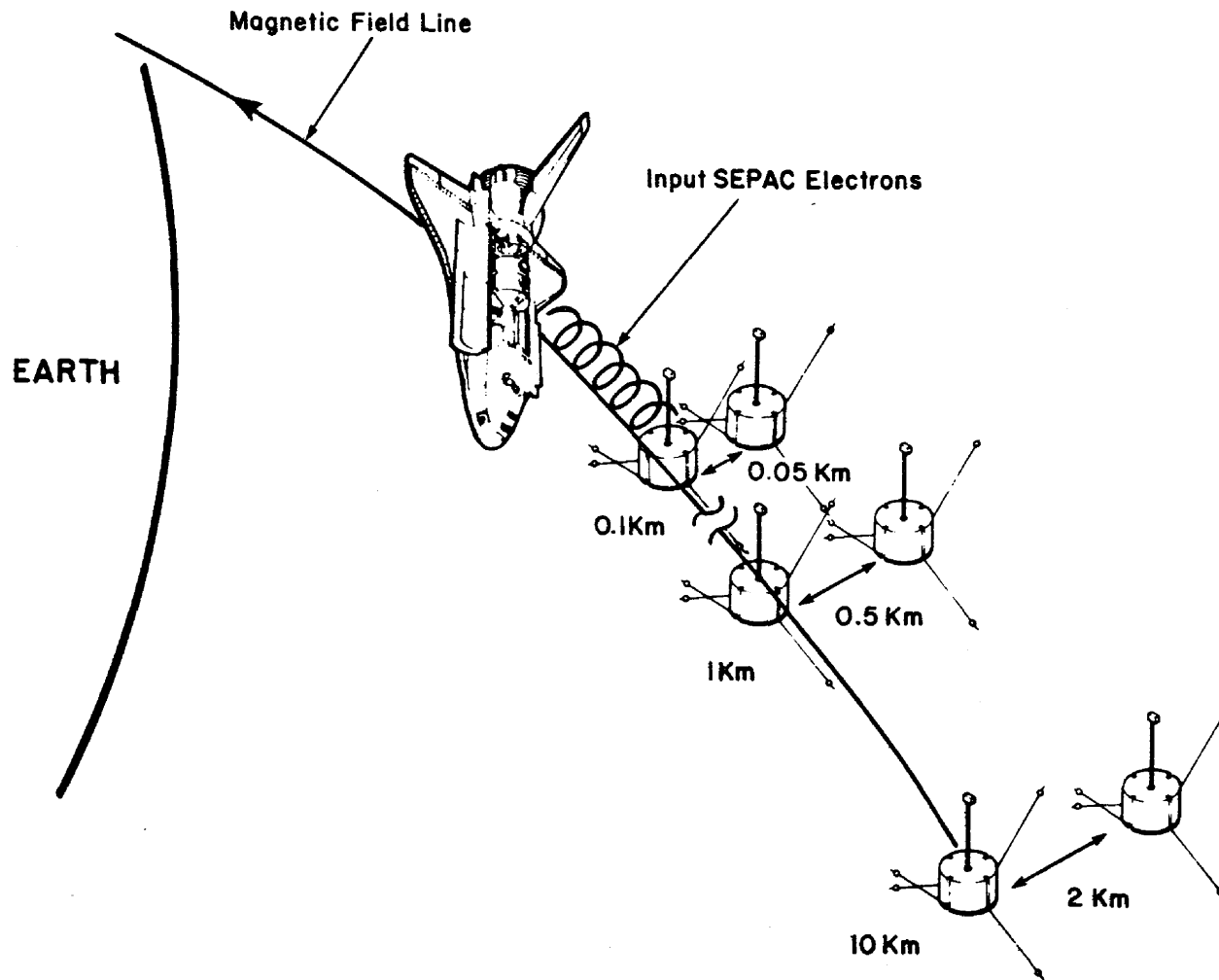
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# USE OF MULTIPROBES IN SEPAC BEAM-PLASMA EXPERIMENTS

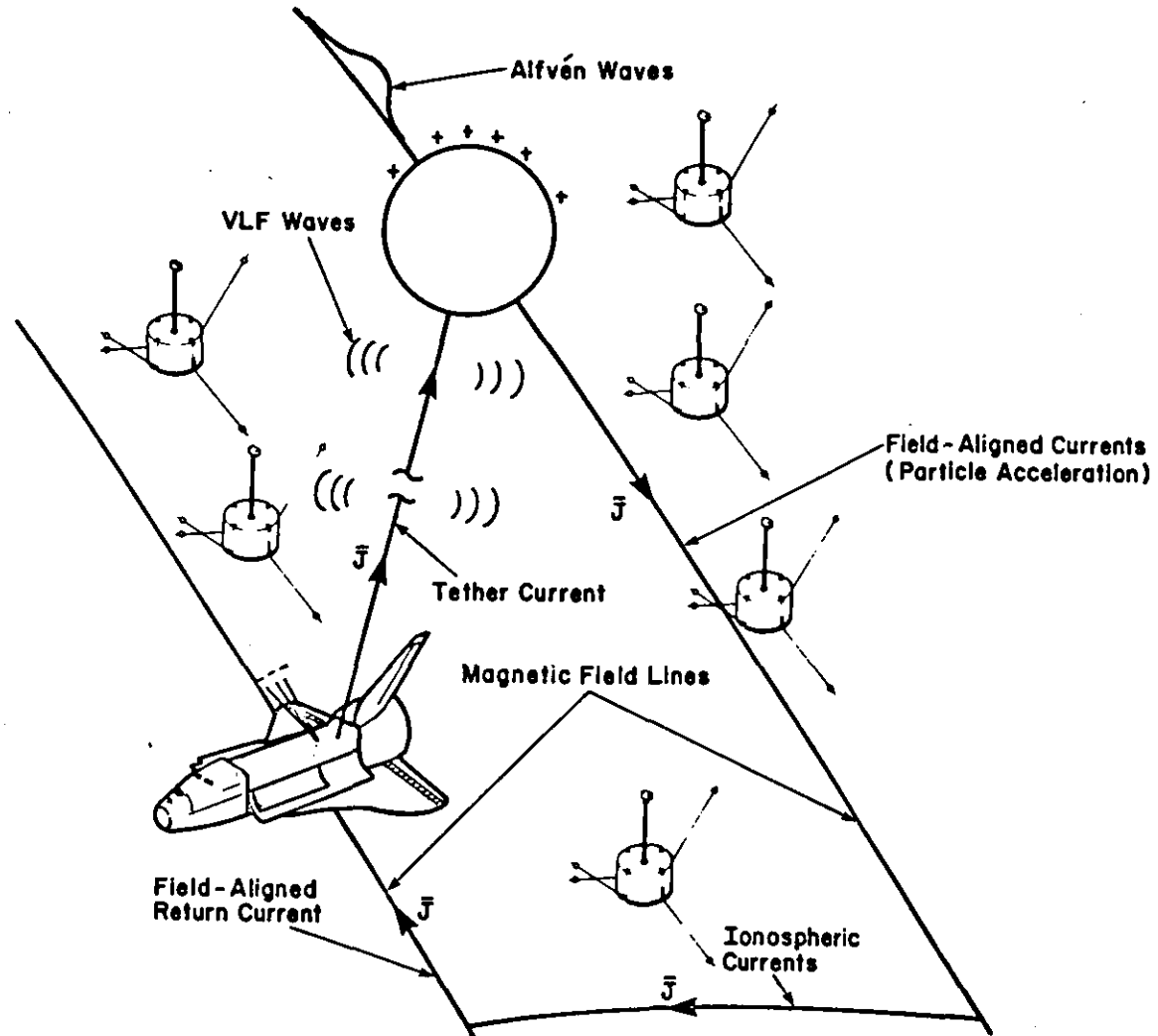
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# USE OF MULTIPROBES WITH ELECTRODYNAMIC TETHER

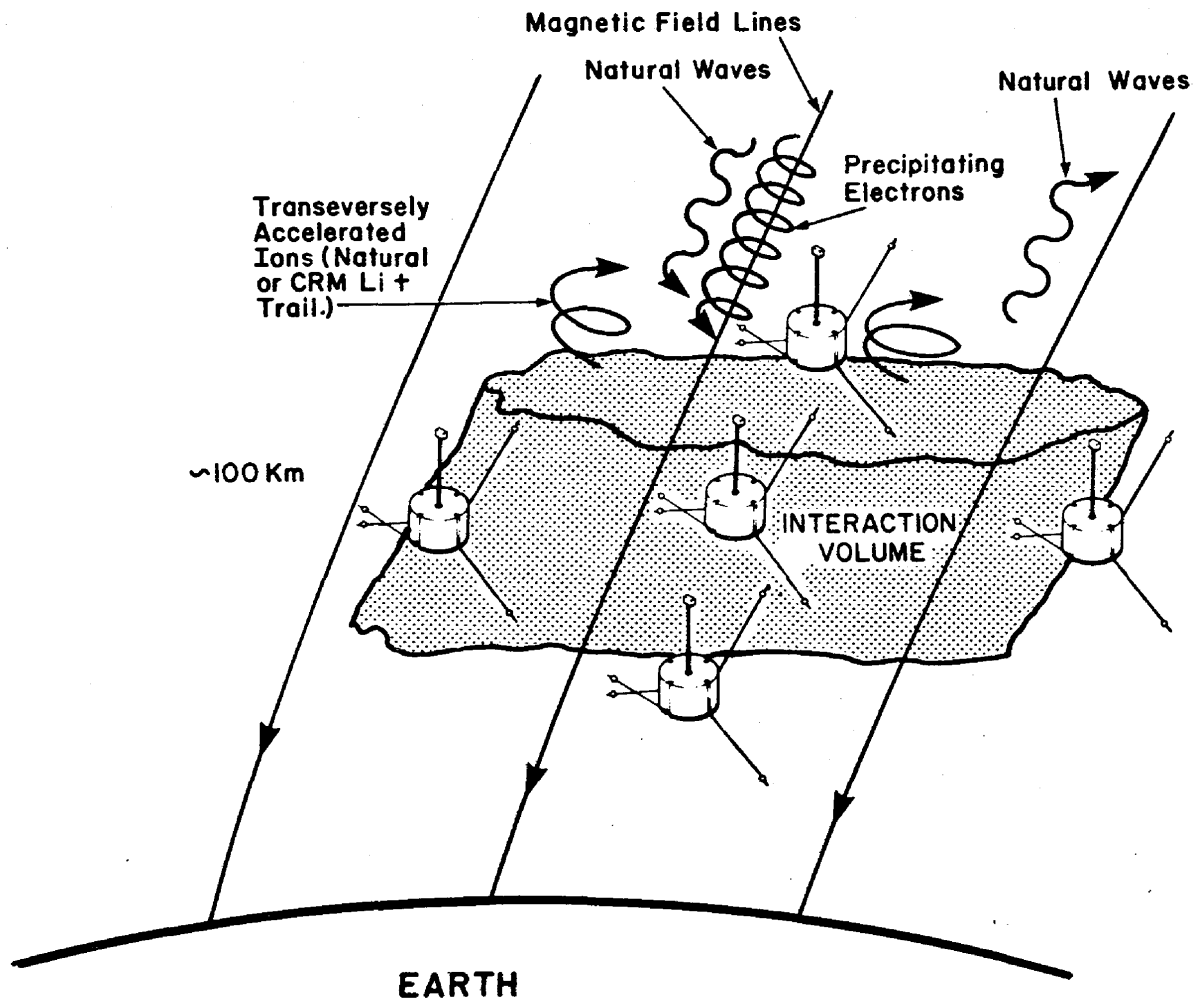
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# MULTIPROBE INVESTIGATION OF TRANSVERSE ION ACCELERATION

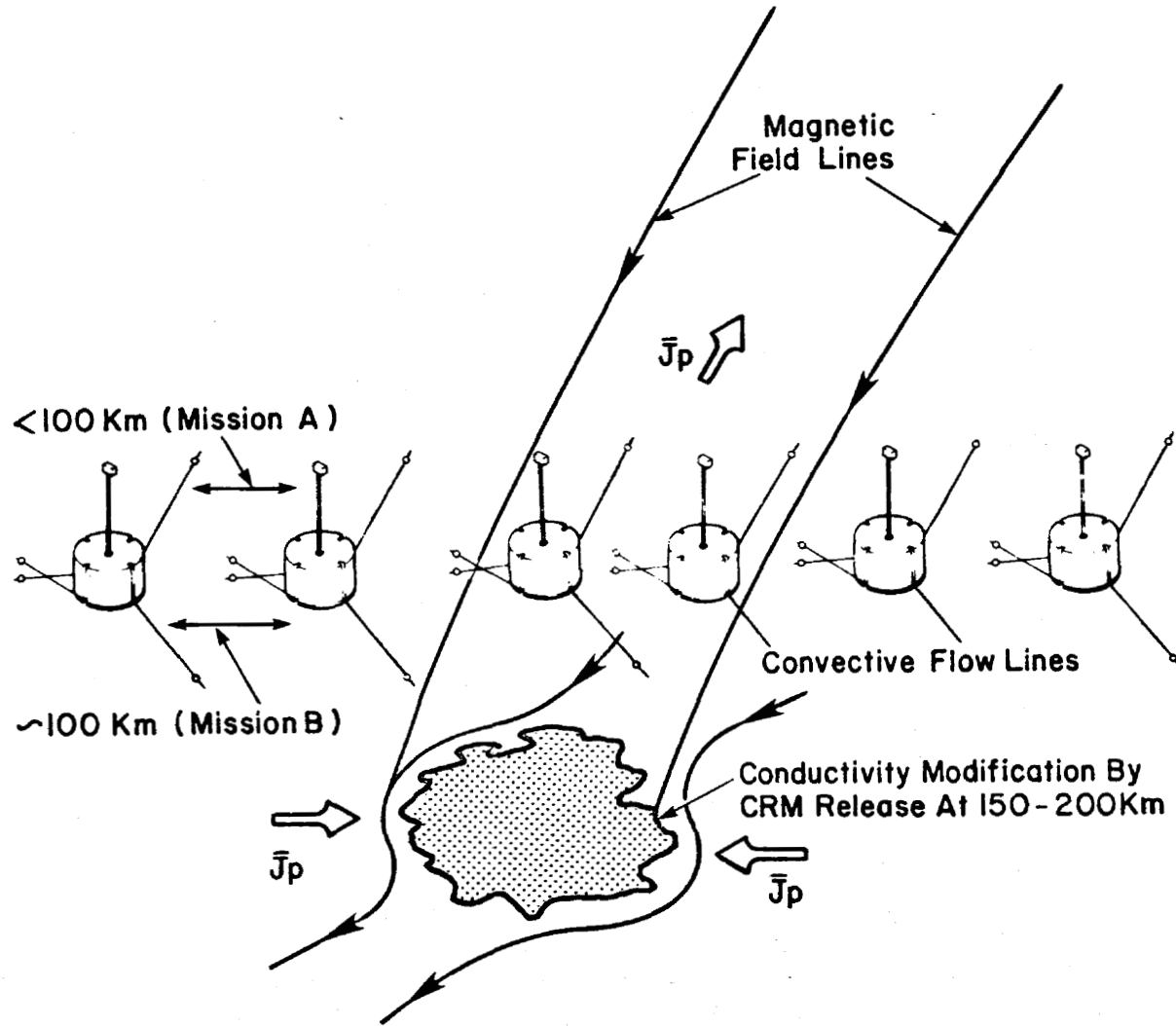
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USE OF MULTIPROBES IN CRM CONDUCTIVITY  
MODIFICATION EXPERIMENTS

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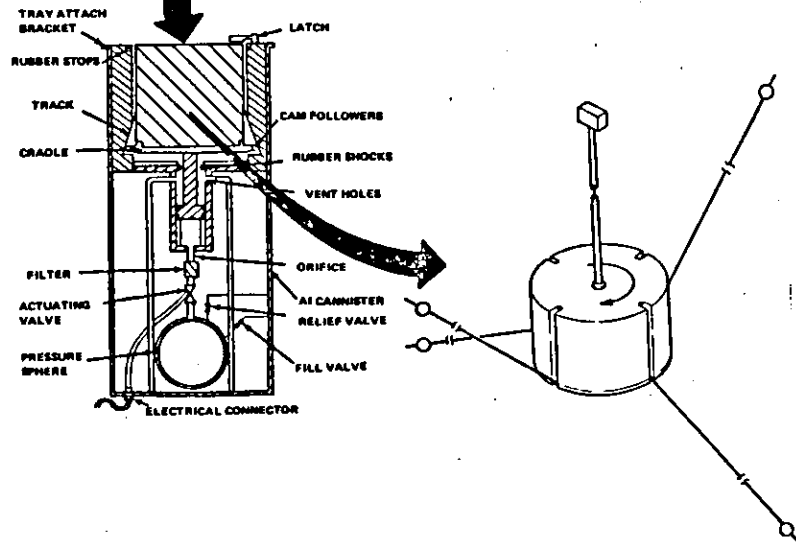
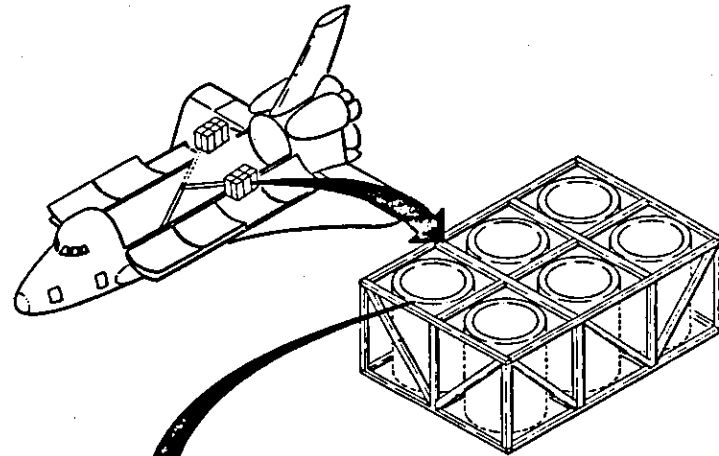




# MULTIPROBE STOWAGE AND EJECTION SYSTEM

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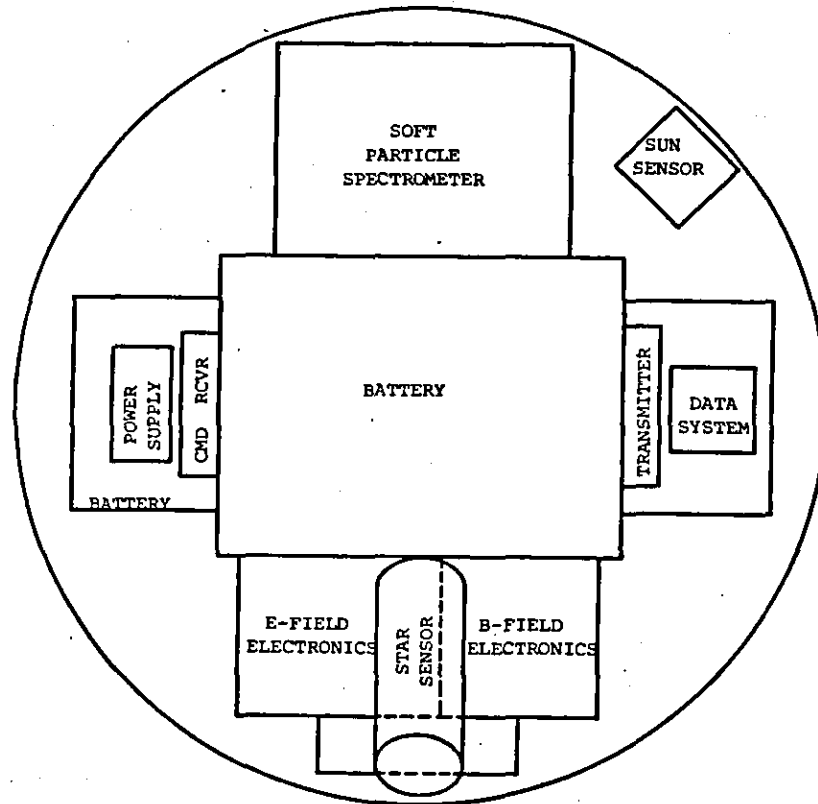




PLAN VIEW OF ASSEMBLED MULTIPROBE SUBSYSTEMS

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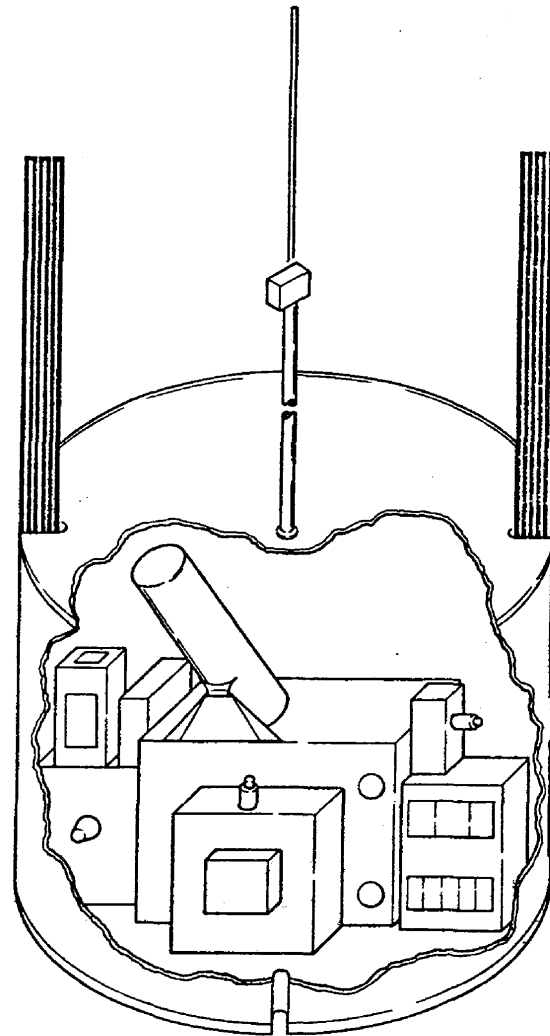




CUTAWAY VIEW OF ASSEMBLED MULTIPROBE

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DIAM: 60 cm

HEIGHT: 38 cm

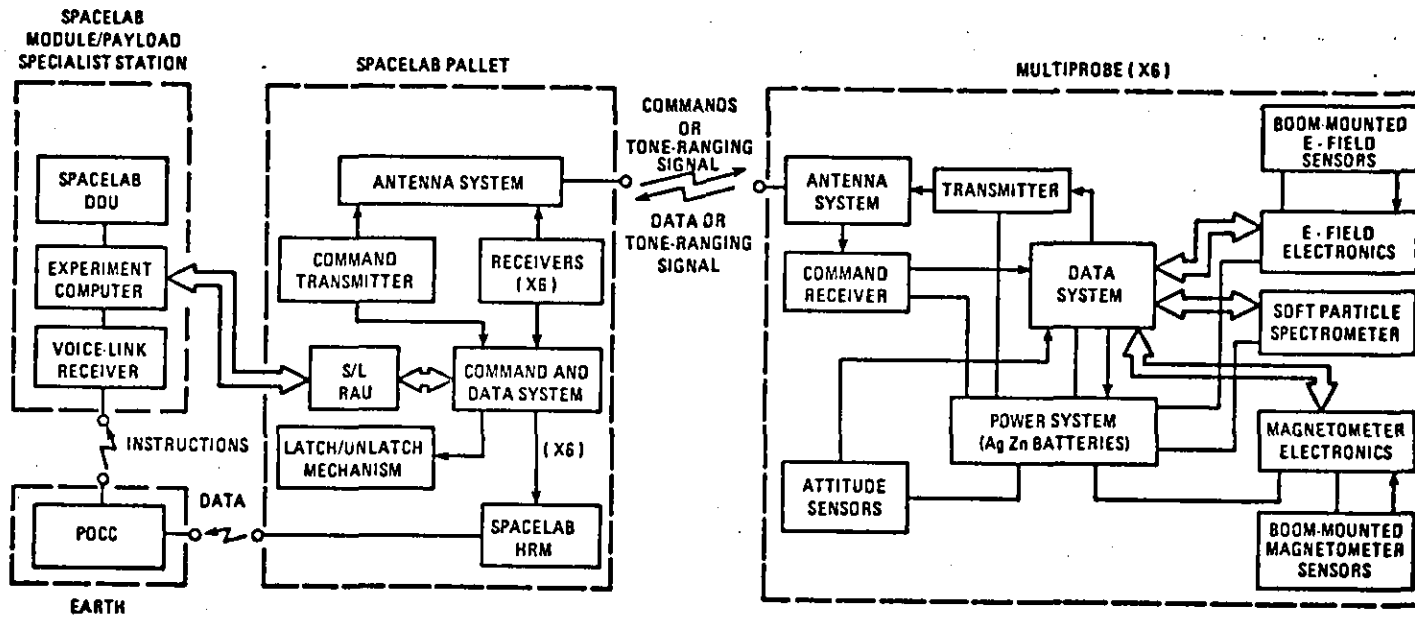
MASS: 50 kg



# MULTIPROBE SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

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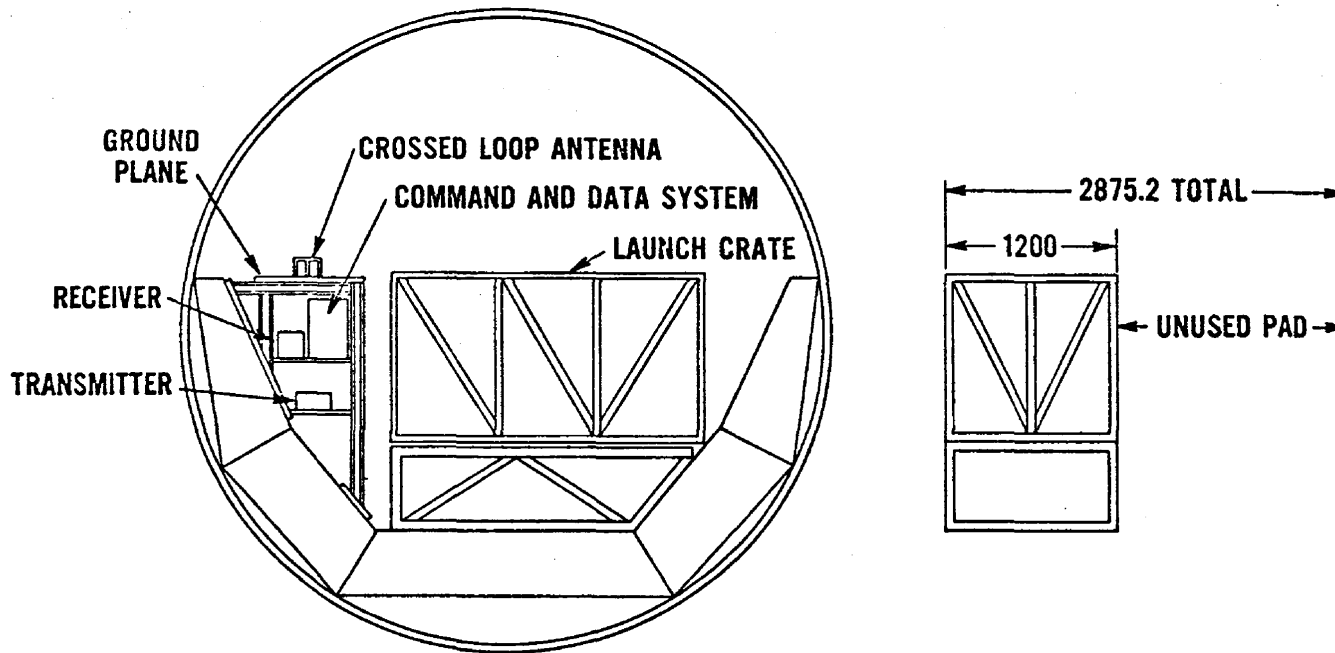




MULTIPROBE SYSTEM MOUNTED ON SPACELAB PALLET

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INSTRUMENT ACCOMMODATIONS

- EVALUATE MEANS OF PROVIDING MECHANICAL MOUNTING FIXTURES FOR EACH INSTRUMENT WITH SERVICEABILITY AS A CONSIDERATION
- EVALUATE ELECTRICAL INTERFACE CIRCUITS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE COMMAND AND DATA SUPPORT TO EACH INSTRUMENT
- EVALUATE POWER CIRCUIT INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS FOR FUSING AND CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS
- EVALUATE EMI ENVIRONMENT FOR INSTRUMENT CONTAMINATION CONSIDERATIONS

POWER

- EVALUATE THE SUITABILITY OF VARIOUS BATTERY TECHNOLOGIES (INCLUDING LITHIUM, AgZn, AND NiCd BATTERIES) FOR THE MULTIPROBE POWER SUBSYSTEM

ATTITUDE DETERMINATION

- EVALUATE THE USE OF SUN SENSORS, HORIZON SENSORS, AND STAR SENSORS FOR DETERMINING 3-AXIS ATTITUDE TO THE REQUIRED  $0.1^{\circ}$

ELECTRIC FIELD ANTENNAS

- EVALUATE THE SUITABILITY OF VARIOUS TYPES OF ANTENNAS, INCLUDING HINGED, TAPE AND WIRE



MULTIPROBE TRADE STUDIES

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STOWAGE AND EJECTION

• EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF STOWING AND EJECTING MULTIPROBES AT SPACELAB:

- (1) COLD-GAS DRIVEN PISTON EJECTION FROM A MODIFIED IECM FRAME
- (2) SPIN-UP AND EJECTION BY A SPECIAL PURPOSE END EFFECTOR ON THE RMS, AS IN THE PDP
- (3) SPIN-UP AND EJECTION FROM THE RMS BY A COLD-GAS SYSTEM INTERNAL TO EACH MULTIPROBE

THERMAL CONTROL

- EVALUATE VARIOUS PASSIVE AND ACTIVE MEANS OF CONTROLLING THE THERMAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE ENTIRE PALLET-MOUNTED MULTIPROBE SYSTEM AND OF EACH INDIVIDUAL DEPLOYED MULTIPROBE.

TRACKING

- EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR OBTAINING POSITION DETERMINATION TO AN ACCURACY OF 200 m:
  - (1) TONE-RANGING WITH DIRECTIONAL ANTENNAS
  - (2) TONE-RANGING WITH OPTICAL FIXES AND ORBITAL MECHANICS CALCULATIONS
  - (3) GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM
  - (4) ORBITER RENDEZVOUS RADAR WITH TRANSPONDERS

COMMUNICATIONS

- EVALUATE USE OF THE 401 TO 402 MHz BAND WITH DEDICATED MULTIPROBE TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVERS ON SPACELAB AND, ALTERNATIVELY, S-BAND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE ORBITER PAYLOAD INTERROGATOR.

COMMAND AND DATA MANAGEMENT

- EVALUATE OPTIONS FOR THE PROCESSING OF COMMANDS AND DATA ON BOARD SPACELAB AND AT EACH MULTIPROBE. IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE SPACELAB DDU AND EXPERIMENT COMPUTER, A SPACELAB-BASED DEP, COMMAND ENCODER, AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM, AND A MULTIPROBE-BASED COMMAND DECODER AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM.





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PAYLOAD AND MISSION SPECIALIST SUPPORT

- DEFINE THE ROLE OF CREW MEMBERS IN EJECTING AND TRACKING MULTIPROBES
- DEFINE THE ROLE OF CREW MEMBERS IN CONTROLLING THE MULTIPROBES IN ORBIT IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER SPACELAB FACILITIES SUCH AS WISP AND SEPAC

FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

- DEFINE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT WITH THE MULTIPROBES AND IDENTIFY OTHER REQUIRED SPACELAB FACILITIES
- DEVELOP A STRAWMAN MISSION TIMELINE TO INCLUDE EFFECTS OF MULTIPROBE ORBITAL MECHANICS AND SEPAC AND WISP BEAM AND WAVE INJECTION CHARACTERISTICS

ORBITAL ANALYSIS

- EVALUATE FEASIBILITY OF ACHIEVING THE REQUIRED RELATIVE POSITIONS AMONG THE MULTIPROBES AND SPACELAB.
- DETERMINE OPTIMUM DRAG COEFFICIENTS FOR MULTIPROBES
- DETERMINE OPTIMUM LAUNCH CONDITIONS AND ORBITAL PARAMETERS TO MEET THE MULTIPROBE FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

