

# DAPPER

The **D**ark **A**ges **P**olarimeter **P**athfinder**ER**

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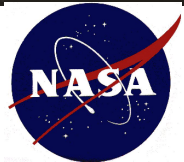
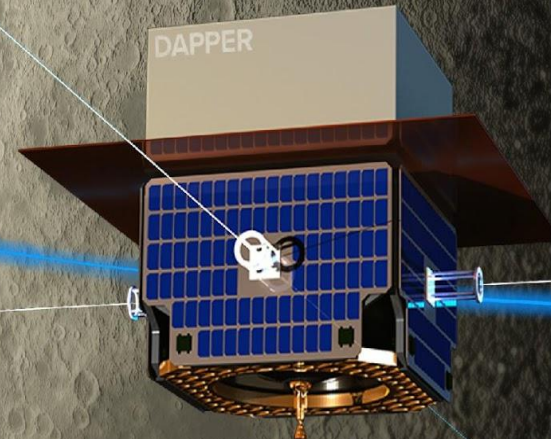
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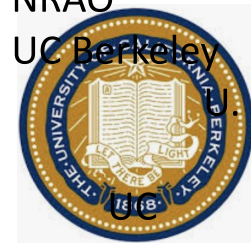
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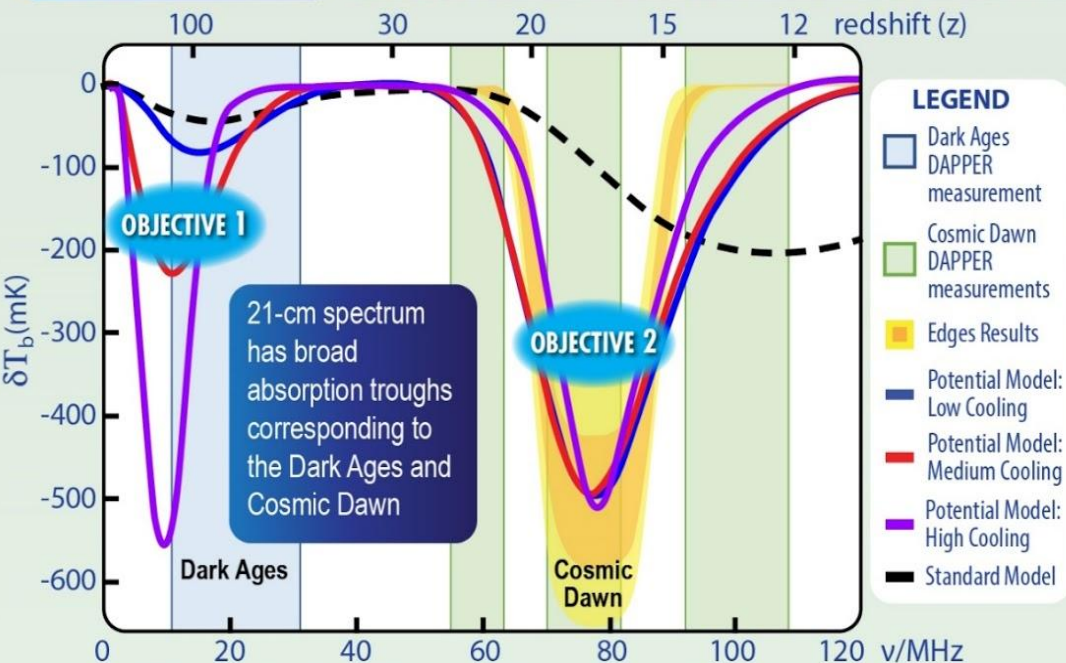
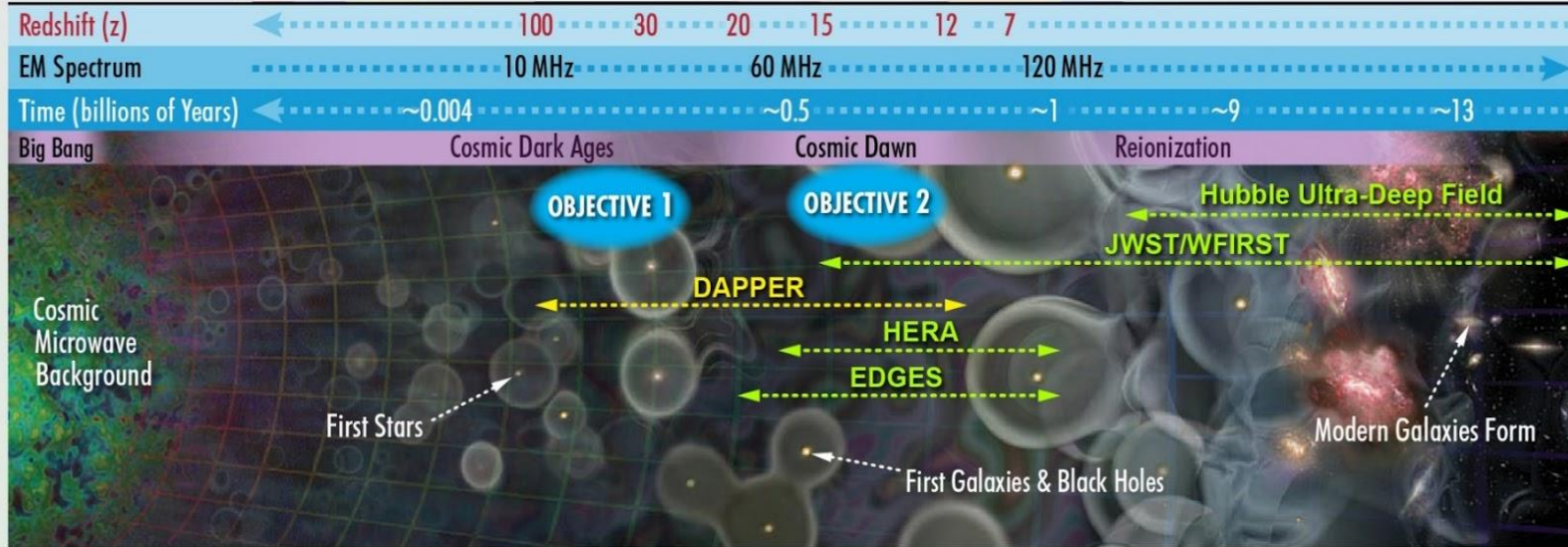
OBJECTIVE 1:

- Determine the level of (dis)agreement with the standard cosmological model caused by dark matter in the Dark Ages.

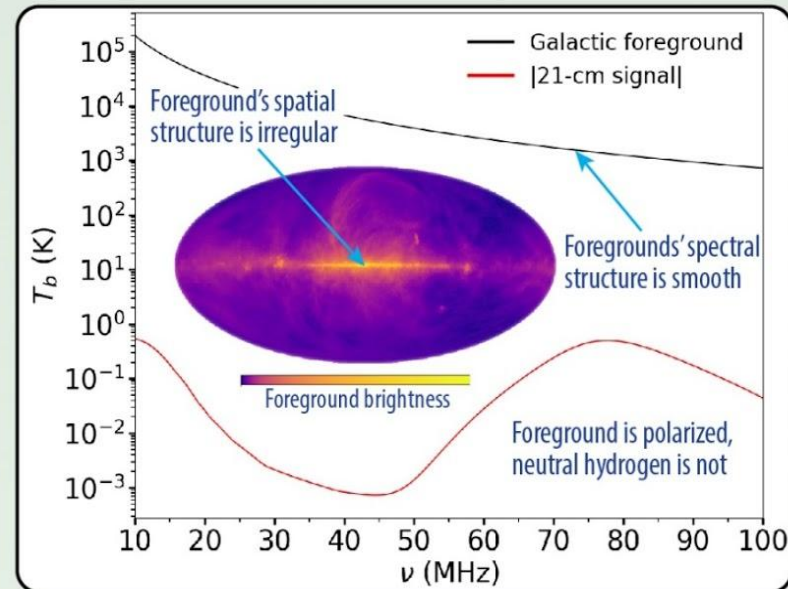
OBJECTIVE 2:

- Determine the level of excess cooling above the adiabatic limit for Cosmic Dawn.
- Determine when the first stars and black holes formed.

Will the observed behavior of redshifted neutral hydrogen redefine the standard cosmological model?

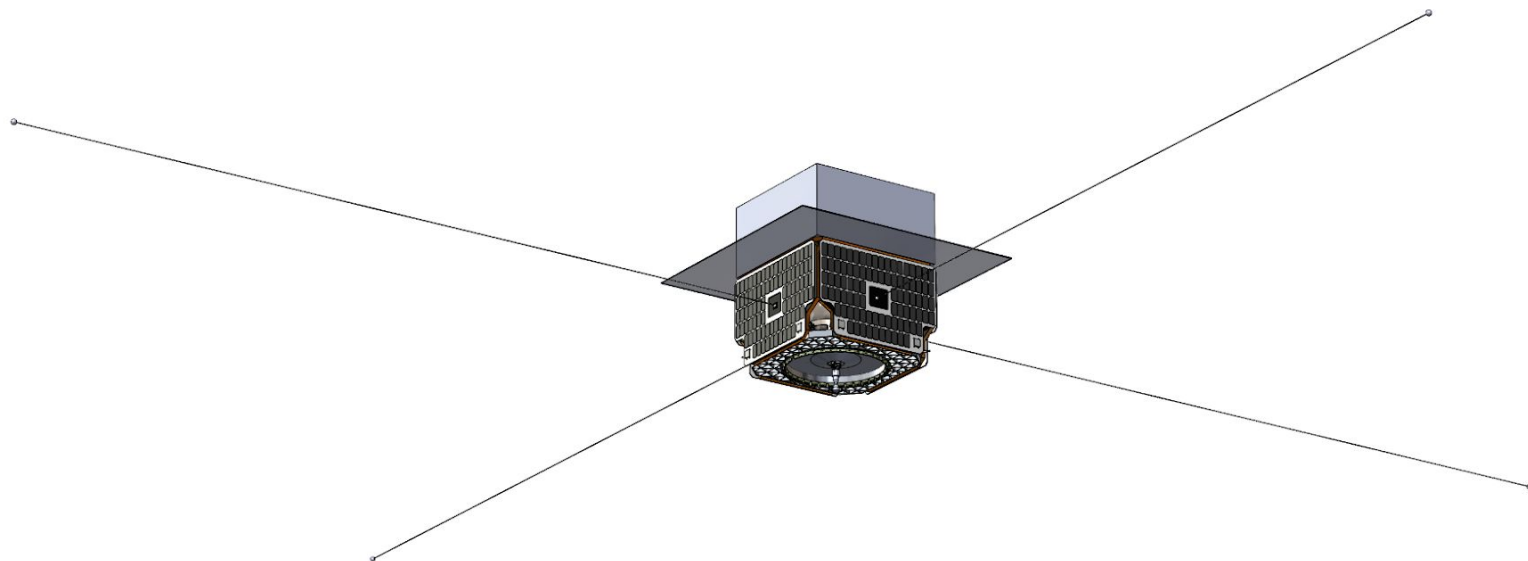


DAPPER uses the 21-cm all-sky signal to observe redshifts  $z = 83-12$ , associated with the Dark Ages and the Cosmic Dawn.



DAPPER separates Galaxy foreground from 21-cm signal using differences in spectral shapes, spatial structure, and polarization.

# Mission Overview



- 2 Frequency Bands: 18-40 MHz and 60-110 MHz.
- Measure all 4 Stokes parameters.
- Spin spacecraft at 2-5 rpm for dynamic polarimetry.
- Integration time: 5000 hrs at low band and 500 hrs at high band to achieve  $\sim 20$  mK thermal noise.
- Low  $50 \times 125$  km equatorial lunar orbit to maximize time in radio quiet cone.

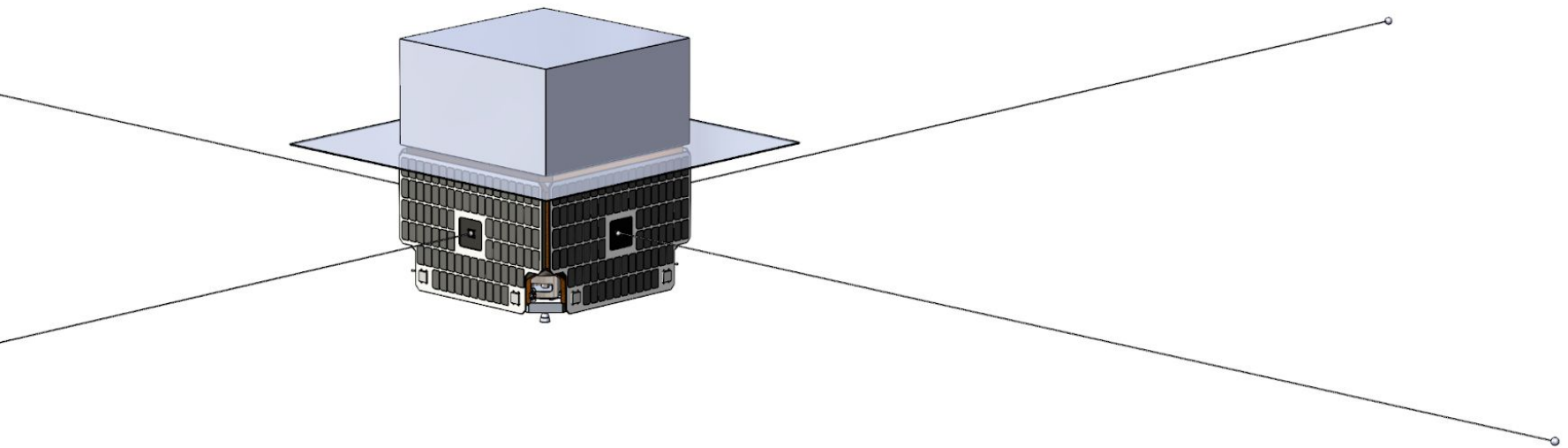
See also Burns, J.O. 2020, *Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. A*, in press, arXiv:2003.06881



## DAPPER Low Band Antenna

Four deployable wire antenna units (~3.5-m length), arranged in two, orthogonal co-linear

High Band Patch Antenna

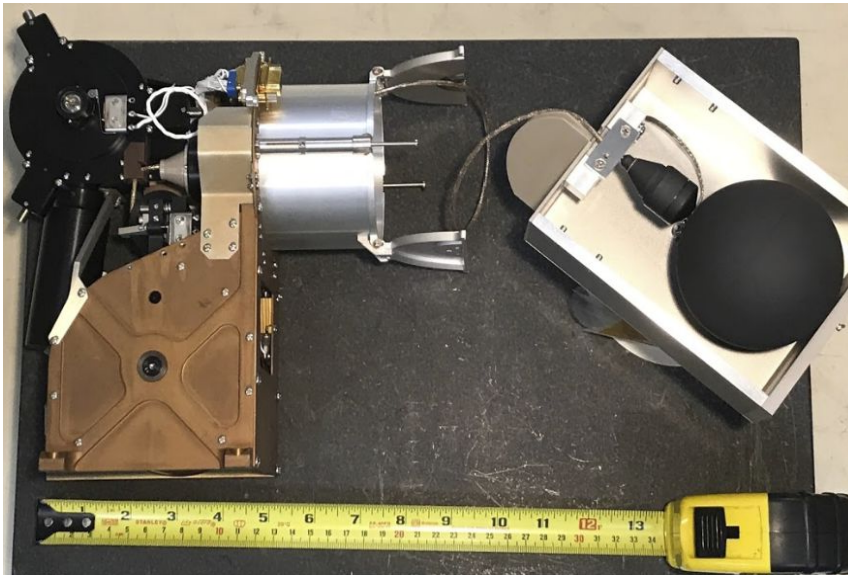
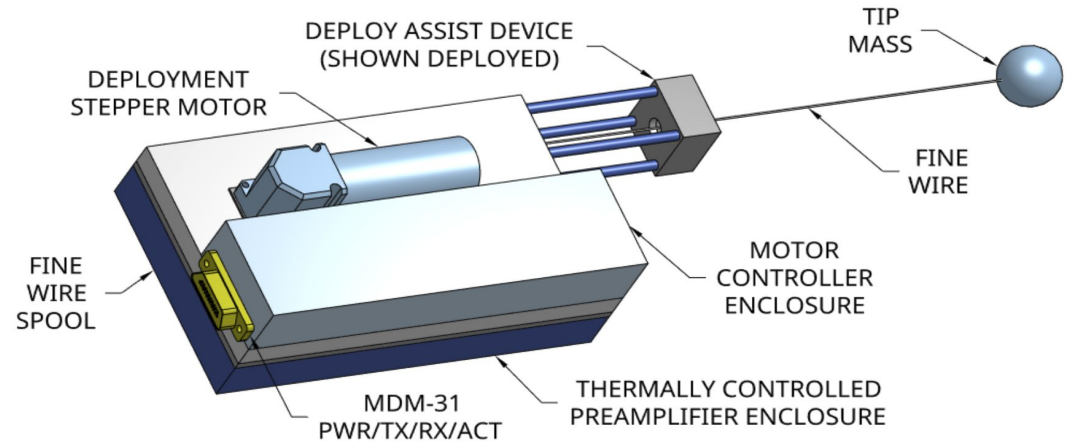


deployed by commanded motor-drive in the spin-plane of the spacecraft.

## Low Band Wire Antenna Heritage

DAPPER will use fine wire, rather than a wire harness, simplifying the design.

The DAPPER antenna enclosure will be designed to optimize antenna impedance.

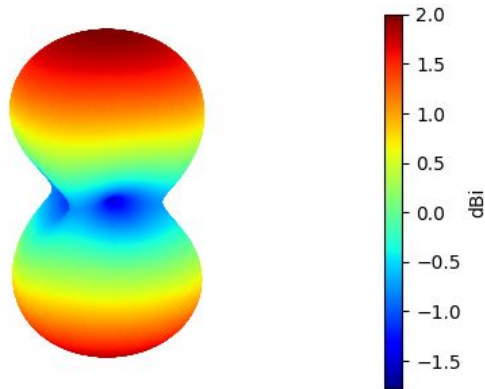


A THEMIS/EFI spin plane boom system. The THEMIS mission successfully deployed 20 of these units on orbit. The DAPPER wire boom antennas derive directly from the THEMIS/EFI and Van Allen Probe (RBSP) units

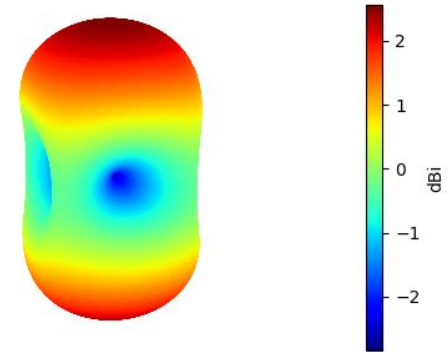


# Low Band Wire Antenna Beams

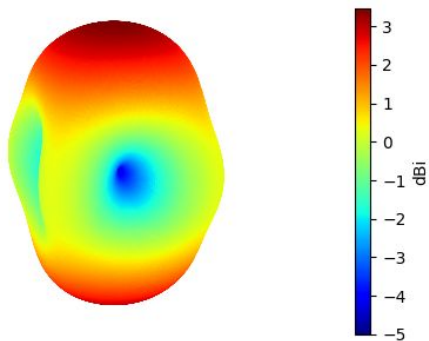
18 MHz



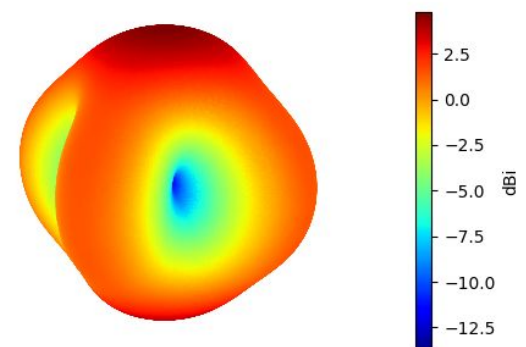
27 MHz



36 MHz



45 MHz



## High Band Patch Antenna Design

### Baseline Design

A rendering of the baseline design made from solid dielectric materials is shown in Fig. 3 along with a cut-away view, where the middle layer of metal and the four terminal connections are visible.

Laminated  
Structure

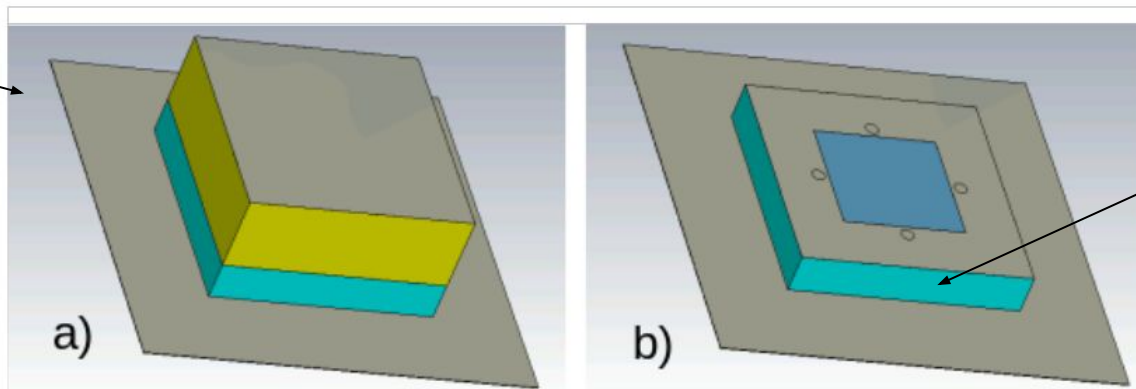
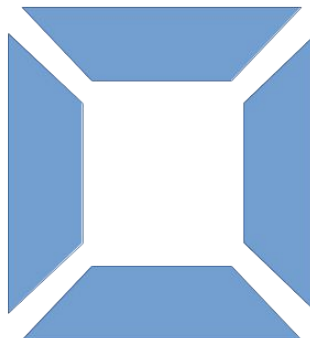
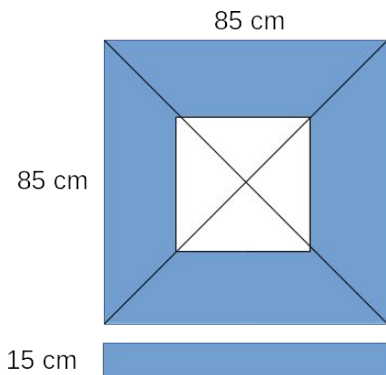


Figure 3: Rendering of the baseline patch antenna. Panel a) is an overall view, and b) is a cutaway showing the middle metal layer and feed connections.

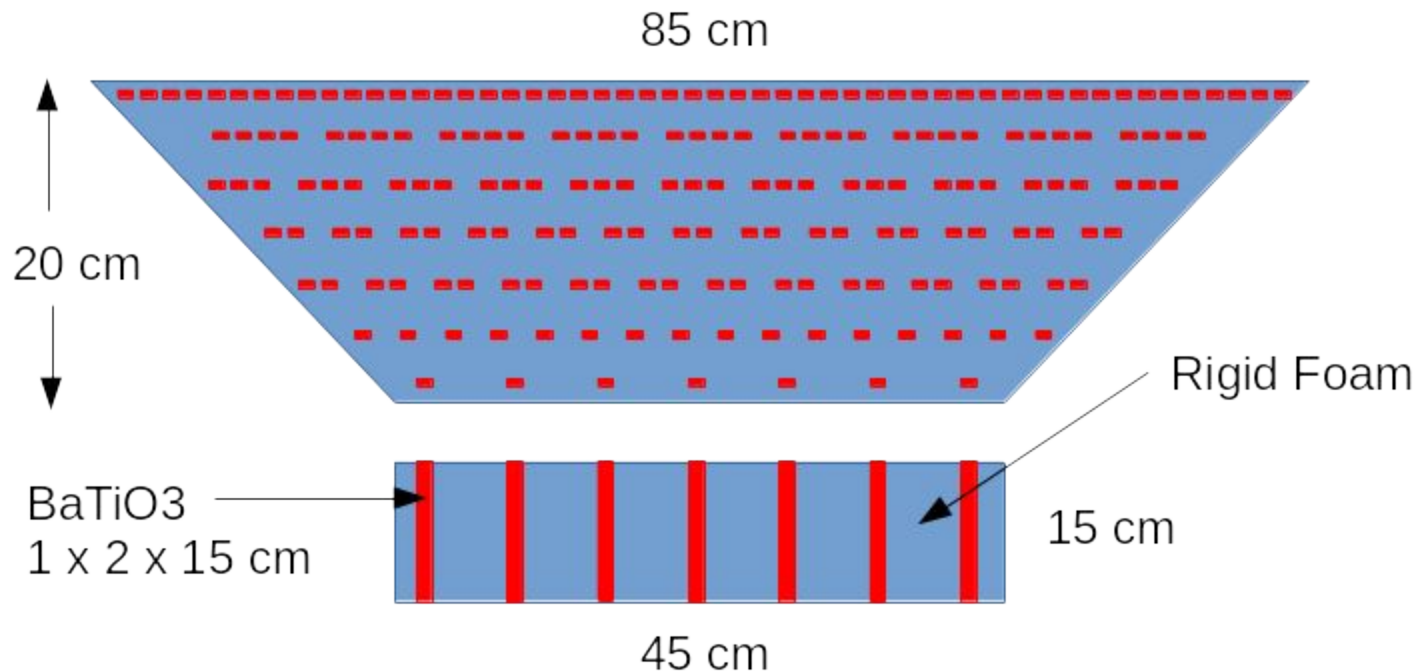
Bottom  
Dielectric  
Material



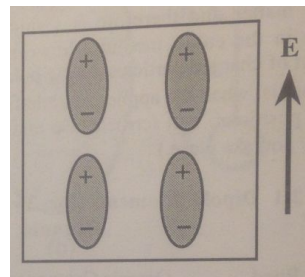
Four  
identical  
quadrants



## DAPPER Patch Design

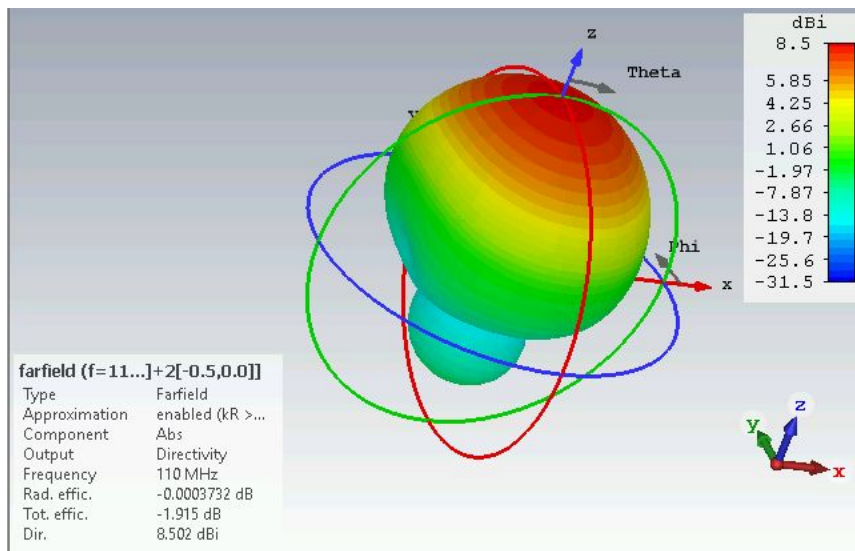
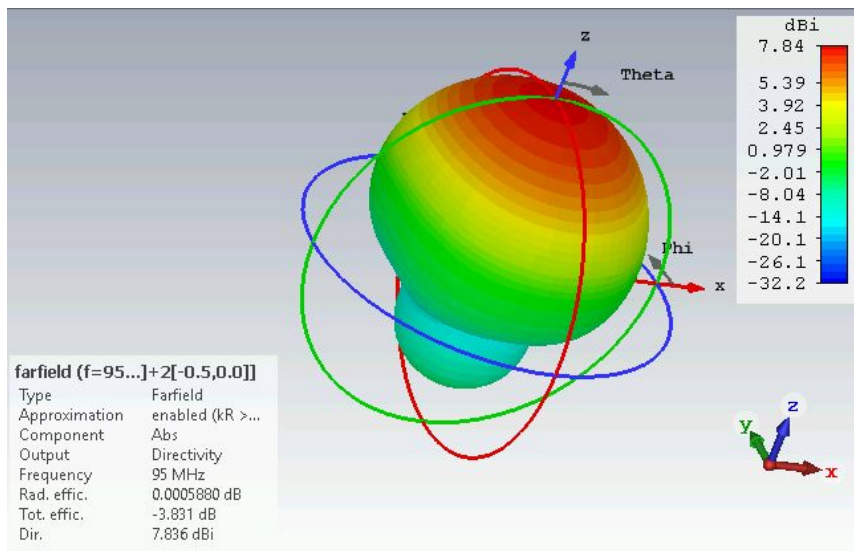
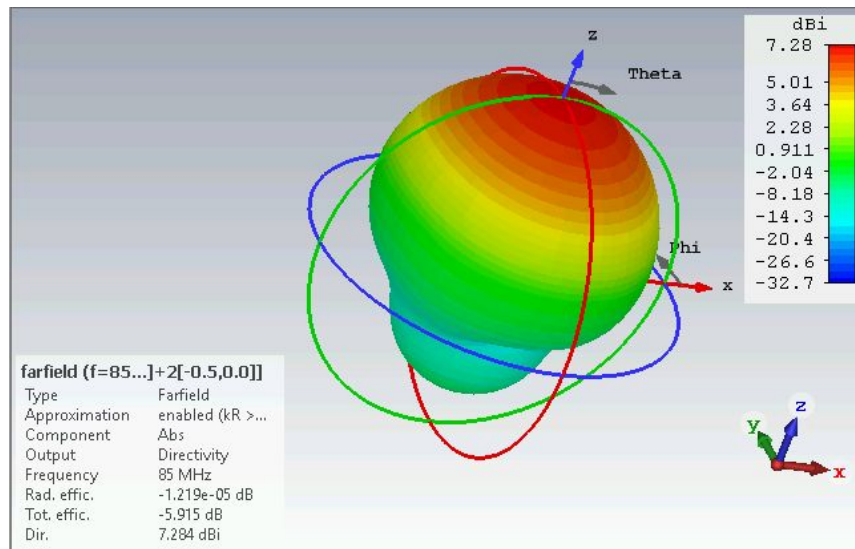
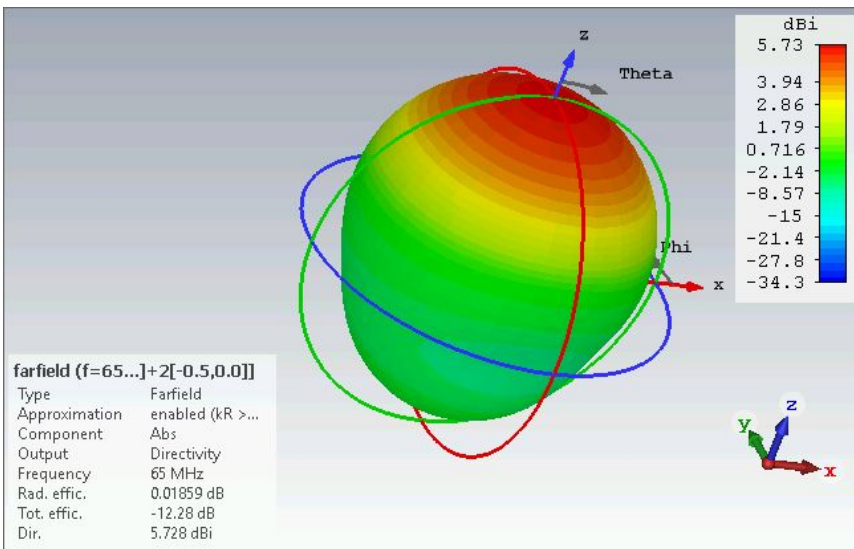


BaTiO<sub>3</sub> is the most widely used ferroelectric material, and even sixty years after its discovery, it is the most important multilayer ceramic dielectric.



Molecular alignment leading to high dielectric constant of BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

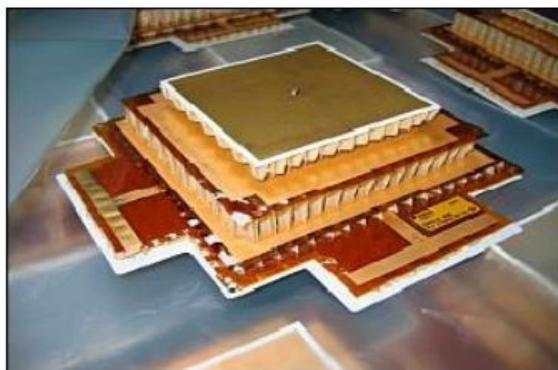
### Beam Patterns (65, 85, 95, 110 MHz)





## Patch Antenna Heritage

Galileo in-orbit patch. Four stacked layers of Kapton.



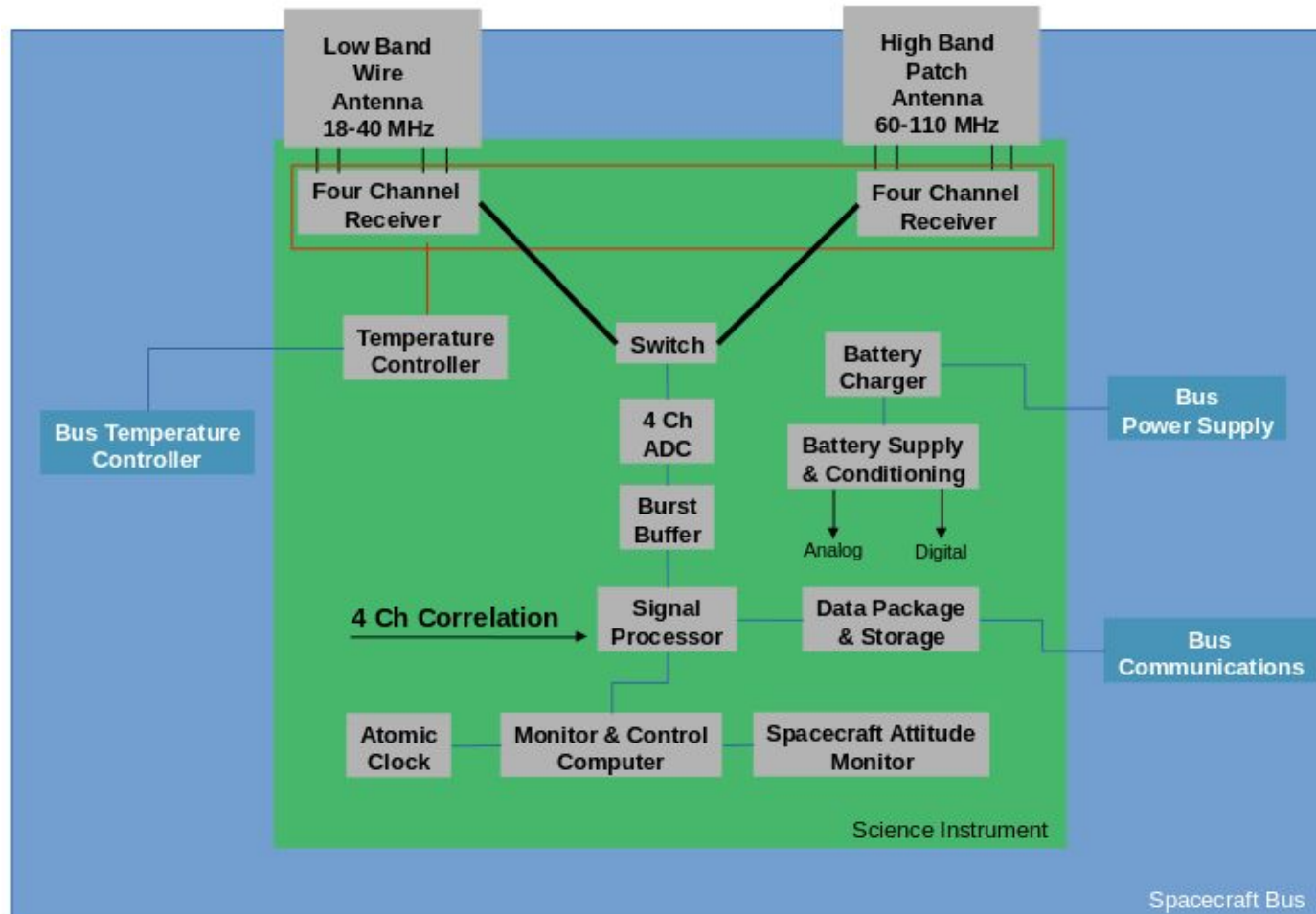
Patch antennas have been used primarily for TT&C and ISL applications

Table 79: Constellation ISL Comparison

Mission	Link	Band	Antenna type	Data-rate	Distance	Link margin
ROSETTA	Orbiter-Lander	S	Patch	16 kbps	150km	14,8 dB
	Lander-Orbiter	S	Patch	16,38 kbps	150 km	15,5 dB
PRISMA	RRFR	S	X-pole	12 kbps	30 km	18,1 dB
CanX 4&5	ISL	S	Patch	10 kbps	5 km	19,2 dB
NODES	ISL	UHF	Monopole	9,6 kbps	100 km	33,8 dB
TSX-TDX	P-P @90°@	S	Patch	31,25 kbps	1,25 km	12,0 dB
Sar-Lupe	Low rate	S	Patch	300 kbps	50 km	13,5 dB
	High Rate	S	Patch	6000 kbps	50 km	0,5 dB

## DAPPER Receiver Design

### Four Channel Correlation Receiver

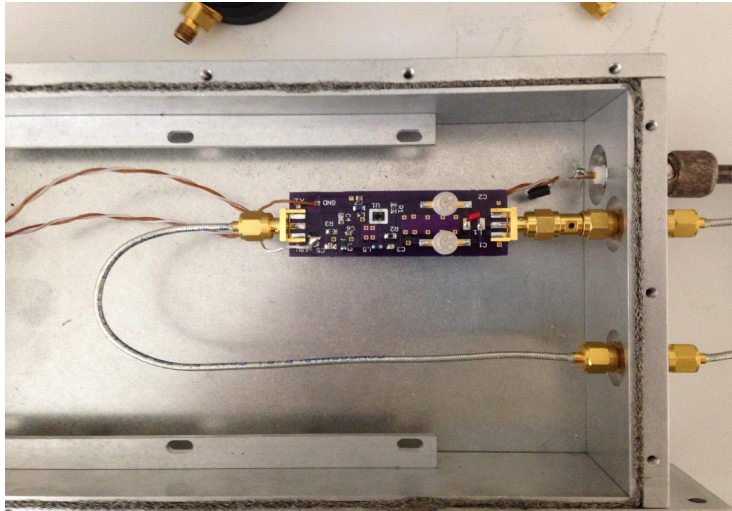




## Receiver Concept

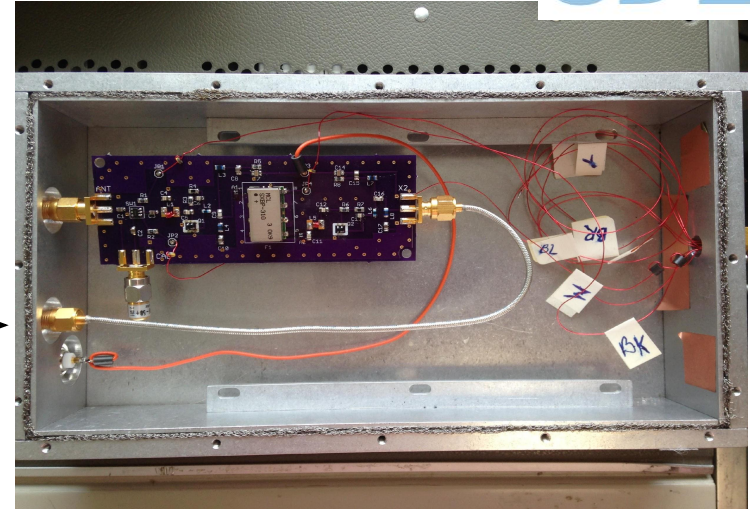
Current Status

CDL

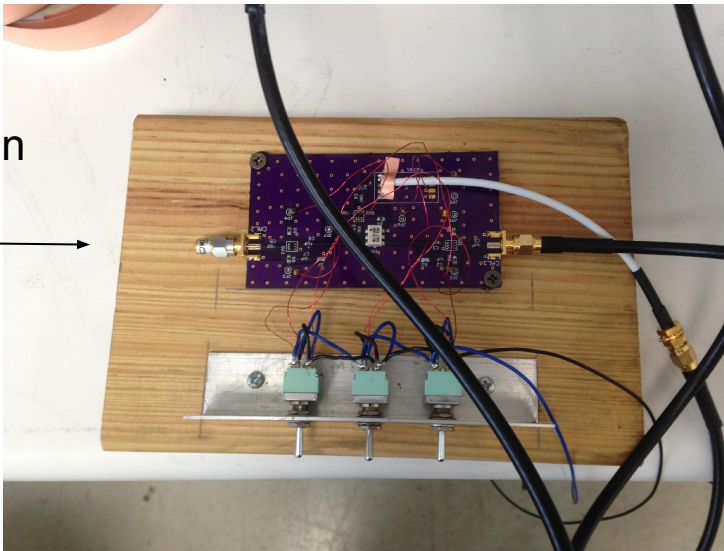


LNA

Receiver



Calibration Board



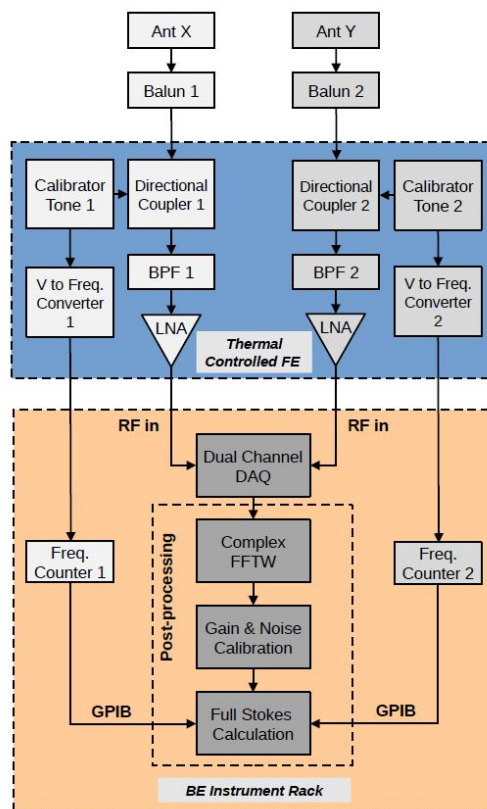
## Status

- Initial test of 310 MHz POC completed
- First set of ADS models completed
- Final 310 MHz Rcvr board completed
- Correlation tests to begin shortly
- Initial 60-110 MHz Rcvr design started

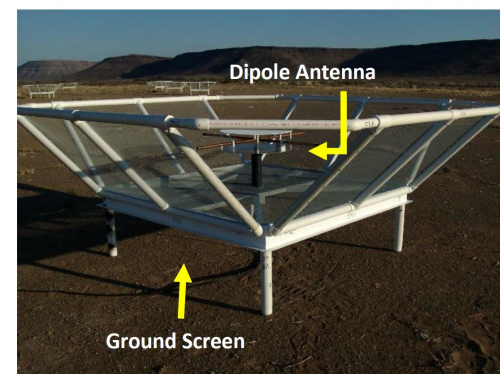
## DAPPER Heritage

### Cosmic Twilight Polarimeter – Initial Tests of Dynamic Polarimetry

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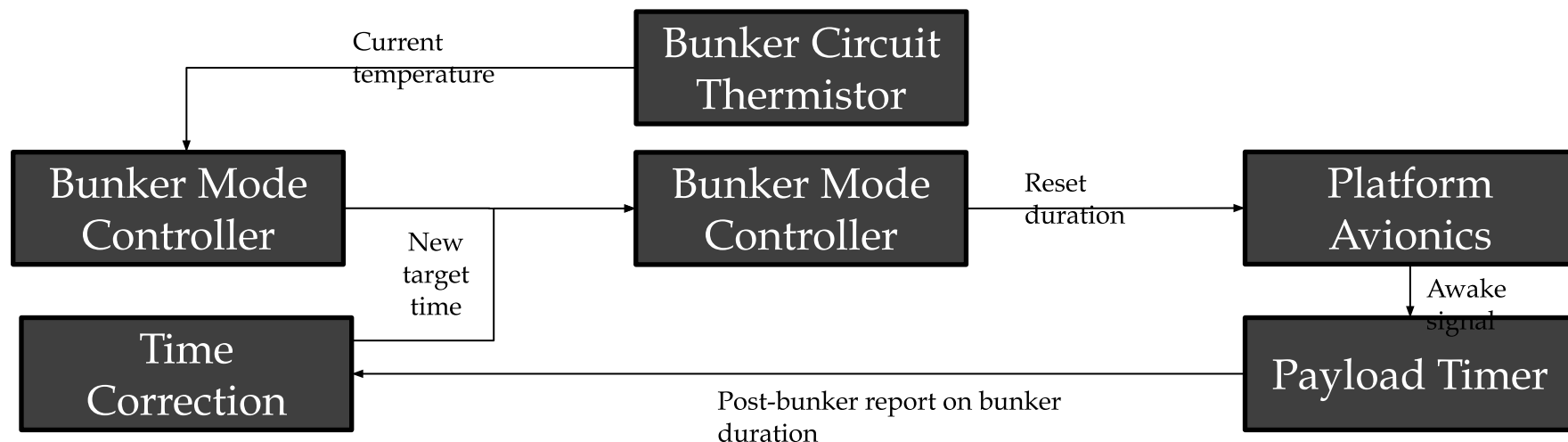
CTP-2





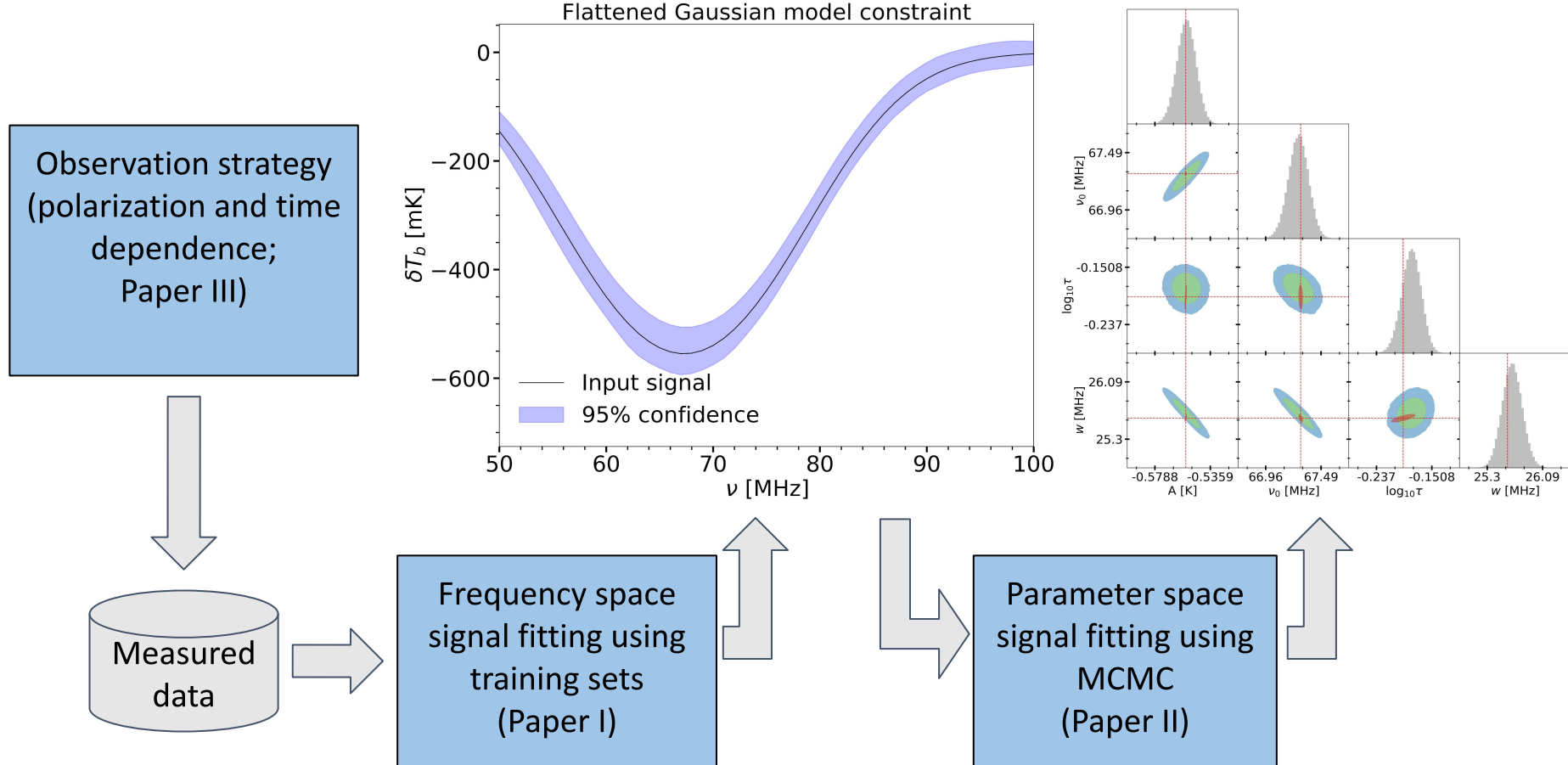
## Bunker Mode - Diagram

- The spacecraft will be turned off during science observations to avoid spacecraft-generated RFI
- In order to correct for long-duration drifts in timing, a closed-loop controller is proposed
- Duration of the previous bunker mode is timed by the payload





# Signal Extraction and Parameter Constraints



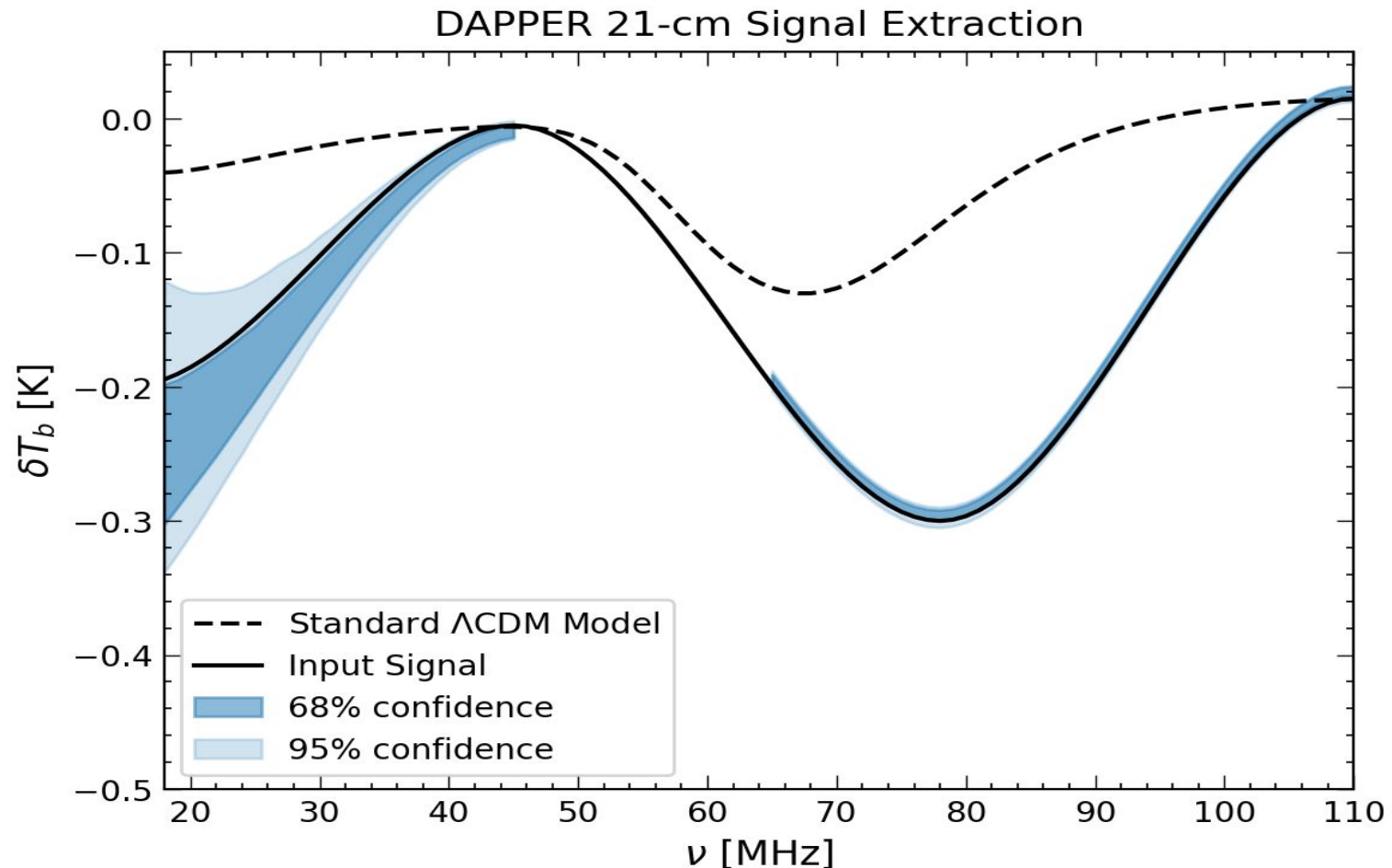
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See also Workshop talks by Rapetti, Tauscher, Bassett, & Hibbard

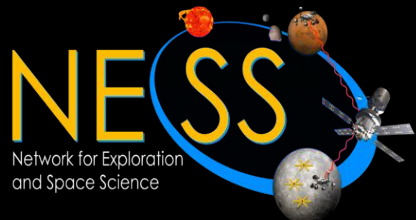
## End-to-End Simulated DAPPER Observations



Simulated DAPPER observations including statistical plus systematic uncertainties. DAPPER will distinguish at  $>5\sigma$  between a standard cosmology model and exotic physics models.

# Summary & Conclusions

- NASA Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) program will deliver radio science payload to the lunar surface next year (ROLSES).
- DAPPER will take advantage of transportation & communication infrastructure associated with NASA's Artemis.
- DAPPER will make spectral observations from lunar orbit of the Dark Ages & Cosmic Dawn using the highly redshifted 21-cm signal.
- Instrument development continues to refine antenna designs, receiver, & data pipeline.



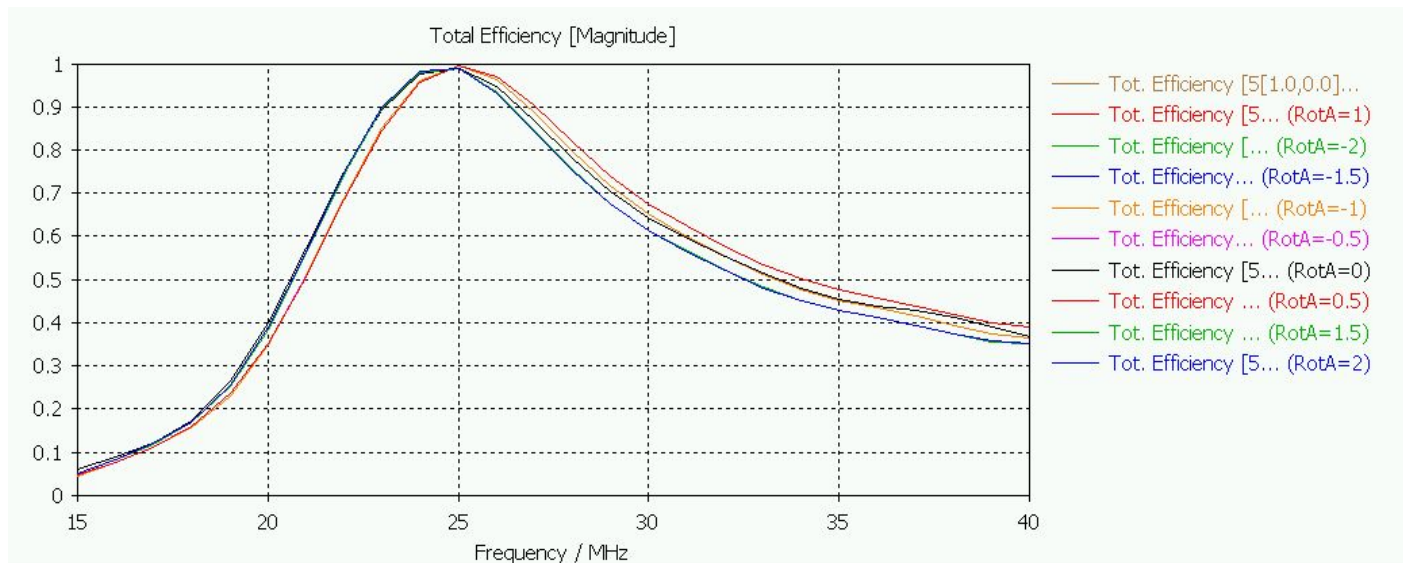


### Mechanical Mode Effects on Electromagnetic

### Performance Tuning

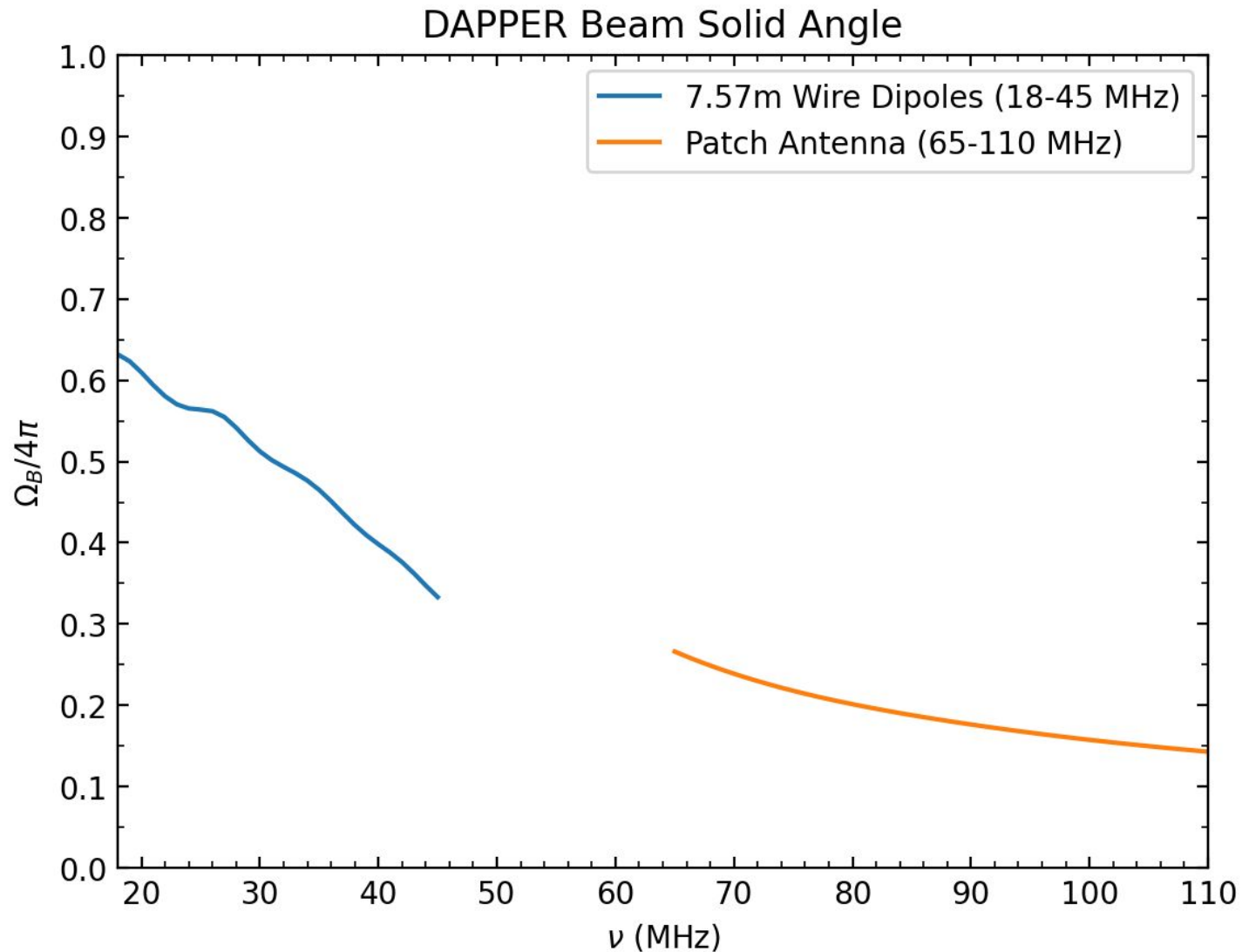


**Antenna Tuning**  
for several wire  
twist angles



**Efficiency**  
for several wire  
twist angles

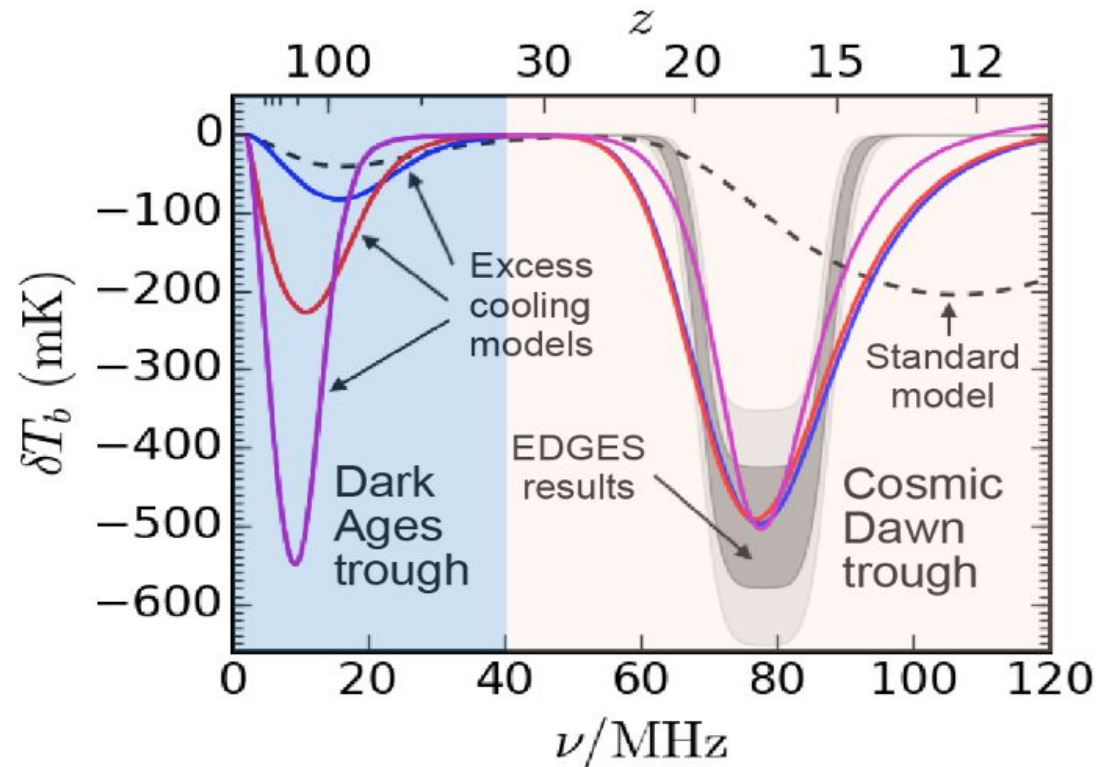
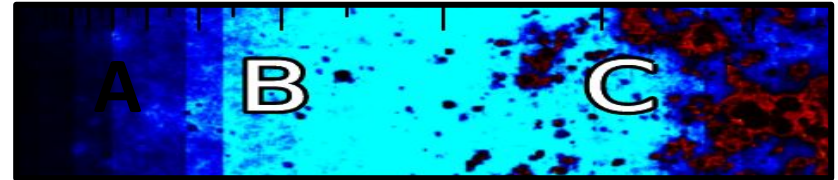
## Chromaticity of the DAPPER Antennas



# The 21-cm Global signal

## Spectral Features:

- A: **Dark Ages**: test of standard cosmological model
- B: **Cosmic Dawn**: First stars ignite
- C: **Black hole accretion** begins







# NASA-PROVIDED LUNAR PAYLOAD: ROLSES



## Radio wave Observations at the Lunar Surface of the photoElectron Sheath = **ROLSES**

- Science Goals:
  - determine the photoelectron sheath density from  $\sim 1$  to  $\sim 3$  m above the lunar surface.
  - demonstrate detection of solar, planetary, & other radio emission from lunar surface
  - detect dust impacting NOVA-C lander or antennas
  - measure reflection of incoming radio emission from lunar surface and below
  - Measure RFI from terrestrial transmitters
  - Aid development of lunar radio arrays.
- Team: **Robert MacDowall**, William Farrell, Damon Bradley, Nat Gopalswamy, Michael Reiner, Ed Wollack, Jack Burns, David McGlone, Mike Choi, Scott Murphy, Rich Katz, Igor Kleyner
- Status: ROLSES scheduled to land on lunar nearside in October 2021 using Intuitive Machines Nova-C lander.

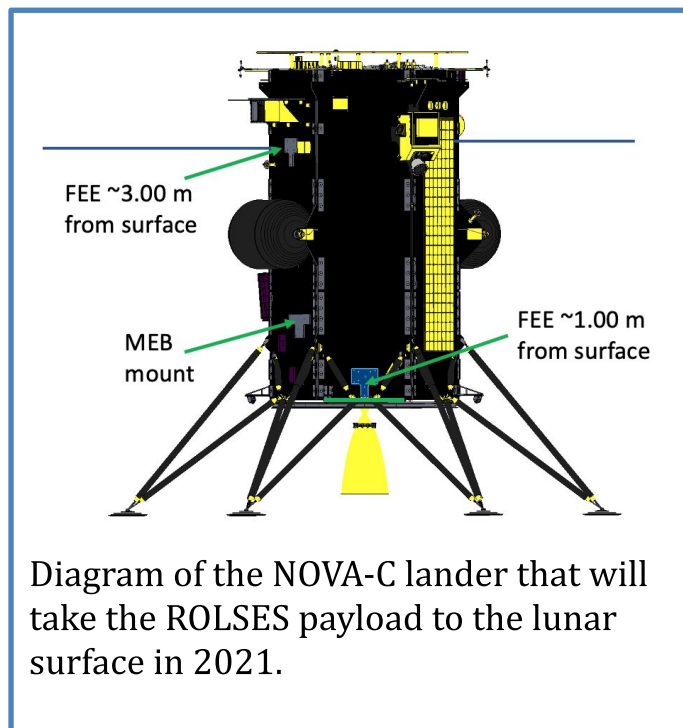


Diagram of the NOVA-C lander that will take the ROLSES payload to the lunar surface in 2021.