



OVERVIEW OF THE ALOS SATELLITE SYSTEM

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ALOS Mission Objectives

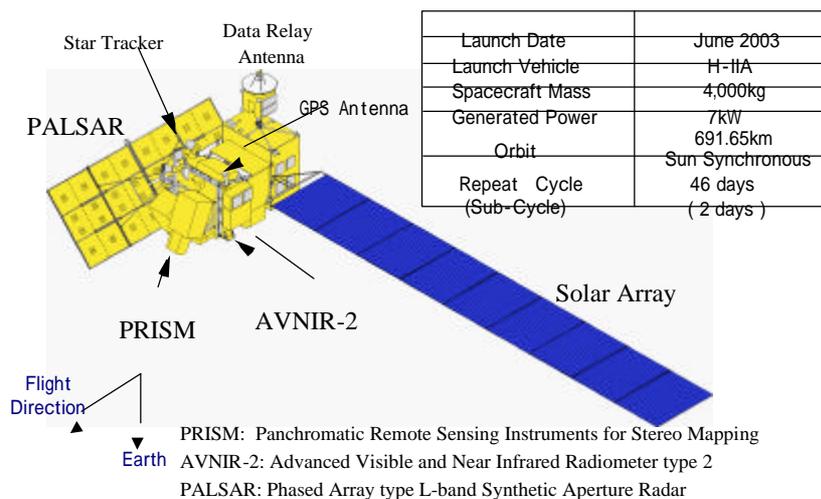


- Land Observation Technology Development
- Contribution to the following fields of applications
 - Cartography
 - 1/25,000 scale map, 3 to 5m accuracy Digital Elevation Model(DEM)
 - High resolution (2.5m) and wide swath width (35 or 70km)
 - Mapping without any Ground Control Points
 - Regional Environmental Monitoring
 - Multi-Spectral & Multi-Polarization Observation
 - Same Area/ Simultaneous Observation with Optics & SAR
 - Wide Swath Width and Frequent Observation (Seasonal Changes)
 - Disaster Monitoring
 - Observation within 48 hours (on the equator) or 24 hours (at 60deg latitude)
 - Earth Resources Survey
 - JERS-1 Successor

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ALOS Satellite System



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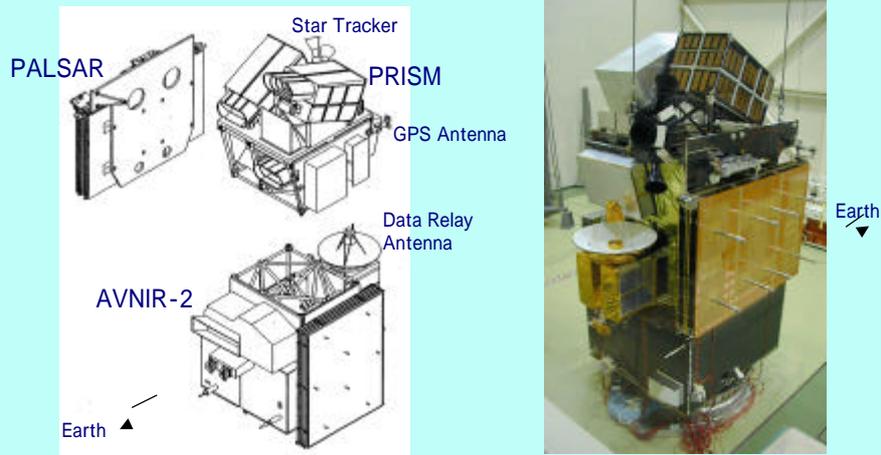
ALOS Development Schedule



Fiscal Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Development Phase	Phase-A		Phase-B		Phase-C&D					
Satellite System	Conceptual Study		Preliminary Design		Basic Design		Detailed Design	Sustaining Design		2003/6
Mission Sensors	Conceptual Study		BBM		EM, MTM, TTM		EM, MTM, TTM	PFM		ALOS Launch

BBM: Bread Board Model
 EM: Engineering Model
 MTM: Mechanical Test Model
 TTM: Thermal Test Model
 PFM: Proto Flight Model

ALOS Mechanical Test Model (MTM)



ALOS Mechanical Test Model

ALOS Thermal Test Model (TTM)



ALOS Thermal Test Model (TTM)

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Mapping Requirements



- 1) Providing 3 to 5m altitude accuracy Digital Elevation Model.
 - a) 2.5m resolution panchromatic image.
 - b) Triplet stereoscopic images with nadir, forward, and backward sensors.
 - c) Base to Height ratio between forward and backward sensor is equal to 1.0.
 - 2) Providing "Mapping without any Ground Control Points" capability.
 - d) Exact satellite position information within 2.5m accuracy.
 - e) Exact satellite attitude information within 0.0002-degree accuracy.
 - f) Absolute time information for each pixel within 0.00037sec accuracy.
 - 3) Providing "Distortion free image".
 - g) Long term attitude stability within 0.0002deg/5sec .
- Requirement 1), 2), and 3) ;
- h) Minimizing thermal distortion during orbital period (100minutes)
 - Among Sensor's optic axes.
 - Between Sensor's optic axis and attitude sensors.

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ALOS Key Technology Development



(1) High Resolution Optics

- High Resolution (2.5m) & Wide Swath Width (35 or 70km)
- Triplet Stereo Optics (Base to Height ratio=1.0)

(2) L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

- Variable Off-Nadir angle, Full polarimetry
- Active Phased Array Antenna

(3) High Speed Mission Data Handling System

- Over 1Gbps data handling, via Data Relay Satellites

(4) Precise Position and Attitude Determination System

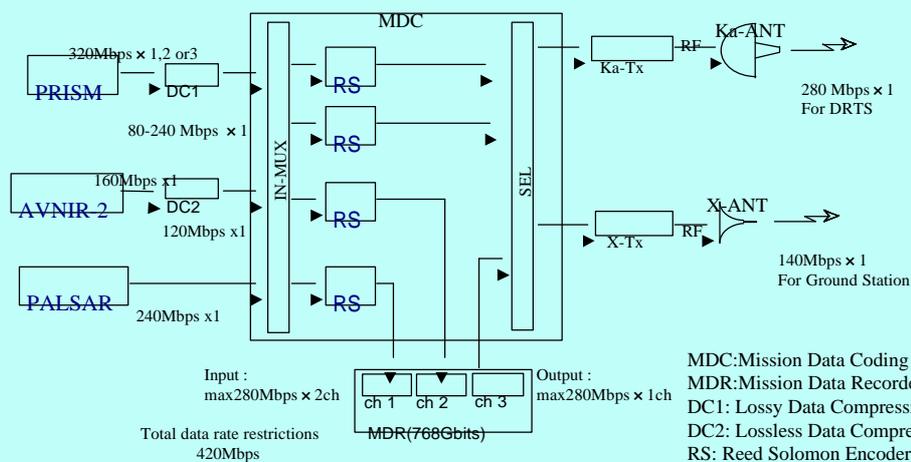
- Mapping without any Ground Control Points

(5) Highly Stable Attitude Control System

- Distortion Free Image

(6) Low Thermal Distortion Structure

High Speed Mission Data Handling System



High Speed Mission Data Handling System



- Over 1Gbps On-Board Data Handling
- High Speed Real Time Data Compression
 - 960Mbbps 240Mbps
- Solid State Mission Data Recorder
 - Speed:420Mbps, Capacity:768Gbits
- Reed Solomon Error Correction Coding
 - Bit Error Rate $<10^{-16}$
- CCSDS (Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems) Format
- Data Relay Satellite
 - 280Mbps @DRTS-W/-E , 140Mbps@ARTEMIS

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Mission Data Transmission



- Data Relay Satellite
 - Primary path for ALOS mission data transmission
 - DRTS-W(2002), DRTS-E(TBD)
 - 280Mbps \times 1ch (Ka band)
 - TT&C (S band)
 - Receiving Stations: Tsukuba and Hatoyama.
 - Sharing with ADEOS-II and JEM
 - ESA/ARTEMIS available, TDRS Next compatible.
- Direct Transmission
 - Secondary path for ALOS mission data transmission
 - 140Mbps \times 1ch(X band)
 - Receiving Station: Hatoyama and foreign ALOS data node stations (under negotiation).



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Precise Position and Attitude Determination System



- Crucial for “Mapping without any Ground Control Points”
- Dual Frequency Carrier Phase Tracking type GPS Receiver
 - Position Accuracy 0.2~1.0m
- High Accuracy Star Trackers
 - Attitude Accuracy 0.0002 degree (2.5m nadir point uncertainty)
- Absolute Time Clock
 - Synchronized to GPS absolute time and UTC.
 - Accuracy 0.0000004sec (4 μ sec) to GPS absolute time.
 - No drifts and No calibration necessary.

Highly Stable Attitude Control System



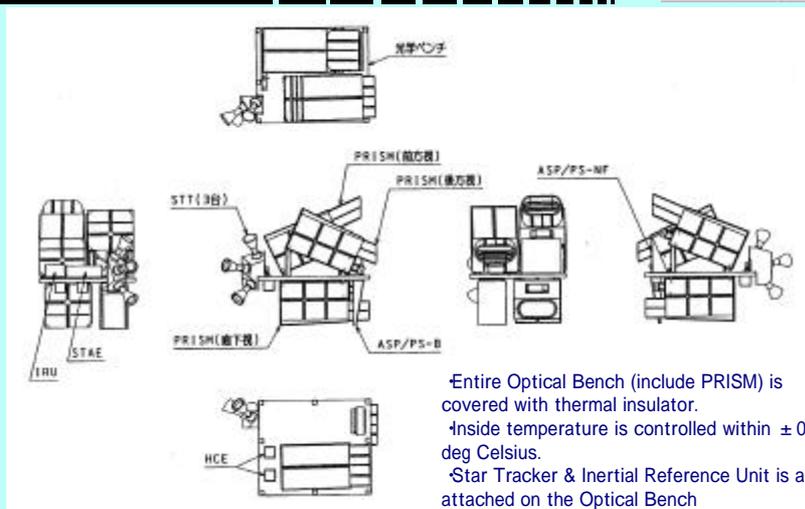
- Crucial for “Distortion Free Image”
- ALOS attitude stability
 - 0.0002 degree per 5sec.
 - Corresponds to 2.5m or one pixel distortion within 35km square scene.
- Attitude Disturbance from major vibration sources;
 - Data relay communication antenna pointing mechanics.
 - AVNIR-2 pointing mirror drive mechanics.
 - Solar array drive mechanics.
 - PALSAR antenna structural vibration.
- Required Technology
 - Feed-forward technique
 - On-board parameter tuning.
 - Solar Array Random Rotation

Low Thermal Distortion Structure



- Integrated Optical Bench Concept
- Thermally Insulated Truss-type Primary Structure
- Negative Thermal Expansion CFRP Truss
 - Cancellation of Metal Fitting's positive Thermal Expansion

Optical Bench Concept

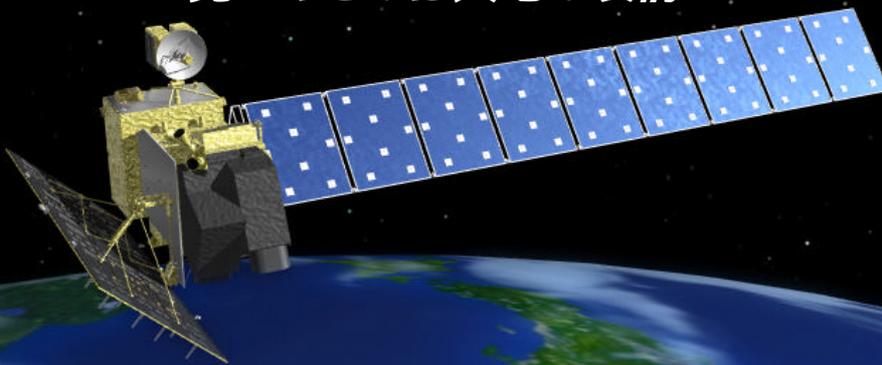


Conclusion



- ALOS Development Status:
 - In the Final Stage of Technology Development.
 - Ready for System Critical Design Review and PFM Assembly.
- “Well-Balanced” and “Well-Integrated” Earth Observation Satellite System.
 - “Sensor’s Performance is Important but not Everything.”
- Close Communication/Interaction with User Community.
 - Flexible Operation and Minimum Operational Restrictions.
 - “Mapping without any Ground Control Points” capability
- User Community’s Strong Support and More Involvement is Crucial for Mission Success.

Gazing into Earth's Expression *見つめるのは大地の表情*



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