

TRMM Launch

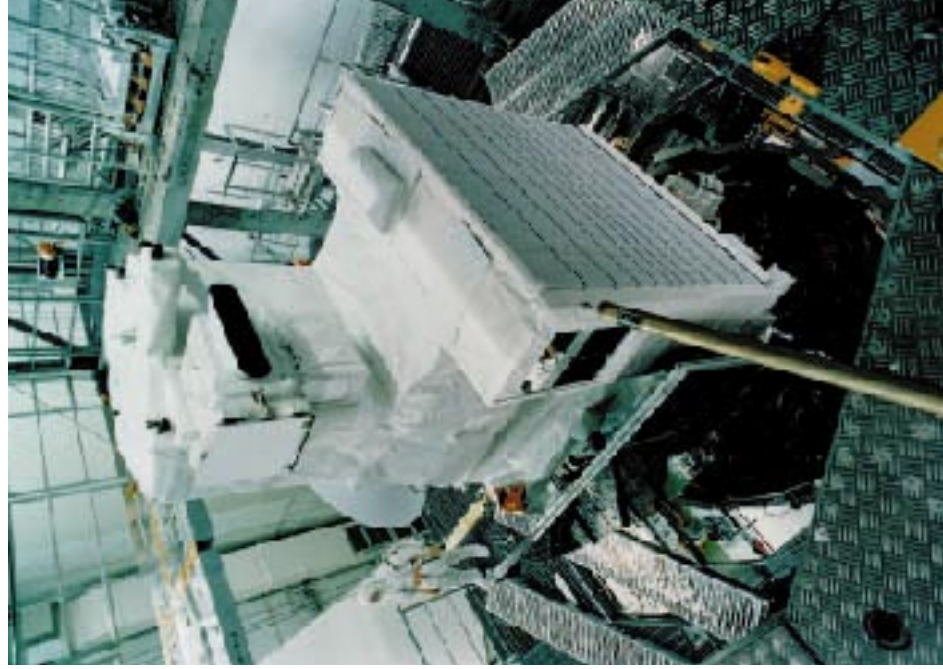


Fig.1 Mating the lower fairing with TRMM



Fig.2 TRMM lifts off on board H- II Launch Vehicle No.6

Mating the lower fairing with TRMM

TRMM observatory arrived at Kagoshima Airport, Japan, from NASA by a C-5a Galaxy on Aug. 21, 1997 and was shipped to Tanegashima Space Center, NASDA on Aug. 23, 1997. After final tests at the launch site, the TRMM observatory was mated with the top of the lower fairing in which ETS-VII was installed on Nov. 6.

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On November 28, 1997 at 6:27 a.m. (JST), NASDA successfully launched TRMM and ETS-VII on board the H-II Launch Vehicle Flight No.6 from the Tanegashima Space Center. TRMM separated 14 minutes and 12 seconds after liftoff, and it was confirmed to have been placed in its predetermined orbit.