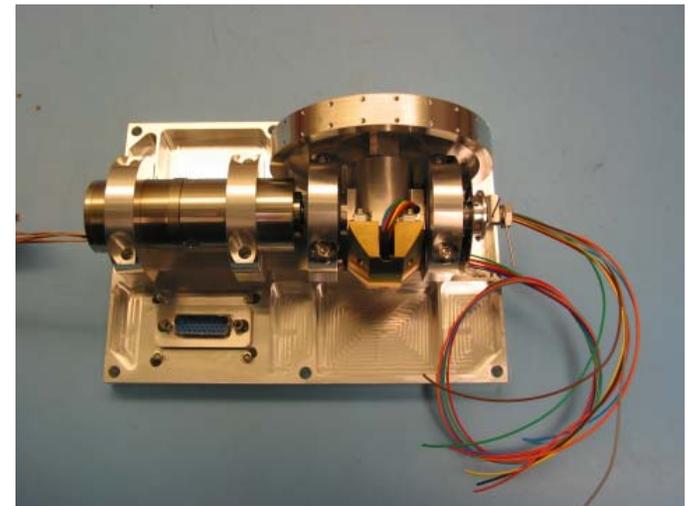
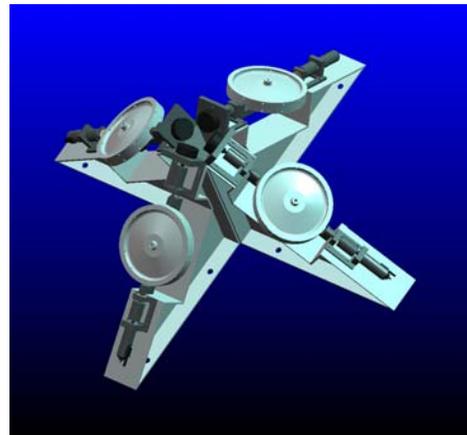


# " Control Techniques for Aerospace Systems "



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# SPACE AT SURREY

## Minisatellites - Microsatellites - Nanosatellites

(platforms & payloads)

- *Satellite Communications*
- *Remote Sensing*
- *Space Science*
- *Technology Demonstration*

- *134 professional staff*
- *8 faculty*
- *27 PhD researchers*
- *18 visiting staff*
- *dedicated space building*

## POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

Research Degrees (MSc, PhD)

Short Courses for Industry

## Commercial Exploitation

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# 1.0 Satellite Classification

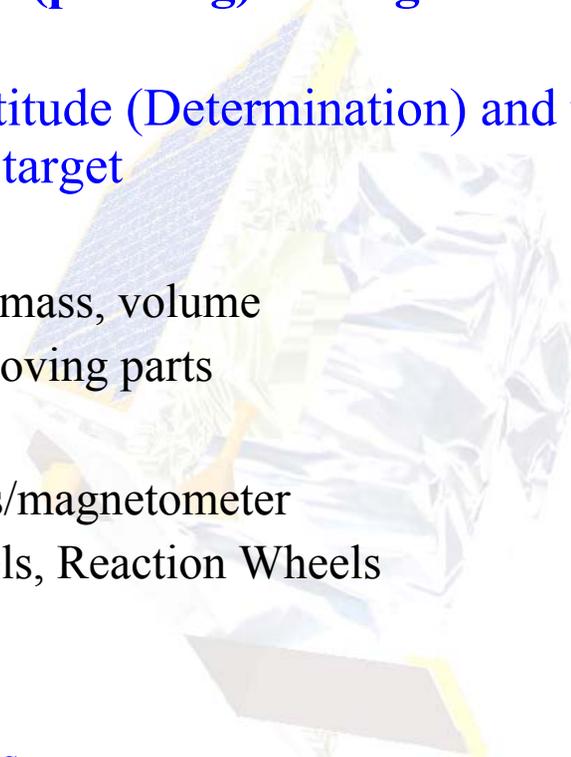
Group Name	Wet Mass	
Large satellites	>1000 kg	Medium-Large Satellites
Medium satellite	500-1000 kg	
<b>Mini satellite</b>	<b>100-500 kg</b>	<b>Small Satellites</b>
<b>Micro satellite</b>	<b>10-100 kg</b>	
<b>Nano satellite</b>	<b>1-10 kg</b>	
<b>Pico satellite</b>	<b>0.1-1 kg</b>	
<b>Femto satellite</b>	<b>&lt;100 gr</b>	

**UoSAT-12 Minisatellite**

**Enhanced Microsatellite**

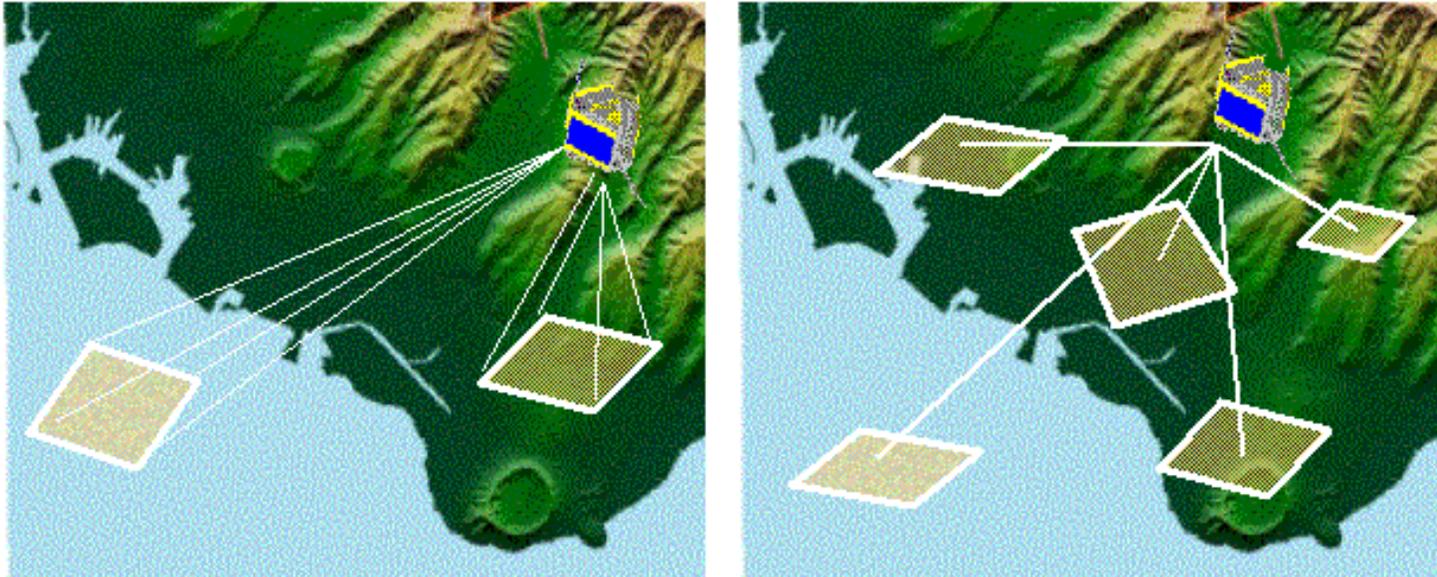
**SNAP Nanosatellite**



- **Attitude Control Systems (ACS): Orientation of a spacecraft in a particular direction (pointing) during a mission, despite external disturbances**
  - Need to know s/c attitude (Determination) and then point using an actuator (Control) to desired target
  - Focused on:
    - Low cost, power, mass, volume
    - Avoiding using moving parts
  - **Main actuators:**
    - Magnetic torquers/magnetometer
    - Momentum Wheels, Reaction Wheels
    - Thrusters
  - **Accuracy:  $0.1-5^\circ$**
  - **Slew rates:  $0.1-0.5^\circ/s$**
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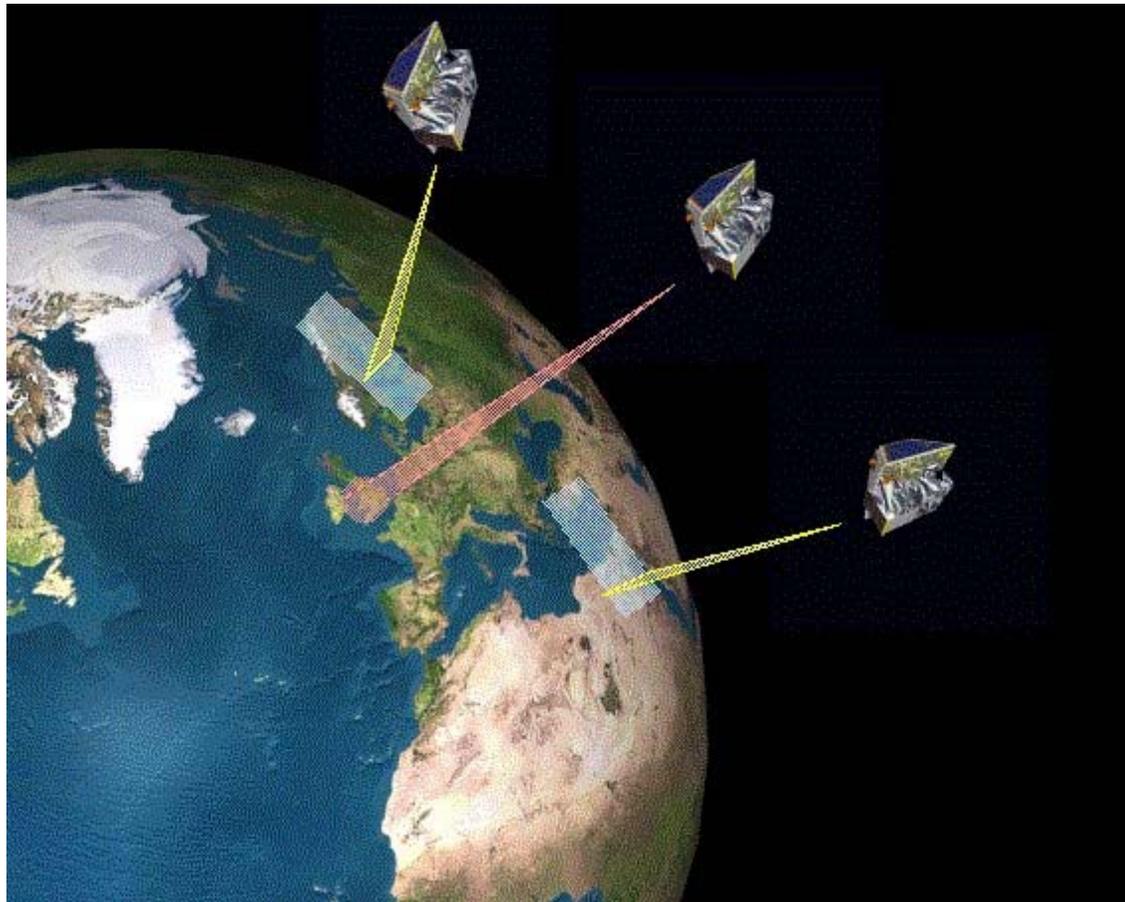
## 3.0 Slew Rates - Agility (I)

- Current Small Satellite slew rate:  $0.1-1^{\circ}/s$
- Need to increase slew rate by an order of magnitude ( $1-10^{\circ}/s$ )
  - Dictated by future missions:
    - Stereo-imaging, tactical imaging (military imaging)
    - Interplanetary probes, formation flying
    - Commercial imaging
  - Technology Development
- Difficult to accomplish with current actuators (reaction/momentum wheels)
  - Large motors/discs
  - Power, volume, mass constraints
- **Agility: High degree of spacecraft manoeuvrability**
- **Agility: High spacecraft slew rates**

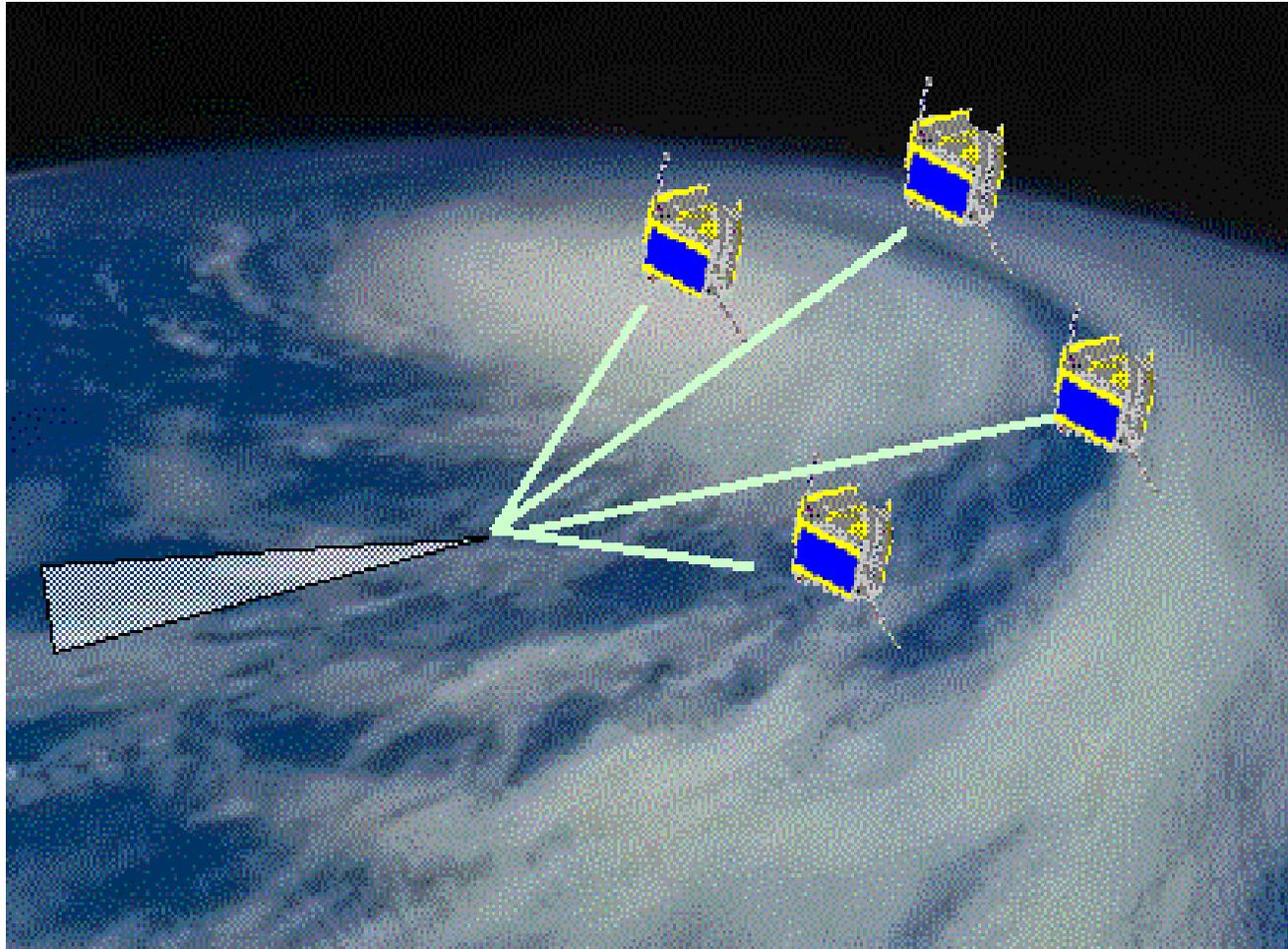


- **Agility substantially increases the operational envelope and efficiency of spacecraft**
- **Considerable increase in the return of earth and science mission data**
- **Direct increase in commercial & scientific value of mission**

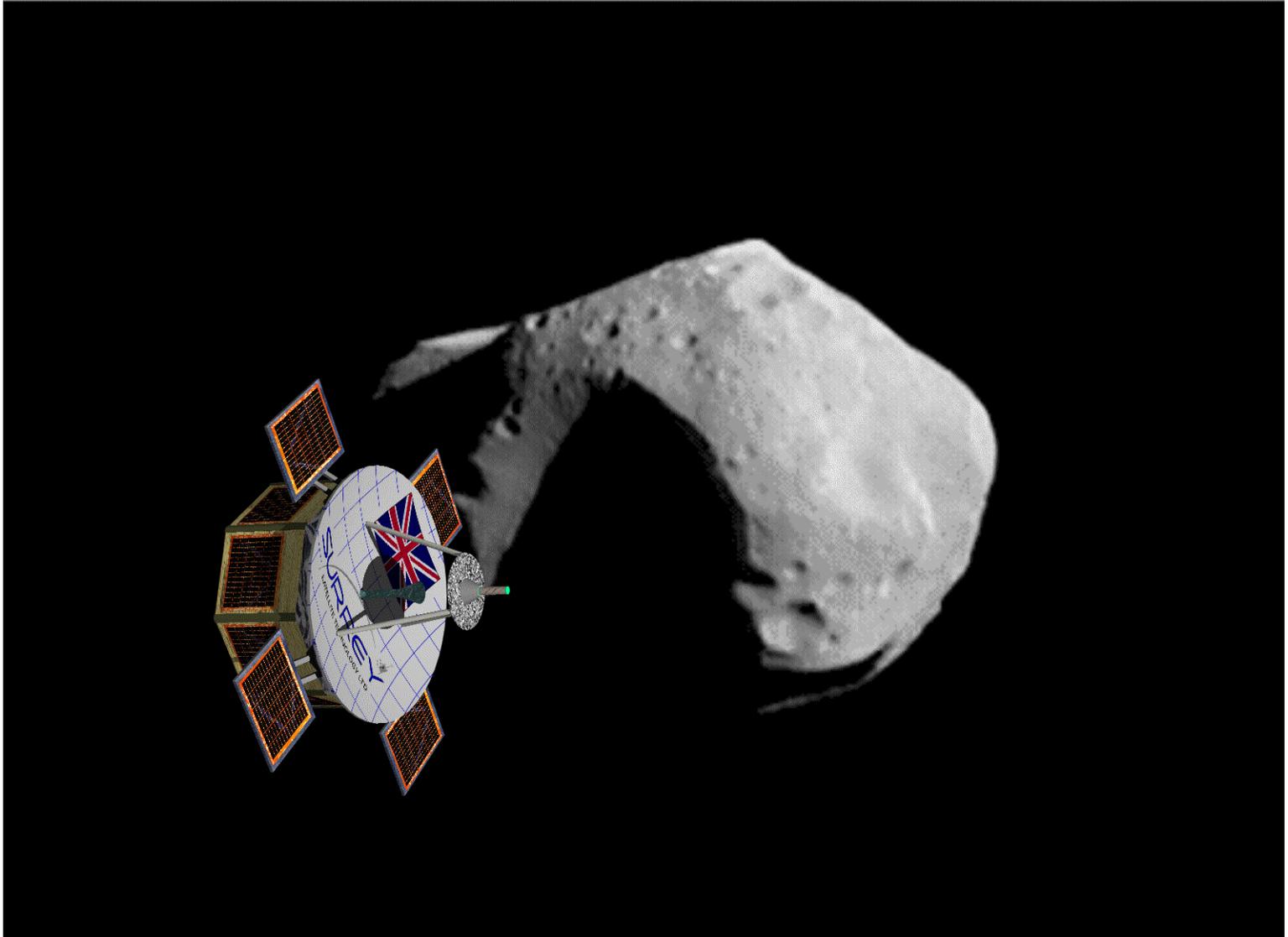
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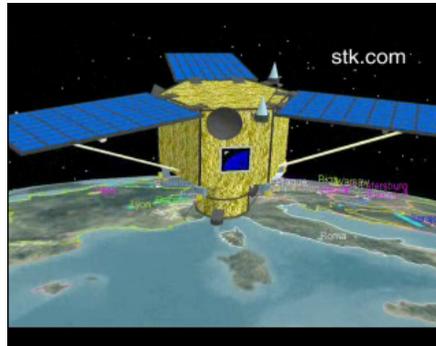


# Formation Flying, Satellite/Space Station Inspection



# Asteroid Missions-Agility

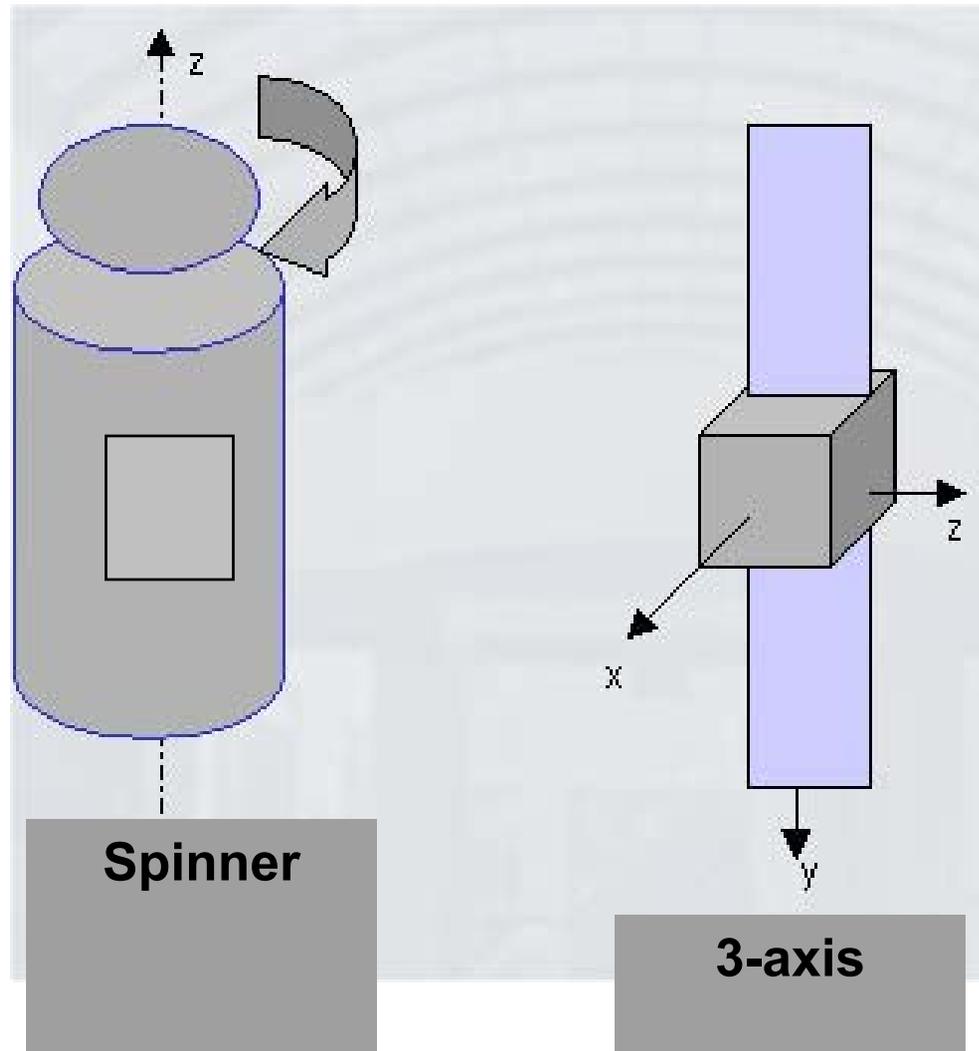




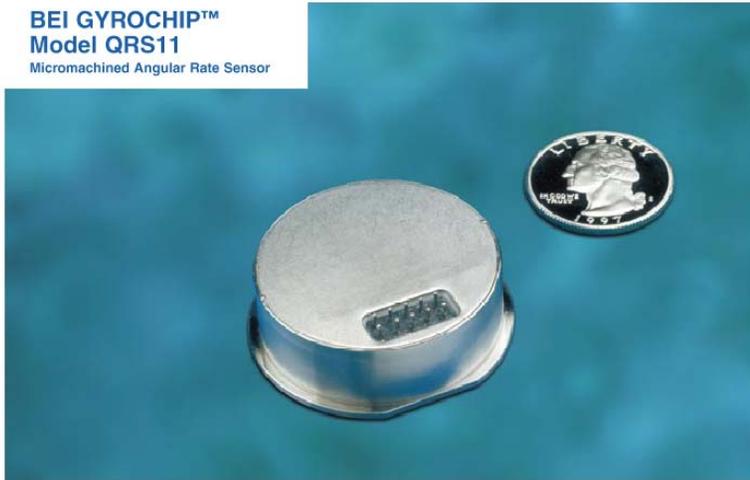
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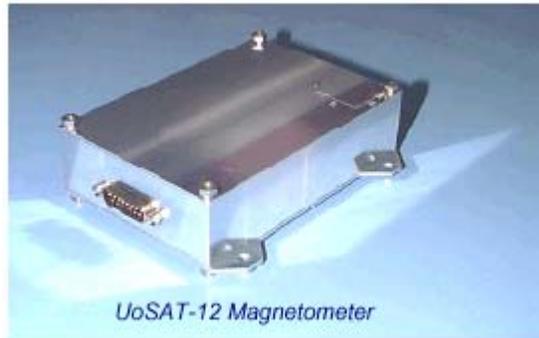
- Key Subsystem of Spacecraft
- Important for stability and pointing
- Think of a person taking a picture with a camera (blurry pictures if not stable)
- ADCS Systems are complicated:
  - Fusion of software/hardware components
  - Need electronics/aerospace/controls principles
- Brief overview of ADCS components:
  - Stabilisation
  - Sensors for attitude determination
  - Actuators



**BEI GYROCHIP™**  
**Model QRS11**  
Micromachined Angular Rate Sensor



Gyros

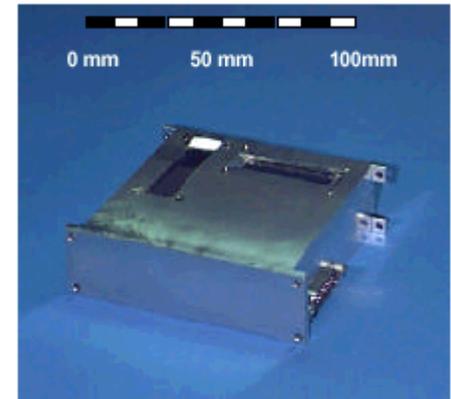


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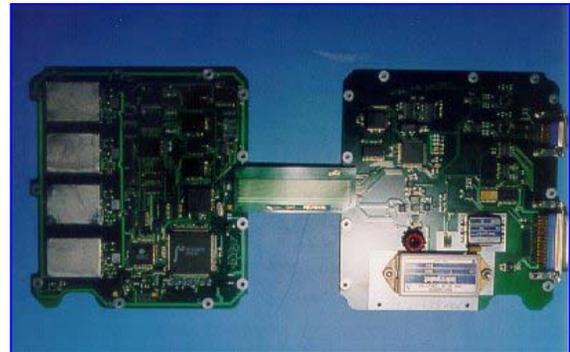


Star Camera

GPS



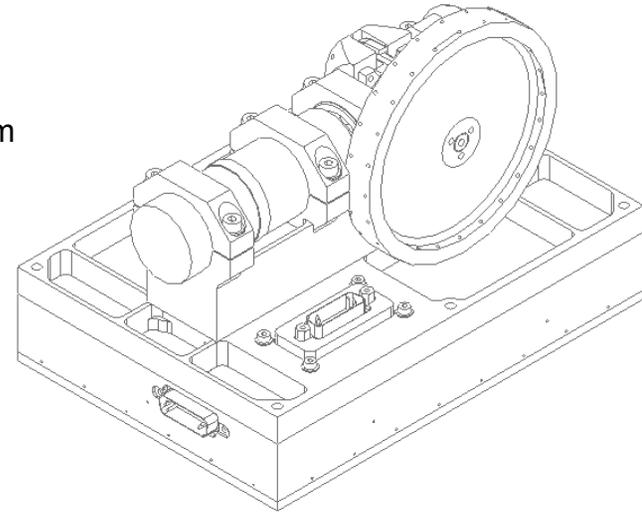
Sun Sensor



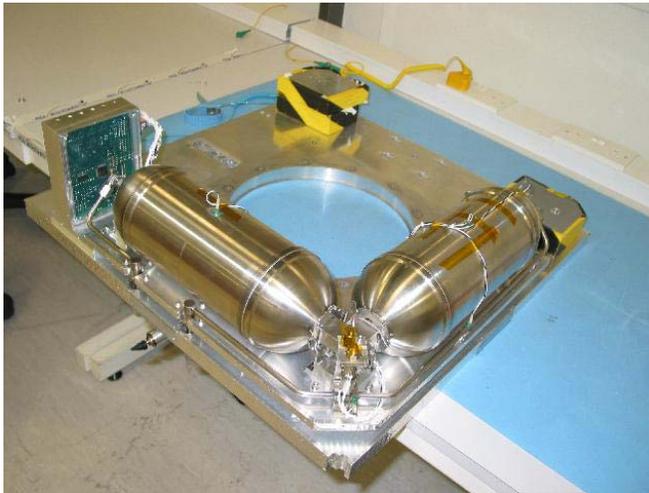
# Actuators for Attitude and Orbit Control



Reaction/  
Momentum  
Wheels

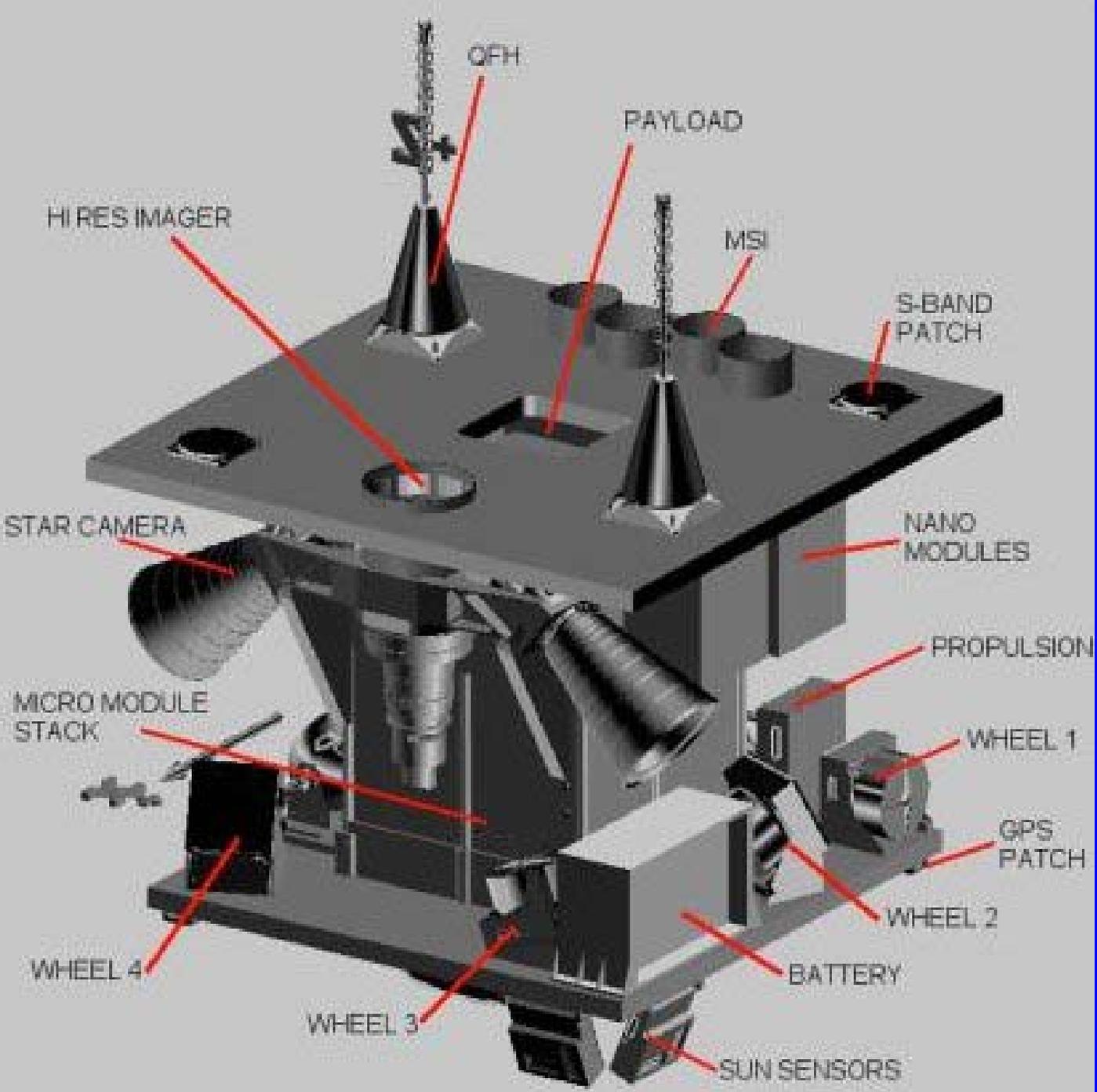


CMGs



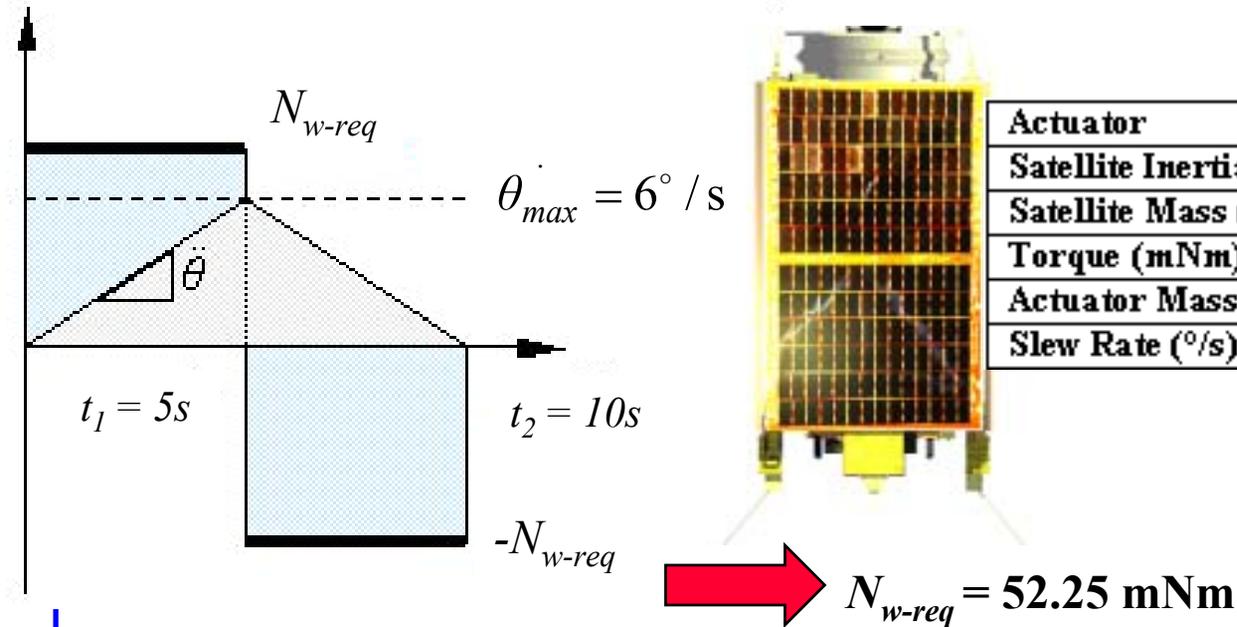
Thrusters

# ADCS



## 3.0 Agility-Slew Rate Requirement

- **Assumptions:**
  - Average 3°/s slew requirement (30° in 10s)
  - Use SSTL Microsatellite platform throughout analysis



Actuator	CMG	RW
Satellite Inertias ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ )	[2.5, 2.5, 2.5]	[2.5, 2.5, 2.5]
Satellite Mass (kg)	50	50
Torque (mNm)	52.25	20
Actuator Mass (kg)	~ 1	4
Slew Rate ( $^\circ/s$ )	3	1.85

- SSTL actuators: 3-20 mNm
- ACS based on RWs :
  - 10% of spacecraft mass
  - 40% of required torque

### Motivation:

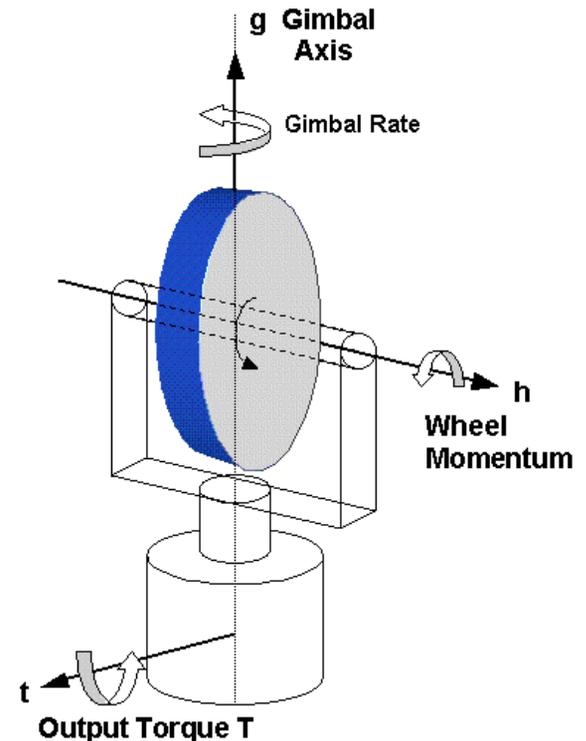
- Required slew rate can't be supplied efficiently by current technologies
- Need to develop an alternate, more capable actuator based on **Control Moment Gyros**

### Goal

- Develop a Control Moment Gyro (CMG) based Attitude Control System (ACS) for Agile Small Satellites
  1. Proving the viability of CMGs in an ACS system for Small Satellites
  2. Developing a low-cost, miniature Single Gimbal Control Moment Gyro (SGCMG) for Small Satellites

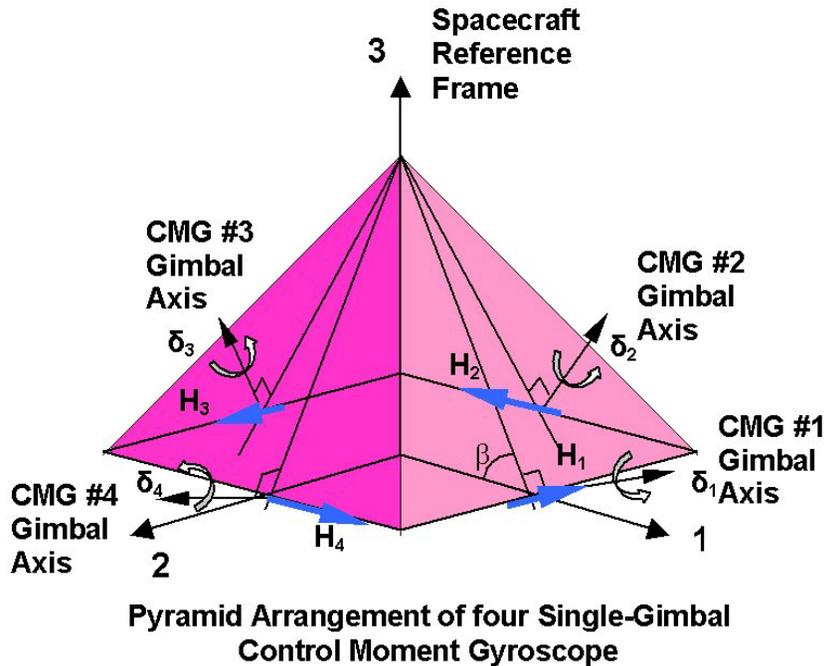
## CMG Background

- **Actuators, ‘Torque Amplifiers’**
- **A momentum wheel, gimballed in 1 or 2 axes**
  - Single-Gimbal CMG (SGCMG)
  - Double-Gimbal CMG (DGCMG)
  - Variable-Speed CMG (VSCMG)
- **Disadvantages**
  - Mechanical Complexity, expensive
  - Singularities (No Torque generation)
  - Size
- **Spacecraft Heritage**
  - KH-11, KH-12
  - Skylab, MIR, ISS
  - Honeywell
  - Alcatel, Astrium (France)
  - Have not flown on commercial s/c yet

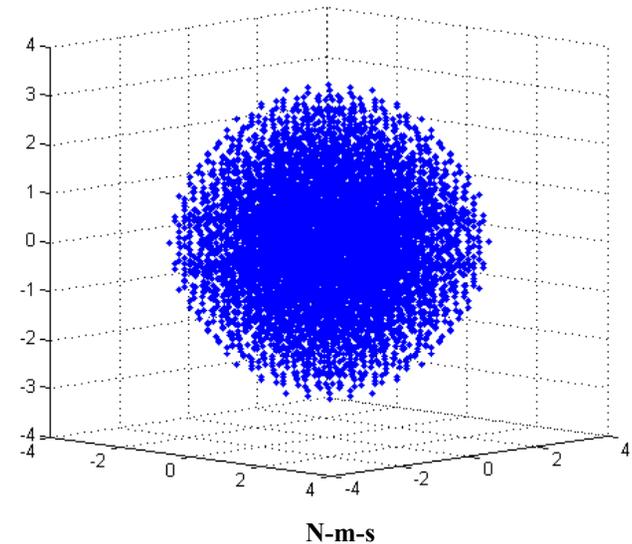


- **B. Wie:**
  - Provides fundamentals of CMGs
  - Using PID control logic (various) for non-linear CMG control
  - Survey of current singularity avoidance laws
  - Novel singularity avoidance law based Singularity Robust law and using modulation functions (deterministic dither)
- **Vadali, S.R.:**
  - Derive CMG equations for a N-cluster of SGCMGs
  - Proves that a family of initial (preferred) gimbal angles can avoid singularities
- **Bedrossian, N.S., Margulies, G. and Auburn, J.N.:**
  - CMG fundamentals, description of null motion & singularities

## 5.2 4-CMG 'pyramid' Cluster



Momentum Envelope of 4-SGCMG cluster  
 $\beta = 54.73^\circ$ ,  $h = 1$  N-m-s  
Isometric View



4-SGCMGs-pyramid,  $\beta = 54.74^\circ$  :  $\mathbf{h}_{\text{CMG-max}} = \mathbf{h}_0[3.15, 3.15, 3.26]^T$  N-m-s

$$\mathbf{h} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{H}_i(\delta_i) = \begin{bmatrix} -c\beta \sin \delta_1 & -\cos \delta_2 & c\beta \sin \delta_3 & \cos \delta_4 \\ \cos \delta_1 & -c\beta \sin \delta_2 & -\cos \delta_3 & c\beta \sin \delta_4 \\ s\beta \sin \delta_1 & s\beta \sin \delta_2 & s\beta \sin \delta_3 & s\beta \sin \delta_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 5.2 Mathematical description of a 4-CMG Cluster

- Rotational Equations of Motion:

$$\dot{\mathbf{H}}_s + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{H}_s = \mathbf{N}_{\text{ext}}$$

$\mathbf{H}_s$ : s/c angular momentum

$\boldsymbol{\omega}$ : s/c angular velocity

- Spacecraft Angular Momentum:

$$\mathbf{H}_s = \mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{h}$$

$\mathbf{h}$ : CMG angular momentum

$\mathbf{I}$ : s/c inertia matrix

- Combining above equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{h}} = -\mathbf{u} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{h}$$

$\mathbf{u}$ : Torque control vector

- SGCMG  $\mathbf{h}$ :  $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\delta})$
- Need 4-SGCMGs for full 3-axis control

$$\dot{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{A} \dot{\boldsymbol{\delta}}$$

- Where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 x 4 Jacobian Matrix

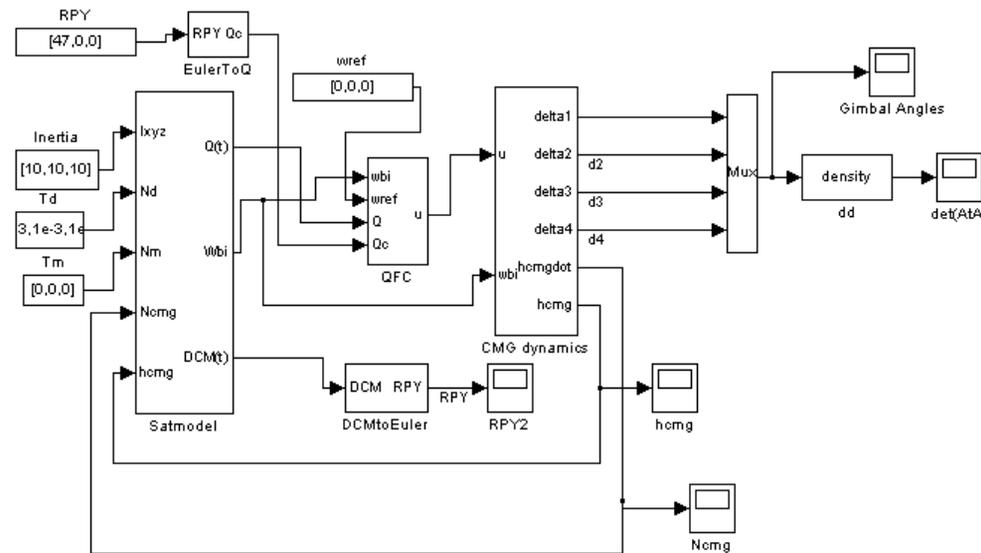
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -c\beta \cos \delta_1 & \sin \delta_2 & c\beta \cos \delta_3 & -\sin \delta_4 \\ \sin \delta_1 & -c\beta \cos \delta_2 & \sin \delta_3 & c\beta \cos \delta_4 \\ s\beta \cos \delta_1 & s\beta \cos \delta_2 & s\beta \cos \delta_3 & s\beta \cos \delta_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Inverse Kinematic Solution (Pseudoinverse)

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\delta}} = \mathbf{A}^+ \dot{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{h}}$$

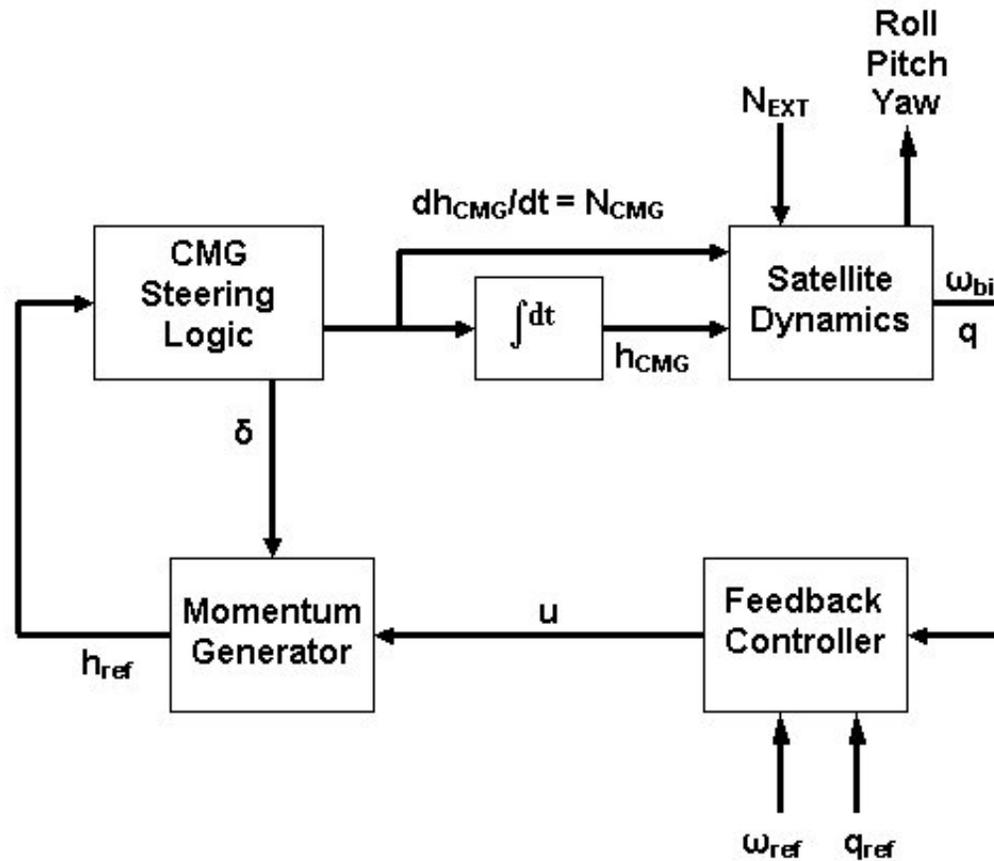
- Goal is to generate commanded torques and to also avoid ‘singular’ sets of gimbal angles, where no torque is produced
- ‘Steer’ angles to more favourable directions, escape, avoid or transit through singularities

- In MATLAB<sup>®</sup> and SIMULINK<sup>®</sup>
- Satellite Model, CMG Dynamics, Quaternion Feedback Controller



- Used to study the behaviour of a CMG attitude control system
- Test Singularity Avoidance laws, try new ones
- Minisatellite, Microsatellite and Nanosatellite models used

## Attitude Control Model



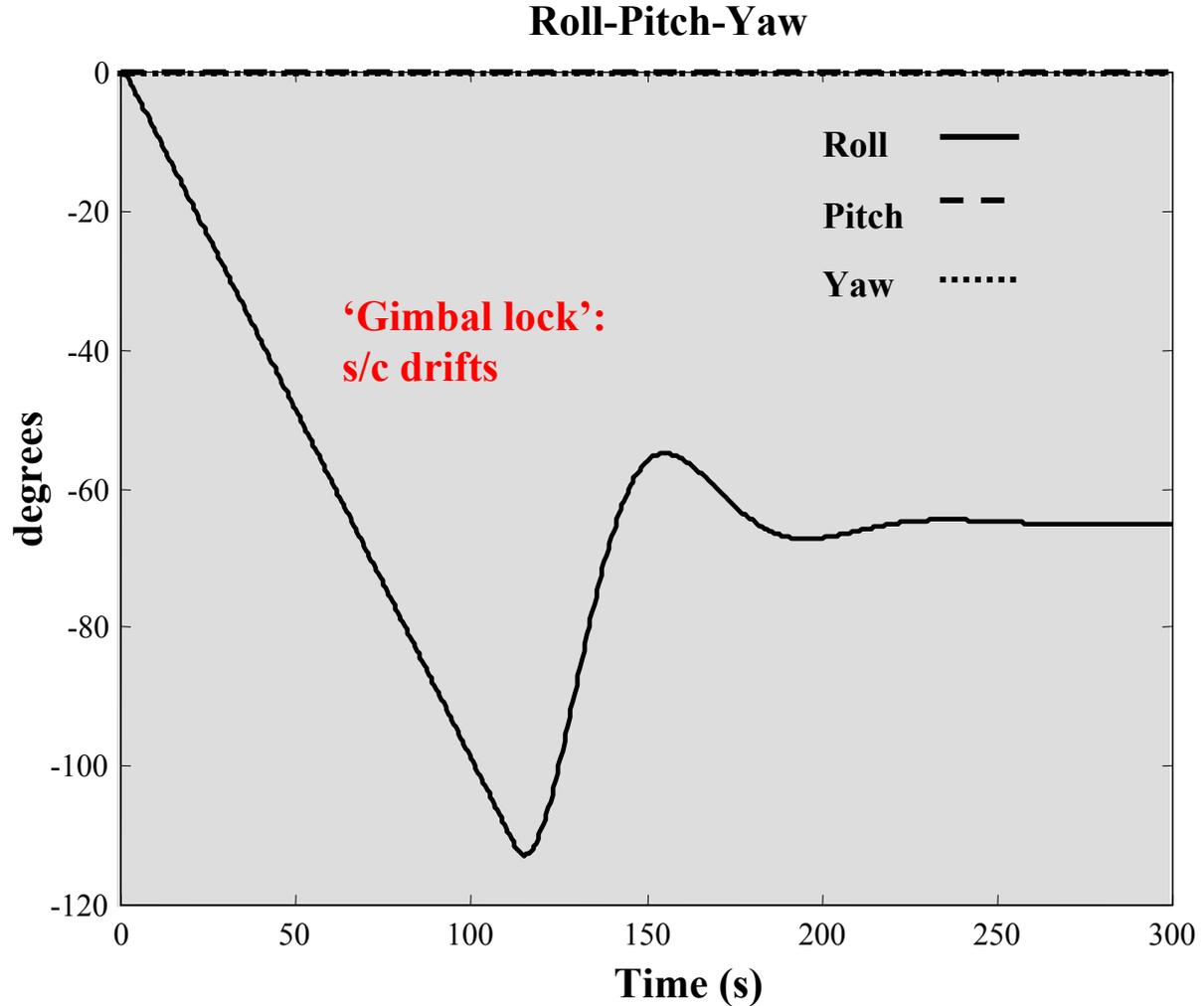
## Microsatellite

### -65° Roll maneuver

$[I_x, I_y, I_z] =$   
[10, 10, 10]  
kg-m<sup>2</sup>s

$[\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4] =$   
[70, 0, -70, 0]  
degrees

### Replicate elliptic singularity



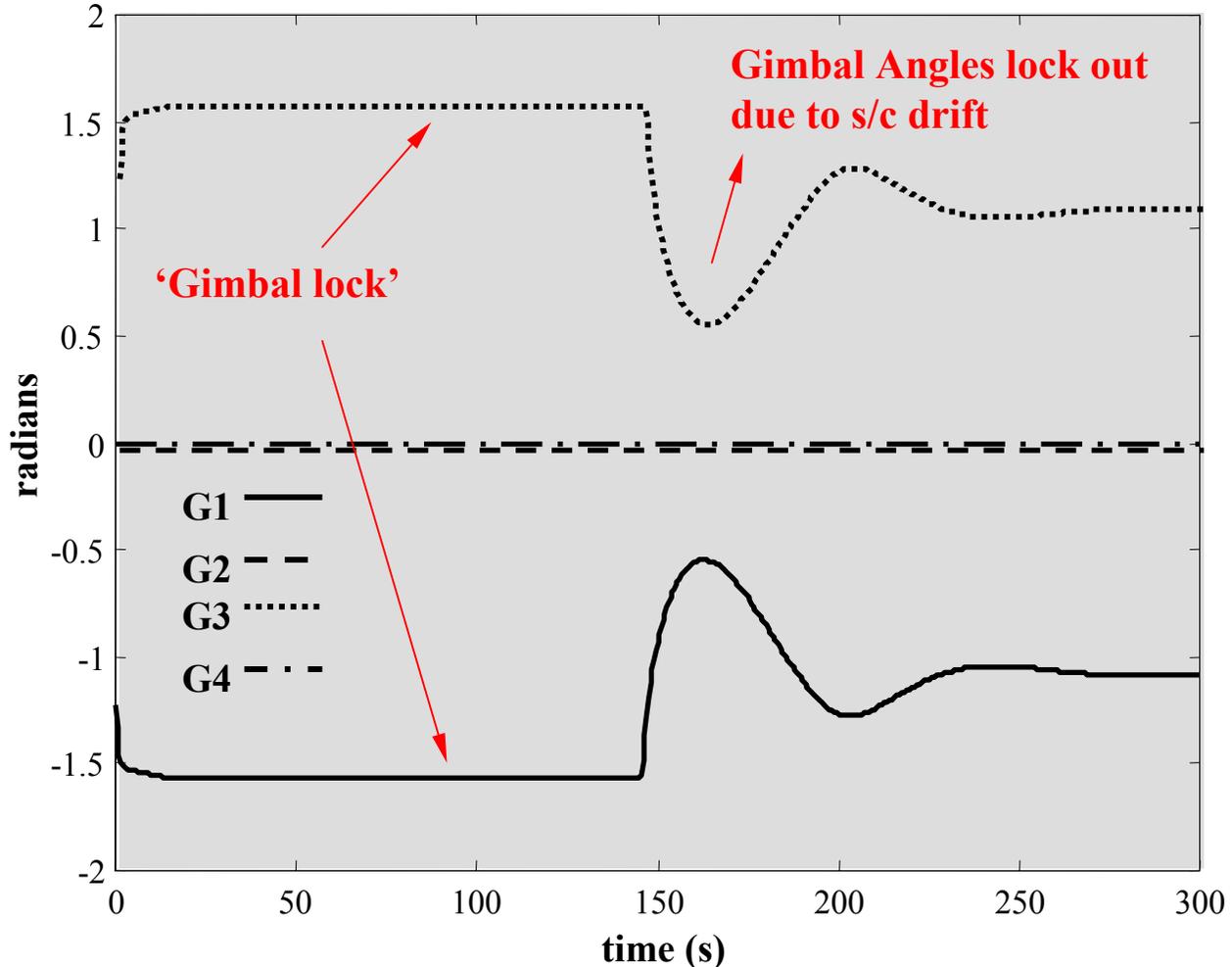
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**Replicate**  
**elliptic**  
**singularity**

**Gimbal Angles**

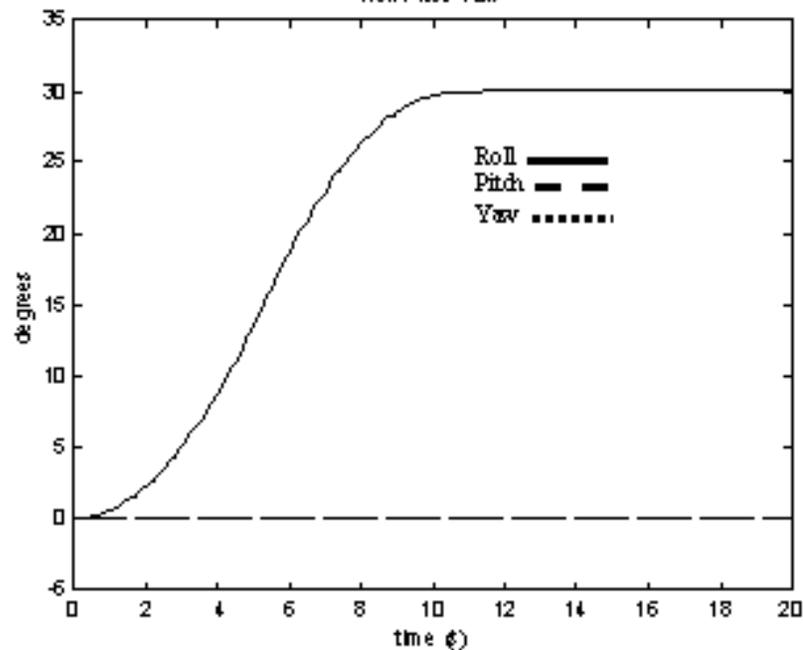


- 4-CMG cluster in pyramid configuration for full 3-axis control
- Main requirement: Generate  $N_{w-req} = 52.25 \text{ mNm}$  ( $30^\circ$  in 10s)

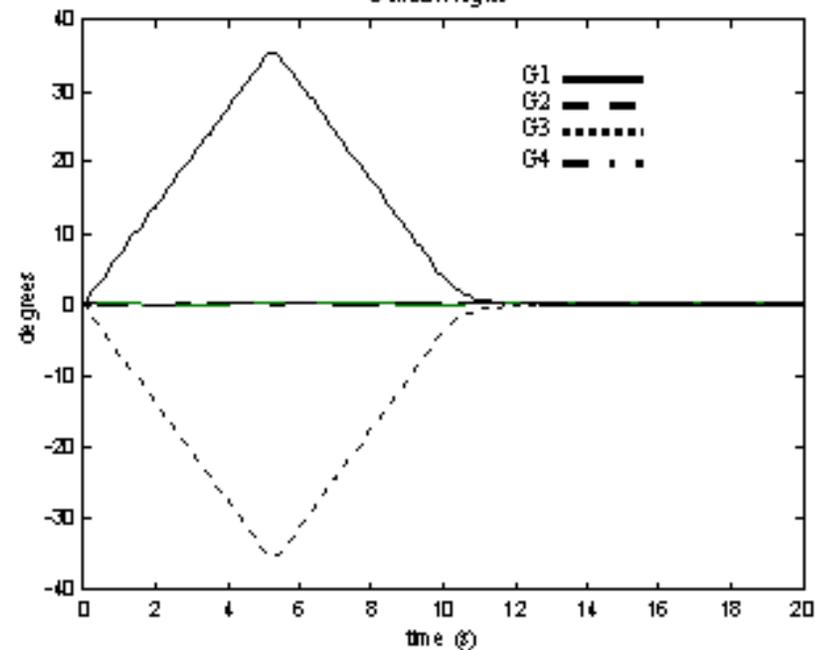
For a SGCMG: 
$$\mathbf{N}_{\text{CMG}} = \mathbf{h} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\delta}}$$

- Selection of  $\mathbf{h}$  and max. gimbal rate is a trade-off between performance, size and singularity avoidance
- Keep  $\mathbf{h}$  as small as possible (less mass, volume)
- Avoid using large gimbal rates leading to large gimbal angle excursions, thus singularities
- A max. gimbal rate of  $7.5 \text{ }^\circ/\text{s}$  is used which is larger than the max. angular rate of satellite when doing a  $30^\circ$  manoeuvre in 10s
- Ensures torque amplification throughout a manoeuvre
- Simulations for a  $30^\circ$  manoeuvre in 10s

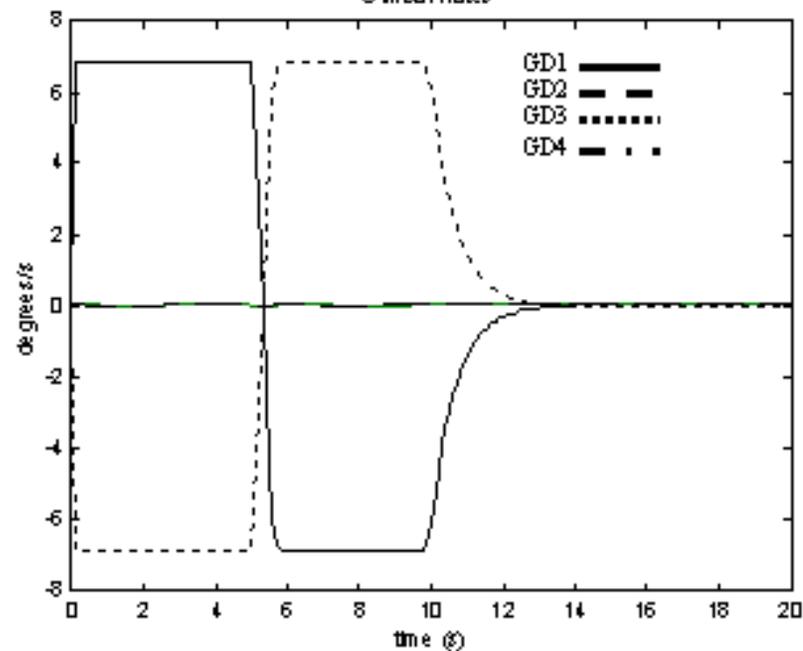
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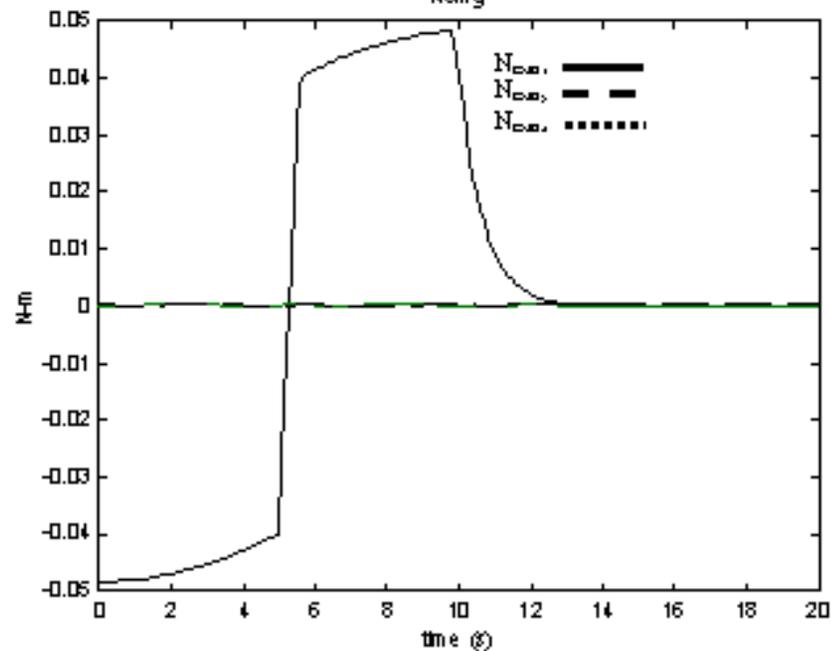
G Imbal Angles



G Imbal Rates



Ncm g



## 6.1 CMG Simulations for a Microsatellite

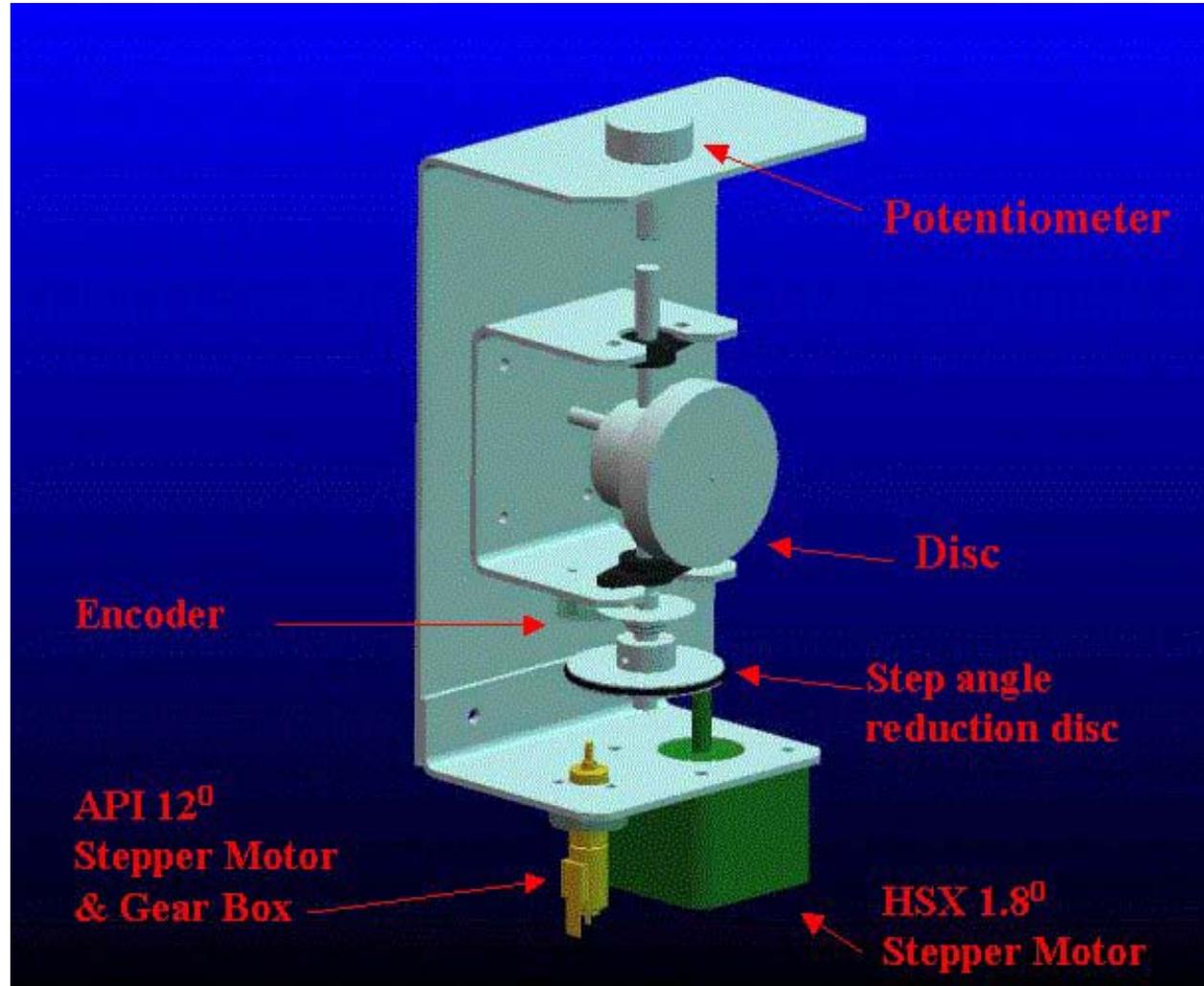
- Simulations confirm the ability of the CMGs to provide a 3 °/s average slew rate to a microsatellite
- Maximum gimbal angle excursions reach  $\pm 36^\circ$
- Maximum torque of  $\sim 50$  mNm required
- Simulations were used in an iterative process to determine the best trade in performance/hardware design
- Sizing a CMG, is a trade between the CMG mass, average slew rate requirement, maximum gimbal rate, singularity avoidance and hardware constraints
- Theoretical work indicates some of the benefits of the CMGs for small satellites:
  - Torque/slew rate capability
  - Angular Momentum capability
- Based on the CMG simulations, the CMG design parameters are specified

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>DC motor mass [Faulhaber 1525E]</b>	30 g
<b>Momentum Wheel</b>	150 g
<b>Gimbal motor mass [P10]</b>	9 g
<b>Gimbal Motor Gear box [R10]</b>	6 g
<b>Potentiometer [Sector]</b>	10 g
<b>Couplers (2)</b>	10 g
<b>Power (Min.-Max.)</b>	TBD
<b>Voltage</b>	5-12 V
<b>SGCMG Mass</b>	200 g
<b>SGCMG Ang. Mom. <math>h_0</math> (<math>\omega_w = 20,000</math> rpm)</b>	0.35 Nms
<b>CMG avionics</b>	50 g
<b>CMG Total Mass</b>	~ 1000 g
<b>CMG Output Torque</b>	52.25 mNm

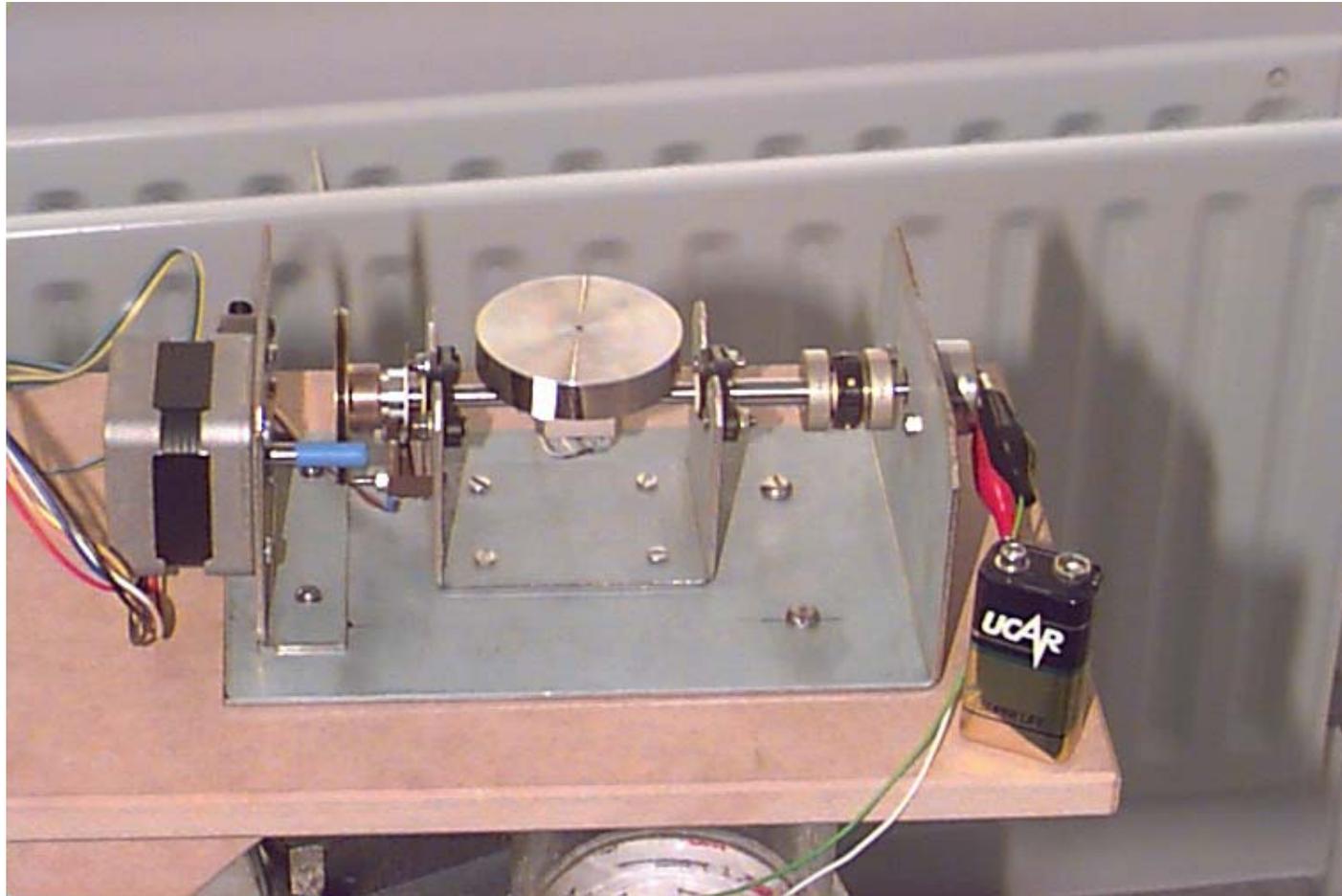
## 7.0 Developing a Low-Cost, Miniature CMG for Small Satellites

- The main aims are :
  1. To **practically** confirm the theoretical work (simulations) performed
  2. To validate the viability of using CMG's as actuators on a microsatellite in a practical way
  3. To confirm the agility and power efficiency that CMGs can potentially provide to microsatellites
- Achieve 52.25 mNm Torque, Low, cost, power, size, mass, use COTS
- Use a staged approach:
  1. A Single Gimbal CMG pre-prototype (Mk.I)
    - Demonstrate concept
    - Try various technologies (DC motors, stepper motors)
  2. Cluster of 4-CMGs (Mk. II)
    - Use 'mission like' motors
    - Demonstrate CMG benefits (torque, ang. momentum, power, mass)
    - Sized for a SSTL 50 kg microsatellite (e.g. PICOSAT)

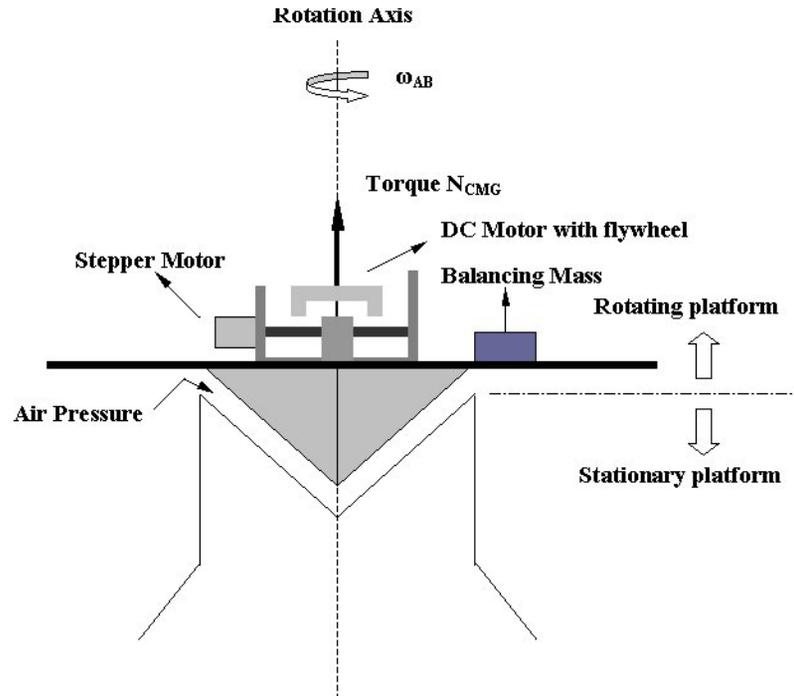
## 7.1 CMG Mk.I Testbed



## 7.2 CMG Mk.I

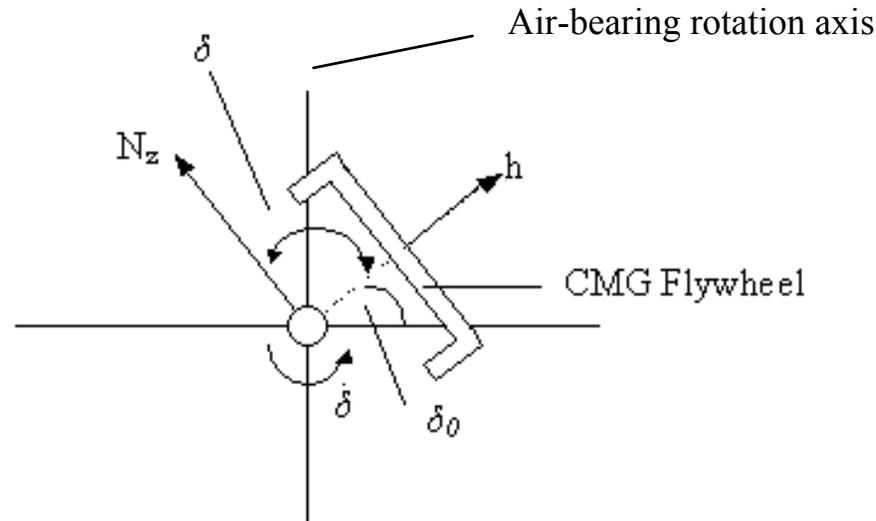


## 7.3 Air Bearing Experiments



- Air-bearing table provides the capability of rotation without significant friction
- Used to test the dynamic characteristics and performance of a model satellite control system during the pre-launch experimental testing campaign on the ground
- Suspended by air, allows nearly frictionless rotation

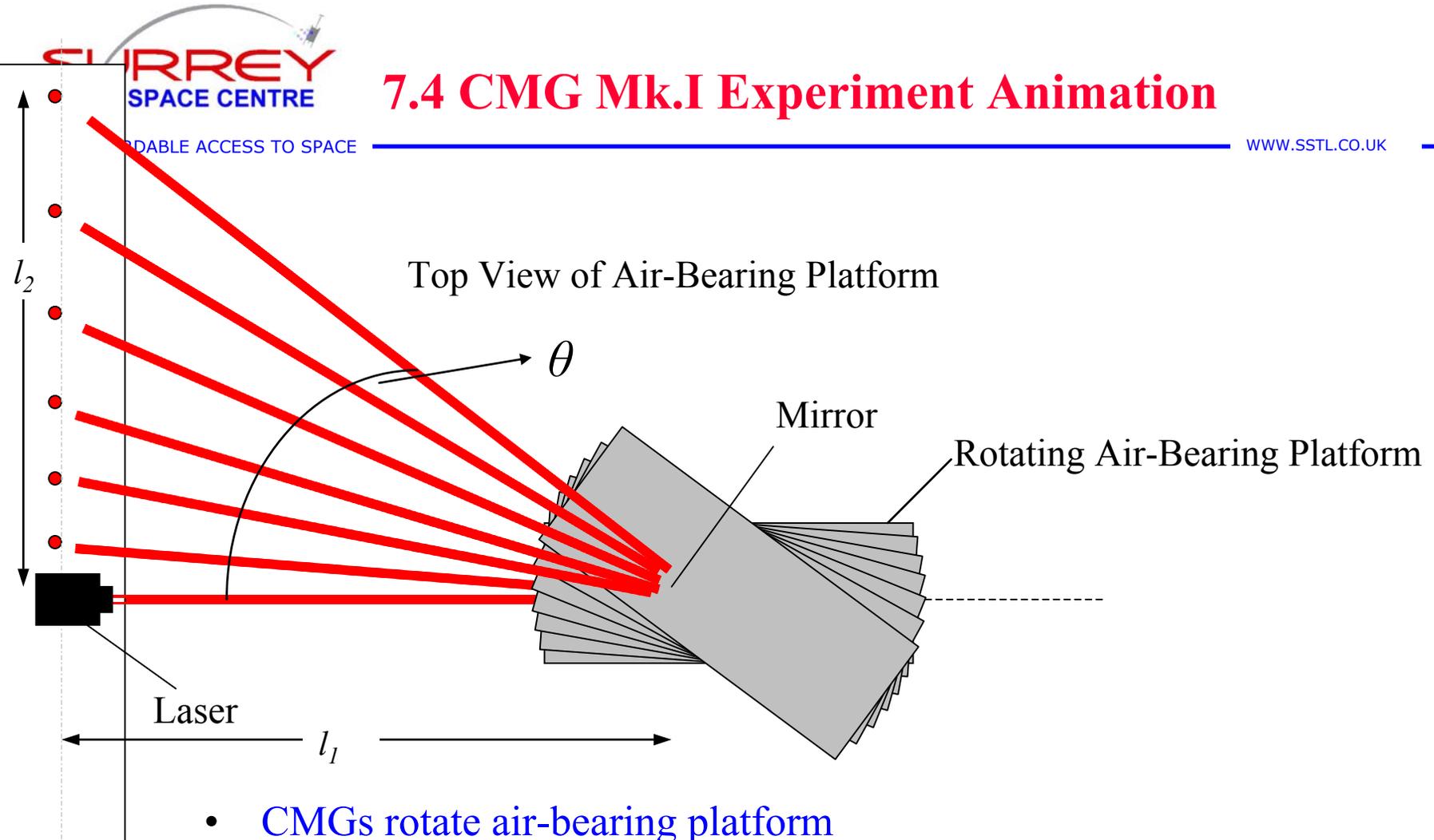
## 7.4 CMG Mk.I Experiment (I)



Side view of air-bearing

- Operate CMG from a known angle  $\theta_0$  of  $25^\circ$  between the spin axis and the horizontal
- Perform a  $50^\circ$  excursion and return to its initial position
- This will generate a rotation about the air-bearing rotation axis

## 7.4 CMG Mk.I Experiment Animation



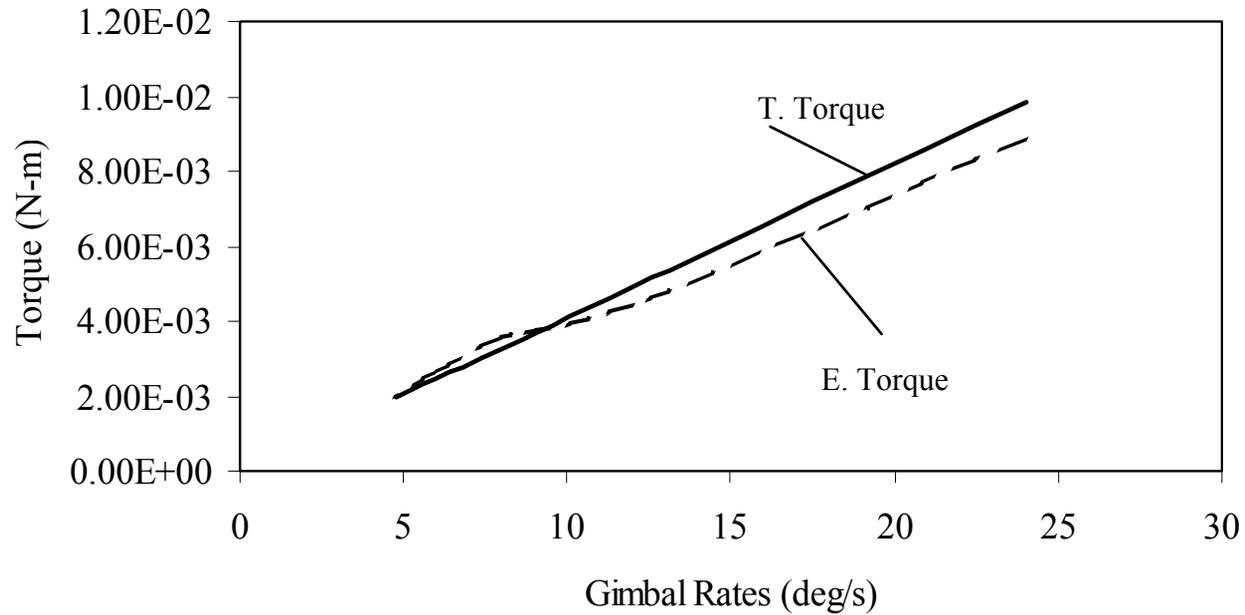
- CMGs rotate air-bearing platform
- Use stopwatch to time angular displacements
- Measure laser beam dot distance
- Use trigonometry to calculate the angular rate of rotating platform

## 7.4 CMG Mk.I Testing (IV)



Rotation of CMG & rotation platform ( $N_{\text{CMG}}=8.84 \text{ mNm}$ )

Theoretical vs Experimental CMG Mk.I Torques



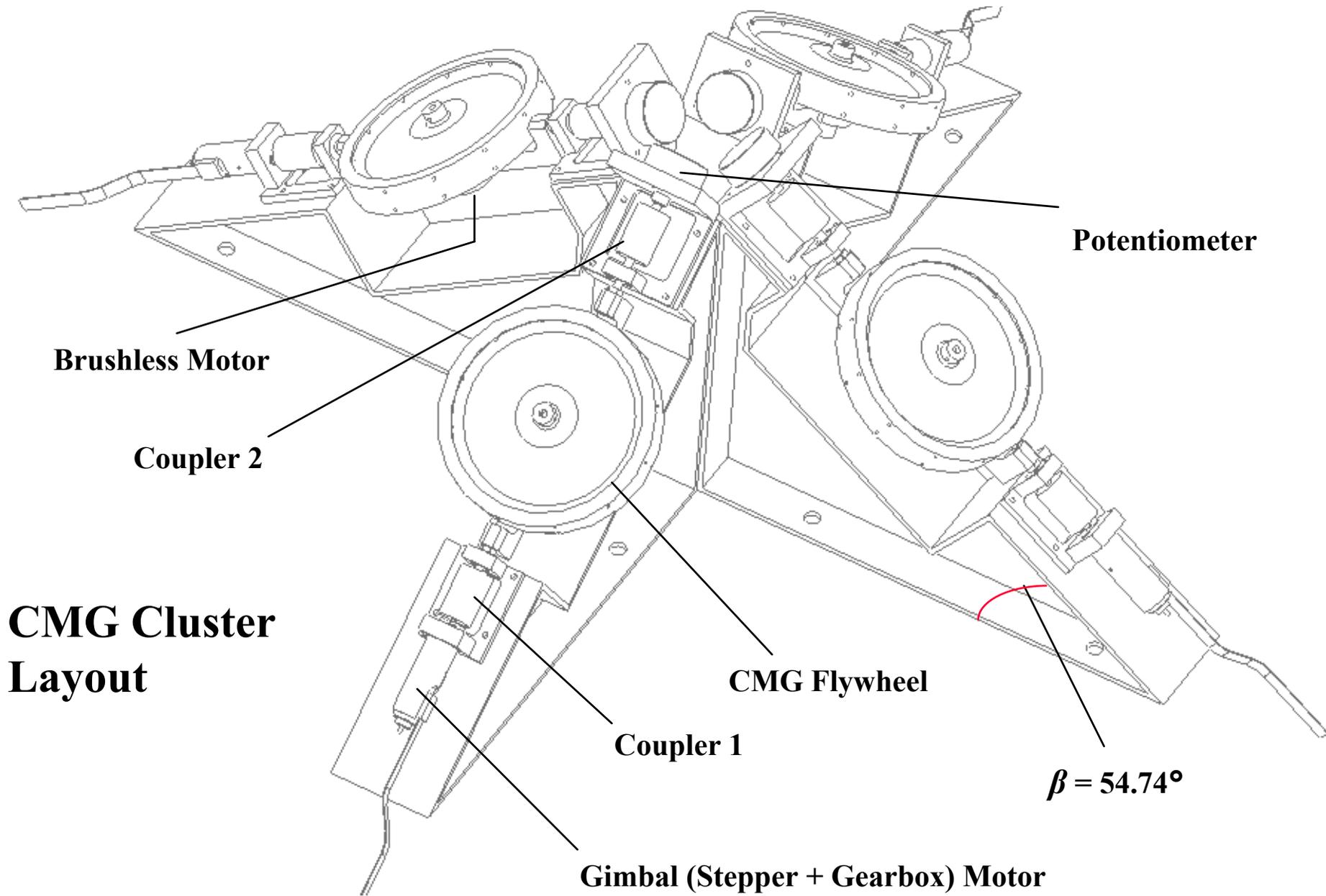
- **Theoretical Torque:**  $N_z = h \dot{\delta} \cos \delta_0$
- **Experimental Torque:**  $N_{CMG} + N_d = -I_{AB} \dot{\omega}_{AB}$

## 7.4 CMG Mk.I Testing (V)

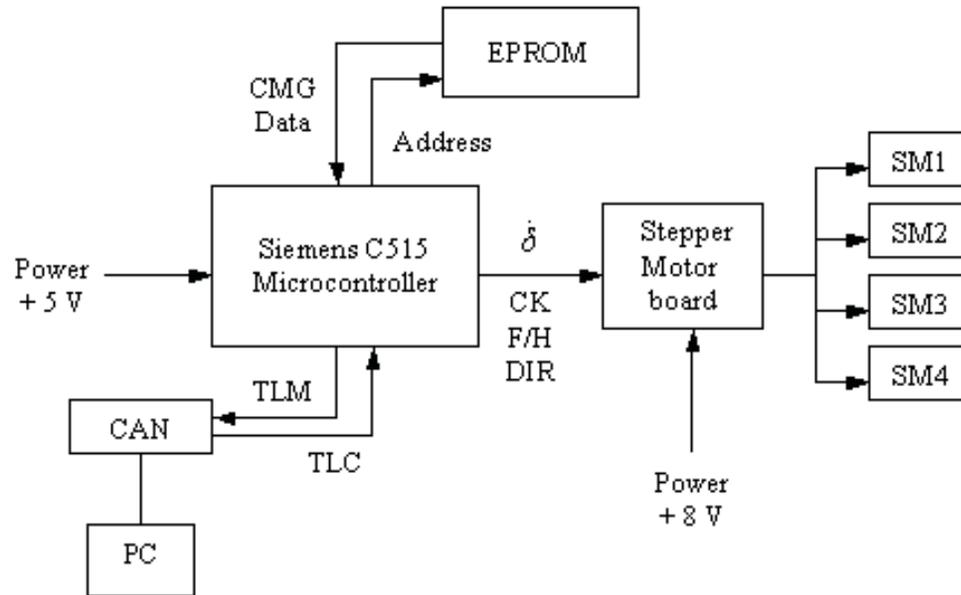
- Theoretical CMG Torque value expected for a gimbal rate of  $24^\circ/\text{s}$  is 9.82 mNm
- Experimental value of 8.84 mNm and results to a difference (error) of 9.97%
- Errors due to air-bearing table bias, flywheel imbalances, flexing of the wires, aerodynamics friction
- Maximum angular speed is 11,200 rpm (maximum speed 16,000 rpm) due to aerodynamics friction, less angular momentum

Parameter	CMG E. Microsat	RW E. Microsat
Mass of s/c (kg)	50	50
Type of actuator	1 CMG	1 RW
Mass (g)	~320	1000
Power Av. Per actuator (W)	0.1-1.2	0.8-3.5
Voltage (V)	5-12	12-16
Max.Ang. Mom. (Nms)	0.0235	0.36
Max. Torque (mNm)	8.84	10
Sat. Inertias (kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	[2.5, 2.5, 2.5]	[2.5, 2.5, 2.5]
Average slew rate ( $^\circ/\text{s}$ )	1.23	1.31
Min. time for $30^\circ$ (s)	24.45	22.876

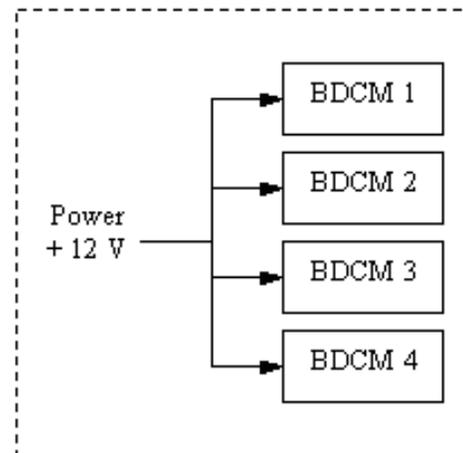
- Having tested the capability of the Mk.I CMG, another CMG is designed as part of a 4-CMG cluster, the CMG Mk.II. The CMG Mk.II utilizes:
  - A different and more powerful BLDC motor with integrated electronics (Faulhaber 1525 BRE)
  - A larger flywheel (angular momentum), properly sized to generate the required torque on the Mk.II CMG ( $I_{CMG} = 1.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg-m}^2$ )
  - The same stepper/gimbal motor (Escap P010/R10) as in the Mk.I
  - New electronics based on a C515 Microcontroller
- Components (motors etc.) can be space graded
- CMG Cluster performance is evaluated through air-bearing experiments



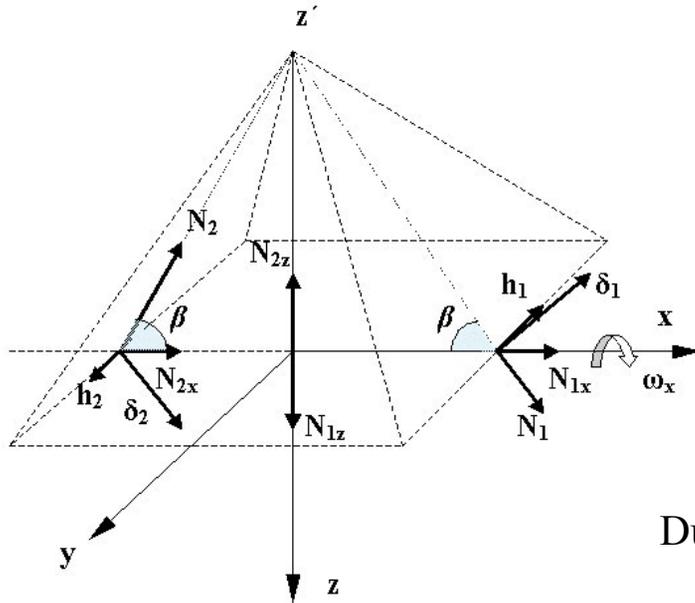
# 7.5 CMG Mk.II Electronics



EPROM: Erasable Programmable ROM  
 SM: Stepper Motor  
 BDCM: Brushless DC Motor  
 CK: Clock  
 F/H: Full/Half step mode  
 TLC: Telecommand  
 TLM: Telemetry  
 DIR: Direction  
 $\delta$ : Stepper Motor gimbal rate



# 7.6 Single-axis manoeuvre with two CMGs



$$\mathbf{h}_1 = h_0 \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \delta_1 \cos \beta \\ -\cos \delta_1 \\ \sin \delta_1 \sin \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\delta}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\delta}_1 \sin \beta \\ 0 \\ -\dot{\delta}_1 \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow N_{1x} = h_0 \dot{\delta}_1 \cos \beta \cos \delta_1$$

$$\mathbf{h}_2 = h_0 \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \delta_2 \cos \beta \\ \cos \delta_2 \\ -\sin \delta_2 \sin \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\delta}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\delta}_2 \sin \beta \\ 0 \\ \dot{\delta}_2 \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow N_{2x} = h_0 \dot{\delta}_2 \cos \beta \cos \delta_2$$

Due to symmetric rotation

$$\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\delta}_1 = \dot{\delta}_2 = \dot{\delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_x = 2h_0 \dot{\delta} \cos \beta \cos \delta$$

**Theoretical CMG Torque =**

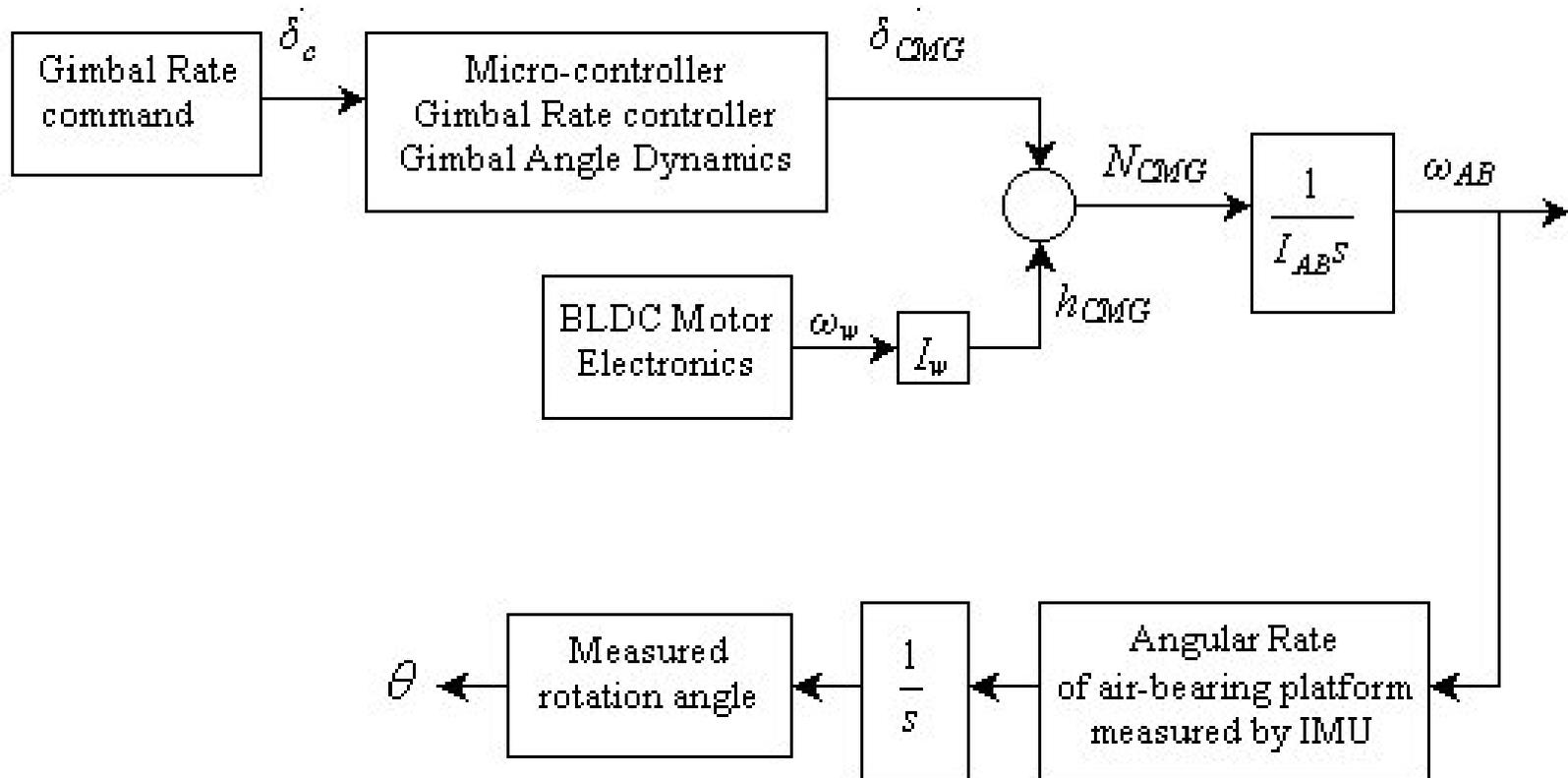
$$N_x = 2h_0 \dot{\delta} \cos \beta \cos \delta$$

**Experimental CMG Torque =**

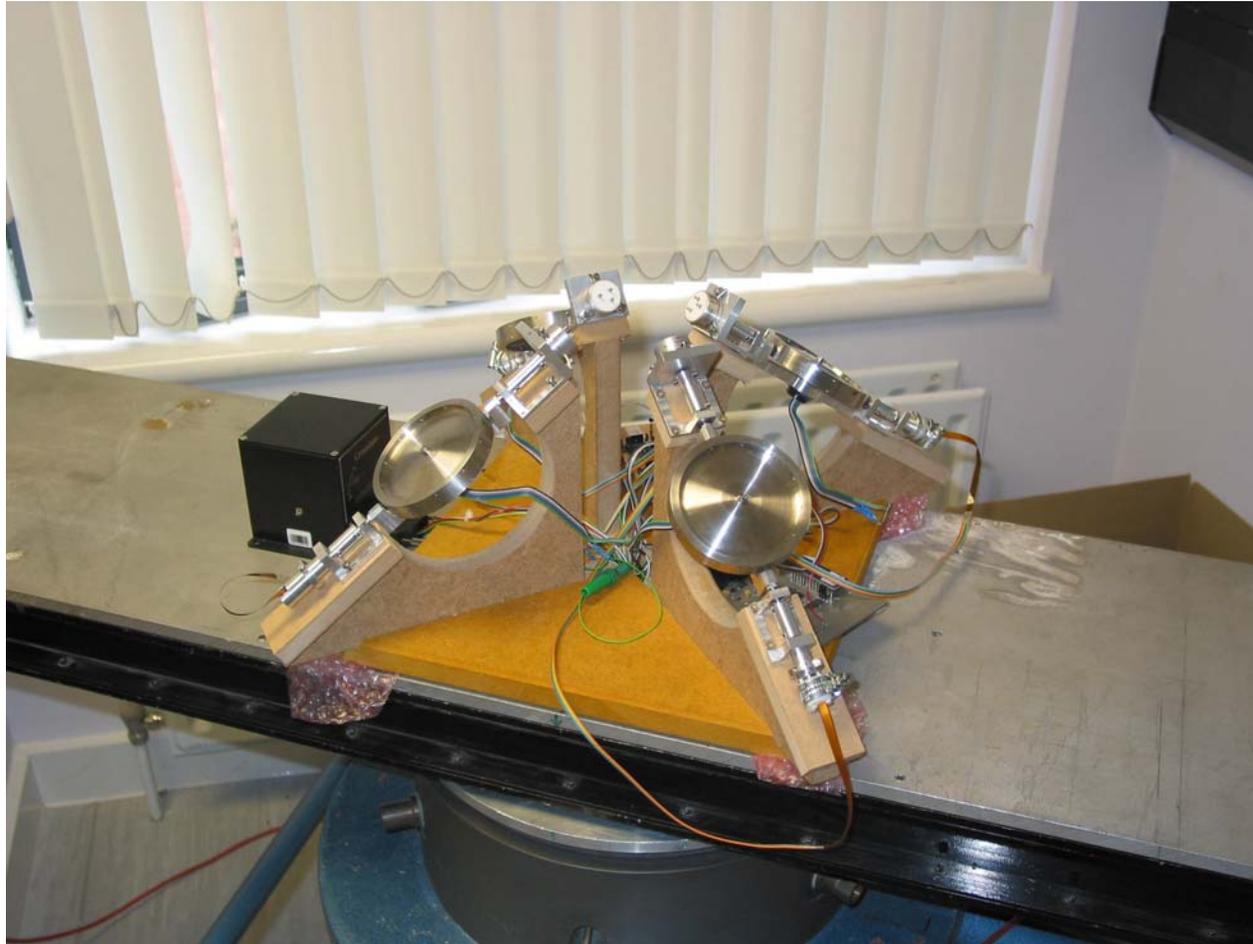
$$N_{CMG} + N_d = -I_{AB} \dot{\omega}_{AB}$$

- $I_{AB} = 0.8 \text{ kg-m}^2$

# 7.7 Experimental Set-up Block Diagram



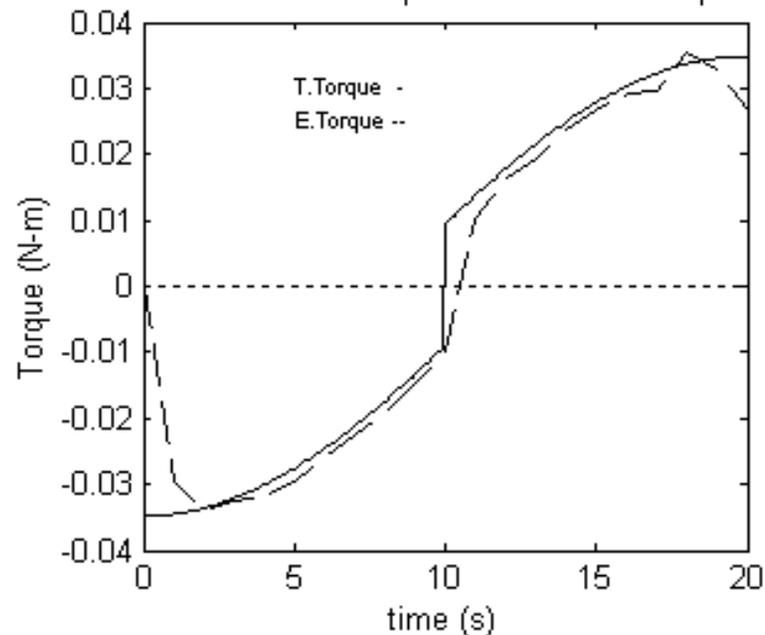
## 7.8 Experimental Set-up



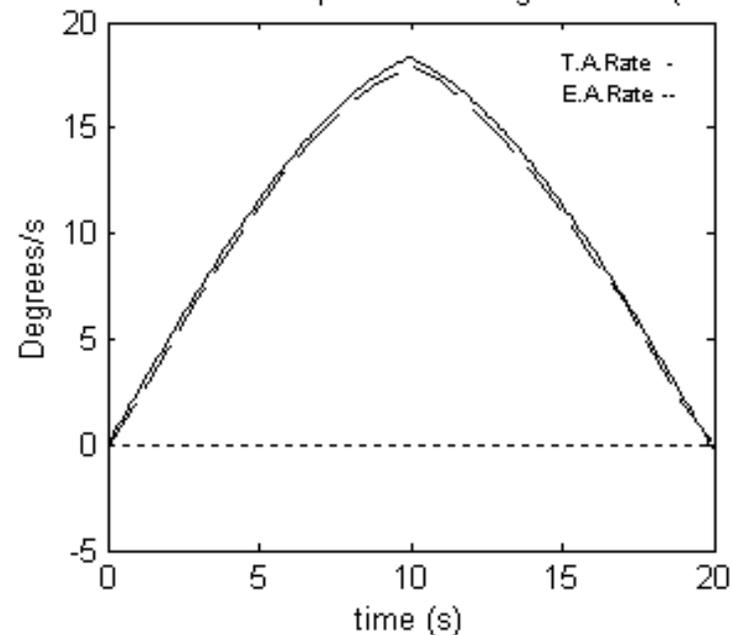
## 7.9 CMG Mk.II Experiment



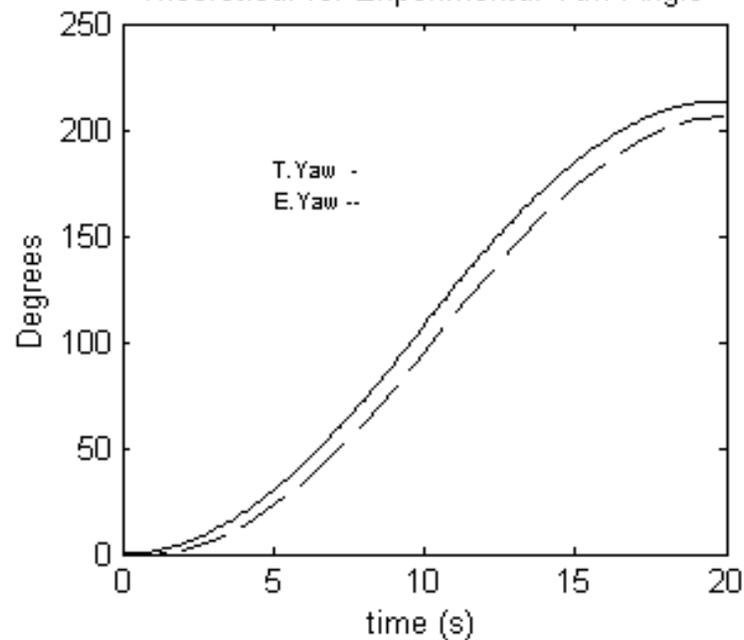
Theoretical vs. Experimental CMG Torque



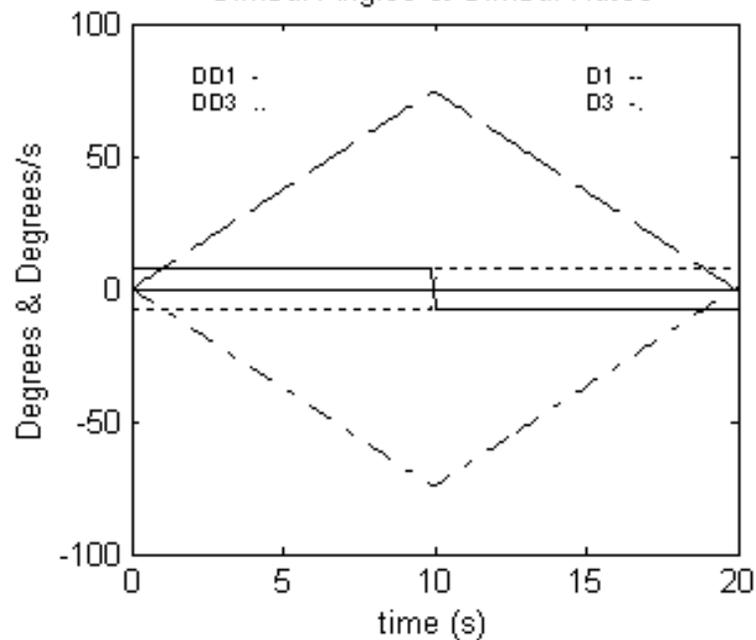
Theoretical vs. Experimental Angular Rate (Yaw)



Theoretical vs. Experimental Yaw Angle



Gimbal Angles & Gimbal Rates



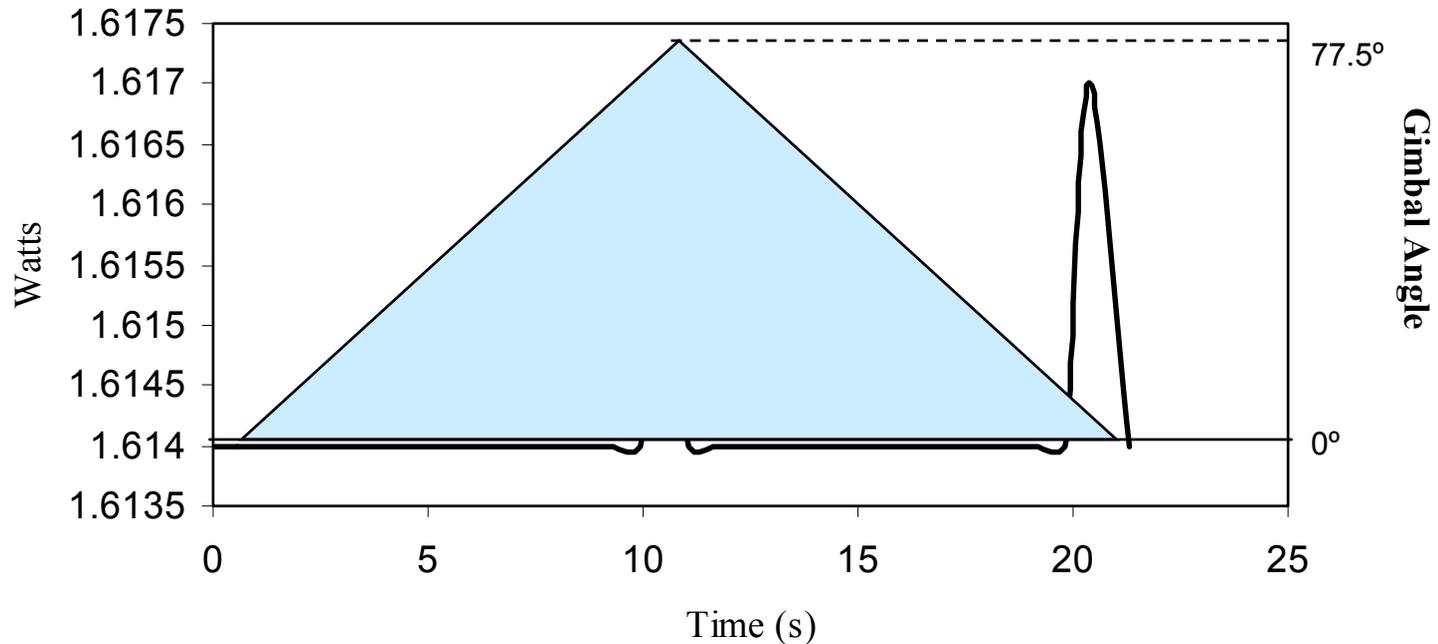
## 7.9 CMG Mk.II Results

- Do not take under consideration the wheel and gimbal motor dynamics, or any other internal disturbances such as motor cogging or torque ripple effects
- Torque error reaches a maximum of 0.006 Nm and this is mainly due to:
  - The disturbances that affect the CMG cluster on the air-bearing (air-bearing bias, **aerodynamic friction**)
  - High bandwidth-mechanical reasons (CMG stepper motor backlash, micro vibrations, wheel imbalances and small wheel speed variations)
  - IMU-Gyro noise
- The rotation angle  $\theta$  expected from simulations is  $218.4^\circ$  whereas the experimental value attained is  $209.8^\circ$
- Open-loop maneuver and the disturbance effects of the air-bearing result to an acceptable error of  $8.6^\circ$

## 7.10 Electrical Power Consumption

- Electrical power consumption is important small satellite development and operations
- Literature, such as [Schaub 1998], [Schaub 2000], [Roser 1997], [Salenc 2000] mention that CMGs require less electrical power than other actuators such as reaction/momentum wheels
- No theoretical or practical support to this claim
- A comparison is conducted to compare RW vs. CMG power consumption
- A microsatellite 10 mNm RW, minisatellite 20 mNm RW and 52.25 mNm CMG (2)
- 40° single-axis manoeuvre (1 RW, 2 CMGs) for all 3 actuators/platforms
- In-orbit data used for RWs (Tsinghua-1 RW, UoSAT-12 RW) and vacuum power measurements for CMG
- Measurements are normalised to a 1 kg-m<sup>2</sup> MOI
- Energy index is introduced to compare actuators

2-CMG Electrical Power Consumption



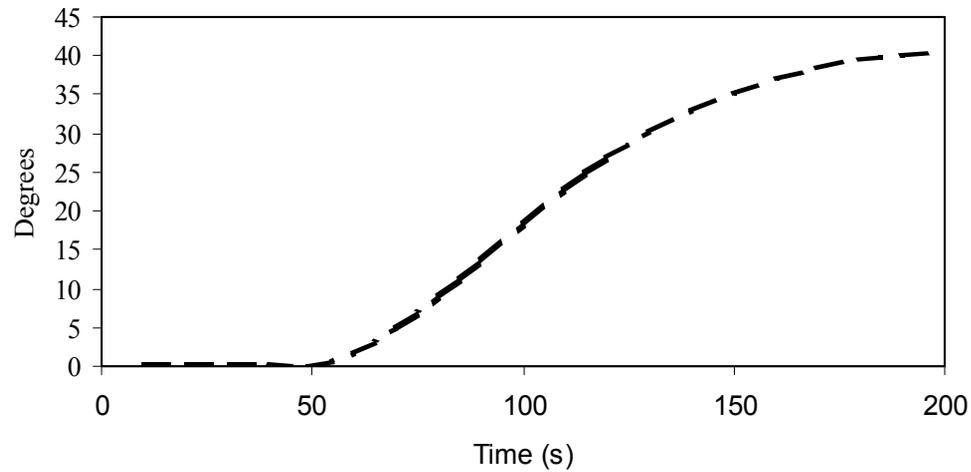
- CMGs perform the  $40^\circ$  manoeuvre in 20s
- Identical to previous experiments
- Measurement is for all 4 stepper/gimbal motors + BDCM

## 7.12 RW Electrical Power Consumption

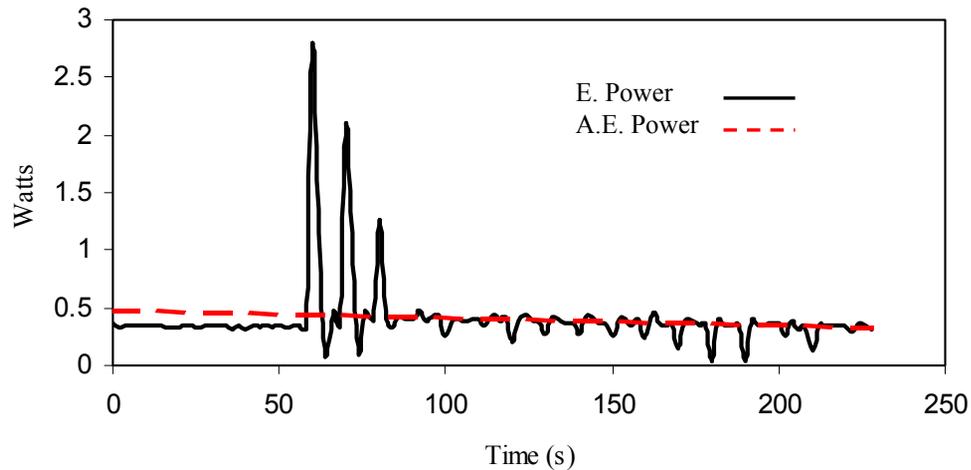
	<b>Tsinghua-1 RW</b>	<b>UoSAT-12 RW</b>
<b>Manufacturer</b>	SSTL (3)	SSTL (2) Ithaco (1)
<b>Quantity</b>	3 units (X/Y/Z)	3 units (X/Y/Z)
<b>Type</b>	Brushless DC motor Dry lubricated bearings	Brushless DC motor Dry lubricated bearings
<b>Operation Range</b>	+/- 0.36 Nms @ +/- 5000 rpm +/- 0.010 Nm max	+/- 4 Nms @ +/- 5000 rpm +/- 0.02 Nm max.
<b>Power</b>	0.2-3 W (zero to max. accel.)	2.8- 14.6 W (zero to max. accel.)
<b>Operation</b>	Speed controlled	Speed controlled
<b>Accuracy</b>	+/- 1 rpm	+/- 1 rpm

# 7.13 Tsinghua-1 RW Manoeuvre & Electrical Power Consumption

Tsinghua-1 Pitch

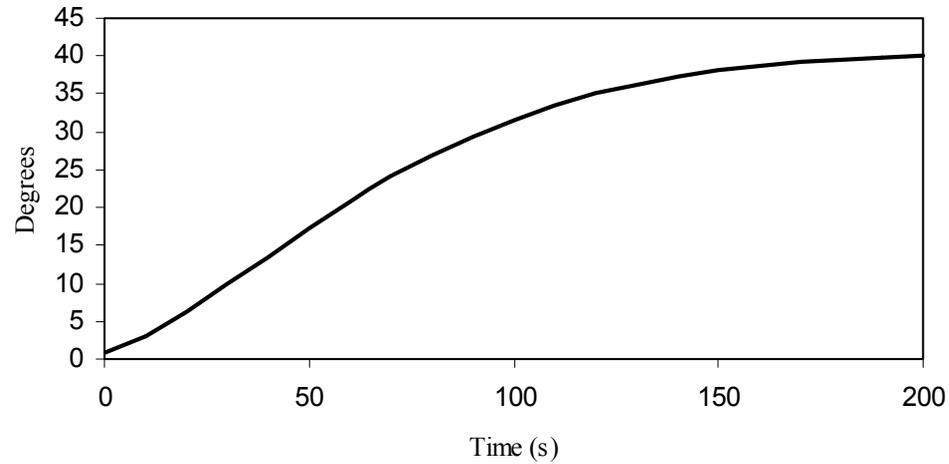


Tsinghua-1 RW Absolute Electrical Power Consumption

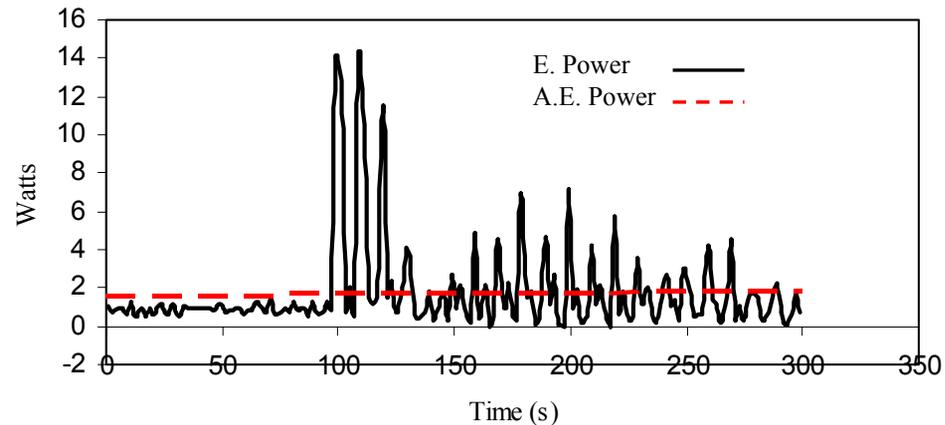


# 7.14 UoSAT-12 RW Manoeuvre & Electrical Power Consumption

UoSAT-12 Roll



UoSAT-12 RW Absolute Electrical Power Consumption

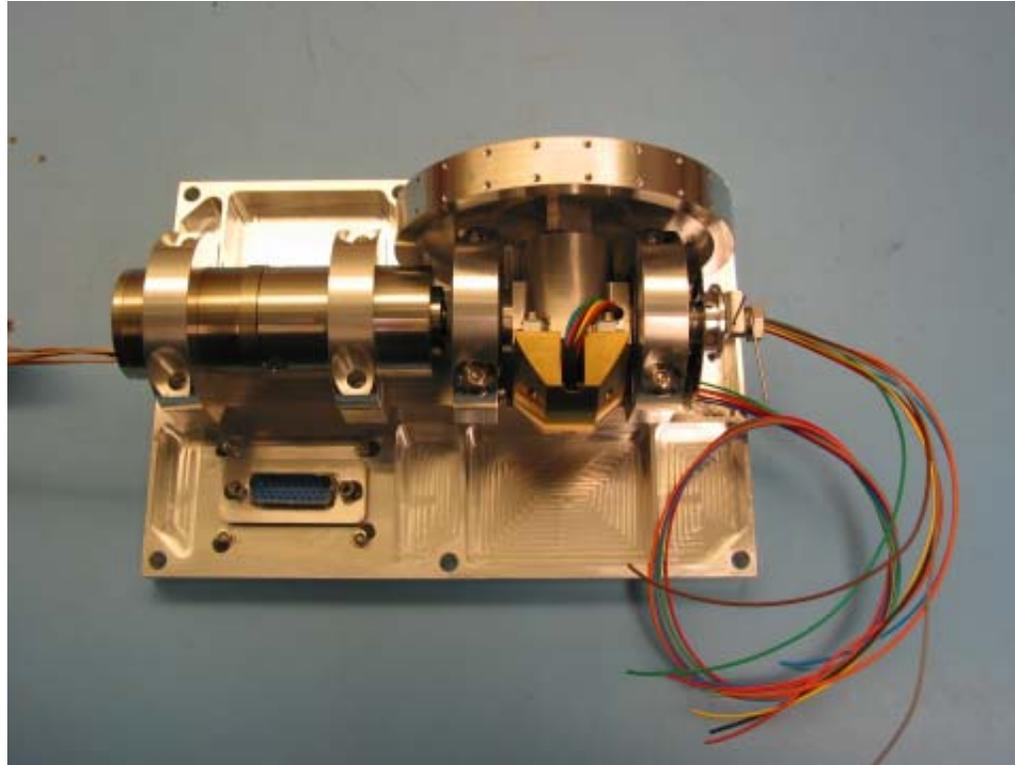


Parameter	UoSAT-12	Tsinghua-1	CMG
MOI (kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	40	2.5	4.1
Time (s)	200	150	20
Torque (mN-m)	20	10	52.25
Mass (kg)	3.2	1	0.585 <sup>1</sup>
Avg. Power (W)	2	0.45	1.61
Scaled Power (W-kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	0.05	0.16	0.39
Scaled Energy (J/kg-m <sup>2</sup> )	10	27	7.85

- <sup>1</sup>Mass for two CMGs, unpackaged
- Single axis 40° manoeuvre
- Energy index reflects the energy accumulated during a manoeuvre on a normalized 1 kg-m<sup>2</sup> MOI platform
- CMGs prove to be the least power consuming actuator with an energy index of 7.85
- 21.5 % more efficient than the UoSAT-12 RW power consumption and 70.9 % more efficient than the Tsinghua-1 RW

- Practical work confirms the theoretical findings on the advantageous use and performance of CMGs for agile small satellites
- Two CMGs designed (Mk.I, Mk.II)
- CMGs were evaluated in air-bearing experiments replicating single-axis maneuvers
- CMG Mk.I generated a max.torque of 8.84 mNm, CMG Mk.II a max. torque of 38 mNm, during air-bearing experiments
- Experiments indicate the better electrical power consumption when utilizing a CMG cluster when compared to a RW system
- CMG Mk.II maximum power was found to be 1.614 W
- CMGs are shown to be more power efficient by at least 21.5 % from reaction wheels, with a mass saving of 41.5 % to the smallest (Tsinghua-1) RW
- With a mass of about 1.17 kg CMGs were shown in a practical way to potentially be an efficient and highly capable means of controlling agile microsattellites

# 8. Application: BILSAT CMG



- TUBITAK-BILTEN initiated a call for Turkish and SSTL payloads for BILSAT-1
- Numerous payloads suggested
- Payloads selected:
  - Turkish: Coban, Gezgin
  - SSTL: Propulsion, GPS Attitude Determination
  - SSC/SSTL: CMGs...
- Payload Selection: September 2001
- Unofficial approval for CMGs: June 2002
- Time to design CMGs: 6 months ! (not...!)
- Payload: A twin (2)-CMG cluster for rapid pitch axis control

## Primary mission: imaging

### Multi spectral

### Panchromatic

**RED**

26 m ground  
sampling distance

**BLUE**

26 m ground  
sampling distance

**GREEN**

26 m ground  
sampling distance

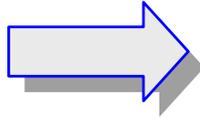
**NIR**

26 m ground  
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12 m ground  
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distance

## Secondary mission: Store and forward communications

Additional  
payloads



Maximize the profit  
gained from this  
technology transfer programme

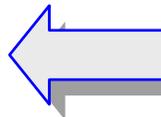
## COBAN



Multi band camera;

80 m resolution;

9 channels;



SQM model of coban

## GEZGIN

JPEG2000 DSP Card;

Real Time image compression;

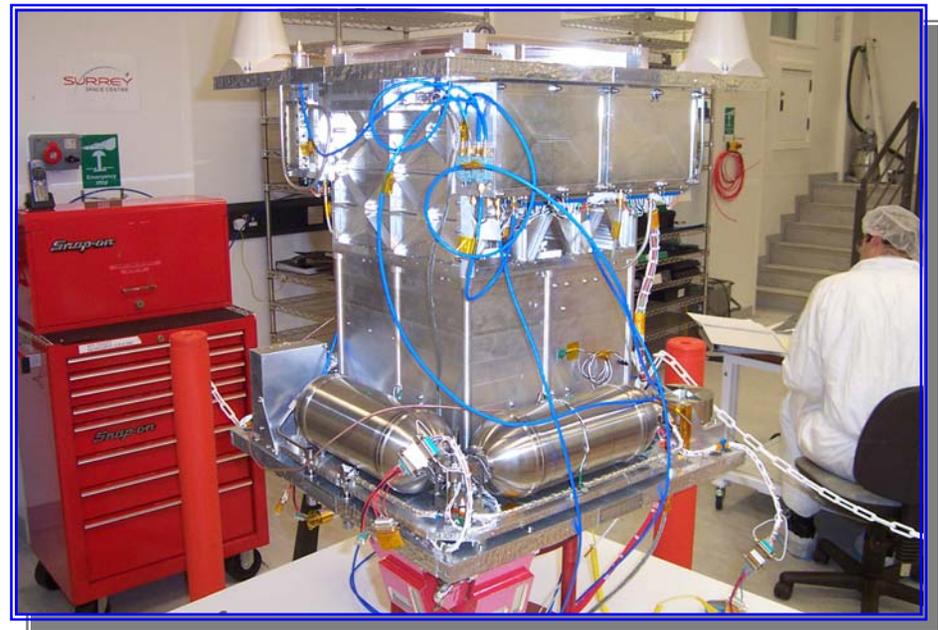
## Propulsion system



A propulsion system will be installed on the satellite to make semi major axis corrections. A single thruster fires through the Centre of Gravity to perform orbit change manoeuvres

### System Features

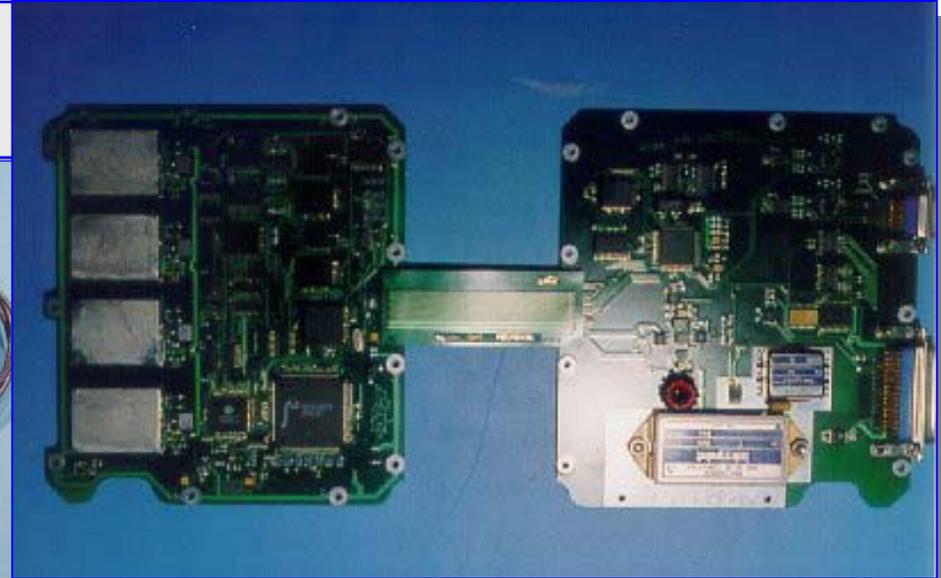
- Propellant - butane
- System dry mass < 6kg
- Propellant mass = 2.3 kg
- 15 Watt resistojet thruster
- Thrust ~ 50 mN
- Delta V ~ 9 m/sec



## GPS Receiver

A GPS receiver:

- : To give position knowledge = +/- 50 m
- : To perform attitude determination = +/- 1 degree



## Control Moment Gyro (CMG)

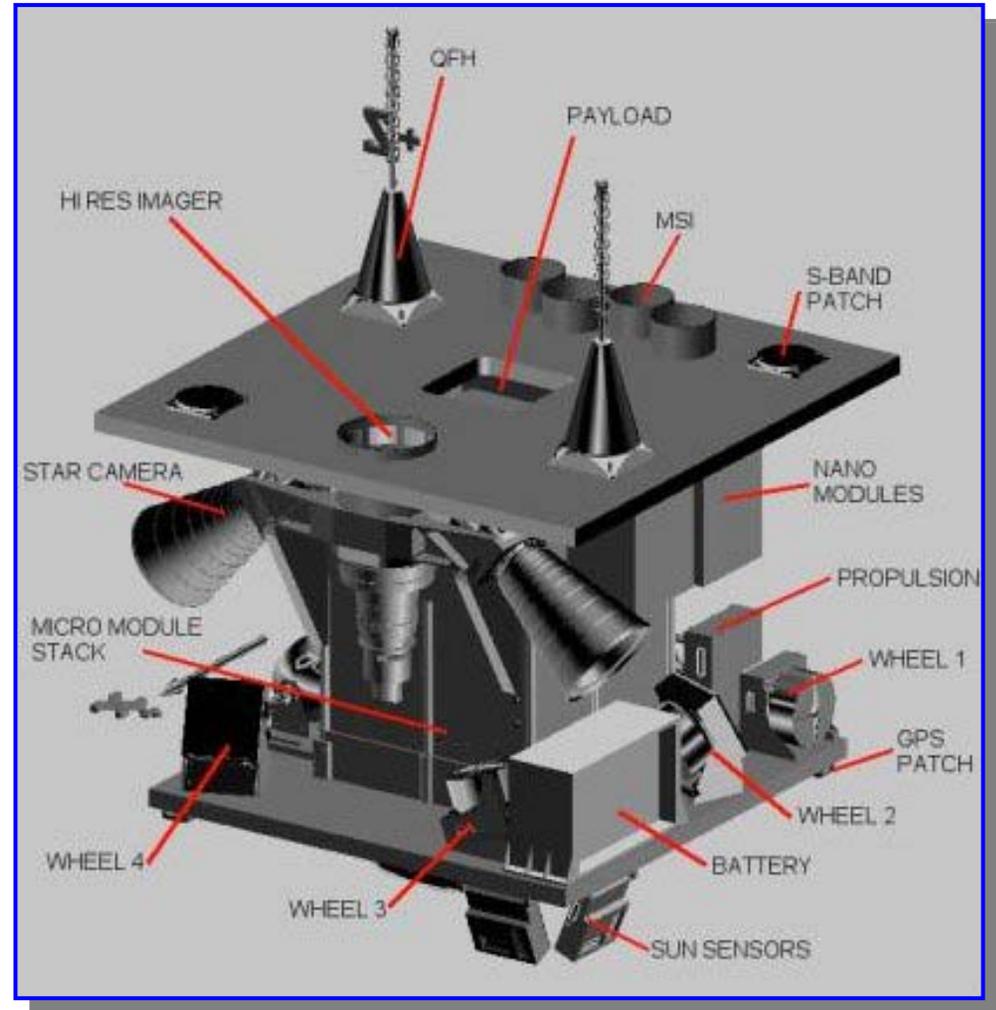
- A Control Moment Gyro to improve the agility of the satellite
- Rapid Pitch axis control ( 2 °/s )

- BILSAT-1: a small satellite based on enhanced micro satellite platform of SSTL

Core: standard SSTL self supporting stack of equipment boxes

Below earth Facing Facet : enclosure that holds some of the customer built payloads

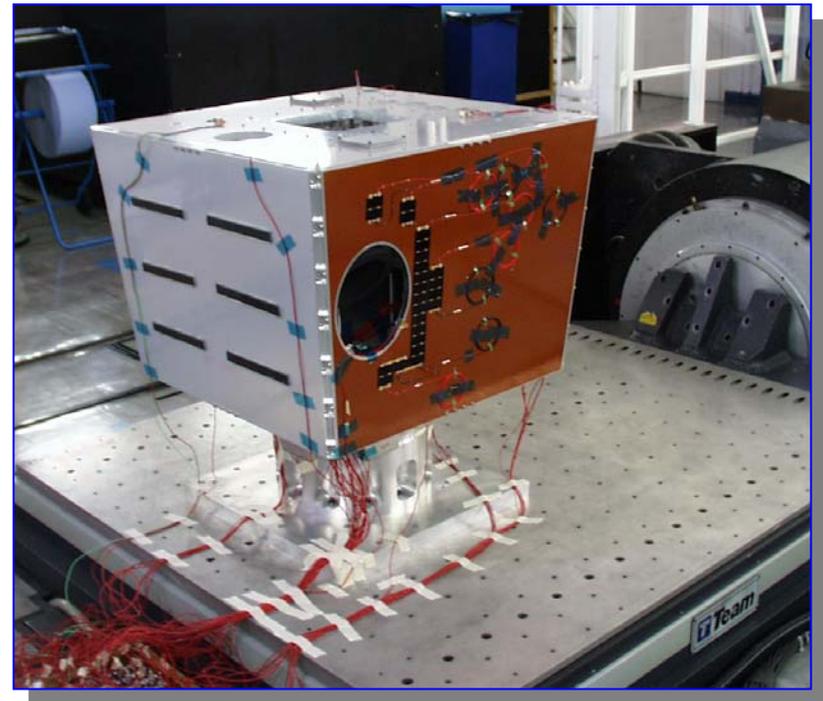
Nano modules: There are also nano modules which are non structural elements





- Spacecraft in AIT
- EMC Testing this week
- TVT
- Vibrations
- Launch scheduled for July

- Structure qualification tests successful



# BILSAT Attitude Determination and Control System (ADCS)

BILSAT can achieve

- attitude control +/- 0.02 deg
- attitude knowledge of 0.006 deg

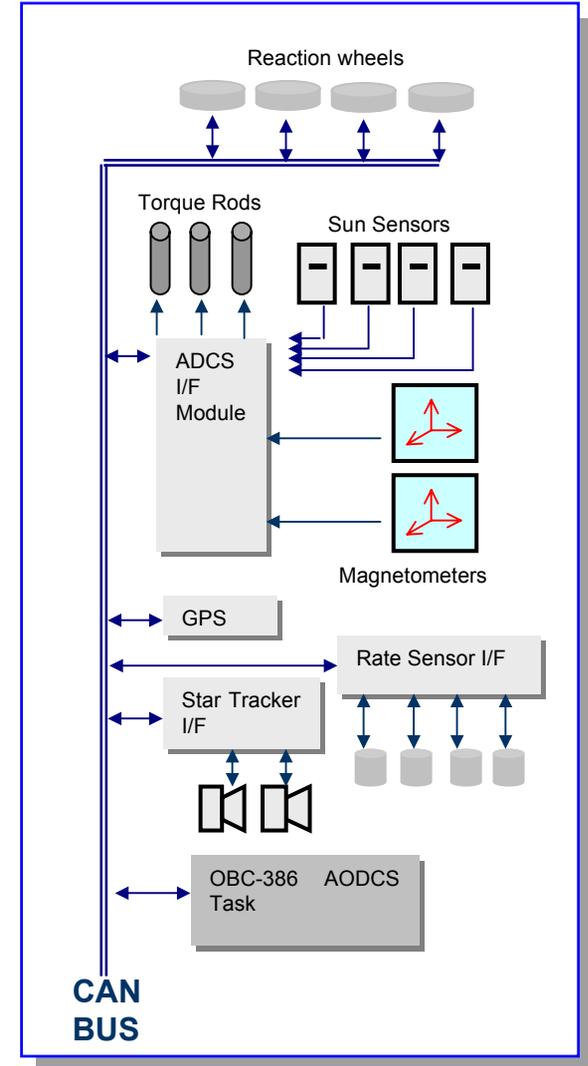
### BILSAT sensors

- four sun sensors,
- four rate sensors,
- two magnetometers
- two star cameras

### BILSAT actuators

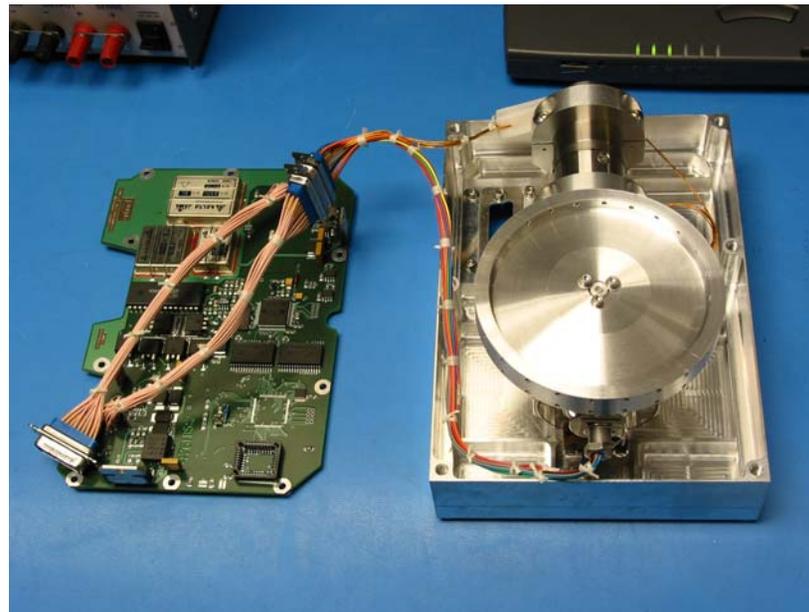
- four reaction wheels,
- three torque rods,
- gravity gradient boom

A GPS receiver is also used to obtain orbital position information of +/-50 m



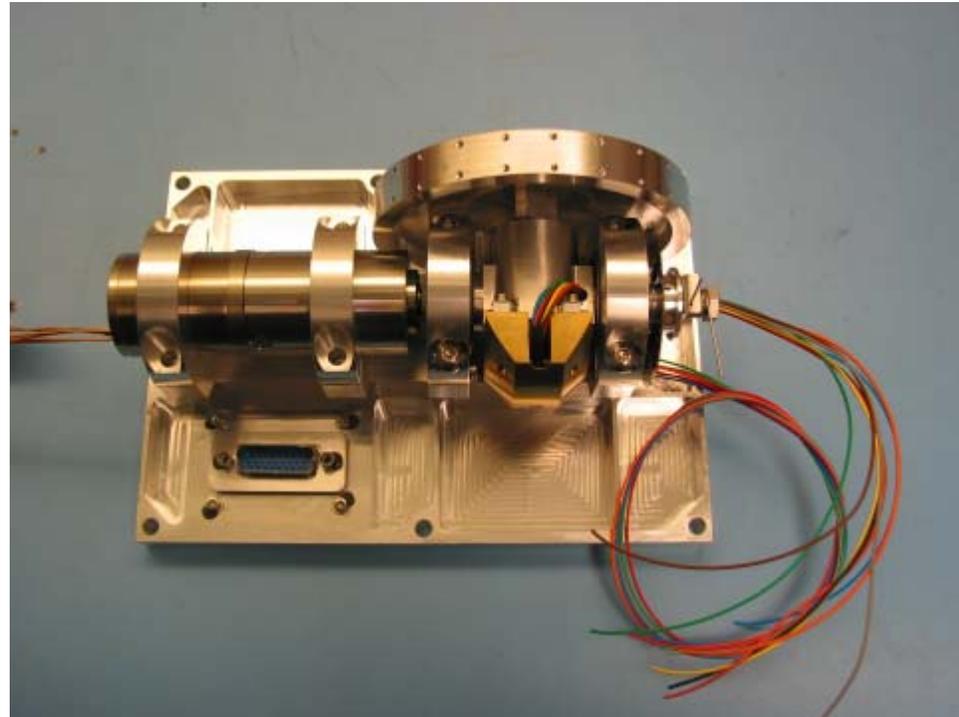
Component	Manufacturer	Performance	Constraints
Star Camera	SSTL – Altair-HB	Field of view: 15.74° x 10.53° Pointing accuracy (<15 arcsec 1 sigma): Sensitivity: Down to mag 6.0 Operating bandwidth: 1Hz Max tracking rate: 0.5 %/s	Mass: 1.7 kg (including baffle) Size: 150 x 150 x 285 mm (including baffle) Power Supply: 16-50 VDC Power: 2.8W (@ 28V) average Temperature: -10 to +50°C
2-Axis Sun Sensor	SSTL	Field of view: 60 x 60 Pointing accuracy: 0.5 deg	Mass: 300 g Dimensions: 95 x 107 x 35 mm Operating Temp: -50 to +80 degC
Solid-State Rate Sensors (Gyros)	BAE - SiRRS	Rate Range: ± 50 deg/s Long-term Bias Stability: 0.2 deg/s over 1 year Bias Stability: 0.002 deg/s over 100s Output Noise: 0.01 deg/s/√Hz	Mass: <35 g Size 31.6 x 31.6 x 17.2 mm Supply Voltage: +/- 5V Operating Temp: -40 to +75 degC
Reaction Wheels	SSTL	Angular Momentum: 0.42 Nms Torque: 10 mNm	Mass: 1.1 kg Dimensions: 100 x 101 x 92.5 mm Power: 24-32V 1.2 W @ constant speed 5.6 W @ Max Accel 0.8 W @ Zero Speed

# CMG Design



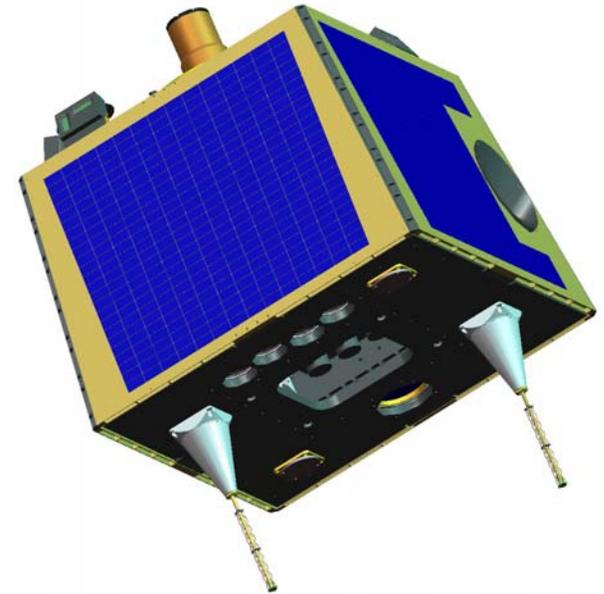
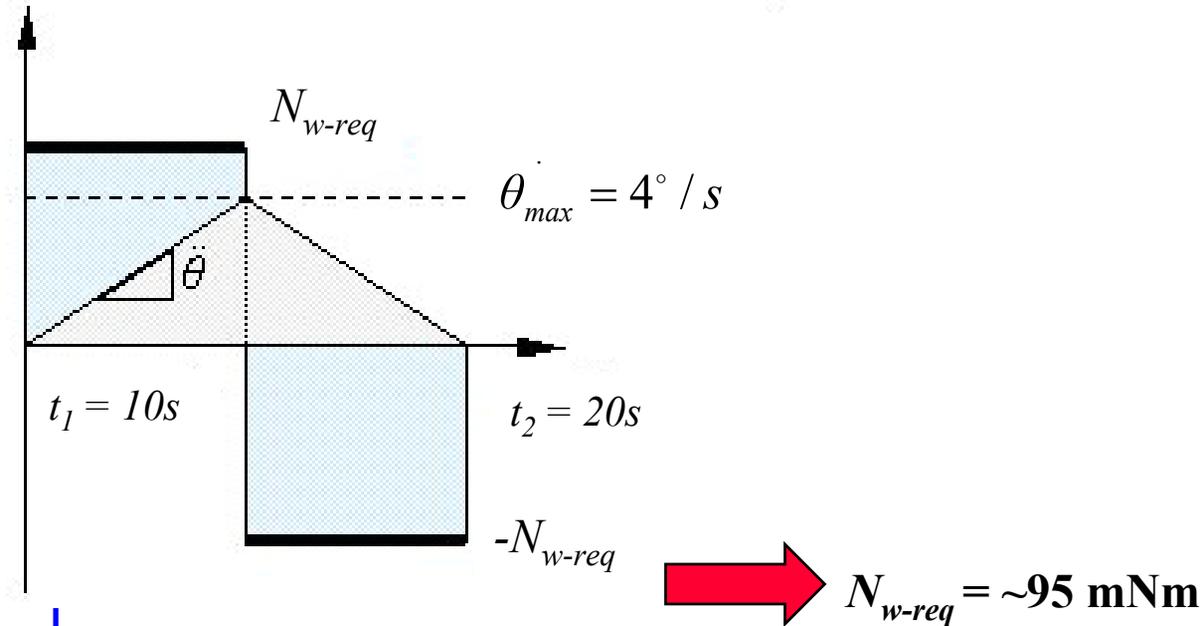
- Attitude Actuator
  - High torque capability, High stability
  - Exceptional performance for small satellite
    - Fast slews (30deg in 15s for 130kg spacecraft)
    - E.g for tactical imaging, TDI, target tracking
  - Developed by University of Surrey/SSTL/ESA/BILTEN
  - First flight on BILSAT Q3 2003

Dimensions	135 x 155 x 190 mm
Mass	2.2kg
Power	12W peak
Torque	95mNm



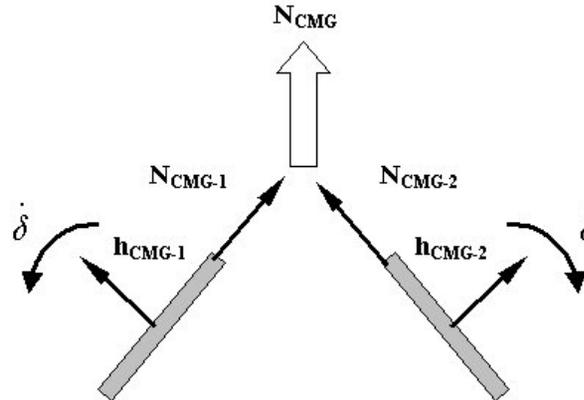
- 2°/s average slew rate capability (pitch axis)
- Demonstrate the principle of a CMG
- Has to fit in the available volume on BILSAT-1
- Mass  $\leq$  1.5kg per CMG

- Assumptions:
  - Average 2°/s slew requirement (40° in 20s)
  - Use BILSAT-1



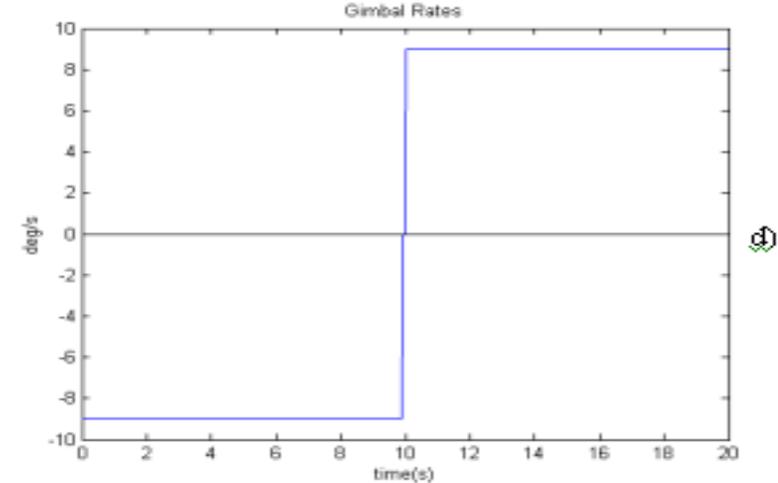
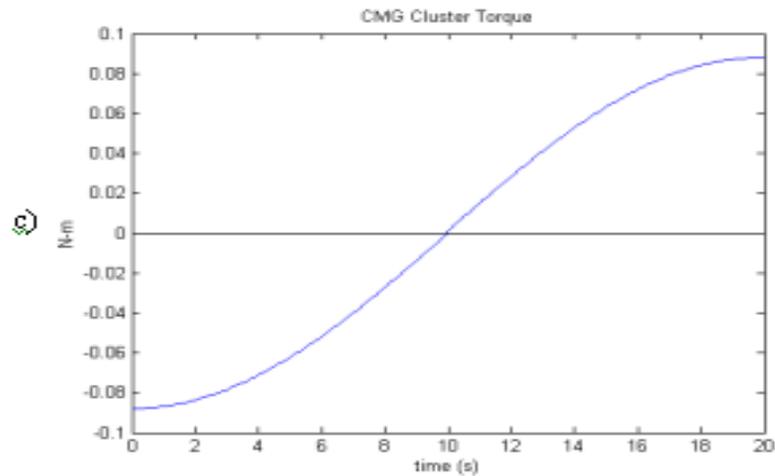
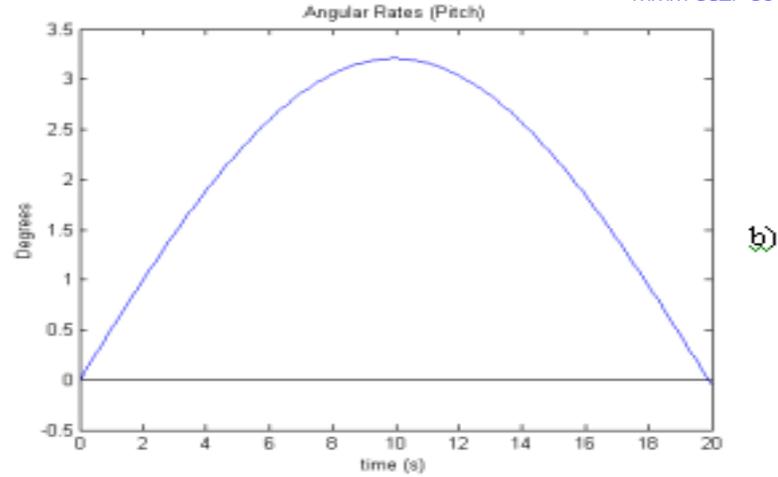
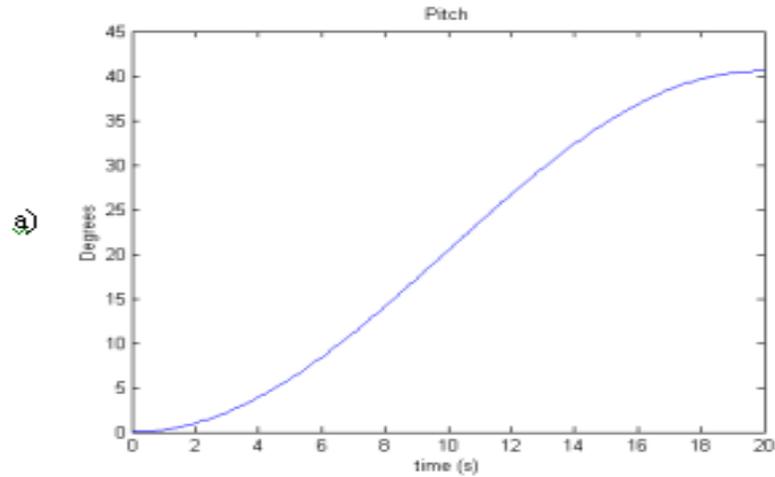
- SSTL actuators: 3-20 mNm
- ACS based on RWs :
  - 10% of spacecraft mass
  - 40% of required torque

- For a  $2^\circ/\text{s}$  average slew rate capability (pitch axis) for a 130 kg platform, a 95 mNm torque is required

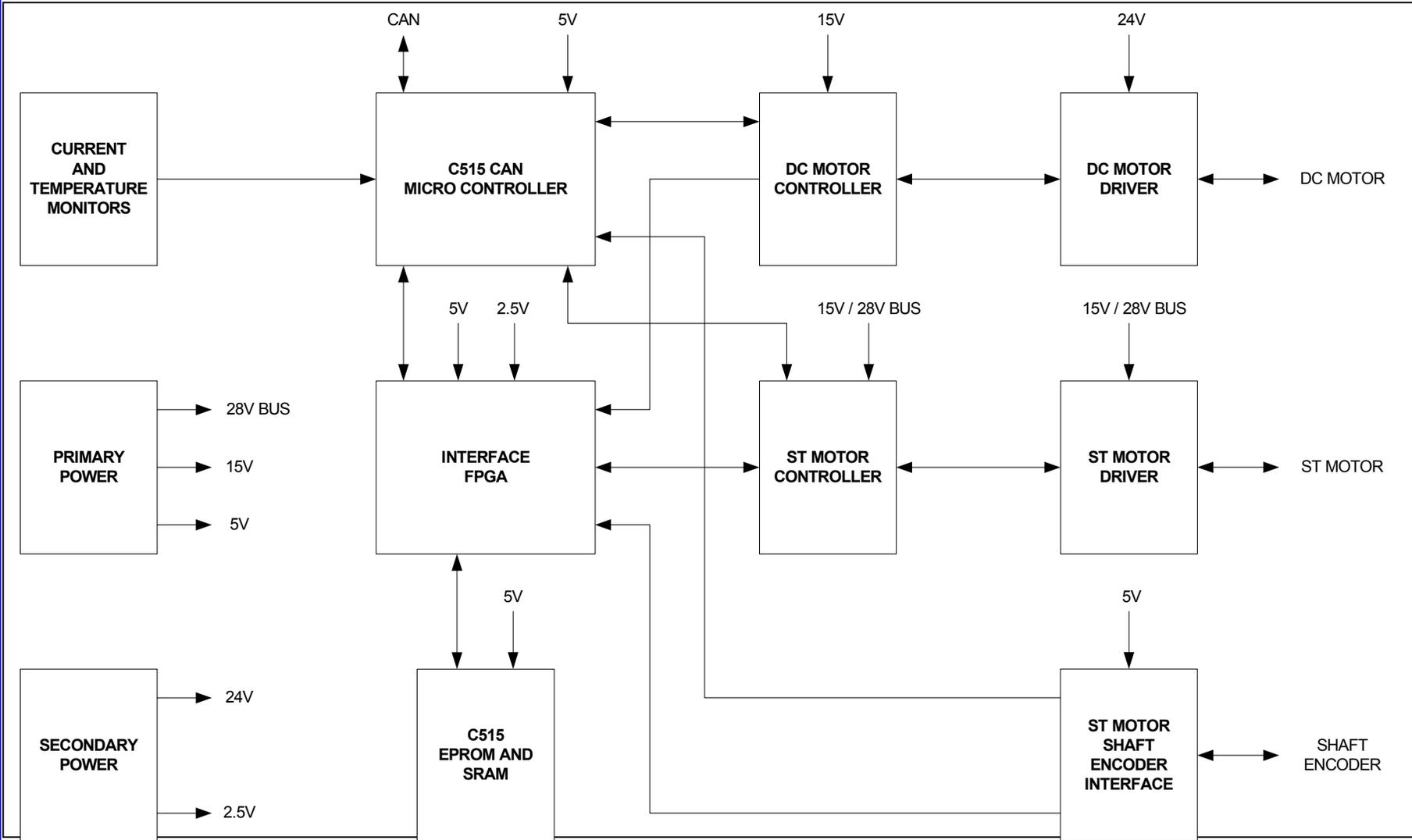


- Twin CMG payload in parallel configuration
- CMG  $h = 0.28$  Nms, Flywheel speed operating at 16,900 rpm, gimbal rate of  $9^\circ/\text{s}$
- Can vary flywheel speed and gimbal rate ( $> 9^\circ/\text{s}$ )

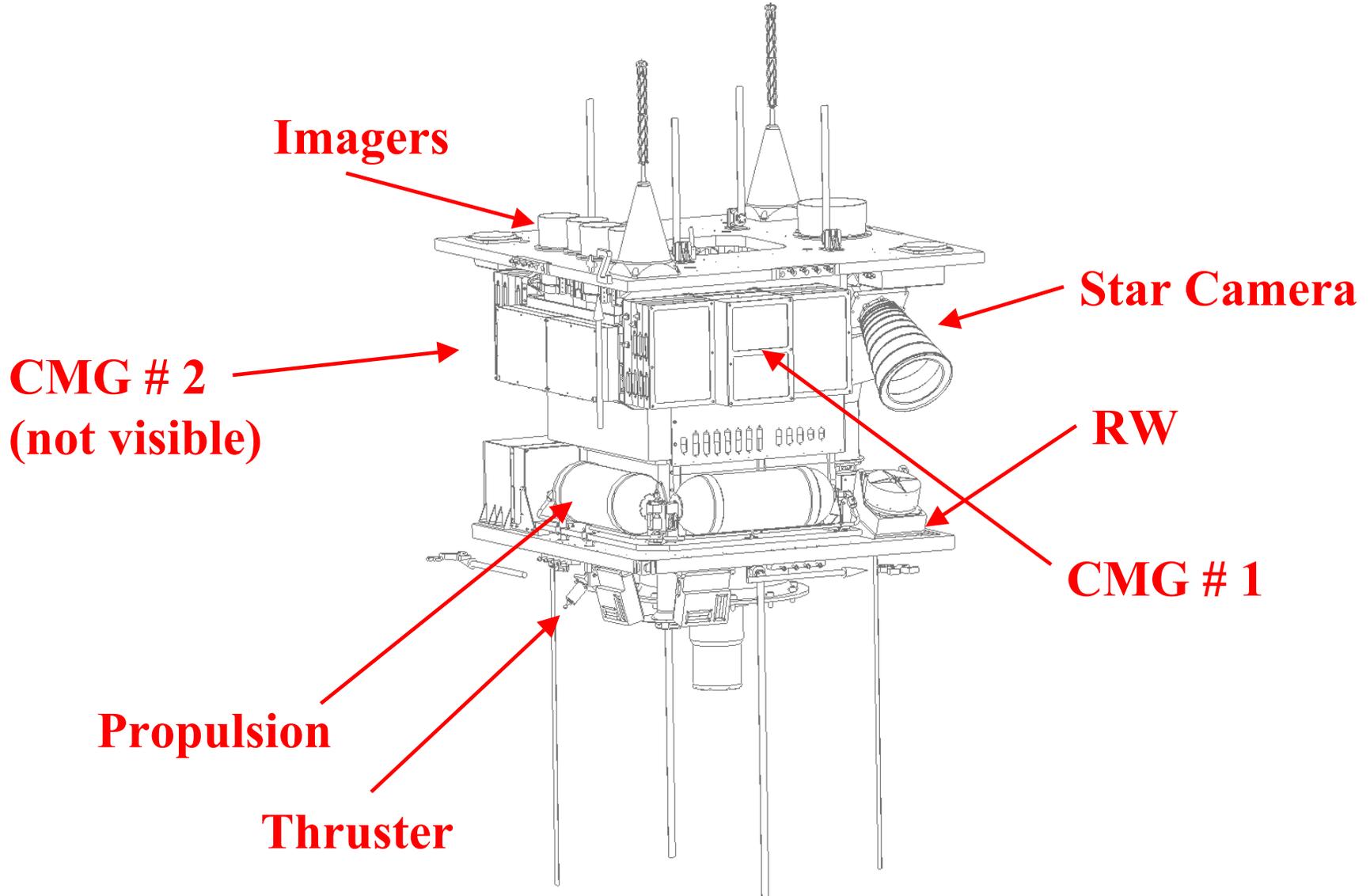
# CMG Simulations

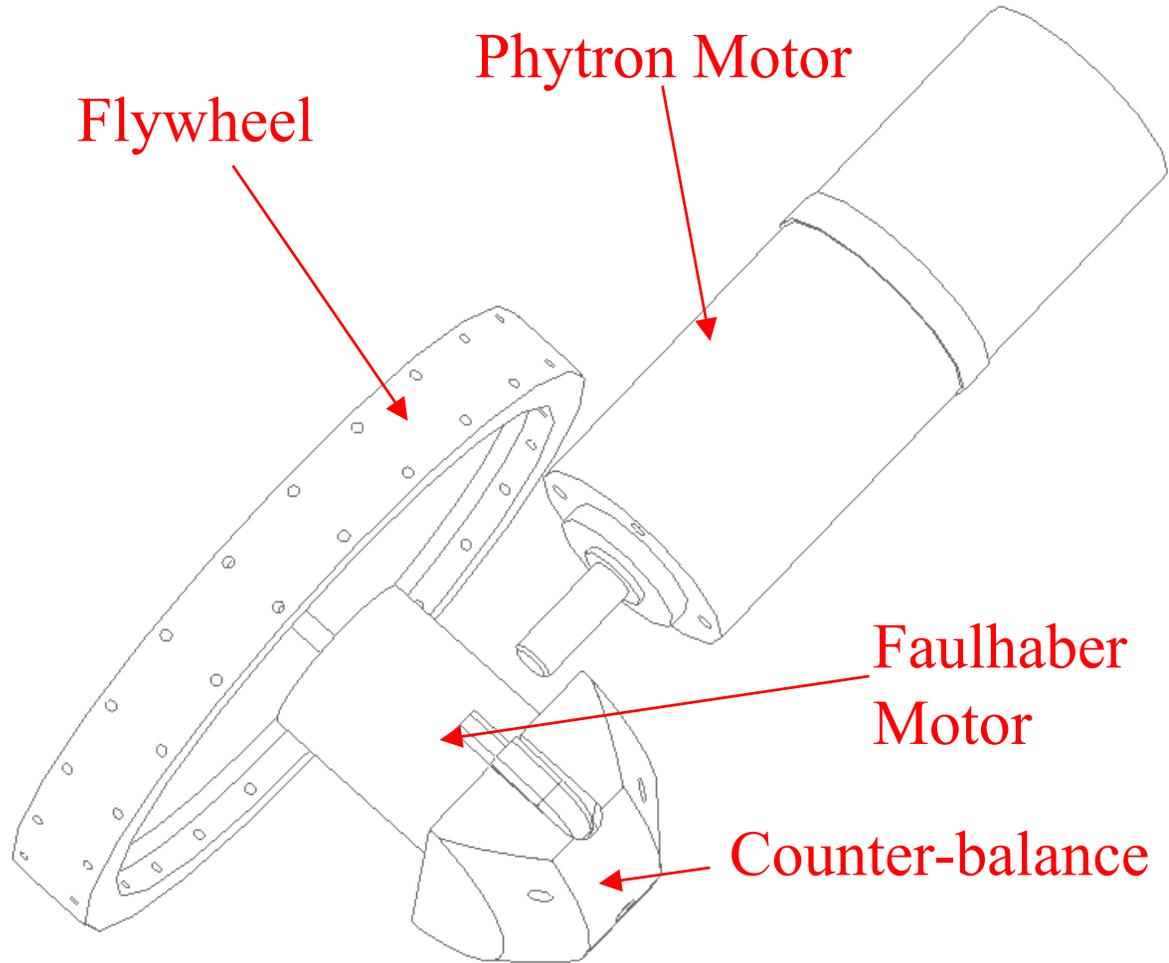


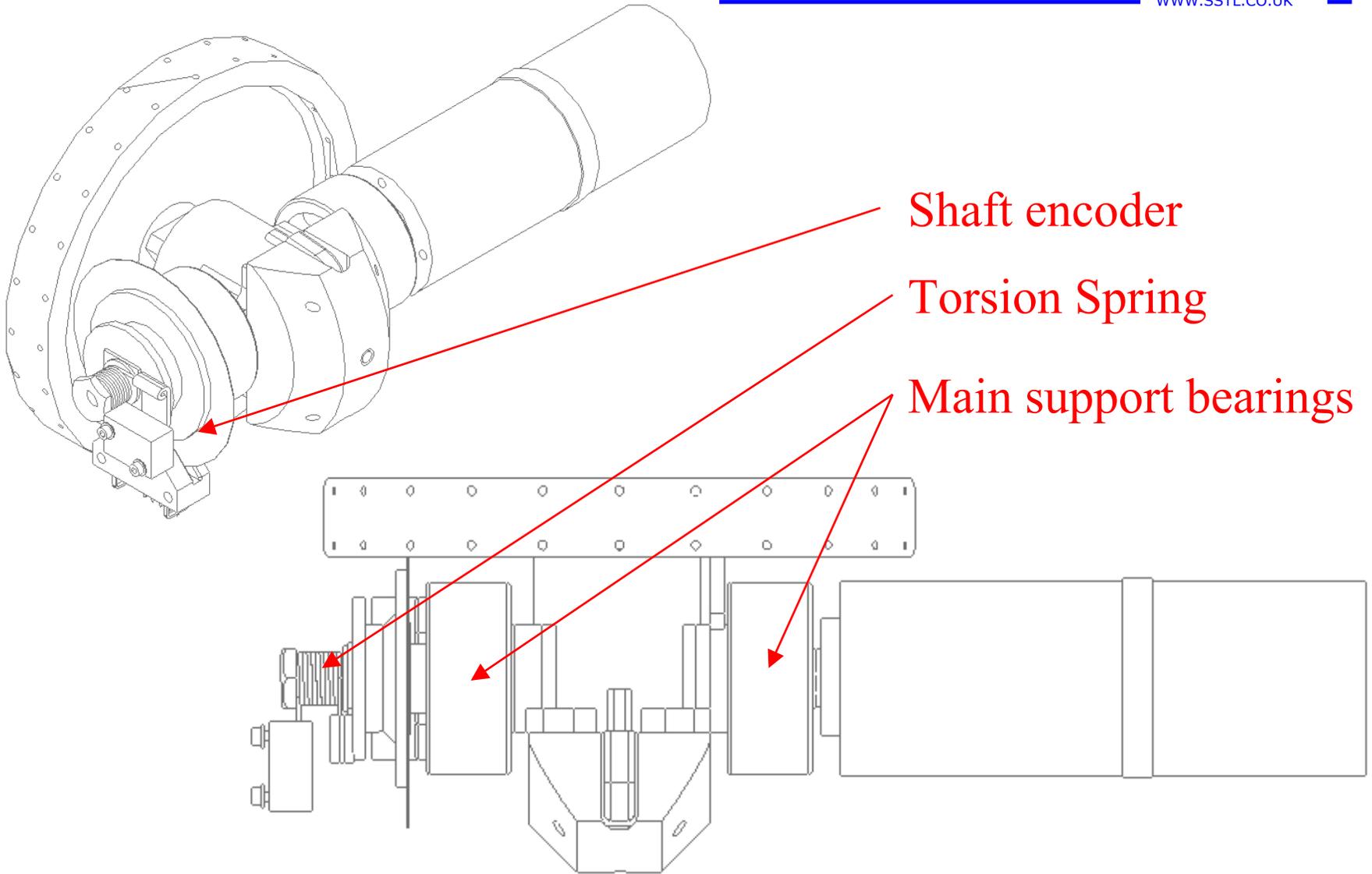
CMG Parameters:  $h_{cmg} = 0.28 \text{ Nms}$ ,  $(I_x, I_y, I_z) = 10 \text{ kg-m}^2$

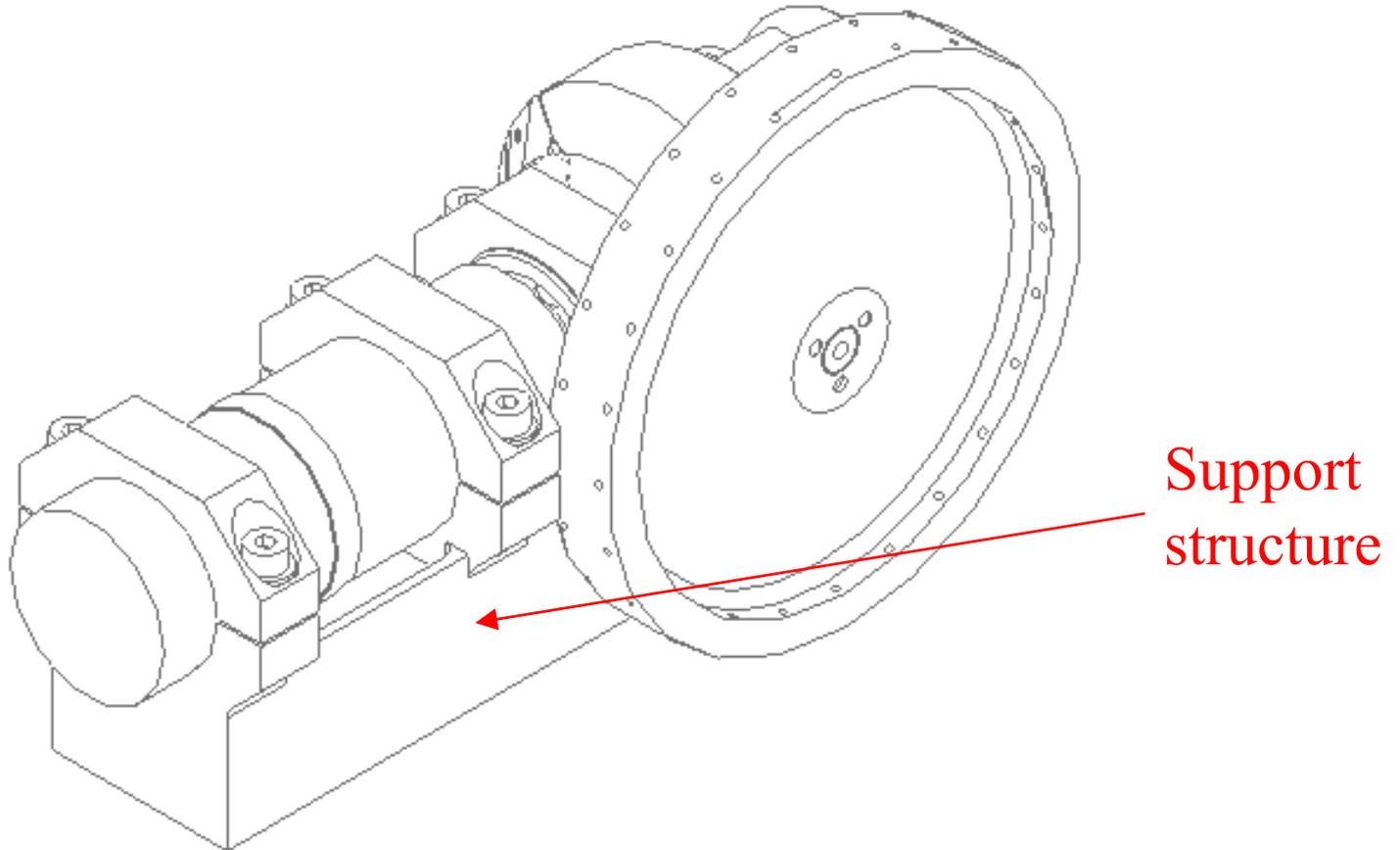


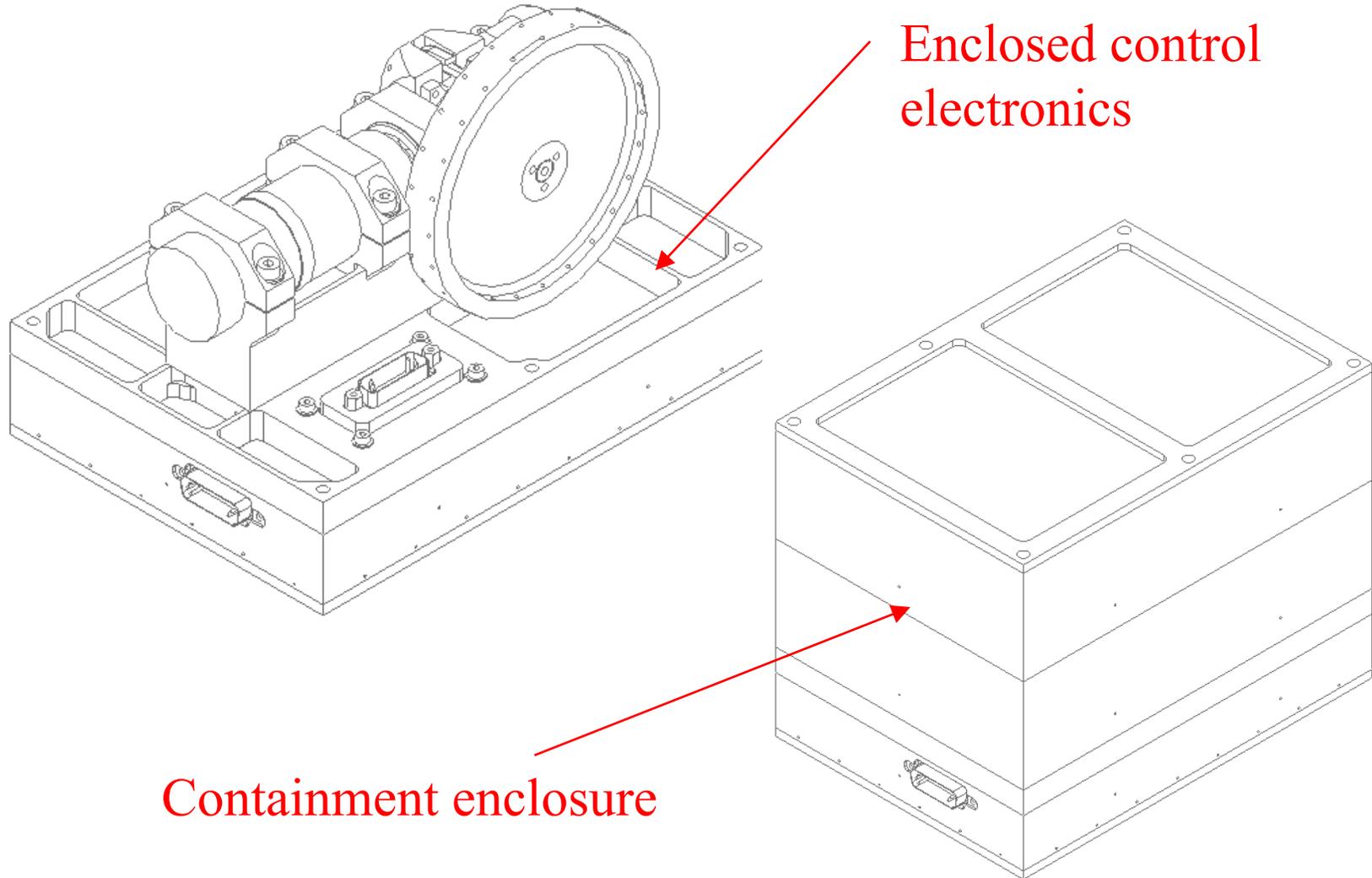
# CMG Mechanics

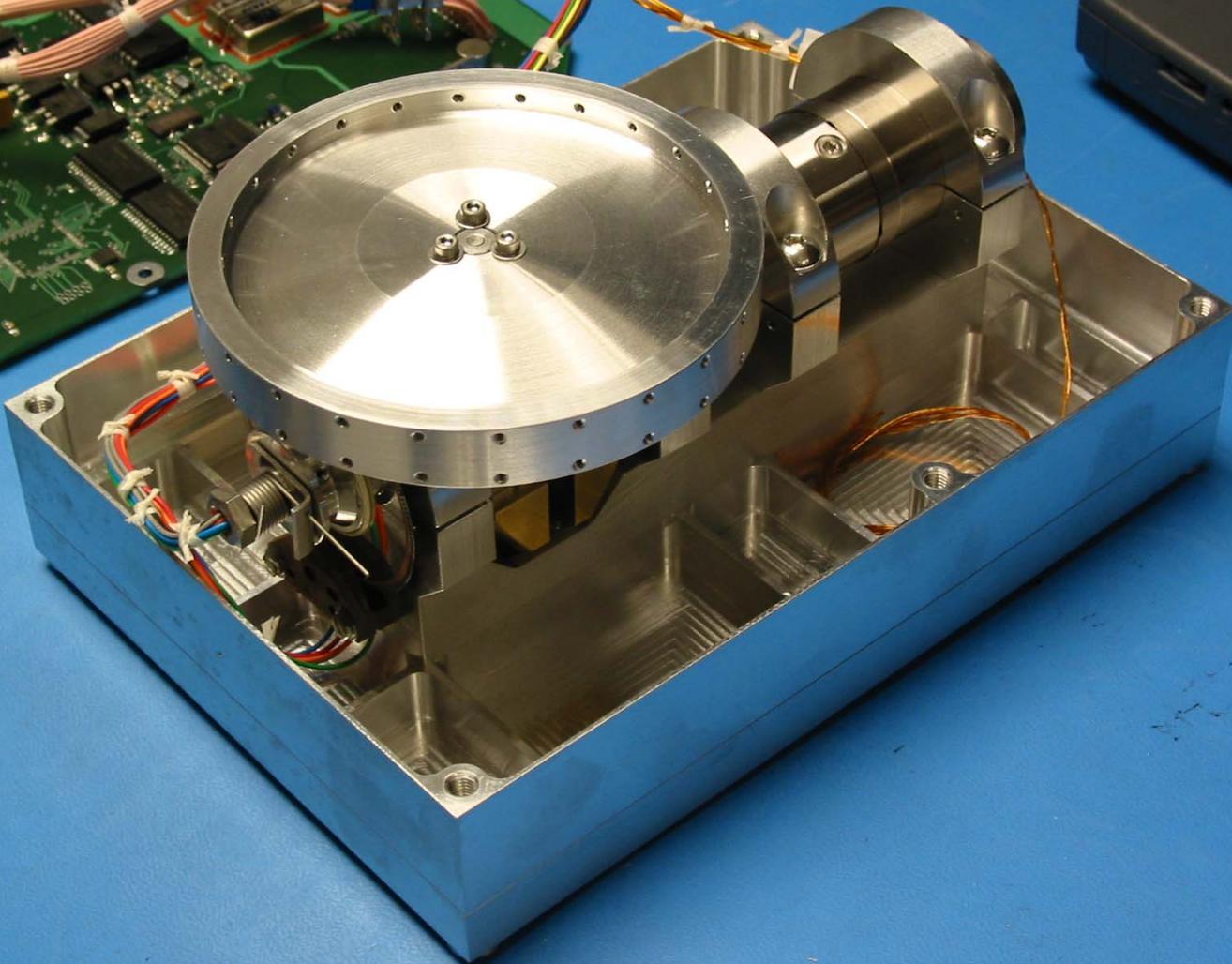
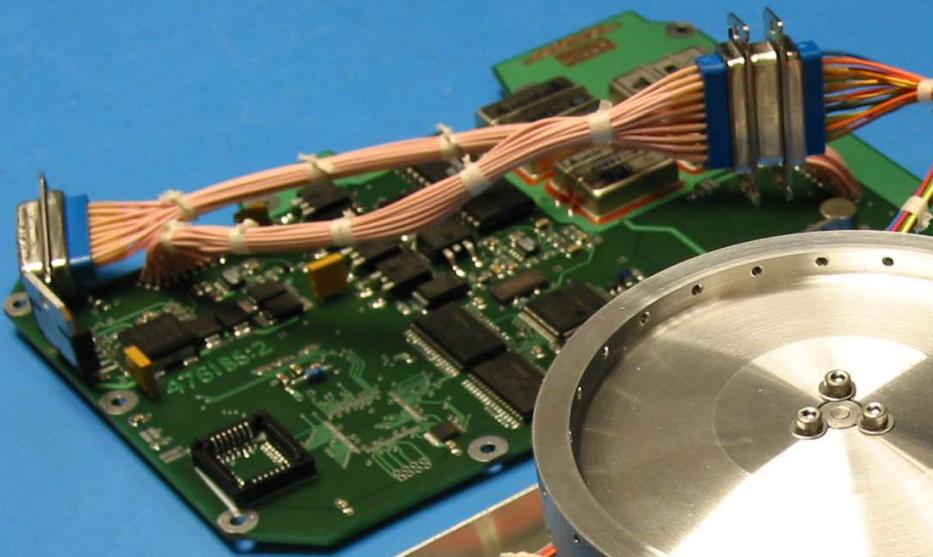


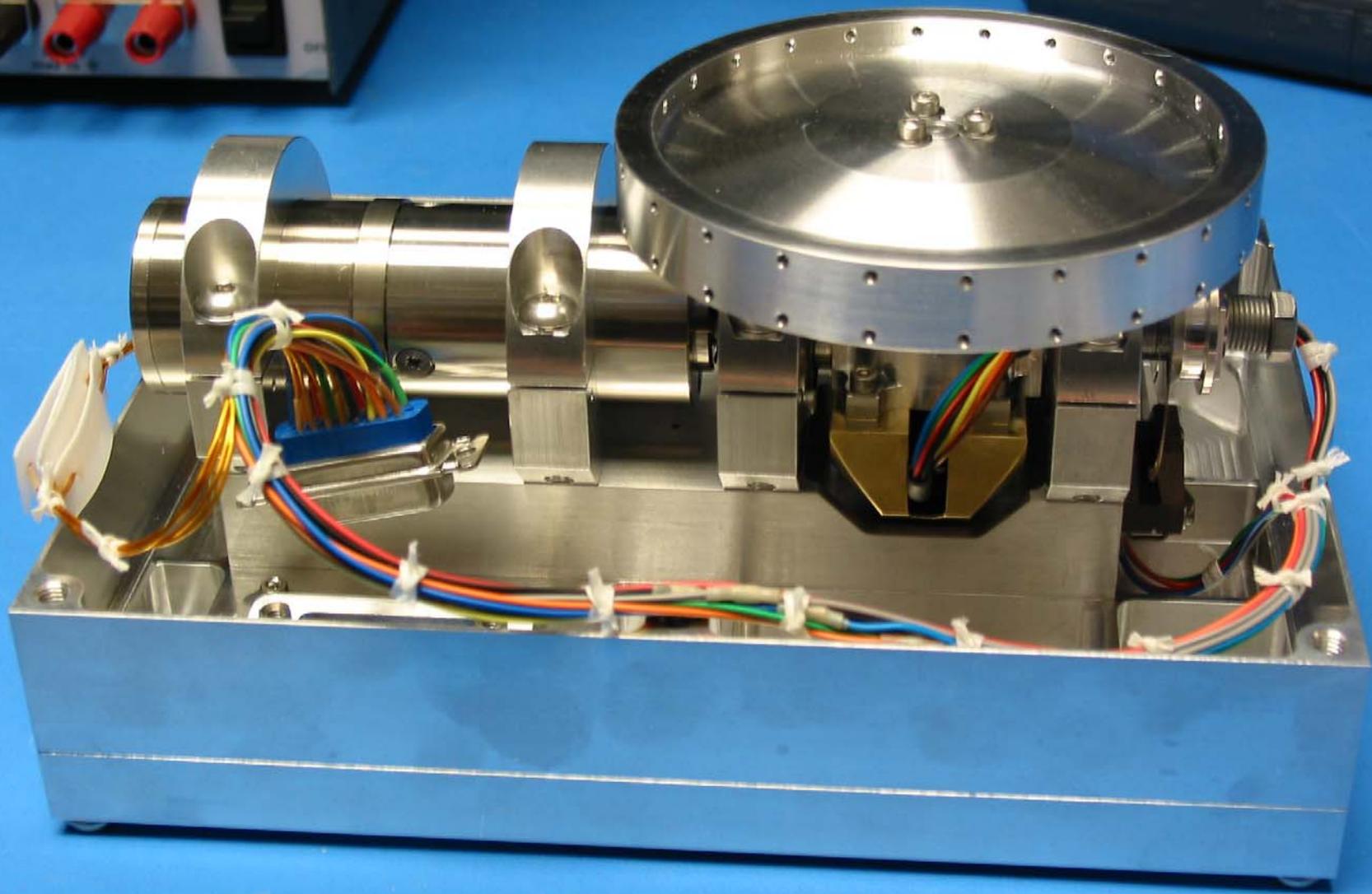












- Mass ~ 2.2 kg per CMG
  - 420g Phytron Motor
  - 100g Faulhaber Motor
  - 90g ‘Flywheel’ (aluminium)
  - 100g Counterbalance (brass)
  - 500g Electronics (in enclosure)
  - 400g Containment enclosure
  - 200g Support bearings
  - 200g Axle, interface structure, fasteners, cable, etc
    - (all figures approximate to show breakdown)

- Working on BILSAT CMG payload exploitation
  - In-orbit data, compare CMGs to RWs, use CMGs as RW/MW/VSCMG
- Developing a Closed loop, hardware-in-the-loop, CMG cluster simulator
  - Constrained 3-axis simulator
  - 4-CMGs in pyramid configuration
- CMGs selected as an experimental payload on ESA's Proba II research satellite
- Developing CMGs for Minisatellites (ESA)
- Developing new CMG algorithms, Singularity Avoidance schemes, non-linear control strategies
- Modelling of CMG motor dynamics
- Collaboration with Prof. B. Wie (ASU) and Prof. P. Tsiotras (Georgia Tech.)
- Collaboration with METU (Aerospace) ?

## 9. Future Work

- Planetary Ascent Vehicles (PAV): Small Rockets...
- Mars/planetary sample return missions will require some means to transport samples of planetary soil back to earth
- Need to ferry these samples from the planet's surface to an orbiting return spacecraft
- Need to develop a small rocket to take a 1 kg sample to a low Mars orbit (LMO)
- Surrey working on the conceptual (systems) design and Guidance, Navigation and Control System (GNC)
- GNC system baseline configuration: TVC, single cold gas engine, roll thruster, IMU

# 9.1 Planetary Ascent Vehicles (PAV)



- Develop GNC system in MATLAB/Simulink
- Perform systems analysis of PAV:
  - 1 kg sample payload
  - 3 Astronauts as payload
- Demonstrate concept viability using software//visualisation tools
- Demonstrate Thrust Vector Control (TVC) GNC principles with closed-loop, hardware-in-the loop experiments
- Developing the software/hardware for the experiments



- New research topic
- Use Surrey's innovative, low cost design approach
- Design a micro UAV (mass 2-3 kg, range 2-5 km, low power) for low cost civil/military reconnaissance
- Payload: Optical instrument for real/near real time imaging
- Activities:
  - Sizing of micro UAV
  - Design of RF link (laptop based)
  - Design of imager electronics
- Design drivers: Low cost (< \$1000) , simplicity, ease of use
- Applications: Forest fire reconnaissance, refugee/border monitoring, military battle field reconnaissance

# 10 Conclusion

- CMGs can be an attractive, efficient, novel, alternative ACS systems for agile Small Satellites
- Proven that **CMGs** are viable for agile small satellites and can potentially make them more efficient, profitable and versatile platforms than before
- BILSAT CMGs will be the first commercial CMGs in the world to fly in space, perform actual mission tasks (stereo-imaging)
- Exciting research topics in controls (space, aeronautics)
- Collaborate with METU-Aerospace
- Surrey offers MSc, PhD in aerospace/satellite engineering

# Questions ?

