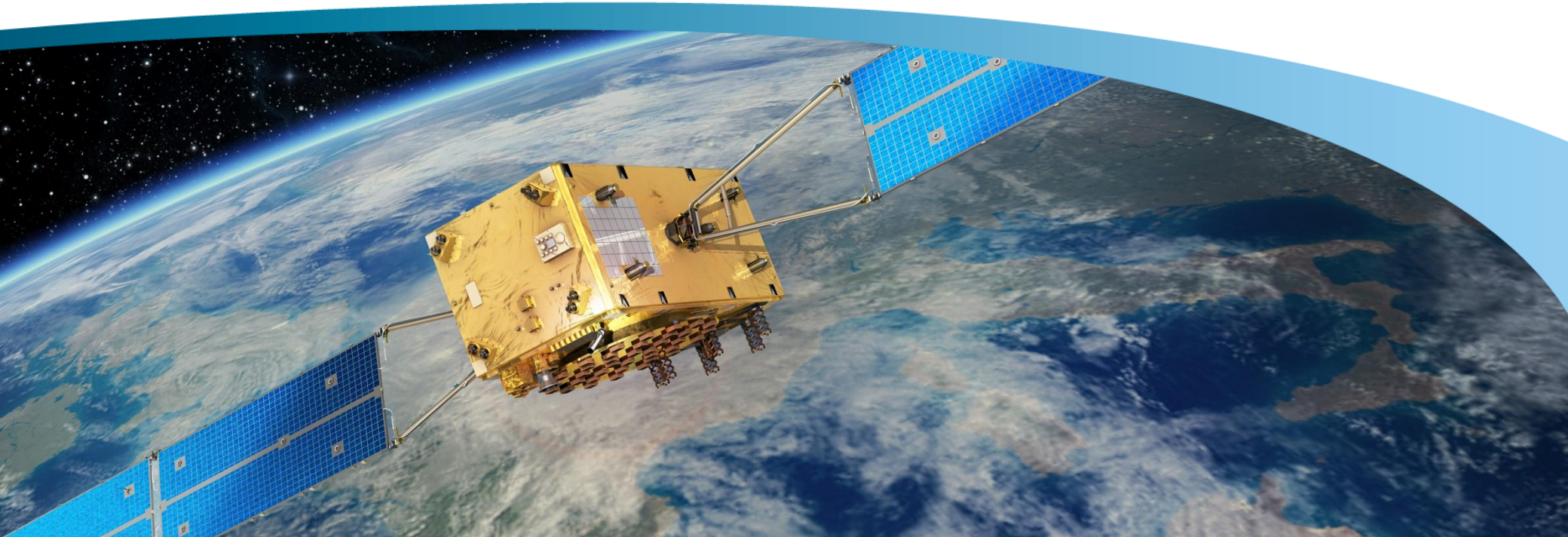


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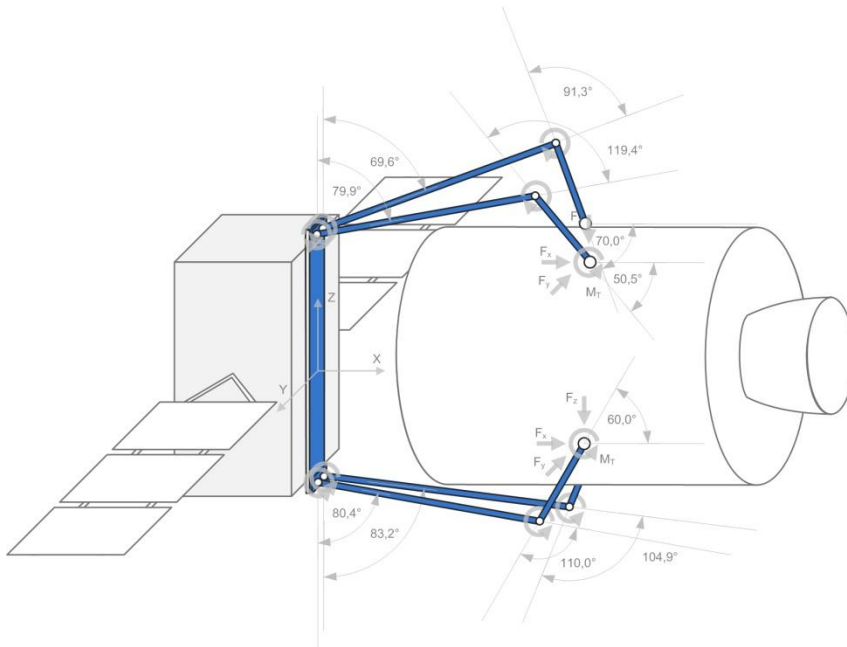
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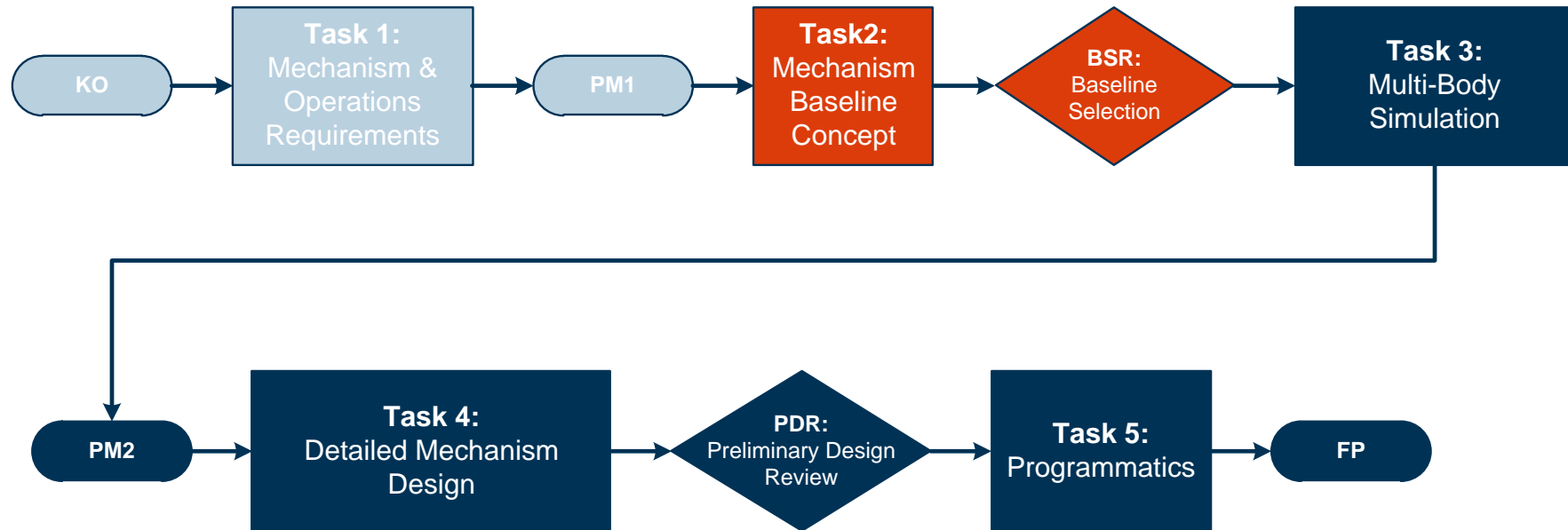
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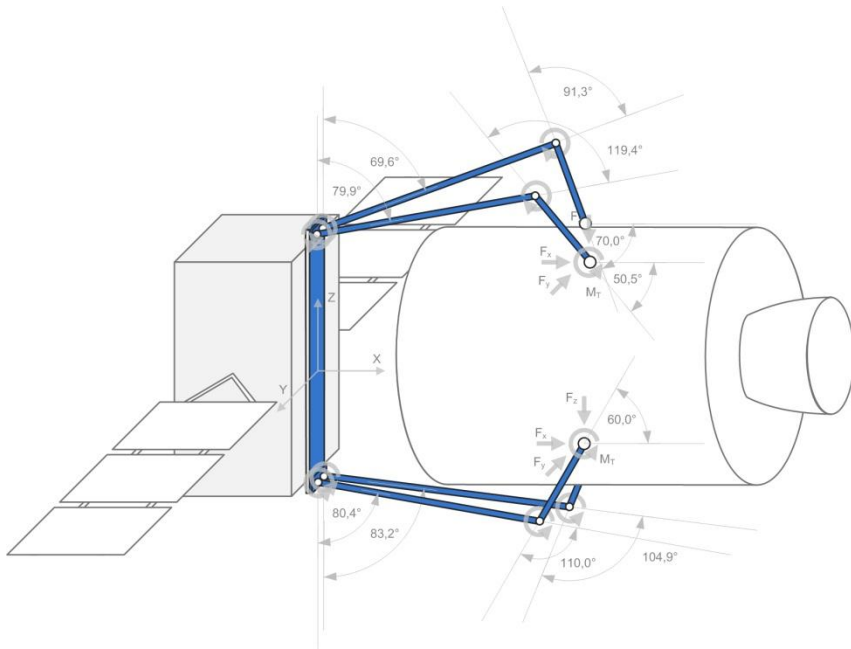
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Study Team Organization

- **OHBSYSTEM** is the prime contractor
 - Systems Engineering
 - System Architecture
 - Requirements Engineering
 - Functional Architecture
 - Programmatic
- **SENER Ingeniería y Sistemas** acts as subcontractor
 - Mechanism Expertise
 - Conceptual Mechanism Design
 - Multi-body Simulation
 - Detailed Mechanism Design





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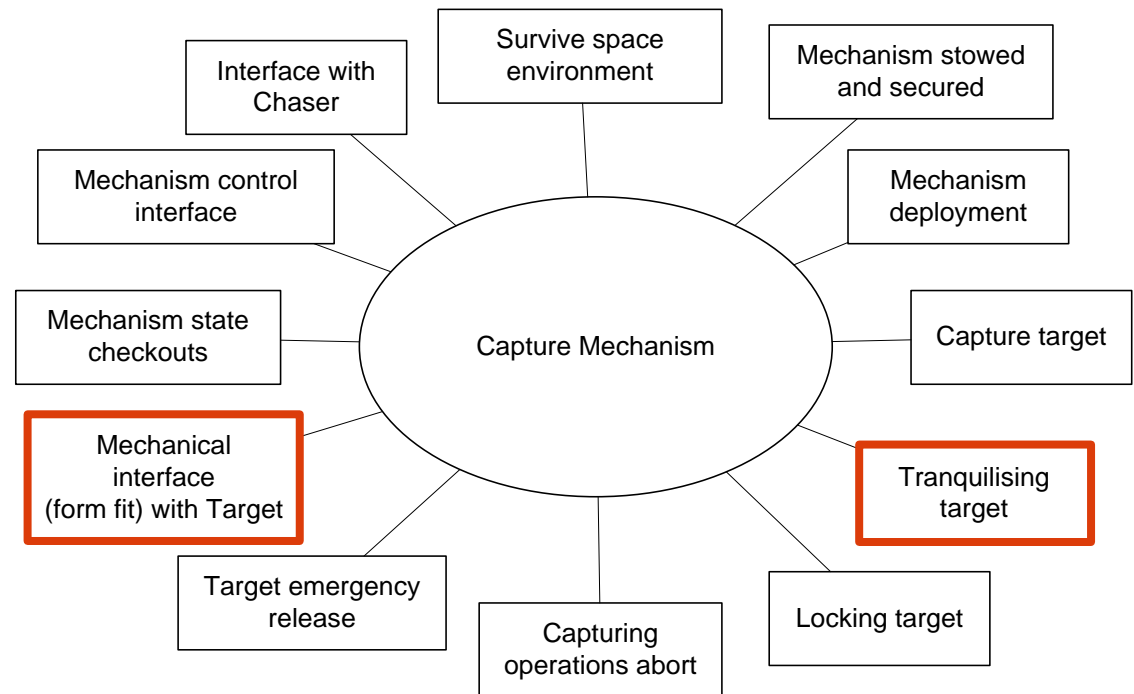
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Requirements and Functions

The mechanism shall

- Create a rigid link between target and chaser (1st Eigenfrequency of stack >2 Hz, Goal: >8 Hz)
- Be capable of handling given uncertainty in relative position and attitude states
- Be able to capture an uncooperative and uncontrolled target
- Fit into VEGA fairing when stowed
- Be able to perform several capture attempts and emergency release



Target Characteristics and Capture principle

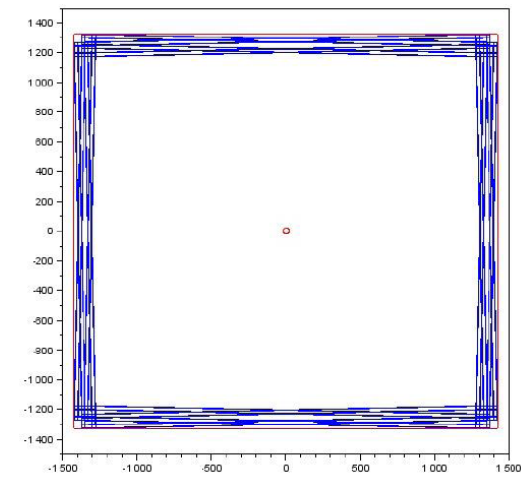
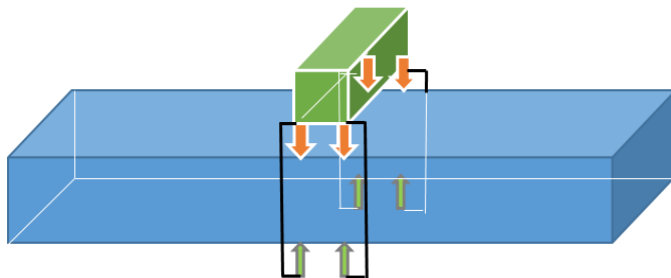
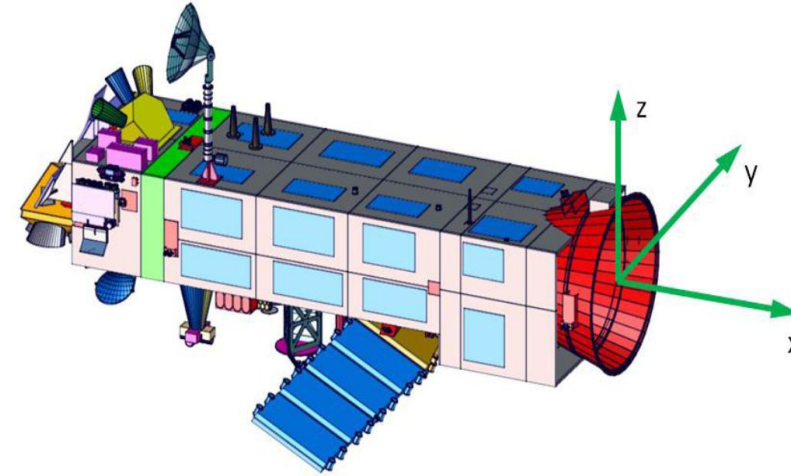
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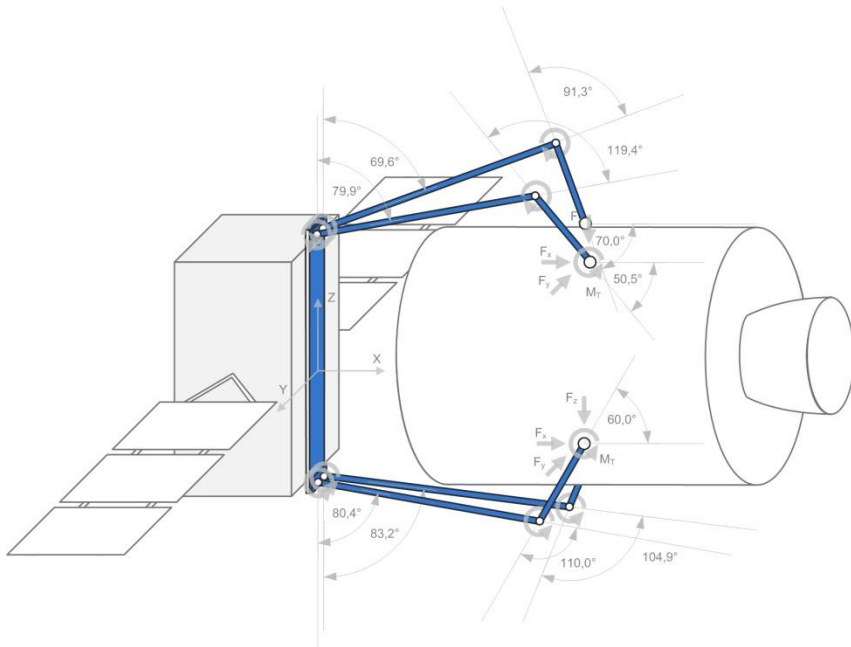
- Parallelepiped $y = 3 \text{ m}$; $z = 1.6 \text{ m}$; 8000 kg
- Defined Moments of Inertia

Uncertainty box enlarges mechanism size

- Closely related to AOCS performance

Rigid connection is established via preload applied on chaser side





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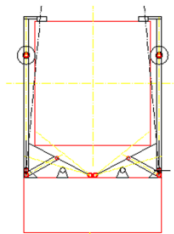
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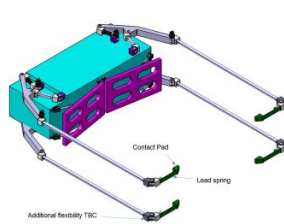
Mechanism Options – Overview

Option A



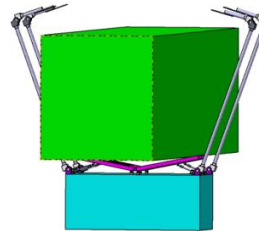
Two booms tentacle

Option B



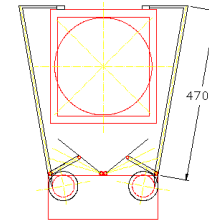
Boom on a capture mechanism

Option C



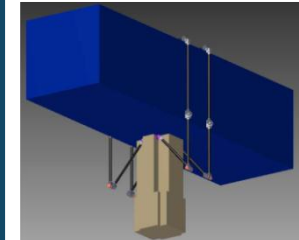
One boom tentacle

Option D



Collapsible tube mast tentacle

Option E



Tentacles at small face

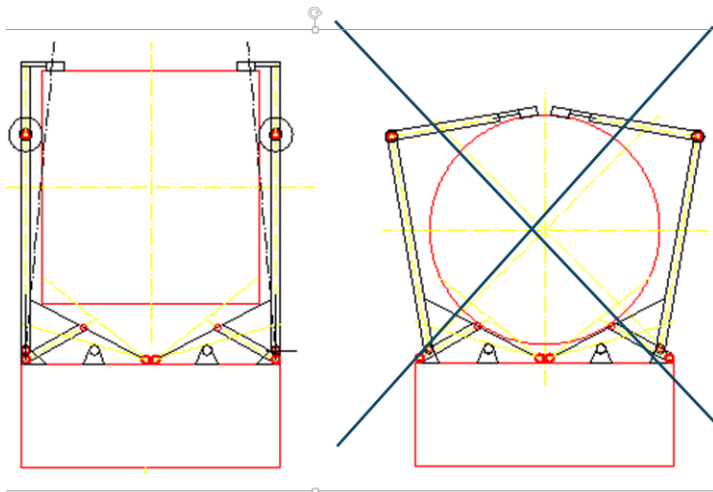
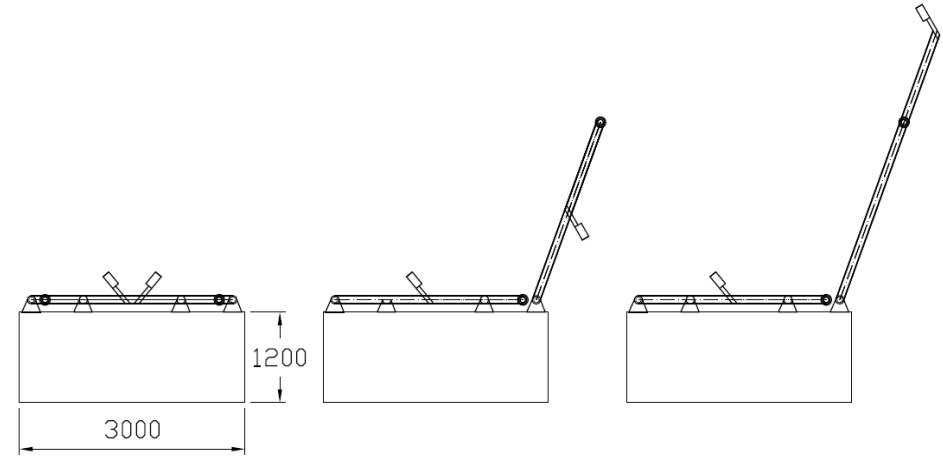
OPTION A: Two booms tentacle

Advantages:

- Capture range up to 2x chaser length (5..6m)

Drawbacks:

- Can not capture cylindrical targets
- 4x2 booms; 4x2 hold-downs



OPTION A	Mass [kg]	Power [W]	TRL
TENTACLE (4x)	51,28	29,6	6
HDRM (2x4)	24	0	9
ATTENUATION (4x)	25,2	320	6
TOTAL ADRM:	100,48	349,6	6

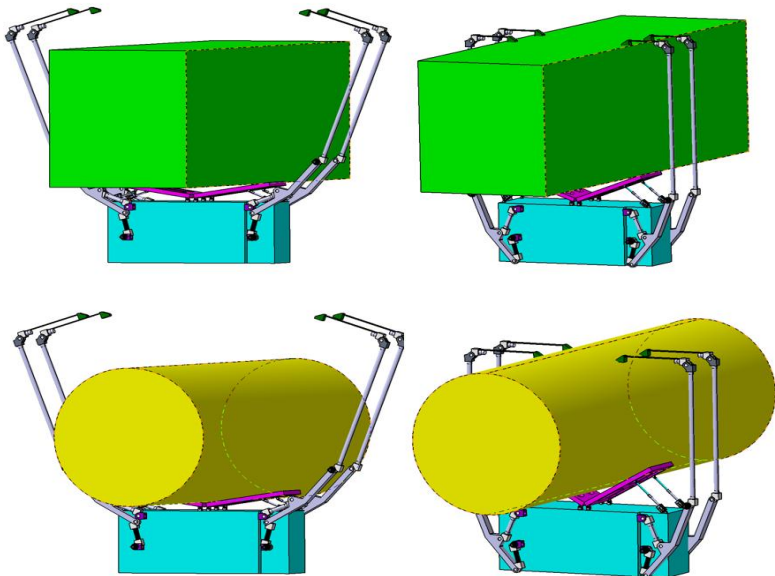
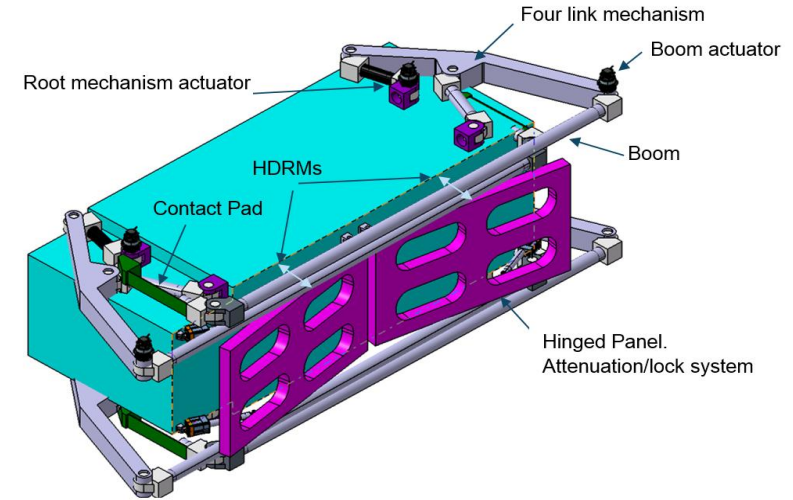
OPTION B: Boom on a capture mech.

Advantages:

- Capture range up to 4m
- Capture parallelepiped and cylindrical

Drawbacks:

- Closing volume (attenuation) takes 24 to 120 sec.



OPTION B	Mass [kg]	Power [W]	TRL
TENTACLE (4x)	65,68	29,6	6
HDRM (4)	12	0	9
ATTENUATION (4x)	25,2	320	6
TOTAL ADRM:	102,88	349,6	6

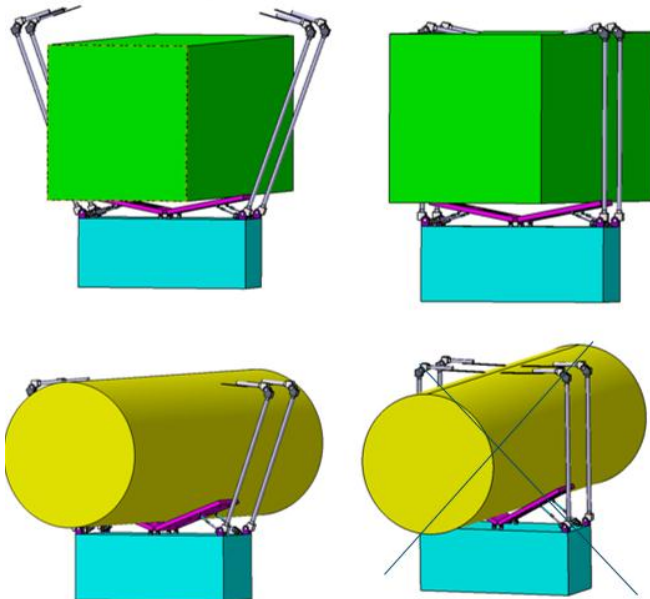
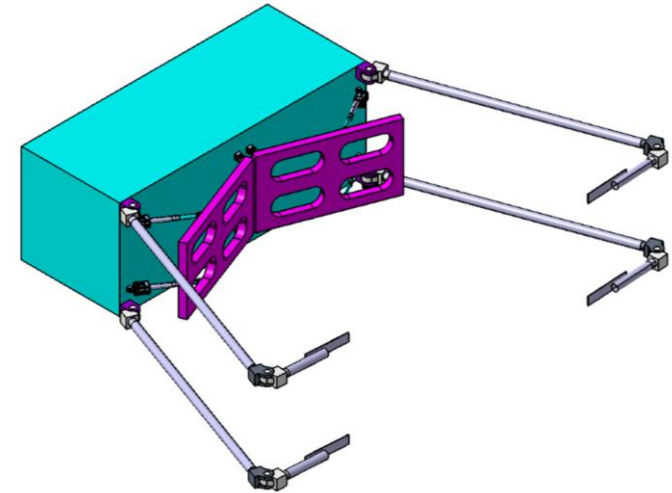
OPTION C: One Boom Tentacle

Advantages:

- Simplest Solution
- 4 booms; 4 hold-downs

Drawbacks:

- Can not capture cylindrical targets

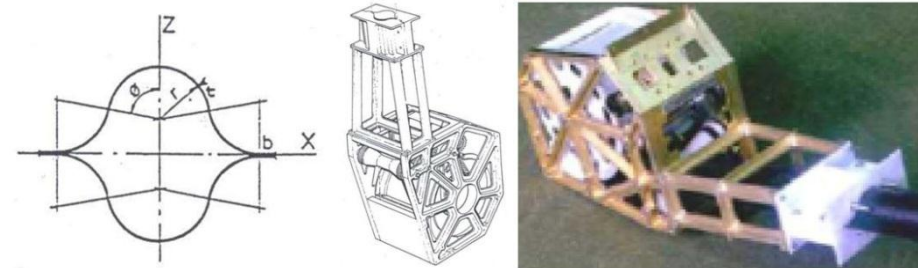


OPTION C	Mass [kg]	Power [W]	TRL
TENTACLE (4x)	36,88	14,8	6
HDRM (4)	12	0	9
ATTENUATION (4x)	25,2	320	6
TOTAL ADRM:	74,08	334,8	6

Option D – Collapsible Tube Flexible Tentacle

Components:

- CTM wound in a reel
- CTM Deployment/Retracting mechanism driven by rotary actuator
- Attenuation after capture by EMA acting on a hinged panel, or springs and dampers.

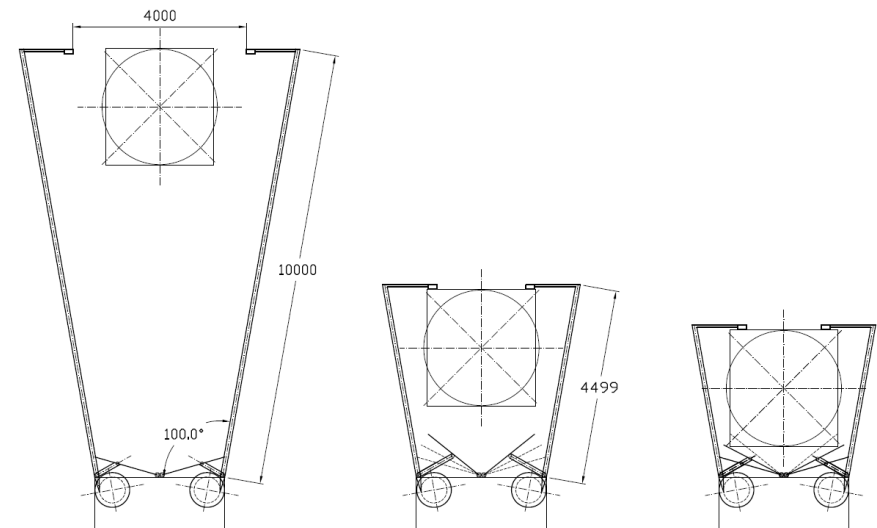


Advantages:

- No HDRM required (TBC)
- Potential power reduction without EMA

Drawbacks:

- Long Capture Time
- Significant mass
- Mechanical and thermal stability



Option E – Tentacles on small chaser side

Components:

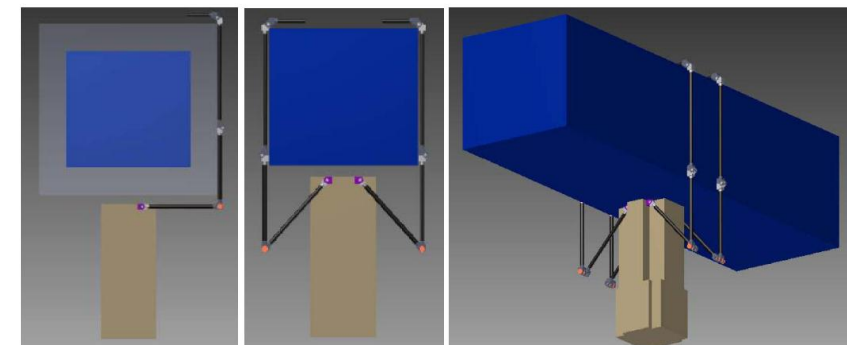
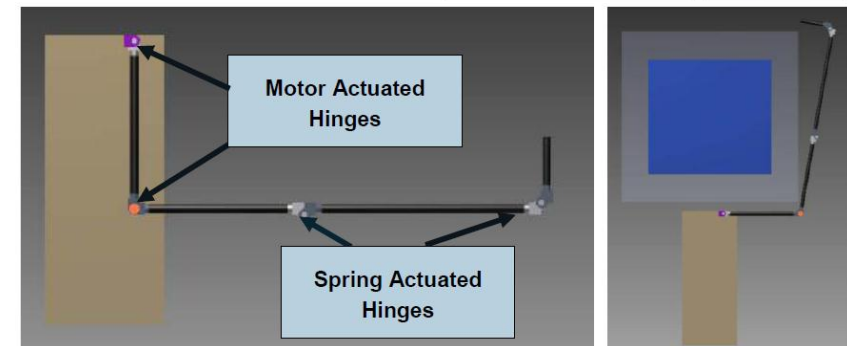
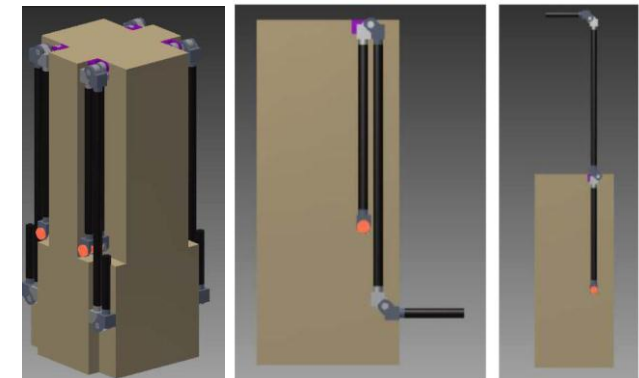
- Four rigid booms
- Two actuated spring hinges
- Two hinges actuated by rotary drives
- Attenuation after capture by EMA acting on a hinged panel, or springs and dampers.

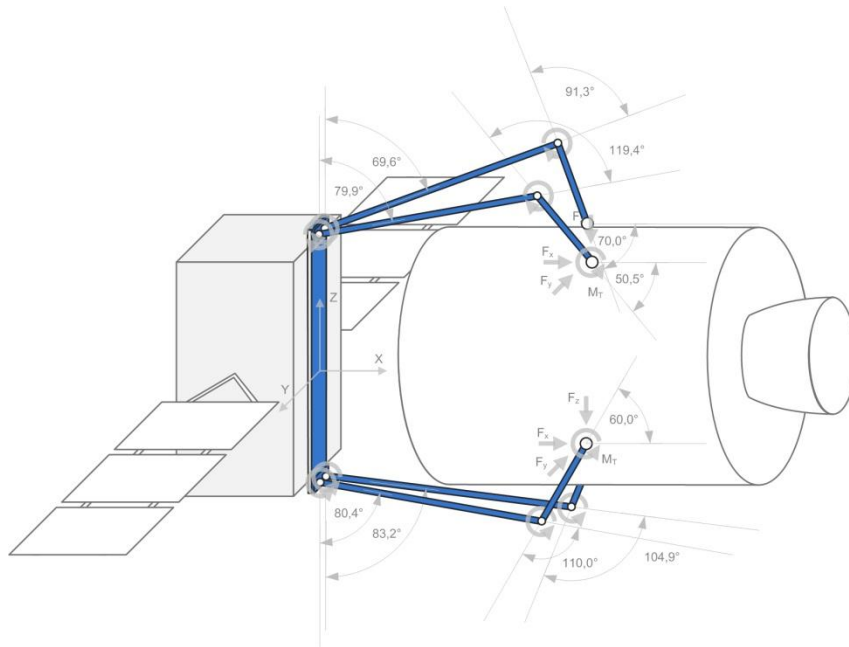
Advantages:

- Thrusters aligned with launcher
- Potential power reduction without EMA

Drawbacks:

- Complex deployment
- Poor stability of composite configuration





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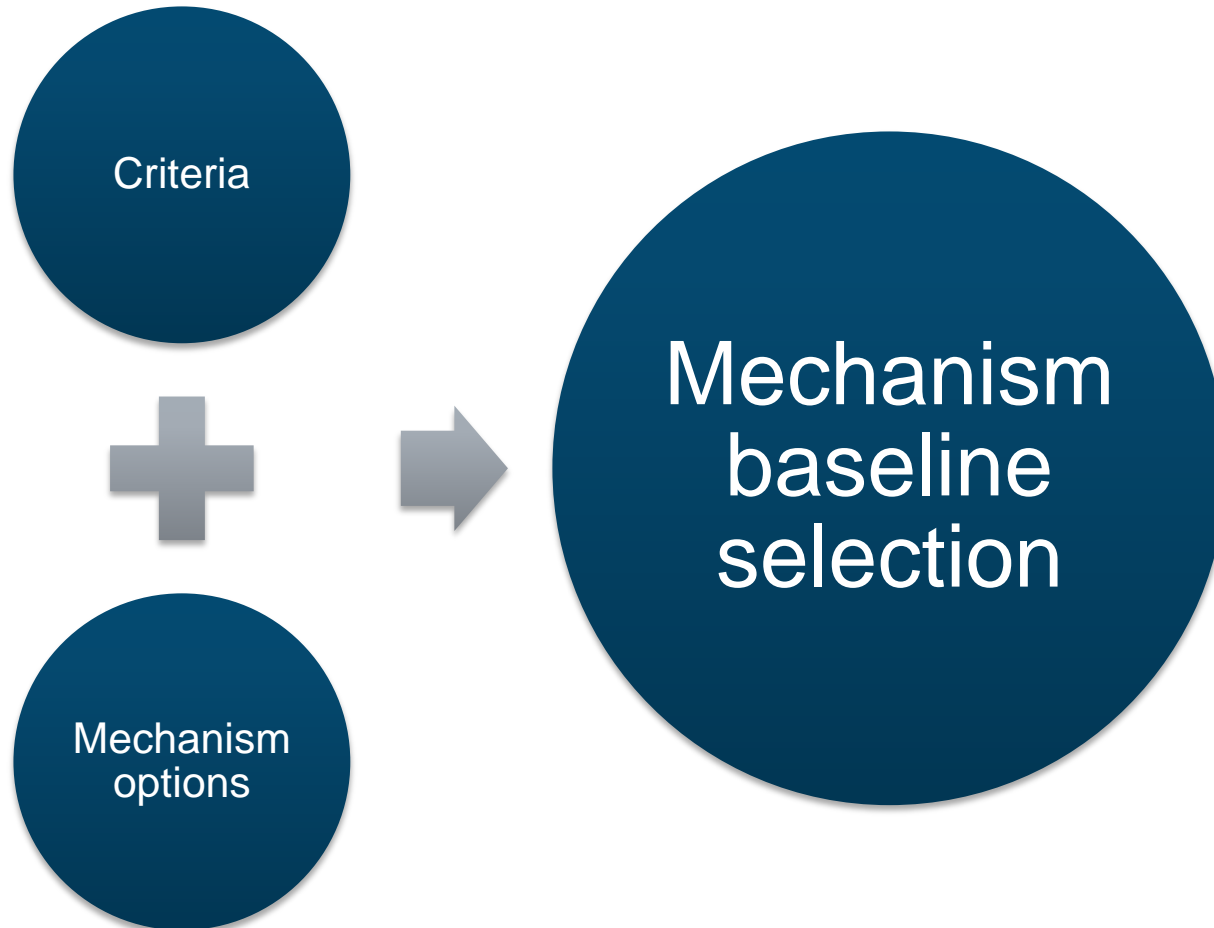
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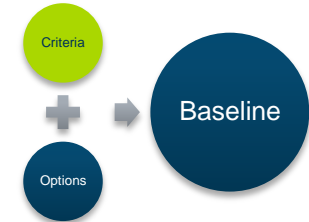
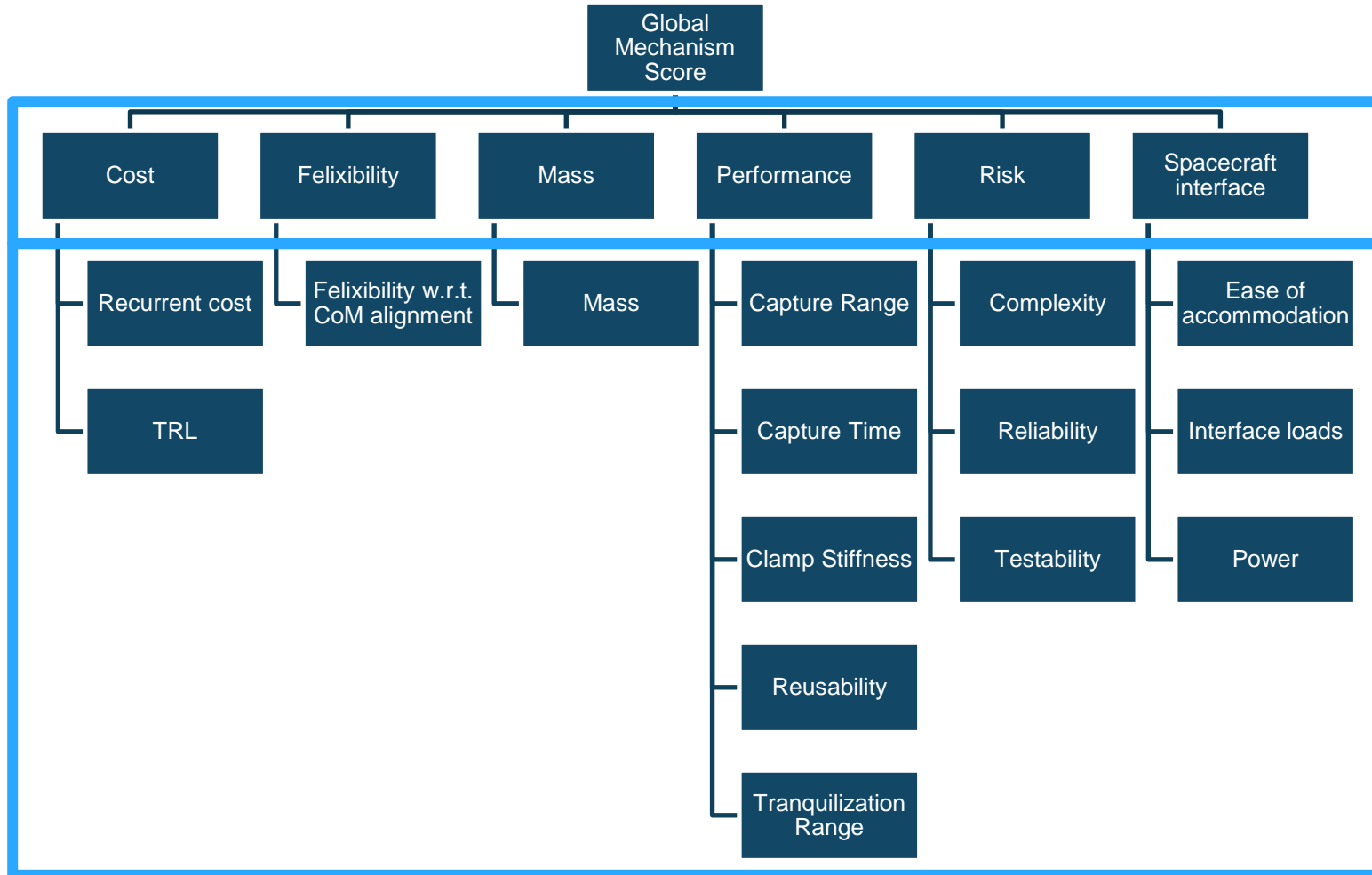
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Trade-off Criteria

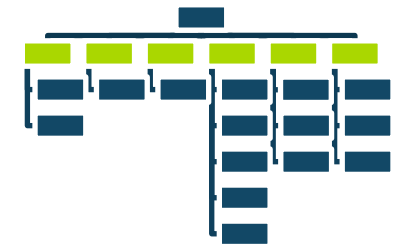
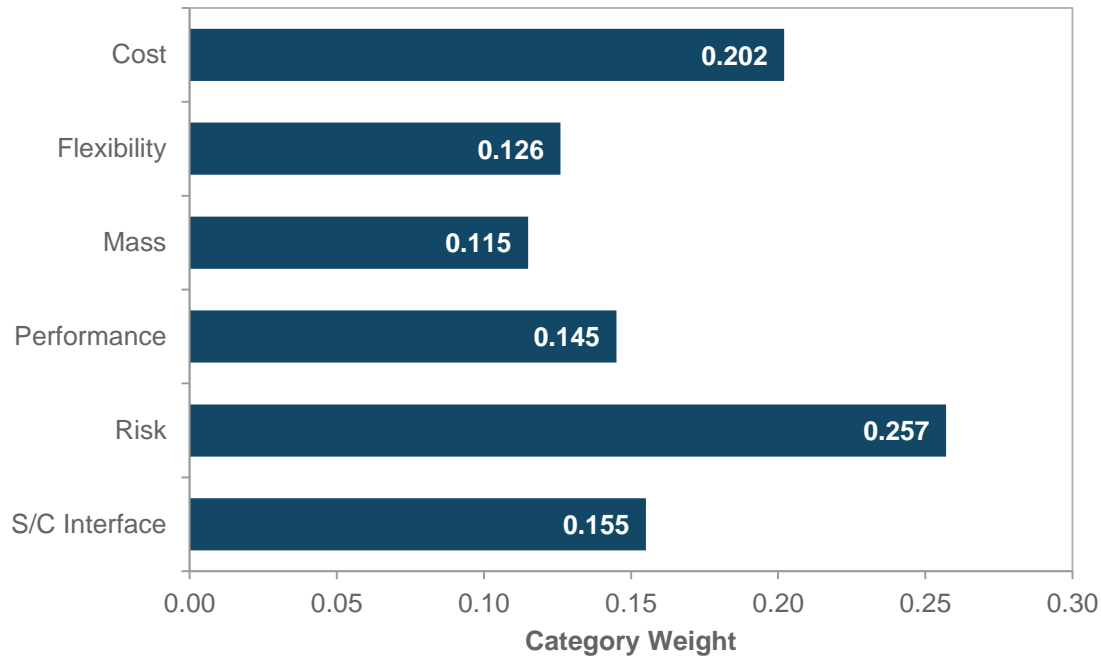
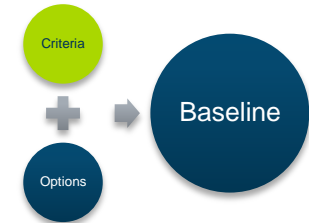


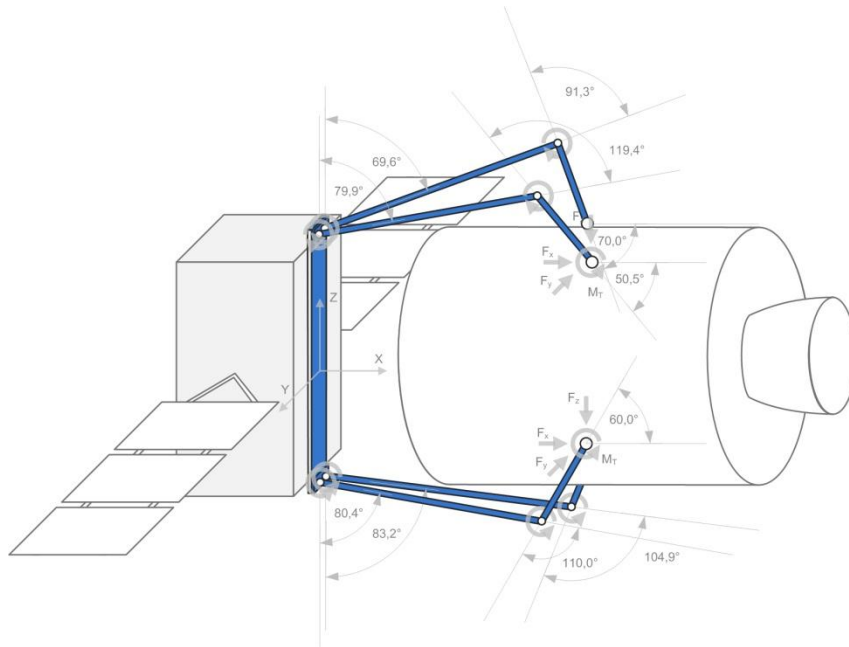
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Trade-off Criteria – Category Weights

- Weighting done by pairwise comparison with expert support





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CONCLUSIONS

- Five main mechanism options have been identified
 - Sub-options exist considering different attenuation subsystem design options
 - Trade-off criteria have been identified
 - Trade-off result expected end of May 2014
 - Baseline mechanism design will be validated by multi-body simulation
- Based on the current status of design and analysis it can be anticipated that a feasible solution will be identified.

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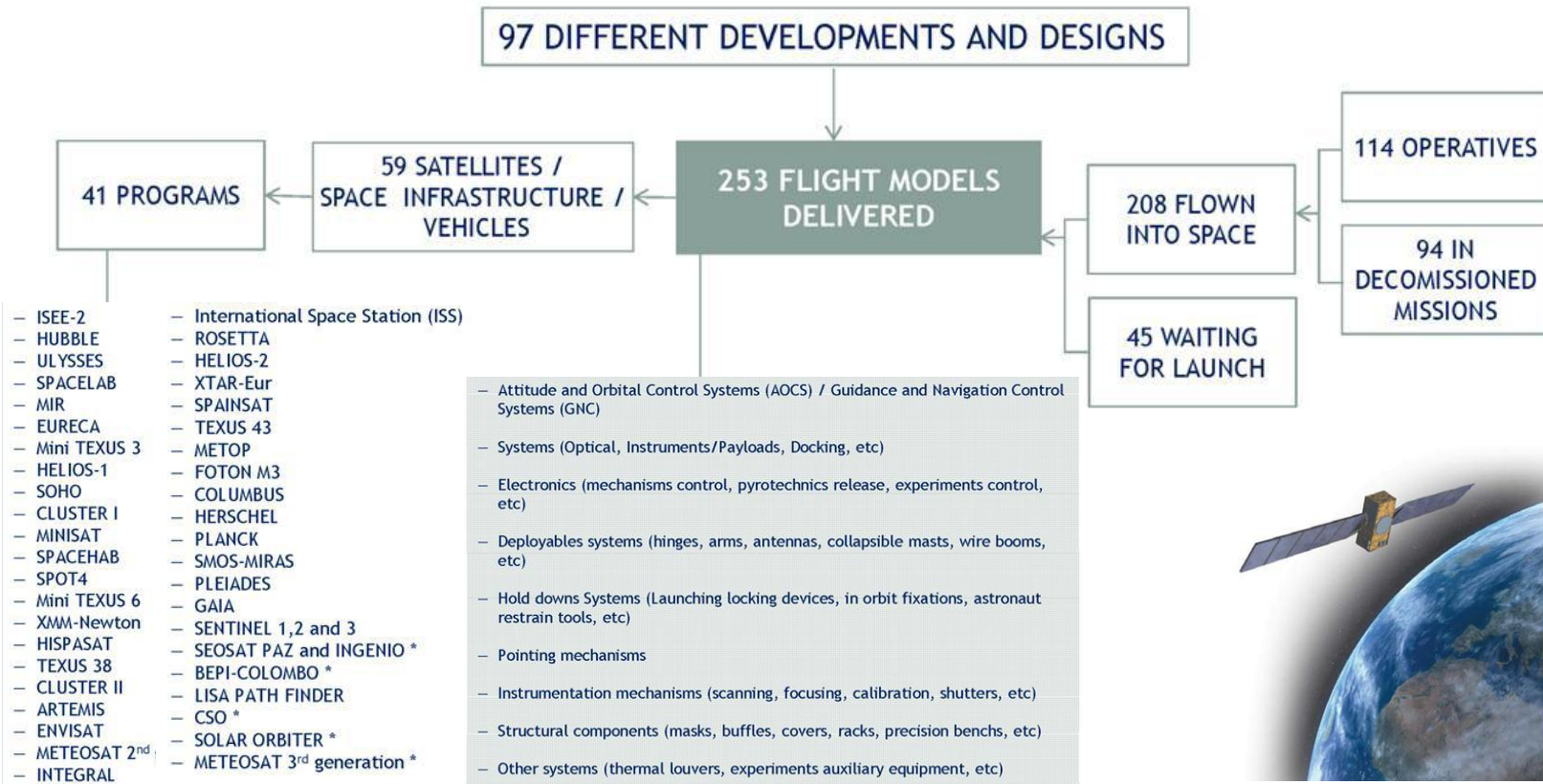
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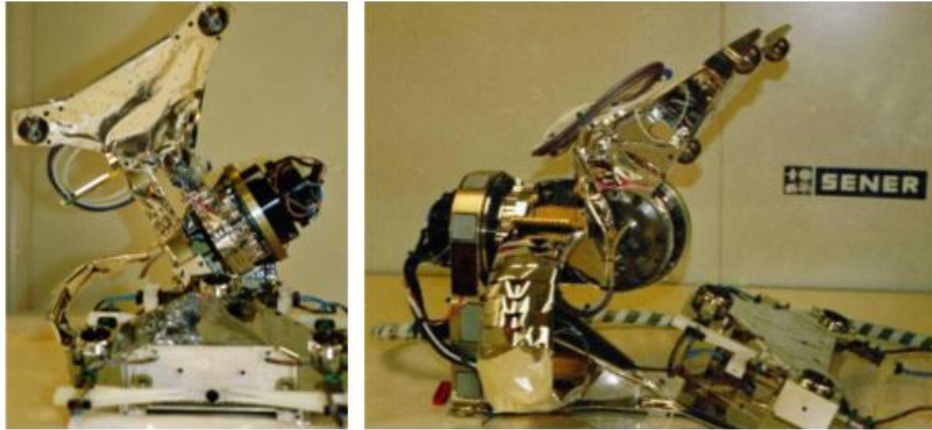
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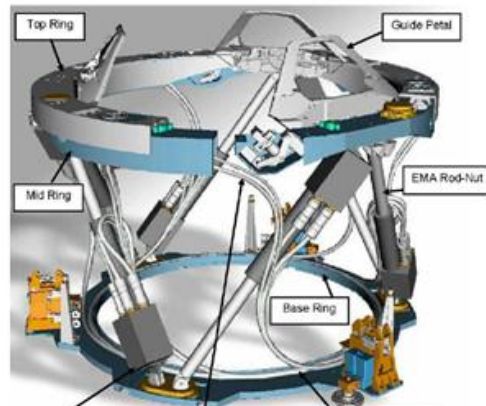
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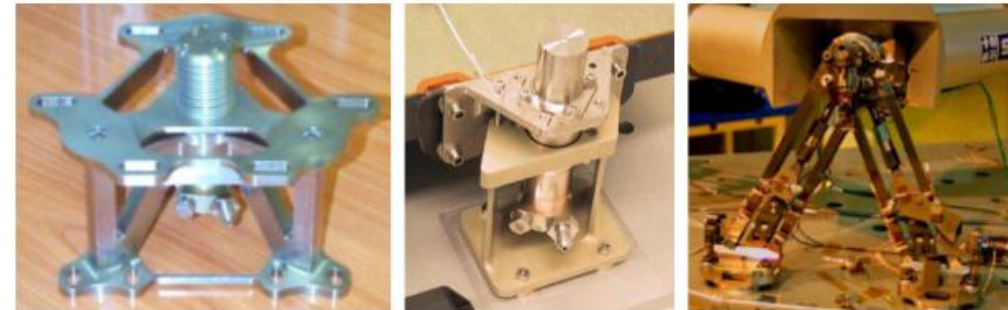
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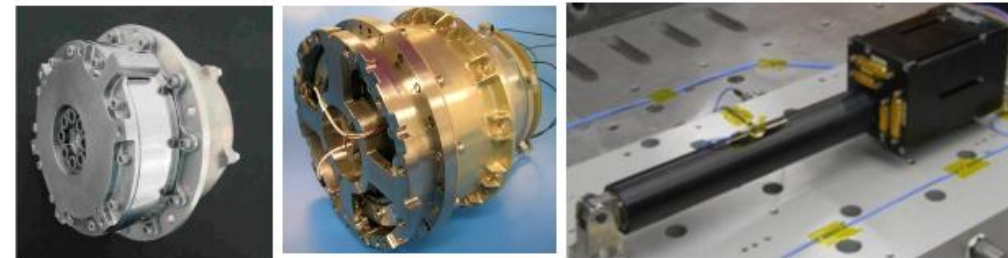
Envisat Polar Platform deployable boom



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METOP ASCAT HRM, METOP GAVA HRM, and SILEX GEO HDRMs



SENER Rotary and Linear Actuators

LEMA IBDM Active Attenuation

The Active attenuation with IBDM LEMA. Alternatives:

- Hinged panel, adequate for supporting cylindrical targets
- The direct action in the z axis of the LEMA seems to be the preferred option:
 - Induce less sliding
 - Provide the preload of 400N
 - Has enough stiffness
- LEMA can be back-driven when unpowered, and therefore to maintain preload during de-orbit an additional system is required:
 - Over-centre mechanism
 - Brake
 - Latch

Passive attenuation would be possible for Option B and Option E if the rotary actuators were able to provide the specified preloads.

