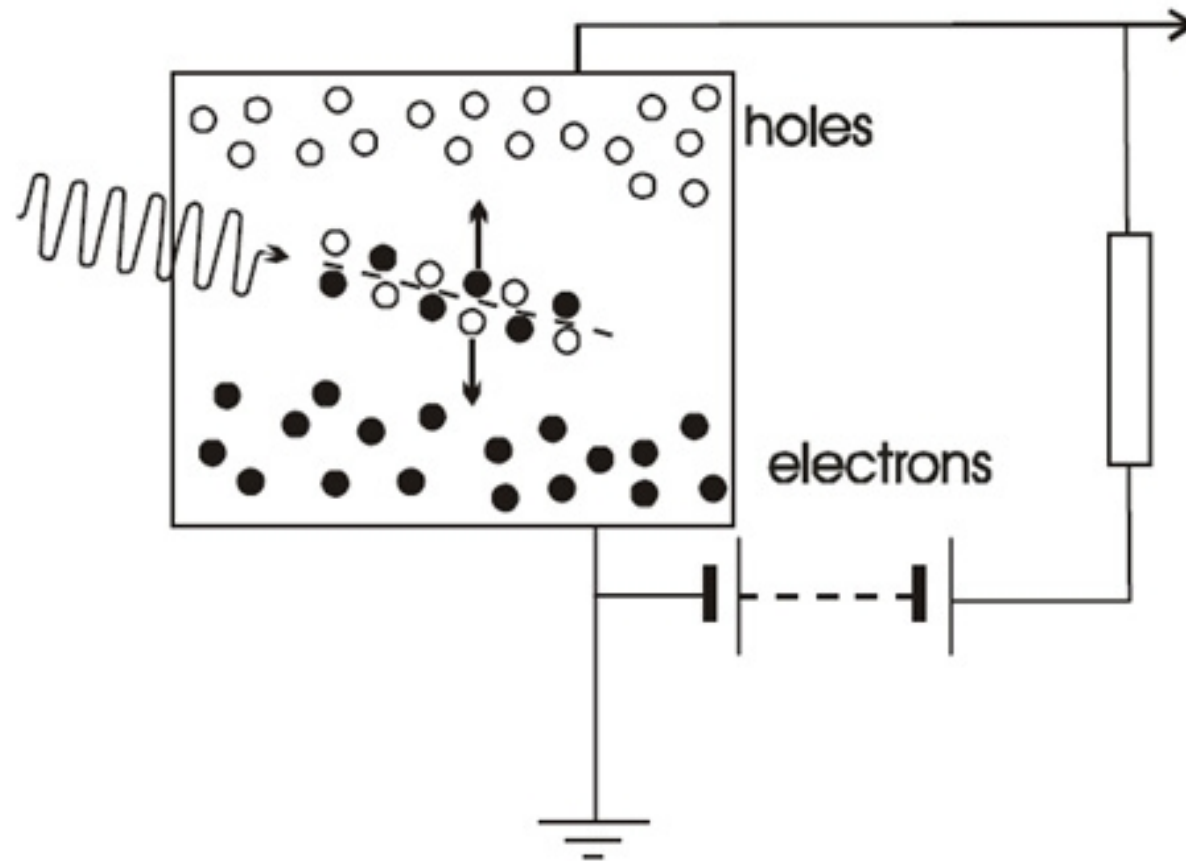


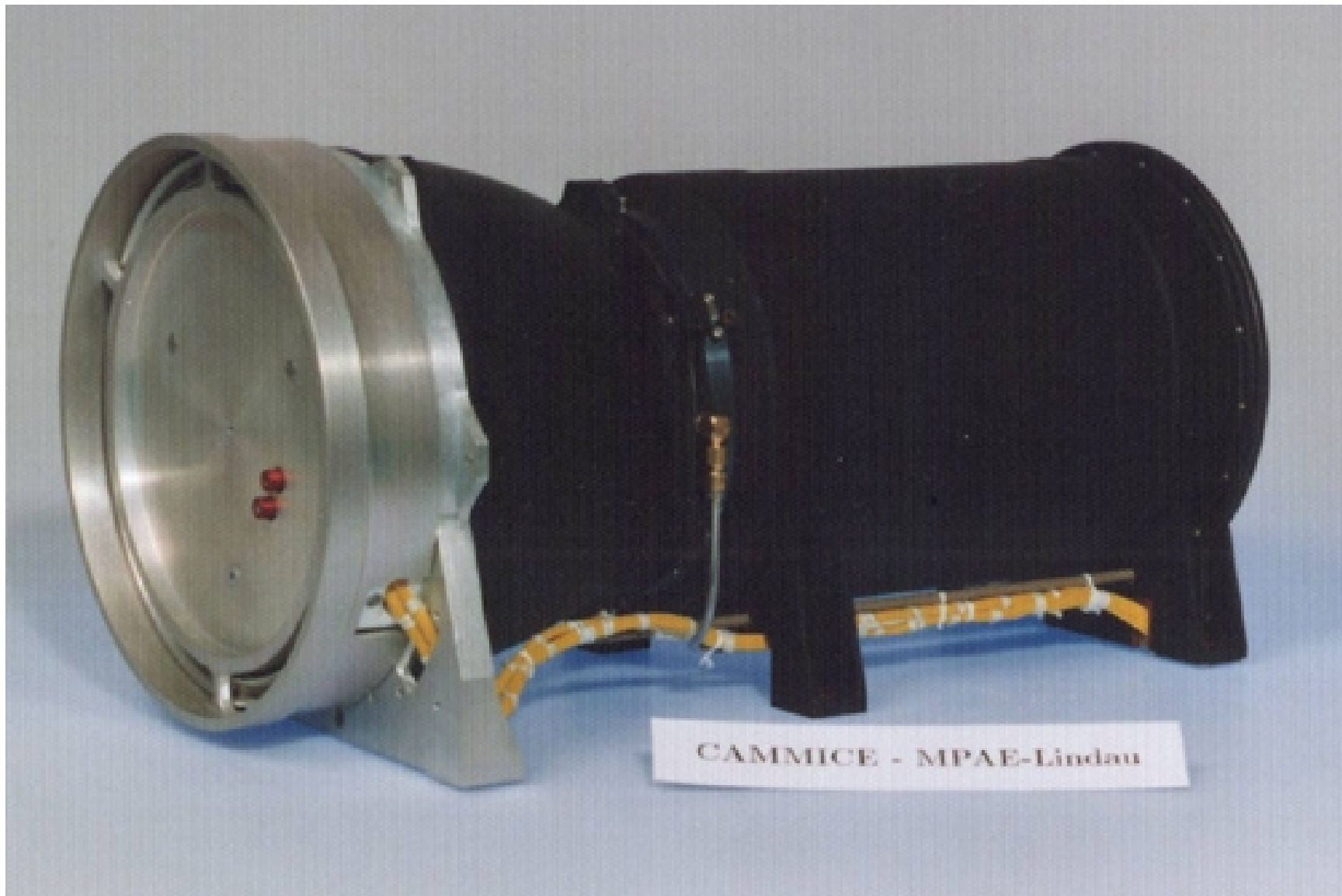
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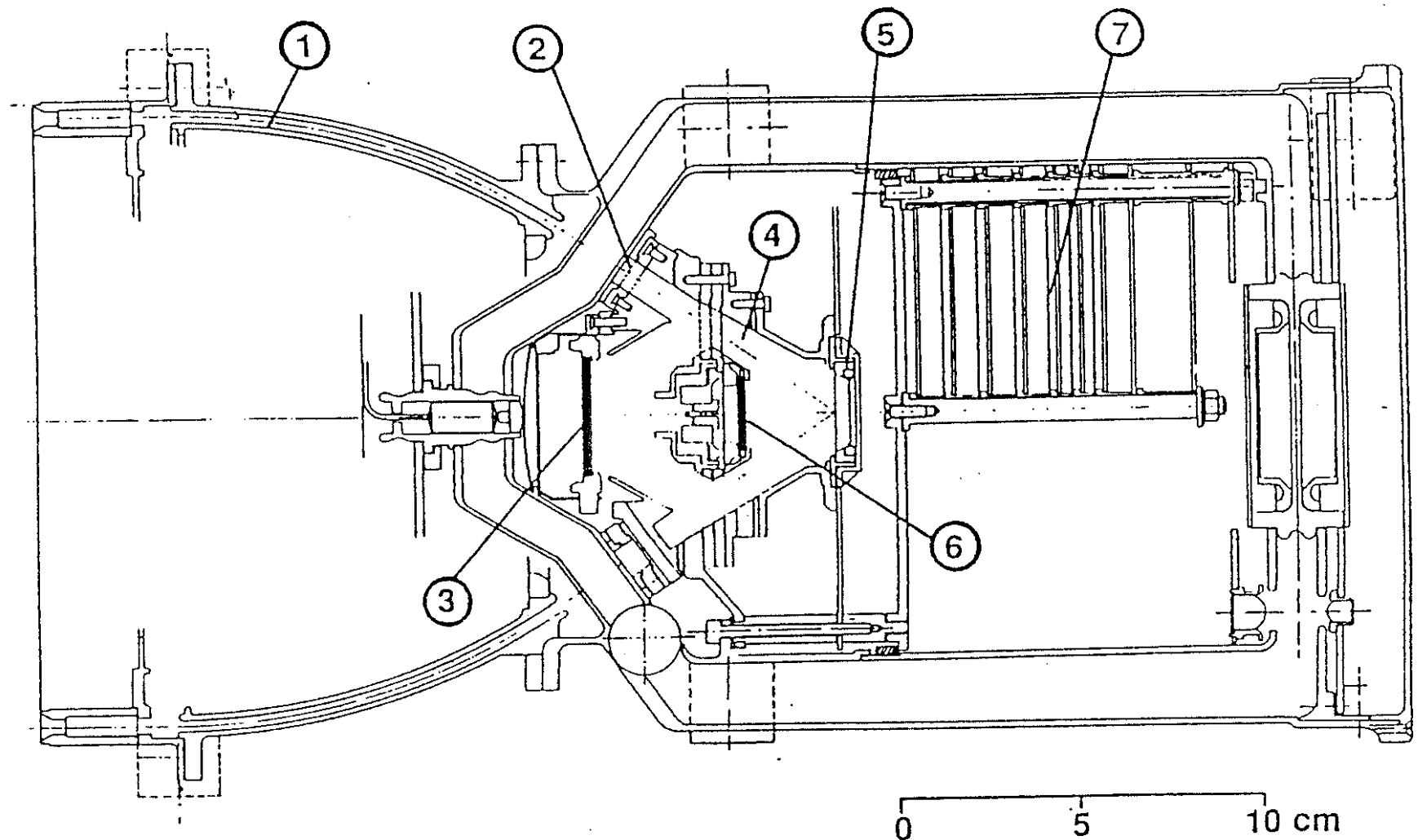
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Magnetospheric Ion Composition Sensor (MICS) on the Polar Satellite



MICS on the Polar Satellite



MICS Electrostatic Analyzer

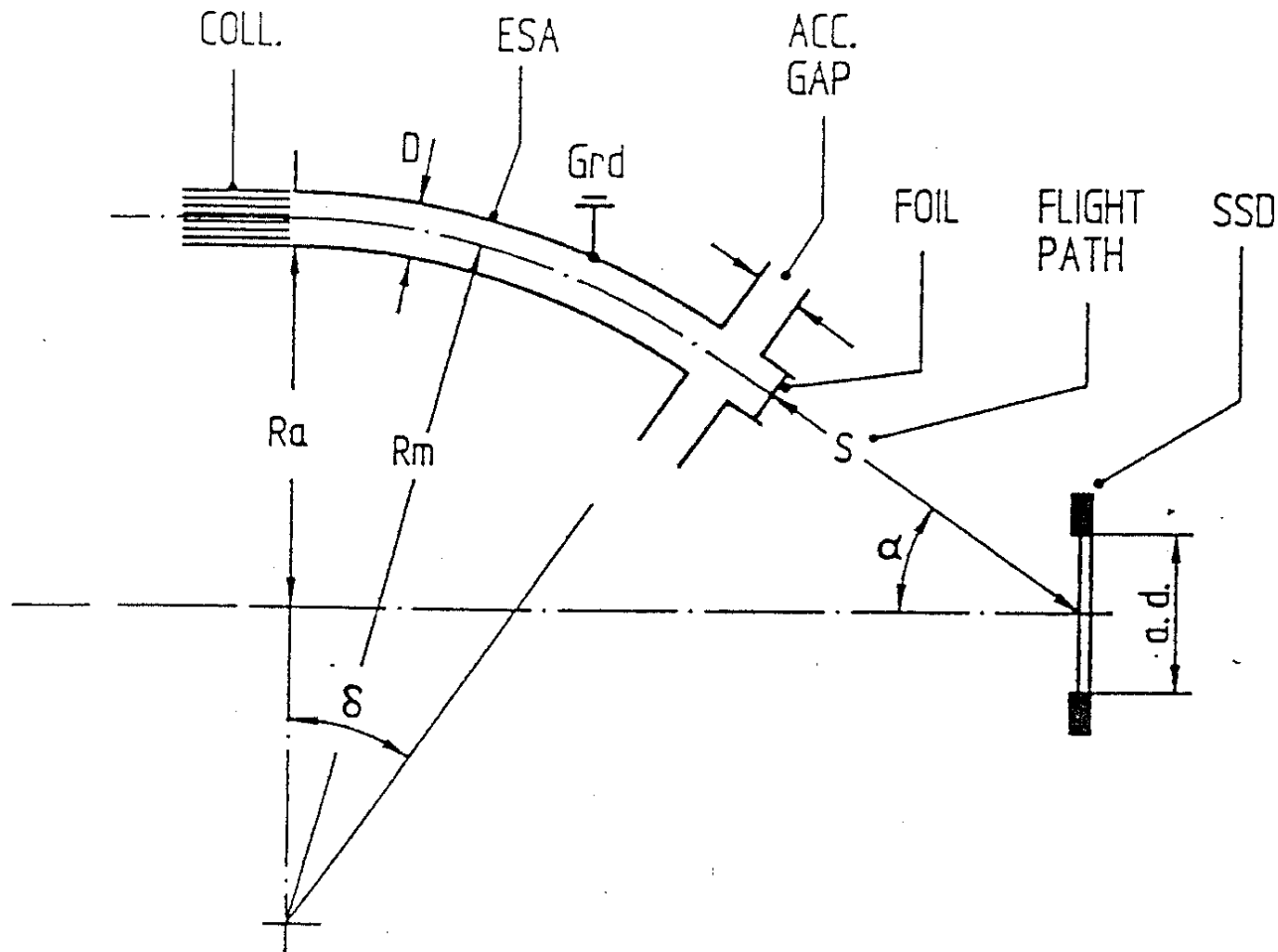


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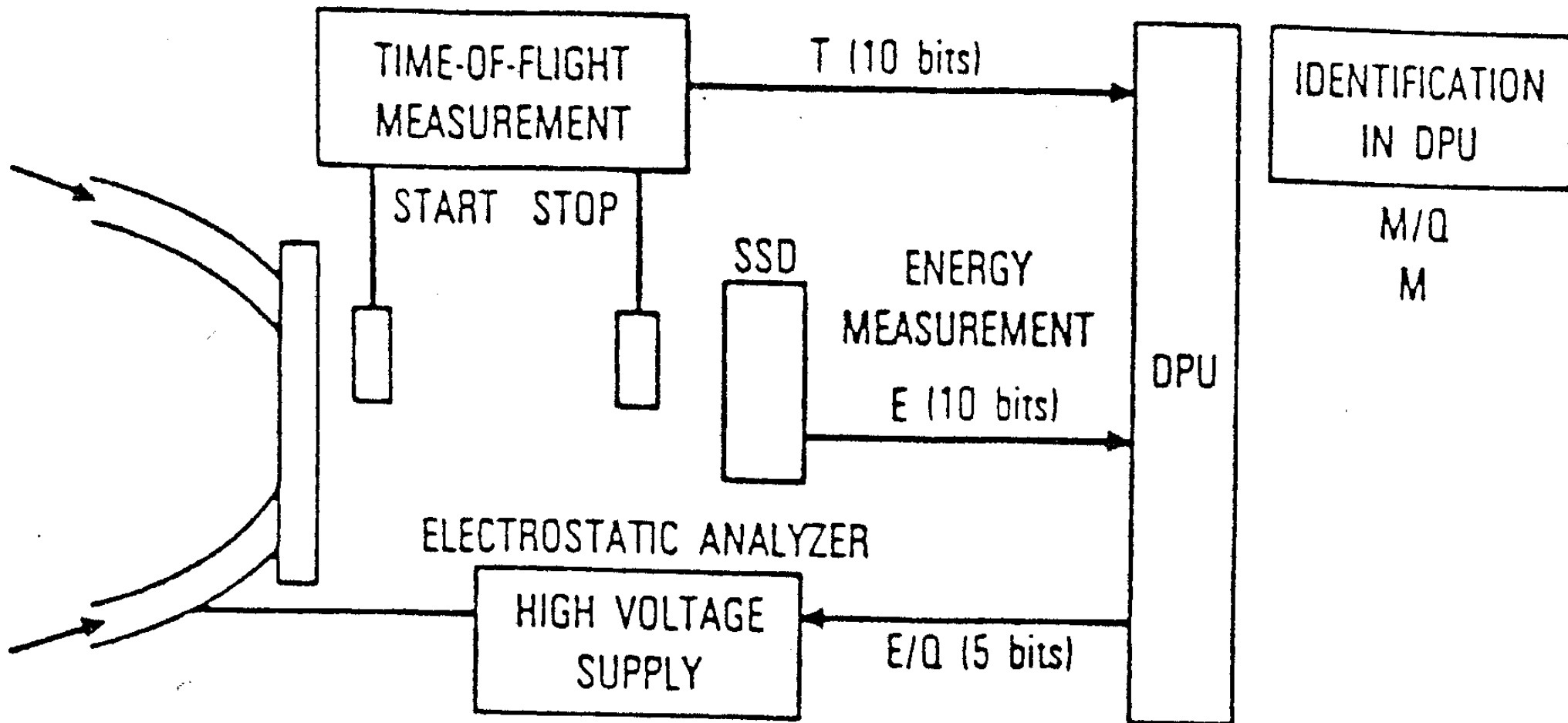


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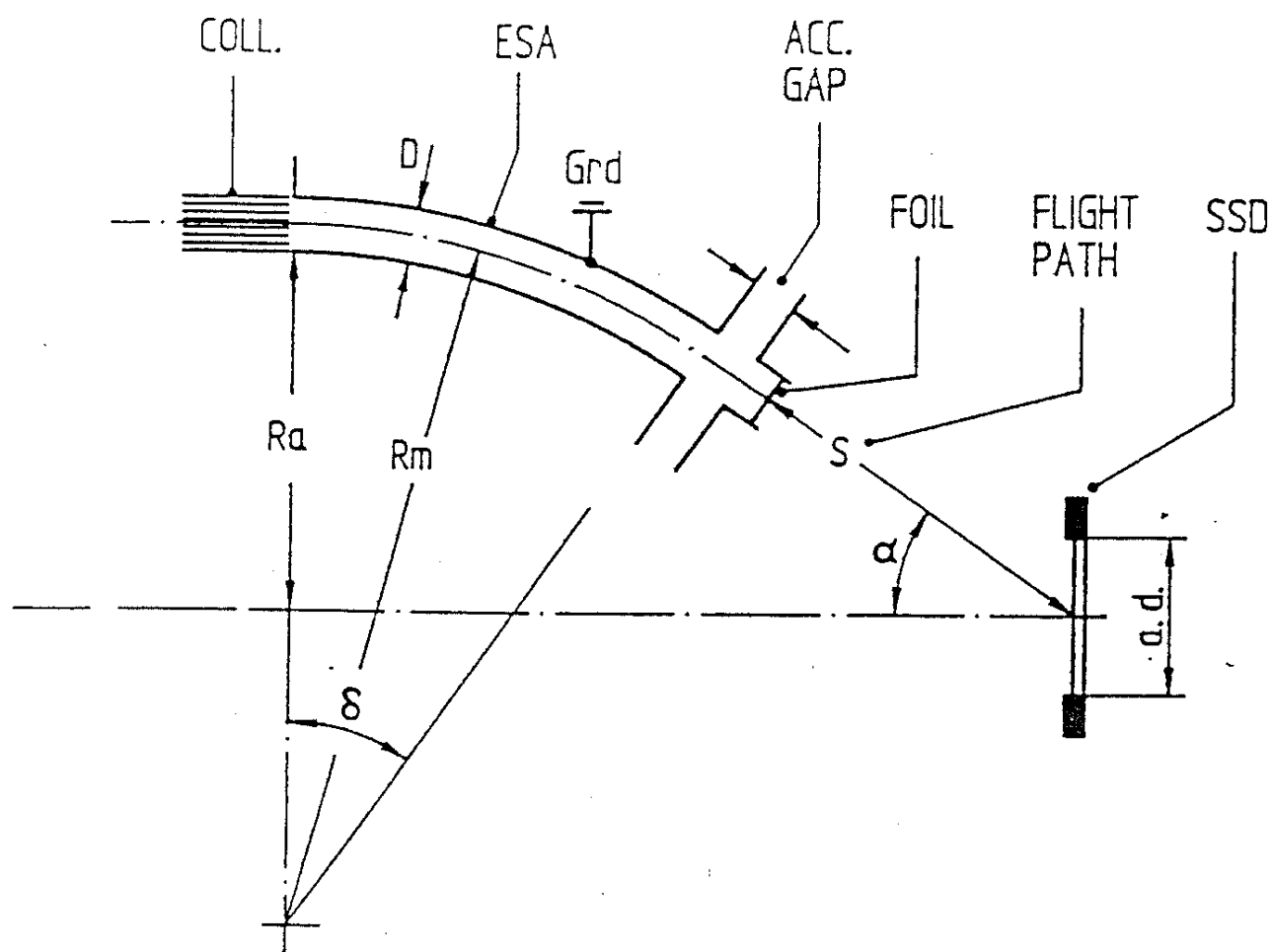


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MICS Hardware Overview

1.2.1 MDPU Hardware Overview

MDPU consists of a computer, peripheral sections such as various I/O buffers and the Event Processor, the power supply, and the analog signal handler, as shown in Fig. 1.6. The computer is made up of a microprocessor (Sandia 1802), control logic (programmed in Actel A1020 FPGAs), and memory (24K bytes of PROM and 40K bytes of RAM), all biased at 5.0V. The radiation-hardened 1802 microprocessor operates with a 1.6 MHz clock. The MDPU software is stored in power-strobed 8Kx8 PROMs (Raytheon R29793SM) from the highly power consuming T²L logic family because of the difficulty in obtaining radiation-hardened low-power PROMs. Shortly after MDPU is turned on, the contents of the PROMs are copied to low-power RAMs (IBM 6408TRH) and thereafter the software executes exclusively in RAM (the PROMs are fully powered only during infrequent accesses by the software). The 1802 microprocessor has a 64K address space: locations \$0000 – \$3FFF and \$C000 – \$DFFF are assigned to PROM (\$ indicates hex); \$4000 – \$7BFF and \$E000 – \$FBFF are assigned to “software” RAM; and the remainder of the address space is allocated to MDPU’s Event Processor (“hardware RAM”). This memory allocation scheme is summarized in Table 1.3.

MICS MDPU

