

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

(Background: Office Building of Old Aerospace Eng. Dept.)

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# Sharing the Indian Aerospace Scene

1940: HAL established



Seth Walchand Hirachand



1942: Department of Aeronautical Engg started at IISc



## 1940s and '50s

- Close collaboration with HAL
- Establishment of teaching, research & test facilities

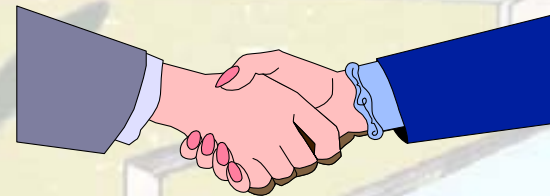


**open circuit wind tunnel: 1958**



# Sharing the Indian Aerospace Scene (late 50's - 60's)

- Aeronautical Engineering departments started at IITs and PEC.
- NAL : started in 1959 and moved to Bangalore in 1960
- ADE : started in 1959
- Department played an advisory role and provided the trained personnel and faculty



# Sharing the Indian Aerospace Scene

(late 50's - 60's)

DRDO : started programs  
on rockets and missiles



Department:  
started its own programs  
on rockets & missiles  
started a course on  
rockets & missiles in  
1968





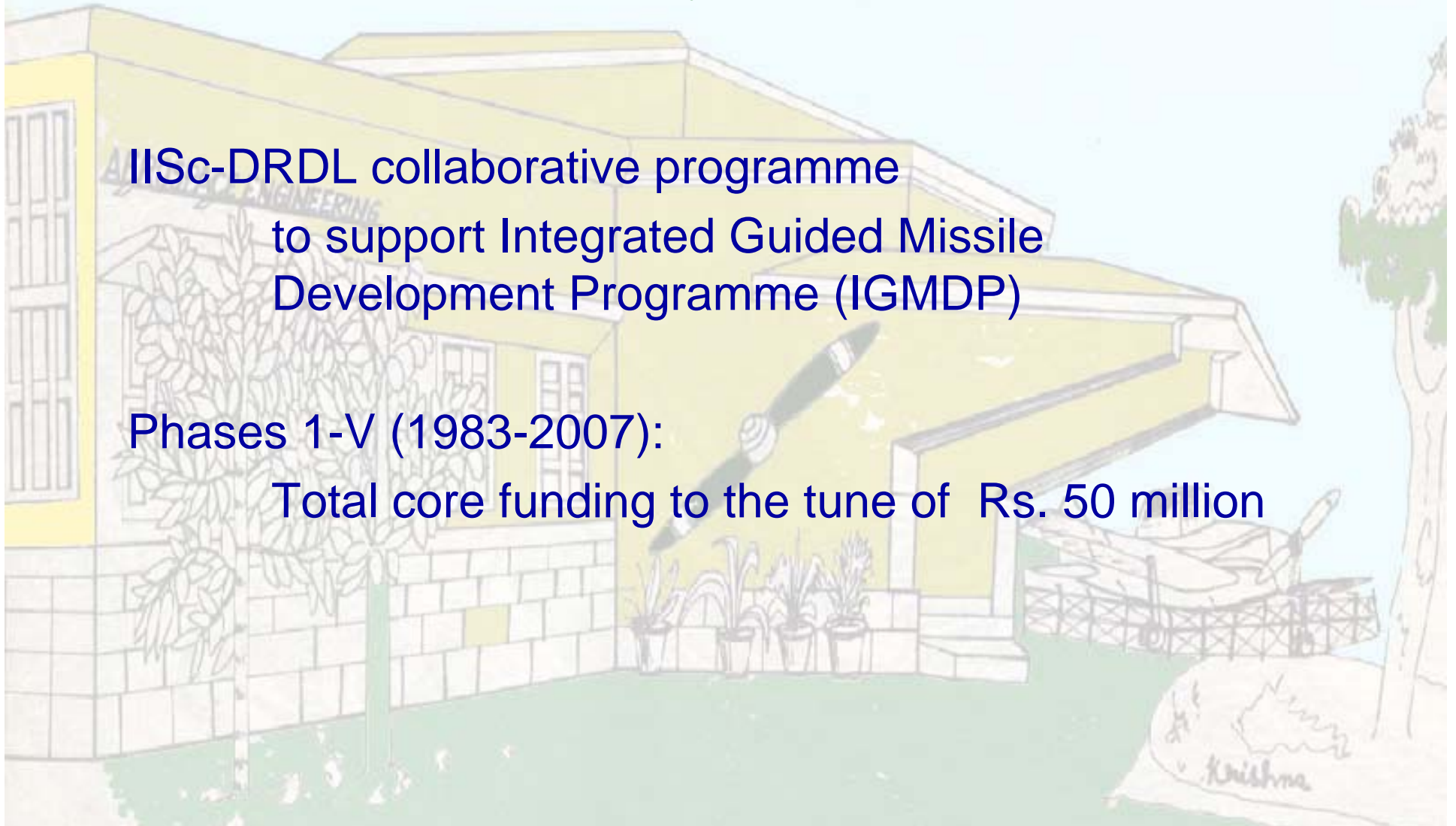
# Joint Advanced Technology Programme

May 1983

IISc-DRDL collaborative programme  
to support Integrated Guided Missile  
Development Programme (IGMDP)

Phases 1-V (1983-2007):

Total core funding to the tune of Rs. 50 million



# Sharing the Indian Space Programs (1970's)

- Indian space programs initiated

- 1963: 1<sup>st</sup> sounding rocket launched from Thumba
- 1969: ISRO formed
- 1972: DOS formed



- Department

- 1960's: Started activities on rocketry, propellants, orbital mechanics
- 1970's: Guidance, control & navigation areas
- Renamed as Department of Aerospace Engg.





**1977 IISc-ISRO Educational Programme**

**1982 ISRO-IISc Space Technology Cell**

**Sponsored Research Projects**

**Sponsored Students for ME & Research**

**Colloquia in Space Science & Tech.**

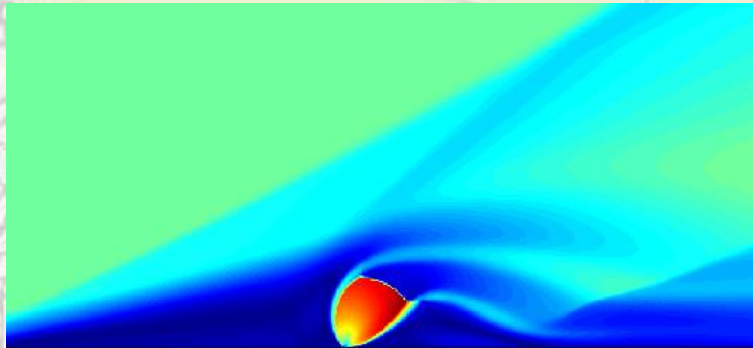
**Visiting Scientists**

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# Sharing the Indian Aerospace Programs (1970's-1980's)

- CFD gains importance



- Department :

- Becomes focal point for CFD activities
- Teaching & research in the frontier areas of CFD
- National & international collaborations
- Train students at IISc & other institutions

# ARDB Center of Excellence in Computational Fluid Dynamics

(1997)

- Dedicated faculty
- Fundamental work
- Industrial interaction
- Hub for collaborative programs



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# Sharing the Indian Aerospace Programs

(Helicopter program: early 1970's)

- HAL initiates indigenous design of helicopters
- HAL-IISc helicopter training program



# Composite Structures

- Late 1970's
  - Rocket nozzles
  - ALH
  - HANSA
  - LCA
- Research began in early 1970's
  - Steep growth in 80's & 90's
  - Composites in aerospace structures
  - Centre for excellence in composites (1997)





# Aerospace Propulsion

- Atomization and Spray Research.
- Combustion Instabilities.
- Propellants and Internal Ballistics.
- Propellant Acquisition.



# Flight Training

- Using the Department's Pushpak aircraft
  - Flight training for all students of our department
  - Remote sensing program for
    - CES (IISc)
    - Govt of Karnataka
    - Dept of Science & Technology
  - Flight orientation for scientists from NAL
  - Instrument calibration runs for BEL & other industries
  - Telemetry of flight data for NAL

**(The decommissioned aircraft now welcomes everyone in the new AE building)**

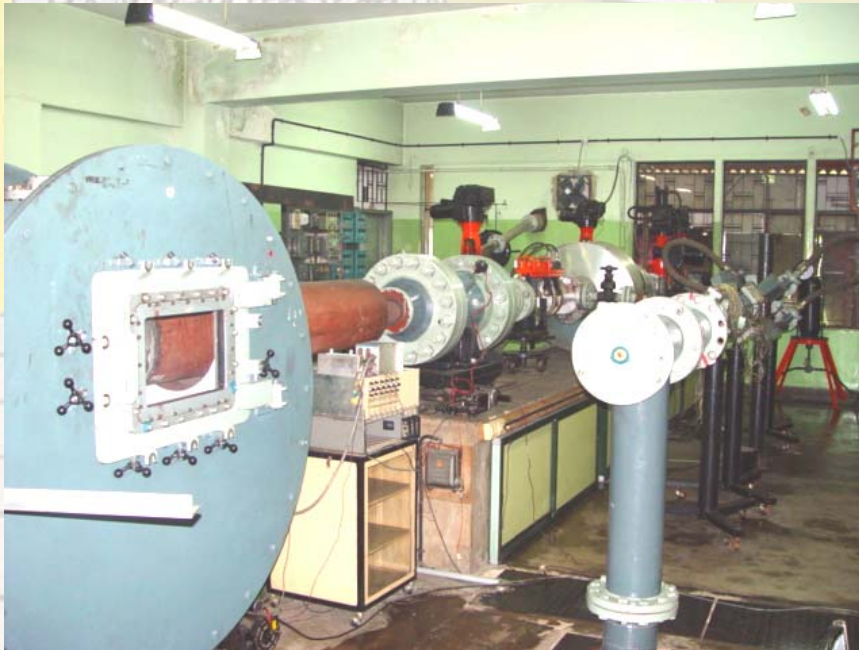




# New Research Initiatives

(late 90's & recent past)

- To bolster Defense & Space Programs
  - Reusable & hypersonic vehicles
  - Scramjets
  - Shock tubes



# Aerodynamics

- Basic fluid dynamics
- High enthalpy aerodynamics
- Experimental aerodynamics
- Atmospheric sciences
- Major facilities
  - Two large low-speed wind tunnels (open circuit & closed circuit)
  - Several small wind tunnels
  - Hypersonic tunnel
  - Two supersonic wind tunnels (76 mm x 25 mm)
  - Four hypersonic tunnels
  - Two shock tubes (39mm & 51mm) for chemical kinetic study
  - CFD





# Aerospace Structures

(Aeroservoelasticity laboratory, Rotorcraft laboratory, Smart structures and systems laboratory, Non-destructive testing laboratory, Composite fabrication laboratory)

## Research Areas

- Smart rotor: Active trailing edge flap & active twist control
- Health monitoring of rotor blades
- Helicopter rotor optimization
- Piezoceramic electrovibratory deicing
- Oscillating airfoil aerodynamics
- Fatigue and fracture
- Structural health monitoring
- Non destructive evaluation
- Development of artificial neural network approach for acoustic emission signal analysis
- Smart structures: Vibration control, noise control, health monitoring and airfoil shape control
- Modeling of smart structures and systems
- Adaptive finite element techniques and modeling tools

The background is a stylized illustration of an aerospace facility. On the left, a yellow building with a grey base has a sign that says "AEROSPACE". A rocket is shown launching from the building, with a plume of smoke. To the right, there is a green tree and a structure that looks like a wind tunnel or a test facility. The sky is light blue with a single white cloud.

# Propulsion

- Research areas

- Rocket propulsion: solid, liquid & hybrid
- Combustion in gas turbine engines
- Propulsion system engineering
- Space electric propulsion
- Electromechanics
- Energy engineering
- Computational combustion
- High energy materials

- Laboratories & Facilities

- Advanced facilities for atomization and sprays studies
- Advanced aeroacoustics laboratory
- Advanced facilities for computational combustion
- Well equipped chemistry laboratory
- Centre for gasification & propulsion laboratory



# Guidance, Navigation & Control

## Aerospace Navigation

- Radio Navigation
- Inertial navigation
- Global positioning system
- Hybrid navigation
- Aircraft landing system
- Passive position location
- Aircraft and spacecraft attitude determination

## Aerospace Guidance Systems

- Homing guidance
- Proportional navigation augmented
- Angle & time constrained guidance
- Integrated guidance and control
- Integrated estimation and guidance

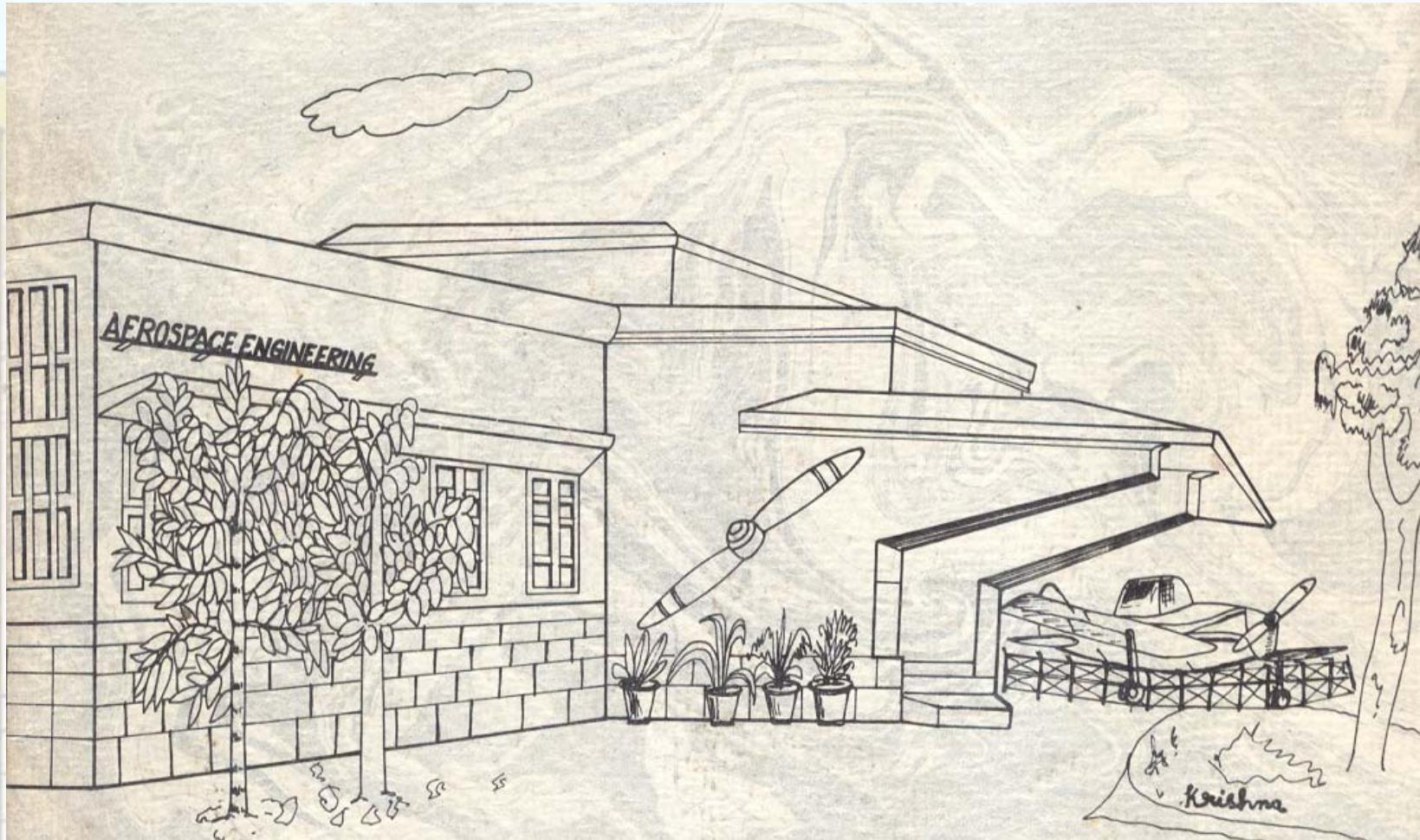
## Radar Systems

- Signal processing
- Clutter rejection
- Ambiguity resolution
- Signal design
- Doppler weather radars
- Advanced Tracking theory

## Aviation Systems

- Aviation weather surveillance system
- Weather data handling
- Wind shear, turbulence and wave phenomena
- Aviation safety
- Modern aircraft navigation systems
- Air traffic management

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