

Re: APR Extra: Moderately gigantic drawing of Sea Dragon

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In article <423e1049.2335580@supernews.seanet.com>,

Derek Lyons <fairwater@gmail.com> wrote:

>> *Why has the Big Dumb Booster never caught on?*

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>*Because no need for it has emerged.*

Remember that Big Dumb Booster is not the same thing as heavylift booster.

BDBs don't necessarily have large **payloads**; the point of the approach is

to make the **rocket** bigger, keeping the same payload with a smaller

payload fraction and hence less demanding technology.

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"Think outside the box -- the box isn't our friend."

-- George Herbert

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