



# Missions SC Meeting

5 pm, 3 Oct 2017

Toshimichi Otsubo

and

Scott Wetzel



# Missions SC Meeting Agenda



**(1) Opening/Welcome**

**(2) Membership**

**(3) GGOS Standing Committee on Satellite Missions (J Mueller → Otsubo)**

Under GGOS Bureau of Networks and Observations

**(4) Ongoing/Future Missions (5-10 min each)**

\* TechnoSat (Barschke, TU Berlin)

\* S-NET (Yoon, TU Berlin)

\* OPS-SAT (Kirchner, Graz)

\* Geo-IK-2 (Parkhomenko?)

+ *BLITS-M (Sokolov → Otsubo) launch: summer 2018*

+ *PAZ and GRACE-FO (Grunwaldt)*

+ *ICESat-2 (McGarry)*

+ *QZS (Otsubo)*

- Others (?)

**(5) (Future) Updates on the mission webpages esp for GNSS**

**(6) Other issue?**

**(7) Closure**

# (2) MSC Members

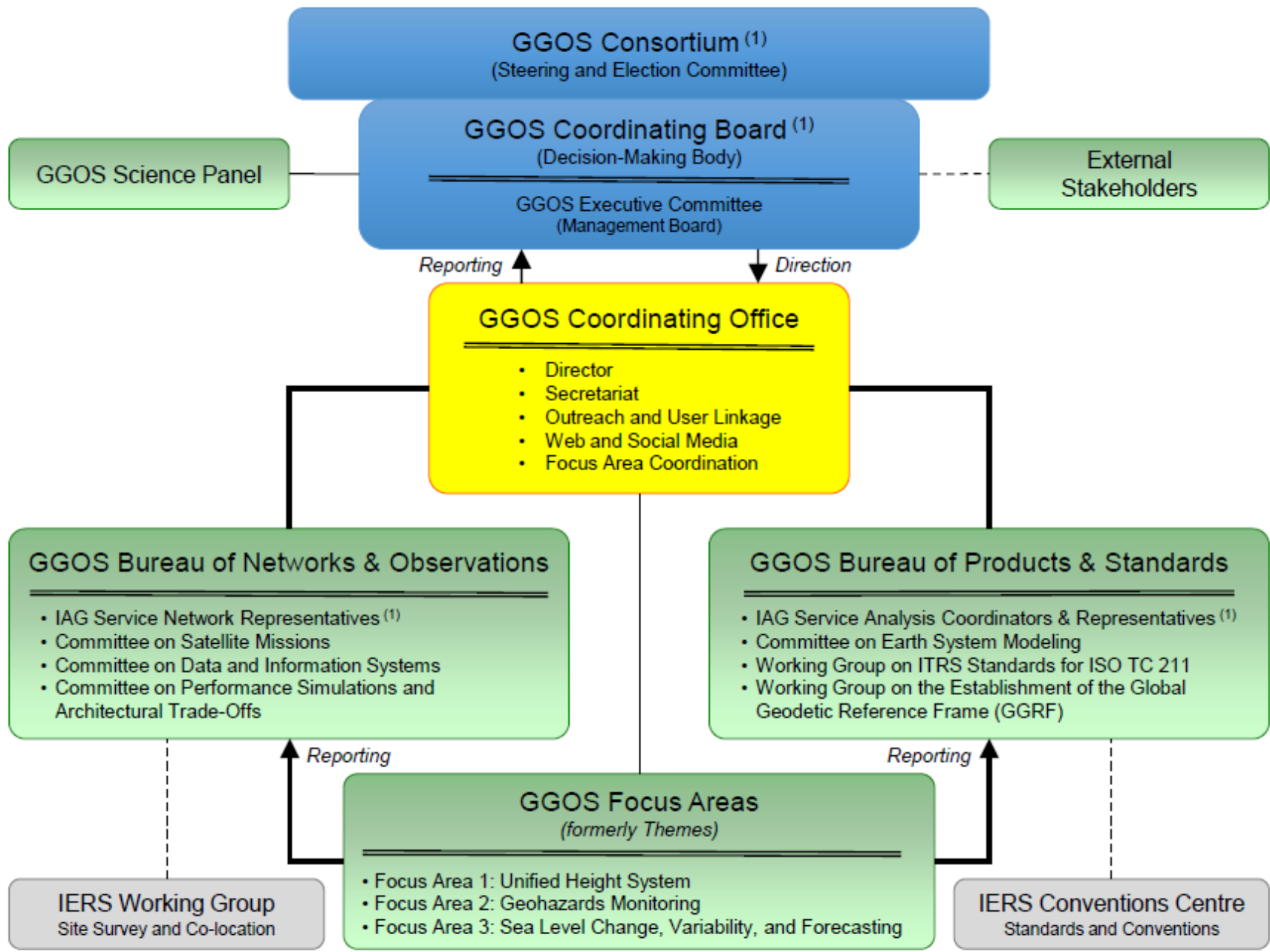


- Dr. Graham Appleby/NERC Space Geodesy Facility
- Dr. Giuseppe Bianco/Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI)
- Dr. John J. Degnan/Sigma Space Corporation
- Julie E. Horvath/KBRwyle/SLR
- Dr. Georg Kirchner/Space Res. Inst., Austrian Acad. of Sci.
- Hiroo Kunimori/NICT
- ➔ Dr. John Mck. Luck/.
- David McCormick/NASA GSFC
- Jan F. McGarry/NASA GSFC
- Carey E. Noll/NASA GSFC
- Ron Noomen/Delft University of Technology
- **(Chair)** Toshimichi Otsubo/Hitotsubashi University
- Dr. Erricos C. Pavlis/JCET/UMBC
- Dr. Michael R. Pearlman/CfA
- ➔ Luca Porcelli/Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare
- Dr. Ulrich Schreiber/BKG/Geodaetisches Observatorium Wettzell
- ➔ Dr. Peter J. Shelus/University of Texas at Austin/CSR
- Andrey Sokolov/SRI for Precision Instrument Engineering
- ➔ Prof. Vladimir P. Vasiliev/SRI for Precision Instrument Engineering
- **(Cochair)** Scott L. Wetzel/KBRwyle/SLR
- Zhongping Zhang/Shanghai Data Center

All members are requested to respond when we ask a vote for a mission etc.



Silent for > 1 year.



(1) GGOS is built upon the foundation provided by the IAG Services, Commissions, and Inter-Commission Committees

# **Standing Committee on Satellite Missions (CSM)**

**Jürgen Müller**

**Institut für Erdmessung (Institute of Geodesy) and  
Leibniz Universität Hannover (University of Hannover)**

**Co-chair Roland Pail, TU Munich**

# Role of CSM

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- Advocate, coordinate, and information exchange with satellite missions
- as part of the GGOS space infrastructure,
- for a better ground-based network response to mission requirements and space-segment adequacy
- for the realization of the GGOS goals.

# Major tasks of CSM for period 2017/18

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- Evaluate the contribution of current and near-future missions to GGOS 2020 goals;
- Revise the inventory/repository of current and near-future satellite missions;
- Website – refinement in agreement with the whole GGOS web representation,  
<http://176.28.21.212/en/bureaus/bno/committee-satellite-missions/>
- Support and advocate new missions (e.g. E-GRASP);
- Expand the role of CSM beyond gravity field satellites (e.g. altimetry, geodetic satellites, etc.) working with the PLATO Committee.

# Inventory of current satellite missions (general part – just web links)

**Further satellites equipped with retro-reflectors**, GNSS, gravity field missions, altimetry missions, SWARM, LLR reflectors on the Moon, Sentinels, etc.

[https://ilrs.cddis.eosdis.nasa.gov/missions/satellite\\_missions/](https://ilrs.cddis.eosdis.nasa.gov/missions/satellite_missions/)

**GNSS missions**, GPS, [Glonass](#), [Galileo](#), [Beidou](#), etc.

<http://www.igs.org/>

<http://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/space/>

<https://www.glonass-iac.ru/en/>

<http://en.beidou.gov.cn/>

[http://www.esa.int/Our\\_Activities/Navigation/Galileo/What\\_is\\_Galileo](http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Navigation/Galileo/What_is_Galileo)

**Remote sensing missions**, ERS, [Envisat](#), SRTM, [Radarsat](#), [Landsat](#), [TerraSAR-X](#), Sentinels, etc.

<http://www.satimagingcorp.com/satellite-sensors/>

**Altimetry missions**, ERS, [Envisat](#), [Seasat](#), Geo-Sat, GFO, TOPEX/Poseidon, Jason, [IceSat](#), [CryoSat](#), [Saral](#), HY-2, Sentinel 3, etc.

<http://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/en/missions.html>

<http://www.altimetry.info/missions/>

<https://openadb.dgfi.tum.de/index.php?id=143>

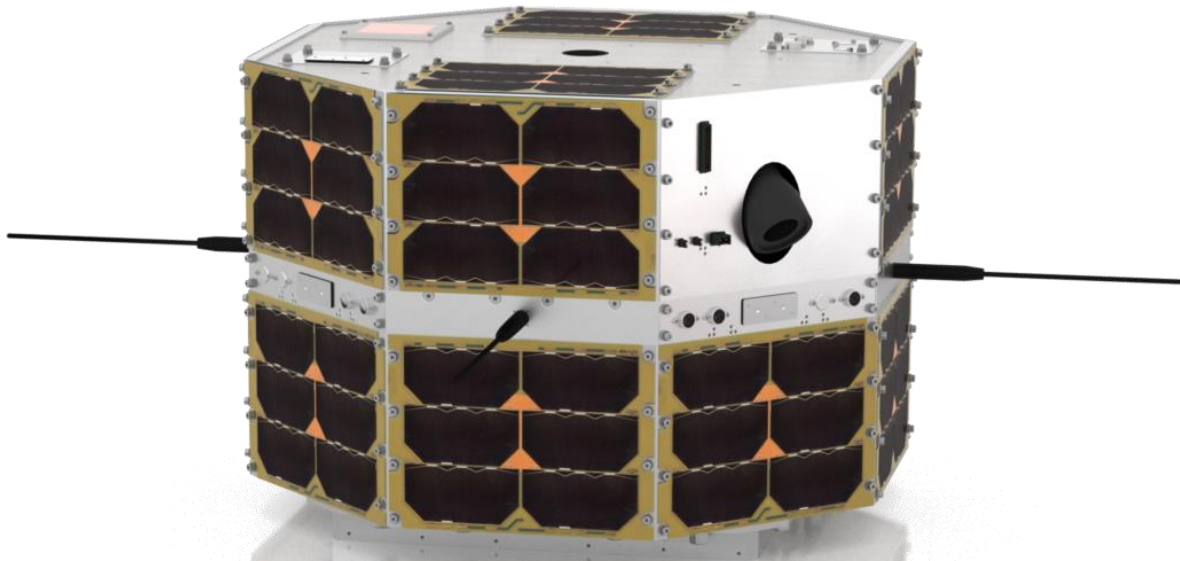
**Missions with a DORIS receiver**, [Envisat](#), SPOT, TOPEX/Poseidon, Jason, [Cryosat](#), [Saral](#), HY-2, Sentinel 3, etc.

<http://ids-doris.org/doris-system/satellites.html>

**Further satellite missions**, all satellites launched since 1957 and upcoming missions

<http://space.skyrocket.de/directories/chronology.htm>





# The TechnoSat

## Technology Demonstration Mission

# The TechnoSat mission

## In-Orbit demonstration of seven payloads and the TUBiX20 platform

- Mass: 20 kg
- Volume: 465 × 465 × 305 mm

## Payloads

- Fluid Dynamic Actuator (FDA) [TU Berlin]
- Reaction wheels [TU Berlin]
- Solar Generator based Impact Detector (SOLID) [DLR Bremen]
- S band transmitter HISPICO [IQ wireless, TU Berlin]
- Star tracker STELLA [University Würzburg]
- Laser retro reflectors [TU Berlin, GFZ, ÖAW, GSOC]
- CMOS camera [TU Berlin]

# Launch -3 months: shipping to Baikonur



# Launch -2 weeks: final integration





# Launch -1 week: encapsulation



## Launch

14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017, 08:36 AM (UTC+2)

Main payload: Kanopus-V-IK

+72 small satellites

... on 3 different orbits

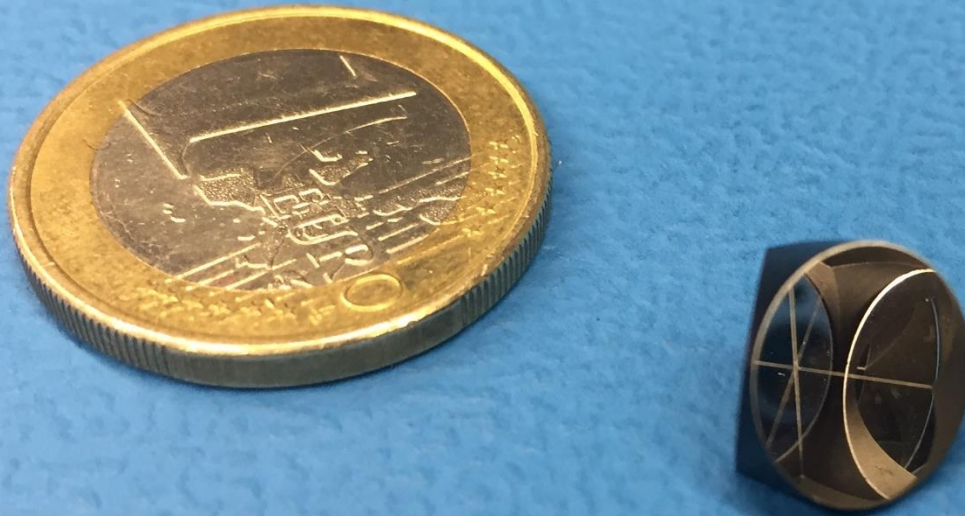


# TechnoSat's first picture



Coast of Corsica around the city of Ajaccio, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 12:12 PM (UTC +2)

# Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR)

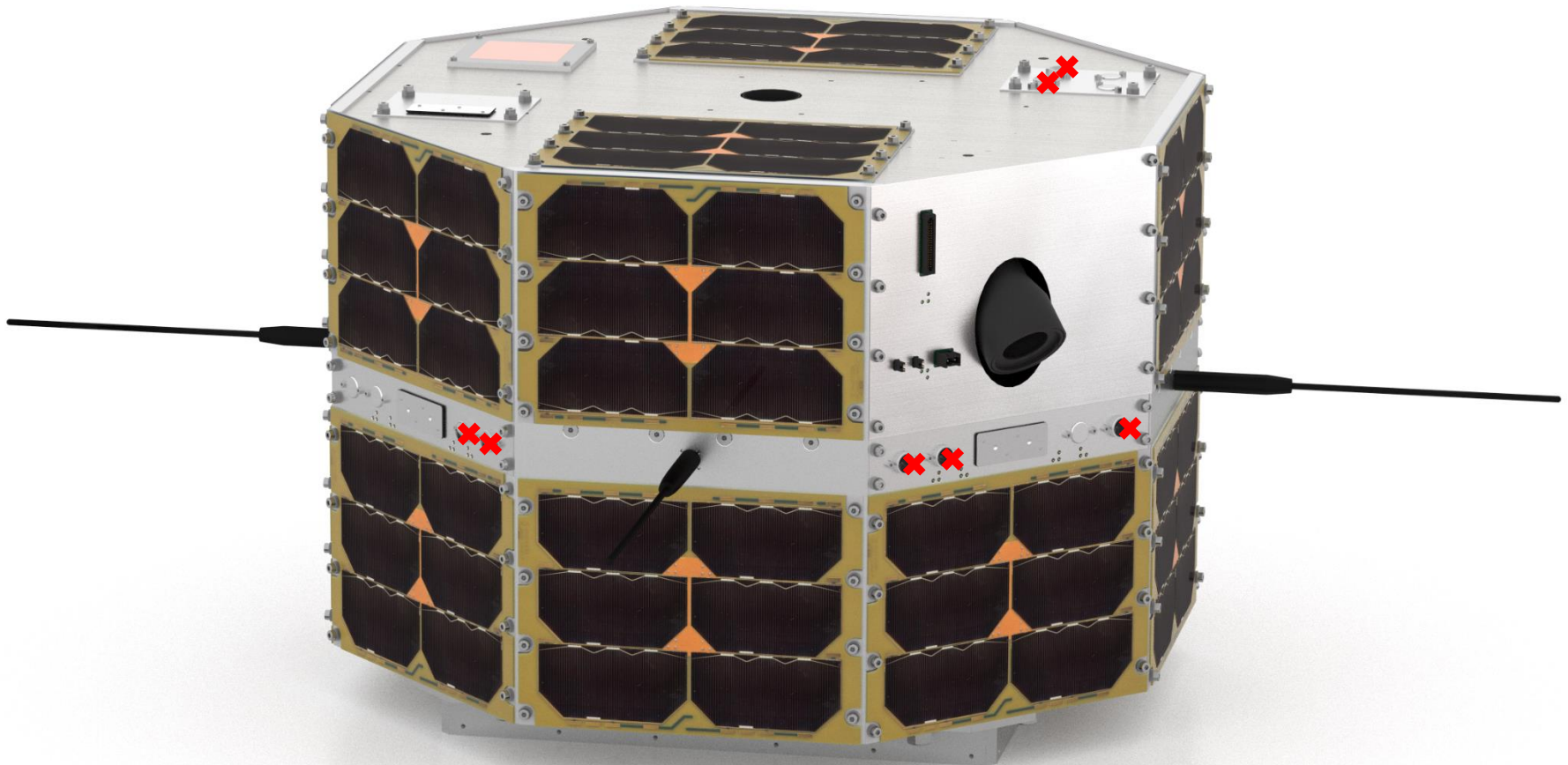




# Laser ranging on TechnoSat

- Reflectors
  - Fourteen 10mm silver coated fused silica retroreflectors
  - Commercially available at ~ 50 USD per piece
- Experiment contributors
  - Technische Universität Berlin (TUB)
  - Helmholtz-Zentrum Potsdam Deutsches GeoForschungsZentrum (GFZ)
  - Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
  - DLR's German Space Operations Centre (GSOC)
  - International Laser Ranging Service (ILRS)

# TechnoSat reflector configuration



## Reflector quality

- Far-field diffraction patterns (FFDPs) measured by GFZ
- Grouped by the peak of cross section
  - Green ( $> 220.000$  sqm): 56 (59%)
  - Yellow ( $> 210.000$  sqm and  $\leq 220.000$  sqm ): 14 (15%)
  - Red ( $\leq 210.000$  sqm): 25 (26%)
  - Sum: 95
- TechnoSat reflectors:  $> 225.000$  sqm

# Observation statistics

## Technosat (1704205)

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### | ILRS Tracking Statistics of Normal Point Data (CRD)

Station	First Observation	Last Observation	Passes	Observations	Duration in [s]
<a href="#">18734901, Simeiz</a>	2017-07-31 21:05:31	2017-08-04 21:45:33	3	9	88
<a href="#">18844401, Riga</a>	2017-09-05 22:09:51	2017-09-24 23:42:27	2	4	69
<a href="#">70900513, Yarragadee</a>	2017-07-30 04:09:34	2017-10-02 15:48:35	52	536	9523
<a href="#">71100412, Monument Peak</a>	2017-07-31 19:02:54	2017-09-29 19:19:40	11	291	1874
<a href="#">71191402, Haleakala</a>	2017-08-04 21:15:24	2017-09-27 22:09:52	5	37	511
<a href="#">71240802, Tahiti</a>	2017-09-07 09:57:26	2017-09-13 09:22:26	2	11	73
<a href="#">72371901, Changchun</a>	2017-09-07 16:08:36	2017-09-29 14:58:28	8	45	662
<a href="#">75010602, Hartebeesthoek</a>	2017-09-06 21:06:10	2017-09-07 21:20:01	3	20	159
<a href="#">78259001, Mt Stromlo</a>	2017-09-29 01:14:51	2017-09-29 01:19:50	1	9	300
<a href="#">78393402, Graz</a>	2017-08-08 22:21:25	2017-09-21 23:21:05	4	48	2379
<a href="#">78403501, Herstmonceux</a>	2017-08-01 00:16:59	2017-09-20 00:33:42	7	75	1231
<a href="#">78418701, Potsdam</a>	2017-09-17 09:20:18	2017-09-29 22:59:54	3	38	760
<a href="#">88341001, Wettzell</a>	2017-09-28 22:49:27	2017-09-28 22:50:07	1	3	41

*Last update: 2017-10-03 04:01:05*

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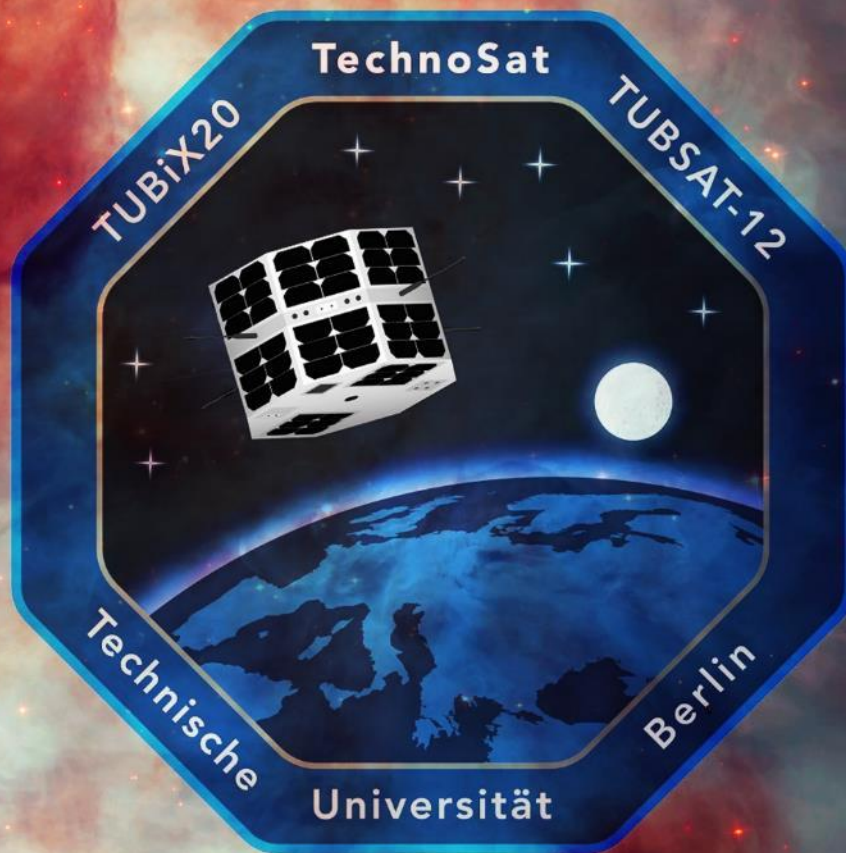


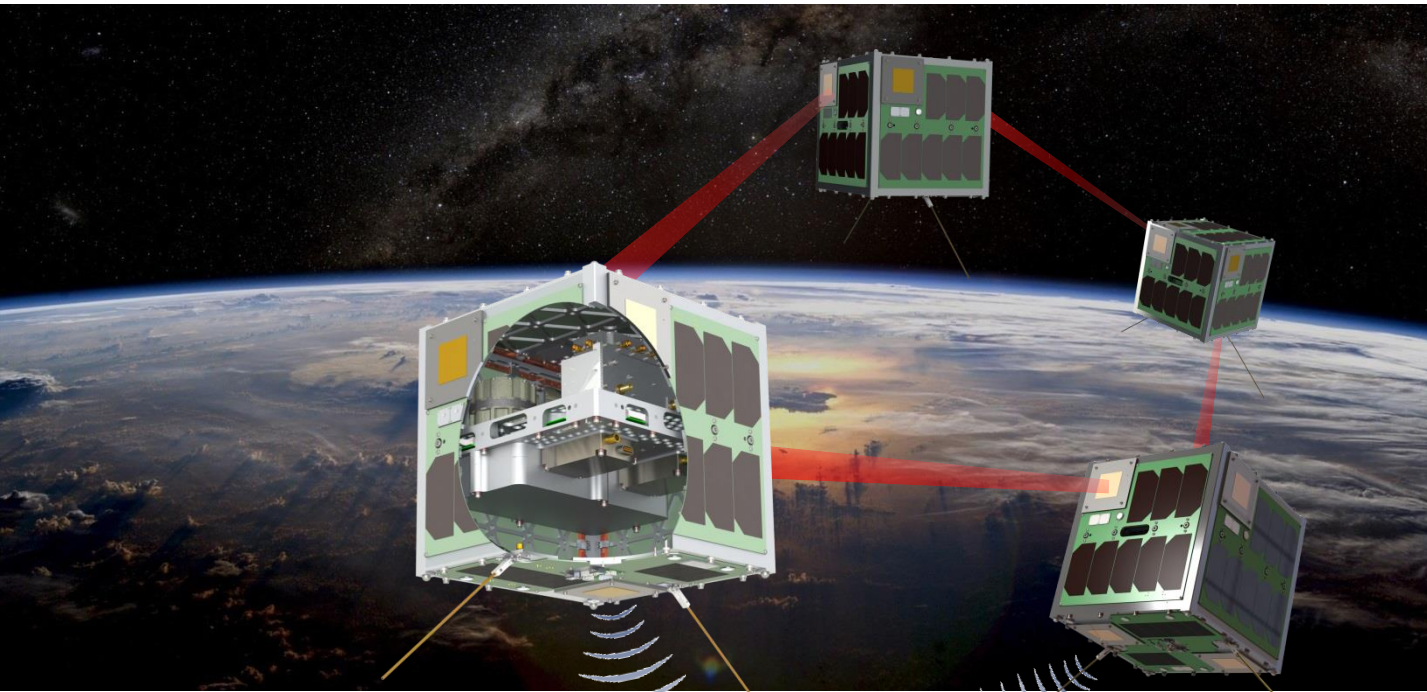
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# Publications

- [1] M.F. Barschke, K. Gordon, M. Lehmann and K. Briß, 'The TechnoSat mission for on-orbit technology demonstration', presented at the 65th German Aerospace Congress, Braunschweig, Germany, 2016.
- [2] L. Grunwaldt, R. Neubert, M.F. Barschke, 'Optical tests of a large number of small COTS cubes' presented at the 20th International Workshop on Laser Ranging, Potsdam, Germany, 2016.
- [3] G. Kirchner, L. Grunwaldt, R. Neubert, F. Koidl, M.F. Barschke, Z. Yoon and H. Fiedler, 'Laser ranging to nano-satellites in LEO orbits: plans, issues, simulations', presented at the 18th International Workshop on Laser Ranging, Fujiyoshida, Japan, 2013.







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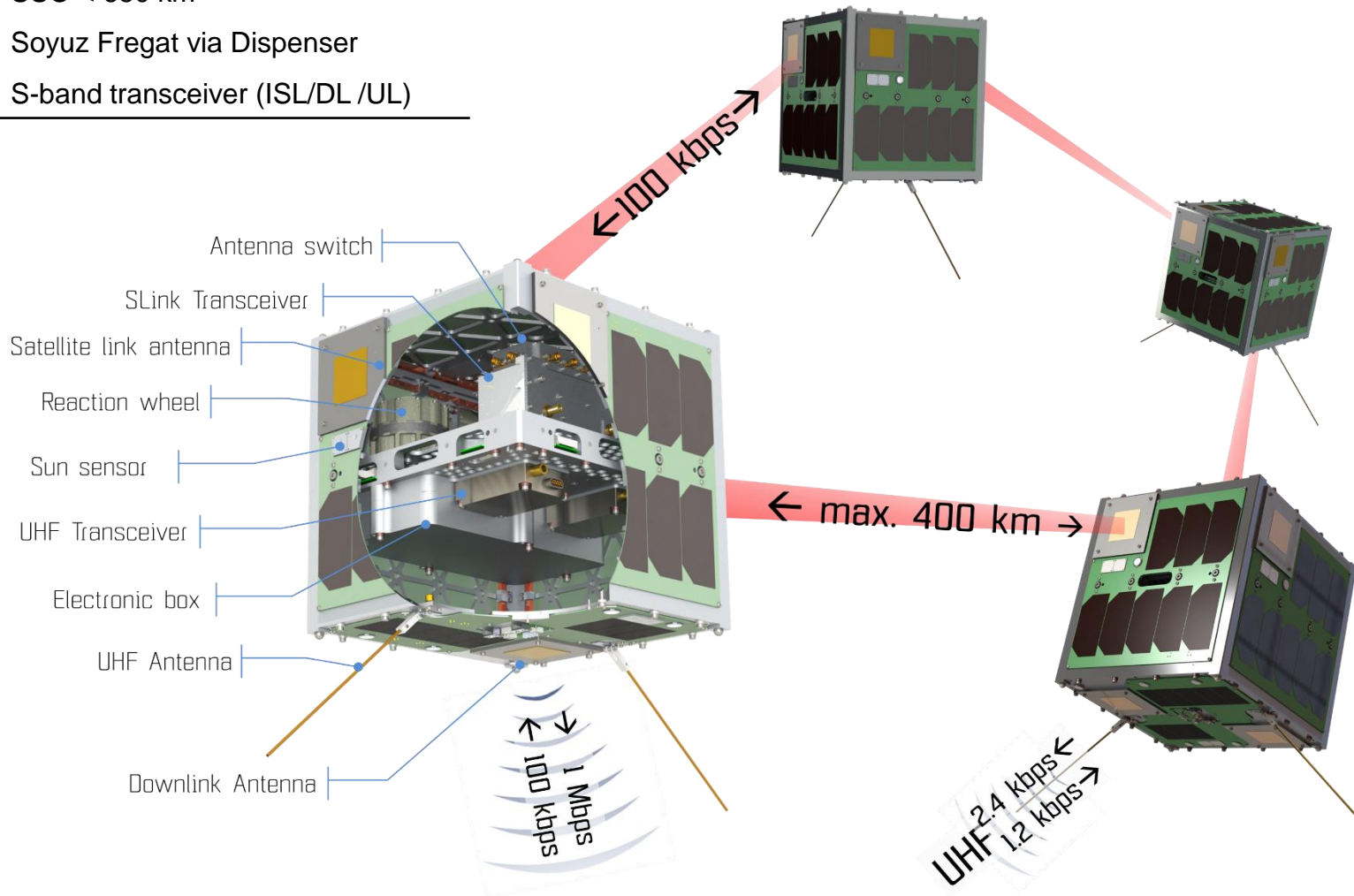


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# Requirement and Implementation of Laser Tracking capability for **MISSION S-NET**

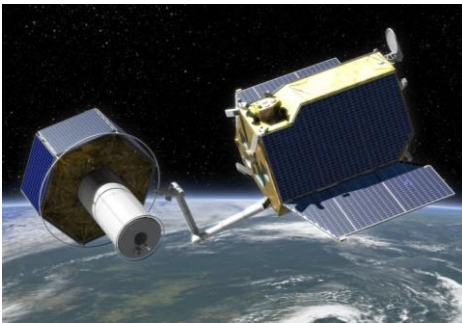


Satellites	4
Satellite mass	< 9 kg
Satellite size	24 x 24 x 24.5 cm
Orbit	SSO < 650 km
Launch	Soyuz Fregat via Dispenser
Payload	S-band transceiver (ISL/DL /UL)

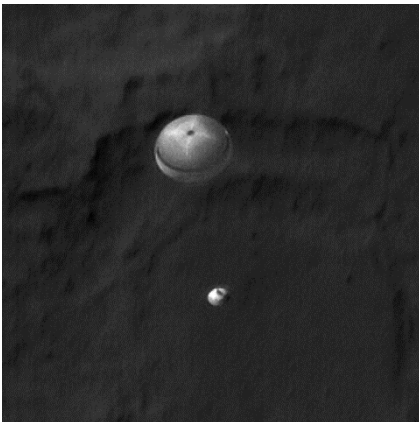


# ISL Applications

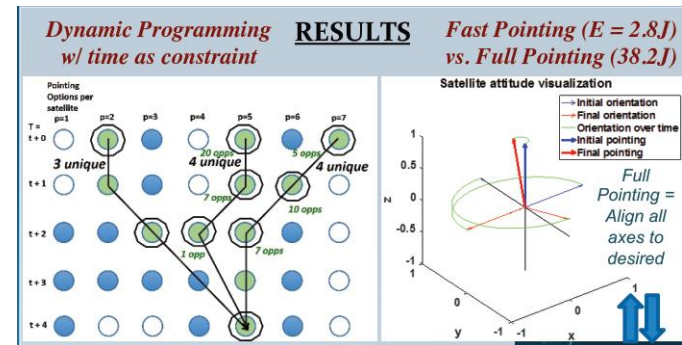
On-orbit servicing / proximity operations



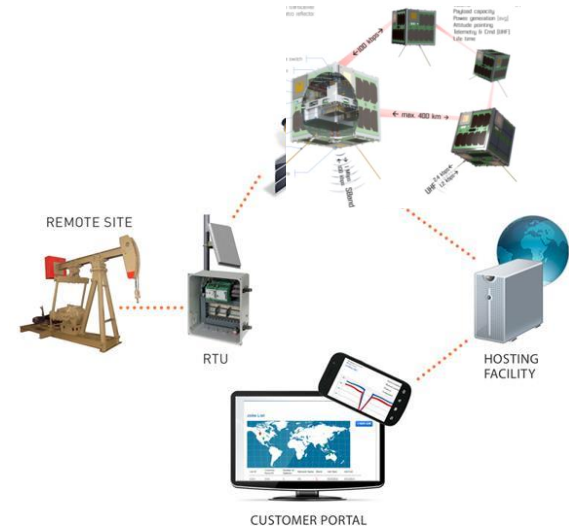
Distributed sensing and processing



Rapid & autonomous operations

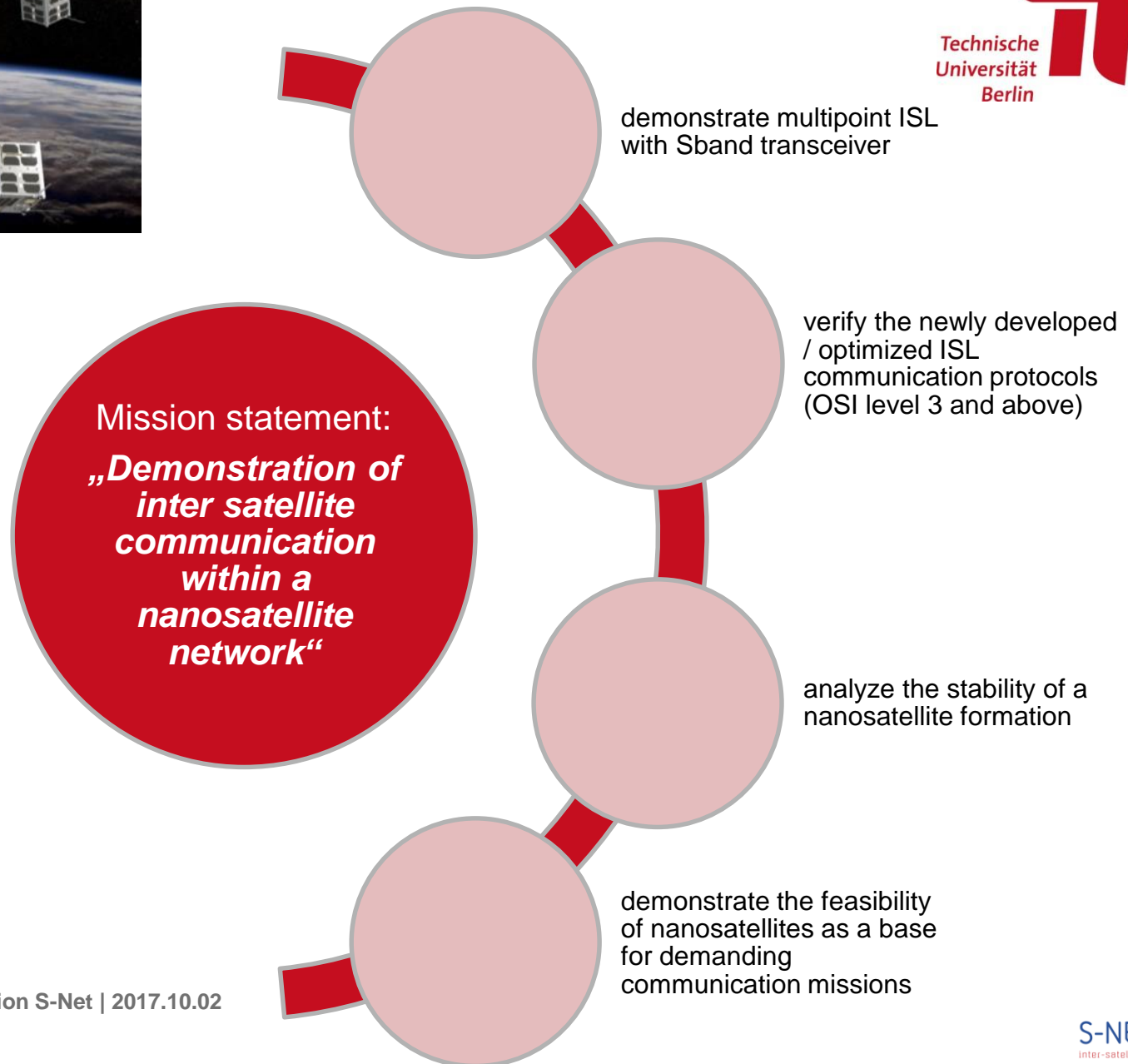
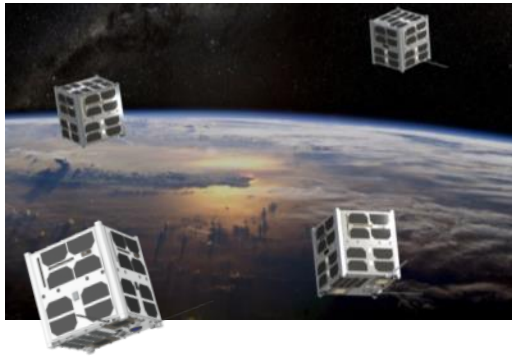


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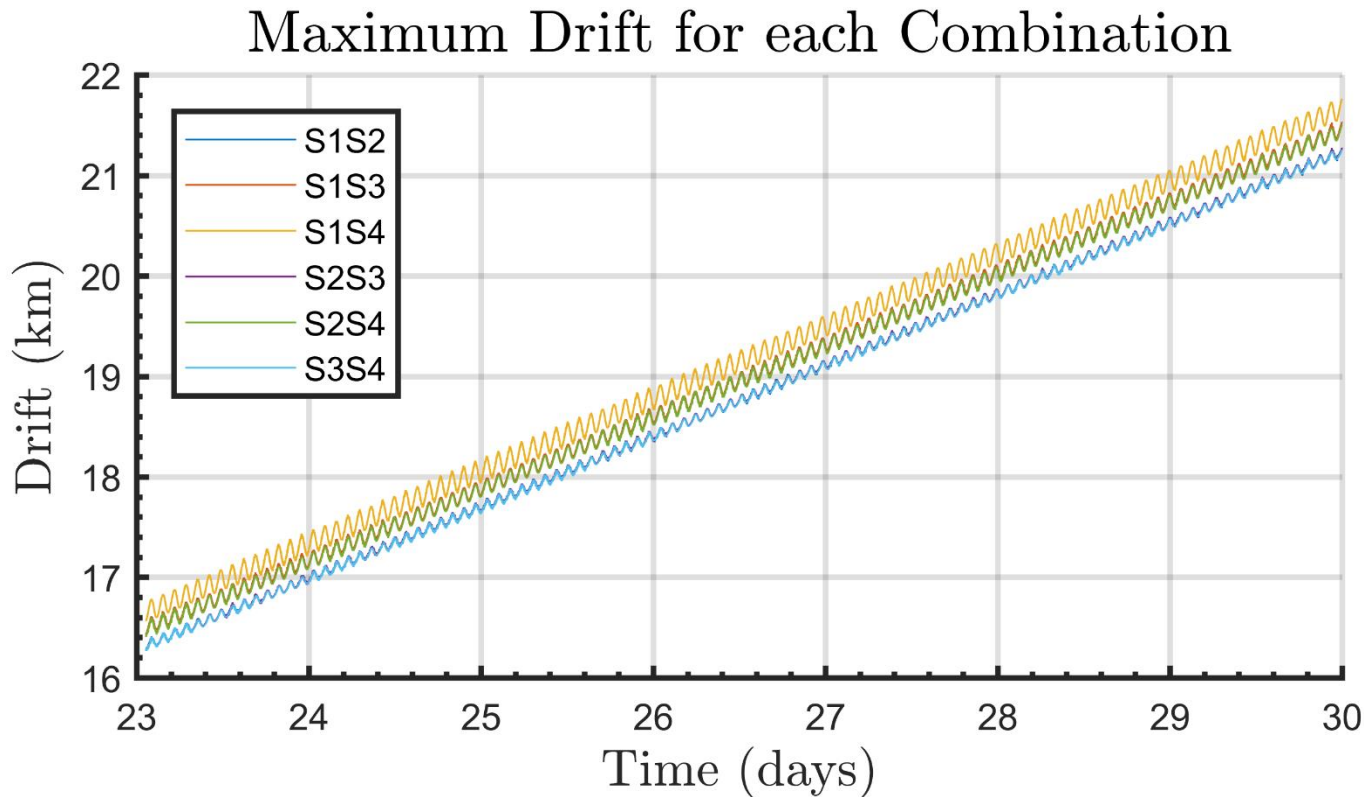


# Nanosatellite ISL Missions

Name	Org.	Nation	SC no.	SC mass [kg]	ISL payload	ISL Freq.	ISL rate [kpbs]	ISL range [km]	TX Pwr [W]	ISL Data	Launch Year	Status	
NetSat - 4G	Telematik	GER	4	3U?		UHF					2019	in development	
S-NET	TUB	GER	4	9	Slink	S-Band	100		400	0,5	Status and HK	2017	in development
PinaSys II	TUB	GER	4	0,25		UHF						2018	in development
CPOD	Tyvak	USA	2	3U		S-Band	250		25			2017	in development
GAMASAT		POR			Gamalink	S-Band			1000	3		2017	in development
BEESAT-4	TUB	GER	2	1, 120	Nlink	UHF			80	HK		2016	successful
EDSN	NASA	USA			Microhard MHZ2420	UHF	9,6					2015	launch failure
Tianwang 1	SECM	CHN	3	1x3U, 2x2U	Gamalink	S-Band	2000					2015	part. successfull
CanX 4&5	SSFTL	CAN	2	5		S-Band	10		5			2014	successful
FASTRAC		USA				UHF	9,6		10	relative position data		2010	
PRISMA	SSC	SWE	4	145, 50		UHF				Position and status info		2010	successful
Three-CornerSat		USA	3	30		k.A.	k.A.		30			2004	lauch failure
GRACE	Astrium	GER	2	480		S-Band						2002	successful
SNAP-1	Surrey	UK	2	6,5, 49		UHF	9,6		2	Position, Image		2000	successful

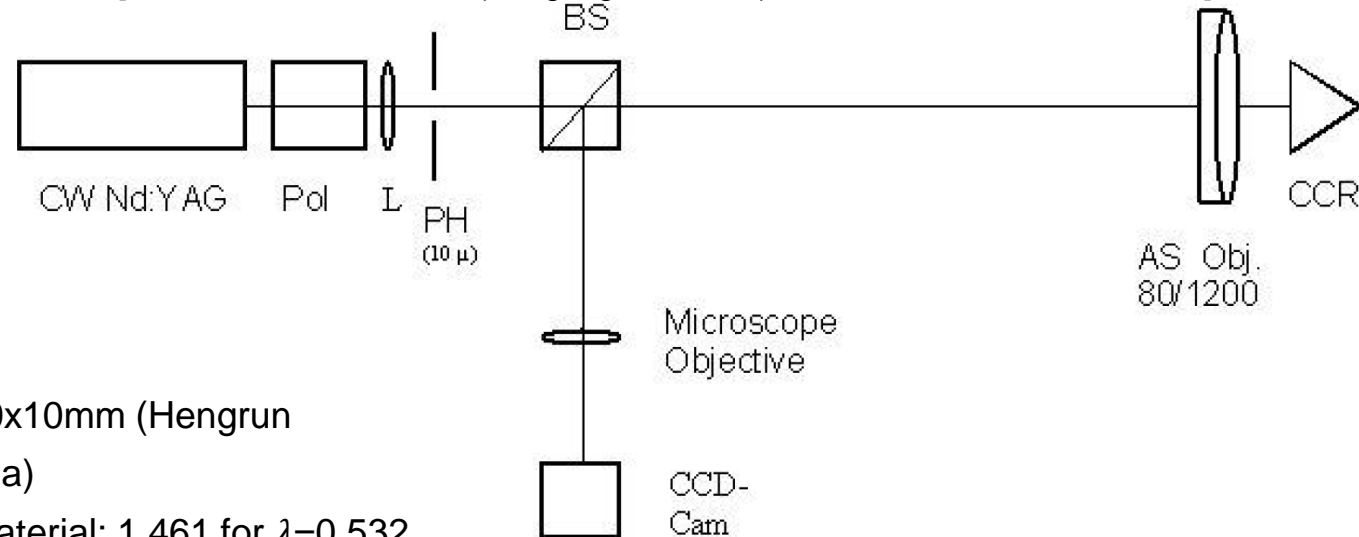


## Orbit relative drift



## CRR Selection

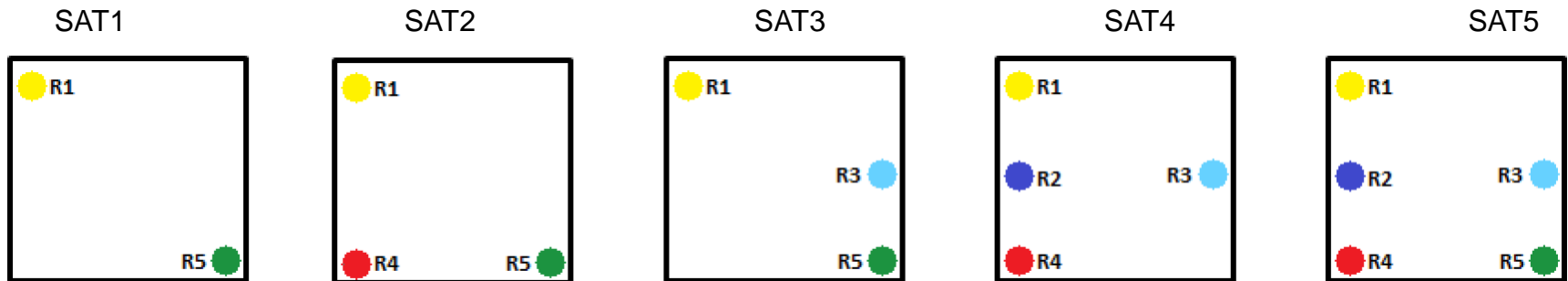
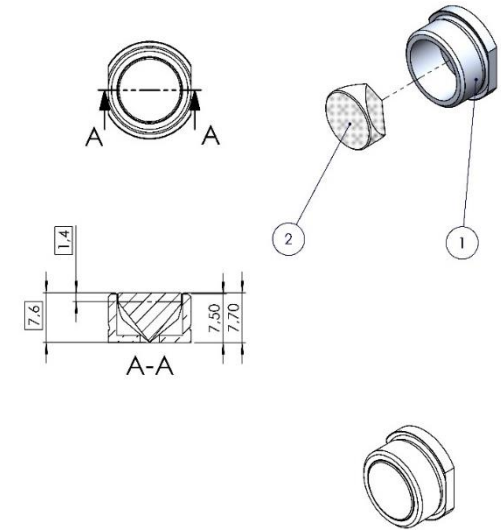
[Test an Retroreflektoren (Beugungs-Fernfeld), L. Grundwaldt, GFZ Potsdam]



- Fused silica cubes 10x10mm (Hengrun Optoelectronics, China)
- Refractive index of material: 1.461 for  $\lambda=0.532$
- Tolerance: no offset, +/-3 arcsec accuracy
- Silver coating
- Far Field Diffraction Patterns Measurement by GFZ Potsdam



# CRR configuration





## Altitude profile from Graz to the SNET Modell





## Modell of the satellite on a tripod driven by a step motor



- Align the modell to our LASER-station in Graz
- Let the modell spin while LASER is shooting to the modell
- Repeat that for different scenarios

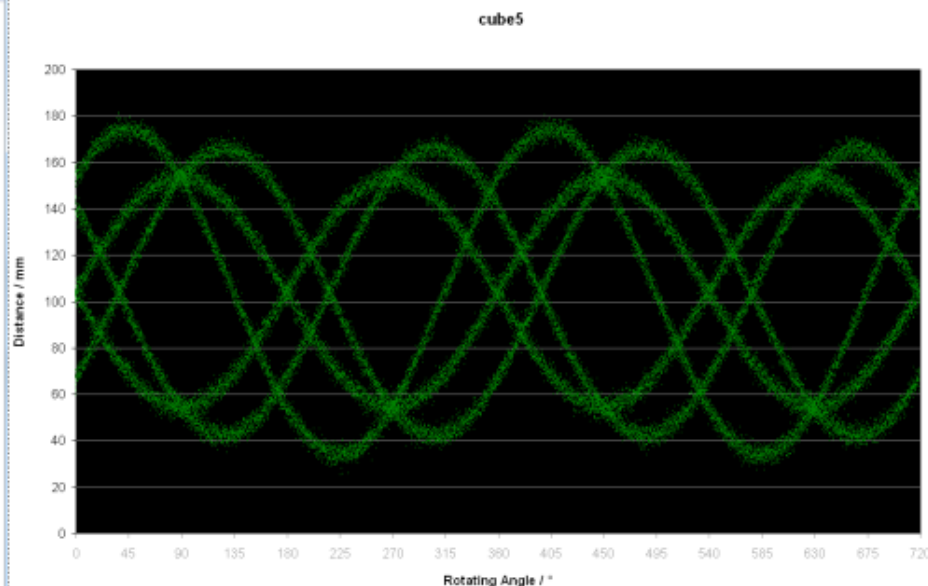
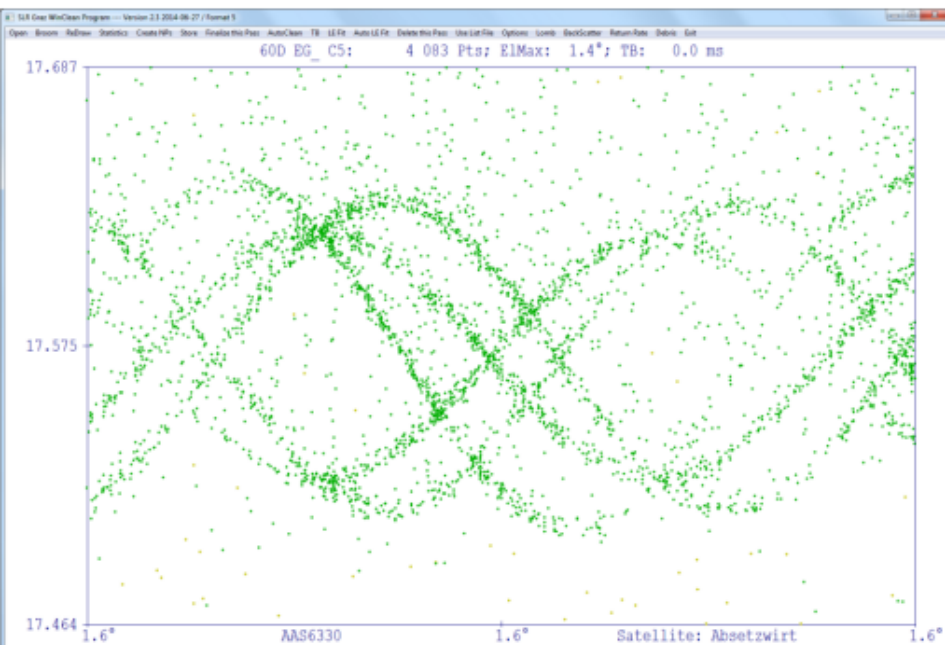
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- Signaltrace of spinning motion of the bottom side

cube5



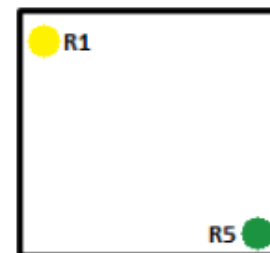
Measured data

Calculated data



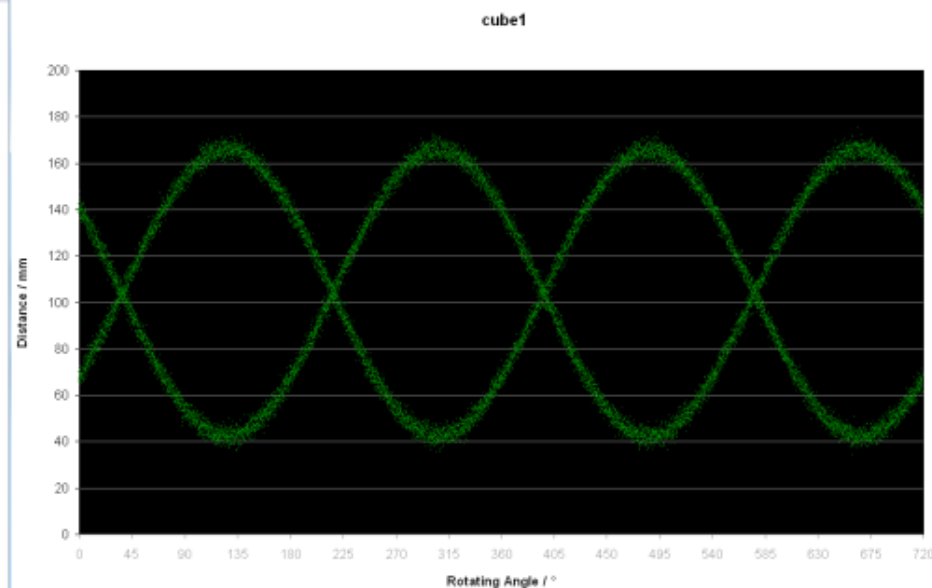
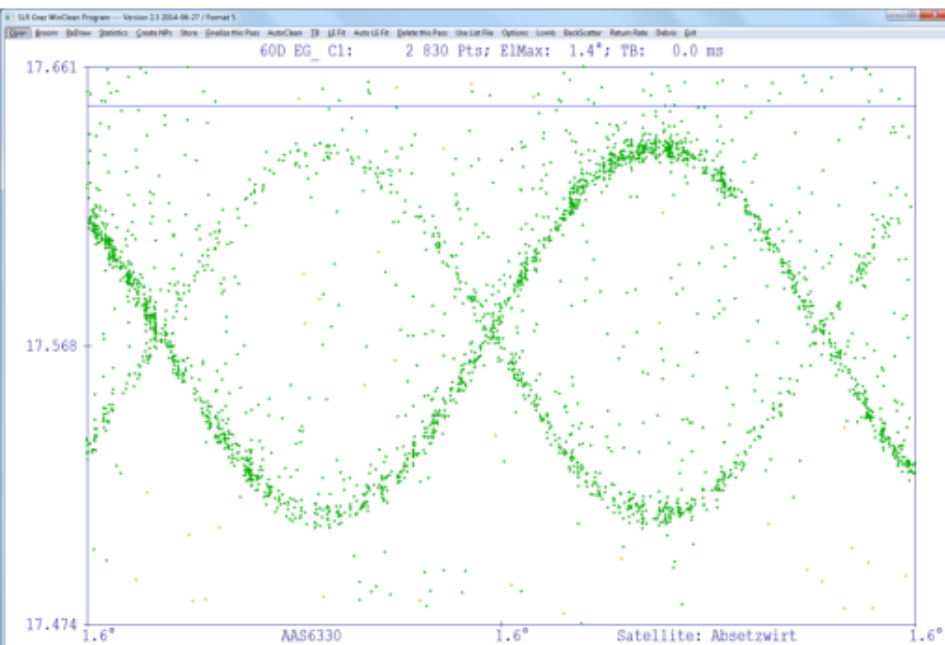
- Angle:  $60^\circ$
- Signaltrace of spinning motion of the bottom side

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Measured data

Calculated data



## First conclusions of field measurement

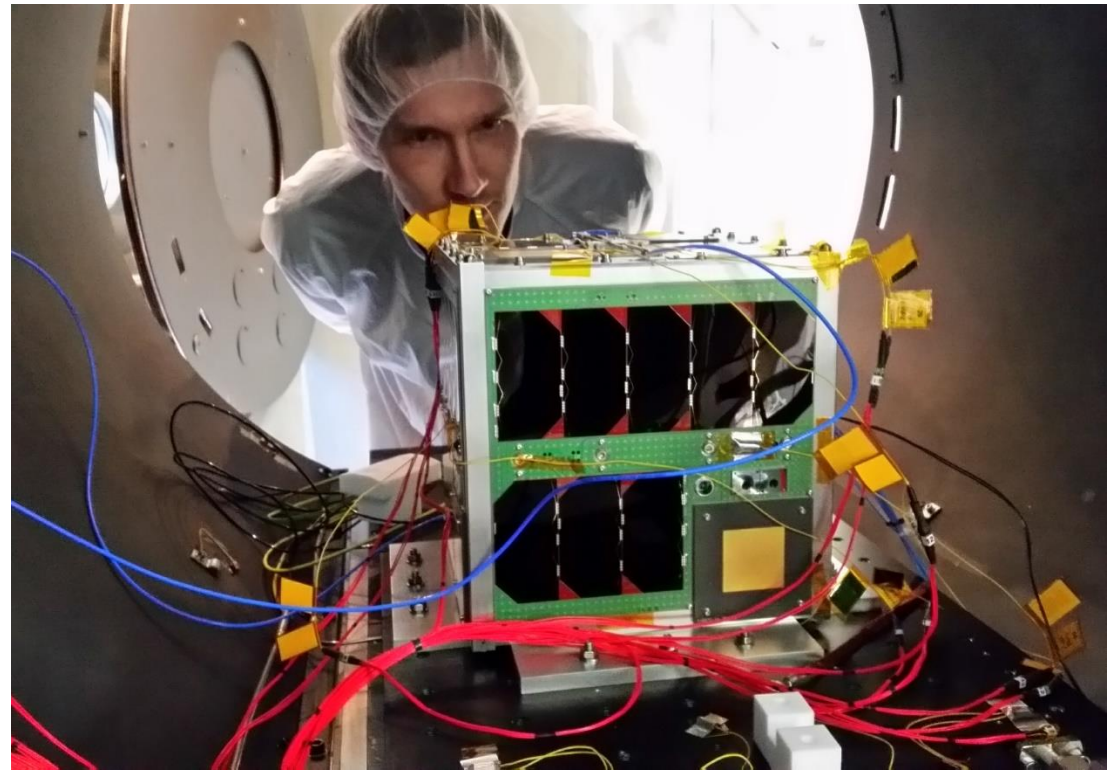
- Measurements confirm simulation
- Identification of satellites easily possible
- Angle of satellite can be determined by measuring the distance between top and low peak of amplitude of signal trace
- Spin rate of satellite can be determined by measuring peak-to-peak time

## Laser Ranging Operation

- Nominal mode: nadir pointing:  $\pm 20^\circ$
- No restrictive attitude or angle
- Normal point bin size (time span): 5 sec
- CPF by DLR
- Position measurement by HF signal propagation: 100m accuracy

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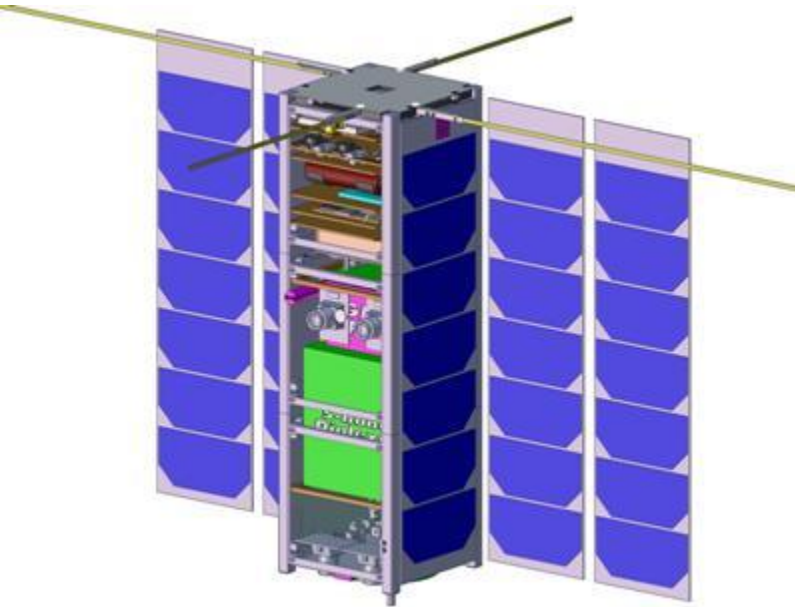


## OPS-SAT (ESA):

A 3-Unit CubeSat with:

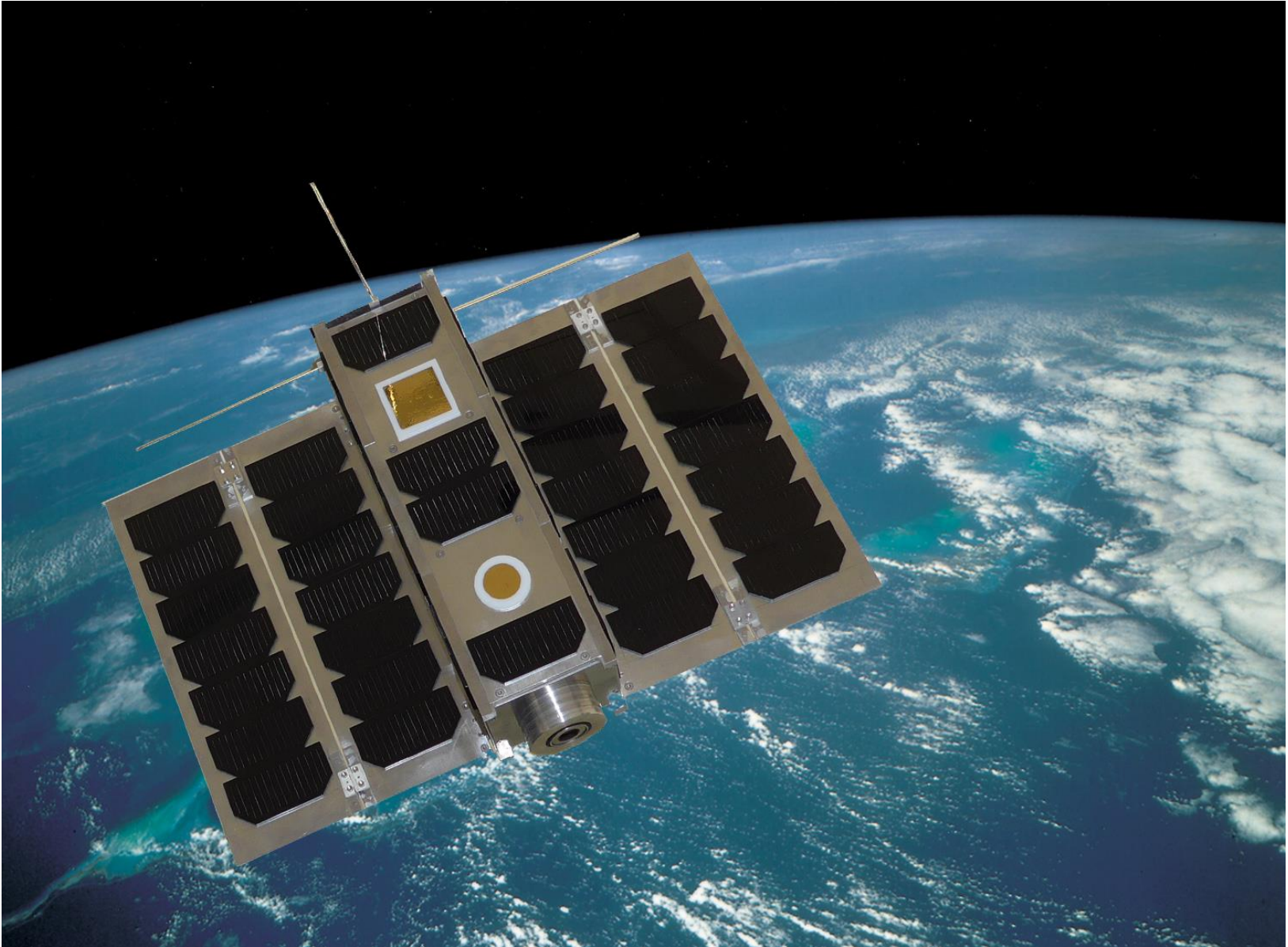
=> Laser Reflectors

=> PPM Data Transmission



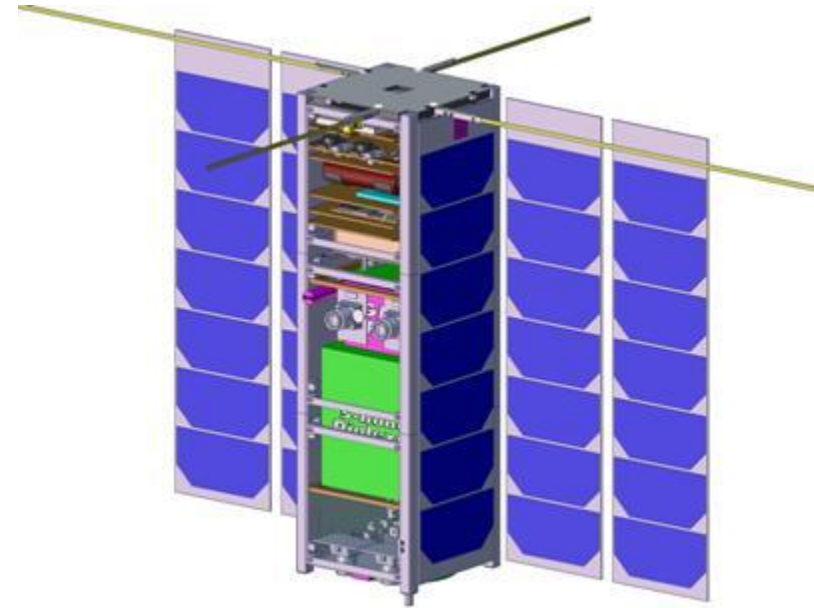
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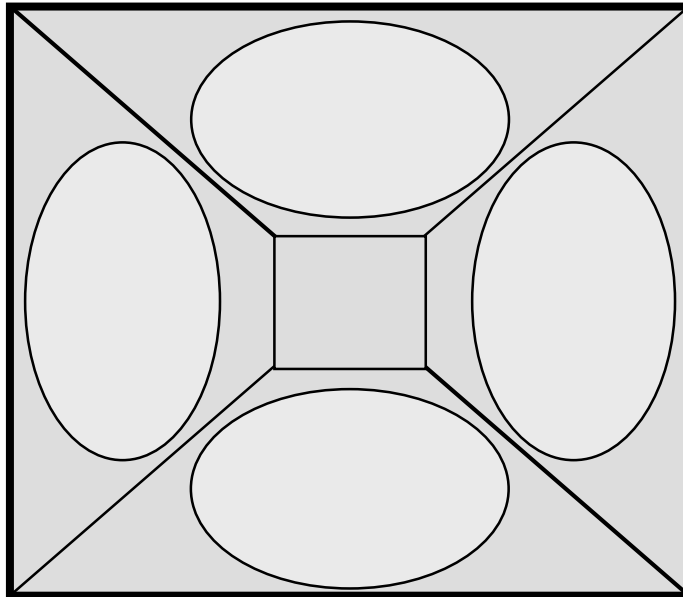
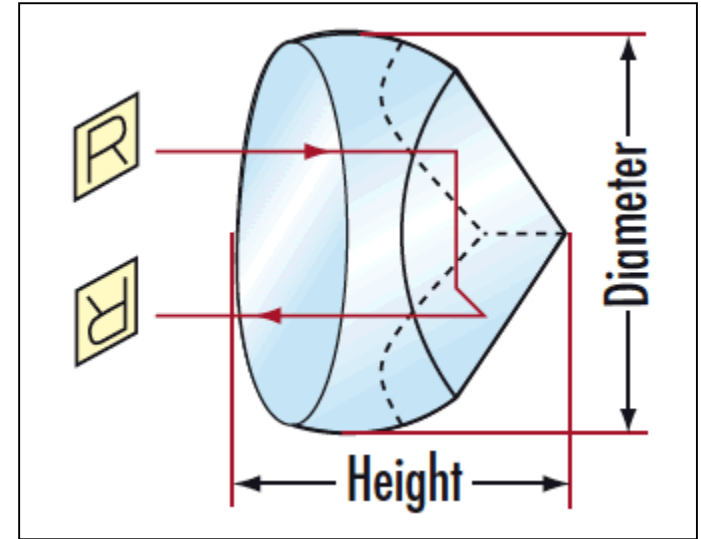
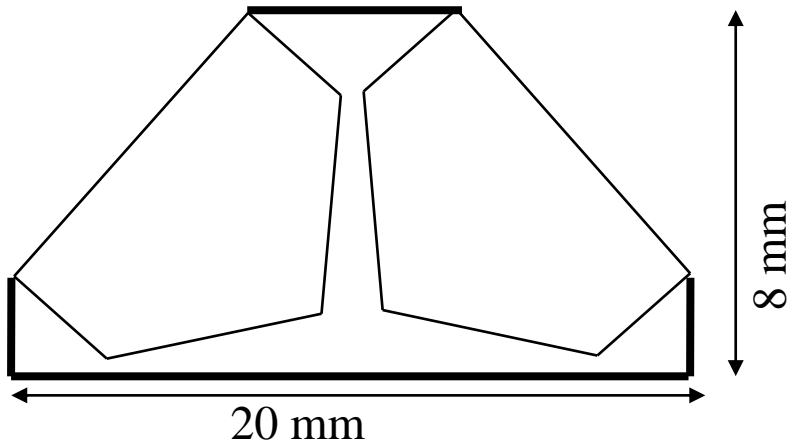




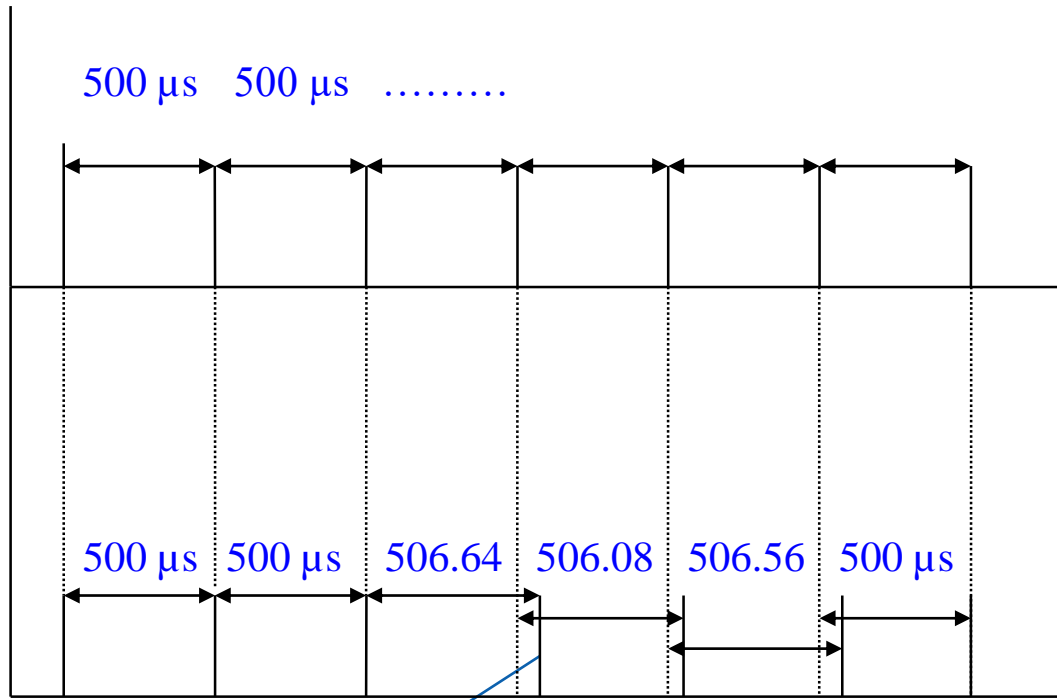
- Platform for Software Experiments
- Allows Exchange / Test of Software, including OS, File Transfers etc...
- Circular Orbit;  $\approx 600$  km
- CubeSat: 30 x 10 x 10 cm
- Attitude: Stabilized
- Low-Cost mission; OTS parts
- Retro Pyramid, PPM data transmission
- Launch planned 2015 (as of 2013 😊)  
Now scheduled for early 2019 ...



Nadir Pointing



- Pyramid with 4 x 10 mm CCR's
- Covers 180°
- Pyramid size: 20 x 20 x 8 mm



Standard SLR (Graz): 2 kHz  
 Constant Intervals of 500 μs  
 Basic grid; pulses ± 7 ns

PPM:  $500 \mu\text{s} + N \cdot 80\text{ns}$ ;  
 with  $N=1,255$  (ASCII Coding)

80 ns: Basic Encoding Step  
 ⇒ Includes ± 7 ns Laser  
 ⇒ Includes Orbit Motion

Sync:  $\geq 100$  intervals of 500 μs

$500 \mu\text{s} + N \cdot 80\text{ns} = 506.64 \mu\text{s}; N = 083 \Rightarrow \text{„S“}$   
 $500 \mu\text{s} + N \cdot 80\text{ns} = 506.08 \mu\text{s}; N = 076 \Rightarrow \text{„L“}$   
 $500 \mu\text{s} + N \cdot 80\text{ns} = 506.56 \mu\text{s}; N = 082 \Rightarrow \text{„R“}$

Example: ASCII Coding ...



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«Precision Systems and Instruments»

# Geo-IK-2 Mission

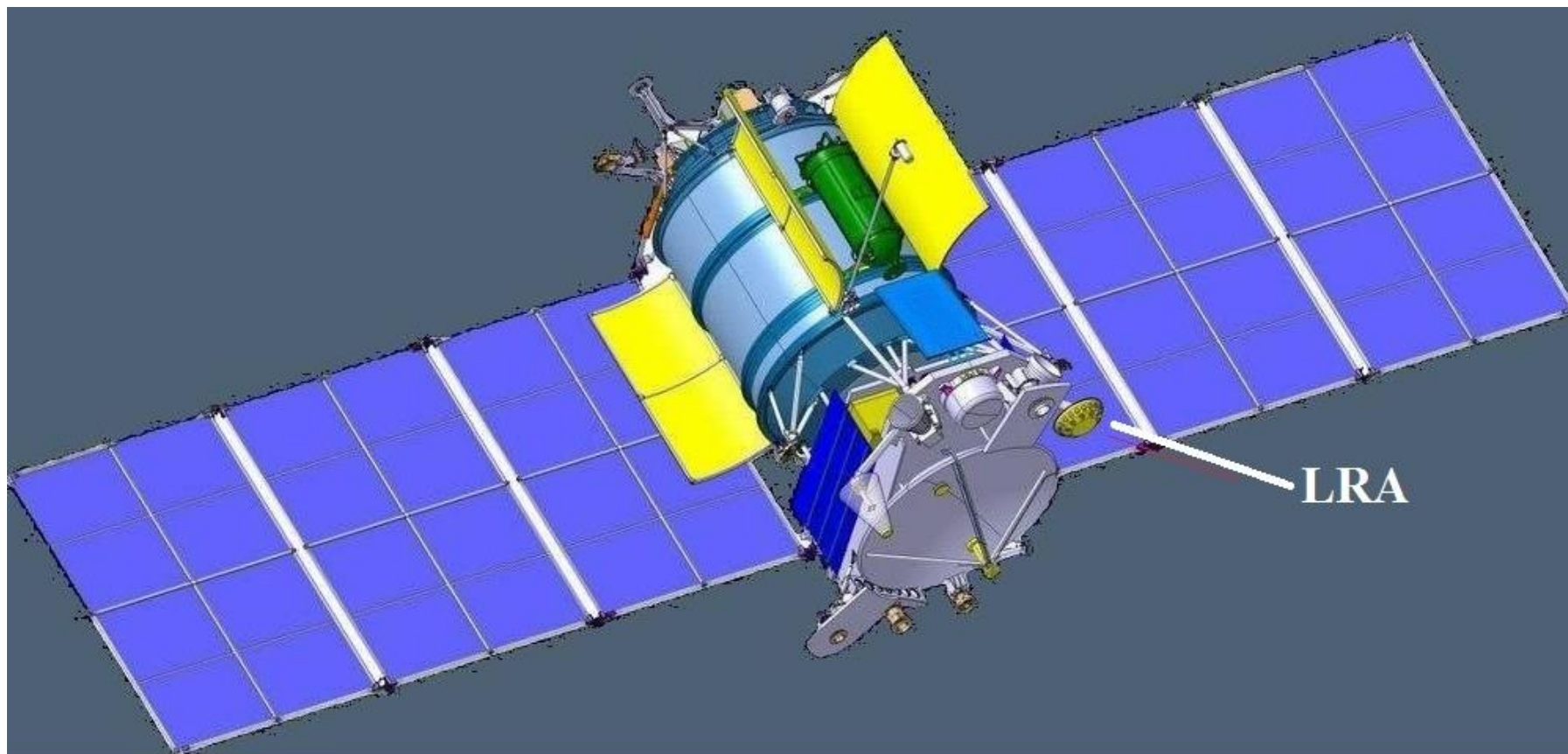
*N. Parkhomenko, E. Titov., V. Shargorodskiy*

**ILRS Missions Standing Committee Meeting:  
1700-1800, Tue 3 Oct 2017**

Riga, 2017



# Geo-IK-2







## General information of the GEO-IK-2 mission

**Geo-IK-2** — is a Russian satellite system, which was planned to consist of two spacecraft, designed to take high precision geodetic measurements. Development and production of the system was performed by JSC "Information Satellite Systems" named after the Academician M.F. Reshetnev. With the launch of the first "Geo-IK-2" satellite after a long break between launches, the execution of the Russian space geodetic program began. The launch of the first satellite in February 2011 failed, the satellite had been launched into an incorrect orbit.



# Scientific and engineering objectives of mission

- **determination of parameters of the Earth's gravity field;**
- **building up a high-precision geodetic network in a geocentric reference frame;**
- **determination of movement of continental plates;**
- **determination of the Earth's tides;**
- **determination of changes in the Earth's rotation speed and pole coordinates, completion of a number of applied tasks that require operative determination of the coordinates of ground stations, including:**
  - a) **development of regional geodetic networks;**
  - b) **remote probing of the Earth;**
  - c) **definition of the marine geoid;**
  - d) **ice monitoring.**



# Orbital parameters of Geo-IK-2 and miscellaneous

## Orbital parameters of Geo-IK-2

Altitude:  $958.5 \pm 15$ km

Inclination: 99.47 grad.

Eccentricity: 0.001

Orbital period: 6216.5 sec

Purpose of requesting for ILRS

SLR support of the Geo-IK-2

mission – POD

**Mission duration** – 1 year

## Prediction Center

The branch “Precision Navigation and Ballistic Support («PNBS»)” of JC “RPC “PSI”.

Prediction Technical Contacts:

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[parknataliya@yandex.ru](mailto:parknataliya@yandex.ru)



# Geo-IK-2 satellite equipment

- **SADKO radar altimeter produced by Thales Alenia Space;**
- **Doppler ranging system;**
- **GLONASS/GPS receiver;**
- **Laser retroreflector array.**



# Laser Retroreflector Array



**Laser Retroreflector Array of Geo-IK-2 satellite**





# LRA description

**The Laser Retroreflector Array (LRA) is a system of 30 quartz Cube Corner Reflectors (CCR) mounted on two conical body belts, with an equivalent diameter of the light aperture (entrance facet) of 28.2 mm.**

**The holder in which the CCR are installed is equipped with a protective thermostabilizing screen with an additional function equivalent to the introduction of cylindrical blends on the CCR.**

**The reflecting CCR faces are coated in aluminum. Far Field Diffraction Pattern (FFDP) of CCR is double-spot, oriented along the SC velocity vector to compensate for light velocity aberration.**



# LRA description

**One conical belt holds 10 CCR, another one holds 20 CCR.**

**The angle between the normal to the input faces of the group of 10 CCR and the LRA axis oriented to the Earth's center is  $30^\circ$ . This CCR group is designed to provide sufficient energy at the near-zenith and mid-zenith angles.**

**The second group of 20 CCR, with the inclination angle of  $52^\circ$ , provides the best power at maximum ranges close to the horizon.**



**Thank you for approval  
of our request  
for SLR tracking support  
of the Geo-IK-2 mission!**



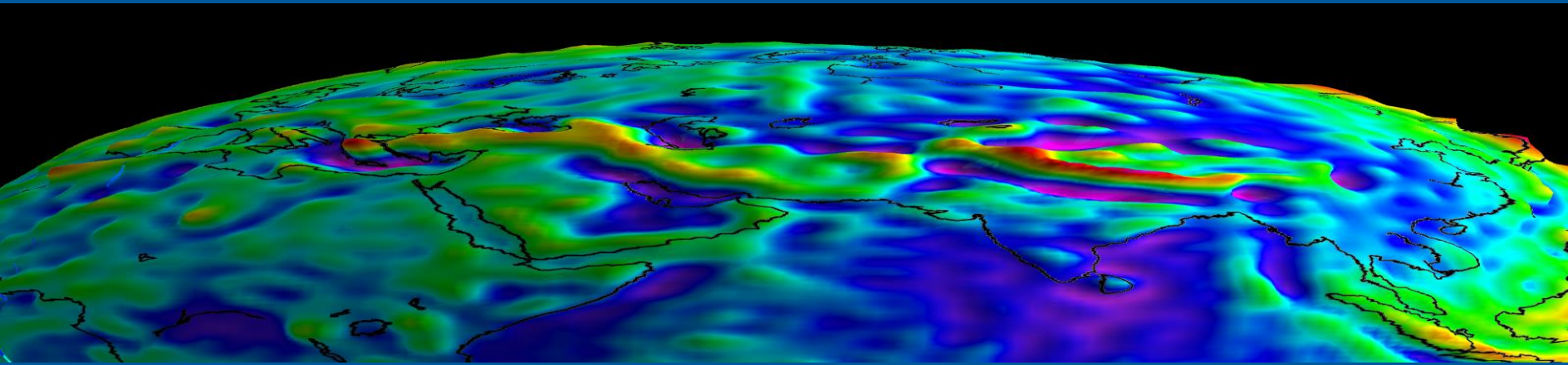
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# Mission Status „GRACE-Follow On“ and „PAZ“ – Update October 2017



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# GRACE Follow On

The original GRACE mission will be terminated soon. The GRACE-B satellite shows serious degradation of its power system and is running out of fuel for attitude and orbit maintenance.

The period of full-sun illumination condition about mid October 2017 will be used to resume nominal operations for a limited period of time.

**THANKS A LOT TO THE ILRS FOR EXCELLENT MISSION SUPPORT FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS !!!**

(The design lifetime of GRACE was 5 years only ... )

The launch date (shared ride on a Falcon-9 Series V together with 5 IRIDIUM NEXT satellites from Vandenberg AFB) is tentatively scheduled for 21 March 2018.

# GRACE Follow- On



The GRACE-FO satellites prepared for acoustic noise test

## PAZ (Formerly SeoSAR)



Spanish radar satellite based on the TerraSAR-X satellite bus (HISDESAT)

The launch of PAZ on a Falcon-9 carrier is anticipated for the 4th quarter of 2017, but no dedicated date is available as of today.

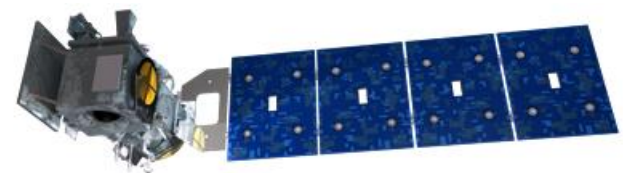




# ICESat-2



- ATLAS (6-spot laser altimeter at 532nm) is the instrument on ICESat-2.
- Majority of Observatory testing at Orbital in Gilbert AZ is complete.
- Launch is September 2018.
- Mission Support Request has been turned in but needs update.
- Predictions will be generated by ICESat-2 POD (Scott Luthcke, GSFC).
- Predictions will be hosted on the ICESat-2 Instrument Support Facility (ISF) – Peggy Jester, GSFC. Only selected stations get predictions – will use either individual dropboxes with passwords or scp/sftp with key.
- Randy Ricklefs, MLRS, will be performing prediction testing with ISF shortly.
- This will be a restricted tracking mission. We are currently still in discussions with ATLAS Instrument Scientist but anticipate an elevation restriction and potentially also an energy density restriction.
- Go/NoGo hosted by ISF.





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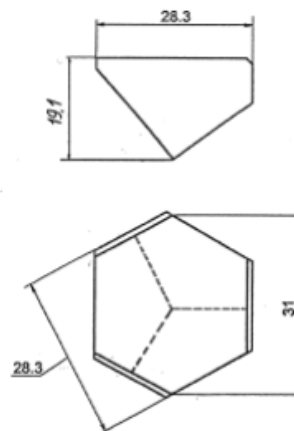
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## GLONASS: Reflector Information

## RetroReflector Array (RRA) Characteristics:



Drawing of corner cube, all units in mm. Courtesy of IPIE

Each GLONASS satellite is equipped with a laser retroreflector array built by the Institute for Precision Instrument Engineering (Russia). The retroreflector array is a 120 centimeter by 120 centimeter planar array with 396 fused-quartz corner cubes ([center of mass relative to the RRA](#), [arrangement of corner cubes](#)). Such an RRA array is on each GLONASS satellite launched before 1996. A similar but much smaller designed Russian array is used on GPS-35, -36. There is no masking and no obstacles to the CCR arrays with respect to the laser beam incidence angle. The refractive index for various wavelengths is in the table below.

wavelength (microns)	refractive index
0.350	1.4769
0.400	1.4701
0.532	1.4607
0.800	1.4532
1.064	1.4496
1.540	1.4438

Newer GLONASS satellites have different RRA than other GLONASS satellites:

- GLONASS-84 has 132 corner cubes ([132 cube arrangement](#)). The corner cubes are mounted within a circular area having a 330-mm radius.
- Two (GLONASS-86, -87) of the three GLONASS satellites launched on December 1, 2001 (GLONASS-86, -87, -88) have the same array as GLONASS-84, but one (GLONASS-88) has a different array of only 124 cubes ([124 cube arrangement](#)).
- GLONASS-95, -99, and above up to -115 have 112 corner cubes ([112 cube arrangement](#)).
- All corner cubes on the GLONASS satellites have a metal coat on their back faces, except for those satellites carrying uncoated retroreflectors.
- GLONASS-115, -122, -123, and -124 all have uncoated retroreflectors. All future GLONASS M and K series spacecraft (launched after GLONASS-125) will also have the LRR arrays without coating.
- GLONASS-125 is a new GLONASS-K satellite with a [123 corner cube arrangement](#); CoM values have been provided for the satellite. The LLR array on GLONASS-125 is the last satellite with an array with aluminum coating.



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### GLONASS: Array Offset Information

**Center of Mass Information:**



For the GLONASS satellites equipped with the 120 cm x 120 cm array (those launched before 1996), limited CoM information is available.

GLONASS-84 uses a different RRA than the other GLONASS satellites. GLONASS-84 has 132 corner cubes (132 cube arrangement). The corner cubes are mounted within a circular area having a 330-mm radius. Two (GLONASS-86, -87) of the three GLONASS satellites launched on December 1, 2001 (GLONASS-86, -87, -88) have the same array as GLONASS-84, but one (GLONASS-88) has a different array of only 124 cubes (124 cube arrangement).

Analysis has been done on the GLONASS retroreflector array position relative to CoM for the newer satellites GLONASS-87, -89, -95, -99, -100, -102, -109, and -115. The CoM correction values for the GLONASS-K satellites (GLONASS-125) are also available.



**Related information:**

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# ILRS GNSS pages: Re-organised to something like this?

## “Retroreflector info” or “Array Offset” page

GLONASS-125	<a href="#">--&gt; details (a link to its LRA &amp; CoM correction)</a>
GLONASS-128	identical to GLONASS-125
GLONASS-129	identical to GLONASS-125
GLONASS-131	identical to GLONASS-125
GLONASS-133	identical to GLONASS-125
GLONASS-134	<a href="#">--&gt; details (a link to its LRA &amp; CoM correction)</a>
GLONASS-136	identical to GLONASS-134



Subset of MSR  
(Section III:  
LRA)



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Note: The table above is not based on real information. Shown just as a template.

- **To Do: Ask the GNSS host institutes in (US,) Russia, ESA, China, India and Japan**

whether the current webpage well updated or not  
to provide the updates in the format above?

## (6) Other issues?



## (7) Closure

- **MSRF should be submitted to ILRS CB at least 3-6 mo before the launch.**
- **Next meeting**  
Very likely: in conjunction with Canberra LW21, 5-9 Nov 2018.