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GRAvity observations by Vertical Laser ranging

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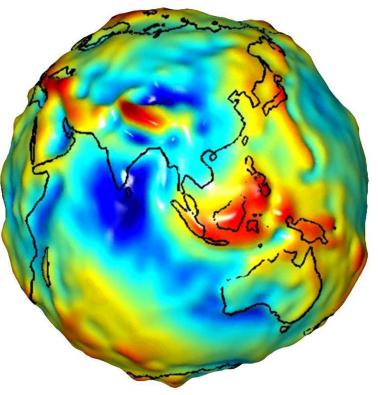
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The GRAVL mission will measure Earth's gravitational anomalies with unprecedented *accuracy* and coverage to significantly improve our understanding of seismic processes



NASA Earth observatory, NASA, ESA



Presentation overview



1. Science case

- 2. Mission concept
 - Alternatives
 - Selection

3. Engineering study

- Overview
- Mission profile
- Payload
- Spacecraft design
- 4. Programmatics
 - Technological Readiness Level
 - Schedule
 - Risks
 - Outreach

Science case

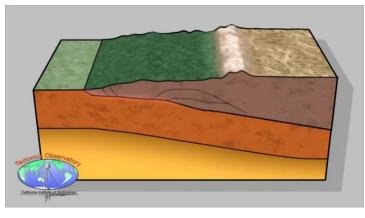


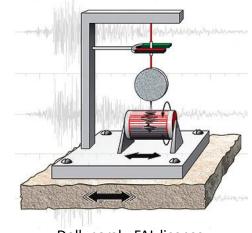
Science introduction



Seismology = science of earthquakes and the related vibrations of the earth

- Movement of tectonic plates causes stress accumulation and (sudden) releases: earthquakes
- Surface vibrations measured with **seismographs**
- Investigation enables modelling of tectonic sub-surface processes and helps improve the understanding of plate tectonics











Improve models of tectonic processes



How does the Earth's upper mantle and crust behave before, during, and after earthquakes?



Science requirement: measure pre-, co-, and post- seismic mass movements of earthquakes down to Mw 6.5



Science Objective 2/3



Develop an understanding of silent earthquakes



What are the characteristics of "silent" or "slow" earthquakes, and how are they related to tectonic movements and sudden earthquakes?

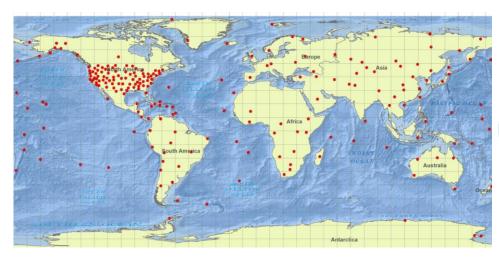


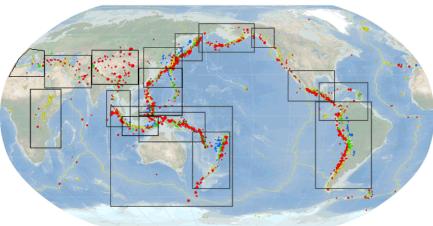


Science Objective 3



Improve knowledge of mass movement in areas with sparse surface measurement





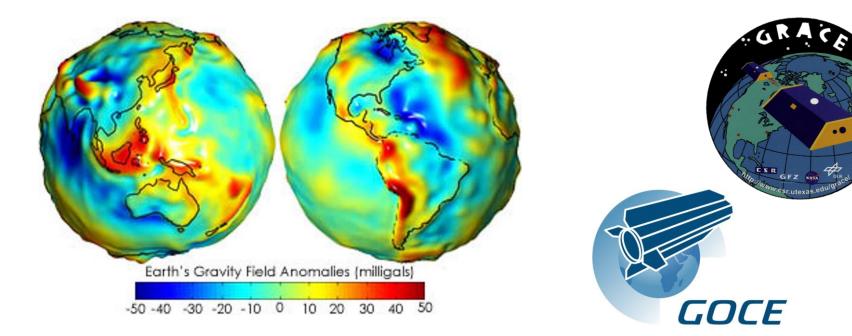
IRIS and the U.S. Geological Survey

Science requirement: measure gravity changes caused by tectonic movements in non-accessible regions



Gravimetry from space

- Gravimetry = measurement of magnitude of gravitational field
- Gravity anomalies of order mGal (static) and μ Gal (temporal)



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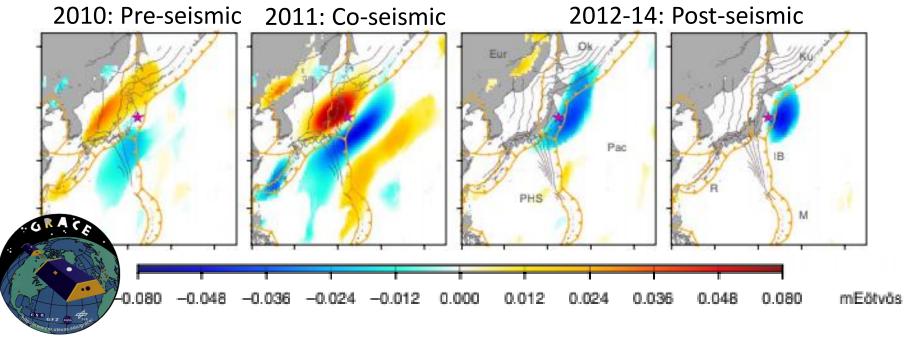


Tectonic processes changes in the gravitational field. This can be observed from space by means of **gravitational seismology**.

- Global coverage with satellite constellations
- Good spatial resolution from space based measurements can outperform unevenly distributed ground-based network
- Less resources required for operations
- Nano- or micro-satellites relatively cost-efficient



- Gravitational seismology: state-of-the-art
 - GRACE demonstrated feasibility with detection limit > Mw 8.3
 - Constellations: global coverage with resource-efficient operations



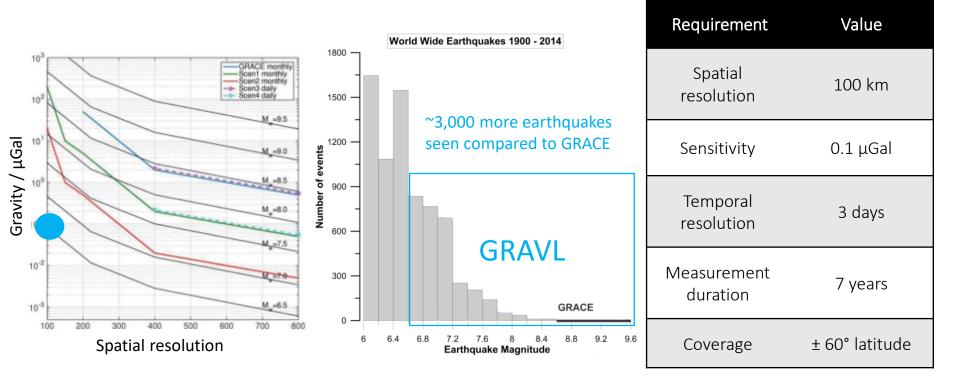
Panet et al., Nature Geoscience, 2018



Observation requirements



Importance of sensitivity to lower magnitude events



Pail et al, DGK report 320, 2015

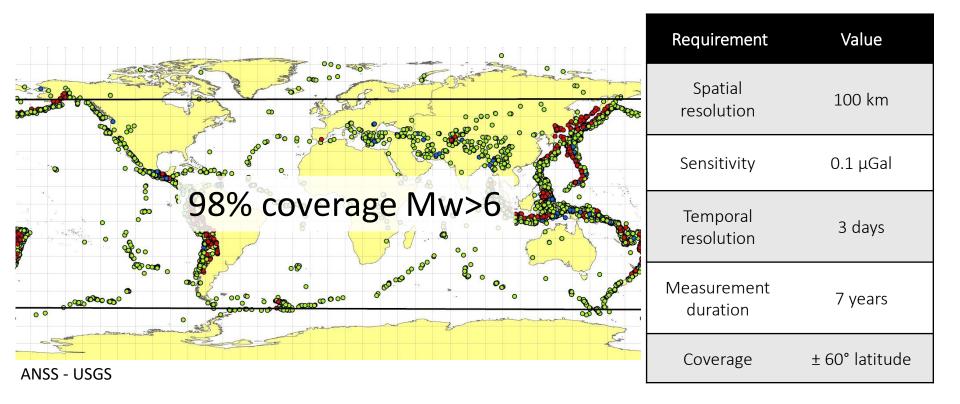
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Observation requirements



Importance of latitudinal coverage





Secondary science objectives



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- 1. Improve the understanding of ocean currents
- 2. Improve our ability to monitor the hydrological cycle



Background signals:

- Ocean tides
- Atmospheric air masses
- Glacial Isostatic Adjustment

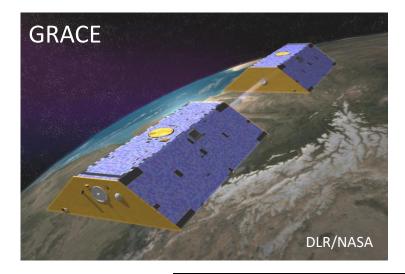


Mission concept

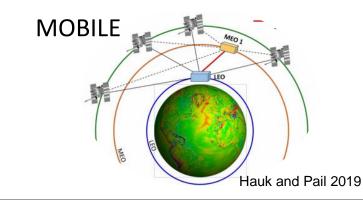
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Existing concepts and missions











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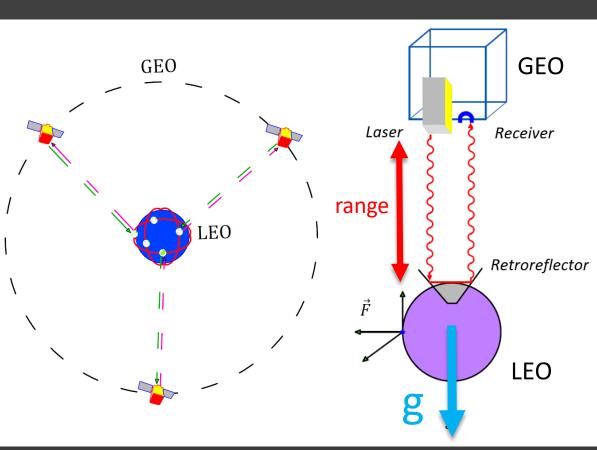
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Concept 1/2



Vertical distance ranging

- Radial distance measurements between free-falling test masses
- Non-gravitational forces compensated and/or kept track of
- Measurement of radial component is key advantage
- Improves error profile: isotropic distribution



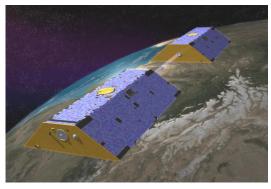


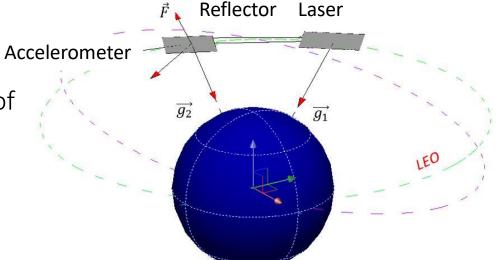
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Horizontal distance ranging a la GRACE

- Longitudinal distance measurements between freefalling test masses
- Non-gravitational forces compensated and/ or kept track of



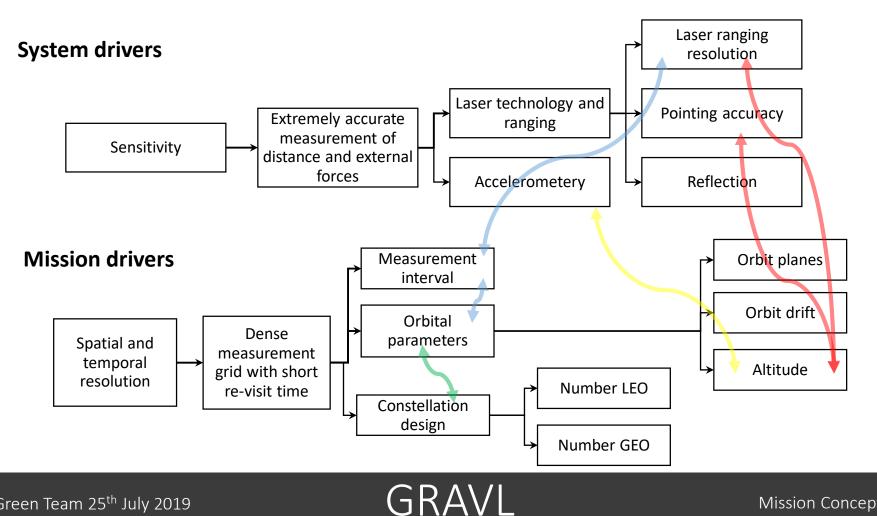


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Key system and mission drivers





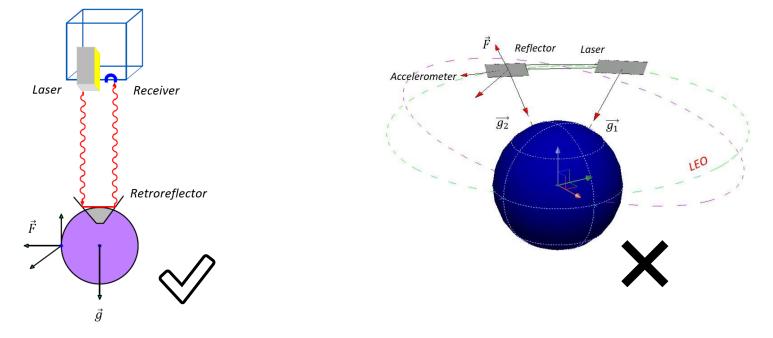
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Mission concept trade-off



Concept 1: Vertical distance ranging

Concept 2: Horizontal distance ranging



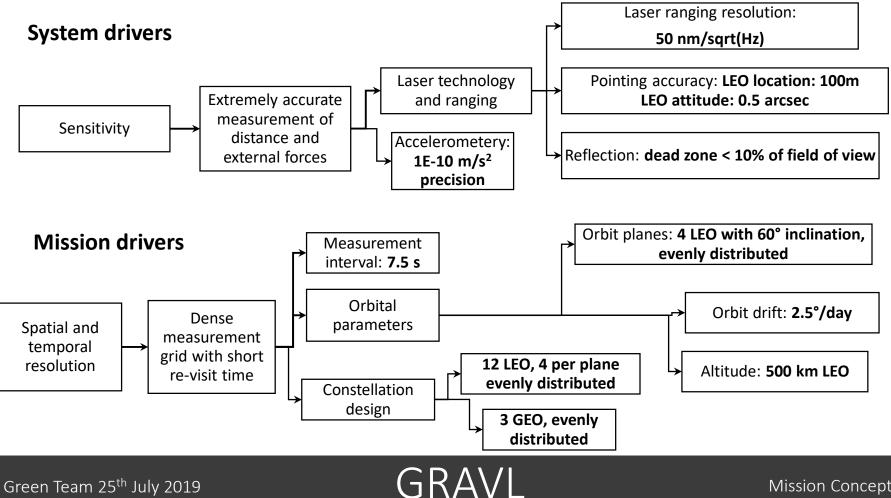
Mission and instrument requirements for orbit design and payload can be derived

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Key system and mission drivers







| Science Objective | Science Requirement | Observation requirement | Instruments | | Mission Requirements | Data products |
|---|---|---|------------------|---|--|--|
| What do you want to find out? | What phenomena you need to characterize? | What do you need to measure (units, direction etc.)? | | What is the instrument or method? What is the needed performance of instrument (with accuracy, resolution, range)? | What does it mean to overall system? Power, pointing, scanning, stability. | |
| Develop an understanding of silent earthquakes | Measure mass redistribution related to silent earthquakes. | aenalitivity 0.1 µGal | Laser ranger | | Prior position knowledge of LEO target shall be known to within 100m. Laser pointing accuracy & divergence need to hit this 100m spot. With spot size 1500m, this means pointing accuracy shall be 6 arcsec to hit within 1000m of target. | Range values be GEO-LEO pairs. |
| | | | | | Targeting mirror shall stabilize after movement within 500ms to a state where the laser ranging distortion by its displacement is less than 100nm. | Y |
| | | | | Each LEO orbiter's range shall be measured at least once per 7 seconds. | Total time to perform a single acquisition including beam positioning and ranging shall be lower than 1000ms. | |
| | | | Retroreflector | Retroreflector fields of view shall not overlap. | | |
| | | | | Retroreflector dead zone shall not exceed 10% of the field of view. | | |
| | | | | Uncertainties in attitude knowledge shall not cause retroreflector displacement correction error of more than 100nm. | Attitude determination accuracy of LEO orbiters shall be 0.5 arcsec. | |
| | | | GNSS positioning | Localization precision for GEO and LEO satellites using GNSS shall be 1 cm. | | Positions of LEO satellite (knowled within centimeter time). This positioning i processing so ca onboard sat and afterwards |
| | | | Accelerometer | Measurable range of accelerations shall be at least up to 5 µm/s2. Precision of acceleration measurements shall be better or equal to 1e-10 m/s2. | | Acceleration dat compensation of non-gravitational |
| | | coverage: +-60 degrees latitude | | | Orbital inclination of LEO orbiters shall be at least 60 degrees. | |
| | | time series length: 7 years for 99% probability of detecting 1 earthquake | | | Operations and spacecraft design shall ensure lifetime of mission of at least 7 years. | |
| | | spatial resolution 180 km | | | Mean spacing between acquired data points over one temporal step shall be at most 90km. | |
| | | temporal resolution 3 days | | | Mean across-track separation of ground tracks over a 3 day period shall be at most half of the spatial resolution. | |
| | | temporal resolution: 1 day sparse even coverage for atmosphere subtraction | | | All covered area shall be evenly covered by provide tracked | |
| | | | Laser ranger | Noise level of laser ranging system shall h mn/sgrt(Hz) at altitude 500 | Prior poeting | |

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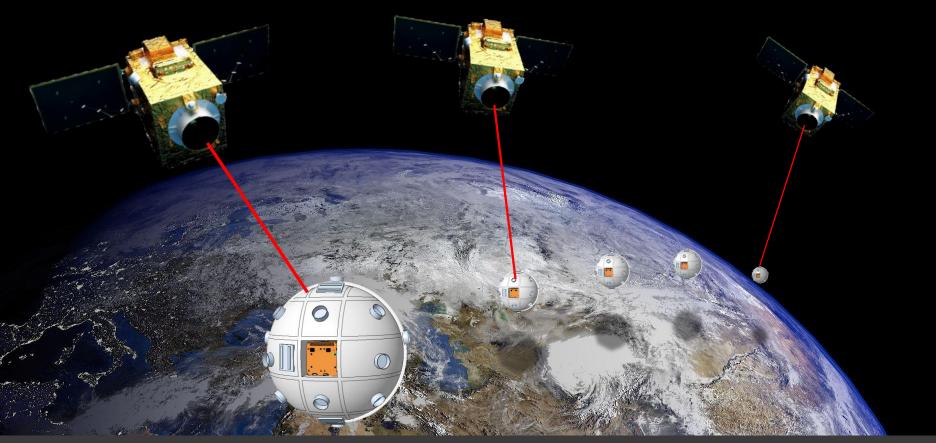
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System overview



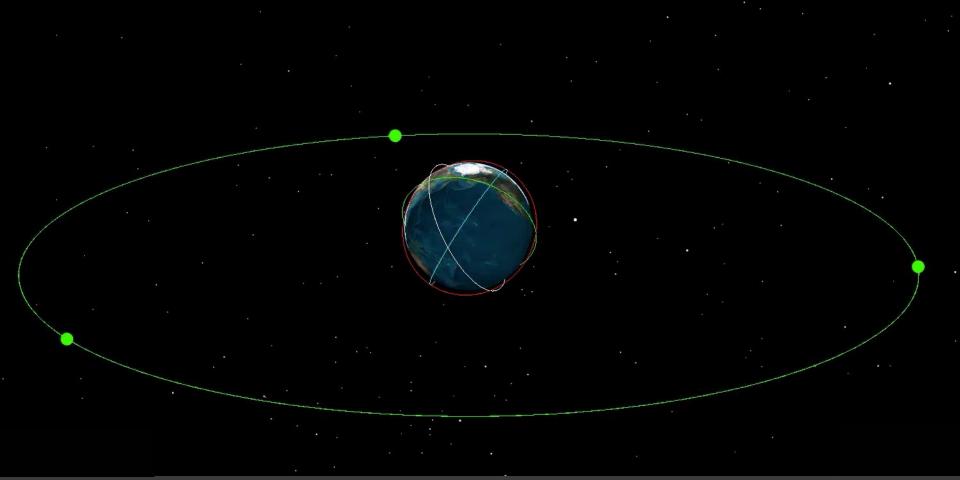


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Overview





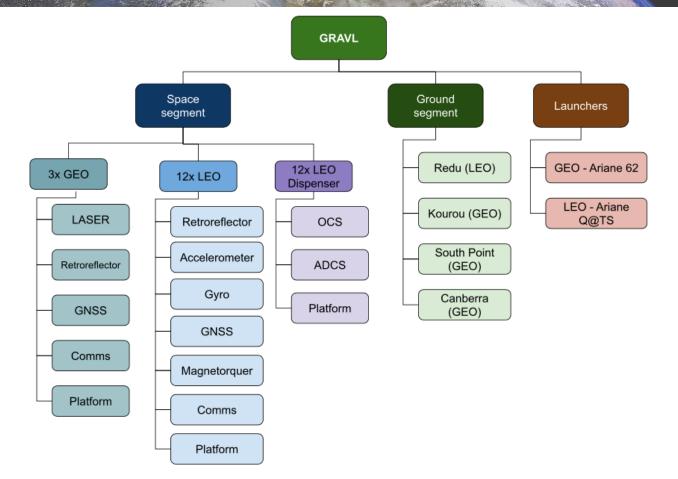
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System overview







Data products



| Level | Description | GRAVL Product | | |
|-------|--|---|--|--|
| LO | Unprocessed full-resolution payload & telemetry data | Raw data from laser ranger, attitude sensors, GNSS sensors, S/C telemetry | | |
| L1 | Calibrated & processed sensor data | Ranging, positioning, attitude | | |
| L2 | Derived geophysical variables at same resolution as L1 | MASCONS / Spherical harmonics / | | |
| L3 | Geophysical variables mapped on an uniform temporal/spatial grid | Mass grids / gravity anomaly grids / | | |
| L4 | Model outputs, analysis results | Earthquake maps, gravity maps, | | |

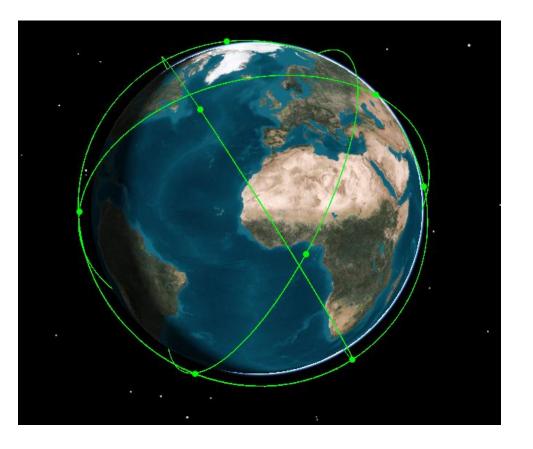


Mission Profile

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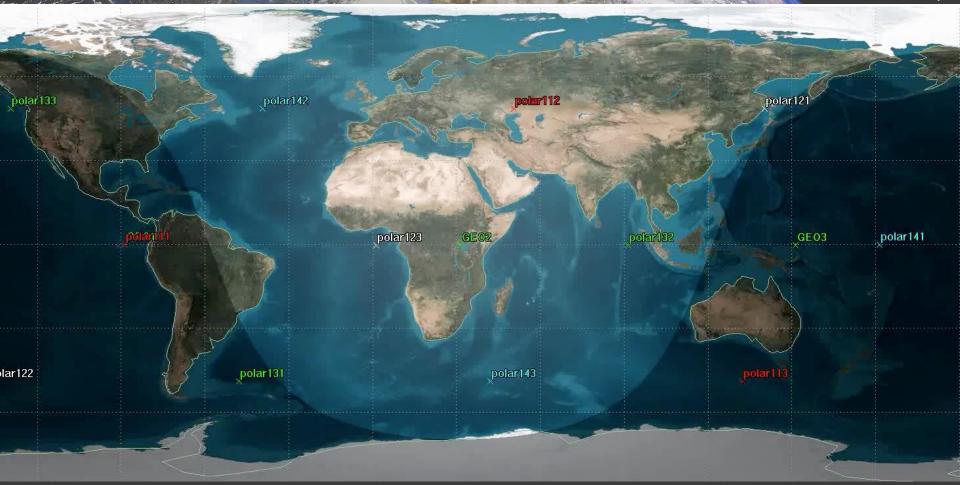


- Four equally-spaced planes
- Three equally-spaced spherical satellites in each plane
- 60° inclination









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Launcher

- Q@TS by ArianeSpace:
 2.5M€ per launch
- 4 launches every 2 years
- 16 launches over lifetime
- Launch payload: 350 kg



ArianeSpace



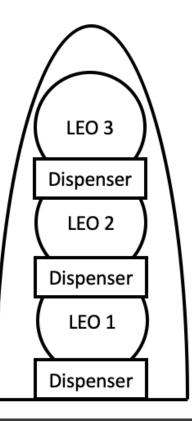




Launch configuration

LEO spacecraft with dispensers for successive deployment

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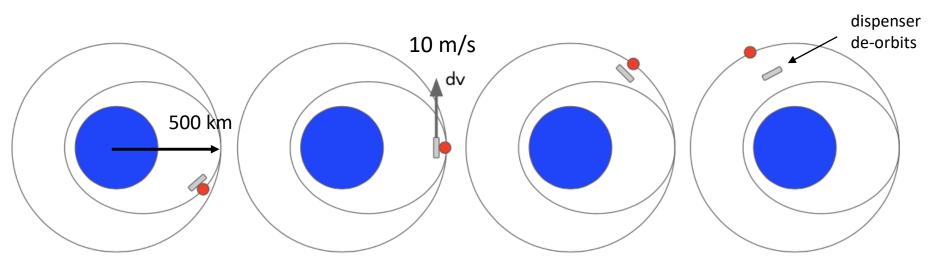




Orbital insertion

One-time-use dispensers

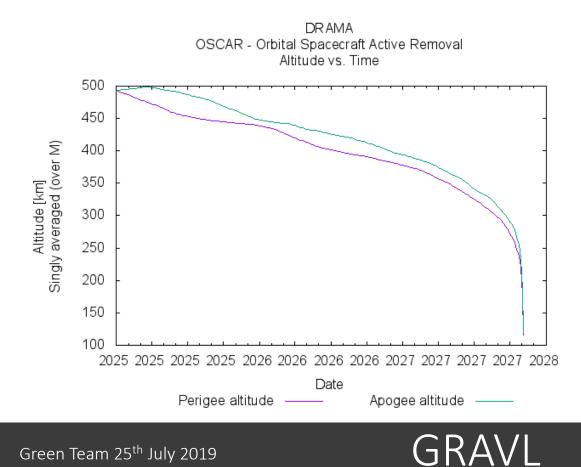
- Launch into elliptical orbit
- Circularization burn
- Burn delay between satellites to achieve 120° true anomaly separation







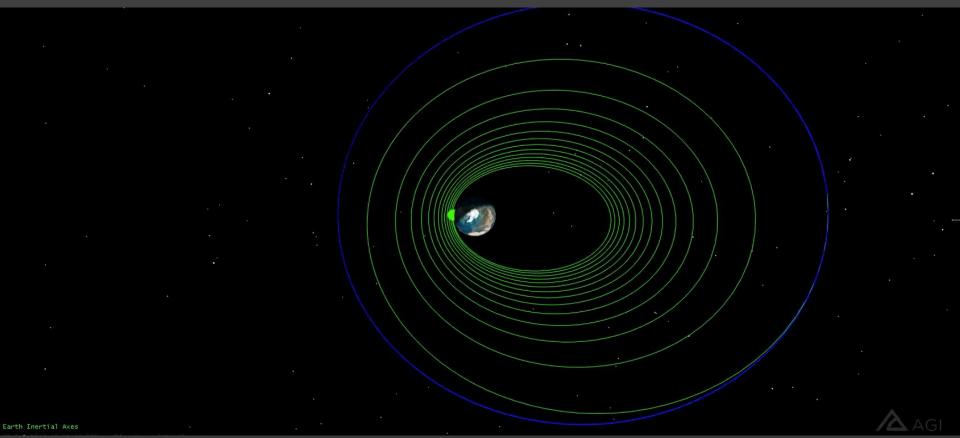
De-orbit



- LEO end of life simulation in DRAMA, OSCAR tool
- Three years to deorbit in worst-case



Transfer and insertion

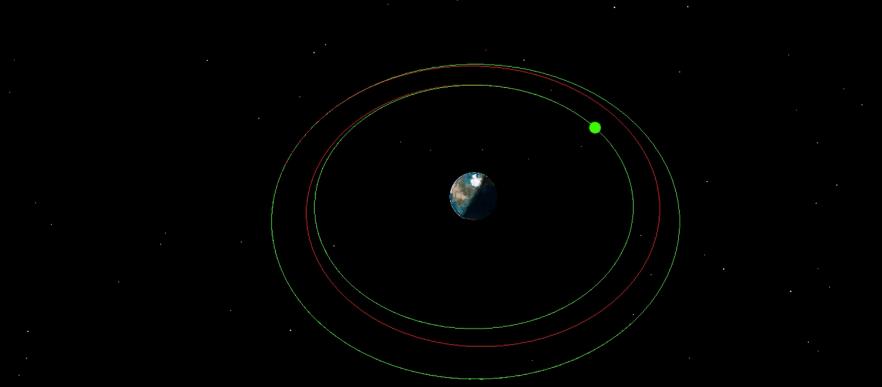




GEO component



End of life



h Inertial Axes

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Launcher

• Total payload: 849 kg (283 kg per satellite)

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Launcher : Ariane 6.2

GEO component

- 1 launch in Kourou, Guyana
- 75 M€
- 5000 kg to GTO capability





Operations and ground segment



- Each LEO sat downlinks 3.5 MB/day
- Each GEO sat downlinks 47.3 MB/day
- GEO gets LEO position update
- Equatorial stations for GEO
 - Kourou
 - South Point
 - Canberra
- Redu ground station for all LEO satellites



ESA Ground Station Network



Payload design

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LEO acceleration – accelerometer LEO attitude – star tracker + gyro LEO position – GNSS

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Radial position – laser ranging LEO-GEO

Payload components



Laser Ranging System

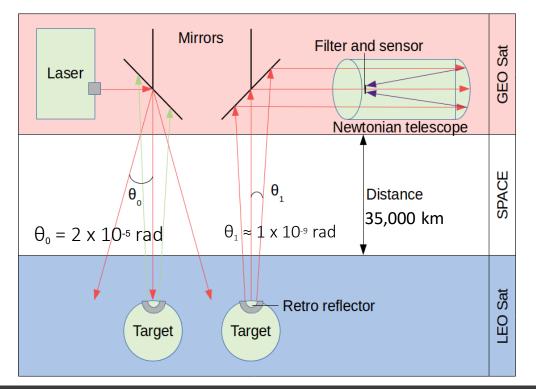


Measurement principle

GEO-LEO distance changes \rightarrow **radial** gravity field

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- 1. Short laser pulses sent from GEO satellite, clock starts
- 2. Pulses reflected by retro reflector on LEO satellite
- Laser pulses received in GEO by photodiode
- 4. When photodiode charge threshold is reached clock stops and TOF is recorded



Laser ranging system

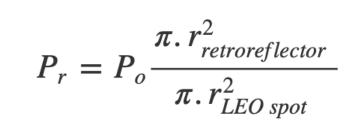


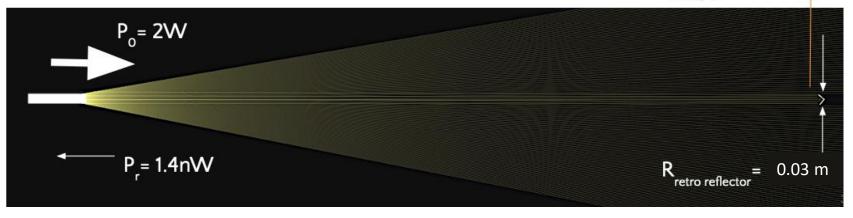
Laser power

• 2W GEO laser (LISA pathfinder):

Power received \approx **74 – 93 nW** depending on retroreflector orientation

• Laser pointing accuracy: ≤ 6 arcseconds





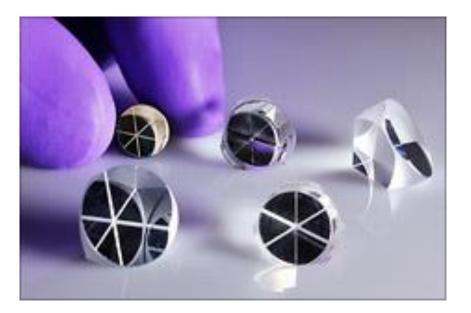
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Laser ranging system



Retroreflector

- Equally distributed on surface of spherical LEO satellite
- Acceptance angle of 20° so only one reflector is seen at each time
- Radius of 30 mm





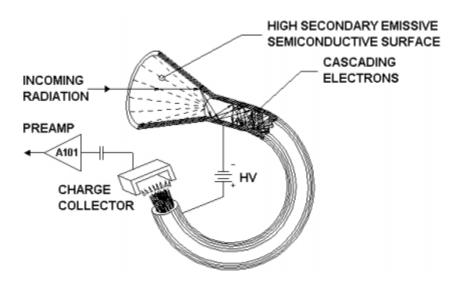
Laser ranging system



Signal amplification

- 12 cm aperture Newtonian telescope
- Channel electron multiplier amplifies signal
- Clock, CEM and comparator shall be mounted as close as possible to each other and system needs to be calibrated

CEM system









Clock

Ranging precision of 200 nm \rightarrow clock precision of 3.33E-16 s

Device: CSAC GPSDO

- Precision: 1.433E-17 s equivalent of 8.6 nm
- Volume: 64 x 77 x 18 mm³
- **Power:** 1.4 W





LEO accelerometer



- Use SuperStar accelerometer (GRACE/GRACE-FO heritage)
- Sensitive y- and z-axis will be mounted in along-cross-track-plane (strongest influence of perturbations)
- Mount at center of mass (C.O.M.)
- Volume 1 U, mass 3.5 kg, power 19W

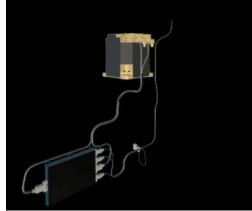




Table 1: Estimated drag perturbing acceleration for spherical LEO s/C (d=0.5 m) at 500 km orbital altitude.

| low activity | mid activity | high activity |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $1.547 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m/s}^2$ | $1.788 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}^2$ | $8.566 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}^2$ |

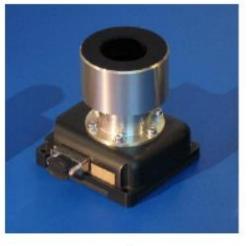
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LEO attitude knowledge



- Ring laser gyro: bias stability 0.003°/h, drift 0.0035°/h^{1/2}
- Startracker: 5 arcsec (rms) absolute accuracy (cross bore-sight)





High-Precision Gyroscope

Startracker





- Live on-orbit precision not required (1-2 m)
- Precise orbit determination for post processing/science case to cm precision
- Multichannel GNSS receivers

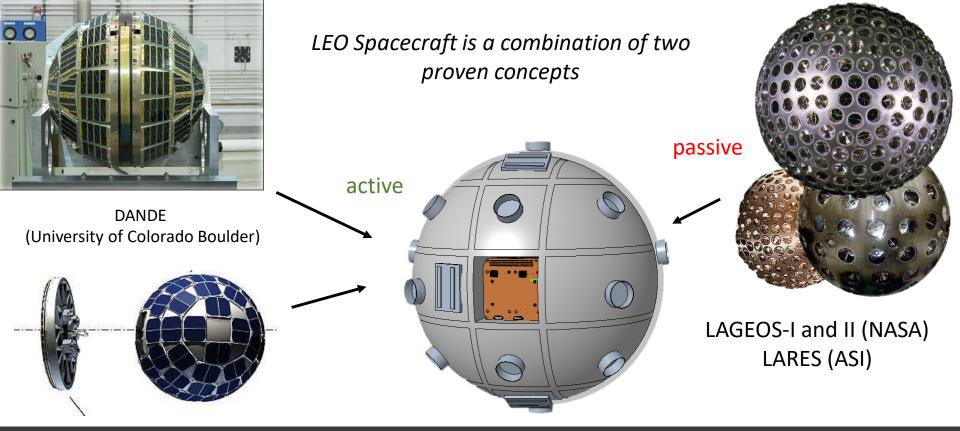




LEO spacecraft design



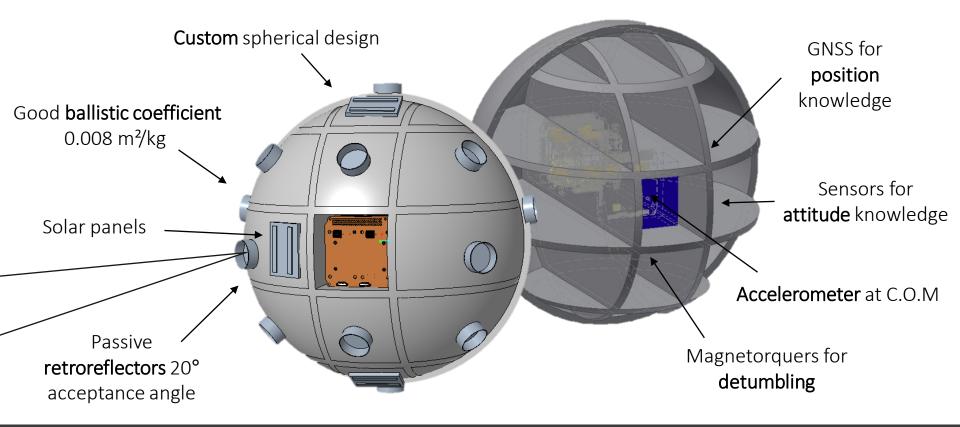
System design concept



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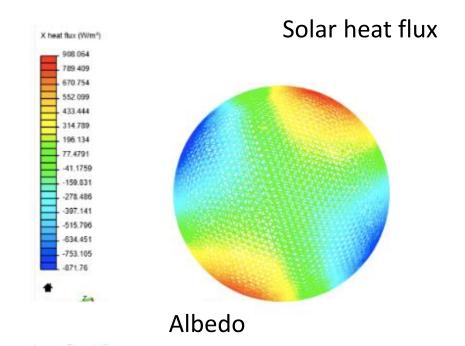






Thermal considerations

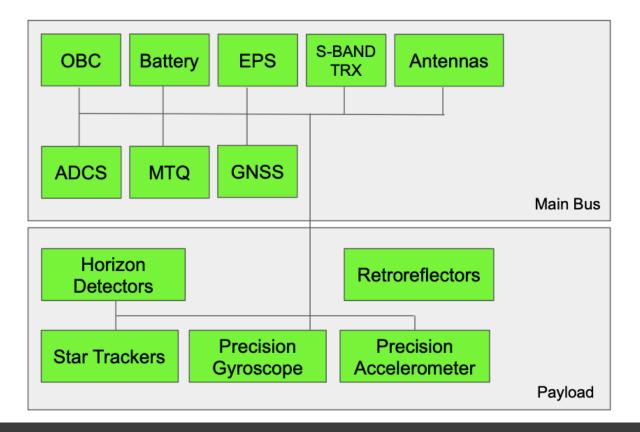
- Rough simulation in extreme conditions where sphere is not rotating
- With rotational movement we expect a mean thermal equilibrium in the system



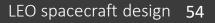




System breakdown



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Main bus components







Budgets: summary

| | Mass / kg | Science Mode Power / W | Safe Mode Power / W | Daily Data Budget / MB | Link Budget Margin / dB |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Structure | 12 | | | | |
| Main bus | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0.5 | > 6 |
| Payload | 11 | 27 | 0 | 0.5 | - 0 |
| Total | 27 | 33 | 4 | 0.5 | > 6 |

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GEO spacecraft design



System design concept



Airbus Astrium

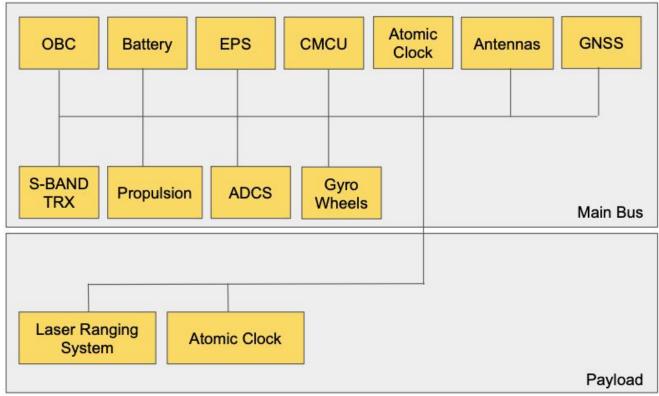
- AstroBus-S:
 - 100x100x170 cm
 - < 430 kg
 - 7 year design life
 - Power Generation < 4kW



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System breakdown



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MERLIN mission (CNES, DLR)



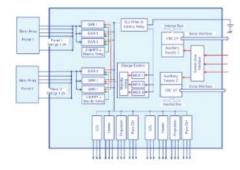
Main bus components

- COTS whenever possible designed for GEO environment (radiation, mechanical etc.)
- Many suppliers like Astrium, OHB, ...
- Performance vs. Costs but GEO demands high quality
- Qualified and Flight Proven Microsatellite Components



Thrust

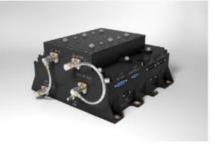
Airbus/Astrium OSCAR on board computer



Airbus/Astrium PCDU







Airbus/Astrium LION

CMCS clock

Transceiver / transmitter





Budgets: summary

| | Mass / kg | Science Mode Power / W (avg. per orbit) | Safe Mode Power / W (avg. per orbit) | Daily Data Budget / MB | Link Budget Margin / dB |
|-----------|-----------|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Structure | 65 | | | | |
| Main bus | 173 | 452 | 396 | C | |
| Payload | 45 | 88 | 0 | 6 | > 5 |
| Total | 283 | 546 | 396 | 6 | > 5 |

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Programmatics

TRL, schedule, risks, costs

Critical technology (TRL)



| System component | TRL | TRL 4 | Component and/or breadboard validation in laboratory environment. |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|---|
| Laser detector | 4 | TRL 5 | Component and/or breadboard validation in relevant |
| Attitude determination systems | 6 | | environment. |
| Retroreflectors | 8 | TRL 6 | System/subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment (ground or space) |
| Laser transmitter | 8 | TRL 7 | System prototype demonstration in a space environment |
| Accelerometer | 9 | | Actual system completed and "flight qualified" |
| GNSS | 9 | TRL 8 | through test and demonstration (ground or space) |
| Power, Thermal, TT&C | 9 | TRL 9 | Actual system "flight proven" through successful mission operations |





| | Project phases | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 |
|---|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|-----------|------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | Mission, Analysis | | | | | | | | = | aunch o | f LEO s | atellites | 6 | |
| А | Feasibility | | | | | | | | = | aunch o | f GEO : | satellite | S | |
| В | Preliminary definition | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| с | Detailed definition | | | | | | - | | | | | | | |
| D | Production/ ground testing | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E | Utilization | | | | | | | | • | | • | | | |
| F | Disposal | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Risk | Likelihood /5 | Severity /5 | Mitigation |
|---|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Lifetime of the mission not sufficient to capture entire duration of long term seismic events | 1 | 2 | Increase lifetime of the mission |
| Micro launcher technology not available | 3 | 1 | Use more expensive launches |
| Laser ranger receiver technology not available | 2 | 4 | Longer development time |







| | ltem | Cost per item (M€) | Number of items | Total cost (M€) |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Development | LEO satellites | | | 10.00 |
| | GEO satellites | | | 8.00 |
| | LEO dispenser | | | 1.00 |
| | LEO satellites | 0.51 | 48 | 24.48 |
| Industrial | GEO satellites | 18.30 | 3 | 54.90 |
| | LEO dispenser | 0.28 | 48 | 13.44 |
| Payload | LEO satellites | 0.87 | 48 | 41.96 |
| i ayidad | GEO satellites | 1.92 | 3 | 5.76 |
| Test facilities | | | | 5.00 |
| Launch | LEO satellites | 3.00 | 16 | 48.00 |
| Launch | GEO satellites | 75.00 | 1 | 75.00 |
| Mission operation | | 2.20 | 7 | 15.40 |
| Science operations and archiving | | 1.50 | 7 | 10.50 |
| Management | | | | 30.00 |
| PR and outreach | | 0.10 | 7 | 0.70 |
| Margin | | | | 36.47 |
| Total mission cost (M€) | | | | 380.61 |





De-scoping: Decrease lifetime from 7 years to 6 years

| Category | Amount | Each (M€) | Total (M€) |
|----------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Launches | 4 | 3 | 12 |
| LEO satellites | 12 | 1.38 | 16.56 |

Total Saving: 29 M€ Original Mission Cost: 381 M€ Saving in Percent: 8%

De-scoping impacts science: fewer earthquakes observed



Outreach



Social media:

"How attractive are you?"- game on social media page



Events:

Earthquake simulators

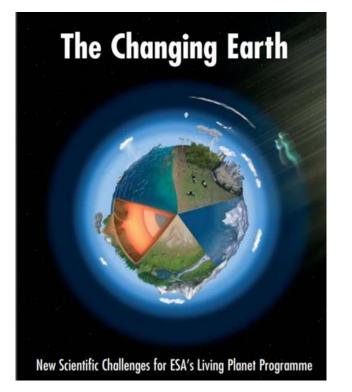
School tour in Science bus:

- Design your own mission using the GEO platforms
- Lectures on geophysics
- Space footballs





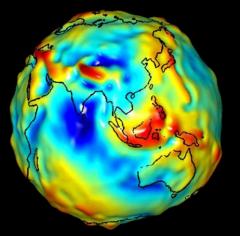


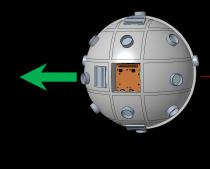


The Changing Earth: New scientific Challenges for ESA's Living Planet Programme

"The Challenges of the Solid Earth: Challenge 1: Identification and quantification of physical signatures associated with volcanic and earthquake processes – from terrestrial and spacebased observations."

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Thank you! Any questions before launch?

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Bonus material

Science

Mission requirements



- Mean spacing between data points is half of the spatial resolution: sampling rate 7s
- Inclination at least 60 deg
- Separation of orbits at least 0.5 * spatial resolution over 3 days
- LEO Orbit drift per day: 2.5°
- LEO ground tracks: daily rough coverage
- LEO orbit altitude 500km
- Operations for whole length of mission time





Derivation of requirements on:

- Laser ranging distance precision: 200 nm
- Laser ranging vector knowledge precision: Ca. one µrad (worst case for reflector in "equatorial" plane, field of view 90°)
- LEO satellite accelerometry: $0-5\mu m/s^2 1E-10 m/s^2$
- LEO satellite position: prior knowledge 100 metres, reconstruction to cm precision



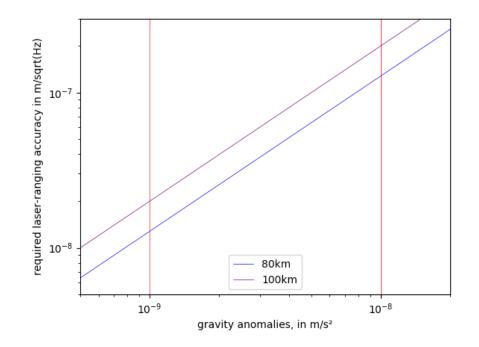
Gravity sensitivity → ranging precision

Laser must resolve $\Delta s = \frac{1}{2} a (1 / f)^2$

a = gravity anomaly at satellite altitudef = sampling frequency (defined by spatial resolution and satellite altitude)

Resolution hardly depends on altitude, @500km:

•0.1 μGal @ 80km: 28.76 nm/Hz^{1/2}
•0.1 μGal @ 100km: 50.23 nm/Hz^{1/2}
•1.0 μGal @ 80km: 287.55 nm/Hz^{1/2}
•1.0 μGal @ 100km: 502.33 nm/Hz^{1/2}



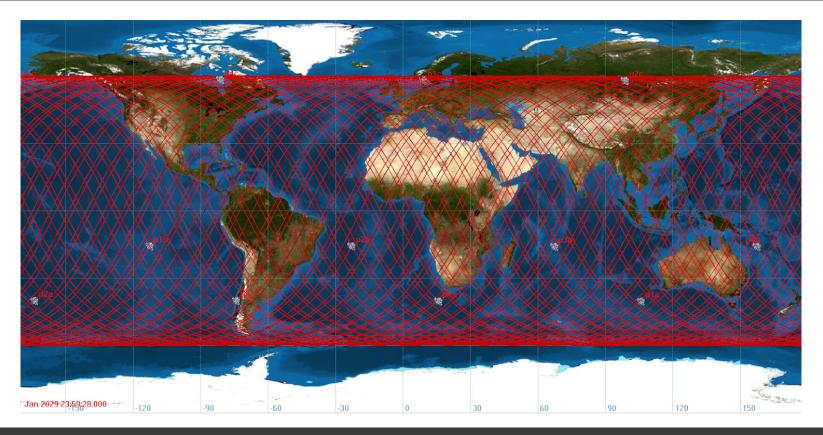


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Half day coverage



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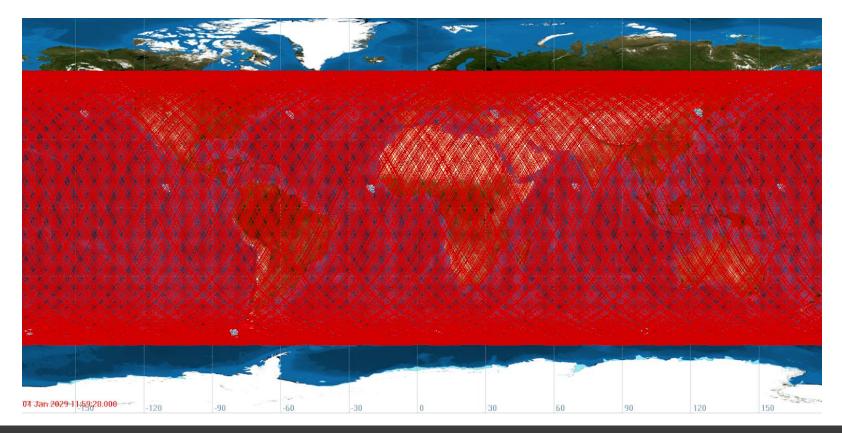


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3 day fine coverage



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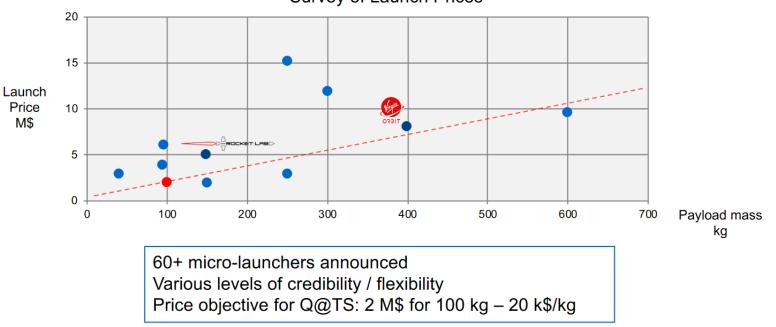


Orbital insertion

- One-time-use insertion boosters orbit
- Insertion at apogee (altitude = 500 km)
- Perigee altitude \approx 470 km => period \approx 5654 s
- After 100 orbits (i.e. approx 6.5 days): 120° true anomaly phase
- For circular-to-elliptical-to-circular: $dv \approx 17 \text{ m/s}$
- For 37 kg dry mass and 250 s lsp: mfuel \approx 0.13 kg
- For 2 N thrust: thrust \approx 315 s







Survey of Launch Prices



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LEO budgets



| А | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н | I | J | К | L | М | N | 0 | Р | Q | R | S | Т | U |
|----------------|-----|------|---------------|------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| LEO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | duty cycle | | power consumption | | otion | |
| | | | | Supplier | Name | Dimensions (mm) | Cost/piece [€] | cost margin | Total cost [€] | max. Power [W] | power margin | | Margin [%] | Total mass [g] | safety/ commiss. | normal | science | safety/ commiss. | normal | science |
| Part of System | ID | Pcs. | Subsystem | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Structure | 100 | 1 | Structure | Custom | | D=500,d=10 | 300000 | 20 | 360000 | | 20 | 10000 | 20 | 12000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 101 | 1 | OBC/GNSS Mod | GOMSPACE | DMC-3 Nanodock (carrier for OBC, GNSS | 86x86x35 | 3000 | 5 | 3150 | 0.2 | 5 | 25 | 5 | 26.25 | 0.50 | | | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.21 |
| | 102 | 1 | OBC/GNSS Mod | GOMSPACE | A3200 NanoMind | (part of DMC-3) | 2000 | 5 | 2100 | 0.35 | 5 | 35 | 5 | 36.75 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.37 |
| | 103 | 1 | OBC/GNSS Mod | Novatel | OEM719 GNSS | (part of DMC-3) | 1000 | 5 | 1050 | 1.2 | 5 | 25 | 5 | 26.25 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| | 104 | 1 | OBC/GNSS Mod | GOMSPACE | NanoCom AX-100 UHF TRX | (part of DMC-3) | 2000 | 5 | 2100 | 6.5 | 5 | 25 | 5 | 26.25 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 1.14 | 1.14 | 1.14 |
| | 105 | 1 | EPS Modules | GOMSPACE | NanoPower P60 [Dock] | 86x86x45 | 5000 | 5 | 5250 | 0.2 | 5 | 80 | 5 | 84 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| | 106 | 1 | EPS Modules | GOMSPACE | ACU 200 [Input Module] | (part of P60) | 1000 | 5 | 1050 | 0.2 | 5 | 55 | 5 | 57.75 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| | 107 | 1 | EPS Modules | GOMSPACE | ACU 200 [Input Module] | (part of P60) | 1000 | 5 | 1050 | 0.2 | 5 | 55 | 5 | 57.75 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| | 108 | 1 | EPS Modules | GOMSPACE | PDU 200 (Output Module) | (part of P60) | 1000 | 5 | 1050 | 0.2 | 5 | 55 | 5 | 57.75 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| [| 109 | 1 | EPS Modules | GOMSPACE | PDU 200 (Output Module) | (part of P60) | 1000 | 5 | 1050 | 0.2 | 5 | 55 | 5 | 57.75 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| | 110 | 1 | Battery | GOMSPACE | NanoPower BPX 4S-2P | 93x86x41 | 2500 | 5 | 2625 | | 5 | 500 | 5 | 525 | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| [| 111 | 1 | Solar panel | TBC | Body Panel for Spherical Structure | - | 100000 | 5 | 105000 | | 5 | 400 | 20 | 480 | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| [| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 113 | - 4 | Antenna | GOMSPACE | S-BAND Antenna | 200x 100x ? | 1000 | 5 | 4200 | 0.3 | 5 | 115 | 5 | 483 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| | 114 | 4 | Antenna | Novatel | GPS L1/L2 antenna | 96x96x20 | 1000 | 5 | 4200 | 0 | 5 | 200 | 5 | 840 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Main Bus | 115 | 4 | ADS | Horizon Detector | Horizon Detector Sensor | 20x20x20 | 3000 | 5 | 12600 | 0.1 | 5 | 30 | 5 | 126 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 201 | 4 | ADS | Sinclair | Startracker | 100x 100x 200 | 130000 | 5 | 546000 | 0.3 | | 400 | 5 | 1680 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.32 |
| [| 202 | 1 | Accelerometer | TBC | Precise Accelerator | 100x 100x 120 | 250000 | 5 | 262500 | 20 | 5 | 3500 | 5 | 3675 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 2.10 | 21.00 |
| [| 203 | 150 | Reflectors | TBC | Retroreflector / Comer Reflectors 20deg | 20x20x20 | 150 | 5 | 23625 | 0 | 5 | 50 | 5 | 7875 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 204 | 1 | Com module2 | Syrlinks | EWC32 S-Band TRX | 86x86x32 | 40000 | 5 | 42000 | 7.5 | 5 | 400 | 5 | 420 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 1.31 | 1.31 |
| Payload | 205 | 1 | Gyro | Honeywell | GG1320AN Digital Laser Gyro | 88x88x45 | 5000 | 5 | 5250 | 1.6 | 5 | 454 | 5 | 476.7 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.68 | 1.68 |
| Total Main bus | | | | | | | | | 146475 | | | | | 2884.5 | | | | 3.54 | 5.43 | 5.98 |
| Total Payload | | | | | | | | | 874125 | | | | | 13650 | | | | 0.00 | 4.92 | 32.33 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | 1385850 | | | | | 28534.5 | | | | 3.54 | 10.35 | |



LEO booster budget



| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | н | 1 | J | K | L | M | N | 0 | P | |
|----------|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|---|
| Group | ID | module type | Pcs | cost/piece [k€] | cost margin | total cost [k€] | max power [W] | power margin | mass | mass margin | total mass | safety/commiss. | normal | safety/commiss. | normal | |
| | 10 | 1 MAI 400 | 2 | 2 20.0 | 5.0 | 42.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 700.0 | 5.0 | 1470 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 11.8 | |
| | 102 | 2 DMC-3 Nanodock | 1 | 3 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 25.0 | 5.0 | 26.25 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | |
| | 103 | 3 A3200 NanoMind | 1 | 2 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 0.35 | 5.0 | 35.0 | 5.0 | 36.75 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| | 104 | 4 OEM719 GNSS | 1 | 1 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 5.0 | 25.0 | 5.0 | 26.25 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | |
| | 10 | 5 NanoCom AX-100 UHF T | 1 1 | 2 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 25.0 | 5.0 | 26.25 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | |
| | 100 | 6 NanoPower P60 [Dock] | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 80.0 | 5.0 | 84 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| | 10 | 7 ACU 200 [Input Module] | 1 | 1 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 55.0 | 5.0 | 57.75 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| 1 | 108 | B ACU 200 [Input Module] | 1 | 1 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 55.0 | 5.0 | 57.75 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| | 109 | 9 PDU 200 (Output Module | = 1 | 1 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 55.0 | 5.0 | 57.75 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| | 110 | PDU 200 (Output Module | = 1 | 1 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 55.0 | 5.0 | 57.75 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| | 11 | 1 NanoPower BPX 4S-2P | 1 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.6 | | 5.0 | | 5.0 | C |) | | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| | 112 | 2 Battery | 3 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 16.5 | | 10.0 | 115.0 | 10.0 | 379.5 | ; | | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Main bus | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payload | 201 | 1 BGT-X5 | 4 | L . | | 0.0 | 20 |) | 1500 |) | 6000 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 | 80.0 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Total | | | | | | | | | 8280 |) | for 70% eff: | 3.54 | 136.42 V | V |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |





| LEO data budget | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Component | Packet size [bits] | Sampling rate [Hz] | Data rate [kbits/s] | 24h total [MB] | Comment | | | |
| Accelerometer | 98 | 1 | 0.098 | 0.0084672 | 3 lin 3 rot | | | |
| GNSS | 20620 | 1 | 20.62 | 1.781568 | 5 channels | | | |
| Gyroscope | 50 | 1 | 0.05 | 0.00432 | 3 rot | | | |
| Star Tracker | 200 | 0.2 | 0.04 | 0.003456 | | | | |
| TO TAL | | | 20.718 | 1.7978112 | | | | |
| | | | | 3.23606016 | 80% overhead | | | |

| GEO data budget | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Component | Packet size [bits] | Sampling rate [Hz] | Data rate [kbits/s] | 24h total [MB] | Comment | | | |
| Laser ranging | 57 | 42 | 2.394 | 0.2068416 | 6 sats 7 sec ea | | | |
| GNSS | 7161 | 42 | 300.762 | 25.9858368 | 7 channels | | | |
| Telemetry | 1000 | 1 | 1 | 0.0864 | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | 304.156 | 26.2790784 | | | | |
| | | | | 47.30234112 | 80% overhead | | | |





| Delta-V Budget Sumr | mary |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Maneuver Name | Value (m/s) |
| GTO to GEO | 1810 |
| GEO to Grave | 11 |
| GEO maintenance | 315 |
| GEO total | 2136 |
| LEO insert | 20 |
| LEO total | 20 |



Space debris mitigation



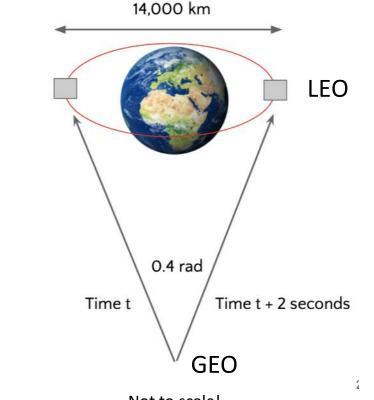


Recognising the responsibility towards future spacefaring generations, this mission will be in compliance with ESA's space debris mitigation guidelines.

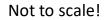
- In LEO, the s/c will deorbit 3 5.2 years
- similar but shorter lifetime for upper stage of the Q@TS launcher.
- the satellite dispensers foresee ΔV-budget for active deorbiting
- GEO s/c have a lifetime of 7 years and transfer to graveyard orbit 300 km above GEO
- The upper stage of Ariane 6.2 performs active deorbiting







- First order approximation of laser pointing requirements
- Worst case pointing precision related to divergence of laser
- 2E-5 rad
- Worst case slew speed related to number of satellites to track and their separation
- 0.2 rad/s
- Multiple beam steering and acquisition systems allow simultaneous tracking if needed



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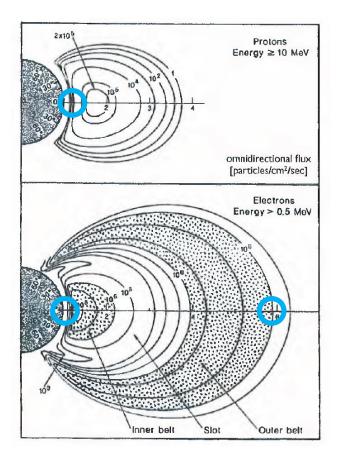
$$a_{drag} = -\frac{1}{2}\rho||v - v_{atm}||(v - v_{atm})C_D\frac{A}{m}$$

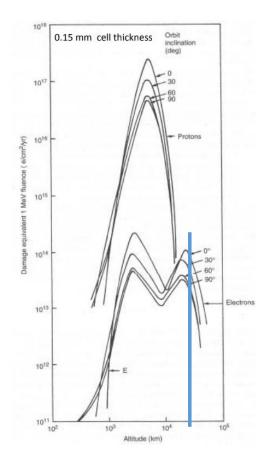
| s/c | low activity | mid activity | high activity |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S | $3.867 \cdot 10^{-8} m/s^2$ | $4.471 \cdot 10^{-7} m/s^2$ | $2.141 \cdot 10^{-6} m/s^2$ |
| 6U | $9.059 \cdot 10^{-9} m/s^2$ | $1.047 \cdot 10^{-9} m/s^2$ | $5.017 \cdot 10^{-7} m/s^2$ |

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Space environment: radiation











coltitle: ACP detected population coltitle: ACP whole population coltitle: Flux due to the detected population [1/km^2/yr] coltitle: Flux due to the whole population [1/km^2/yr]

| ACP_d | ACP_w | Flux_d | Flux_w | • |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
| 0.1982E-05 | 0.8661E-05 | 0.6174E+01 | 0.3827E+02 | |

Simulation done with Master statistical data, and with ARES tool from DRAMA, for 1 satellite in LEO.



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