

Cubesat Constellation Architecture to Support Space-Based Property Claims

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Challenges

- Property Ownership and Usage Rights in Space (Int'l Law and Military/Defense)
- Historical Norms
 - Societal and Economic
- Registration (e.g., UN Registry for Objects in Space)

GENERAL DECLARATION
(Outward/Inward)
AGRICULTURE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Owner or Operator: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Marks of Nationality and Registration: U.S.A. Flight No.: APOLLO 11 Date: JULY 24, 1969

Departure from: MOON (Place and Country) Arrival at: HONOLULU, HAWAII, U.S.A. (Place and Country)

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(*Place* Column always to list origin, every en-route stop and destination)

PLACE	TOTAL NUMBER "ON BOARD"	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON THIS STAGE	CARGO
CAPE KENNEDY	COMMANDER WILLIAM A. ARMSTRONG		
MOON	<i>[Signature]</i>	Departure Place: Embarking: NIL Through on same flight: NIL	MOON ROCK AND MOON DUST SAMPLES Cargo Manifests Attached
JULY 24, 1969 HONOLULU	COLONEL EDWIN E. ALDRIN, JR. <i>[Signature]</i> LT. COLONEL MICHAEL COLLINS	Arrival Place: Disembarking: NIL Through on same flight: NIL	

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Persons on board known to be suffering from illness other than air sickness or the effects of accidents, as well as those cases of illness disembarked during the flight:
NONE

Any other condition on board which may lead to the spread of disease:
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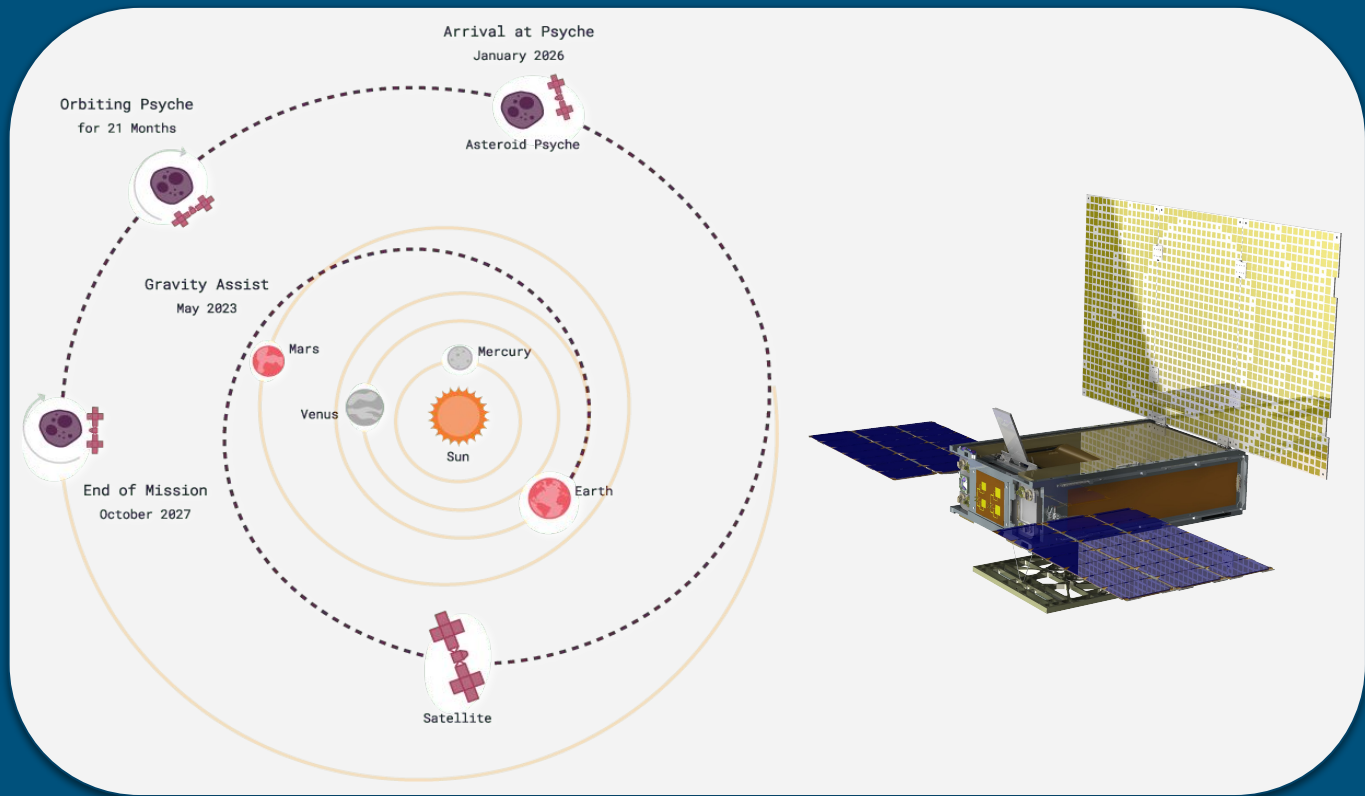
Missions Involving Secondary CubeSat Deployments

→ Psyche

→ Proteus

→ BASiX

→ MarCO*





Objectives

- **Deployment** of 'Beacons' to Small-Body (Asteroid) Orbit (Orbital Insertion) with Sensory Instrumentation
 - **Geolocationing** (Precision) and In-Space Activity Capture (Timestamped Records with Accurate Location Matched with Intelligent Classification Software)
- **Integration** with Service Providers
- **Collection** Comprises a 'Universal Cadastre'
- **Cooperation** with Int'l & Domestic Regulatory Agencies

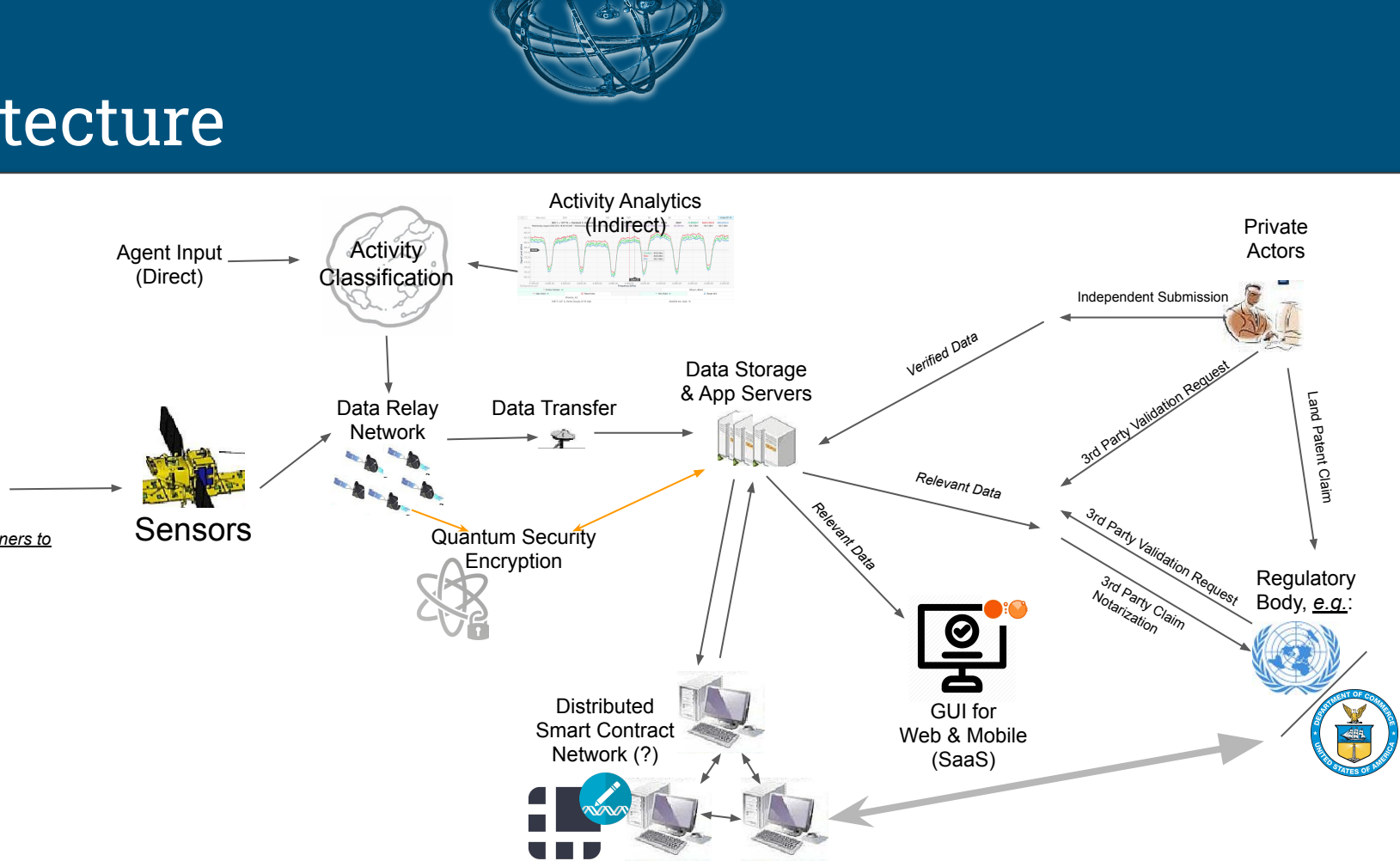


Architecture

Mission Essentials

Services providers/partners to provide us with:

- Launch to GTO;
- precision orbital deployment;
- avionics; etc. ...





Mission

Key Planning Steps and Events Sequence

- I. Small-body, destination selection;
- II. Launch window selection;

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Mission

Small-Body Selection

4660 Nereus (1982 DB)

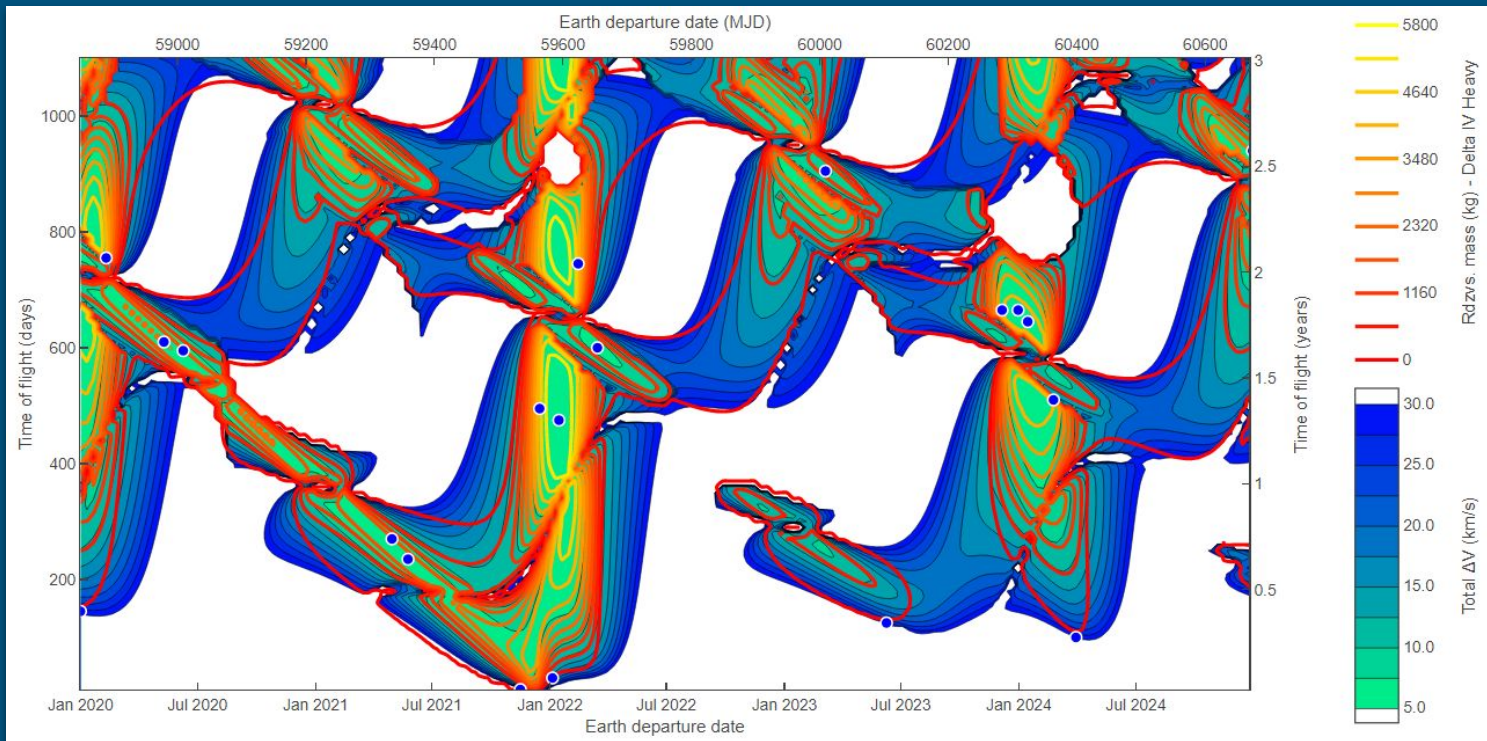
Δv (km/s)	4.985
Taxonomy	C, X, E
Spin Period (hours)	15.16
Synodic Period (years)	2.225
Orbit Condition Code	0





Mission

Launch Windows for 4660 Nereus (1982 DB)





Mission

Key Planning Steps and Events Sequence (*continued*)

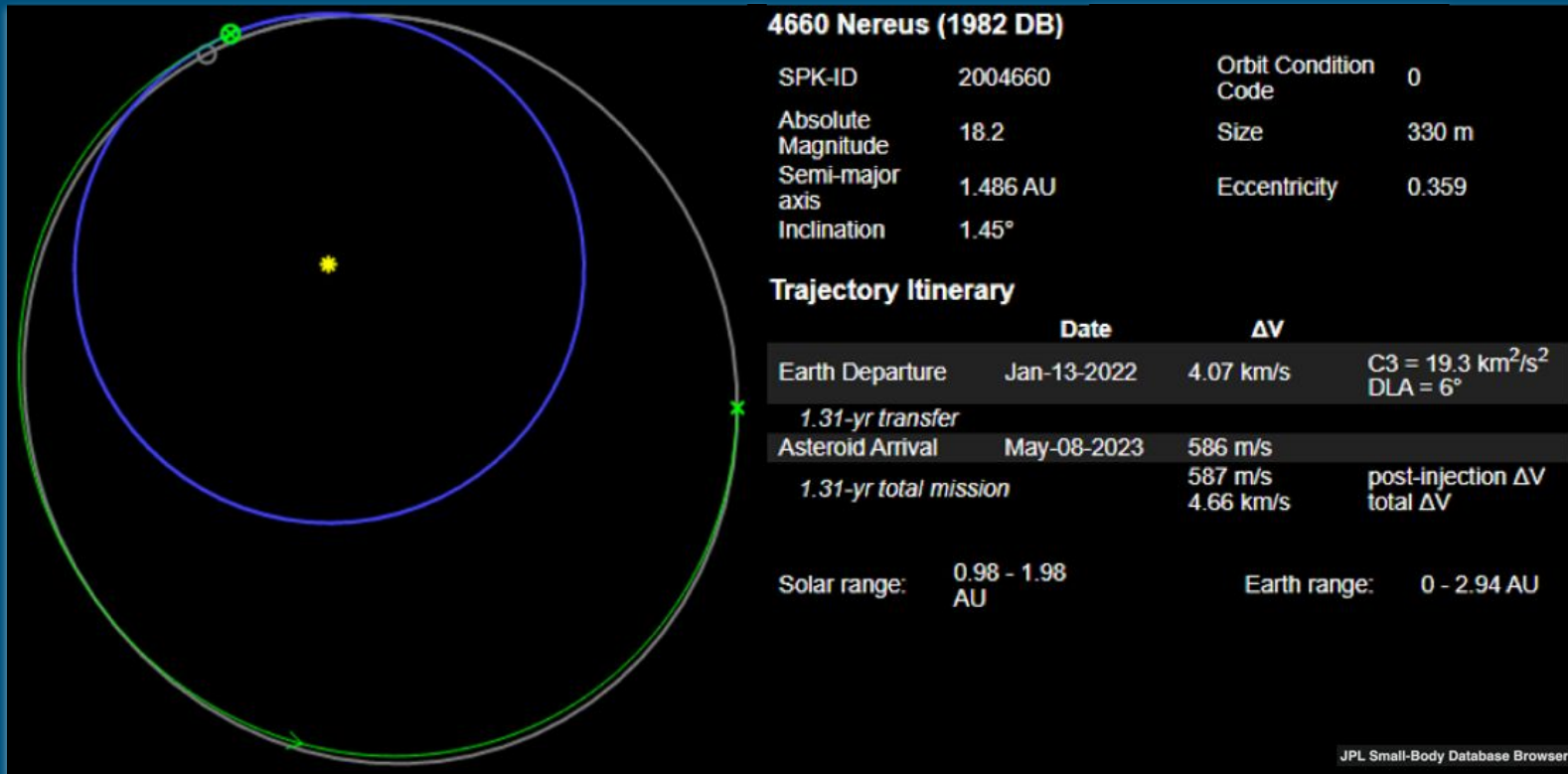
- I. Selection of small-body, probe destination;
- II. Select launch window;
- III. Launch to GEO;
- IV. Payload deployment;
- V. Cubesat travels toward rendezvous with small-body;
- VI. Cubesat positioning in orbit around small-body;
- VII. Data acquisition;
- VIII. Relays to larger satellite receiver; and
- IX. Continuous data acquisition, encoding, and relays.





Mission

Asteroid's Trajectory Itinerary



4660 Nereus (1982 DB)

SPK-ID	2004660	Orbit Condition Code	0
Absolute Magnitude	18.2	Size	330 m
Semi-major axis	1.486 AU	Eccentricity	0.359
Inclination	1.45°		

Trajectory Itinerary

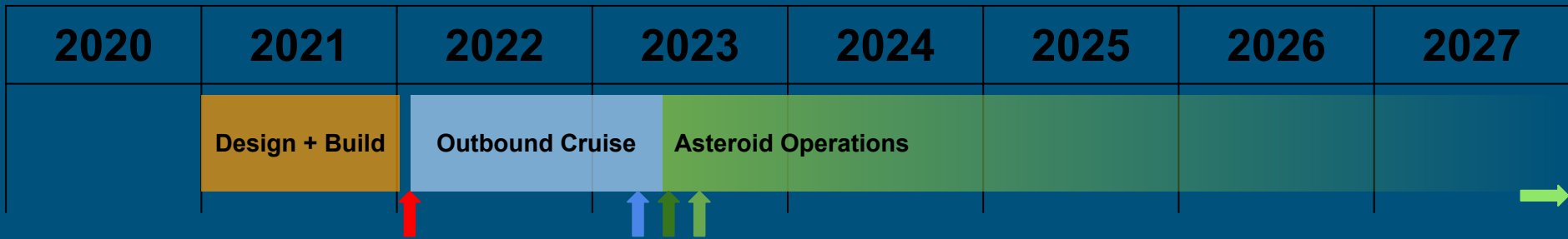
	Date	ΔV	
Earth Departure	Jan-13-2022	4.07 km/s	C3 = 19.3 km ² /s ² DLA = 6°
<i>1.31-yr transfer</i>			
Asteroid Arrival	May-08-2023	586 m/s	
<i>1.31-yr total mission</i>			
		587 m/s	post-injection ΔV
		4.66 km/s	total ΔV
Solar range:	0.98 - 1.98 AU	Earth range:	0 - 2.94 AU





Mission

Full Timeline



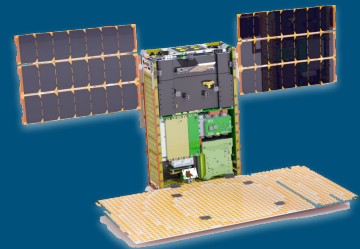
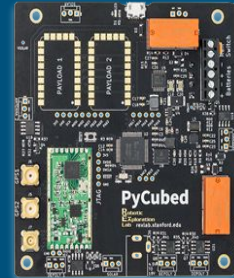
- Launch: Jan 2022
- Asteroid acquisition and approach maneuvers
- Maneuvers to reach asteroid orbit
- In-orbit observations and comms
- In-orbit servicing (*ongoing, as needed*)





Hardware

- Dispenser, Housing for Cubesat Constellation
- Locker
 - Cubesat Bus
 - Single-Board Computer and Memory
 - Thermal Radiator and Radiation Shielding
 - Solar Panels
 - Electric Propulsion System
 - Iris V2 CubeSat Deep-Space Transponder (IRIS), Omni-Directional UHF Antenna, and High Gain Reflectarray Antenna
 - Van Atta Reflectors
 - Sensors
 - CMOS Cameras
 - Laser Altimeter and Star Tracker





Mission Software

- **Off-the-shelf:**
 - Dispenser Timing/Precision Deployment
 - Power Management
 - Avionics, Attitude Control, and Propulsion
 - Station-Keeping
 - Relay Encoding and Timing
- **In-house:**
 - Data Capture, Handling, and Logging/Storage
 - Activity Classifier
 - Secure Encryption and Storage Distribution





Comms

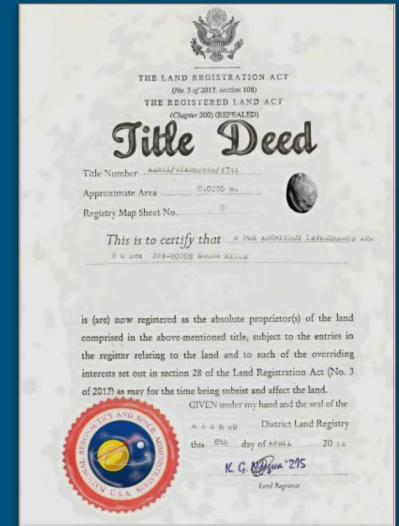
- Secure Transmissions Over Long Distances
- Sacrifice Timeliness for Precision, Reliability
- Interoperable with Larger Satellite Communications Infrastructure
- Data Storage Distribution: Portion Kept in Space, Portion Sent to Earth-Based Servers





Regulatory Concurrence

- *Main Objective:* Legitimize In-Space Property Ownership & Usage Rights
 - Precise Location & Activity Data, Validating Legitimacy of Third-Party Claims
 - Service provider for State and Non-State actors
 - Digitally Connected with Appropriations Agencies at the International and Domestic Levels

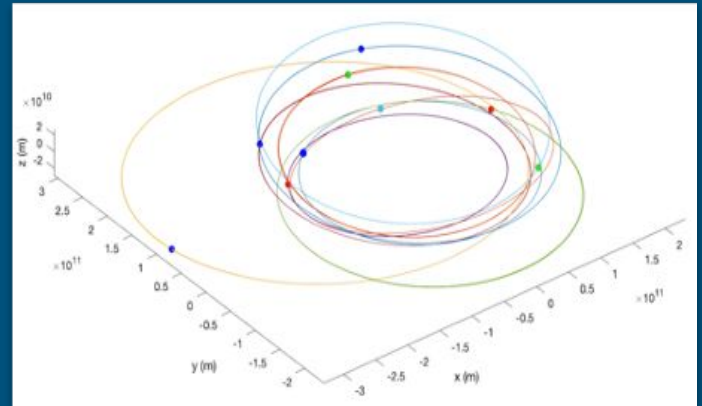




Further Investigation



- Optimization algorithm for *constellation-scale* deployment (including lunar and Mars gravity assists and efficient rendezvous with multiple small-bodies)
- Comms hardware upgrades (e.g., IR)
- Sensor instrumentation upgrades (e.g., X-ray fluorescence imaging spectroscopy [see: [CubeX](#), 2018])
- Modularity (pre-built extensibility for add-on modules)





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