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DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SUITE FOR EARTH OBSERVATION

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desE - Design Engineering Suite for Earth Observation

- Introduction
- Tool Background
- desEO Implementation
- desEO in Mission Analysis
- Creating Advanced Specialized Tools using desEO







- A toolkit aimed at supporting mission analysis and system/subsystem design activities for all phases of EO Missions
 - **Accurate** quantitative results to support trade-offs and analyses
 - Meaningful results in **few minutes**
 - User friendly, multi-platform and self-standing application
 - Modular and flexible to be easily upgraded, extended and modified
- A specialized, comprehensive and complex collection of tools
 - Capable of complete Phase A/B1 mission analyses
 - Provides analyses able to cover needs in more advanced phases
 - Provides building blocks for very specialized tools





THE INHERITANCE OF AN EARTH OBSERVATION TOOLKIT

- desEO is a tool designed on a decennial experience as leaders in EO MA
 - Historical activity overview over 16 years (2003 2018)
 - **83** past and on-going systems studies and tool developments
 - **Consolidation** of SW development **techniques** and **methodologies**
 - Consolidation of work methodology and rationalization of scripting and analysis techniques into an all-around and exhaustive tool

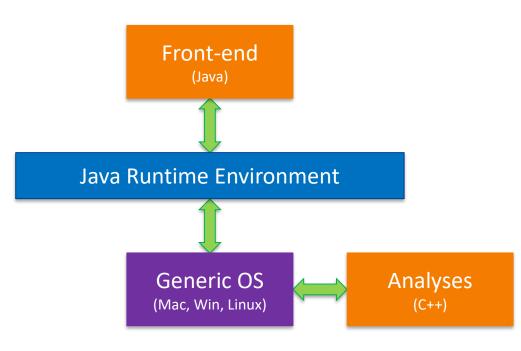


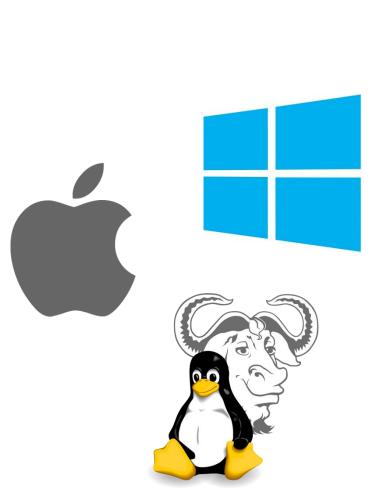
- A **reliable** and **powerful** tool that covers all the systematic analyses
 - Increases **efficiency** (not re-inventing the wheel)
 - Provides capacity to **focus** on mission specific problems
 - $\circ~$ Represent the back-bone upon which building more complex tools



MULTI-PLATFORM

- Platform independent Java Eclipse RCP user interface
- Standard C++ analysis modules



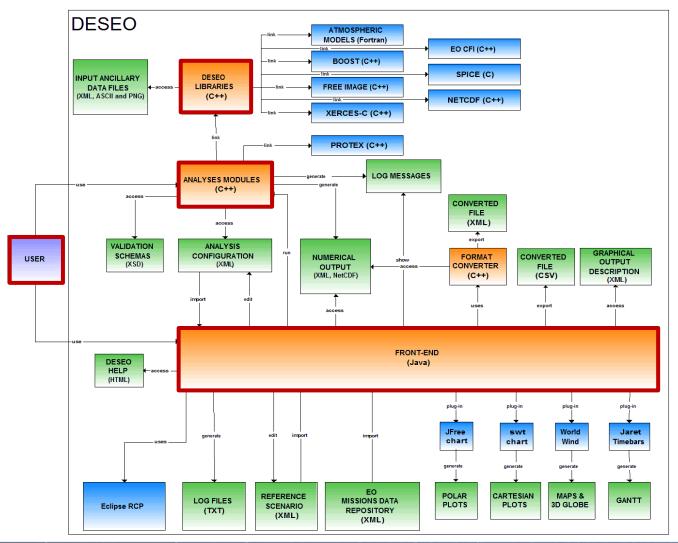






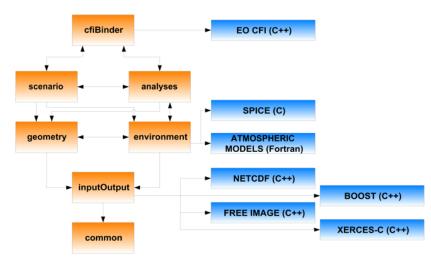
HIGH-LEVEL ARCHITECTURE

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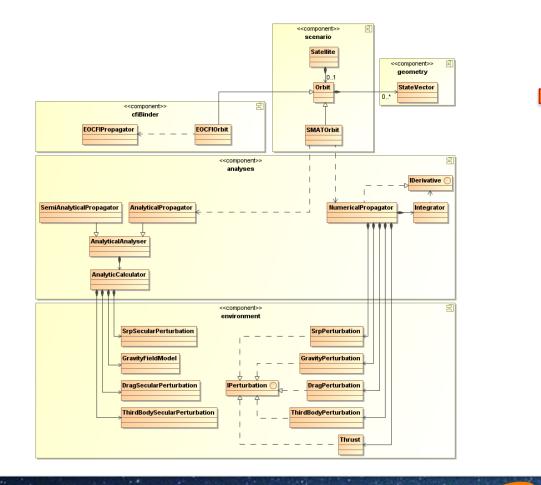


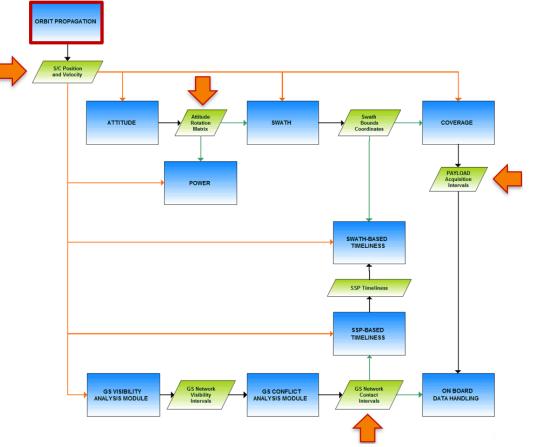


MODULAR DESIGN

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• More efficient upgrades and extensions







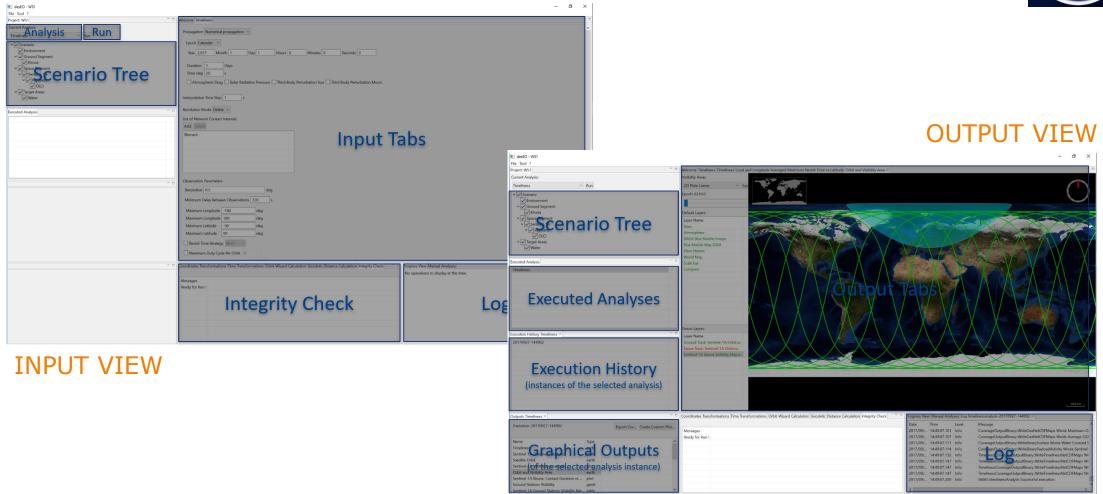
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE

- Easy inputting
 - $\circ~$ Guide in input definition
 - Boundary values check
 - Semantic integrity check
- Output capabilities
 - \circ 3D globe
 - Earth Maps
 - Cartesian plots
 - Polar plots
 - Tables
 - $\circ~$ Exporting to image format and CSV





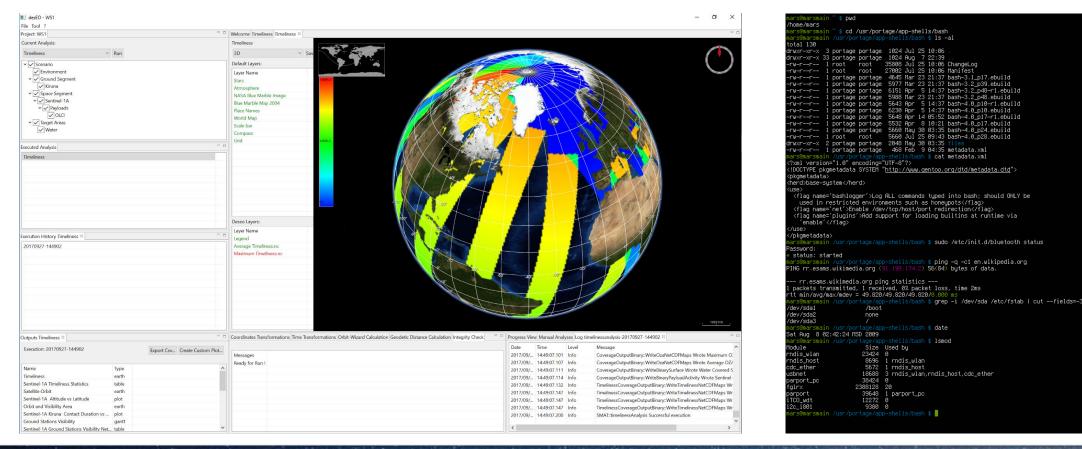
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE



DUAL INTERFACE



- Graphical User Interface for user friendliness
- Command Line Interface to exploit all the toolkit capabilities





desE IN MISSION ANALYSIS

	CarbonSat	FLEX	Biomass	Deimos-2	NGGM	Sentinel-3 (*)	Sentinel-5	PARIS IoD	UrtheDaily	OptiSAR	Landmapper	sat4EO	DRR	DESIRE	H2020 ONION Operational
	MA Phase A/B1	MA Phase 0/A/B1	MA Phase 0/A/B1	MA Phase A/B/C/D/E	MA Phase O	MA Phase A/B/C/D	MA Phase A/B	Phase A	MA Phase A	MA Phase A/B	MA Phase A	MA Phase A/B1	Capacity Study	Capacity Study	Network of Individual Observation Nodes
Orbit Propagation	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	-	V	-	-	V
Attitude	-	-	-	V	-	-	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coverage	V	V	V	V	-	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Ground Stations Visibility	V	V	V	V	V	V	-	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Ground Stations Conflict	V	V	V	v	V	v	-	V	V	v	V	V	V	V	v
Timeliness	-	V	V	-	-	V	-	-	V	V	-	-	V	V	V
Swath Properties	V	V	V	V	-	V	V	V	V	V	V	V.	V	V	V
Sun-Zenith Angle	V	V	-	V	-	V	V	-	V	V	V	V.	V	V	V
Observation-Zenith	V	V	V	V	-	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
SC Topocentric Coordinates	V	V	-	V	-	V	-	-	V	V	-	-	-	-	V
Pointing Analysis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semi-analytical Propagation	-	-	-	V	V	-	-	V	V	V	-	V	-	-	V
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Altitude Control	V	-	-	V	V	-	-	-	V	V	-	V	-	-	V
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Orbit Propagation Attitude

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Orbit Propagation Attitude Coverage **Ground Stations Visibility**

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ORBIT PROPAGATION

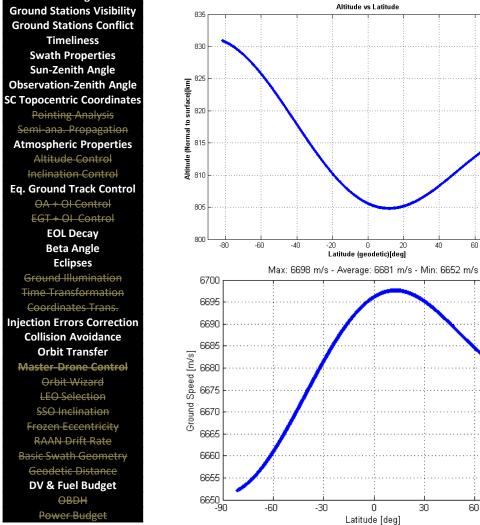
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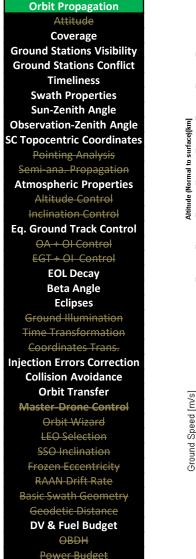
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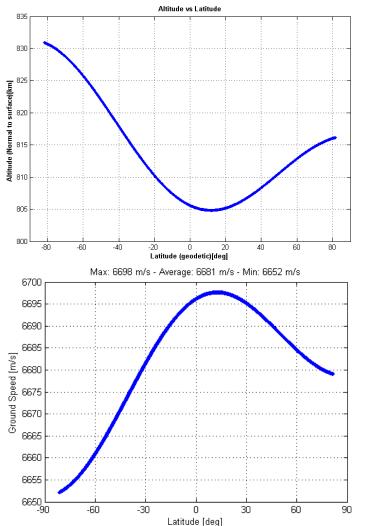
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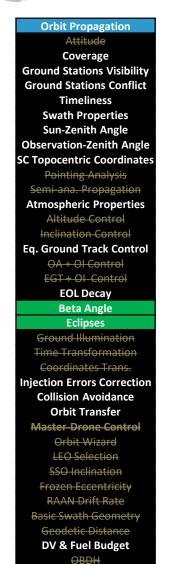
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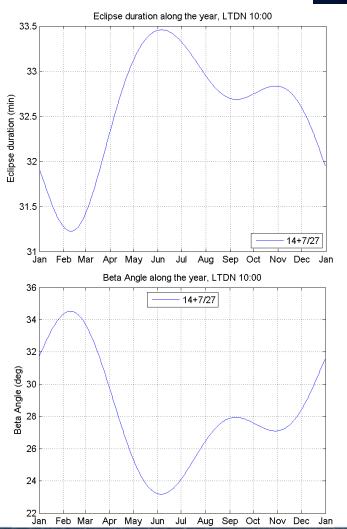
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Power Budget

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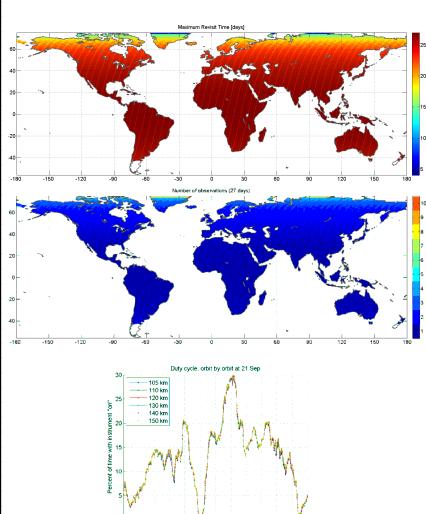
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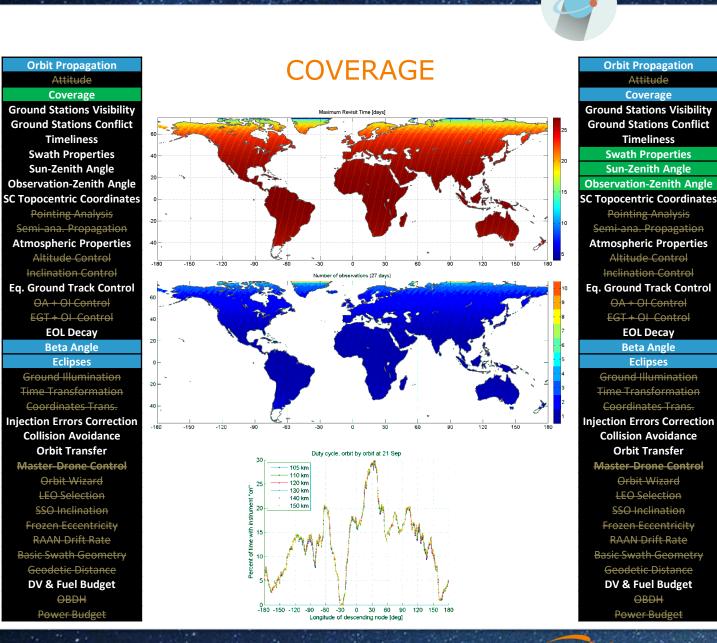
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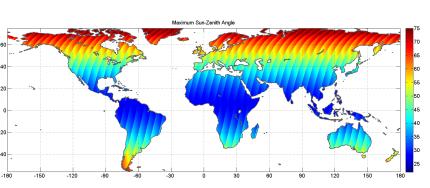


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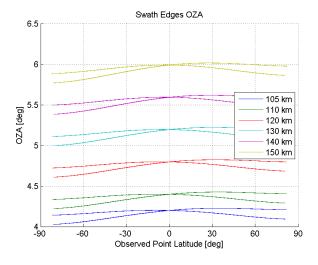
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Attitude Coverage

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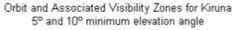
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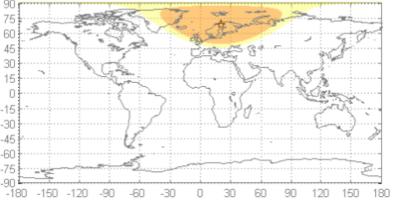
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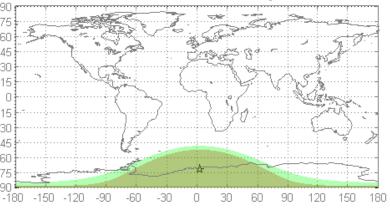
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Orbit and Associated Visibility Zones for Troll 5° and 10° minimum elevation angle





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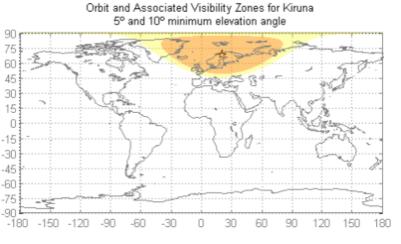
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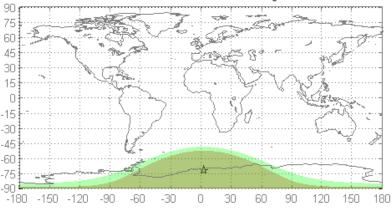
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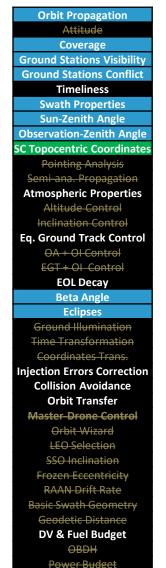
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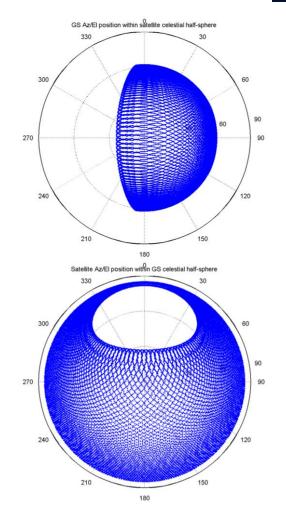


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RELATIVE GEOMETRY



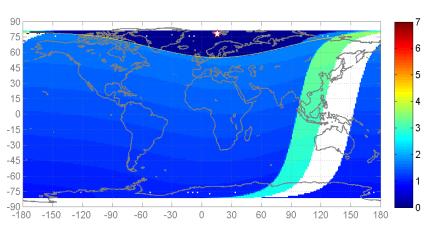


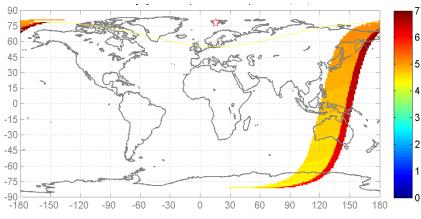




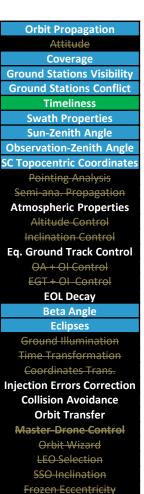
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RAAN Drift Rate

Basic Swath Geometry

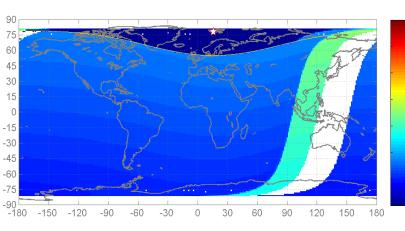
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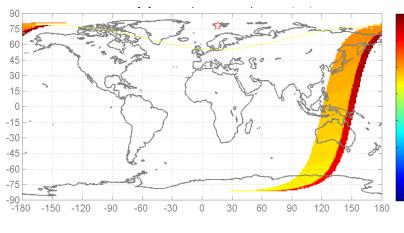
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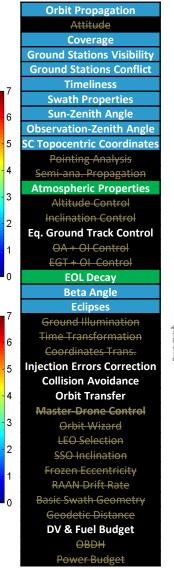
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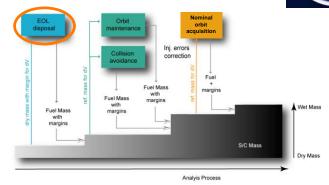
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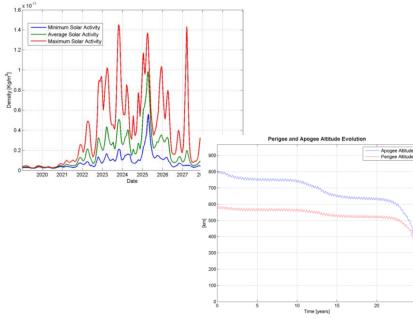




EOL DISPOSAL



Orbit-Averaged Atmospheric Density



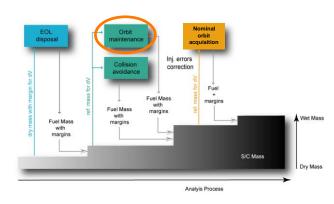


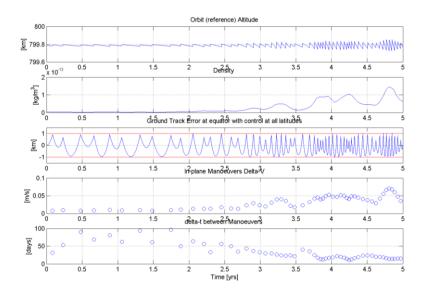


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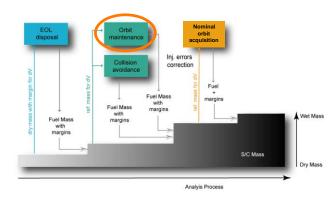


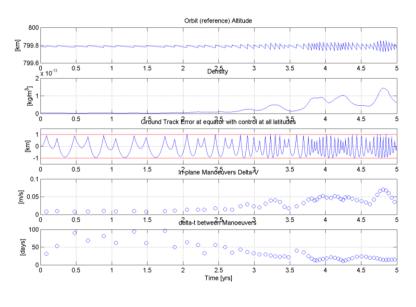






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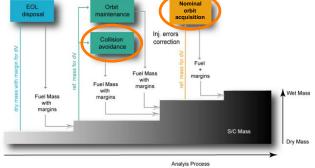
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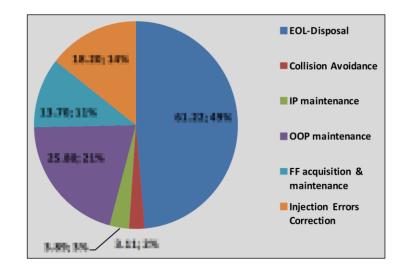
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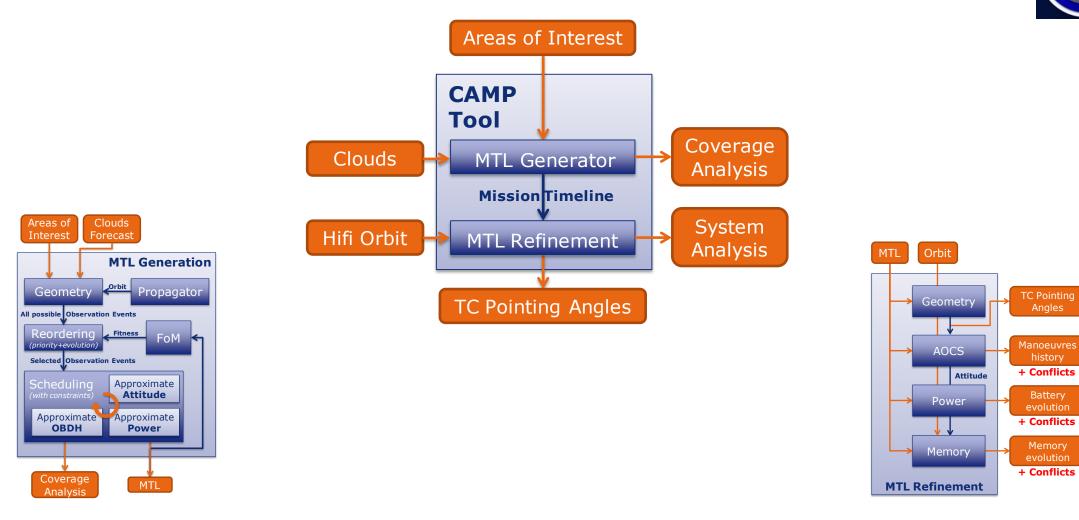
- Success case: Fully Automated Mission Planning and Capacity Analysis Tool (CAMP) for the Deimos-2 Agile Satellite
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Advantages \rightarrow platform agility to improve mission return, reducing revisit time and increasing operational flexibility
 - Drawbacks → platform agility makes mission planning a complex optimization problem with a high number of degrees of freedom, which is cumbersome for human operators



- Automation as a key enabler for the mission planning and exploitation process
 - Capacity analysis → study long-term coverage with real-life constraints (simplified geometrical analyses are unreliable)
 - $\circ~$ Simulate resources for system compliance cross-checking

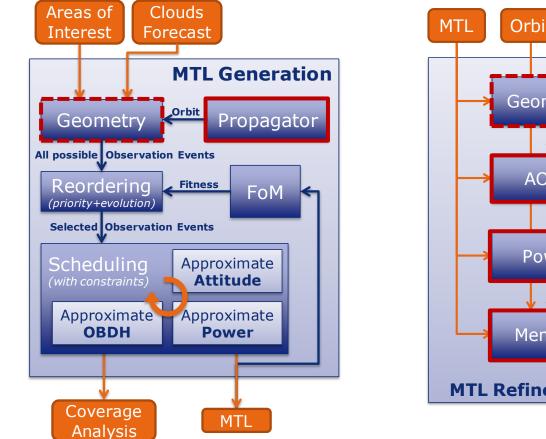
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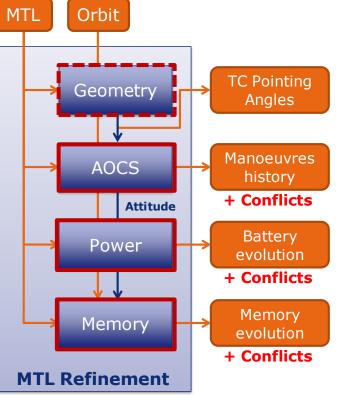
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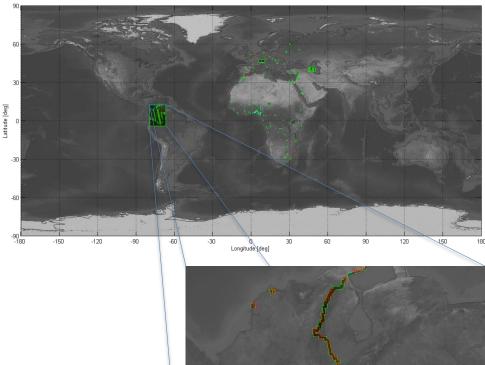
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desEO executables as stand-alone building blocks within CAMP



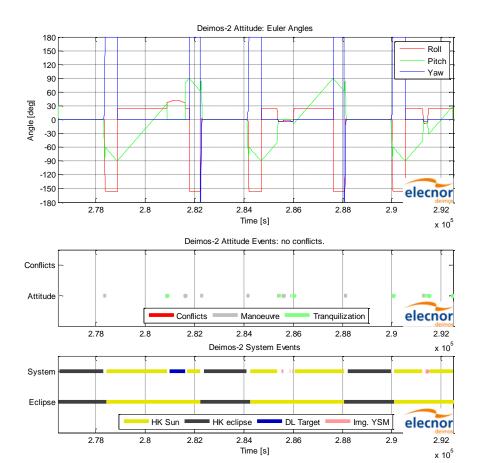


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CAMP OUTPUT EXAMPLES







CONCLUSIONS

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