Autonomy and Software-Defined Distributed Architectures as Foundations for In-Orbit Servicing

Redefining space

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About us



to play an integral role in the collective effort of future space exploration

ReOrbit is established in 2019, HQ in Helsinki, Finland



Vision



Mission

Make space access easy and affordable through reusable space platforms

Core Beliefs

Sustainability

Innovation

Adaptability

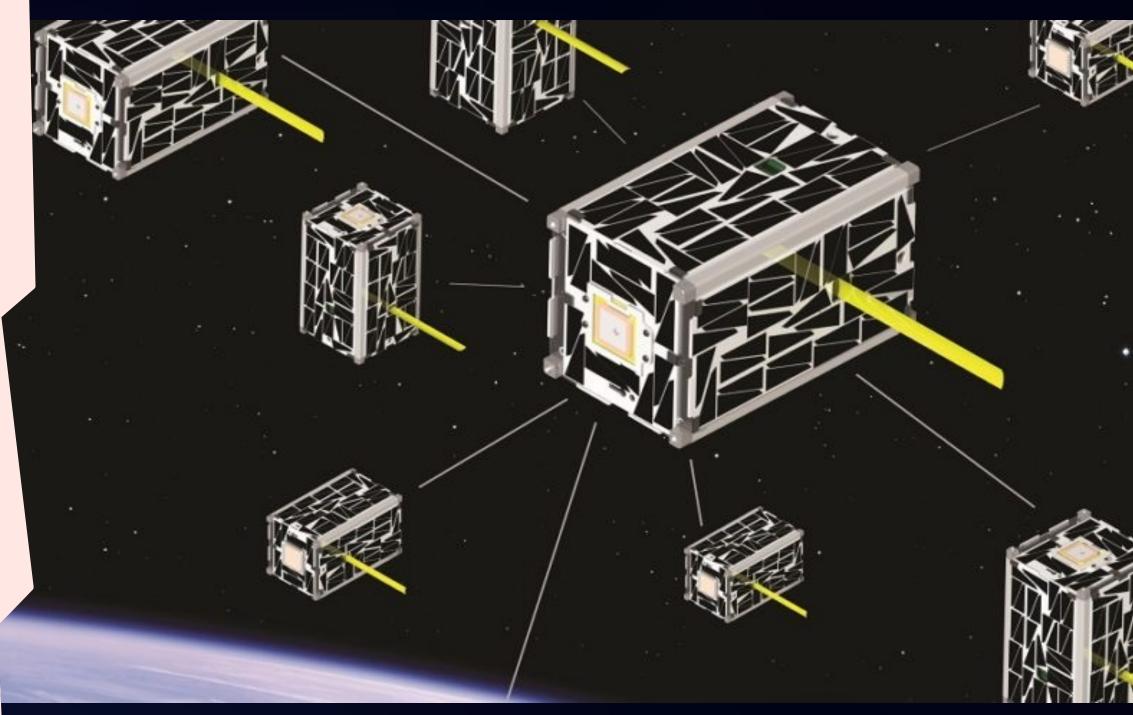


The two sides of space today



Classic Space

- single-use, tailormade design
- big budgets, public funds
- long timelines
- huge manpower



Newspace 1.0

- generic platforms
- low cost, low functionality
- low reliability
- limited control

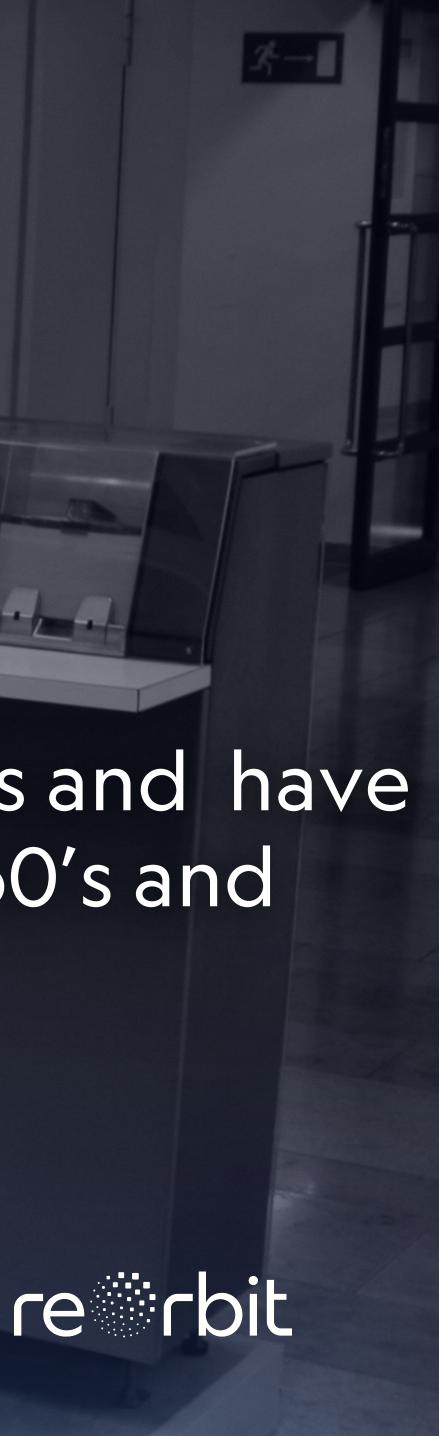






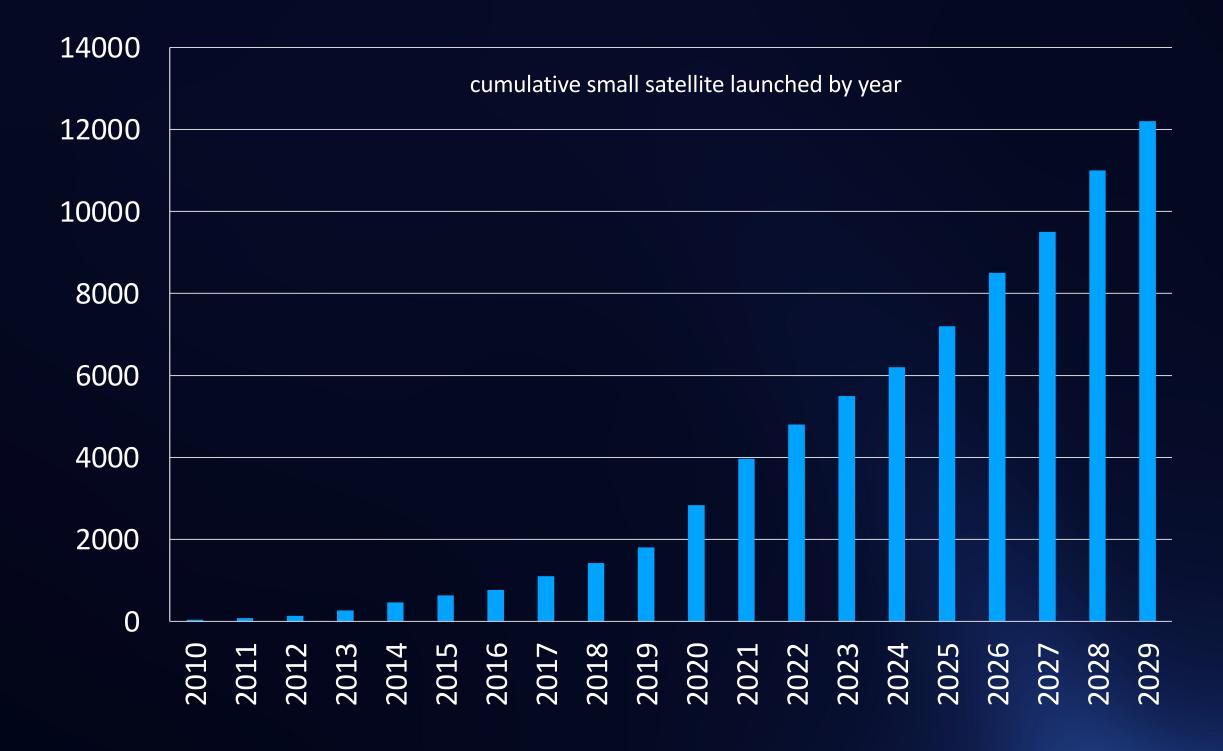
However, both these relies on monolithic architectures and have one function from cradle to grave - like computers in 60's and pre-internet era.

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The industry is approaching a dead-end

Space will not be able to realize its vision of cost-effective exploration and reliable use of orbits if one satellite = one function



By 2023, there will be 1000 satellites launched per year

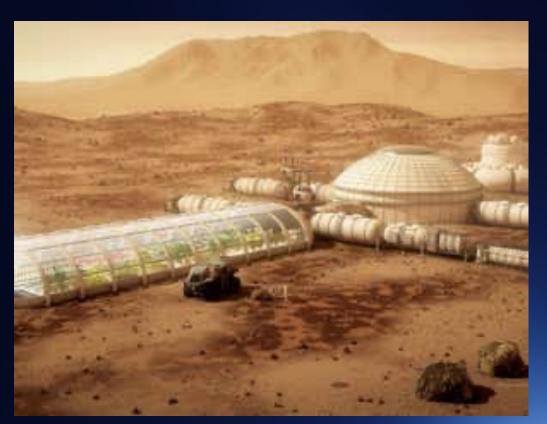
- The number of satellites is growing at a rapid pace, ~4000 functional satellites orbiting our planet.
- All these satellites have one function from cradle to grave i.e 'functionality supersede utility'.
- Most these satellites operate in groups (constellation), yet practically all of them are loners.
- They phone home at rigidly scheduled times to report what they've seen.



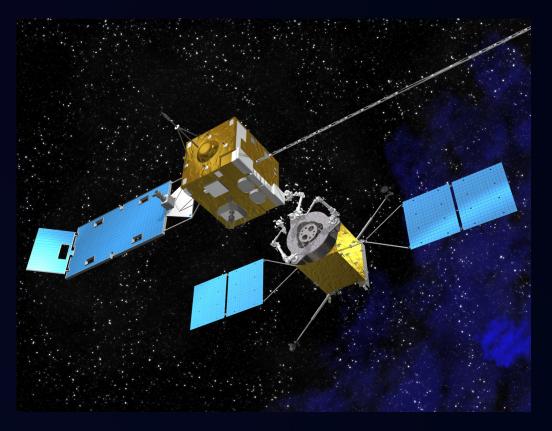


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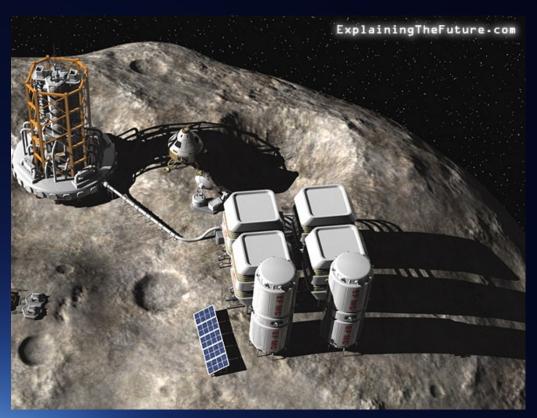
Current class of satellites will not take us there



Mars Exploration



Inorbit manufacturing



Asteroid Mining



How we solve it

With ReOrbit one satellite is no more equal to one function

Reconfigurable

Autonomous

Gluon-

A Software define spacecraft

Fault Tolerant

We are pioneering the Newspace 2.0 revolution





Gluon – Features:

Functionalities:

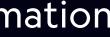
- Beyond LEO Missions (MEO, GEO and DeepSpace) \bullet
- Software-defined architecture & modular avionics \bullet
- Reconfigurable in-orbit \bullet
- Precision ADCS Optical Communications Capable \bullet
- Modular Structure easily reconfigurable (150-500kg \bullet wet mass)
- X-Band electronically steerable phased array

Contracted to performing phase B for a MEO constellation. PDR in Q12022. Excpeted flight in Q2023.

Advantages:

- High Reliability \bullet
- Rideshare-ready \bullet
- Autonomous Orbit Keeping and FDIR \bullet
- Minimal NRE \bullet
- Supports stand alone, constellation or formation \bullet flying



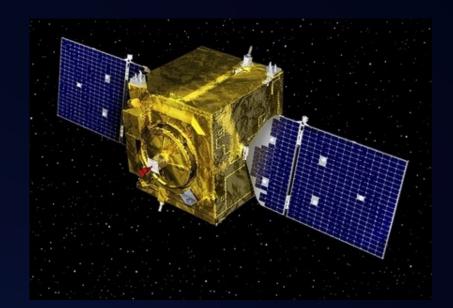


Risk Breakdown of Distributed Architecture

Switching barrier, Risk, R&D cost, Time to market and Space debris

Size

Classic Space





New Space 1.0

Gluon's Distributed Architecture





Demo 'Ukko' Mission - Introduction



A proof-of-concept mission with 2 Gluons to demonstrate 3 main technologies:

- in-orbit autonomy FDIR, orbit keeping
- in-orbit servicing rendezvous and proximity maneuvers, software reconfigurability
- distributed and networked systems intersatellite communications, formation flying





Demo 'Ukko' Mission : Con-ops

| Commissioning + Early Phase | Missi |
|--|---------------------------------|
| o Autonomous FDIR | o Proximity a |
| o Intersatellite | manoeuvre |
| Communication - optical | Docking sin |
| band | o Formation |
| O Autonomous and Relative Orbit Keeping | o Communica |
| | scenarios |
| | |

• Relative, precise attitude determination and control

ion Phase

De-commissioning Phase

- ind rendezvous S
- nulation
- Flying
- ation failure

- o re-configure onboard software
- o De-orbiting









Incubate in the STING, which is one of the Europe's best incubators, within the deep-tech program.





Pre-Seed investment lead by Icebreaker VC

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Reusable space systems built for the modern age



Winner of the Best Newcomer of the year 2020 in Finland by the Nordic startup award



One of the 5 selected startup with the space segment by Fit4Start accelerator at Luxembourg.

