



# Space Risk Update

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## **AXA XL Space Activity**

#### What we do

- 5 team members (3 x US, 2 x France)
  - → Strong technical + commercial + service focus
  - → We are the market leader in small satellites and launchers, market data and analytics, and industry outreach
- Space insurance is a critical enabler of innovation and investment
  - → We cover virtually all technical risk, with few exclusions, from launch of a rocket through the life of a satellite
  - → Our products include launch + 1 year, launch vehicle flight, in-orbit, "Seamless" pre-launch and launch, human spaceflight, space stations, engine tests, and more
  - → The space industry faces rapid change, increasing failures, and new threats
- We embrace risk
  - → We continuously engage with industry to develop innovative products and services
  - → We promote actions and solutions that enhance safe and responsible space activity





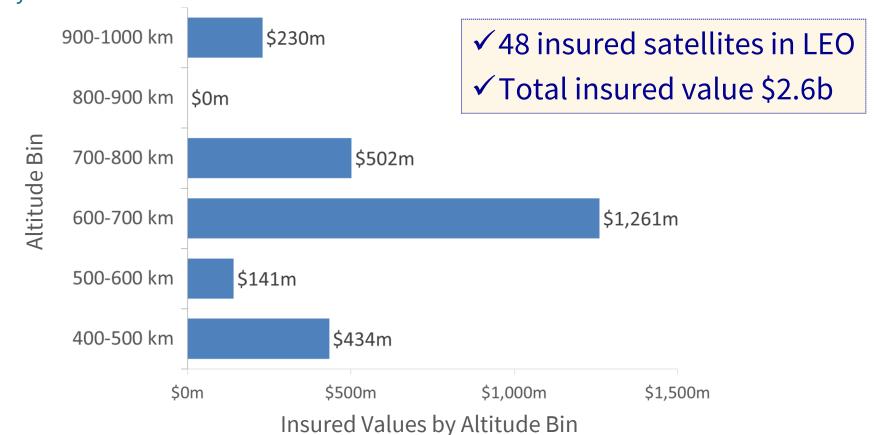
## The space industry and space insurance market

- 145 launches in 2021 of which half were insured
  - → Those 150 launches carried 1,850 satellites of which 1,000 were Starlink (not insured)
  - → Of the remaining 850 satellites, half were insured during launch
- 5,600 active satellites in orbit, worth \$75 to \$100b (book value)
  - → 530 in GEO and 170 in MEO, of which 230 are insured for \$20.6b
  - $\rightarrow$  4,900 in LEO, of which 48 are insured for \$2.6b
- Volatile insurance market (low frequency + high severity)
  - → Annual space insurance premium from 2019 to 2021 was \$450m to \$550m
    - Was \$700m to \$1b between 2002 and 2012
  - → Annual space insurance incurred losses (2001-2021) have been between \$100m and \$800m
    - But has been as high as \$1.7b (1998) to 1.8b (2000)
- Opportunities and threats
  - → New launch vehicles and satellites, LEO constellations, on-orbit servicing, human spaceflight, commercial space stations, deep space missions ... and collision risk



### **Insured Values In LEO**

By 100 km altitude bin



## Space Safety and Responsible Space Activity

#### Space insurers are concerned

- Failures ↑, premium ↓ = market volatility
- New launch vehicles = higher risk of failure
- More small satellites = higher risk of failure
- Debris risk? No...Collision Risk!
- Some insurers have withdrawn from LEO

#### **Insurers** in general are **concerned**

- Pandemics and infectious diseases
- Climate change and extreme weather
- Cybersecurity
- Geopolitical instability

## The **same rules** that apply in your **house** apply in **space**:

- "Tell people where you are!" ... prevent
- "Don't make a mess!" ... mitigate
- "Clean up after yourself!" ... remediate

#### **AXA XL** supports **best practices** for **space safety**

- Characterize the space environment
- Tracking devices for SSA
- Maneuverability for collision avoidance and PMD
- Post-mission disposal within 1 to 5 years
- On-orbit servicing for inspection and ADR

A significant **insurance loss** due to a **collision** in orbit will have an **immediate** and **chilling effect** on the **space insurance** market, and thus on the whole **space industry** 

Responsible behavior is the baseline, not the aspiration

