

Cluster II Re-entry

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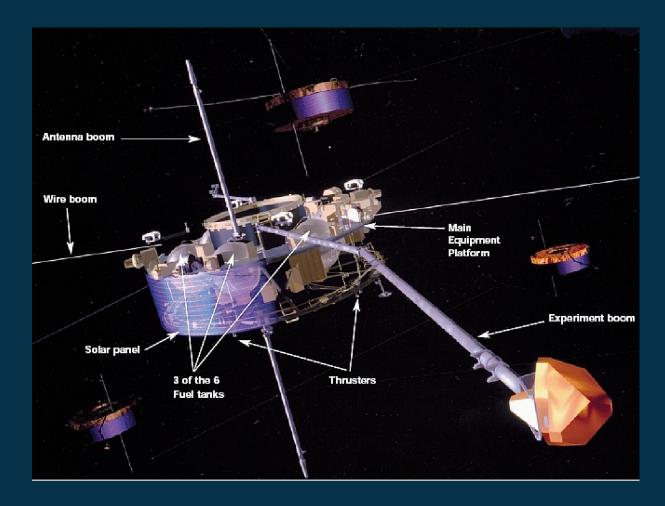
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Mission description



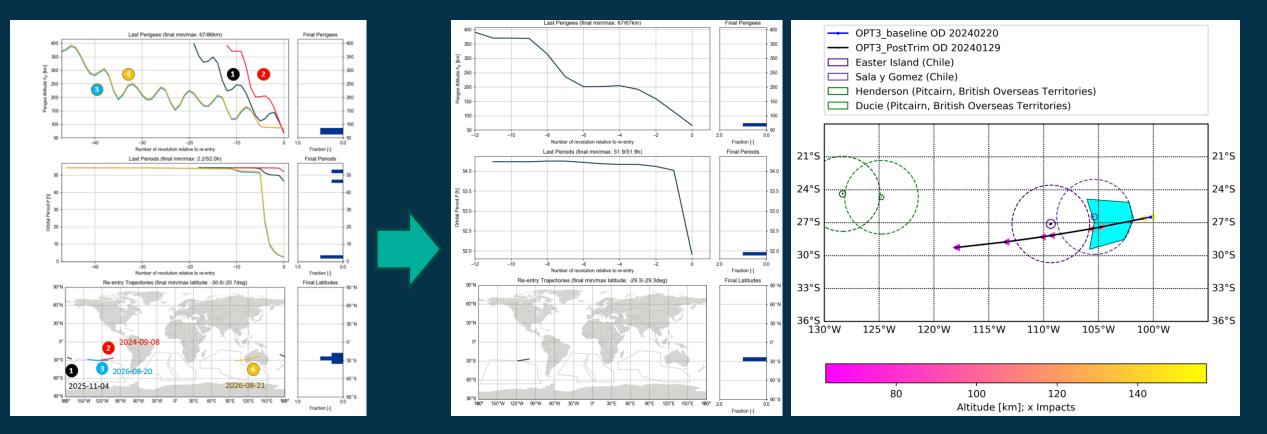
- 4 identical satellites, flying in formation in HEO
- Each carries 11 instruments: Field sensors and Particle detectors
- Solar and Plasma physics
- Launched in 2000, operational for 24 years
- Remaining 3 currently idle and targeted for re-entry in 2025-2026
- Average fuel remaining in each satellite: 4 Kg



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EoL strategy – Targeted re-entry from HEO





• No circularization – minimize risk to people and property on ground

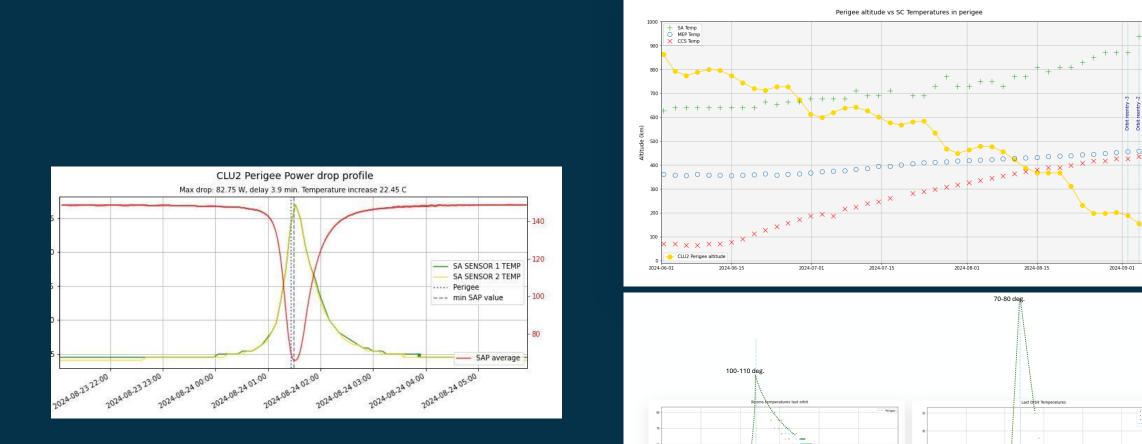
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• No debris stays in orbit – minimize risk to other missions

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Power drops and temperature rises







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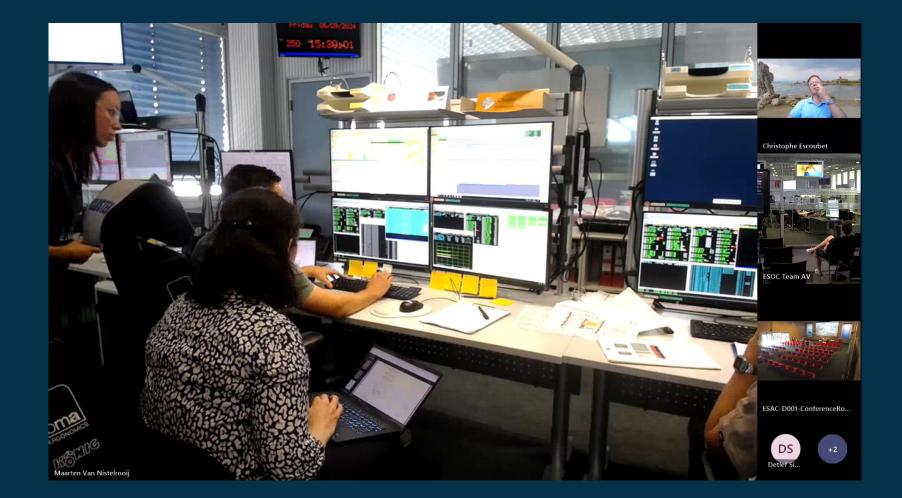
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MEP Temp CCS Temp SA Temp Perigee

Safe Mode at the perigee before last orbit





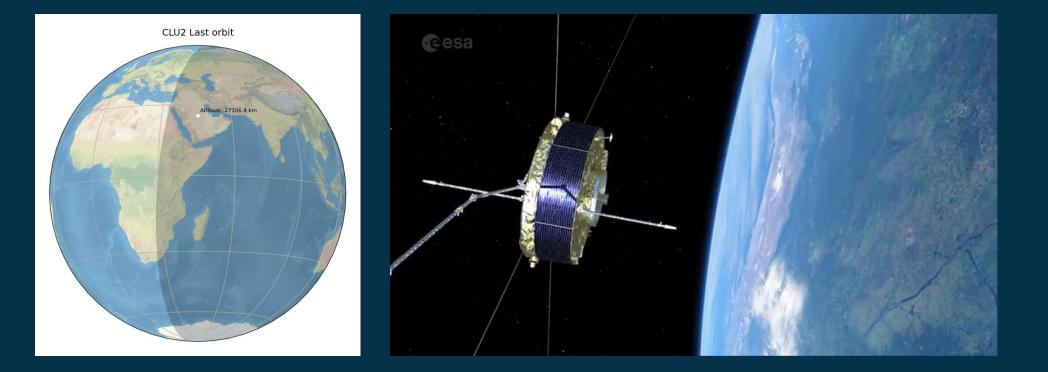
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Last moments of the satellite

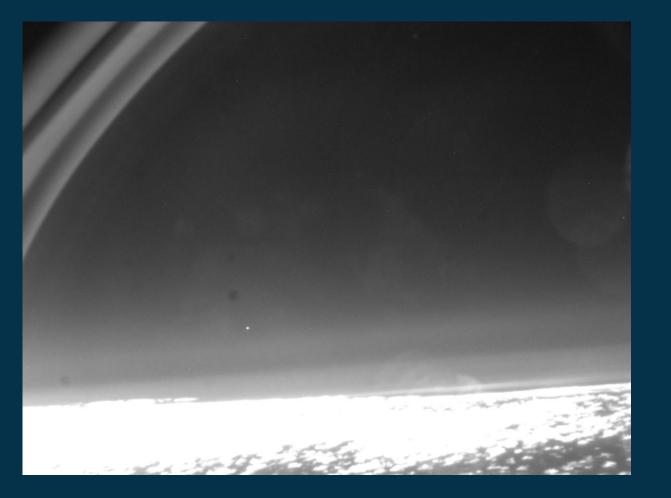




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Available Data





- Orbital Data updated until the last orbit upon request to FDYN (D. Sieg)
- Spacecraft Telemetry (temperatures, spin rates, solar power, etc) – up until 20 mins before re-entry – above 500 kms altitude – upon request to FCT (B. Abascal)
- Scientific measurements from the airborne campaign – Request to Space Debris Office (S. Lemmens)

Detailed Available Data



- Cluster II Salsa DRAMA Model and material list
- **ESA Re-entry predictions**
- ESA ODs
- Temperature Profile recorded in last pass
- Ukranian sensors measurements
- OGS sensor measurements and images
- Swiss OGS sensors measurements
- AGO70 sensor measurements
- Other ground based sensors measurements images
- **ROSIE** campaign data:
 - From imaging cameras: L0: cameras raw data, L1: object Az/El coordinates and apparent brightness, L2: state vector and absolute brightness
 - From spectral measurements: radiance/irradiance detected
 - L2: timeline of the event and occuring species "
 - **ROSIE Cluster II Salsa rebuilding FR**
 - TM
 - 10kg Cd battery wind tunnel testing
 - HW demise data ESTIMATE/PRODUCERS

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