

# 18th Space Control Squadron







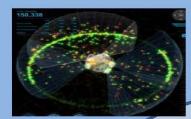


# CubeSat Recommendations

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#### **18th Space Control Squadron**













#### Track

- Space Surveillance
- 300,00⊕ taskings/day
- 18 sensor sites





- Catalogue Maintenance (23,000+ objects)
- Reentry Assessment
- Break-up Processing
- SSA Sharing
- Conjunction Assessment
- Human Space Flight Safety
- Advanced Analysis





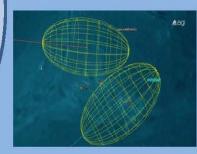


#### Detect

- Launch CA







Agreement for Sharing Space Situational Awareness Services Between Department of Defense...



Master Space Plan **External Mission Support** Data Space-track.org

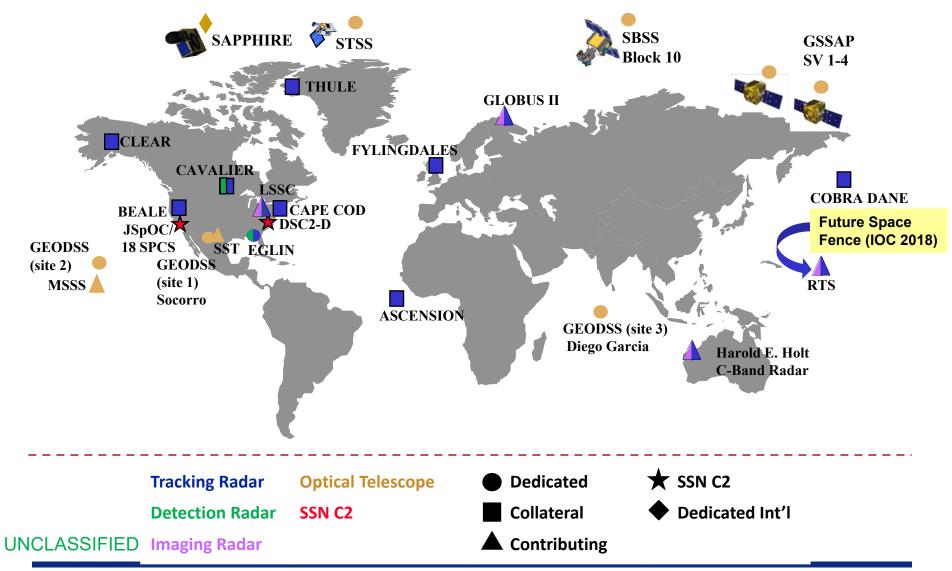
Timely & Accurate Data

18 SPCS delivers foundational **Space Situational Awareness** to assure global freedom of action in space.

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### U.S. Space Surveillance Network





## Spaceflight Safety

### Action taken to prevent:

- Human casualty or damage to property on the surface of the earth or in the air
- Human casualty in outer space
- Mission degradation, failure, or damage to any active on-orbit space asset, or
- Degradation to US national security



## 18 SPCS Spaceflight Safety Support

Early Engagement



Launch COLA



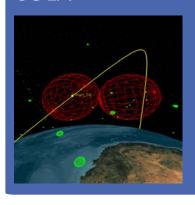
Launch Support



Early Orbit CA



On-Orbit CA & COLA



End-of-Life /Disposal



Deorbit



Reentry



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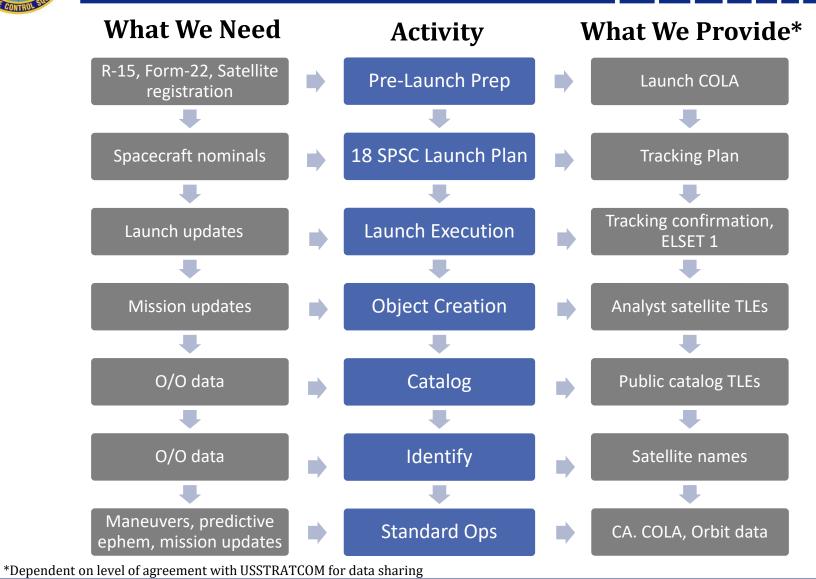


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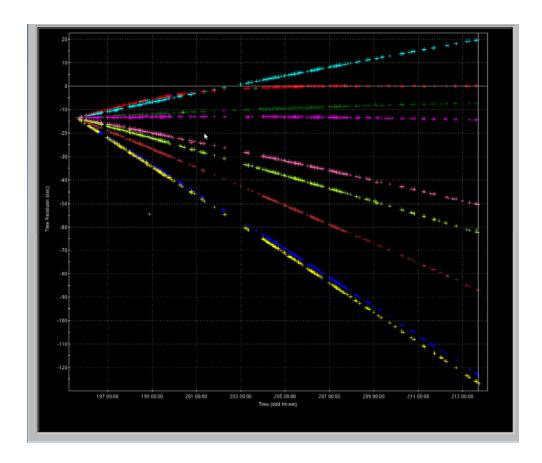
### General Launch Processing





## **Cataloging**

 Delta-time vs time residuals best for discriminating objects in early stages of launch processing



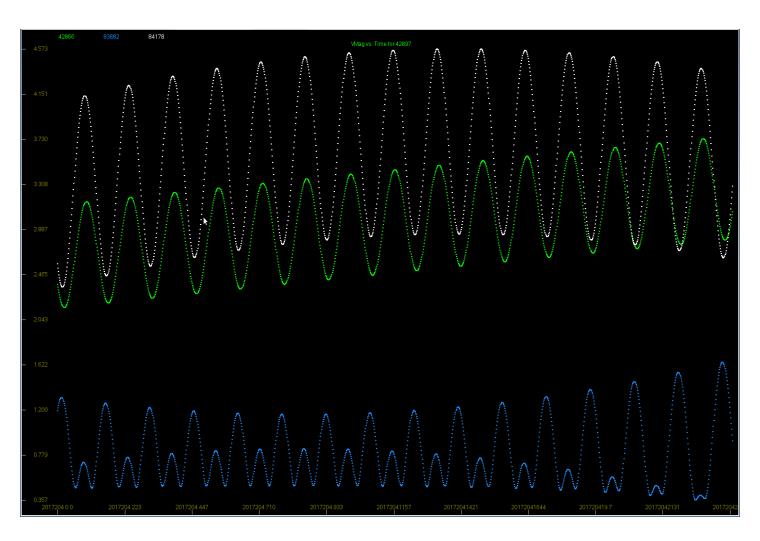


### **Identification**

- Most difficult aspect of launch processing
- Methods:
  - Deployment sequence
  - Radar cross section
  - Ballistic coefficient
  - Maneuverability
  - O/O data: TLE or ephemeris in J2000 MEME
    - » 18 SPCS can run conjunction assessment of O/O data vs 18 SPCS data to identify "close approaches"
    - » Helpful when frequent cross-tagging occurs



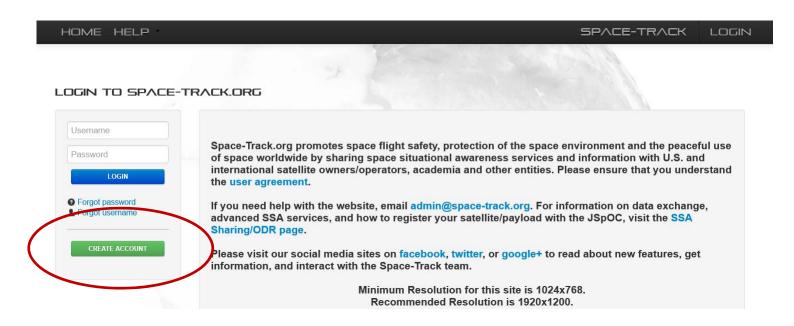
## Conjunction Assessment Identification





## Recommendations: Design

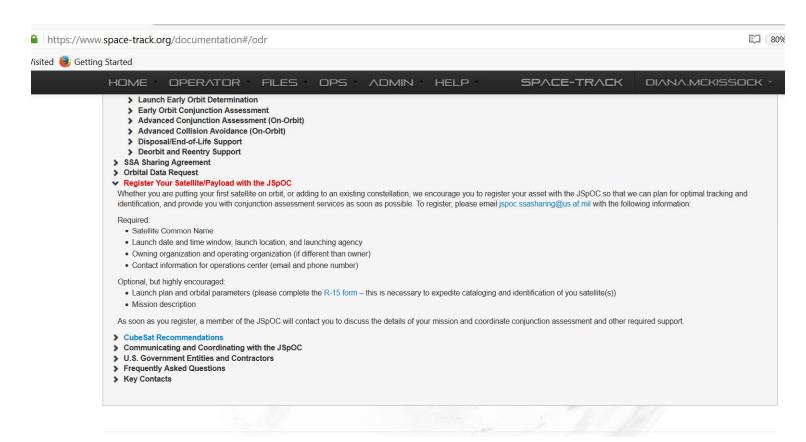
- Design your satellite to stay in orbit no longer than required by mission life
- Conduct modeling & risk assessment of your deployment sequence
- Utilize tagging and tracking technology
- Register for a user account on www.space-track.org





#### Recommendations: Pre-launch

#### Register your satellite with 18 SPCS





#### Recommendations: Pre-launch

- Select cooperative launch provider
- Launch into an orbit ≥ 45 degree inclination
- Deploy over northern hemisphere
- Maximize separation between deployments; deploy with high delta-v in the in-track position
- Send predictive separation TLEs
- File Orbital Data Request and R-15 Form early with 18 SPCS
  - Maneuver notification format
    Example Maneuver Notification minimum information
  - Example Maneuver Notification expanded information



https://www.space-track.org/documentation#/odr-examples\_forms



## Recommendations: R-15 Info

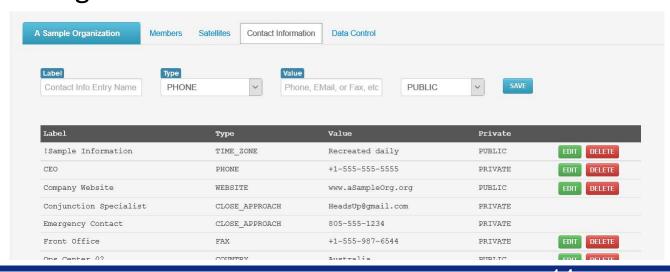
The R-15 is a comprehensive summary of a launch event:

- Launch site, date, and window
- Orbital parameters of launch, to include sequence of events from liftoff to final injection into operational orbit
- Payloads to achieve orbit, with lifespan, operating positions, physical characteristics, and mission description
- Rocket bodies (booster segments) to achieve orbit, and deorbit plan if applicable
- Description of all other objects achieving orbit, including debris, debris clusters, bolts, etc.



#### Recommendations: Post-launch

- Send positional data as soon as possible
- Commit to ongoing engagement with 18 SPCS
  - Provide TLEs for catalog maintenance
  - Provide ephemeris for conjunction assessment
  - Tell us when your mission is over!
- Share your contact info with other operators via Space-Track.org





## **Promising Technology**

- RFID-transmitter
- GPS-transmitter
- Optical emitter tagging
- Colored diode lights
- Corner reflectors
- Radio beacon (GPS)



#### **Questions?**

Contact the 18 SPCS SSA Sharing Team:

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#### **Resources:**

Spaceflight Safety Handbook for Operators

https://www.space-

track.org/documents/JSpOC Spaceflight Safety Handbook For Operators.pdf

Space-Track.org SSA Sharing Page

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