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Space Situational Awareness, Orbital Debris Mitigation, and Hazards in the Space Commons

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Advanced Autonomous Multiple Spacecraft







## Chosen topics

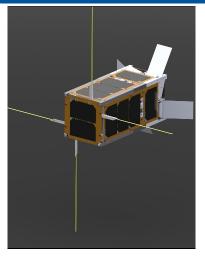


- 1. Controlled LEO debris removal
- 2. Proximity identification of unknown targets
- 3. Fragment fly-out prediction
- 4. The ICSSA



# D3 CubeSat: controlled re-entry from LEO and collision avoidance



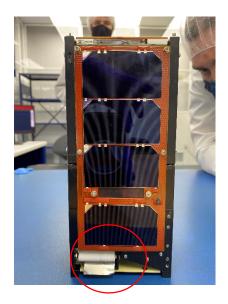




#### Drag Deorbit Device (D3)

Patented & featured in Aer

America

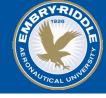


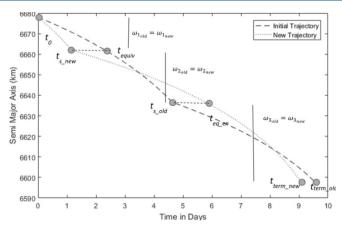
"Deorbiting plus": These University of Florida researchers want to predict where cubesats will land

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#### D3: controlled re-entry from LEO





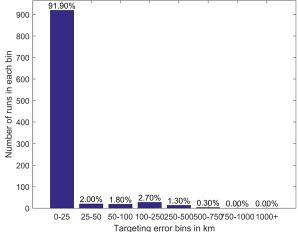


Figure 13: Guidance Errors from Monte Carlo Simulations

According to section 4.7.2.1 of the NASA debris mitigation guidelines<sup>1</sup>, a selected trajectory for guided re-entry must ensure that no surviving debris impact with a kinetic energy greater than 15 joules is closer than 370 km from foreign landmasses, or is within 50 km from the continental U.S., territories of the U.S., and the permanent ice pack of Antarctica.

<sup>1</sup>"Process for Limiting Orbital Debris," NASA-STD-8719.14A, May 2012.

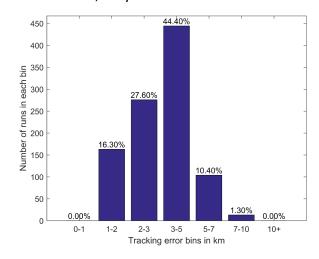
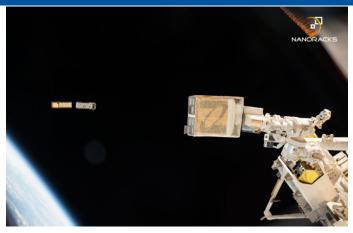


Figure 14: Maximum Guidance Tracking Errors from Monte Carlo Simulations



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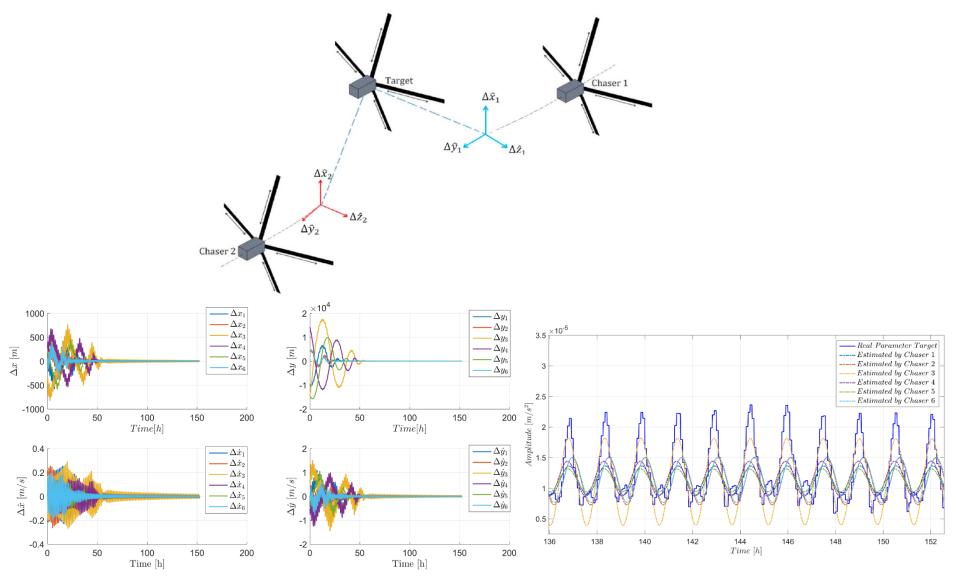
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# Localized SSA focusing on system ID of deorbiting S/C (target unknown)





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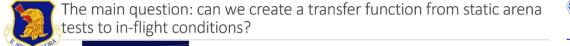
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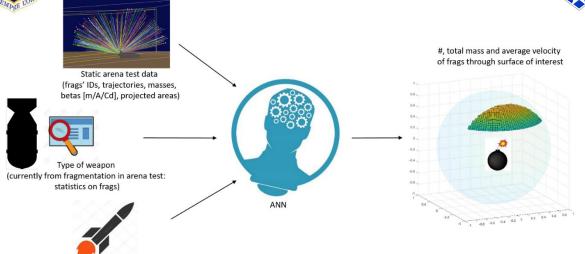


# Warhead fragment fly-out predictions using AI (potential extension to space debris modeling)

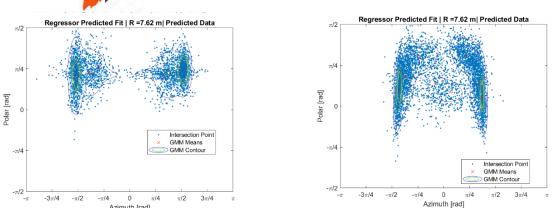


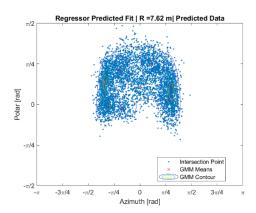






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Space collisions and explosions connections? Not really...the "Examples of Technology Transfer from the SDIO Kinetic Energy Weapon Lethality Program to Orbital Debris Modeling" does not show a single equation. It is all descriptive, not quantitative.



### **International Academy of Astronautics Conference** on Space Situational Awareness





1st IAA Conference on Space Situational Awareness (ICSSA) Orlando, FL, USA, Nov. 13-15, 2017























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2<sup>nd</sup> IAA Conference on Space Situational Awareness (ICSSA) Washington DC, USA, Jan 14-16, 2020

















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#### **ICSSA Stats**



#### 2017:

- 1. 91 attendees
- 2. 16 countries (including Brazil, Canada, China, European Union (ESA), France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Hong Kong, Korea, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States).
- 3. 15 US States (Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington State).
- 4. U.S. Government Involvement from AFOSR/EOARD, NASA, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and the U.S. Air Force.
- 5. 4 keynote speakers.

#### 2020:

- 1. 62 attendees
- 2. 10 countries (including Egypt, France, Italy, India, Republic of Korea, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States).
- 3. 12 US States (Alabama, Colorado, Washington DC, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia).
- 4. 3 keynote speakers.
- 5. 1 Workshop on Engineering to Speak
- 6. Special Presentation on Implementing SPD-3: The Dynamic Roles of Industry & Interagency from Dr. Diane Howard, U.S. Department of Commerce

#### **ICSSA Stats**



#### 2022:

- 1. 77 Attendees
- 18 Countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Nigeria, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States)
- 3. 9 US States (Colorado, Florida, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia
- 4. 5 Keynote Speakers
- 5. 58 Papers

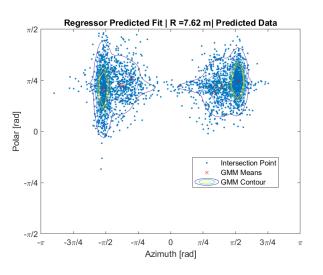


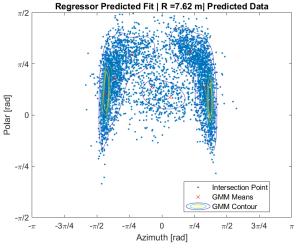


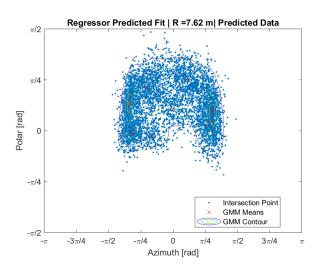
### Fragment fly-out predictions: results so far



- Given detonation state and radius, predict GMM and Total Number of Fragments  $N_{total}$ 
  - Randomly generate from GMM distribution  $N_{total}$  intersection points
- · Case: Pitch, Yaw, Roll o deg
  - Speeds o m/s, 305 m/s, 610 m/s
  - Radius 7.6 m



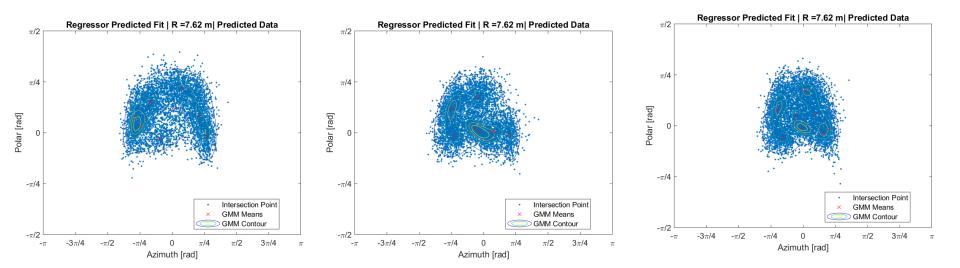




## Increasing velocity



- Case: Pitch, Yaw, Roll o deg
  - Speeds 915 m/s, 1220 m/s, 1525 m/s
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