Les communications en espace libre. Le projet : DOMINO

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AstroGeo Optical link projects Laser Ranging

- Satellite distance measurement from a Time of flight measurement of a short laser pulse from a ground later station to a space target

- Earth gravity field
- Variation of the earth rotation
- Geodesy
- Altimetry calibration
- Fundamental physics





AstroGeo Optical link projects Time Transfer by laser link T2L2

- Picosecond synchronization of remote clocks with laser ranging technology ; launch on Jason 2 in 2008
- Time and frequency metrology
- Fundamental physics

Retroreflectors detector Clock

...Koganei Collaboration in 2012



AstroGeo Optical link projects Coherent laser link MiniDoll (Syrte)

- Doppler measurement from a ground station and a satellite with a Coherent interferometer
- Geodesy
- Frequency transfer
- Fundamental physics



AstroGeo Optical link projects Space Debris detection (Airbus DS)

- Debris distance measurement done from Laser ranging on non cooperative targets
- Space security
- Optimization of satellite displacements



DOMINO – SOTA Experiment

SOTA - SOCRATES H_{SAT} = 1000 km Tx1 : 976 nm, 0.81 MW/sr, Div = 500µrad Tx2 : 1549 nm, 0.57 MW/sr, Div = 223µrad Rx : 1064 nm, 17 - 209 µW/m² Data rate = 1 or 10 Mbps

rance TAltitude = 1273 m]

at MeO station, 1.54 m telescope Cassegrain Uplink beacon beam :

1064 nm, 100 MW/sr, Div = 300µrad Telecom signal at receiver:

10 nW @ 1549 nm & 20 nW @ 976 nm

Space segment Launched on May 24, 2014



SOCRATES Satellite

Mass : 48 kg Size : 496 x 495 x 485 mm Power : 100 W Three axis stabilized

SOTA PFM Optical – Electonic Mass : 6.2 kg Size : 177 x130 x264 mm



Space Segment SOTA (Small Optical transponder)



Site Instrumenté Calern Lien Laser

- Meo Station
 - Ritchey Chretien Telescope: 1.54m Direct drive motorization
 - 3 Focal laboratories
 - Laser ranging system (Moon, satellites)
 - Adaptive Optics ODISSEE Bench (ONERA-Geoazur)
- Time and frequency laboratory
 - H-masers, 2 Cs Atomic clocks
 - Two-Way and GPS time transfer equipment
- Atmospheric turbulence monitor (Lagrange)
 - Generalized Differential Image Motion Monitor GDIMM
 - Profiler Moon Limb







MeO (Métrologie Optique)

- Ritchey Chretien optical configuration
 - Primary Mirror: Parabolic 1540 mm
 - Nasmyth table (fold mirror)

Encoders

- Linearity: I arcsec
- Repeatability error < 0.1 arcsec rms
- Absolute accuracy < 2 arcsec rms
- Motorization
 - Direct drive Etel motors
 - Torque: 10000 Nm
 - Speed: 5°/s
 - Time constant: 0.1s





MeO: Optics Cross Section View

Dome $M4^{\setminus}$ T Nasmyth Table M3 **M**1 M5 **D**1 Floor M6 **Focus Lab** M7 D2 **OA** Odissee



Transmitter



- Divergence: Spherical wave up to 500 µrd full angle
- Orientation: manual

Transmitter 195 mm Telescope

- Aperture : 195 mm F/9
- Carbon
- Apochromatic
- Diffraction limited





- SOTA Signal Receiver
- Tracking sensor @ 1549 nm



Focal

reduction



Mono-pixel Sensor

- Telecom detection @10 ou 1 Mbps
- Atmospheric scintillation measurement





Mono-pixel Sensor

- Sensor:
 - InGaAs avalanche photodiode thermo-regulated @ -20°C
 - Diameter: 350 µm, Band width: 600 MHz
 - Noise Equivalent Power: 0.12 pW $/\sqrt{Hz}$ @ M=10
- Amplifier
 - Transimpedance amplifier
 - High Gain Bandwidth product: 1600 MHz
 - Low Input Noise: i = 1.3fA/ \sqrt{Hz} ; u = 4.8 nV/ \sqrt{Hz}
- Filter (Telecom channel)
 - 5 order passive LC Tchebychev filter @ 2 or 16 MHz

Mono-pixel Sensor MeO Full aperture Performance



- Telecom Detection threshold
 - 300 pW @ 10 Mbps
 - 30 pW @ I Mbps
- Scintillation Detection threshold
 - 2 pW@ 10 kHz

Optical Turbulence monitoring for DOMINO (ONERA-GeoAzur)

Spatial sampling of the receiver aperture

Wavefront slopes measurement s(t)

Scintillation spatial monitoring I(t)

=> Shack-Hartmann WFS





E2V EMCCD220, 1500 Hz 8x8 19 cm square subapertures

WFS on ODISSEE to analyze turbulence influence on stars around satellite trajectory and on the link (if possible)

Atmospheric turbulence Monitor (LAGRANGE - OCA)



- Generalized Differential Image Motion Monitor GDIMM
 - r_{0} , L_{0} , τ_{0} , θ_{0}

Profiler of Moon Limb PML

 C_n^2

Profiler of Sun limb





Meteo

- Available meteo sensor at Calern
 - Pressure: 0.2 hPa
 - Temperature: 0.4 °K
 - Humidity : 2%
 - Wind Speed: I km/h
 - Wind Orientation: 22°
 - Sky background: 0.1 mag
 - Integrated Cloud cover
 - Cloud sensor (camera)
 - Rain

• Cooperation envisioned in cloud prediction propagation



Laser montant @ 1064 nm



Première acquisition SOTA

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Données reçues Analyse Temps Réel



Passages SOTA obtenus

Weathers								
	June 22	June 23	June 28	July 21	Oct. 21			
Visibility	Cloudy \rightarrow Clear	Cloudy \rightarrow Clear	Clear + thin cloud	Clear	Clear			
T [°C]	15.6	13.9	NA	21.2	5.8			
H[%]	71	93	NA	63	95			
P [hPa]	1010.9	1007.7	NA	1013.2	1013.1			
Wind [m/s]	4.5	0.1	NA	0.0	0.5			
Wind [deg]	252	176	NA	300	150			



- \checkmark Link established in about 730 s
- \checkmark ~ 68 Gbit recorded at OGS
- **Continuously recorded data** \checkmark
- 1.5 m full + 0.4 & 0.2 m sub- \checkmark pupil

tested at 1549 & 976

nm

450

400

350

300

250

200

150

100

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-50

Analyse Fluctuation de puissance @ 1549 nm



Analyse Bilan de liaison



Analyse Données Télécom

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OPALS Optical PAyload for Lasercomm Science

- Caractéristiques
 - Débit 50 Mbits/s On Off Keying
 - Réception Lien montant λ = 976 nm ; 300 nW/m²
 - Lien descendant λ = 1550 nm ; Pt = 2.1 W ; 1.1 mrd ; 22 mm



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OPALS Optical PAyload for Lasercomm Science

• Installé sur International Space Station avril 2014



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- Lien établi en juin 2014 par la station OCTL (Optical Telescope Laboratory), Californie
- Campagne OCA/Géoazur
 - 5 passages du 13 au 25 juin



OPAL OGS Architecture





Perspectives

- Lien NICT : Campagne septembre 2016
 - Utilisation OA pour couplage fibre optique mono mode
 - Datation des fronts de monté du signal Télécom
- Collaboration NASA JPL : OPALS sur ISS
- Lien Télécom 10 Gbits (First TF)
 - Lien MeO Calern : 5 km de propagation ; d = 200 mm
 - $\lambda = 1550 \text{ nm}$; modulation OOK; BW = 20 GHz
 - BER Tester @ 12.5 Gbits
- Station Nouvelle Génération : Intégration des telecoms





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Free Space Optical Communications Demonstrations



Past and Current Low-Earth Orbit Direct to Earth Flight Missions

Space Agency	Project	Bitrate
DLR-MDA	LCT - NFIRE	5.6 Gbs
DLR	OSIRIS VI V2	620 MBs – I GBs
NICT	SOTA	10 MBs
CNSA	HY-2	500 MBs
NASA	OPALS - ISS	50 MBs
Aerospace Corporation	CubeSats OCSD	50/200 Mbs