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# SPACE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

## ACTIVITIES And Updates IN KOREA

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# NATIONAL SPACE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ORGANIZATION

## Safety and Protection from Space Hazards



**1983.01.08**

Korea 1ST Satellite reentry response team (COSMOS1402)

**1986.03.02**

Satellite Orbit Determination & Tracking R&D

**2000.06.14**

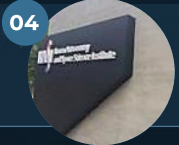
NEO research team as a national Research laboratory

**2008.07.10**

NEO research group was formed

**2008.12.01**

KASI initiated 1ST space object monitoring research group for SLR development



**04** 1ST national basic plan for space hazards NSSAO designation

**2019.~2023.**

KASI / NSSAO develop and operate national space object observation infrastructure and conducts R&D

**2015.01.14**

KASI was inaugurated by government as a national SSA designated organization



**03** SSA project for OWL-Net

**2014.06.20**

SSA project center was renamed Center for SSA directly under the vice president of KASI

**2011.06.01**

KASI organized the first dedicated SSA project center in Korea for OWL-Net development

Secure national safety and space assets from space hazards

Rapid response on space hazards

Development of SSA sensors and analysis capability

Operation and support of the national SSA structure





# NATIONAL SPACE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ORGANIZATION



## SYSTEM

Building a quick response system against disasters resulting from space hazards



## TECHNOLOGY

Developing technologies and constructing facilities for monitoring space hazards



## INFRASTRUCTURE

Creating an environment for expanding capability of the response system (International cooperation, R/D, etc)



# SSA KEY TECHNOLOGY

## DETECTION

Activities to detect incoming satellites and space debris, projectiles, space objects within the observed range of the monitoring facilities



## CATALOGING

Activities to manage the database of collected data such as name, identification number, orbit elements, mission, etc.



## SSA KEY TECHNOLOGY

## TRACKING

Activities to track the object within the initial orbit of 'detection'



## IDENTIFICATION

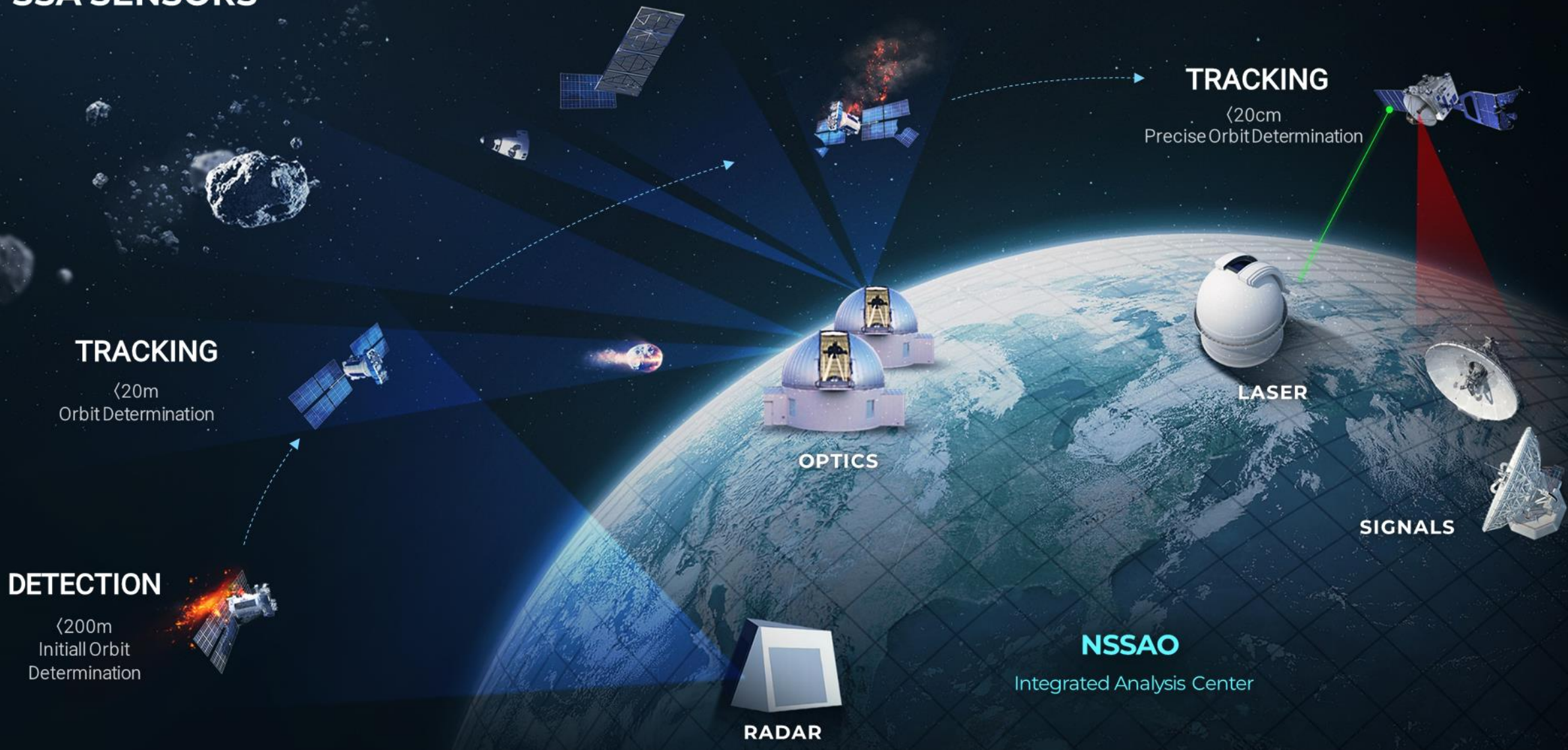
Activities to identify the mission and nationality of the detected object with the precise orbit elements through 'detection' and 'tracking'







# SSA SENSORS







# OWL-NET (Optical Wide-field patrol Network)

## Space Objects Tracking and Monitoring Network

### 5 Global Optical Space Surveillance Network composed of five robotic observatories

- Track and Monitor LEO satellites and space debris and GEO belt
- Observe for asteroids and comets

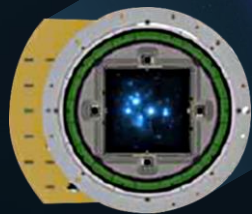


# NEAR EARTH OBJECT OBSERVATION

- 01 **KMTNet**  
(Korea Microlensing Telescope Network) :  
1.6m wide-field optical telescope located in Chile, South Africa and Australia in the southern hemisphere, 24hour observation IAWN Asteroid observation campaign participation
- 02 **Near Space Optical Survey-Alpha (NSOS- $\alpha$ ) (2027-)**  
The first dedicated observation facility for NEO survey in the southern hemisphere using a 1.5-meter class telescope



NSOS- $\alpha$



South Africa

Chile

Australia

Korea





# ALL-SKY SPACE OBJECT MONITORING SYSTEM

Fly eye type multiple camera observation system  
for large artificial space object monitoring

**USA**  
LEMMON



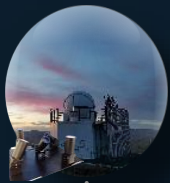
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OUKAIMEDEN



**ISRAEL**  
WISE



**MONGOLIA**  
SONGINO



**KOREA**  
BOHYUN



**KOREA**  
HQ/TESTBED







# KOREA METEOR MONITORING AND OBSERVATION NETWORK (K-M<sup>2</sup>ONET)

Observation of meteors falling down over the Korean peninsular  
Detection of fireballs and generation of information for the estimation of their falling trajectories and impact areas

By 2022, 16 monitoring stations are going to be installed over the southern part of the Korean peninsula.



▶ Publicity at the national level that also contributes to science gifted education



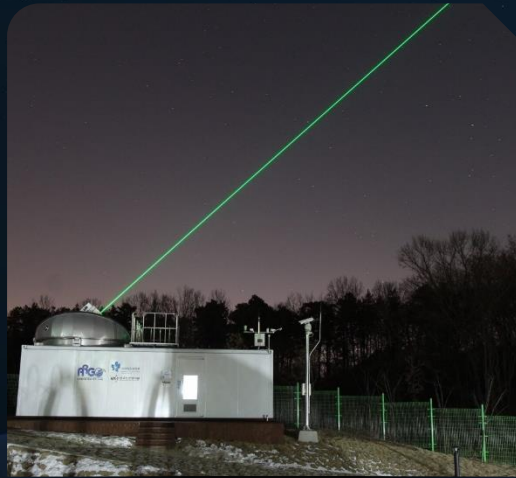
▶ Plan to join the international meteor observation network



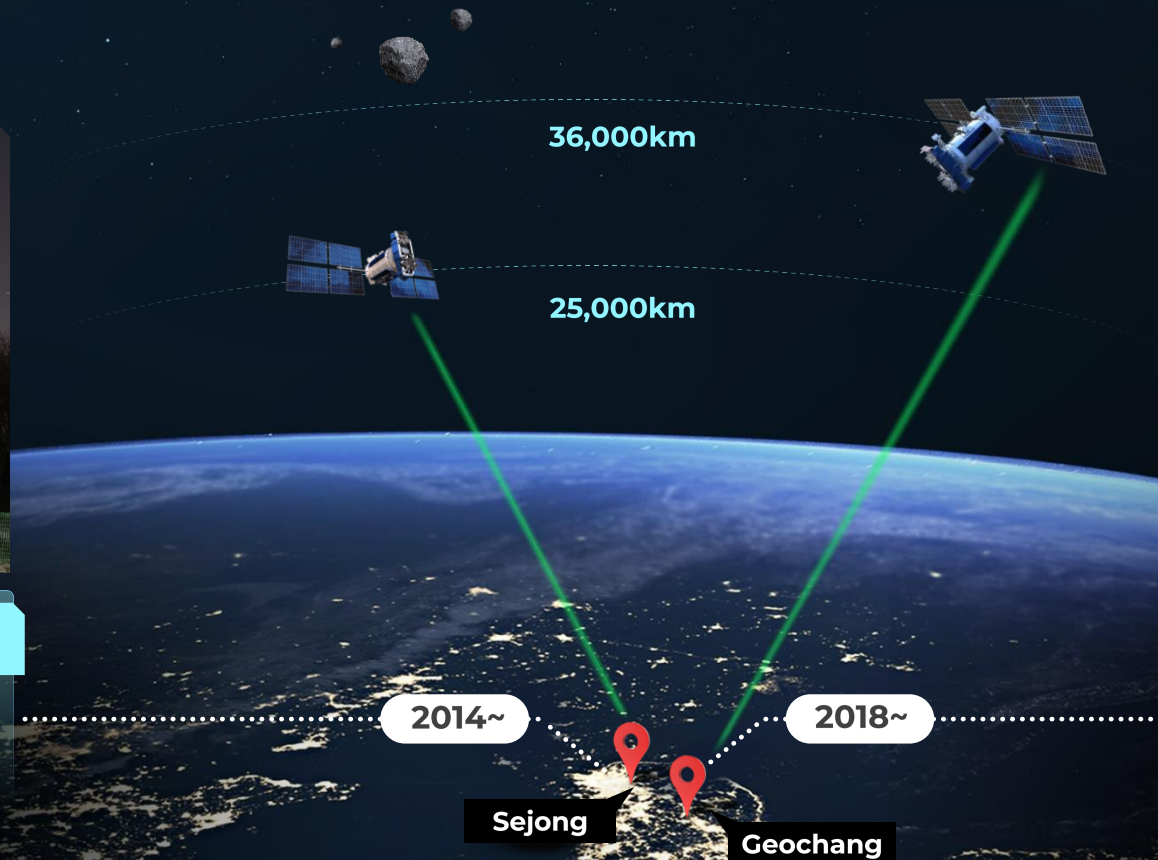


# SLR (SATELLITE LASER RANGING SYSTEM)

Precise orbit determination through laser ranging measurement  
Contribution to international SLR societies and ILRS network participation



**Sejong SLR station**  
250km ~ 25,000km ranging LEO & MEO



**Geochang station**  
300km~36,000km ranging including GEO





# KOREA SPACE SURVEILLANCE ACTIVE PHASED ARRAY RADAR WINDOW (KOSPAW)

To detect and track space object likely to collide with national space assets  
To observe space objects likely to fall on the ground

*Detection capability:*

*Test-Bed : RCS 5m @750km*

*KOSPAW: RCS 1m @1,500km*

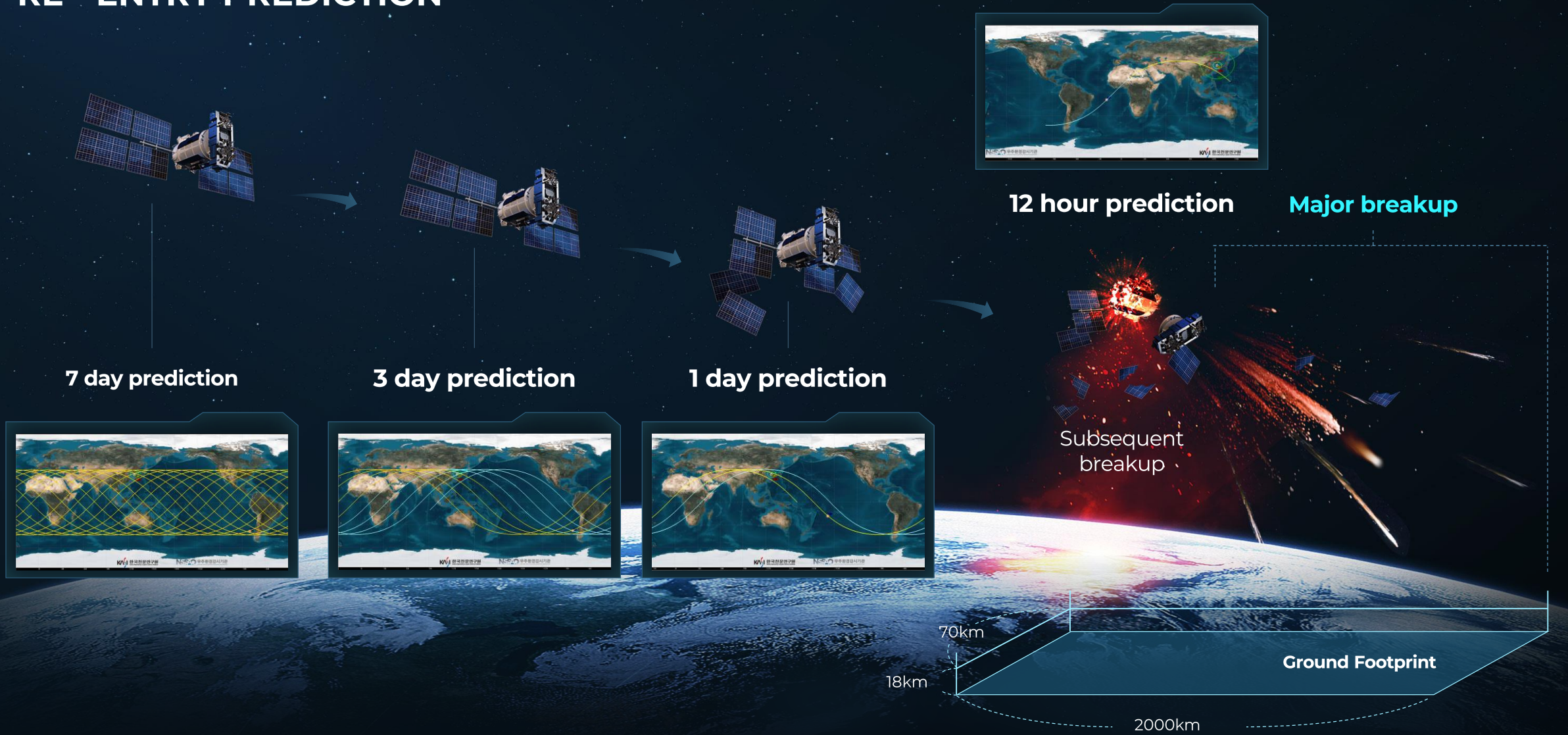
**Wide beam coverage**

**Individual narrow beam tracking**





# RE - ENTRY PREDICTION





# KASIOPEIA

## KASI's Orbit Propagation & Estimation, Integrated Analysis System

KASIOPEIA is a comprehensive space situational awareness total solution for integration all phases from observation data preprocessing to predictive risk assessment

### OBSERVATION DATA PROCESSING

Radar

Optical

Passive RF

### Orbit Estimation & Prediction

### RISK ANALYSIS

Re-entry Prediction

Conjunction Analysis

KASI



Radar Observation Preprocessing



Optical Observation Preprocessing



Ranging Preprocessing



Orbit Determination

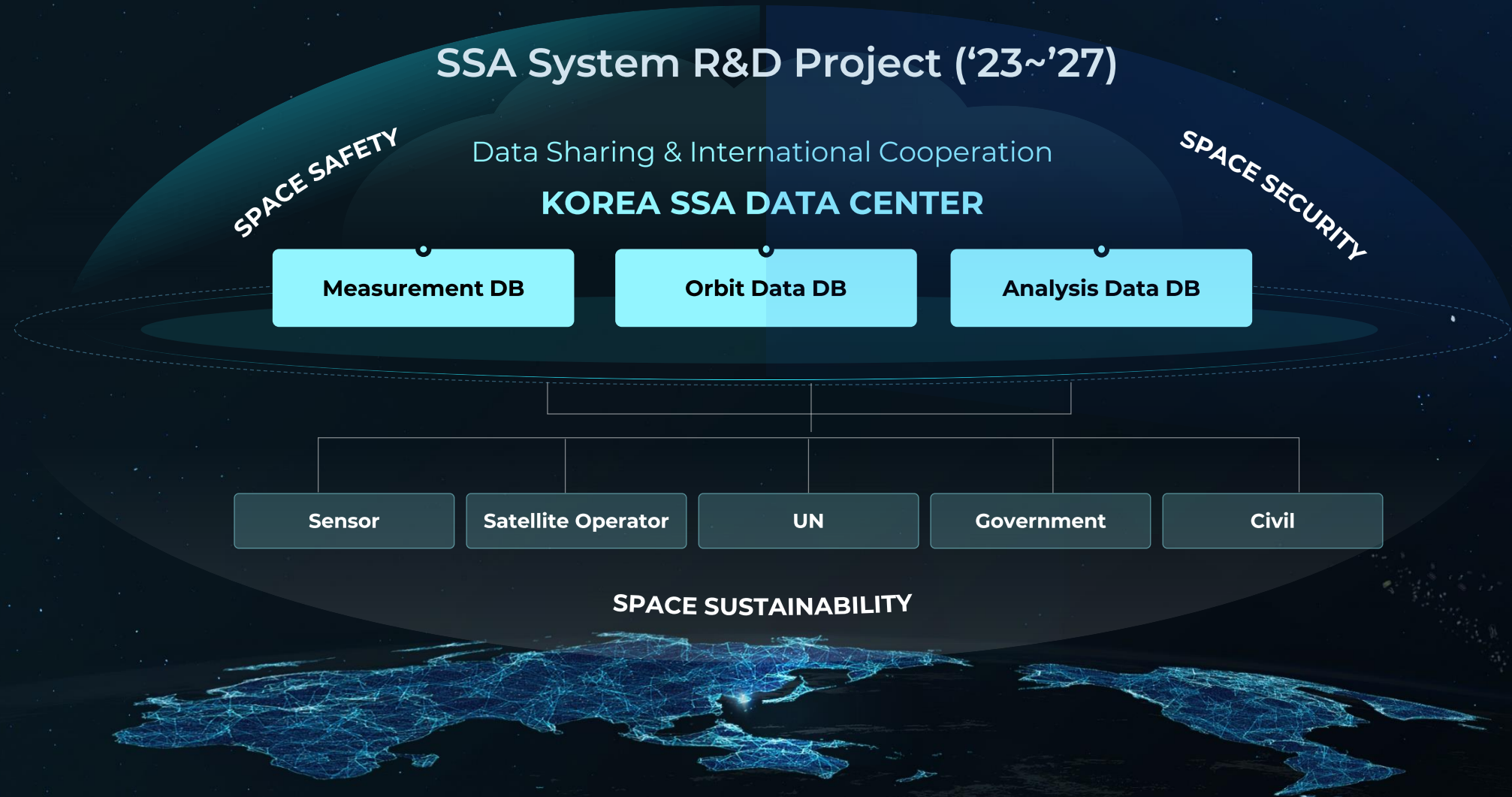


Re-entry Prediction



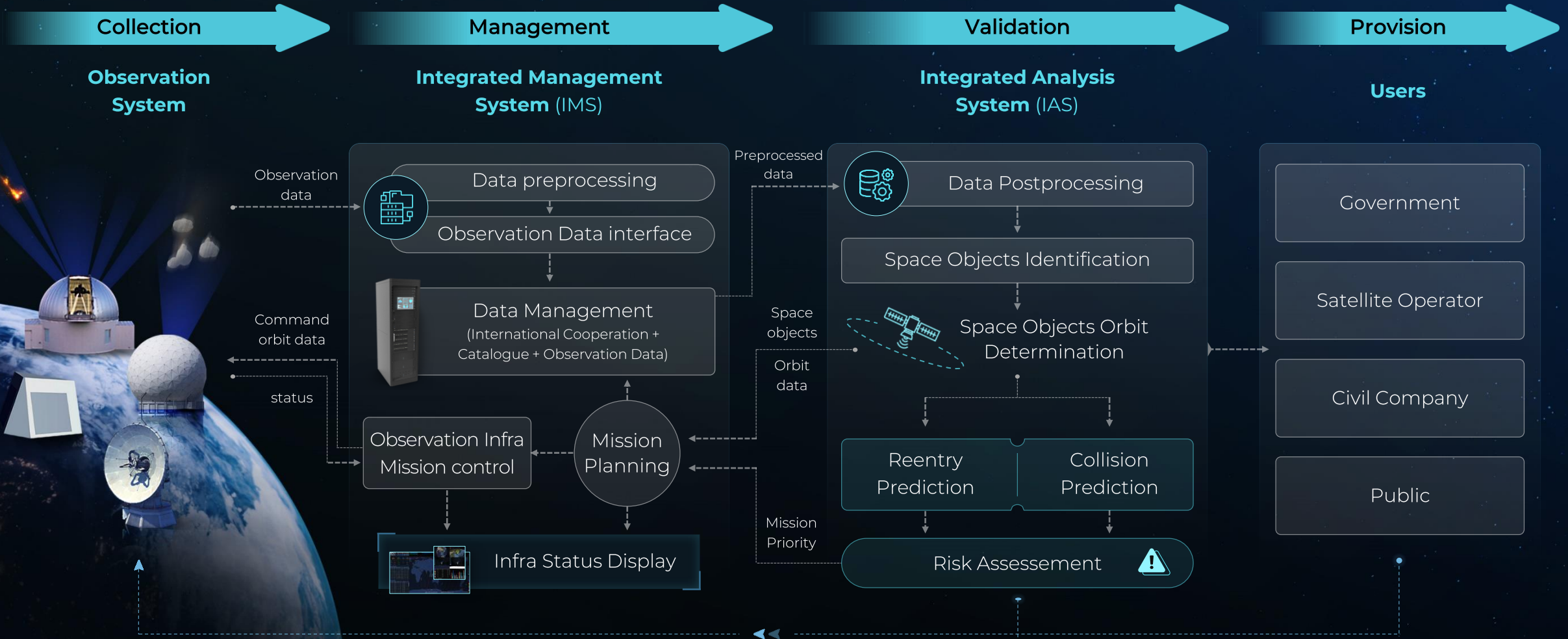
Conjunction Analysis

# SSA INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION





# INTEGRATED ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR DATA MANAGEMENT AND MISSION CONTROL





# SSA MONITORING SYSTEM

## Statistics for Natural Space Objects

NEO Monitoring System

주요제

지구위협소행성(PHA) 누적 발견개수

| PHA-Km |       | PHA |     | NEA-Km |      | NEA |    |
|--------|-------|-----|-----|--------|------|-----|----|
| 현재     | 증감    | 현재  | 증감  | 현재     | 증감   | 현재  | 증감 |
| 160    | 2,219 | +5  | 890 | 27,116 | +217 |     |    |

NEAR-EARTH ASTEROIDS DISCOVERED

CLOSE APPROACHES TO EARTH

| SUBET   | 발견연도  | 발견개수      | 발견기간  |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 21 TX   | 0.11  | 2m - 4m   | 17.72 |
| 21 TF1  | 9.90  | 17m - 37m | 14.92 |
| 21 TC5  | 12.22 | 11m - 24m | 6.70  |
| 21 TW2  | 7.97  | 17m - 37m | 4.15  |
| 21 SP5  | 16.61 | 13m - 30m | 5.28  |
| 21 TP6  | 6.38  | 25m - 60m | 12.09 |
| 21 TV1  | 0.42  | 7m - 15m  | 10.25 |
| 21 TG1  | 0.76  | 7m - 15m  | 11.01 |
| 21 SZ1  | 2.28  | 13m - 30m | 13.66 |
| 21 TJ10 | 3.97  | 4m - 9m   | 6.82  |
| 21 TG10 | 7.18  | 8m - 19m  | 12.73 |
| 21 TB1  | 16.98 | 20m - 50m | 5.13  |
| 21 TK   | 6.86  | 17m - 37m | 8.06  |
| 21 SV1  | 6.80  | 13m - 30m | 8.88  |
| 21 TY1  | 18.31 | 20m - 50m | 9.95  |
| 21 SK4  | 15.72 | 20m - 50m | 6.84  |

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## Statistics for Artificial Space Objects

Artificial Space Object Monitoring System

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5 27 8 5

0.000 1073 4.66 350

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NSSAO 인공우주물체

| TOTAL  | ON ORBIT | TRACKABLE | DECAYED |
|--------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 49,337 | 23,643   | 21,630    | 25,647  |

| SOURCE   | ON ORBIT |          | TRACKABLE | DECAYED |
|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
|          | ACTIVE   | INACTIVE | 7,552     | 3,709   |
| PAYLOADS | 4,930    | 3,008    | 14,078    | 21,930  |
| DEBRIS   | 15,752   |          |           |         |

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| ID    | PL/DEB | NAME           | COUNTRY | DECAY      |
|-------|--------|----------------|---------|------------|
| 45117 | PL     | DRAGON CRS-23  | US      | 2021-10-01 |
| 46201 | DEB    | H-2A DEB       | JPN     | 2021-10-01 |
| 46777 | PL     | STARLINK-1949  | US      | 2021-10-02 |
| 45184 | DEB    | FALCON 9 DEB   | US      | 2021-10-02 |
| 40660 | PL     | AEROCUBE 88    | US      | 2021-10-02 |
| 39777 | DEB    | IRIDIUM 33 DEB | US      | 2021-10-02 |
| 45185 | DEB    | FALCON 9 DEB   | US      | 2021-10-03 |
| 33709 | DEB    | FENGYUN 1C DEB | PRC     | 2021-10-03 |
| 44221 | PL     | STARLINK-710   | US      | 2021-10-03 |
| 45182 | DEB    | FALCON 9 DEB   | US      | 2021-10-03 |
| 44331 | PL     | NEPALSAT1      | NPL     | 2021-10-03 |
| 46398 | DEB    | FREGAT DEB     | CIS     | 2021-10-03 |
| 45183 | DEB    | FALCON 9 DEB   | US      | 2021-10-03 |
| 47127 | PL     | STARLINK-1636  | US      | 2021-10-03 |



Near Earth Object

Collision Risk

Meteor

Re-entry Risk

Space Debris



Integrated Analysis System  
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