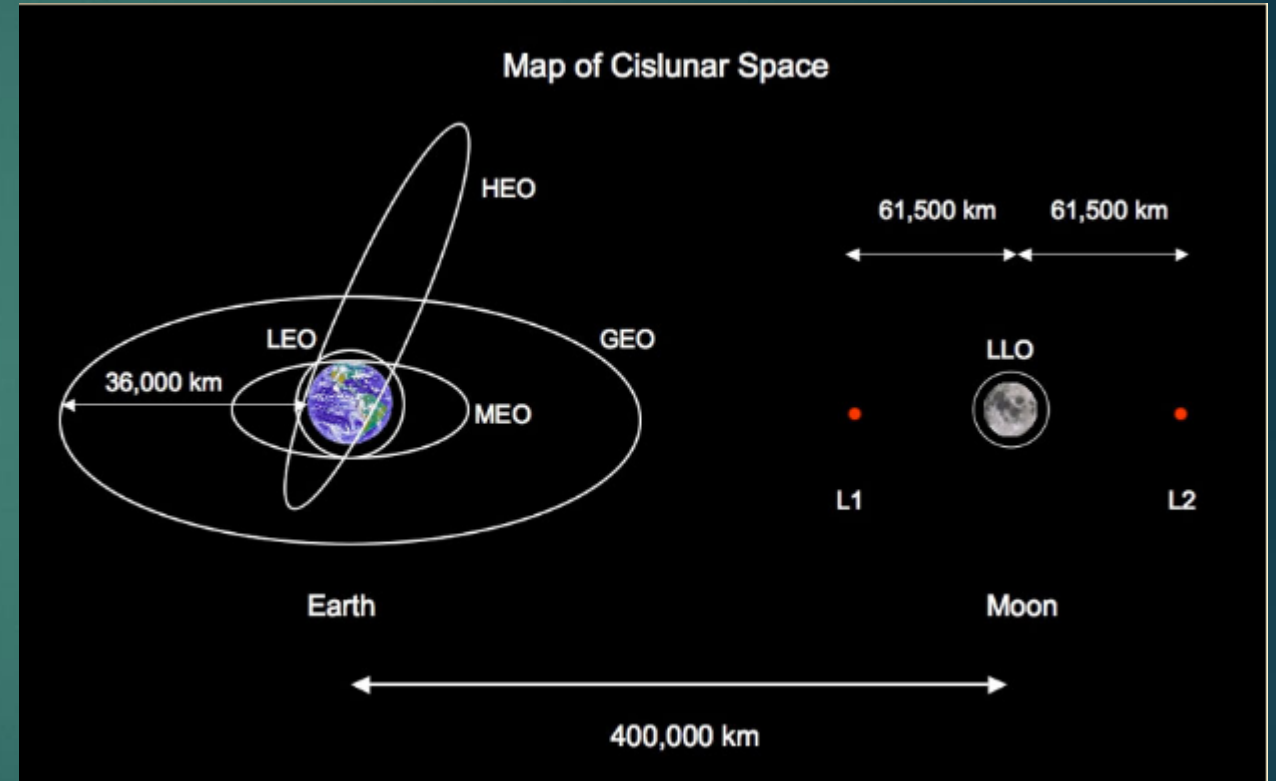


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Projects

Nanosatellite for exploration of the cislunar space



Potential mission goals:

1. Space Environment Characterization

- **Radiation monitoring:** Measure the radiation environment in the cislunar region (important for astronaut safety and long-duration missions).
- **Plasma studies:** Investigate solar wind and its interaction with the Moon's surface and magnetic anomalies.
- **Magnetic field mapping:** Study local magnetic fields in lunar orbit.

2. Technology Demonstration & Communications

- **Navigation testing:** Demonstrate autonomous navigation in cislunar space using celestial or GNSS techniques.
- **Deep space communications:** Test miniaturized high-gain antennas or laser communication systems for lunar distances.

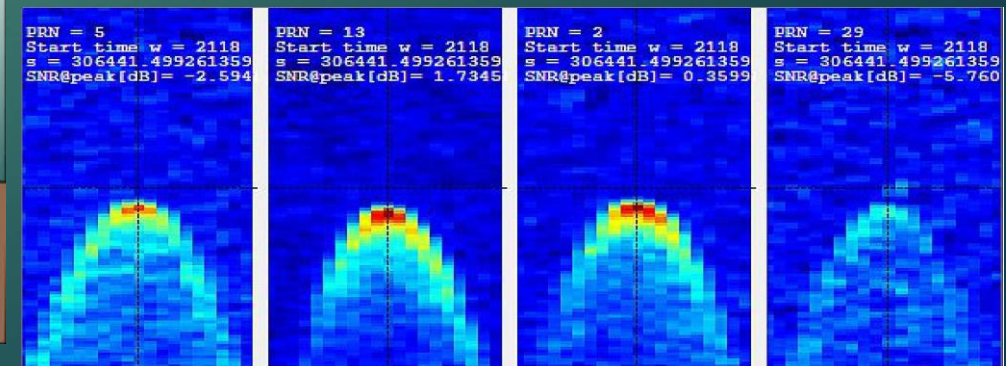
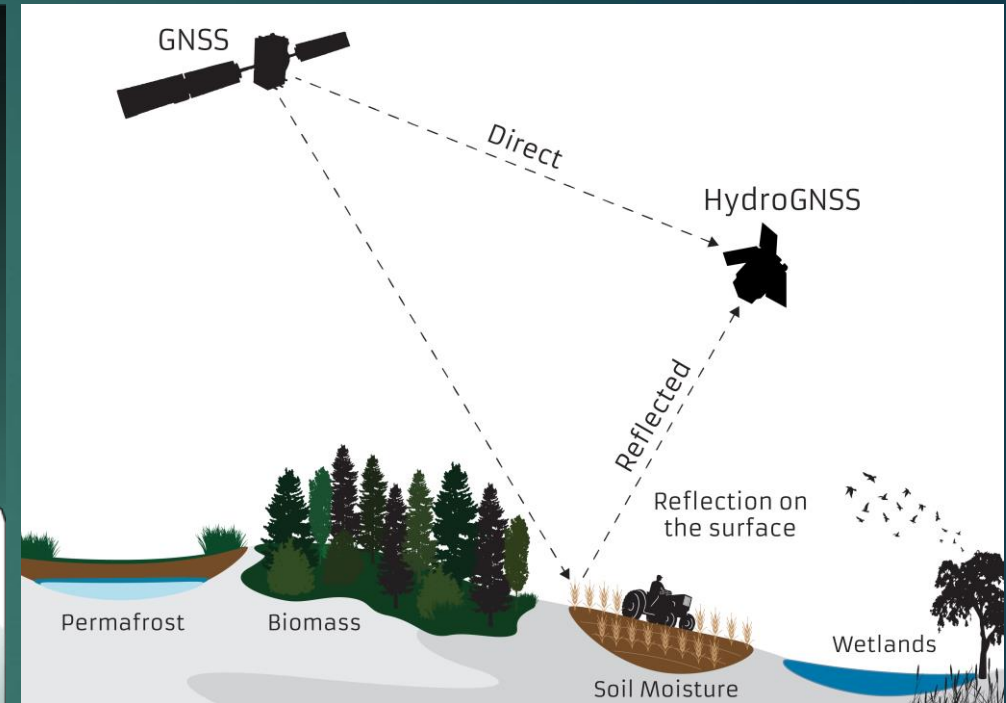
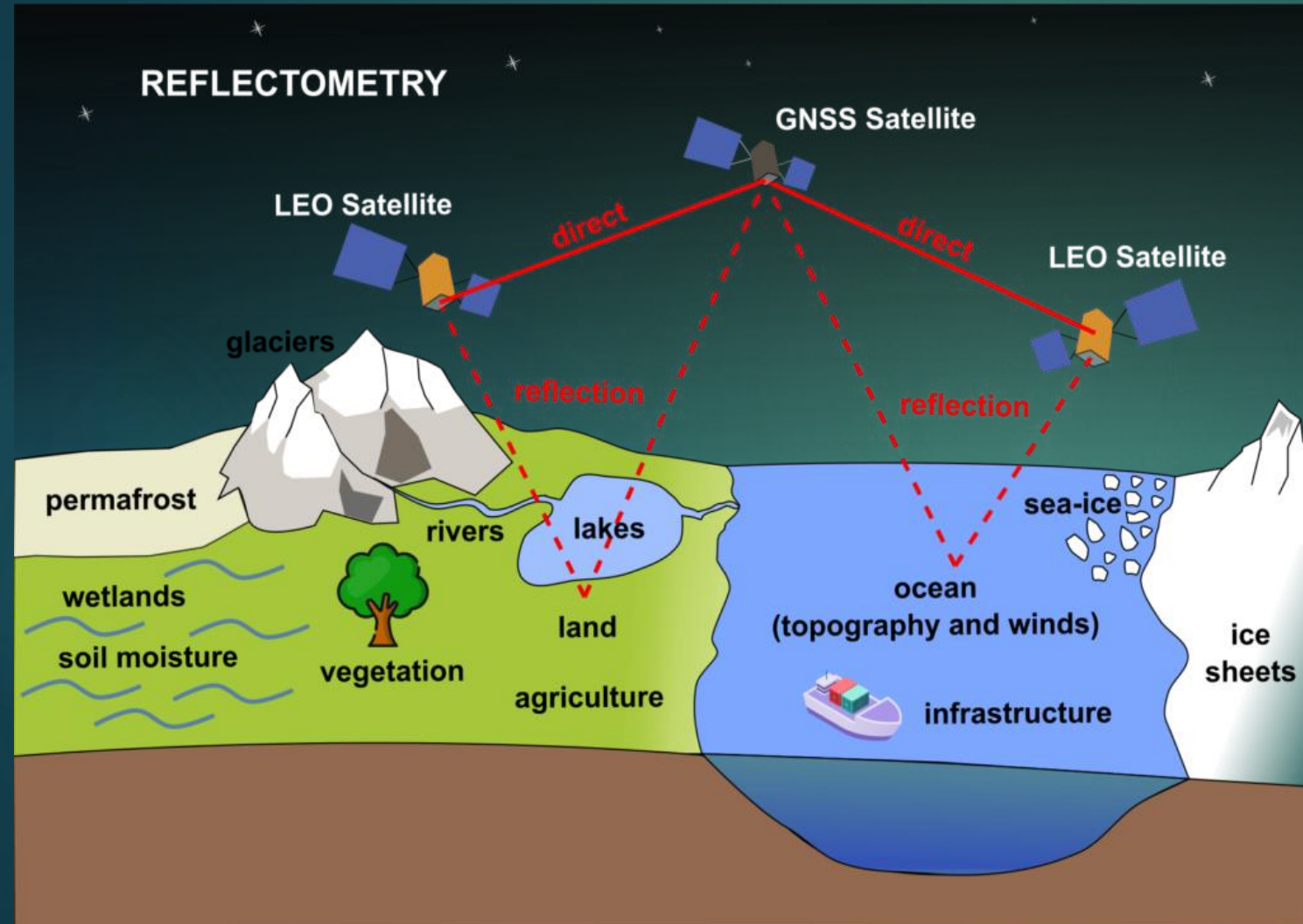
3. Earth-Moon System Science

- **Gravitational mapping:** Contribute to refining models of the Moon's gravity field using Doppler tracking.
- **Tidal effects monitoring:** Study how Earth and Moon interact gravitationally over time.
- **Earth observation from afar:** Collect global-scale data (e.g., cloud cover, climate patterns) from a unique vantage point.

4. Astronomy & Observations

- **Radio astronomy:** Conduct low-frequency radio observations shielded from Earth's radio noise (especially from the lunar far side).
- **UV or X-ray observations:** Use CubeSats to observe transient astrophysical events with fast response times.

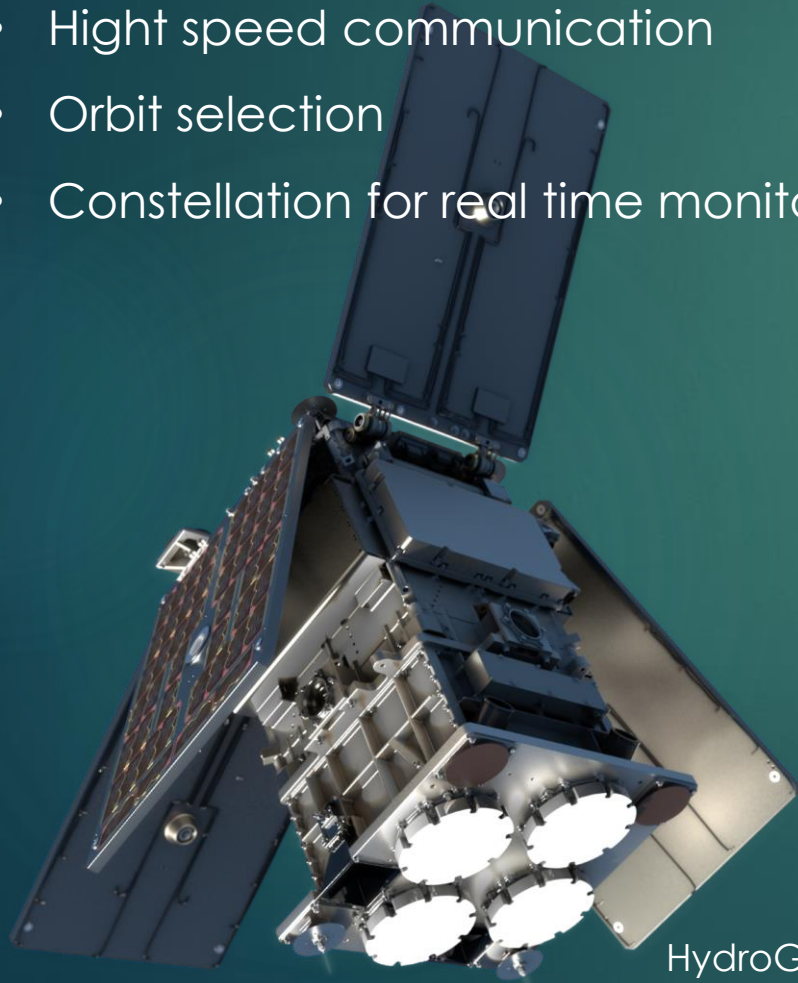
Nanosatellite for Arctic and Antarctic exploration



Delay Doppler Maps collected by DoT-1 satellite

Mission features:

- GNSS antenna array
- Altitude control for precise pointing
- Deployable solar panels
- High speed communication
- Orbit selection
- Constellation for real time monitoring



HydroGNSS Satellite

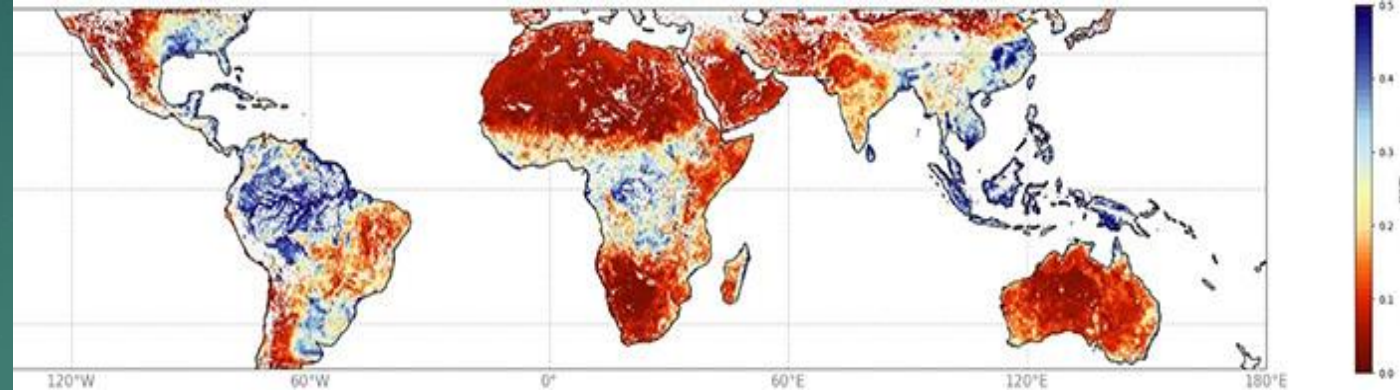
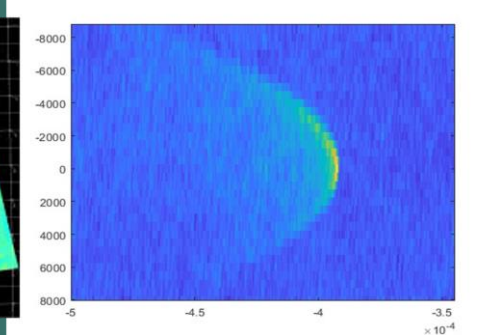
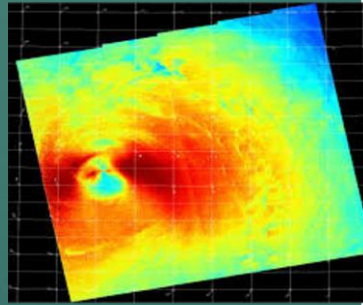
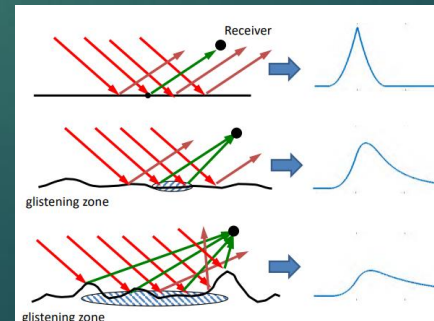


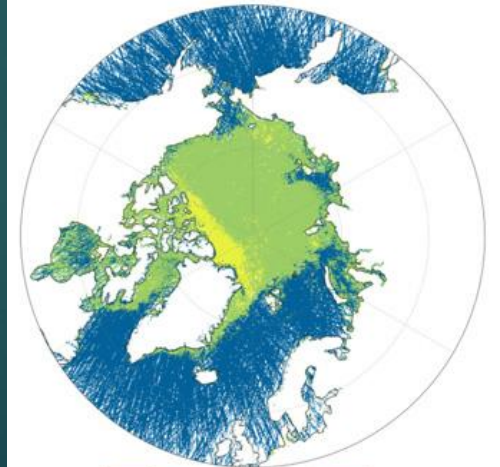
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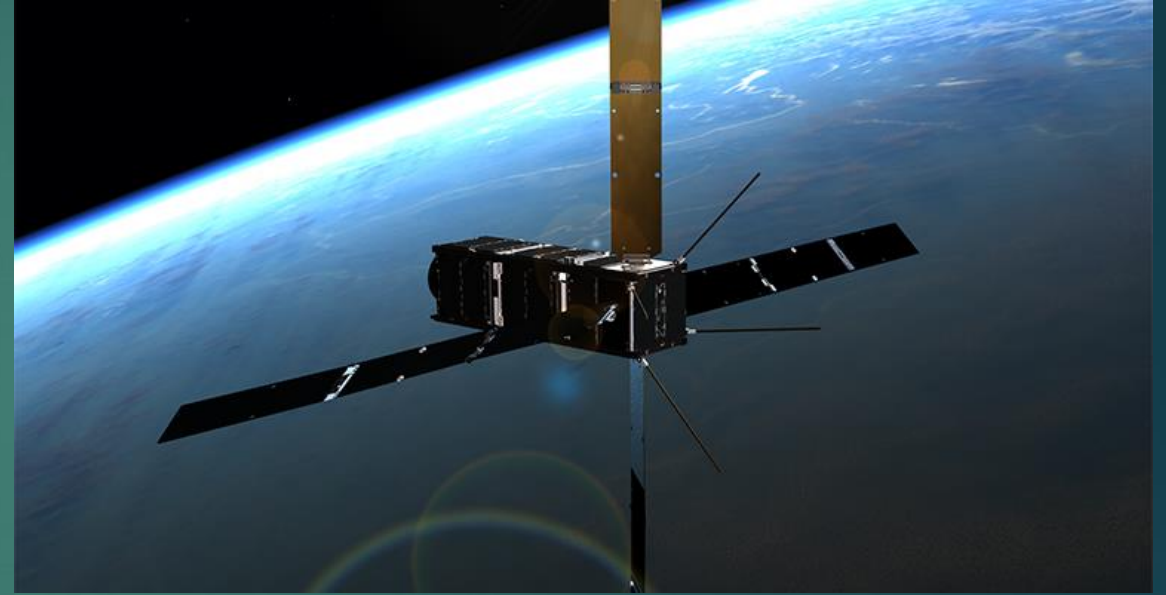
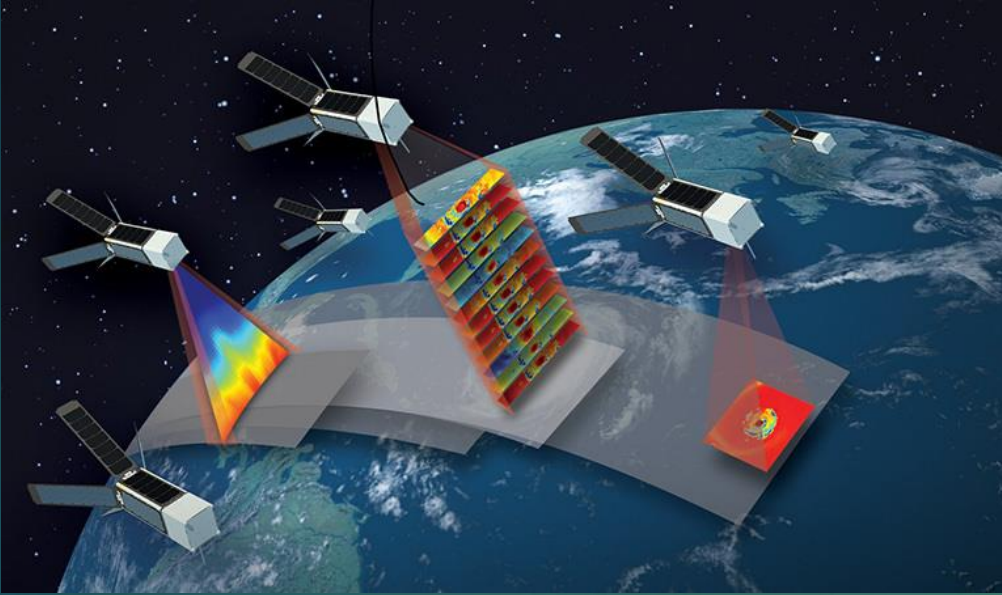
Sea waves and wind
speed measuring,
Cyclone detection



Sea Ice Classification



Nanosatellite for very low Earth orbit (VLEO) exploration



✦ □ 1. High-Resolution Earth Observation

Achieve sharper imagery with smaller optics due to the lower altitude.

Applications:

- Urban development and infrastructure monitoring
- Precision agriculture
- Environmental monitoring (e.g., deforestation, ice melt)
- Disaster response (floods, wildfires, earthquakes)

✦ □ 2. Atmospheric Science & Aeronomy

Study the upper atmosphere and ionosphere in greater detail.

- Thermospheric density variations
- Atomic oxygen concentration (important for spacecraft material erosion)
- Drag modeling and atmospheric drag coefficients

✦ □ 4. VLEO Technology Demonstrations

Tech demos might include:

- Drag-compensation propulsion (e.g., ion thrusters, Hall-effect thrusters)
- Aerodynamically stable satellite shapes

🌐 7. GNSS and Geodesy

Conduct precise orbit determination or Earth gravity field studies at low altitudes.

- Calibration of geodetic models
- Validation of atmospheric drag models

🌀 8. Reentry Observation / Controlled Reentry Tests

Study the physics of atmospheric reentry and test thermal protection systems (TPS).

- Deploy small probes or capsules for reentry
- Study ablation, fragmentation, and heat flux

