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STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 5

LOCATION: Yarragadee, Western Australia

MAILING ADDRESS: NASA Tracking Station  
P. O. Box 137  
Dongara, 6525  
Western Australia

TELEPHONE NO: GSFC SCAMA TWX NO. GXEE

PERIOD OF OPERATION: October, 1979 to present

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 30 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 250 MJ REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 532 NM PULSE WIDTH: 5 - 7 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 2233 Amperex

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Modular Computer II - 64K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos

Starlette

BE-3

TRACKS IN 1980:

524

108

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PRECISION ON TARGET:

15 cm

10

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity

GEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: 7943 - SAO

LOCATION: Orroral Valley, Australia

MAILING ADDRESS: Station Director, NASA/STDN  
Orroral Valley Tracking Station  
P. O. Box 40, Kingston ACT 2604  
Australia

TELEPHONE NO: TWX No. via NASCOM

PERIOD OF OPERATION: full time, 2 shifts

DATA REPORTED TO: SAO

APERTURE: 20" cassegrain MOUNT TYPE: Alt/Azi, Stepping

TRANSMITTED POWER: 350 MW REP. RATE: 8ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 6 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 7265

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium UTC (USNO)

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: 0.1 nsec counter, 20 channel digitizer,  
A/D converters

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: D.G. Nova 1200, 32K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	Mount, data system, paper tape reader and punch, line tape			
CALIBRATION METHOD:	pre/post pass calibration, weekly start electronics, monthly system calibration			
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Starlette	Geos 3	Geos 1
TRACKS IN 1980:	378	316	233	254
PRECISION ON TARGET:	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:	Temperature, Humidity, Pressure			
GEODETTIC MONITORING:	Periodic slant			
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	201 nights/ 266 days			
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	201 nights/ 201 days			
COMMENTS:	<hr/>			

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: National Mapping LLR, Orrroral Valley

LOCATION: Orrroral Valley, ACT, Australia

MAILING ADDRESS: Division of National Mapping  
P. O. Box 31  
Belconnen, ACT, Australia

TELEPHONE NO: 062-357215 TWX No. AA 62230

PERIOD OF OPERATION: continuous

DATA REPORTED TO: University of Texas

APERTURE: 1.5 M MOUNT TYPE: Equatorial

TRANSMITTED POWER: 1 J. REP. RATE: 12 ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 6 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 31034

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP5370A

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 21MX, 176K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: Mount, Timing System, Data Storage

CALIBRATION METHOD: pre/post pass calibration

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Apollo 15

TRACKS IN 1980: approx. 100

PRECISION ON TARGET: 30 cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: temperature, air pressure, humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING: 1st order horizontal and vertical control  
net to AGD and AHD respectively

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: refurbishment phase

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 300 days, 300 nights

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Observatory Lustbuhel

LOCATION: Graz - Austria

MAILING ADDRESS: Observatory Lustbuhel  
Lustbuhelstrasse 46  
A - 8042 GRAZ  
AUSTRIA

TELEPHONE NO: (0)316/41332/21 TWX No. 31078  
obslgz a

PERIOD OF OPERATION:

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: 50 cm MOUNT TYPE: Azimuth/Elevation

TRANSMITTED POWER: 100 mJ (a) REP. RATE: up to 10 Hz (a)  
2.5 J, 4 J (b) up to 0.25 Hz (b)

WAVELENGTH: 530 nm (a) PULSE WIDTH: 100 pps (a)  
694.3 nm (b) 3 ns, 6 ns (b)

DETECTOR TYPE:

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: B.I.H. Laboratory TUG (Graz), with:  
2 Caesium Beam Frequency Standards  
4 LORAN - C Receivers; 3 VLF - Receivers

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5370A Time Interval Counter

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 1000, Model 40, 128kByte

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

CALIBRATION METHOD:

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET:

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Hardware integration and software development are going on during 1981, test phase is expected to start beginning of 1982.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: 7929 - SAO

LOCATION: Natal, Brazil

MAILING ADDRESS: Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory  
US Consulate Recife  
APO Miami, FL 34030

TELEPHONE NO: TWX No. RTTY - via SAO

PERIOD OF OPERATION: full time, 3 shifts

DATA REPORTED TO: SAO

APERTURE: 20" cassegrain MOUNT TYPE: Alt/Azi, stepping

TRANSMITTED POWER: 350 MW REP. RATE: 8ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 6 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 7265

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium UTC (USNO)

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: 0.1 nsec counter, 20 channel digitizer,  
A/D converters

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Nova 1200, 32K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	mount, data system, paper tape reader and punch Linc tape				
CALIBRATION METHOD:	pre/post pass calibration, daily counter				
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Starlette	Geos 3	Geos 1	BEC
TRACKS IN 1980:	65	167	262	241	113
PRECISION ON TARGET:	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:	temperature, humidity, air pressure				
GEODETTIC MONITORING:	periodic slant range				
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	0				
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	0				
COMMENTS:	<hr/>				

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Shanghai Observatory

LOCATION: Shanghai, China

MAILING ADDRESS: Shanghai Observatory  
Shanghai, China

TELEPHONE NO:

PERIOD OF OPERATION: Sept., 1980 to January, 1981

DATA REPORTED TO: SAO, USA

APERTURE: 300 mm MOUNT TYPE: A--h

TRANSMITTED POWER: 20 MW REP. RATE: 1 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 532 nm PULSE WIDTH: 5nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: PMT GDB 49

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Rubidium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: Computing Counter with 0.1 ns resolution

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: none

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

n/a

CALIBRATION METHOD:

range to the fixed target on ground

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Geos - 3                      Geos - 1

TRACKS IN 1980:

60                              30

PRECISION ON TARGET:

60cm                              30cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Air pressure, temperature

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

300 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

300 nights/300 days

COMMENTS:

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A new laser system made in China will be installed at the Shanghai  
Observatory by the Fall of 1982. The main parameters are:

Telescope: 600mm aperture with Coude optics,

Nd: YAG Laser, 0.25 joules, 5ns, 1Hz

Controlled by a microprocessor (Z--80)

Can track Lageos, maybe by daylight

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Yunnan Observatory,  
Academia Sinica

LOCATION:  $\lambda = 102^{\circ}47'$   
 $\phi = 25^{\circ}01'$

MAILING ADDRESS: Yunnan Observatory  
P. O. Box 110  
Kunming, Yunnan Province  
China

TELEPHONE NO: Kunming 2034-75

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1979 to present

DATA REPORTED TO: Shanghai Observatory

APERTURE: 430 mm MOUNT TYPE: 4th axis

TRANSMITTED POWER: 80 MW REP. RATE: 30/min.

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 20 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE:

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD:

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY:

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

CALIBRATION METHOD:

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:                    65321                    65891                    75271

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET:                100 cm                100 cm                100 cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:        200 nights ( not including weather )

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:                                \_\_\_\_\_



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Santiago de Cuba

LOCATION: Santiago de Cuba

MAILING ADDRESS: Institute of Geophysics and Astronomy  
ACC.212 ST. 2906  
Havana, Cuba

TELEPHONE NO: TWX No. 511240 geoastro cu

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1979

DATA REPORTED TO: Interkosmos

APERTURE: 32 cm MOUNT TYPE: 4 axes

TRANSMITTED POWER: 50 MW REP. RATE: 15 ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 30 ns

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8852

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: VLF

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY:

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

CALIBRATION METHOD: Fixed target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: GEA GEC BEC

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET: 100cm 100cm 100cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 150 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 300 nights

COMMENTS: 

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STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Intercosmos - 1867, Quito

LOCATION:  $\ell = 0^{\circ}12'25.5''$   
 $\lambda = 281^{\circ}31'47''$   
 $h = 2860 \text{ m}$

MAILING ADDRESS: Ecuador, R. Oreliana  
Escuela Politecnica  
Nacional Apartado 2759  
Quito

TELEPHONE NO:

PERIOD OF OPERATION: day time

DATA REPORTED TO: Data Center of the A. S.

APERTURE: 340 mm MOUNT TYPE: 4-axis

TRANSMITTED POWER: 1 J. REP. RATE: 0.25 per sec.

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 35 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: FEU-84

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Cuarz System AFU-75

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: CV-receiver

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY:

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

printing device MT-1016

CALIBRATION METHOD:

stand.target at dist. of 2181.34 m

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Geos A

Geos C

TRACKS IN 1980:

2

9

PRECISION ON TARGET:

135 cm

170 cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

visual control

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Helwan I

LOCATION: Helwan, Egypt

MAILING ADDRESS: Helwan Institute of Astronomy and  
Geophysics  
Helwan, Egypt

TELEPHONE NO: TWX No. 93 070

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1974 to present

DATA REPORTED TO: Interkosmos, SAO

APERTURE: 32 cm MOUNT TYPE: 4 axis

TRANSMITTED POWER: 50 MW REP. RATE: 15 ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 30 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8852

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Loran C, HP Cs clock

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 9830, 16k

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:           time gate, range counter, epoch counter

CALIBRATION METHOD:           fixed target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:           GEA       GEC       BEC

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET:        100cm   100cm   100cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:   100 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:                100 nights

COMMENTS:                    \_\_\_\_\_

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Helwan II

LOCATION: Helwan, Egypt

MAILING ADDRESS: Helwan Institute of Astronomy  
and Geophysics  
Helwan, Egypt

TELEPHONE NO: TWX No. 93-070

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1981 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: Interkosmos, SAO

APERTURE: 40 cm MOUNT TYPE: AZ/ALT

TRANSMITTED POWER: 200 MW REP. RATE: 15ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 4 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8852

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Loran c, H-P Cs clock

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 2100S, 64 KByte

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: range counter, epoch counter, time gate,  
laser mount

INPUT/OUTPUT FORMATS: SAO coded

CALIBRATION METHOD: fixed target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:            gea       GEC       BEC       Starlette

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET:           20cm    20cm    20cm    20cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

CEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:       150 nights/50 days

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:                   200 nights/100 days

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Wettzell

LOCATION: Germany (F.R)

MAILING ADDRESS: Institut F. Angew. Geodaesie  
Sat. Beob. Station Wettzell  
D-8493 Koetzting  
Germany (F.R.)

TELEPHONE NO: 09941-8643 TWX No. 069937 WESAT-D

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1972 to present (3 weeks per month)

DATA REPORTED TO: SAO, CNES

APERTURE: 60 cm MOUNT TYPE: Alt/Azim.

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0.25 J REP. RATE: 4 pps

WAVELENGTH: 532 nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.2 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: Varian Static Crossed Field 154 (153)

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: 3 Caesium clocks, sev. Rub.-Cls.

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: Hewlett-Packard Computing Counter 5360A

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: DEC 11/45, 82K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: look.angles, mount-control, laser contr.,  
detector, data handling

CALIBRATION METHOD: terrestrial target measurement

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Lageos Starlette Geos 3

TRACKS IN 1980: 21 39 20

PRECISION ON TARGET: 4-50cm 4-50cm 4-50cm  
(depending on state of laser eqpt.)

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: temperature, pressure, humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING: geodetic control net ( angle, distance,  
height, gravity) in preparation, earth  
tides (observations in preparation)

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Mobile Laser Ranging System

LOCATION: under development

MAILING ADDRESS: Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie  
Richard Strauss Allee 11  
D-6000 Frankfurt 70

TELEPHONE NO: 0611-638091 Telex 04 13 592 ifag d

PERIOD OF OPERATION: from mid-year 1983

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: 40 cm MOUNT TYPE: Az-EI, coude

TRANSMITTED POWER: 50 MW REP. RATE: 10 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 539 nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.2 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8850 (preliminary)

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: to be decided

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5370 A + constant fraction  
discriminators

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: multi-microprocessor system

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:                   mount, detection system

CALIBRATION METHOD:                   pre/postcalibration + simultaneous  
  internal calibration

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:                   Lageos           Starlette           Ground

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET:                 2 cm             2 cm             1cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:           pressure, temperature, relative humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:               geodetic locator

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:                             \_\_\_\_\_

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Metsahovi (7805)

LOCATION: Finland

MAILING ADDRESS: Finnish Geodetic Institute  
Ilmalankatu 1 A  
SF-00240 Helsinki 24, Finland

TELEPHONE NO: 410433

PERIOD OF OPERATION: March to December

DATA REPORTED TO: SAO, University of Texas, NSSDC,  
CNES, IfAG, Kootwijk

APERTURE: 630mm MOUNT TYPE: Equatorial

TRANSMITTED POWER: 50 MW REP. RATE: 1/15 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 20 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA C 31034, 8852

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Quartz, phase-locked to LORAN C

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: Nanofast 536 B counter+ M/2  
half-max plug-in

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: 32k Words

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	tracking, data registration			
CALIBRATION METHOD:	flat target, 333 m distance			
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Geos 1	Geos 3	Starlette
TRACKS IN 1980:	41	30	25	19
PRECISION ON TARGET:	100cm	50cm	50cm	50cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:	air pressure, temperature, humidity			
GEODETIC MONITORING:				
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	240 nights			
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	300 nights			
COMMENTS:	<hr/>			

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Laser-Lune, C.E.R.G.A.

LOCATION: Observatoire de Calern

MAILING ADDRESS: 06460 St. Vallier de Thiey

TELEPHONE NO: 42-62-70 (93) TWX No. 461402

PERIOD OF OPERATION: all year

DATA REPORTED TO: first experiment in June and July, 1981

APERTURE: 1.5m MOUNT TYPE: Azimuthal

TRANSMITTED POWER: 1.5 J REP. RATE: 6 S

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 3 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 31034 A

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Eclipse - Data General

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	32 K + Nova - Data General		
CALIBRATION METHOD:	internal + external targets at several kms		
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Starlette	Geos A	Geos C
TRACKS IN 1980:	2	1	1
PRECISION ON TARGET:	25 cm	25cm	25cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:			
GEODETIC MONITORING:			
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	120 nights, 0 days		
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	120 nights		

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 COMMENTS:

This station can track also Lageos and geostationary satellite; it will participate to LASSO experiment in 1982 (intercontinental synchronization at lns through a geostationary satellite).



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Laser Satellite Grasse (7835)

LOCATION: GRASSE

MAILING ADDRESS: Station Laser Satellite  
Observatoire de Calern  
06460 St. Vallier de Thiey

TELEPHONE NO: (93) 42-62-70 TWX No. 461402

PERIOD OF OPERATION:

DATA REPORTED TO: CNES - Toulouse

APERTURE: 1.00 m MOUNT TYPE: Azimuthal

TRANSMITTED POWER: 3 J. REP. RATE: 5 S

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 3 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: Centroid detection

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: T/1600 Telemecanique 48K octets

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

INPUT/OUTPUT FORMATS: SEASAT format

CALIBRATION METHOD: external targets at several kms.  
simple and return way

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: 7501001 7502701 76303901

TRACKS IN 1980: 111 36 78

PRECISION ON TARGET: 20cm 50 cm 20cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 100 nights/50 days

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 20 nights/100 days

COMMENTS:

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This station can be moved (but not very quickly); its accuracy will be improved in the next years at level of a few centimeters.

This station can track geostationary satellite and will participate in LASSO experiment in 1982 (intercontinental synchronization at lns through a geostationary satellite).

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Potsdam, Helmerturm; No. 1181

LOCATION: X=3800596 Y=881989 Z=5028865

MAILING ADDRESS: Zentralinst. Physik d. Erde  
Telegrafenberg A 17  
DDR-1500 Potsdam G.D.R.

TELEPHONE NO: 4551 TWX No. 15305

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1974 to present

DATA REPORTED TO: Astrosoviet, CNES

APERTURE: 40 cm MOUNT TYPE: 4-ax., SBG

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0.5 to 1 J REP. RATE: 10/min.

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 20 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA C 34034A

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Cs-Clock HP 5061 A

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5370 A

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 9825S, 23 K Byte

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: Mount drive, laser, gate, counter

CALIBRATION METHOD: Terrestrial Targets 500 m and  
2000 m distance

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Geos A    Geos C    Starlette    Lageos

TRACKS IN 1980:            89            72            47            24

PRECISION ON TARGET:      80 cm        60 cm        60 cm        150 cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:    pressure, temperature

GEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:    180 nights/180 days

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:                200 nights/200 days

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COMMENTS:

Availability of long term classical astronomical, seismic and gravimetric data from the same observatory.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: DIONYSOS

LOCATION: Athens, Greece

MAILING ADDRESS: 9 K Zografou  
Athens 624  
GREECE

TELEPHONE NO: (01) 8131961    TELEX: 215032

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1969 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: EROS and SAO

APERTURE: 40 CM                      MOUNT TYPE: Coude

TRANSMITTED POWER: 4.5 Joule                      REP. RATE: 8 PPM

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 NM                      PULSE WIDTH: 25 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: PMT RCA 7265

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: HP Cesium Standard 5061 A

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP Counter 5360 A

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: CDC Cyber 171

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: Local Terminal

CALIBRATION METHOD: Paper Tape and/or Cassette

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	GEOS 1	GEOS 3	LAGEOS	STARLETTE
TRACKS IN 1980:	30	23	22	50
PRECISION ON TARGET:	60 CM	60 CM	60 CM	60 CM

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: Temperature ( $\pm 0.1\text{C}$ ), Pressure ( $\pm 1\text{ MBAR}$ ), Humidity (5%)

GEODETTIC MONITORING: Earth Tides and Local Deformations

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: Refurbishment Phase

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 300 days, 300 nights

COMMENTS:

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A new green laser of 100 mJ, 200 psec at 10 Hz is expected to be delivered in March and go into operation in June.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Satellite Geodetic Obs.

LOCATION: Penc, Hungary

MAILING ADDRESS: H-1373 Budapest, Pf.546  
Hungary

TELEPHONE NO: 27-10980 TWX No. 282241

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 10-04-80 to 20-10-80

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: 43 cm MOUNT TYPE: 4 axes

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0.5J REP. RATE: 0.5 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 20 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: PMT, FEU-84

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Rubidium Atomic

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: Modified EMG 1646 , 100MHz counter

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 9830

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

CALIBRATION METHOD: pre/post target measurements

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Geos 3 Geos 1

TRACKS IN 1980: 33 18

PRECISION ON TARGET: 100cm 100cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 100 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 150 nights

COMMENTS:

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Photographic and laser measurements are possible from the same  
SBG telescope mount.



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Kavalur

LOCATION: India

MAILING ADDRESS: STARS Project  
6th Floor, Shastri Bhavan,  
Haddows Road, Madras 600 006  
INDIA

TELEPHONE NO: 811046            Telex No. 041-394 & 7353

PERIOD OF OPERATION: January through May; September through October  
and the month of December

DATA REPORTED TO: AS-USSR (Moscow) Co-ordinator, Interkosmos  
Laser Radar working group (Prague) and ISRO

APERTURE:                    32 cm                    MOUNT TYPE:            4 axis

TRANSMITTED POWER:    1 J.                    REP. RATE:            1 pps

WAVELENGTH:            694.3 nm                PULSE WIDTH:            20 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE:                    RCA 8852 and USSR equivalent (RCA C31034A)

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD:            Caesium Beam Frequency Standard  
HP 5061A ( with option 004)

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:            Polish FL 103B + BT2 and Hewlett Packard  
5335A with options 010 and 030

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY:            IBM 370/155

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

None

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Fixed target board method

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

(1) (2)

TRACKS IN 1980:

1500 1500  
at the rate of 10 shots per calibration

PRECISION ON TARGET:

15 cm 15 cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

p mm Hg T<sup>o</sup>per C H%

GEODETIC MONITORING:

yes

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

150 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

150 nights

COMMENTS:

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The station is established in the campus of Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Kavalur (12°34'N, 78°51'E, 800m MSL) as a scientific collaboration between Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Astronomical Council of the USSR (AC-AS USSR). The station is equipped with A F U-75 tracking camera, laser radar and precise timing equipment.

Highly accurate time service exist at the station. The current epoch accuracy is 10  $\mu$  seconds (UTC) with respect to BIH (Paris).

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Dodaira Station

LOCATION: Long. 139°11' 43".159E  
 Lat. 36°00' 08".606N  
 H. 855.89 m

MAILING ADDRESS: Dodaira Station, Tokyo Astronomical  
 Observatory  
 Ohno, Tokigawa-Mura, Hiki-Gun,  
 Saitama-Ken 355-05 JAPAN

TELEPHONE NO: Main office: Univ.of Tokyo, Mitaka, Tokyo 181, JAPAN  
 Dodaira (0) 493-67-0224 TWX 02933106  
 Mitaka (0) 422-32-5111 TWX 02822307  
 (0) is necessary only in Japan

PERIOD OF OPERATION: All Year

DATA REPORTED TO: Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory

APERTURE: RX=50cm MOUNT TYPE: XY mount  
 TX=10cm

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0.3J REP. RATE: 0.1 ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 15 ns (without slicer)  
 4 ns (with slicer)

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 7265(will be replaced soon by HTV  
 R-1333, similar to RCA-8852)

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Rubidium Frequency Standard which is linked  
 to caesium frequency standards at Mitaka  
 through VHF radio

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP-2100 with 64 K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL: telescope driving, ranging system control and data acquisition, disc drive (5MByte) CRT terminal, line printer, TEX tape reader

CALIBRATION METHOD: Electrical: HP1900 series pulse generator  
Optical: ground based standard target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: GEOS A GEOS C BEACON C STARLETTE

TRACKS IN 1980: approx. 40 successful passes for above four satellites

PRECISION ON TARGET: approx. 50 cm for above four targets

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind, etc.

GEODETTIC MONITORING: one of the 1st order triangulation points at Mt. Dodaira

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 100 nights/20 days ( including weather

READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84: 120 nights/50 days ( including weather )

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COMMENTS:

Our 50 cm receiving telescope was modified to a standard Cassgrain type from off-axis Herschel type in 1979. The telescope is to be used for lunar laser transmitting. The lunar laser receiving is done by a 3.8 meters' metallic reflector on an elevation-azimuth mount. The lunar system is now under adjustments.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Simosato Hydrographic Observatory

LOCATION: Simosato, Wakayama Pref.

MAILING ADDRESS: Simosato, Nachi-Katsu-ura-cho  
Higasi-Muro-gun, Wakayama  
649-51 JAPAN

TELEPHONE NO: 07355-8-0084 TWX No. to be installed

PERIOD OF OPERATION: December, 1981

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: 60 cm MOUNT TYPE: Alt-Az

TRANSMITTED POWER: 250 mJ REP. RATE: 4 pps

WAVELENGTH: 532 nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.2, 0.4 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: Photo-multiplier tube, leading-edge detection

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Rubidium frequency standard

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: high resolution electronic counter with 20 ps resolution

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: PDP 11/60 with 64 kw memory

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: entire system under computer control

CALIBRATION METHOD: one ground target for ranging and three  
ground targets for levelling calibrations

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Lageos Geos Starlette

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET: 10cm 20cm 10cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: temperature, humidity, air pressure

GEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 300 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 300 nights

COMMENTS:

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This station is scheduled to be in operation on December 1, 1981.  
The laser ranging system is almost the same as the Wettzel's.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Kootwijk Observatory

LOCATION: Kootwijk (The Netherlands)

MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. Box 581  
7300 AN Apeldoorn  
The Netherlands

TELEPHONE NO: 5769-341 TWX No. 36442

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1/9/76 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: NSSDC up to 31/ 12- 1980

APERTURE: 50cm MOUNT TYPE: Az-E1, coude

TRANSMITTED POWER: 700 MW REP. RATE: 15 ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 1.8 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8852

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Rb standard HP 5065 A

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360 A + constant fraction  
discriminators

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: HP 21 MX-E, 128k

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	none, predictions only		
CALIBRATION METHOD:	pre/postcalibration using internal light path		
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Starlette	Geos 3
TRACKS IN 1980:	53	157	160
PRECISION ON TARGET:	15 cm	10cm	15cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:	pressure, temperature, relative humidity		
GEODETIC MONITORING:			
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	240 nights/240 days		
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	300 nights/300 days		
COMMENTS:	<hr/>		



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Mobile Laser Ranging System

LOCATION: under development

MAILING ADDRESS: Delft University of Technology  
Kootwijk Observatory  
P. O. Box 581, 7300 AN  
Apeldoorn, The Netherlands

TELEPHONE NO: 5769-341 TWX No. 36442

PERIOD OF OPERATION: September, 1983

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: 40 cm MOUNT TYPE: Az-E1, coude

TRANSMITTED POWER: 50 MW REP. RATE: 10 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 539 nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.2 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8850 (preliminary)

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: to be decided

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5370 A + constant fraction  
discriminators

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: multi-microprocessor system

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

mount, detection system

CALIBRATION METHOD:

pre/postcalibration + simultaneous  
internal calibration

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos            Starlette            Ground

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET:

2 cm            2 cm            1cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

pressure, temperature, relative humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

geodetic locator

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: 7907 - SAO

LOCATION: Arequipa, Peru

MAILING ADDRESS: Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory  
Casilla 751  
Arequipa, Peru 224038

TELEPHONE NO: Arequipa 215959 TWX No. RTTY-via SAO

PERIOD OF OPERATION: full time, 3 shifts

DATA REPORTED TO: SAO

APERTURE: 20" cassegrain MOUNT TYPE: Alt/Azi, Stepping

TRANSMITTED POWER: 350 MW REP. RATE: 8ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 6 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 7265

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium UTC (USNO)

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: 0.1 nsec counter, 20 channel digitizer,  
A/D converters

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Nova 1200, 32K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	Mount, data system, paper tape reader, and punch, Linc tape				
CALIBRATION METHOD:	pre/post pass calibration, weekly start electronics, monthly system calibration, daily counter calibration				
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Starlette	Geos 3	Geos 1	BEC
TRACKS IN 1980:	340	536	685	590	494
PRECISION ON TARGET:	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:	temperature, humidity, pressure				
GEODETTIC MONITORING:	periodic slant range				
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	261 nights/261 days				
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	261 nights/261 days				
COMMENTS:	<hr/>				

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Borowiec

LOCATION: lat=52°16'38", long=1<sup>h</sup>08<sup>m</sup>18<sup>s</sup>, 80m over sea level

MAILING ADDRESS: Astronomical Latitude Observatory  
Borowiec  
62-035 Kornik  
POLAND

TELEPHONE NO: Kornik 188 TWX NO. 0412623

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1.IV to 31.X

DATA REPORTED TO: Interkosmos

APERTURE: 32 cm MOUNT TYPE: 4-axis, manual, Interkosmos

TRANSMITTED POWER: 1.5 J REP. RATE: 7/min

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 25 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8852 followed by constant fraction discriminator

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Atom Clock - Rhode and Schwarz/Ces.

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: F1 102, 5 ns resolution

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: not used

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL: n/a

CALIBRATION METHOD: pre-post ground target calibration  
1478.907 m

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Geos C Geos A

TRACKS IN 1980: no observations - damage to the laser

PRECISION ON TARGET: 46 23 (1979)

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: Temperature, air pressure, humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 100 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84: expecting new laser system

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Laser Satellite San-Fernando (7824)

LOCATION: San-Fernando, Spain

MAILING ADDRESS: Estacion Laser  
Observatorio de Marina  
San-Fernando (Cadiz)  
ESPANA

TELEPHONE NO: (56) 883548 Telex: 76108 IOM E

PERIOD OF OPERATION: 1975 to present

DATA REPORTED TO: CNES - TOULOUSE

APERTURE: 60 cms MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0,7 J REP. RATE: 6 s

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 27 ns

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 31034 A

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: 1 ns counter CGE design

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: WANT 2200 - 16 K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:                   Peripherals, Mount Servo Control, Data  
Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:                   Pre-Post ranging on fixed calibration  
target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

TRACKS IN 1980:                    No operation from April to December

PRECISION ON TARGET:                100 cms

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:         Temperature, pressure

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:        200 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:                    200 nights

COMMENTS:                           \_\_\_\_\_

The observations were discontinued on the 10th of April 1980 in order to move the GRGS mobile station to its new location in the observatory's main building.

Following the difficulties experienced with the dome opening, the laser station is now operating. (From December of 1980).

Presently, we are fitting up a new laser which characteristics are: 2-3 J, 6-10 ns.

The ranging accuracy will be 50 cms and the system will be able to get regular ranging on Lageos.

The Event-Timer required for the LASSO experiment is expected soon. The model selected by the Naval Observatory is: Thomson TSN 634 H.



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Zimmerwald Laser Ranging Station

LOCATION: Zimmerwald near Bern

MAILING ADDRESS: Astronomisches Institut  
Universitat Bern  
Sidlerstrasse 5  
3012 Bern, SWITZERLAND

TELEPHONE NO: +41 31658591 TWX No. 32 320

PERIOD OF OPERATION: August 1, 1980 to September 30, 1980

DATA REPORTED TO: C.N.E.S.

APERTURE: 525 mm MOUNT TYPE: Alt/AZ

TRANSMITTED POWER: 1.5 J REP. RATE: .25 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 694 nm PULSE WIDTH: 17 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 7265

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Loran-C

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: Eldorado + Octal TDC's

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: PDP-11/40 64 kb

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL:	Mount and Laser Radar - CAMAC			
CALIBRATION METHOD:	Internal, pre and post track			
PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Geos 1	Geos 3	Starlette	BE-C
TRACKS IN 1980:	5	2	5	2
PRECISION ON TARGET:	60cm	80cm	80cm	60cm
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:	pressure, temperature, humidity			
GEODETTIC MONITORING:	Doppler (visiting)			
READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:	40 nights			
READINESS TO TRACK IN MERIT '83-'84:	60 nights			
COMMENTS:	<hr/>			
Video recording and processing for direction measurement				

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: RGO Herstmonceux

LOCATION: Herstmonceux, East Sussex  
England  
50°52'N, 0°20'E

MAILING ADDRESS: Royal Greenwich Observatory  
Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 1RP  
United Kingdom

TELEPHONE NO: (UK) 032-181-3171 Telex (UK) 87451 RGOBSY G  
from 1982 032-383-3171

PERIOD OF OPERATION: from early 1982

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: T 100mm/ MOUNT TYPE: Alt-az  
R 508mm

TRANSMITTED POWER: 30 mJ pulse REP. RATE: 10Hz

WAVELENGTH: 532 nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.15 ns

DETECTOR TYPE: Varian VPM 152S, RCA 8850 available

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Cs ensemble on site, Loran C links

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: University of Maryland 4-stop

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: PDP 11/34a, 128K x 16 bit, RSX 11M V3.2;  
LSI 11/2

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: Telescope, laser, receiver, timer,  
data storage

CALIBRATION METHOD: under consideration

INPUT/OUTPUT FORMATS: 9-track magnetic tape, 1600 bpi phase encoded

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Lageos Starlette

TRACKS IN 1980: none

PRECISION ON TARGET: better than 100 mm expected

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: under consideration

GEODETTIC MONITORING: linked to UK geodetic net, 4 Doppler  
campaigns on site since mid-1979

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 100 days or nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 200 days or nights

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COMMENTS:

The RGO Herstmonceux station will use a short-pulse laser of relatively low power, a telescope steered with unusual accuracy under computer control, single-photon detection and a multi-stop timing system. The option of working in pulse-comb mode will be investigated. The system is expected to be capable of tracking Lageos with sub-decimeter range uncertainty in daylight, but the small divergence of the emitted beam needed to reach the more distant targets may make acquisition difficult unless more accurate predictions can be obtained. The receiver and timing electronics will be controlled by a microcomputer slaved to the main computer, partly to reduce the load on the main computer and partly to simplify development of the system at two centres (RGO and the University of Hull).

The site is close to one of the holding patterns of London-Gatwick airport, and the station will include a radar system, slaved to the telescope drive, which will automatically shut off the laser whenever an aircraft approaches the laser beam.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: McDonald Lunar Ranging

LOCATION: Fort Davis, Texas USA

MAILING ADDRESS: McDonald Observatory  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78712 USA

TELEPHONE NO: (512) 471-4471 TWX No. 910 8741351

PERIOD OF OPERATION: August, 1969 to January, 1982

DATA REPORTED TO: Goddard Space Flight Center

APERTURE: 2.7M MOUNT TYPE: Equatorial

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0.4W REP. RATE: 20ppm

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 3 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 31034A

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: X-tal with Loran C

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: TDC 100 in epoch recording mode

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Varian 620L 12K

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MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: timing, timekeeping, lunar pointing

CALIBRATION METHOD: internal target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Moon

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET: 10cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: pressure, temperature, humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING: seismometer, accurate local survey

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 30 nights/30 days

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 0

COMMENTS:

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Station to be discontinued in early 1982, in favor of dual purpose  
installation at same location

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: MLRS

LOCATION: Fort Davis, Texas, USA

MAILING ADDRESS: McDonald Observatory  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78712 USA

TELEPHONE NO: (512)471-4471 TWX No. 910-874-1351

PERIOD OF OPERATION: Nov., 1981 to

DATA REPORTED TO: Goddard Space Flight Center

APERTURE: 0.76 M MOUNT TYPE: X-Y

TRANSMITTED POWER: -4 W REP. RATE: 10 Hz

WAVELENGTH: 532 nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.1 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: RCA 8852

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Rubidium + Loran C

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: EG & G TD811 units in an epoch measuring mode

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Nova IV, 128K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: timing, pointing, weather, clocks

CALIBRATION METHOD: internal target returns cross correlated  
with satellite

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Lageos Moon Starlette

TRACKS IN 1980:

PRECISION ON TARGET: 2cm 5cm 2cm normal point

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: pressure, temperature, humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING: accurate local survey, seismometer

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 300 nights/300 days

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 350 nights/350 days

COMMENTS:

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System uses two lasers, a 3-5 W, 3 nsec unit for lunar work and a 20 mw, 0.11 nsec mode locked unit for satellites.

Telescope is a yoke mounted X-Y configuration with both cass. and coude focus position. System uses a roller drive with both high accuracy incremental as well as 18 bit absolute encoders.

System is in a transportable carrier about 16 x 3M is size.



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: TLRS

LOCATION: variable

MAILING ADDRESS: McDonald Observatory  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78712 USA

TELEPHONE NO: (512) 471-4471 TWX No. 910 874 1351

PERIOD OF OPERATION: August, 1980 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: Goddard Space Flight Center

APERTURE: 0.3M MOUNT TYPE: Alt-Az

TRANSMITTED POWER: 35 MW REP. RATE: 10Hz

WAVELENGTH: 532.nm PULSE WIDTH: 0.insec

DETECTOR TYPE: Varian 152 S

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium + Rubidium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: TD811 in epoch recording mode

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Nova III 32K

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MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL: all

CALIBRATION METHOD: internal target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS: Lageos

TRACKS IN 1980: 50

PRECISION ON TARGET: 2 cm normal point

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: pressure, temperature, humidity

GEODETIC MONITORING: variable

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 300 nights/300days

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 300 nights/300days

COMMENTS:

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Station is highly mobile and built in a single chassis vehicle.

The system uses a mode-locked laser with no pulse selection, identifying the pulses by cross correlating the single photon returns with the data from an internal target.

Computer intensive system which can perform a mount model prior to every pass if necessary at an unprepared site.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 1

LOCATION: Mt. Haleakala, Hawaii

MAILING ADDRESS: NASA Tracking Station  
P. O. Box 521  
Puunene, Maui, Hawaii 96784  
USA

TELEPHONE NO: (808) 242-5563 TWX No. GXAA

PERIOD OF OPERATION: July, 1980 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 16 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 750 MJ REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 694 NM PULSE WIDTH: 5 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56 TVP

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Honeywell DDP516, 16K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Starlette	BE-3
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TRACKS IN 1980:	216	141	229
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PRECISION ON TARGET:	10cm	10cm	10cm
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Moblas 1 was operational at Ft. Davis, Texas prior to May, 1980.  
1980 data figures include passes obtained at that location.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 2

LOCATION: Platteville, Colorado

MAILING ADDRESS: NASA Tracking Station  
P. O. Box 749  
Platteville, Co. 80651  
USA

TELEPHONE NO: (303) 785-6366 TWX. No. GXBB

PERIOD OF OPERATION: February, 1981 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 20 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 750 MJ REP. RATE: IPPS

WAVELENGTH: 694 NM PULSE WIDTH: 5 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56 TVP

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Honeywell DDP516, 16K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:                   Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:                   Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Lageos	Starlette	BE-3
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TRACKS IN 1980:	184	135	225
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PRECISION ON TARGET:	10cm	10cm	10cm
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:           Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:                             \_\_\_\_\_

Moblas 2 was operational at Owens Valley, CA. prior to January, 1981.  
Data figures include passes obtained at that location.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 3

LOCATION: Monument Peak, CA

MAILING ADDRESS: NASA Tracking Station  
P. O. Box 130  
Mt. Laguna, CA 92048  
USA

TELEPHONE NO: (714) 473-9754 TWX NO. GXCC

PERIOD OF OPERATION: July, 1981 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 20 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 750MJ REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 694NM PULSE WIDTH: 5 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56TVP

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Honeywell DDP516, 16K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos	Starlette	BE-3
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TRACKS IN 1980:

213	71	161
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PRECISION ON TARGET:

10cm	10cm	10cm
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Moblas 3 was operational at Goldstone, CA during 1980. Data figures reflect passes obtained at that location.



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 4

LOCATION: GORF/GSFC

MAILING ADDRESS: Route 2, Box 274  
Laurel, Md. 20708 USA

TELEPHONE NO: (301) 344-5800 TWX No. GXDD

PERIOD OF OPERATION: N/A

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 30 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: varied REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 532 NM PULSE WIDTH: varied

DETECTOR TYPE: 56 TVP

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Modular Computer II

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos

Starlette

BE-3

TRACKS IN 1980:

76

34

68

PRECISION ON TARGET:

test

test

test

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Moblas 4 has been used as an engineering test bed. Data from this station, therefore, is subject to change in quality depending upon system configuration.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 6

LOCATION: GSFC

MAILING ADDRESS: Route 2, Box 274  
Laurel, MD 20708  
USA

TELEPHONE NO: (301) 344-6573 TWX NO. GLSM

PERIOD OF OPERATION: N/A

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 30 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 250 MJ REP. RATE: 1 PPS

WAVELENGTH: 532 NM PULSE WIDTH: 5-7 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56TVP Amperex

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Modular Computer II - 64K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos

Starlette

BE-3

TRACKS IN 1980:

103

30

24

PRECISION ON TARGET:

15cm

10cm

10cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, air pressure, humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Moblas 6 was operational during 1980 in American Samoa. Presently this system is being held in caretaker status at GSFC.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 7

LOCATION: GORF/GSFC

MAILING ADDRESS: Route 2, Box 274  
Laurel, MD 20708  
USA

TELEPHONE NO: (301)344-5800 TWX NO. GXGG

PERIOD OF OPERATION: January, 1981 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 30 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 250 MJ REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 532 NM PULSE WIDTH: .2-.4 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56 TVP Amperex

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360 Computing Counter

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Modular Computer II - 64K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos

Starlette

BE-3

TRACKS IN 1980:

198

129

99

PRECISION ON TARGET:

15cm

10cm

10cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, Air Pressure, Humidity

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Moblas 7 was operational during 1980 at Haystack, Mass. The data reported was obtained in that location using a 5-7 nsec laser.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Moblas 8

LOCATION: Quincy, CA

MAILING ADDRESS: NASA Tracking Station  
P. O. Box BB  
Quincy, CA 95971  
USA

TELEPHONE NO: (916) 283-1396 (temp) TWX NO. GXGG

PERIOD OF OPERATION: February, 1981 to Present

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 30 inch MOUNT TYPE: AZ-EL

TRANSMITTED POWER: 250 MJ REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 532 NM PULSE WIDTH: 5-7 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56TVP Amperex

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360 Computing Counter

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Modular Computer II - 64K

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MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control  
Console, Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos

Starlette

BE-3

TRACKS IN 1980:

65

20

67

PRECISION ON TARGET:

15cm

10cm

10cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, air pressure, humidity

GEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Moblas 8 was operational during 1980 at Kwajelein, M.I. The data reported was obtained in that location.



STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Stalas

LOCATION: GORF/GSFC

MAILING ADDRESS: Route 2, Box 274  
Laurel MD 20708 USA

TELEPHONE NO: (301) 344-7874 TWX No. GLTF

PERIOD OF OPERATION: May, 1975 to Sept. 1, 1981

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 24 inch MOUNT TYPE: X-Y

TRANSMITTED POWER: 250 MJ REP. RATE: 1PPS

WAVELENGTH: 532 nm PULSE WIDTH: .2 - .4 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: 56TVP

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: HP 5360

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: Honeywell DDP516, 16K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Peripherals, Mount Servo Control Console,  
Data Measuring System

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Pre-post ranging of fixed calibration target

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Lageos	Starlette	BE-3
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TRACKS IN 1980:

167	52	56
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PRECISION ON TARGET:

10 cm	10cm	10cm
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Temperature, Air pressure, Humidity

GEODETIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

COMMENTS:

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Stalas was operational prior to May, 1975, but not in the configuration specified.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Maui, Lure Observatory

LOCATION: Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii, U.S.A.

MAILING ADDRESS: Institute for Astronomy  
P. O. Box 209  
Kula, Maui 96790

TELEPHONE NO: (808) 244-9108 NASCOM

PERIOD OF OPERATION: November 81 -

DATA REPORTED TO: GSFC

APERTURE: 0.4M MOUNT TYPE: ACT-A2 Seliostat

TRANSMITTED POWER: 0.6W REP. RATE: 3Hz

WAVELENGTH: 532 NM PULSE WIDTH: 500 PS

DETECTOR TYPE: AMPEREX XP2233

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Caesium Clock

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: Univ. of Maryland Multistop Timer

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: LSI 11/23, 90K

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

Telescope, Timer, Dome

CALIBRATION METHOD:

Target Board

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

LAGEOS

BEC

STARLETTE

TRACKS IN 1980:

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PRECISION ON TARGET:

5 CM

5 CM

5 CM

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

Pressure, Temperature, Humidity, Wind

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

None

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

16 hrs./day, 5 day/week

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

16 hrs./day, 5 day/week

COMMENTS:

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Expect relocation testing with Moblas 1 to begin 1 October '81 beginning to interface lurescope for lunar operations sometime in '82.

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Intercosmos - 1873 Simeiz

LOCATION:  $\varrho=44^{\circ}24'11''.6$   
 $\lambda=34^{\circ}00'08''$   
 $h=346\text{m}$

MAILING ADDRESS: USSR, Crimea, Observatory, Simeiz

TELEPHONE NO: 77-13-70

PERIOD OF OPERATION:

DATA REPORTED TO:

APERTURE: 320 mm MOUNT TYPE: 4th axis

TRANSMITTED POWER: 50 mgvt REP. RATE: 0.7 htz

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 20 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: FEU-79

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Hewlett Packard

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: M-222

MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

CALIBRATION METHOD: stand. target 800 m

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:	Geos A	Geos C	BEC	BEB
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TRACKS IN 1980:	970	958	6	17
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PRECISION ON TARGET:	100 cm
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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82: 60 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84: 120 nights

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATION REPORT

STATION NAME: Intercosmos - 1072, Svenigozod

LOCATION:  $\delta = 55^{\circ}41' 39.2''$   
 $\lambda = 2h26m45.9s,$   
 $h = 134m$

MAILING ADDRESS: 109017 Moscow, Pyatnitskaya, 48,  
The Astronomical Council  
USSR

TELEPHONE NO: 231-54-61

PERIOD OF OPERATION: day time

DATA REPORTED TO: Data Center of the A. S.

APERTURE: 340 mm MOUNT TYPE: 4th-axis, Crypton

TRANSMITTED POWER: 1 J. REP. RATE: 0.33 per sec.

WAVELENGTH: 694.3 nm PULSE WIDTH: 25 nsec

DETECTOR TYPE: photomultiplier type FEU-84

PRIMARY TIME STANDARD: Kvarz system

TIME OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT: LV-receiver and TV-reciever

COMPUTER TYPE & CAPACITY: ES-1032, ES-9002.01

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MAJOR SUBSYSTEMS UNDER  
COMPUTER CONTROL:

MT-1016, printing device

CALIBRATION METHOD:

standard target at distance of 250.887m  
testing by series to 20 pulse

PRINCIPLE TARGETS:

Geos A

Geos C

TRACKS IN 1980:

17

22

PRECISION ON TARGET:

100 cm

100 cm

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

VLS control

GEODETTIC MONITORING:

READINESS TO TRACK IN '82:

50 nights

READINESS TO TRACK IN  
MERIT '83-'84:

100 nights

COMMENTS:

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Automatic system for counter's gate operation

Analog system for receiving energy measurements

Sensitive counting system for calibration of the receiving system