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## 0.1 Communication Protocols

In order to accomplish the requirements of the communications protocols, the standards of the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS) have been followed, together with the ISO model. Regarding the protocols of the Ground Segment, security has been the most important requirement to decide the protocol. The chosen protocols are exposed in the following table.

| Space segment: CCSDS Standards         |   |                                    |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Transport Layer                        | Space communication protocol specification transmission protocol: SCSP-TP |                                    |
| Network layer                          | Main protocol   | Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) |
|  | Routing protocol  | Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)    |
|  | Complementary protocols   | IP over CCSDS                      |
| Data Link Layer                        | Data Link Protocol Sublayer   | TC Space Data Link Protocol        |
|  | Sync and Channel Coding Sublayer  | TC Sync and Channel Coding         |
| Ground segment                         |   |                                    |
| Presentation of the data to the client |   | Application                        |
| Protocol                               |   | Secure Shell (SSH)                 |

Table 0.1.1: Communications protocol overview

The headers in the space segment are added by each layer considering that the entire message coming from the above layer is the whole message (including above layer's header). For this reason, the total number of bits occupied by the headers is important.

| Layer                   | Header (octets) | Header (bits) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Transport Layer         | 33              | 264           |
| Network Layer           | 44              | 352           |
| Data Link Layer         | 5               | 40            |
| Total lenght of headers | 82              | 656           |

Table 0.1.2: Headers of Space Segment Protocols

## 0.2 Ground segment

The ground segment is composed by the Ground Stations (GS) and the Mission Control Center (MCC), that allow the receiving of the information from the constellation to the Earth.

The placement of the different nodes of the Ground Segment is shown in the following map, together with the amount of links that are available in a given instant (except for the MCC, that no links with satellites are established).

| Node | Country          | Minimum available number of links | Maximum available number of links |
|------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GS1  | Canada           | 2                                 | 12                                |
| GS2  | Falkland Islands | 2                                 | 12                                |
| GS3  | United Kingdom   | 2                                 | 12                                |
| MCC  | Spain            | -                                 | -                                 |

Table 0.2.1: Countries of location and available links

The MCC is composed by a set of offices with good connection to the GS. The systems that compose the GS are exposed in the following table.

| System | Frequency range | Features   | Purpose                                       | Elements included  |
|--------|-----------------|--|---|--|
| S-band | 2-4GHz          | Half-duplex system: downlink and uplink capability | Housekeeping data/TT& C<br>Client data upload | Transciever<br>LNA<br>HPA<br>RF Limiter<br>RF Swith<br>RF Fuse<br>Rotors |
| X-band | 8-12GHz         | X-band downlink capacity                           | Client data download                          | X-band receiver<br>LNA<br>RF Limiter<br>RF Fuse<br>Rotor                 |

Table 0.2.2: GS's systems

### 0.3 Satellite Configuration

| System                         | Weight/unit (g) | Sizes (mm)         | N. of units |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>STRUCTURE AND MECHANICS</b> |                 |                    |             |
| Structure                      | 304.3           | 100 x 100 x 300    | 1           |
| Thermal protection             | 38              | Covers all         | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>342.3</b>    |                    |             |
| <b>ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM</b>   |                 |                    |             |
| Solar arrays                   | 175             | 98 x 83 x 8.50     | 4           |
| Batteries                      | 155             | 90 x 63 x 12.02    | 2           |
| Power management               | 126             | 92.0 x 88.9 x 20.5 | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1136</b>     |                    |             |
| <b>PAYLOAD</b>                 |                 |                    |             |
| Patch antenna                  | 30              | 90 x 90 x 4.35     | 8           |
| Transceiver inter-satellite    | 16.4            | 65 x 40 x 6.5      | 3           |
| Transceiver space to ground    | 101.5           | 86 x 86 x 45       | 1           |
| Data handling system           | 28.3            | 65 x 40 x 6.5      | 1           |

|                         |               |                |   |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---|
| Antenna Deployable      | 83            | 100 x 83 x 6.5 | 1 |
| <b>Total</b>            | 502           |                |   |
| <b>AOCDS</b>            |               |                |   |
| Thruster                | 1500          | 90 x 90 x 95   | 1 |
| ADACS                   | 506           | 90 x 90 x 58   | 1 |
| <b>Total</b>            | 2006          |                |   |
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATION</b> | <b>3986.3</b> |                |   |

## STRUCTURE

| Brand and model           | Features   |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Structure</b>          |  |
| ISIS 3U structure         | Low mass (304.3g)<br>Highly compatible<br>High temperature range |
| <b>Thermal protection</b> |  |
| Dunmore Aerospace Satkit  | Lightweight<br>Durability<br>Made for small satellites           |

Table 0.3.2: Estructure characteristics

## EPS

| Brand and model                  | Features   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Solar arrays</b>              |  |
| EXA-Agencia Espacial Ecuatoriana | Total power of 67.2W (4units)<br>Mass of 270g (p.unit)<br>Included thermal protection<br>At least 4 years lifetime |
| <b>Power management</b>          |  |
| Gomspace NanoPower P60           | Mass of 176g<br>9x configurable outputs<br>6x inputs per module<br>EMI shielding<br>High temperature range         |
| <b>Batteries</b>                 |  |



|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| EXA-Agencia Espacial Ecuatoriana | Total capacity of 106.4Wh (2u)<br>Automatic heat regulation<br>Highly stackable<br>Total mass of 155g |
|----------------------------------|---|

Table 0.3.3: Electric Power System

## Propulsion System

| Thruster BGT-X5      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| PARAMETERS           | VALUE   |
| Total thruster power | 20 W    |
| Thrust               | 0.5 N   |
| Specific impulse     | 225 s   |
| Thruster Mass        | 1500 g  |
| Input voltage        | 12 V    |
| Delta V              | 146 m/s |

Table 0.3.4: Main features of BGT-X5

## ADOCS

| ADACS     |  |
|-----------|--|
| Features  | CUBE ADCS  |
| Power     | 3.3/5 VDC<br>Peak: 7.045W  |
| Mass      | 506 g  |
| Size      | 90 x 90 x 58 mm  |
| Sensors   | 3-Axis Gyro<br>Fine Sun & Earth sensor<br>Magnetometer<br>10x Coarse Sun Sensors<br>Star tracker(optional) |
| Actuators | 3 reactions wheels<br>2 torque rods  |
| Computer  | 4-48 MHz<br>full ADCS + OBC  |

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Control Board</b> | Works as OBC<br>included |
|----------------------|--------------------------|

Table 0.3.5: Main ADACS features

**Payload**

| <b>Patch antenna AntDevCo</b>        |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Features</b>                      | <b>Value</b>    |
| <b>Bands</b>                         | L,S,C,X         |
| <b>Frequency range</b>               | 1-12 GHz        |
| <b>Bandwidth</b>                     | 20 MHz          |
| <b>Gain</b>                          | 6 dBi           |
| <b>Polarization</b>                  | Circular        |
| <b>Maximum power consumption</b>     | 10 W            |
| <b>Impedance</b>                     | 50 Ohms         |
| <b>Operational temperature range</b> | -65°C to +100°C |
| <b>Mass</b>                          | <250 grams      |

Table 0.3.6: Main features of the patch antenna

| <b>Inter-satellite comm.(S band)</b> |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Features</b>                      | <b>NanoCom TR-600</b> |
| <b>Band</b>                          | 70 - 6000 MHz         |
| <b>Bandwidth</b>                     | 0.2 - 56 MHz          |
| <b>Vcc</b>                           | 3.3V                  |
| <b>Max. Power consumption</b>        | 14W                   |
| <b>Dimensions</b>                    | 65 x 40 x 6.5 mm      |
| <b>Operational temperature range</b> | -40°C to +85°C        |
| <b>Mass</b>                          | 16,4 grams            |

Table 0.3.7: Main inter-satellite communication transceiver features

| <b>Space to Ground comm.(X band)</b> |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Features</b>                      | <b>SWIFT-XTS</b> |
| <b>Band</b>                          | 7 - 9 GHz        |
| <b>Bandwidth</b>                     | 10 - >100 MHz    |
| <b>Vcc</b>                           | 3.3V             |

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Max. Power consumption</b>        | 12W            |
| <b>Dimensions</b>                    | 86 x 86 x 45mm |
| <b>Operational temperature range</b> | -40°C to +85°C |
| <b>Mass</b>                          | 350 grams      |

Table 0.3.8: Main space to ground communication transceiver features

| <b>PDHS computers options</b>        |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Features</b>                      | <b>NanoMind Z7000</b> |
| <b>Operating System</b>              | Linux                 |
| <b>Storage</b>                       | 4GB to 32 GB          |
| <b>Processor</b>                     | MPCoreA9 667 MHz      |
| <b>Vcc</b>                           | 3.3V                  |
| <b>Max. Power consumption</b>        | 30W                   |
| <b>Dimensions</b>                    | 65 x 40 x 6.5mm       |
| <b>Operational temperature range</b> | -40°C to +85°C        |
| <b>Mass</b>                          | 28.3 grams            |

Table 0.3.9: Main PDHS computer features

## LINK

Payload communication capabilities. Depending on the Bandwidth selected a Sensitivity,  $S$ , is imposed by 0.3.1. Then with this fixed power is possible to obtain the range of communication from Figure 0.3.2.

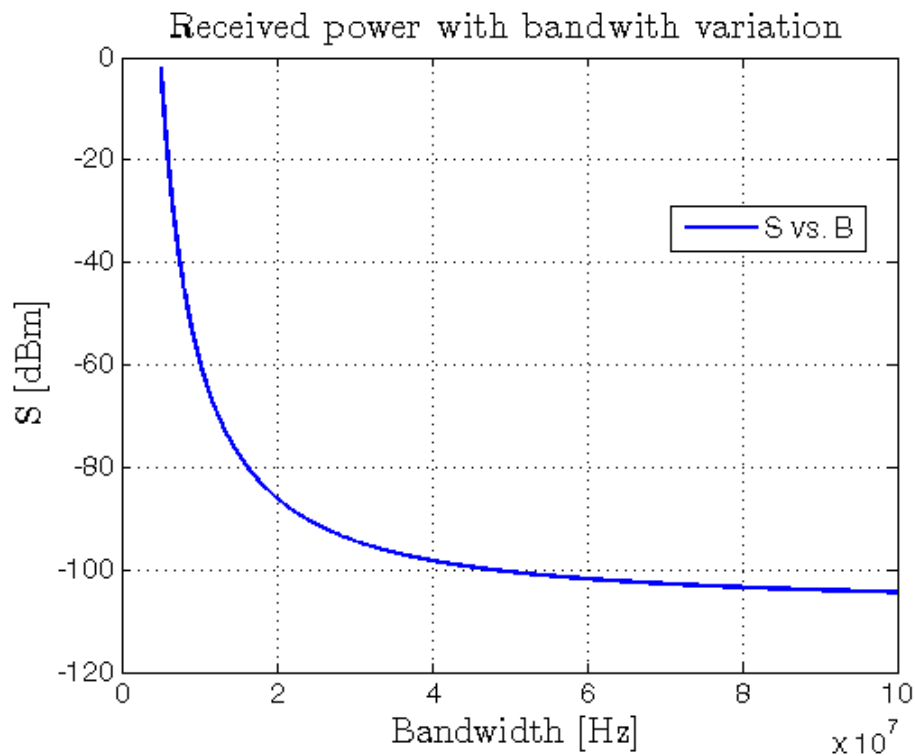


Figure 0.3.1: Sensibility change along Bandwidth variation

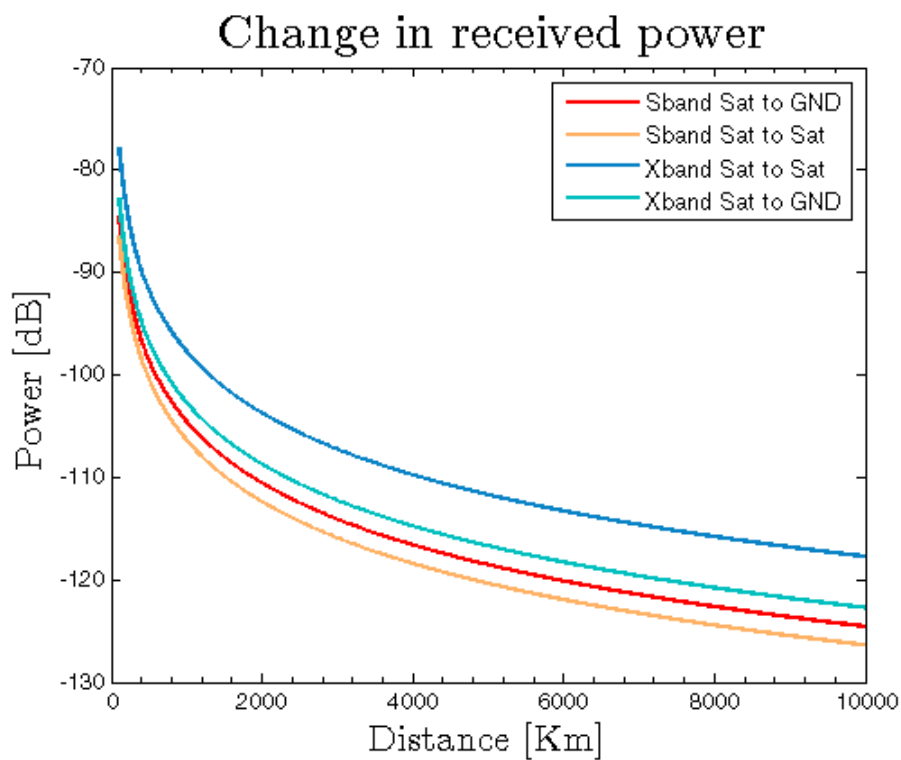


Figure 0.3.2: Received power with distance variation

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## 0.4 Constellation Orbital Parameters

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Number of satellites      | 189          |
| Number of Planes          | 9            |
| Num. Satellites/Plane     | 21           |
| Height of the orbits (km) | 542          |
| Constellation Type        | Walker-Delta |
| Planes Inclination        | 72           |
| Orbital Periods (min)     | 95.48        |
| Minimum Elevation (deg)   | 20           |
| Mean Pass time (min)      | 4.28         |

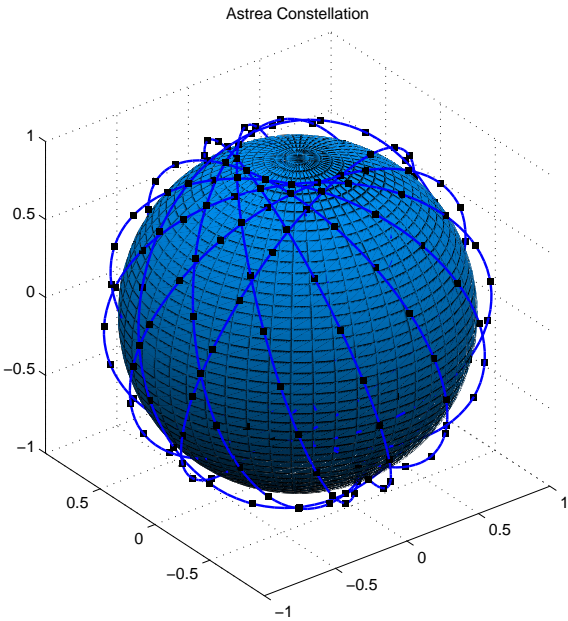


Figure 0.4.1: Spherical Distribution of the Constellation

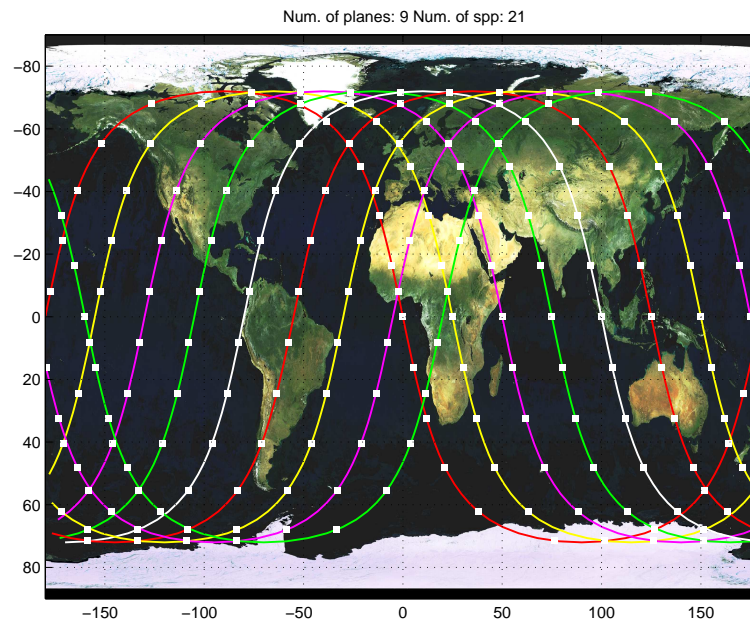
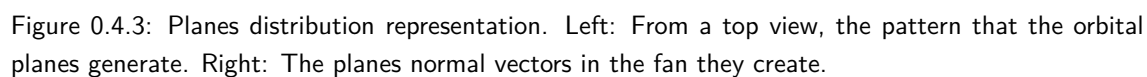


Figure 0.4.2: Ground Track Example

### Planes distribution of the Astrea Constellation

The AstreaSATs are distributed in 9 plains. Even though there is symmetry inside each plane, the plains are not distributed equally in space. Their Right Arguments of the Ascendent Node are splitted regularly in a sector of 225 degrees, giving shape to the table and figures below:

| Plane | RAAN(°) |
|-------|---------|
| 1     | 0       |
| 2     | 28.125  |
| 3     | 56.25   |
| 4     | 84.375  |
| 5     | 112.5   |
| 6     | 140.625 |
| 7     | 168.75  |
| 8     | 196.875 |
| 9     | 225     |



- Name
- Number of the satellite
- Number of the plane at which the satellite belongs
- Height of the orbit (km)
- Orbital Period (minutes)
- Plain inclination (deg)

## Satellites Orbits Table

- Orbital Eccentricity
- Argument of the Ascendent Node or  $\Omega$  (deg)
- Initial phase or Argument of perigee (deg)

| Name         | ID | P | H(km) | Per(min) | i(°) | e | AAN(°) | Phase(°) |
|--------------|----|---|-------|----------|------|---|--------|----------|
| AstreaSAT 1  | 1  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 2  | 2  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 3  | 3  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 4  | 4  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 5  | 5  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 6  | 6  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 7  | 7  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 8  | 8  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 9  | 9  | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 10 | 10 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 11 | 11 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 12 | 12 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 13 | 13 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 14 | 14 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 15 | 15 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 16 | 16 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 17 | 17 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 18 | 18 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 19 | 19 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 20 | 20 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 21 | 21 | 1 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 0      | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 22 | 22 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 23 | 23 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 24 | 24 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 25 | 25 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 26 | 26 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 27 | 27 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 28 | 28 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 29 | 29 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 30 | 30 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 31 | 31 | 2 | 542   | 95.4815  | 72   | 0 | 28.125 | 154.2857 |



**Satellites Orbits Table**

|              |    |   |     |         |    |   |        |          |
|--------------|----|---|-----|---------|----|---|--------|----------|
| AstreaSAT 32 | 32 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 33 | 33 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 34 | 34 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 35 | 35 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 36 | 36 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 37 | 37 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 38 | 38 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 39 | 39 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 40 | 40 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 41 | 41 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 42 | 42 | 2 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 28.125 | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 43 | 43 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 44 | 44 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 45 | 45 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 46 | 46 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 47 | 47 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 48 | 48 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 49 | 49 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 50 | 50 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 51 | 51 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 52 | 52 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 53 | 53 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 54 | 54 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 55 | 55 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 56 | 56 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 57 | 57 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 58 | 58 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 59 | 59 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 60 | 60 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 61 | 61 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 62 | 62 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 63 | 63 | 3 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 56.25  | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 64 | 64 | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 65 | 65 | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 66 | 66 | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 67 | 67 | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 68 | 68 | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 68.5714  |

**Satellites Orbits Table**

|               |     |   |     |         |    |   |        |          |
|---------------|-----|---|-----|---------|----|---|--------|----------|
| AstreaSAT 69  | 69  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 70  | 70  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 71  | 71  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 72  | 72  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 73  | 73  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 74  | 74  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 75  | 75  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 76  | 76  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 77  | 77  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 78  | 78  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 79  | 79  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 80  | 80  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 81  | 81  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 82  | 82  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 83  | 83  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 84  | 84  | 4 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 84.375 | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 85  | 85  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 86  | 86  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 87  | 87  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 88  | 88  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 89  | 89  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 90  | 90  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 91  | 91  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 92  | 92  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 93  | 93  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 94  | 94  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 95  | 95  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 96  | 96  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 97  | 97  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 98  | 98  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 99  | 99  | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 100 | 100 | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 101 | 101 | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 102 | 102 | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 103 | 103 | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 104 | 104 | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 105 | 105 | 5 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 112.5  | 342.8571 |

**Satellites Orbits Table**

|               |     |   |     |         |    |   |         |          |
|---------------|-----|---|-----|---------|----|---|---------|----------|
| AstreaSAT 106 | 106 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 107 | 107 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 108 | 108 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 109 | 109 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 110 | 110 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 111 | 111 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 112 | 112 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 113 | 113 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 114 | 114 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 115 | 115 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 116 | 116 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 117 | 117 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 118 | 118 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 119 | 119 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 120 | 120 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 121 | 121 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 122 | 122 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 123 | 123 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 124 | 124 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 125 | 125 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 126 | 126 | 6 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 140.625 | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 127 | 127 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 128 | 128 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 129 | 129 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 130 | 130 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 131 | 131 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 132 | 132 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 133 | 133 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 134 | 134 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 135 | 135 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 136 | 136 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 137 | 137 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 138 | 138 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 139 | 139 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 140 | 140 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 141 | 141 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 142 | 142 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 257.1429 |

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|               |     |   |     |         |    |   |         |          |
|---------------|-----|---|-----|---------|----|---|---------|----------|
| AstreaSAT 143 | 143 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 144 | 144 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 145 | 145 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 146 | 146 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 147 | 147 | 7 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 168.75  | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 148 | 148 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 149 | 149 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 150 | 150 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 151 | 151 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 152 | 152 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 153 | 153 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 154 | 154 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 155 | 155 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 156 | 156 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 157 | 157 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 158 | 158 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 171.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 159 | 159 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 160 | 160 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 161 | 161 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 162 | 162 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 163 | 163 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 164 | 164 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 165 | 165 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 166 | 166 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 167 | 167 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 168 | 168 | 8 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 196.875 | 342.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 169 | 169 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 0        |
| AstreaSAT 170 | 170 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 17.1429  |
| AstreaSAT 171 | 171 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 34.2857  |
| AstreaSAT 172 | 172 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 51.4286  |
| AstreaSAT 173 | 173 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 68.5714  |
| AstreaSAT 174 | 174 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 85.7143  |
| AstreaSAT 175 | 175 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 102.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 176 | 176 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 120      |
| AstreaSAT 177 | 177 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 137.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 178 | 178 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 154.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 179 | 179 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225     | 171.4286 |

|               |     |   |     |         |    |   |     |          |
|---------------|-----|---|-----|---------|----|---|-----|----------|
| AstreaSAT 180 | 180 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 188.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 181 | 181 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 205.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 182 | 182 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 222.8571 |
| AstreaSAT 183 | 183 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 240      |
| AstreaSAT 184 | 184 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 257.1429 |
| AstreaSAT 185 | 185 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 274.2857 |
| AstreaSAT 186 | 186 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 291.4286 |
| AstreaSAT 187 | 187 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 308.5714 |
| AstreaSAT 188 | 188 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 325.7143 |
| AstreaSAT 189 | 189 | 9 | 542 | 95.4815 | 72 | 0 | 225 | 342.8571 |

Table 0.5.1: Satellites Orbital Parameters

## 0.6 Launch and Deployment

The rocket selected to launch the constellation is Electron, from Rocket Lab enterprise.

It is a two stage rocket capable of launching 24 3U CubeSats every week at a LEO orbit with a range of inclinations from 39.2 to 99. The cost per launch is 5.760.000 US dollars. The basic dimensions of the electron are 17 m long and 1.2 m diameter.



Figure 0.6.1: Electron Rocket



Figure 0.6.2: Electron Rocket

| Event               | Time(s) | Altitude(km) |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|
| Lift-off            | 0       | 0            |
| Max Q               | 79      | 11           |
| Stage 1 separation  | 152     | 69           |
| Stage 2 ignition    | 159     | 69           |
| Fairing separation  | 183     | 110          |
| Stage 2 apogee kick | 457     | 284          |
| Engine cut off      | 3157    | 540          |
| Payload separation  | 3200    | 542          |

Table 0.6.1: Injection manouver

The cycle of the constellation is shown in the next figure. As it can be seen, there will be a launch every week so it will take 9 weeks to put in orbit all the cubesats. After 5 years the constellation will be replaced. The replacement strategy is designed in a way that will not affect the performance of the constellation in any way. To accomplish this, when a new plane is placed the old plane will be shuted down and will decay.

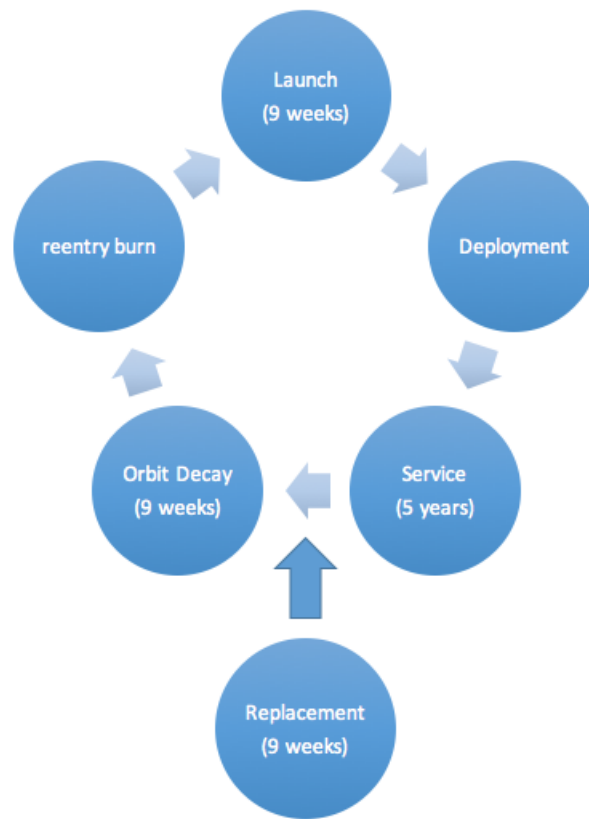


Figure 0.6.3: Cycle of the Astrea Constellation

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