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Introduction

The 5th International Conference on Astrodynamics Tools and Techniques (ICATT) is an event organized by the European Space Agency (ESA) with the collaboration of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the Deutsches Zentrum für Luft und Raumfahrt (DLR), the Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), the Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI) and the Central Aerohydrodynamics Institute of Russia (TsAGI)

ICATT aims at providing agencies, companies, organizations, universities, and institutes with a forum of excellence in the area of astrodynamics and space flight mechanics. Participants are invited to showcase their latest tools and techniques so as to promote the creation and exchange of ideas and the identification of new trends and required developments.

In addition to the latest theoretical advances in the field of astrodynamics, ICATT is especially devoted to astrodynamics software tools. Demonstrations and short tutorials are welcome.

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Tuesday 29 May 2012

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:15 Welcome Speech
Guillermo Ortega, ESA
- 09:30 **Tutorial #1: "Fundamentals of the NASA General Mission Analysis Tool"**
S. Hughes, NASA
- 12:00 *Lunch Break*
- 13:00 **Tutorial #2: "Autonomous Navigation of Satellites"**
O. Montenbruck, DLR
- 15:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 **Tutorial #3: "Re-Entry Trajectories For Space Vehicles"**
J.F. Goester, CNES
- 18:30 Welcome Cocktail



Wednesday 30 May 2012

- 08:30 Registration
09:30 Opening Speech
Alain Benoit, ESA

Track 1: Satellite Constellations, Formation Flying and Rendezvous and Docking

Chairs: P. Labourdette(CNES), S.Theil(DLR)

- 10:00 OSCAR/DRAGON: Tools for Maneuver Strategy Computation
Labourdette, P. ; Gaudel-Vacaresse, A. ; Carbonne, D.
CNES, (FRANCE)
- 10:30 New ASTOS Software Capabilities Applied to Rendezvous Scenarios
Weikert, S. ; Schaeff, S. ; Eggert, J. ; Juergens, M. ; Wiegand, A.
Astos Solutions GmbH, (GERMANY)
- 11:00 Autonomous GNC for Proximity Operations around Asteroids
Gil-Fernandez, J. ; Prieto-Llanos, T. ; Cadenas, R.
GMV, (SPAIN)
- 11:30 Coffee Break
- 12:00 Trajectory Operation Tools for the HTV
Kawashima, I¹; Yamanaka, K¹; Uematsu, H¹; Wada, K¹; Motoyama, N²
¹Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, (JAPAN); ²Mitsubishi Space Software CO., LTD., (JAPAN)
- 12:30 Disturbance by Solar Pressure of Rendezvous Trajectories in GEO
Fehse, Wigbert
ESA/ESTEC (retired), (NETHERLANDS)

Track 2: Earth Orbit Design and Maintenance

Chairs: R.Kiehling(DLR/GSOC), O. Yanova(TsAGI)

- 10:00 SKAT: a versatile station-keeping analysis Tool for LEO and GEO
Parraud, P. ¹; Maisonobe, L. ¹; De Juana, J. M. ²
¹CS, (FRANCE); ²EUMETSAT, (GERMANY)
- 10:30 SMAT - System and Mission Analysis Tool for Earth Observation Missions
Letterio, F. ; Pirondini, F. ; Cornara, S. ; Alacevich, R. ; Altés Arlandis, B. ; Renard, M. ; Tonetti, S.
DEIMOS Space S.L.U., (SPAIN)
- 11:00 Recommended Set of Models and Input Parameters for the Simulations of orbital Dynamics of the QB50 CubeSats
Scholz, T. ¹; Asma, C. O. ¹; Aruliah, A. ²
¹von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics, (BELGIUM); ²University College London, (UNITED KINGDOM)
- 11:30 Coffee Break
- 12:00 Stake:a Tool to optimize full electric Station-Keeping
Le Berre, M ; Gicquel, AH
Astrium Satellites, (FRANCE)
- 13:00 Lunch Break



Track 3: Satellite Constellations, Formation Flying and Rendezvous and Docking (II)

Chairs: S. Ueda(JAXA), S. Theil(DLR)

- 14:00 Dynamic Rendezvous and Docking Simulation Facility: use Cases and 2012 Status
*Caballero, F.*¹; *Martín-Romero, J.R.*¹; *Mollinedo, L.*²; *Suatoni, M.*²; *Colmenarejo, P.*²
¹INTA, (SPAIN); ²GMV, (SPAIN)
- 14:30 PANGU: Planet and Asteroid Natural scene Generation Utility
*Rowell, Nick*¹; *Parkes, Steve*¹; *Dunstan, Martin*¹; *Dubois-Matra, Olivier*²
¹University of Dundee, (UNITED KINGDOM); ²European Space Agency, ESTEC, (NETHERLANDS)
- 15:00 Formation Flying Acquisition based on Propagated Relative GPS in a Highly Elliptic Orbit
Cropp, A
ESA, (NETHERLANDS)
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 PROBA-3 Formation Flying Demonstration Mission Design
*Tarabini Castellani, L.*¹; *Llorente, J.S.*¹; *Peters, T.V.*²; *Mestreau-Garreau, A.*³; *Cropp, A.*³
¹SENER Ingeniería y Sistemas, S.A., (SPAIN); ²GMV Aerospace and Defence, S.A.U., (SPAIN); ³ESA/ESTEC, (NETHERLANDS)
- 16:30 PROBA-3 High Precision Formation Flying Control System
*Agenjo, Alfredo*¹; *Sánchez, Raúl*¹; *Escorial, Diego*²; *Tarabini-Castellani, Lorenzo*¹; *Cropp, Alexander*³
¹SENER, (SPAIN); ²GMV, (SPAIN); ³ESA-ESTEC, (NETHERLANDS)

Track 4: Orbit and Attitude Control Tools

Chairs: O. Montenbruck(DLR), B. Girouart(ESA)

- 14:00 Passive Magnetic Attitude Stabilization System on Small Satellites
Farrahi, A.; *Cubas, J.*; *Franchini, S.*
Universidad politécnica de Madrid, (SPAIN)
- 14:30 A Satellite Library in EcosimPro for the AOCS' effects on the Propulsion Subsystem
*Koppel, C.*¹; *DeRosa, M.*²; *Moral, J.*³; *STEELANT, J.*²
¹KopooS Consulting Ind., (FRANCE); ²ESTEC, (NETHERLANDS); ³Iberespacio, (SPAIN)
- 15:00 Kinematic Attitude Maneuvers With Path Constraints
*de Angelis, E.L.*¹; *Avanzini, G.*²; *Giulietti, F.*¹
¹University of Bologna, (ITALY); ²University of Salento, (ITALY)
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Releasing the Cloud: A Deployment System Design for the QB50 CubeSat Mission
Bernal, C.A.
ISIS, (NETHERLANDS)
- 16:30 Development of Generic AOCS Unit Simulation Models
*Pigg, M.*¹; *Dungate, D.*¹; *Pattenden, T.*¹; *Girouart, B.*²; *Perriault, N.*³; *Maingam, F.*³; *Bakouche, C.*³; *Bacchetta, A.*⁴; *Polle, B.*⁵; *Theureau, D.*⁵
¹Tessella plc., (UNITED KINGDOM); ²ESA-ESTEC, (NETHERLANDS); ³Thales Alenia Space, (FRANCE); ⁴Thales Alenia Space, (ITALY); ⁵Astrium, (FRANCE)
- 17:00 GNCDE: An Integrated GNC Development Environment for Attitude and Orbit Control systems
Gandía, F.; *Barrena, V.*; *Colmenarejo, P.*
GMV, (SPAIN)
- 18:00 Conference Dinner at ESTEC



Thursday 31 May 2012

Track 5: Open Source Tools

Chairs: S. Hughes(NASA), R. Jehn(ESA)

- 09:30 PyGMO/PaGMO: a Tool for Massively Parallel Engineering Optimization and its Application to global low-thrust trajectory Optimiz.
Izzo, Dario
ESA, (NETHERLANDS)
- 10:00 Astrodynamics Web Tools: A collaborative Web computing infrastructure Project
San-Juan, J. F. ; Lopez, R. ; Lopez-Ochoa, L. M. ; Lara, M.
University of La Rioja, (SPAIN)
- 10:30 Open Governance of the Orekit space flight dynamics Library
Maisonobe, L. ¹; Cefola, P. J. ²; Frouvelle, N. ¹; Herbinier, S. ³; Lizy-Destrez, S. ⁴; Neidhart, T. ⁵
¹CS Communication & Systemes, (FRANCE); ²Buffalo university and consultant, (UNITED STATES); ³Thales Alenia Space, (FRANCE); ⁴ISAE, (FRANCE); ⁵independent expert, (BELGIUM)
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Tudat: a modular and robust astrodynamics Toolbox
Kumar, K ¹; Abdulkadir, Y. ¹; van Barneveld, P.W.L. ¹; Belien, F. ¹; Billemont, S. ¹; Brandon, E. ¹; Dijkstra, M. ¹; Dirkx, D. ¹; Engelen, F. ¹; Gondelach, D. ¹; van der Ham, L. ¹; Heeren, E. ¹; Iorfida, E. ²; Leloux, J. ¹; Melman, J. ¹; Mooij, E. ¹; Musegaas, P. ¹; Noomen, R. ¹; B., Römgens ¹; A., Ronse ¹; Leite Pinto Secretin, T.A. ¹; Tong Minh, B. ¹; J., Vandamme ¹; Persson, S.M. ³
¹Delft University of Technology, (NETHERLANDS); ²Università di Pisa, (ITALY); ³McGill University, (CANADA)
- 12:00 The SIRIUS Flight Dynamics Library for the next 25 Years
Claude, Denis ¹; Tanguy, Yannick ²
¹Thales, Defence & Security C4I Systems Division, (FRANCE); ²CNES, (FRANCE)
- 12:30 Semi-analytical Satellite Theory for the OREKIT Open-source Space Flight Dynamics Library
Cefola, P. ¹; San-Juan, Juan F. ²; Maisonobe, Luc ³; Parraud, Pascal ³; Di Costanzo, Romain ³
¹University at Buffalo, (UNITED STATES); ²Universidad de La Rioja, (SPAIN); ³CS Communications & Systems, (FRANCE)

Track 6: Safety and Awareness Tools and Techniques

Chairs: E. Fletcher (ESA), M. Trujillo (ESA)

- 09:30 STELA a Tool for long term orbit Propagation
Frayse, H ¹; Le Fevre, C ¹; Morand, V ¹; Deleflie, F ²; Mercier, P ³; Dental, C ³
¹CNES, (FRANCE); ²IMCCE, (FRANCE); ³THALES C4I, (FRANCE)
- 10:00 Optimal Design of a net-shaped space debris removal System
Bombelli, A.; Benvenuto, R.; Carta, R.; Lavagna, M.; Armellin, R.
Politecnico di Milano, (ITALY)
- 10:30 ELECTRA : Launch and Re-entry Risk Analysis Tool
Hourtolle, C. ; Gaudel-Vacaresse, A. ; Blazquez, A.
CNES, (FRANCE)
- 11:00 Coffee Break



- 11:30 Real-time footprint Control of spacecraft Debris using a deorbitation System based on solid Propulsion and autonomous Guidance
Hervouet, S ; Perrot, L
SCILOC INGENIERIE, (FRANCE)
- 12:00 Orbital debris conjunction Analysis
Noomen, R ; Leloux, J
Delft University of Technology, (NETHERLANDS)
- 12:30 Experimental set-up of a net-shaped space debris removal System
Benvenuto, R.; Carta, R.; Bombelli, A. ; Lavagna, M. ; Armellin, R.
Politecnico di Milano, (ITALY)

13:00 *Lunch Break*

Track 7: Interplanetary Flight and Non-Earth Orbits Tools and Techniques

Chairs: S. Hughes(NASA), R. Jehn(ESA)

- 14:00 GRAVMOD2: a new Tool for precise gravitational Modelling of planetary Moons and small Bodies
Zuccarelli, V. ¹; Cadenas, R. ²; Huertas, I. ³; Weikert, S. ⁴
¹Astos Solutions, (ITALY); ²GMV, (SPAIN); ³ESA, (SPAIN); ⁴Astos Solutions, (GERMANY)
- 14:30 Development of a Tool for science Operations and Opportunities at ESAC - The Solar System Science Operations Laboratory
Costa, M. ¹; Altobelli, N. ²; Cardesín, A. ³; Almeida, M. ⁴
¹Ingeniería y Servicios Aeroespaciales S. A. (INSA)/TU Madrid, (SPAIN); ²ESA, (SPAIN); ³INSA/ESA, (SPAIN); ⁴VEGA/ESA, (SPAIN)
- 15:00 Autonomous Navigation around Asteroids
Noomen, R ; Melman, J ; Mooij, E
Delft University of Technology, (NETHERLANDS)
- 15:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 EUCLID Sky Scanning Tool
Cacciatore, F ¹; Sánchez, M ¹; Anselmi, A ²
¹Deimos-Space, (SPAIN); ²Thales Alenia Space - Italy, (ITALY)
- 16:30 A Tutorial for DITAN to Design Low-Thrust Trajectories
Schorr, M ¹; Jehn, R ²
¹Technische Universität Darmstadt, (GERMANY); ²ESA/ESOC, (GERMANY)
- 17:00 Multi-view 3D Reconstruction of Asteroids
Delaunoy, Amaël ¹; Kanani, Keyvan ²; Sturm, Peter ¹; Dubois-Matra, Olivier ³
¹INRIA Grenoble, (FRANCE); ²Astrium SAS, (FRANCE); ³ESA-ESTEC, (NETHERLANDS)

Track 8: Re-Entry and Aero-Assisted Maneuvers

Chairs: J.F. Goester(CNES), J. Gavira(ESA)

- 14:00 Mars PLAY and EDL Activities at Thales Alenia Space Italy
Buonocore, M. ¹; Mura, F. ¹; Calantropio, F. ¹; Geelen, K. ²
¹Thales Alenia Space, (ITALY); ²European Space Agency, (NETHERLANDS)
- 14:30 End-to-End Simulation Environment for Exomars 2016 Entry Descent and Landing Phase
De Sanctis, S. ¹; Calantropio, F. ¹; Buonocore, M. ¹; Lorenzoni, L. ²
¹Thales Alenia Space, (ITALY); ²European Space Agency, (NETHERLANDS)



- 15:00 Propulsive Guidance and Control for planetary Landing
Canuto, E. ; Molano -Jimenez, A. ; Acuna-Bravo, W.
Politecnico di Torino, (ITALY)
- 15:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 Model-based Guidance and Control for atmospheric planetary Entry
Canuto, E. ¹; Ospina, J. ¹; Molano Jimenez, A. ¹; Buonocore, M. ²
¹Politecnico di Torino, (ITALY); ²Thales Alenia Space Italia, (ITALY)
- 16:30 Aerodynamic-Angle attitude Control for atmospheric planetary Entry
Canuto, E. ¹; Ospina, J. ¹; Molano -Jimenez, A. ¹; Buonocore, M. ²
¹Politecnico di Torino, (ITALY); ²Thales Alenia Space Italia, (ITALY)
- 17:00 ABMAT: Mission Design and Analysis Tool for Aerobraking Scenarios and Operations Strategies
Cichocki, F. ; Sanchez, M.
Deimos-Space S.L.U., (SPAIN)



Friday 1 June 2012

Track 9: Orbit and Attitude Determination, Estimation and Prediction

Chairs: O. Montenbruck(DLR) , S. Ueda(JAXA)

- 09:30 Hybrid perturbation Theories based on Computational Intelligence
San-Juan, J. F. ; P\erez, I. ; San-Mart\in, M.
Universidad de La Rioja, (SPAIN)
- 10:00 High Fidelity Propagation of Asteroids using DROMO-based Techniques
Urrutxua, H. ; Pelaez, J.
Technical University of Madrid, (SPAIN)
- 10:30 High Order Algorithms for the Management of Uncertainties with Applications in Space Situational Awareness
Armellin, R. ¹; Di Lizia, P. ¹; Valli, M. ¹; Morselli, A. ¹; Lavagna, M. ¹; Bernelli-Zazzera, F. ¹; Berz, M. ²
¹Politecnico di Milano, (ITALY); ²Michigan State University, (UNITED STATES)
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 Re-examination of Pioneer 10 and 11 Tracking Data Including Spacecraft Thermal Modeling.
Modenini, D. ; Tortora, P.
University of Bologna, (ITALY)
- 12:00 Enhancement of Trajectory Determination of Orbiter Spacecraft by using Planetary Optical Images
Silvestri, D. ; Tortora, P.
University of Bologna, (ITALY)

Track 10: Ascent Tools And Techniques

Chairs: D. Barbagallo (ASI), J.Kauffman (ESA)

- 09:30 An innovative semi-analytic Method for fast Launcher Trajectory Optimization
Dodelin, G. ; Cerf, M. ; Reynaud, S.
ASTRIUM SPACE TRANSPORTATION, (FRANCE)
- 10:00 Capabilities of ASTER Program Package for the Through Trajectory Optimization
Yanova, O. ; Filatyev, A. ; Golikov, A.
Central Aerohydrodynamic Institute (TsAGI), (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
- 10:30 Turbo-boost For Launchability Analysis Tool (LAT)
Cremaschi, F. ; Volks, S. ; Jürgens, M.
Astos Solutions GmbH, (GERMANY)
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 Extensive Suite for efficient and accurate generic Mission Analyses
Dodelin, G. ; Correia Da Costa, B. ; Cerf, M. ; Fessard, M. ; Reynaud, S.
ASTRIUM SPACE TRANSPORTATION, (FRANCE)
- 12:00S VAGO MDO Environment for the Design of Expendable Launch Vehicles
Castellini, F. ¹; Riccardi, A. ²; Lavagna, M. ¹; Büskens, C. ²
¹Politecnico of Milano, (ITALY); ²University of Bremen, (GERMANY)
- 12:30 Automatic Launch Window Analysis (ALWA), stand-alone Tool or ASTOS Feature
Hornig, A. ; Cremaschi, F.
Astos Solutions GmbH, (GERMANY)
- 13:00 *Lunch Break*



Track 11: Student Session

Chairs: G. Ortega(ESA), A. Martinez (ESA)

- 13:30 Design of a Combinatorial Tool for Preliminary Space Mission Analysis
Leite Pinto Secretin, T.A. ; Noomen, R.
Delft University of Technology, (NETHERLANDS)
- 14:00 SVAGO MDO Environment's Potential for Educational Activities
Riccardi, A. ¹; Castellini, F. ²; Büskens, C. ¹; Lavagna, M. ²
¹University of Bremen, (GERMANY); ²Politecnico of Milano, (ITALY)
- 14:30 Modelling and Simulations of Atmospheric Space Debris Trajectories
Mooij, E. ; Ronse, A.L.A.B.
Delft University of Technology, (NETHERLANDS)

Track 12: Optimization and Dynamics, Multidisciplinary Design Optimization

Chairs: O. Yanova(TsAGI), S. Erb(ESA)

- 14:00 WORHP — The ESA NLP Solver
Büskens, C. ; Wassel, D.
Universität Bremen, (GERMANY)
- 14:30 From WORHP to TransWORHP
Knauer, M. ¹; Büskens, C. ²
¹Universität Bremen, (GERMANY); ²Universität Bremen, Zentrum für Technomathematik, (GERMANY)
- 15:00 Optimization of the Image Acquisition Planning for the BepiColombo Rotation Experiment
Palli, A. ; Tortora, P.
University of Bologna, (ITALY)
- 15:30 Closing Speech
R. Jehn, ESA



Posters

Design and Analysis of Libration Point Trajectories with the use of NASA GMAT

Cappaert, J.¹; Detsis, E.²; Welch, C.³

¹International Space University, (BELGIUM); ²International Space University, (GREECE); ³International Space University, (UNITED KINGDOM)

Managing the spin Condition by Means of magnetic Actuators: a Review

de Angelis, E.L.¹; Avanzini, G.²; Giuliotti, F.¹

¹University of Bologna, (ITALY); ²University of Salento, (ITALY)

iStarmad: the App revolutioning the Way of performing space mission Analysis and Design

Starnone, D.

Star-n1 engineering, (ITALY)

T-SMAD (Tools for Space Mission Analysis and Design): a Collection of Tools to support the concurrent engineering design Process

Wuilbercq, R ; Cafiero, G ; Radice, G

University of Glasgow, (UNITED KINGDOM)