





Minimum Elevation: 0°

ILRS





Minimum Elevation: 35°

ILRS





IRNSS-1i and COMPASS-I5 LRAs

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IRNSS-1i

- Altitude 35,786 km
- Retro-reflector array
 - t 40 cubes
 - to 38mm diameter
 - t∽ Total surface area 453.6 cm²

 - $\smile \ \text{Uncoated}$
 - \checkmark Clocked
 - └ Dihedral angle of the cube is 0 degrees ± 0.5 arc seconds



COMPASS-I5

- Altitude 35,786 km
- Retro-reflector array
 - t 42 cubes
 - to 33mm diameter
 - t∽ Total surface area 359.2 cm²
 - t Quartz
 - \smile Uncoated
 - \sim Clocked
 - $\smile\,$ Dihedral angle of the cube is 0.6 \pm 0.3 arc seconds



Comparison

	IRNSS-1i	COMPASS-I5
Altitude	35,786 km	35,786 km
Number of corner cubes	40	42
Cube diameter	38mm	33mm
Total surface area	453.6 cm ²	359.2 cm ²
Material	Fused Quartz	Quartz
Coating	Uncoated	Uncoated
Cube alignment	Clocked	Clocked
Dihedral Angle	0 ± 0.5 arc seconds	0.6 ± 0.3 arc seconds

IRNSS SCF-Test

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Abstract



Comparison - Yarragadee



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Comparison - Yarragadee



Yarragadee, Australia 7090 number of COMPASS-I5 full rate obs in a normal point, from 20170901 through 20180831 ave 46.79±45.75 max 280.00 min 1.00 for 431 data points obs/npt

range (km)



Introducing the ESA Satellite Laser Ranging station IZN-1, Tenerife Andrea Di Mira, Jens Steinborn

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ESA Laser Ranging Station: IZN-1



- Station site: Teide Observatory (2400 m) in Tenerife
- Turnkey solution based on COTS components
- **Remote operations**







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ESA Laser Ranging Station: IZN-1







ESA Laser Ranging Station: IZN-1



Targeted short term goals:

- Satellite Laser Ranging at 532 nm and 1064 nm
- ILRS engineering station
- On-demand SLR support and support to ESA missions
- LEO-DTE Optical Ground Station
- Space debris passive observations
- Testbed for European Industry
- Autonomous operations









Main station subsystems

Telescope

- ASA AZ800
- Ritchey-Chretien 80 cm f/6.8
- Pointing accuracy <5 arcsec

Dome

- Baader Planetarium 4.2 m
- Lower flap and rolling shutter



Detector package

- C-SPAD (532 nm)
- IR-SPAD (1064 nm)

Laser package

- Passat Compiler 532/1064 nm
- Nd:YAG PRF 400 Hz

λ	Pulse width	Pulse Energy
532 nm	7 ps	400 µJ
1064 nm	8.5 ps	500 µJ



Main station subsystems





Space Debris Camera

- FLI ML 16070
- Pixel size 7.4 µm
- N of pixels: 4864 x 3232



SLR equipment rack

- Range Gate Generator
- Event timer A033-ET
- NTP
- GNSS receiver / OCXO DHQ
- Stability 2E-12 @1s



Laser Safety

- Emergency stops
- Interlocks
- ADS-B
- IR cameras



Project Timeline

✓ Kick off 2018

✓ Design, procurement and pre-integration in 2018-2020

- ✓ FAT in 2020
- ✓ Deployment and SAT 2021
- ✓ SAT Closeout review January 2022
- Formal handover: April 2022





Station Validation and Performance



EWO ASIZOMU (Bearniam)	Ĩ1	Cont	or	× ~
	x		484 px	0
	Y		274 px	0
		Rotati	on	
	Azimuth		0,00°	0
	Elevation		0,00*	0
	Offset		-188,00*	¢
		Detect	ion	
	Tolerance		5,00 px	0
	Threshold		10	0
		CCE	>	
	Exposure	Auto	500000 us	0
	Gain	🗌 Auto	600	0
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- Optical alignments and pointing performance verification
- Laser ranging campaigns (day and night-time)
- Tracking since Q3 2021 several LEOs, geodetic and navigation targets
- Also some success with IRNSS 1i at 22° elevation
- Remote operations





Joining ILRS

- Regular tracking of Lageos 1&2 started September 2021 @532nm
- First quality control and estimation of station coordinates done by Toshi based on 14 Lageos1&2 passes @532nm
- Average RB <10mm (also the data amount is small)</p>
- Since end November stable tracking with 1064nm
- Second quality control and estimation of stations coordinates done by Toshi based on 14 Lageos 1&2 passes @1064nm
- Similar RB and good agreement to 532nm
- Tracking continues completely remotely mainly at 1064nm
- Station ID 7701 assigned by ILRS
- Regular data upload to EDC since January 2022







First QC Report



- First QC report provided by Erricos in January with good precision and small RB
- Waiting for more Lares passes to release station out of quarantine



IZN-1 Short-term Upgrades and Future Perspectives

Laser ranging to space debris

- Average Power 20 100 W @1 ns
- Range measurement accuracy ~10s cm
- Optimization for daylight tracking
- Network of space debris tracking stations





LEO-DTE Optical Communications

- Implementation of uplink data transmission
- and beacon (1590 and 1605 nm)
- 1550 nm downlink capability
- Fiber Laser Technology, Average power > 15W

Development towards:

- Autonomous operations
- Laser Momentum Transfer



Testbed for debris tracking and support to definition of LMT station requirements

- > CW 40kW, Yb-doped fiber 1070 nm
- Pre-compensation through high-power Adaptive Optics

Press Release Article: https://www.esa.int/Safety_Security/Space_Debris/New_laser_station_lights_the_way_to_debris_reduction

Thank you!

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When and How to Update Site Log Section 6: the Receiver System

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Introduction/History



- Our colleague and former ILRS Chairman, Werner Gurtner from Zimmerwald, designed the original ILRS Site Log based on the IGS Site Log.
- □ The ILRS Site Log has a section for each major SLR subsystem
- □ Based on reviewing site logs, CRD V2 data, and interactions with the stations over the past few years, there appears to be some confusion on how to complete Section 6: Receiver System of the ILRS Site Log
- □ There are 3 subsections (6.01 Primary Chain, 6.02 Secondary Chain, 6.03 Tertiary Chain) in Section 6 in order to document all the possible receiver configurations being used in parallel
 - Systems which ranged using multiple wavelengths (e.g. Zimmerwald, Wettzell, Matera);
 - System which used more than one detector (e.g. Zimmerwald, Graz, Potsdam); and/or
 - Systems which used an optional amplifier (e.g. Yarragadee, Monument Peak, Hartebeesthoek, Greenbelt, Tahiti)
- Many SLR systems only have a single receiver system. In those cases, Sections 6.02 and 6.03 should be blank
- □ The site log was designed to show a complete history of configuration changes. This is accomplished by adding an additional level to each subsection (6.01.01, 6.01.02, 6.01.03, ...)



Site Log Section 6: Receiver System



6.01.01 Primary Chain	6.02.01 Secondary Chain 6.03
Wavelength [nm]:	Wavelength [nm]:
Detector Type :	Detector Type :
Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :
Model :	Model :
Quantum Efficiency [%	6]: Quantum Efficiency [%]:
Nominal Gain :	Nominal Gain :
Rise Time [ps]:	Rise Time [ps]:
Jitter (Single PE)[ps]:	Jitter (Single PE)[ps]:
Field of View Diam ["]	Field of View Diam ["]:
Date Installed :	Date Installed :
Date Removed :	Date Removed :
Amplifier Type :	Amplifier Type :
Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :
Model :	Model :
Gain :	Gain :
Bandwidth :	Bandwidth :
Date Installed :	Date Installed :
Date Removed :	Date Removed :
Additional Information	: Additional Information:
Signal Processing :	Signal Processing :
Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :
Model :	Model :
Date Installed :	Date Installed :
Date Removed :	Date Removed :
Amplitude Measureme	ent : Amplitude Measurement :
Return-Rate Controlle	d: Return-Rate Controlled:
Mode of Operation	: Mode of Operation :
Additional Information	: Additional Information:
Time of Flight Observ.	: Time of Flight Observ. :
Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :
Model :	Model :
Resolution [ps]:	Resolution [ps]:
Precision [ps]:	Precision [ps]:
Date Installed :	Date Installed :
Date Removed :	Date Removed :
Additional Information	: Additional Information :

03.01 Tertiary Chair	า
Wavelength	[nm]:
Detector Type	:
Manufacturer	1.00
Model	1.00
Quantum Effici	ency [%]:
Nominal Gain	1
Rise Time	[ps]:
Jitter (Single P	E)[ps]:
Field of View D)iam ["]:
Date Installed	1.00
Date Removed	E :
Amplifier Type	1
Manufacturer	1
Model	1
Gain	1
Bandwidth	1.00
Date Installed	1.1
Date Removed	l :
Additional Info	rmation:
Signal Processi	ng :
Manufacturer	1.00
Model	1.0
Date Installed	1.00
Date Removed	l :
t : Amplitude Mea	surement :
Return-Rate C	ontrolled:
Mode of Opera	ition :
Additional Info	rmation:
Time of Flight O	bserv. :
Manufacturer	:
Model	1
Resolution	[ps]:
Precision	[ps]:
Date Installed	:
Date Removed	l :
Additional Inform	nation :

- The three Receiver System subsections (6.01, 6.02 and 6.03) have the same identical fields (See examples on the left).
- □ There is the wavelength plus the four following main components
 - 1. Detector Type
 - 2. Amplifier Type (can be blank if no amplifier is used)
 - 3. Signal Processing
 - 4. Time of Flight Observation
 - Installing a new model of one of these 4 components requires a site log update by adding another level (e.g. 6.01.02). See next slide



Site Log Section 6 Primary Chain Update Example



6.01.01 Primary Chain 6.01 [nm]: 532 Wavelength Detector Type : MCP : ITT Manufacturer Model : F4129F Quantum Efficiency [%]: 17.7 Nominal Gain :1e6 [ps]: 350 **Rise Time** Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 100 Field of View Diam ["]: 360 Date Installed : 1986-03-31 Date Removed : 2003-04-30 Amplifier Type Manufacturer Model Gain Bandwidth Date Installed Date Removed Additional Information: Signal Processing : CFD : Tennelec Manufacturer : TC454 Model Date Installed : 1986-03-31 Date Removed : 2003-04-30 Amplitude Measurement : YES **Return-Rate Controlled: YES** Mode of Operation : Few to Multiple Photons Additional Information: Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL Manufacturer : Hewlett-Packard : 5370B Model [ps]: 20 Resolution Precision [ps]: 35 Date Installed : 1986-03-31 Date Removed Additional Information :

1.02 Primary Chai	n
Wavelength	[nm]: 532
Detector Type	: MCP
Manufacturer	: Photek
Model	: PMT318
Quantum Efficie	ency [%]: 13.3
Nominal Gain	: 1e6
Rise Time	[ps]: 250
Jitter (Single PI	E)[ps]: 100
Field of View D	iam ["]: 360
Date Installed	: 2003-04-30
Date Removed	
Amplifier Type	:
Manufacturer	:
Model	:
Gain	:
Bandwidth	:
Date Installed	:
Date Removed	:
Additional Infor	mation:
Signal Processir	ig : CFD
Manufacturer	: Tennelec
Model	: TC454
Date Installed	: 1986-03-31
Date Removed	:
Amplitude Mea	surement : YES
Return-Rate Co	ontrolled: YES
Mode of Opera	tion : Few to Multiple Photons
Additional Infor	mation:
Time of Flight Ol	oserv. : INTERVAL
Manufacturer	: Hewlett-Packard
Model	: 5370B
Resolution	[ps]: 20
Precision	[ps]: 35
Date Installed	: 1986-03-31
Date Removed	:
Additional Inform	nation:

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- □ Here on the left is an example where there was a detector change on 30-April-2003
- 6.01.02 was added to reflect this change. A date removed was added to the detector type in Section 6.01.01 to indicate that ITT MCP detector was no longer in operational use
- If you change a component with the same model
 NO site log change is required, but an entry in
 your station change history should be added
- □ If a common component to the primary and secondary chain was changed (e.g. the HP370B time interval unit was replaced with an event timer), two new entries 6.01.02 and 6.02.02 would need to be added



Site Log Section 6 Example of a station that uses an Amplifier



6.01.01 Primary Chain 6.02.01 Secondary Chain Wavelength [nm]: 532 Wavelength [nm]: 532 Detector Type : MCP Detector Type : MCP : ITT : ITT Manufacturer Manufacturer : F4129F : F4129F Model Model Quantum Efficiency [%]: 15.5 Quantum Efficiency [%]: 15.5 Nominal Gain : 1e6 Nominal Gain : 1e6 Rise Time [ps]: 350 Rise Time [ps]: 350 Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 100 Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 100 Field of View Diam ["]: 90 - 540 Field of View Diam ["]: 90 - 540 Date Installed : 1987-04-23 Date Installed : 1987-04-23 : 2009-06-17 : 2009-06-17 Date Removed Date Removed Amplifier Type **Amplifier Type** : Honeywell Manufacturer Manufacturer Model : HSLR Model Gain 24 Gain Bandwidth Bandwidth :20 Date Installed Date Installed : 1996-07-04 **Date Removed** Date Removed Additional Information: for HEO Ranging Additional Information: Signal Processing : CFD Signal Processing : CFD Manufacturer Manufacturer : Tennelec : Tennelec Model : TC454 Model : TC454 : 1993-04-23 : 1993-04-23 Date Installed Date Installed Date Removed Date Removed Amplitude Measurement : YES Amplitude Measurement : YES Return-Rate Controlled: YES **Return-Rate Controlled: YES** Mode of Operation : Few to Multi Photons Mode of Operation : Few to Multiple Photons Additional Information: Additional Information: Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL : Hewlett-Packard : Hewlett-Packard Manufacturer Manufacturer : 5370A : 5370A Model Model Resolution [ps]: 20 Resolution [ps]: 20 [ps]: 50 [ps]: 50 Precision Precision : 1983-06-01 : 1983-06-01 Date Installed Date Installed Date Removed : 1998-01-16 Date Removed : 1998-01-16 Additional Information : Additional Information :

In this example the only difference between Sections 6.01.01 and 6.01.02 is that an amplifier is used to track the High Earth Orbiting (HEO) satellites while the primary receiver chain is used to track LEOs and LAGEOS. In the Secondary Chain, the receive signal is amplified 24 dB before the Tennelec Constant Fraction Discriminator (CFD)



Site Log Section 6 Example of a station that has three receiver chains

Additional Information :



6.01.01 Primary Chain 6.02.01 Secondary Chain 6.03.01 Tertiary Chain Here is example of a Wavelength [nm]: 423 Wavelength [nm]: 423 Wavelength [nm]: 846 Detector Type : PMT : CSPAD Detector Type : CSPAD Detector Type station (Zimmerwald) Manufacturer : Hamamatsu : PESO Consulting : PESO Consulting Manufacturer Manufacturer that had three receiver Model : H 6533 Model :0410 : Zimmerwald-01 Model Quantum Efficiency [%]: 22 Quantum Efficiency [%]: 18 Quantum Efficiency [%]: 15 configurations with Nominal Gain : 2e6 Nominal Gain : 1e10 Nominal Gain :1e10 [ps]: 700 **Rise Time Rise Time** [ps]: N.A. [ps]: N.A. different detectors. Rise Time Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 160 Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 30 Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 39 wavelengths and time of Field of View Diam ["]: 10 - 30 Field of View Diam ["]: 9 Field of View Diam ["]: 8 Date Installed : 1997-01-01 Date Installed : 1997-01-01 : 1997-01-01 Date Installed flight devices : 2003-03-11 Date Removed Date Removed : 2003-03-11 Date Removed : 2002-01-01 Amplifier Type Amplifier Type Amplifier Type Zimmerwald started to Manufacturer Manufacturer Manufacturer provide normal point Model Model Model Gain Gain Gain data from both its Bandwidth Bandwidth Bandwidth Date Installed Date Installed primary and tertiary Date Installed Date Removed Date Removed Date Removed chains in August 2002. Additional Information: Additional Information: Additional Information: Signal Processing : CFD Signal Processing : Time Walk Compensated Signal Processing : Time Walk Compensated The secondary chain : Tennelec Manufacturer Manufacturer : Graz Manufacturer : Graz : TC454 Model Model Model was originally used only Date Installed : 1997-01-01 : 1997-01-01 Date Installed : 1997-01-01 Date Installed for testing, but in 2003, Date Removed : 2003-03-11 : 2002-01-01 Date Removed : 2003-03-11 Date Removed Amplitude Measurement : YES Amplitude Measurement : NO Amplitude Measurement : NO the secondary chain **Return-Rate Controlled: YES Return-Rate Controlled: YES Return-Rate Controlled: YES** Mode of Operation : Single to Few Photons and the primary chain Mode of Operation : Single to Few Photons Mode of Operation : Single to Few Photons Additional Information: Additional Information: Additional Information: were swapped. See next Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL Manufacturer : Stanford Manufacturer : Stanford Manufacturer : Stanford slide : 620 #0236 Model Model : 620 #2282 Model : 620 #2282 [ps]: 4 Resolution [ps]: 4 [ps]: 4 Resolution Resolution Precision [ps]: 30 [ps]: 30 [ps]: 30 Precision Precision Date Installed : 1997-01-01 : 1997-01-01 : 1997-01-01 **Date Installed Date Installed** Date Removed Date Removed Date Removed Additional Information :

Additional Information : use for test only

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Site Log Section 6 Example of a Station has made the Secondary Receiver the Primary Receiver



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6.01.01 Primary Chain 6	6.01.02 Primary Chain	6 02 01 Secondary Chain 6 (12 02 Secondary Chain
Wavelength [nm]: 423	Wavelength [nm]: 423	Wavelength [nm]: 423	Wavelength [nm]: 423
Detector Type : PMT	Detector Type : CSPAD	Detector Type CSPAD	Detector Type · PMT
Manufacturer : Hamamatsu	Manufacturer : PESO Consulting	Manufacturer : PESO Consulting	Manufacturer Hamamatsu
Model : H 6533	Model : 0410	Model · 0410	Model : H 6533
Quantum Efficiency [%]: 22	Quantum Efficiency [%]: 18	Quantum Efficiency [%]: 18	Quantum Efficiency [%]: 22
Nominal Gain : 2e6	Nominal Gain : 1e10	Nominal Gain : 1e10	Nominal Gain · 2e6
Rise Time [ps]: 700	Rise Time [ps]: N.A.	Rise Time [ns]: N A	Rise Time [ns]: 700
Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 160	Jitter (Single PE)[ps]: 30	litter (Single PE)[ns]: 30	litter (Single PE)[ns]: 160
Field of View Diam ["]: 10 - 30	Field of View Diam ["]: 9	Field of View Diam ["]: 9	Field of View Diam ["]: 10 - 30
Date Installed : 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 2003-03-11	Date Installed : 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 2003-03-11
Date Removed : 2003-03-11	Date Removed :	Date Removed 2003-03-11	Date Removed
Amplifier Type :	Amplifier Type :	Amplifier Type	
Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :	Manufacturer :
Model :	Model :	Model ·	Model ·
Gain :	Gain :	Gain	Gain
Bandwidth :	Bandwidth :	Bandwidth	Bandwidth
Date Installed :	Date Installed :	Date Installed	Date Installed
Date Removed :	Date Removed :	Date Removed	Date Removed
Additional Information:	Additional Information:	Additional Information:	Additional Information:
Signal Processing : CFD	Signal Processing : Time Walk Compensi	ated Signal Processing Time Walk Compensated	Signal Processing CED
Manufacturer : Tennelec	Manufacturer : Graz	Manufacturer Graz	Manufacturer : Tennelec
Model : TC454	Model :	Model	Model · TC454
Date Installed : 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 2003-03-11	Date Installed · 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 1997-01-01
Date Removed : 2003-03-11	Date Removed :	Date Removed 2003-03-11	Date Removed
Amplitude Measurement : YES	Amplitude Measurement : NO	Amplitude Measurement · NO	Amplitude Measurement · YES
Return-Rate Controlled: YES	Return-Rate Controlled: YES	Return-Rate Controlled: YES	Return-Rate Controlled: YES
Mode of Operation : Single to Few Phot	ons Mode of Operation : Single to Few Photor	NS Mode of Operation : Single to Few Photons	Mode of Operation : Single to Few Photons
Additional Information:	Additional Information:	Additional Information:	Additional Information:
Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL	Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL	Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL	Time of Flight Observ. : INTERVAL
Manufacturer : Stanford	Manufacturer : Stanford	Manufacturer : Stanford	Manufacturer : Stanford
Model : 620 #0236	Model : 620 #0236	Model : 620 #2282	Model : 620 #0236
Resolution [ps]: 4	Resolution [ps]: 4	Resolution [ps]: 4	Resolution [ps]: 4
Precision [ps]: 30	Precision [ps]: 30	Precision [ps]: 30	Precision [ps]: 30
Date Installed : 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 1997-01-01	Date Installed : 2003-03-11
Date Removed :	Date Removed : 2004-12-28	Date Removed :	Date Removed : 2004-12-28
Additional Information :	Additional Information :	Additional Information : use for test only	Additional Information : use for test only





- □ I hope these few examples were helpful in updating Section 6 of the Site Log
- Any system configuration change requires both an update to your site log and your station change history
- Replacing a major component with the same model requires a station change history update but NOT a site log update
- □ Keep your site log and station change history current
- Maintain detailed onsite records of system changes, because this information may be invaluable to pinpoint when a change occurred in your range bias
- □ Any questions?
- □ Thank you for your attention! Clear Skies and Stay Safe!



The ISRO Campaign



- ILRS network would track Indian Constellation of Navigation Satellites (IRNSS)
- Includes 2 new SLR Stations in India
- Tracking Campaigns last 10 days
- Seven satellites already in Geosynchronous orbit (on the ILRS tracking list)
- Timeframe late 2022 23
- First telecon with ISRO during the week of January 21



Tracking Requirements



Tracking requirements are summarized below:

- 1) An IRNSS satellite tracking campaign shall last for at least 10 days.
- 2) The IRNSS satellite for which the tracking campaign is being undertaken shall be tracked <u>from at least 4 SLR Stations</u>: Each station should <u>track the IRNSS satellite for a minimum of 3 days</u>, generating a <u>minimum of 4 Normal Points every day</u>.
- 3) The tracking campaign shall ensure that the <u>Normal Points are</u> <u>evenly distributed along the ground trace</u> (see figures for desirable ground trace distribution of NP).
- 4) A <u>minimum of 65 Normal Points</u> are required to be generated by the tracking network during the campaign.



List of Participating Stations



Stations that may be included in the campaign (Selected to form a wide baseline for the ranging):

- 1) Yarragadee, Australia (YARL)
- 2) Altay, Russia (ALTL)
- 3) Zimmerwald, Switzerland (ZIML)
- 4) Shanghai, China (SHA2)
- 5) Herstmonceux, England (HERL)
- 6) Wettzell, Germany (SOSW, WETL)
- 7) Matera, Italy (MATM)
- 8) Grasse, France (GRSM)
- 9) Changchun, China (CHAL)
- 10) Hartebeesthoek, South Africa (HARL)
- 11) Komsomolskna, Russia (KOML)
- 12) Mt. Stromlo, Australia (STL3)
- 13) Mt. Abu and Ponmundi, India





List of IRNSS Satellites



Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) Constellation:

- 1) IRNSS-1A
- 2) IRNSS-1B
- 3) IRNNS-1C
- 4) IRNSS-1D
- 5) IRNSS-1E
- 6) IRNSS-1F
- 7) IRNSS-1I



Courtesy of ISRO

Desired Distribution of NP during an ILRS Tracking Campaign

Desirable dispersion of Normal Points generated during an ILRS tracking campaign



Constraints in achieving this desired distribution of NPs:

- Station distribution not uniform
- Satellites visibility at the station restricted due to ..., etc.





Past Data Experience



IRNSS-1A Tracking Analysis (Apr 3-8, 2016)





- Night time tracking only;
- Gaps dictated by station geometry and operational limitations;
- Mt Stromlo never tracked IRNSS-1A, -1B, -1F;
- No European Stations ever tracked IRNSS-1C, -1D or -1E;
- Can Yarragadee track IRNSS-1A, -1B or -1F when at or north of the equator?
- It will be impossible to get complete coverage of the IRNSS orbits due to lack of daylight ranging and station locations;
- Try station coordination to minimize gaps in tracking coverage;
- Look at some longer time interval (10 days)



IRNSS Normal Points by Year and Station





	IRNSS Normal Points							
Station	Location	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
1868	Komsomolsk-Na-Amure, Russia				2	5		7
1879	Altay, Russia	108	115	8	5	19	14	269
7090	Yarragadee, Australia	933	1548	661	110	281	527	4060
7237	Changchun, China	586	234	41	48	16	42	967
7501	Hartebeesthoek, South Africa		8					8
7810	Zimmerwald, Switzerland	2	81	1				84
7821	Shanghai, China	2						2
7825	Mt Stromlo, Australia		3					3
7827	Wettzell, Germany	9	23	20	50	107		209
7840	Herstmonceux, United Kingdom	231	34	71	9	73	9	427
7845	Grasse, France	75					11	86
7941	Matera, Italy	191	7					198
8834	Wettzell, Germany	2	13	24	18	67	84	208
	Totals	2139	2066	826	242	568	687	6528





IRNSS Normal Points							
Satellite	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
IRNSS-1A	364	309	96	16	41	32	858
IRNSS-1B	217	503	176	26	100	117	1139
IRNSS-1C	382	439	200	47	89	155	1312
IRNSS-1D	356	322	104	29	41	131	983
IRNSS-1E	574	484	199	70	126	158	1611
IRNSS-1F	246	9	2	2	16		275
IRNSS-1I			49	52	155	94	350
Grand Total	2139	2066	826	242	568	687	6528



IRNSS Normal Points by Month





	Normal
Month	Points
Jan	503
Feb	556
Mar	738
Apr	737
May	737
Jun	606
Jul	369
Aug	499
Sep	524
Oct	379
Nov	438
Dec	442
Totals	6528