

# STATUS OF CURRENT AND FUTURE RUSSIAN SATELLITE SYSTEMS by Roscosmos/Roshydromet

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# Roshydromet Space Observation System Objectives

## **HYDROMETEOROLOGY AND GEOPHYSICAL MONITORING:**

- atmosphere and ocean monitoring and forecast;
- sea ice monitoring for navigation in Arctic and Antarctic regions and seas;
- data providing for heliogeophysical service;
- DCP data retransmission via satellite.

## **DISASTER MONITORING:**

- disaster events features detection;
- disaster monitoring;
- disaster impact /damage assessment;
- potentially dangerous areas survey, with an assessment of probability and impact of a disaster.

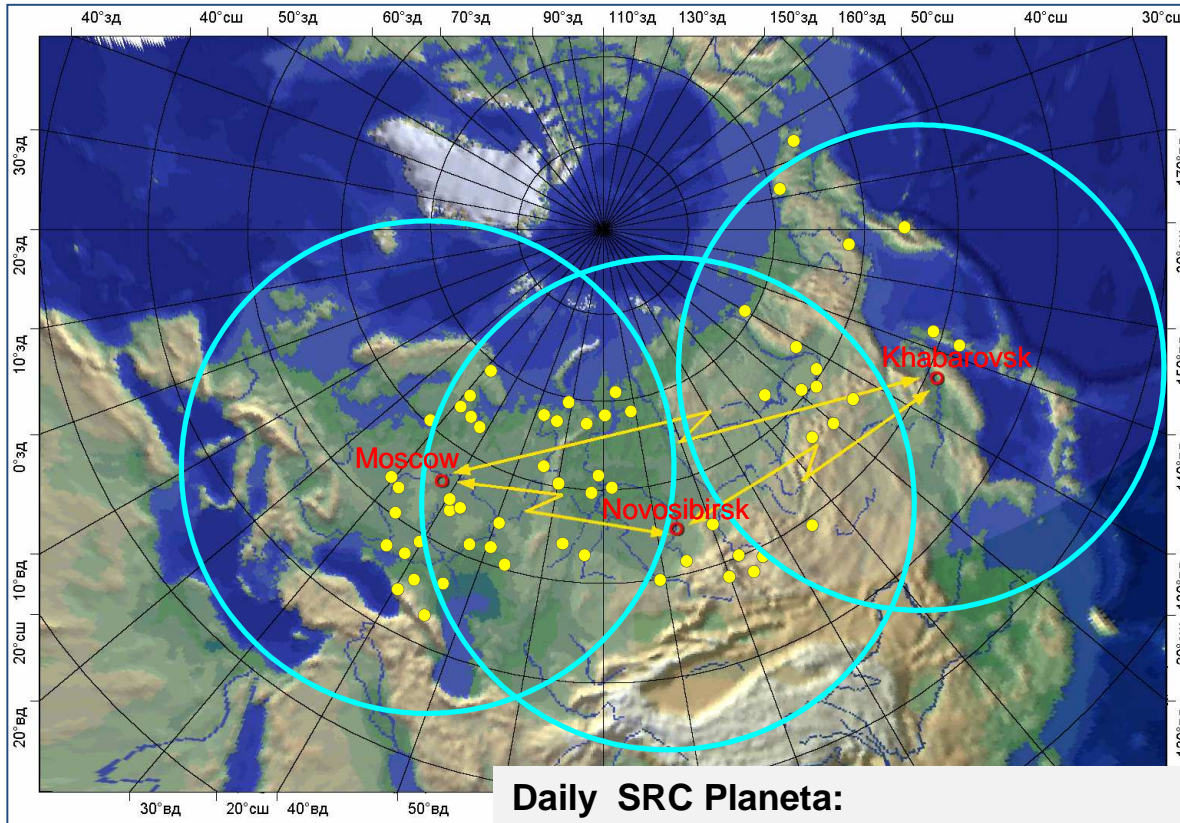
## **GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGES AND EARTH MONITORING:**

- climate, ocean and landscape change studies based on radiation balance, cloud cover, ozone layer, cryosphere, SST and ocean color, vegetation cover data etc.;
- climate and climate affecting processes studies.

## **POLLUTION MONITORING:**

- pollution characteristics mapping for atmosphere, land surface and ocean;
- assessment of potentially dangerous zones for pollution propagation, including radioactive pollution.

# Ground Segment of Satellite Earth Observation System



## Regional Centers:

### European

(SRC Planeta, Moscow-Obninsk-Dolgoprudny)

### Siberian

(SRC Planeta, Novosibirsk)

### Far-Eastern

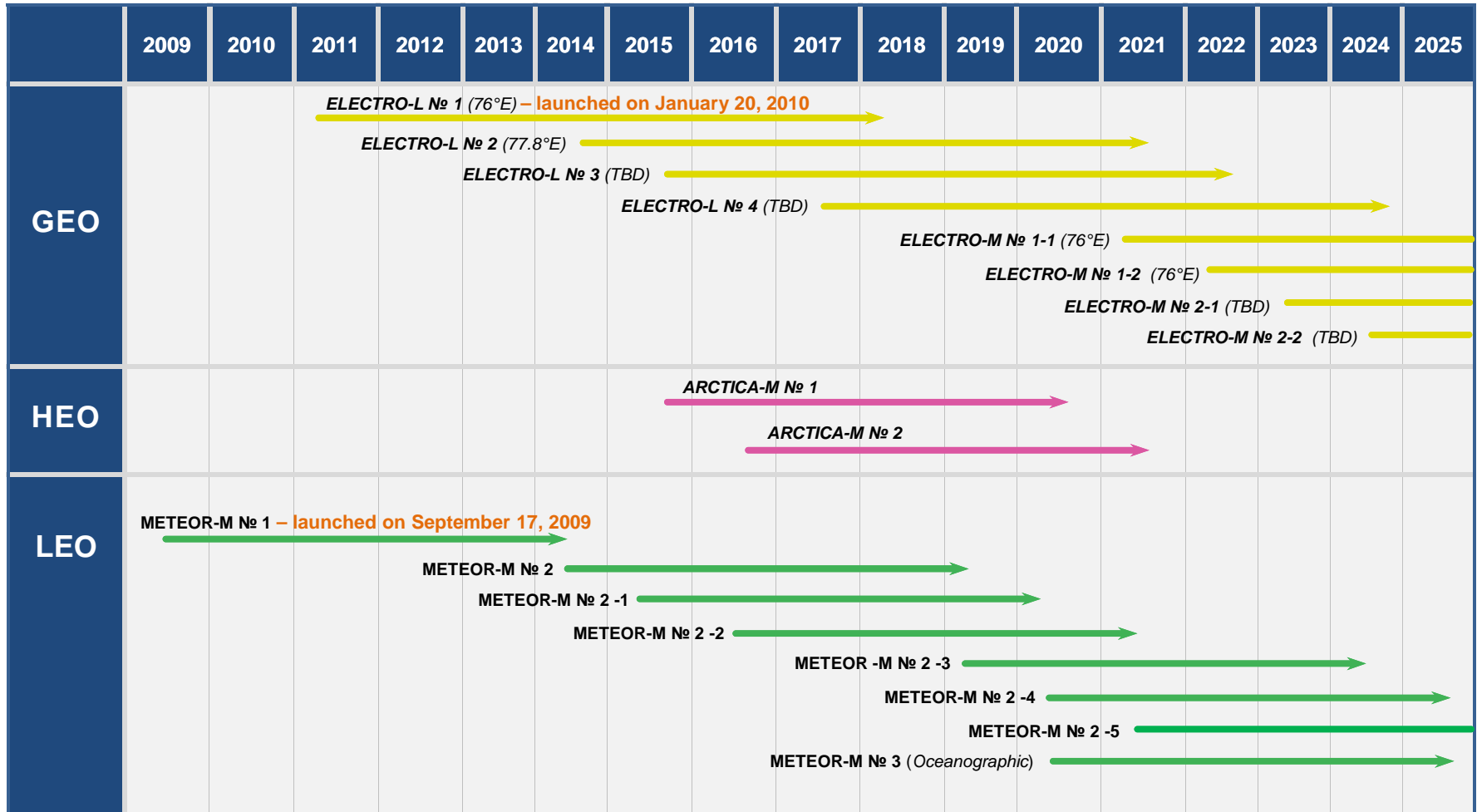
(SRC Planeta, Khabarovsk)

● - 68 local centers

## Daily SRC Planeta:

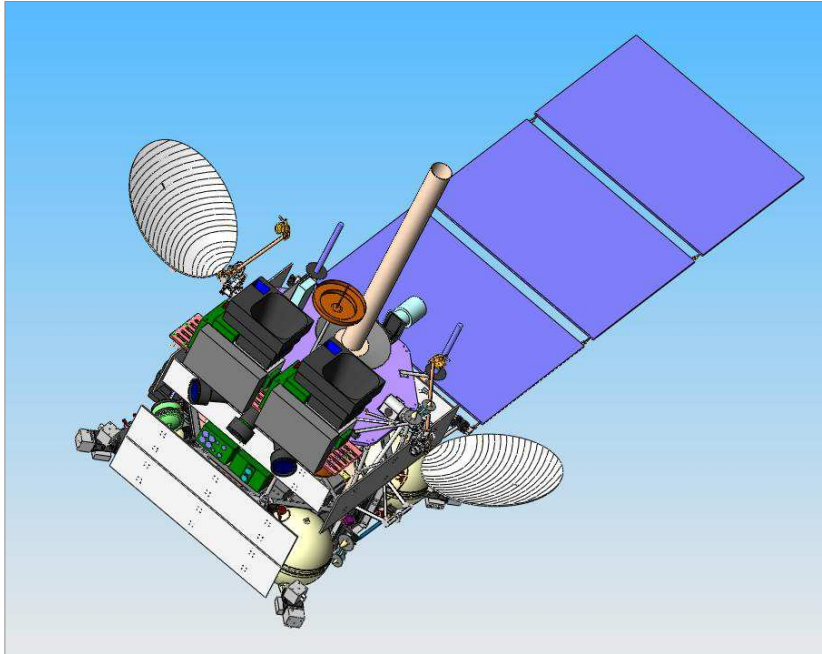
- receives more than **420 GB** satellite data;
- produces more than **350** types of informational products;
- provides data to more than **530** federal and regional users.

# Planning of Russian Meteorological Satellite Systems



# Status of Current GEO Satellite Systems

## ELECTRO-L General Design



Russian geostationary satellite ELECTRO-L №1  
was launched on **20 January, 2011**

Three-axis high-precision stabilization

In-orbit mass - 1500 kg

Payload mass - 370 kg

Lifetime - 10 years

Longitude – 76°E

Data dissemination format - HRIT/LRIT

Image repeat cycle – 30/15 min

### Mission objectives

- Operational observation of the atmosphere and the Earth surface
- Heliogeophysical measurements
- Maintaining Data Collection System and COSPAS/SARSAT Service

## MSU-GS Basic Characteristics

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Number of channels	<b>10</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VIS</li> <li>• IR</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <b>7</b>
Spectral range at half maximum of spectral response function ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	<b>0.5-0.65; 0.65-0.80; 0.8-0.9; 3.5-4.0;</b> <b>5.7-7.0; 7.5-8.5; 8.2-9.2; 9.2-10.2;</b> <b>10.2-11.2; 11.2-12.5</b>
Image frame (deg x deg)	<b><math>20 \pm 0.5 \times 20 \pm 0.5</math></b>
HRIT spatial resolution at sub-satellite point (km)	<b>1.0 (VIS); 4.0 (IR)</b>
S/N ratio for VIS channels	<b><math>\geq 200</math></b>
NE $\Delta$ T at 300K (K)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the band 3.5-4.0 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></li> <li>• in the band 5.7-7.0 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></li> <li>• in the band 7.5-12.5 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></li> </ul>	<b>0.8</b> <b>0.4</b> <b>0.1-0.2</b>
Power (W)	<b><math>\leq 150</math></b>
Mass (kg)	<b><math>\leq 88</math></b>
Lifetime of basic and reserve units (years)	<b>10</b>



## Heliogeophysical Measurements Suite (GGAK-E)

The GGAK-E suite includes 7 sensors:

SKIF-6 – spectrometer of the corpuscular emission with particle energy in the following ranges 0,05...20,0 keV; 0,03...1,5 MeV; 0,5...30,0 MeV;

SKL-E – spectrometer of the solar cosmic rays with particle energy in the following ranges 1...12 MeV, 30,0... 300,0 MeV, > 350,0 MeV;

GALS-E – detector of the galaxy cosmic rays with particles energy in the range > 600 MeV;

ISP-2M – measurements of the solar constant in the range 0,2-100 microns;

DIR-E - measurements of the solar X-rays with energy in the range 3-10 keV;

VUSS-E - measurements of the solar UV radiation at the Hydrogen resonant line HLa (121,6 nm);

FM-E – magnetometer for the magnetic field intensity measurement in the range  $\pm 300$  nanotesla.



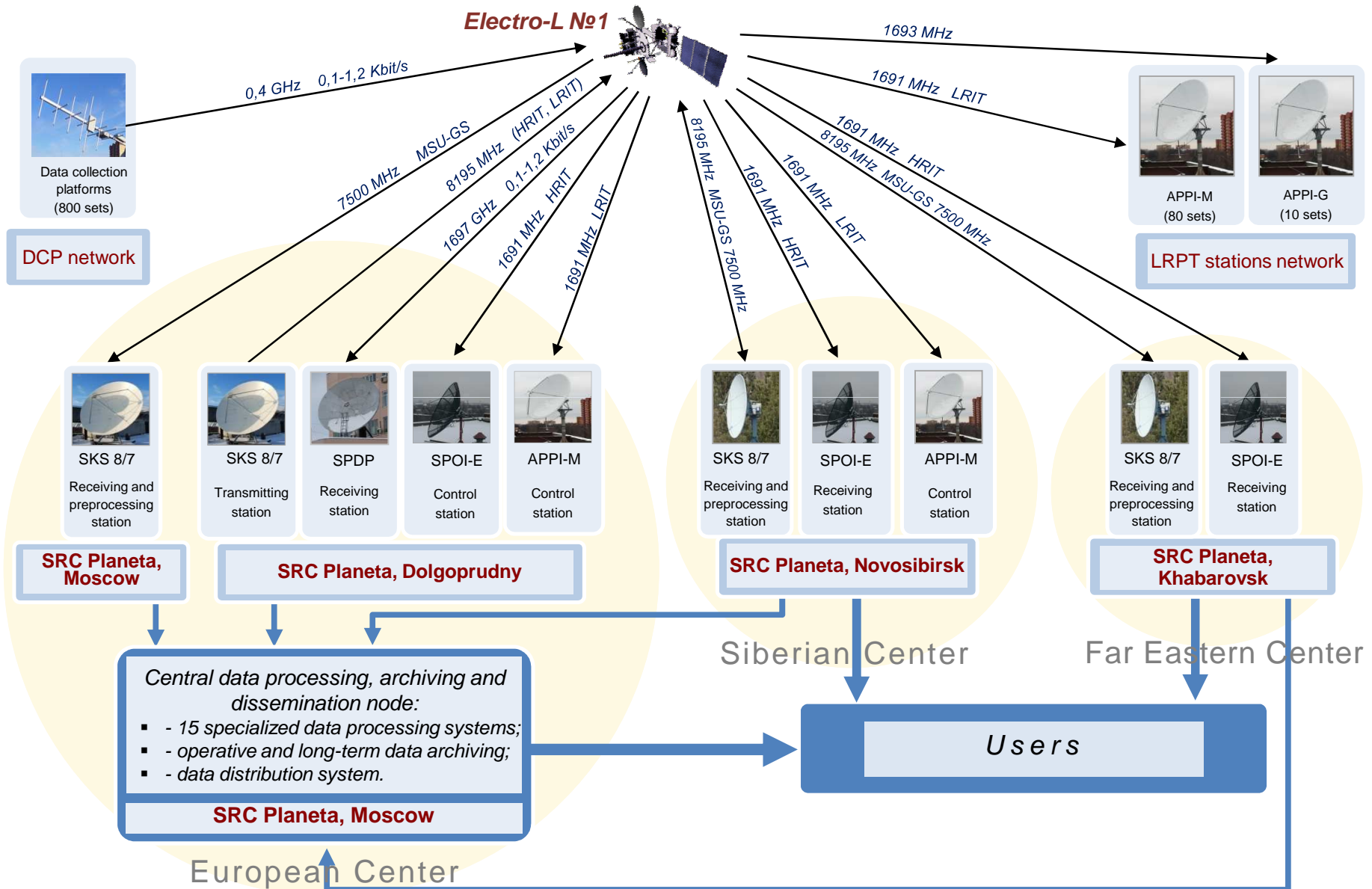
## Status of Electro-L №1 Spacecraft

The MSU-GS instrument has some problems with calibration and excessive noise level in IR channels. The WV channel is not functional because of excessive noise. All visible channels are fully functional. Application of the MSU-GS channels and their functional limitations are shown below. GGAK-E instrument suite is functioning with significant limitations, DCS as well as COSPAS/SARSAT retransmission service are fully functional.

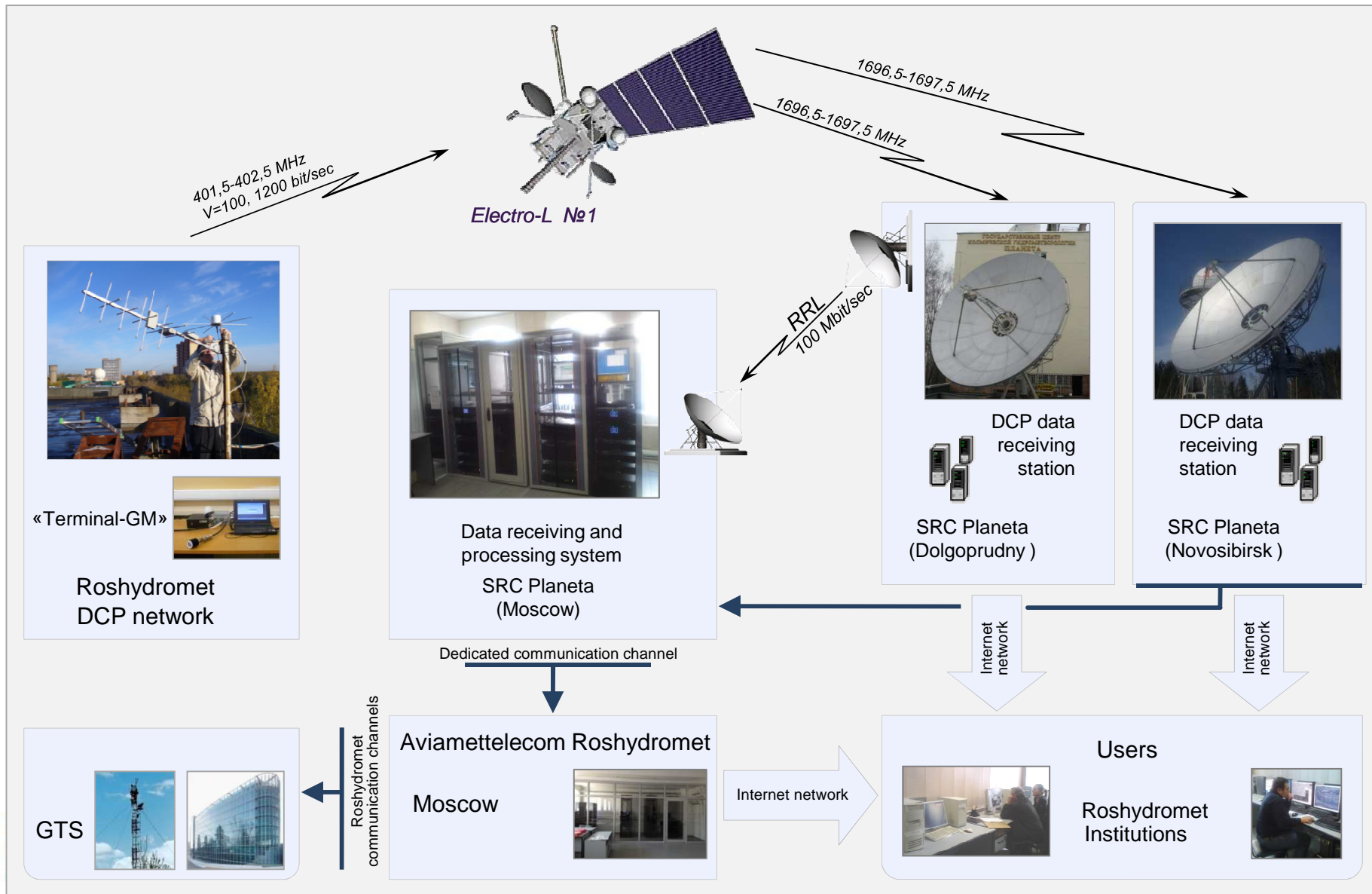
<i>Cannel No</i>	<i>Range, <math>\mu m</math></i>	<i>Application</i>
1	0,5 – 0,65	<b>Animated cloud imagery, snow, ice and vegetation detection (daytime)</b>
2	0,65 – 0,8	
3	0,8 – 0,9	
4	3,5 – 4,0	<b>Fires, SST (nighttime)</b>
5	5,7 – 7,0	<b>Water vapor, wind, semi-transparent clouds</b>
6	7,5 – 8,5	<b>Semi-transparent stratus clouds</b>
7	8,2 – 9,2	
8	9,2 – 10,2	<b>Ozone (total column)</b>
9	10,2 – 11,2	<b>Animated cloud imagery, wind, SST and LST, precipitation, cloud top height, fires etc.</b>
10	11,2 – 12,5	

— - operational   
 — - operational with limitations   
 — - non-operational

# Roshydromet Ground Segment for Electro-L №1



# Electro-L Data Collection System



# MSU-GS/Electro-L №1 Data Dissemination

## 1. Direct broadcast

MSU-GS HRIT/LRIT data dissemination is performed every 3 hours. Data format description for MSU-GS HRIT/LRIT is published at SRC Planeta WEB-site [http://planet.iitp.ru/english/index\\_eng.htm](http://planet.iitp.ru/english/index_eng.htm) and provided to WMO in January, 2012.

## 2. Data access via Internet

HRIT data dissemination via Internet is organized via SRC Planeta FTP server. This data become available for the EUMETSAT in September, 2012.

## 3. MSU-GS products access

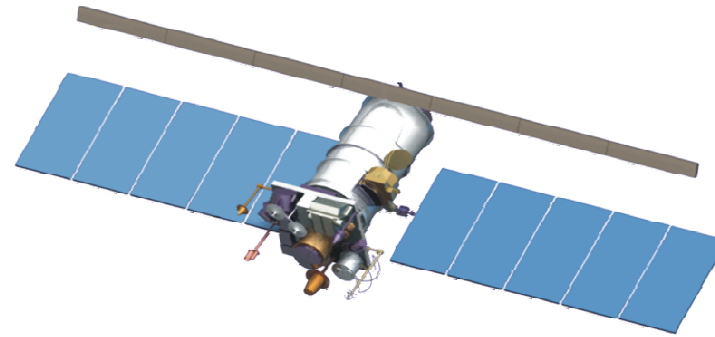
Some products that are regularly generated by SRC Planeta from MSU-GS data can be accessed via SRC Planeta WEB site.

# Status of Current LEO Satellite Systems

## METEOR-M №1 General Design



Russian meteorological satellite  
Meteor-M №1 was launched on  
***September, 17<sup>th</sup> 2009***



In-orbit mass – 2700 kg

Payload mass – 1200 kg

Lifetime – 5 years

Orbit – Sun-synchronous

Altitude – 830 km

Data dissemination format – HRPT/LRPT

# Meteor-M №1 Basic Instruments Specifications

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Application</i>	<i>Spectral band</i>	<i>Swath-width (km)</i>	<i>Resolution (km)</i>
<b>MSU-MR</b> Low-resolution multi-channel scanning unit	Global and regional cloud cover mapping, ice and snow cover observation, forest fire monitoring	0,5 – 12,5µm (6 channels)	3000	1 x 1
<b>KMSS</b> Visible spectrum scanning imager	Earth surface monitoring for various tasks (floods, soil and vegetation cover state, ice cover)	0,4-0,9 µm (3+3 channels)	450/900	0,05/0,1
<b>MTVZA-GY</b> Imager-sounder (module for temperature and humidity sounding of the atmosphere)	Atmospheric temperature and humidity profiles, sea surface wind	10,6-183,3 GHz (26 channels)	2600	12 – 75
<b>“Severjanin-M”</b> Synthetic aperture radar	All-weather Ice coverage monitoring	9500-9700 MHz	600	0,4 x 0,5
<b>GGAK-M</b> Heliogeophysical instrument suite	Heliogeophysical data providing			
<b>BRK SSPD</b> Data Collection System	Data retransmission from DCP			



# Low-resolution Multi-channel Scanning Unit MSU-MR (Meteor-M №1)



MSU-MR

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Number of channels	<b>6</b>
Spectral bands, $\mu\text{m}$	<b>0.5-0.7 0.7-1.1 1.6-1.8 3.5-4.1 10.5-11.5 11.5-12.5</b>
Swath width, km (H=835 km)	<b>2800</b>
Spatial resolution, m (H=835 km)	<b>1000</b>
Data rate, Mbit per second	<b>0.66</b>
Number of bits	<b>10</b>
NEDT for 300K - 3.5-4.1 $\mu\text{m}$ - 10.5-12.5 $\mu\text{m}$	<b>0.5 0.12</b>
Mass, kg	<b>106 (two units)</b>

# Visible Spectrum Scanning Imager KMSS (Meteor-M №1)



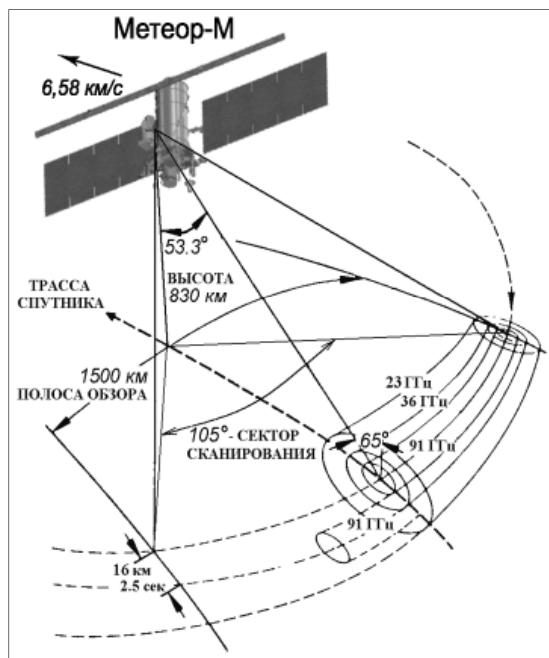
KMSS consists of three cameras. Two of them have a 100mm focal distance, the third one has a 50mm focal distance. Characteristics of both camera types are given below:

<i>Parameter</i>		<i>Value</i>
Swath width, km		<b>450, 900</b>
Viewing angle, degrees		<b>31, 62</b>
Spatial resolution, m		<b>50, 100</b>
Number of spectral channels		<b>6</b>
Spectral channel range at half-maximum of spectral response function, $\mu\text{m}$	50 m resolution	<b>0.535 – 0.575 0.630 – 0.680 0.760 – 0.900</b>
	100 m resolution	<b>0.37 – 0.45 0.45 – 0.51 0.58 – 0.69</b>
Number of bits		<b>8</b>
Signal/noise ratio		<b>200</b>

# Microwave Imager/Sounder MTVZA-GY (Meteor-M №1)



Instrument MTVZA-GY



Scheme of scanning

Parameter	Value
Frequencies, GHz	10.6, 18.7, 23.8, 36.5, 52-57, 91, 183.31
Channels	29
Antenna Aperture, cm	65
Spatial Resolution, km	16-198
Sensitivity, K/pixel	0.3-1.7
Calibration Accuracy, K	< 1
Swath Width, km	1800
Conical Scanning Period, s	2.5
Data Rate, Kbit/s	35
Mass, kg	94
Power, W	80

## BRLK «Severyanin-M» (Meteor-M №1)



<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Swath width (km)	<b>≥ 600</b>
Spatial resolution (m) - low resolution mode - moderate resolution mode	<b>800-1300</b> <b>400-650</b>
Radiometric resolution (dB) - low resolution mode - moderate resolution mode	<b>≤ 1,5</b> <b>≤ 1,9</b>
Noise equivalent of the backscattering coefficient (dB)	<b>≤ -20</b>
Dynamic range of measured backscattering coefficients (dB)	<b>≥28</b> <b>(from -25 to +3)</b>

## Status of Meteor-M №1 Spacecraft

- MSU-MR instrument is functional with limitations (calibration issues and large noise level in the IR channels);
- MTVZA instrument is functional with limitations due to onboard memory failure and temperature sounding channels malfunction;
- KMSS instrument is fully functional;
- Severjanin instrument is non-operational;
- DCS is functional with limitations due to interferences to signals from ground sources;
- LRPT transmission is functional with limitations due to information compression errors;
- GGAK-M is functional with significant limitations.

<i>MSU-MR Channel No</i>	<i>Range, <math>\mu\text{m}</math></i>	<i>Application</i>
1	0.50-0.70	<b>Cloud cover, snow, ice, surface types, vegetation (daytime)</b>
2	0.70-1.10	
3	1.60-1.80	
4	3.50-4.10	<b>Fires, SST (nighttime)</b>
5	10.5-11.5	<b>Global and local cloud maps, SST and LST, precipitation, cloud top height, cloud fraction, water content, etc.</b>
6	11.5-12.5	

■ - operational  
 ■ - operational with limitations  
 ■ - non-operational

# MSU-MR/Meteor-M №1 Data Dissemination

## 1. Direct broadcast

MSU-MR instrument data is currently disseminated at 1.7 GHz band in direct broadcast mode (HRPT).

MSU-MR HRPT data format description is available at SRC Planeta WEB-site [http://planet.iitp.ru/english/spacecraft/meteor\\_m\\_n1\\_structure\\_eng.htm](http://planet.iitp.ru/english/spacecraft/meteor_m_n1_structure_eng.htm)

## 2. Global data access

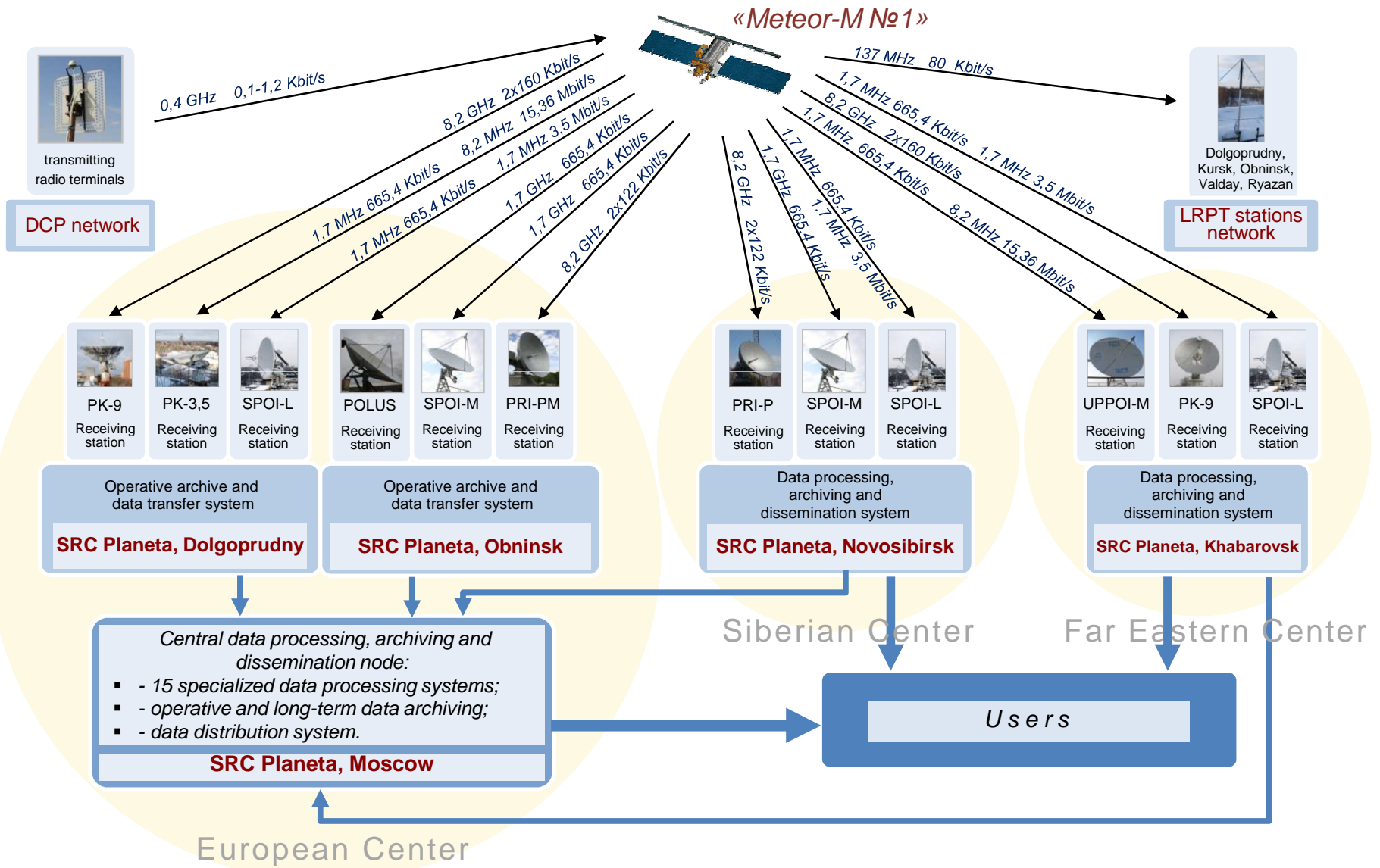
Global MSU-MR data can be accessed on demand via FTP, e.g. for calibration/validation purposes.

## 3. MSU-MR products access

Some products that are regularly generated by SRC Planeta from MSU-MR data can be accessed via SRC Planeta WEB-site.



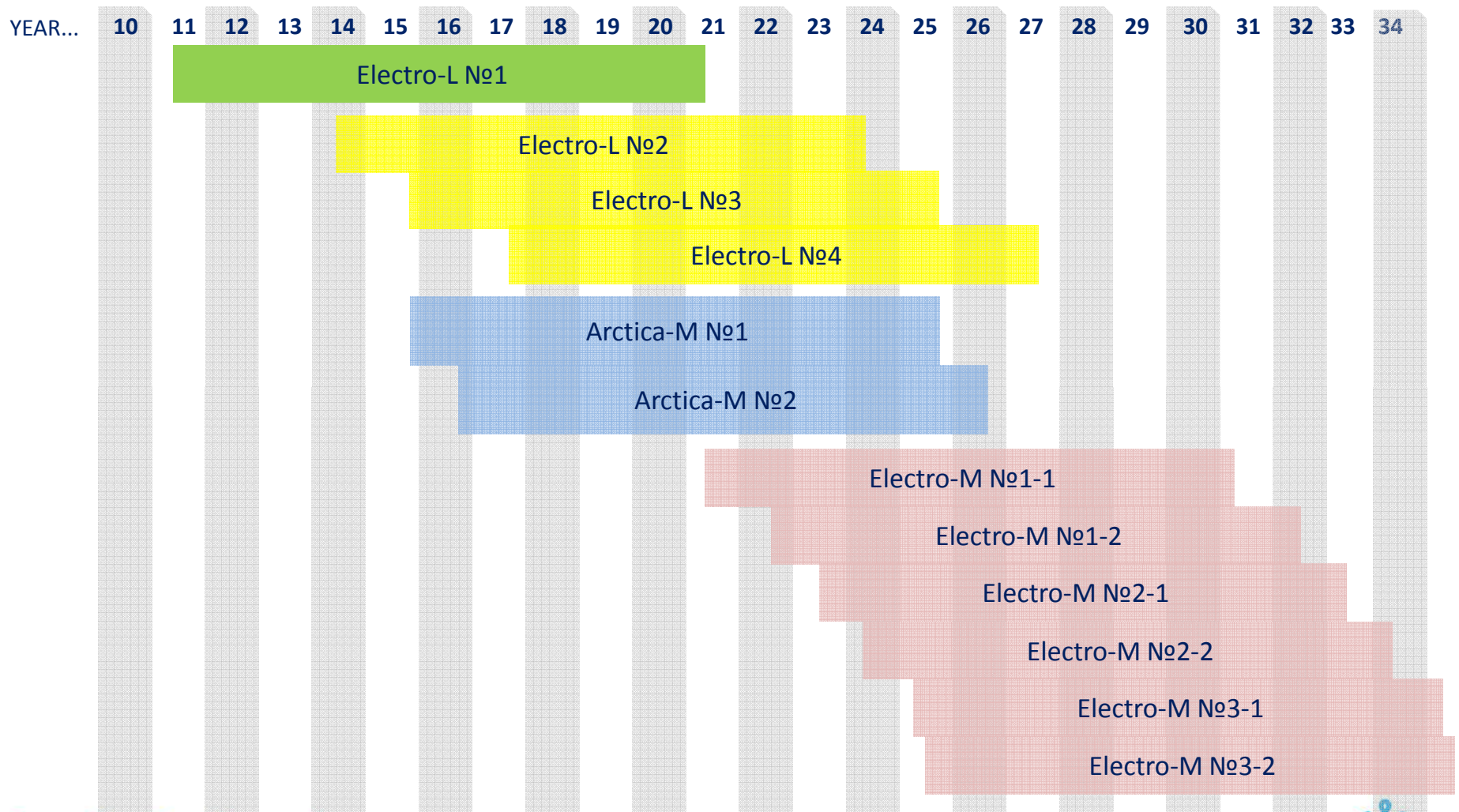
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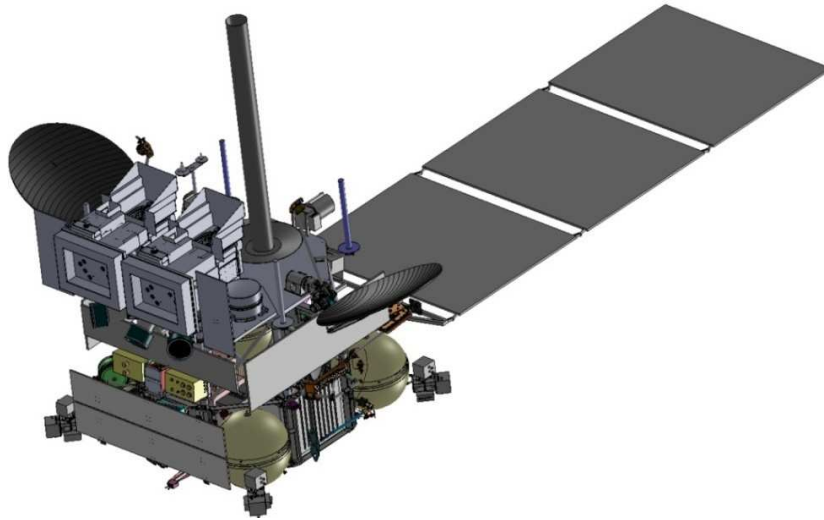
# Status of Future GEO Satellite Systems

# Electro-L/Arctica-M/Electro-M



- The Electro-L № 2,3,4 payload is similar to the one of the Electro-L №1, but with improved instrument performance.
- Orbital positions: for Electro-L №2 – 77.8°E; for Electro-L №3,4 – TBD (14.5°W /166°E).
- The launch dates: for Electro-L №2 – 2014; for Electro-L №3 – 2015; for Electro-L №3 – 2017.

# Electro-L №2, №3, №4

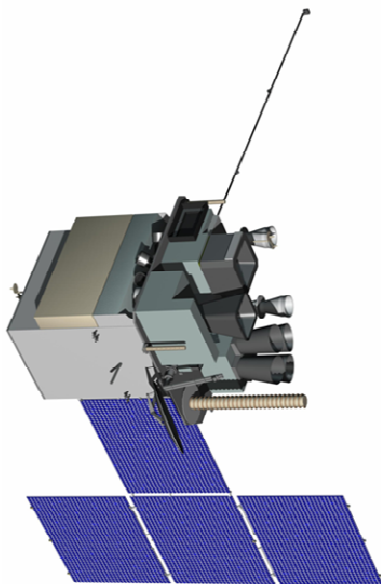


## Mission objectives

- Operational observation of the atmosphere and the Earth surface (MSU-GS)
- Heliogeophysical measurements
- Maintaining Data Collection System and COSPAS/SARSAT Service

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Electro-L № 2 longitude	<b>77.8° E</b>
Electro-L № 3 longitude	<b>TBD</b>
Electro-L № 4 longitude	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>(14.5°W / 166°E)</b>
MSU-GS channels	<b>10</b>
Wavelength range	<b>0,5 - 12,5 μm</b>
Spatial resolution at sub-satellite point:	
- VIS and NIR	<b>1 km</b>
- IR	<b>4 km</b>
MSU-GS scan period:	
- regular mode (full Earth disk)	<b>30 min</b>
- frequent mode (fragments of the Earth disk)	<b>15 min</b>
Mass, kg	<b>1870</b>

## Electro-M



### Mission objectives

- Operational observation of the atmosphere and the Earth surface (MSU-GSM, IRFS-GS, ERBR, LM, GGAK-E/M)
- Heliogeophysical measurements
- Maintaining Data Collection System and COSPAS/SARSAT Service

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Electro-M № 1 longitude	<b>76° E</b>
Electro-M № 2 longitude	<b>TBD</b>
Electro-M № 3 longitude	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>(14.5°W / 166°E)</b>
MSU-GS-M channels	<b>20</b>
MSU-GSM spatial resolution at sub-satellite point, km	
- VIS and NIR	<b>0,5</b>
- IR	<b>2</b>
MSU-GSM scan period, min	
- regular mode (full Earth disk)	<b>15</b>
- frequent mode (fragments of the Earth disk)	<b>5</b>
Mass, kg	<b>1870</b>
Expected lifetime, years	<b>10</b>

## Electro-M Basic Payload

- MSU-GSM (Multichannel scanning unit – Geostationary-M) instrument, providing full Earth disk measurements in 20 channels (VIS, NIR, IR) with 10 min period between scanning sessions and spatial resolution about 0,5 km for VIS and 2,0 km for IR channels at sub-satellite point;
- IRFS-GS (Infrared Fourier-transform Spectrometer - Geostationary) instrument providing measurements in 3.7 - 6  $\mu\text{m}$  and 8.3 - 15.4  $\mu\text{m}$  spectral bands with 4 km spatial resolution (at sub-satellite point).
- The spectral resolution is about 0,625  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Repeat cycle is 1 hour.
- ERBR (Earth Radiation Budget Radiometer) instrument, providing measurements in 0.32 ...4.0 and 0.32 ...30.0  $\mu\text{m}$  spectral bands with spatial resolution  $\leq 50$  km every 5 min.
- LM (Lightning Mapper) instrument, providing continuous detection at 777,4  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- GGAK-E/M (Geliogeophysical instrument suite) – modernized GGAK-E.
- BRTK-M on-board radio-retransmitting suite, providing data downlink in UHF and SHF bands.

# Status of Future LEO Satellite Systems

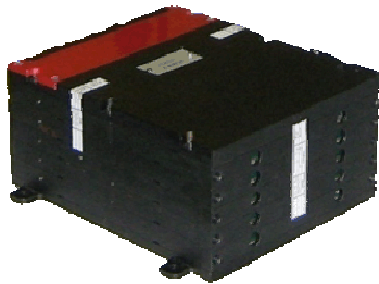


# Meteor-M № 2, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5

## Basic Instruments Specifications

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Application</i>	<i>Spectral band</i>	<i>Swath-width (km)</i>	<i>Resolution (km)</i>
MSU-MR Low-resolution multi-channel scanning unit	Global and regional cloud cover mapping, ice and snow cover observation, forest fire monitoring, ...	0,5 – 12,5µm (6 channels)	3000	1 x 1
KMSS Visible spectrum scanning imager	Earth surface monitoring for various tasks (floods, soil and vegetation cover state, ice cover)	0,4-0,9 µm (3+3 channels)	450/900	0,05/0,1
MTVZA-GY Imager-sounder (module for temperature and humidity sounding of the atmosphere)	Atmospheric temperature and humidity profiles, sea surface wind	10,6-183,3 GHz (26 channels)	2600	12 – 75
IRFS-2 Advanced IR sounder (infrared Fourier-spectrometer)	Atmospheric temperature and humidity profiles	5-15 µm	2000	35
“Severjanin-M” Synthetic aperture radar	All-weather Ice coverage monitoring	9500-9700 MHz	600	0,4 x 0,5
GGAK-M Heliogeophysical instrument suite	Heliogeophysical data providing			
BRK SSPD Data Collection System	Data retransmission from DCP			

# IRFS-2 Basic Performance Characteristics



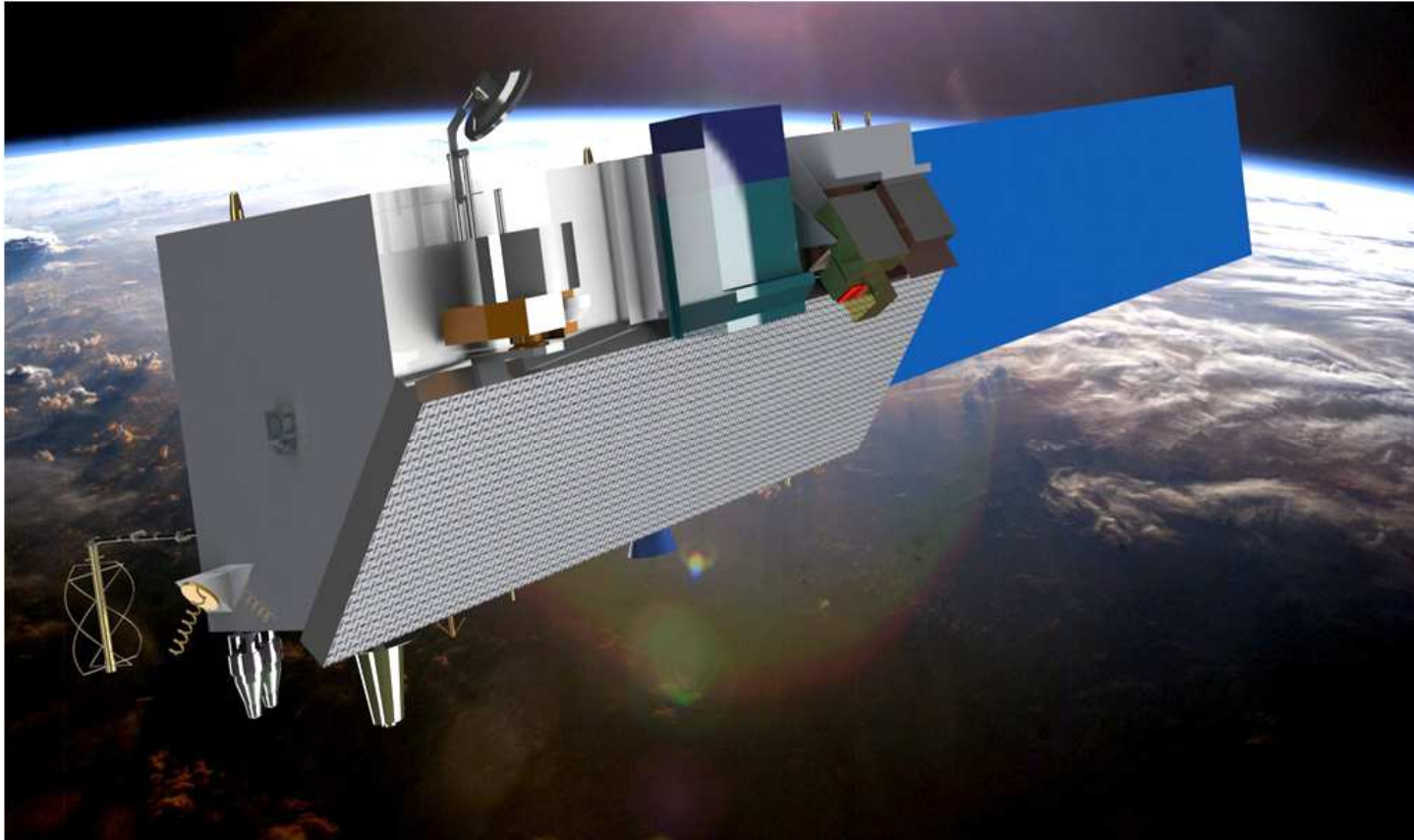
<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Value</i>
Spectral range: wavelength wave number	$\mu\text{m}$ $\text{cm}^{-1}$	<b>5-15</b> <b>2000-665</b>
Reference channel wavelength	$\mu\text{m}$	<b>1.06</b>
Maximum optical path difference (OPD)	mm	<b>17</b>
Angular size of FOV	mrad	<b>40 x 40</b>
Spatial resolution (at sub-satellite point)	km	<b>35</b>
Swath Width and spatial sampling	km	<b>2500, 110</b> <b>2000, 100</b>
Duration of the interferogram measurement	s	<b>0.5</b>
Dynamic range		<b><math>2^{16}</math></b>
Mass	kg	<b>45-50</b>
Power	W	<b>50</b>

<i>Spectral region</i>	<i>Absorption band</i>	<i>Application</i>
665 to 780 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{CO}_2$	Temperature profile
790 to 980 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Atmospheric window	Surface parameters ( $T_s$ , $\epsilon_v$ ), cloud properties
1000 to 1070 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{O}_3$	Ozone sounding
1080 to 1150 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Atmospheric window	$T_s$ , $\epsilon_v$ ; cloud properties
1210 to 1650 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{CH}_4$	Moisture profile, $\text{CH}_4$ , $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , column amounts

## Meteor-M №3 Basic Instrument Specifications

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Spectral band</i>	<i>Resolution</i>	<i>Swath width(km)</i>
<b>SAR</b> Synthetic aperture radar	X - band	1, 5 - 500 m	10 - 750
<b>Scatterometer</b>	Ku - band	25x25 km	1800
<b>OCS</b> Ocean color scanner	13 channels 0.407 – 0.875 $\mu\text{m}$	1 km	1800
<b>CZS</b> Coastal zone scanner	6 channels 0.433 - 0.885 $\mu\text{m}$	80 m	800
<b>Radiomet</b> Radio-occultation sounder	1160 – 1600 MHz	Vertical resolution – 150 m Horizontal resolution – 300 km	

## Meteor-MP



Spacecraft mass: 3300 kg, deployed size: 21,5×3,2×4,4 m

# METEOR-MP Basic Payload Instruments

<i>Instruments</i>	<i>Meteor-MP</i>	
	<i>Meteorological</i>	<i>Oceanographic</i>
Scanning radiometer (low-resolution multichannel scanning unit)	+	-
Ocean colour scanner	-	+
Visible spectrum scanning imager (Medium resolution multispectral imaging system)	+	-
Coastal area scanner	-	+
Infra-red Fourier-transform spectrometer (IRFS-3)	+	-
Medium resolution multispectral infra-red scanner	+	-
Atmospheric composition spectrometer	+	-
Microwave imager-sounder MTVZA-GY-M (module for temperature and humidity sounding of the atmosphere )	+	-
Scatterometer	-	+
Side-looking radar system	+	-
Multimode radar system based on Active Phased Array Antenna (APAA)	-	+
Radio-occultation instrument	+	-
Data collection system	+	+
Heliogeophysical instruments suite	+	-
137MHz data downlink system	+	+
1.7GHz data downlink system	+	-
X- and Ka- band data downlink system	+	+

# Low-resolution Multi-channel Scanning Unit MSU-MR (Meteor-MP meteorological)

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Number of channels	<b>17</b>
Spectral bands, $\mu\text{m}$	<b>0.4-12.5</b>
Swath width (H=835 km), km	<b>3000</b>
Spatial resolution (H=835 km), m	<b>0.25 – 0.5</b>
Data rate, Mbit per second	<b>7.5</b>
Number of bits	<b>10</b>
NEDT for 300K	<b>0.1 – 0.2</b>
Mass, kg	<b>160-180</b>

# IRFS-3 Basic Performance Characteristics (Meteor-MP meteorological)

<i>Parameter</i>		<i>Value</i>
<b>Spectral range</b>		645...2760 cm <sup>-1</sup> (3.6-15.5 μm)
	LW	645...1200 cm <sup>-1</sup>
	MW	1200...2000 cm <sup>-1</sup>
	SW	2000...2760 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Spectral resolution</b>		0.25 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Swath width</b>		2200 km(± 48), 30 scans
<b>Field of view</b>	Full	2 × 2 +1, 48 × 48 km <sup>2</sup>
	Instant	Ø14 km



# Atmospheric Composition Spectrometer (Meteor-MP meteorological)

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Spectral resolution, nm	
UV1 - 214 – 334	<b>0,5</b>
UV2 - 320 – 452	<b>0,5</b>
VIS - 430 – 800	<b>1,5</b>
NIR1 - 755 – 910	<b>0,9</b>
NIR2 - 900 – 1210	<b>0,9</b>
SWIR1 - 1200 – 1770	<b>2,0</b>
SWIR2 - 1934 – 2044	<b>0,5</b>
SWIR3 - 2259 – 2386	<b>0,5</b>
Observation modes	<b>Nadir Limb Sun</b>
Spatial resolution for nadir observations (H = 800 km)	<b>8 - 14</b>
Swath width for nadir observations, km	<b>1000</b>
Spatial resolution for limb observations, $\delta L \times \delta H$ , km	<b>35 x 3</b>

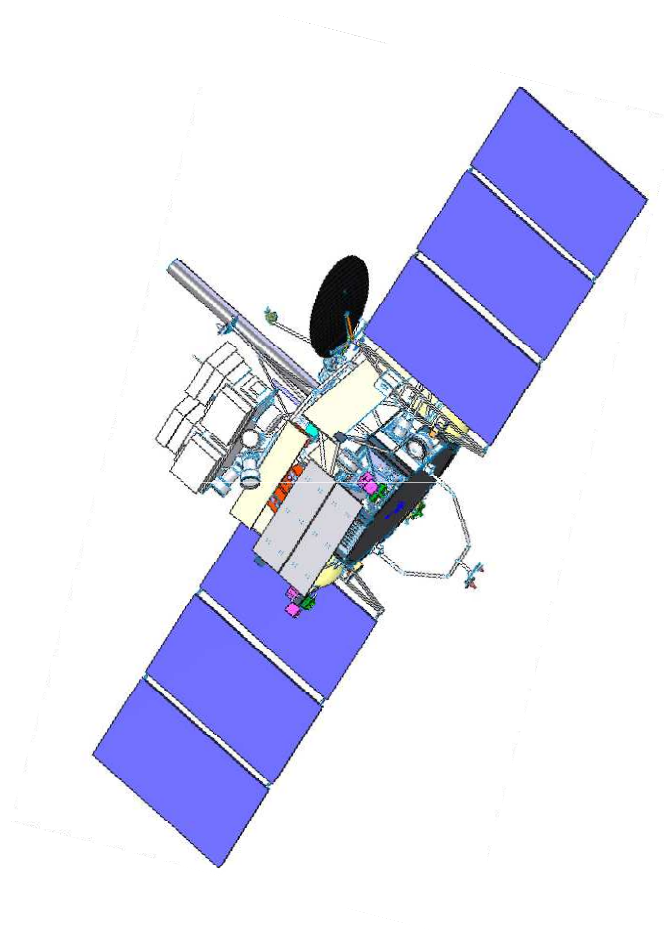
# MTVZA-GY-M

(Meteor-MP meteorological)

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
Frequencies, GHz	6.9 10.6 18.7 23.8 36.5 52.3-57.0 91 183.31
Channels	29
Swath width, km	1500
Spatial resolution, km: - horizontal - vertical	12-250 1.5-5
Scanning type	conical
Onboard memory, GB	1
Mass, kg	100

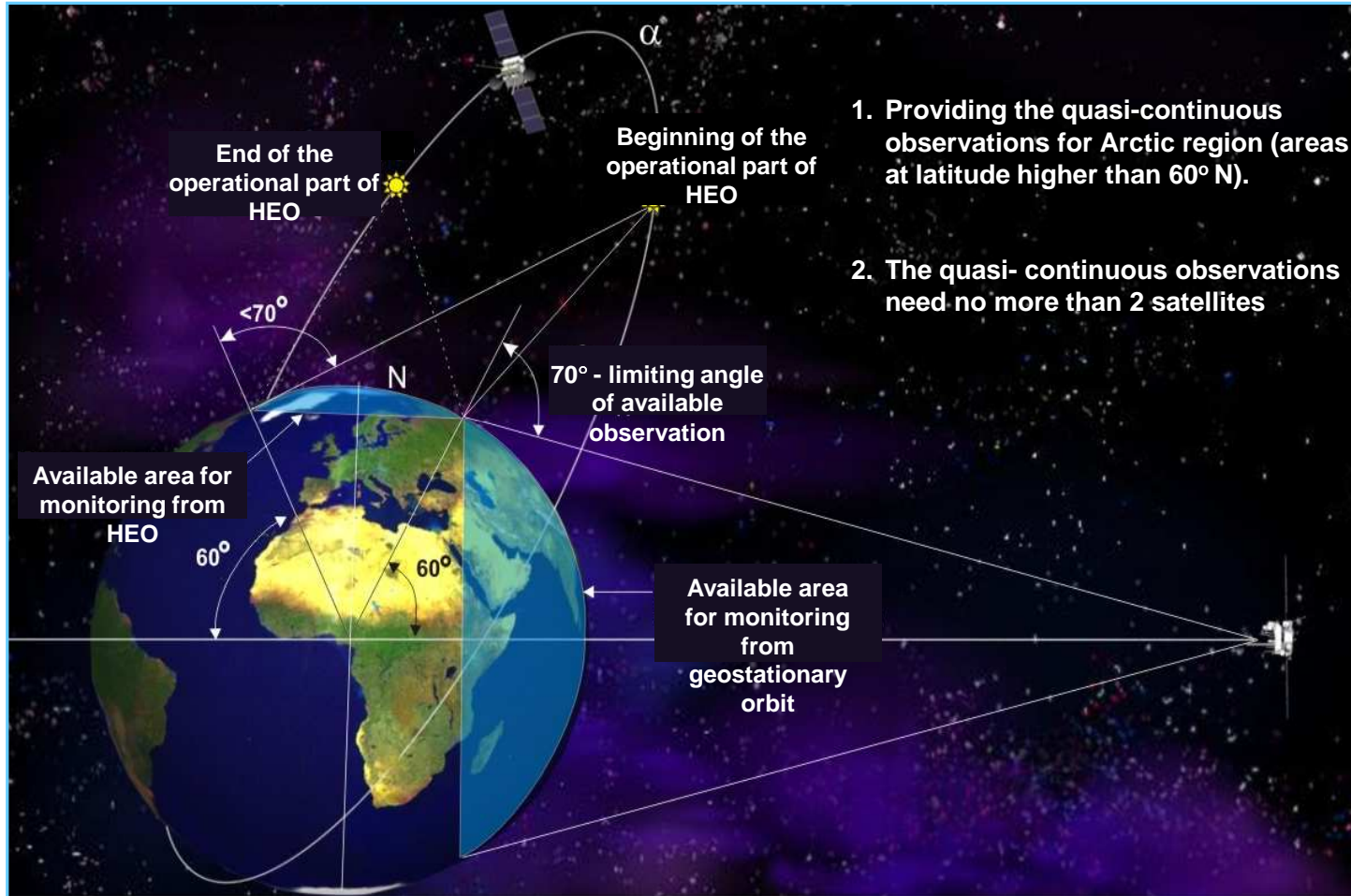
# Status of Future HEO Satellite Systems

# Arctica-M

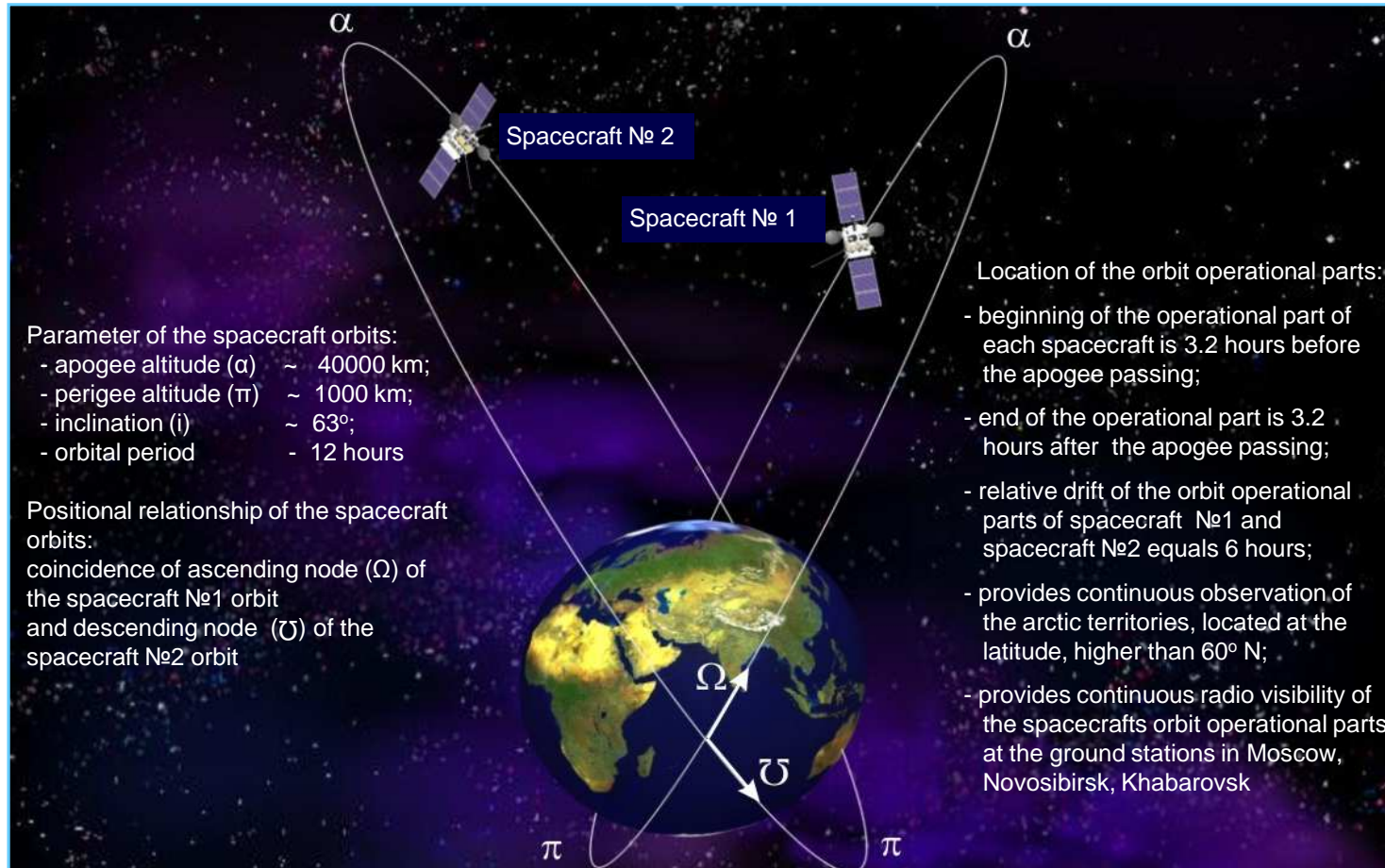


<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>Orbit:</i>	
Apogee, km	<b>40000</b>
Perigee, km	<b>1000</b>
Inclination, deg	<b>63,4</b>
Period, h	<b>12</b>
Full number of MSU-A spectral channel	<b>10</b>
Spectral range, $\mu\text{m}$	from <b>0,5</b> to <b>12,5</b>
<i>Resolution (at nadir):</i>	
- VIS-channel, km	<b>1</b>
- IR-channel, km	<b>4</b>
<i>Frequency of full Earth disk observation, min:</i>	
- regular mode	<b>30</b>
- frequent mode	<b>15</b>
Spacecraft mass, kg	<b>2000</b>

# Advantages of the High-Elliptic Orbits (HEO) over Geostationary Orbits for Arctic Observations



# Space System Ballistic Configuration



## Arctica-M Basic Payload

- The multichannel scanning unit MSU-A, 10 spectral channels (3 VIS and 7 IR channels).
- The heliogeophysical instrument suite GGAK-A, providing the heliogeophysical measurements at the “Molnia” orbit.
- The on-board radio-retransmitting complex BRTK-A, providing data downlink in UHF and SHF bands.

Arctica preliminary design is now completed. The launch of the first satellite in Arctica series is scheduled for 2015.



**Thanks for attention!**