

FCS-ATOMIC

Final

Presentation

Flight Control System Assessment Toolbox

for Optimal Mission Cost and Performance

Agenda

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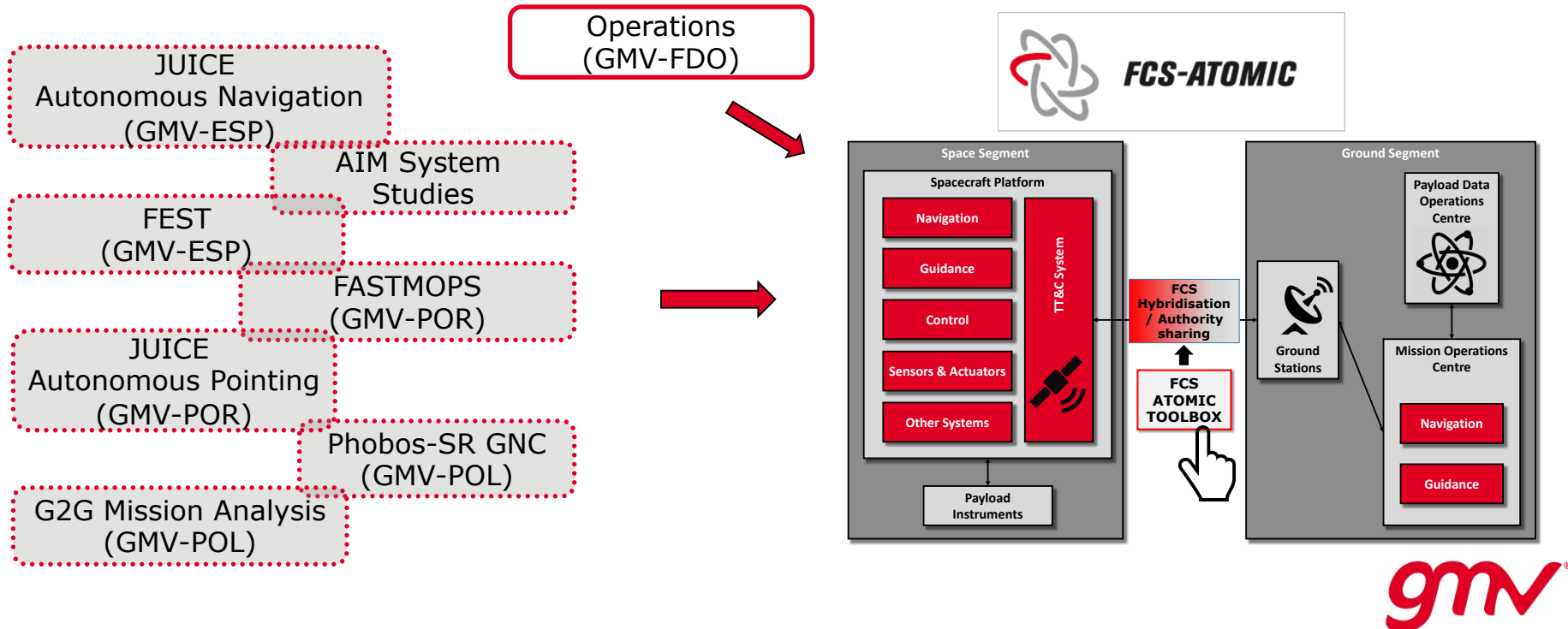
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10:05 – 10:15	FCS-ATOMIC Framework
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10.30 – 10:45	G2G FCS Assessment
10:45 – 11:00	Q&A



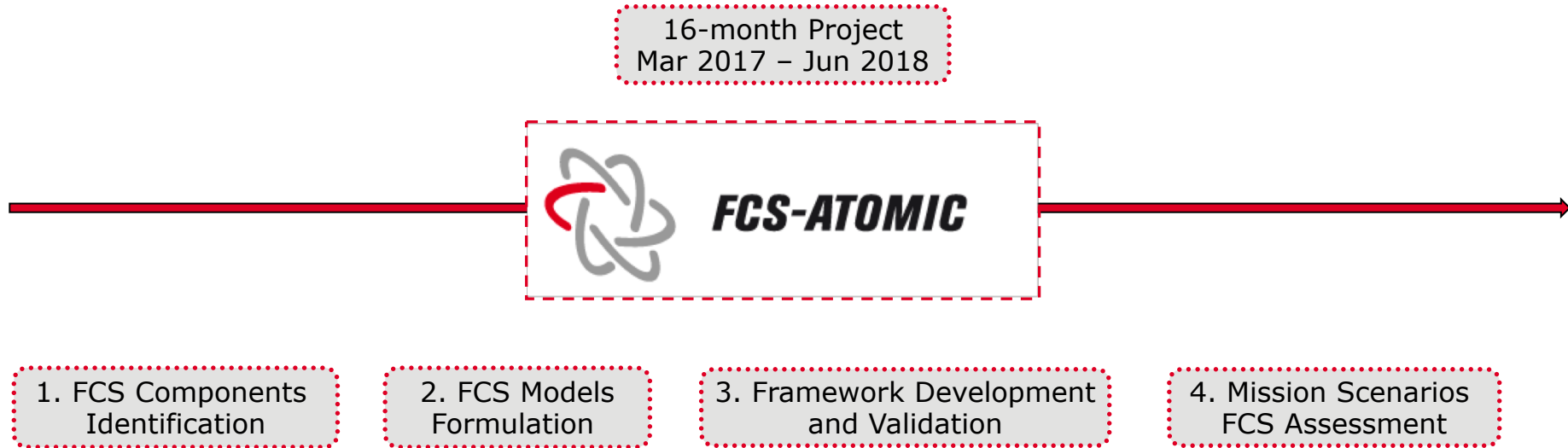
FCS-ATOMIC FP Project Introduction

Project Context and Background

- **F**light **C**ontrol **S**ystem **A**ssessment **T**oolbox
for **O**ptimal **M**ission **C**ost and Performance - FCS-ATOMiC

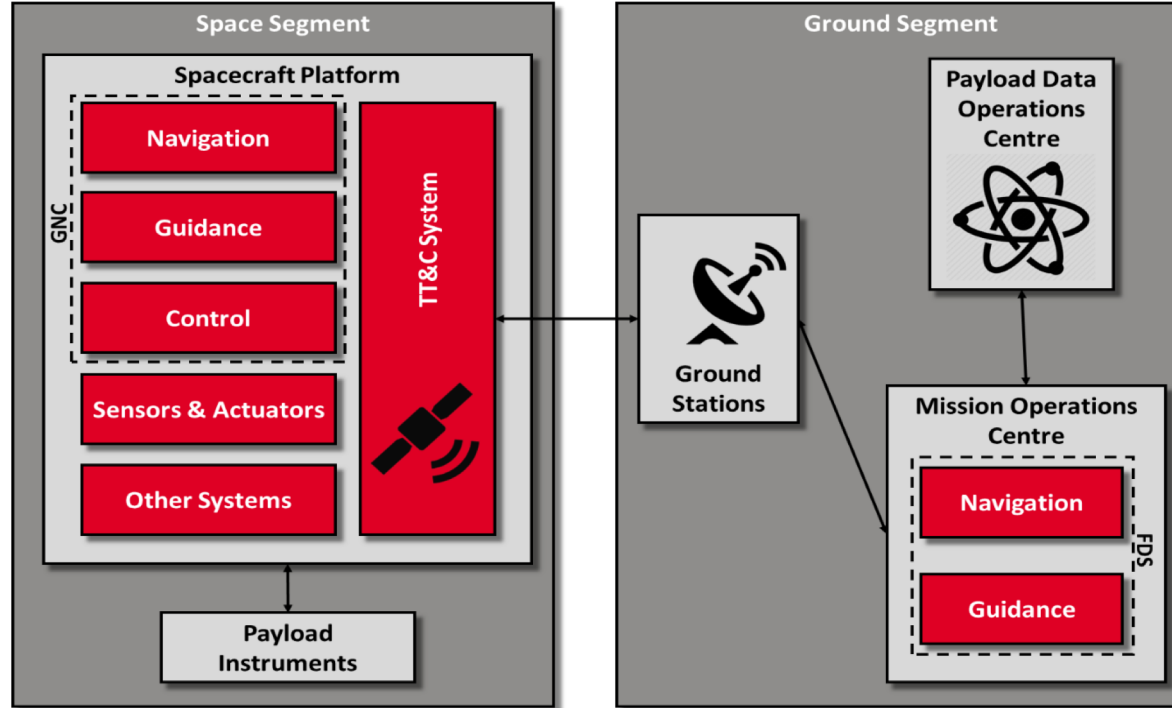


Project Sequence

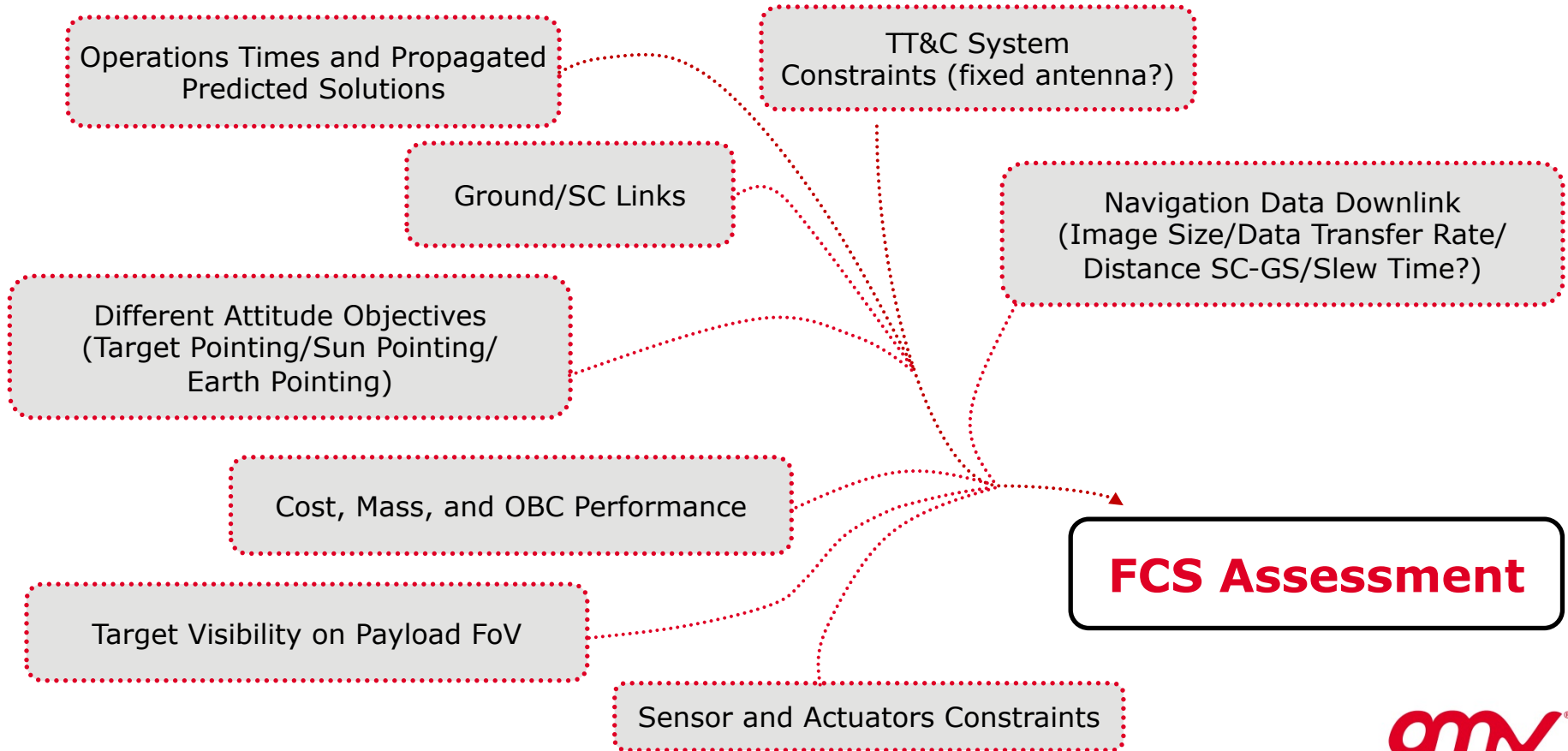


FCS-ATOMIC FP **FCS-ATOMIC** **Framework**

FCS Components and Interfaces

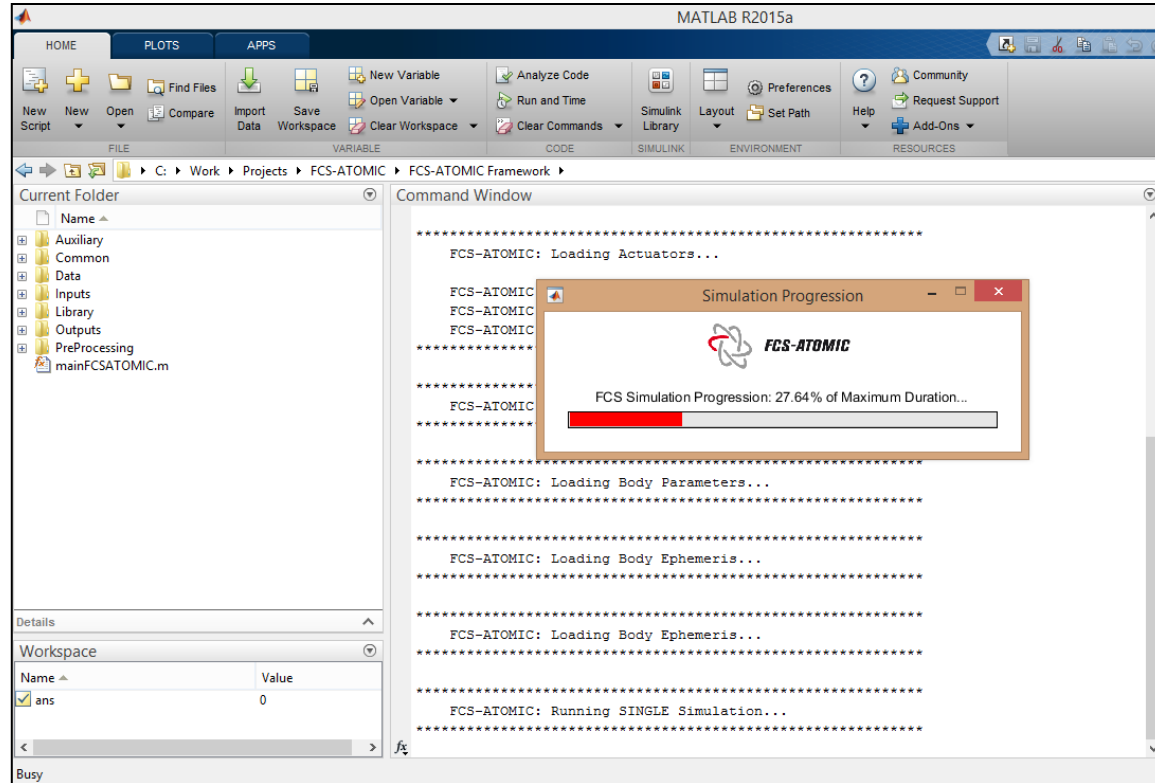


FCS Constraints



Framework Philosophy

- No installation required
- Scenario and Models configured by input files
- Modular: Each FCS Component defined by its input file
- No GUI

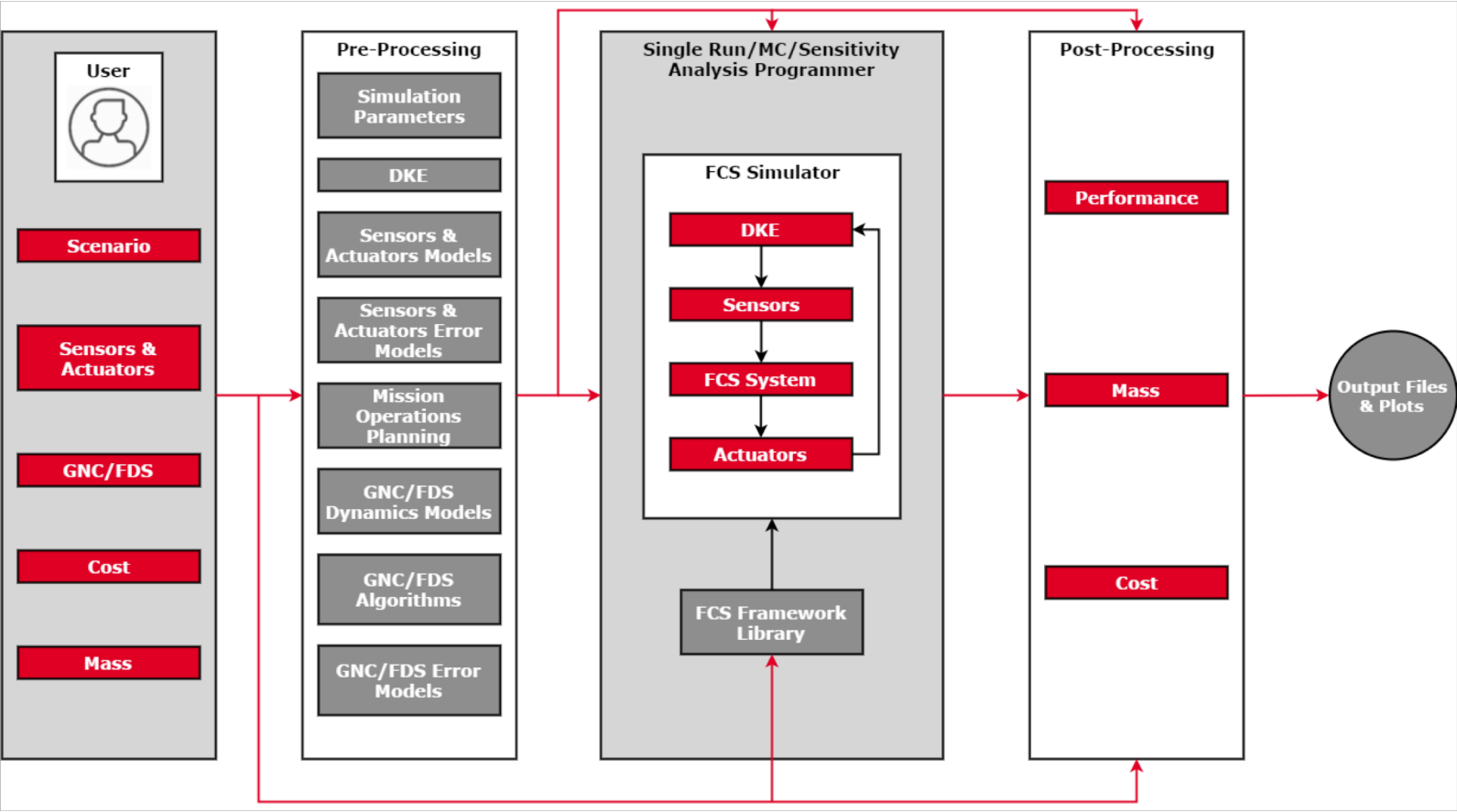


Framework Language

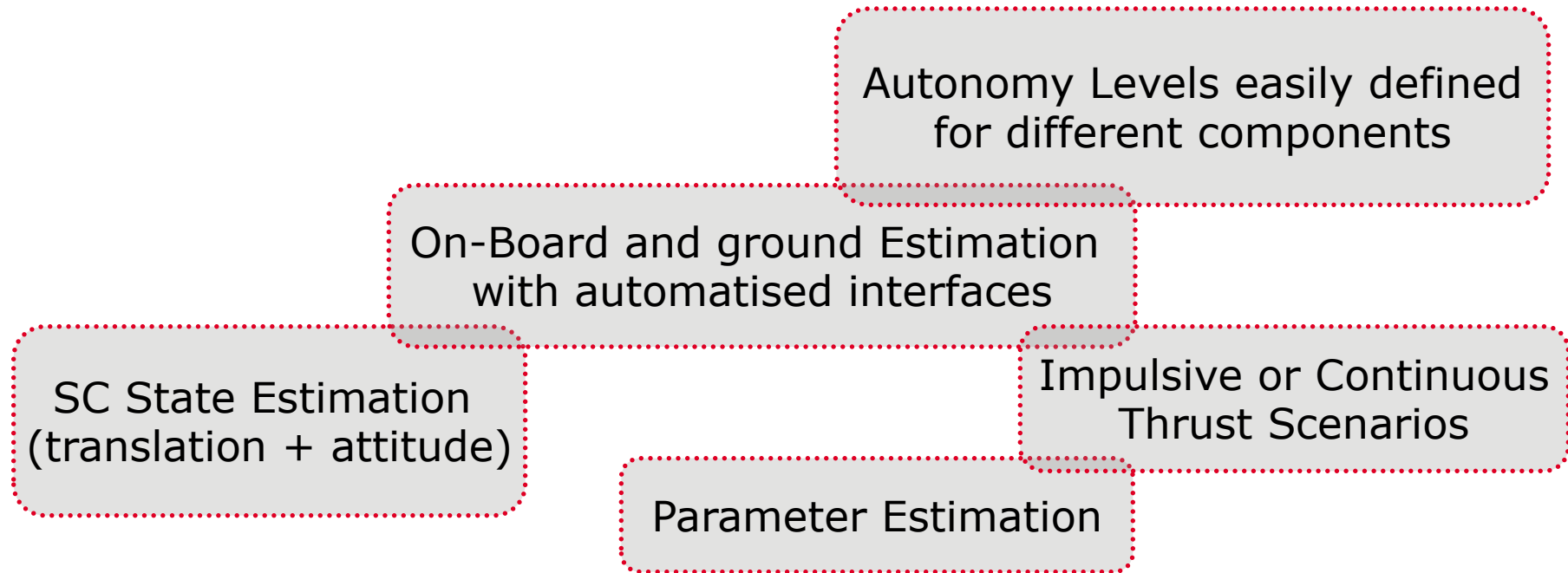
- MATLAB selected for the flexibility and accesibility
- The user has the possibility to use MEX functions for increased speed

Programming Language/Concept	Flexibility	Extensibility	Computational Speed	Accessibility
MATLAB	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★★★
MATLAB with MEX functions	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★
Simulink with S-functions	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★
MATLAB/Simulink Hybrid	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★
FORTRAN	★	★★	★★★★★	★★

High Level Architecture



Framework Capabilities



Framework Capabilities

Easy to define probabilistic system failures

Different algorithms, frequencies, and error models for each system

Flexible and easy to configure

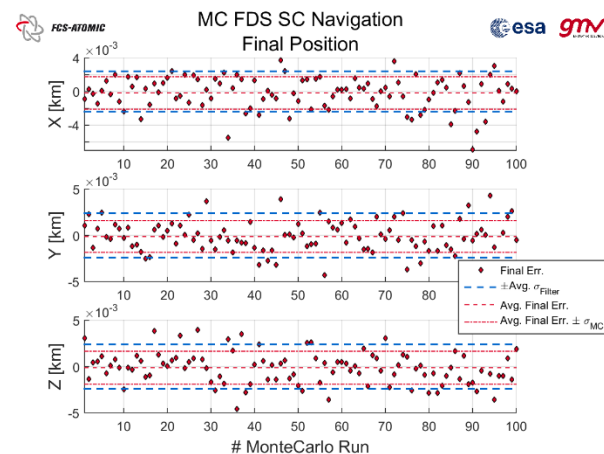
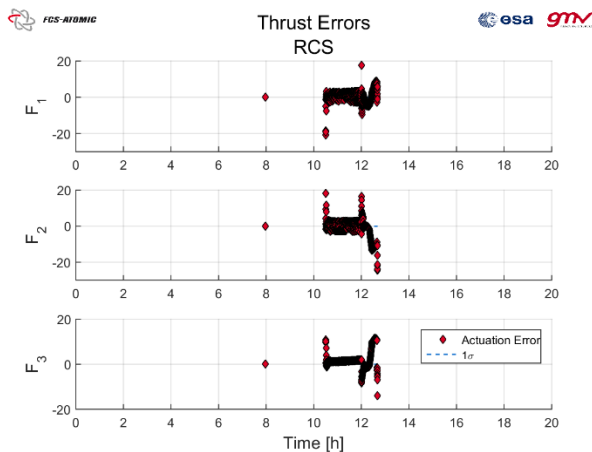
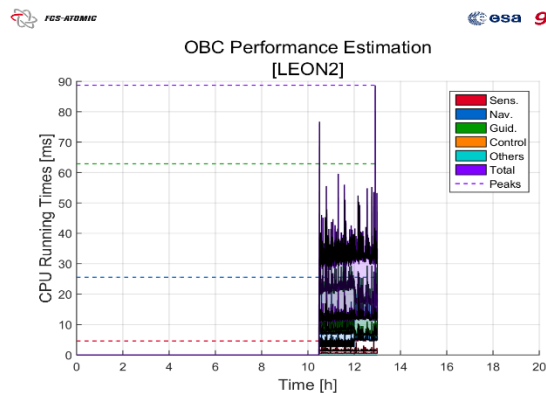
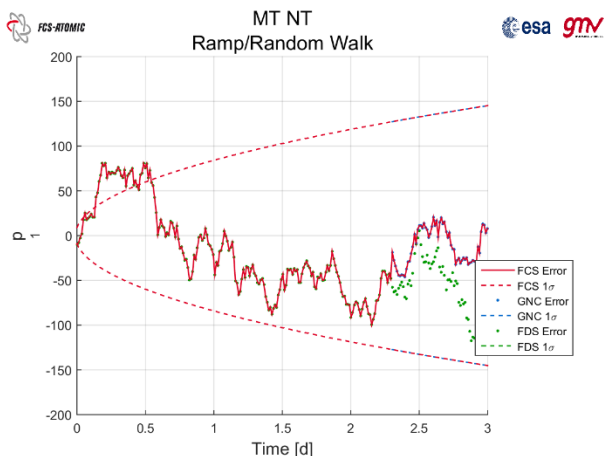
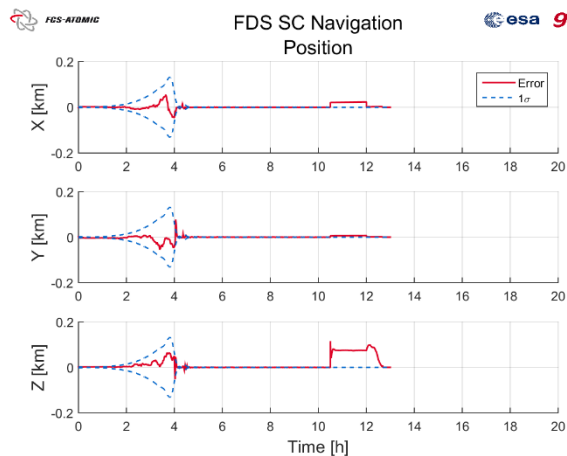
High-fidelity or performance models for the different components

Single-Run, Sensitivity Analysis, or Monte Carlo Simulations.



FCS-ATOMIC Framework

Outputs



FCS-ATOMIC FP HERA FCS ASSESSMENT

HERA Mission

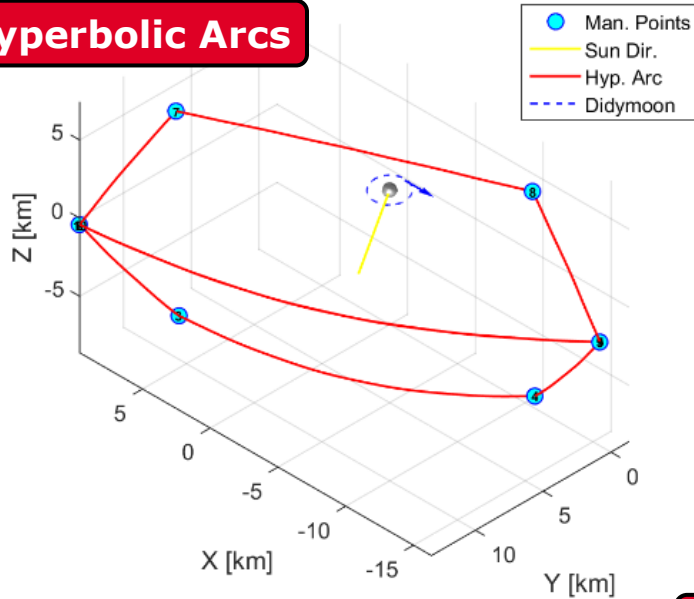


Mission Phase	Key Events	Date / Duration
Launch and Early Operations	Launch	22/10/2023 (LPO) - 12/11/2023 (LPC)
	Early Operations / Commissioning	1-2 months (TBC)
Cruise	Deep Space Manoeuvre and Interplanetary transfer	~3 years
	Arrival at Asteroid System	02/09/2026
Asteroid System Rendezvous	Insertion Manoeuvres	~28 days
	Early Characterisation Phase (ECP)	~6 weeks
Proximity Operations	Detailed Characterisation Phase 1 (DCP1)	~6 weeks
	Payload Deployment Phase (PDP)	~4 weeks
	Detailed Characterisation Phase 2 (DCP2)	~6 weeks
	Detailed Characterisation Phase 3 (DCP3)	~6 weeks
	End of Life Phase (ELP)	12/07/2018
	End of Life (EoL)	Jun 2027

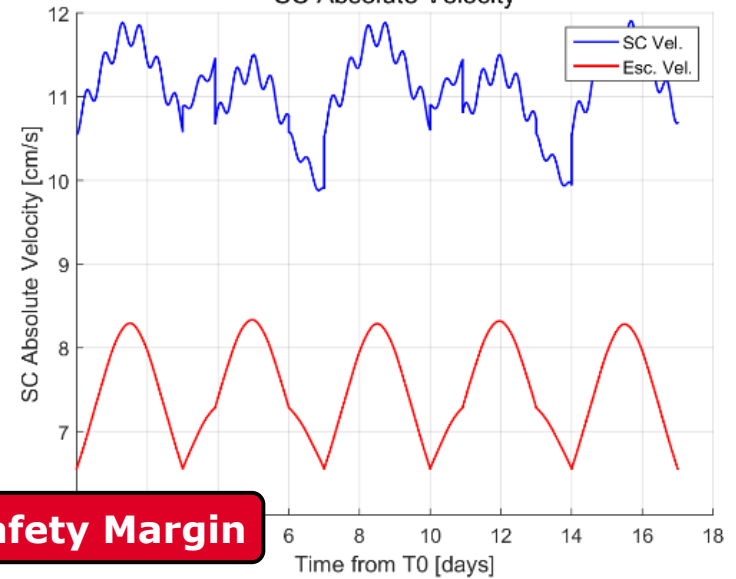
HERA DCP Scenario

Didymos Proximity Phase

Hyperbolic Arcs



SC Absolute Velocity



Velocity Safety Margin

FCS Feasibility Study

- Close Proximity ($\sim 10\text{-}18$ km) is a challenge given the large manoeuvre errors (from AIM SS)
- Ground Operational Turnaround Times have a negative impact on the navigation performance

Question:

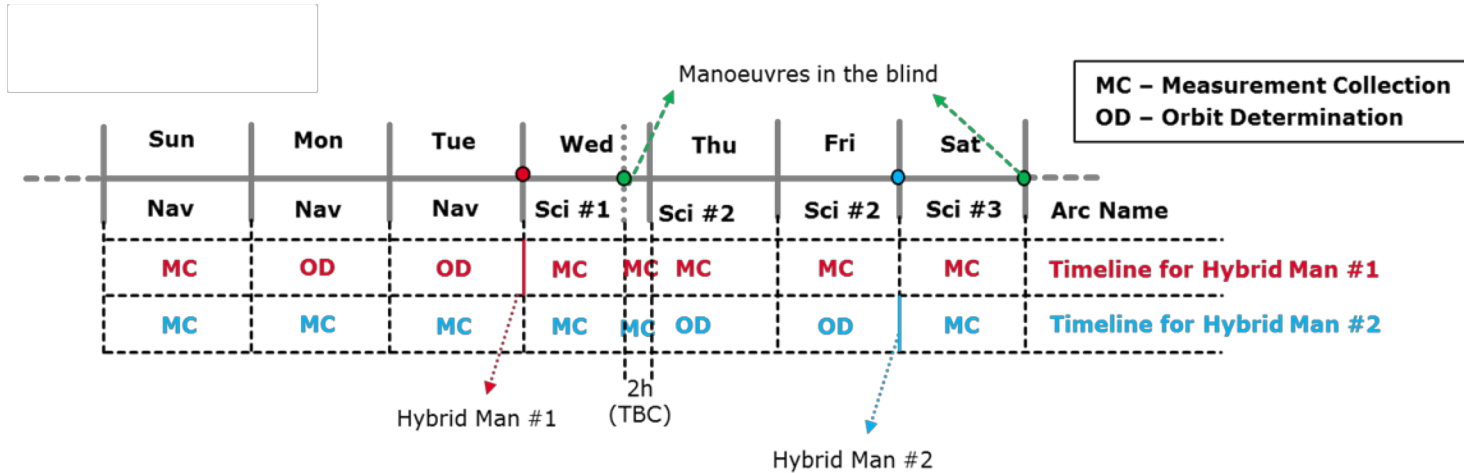
- **Can the spacecraft be safely controlled from ground?**
- **Does autonomy make the strategy feasible? And what autonomy level/strategy delivers the optimal performance/safety/cost?**

- Operations constraints
automatically added
by the framework!



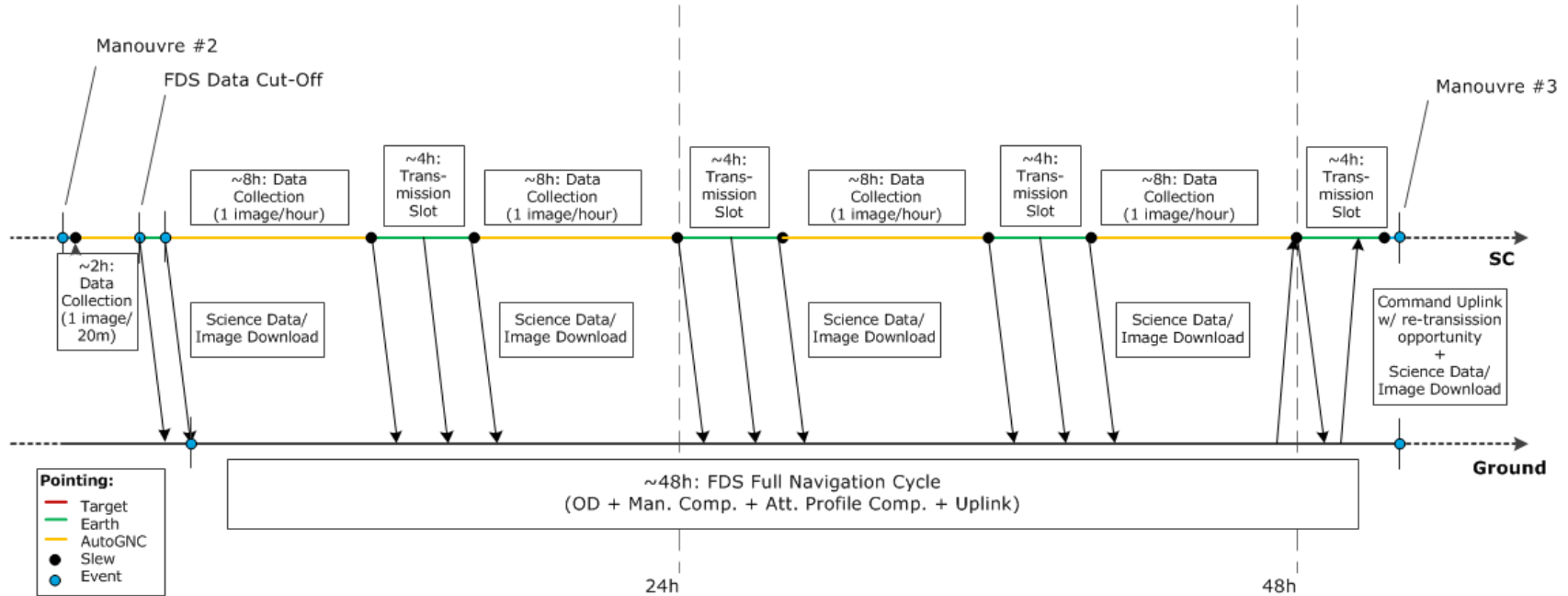
No Autonomy

- No weekend or night shifts
- 48h turnaround time



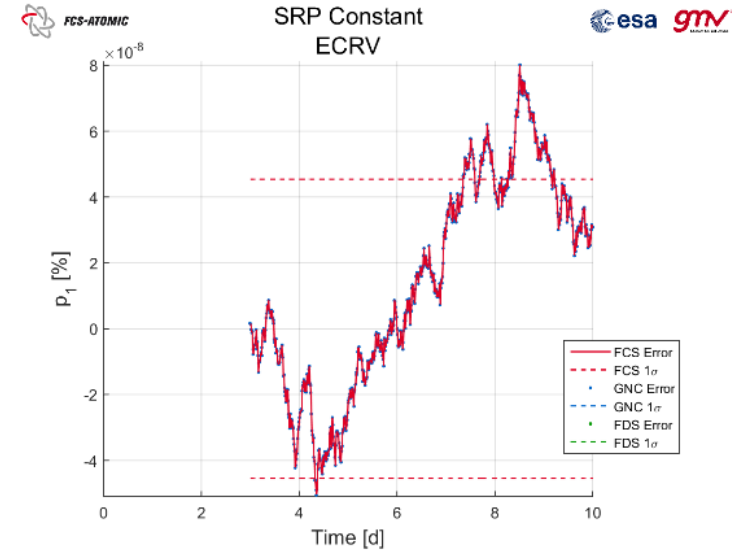
Medium Autonomy

DCP Arc #3



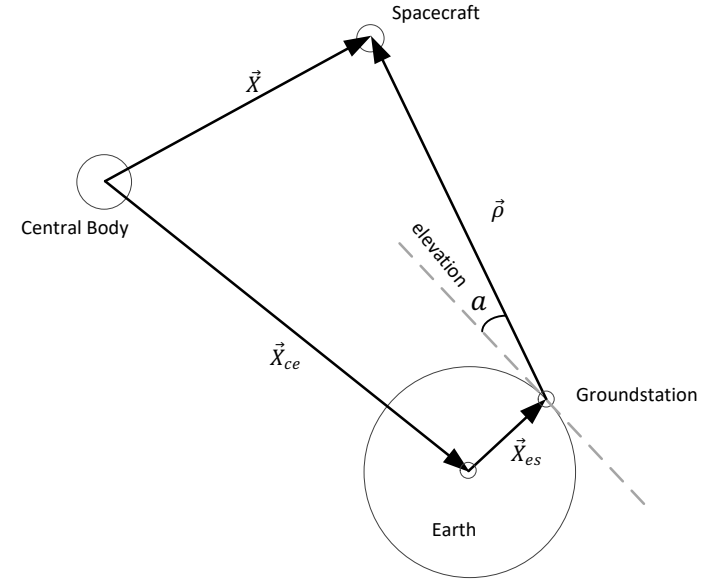
Dynamical Uncertainties

Dynamical Parameter assumptions	1-Sigma
Didymain ephemeris position error [m]	1000
Didymain ephemeris velocity error [m/s]	0.001
Didymain Centre-of-Mass/Centre-of-Gravity Offset [m]	[1,1,1]
Didymoon orbital elements error (SMA,ECC,INC,RAAN,OMG,TRUEAN0)	10m, 0.01, 0.1deg, 0.1deg, 0.1deg, 1deg.
Didymain gravity parameter error [%]	0.1
Didymoon gravity parameter error [%]	1
Didymain Orientation [deg]	[1, 1, 1]
Solar radiation Pressure Constant	1% (ECRV, 1 day autocorrelation time)
Landmarks Position	1 pixel
Ground Station Location Error	1m in each coordinate
Didymain Scale Factor Error	0.1%
Non-gravitational accelerations [m/s ²]	1×10^{-11} (ECRV, 1 day autocorrelation time)



Radiometric Measurements

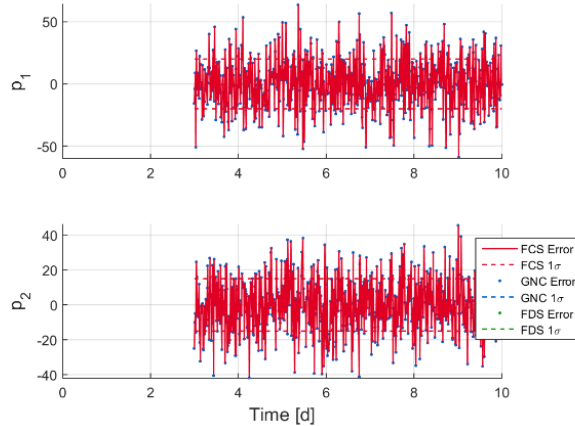
Measurement errors	1-Sigma
Range [m]	Noise: 3 Bias: 5
Range acquisition frequency	Every hour
Doppler [mm/s]	Noise: 0.1 Bias: 0
Doppler acquisition frequency	Every 10 min
Ground station position [m]	Bias: 1m
Ground Station considered	Cebreros, New Norcia, Malargüe



Optical Measurements



CoB Offset
Custom



Centroiding:

- 1pxl White Noise
- 1pxl Bias (camera misalignment)
- CoB Offset
- CoM Offset

Dynamical Parameter assumptions		1-Sigma
Didimain	Centre-of-Mass/Centre-of-Gravity	[1,1,3]
Offset [m]		
Landmarks Detection		1 pixel
Didymain Scale Factor Error		0.1%
Landmark Position [m]		1
Didymain Orientation [deg]		[1, 1, 1]

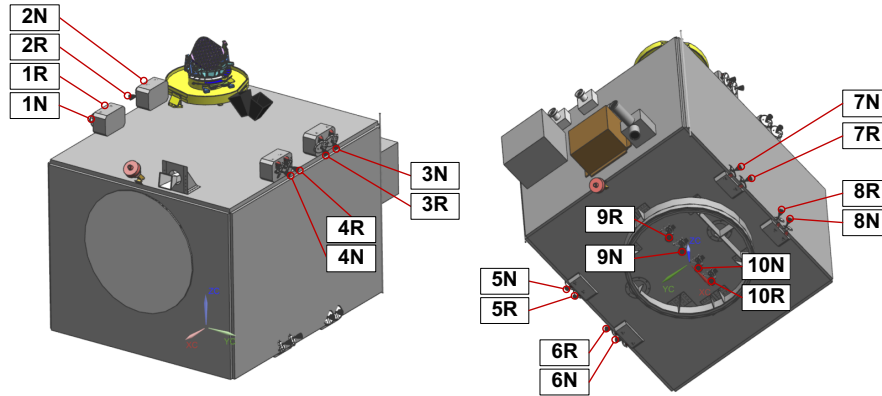
LMs Uncertainties:

- CoM Offset
- LM Detection Performance
- LM Position
- Body Scale Error
- Body Orientation



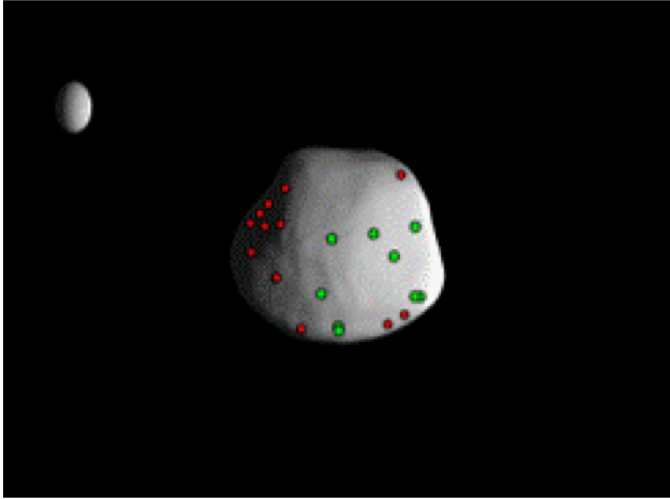
Actuator Errors

- RCS Use – 10N thrusters
- Sensitivity analysis on the manoeuvre error

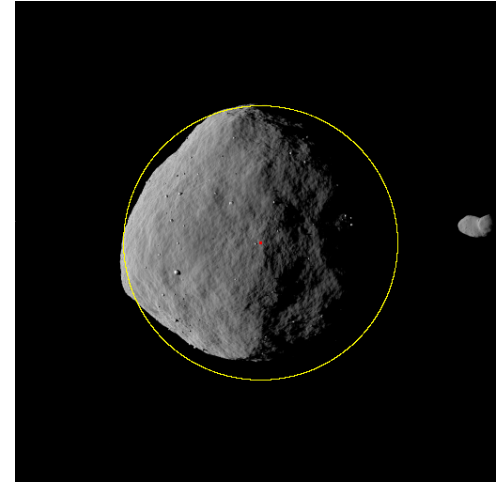


Scenario	1 σ Errors
Optimistic Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manoeuvre Magnitude Error: 0.3% Manoeuvre Direction Error: 0.5 deg
Baseline Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manoeuvre Magnitude Error: 1% Manoeuvre Direction Error: 1 deg
Pessimistic Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manoeuvre Magnitude Error: 3% Manoeuvre Direction Error: 1.5 deg

Image Processing Techniques

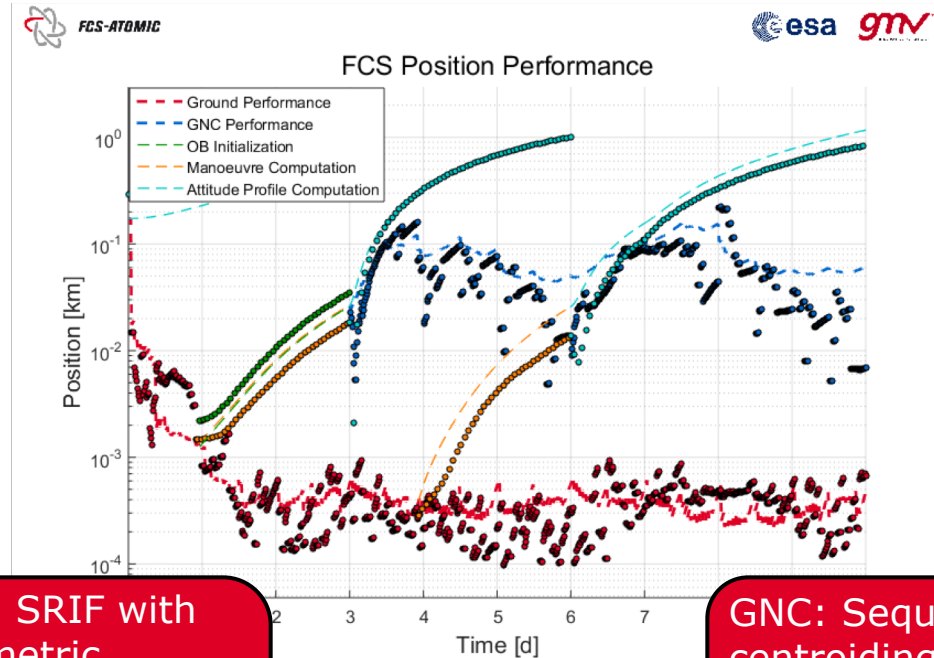


FDS: Landmarks-based Navigation



GNC: Centroiding-based Navigation

Navigation Algorithms



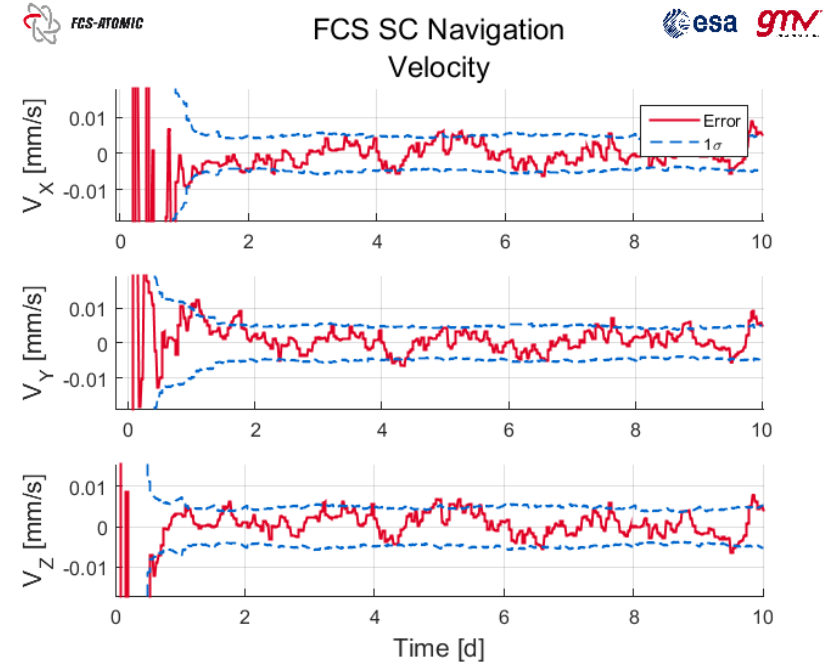
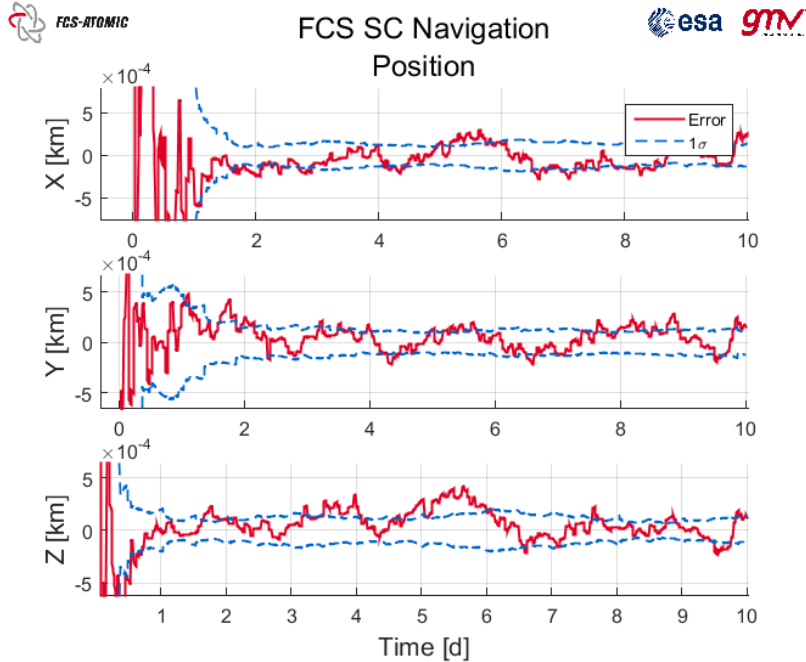
FDS: Sequential-Batch SRIF with Landmarks and Radiometric measurements:

- SC State
- Process Noise
- Measurement Noise

GNC: Sequential UKF with centroiding measurements:

- SC State
- Process Noise
- Measurement Noise

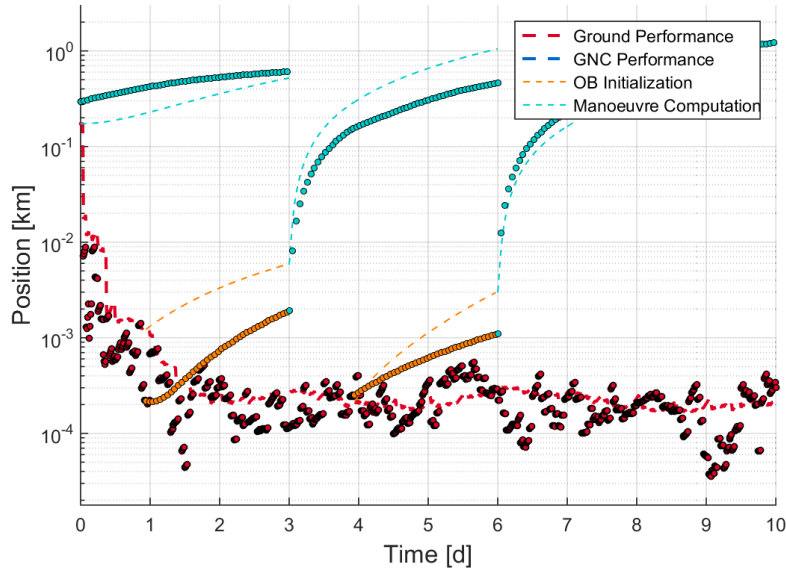
Ground-only Reconstructed Performance



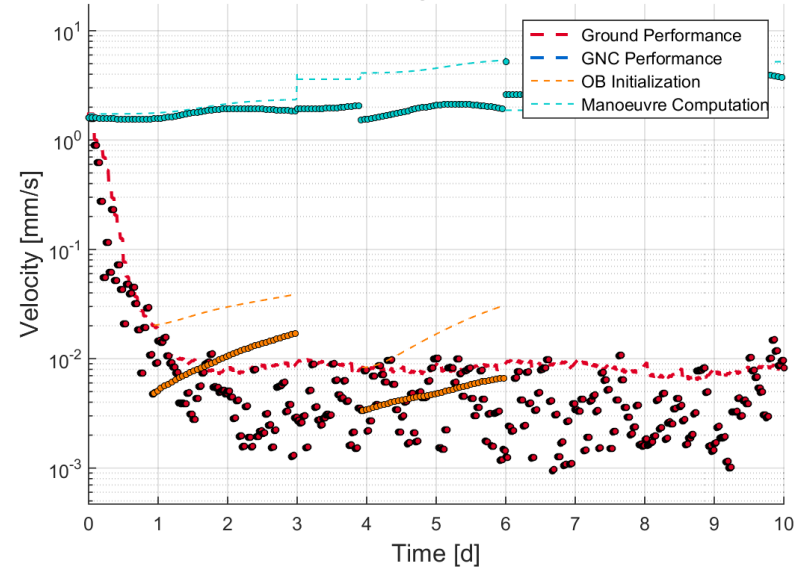
Ground-only Predicted Performance



FCS Position Performance



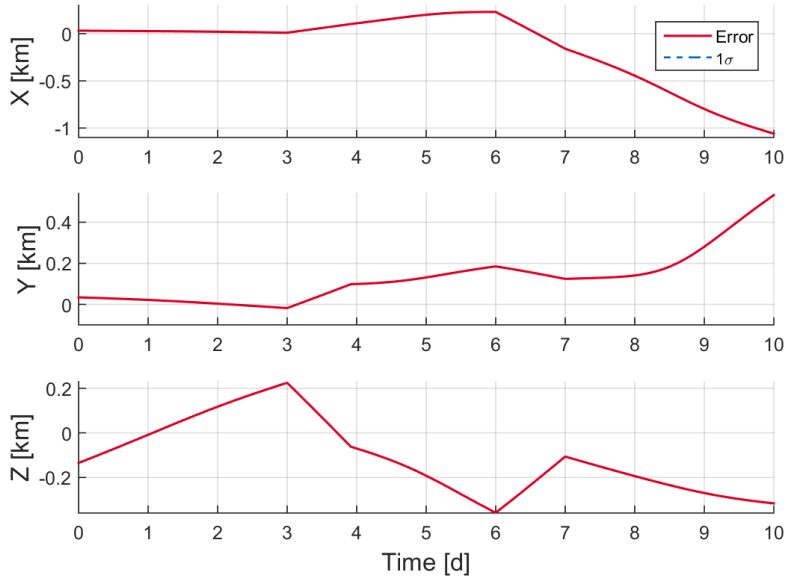
FCS Velocity Performance



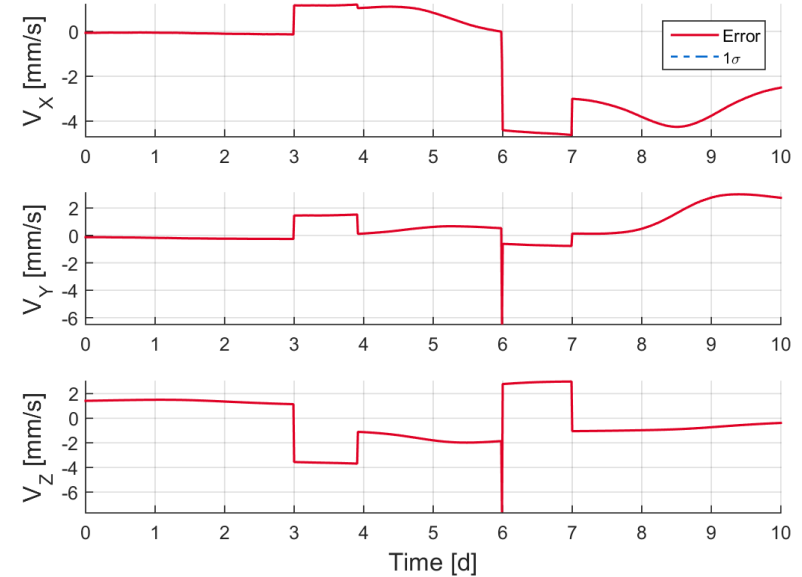
Ground-only Dispersion Performance



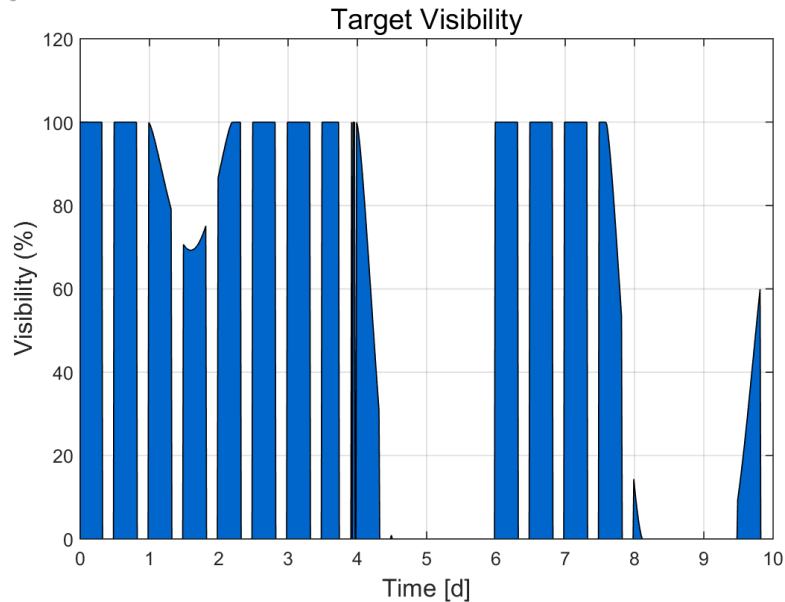
SC Dispersion
Position



SC Dispersion
Velocity



Ground-only Pointing Performance

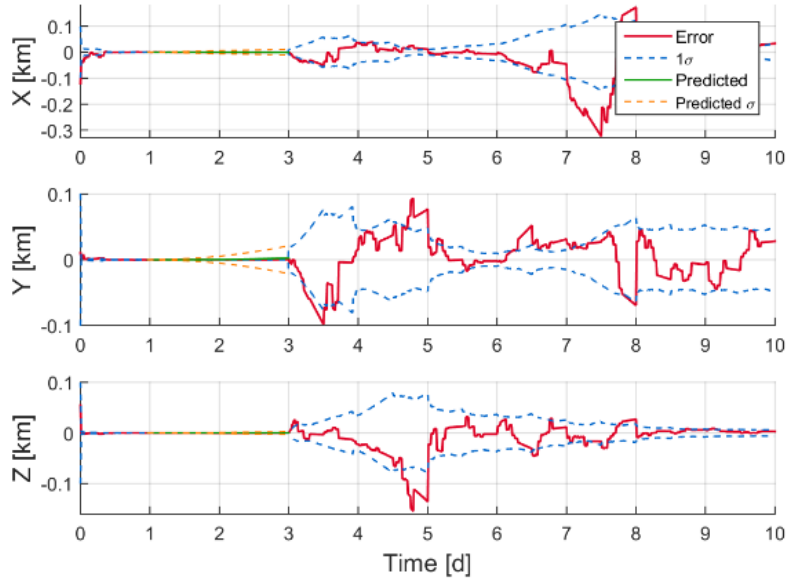


Target lost from camera's FOV

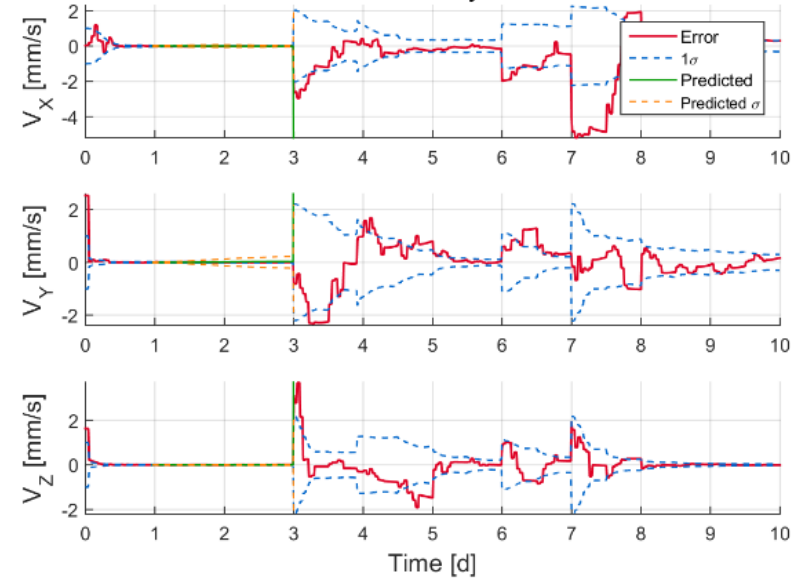
Autonomous Pointing Navigation Performance



FCS SC Navigation
Position



FCS SC Navigation
Velocity



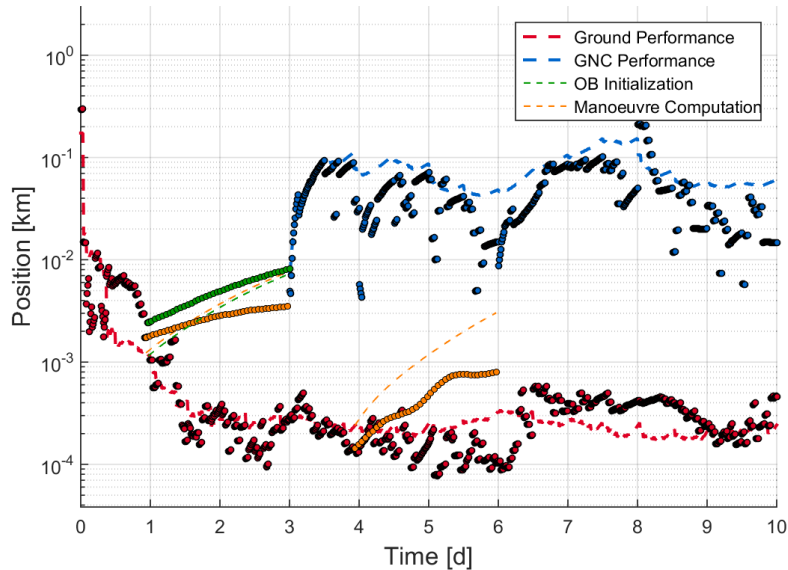
Auto-GNC used only for payload pointing



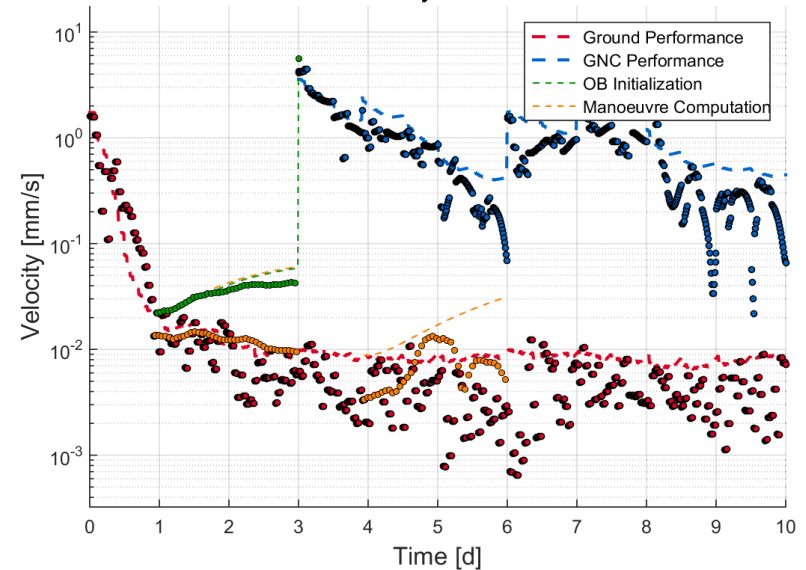
Ground still computing manoeuvres



FCS Position Performance



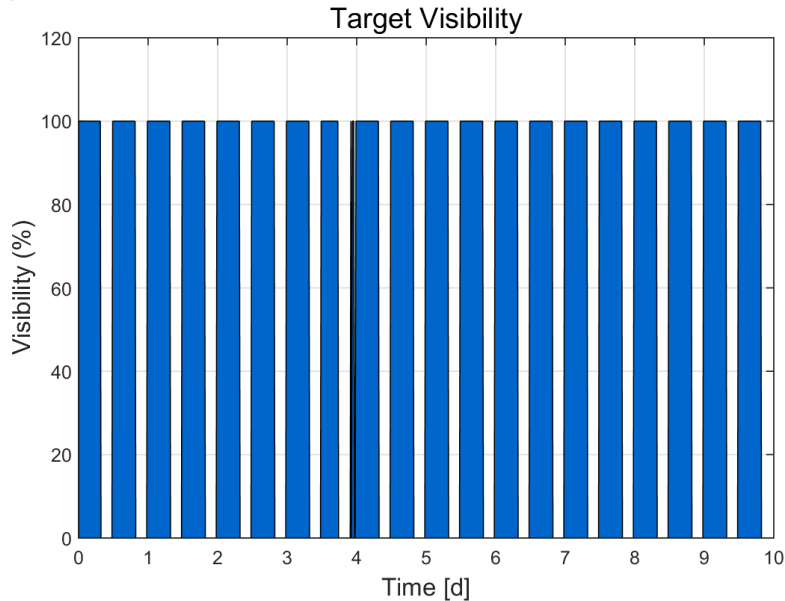
FCS Velocity Performance



Dispersion remains unchanged



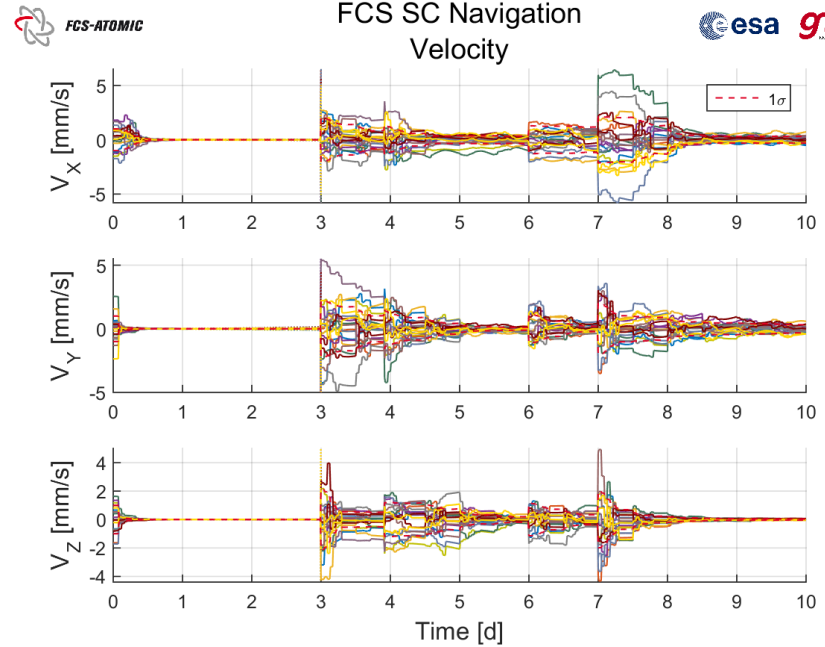
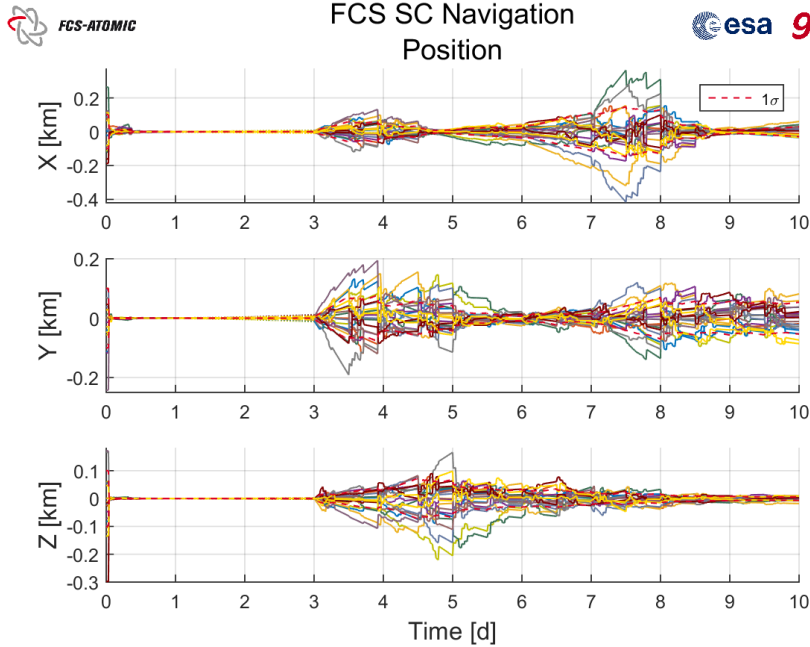
Target is now permanently on the FOV



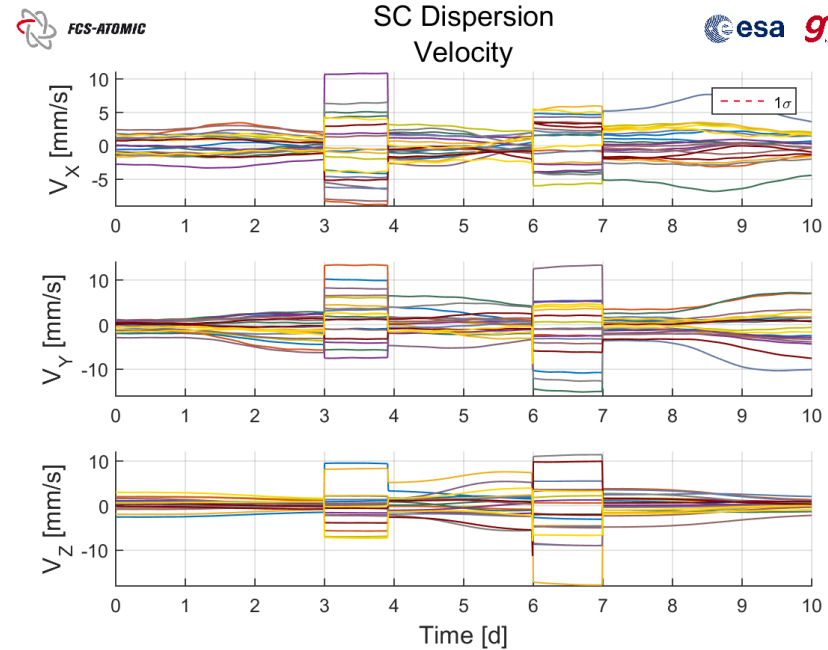
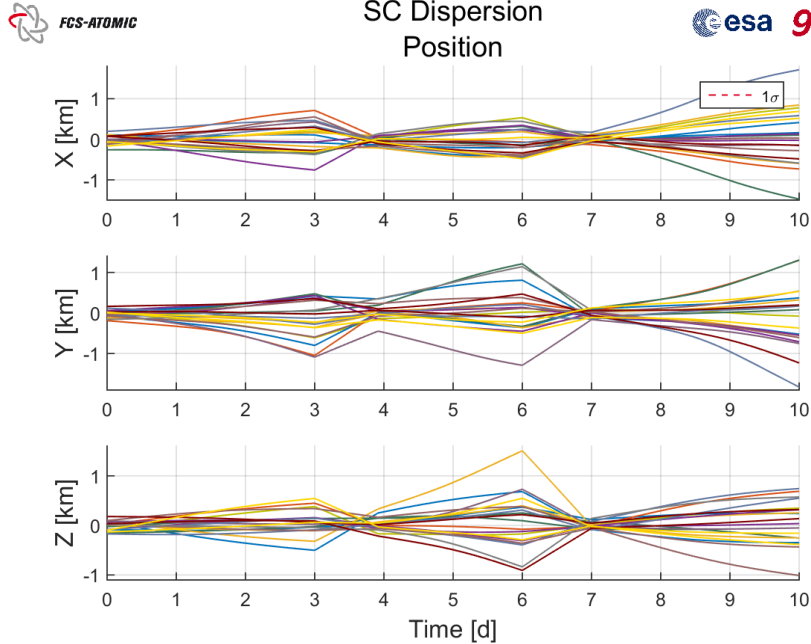
Target is kept in the camera's 5.5deg FOV



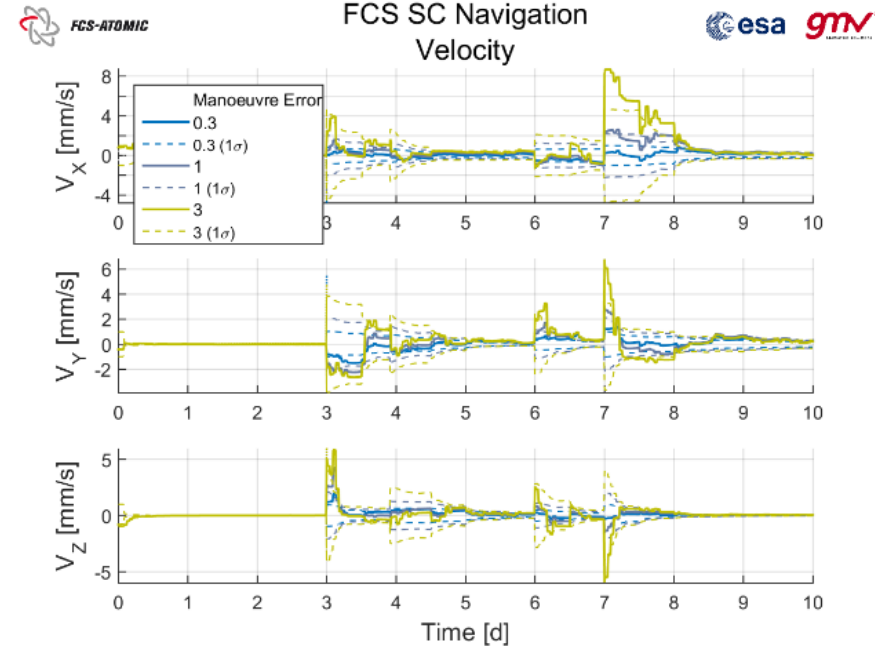
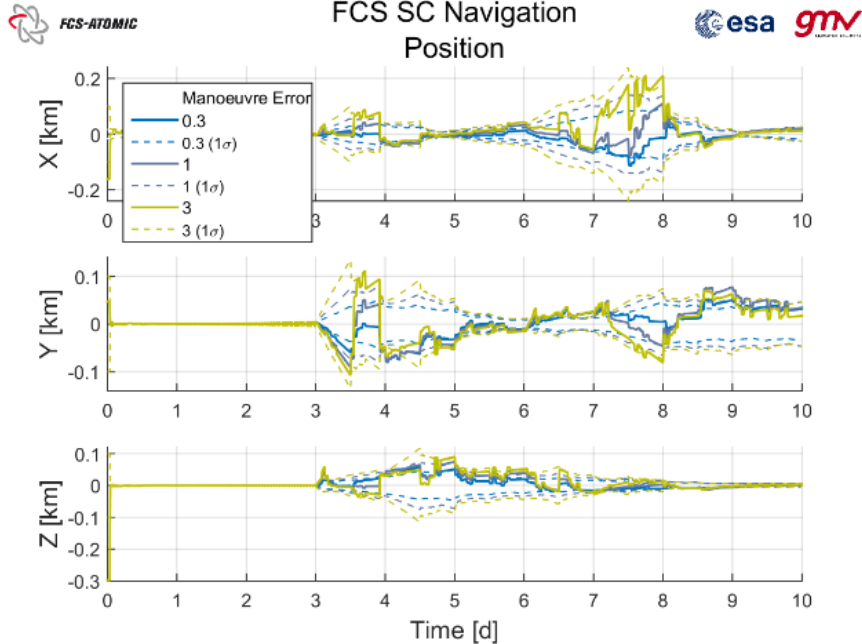
A reduced MC run suggests the covariance is indicative of the performance



MC Dispersion Results



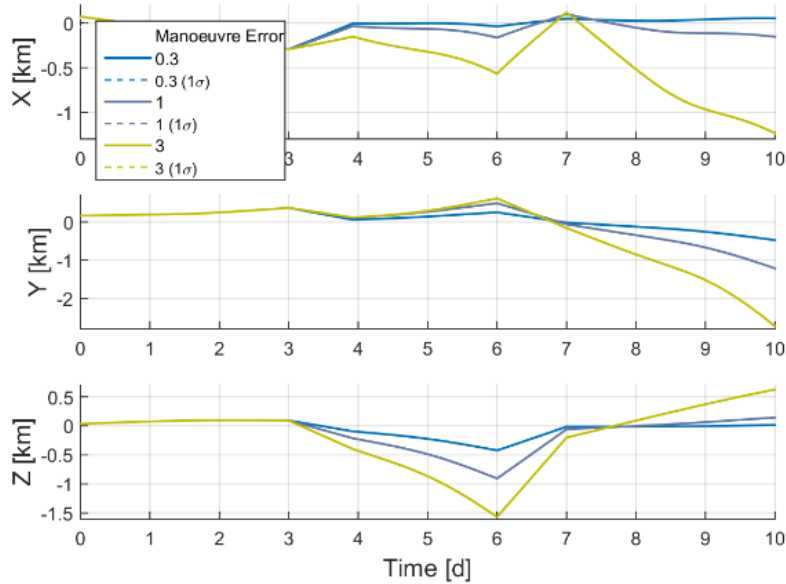
Worst Case is used for a sensitivity analysis on the manoeuvre errors



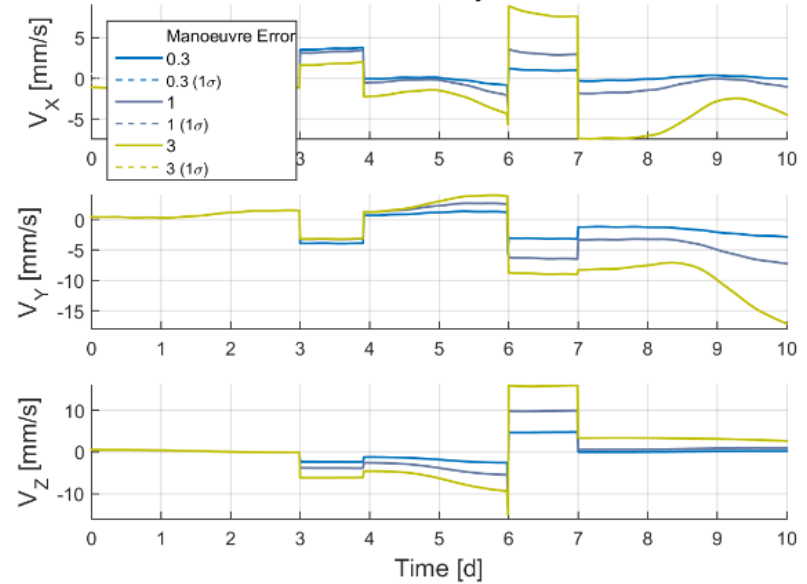
Manoeuvre errors dominate the dispersion



SC Dispersion
Position



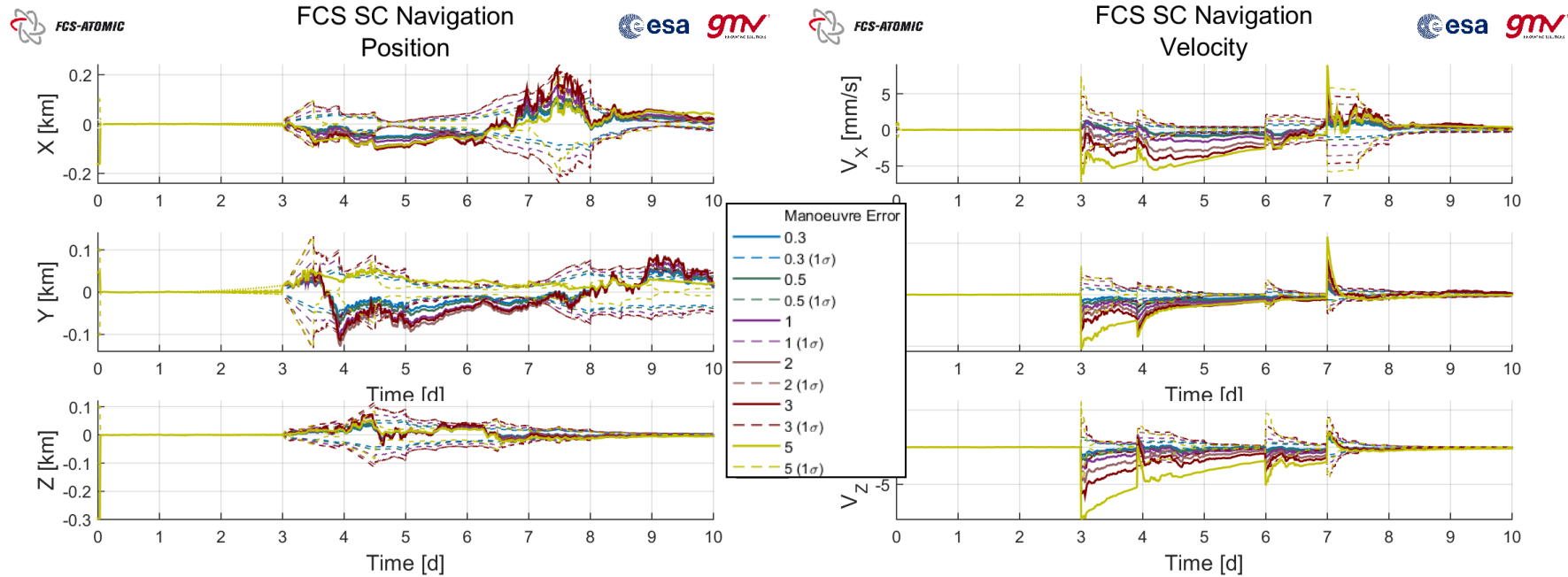
SC Dispersion
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This FCS-ATOMIC feature is very helpful for the systems design!



Performance Model Derivation for Simplified Analyses

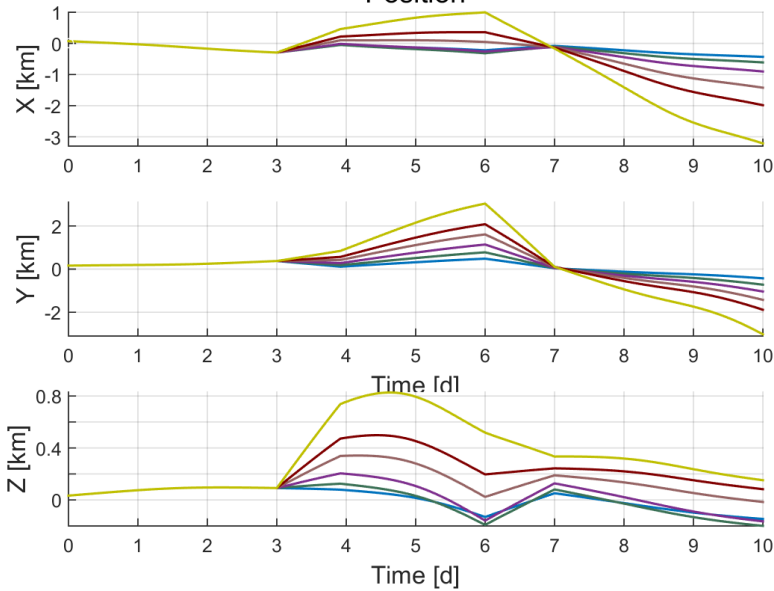


Dispersion Performance Model



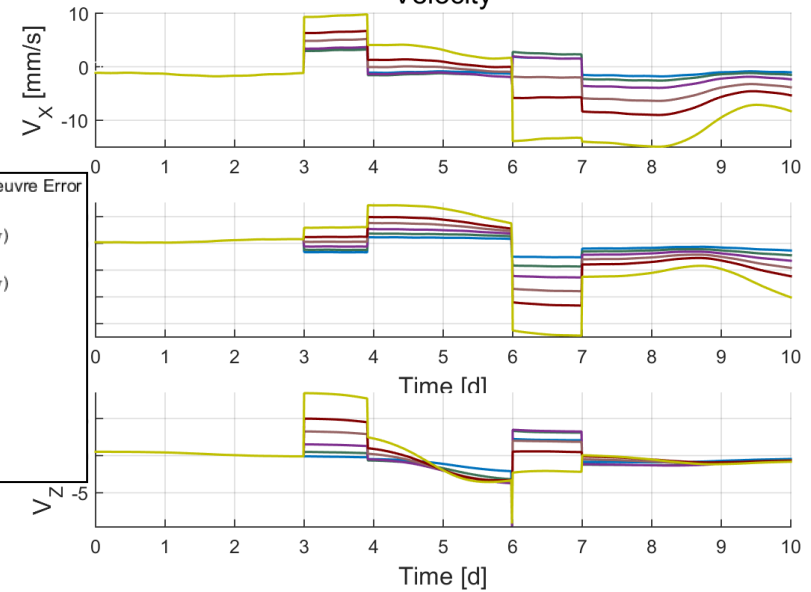
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HERA Way Forward

- Develop a higher-fidelity manoeuvres model and assess the performance of IMU closed-looped manoeuvres
- Implement higher-fidelity on-board image processing algorithms
- Assess the possibility of having more precise RCS thrusters
- Assess the possibility of having autonomous correction to the ground-commanded ΔV

Conclusions

- The FCS Assessment with the FCS-ATOMIC Framework:

Allowed to design
and validate the feasibility
of the DCP strategy

Identified the minimum
required autonomy level

Identified and analysed
the system driving errors
(RCS thrusters)

Derived and validated a
performance model to the
expected performance

FCS-ATOMIC FP G2G FCS ASSESSMENT

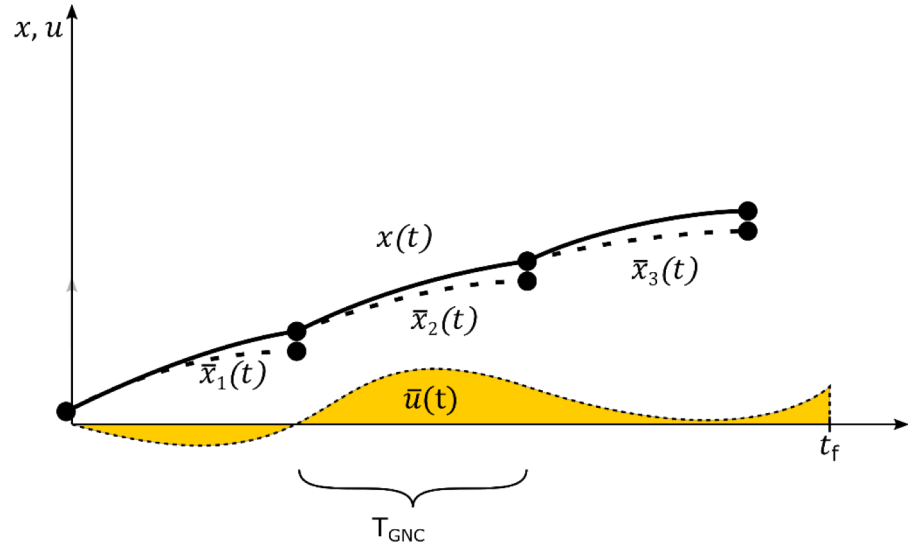
G2G mission

- Electric propulsion orbit raising
- Assessment of the impact of the increased on-board autonomy

Parameter	Variations
Trajectory Generation	<p>The initial orbit would have an altitude of 3163 km (SMA = 9541 km), and a 56 deg inclination and will be circular. The remainder of the parameters are eccentricity, argument of perigee, RAAN and true anomaly, which are fixed with 12/07/2018 values as those have no impact on the performance. The parameter that will be varied between the simulations is SMA with intervals of 100 km.</p> <p>The final orbit is a circular Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) at an altitude of 23222 km (SMA = 29600 km) above the Earth and at an inclination of the orbital planes of 56 deg.</p>
Autonomy Level	<p>The autonomy covers the translation guidance function, which can be calculated on-ground or on-board. Thus, the autonomy level can be selected between no autonomy and medium autonomy.</p> <p>Autonomy level selection has impact on the cost of the mission and performance goals.</p>
Thrust to Mass Ratio	<p>Electric propulsion system is the crucial element for the continuous thrust strategy and the selection of the thrust magnitude has a huge impact on the transfer time for the specific configuration of the spacecraft mass.</p> <p>The preliminarily selected values for the nominal G2G mission setting is of 180 mN for the thrust ($I_{sp}=1,720s$) and 1785 kg and 1500 kg for the wet and dry masses, respectively. In order to fulfill the performance goals, different thrust magnitudes are analysed in order to find the values that optimizes the performance/cost ration while fulfilling the required constraints. The thrust values for sensitivity analysis: 80 and 480 mN.</p>
GNSS Receiver Performance	<p>The transfer accuracy and transfer time is dependent on the whole translation navigation chain (from measurements up to navigation solution). Its performance varies with the GNSS receiver performance.</p> <p>For the receiver performance, a nominal tracking threshold of 25 dBHz will be assumed. A value of 30 dBHz will also be analyzed to assess a degraded receiver performance.</p> <p>These distinct receiver performances will translate to different navigation performances and GNSS outages (unavailabilities) by the formulated performance model.</p>
Thrust Error and Degradation	<p>A nominal initial thrust error of 0.56% is assumed with a degradation of 2% per year following a linear degradation law.</p> <p>The analysis will be extended to initial values between 0.1 - 1.0 % with a degradation between 1-10 % per year.</p>
Time step	150s

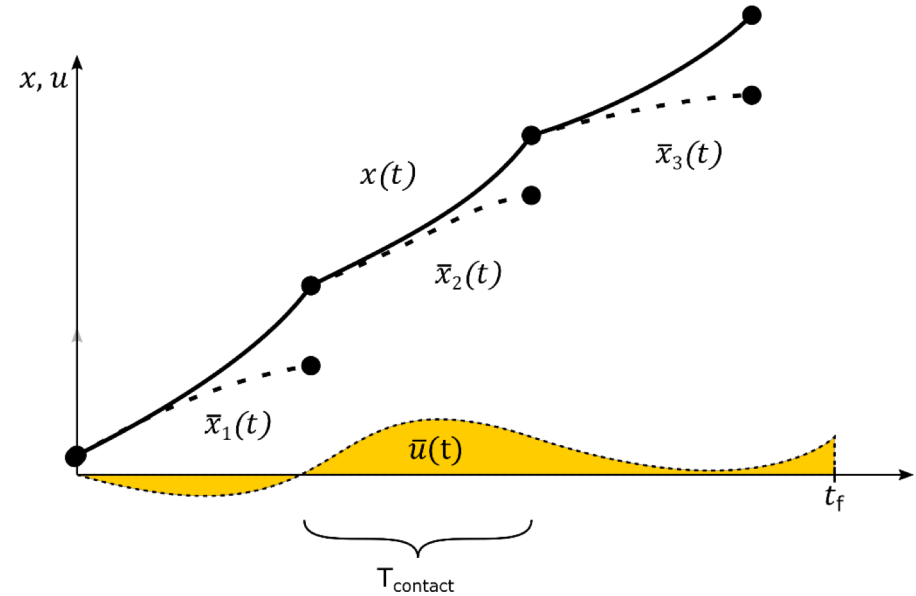
Scenario 1: medium autonomy

- The guidance law is executed at every time step as it would be executed on-board.
- All relevant error models take into account the on-board knowledge of the process (i.e. can be worse than precise ground-based orbit determination).
- Periodic update of on-board parameters (like actual thrust level, mass) may also be incorporated.



Scenario 2: No autonomy

- The same guidance law (as in scenario 1) is used to generate a reference trajectory using the ground based knowledge error models.
- The reference trajectory (thrust) is executed in open-loop until the next ground-update.
- At the next ground update, the trajectory is re-computed and the process iterates.



Guidance law: Thrust direction control

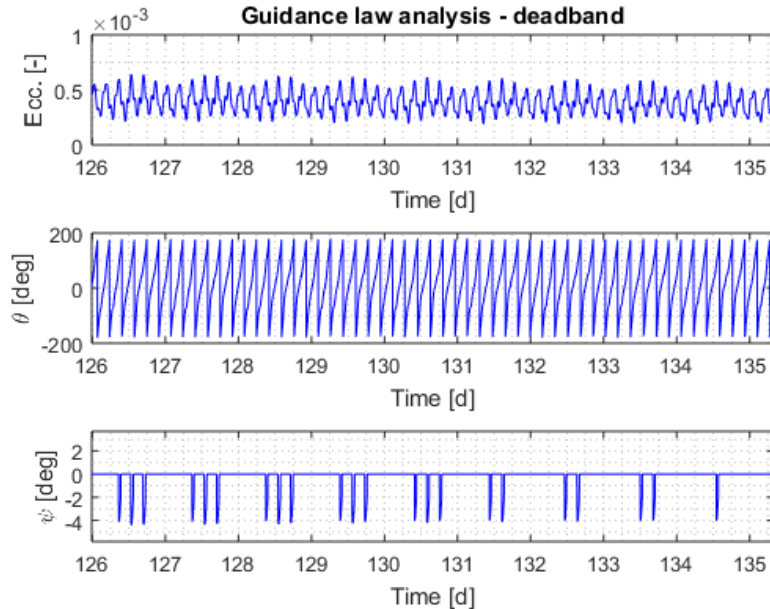
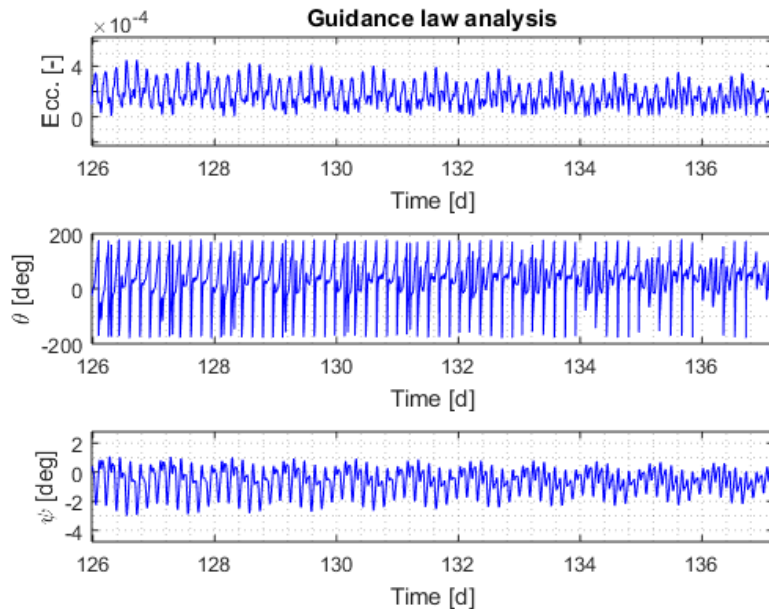
- Used as an alternative for the complex trajectory optimization strategies
- Guidance law expressed by:

$$\psi = -k \sin(f) e$$

- f : true anomaly
- e : eccentricity
- k : controller gain
- ψ : thrust direction angle (in orbital plane) wrt along-path axis.
- Introduces stabilizing term into the eccentricity dynamical equation:

$$\dot{e} = \frac{1}{h} (p \sin f \sin \psi F + ((p + r) \cos f + re) \cos \psi F)$$

Guidance law: jitter analysis



Element	Nominal MA-1 case mean	Case with deadband
e [-]	5,26E-04	5,47E-04
i [deg]	56,1935	56,1933
RAAN [deg]	40,4688	40,4959
ΔV [m/s]	2910,2741	2910,1672
Time [days]	333,7847	333,6857

Conclusions:

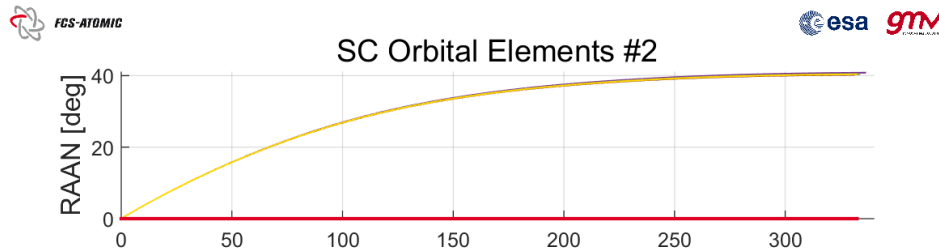
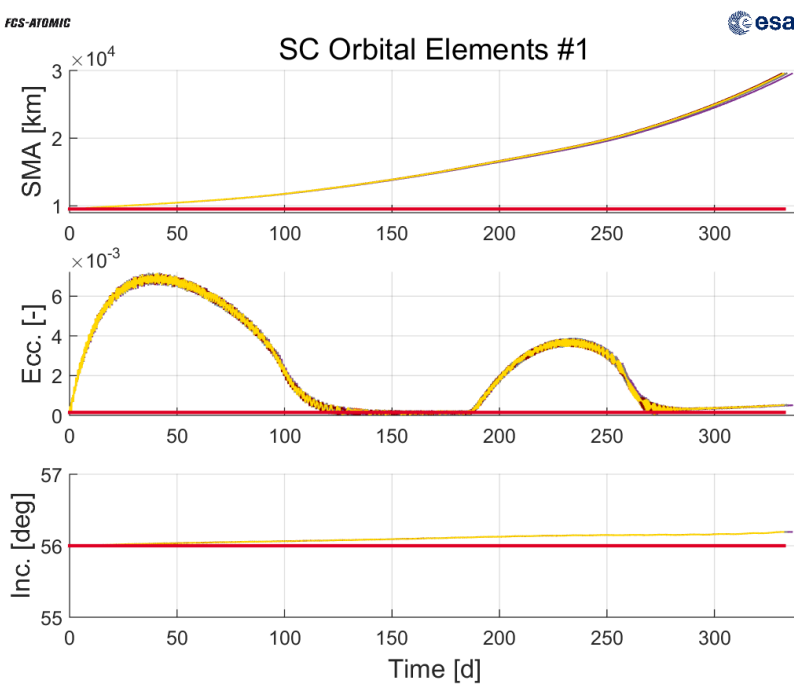
- Nominal control seems to act too sensitively in presence of near-circular orbit
- The deadband correctly neglects small eccentricity variations which are not necessary to be suppressed
- No major impact on overall orbit raising performance



Test plan – medium autonomy

Test case	Test description	Batch size	Scenario configuration	Error sources
Nominal Medium Autonomy Case				
FCS-G2G-MA-1	<u>Nominal case of medium autonomy scenario.</u> The performance of the G2G medium autonomy case (GNC) is assessed in presence of all the expected error sources, in the nominal envelope of conditions. The results of the batch of runs will identify which combination of conditions (navigation and thruster errors) may produce worst cases.	10	Initial parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SMA – 9541 kmInclination - 56 degAutonomy level – mediumNominal thrust – 180 mNGNSS receiver performance – 25 dBHzInitial thrust error – 0.56%Thrust degradation 2%/year	Performance model of GNSS-based Navigation + Measurement s + Visibility (GNC) Performance model of Error Dispersion + Thrust Performance
Various Nominal Thrust Tests				
FCS-G2G-MA-2	<u>Different nominal thrust</u> Assessment of impact of different nominal thrust on orbit raising time and performance.	5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nominal thrust – 80 mN	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
FCS-G2G-MA-3		5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nominal thrust – 480 `mN	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
Various Initial SMA Tests				
FCS-G2G-MA-4	<u>Different initial SMA</u> Assessment of impact of initial semi-major axis on orbit raising time and performance.	5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SMA – 9441 km	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
FCS-G2G-MA-5		5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SMA – 9641 km	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
Robustness Testing – GNSS receiver performance				
FCS-G2G-MA-6	<u>Sensitivity to GNSS receiver performance</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">GNSS receiver performance – 30 dBHz	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
Robustness Testing – thruster errors				
FCS-G2G-MA-7	<u>Sensitivity to thruster initial error</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial thrust error – 0.1%	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
FCS-G2G-MA-8		5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial thrust error – 1%	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
FCS-G2G-MA-9	<u>Sensitivity to thruster degradation</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thrust degradation 1%/year	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1
FCS-G2G-MA-10		5	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thrust degradation 10%/year	Same as FCS-G2G-MA-1

Medium autonomy – nominal case



Element	Max	Min	Mean	σ
e [-]	5,50E-04	4,98E-04	5,26E-04	1,67E-05
i [deg]	56,1938	56,1930	56,1935	2,22E-04
RAAN [deg]	40,8031	40,2583	40,4688	1,49E-01
ΔV [m/s]	2910,8276	2909,8696	2910,2741	3,22E-01
Time [days]	336,8056	331,9444	333,7847	1,318

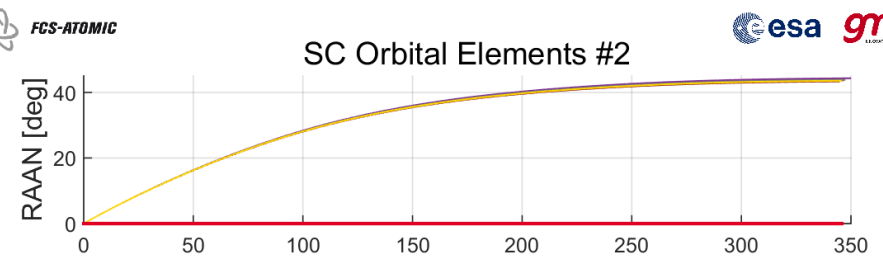
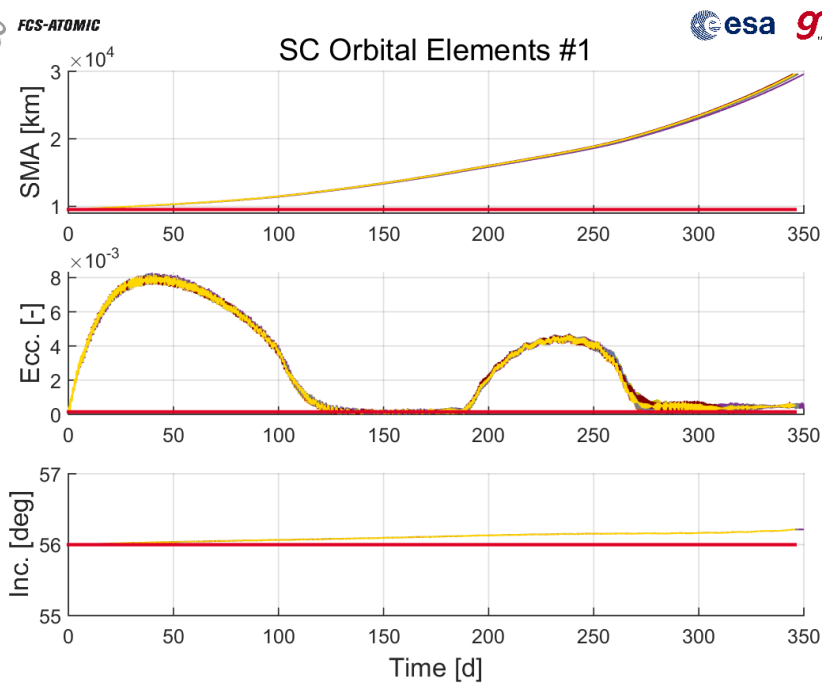
Medium autonomy - sensitivity

Case	RAAN σ [deg]	Mean ΔV [m/s]	Mean Time [d]	Time σ [d]
MA-1	0,149	2910,274	333,78	1,318
MA-2	0,187	-	-	-
MA-3	0,073	+1,77%	-205,14	0,563
MA-4	0,177	+1,37%	+5,21	1,491
MA-5	0,162	-1,35%	-3,99	1,486
MA-6	0,170	+0,00%	+0,63	1,460
MA-7	0,030	+0,01%	-0,38	0,263
MA-8	0,288	-0,01%	+1,49	2,579
MA-9	0,165	+0,00%	-0,94	1,465
MA-10	0,177	-0,02%	+13,89	1,608

Test plan – no autonomy

Test case	Test description	Batch size	Scenario configuration	Error sources
Nominal No Autonomy Case				
FCS-G2G-NA-1	<u>Nominal case of no autonomy scenario.</u> The performance of the G2G no autonomy case (FDS) is assessed in presence of all the expected error sources, in the nominal envelope of conditions. The results of the batch of runs will identify which combination of conditions (navigation and thruster errors) may produce worst cases.	10	Initial parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMA – 9541 km• Inclination - 56 deg• No autonomy• Nominal thrust – 180 mN• GNSS receiver performance – 25 dBHz• Initial thrust error – 0.56%• Thrust degradation - 2%/year• Ground update period – 7 days	Performance model of Ground GNSS-based OD (FDS) Performance model of Error Dispersion + Thrust Performance
Various Nominal Thrust Tests				
FCS-G2G-NA-2	<u>Different nominal thrust</u> Assessment of impact of different nominal thrust on orbit raising time and performance.	5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominal thrust – 80 mN	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
FCS-G2G-NA-3		5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominal thrust – 480 mN	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
Various Initial SMA Tests				
FCS-G2G-NA-4	<u>Different initial SMA</u> Assessment of impact of initial semi-major axis on orbit raising time and performance.	5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMA – 9441 km	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
FCS-G2G-NA-5		5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMA – 9641 km	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
Robustness Testing – GNSS receiver performance				
FCS-G2G-NA-6	<u>Sensitivity to GNSS receiver performance</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GNSS receiver performance – 30 dBHz	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
Robustness Testing – thruster errors				
FCS-G2G-NA-7	<u>Sensitivity to thruster initial error</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial thrust error – 0.1%	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
FCS-G2G-NA-8		5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial thrust error – 1%	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
FCS-G2G-NA-9	<u>Sensitivity to thruster degradation</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thrust degradation 1%/year	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
FCS-G2G-NA-10		5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thrust degradation 10%/year	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
Various ground update periods				
FCS-G2G-NA-11	<u>Sensitivity to ground updates frequency</u>	5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ground update period – 3 days	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1
FCS-G2G-NA-12		5	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1 but: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ground update period – 5 days	Same as FCS-G2G-NA-1

G2G No Autonomy – nominal case



Element	Max	Min	Mean	σ
e [-]	6,85E-04	4,65E-04	6,03E-04	6,33E-05
i [deg]	56,2148	56,2132	56,2144	4,78E-04
RAAN [deg]	44,2904	43,3604	43,7200	2,53E-01
ΔV [m/s]	2994,9624	2992,4219	2993,9816	7,26E-01
Time [d]	350,3472	345,1389	347,1354	1,416

No autonomy - sensitivity

Case	RAAN σ [deg]	Mean ΔV [m/s]	Mean Time [d]	Time σ [d]
NA-1	0,253	2993,982	347,14	1,416
NA-2	0,310	-	-	-
NA-3	0,018	+8,38%	-203,66	0,155
NA-4	0,296	+1,54%	+6,27	1,603
NA-5	0,237	-1,50%	-4,67	1,491
NA-6	0,275	+0,00%	+0,64	1,550
NA-7	0,053	-0,01%	-0,47	0,258
NA-8	0,506	-0,01%	+1,65	2,794
NA-9	0,282	+0,09%	-0,68	1,491
NA-10	0,360	-0,66%	+12,38	2,037
NA-11	0,185	-0,85%	-2,45	1,536
NA-12	0,241	-0,88%	-3,04	1,596

Medium vs no autonomy

- In general the medium autonomy approach outperforms the no autonomy scenarios both in ΔV and in orbit raising duration

Case	RAAN σ [deg]		Mean ΔV [m/s]		Mean Time [d]		Time σ [d]	
	MA-x	NA-x	MA-x	NA-x	MA-x	NA-x	MA-x	NA-x
MA-1/NA-1	0,149	+69,62%	2910,274	+2,88%	333,78	+4,00%	1,318	7,45%
MA-2/NA-2*	0,187	+65,84%	-	-	-	-	-	-
MA-3/NA-3	0,073	-74,65%	2961,713	+9,56%	128,65	+11,52%	0,563	-72,40%
MA-4/NA-4	0,177	+67,22%	2950,250	+3,05%	338,99	+4,25%	1,491	7,51%
MA-5/NA-5	0,162	+46,37%	2871,033	+2,72%	329,79	+3,84%	1,486	0,34%
MA-6/NA-6	0,170	+61,83%	2910,391	+2,87%	334,41	+4,00%	1,460	6,17%
MA-7/NA-7	0,030	+75,36%	2910,476	+2,86%	333,40	+3,98%	0,263	-2,20%
MA-8/NA-8	0,288	+75,72%	2909,993	+2,87%	335,28	+4,03%	2,579	8,33%
MA-9/NA-9	0,165	+70,89%	2910,385	+2,96%	332,85	+4,09%	1,465	1,81%
MA-10/NA-10	0,177	+103,83%	2909,782	+2,21%	347,67	+3,41%	1,608	26,68%
MA-1/NA-11	0,149	+24,27%	2910,274	+2,00%	333,78	+3,27%	1,318	16,59%
MA-1/NA-12	0,149	+61,45%	2910,274	+1,97%	333,78	+3,09%	1,318	21,12%

Conclusions and Recommendations

- FCS-ATOMIC tool allowed analysis of a challenging scenario
 - Long duration of scenarios
 - Effective error modelling
 - Easy generation of new scenarios based on the nominal one
- Advantages of medium autonomy approach demonstrated
- Further improvements:
 - Guidance law to incorporate deadband
 - Guidance law with gain changes depending on altitude
 - Increased fidelity of ground processes
 - Increased fidelity of guidance algorithms



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