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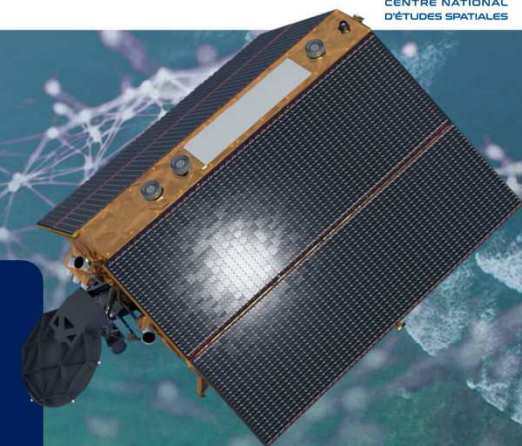


Presentation

# SARAL mission overview



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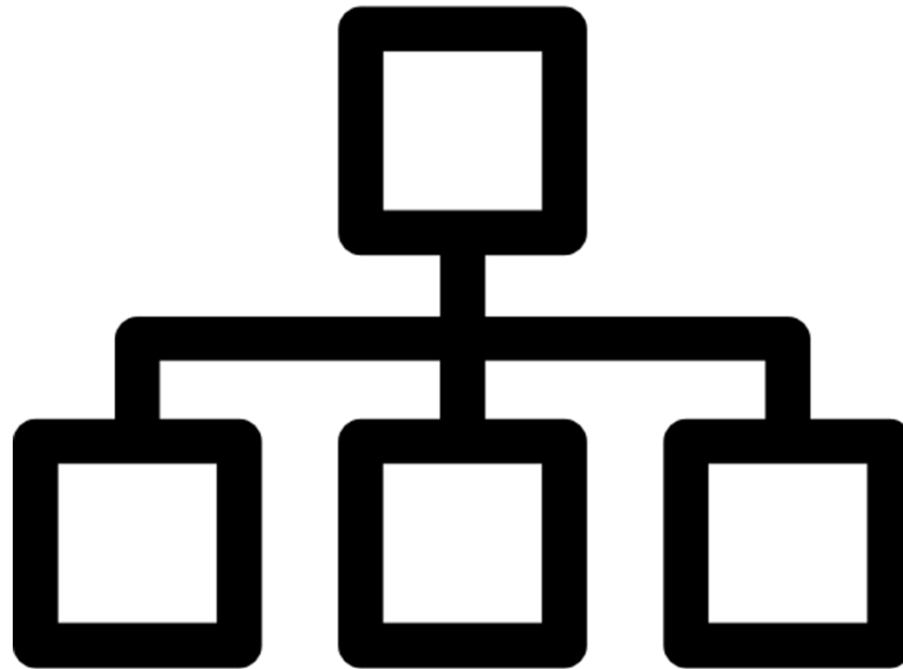


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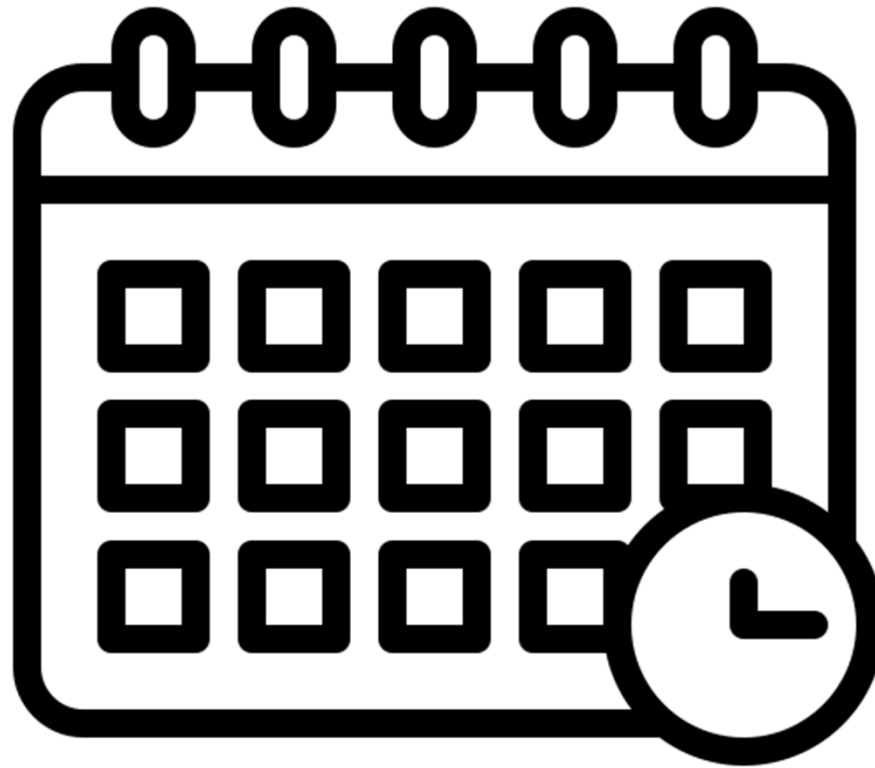


Satellite with **AR**gos and **AL**tika  
“Simple” in Hindi



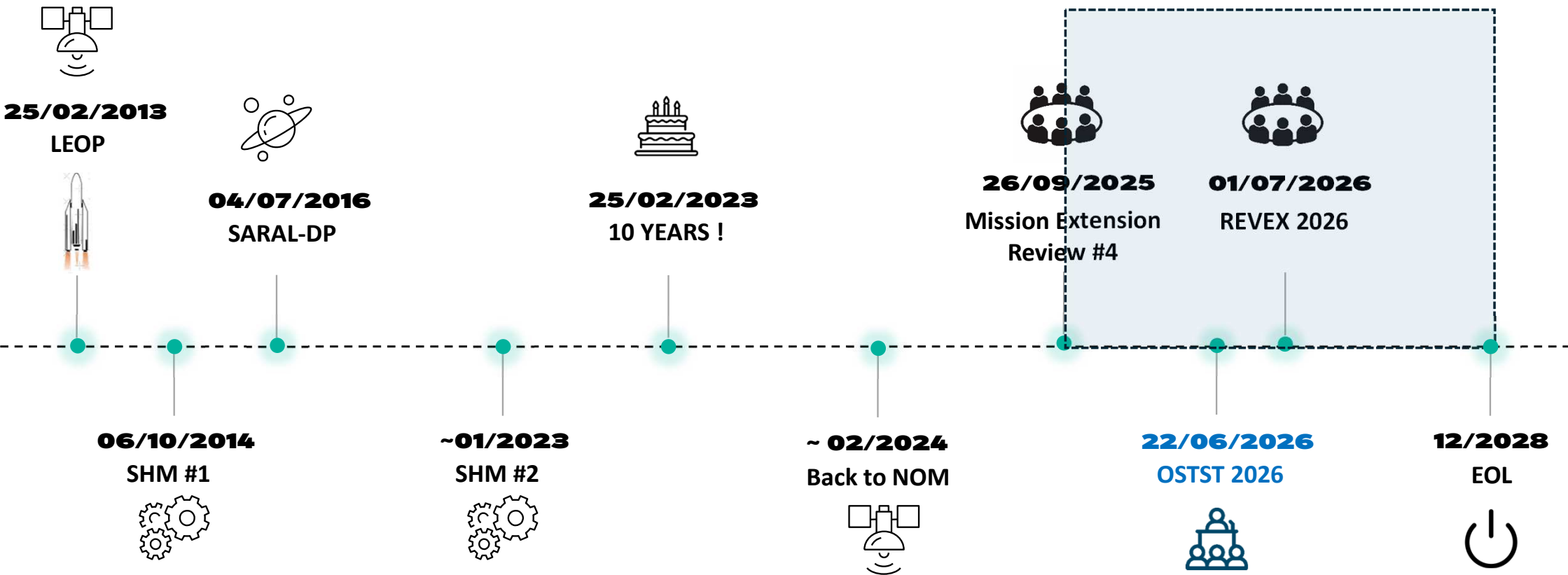
# Programmatic

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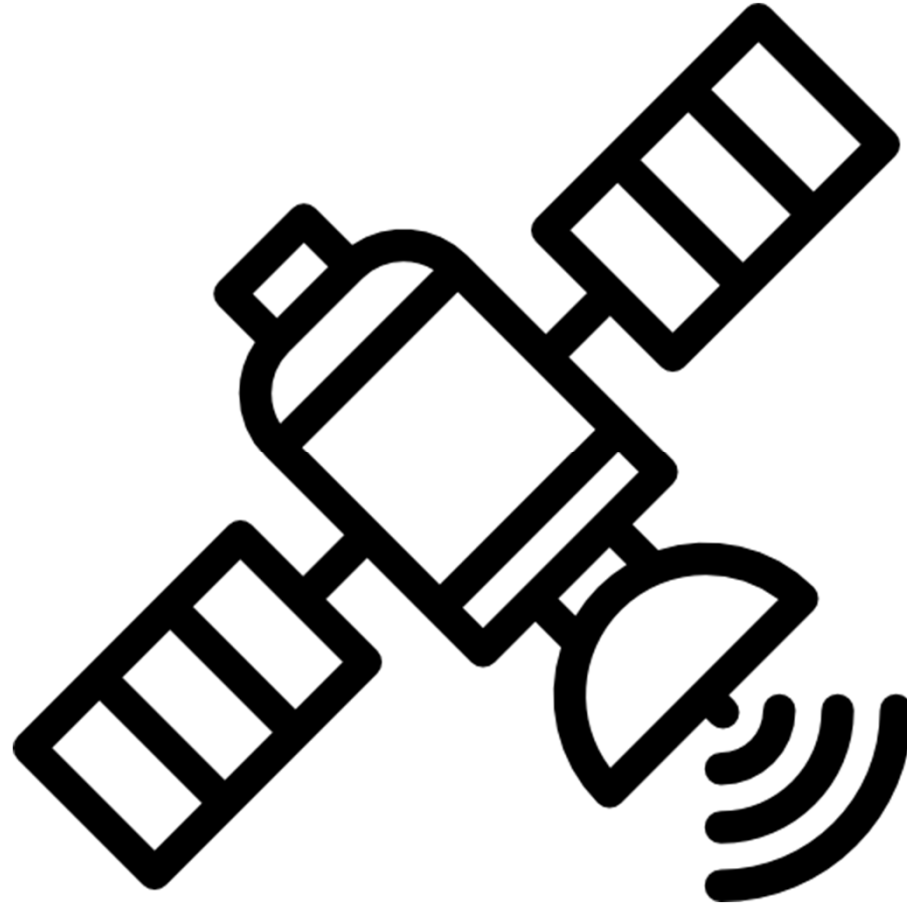
# Programmatic Status

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# Satellite Status

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# Payload Status



**Altika : excellent** performances – highly **stable**

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**Doris : Very good** performances –

*real time orbit accuracy  $\sim 4$  cm RMS (radial)*

*Ob-board time tagging accuracy  $\sim 2$   $\mu$ s RMS*



**Argos 3** : All performances **compliant** with requirement (including L band component) – **Not impacted** by the drifted orbit

**After 13 years : still excellent performances**

# Platform Status



**Power** : **Nominal** performances

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**Thermal** : **Nominal** performances –

*No redundancy to monitor SST#2 which is off*



**AOCS** : **Good** performances – except **issues on DTG-3, RW and SS**

**RW-1 OFF** since SHM#1 (only 3 RW with ageing effect observed)

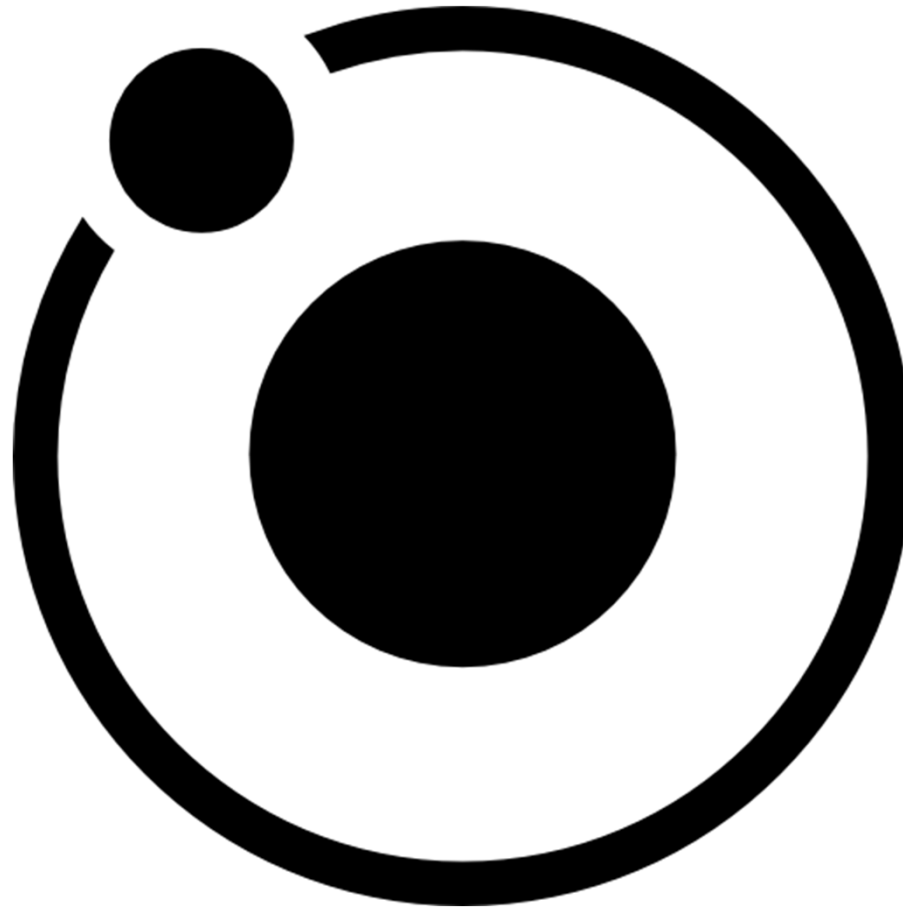
**DTG-3 OFF** since SHM#2

SS used in **duty cycle mode** due to cooling time requirement

**Orbit change analysis in progress**

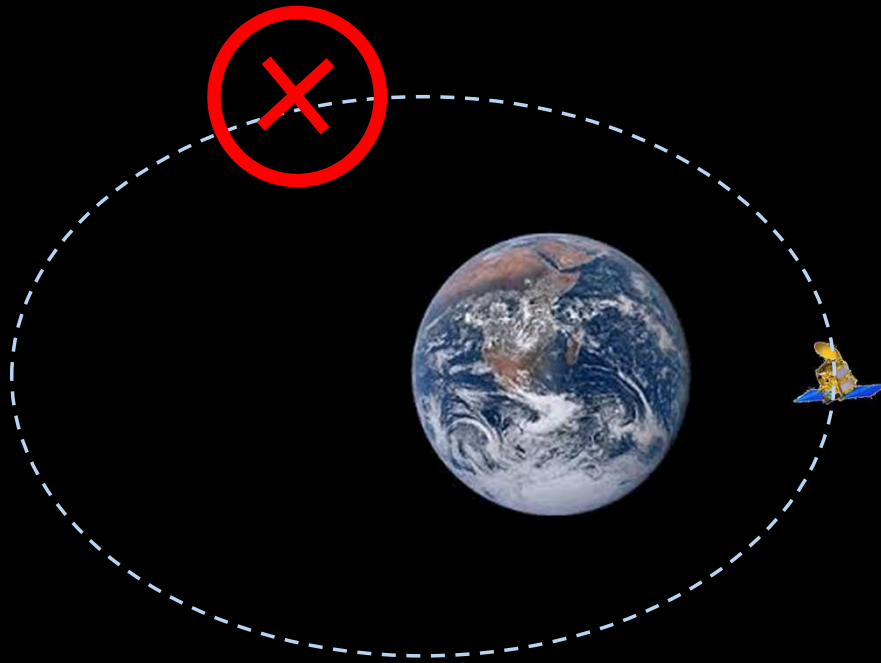
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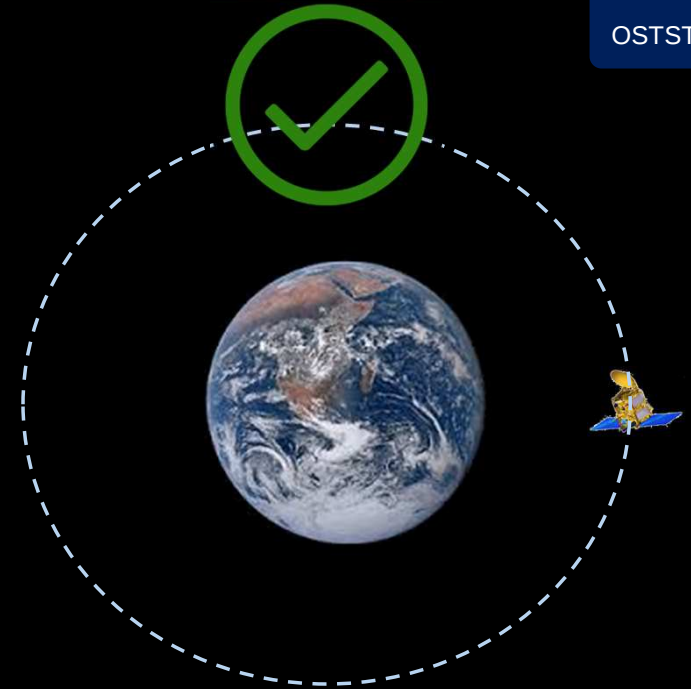


# Orbit change analysis

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ELLIPTIC  
726 x 608 km



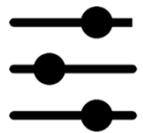
CIRCULAR  
674.3 x 664 km

# Orbit Change Analysis

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**Feasibility** Confirmed



**On board parameters** : To be updated



No impact on DORIS, ARGOS and POD

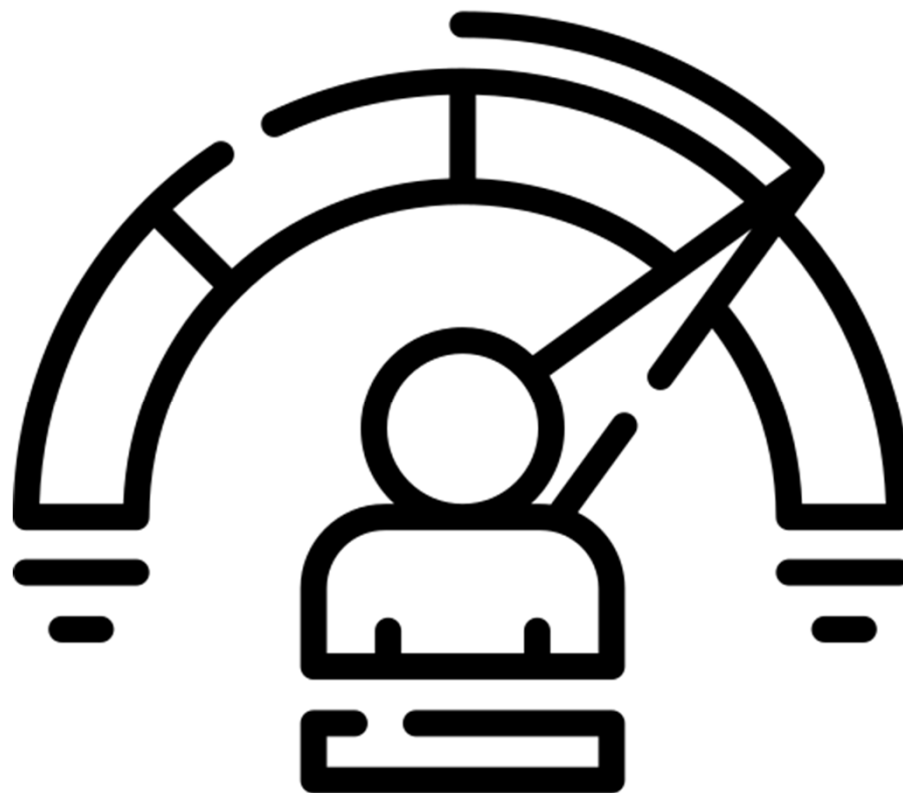


**Ground segment** To be updated

Orbit change decision to be taken during next  
REVEX (July 01<sup>st</sup>)

# Performances

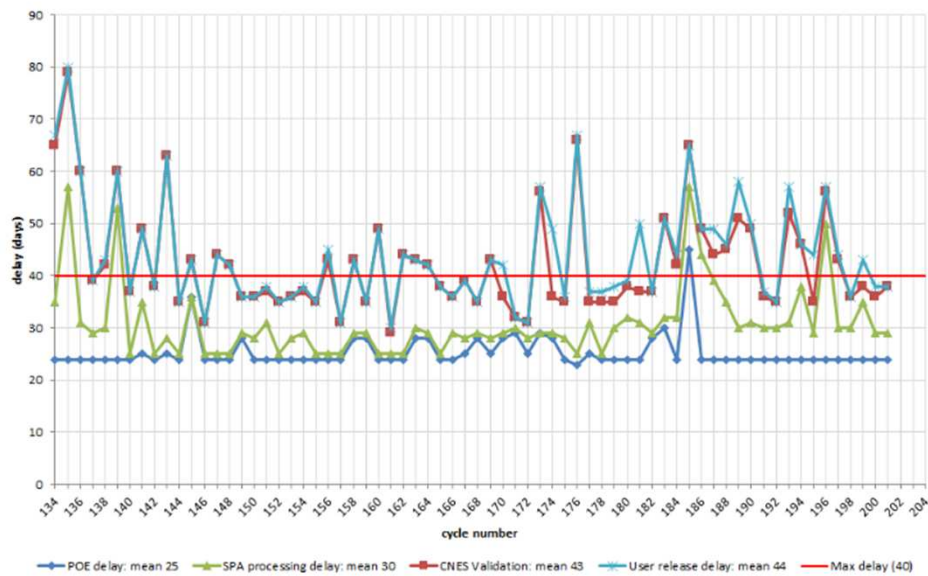
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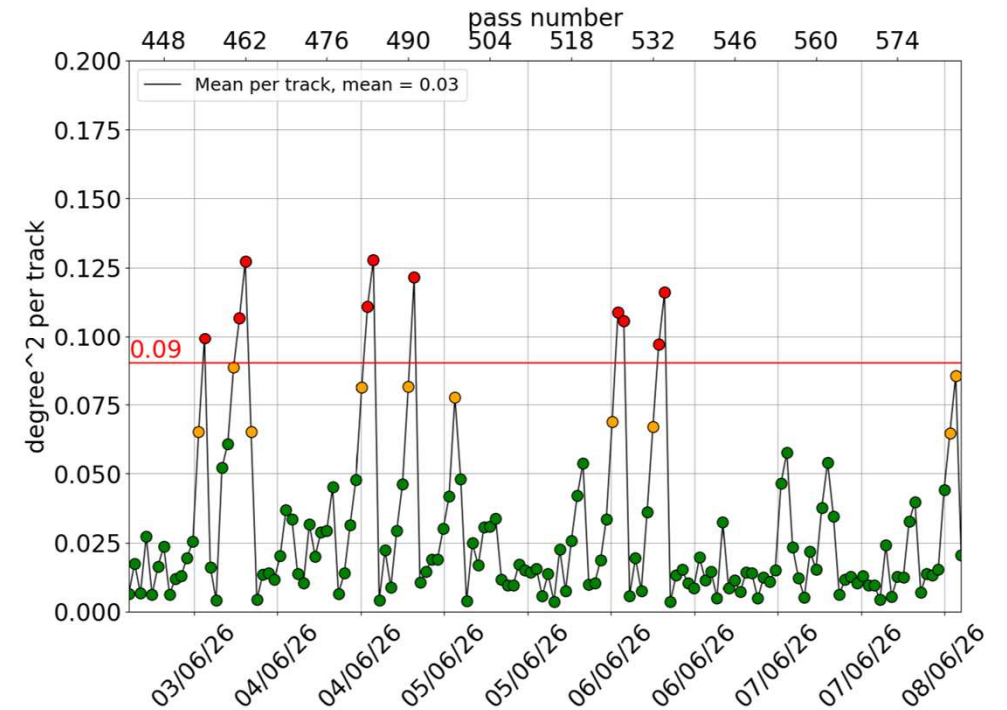
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Saral GDR processing and validation latency from end of cycle (since 2020)

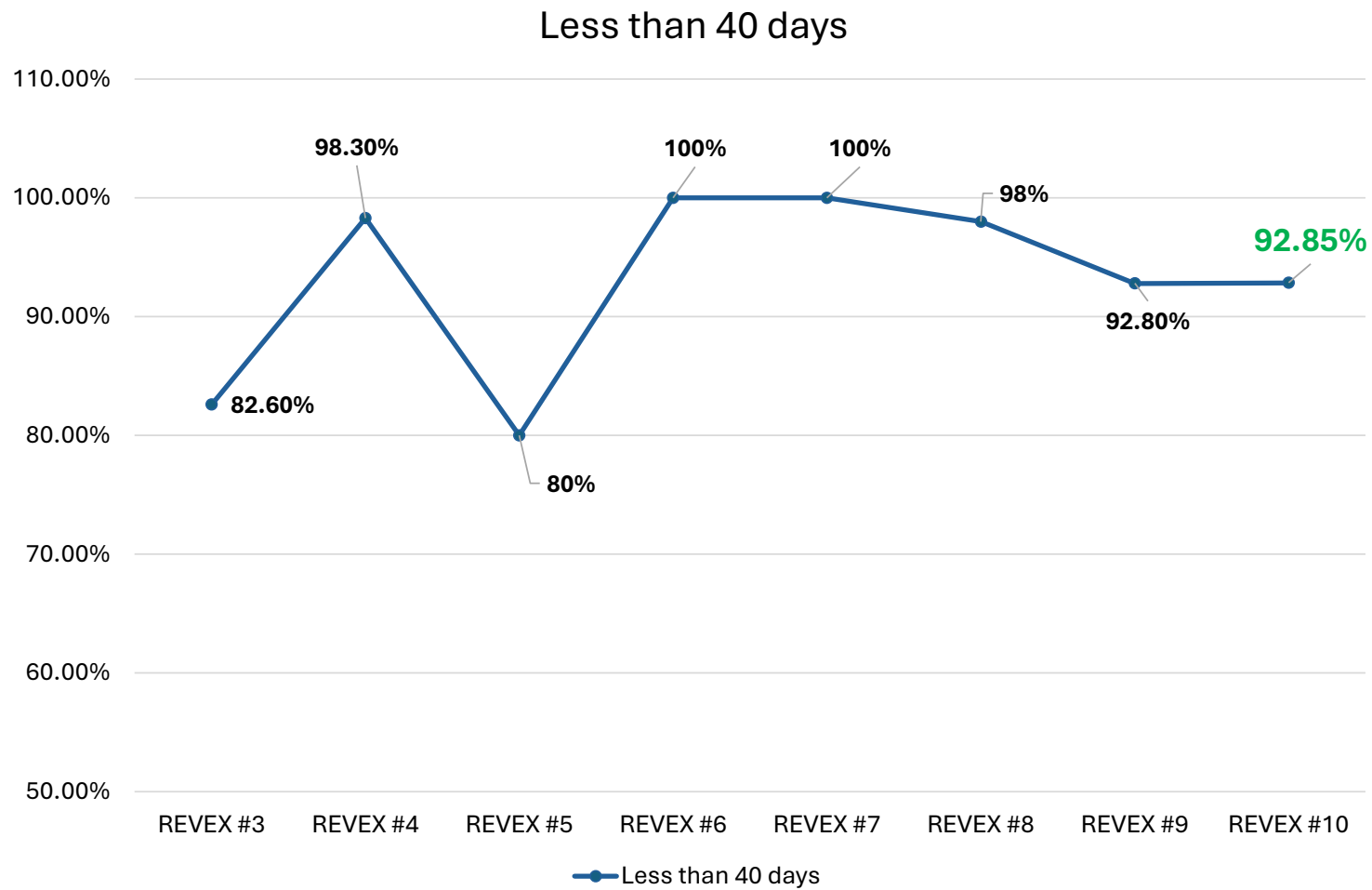


Mean of SQUARE OFF NADIR ANGLE



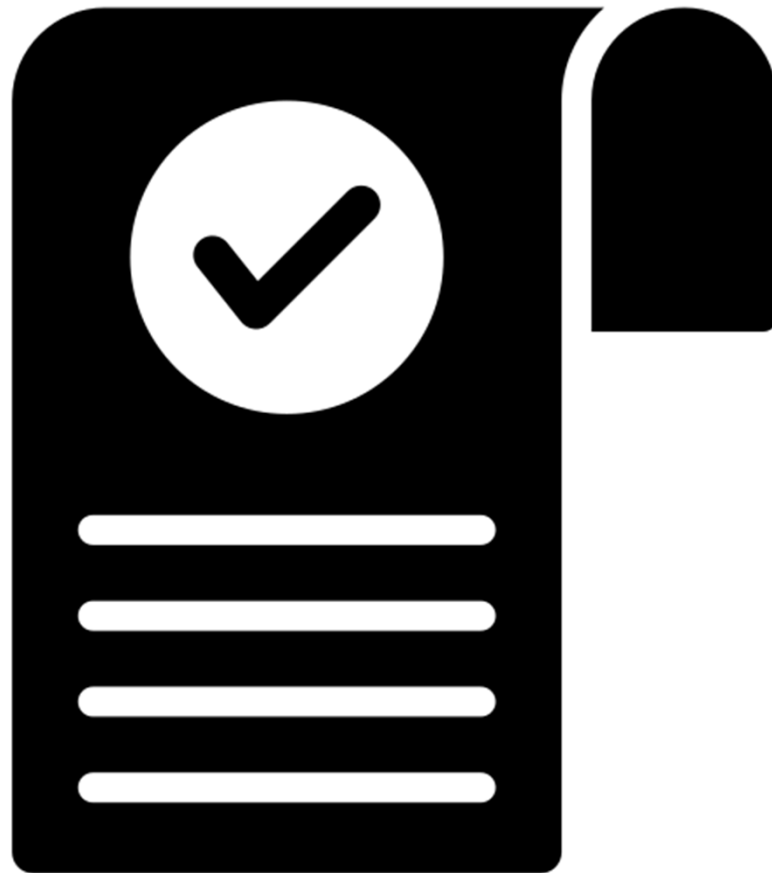
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# Conclusion

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**13** years in orbit !



**Good performances** despite some AOCS issues



**Possible orbit change** to be decided



**Excellent coordination between  
CNES/ISRO and EUMETSAT**

**Many thanks to all**