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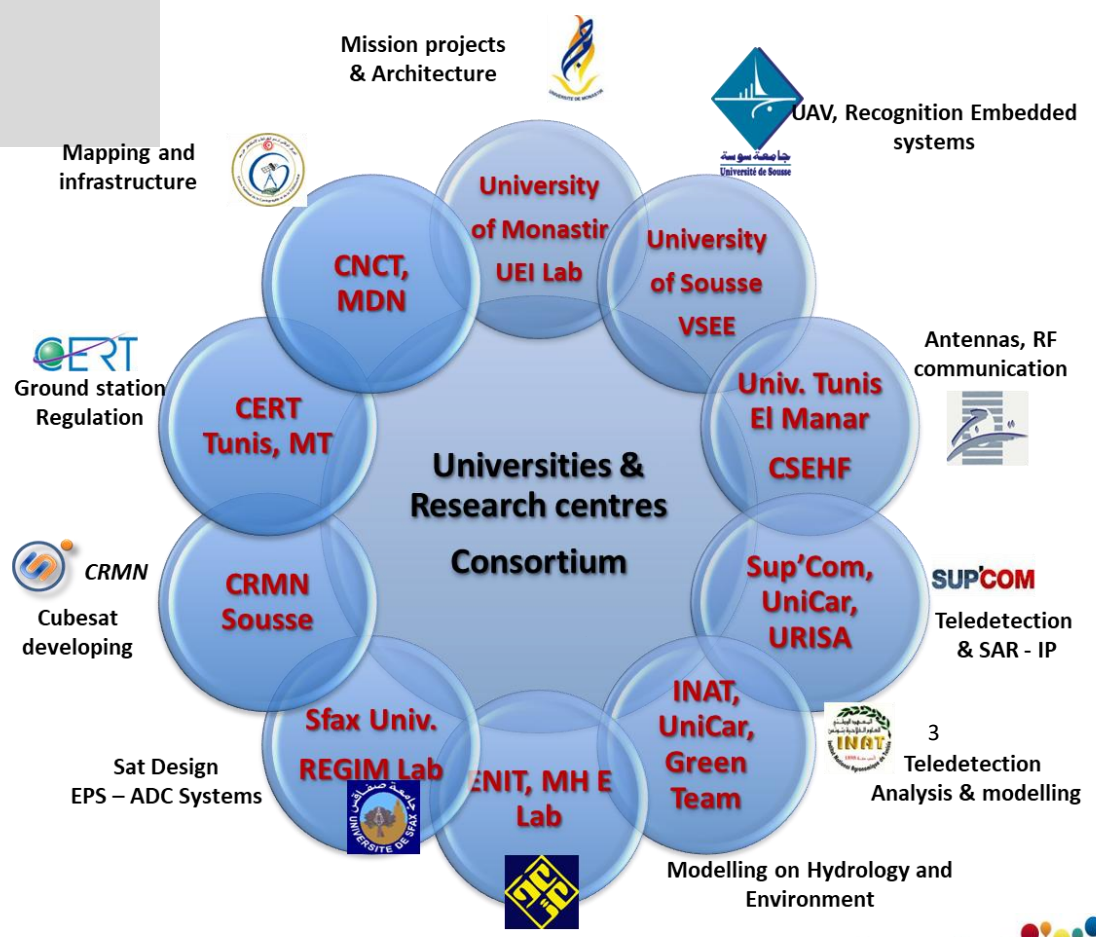
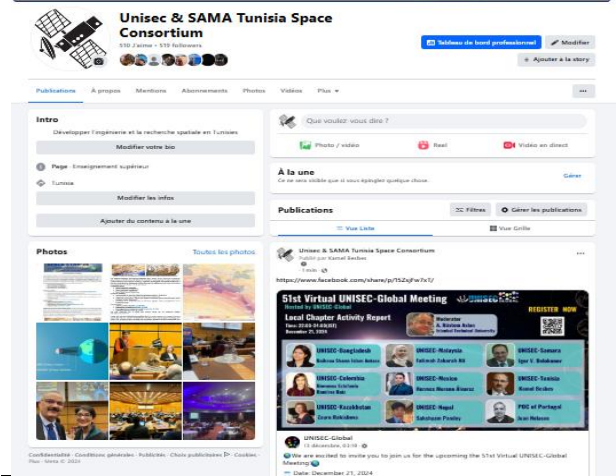
Development of Cubesat Fabrication and Test facilities

3rd SPACE STAR conference, November 2024

International Events

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Satellite communication

Space positioning systems GNSS

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Development of Cubesat Fabrication and Test facilities



Fabrication & Application of CubeSats in Tunisia

- Researchers: 9
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FACT: CubeSat Cleanroom Mounting Facility

Main Specifications:

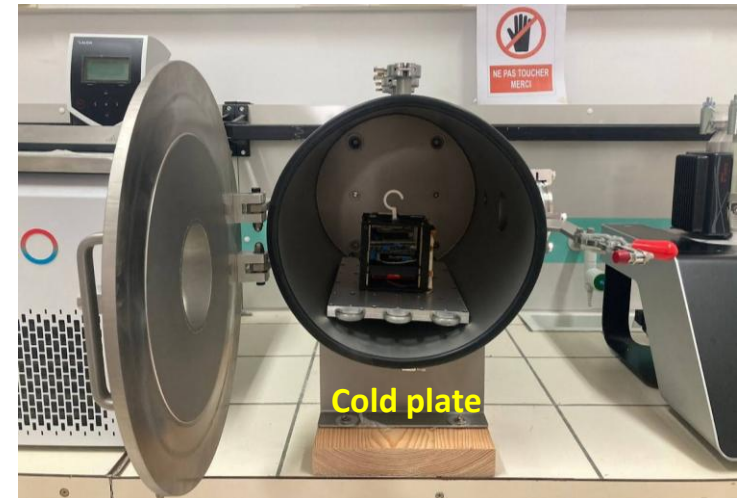
- ISO 6 /Class 1000
- Work zone (12m²): 3m x 4m x 2.4m
- Modular, transportable Hard Walls in plexiglass (5mm)
- Self-supporting epoxy-painted metallic Frame
- Metallic, epoxy-painted ceiling
- 4 Fan Filter Units (FFU) composed of HEPA Filters, pre-filters, and 3 fan speeds
- ESD Floor
- Anti-dust LED Lights



FACT : CubeSat Thermal testing Facility

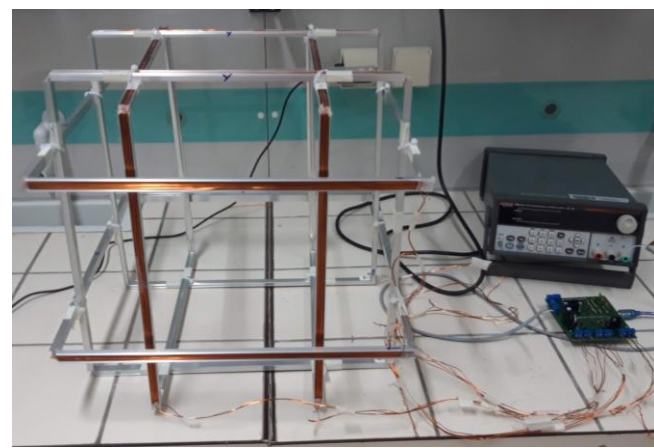
Thermal vacuum testing chamber:

- Shape: Stainless steel Cylinder
- Size: 30cm x 45cm (can test from a 1U up to 6U CubeSats)
- Temperature range: -20C to +50C
- Temperature change rate: $\pm 1\text{C}$ per minute
- Vacuum pressure: 10^{-4} Pa

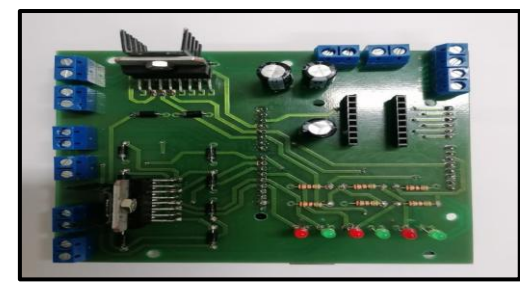
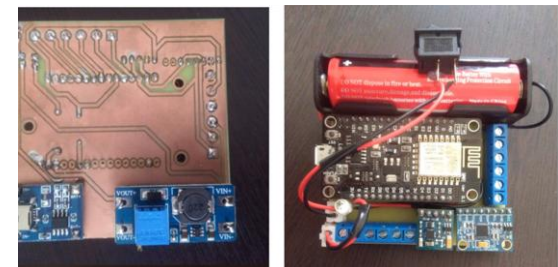


FACT : MAGNETIC Testing Facilities

- **Helmholtz Cage: Earth magnetic field emulation**
 - **Dimensions: 45cm x 45cm x 45cm: 1U CubeSat testing**
 - **Aluminum frame**
 - **Magnetic field strength: $\pm 100\mu\text{T}$ on each axis**
 - **Precise magnetic field control through the GUI**



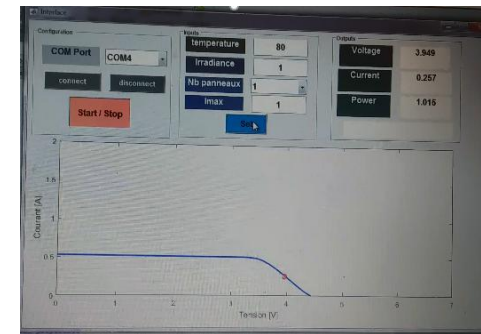
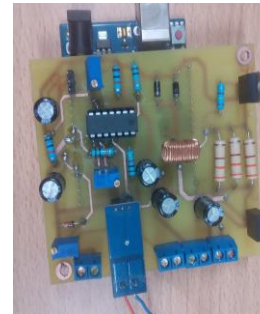
- **ADCS : Attitude acquisition System with wireless data transmission, autonomous power, and GUI:**
 - Three-axis magnetometer
 - Three-axis gyroscope
 - Three-axis accelerometer
 - WiFi data transmission to GUI



FACT : Electrical Power System Testing platform

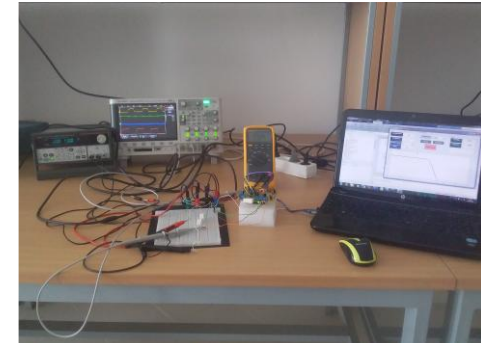
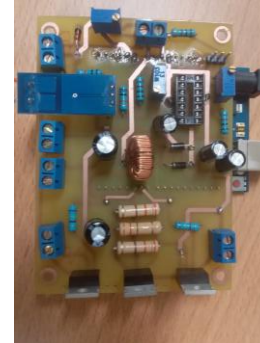
■ Solar panel simulator

- Generates power based on Solar radiation, Temperature and number of cells
- Respects solar panel I-V curves
- Outputs: Panel voltage, current, and power
- Can be used to simulate different illumination scenarios
- Controlled through a GUI



■ Battery simulator:

- Automatically detects functioning mode: Charging/Discharging
- Respects battery Charging/Discharging curves
- Outputs battery voltage, current, and capacity
- Can be used to simulate different power scenarios
- Controlled through a GUI

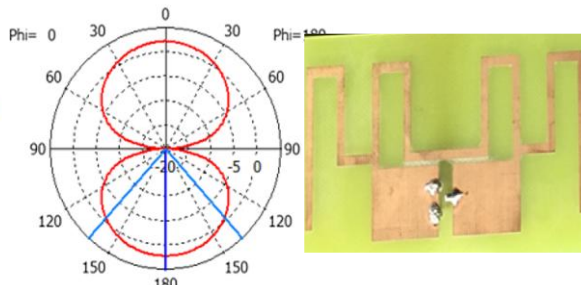
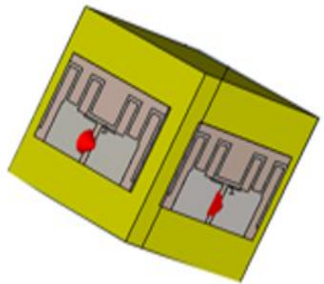


FACT-CRMN : RF Testing Facilities



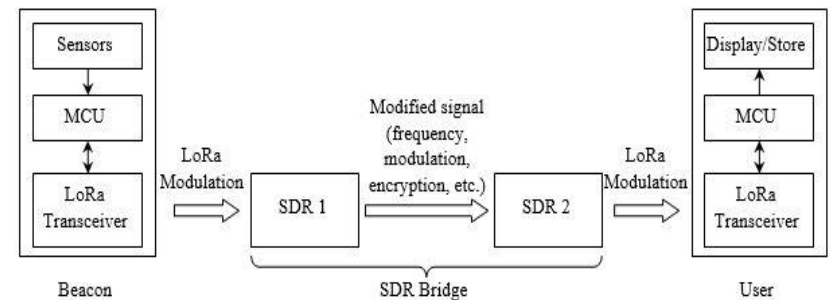
SDR based communication CubeSat system

- Receives signals from multiple transmitters working with different frequencies and modulations.
- Stores the received data onboard
- Forwards the data to a ground station



Planar meander line antenna for UHF CubeSat communication:

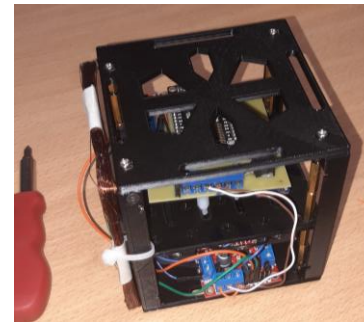
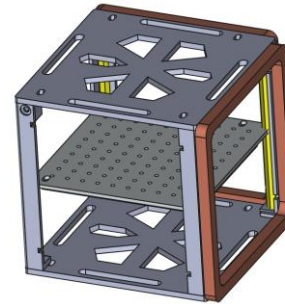
430MHz, 920 MHz, 5,75GHz



Hassayoun, S., Lahouar, S., Besbes, K.: SDR Bridge for a Secure Wireless Sensor Network (WSN), Proceedings of 2020 IEEE International Conference on Design & Test of Integrated Micro & Nano-Systems, June 2020, Salem Hassayoun, ENIM 2020, PhD thesis

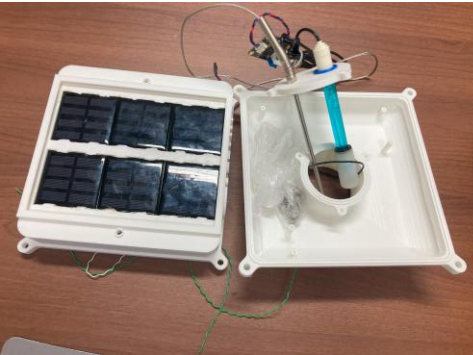
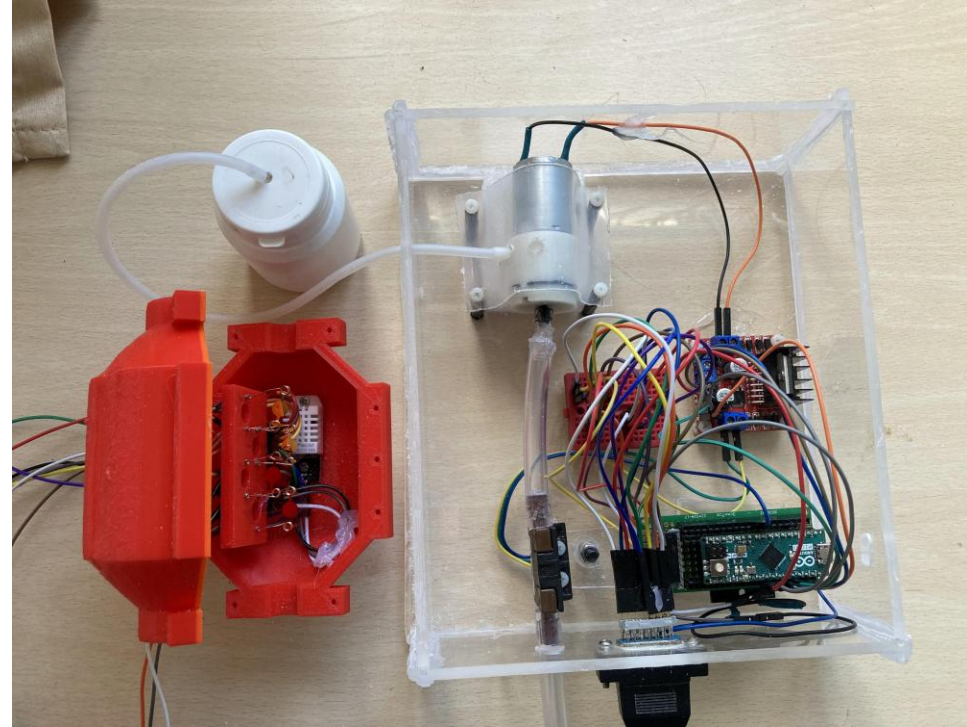
Mechanical and 3D prototyping facilities

- Objectives:
 - Test the different subsystems of the CubeSat
 - Ensure their correct operation
- 1U CubeSat mechanical structure prototype designed in-house
- Fabricated with a 3D printer
- Can hold commercial or in-house made subsystems



Ground Segment for Space IoT :

Gases and Water quality ,
Earth Observation,
MultiGNSS



Launchable CubeSat platform

Final cubesat development :

- Under test and acceptance
- Ready for programming
- To be launched

The 1U platform includes:

- Aluminum Structure
- Onboard-Computer
- Electrical Power System (Solar panels, batteries, and power distribution)
- Attitude Determination and Control System
- UHF Communication System (435MHz to 436MHz)

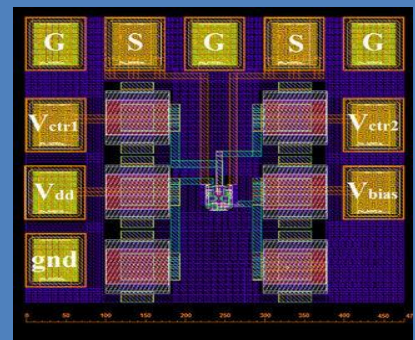
Payloads:

- SDR based communication system
- Gaz sensors ...
- Patch antenna

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An Enhanced Design of Multi-Band RF Band Pass Filter Based on Tunable High-Q Active Inductor for Nano-Satellite Applications

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An L, S and S2 bands, compliant LC-based DCO for amateur Nano-satellite applications

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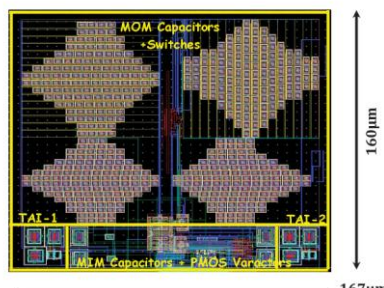
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A 160- μ W, Ring Digitally Controlled Oscillator for UHF/VHF Nano-satellites Broadcasting Tuners in 90nm CMOS Process

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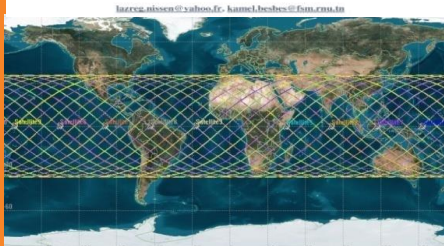
Constellation of Pico-Satellites for 3D Earth observation

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Analysis and design of Cubesat constellation for the Mediterranean south costal monitoring against illegal immigration

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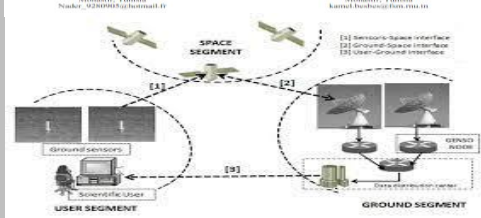
Small Satellite and Multi-Sensor Network for Real Time Control and Analysis of Lakes Surface Waters

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Water Quality Monitoring based on Small Satellite Technology

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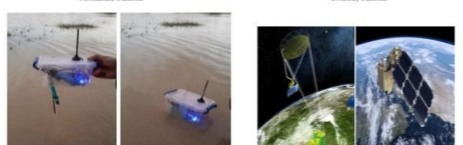


Fig. 1. Satellite earth observation. (a) NASA project (Courtesy of NASA), (b) ESA project (image by ESA/ATG medialab)

Prototype of the system with microcontroller board, sensors and SDR module

However, the satellite earth observation systems present always gaps. The earth observation methods used for water quality monitoring are based on sensors resolution, indeed.

Autonomous and In-situ Water Quality Monitoring System for Real-World Applications

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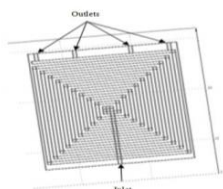



Fig. 1. Schematic of the channel designed

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Didactic satellite based on Android platform for space operation demonstration and development

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Registration and correction techniques in Cubesat remote sensing images

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ABSTRACT

Under the earth of the earth, the high-altitude orbits and geostationary orbits provide high temporal resolution but require poor in terms of spatial resolution. Image registration is a fundamental task in image processing used to match two or more images which are taken at different times, from different sensors or different viewpoints. Also, this type of task can obviously meet the demand of the high spatial resolution at low altitude view but a high number of operations.

This paper investigates the optimizing accuracy of image. We propose a new feature-based approach to detect changes between a pair of two images taken from different Cubesats or from one Cubesat but in different inclination angle in different time. This approach is based on the SIFT algorithm. It can deal with multi-resolution, multi-sensors and multi-inclination angles situations, and offers promising results.

Keywords: Cubesat, Image registration, Photogrammetry, SIFT

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ABSTRACT

In order to improve the routine of water quality monitoring and reduce the risk of accidental or deliberate contamination, this paper presents the development of low cost and durable on-line water quality system includes multi-parameter sensors, registration core, communication system and analysis accessories. These sensors can be installed across water bodies to monitor the water quality. The system is designed to be more flexible than most previous of the large volume water sampling systems. The flow water is made through a channel which is designed on our side of this interface. In our system, we propose to use the small satellite technology offered by the various sensors such as temperature, pH, and turbidity are used the Bluetooth to Microcontroller (MCU) bridge which is equipped with a Bluetooth module, memory, microcontroller, resolution, transmitter and USB connection. This bridge is responsible for the interface communication, a small WSN architecture is proposed.

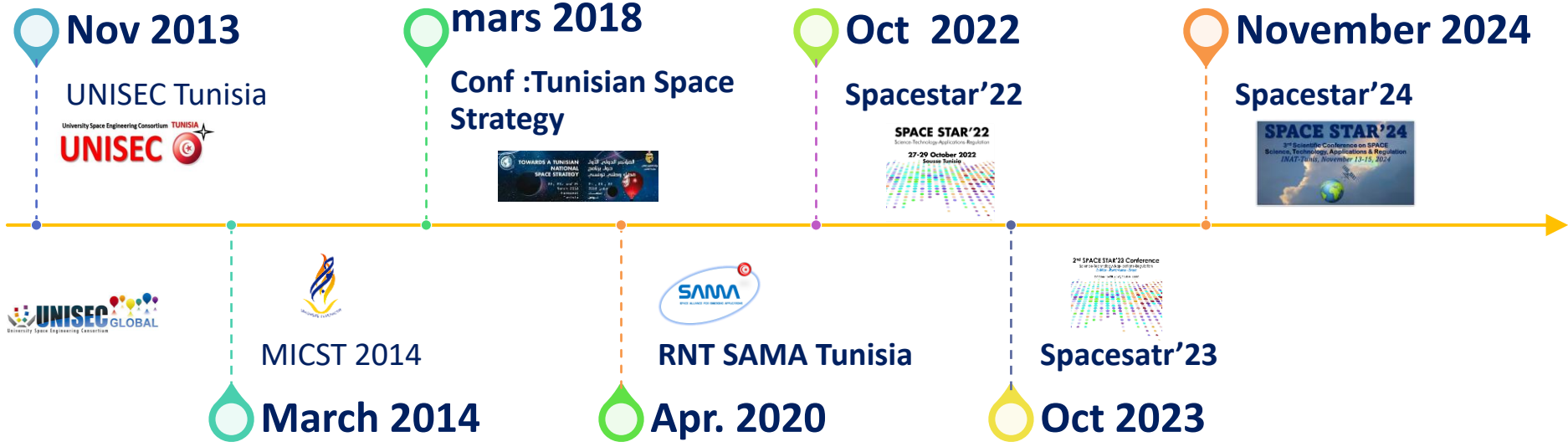
Index Terms—flow channel interface, autonomous, on-line water monitoring, sensor networks.

1. INTRODUCTION

Surface water quality monitoring is one of the most important activities in environmental monitoring. The number of scientific research and development systems in this area is extremely large.

The MBQA system is proposed to experience an increase of 3°C to 2°C in climate temperature and 25% decline in precipitation by the end of this century (IPCC, 2007). The consequence of this climate change on water run-off is ex-

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Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Space Applications and Earth Observation		
8:00 to 8:30	Registration, INAT Conference Hall	
8:30 to 9:20	Opening Ceremony Official opening: Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia / President of IRESA / INAT General Director	
9:20 -9:50	Conference Session (1): Water resources under the eye of satellites Dr Mehrez ZRIBI, OMP Director, Observatoire de Midi-Pyrénées, France	
9:50 11:10	Oral Communication (1): Remote Sensing and Data Processing Chair: Prof Zohra LILI CHABAANE	
	EO-001	Z KASSOUK, F. MAGHREBI, V. SIMONEAUX, A. C. BELLAKANJ, V. LEDANTEC, Z. LILI CHABAANE - INAT-Green Team-Tunisia Application of high spatial and temporal resolution remote sensing data to map cropping practices in Merguellil plain (Sentinel-2/ENVIS synergy)
	EO-002	K NEILI, F. TRABELSI, S. JIWA, A. AGHA KOUCHAK ESIM-Tunisia A Hybrid Approach to Groundwater Level Forecasting: Integrating Earth Observation and Machine Learning in the Medjerda Basin (Tunisia)
	EO-003	M BARBOUCHI, E GHARBIA, W. TOLKEBRI, H BOUSNNA, M ANNABI, H BAHRH, INAT-Tunisia Mapping and predicting land use change using remote sensing data: case study of Zaghouen
EO-004	S BEN MAHMOUD, C OLFA, C MASMUDI, A BOUCHKARA, ENIG-Tunisia Classification of Time Series Sentinel-1 Images Using Convolutional Neural Networks	
11:10 to 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 to 12:50	Oral Communication (2): Earth Observation and Water Management Chair: Prof Mehdi BEN MIMOUN	
	EO-005	A CHAHBI, M DRIDI, Z KASSOUK, Z LILI CHABAANE, INAT-Green Team- Tunisia Identification of flood-vulnerable areas in the Nabeul region by optical and radar remote sensing
	EO-006	S. PILIA, G. FONTANELLI, F. BARONI, S. PALOSCIA, S. PETTINATO, G. RAMAT, E. SANTI, L. SANTURRI IFAC - CNR, Italy Synergy between optical and microwave satellite data to identify agricultural vegetation parameters and soil humidity in arid zones in Tuscany (Italy)
	EO-007	M KHLIF, A CHAHBI BELLAKANJ, M J ESCORRHUELA, G S ALCALDE, Z LILI CHABAANE, INAT Green Team- Italy Early Estimation and Spatial Modeling of Cereal Yields and Water Productivity in Semi-Arid Region Using Machine Learning and Satellite-Based Drought Indices
EO-008	Y GACHAA, T ABOELLATIF, STD-MRC-SERCOM-Tunisia Water Loss Detection and Mapping System Using Deep Learning and Big Data	
12:50 to 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 to 14:35	Conference Session (2): Cartographie des emblavures céréalières par télédétection en Tunisie centrale et mesures d'adaptation dans la gestion de l'eau en agriculture Prof Zohra Lili Chabane, President IRESA	
14:35 to 15:00	Conference Session (3): EO Based on the Thermal Infrared Anisotropy Measurements : The TRISHNA MISSION Jean Louis ROUJEAN, Directeur de Recherche CNRS, Toulouse, France	
15:00 to 16:20	Oral Communication (3): Remote Sensing, Mapping and Management Chair: Prof Otho CHARFI MARRAKCHI	
	EO-009	G GRAJA, T ABOELLATIF STD-MRC-SERCOM-Tunisia UAV-Satellite data integration for forestry
	EO-010	W TALHAOUI, CNCT Tunisia Remote sensing for geological mapping and mineral resources inventory
	EO-011	K MANSOUR, H ABDERRAHMEN CNCT Tunisia Big geospatial data for smart and sustainable cities
EO-012	A EZZINE, CNCT Tunisia Modélisation et cartographie du risque de l'érosion hydrique par l'application des techniques géospatiales	
16:20 to 16:50	Coffee Break	
16:50 to 17:50	Oral Communication (4): Remote Sensing Infrastructure and Applications Chair: Dr Zeineb KASSOUK	
	EO-013	H TRABELSI, CNCT Tunisia Estimation des propriétés des sols par l'utilisation de la télédétection et les données spectroscopiques
	EO-014	H ISMAIL CNCT-Tunisia Infrastructure nationale d'information géographique (nig)
	EO-015	T SAHLI CHAHED CNCT Tunisia Rôle de la recherche et la valorisation des résultats dans le développement des techniques de télédétection dans le domaine de la gestion, protection et aménagement du territoire
EO-016	M AB BRIKI, K BEN HOUIDI, APAL Tunisia Satellite Observation of Coastal Changes in Tunisia: Addressing Sustainable Development Challenges and Marine Biodiversity Coastal	

Thursday, November 14, 2024
Space Science and Technology

09:00 to 9:30	Conference Sessions (4): Leveraging the Opportunities of Satellite Navigation for the African Continental Agenda- A Priority sectors based approach. Dr Aicha ALOU, SatNav-Africa Joint Programme Office, Senegal	
9:30 to 10:30	Oral Communication (5): GNSS and Space Signal Instrumentation Chair: Prof. Mounir MANSOUR	
	ST-001	Alex WANDA, Herbert NGAYA, SATNAV-JPO, Senegal Bridging gaps in the provision of high accuracy positioning services on the African Continent with Galileo High Accuracy Service (HAS)
	ST-002	Nohe FATHY, NSST Egypt Satellite electricity transmission from space to earth
	ST-003	Faten OUAJA, RZIGA, Kamel BESBES FSM-CRIMN - Tunisia Space quantum gravimetry
10:30 to 10:50	Coffee Break	
10:50 -11:50	Oral Communication (6): Space Technology Nanosatellite Design and Testing Chair : Prof Kamel BESBES	
	ST-004	S LAHOUAR, M MANSOUR, K. BESBES, Uei-CRIMN Tunisia Low-cost thermal vacuum testing setup for CubeSats
	ST-005	M MANSOUR, S LAHOUAR, K BESBES, Uei-CRIMN Tunisia Attitude Determination of a CubeSat Based on Multi-sensor Data Fusion
	ST-006	N ZELFANI, S LAHOUAR, K BESBES, Uei-CRIMN Tunisia Patch antenna design for nanosatellite communication
12:00 to 12:40	Conference Session (5) New challenges on space exploration: Lunar Environment Monitoring Dr Mehdi BENNA , NASA & UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE, NASA, USA	
12:40 to 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 -14:30	Conference Session (6): State of the art on transforming Space communication Dr Walid MATHLOUTHI, Head of the Future Networks and Spectrum Management division, ITU, Switzerland	
14:40 to 15:40	Oral Communication (7): Space Engineering development Chair: Prof. Ahmed SIALA	
	ST-007	BENDJEDID R, SANOUSSI, T TCHANGOLE, O BENJELLOUN, EU Fez, Morocco The Atom: A Solution For The Fight Against Climate Change
	ST-008	S SNOUSSI, I TITOUHI, A HAMMAMI, I ALBOUCHI, CST Tunisia TUNSat1, Educational and space promotion program
	ST-009	S SNOUSSI, I TITOUHI, A HAMMAMI, I ALBOUCHI, CST-Tunisia CST activities in the field of Space and Astronomy
16:10 to 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 to 17:30	Oral Communication (8): SPACE and SDG Chair: Prof. Imed Riedh FARAH	
	ST-010	R BEN MOUSSA, T S.DIAS,S PALIT, S HAZRA, FLT ElMenar-Tunisia Space as a Global Commons to Attain the UN Agenda 2030: An African Perspective
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	ST-012	R BEN MOUSSA, O JOUINI, FLT ElMenar-Tunisia Bridging Digital Divides: Addressing Regulatory Gaps in Satellite Internet Integration for Sustainable Development in Tunisia
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09:20 to 9:40	Key Note 2: Empowering Sustainable Development with Deep Learning and Earth Observation HDR. Dr. Nesrine Chehata - Bordeaux INP
9:40 to 10:30	Panel 1: AI Factories program and Space applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Michel BOSCO, MAMIC, Belgium, Chair Prof Ferdeous CHAABANE Sup Com, Tunisia Prof Imed Riedh FARAH, NESM Director, Tunisia Col. Haythem ISMAIL CNCT, Tunisia Prof Nesrine CHEHATA, AGEOS, Tunisia
	10:30 – 11:00
SPACE POLICY & CHALLENGES	
11:00 to 11:30	Key Note 3 : Space and Cooperation: A perfect match towards Sustainability Dr; Francesco LONGO, Head of the Earth Observation Office, Italian Space Agency
11:30 - 12: 30	Panel 2: A new frontier: Space policies, standards, markets and cooperation, organized by The AdWisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomas MATRAIA – CEO of The AdWisers Strategic Advisory Group, Chair Dr.Mondher KHANFIR, Tunisia African Business Council - Tunisia Dr. Aicha ALOU, SATNAV Africa, Senegal Catherine VIGNERON, Cen-Cenelec, Belgium Stefano LA TERRA BELLA, European Union Commission Dr Mehdi BENNA, PLANETARY SCIENTIST, NASA, USA
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12:30 to 12:45	Key note 4: CNEEA and Space Activities in Tunisia, What's next Melek KOCHLEF, DG DCI MESRS
12:45 to 13:00	Closing Ceremony: Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research CNEEA 40 anniversary ceremony
13:30	Closing Lunch

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International events in 2024

- **COPUOS, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, 61st session**
– Vienna, February 2024
- **ITALY-AFRICA SPACE CONFERENCE,**
– Roma, July 2024
- **IAC, 75th International Astronautics conference,**
– Milan October 2024
- **WSF, World Space Forum UNOOSA**
– Bonn December 2024
- **Horizon Europe Committee program**
– Brussels, 4 meetings and 6 Adhoc meetings
- **4th International Conference & Exhibition. Advanced Geospatial Science & Technology**
– 22-24 October 2024. Tunis, Tunisia..
– **Invited Conference: New Trends in GNSS Technologies and Applications**



Contribution to Tunisian SPACE policy

Contribution to the drafting of new Tunisian SPACE Law

- CNEEA March 2024
- **Steering committee member**

Study day on perspectives on space development,

- Tunisia Aviation School, Borj EL Amri, March 7, 2024
- **Invited conference:** Nanosatellites: goals and challenges in space exploration and telecommunications



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