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#### ILIADA: In-orbit LISA Diagnostics Demonstrator

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#### **SDS** Overview

#### **1.** Characterize and monitor:

- a. MOSA thermal environment [DDS.FUN.00040]
- TM magnetic environment in low frequency and audio frequency [DDS.FUN.00060, DDS.FUN.00070]
- c. TM radiation environment [DDS.FUN.00100]
- 2. Generate science data information during science mode (time series for the temperatures and magnetometers and histograms for coils and RM) [DDS.FUN.00140]



# **Diagnostics motivation in LISA**

- **Temperature variations** induce forces and path length variations
  - Forces applied to the TM: radiation pressure, radiometer, outgassing
  - Temperature variations in **optical elements** can lead to pathlength changes
  - Thermal gradients can induce **mechanical stress** in the structure.
- Magnetic field and magnetic field gradients can induce forces in the test mass, the test mass acts as a magnetic dipole.
  - The dominant contribution couples **local gradients** with **interplanetary fluctuations**  $\langle S_B \cdot \nabla B_{DC} \rangle$
- High energy particles environment responsible for test-mass charging. Two main mechanics that needs monitoring
  - Galactic Cosmic Rays (GCR): nearly constant low-level charging rate
  - Solar Event Particles (SEP): can last for days, increasing TM charging orders of magnitude.



L Carbone et al. Phys. Rev. D 76 (2007)



Armano, M et al. (LPF collaboration) 494 MNRAS (2020)

Armano et al. (LPF collaboration) The Astrophysical Journal, 854 (2018)



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#### LISA Pathfinder Diagnostics Subsystem (DDS)

- 24 NTC temperature sensors
- 4 Fluxgate magnetometers
- 1 Radiation monitor (Si PIN)
- 16 Heaters
- 2 Coils



ILIADA is an in-orbit demonstrator (2U) for the LISA Science Diagnostics Subsystem (SDS).

2026

In the framework of the Generalitat de Catalunya NewSpace Strategy.



#### **New Space strategy**

The *Generalitat de Catalunya* (Catalan government) started in 2020 the Catalan *New Space* strategy to boost the local ecosystem related to space missions and services with two missions:

- **2021** Launch of GENIOT (*Enxaneta*). 3U telecommunications satellite to provide IoT service. Included an IOD.
- **2022** Launch of GENEO (*Menut*): 6U Earth observation satellite to provide high-frequency multispectral images (Sentinel, Copernicus)
- **2023** published a tender for an Earth Observation mission (GENEO-02). **Includes an In-Orbit Demonstrator**

**GENEO-02** will be a Sun-Synchronous Orbit with a high above 540 km and have communications both at S (TT&C and IOD data) and X (EO data) band. IOD requirements:

- Maximum volume of 2U, maximum mass of 2.66 kg
- Nominal power consumption **below 6 W**, 8 W peak.
- CubeSat Space Protocol interface with OBC over CAN or serial port.
- IOD shall not interfere with the main payload.
- FM IOD delivery Q1 2025.

#### ILIADA (proposal) concept

**LIMAG**: magnetometer based on **Anisotropic Magnetoresistive sensors** (AMR). Reaching 50 nT/ $\sqrt{Hz}$ @ 0.1 mHz.

**TEMP**: **NTC temperature sensors** reaching . Reaching  $1 \text{ uK}/\sqrt{Hz}$  @ 1 mHz. ICU: IEEC heritage from GENEO mission. Based in the C3SatP computer (IEEC heritage).

**MELISA**: magnetometer based **on Tunnel Magnetoresistive sensors** (TMR) modulated by a **MEMS cantilever**. Reaching  $20 \text{ nT}/\sqrt{Hz}$ @ 0.1 mHz.

#### **RADIATION MONITOR**: four plastic scintillators and silicon photomultipliers. separated by three absorbers of different size. **BETA ASIC** amplifies, shapes and digitizes.

#### **ILIADA current concept**

 GENEO-02 platform expected to be a micro-sat. Adapted the ILIADA mechanical interface.

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• Splitted the 2U volume into a main unit (HOMER) and three unit hosting magnetometers (AMRs and MEMs)



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Anderson, B. J., et al. (2014), Development of large-scale Birkeland currents determined from the Active Magnetosphere and Planetary Electrodynamics Response Experiment, Geophys. Res. Lett., 41,3017–3025

# LIMAG (LISA Magnetometers)

**2-axis** magnetometer based on **Anisotropic Magnetoresistive sensors** (AMR) in a full Wheatstone bridge disposition with a high-sensitivity (~60-20 V/T).

- Includes *flipping electronics* to modulate the output signals and overcome 1/f noise.
- Low power consumption (~100 mW).
- Mass below 140 g.
- Noise below 50 nT/ $\sqrt{Hz}$  @ 0.1 mHz







### **MELISA**

1-axis magnetometer based on Tunnel
Magnetoresistive sensors (TMR) modulated by a
MEMS cantilever with a flux concentrator
material at the tip. Placed in a Wheatstone bridge
disposition with a high-sensitivity (~70 V/T).

- Low power consumption (~1 mW).
- Mass below 140 g.
- Noise below 20 nT/ $\sqrt{Hz}$  @ 0.1 mHz
- High temperature coefficient





Manyosa, X. et al. MEMS miniaturized low-noise magnetic field sensor for the observation of sub-millihertz magnetic fluctuations in space exploration. Measurement 230, 114489 (2024)

#### **LETS (LISA Enhanced Temperature System)**

ILIADA temperature subsystem implements the **LISA temperature subsystem baseline**, able to reach a stability of ~1  $\mu K/\sqrt{Hz}$  at the mHz. Read-out based on an AC powered Wheatstone bridge.

**NTCs** sensors together with **Platinum** (**non-magnetic**) sensors, latter provides better accuracy.

An adapted version of the **LISA SDS readout** for temperature and magnetics will be used for all of them.

Roma-Dollase, D. et al. Resistive-Based Micro-Kelvin Temperature Resolution for Ultra-Stable Space Experiments. Sensors, 23(1), 145. (2023



#### **Radiation Monitor**

Radiation monitor will be a reduced version of the LISA baseline, based on

- Four plastic scintillators and Silicon photomultipliers separated by three absorbers of different size
- The BETA ASIC, originally designed for the HERD mission, can amplify, shape and digitize up to 64 photodiodes output.
- An FPGA will interface with the BETA ASIC to provide coincidence event and/or individual trigger rates in form of histograms.

Low-energy (LE) shield prevents particles with energies below 70 MeV from reaching them, similar to the expected effect of the GRSH-EH.



Flight heritage from the previous GENEO mission (IEEC heritage).

- Based on a SAMv71 microcontroller.
- Includes Flash memory card.
- External interfaces like CAN, UART, SPI, ...
- Running a FreeRTOS with CSP libraries.
- Will be communicating with the OBC, packing the RM data and modulating/demodulating temperature/magnetic sensors.



#### **ILIADA** status

- KOM March 2024
- Platform changed from cubesat to micro-sat. Redefined interfaces.
- Mechanical structure fixed and procurement started. PCB detailed designed undergoing.
- PDR currently scheduled for November. Expected delivery to Prime Q2 2025. Launch Q1 2026.

# Thank you!