



Open Source Ground Station Network State of the Union

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- Telemetry and TC&C capabilities
 - VHF, UHF, L-Band, S-Band
 - Telemetry and data visualization
- Observation Artifacts Collection
 - Data from satellites
 - Waterfall, audio and IQ data
- Orbit determination & TLE generation
- Satellite identification
- Record of frequency violations



An Open Source Stack:

- Software projects
- Hardware projects
- Services
- Data



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Contributors:

- Universities
- Organizations
- Space Agencies
- Satellite Teams/Missions
- The Radio Amateur Community
- Scientists
- Engineers
- Researchers
- Space Enthusiasts
- Individuals



Ground Station:

- Client
- gr-satnogs and flowgraphs
- Rotator, Antennas and other hardware

Web and other Services:

- Network
- DB
- Decoders
- Dashboards

Operations:

- Observations Scheduling
- Satellites Identification
- Orbits determination
- TLE sets generation



Ground Station - SatNOGS Client

Ground Station Software

- Communicates with Network
- Performs Observations



Ground Station - SatNOGS Client

The last year:

- Codebase refactoring, bug fixes and maintenance
- Improving Artifacts support (waterfall artifact in beta phase)
- Configuration of Artifacts uploading

- Continue refactoring
- Improve Artifacts support
- Support data artifacts streaming
- Support transmission under SatNOGS COMMS project



Ground Station - gr-satnogs & flowgraphs

Radio Software

- Responsible for processing, demodulating and/or decoding received signals
- gr-satnogs: Out-Of-Tree GNU Radio Module
- flowgraphs: GNU Radio flowgraphs for processing different satellite transmissions



Ground Station - gr-satnogs & flowgraphs

Modes supported by satnogs-flowgraphs:

- FM
- CW
- APT
- DUV
- APRS
- IEEE 802.15.4

- BPSK
- FSK
- MSK
- AFSK
- SSTV
- ARGOS BPSK



Ground Station - gr-satnogs & flowgraphs

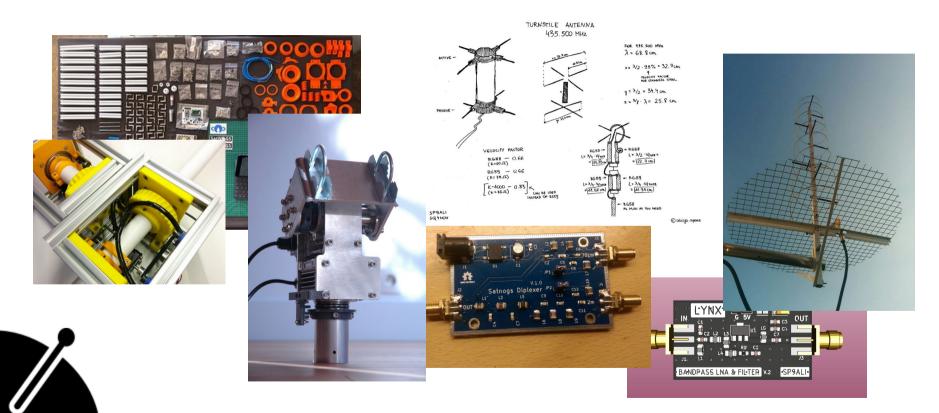
The last year:

- Performance improvement and maintenance work
- Adding new encoders and decoders
- SigMF for metadata generation (machine learning and other applications)
- UDP I/Q sink for analysis and demodulation with third party tools

- Improve and add more flowgraphs
- On-the-fly flowgraph generation
- Update to GNU radio 3.10
- Improve Artifacts Support
- Support transmission under SatNOGS COMMS project



Ground Station - Rotator, Antennas and other hardware



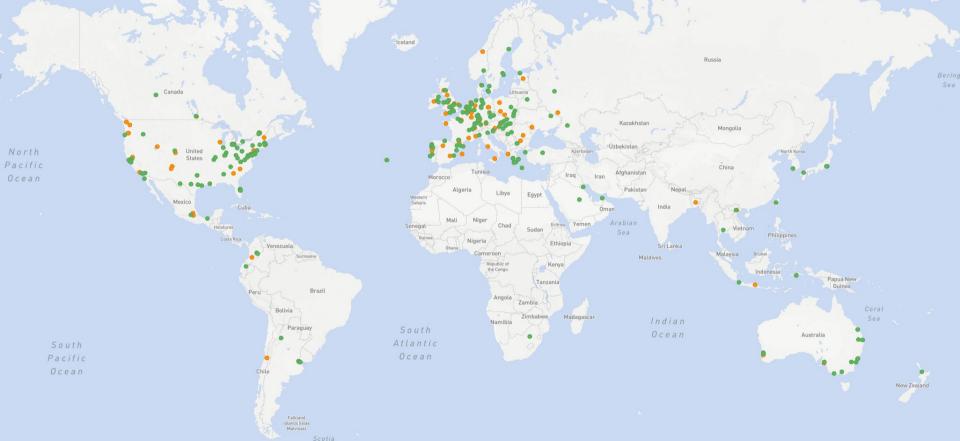
Ground Station - Rotator, Antennas and other hardware

The last year:

- No significant updates on SatNOGS Rotator and antenna designs
- Development, documentation and testing by contributors on
 - RF components, like filters, amplifiers, diplexers etc
 - Rotators
 - Antennas

- Experiments with new concepts for ground stations setups (SatNOGS tiny)
- More development, documentation and testing on ground station components





Network Web Service

- Stations management
- Scheduling satellite observations
- Store, display and rate artifacts



The last year:

- Performance improvments, bug fixes and maintenance
- UI improvements
- Changes for supporting Artifacts
- Support S3 storage
- Performed ~1.9 million observations!!!

- Improve API and API client
- Complete Artifacts support
- Improve scheduling automation
- Improve Artifact and observation rating system
- Support transmission under SatNOGS COMMs project



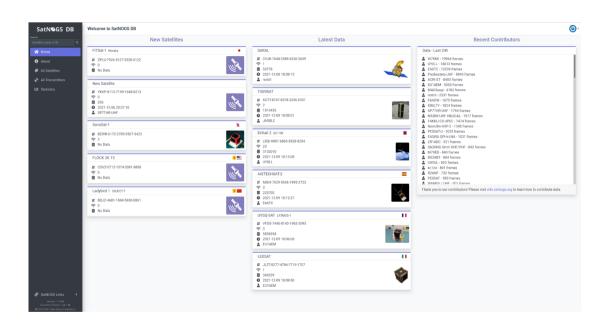
Current Data	Last Year
~255 Online Stations	~245
~123 Testing Stations	~134
~5200 Observations/day	~5000
~28000 Demodulated Frames/Day	~25000



Web & Other Services - SatNOGS DB

DB Web Service

- Crowd-sourced satellite mission database
- Repository for Artifacts





Web & Other Services - SatNOGS DB

The last year:

- Maintenance, performance improvements and bug fixes
- Adding (SatNOGS) Satellite Identifier
- Improvement of Artifacts Support
- Continuing integration of Metasat Schema by using JSON-LD format

- Complete Artifacts support
- Improve API and API client
- Improve station and data statistics
- Standardize and improve DB service in coordination with other projects that use it

Web & Other Services - SatNOGS DB

Current Data	Last Year
766 Satellites	467 Satellites
1344 Transmitters	985 Transmitters
More than 125 million frames by 1790 stations that use SatNOGS Network or third party software	~88.5 million frames by 1276 stations



Web & Other Services - SatNOGS Decoders

Decoders Service

- Describe encoding of transmission frames with kaitai.io structures
- Generate scripts that decode these transmission frames



Web & Other Services - SatNOGS Decoders

The last year:

- New Decoders
- More people and satellite teams involved, some before the satellite deployment
- Decoded ~66% of DB frames

- Create more decoders
- Continue involve people and satellite teams
- Improve the process design of decoders



Web & Other Services - SatNOGS Decoders

Supported Decoders

(last year entries with **BLUE**)

- AAUSAT4(Updated)
- ACRUX-1
- ALSAT-1N
- AMICALSAT
- AMSAT FOX DUV
- ARMADILLO
- AX.25 frame decoder
- BISONSAT
- BOBCAT-1(Updated)
- BUGSAT-1
- CAPE-1
- CAS-4A & CAS-4B
- CHOMPTT
- CUBEBEL-1
- CUTE
- DELFI N3XT
- DhabiSat
- DIY-1
- DUCHIFAT-3

- ELFIN-A & ELFIN-B
- ENTRYSAT
- EQUISAT
- ES'HAIL-2 (QO-100)
- GRBAlpha
- IRAZU
- IRVINE
- ISS
- KSU-Cubesat
- LEDSat
- LIGHTSAIL-2
- MIR-SAT1
- MiTEE-1
- MEZNSAT
- MINXSS
- MYSAT-1
- NETSAT
- NEUTRON-1
- OPSSAT-1

- ORIGAMISAT-1
- PAINANI
- PHOENIX(ASU)
- POLYITAN-1
- PWSAT-2
- RAMSAT
- QARMAN
- QBEE
- QUBIK-1 & QUBIK-2
- QUETZAL-1
- SALSAT
- SIRIUSSAT-1 & SIRIUSSAT-2
- SKCUBE
- SPOC
- STRAND-1
- TBEX-A & TBEX-B
- UNISAT-6
- UWE-4
- VZLUSAT-2



Web & Other Services - SatNOGS Dashboards

Dashboard Web Service

 Display/Visualize decoded data from satellite transmissions in Grafana dashboards





Web & Other Services - SatNOGS Dashboards

The last year:

- New Dashboards created by the community and satellite teams, some before the satellite deployment
- Satellite teams used dashboards for mission analysis

- Create more dashboards
- Continue involve people and satellite teams
- Experiment with the Grafana alert system



Operations - Observations Scheduling

The last year:

- Improving auto-scheduler
- Scheduling
 - Several ARISS Contact and SSTV events
 - More than 15 satellite deployments
 - Public requests from Satellite Teams

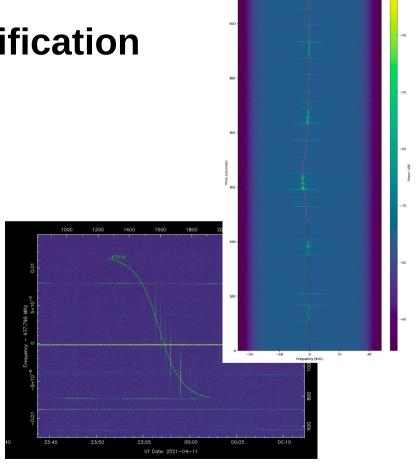
- Continue automate scheduling and make it smarter
- Add auto-scheduling in SatNOGS Network
- Continue support events and scheduling requests



Operations - Satellites Identification

Using STRF tools and Ikhnos

- Identified more than 150 satellites until today
- Building tools that use waterfall-data Artifact for analysis and identification

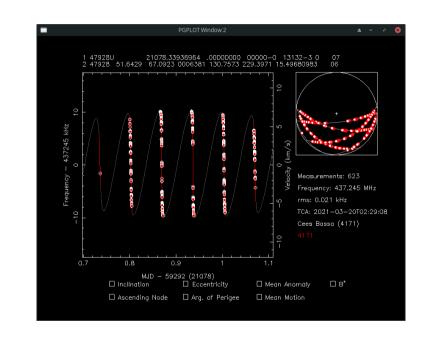




Operations - Orbit Determination & TLE Generation

Using STRF tools

- Generated more than 140 TLE sets the last year
- Currently generate TLE set first hours after launch and hours before re-entry
- Building tools that use waterfall-data Artifact for analysis, orbit determination and TLE sets generation





SatNOGS Community Contribution Highlights

- Feedback and Support through issues, community forum and chat
- Updates on SatNOGS Wiki
- Scheduling and rating observations
- Being amazing Station Owners!



THANK YOU!

SatNOGS COMMUNITY



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Thank you!



