



# The Chinese Space Program

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# Part I

## Overview



# CAST

*Prime contractor of China national spacecrafts*

## A key member of CASC

CASC, China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation, is government-authorized investment organization of space development.

Main entities:

- **China Academy of Space Technology**
- China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology
- Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology
- Sinosat Corporation, satellite operation company
- CGWIC, foreign business company



# Company Profile

CAST was founded in 1968, has successfully launched **65** spacecrafts.



Employees : **8854**

2003 Revenue: **3.3 Billion RMB**







***Yuan Jia-jun***  
**President & CEO**



**Wang Yonghan**  
**Vice president**



**Yang Baohua**  
**Vice president**



**Liu Qiang**  
**Vice president**



**Zhang Tingxin**  
**Vice president**



**Liu Fang**  
**Vice president**

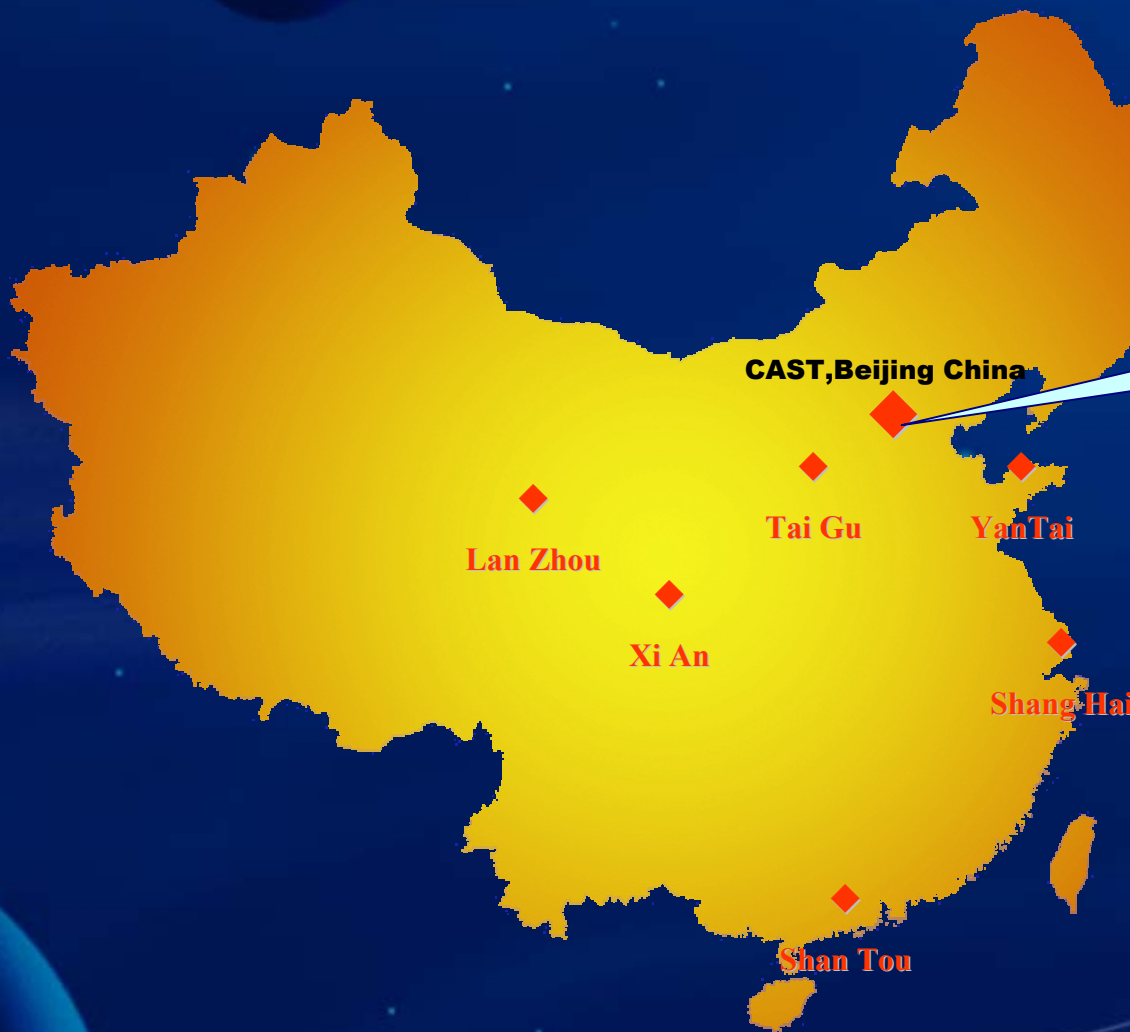


**Zhu Yan**  
**Vice president**



**Zhao Xiaojing**  
**Vice president**







# CAST Beijing Center

Office Building

Small & Micro-satellite AIT center

Large-scale spacecraft AIT center

Power center

Rendezvous and docking research center



## Part II

# Capability





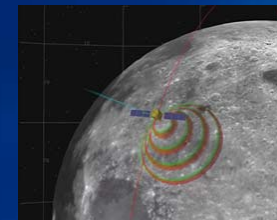
# CAST Major Activities:



**Telecommunications Satellites**



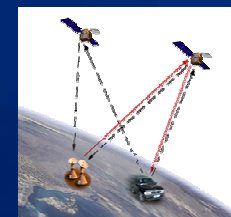
**Manned Spaceship**



**Exploration**



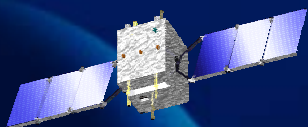
**Recoverable Satellites**



**Navigation**



**Earth Observation Satellites**



**Small & Micro satellites**

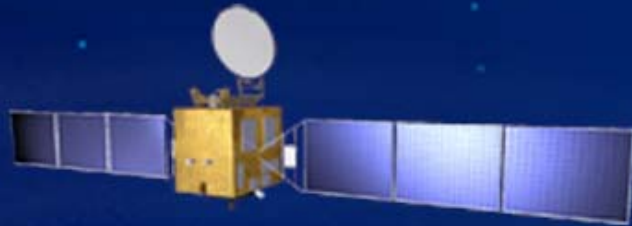


**Subsystems & Equipments**





# Telecommunication Satellite



**DFH3-02  
Telecommunication  
Satellite**

7 Telecommunication satellites based on DFH-3 bus were launched successfully, 6 in orbit operation.

**DHF3-02**

**Chinasat-20**

**Chinasat-22**



# Manned Spaceship



Length: 8.8M

Diameter: 2.8M

Mass in orbit: 7.6T

SZ-5 manned spaceship  
was launched and  
recovered successfully on  
Oct. 16, 2003



# Manned Spaceship



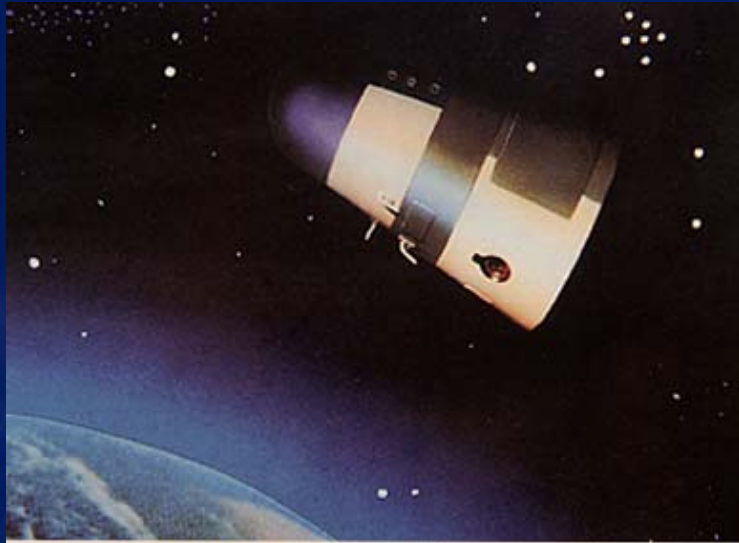
First Chinese taikonaut Mr. Yang Liwei finished Space flight successfully on Oct, 16. 2003.



The third country grasps independently manned flight technology in the world.



# Recoverable Satellite



**First recoverable satellite was  
Launched on November 26,1975**

The third country in the world that mastered the satellite recovery technology.

20 have been launched and recovered successfully.

Piggyback capability:

**In orbit module:**

$\leq 1.2\text{m}^3$ ,  $\leq 500\text{kg}$

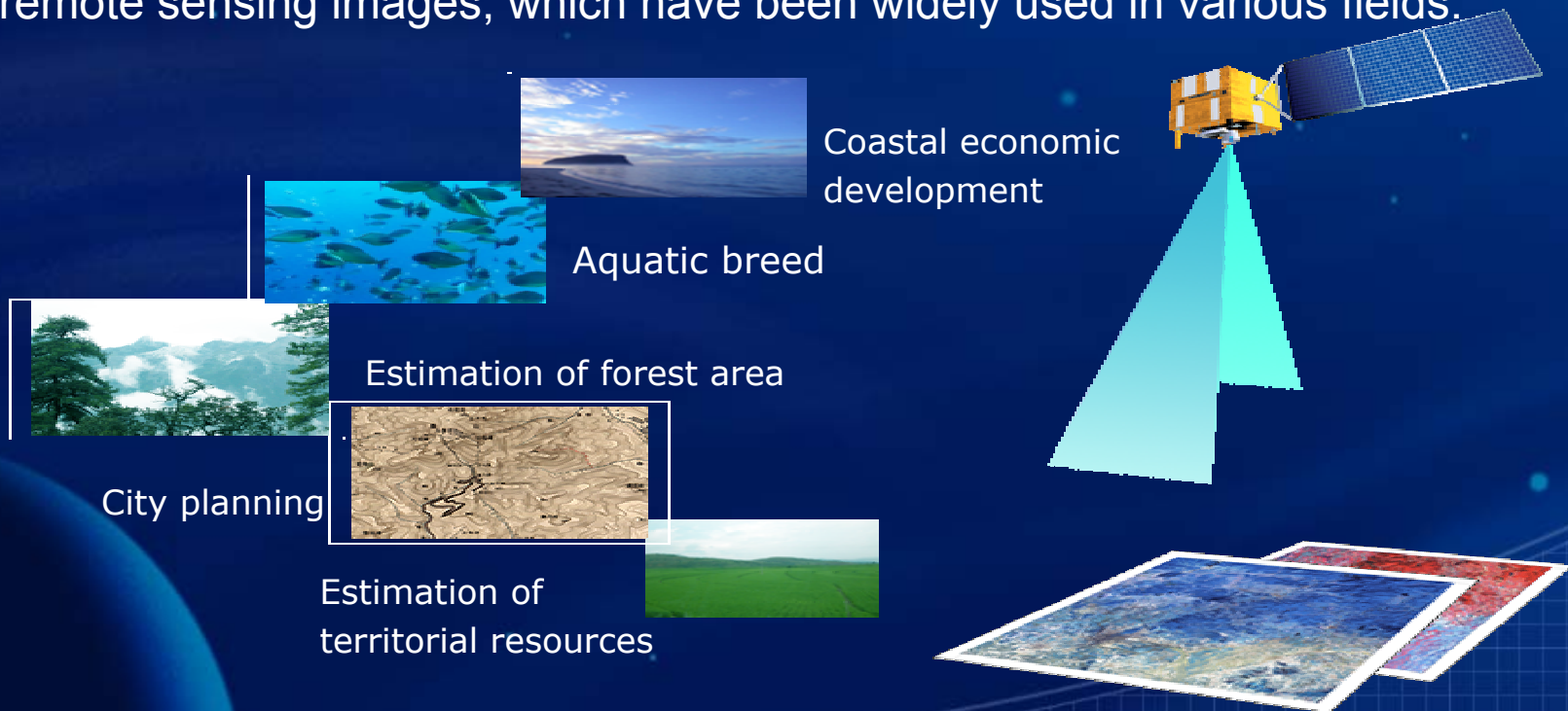
**Recoverable module:**

$\leq 0.3\text{m}^3$ ,  $\leq 250\text{kg}$



# Earth Observation Satellite

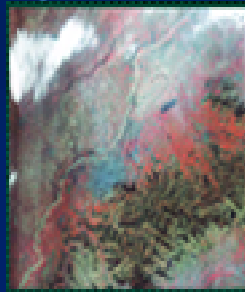
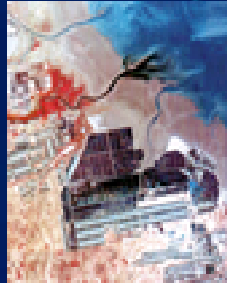
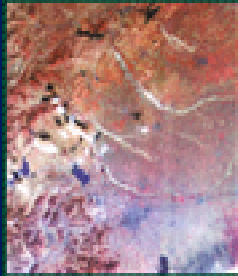
- China Brazil Earth Resource Satellite (CBERS) is a joint program in which 70% invested by China and 30% by Brazil. CBERS-01/02 has been launched successfully.
- ZY-2 resource satellites are developed for earth resource investigation, and have been successfully launched.
- In the past five years, the satellites have obtained hundreds of thousands of remote sensing images, which have been widely used in various fields.





# Earth Observation Satellite

## CBERS 03/04



For the success of CBERS 01/02, CBERS 03/04 cooperation agreement has been signed by governments, China and Brazil each invest 50% on the project.

Main payload on CBERS 03/04:

5-band CCD camera : 5/10m (Spatial resolution)

5-band CCD camera : 20m (Spatial resolution)

4-band IRMSS : 78m Pan/ 156 Multi (Spatial resolution)

Wide Field of view Imager (WFI)



# Navigation satellite system

The Beidou navigation system is the china first generation navigation constellation, include three navigation satellites, were successfully launched respectively in October 2000, December 2000, and May 2003.

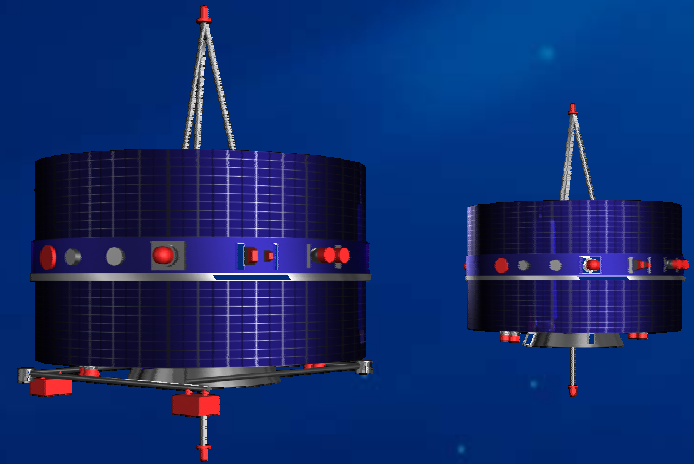


It is an all-weather, all-time, regional system providing navigation information and positioning service for the fields of highway traffic, railway transportation, operation on the sea, etc.

# Small & Micro satellite

## Double-Star Detection Plan

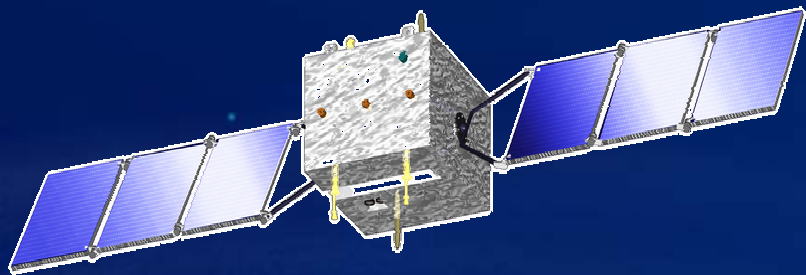
- ❑ Jointly Developed by CNSA and ESA.
- ❑ 8 science instruments were provided by ESA, the satellite bus was manufactured by CAST
- ❑ Working with Cluster II of ESA as 6 pointed constellation to detect and research near-earth space environment and generation of space magnetic storm



**TC-1 was launched in Dec. 2003.**

**TC-2 was launched in July, 2004.**

# Small & Micro satellite



CAST 968 Small  
Satellite Bus

Service life : 2~3 years

Orbit: 800 Km , SSO

Attitude Control:

Earth-pointing three-axis stabilized

Size of satellite body:

1200mm×1100mm×1000mm

Mass: 360~800kg

Power (EOL):  $\geq 900$  W

Pointing accuracy:

roll and pitch  $\leq 0.4^\circ$  , yaw  $\leq 0.5^\circ$



# Subsystem and Payload

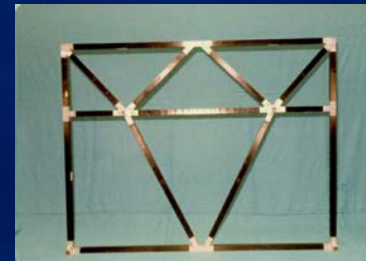
## Structure subsystem



Structure Central Tube



Carbon Skin  
Aluminum  
Honeycomb  
Sandwich Panel



Composite Material Components



# Part III

# Future



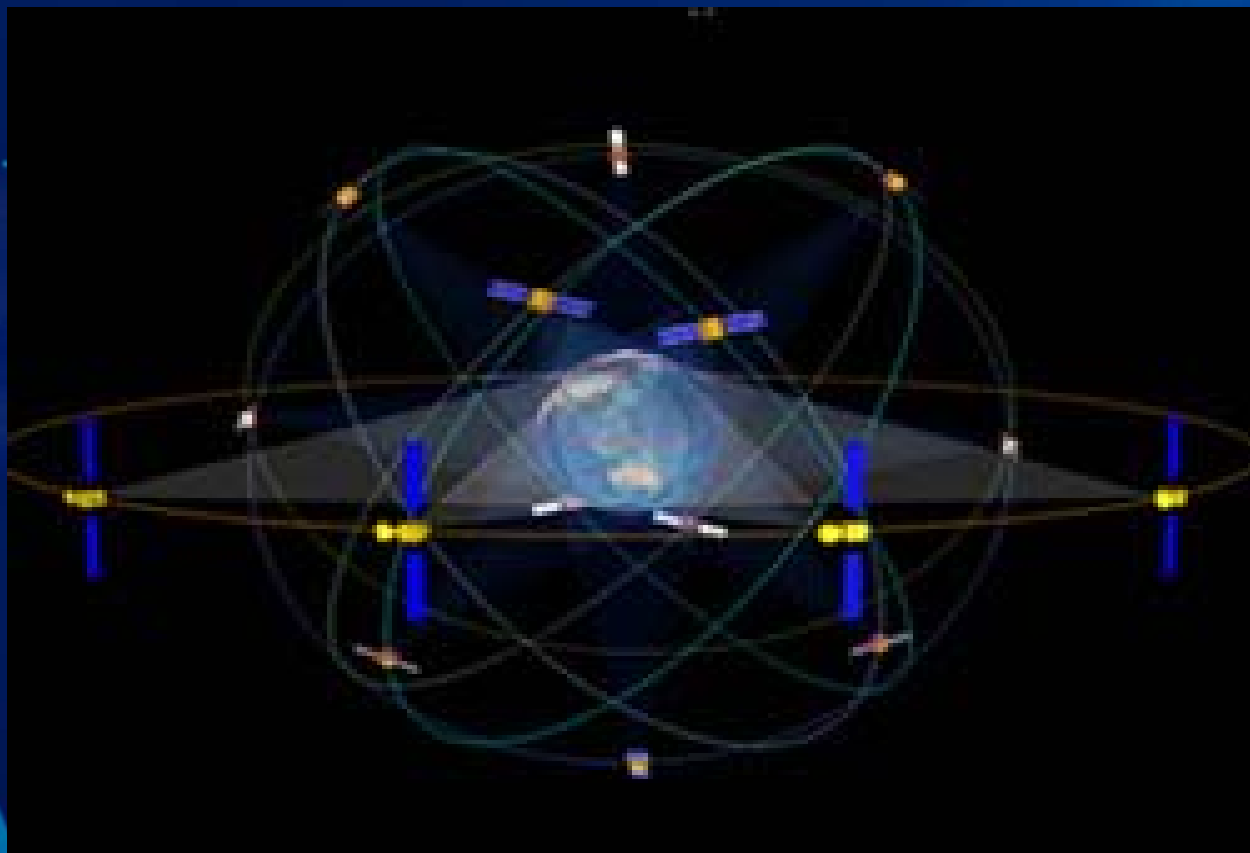
# Manned Spaceship Second Phase

- Another New manned spaceship
- Rendezvous and docking in orbit
- Space laboratory



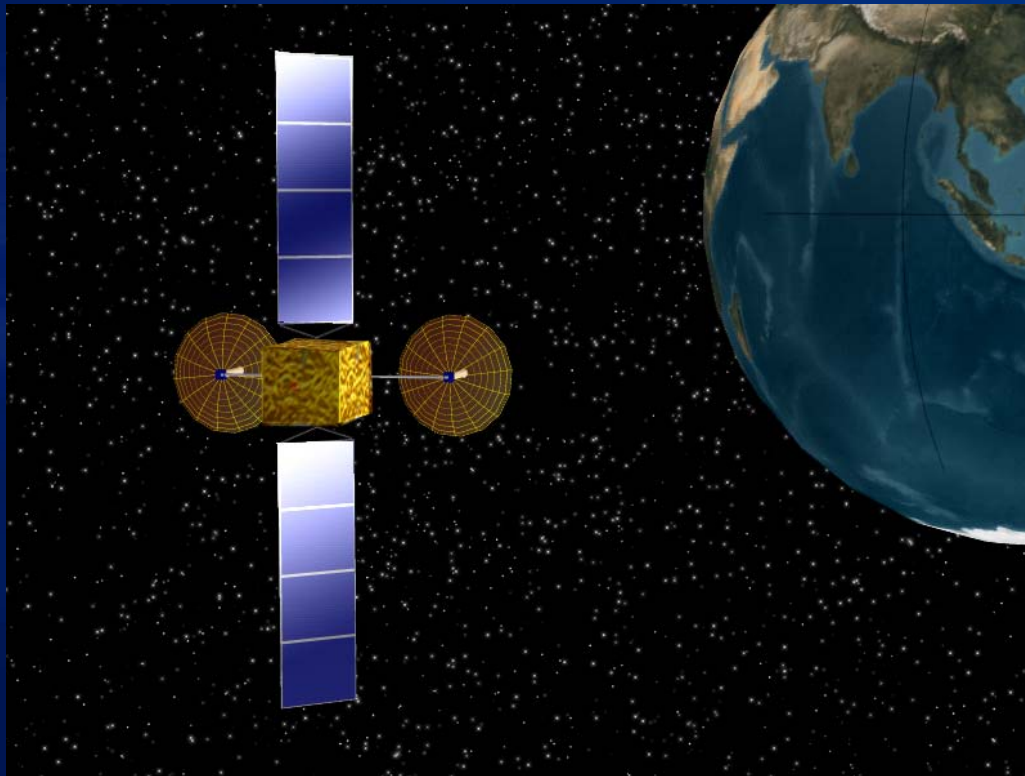
# New Generation Navigation Constellation

Base on the Beidou navigation technology, the second generation navigation constellation include 5 GEO,3 IGSO and 4 MEO. The first satellite of will be launch in 2007.



## China Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (CTDRS)

CAST is going to develop tracking and data relay satellite, a new generation of communications satellite, used to relay in real-time the data obtained by transmission type satellite in medium altitude and low orbits.





# Direct Broadcasting Satellite

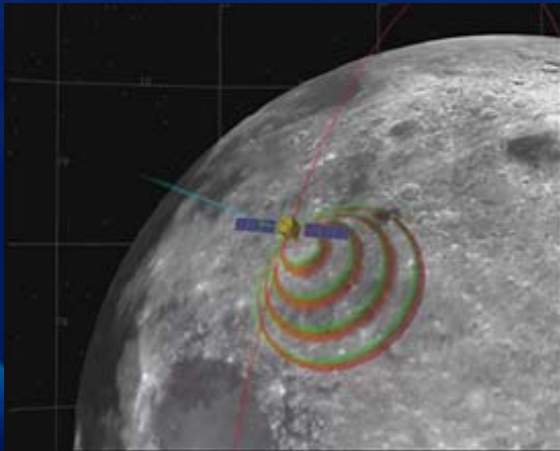
By utilizing Dongfanghong-4 satellite platform, a direct broadcasting satellite are under developing to realize direct TV broadcasting and internet data transmit, increase the coverage rate, so as to meet the public demand for culture,life and recreation.





# Lunar Exploration

- Circling the moon to get an understanding of the Moon environment
- Lunar rover to realize roving inspection
- Mini-lunar recoverable lander capable of lunar surface sampling



Lunar exploration satellite



An Orbit version for lunar exploration satellite

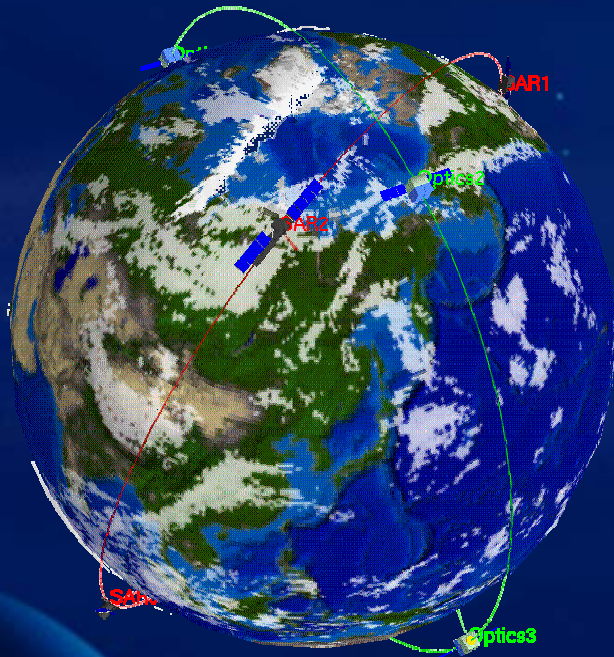
# High Resolution Remote Sensing Satellite

Continuing to carry out international cooperation to develop the follow-on of the resources satellites.

Developing ocean environmental and dynamics satellites and ocean comprehensive monitoring satellite.



# Disaster and Environment Monitoring and Forecast Small Satellite Constellation



## Phase A

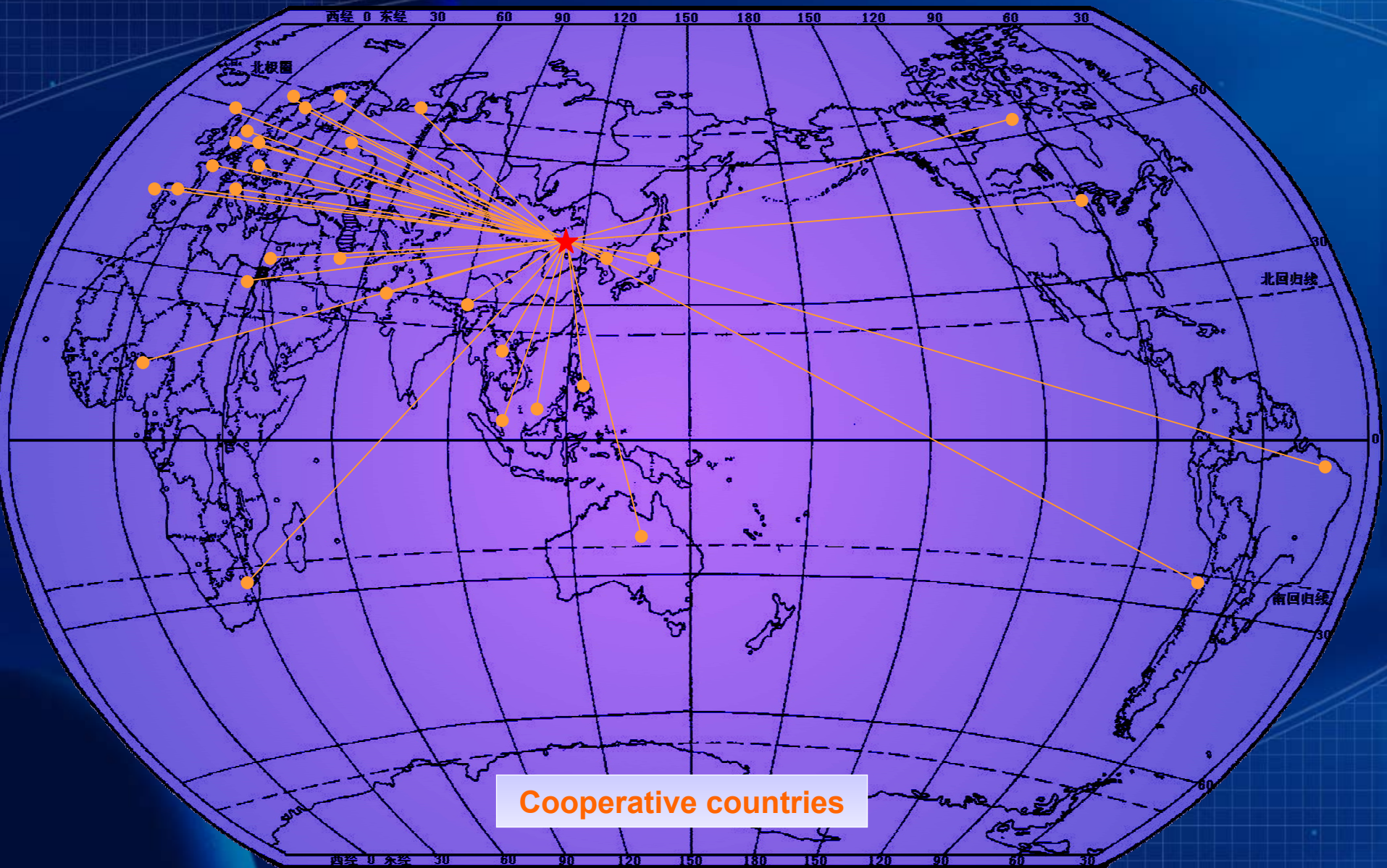
Two optics satellites and one SAR satellite, the system will be established in 2006.

## Phase B

Establish an 8 satellites constellation with 4 optics satellites and 4 SAR satellites.







Cooperative countries





**They are expecting cooperation  
with European friends!**

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