Introductory talk: Target signatures of existing sub-cm targets and prospects

for future SLR constellations

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The target signature effects of small spherical satellites, STARLETTE and LARES are investigated. The target response functions of these satellites are found to amount to a few cm by empirically fitting them to the single-photon full-rate residuals, resulting in nearly 1 cm difference between the leading edge and the centroid. The system dependence of their centre-of-mass corrections can range by this amount. This leads to the discussion of how to deal with and separate signature effects and potential system range-bias. By considering the various constellations of geodetic satellites, we seek to separate the determination of range bias from earth-scale parameters.