

Russian adaptive optics imaging of satellites



Major implementation results



Altay Laser/ Optical Center (lower site), affiliated branch of FSUE IPIE



Purpose:

Precision ranging and angular measurements of navigation spacecraft for in-flight calibration of radio-frequency measurement system

Parameters:

Ranging of spacecraft on orbits as high as 36,000 km, with an RMS of 0.3-0.5 cm; angular measurement accuracy - 2 arcsec.

Photometry of spacecraft with star magnitude up to 12-13; accuracy - 0.2 star magnitude units.

The site is located in Zmeinogorsk region of the Altay territory, allowing observation of launchers starting from the Baikonur launching site.

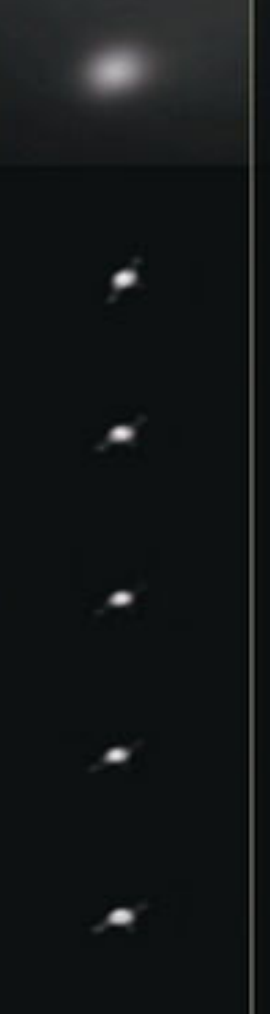
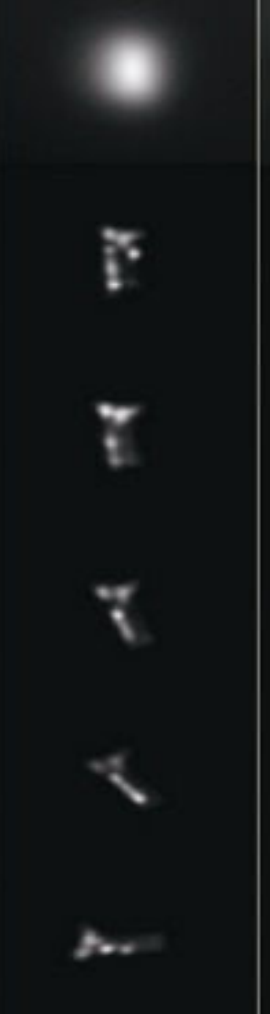


Experimental adaptive optical system on the Altay Laser/Optical Center

For the first time in Russia, a 28-channel adaptive optical system has provided spacecraft images.

ИСХОДНОЕ
ИЗОБРАЖЕНИЕ

(масштаб всех изображений одинаков: — - одна угловая секунда)



Auriga
14.08.05
00.42mck
УМ 67
Д 720 км

Lacrosse2
14.08.05
21.22mck
УМ 51
Д 816 км

Uars
14.08.05
01.43mck
УМ 71,8
Д 675 км

Terra
14.08.05
20.22mck
УМ 85,5
Д 712 км

Cosmos 2084
04.08.05
23.56mck
УМ 70,9
Д 548 км

ERS2
02.08.05
20.09 mck
УМ 78,5
Д 823 км

