



Earth Observation  
Astrophysics  
Satellite Technologies

V27.2 – October 15, 2019

(LC = Lecture Class ; TC = Tutorial Class ; LW = Lab Work)

## SYLLABUS VALIDATED FOR THE NEW FRENCH ACCREDITATION To start in October 2019

### Master 1st year – 60 ECTS

#### Semester 1 (30 ECTS)

##### 11.1 Human, Economic, Social and Juridical Sciences (5 ECTS)

Sciences sociales, cours de langues (5 ECTS)

##### 11.2 Introduction to Astrophysics (2 ECTS) – LC: 20h

Introduction à l'astrophysique (2 ECTS)

Coordinators: *Pham Thi Tuyet Nhung (VNSC)*

Teachers: *Pham Thi Tuyet Nhung (VNSC)*

*General introduction to astrophysics*

##### 11.3 Introduction to Satellite Technologies (2 ECTS) – LC: 20h

Introduction aux technologies des satellites (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: *Le Xuan Huy (VNSC)*

Teachers: *Le Xuan Huy (VNSC)*

*History of space exploration, space environment, satellite mission, satellite orbit and constellation, satellite subsystems, introduction to rockets, ground station, AIT, space applications, system engineering, satellite project and activities, laboratory visit.*

##### 11.4 Optical, Infrared and Microwave Imaging Systems (4 ECTS) – LC: 20h ; TC: 20h ; LW: 8h

Systèmes d'imagerie optique, infrarouge et micro-onde. (4 ECTS)

Coordinator: *Gérard Rousset (U. Paris Diderot)*

Teachers: *Gérard Rousset (U. Paris Diderot), Damien Gratadour (U. Paris Diderot), Guillaume Patanchon (U. Paris Diderot), Thierry Koleck (CNES)*

- *Radiometry, Planck's law and surface properties, theory of diffraction. Optical transfer and point spread functions of an optical system, image formation using an extended source. Image sampling and sensor scaling. Static and dynamic aberrations, image*

array sensors.

- Antennas. Active and passive microwave imaging systems (radar, interferometric synthetic aperture radar)

#### 11.5 Signal Processing (3 ECTS) – LC+TC: 28h ; Project: 8h

##### Traitement du signal (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Damien Gratadour (U. Paris Diderot)

Teachers: Gérard Rousset (U. Paris Diderot), Guillaume Patanchon (U. Paris Diderot), Damien Gratadour (U. Paris Diderot)

*Basics of statistics, Fourier transform, sampling, filters, impulse response, transfer function, convolution, random signals, correlation, power spectrum density, noise reduction. The objective of the mini-project is to explore several simple deconvolution strategies on astronomical images.*

#### 11.6 Algorithmics and Programming (2 ECTS) – LC+LW: 20h

##### Algorithmie et introduction à la programmation (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Cyrille Rosset (CNRS)

Teacher: Cyrille Rosset (CNRS)

*UNIX environment, standard commands, shell. Programming: interpreted vs compiled languages. Basics of programming in Python: loops, conditions, pointers and arrays, functions, input/output. Algorithms.*

#### 11.10 Fundamental in Physics – I (4 ECTS) – LC: 20h ; TC: 20h

##### Fondements de la physique – I (4 ECTS)

Coordinator: Guillaume Patanchon (U. Paris Diderot)

Teachers: Guillaume Patanchon (U. Paris Diderot), Cyrille Rosset (CNRS)

*This includes three separate modules:*

- *Statistical Physics: thermodynamics, microcanonical ensemble, canonical and grand-canonical ensembles, quantum gas. Goal is to define thermodynamical quantities such as entropy, temperature, chemical potential. Applications: ideal gas, crystals (Einstein model).*
- *Applied electromagnetism: Maxwell's equations, propagation of light in continuous media, continuity equations, Fresnel coefficients (to be coordinate with Bachelor program).*
- *Introduction to quantum mechanics.*

#### 11.11 Planetary Sciences (2 ECTS) – LC: 20h

##### Sciences des planètes (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Sonia Fornasier (U. Paris Diderot)

Teachers: Sonia Fornasier (U. Paris Diderot)

*General introduction to Earth and planetary geophysics: solid Earth, atmosphere, ocean, continental surfaces. Climate studies and global change. Electromagnetic environment of the Earth.*

#### 12.5 Concept of Image Processing (2 ECTS) – LC: 20h – TC: 20h

##### Introduction au traitement d'images (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Nicolas Delbart (U. Paris Diderot)

Teacher: Le Huu Ton (USTH/ICT)

*Statistic extraction and image enhancement: histograms, univariate and multivariate statistics, convolution, Fourier 2D, filtering, edge detection. Segmentation: supervised and unsupervised classification, clustering. Inverse problem: multi-linear regression, neural network, bayesian estimation.*

#### 12.3 Physics of Radiation and Particle Detectors (4 ECTS) – LC:10h ; TC: 10h ; LW: 10h

##### Physique des détecteurs de particules et des détecteurs de radiation (4 ECTS)

Coordinator: Eric Nuss (U. Montpellier)

Teachers: Eric Nuss (U. Montpellier), Pham Thi Tuyet Nhung (VNSC), Nguyen Thi Thao (VNSC)

*Description of the radiation and particle interaction processes with matter.*

*General characteristics of sensors, detectors and measurement chains for astrophysics and space instrumentation*

## Semester 2 : 30 ECTS

### 12.1 Celestial Mechanics and Orbitography (2 ECTS) – LC:10h ; TC:10h

#### Mécanique céleste et orbitographie (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Hubert Halloin (U. Paris Diderot)

Teacher: Hubert Halloin (U. Paris Diderot)

- *Celestial mechanics and spherical trigonometry*
- *Time and space reference frames*
- *Two-body problems, Keplerian orbits and osculating parameters*
- *Orbital perturbations and maneuvers*
- *Interplanetary trajectories*

### 12.2 Space Project Management (3 ECTS) – LC: 20h ; TC: 10h

#### Management des projets spatiaux (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Laurent Boissard (CNES)

Teachers: Laurent Boissard (CNES), Rodolphe Clédassou (CNES)

*Educational content:*

- *Participating as part of a project throughout its life cycle.*
- *A 30-hour module is not sufficient to train an operational Project Manager. Course aims to show students how to work within a project early in their professional career how to work within a project, from start to finish. Only after several years of practice can these engineers acquire the necessary skills to manage a project throughout its life cycle*

### 12.4 Numerical Methods (3 ECTS) – LC: 18h ; TC+LW: 18h

#### Méthodes numériques (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Stéphane Jacquemoud (U. Paris Diderot)

Teacher: Stéphane Jacquemoud (U. Paris Diderot), Le Ngoc Tram (SOFIA-USRA & USTH)

*Basic concepts (matrices, Taylor series, finite difference); numerical solution of ordinary differential equations; numerical integration techniques; roots of functions of a single variable; minimization of a multivariable function (linear least squares, gradient method, quasi-Newton method, simplex method)*

### 12.7 Workshop on Small Satellites Design (3 ECTS) – LC+TC: 40h

#### Atelier sur la conception des petits satellites (3 ECTS)

Coordinators: Le Xuan Huy (VNSC), Linda Tomasini (CNES)

Teachers: Joël Michaud (CNES), Jean-Luc Le Gal (CNES)

- *Basic knowledge to design a spacecraft :*
  - *Choice of the orbit (through exercises on heliosynchronism, phasing, reentry)+ programmation (Matlab) of a propagator*
  - *Attitude control (through the programmation of a 3 axis controller on Matlab) and equipment choice on the internet*
  - *RF subsystem sizing (links budgets) and choice of equipments on the internet*
  - *Power subsystem sizing (solar flux, battery, solar array, energy balance exercice) and choice of equipments on the internet*
  - *Thermal subsystem (7 node thermal model on Excel to calculate spacecraft temperature)*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> part :*
  - *Structure design and analysis (study design requirements based on rocket environments, material selection, design, structure thermal model, EM, FM, vibration analysis, modal analysis, ...)*
  - *Attitude determination for attitude control (requirement analysis, attitude representations, attitude dynamics and kinematics, sensor modeling, attitude determination algorithms numerical simulation and testing, ...)*
  - *Command and Data Handling (requirement analysis, telemetry and command collecting, interface design, development plan, test plan, ...)*

### 11.12 Astrophysics (3 ECTS) – LC: 20h ; TC: 10h

#### Astrophysique (3 ECTS)

Coordinators: Denis Puy (U. Montpellier)

Teachers: Denis Puy (U. Montpellier)

*Stellar physics, exo-planets, galactic physics, cosmology. Objects of astrophysics: stars, galaxies, Universe. Observations: coordinates, distance measurements.*

#### 12.9 Fundamental in Physics - II (3 ECTS) – LC: 20h ; TC: 20h

Fondements de la physique - II (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Isabelle Kleiner (CNRS)

Teachers: Martin Schwell (UPEC), Ha Tran (CNRS)

- *Introduction to subatomic physics: relativistic kinematics, type of reactions, decay, cross-sections.*
- *Fundamental physics of remote sensing: radiation emission (Planck's law); intrinsic properties of matter (complex refractive index, dielectric constant, atomic and molecular spectroscopy); scattering (Rayleigh, Mie, non-selective); radiative transfer equation.*

#### 12.10 Earth Observation: Methods and Applications (4 ECTS) – LC: 16h ; TC: 24h

Observation de la Terre : méthodes et applications (4 ECTS)

Coordinator: Catherine Prigent (CNRS)

Teachers: Catherine Prigent (CNRS), Stéphane Jacquemoud (U. Paris Diderot), Filipe Aires (CNRS)

*Course provides basic knowledge of the various remote sensing sensor families, including optical, infrared and microwave radiometers, spectrometers, and active sensors such as LiDARS, radars, SAR, and altimeters. Selected applications (weather forecasting, hydrology, land use change, vegetation monitoring, oceanography, urban areas).*

#### 12.11 Image Processing applied to Remote Sensing (2 ECTS) – LC: 10h – TC: 10h

Traitement d'images appliqué à la télédétection (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Nicolas Delbart (U. Paris Diderot)

Teachers: Pham Duc Binh (USTH), Dinh Ho Tong Minh (IRSTEA)

*Basics of optical multi-spectral image processing. Image formation of multispectral images, principles of supervised and unsupervised classification for land cover mapping, principal component analysis.*

*Basics of radar image processing. Principles of synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imaging and its applications in land surface (mapping land cover) will be shown. Beside the theory lectures on SAR image formation, elements of SAR image interpretation, and SAR Speckle filtering, the practical tutorial will be carried out by using Matlab/Octave to process SAR images to help students better understand the theory, with examples on water bodies and forest identification.*

#### 12.12 Two-month internship (7 ECTS)

Stage de deux mois (7 ECTS)

# Master 2nd year – 60 ECTS

## Semester 1 (30 ECTS)

### Core syllabus – Tronc commun (13 ECTS):

21.1 Human, Economic, Social and Juridical Sciences (5 ECTS)

Sciences sociales, cours de langues (5 ECTS)

21.2 Observational Techniques (3 ECTS) – LC+TC: 30h

Techniques observationnelles (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Cédric Leyrat (CNAP)

Teacher: Cédric Leyrat (CNAP)

*Use and performances of different types of space instruments.*

21.3 Space and Application Project (3 ECTS) – LC+TC: 20h ; project: 40h over 2-3 months

Projets spatiaux : phase 0 – phase A (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Benoît Mosser (Obs. de Paris)

Teachers: Pierre Drossart (Obs. de Paris)

*This module aims to train the students to the first phases of definition of a space project.*

21.4 Methodology for Astrophysics (2 ECTS) – LC: 10h ; LW: 10h

Méthodologie en astrophysique (2 ECTS)

Coordinators: Nguyen Thi Thao (VNSC)

Teachers: Nguyen Thi Thao (VNSC)

*This module will include mainly labworks, data analysis and related astrophysical lectures. See mail exchange, between Pierre Lesaffre and Pham Ngoc Diep, above.*

- *Radio telescope: telescope operation, data taking and analysis, antennas, heterodyne detection, system sensitivity, calibration, pointing accuracy... Sun observation to measure the antenna's lobe, Milky Way observation to measure the galactic rotation curve and empty sky measurement to estimate the telescope's sensitivity.*
- *Optical telescope: CCD Imaging (offset, bias, flat-fielding, exposure time, signal / noise, aperture photometry, calibration). Standard star imaging. Slitless spectroimaging using the Alpy. Flatfielding for spectrometry, calibration, reduction of spectra. [in principle, this requires two observing nights, but CCD imaging with spectro could be done by day on Sun, sky or clouds].*

21.5 Seminars (0 ECTS)

21.6 Engineering for Earth Observation Space Systems (2 ECTS) – LC+TC: 20h

Ingénierie Système des missions d'observation de la Terre (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Linda Tomasini (CNES)

Teachers: Linda Tomasini (CNES)

*Educational objectives are to understand the principles of earth observation space systems engineering in the early design phases:*

- *To know the main types of earth observation missions*
- *To know how to capture and analyse user needs*
- *To know what an earth observation space system consists of*
- *To know how to identify the driving parameters of an earth observation mission*
- *To understand the iterative process between user needs definition and design*
- *To understand the interdependency between the different elements of an earth observation space system*

*Teaching is based on Earth observation missions real case exercises and lectures on topics addressing the different steps of Earth observation engineering process as well as the remote sensing principles and techniques.*

21.8 The Effect of Ionizing Radiation on the Components (2 ECTS) – LC+TC: 20h

L'effet des radiations ionisantes sur les composants électroniques (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Frédéric Saigné (U. Montpellier)



Teachers: Frédéric Wrobel (U. Montpellier), Alain Michez (U. Montpellier)

*Radiation-induced failures in microelectronics pose a growing concern in the aerospace and avionic communities. Incident radiation acting on these devices is mainly due to cosmic rays and their secondary particles produced in the Earth atmosphere. Energetic particles induce various device malfunctions via their interaction with materials in electronic devices. We will present the principles of Monte Carlo simulation tools, which are very useful to establish the transient current shapes and to evaluate the soft error rates.*

→ **needs introduction to solid state physics (cf. nano)**

#### 21.9 Spacecraft Architecture (3 ECTS) – TC+LC: 30h

Architecture des véhicules spatiaux (3 ECTS)

Coordinator: Rodolphe Clédassou (CNES)

Teachers: Rodolphe Clédassou (CNES), Laurent Boissard (CNES)

- To understand how the requirements and the constraints of a mission orient the design of a spacecraft.
- To design a satellite and its ground segment it is first necessary to express the mission needs and to challenge them against the requirements and the making constraints
- After a brief recall of the basic spatial mechanics notions, we will describe several types of missions and their typical constraints.
- Then, we will focus on the different types of equipment onboard satellites and learn what are its different functional chains.
- The course will end with two working sessions in small teams. These working sessions will permit the students to design themselves two space systems (one on an interplanetary mission and the other on a telecommunication system).

#### 21.13 Ground Segment (1 ECTS) – TC+LC: 20h

Segment sol (1 ECTS)

Coordinator: Anne-Thérèse Nguyen (CNES)

Teachers: Guillaume Quenouille (CNES)

*The module aims at presenting the Ground Segment in details. The following components will be presented: the Ground Stations, the Command and Control Center, the Mission and Operations Center, the Science Processing Centers. The course will focus on their respective roles and how they can interact/communicate together and with the satellite. The course will also explain the infrastructure needs to build these components and the challenging issues to overcome (ex: Big Data ...). Different space projects in the domain of astronomy, earth observation will be used to illustrate the course.*

#### 21.14 Advanced Astrophysics and Planetology – I (2 ECTS) - Planetology LC: 24h ; LW: 6h

Astrophysique et planétologie avancées (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Daniel Rouan (CNRS)

Teachers: Yves Bénilan (UPEC), Alain Doressoundiram (LESIA)

*Planetology, exoplanets, astrophysics – strongly coupled with 21.2 and 21.4*

#### 21.16 Remote Sensing of Continental Surfaces (2 ECTS) – LC+TC: 20h

Téledétection des surfaces continentales (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Nicolas Delbart (U. Paris Diderot)

Teachers: Dinh Ho Tong Minh (IRSTEA), Pham Duc Binh (USTH)

- Continental hydrology (flood, soil moisture)
- Agriculture and forest ecosystems
- Land use and land cover changes
- Geomorphology and geophysics

au moins 50 heures

#### 21.17 Remote Sensing of the Atmosphere (2 ECTS) – LC: 20h ; TC : 6h ; Project: 4h

Téledétection de l'atmosphère (2 ECTS)

Coordinator: Gilles Foret (UPEC)

Teachers: Gilles Foret (UPEC), Ngo Duc Thanh (USTH)

1. Atmospheric composition (15h, Gilles Foret): Lectures (10h), tutorial class (5h)

**Description:** This course provides an overview of the applications of remote sensing techniques about atmospheric composition aspects. This include the observation of pollutants associated to air quality and climate issues like ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), particles, nitrogen oxydes (NO<sub>2</sub> ...), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>). Besides theoretical lectures, tutorial class would confront students to real satellite data to develop their ability to analyze and

*understand these observations.*

2. *Meteorological aspects (15h, Thanh Ngo-Duc): Lectures (9h), tutorial class (6h)*

**Description:** *This course provides basic knowledge of the applications of remote sensing techniques in meteorological aspects: clouds classification, convective storms, quantitative precipitation estimation, water vapor imagery, synoptic scale meteorology such as fronts, cyclones. Besides theoretical lectures, tutorial class would help students be able to use satellite data to monitor and interpret various meteorological phenomena.*

21.18 *Remote sensing of the Ocean and Coastal Zones (1 ECTS) - LC+TC: 30h*

*Téledétection des océans et des zones côtières (1 ECTS)*

Coordinator: Catherine Prigent (CNRS)

Teachers: Hubert Loisel (ULCO), Fernando Nino ()

*Ocean color, altimetry, surface temperature, ocean winds.*

Options: each student has to choose of these 2 modules (2 ECTS)

21.19 *Advanced Astrophysics – II (2 ECTS) - Astrophysics LC: 20h*

*Astrophysique avancée – II (2 ECTS)*

Coordinator: Daniel Rouan (CNRS)

Teachers: Daniel Rouan (CNRS)

*Planetology, exoplanets, astrophysics – strongly coupled with 21.2 and 21.4*

21.15 *GIS: Geographical Information System (2 ECTS) – LC : 6h – TC : 14h*

*SIG : Système d'information géographique (2 ECTS)*

Coordinator: Jean-Paul Deroin (Reims)

Teachers: Jean-Paul Deroin (Reims), Ton Si Son (USTH)

*Types of geographical data (raster, vector), georeferencing systems.*

Semester 2 (30 ECTS)

22.1 *Six-month internship (30 ECTS)*

*Stage de six mois (30 ECTS)*