A COMMERCIAL MULTI-MISSION ECOSYSTEM FOR NEAR-EARTH SPACE CONTROL:

(methods and systems for permanent, affordable debris removal plus enhanced national security capabilities)

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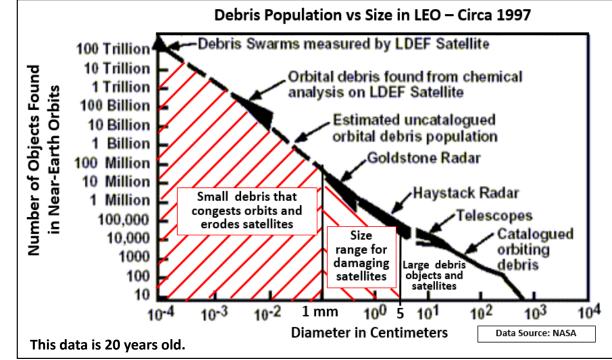
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LEO DEBRIS – THREE THREAT CATEGORIES

- 1. Large debris (> 5cm) that will be accurately tracked and will be either avoidable or identified for removal
- 2. Mid-range debris (1 mm 5 cm) causes most damage and destroys spacecraft
- 3. Small debris (<1 mm) clog space and will lead to gridlock of low-Earth orbits

This system will accurately track **all** trackable near-Earth Resident Space Objects (RSOs), collect debris of less than 5 cm in size and provide precision, low-latency Space Situational Awareness (SSA) data for dissemination and use.



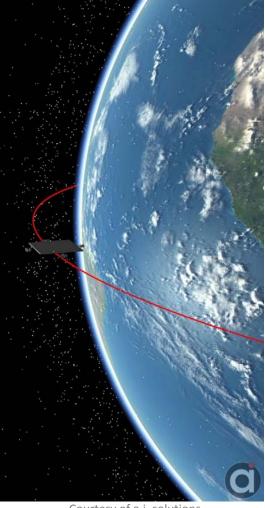
THE LTC-PATENTED SOLUTION

Two satellite constellations in low equatorial orbits:

- One constellation is at 1,200+ km and consists of dedicated sensor 1. satellites for collecting and processing precision SSA data for use by the other constellation, NSS organizations and others
- The other constellation consists of debris collector satellites (also in 2. equatorial orbits) between 600 km and 1200 km altitude

All orbital operations are in the **equatorial plane**, allowing:

- Precise and low-latency RSO data collection for greatly enhanced SSA capabilities with required greater sensitivity than is possible with ground-based sensor systems.
- Equatorial debris collectors provide direct wholesale and selective removal of debris in the <5 cm category
- This system provides a permanent, safe environment for satellite constellations



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