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20th European Space Mechanism and Tribology Symposium

September 20-22, 2023 • Warsaw, Poland

Preliminary Programme

16:00 – 18:00 Pre-registration available on 19-09-2023

Day 1 Wednesday, 20-09-2023

8:00 Registration begins

9:00 – 10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Welcome, general info, agenda

Opening Addresses by:

Lionel Gaillard, ESA

Marta Tokarz, Astronika

Keynote speech by Paul Blythe, ESA

Invited speech by TBD

10:00 – 11:20 Session 1 : Satellite Docking, Capturing and Connecting Mechanisms

Session Chair: Beata Wiertel, SENER PL

10:00 – 10:20 Compact Docking/Berthing Mechanism for In-Orbit Servicing Development

10:20 – 10:40 Lessons Learned from Design and Qualification of the Structural, Power, and Data Port (SPDP)

10:40 – 11:00 Concept, Development and Breadboard Testing of Innovative Launch Adapter Ring Modular Gripper (LAR-MG) for Satellite Robotic Capture

11:00 – 11:20 Design and development of a robotic gripper for capturing prepared and unprepared satellites

11:20 – 11:50 Coffee Break (30 min)

11:50 – 13:10 Session 2 : Tribology & Materials 1

Session Chair: Robert Paul, OHB DE

11:50 – 12:10 Guidelines for Qualification and Space Application of New Fluid Lubricants

12:10 – 12:30 Tribological Performance of Gelled Oils for Space Mechanisms Lubrication

12:30 – 12:50 Tribological and Bearing Performance of a New Variant of Cronidur 30 Steel with Improved Resistance to SCC

12:50 – 13:10 Cold Welding and Friction in Vacuum of Bulk Metallic Glasses (BMGs) Made by Powder Based Processes for Use in Space

13:10 – 14:10 Lunch (60 min)

14:10 – 15:30 Session 3 : Deployables 1

Session Chair: Joseph Schepis, NASA

14:10 – 14:30 RWI Tubular Boom Antennas - Lessons Learned from the Development of a Flight Model for ESA Juice Mission

14:30 – 14:50 Development of PROBA-3 Solar Array Deployment and Hold-Down & Release Mechanisms and Lessons Learnt

14:50 – 15:10 Design Improvements of a 2-DoF Translational Flexible Joint for Flexible Compact Arrays (FCA)

15:10 – 15:30 Novel Concepts for On-Ground Deployment Testing of Large Antenna Structures

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break (30 min)

16:00 – 17:30 Session 4 : Components 1 / Poster Pitches

Session Chair: Bartosz Kędziora, ASTRONIKA

16:00 – 16:20 Slipping made by additive manufacturing: from redesign to validation test results

16:20 – 16:40 Integrated Flex Pivot Position Sensor

16:40 – 17:00 Development of Non-Pyrotechnic Hold Down and Release Mechanisms for the James Webb Space Telescope

17:00 – 17:30 Poster Pitches #1

17:40 Invited Speech – JUICE RIME Boom Deployment anomaly recovery

18:45 Cocktail Reception – downstairs from Conference & Exhibition Area

Day 2 Thursday, 21-09-2023

9:00 – 11:00 Session 5 : Pointing Mechanisms

Session chair: Dorota Budzyń, ATG for ESA

- 9:00 – 9:20 Development and Qualification of an Electrical Thruster Two Axis Pointing Mechanism
- 9:20 – 9:40 Development and Qualification of an Extreme Mechanical Life Antenna Pointing Mechanism, part of the Inter Satellite Link of an ESA Mission Spacecraft
- 9:40 – 10:00 The HySICS Pointing System: a Two-Axis Gimbal Mounted to the ISS
- 10:00 – 10:20 Development of a Flight Demonstration Coarse Pointing Mechanism for GEOGround Optical Communication Terminal
- 10:20 – 10:40 ETHM (Electrical Thruster Mechanism) Development Lessons Learned
- 10:40 – 11:00 Flex-Capsules for the Roman Space Telescope High Gain Antenna Gimbal

11:00 – 11:40 Coffee Break + Poster visit (40 min)

11:40 – 13:00 Session 6 : Components 2

Session chair: Alessandro Bursi, OHB IT

- 11:40 – 12:00 Reed: The Manual
- 12:00 – 12:20 Development, Manufacture, and Ambient Environment Testing of a Proof-of-concept Magnetically-gearred Actuator for use in Extremely Cold Lunar Environments
- 12:20 – 12:40 Reaction Wheel Actuator Development: Jumping from Hundreds to Thousands
- 12:40 – 13:00 Applying Industrial Standard Development Techniques to Modified COTS Motors for use in Space - an Example Based on the Ingenuity Swashplate Motors

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (60 min)

14:00 – 15:20 Session 7 : Tribology & Materials 2

Session chair: TBA

- 14:00 – 14:20 Novel Testing of Fluid Lubricants for Space Applications at Low Temperatures Using the VMTM
- 14:20 – 14:40 Inspection of Separable Surfaces - Lessons Learned
- 14:40 – 15:00 MoS₂(Ti, W) Coatings as Surface Modification of Friction Pairs Operating in Vacuum and Dusty Lunar Environment
- 15:00 – 15:20 PennzaneTM Lubricant Compositions: The Pros and Cons of "Heritage" Technology

15:20 – 15:50 Coffee break (30 min)

15:50 – 17:20 Session 8 : Positioning & Stabilization Mechanisms / Poster Pitches

Session chair: Beat Zahnd, BEYOND GRAVITY

- 15:50 – 16:10 3-axis Stabilization System for Stereo Cameras of Future Exploration Rovers
- 16:10 – 16:30 Hexapod Linear Actuator development for the ATHENA spacecraft
- 16:30 – 16:50 Optimal Design of a Semi-active Isolation Hexapod Platform
- 16:50 – 17:20 Poster Pitches #2

19:20 – 20:00 Optional Tour of the Royal Castle (limited places)

20:00 Gala dinner at Arkady Kubickiego

Day 3 Friday, 22-09-2023

9:00 – 11:00 Session 9 : Various Mechanisms

Session chair: Harald Langenbach, AIRBUS DEFENCE AND SPACE DE

- 9:00 – 9:20 Tape Deployment Mechanism for Spacecraft Deorbiting
- 9:20 – 9:40 The Importance of Low Level Random for Resonance Search in Space Mechanisms
- 9:40 – 10:00 Lessons Learned from Evaluation and Mitigation of Space Charging Threat Due to Use of Isolated (Hybrid) Bearings on the PACE Ocean Color Instrument
- 10:00 – 10:20 Development and Qualification of the Eurostar Neo Solar Array Drive Mechanism
- 10:20 – 10:40 Multiple Separation Device for Dispensers (MSD)
- 10:40 – 11:00 EE9 FORUM Interferometer Mechanism Assembly: design and testing of a flight-like engineering model

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break (30 min)

11:30 – 12:50 Session 10 : Deployables 2

Session chair: TBA

- 11:30 – 11:50 Mechanical Design and Technology Demonstration of an Offset reflector Antenna
- 11:50 – 12:10 Miniature Motorized Antenna for Low-Frequency Radar of the Hera-Juventas Mission
- 12:10 – 12:30 Modelling of Solar Array Wing Deployment Using a Hybrid Matlab/Simulink Approach and correlation with Measured Wing Performances
- 12:30 – 12:50 MaD: A Lightweight & Cost-effective Telescopic Mast for Next Generations of Deployable Appendages

13:05 – 13:30 Closing

Closing remarks, symposium summary
AMS 2024 + ESMATS 2025 Announcements
Best Paper Award Presentation

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch (60 min)

14:40 Buses leave for Astronika visit
(tour ends ~16:30, visitor transported back to Chopin Airport or Conference Venue)