

Ensuring space safety and sustainability

Demonstration of EU SST Collision Avoidance Service

SSA Training Events

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Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) is part of a European Union civil flagship programme

• The Space Regulation (2021/696/EU) established the Space Situational Awareness (SSA) flagship aiming to develop a holistic approach against the main space hazards.

Regulation - 2021/696 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)

- Space Situational Awareness encompasses:
- Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) to protect against: Space Debris (collision and re-entry)
- Space Weather (SWE) to protect against: Solar activities (solar flares, coronal mass ejections, geomagnetic storms ...)
- Near Earth Objects (NEO) to protect against: Meteorites and asteroids

What are the goals of the European Union Space Surveillance and Tracking (EU SST)?

- Protect space and ground infrastructures against:
 - Collision in space
 - Re-entry
 - Fragmentation
- Use existing EU Member States capabilities (15 Member States)
- Develop an operational system 24/7
- Foster Research activities in the field of SST
- Propose a system of Collision Avoidance open to non-EU countries





EU SST Collision Avoidance Service – What is it?





Collision Avoidance (CA)

Risk assessment of conjunctions and generation of collision avoidance alerts

Described in the EU SST Service Portfolio:

https://portal.eusst.eu/portalng/public-download/ServicePortfolio

Key features

- Public service provided for free to ensure the minimum safety of space flight operations
- **Provision of Conjunction Data Messages (CDMs)** upon several set of thresholds (INFO, WARNING, ALERT)
- Service Agreement in the Service Configuration Document:
- Hot redundancy scheme involving ES (S3TOC) and FR () (FR SSA OC) with harmonised service level and single service provider per registered user
- **Enhanced Analysis** support (e.g. covariance estimations, Hard Body Radius estimations, PoC sensitivity analysis and Scaled PoC computations)
- **Risk Mitigation** support: Collision Avoidance Manoeuvre (CAM) support if requested
- **On call team** available 24/7 to perform analysis, ensure the coordination with operators, provide support to operators requests
- Support to all mission phases (LEOP, End of Life,...)



Users – EU SST community





Collision **Avoidance**

ORGS

EU users



Non-EU users









































































































































EU SST user requirements to receive CA service



- Once a user is approved to receive the CA service, it needs to comply with four main requirements:
 - 1. Agree on the terms and conditions to access the EU SST services (at registration)
 - Provide access to the US CDMs.
 - 3. Deliver timely ephemeris including manoeuvre information and, if possible, including covariance information. (*)
 - 4. Agree on a Service Configuration Document (SCD).
 - Service Configuration Document (SCD) is an agreement between EU SST and the CA user on how the CA service is delivered
 - Users are asked to provide:
 - Contact information (main Point of contact and on duty)
 - Data regarding their registered spacecraft:
 - Physical parameters (Hard Body Radius and mass)
 - Information regarding ephemerides/manoeuvres
 - uploads frequency, formats, duration, filename convention...
 - EU SST CA OCs and users agree on:
 - Thresholds to conduct risk assessment (High interest Events (HIE), Interest events (IE)) based on geometry, scaled probability of collision and time to TCA
 - Communication: how and when to contact the user in case of HIE.
 - Does the user allow EU SST to share information regarding a risky conjunction with other O/O?

(*) If ephemeris cannot be generated by the O/O (i.e cubesats, small missions, etc) CA Operational Centres (OCs) might agree with the user to use external information (SP data)

Covariance information can be generated by the CA service OCs.

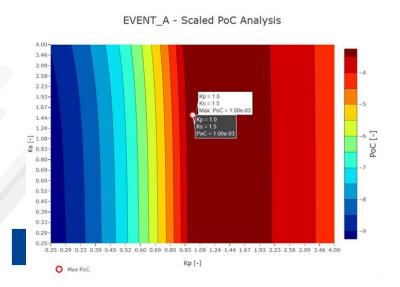




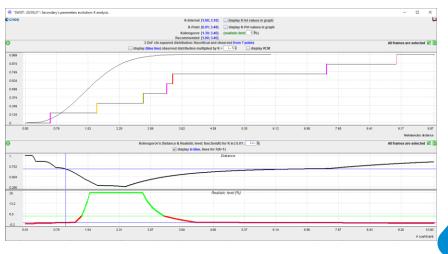
Key Concept - Scaled PoC



- **EU SST uses the Scaled PoC to compute the risk level**
- Covariance is the key factor to compute Probability of Collision
- Coefficients kp and ks for magnitude of variation of dispersions for primary and for secondary have been chosen from a statistical analysis in the past.
- C (combined covariance) = kp * Cp + ks * Cs with kp and ks independent scale factors applied to respective covariance
- Scaled PoC is defined as the maximum value of PoC when kp and ks are in a realistic interval
- Realistic intervals of kp and ks are computed automatically from past CDMs of the conjunctions



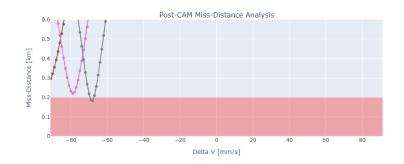


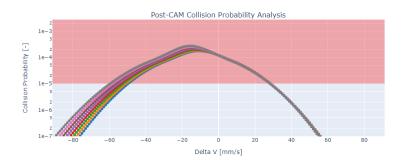


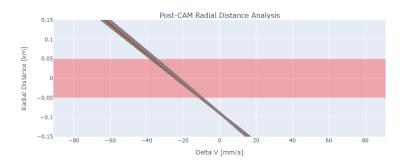
Key Concept – Risk Mitigation support

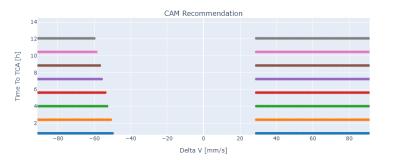


EU SST generates a set of possible collision avoidance manoeuvres or risk mitigation actions (i.e, adjust a SK manoeuvre, not to conduct any action) to allow the user to take an informed decision to ensure the safety of the flight space operations.













CA service: Practical cases



- PLEIADES 1B vs AURA
 - Two active and manoeuvrable satellites
 - Good coordination between operators
 - LEO orbits
- ACTIVE_SC vs DECOMMISSIONED_SC
 - Active satellite vs decommissioned object
 - Objects are anonymized
 - Secondary well-tracked by the EU SST sensor network
 - GEO orbits





PLEIADES 1B

- CNES satellite, active and manoeuvrable
- Launched in 2012
- CA service provided by EU SST (FR SSA OC)

AURA

- NASA satellite, active and manoeuvrable
- Launched in 2004
- CA service provided by CARA (NASA)





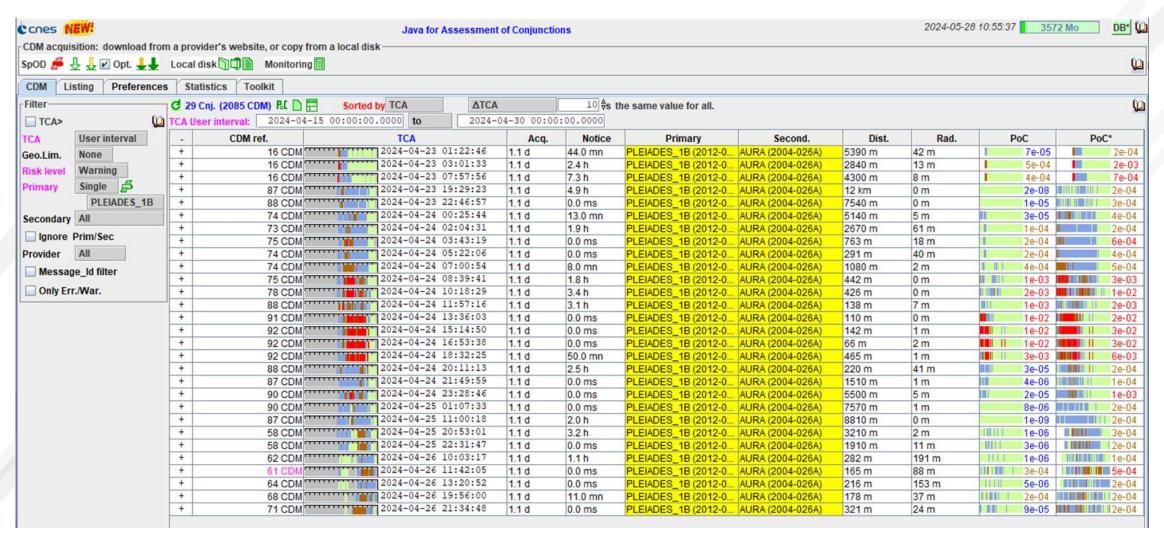




- EU SST detected risky conjunctions on the 17th of April 2024 (TCA < 4-8 days)
- Both objects have similar semi-major axis
 - Multiple TCAs were detected between the 21st and the 25th of April
 - 29 conjunctions reached at least WARNING threshold
 - Among them, 12 conjunctions reached ALERT threshold (Scaled PoC > 5E-4)
- CDMs were computed using:
 - Primary source: ephemeris updated daily
 - Secondary source: FR catalogue orbit or 18th/19thSDS CDM (ephemerides not publicly available on Space-Track)
- Any orbital change can affect the severity level of all conjunctions
 - Mitigating a given conjunction may increase the risk level of another one
 - Uncoordinated mitigation actions performed on both sides may increase the risk
 - → Coordination is mandatory before taking any decision











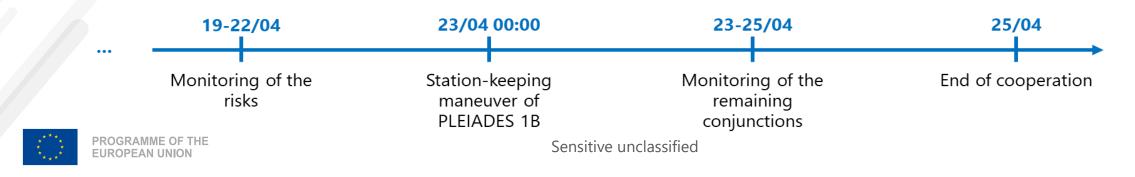
- EU SST and CARA have been working together for years
 - Some international cooperation S/C (JASON, CALIPSO, SWOT...) are monitored by both teams
- EU SST asked CARA team to coordinate on the 18th of April
 - CARA team was quick to answer and open to coordination
 - Contact with AURA FDS team who agreed to send us daily ephemerides
- Daily ephemeris sent by AURA FDS team
 - Conjunctions monitored during the weekend
 - Multiple risks remain in ALERT with a high Scaled PoC





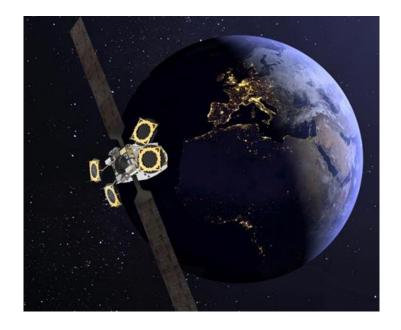


- Both teams shared ephemerides throughout the event
 - Both CA providers assessed risk level independently and shared analyses
 - Need for mitigation confirmed, decision taken involving all parties
- Mitigation by PLEIADES 1B through station-keeping
 - Station-keeping would have been required in the next few days
 - Station-keeping manoeuvre changed to be conducted on the 23rd at 00:00
 - Ephemeris containing the new station keeping manoeuvre plan shared with AURA FDS and CARA team
 - Severity of all conjunctions decreased, reaching a low risk level (Scaled PoC < 1E-10)
 - Conjunctions still monitored during the following days after the maneuver
- End of the cooperation on the 25th of April



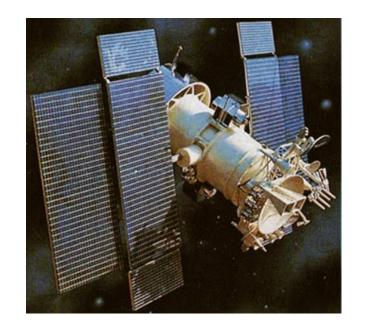


- ACTIVE_SC
 - GEO satellite, active and manoeuvrable
 - Launched in 2011



DECOMMISSIONED_SC

- Decommissioned satellite, non-manoeuvrable
- Launched in 1990
- Orbit close to GEO orbit





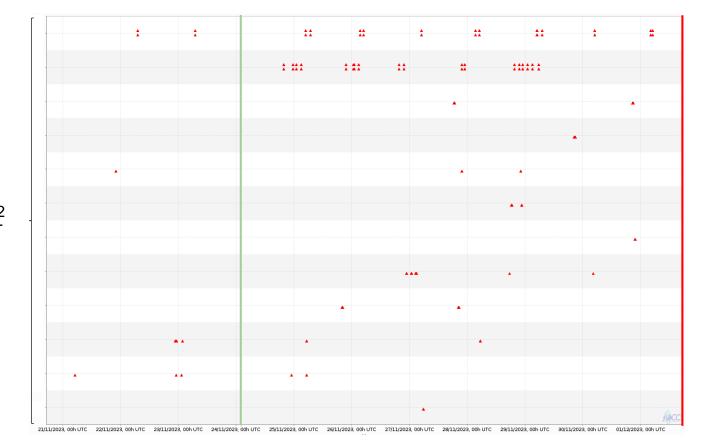


- TCA: 02/12/2023 18:37:14 UTC
 - Secondary object is an inactive payload: no coordination needed
- CDMs were computed using:
 - Primary source: ephemerides provided by the Operator, includes station-keeping manoeuvres
 - Secondary source: orbit from FR SSA OC catalogue or 18th/19thSDS CDM
- Conjunction detected on November 24th 2023
 - Miss Distance < 5 km and Radial Separation < 500m, Scaled PoC > 1E-5
 - Geometry & Scaled PoC are within ALERT reporting criteria
 - Only one criteria would have been needed to reach ALERT threshold
 - Orbits from FR SSA OC and 18th SDS are consistent with each other
 - More measurements required to refine the orbit of DECOMMISSIONED_SC, and confirm the severity level
 - → Tasking Request sent to the EU SST contributing sensors





- FR SSA OC orbit determination:
 - Initial orbit was good
 - Orbit improved (uncertainties decreased) with reception of significant amount of measurements shared within EU SST after the Tasking Request creation

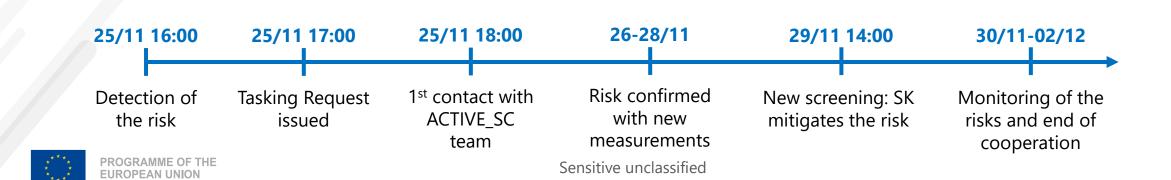


Measurements generated by 12 sensors contributing to EU SST





- Mitigation strategy in GEO:
 - In GEO, Station-Keeping manoeuvres are performed every few days or weeks
 - Adaptation of SK manoeuvres limits extra costs of risky conjunction mitigation
- Coordination with ACTIVE_SC :
 - EU SST confirmed the risk level, and recommended to perform a mitigation action
 - ACTIVE_SC adapted its SK manoeuvres and provided a new ephemeris.
 - It was screened against the catalogue:
 - Scaled PoC dropped, Miss distance > 10km: Confirmation that this risky conjunction was mitigated
 - No other risk generated





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EU SST Service Provision Portal CA Demo

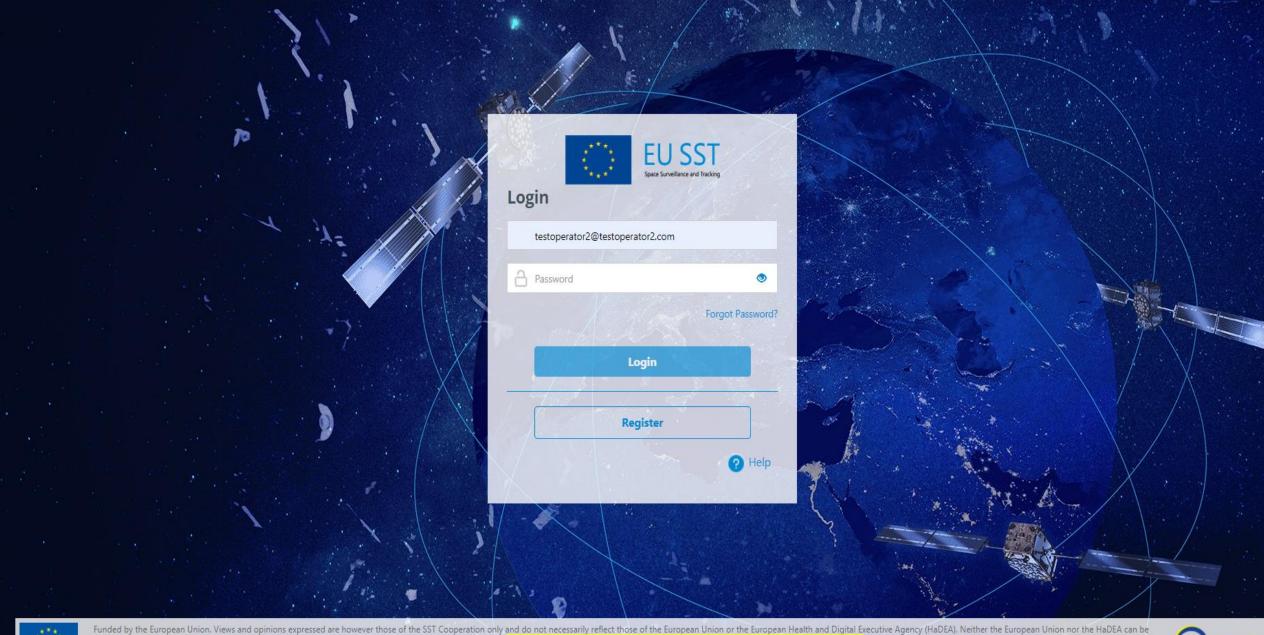
Integration and Verification Environment







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New EU SST Portal Release (v2.32.0)

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April 2, 2024 / Portal

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· New Collision Avoidance emails ...

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5th User Satisfaction Campaign!

As a user of the EU Space Surveillance and Tracking (EU SST) Service Provision Portal, your feedback is very important to improve the EU SST services (Collision Avoidance, Re-entry Analysis and Fragmentation Analysis). This is ...

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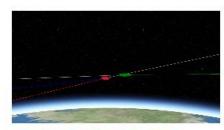
March 25, 2024 / Users



Have you manoeuvred? Let us know!

Based on collected user needs, it is now possible for users to provide feedback on ...

February 9, 2024 Portal, Users



New EU SST Portal Release (v2.30.1)

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January 29, 2024 Portal



New EU SST Portal Release (v2.28.0)

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December 20, 2023 Portal



EU SST takes part in EUSPA's User Consultation Pla...

On 7 November, the EU Space Surveillance and Tracking (EU SST) participated for the first ...

December 18, 2023 Events



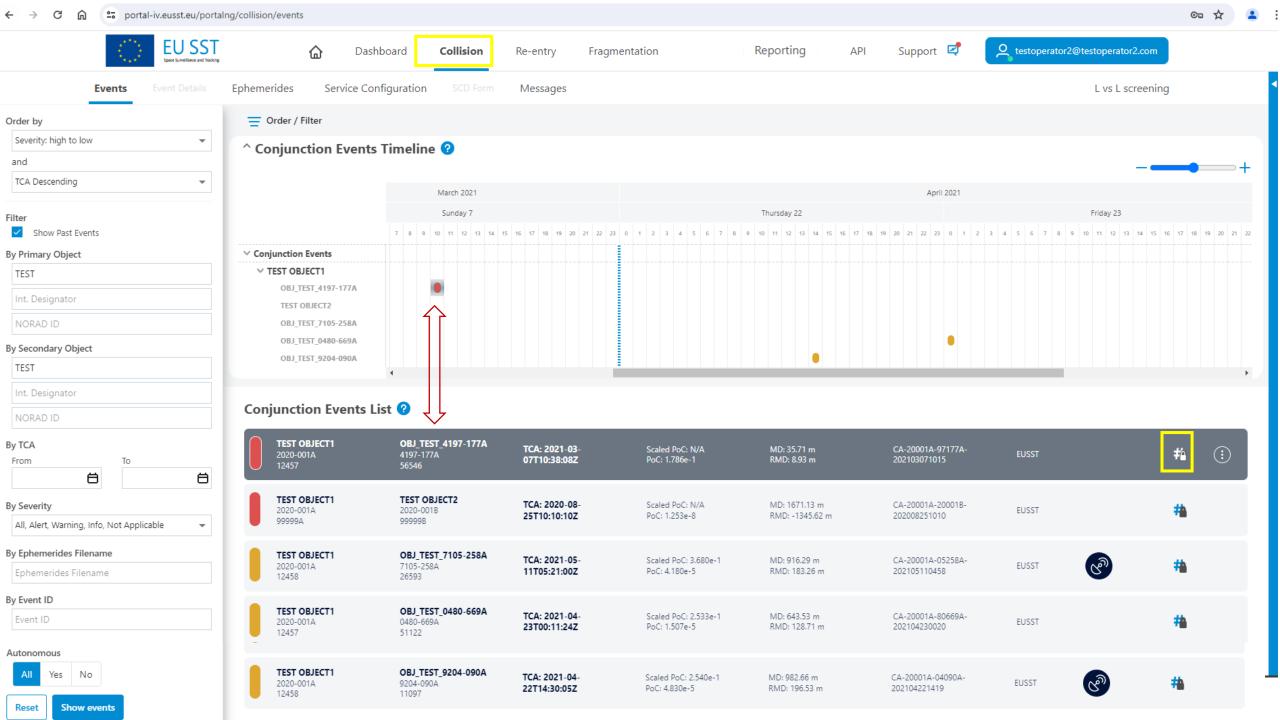
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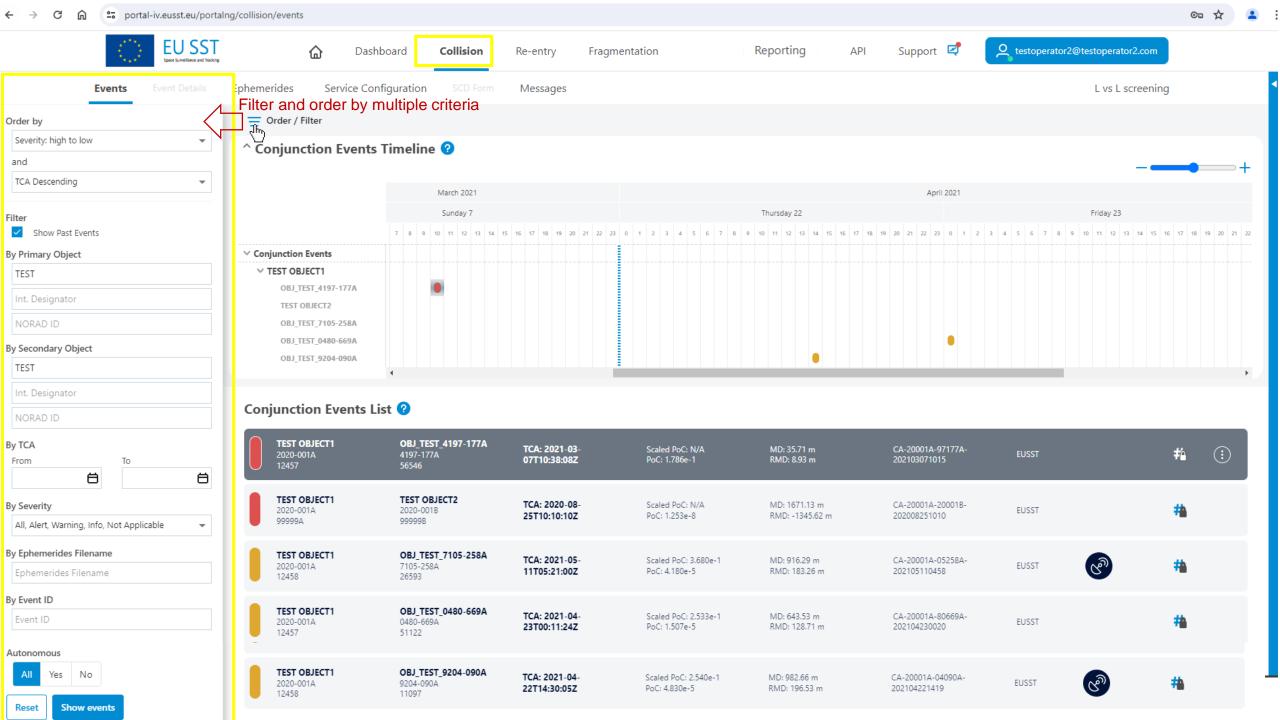
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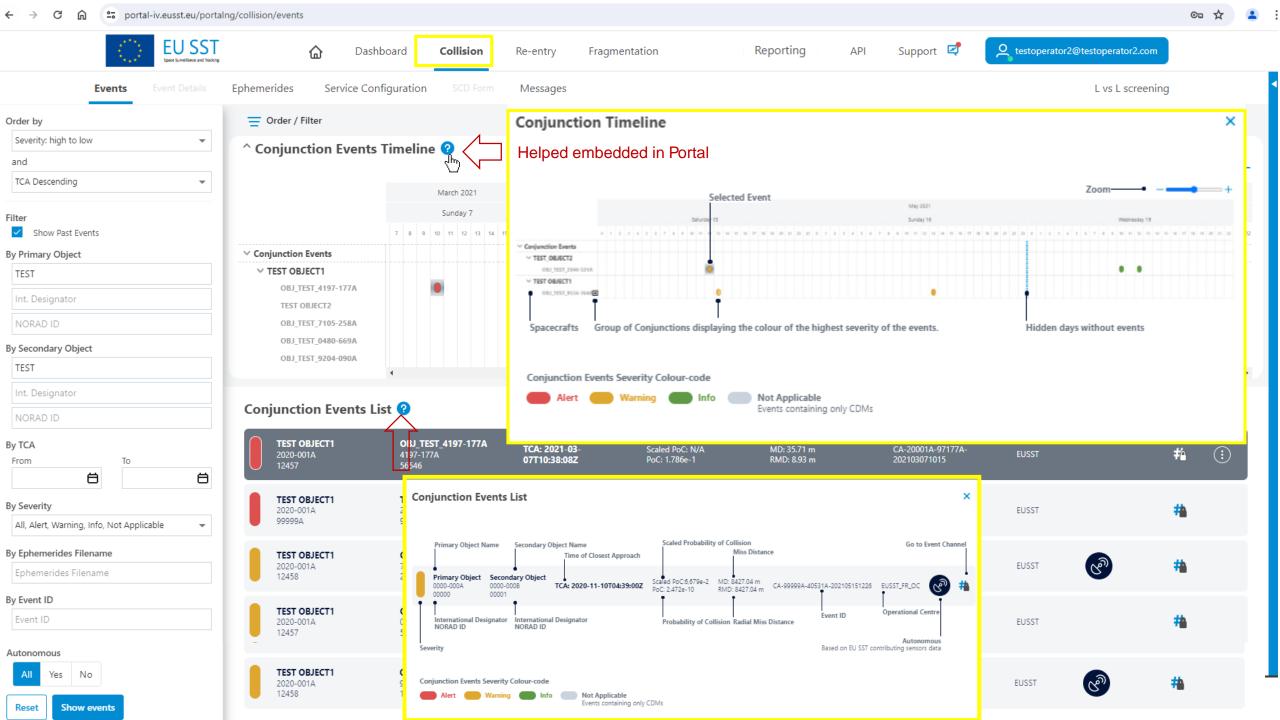
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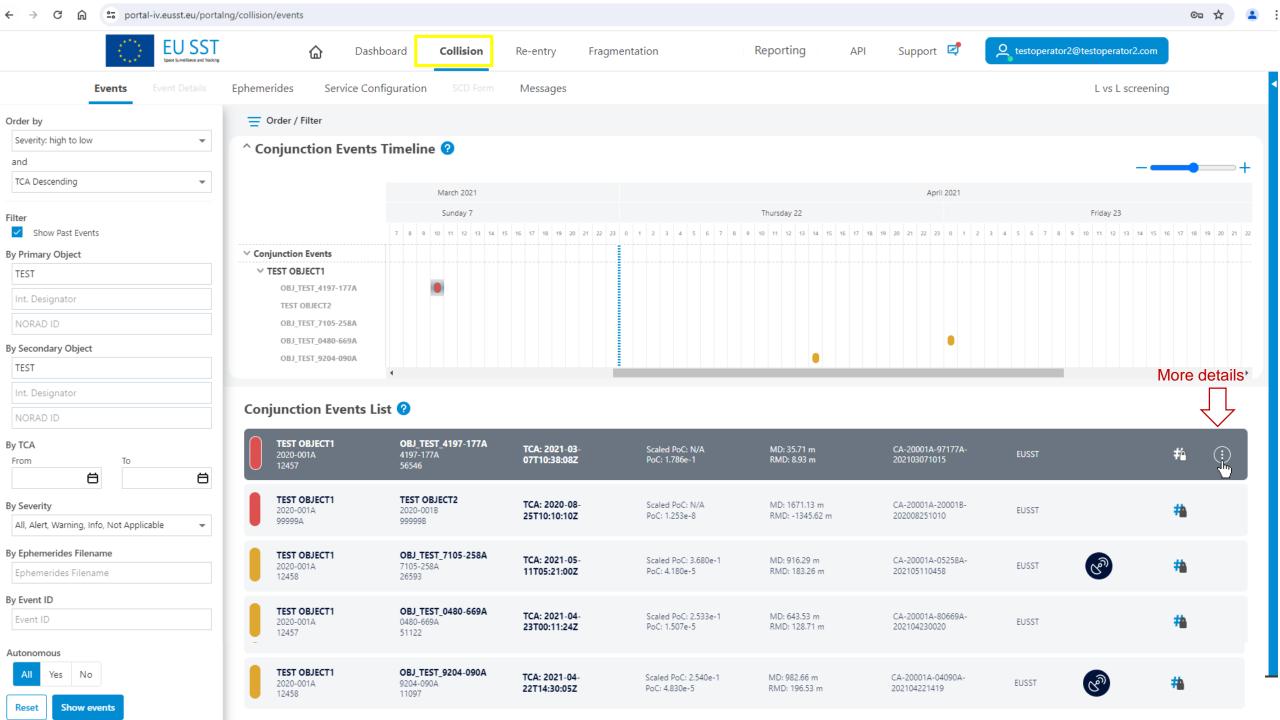


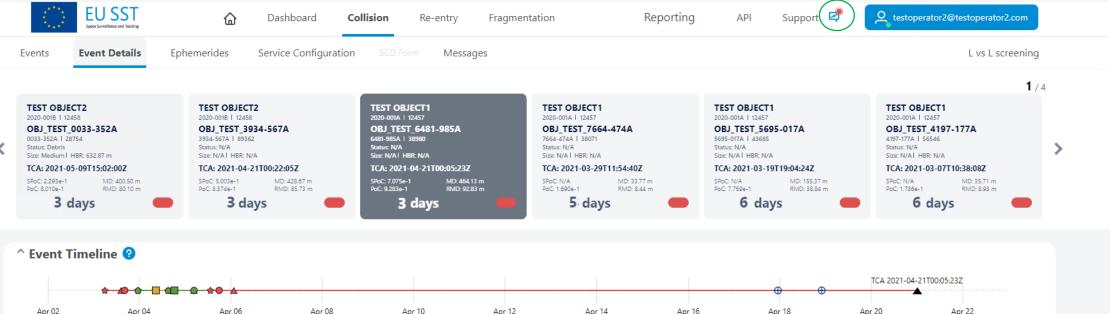
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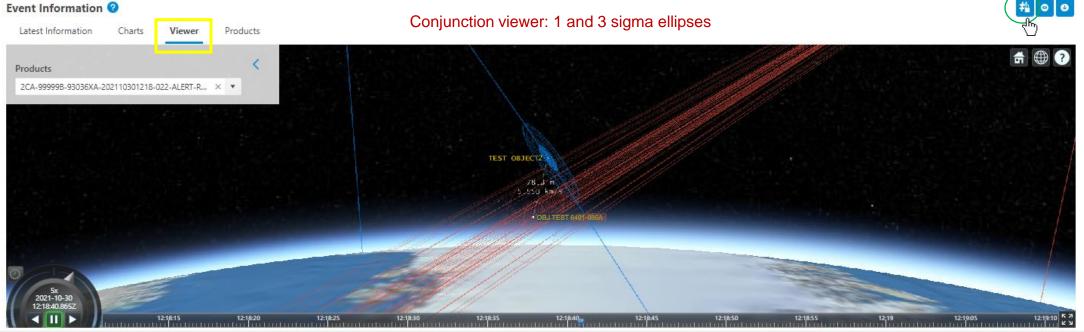




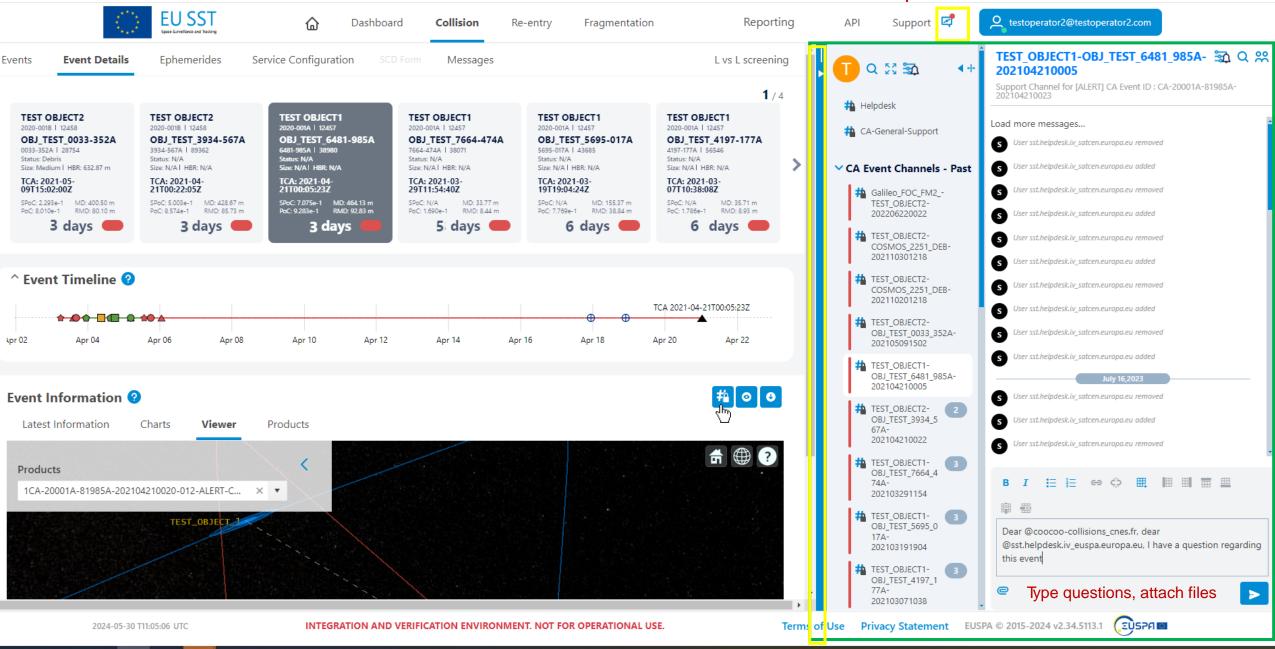




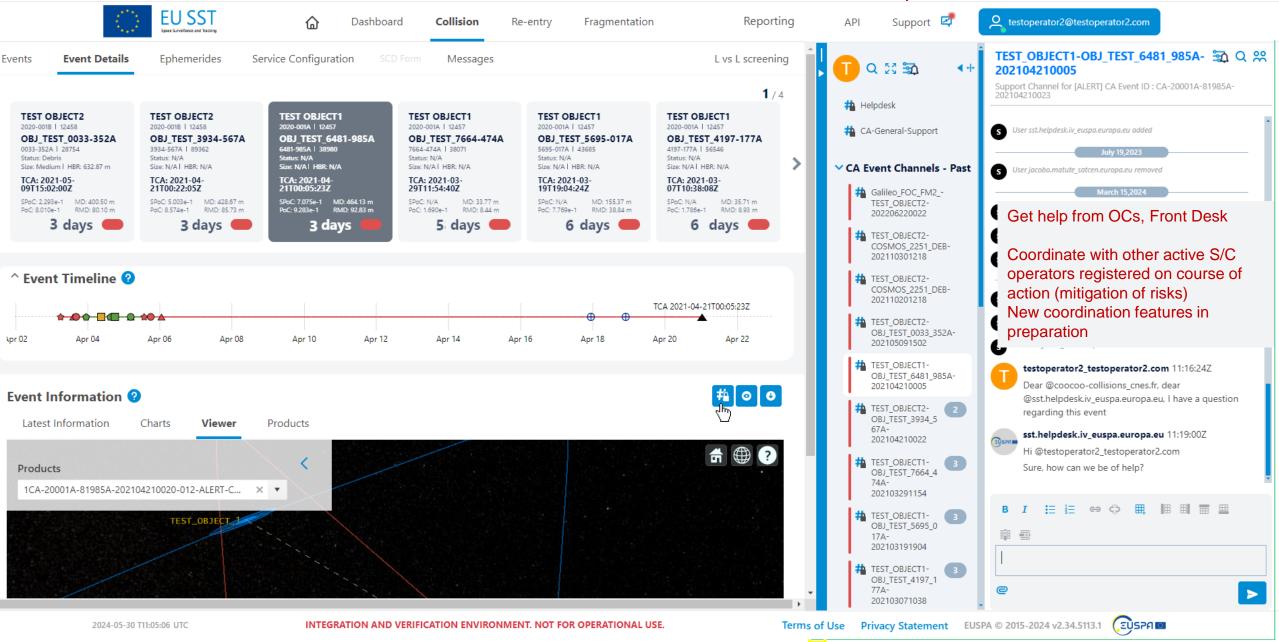


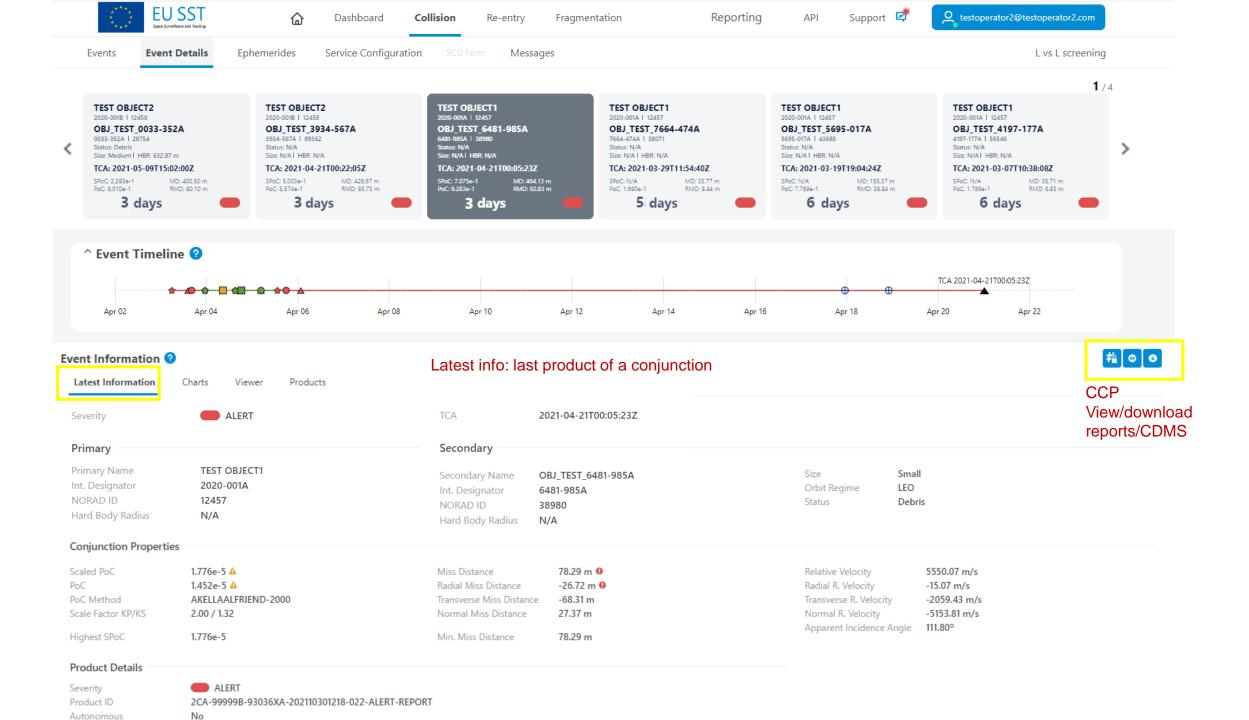


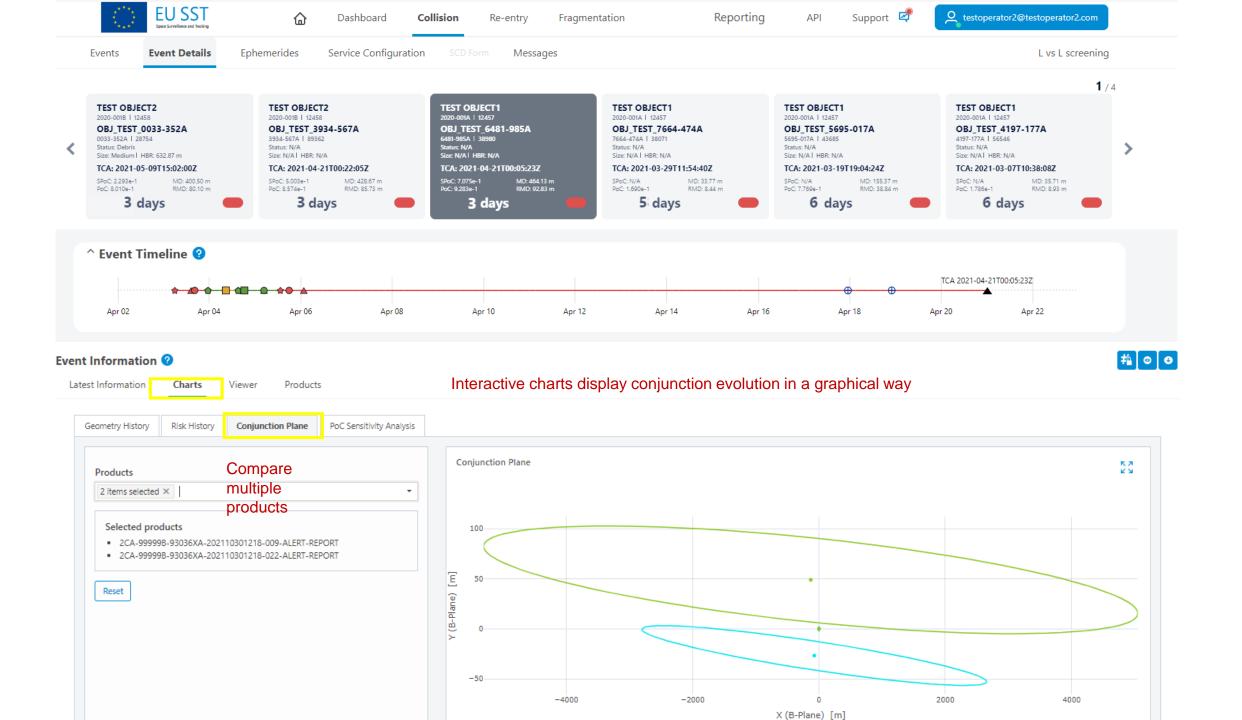
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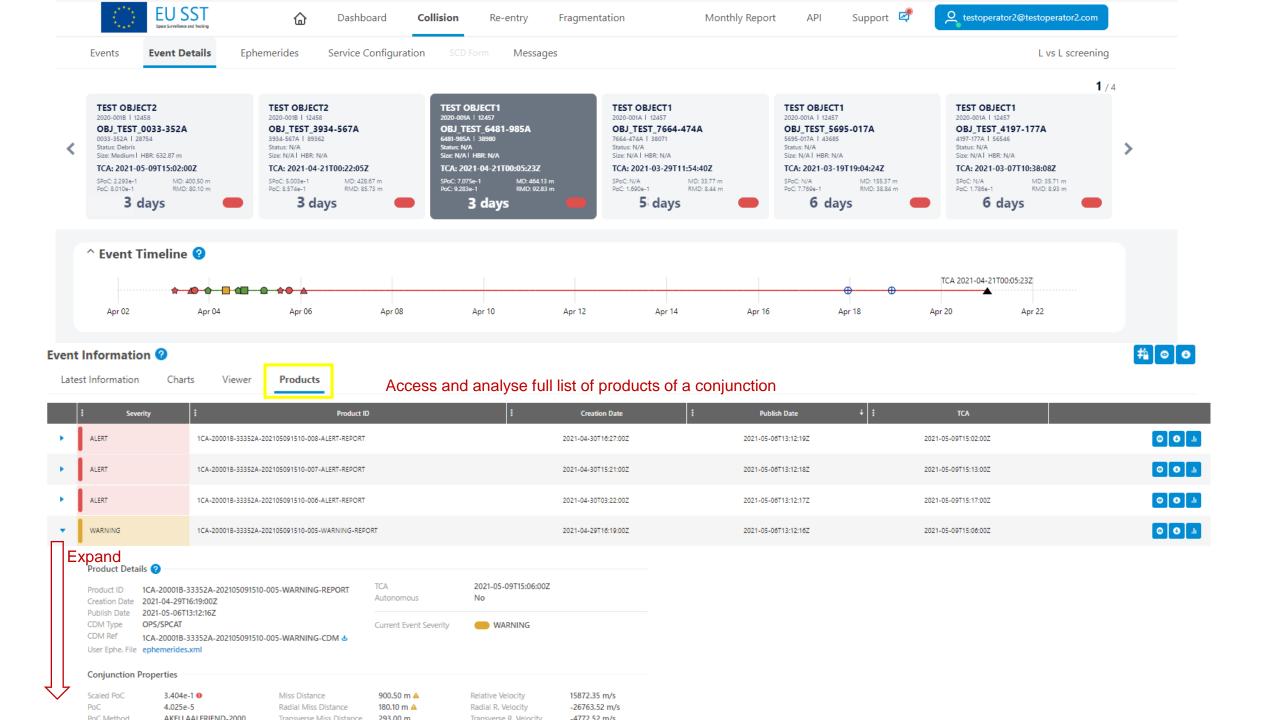


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Fragmentation



Service Configuration

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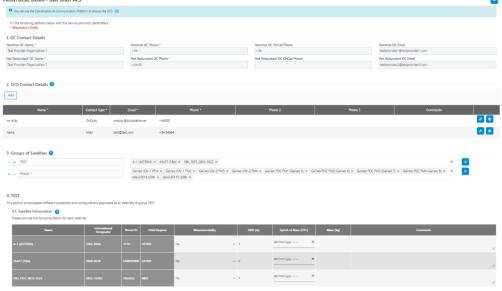
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Service Configuration Documents

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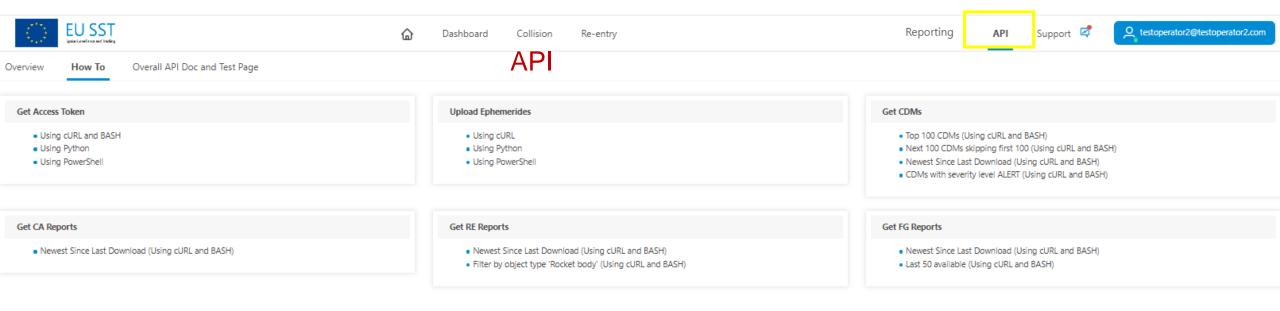
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Living document

Service Configuration Document (SCD) reflect agreements between EU SST and user on tailoring of service:

- Communication means
- Satellite details: Hard Body Radius, manoeuvrability...
- Thresholds: time to TCA, PoC, geometrical...
- Ephemerides upload frequencies, formats...



API:

Automation of most tasks
Front Desk can provide support in setting up scripts

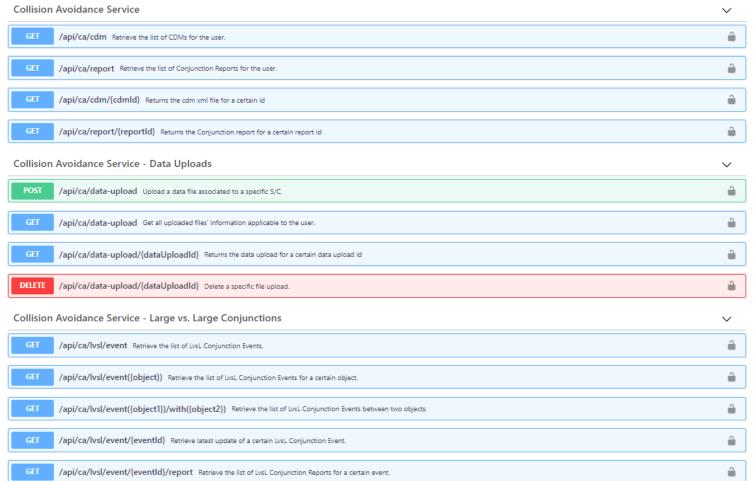
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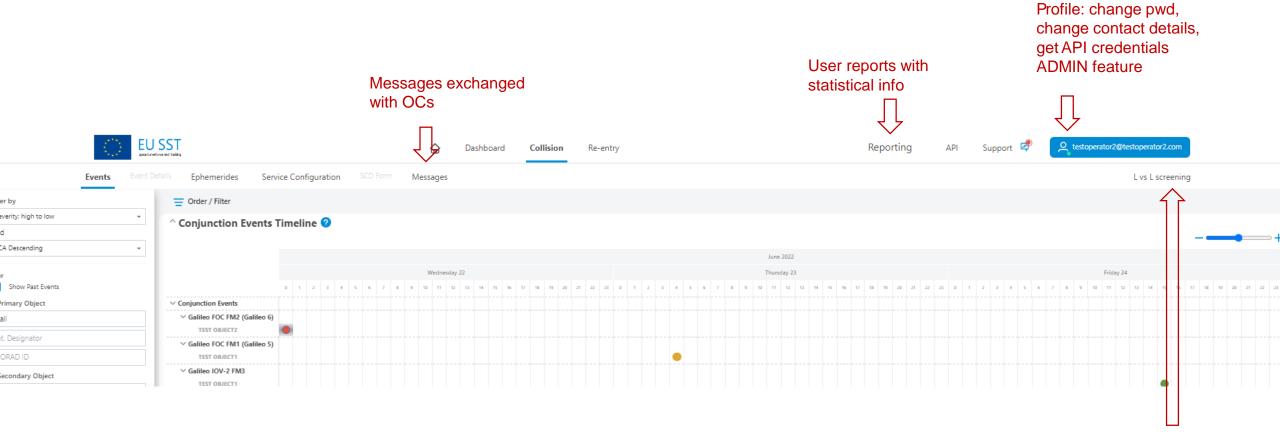
https://portalusersapi-iv.eusst.eu/swagger/v2.2/swagger.json

This document describes the EU SST Service Provision Rest API, which is meant to be used by back-end servers or trusted parties. The API provides most of the functionality available in the portal.

Authorize https://portalusersapi-iv.eusst.eu v API test page Collision Avoidance Service Test your desired calls to /api/ca/cdm Retrieve the list of CDMs for the user. the various endpoints /api/ca/report Retrieve the list of Conjunction Reports for the user.



And more...



Large vs Large Public list of conjunctions

