



## Space Insurance Update

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Christopher T.W. Kunstadter Global Head of Space, AXA XL chris.kunstadter@axaxl.com *rev 10-Jan-22*  AXA XL Leadership in the Space Insurance Market

- → Space insurance is a critical enabler of innovation and investment
- → The space industry faces rapid change, increasing failures, and new threats
- → AXA XL promotes actions and solutions that enhance safe and responsible space activity
- AXA XL is committed to profitability and safety in space

## The Changing Space Industry and Environment

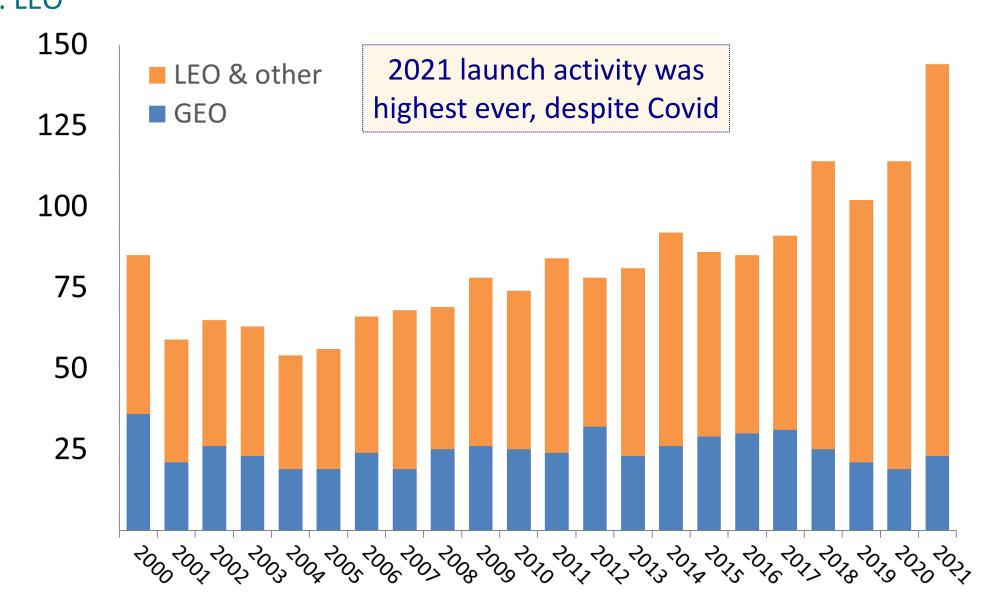
### $\rightarrow$ We've seen...

- ✓ New launch vehicles and satellite technologies flown and planned
- ✓ More constellations of small satellites deployed and proposed
- ✓ GEO satellite orders increasing with coverage expansion, replenishments, and C-band clearing
- ✓ Rapidly increasing population of satellites and debris on orbit
- ✓ Improved space situational awareness and space traffic management capabilities

#### → …which results in more…

- ✓ Launch failures new launch vehicles fail more often than mature vehicles
- ✓ Satellite failures small satellites built with shorter schedules, less testing, less redundancy
- ✓ Supply chain stress huge demand for electronic parts and globalization of space economy
- ✓ Collision risk urgent need for accurate and timely object tracking and conjunction warnings

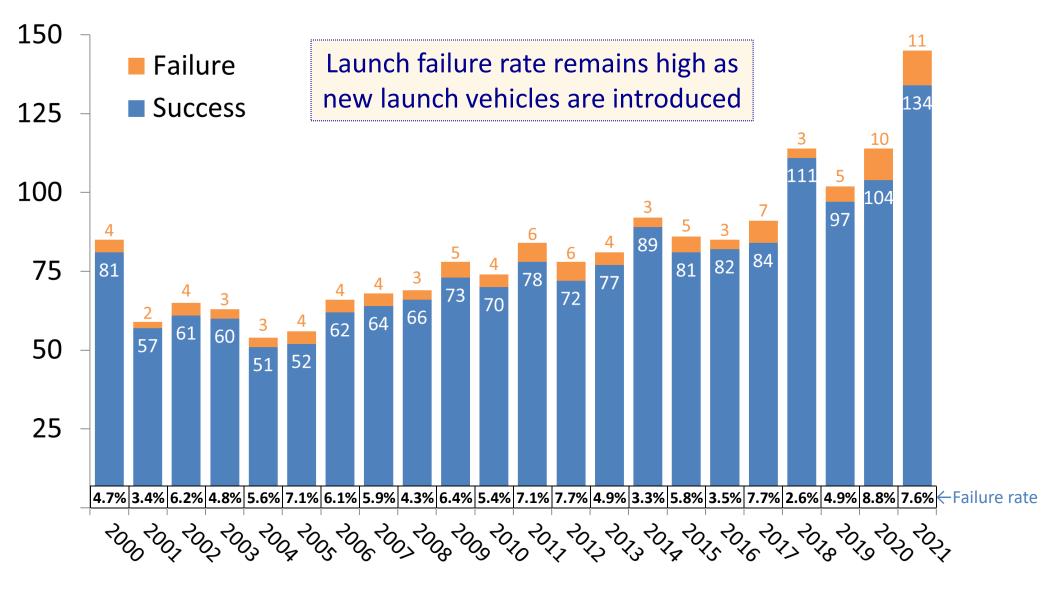
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#### Launches to Orbit

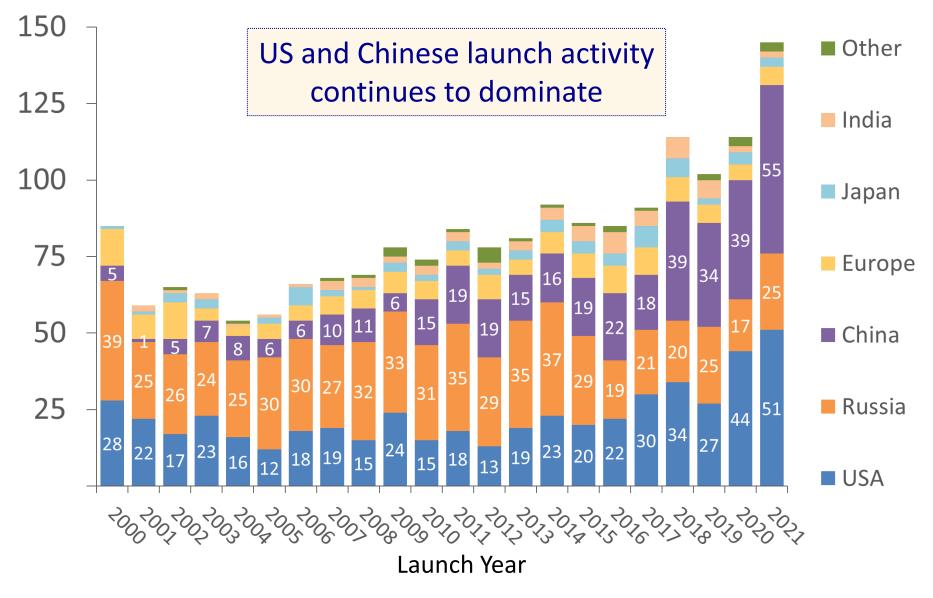
#### Successes vs. failures





#### Launches to Orbit

#### Launch capture by country/region

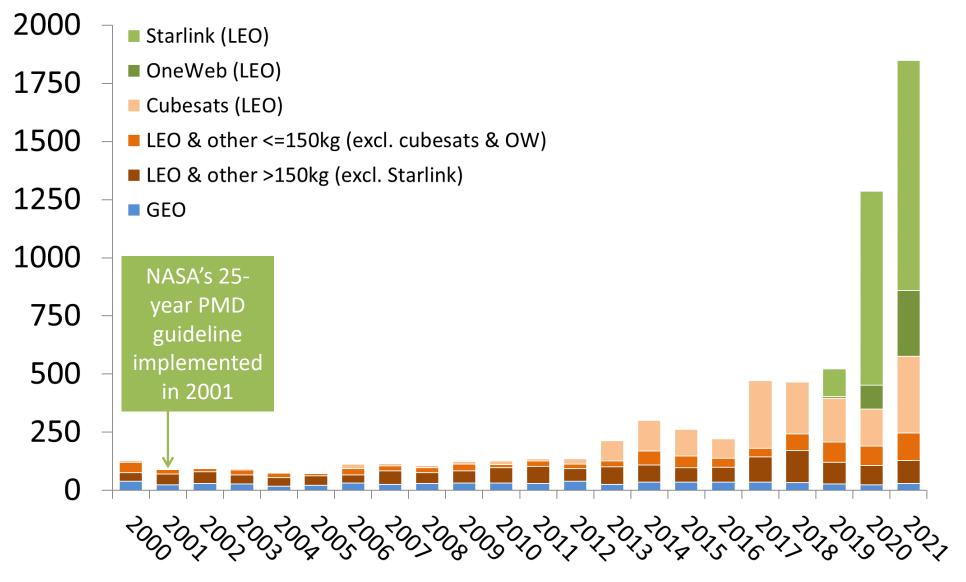




#### Space Industry Activity

## Satellites Launched by Year

#### By orbit and size, since 2000

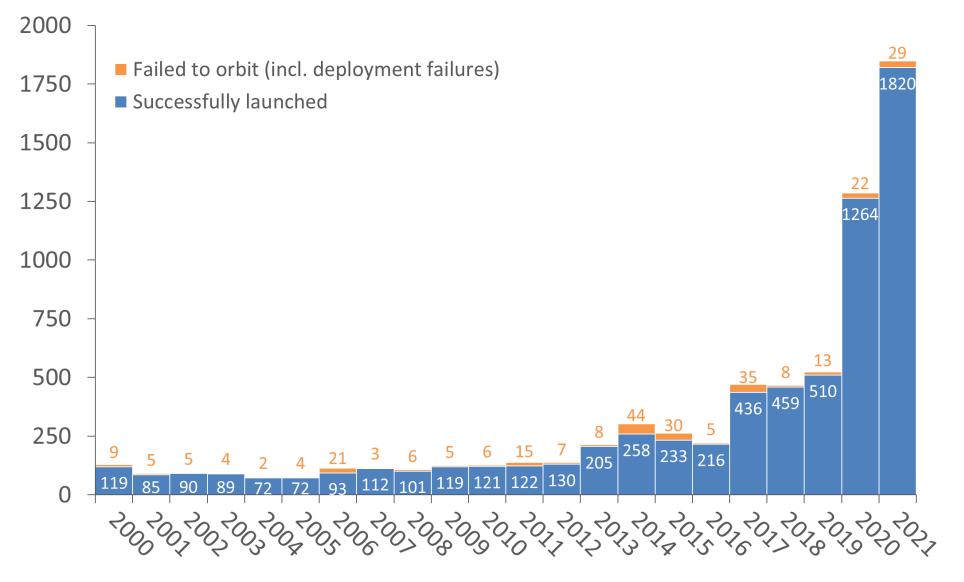




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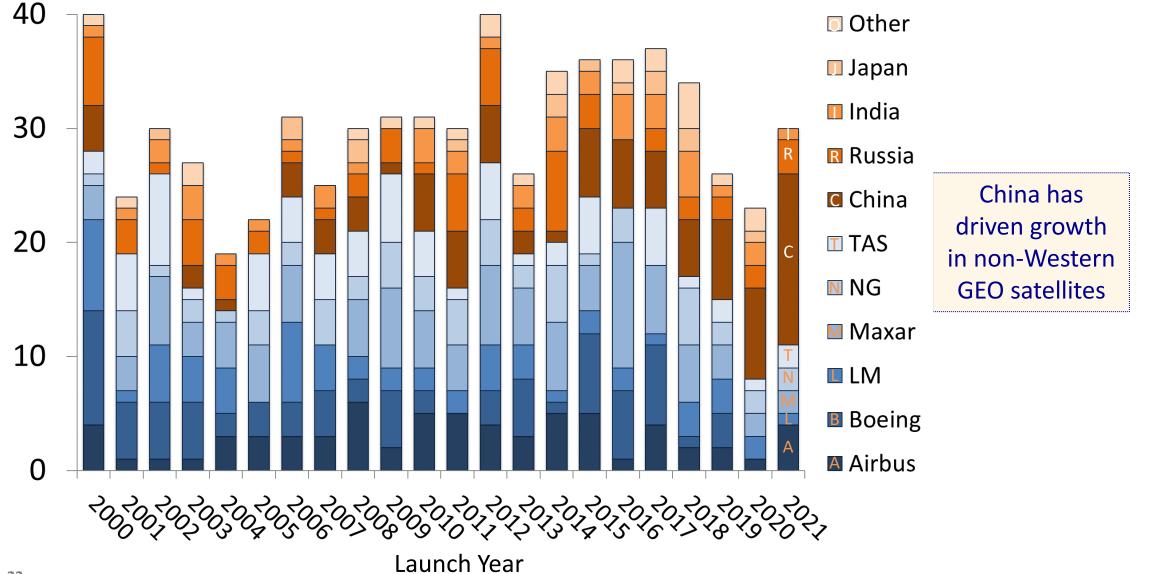
#### Successful vs. failure





## **GEO** Satellites Launched

#### Market share, by manufacturer/region

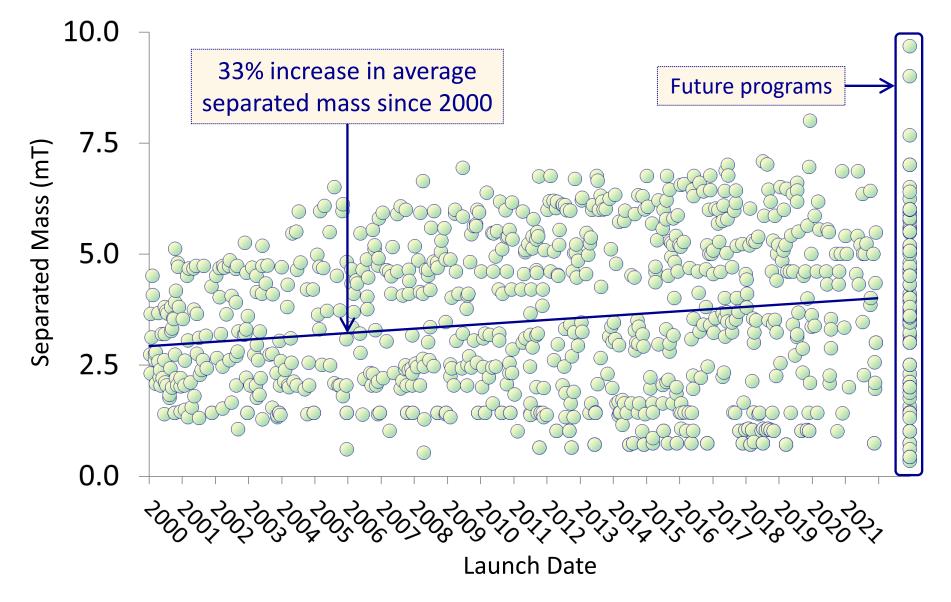




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## Separated Mass vs. Launch Date

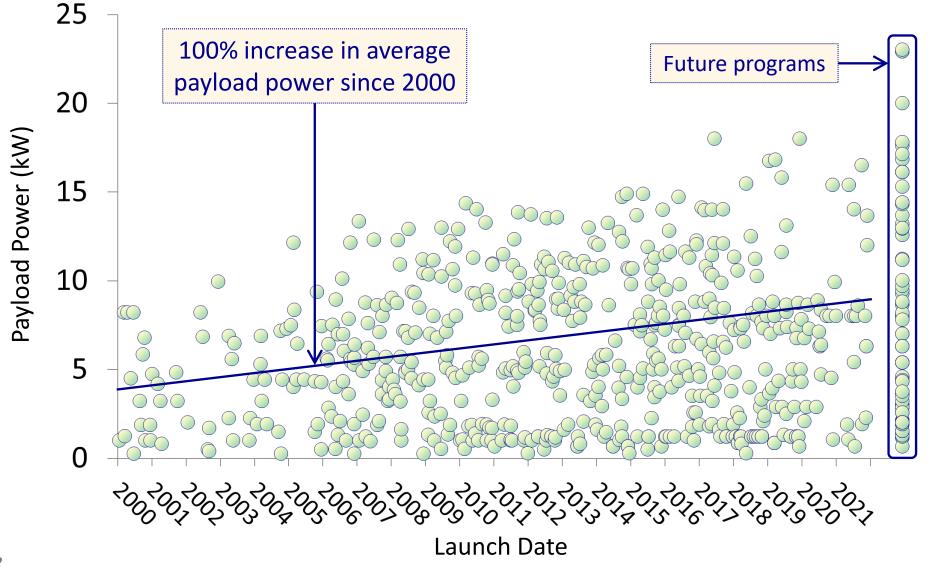
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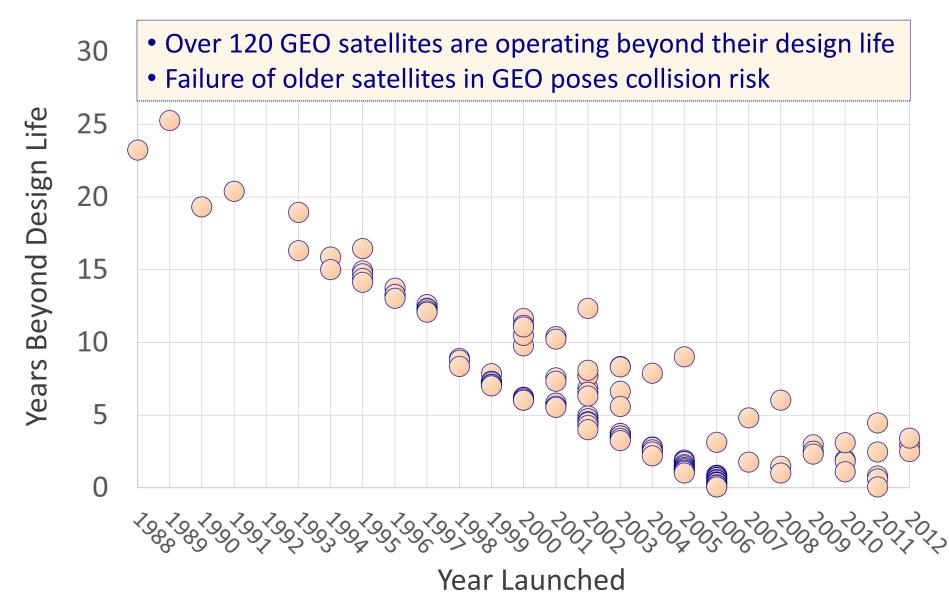
## Payload Power vs. Launch Date

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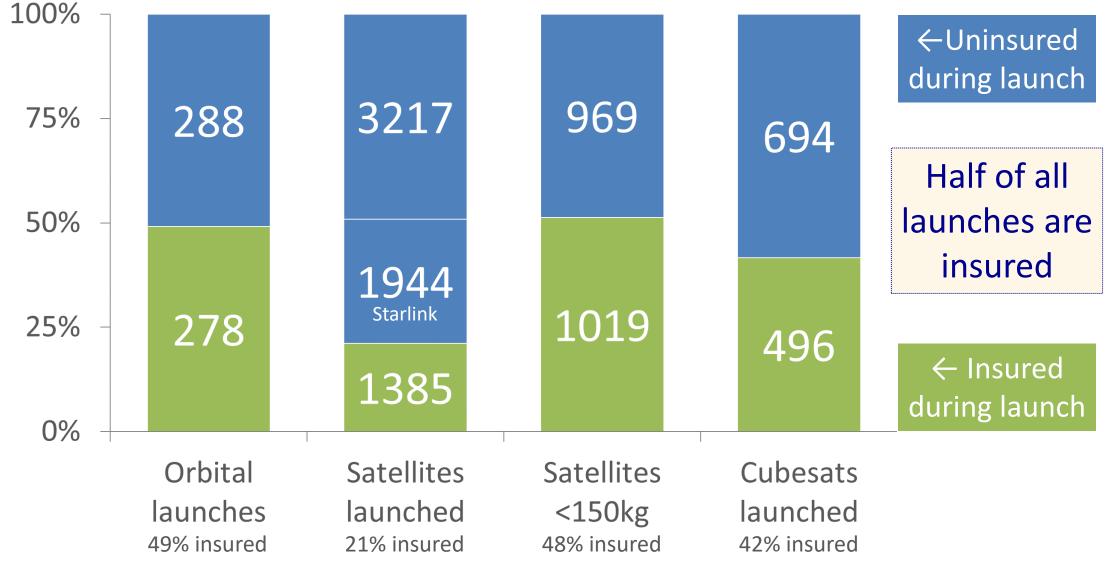
### **GEO Satellites Operating Beyond Design Life**





## Launches and Satellites, 2017-2021

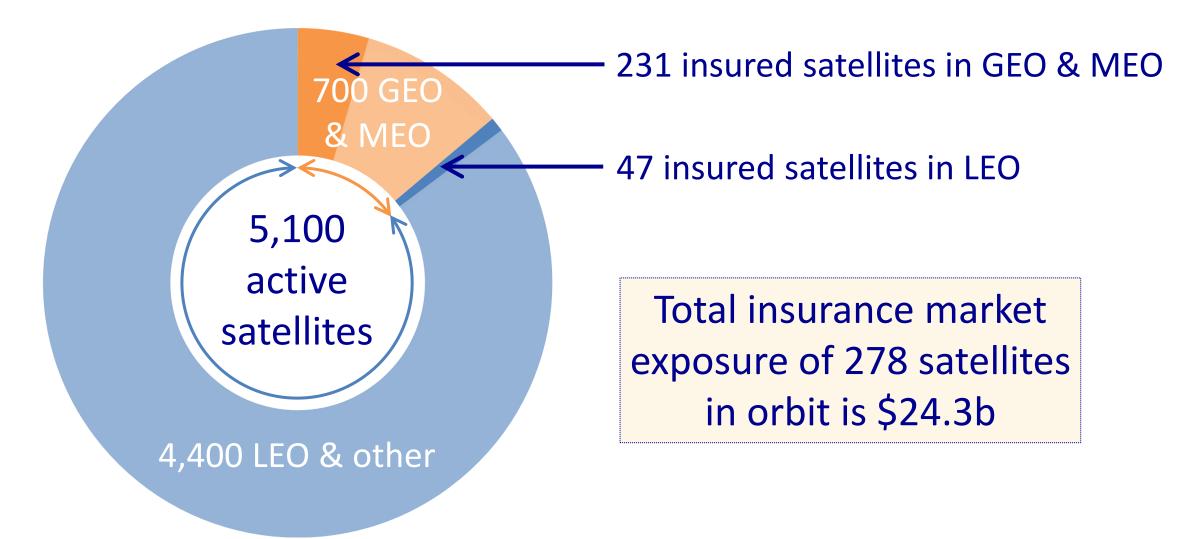
Market insured vs. uninsured during launch





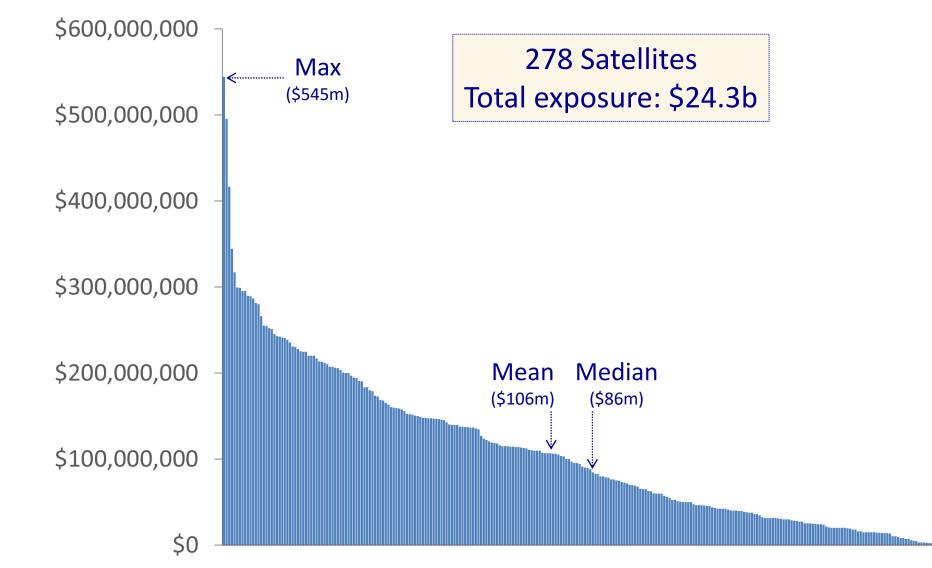
## Active Satellites In Orbit

Insured vs uninsured



## Market Exposures On Orbit

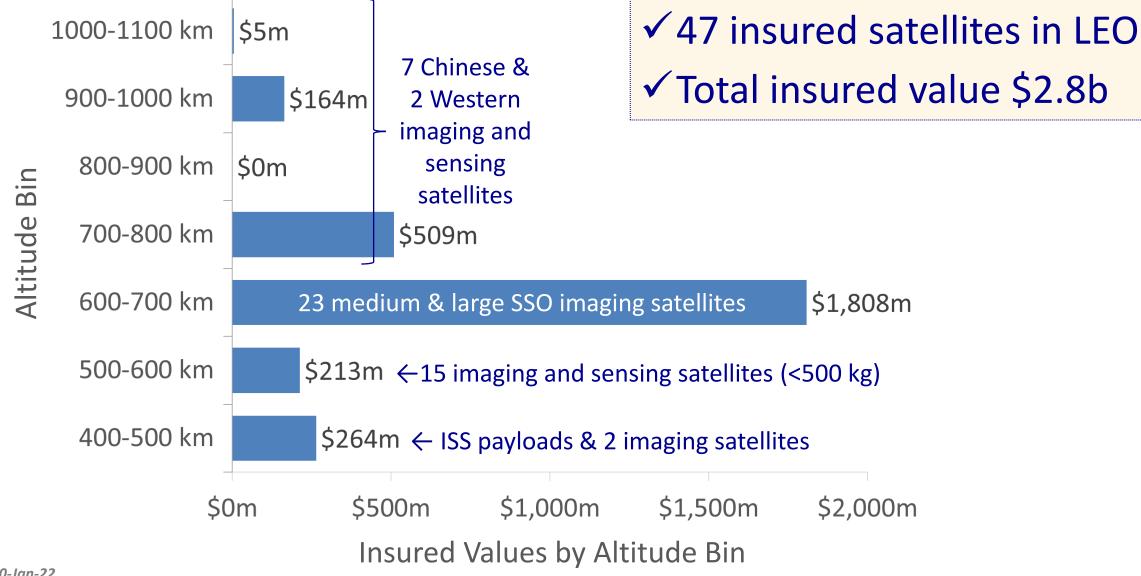
#### Satellites in orbit, by individual risk





## **Insured Values In LEO**

#### By 100 km altitude bin

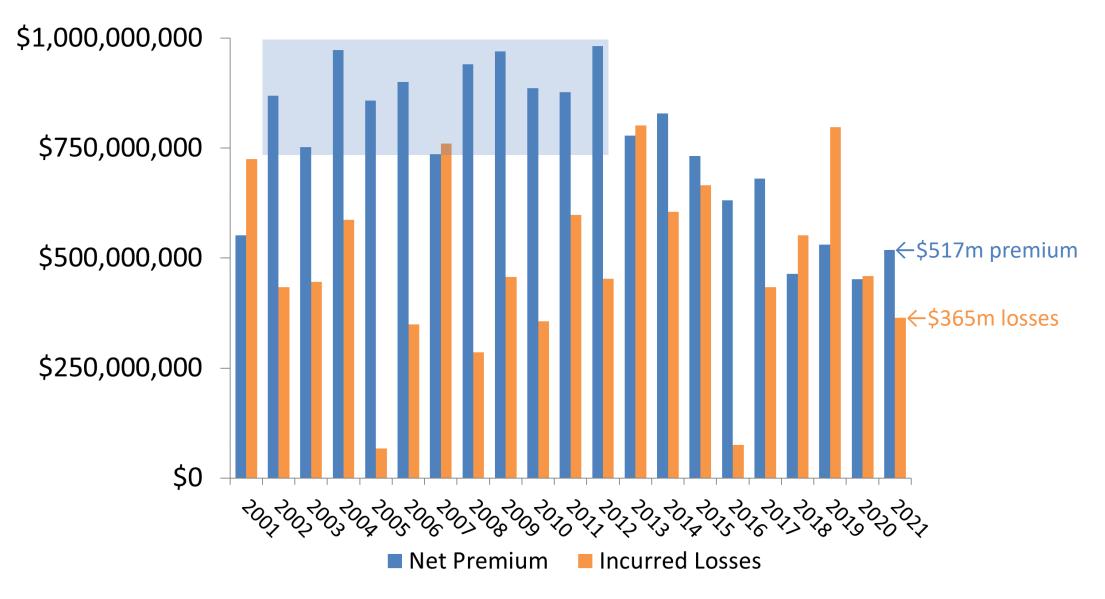




#### Space Insurance Market

## Market Annual Premium and Claims

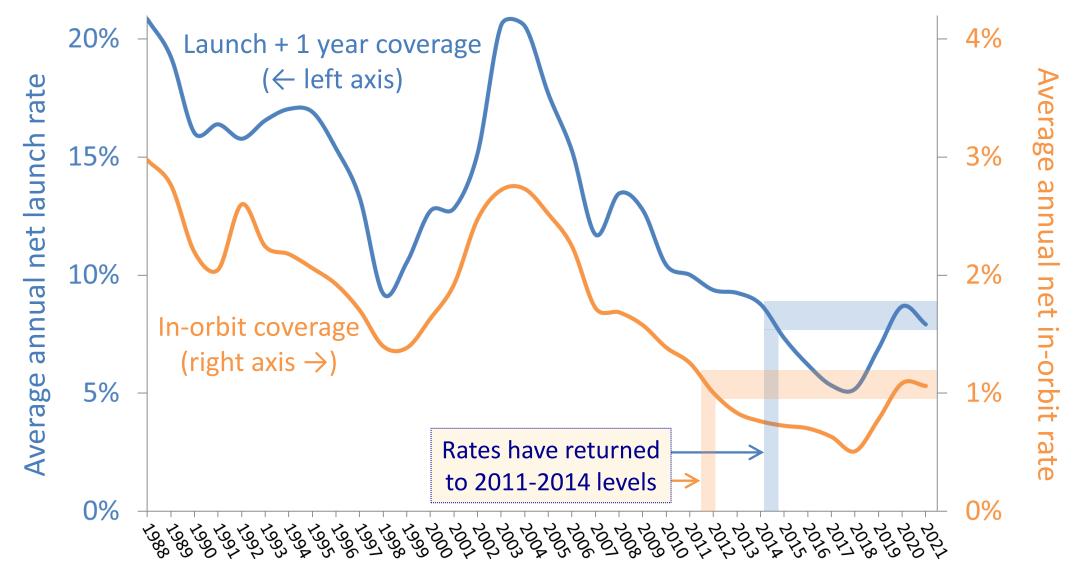
Net premium on risks attaching, losses at date of loss





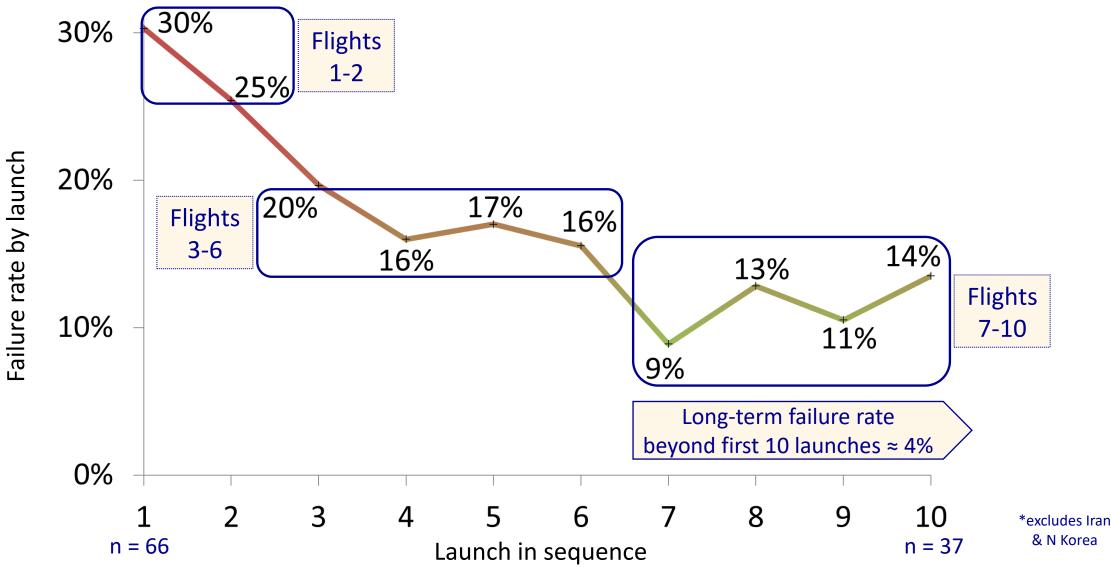
### Market Rate Development

#### Annual average net rates by year placed



### Launch Vehicle Failure Rates

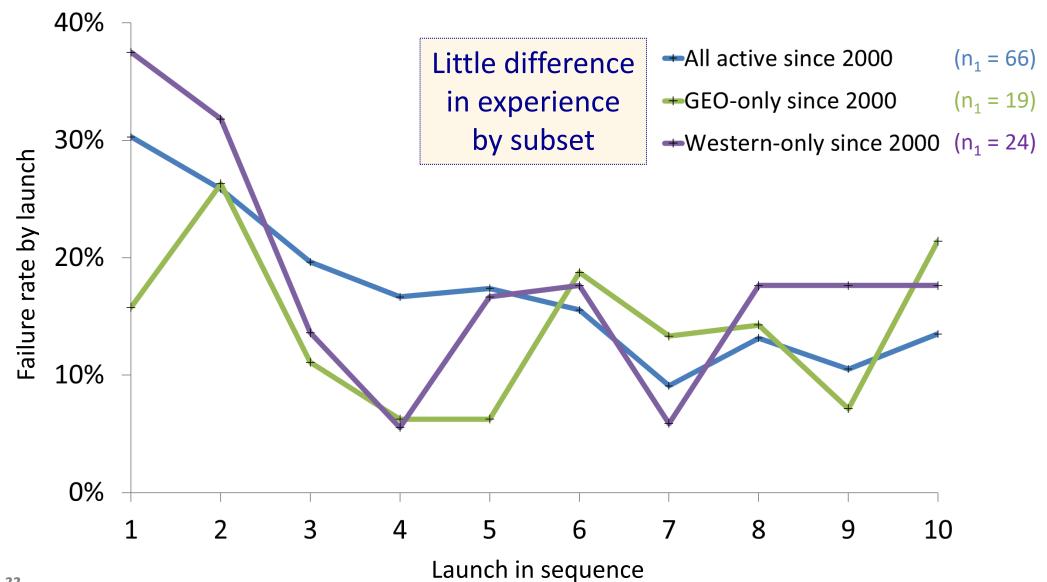
Each launch, first 10 launches, all orbital launch vehicle families active since 2000\*



#### Anomalies and Failures

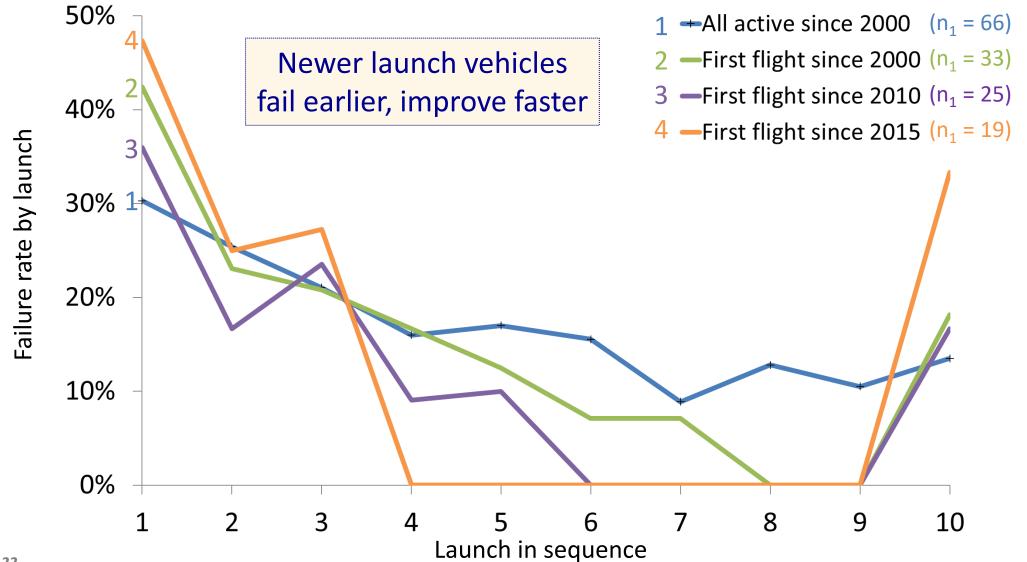
## Launch Vehicle Failure Rate Comparison

Each launch, first 10 launches, by region



## Launch Vehicle Failure Rate Comparison

Each launch, first 10 launches, by first flight date

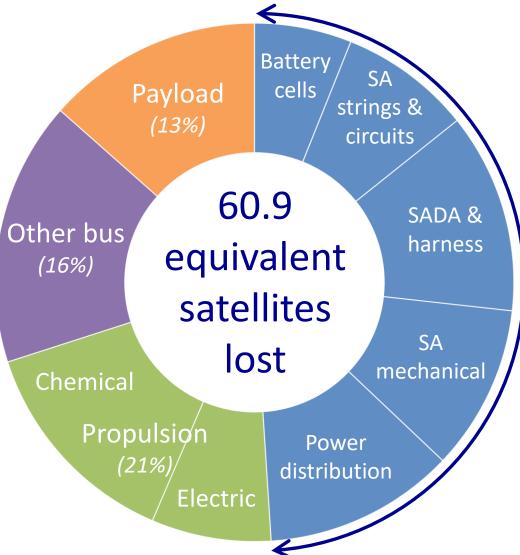




## Causes of Losses by Subsystem

#### GEO satellites launched since 2000

- 660+ satellites launched
- 3,100+ satellite-years of health data on 480+ satellites
- 5,300+ anomalies on
  390+ satellites
- 480+ "critical anomalies" on 140+ satellites
- 1,200+ anomalies resulting in loss of redundancy

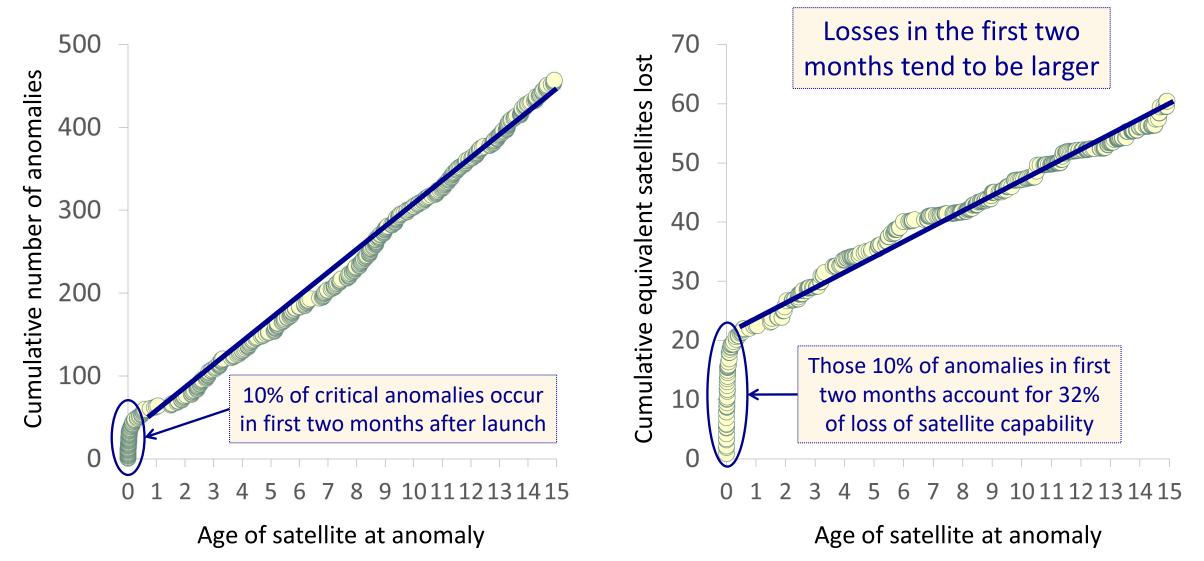


Electrical power subsystem anomalies account for ~50% of loss of capability



## Satellite Anomalies and Losses vs. Age

GEO satellites launched since 2000





## **On-Orbit Servicing Opportunities**

GEO satellites launched since 2000

80 GEO satellites launched since 2000 have suffered major anomalies								
that could have benefitted from on-orbit servicing								
Type of Servicing	Opportunities since 2000	Annualized opportunities						
Re-orbit / De-orbit	29	1.3						
Inspection / Repair	63	2.9						
Life Extension	41	1.9						
✓ 33 of these 80 (41%) had their major anomalies in the first two months after launch								
$\checkmark$ Some of these satellites would have benefitted from more than one type of servicing								
<ul> <li>Many other satellites could have benefitted from life extension or end-of-life disposal</li> </ul>								



### **Collision Risk**

- → Collision risk in LEO threatens at least \$35b of assets
  - ✓ Though this figure is likely well under-valued
  - ✓ Only 8% of this value is insured
  - ✓ Excludes ISS value and economic benefits of LEO activity
- → AXA XL continues to support kinetic space safety and monitoring and tracking of space objects



## Space Safety and Responsible Space Activity

#### 1. Space insurers are concerned

- Failures  $\uparrow$ , premium  $\downarrow$  = market volatility
- New launch vehicles = higher risk of failure
- More small satellites = higher risk of failure
- Debris risk? No...Collision Risk!
- Some insurers have withdrawn from LEO

#### 2. Insurers in general are concerned

- Pandemics and infectious diseases
- Climate change and extreme weather
- Cybersecurity
- Geopolitical instability

#### 3. Adopt **best practices** for **space safety**

- Characterize the space environment
- Tracking devices for SSA
- Propulsion for collision avoidance
- **Post-mission disposal** within **1** to **5** years
- On-orbit servicing for inspection and ADR
- 4. A significant insurance loss due to a collision in orbit will have an immediate and chilling effect on the space insurance market, and thus on the whole space industry

## The **same rules** that apply in your **house** apply in **space**:

- *"Tell people where you are!"* ... **prevent**
- "Don't make a mess!" ... mitigate
- "Clean up after yourself!" ... remediate

## Responsible behavior is the baseline, not the aspiration



X<sup>∟</sup> Insurance Reinsurance

## Thank you!

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# Backup Charts

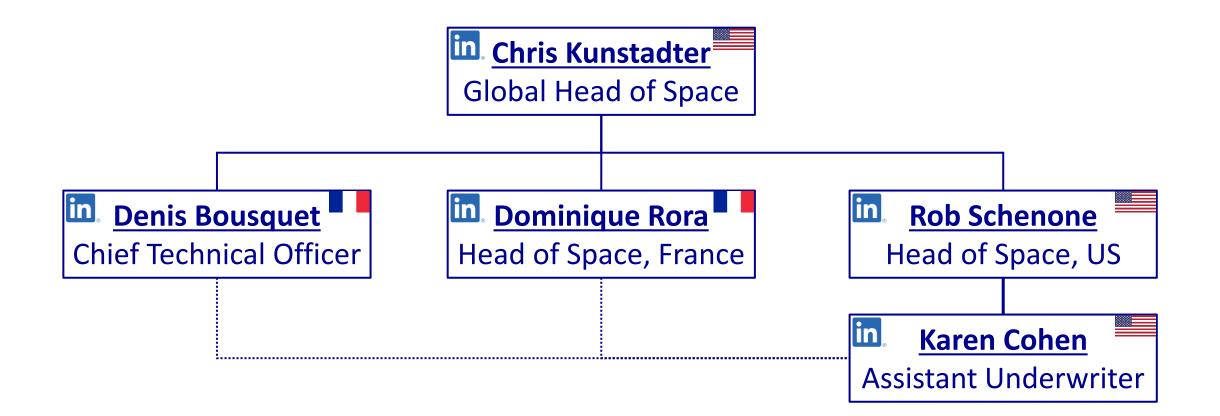
#### Who We Are

## $\rightarrow$ At AXA XL...

- ✓ We embrace risk
- ✓ We innovate to adapt to the changing space market
- ✓ We encourage responsible behavior in space
- ✓ We are the market leader in insurance solutions for entrepreneurial space
- We have the market's most respected and relied-upon databases, models, tools, and information access
- ✓ We are recognized for our expertise in policy wordings



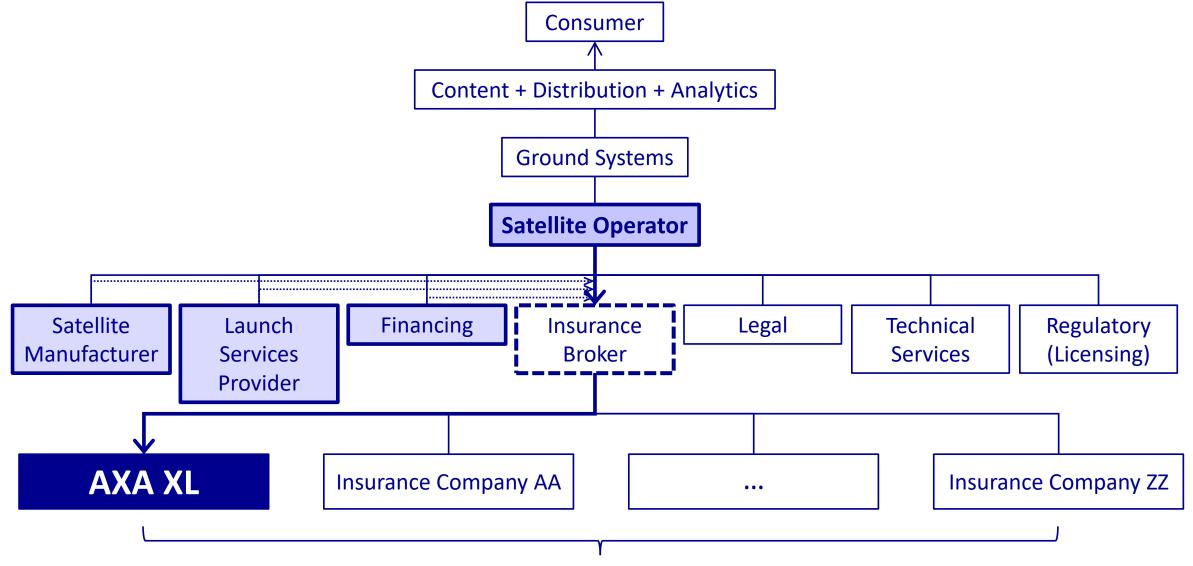
#### **AXA XL Space Team**



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#### Satellite Value Chain



~30-35 direct space insurance companies worldwide



#### AXA XL Space Activity

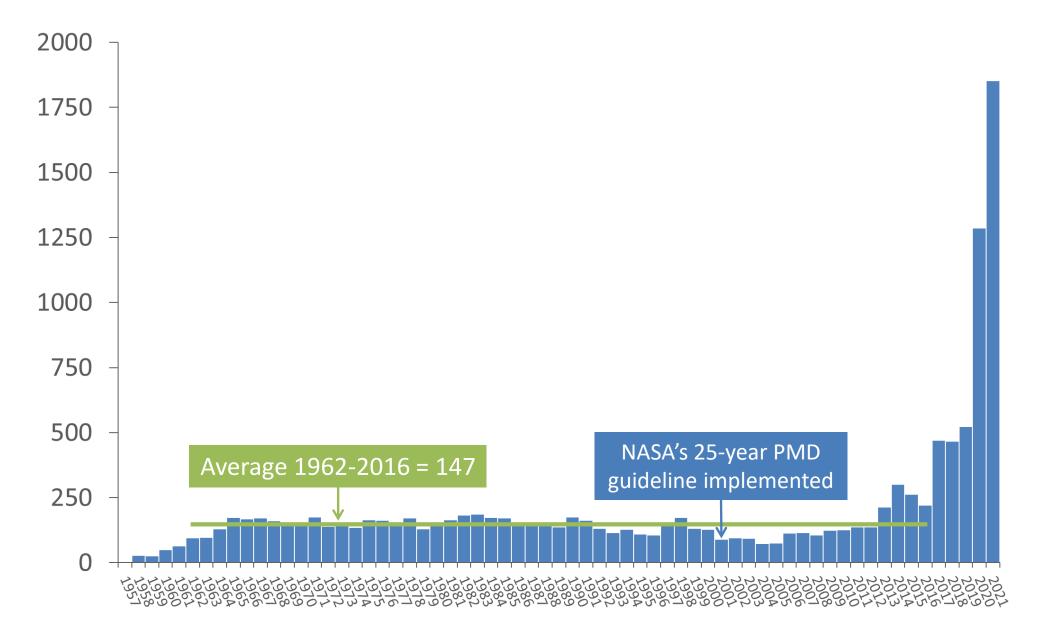
#### Space Insurance Coverages Offered by AXA XL

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Asset				A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A			
Liability		00 0		Ŵ		• 9	
Phase →	Pre-Launch		Launch and In-Orbit				
Insured 🗸	Integration & Test	Transit to Launch Site	Launch Site Processing	Launch Vehicle Flight	Initial Operations	In-Orbit Operations	Re-Entry
Satellite Owner /	Contingent Business Interruption		Launch + 1 year		In-Orbit	Re-Entry / Recovery	
Operator			Launch Vehicle Flight Only	Post-Separation	In-Orbit Liability	Re-Entry Liability	
Satellite User	Business Interruption		Business Interruption		Business Interruption		
Satellite Manufacturer	Marine Cargo (Transit & Pre-Launch) and/or Property		Performance Incentives / Warranty Payback				
Launch Service	Marine Cargo (Transit & Pre-Launch) and/or Property		Launch Risk Guarantee				
Provider			Pre-Launch Liability	Launch	Liability		Re-Entry Liability
	AXA XL Seamless (Pre-Launch and Launch)						
Other Coverages:	Engine tests, on-orbit servicing, human spaceflight, etc.						



Space Industry Activity

#### Satellites Launched by Year





### **Space Insurance In Perspective**

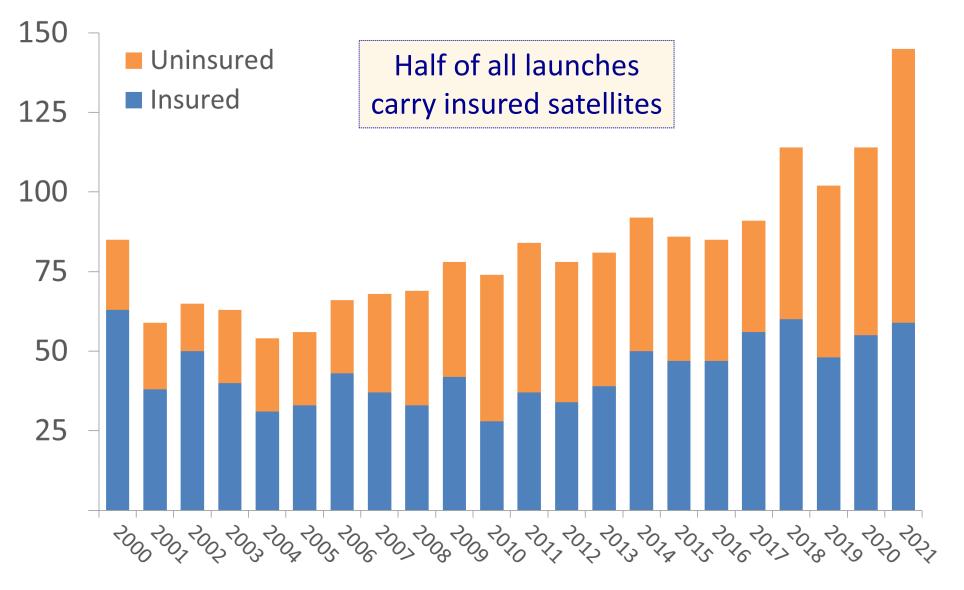
#### Risk is the intentional interaction with uncertainty

- Risk management process: *Identification* → *Assessment* → *Treatment*
- Treatment options: Avoidance, Reduction, Retention, Transfer (insurance)
- Principles of insurance: Pooling, Fortuity, Indemnification
- Space insurance covers virtually all technical risk, with few exclusions, from launch onwards
  - Challenges:
    - Technical: rapidly-evolving technologies, small satellites, new launch vehicles, constellations, custom-built satellites, generic anomalies, space environment
    - Actuarial: low frequency + high severity = volatility, small population = large variance of results, large range of values = unbalanced portfolio
    - Market: short tail, high cash flow, uncorrelated risks, low cost of entry, soft insurance market



#### Launches to Orbit

#### Market insured vs. uninsured

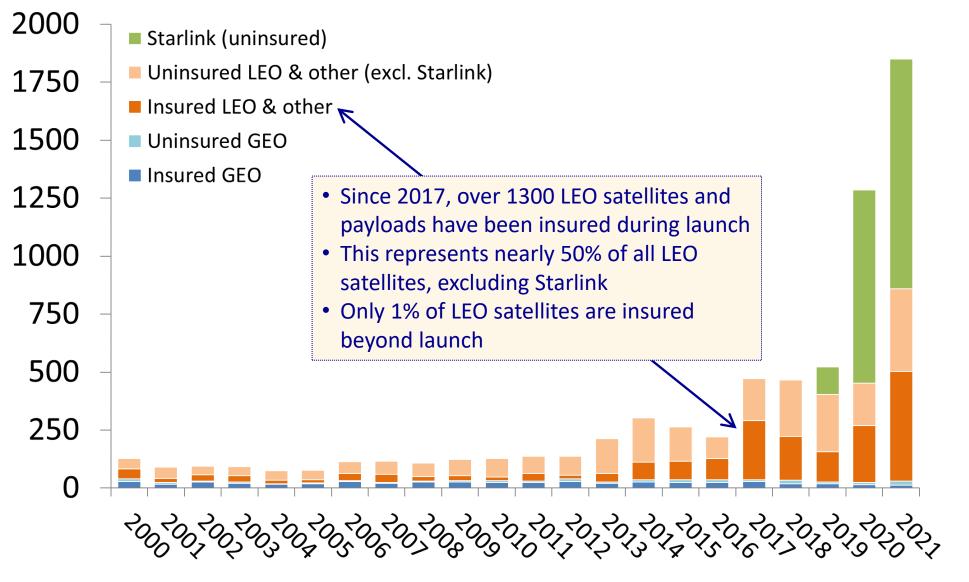




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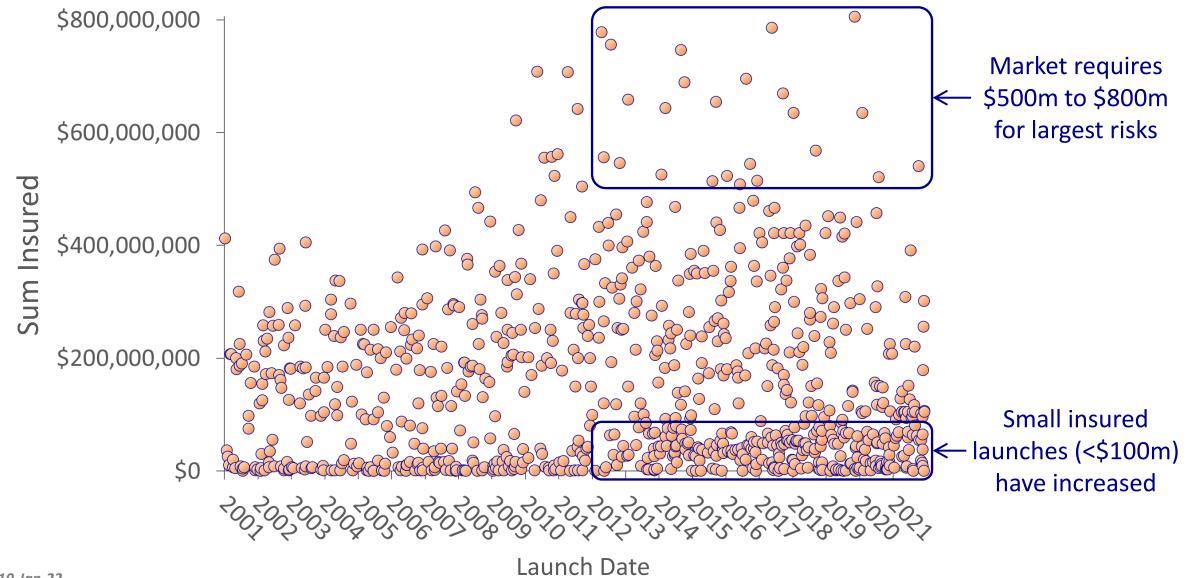
#### By orbit and size, since 2000





## **Market Insured Values**

#### During launch vehicle flight

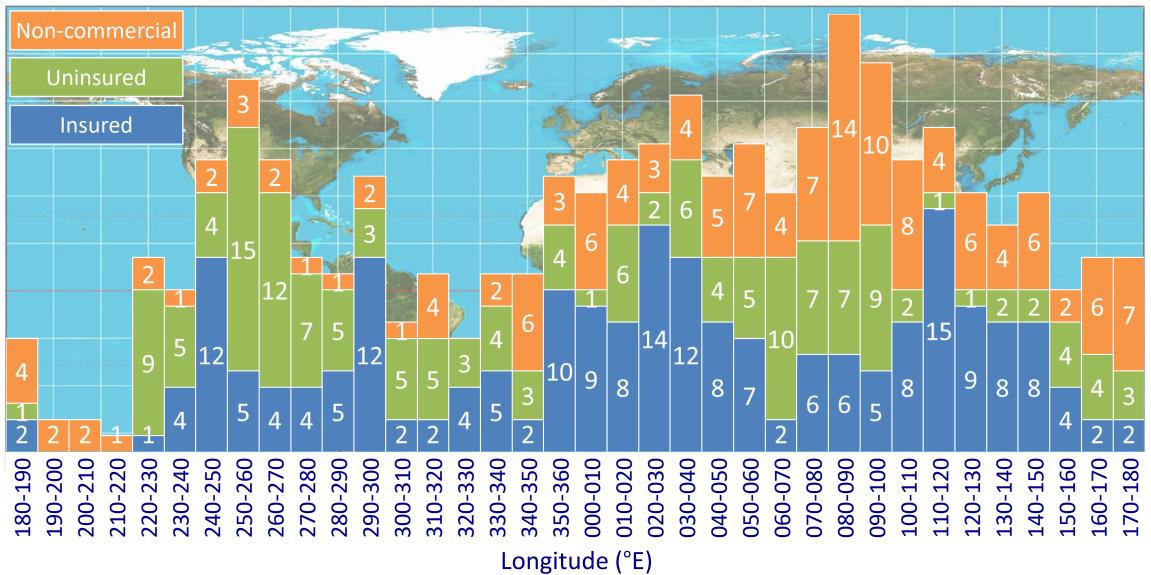




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## **GEO** Satellites by Longitude

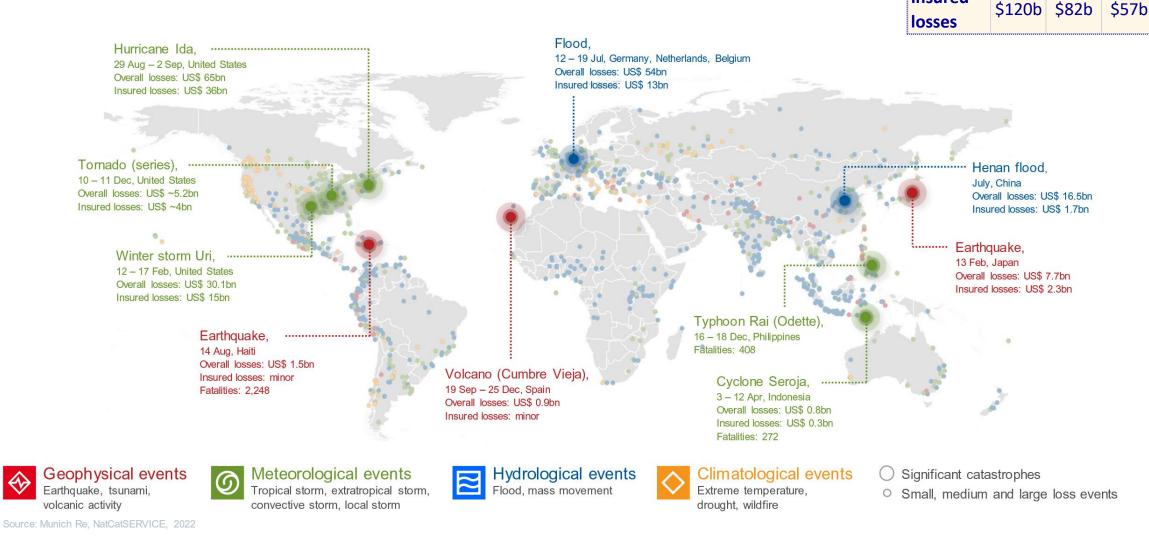
#### Insured + uninsured + non-commercial





#### Relevant natural catastrophe loss events worldwide 2021

Natural disasters caused overall losses of US\$ 280bn



#### Space Insurance Market

2020

\$280b \$210b \$166b

2019

2021

Year

losses Insured

**Economic**