

QlevEr Sat

Earth observation and artificial intelligence

Expected to be launched in 2022, QlevEr Sat will be observing the evolution of specific Earth regions and human activities associated with important societal issues (deforestation, volcanoes, damages from natural disaster). In order to reduce the volume of data to be sent to the ground, the nanosatellite will preanalyse the data collected thanks to some embedded AI.



The project is led by the **CSUG** in collaboration with the AI & Environment chair of the **MIAI Grenoble Alpes** (Multidisciplinary Institute in Artificial Intelligence), it is supported by **Teledyne e2v** and **Air Liquide** is also contributing via a patronage agreement with the Fondation UGA.

QlevEr Sat will embark an innovative Artifical Intelligence (AI) module capable of processing the pictures from space in order to send easy-to-analyse and low volume data back to the Earth. In the long run, one of the objectives could be to improve the warning time in case of major change.



Deforestation patterns, Amazon rainforest, Brazil, 2000 - 2012

NewSpace and artificial intelligence

As the radio frequencies get saturated, data downlink to the ground has become a major issue in NewSpace. The challenge lies in interfacing a robust and radiation tolerant adapted processor with a high-performance image sensor, within a small volume with low energy consumption (3 to 6U i.e. 3 to 6L for the entire entire satellite), in order to acquire and directly analyse the 10m resolution pictures, which is necessary to detect changes in a given area.





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