Satellite Laser Ranging Tracking Through the Years

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Abstract: Satellites equipped with retroreflectors have been tracked by laser systems since 1965. Satellite laser ranging supports a variety of geodetic, earth sensing, navigation, and space science applications. This poster will show the history of satellite laser ranging from the late 1960's through the present and will include retro-equipped satellites on the horizon.

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Number of Years Tracked by SLR: Today
Start of the ILRS

Data:
# Number of Passes (start–Sept. 2008)
() Number of Years Tracked by SLR

Satellite Name

Satellite Type:
- Geodetic
- Earth Sensing
- Navigation
- Space Science

Satellite Co-Location:
- GNSS Receiver
- DORIS Beacon
- PRARE Instrument
- Co-Located Instrument Failure

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