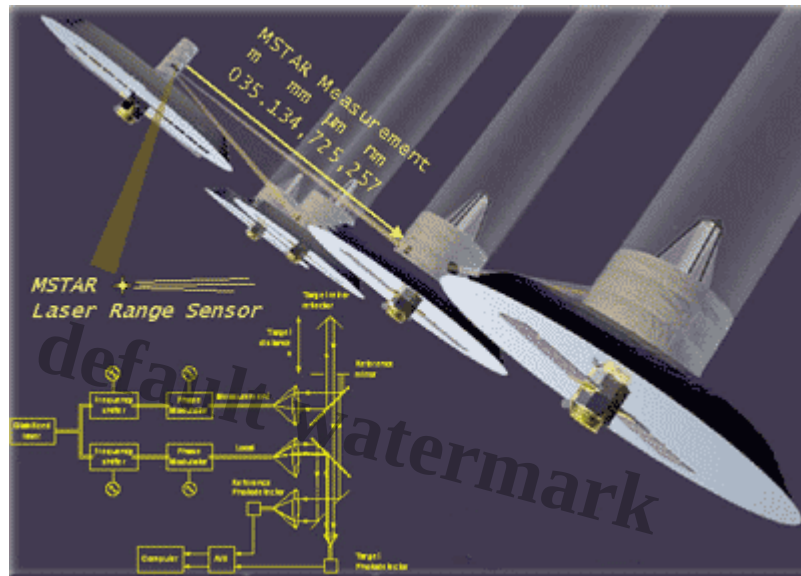


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Description



[Interesting stuff â€“ Precision Formation Flying.](#) Might cause future [Lexâ€™s](#) to complain loudly that only a human can do it, rejecting the idea that â€œitâ€™s so simple, even robotic systems can do it!â€•

Formation flying by unmanned platforms. In spaceâ€“going really, really fast (well, thatâ€™s with *true* speedâ€“here itâ€™s the *relative* speed that makes a difference, and that can be very small, except at the â€œjoin upâ€•) Lots of applications, like [many small sensor platforms being electronically integrated into a larger system](#), but only if they are positioned specifically to add to the synergism.

Check out the JPL data on the topic, and, if youâ€™re a military pilotâ€“be afraid, be very afraidâ€“of the word [â€œautonomy.â€•](#)

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