

AeroAstro STAR Lab Special Seminar

Science from Commercial Nanosats

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Noon in 33-218

Pizza lunch provided on a first-come, first-served basis

Summary: Five years ago, most nanosatellites were blind boxes tumbling through space. Today, startups are building constellations of dozens of single-kilogram satellites to deliver high-precision science data to commercial and government customers. What changed? And what will change over the next five years?

Bio: Alex Saltman unexpectedly turned his physics degrees into work for Congress, the trade association for commercial space companies, and now a nanosatellite startup. He has developed policy, code, compromises and calls to action and worked to chisel progress out of stagnant institutions, in the process learning that change comes somewhat slower than the innovators think it will, but far faster than most others expect.



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