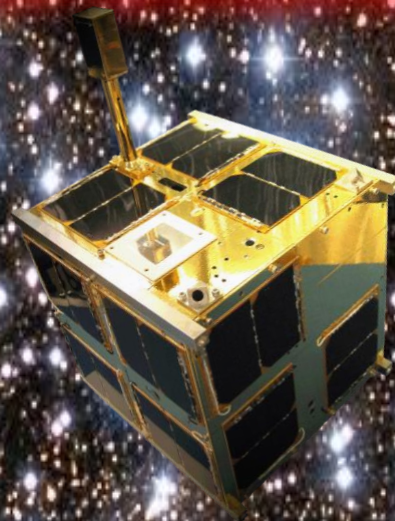


The **BRITE** Side of Stars



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of
BRITE-Constellation

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Preface

A fully operational constellation of five BRITE (**B**Ri**g**ht **T**ar**g**et **E**xpl**o**rer) nano-satellites was established in 2014, as an Austrian-Canadian-Polish space-project. BRITE satellites provide high precision and continuous dual-broadband photometric time-series up to half a year, on timescales ranging from a few minutes to years.

Ten years later, the scientific achievements of [BRITE-Constellation](#) were discussed during a dedicated conference in Vienna. This conference is a follow-up of the conference in 2019: [Stars and Space](#) and has a title proposed by Andrzej Pigulski: [The BRITE Side of Stars](#). It led to discussions of open issues in the modelling of stars, including discrepancies between theory and observations; the physics needed to describe their structure and evolution; interactions with the environment; membership in related groups such as clusters. Other sessions addressed potential synergy between BRITE and current and upcoming projects, as well as potential successors to BRITE.

Hence, the focus of the conference was on:

- Bright stars with a mass-range from ~80 solar masses to less than 1 solar mass and of all evolutionary stages
- Theoretical Aspects: Pulsation, Evolution, Magnetism, interactions with the environment (winds, accretion, outbursts, etc.)
- Synergies and complementarities between BRITE-Constellation and other space missions and/or ground-based surveys
- Scientific and technical legacy
- Ongoing and follow-up missions, in space and on the ground

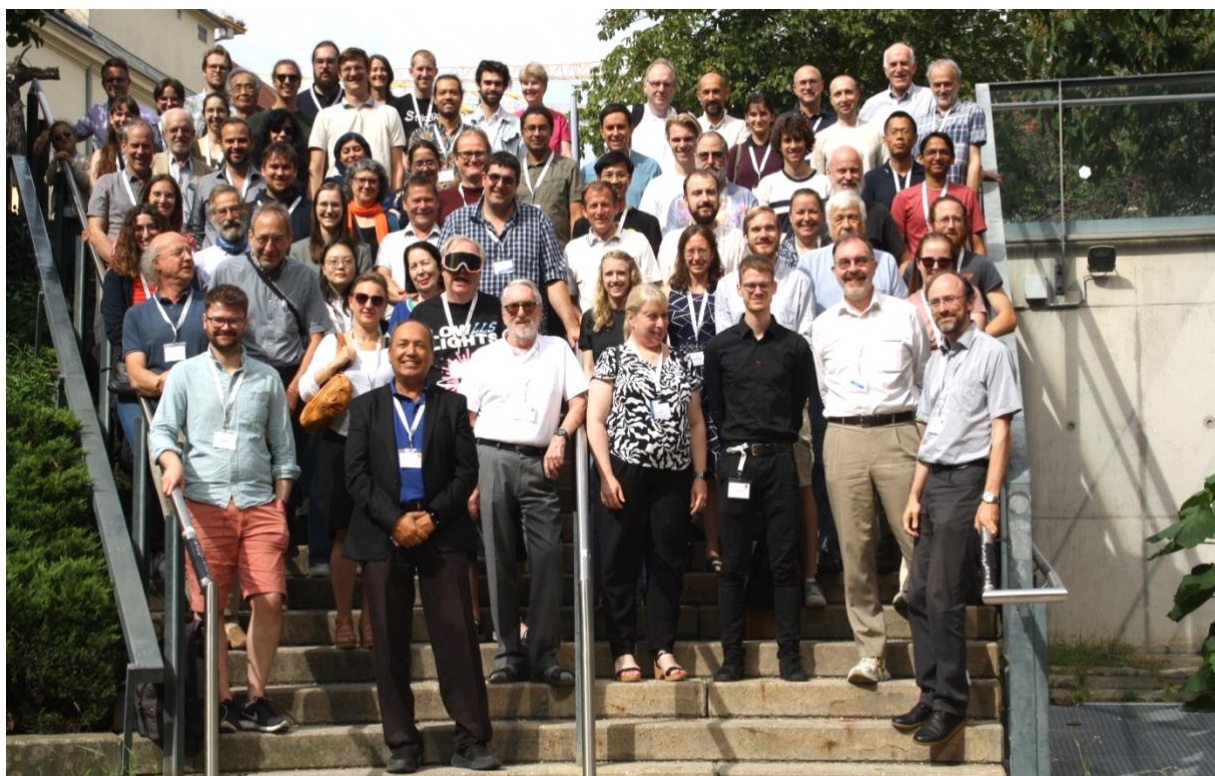
The conference attracted 105 registered participants from 27 countries, 24 of them with on-line presence. This response resulted in a very dense program. For greater ease, the organizers decided to adopt electronic proceedings. The CERN-based software Zenodo was chosen for the proceedings and was established by Samarth G. Kashyap of the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research.

Management of the conference was performed by the Scientific (SOC) and the Local (LOC) Organising Committee. Members of SOC are Dietrich Baade, Gerald Handler, Catherine Lovekin (co-chair), Anthony Moffat, Bert Pablo, Andrzej Pigulski, Slavek Rucinski, Gregg Wade, Werner Weiss (chair) and Konstanze Zwintz. Members of LOC are Rudolf Albrecht, Salim

Ansari, Fabian Haberhauer, Anneliese Haika, Otto Koudelka, Thomas Lebzelter, Mathias Lechthaler, Stefan Meingast (co-chair), Martin Piecka, Lukas Steinwender, Werner Weiss (chair) and Isabella Wizani. With additional help provided by Damian Fabbian, David Hernandez, Janine Jochum, Lilly Kormann, Luise Pevestorff, and Tadej Ruzicic,

Werner W. Weiss

This conference would not have been possible to organise without the significant support of sponsors:



Conference group photo, excluding remotely attending participants (photo T. Lebzelter)

The Conference Layout was structured in session-blocks, focusing on BRITE related topics, as is presented in the following.

Tuesday, after the welcome of the audience, the first block was dedicated to “*The BRITE Story*”, chaired by G. Handler, and addressing the roots of BRITE-Constellation and the technical and scientific developments till launch. The following two blocks were dedicated to “*Modelling and Observations*”, chaired by K. Zwintz and T. Kallinger.

Wednesday started with three blocks “*Asteroseismology*”, chaired by G. Wade, D. Bowman and J. Daszynska-Daszkiewicz), followed by the first block of “*Individual Stars and Groups*”, chaired by K. Strassmeier.

For **Thursday** three more blocks on “*Individual stars and groups*”, chaired by V. Antoci, O. Kochukhov and H. Saio were scheduled. Thursday ended with the the first block of the session “*Satellite-Highlights*”, chaired by F. Kupka.

Friday started with the second block of this session and was chaired by E. Paurzen. The last conference session was dedicated to “*Projects in Preparation*” and chaired by C. Neiner.

The conference finished on Friday with a discussion of various topics, as suggested by the audience. Finally, Konstanze Zwintz closed the conference with support by Gregg Wade by remembering the highlights of the BRITE-Constellation mission throughout the years with photos and videos documenting important steps. At the end, the work of Mission Scientist Rainer Kuschnig was honored with a special present.



Discussing Posters (T.Lebzelter)

On Tuesday evening a reception was organised at the Arcaded Courtyard (Arkadenhof) of the main building of the University of Vienna. On the following Wednesday evening, an informal celebration of 10-years of BRITE-Constellation was arranged at “Almhaus”, in the court next to the conference venue. These two events strengthened social contacts, allowed for discussions, and triggered meetings of “good old” research colleagues who had not met in person for quite a while.

On Thursday and Friday the participants had the opportunity to explore astronomy-related locations in Vienna with guided tours:

-- **University Observatory** - the roots of astronomy in Austria (tour guide was Fabian Haberhauer)

The University Observatory of Vienna is situated in a beautiful park around 25 minutes from the conference venue and is a splendid neo-renaissance observatory, housing for 7 years the world largest refracting telescope - the 10.5 meter long refractor having been built by Howard Grubb, F.R.A.S.

-- **Kuffner Observatory** – the beginning of astrophysics in Austria (tour guide was Günter Wuchterl)

The Kuffner Observatory was built by Moritz von Kuffner and houses the second-largest meridian circle of Austria, a vertical circular telescope and a refractor which Karl Schwarzschild used to develop his ground-braking technique of photographic plate calibration. Another highlight was the visit to the recently renovated largest Heliometer of the world.



Snapshot during a coffee-break (T.Lebzelter)

-- Touring downtown **Vienna's astronomical highlights** (tour guide was Anneliese Haika)

On the walking tour through Vienna, we saw various locations which were important for the development of astronomy in Vienna.



Top: Lecture room (S.Ansari)

Bottom: BRITE Celebration (S.Ansari)



Opening of the Conference

The participants were welcomed on Tuesday morning by the conference-chair, Werner W. Weiss, who then introduced representatives of institutions which played a key-role for getting BRITE off the ground, as well as the current conference.

The representative of the Austrian Ministry in charge of research, space and science (BMBWF), Mag. Sophie Hoffmann, was asked as a first speaker to address the participants. For many decades, this ministry and its predecessors has funded various projects concerning astrophysical research and also paved the way to BRITE.

The other fundamental actor for getting astrophysics “off-the-ground” is the Austrian Research and Promotion Agency (FFG) with its Austrian Space Application Programme (ASAP). ASAP was represented by the director, Dr. Andreas Geisler, who welcomed the participants.

Organising a conference requires a solid budget right from the start. The Austrian Space Forum (ASF), represented by Dr. Gernot Grömer, and AUSTROSPACE, represented by DI Hans Martin Steiner, were the first sponsors who supported the conference, and they welcomed the audience in the name of supporting institutions.

The final welcome-speaker was Vice-Dean Univ.Prof. Dr. Franz Kerschbaum, who greeted the participants in the name of the University of Vienna, the local home-institution of BRITE.

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