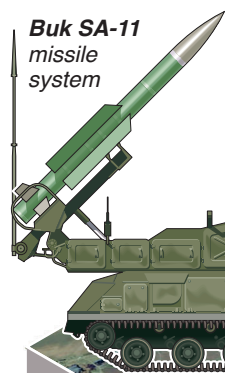
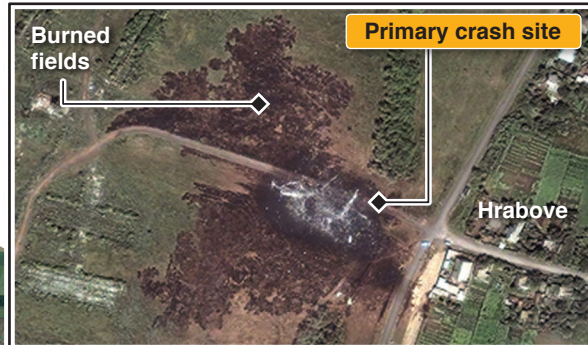
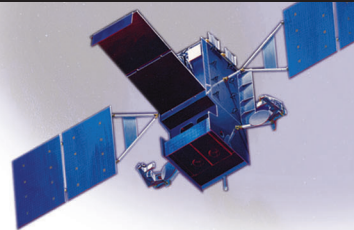


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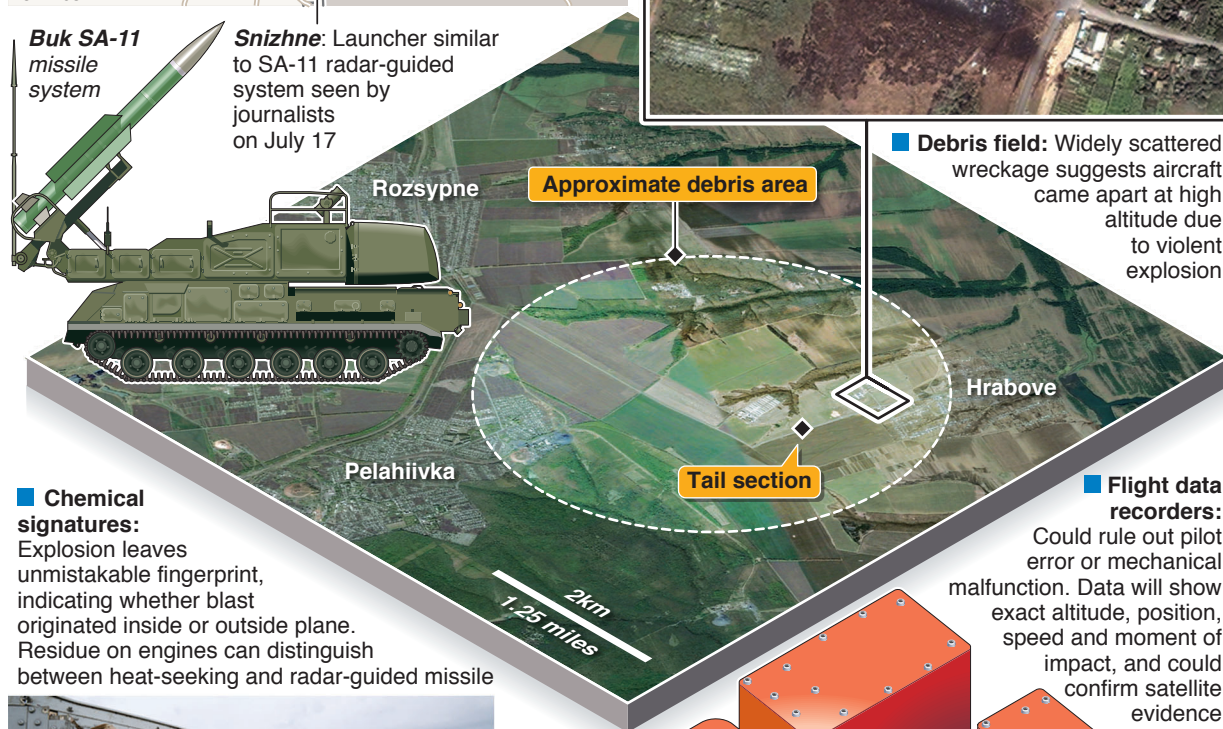


Snizhne: Launcher similar to SA-11 radar-guided system seen by journalists on July 17

■ **Infrared satellite imagery:** U.S. National Reconnaissance Office and Air Force Space Command operate two **Space Based Infrared System** satellites which track launches from systems like **Buk SA-11** surface-to-air missiles. Satellite and black box evidence could confirm missile strike



■ **Debris field:** Widely scattered wreckage suggests aircraft came apart at high altitude due to violent explosion

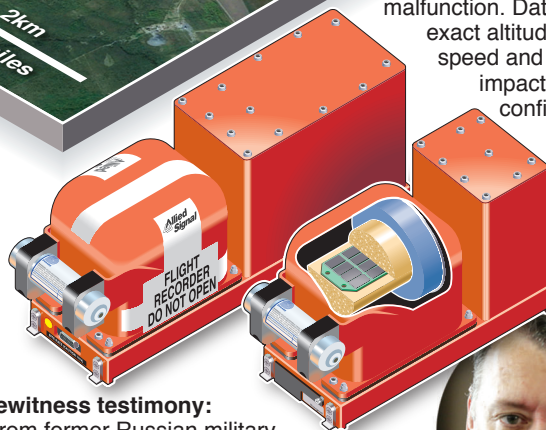


■ **Flight data recorders:** Could rule out pilot error or mechanical malfunction. Data will show exact altitude, position, speed and moment of impact, and could confirm satellite evidence

■ **Chemical signatures:** Explosion leaves unmistakable fingerprint, indicating whether blast originated inside or outside plane. Residue on engines can distinguish between heat-seeking and radar-guided missile



■ **Shrapnel:** Patterns of holes and burn marks around cockpit could show signs of damage consistent with SA-11 strike



■ **Eyewitness testimony:** Post from former Russian military officer **Igor Strelkov** (right) appeared briefly on Russian social media, reportedly boasting his troops had shot down Ukrainian military transport at same time that MH17 disappeared from radar

