

Agenda



- EO Overview
- Earth Explorer
- Copernicus + Meteorological
- **Small and Nano Sats**
- Technology vision
- CMIN-22



Small satellite – and ESA EOP lines



Revisit time ↓

Affordable Constellations

Miniaturisation

Scout missions:

- demonstrate novel Earth Observation techniques in Earth science and related non-commercial applications (open data policy);

InCubed (Investing in Industrial Innovation) Programme & missions:



- to invest in European industrial competitiveness → commercial driven
- **co-funded scheme** with 3 clear procurement steps
- wide scope : development of (sat, ground system) and also end-to-end missions;

Φ-sat missions:

- to develop missions for fast demonstration of EO new technique
- to showcase innovative/disruptive technologies such as on-board AI
- Open data policy



Scouts

PB-EO decision (18-19 Feb 2021)
(after running 4 feasibility studies: 2 for implementation)



3 yrs development + Launch in 2024 + ≥ 1 year operation

Industrial ~ 25 M€
RfP issued

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In dialogue phase – April IPC

Risk Retirement activities (only)
In dialogue phase → PP to June IPC

ESP-MACCS



3 x 12U Cubesats
Earth System processes

Instrument by RAL-Space

- RfQ released in March 2021
- KO: June-July

HydroGNSS



1 x 45 kg Sat with GNSS-R
Biomass, soil moisture, ice

SSTL technology

- 28-April IPC
- Release of RfQ – June 2021
- KO : Nov.2021

Two good examples of CEOI technology – adopted by ESA missions

NanoMagSat

OpenCosmos
P/F



3 x 16U Cubesat
Nano magnetic field

TANGO



2 x 16U Cubesat
Anthropogenic greenhouse

Scout round-2 : ITT soon enough to select before CMIN-22:

- TBD number for feasibility study
- Some of those for implementation - others continue maturation ?

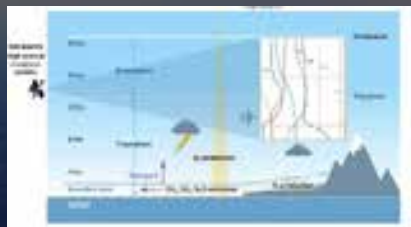


Scouts for implementation– CEOI & ESA



ESP-MACCS

Earth System Processes Monitored in the Atmosphere by a Constellation of Cube Sats.



Understand processes in the Upper Troposphere and Stratosphere (UTS) – based on Sun Occultation

Three x 12U Cubesats with
3x HIROS (Heterodyne TIR Spectrometers)
+ HSDI (VIS NIR Hyperspectral Solar Disk Imager)

Instrument by RAL Space (UK)

HydroGNSS

GNSS-R to measure biomass, soil moisture and permafrost.
Also (as for TDS-1): sea wind speeds.



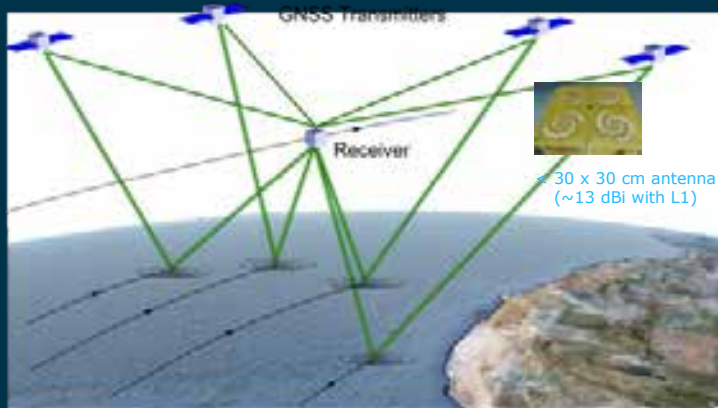
Novelties wrt TDS-1:
Dual Pol. + GPS/Galileo + dual freq. (L1/E1-L5/E5) + coherent channel.
45 kg SSTL-21 platform with upgraded GNSS-R FPGA receiver

Technology from SSTL (UK)

Two good examples of synergy of CEOI technology pre-developments and adoption in ESA programmes

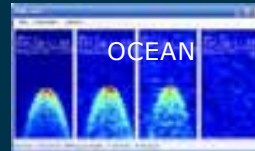


ESA also complemented TDS-1 (with SSTL and NOC) and to GNSS-R Science part



Courtesy of SSTL

TDS-1 PRIMARY : Ocean
 → sea wind speed
 (incoherent reflection)



NOC (UK)

but, interesting findings: in **LAND** and **ICE**
 (coherent → specular reflection)
 → enabler of HydroGNSS



Many

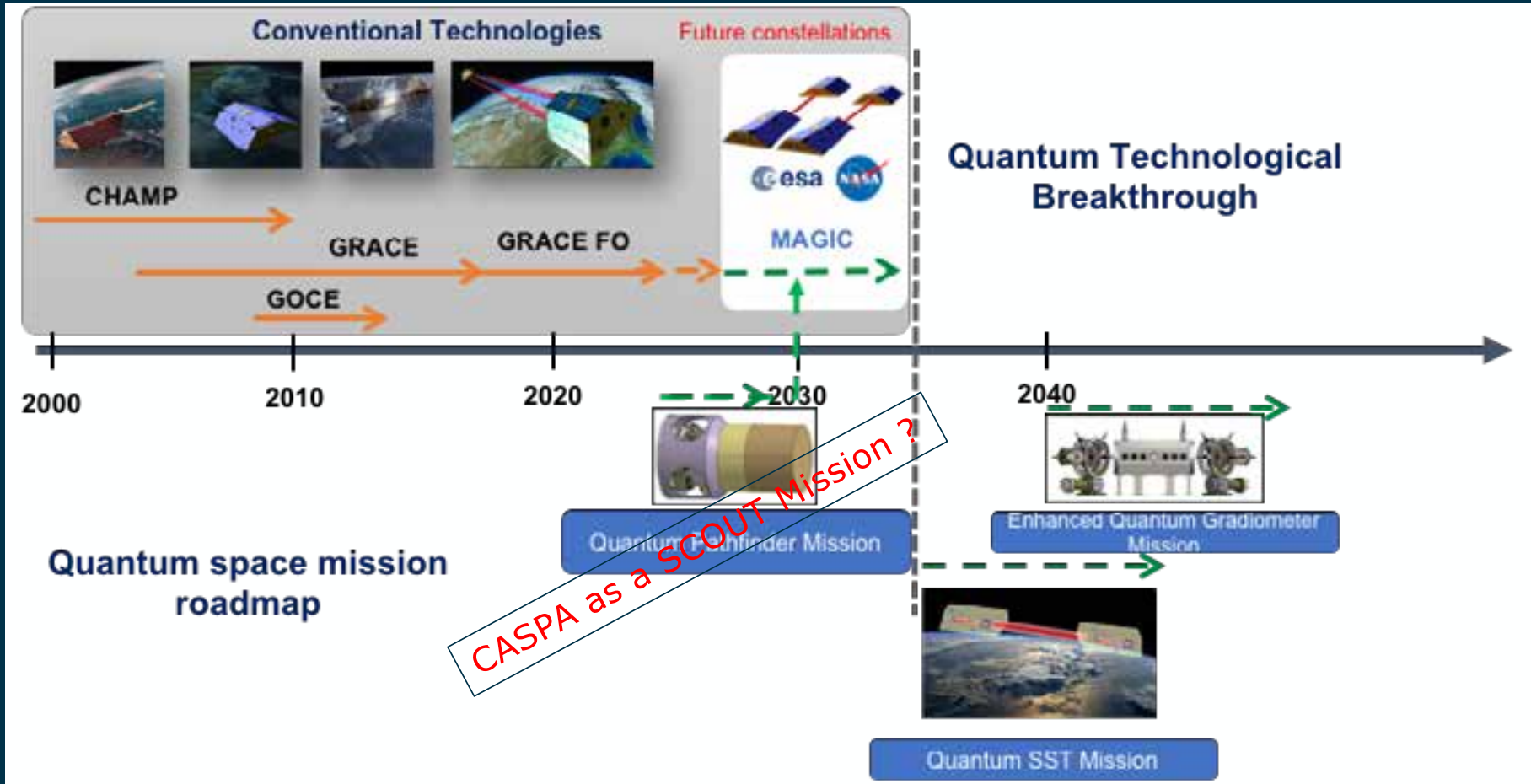
HydroGNSS novelties wrt TDS-1:

- **LAND – ICE primary** + Ocean (as in TDS-1) secondary
- Very similar GNSS-R instrument as TDS-1 + **additions**
 - **Dual** Polarisation
 - **GPS/Galileo**
 - dual freq. (L1/E1-L5/E5)
 - Incoherent + **1-coherent** channel.



Concepts for future missions: first outlook

(as presented on 30th March to CEOI)

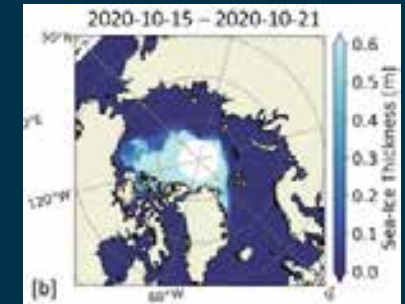


Phi-Sat-1 / 2 and ...



UPC (ES), winner of **Copernicus Master Challenge**

- **FFSCAT Launched on 03-Sep-2020** with Vega PoC SSMS - VV16
- 2x 6U CubeSats: (also ISL RF and Optical)
 - Sat.A) with **GNSS-R** + L-band radiometer
 - Sat .B) with HyperScout-2 + AI-ML for Cloud Detection (**Φ-Sat-1 experiment**)



Sea ice thickness : www.mdpi.com/2072-4292/13/7/1366

Soil Moisture : www.mdpi.com/2072-4292/13/5/994

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ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=9044708

Φ-sat-2: 4m feasibility + 12 m development → launch 2022 + 1 yr ops

- 16 proposals were evaluated (2.74 M€ budget)
- **Open Cosmos (UK) winner**, with partners - KO done (Feb. 2021)
 - See presentation on AI-techniques on 21-April



Φ-sat-3 : Call and selection before CMIN-2022

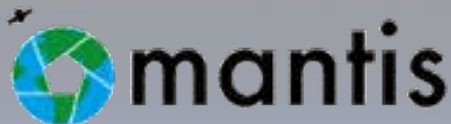
Φ-week

11-15 Oct. 2021

<https://philab.phi.esa.int/%cf%86-week-2021-save-the-date/>



InCubed – Ongoing upstream activities



Mission and Agile Nanosatellite for Terrestrial Imagery Services

Led by
Open Cosmos
+ Satlantia



Specific focus on energy sector
3m GSD (SR)

12U Cubesat with

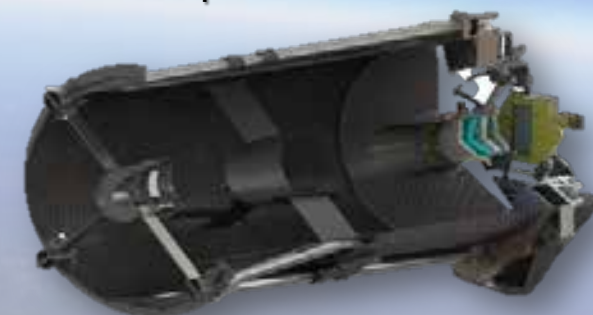
VIS-NIR Push broom Multispectral 4 bands Dual Telescope -
Onboard Super Resolution and Cloud Detection

incubed.phi.esa.int/portfolio/mantis

SAT4EO

Led by
Deimos + SSTL
+ E2VTeledyne

AOCS and Instrument for
Very High Resolution imagery from state of the art
small satellite platform



Detector mostly developed under CEOI

VHR System, 0.6 m native GSD with Super
Resolution capabilities (0.3 m), Enhanced AOCS

100-200 Kg S/C AOCS Suite – Compact VIS-NIR VHR
Telescope (new Sensor Development) – Dedicated

Exploitation Platform

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Others coming: e.g. Hyperfield with Reaktor (FI)



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EO Technology vision : It is part of ESA's Technology Strategy



Higher **performance** / **cost** ratio

- **New Measurements/instruments** (enabler)
 - **Higher spatial, temporal, radiometric** resolution
- Lower **recurring** cost
 - **Platform Standardisation** & multi source suppliers
 - **Spin-in** techno: e.g. COTS ; Lifetime & flexibility (FPGAs)
- **Big Data** (AI enabler) & Data continuity



Miniaturisation and constellations

- More **autonomous** platform & operations & synchronisation
- **Distributed** Ground Segment

Not limited to LEO: also HEO & GEO orbits relevant for EO.





EOP in ESA TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME LANDSCAPE



EOP Technology under 3 programmes:

- **TDE** (former TRP): up to TRL 3-4
- **GSTP** : higher TRLs
- **EOEP/FutureEO** : all TRLs

EOEP : Earth Observation **Envelope** Programme

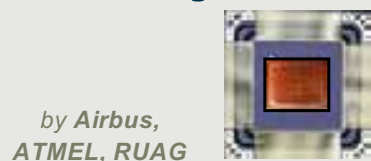
TRL 9					for projects						TRL 9 Actual system "flight proven" thru successful mission operation
8											TRL 8 Actual SYS completed & accepted for flight ("flight qualified")
7											TRL 7 Model demo the element perform. for the operational environment
6											TRL 6 Model demo. the critical functions of the element in a relevant enviro.
5											TRL 5 Component and/or BB critical function verific. in relevant environ.
4											TRL 4 Component and/or breadboard functional verification in Lab. Envi.
3					for concepts Ph. 0/A/B1						TRL 3 Analytical and experimental critical function and/or characteristic PoC
2											TRL 2 Technology concept and/or application formulated
TRL 1											TRL 1 Basic principle observed and reported
	TDE	CTP	GSTP	ARTES CC	ARTES ScyLight	Future EO	SciSpacE	ExPeRT	EGEP	NAVISP	FLPP



Successful model

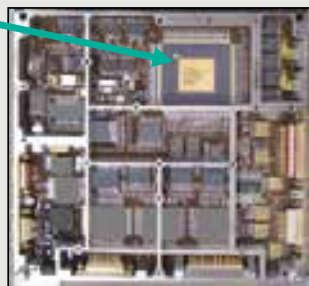
Advanced GPS-Galileo ASIC (AGGA-4)

EOEP funding → ASIC (enabler)



(~6 Million gates with 180 nm process)

GSTP funding → GNSS Receivers



Many Programs adopting AGGA-4:

- MetOp-SG (P/F & RO inst.), S1c/d, S2c/d, S3c/d, **S6**, Proba-3, Neosat, Biomass, Flex, LSTM, CRISTAL, CO2M, ...
- CSO, SARah, + Comp.Adv Sat. 500 (S Korea), **Mohammed VI**
- Vega-C

26 GHz (K-band) data downlink (up to 10 Gb/s)

- EOEP funding **System studies** (enabler)

- EOEP, GSTP, TRP, ARTES, for development for **OB / OG** Antennas, OB Tx / OG Rx), Propagation, ...



Tesat

Gbit/s Transmitter

Konsberg

Antenna



Programs adopting the 26 GHz band:

- MetOp-SG, MTG, EDRS, Euclid → HPCM Sentinels
- military (not disclosed)