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The ESA E.O. Strategy – "Living Planet"



ESA's Living Planet Programme (LPP)

comprises two main components:

1. Science and Research element

including Earth Explorer missions

Aim: To better understand the Earth System

2. Earth Watch Element

including EUMETSAT and GMES Space component

Aim: To facilitate long term monitoring and the delivery of EO data for operational services





The Earth Observation Envelope Programme



The Earth Observation Envelope Programme (EOEP) is the key to implementing the Living Planet Strategy. It represents a stable planning environment within which new types of environmental sensing technologies and the missions that will fly them are prepared.

EOEP comprises two main components:

a) the Earth Explorer Component

This component comprises the definition, development, launch and operations of Earth Explorer missions (platform, payload and ground segment). Its purpose is to respond to the needs identified by the EO scientific community.

b) the Development and Exploitation Component

The Development and Exploitation component includes all preparatory activities for future missions, including Earth Observation Preparation Activities (EOPA), Earth Watch Definition (EWD) and Instrument Pre-Development (IPD), Support to Science Element (STSE), Data User Element (DUE) and Value Adding Element (VAE) It addresses both science-themed Earth Explorer candidates and operational Earth Watch missions:

- Preparatory activities for Earth Explorer and Earth Watch,
- Instrument Pre-Development for Earth Explorer and Earth Watch type missions
- Preparation of programme proposals for optional Earth Watch type programmes,
- Mission Exploitation/Market Development.
- Multi mission ground segment



The Earth Observation Envelope Programme



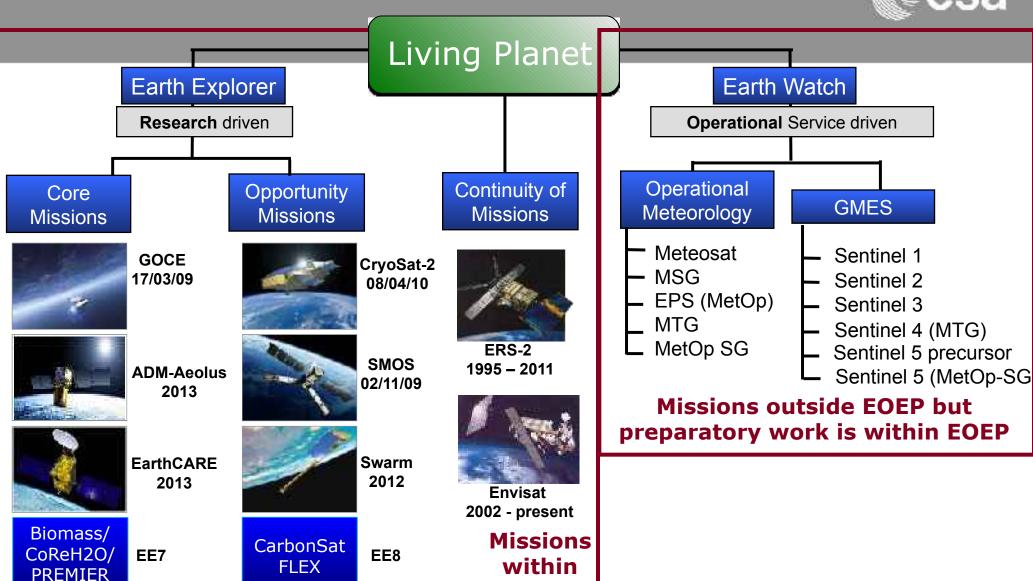
- The EOEP is run as an optional ESA programme which is run in five-year cycles
- The current EOEP-3 runs between 2008 and 2012
- It provides a long-term, rolling environment for the planning of new activities, exploitation of results, contingency response and continuity of missions e.g. Envisat etc.
- At present EOEP-4 is being prepared (2013-2017)





ESA Earth Observation Missions





EOEP

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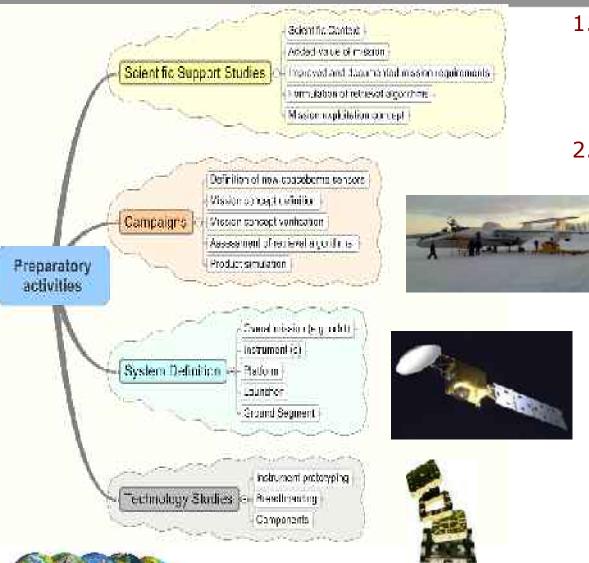
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Overview of Earth Observation Preparatory Activities

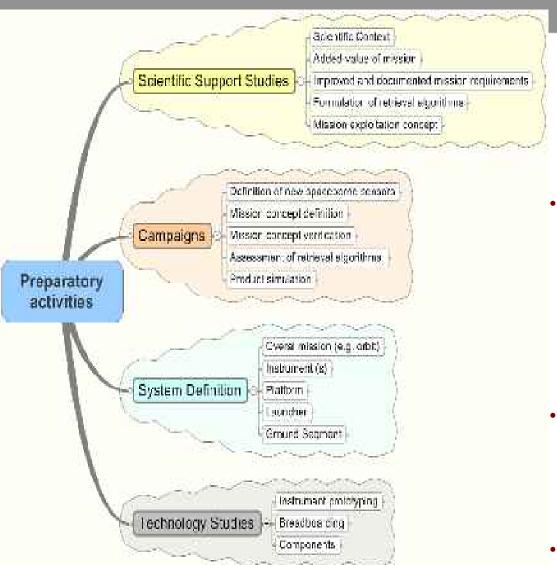




- 1. EOEP preparatory activities include all necessary activities to define and evaluate future EO space borne missions (EE, GMES, meteorological,..)
- 2. Driving elements include:
 - Scientific challenges summarised in "The Changing Earth", SP-1304
 - Associated observation, mission and technology requirements
 - Mission preparation through Phase-0 (Pre-feasibility) and Phase-A/B1 (Feasibility)
 - Foster new ideas, cooperation opportunities and prepare technologies, also for European independent capabilities
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Funding for Earth Observation Preparatory Activities





Funding depends the nature of the activity as stated in the Living Planet strategy e.g. science / operational.

ESA Earth Observation available funding sources for preparatory activities

- EOEP: e.g.
 - Earth Observation Preparation Activities (EOPA)
 - Instrument Pre-Development (IPD)
 - Earth Watch Definition (EWD)
 - Support to Science Element (STSE)
- ESA Technology Programmes e.g.
 - Technology Research Programme (TRP)
 - General Support to TechnologyProgramme (GSTP)
- ESA General Studies Programme (GSP)





EECM Phase A: what does it mean?



Example: BIOMASS (candidate EE7 mission)

System

- BIOMASS Phase A System Study (x2), addressing:
 - Space segment : payload, platform
 - Mission analysis and operations
 - Launcher
 - Ground segment
 - Critical technologies
 - Programmatics

Technology



- Large P-Band SAR antennas critical breadboard (x2)
- Very Large P-Band Antennas performance verification methodology & Facilities
- P-Band HPA technology assessment
- Very large space antenna aperture demo model
- P-Band Reflector antenna Feed elements
- P-band ice sounding radar demo development
- P-band passive sub-array development
- Very large space antenna aperature architecture trade-off (x2)
- SSPA breadboard (incl. circulator/switch, power divider and calibration coupler) (x2)
- Study of P-Band transponder with ionospheric correction

capabilities (x2)

Science and Campaigns



- Development of algorithms for forest biomass retrieval
- Study of ionospheric disturbance mitigation schemes
- Assessment of the BIOMASS retrieval error on flux
- P-Band SAR wave interaction and information retrieval
- Analysis of BIOMASS secondary objectives
- TropiSAR campaign (completed)
- TropiScat campaign (planned)
- BioSAR 2 camapign (completed)
- BioSAR 3 campaign (on-going)

End-to-end Performance Evaluation and System Support

- BIOMASS End-to-End Mission Performance Simulator
- OpenSF end-to-end (E2E) simulator framework infrastructure
- Modern attitude control of EO satellites with large flexible elements (x2)



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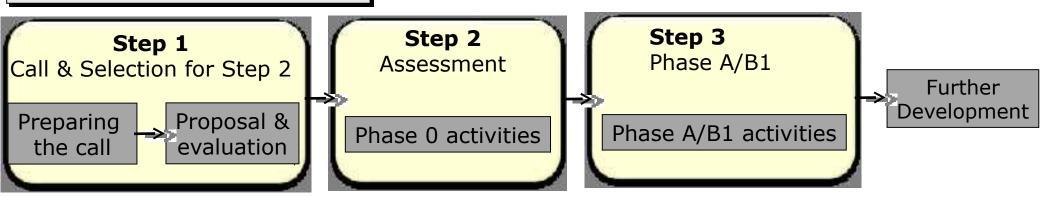
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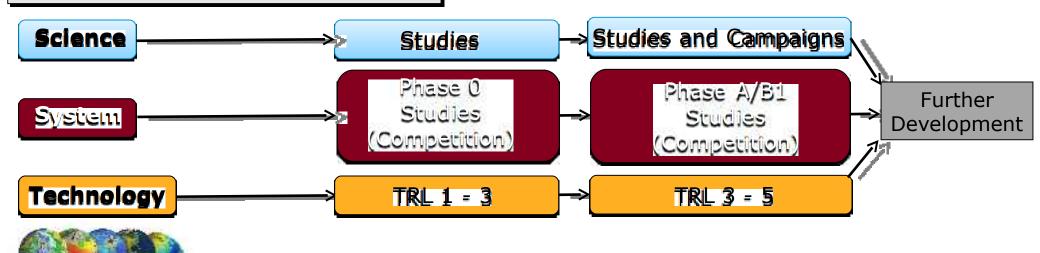
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Earth Explorer Core Missions

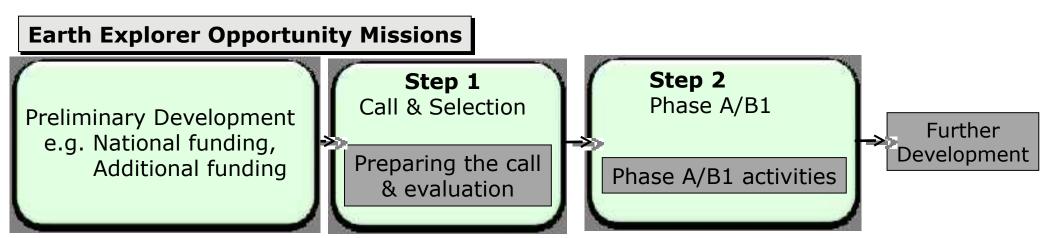


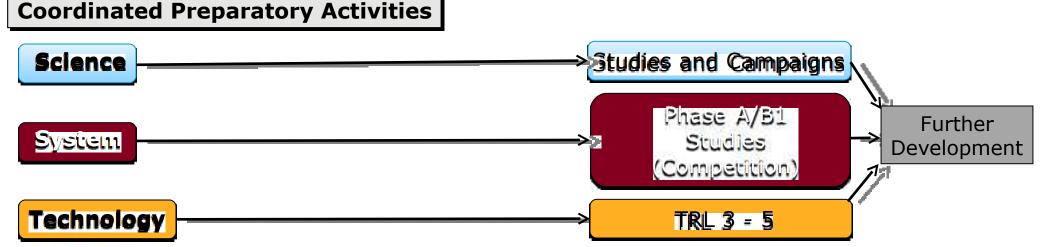
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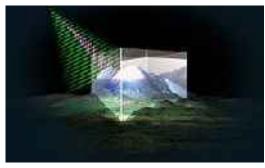


Earth Explorer 7 (Core Missions) Status



- **Status:** 2 industrial Phase A system studies for each of the 3 mission candidates are progressing well. Preliminary Requirements Reviews (PRR) are on-going.
 - Biomass : September 2011
 - CoReH20 : July and September 2011
 - PREMIER: September and October 2011
- BIOMASS: single satellite carrying a P-band SAR to provide continuous global interferometric and polarimetric radar observations of forested areas.





- CoReH2O / Snow mission: single satellite with dual frequency (X, Ku), dual-polarisation SAR to observe snow / ice at high spatial resolution
- PREMIER: 3D fields of atmospheric composition in upper troposphere and lower stratosphere with an infrared limb-imaging spectrometer and a mm-wave limb-sounder. Designed to fly with Metop

Earth Explorer 8 Evaluation

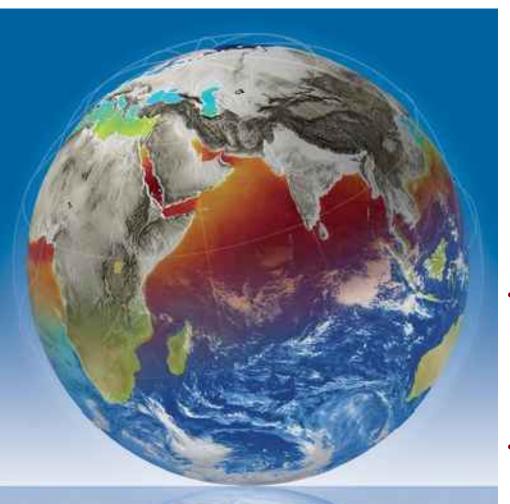


- 31 proposals were received
- The proposals were reviewed by 4 scientific evaluation panels chaired members of the Earth Science Advisory Committee (ESAC)
- All proposals were evaluated both scientifically and technically against 7 evaluation criteria. Two specific criteria:
- Total industrial cost = 100 Meuro (2009 economic conditions)
- Feasibility of a 2018 launch must be demonstrated e.g. (TRL 5 at end of Phase A/B1)

Earth Explorer 8 Selected Mission Candidate Status



Status: The procurement process for the Phase A/B1 activities for both mission candidates has started. FLEX: ITT issued in May, Carbonsat: ITT issued in Aug.

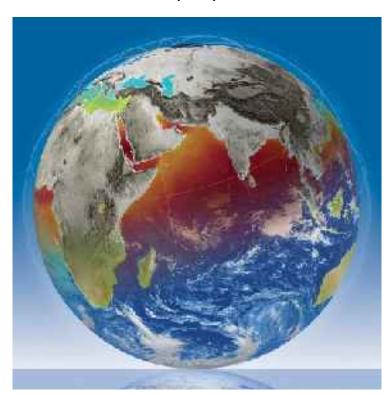


- FLEX: to provide global maps of vegetation fluorescence, which can be converted into an indicator of photosynthetic activity -> to improve our understanding of how much carbon is stored in plants and their role in the carbon and water cycles
- Designed to fly with Sentinel-3
- CarbonSat: to quantify and monitor the distribution of carbon dioxide and methane
 - -> for a better understanding of the sources and sinks of these two gases and how they are linked to climate change.
- Designed to fly with Sentinel-3

Earth Explorer 8: ESAC Recommendations



Recommended proposals for further scientific or technological development:



- Selected missions have priority
- Very limited funds in EOEP-3
- Scope in EOEP-4 depends on level of subscription

- **1.Accurate** Climate benchmark for profiling greenhouse gases & thermodynamic variables & wind from space
- **2.CloudIce** Global cloud ice retrievals
- **3.EXCALIBUR EX**periment on **CA**rbon dioxide by **LI**dar for **B**iosphere and climate **UR**gency
- **4.E. Motion** Earth System Mass Movement Mission
- **5.FORUM** Far Infrared Outgoing Radiation Understanding & **M**onitoring
- **6.GEOSAT GEO**synchronous **S**AR for **A**tmosphere & **T**errain observation
 - 7. GLACIES GLACiers & Icy Environment Sounding
 - 8. OCAPI Ocean Colour Advanced Permanent Imager
 - 9. SPECL Spaceborne Multi-SPEctral Canopy Lidar
 - **10. TIREX Thermal InfraRed Explorer**
 - 11. TRUTHS Traceable Radiometry Underpinning Terrestrial and Helio Studies

Lead Proposers from UK



Future Earth Explorer Calls EE9 and EE10



 EE9 aims to be an Earth Explorer Core mission call around the 2013 time frame.

EE10 aims to be an Earth Explorer
 Opportunity call around the 2014 time frame















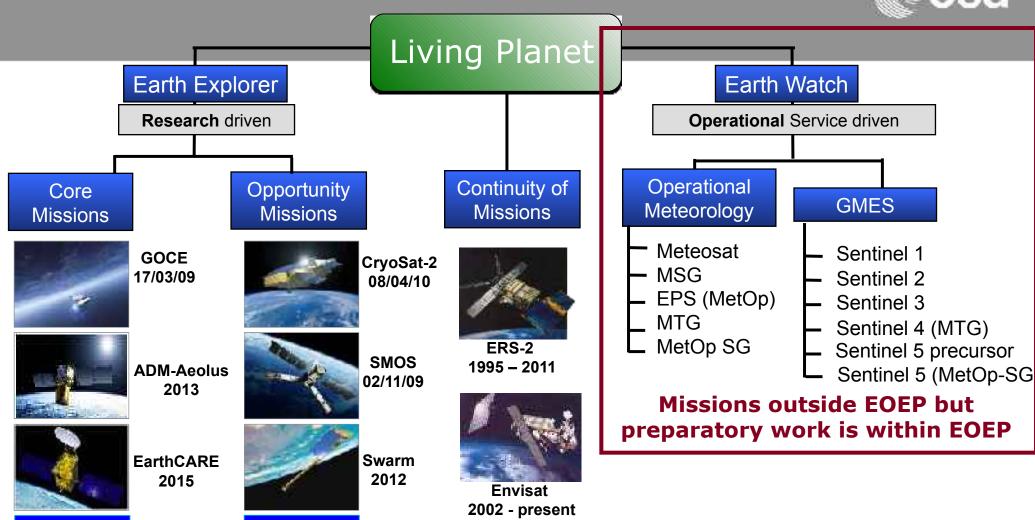
ESA Earth Observation Missions

CarbonSat

FLEX

EE8







EE7

Biomass/

CoReH2O/

PREMIER

GMES dedicated missions: Sentinels





Sentinel 1 - SAR imaging

All weather, day/night applications, interferometry x 2 satellites, 693 km, SSO dawn-dusk orbit



2013 / 2015



Sentinel 2 - Multi-spectral imaging

Land applications: urban, forest, agriculture,... Continuity of Landsat, SPOT

x 2 satellites, 786 km, SSO, LTDN 10:30 am



2013 / 2016



Sentinel 3 – Ocean and global land monitoring

Wide-swath ocean color, vegetation, sea/land surface temperature, altimetry x 2 satellites, 814 km, SSO, LTDN 10:00 am



2013 / 2017



Sentinel 4 – Geostationary atmospheric

Atmospheric composition monitoring, transboundary pollution



2019



Sentinel 5 – Low-orbit atmospheric

Atmospheric composition monitoring (S5 Precursor launch in 2014, x 1 satellite)



2020+

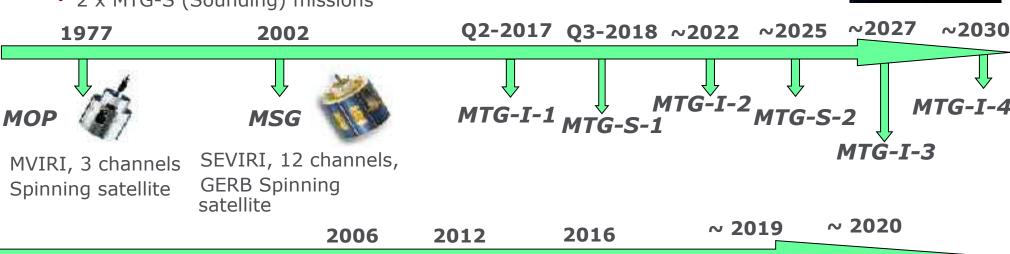


EUMETSAT operated missions timeline



For MTG two types of missions are proposed comprising six satellites focusing on Nowcasting and Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP):

- 4 x MTG-I (Imaging) missions: dedicated to operational meteorology, with emphasis on 'nowcasting' and very-short-term forecasting.
- 2 x MTG-S (Sounding) missions



NOAA + EUMETSAT sensors New sensors: ASCAT, GOME, GRAS

Several instruments on each platform Improved instrument performance

MetOp SG-A

SG-B

EUMETSAT = European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites

MetOp-A

ESA is the R & D agency for EUMETSAT missions

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Preparatory activities for operational missions



EOEP activities with similar complexity as for EE but no competition among missions For meteorological missions:

- User community and relevant interfaces managed by EUMETSAT
- End-to-end mission definition and requirements under EUMETSAT responsibility
- ≅ additional complexity in the consolidation of mission/system requirements and
 observation needs vs. engineering trades due to programmatic aspects, e.g. external
 instruments provision

For GMES missions:

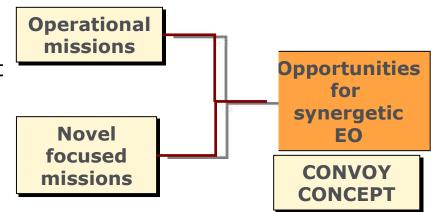
- Definition of GMES architecture and definition of each Sentinel mission up to Phase A/B1
- Mission requirements from initial user requirements and GMES Service Element interactions with European Commission (iteration and validation)
- Identification of new mission needs, e.g. Sentinel-5p and Jason-CS



Future Ideas – Earth Observation Convoy Studies



- Both EE8 selected missions candidates will be designed to fly with Sentinel-3.
- Studies on Convoy missions are presently on-going
- Over the next few years, a number of new **long-term** operational EO satellite series will be launched by Europe.
- This will provide a capacity for systematic, continuous and long-term EO
- This stable space borne operational capacity is based on enhanced continuity of the different satellite series.
- This capability represents an excellent platform to design **novel focused missions** which would fly with these operational missions:
 - Synergetic EO opportunities
 - New EO science objectives can be met
 - Unachievable with single satellite measurement
 - What is possible??





Convoy Studies funded by STSE



- Three activities have been defined and have been initiated following a "user driven" approach:
- Theme 1: Use of novel and additional observations for Ocean & Ice research & applications (Astrium, NERSC, Enveo and Polar Imaging) Presentation by Karl Atkinson in next session



 Theme 2: Use of novel and additional observations for <u>Land</u> research & applications (<u>SSTL</u>, University of Leicester, Astrium Ltd)



 Theme 3: Use of novel and additional observations for <u>Atmosphere</u> research & applications (Proposals have been received and are being evaluated)





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ESA Technology Programmes



EO technology activities are part of the ESA End-to-End Process on Technology

The main goal is to drive all technology programmes by requirements defined with and for the users (EO, Science, Telecoms, etc) aiming at:

- 1. Preparing the technologies for future projects in a timely manner
- 2. Stimulating technology innovation
- 3. Supporting European industry's competitiveness
- 4. Ensuring European non-dependence on critical technologies

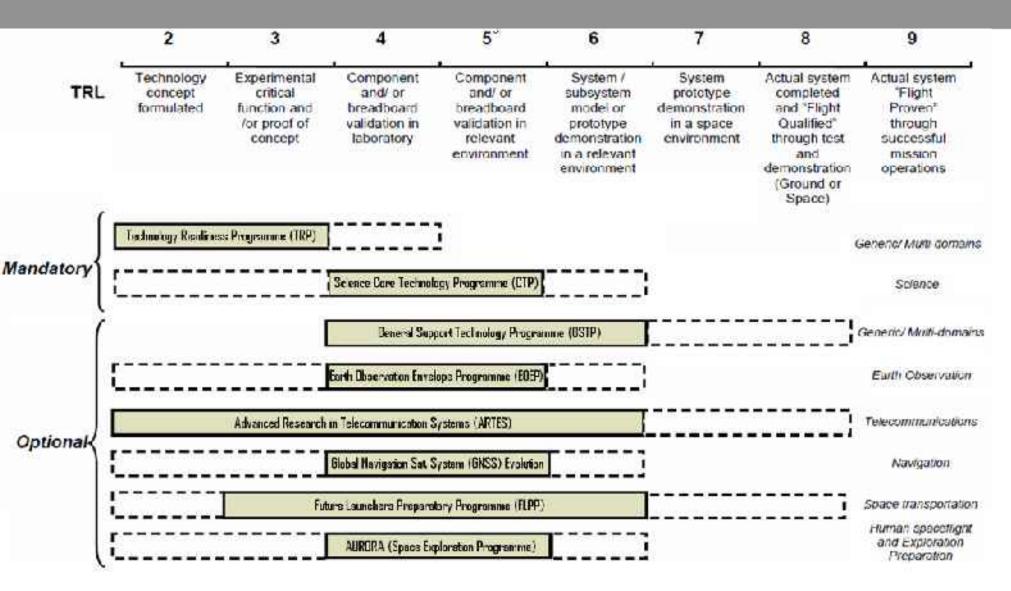
ESA's technology programmes:

- at corporate level : TRP, GSTP
- at EOEP level: EOPA for early developments (TRL up to 3) and IPD for higher TRL to mature instrument technologies and key payload subsystems
- Activities can be funded by the EOEP or by one of the technology programmes. It is possible e.g. where
- two parallel studies are identified that one activity can be funded by a technology programme e.g. TRP and and the second activity is funded by EOEP.



ESA Technology Programmes vs. TRL

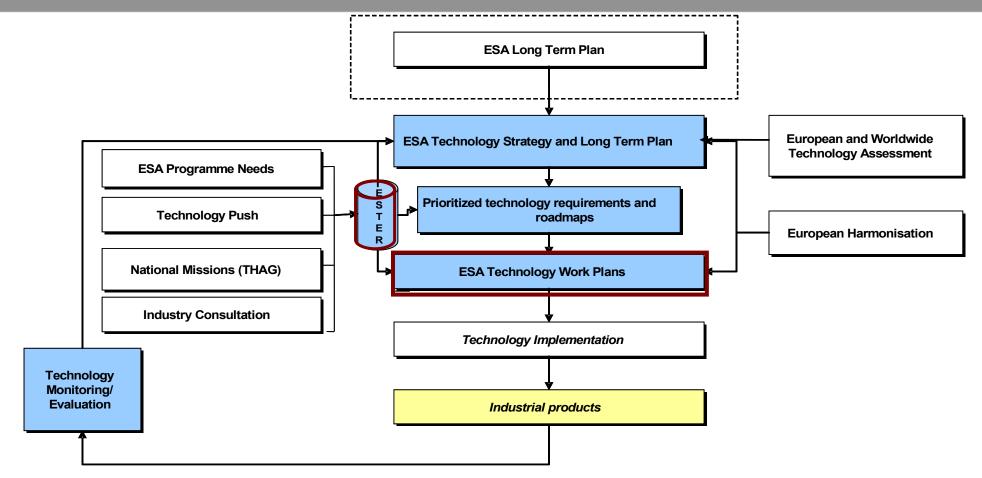






ESA End to End Technology Process





- Under the supervision of a dedicated Director' Sub-Committee on Technology
- ESTER: European Space Technology Requirements Database
- THAG: Technology Harmonisation Advisory Group



Technology Driven by Science

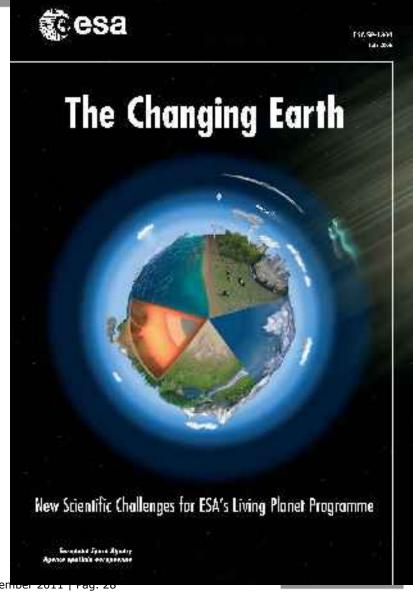


ESA's EO strategy is used to define:

- Scientific challenges
- New observation requirements
- Technology challenges and
- Technology requirements and activities

The prioritised requirements are used to define workplans, based on the scientific "drive" and from other inputs e.g. the likely evolution of the GMES programme.

EO is a vast field and despite streamlining through the process would require much higher resources to advance all technologies of interest.

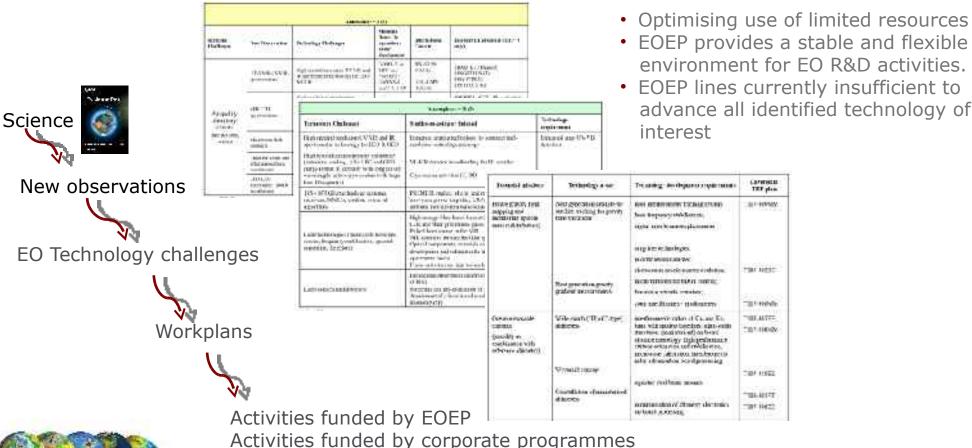




How are future activities defined?



- In 2010 Earth Observation technology challenges and plans were presented and iterated.
- These were then used as input for workplans.
- In the document 13 potential mission concepts and 4 topics on more generic needs (structures, thermal control, data handling, communications, ground segment) have been defined.





Potential Future Missions presented in the TRP plan (2011 – 2013)



1. Future gravity field mapping and monitoring

Technology needs

- 2. Ocean mesoscale currents
- 3. In-land waters
- Air-sea interactions
- 5. Ice sheet (sounding) and glaciers
- 6. Atmospheric processes and air quality
- 7. High resolution thermal infrared
- 8. High resolution from GEO (coastal monitoring and ocean colour)
- 9. High resolution soil moisture and ocean salinity
- 10. SAR imagery for land change detection and topography
- 11. Maritime surveillance
- 12. Next generation high resolution wide swath SAR imagery
- 13. Next generation high resolution land optical



TRP Activity

Example 1: TRP Planning for Future Ocean Mesoscale Current Measurement



| Potential Mission: Ocean mesoscale currents | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------|
| Technology Area: Wide swath altimeters Constellation of miniaturised altimeters | | | |
| | Technology Development Requirements | | |
| | • Interferometric SAR Ku/Ka-band – ultra stable structure | T107-307EE: Interferometric antennas at Ku/Ka for wide swath altimetry (baseline 2.5 m) | Target TRL: 3 |
| | mini on board distance metrology high performance attitude estimation and stabilization microwave calibration on-board processing Squinted dual-beam antenna Altimetry electronics & O/B processing Miniaturiation | T117-308MM: Compact optical attitude transfer system | Target TRL: 3 |
| | | T107-310EE: Wavemill antenna concept & critical breadboarding | Target TRL: 3 |
| | | T106-301ET: Miniaturised altimeter study | Target TRL: 2 |
| | | T107-306EE: Compact Ku/Ka-band altimetric antenna for LEO constellation | Target TRL: 2 |
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Example 1: Overview of Wavemill related activities

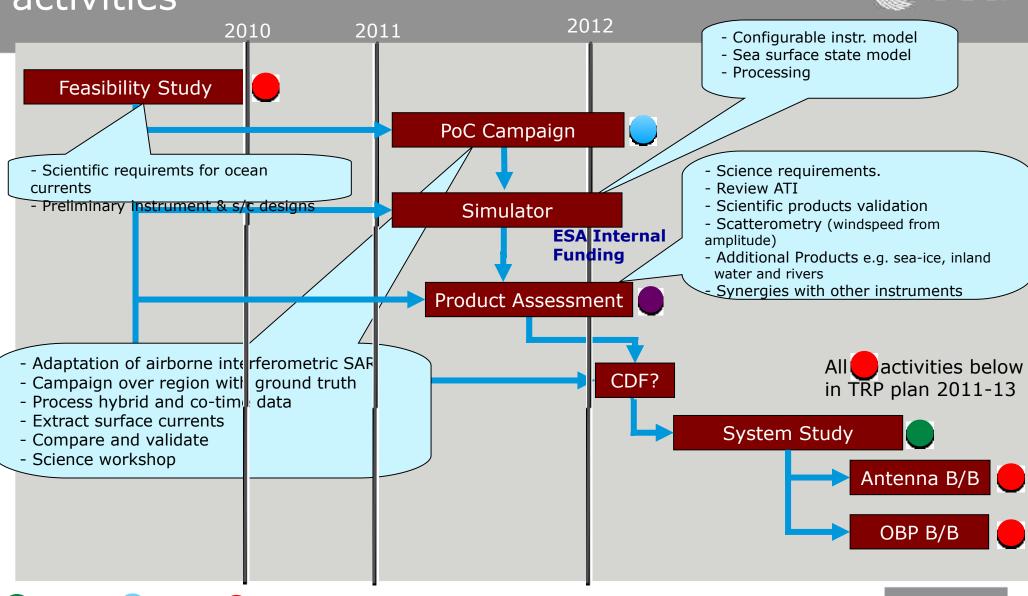
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TRP Activity

Technology needs

TRP Planning for Future Gravity Field Mapping and Monitoring Activities



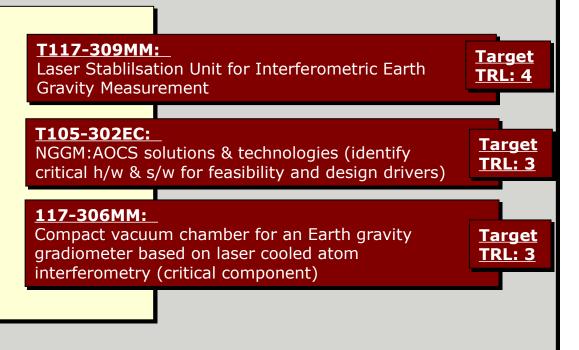
Potential Mission: Future Gravity Field Mapping and Monitoring

Technology Area: Next Generation sat to sat tracking for gravity time variations

Next generation gravity gradient measurement

Technology Development Requirements

- Laser interferometer tracking system
- Laser Frequency stabilization
- Digital interferometer phasemeter
- Drag free technologies
- In-orbit lessons learnt
- Electrostatic accelerometer evolution
- Microthrusters for 6DOF control
- Low noise attitude actuators
- Atom interferometry gradiometry

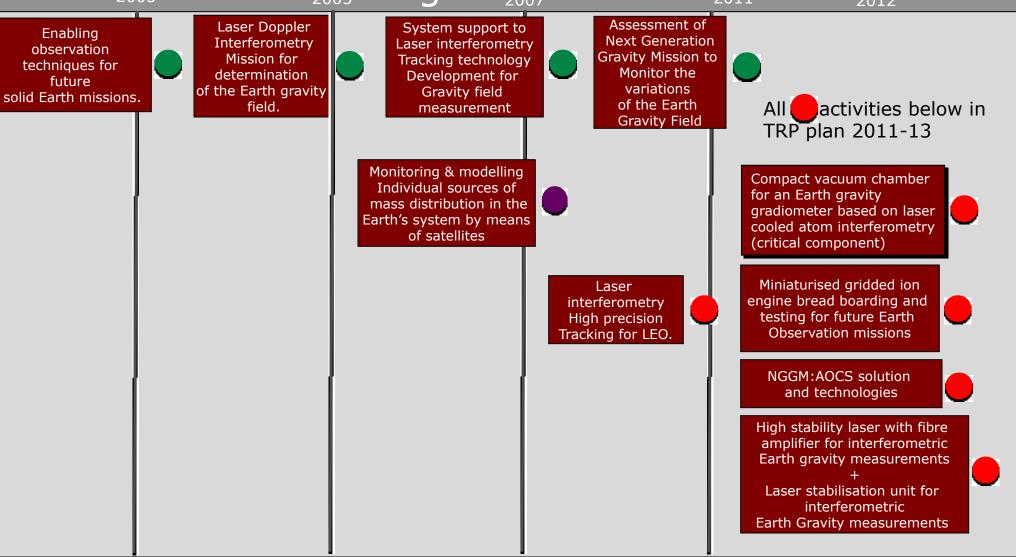


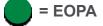
Example 2: Overview of Gravity Mapping and



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Monitoring related activities









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- 6. Atmospheric processes and air quality
- 7. High resolution thermal infrared
- 8. High resolution from GEO (coastal monitoring and ocean colour)
- 9. High resolution soil moisture and ocean salinity
- 10. GMES/Security: SAR imagery for land change detection and topography
- 11. GMES/Security: Maritime surveillance
- 12. GMES evolution: next generation high resolution wide swath SAR imagery
- 13. GMES evolution: next generation high resolution land optical



Technology Developmt Reqs

TRP Activity

TRP Planning for HR GEO Activities



Potential Mission: High resolution imagery from GEO (coastal monitoring and ocean colour)

Technology Area: AOCS, image processing and navigation from GEO Large telescope and relative opto-electronic elements

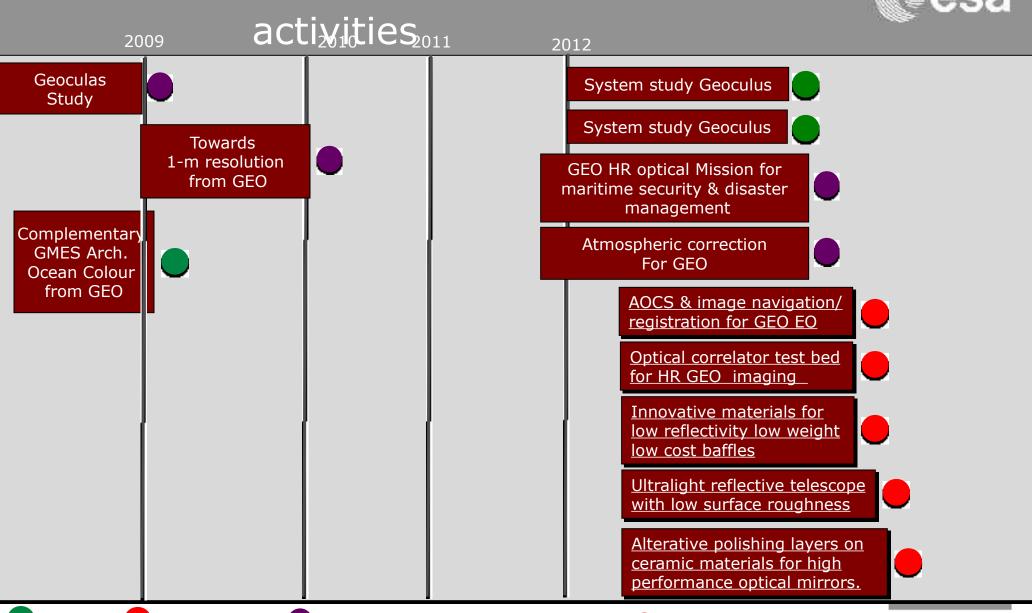
Technology Development Requirements

- Estimation and image interpolation
- High speed digital processing technology
- Large aperture monolithic telescopes
- Large dichroic plates
- On-board calibration for large apertures
- Large focal plane detectors
- Image stabilisation techniques



Example 3: Overview of HR from GEO related





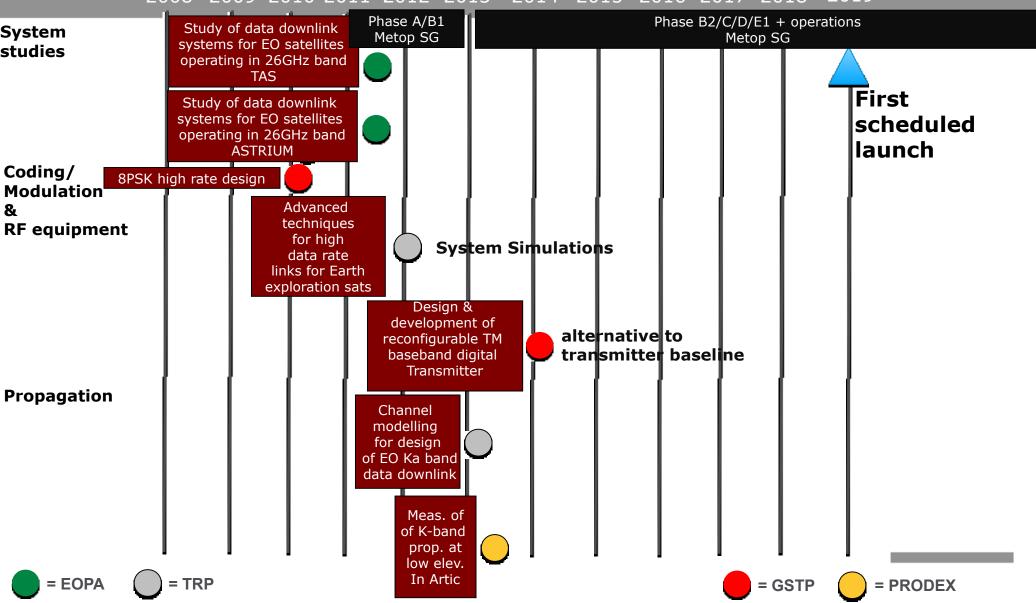






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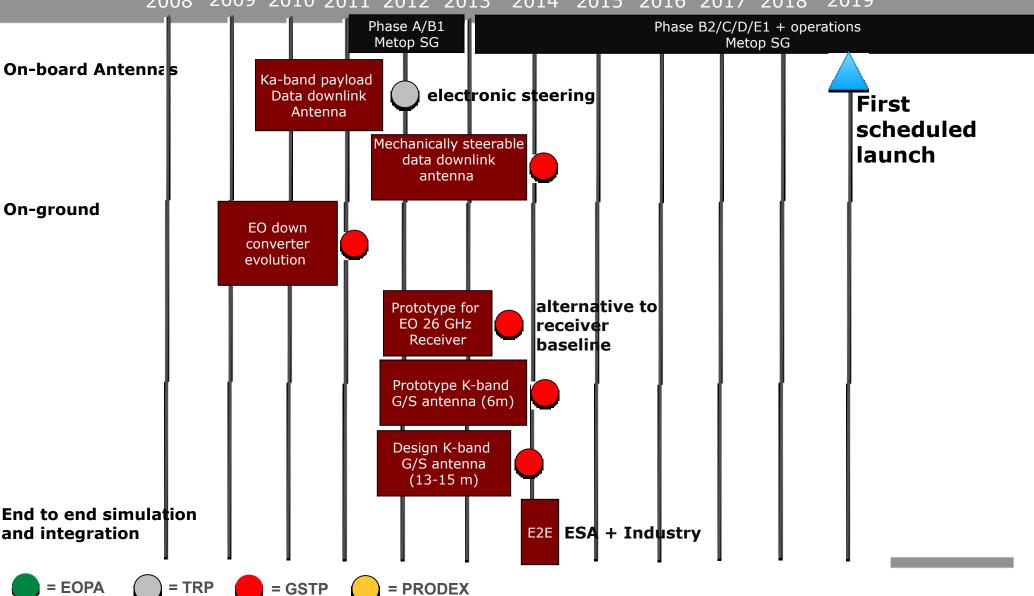
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Overview of 26GHz Downlink Development Preparation to Implementation



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Conclusions



- Technology Support for EE missions and MetOp Second Generation is well underway.
- 2. Coordinated preparatory activities to ensure science, system and technological coherence.
- 3. Satellites being designed to fly together:
 - a. PREMIER flying with Metop (EE7 mission candidate)
 - b. Carbonsat flying with Sentinel 3 (EE8 mission candidate)
 - c. FLEX flying with Sentinel 3 (EE8 mission candidate)
 - d. Earth Observation Convoy studies: Ocean and Ice, Land and Atmosphere applications
- 4. Support for selected EE7 and EE8 mission candidates are under way or planned again limited by resources available.
- 5. For recommended (non-selected) EE8 mission concepts the support is limited (EOEP-3). EOEP-4 needs member state support at the Ministerial (2012) for these activities.



Additional Slides



Sentinel-1: C-band SAR mission (1)



Applications:

- monitoring sea ice zones & the arctic environment
- surveillance of marine environment
- monitoring land surface motion risks
- monitoring of land surfaces: forest, water, soil and agriculture
- mapping in support of humanitarian aid in crisis situations

4 nominal operation modes:

- **Strip map** (80 km swath, 5 m x 5 m res. (range x azimuth))
- Interferometric wide swath (250 km swath, 5 m x 20 m res.) with burst synchronisation for interferometry
- Extra wide swath (400 km swath, 20x40 m res.)
- Wave (5x5 m res, leap-frog sampled images of 20x20 km at 100 km along the orbit)

Dawn dusk orbit at 693 km mean altitude



Sentinel-2: Superspectral imaging mission



Applications:

- generic land cover maps
- risk mapping and fast images for disaster relief
- generation of leaf coverage, leaf chlorophyll content and leaf water content

Pushbroom filter based multi-spectral imager with spectral bands (VNIR & SWIR)

Spatial resolution: 10, 20 and 60 m

Swath: 290 km

5 days repeat cycle (cloud free) with 2 satellites

Sun synchronous orbit at 786 km mean altitude



Sentinel-3: Ocean & global land mission



Applications:

- Sea/land colour data and surface temperature
- sea surface and land ice topography
- coastal zones, inland water and sea ice topography
- vegetation products

Sun synchronous orbit at 814.5 km mean altitude over geoid

27 days repeat cycle



Sentinel-3: mission instruments



Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI):

5 cameras, total swath of 1270 km;

8 bands (in VIS) for open ocean (low res),

15 bands (in VIS) for coastal zones (high res).

In total 21 bands ranging from 400 to 1020 nm.

Spatial sampling: 300 m @ SSP

Radiometric accuracy: absolute: 2 %, relative: 0.1%

Sea and Land Surface Temperature Radiometer (SLSTR):

9 spectral bands ranging from 0.55 to 12 um;

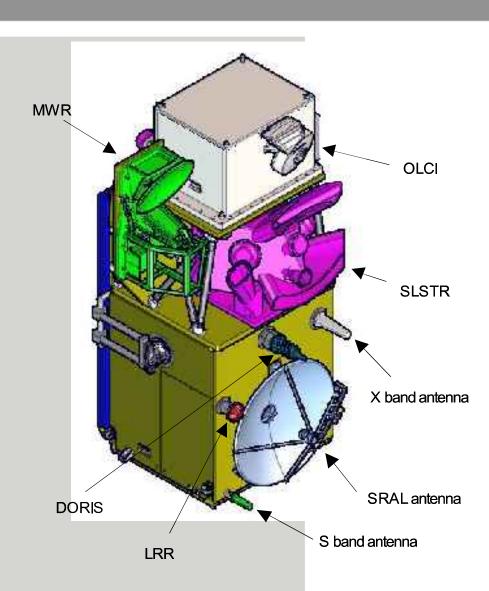
0.5 km resolution (VIS, SWIR)

1 km resolution (MWIR, TIR)

TIR NEDT: 0.05 K; Swath: 180-rpm dual-view scan, nadir (1420 km) & backwards (750 km)

RA package:

3-cm accuracy SRAL Ku-C altimeter with LRM and SAR measurement modes, supported by MWR and POD (with LRR, GPS, DORIS)



Sentinel-4: GEO atmospheric mission



Applications:

- monitoring changes in the atmospheric composition (e.g. ozone, NO₂, SO₂, BrO, CHOCHO, formaldehyde and aerosol) at high temporal resolution
- tropospheric variability

Narrow field spectrometer covering UV (305-400 nm), Visible (400-500 nm) Near-IR (750-775 nm) bands

Spatial sampling 5-50 km and spectral resolution between 0.05 nm and 1 nm (depending on band)

Geostationary orbit, at 0° longitude

Embarked on MTG-S and operated by EUMETSAT

Sentinel 4, final negotiations for the Phase B2,C/D activities have been completed in January and the consortium, led by Astrium (D) formally kicked off in mid February



Sentinel-5: LEO atmospheric mission



Applications:

- monitoring changes in the atmospheric composition (e.g. ozone, NO₂, SO₂, BrO, formaldehyde and aerosol) at high temporal (daily) resolution
- tropospheric variability

Pushbroom grating 5 channels spectrometer ranging from:

270 to 495 nm (UV)

400-500 nm Visible

710-775 nm (NIR)

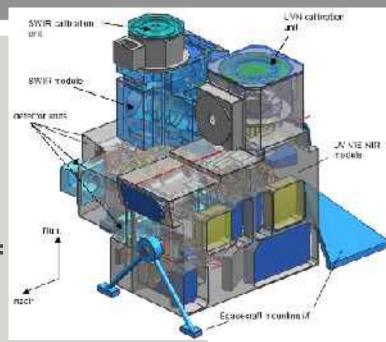
2314-2382 nm (SWIR)

spectral resolution between 0.25 nm and 1.1 nm

Low Earth orbit (reference altitude of about 824 km)

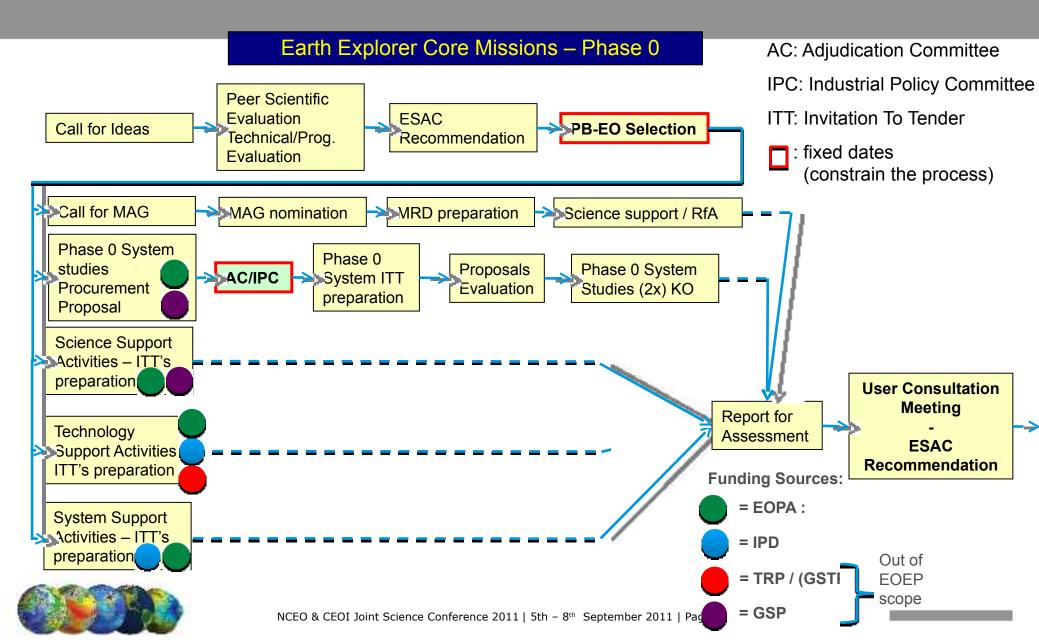
Sentinel-5 precursor to fill data gaps (2014-2019)

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EECM: The process in practice... II



