



EarthCARE Workshop 2009

Project Status

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Programmatic Status In Europe - Context

- EarthCARE (Earth Clouds, Aerosols and Radiation Explorer)
 - Part of ESA Living Planet Program (ESA SP-1234)
 - ESA EO 6th Earth Explorer Mission (3rd Core Mission after GOCE and ADM-AEOLUS)
 - Implementation in cooperation with JAXA (Cloud Profiling Radar)
- Key Elements for EarthCARE selection:
 - Addresses fundamental issue of Climate Regulation
 - Need of better understanding of the interactions between clouds, radiative and aerosols processes
 - Synergetic approach using Doppler Cloud-Radar, Lidar, Multi-Spectral Imager and BroadBand Radiometer
- Mission Reference is ESA SP-1279(1) Report for mission selection with its Technical and Programmatic Annex.
- Approved by ESA-PBEO in 2004.

Programmatic Status In Europe - Industrial Team

- EarthCARE Phase B-C/D-E1 industrial contract with Astrium-GmbH signed end-May 2008 at ILA Berlin in the presence of German Chancellor Angela Merkel
- Industrial Core Team:
 - Spacecraft Prime: Astrium GmbH (D)
 - Base-Platform: Astrium-Ltd (UK)
 - ATLID: Astrium-SAS (F)
 - BBR: SEA/RAL consortium (UK)
 - MSI: SSTL with TNO as sub-contractor (UK/NL)
- Industrial team to be completed during phase B2



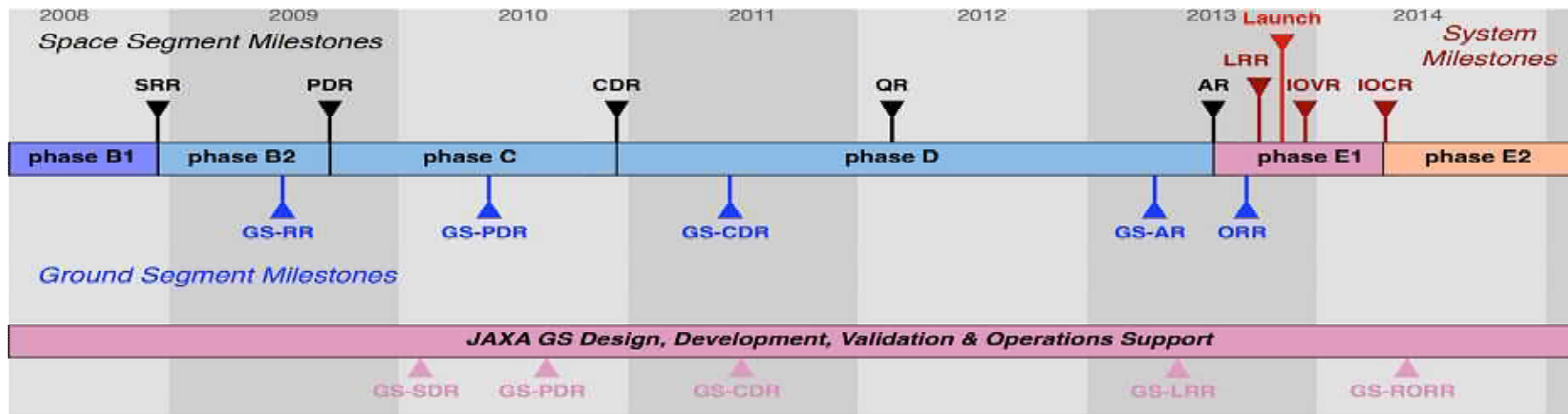


Programmatic Status In Europe - Schedule

- EarthCARE Phase B: ~ 16 months
 - EarthCARE Phase B1a was dedicated to initial trade-offs, confirmation of the spacecraft and instruments configuration detailed and considered completed in July 2008.
 - Phase B1b for consolidation of spacecraft and instruments requirements and establishment of configuration baseline with associated documentation and budgets.
 - SRR held from mid-December 2008 to mid-February 2009: Action Items and Recommendations being implemented
 - Phase B2 activities have started: detailed design activities, preparation for equipment procurement, consolidation of plans and schedule.
 - Ground Segment Requirements Review is ongoing
 - PDR scheduled in September-October 2009
- EarthCARE Phase C/D: ~ 45 Months
- Launch Date: Sept/Oct 2013

Programmatic Status In Europe – Timeline

➤ Overall Satellite & Ground Segment Development Timeline:



Space Segment Milestones:

- SRR = System Requirements Review
- PDR = Preliminary Design Review
- CDR = Critical Design Review
- QR = Qualification Review
- AR = Acceptance Review
- FRR = Flight Readiness Review

Ground Segment Milestones:

- GS-RR = GS Requirements Review
- GS-PDR = GS Preliminary Design Review
- GS-CDR = GS Critical Design Review
- GS-IR = GS Implementation Review
- GS-AR = GS Acceptance Review
- ORR = Operations Readiness Review

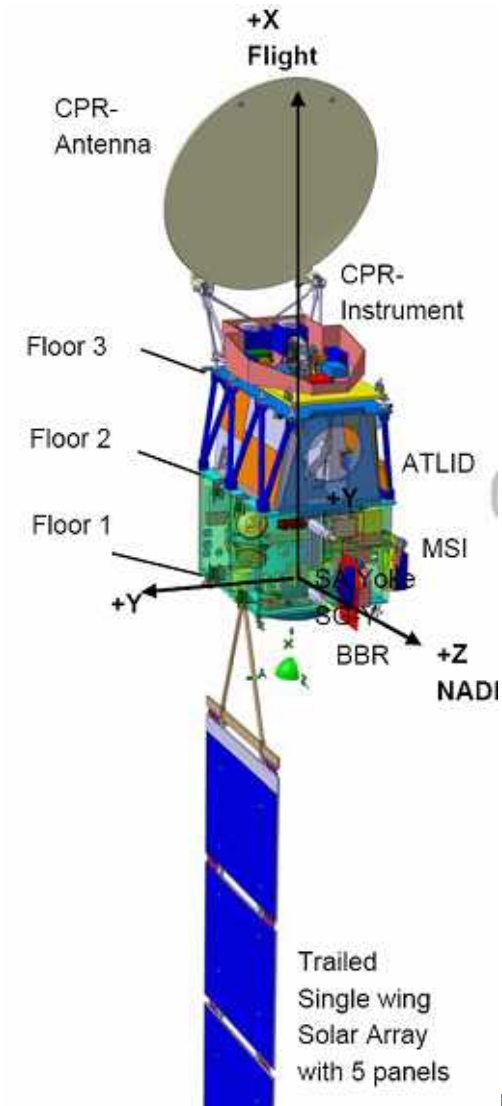
System Milestones:

- LRR = Launch Readiness Review
- IOVR = In-Orbit Verification Review
- IOCR = In-Orbit Commissioning Review

Technical Status – Satellite Configuration

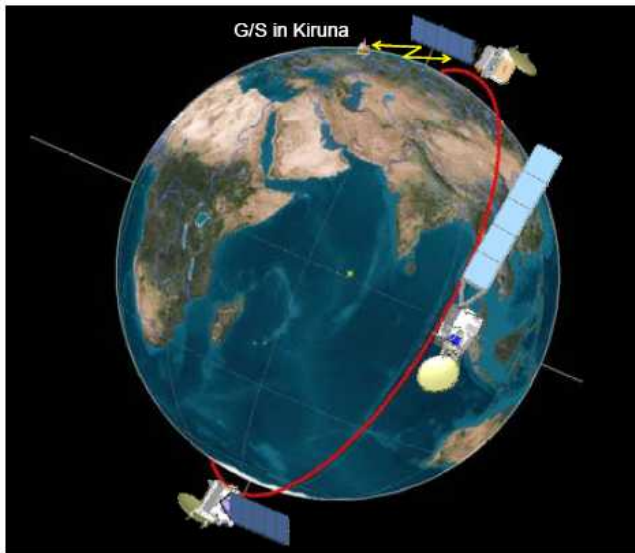
Main technical achievements made since May-08:

- Satellite Design Trade-offs
- Mission analysis
- Launcher & Satellite Accommodation
- Instrument Accommodation
- System Budget Consolidation
- Satellite specification & breakdown in instrument/subsystem/units specification



Technical Status – Mission Key-data

- Reference Orbits & Design Cases:
 - MLST: 13:45 - 14:00 (LTDN)
 - Cal/Val orbit @ 394.4 km / 9 days repeat cycle
 - Ops orbit @ 393.1 km / 25 days

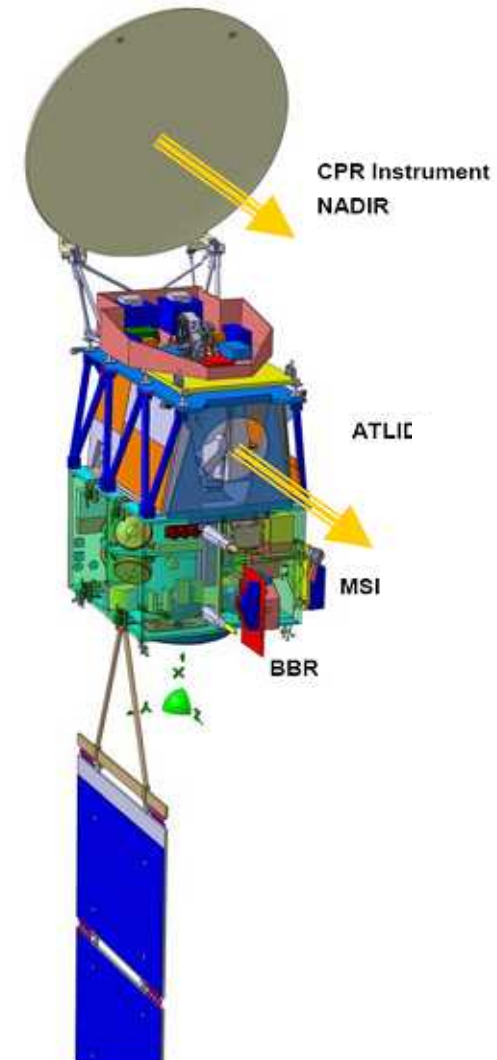


Parameter	Mean Kepler
Semi-major axis	$a = 6772.57 \text{ km}$
Eccentricity	$e = 0.001283$
Inclination (sun-synchronous)	$i = 97.055^\circ$
Argument of perigee	$\omega = 90^\circ$
Mean Local Solar Time, Descending Node	MLST = 13:45-14:00
Repeat cycle / cycle length	9 days, 140 orbits
Orbital duration	5554.3 s
Mean Spherical Altitude	394.43 km
Minimum Geodetic Altitude	399.6 km
Maximum Geodetic Altitude	427.3 km
Average Geodetic Altitude	409.7 km

Parameter	Mean Kepler
Semi-major axis	$a = 6771.28 \text{ km}$
Eccentricity	$e = 0.001283$
Inclination (sun-synchronous)	$i = 97.050^\circ$
Argument of perigee	$\omega = 90^\circ$
Mean Local Solar Time, Descending Node	MLST = 13:45-14:00
Repeat cycle / cycle length	25 days, 389 orbits
Orbital duration	5552.7 s
Mean Spherical Altitude	393.14 km
Minimum Geodetic Altitude	398.4 km
Maximum Geodetic Altitude	426.0 km
Average Geodetic Altitude	408.3 km

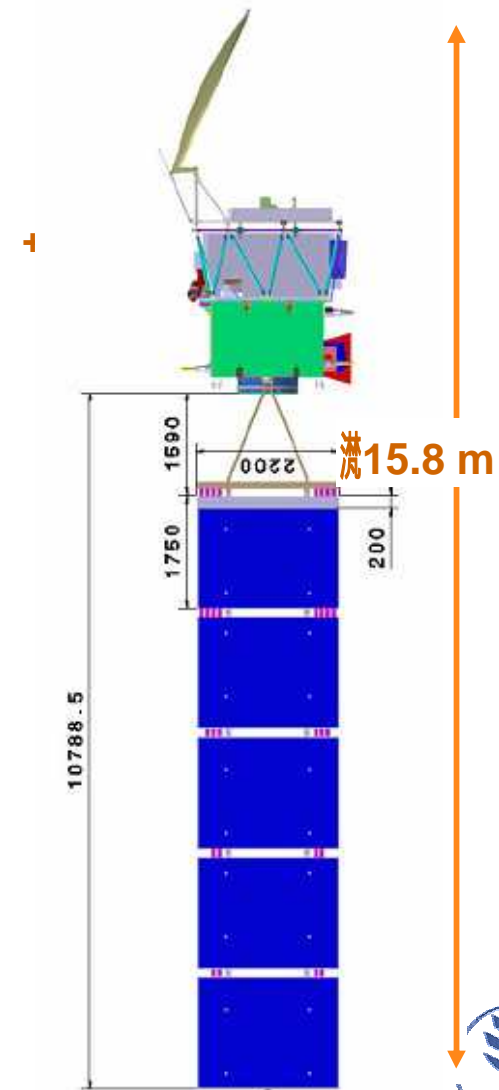
Technical Status – EarthCARE Satellite (1)

- EarthCARE satellite developed under Astrium GmbH/D Prime
- 3 Payloads provided by ESA :
 - **Atmospheric Backscatter Lidar (ATLID, led by Astrium-SAS/F):** provides vertical profiles of aerosols and thin clouds operating in the near UV (355 nm), high-spectral resolution and depolarisation channels.
 - **Multi-Spectral Imager (MSI, led by SSTL/UK):** provides horizontal structure of clouds and aerosols - 7 channels (from Visible to Thermal IR), 150 km swath, 500 m pixel
 - **Broadband Radiometer (BBR, led by SEA/UK):** provides top of Atmosphere Broad Band radiances - 2 channels (Short WL/Total WL), 3 views (nadir, fore and aft)
- 1 Payload provided by JAXA /NICT:
 - **Cloud Profiling Radar (CPR):** provides vertical profile of liquid and ice water clouds - operating at 94 Ghz with a 2.5 m aperture, sensitivity -36 dBZ, 400 m vertical resolution, 1 m/s Doppler capability.
- **Base Platform (led by Astrium Ltd/UK)**
 - CFRP structure & Thermal PF
 - Propulsion Subsystem & Power Generation & Harness
- **Platform Avionics (by Astrium-GmbH/D)**
 - Data Handling & SW & Communications
 - AOCS
 - Power Distribution & Storage

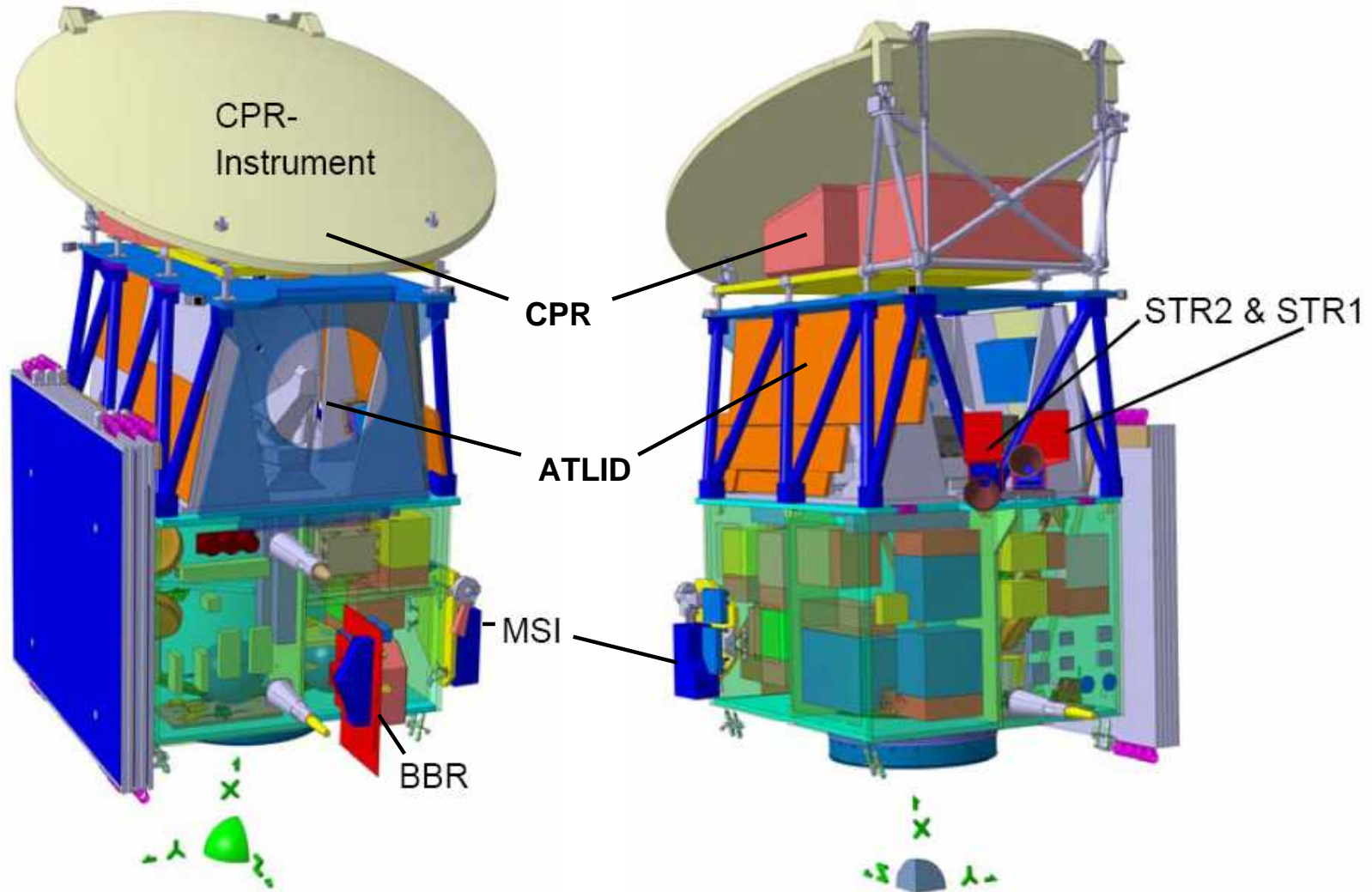


Technical Status – EarthCARE Satellite (2)

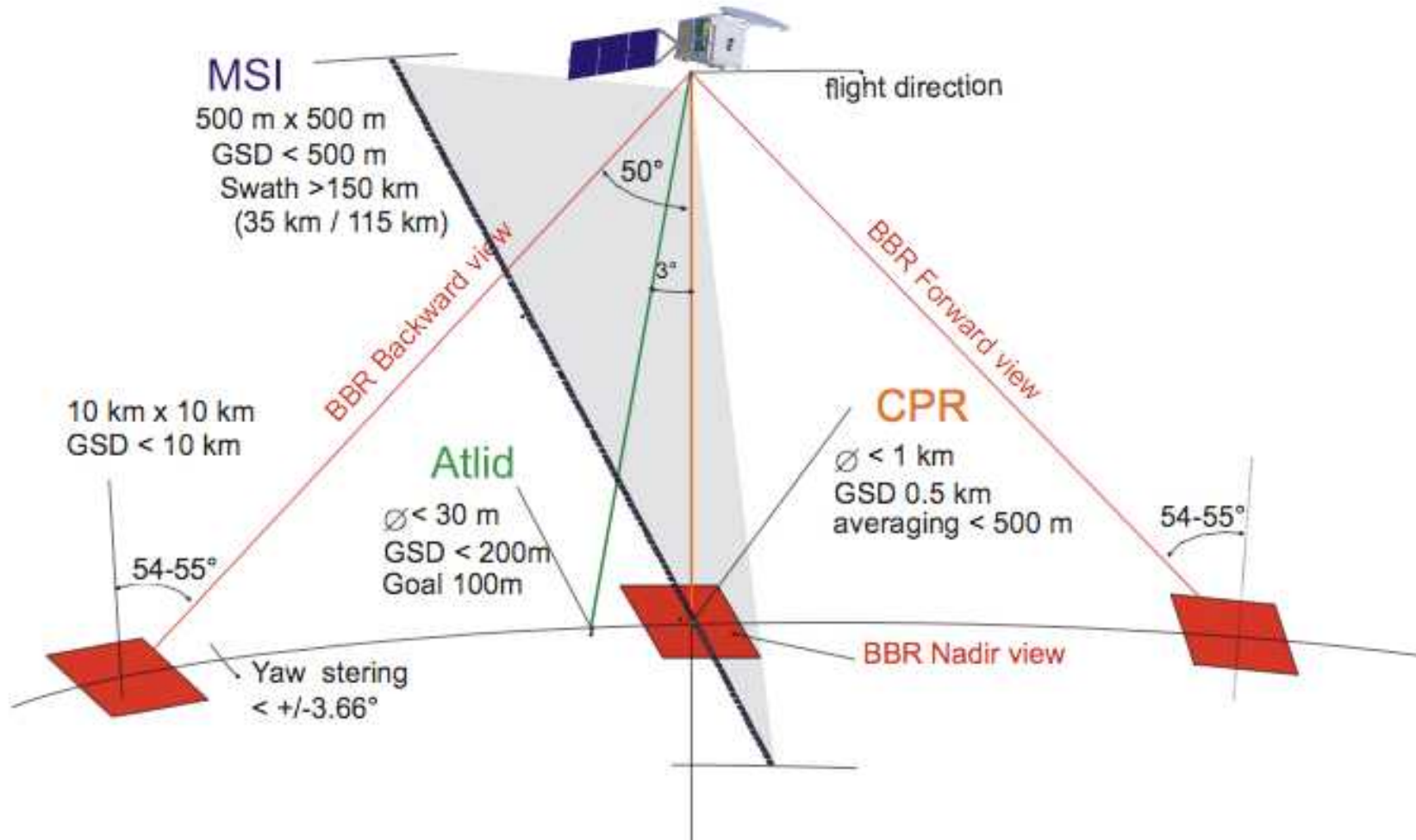
- **Mission Lifetime:** 3 years (incl. 6-month commissioning) + 1 year fuel
- **Mission Orbit and Satellite Attitude**
 - Orbit type: sun-synchronous, DN 13:45-14:00
 - Mean spherical altitude: 393 km (nominal) / 394.4 km (Cal/Val)
 - Inclination: 97 °
 - Repeat cycle (nom./cal.): 25 / 9 days
 - Attitude control: 3-axis stabilised, yaw-steering control
- **Mass**
 - Dry mass: **1718 Kg**
 - Total launch mass (incl. 236 kg N2H4 propellant): **1954 kg**
- **Power**
 - Deployable solar array, GaAs triple junction cells
 - Solar array power (EOL): 3400 W
 - Li-ion battery (nom. capacity): 255Ah
 - Power consumption: 1522 W (nom.) / 1000W (safe mode)
- **Communication Links**
 - Generated data rate average: 15.6 kbps (HK) & 2.5 Mbps (Sci)
 - X-Band downlink (for science data): 150 Mbps
 - S-Band (for control & monitoring):
 - uplink: 64kbps
 - downlink (w/wo ranging): 128 kbps / 1 Mbps



Technical Status – EarthCARE Satellite (3)

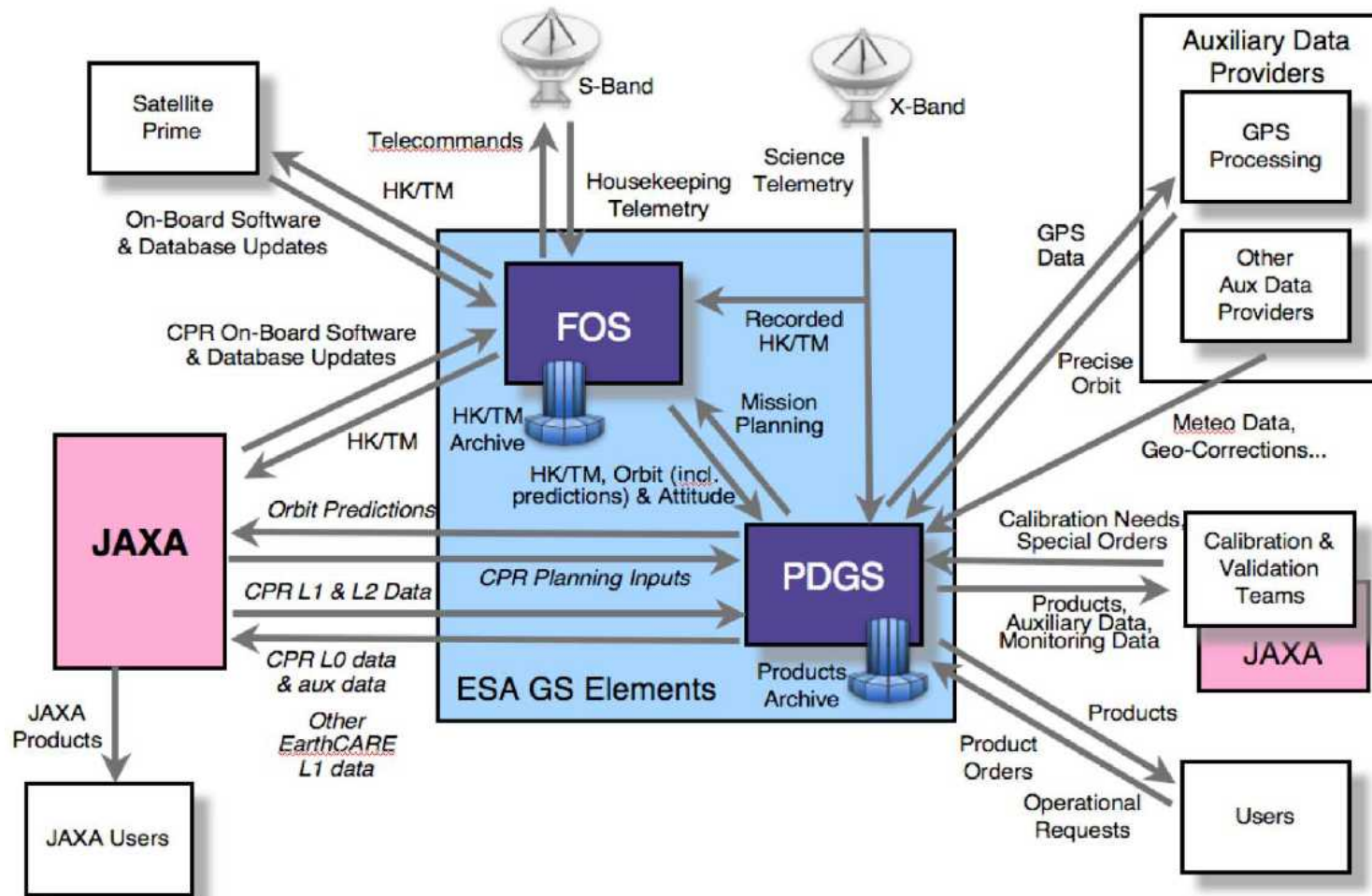


Technical Status – Instrument Pointing Geometry



Technical Status - Ground Segment Architecture

Ground segment concept & architecture as discussed – and preliminary agreed - with JAXA and ESOC/ESRIN:





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a very successful Workshop.