EUROPE EXPLORES THE UNIVERSE

Eagle Nebula, M16 7000 lightyears away, Temperatue 10 K (red) do 40 K (blue) Herschel Marcos Bavdaž European Space Agency (ESA)

Vipava, 20 April 2017

Herschel 3.5 m IR Telescope, @80 K 2300 l liquid Helium

Herschel Telescope: Key technology = SiC Brazed primary blank

Friedrich Wilhelm Herschel, (1738 – 1822) German-English astronomer, and composer 1781: discovery of Uranus



1789: large telescope (1.2 m Ø





Andromeda galaxy





Sensitivity improvement: 100 Million times





1609

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THE ATHENA + OBSERVATORY

2nd ESA Large Class Mission Selected 2014 Launch 2028









Nicolaus Copernicus 1473-1543 "De revolutionibus orbium coelestium"





Johannes Kepler 1571-1630 "Harmonices mundi"





Sir Isaak Newton 1643 – 1727 "Philosophiae naturalis principia mathematica"





Isaac Newton 1643-1727

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Albert Einstein 1879 – 1955



General relativity theory (1916)

Geiger counters on V2



First observation of X-rays in space, 1949

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Riccardo Giaconi (born 1931 in Genoa, I) John Hopkins (USA), ESO (D) Discovery of cosmic X-ray sources Nobel Prize in Physics in 2002



02 July 1967, at 14:19 UTC: VELA 3 and 4 detected a flash of gamma radiation, unlike any known nuclear weapons signature.

Declassified and published in 1973, "Observations of Gamma-Ray Bursts of Cosmic Origin" Wide Field Camera On BeppoSAX (1996 – 2002)

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Herman Potočnik (1892 - 1929) (pseudonym Hermann Noordung) Slovene rocket engineer





Hermann Noordung

Das Problem der Befahrung des Weltraums Der Baketen-Pieter



Eine leichtlaßliche Darstellung der größten technischen Zubaufblinge der Henschleit

Richard Carl Schmidt & Cu. / Berlin



ПРОБЛЕМА ПУТЕШЕСТЫН В МПРОБОМ ПРОСТРАНСТВЕ





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International Space Station (ISS)

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1960: European Launcher Development Organisation (ELDO)
1962: European Space Research Organisation (ESRO)
1975: ELDO+ESRO → European Space Agency (ESA)
2016: Slovenia becomes Associated Member of ESA

Purpose of ESA



"To provide for and promote, for exclusively peaceful purposes, cooperation among European states in **space research** and **technology** and their **space applications**."

Article 2 of ESA Convention



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Member States



ESA has 22 Member States: 20 states of the EU (AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, IT, GR, HU, IE, LU, NL, PT, PL, RO, SE, UK) plus Norway and Switzerland.





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ESA budget for 2017: by domain (total: 5.75 B€)





→ ESA'S FLEET ACROSS THE SPECTRUM

Thanks to cutting edge technology, astronomy is unveiling a new world around us. With ESA's fleet of spacecraft, we can explore the full spectrum of light and probe the fundamental physics that underlies our entire Universe. From cool and dusty star formation revealed only at infrared wavelengths, to hot and violent high-energy phenomena, ESA missions are charting our cosmos and even looking back to the dawn of time to discover more about our place in space.

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integral Seeking out the extremes of the Universe

gamma rays

• Seeing deeply into the hot and violent Universe

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Ariane 5 Launch Zone (ZL3), Kourou, 14 May 2009: launch Herschel and Planck

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PLANCK Looking back to the dawn of time

Planck, ESA's time machine, is Europe's first mission that will look at the very edge of the observable Universe by studying the cosmic microwave background, the relic radiation of the Big Bang.

This radiation, which permeates space in all directions, is our direct link to the birth of the Universe. It carries a picture of the cosmos as it was about 300 000 years after the Big Bang, or about 14 thousand million years ago, when light started to travel freely in space.

The third and most advanced space experiment of its kind, the Planck telescope will measure tiny variations in the temperature of the cosmic microwave background with the highest-ever precision. These variations will reveal the fingerprints left by the 'seeds' of the structures, such as galaxies, that we observe in our Universe today. With its sensitivity. Planck will reveal much more about the infant Universe than any mission has done so far.

Planck will help determine the properties of the Universe with great accuracy: its geometry, the total density of normal and dark matter, the total amount of atoms in the Universe, and the nature of dark energy.



The Cosmic Microwave Background as seen by Planck and WMAP

WMAP

Planck





Large Hadron Collider, CERN

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and the

Compact Muon Selenoid (CMS) Detector

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Higgs boson: candidate event

Composition of the universe



EUCLID Mapping the geometry of the dark Universe



UENUS EXPRESS Studying Venus' atmosphere

juice

Characterising the conditions of ocean-bearing moons around Jupiter

bepicolombo Exploring Mercury

Facing the Sun

Observing coronal dynamics and solar eruptions

proba-2

cassini-huygens

Studying the Saturnian system and landing on Titan

mars express Investigating the Red Planet

cluster Measuring Earth's magnetic shield

solar orbite The Sun up close

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-> ESA'S FLEET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Solar System is a natural laboratory that allows scientists to explore the nature of the Sun, the planets and their moons, as well as comets and asteroids. ESA's missions have transformed our view of the celestial neighbourhood, visiting Mars, Venus, and Saturn's moon Titan, and providing new insight into how the Sun interacts with Earth and its neighbours. The Solar System is the result of 4.6 billion years of formation and evolution. Studying how it appears now allows us to unlock the mysteries of its past and to predict how the various bodies will change in the future.

rosetta Chasing a comet

European Space Agency

Cassini-Huygens



14 January 2005: ESA's Huygens probe lands on Titan





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→ ROSETTA'S JOURNEY









ROME

Vatican

Colosseum

4100 m

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Rosetta's ROSINA instrument finds Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko's water vapour to have a significantly different composition to Earth's oceans.





The ratio of deuterium to hydrogen in water is a key diagnostic to determining where in the Solar System an object originated and in what proportion asteroids and comets may have contributed to Earth's oceans



Rosina-DFMS

Hydrogen atom Deuterium atom Belt (grey), comets originating from the Oort cloud (purple) and Jupiter family comets (pink). Comet 67P/C-G, a Jupiter family comet, is highlighted in yellow. • = data obtained in situ •= data obtained by astronomical methods

Spacecraft: ESA/ATG medialab; Comet: ESA/Rosetta/NAVCAM; Data: Altwegg et al. 2014 and references therein.

PHILAE













GAIA The billion star observer, launched 19 Dec 2013

Gaia Optical Bench Torus: SiC, 200 kg



GAIA: all-sky view of stars in our Galaxy and neighbouring galaxies

M31 – Andromeda galaxy Distance: 2.5 million light years!

> In our galaxy: Human radio transmissions travelled this distance

250 000 light years