



CNES Ocean program

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• Latest news from CNES ocean program

• SMOS: CNES participation and recent developments

Future plans and conclusions

CNES involvement in oceanography





Promote the development of operational oceanography

- Secure the « reference mission » continuity and performance: TP/J1/J2/J3/J-CS
- Contribute to the altimetry constellation: ERS/ENVISAT/SENTINEL-3, Hy-2A
- Enhance synergies between altimetry missions through AVISO/DUACS
- Involvment in CORIOLIS, partnership with Mercator...

Future of altimetry: new instruments

- AltiKa: Ka-band altimetry
- Contribution/Interest in Delayed Doppler altimetry (Cryosat, Sentinel-3...)
- SWOT: wide-swath altimetry



Explore new measurements of ocean parameters

- SMOS: ocean surface salinity
- CFOSAT: directional wave spectrum
- Ocean colour





SARAL Satellite for Argos and ALtiKa

Cooperation with ISRO

(India Space Research organization)

Ka-band nadir altimetry mission

- Higher precision, shorter along-track sampling
 - Gap filler between ENVISAT & SENTINEL3
 - Same orbit as ENVISAT (35 days, SSO)
 - New Ka-band altimeter, higher precision, compact design, integrated radiometer/altimeter
 - POD: DORIS, LRA
 - Other CNES payload Argos-3 instrument, X-band telemetry

Status:

Launched by PSLV (ISRO) on Feb 26th
Validation phase on-going

Data policy : ~ the same as JASON missions PI: Jacques Verron (LEGI)





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SARAL first results



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Excellent performance:

Altimeter noise	Specifications	Measured on ground	In flight data
1Hz range	1.5 cm	0.9 cm	0.9 cm
1Hz SWH	6.3 cm	5.7 cm	5 cm
1Hz Sigma0	0.2dB*	NA	0.012 dB

Real-time orbi > 5cm rms (no fine tuning yet)

X-over analysis Jason2 – SARAL indicate good consistency

Rain impact under control



ALTIKA WAVEFORMS (corrected by KCAL) - Cycle 998 pass 279

SMOS: CNES (and IFREMER) activities





CNES contribution to SMOS:

- PROTEUS S/C bus + X-band TM
- Control center and operations
- Mission center: CATDS: Centre Aval de Traitement des Données Smos
 - Level 3-4 products SM and OS

Status

- Satellite: excellent behavior. Could last several years longer
- Satellite control center: OK
- CATDS:
 - Official transfer of operations to Ifremer in Dec '12
- Importance of Expertise centers (SM and OS) activities for Level1 processing
- Support to Cal/val program



CNES Science Prospective Seminar

• Will take place in La Rochelle, April 2014

• Call for Ideas issued in late 2012

One "salinity" mission submitted : SMOS Next

• Study of proposals in parallel on science interest and feasability: 2013-2014

by CNES science committees (TOSCA, CERES)

•by PASO team at CNES (actually, for SMOS-NEXT phase 0 starting)

• Any inputs welcome...





Two slides on... CFOSAT China-France Oceanography SATellite

China-France Cooperation

Currently in phase C/D
Launch expected end of 2014

SWIM, new spaceborne instrument

- technology innovations (antenna, on-board digital processing)
- Nadir chanel ~altimeter

SCAT, new concept of wind scatterometer

Ku-band, rotating fan-beam



Access to 2D wave spectrum with high angular resolution and with global scale

Joint measurements of winds and waves

PI: Danièle Hauser (CNRS/LATMOS)

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SWIM instrument



Surface Waves Investigation and Monitoring

Real aperture radar in Ku-band

6 incidence angles: 0°, 2°, 4°, 6°, 8° et 10°

Rotation speed: 5.7 rpm

Will measure:

Directionnal wave spectrum in the wavelenght range 70-500 m

Accuracy: 10% on wavelength, 15° on direction, 15% on spectral level around the peak

SWH and wind speed from nadir

Normalized radar cross-section from 0° to 10°

Absolute accuracy of ± 1 dB, relative accuracy between incidences ± 0.1 dB

Airborne instrument in 2012 (KUROS)



GMES - Copernicus





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Sentinel-1 (A & B):

- SAR Imaging radar SAR
 - Continuity ASAR/ENVISAT
 - + Launch end 2013
- Ocean parameters:
 - + Sea state
 - Surface currents,
 - Ship detection,
 - Slick detection...

Sentinel-3 (A & B) :

- 3 Instruments (continuity envisat)
 - TOPO: Altimetry payload (altimeter, radiometer, POD)
 - OLCI: ocean color
 - SLSTR: sea surface temperature

Launch: ~2014 et ~2017

Also in GMES Space component: Jason-CS (not yet approved):

Reference altimetry mission, continuity of Jason-3
Launch 2018?

One slide on... **SWOT** Surface Water and Ocean Topography

Hydrology and Oceanography mission

Global, repeated high-resolution elevation measurements of ocean and inland water bodies

Baseline payload :

- Ka-band interferometric altimeter (KaRIn)
- Traditional altimetry payload

CNES budget secured in March'11 through Genera Investment Fund

NASA/CNES Cooperation scheme approved

Mission Concept Review succesfully passed in Sept 2012

Phase A just started at NASA...

CNES involvement:

- Participation in KaRIn
- DORIS, Altimeter
- Platform
- Ground segment









Mission proposée dans le cadre d'une collaboration NASA/CNES, pour un lancement vers 2020
Le futur de l'altimétrie (cartographie haute résolution, côtier)
Une révolution à venir en hydrologie

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SMOS is a fairly unique mission in the CNES ocean programs

- First mission dedicated to salinity
- One of the first land/ocean combined mission
 - Very rich interaction, despite added complexity
- Interest of combination SMOS/AQUARIUS
- First mission with such an advanced partnership with Ifremer

The story is not finished

- Still some progress ahead
- Interest of combination SMOS/AQUARIUS and of combinations SMOS-other
- SMOS-Next perspectives



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Thank you !







