



Telespazio

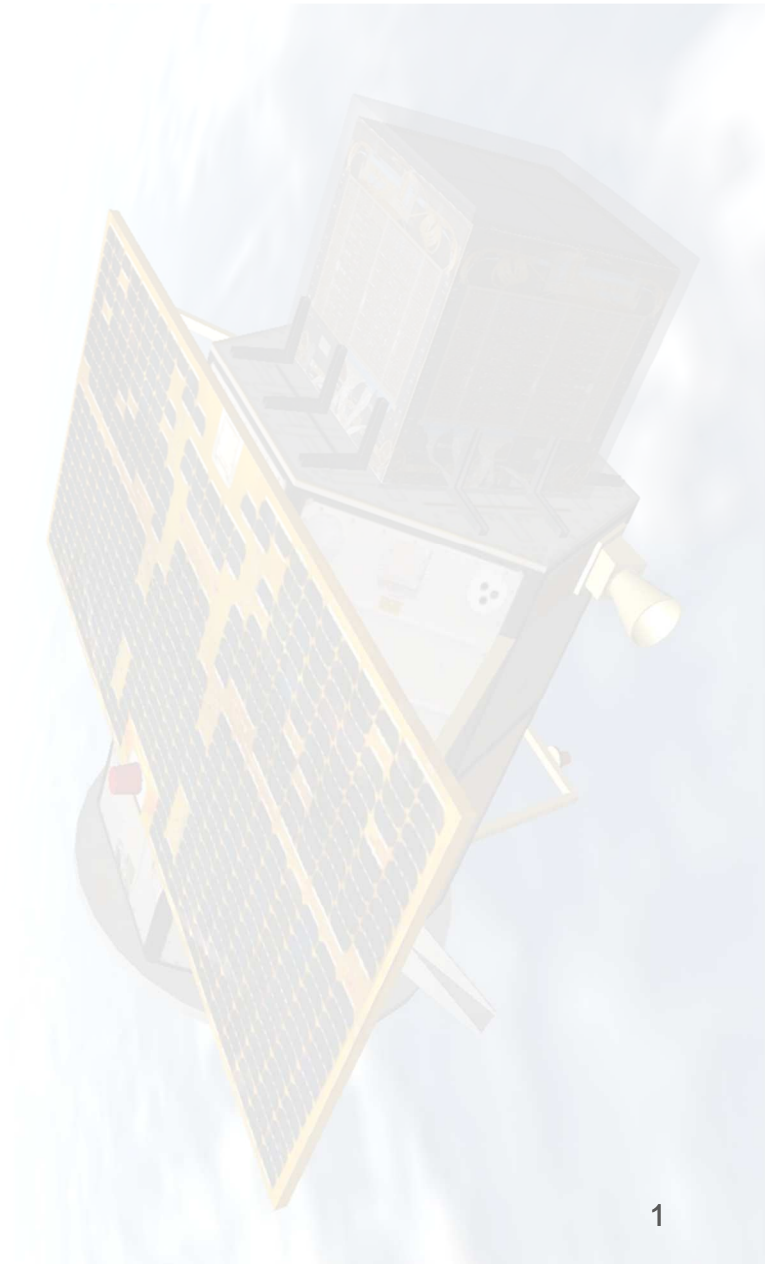
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Telespazio roles in the AGILE Mission

- ✦ **Ground Segment Development and Management**
- ✦ **Operations Preparation and Execution during all mission phases**

Ground Segment Development Overview

Fucino Space Center



MCC

**Mission Control
Center**

Provides the Mission
Planning and related TC
sequences generation

FDC

**Flight Dynamic
Center**

Provides Orbit/Attitude Operations
Products generation used for Satellite
M&C, Mission Planning and Scientific
processing support.

SCC

**Satellite Control
Center**

Provides all functions
devoted to Monitor and
Control the Satellite

TT&C



Provides the
S-Band link
between Agile
and the Ground
Segment

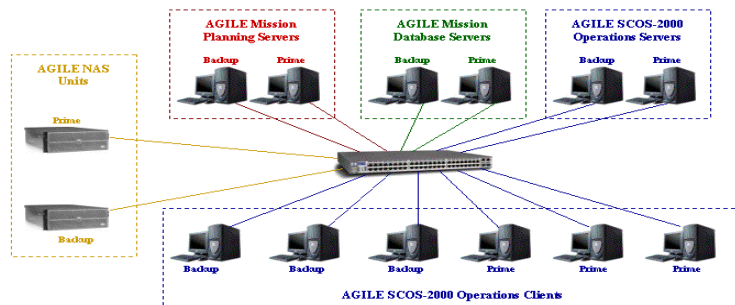
ASI Malindi Earth Station

Ground Segment Development

SCC - Satellite Control Center



AGILE SCC Room



HW Configuration

SCC Functions

- ✦ Satellite telemetry acquisition from TT&C ground station, TM processing, display and archiving
- ✦ Handling of the satellite acquisition automatic procedures
- ✦ Satellite database handling and maintenance
- ✦ Satellite sub-systems and payload health monitoring and control through housekeeping
- ✦ Telemetry processed data presented on alpha-numeric/graphic and mimic displays
- ✦ Real time or time-tagged telecommand preparation, TC to be uplinked to the satellite
- ✦ Co-ordination with the TT&C ground station for passages acquisition plan
- ✦ Communication network management

Ground Segment Development

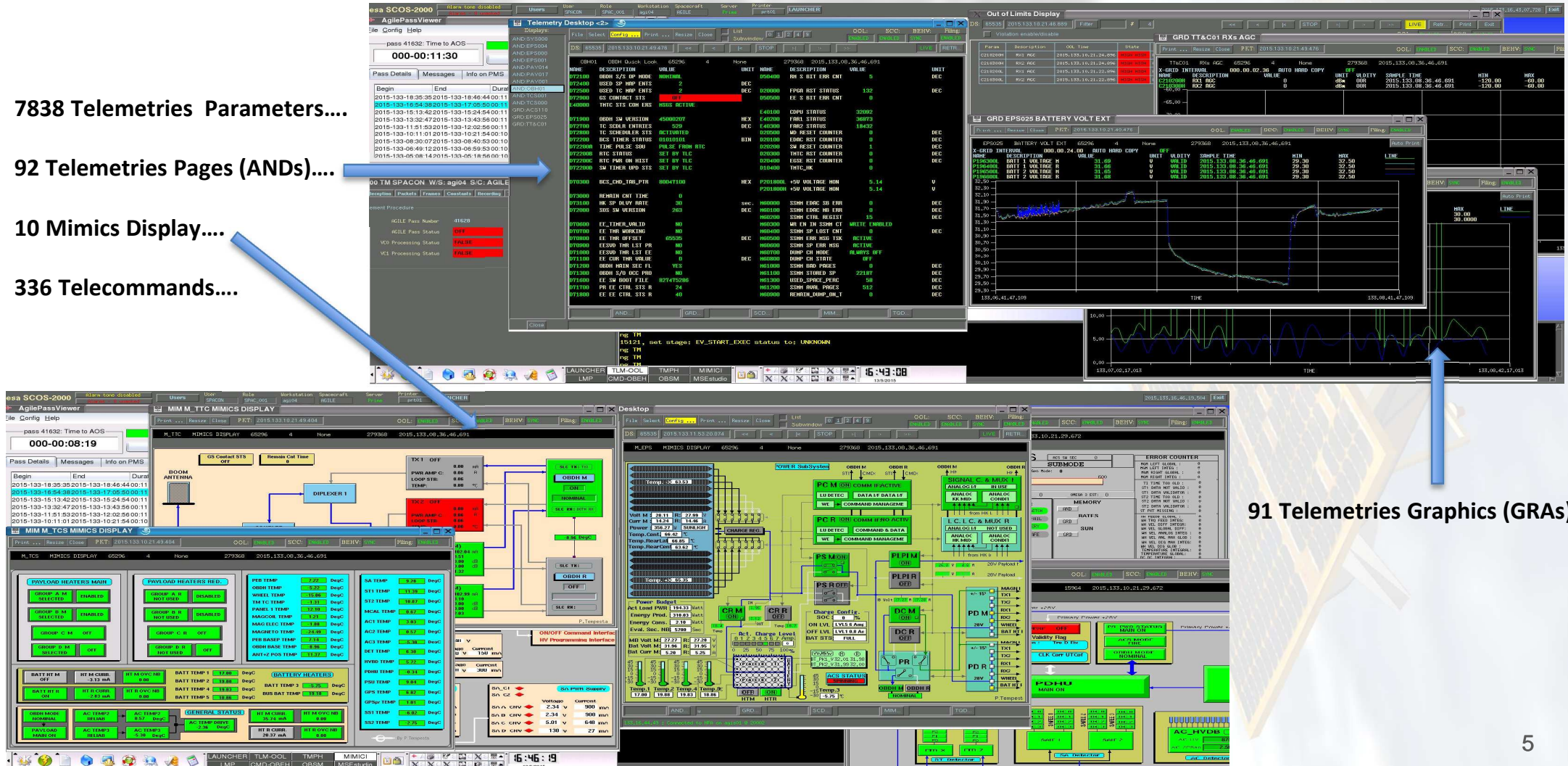
SCC - Satellite Control Center

7838 Telemetries Parameters....

92 Telemetries Pages (ANDs)....

10 Mimics Display....

336 Telecommands....



91 Telemetries Graphics (GRAs)....

Ground Segment Development

SCC - Satellite Control Center

JFrame

Start Time: 23/05/2015 22:30:12
 End Time: 23/05/2015 23:44:12
 Q1: 0
 Q2: 0
 Q3: 0
 Q4: 1
 Rate Z: 0.8
 SS FOV: 16.5

Propagate Attitude

23/05/2015 22:30:12	Earth SST1	START,
23/05/2015 22:32:54		END,
23/05/2015 22:32:21	Earth SST2	START,
23/05/2015 22:37:30		END,
23/05/2015 22:37:11	Earth SST1	START,
23/05/2015 22:41:50		END,
23/05/2015 22:41:48	Earth SST2	START,
23/05/2015 22:45:52		END,
23/05/2015 22:45:58	Earth SST1	START,
23/05/2015 22:49:48		END,
23/05/2015 22:49:57	Earth SST2	START,
23/05/2015 22:53:41		END,
23/05/2015 22:53:52	Earth SST1	START,
23/05/2015 22:57:33		END,
23/05/2015 22:57:45	Earth SST2	START,
23/05/2015 23:01:24		END,
23/05/2015 23:01:37	Earth SST1	START,
23/05/2015 23:05:16		END,
23/05/2015 23:05:31	Earth SST2	START,
23/05/2015 23:09:10		END,
23/05/2015 23:09:26	Earth SST1	START,
23/05/2015 23:13:37		END,

Simulator3D

Propagator3D

Velocity

Epoch: 23/05/2015 22:30:45

Sun

Elevation: 20.649937724966367

Azimuth: 60.3728080413307

Moon

Elevation: 13.028042020579031

Azimuth: 133.48494568226135

Malindi Pass: false

Satellite

Xpos: -5122.632548200711

Ypos: -3981.696824181053

Zpos: 167.58566310351551

Q1 scalar: 0.8006629179435338

Q2: -0.4172496690888545

Q3: 0.38674802131973524

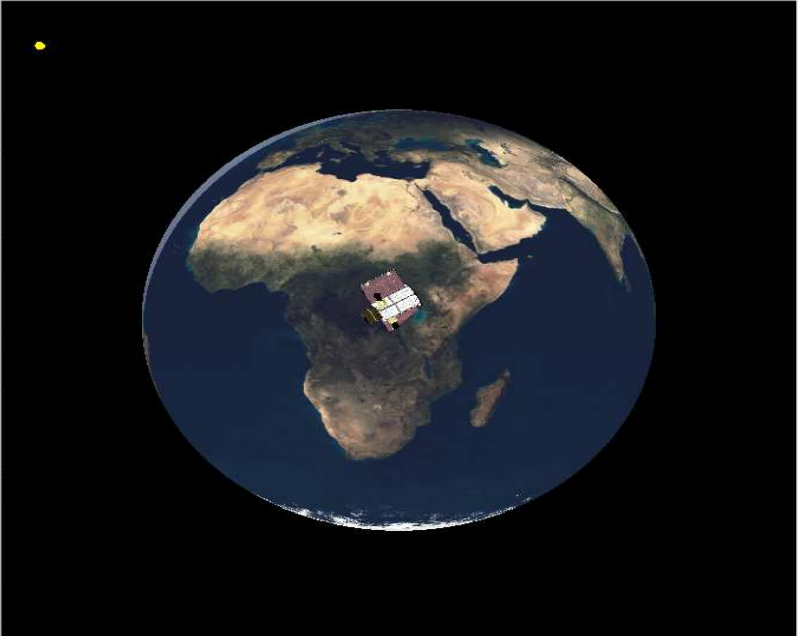
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Pay Beta: -31.526490671962765

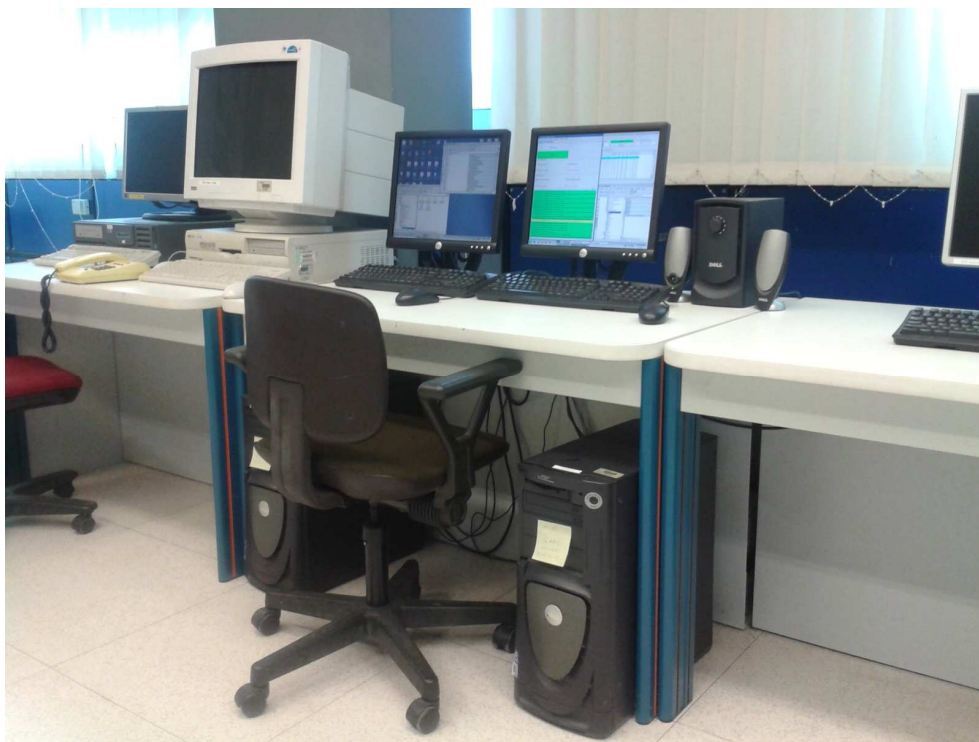
ST1 blinded: true

ST2 blinded: false



Ground Segment Development

MCC - Mission Control Center



AGILE MCC Workstation

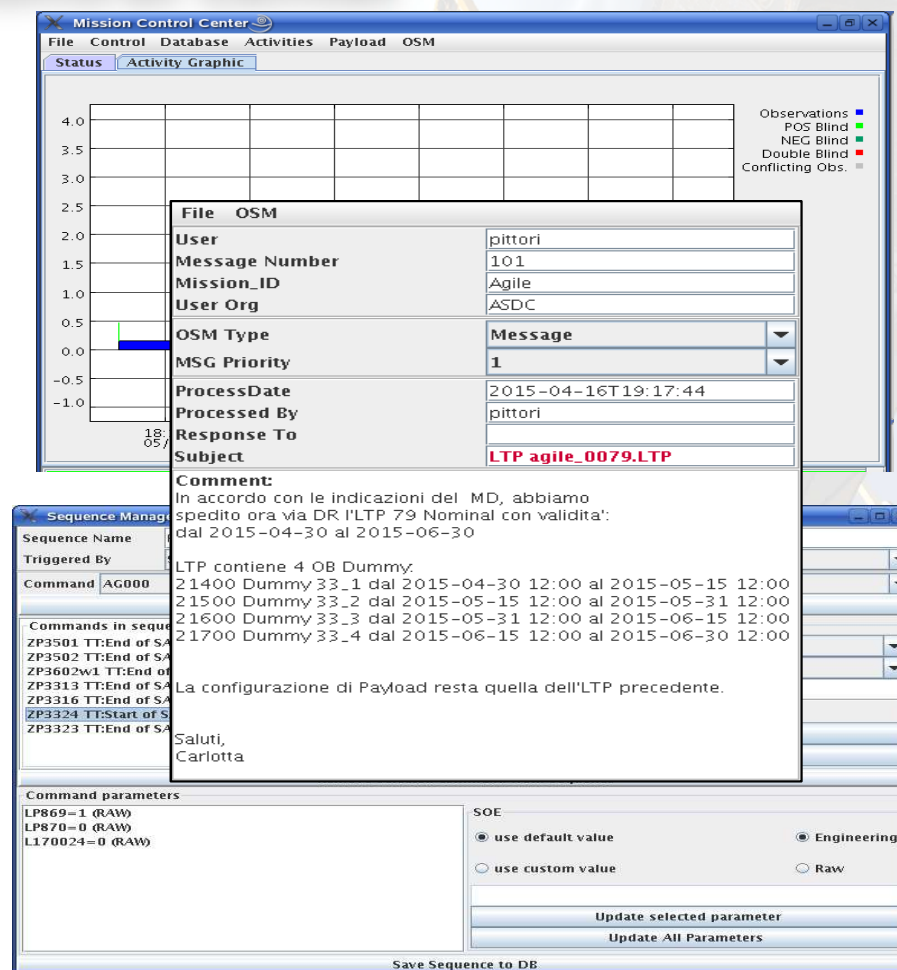
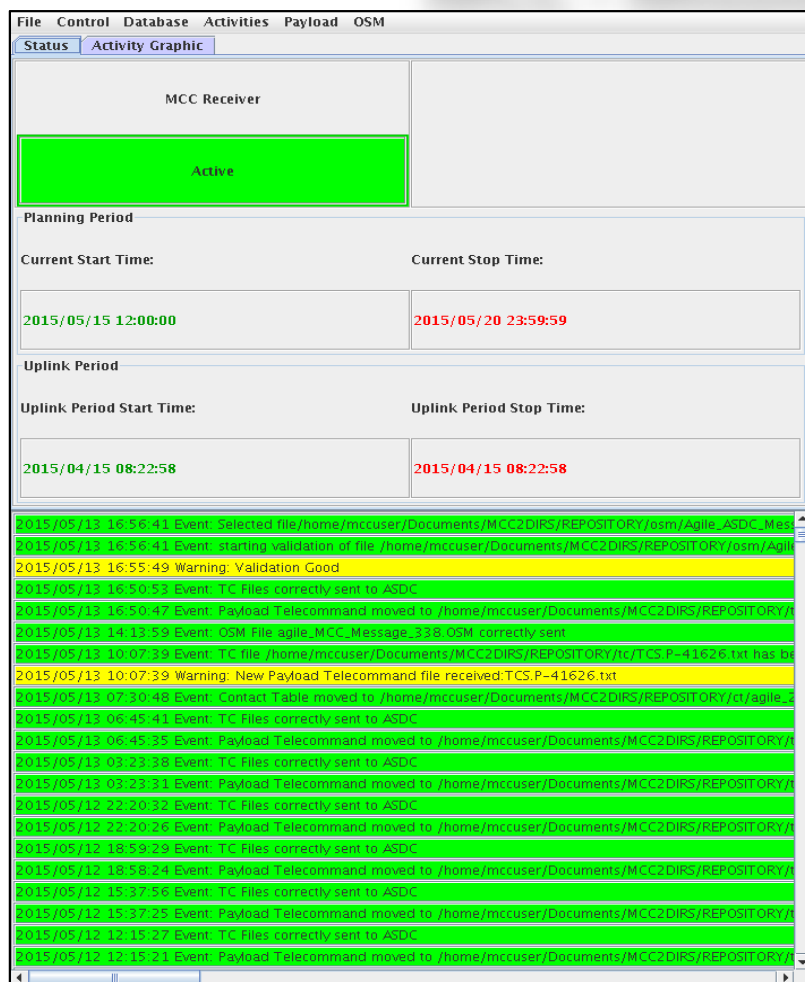


MCC Functions

-  **Programming Payload Science acquisition (from ASDC LTP)**
-  **Generates Telecommands Mission Plan (Payload and Platform activities)**
-  **Manages the OSM communications (between Operative and Scientific Centers)**

Ground Segment Development

MCC - Mission Control Center



Ground Segment Development

FDC – Flight Dynamic Center



AGILE FDC Workstation in FDS Room



FDC Functions

- ✦ **Orbit determination and propagation**
 - Processing GPS telemetry data
 - Processing AMD (Angular Measurement Data) (coming from TT&C Antenna – as backup in case of unavailability of GPS)
 - Orbit Decay prediction
- ✦ **Generation of mission products**
 - Sequence of the Events (SOE)
 - Two Line Elements (TLE) to be used for the TT&C ground antenna for tracking
 - Orbital Files, necessary for the satellite in-orbit operations and for the mission planning activity (Contact tables, SAA tables etc etc)
 - Attitude File, containing the reconstructed satellite attitude, necessary for the satellite in orbit operations and for scientific activities support
- ✦ **ACS on-board operations support**
 - ACS performance monitoring
 - Attitude Manouvres Calculation (Superseded due to wheel failure)
 - Star Trackers and GPS receiver data handling

Ground Segment Development

FDC – Flight Dynamic Center

AGILE FDC-ACS Station

Files Satellite Utilities Modules Help

Module: **Observations Planning** Project: **agile_launch** Update LEOPOD Proj. Name: **agile**

Available Payloads

GRIDPosition.txt
SuperAgile_Position.txt
GRID_Z_along_boresight.txt

Available Sensors

StarTracker1_Position.txt
StarTracker2_Position.txt
SunSensor.txt

Target Specifications

Observation Start (YYYY/MM/DD hh:mm:ss.ssss):
2015/04/15 12:00:00.000000

Observation End (YYYY/MM/DD hh:mm:ss.ssss):
2015/04/30 12:00:00.000000

Observation Block Nr: 21300
Right Ascension (deg): 137.475
Declination (deg): 67.186
Earth Occultation angle (deg): 10

Rotation sense: Minimal time spending

Sensors Used During Manoeuvre



StarTracker1_Position.txt
StarTracker2_Position.txt

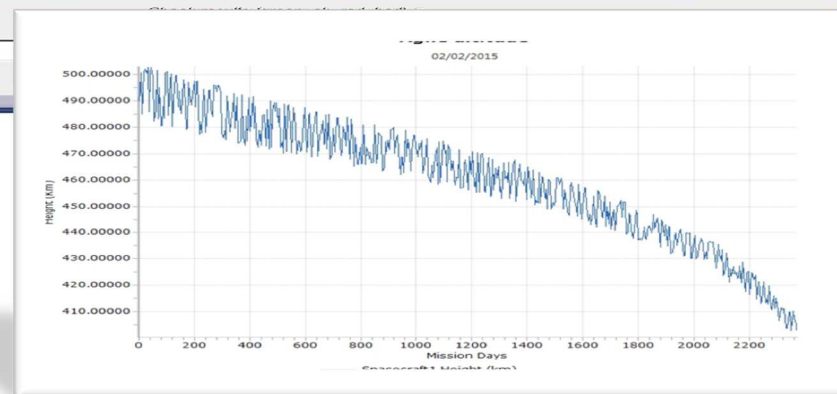
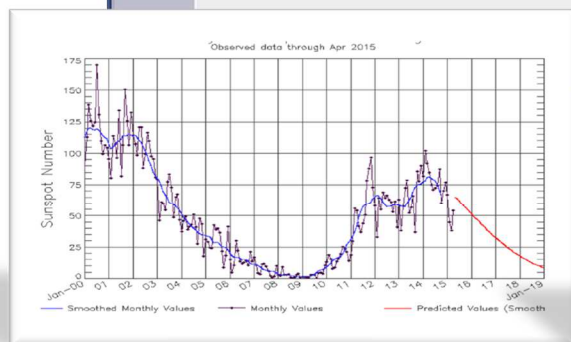
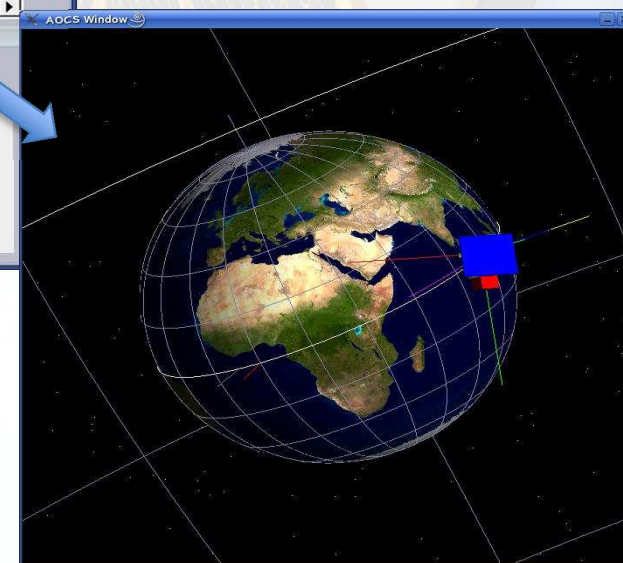
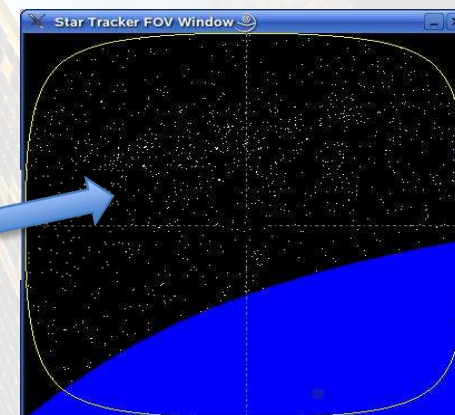
Requested Observations

Start: 2015/04/15 12:00:00.000000 End: 2015/04/30 12:00:00.000000 RA
Start: 2015/04/30 12:00:36.403159 End: 2015/05/15 12:00:00.000000 RA
Start: 2015/05/15 12:00:04.188000 End: 2015/05/31 12:00:00.000000 RA
Start: 2015/05/31 12:01:16.149540 End: 2015/06/15 12:00:00.000000 RA
Start: 2015/06/15 12:00:38.993203 End: 2015/06/30 12:00:00.000000 RA

Load ASCD Observation Plan

1 - Create Observations File 2 - Check Manoeuvres and Observations Feasibility 3 - Create ACS & Timeline files

Check Manoeuvres Feasibility  Check Observation Feasibility 



Operations Preparation and Execution

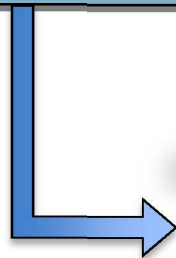
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Pre-Launch

(completed)

LEOP

(completed)

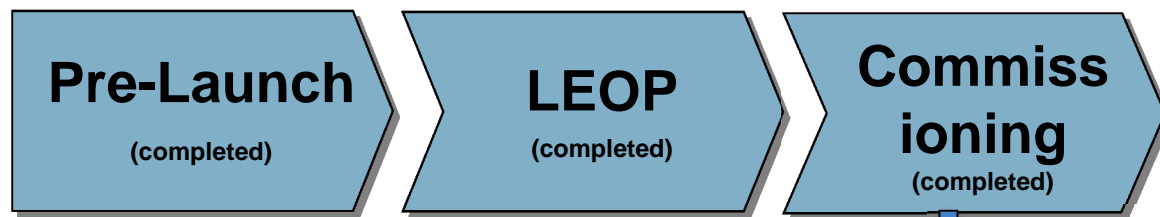


- ✦ **Coordinate the activities with Satellite Manufacturer and Launch Authority**
- ✦ **Readiness with TT&C Station (especially for the first Acquisition)**
- ✦ **Health check of the Satellite**
- ✦ **Determination of the orbit achieved by the launcher**



Operations Preparation and Execution

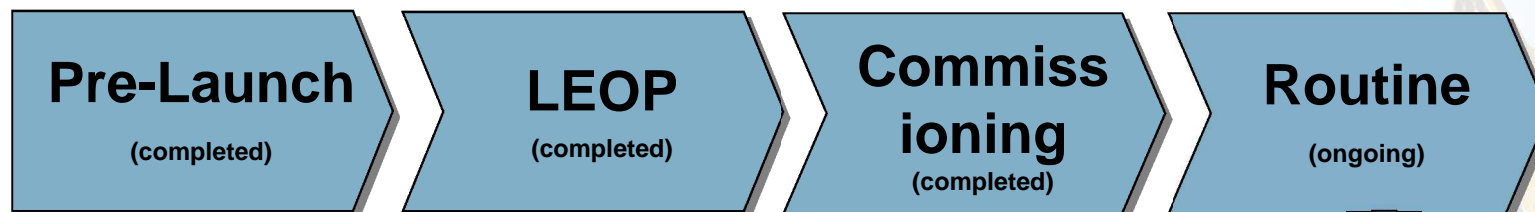
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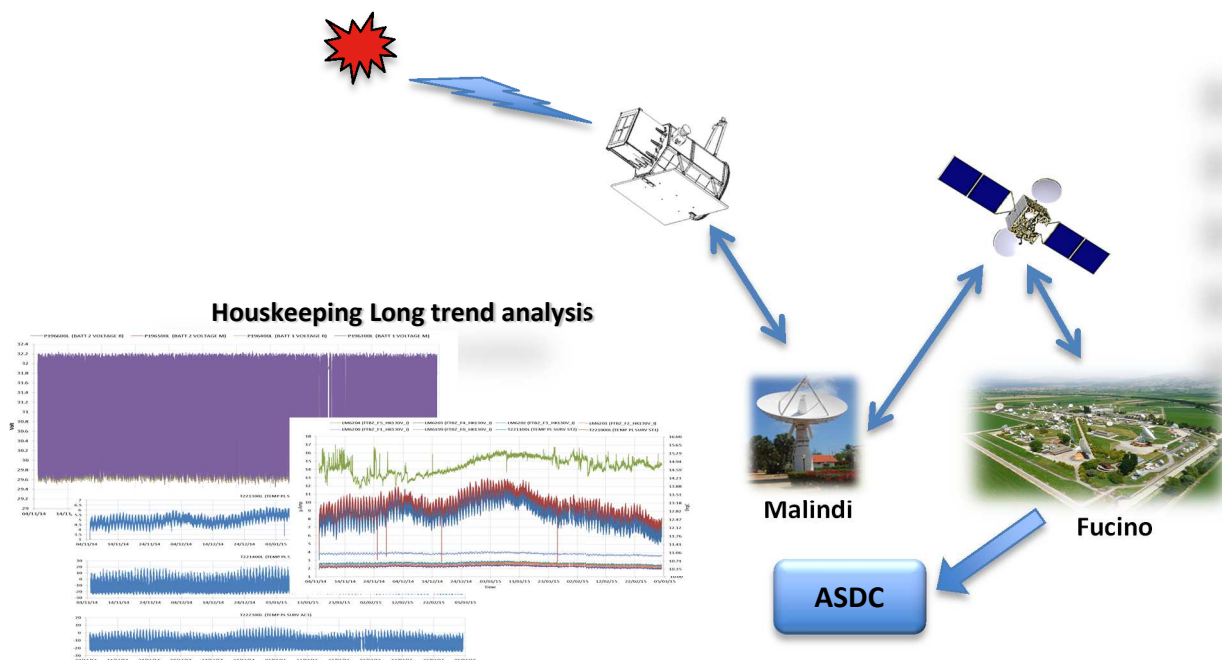
- ☀ Check the Satellite Units Health / Status / Functionality
- ☀ Verification / Calibration / Tuning of Payload Setting
- ☀ Check the Ground Segment Elements Functionality

Operations Preparation and Execution

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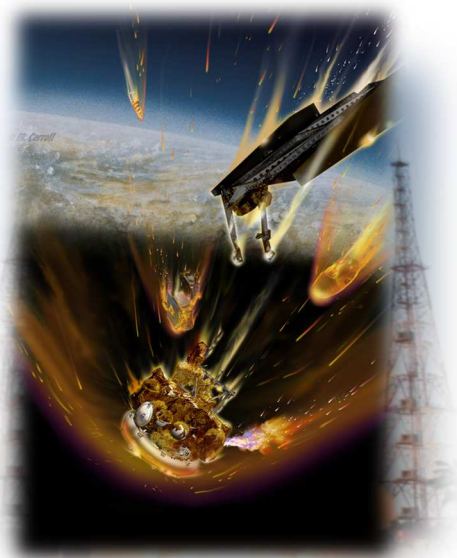


-  **Mission Exploitation**
-  **Management of Ground Segment**
-  **Satellite Monitoring and Control**
-  **Scientific Observation Execution**
-  **Management of any anomalous situation (Space and Ground)**



Operations Preparation and Execution

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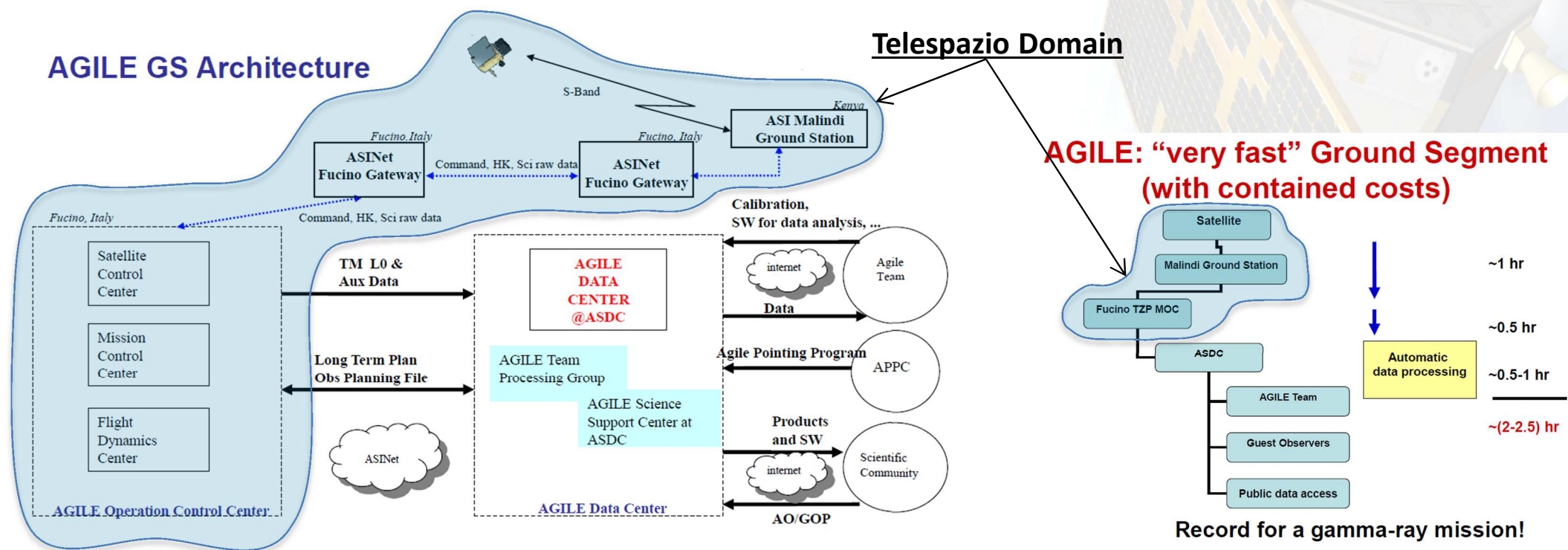


- ✦ **Passivation of the Satellite**
- ✦ **Monitoring the Agile Powering Off**
- ✦ **Release the last Orbit Calculated with last available GPS data.**
- ✦ **Decommissioning of the Ground Segment**
- ✦ **Archive all Mission Data**

Agile Lesson Learnt....

A Low Cost Mission \neq A Low Ground Segment

1st - It was realized simply but extremely efficiently



Agile Lesson Learnt....

A Low Cost Mission \neq A Low Ground Segment

2nd - It was realized highly automated

Automatic setup for pre-pass activities



- Set pass number
- Connection with Malindi Station
- Initialize the recording of VC0/VC1 file
- Set of SCC variables to manage the creation of AUX files



Pass activities



- Processing of real-time TLM
- Record the VC0 TLM
- Display and alert for Out Of Limit conditions



Automatic post-pass activities



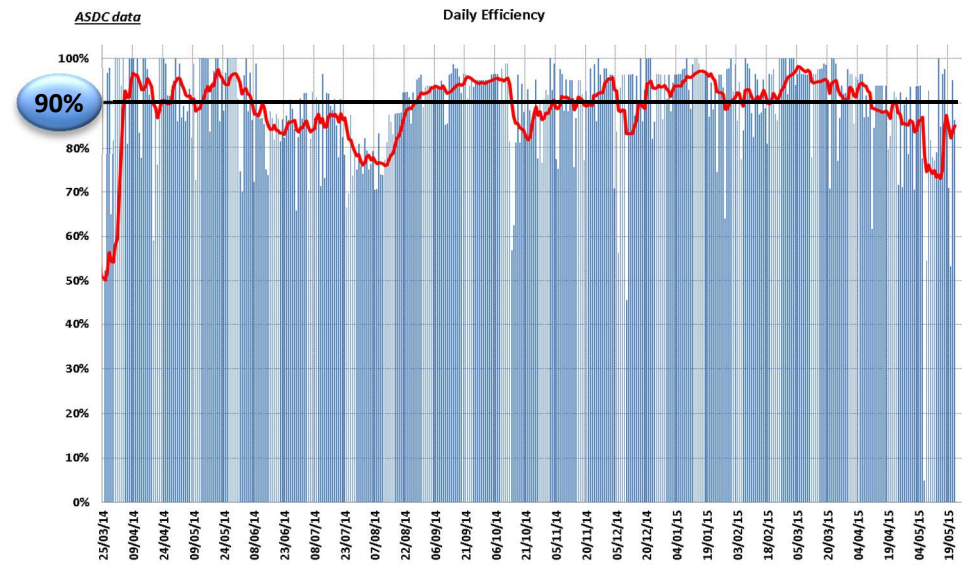
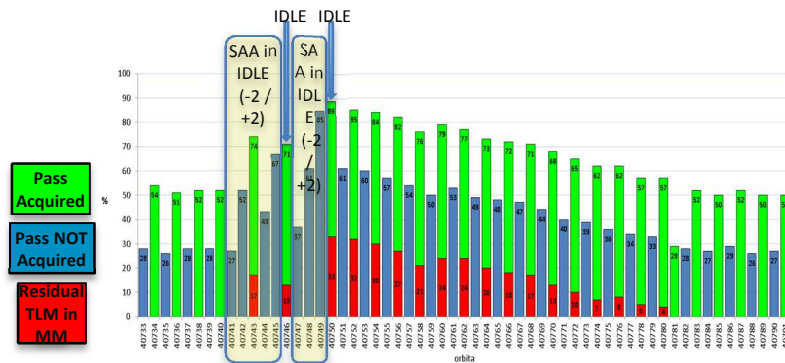
- Receive the VC1 file from Station
- Send VC0/VC1 to ASDC/CGS
- Copy TLM into Archive
- Process in offline the VC1 TLM
- Collect GPS and others TLM data in AUX files
- Generate the Attitude Reconstruction

Agile Lesson Learnt....

A Low Cost Mission \neq A Low Operations Profiles

Some changes of mission profile are occurred due to Space and Ground variations during time....

- Momentum Wheel failure \rightarrow Only Satellite Spinning Mode Available
- TT&C Antenna not more available for all passages \rightarrow Modulate the Planning of Observation periods



Agile Lesson Learnt....

A Low Cost Mission \neq A Low Mission Results

AGILE Astronomical Telegrams

ATel #1160| ATel #1167| ATel #1199| ATel #1221| ATel #1278| ATel #1300| ATel #1308| ATel #1320| ATel #1394
 ATel #1428| ATel #1436| ATel #1445| ATel #1492| ATel #1495| ATel #1545| ATel #1547| ATel #1574| ATel #1581
 ATel #1582| ATel #1583| ATel #1585| ATel #1592| ATel #1619| ATel #1634| ATel #1641| ATel #1705| ATel #1713
 ATel #1732| ATel #1775| ATel #1782| ATel #1827| ATel #1830| ATel #1848| ATel #1917| ATel #1957| ATel #1968
 ATel #1976| ATel #2017| ATel #2019| ATel #2047| ATel #2238| ATel #2242| ATel #2310| ATel #2322| ATel #2326
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 ATel #7239| ATel #7457| ATel #7539

(<http://agile.rm.iasf.cnr.it/astronomicaltelegram/astro-telegram.html>)

**13 Scientific Workshop, a lot of Articles, Publications,
and, and.....**

AGILE GCN

GCN #6668| GCN #6670| GCN #6688| GCN #7042
 GCN #7340| GCN #7457| GCN #7571| GCN #7572
 GCN #7697| GCN #7715| GCN #7716| GCN #7723
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AGILE Mission = An Example to follow.....

Numbers...

8 years in orbit....

Up to day > 41800 Orbits around the world...

Lost only 146 passages in 8 years....

Downloaded ~500GB of telemetry data....

(TLM VC1 raw, value of compressed data....)

The End
Thank you

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