



Program Status CNES

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CNES Strategy in Oceanography

- Contribute to operational outcome of altimetry:
 TOPEX/POSEIDON => JASON1 => JASON2/OSTM =>?
 ERS 1 & 2 => ENVISAT => ?
- + CORIOLIS, MERCATOR/COO/ECOMF, ...
- Continue research activities for future altimetry missions/instruments (AltiKa, WSOA, ...)
- Contribute to space measurements of other ocean physical parameters :
 - salinity : SMOS, CNES contribution to ESA project
 - directional wave spectrum (SWIMSAT)
 - ocean colour (VGT1 & 2, POLDER1 & 2, ...)
- Prepare ocean applications of ORFEO (Cosmo SkyMed/Pleiades) : mainly coastal applications





Status of altimetry missions/activities

- TOPEX/POSEIDON:
 - more than 11 years of ocean observations : total success
- Jason/ TOPEX tandem mission : success !
- ENVISAT
 - excellent synergy with Jason1, (T/P and ERS complementarity further improved)
- DORIS
 - 6 DORIS receivers simultaneously in flight: earth reference system strengthened
- MERCATOR
 - inter Agency structure for the implementation of an oceanographic forecasting center in Europe in the mid term
 - next step: C2O (Center for Operational Oceanography) in 2006
- AltiKa: Preliminary Design Review in July 2003
- Next Step : O^3 = Operational Ocean Observer (phase A planned in 2004/2005)





Jason1

- Qualified in orbit
- Ready for research and application use
 - operational mission begun
 - products distributed routinely
- CNES operations funded through the SALP, Altimetry service, project
 - required lifetime : 3 years
 - expected lifetime : > 5 years



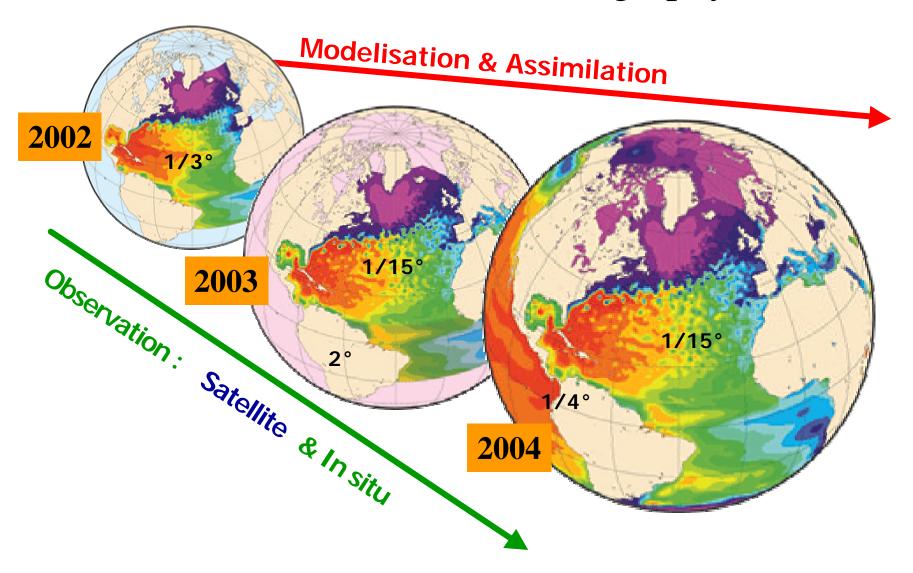


Jason2 European side

- Cooperative Framework : letter co-signed by NOAA/NASA/EUMETSAT/CNES
 - basic mission, continuation of Jason1 : core mission
 - Major new feature under analysis : Wide Swath Ocean Altimeter
 - 4-party MOU is being prepared
- CNES
 - anticipated procurement phase
 - anticipated procurement for Doris and the Altimeter
 - Platform already funded through PROTEUS multi satellite contract with Alcatel Space
 - Complement to WSOA accommodation study
 - Phase B/C/D to start begin of 2004
- EUMETSAT
 - program approved in June, 2003
 - CNES/EUMETSAT agreement submitted to EUMETSAT Council on November, 2003



Mercator towards operational oceanography

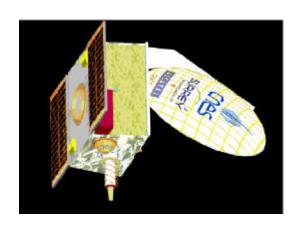






Future altimetry missions

• What Mission to complement JASON-2?



Example: AltiKa (cooperation CNES/SHOM/ UK/JPL/...)

- Post-2010 missions : to be decided/approved by **operational** agencies
 - NPOESS (IPO)
 - OCEANWATCH (EUMETSAT/ESA ??)
 - JASON3 (EUMETSAT/CNES ??)

(note: some of those missions might merge into a single one...)