



Engineering at NASA HQ

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- HQ Organization
- Project Reporting
- Life in the Life Cycle
- Even Some Real Engineering







NASA Chief Engineer

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Michael Ryschkewitsch (2007-2014)









Science Mission Directorate



Earth:

- How is the global earth system changing?
- How will the Earth system change in the future? **Heliophysics:**
- What causes the sun to vary?
- How do the Earth and Heliosphere respond?
- What are the impacts on humanity?

Planets:

- How did the sun's family of planets and minor bodies originate?
- How did the solar system evolve to its current diverse state?
- How did life begin and evolve on Earth, and has it evolved elsewhere in the Solar System?

Astrophysics:

- How Does the Universe Work?
- How did we get here?
- Are we alone?



Dr. John M. Grunsfeld, Associate Administrator



Science Mission Directorate









- Weekly (Scienceworks weekly reporting system)
- Monthly (Scienceworks monthly program review system):
 - Project and Program Monthly
 - > Center Monthly (GSFC MSR, JPL PSR/QSR)
 - SMD Flight Projects Reviews (divisions to SMD DAA for Flight)
 - > NASA Baseline Performance Review- BPR (to NASA AA)
- Chief Engineer role:
 - > Question technical issues and advise SMD managers
 - Look for issues that cross projects/programs/centers
 - > Make independent assessment of tech/cost/sched/programatic
 - Along with SMA and CFO (finance) office reps.
 - Present independent assessment to AA at BPR





SMD Prog/Proj Status Roll Up (4 of 14)

PROG. / PROJ. 2014	Joint Agency Satellite (Part 1 of 3)	
Joint Agency Satellite:	Impl.BCAMJAMJAMJA	
Joint Polar Sat. Sys. (GSFC)	G G G G Formulation: JPSS-2 Implementation: JPSS-1	
JPSS-1 (Flt Sys) (GSFC)	G G O	TECH WATCH: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
JPSS-2 (Flt Sys) (GSFC)	G G G	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Mission Engineering & Systems Analysis Division



*Dates reflect Agency Baseline Commitments or updated Agency schedules and may include schedule margin beyond any manifested launch dates

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Future Cargo
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Mars 2020
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Cross-cutting Issues

- Examples of Technical Issues:
 - Instrument development
 - Predicted MMOD environment
 - > Aging batteries
 - Increased conjunctions
 - > Delta II replacement
 - Reaction wheel failures
 - > Optocouplers (HV801)
 - Pu-238 supply
 - Helium supply
 - False titanium certs

•Examples of Programmatic Issues:

- Readiness for KDP-C and JCL
- Industrial base consolidation
- > IV&V requirement/prioritization
- > JPL Institutional Review Plan
- Agency nuclear strategy
- Protection Plans
- Stale program plans
- Class D/Cat 3
- TRL definitions
- Hosted payloads / Cubesats
- Technology infusion





NASA Project Life Cycle (7120.5)





Life Cycle Reviews -> KDPs

- MCR -> KDP-A
 - Project addresses critical need
 - Ready for formulation
 - FAD and FA signed
- SRR/MDR -> KDP-B
 - Success likely within resources
 - System requirements agreed to
 - Range of cost and schedule given
 - Prelim project plan written
- PDR -> KDP-C
 - Confirmation review
 - Prel design done and all TRL 6
 - LV selection about time of KDP-C
 - Management agreement (MA) and agency baseline commitment (ABC) cost and schedule signed
 - Project plan signed (7120.5 compliance)

- SIR -> KDP-D
 - Project on plan
 - Ready for final I&T
 - Reserves usage clarified

• FRR/MRR-> KDP-E

- Flight, Ground, and LV ready for launch and operation
- Risks understood
- SMSR for Eng and SMA TAs
- > Ops budget defined
- Decom. Rev. -> KDP-F
 - Safe decommission ready
 - End of mission plan & letter
 - Final data plan





And even some real engineering!

- Kepler RWA failures
- RWA Tiger team
- HV801 failures
- LDCM SADA cover
- Frangible joint
- Hybrid ACS Workshop
- LADEE:
 - Thermal vac issues
 - LLCD late integraton
 - Minotaur-V 5th stage
- OCO-2 RWA
- Pegasus (IRIS) TLX line
- 2N222 failure
- JWST Cryo-cooler
- MAVEN
 - > NGIMS
 - Perth waiver
 - > STATIC

- S-band Transmitter
- Kepler K2
- O-Rex SRC X-ray
- Launch COLA Policy
- Increased debris conjunctions
- ICESat-2/ATLAS Risks
- NOAA JPSS S/C Red Team
- Flight processor resets
- MRO Safing
- O-Rex GN&C Lidar
- Mars2020 planetary protection
- ISEE-3 Reboot
- ISS CubeSats near GPM
- JPSS MMOD
- STEREO antenna
- SMAP RBA deployment
- Centaur disposal







Now's the time ask everything you wanted to know about HQ but were afraid to ask!























