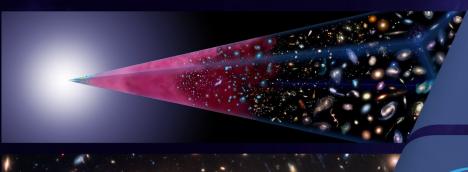
#### WHY ASTROPHYSICS?





How did our universe begin and evolve?





How did galaxies, stars, and planets come to be?



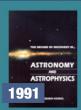


Are we alone?

**Enduring National Strategic Drivers** 

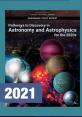






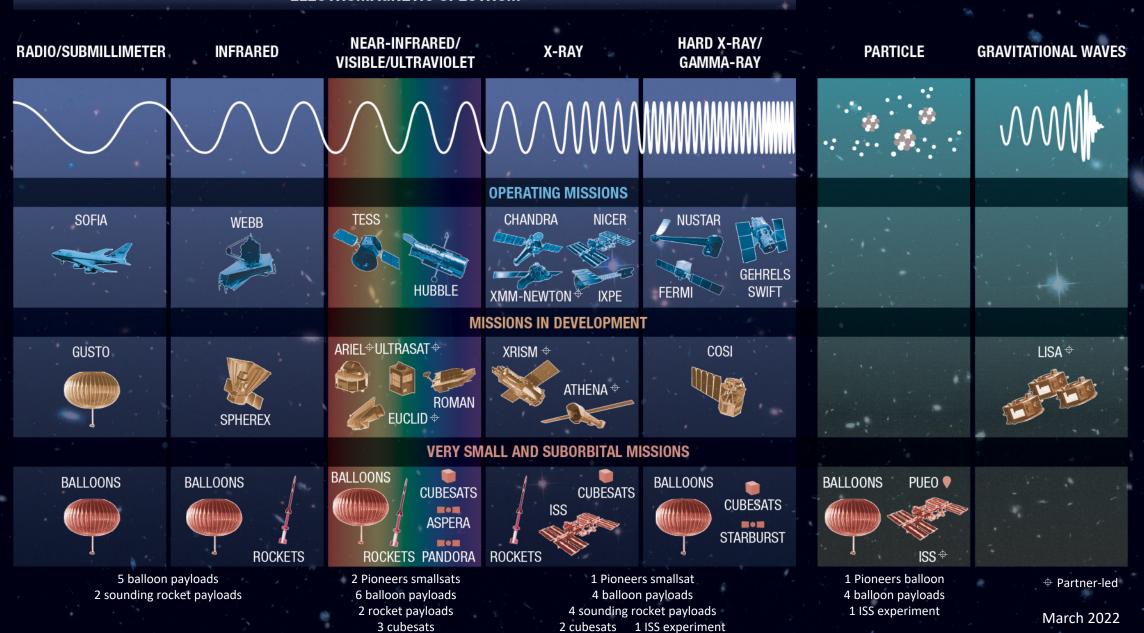






Astrophysics is humankind's scientific endeavor to understand the universe and our place in it.

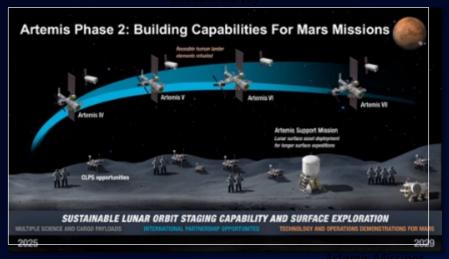
#### **ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM**



# Recapturing a Future for Space Exploration Ufe and Physical Sciences Reason for a New Era



#### Decadal Survey



#### **BPS Mission**

#### **Pioneer Scientific Discovery**

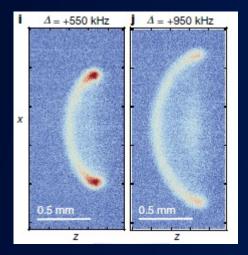
- Proactively seek out new ways to expand fundamental scientific knowledge
- Provide expertise and support to others seeking to utilize space

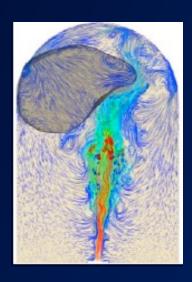
#### **Enable Sustainable Exploration**

- Anticipate and investigate critical areas for scientific knowledge and technology development
- Deliver results to other NASA organizations and industry

#### Major BPS Disciplines

- Pioneer Scientific Discovery
  - Quantum Science
    - Cold atoms
  - Thriving In Deep Space (TIDES)
    - Animal biology
    - Plant biology
    - Microbiology
- Enable Sustainable Exploration
  - Fluid Physics
    - Cryogenic Fuel Management
  - Combustion
    - Solids, liquids, gases
  - Materials Science
    - In situ resource utilization
    - Additive manufacturing







#### **Examples of BPS Research Platforms**









International Space Station



Free Flyers (BION)



\*Lunar Gateway



\*Commercial Lunar Lander Services



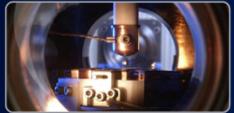
**Drop Tower** 



Parabolic Flight



Sounding Rocket Sub-orbital Vehicle



Electrostatic Levitator



\*Human Landing System



Rodent Unloading



Centrifuge



Balloon Flight



NASA Space Radiation Lab



NASA Isolation Chamber



NSF Polar Station



Russian Isolation Chamber



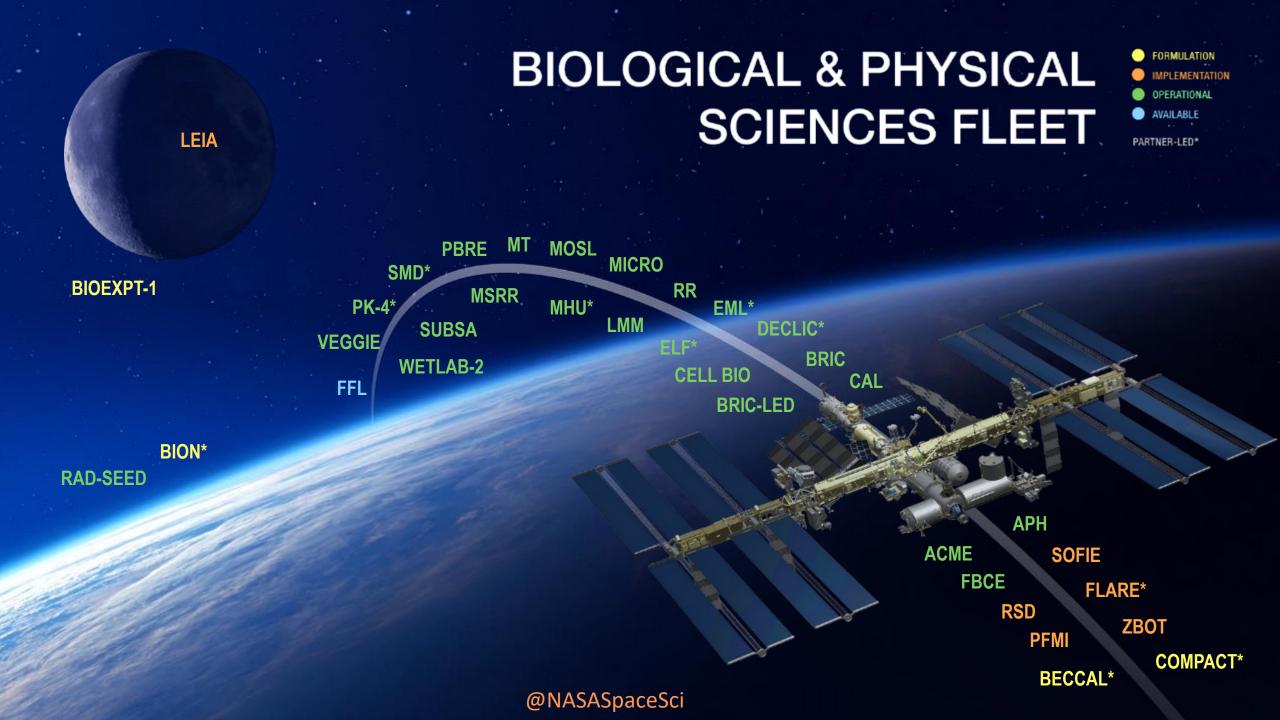
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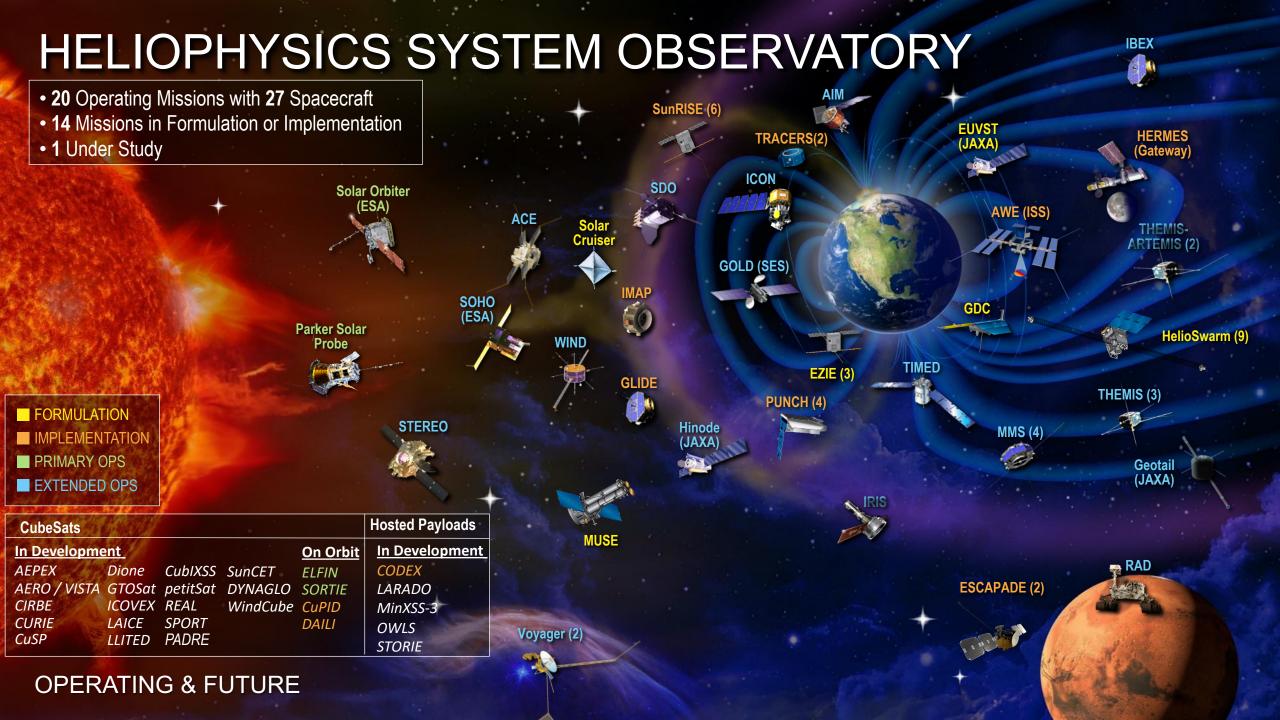
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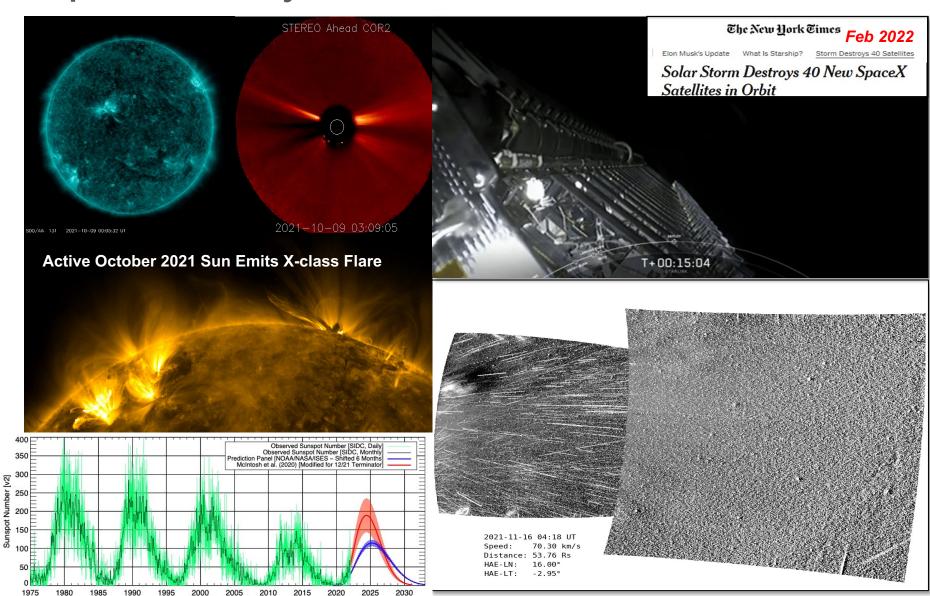


#### The Sun Wakes Up: Solar Cycle 25 Is Here

December 2019 marked the beginning of Solar Cycle 25, and the Sun's activity will once again ramp up until solar maximum, predicted for 2025.

This new solar cycle, and anticipated increase in space weather events, will impact our lives and technology on Earth, as well as astronauts in space.

This is the first solar cycle that many new commercial and government stakeholders will navigate.

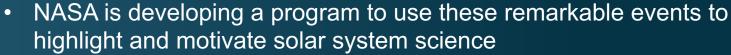


### Heliophysics Big Year

# BIG YEAR

#### What is the Heliophysics Big Year?

Ties together three major Heliophysics events in 2023-2025 (2 solar eclipses, solar maximum) to maximize participation in a coordinated incentivized citizen science campaign.

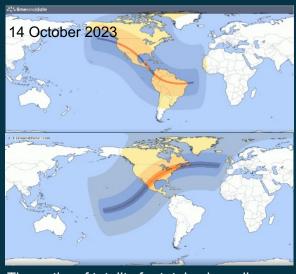


- Two Solar Eclipses cross N. America (14 Oct 2023 and 8 April 2024)
- The rising phase of the Solar Cycle 25 with Solar Maximum predicted to occur in 2025
- Look out for opportunities to be part of our Big Year
   <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/heliophysics/programs/citizen-science">https://science.nasa.gov/heliophysics/programs/citizen-science</a>

Helio's Big Year is an opportunity to reach a new generation for Heliophysics.

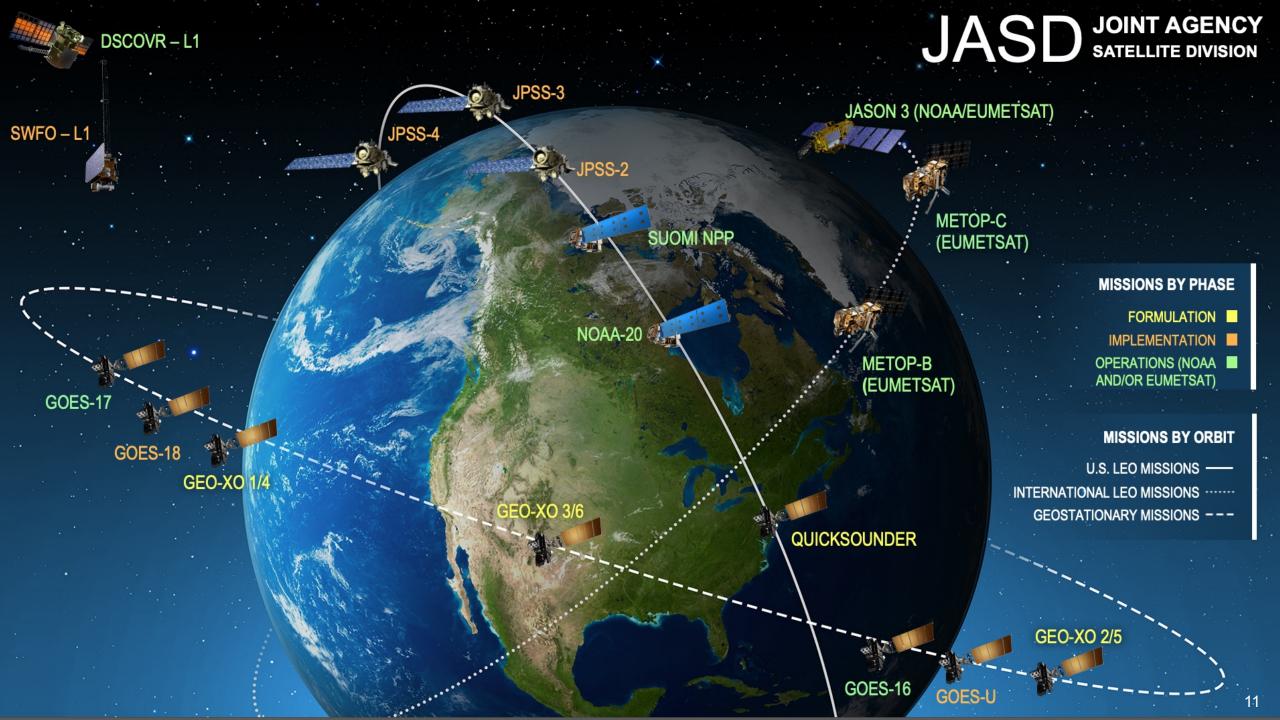


Totality during the solar eclipse in Australia's Tropical North Queensland on November 14, 2012. Getty Images.



The paths of totality for total solar eclipses during the HBY.

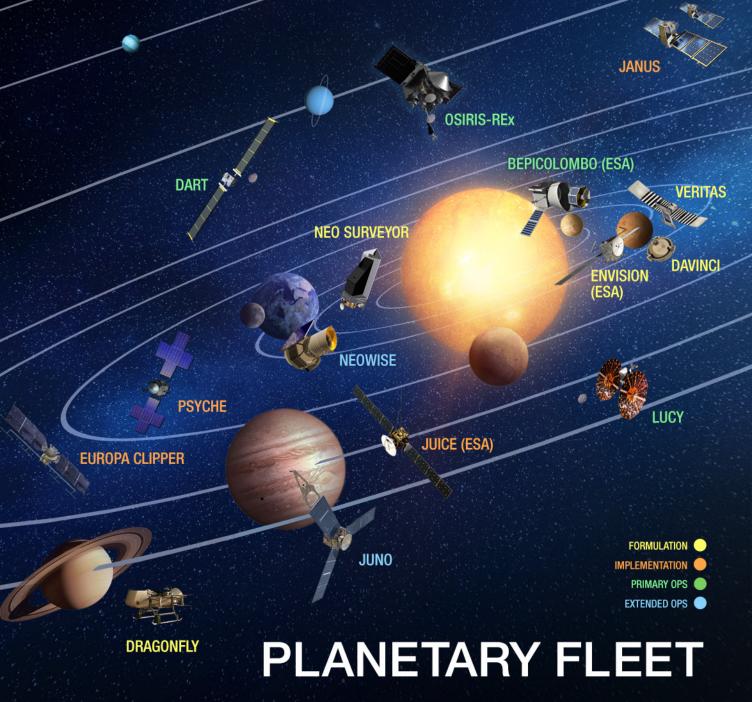
What is a "Big Year"? A big year is a birding term for maximizing a birder's number of species.



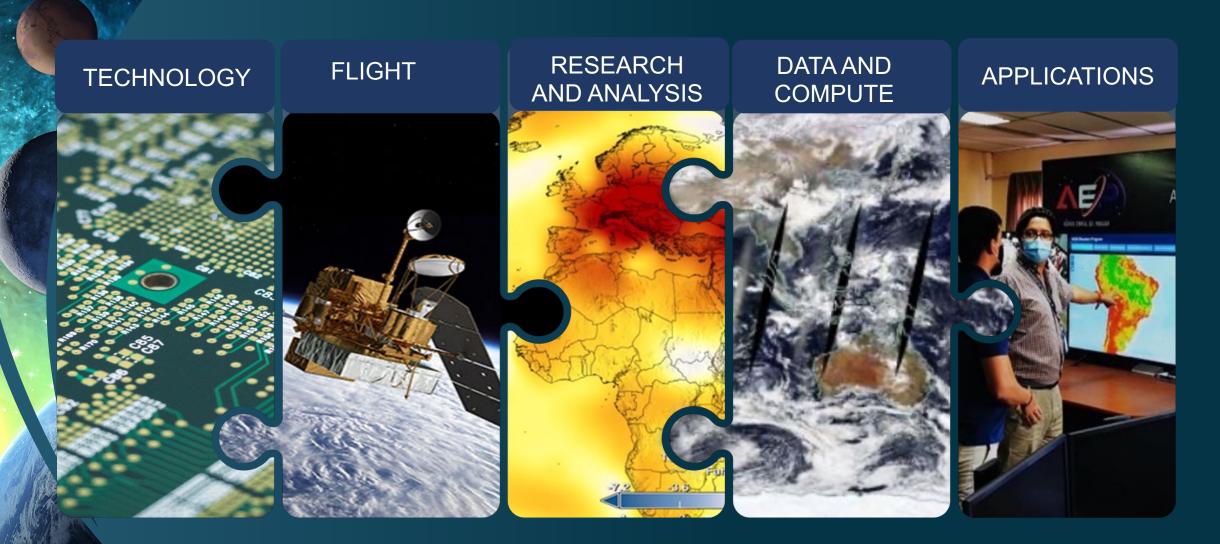




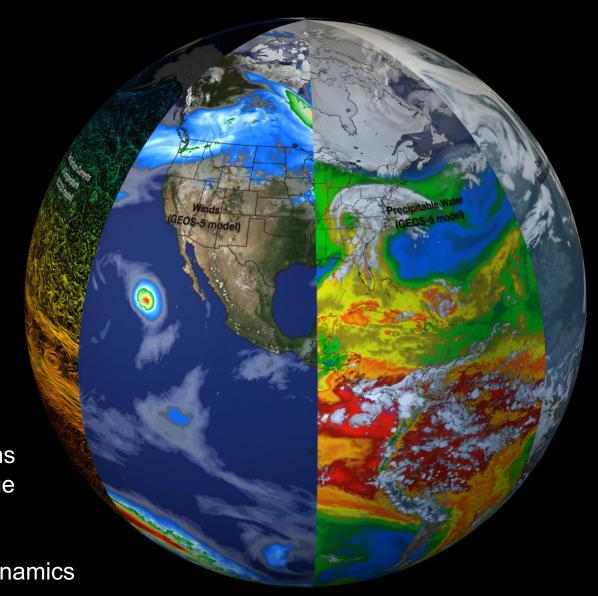




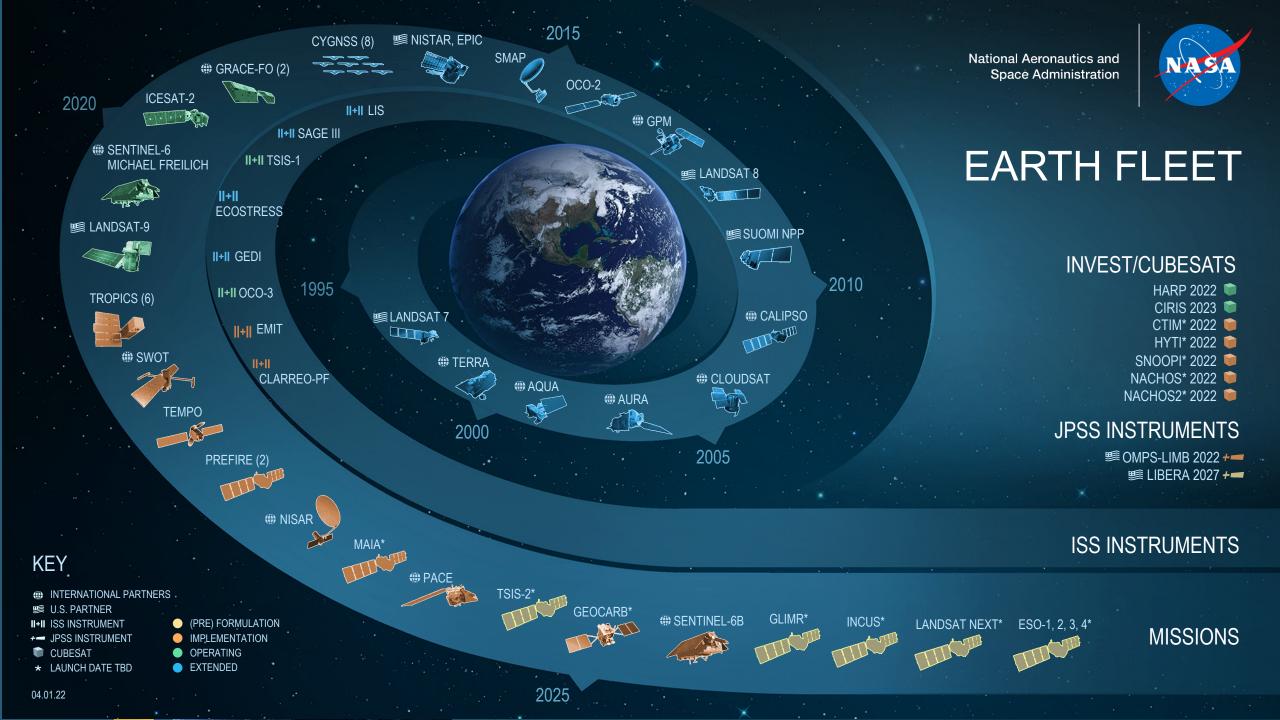
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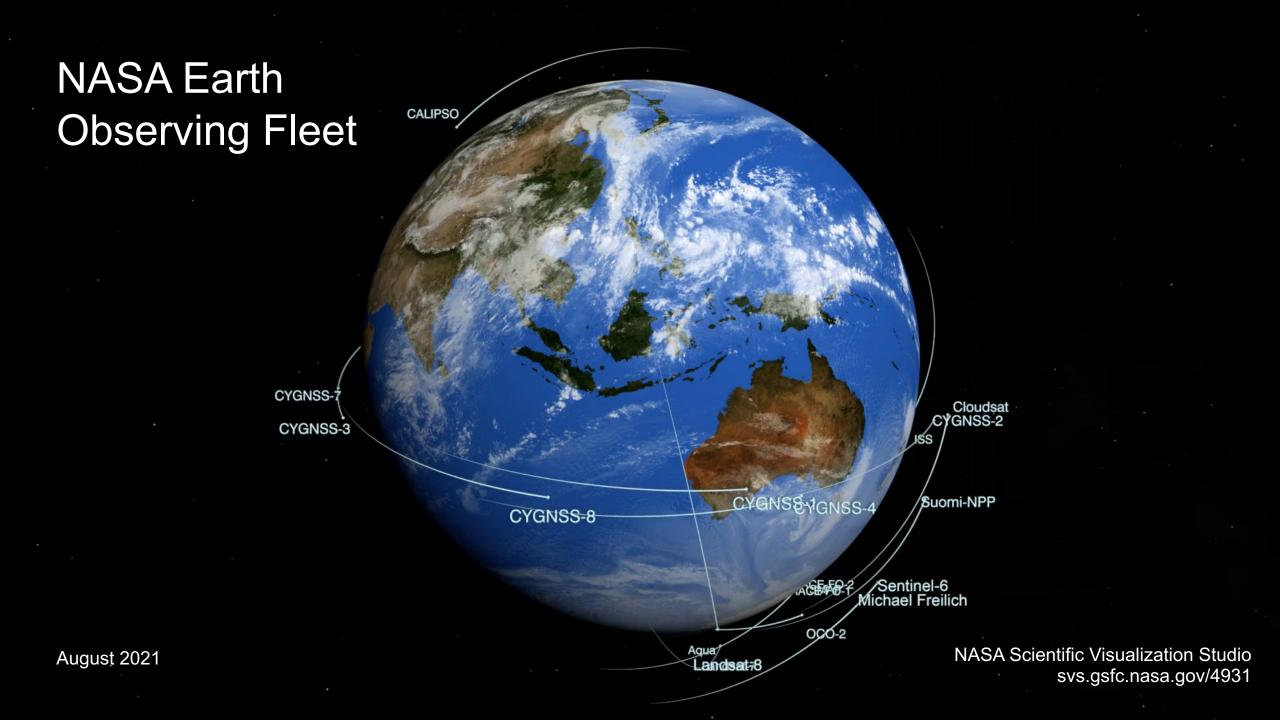


## **NASA Earth System Science**



Atmospheric Composition
Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems
Climate Variability and Change
Earth Surface and Interior
Water and Energy Cycle
Weather and Atmospheric Dynamics





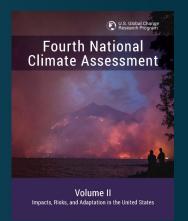
#### NASA Earth Science Guiding Documents

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The National Global Change Research Plan 2012-2021: A Triennial Update USGCRP Updated Research Plan (2017)

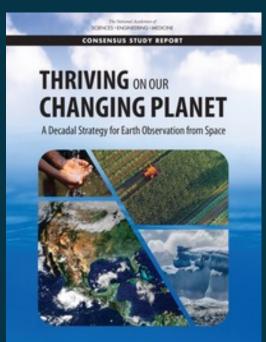


US National Climate Assessment (V1, 2017)



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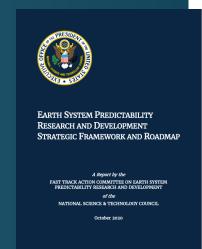
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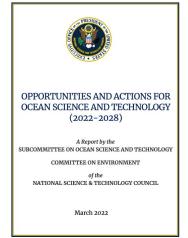
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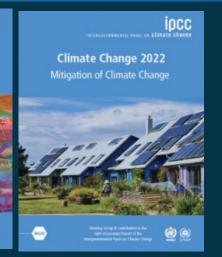


Earth System
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Ocean Science and Tech. (2022)





IPCC AR6 Climate Change Assessments (2021-22)