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# EXPLORE EARTH

#### Earth Science Division Community Forum

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Accelerating Discovery and Understanding of Earth Science

- Budget Challenges & Priorities
- Mission Milestones
- NASA's Role in Climate Science
- Bridging to the Earth System Observatory
- Delivering Actionable
  Science

Decades of observational data inform our measurement of the changing ice pack, helping predict future ice changes.









### BUDGET CHALLENGES & PRIORITIES: Stewarding Public Investment into Earth Science



### FY24 NASA ESD Budget Priorities

- Promote U.S. leadership in Earth system science
- Advance Open-Source Science
- Build an innovative and balanced program driven by the highest national priorities

# FY24 NASA ESD Budget Request by Program

	Actual	Enacted	Request	Outyears			
(\$K)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Total Earth Science	2,061,200	2,195,000	2,472,794	2,597,458	2,729,988	2,791,241	2,849,031
Earth Systematic Missions	706,422	913,803	1,027,093	1,073,555	1,162,677	1,130,288	1,090,964
Earth System Science Pathfinder	312,686	232,116	235,629	298,565	290,534	282,460	290,274
Earth System Explorers	2,020	3,612	27,789	20,679	43,112	108,970	166,380
Earth Science Data Systems	339,357	366,087	411,681	398,919	408,140	423,762	439,583
Earth Science Technology	86,131	102,181	105,349	113,460	117,111	118,420	120,787
Applied Sciences	73,540	75,205	87,330	102,299	106,179	109,341	111,526
Earth Science Research	541,044	501,996	577,923	589,981	602,235	618,000	629,517
<sup>•</sup> FY23 pending Op Plan approval							

- FY23 appropriation of \$2.2B (increase of \$134M) was the largest in ESD history
- President's FY24 Budget Request seeks \$278M increase in Earth to fund Landsat Next and ESO

### NASA Earth Science Program Balance



#### ESD President's Budget and Appropriations History



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### Accumulating Budget Challenges

- Landsat Next (\$1.5B) was not accounted for in 2018 Decadal Survey mission targets against the ESD top line
- COVID-19 shut down multiple flight programs & Center instrument programs at peak staffing, amounting to ~\$300M cost growth
- Technical challenges for NISAR, PACE, and SWOT, exacerbated by COVID-19, led to ~250M cost growth
- Record inflation for materials, shipping, and labor costs, and longer lead times are driving total costs AND the need to phase resources earlier in project life
- Cumulative challenge for the 2020s approaches \$2B



# MISSION MILESTONES Advancing Earth Science Program of Record



### Planned Milestones in FY23-24

- Continue Earth Venture Suborbital-3 (EVS-3) campaigns throughout FY23
- Launch two technology demonstration InVEST CubeSats: HyTI (6U) and SNOOPI (6U) in FY23/24
- Advance the adoption of open science through a Year of Open Science in 2023
- Select Earth Venture Instrument-6 (EVI-6) in Q3 FY23
- Release inaugural Earth System Explorer (ESE) AO in Q3 FY23
- Launch TROPICS constellation via two commercial launches no earlier than May 1, 2023 within a 60-day window
- Open the Earth Information Center (EIC) first physical location on June 6, 2023
- Initiate Decadal Survey Midterm Assessment in Q3 FY23
- Deliver PREFIRE CubeSats by July 2023
- Launch new SERVIR Hub in Central America in August 2023
- Release prototype version of Greenhouse Gas Information and Monitoring Center with interagency partners in August 2023
- Deliver CLARREO-Pathfinder by December 2023
- Launch PACE by May 2024
- Make Earth System Explorers (ESE) Step-1 selections in FY24



# Recent and Upcoming Earth Science Launches



\*Agency LRD March 2023 \*\*Agency LRD November 2023 \*\*\*Launch Date NET February 2024 \*\*\*\*Agency LRD May 2024 \*\*\*\*\*Launch Date NET June 2024

### EMIT (EVI-4)

- Launched aboard SpaceX CRS-25
  on July 14, 2022
- Earth Surface Mineral Dust Source Investigation (EMIT) is analyzing airborne dust impact on climate







Turkmenistan methane plumes, detected Aug. 2022

Global mapping of 100's of methane and carbon dioxide plumes

### SWOT: New Vision of Ocean Circulation at Fine Scales





Understanding of the roles played by fine-scale ocean turbulence (and tidal motions) in influencing the large-scale ocean circulation, and thereby, the climate system

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Ultra-high resolution ocean flow simulations (~1 km horizontal grid resolution)

Small-scale currents and eddies affect global climate through modulation of sea surface **temperature and heat flux**, as well as the oceanic uptake of **carbon dioxide** from the atmosphere.



**Comparison image:** The spatial resolution of SWOT ocean measurements is 10 times greater than the composite of sea surface height data gathered over the same area by seven other satellites: Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich, Jason-3, Sentinel-3A and 3B, Cryosat-2, Altika, and Hai Yang 2B.



**SWOT first light image:** On Jan. 21, 2023, SWOT measured sea surface height in the Gulf Stream off the coastal North Carolina and Virginia. The two KaRIn antennas acquired data that was mapped as two wide, colored strips spanning a total of 75 miles (120 kilometers) across.

# **SWOT** Applications

25 Early Adopters across the globe are preparing to incorporate SWOT data for multiple applications from coastal resilience to stream flow



Alexandria University will incorporate SWOT data into the assess water availability. Alexandria University will incorporate SWOT data into the assess water availability. operational Nile Basin Reservoir Advisory System to improve

# Recent Launch: TEMPO

First space-based instrument for hourly monitoring of daytime air pollutants across the North American continent, launched April 7, 2023

Will fly as part of global constellation including Sentinel-4 over Europe and GEMS over Asia

Science to be provided to NOAA, EPA







# Upcoming Launch: TROPICS

Time-Resolved Observations of Precipitation structure and storm Intensity with a Constellation of SmallSats

Four CubeSats provide unprecedented information on the inner-core conditions of tropical cyclones to understand intensification

- First high-revisit microwave nearly-global observations of precipitation, temperature, and humidity
- May 2023 launch date for TROPICS 2, 3







#### **PACE Advances Ocean Science**

- Monitor fisheries
- Respond to toxic algae blooms
- Key ocean and atmosphere data for forecasting air quality and weather that will improve our understanding of Earth's climate

# PACE

#### Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem



# NASA'S ROLE IN CLIMATE SCIENCE Informing Operational Services



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# **Earth System Science**

Climate Variability and Change

Earth Surface and Interior

Weather and Atmospheric Dynamics Carbon Cycle and Ecosystems

> Atmospheric Composition

> > Water and Energy Cycle

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# NASA Enables Climate-Informed Services Across the USG







### White House Fast Track Action Committee on Climate Services: Whole-of-Government Approach

FTAC was composed of 17 federal government departments and agencies

#### Principles for federal coordination from final report:

- Recognizing the development, delivery, and use of climate services is a shared, wholeof-government responsibility
- Aligning climate services investments to the existing authorities, expertise, technical capabilities, and stakeholder relationships within each agency
- Prioritizing the user experience in terms of discoverability, design, and usability of data, products, and tools
- Maintaining internal consistency across the Federal Government with respect to climate data, products, and tools, while maintaining flexibility to meet the diverse needs of agencies and their stakeholders

Identified USGCRP as mechanism for **whole-of-government** solution

Consistent with 2022 USGCRP Decadal Strategic Plan



A Federal Framework and Action Plan for Climate Services



March 2023

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/FTAC\_Repo rt\_03222023\_508.pdf

#### Core Links in USG Climate Services Knowledge Value Chain

#### **Generate** climate information:

- Observations
- Modeling and simulation
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge
- Lived experience

#### **Deliver** climate services:

- Mapping and visualization
- Extension services
- Training and capacity building
- Storytelling

#### **Evaluate** climate services:

- Peer review
- User surveys
- Benefit/cost analysis
- Randomized control trials



#### **Develop** climate services:

- Science translation
- User engagement
- Design co-production
- Application development

#### **Use** climate services:

- Risk assessment
- Hazard mitigation
- Project design and planning
- Investing and asset management



### BRIDGING TO THE NEXT-GENERATION Developments in the Earth System Observatory



### Earth Science Flight Opportunities

Mission	Mission Type		Selection	Major Milestone	EVS	
<b>EVS-1</b> (EV-1) (AirMoss, ATTREX, CARVE, DISCOVER-AQ, HS3)	5 Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2009	2010	Completed KDP-F	Sustained sub-orbital	
EVM-1 (CYGNSS)	S) Class D SmallSat Constellation		2012	Launched Dec. 2016	(~4 years)	
EVI-1 (TEMPO)	Class C Geostationary Hosted Instrument	2012	2012	Launched Apr. 2023		
EVI-2 (ECOSTRESS & GEDI)	Class C & Class D ISS-hosted Instruments	2013	2014	Launched June & Dec. 2018	EVM	
<b>EVS-2</b> (ACT-America, ATOM, NAAMES, ORACLES, OMG, CORAL)	6 Suborbital Airborne Campaigns		2014	Completed KDP-F	Complete, self-contained, small missions	
EVI-3 (MAIA & TROPICS)	Class C LEO Hosted Instrument & Class D CubeSat Constellation	2015	2016	MAIA Delivery 2022; TROPICS Launch TBD	(~4 years)	
EVM-2 (GeoCarb)	Class D Geostationary Hosted Instrument	2015	2016	Launch TBD	EVI	
EVI-4 (EMIT & PREFIRE)	Class C ISS-hosted Instrument & Class D Twin CubeSats	2016	2018	EMIT launched to ISS July 2022; PREFIRE delivery NLT 2023	Full function, facility-class	
EVS-3 (ACTIVATE, DCOTSS, IMPACTS, Delta-X, SMODE)	5 Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2017	2018	S-MODE in final deployment. 4 in post-deployment phase.	Opportunity (MoO) (~3 years)	
EVI-5 (GLIMR)	Class C Geostationary Hosted Instrument	2018	2019	Delivery NLT 2024		
EVC-1 (Libera)	Class C JPSS-Hosted Radiation Budget Instrument	2018	2020	Delivery NLT 2025	EVC	
EVM-3 (INCUS)	Full Orbital	2020	2021	Launch ~2026	Complete missions or hosted instruments targeting "continuity" measurements (~3 years)	
EVI-6	Instruments and SmallSats	2022	2023	Delivery NLT 2027		
ESE	Explorer Mission	2023	2025	Launch ~2031 & ~2033		
EVS-4	Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2023	2024	N/A		
EVC-2	Continuity Measurements	2024	2025	Delivery NLT 2029		
EVI-7	Instrument Only Full Orbital		2026	Delivery NLT 2030	<b>ESE</b> (NEW) Medium-size instruments	
EVM-4			2026	Launch ~2031		
ESE	Explorer Mission	2025	2027	Launch ~2034 & 2036	and missions (~2 years)	
EVC-3	Continuity Measurements	2027	2028	Delivery NLT 2032		
EVS-5	Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2027	2028	N/A	04 19 23	

### **ROSES-23 ESD Highlights**

- ROSES-23 came out in February and offers numerous opportunities for Earth Science community to propose (And review - Thanks to those who support the peer review process!)
- 15 Elements have defined due dates; 17 are listed as TBD watch ROSES as they are "definitized"
- 5 elements use Dual Anonymous Peer Review
  - $\circ$  A.15 Cryospheric Science
  - $\circ$  A.22 SMAP Science Team
  - o A.28 GNSS Research
  - A.30 SAGE III/ISS Science Team
  - A.59 Technology Development for Support of Wildland Fire Science, Management, and Disaster Mitigation (Step 2)
- 1 element calls for Inclusion Plan A.24 Earth Surface and Interior
- 2 no-due date elements A.25 Rapid Response and Novel Research in Earth Science; A.59 (Step 1)
- ESD continues to participate in SMD-wide FINESST solicitation (F.5)

### **ROSES Selection Highlights**

- ROSES-22 26 active solicitations covering all elements of ESD.
  Selections are complete for most but not all; proposal due dates have passed for all but one. See NSPIRES web site for details.
- Big change in ROSES-22 Earth Venture Suborbital (EVS-4) (step 1 proposals due 2/28/23; step 2 proposals due 4/27/23) – step 2 proposals focus on mission concepts; selected proposals will form basis for separate solicitations for team members.
- Awards were implemented for proposals selected last year (ROSES-21) in response to Increasing Participation of Minority Serving Institutions in Earth Science Division Surface-Based Measurement Networks solicitation; instruments are in the process of being deployed!

#### Student Airborne Research Program - 2023

 This year for the first time there will be TWO locations for the annual Student Airborne Research Program (SARP) – the ongoing one in California (Palmdale/UC Irvine) but also "SARP East" based in Virginia (coming from collaboration of LaRC, GSFC, WFF and partners). This nearly doubles the number of students who can participate!

#### **SARP West Cohort**

**Bowdoin College** Bowling Green State University **Brown University Carleton College** Dartmouth College **Denison University Drexel University** Gettysburg College Johns Hopkins University PennWest California Saint Louis University SUNY Brockport Stony Brook University **Tulane University** University of California, Davis University of Colorado Boulder University of Denver University of Florida University of Michigan University of Minnesota University of Northern Colorado University of Richmond University of Texas at Arlington University of Texas at San Antonio



44 unique schools, representing many that are new to SARP, including:

- 14 new schools represented
- 7 primarily undergraduate institutions (PUI)
- 5 Minority Serving Institutions (MSI)
- 1 Historically black college or university (HBCU)

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SARP East Cohort Colby College Colorado School of Mines Florida State University Johns Hopkins University Indiana University Bloomington Iowa State University Ithaca College Mt. Holvoke College **Oberlin College Rice University** The University of Iowa University at Buffalo University of Colorado Boulder University of Georgia University of Houston University of Louisiana Monroe University of Maryland University of North Carolina Wilmington University of Rochester Vanderbilt University Virginia Commonwealth University Xavier University of Louisiana

### EVI-6 Announcement of Opportunity (AO)

- Final AO released April 19, 2022
- AO closed September 1, 2022
- Selection anticipated in Q3 FY23

- PI-Managed Mission Cost Cap of \$37M (FY24)
- NASA will determine platform and launch vehicle
- Solicits Class D instruments and CubeSats



# Landsat Next

Landsat Next mission is a constellation of three identical satellites, approximately equally distributed in orbit

- 9-day global land revisit frequency
- 26 spectral bands (21 VSWIR; 5 TIR)
- Target Launch Readiness Date: November 2030

#### Status and next steps:

- Held KDP-A Program Management Council on Nov. 2
- RFPs for instruments anticipated Spring 2023



Landsat Next will provide more than twice as many spectral bands, with resolution improved by a factor of 2, and with the repeat coverage of Landsats 8 and 9, *combined* 

#### EARTH SYSTEM OBSERVATORY

INTERCONNECTED CORE MISSIONS

#### SURFACE BIOLOGY AND GEOLOGY

Earth Surface & Ecosystems

# SURFACE DEFORMATION AND CHANGE

Earth Surface Dynamics

CLOUDS, CONVECTION AND PRECIPITATION

CCP

Water and Energy in the Atmosphere

#### AEROSOLS

Particles in the Atmosphere

#### **MASS CHANGE**

Large-scale Mass Redistribution

### **ESO Core Missions**

- Atmosphere Observing System (AOS-Storm and AOS-Sky), Surface Biology and Geology (SBG) and Mass Change (MC) passed KDP-A and now in Formulation
- SDC will remain in extended study phase to take advantage of NISAR mission lessons learned
- ESO Independent Review Board, July October 2022
  - IRB report and NASA response posted at nasa.gov/reports

AOS

MCR: May 2022 KDP-A: Jan 2023

SBG

MCR: Jun 2022 KDP-A: Nov 2022

#### MC

MCR: Jun 2022 KDP-A: March 2023

#### SDC

Remaining in extended Study Phase

# Earth System Explorers (ESE)





- Draft Announcement of Opportunity (AO) released on Dec 6, 2022
- Final AO expected to be released Spring 2023
- PI-Managed Mission Cost (PIMMC) cap of \$310M (FY24 \$)
- NASA will provide launch vehicle services
- Two-step selection process

 New Earth System Explorers Program Office in process of being stood up at GSFC; undergoing SRR/SDR in March 2023

# ESO Industry Day: April 11, 2023



~60 industry representatives, inperson and online

Presentations on purpose, science objectives, architecture, acquisition and applications of each ESO mission

Q&A-driven panel discussion More to come!



### DELIVERING ACTIONABLE SCIENCE Showing People our Earth as NASA Sees It



### NASA Earth Action Strategy



# Leading the Path to Open-Source Science

Transform to Open Science (TOPS) is a \$40 million\* 5-year NASA Science mission

#### **Objectives:**

- Increase understanding & adoption of open science
- Accelerate major scientific discoveries
- Broaden participation by historically underrepresented communities





#### Goals for 2027:

2027

- 20K earn Open Science Badge
- 5+ major discoveries
- Increase participation of underrepresented groups by 2x

### 2023 is NASA's Year of Open Science

TOPS will energize and uplift open science across the scientific community through:



Visibility

Publishing articles, appearing on podcasts, developing targeted communication that expands footprint

Integrating Open Science into themes at large-scale events and conferences



**Capacity Sharing** 

Producing online, free, Open Science curriculum on Open edX

Hosting workshops, events, cohorts, science team meetings, hackathons

Constructing multiple pathways to Open Science Badge



#### Incentives

Developing Open Science Badge/Certification

Sponsoring high profile prizes and challenges

Establishing high profile awards in support of open science research



#### Moving Towards Openness

Recognizing open science practices Holding open meetings Sharing hidden knowledge

Inclusive collaboration

# Disaster Response Support

#### NASA supported 18 major disaster events in 2022:

4 flooding events, 1 earthquake, 3 tropical storms / hurricanes, 3 volcanic eruptions, 1 man-made conflict (Ukraine) and 6 other events (compound disasters including hydrometeorological events triggering flooding, landslides and debris flows)



Jan 2022 Tonga Eruption: SO<sub>2</sub> from OMPS (pictured) and VIIRS, damage proxy maps, optical imagery



#### Sept 2022 Hurricane lan (FL, GA, SC): damage proxy maps, Black Marble HD for power outages, flood extent from RADARSAT (pictured), optical imagery, multiagency support



June 2022 Yellowstone Flooding (WY, MT): damage proxy maps (pictured), landslide mapping



Feb 2022-onward Ukraine conflict: VIIRS thermal anomaly estimates (pictured), seasonal hotspot anomalies for impact analysis

# NASA Data Advancing Agriculture



### Acres

NASA has launched a new domestic agriculture consortium called Acres to bring together leaders from public and private sectors to put NASA data, science, and tools into the hands of U.S. agricultural producers





NASA is collaborating with agencies across the federal government, including 22 active projects with USDA and working with USGS to broaden the use of innovative tools like OpenET, which monitors evapotranspiration for improved water management





A NASA Earth Science team visited Kansas and Nebraska in August 2022 to hear from producers and share information at local university events

#### **Understanding Fire Stages: FireSense**



**Pre-Fire:** Improved fire prevention by providing fire fuel maps with higher accuracy and resolution

Provision of near real-time fire risk assessments based on fuel conditions, soil moisture, surface temperature, etc. *Stakeholders: USFS and USGS* 



**Post-Fire:** Improved maps of burn severity to aid in post-fire ecosystem rehabilitation efforts

Predictions of post-fire hazards and impacts including debris flow and landslide risks and water quality impacts

Stakeholders: USFS and USGS



Active Fire: Better detection and tracking of fire via satellite, airborne, and ground-based imagery with higher spatial resolution and update frequency

Development of new, innovative sensors for precisely tracking and locating fires, fuel conditions, and smoke plumes

Stakeholders: USFS and CalFire



**Air Quality:** Enhanced tracking and characterization of smoke plumes and smoke transport

Improved forecasts of air quality impacts to human health and safety

Stakeholders: NOAA and EPA

### Greenhouse Gas Monitoring and Information Center

**Mission:** To extend accessible and integrated greenhouse gas (GHG) data and modeling capabilities from U.S. Government and non-public sources for scalable impact

#### Strategic Goals

- 1. Accelerate GHG monitoring, measurement, reporting and verification decision support, connecting technology, tools, and data.
- 2. Foster collaboration with networks of interagency, intergovernmental and private sector partners to co-develop and increase adoption of impactful applications.
- 3. Promote scientific innovation and transparency by leveraging advanced data systems capabilities and open source science principles.
- 4. Develop products needed by users, updated ona regular basis, and enabled by advanced science-based capabilities.
- 5. Establish bidirectional knowledge transfer and engagement with federal, state, local and tribal governments, researchers, and the general public.
- 6. Integrate diversity, equity and inclusion in the Center's research, knowledge transfer, community engagement, management and operations functions.

#### **Pilot Use Cases**



Use Case 1. Improve access of gridded anthropogenic GHG inventory data to federal, state, local and tribal governments, and the general public.

*Credit* Maasakkers et al., *Env. Sci. and Tech.*, 2016

Use Case 2. Complement EPA's anthropogenic GHG emission data with upto-date NASA data on natural GHG emissions and fluxes.

Credit: Weiretal., Env. Res. Lett., 2022, submitted Use Case 3. Identify, and quantify estimates from super emitting events, leveraging aircraft and satellite data.

Credit: Carbon Mapper, NASA Field Campaign Explorer

# Earth Information Center

Improving access to key climate information is a priority for the Agency. Building on his previous announcement, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson released the first concept, and shared a new video for the Earth Information Center. The Center will allow the public to see how the Earth is changing and guide decision makers to mitigate, adapt, and respond to climate change.



Sep 9, 2022 RELEASE 22-094

NASA Hosts National Space Council Meeting, Vice President Chairs Event f 🗾 in 👂 🕂

For more than 50 years, NASA satellites have provided open-source and publicly available data on Earth's land, water, temperature, weather, and climate.

"Just like we use mission control to monitor operations during spaceflight, we're embarking on this effort to monitor conditions here on our home planet, and it will be available to everyone in an easy-to-access format," Nelson said.

Planning for the Earth Information Center is underway with the initial phase providing an interactive visual display of imagery and data from NASA and other government agencies. NASA Headquarters plans to house this initial interactive display with goals to expand in person and virtual access over the next five

# Earth Information Center

A physical and virtual space to engage and amplify impact – *to show people our Earth as we see it*.



This Center will showcase large, aweinspiring visualizations, as well as interactive media, stories, and narratives to inspire action.

The intent is to stimulate communities to explore solutions and provide opportunities for connecting science to action.





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