

Figure 5: The best scenario. A few small/medium size missions are expected to be completed and placed in orbit. Current operative missions, like Chandra, XMM, INTEGRAL, SWIFT, etc. will hopefully be supported and in good hardware status in the future years. Few new entries are expected: Astrosat, Nustar, Astro-H, GEMS, e-Rosita etc.

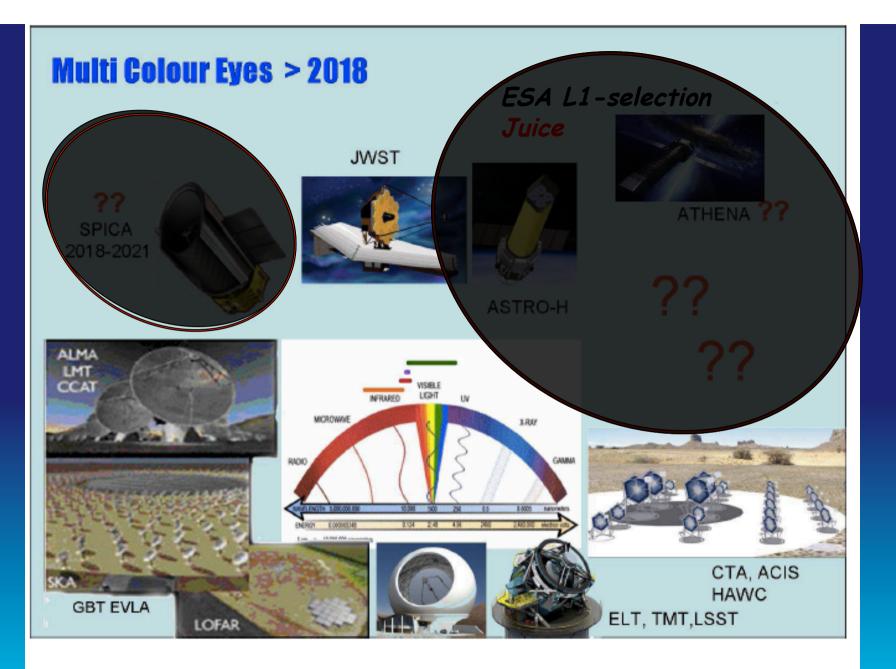
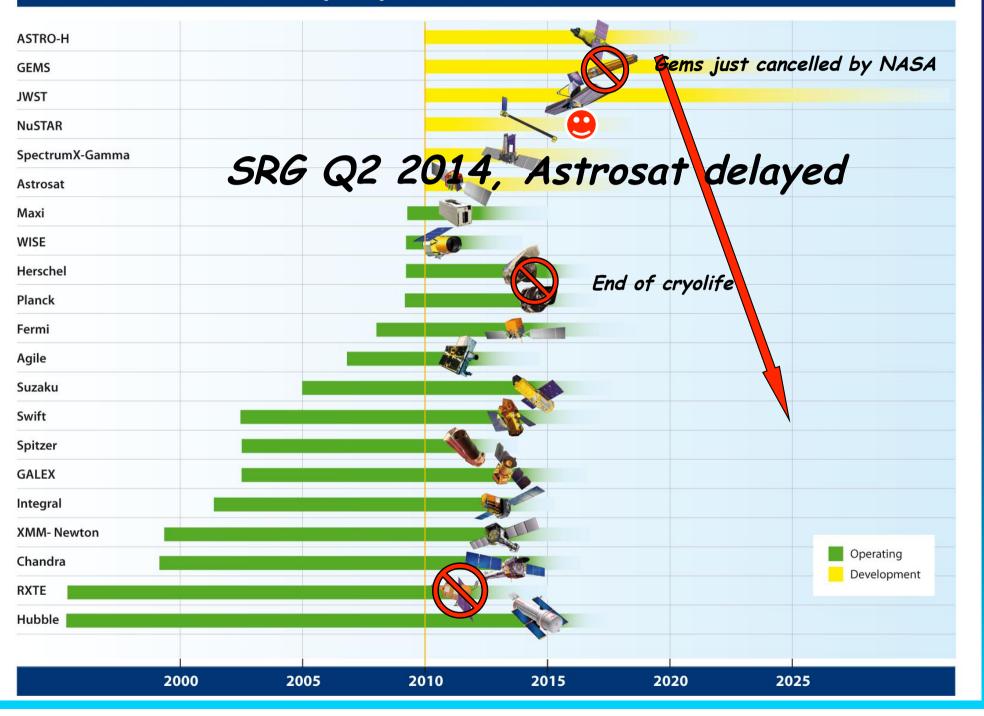


Figure 6: In the post 2020 scenario only JWST is actually palmed and approved. In the high energy astrophysics domain the only foreseen Observatory Class Mission is IXO/Athena. This ESA lead-NASA-JAXA mission is now under final selection process (down selection between IXO, LISA and EJSM by 2012 and final selection to fly by 2014)

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