Bandi ESA Intended Invitation To Tender (ITT): disamina di un caso.

AREMBES: ATHENA Radiation Environment Models and x-ray Background Effects Simulators

INAF Sede Centrale, 6-Aprile-2017

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Outline

- How ESA programmes are divided: CTP vs TRL
- Request for a TDA
- EMITS website:
 - How is it structured?
 - Docs to be downloaded
 - Timing
- Info on the AREMBES proposal/project
 - scientific context
 - management/planning
 - products



ESA Programmes: how they work?

https://indico.esa.int/indico/event/81/material/slides/16.pdf

Mandatory Programmes:

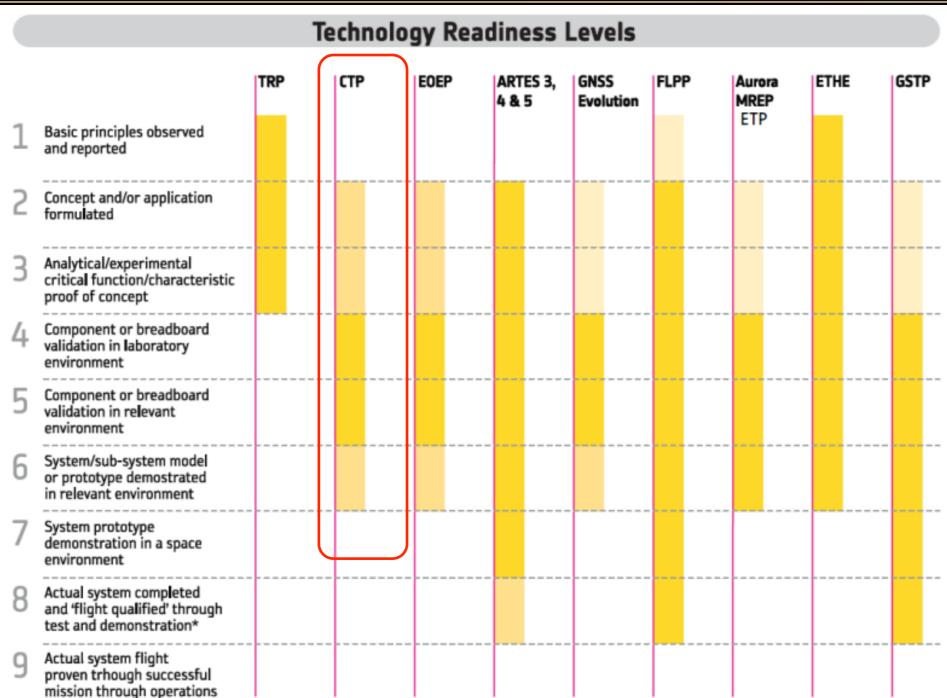
- Science Core Technology Programme (CTP)
- Basic Technology Research Programme (TRP)
- Etc....

- Generic
- Application specific

Optional Programmes:

- General Support Technology Programme (GSTP)
- Etc...(Future Launchers Preparatory Programme, Mars Robotic Exploration)





http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Space_Engineering_Technology/Science_Core_Technology_Programme_CTP

Whilst the initial stages of new technology development, leading up to experimental verification, are pursued through ESA's Basic Technological Research Programme (TRP), the CTP exists to take these new technologies and apply them to the specific technical requirements of future science missions. CTP funded activity carries them to higher stages of technological maturity, up to full-scale engineering models fully tested in relevant environmental conditions, ready for inclusion in the definition stage of the mission – which is the design phase which guides the actual spacecraft construction.



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CTP: science Core Technology Programme

How to participate:

CTP proposals are issued continuously throughout the year on **ESA's EMITS website**, available to all European firms on a 100 percent funding basis. In some cases small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are favoured as subcontractors to primes \rightarrow OPEN COMPETITION

How to "request" for a Technological Development Activity (TDA that ESA will insert in the TDP): one of the possible option...

As we have seen, ESA put in place the CTP to be sure that a mission will fly compliant with its requirements (e.g., for ATHENA before the adoption due to an «early» request of TRL5 wrt usual standard) → ESA has the interest in flying satellites that fulfill the requirements, and in the context of the CTP can provide resources for helping this process (understanding of critical issues, to be solved). It is an interest of the consortium to transfer to ESA the message that could be present tech issues (i.e., critical) to be solved:

- 1) It is fundamental to convince ESA on the **importance of the problem** to be solved in the context of the mission requirements
- 2) If the **necessary skills** are present in the consortium (inside the team), it is also important to inform ESA that the consortium is able to solve for these issues
- 3) Provide to ESA from a formal point of view a brief doc having a description of the problem, expected costs, etc....
- 4) IF 1) + 2) +3) are ok, ESA will emit a dedicated tender, not necessarily «tailored» to your scientific issues (in my understanding they try to satisfy also other products they already have)



EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY - SCIENCE PROGRAMME TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2017 AND RELATED PROCUREMENT PLAN

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EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

INDUSTRIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Science Programme
Technology Development Plan
Programme of Work for 2017 and Related Procurement Plan

SUMMARY

This document presents the activities in the Basic Technology Research Programme (TRP) and in the Science Core Technology Programme (CTP) supporting the implementation of ESA's Science Programme. The national initiatives activities of relevance to the Science programme are provided for information.

REQUIRED ACTION

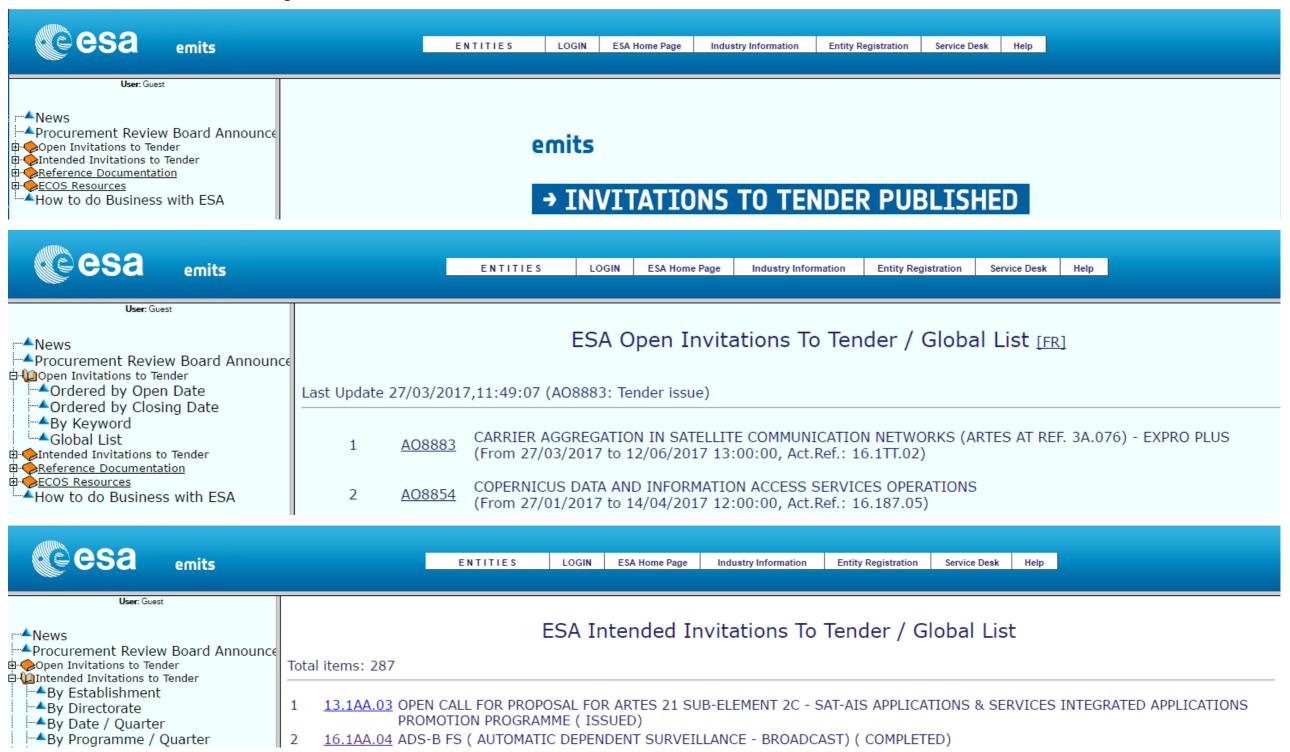
IPC is invited to approve this CTP/TRP work plan for the year 2017 and the connected procurement proposals and take note of activities envisaged for 2018, included for information.

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Simple majority of member States, present and voting.

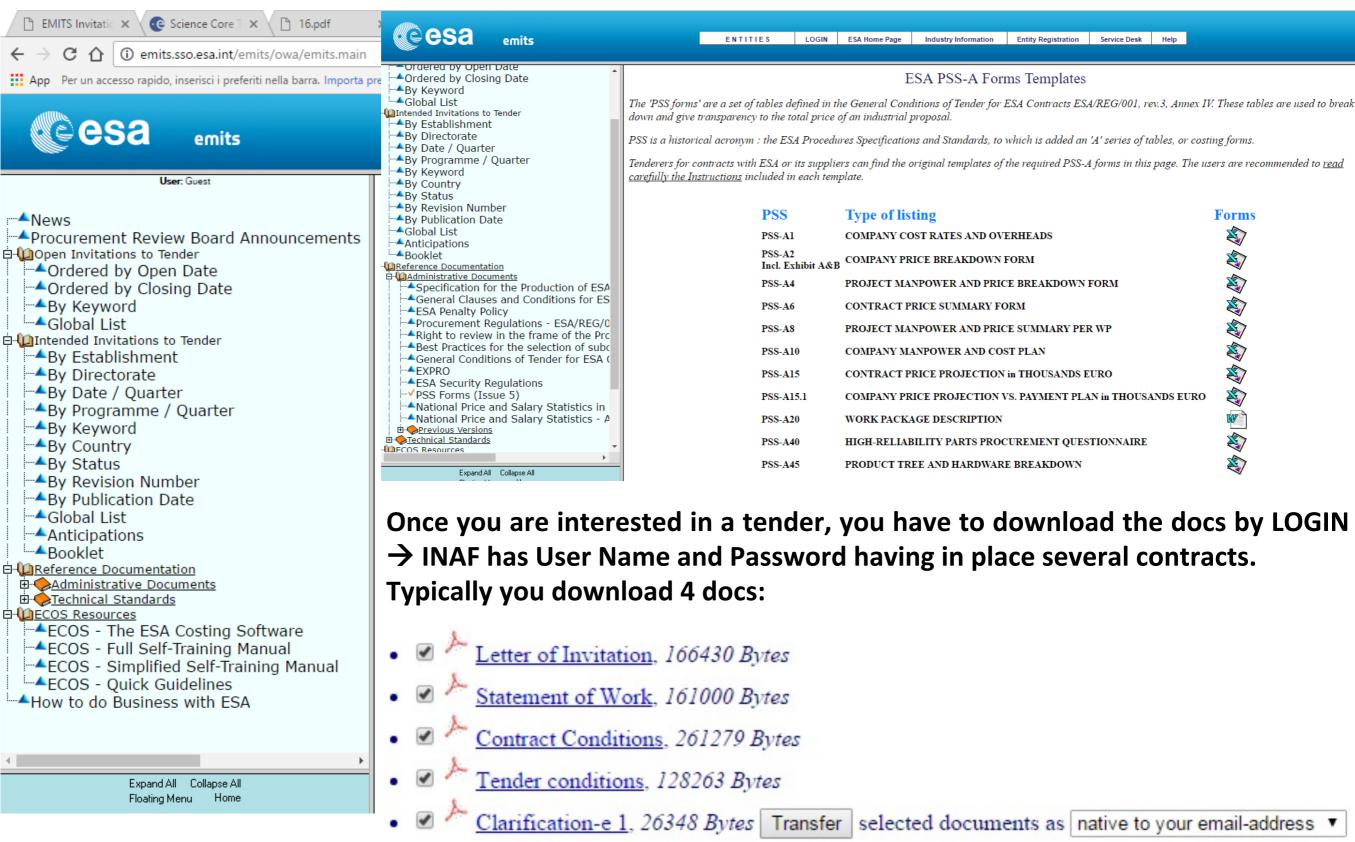


EMITS: Electronic Mailing Invitation to Tender System (since mid 1980's). http://emits.sso.esa.int/emits/owa/emits.main

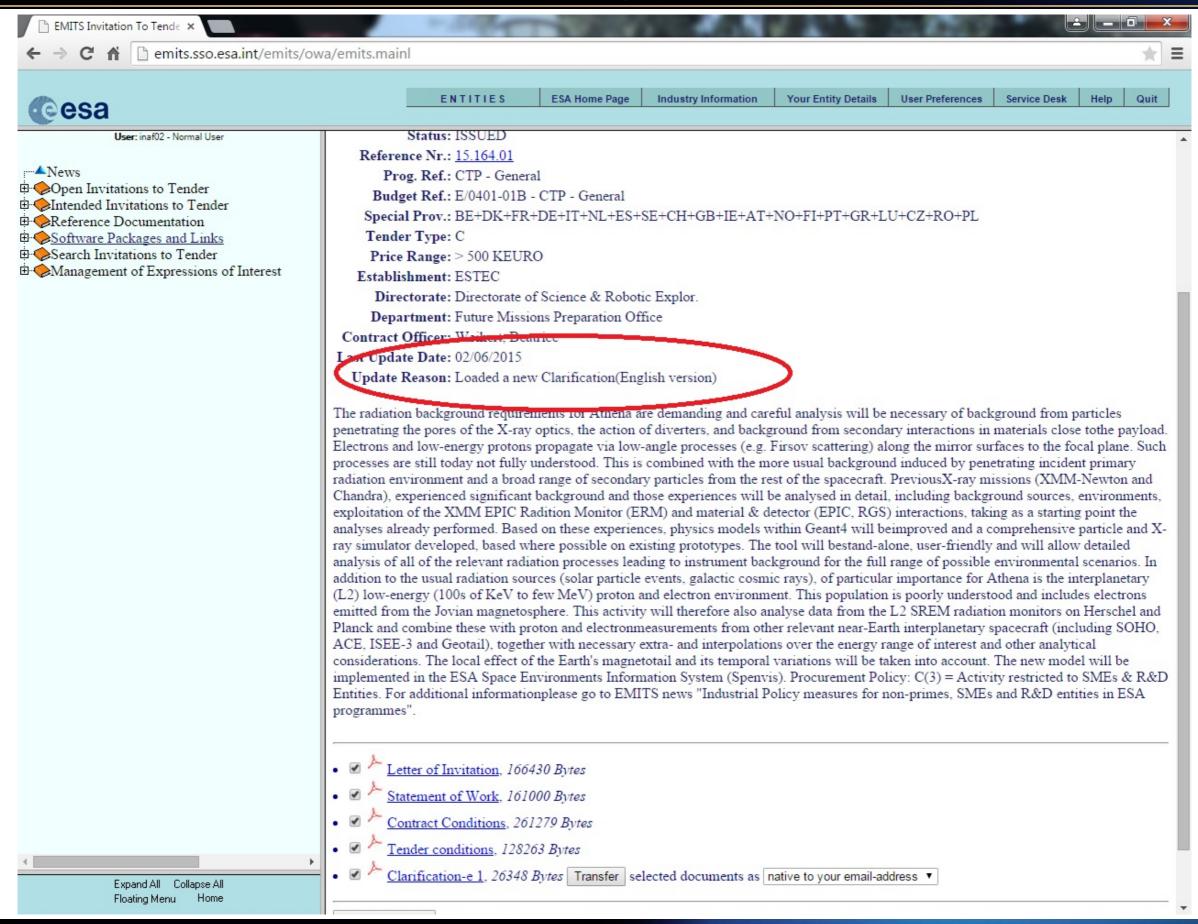




The ESA EMITS website has lot of info....











Letter of Invitation. \rightarrow Budget, deadline for questions, deadline for proposal submission (CD, hardcopy now on-line submission) Statement of Work.



Contract Conditions.



<u>Tender conditions</u>. $l \rightarrow$ How to write the proposal; how it is allocated the budget (% on different Parts); if preliminary work must be presented; BIPR; various tables (Bidding Team and Price Breakdown Information, Geographical distribution, Declarations on Compliances, Evaluation Criteria and Weighting Facto rs)

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DOCUMENT

Science - Cosmic Vision Programme

Athena Radiation Environment Models and X-Ray Background Effects Simulators - Statement of Work

Programme Reference: C204-110EE

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ATHENA Radiation Environment

Models and X-Ray Background

Effects Simulators







Proposal

Organization and management of activities at INAF, Leader of WP 0, 1, 1.1, 2.2, 3, 3.2.

IRAP "Soft Protons characterization and magnetotail model", Leader of WP 2, 2.1, 8.694





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INAF/IAPS facilities.....

Proposal

RadMod "Geant4 support and Simulation Framework", Leader of WPs 3.5, 4.2, 5, 5.2,

Kallisto Consultancy "ECSS support and Simulation Framework", Leader of WPs 1.2,

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Potential bidders are encouraged to post an expression of interest on EMITS (see Expression of interest) in a particular ITT:

- 1) to be informed of any developments that take place
- 2) other companies can take these expressions of interest into account when establishing their strategy in replying to an Invitation To Tender.

Preferred role (Prime/Sub)	Entity name	Type of entity	Specialisation Area	Contact Person Telephone Fax Email Address	Address	WEB Site Address	Interest Expressed on IITT	Expresso / Confirmo on AO
Sub	GEANT4 ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL LTD (Visibility: Public)	R&D	Yes	JOHN ALLISON Tel:(+44) 871 6627073 Fax:(+44) 7006 0208078 John.Allison@g4ai.org	Registered Office 9 Royd Terrace HX7 7BT Hebden Bridge	http://g4ai.org		28-05- 2015
Sub	VIRTUAL ANGLE BV (Visibility: Public)	SME	Yes	Pedro Branco Tel:(+31) -91 8232931 Fax:(+31) -261 471226 pbranco@virtual-angle.net	Dr. Nolenslaan 157, Unit 20 6136 GM 6136 GM Sittard	http://www.virtualangle.com		19-05- 2015
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Sub	ETAMAX SPACE GMBH (Visibility: Public)	SME	Yes	Karl Dietrich Bunte Tel:(+49-(0)) 531 86668830 Fax:(+49-(0)) 531 86668899 k.bunte@etamax.de	Frankfurter Straße 3 d 38122 Braunschweig	http://www.etamax.de		23-06- 2015
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Depending on the tender, usually about 2,5 months for submitting the proposal → **AT LEAST 1 month full time for editing**, + understanding of the proposal, setting up the team, funds negotation inside the team, signatures...

For AREMBES ESA has also provided «evaluation criteria»



NO PANIC if you think you are not able to comply with the deadline: you can request for a new one, IF JUSTIFIED!

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Clarification no. 3 to

Invitation to Tender (ITT): AO/1-8243 /15/NL/BW

ATHENA Radiation Environment Models and X-ray Background Effects Simulators

10th July 2015

Potential bidders are informed that the deadline for submission of proposals for the above ITT has been extended from 21st August 2015 to:

25th September 2015 at 13.00 hrs.

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ANNEX 3: Evaluation Criteria and Weighting Factors

In evaluating the tender(s) ESA will use the following criteria:

No.	Evaluation Criterion	Weighting Factor
1.	Background and experience (general and related to the particular field concerned) of the company (ies) and staff (including adequacy of proposed facilities)	30%
2.	Understanding of the requirements and objectives and discussion of problem areas	25%
3.	Quality and suitability of proposed programme of work; adequacy of engineering approach	25%
4.	Adequacy of management, costing and planning for the execution of the work	10%
5-	Compliance with administrative tender conditions and acceptance of contract conditions	10%

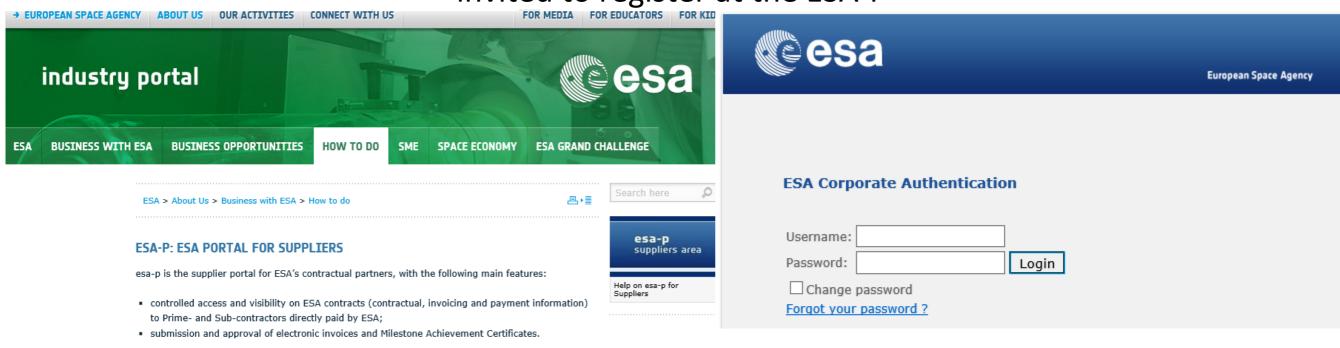


The cover letter is a brief summary of the full proposal, where it is reported KEY ITEM of:

- 1) **Technical** \rightarrow here you also state no/partly/fully compliance wrt the SoW
- 2) Management
- 3) Implementation
- 4) Financial \rightarrow here you report for a Advance Payment (max 15%), if any
- 5) Contractual
- 6) Conclusion \rightarrow here you state that you want to discuss with ESA issues, if any, arisen
- 7) Eligibilty requirements
- 8) No benefits requirement
- 9) Bidding team and price breakdown information
- 10) Geographical distribution within the bidding consortium
- 11) Contact details, Representatives (Tech and Contractual management of each bidder)
- **12)Key acceptance factors** → i.e., each is eligible; the bid contains C3 measure (R&D, SME)
- **13)Declaration of Compliance** \rightarrow from the tech, managerial, financial point of view, etc...



Proposal selected > Negotiation meeting > now is put in writing the contract > the PM is invited to register at the ESA-P

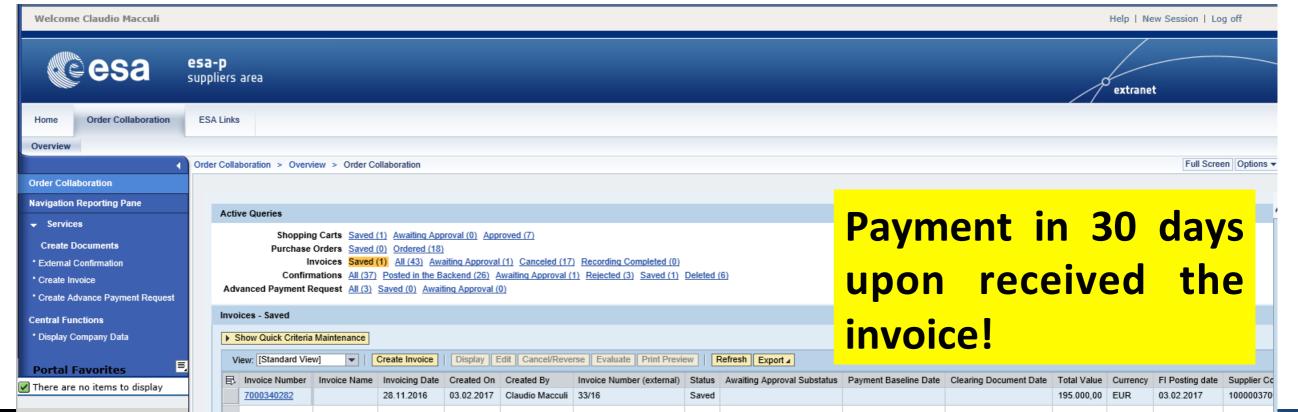


Access esa-p

The esa-p system can be accessed via the following link: https://esa-p.sso.esa.int.

Help with esa-p

Learn more about esa-p in the online video below.

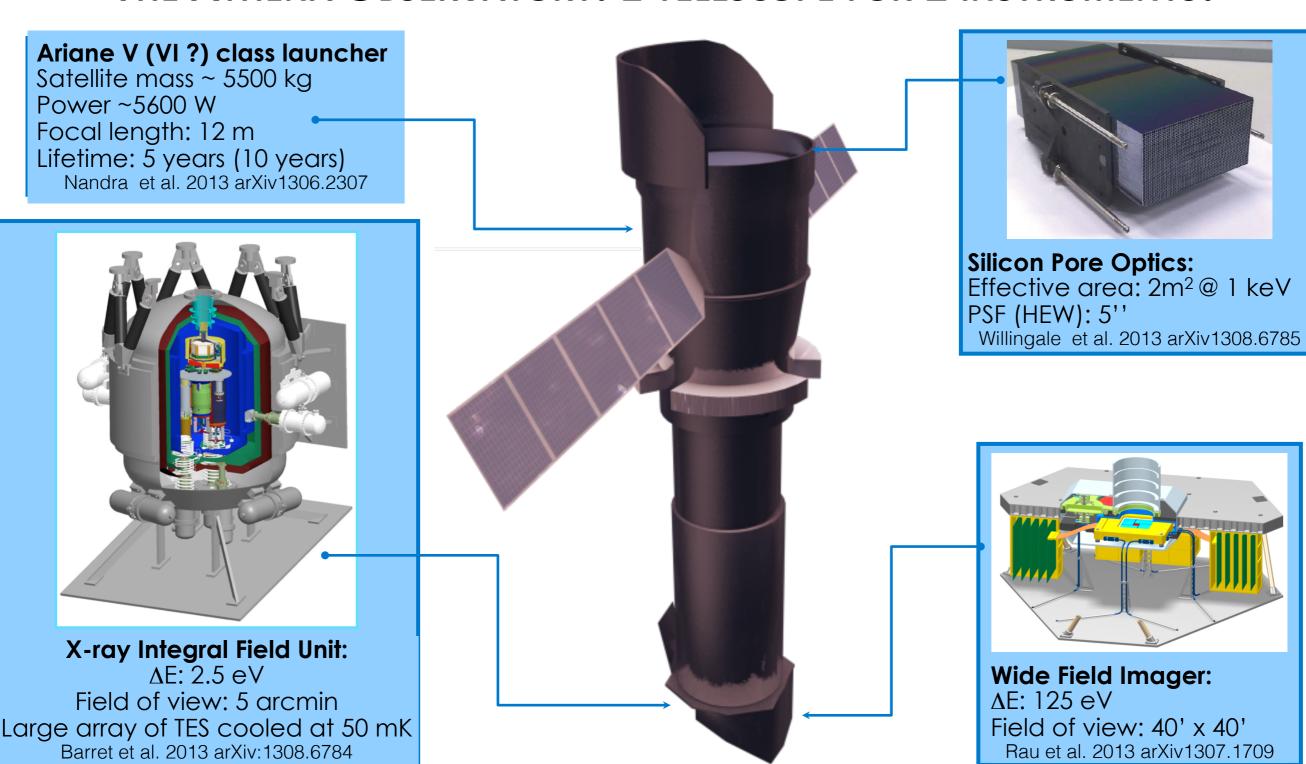




AREMBES in more details...



THE ATHENA OBSERVATORY: 1 TELESCOPE FOR 2 INSTRUMENTS!





ATHENA X-IFU:

- → High quality X-ray optics
- TES camera (thousand's pixels)

At the same time:

- → Photon focusing
- → High energy resolution spectra

As the optical CCD

The X-ray Integral Field Unit: the X-ray astronomy enters in a new era!

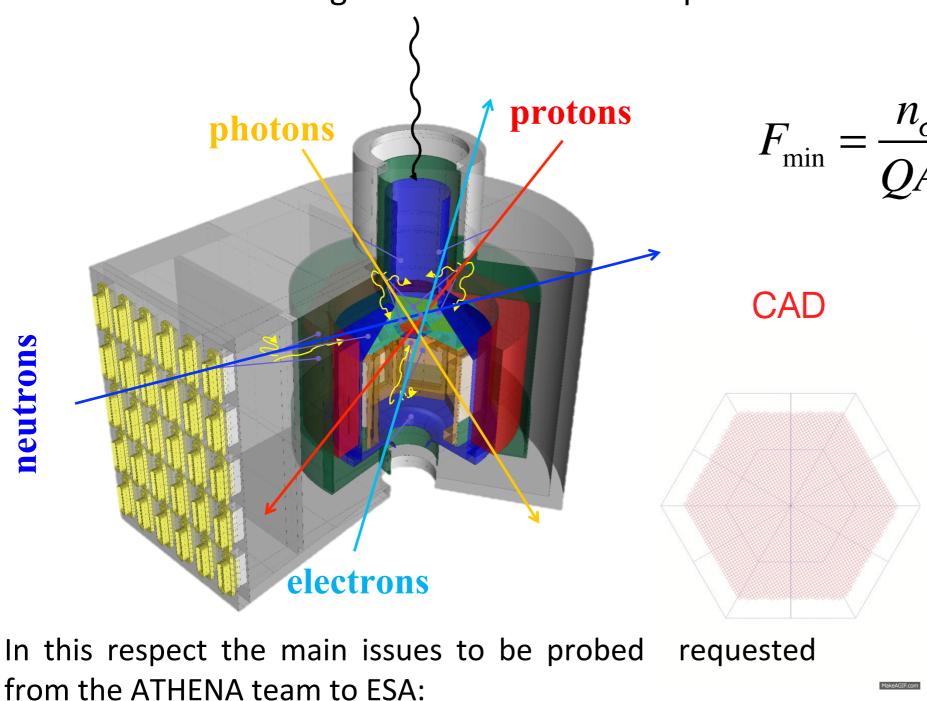


THE ATHENA X-IFU Chandra - ACIS ASTRO-H - SXS Athena - XMS 50 ks 50 ks 50 ks 10.0 Athena - XMS **Perseus** Cluster 1.0 Counts/s/keV Fe-K 0.1 ASTRO-H - SXS 0.01 5.5 E (observed), keV Extended Data Figure 1 | SXS spectrum of the full field overlaid with a CCD spectrum of the same region. The CCD is the Suzaku X-ray imaging 0.001 doi:10.1038/nature18627 0.5 2 4 Energy (keV)



The particle background issue: no X-ray mission has ever flown in L2!

The scientific signals come from the top!!



 $F_{\min} = \frac{n_{\sigma}}{OA} \sqrt{\frac{B_i A_d + B_d Q \Omega A_s}{t \Lambda E}}$

Credits: S. Lotti (IAPS)

Geant4 mass model

- L2 particle environment (GCR + Soft protons)
- Geant4 physics validation



AREMBES: the Statement of Work.

ESA issued an ITT tender which covered "part" of the already planned activities inside the X-IFU bkg workpackage from the L2 environment to the GEANT4 validation (then the residual particle bkg as output). From the scientific point of view this ITT involves the ATHENA satellite: X-IFU + WFI.

The Statement of Work consists of 3 Parts, to be framed in 30 Months of work ("%" relates to the allocated resources by ESA – 600 kEuro). Modulus a 10% of the overall budget for the project management, we have allocated:

- Part 1 (30%, 9 Month): Analyses of radiation effects data and experience from previous X-ray missions, consolidation of user requirements, improvement of L2 radiation environment models, and improvement of the relevant basic physics models to treat propagation of charged particles, photons and radiation background in X-ray mirrors and surrounding spacecraft structures
- Part 2 (60%, 9 Month): Development of a user-friendly radiation background simulator framework incorporating Part 1 output and considering the specific technologies used in the ATHENA telescope and foreseen instruments, verification of all software elements, construction of a representative ATHENA geometry model, and validation of the simulator performance
- Part 3 (10%, 12 Month): This part covers the maintenance and upgrades of the developed software

10 Institutions/SMEs involved: ~ 599 k requested → 595 k approved Activity kicked-off on 21st March 2016
Model Development Review (end of Phase 1) on January, 18, 2017



The AREMBES consortium (Key Persons).

Name	Institute/SME
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S. Molendi	INAF
S. Lotti	INAF
A. Argan	INAF
M. Laurenza	INAF
M. Rossi	INAF
D. Martella	INAF
T. Mineo	INAF
A. Bulgarelli	INAF
V. Fioretti	INAF
V. Génot	IRAP
F. Pajot	IRAP
C. Jacquey	IRAP
F. Lei	Radmod
V. Ivanchenko	CERN
P. Truscott	Kallisto Consultancy
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P. Dondero	SWHARD
B. Gianesin	SWHARD
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Andreas von Kienlin	MPE
D. Haas	SRON
J. Dercksen	SRON
J.W. den Herder	SRON
A. Anastasiadis	NOA/IAASARS
I. Georgantopoulos	NOA/IAASRAS
I. A. Daglis	NOA/IAASARS

It has been necessary to involve different skills from:

- X-ray astronomers
- Geant4 developers
- Plasma physicists
- s/w developers















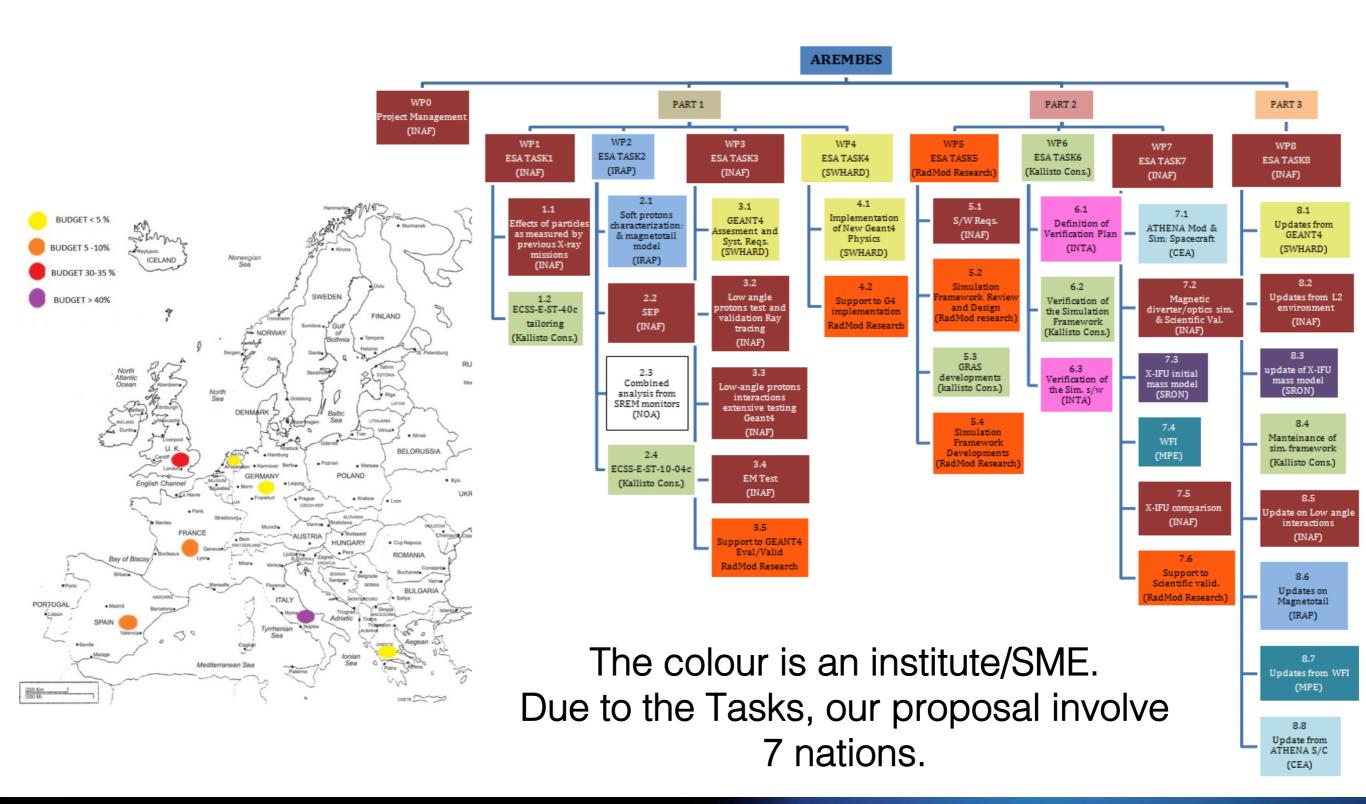






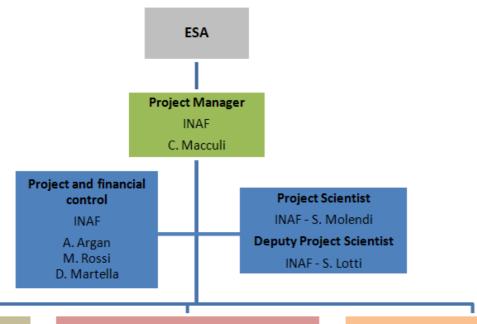


Geographic distribution and WBS





Organization Breakdown Structure



Modulus 10% of the resources allocated to the Project Management, we have:

- Part 1 (30% resources, 9 Month)
- Part 2 (60% resources, 9 Month)
- Part 3 (10% resources, 12 Month)

PART 1

INAF - S. Molendi (WP1)

Kallisto Consultancy - P. Truscott (WP1)

IRAP - C. Jacquey (WP2)

INAF - M. Laurenza (WP2)

NOA - Anastasios Anastasiadis (WP2)

Kallisto Consultancy - P. Truscott (WP2)

INAF - S. Lotti (WP2, 3)

SWHARD - A. Mantero (WP3, 4)

INAF - A. Bulgarelli (WP3)

INAF - T. Mineo (WP3)

RadMod research - F. Lei (WP3, 4)

PART 2

RadMod Research - Fan Lei (WP5, 7)

Kallisto Consultancy - Pete Truscott (WP5, 6)

INAF - A. Bulgarelli (WP5,7)

INTA - S.A. Ibarmia (WP5, 6)

INAF - S. Lotti (WP7)

CEA - P. Laurent (WP7)

SRON - Daniel Haas (WP7)

MPE - Tanja Eraerds (WP7)

PART3

INAF - A. Argan, S. Lotti (WP8)

SWHARD - A. mantero (WP8)

INAF - S. Molendi (WP8)

SRON - Daniel Haas (WP8)

Kallisto Consultancy - Pete Truscott (WP8)

INAF - T. Mineo (WP8)

IRAP - C. Jacquey (WP8)

MPE - Tanja Eraerds (WP8)

CEA - Philippe Laurent (WP8)

Minimum group of meetings requested by ESA (+ project meetings)

Meeting	Date	Location	Milestone
Kick-off	T0	ESTEC	TO
PM1	End of Task 3	Italy	T0 + 5M
MDR: Model Development Review	End of Task 4	ESTEC	T0 + 9M
PM2	In the course of Task 5	UK	T0 + 15M
PM3	End of Task 6	Spain	T0 + 16M
SQR: Simulator Qualification Review	End of Task 7	ESTEC	T0 + 18M
PM4	In the course of Task 8	Telecon/WebEx	T0 + 24M
Final Presentation	End of activity	ESTEC	T0 + 30M



Meeting PI

→ Each month a progress report to be sent to ESA tech. officer

	0	Nome attività	2016 2017 2018
1	0	AREMBES	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q
2	+	WP0	
3	+	Management	
4		User Requirements to Simulator	
5	<i>y</i>	User Requirements to Geant4	
6	•	PART1	
7	+	WP1	
8	1	Input to User Requirements	
9	*	Focused/unfocused particles	
10	1	ECSS-E-ST-40C tailoring	
11	•	WP2	Phase 1
12	+	Medium energy environment	Pilase 1
13	./	Assessment particle environment	
14	·/	Analysis SREM monitors	closed
15	·/	ECSS-E-ST-10-04c changes	
16	V	WP3	
17	·/	G4 assessment	<u> </u>
18	·/		
19	·/	G4 sys. reqs	
20	·/	Low angle protons ray-tracing	
21	Ž	Low angle protons Geant4 EM interaction	
22	·/	G4 evaluation and validation	<u> </u>
23	V	WP4	
24	·/		<u> </u>
25	·/	G4 new physics implementation	
26	~	Support to G4 implementation	
27	+	PART2	
28	+	WP5	
29	+	Sotware requirements	
	+	Simulation framework design	
30		GRAS development	
32		Simulation framework development	
33		WP6	
34		Verification plan Simulation framework verification	
35		WP7	
36		WFI mass model	
37		WFI comparison with simulations	<u> </u>
38		ATHENA mod & sim: spacecraft	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
39		Magnetic diverter and optics	-
40		X-IFU comparison with simulations	
41		X-IFU comparison with simulations X-IFU FPA mass model	
42		Scientific validation	
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		Support to the scientific validation	
4.4		PART3	
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Deliverabl	W	Delivery	Expected	Responsibilit
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		Requirements to G4		
Del. 2	0	TN 1.3_b on User	T0 + 9M	INAF
		Requirements to		
		Simulator		
Del. 3	0	SW-4	T0 + 30M	INAF
Del. 4	1.1	TN 1.1	T0 + 9M	INAF
Del. 5	1.2	TN 1.2	T0 + 3M	Kallisto
				Consultancy
Del. 6	2.1	TN 2.1	T0 + 9M	IRAP
Del. 7	2.1	SW-1	T0 + 9M	IRAP
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Del. 10	3.1	TN 3.1	T0 + 5M	SWHARD srl
Del. 11	4.1	SW-2	T0 + 9M	SWHARD srl
Del. 12	4.1	TN 4.1	T0 + 9M	SWHARD srl
Del. 13	5.2	DJF of Simulation Framework	T0 + 13M	RadMod Research
Del. 14	5.4	TN 5.1	T0 + 16M	RadMod Research
Del. 15	5.4	SW-3	T0 + 16M	RadMod Research
Del. 16	5.4	SUM	T0 + 16M	RadMod Research
Del. 17	6.1	SVP for DJF (input to TN 6.1)	T0 + 13M	INTA
Del. 18	6.2	TN 6.1	T0 + 16M	Kallisto Consultancy
Del. 19	7.1	Verification rep. on its activity	T0 + 12M	CEA
Del. 20	7.2	TN 7.1	T0 + 18M	INAF
Del. 21	7.2	TN 7.2	T0 + 18M	INAF
Del. 22	8.1	Updates to TN 3.1	T0 + 24M	SWHARD s.r.l.
Del. 23	8.1	Updates to TN 3.1	T0 + 30M	SWHARD s.r.l.
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8.2 Updates to TN 1.1

8.5 Updates to TN 3.1

8.5 Updates to TN 3.1

8.6 Updates to TN 2.1

8.6 Updates to TN 2.2

8.6 Updates to TN 2.2

Updates to TN 2.1

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T0 + 30M

T0 + 24M

T0 + 30M

Need of an upgrade? → **CCN: Contract Change Notice**

The ATHENA science team requested to also probe the L1 orbit, to provide a comparison betwe en L2 vs L1 \rightarrow new activity wrt the AREMBES baseline \rightarrow it needs of a CCN. Further, during the negotiation meeting topics could be ported in a CCN.

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APPENDIX 4: CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICE

For submission of a change as per Clause 13 of the General Conditions, the Contractor shall submit his proposal in the format of a CCN using the cover page included below. The form shall be filled with the following information as a minimum:

The Contractor's name and the Contract number

The title of the area affected by the change (Work Package reference, new work, etc.)

The name of the initiator of the change (Contractor or ESA)

The description of the change (including Work Package Descriptions, WBS, etc.)

The reason for the change

The price breakdown in €, if any (breakdown by company, Phase, etc., including PSS-A2 and PSS-A8 forms)

The Milestone Payment Plan for the CCN if any

Effect on other Contract provisions

Start of work - end of work (including contractual delivery dates and overall planning, milestones, etc.)

A CCN Form, as per the format below, signed by the Contractor's representatives

The Contractor shall, on request of the Agency, provide additional documentary evidence. At the request of either Party, the proposed change may be discussed at a Change Review Board, consisting of both the Contracts Officer and the Technical Officer of each Party. ESA UNCLASSIFIED - For Official Use

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			Contract No.:		
CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICE No.			DATE:		
TITLE OF AREA AFFECTED (WORK PACKAGE		AGE ETC):	WP REF:		
			INITIATOR OF CHANGE:		
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE					
REASON FOR CHANGE					
PRICE BREAKDOWN (Currency)/PRICE-LEVEL					
TRICE BREAKDOWN (Currency)/TRICE LEVEL					
EFFECT ON OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS			START OF WORK		
			END OF WORK		
CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT M	CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER: CONTRA			CTOR'S CONTRACTS OFFICER:	
DATE:		DATE:			
[DISPOSITION RECORD OR OTHER AGREED CONDITION RECORDED WITH THE CCN APPROVAL]					
ESA TECHNICAL OFFICER:	NICAL OFFICER: ESA CON		TRACTS OFFICER:		
DATE:		DATE:			



http://space-env.esa.int/index.php/news-reader/items/AREMBES.html

- 9 refereed paper (8 INAF 1st author)
- 1 conference proceeding (1st INAF)
- 4 talks (2 INAF) at the next Geant4
 Space Users' Workshop (next week)

In 9 months activity (Phase 1)





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ATHENA Radiation Environment Models and X-Ray Background Effects Simulators

Electromagnetics and Space Environment

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Electrical Engineering

Development of a simulator for radiation effects on the ESA L-Class ATHENA mission

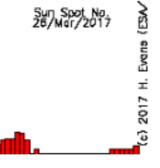
A new R&D activity has been kicked off on 21 March 2016, which aims to develop a comprehensive software simulator for the radiation background effects seen by the ESA L-Class science mission ATHENA. As part of the study, new models of the L2 low-energy radiation environment will also be developed, and updates to the relevant Geant4 physics treating the propagation of radiation through the ATHENA optics and spacecraft structures will be provided.

X-ray missions such as ATHENA will encounter on top of their scientific observations also an unwanted background caused by the charged particle radiation environment in space. With the specific technologies and instruments used in ATHENA, there are two main sources of such background. On of these is due to low-energy protons and ions propagated in shallow angles through the instrument optics, while the other is caused by high-energy galactic cosmic rays impinging on the spacecraft structures. Both of these posisble sources will be included in the simulator.

The orbit chosen for the ATHENA mission, a halo orbit around the Lagrangian L2 point 1.5 million km from the Earth in the direction away from the Sun, is becoming increasingly popular for various science missions. However the radiation environment of L2 is thus far relatively poorly modelled. One part of the present activity is to analyse available data from earlier interplanetary missions and to develop new models for this environment.

This study is being undertaken by INAF (I) in partnership with IRAP (F), NOA(G), SWHARD (I), RadMod Research (UK), Kallisto Consultancy (UK), CEA (F), INTA (E), SRON (NL) and MPE (D).

This activity is supported by ESA's Science Core Technology Programme (CTP). ESA Contract No. 4000116655/16/NL/BW.





At present, INAF has several CTP proposal/contract in place for ATHENA as PI or WP leader

AREMBES - ATHENA Radiation Environment Models and x-ray Background Effects Simulators (C. Macculi, PI, IAPS)

EXACRAD - Experimental Evaluation of ATHENA Charged Particle Background from Secondary Radiation and Scattering in Optics (S. Molendi, PI, IASF-Milano)

ASPHEA - Alignment of Silicon Pore optics for High-Energy Astronomy (D. Spiga, Pl, OABrera)

SIMPOSiuM - Silicon pore optics modelling and simulations (D. Spiga, PI, OABrera)

LAOF - Large area high-performance optical filter for X-ray instrumentation (M. Barbera, WP leader, UniPa/INAF Palermo)

TES Detector Development for Athena / X-IFU - Optimization of a European Transition Edge Sensor Array (L.Piro, C. Macculi, WP leader, IAPS)

...but also on other projects: NOT exhaustive list...

CAM - Contamination Assessment Microbalance (E.Palomba, PI, IAPS)

