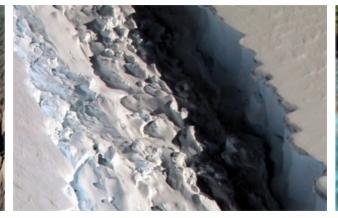


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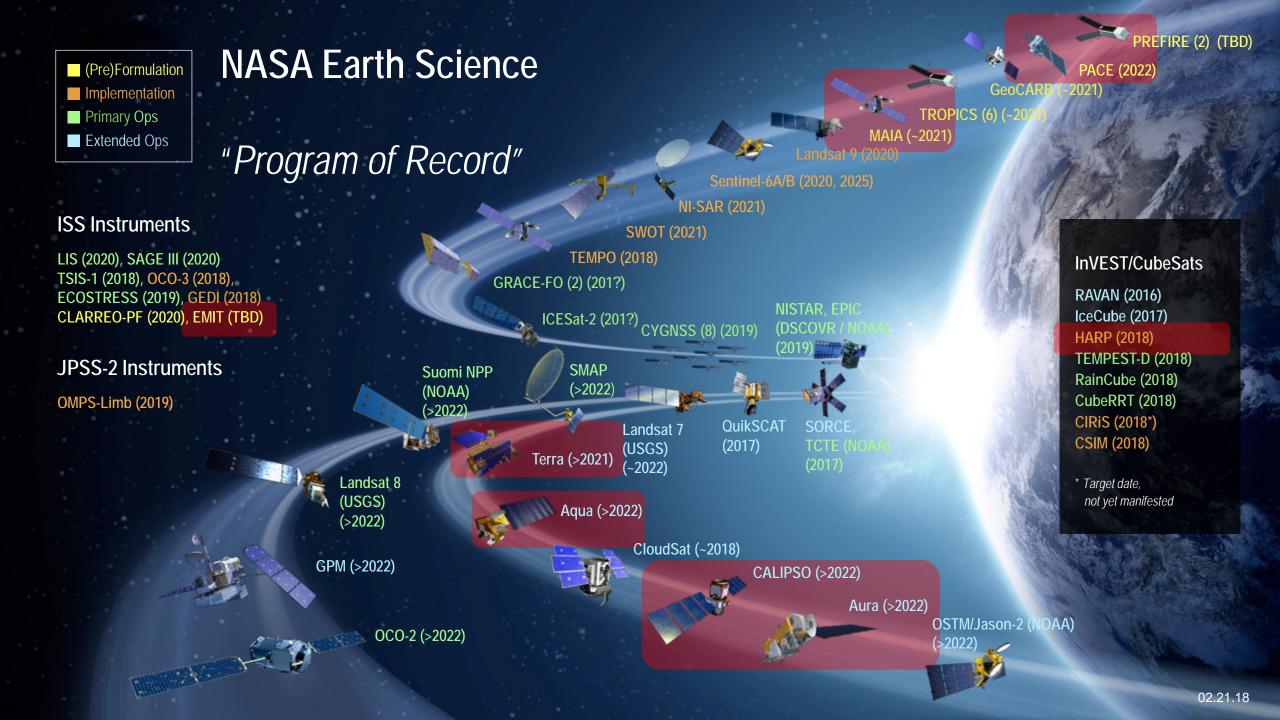


2017 Decadal Survey for

Earth science and applications from space

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#### Decadal Survey for Earth science and applications from space

- Members of US Earth Science community:
  - define NASA Earth Science priorities for the next 10 years, and
  - recommend observations & funds needed to address the science questions.
- 2017 Report: <a href="http://nap.edu/24938">http://nap.edu/24938</a>
- "The next decade is one in which progress will not come easily."
- Strategic Framework

Ambitious science, despite constraint will require us to:

- Embrace innovative methodologies for integrated science/applications;
- Commit to sustained science and applications;
- Amplify the cross-benefit of science and applications; and
- Leverage external resources and partnerships (incl. international).

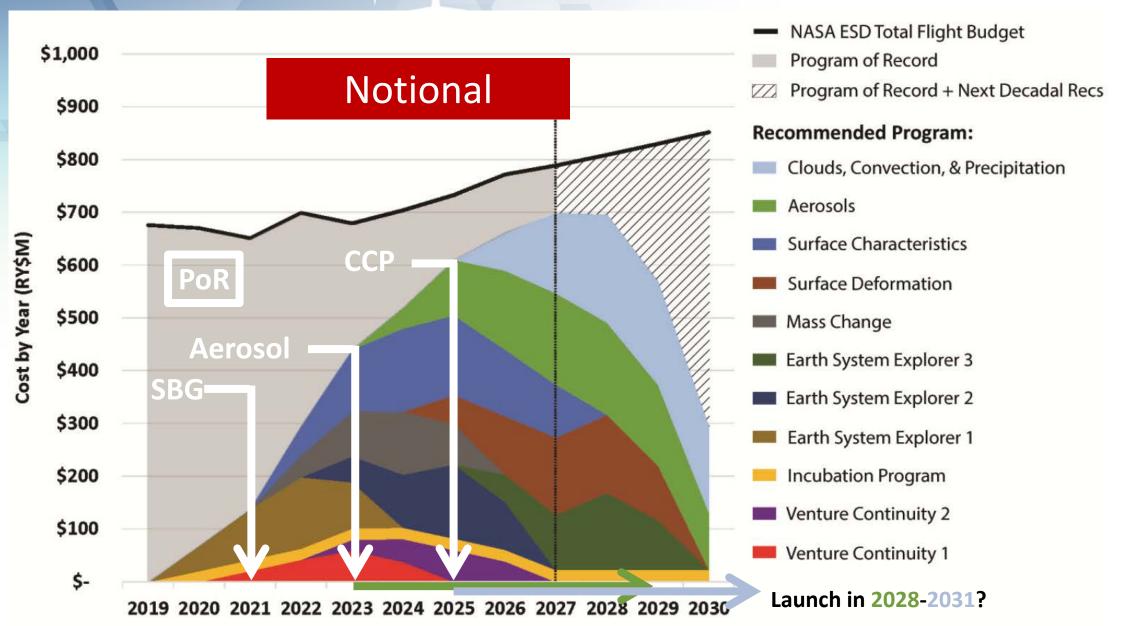
### **Observable Approaches**

- Program of Record to be completed
- Designated Observables (designated observing systems)
  - Large missions
  - Cost cap: \$300 to \$800 M (full mission costs: instr., spacecraft, mission ops, launch, science, calval, etc.)
- Earth Explorer
  - Medium missions
  - Cost cap: <\$350 M (full mission costs)</li>
- Incubator to mature technology
- Earth Venture Continuity (addition to existing Suborbital, Instrument, and Mission strand)
  - To demonstrate sustained observations at lower costs
  - Cost cap: <\$150 M

## DS's recommended Designated Observables

Observable	Science/Applications Summary
Aerosols (A)	Aerosol properties, aerosol vertical profiles, and cloud properties to understand their effects on climate and air quality
Clouds, Convection, & Precipitation (CCP)	Coupled cloud-precipitation state and dynamics for monitoring global hydrological cycle and understanding contributing processes including cloud feedback

Observable	Science/Applications Summary
Mass Change (MC)	Large-scale Earth dynamics measured by the changing mass distribution within and between the Earth's atmosphere, oceans, ground water, and ice sheets
Surface Biology and Geology (SBG)	Earth surface geology and biology, ground/water temperature, snow reflectivity, active geologic processes, vegetation traits and algal biomass
Surface Deformation and Change (SDC)	Earth surface dynamics from earthquakes and landslides to ice sheets and permafrost



National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2018. *Thriving on Our Changing Planet: A Decadal Strategy for Earth Observation from Space*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. https://doi.org.10.17226/24938.

# Designated Observable Studies Pre-Formulation (pre-Phase A)

- NASA solicitated Pre-formulation Study Teams for each Designated
   Observable to develop a range of observing system concepts
- 4 Studies are going to be performed across multiple NASA centers with involvement of national (govt. and commercial) and international partners during the next 3-5 years
- Aerosol & Cloud/Convection/Precipitation (A-CCP) is a single study due to very strong synergies

## **A-CCP Study Overview**

 Goals: define focused science questions, derive observing system's desired capabilities and the associated costs/schedule/risks.

• Timeline:

Oct 2018: Study starts

Q2 2019: Science/Application Traceability

Matrix

Q3 2020: Value Framework, Architecture

studies, and independent

cost/schedule analysis

Q4 2021: Demonstrate Mission Concept

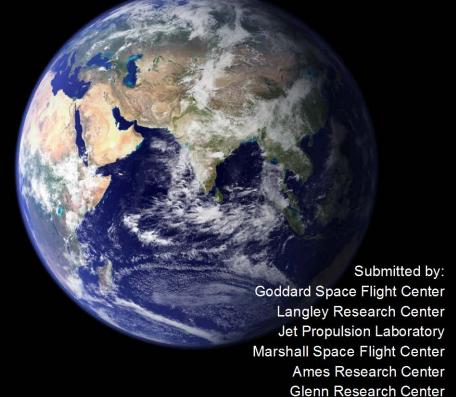
Review (MCR) readiness



#### Aerosols and Cloud-Convection Precipitation (A-CCP) Study

Draft Study Plan in response to Designated Observables Guidance for Multi-Center Study Plans

An awe-inspiring, truly joint Center plan



https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/decadal-surveys