

Programs and plans ASI - Observation of the Universe







Observation of the Universe: 24% of the overall PASN 2006 –2008
(including the contribution to the ESA Science mandatory program and to the optional Aurora program)

National and bilateral

programs





- 40% of the Aurora Program
- + payloads on a national basis



MISSIONS

	2005	2006	2007	2008
MRO/SHARAD	▼ agosto			
	▼ ottobre			
PAMELA		▼ sec. metà		
			▼ gennaio	
DAWN		▼ sec. metà		
GLAST			▼ agosto	
			▼ agosto	
HERSCHEL			▼ agosto	
AMS				▼
LISA-PF				▼













High-energy astrophysics X & γ astronomy missions (II)



Launch Nov. 2004

AGILE To be I 2006 -



To be launched end 2006 – early 2007



Credit: Hyteo

To be launched : August 2007



High-energy astrophysics

The future

New national hard X-ray mission



Simbol-X is a new hard x-ray mission, based on the formation flight technology, supported both by ASI and CNES. Launch scheduled for 2013.

In parallel, a national mission is under evaluation at ASI

Mirror Spacecraft

Detector Spacecraft





Cosmology

Stratopheric Balloons

BOOMERanG: two flights already performed from Antartica, next flight: spring 2007, Svalbard







Solar System Exploration

Mars



from Mars Express (2003)



Sharad (MRO) launched on the 12th of August, 2005



Solar System Exploration Internal Planets and the Sun



Soho (1995)



Venus Express (2005)



Solar System Exploration

External planets



Cassini-Huygens



H-ASI on a balloon





Solar System Exploration Minor bodies

Rosetta (2004)









Dawn (2006)



Solar System exploration

The future

Moon exploration





Bepi Colombo (2013)

Solar Orbiter (2015?)



Solar System exploration

The future



Juno,

a mission to Jupiter



2010-2011





ASI is fully committed in "Exploration"

We will go to Mars together with ESA: main contributor and supporter of the European Exploration program "AURORA", mainly focusing in the short-medium term on robots (i.e.the ExoMars mission).

Key STEP: ESA Council meeting al Ministerial level – Berlin, 5-6 December, 2005



Solar System Exploration

Aurora & NASA Exploration Program





European Exploration Approach







We will go to the Moon through an autonomous national program.

The third element will be the promotion and the use of the International Space Station at the maximum extent possible as a test-bed for exploration.

NEXT STEP: Implementation of the National Aerospace Plan 2006-2008



ASI Approach (cont'd)

The scientific questions to be answered will dominate the short-medium term exploration of the Moon

On the long term it is possible to consider the Moon for resources exploitation and as a test bed. It will be considered also as a permanent base,

to stay and to exploit the Earth natural satellite, and preparing and assisting the exploration of Mars and beyond





ASI Approach (cont'd)

- ASI National Programme is science oriented following 3 strategic guidelines:
 - "Science of the Moon" and evaluation of the resources for human permanence (oxigen, ice, radiation, ...)
 - "Science from the Moon", using the Moon as a platform for Universe observation
 - Moon as a platform for observation of our planet Earth.



ASI Approach (cont'd)

ASI issued 13 studies on various topics in order to develop the ASI "Vision for Moon Exploration";

≻Contracts are close to be awarded;

On this basis, ASI missions to the Moon shall be planned



ASI Approach(cont'd)

- After that, ASI will issue the contracts to perform the A/B phase. Breadboarding of the most critical technologies and tests on Earth at representative sites will be included;
- Such activity of Phase AB is planned to be completed within mid 2008 in order to be ready for launching the orbiter around 2010-2012 and the landed segment around 2012-2015



ASI Science Data Center (ASDC)

ASDC has been created in 2000, located at ESRIN.

The center is dedicated to the delivery of products and services for the benefit of the scientific community in the Observation of the Universe field.







Conclusions

The Italian program is balanced and harmonized, between the participation to the ESA programs and the national and bilateral cooperative programs.

The future of space science is based on international collaboration and ASI is more than open to discuss partnerships.