

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



NASA Earth Science Division Earth Venture – 2 Pre-Proposal Workshop

Dr. Stephen Volz
Associate Director for Flight Programs
Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate

OUTLINE

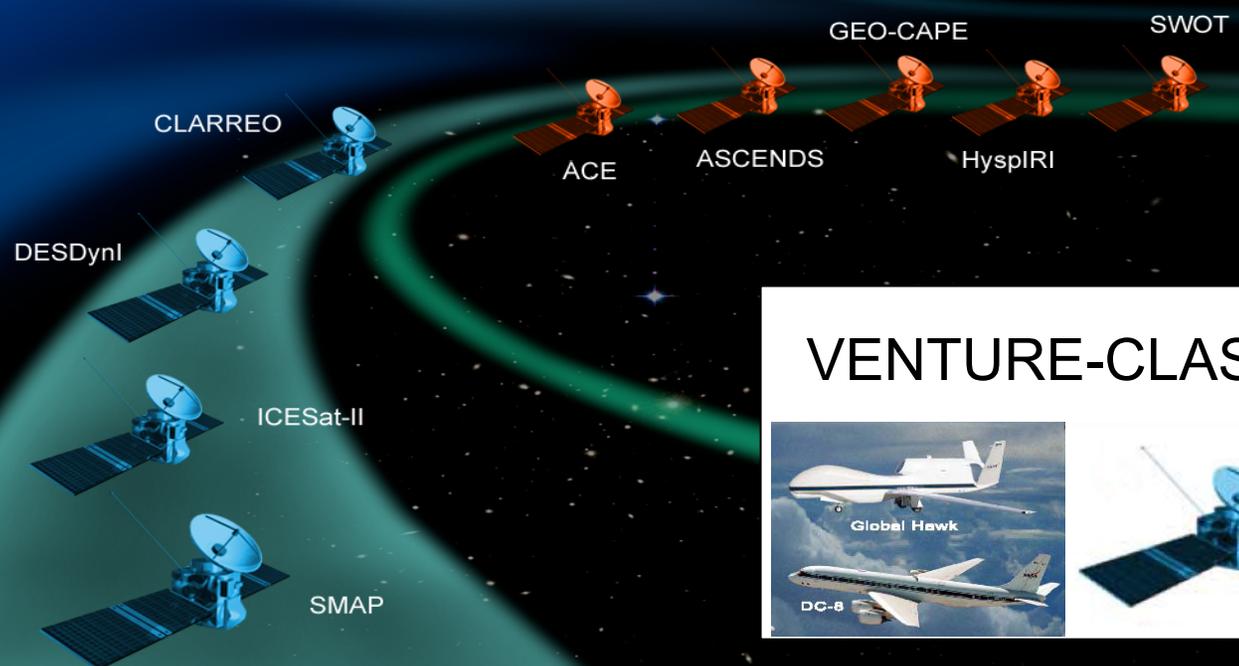
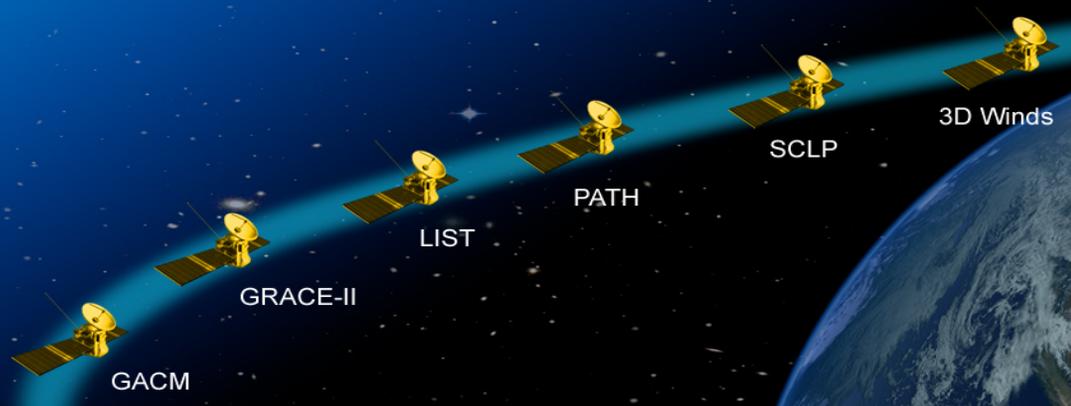


- ◆ Decadal Survey and Science/Applications
- ◆ Earth Science Division Objectives
- ◆ Implementation of the Venture Line
- ◆ EV-2

Decadal Survey Flight Recommendations



Near-Term Missions:
Mid-Term Missions:
Late-Term Missions:



VENTURE-CLASS

Global Hawk
DC-8

Decadal Survey Venture-Class Recommendations



***“... As part of this strategy, to restore more frequent launch opportunities and to facilitate the demonstration of innovative ideas and higher-risk technologies, NASA should create a new Venture class of low-cost research and application missions (~\$100M to \$200M). These missions should focus on fostering revolutionary innovation and on training future leaders of space-based Earth science and applications.*”**

Priority would be given to cost-effective, innovative missions rather than those with excessive scientific and technological requirements. The Venture class could include stand-alone missions that ***use simple, small instruments, spacecraft, and launch vehicles; more complex instruments of opportunity flown on partner spacecraft and launch vehicles***; or complex sets of instruments flown on suitable suborbital platforms to address focused sets of scientific questions.

Key to the success of such a program will be maintaining a steady stream of opportunities for community participation in the development of innovative ideas, which requires that strict ***schedule and cost guidelines be enforced for the program participants.***”

NASA's Commitment to a Broad Earth System Science Program



- ◆ NASA's current fleet on orbit is mature and generally healthy, and continues to provide calibrated validated data sets being used with increasing return by users world wide
- ◆ Our missions currently in development will continue many of the EOS legacy measurements and will initiate many others
 - NOAA will be picking up some of the measurements (TSIS, CERES, VIIRS, OMPS, Ocean altimetry, ...)
- ◆ The Venture line is an important part of the overall Earth Science program, enabling advancement on many fronts and levels
 - Directed missions/measurements – GPM, ICESat-2, SAGE III, OCO-2
 - **Competitively selected small missions and instruments - Venture**
 - Airborne science campaigns – IceBridge, EV-1
 - Technology investments – ESTO, GPS TriG
 - Comprehensive integrated science – R&A, modeling
 - Infrastructure – Geodetic Networks, High speed computing

Earth Science Division



Michael Freilich, Director
Peg Luce, Deputy Director

Patricia Jacobberger-Jellison
Sr Adv Interorganizational
Environmental Science

Research

Jack Kaye,
Associate Director
Lucia Tsaoussi, Deputy
Associate Director

Flight Programs

Steve Volz,
Associate Director
Steve Neeck, Deputy
Associate Director

Applied Sciences

Lawrence Friedl –
acting
Associate Director

Earth Science ***Technology Office*** ***(@ GSFC)***

George Komar,
Associate Director
Bob Bauer, Deputy

Earth Systematic Missions
Program Office
Eleanor Ketchum, PM
Goddard Space Flight Center

Earth Science System Pathfinder
(ESSP) Program Office
Frank Peri/PM
Langley Research Center

Decadal Survey
Directed Missions

Competitively Selected
Venture Class missions

Venture Class – ESD Objectives

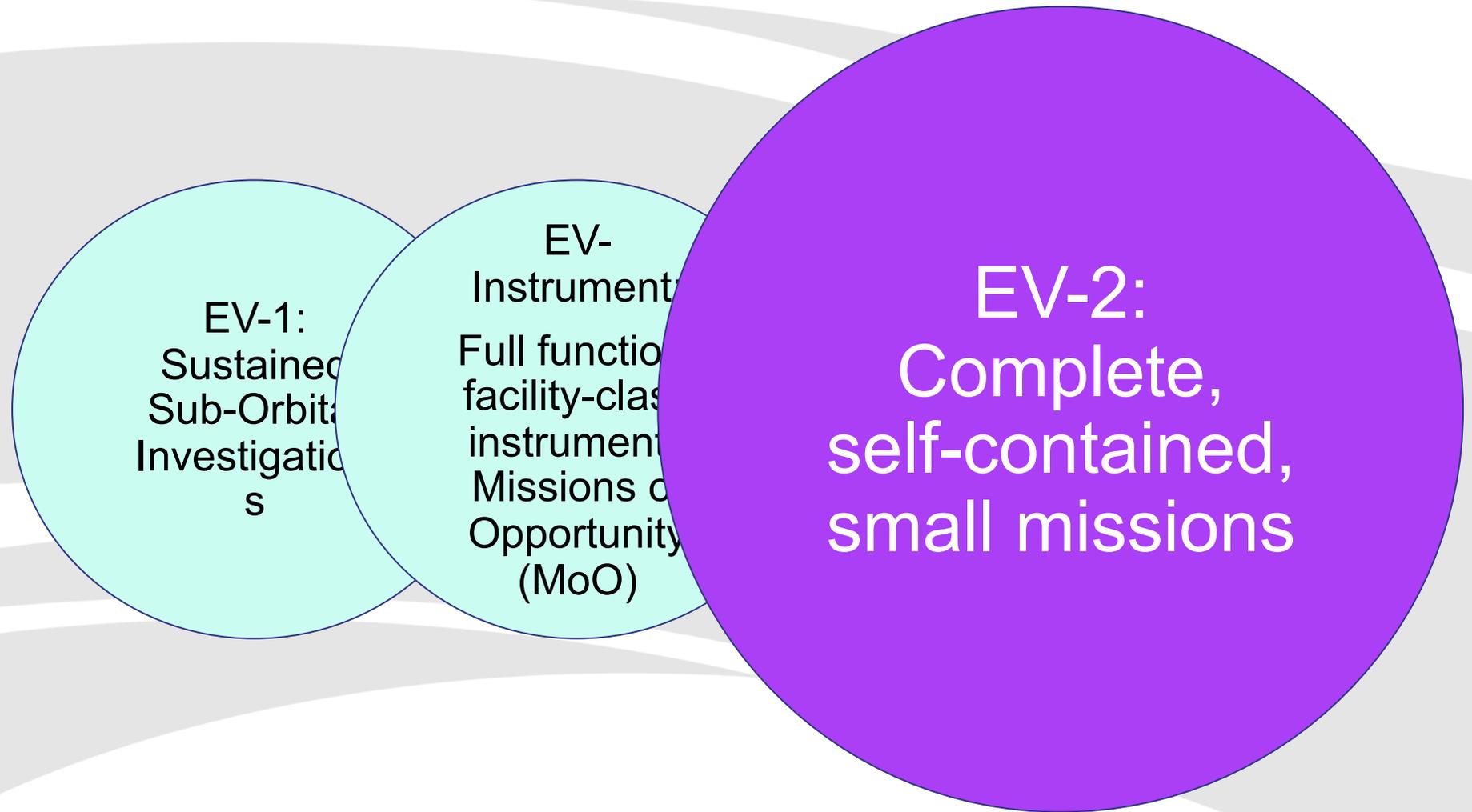


- ◆ ESD considers establishment and sustained, successful implementation of Venture-class to be a “Tier-1” priority from the Decadal Survey
 - Advances science/applications and promotes community involvement through frequent, regular proposal opportunities
 - Ensures overall program scientific flexibility and responsiveness through constrained development schedules
 - Provides an essential programmatic path to develop exploratory science

Venture-class is ***complementary*** to identified systematic missions; no single Venture-class mission is essential for overall ESD program.

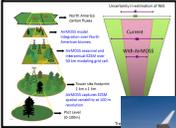
- ◆ Cost/Schedule constraints will be enforced - absolutely
 - Only way to ensure availability for funding for regular solicitations
 - Only way to ensure programmatic flexibility/responsiveness
 - Cancellation is the result for breaking cost/schedule constraints

Decadal Survey Venture Line



- ◆ EV-2 specifically allows NASA's ESD to pursue higher risk (Class D missions) with high potential science return₈

Earth Venture-1 Selection Summaries



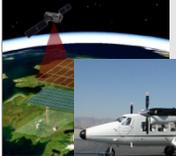
Airborne Microwave Observatory of Subcanopy and Subsurface (AirMOSS) - Univ Mich/JPL

North American ecosystems are critical components of the global exchange of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide and other gases within the atmosphere. To better understand the size of this exchange on a continental scale, this investigation addresses the uncertainties in existing estimates by measuring soil moisture in the root zone of representative regions of major North American ecosystems. Investigators will use NASA's Gulfstream-III aircraft to fly synthetic aperture radar that can penetrate vegetation and soil to depths of several feet.



Airborne Tropical Tropopause Experiment (ATTREX) - ARC

Water vapor in the stratosphere has a large impact on Earth's climate, the ozone layer and how much solar energy the Earth retains. To improve our understanding of the processes that control the flow of atmospheric gases into this region, investigators will launch four airborne campaigns with NASA's Global Hawk remotely piloted aerial systems. The flights will study chemical and physical processes at different times of year from bases in California, Guam, Hawaii and Australia.



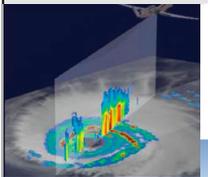
Carbon in Arctic Reservoirs Vulnerability Experiment (CARVE) - JPL

This investigation will collect an integrated set of data that will provide unprecedented experimental insights into Arctic carbon cycling, especially the release of the important greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. Instruments will be flown on a Twin Otter aircraft to produce the first simultaneous measurements of surface characteristics that control carbon emissions and key atmospheric gases.



Deriving Information on Surface Conditions from COLUMN and VERTICALLY Resolved Observations Relevant to Air Quality (DISCOVER-AQ) - LaRC

The overarching objective of the DISCOVER-AQ investigation is to improve the interpretation of satellite observations to diagnose near-surface conditions relating to air quality. NASA's B-200 and P-3B research aircraft will fly together to sample a column of the atmosphere over instrumented ground stations.



Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel (HS3) – GSFC/ARC

The prediction of the intensity of hurricanes is not as reliable as predictions of the location of hurricane landfall, in large part because of our poor understanding of the processes involved in intensity change. This investigation focuses on studying hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean basin using two NASA Global Hawks flying high above the storms for up to 30 hours. The Hawks will deploy from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia during the 2012-14 Atlantic hurricane seasons.