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The ESA Cosmic Vision Programme

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- Selected missions
- M1: Solar Orbiter (solar astrophysics, 2020)
- M2: Euclid (cosmology, 2021)
- L1: JUICE (exploration of Jupiter system, 2022)
- S1: CHEOPS (exoplanets, 2018)
- M3: PLATO (exoplanets, 2026)
- L2: ATHENA (X-ray observatory, cosmology, 2031)
- L3: gravitational wave observatory (eLISA, 2034)
- M4: Ariel (exoplanets, 2028)
- M5: 2032 launch phase 0/A selection in 2018: THESEUS among the three selected missions! (with SPICA and EnVision)

Cosmic Visio



Theseus killing the Minotaur Museo archeologico di Napoli

May 2018: THESEUS selected by ESA for M5 Phase 0/A study



Activity	Date	
Phase 0 kick-off	June 2018	
Phase 0 completed (EnVision, SPICA and THESEUS)	End 2018	
ITT for Phase A industrial studies	February 2019	
Phase A industrial kick-off	June 2019	
Mission Selection Review (technical and programmatic	Comleted by May	
review for the three mission candidates)	2021	
SPC selection of M5 mission	June 2021	
Phase B1 kick-off for the selected M5 mission	December 2021	
Mission Adoption Review (for the selected M5 mission)	March 2024	
SPC adoption of M5 mission	June 2024	
Phase B2/C/D kick-off	Q1 2025	
Launch	2032	

Smooth CDF study, successful MDR -> Phase A

Efficient and positive interaction between ESA and consortium



- **THESEUS Core Science** is based on two pillars:
 - probe the physical properties of the early Universe, by discovering and exploiting the population of high redshift GRBs.
 - provide an unprecedented deep monitoring of the soft X-ray transient Universe, providing a fundamental contribution to multi-messenger and time domain astrophysics in the early 2030s (synergy with aLIGO/aVirgo, eLISA, ET, Km3NET and EM facilities e.g., LSST, E-ELT, SKA, CTA, ATHENA).

• THESEUS Observatory Science includes:

- study of thousands of faint to bright X-ray sources by exploiting the unique simultaneous availability of broad band X-ray and NIR observations
- Possibility to provide a flexible follow-up observatory for fast transient events with multi-wavelength ToO capabilities and guest-observer programmes.

I. THESEUS: Main scientific goals

A) Exploring the Early Universe (cosmic dawn and reionization era) by unveiling the Gamma-Ray Burst (GRBs) population in the first billion years

The study of the Universe before and during the epoch of re-ionization represents one of the major themes for the next generation of space and ground-based observational facilities. Many questions about the first phases of structure formation in the early Universe will still be open in the early 2030s:

Q1: When and how did first stars/galaxies form?

Q2: What are their properties? When and how fast was the Universe enriched with metals?

Q3: Which objects did contribute to reionization?



Deep Universe Science in the early '30s

Thanks to their brightness (during prompt and afterglow emission), Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs) can be detected up to very high redshifts (GRB 090423 at z = 8.2 and GRB 090429 at z = 9.4)

GRBs represent a unique tool to study the early Universe **up to the re-ionization era.** To date there is no consensus on the sources of reionization and GRB progenitors and their hosts are very good representative candidates.

Indeed a statistical sample of high-z GRBs can provide fundamental information about:

- the number density and properties of lowmass galaxies
- the neutral hydrogen fraction
- the escape fraction of UV photons from high-z galaxies





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Q1 The challenge: finding the first galaxies



Rapidly declining number density of star forming galaxies in the first Gyr

- The evidence of increase of SFRD from z=8 to z~2 is limited to the rarest and most ultra-luminous galaxies leaving considerable uncertainty about how much SFRD we may have been missing.
- At z>4, current surveys are <u>strongly biased towards UV-bright galaxies</u>.
- At z>8 even UV-bright galaxies can hardly be spectroscopically confirmed (->JWST).

Q1 The challenge: finding the first galaxies

High z GRB hosts can be quite faint!



Even JWST and ELTs surveys will be not able to probe the faint end of the galaxy Luminosity Function at high redshifts (z>6-8)



THESEUS Goals:

- Measure independently the cosmic star-formation rate, even beyond the limits of current and future galaxy surveys
- Directly (or indirectly) detect the first population of stars (pop III)
- Determine the number density and properties of lowmass galaxies

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Q2 GRB afterglow spectroscopy

- the neutral hydrogen fraction
- the escape fraction of UV photons from high-z galaxies
- the early metallicity of the ISM and IGM and its evolution

Abundances, HI, dust, dynamics etc. even for very faint hosts. E.g. GRB 050730: faint host (R>28.5), but z=3.97, [Fe/H]=-2 and low dust, from afterglow spectrum (Chen et al. 2005; Starling et al. 2005).



Q3

Reionization



When first galaxies formed, the Universe was bathed in UV radiation from young stars, which produced ionized radiation in the intergalactic medium between the galaxies, turning it from neutral H to ionized HII.

Finding and characterizing the first galaxies will provide us with a statistically robust picture to confirm this scenario.

CMB polarization: reionization epoch constraints



CMB polarisation probes foreground electron scattering from the start of reionization to the present epoch. It is measured via optical depth of scattering Tau, which constrains the mean redshift and duration of reionization.

Reionization started at z~10-12 and ended at z=6

Q3 Did galaxies reionize the Universe?

To test this hypothesis we need to know

- The integrated abundance of high-z star forming galaxies (including faint ones!)
- The nature of stellar population which determines the ionizing radiation production rate
- The fraction of ionizing photons escaping in the IGM (with GRB afterglows spectroscopy!)

Observed z~7-8 galaxies do not produce enough radiation to re-ionize hydrogen (Robertson+10, Finkelstein+12), but *fainter currently unseen galaxies may be sufficient*. GRB selected host galaxies have the unique potential to probe the z=8-12 Universe in terms of stellar population and host galaxies and test this hypothesis

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B) Perform an unprecedented deep monitoring of the soft X-ray transient Universe in order to:

Locate and identify the electromagnetic counterparts to sources of gravitational radiation and neutrinos, which may be routinely detected in the late '20s / early '30s by next generation facilities like aLIGO/aVirgo, eLISA, ET, or Km3NET;

Provide accurate near real-time triggers (~1 arcmin within a few seconds; ~1" within a few minutes) for follow-up with next-generation optical-NIR (E-ELT, JWST (if still operating)), radio (SKA), X-rays (ATHENA), TeV (CTA) telescopes; synergy with LSST

Provide a fundamental step forward in the <u>comprehension of the physics</u> of various classes of transients and discover new classes



Transient type	SXI Rate
GW sources	0.03-33 yr ⁻¹
Magnetars	40 day-1
SN shock breakout	4 yr-1
TDE	50 yr-1
AGN+Blazars	350 day-1
Thermonuclear bursts	35 day-1
Novae	250 yr-1
Dwarf novae	30 day-1
SFXTs	1000 yr-1
Stellar flares	400 yr-1
Stellar super flares	200 yr 1

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August 2017: short GRBs as e.m. counterparts of gravitational-waves sources!!!



LIGO, Virgo, and partners make first detection of gravitational waves and light from colliding neutron stars





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The THESEUS space mission concept: science case, design and expected performances

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Mission profile and budgets

Launch vehicle	VEGA-C (backup Ariane62)	
Launch date	2032 (night launch)	4
Lifetime	Nominal 3 years (consumables for	
Orbit	Circular LEO	Sun Shield with Solar array
Altitude	600 km	
Inclination	5.4°	telescope
Ground stations	Malindi (backup Kourou) VHF SVOM network	XGISI
Delta-V	225.8 m/s	SXI Units
Re-entry	Controlled re-entry (4 burns)	
Mass	Dry mass w/ margin 1504 kg Wet mass 1702 kg Total (wet + adapter) 1697 kg	olar
Dimensions	Launch conf.: 4.23 m x 3.02 m Deployed conf.: 4.23 m x 4.40 m	
Payload	1x InfraRed Telescope (IRT) 2x X-Gamma-rays Imaging Spect 4x Soft X-ray Imager (SXI) 2x Radiation monitors	

The Soft X-ray Imager (SXI)



4 DUs, each has a ~ 31 x 26 degree FoV



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Energy band (keV)	0.3-5
Telescope type:	Lobster eye
Optics aperture (mm2)	320x320
Optics configuration	8x8 square pore MCPs
MCP size (mm2)	40x40
Focal length (mm)	300
Focal plane shape	spherical
Focal plane detectors	CCD array
Size of each CCD (mm2)	81.2x67.7
Pixel size (µm)	18
Pixel Number	4510 x 3758 per CCD
Number of CCDs	4
Field of View (square deg)	~1sr
Angular accuracy (best, worst)	(<10, 105)
(arcsec)	
Power [W]	27,8
Mass [kg]	40 18

Table 4 :: SXI detector unit main physical characteristics

The triggering algorithm



A two stage trigger algorithm:

Top left-hand panel: defining a square around the an initial guess position: the detected event distribution $\Delta T=4$ seconds and a source count rate of 40 cts s⁻¹ over the full PSF are shown.

The Top right-hand panel: the detected event distribution in the selected patch of sky aligned to the cross-arm axes of the PSF (shown as the red rectangle in the top lefthand panel).

The red cross-patch indicates the area used for the second stage of the algorithm.

Bottom panels: the histograms along columns and rows in the patch, where the 2x1D maxima are looked for.

GW/multi-messenger and time-domain astrophysics



integration time s

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X-Gamma-ray Imaging Spectrometer (XGIS)

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				Energy band # detection plane modules # of detector pixel / module pixel size (= mask element size) Low-energy detector (2-30 keV) High energy detector (> 30 keV) Discrimination Si/CsI(Tl) detection Dimension [cm] Power [W]	2 keV – 20 MeV 4 32×32 5×5 mm Silicon Drift Detector 450 µm thick CsI(Tl) (3 cm thick) Pulse shape analysis 50×50×85 30,0
	2-30 keV	30-150 keV	>150 keV	Mass [kg]	3/.3
Fully coded FOV	9 x 9 deg ²				
Half sens. FOV	50 x 50 deg ²	50 x 50 deg ² (FWHM)			
Total FOV	64 x 64 deg ²	85 x 85 deg² (FWZR)	2π sr		
Ang. res	25 arcmin			Extends the FOV beyon	a the SXI
Source location accuracy	~5 arcmin (for >6 σ source)			Provides better spectra	l characterization
Energy res	200 eV FWHM @ 6 keV	18 % FWHM @ 60 keV	6 % FWHM @ 500 keV	-	

1 µsec

Timing res.

1 µsec

1 µsec

The InfraRed Telescope (IRT)

Primary & Secondary size:	700 mm & 230 mm			
Material:	SiC (for both optics a	nd optical tube assembl	y)	
Detector type:	Teledyne Hawaii-2RC	6 2048 x 2048 pixels (18	β µm each)	
Imaging plate scale	0".3/pixel			
Field of view:	10' x 10'	10' x 10'	5' x 5'	
Resolution $(\lambda/\Delta\lambda)$:	2-3 (imaging)	20 (low-res)	500 (high-res), goal 1000	
Sensitivity (AB mag):	H = 20.6 (300s)	H = 18.5 (300s)	H = 17.5 (1800s)	
Filters:	ZYJH	Prism	VPH grating	
Wavelength range (µm):	0.7-1.8 (imaging)	0.7-1.8 (low-res)	0.7-1.8 (high-res, TBC)	
Total envelope size (mm):	800 Ø x 1800			
Power (W):	115 (50 W for thermal control)			
Mass (kg):	112.6			

□ THESEUS will have the ideal combination of instrumentation and mission profile for detecting all types of GRBs (long, short/hard, weak/soft, high-redshift), localizing them from a few arc min down to arc sec and measure the redshift for a large fraction of them



□ Shedding light on the early Universe with GRBs



THESEUS	All	z > 5	z > 8	z > 10
GRB#/yr				
Detections	387 - 870	25-60	4 - 10	2 - 4
Photometric z		25 - 60	4 - 10	2 - 4
Spectroscopic z	156 - 350	10 - 20	1 - 3	0.5 - 1



GW170817/SSS17a seen by Theseus IRT in H band



Star formation history, primordial galaxies



ELT TMT GMT

Neutral fraction of IGM, ionizing radiation escape fraction

z=8.2 simulated ELT afterglow spectrum





GRB accurate localization and NIR, X-ray, Gamma-ray characterization, <u>redshift</u>











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ATHENA

Cosmic

chemical

evolution,

Pop III

Energy (keV)

THESEUS SYNERGIES

NS-BH/NS-NS merger physics/host galaxy identification/formation history/kilonova identification





LSST

The THESEUS Consortium

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Payload consortium: Italy, UK, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Ireland, Hungary, Slovenia , ESA

Interested international partners: USA, China, Brazil

THESEUS Organisation (CDF Product Tree)





France is leading the development of the IRT, and is resposible of the VHF alert receiving network (reuse of the SVOM VHF system)

Two French members (out of 11) in the of the THESEUS Science Study Team, responsible of the THESEUS mission Scientific Requirements Document

Science Activities for Phase A





WG scheme and coordinators

SWG0- Scientific Coordination (L. Amati, P. O'Brien, D. Götz, E. Bozzo)

- SWG1 Exploring the early Universe with GRBs (N. Tanvir, L. Christensen, E. Le Floc'h)
- SWG2 Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (G. Stratta, R. Ciolfi, S. Paltani)
- □ SWG3 Exploring the time domain Universe (or "Non-GRB transients") (L. Hanlon, M. Caballero-Garcia, S. Mereghetti)
- SWG4 Populations synthesis models (G. Ghirlanda, R. Salvaterra, J. Osborne)

SWG5 - Synergies with future large observatories (S. Basa, P. Rosati, M. Branchesi)

- SWG5.1 Theseus after SVOM, EP, and GRB missions of the 20s: B. Cordier
- SWG5.2 Theseus Athena (P. O'Brien)
- SWG5.3 Theseus LISA (A. Sesana)
- SWG5.4 Theseus 3G GW detectors (ET, CE) (M. Maggiore)
- SWG5.5 Theseus- SKA, Alma and large radio facilities (A. Ferrara)
- SWG5.6 Theseus- Extremely large tel. (ELT/TMT) synergies: (S. Vergani)
- SWG5.7 Theseus- CTA synergies: (F. Schüssler)

SWG6 – Observatory science (A. Blain, A. Castro-Tirado, A. De Rosa)

TSST Members

Perspective time line

by end of September 2019

- •WG sections on Theseus website
- Call to the consortium members for confirming / asking membership
- Message to the worldwide community for updating on Theseus study and inviting to join WGs

by end of October 2019

- Activation of WGs: interaction of WG coordinators with scientific coordinator to further discuss and better focus the activities
- Interaction of WG coordinators with WG members, so to activate them and provide a first idea of main tasks and timeline
- Addressing specific urgent tasks: supporting the TSST for addressing instrumental trade-offs

from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020

- Start preliminary discussions on structure, content and needed investigations for yellow book structure of science sections (meeting in late 2019)
- THESEUS science meeting (with WGs splinter sessions): March April 2020 (TBC)
- Presentations of status of work at THESEUS conference in Malaga (12-15 May 2020)