Data access challenges for the eLISA gravitational space mission



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The frequency spectrum of gravitational waves





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The Gravitational Universe

A science theme addressed by the eLISA mission observing the entire Universe



The last century has seen enormous progress in our understanding of the Universe. We know the life cycles of stars, the structure of galaxies, the remnants of the big bang, and have a general understanding of how the Universe evolved. We have come remarkably far using electromagnetic radiation as our tool for observing the Universe. However, gravity is the engine behind many of the processes in the Universe, and much of its action is dark. Opening a gravitational window on the Universe will let us go further than any alternative. Gravity has its own messenger: Gravitational waves, ripples in the fabric of spacetime. They travel essentially undisturbed and let us peer deep into the formation of the first seed black holes, exploring redshifts as large as z - 20, prior to the epoch of cosmic re-ionisation. Exauisite and unprecedented measurements of black hole masses and spins will make it possible to trace the history of black holes across all stages of galaxy evolution, and at the same time constrain any deviation from the Kerr metric of General Relativity. eLISA will be the first ever mission to study the entire Universe with gravitational waves. eLISA is an all-sky monitor and will offer a wide view of a dynamic cosmos using gravitational waves as new and unique messengers to unveil The Gravitational Universe. It provides the closest ever view of the early processes at TeV energies, has guaranteed sources in the form of verification binaries in the Milky Way, and can probe the entire Universe, from its smallest scales around singularities and black

holes, all the way to cosmological dimensions.

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<u>Some principles to redefine the mission LISA → NGO:</u>

- Keep the same principle of measurement and the same payload concept
- Innovate the least possible with respect to LISAPathfinder
- Optimize the orbit and the launcher: remove masse
- Simplify the payload

Solutions

- Remove one of the triangle arms: mother-daughter configuration
- Reduce the arm length from 5 Mkm to 1 Mkm
- New orbit closer to Earth (drift away)
- Inertial sensor identical to LISAPathfinder
- Nominal mission length: 2 years (ext. to 5 years)



Roadmap for eLISA



The European consortium for eLISA



The science of eLISA





Sensitivity $(1/\sqrt{Hz})$ (i.e. equivalent-strain rms PSD)



Test of gravity in strong regime







Gravitational waves produced by massive objects (stars or black holes of mass10 to $100 M_{\odot}$) falling into the horizon of a supermassive black hole.

Allows to identify in a unique way the geometry of space-time close to a black hole (the object cycles some 10⁵ times before plunging into the horizon)

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Data analysis



Challenge: signals from the whole Universe all with a latge S/N ratio. How to separate them?

(≠ ground interferometers)

important progress of the analysis methods these last years thanks to the Mock LISA Data Challenge



Data processing

Data policy: all data publicly released



Centre François Arago (APC): external data center for the LISAPathfinder mission (2015-2016) foreseen data processing center for eLISA





François Arago Centre (FACe)

LISAPathfinder exercise at FACe





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People matter, results count.

The purpose of the study:

Following theAPC study of a DPC for the L1 proposal, it was decided to request CNES to perform a "Phase 0" study to consolidate the evaluation of human resources and of the cost of the infrastructure.

The aim was to evaluate costs relative to the French contribution and the fraction of this that the CNES would cover.

As the eLISA DPC was the first one to address the problem of data analysis of a GW mission in space, the phase 0 was also the occasion to see what sort of innovative solutions could be envisioned.





The study has identified a number of items:

- The eLISA DPC will be the first one of its kind and certain risks/issues can be identified:
 - The uncertainty in the number of sources which will be detected,
 - The CPU power necessary for specific events, e.g coalescences of MBHB,
 - The relation between the SOC/IOTs and the DPC, particularly in relation to data quality.
 - The assumed launch date (2034) and the development of the DPC up to the launch.
- The evaluation was based on a 2034 launch and 5 year mission + 2 years Post-Op.
- After evaluation, the amount of storage was not considered to be a driver,
- The need for "software assistance" to the pipeline consortium programmers was identified.
- The MLDCs were considered as a valuable tool to define the requirements of the DPC, particularly up to mission selection.
- A development platform (software, input/output conventions, databases, version control,...) should be defined/adopted by the consortium and tested during the upcoming MeLDCs
- The study suggests that the period up to mission selection should be used to define an "Early DPC Setup". It recommends that CNES assists the consortium in this period.

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Physical Infrastructures criteria &



Physical Infrastructures scenarios:

Frontier may depends on scenario & technology. Example: hadoop as-a-service could be in « OS » layer	chrane eLISA-dedicated infrastructures	tespensotic Mutualized infrastructures, eLISA consortium ownership & control	S Scenario 3 Cloud infrastructures, Reserved instances	Scenario 4 Cloud infrastructures, On-demand instances		
Pipelines & Algorithms	Desi	Designed, Owned & Operated by NGO Consortium				
NGO Reference Platform (Software)	Designed, Owned & Operated by NGO Consortium	Designed, Owned and mostly Operated by NGO Consortium. Low-level layers could be operated by key partners or third-party				
Operating System (OS)	Controlled & Operated by	Controlled & Operated by NGO Consortium or	Controlled & Operated by third- party			
Hardware	NGO Consortium	key partners (eg: IN2P3, helix nebula)				



 These scenarios are characterized by an initial investment equals to maximum needs to be sure to be able to cover resource needs This scenario maximizes resource allocation by providing ondemand hosting according to on-the-fly needs. It allows managing resource needs, without facing any initial investment: resource allocation depends upon the instantaneous needs of the resources





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Cost and Human ressources

			Phase 0, A		Phases B, C Phases C, D		Phase E1, E2	
	Items	Actor	2014 to 2018 (per year)	2018 to 2020 (per year)	2020 to 2028 (per year)	2028 to 2034 (per year)	2034 to 2036 (per year)	2036 to 2041 (per year)
Human Resources (FTE)	Governance : DPC Manager	APC	0,25	0,25	1	1	1	1
	Governance : DPC Scientist	APC	0,25	0,25	1	1	1	1
	Governance: DPC System Team leader	CNES	0,05	0,25	1	1	1	1
	Science Operations	APC	1	0	0	1	2	2
	L2 & Simulation IT Support	CNES	0,05	0,5	1	2,5	2	1
	Reference Platform Development & Operations (System Team)	CNES	0.5	0,5	2,5	3	2	2
	Total FTE (per year)		.1	1,75	6,5	9,5	9	8
	Total man.year		2,	3,5	52	57	18	40

Early DPC

Why start so early?

• allow as soon as possible the community to develop code in a coordinated way: this is very important if one has to release the data publicly.

coordinate with the ground interferometers

• the data will address a large community (astrophysicists) which is not used to this kind of data: provide simulated data and associated software to get acquainted with such data.

• because this is a discovery mission, the development of code will not stop with the launch: conceive the centre and its development platform in way that allows flexibility and adapt to new discoveries or new theories; better start early to benefit evolution of thinking in coming years.



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