

FREE SPACE OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND QUANTUM COMMUNICATIONS

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PRE CO-OP - Very High Throughput Satellite-Ground Optical Link

/// Develop building blocks for GEO VHTS Optical Feeder links

/// (V)HTS Feeder Links

- Asymmetric bidirectional link
- 38 000 km incl. atmosphere
- Capacity class : 100 Gbps – 1 Tbps
- Feeder link availability : > 99.9 %

/// Comm link technology

- C+L-band, 1550nm technology, WDM
- **Coherent Optical Communication**

/// Consortium

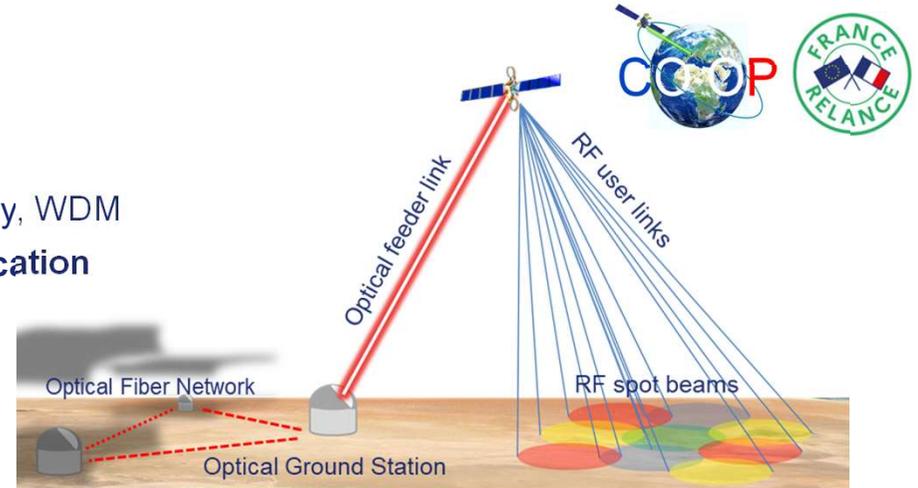
- **Under CNES supervision**, funded by the French « Plan de relance »
- System primes: ADS, TAS, SAFRAN (OGS)
- 17 partners, ADS Leading the consortium



✓ Building Blocks in 2024

/// TAS

- System Architecture, Digital Signal Processing, Digital Processing Unit, Optical Front End, Telescope
- Optical Head Unit developed in TAS CH through ESA/ARTES



TAS Telescopes product line

VERTIGO - VERy high Throughput Satellite-Ground Optical Link



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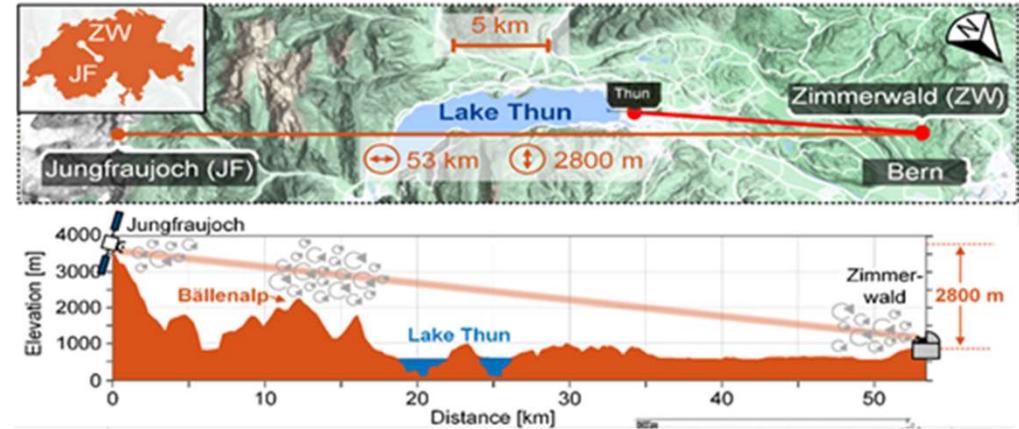
/// 2 RECORDS :

/ 1 Tb/s Line rate over 53 km optical path

- Jungfrauoch (Space Terminal Emulator) and
- Zimmerwald (Single aperture OGS with Adaptive Optics)

✓ Adaptive Optics

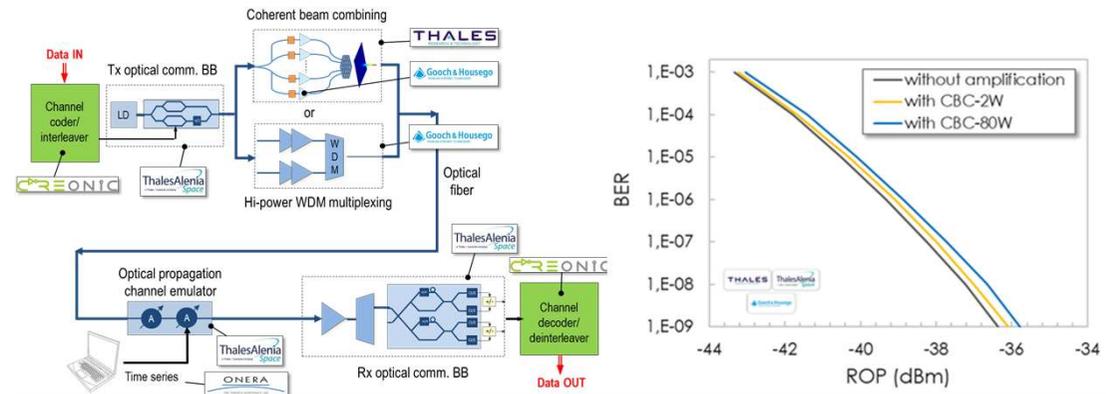
- Coherent transmission QPSK, 16 and 64QAM modulation formats



/ High power telecom transmission with coherent beam combining

- DPSK 25G transmission at 97W at single wavelength

✓ Coherent Beam Combining



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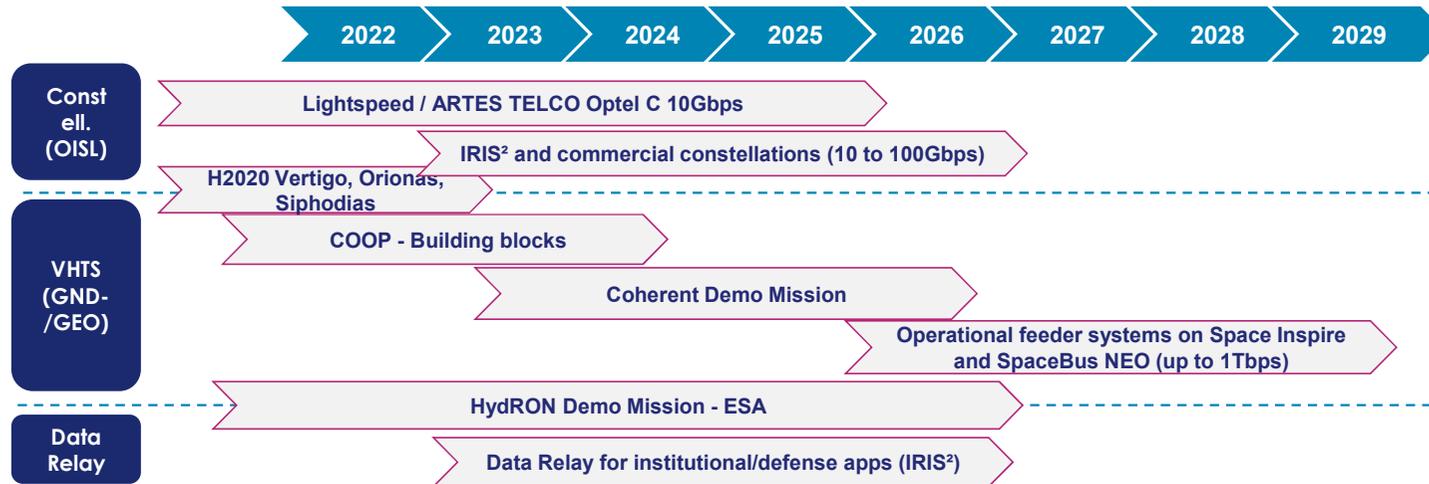
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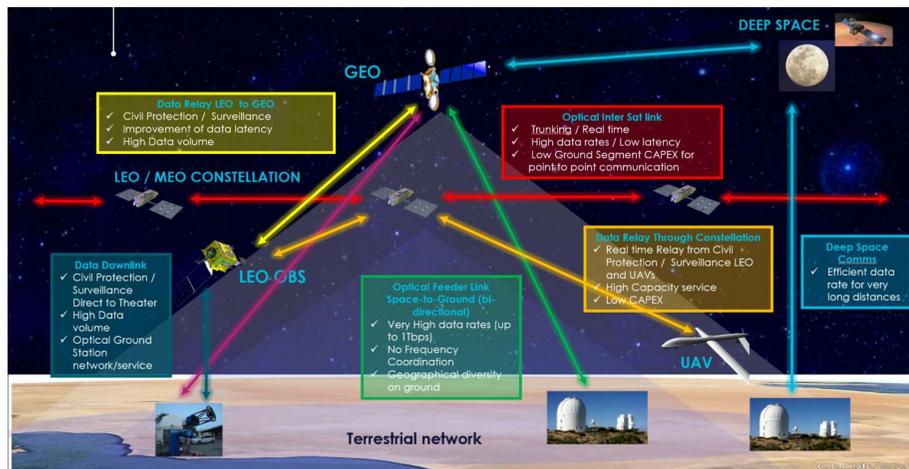
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FREE SPACE OPTICAL COMMS ROADMAP



✓ Game changers
On going



IRIS² and commercial constellations

- ISL maturity & mass production
- Data relay competitive service

VHTS Demo Mission

- Bi directional GEO/GND link
- Coherent, multi wavelengths system – Adaptive optics on ground

HydRON Demo Mission

- GEO/LEO/GND network demonstrator to prepare “Fiber in the sky”
- Building blocks with standards/interoperability objective

TeQuants Quantum Technologies



/// Team managed by Thales Alenia Space in ESA/ARTES



/// Addressing both *Quantum Key Distribution (Prepare and Measure and Entangled Based systems)* and *Quantum Information Network Applications*

/// Roles and Objectives :

- / **SYSTEM DESIGN**
 - TAS & ADS
- / **ON BOARD OPTICAL TERMINAL**
 - ADS / BERTIN
- / **QUANTUM SUB SYSTEM**
 - TAS / AUREA / SIGMAWORKS
- / **OPTICAL GROUND STATION**
 - OGSTech/ALPAO
- / **PHOTONS SOURCES & DETECTORS**
 - AUREA
- / **ATMOSPHERIC METROLOGY**
 - MIRATLAS
- / **EXPERTS SUPPORT**
 - LIP6 / INPHYNI / QTLabs



✓ Building Blocks in 2024/2025

OPTICAL COMMS AND QUANTUM IN TAS & THALES

THALES LAS

- Large series AIT + air, naval and ground market

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- Optical comms air, naval, ground systems and Quantum Ground systems, Security
- FRANCEQCI, PETRUS, QKISS

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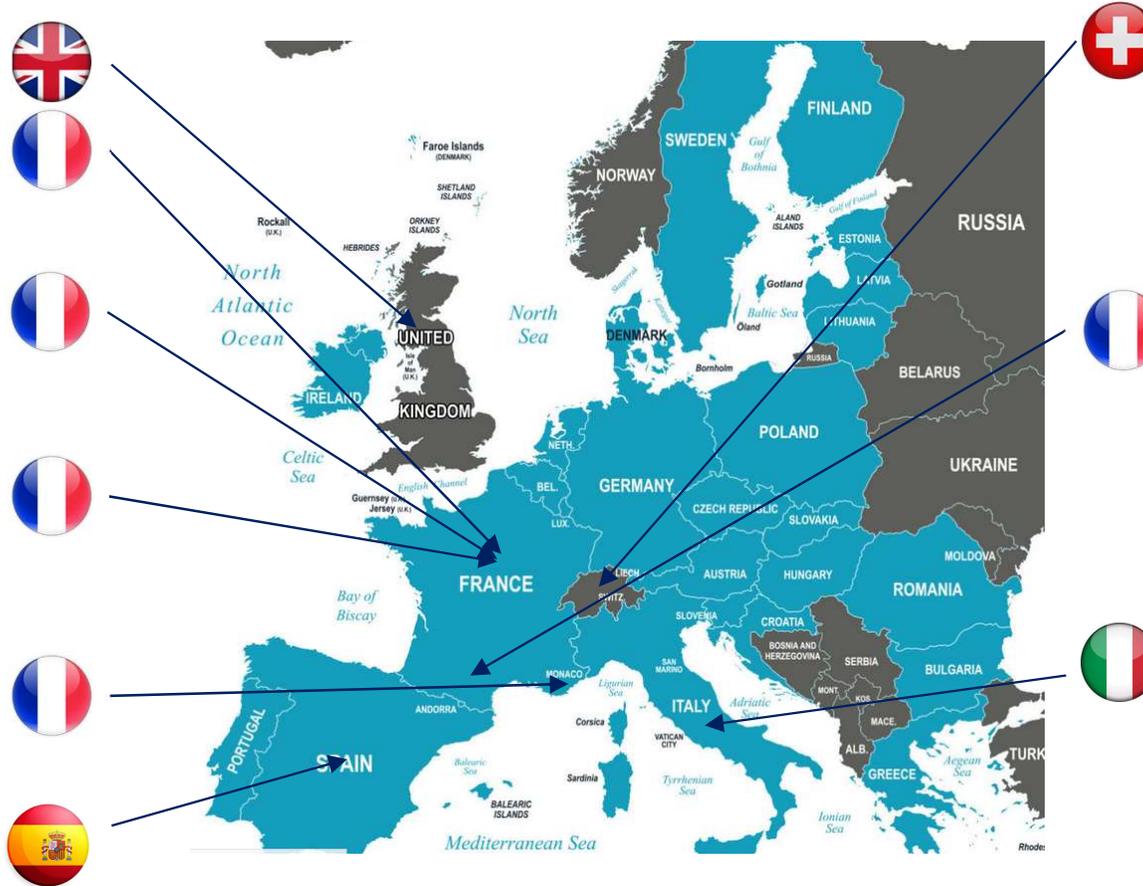
- PIC, CBC, Test lab
- VERTIGO

TAS in F

- Telescopes for GEO apps
- COOP

TAS in S

- GEO QKD system design
- CARAMUEL



TAS in CH

- Optical Terminals
- TELCO for OPTEL C
- T-OFL for GEO apps
- VERTIGO
- SAGA

TAS in F

- Constellations, GEO , and Quantum systems and architecture
- Photonics units
- Cybersecurity
- DYSCO, COOP, VERTIGO, TEQUANTS
- TEQUANTS, FRANCEQCI, PETRUS

TAS in I

- Optical comms systems and quantum systems
- HYDRON
- SAGA, QuDICE, QUID

Team for Secured and Efficient Communications

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