

# Discussion Points for Splinter Sessions

Project Scientists



**Ocean Surface Topography Science Team Meeting (OSTST)**  
21-25 October, 2019  
Chicago, Illinois

TOPEX/Poseidon 1992-2006  
Jason 1 2001-2013  
OSTM/Jason 2 2008  
Jason 3 2014  
Sentinel-6A 2020  
Sentinel-6B 2025

    

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The banner features a dark blue background with a view of Earth from space and the Moon. A curved path of satellite orbits is shown, with labels for various ocean surface topography satellites: TOPEX/Poseidon (1992-2006), Jason 1 (2001-2013), OSTM/Jason 2 (2008), Jason 3 (2014), Sentinel-6A (2020), and Sentinel-6B (2025). At the bottom, logos for the participating agencies are displayed: cnes, NOAA, NASA, EUMETSAT, and esa.

# Discussion questions

## Jason-2 issues

Interest in reprocessing the last part of the 2nd LRO not available in GDR?

## Jason-3 issues

- Should Jason-3 be placed in an interleaved orbit (like Jason-2)? Or should Jason-3 go directly into a geodetic phase? Likely End 2021.
- What end-of-life orbits should be considered for after the interleaved phase?
- Reconstitute an EoL group to study possibilities?

## Other

- **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- Value of extending the reference period to 30 years?
- MDT issues – MSS-> MDT errors.
- Data for validation (Independent satellite)
- MSS with/without DAC(IB)

## Other from organizers

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## The Future of the OSTST

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## 5G Contamination

Concerns have been raised on radio frequency interference from the 5G spectrum on the 23.8 GHz radiometer channel

- Splinters are encouraged to comment on the possible impacts of 5G interference.
- Are any additional studies needed to determine the risk to altimetry?

## **Sentinel-3 altimeter stability**

**A stability issue has been identified in the Sentinel-3A altimeter.**

**What cal/val and instrument processing studies should be conducted in advance of Sentinel-6/Jason-CS? Sentinel-3A could be a good testbed for these studies.**

## Sentinel-6/Jason-CS Annual Reprocessing

- Notes:
  - Jason-2/3 products are to be updated to GDR-F standards and format, which is consistent with the Jason-CS standards and format at launch
  - From experience, because most evolutions are instrument specific (e.g. sea state bias), many S6/JCS updates would not break the consistency



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J3 orbit change?

