

# **Aura Mission Planning Tool**





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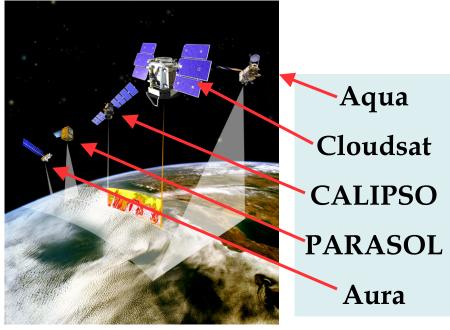
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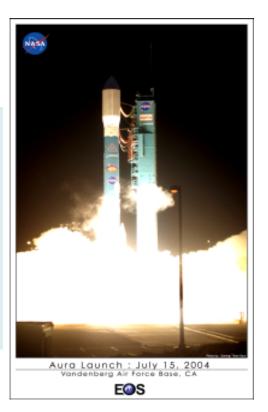
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#### **EOS Mission's A- Train**







- •Earth Observing System (EOS) Aqua Launched 4 May 2002
- •Earth Observing System (EOS) Aura Launched 15 July 2004
- •Frozen, Sun-synchronous, 98.2-degree inclination
- •705-km mean altitude over Equator, 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ascending node mean local time
- •Aura's mission is to study the Earth's ozone, air quality and climate. This mission is designed exclusively to conduct research on the composition, chemistry and dynamics of the Earth's upper and lower atmosphere employing multiple instruments on a single satellite.

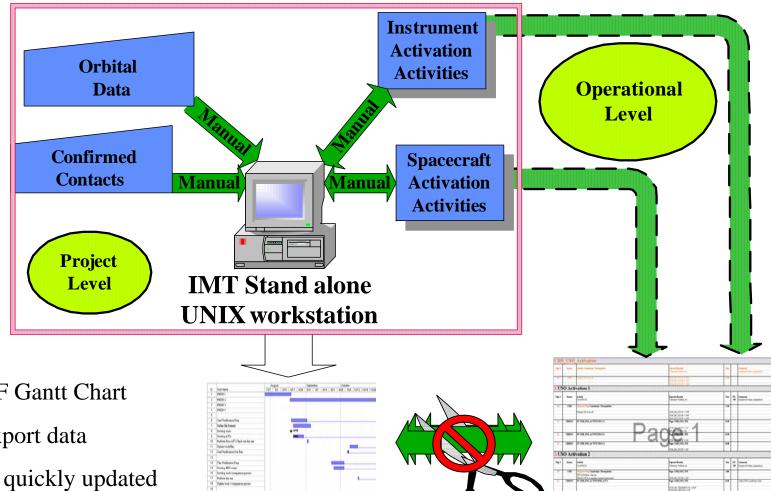


#### **How We Got Here**

- Heritage
  - Typically no tool had been used for Early Orbit Activation Planning and Execution
- Problem
  - Pre Launch Planning provided a static plan.
    - » It was only useful as reference.
  - Activation Planning was done by hand
    - » Inefficient and inflexible
- Aura's Headstart
  - Earth Observing System (EOS) Common Spacecraft Bus
    - » Time could be devoted to improvements
  - Aqua's Launch Team transitioned to the Aura Project.
  - The Ops Concepts of the Aqua and Aura were almost identical
  - Shared resources were on hand and available
    - » Less overhead incurred in the development of this Tool.



## Heritage Pre Launch Planning



-Hi Level PDF Gantt Chart

-No way to export data

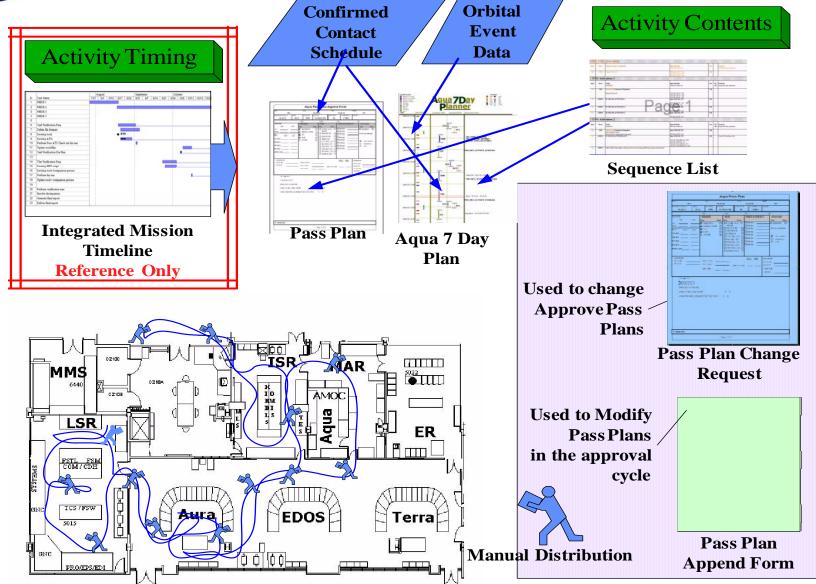
-Could not be quickly updated to display actual times

**Integrated Mission Timeline** 

Sequence List Activity Details Gleanned from SC Testing and Product development



# **Launch Operations**



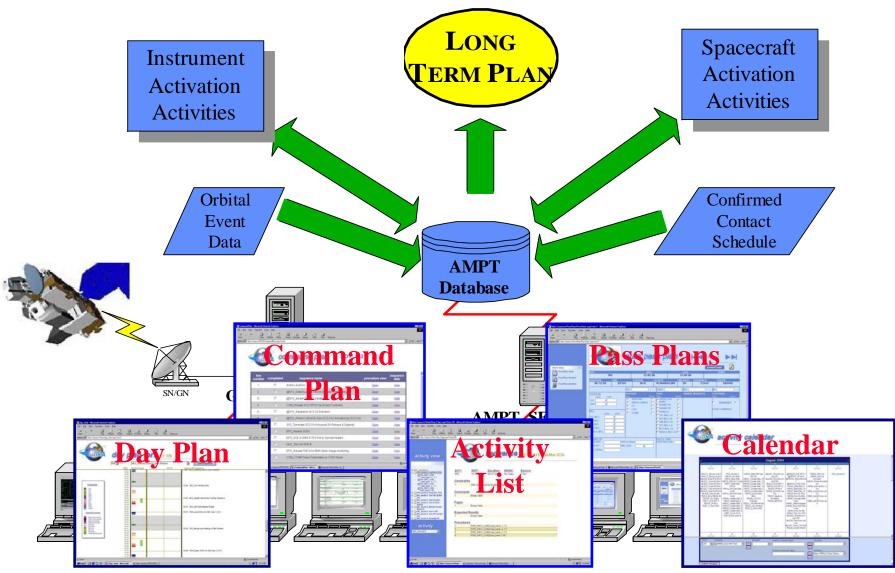


#### **Solution**

- Develop a tool that will be used for the Activation Timeline from inception to execution
- Aura Mission Planning Tool
  - Database driven, web hosted tool to perform all planning functions and change request processes
  - Dynamic mission planning tool to coordinate flight operations.
    - » Planning Products
      - Launch Activity Data
      - Long Term Calendar
      - Day Plan
    - » Execution Products
      - Change Request
      - Command Plan
      - Pass Plans
  - Mission Phases supported
    - » pre-launch LEO timeline development
    - » Spacecraft Tests with SC Manufacturer
    - » Mission Rehearsals
    - » LEO replanning,

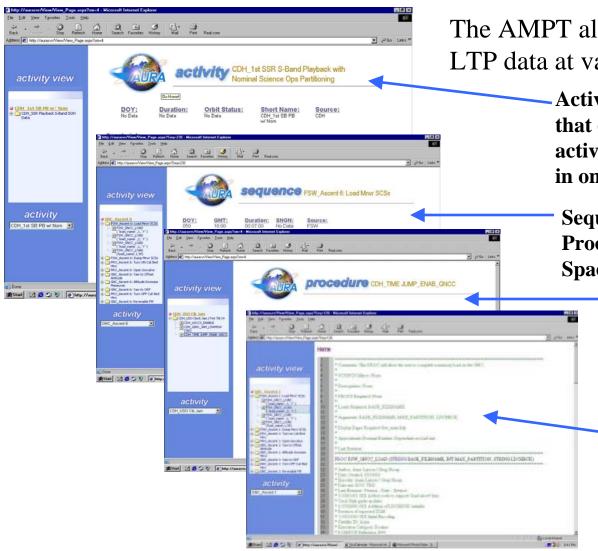


# **Aura Ops Concept**





### **Long Term Plan Activities Structures**



The AMPT allows the FST to view the LTP data at various levels of details.

Activity: A group of related Sequences that can performs an iterative step in the activation process and can be completed in one day

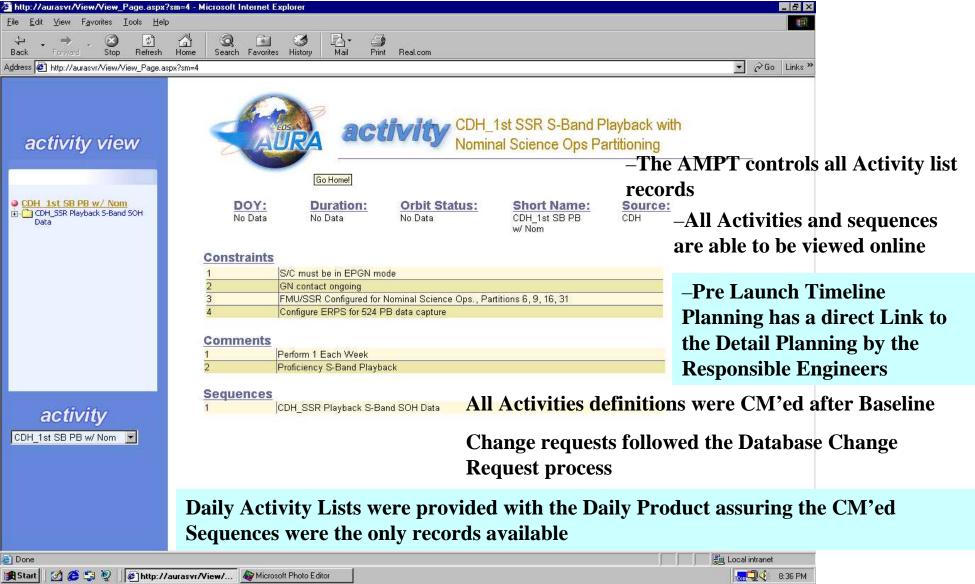
Sequence: A group of related CECIL Proc's that must be run during a single Spacecraft Contact

> Procedure: Cecil Procs with Augments, all Telemetry Verifiers and which telemetry pages to use to verify the Proc

Proc View: Opens Cecil Procs from Ground systems CM Directory



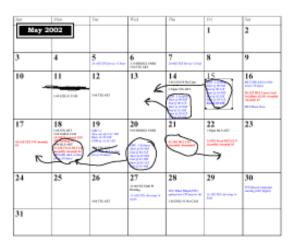
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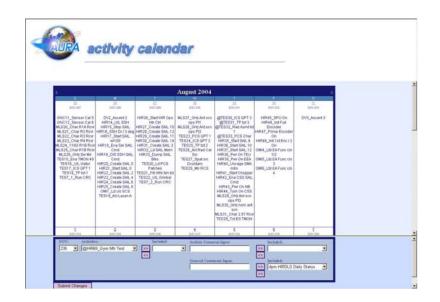




### **Long Term Calendar**

•Heritage Long Term Planning; Changes were made on a hard copy of a Mission Calendar which was provided back to the Planning Team so they could update their products

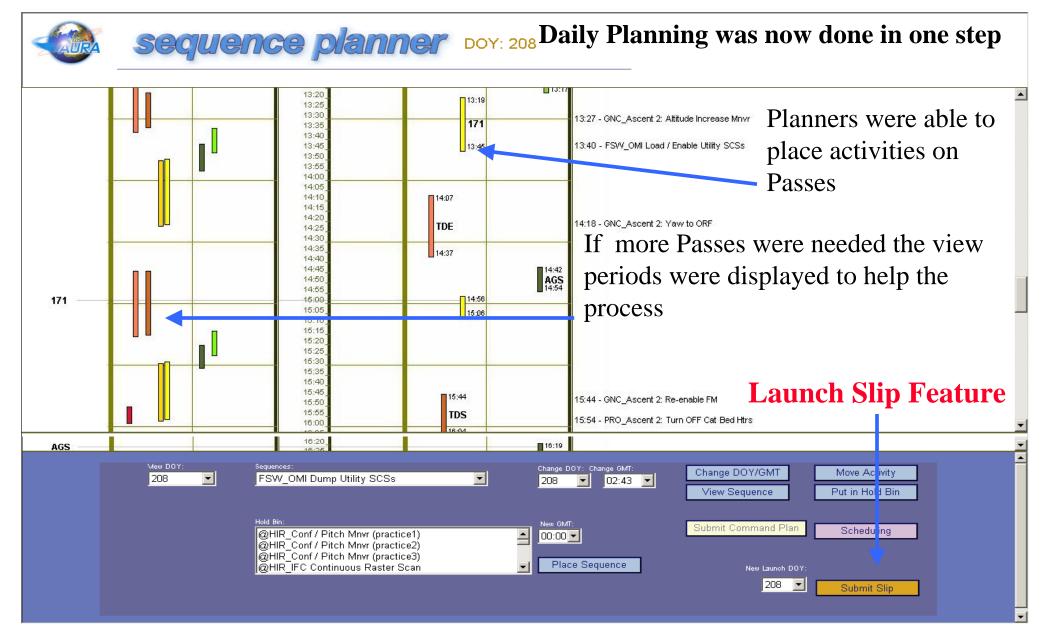




•Aura's Long Term Planning; Updates were made using Calendar edit page during the planning meeting. This was immediately reflected in the database



# **Daily Planning**





## **Long Term Plan Execution**

- The AMPT provided The Launch Team online access to all the Aura Planning and Execution Products.
- User Specific name and password for signature.
- The Flight Team Lead (FSTL) was provided a unique page to coordinate the daily activities.
- The Electronic Signature cycle was flexible
  - FSTL able to designate authorized signers.
- Online scorekeeping allowed a "As Run" document to be generated.
- The end result Execution of the Long Term Plan using the tool that built it!





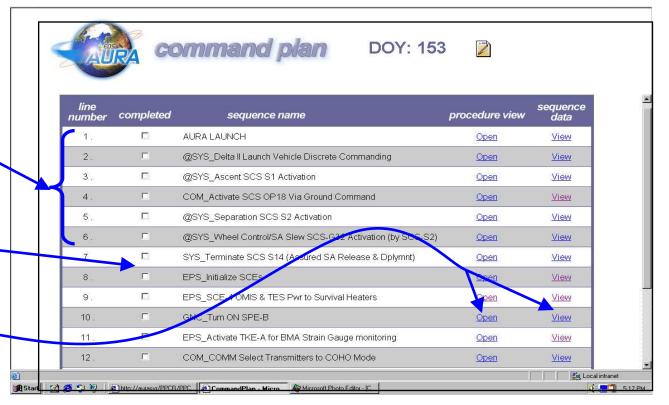
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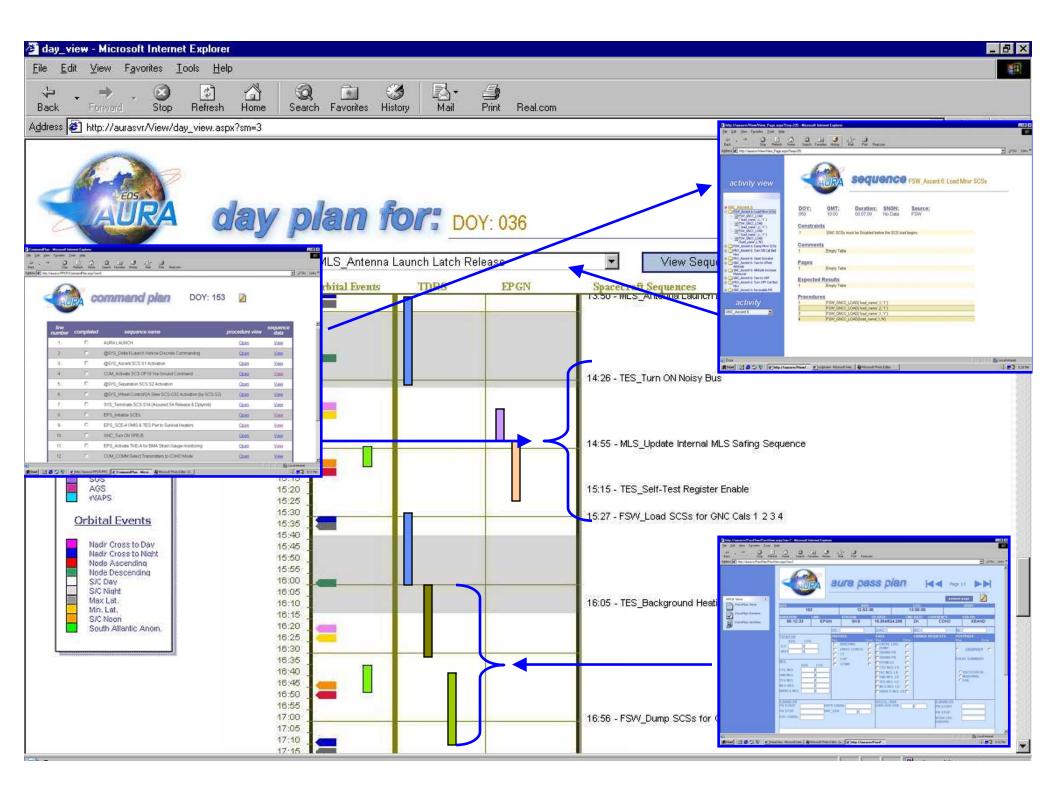
- The Command Plan was implemented as part of the Lessons Learned
  - Defines Order of Operation
  - Sequences are aligned with contacts on the Day Plan
  - Sequence and Procedure can marked completed

CR's will be required to reorder activities

FSTL has the ability to mark Sequence as completed for the "As Run" Detail

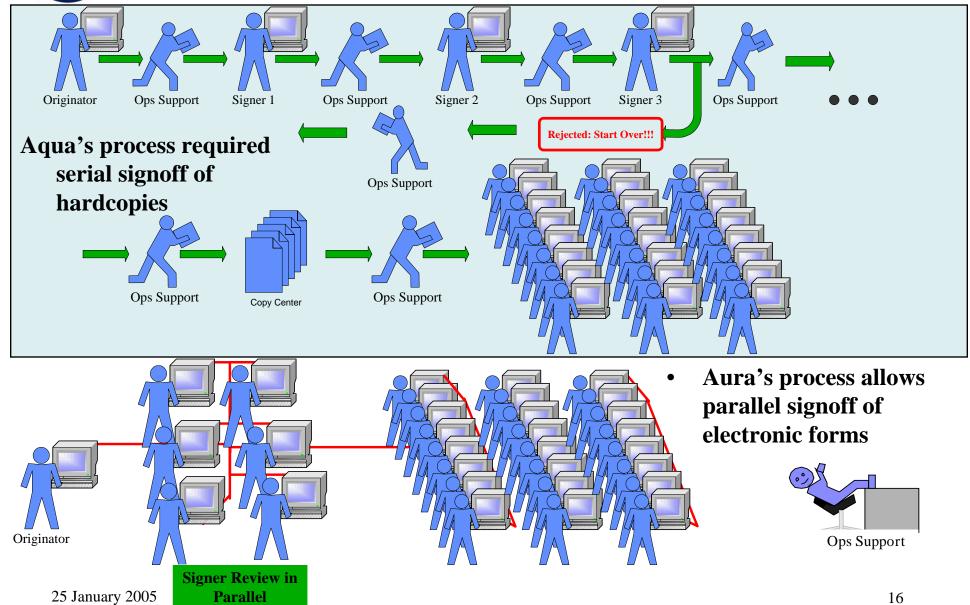
**The Command Plan Links to Proc and Sequence Details** 





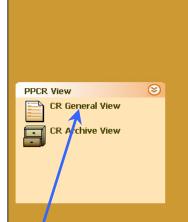


## **Electronic Signature**



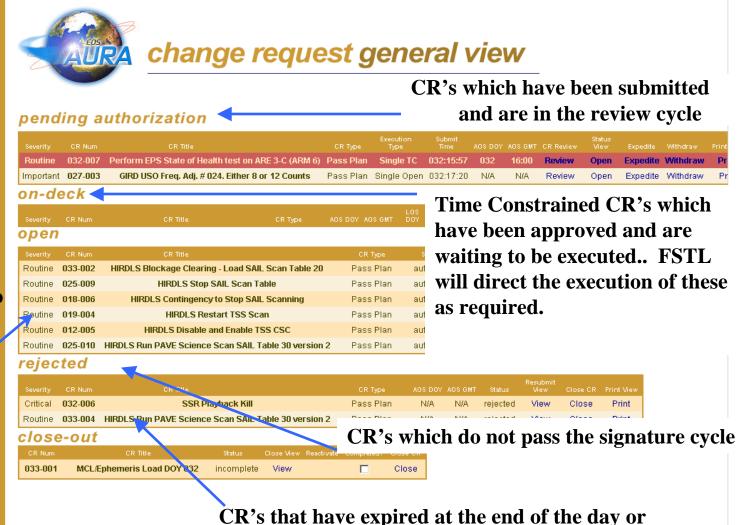


## **Change Request Classes**



Draft CR's allowed users flexibility and error Checking prior to submitting

CR's which are allowed Multiple execution over a Calendar Day.



after their execution window has closed



### **Summary**

- Aqua/Aura mission provided a unique opportunity to implement improvements.
- Available team members created the tool within scope and on time.
- Allowed all the *up front planning* efforts to directly <u>translate</u> into the execution of the activation timeline Major increase in efficiency.
- Flexible enough for pre-launch planning, testing and mission rehearsals.
- Robust enough for activation and checkout of the mission.
- Friendly enough for normal operations.
- On-line CR process was a significant improvement in the ops process.
- Implementing the Command plan was a major improvement in Operations and caused a decrease in CR's submitted.