SMART-1Technology Preparation for the Future

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Role of ESA's Technology Programmes

- Technology is a crucial pillar of ESA's work enabling our missions
- The basic technology research programme, TRP, is part of ESA's fundamental activities, established by the ESA Convention, like the Science Programme
- Technology plays a key role in the ESA/EC Joint European Strategy for Space



ESA's Technology Research & Development Programmes

Key Objectives

- Technological preparation of Europe's future space programmes
- Reinforce worldwide competitiveness of European industry
- Opportunities for innovative technology developments
- Spin-off to non-space applications

Execution in Mandatory & Optional Programmes



Examples of Technology Developments

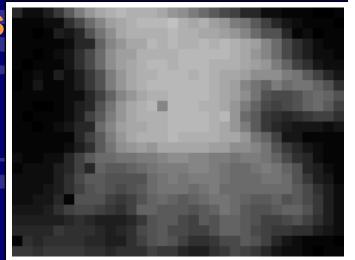
- Preparation of Europe's future programmes
 - Key enabling technology for GALILEO
 - Rubidium high precision clocks
 - Reinforce industry's competitiveness
 - Production of power amplifier for mobile communications satellite
 - Innovative technology developments



Star Tiger Project

The very first image 5th Sept.'02
Human hand at 32x32 pixels
Resolution at 200 Ghz





Spin-Off to Non-Space Applications: Mamagoose Pyjamas for Babies



Space Application:Study the Respiration of Astronauts

Non-Space Application:

Continuous monitoring of infants during sleep

(an alarm sounds at the first symptoms of a possible unexpected cot death)





SMART-1 Technology

SMART-1 is an Opportunity

Remember ...

...It takes 10 years to make a space mission a reality....

...It costs between 10.000 \$/kg and 100.000\$/kg to launch...

- ...Nobody will take a risk with unproven technology....
- ... In-Orbit Demonstration is the best answer....



SMART-1 Technology

- SMART-1 will demonstrate essential technology advances in:
 - Future Propulsion
 - Miniaturisation
 - Autonomy
 - Communication
 - Utilisation in future ESA missions





