1997 ASI Call for Ideas for 2 Small Missions.

end of 1997, first selection, AGILE among the 10 projects approved for Phase A.

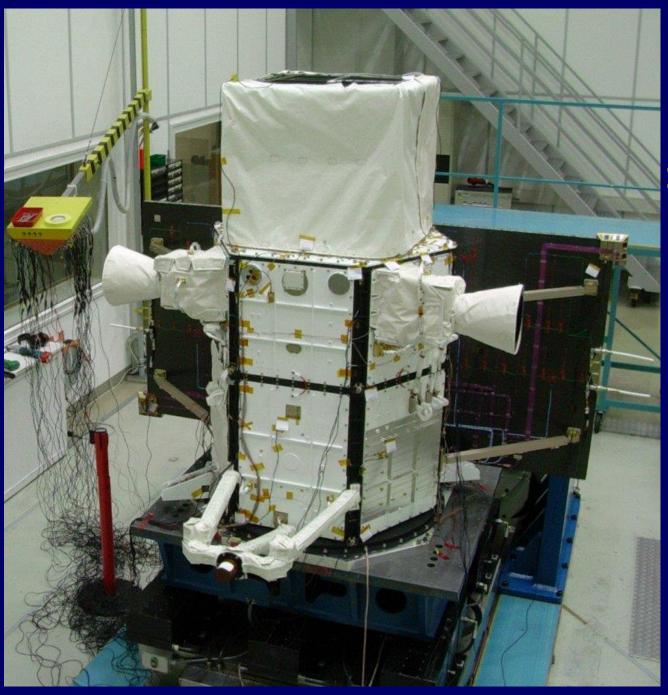
end of 1998, end of Phase A, ASI Conference. AGILE is selected for Phase B.

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2001, Pegasus not available anymore after 9/11, search for a new launcher.

2003, CDR.



Satellite AGILE (IABG, Monaco 16 giugno, 2006)

2005, choice of the Indian launcher PSLV.

Problem with ITAR on GPS

2005-2006, scientific calibration, completion of the AGILE satellite and Ground Segment.

23 April 2007, AGILE successfully launched in LEO equatorial orbit by the PSLV launcher from the Indian space base of Shriharikota.





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The MFA Director General for Multilateral Economic and Financial Affairs (The MFA's equivalent to ""E"") also had advised the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and the Ministry of Universities that launching AGILE from India could have negative consequences for bilateral economic relations.

May-July 2007, in orbit Commissioning.

August 2007, first gamma-ray sources detected by AGILE reported at the Stanford University meeting.

end of 2009, change from pointing to spinning mode.

2007-2023, AGILE scientific observations.

February 2024, AGILE reentry because of natural orbital decay.

AGILE scientific activity in orbit lasted 16 years and 10 months, a record for a Small Mission, surpassing in longevity any other satellite of the same class (e.g., the RHESSI NASA Explorer).