



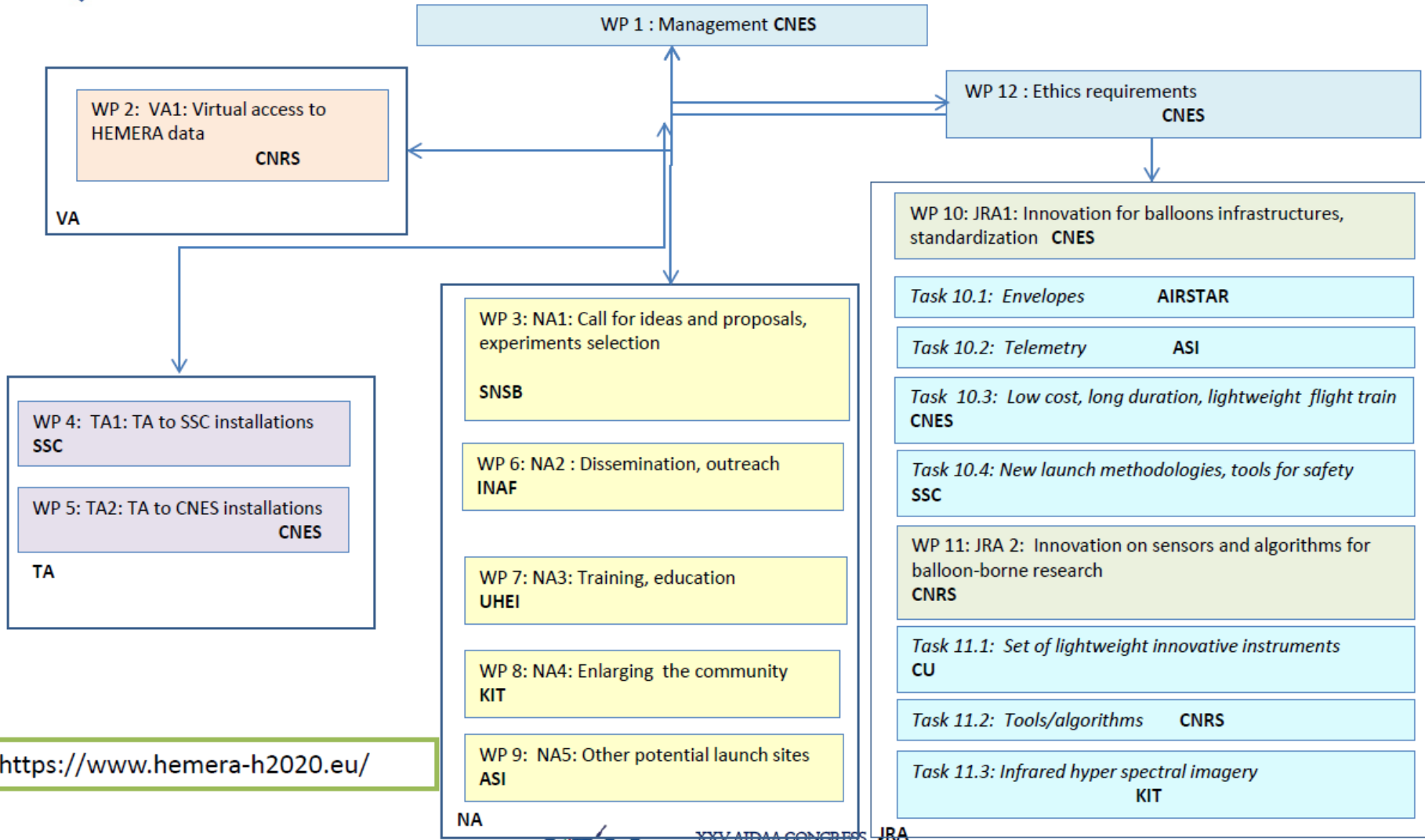
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# HEMERA

## Joint Research Activities Balloons technologies



# HEMERA Work Packages structure



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**Let us make a focus on WP dedicated to flights improvement**



# Better, faster, cheaper

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How can we improve stratospheric balloons flights ?

BETTER

FASTER

CHEAPER



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### BETTER

- Flight Duration
- Flight place
- Payload mass
- Payload telemetry
- Pointing accuracy
- Power available
- Enveloppe quality
- .....

### FASTER

- Launch weather
- Launch method
- Recovery easiness
- .....

### CHEAPER

- Hydrogen
- Flight chain simplification
- Payload interface standardization
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**Joined** Research Activities aims at improving balloons technologies and at fostering cooperation in ballooning technologies, at European level



# New Launch site study

Launch Place

	ZPB size	Mass at hook	To	Float	Duration	Slow descent	Recovery
Brazil, Teresina & Palmas	5k m <sup>3</sup> to 800k m <sup>3</sup>	150 kg to 2000 kg	East and West	30 to 40 km	38h max	Until 15 km	Brazil
Morocco, Guelmin	10k m <sup>3</sup> to 800k m <sup>3</sup>	10 kg to 2000 kg	East	30 to 40 km	40 h max	NA	Morocco
Italy, Sicily	10k m <sup>3</sup> to 800k m <sup>3</sup>	10 kg to 2000 kg	West to South of Spain	30 to 40 km	24 h max	Until 15 km	South of Spain
Kenya, Malindi	10k m <sup>3</sup> to 100k m <sup>3</sup>	10 kg to 200kg	West and/or East (depending on year)	30 to 40 km	4-6dd max	Until 15 km	Sea / islands / Kenya / South America (e.g.)
Antarctica, Troll & Zuchelli	10k m <sup>3</sup> to 1200k m <sup>3</sup>	10 kg to 2000kg	Circumpolar	30 to 40 km	60dd max	Until 15 km	Antarctica
Svalbard	10k m <sup>3</sup> to 1200k m <sup>3</sup>	10 kg to 2000kg	Circumpolar	30 to 40 km	40dd max	Until 15 km	Canada/ Greenland America

Launch method

Balloons Enlarging

Flight strain simplification

TM/TC Improvement

Pointing accuracy

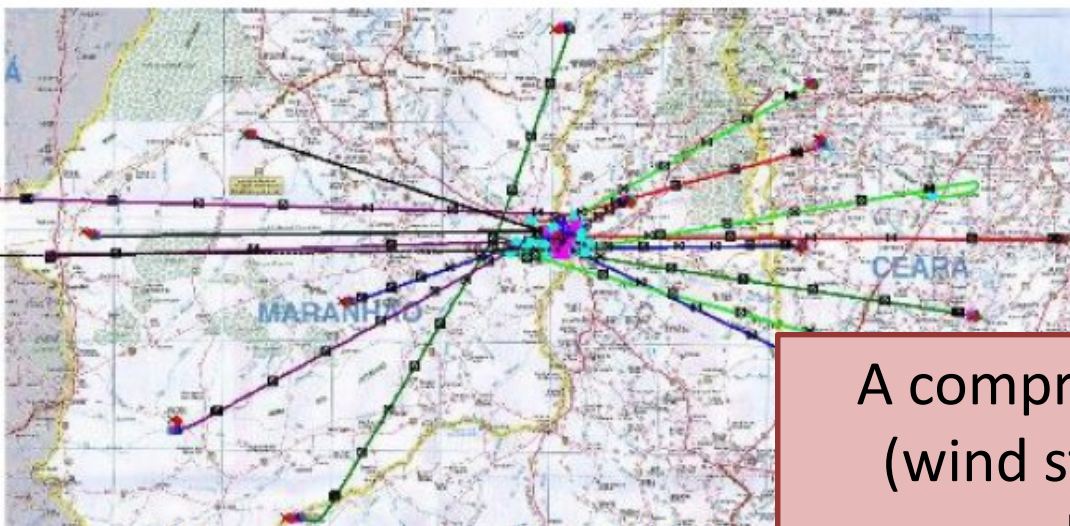


Figure 12.7.10 Constant ceiling flight during April-June period

A comprehensive study (wind study, recovery places, ...)



# New Launch method review



Launch with Hercules Vehicle



Launch Place

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# Balloon envelope : range enlarging



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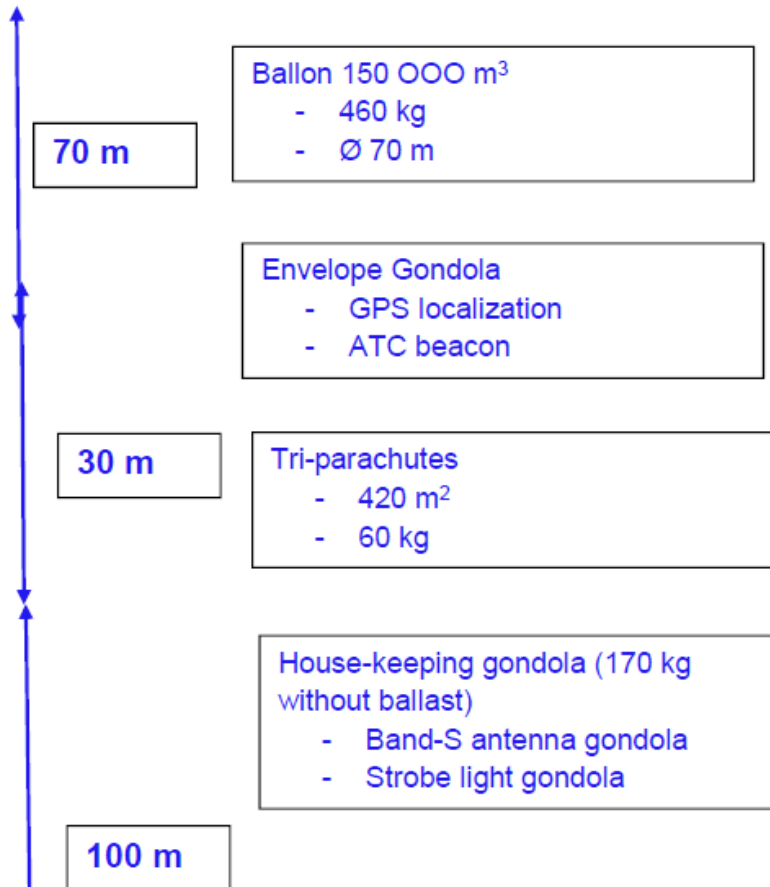
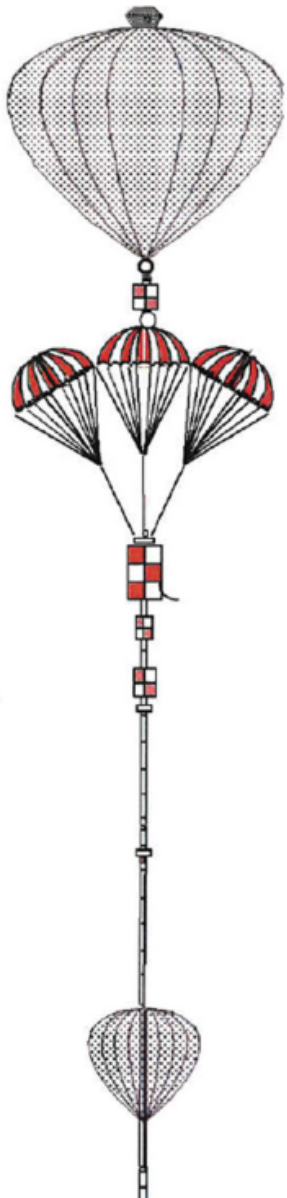
Pointing accuracy

A large balloon (900 000m<sup>3</sup>) developed for the European scientists





# Flight train standardization



Ballon 150 000 m<sup>3</sup>  
- 460 kg  
- Ø 70 m

Envelope Gondola  
- GPS localization  
- ATC beacon

Tri-parachutes  
- 420 m<sup>2</sup>  
- 60 kg

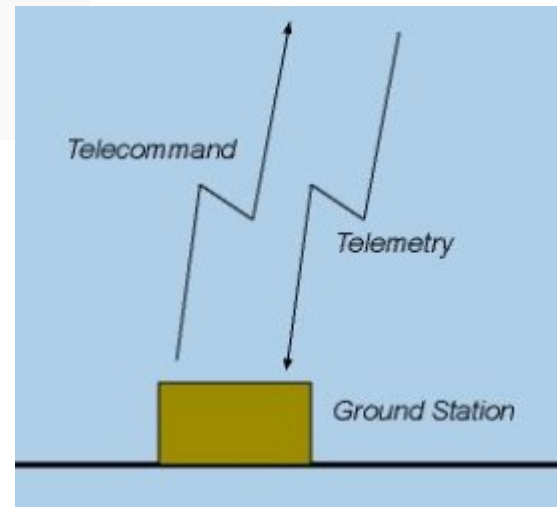
House-keeping gondola (170 kg without ballast)  
- Band-S antenna gondola  
- Strobe light gondola

Fly train simplification aims at improving the infrastructure efficiency

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Flight train simplification
TM/TC Improvement
Pointyng accuracy



# Telemetry System Improvement



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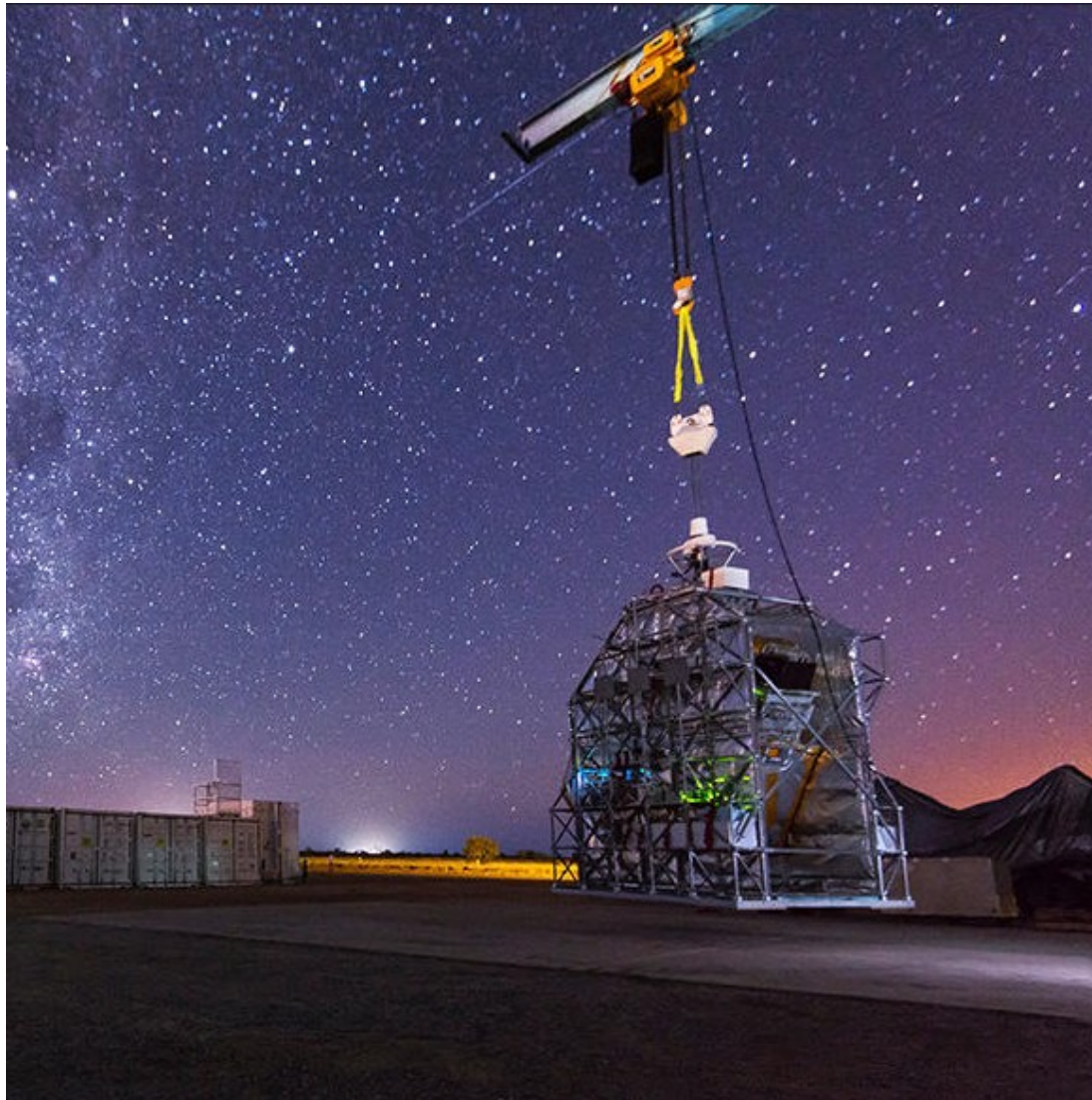
TM/TC Improvement

Pointyng accuracy

New telemetry to ease the communications with scientific payloads



# Gondola : Pointing accuracy improvement



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Pointing accuracy is a key factor in Astrophysics Balloon experiment



## CONCLUSION

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Thanks to HEMERA R&D Work Packages,  
balloon technologies were improved **on the whole balloon chain**,  
from the launch method to the gondola improvement