# Interoperability and Space Exploration

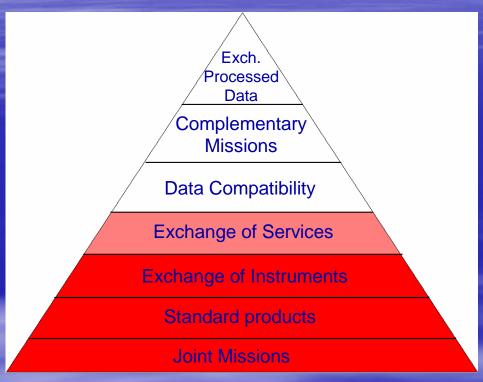
Space Agencies Perspectives

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### Interoperability in Space

- Interoperability is something natural in Space
  - Government programs
    - ISS/Manned Flights
    - Earth Observation : Meteorology
    - Science
    - GPS/Galileo
  - Commercial Market
    - Standard Telecommunications Equipments
    - Range and in-orbit operations
    - Launch operators backup agreements

#### Different Levels of Interoperability



Orfeo (Pleiades/Cosmoskymed)

A-Train

GPS/Galileo

**DSN**, Ground Stations

Meteorology

T/C Equipments, SSTL microsats

Cassini-Huygens

What is the need (or the ambition) for Exploration?

## Where Should it Apply?

- Hardware, interfaces
  - Still early as no architecture has been discussed
- Software
  - Critical Path
- Data Structure and Processing
  - Need for an open framework based on heteronomy, partnership and networking
- Procedures and Methodology
  - Potential cultural issues
- Field of application of Instruments
  - i.e. Moon vs. Mars

## Interoperability vs. Cooperation?

- Can a large endeavor, requiring many technical exchanges be carried out successfully on a day-to-day basis?
- Should Interoperability be a turnaround strategy to avoid dealing with the difficulty of joint collaboration?
- Strong Programmatic Coordination is the paradigm
  - If we succeed in organizing it, interoperability will be a natural objective
  - If we don't, it will be a necessity