

# Pointing Error Engineering Evolutions: Overview for SAVOIR Advisory Group

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## 1. Pointing Error Engineering: Framework & Evolutions overview

## 2. Pointing Error Engineering Handbook update:

- Introduction: Pointing Error Engineering Process recalled
- Reasons for the update
- Summary of the upgrades
- Schedule for the release

## 3. New ESA Pointing Error Mapping Handbook:

- Objectives and Use
- Content overview
- Use in corpus ECSS/Handbooks
- Schedule for the release

# 1. Pointing Error Engineering: Framework

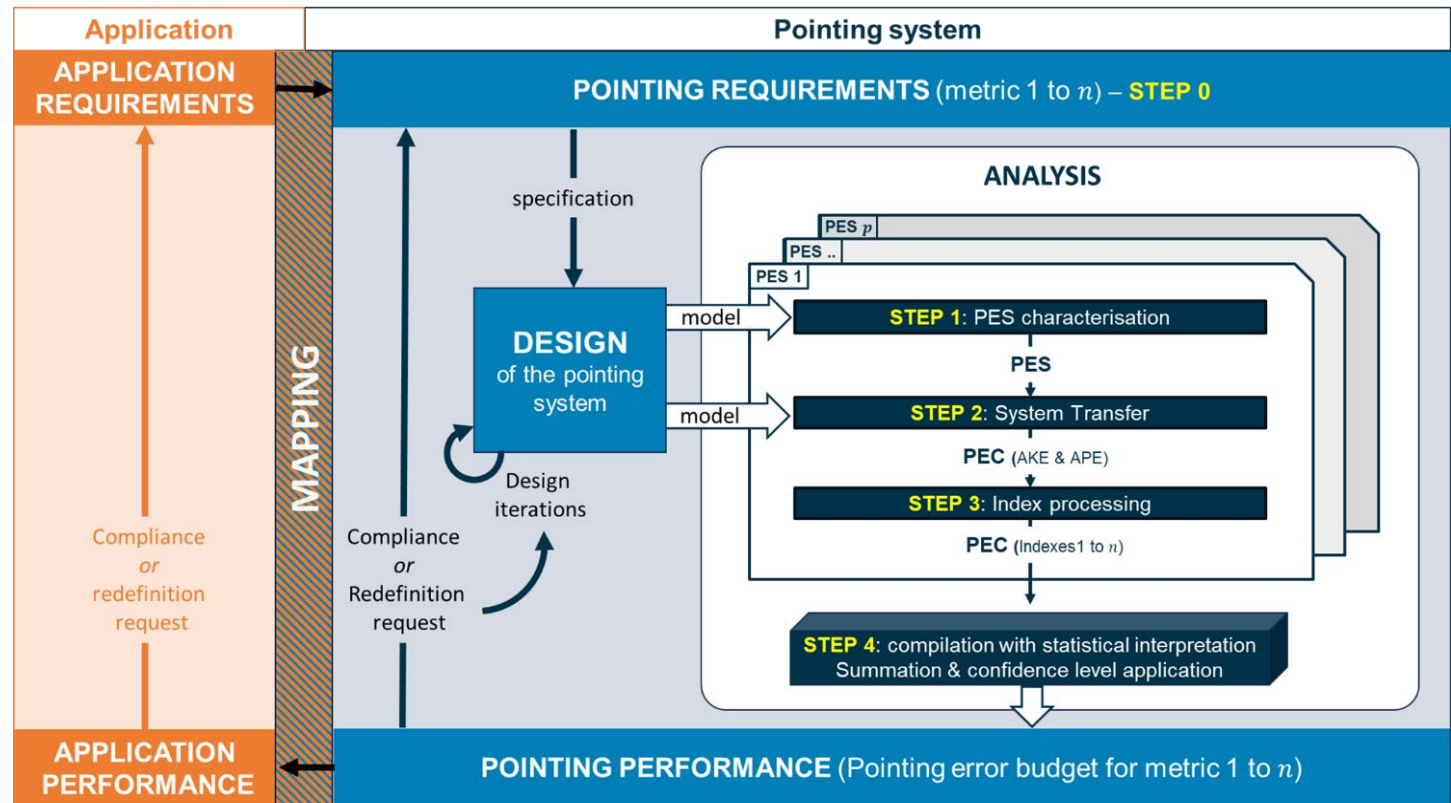
- Pointing Error Engineering: **Specifying and budgeting pointing performance & knowledge**
- **Key documents on Pointing Error Engineering used on ESA projects**  
at Mission System Requirements Document (SRD) level:
  - ECSS-E-ST-60-10C - **ECSS Space engineering - Control performance standard**: issue 1 from 2008
    - Used as **Applicable & Normative** document
    - Provides definitions, methods & rules for specifying, budgeting & verifying performance and for validation
  - ESSB-HB-E-003 - **ESA Pointing Error Engineering Handbook**: issue 1 from 2011
    - Used as **Applicable / Reference** document
    - Provides guidelines for applying the ECSS: step by step process mathematically based
- A useful link: The PEET ESA website includes most of the relevant information on Pointing error engineering (with ECSS and PEEH download links): <http://peet.estec.esa.int/>

# 1. Pointing Error Engineering: Evolutions overview

- Imminent evolutions:
  - The **update & major upgrade** of the **ESA Pointing Error Engineering Handbook (ESSB-HB-E-003)**  
→ See next slides
  - The **new Pointing Error Mapping Handbook (ESSB-HB-E-004)**  
→ See next slides
- Foreseen future evolutions linked to Pointing Error Engineering (TBC):
  - Harmonization of the **ECSS Space engineering - Control performance standard (ECSS-E-ST-60-10C)**  
→ To include normative content from **Pointing Error Engineering Handbook**
  - Harmonization and merging of the **ECSS E-60 and ESA handbooks**

- Pointing Error Engineering Process recalled:

- It starts with the **Definition of the Pointing Error Requirements** with Step 0 (see next slides)
- Then the **Evaluation of the performance / knowledge budgets** is a 4-steps process:
  - Pointing Error Source characterization
  - System Transfer
  - Index processing
  - Budget compilation



## 2. Pointing Error Engineering Handbook update: Reasons

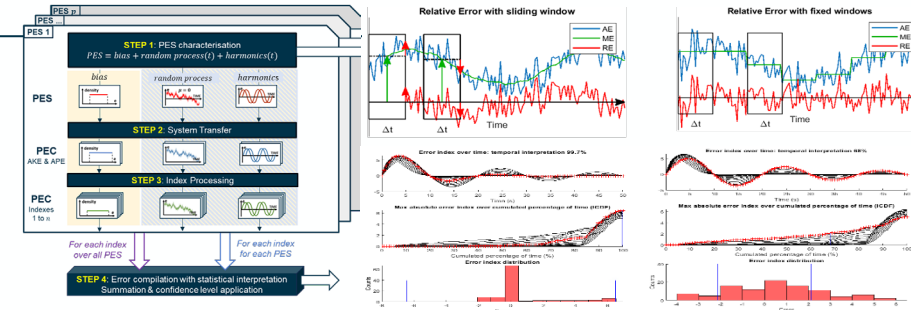
- **Lack of clarity to be mitigated:**
  - To enable **improved understanding between all parties** (System, PF, PL, different disciplines)
  - To ensure **easier adoption & implementation**
  
- **Lessons learned** to be implemented: some examples
  - Statistics processing (statistical interpretation) for accurate performance assessment
  - Relative Pointing Error definition to always cover drift effects
  - Performance campaign (Monte-Carlo simulations) with guaranteed performance (while avoiding huge number of simulations)
  
- **Specific mission needs** to be addressed:
  - Introduction of new error indexes

# 2. Pointing Error Engineering Handbook: Upgrades



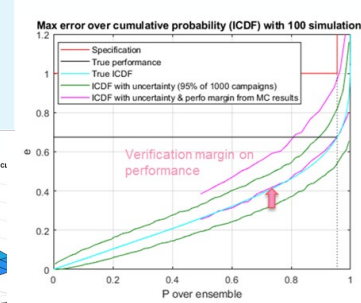
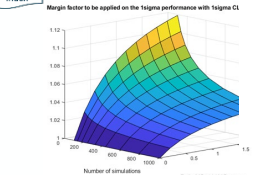
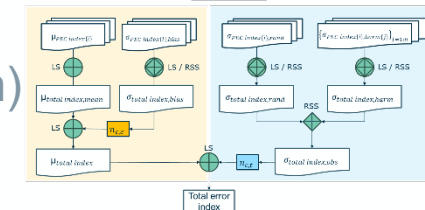
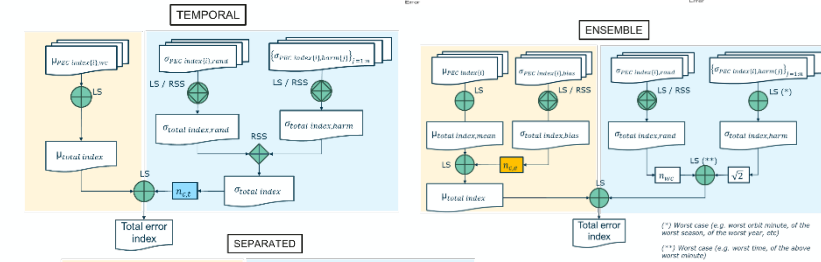
## Lack of clarity mitigated

- Step 0: Clear list of aspects to define a requirement
- Step 1: Streamlined overall process & error characterization
- Step 3: Consistent definitions of indexes with explanatory figures
- Step 4: Clear process for statistical interpretation application, clear summation rules for simplified method



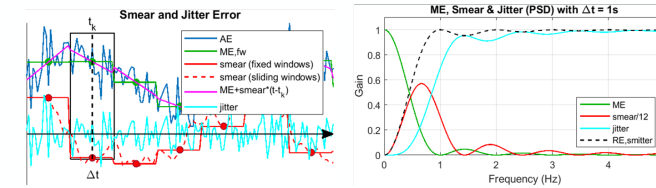
## Lessons learned implemented

- Step 0: New separate interpretation (~ relaxed temporal interpretation) Mixed interpretation to be avoided, additional ensemble domains
- Step 3: Updated Relative Pointing Error definitions covering drift
- Step 4: Verification margin introduced, new recommended number of simulations (both mathematically derived)



## Specific mission needs addressed

- Step 3: New error indexes (RPEEdge: error distribution with fast processing, smear, jitter)



## 2. Pointing Error Engineering Handbook: Call for feedback

▪ Mid-October 2024

SAVOIR SAG to provide points of contact  
for receiving updated PEEH for comments

- As ESA handbook, the approval loop is ESA internal (different from ECSS)
- However, in view streamlining of ECSS E-60 Standards and Handbooks, it is helpful to have discussions on this updated version



# 3. New ESA Pointing Error Mapping Handbook: Objectives

- **Context:**

ECSS E-60 & ESA PEEH incomplete to help System Managers in Phase 0/A:  
Missing mapping step to go from mission requirements to pointing requirements

- **Objectives for this new handbook:**

- Providing **guidelines for the flow-down of missions' requirements** to pointing requirements
- Additional objective: provide a summary of PEEH (especially for specifying pointing requirements)  
→ pushed streamlined and clearer process in the PEEH (done with its own update)

- **Current & future use:**

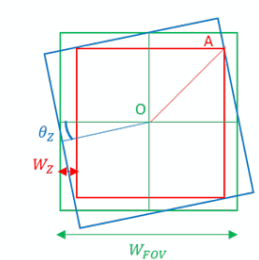
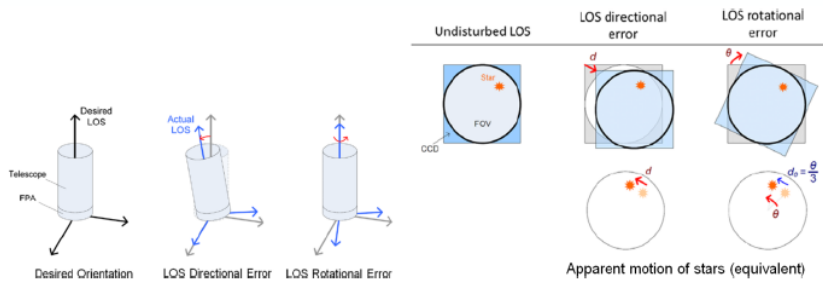
→ Use as **reference** document in Missions SRD in Phase 0/A

# 3. New ESA Pointing Error Mapping Handbook: Overview

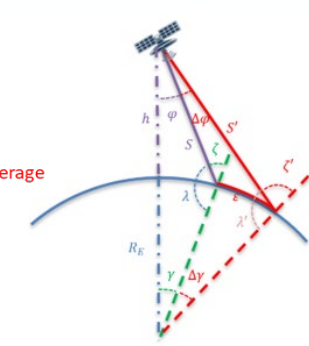
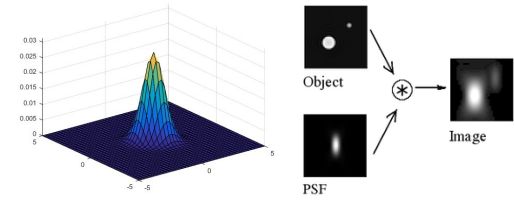


- Introduction to Error Budget Engineering
  - Summary of PEEH on key definitions & specification aspects
- Mapping typical requirements to pointing indexes
- General approach for flow-down of requirements
- Flow-down methods for typical requirements (computing specification value)
- Annex with definitions, relevant formulas & flow-down mathematical derivation

| Mission needs:<br>Related pointing indexes highlighted with X<br>or with the letters related to the row items bullets  | Applications   |  |  | Usual flow down to pointing indexes |                 |            |             |     |         |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----|---------|
|  | Earth Observation  | Science  |  | APE/<br>MPE                         | RPE             | PDE        | AKE/<br>MKE | RKE | KDE     |
| Targeting / single image coverage  | Any instruments of any mission   |  |  | X                                   |                 |            |             |     |         |
| Multiple images / swaths coverage:<br>Overlap between stares/swaths  | Step & stare & continuous scanning instruments: <i>MTG-S IRS, MTG-I FCI</i>  | Step & stare missions & scanning: <i>Euclid</i>  |  | X                                   | (X)             | X          |             |     |         |
| Resolution / separation of objects with either:<br>a. PSF enlargement by pointing<br>/ Pointing MTF / Pointing WFE<br>b. Or PSF enlargement by post-accumulation of multiple images without co-registration knowledge correction<br>c. Or Stability of Spatial Sampling Distance (SSD) | a. Any photometers, spectrometer, and imager: <i>CHIME</i><br>b. Any TDI instruments: <i>Pleiades</i><br>c. Any continuous scanning instruments as push-brooms with spined satellites, or scanning mechanism: <i>MTG-I FCI</i> | a. Any photometers, spectrometer, and imager: <i>Ariel</i><br>b. Any TDI instruments: <i>Gaia/NIR</i>  |  |                                     | a<br>(b)<br>(c) | (b)<br>(c) |             |     |         |
| Image Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) & radiometry / photometry in single observation with both:<br>d. PSF displacement<br>e. And PSF enlargement / stability from pointing  | Any radiometer, spectrometer: <i>MTG UVN</i>   | Any photometers, radiometer, spectrometer, imager: <i>Ariel, Plato, Gaia, Euclid</i>   |  | (d)                                 |                 | (d)        |             |     |         |
| Location of the images / measurements:<br>f. Absolute<br>g. Relative (to a given target)   | Geo-location applications:<br>a. Any instrument of any mission<br>b. When calibration is considered  | Astrometric accuracy applications:<br>a. Any instrument of any mission<br>b. When calibration is considered  |  |                                     |                 |            | f           |     | (g)     |
| Co-registration of:<br>h. Different images / measurements from different instruments / spectral bands<br>i. Multiple images of the same instrument for Image SNR with post-accumulation  | a. Any of multiple instruments with merged data on the same satellite: <i>Meteosat</i> , <i>SG instruments</i> & 3MI bands, <i>MTG-S IRS/UVN</i>   | a. Any of multiple instruments with merged data on same satellite: <i>Ariel instruments</i><br>b. Any instrument with post-accumulation on ground: <i>Ariel, Vigil PMI</i> |  |                                     |                 |            | h           |     | (i) (i) |



Target FOV  
Actual FOV  
Worst case target coverage



| Type                       | Mission requirement & allocation   | Type of pointing index | Pointing specification values   | Inputs  |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|
| General Image requirements | PSF Drift / Displacement: $D_{spec}$   | PDE or smear<br>MPE    | $\begin{bmatrix} \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{\theta_{pixel} \cdot D_{spec}}{\sqrt{2} + K/N}$   | $\theta_{pixel}$ as pixel size<br>K as Z pointing degradation with regard to XY<br>1/N as reduced impact of Z on displacement with regard to XY   |
|                            | PSF enlargement: $E_{spec}$<br>Leading to total RPE in pixels: $R_{spec} = k \cdot E_{spec}$ | RPE                    | $\begin{bmatrix} \theta_{RPE,X} \\ \theta_{RPE,Y} \\ \theta_{RPE,Z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{RPE} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{k \cdot \theta_{pixel} \cdot R_{spec}}{\sqrt{1 + (K_{RPE}/N)}}$   | $\theta_{pixel}$ as pixel size<br>k as factor between RPE specified value and pointing PSF specified value<br>$K_{RPE}$ as RPE Z degradation wrt. XY<br>1/N as reduced impact of Z on enlargement with regard to XY |
|                            | Angular overlap: $W_{spec}$  | PDE XY & MPE Z         | $\begin{bmatrix} \theta_{PDE,X} \\ \theta_{PDE,Y} \\ \theta_{MPE,Z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{PDE} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{W_{spec}}{1 + K_{PDE} \cdot W_{FOV}}$   | $W_{FOV}$ as angular FOV width<br>$K_{PDE}$ as factor of impact for Z mean pointing with regard to Drift on XY  |
| EO requirements            | Geolocation error: $\epsilon$  | AKE                    | $\theta = \Delta\varphi = \arcsin\left(\frac{R_E}{S'} \sin\left(\zeta - \varphi + \frac{\epsilon}{R_E}\right)\right) - \varphi$<br>With $\varphi = \arcsin\left(\frac{R_E \sin \zeta}{R_E + h}\right)$ And $S' = \sqrt{(R_E + h)^2 + R_E^2 - 2R_E \cdot (R_E + h) \cdot \cos\left(\zeta - \varphi + \frac{\epsilon}{R_E}\right)}$ | h as height<br>RE as Earth radius<br>$\varphi$ as off-nadir angle<br>$\zeta$ as off-zenith angle  |
|                            | Off-zenith angle error: $\Delta\zeta$  | APE                    | $\theta = \Delta\varphi = \arcsin\left(\frac{R_E \sin(\zeta + \Delta\zeta)}{R_E + h}\right) - \varphi$  | h as height<br>RE as Earth radius<br>$\varphi$ as off-nadir angle<br>$\zeta$ as off-zenith angle  |
|                            | Azimuth & elevation errors: $\Delta\alpha$ & $\Delta\beta$                                   | APE                    | $\begin{bmatrix} \theta_x \\ \theta_y \\ \theta_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \min\left(\frac{\Delta\alpha}{\sqrt{K^2 + \frac{1}{\tan^2(\beta)}}}, \Delta\beta\right)$   | $\beta$ as off-nadir angle (average elevation)<br>K as Z pointing degradation with regard to XY   |

# 3. New ESA Pointing Error Mapping Handbook: Schedule



- October 2024            Final draft
  
- Q4 2024                Release of Issue 1
  
- Feedback welcome through SAVOIR SAG



Any question or comment?