













Background: objectives of Belgian RS programme

- Teaming of researchers into internationally recognised poles of expertise
- Preservation and development of Belgian expertise
- Fostering of innovation and introduction of new technologies
- Development of products and operational services















The APEX instrument: probing the earth's surface

- APEX (Airborne Prism Experiment)
- Developed by Belgo-Swiss consortium under ESA's Prodex programme
- BELSPO supports scientific exploitation APEX
- APEX only operational in 2005
- BELSPO strategy: familiarise Belgian scientists with hyperspectral data by using existing imaging spectrometers















The 2002 flight campaign: In search of new remote sensing applications

- Organised by NERC/ITRES/VITO for Belgian and UK scientists
- Instruments:
 - **CASI**
 - SWIR (now SASI)
- Main selection criteria for Belgian applicants:
 - Scientific quality
 - Perspectives for use RS data (in new areas)















The 2002 flight campaign: exploring Belgium

- 7 sites
- Application fields:
 - Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - Hydrology
 - Pollution monitoring
 - Coastal monitoring
 - Urban studies













The Bruges workshop: Evaluating the campaign

Objectives:

- Present and discuss results
- Exchange experiences
- Provide feedback to campaign organisers
- Exchange datacubes
- Foster new collaborations and ideas

