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PRESERVING HERSCHEL KNOWLEDGE WITH **LEGACY DOCUMENTATION: THE HELL** LIBRARY FOR HERSCHEL

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HELL's Mission

The knowledge gained by a space mission is not just measured in terms of data obtained, or the

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number of refereed publications, it is also measured in terms of the amount of technical knowledge and experience that is accumulated in solving the complex scientific and engineering problems entailed in designing and running a space mission from its initial concept to its final archive phase.

This collective memory is one of the most important legacies that a mission such as Herschel provides.

One of the main issues with collective memory is that, at different phases of a mission, unless the accumulated knowledge is documented & preserved, it will be lost as project members pass on to new missions and new challenges. The aim has been to conserve this collective knowledge as far as is possible, for a future when no personnel remain who have experience of working for Herschel.

Handbooks Top level descriptions of mission & instruments.



Level 1 Essential Background information. Basic references.



Level 2 More detailed or more technical information for deeper knowledge.

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is the most basic and fundamental documentation to get a rapid overview. These are a relatively small number of documen to read Level 2 documentation gives more detail on individual topics. This documentation will provide more technical information when required to follow-up the top-level information Level 3 contains a large number of documents that are either highly technical, for specialist knowledge, or documents that are out of date or now of historical interest only. It should be accepted that these documents are presented AS IS Hover over a document to get more information about its contents.

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Level 3 Detailed technical information or documentation of historical interest only.



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