This talk will reflect on the history of the management processes and experience that brought the successful implementation of the SORCE mission, on schedule and within budget. Specifically it will focus on the teamwork between Academia (LASP), Government (NASA GSFC), and Industry (Orbital Sciences Corporation) that allowed the SORCE program to be successful. Many times during the development of the SORCE program, it was called “lucky”, but this luck was not chance but made by the excellent working relations between the three strong partners.

The talk will discuss structure, agreement and relationship that created the success of the hardware implementation that fulfilled the science requirements of SORCE. This is not a technical presentation but a historical reflection put into perspective based on years of experience since the launch of SORCE.