

Approved ~~Possible~~ future atmospheric Earth Explorer missions

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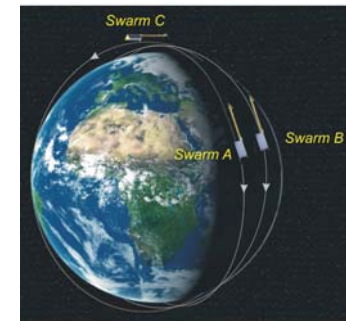


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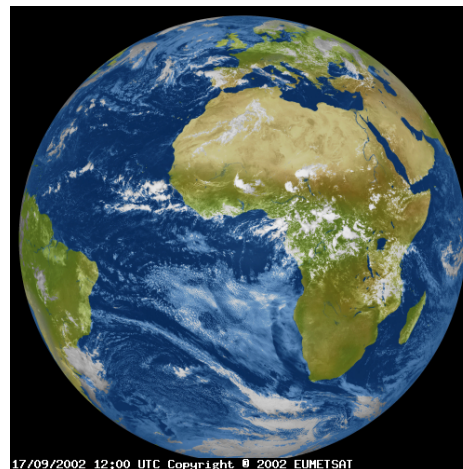


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Swarm



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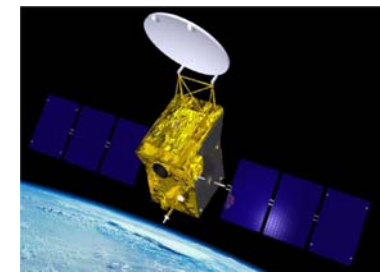
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The Living Planet programme

- ❑ The ESA Living Planet Programme was created in consultation with the key players: Europe's scientists, Industry, European Commission, EUMETSAT and many others.
- ❑ The programme has **3 basic elements**:

Earth Explorer

To better understand the Earth

Earth Watch

To initiate long term
monitoring systems
and services

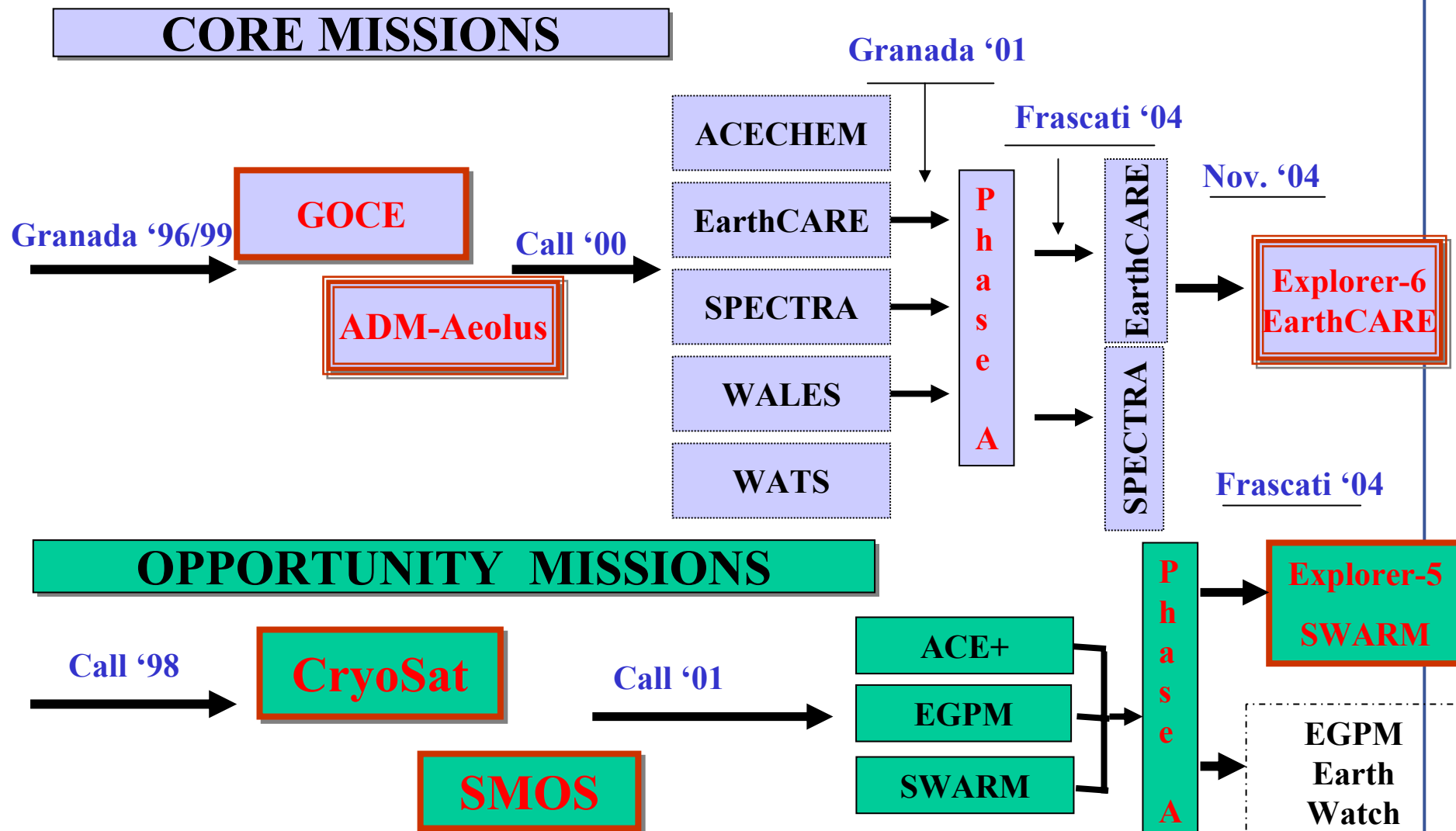


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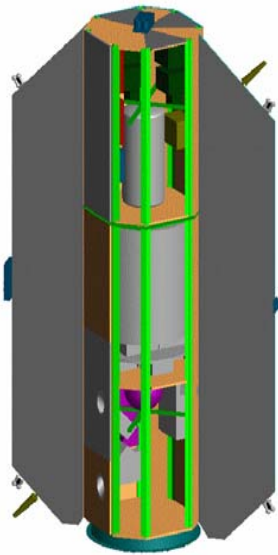
Technology / exploitation

To develop more
efficient approaches

The Earth Explorers



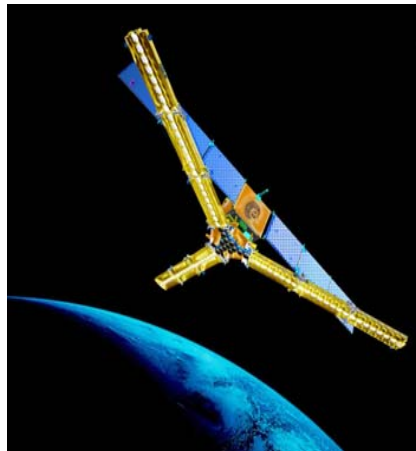
Current Launch Schedule '06 - '09



GOCE

Launch 2007

Core-1



SMOS

Launch 2007

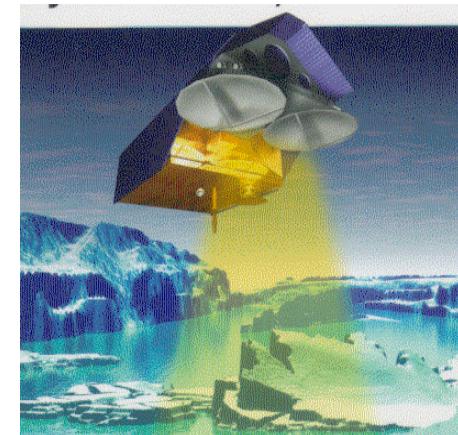
Opportunity-2



ADM-Aeolus

Launch 2008

Core-2



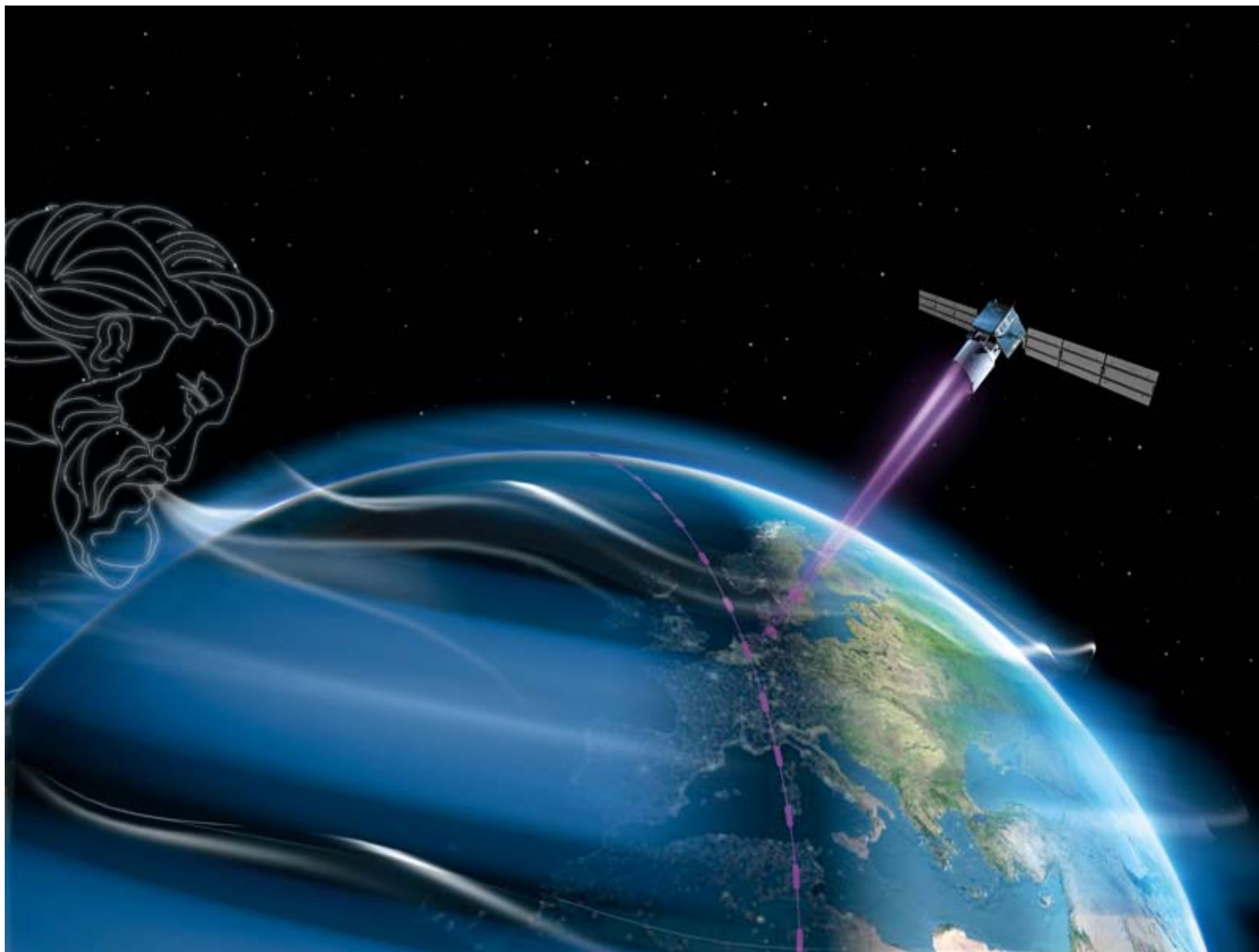
CRYOSAT-2

Launch 2009

Opportunity-1

<http://www.esa.int/livingplanet>

ADM-Aeolus



Atmospheric Science Conference, ESRIN, 8-12 May 2006

What are the scientific objectives?

Improve understanding of

- Atmospheric dynamics and global atmospheric transport
- Global cycles of energy, water, aerosols, chemicals

How are they achieved?

- Better analysis of the atmospheric state to provide a more complete (three-dimensional) picture of the dynamical variables

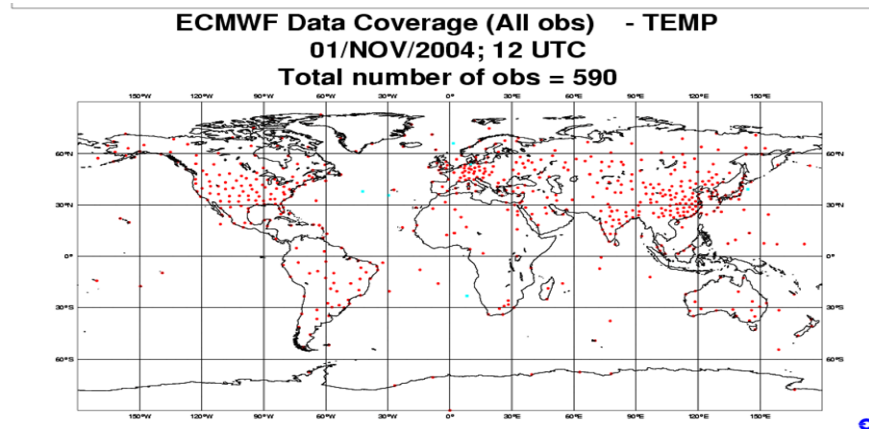
What are the benefits?

- Improved parameterisation of atmospheric processes in models
- Advanced modelling of climate and atmospheric flow
- Better initial conditions for weather forecasting
- Demonstration of ADM-Aeolus' potential for full operational use

Existing wind field information

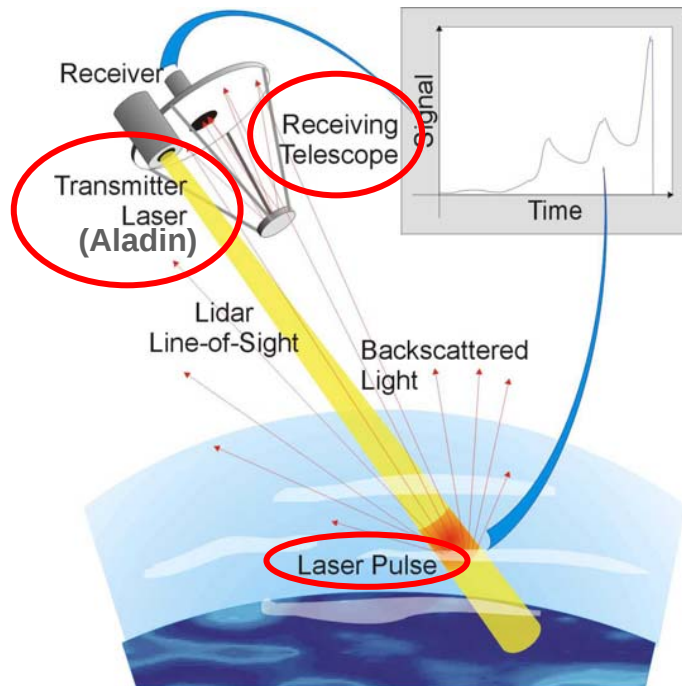
Wind field information available to date in the Global Observation System (GOS):

- Radiosonde and pilot soundings (NH continents dominate)

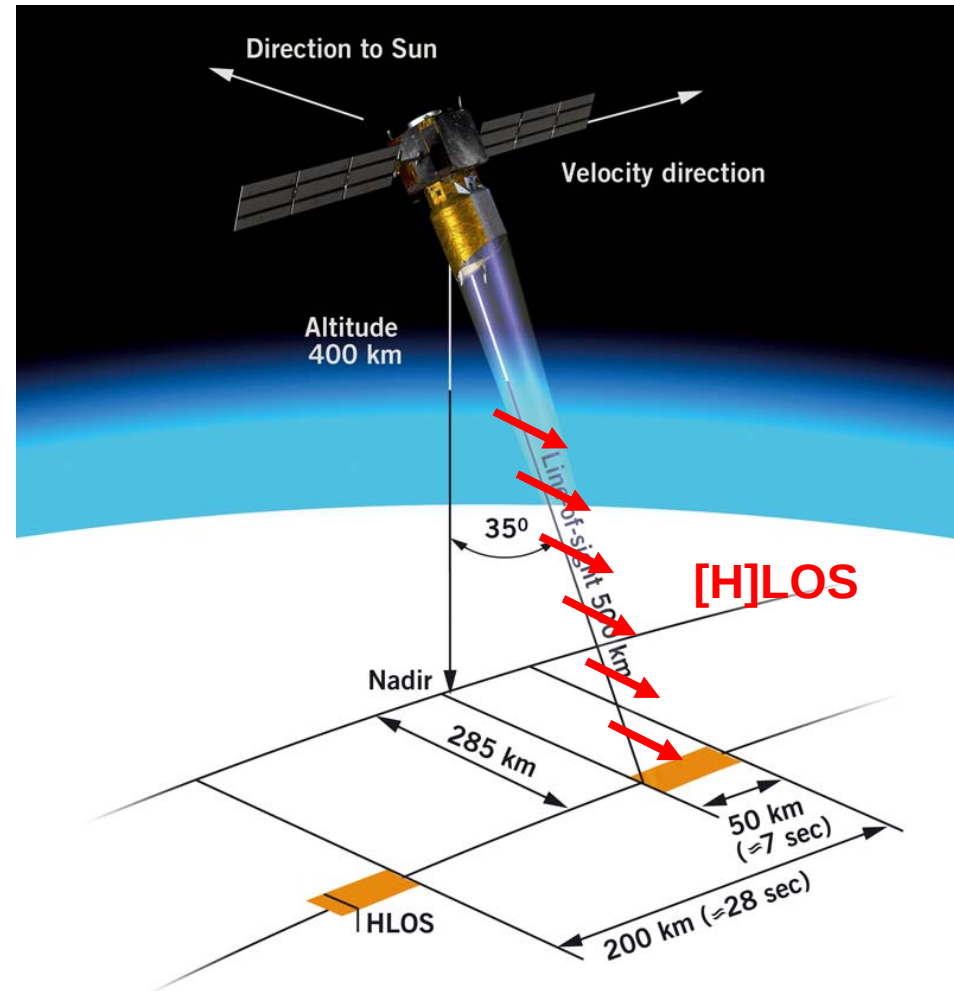


- Aircraft data (NH densely populated areas dominate)
- Atmospheric motion vectors (only in the presence of clouds and tracers)
- Satellite soundings of temperature and humidity from Polar orbiting satellites (mass information, indirect measure of large-scale phenomenon wind outside the tropics)

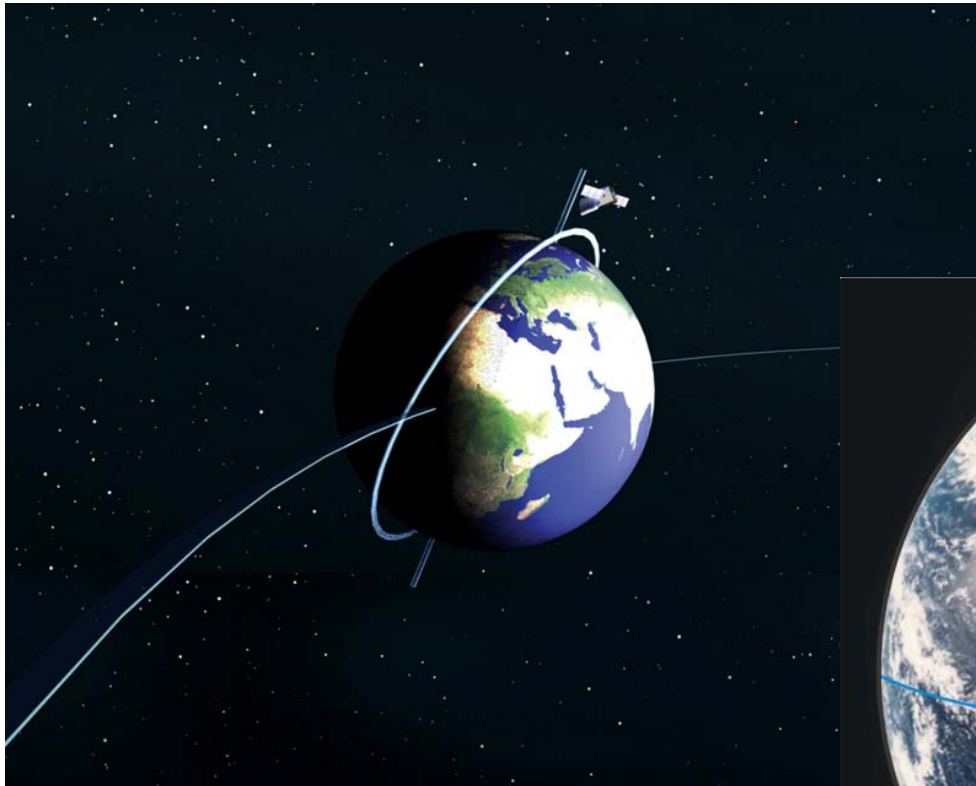
→ No DIRECT, GLOBAL and UNIQUE measurements of atmospheric wind fields yet



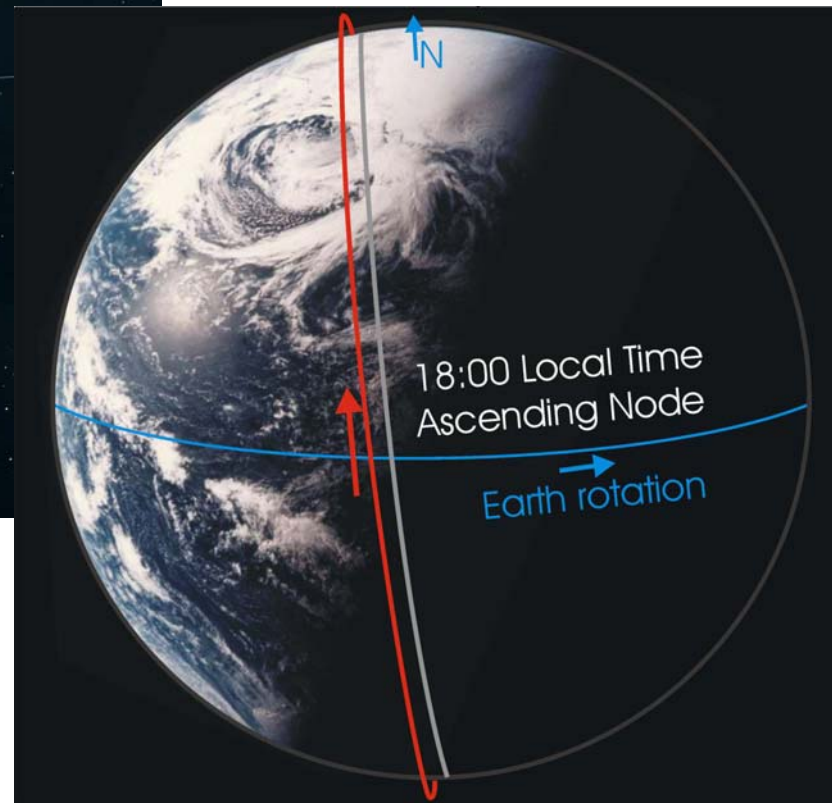
- Wind measurements are derived from the Doppler shifted signal that is back-scattered by aerosols **and** molecules **along the lidar line-of-sight (LOS)**



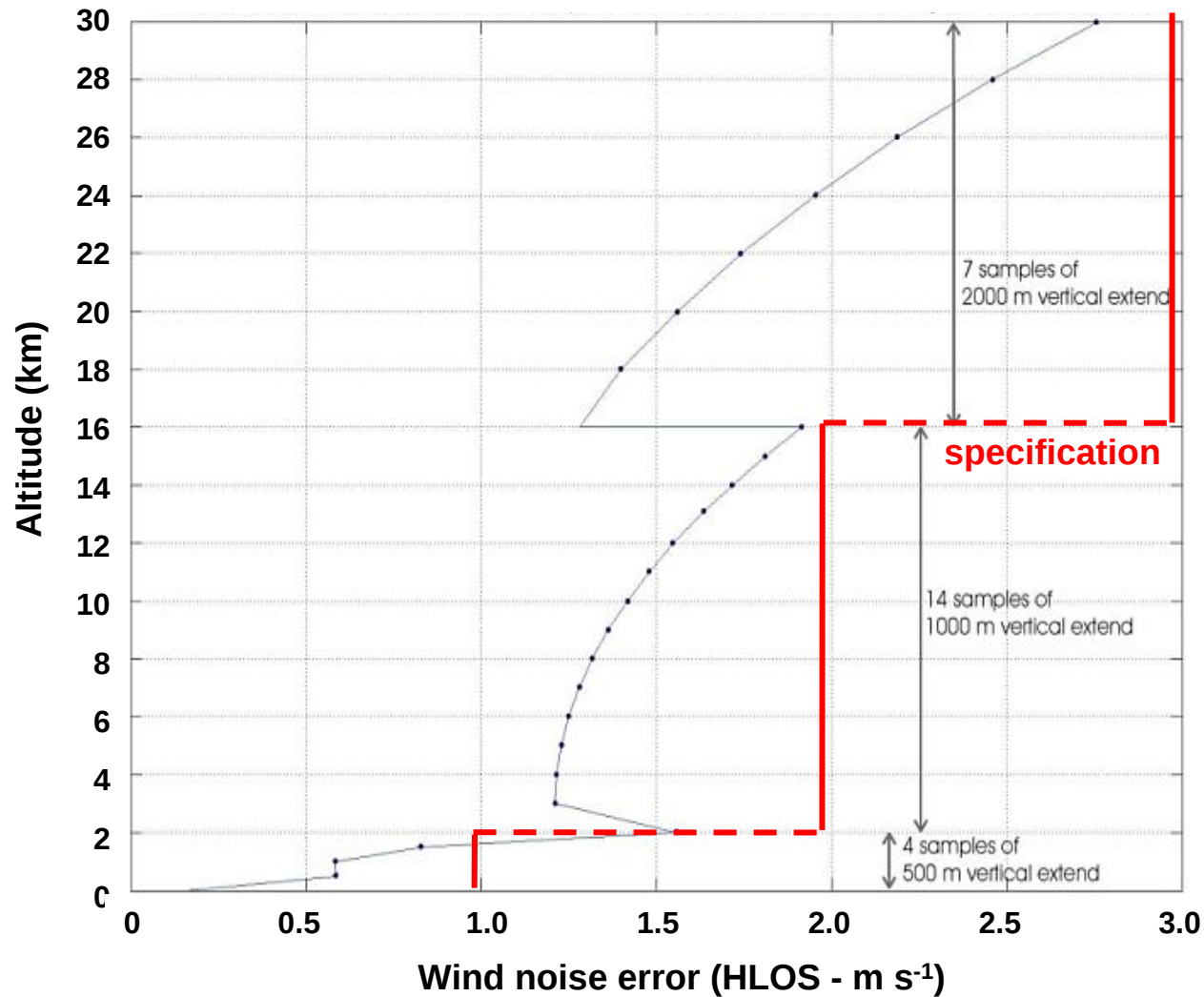
ADM-Aeolus: The Orbit



- Altitude: 400 km
- Sun-synchronous
- Dawn-dusk



ADM-Aeolus: Performance



In addition to the main wind observation product, the following information can be retrieved:

- Clouds
 - Cloud heights
 - Multi-layer clouds
 - Optical thickness
 - Cloud type
- Tropospheric aerosol
 - Optical thickness
 - Aerosol type (lidar ratio - separating anthropogenic from natural)
 - Stratification
- Wind variability, clear air turbulence
- Validation of products from other satellites
- Model validation

- More direct observations of winds in the tropics and over mid-latitude oceans
- Use of observations in model verification
- Better description of transports (ozone, humidity, aerosols,...)
- Dynamics in the lower stratosphere

Earth Clouds, Aerosols and Radiation Explorer - a joint ESA/JAXA mission

Top Of the Atmosphere (TOA) incoming and outgoing radiances are rather well known from ERB instruments (ERBE, CERES, ScaRaB,...)

Why a Mission Like EarthCARE ?

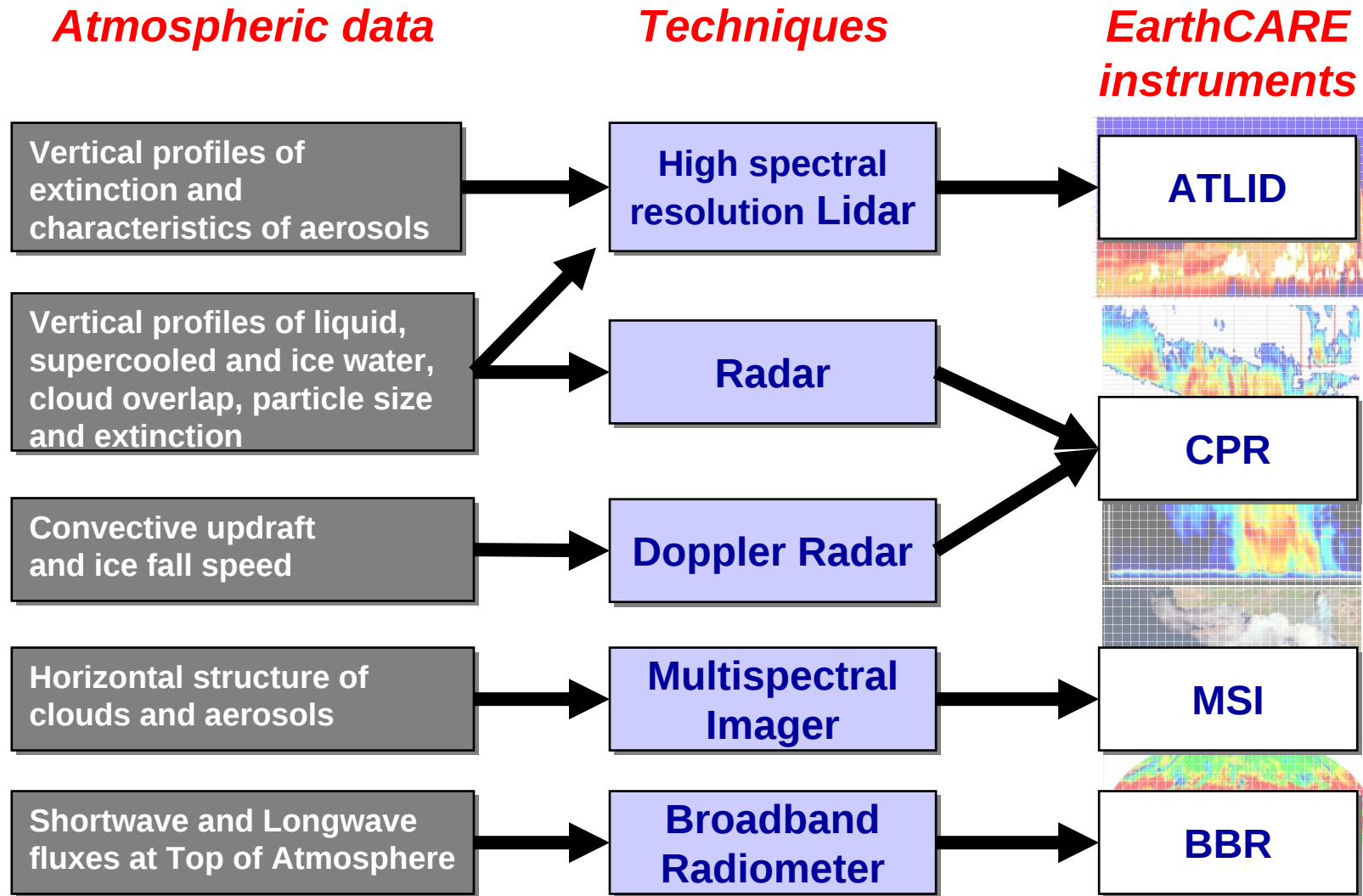
Processes within the atmosphere controlling incoming and outgoing TOA radiances, hence the Earth energy budget at TOA are largely unknown.

Scientific objective :

Quantification of aerosol-cloud-radiation interactions

so they may be included correctly in **climate and NWP** models, by providing :

- **Vertical profiles** of **natural and anthropogenic aerosols** on a global scale, their radiative properties and interaction with clouds.
- **Vertical distribution** of **atmospheric liquid water and ice** on a global scale, their transport by clouds and radiative impact.
- **Cloud overlap** in the vertical, **cloud-precipitation interactions** and the characteristics of **vertical motion** within clouds.
- The **profiles of atmospheric radiative heating and cooling** through a combination of **retrieved aerosol and cloud properties**.



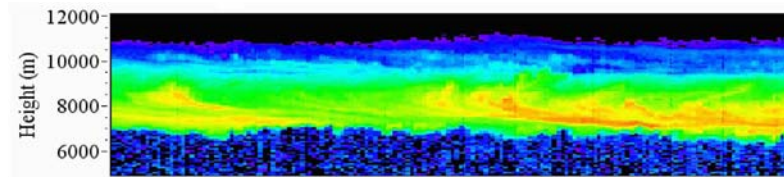
Temperature and humidity from operational analysis

EarthCARE: Synergy Example

Synergy: Lidar and Radar combination (from aircraft)

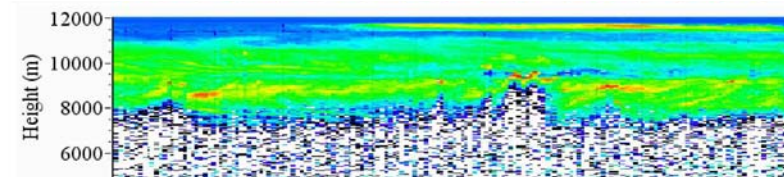
APEX/ECAV 2003, Japan

Radar
reflectivity



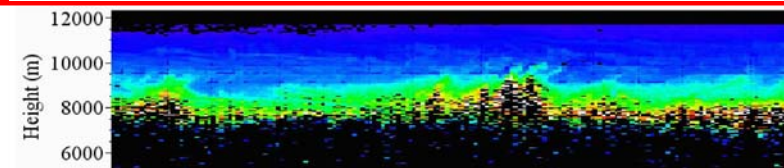
Radar: $Z \sim D^6$

Lidar
backscatter



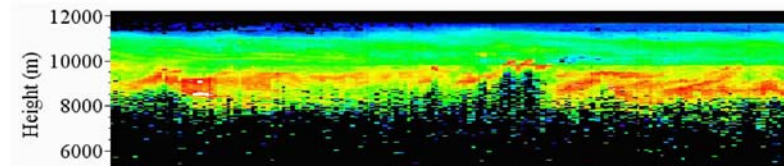
Lidar: $\beta \sim D^2$

Effective
radius



Particle size
from Z/β

Ice water
content

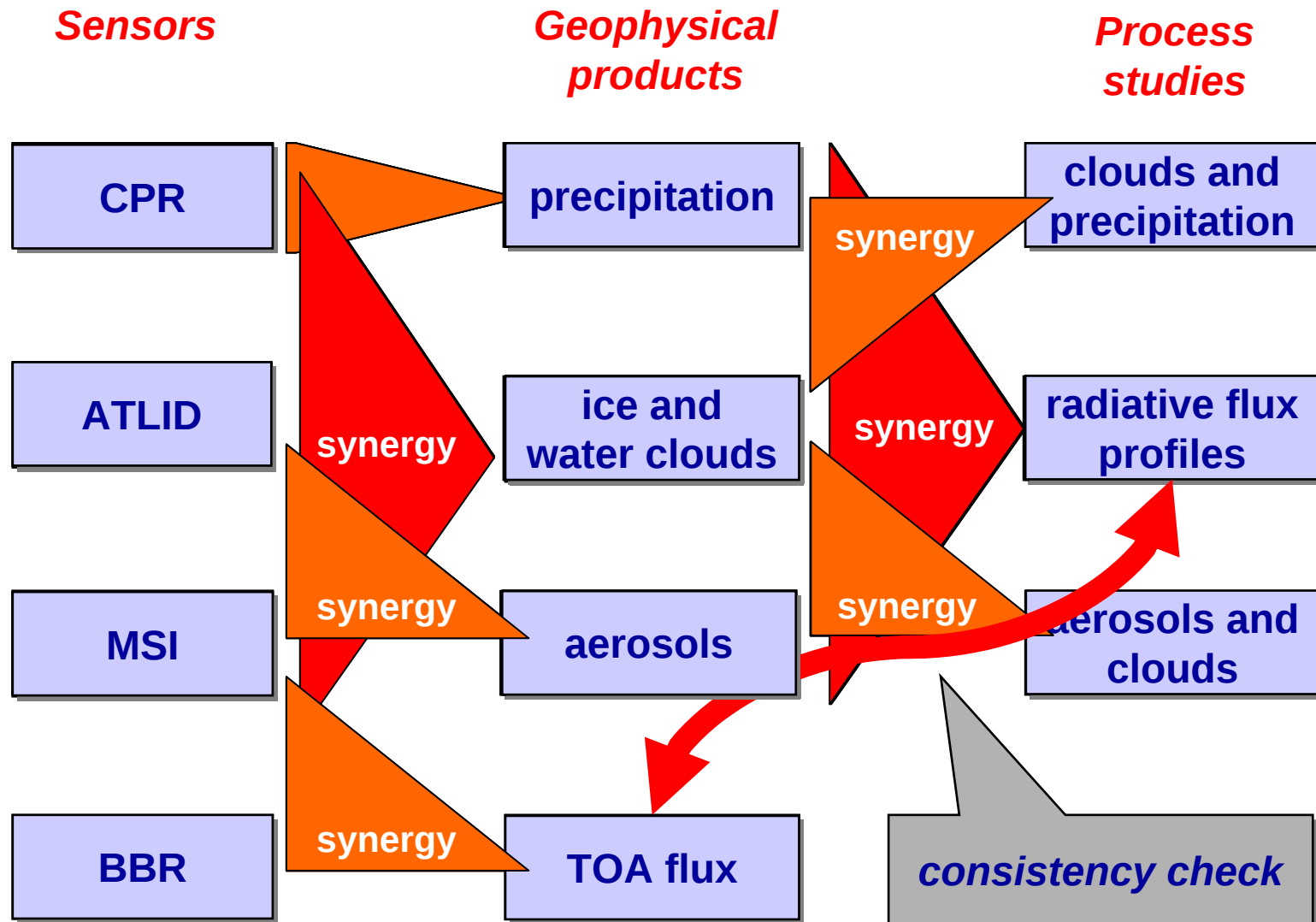


Accurate D and
 Z gives IWC

Flight Distance 34 km
(01:55-01:58 UT 27 Mar 2003)

Reference: Kumagai et al 2004

EarthCARE: Measurement Synergy



Call for Ideas for Earth Explorer 7

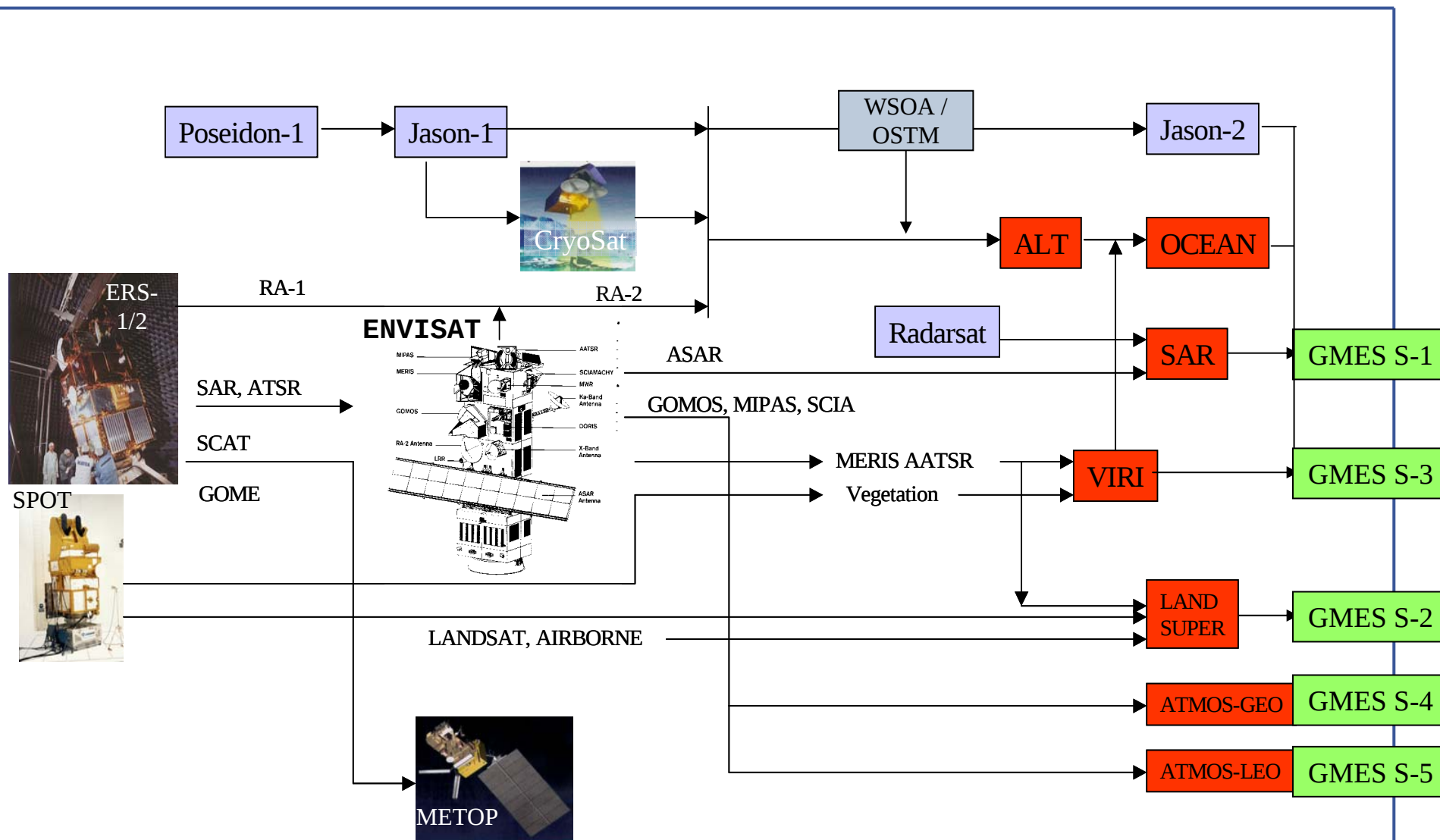
Focus areas of the call:

- Global water cycle
 - Global carbon cycle
 - Atmospheric chemistry and its interaction with climate
 - The human element
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- 24 proposals received by deadline mid August 2005
 - 14 proposals address atmosphere, 9 of them composition
 - Evaluation in 5 scientific and 3 technical panels complete
 - Earth Science Advisory Committee recommendations April 2006
 - Selection of ≤ 6 proposals for pre-phase A by PB-EO:

18/19 May 2006

REF NO	MISSION_TITLE	TOPIC
CCM2-01	Geostationary Observatory for Microwave Atmospheric Sounding (GOMAS)	Atmos. Dynamics
CCM2-02	PRocess Exploration through Measurements of Infrared and millimetre-wave Emitted Radiation (PREMIER)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-04	Cloud Ice Water Submillimeter Imaging Radiometer (CIWSIR)	Atmos. Dynamics
CCM2-05	Measuring Atmosphere Turbulence and Humidity Atmospheric Water Content (MATH-AWC)	Atmos. Dynamics
CCM2-06	Space-borne Profiling with high Accuracy in clear and Cloudy skies for the Exploration of WATER Vapour in the Earth System (SPACE WAVES)	Atmos. Dynamics
CCM2-09	Dual-Frequency Doppler Radar for Observing Precipitation Systems (Du-DROPS)	Atmos. Dynamics
CCM2-10	The Geostationary TROpospheric Pollution Explorer-Regional (GeoTROPE-R)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-13	Atmospheric Climate and Chemistry in the UTLS Region And climate Trends Explorer (ACCURATE)	Atmos. Dynamics & Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-14	Kyoto protocol and Informed Management of the Adaptation (KLIMA)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-15	Occultation and Limb Viewing of the Atmosphere (OLIVIA)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-16	Impact of Lightning activity on Atmospheric Chemistry (ILAC)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-18	Tropospheric Composition and Air Quality (TRAQ)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-22	Measuring Atmosphere Turbulence and Humidity Atmospheric Water Content (MATH-AWC)	Atmos. Dynamics
CCM2-23	Advanced Space Carbon and Climate Observation of Planet Earth (A-SCOPE)	Atmos. Chemistry
CCM2-26	ECOSat Three Microsat Constellation for Earth Observation of the global Carbon and H ₂ O cycles using advanced Miniature Integrated-Optic NIR and IR Spectrometers	Atmos. Chemistry

1. Continuation of C-band SAR observations
2. Land superspectral mission
3. Ocean monitoring mission
4. Atmospheric composition from geostationary orbit
5. Atmospheric composition from low earth orbit



URD

1. User Service Needs

- User Requirements Documents for GSE studies
- Must agree on the relevant needs of NWP, FP5/6, and others

2. Operational Product/Parameter Needs

- e.g. Chla to n% accuracy, SST accurate to 0.3K abs. & 0.1K/decade

3. Observational Requirements

MRD

- Measurement Requirements
 - **parameters/timeliness/frequency/etc.**
 - **bands, swath width, resolution sampling requirements/orbits etc.)**
- Basic sensor requirements
 - **e.g. Alt, MERIS follow-on, AATSR follow-on**

4. Ground Segment Requirements

- timeliness/data latency
- NRT (<3 h) data flow to the product service providers

5. System Requirements

SRD

- instrument specifications (e.g. PRF/accuracy/sensitivity)
- Mass/Power launch constraints; Downlink rates etc

- ☐ The mission would cover three environmental issues:
 - Stratospheric Ozone and Surface UV
 - Air Quality
 - Climate

- ☐ For each theme, three different kinds of applications / users:
 - Monitoring of international protocols, national legislation
 - Near-real-time services, such as forecast
 - Assessments supporting future policy decisions

- ☐ Individual applications are then mapped against the environmental issues

- ☐ Observational requirements defined for each application and environmental issue, both for space and non-space data

- ☐ Closely linked to Eumetsat's activities