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## Observing **Earth System Dynamics**

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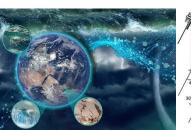


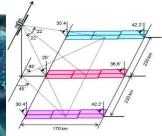




#### **Overview**

- Relevance, earth system science, dynamical coupling ocean and atmosphere
- Missions (share and enjoy © )
  - ESA ERS-1, ERS-2, EUMETSAT ASCAT, SCA, ocean vector winds, sea ice, soil moisture, rain
  - NASA QuikScat, ISRO OSCAT-1/2(ScatSat)/3, NSOAS HY2A/B/C/D, NASA Zephyr, "
  - NSOAS/CNES CFOSAT, CMA WindRad, ocean vector winds, sea ice, soil moisture, rain
  - NASA CYGNSS, ocean wind speed, ocean waves
  - ESA EE10 HARMONY, ESA EE11 SeaStar, ocean winds, ocean currents, SST, cloud motion
  - ESA Aeolus, winds and aerosol and clouds
  - ESA EarthCare, 3D clouds and radiation
  - Cloud Motion Winds, GEO & LEO
- Involved in mission design, development, Cal/Val, NWP calibration
- Geophysical processing, services
- User applications (extremes, waves, surges, weather, climate processes, climate monitoring, economy, energy, civil protection, . . . )















#### **Atmospheric dynamics**

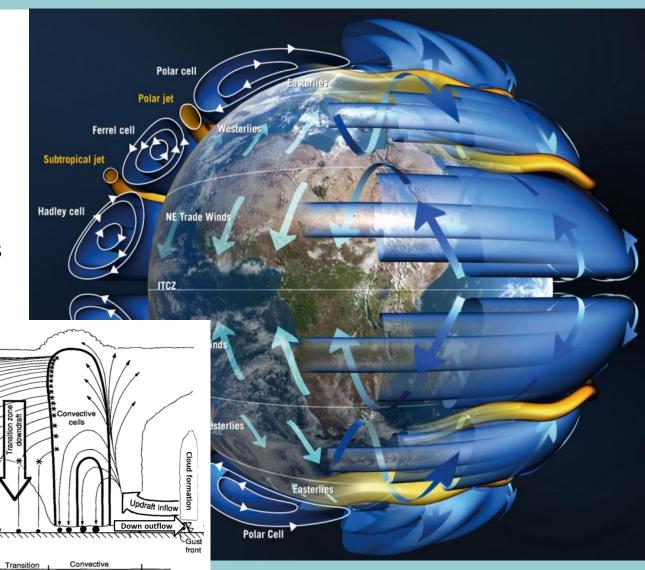
- Climate change
  - Temperature/radiation?
  - Atmospheric stability?
  - Humidity/clouds/rain?
- Dynamics change?
  - Hurricanes/tornado's
  - Jet streams/climate zones
  - Ocean carbon exchange

Stratiform region

Ocean heating

Cloud shield ~

Outflow

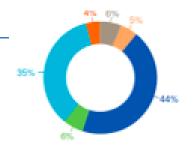


## Protecting people and infrastructure

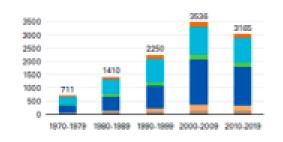
 Weather losses are frequent, deadly and costly global disasters

- Subject to climate change
  - More vulnerable infrastructure

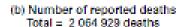
 Lives and costs are saved by weather warnings



Drought

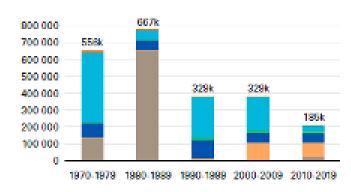


Storm



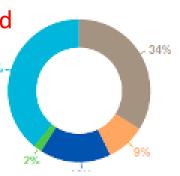
Flood

Extreme temperature

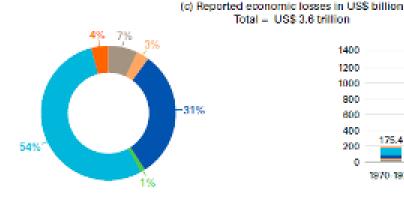


losses

Landslide



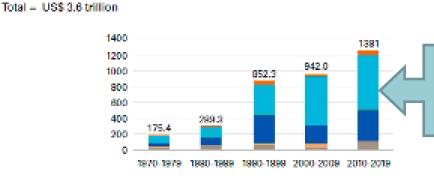
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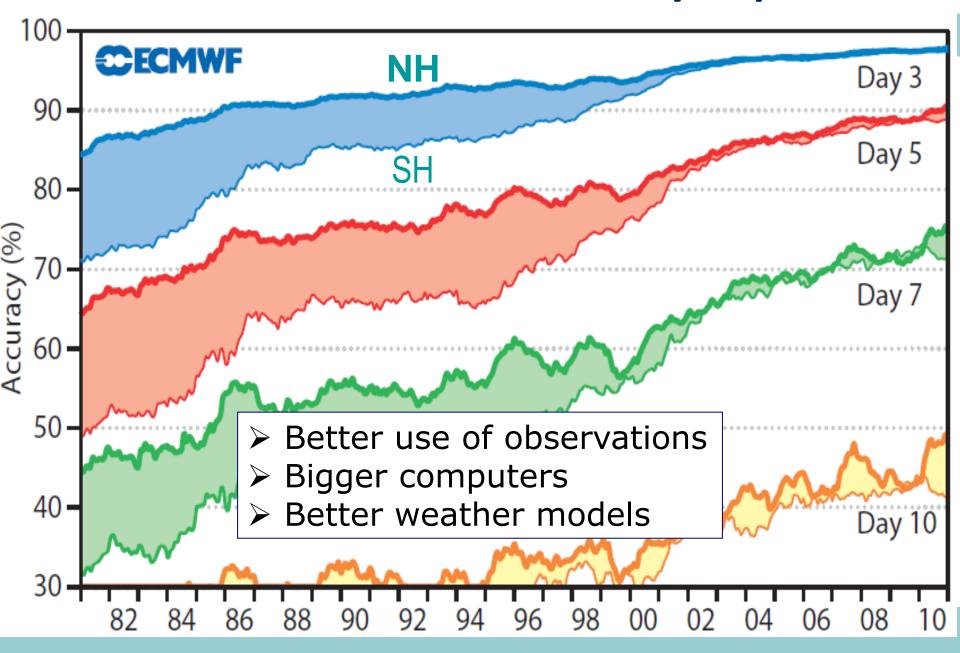
Wildfire

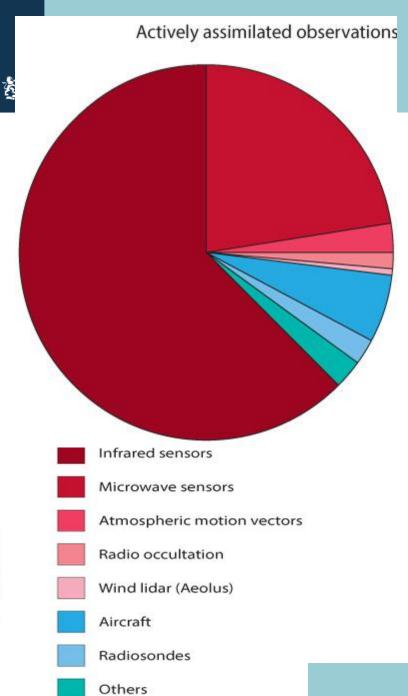
Storm

- Improved warnings - More heat

Wildfire

#### Weather forecasts continually improve





# ECMWF uses ~100 different satellite instruments in near-real time

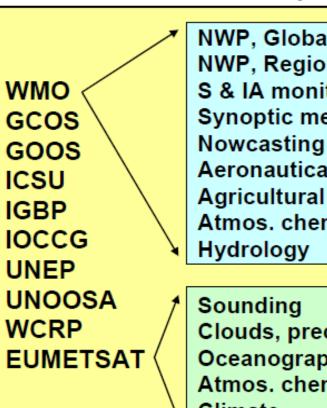
- > Still new instruments
- What observations are particularly needed?

www.ecmwf.int



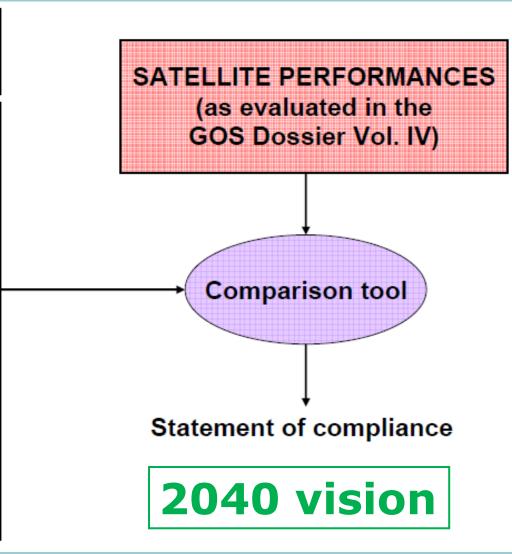
#### WMO G(C)OS gap analysis

#### USER REQUIREMENTS from WMO/CEOS database and EUMETSAT Post-MSG/post-EPS



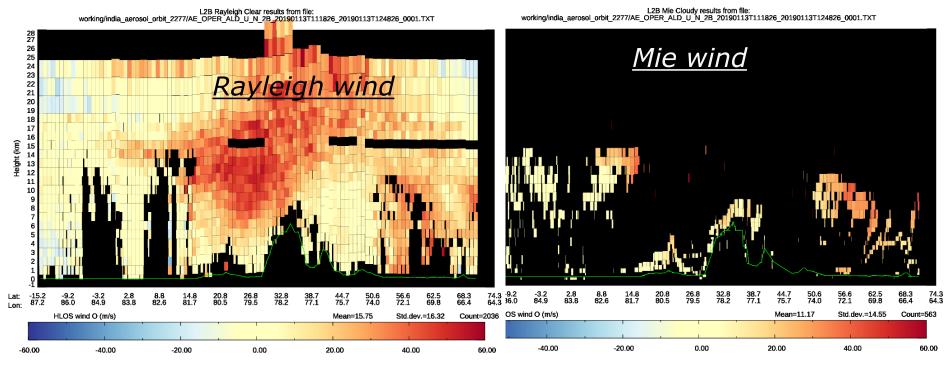
NWP, Global NWP, Regional S & IA monitoring Synoptic met Aeronautical met Agricultural met Atmos. chemistry

Clouds, precip, land Oceanography Atmos. chemistry Climate



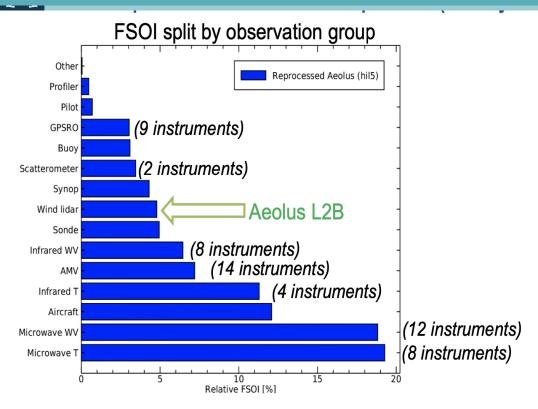


#### **Aeolus winds**



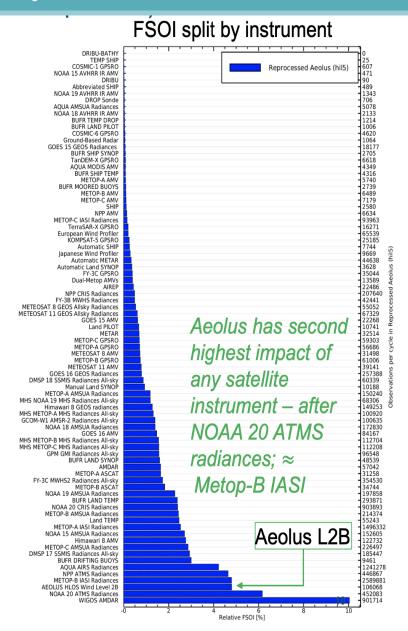
- Molecular clear air (Rayleigh) winds are the mission driver
- Cloud/aerosol particle (Mie) winds are complementary
- No winds below optically dense clouds
- Aeolus atmospheric return factor 3 too low

### FSOI Scores showing impact of Aeolus at ECMWF, reprocessed 3-27 Sept 2019

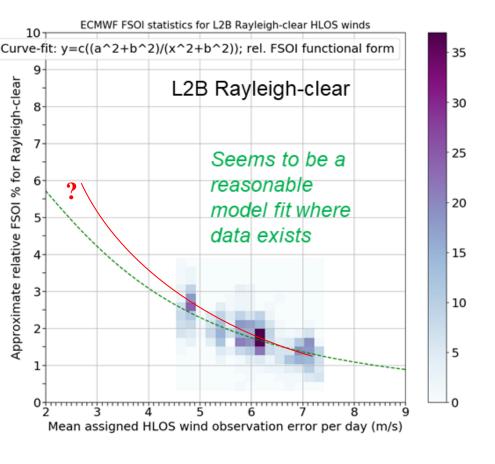


- For this period with good atmospheric signal and reprocessing, Aedus provides 4.8% relative FSOI – compare this to ~3.2% for first half 2020 operations
  - Aeolus ≈ radiosondes, > scatterometer & GPSRO
- Shows the importance of DWL in NWP
  - ... even with less useful signal than expected pre-launch





# What NWP impact can we expect from Aeolus-2 DWL with enhanced signal?



- FSOI is a measure for 24-hour forecast error variance reduction
- Compute enhanced variance contribution (green line)

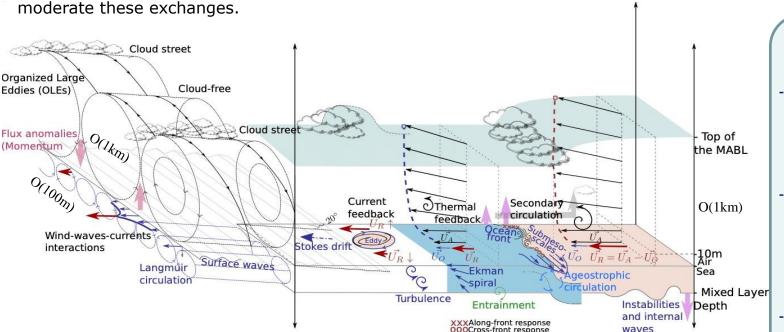
#### Alternatively:

- Models of dynamical error growth are linear in first 24 hours
- A factor of 2 for small changes and scalable w.r.t. FSOI
- Analysis error  $\sigma_A = \text{sqrt}[(\sigma_O^2 + \sigma_B^2)/\sigma_O^2 \cdot \sigma_B^2)]$
- Background error  $\sigma_B$  is about 2 m/s, x = observation error  $\sigma_O$
- $y = improvement or c.(\sigma_A \sigma_B)$ : red line
- Scales sampling and ignores changes in sampling w.r.t.  $\sigma_0$
- Can we use OSSE to address this extrapolation?



#### Processes at the air-sea interface

Exchanges of **heat, gas, momentum** at the air-sea interface depend on the **thermal, chemical, kinematic** unbalance between ocean and atmosphere that are modulated by many **small-scale processes** that substantially



- Atmosphere and ocean are dynamically coupled through parameterizations with errors
- > 70% of earth's surface
- Tropical modes are poorly described (El Nino, MJO, Tropical Instability Waves, ..)
- Will these modes change in a changing climate? With what consequence?

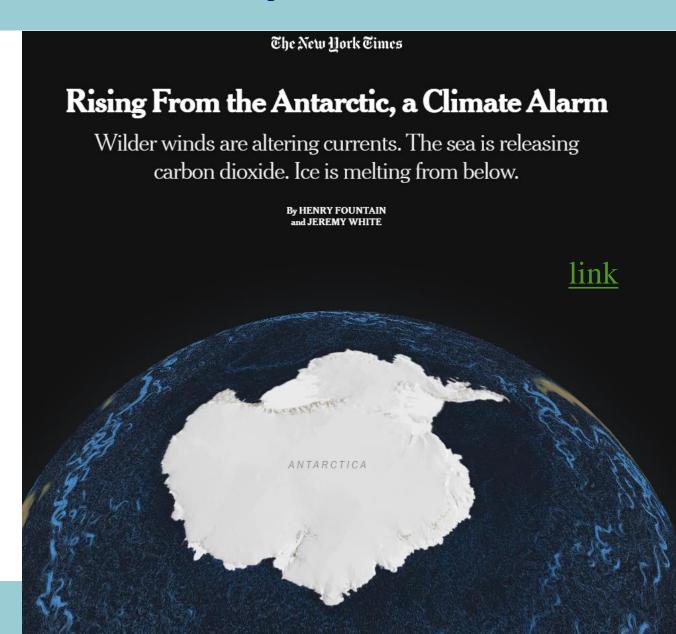
#### Air-sea fluxes

- depend on
- Surface stress
  (impacted by ocean
  velocity and by air
  velocity, which is
  affected by SST)
- Boundary layer thickness (which varies by 2 orders of magnitude in different stability conditions)
- Km-scale ocean (eddy) dynamical circulations and phenomena



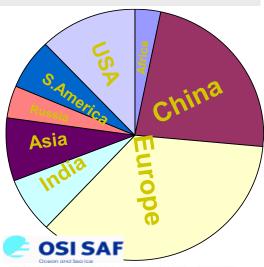
#### Ocean/ice dynamics

- 3D circulation/ transport, mixing
- Affects heat/carbon budgets
- Melts sea ice, accelerates land ice
- Sea level rise
- Crucial for climate change impact and understanding
- Satellite capability limited to surface
- Interior dynamics by ARGO floats





#### **OSISAF** Satellite Wind Services

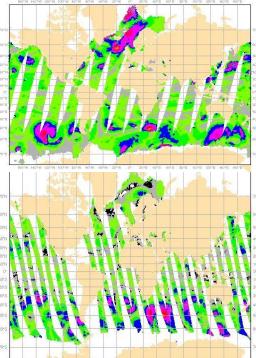


24/7 L2 Wind services (EUMETSAT SAF)

- International constellation of satellites
- High quality winds, QC
- Timeliness 30 min. 2 hours
- Service messages
- QA, monitoring

L2 software services (NWP SAF)

- Portable Wind Processors
- ECMWF model comparison
- L2/L3/L4 Climate Data records
- CMEMS Wind services, C3S storm atlas
- Organisations involved: KNMI, EUMETSAT, EU, ESA, NASA, NOAA, ISRO, CMA, WMO, CEOS, ...
- Users: NHC, JTWC, ECMWF, NOAA, NASA, NRL, BoM, UK MetO, M.France, DWD, CMA, JMA, CPTEC, NCAR, . . .

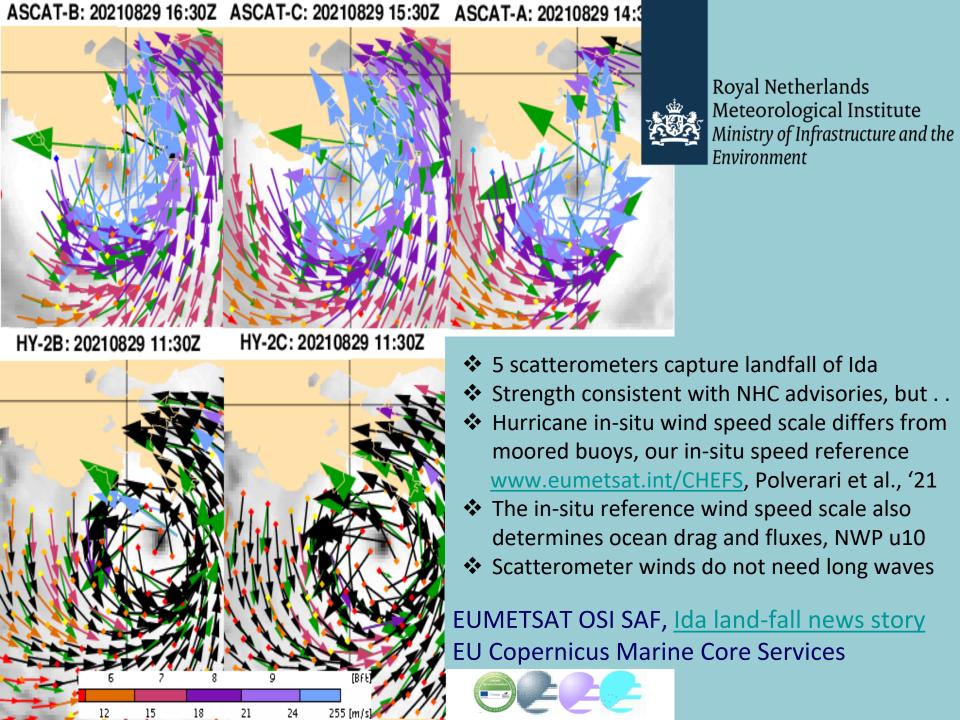


#### **More information:**

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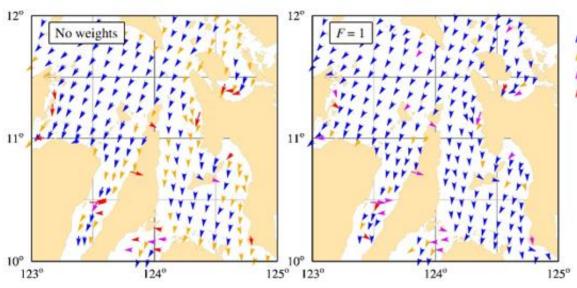
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#### **Coastal ASCAT and wind quality**



- 10 m/s
- MLE flag
- VarQC flag
- A Both flags
  - Accurate wind vectors
  - Close to the coast

Vogelzang et al, 2021

12°	F=2	120	Subset	Buoys		ASCAT-A		ScatSat		ECMWF	
				$\sigma_u$	$\sigma_v$	$\sigma_u$	$\sigma_v$	$\sigma_u$	$\sigma_v$	$\sigma_u$	$\sigma_v$
			bAS	1.03	1.12	0.41	0.49	0.78	0.65		
11°	110 W. J.	110	bAE	1.06	1.15	0.34	0.41			0.94	1.03
	<b>第一段</b>		bSE	1.09	1.21			0.72	0.59	0.92	1.03
	<b>新</b> 對對		ASE			0.43	0.49	0.76	0.65	0.90	0.98
10°	3° 124° 12	10°	range	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.05

Figure 4.1 "Part of the Philippines recorded January 1, 2017, with exponential radar cross section weights of various strength.

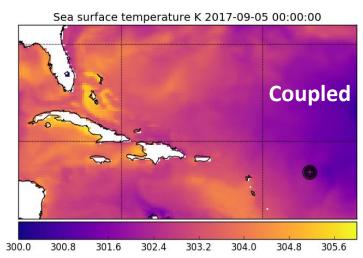


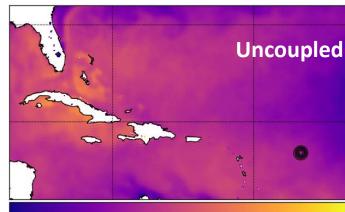




#### Need for accurate extreme winds

- Nowcasting, where dropsondes are the adopted wind speed reference; if the wind speed reference would change, hurricane categories change too, as everything relies on dropsonde wind speed calibration (SFMR, Dvorak, passive satellite ocean winds, ...)
- NWP, to formulate **drag** and air-sea interaction stresses
- Oceanography, to determine ocean mixing depth in hurricanes (see deep cold water track behind hurricane => )
- Climate monitoring, to determine climate change at the extremes, i.e., recalibrate past records
- Climate prediction, to well describe complex extra-tropical and tropical coupled ocean-atmosphere dynamics (CO<sub>2</sub>, heat, H<sub>2</sub>O, ...)
- Improved description of hurricane dynamics
- Satellite ocean surface wind speed calibration for active and passive microwave remote sensing





Tony McNally, ECMWF



#### Higher level ocean vector wind services

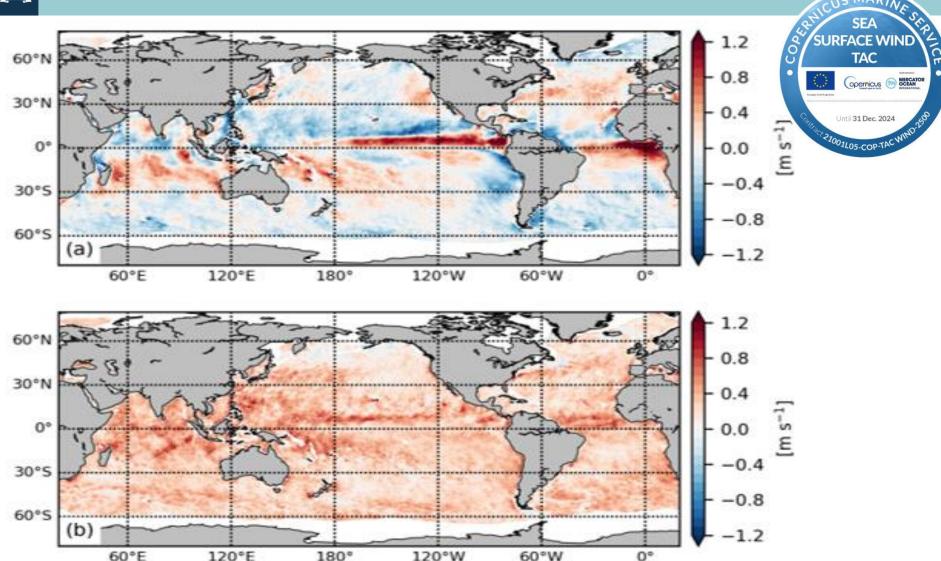


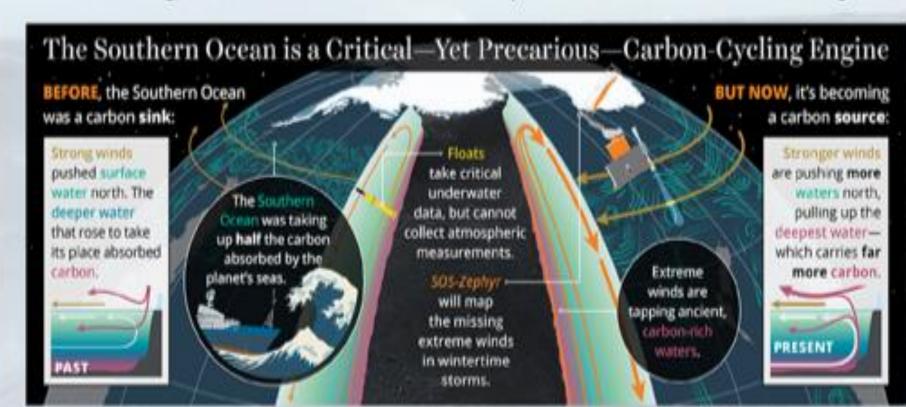
Figure 2: Annual mean meridional (a) wind speed difference and (b) transient wind speed difference between scatterometer (Metop-A ASCAT) and collocated ECMWF ERA5 for 2018.



# SOS TEPHYR

#### Southern Ocean Storms – Zephyr

Measuring Southern Ocean Winds from Space to Close the Carbon Budget





#### **Earth's Dynamics from Space**

- Winds determine hurricanes, weather, waves and surges, electricity, ocean forcing, heat and carbon budget, sea ice decline, climate change, ...
- Are used by marine forecasters, in NWP, by oceanographers, wind engineers, off-shore industry, safety authorities, climate scientists, . . .
- More become available through international exchange (virtual constellation)
- Ongoing technical development of capability
- We can well use new satellites, but certainly more resources for improved exploitation of existing satellites in society
- Open services and computer clouds allow earth collaboration and further scientific progress
- Data science is prominent and advanced statistical physics-informed methods have been developed for instrument monitoring, retrieval and applications
- Share the earth, it's satellites, it's science and it's services!





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#### Today's status of KNMI wind processing

•	ASCAT-A, MetOp-	A: 2007- 2021	9:30 LST, E	End-of-service announced
			J.JJ	

• ASCAT-B, MetOp-B: 2012- healthy 9:30 LST

ASCAT-C, MetOp-C: 2018- healthy 9:30 LST, Excellent for wind changes in convection

OSCAT-2, ScatSat-1: 2017- Feb 2021 8:45 LST, Excellent for Ku/C intercalibration

• OSCAT-3, OceanSat3 : Q1 2022 12:00 LST

• HSCAT-B, HY2B: 2018- healthy 6:00 LST

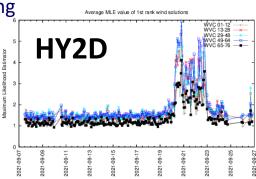
• HSCAT-C, HY2C: 2020- healthy Not sun-synchronous, regresses

HSCAT-D, HY2D: 2021- healthy Regresses, commissioning

• CSCAT, CFOSAT : 2019- demo Stability issues, nadir issues

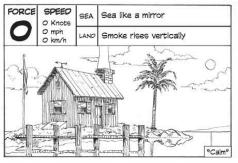
• WindRad, FY3E: 5/7/'21- healthy 5:30 LST, commissioning

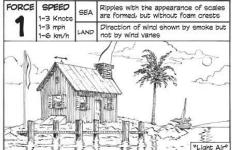
- https://scatterometer.knmi.nl/proc\_status/
- Vector wind CDRs for ERS (1991-1999), QuikScat (1999-2009),
   ASCAT (2007-), OSCAT (2014+), needed to monitor re-analyses
- Reanalyses are subject to changing inputs
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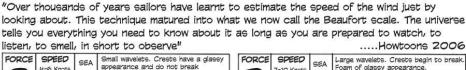


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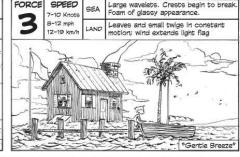
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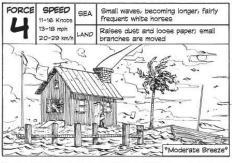


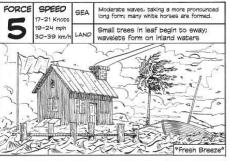


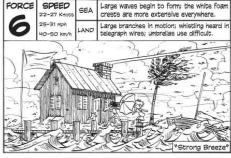


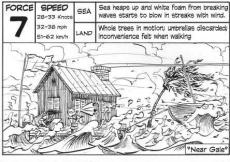


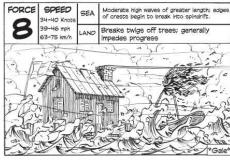


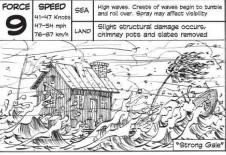


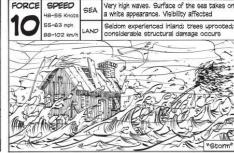


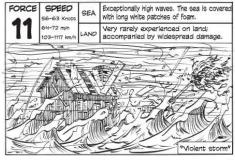










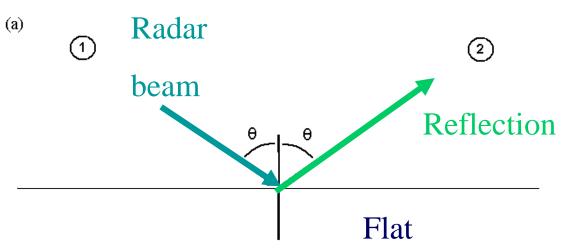






#### Scatterometer research partners abroad

- Marcos Portabella, Ku-band scatterometry, 8 years at KNMI
- Wenming Lin, 7 years at ICM, wind variability/rain; now at NUIST on CFOSAT
- Ana Trindade, ERA\*, ICM
- Giuseppe Grieco, 3 years at KNMI, 1 year at ICM, now CNR
- Federico Cossu, EUMETSAT wind fellow at ICM
- Zhixiong Wang, Ku GMF with SST correction, product comparison Ku/C, now prepares data for ECMWF data assimilation experiments and WindRad, NUIST
- Xingou Xu at NSSC, Machine Learning, Beijing
- NOAA hurricane hunters, USA
- IFREMER MAXSS, GlobCurrent, SAR winds
- Sean Healy, data assimilation, ECMWF
- Scatterometer Cal/Val: EUMETSAT, NASA, ESA, ISRO, NSOAS, CMA, CNES
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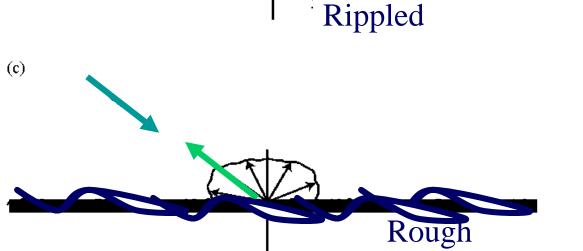
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Back-

scattering

#### **Scatterometer?**

- Interference with cm-waves (Bragg)
- The more wind, the more μgolf scattering
- Also depending on wind direction



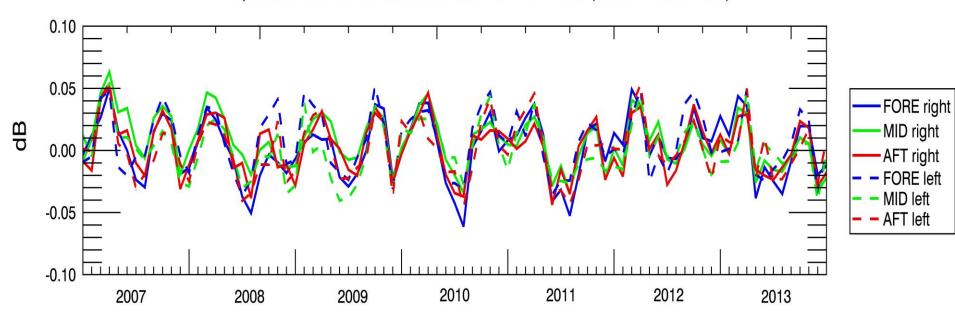
# ASCAT scatterometer



#### Scatterometers are very stable

- ASCAT-A beams stay within a few hundreds of a dB (eq. to m/s)
- Cone position variation due to seasonal wind variability
- Reference for climate research (to check reanalyses)

reprocessed ASCAT A beam offsets from CONE METRICS (relative to mean 2013)

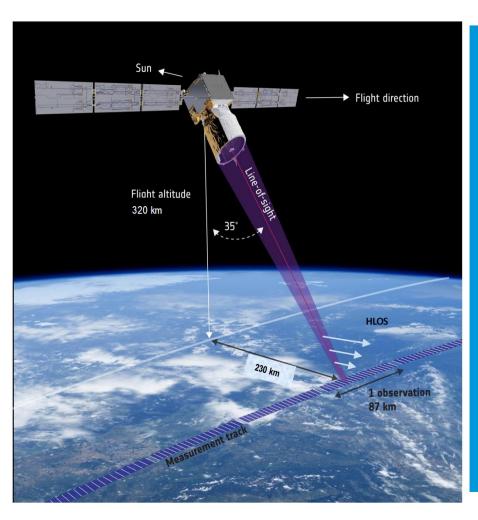






#### **ADM-Aeolus Measurement Principle (1/2)**





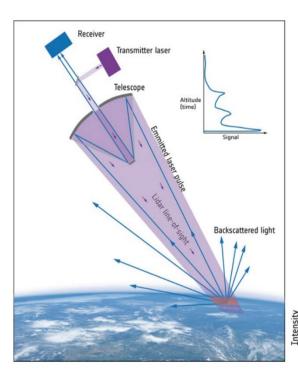
- UV Doppler wind Lidar operating at 355 nm and 50 Hz PRF in continuous mode, with 2 receiver channels (HSRL):
  - Mie receiver (aerosol & cloud backscatter)
  - Rayleigh receiver (molecular backscatter)
- The line-of-sight is pointing 35° from nadir to derive horizontal wind component
- The line-of-sight is pointing orthogonal to the ground track velocity vector to avoid contribution from the satellite velocity
- Spacecraft regularly pointed to nadir for calibration

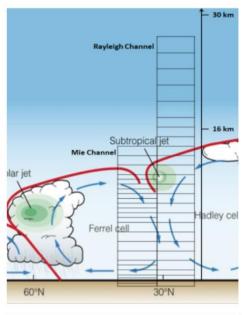
#### **Measurement Principle (2/2)**

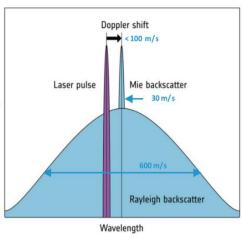


Doppler -Equation:

$$\Delta f = 2 f_0 \frac{\mathbf{V}_{LOS}}{c}$$





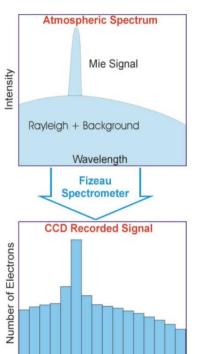


#### Mie channel:

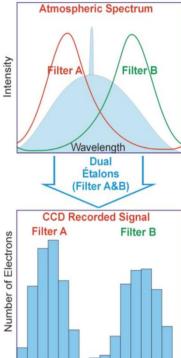
- Aerosol/cloud backscatter
- Imaging technique

#### Rayleigh channel:

- Molecular backscatter
- Double-edge technique



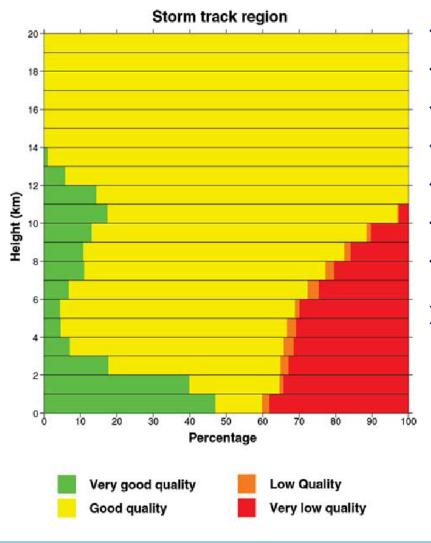
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**CCD Pixel Number** 



#### Aeolus: What did we expect in 1999?



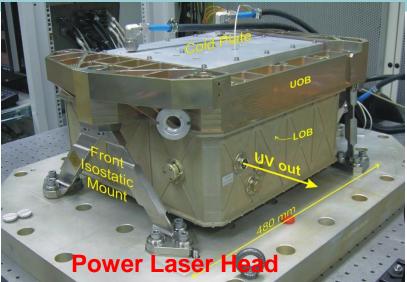
- Molecules most of the time (largely yellow)
- Particles part of the time (largely green)
- Not much in cloudy regions (red)
- Radiosonde quality winds, height resolved
- Improved NWP, 3D turbulence, circulation
- Tropics, UTLS
- Reference for improving satellite winds
- Why would this 2000 vision still work 20 years later, after a "silent revolution" in NWP?

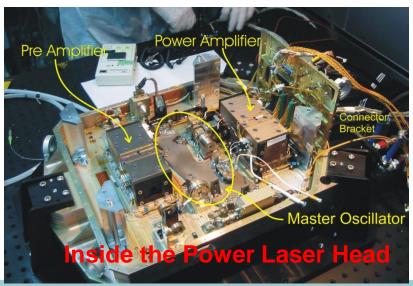




#### **ADM-Aeolus was ready in 2017**

- Aeolus: the first Doppler wind lidar in space, no heritage in design and testing
- Most of the novel technological developments completed and qualified for flight
- Most demanding is the high energy transmitter laser:
  - 120 mJ pulses (80 mJ initially) with
  - 50 Hz pulse repetition rate,
  - single frequency at
  - 355 nm wavelength, designed for long lifetime (3 years)
- This is pushing laser technology in many areas, like
  - optical coatings,
  - harmonic crystals,
  - pump laser diodes...
- And, e.g., satellite gyroscopes . . .







#### **Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites - CGMS**

#### To be considered by CGMS:

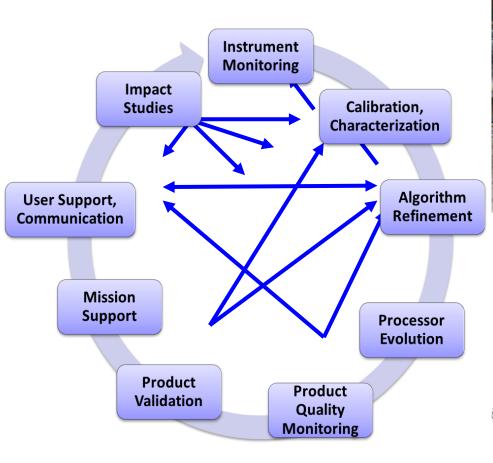
- ➤ Recommendation 1: For consideration by CGMS Plenary the IWWG recommends space agencies to address the gap of global 3D wind profile observations with high priority. Based on the Aeolus experience, a combination of lidar & IR missions can provide complimentary wind observations which look to be very promising.
- Aeolus shows significant positive impact on global NWP models as shown by ECMWF, Météo-France, Met Office, DWD, NOAA, JMA, NCMRWF and ECCC and is better than expected prior to launch.
- > Operational assimilation at ECMWF, Météo-France, DWD and the Met Office.
- Strength within the entire assimilation scheme.
- Valuable as an AMV intercomparison dataset.





#### **ESA Aeolus DISC team**

#### Data Innovation and Science Cluster





















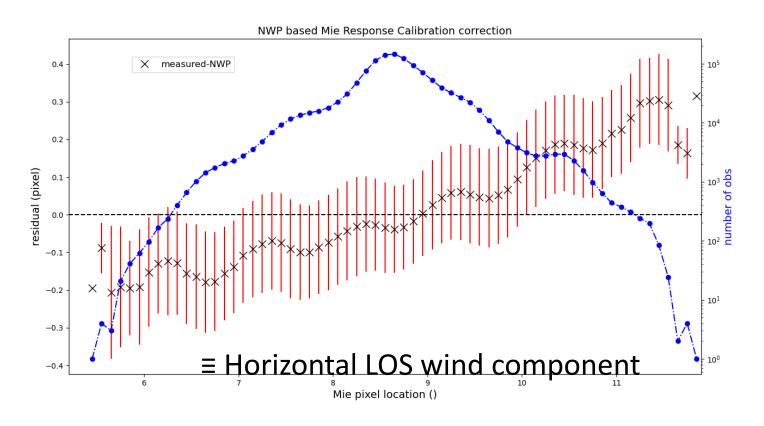








# Spectral non-linear correction from NWP calibration

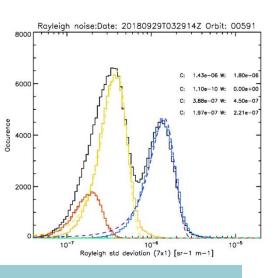


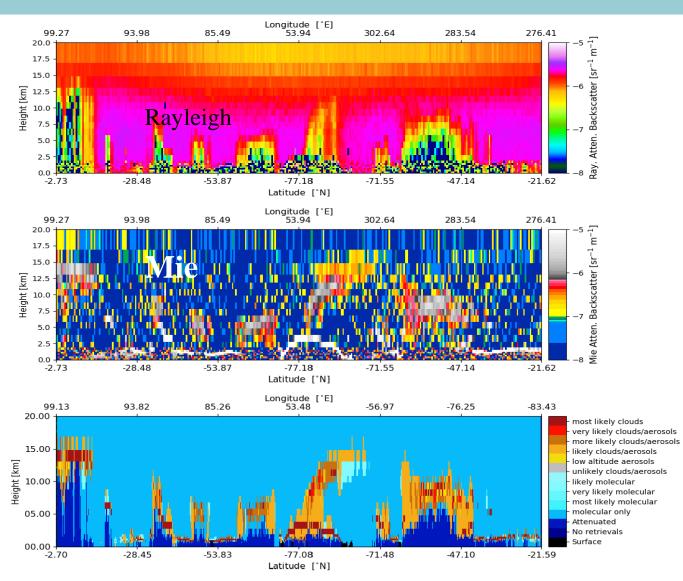
- Oscillation with ~constant periodicity on top of ~linear slope
- Slope is ~double the slope currently used (compare to slide 3)



#### Cloud and aerosol mask

- Noise analysis
- ❖ S/N PDFs
- S coherent, N random
- EarthCare ATLID tools
- First Aeolus test





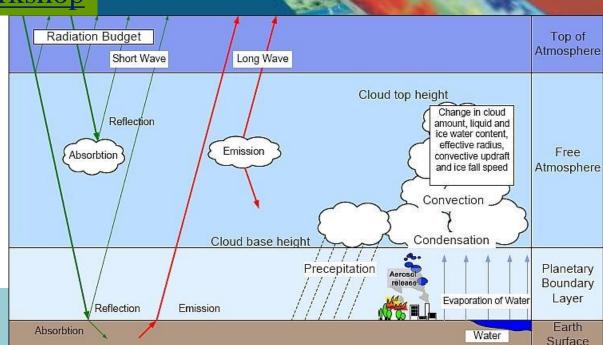
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#### **EarthCare**



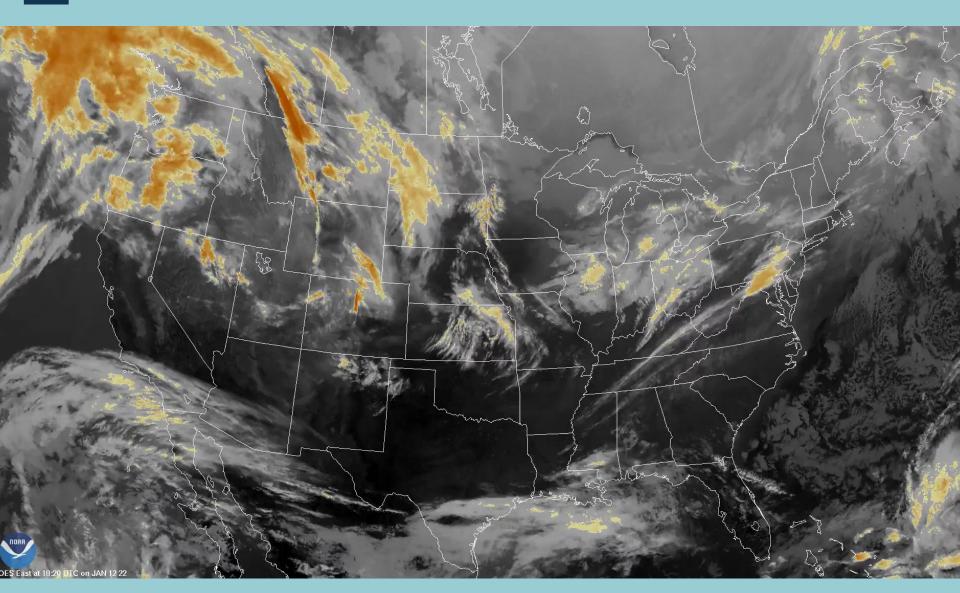
1st EarthCare validation workshop

- Lead lidar/radar retrieval
- Cardinal



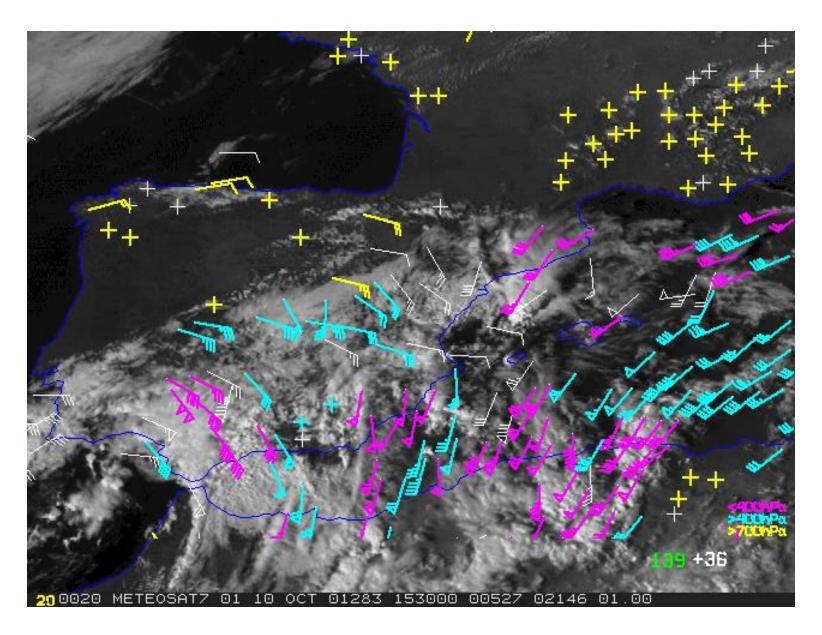


#### **Satellite earth views**



#### **Upper air GEO and LEO cloud winds**





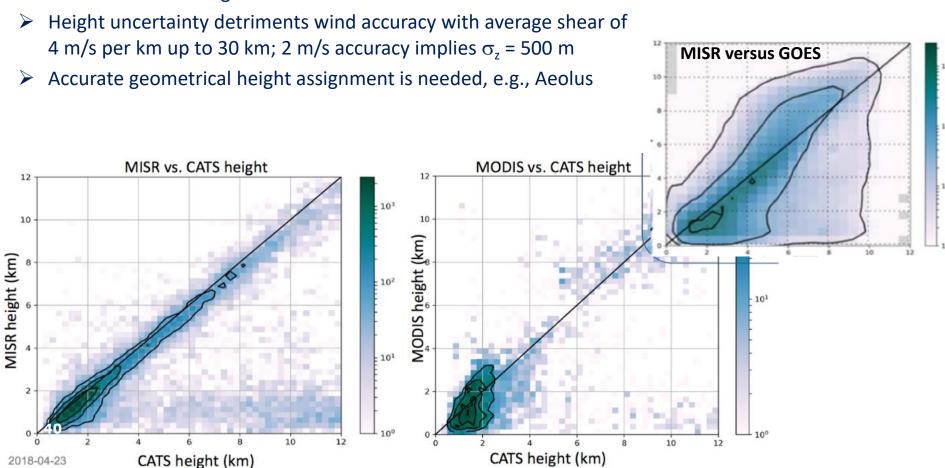


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## How does Aeolus complement feature tracked winds?

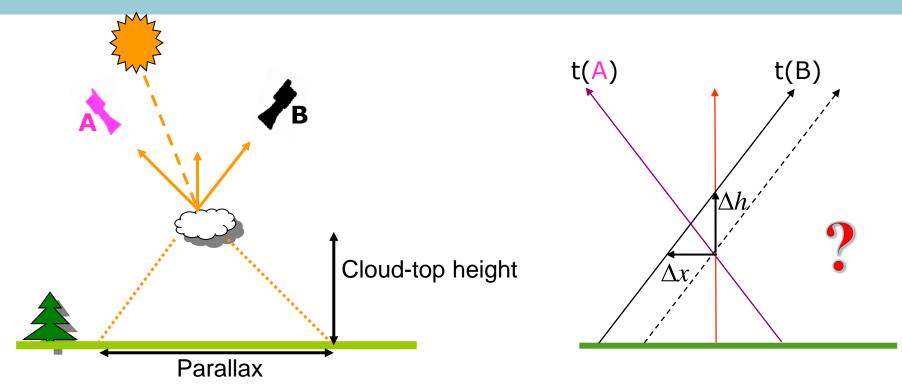


- Waves, convergence, cloud dynamics and wind; do observed features move with the wind?
- Do we know the height of these features?



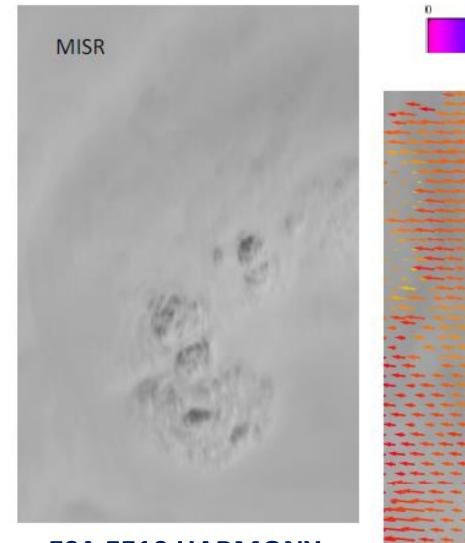


#### gCMW: Principle stereo winds

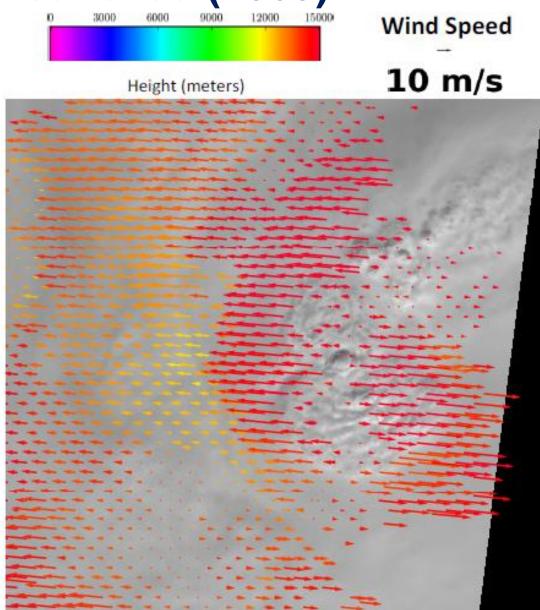


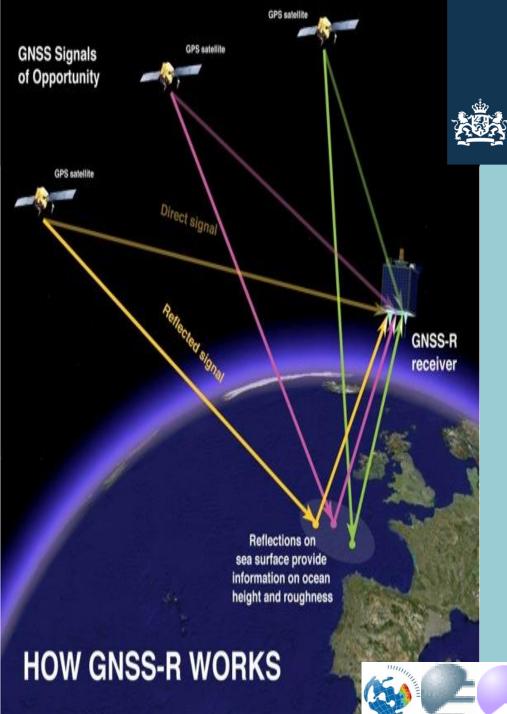
- $\blacktriangleright$  The cloud transforms in 4 minutes, since for convection  $\tau \sim 20$  minutes
- $\succ$  t(A)  $\neq$  t(B); for  $\theta$  =  $\pm$  50 deg,  $\Delta$ t  $\sim$ 250s or 4 min.;  $\Delta x \neq 0$  and  $\Delta h \neq 0$
- Two satellites could match up fore and aft views, so that t(A) = t(B);  $\Delta x = 0$  and  $\Delta h = 0$  but h can be determined
- HARMONY ESA EE10

# km-scale wind observations on cloud tops in Hurricane Ida (2009)



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#### **GNSS-R**

- TechDemoSat since 2014
- CYGNSS launched succesfully on December 12 2016 with Pegasus
- EUMETSAT GOODIE fellow at KNMI from March '17-'20; now at ICM/CNR

