

# Fjernmåling. Jordobservasjoner - Meteosat

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## Meteorological satellites



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### Meteorology satellittes History

- 1940 – Rockets with cameras
- 1957 – First weather satellite Sputnik 1 USSR
- 1958 – First American weather satellite, Explorer 1 U.S.A
- 1958 – Space organisation NASA established
- 1959 – First optical instrument for environmental studies on a satellite (photodetector + lens ) Vanguard 2
- 1960 – First weather satellite for meteorology, only (Tiros1 NASA)  
(observation of weather patterns )
- 1977 – Meteosat 1 (ESA) First European geostationary satellite
- 1981 – Meteosat 2 the first fully operational Meteosat launched

1995 - Meteosat transition programme – current operational system for weather operations

Meteosat 7 is in operation, same technology

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2003 – Meteosat second generation satellite

MSG 1 launced 28 August

(calibration and validation still going on )

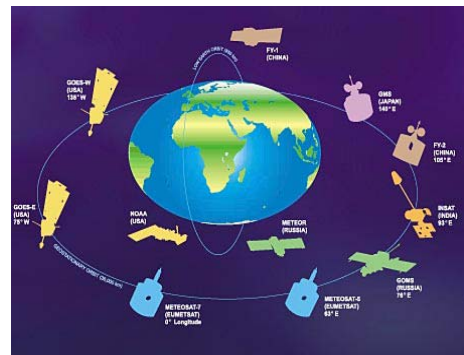
2015 ?? - Meteosat third generation

needs to start planning now.... (increase resolution, more channels, ....

## Meteorological satellites

- Several geostationary satellites (36000km)
- Eumetsat (European collaboration)  
<http://www.eumetsat.de/>
- Provide images, wind fields, temperatures, assimilated products.

## Global satellite update



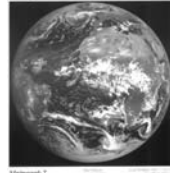
## Meteosat history

- [http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left6.html&body=/en/mtp/background/meteosat\\_history.html&a=612&b=2&c=610&d=600&e=0](http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left6.html&body=/en/mtp/background/meteosat_history.html&a=612&b=2&c=610&d=600&e=0)
- European collaboration
  - 3 satellites covering Europe and Asia
  - Less coverage in the polar regions

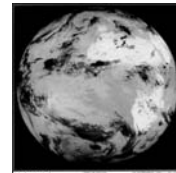
## Meteosat 1-7

### Pictures 3 wavelength bands

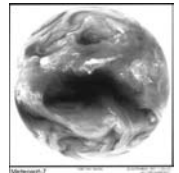
- At operational service: visible(0.5-0.7  $\mu\text{m}$ ), IR (10.5-12.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and far IR(5.7-7.1  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- See image service at:
  - [http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left7.html&body=/en/dps/helpdesk/faq\\_general.html&a=760&b=1&c=700&d=700&e=0](http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left7.html&body=/en/dps/helpdesk/faq_general.html&a=760&b=1&c=700&d=700&e=0)



VIS



IR



Wv

## New generation meteo satellites

### • Meteorological products

- The EUMETSAT central processing facility in Darmstadt will produce a range of meteorological products derived from satellite data:
- Atmospheric wind vectors at various altitudes, derived from the motion of clouds and other tracers such as water vapour and ozone
- Cloud Analysis providing identification of cloud layers with coverage, height and type for weather forecasting, Numerical Weather Prediction and climate research

- Tropospheric Humidity at medium and upper levels for weather forecasting, Numerical Weather Prediction and climate research
- High Resolution Precipitation Index
- Cloud Top Height images for aviation meteorology
- Clear Sky Radiances, for Numerical Weather Prediction models
- Global airmass instability, for Nowcasting
- International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project (ISCCP) data set
- Total Ozone Product
- Calibration Monitoring

## MSG 1 Meteosat second generation

<http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left7.html&body=/en/dps/dcs.html&a=750&b=1&c=700&d=700&e=0>

Regular service since 12 January 2004  
Named Meteosat 8

## Payload Meteosat 8

- **Spinning Enhanced Visible and Infrared Imager (SEVIRI)**
  - imaging radiometer main element, 12 spectral channels
- **Mission Communication Payload (MCP)**
- **Geostationary Earth Radiation Budget (GERB)**
- **Search and Rescue transponder (S&R)**

- **MSG-1 Launched 28 august 2002**
- **First image:**
- **12 February 2003**
- <http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left7.html&body=/en/dps/dcs.html&a=750&b=1&c=700&d=700&e=0>

**SEVIRI instrument:**  
Increased number of spectral bands:

- Visible 0.6 and 0.8 for cloud detection
- NearIR 1.6 for discriminate between snow and clouds
- IR 3.9 low clouds and fog
- water vapor at 6.2 and 7.3
- IR 8.7 cirrus clouds
- IR 9.7 ozone
- IR 10.8 and 12 temperature on clouds
- IR 13.4 CO<sub>2</sub>
- High resolution visible (1 km)

**TABLE 1.** Spectral channel characteristics of SEVIRI providing central, minimum, and maximum wavelength of the channels and whether the channel is an absorption or a window channel. A concise summary of the use of the spectral channels is given in the section titled "SEVIRI spectral channels."

Channel no.		Characteristics of spectral band ( $\mu\text{m}$ )			Main gaseous absorber or window
		$\lambda_{\text{cen}}$	$\lambda_{\text{min}}$	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	
1	VIS0.6	0.635	0.56	0.71	Window
2	VIS0.8	0.81	0.74	0.88	Window
3	NIR1.6	1.64	1.50	1.78	Window
4	IR3.9	3.90	3.48	4.36	Window
5	WV6.2	6.25	5.35	7.15	Water vapor
6	WV7.3	7.35	6.85	7.85	Water vapor
7	IR8.7	8.70	8.30	9.10	Window
8	IR9.7	9.66	9.38	9.94	Ozone
9	IR10.8	10.80	9.80	11.80	Window
10	IR12.0	12.00	11.00	13.00	Window
11	IR13.4	13.40	12.40	14.40	Carbon dioxide
12	HRV	Broadband (about 0.4 – 1.1)			Window/water vapor

## MSG-1 Level 1.5 Rectified Images

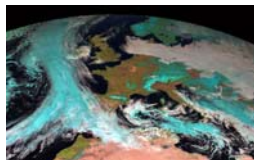
- Click on image, first set of images
- <http://www.eumetsat.de/en/index.html?area=left7.html&body=/en/dps/dcs.html&a=750&b=1&c=700&d=700&e=0>
- Download images from different channels.
- Composite image of 3 channels.
- High resolution image, 1 km resolution
- Pdf download: MSG introduction (lower right corner)

### Composite MSG-1 Image of Europe 18.02.2003, 13:00 UTC

Red: 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  IR

Green: 0.8  $\mu\text{m}$  visible channel,

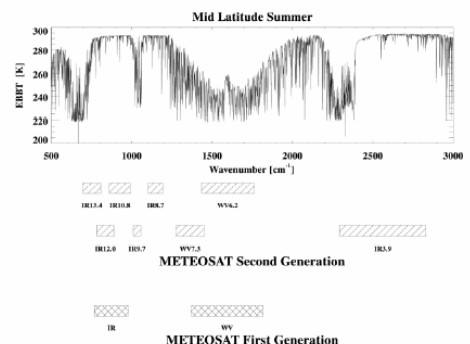
Blue: 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  visible channel.



By radiative transfer theory one can retrieve:

Turquoise: cloud signals the presence of ice particles, whereas white cloud is liquid. Snow on the ground is turquoise.

The large white patch over north-eastern Europe is fog or stratocumuli, sharply contrasting with snowed areas south of it. Channel 1.6 creates that contrast. Vegetated surface shows green, due to its absorption properties in the visible range. Sandy or granitic areas are pink.



**FIG. 5.** Thermal infrared part of the spectrum emitted by the earth-atmosphere is shown in the top panel. Brightness temperatures are plotted as a function wavenumber. MSG imager channels are indicated below, as are the channels of the current Meteosat generation.

## On line data from Meteosat 8

- <http://oiswww.eumetsat.org/IDDS-cgi/listImages?a=0,m=5,f=1,c=2,o=0,s=2,n=6,d=1,v=400,p=0>
- 4 channels available
  - VIS06,
  - IR3.9 (low clouds and fog),
  - WV6.2 (water vapor),
  - IR 10.8 (high clouds, temp)

## Global satellite update

*Europe:* Meteosat-7 supports the primary service at 0° Longitude. Meteosat-6 performs the operational Rapid Scanning Service (and is the primary service back-up at 10°E). Meteosat-5 continues the Indian Ocean Data Coverage Service at 63°E. MSG-1 was launched on 28 August, 2002 and is currently undergoing commissioning. MSG-2 is currently planned for launch in January 2005 and Metop-1 in mid-2005.

*USA:* GOES-8 (East) is functioning at 75°W. GOES-12 is scheduled to replace GOES-8 as the GOES East operational spacecraft on 31 March 2003. GOES-9 is expected to act as back-up for the Japanese GMS-5 from Spring 2003. GOES-10 (West) is functioning at 135°W. GOES-11 acts as back-up at 105°W. On 1 October 2002 NOAA-17 was declared the primary polar orbiting morning satellite. NOAA-15 is the backup satellite. NOAA-16 is the primary polar satellite in the afternoon orbit with NOAA-14 as the backup.

*Russia:* Meteor-3M-N1 was successfully launched on 10 December 2001 into a polar sun-synchronous morning orbit, inclined at 99.7°. Meteor-3M-N2 is planned to be launched in 2005. GOMS-Electro-N2, which will be positioned at 76°E, is planned for launch in 2005. One satellite of the Meteor-3 series continues to operate beyond its designed lifetime with reduced capabilities in circular orbits inclined at approximately 82°.

*China:* Fengyun-1D (FY-1D), a polar-orbiting meteorological satellite to replace FY-1C, launched on 15 May, is fully operational. FY-2B is stationed at 105°E. FY-2A continues to act as back-up satellite at 86°E. FY-2C is planned for launch at the end of 2003 and will replace FY-2B. FY-3A, the first of the second generation of Chinese polar orbiting meteorological satellites, is planned for launch in 2004.

*Japan:* GMS-5, Japan's current operational geostationary meteorological satellite, continues to operate at 140°E. The US satellite GOES-9 is expected to act as back-up for GMS-5 at 155°E from Spring 2003 until MTSAT-1R becomes operational towards the end of 2003. MTSAT-1R is scheduled to be launched in the summer of 2003. MTSAT-2 will be launched in the summer of 2004.

*India:* METSAT, India's first exclusive meteorological satellite, was launched on 12 September 2002 and is positioned at 74°E, collocated with INSAT-3C. INSAT-2B and INSAT-2C are collocated at 93.5°E. INSAT-2DT is positioned at 55°E, INSAT-2E at 83°E. INSAT-3A is scheduled for launch in December 2002, INSAT-3D and -3E launches are planned in the 2003-2005 time-frame. INSAT-1D was deactivated on 14 May 2002.



## Next generation: EUMETSAT POLAR SYSTEM

METOP  
Meteorological Operational Polar  
satellite

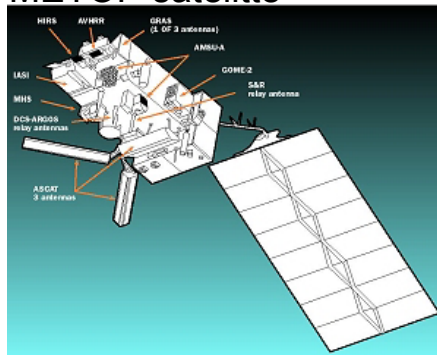
## METOP satellite

To be launched  
in 2005:

8 different  
Instruments

Combined  
meteorological  
and  
environmental  
Applications

Combined  
ESA and NASA  
project

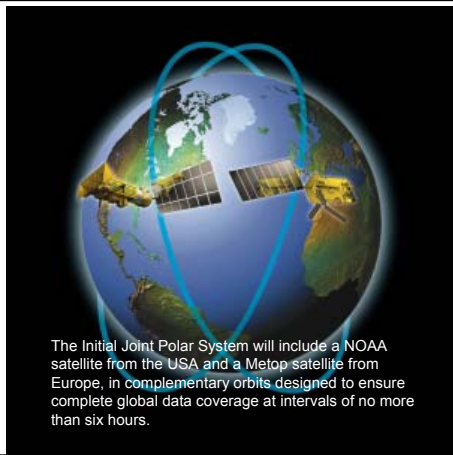


INSTRUMENT	FULL NAME	PRIMARY FUNCTION
AVHRR/3*	Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer	Global imagery of clouds, the ocean and land surface
HIRS/4	High Resolution Infrared Radiation Sounder	Temperature and humidity of the global atmosphere in cloud-free conditions
AMSU-A*	Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit-A	Temperature of the global atmosphere in all weather conditions
MHS	Microwave Humidity Sounder	Humidity of the global atmosphere
IASI	Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer	Enhanced atmospheric soundings
GRAS	Global Navigation Satellite System Receiver for Atmospheric Sounding	Temperature of the upper troposphere and in the stratosphere with high vertical resolution
ASCAT	Advanced Scatterometer	Near-surface wind speeds over the global oceans
GOME-2*	Global Ozone Experiment-2	Monitoring Profiles of ozone and other atmospheric constituents

## Ground system at Svalbard



- Polar orbit
- combined global observations for meteorological applications and climate monitoring
- A completely new ground system is being developed at Svalbard
- <http://www.svalsat.com>



The Initial Joint Polar System will include a NOAA satellite from the USA and a Metop satellite from Europe, in complementary orbits designed to ensure complete global data coverage at intervals of no more than six hours.

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