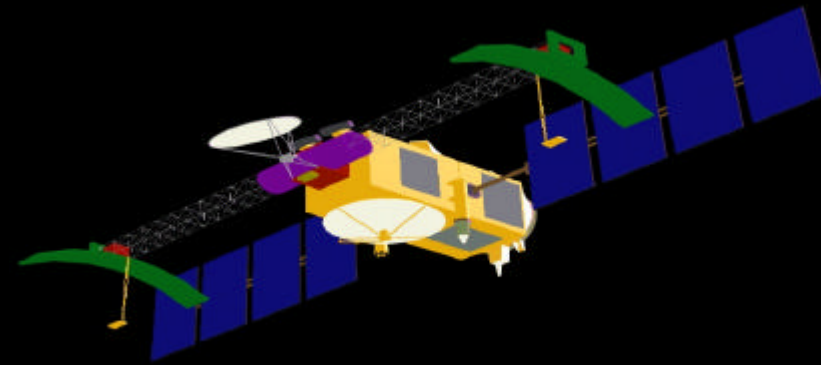
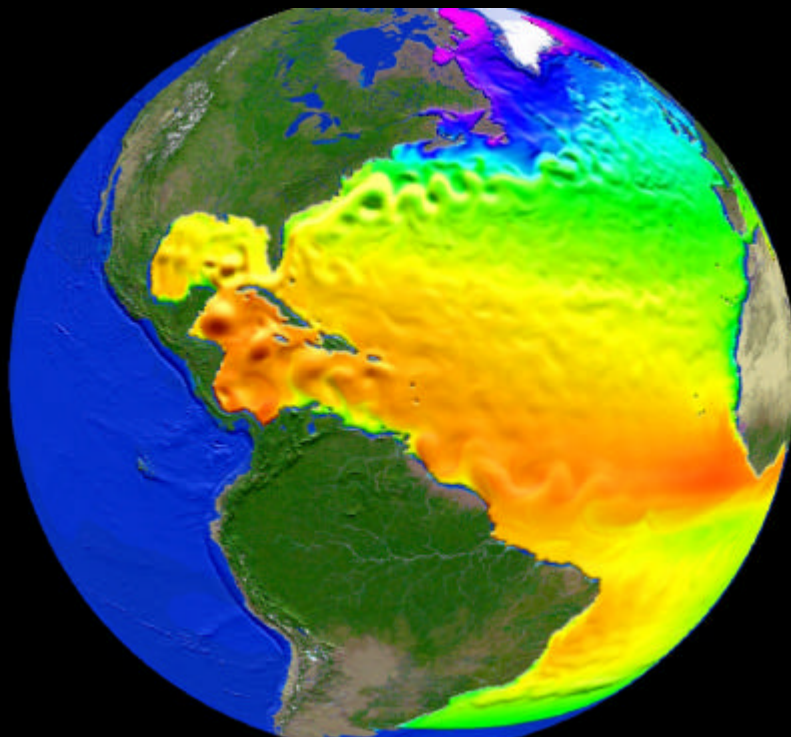
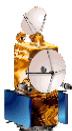


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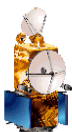
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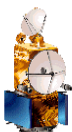
- Following Eumetsat Council meeting last summer, The Optional Eumetsat Jason-2 Altimetry Programme entered into force on June 27, 2003.
 - At that time, 13 among the 18 Eumetsat Participating States subscribed to the Programme allowing to reach the necessary 90% funding.
 - According to Eumetsat rules the remaining Member States still have until June 2004 to join the Programme. Turkey recently decided to do so bringing the overall funding to 92.2 % and we are currently hoping to get all Member States to participate in the Programme.
 - Greece expected in 2003, Portugal in 2004, Luxembourg is also considering to join , Austria ?
 - If the Programme is not fully (100%) subscribed at that time, the existing Participants will have to accept a new scale of contributions whereby the deficit is distributed pro rata.





Programmatic (2)

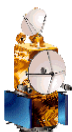
- In parallel to this key milestone achievement, works continued :
 - At 4 partite level on the respective roles in the OSTM partnership and high level management approach (see NASA or CNES presentation)
 - With CNES to define in more detail the interactions between both agencies including deliverables from CNES to Eumetsat and Eumetsat support to ground segment and system level activities and operations
 - A cooperation Agreement has been prepared and endorsed by management on both sides. It will be formally submitted to Eumetsat Council next week.
 - This agreement will be signed at a later stage, when the OSTM baseline is formally agreed by the four partners





Programmatic (3)

- Authorisation to proceed with the implementation of the cooperation, and to start transfer of funds to CNES is also sought in order to preserve the schedule
 - These documents have already been presented to and accepted by Eumetsat Delegate Bodies (STG and STG/AFG) in early October
- WSOA
 - A presentation has been made by NASA/JPL to the Eumetsat Science and Technical Group with the objective to provide to the Eumetsat delegations programmatic background information and to address the principle of WSOA and expectations from the research user community
 - A strong support has been expressed by several delegations
 - Eumetsat position regarding WSOA to be expressed later on after completion of accommodation studies





Technical/Open points

- A Radio Frequency Interference and Compatibility survey will be performed at Usingen to provide inputs for the system studies aiming at the selection of the precise location for the European earth terminal.
- Elaboration of a ground segment concept document, capturing the articulation between acquisition, communication, processing, formatting, storage and dissemination functions.
- Consolidation of schedule !
 - Jason-1 : Two years in orbit ...

