

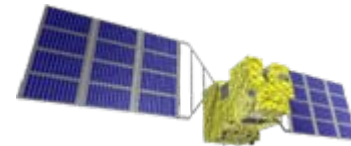
Alternative Leak Detection Technologies: GOSAT

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Different target/ Different method



10cm

100m

100km



Components

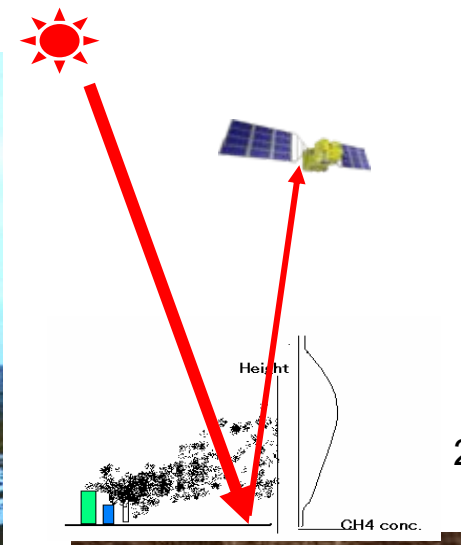
- Air-sampling /Analysis
- IR absorption /Video etc

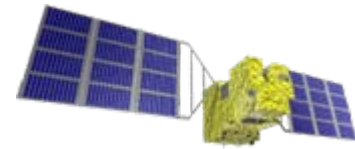
Local

- Remote Sensing from Aircraft
- Sampling analysis on Balloon etc

Regional

- Remote Sensing from Satellite





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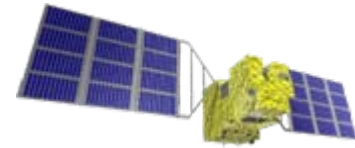
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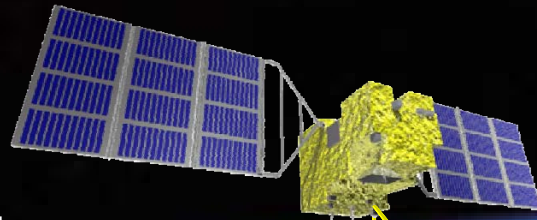
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To be launched in 21st January,
2009 by Japanese H-II a rocket

GOSAT



666 km

Solar Radiation

Field of view = 10 km

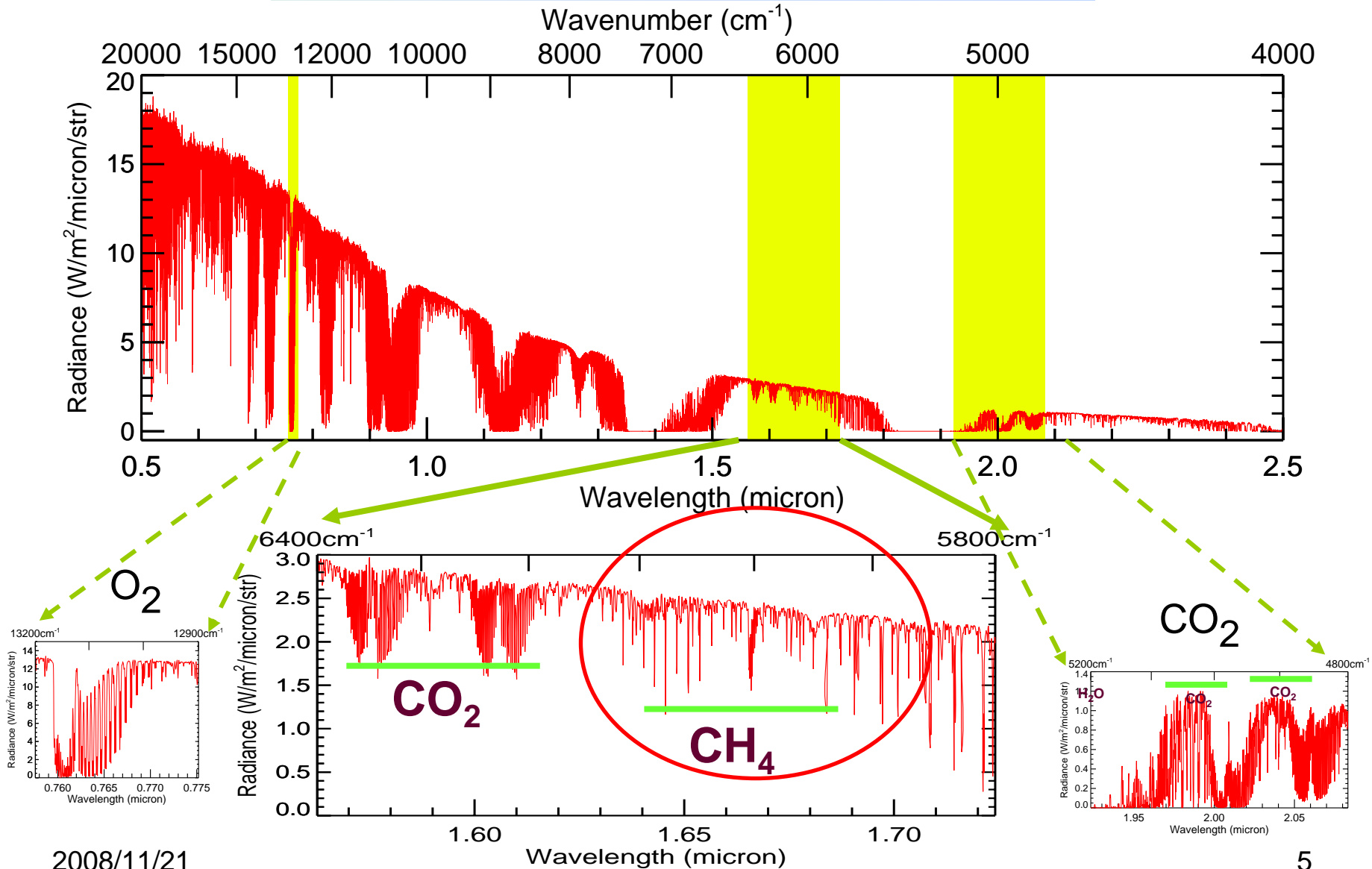
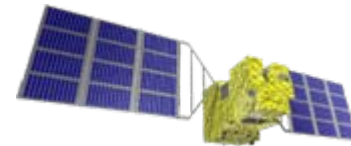
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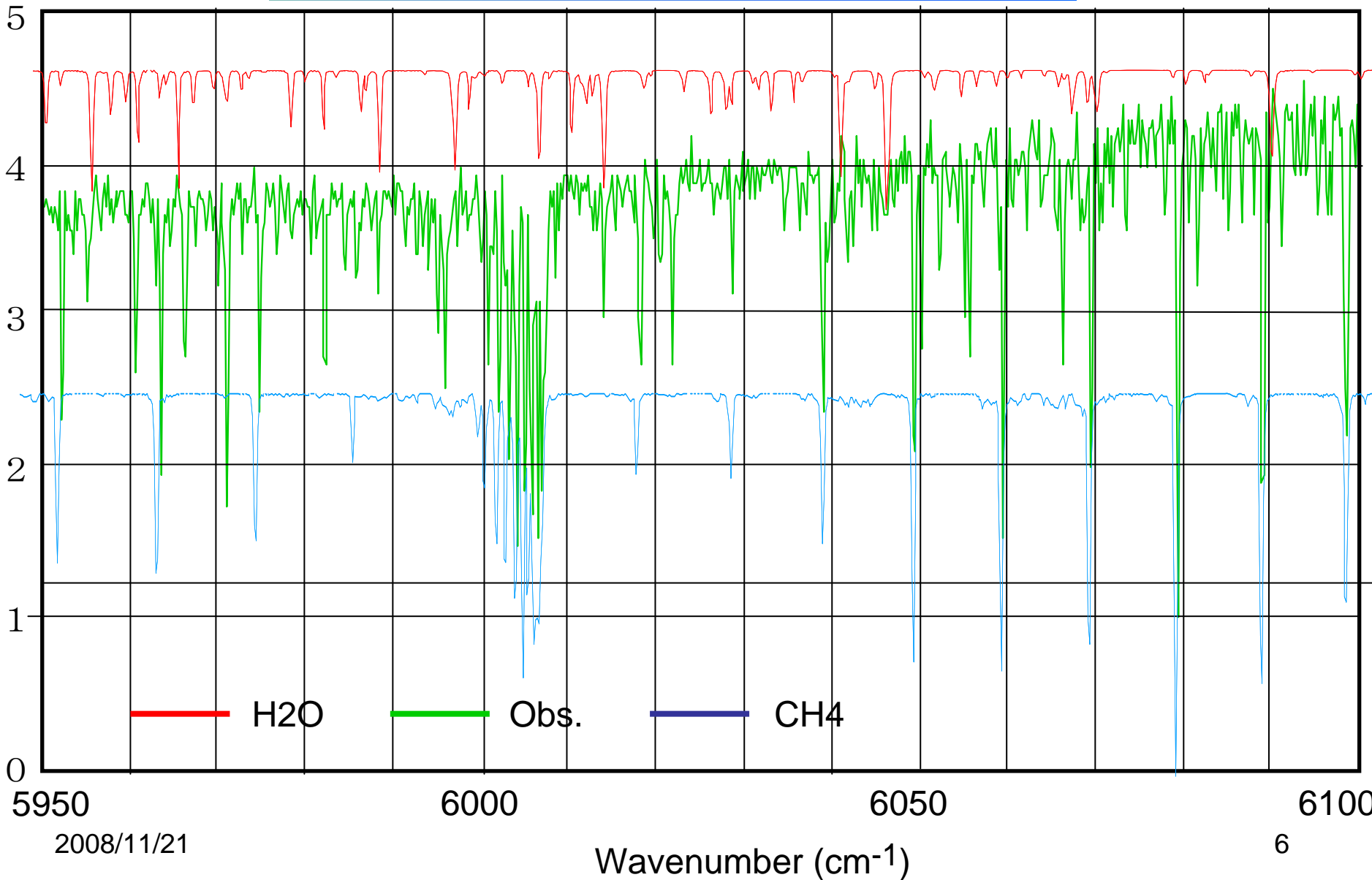
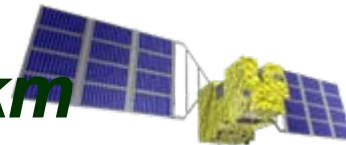
Sun-glint over ocean

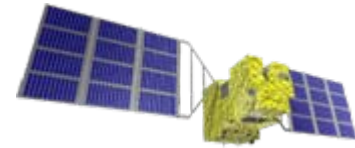


H-II a

Spectra of GOSAT sensor

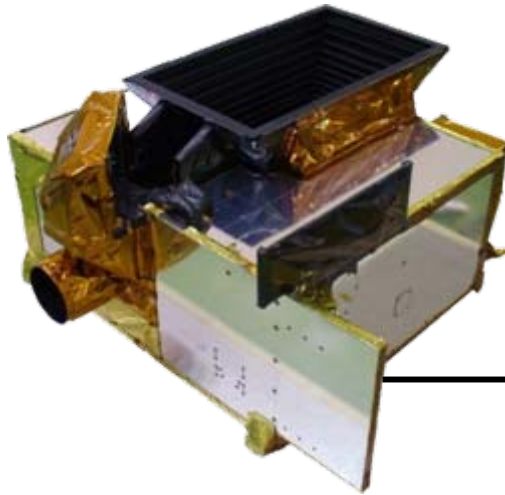






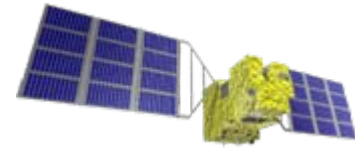
TANSO=Thermal And Near infrared Sensor for carbon
Observation

TANSO-FTS
(Fourier Transform Spectrometer)

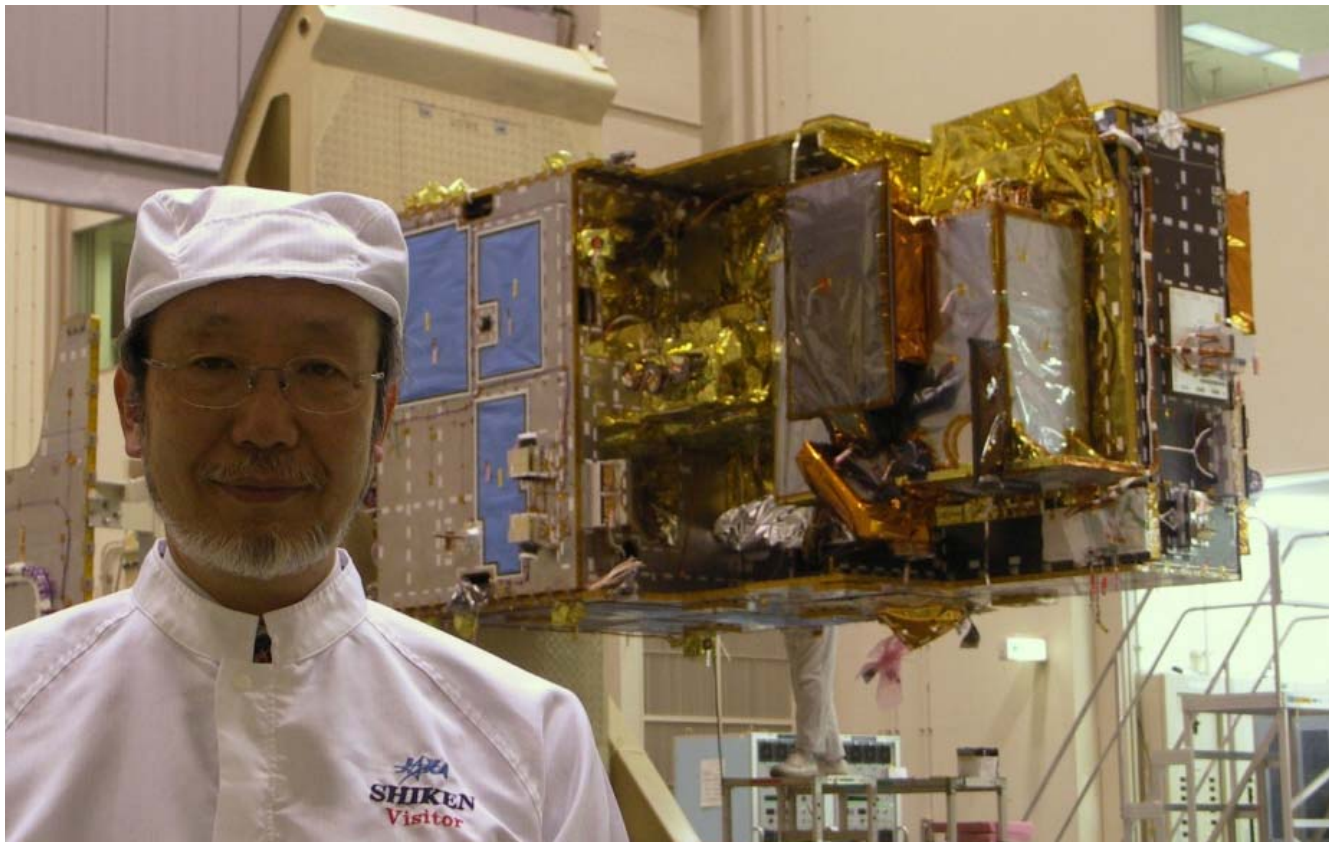


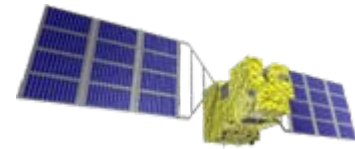
TANSO-CAI
(Cloud and Aerosol
Imager)





GOSAT has been shipped from Tsukuba Center (JAXA) for Tanegashima (Launch Site) on 10th November.





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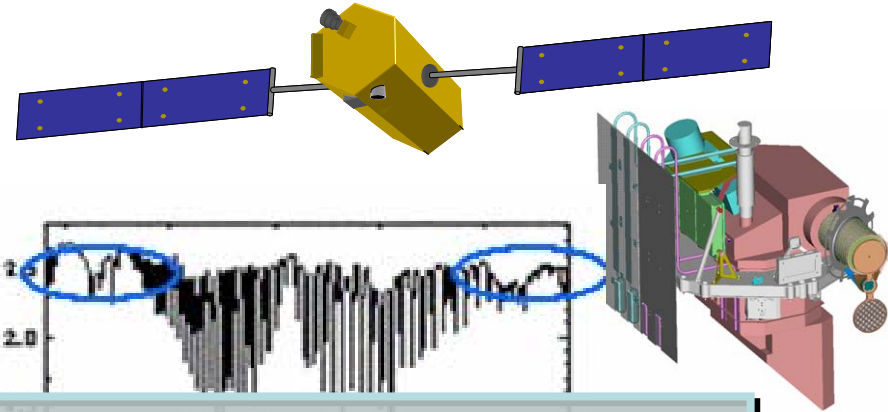
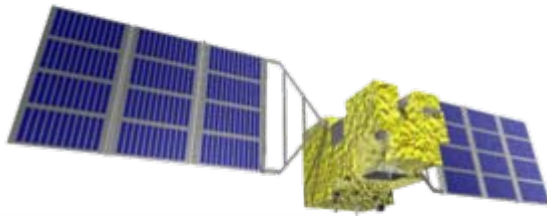
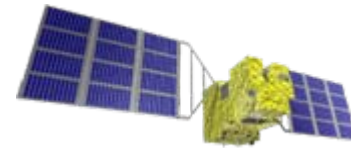
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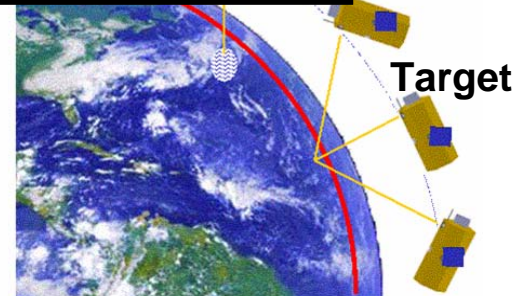
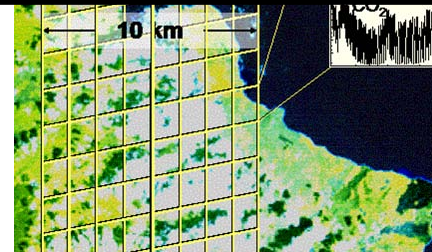
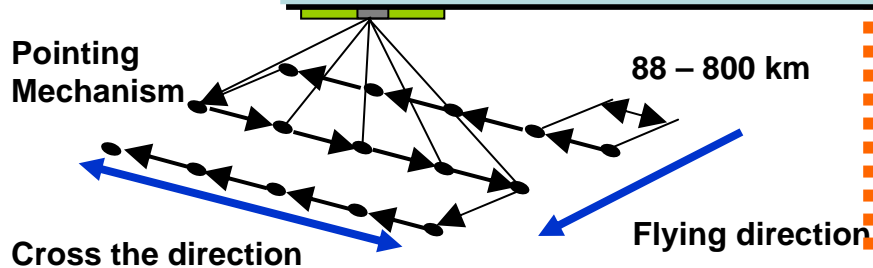
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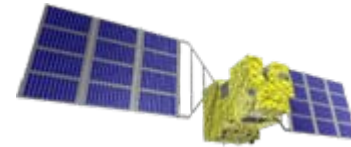
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GOSAT and OCO

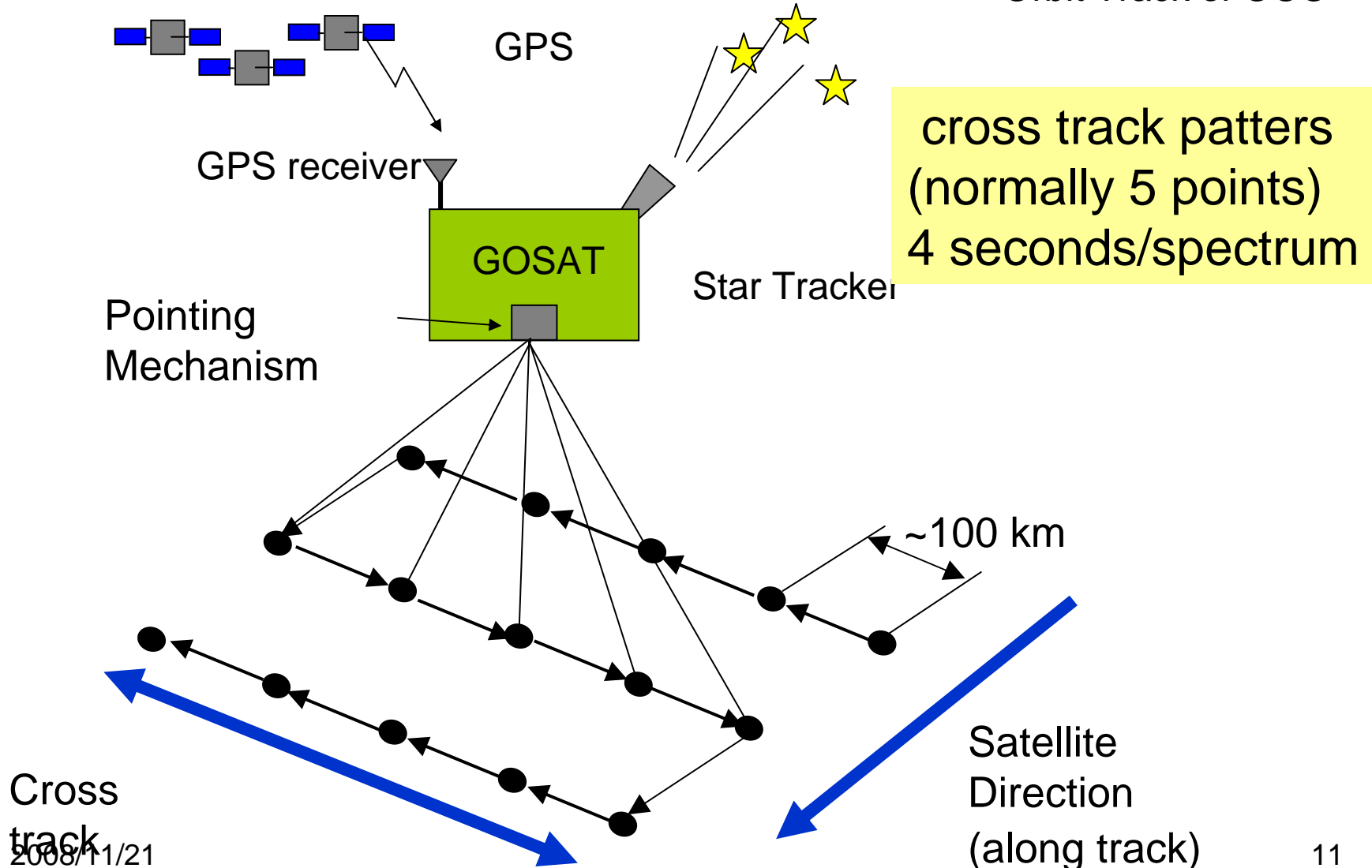


Unfortunately, OCO does not cover the spectral range of CH₄. So it cannot detect the methane leakage although it scans a belt suitable for our purpose.





Orbit Track of OCO



Target Mode

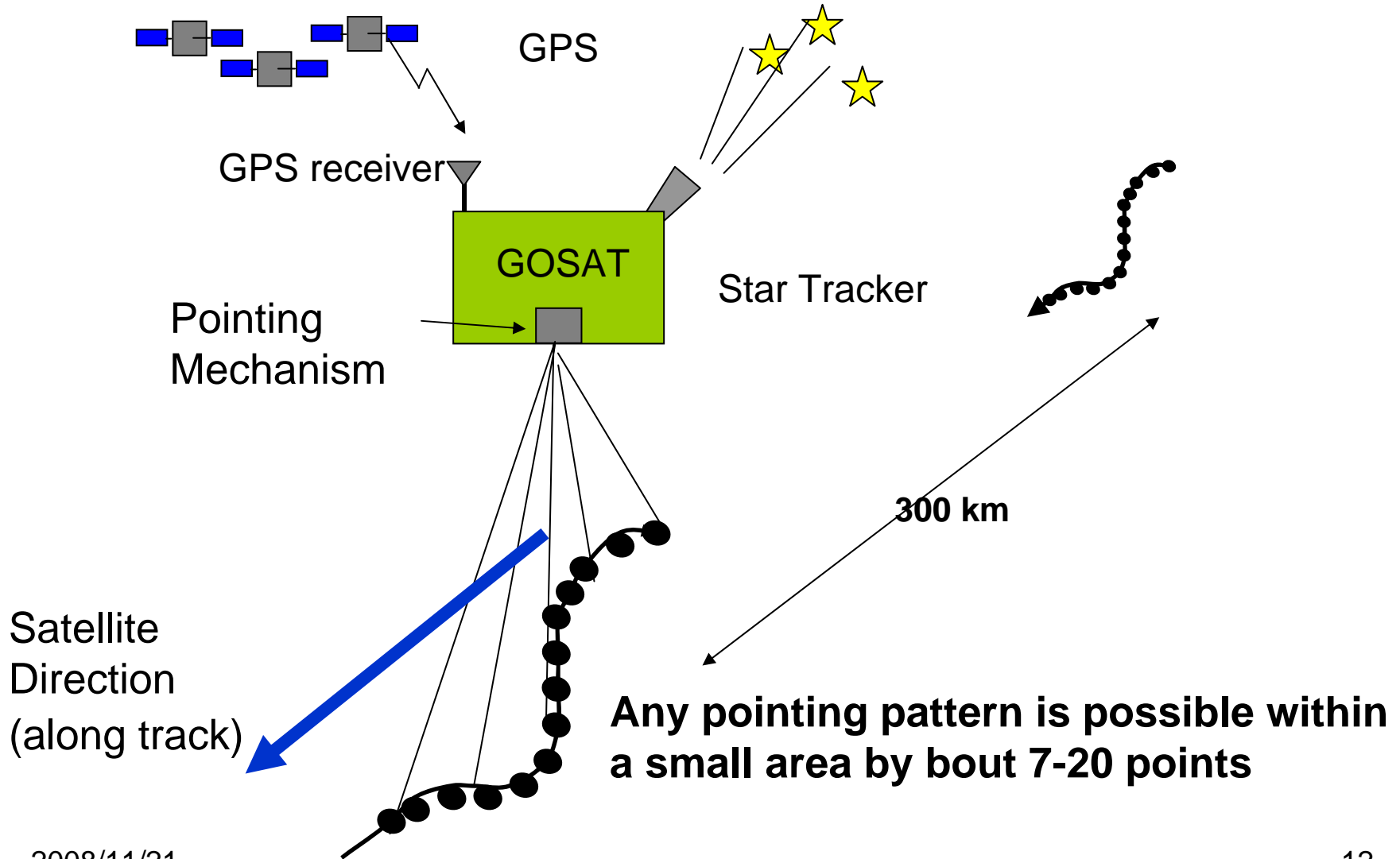
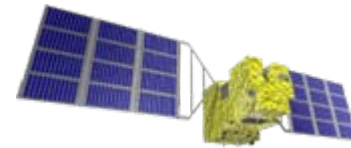
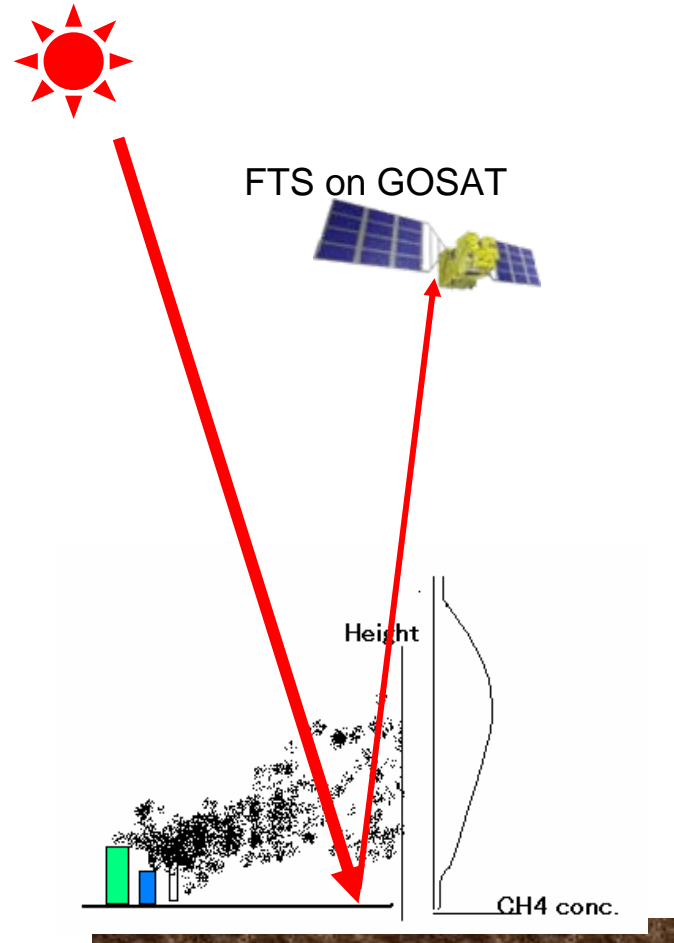
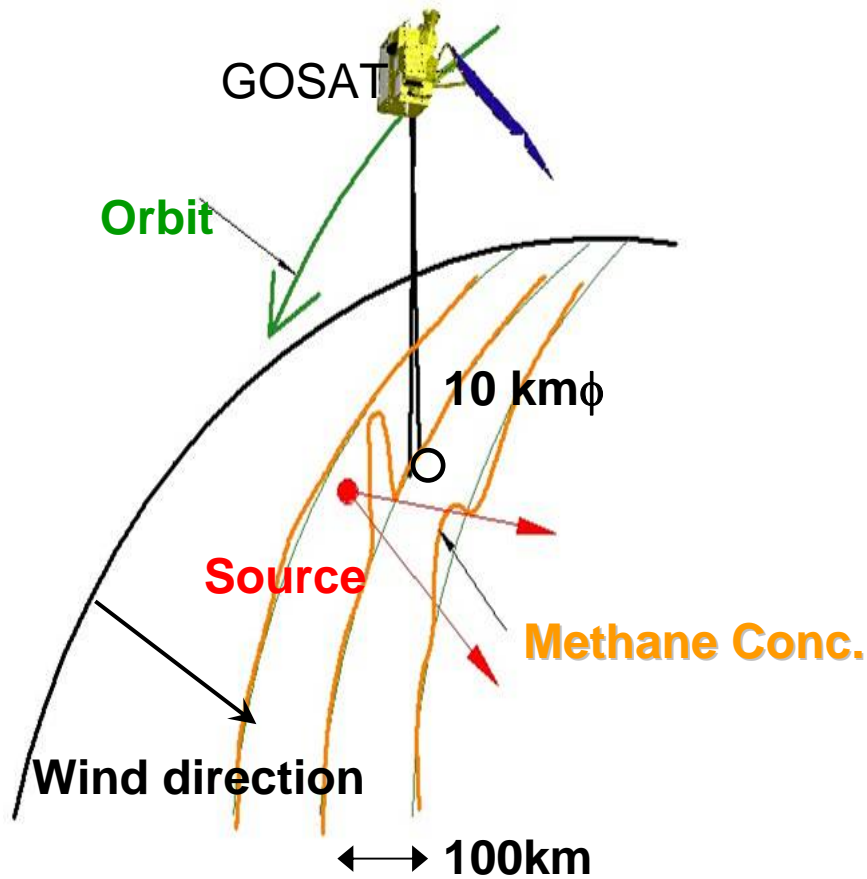
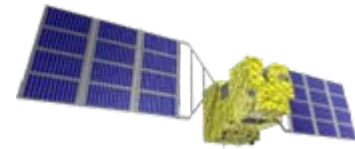
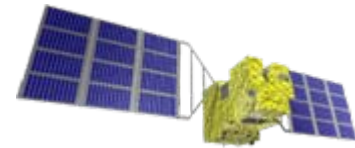
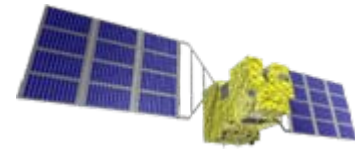


Image of Point Source observation





- The observation of CH₄ in the precision of 0.25% means that the 4ppb difference in column can be detectable, which corresponds to about 10 tCH₄/day.
- The minimum detectable leak rate is reduced in the calm condition, when the diffusion is slow.
- There is the records of stationary leakage of 45, 79, or 0.73 tCH₄/day at compressor stations in former Soviet Union, and most of them are detectable.
- The large scale leakage which is lead to explosion is easy to detect, but the lower frequency (every three days) and the sparse coverage of observation limits the chance of detection.



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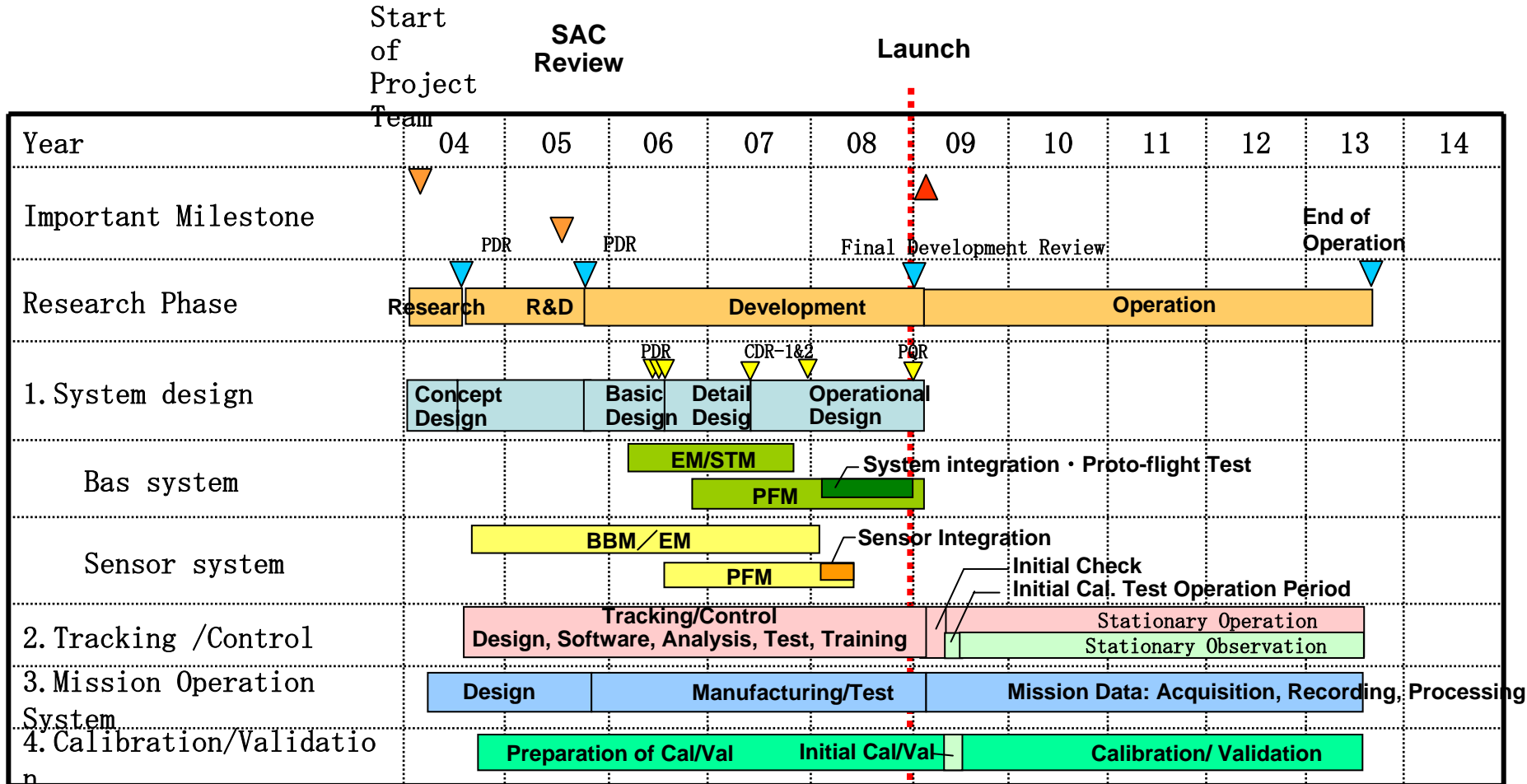
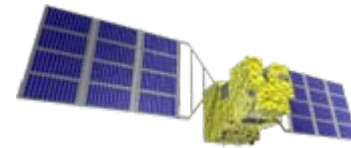
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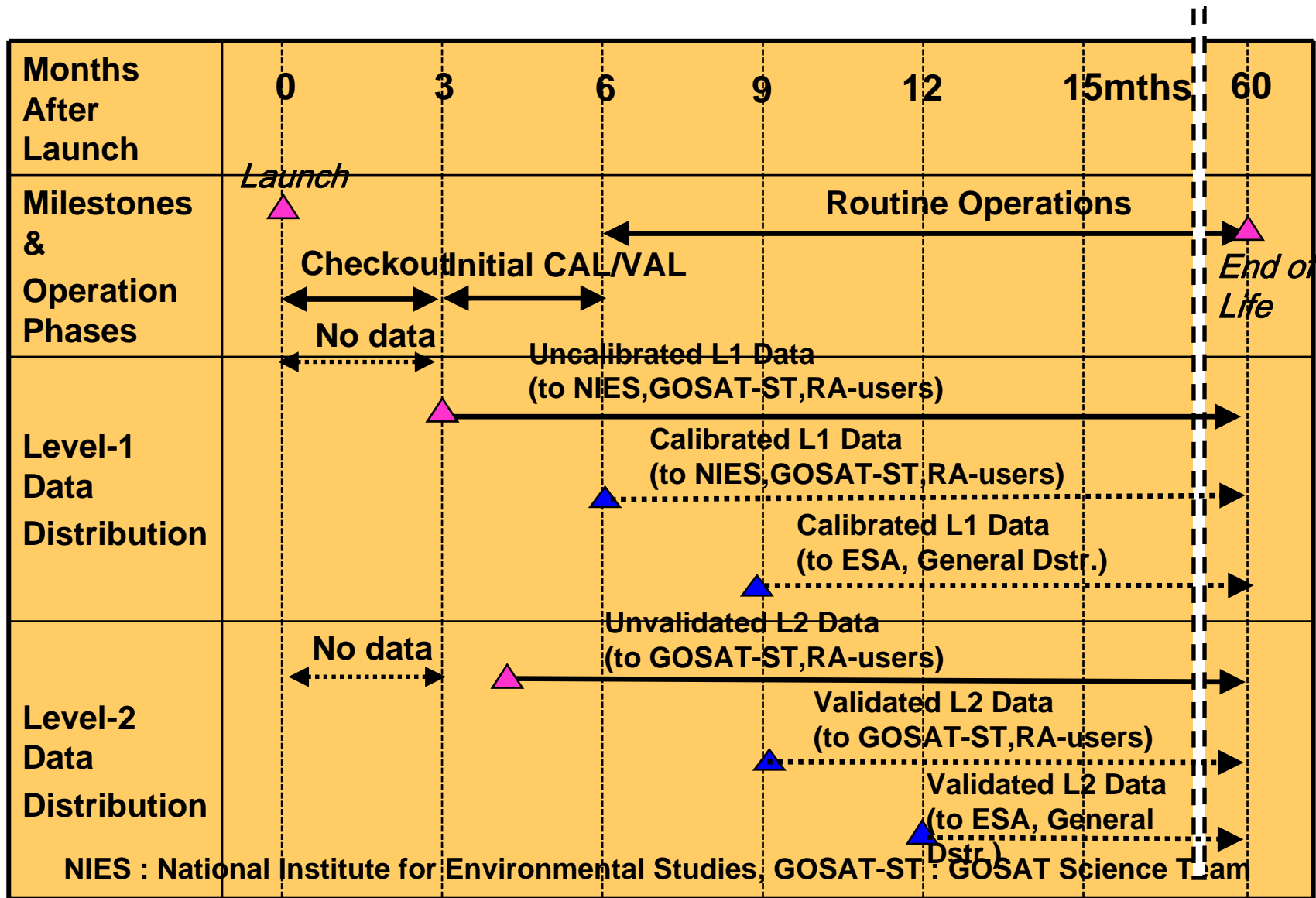
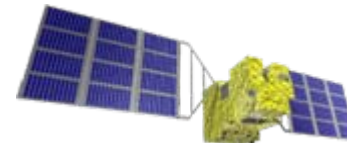
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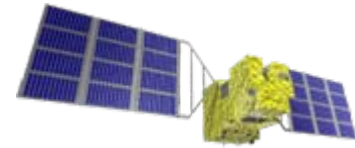
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Long term schedule

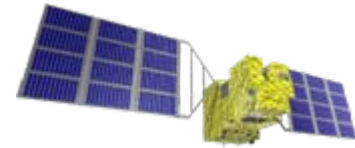




Procedure of Target Mode Observation



- 1. It is operated in nominal mode.**
- 2. The spectral data is obtained in 3-5 hrs.**
- 3. Simplified concentration estimation method in 2 hrs.**
- 4. If abnormally high concentration is observed, the special operation targeting at this area is requested 2.5 days before.**
- 5. Target mode data is obtained on the next track (every three days with 15 degrees intervals)**
- 6. The flux is estimated from the concentration above the baseline and the wind velocity.**



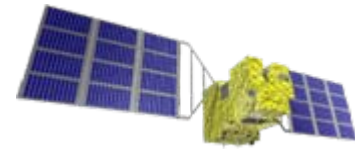
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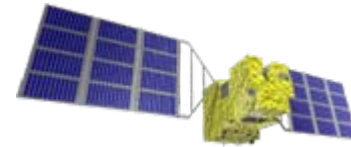
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- 1. Data is fully open and free of charge.**
- 2. In order to access to the data in early stage, it is recommended to apply to the Research Announcement.**
- 3. Special Targeting Operation can be requested by the RA users only.**
- 4. Profitable application is not allowed. It is allowed as long as it is the R/D stage.**

What is the next step?



GOSAT is an experimental satellite. Mission period is 5 years.

What is the next satellite (GOSAT-II)?

Low altitude
orbiting satellite

100km

Near IR
cw-Lidar

The same as
GOSAT

660km

Near IR
Spectrometer

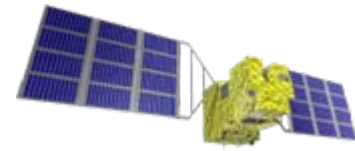
Geostatic
satellite

30,000km

Near IR
Spectrometer with
a Telescope

Precise location,
Smaller leakage
GHG emission inventory
(large scale plants,
forest fire events, big
cities, etc.)

Accident, Large leakage
Disaster: Tsunami
Air pollution: Time series



Thank you