

**ACCP** Aerosols, Clouds, Convection, and Precipitation Study

# **ACCP Programmatic Overview**

**Origin, Programmatic Approach and Progress  
in the Preformulation Study for NASA's  
Aerosols, Cloud, Convection and  
Precipitation Observing System**

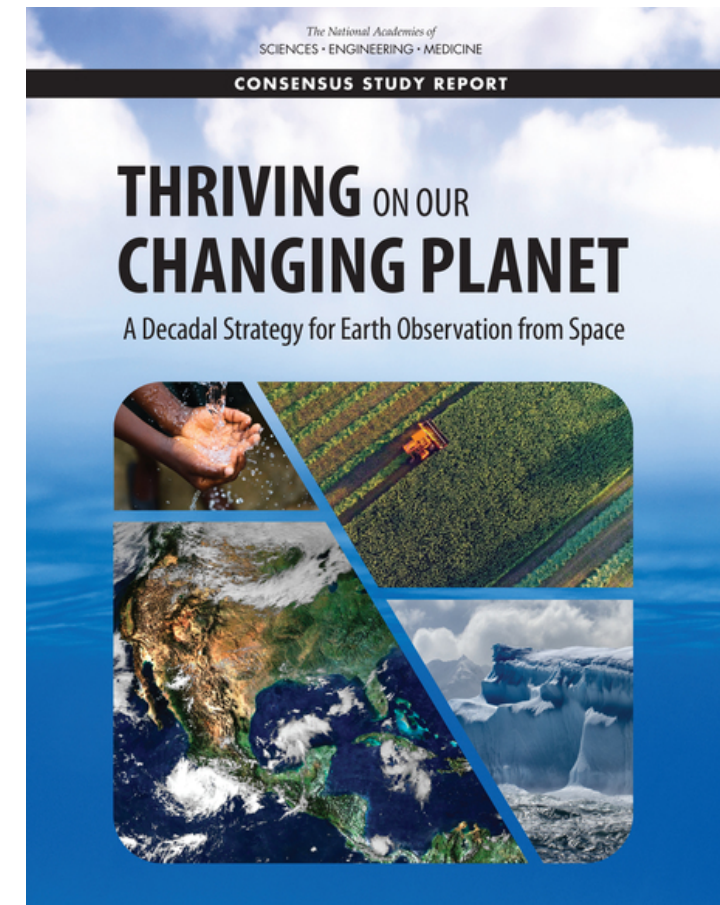
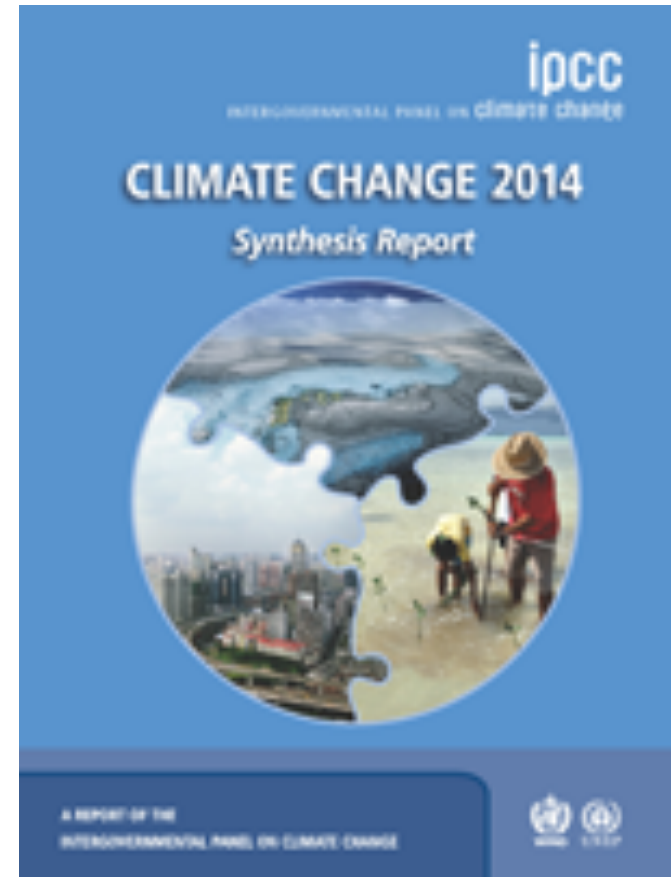
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# Scientific and Programmatic Basis

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – Synthesis Report (2014)
- Decadal Survey (2017-2027)
  - Scientific Questions from Science Community
    - Most Important (Designated Observables - DO)
    - Very Important
    - Important
- Aerosols - DO
  - Aerosol properties, aerosol vertical profiles, and cloud properties to understand their effects on climate and air quality
  - Lidar(s) HSRL and/or backscatter and multi-channel/multi-angle/imaging polarimeter flown together on the same platform
- Clouds, Convection & Precipitation - DO
  - Coupled cloud-precipitation state and Clouds, dynamics for monitoring global Convection, and hydrological cycle and understanding Precipitation contributing processes including cloud feedback
  - Radar(s), with multi-frequency passive microwave and sub-mm radiometer



# ACCP Study Origin and Overview

- HQ requested a Study Plan to address the Aerosol (A) and Clouds, Convection, and Precipitation (CCP) Designed Observables (DOs) called out in the 2017 Earth Science Decadal Survey (DS)
- Study Plan combining A and CCP objectives was submitted in July 2018 for a NASA HQ-sponsored, multi-center (GSCF, LaRC, JPL, MSFC, ARC, GRC, and others), 3-year pre-formulation study commencing 1 Oct 2018 and concluding with Study Report submission 30 Sept 2021
- The Study Final Report will provide Science, Technical, Management and Cost details for ~3 Candidate Observing Systems (OS)/Architectures that address the integrated A and CCP goals/objectives and are implementable
- Candidate OSs must take advantage of the Program of Record (PoR) and satellite remote sensing; they can include airborne remote sensing and in-situ observations, surface-based remote sensing and in-situ observations for science data and calibration/validation
- Implementable is defined as low risk for meeting cost cap and constraints
  - Funding assumptions: Integrated A and CCP program with initial \$800M funding wedge and Phase A start at end of FY22
  - Additional funding to follow for OS elements with later start to complete A and CCP objectives
  - Candidate architectures will span a range of costs and provide funding profiles



# ACCP Study Team

## Study Management Team (SMT)

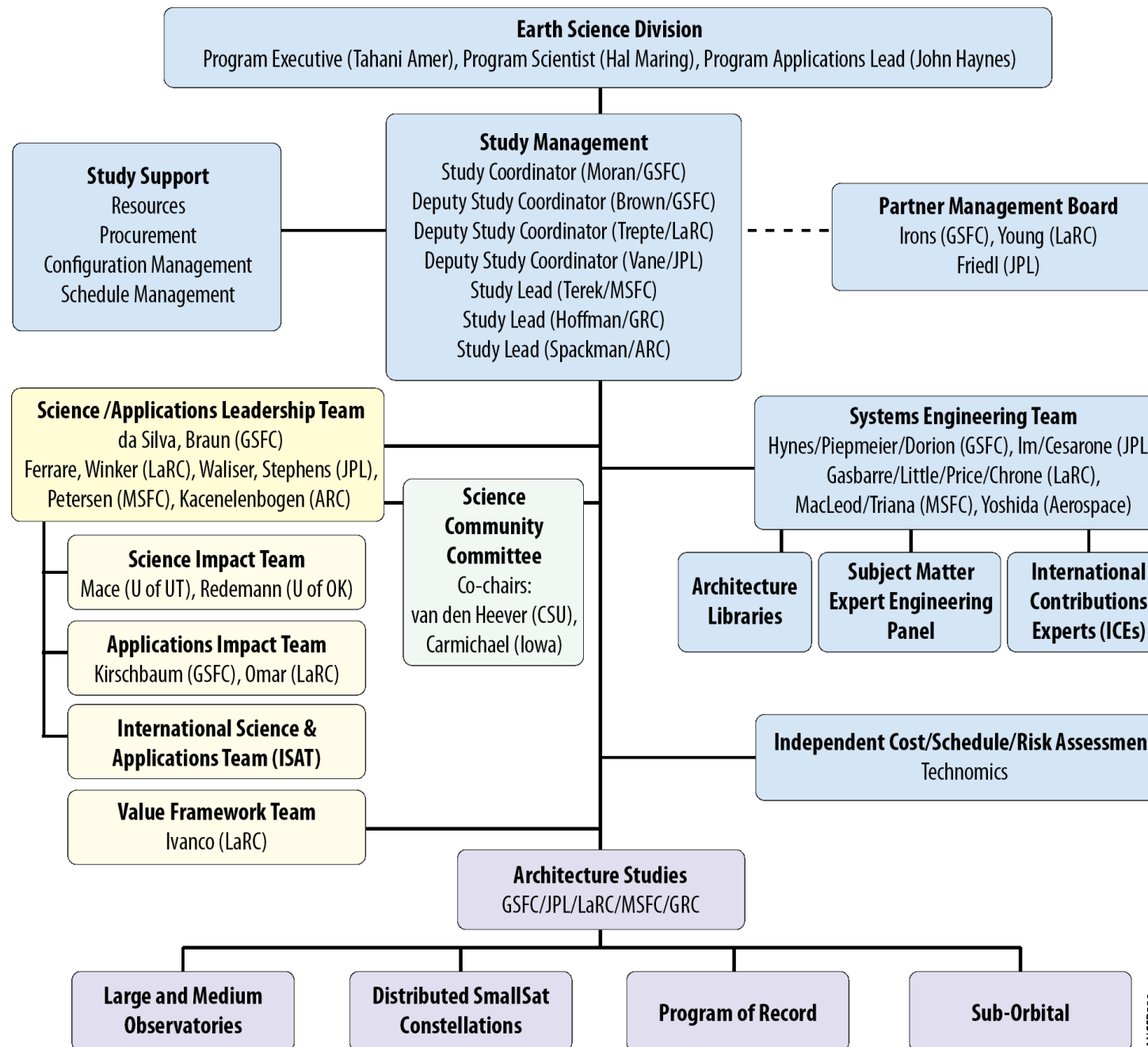
- Overall Leadership and Management of Study and Delivery of Study Report
- Community Engagement
- Assessment of Architectures
  - Cost Estimation & Validation
  - Programmatic Risk
  - Other Programmatic Factors

## Science/Applications Leadership Team (SALT)

- Definition of Science & Applications Traceability Matrices
- Assessment of the Utility of the Geophysical Variables in Meeting Each Objective

## Science & Applications Impact Teams (SIT and AIT)

- Assessing the Science & Applications Value of Architectures (Science Quality of Each Architecture with regard to Measuring Geophysical Variables)



## Science Community Committee

- Independent Assessment of SATM
- Independent Assessment of Science & Applications Benefit by Community of Users

## Systems Engineering Team (SET)

- Definition of Architectures
- Assessment of Architectures
  - Technology Readiness
  - Technical Risk

## Value Framework Team

- Development of Standard and Systematic Approach to Science, Applications, and Programmatic Evaluations of Architectures to facilitate Down-Select Decisions





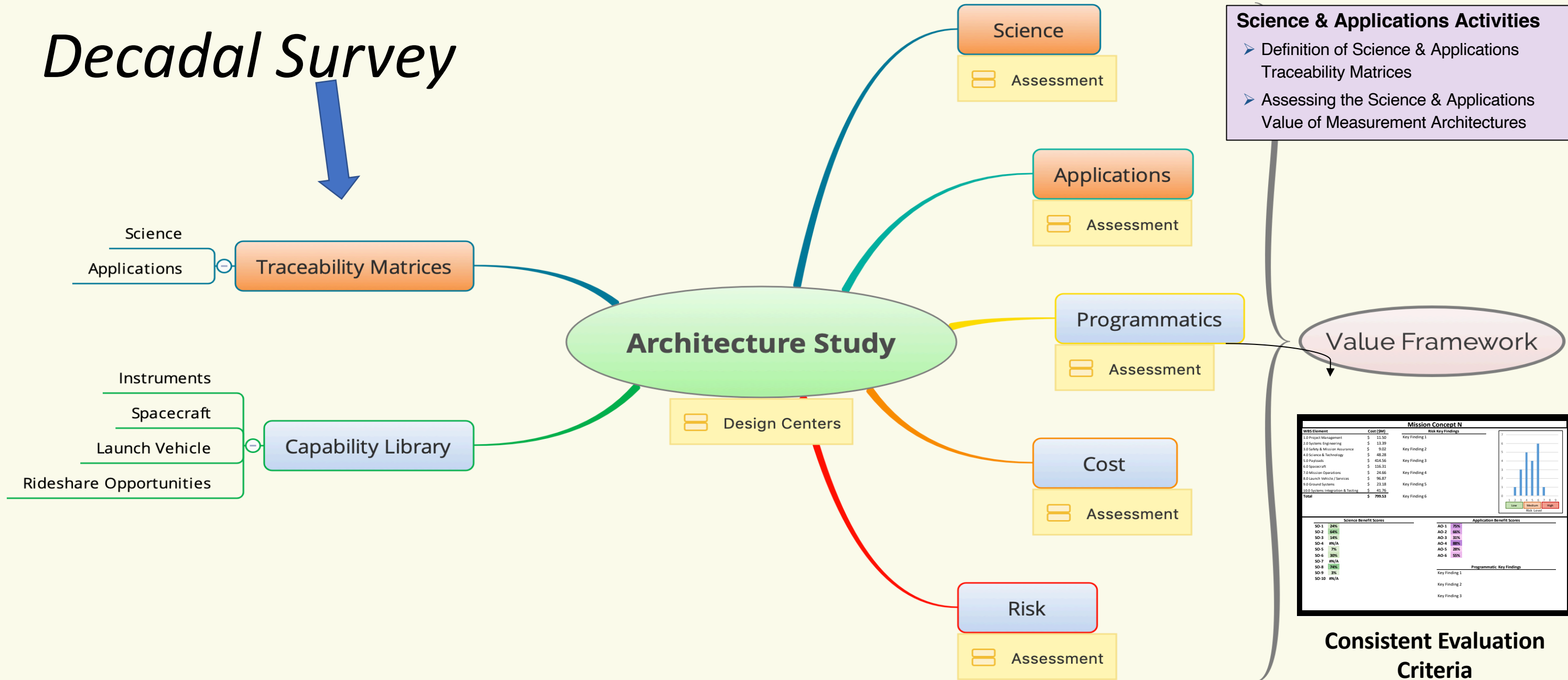
# International Engagement

- Bilateral meetings began in April 2019 with:
  - JAXA
  - CNES
  - CSA
  - DLR
- JAXA, CNES, CSA and DLR have been invited to participate in SALT, SCC, SIT, AIT and engineering; and are in various stages of engagement
- Architectures considered to date have included internationally contributed instruments to the maximum extent possible
  - JAXA - precipitation radar and launch vehicle
  - CNES - lidar detector and radiometer
  - CSA - FAR IR spectrometer, limb sounder, and water vapor sensor
- DLR has expressed interest in participating in Sub-Orbital portion of the observing system and cal/val
- Continuing to investigate additional international participation (e.g. KNMI/SRON and KASI)



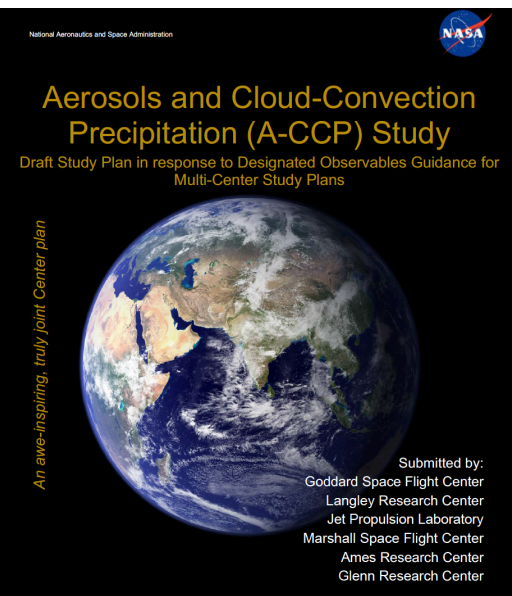
# ACCP Study Approach

## Decadal Survey





# Year 1 Accomplishments



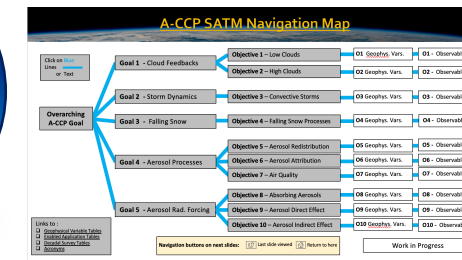
**October 2018**

**Authorization to Proceed (ATP) Science Workshop Hampton, VA**

**Community Workshop Pasadena, CA**

**March 2019**

**SATM Rel. C**



**April 2019**

**May 2019**

**SATM Rel. D**

**Community Comments SATM Rel E**

**Face To Face with SCC Review All Comments**

**SATM Rel F for Final Scoring**

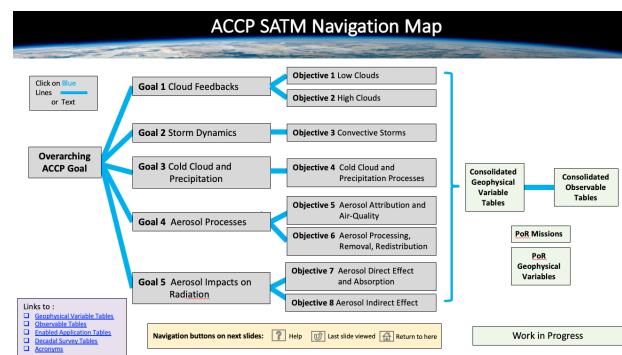
**SATM Rel. E (under CM)**

**Sept 2019**

**Oct 2019**

**Nov 2019**

**Dec 2019**





# Year 1 Accomplishments & Year 2-3 Goals

- In Year 1, the Study Team has
  - Developed Science & Applications Traceability Matrix (SATM)
    - Held Community Workshop in Pasadena, CA with ~250 Attendees from NASA, Industry, Academia and ~5 International Participants (13 invited) to review SATM
    - Bilateral discussions with CNES, CSA, DLR and JAXA
  - Built extensive Instrument Library (>50 RFI submissions)
  - CNES, CSA, DLR and JAXA formally invited to participate in the study and engaged
  - Formulated numerous (>32) candidate Observing Systems (OS)/Architectures to address the combined DOs for A and CCP
    - 4 Architecture Construction Workshops (ACWs) completed at JPL (May, June, July) and GSFC (September)
    - Architecture Evaluation Workshop (AEW) completed at GSFC (August)
- In Year 2, the Study Team will
  - Complete more detailed designs of ~6 of the OS/Architectures
  - Evaluate science and applications benefits (via Value Framework)
  - Evaluate technical feasibility/risk of instrument capabilities (via Technology Readiness Assessments)
  - Evaluate cost and programmatic feasibility/risk (via Detailed Costing)
  - Include sub-orbital elements of Observing System (via Sub-Orbital Workshop(s))
- In Year 3, the Study Team will continue to develop ~3 OS/Architectures based on Value Framework assessments and refine the Science, Mission Implementation Technical, Management and Cost details with a recommendation to HQ for one to proceed to Mission Concept Review (MCR)/KDP-A before end of FY22



# ACCP Significant Events (Near Term)

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Qualitative Ranking of Science & Programmatic for ACW #1-3                         | Completed                     |
| Aerosol Instrument Performance Discussion  | August 6, 2019 (Completed)    |
| Architecture Evaluation Workshop (AEW) #1  | August 7, 2019 (Completed)    |
| Selection for CDC #1 (with HQ if desired)  | August 7, 2019 (Completed)    |
| DSIS #4 - Architecture Finalization for ACW #3 (Designing Sweet Instrument Suites) | August 8, 2019 (Completed)    |
| Splinter with <u>SBG</u> on Architectures and measurements                         | Sept. 6, 2019 (Completed)     |
|  | Sept. 17, 2019 (Completed)    |
|  | October 2019 (TBS)            |
| SATM Rev E Delivery  | Sept. 16, 2019 (Completed)    |
| ACW #4 (Refinement @ GSFC MDL)   | Sept. 16-20, 2019 (Completed) |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> ACCP Quarterly Community Forum                                     | Sept. 20, 2019 (Completed)    |
| Annual Review DO Study Teams for HQ  | Sept. 24-25, 2019             |
| Qualitative Ranking of Science Value & Programmatic ACW #4                         | Due NLT Oct. 31, 2019         |
| <u>Community Comments</u> SATM Rel E   | Due Oct. 31, 2019             |
| SCC Independent Assessment SATM & Qualitative Scoring<br>for Architectures         | Due Dec. 4-5, 2019            |
| SATM Rev F (Final) Delivery  | mid-Dec. 2019                 |
| AEW #2 and Selection of Architecture for CDC #2                                    | mid-Dec. 2019                 |
| <u>Quarterly Community Forums</u>  | Jan/Apr/July/Oct              |
| <u>Sub-Orbital</u> Community Workshop #1   | early March 2020              |

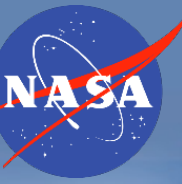
# ACCP Significant Events (Longer Term)

|  |                                   |
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| CDC #1 GSFC MDL                            | Week of 30 Sept and week of 7 Oct |
| CDC #2 JPL Team-X                          | 14-16 & 28-30 Jan 2020            |
| CDC #3 MSFC                                | March 2020                        |
| CDC #4 LaRC                                | May 2020                          |
| CDC #5 GRC                                 | July 2020                         |
| CDC #6 TBD                                 | Sept 2020                         |
| Value Framework Assessments After Each CDC | Oct 2019-Nov 2020                 |
| Independent Costing                        | Oct 2019-Nov 2020                 |
| Technology Readiness Assessments           | Oct 2019-Nov 2020                 |
| Down-Select To ~3 Architectures            | Feb 2021                          |
| Final Recommendation                       | Aug 2021                          |
| Final Report & Presentations               | Sept 2021                         |



# Mission Study on Aerosol and Clouds, Convection & Precipitation

## ACCP Science



**8 Science Objectives (see SATM for # Mapping)**  
**Traceable to the 2017 Decadal Survey**



**Low Cloud Feedback (1)**

**Aerosol (6) Redistribution**

**Convective (3) Storm Systems**

**High Cloud Feedback (2)**

**Cold Cloud & Precipitation (4)**

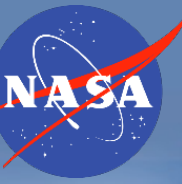
**Aerosol (7,8) Absorption, Direct & Indirect Effects on Radiation**

**Aerosol Attribution & Air Quality (5)**



# Mission Study on Aerosol, Clouds, Convection & Precipitation

## ACCP Applications



*13 Enabled Applications*

Climate Modeling

Aviation Industry  
and Safety

Operational Air  
Quality Forecasting

Inform Air Quality  
Regulation

Human Health Studies &  
Health Risk Estimation

Energy Planning

Health and Ecological  
Forecasting/Monitoring

Storm Forecasting  
and Modeling

Aerosols and  
Precipitation  
Interaction

Improved Numerical  
Weather Prediction

Wildfires

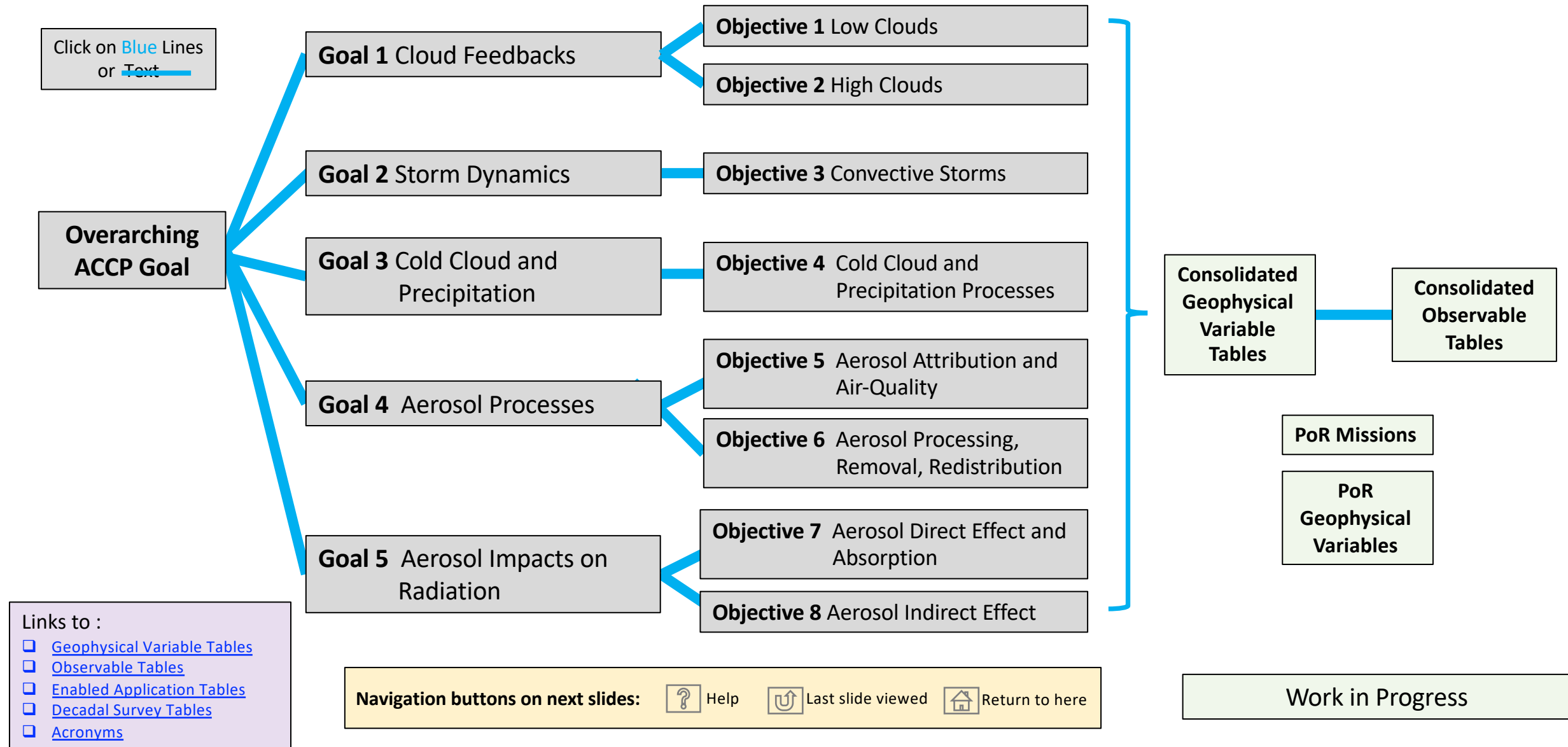
Hydrologic  
Modeling

Agricultural  
Modeling &  
Monitoring

Disasters



# ACCP SATM Navigation Map



# Program of Record: Examples

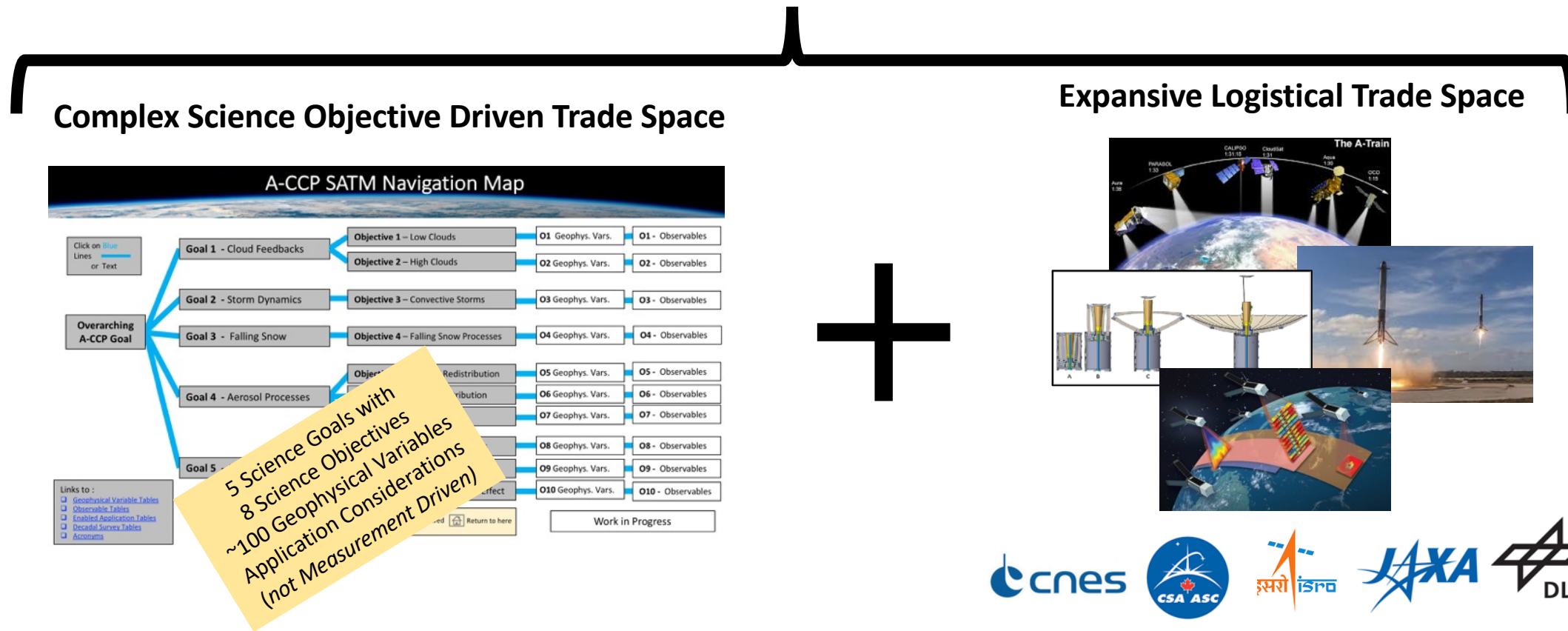
| Mission Family   | Agency       | Orbit   | Operating Period |               | Relevant Instruments                              |   | Notes  |
|--|--------------|---|------------------|---------------|---|---|--|
|  |              |   | Designed         | Likely        | Name  | Channels  |  |
| <a href="#">Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM)</a>                   | NASA<br>JAXA | LEO<br>(Non-sun synch; incline=65°; alt=407km)                                    | 2014-2019        | 2014-2032+/-5 | Dual-frequency Precipitation Radar (DPR)          | 13.6 (Ku-band), 35.55 (Ka-band) [GHz]   | Electronic scanning planar array with swath width of 245 km at 13.6 GHz, 125 km at 35.55 GHz;<br>Coverage: +/-66° latitude every 5 days<br>Spatial resolution: 5km horizontal, 250 m vertical          |
|  |              |   |                  |               | GPM Microwave Imager (GMI)                        | 10.65(V,H), 18.7(V,H), 23.8(V), 36.5 (V,H), 89.0 (V,H), 166.0 (V,H), 183.31+/-7(V), 183.31+/-3(V) [GHz] | Conical scanning imager at 53deg zenith angle with 850 km swath width;<br>Coverage: +/-70° latitude every 2 days<br>Spatial resolution varies with frequency: 19x32km at 10.65 to 4.4x7.2km at 89-183. |
| <a href="#">Global Change Observation Mission-Water (GCOM-W1)</a>        | JAXA         | LEO<br>(Sun-synch, cross EQ at 1330LST; incline=98°; alt=700km)                   | 2012-2017        | 2012-2027     | Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer v2 (AMSR2) | 6.925(V,H), 7.3(V,H), 10.65(V,H), 18.7(V,H), 23.8(V,H), 36.5(V,H), 89.0(V,H) [GHz]                      | Conical scanning imager at 55° zenith angle with 1450 km swath width;<br>Coverage: Global once/day<br>Spatial resolution varies with frequency: 35x62 km at 6.925 to 3x5 km at 89                      |
| <a href="#">Earth Clouds, Aerosol and Radiation Explorer (EarthCARE)</a> | ESA<br>JAXA  | LEO<br>(Sun-synch, cross EQ at 14:00LST.; incline=97°; alt=393km; 92.5min period) | ~2021-2024       | ?             | Atmospheric Lidar (ATLID)                         | 355 [nm]  | High Spectral Resolution Laser at +/-3° of along-track;<br>Coverage: Global every 16days<br>Spatial resolution: 30 m horizontal and 100 m vertical;  |
|  |              |   |                  |               | Cloud Profiling Radar (CPR)                       | 94.05 [GHz]   | Doppler capability; Nadir only; Minimum sensitivity of -35dB;<br>Coverage: Global every 16days<br>Spatial resolution: 750m horizontal x 400m vertical  |
|  |              |   |                  |               | Multi-Spectral Imager (MSI)                       | 670-865 [nm] (VNIR), 1670-2210 [nm] (SWIR), 8.8-12.0 [μm] (TIR)   | Pushbroom scanning; 15 km swath<br>Coverage: Global every 8days(IR), 16days(SWIR);<br>Spatial resolution: 500m pixel   |
| Green-house gas Observing Satellite (GOSAT-3)                            | JAXA         | LEO (Sun-synch; polar orbit)  | 2022-2027        | 2022-2032     | Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer v3 (AMSR3) | 6.925(V,H), 7.3(V,H), 10.65(V,H), 18.7(V,H), 23.8(V,H), 36.5(V,H), 89.0(V,H), 166(V,H), 183 [GHz]       | Frequencies will be likely similar to AMSR2 with addition of 2 channels at higher microwave freq.  |
| Weather System Follow-on-Microwave (WSF-M 1, 2)                          | DoD          | LEO (polar orbit)   | 2022-?           | 2023-2033     | Microwave Imager                                  | 10-183 [GHz]  | Frequencies will be likely similar to GMI  |





# ACCP Needs a Value Framework

Cost-Capped/Cost-Constrained

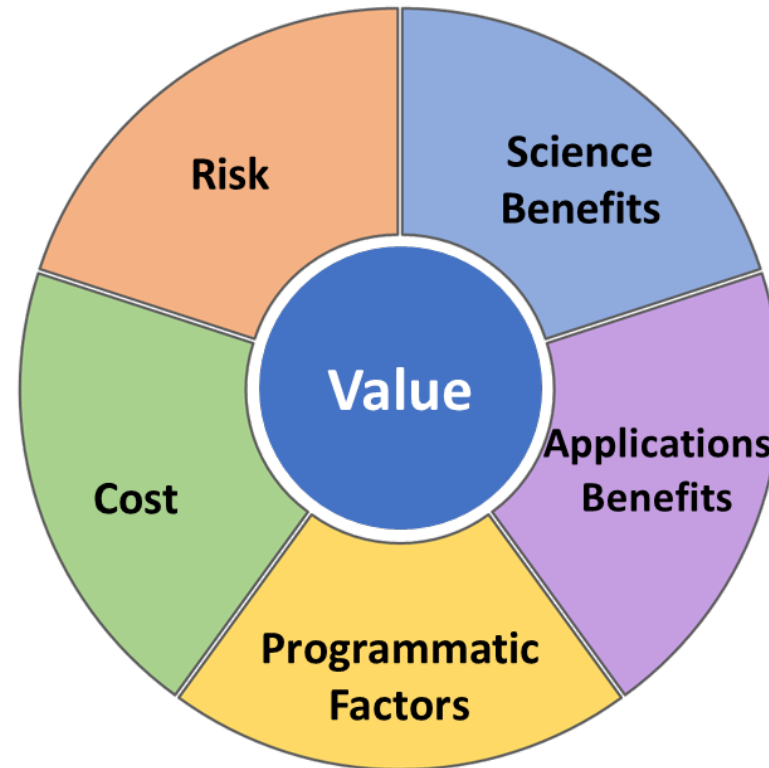


ACCP → large and complex in terms of science goals, payloads, measurement platforms, ...  
Requires an objective framework for assessing relevant mission architectures



# Defining Value for the ACCP Study

**Value:** For ACCP, Value is the relative worth of science benefits, applications benefits, and programmatic factors with respect to cost and risk.



**Benefits, cost, and risk are intentionally not rolled up into a single value score to avoid:**

- **Losing discriminators**
- **Combining uncertainty**
- **Anchoring cognitively on an initial value**



# Programmatic Anxiety

- Are we spending enough time, effort and money to do a good job, because it is unlikely we will get such another such opportunity in our professional lifetimes?
- Are we spending too much time, effort and money, because the time, effort and money spent working on ACCP is not spent doing other important tasks?
- Do we have a sufficiently diverse group of people involved to keep from missing something important?
- Do we have too many people involved such that we cannot make efficient progress?
- Can we reliably cost the ~3 recommended architectures?
- Can useful independent cost estimates be done?



# Questions?

