

# Brief Introduction to Fengyun-3E --An early morning orbit mission



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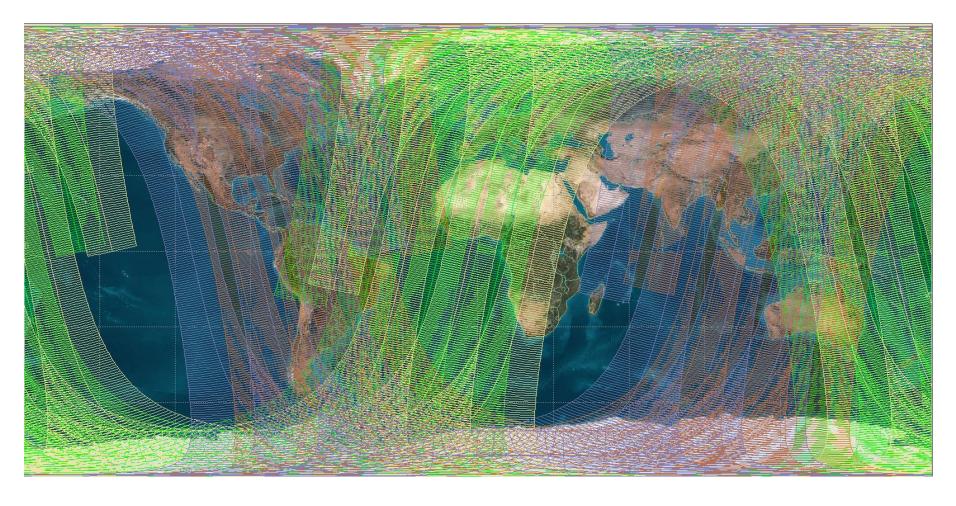


## **Background**

#### "WMO VISION FOR THE GOS IN 2025"

- -- Optimizing the current operational polar-orbiting system
- **Recommendation 39.01**: CGMS agencies are invited to assess the possibility of implementing the mission with sounding capabilities in early morning orbit.
- Relative actions and recommendations are also from ET-SAT-7 in April 2012 and CBS-15 in Sept. 2012.
- CMA indicated its willingness to investigate the possibility of flying the mission with sounding capabilities in the early-morning orbit in order to have a better distribution of atmospheric sounding system over the planned 3 orbits in WMO EC-64 in 2012.

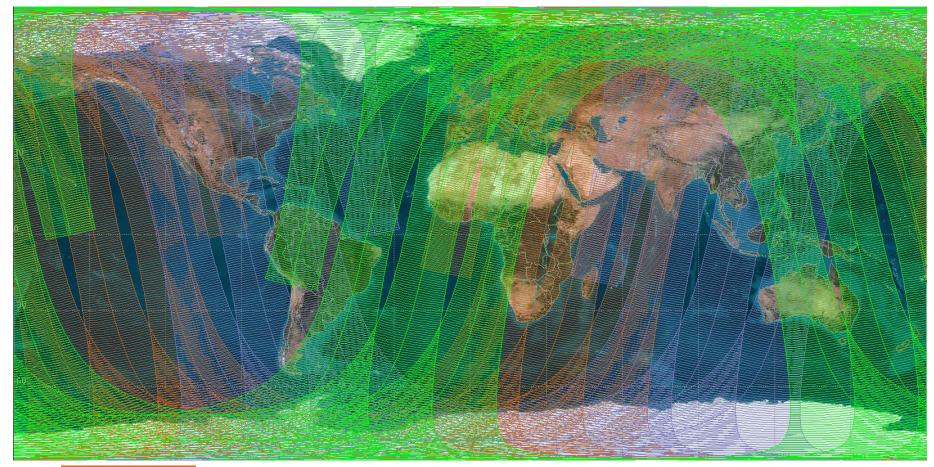
### Gap exists in current operational polar- orbiting constellation without E.M.



FY-3A/C 10:00 AM Metop-A/B 9:30 AM FY-3B 13:40 PM SNPP 13:30 PM

#### **Tri-Orbital configuration:** Metop Morning +NPP Afternoon+FY-3 Early Morning

Recognizing that global even distribution of sounding data is of great significance for the 6 hour NWP assimilation window, one approach is to constitute a three orbital fleet including Metop (Mid. Morning) + NPP(Afternoon) +FY-3(Early Morning).



FY-3 Early Morning 6:00 AM

Metop-A/B 9:30 AM

NPP 13:30 PM

**CMA Consideration on early-morning orbit satellite** presented at CGMS 40 during 5-11 Nov. 2012 in Lugano, Switzerland.

#### CMA stated that:

- FY- 3D has been under manufacture, no chance to make it changed for Early Morning orbit
- FY-3E is the possible opportunity for CMA to fly early morning orbit before 2020

FY-3 OPERATIONAL SATELLITE INSTRUMENTS	FY-3C	FY-3D	FY-3E	FY-3F
MERSI – Medium Resolution Spectral Imager (I, II)	√(I)	√(II)	√(II)	√(II)
MWTS - Microwave Temperature Sounder (II)	V	<b>V</b>	V	<b>√</b>
MWHS - Microwave Humidity Sounder (II)	<b>V</b>	√	<b>√</b>	√
MWRI – Microwave Radiation Imager	√	√		√
WindRAD - Wind Radar			<b>V</b>	
GAS - Greenhouse Gases Absorption Spectrometer		√		<b>V</b>
HIRAS – Hyper spectral Infrared Atmospheric Sounder		V	<b>√</b>	<b>V</b>
OMS - Ozone Mapping Spectrometer			<b>√</b>	
GNOS - GNSS Occultation Sounder	√	√	√	√
ERM - Earth Radiation Measurement (I, II)	√(I)		√(II)	
SIM – Solar irritation Monitor (I, II)	√(I)		√(II)	
SES – Space Environment Suite	V	<b>V</b>	$\sqrt{}$	<b>V</b>
IRAS – Infrared Atmospheric Sounder	√			
VIRR – visible and Infrared Radiometer	V			
SBUS - Solar Backscattered Ultraviolet Sounder	<b>V</b>			
TOU - Total Ozone Unit	V			

## **Milestones**

- 1. User Workshop
  - Beijing, March 11, 2013
  - CMA Headquarter, NWPC, NNWPC, NCC, CAMS
- 2. Discussions on FY-3E Engineering Feasibility Study
  - Shanghai, Nov. 8, 2012
  - Shanghai, Jan. 10, 2013
  - Beijing, March 12, 2013
  - SAST/CAST
- 3. Discussions on Financial Support
  - Jan., 2013
  - CMA, CNSA, NDRC
- 4. WMO Tiger Team Meeting
  - Beijing, 25-26 April. 2013
- 5. Formal commitment on FY-3E from CMA administrator Dr. Zheng
  - Geneva, WMO EC-65<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- 6. Approval of FY-3E Mission Requirement by CMA in 2014

## **Tiger Team Meeting**

April 25 ~ 26, 2013, Beijing



## Assessment of the benefits of a satellite mission in an early morning orbit

Report from the WMO-CGMS Tiger Team

April 2013

- 1. BENEFITS OF AN EARLY MORNING MISSION FOR NWP
- 2. BENEFITS FOR OTHER APPLICATIONS
  - Diurnal cycle and daily operations schedule
  - Tropical cyclones and other severe events
  - Climate monitoring
  - Air quality
  - Solar observations

#### **Conclusion:**

- CMA appreciated the supports from CGMS and WMO, especially the Tiger Team, on the benefit assessment of the E.M. orbit;
- CMA has decided to redeploy FY-3E to an early morning orbit and calls on support from WMO, CGMS members and satellite operators to reach this objective
- International efforts are expected in the course of the development phase of the FY-3E early morning mission.
- FY-3E is now under manufacture, and is expected to be launched in 2019.



