GOSAT-2

PROJECT

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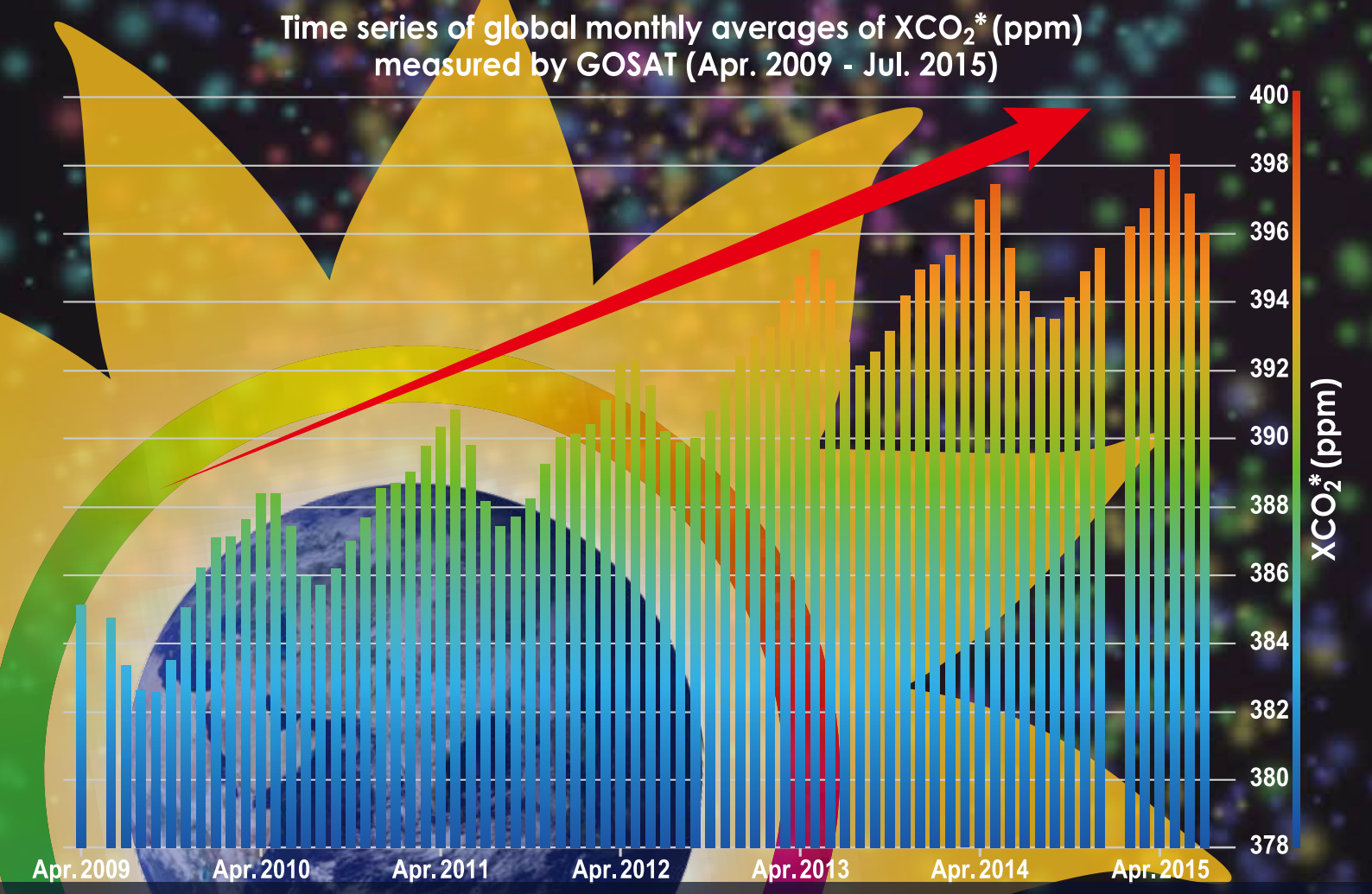

Measuring Greenhouse Gases from Space

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* XCO_2 means column-averaged volume mixing ratio of atmospheric CO_2.
The graph is created based on the observational data (FTS SWIR L2 products V02.21+V02.31+V02.40) acquired from GOSAT.. The known bias from -1ppm to -1.5ppm is not corrected.

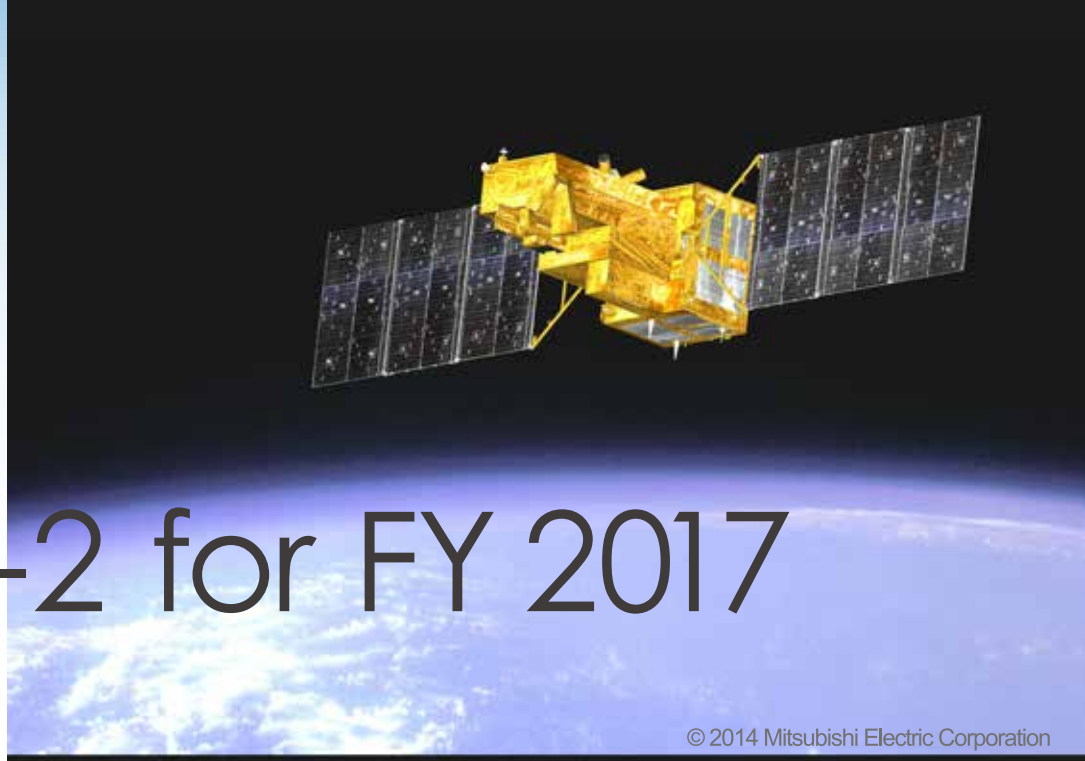
GOSAT-2 for FY 2017

GOSAT-2, the second Greenhouse gases Observing SATellite (GOSAT), is scheduled for launch in FY 2017.

GOSAT-2 will carry two instruments for observation of the Earth - the FTS-2 (Fourier Transform Spectrometer 2) and the CAI -2 (Cloud and Aerosol Imager 2).

FTS-2 SWIR data will be used to estimate global distributions of greenhouse gases such as CO_2 and CH_4. XCO_2 and XCH_4 data derived from FTS-2 will be used to estimate monthly fluxes of these gases.

GOSAT-2 will fly in a sun-synchronous orbit, typically at a low altitude of 613 km with a 6-day repeat cycle. A new Intelligent Pointing camera system will be used to identify cloud-free locations for FTS-2 observation. The spacecraft will be built with a planned operational life of 5 years.



Artist rendition of GOSAT-2 in space

Requirements for the GOSAT-2 instruments

Requirements for the FTS-2

	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5
Targeted gases	CO_2, CH_4, O_2, O_3, H_2O, CO				
Spectral coverage (cm^{-1})	12,950～13,250	5,900～6,400	4,200～5,200	1,188～1,800	700～1,188
Spectral resolution (cm^{-1})	0.2				
Polarized light observation	Performed			Not Performed	
Field of view at nadir (km)	9.7(Spacecraft altitude = 613km)				

Requirements for the CAI-2

	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 8	Band 9	Band 10
Targeted objects	Clouds and Aerosols									
Centre wavelength (μm)	0.340	0.443	0.674	0.869	1.630	0.380	0.550	0.674	0.869	1.630
Tilt angle (deg.)	+20					-20				
Spatial resolution at nadir (km)	0.46				0.92	0.46				0.92
Swath (km)	920									

* The instrument requirements shown here are valid as of May 2014. They may be revised without prior notice.

The GOSAT-2 Joint Project is promoted by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), the Japan Space Exploration Agency (JAXA), and the National institute for Environmental Studies (NIES).

MOE is mainly responsible for the application of GOSAT-2 data to environmental policy.

JAXA is principally in charge of the design, development, test, launch, and operation of GOSAT-2 spacecraft, and the calibration and Level 1 processing of GOSAT-2 data.

The major responsibilities of NIES is the Level 2 to 4 processing, validation, and distribution of GOSAT-2 data.

International Collaborations

GOSAT and GOSAT-2 are promoted by means of various international collaborative initiatives. Under the GOSAT RA (Research Announcement) initiative, over 100 scientists from more than 20 countries worldwide are engaged in scientific research which utilizes GOSAT data. The International collaborative initiatives among European, the U. S. and Chinese satellites and GOSAT/GOSAT-2 will be strengthened to ensure long-term and continuous measurement of greenhouse gases from space.


The 6th GOSAT Research Announcement (RA) Principle Investigator (PI) Meeting
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For inquiries relating to the distribution of the GOSAT data products please refer to: **http://data.gosat.nies.go.jp/**

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