Post-EPS scatterometer

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Ocean

- Retain C-band (no rain contamination); continuity
- Larger swath width (more scatterometers)
- HH polarisation for extreme winds
- 12.5 km acceptable
- ERS and SeaWinds quality of low winds acceptable
- Preference ASCAT geometry
SeaWinds Rotating Geometry

- Insensitive at certain wind directions
- Sensitivity gradient causes higher order errors (Stoffelen and Portabella, 2006)
Land

- Retain C-band (no rain contamination); continuity
- Larger swath width
- HH polarisation for soil moisture sensitivity
- 7.5 km sampling; 15 km resolution
- ERS quality
- Preference ASCAT geometry due to incidence and azimuth angle variations
Sea Ice

- HH polarisation for sensitivity
- Increased resolution
- ERS quality
- No geometry preference