

Opportunity Title: Spaceborne radar observation of clouds and precipitation: mission concept performance analysis and science product definition

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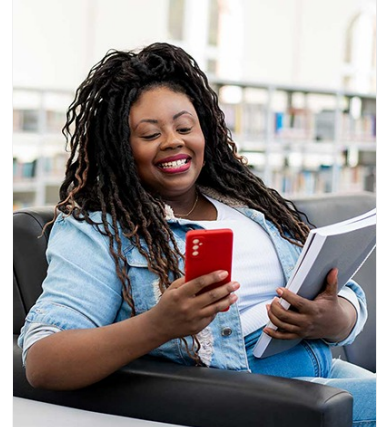
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Description With the success of the TRMM (Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission), GPM (Global Precipitation Measurement) and CloudSat missions a vast community of atmospheric scientists has been able to identify both the strengths and the limitations of active remote sensing of clouds and precipitation (in particular at Ku-, Ka- and W-band) either in isolation, or when combined with other observations (passive microwave and sub-mm systems, as well as active or passive visible or IR systems). At the same time the available technological solutions for microwave remote sensing (active and passive) of clouds and precipitation from space have advanced significantly and therefore have opened the doors to a variety of observing system configurations. Concurrently, simulation tools (i.e., atmospheric models as well as scattering and propagation simulators) have advanced rapidly hence allowing to explore the space of possible solutions in a cost-effective way. Furthermore, experiments (such as the IPHEX/RADEX'14 and OLYMPEX/RADEX'15 campaigns, jointly conducted by the GPM Ground Validation program and the Aerosol/Clouds/Ecosystem mission concept science working group) have specifically targeted the acquisition of multi-wavelength active and passive observations of clouds and precipitations to test retrieval algorithms and validate their products and define the related uncertainties. This opportunity is to build and analyze these datasets, to refine and validate the requirements that new mission concepts for active and passive remote sensing of clouds and precipitation should adopt in order to advance our current understanding of cloud and precipitation processes with cost-effective notional mission concepts. This effort will focus on the assessment of the scientific impact of notional instrument configurations defined by their high-level parameters, in order to provide a quantitative assessment of performance for a portfolio of candidate solutions.

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Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.