



- Aeolus will measure wind profiles along the line-of-sight from ground up to about 30 km in 24 vertical levels, accuracy better than 2 m/s
- Direct detection UV lidar (355 nm) with two receivers:
 - Mie receiver for aerosol winds
 - Rayleigh receiver for the clear atmosphere
- The line-of-sight is pointing
 - 35° from nadir and
 - orthogonal to the ground track
- Aeolus orbit: a sun-synchronous dusk-dawn orbit at about 400 km altitude
- Data downlink: once per orbit to Svalbard for Near Real Time data, downlink to other ground stations for Quasi Real Time data possible

Product	Contents	Product size [Mbytes / orbit]
Level 0	Time-ordered source packet with Aladin measurement & housekeeping data	47
Level 1B	<p><u>geo-located, calibrated observational data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preliminary HLOS velocity profiles (standard atmosphere used in Rayleigh channel) • viewing geometry & scene geo-location data 	10 ... 15 (BUFR format)
Level 2.A	<p><u>Supplementary product</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud profiles / coverage, cloud top heights • Aerosol extinction profiles, ground reflectance, others 	12
Level 2.B	<p><u>consolidated HLOS wind observations</u></p> <p>Consolidated HLOS wind profiles; actual correction (T, p, ...) applied</p>	18
Level 2.C	<p><u>Aeolus assisted wind vector product</u></p> <p>Vertical wind profiles (u and v components); result of NWP processing</p>	22

- Level 2.B and Level 2.C processing performed by ECMWF