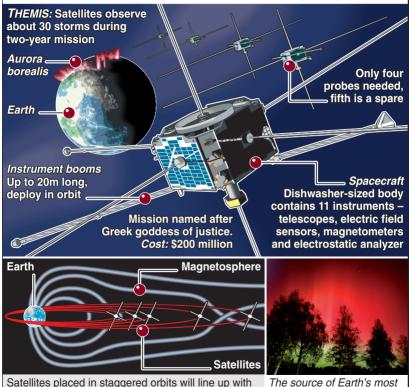
## Five-probe mission to study space storms

In a bid to solve the enduring mystery of what triggers magnetic storms in the Earth's atmosphere – visible as a brightening of the aurora borealis or northern lights – NASA's THEMIS mission will send into orbit five identical microsatellites, the most spacecraft ever launched by a single rocket



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