

# Az ESA földmegfigyelési programja – aktuálisok és hosszabb távú tervezetek

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# The European Space Agency

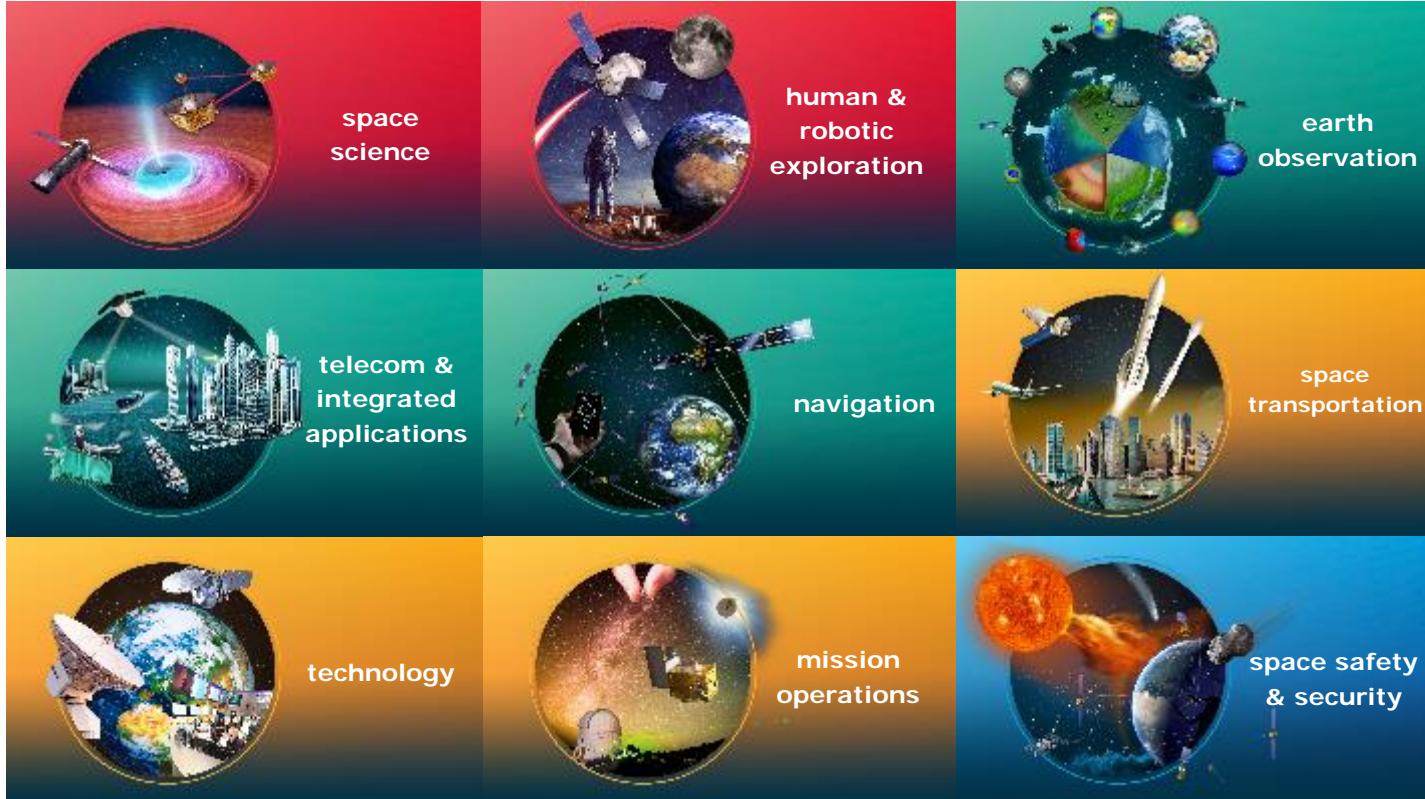


# ESA Activities



Exploration and  
use of space for  
exclusively  
peaceful purposes.

ESA is one of the  
few space  
agencies in the  
world to combine  
responsibility in  
nearly all areas of  
space activity.



# ESA Participating States

22 ESA Member States:

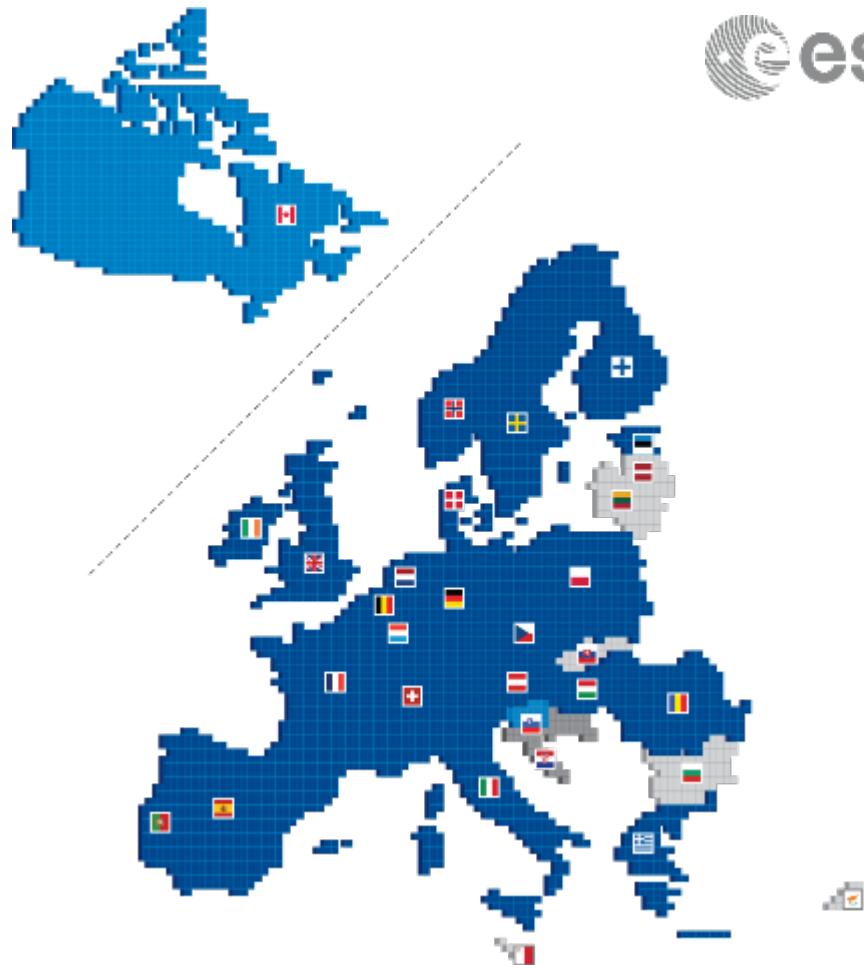
- 20 states of the EU (AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, IT, GR, HU, IE, LU, NL, PT, PL, RO, SE, UK)
- Non-EU: **Norway** and **Switzerland**

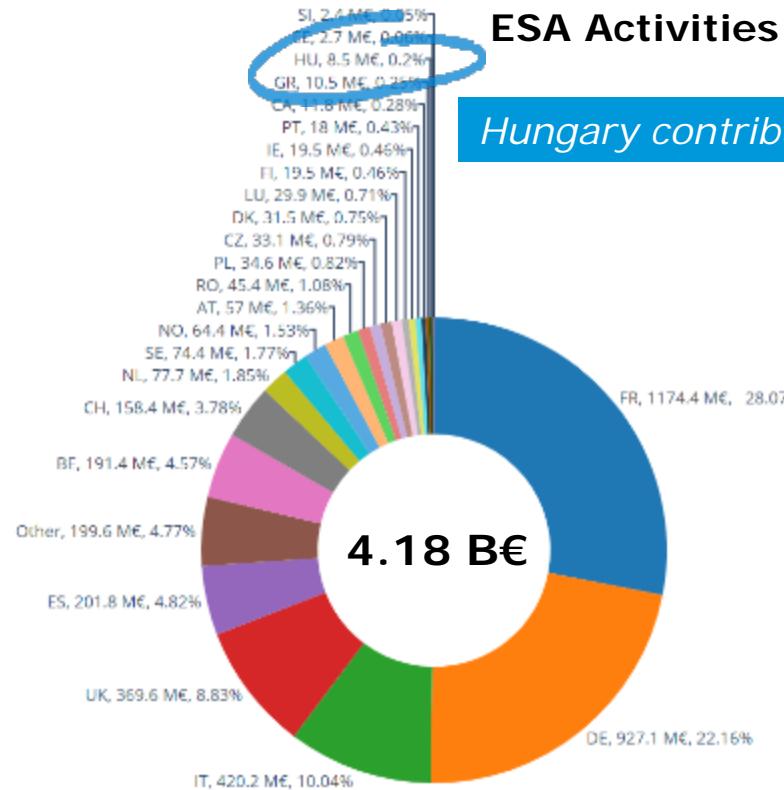
Cooperation Agreements with ESA:

- BG, CY, HR, LV, LT, MT and SK

**Slovenia** is an Associate Member

**Canada** takes part in some programmes under a long-standing Cooperation Agreement

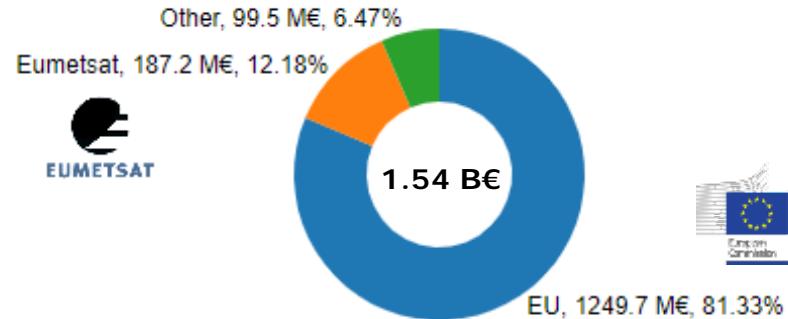




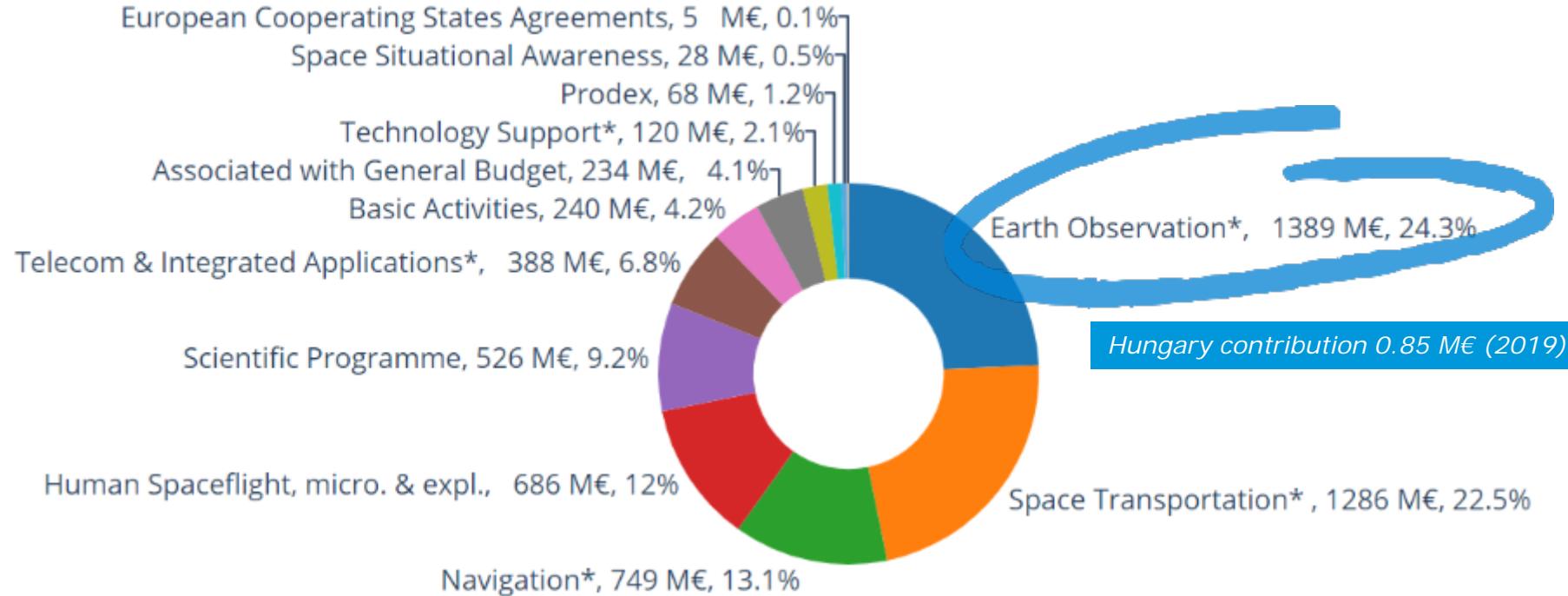
## ESA Activities and Programmes

*Hungary contribution 8.5 M€ (2019)*

**Programmes implemented  
for other institutional  
partners**



# ESA Budget Allocation per Programme



## Earth Observation at ESA

# The Beginnings

- Late 1940's: First photos of the Earth from space
  - Experiments with camera mounted to a V-2 rocket captured from Nazi Germany
  - Launched from the U.S. Army's White Sands Missile Range
  - Team of *Clyde Holliday*, Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University
- "one day the entire land area of the globe might be mapped in this way..."

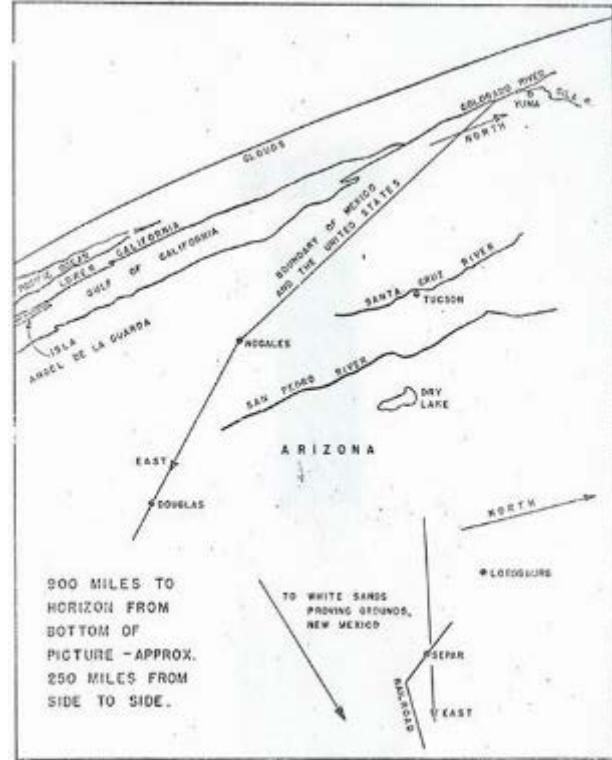
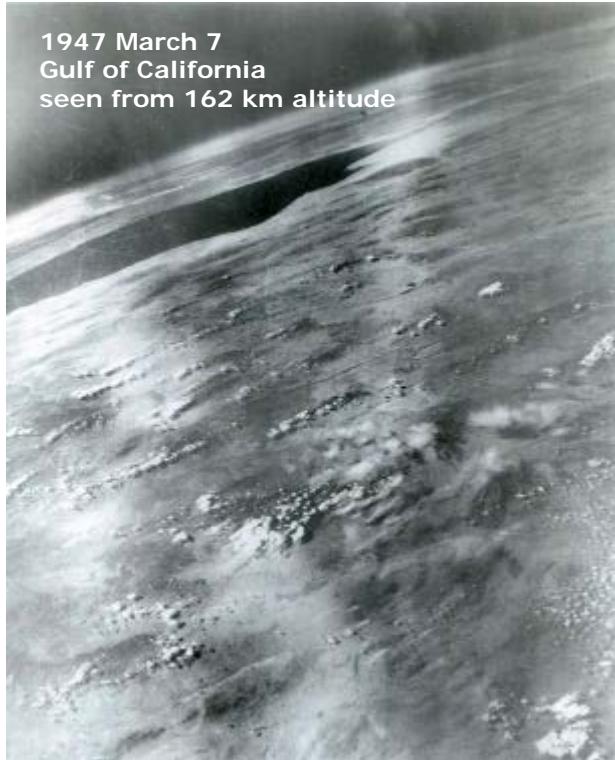
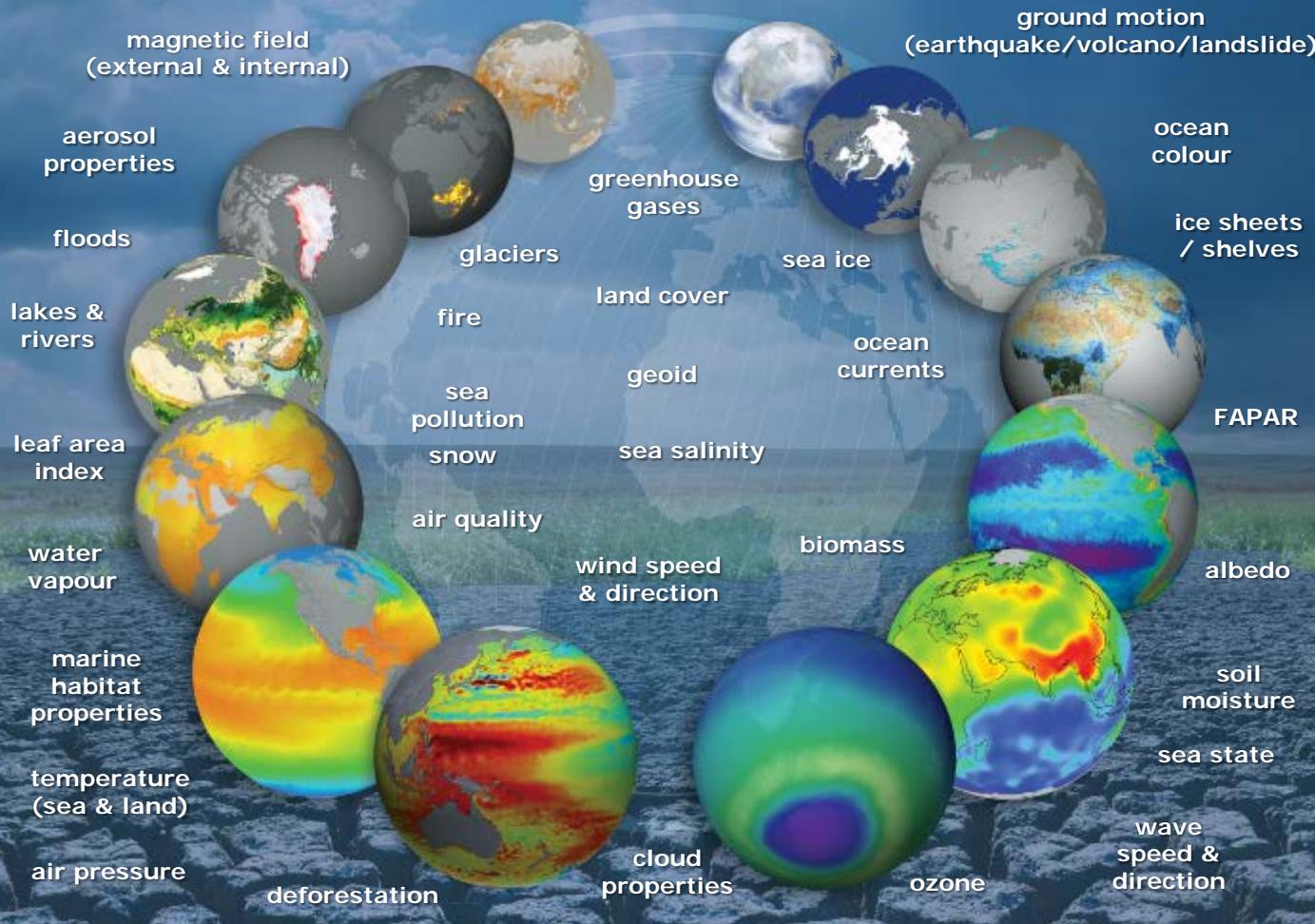


Figure 11. A photograph taken 227 seconds after takeoff at an altitude of 162 kilometers (101 miles). The rocket was then within a quarter of a kilometer of the peak of its trajectory. The camera was pointed southeast.



ESA provides  
EO mission data  
addressing  
almost all  
parameters  
retrievable  
by EO satellites

→ Extreme user  
diversity

# ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS



Science



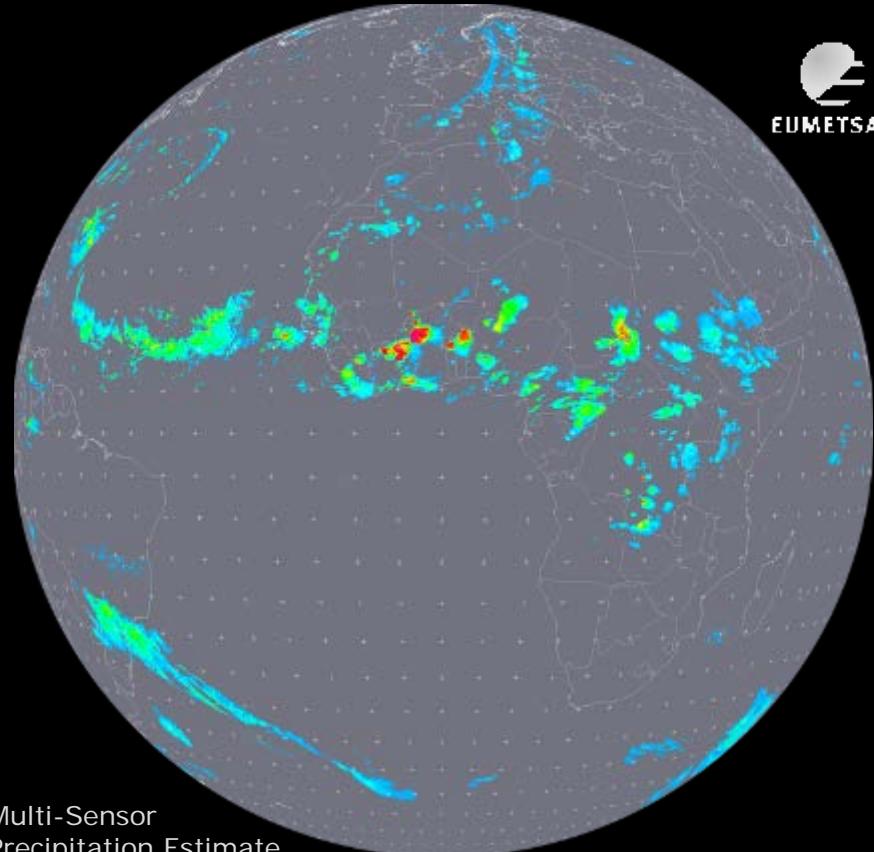
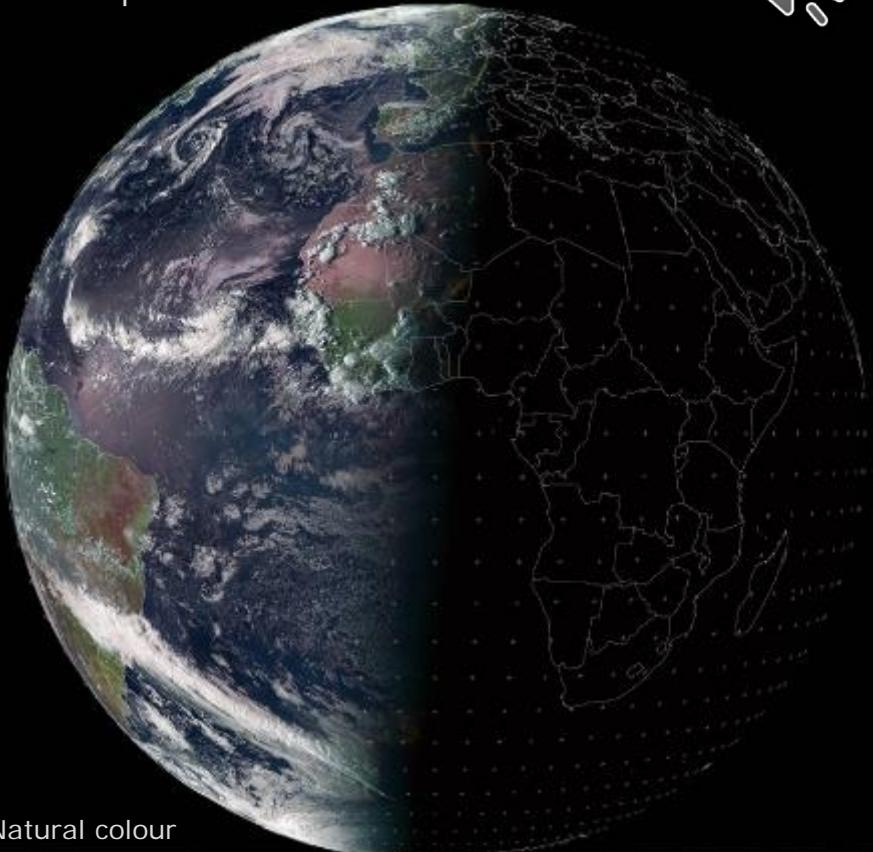
Copernicus



Meteorology



Meteosat-11  
2019 Sep 1



2019-09-01 17:00:00 UTC



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Current systems

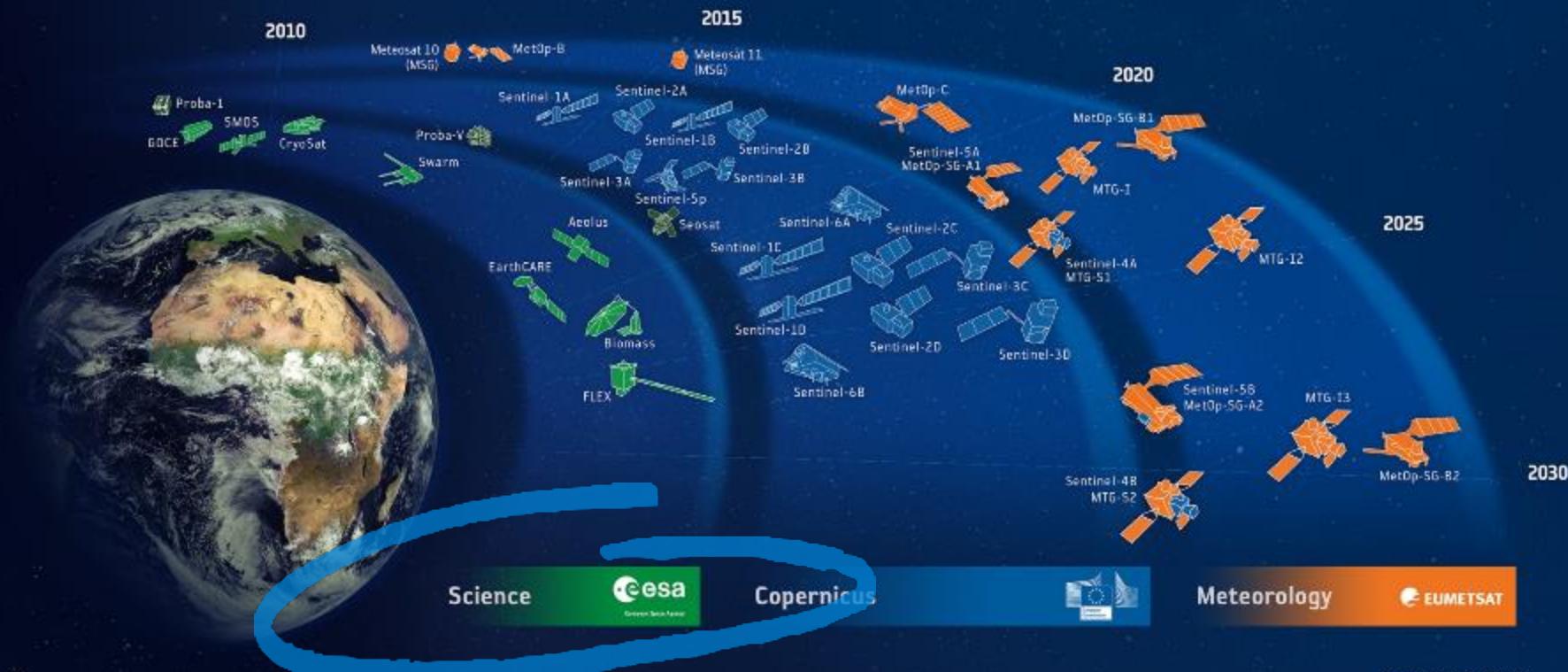


Post-2020 Systems



Early 2020s begin preparation  
for MFG and MetOpTG

# ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS



# Science: Earth Explorers



## flex

→ ESA'S FLUORESCENCE MISSION

2022



## goce

→ ESA'S GRAVITY MISSION

2009 – 2013



## biomass

→ ESA'S FOREST MISSION

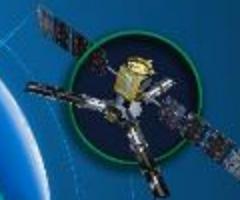
2022



## smos

→ ESA'S WATER MISSION

2009 – Present



## earthcare

→ ESA'S CLOUD, AEROSOL  
& RADIATION MISSION

2021



## cryosat

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2018



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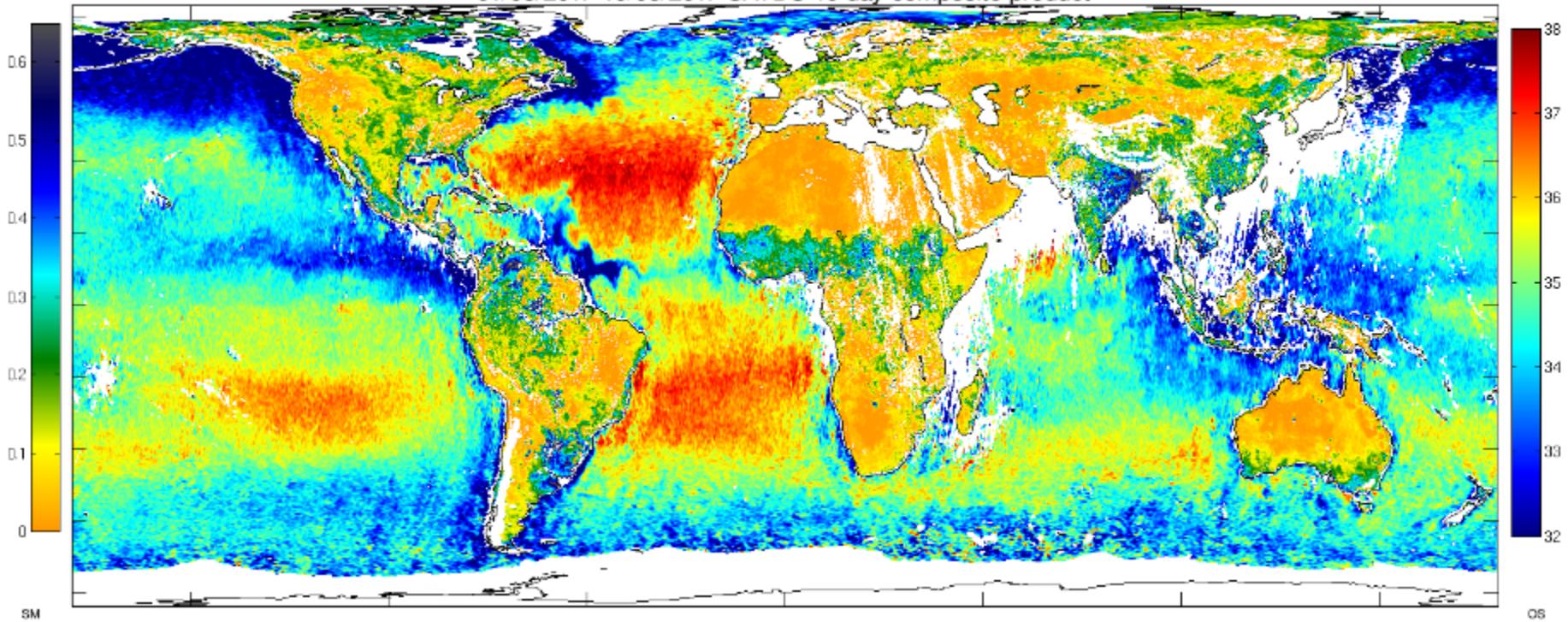
2013 – Present



# SMOS Measurements



01/08/2017-10/08/2017 CATDS 10 day composite product

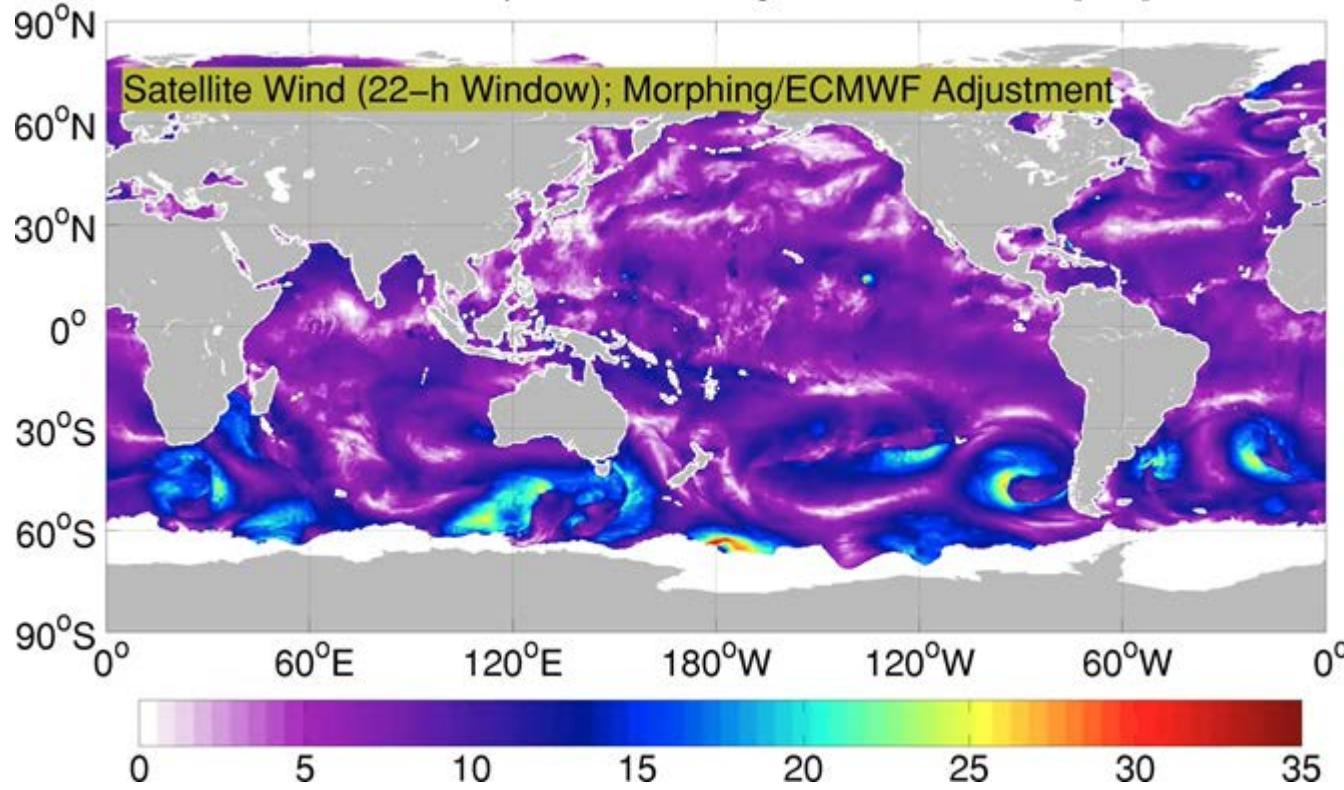


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# SMOS Ocean Winds: Multi-Satellite Blended Product



10-m Wind Speed for 01-Aug-2015 00:00 UTC [m/s]



SMOS data used to provide strong ocean wind speeds without saturation even over 35 m/s.

Source: IFREMER,  
OceanDataLab (FR)



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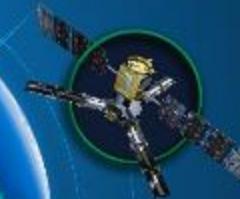
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## Mission

Study of aerosols and high altitude clouds, Earth radiative budget (cooperation with JAXA)

## Payload

ATLID: UV lidar, CPR: Cloud Profiling Radar (94 Ghz) from JAXA, MSI: Multi-spectral Imager, BBR Broad Band radiometer

## Consortium

Prime: ADS-DE, ATLID: ADS-FR, CPR: NEC, MSI: ADS-UK, BBR: TAS-UK

**Orbit** SSO, alt: 393 km; LTDN: 14h00

**Satellite** 1950 Kg

**Launch date** 2021



# BIOMASS



## Mission

Measure of forest biomass and height  
(200 m. pixel resolution)

## Payload

P-Band radar

## Orbit

SSO, alt: 666 km;  
LTAN: 6h00

## Satellite

1250 Kg

## Consortium

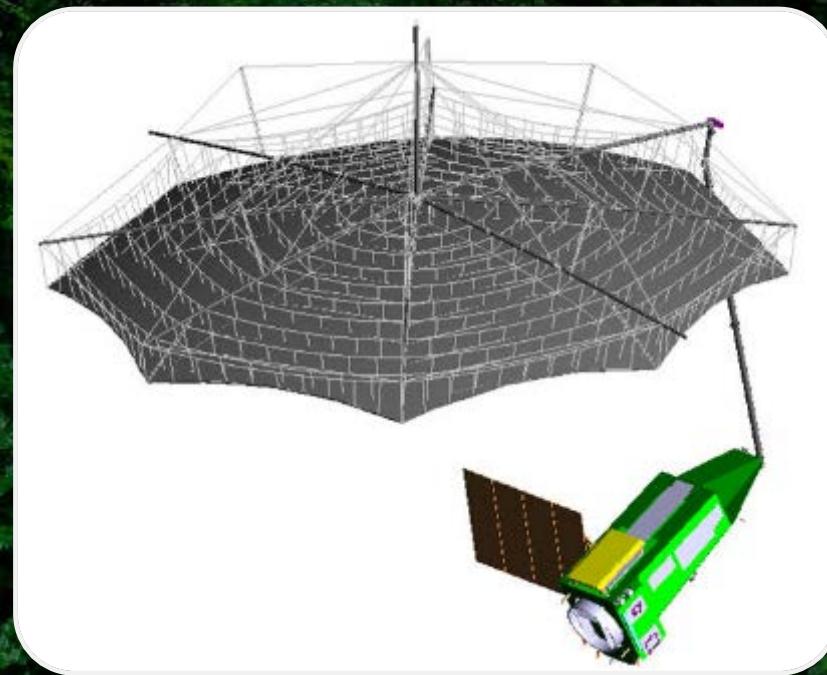
Prime: ADS-UK, Instrument:  
ADS-DE

## Launch date

2022

## Lifetime

5.5 years



# FLEX

## Mission

Study & monitoring of fluorescence signal linked to vegetation stress; pixel 300m.

## Swath

150 km

## Payload

FLORIS, 2 channels spectrometers ( $O_2$  lines).

## Orbit

SSO, alt: 814 km; LTDN: 10h00

## Satellite

470 Kg

## Consortium

Prime: TAS  
Instrument: Leonardo

## Launch date

2024

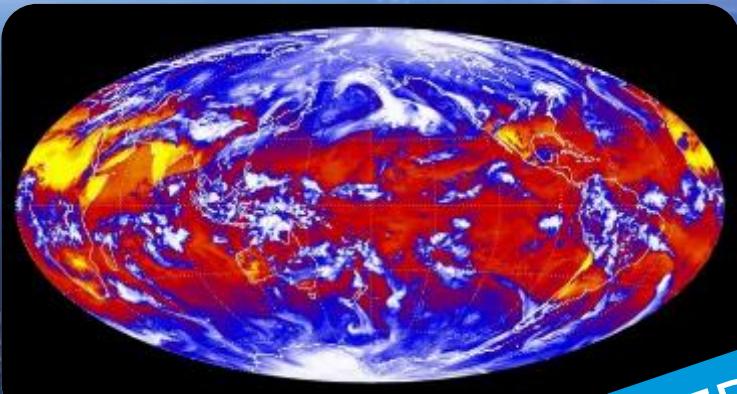
## Lifetime

3.5 years



## FORUM

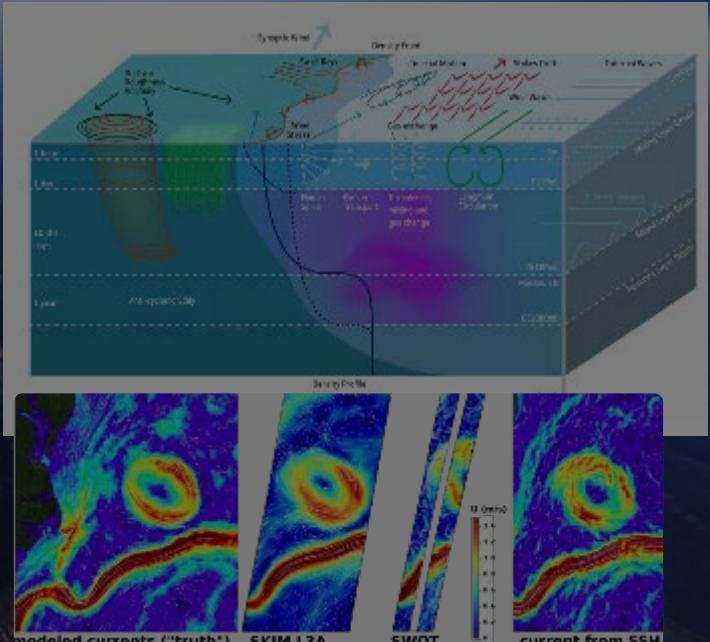
Greenhouse Effect / Climate Change



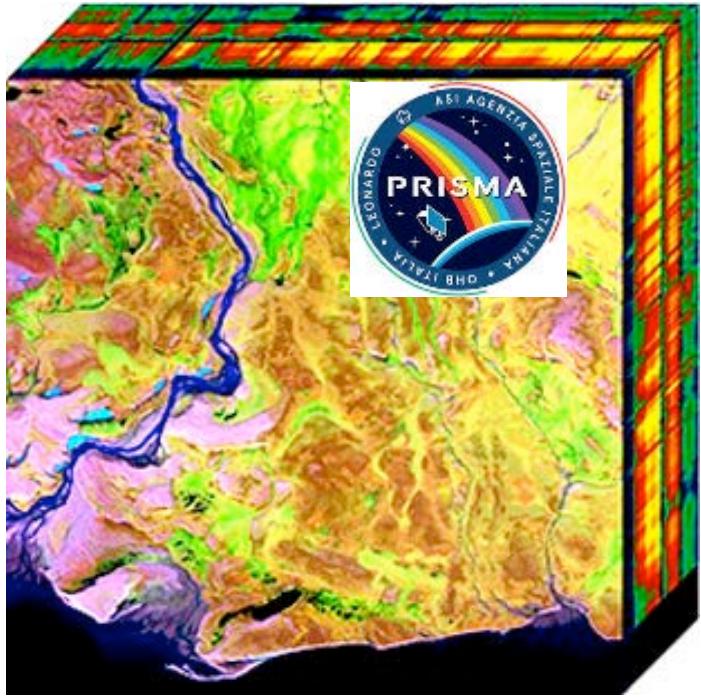
SELECTED

## SKIM

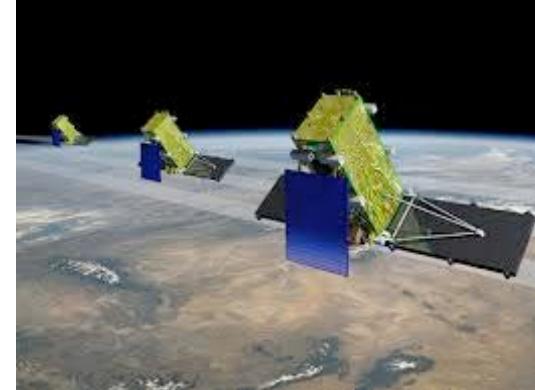
Ocean Surface Currents



# National Missions



**EnMAP**  
Hyperspectral Imager



# ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS



# Copernicus Sentinels Status



**S-1**



Radar

**S-2**



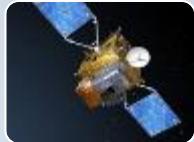
High Res.  
Optical

**S-3**



Medium Res.  
Optical &  
Altimetry

**S-4**



Atmospheric  
Chemistry  
(GEO)

**S-5P**



Atmospheric  
Chemistry  
(LEO)

**S-5**



Atmospheric  
Chemistry  
(LEO)

**S-6**



Altimetry

**A**

3 Apr. 2014

**A**

23 Jun. 2015

**A**

16 Feb. 2016

**A**

2022

**A**

13 Oct. 2017

**A**

2021

**B**

25 Apr. 2016

**B**

6 Mar. 2017

**B**

25 Apr. 2018

**B**

2027

**C**

2022/23

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2022/23

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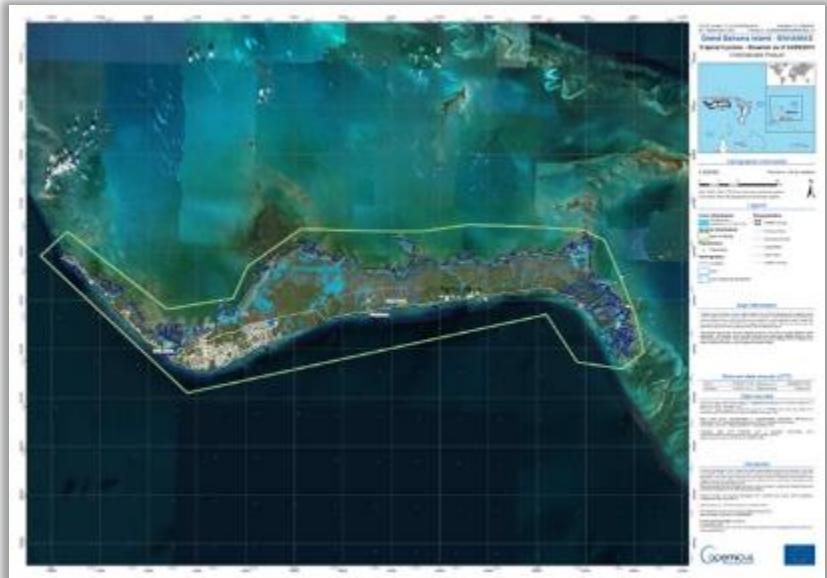
> 2023



# Sentinel-1 Mission Status



- Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B mission operations → **nominal**
- **Routine provision** of Sentinel-1 data **to operational services**
- Sentinel-1 **contribution to emergency activations**, in particular from the Copernicus Emergency Management Service, continues to be very high, for flood monitoring in particular
- **Good health of both Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B satellites**
- Sentinel-1 is operated close to its **full mission capacity** i.e. difficulty to accommodate additional observations



Grand Bahamas Island, Tropical Cyclone Dorian

Flood map based on Sentinel-1 imagery  
acquired on 4 Sep 2019 at 11:09 UTC

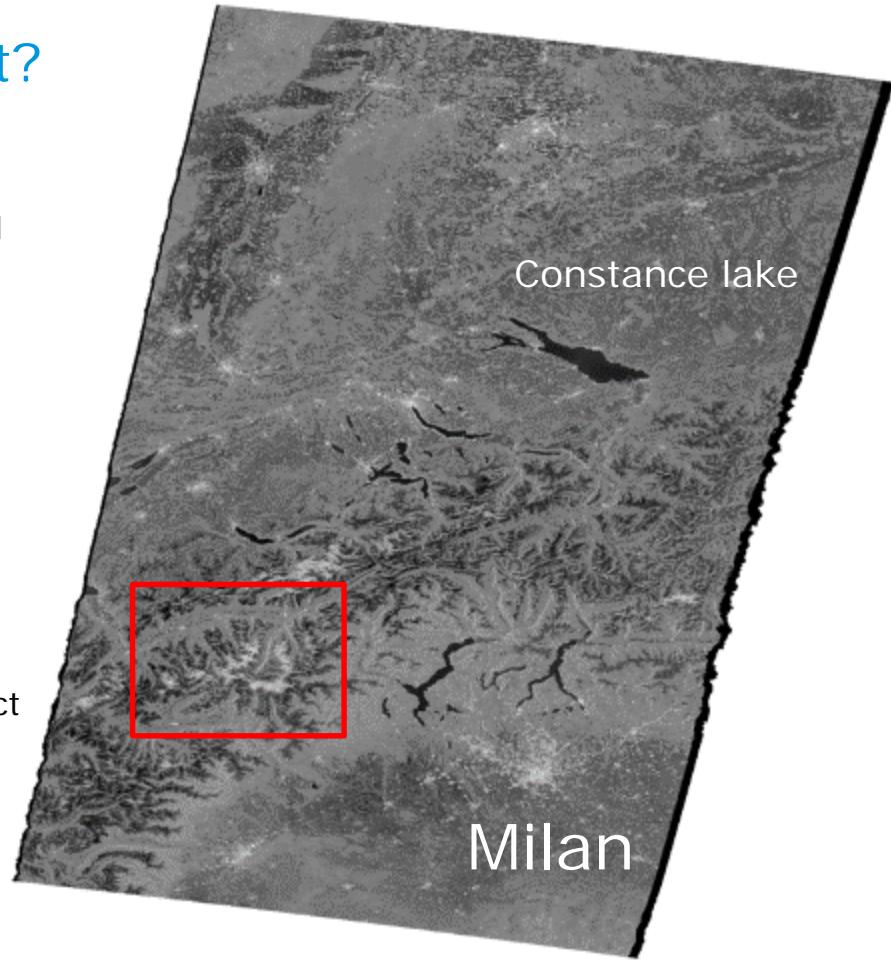
Activation EMSR0385 from  
Copernicus Emergency Management Service  
processed by CEMS – GAF-AG released by e-geos

# Sentinel-1 Radiometry: What's Next?

S-1 radiometric calibration has reached an unprecedented accuracy and stability over time.

Major improvement can still be achieved using terrain correction:

- Operationally possible since Copernicus DEM is a reality and algorithm is mature
- Would provide major improvements for different Copernicus services and for many users
- Decision to provide a new operational core product not taken yet, needs further discussion with the European Commission



# Sentinel-1 Radiometry: What's Next?

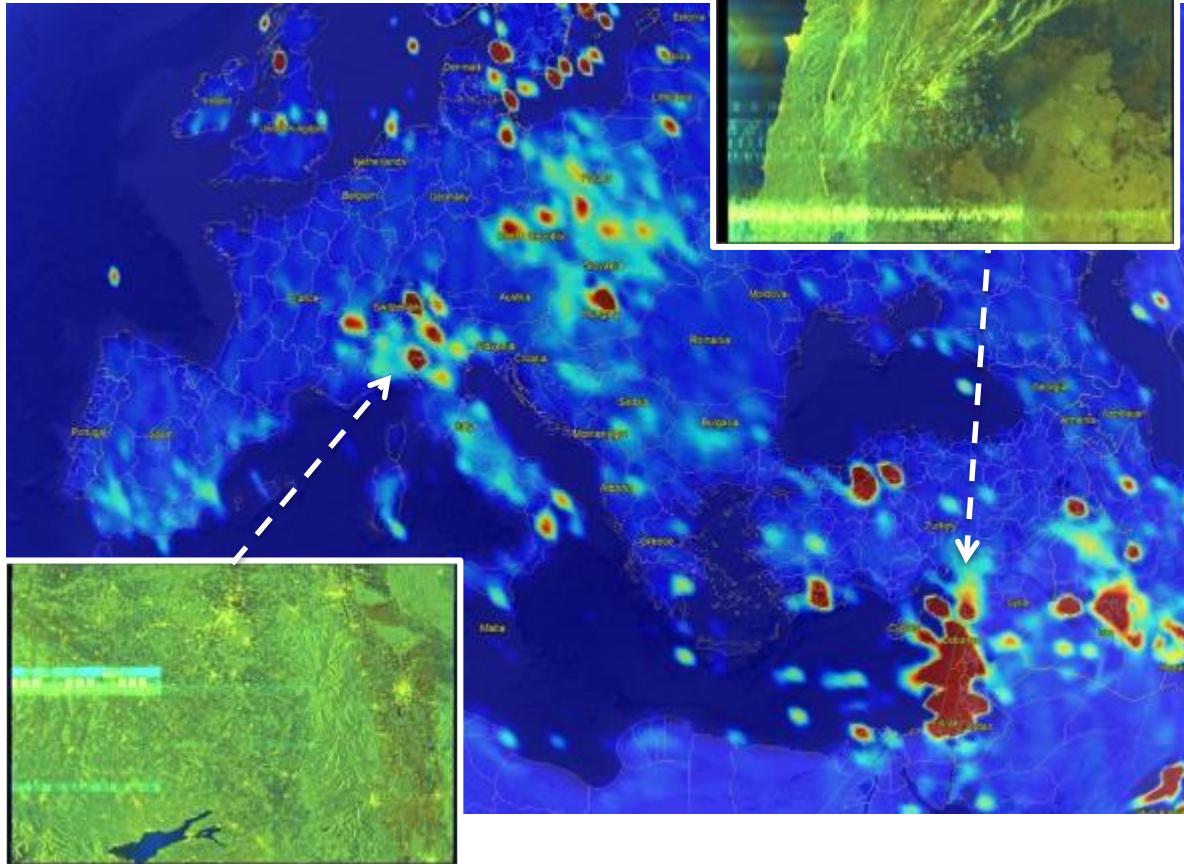


Radio Frequency Interferences (RFI) are severely impacting image quality

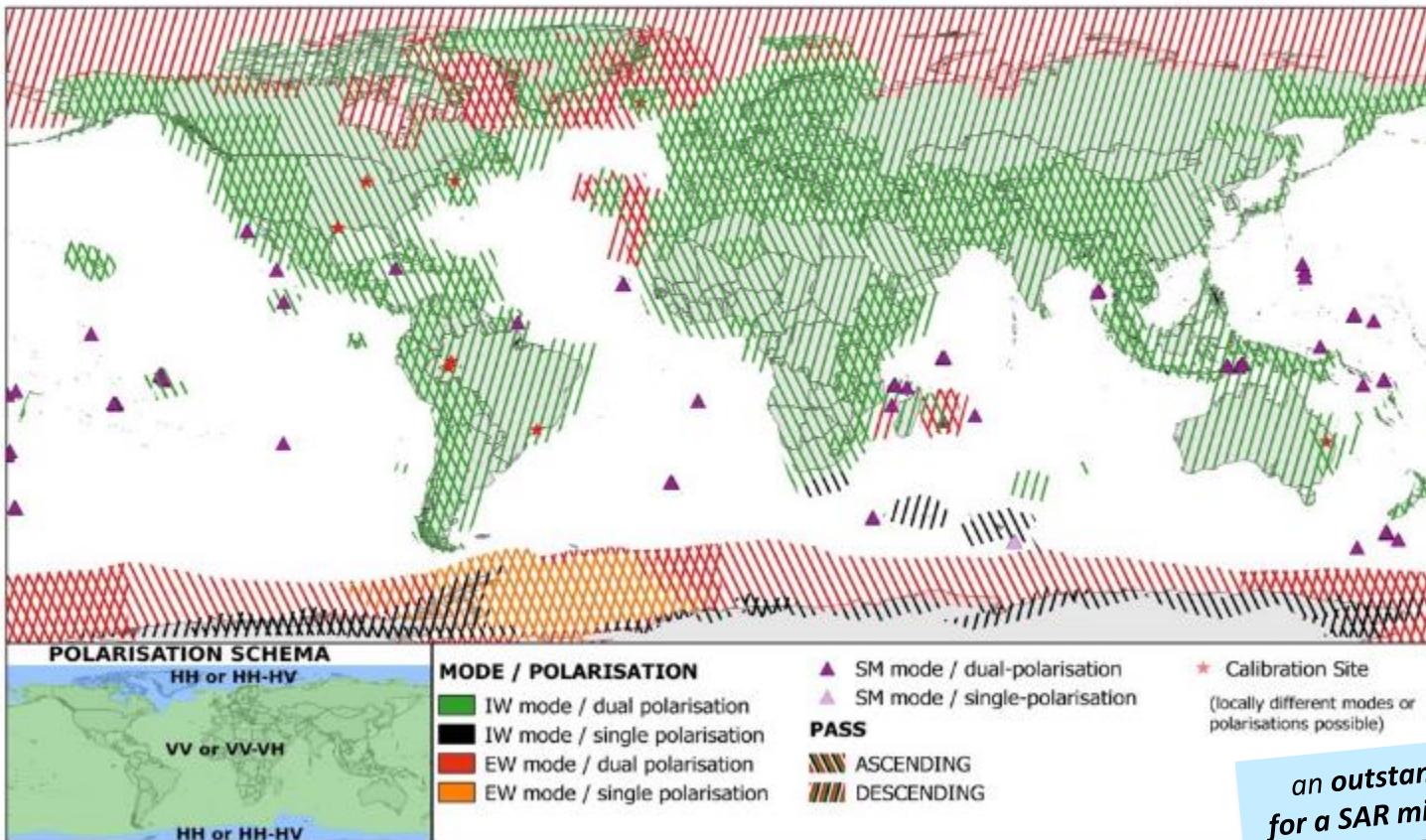
Represent major annoyance and limitation for users

Activity on-going for mapping and characterisation at global level (first time ever)

Planned processor evolution to filter RFI 2020+



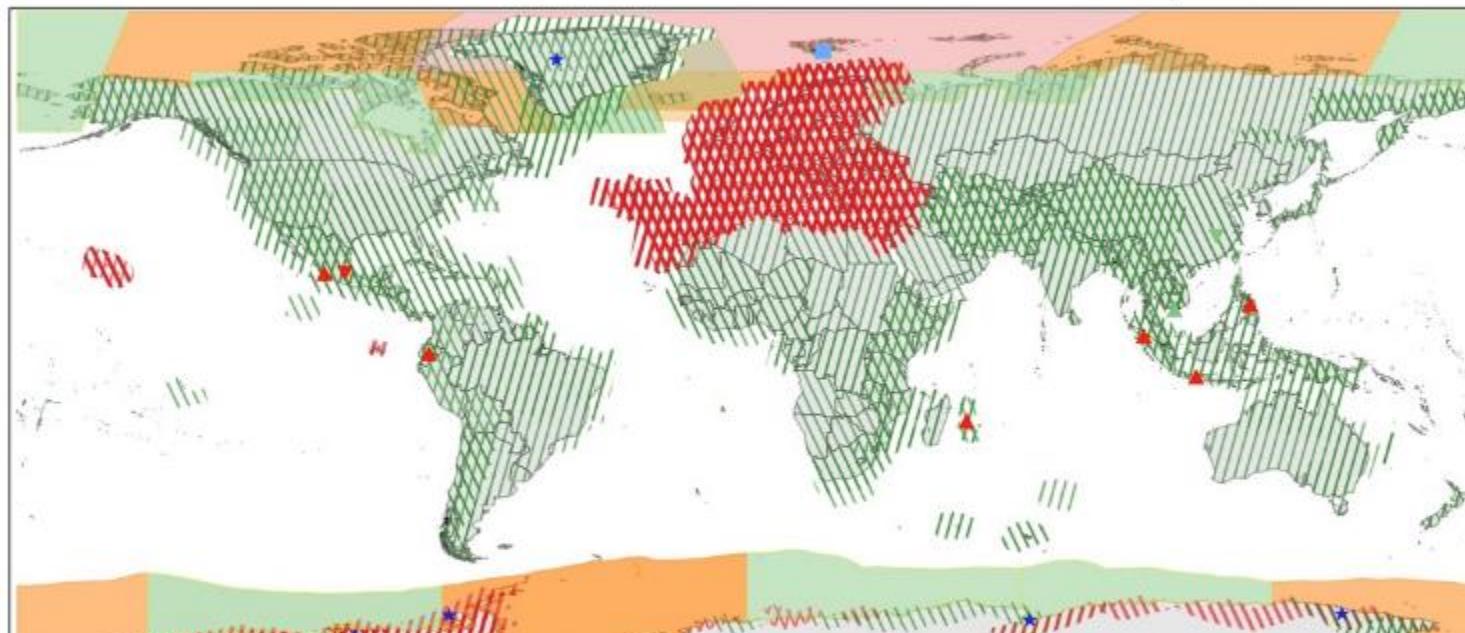
# Sentinel-1 Constellation Observation Scenario: Mode - Polarisation - Observation Geometry



Updated  
Baseline Map,  
starting  
May 2019

This map is  
related to SAR  
High Rate  
modes only.  
Wave mode  
operated by  
default over  
open oceans  
(not shown)

# Sentinel-1 Constellation Observation Scenario: Revisit & Coverage Frequency



PASS	REVISIT	FREQUENCY *
ASCENDING	WW	6 days
DESCENDING	///	12 days
	XXX	

\* coverage ensured from same, repetitive relative orbits

\*\* coverage not considering repetitiveness of relative orbits

COVERAGE	FREQUENCY **	REFERENCE DATA SITES (6d repeat)
■	1 days	▲ Highly active volcanism
■	1-3 days	▼ Fast subsidence
■	2-4 days	△ Short growth cycle, intensive agriculture

\*\* coverage not considering repetitiveness of relative orbits

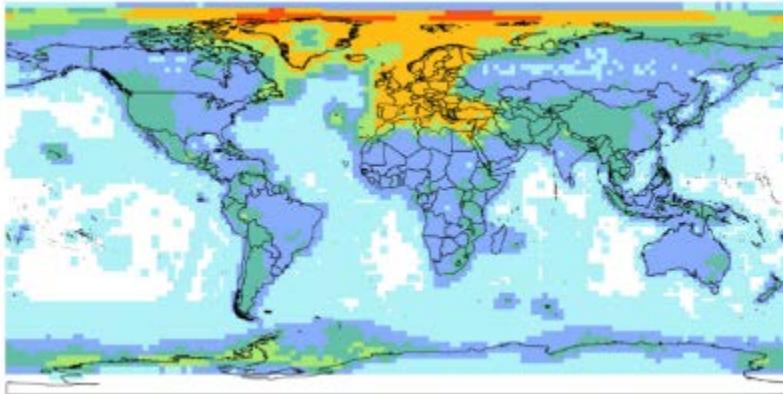
an outstanding coverage achievement  
for a SAR mission, predictable and reliable!



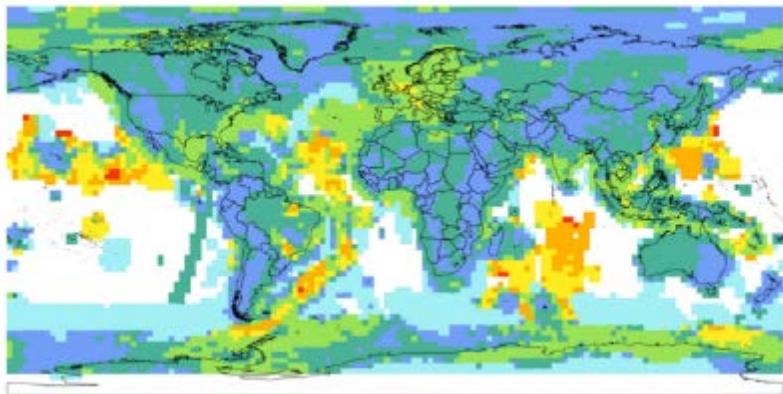
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# Sentinel Data Access 2018 Report

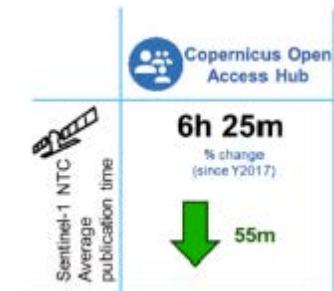
## Examples of Sentinel-1 data product / user statistics



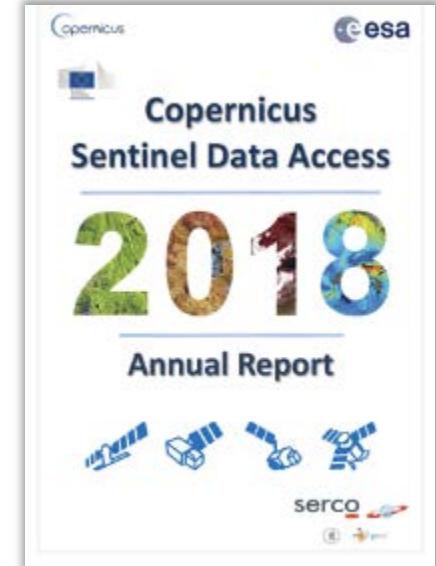
Heatmap of Sentinel-1 products (excluding OCN) published since the start of operations



Heatmap showing the archive exploitation ratio for Sentinel-1 L0 and L1 NTC products (excluding WV mode) during Y2018



Average publication timeliness on the Open Access Hub during Y2018



<https://scihub.copernicus.eu/reportsandstats>



# Sentinel-2 Mission Status



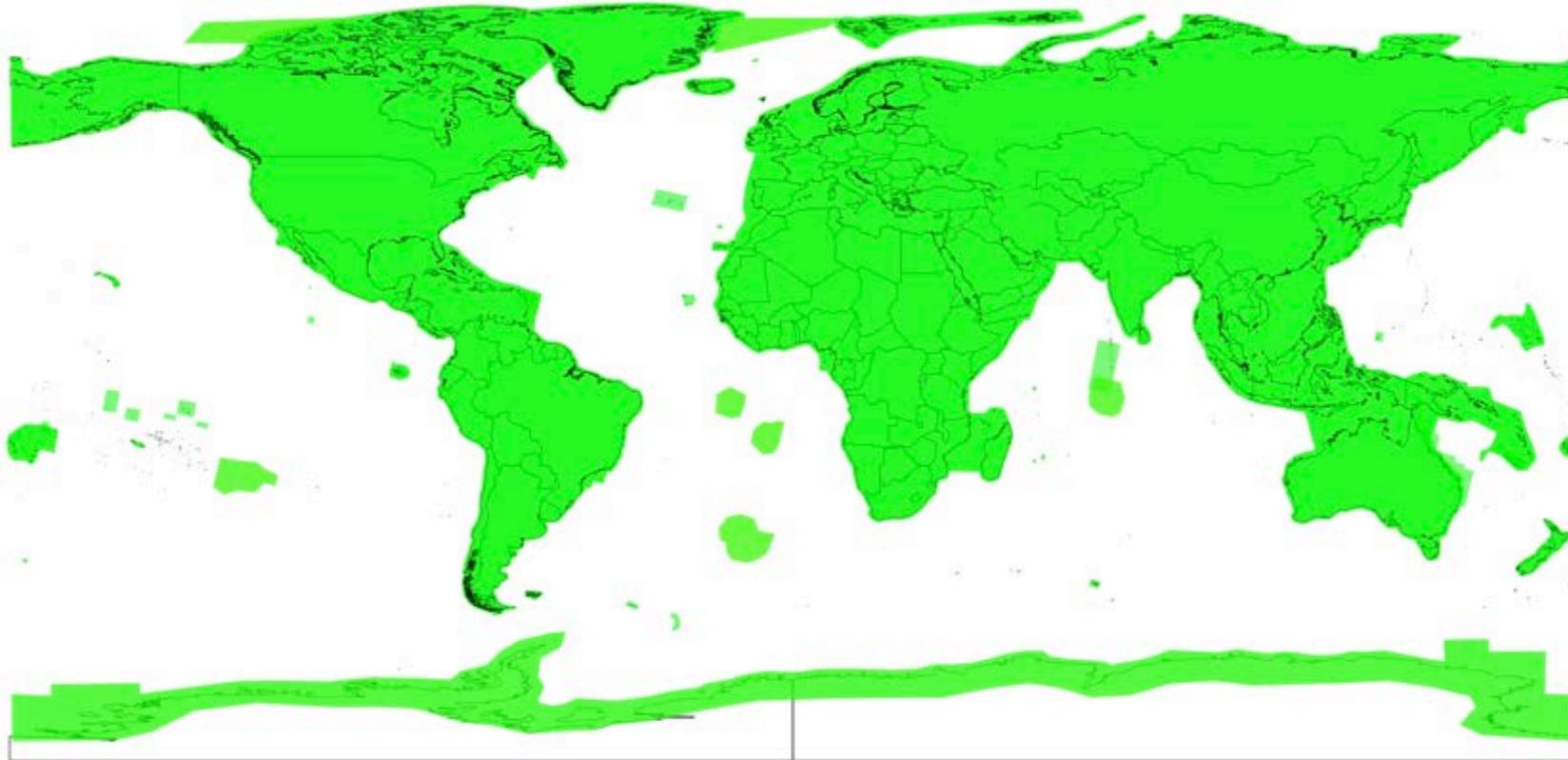
- Nominal Sentinel-2 constellation operations with Sentinel-2A and Sentinel-2B
- Routine provision of Sentinel-2 data to operational services
- Level-2A surface reflectance product generated worldwide systematically since 13 December 2018
- Good health of both Sentinel-2A and Sentinel-2B satellites
- Sentinel-2 is operated beyond the initially required observation scenario

# S-2 Observation Scenario (Mission Requirements)



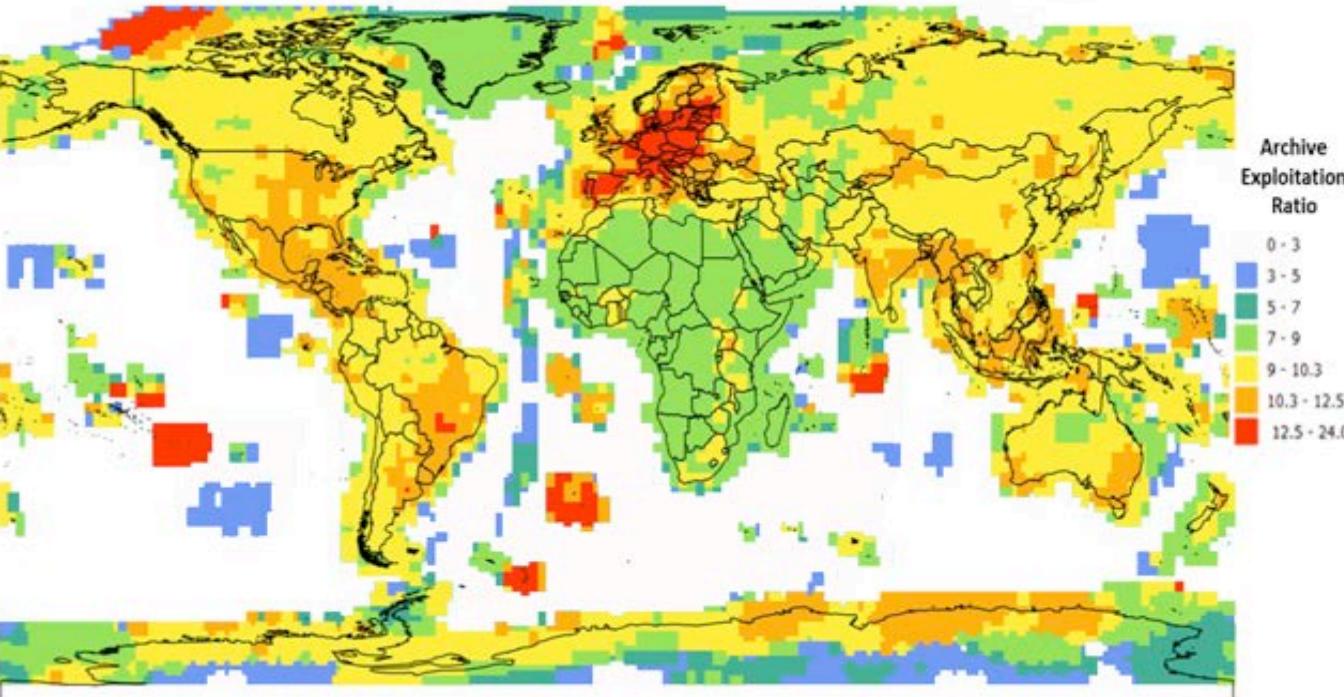
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# S-2 Observation Scenario (Current)



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# S-2 Data Access / Archive Exploitation Ratio

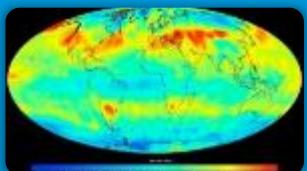


Available online

# Copernicus 2.0 – New Monitoring Missions

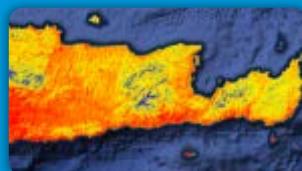


## Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Mission



Causes of  
Climate Change

## Land Surface Temperature Monitoring



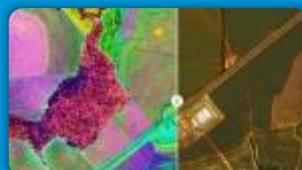
Agriculture,  
Water Productivity

## CRISTAL – Polar Ice/Snow Topography



Effects of  
Climate Change

## CHIME – Hyperspectral Imaging Mission



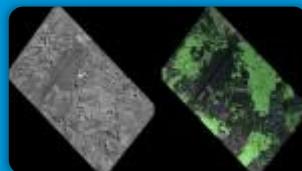
Food Security, Soil,  
Biodiversity

## CIMR – Passive Microwave Radiometer



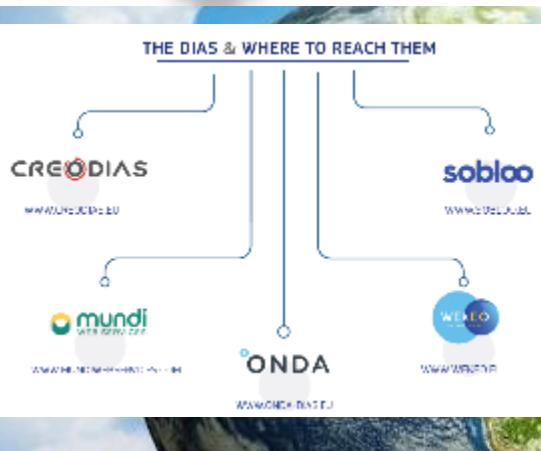
Sea Surface Temperature,  
Ice Concentration

## L-band SAR Mission



Vegetation, Ground  
Motion, Soil Moisture

# DIAS – Creating an EO Data Ecosystem



- Copernicus Data and Information Access Services
- Common DG-GROW-ESA approach to EO data exploitation with Copernicus at its core
- Create & enable European EO Data ecosystem for research & business
- Started June 2018



## How Do We Work With EO at ESA?



# EO Scientific Data Exploitation



Workshops &  
conferences



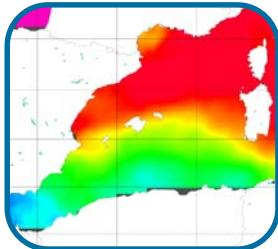
Training and  
Education



Toolboxes



Open Science



New methods  
& products



Earth system  
science



Driving future  
missions



Campaigns

# A Strong European EO Service Portfolio



Imagery and Data



Information



Solutions



Decisions

Marine & Coastal

Polar & Sea Ice

Soil, Water & Urban

Food Security

Maritime Security

Forest Monitoring

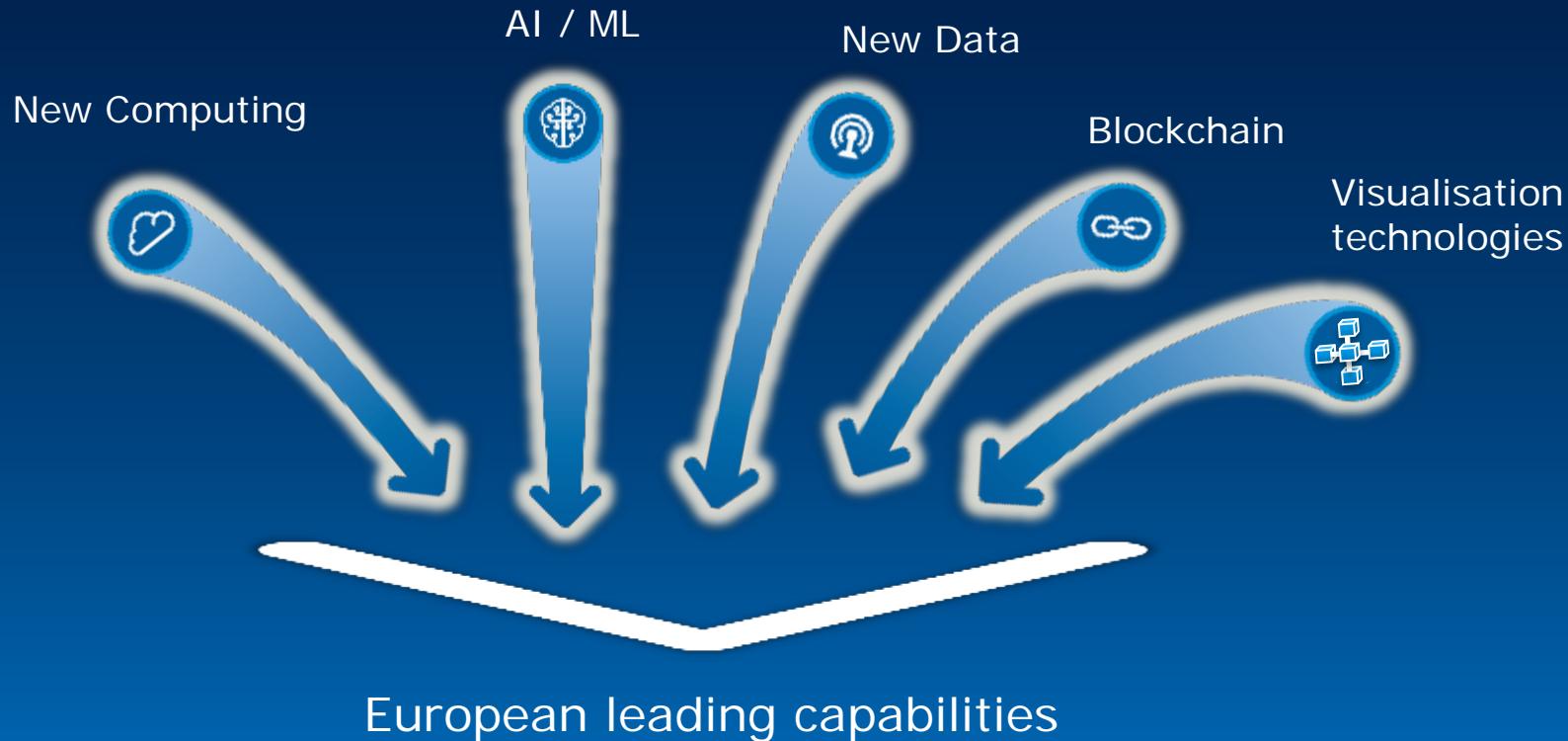
Atmosphere

Flood & Fire Risk

Land Motion

Humanitarian Aid

# Combining Parallel Developments



# FutureEO Block 4 – Earth Science for Society

- Grand Science Challenges (with EC/RTD)
- Resilient Society bring EO Solutions for environmental threats, adaptation and SDG
- Regional Initiatives (Applications and Platforms)
- Pioneer Artificial Intelligence for EO (AI, Blockchain, Big Data)
- Exploit HAPS
- Develop Civilian Security Applications
- EO AFRICA (users engagement & uptake of EO solutions)
- 10% of budget via Open Call to foster innovative projects

**Grand Challenges**



A red rectangular box containing five circular images representing various Earth science challenges: a glacier, a field, a refinery, a volcano, and a coastal area.

**EO for Resilient Society**



An aerial photograph of a town with many houses and buildings submerged in floodwater, illustrating the impact of environmental threats.

**Regional Initiatives**



A green rectangular box featuring a map of Europe overlaid with a grid pattern, representing regional initiatives.

**EO4AI**



A blue rectangular box showing a large, stylized letter 'A' composed of binary code (0s and 1s) next to a satellite image of a coastline.

**EO for Africa**



A purple rectangular box featuring a map of Africa with different colors representing various regions or countries.

**Security Applications**



A yellow rectangular box showing a satellite view of a large urban area with a grid-like street pattern.

# Earth Observation: A Necessity



## Thanks!

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