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ESA's *Living Planet* *Programme*

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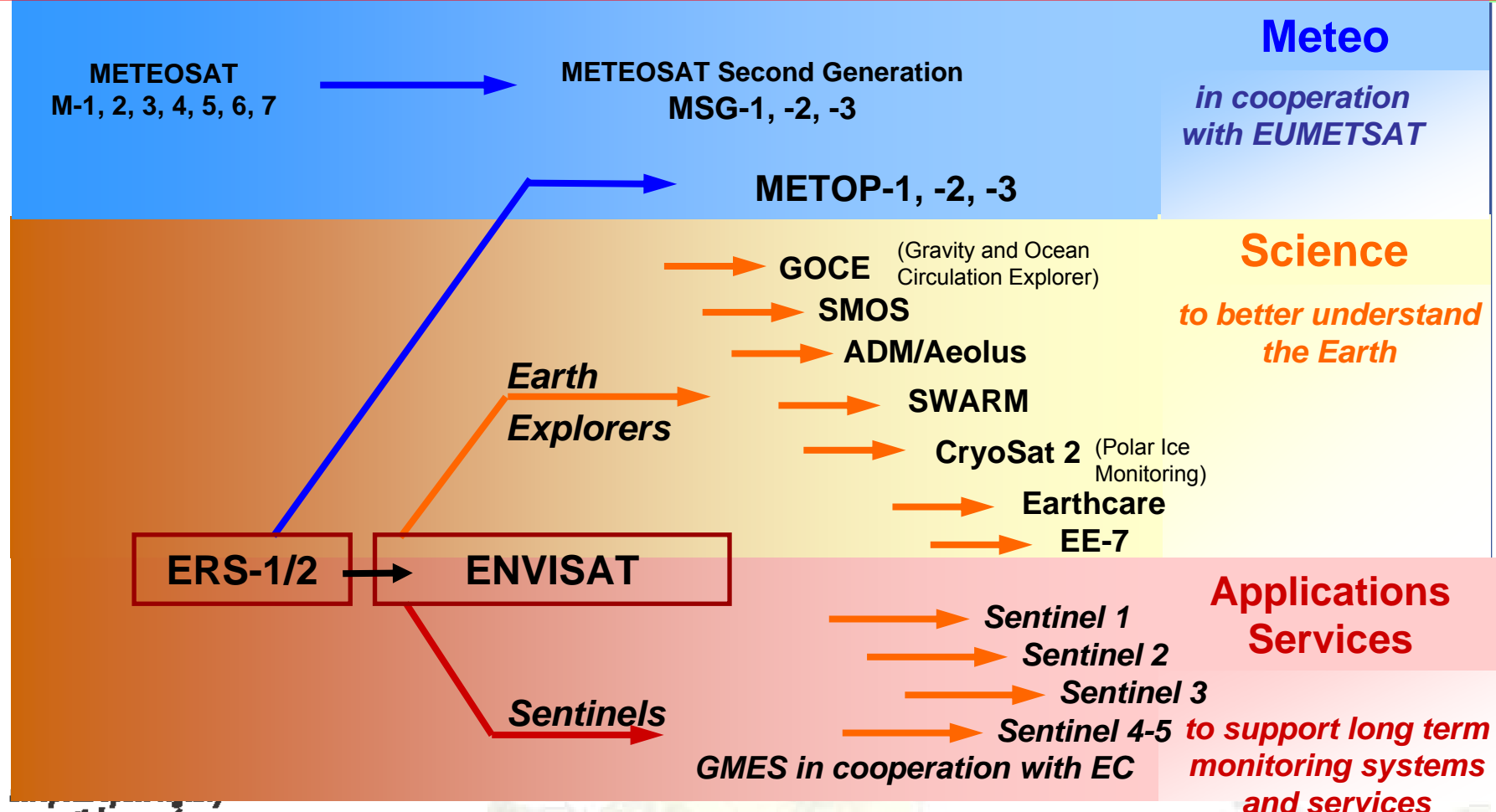
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- Exploitation of ongoing missions (ERS-1/2, Envisat)
- R&D Missions (Earth Explorers)
- GMES Space Component, including Sentinel mission series
- Development with Eumetsat of operational meteorological missions
- Exploitation of “Third Party ” missions – international partnership



Earthnet: European access to non-ESA missions:
Landsat, SeaWifs, NOAA, JERS, MODIS, ALOS, Proba, Bird, Scisat... **European users**



Europe's expanding capacity

1991

ERS 1

Oceans
Sea Ice
Cryosphere
Land Surface
Climatology

European Space Agency
Agence spatiale européenne

1995

ERS 2

+ *Global Ozone*
+ *Terrestrial biosphere*

2002

ENVISAT

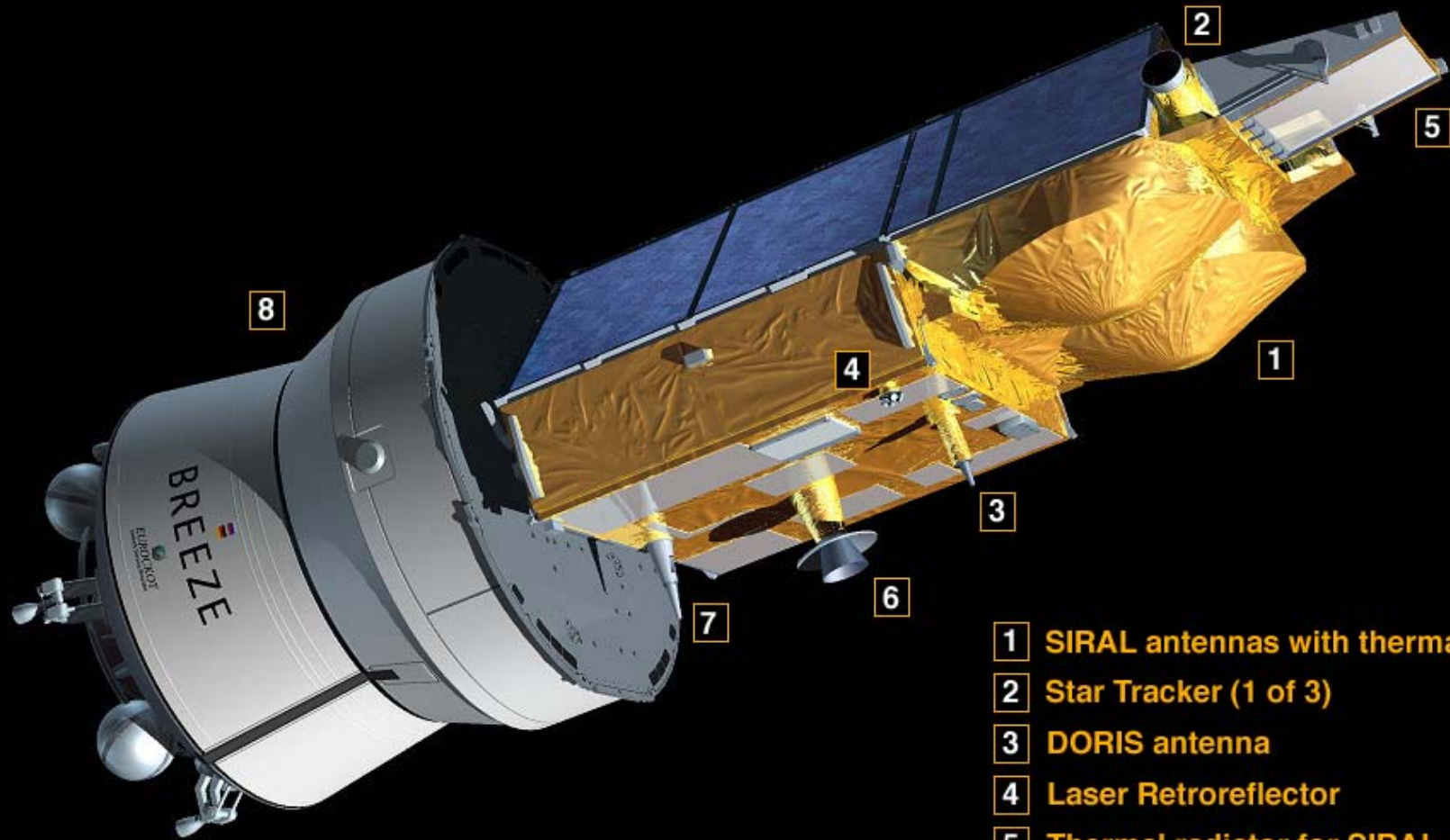
+ *Ocean colour*
+ *Atmospheric chemistry*





CryoSat

the satellite attached to the launcher upper stage



- 1 SIRAL antennas with thermal covers
- 2 Star Tracker (1 of 3)
- 3 DORIS antenna
- 4 Laser Retroreflector
- 5 Thermal radiator for SIRAL
- 6 X-band telemetry antenna
- 7 S-band TTC antenna
- 8 Breeze KM upper stage

What are the scientific objectives?

Improve understanding of:

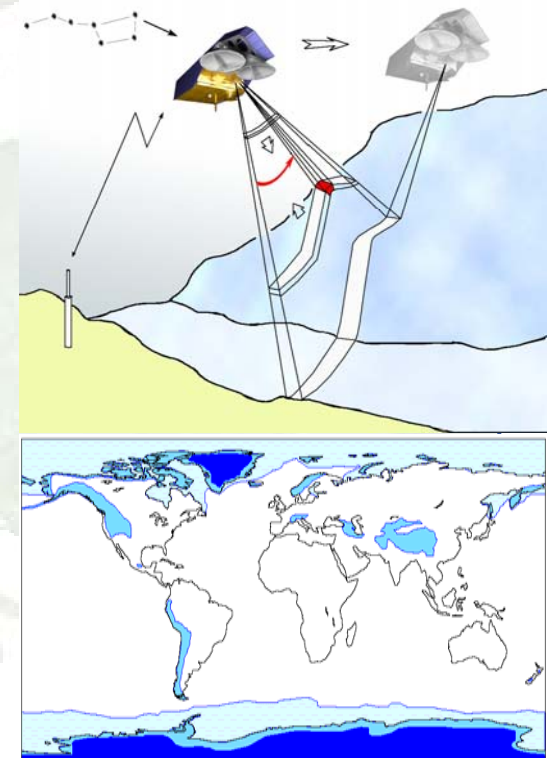
- impact of sea-ice thickness variations on climate
- mass balance of Greenland/Antarctic ice sheets

How are they achieved?

- *SAR interferometric Radar Altimeter with precise pointing and orbit determination*
- measurement of Arctic sea-ice thickness variations
- measurement of temporal variations in ice-sheet elevation, including dynamic margins

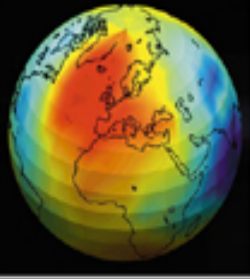
What are the benefits?

- improved parameterisation of sea-ice processes in coupled climate models
- reduced uncertainty in the ice-sheet contribution to global sea-level rise
- advances in cryosphere and climate studies

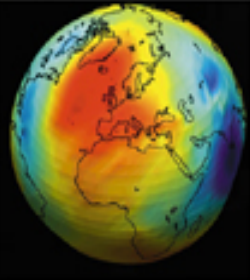


GOCE - Gravity Field and Steady-State Ocean Circulation Explorer

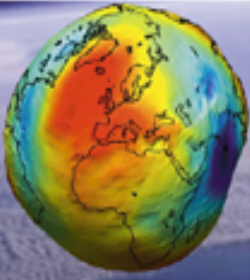
EARLY GRAVITY MODEL



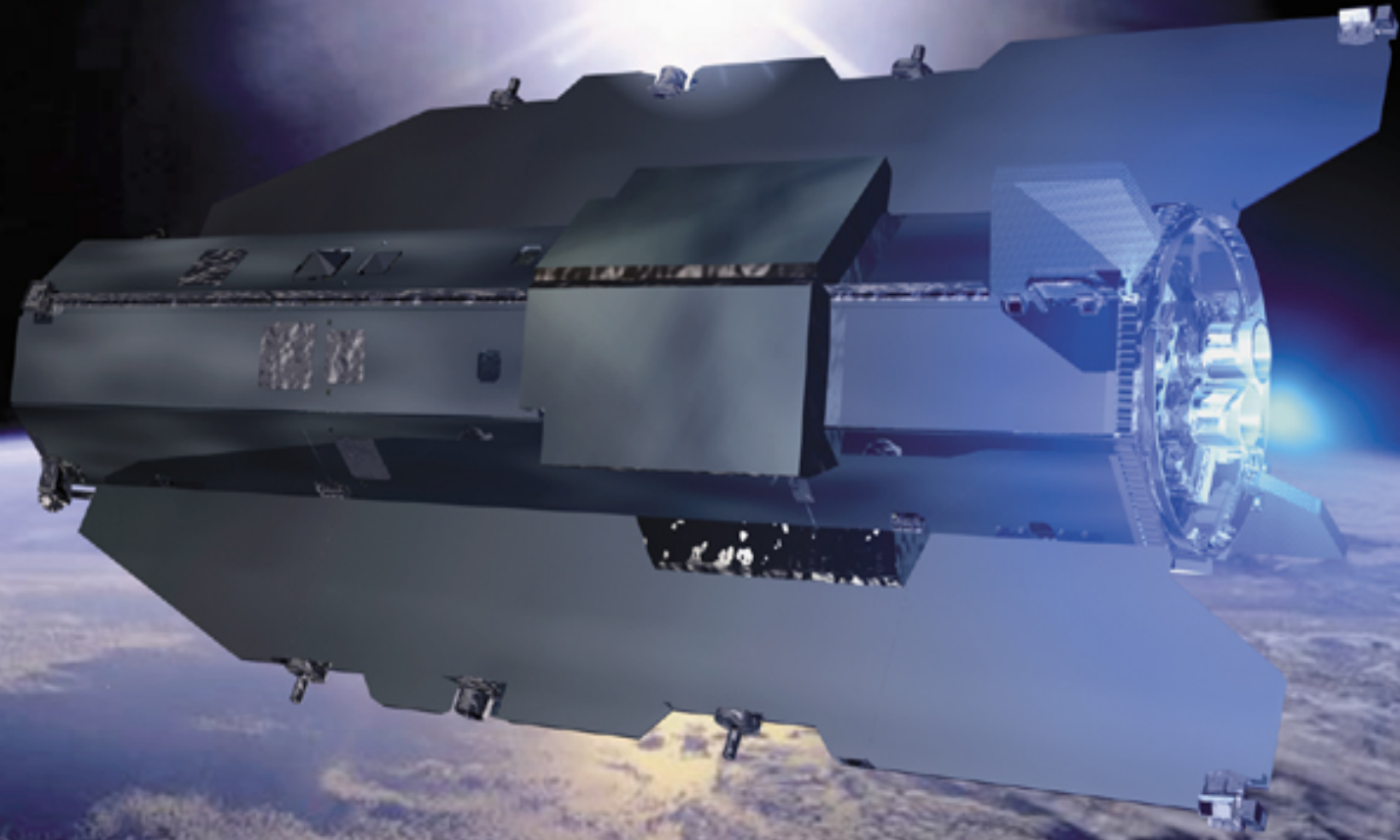
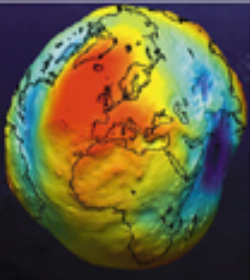
CHAMP



GRACE



GOCE



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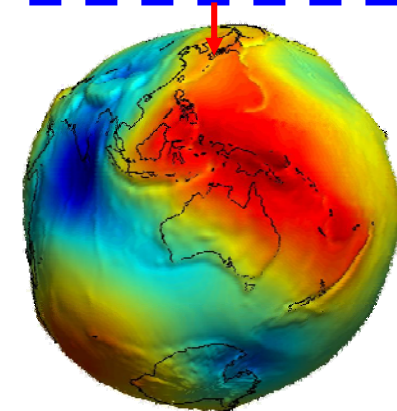
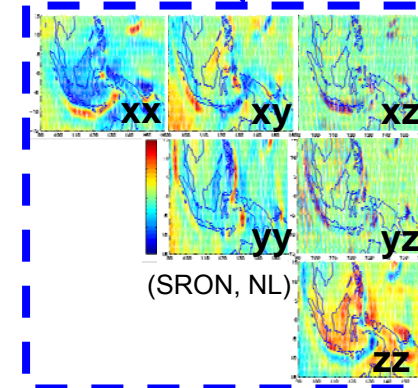
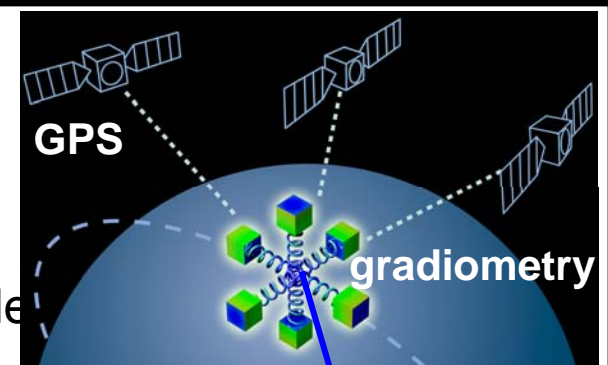
- global ocean circulation and transfer of heat
- physics of the Earth's interior (lithosphere & mantle)
- sea level records, topographic processes, evolution of ice sheets and sea level change

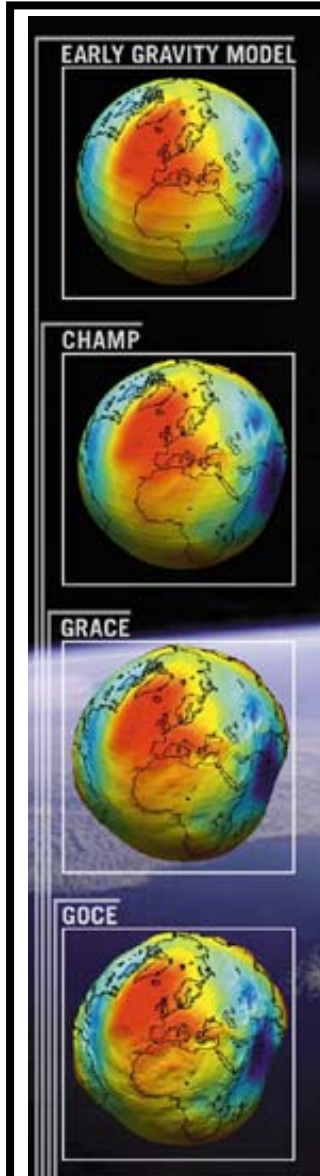
How are they achieved?

- Combination of *satellite gradiometry* and *high-low satellite-to-satellite tracking* at $\pm 250\text{km}$ altitude
- Improved model of the static gravity field and geoid to a resolution of 100km with 1mGal resp. $1\text{-}2\text{cm}$ accuracy

What are the benefits?

- An accurate marine geoid for absolute ocean currents
- Improved constraints for interior modelling
- Unified global height reference for land, sea, ice and surveying





- Only mission with satellite gradiometry (3D) and drag-free control in low orbit (250km)
- GOCE will provide global static gravity field with homogeneous quality of unprecedented accuracy and resolution
- Key step in improving ocean, solid Earth and sea level modelling
- Large impact on national height systems and surveying applications on land and sea
- Essential benchmark technique for understanding mass distribution and change
- Element of IGGOS (Integrated Global Geodetic Observing System) and essential for WOCE, WCRP and CLIVAR

***SMOS: The Soil Moisture and
Ocean Salinity Mission***



What are the scientific objectives?:

To improve understanding of:

- the water cycle (and the Energy and Carbon Cycle), and
- its representation in mesoscale models (Hydrology, Oceanography and Climate).

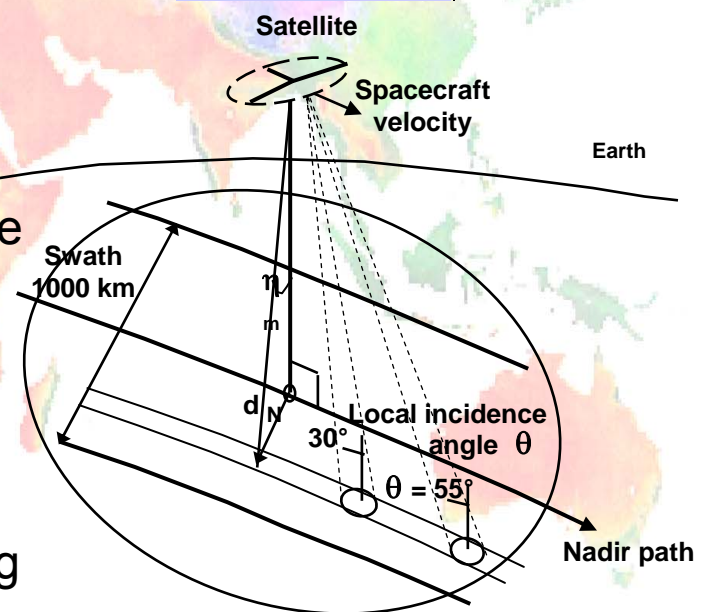
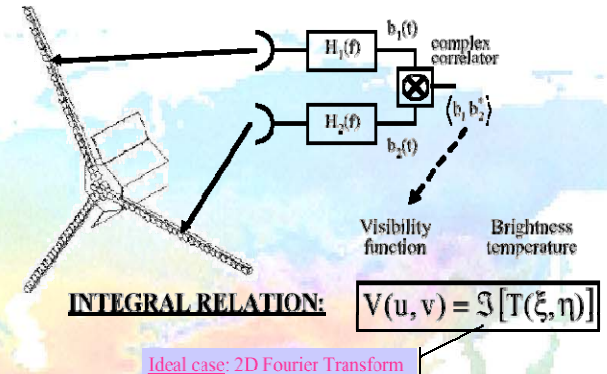
How are they achieved?:

Constraining models by global soil moisture and ocean salinity observations estimated from dual-pol., multi-angular, L-band brightness temperature measurement acquired by a 2D interferometer.

What are the benefits?:

Enhancement of the model parameterisation will:

- improve the weather prediction
- improved ocean circulation/hydrology modelling
- better extreme event forecasting



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SMOS – measuring soil moisture and ocean salinity

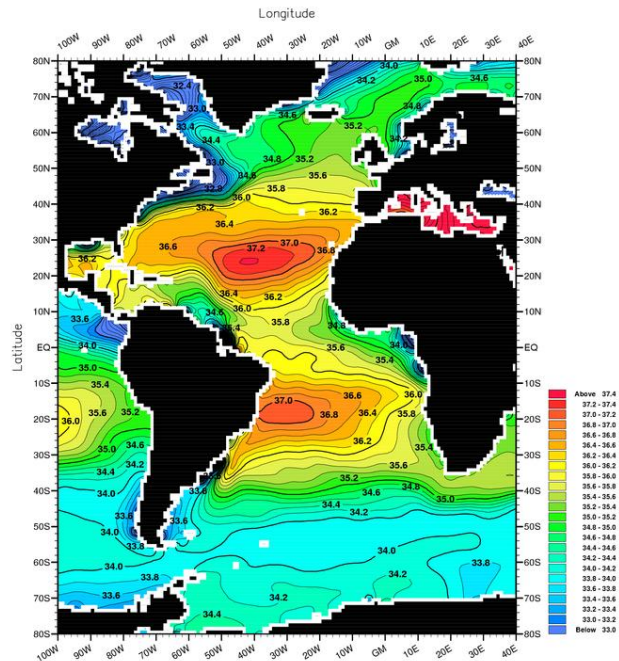
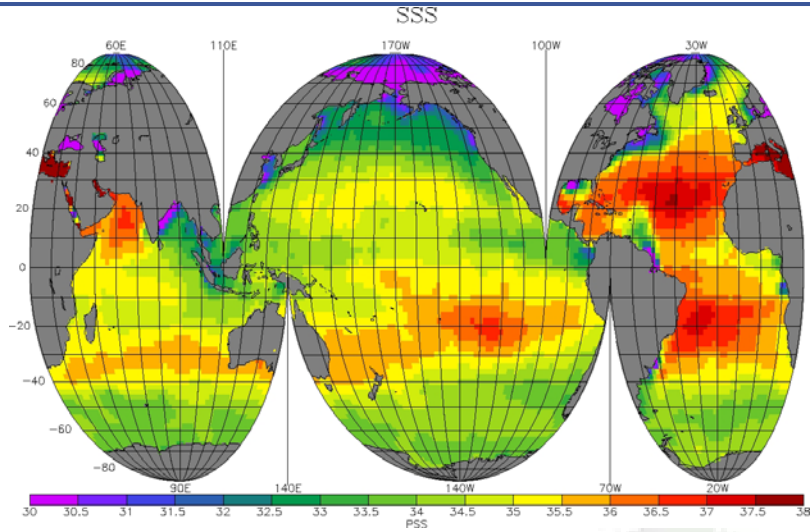
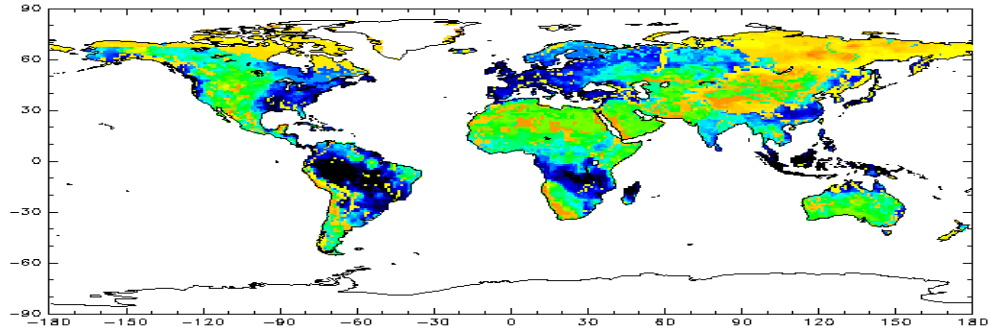


Fig. A2-1. Annual mean salinity (PSS) at the surface.
Minimum Value= 3.51 Maximum Value= 40.37 Contour Interval: 0.20

World Ocean Atlas 2001
Ocean Climate Laboratory/NODC

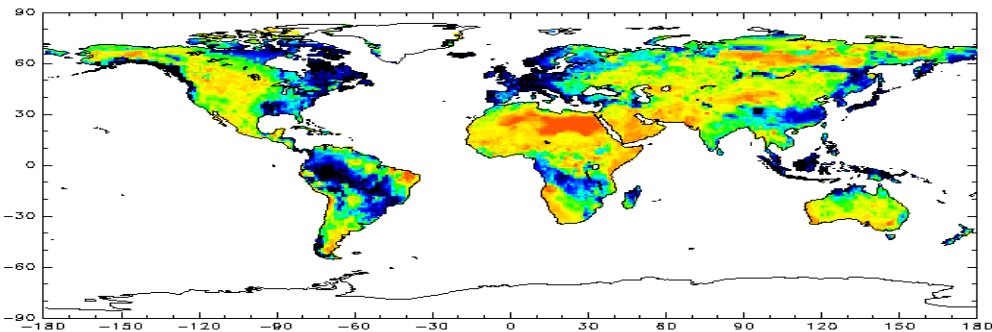
soil wetness index (sfc+root)
NCEP (ETA)

January 1987



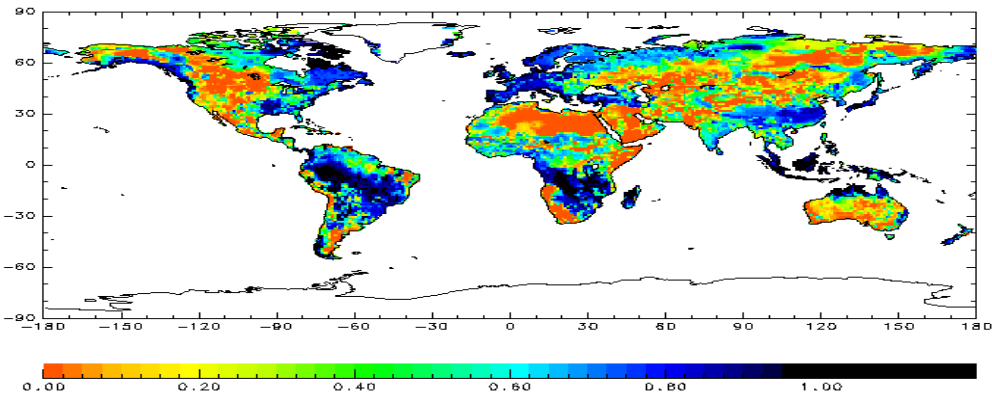
GSFC/Hydro (Mosaic)

January 1987

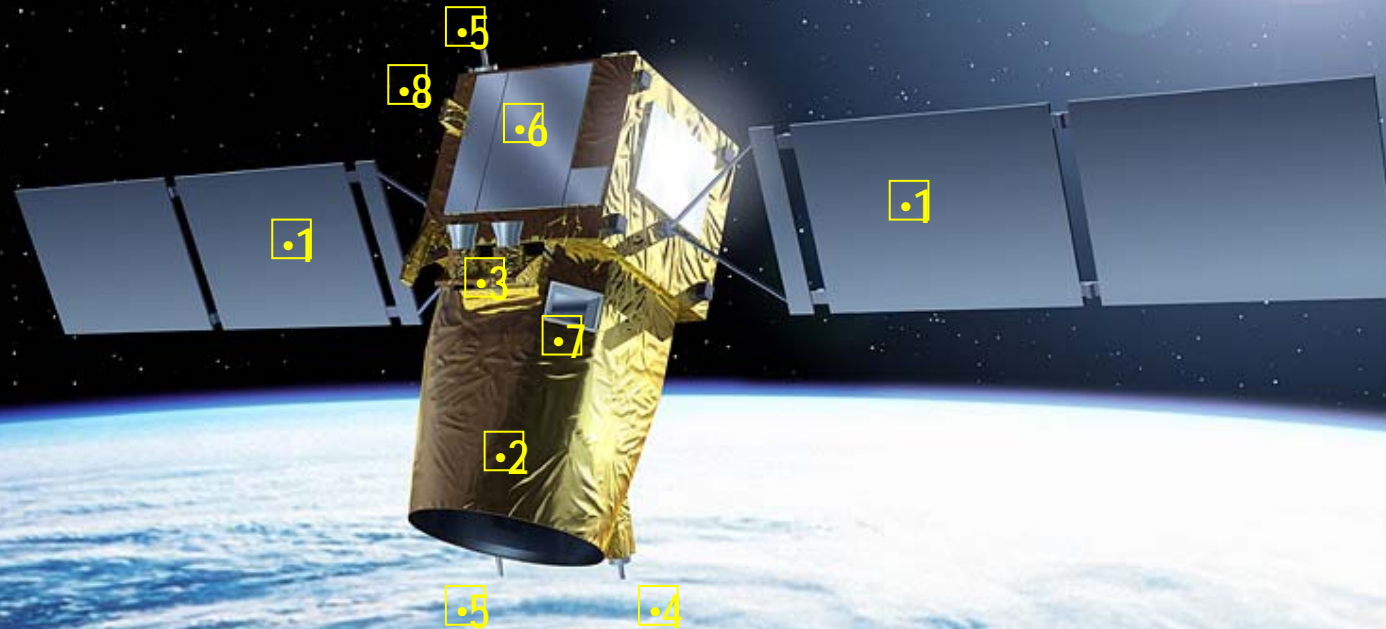


U.Arizona (BATS)

January 1987



AEOLUS - ADM



- 1 • Deployed, non rotatable solar array
- 2 • Aladin Lidar
- 3 • Star Tracker
- 4 • X Band Antenna
- 5 • 2 S Band Antennas
- 6 • Aladin Radiator
- 7 • Aladin Detector Radiator
- 8 • Thrusters

Aeolus Mission

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Improve understanding of

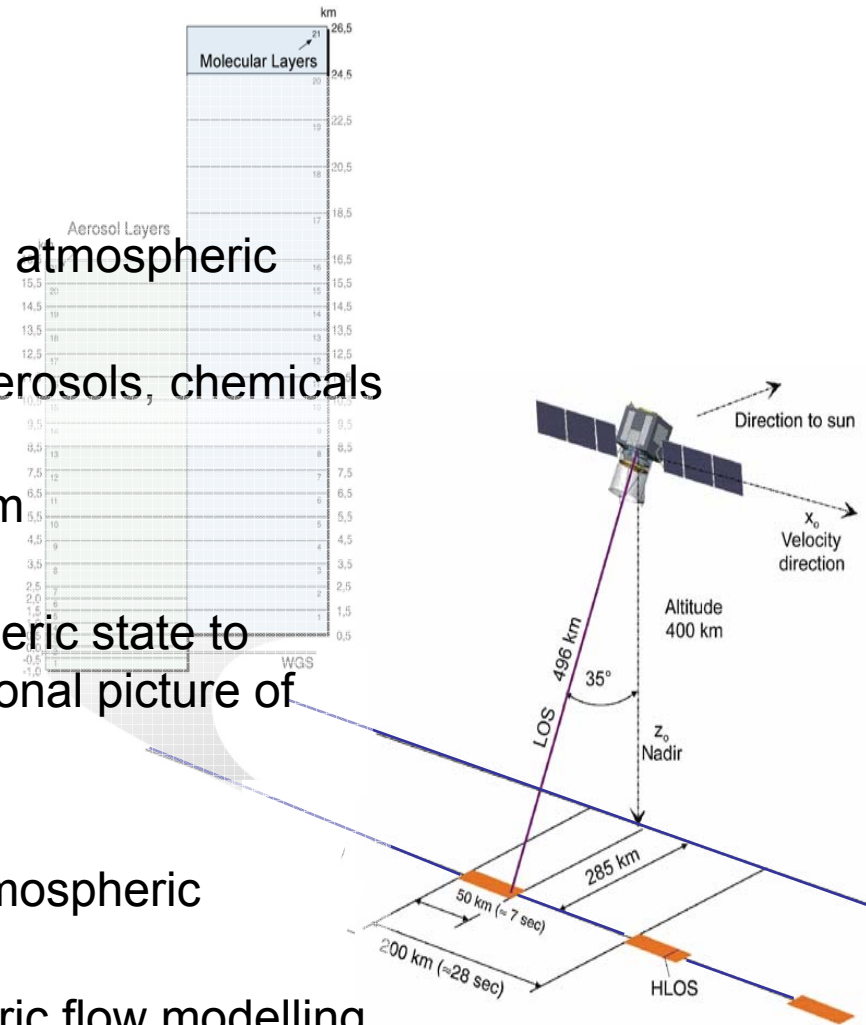
- atmospheric dynamics and global atmospheric transport
- global cycling of energy, water, aerosols, chemicals

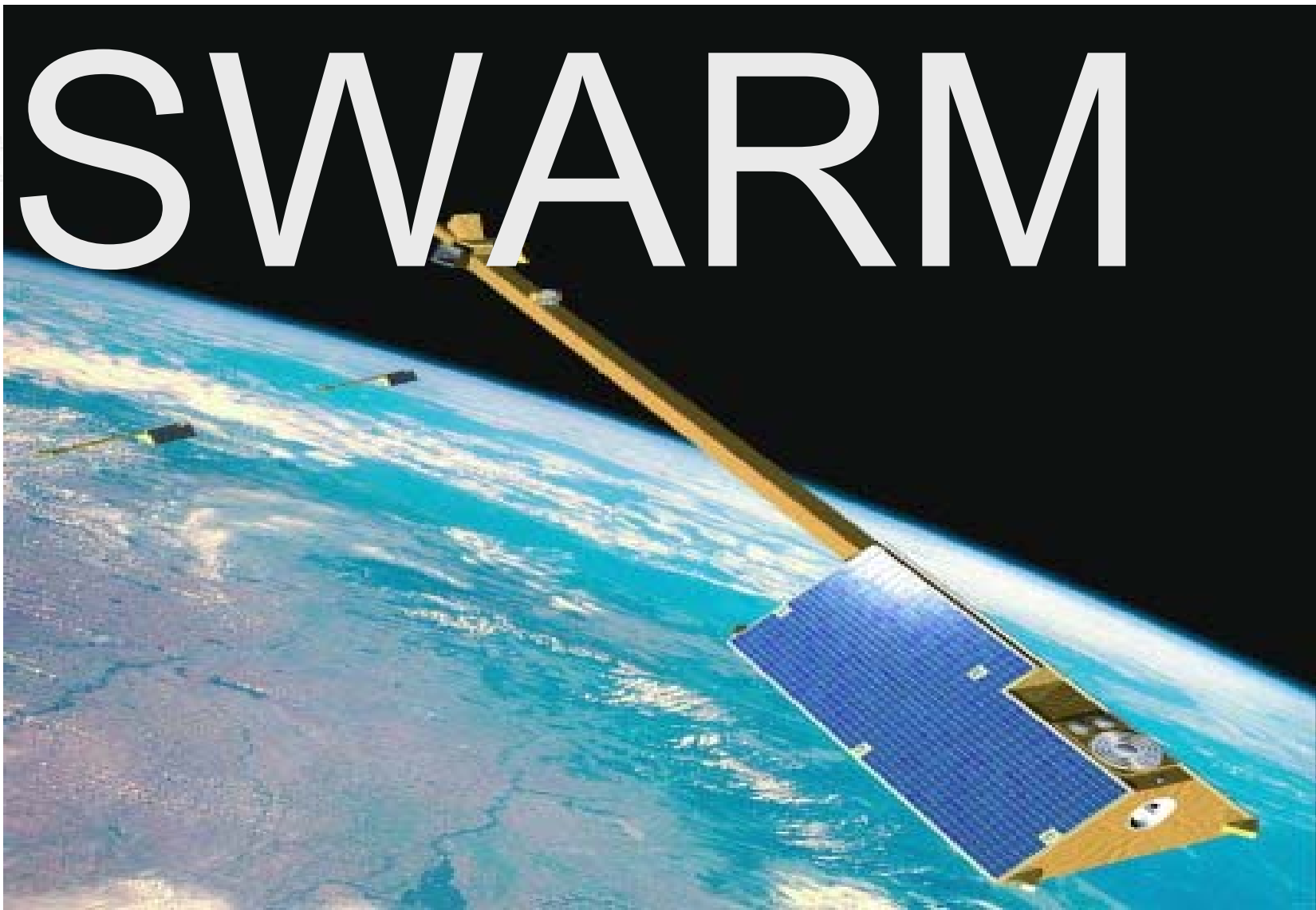
How are they achieved?

- line of sight winds are derived from aerosol/molecular Doppler shifts
- Improved analysis of the atmospheric state to provide a complete three-dimensional picture of the dynamical variables

What are the benefits?

- Improved parameterisation of atmospheric processes in models
- Advanced climate and atmospheric flow modelling
- Better initial conditions for weather forecasting



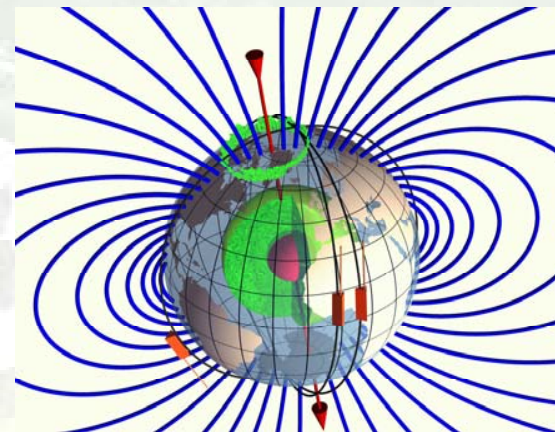


The Earth's Magnetic Field and Environment Explorer

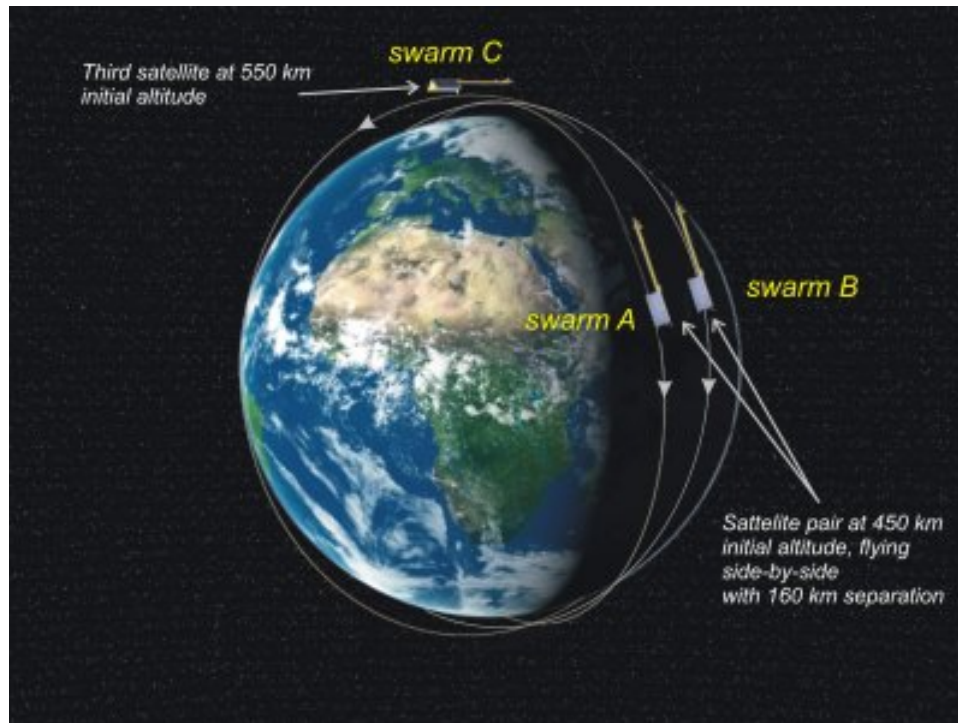
SWARM

Its objectives of the SWARM constellation are:

- **To provide the best-ever survey of the Earth's geomagnetic field and its variation in time**
- **To Use of the data obtained to gain new insight into the Earth's interior and climate**



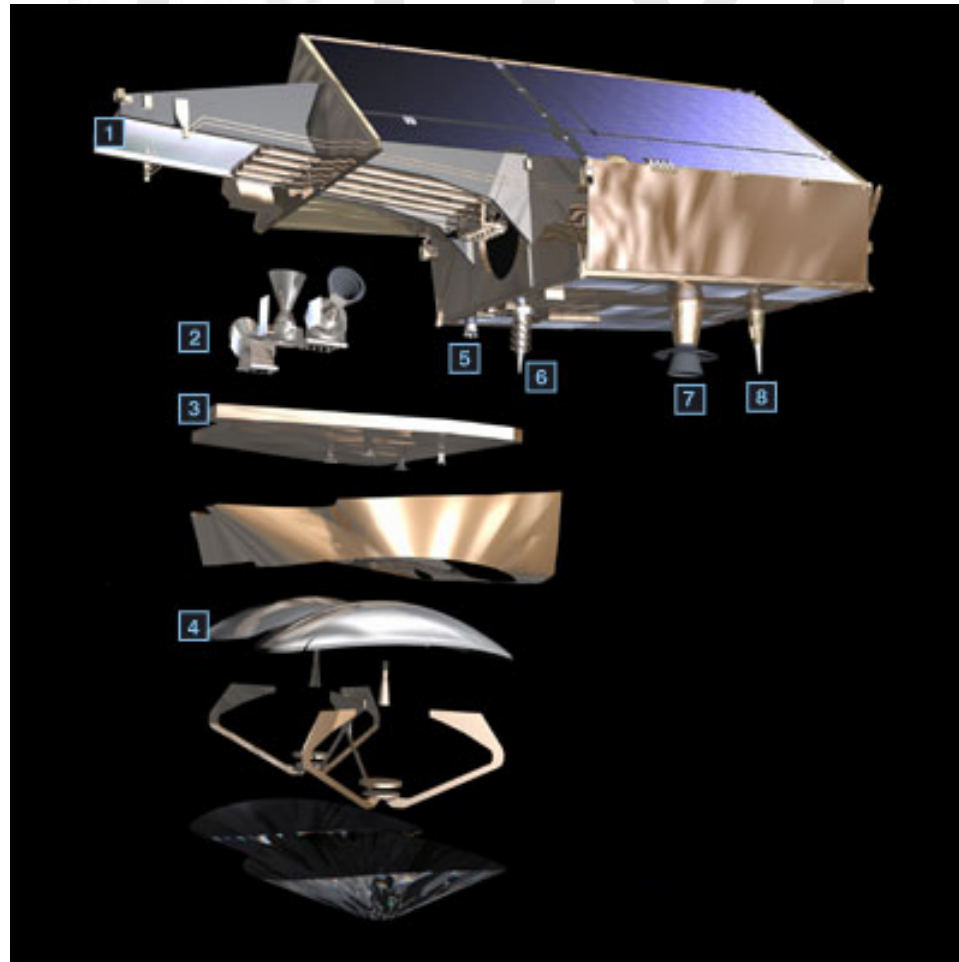
The satellite constellation



- 3 satellites in three different polar orbits between 400 and 550 km altitude
- High-precision and high-resolution measurements of the magnetic field
- GPS receivers, an accelerometer and an electric field instrument provide supplementary information for studying the Earth system.



The satellite and its instruments



1 Radiator: a heat-radiating panel at the top of the nose structure which houses the SIRAL electronics under the solar array.

2 Star tracker

3 Antenna bench: stable and rigid support structure isostatically mounted to satellite nose.

4 SIRAL antennae

5 Laser retroreflector: reflects tracking pulses back to ground-based laser station.

6 DORIS antenna: receives signals from a global network of radio beacons for orbit determination.

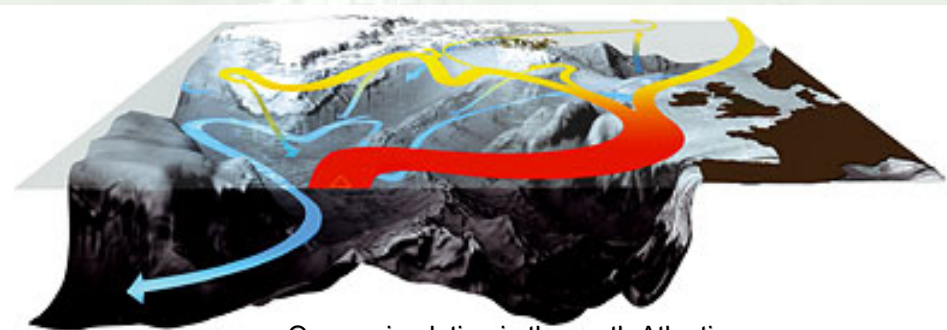
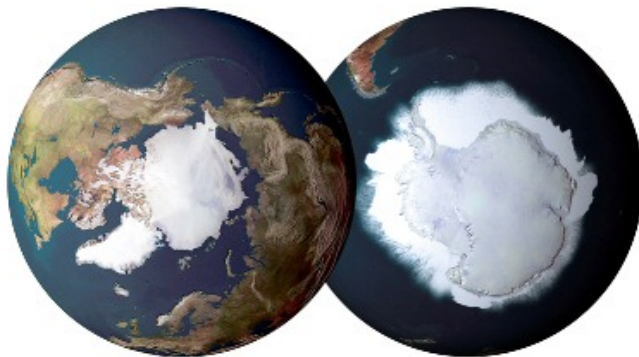
7 X-band antenna: transmits the huge volume of SIRAL measurement.

8 S-band helix antenna: receives telecommands from the ground.

Cryosat – the ice mission of ESA

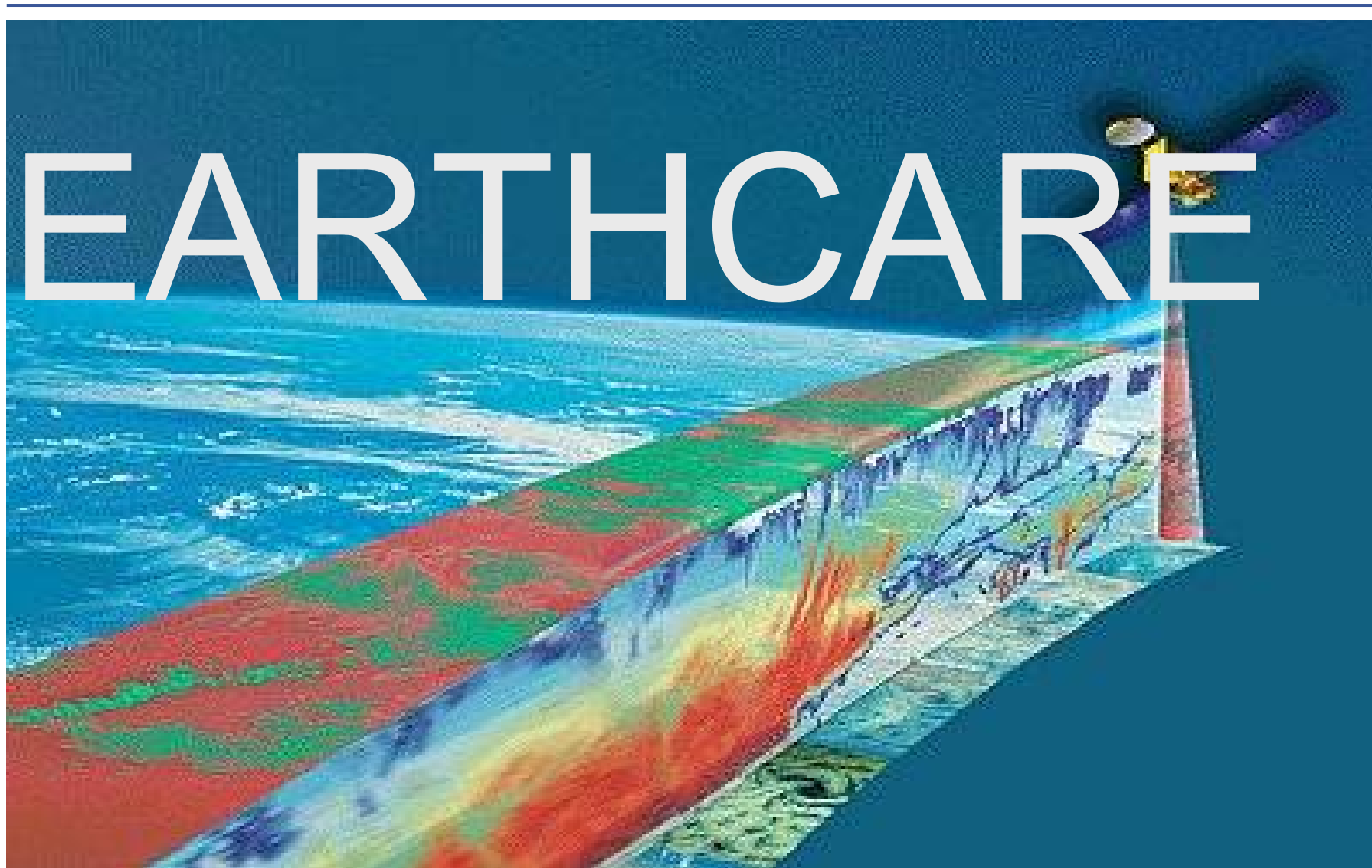
Its objectives are to improve understanding of:

- **Thickness and mass fluctuations of the Earth's continental ice shields and marine ice cover**
- **To quantify rates of thinning and thickening of ice due to climate variations**



Ocean circulation in the north Atlantic

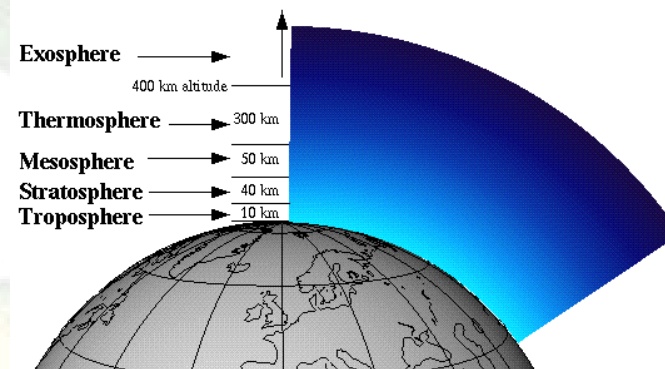
EARTHCARE



The Earth Clouds, Aerosols and Radiation Explorer

EarthCARE is a joint European (ESA) – Japanese (JAXA) mission with the objective:

- to quantify and thus improve understanding of cloud-aerosol-radiation interactions
- to include such parameters correctly and reliably in climate and weather prediction models



Six candidate missions

BIOMASS – global measurements of forest biomass.

TRAQ monitor air quality and long-range transport of air pollutants.

PREMIER to understand processes that link trace gases, radiation, chemistry and climate in the atmosphere.

FLEX observe global photosynthesis through the measurement of fluorescence.

A-SCOPE improve our understanding of the global carbon cycle and regional carbon dioxide fluxes.

CoReH2O make detailed observations of key snow, ice and water cycle characteristics.





1. **BIOMASS** – to take global measurements of forest biomass.
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4. **FLEX** (FLUorescence EXplorer) – to observe global photosynthesis through the measurement of fluorescence.
5. **A-SCOPE** (Advanced Space Carbon and Climate Observation of Planet Earth) – to improve our understanding of the global carbon cycle and regional carbon dioxide fluxes.
6. **CoReH2O** (Cold Regions Hydrology High-resolution Observatory) – to make detailed observations of key snow, ice and water cycle characteristics.

New Earth Explorers (1)



BIOMASS – the mission aims at global measurements of **forest biomass**. The measurement is accomplished by a space borne **P-band synthetic aperture polarimetric radar**. The technique is mainly based on the measurement of the cross-polar backscattering coefficient, from which forest biomass is directly retrieved. Use of **multi-polarization measurements and of interferometry** is also proposed to enhance the estimates. In line with the ESAC recommendations, the analysis for this mission will include comparative studies to measure terrestrial biomass using P- or L-band and consideration of **alternative implementations using L-band**.



TRAQ – the mission focuses on monitoring **air quality and long-range transport of air pollutants**. A new synergistic sensor concept allows for process studies, particularly with respect to aerosol-cloud interactions. The main issues are the rate of air quality change on regional and global scales, the strength and distribution of **sources and sinks of tropospheric trace gases and aerosols** influencing air quality, and the **role of tropospheric composition in global change**. The instrumentation consists of **imaging spectrometers in the range from ultraviolet to short-wave infrared**.

New Earth Explorers (2)

PREMIER – Many of the most important processes for prediction of climate change occur in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere (UTLS). The objective is to understand the many processes that **link trace gases, radiation, chemistry and climate in the atmosphere – concentrating on the processes in the UTLS region**. By linking with MetOp/ National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) data, the mission also aims to provide useful insights into processes occurring in the lower troposphere. The instrumentation consists of an **infrared and a microwave radiometer**.



FLEX – The main aim of the mission is global remote sensing of **photosynthesis through the measurement of fluorescence**. Photosynthesis by land vegetation is an important component of the global carbon cycle, and is closely linked to the hydrological cycle through transpiration. Currently there are no direct measurements available from satellites of this parameter. The main specification is for instruments to measure **high spectral resolution reflectance and temperature, and to provide a multi-angular capability**.

New Earth Explorers (3)

A-SCOPE – The mission aims to observe **total column carbon dioxide** with a nadir-looking pulsed carbon dioxide Differential Absorption Lidar (**DIAL**) for a better understanding of the global carbon cycle and regional carbon dioxide fluxes, as well as for the validation of greenhouse gas emission inventories. It will provide a **spatially resolved global carbon budget combined with diagnostic model analysis through global and frequent observation of carbon dioxide**. Spin-off products like aerosols, clouds and surface reflectivity are important parameters of the radiation balance of the Earth. A contribution to Numerical Weather Prediction is foreseen in connection with accurate temperature profiles. Investigations on plant stress and vitality will be **supported by a fluorescence imaging spectrometer**.

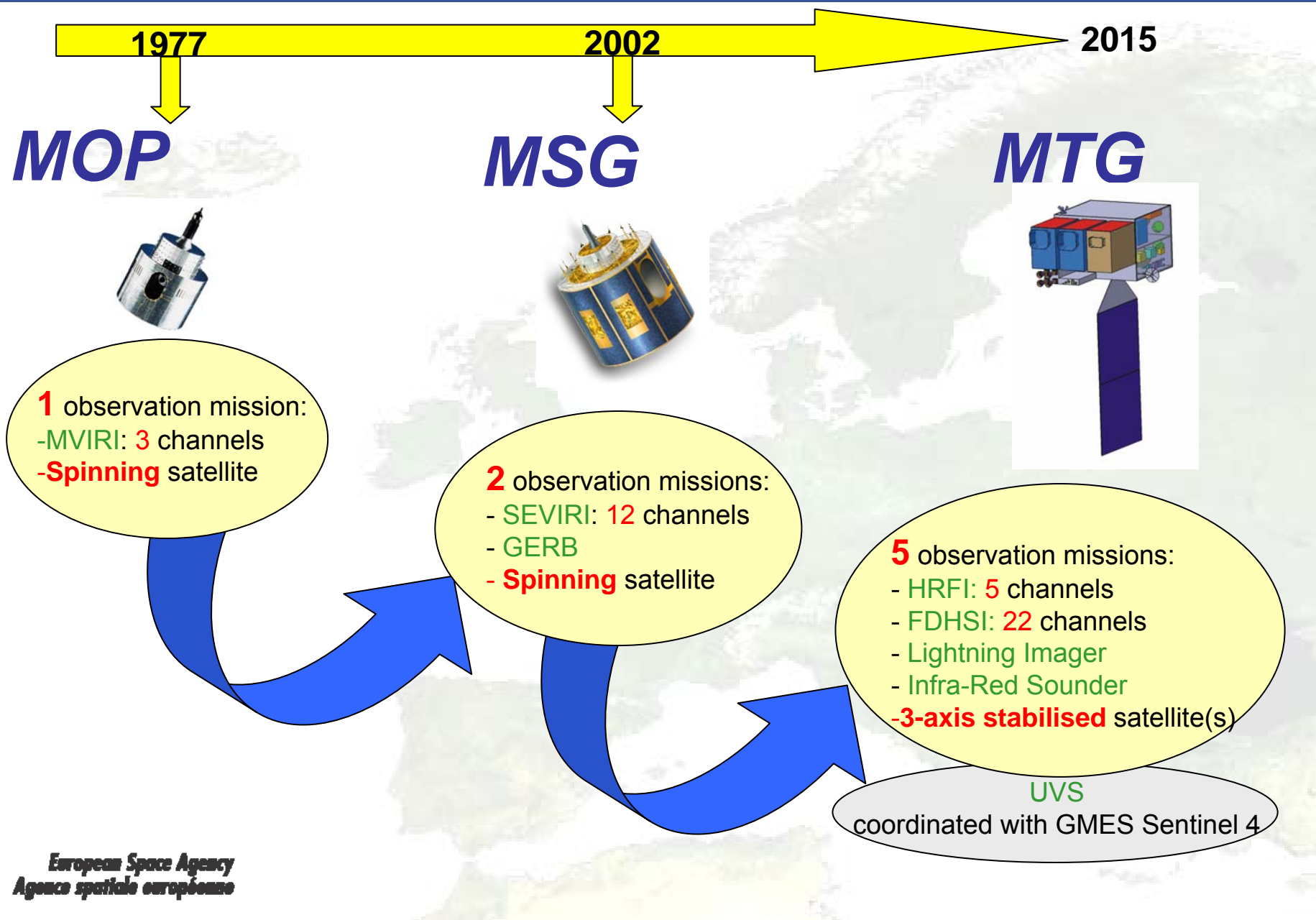


CoReH2O – The mission focuses on spatially detailed observations of key **snow, ice, and water cycle characteristics** necessary for understanding land surface, atmosphere and ocean processes and interactions by using two **synthetic aperture radars at 9.6 and 17.2 GHz**. It aims at closing the gaps in detailed information on snow glaciers, and surface water, with the objectives of improving modelling and prediction of **water balance and streamflow for snow covered and glacierised basins**, understanding and modelling the **water and energy cycles in high latitudes**, assessing and forecasting **water supply from snow cover and glaciers**, including the relation to climate change and variability.



EE-7 candidate missions - summary

Mission	Proposers	Objective	Instrumentation and orbit	Evaluation
BIOMASS	T. Le Toan (F) and S. Quegan (UK) + 32 researchers from I, F, A, S, CDN, FIN, D, NL, US, Br, JP	Forest biomass & extent, deforested areas, flooded forests, subsurface imaging in arid areas, Antarctic ice cover, soil moisture, sea surface characteristics (salinity, low frequency surface roughness)	P-band (432-438 Mhz) SAR, fully polarimetric or HH/HV polarizations Sun-synchronous, dawn-dusk orbit at 580 km	Unique long wavelength sensor Need process models for above ground biomass assimilation Concerns about ionospheric effects, biomass levels above 150 ton/ha, and radio frequency interference
TRAQ	P. Levelt (NL) and C. Camy-Peyret (F) + 125 researchers from A, B, CDN, CH, D, DK, F, FIN, GR, IE, IT, N, NL, UK, US, CHN, JP	Air quality: megacities emissions, long range transport, diurnal cycle, long-term trends, forecast Sources and sinks of trace gases and aerosols influencing air quality Climate impact of change in tropospheric composition	UV-VIS-NIR nadir grating imaging spectrometer TIR+SWIR FTS cloud imager multi-viewing polarization-resolving imaging radiometer Drifting low Earth orbit	Innovative mission concept with new orbit and new strategy for synergistic use of multiple sensors for retrieval of tropospheric gas-phase and aerosol compounds; great potential for understanding air chemistry and processes; information on air quality for users and decision makers
PREMIER	B. Kerridge (UK) + 60 researchers from D, B, UK, F, S, CH, Gr, I, CDN, Pol, US, Bul, Ind	Convective transport, thin cirrus, tropical tropopause layer; stratosphere-troposphere exchange; gravity waves and global circulation; UT humidity and cirrus; radiative forcing by tropospheric O3 and CH4, stratospheric O3 and water vapour; chem-climate interaction (OH chemistry); processes linking clouds and aerosols to atmospheric chemistry and global climate	Limb imaging FTIR for trace gases and particles Push-broom mm/sub-mm wave limb-sounder Sun-synchronous orbit, loose formation flight with Metop to support tropospheric applications	The mission offers greatly improved understanding of UTLS chemistry and climate processes Synergy with MetOp/NPOESS data The timely availability of the Swedish contribution of STEAM-R is mandatory
FLEX	J. Moreno (E) + 77 researchers from B, NL, UK, D, F, E, FIN, CDN, I, CH, AUS, US, JP, Czech	Chlorophyll fluorescence for photochemical processes and terrestrial carbon sequestration, bio/geophysical quantities from reflectance and thermal infrared measurements to get vegetation variables for interpretation of fluorescence measurements, and to monitor vegetation health, using fluorescence as an early indicator of stress.	Imaging Spectrometer (480-760nm), resolution 0.1nm, Multi-Angular Vegetation Imaging Spectrometer (400-2400nm), dual-view TIR spectrometer with 3 channels in the 8.8-12 µm band Sun-synchronous orbit	Ambitious proposal on chlorophyll fluorescence, multi-spectral and thermal remote sensing Highly precise atmospheric correction together with sub-pixel cloud masking is mandatory
A-SCOPE	P. Flamant (F) + 19 researchers from NL, F, UK, D, E, I, US	Mapping sources and sinks of CO2 Global carbon cycle and regional CO2 fluxes Low bias CO2 data, aerosol and cloud information Contribution to NWP in connection with accurate T profiles Plant stress and vitality	Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (LAS) sensors for CO2 and O2 column soundings ATLID type DIAL for CO2, canopy height, aerosol/clouds layers Fluorescence imaging spectrometer for photosynthesis, plant stress and vitality. Camera for cloud and ground backgrounds Sun-synchronous orbit	Would eliminate three sources of bias for OCO and GOSAT: measure by night as well as by day (sampling time bias); will measure at high latitude; lidar will provide a clear indication of scattering material in the optical path. Potentially significant sources of bias remaining, such as surface pressure and terrain variability Programmatic assumptions of the NASA contribution need to be clarified.
CoReH2O	H. Rott (A) + 33 researchers from D, F, UK, N, I, FIN, US, CDN, A, NL, DK	Estimation of snow and ice masses and their temporal variations for climate modelling and hydrological and NWP modelling	2 SAR instruments in Ku-band (17.2 GHz) and X-band (9.6GHz) on 2 different satellites with VV + VH polarization Dawn/dusk orbit	Snow water equivalent and snowcover of unique importance Cost boundary condition may be met only by implementing the mission with a single satellite



METOP

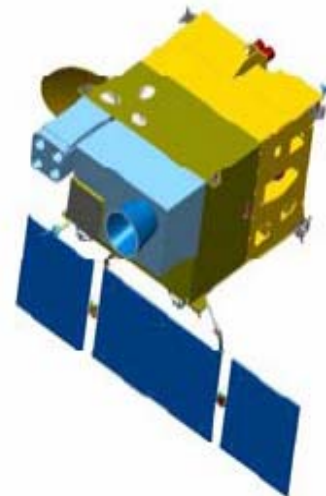
- Satellite In Orbit Verification successful, hand-over to EUMETSAT

Meteosat Third Generation

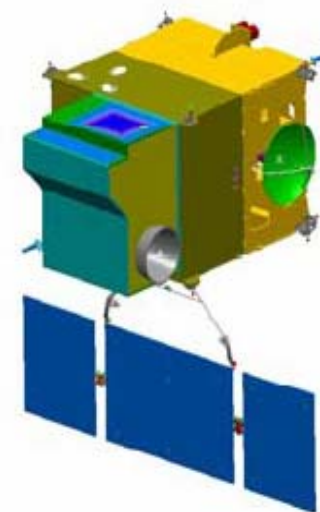
- Phase A to be completed in first half of 2008
- EUMETSAT Council on 23 April decided for twin satellite configuration
- ESA MS see MTG decision at C-MIN 2008



MTG-I



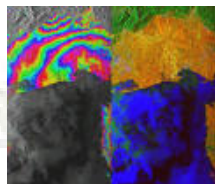
MTG-S



System specifications derived from user needs



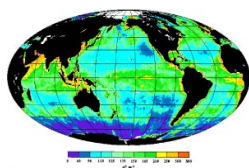
The GMES Sentinels



Sentinel 1 – High-resolution SAR imaging
All weather, day/night applications, interferometry



Sentinel 2 – High-resolution multispectral imaging
Continuity of Landsat, SPOT & Vegetation-type data



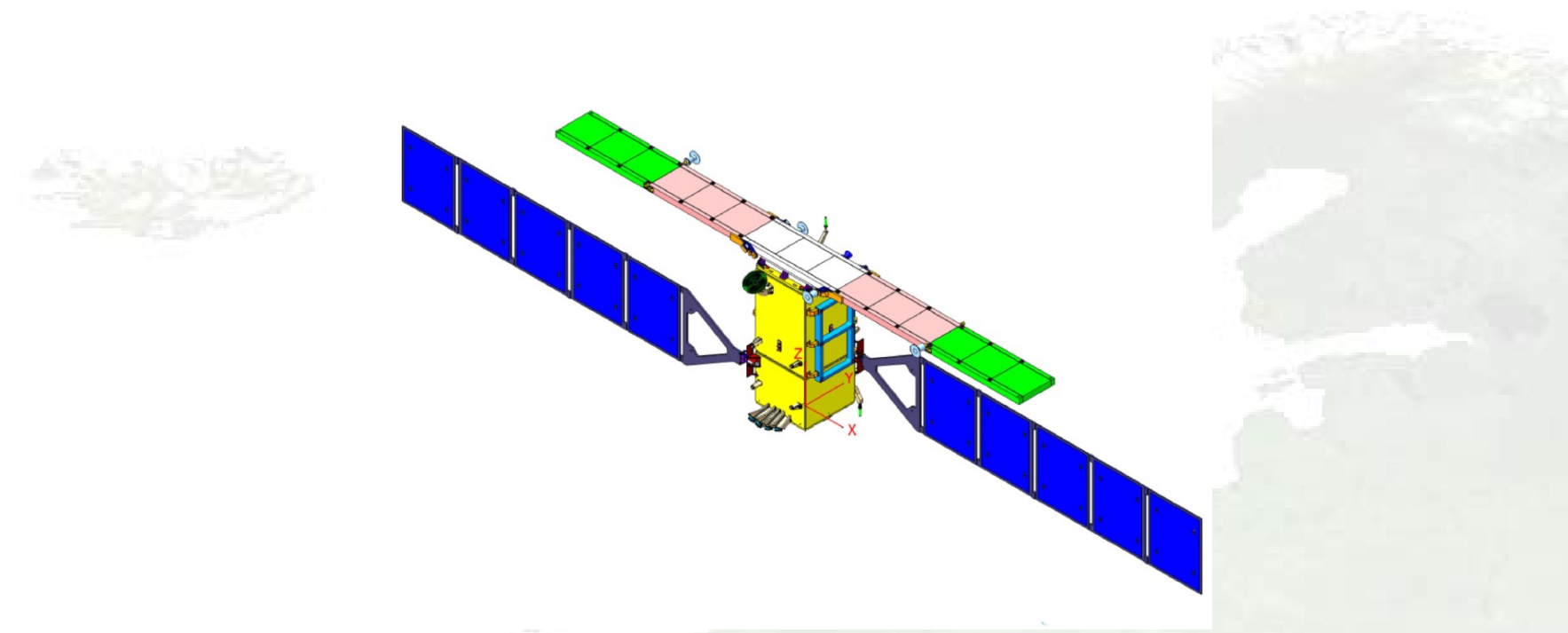
Sentinel 3 – Medium-resolution Ocean monitoring
Wide-swath ocean color and surface temperature sensors, altimeter



Sentinel 4 – Geostationary atmospheric
Atmospheric composition monitoring, trans-boundary pollution

Sentinel 5 – Low Earth Orbit atmospheric
Atmospheric composition monitoring

Sentinel-1



- European Radar Observatory: C-band Synthetic Aperture Radar
- Main operational mode: SAR imaging (Interferometric Wide Swath)
- Prime task: Continuity of operational SAR applications including interferometry

- C-Band multi-mode SAR with selectable dual polarisation.
- Sensitivity (noise equivalent sigma-zero)
better than -22dB (ASAR: -20 dB)
- Radiometric Accuracy (3σ)
better than 1dB (ASAR: 1.2 dB)
- Ambiguity ratio (for distributed targets)
better than -22dB (ASAR: -17 dB)
- Spatial resolution (Strip-map mode)
better than 5x5m (ASAR: 28m x 28 m)

Sentinel-1 has four nominal operational modes designed for inter-operability with other systems:

- Stripmap Mode (SM) with 80 km swath and 5x5 metre spatial resolution
- Interferometric Wideswath Mode (IW) with 250 km swath, 5x20 meter spatial resolution and burst synchronisation for interferometry
- Extra-wide Swath Mode (EW) with 400 km swath and 25x100 meter spatial resolution (3-Looks)

These modes are available with selectable dual polarisation (VV+VH, or HH+HV)

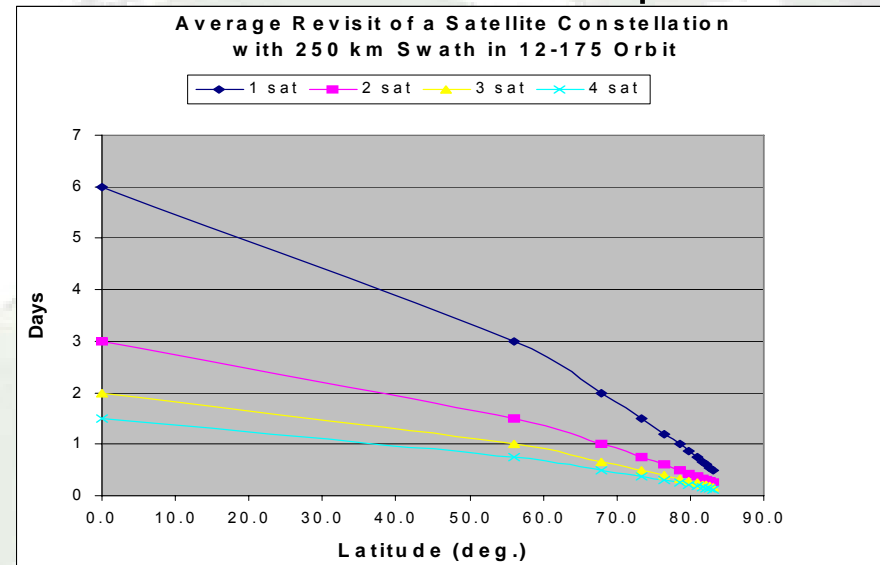
- Wave Mode (WV) with 20x20km swath. Sampled image mode with low data rate and 5x20 meter spatial resolution.

This mode is available with selected single polarisation (VV or HH)

GMES Requirements:

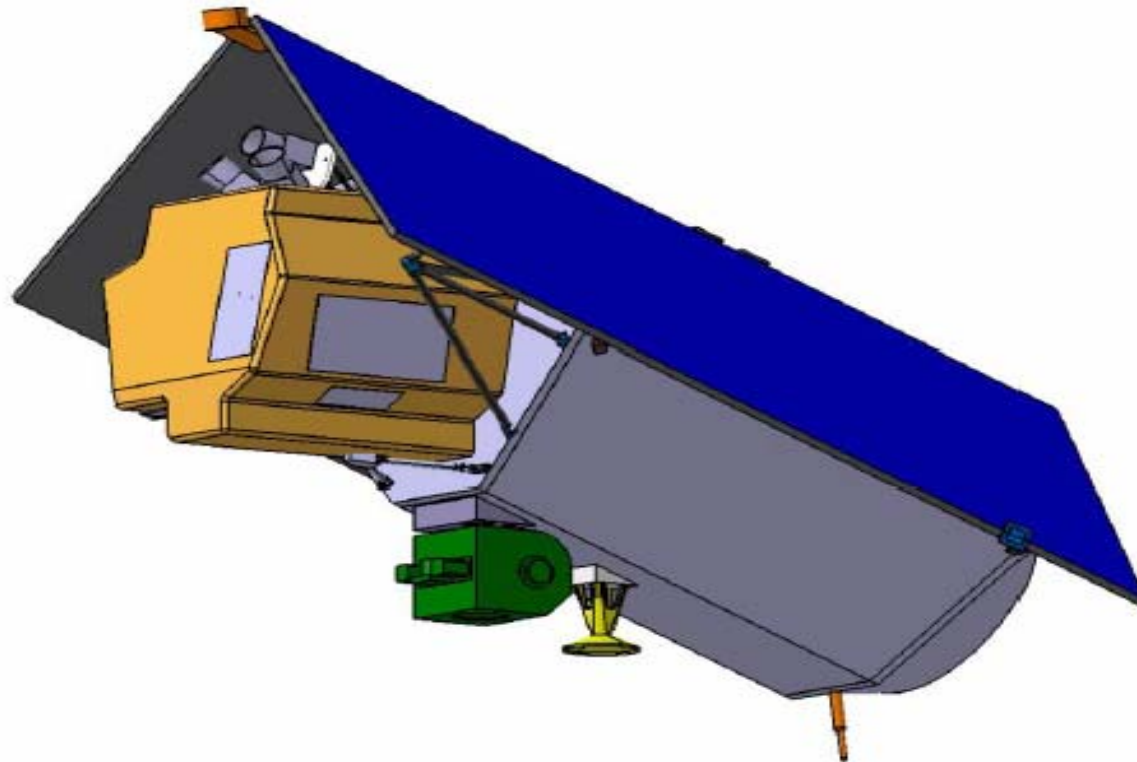
- Daily Coverage of High Priority Areas (**e.g. Europe, Shipping Routes**)
- Bi-weekly Global Coverage
- Data Delivery to End-Users within 1 Hour from G/S Reception

Constellation of at least 2 satellites is required to satisfy GMES mission requirements



Sentinel-1 Performance:

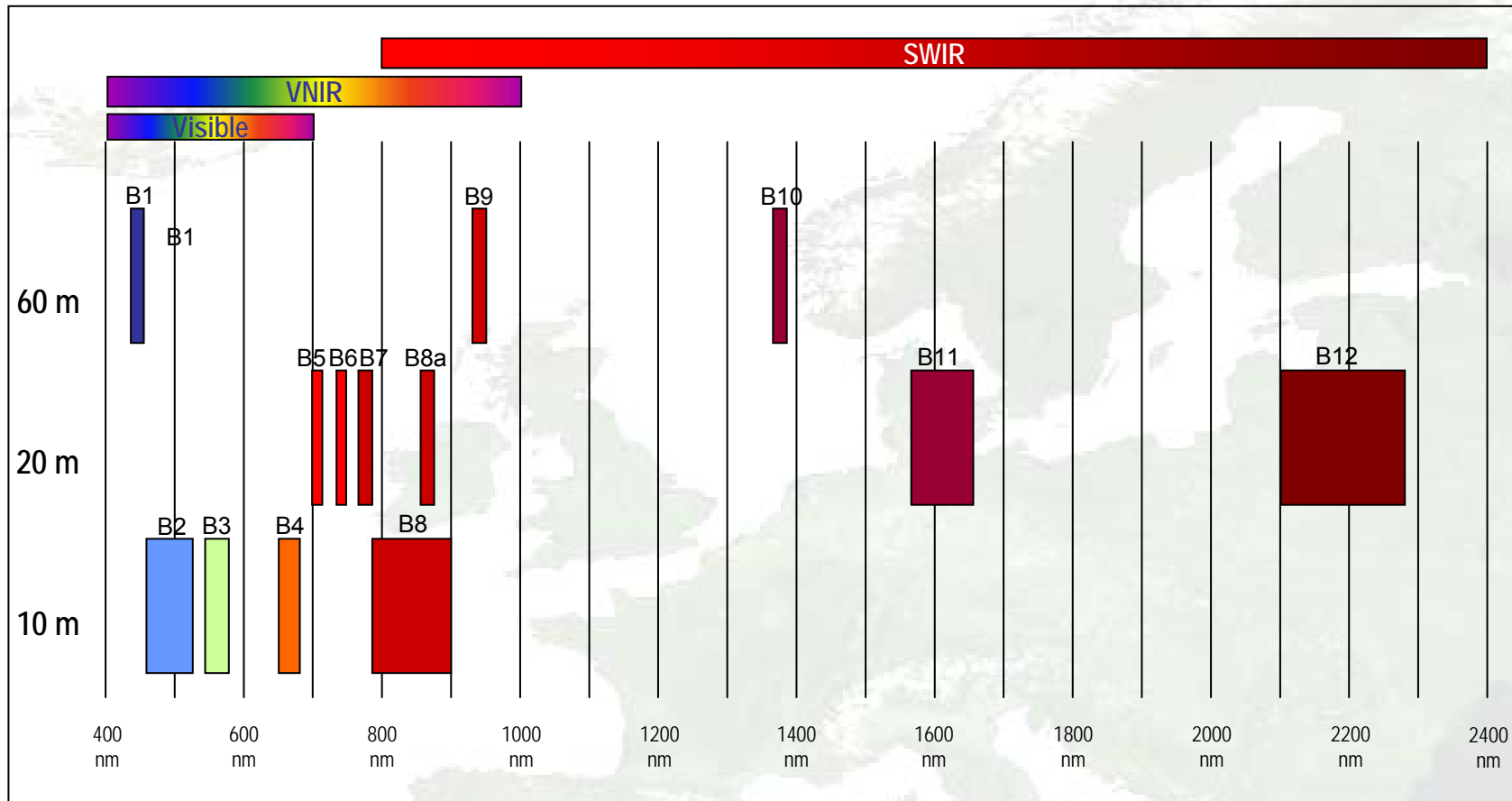
- **Full European coverage every 2 days (southern lat) or once/day (northern lat)**
⇒ with a constellation of 2 satellites
- **Global Coverage every 12 days**
⇒ with a single satellite



- Multispectral imaging
- Continuity of Landsat, SPOT & Vegetation-type data
- Continuity to services for multi-spectral high-resolution optical observations over global terrestrial surfaces

**Configuration
resulting from
Phase A/B1**

Sentinel-2 Spectral Bands



13 spectral bands versus spatial sampling distance

As shown in the previous chart, the MSI's spectral coverage has been evolved to provide

- 4 Bands @ 10 m resolution
- 6 Bands @ 20 m
- 3 Bands @ 60 m

This evolution has been driven by the following mission goals:

- enhanced continuity to Spot and Landsat
- spectrally narrow bands for better feature identification
- channels in the red-edge spectral domain addressing vegetation,
- dedicated channels for improved atmospheric corrections and cirrus cloud detection

esa Sentinel-2 Spectral Bands

(Wavelength nm/Width nm/SSD m)

MSI spectral bands	Mission objective	Measurement or Calibration
B1(443/20/60), B2(490/65/10) & B12(2190/180/20)	Aerosols correction	Calibration bands
B8(842/115/10)/B8a(865/20/20), B9(940/20/60)	Water vapour correction	
B10(1375/20/60)	Cirrus detection	
B2(490/65/10), B3(560/35/10), B4(665/30/10), B5 (705/15/20), B6(740/15/20), B7(775/20/20), B8(842/115/10)/B8a(865/20/20), B11(1610/90/20), B12(2190/180/20)	Land cover classification, Leaf chlorophyll content, leaf water content, LAI, FAPAR, snow/ice/cloud, mineral detection.	Land measurement bands

In comparison, SPOT5 bands: 4 multi-spectral channels + 1 panchromatic channel between 0.49 um and 0.69 um.

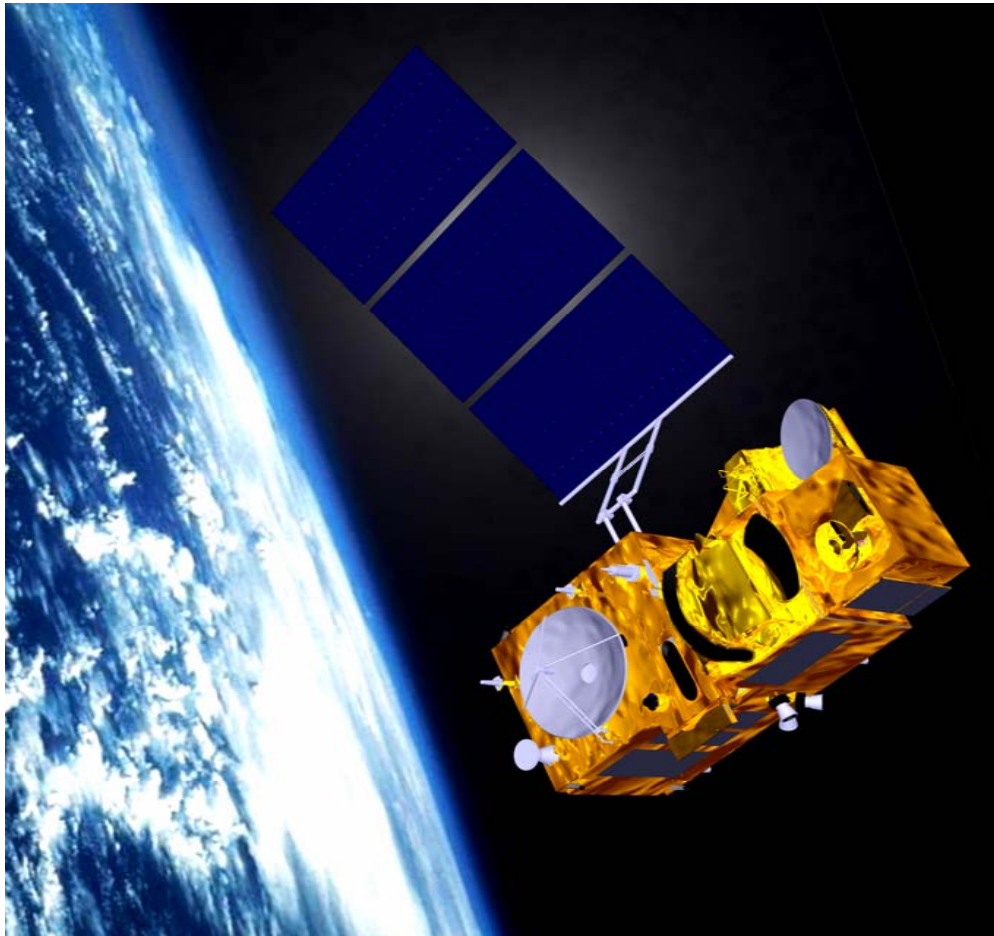
- Swath: 285 Km
- 13 Bands @ 10-60 m resolution
- Radiometric Resolution 12 bit
- Onboard calibration
- Pushbroom technology
- VNIR (Very Near Infrared) focal plane: CMOS or CCD
- SWIR (Short-wave Infrared) focal plane: cooled MCT (Mercury Cadmium Telluride) detector hybridised on CMOS read-out circuit
- Shutter provided for launch contamination and sun view

Coverage:

- Aim is to provide full land coverage (-56° to $+83^{\circ}$)
- With 2 operational satellite, a 5 day revisit time is achieved (\ll Landsat (16d) or Spot (26d))
- This then should provide global cloud free products every 15-30d
- A roll-tilt manoeuvre capability has been included in the design, allowing a more rapid (1-3d) access for disaster monitoring

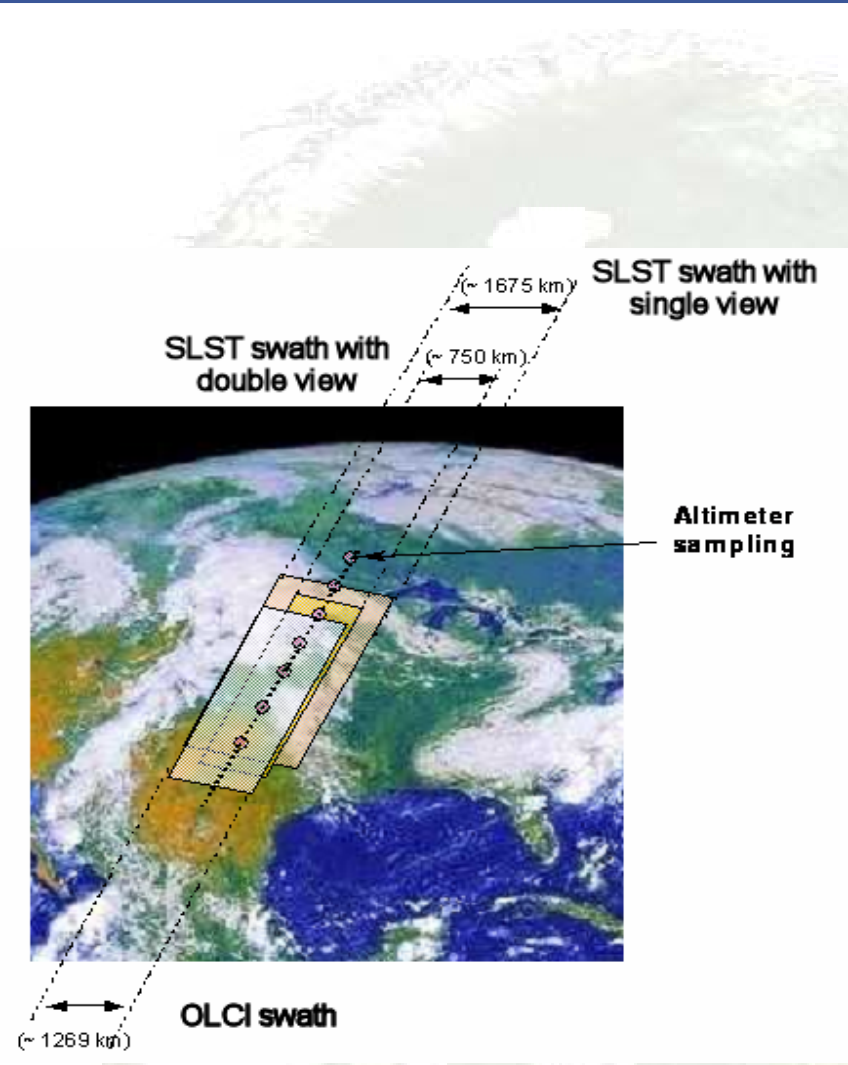
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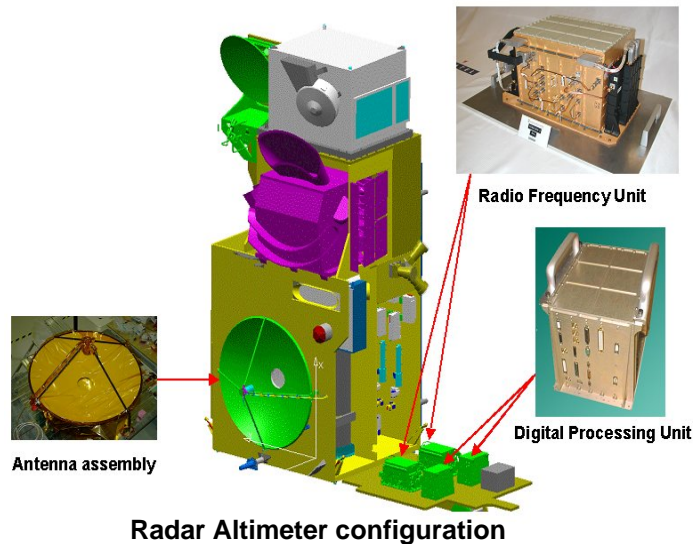
- Accurate geo-location ($<20\text{m}$) will be produced automatically
- Automatic data processing for pre-defined areas/time windows, made available on-line for subscribing users



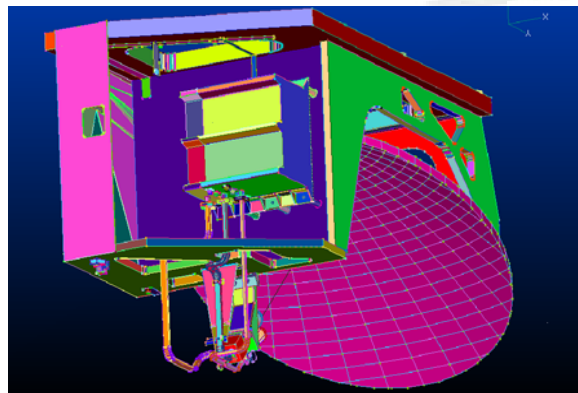
- Consistent, long-term collection of remotely sensed marine and land data
- Operational ocean state analysis, forecasting and service provision
- Advanced Radar Altimeter concept
- Multi-channel optical imager (VIS, IR)

- Topography Mission
 - Bi-frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar Altimeter
 - Microwave Radiometer (Bi- or Three-frequency)
 - Precise Orbit Determination (POD) including
 - GNSS Receiver
 - Laser Retro-Reflector
- Optical Payload
 - Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI)
 - Sea and Land Surface Temperature (SLST)

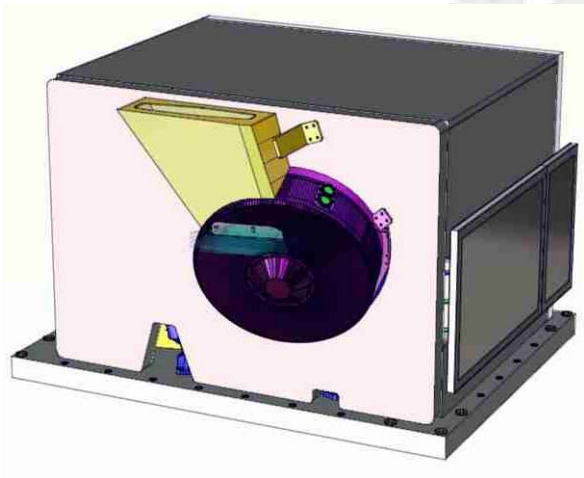
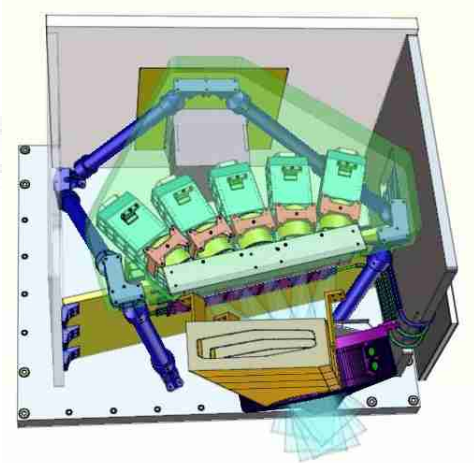




- Radar Altimeter
 - Heritage from CryoSat & Jason
 - Ku & C-band (for ionosph. correct.)
 - New features: SAR mode and open-loop tracking
 - ⇒ Improved monitoring of coastal ocean, ice surfaces and in-land water

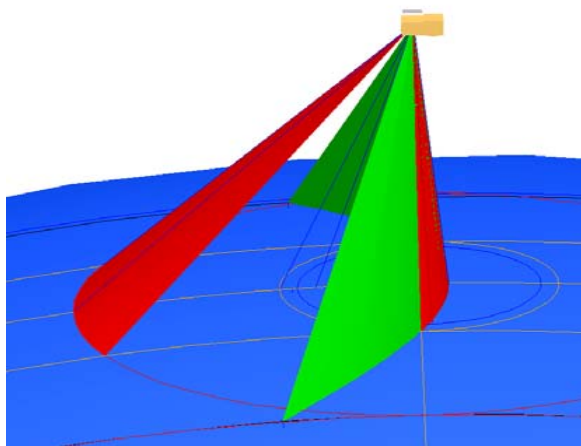
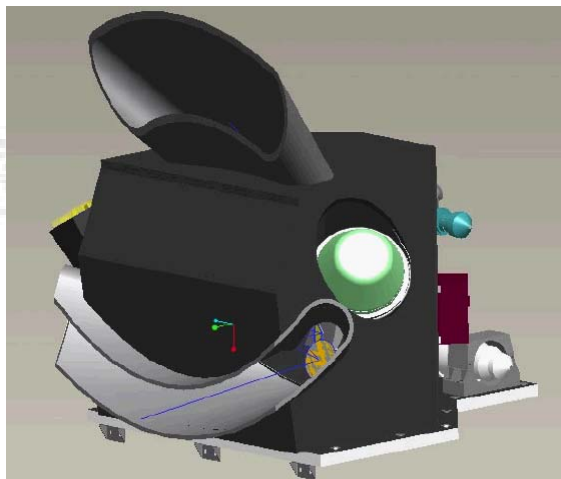


- Microwave radiometer
 - 23.8 / 36.5 (/ 18.7) GHz
 - Path correction accuracy: 1.4 cm
- Precise Orbit Determination
 - High accuracy GPS (+Galileo) receiver
 - 2 cm accuracy (radial)



- Heritage from MERIS
- Pushbroom type imager spectrometer
- 5 cameras, 16 programmable spectral bands (incl. channels for MERIS & VGT legacy products)
- Low polarisation < 1%
- Sun Glint free configuration by design
- Swath covered by SLST for atmospheric correction
- Resolution optimized for observation with full resolution over Coastal/Land
 - Land 300 m
 - Coastal Ocean 300 m
 - Open Ocean 1.2 km

**Configuration
resulting from
Phase A/B1**



**Configuration
resulting from
Phase A/B1**

- Heritage from AATSR, dual-view (nadir and backward) required for aerosol corrections:
 - Nadir swath $>74^\circ$ (1300 km min up to 1800 km)
 - Dual view swath 49° 750 km
 - Nadir swath covering OLCI
- 9 spectral bands:
 - Visible : 555 – 659 - 859 nm
 - SWIR : 1.38 – 1.61 – 2.25 μm
 - TIR : 3.74 – 10.85 – 12 μm
- One IR channel used for co-registration with OLCI

Mission Performance

- Revisit time (optical observations):
 - Full performance is met with 2 satellites. Significant improvement wrt to Envisat achieved with 1 satellite: wider instrument swath and optimised orbit.
 - Vegetation products, with approx. 1-day revisit are derived from OLCI (visible/NIR bands) and SLST (SWIR bands) over the overlapping part of their swaths.

		Revisit at Equator	Revisit for latitude > 30°	Requirement
Ocean Colour (sun-glint free)	1 Satellite	< 3.8 d	< 2.8 days	< 2 days
	2 Satellite	< 1.9 d	< 1.4 days	
Land Colour (and vegetation)	1 Satellite	< 2.2 d	< 1.8 days	< 2 days (goal 1d)
	2 Satellite	< 1.1 d	< 0.9 day	
SLST dual view	1 Satellite	< 1.8 days	< 1.5 days	< 4 days
	2 Satellite	< 0.9 day	< 0.8 day	

- Ocean Topography:

Error type	Value
<i>Altimeter random</i>	<i>1.3 cm</i>
<i>Sea model</i>	<i>2.0 cm</i>
<i>Ionosphere</i>	<i>0.7 cm</i>
<i>Dry troposphere</i>	<i>0.7 cm</i>
<i>Wet troposphere</i>	<i>1.4 cm</i>
Total range error (rms)	3.0 cm
POD (rms)	2.0 cm
Sea Surface Height (rms)	3.6 cm

- Products

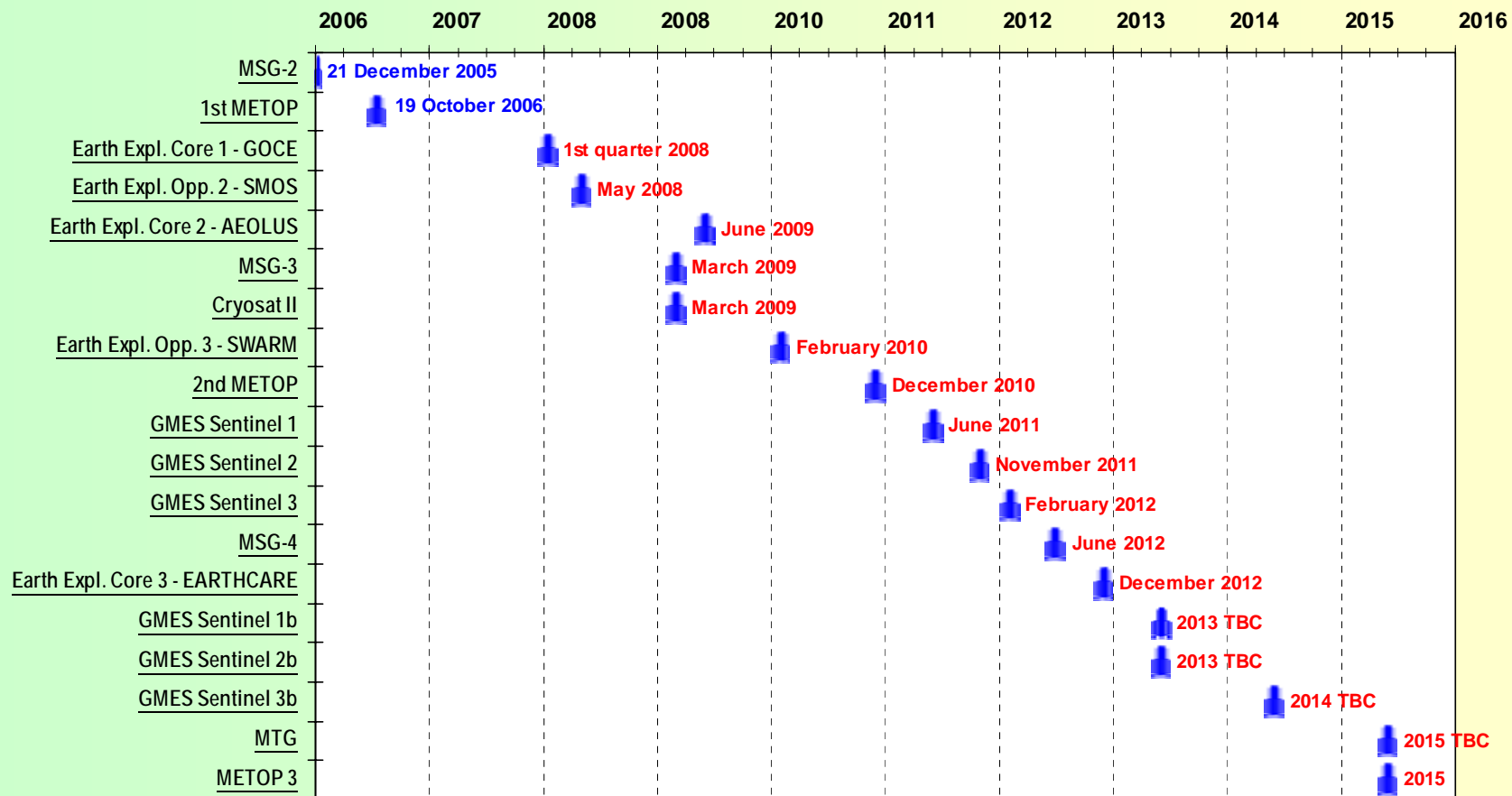
- Near Real Time L2 optical and topography products, available within 3 hours following acquisition.

Highest quality, Non-time critical L2 products, available within 1 month.

Status of Sentinels 1-3

- Sentinel-1
 - Phase B2 start: April 2007
 - Preliminary Design Review: February 2008
 - Critical Design Review: March 2009
 - Flight Acceptance Review: August 2011
 - Launch: November 2011
 - Commissioning Review: February 2012
- Sentinel-2
 - Industrial proposals TEB selection process: May-July 2007
 - Phase B2 start: October 2007
 - Preliminary Design Review: October 2008
 - Critical Design Review: Mid 2010
 - Flight Acceptance Review: January 2012
 - Launch: April 2012
 - Commissioning Review: July 2012
- Sentinel-3
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e D / E O P Overall Launch Schedule



Earth Explorer Nr. 7, Sentinel-4 and -5: launch dates tbd

Third Party Missions

- Missions **not operated by ESA**
- for which ESA assumes some **responsibility** / contributes financially (*sharing of Ground Segment facilities or operations cost*)
- for which ESA assumes a **data distribution responsibility**, mainly towards the European Scientific User Community



Europe's expanding capacity

1991

ERS 1

Oceans
Sea Ice
Cryosphere
Land Surface
Climatology

European Space Agency
Agence spatiale européenne

1995

ERS 2

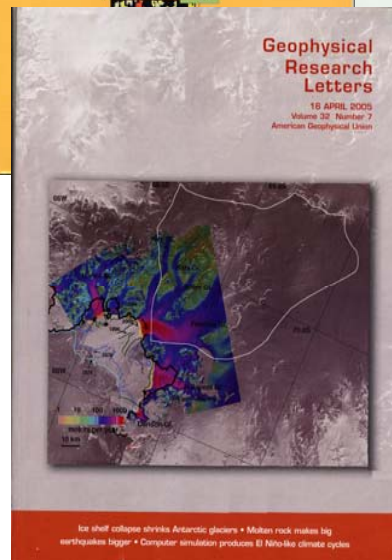
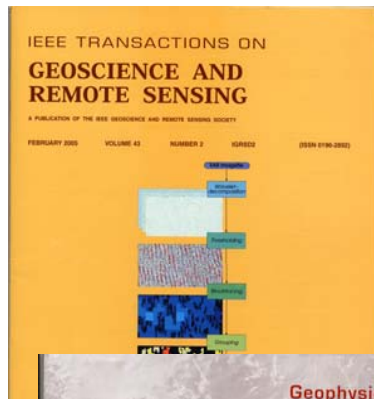
+ *Global Ozone*
+ *Terrestrial biosphere*

2002

ENVISAT

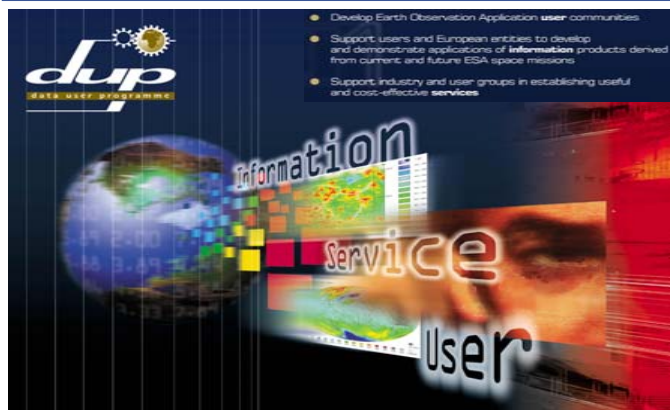
+ *Ocean colour*
+ *Atmospheric chemistry*





- 2000+ scientific teams worldwide provided with data from ERS-1/2, Envisat and TPM
- users are provided free of charge software toolboxes that ease their work
- a versatile multi-mission ground segment, also drawing on MS facilities
- a large number of workshops and training courses
- growing number of scientific publications basing their results on data provided by ESA
- scientific results as basis for implementation of new applications and services

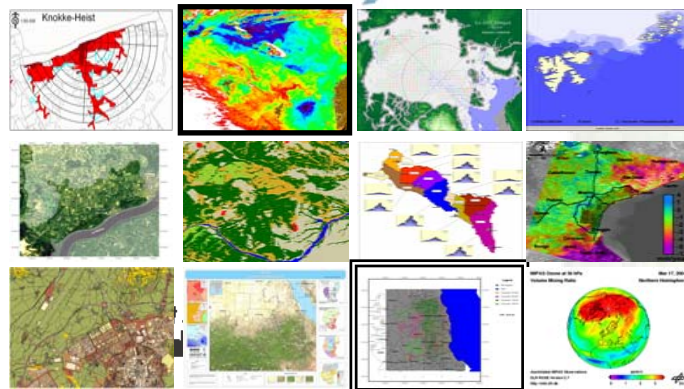
Achievements: Exploitation



- **develop user communities** for both institutional and commercial applications
- support European companies to develop and **demonstrate information products**
- support value adding and servicing companies in establishing **useful and cost effective services**.

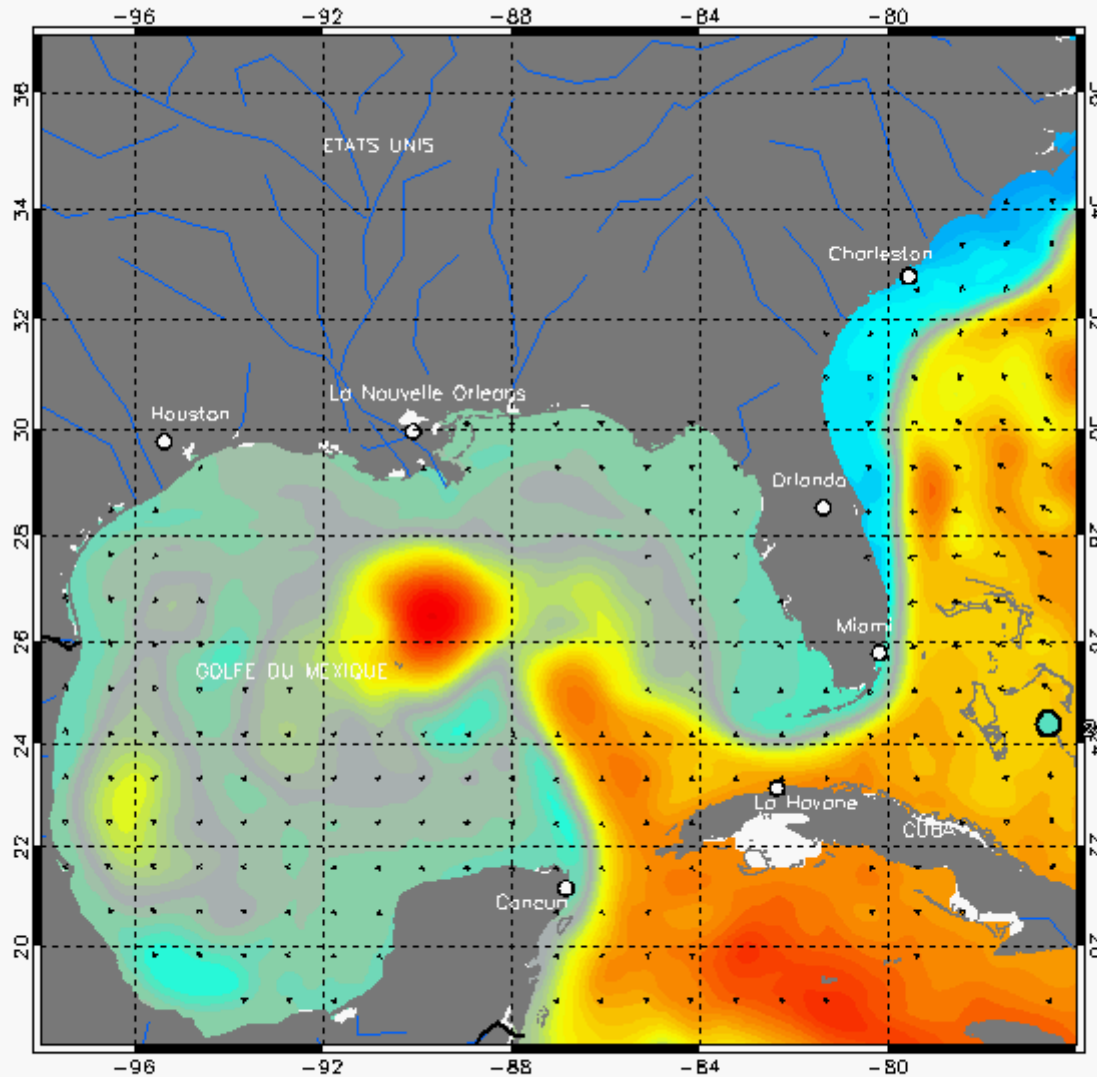


- building **industrial partnerships** to conduct pre-commercial service trials with customers
- marketable **service portfolios** developed with non-EO service suppliers engaged
- better understanding of the prospects for EO in **emerging market sectors**

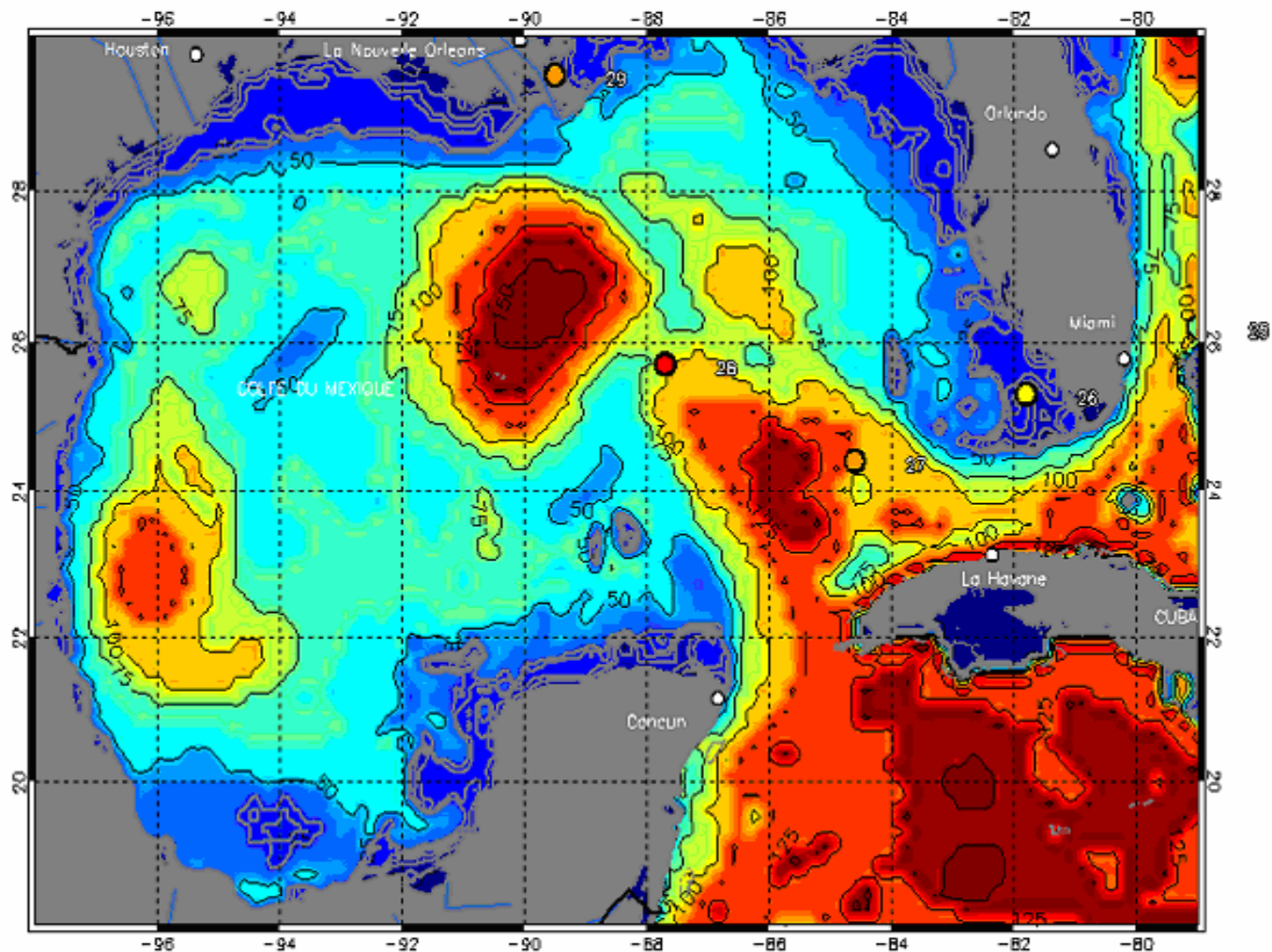


- the **GMES service element** has established service partnerships
- builds largely on **scientific achievements**
- forms the **space basis for the GMES component**

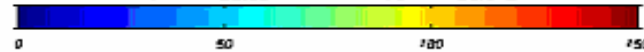
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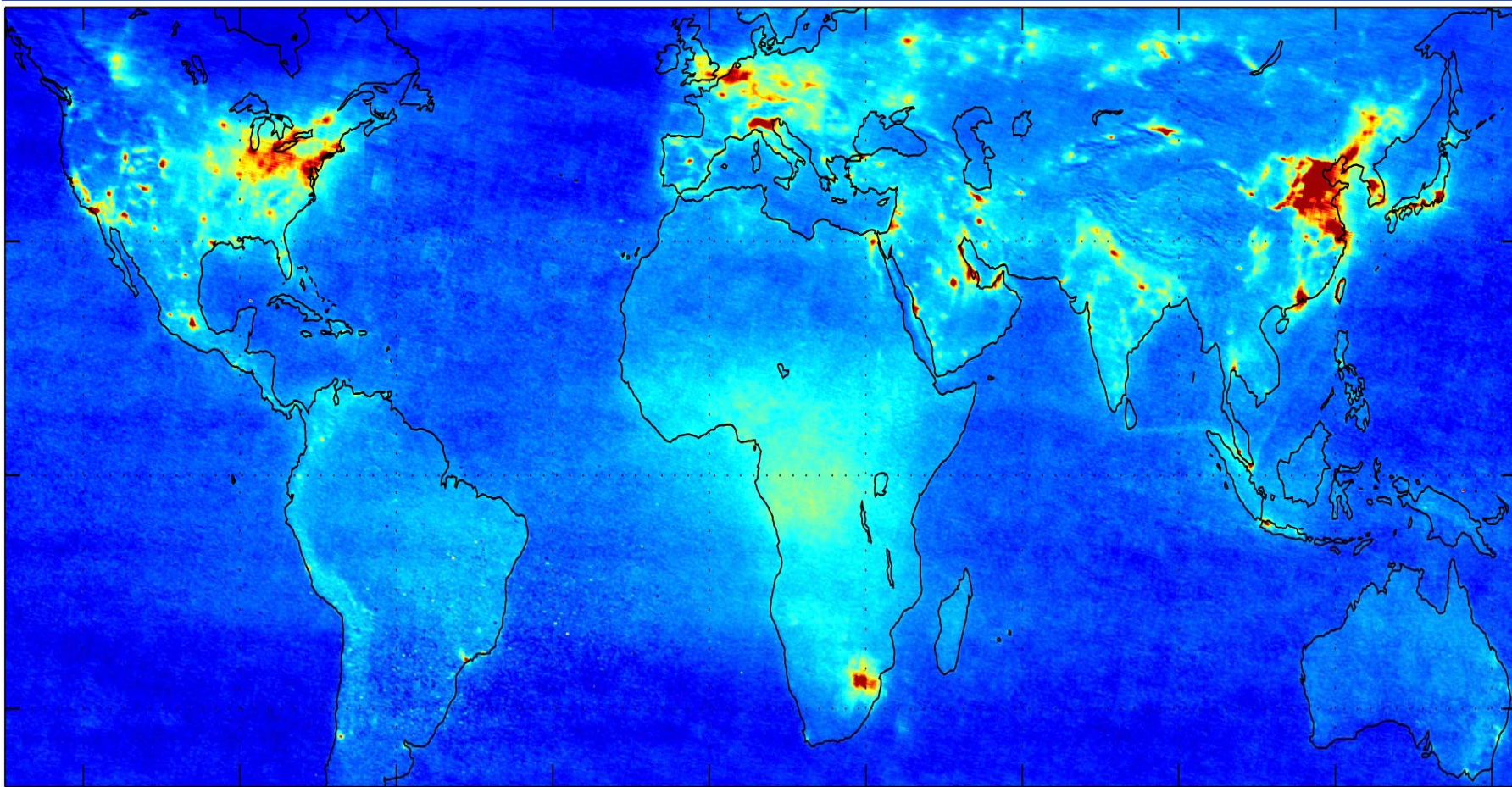


Min = -28.004 metres Max = 183.072



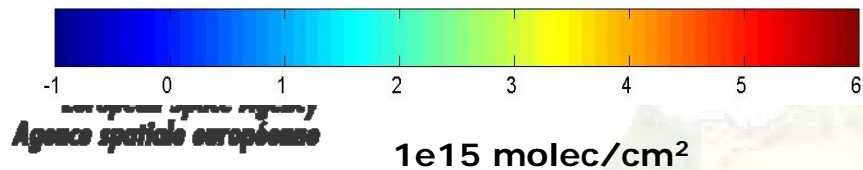
Contour 25 metres



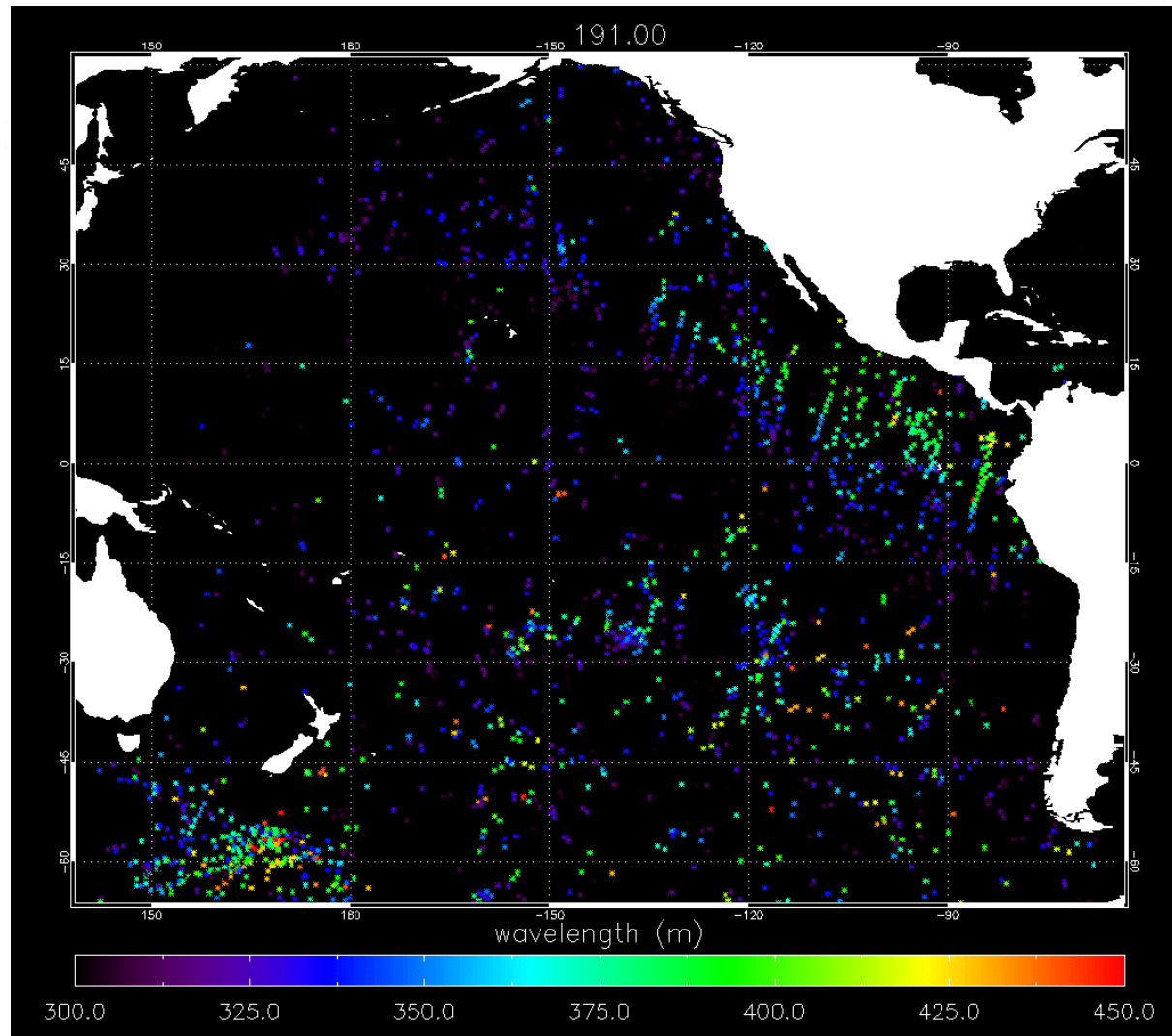


NO₂ from SCIAMACHY
(Jan. 2003 - June 2004)

Courtesy of Steffen Beirle, Univ. Heidelberg, D

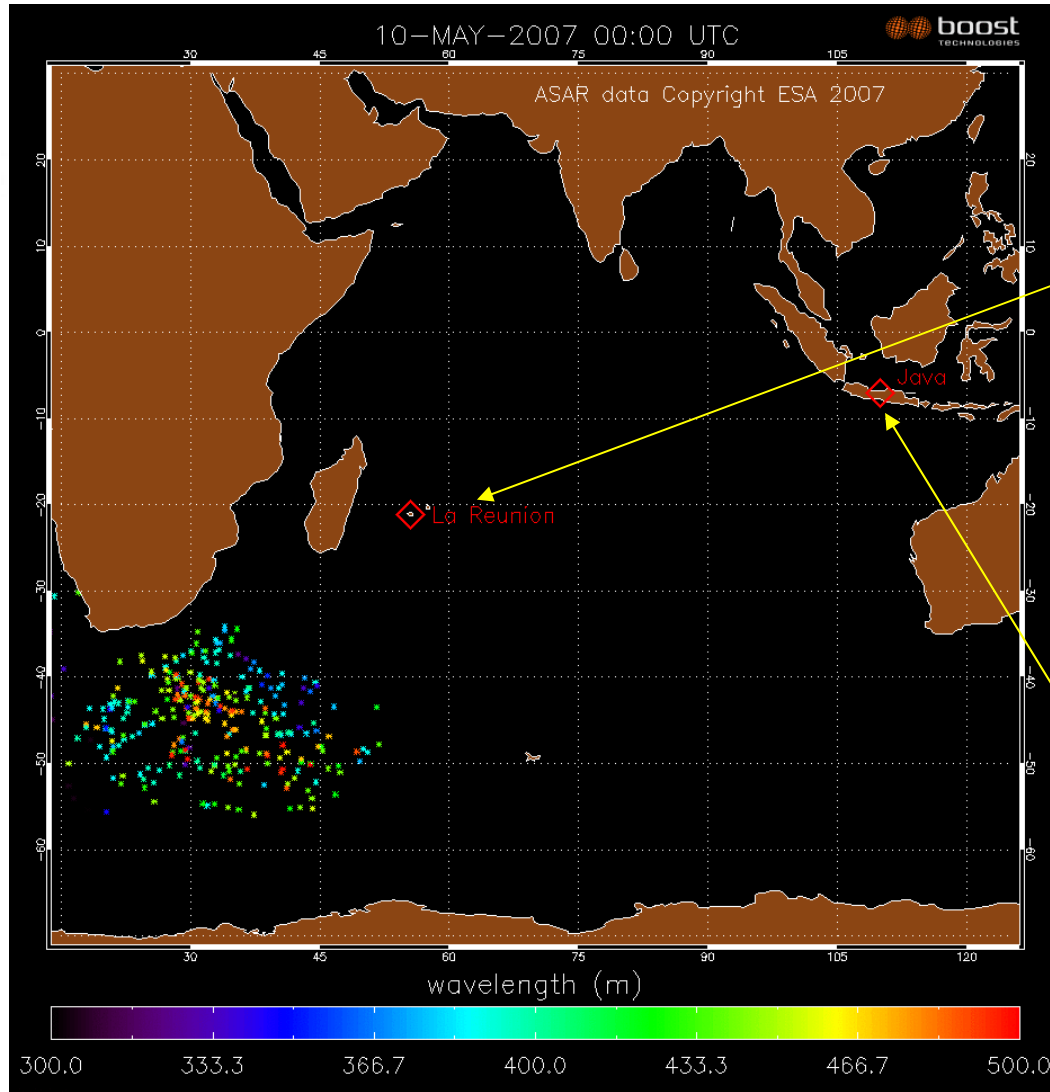


ASAR Wave Mode tracks long swell propagating across the Pacific during 12 days



- 6 hour time step
- Wavelength from 300 to 450m
- Wave period from 13 to 17 seconds
- Time period from 8 to 20 July 2004

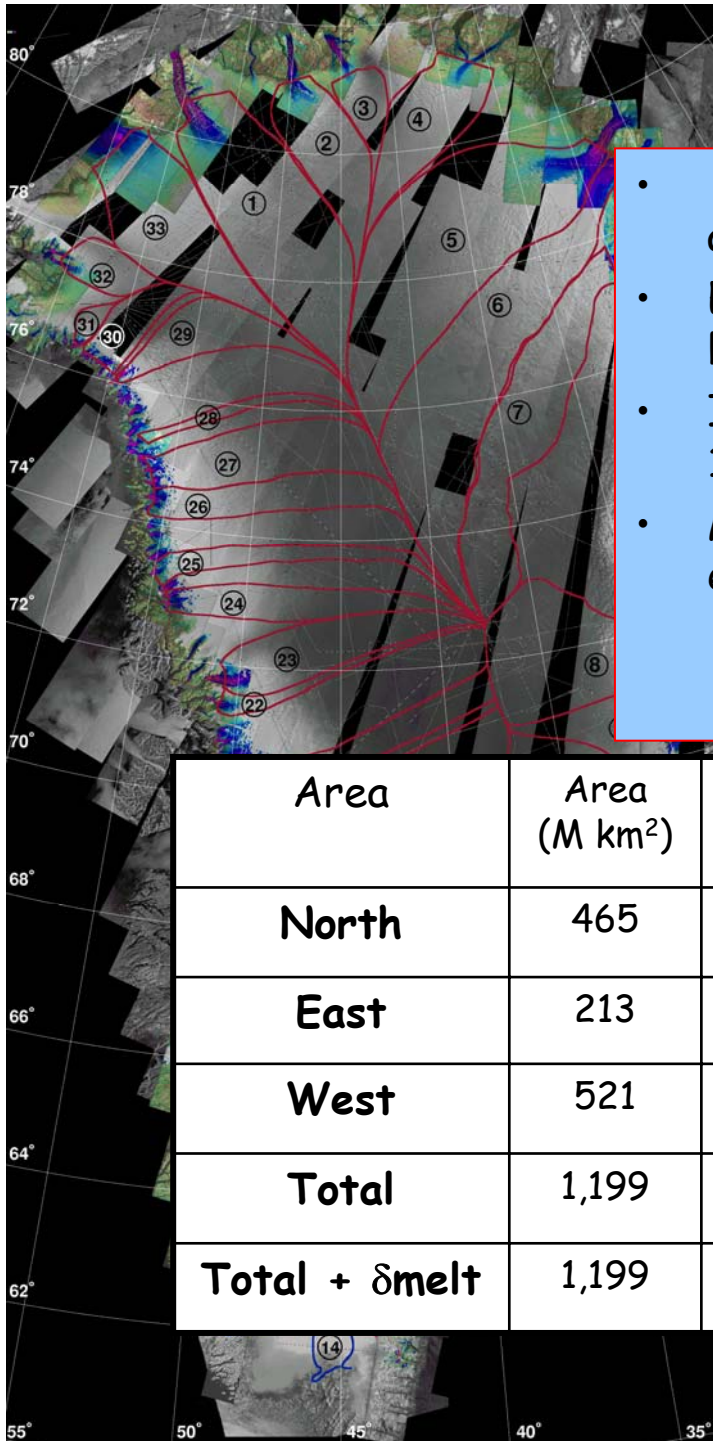
Headline news: ASAR Wave Mode tracking the long swell that hit La Reunion and Indonesia



Ice sheet mass balance

- Greenland ice sheet loss from ice dynamics increased by a factor 3 in 10 years.
- Enhanced melt from Hanna et al. JGR 2005 increases loss by 35 to 57 km³/yr.
- Ice dynamics contributes 2/3 of Greenland ice loss vs 1/3 for enhanced surface melt.
- Monitoring ice dynamics and progression further north is essential.

Area	Area (M km ²)	Discharge (km ³ /yr)	Input (km ³ /yr)	Balance (96 00 05) (km ³ /yr)
North	465	49.5	50.0	-4.8 +0.5 -2.4
East	213	160.8	110.0	-31.8 -50.8 -118.4
West	521	168.0	145.0	-21.5 -23.0 -36.8
Total	1,199	378 ±12	305 ±30	-58 ±32 -73 ±32 -158 ±32
Total + δmelt	1,199			-93 ±34 -119 ±34 -215 ±35



esa Antarctic ice velocity: ERS-1/2 (1996), RSAT-1 (2000)

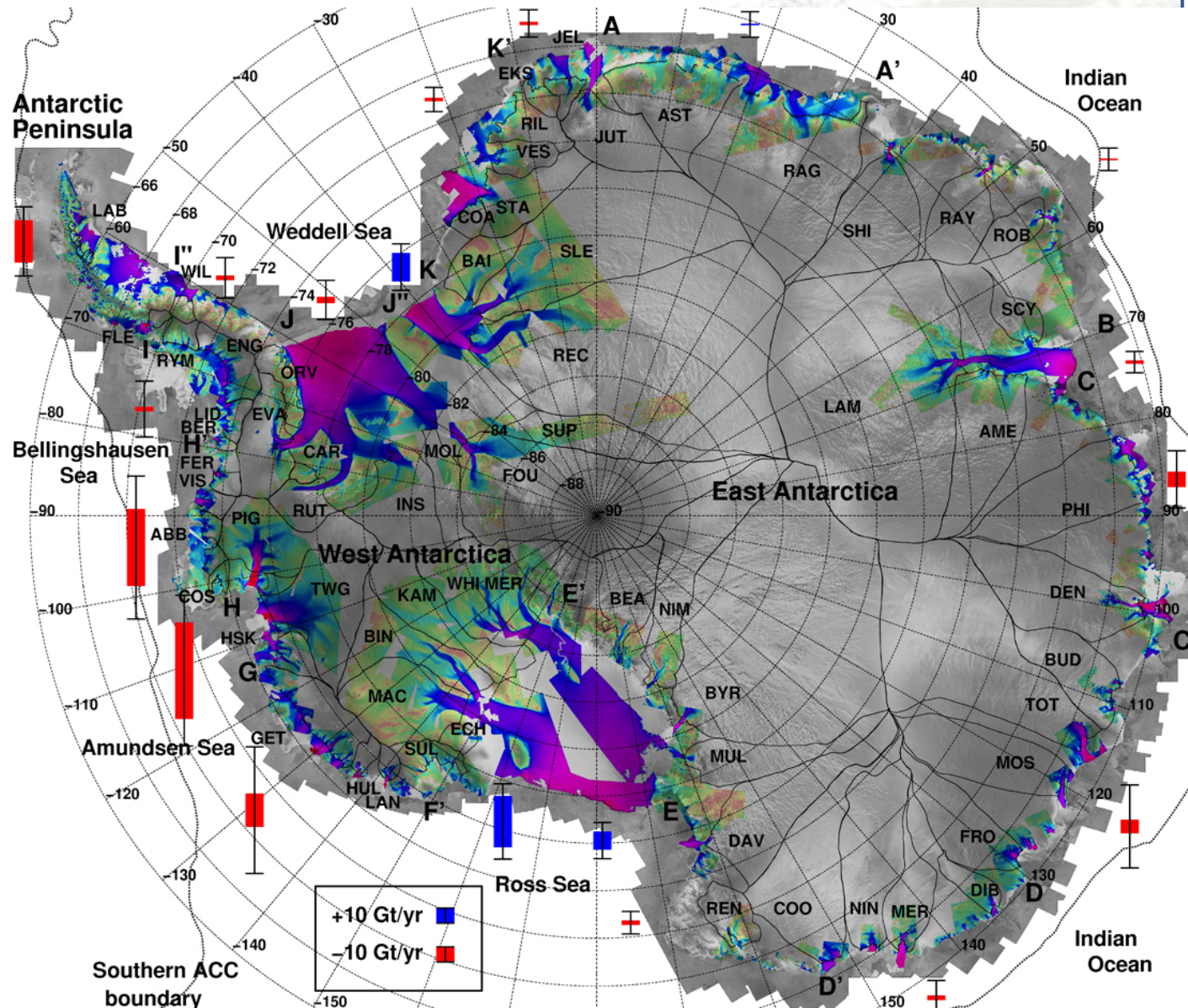
Mass deficit of 140 ± 50 Gt/yr,

Mostly West Antarctica Ice Shelf & Antarctic Peninsula.

Entire Admundsen Sea/Bellingshausen Seas sector thinning dynamically.

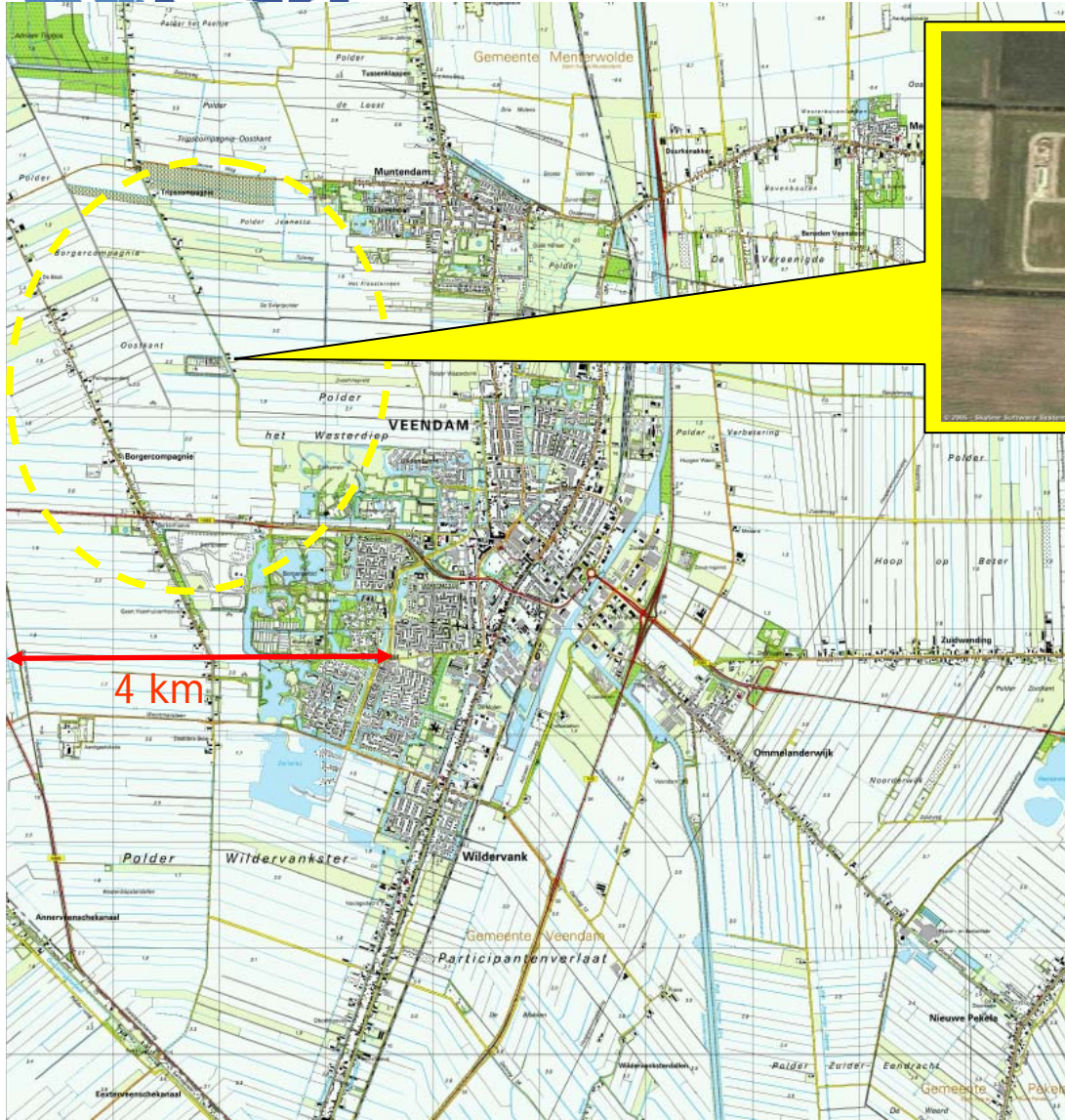
East Antarctic Ice Shelf ~ balance

Rignot et al.,
Subm. 2007





Veendam Salt Mining



Optimizing success rates for Persistent Scatterer identification and monitoring

Ramon Hanssen and Astrid Humme

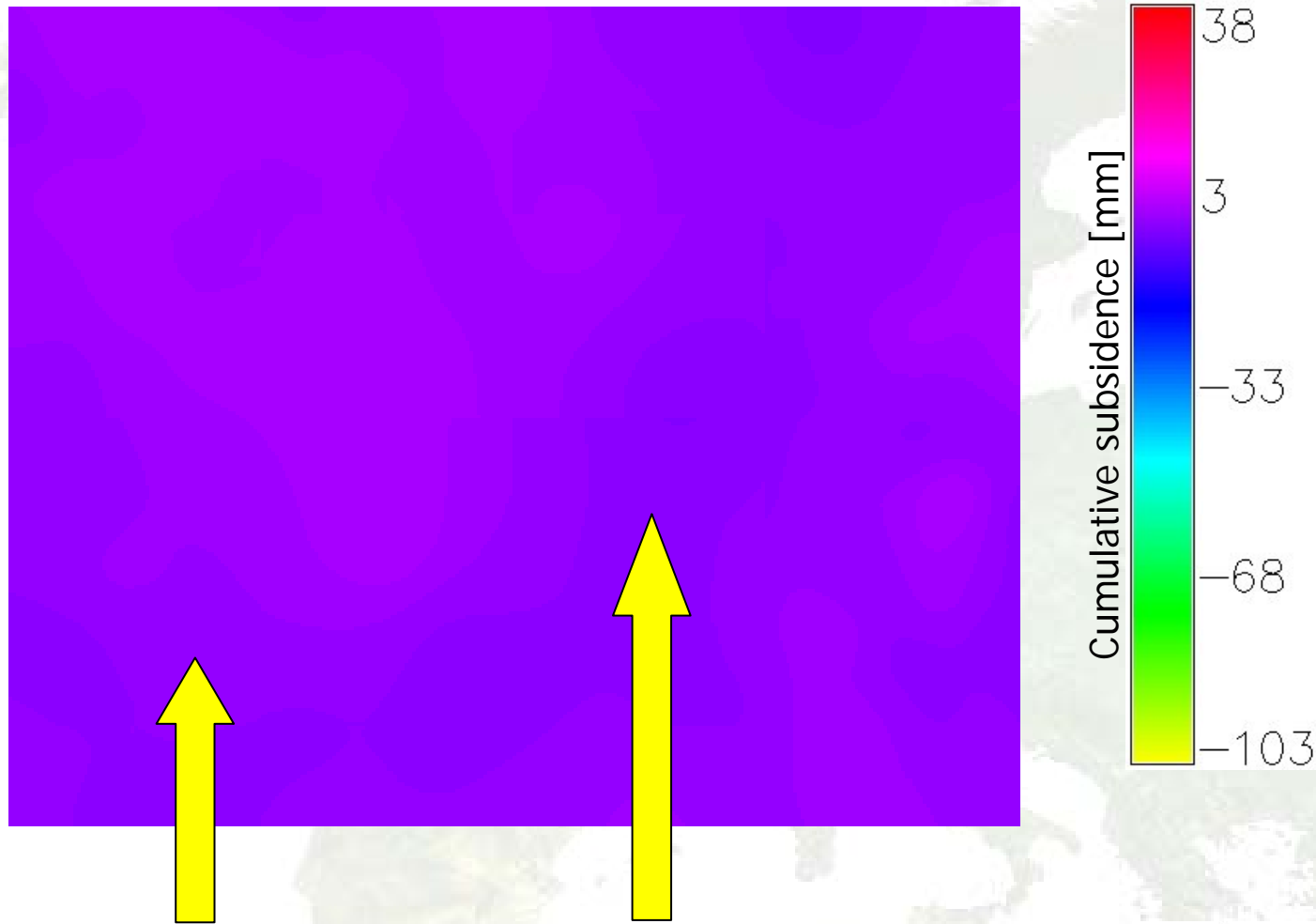
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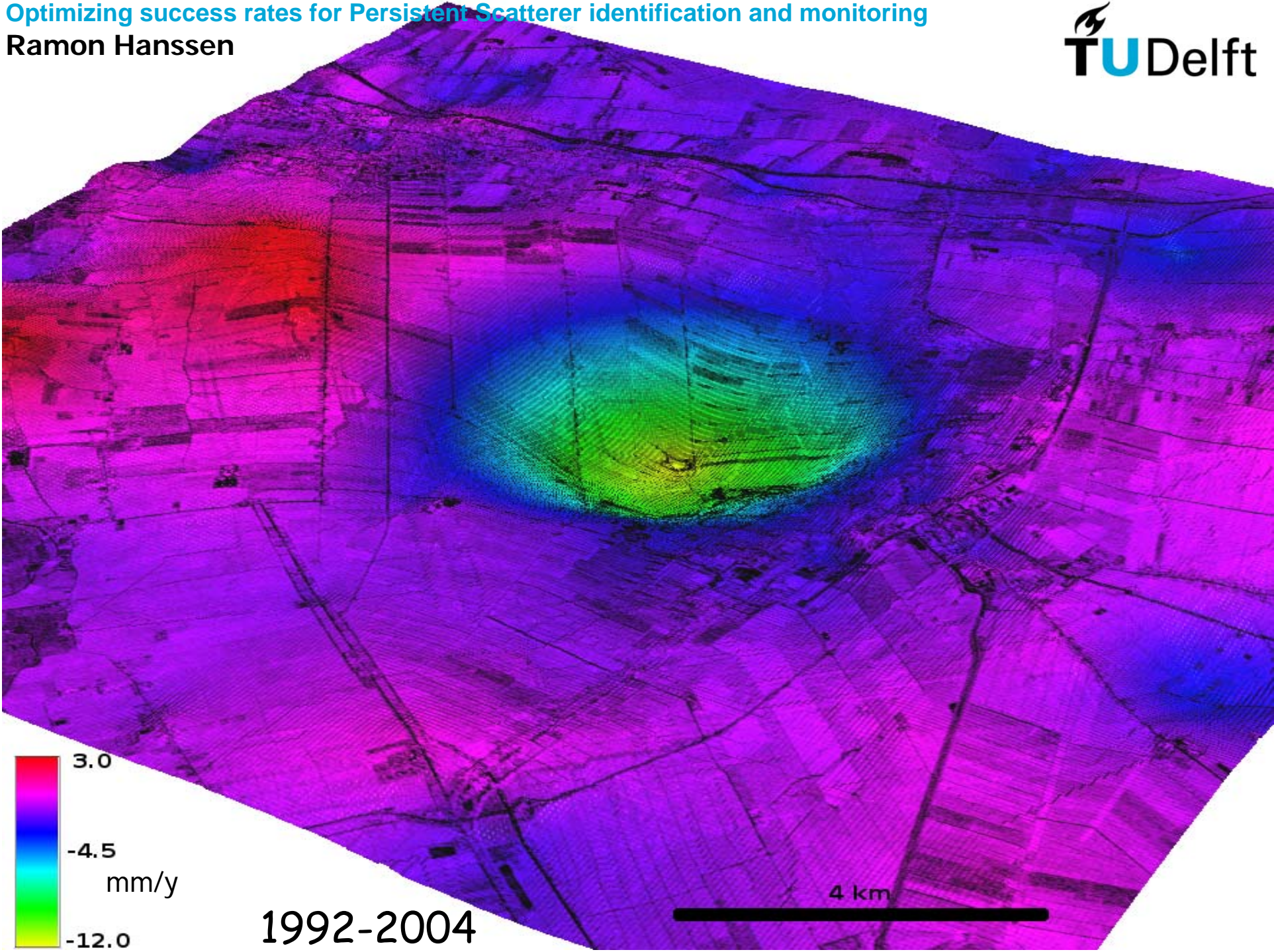
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Uplift

Subsidence

Optimizing success rates for Persistent Scatterer identification and monitoring
Ramon Hanssen



History: Zeeland, 31 Jan 1953

- Evacuation of 72000 people
- Thousands of buildings destroyed



On the potential of PS-InSAR for monitoring dikes in the Netherlands
Courtesy of Ramon Hansen Delft Institute of Earth Observation and Space Systems

Can we monitor this from space?



17000 km of water barriers:

- 3565 km primary water barriers (big rivers, sea, IJsselmeer, Markermeer),
- >14000 km regional water barriers



Overflowing



Sliding inner slope



Overtopping



Plastic horizontal sliding



Piping



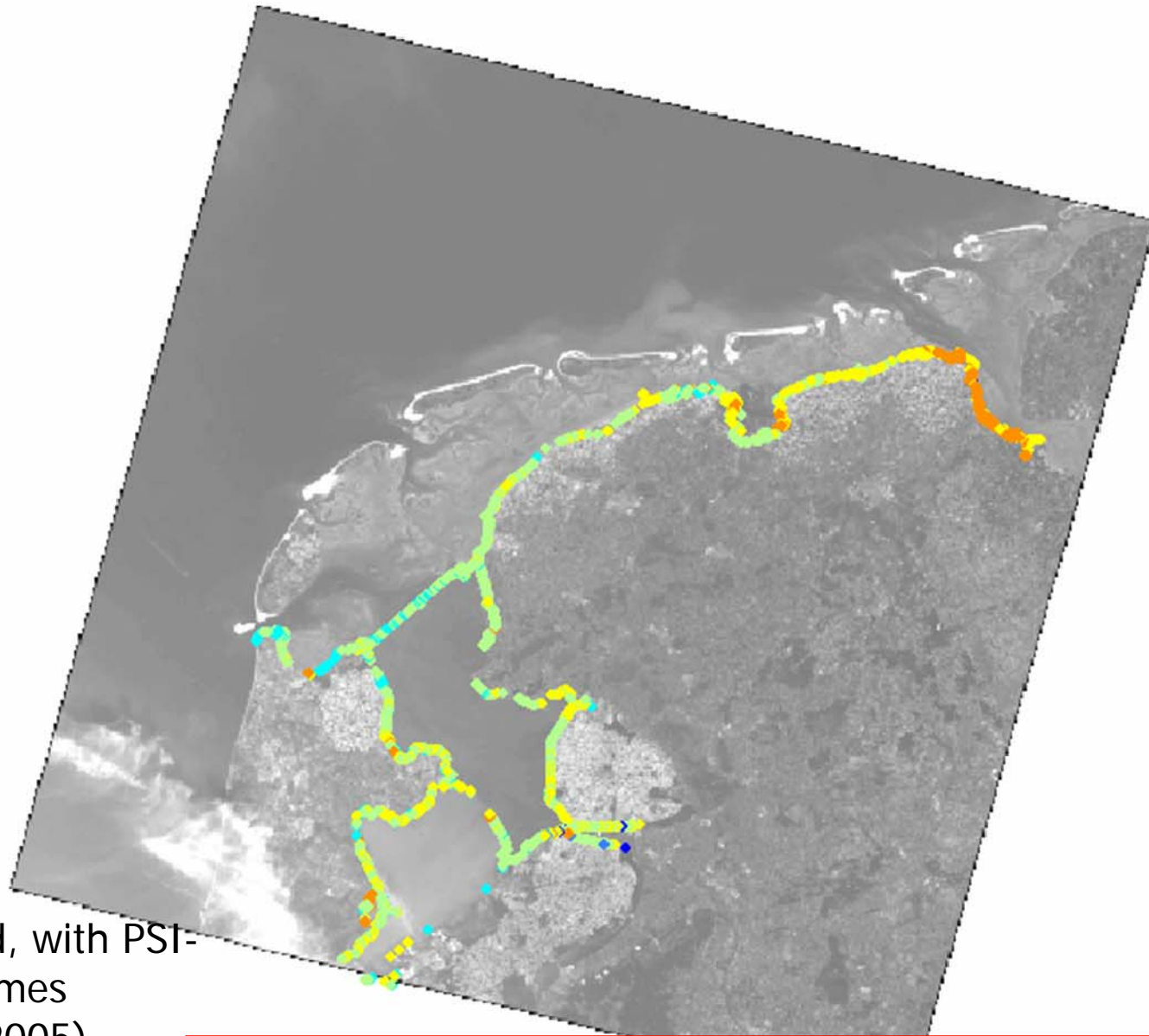
Nipping ice

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~90% of dykes monitored

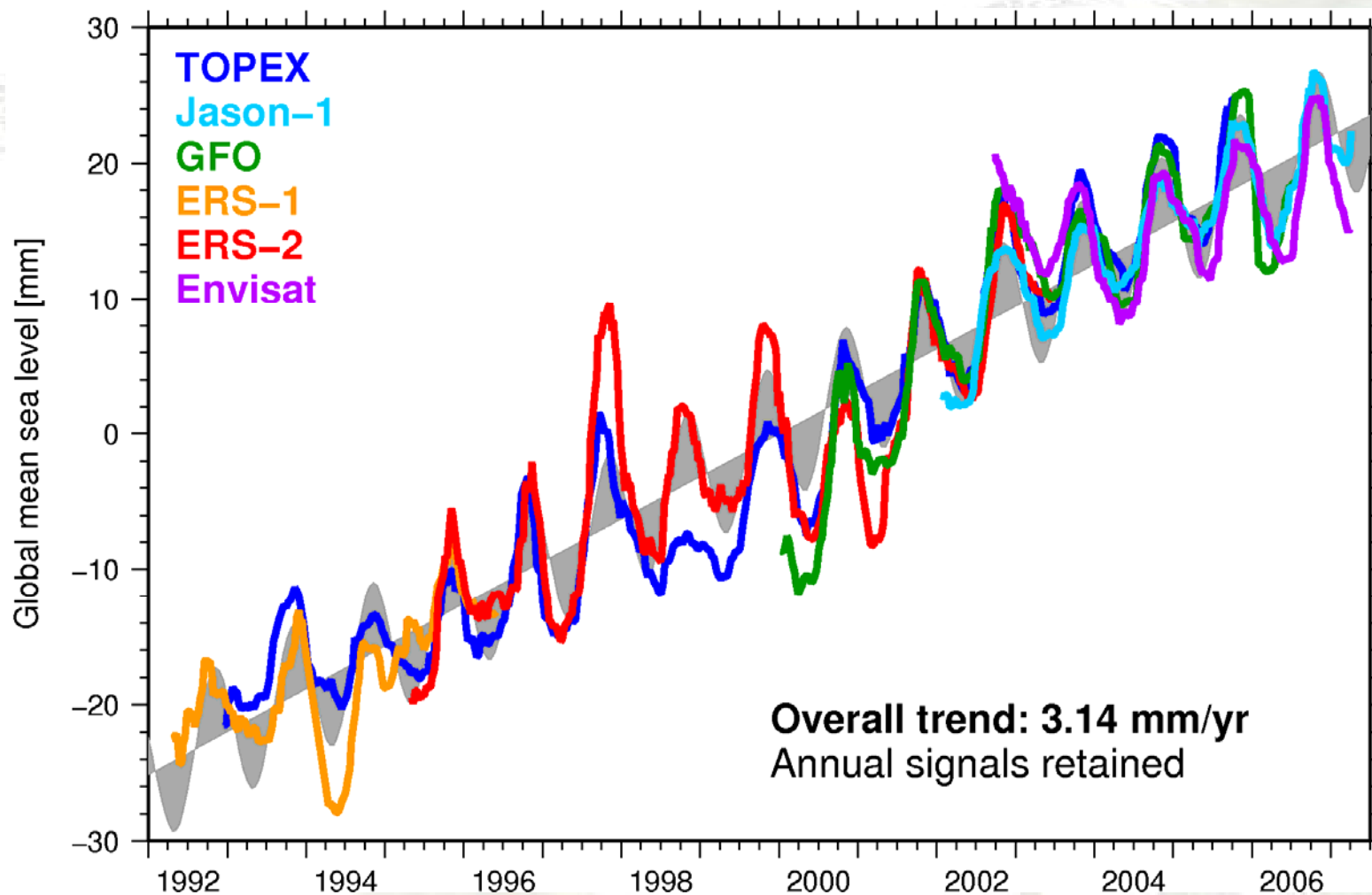
*Deformation
mm/year*

- -10.0 – -6.5
- -6.5 – -4.0
- -4.0 – -1.3
- -1.3 – 1.3
- 1.3 – 4.0
- 4.0 – 7.0
- 7.0 – 10.0



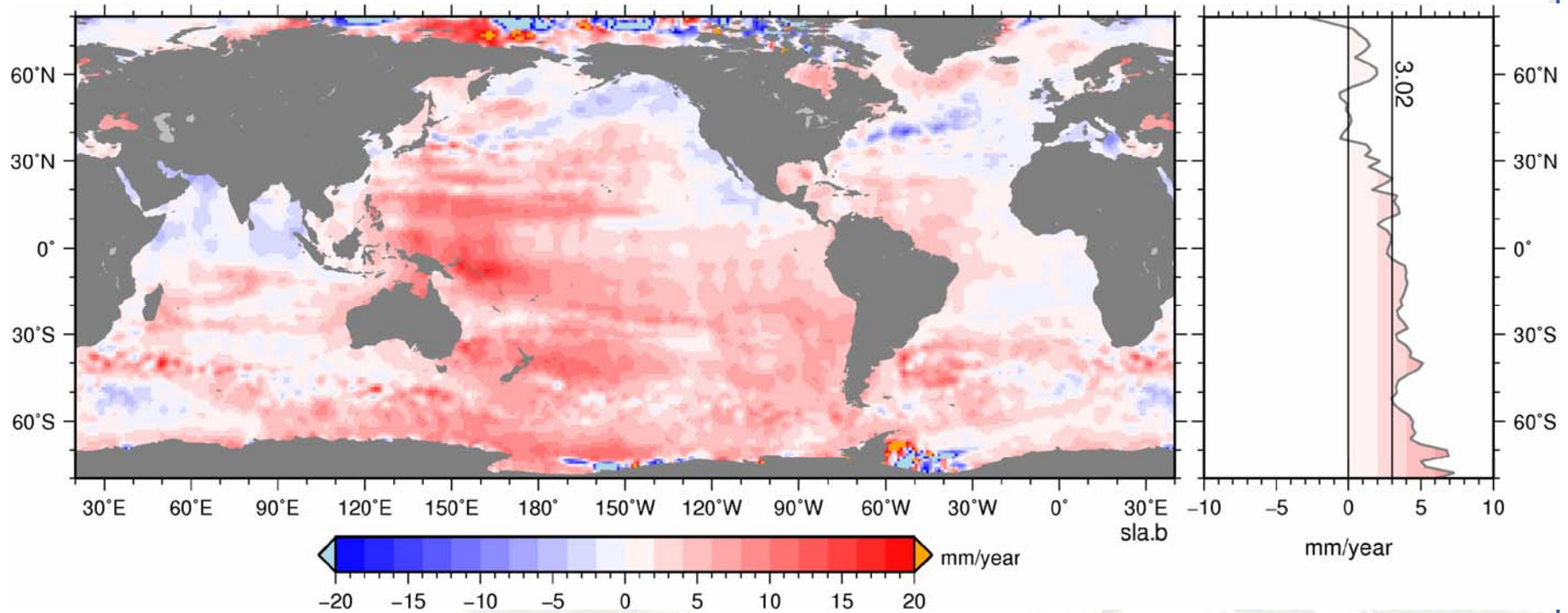
Landsat background, with PSI-dike results of 9 frames superposed (1992-2005)

Global Sea Level Change

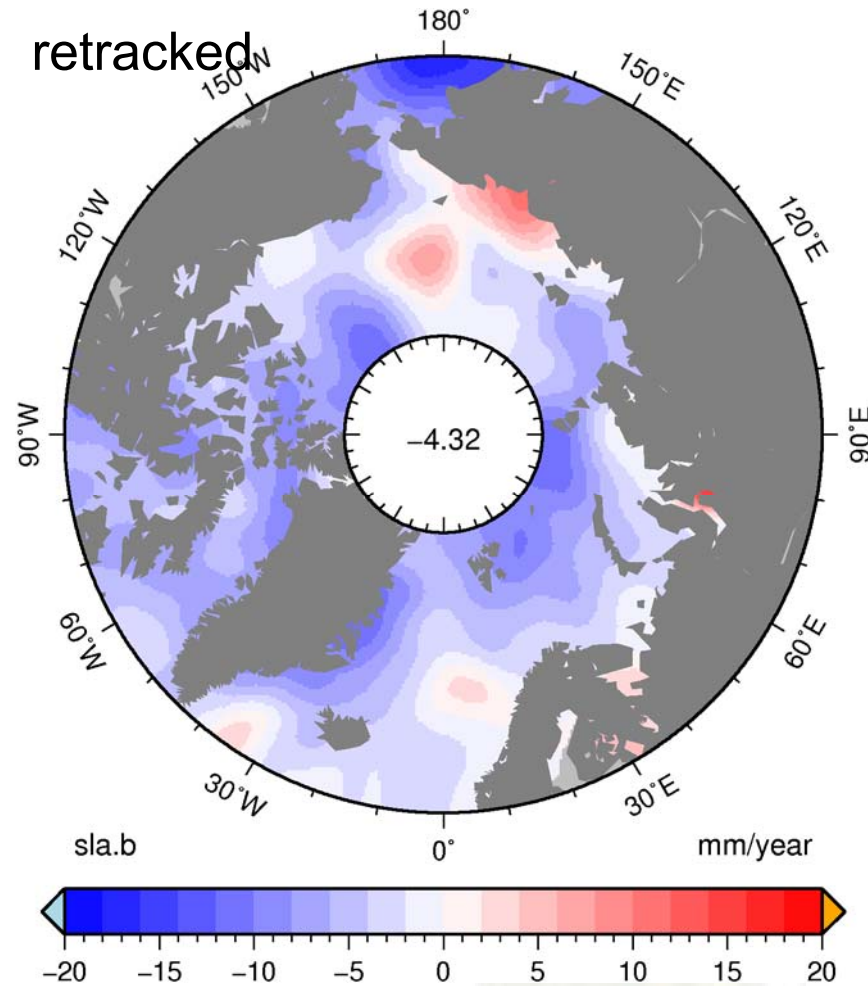


Local Sea Level Change

- ERS-1/2, Envisat (Apr 1992 – Mar 2007)
 - Very consistent features
 - All latitudes show sea level rise, except around 45°N
 - Sea level drop confined to N-Indian Ocean, Kuroshio, Gulf stream

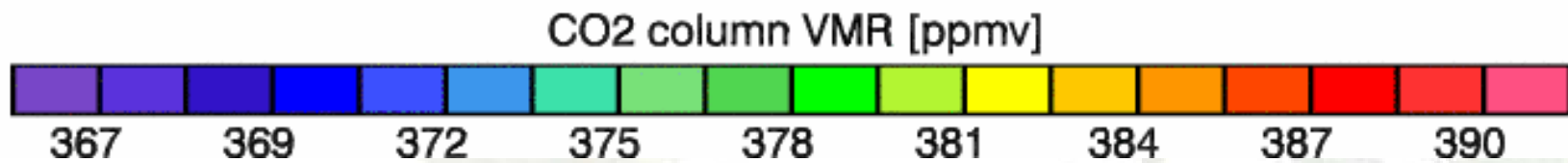
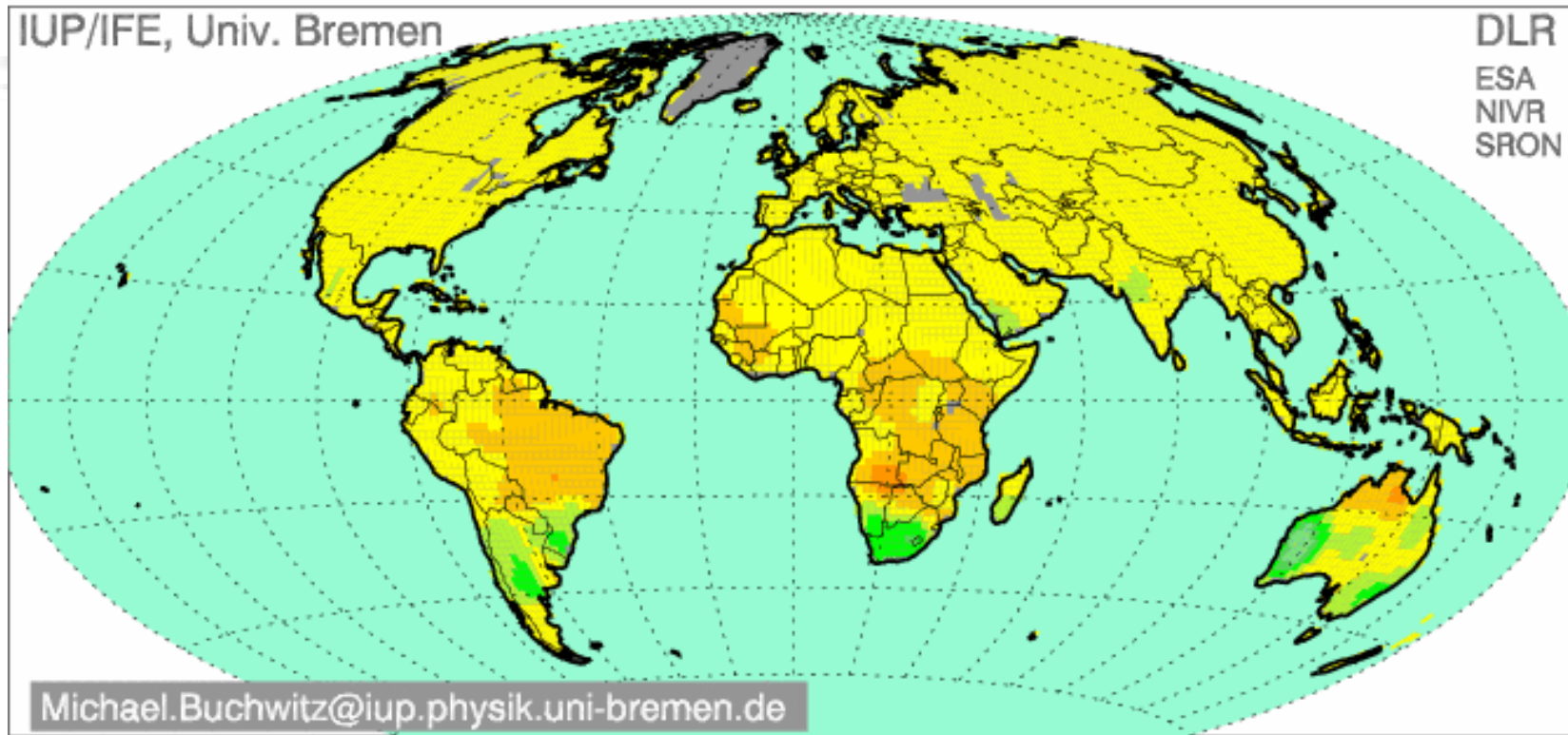


Arctic Sea level change

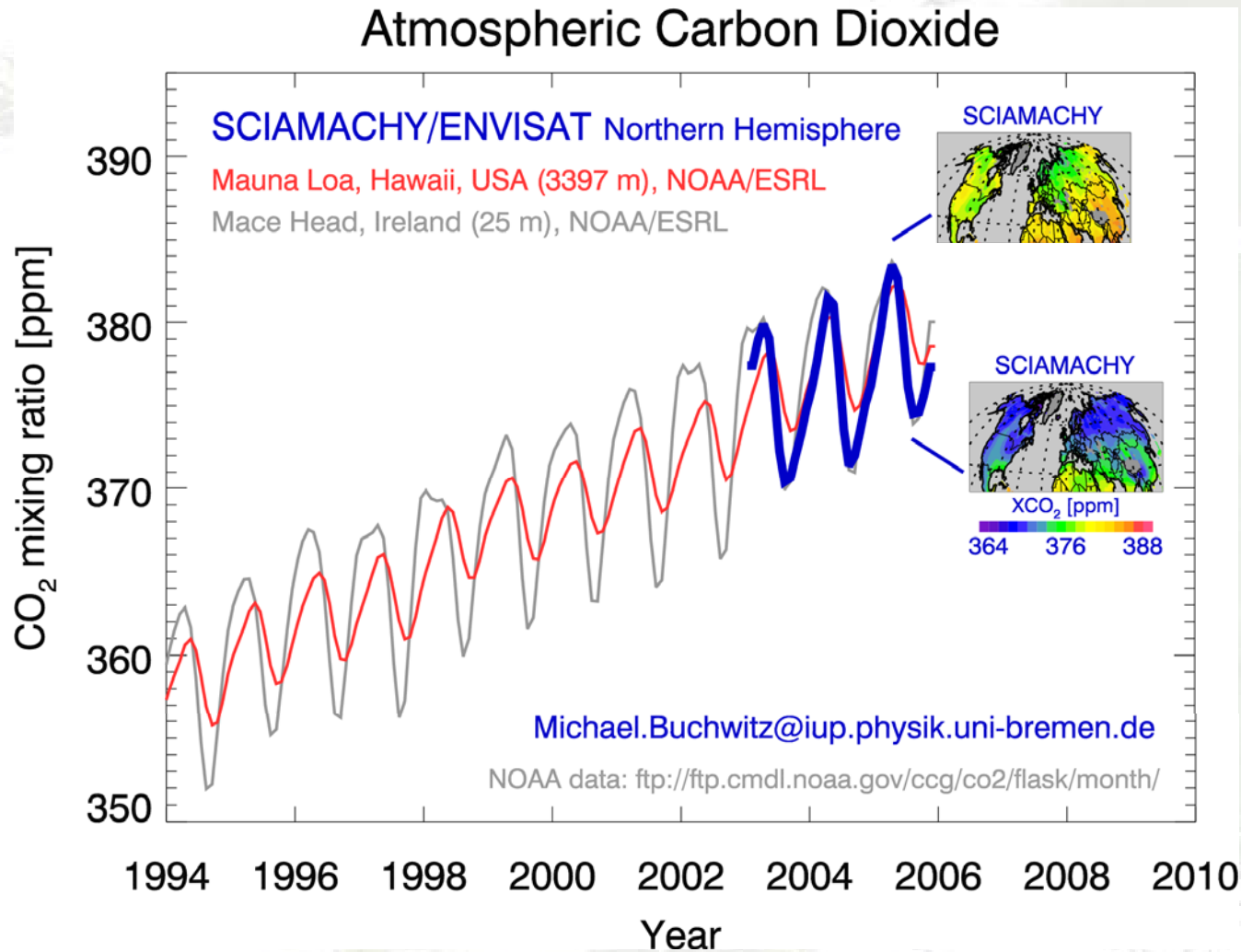


- Arctic sea level change from ERS-2 (1995 to 2003) (retracked)
 - Scientists have retrieved arctic sea level data in ice infested regions
 - Highest sea level in September is consistent with maximum fresh water
 - Arctic sea level drops by 4 mm/yr
 - Small part due to Glacial Isostatic Adjustment
 - Trend consistent with observations

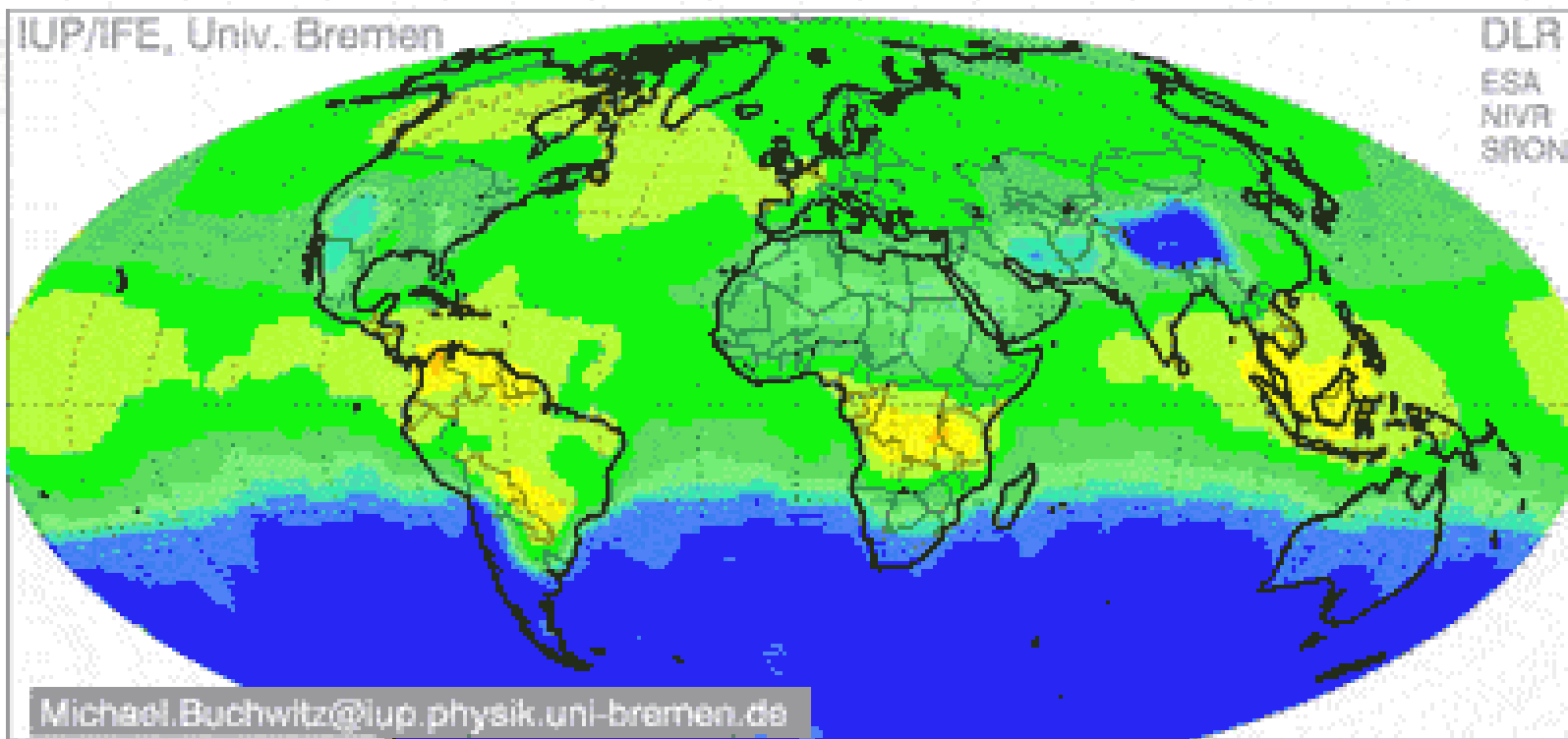
Carbon dioxide SCIAMACHY(WFMDv1.0)/ENVISAT 2005 12



esa SCIAMACHY carbon dioxide (CO₂) columns



Methane SCIAMACHY (WFMDv1.0)/ENVISAT 2003 01



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Methane column VMR [ppbv]

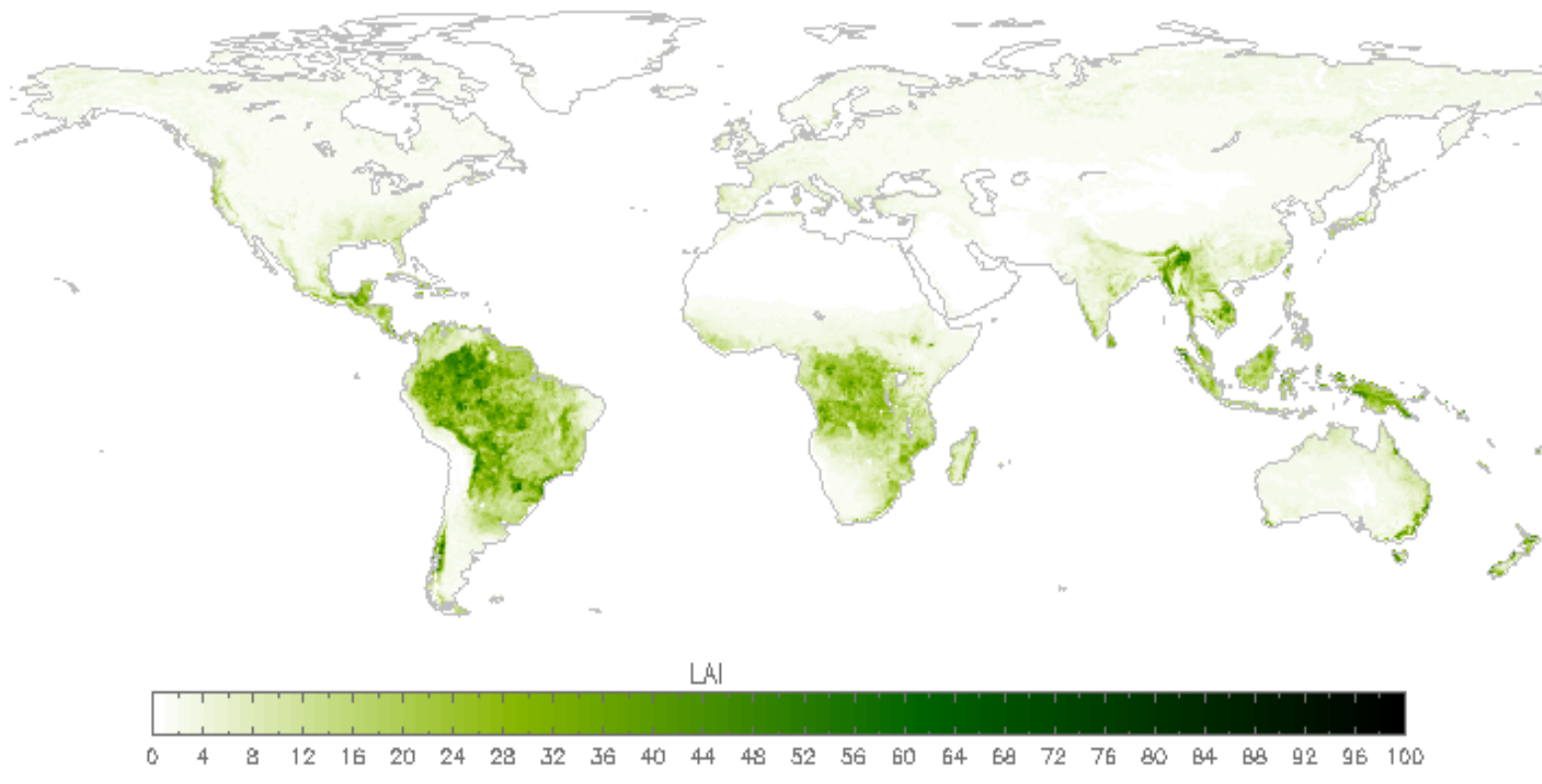


Three Years of SCIAMACHY Methane Column Averaged Mixing Ratio Measurements

Courtesy of Michael Buchwitz University Bremen

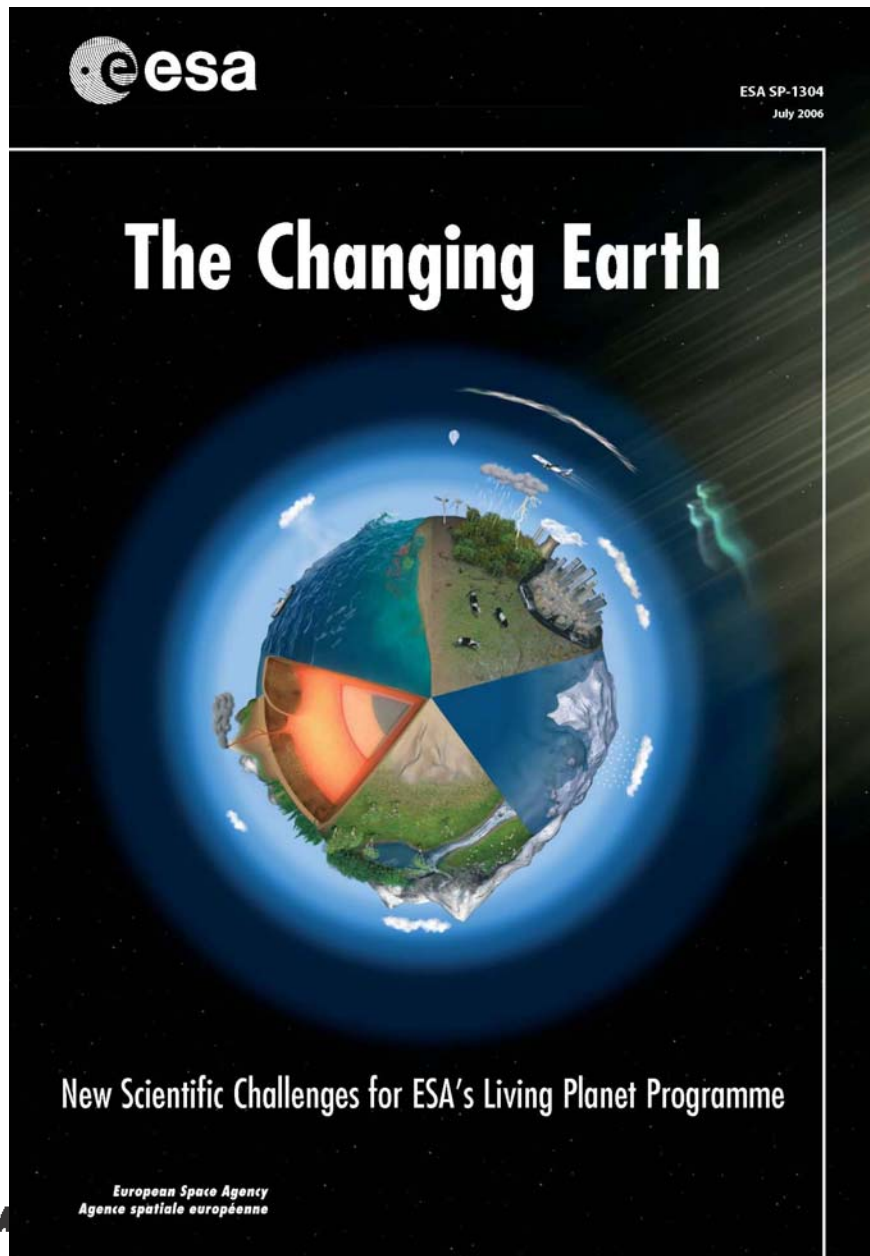


January 1999



4 years 1999 to 2002 measurements with ATSR-2, AATSR, MERIS, VEGETATION

*Courtesy of Deng, F. et al , 2006, **Algorithm for global leaf area index retrieval using satellite imagery**, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, 44(8), 2219-2229.*



- an updated science strategy for ESA's Living Planet Programme has been formulated under the guidance of the Earth Science Advisory Committee
- a wide consultation on the strategy with the scientific community was undertaken at a workshop in February 2006
- the document addresses Earth science through the five topics: oceans, atmosphere, cryosphere, land and solid Earth and identifies the challenges for each of these
- particular emphasis is put on the Earth system approach, and on the effect of humankind on that system

- The updated strategy will provide the scientific guidance for activities to be undertaken in ESA's Living Planet Programme
- Future calls for mission ideas and proposals will solicit responses that address challenges presented in the report
- The Earth Science Advisory Committee will have full visibility into how the strategy is implemented and will provide continuous guidance
- ESA will actively cooperate with its Member States and partner agencies and organisations in order to implement the strategy
- A strong scientific programme is a guarantee and prerequisite for development of new applications and operational services using space data