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Activities



space solutions

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



space science



human spaceflight



exploration







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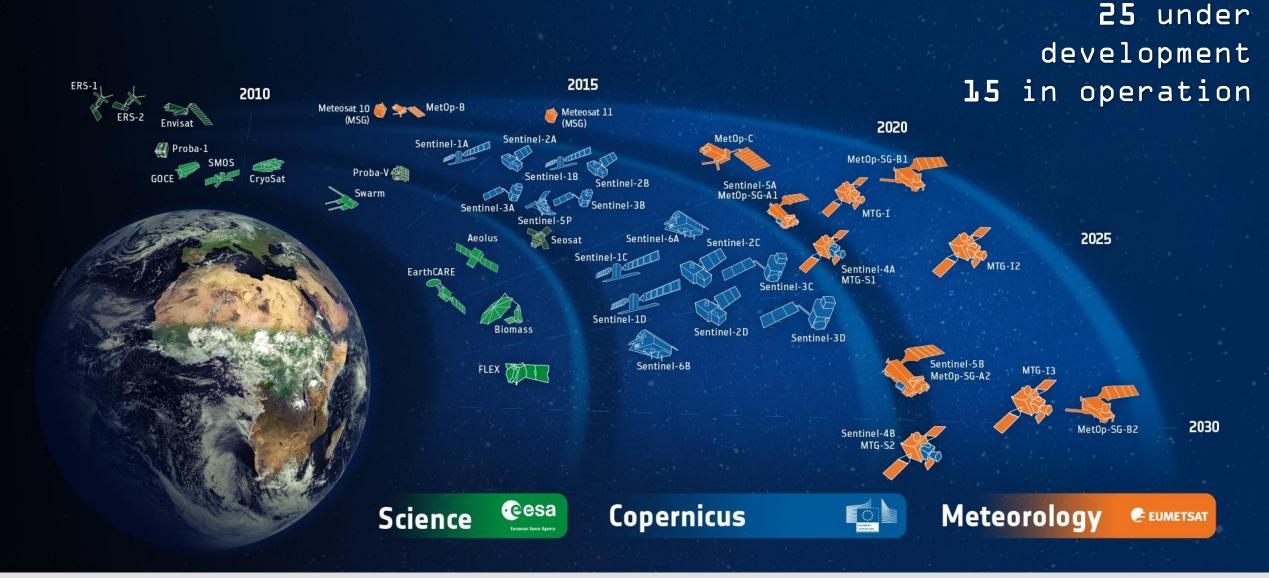
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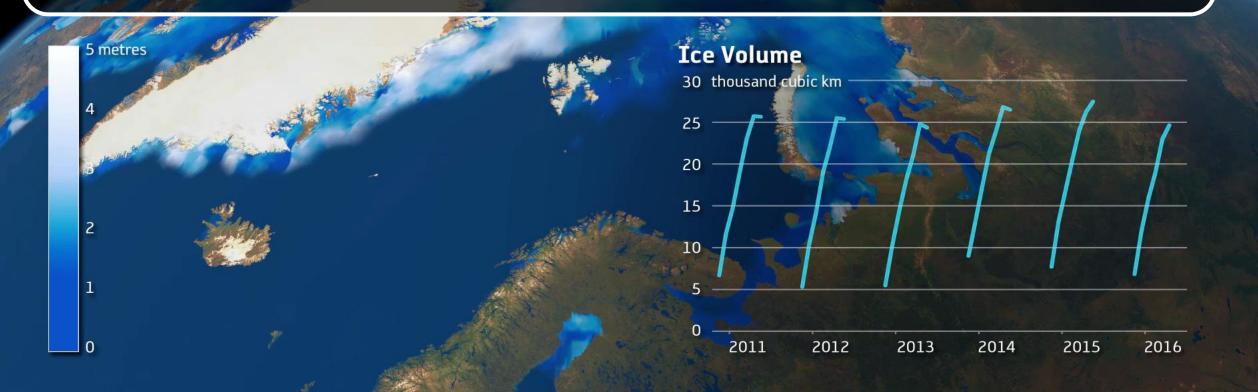




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Arctic Sea Ice Thickness

Science: Earth Explorers



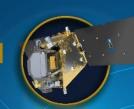
Science: Earth Explorers





→ ESA'S FLUORESCENCE MISSION

2023





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

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→ ESA'S ICE MISSION

2009-present

aeolus

→ ESA'S WIND MISSION

2018-present



swarm

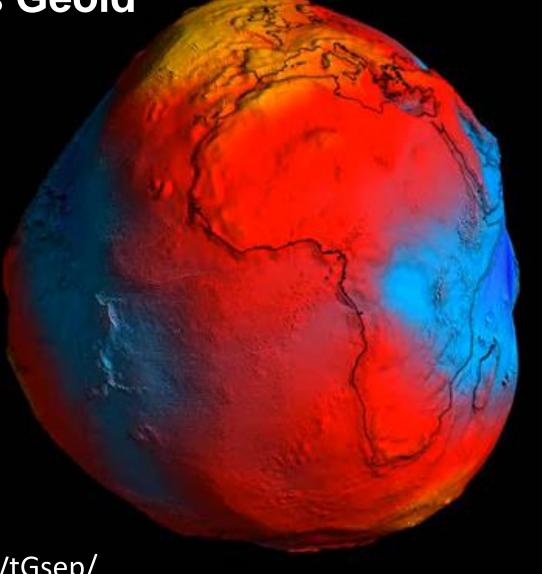
→ ESA'S MAGNETIC FIELD MISSION

2013-present



GOCE: Earth's Geoid



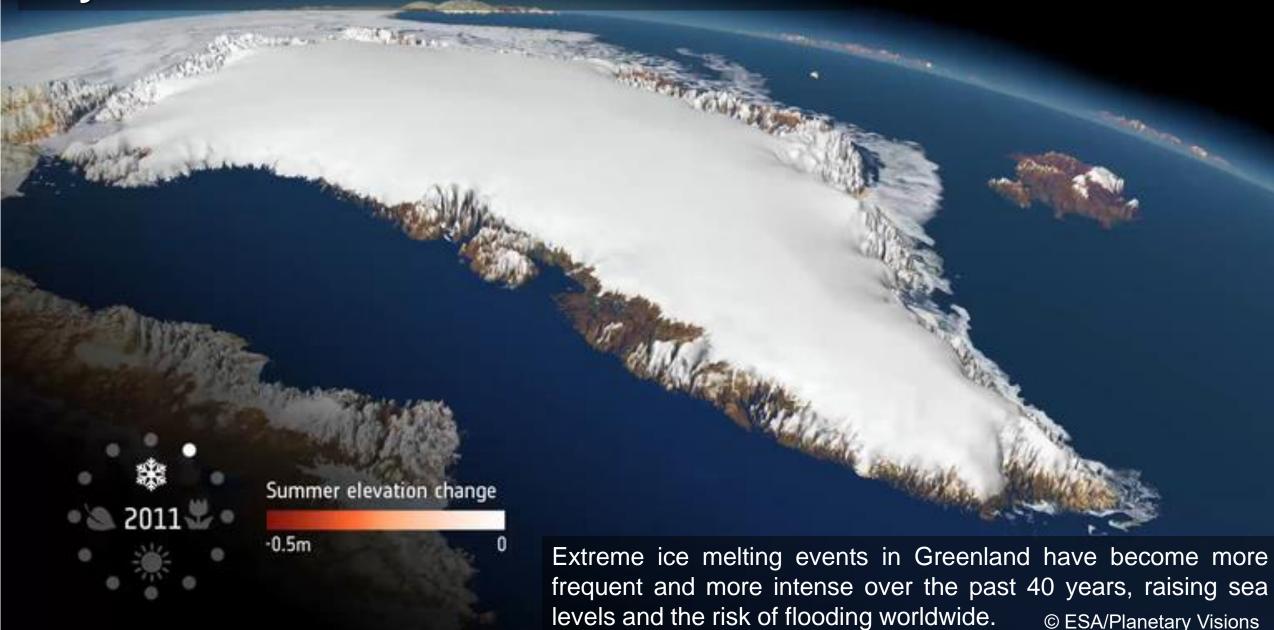


- model of the 'geoid' with unprecedented accuracy and spatial resolution
- crucial reference for measuring ocean circulation and sea-level change

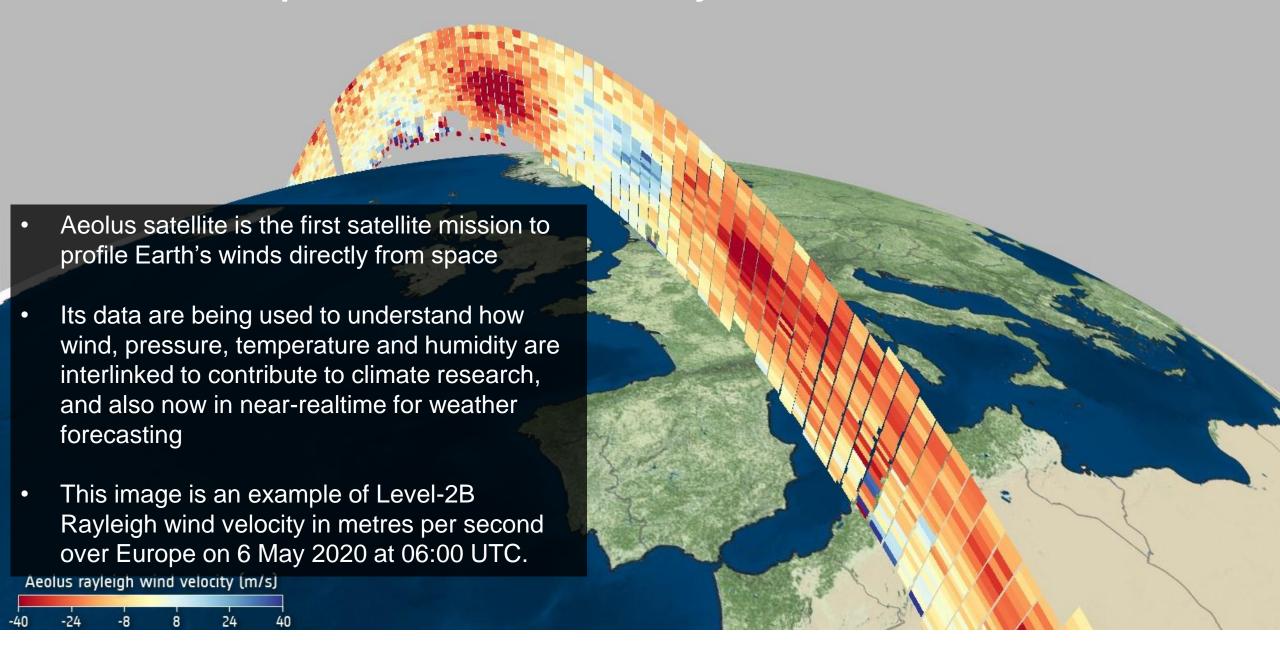
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Cryosat: Greenland meltwater runoff



Aeolus: Wind profile from Aeolus 6 May 2020





Upcoming Earth Explorers



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EarthCARE

- Clouds, aerosols & radiation
- High preformance lidar tech.
- Partnership JAXA
- Launch planned 2021

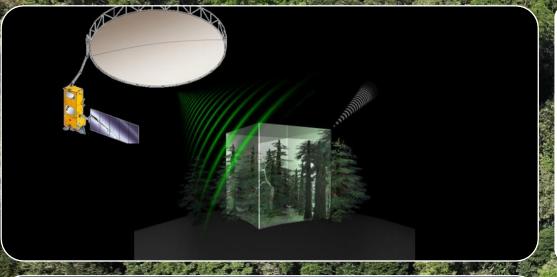






Further Earth Explorers





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Biomass

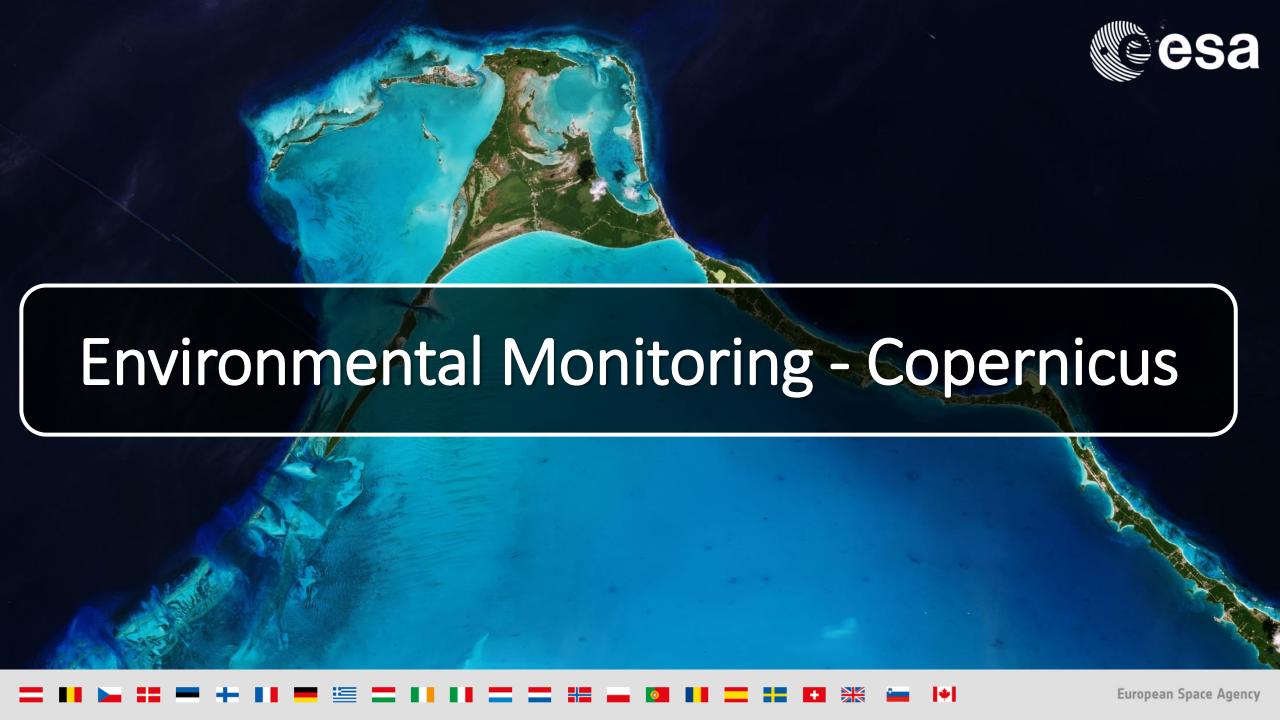
- Biomass estimates
- First P-band SAR in space
- Launch planned 2022

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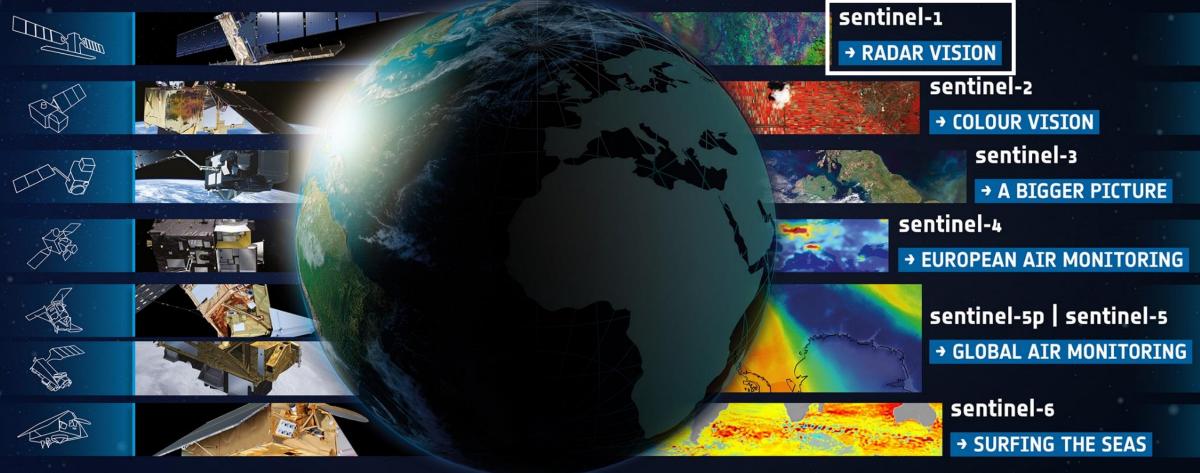
- Vegetation fluorescence, indicator of photosynthesis
- Launch planned 2022







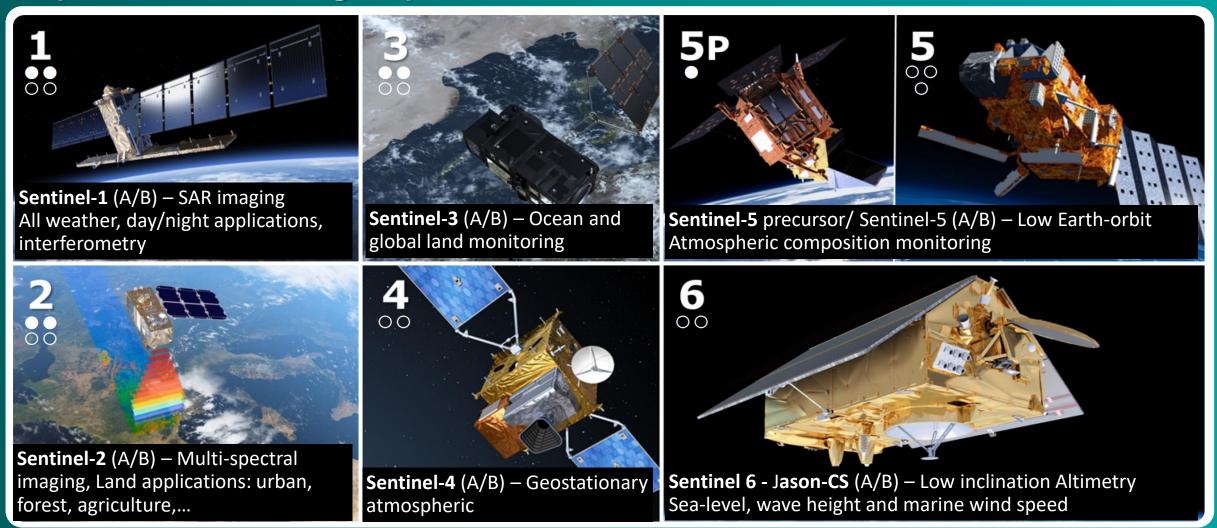
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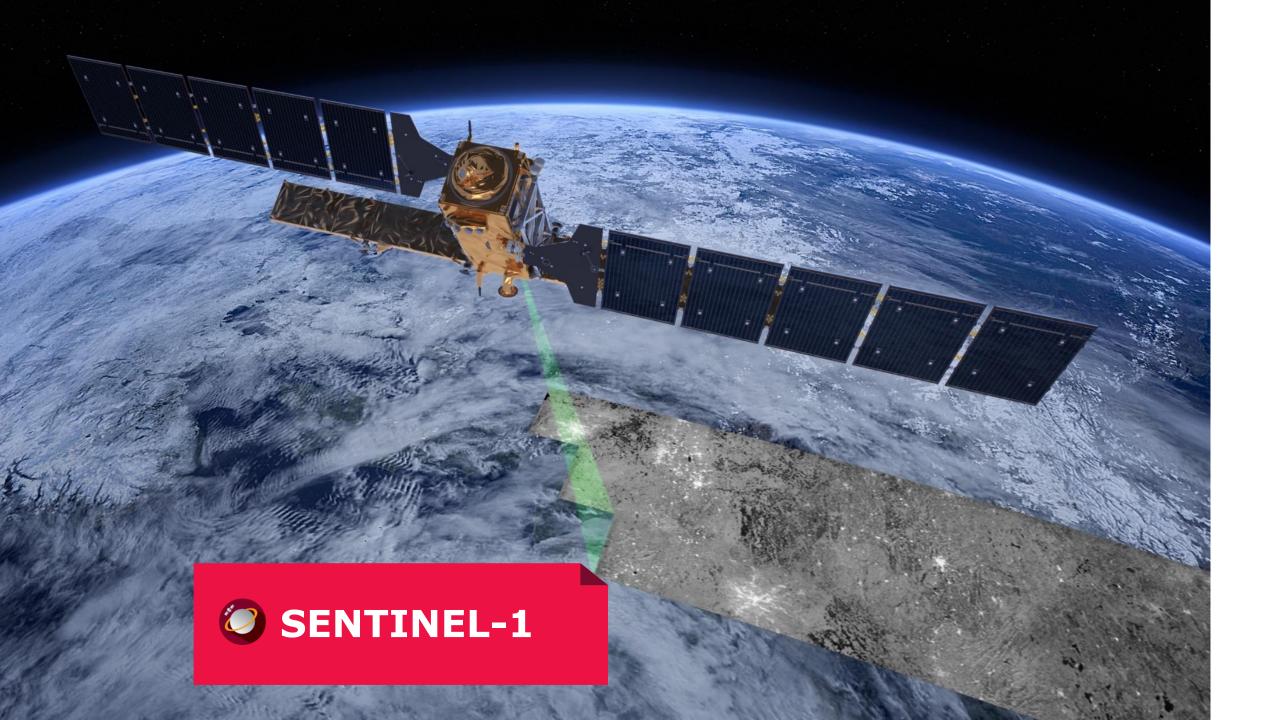


The Big Data Revolution



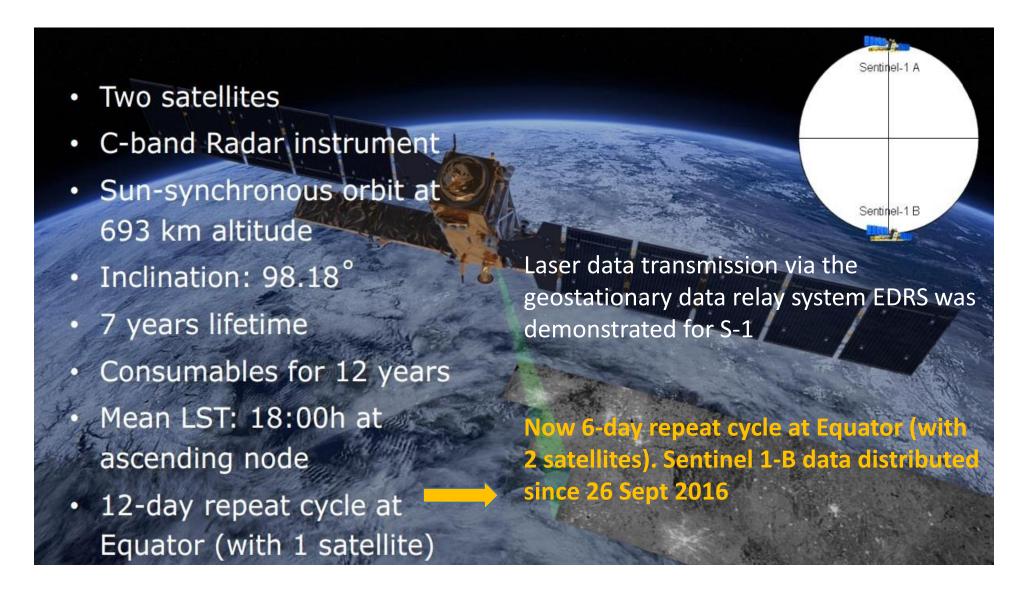
Copernicus is the largest producer of EO data in the world





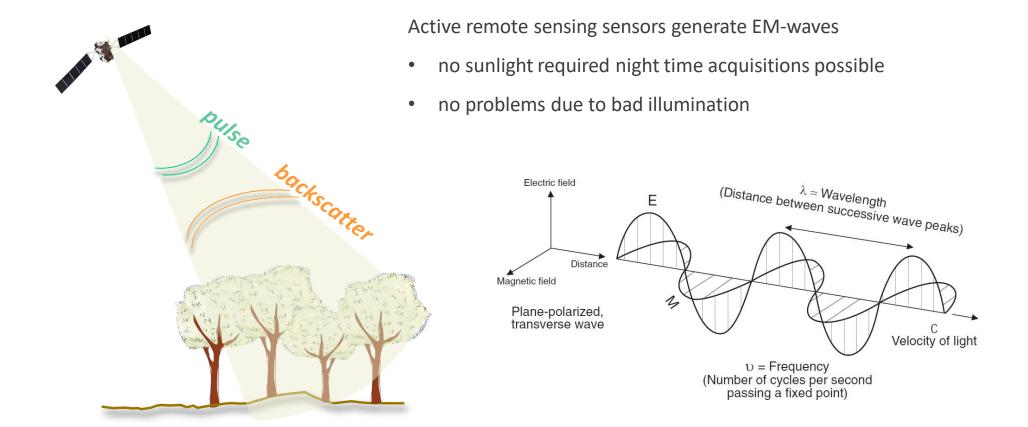
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Mission Overview



Basic characteristics of radar systems/SAR sensors

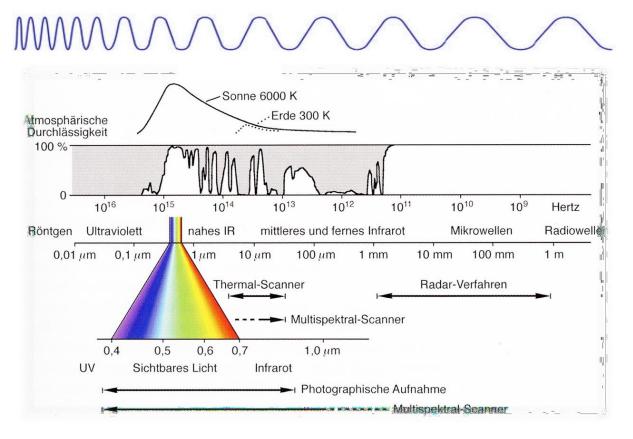
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Basic characteristics of radar systems/SAR sensors

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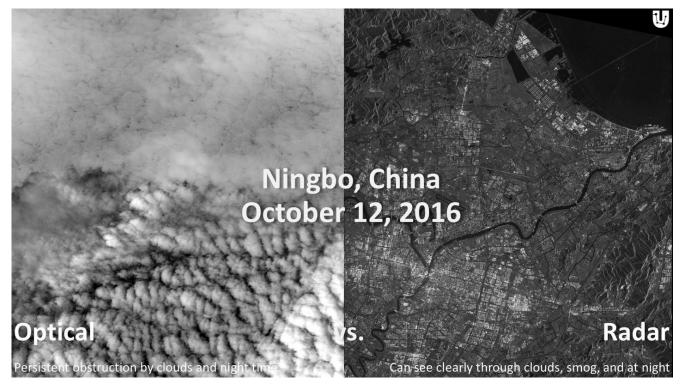
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Basic characteristics of radar systems/SAR sensors

- active \Rightarrow independent of sun illumination
- microwave ⇒ penetrates into/through objects

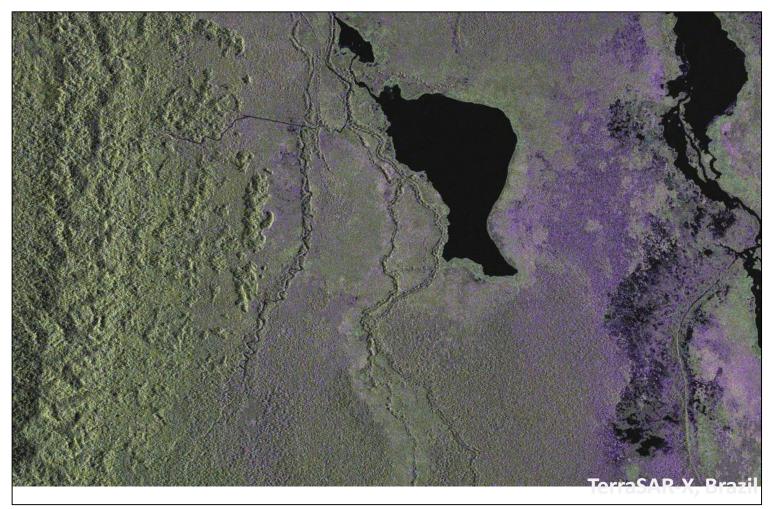
clouds and (partially) canopy, soil, snow (almost) no problems with clouds, dust, fog. Sensing of "hidden" objects



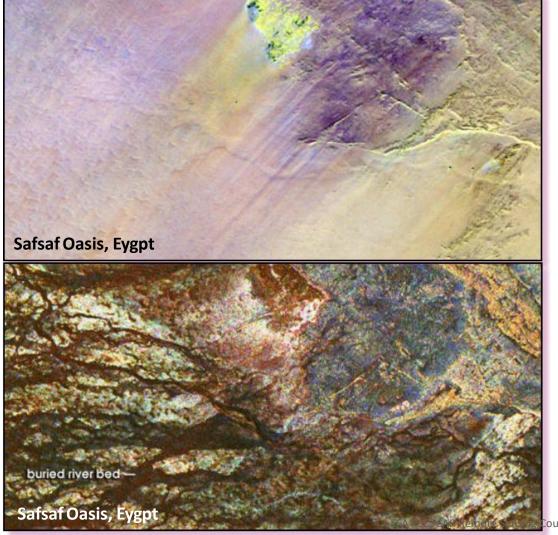
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Characteristics / Example all weather

Cloud cover is a big problem in remote sensing of moist tropics



Characteristics / penetration through sand



Landsat Thematic Mapper shows the desert's surface

SIR-C/X-SAR shows what the landscape might look like if stripped bare of sand

Course, September 2018, Slovakia – SAR Basics

Sentinel-1

SAR Operational Modes

Operational Modes		Resolution	Swath Width	Polarisation
Extra Wide Swath Mode (EW)		20 x 40 m ²	> 400 km	HH+HV or VV+VH
250 Km Interferometric Wide Swath Mode (IW)		5 x 20 m²	> 250 km	HH+HV or VV+VH
400 Km Stripmap Mode (SM)		5 x 5 m ²	> 80 km	HH+HV or VV+VH
The test wave Mode (WV)	-	5 x 5 m ²	20 x 20 km² at 100 km spacing	HH or VV

Daily coverage of high priority areas, e.g. Europe, Canada, shipping routes

Main modes of operations:

- IW over land and coastal waters (normally VV or VV-VH polarization)
- EW over extended sea (VV or VV-VH) and sea-ice (HH or HH-HV) areas
- WV over open oceans



Advantages / Example all weather

• active \Rightarrow independent of sun illumination

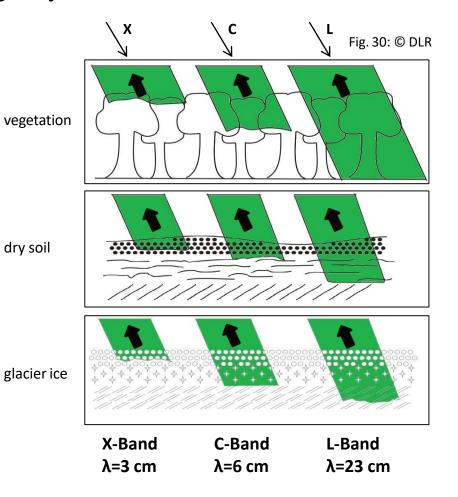
microwave ⇒ penetrates into/through objects

The penetration depth is depending on wavelength and dielectric characteristics of objects

wavelengths: X-band: 3 cm

C-band: 6 cm

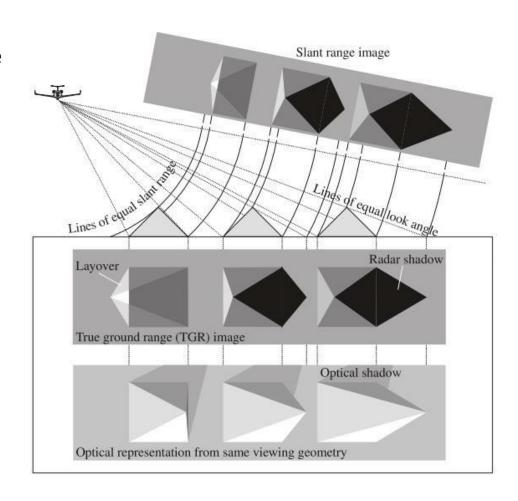
L-band: 23 cm

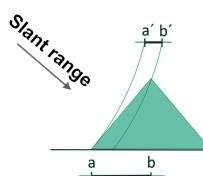


Geometric Effects in SAR images

Effects of side-looking geometry

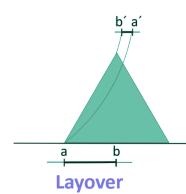
- → The mapping of a radar image is contrary to the intuitive mapping of an optical image
- → Side looking geometry of SAR systems cause some typical geometric effects
- Controlled by:
 - Incidence angle
 - Topography
- The effects are:
 - Foreshortening
 - Layover
 - Radar shadow



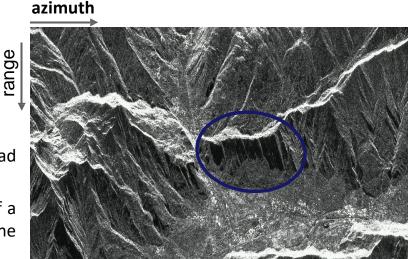


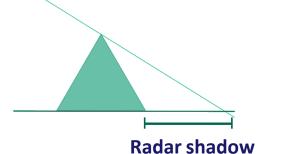
- Slopes oriented to the SAR appear compressed (Distance between a and b is shortened)
- Appears as very bright area
- More pronounced in near range (small incidence angle) than in far range (high incidence angles)

Foreshortening



- •Steep slopes oriented to the SAR lead to ghost images
- •When radar beam reaches the top of a high feature (b) before it reaches the base (a)

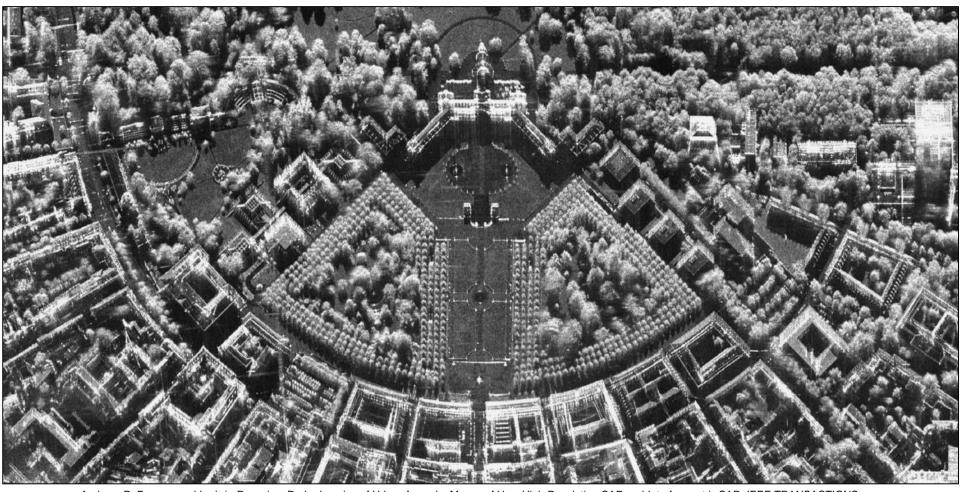




- Steep slopes oriented away from the SAR return no signal
- No signals can be transmitted to this area (as it is blocked by the slope)
- Thus no signals can be scattered back from these areas
- Appears as black area in the image Basics

SAR Data Example

Effects of side-looking geometry

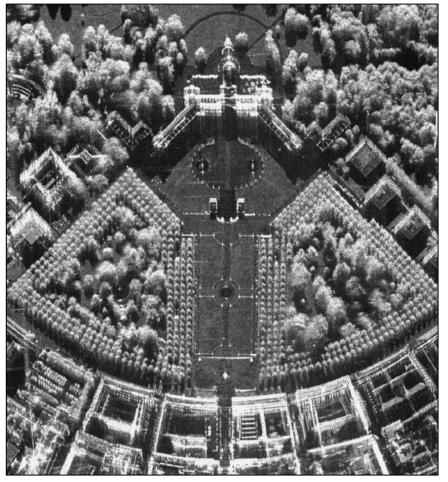


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SAR Data Examples



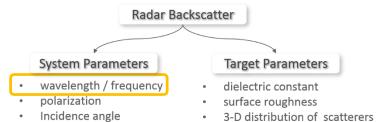




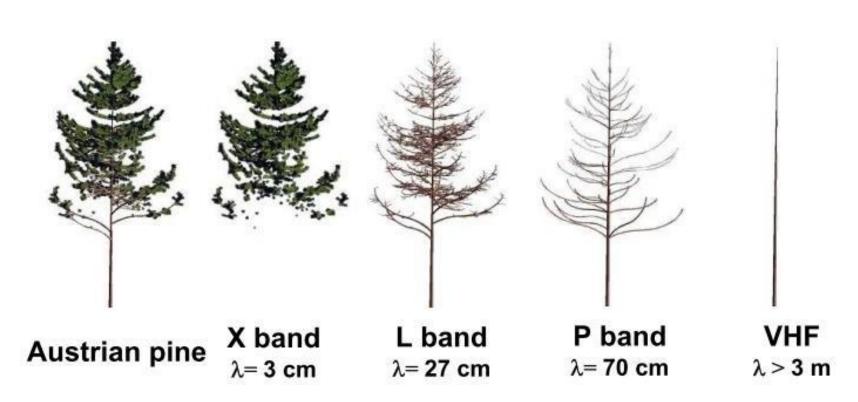
GoogleMaps

Influences on radar backscatter

System parameters: Wavelength/Frequency



resolution



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& scattering mechanisms

• local slope & orientation

Influences on radar backscatter

System parameters : Polarization

System Parameters

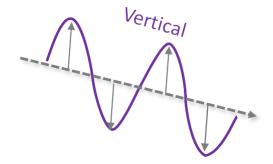
- wavelength / frequency
- polarization
- Incidence angle
- resolution

Target Parameters

· dielectric constant

Radar Backscatter

- surface roughness3-D distribution of scatterers
- & scattering mechanisms
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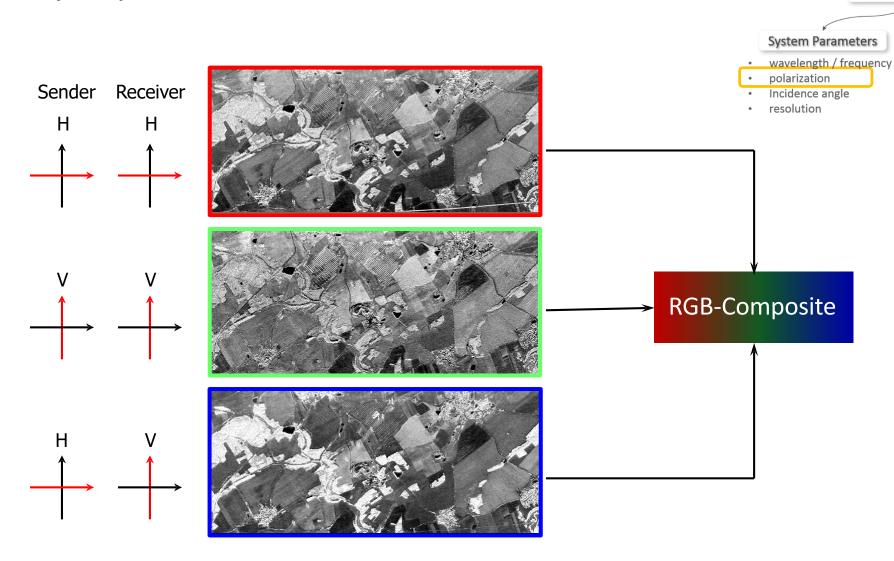
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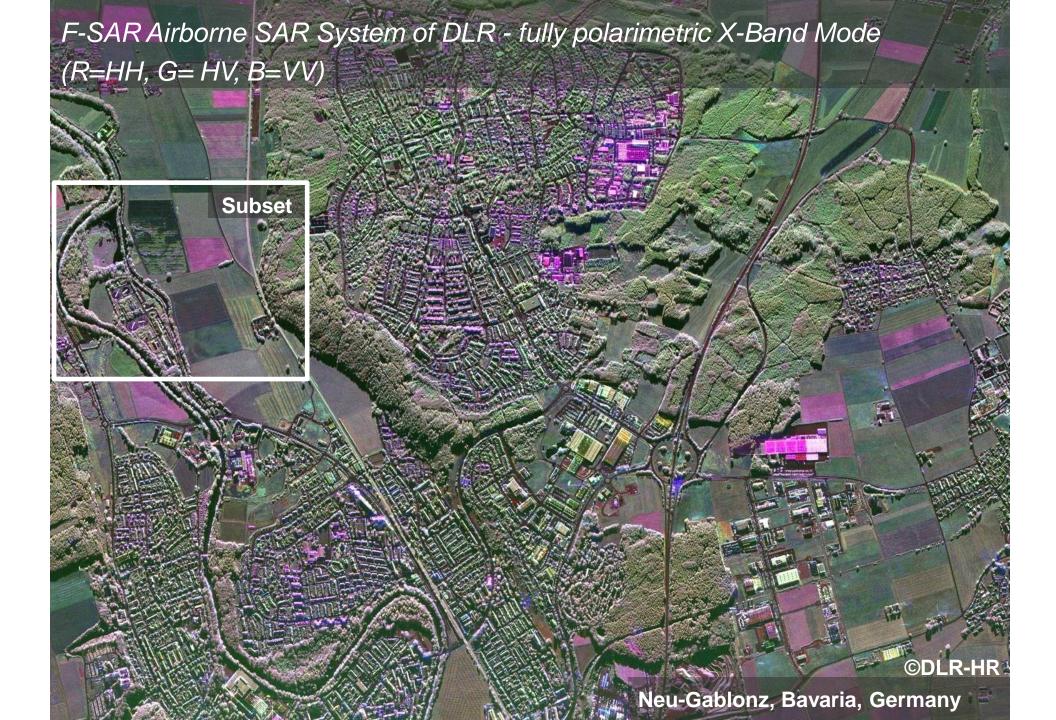
· local slope & orientation

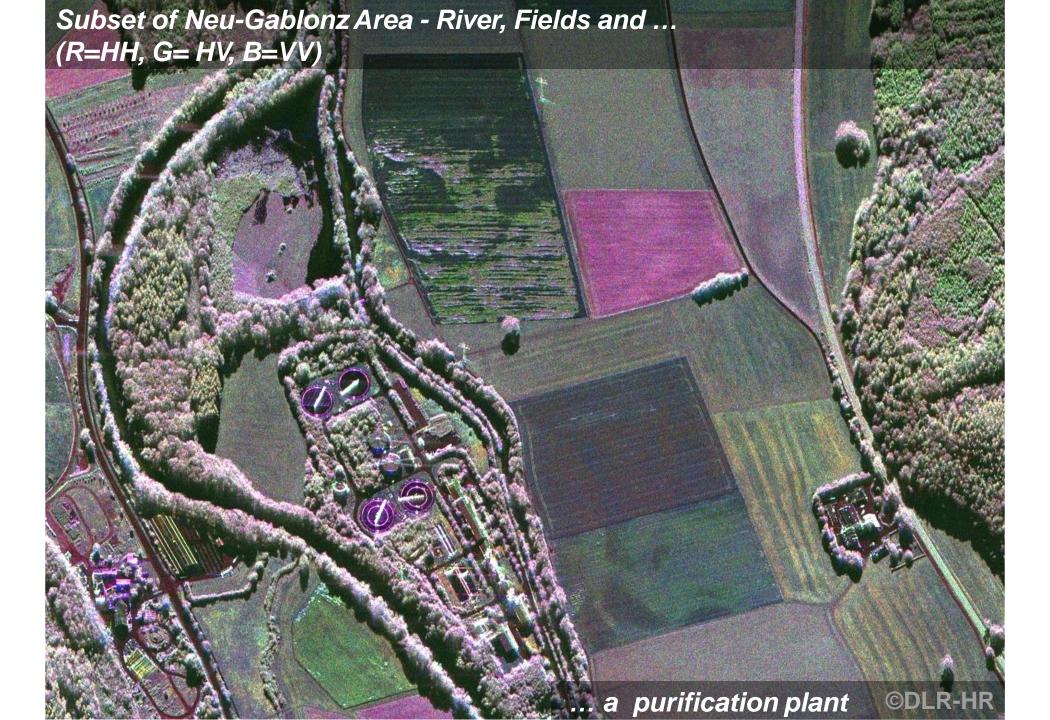
3-D distribution of scatterers

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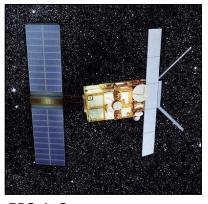
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Examples of satellite based radar sensors





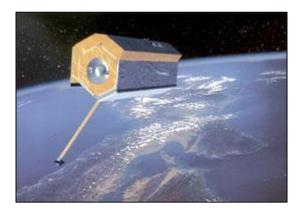




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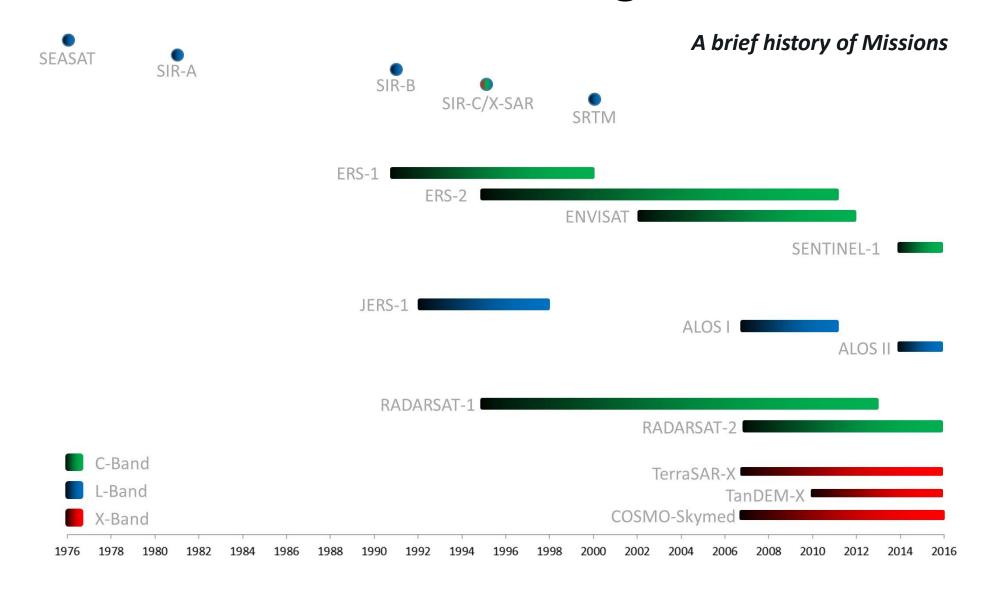




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Envisat (ASAR)

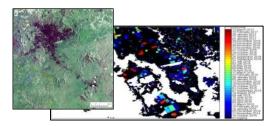
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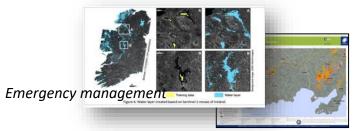
Sentinel-1 applications → ever increasing

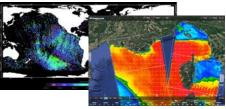


Maritime surveillance: oil spill monitoring, ship detection, illegal fisheries, etc.

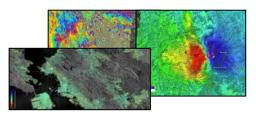


Land use, agriculture, forestry, logging, land classification, urban planning

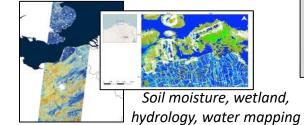


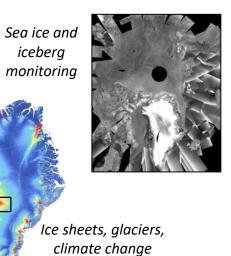


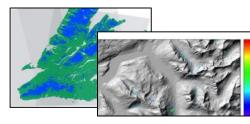
Sea state: wind, wave



Ground deformation: subsidence, landslides, earthquakes, volcanoes, infrastructure monitoring

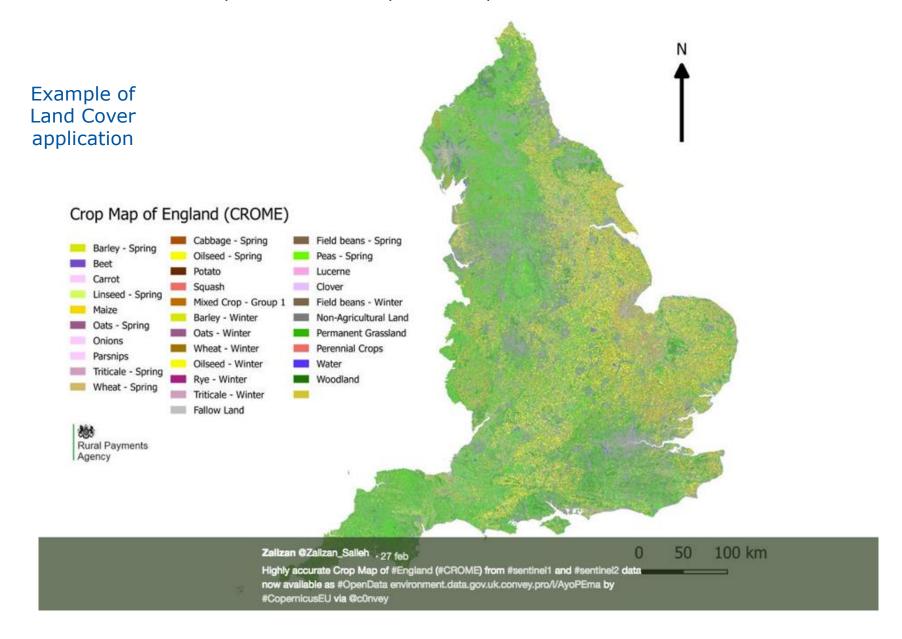






Snow, permafrost, avalanches,...

Example of UK map of crop classification





→ ESA Earth Observation Data Policy



- □ To stimulate a <u>balanced development</u> of Science, Public Utility and Commercial Applications, consistent with the mission's objectives
- □ To maximize the beneficial use of data from ESA EO satellites



ERS and Envisat



Earth Explorers



ESA Third Party Missions

ESA Data Policy

• Free datasets

(Free of charge; User registration and acceptance of ESA Terms & Conditions are required → Open access)

Restrained datasets

(Free of charge; User registration, submission of a "Project (Full) Proposal" and acceptance of the ESA Terms & Conditions are required, after its evaluation a quota will be assigned)

Data Policy of individual data providers

In some case, a reproduction cost (e.g. ALOS) or Specific Restrictions (limitations of quota, geographical restrictions, etc.) to the use of data may be applied for TPM

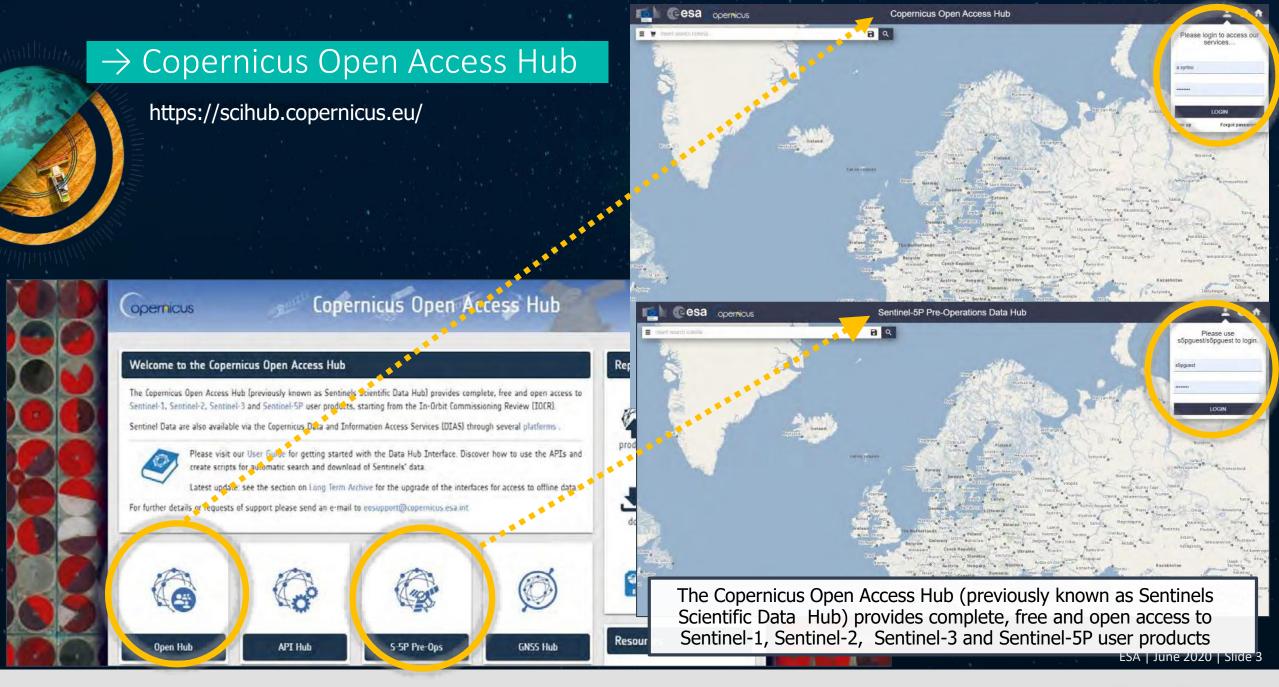
→ Where to access EO data

Free open source platforms

- Copernicus Open Access Hub
- Earth System Lab
- ESA Thematic Exploitation Platforms
- Alaska Satellite Facility
- Copernicus Global Land Service
- Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem
- Sentinel Data Access Service
- USGS Earth Explorer
- Sentinel Application Platform software
- Open Data Cube







→ Copernicus Open Access Hub



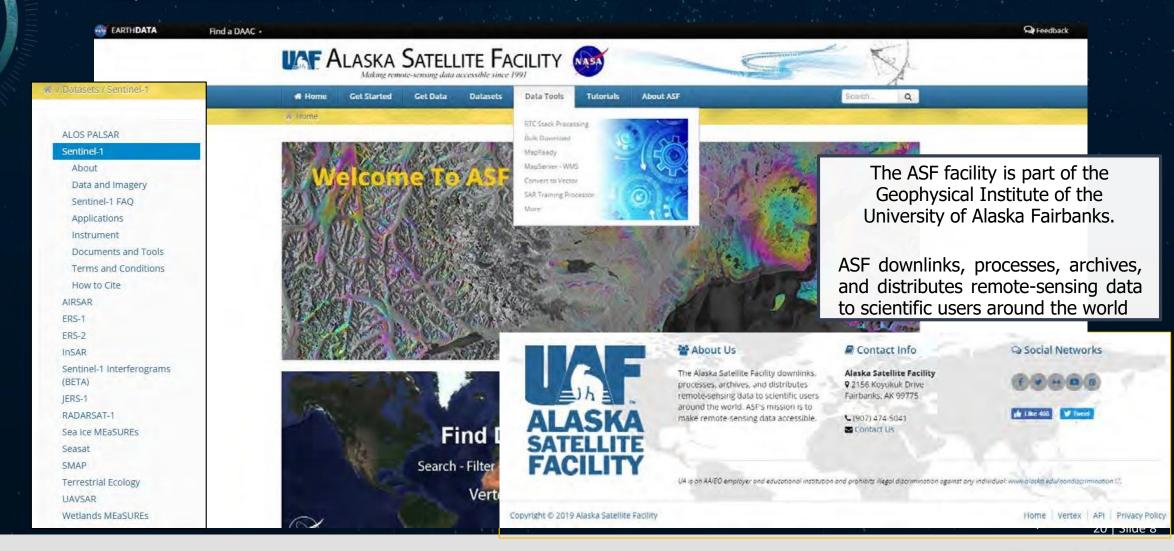
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→ Alaska Satellite Facility (ASF)

https://www.asf.alaska.edu/ https://www.asf.alaska.edu/asf-tutorials/data-recipes/



→ Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem

space solutions

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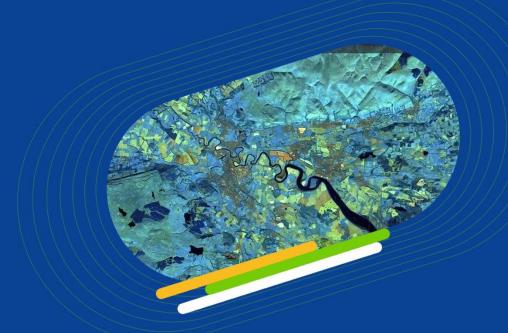


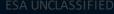
Easy data discovery, visualization and download

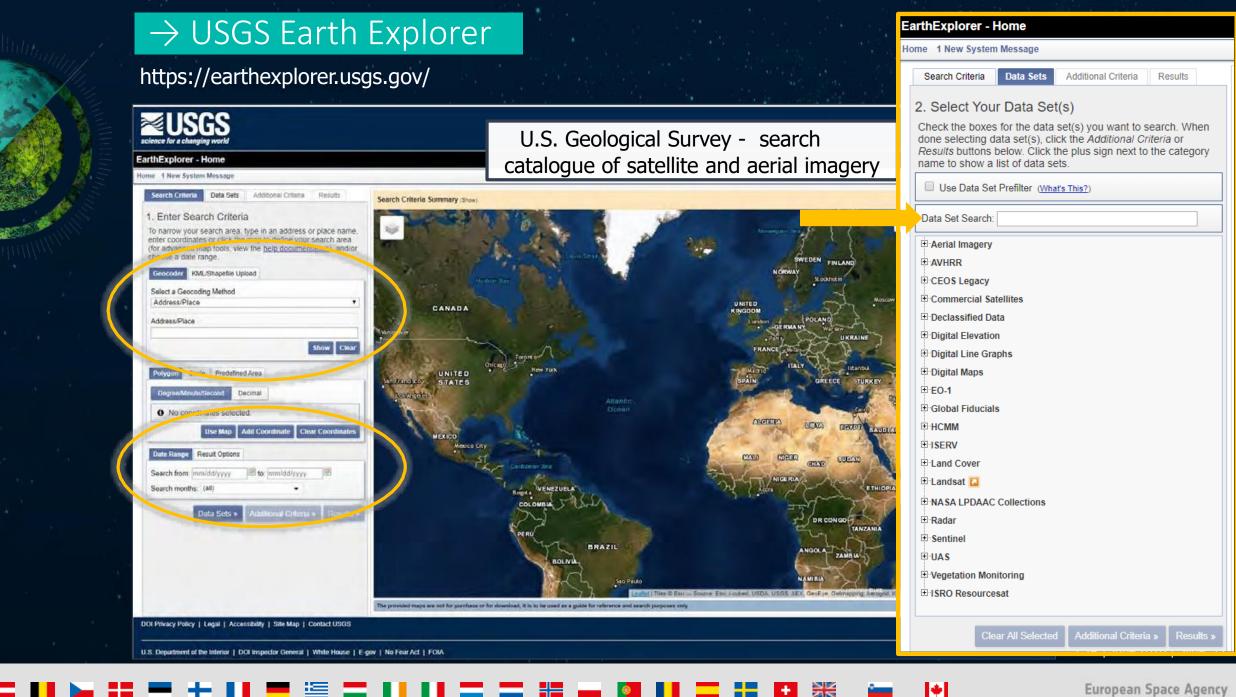
Explore and engage with satellite imagery, using our userfriendly and intuitive Copernicus Browser. The browser is open to all and easy to navigate. You can easily search, visualize and download satellite date, and much more.

Data catalogue:

Copernicus Sentinels Missions Copernicus Contributing Missions Federated data sets







→ SNAP (Sentinel Application Platform) software

http://step.esa.int/main/download/snap-download/

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science toolbox exploitation platform

THIRD PARTY PLUGINS DOCUMENTATION COMMUNITY SNAP Sentinel 1 Toolbox Sentinel 2 Toolbox Home > Third Party Plugins > Sen2Cor Sentinel-3 Toolbox SMOS Toolbox Sen2Cor Proba-V Toolbox PolSARpro Download Sen2Cor is a processor for Sentinel-2 Level 2A product generation and formatting; it performs the atmospheric-, terrain and cirrus correction of Top-Of- Atmosphere Level 1C Community input data. Sen2Cor creates Bottom-Of-Atmosphere, optionally terrain- and cirrus corrected Useful Links

SNAP is an open source common architecture for ESA toolboxes ideal for the exploitation of Earth observation data

Sen2Cor is a processor for Sentinel-2 Level 2A product generation and formatting; it performs the atmospheric, terrain and cirrus correction of Top-Of- Atmosphere Level 1C input

Senzon_vz.8 release contains new reatures and improvements respect to Senzon_vz.5.5.

<u>Sen2Cor v2.5.5</u> is the previous release and it is needed if the user intends to process old Sentinel-2 L1C data generated with the Products Specification Document older than 14.2 and not reprocessed by ESA.

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Useful Links

Home > Download > SNAP Download

SNAP Download

Here you can download the latest installers for SNAP and the Sentinel Toolboxes.

Data provision is available to all users via the Sentinel Data Hub.

Current Version

The current version is 7.0.0 (22.07.2019 13:30 UTC)

For detailed information about changes made for this release please have a look at the release notes of the different projects: SNAP_SITBN

We offer three different installers for your convenience. Choose the one from the following table which suits your needs. During the installation process, each toolbox can be excluded from the installation. Toolboxes which are not initially installed via the installer can be later downloaded and installed using the plugin manager. Please note that SNAP and the individual Sentinel Toolboxes also support numerous sensors other than Sentinel.

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If you later decide to install an additional toolbox to your installation you can follow this step-by-step guide.

We are happy to **get your feedback** on the software installation procedure, functionalities, encountered issues, etc on the <u>Forum</u>. You may also watch the <u>Blog</u> to be informed about SNAP news such as new software releases or interesting events.

Release Notes

SNAP, SITBX, S2TBX, S3TBX, SMOS Box, PROBA-V Toolbox

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Mapping Urban Areas from Spec



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Partially open-source EO platforms

- EO Browser Sentinel Hub
- DIAS Copernicus Data & Information Access Services
- Google Earth Engine
- Earth on AWS



























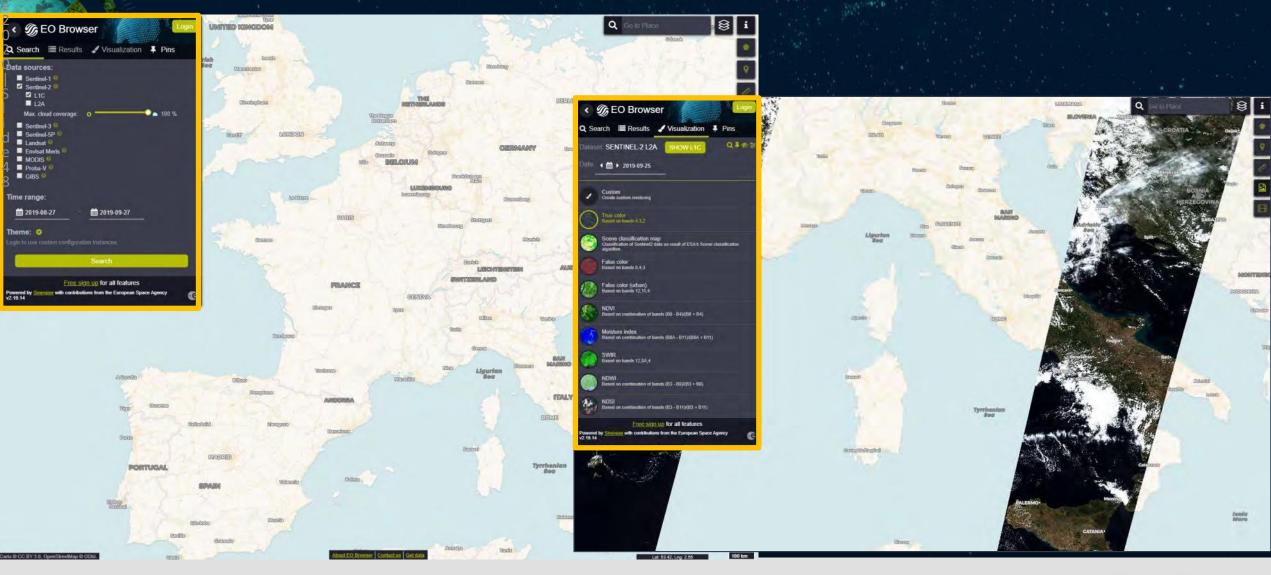






→ EO Browser - SENTINEL Hub

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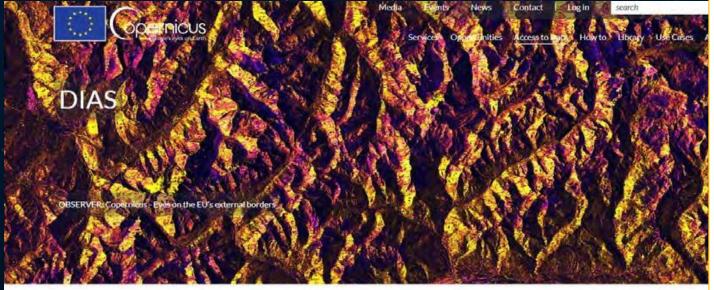


→ DIAS - Copernicus Data & Information Access Services



https://www.copernicus.eu/en/access-data/dias







THAS

Conventional Data Access Hubs

Access to Data > DIAS

DIAS

To facilitate and standardise access to data, the European Commissis centralised access to Copernicus data and information, as well as Information Access Services.

The five DIAS online platforms allow users to discover, manipulate, pro provide access to Copernicus Sentinel data, as well as to the Informacloud-based tools (open source and/or on a pay-per-use basis).

Each of the five competitive platforms also provides access to addition in terms of support or priority. Thanks to a single access point for the and host their own applications in the cloud, while removing the needs

DIAS online platforms allow users to discover, manipulate, process and download Copernicus Sentinel data and information products from Copernicus' six operational services, together with cloudbased tools (open source and/or on a pay-per-use basis)

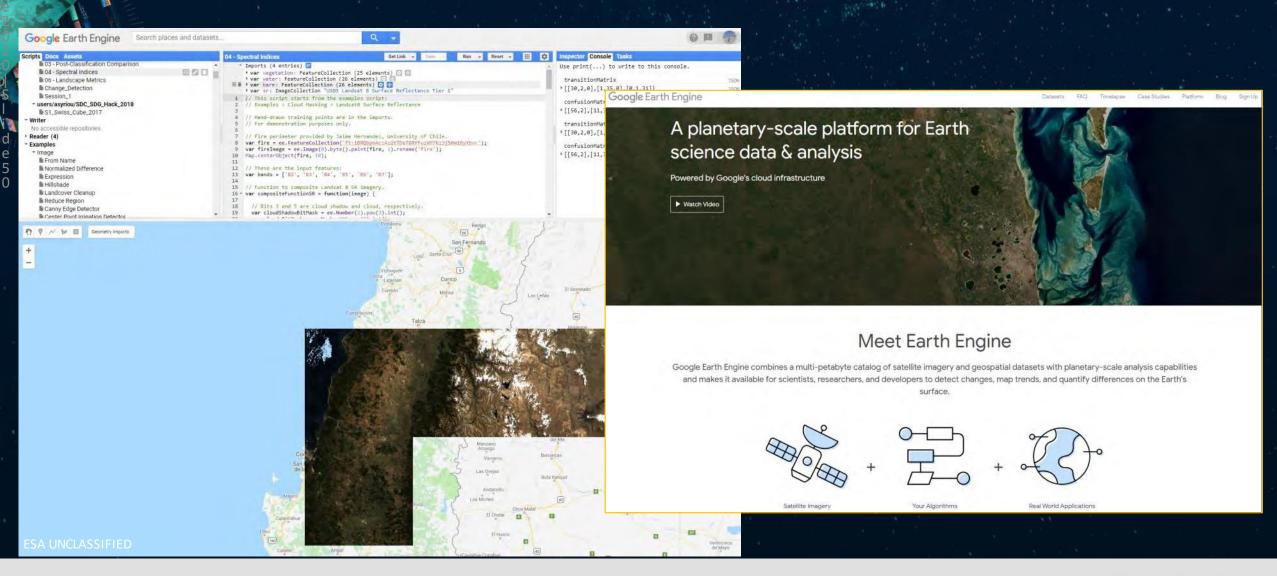
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and host their own applications in the cloud, while removing the need to download bulky files from several access points and process them locally.



→ Google Earth Engine

https://earthengine.google.com/platform/



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Commercial EO platforms

- DigitalGlobe / Maxar
- OneAtlas
- Planet platform
- e-Geos
- Decartes Labs



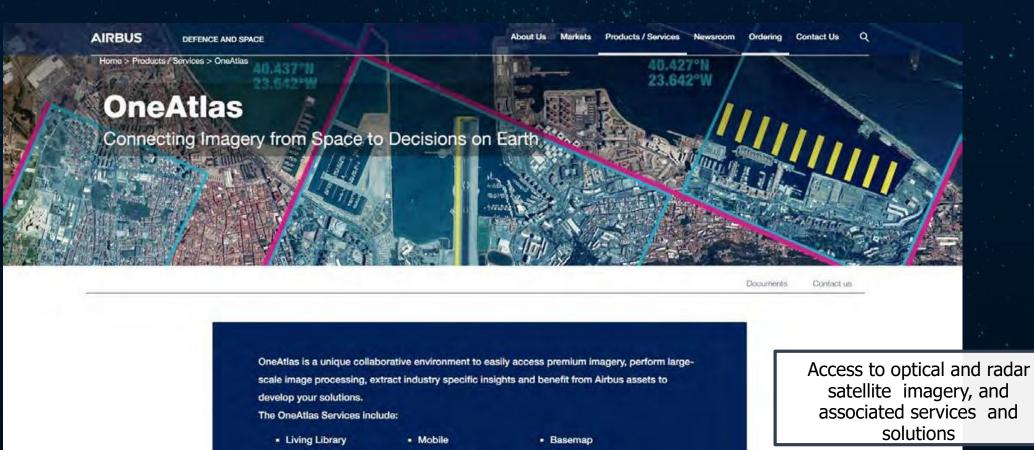


→ OneAtlas

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WorldDEM Streaming

Verde



Earth Monitor

 Ocean Finder Refinery Scanner

Change Detection

Starling



→ Planet Platform

https://www.planet.com/products/platform/



INTEGRATED AND BUILT FOR SCALE

Planet's fully-automated, cloud-based imagery platform downloads, processes, and man terabytes of data every day. Built for speed and affordability, our platform enables custom tools, ingest data, and run analytics at scale.

based imagery platform gives access to PlanetScope, RapidEye and SkySAT data



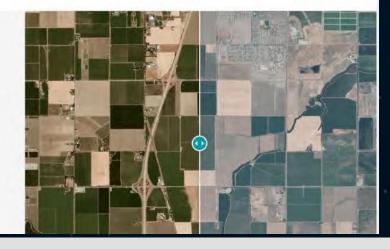




Fully-automated imagery processing

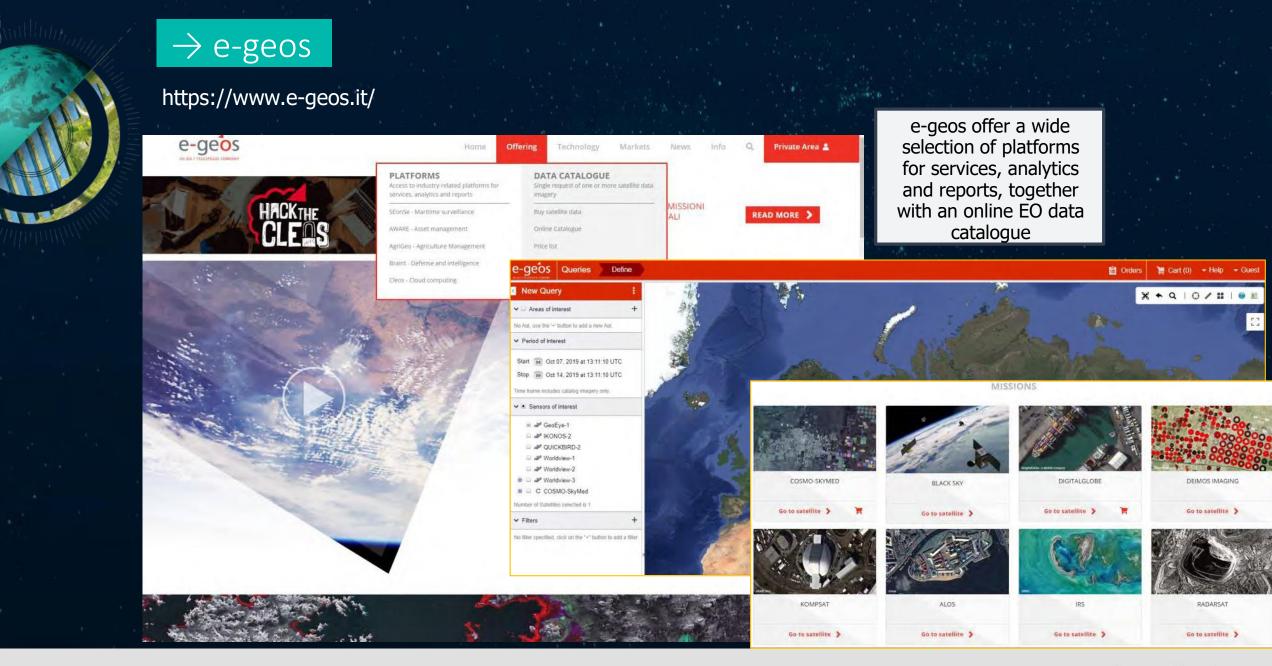
Planet's imagery pipeline corrects for a variety of factors and delivers analysis-ready data, without costly post-processing or manual intervention.

- Orthorectification removes collection geometry, pointing error, and terrain variability distortions
- Radiometric corrections correct for sensor artifacts and transformation to at-sensor radiance
- Top- and bottom-of-atmosphere corrections reduce spectral inconsistency across time and location



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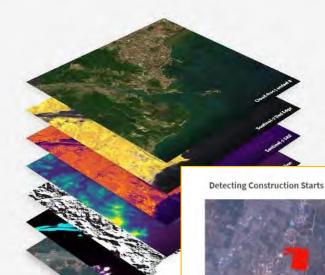
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A data refinery, built to understand our planet

Instant access to science-ready imagery and intelligence from multiple data sources.

Descartes Labs Platform collects data daily from public and commercial sources, cleans it, calibrates it, and stores it in an easy-to-access catalogue, ready for scientific analysis







developed a proprietary model that can identify new construction starts on the ground on a monthly basis, regardless of weather conditions. This model enables a real-time look at changes and trends impacting infrastructure growth.



leading high-resolution imagery, we built a model that first identifies field boundaries and then classifies which crops are growing within each field. With this optimized approach, field teams spend less time surveying ground data and more time focusing on business growth opportunities.

Wind Turbine Detection

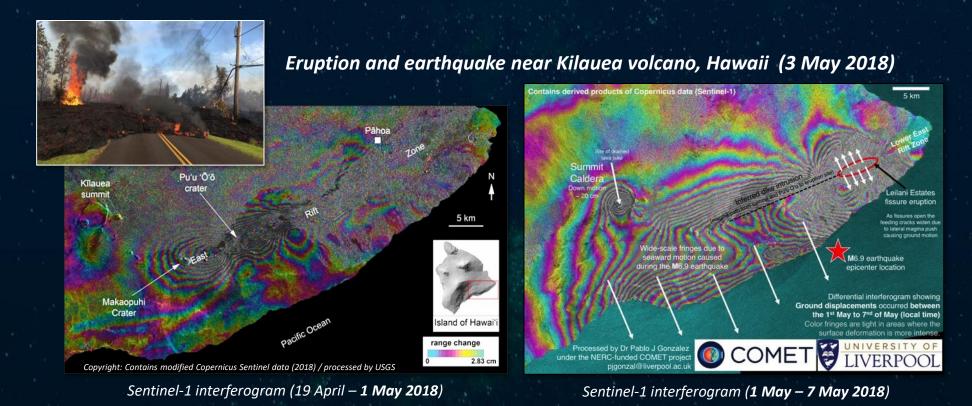


Using high-resolution Airbus imagery, we built a computer vision model that can assets worldwide in just a few hours. This solution automates analysis that would take a fleet of human analysts several months to complete.



Sentinel-1: a major tool for geophysicists





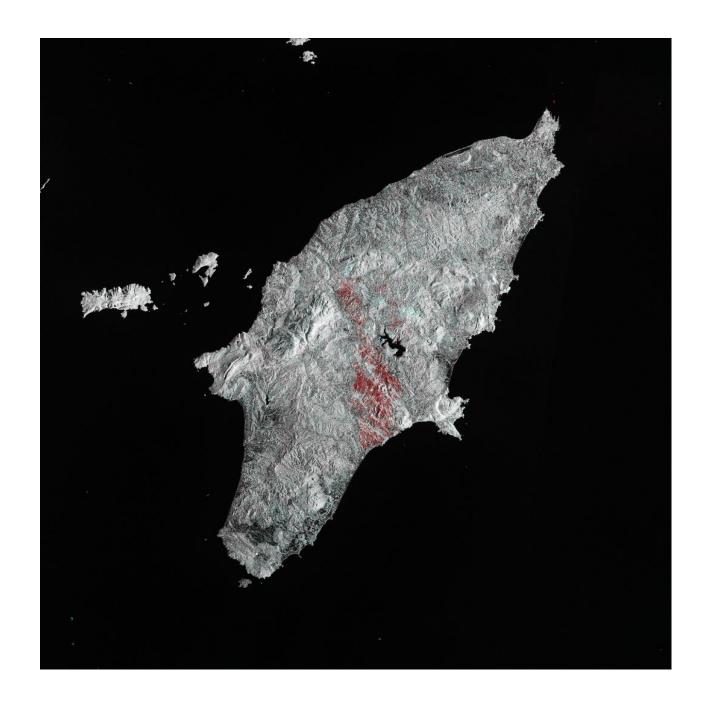
Deformation due to magmatic intrusion \rightarrow magma withdrawn from middle East Rift Zone and intruded beneath lower East Rift Zone.





PRACTICAL 1 SENTINEL-1 FOR MAPPING WILDFIRES

RHODES, GREECE (12 - 24 July)



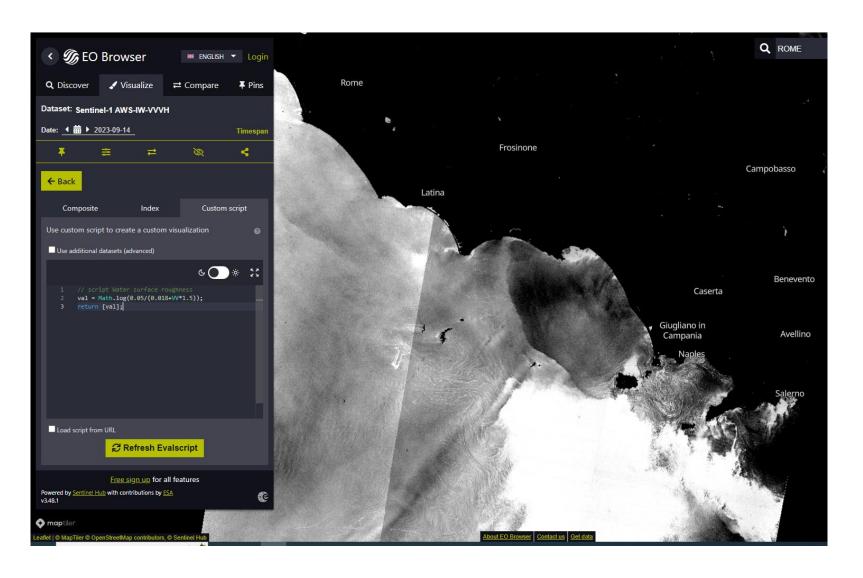
Between 18 and 28 July 2023, wildfires broke out on Rhodes. Fierce blazes ravaged almost 18,000 hectares of land, destroyed buildings, trapped animals and led to a mass evacuation of thousands of tourists.





PRACTICAL 2 SENTINEL-1 FOR MAPPING WATER SURFACE ROUGHNESS

ROME, ITALY (14 September 2023)



```
// script Water surface roughness
val = Math.log(0.05/(0.018+VV*1.5));
return [val];
```



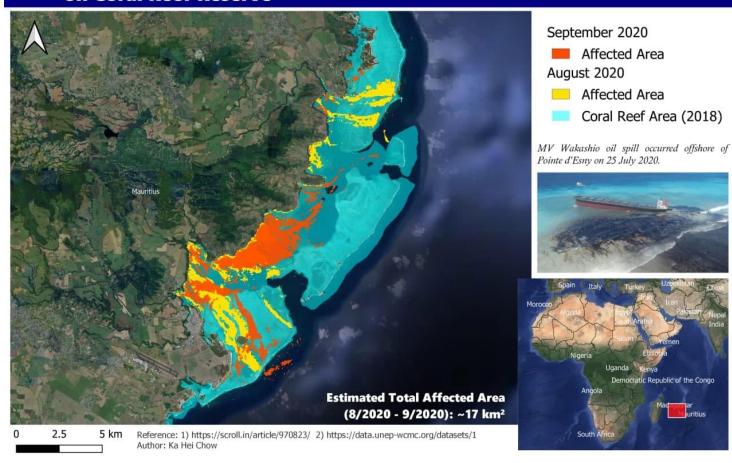


PRACTICAL 3 SENTINEL-1 FOR MAPPING OIL SPILL

Pointe d'Esny (29.7.2020 - 10.8.2020)

```
//Oil slicks and Red tide monitoring
//By TIZNEGAR Startup Co, www.tiznegar.com
//Dataset:Sentinel-1 AWS-IW-VVVH
var ORM = Math.log(0.01/(0.01+VV*2));
if (ORM < [ 0] && VV< [ 0.01]&& VH< [ 0.1]) {
   return colorBlend
    (ORM,
        [-1.6, -1.2, -.8, -.4, -.2, 0],
    [0,0,.1],
    [0,0,.8],
    [1,0,0],
    [1,.5,.2],
    [1,.8,.2],
    [1,1,.4],
    [.5,.8,.3],
else {
 return [2.5*VV, 2.5*VV, 2.5*VV]
```

The Disastrous Impact of MV Wakashio Oil Spill on Coral Reef Reserve













Thank you for the attention





































