

Observing Earth From Space:

Earth Observation Data Across the Copernicus Landscape





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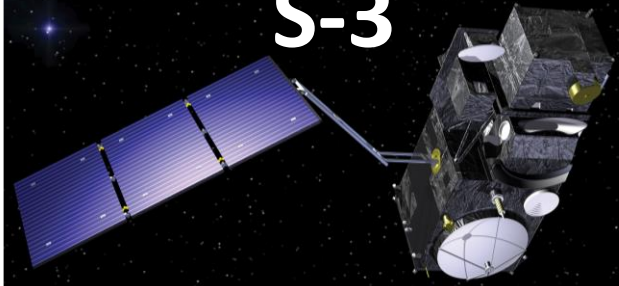
- Active sensor.
- Radar!
- Max ~10 m spatial resolution.
- Terrestrial mission with marine applications.
- Level 1 data, Level 2 products.

S-2



- Passive sensor.
- Optical!
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- Level 1C and Level 2 data.

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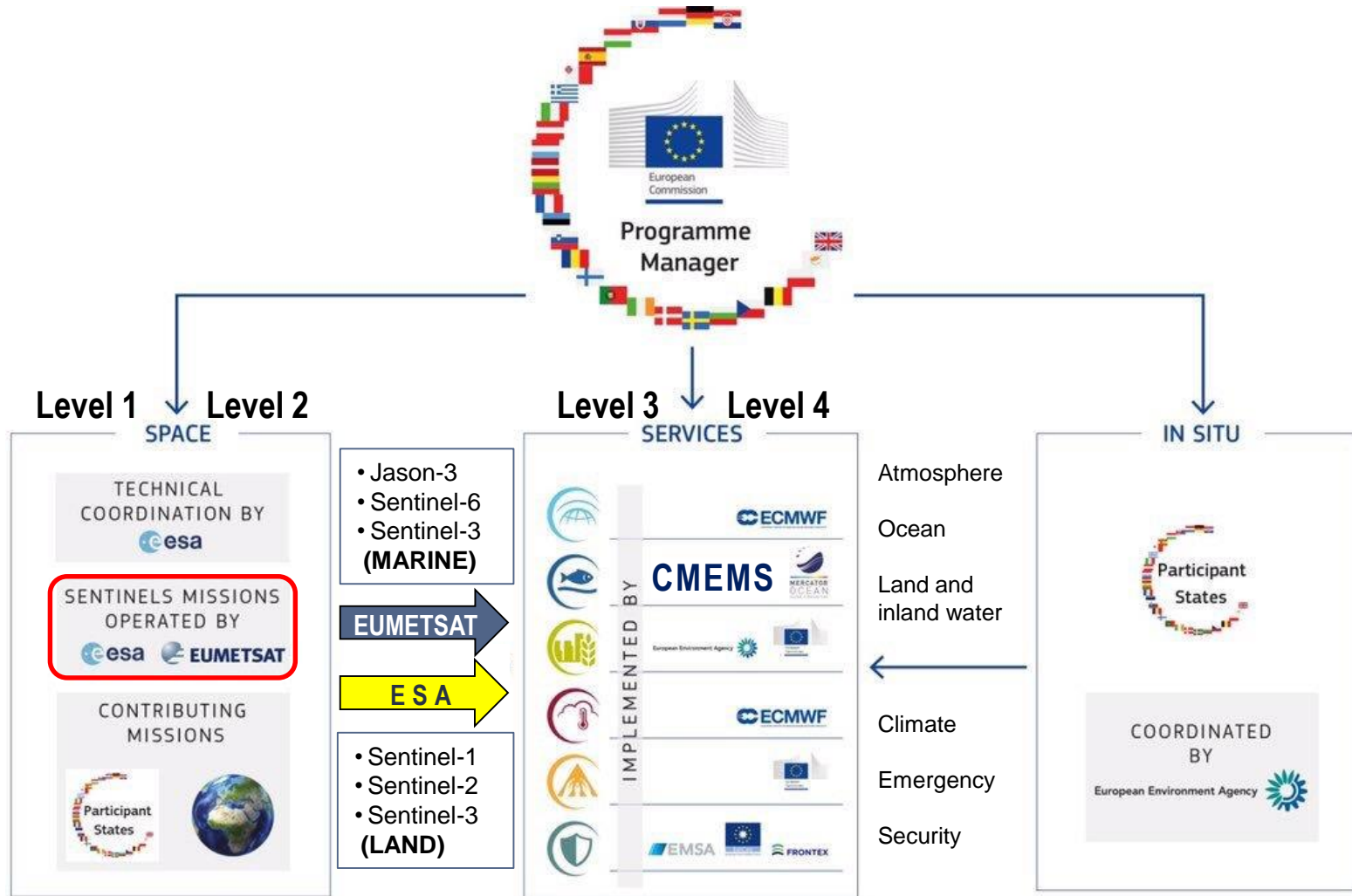


- Mix of passive and active sensors.
- Optical, IR plus radar.
- Best 300 m spatial resolution.
- Primarily marine mission.
- Level 1 data and level 2 data and products.

Copernicus Programme:

- Copernicus is funded and managed by the **European Commission**.
- It has three segments shared by ESA & EUMETSAT:
 1. Space
 2. Services
 3. In situ







- Sentinel-1A was launched on 3 April 2014, and Sentinel-1B was launched on 25 April 2016.
- Both carry a C-band synthetic-aperture radar instrument, which is an **active** sensor capable of collecting data in most weather, day or night – backscatter.



2011-Aug-31 23:31:02 UTC

Thu 1-Sep Fri 2-Sep Sat 3-Sep Sun 4-Sep

Lat :

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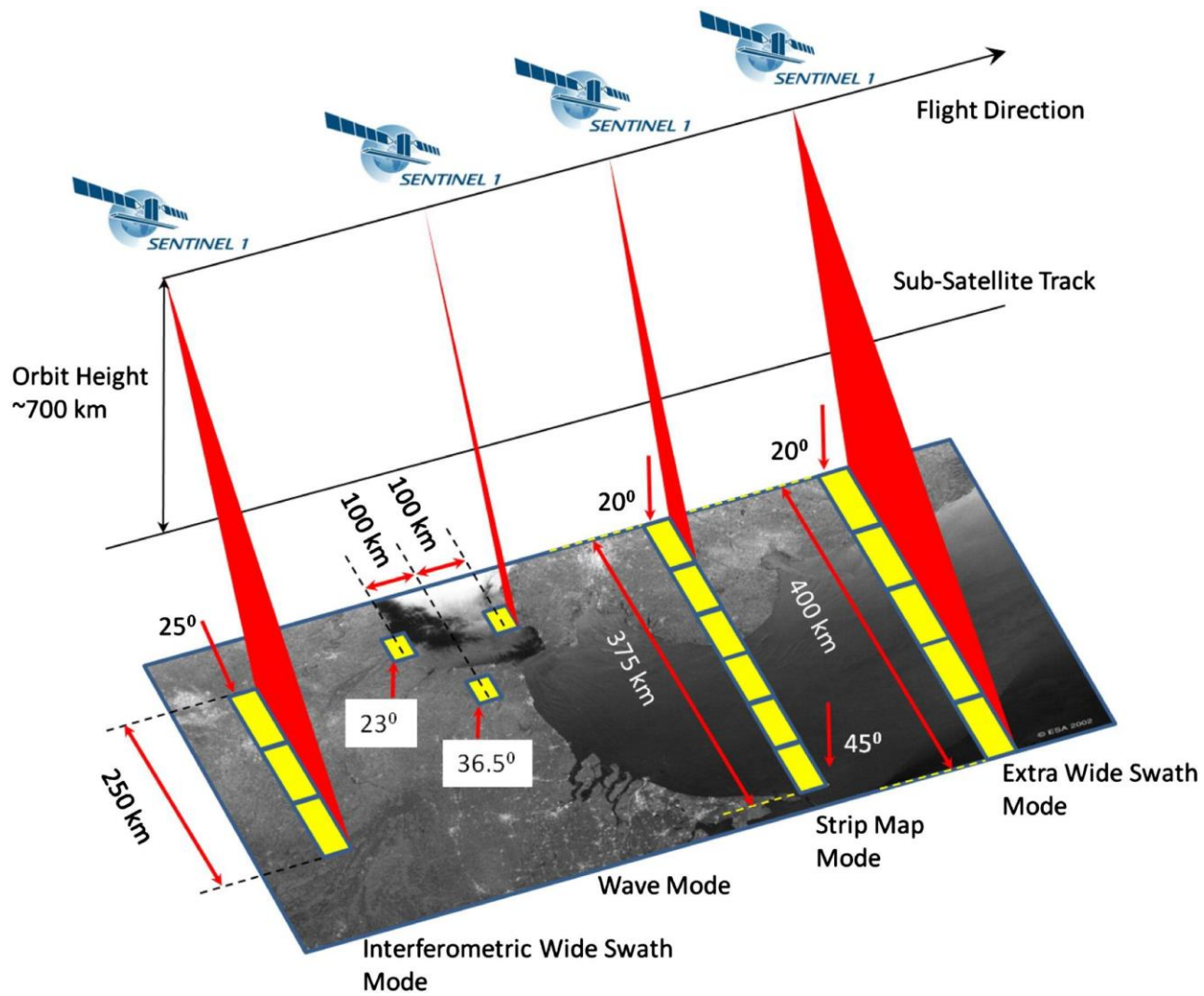


+ Sentinel-1A



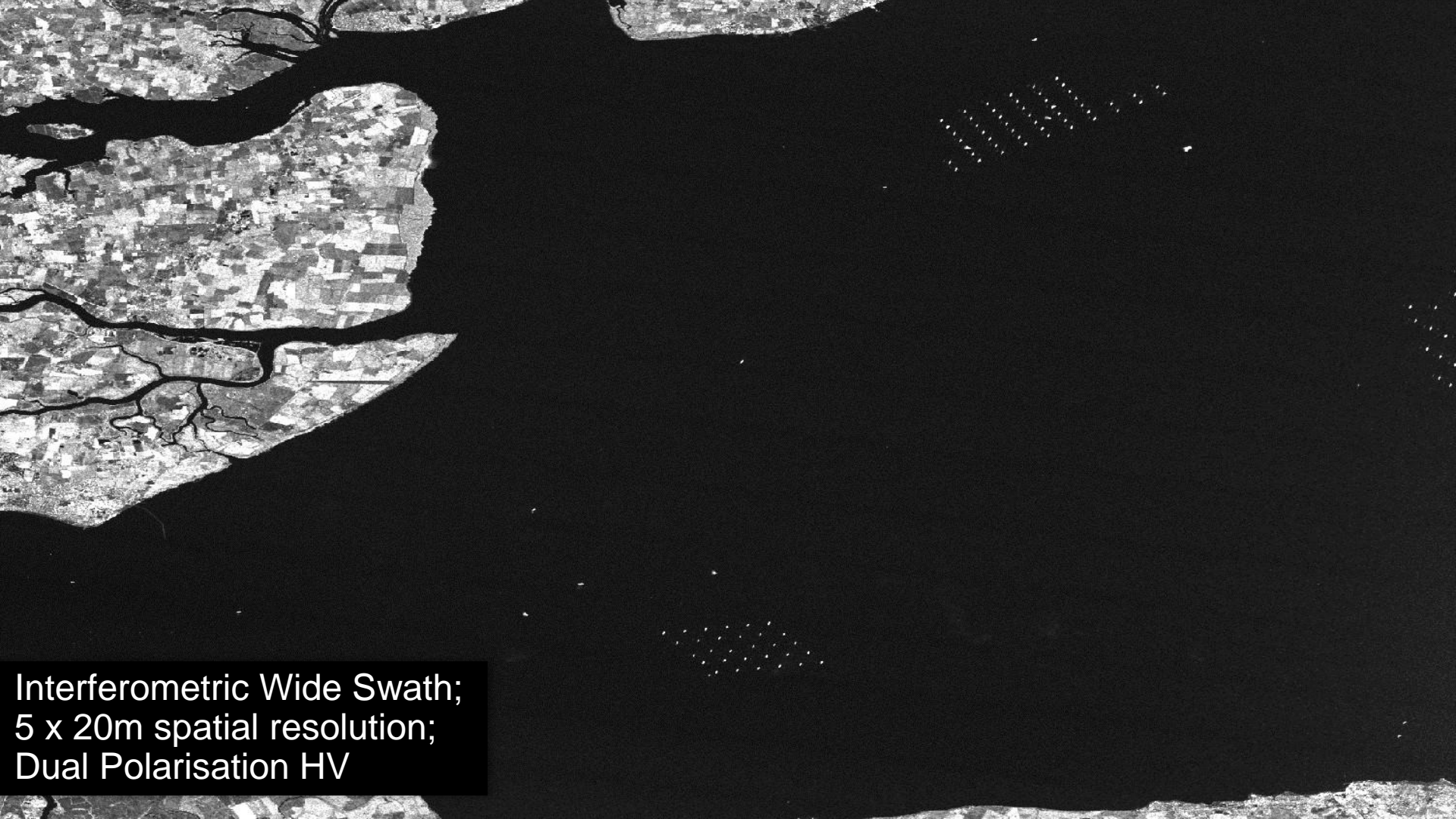
Sentinel-1 operates in four acquisition modes:

1. Stripmap (SM) mode acquires data with an 80 km swath at slightly better than 5 m x 5 m spatial resolution (single look) - used to image small islands and in exceptional cases only, to support emergency response.
2. Interferometric Wide swath (IW) mode acquires data with a 250 km swath at 5 m x 20 m spatial resolution (single look) - main acquisition over land.
3. Extra-Wide swath (EW) mode acquires data over a 400 km swath at 20 m x 40 m spatial resolution - primarily used over the poles to **measure ice**, but also over maritime zones for oil spill monitoring and security services.
4. Wave (WV) mode uses a 'leap-frog' acquisition pattern to acquire data in 20 km by 20 km 'vignettes', at 5 m by 5 m spatial resolution every 100 km along the orbit - default mode for acquiring data over the open ocean.



Sentinel-1 for marine monitoring:

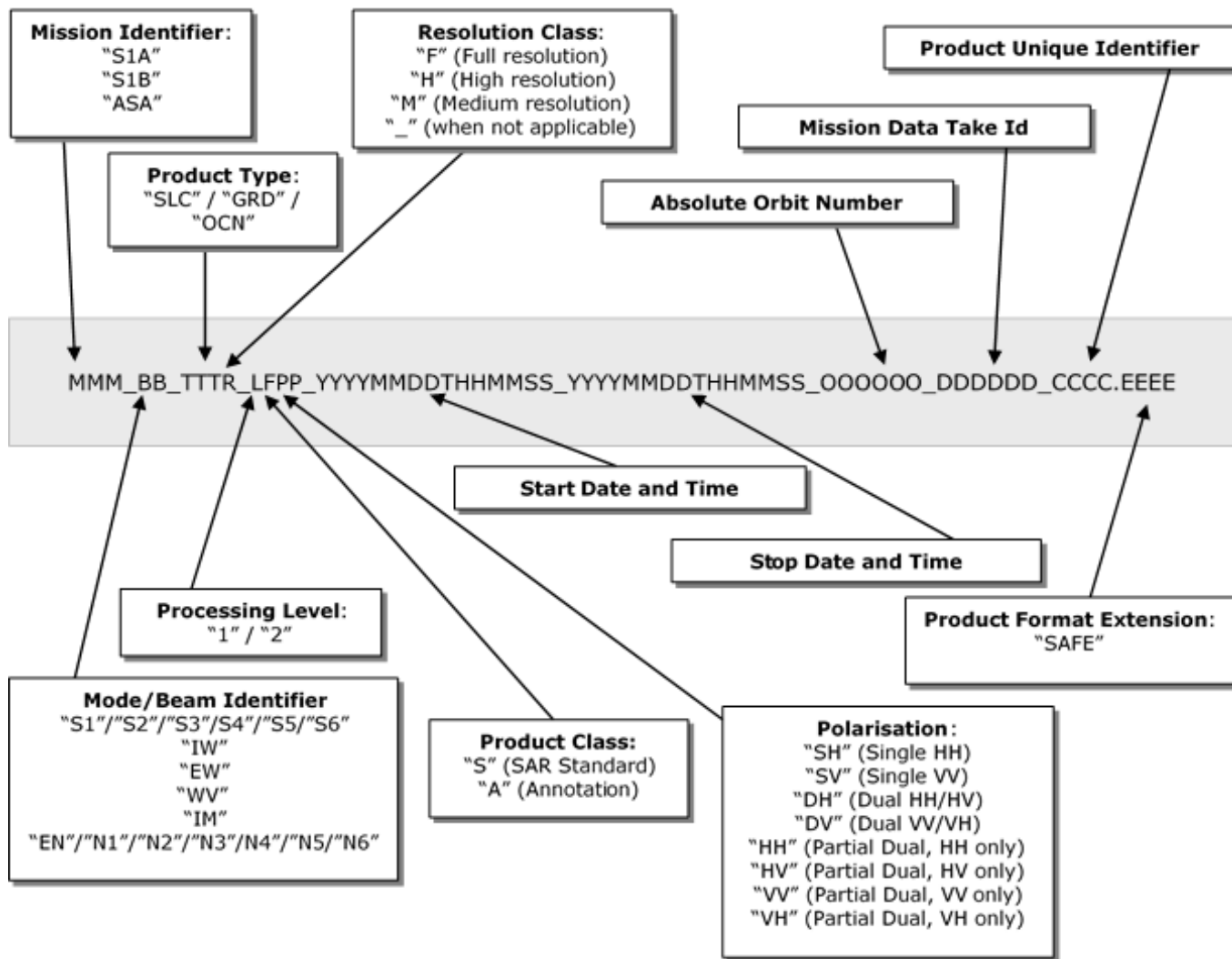
- Vessel detection and monitoring – objects including boats, rigs, and turbines are bright spots on a dark background.
- Oil spill detection and polluter identification – illegal discharges of oil are visible in SAR imagery.
- Wind / wave information – vital for maritime safety and rescue operations, measurements can be extracted directly from SAR surface roughness.
- Sea-ice and iceberg monitoring – covers safety of shipping / offshore operations, climate monitoring.



Interferometric Wide Swath;
5 x 20m spatial resolution;
Dual Polarisation HV



Interferometric Wide Swath;
5 x 20m spatial resolution;
Single Polarisation VV



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Rafts of pumice

An aerial photograph showing a large, dark, irregularly shaped mass of pumice rafts floating in the water. A white arrow points from the text 'Rafts of pumice' to this mass. In the lower right, a small, bright, circular island is visible, identified as Late Island, Tonga.

Late Island,
Tonga

sentinel-2

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Sentinel-2 Multispectral Instrument (MSI)

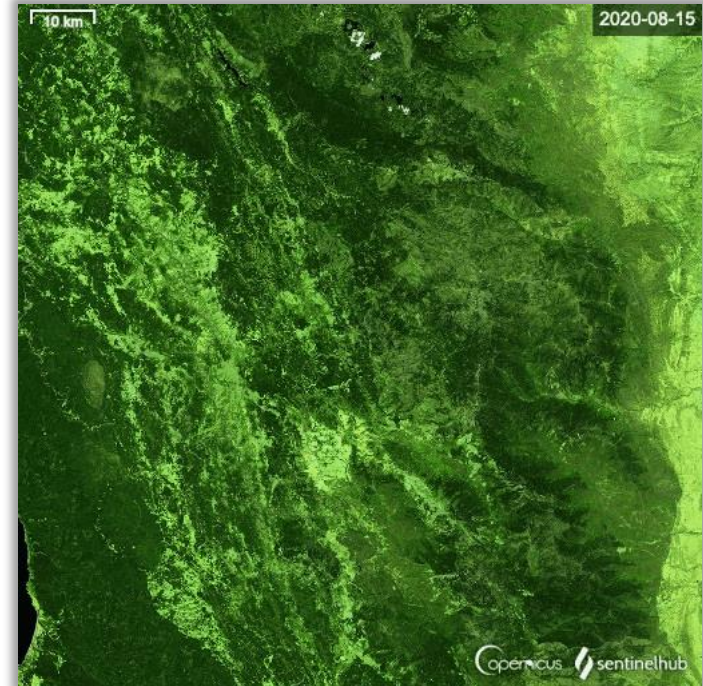
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Sentinel-2 MSI

- Sentinel-2 mostly a terrestrial focused mission with priorities around land monitoring, land cover classification, security and emergency management.
- The MSI is sensor not ideal for marine applications:
 - few, wide bands
 - low signal to noise ratio.

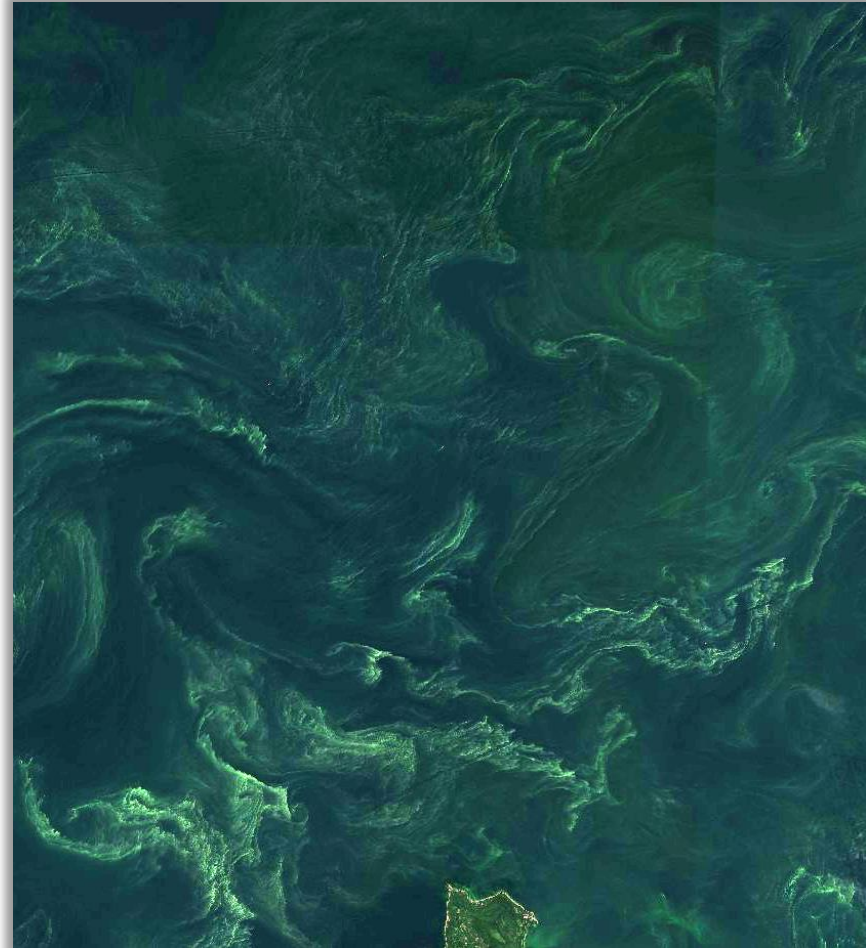


MSI False Colour: SWIR2, SWIR1, Red

Sentinel-2 MSI

Despite this, Sentinel-2 is useful for monitoring the coastal environment, including for:

- Observing blooms
- Monitoring water quality
- Retrieving measures of turbidity
- Detecting floating debris





Cagnes-sur-Mer

Baie des Anges

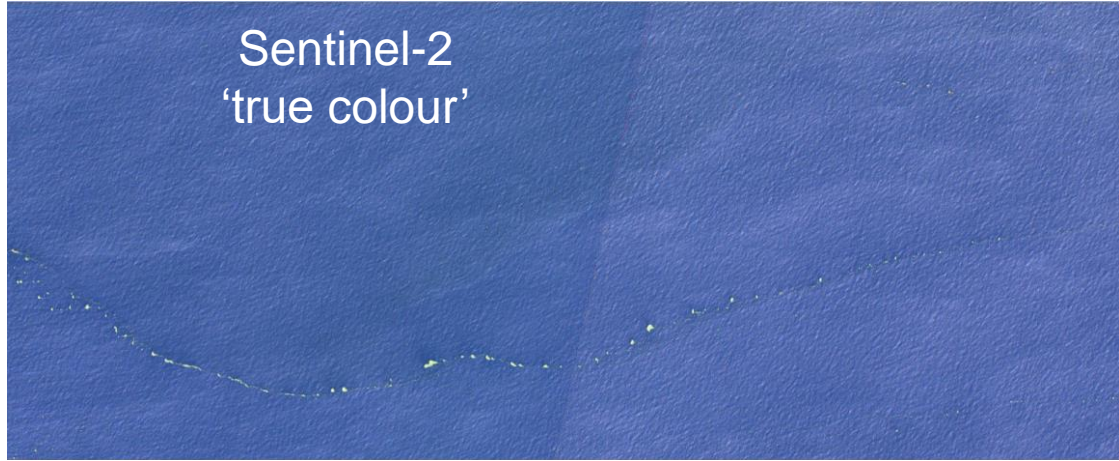
NNE

Macroalgae

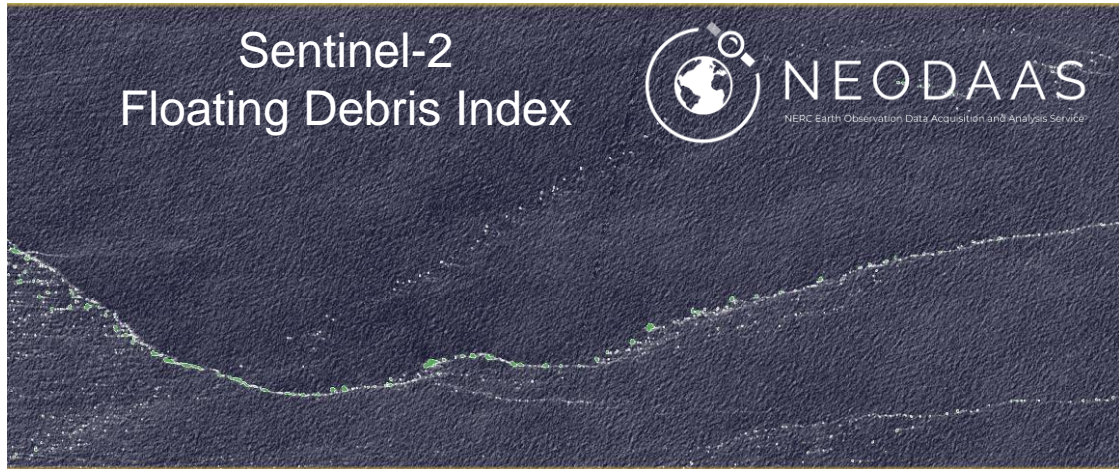
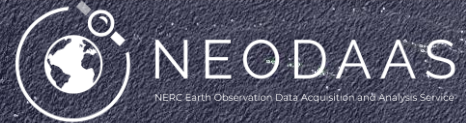


- Sargassum seaweed is increasingly widespread.
- Floating 'rafts' can be up to seven meters deep.

Sentinel-2
'true colour'



Sentinel-2
Floating Debris Index



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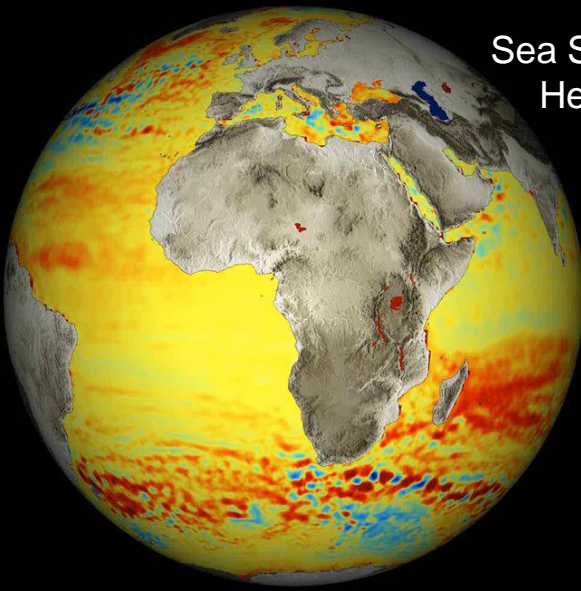
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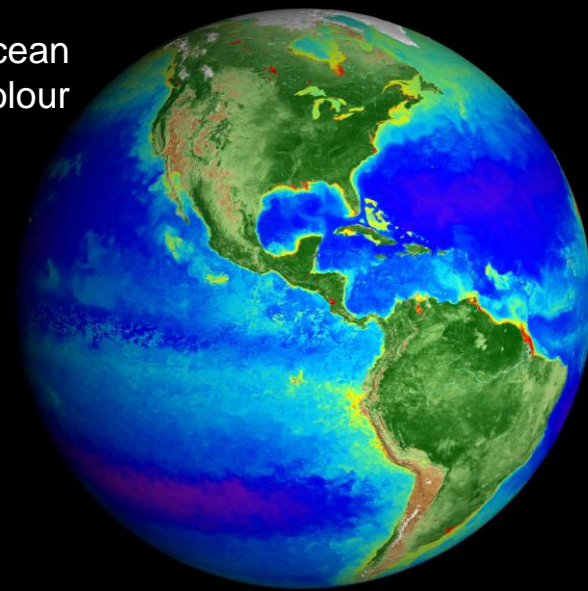
Sentinel-3: Marine

- Sentinel-3 is the '**Blue Sentinel**' thanks to its suite of ocean observing instruments.
 1. The mission's main objective is to deliver sea-surface topography, sea-surface temperature and ocean colour.
 2. Two-day global coverage of optical data (constellation).

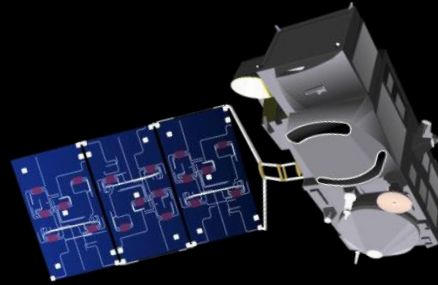
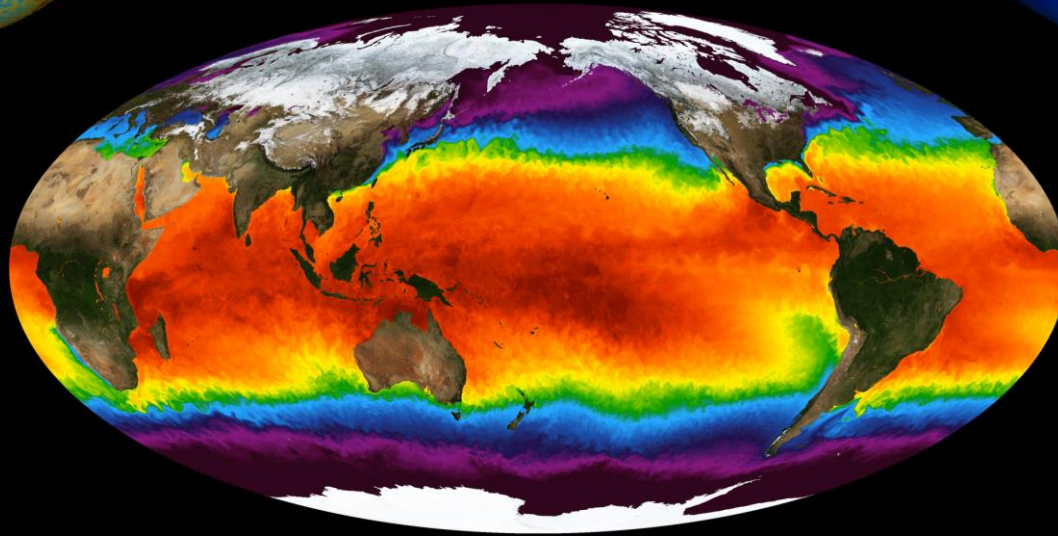
Sea Surface
Height



Ocean
Colour

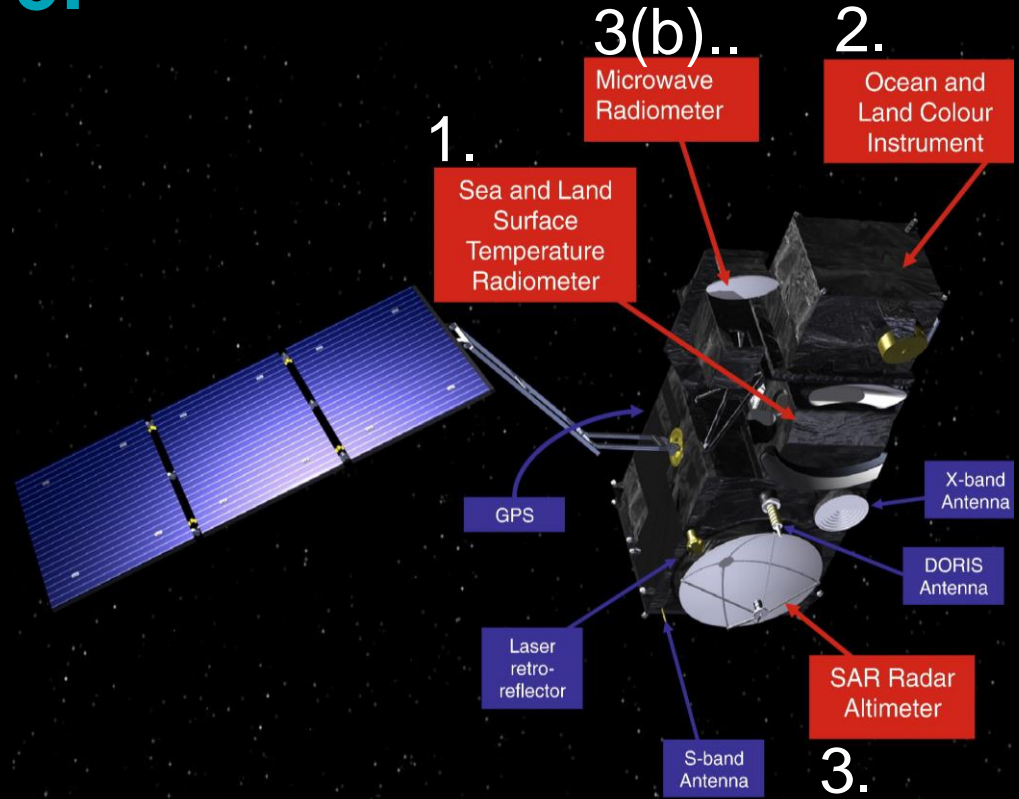


Sea Surface
Temperature



EUMETSAT Sentinel-3:

- Sentinel-3 has 3 EO data sensors:
 1. SLSTR (SST)
 2. OLCI (Ocean Colour)
 3. SRAL (Altimetry)
- Sentinel-3A launched Feb 2016 and Sentinel-3B launched April 2018.
- EUMETSAT Marine Centre operates Sentinel-3 satellites.
- Also conducts marine data processing and dissemination.

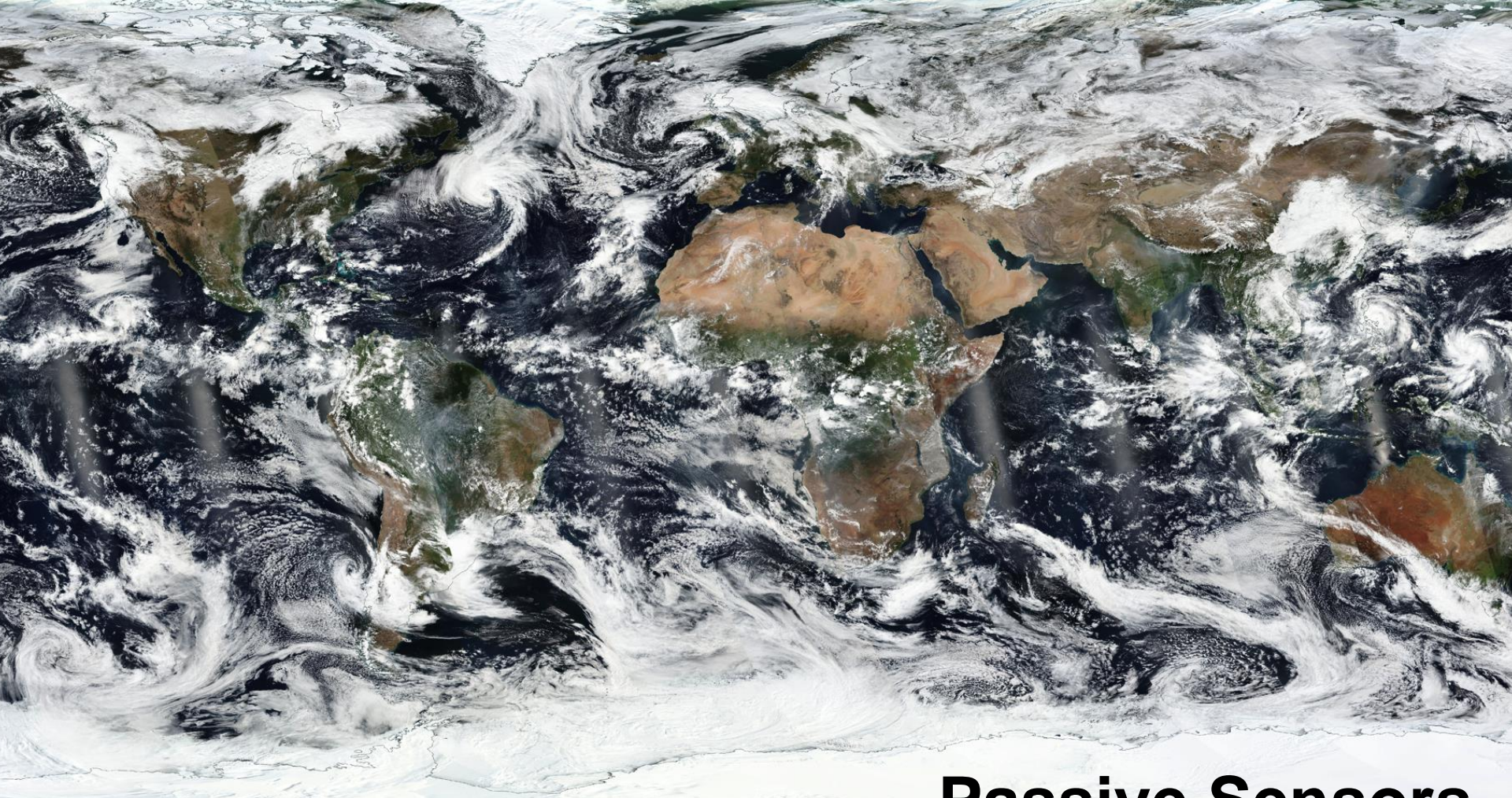


- Spectral resolution: 21 spectral bands from visible into SWIR.
- Good Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) for ocean applications.
- Push-broom imaging spectrometer with 5 cameras.

OLCI

ocean colour Instrument:

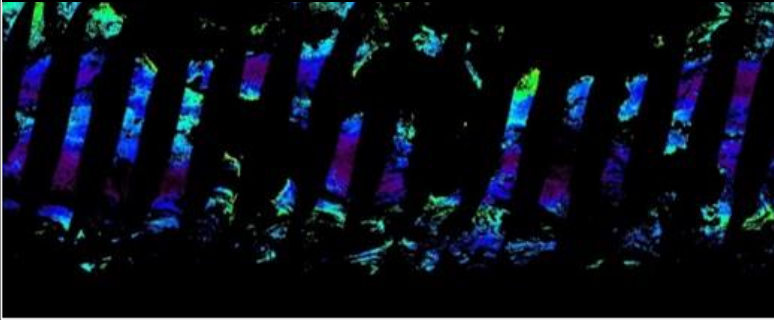
- Swath width: 1 270 km.
- Spatial resolution: 300m full resolution (FR) granules, 1km reduced resolution (RR).



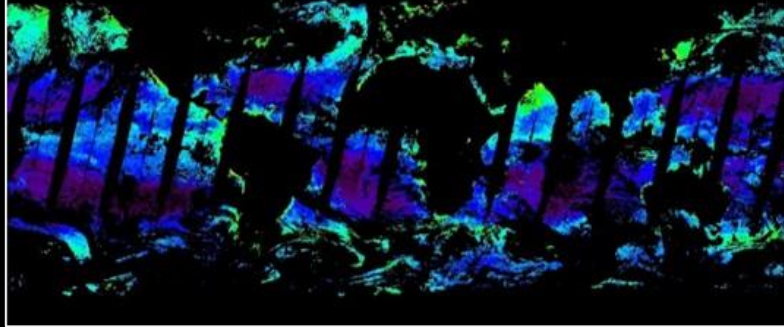
Passive Sensors

The Sentinel-3A & S-3B constellation:

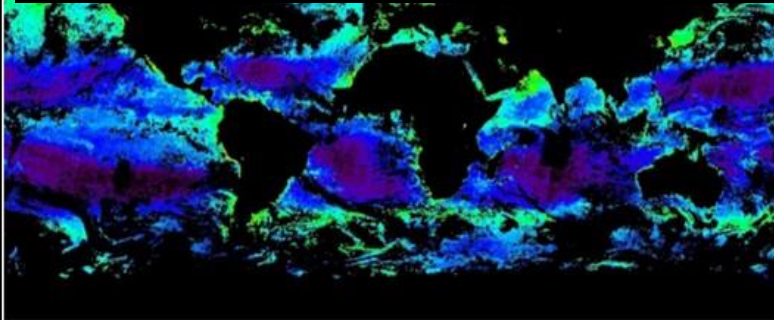
Sentinel-3A only – 1 day OLCI



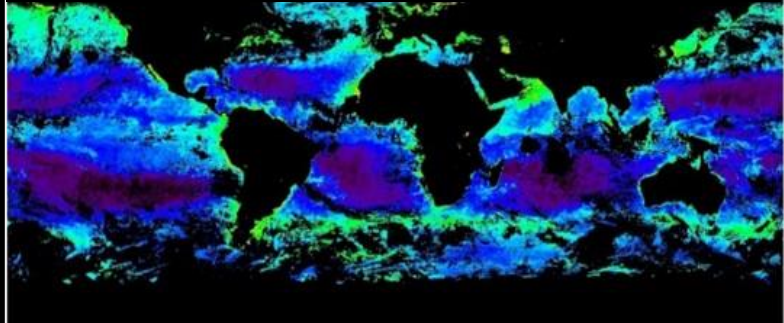
S-3A plus S-3B – 1 day OLCI



S-3A + S-3B – 2 day OLCI

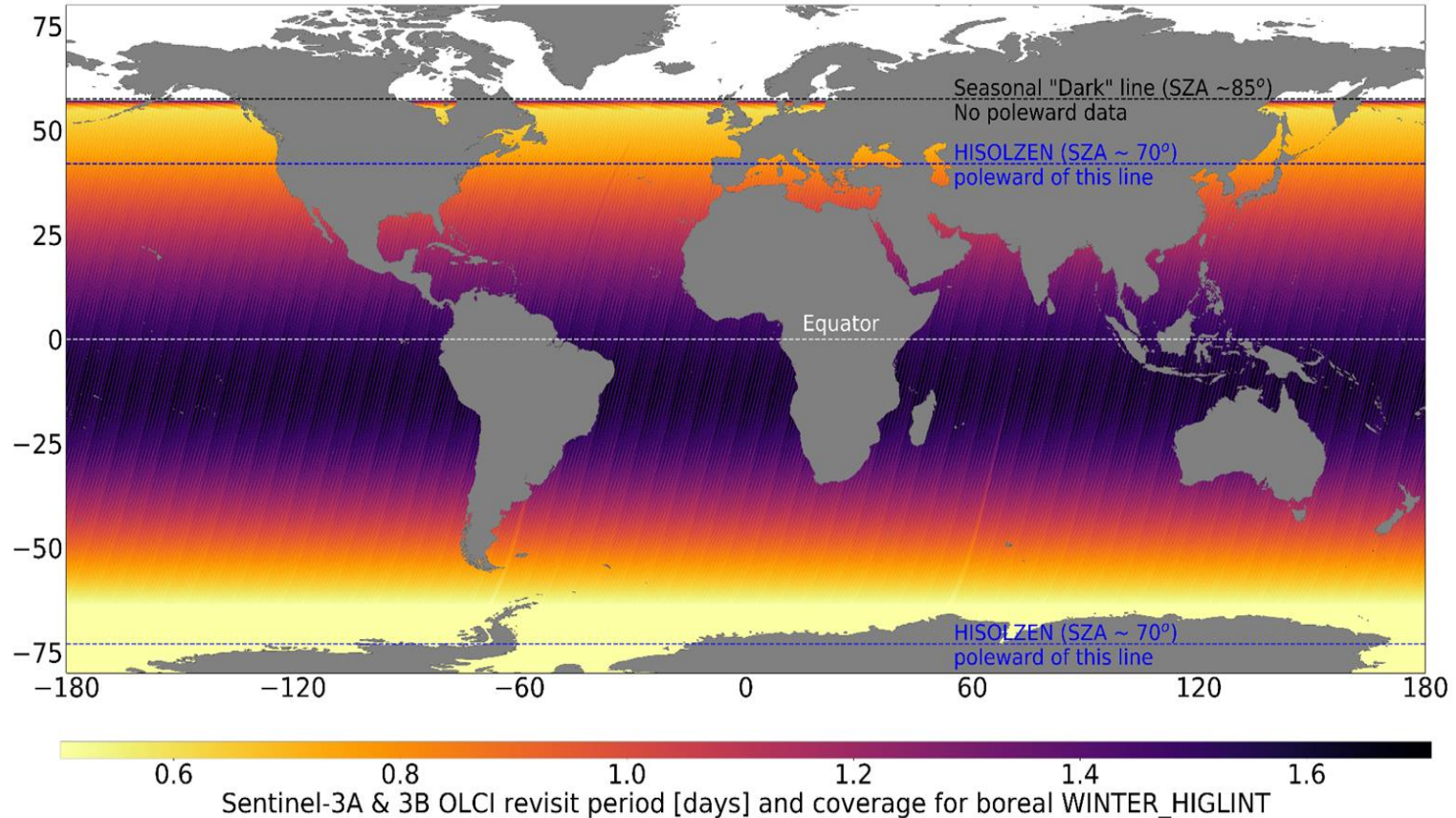


S-3A + S-3B – 3 day OLCI



Coverage maps:

Ocean Colour Sentinel-3A and S-3B (NH winter)



EUMETSAT Copernicus Marine Data Service

Global Level 1 and Marine Level 2 data

- Daily, highest resolution (sensor specific, native)
- NRT/STC/NTC
- Level 1 allows for the user to implement custom processing
- Level 2 - geophysical products provided as standard

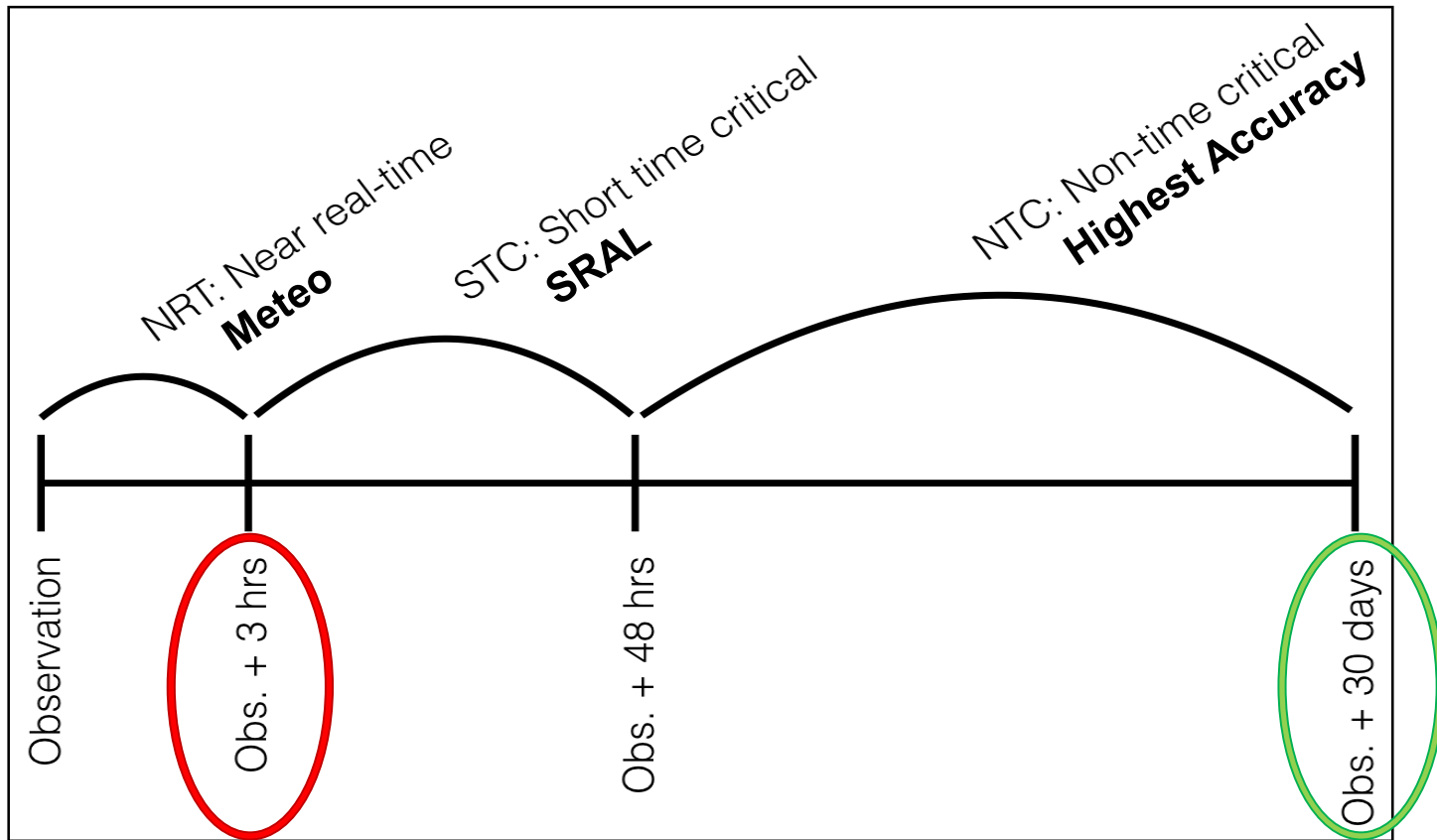


Processing Levels

Processing Level	Description
Level 0	Reconstructed, unprocessed instrument and payload data at full resolution, with communications artefacts removed.
Level 1	Reconstructed, unprocessed instrument data at full resolution, time-referenced, and annotated with ancillary information.
Level 2	Derived geophysical variables at the same resolution and location as Level 1 source data. Often involves atmospheric correction.
Level 3	Variables mapped on uniform space-time grid scales, usually with some completeness and consistency. Except topography (L4)
Level 4	Model output or results from analyses of lower-level data (e.g., variables derived from multiple measurements).

NOTE: There are differences in how parts of the remote sensing community define processing levels.

Timeliness



File formats for EUMETSAT Copernicus marine data

SAFE Format: Folder with NetCDF data files and manifest

MMM_SS_L_TTTTTT_YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS_YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS__YYYYMMD
DTHHMMSS_<instance ID>_GGG_<class id>.<extension>

MMM Mission ID (e.g. S3A for Sentinel-3A)

SS Data Source (e.g. OL/SL/SR for OLCI/SLSTR/SRAL)

L Processing level (e.g. 0/1/2 or '_' if not applicable)

TTTTTT Data type ID. -> OLCI, L1: EFR__ ERR__ L2: WFR__ WRR__

-> SLSTR, L1: RBT__, L2: WST__

-> SRAL: L1: SRA__, SRA_A_, SRA_BS, L2: WAT__

YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS Sensing period start time

YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS Sensing period stop time

YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS Product creation date

<instance ID> DDDD_CCC_LLL_FFFF_ where DDDD is the sensing time interval (in seconds) CCC is the cycle number and LLL is the relative orbit number, FFFF frame along-track coordinate (only for frames/granules)

Product generating center (e.g. MAR for MARINE, EUMETSAT)

GGG Indicates processing system. e.g. X_YY_NNN

<class id> XX: software platform, O/F/D/R: operational/reference/dev/reprocessing)

YY: timeliness (NR/NT/ST: for NRT, NTC and STC)

NNN: baseline collection (001).

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<extension>

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Data Access:

Single sign on registration for all online services at <https://eoportal.eumetsat.int>

	EUMETView eumetview.eumetsat.int	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get a quick look at recent coverage from the Sentinel 3 instruments, download image files, and make animations.
	CODA coda.eumetsat.int	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Download service offers all the recently acquired Sentinel-3 marine and atmospheric products through a rolling dataset that (at a maximum) spans 12 months.• A separate instance of CODA exists for reprocessed data at codarep.eumetsat.int
	Data Centre Long-Term Archive archive.eumetsat.int	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordering application that enables users to browse and select products from EUMETSAT's long-term archive• Includes all the Copernicus Sentinel-3 marine and atmospheric products.
	EUMETCAST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EUMETCast is a multi-service push dissemination system based on multicast technology.• The multicast stream is transported to the user via satellite or terrestrial networks.
	WEkEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WEkEO is one of the Copernicus Data Information and Access Services (DIAS), and is coordinated by EUMETSAT, ECMWF and Mercator Ocean.• It is currently open for beta testing here: https://www.wekeo.eu/

More information!

Detailed information is available through the EUMETSAT dedicated Sentinel-3 web pages:

- ✓ Product Handbooks
- ✓ Algorithm Theoretical Basis Documents
- ✓ Product notices

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Sentinel-3 is a dedicated Copernicus satellite mission delivering a variety of high-quality ocean measurements.

The mission's main objective in support to the Marine Environment is to determine parameters such as sea-surface topography, sea-surface temperature and ocean-surface colour. It provides two day global coverage Earth observation data (with two satellites) for sea and land applications with real-time products delivered in less than three hours. The satellites are operationally managed from the EUMETSAT Sentinel-3 Marine Centre.

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WHY THE SENTINEL-3 MISSION?

1. Builds on heritage of previous ocean observing satellites (e.g. ENVISAT) for continuity of measurements.
2. Constellation of satellites will provide long-term operational measurements of the ocean colour, temperature, and sea surface topography over the global ocean every two days.
3. Improved combination of spatial, temporal and spectral resolution, and better radiometric sensitivity allows for measurements of ocean colour from coastal to open ocean environments.
4. Advanced dual view sensor for atmospheric correction and retrieval of sea surface temperature.
5. High-resolution SAR mode altimetry for improved performance in the coastal domain and analysis of fine-scale ocean features.
6. Data is delivered direct to users and to downstream Copernicus Services.

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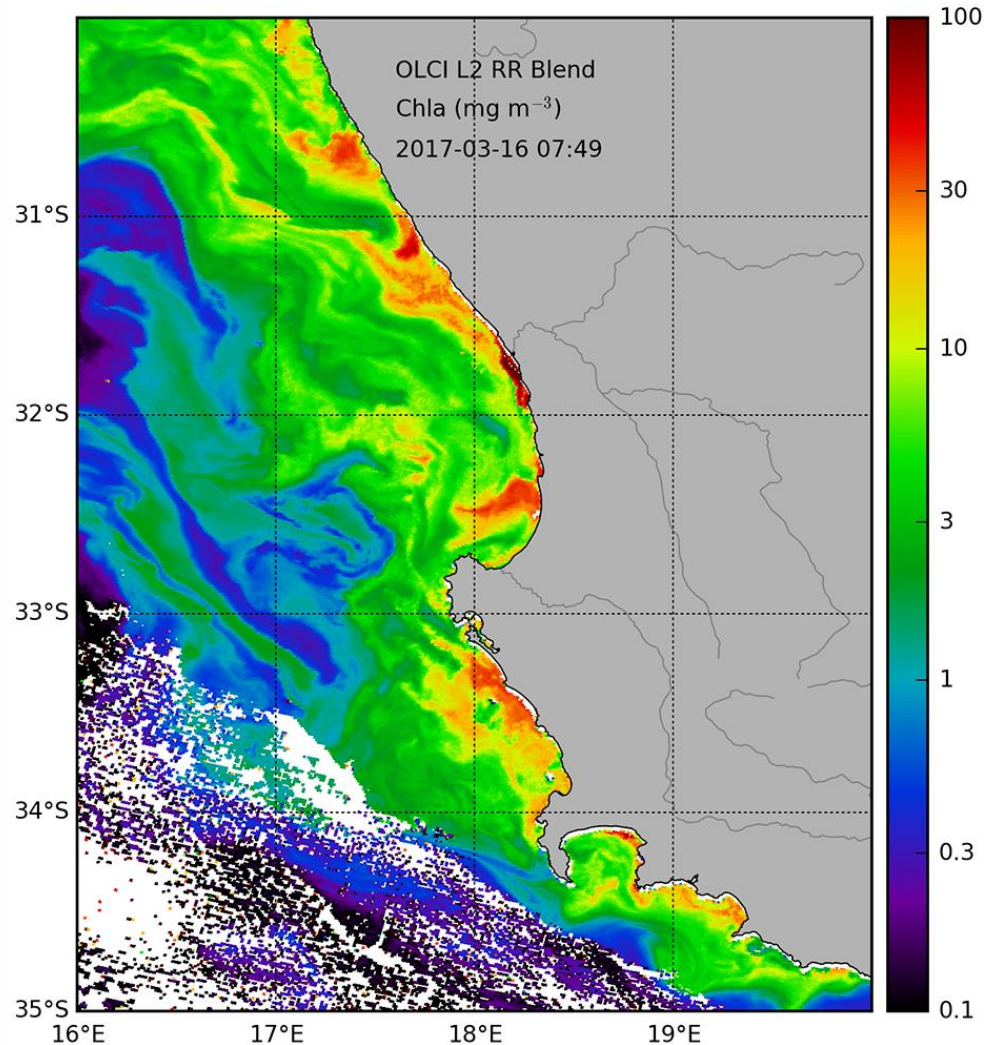
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Monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

OLCI [Chlorophyll-a]

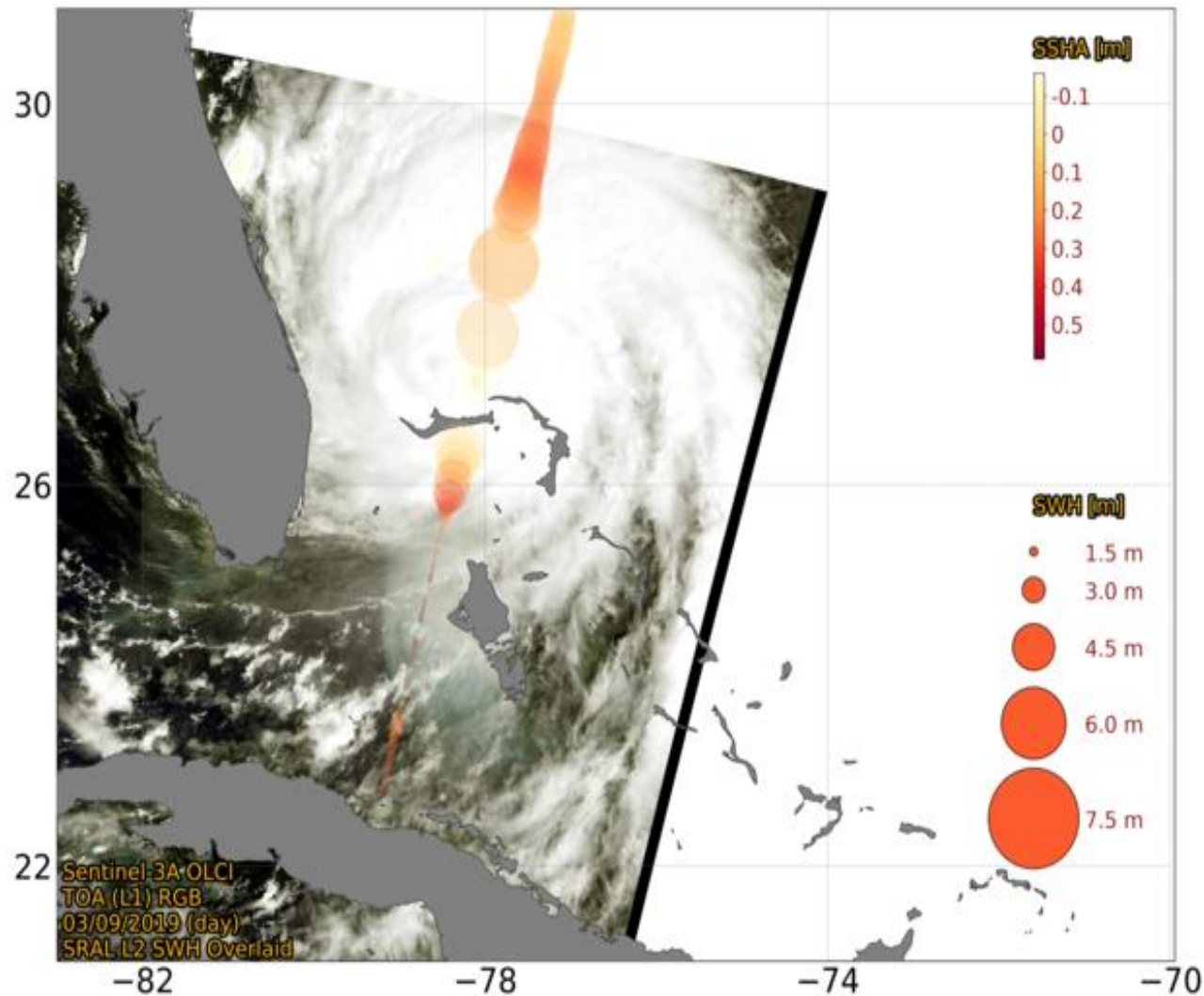
- Full resolution 300m granules, 1km reduced resolution (RR).
- 21 spectral bands
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- About 2 day revisit time.
- Measures to 1 optical depth - determined by what is mixed in the surface waters.



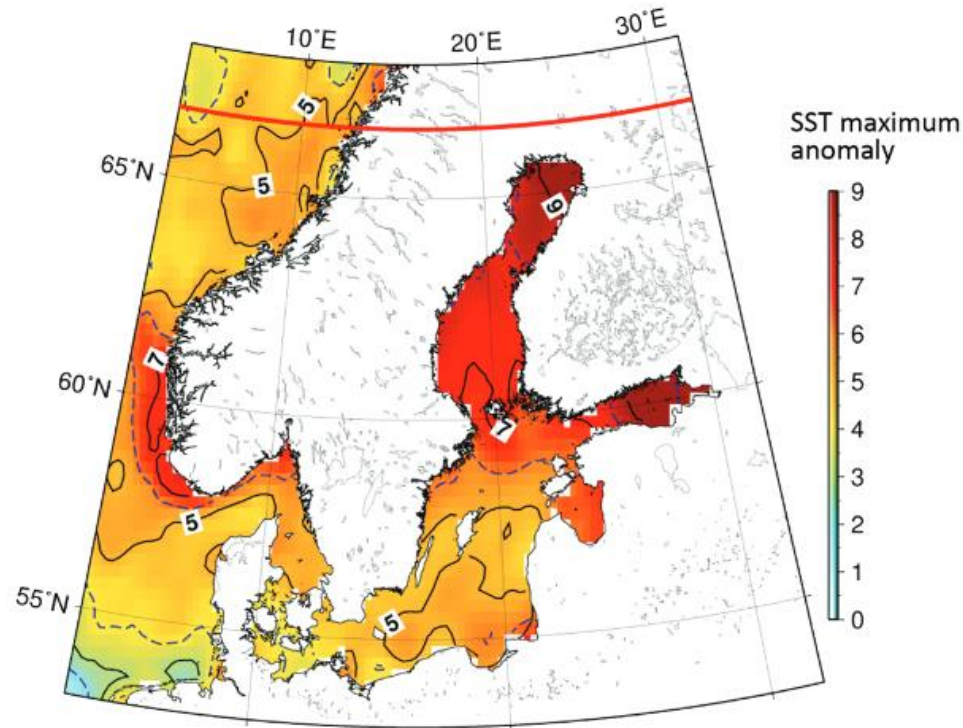
Tracking Storms...

SRAL sensor – Radar Altimetry

- Active sensor to see through cloud.
- Sea **Surface**
Height Anomaly &
Wave Height (m).



Tracking water-borne diseases like cholera:



SLSTR sea surface (skin) temperature

- *Vibrio cholera* likelihood linked to SST anomalies, as well as Chl-a and pH.
- Projected to increase globally under warming conditions.

Wrapping up:

- Within the limitations of the sensors themselves, there's no end to what can be done with satellite data in terms of applications.
- Especially true when different satellite datasets are combined to tackle problems that can't be solved through ordinary means.
- An example of this is the tracking of pelagic fish species, using:
 - SAR radar
 - AIS
 - Chlorophyll
 - SST
 - SSH



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