



Earth Observation at ESA in the context of a 'Digital Earth' and a Changing Anthropocene

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Sentinel Status



S-1



Radar

S-2



High Res.
Optical

S-3



Medium Res.
Optical &
Altimetry

S-4



Atmospheric
Chemistry
(GEO)

S-5P



Atmospheric
Chemistry
(LEO)

S-5



Atmospheric
Chemistry
(LEO)

S-6



Altimetry

A
3 Apr. 2014

A
23 Jun. 2015

A
16 Feb. 2016

A
2022

A
13 Oct. 2017

A
2021

A
2020

B
25 Apr. 2016

B
6 Mar. 2017

B
25 Apr. 2018

B
2027

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2027

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2025

C
2022/23

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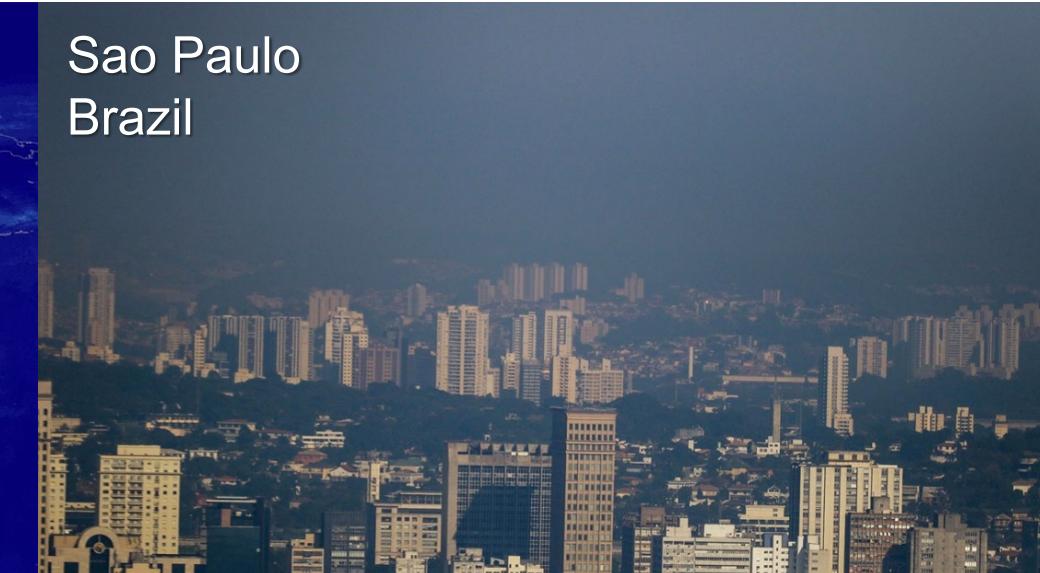
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Rainforest Clearing

Rondonia, Brazil
Landsat 5
8 July 1989

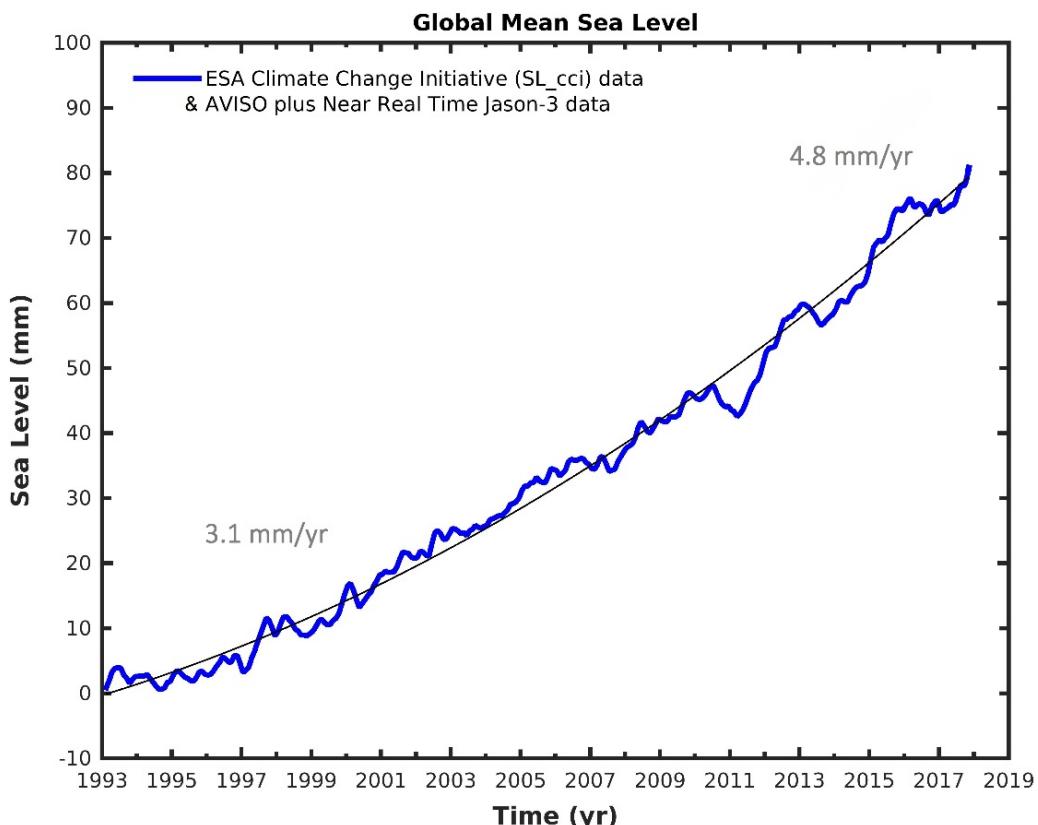


20 km



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Sea Level Rise



Sea level rise is accelerating. Sea levels could rise 1.3 meters in the next 80 years.

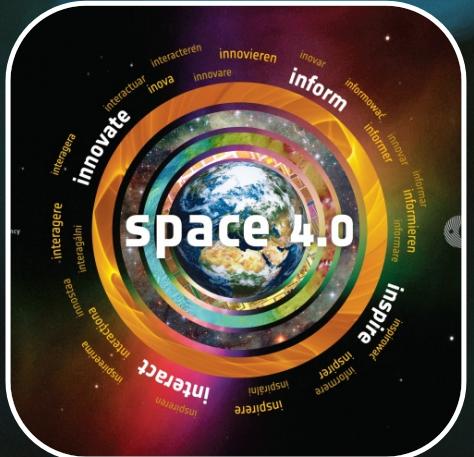
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The Space 4.0 Era



Space 1.0

Astronomy

Since millennia

Space 2.0

Space Race

Since 1958

Space 3.0

Int. Cooperation

Since Fall of the Wall

Space 4.0

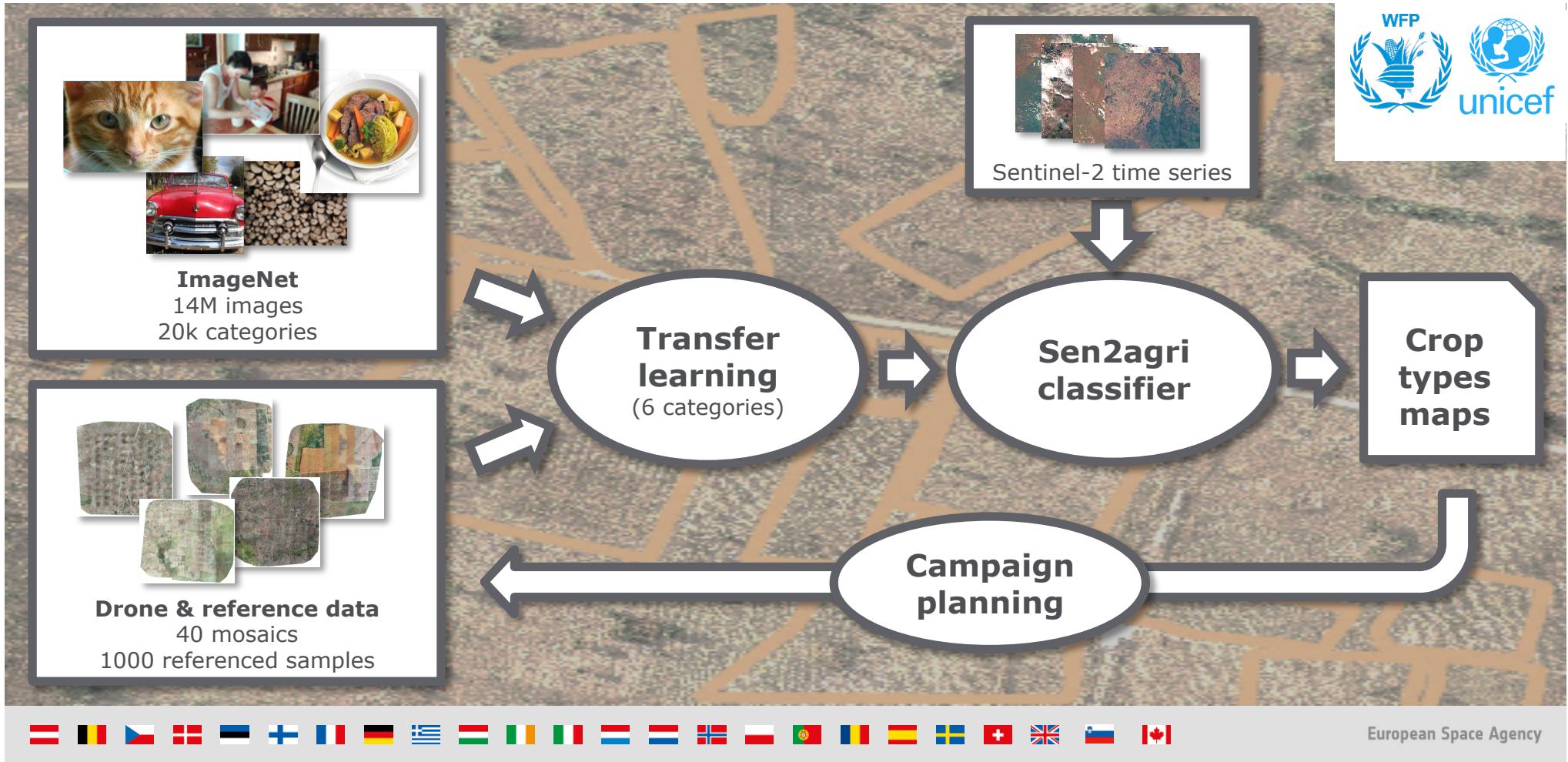
Space for
Society

Now



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Transfer learning from drone data to Sentinel 2



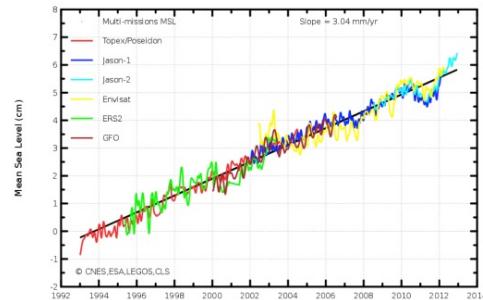
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Big Data Challenges



ESA EO Data Archive

Petabyte

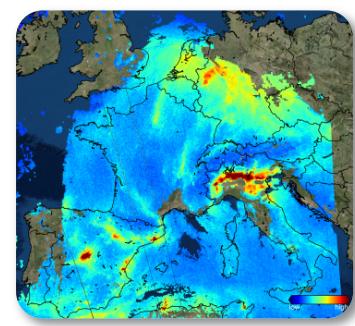
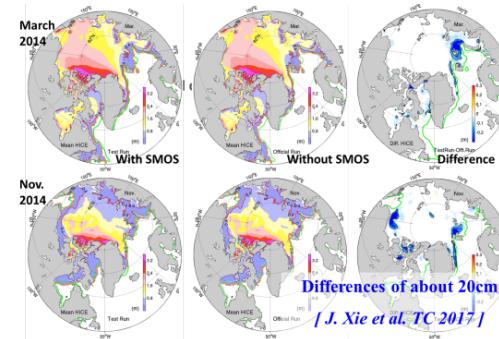
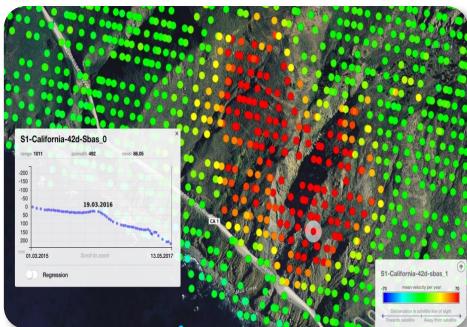


Data volume

Data continuity

Data sharing

Data quality



Innovation

Timeliness

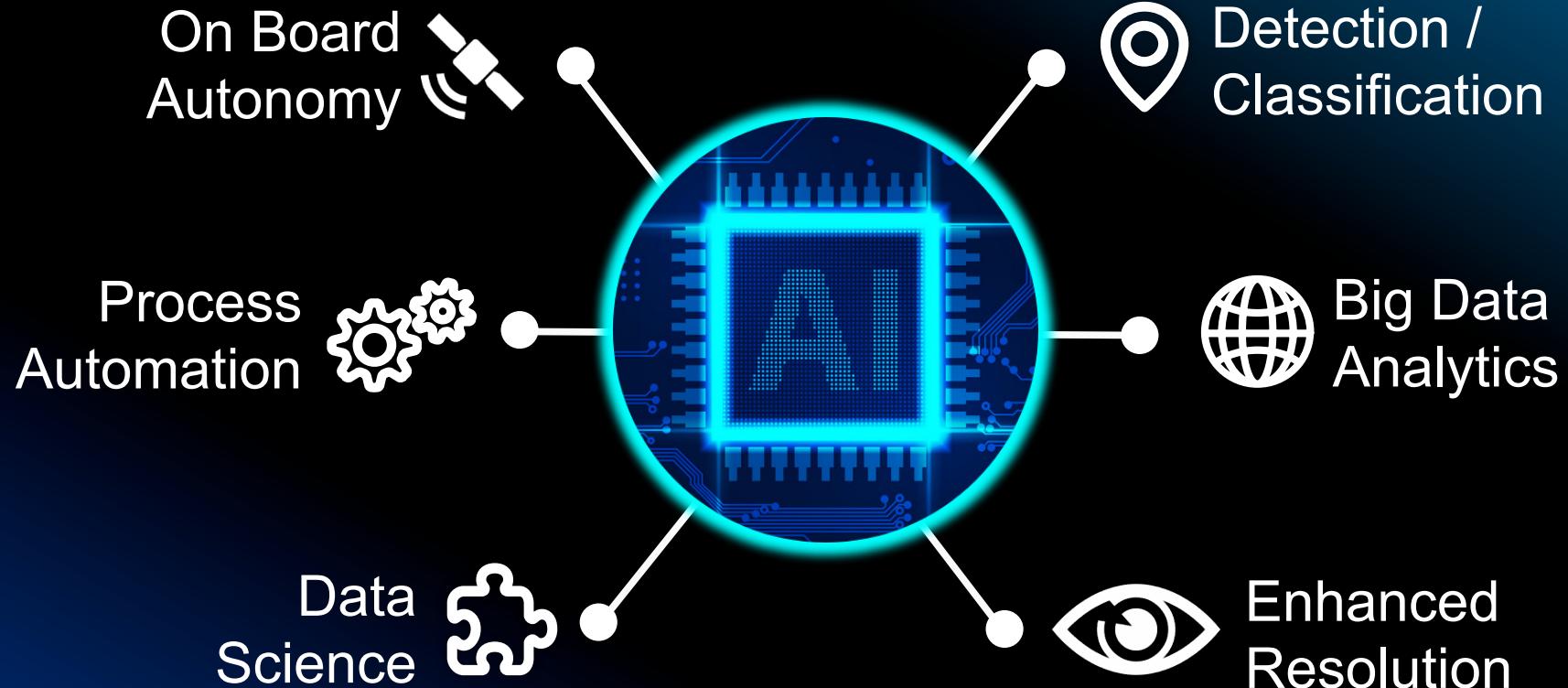
Mission synergies

Uniqueness



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AI Opening a new Dimension for EO



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Building a Digital Twin Earth

Observations



Modelling



← AI

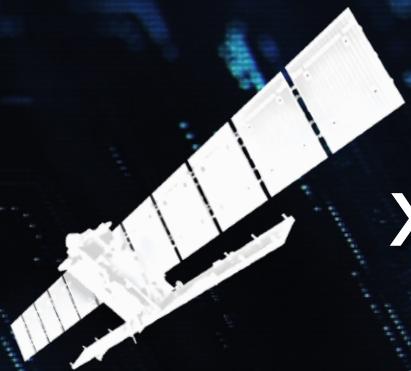


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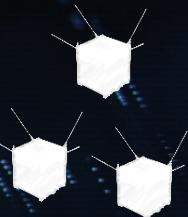


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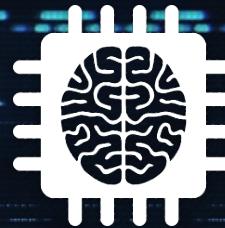
EONEXT =



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**reference
missions**

Copernicus
Earth Explorers

new space

Constellations

brain

AI
on-board

connected

Internet to
space

programmable

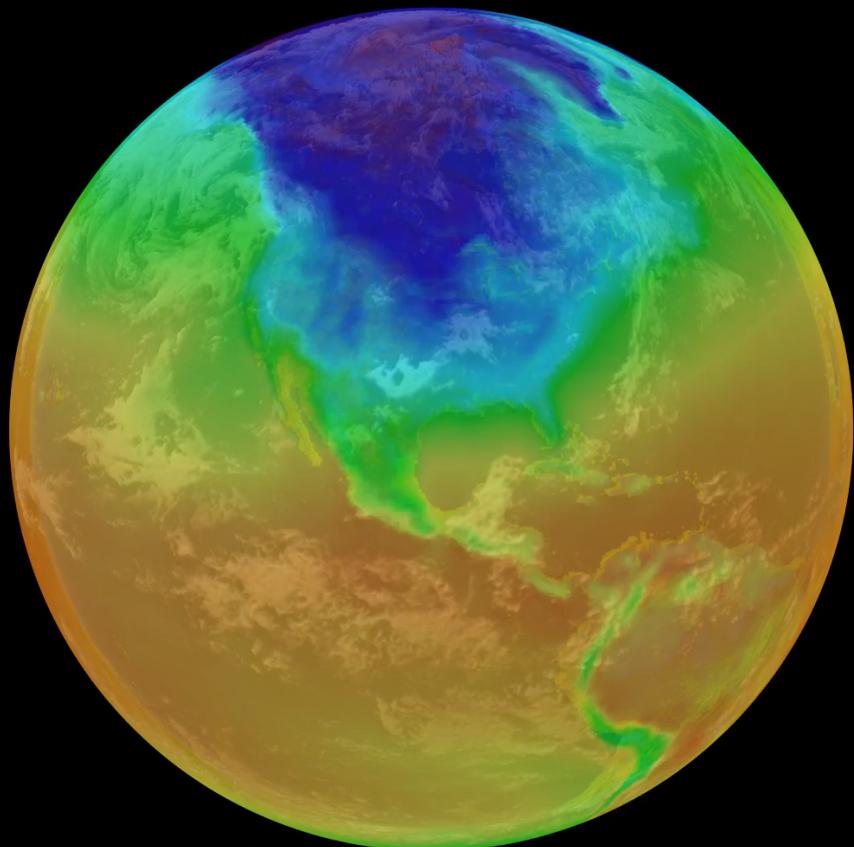
Interactive
community

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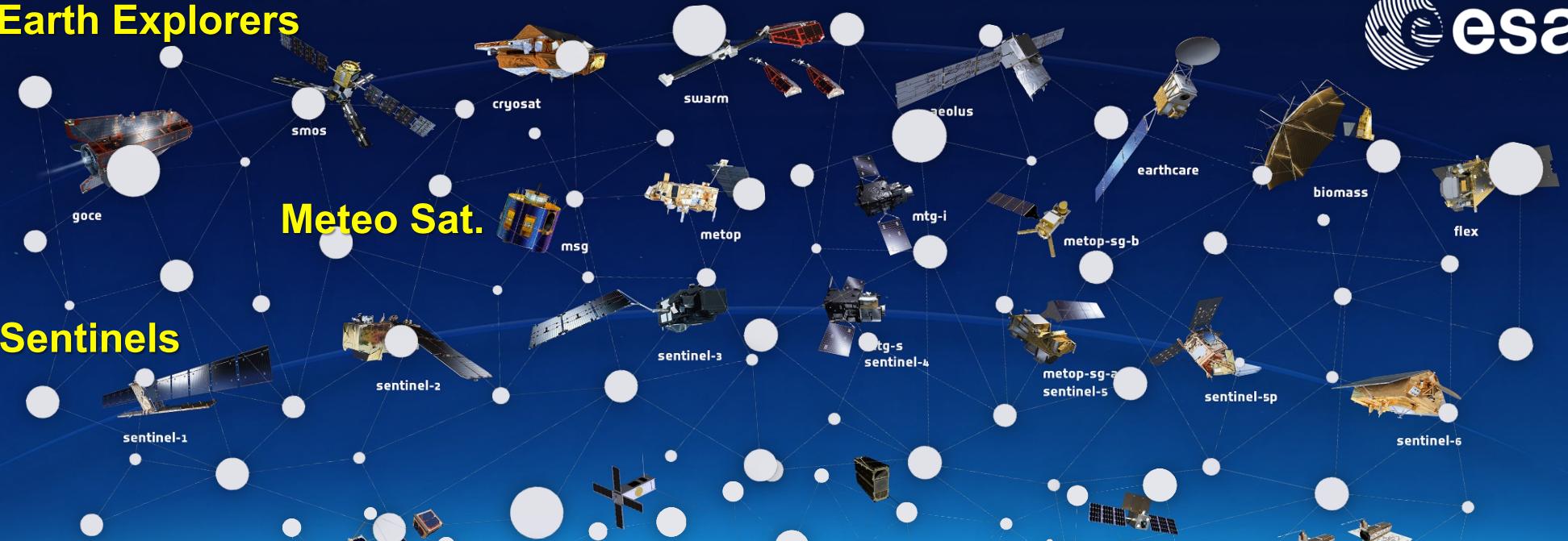
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Earth Explorers



Sentinels

Small Sat Constellations

HAPS

Drones

IoT

IoT

HAPS

Drones

IoT



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