



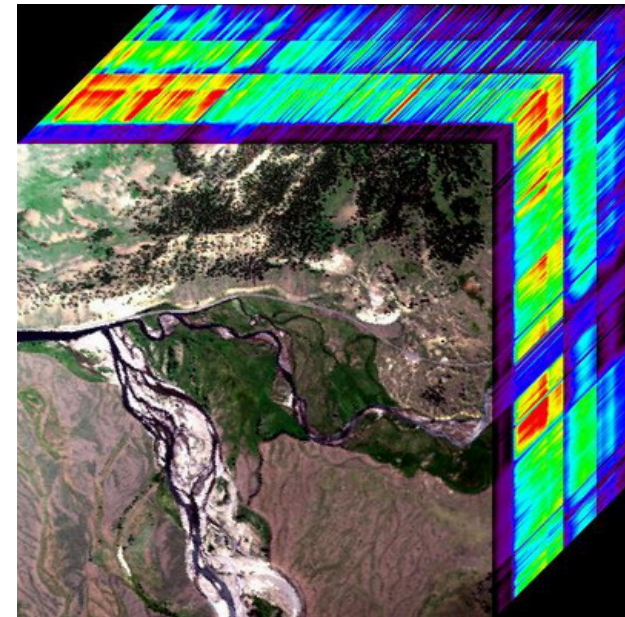
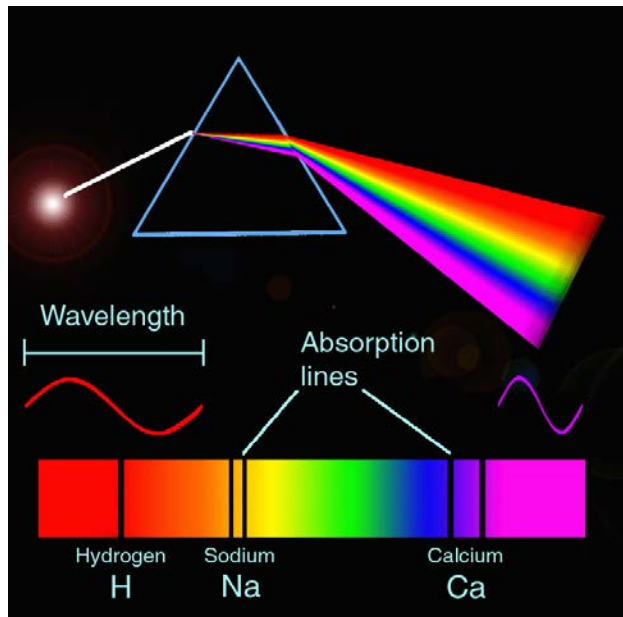
# EnMAP Research, Mission Synergies & Future Perspectives

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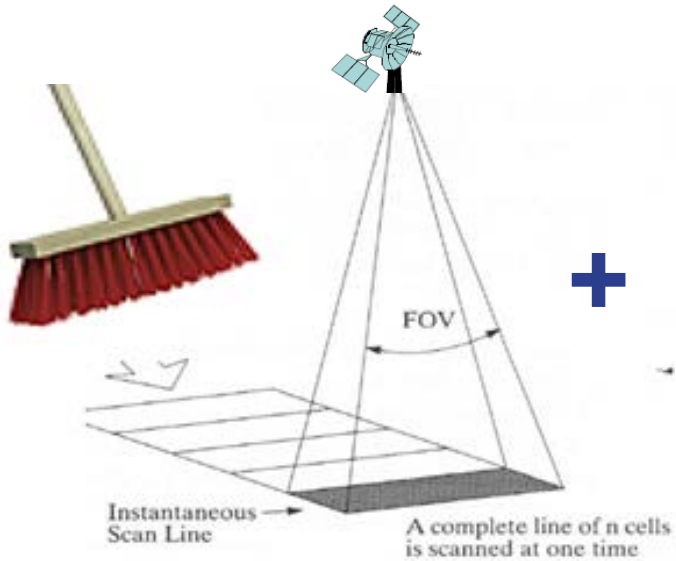
# Imaging Spectroscopy (aka Hyperspectral Remote Sensing)

- ❖ **Spectroscopy** → study of the interaction between matter and radiated energy specifically looking at what wavelengths of light are emitted or absorbed by an object in order to characterize materials.
- ❖ **Remote sensing & imaging spectroscopy:** airborne or spaceborne imaging spectrometers measuring the spectrum of solar radiation reflected by Earth materials.

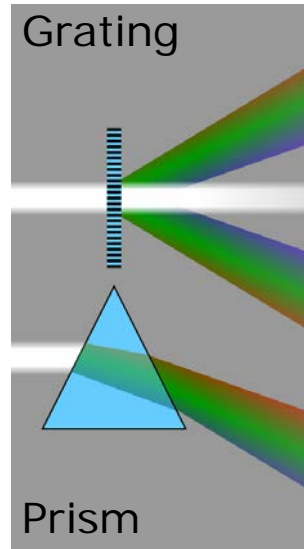


# Image Formation in Hyperspectral Remote Sensing

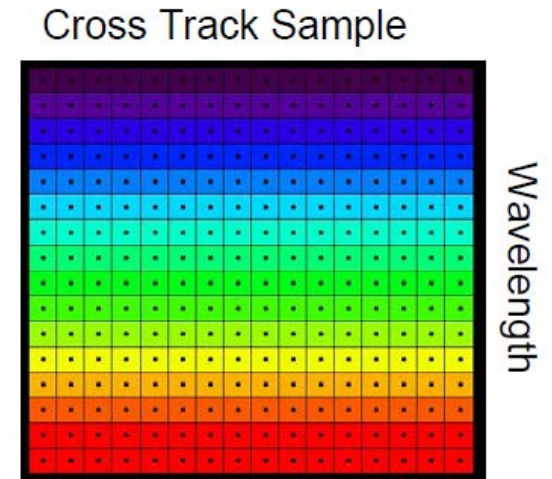
## Pushbroom Imaging Principle



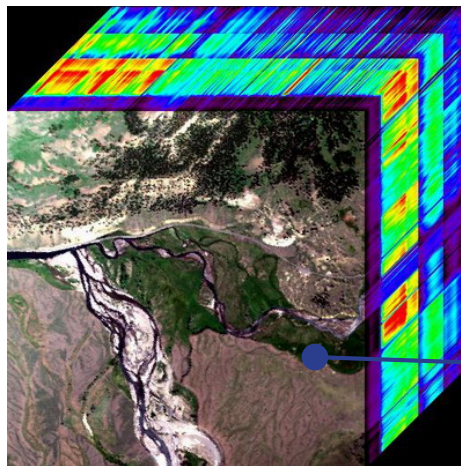
## Dispersive element



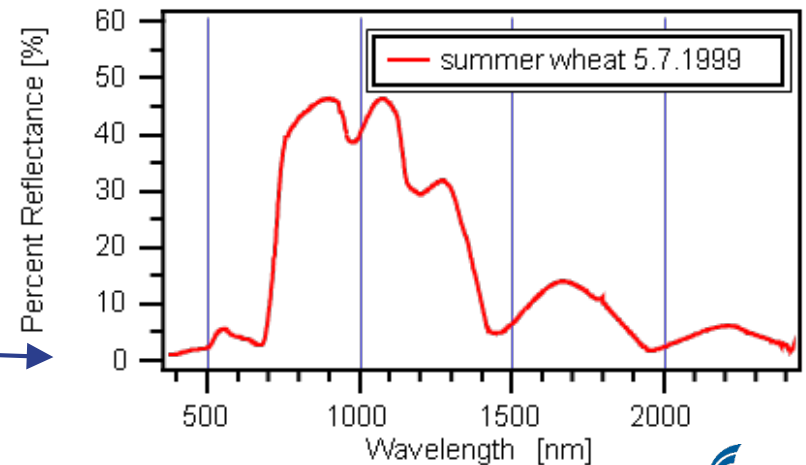
## 2-D Detector Array



## Hyperspectral 3-D Cube



Pre-processing

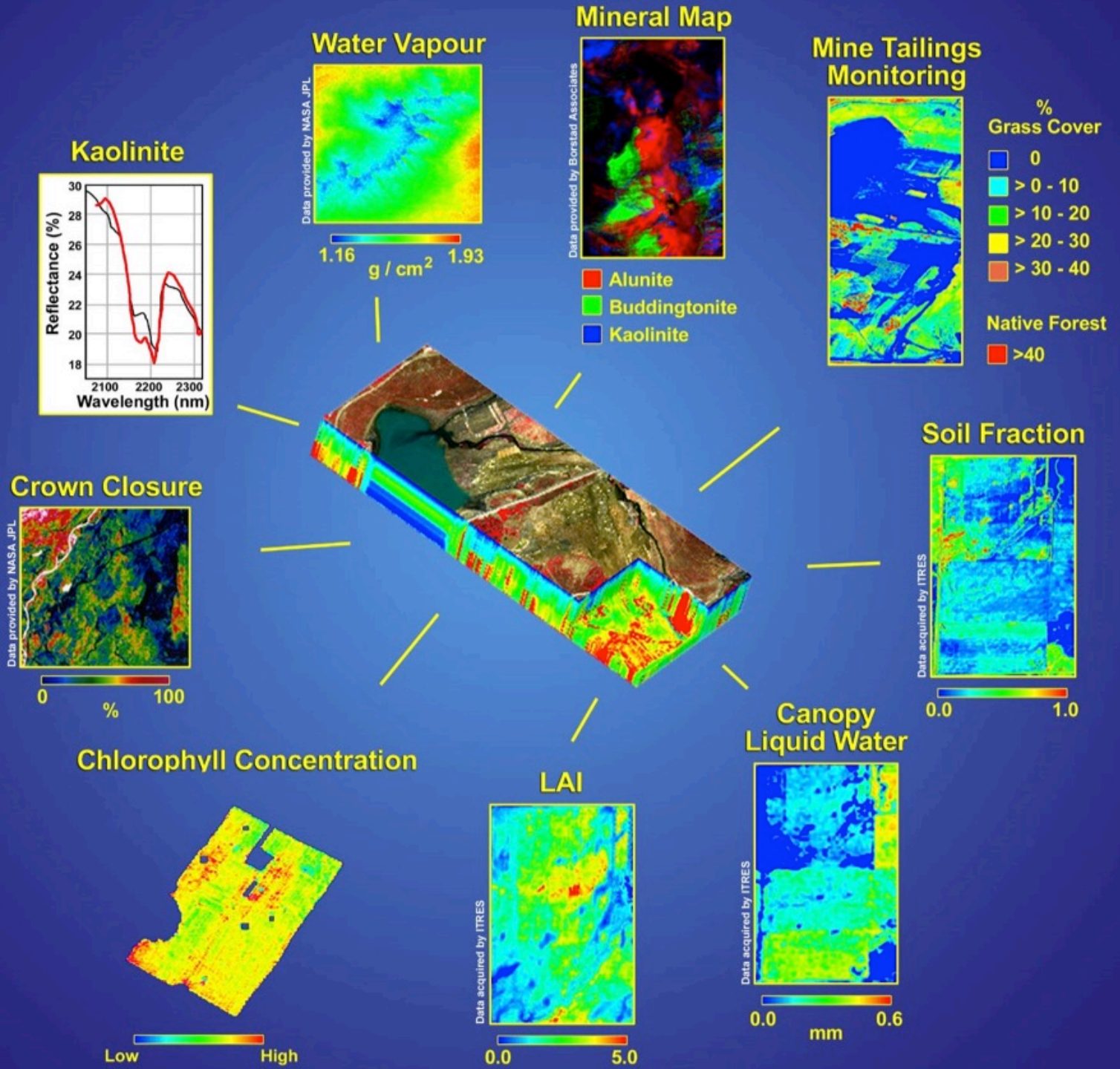




# Imaging Spectroscopy & Science

→ Quantitative mapping for a wide range of research fields

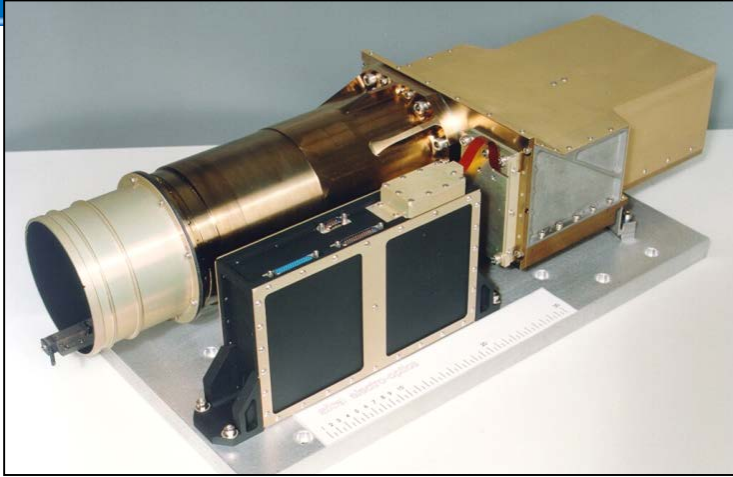
→ Great potential for new (and unexpected!) applications



## ❖ The not-so-happy story of spaceborne imaging spectroscopy for Earth observation:

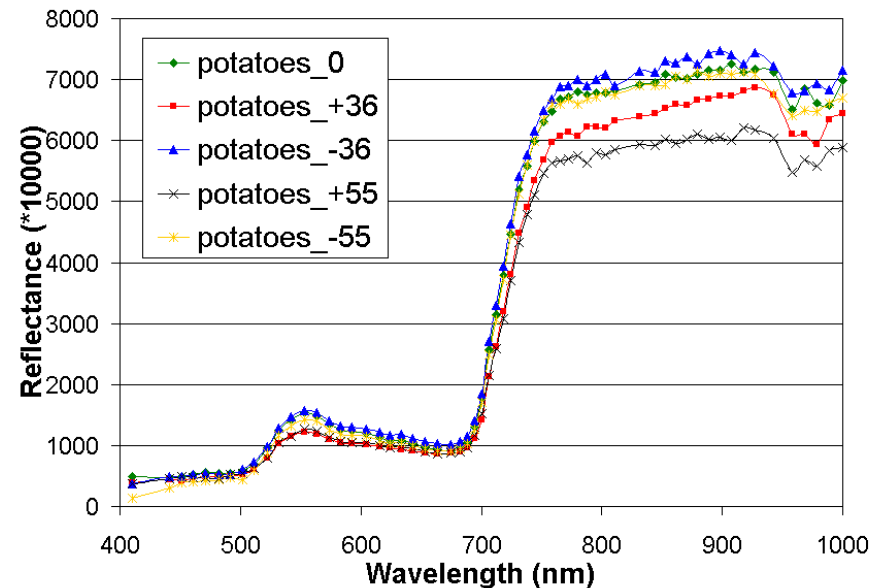
- Current missions → So-called “technology demonstrators”
  - Low data quality and limited acquisition capability
  - Examples: EO-1 Hyperion (USA NASA, 2000) & CHRIS/PROBA (UK/ESA, 2001), designed for a 1-year lifetime!

# Space-based imaging spectroscopy – CHRIS-PROBA



## The CHRIS/PROBA system (UK/ESA):

- Launched in 2001, still operating
- Conceived as a Technology Demonstrator
- Hyperspectral/multiangular system
  - VNIR: 412-1050 nm, up to 62 bands
  - 5 Observation angles ( $0^\circ$  ,  $\pm 36^\circ$  ,  $\pm 55^\circ$  ) per acquisition
  - 13 km swath, up to 17 m per pixel



# EO-1 Hyperion

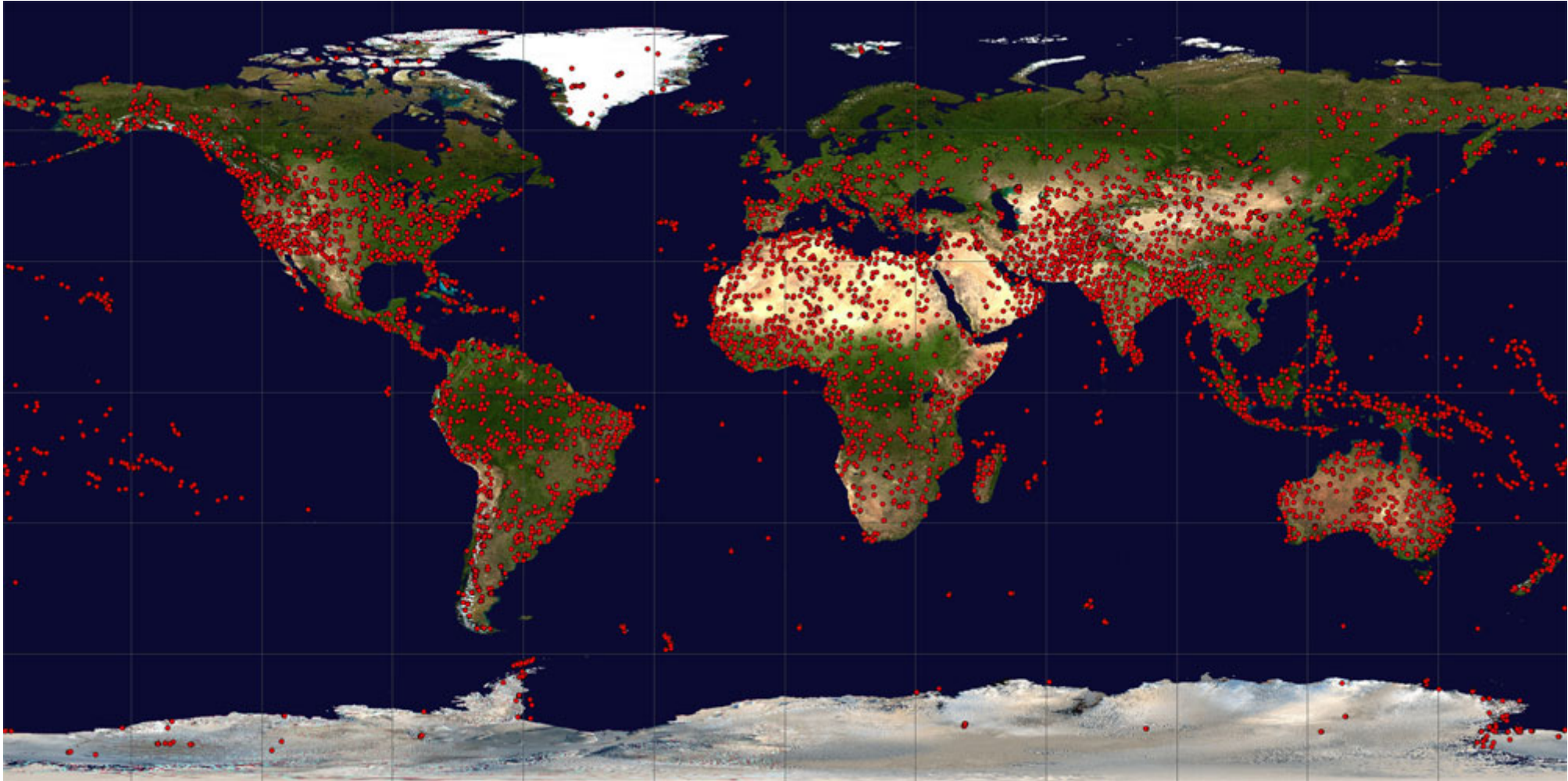
- ❖ **Technology demonstration project** operated by NASA-GSFC and USGS.
- ❖ Launched in 2000, still operating. Operations are likely to be stopped in 2016.
- ❖ **Specifications:**
  - Swath = 7.5 km
  - Ground sampling distance = 30m
  - Spectral sampling ~10nm
  - Spectral coverage - 220 bands
    - 70 VNIR 356 - 1058 nm
    - 172 SWIR 852 - 2577 nm
  - Nominal SNR: 160 VNIR, 40 SWIR



→ Only spaceborne imaging spectrometer ever providing VNIR-SWIR data!!



# EO-1 Hyperion, Acquisitions



Hyperion Imagery in the USGS EDC Archive Jan 1, 2001 through April 21, 2005  
Since June 2009 → Open data policy, acquisitions on-demand at no-cost



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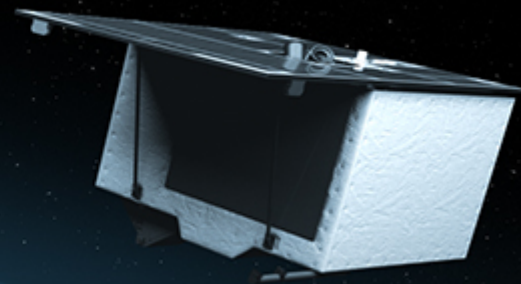
- Most of imaging spectroscopy applications rely on airborne spectrometers → heritage from AVIRIS (NASA-JPL, since 1987)
- There are more imaging spectrometers for planetary observation than for Earth observation!

→ **EnMAP (launch 2018) expected to fill this gap in “operational” spaceborne imaging spectroscopy**



# EnMAP

Hyperspectral Imager



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**Space Segment**

Sensor

Platform



**Ground Segment**

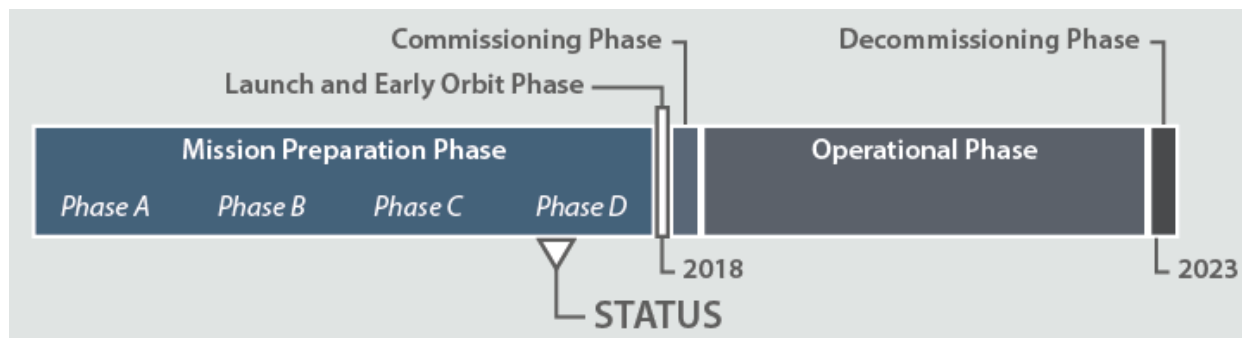
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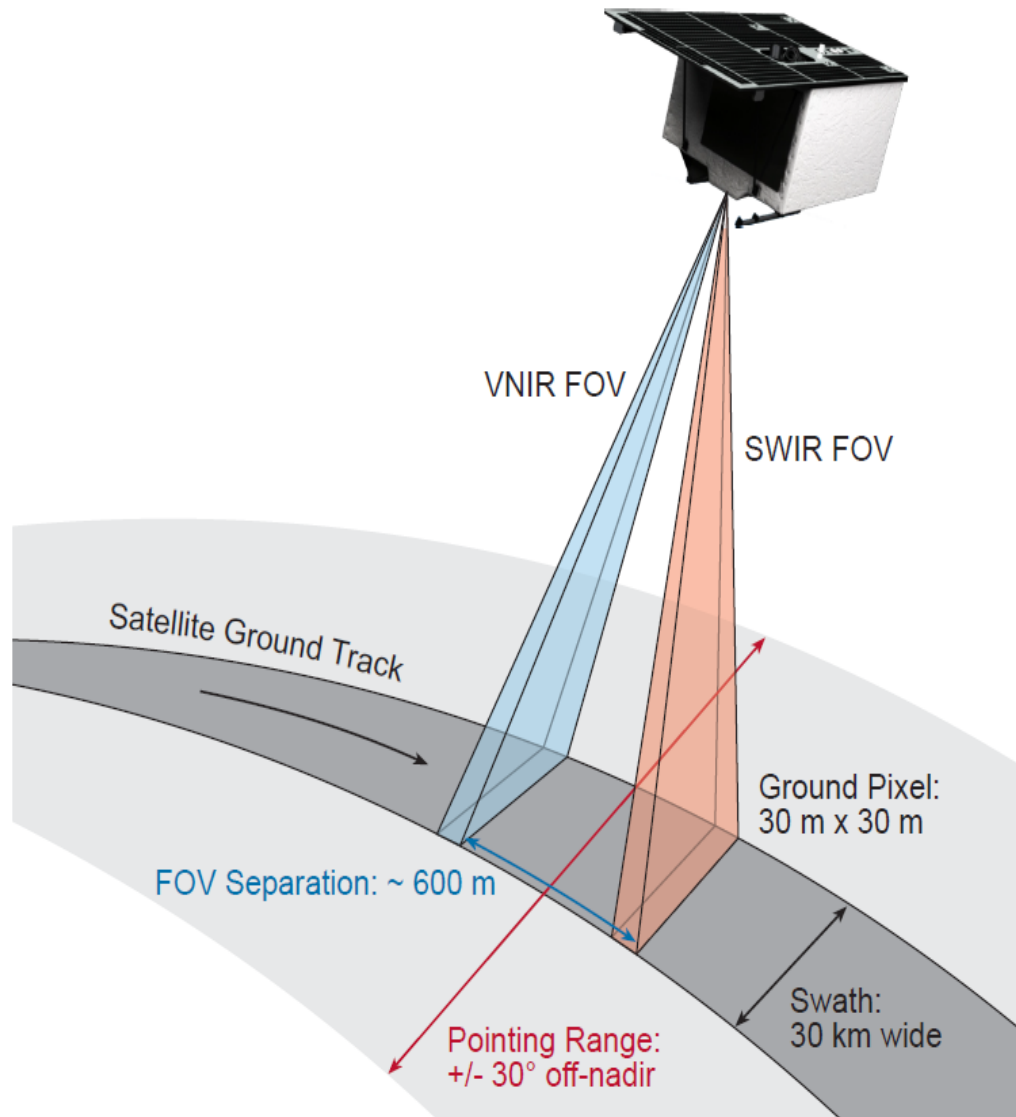
Processing  
DLR-IMF

- EnMAP: Environmental Mapping and Analysis Program
- Spaceborne mission aimed at reducing current limitations in global imaging spectroscopy data
- Open data policy

- Core funding from the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology
- Currently under construction phase, launch end 2018



# EnMAP – Main Mission Parameters

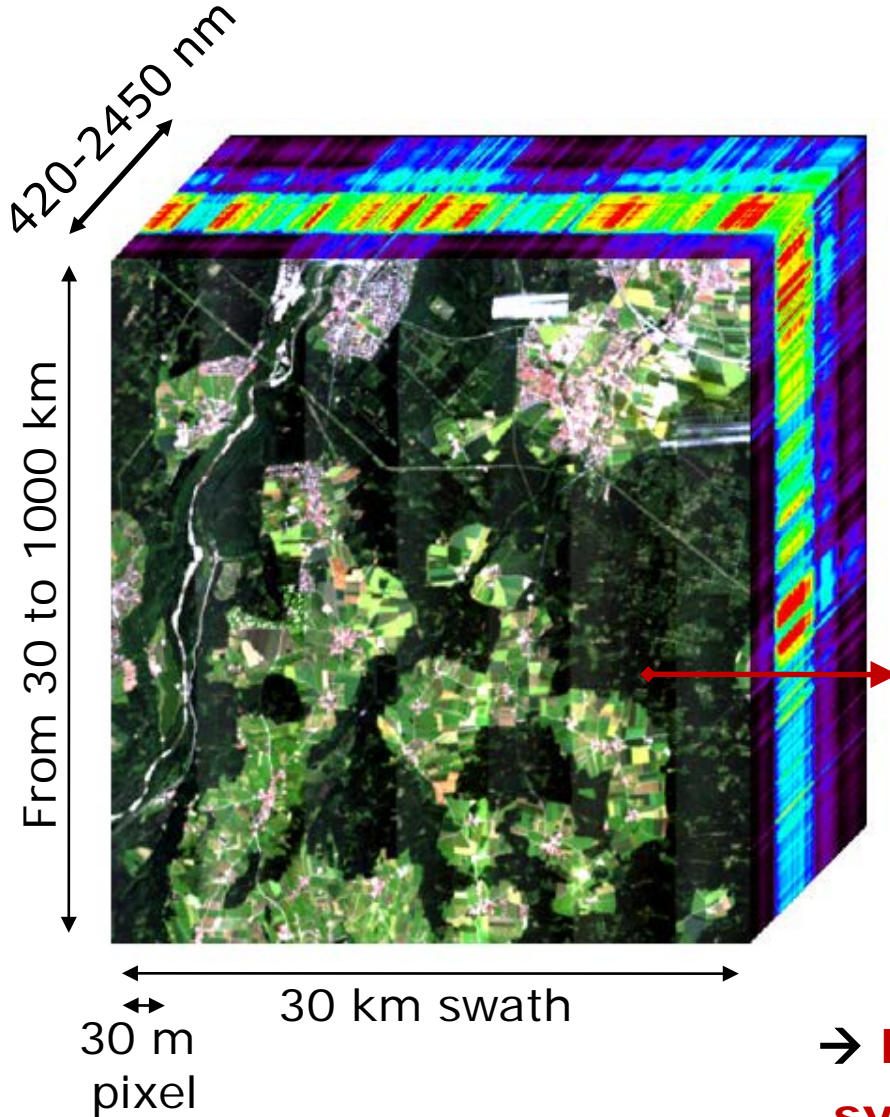


- ❖ Push-broom imaging spectrometer
- ❖ Sun-synchronous orbit, 11h LTDN
- ❖ Spectral range
  - VNIR: 420 nm to 1000 nm
  - SWIR: 900 nm to 2450 nm
- ❖ Spectral sampling distance
  - VNIR ~6.5 nm
  - SWIR ~10 nm
- ❖ Ground sampling distance 30 m
- ❖ Data acquisition
  - Swath width 30 km
  - 1000 km/orbit
  - 5000 km/day
- ❖ Revisit time
  - 27 d nadir
  - 4 d with 30° across-track pointing
- ❖ Mission lifetime  $\geq 5$  years

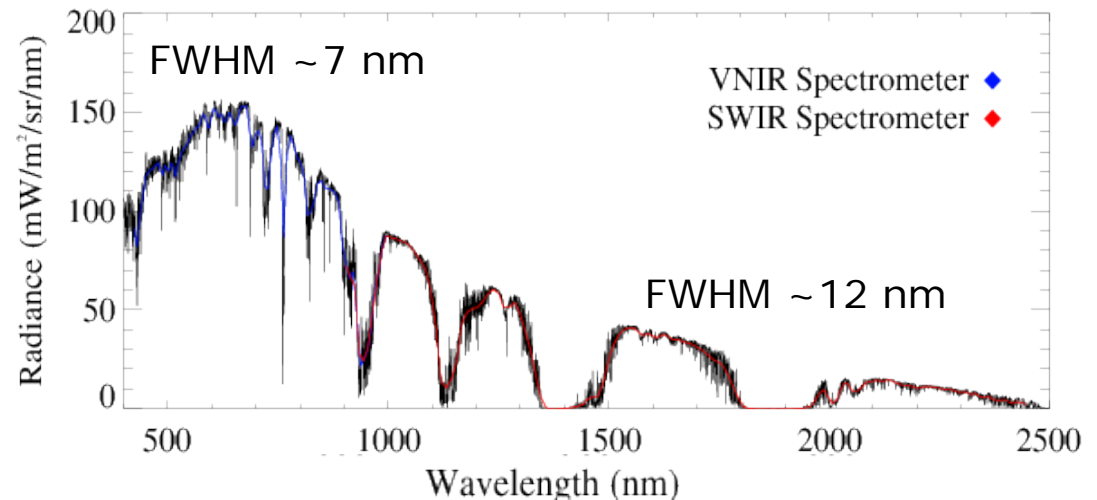
Guanter et al., *Remote Sensing*, 2015



# Key mission characteristics for scientific use of EnMAP



- Up to 4 days revisit time with tilted obs.
- Ground segment distributing geometrically-corrected reflectance data
- Co-existence with Sentinel-2 & Landsat-8
- Open data policy



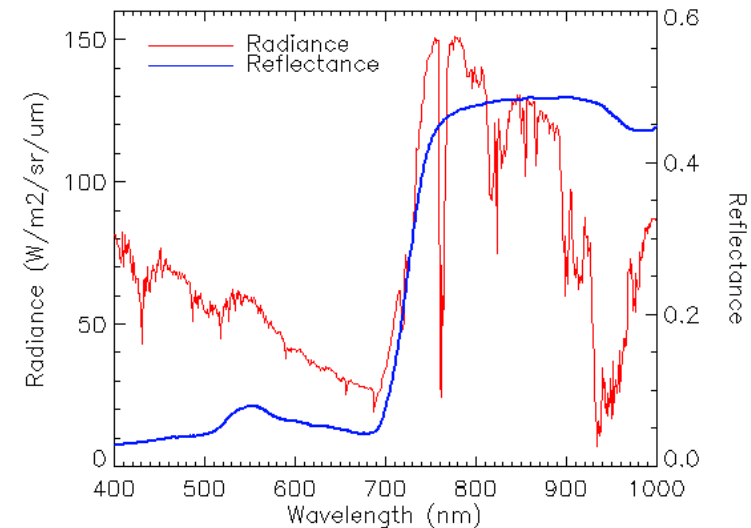
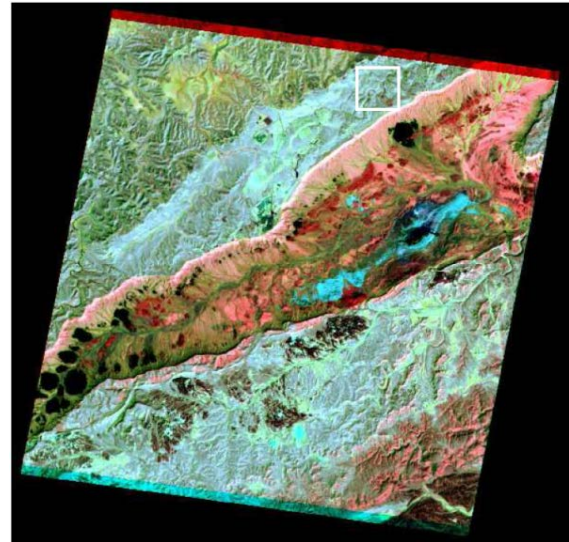
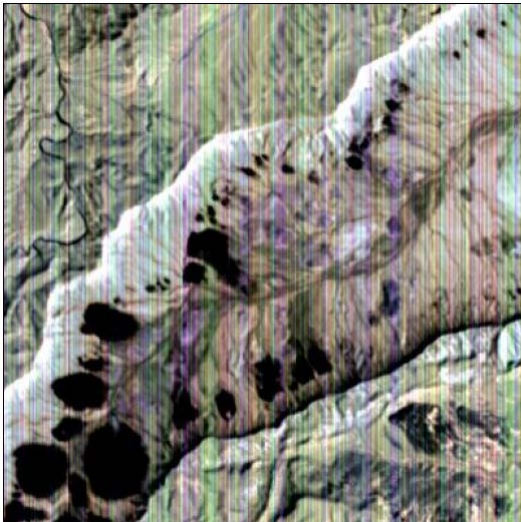
→ **High-performance imaging spectroscopy system for Earth observation**

# EnMAP Data Products

User products

- **Level 0 data - digital number data**
  - Radiometric correction
- **Level 1B data - radiometrically calibrated radiance data**
  - Geometric correction
- **Level 1C data - radiometrically calibrated radiance data in a map projection**
  - Atmospheric correction
- **Level 2 data – Surface reflectance data in a map projection**

“Raw data” (digital numbers) → Calibrated Radiance → Geographical projection → Surface reflectance



## EnMAP Acquisitions:

- Restricted to 1000 km/orbit and 5000 km/day
- Based on user requests
- Daily acquisition plan driven by priorities and cloud probability

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Priority	Request
1	Internal user
2	Support for catastrophic events
3	Registered users (Cat.1) excellent proposals
4	Registered users (Cat.1)
5	Non-registered users (Cat.2)
6	Requests beyond fulfilled contingents
7	Background mission

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# EnMAP Science Plan

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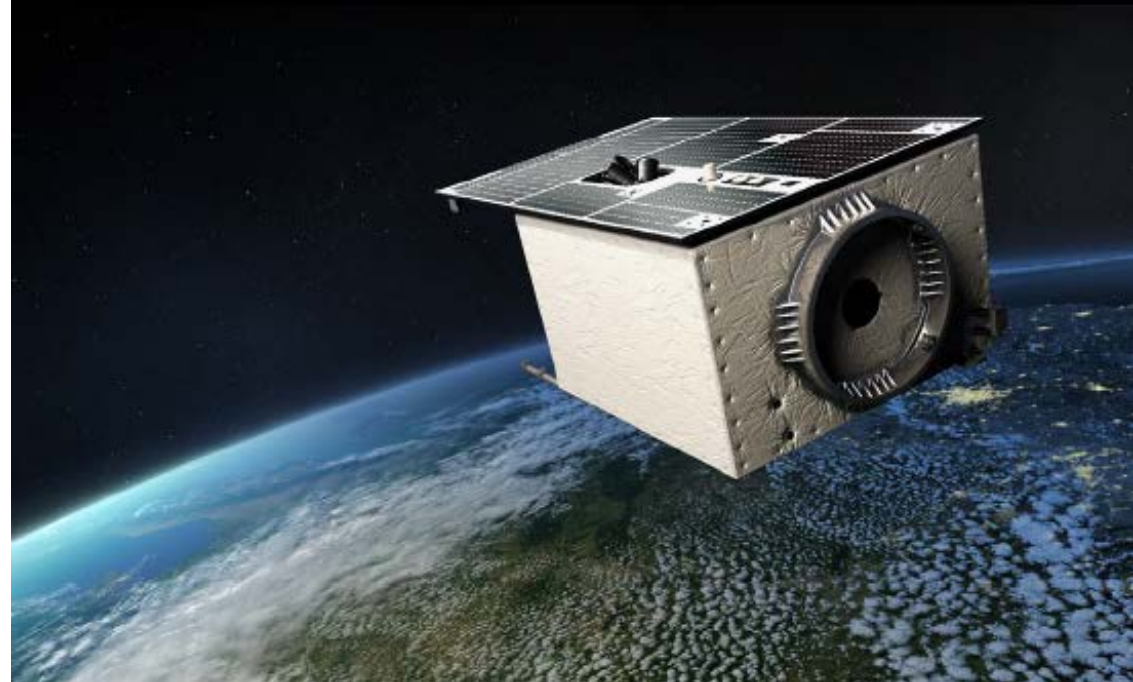
- Research context and significance
- General mission framework
- EnMAP perspectives and impact
- Scientific exploitation strategy

[www.enmap.org](http://www.enmap.org)

## *Science Plan*

*of the Environmental Mapping and Analysis Program (EnMAP)*

October, 2012



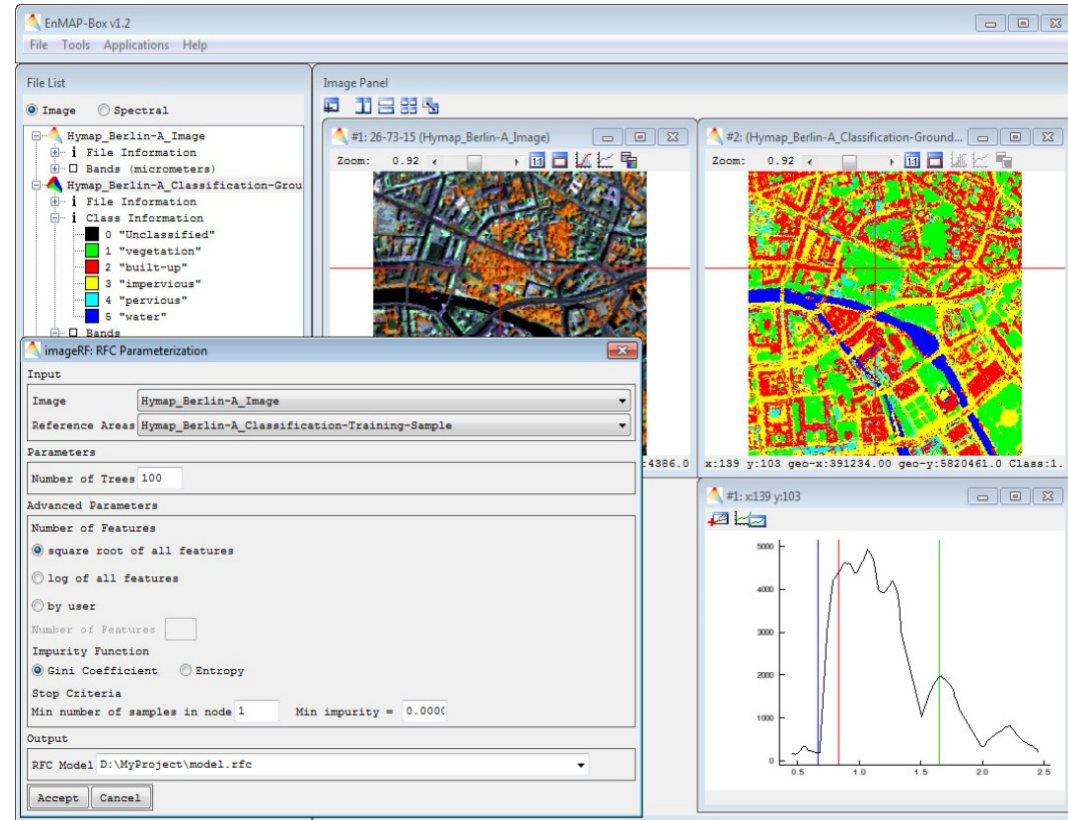
# EnMAP preparatory activities

## Main research lines (EnSAG):

- Agriculture
- Forest
- Ecosystems
- Soils & Geology
- Coastal and inland waters

## Focus on the development of algorithms for the **EnMAP-Box**:

- Software for the pre-processing and scientific exploitation of EnMAP data
- Free, open source and platform independent



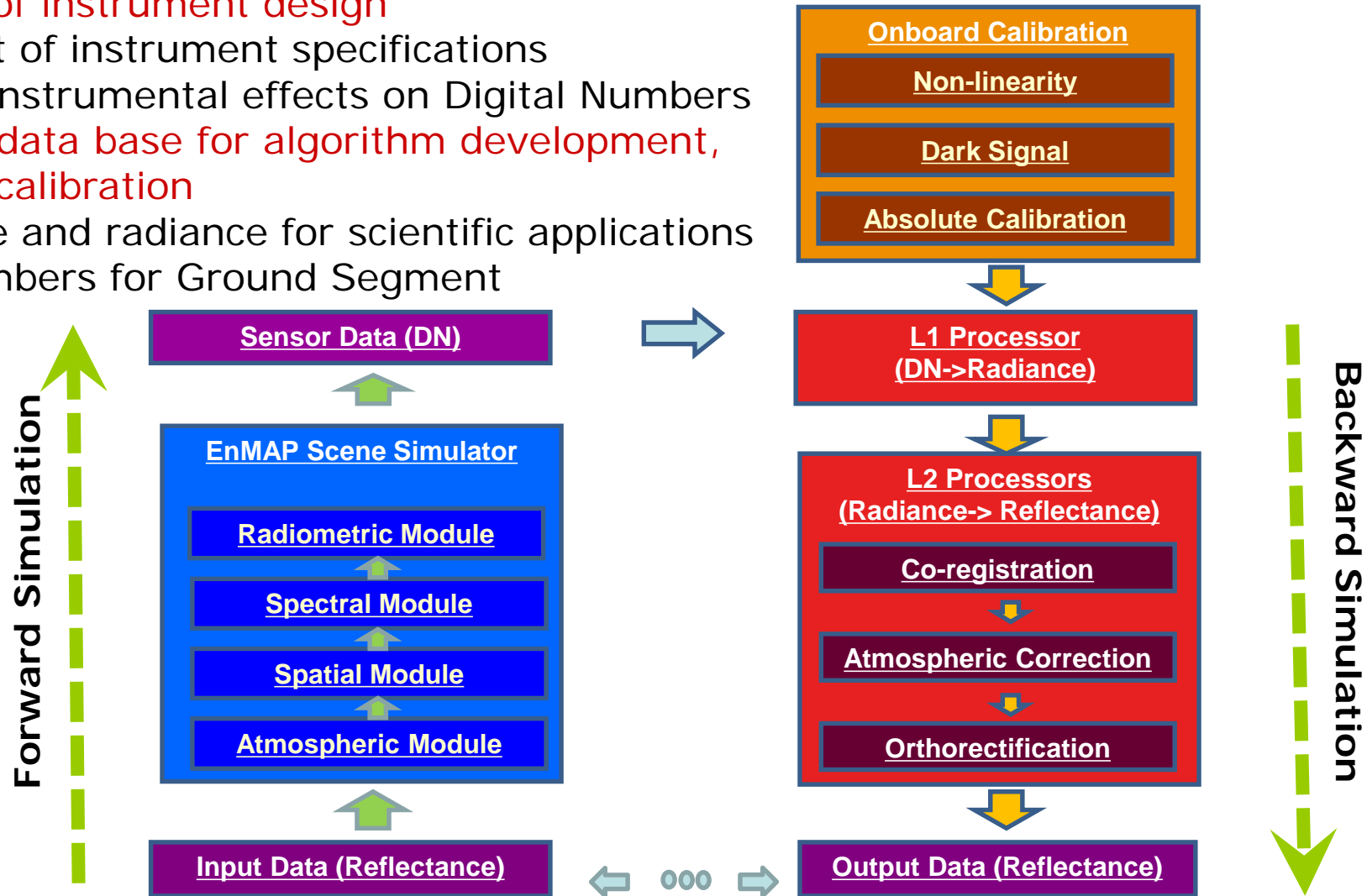
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# EnMAP end-to-end scene simulations

## Objectives:

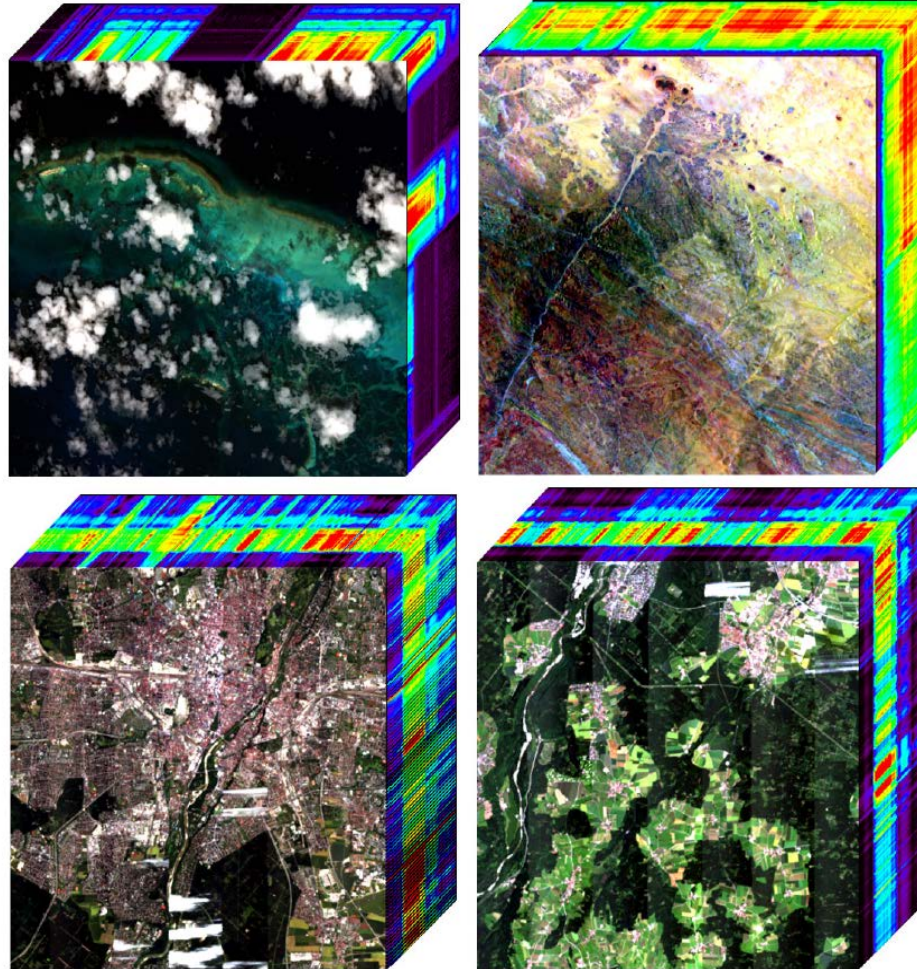
- 1) **Optimization of instrument design**
  - Refinement of instrument specifications
  - Impact of instrumental effects on Digital Numbers
- 2) **Generating a data base for algorithm development, validation and calibration**
  - Reflectance and radiance for scientific applications
  - Digital Numbers for Ground Segment



Segl et al.,  
IEEE JSTARS,  
2012

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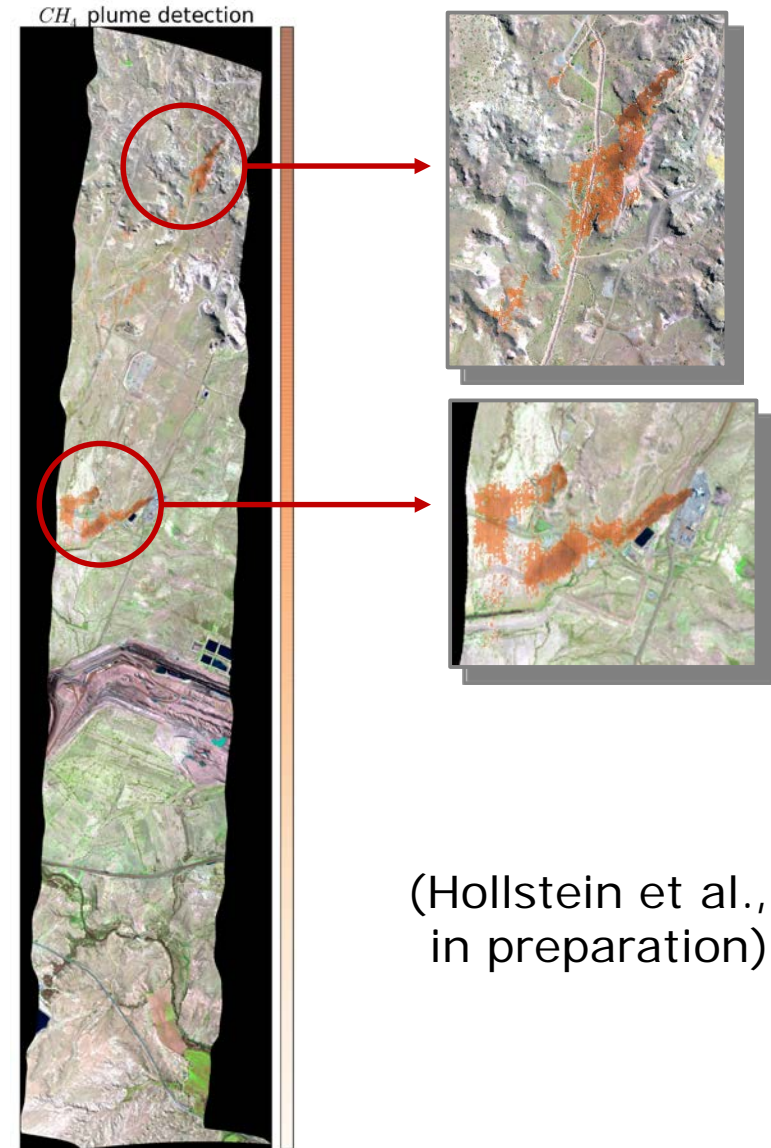
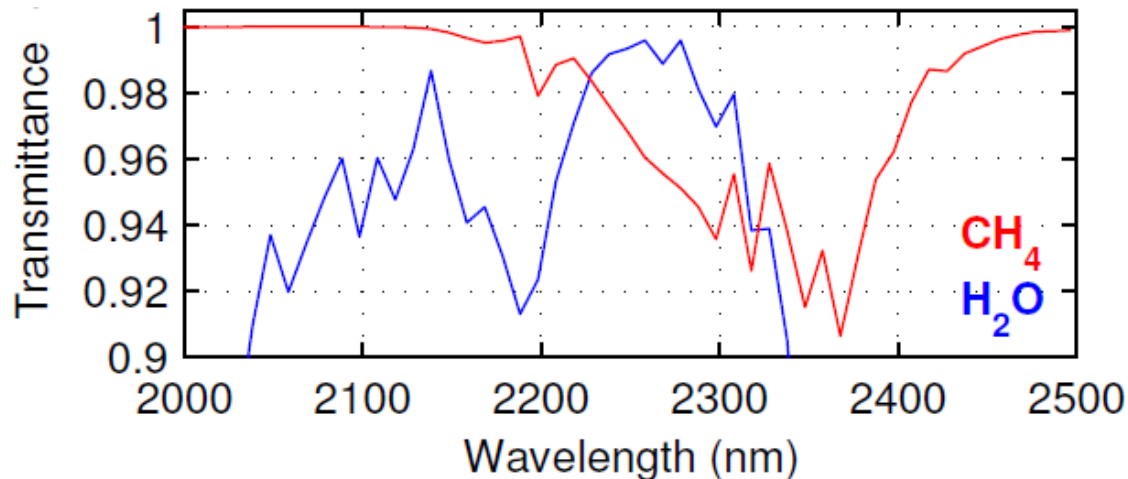
Simulation of (i) EnMAP-like TOA radiance images and (ii) L2 surface reflectance after pre-processing



Many simulated  
EnMAP data sets  
already available

# EnMAP retrievals and simulations: methane point sources

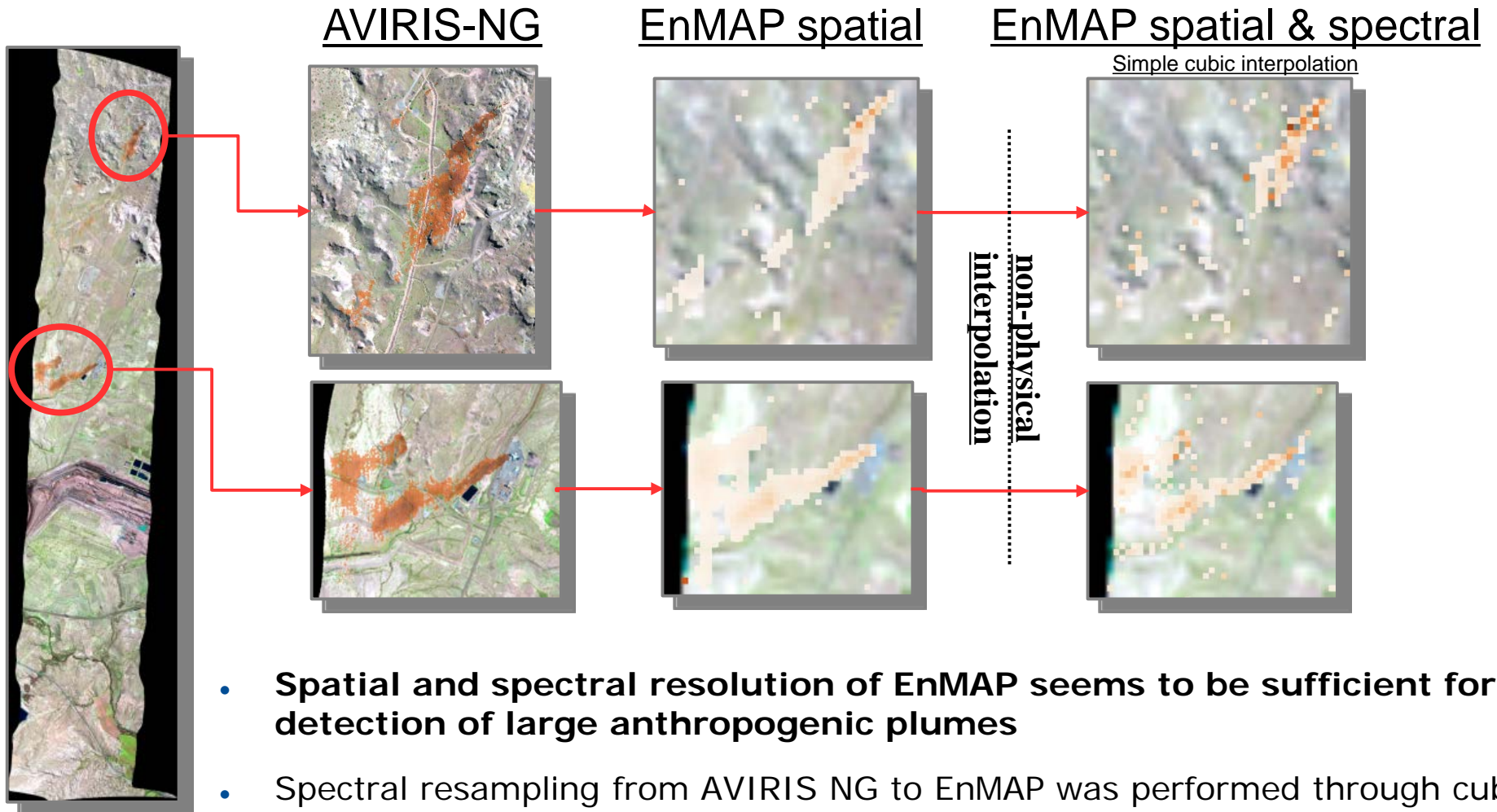
- **Plume detection** algorithm based on fitting of CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O absorption features around 2300 nm
- **AVIRIS-NG airborne spectroscopic measurements** from the US Four-Corners campaign used as a test bench for potential satellite-based CH<sub>4</sub> retrievals



(Hollstein et al.,  
in preparation)



# AVIRIS & EnMAP: CH<sub>4</sub> Retrieval



- **Spatial and spectral resolution of EnMAP seems to be sufficient for the detection of large anthropogenic plumes**
- Spectral resampling from AVIRIS NG to EnMAP was performed through cubic interpolation, which inevitably leads to spectral artifacts
- Simulation of SNR and radiometric accuracy needs to be further investigated



## Airborne hyperspectral images and associated in-situ data

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Search **metadata portal** at [www.enmap.org](http://www.enmap.org) → data

Datasets published as **data publications** (with DOI)

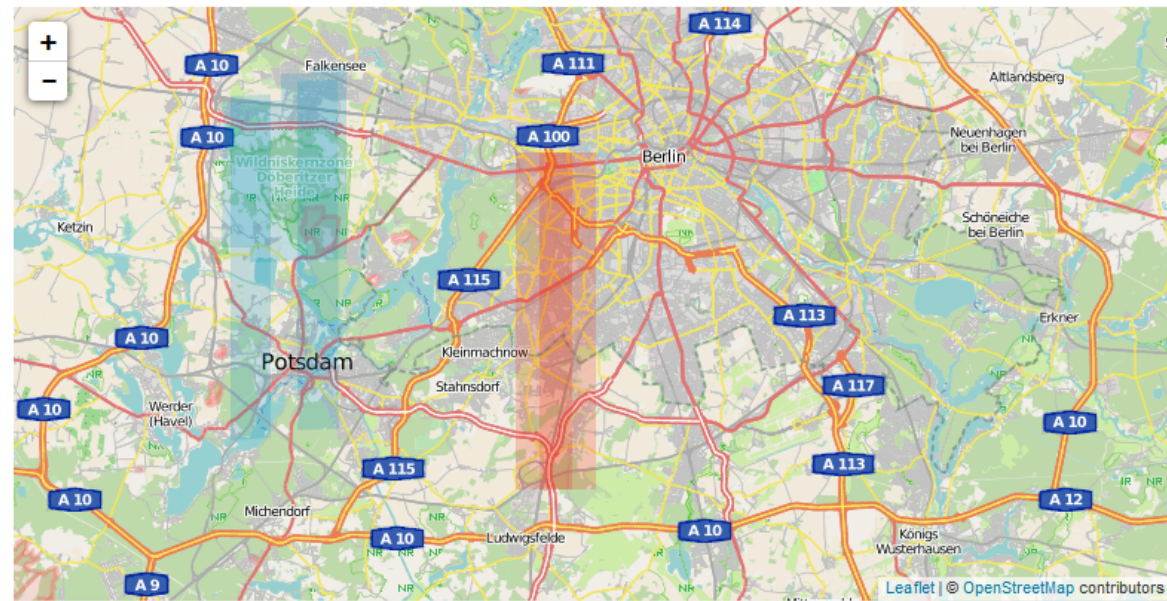
**Technical Report** will be provided with each dataset (documentation of data acquisition, processing, quality etc.)

## EnMAP - Flight campaigns

<http://www.enmap.org/?q=flightbeta>

Several hyperspectral airborne flight surveys have been carried out in the frame of the EnMAP preparatory program to support method and application development in the prelaunch phase. The metadata base below provides details about the campaigns, information about recorded airborne hyperspectral data sets and other data associated to the respective campaigns like field and laboratory measurements. Further, it informs about the availability of simulated EnMAP and Sentinel-2 data. Contact details of the data owners are given for interested researchers regarding data exchange. The data listed in this metadata base is freely available for scientific purposes.

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Idarwald/Hochwald (DE)	Forest	HySpex VNIR-1600 HySpex SWIR320m-e	L1	May 5, 2014
Pfälzer Wald/Merzalben (DE)	Forest	HySpex VNIR-1600 HySpex SWIR320m-e	L1	Apr 16, 2014
Idarwald/Hochwald (DE)	Forest	HySpex VNIR-1600	L1	



# Schools & Young EnMAP

Trier (September 2010)



Munich (April 2011)



Berlin (September 2012)



Lauenburg (March 2015)



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## Young EnMAP

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Young EnMAP is a group of young researchers interested in sharing ideas and experiences in the field of imaging spectroscopy. The group was founded during the first EnMAP summer school in Trier, Germany in September 2010.

The members of YoungEnMAP are PhD students, early PostDocs and undergraduate students based at various universities and research institutes in Germany. The YoungEnMAP activities include workshops, summer schools, exchange of young researchers between institutions, information exchange via the website and email correspondence. The main objectives of YoungEnMAP are:

- To enhance the communication between different research groups working in research projects funded in the EnMAP mission and other research groups with similar research focus
- To exchange methods, experiences, knowledge and best practices
- To boost interdisciplinary research approaches
- To support the development of a strong scientific offspring in the field of imaging spectroscopy

### Related Documents

[> Science Plan](#)

For posting an email to the YoungEnMAP list, use the address **enmap\_young@gfz-potsdam.de**

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# Planned spaceborne imaging spectroscopy missions

## ❖ **DESIS (DLR Germany & Teledyne USA)**

- 400-1000 nm, 3.3 nm resolution
- ~30m GSD & ~30 km swath
- Expected launch 2017 (Onboard ISS)

## ❖ **Prisma (Italian Space Agency)**

- 400-1010 nm & 920-2500 nm, 10 nm res. + PAN 400-700 nm
- 30 m GSD & 30 km swath (HSI)
- Expected launch 2018 (???)

## ❖ **HISUI (JAXA Japan)**

- 440-970 nm & 900-2500 nm, 10 nm & 12.5 nm resolution
- 30 m GSD & 30 km swath
- Expected launch 2018 (Onboard ISS)

## ❖ **SHALOM (Italy / Israel)**

- 400-1010 nm & 920-2500 nm, 10 nm res. + PAN 400-700 nm
- 10 m GSD & 10 km swath (HSI)
- Two commercial hyperspectral satellites, no launch date set yet

## ❖ **HyspIRI (NASA JPL / GSFC USA)**

- 380-2500 nm, <10 nm resolution + TIR bands
- 185 km swath
- Extremely high uniformity, one single detector array
- Expected launch ???



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# Europe's Sentinel-2A multispectral mission launched in June 2015



The screenshot shows the ESA Sentinel-2 website. The header features the 'sentinel-2' logo and the ESA logo. A navigation bar includes 'ESA', 'OBSERVING THE EARTH', 'COPERNICUS', and 'SENTINEL-2'. The main content area is titled 'SENTINEL-2 DELIVERS FIRST IMAGES' and includes a large satellite image of a forested area. The text describes the mission's launch on June 29, 2015, and its capabilities, such as a 290 km swath width and 10 m resolution. A sidebar on the left lists various sections like 'Colour vision', 'Applications', and 'About the mission'. On the right, there is a search bar, the Copernicus logo, and a 'Sentinel-2' image with a caption. Below that is a 'Sentinel data access & technical information' link and a 'Related links' section with links to the European Commission Copernicus site and Airbus Defence and Space. A 'Follow us' section includes a Twitter link with the hashtag #Sentinel2.

**sentinel-2** 

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**SENTINEL-2 DELIVERS FIRST IMAGES**


29 June 2015 Just four days after being lofted into orbit, Europe's Sentinel-2A satellite delivered its first images of Earth, offering a glimpse of the 'colour vision' that it will provide for the Copernicus environmental monitoring programme.


With a swath width of 290 km, the satellite's first acquisition began in Sweden and made a strip-like observation through central Europe and the Mediterranean, ending in Algeria.

The data were relayed in real time to Italy's Matera ground station, where teams eagerly awaited their arrival for processing.


While northern and central Europe were mostly cloudy, Italy's typical sunny weather allowed the teams to get their first glimpse of the multispectral instrument's capabilities over the northwestern part of the country and the French Riviera – and they were excited by what they saw. With a ground resolution of 10 m per pixel, the images show individual buildings in Milan, agricultural plots along the Po River, and ports along the southern French coast.

First image from Sentinel-2A

 Sentinel-2

 Sentinel data access & technical information

Related links  
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Series of two satellites: European's Landsat – high expectation because of better spatio-temporal resolution and spectral coverage than Landsat



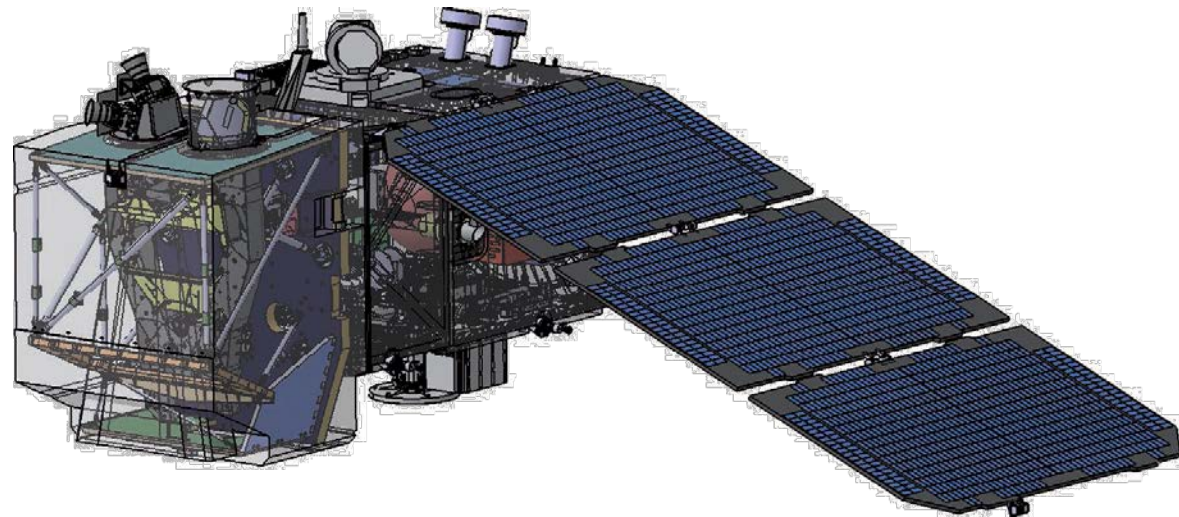
# Sentinel-2 Main Applications

- Part of the EU Copernicus programme (6 different „Sentinel“ systems)
- S-2 focused on high resolution **land monitoring**:
  - land cover maps
  - maps of biogeophysical variables such as leaf chlorophyll content
  - acquisition and rapid delivery of images to support disaster relief efforts (flood, volcanoes, earthquakes,...)
- A huge amount of data with high spatial, and temporal resolution and a good spectral coverage (VIS-NIR-SWIR)



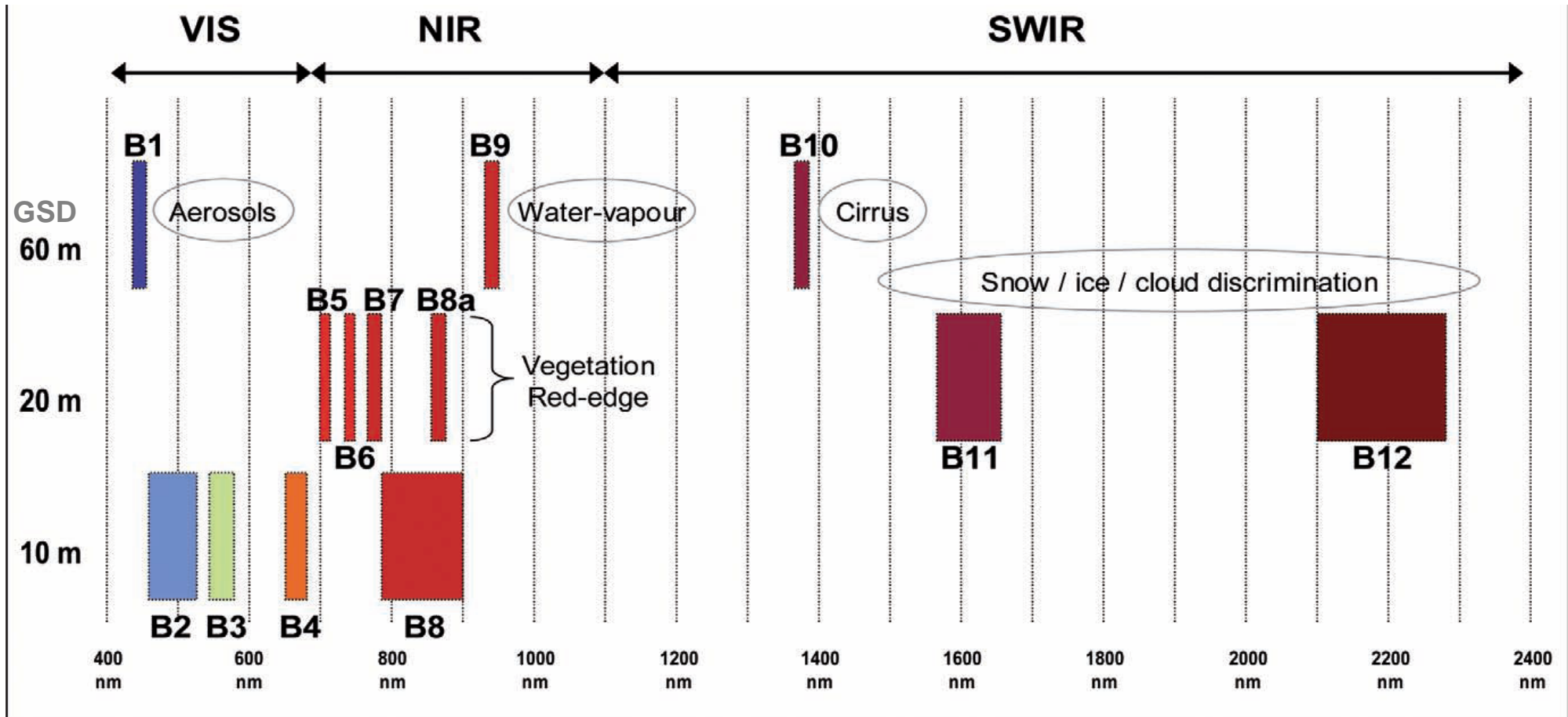
# Sentinel-2 Flight Segment – Orbit Parameters

- **Orbit mean altitude / Type**      **786 km / sun-synchronous**
- **Equator crossing time**      **10.30 LTDN**
- **Coverage**      **84° N / 56° S**
- **Swath width**      **290 km**
- **Repeat period**      **5 days based on two satellites**
- **Mission life time**      **7 years**



# Sentinel-2 Band setting

Ground sampling distance of 10, 20 or 60 m depending on spectral channel:  
atmospheric correction, vegetation studies and Landsat/SPOT continuity, resp.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jljN8\\_7Tz1E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jljN8_7Tz1E)



## ❖ Sentinel-2:

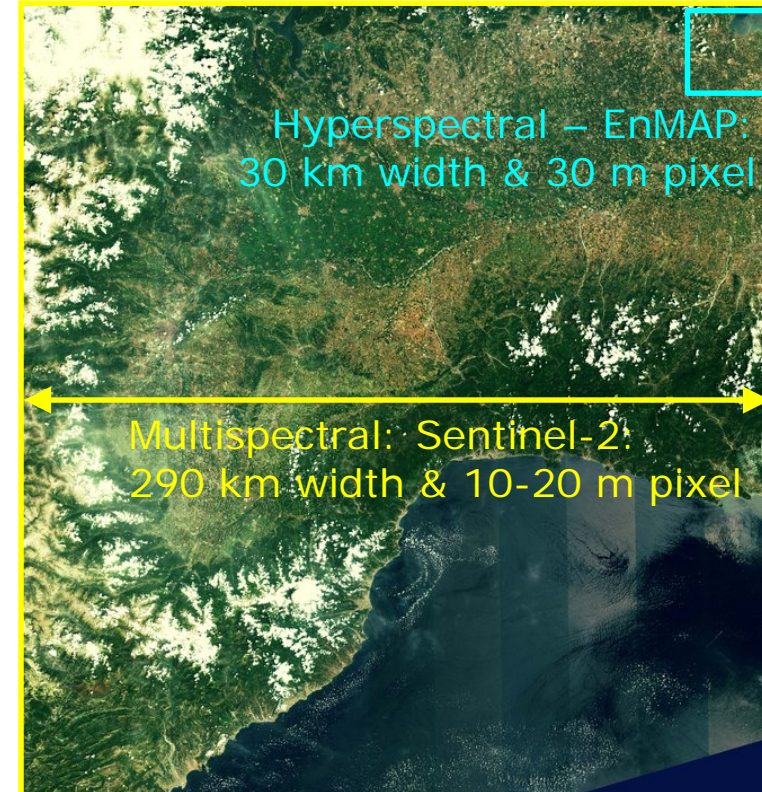
- (+) wide spatial coverage, high spatial and temporal resolution
- (-) limited spectral information

## ❖ EnMAP:

- (+) spectral information
- (-) medium spatial resolution, poor spatial coverage and temporal resolution

→ Calls for **synergetic use** of both missions:

1. Data fusion to produce high spatial resolution hyperspectral data through “sharpening-like” methods
2. Hyperspectral data as a “microscope” for enhanced information over overlap areas in the multispectral images



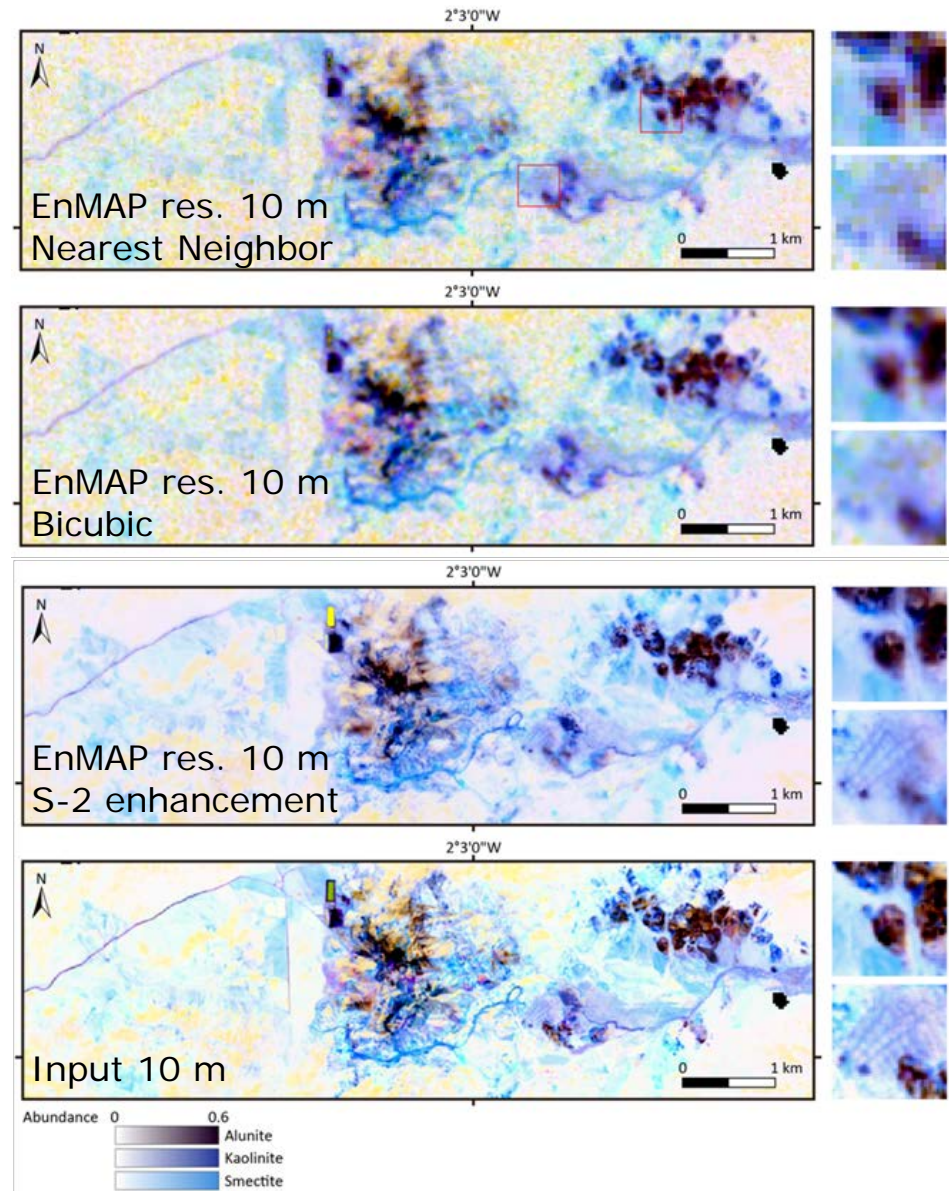


# Potential synergies of EnMAP with other EO missions

- ❖ Advanced methods for data fusion needed!
- ❖ Example: Yokoya et al., RS, 2016: *"Potential of Resolution-Enhanced Hyperspectral Data for Mineral Mapping Using Simulated EnMAP and Sentinel-2 Images"*

→ Sharpening of EnMAP data to 10 m through S-2 for mineral mapping

Color composite images of continuum-removed data using spectral channels potential affected by mineral absorptions (R: 2201 nm, G: 2159 nm, B: 2115 nm)



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# FLEX selected as ESA's Earth Explorer 8 in November 2015

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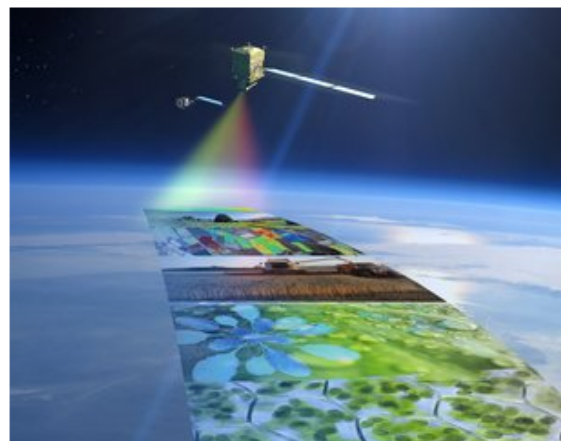
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## NEW SATELLITE TO MEASURE PLANT HEALTH



FLEX concept

19 November 2015 ESA plans to track the health of the world's vegetation by detecting and measuring the faint glow that plants give off as they convert sunlight and the atmosphere's carbon dioxide into energy.

Yielding information about the health and stress of the planet's vegetation is important as the growing global population places increasing demands on the production of food and animal feed.

Following a rigorous selection process, the satellite will be ESA's eighth Earth Explorer, planned for launch by 2022.



Earth Explorers

Press release

- FLEX mission to be next ESA Earth Explorer

More information

- FLEX report for mission selection SP-1330
- Replay: User Consultation Meeting

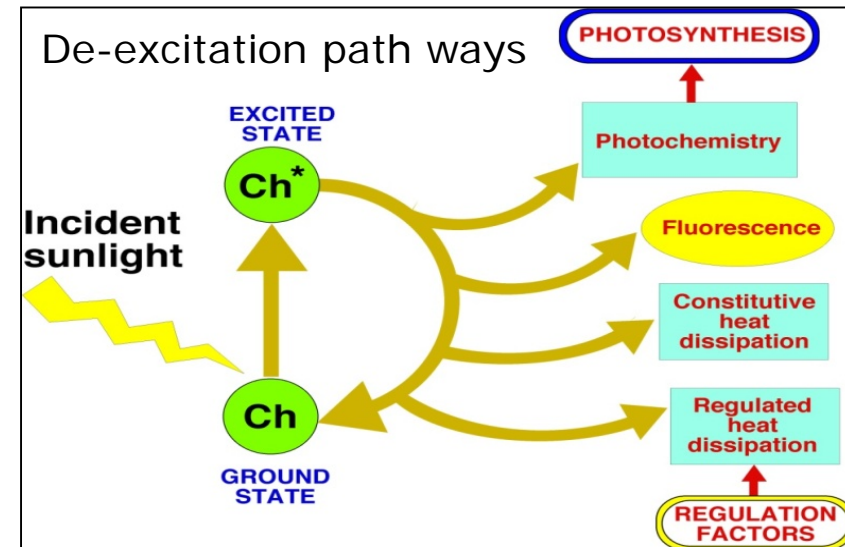
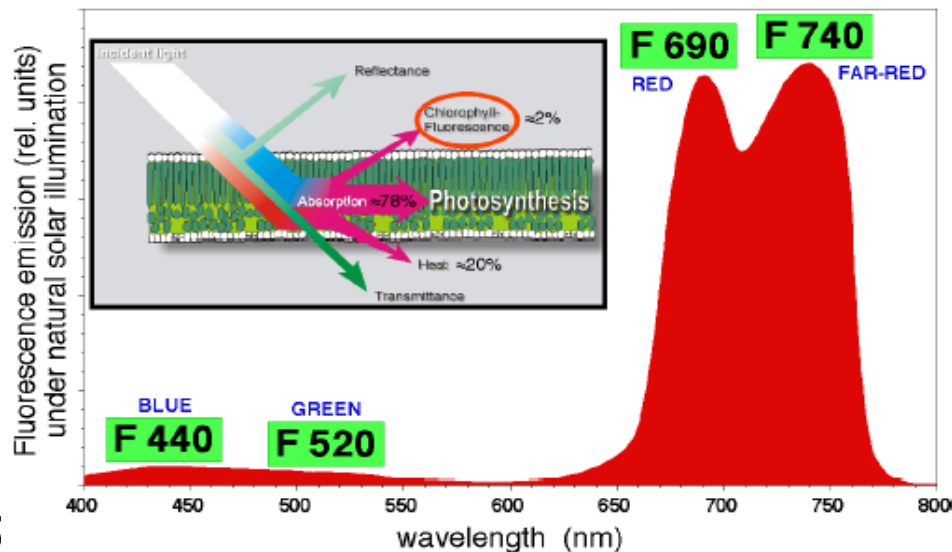
Related links

- University of Valencia-FLEX
- Forschungszentrum Jülich

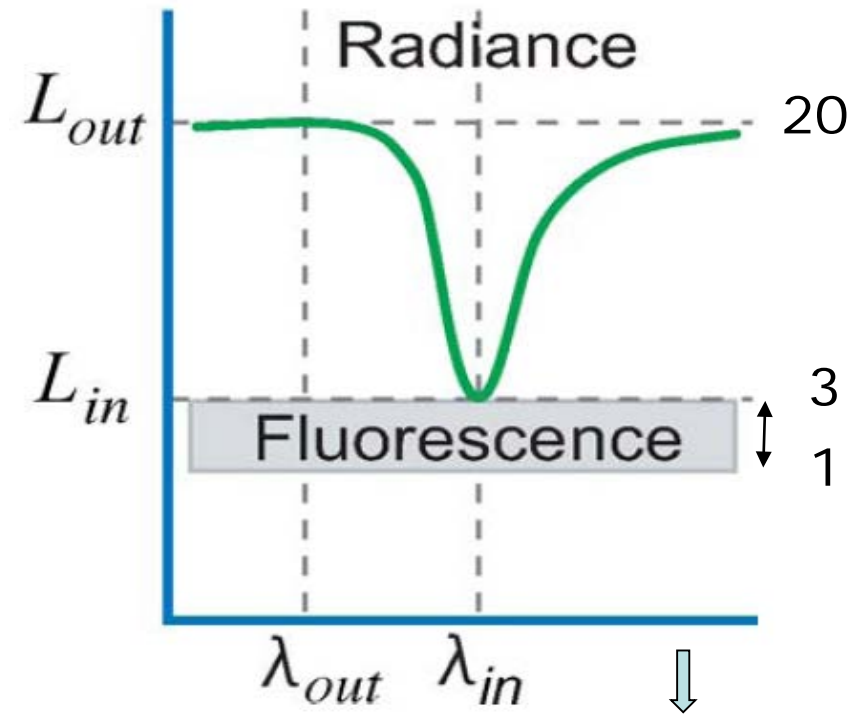
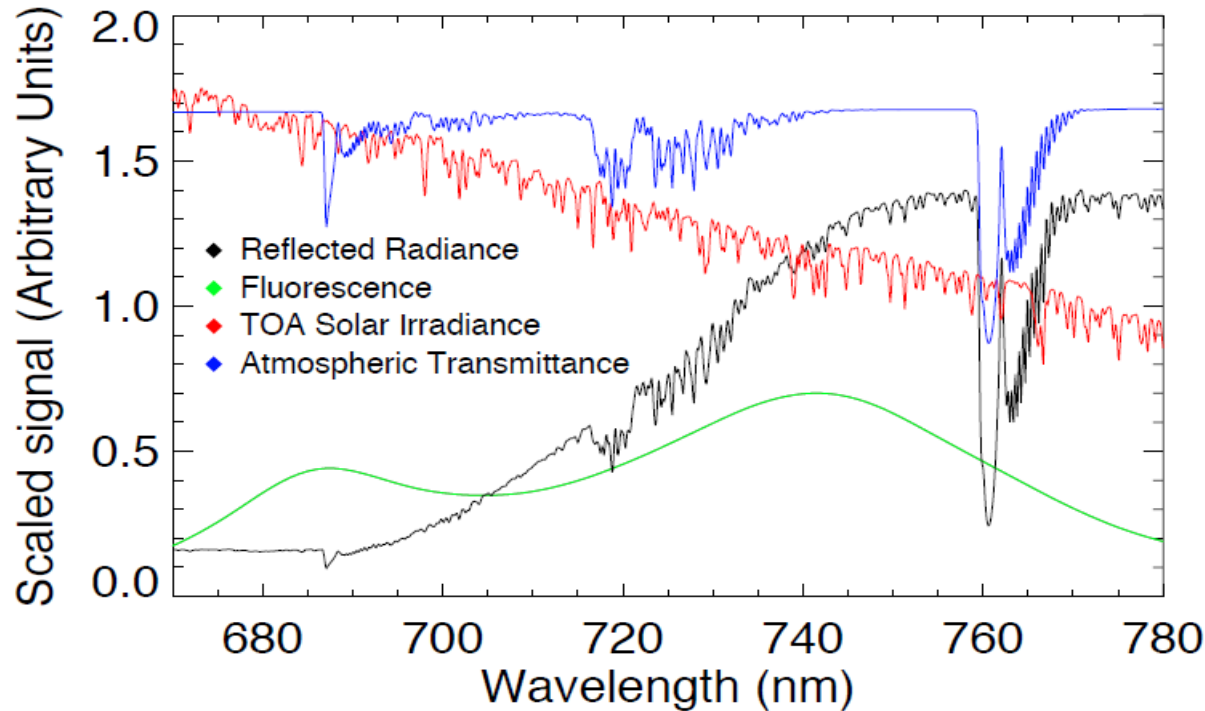


# Sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)

- ❖ **Sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)** is an electromagnetic signal emitted by the photosynthetic machinery of green plants that **can be linked to instantaneous photosynthesis**.
- ❖ **+ 10 year of SIF measurements from in-situ and airborne spectrometers**; first global measurements from satellites available since 2011.



# SIF retrieval: in-filling of solar and atmospheric lines



Absorption features shorten with an additive signal (e.g. SIF) → band in-filling due to SIF

High spectral resolution (ideally <0.3 nm) needed to resolve solar and atmospheric lines for SIF retrieval

## Example

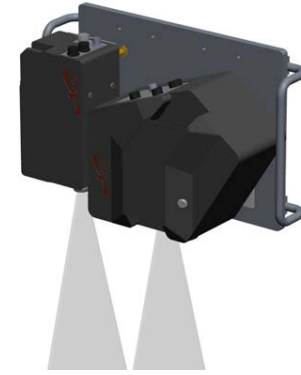
FD: Fractional depth, =ratio bottom/continuum

$$FD (SIF=0) = Li/Lo = 3/20 = 0.15$$

$$FD (SIF=1) = (Li+SIF)/(Lo+SIF) = 4/21 = 0.19$$

→ SIF modifies FD of absorption features

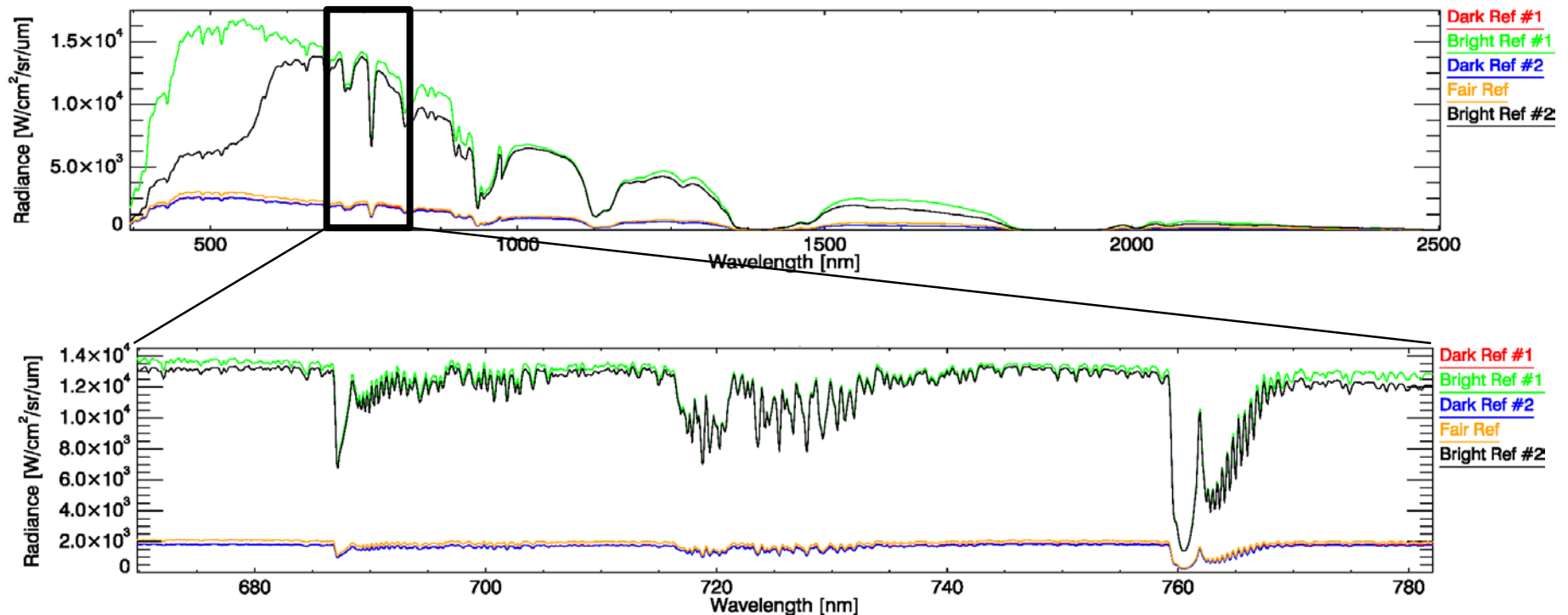
# HyPlant: a high performance airborne spectrometer for SIF monitoring



Module 1: Imaging spectrometer (380 – 2500 nm) with 3 nm (VIS) and 10nm (SWIR) spectral resolution; 1-3 meters spatial resolution

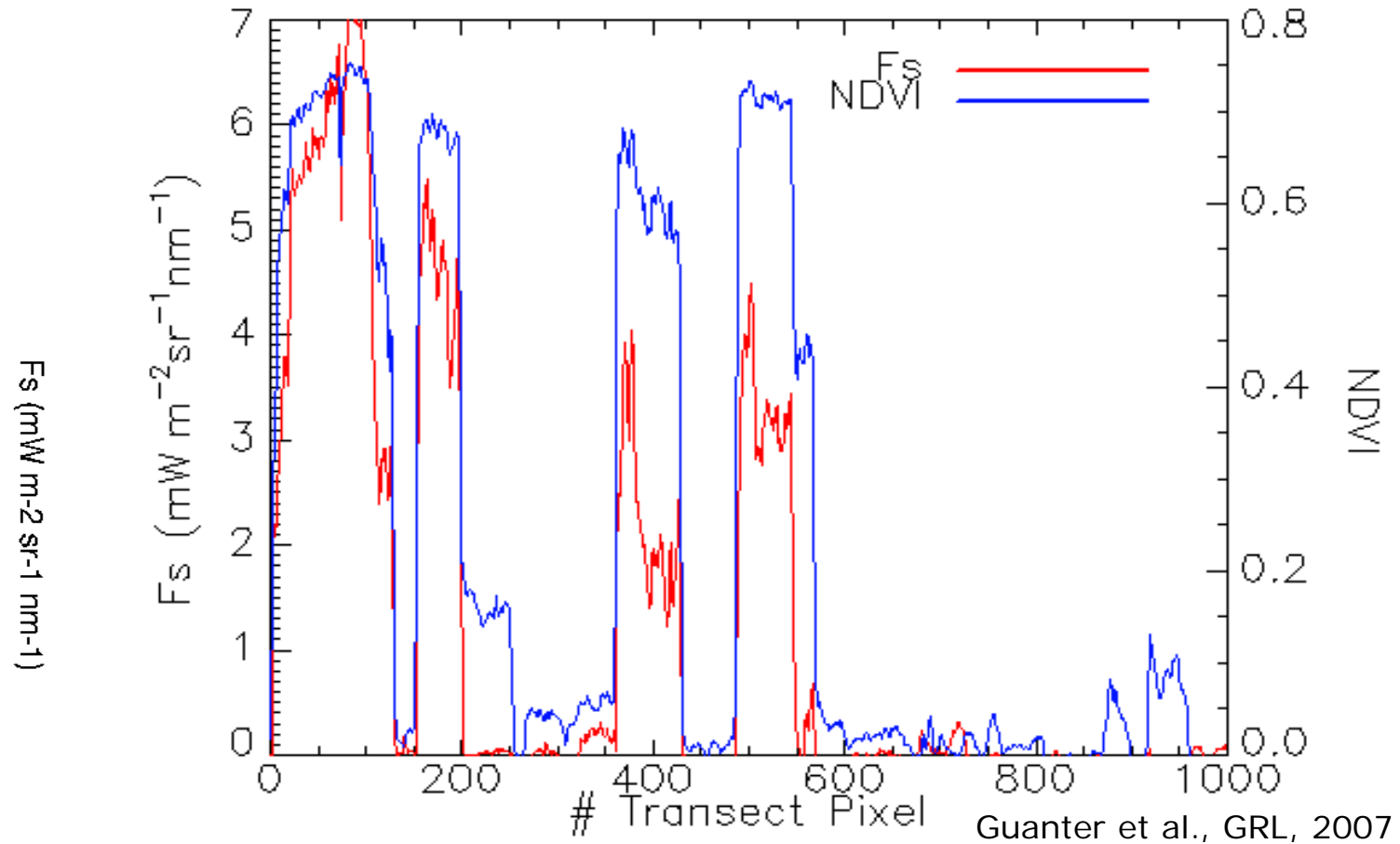
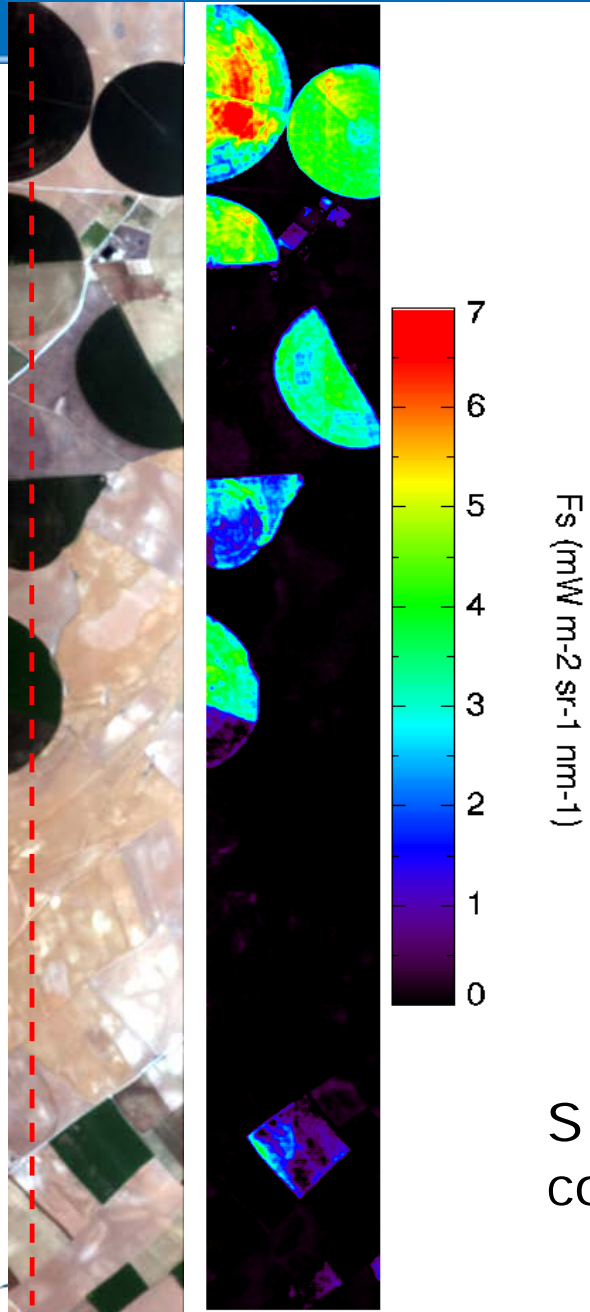
Module 2: Fluorescence module (670 – 780 nm) with 0.25 nm (FWHM) and 0.11 nm (SSI)

Owned and operated by FZ Jülich



Rascher et al., GCB, 2015





SIF and Greenness both driven by canopy chlorophyll content and structure, but not redundant

# “Validation”: are we really measuring SIF?

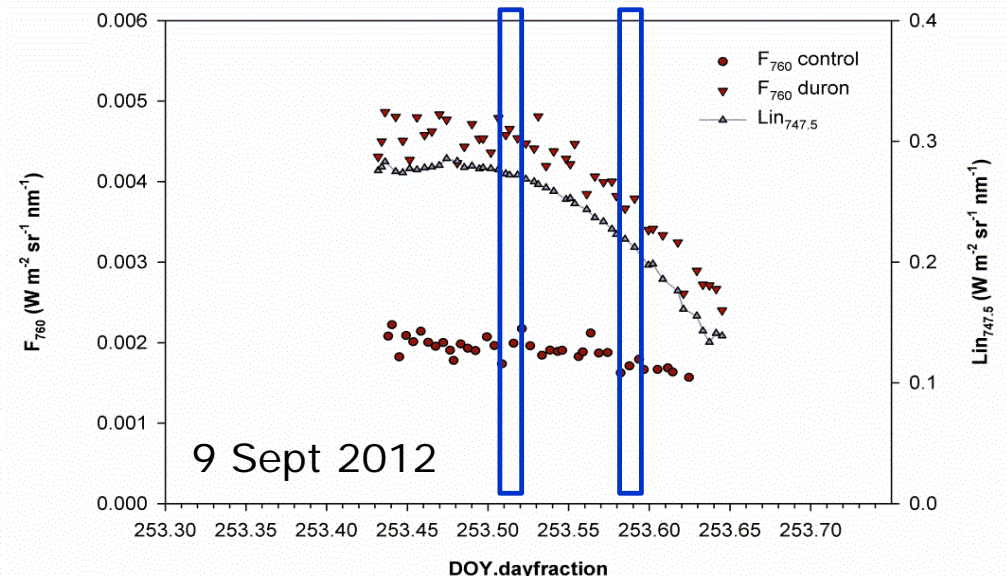
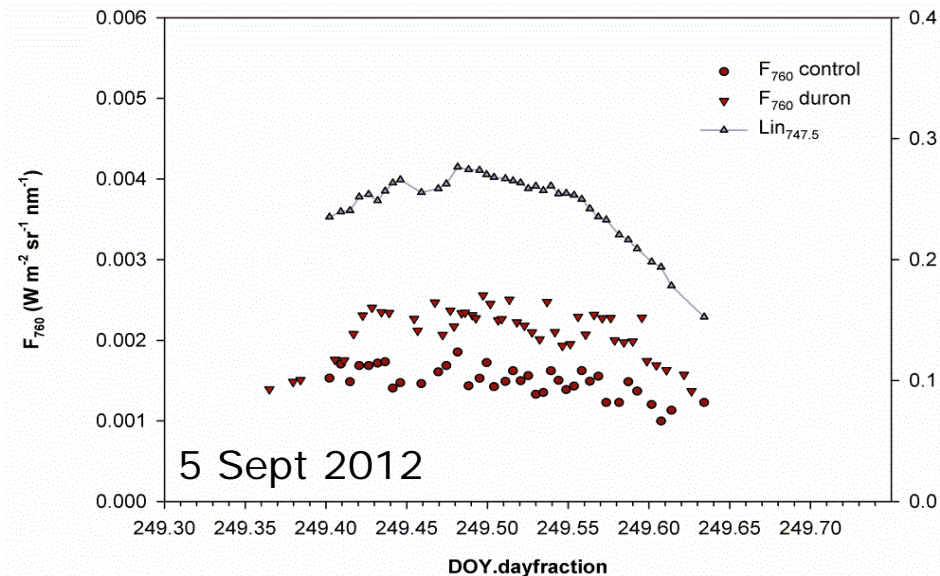
## HyFLEX airborne campaign – Grassland experiment



The application of Duron treatment on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. caused an increase of **SIF** at 760nm up to **5 mW m<sup>-2</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> nm<sup>-1</sup>**, **more than the double** of “natural” SIF values

**Duron blocks energy transfer in photosynthesis without changing the pigments.** Excess energy dissipated as fluorescence

Rossini et al., GRL, 2015



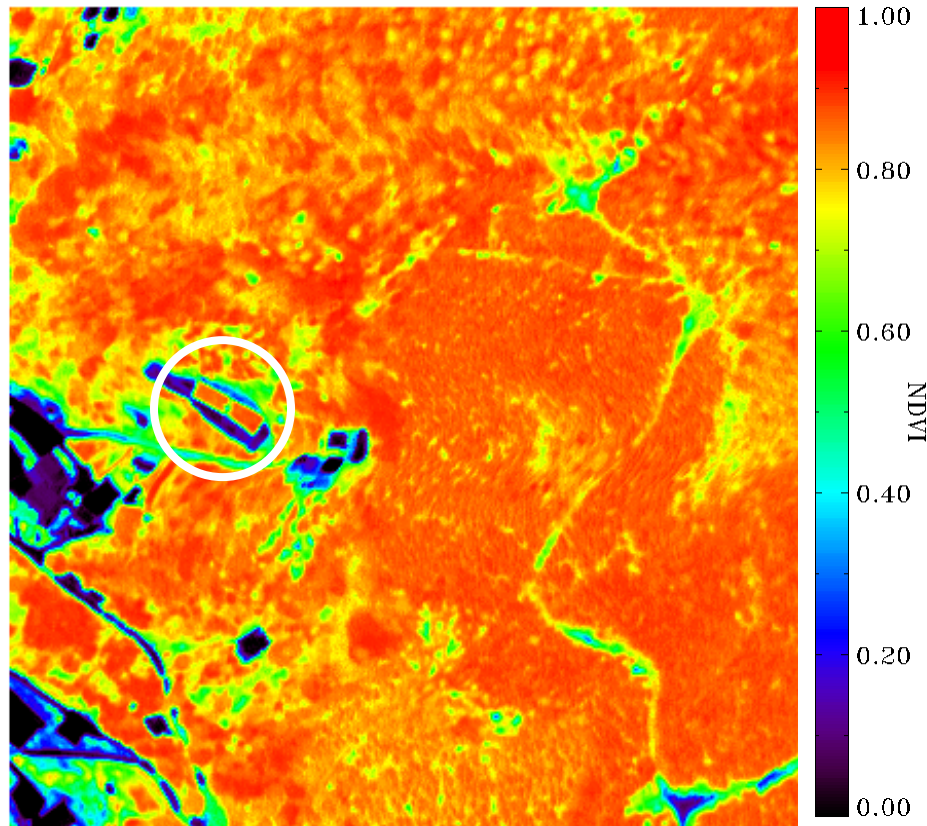


# Chlorophyll fluorescence as an indicator of plant biochemistry

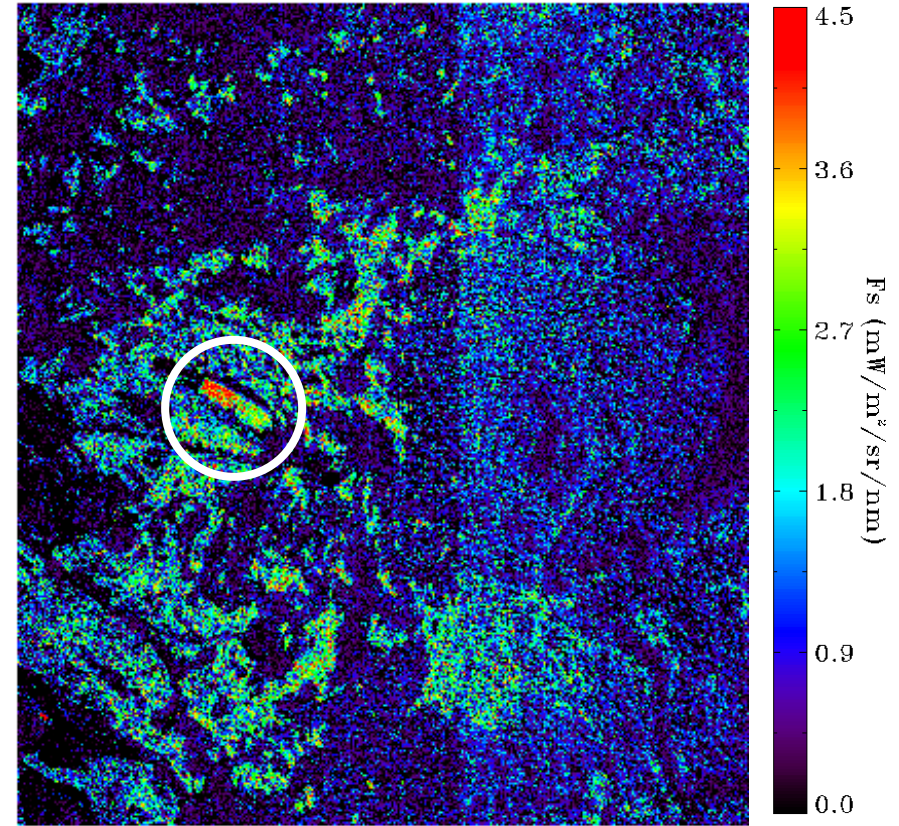
- ❖ Example: *Duron* herbicide applied to a grassland carpet → blocks energy transfer in photosynthesis without changing the pigments; excess energy dissipated as fluorescence

→ Fluorescence provides information on plant biochemical processes

“Greenness”



Fluorescence





# First global maps of sun-induced fluorescence (SIF) in 2011

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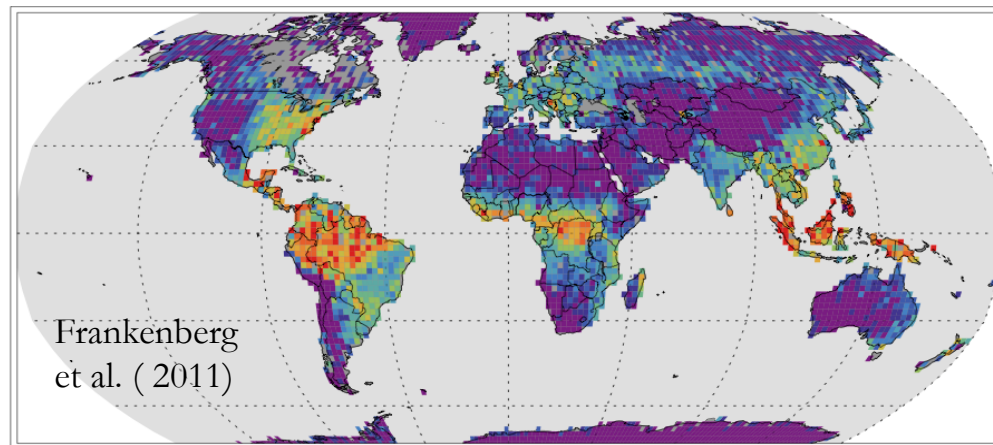
## Mapping photosynthesis

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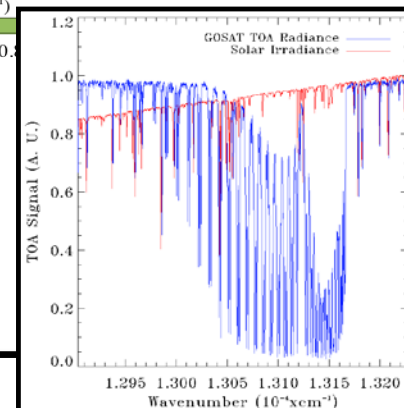
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Chlorophyll fluorescence at 755 nm

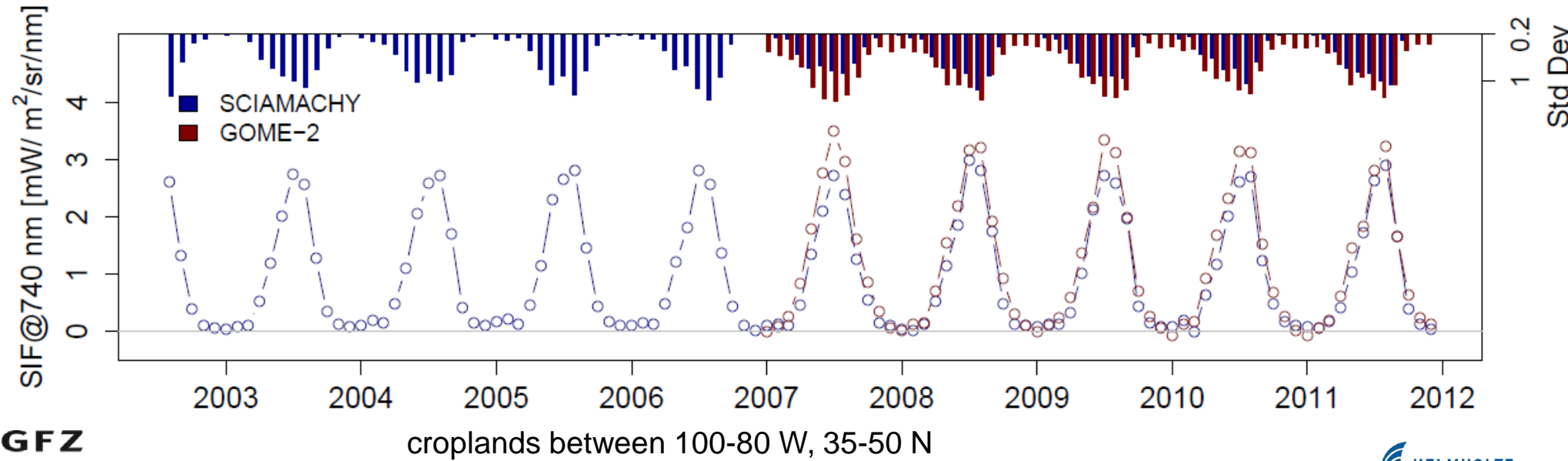
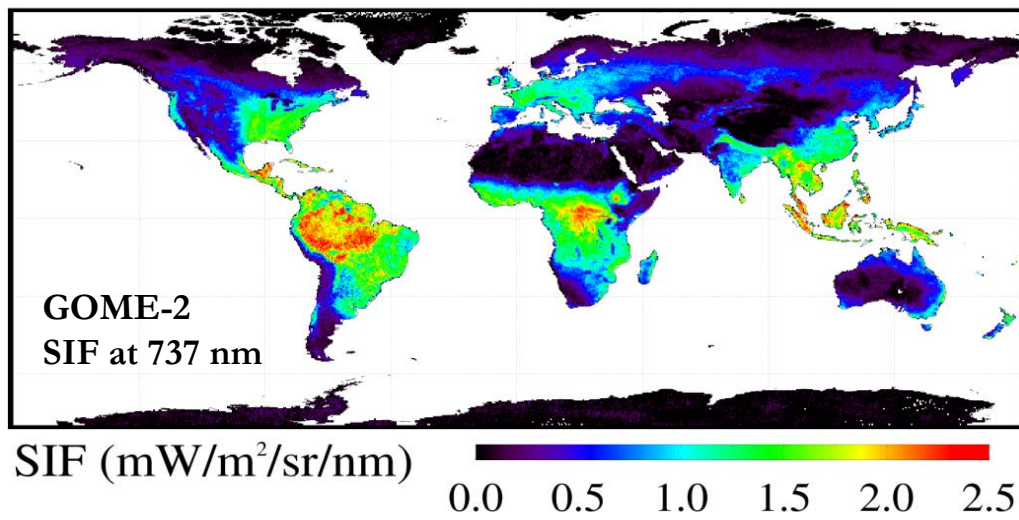
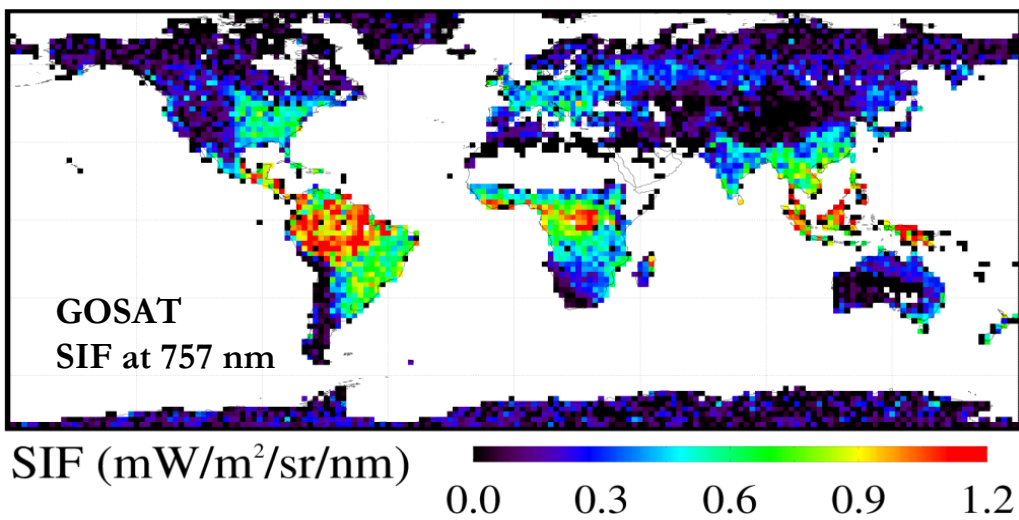


$F_r / (\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ micron}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1})$   
0.000 0.100 0.200 0.300 0.400 0.500 0.600 0.700 0.800



Researchers have created a global map of the fluorescence emitted by land-based plants during photosynthesis. This subtle glow at certain wavelengths could serve as an early warning system for plant stress and help scientists better understand Earth's carbon cycle.

# Global SIF data sets



# Upcoming missions with potential for SIF retrieval

- ❖ **Bottleneck so far:** coarse spatial resolution of global composites; best: MetOp/GOME-2,  $0.5^\circ \sim 50\text{km}/\text{pixel}$ .
- ❖ **Promising scenario for fluorescence monitoring in the near future:**
  - Sentinel-5 Precursor (ESA/Copernicus/KNMI/SRON), ~end 2016
  - ESA Earth Explorer 8th FLEX, launch >2022

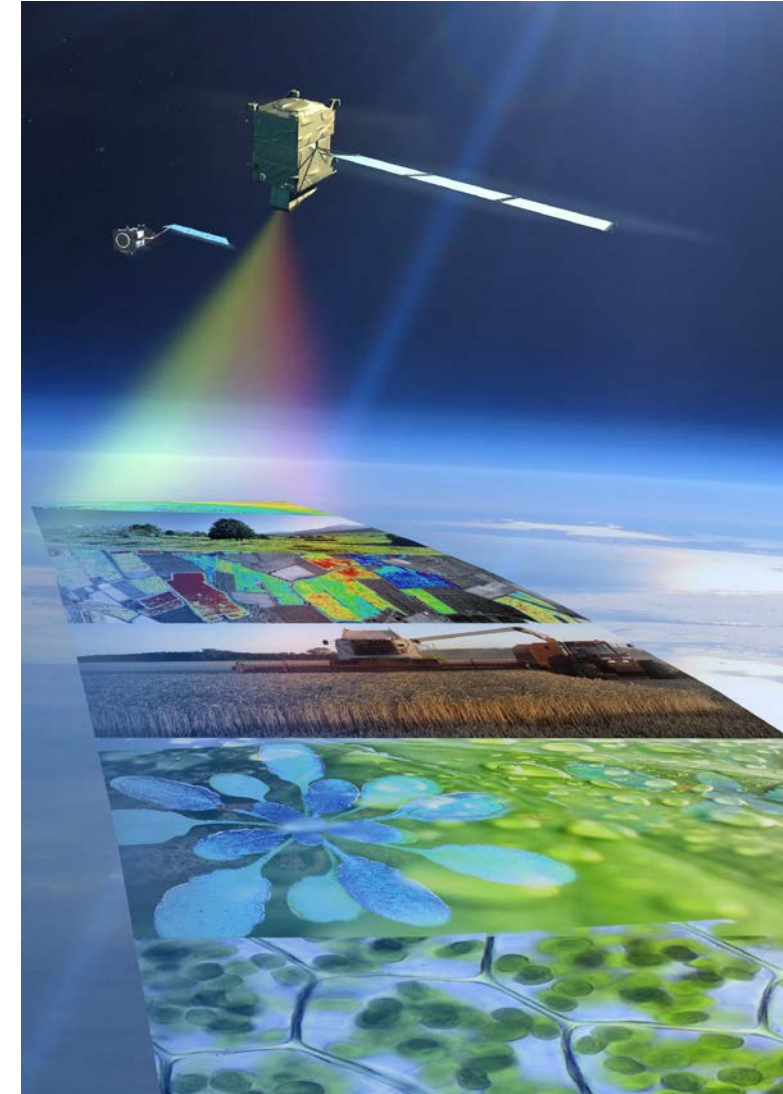
	GOME-2	S5P/TROPOMI
Data since/from	Jan 2007	End 2014
Overpass time	Morning	Midday
Spectral coverage	650–790 nm	675–775 nm
Spatial sampling	Continuous	Continuous
Spatial resolution of single measurements	$40 \times 80 \text{ km}^2$	$7 \times 7 \text{ km}^2$
Spatial resolution of global composites	$0.5^\circ$	$0.1^\circ$
Sensitivity of SIF retrieval to cloud contamination	High	Medium
Approx. number of clear-sky observations per day	3,500	~400,000

The screenshot shows the ESA website's 'observing the earth' section. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'ESA' and 'OBSERVING THE EARTH' highlighted. Below this, there's a search bar and a breadcrumb trail: 'ESA > Our Activities > Observing the Earth'. The main content area features a headline 'NEW SATELLITE TO MEASURE PLANT HEALTH' with a date '19 November 2015'. The text describes ESA's plan to track the health of the world's vegetation by detecting the faint glow that plants give off as they convert sunlight and the atmosphere's carbon dioxide into energy. An image of the FLEX satellite in orbit is shown. Below the image, it says 'FLEX concept'. To the right, there's a 'Press release' section with a link to 'FLEX mission to be next ESA Earth Explorer' and 'More information' with a link to 'FLEX report for mission selection SP-1330'. At the bottom, there's a 'Related links' section with links to 'Replay: User Consultation Meeting', 'University of Valencia-FLEX', and 'Forschungszentrum Jülich'.



# FLEX: ESA's Fluorescence Explorer

- ❖ First EO mission **designed to measure and exploit fluorescence data.**
- ❖ **Goal:** full characterization of terrestrial photosynthetic processes through SIF and ancillary measurements (PRI, pigments, temperature, ...).
- ❖ **Features:**
  - High spectral resolution spectrometer (FWHM~0.3-3 nm) in 500-800 nm
  - 300 m pixel & 100 km swath
  - Expected launch ~2022
- ❖ *(if co-existing!)* **A fusion of FLEX and EnMAP data** could be used for
  - sub-pixel analysis of vegetation biochemical parameters
  - Potential for down-scaling of products from 300 to 30 m.



**A look into the future of imaging spectroscopy:  
Contribution to operational EO programmes and  
topics of direct societal impact**



# Potential contribution of imaging spectroscopy to operational EO programmes

## Added-value HSI wrt MSI

- ❖ Land-cover/Land-use mapping
- ❖ Vegetation
  - Productivity & photosynthetic
  - Plant functional types & ecosystem composition
  - Plant biochemistry (pigments, liquid water content)
- ❖ Geology and soils
  - Mineral composition and abundance
  - Organic content in soils
- ❖ Inland and coastal waters
  - Chlorophyll and secondary pigments
  - Phytoplankton composition
- ❖ Hazards
  - Hydrocarbon content (plastic debris, oil spills)
  - Industrial CH<sub>4</sub> emissions
  - Pollutants (e.g. acid mine waste)
  - Volcanic lava flow
- ❖ Cryosphere – snow composition
- ❖ Urban – materials & energy

## Current Copernicus Land & Emergency Management Services

Global Copernicus Monitoring Services	
Vegetation	Biochemical composition, structural parameters
Water	Water quality parameters
Energy	Directional albedo, TOC-R
Pan-European Copernicus Monitoring Services	
CORINE Land Cover	Land cover information at fine classification level (down to level of plant compositions, materials)
Local Copernicus Monitoring Services	
Urban Atlas	Urban land cover classes (down to material level), imperviousness
Riparian Zones	Riparian ecosystem composition
Natura 2000	Ecosystem composition, biodiversity variables
Copernicus Emergency Management Services	
Natural and man-made disaster response	Mine waste, oil spills, CH <sub>4</sub> emission, hydrocarbons

## 2016-2025 GEOSS Societal Benefit Areas

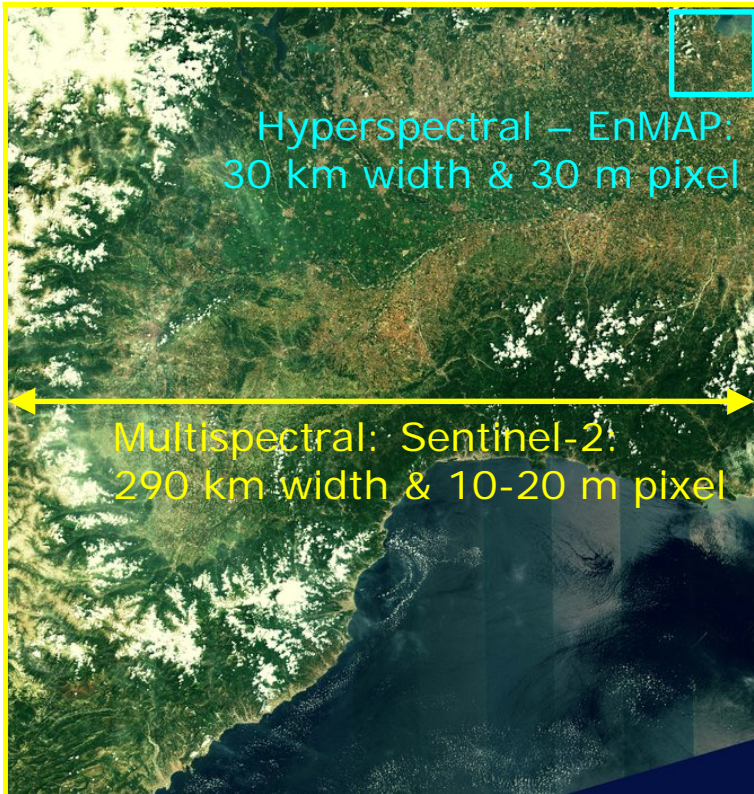
GEOSS Societal Benefit Areas	
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Sustainability	Plant functional types and ecosystem composition, biodiversity variables
Energy and Mineral Resources Management	Mineral abundances, biomass as energy resource
Food security and Sustainable Agriculture	Crop biochemical composition, photosynthetic functioning, structural parameters Soil mineralogy, texture, organic carbon, soil moisture
Water Resource Management	Water quality, snow properties
Sustainable urban development	Urban land cover classes (down to material level), imperviousness
Disaster resilience	Mine waste, oil spills, CH <sub>4</sub> emission, hydrocarbons



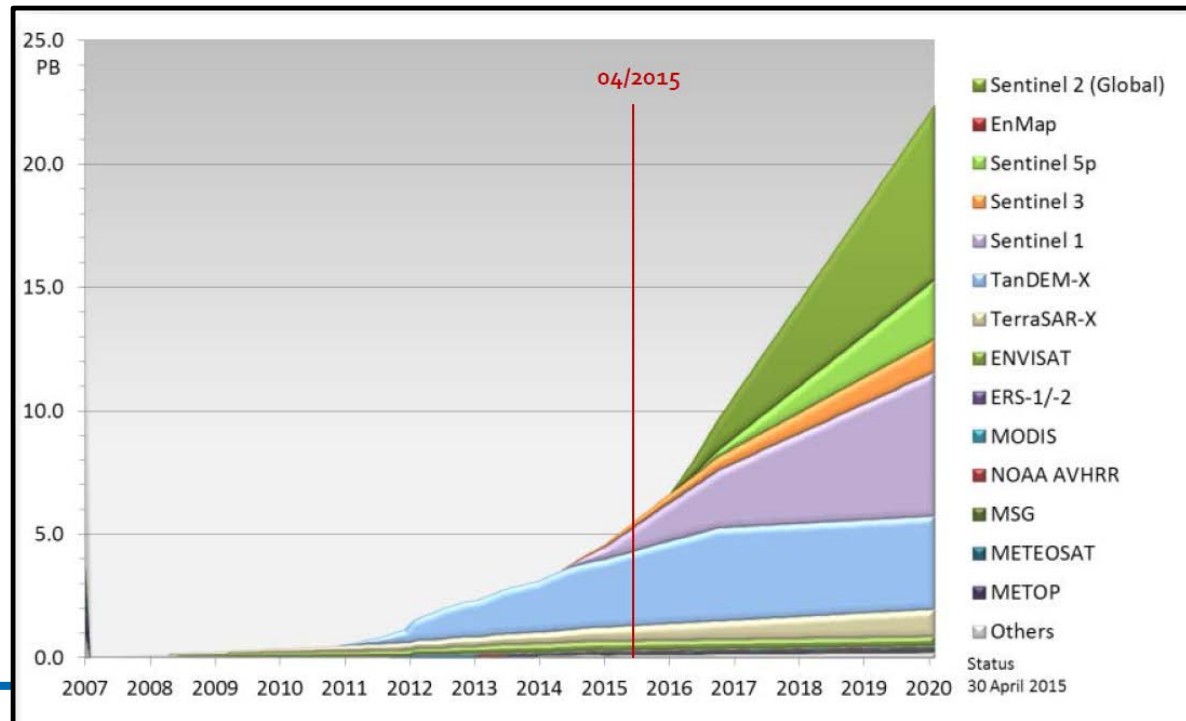
# A look into the future of imaging spectroscopy

- ❖ **Mid-term objective:** hyperspectral remote sensing to replace/complement multispectral systems for operational monitoring services.
- ❖ **Operational monitoring services** (e.g. EC Copernicus Earth Observation programme): Earth observation data products providing key information for a number of society-relevant areas.
- ❖ High spatial and temporal resolution measurements required (and hence enormous amount of data): bottleneck for hyperspectral technology → **First steps to investigate technical feasibility started in Germany and Europe.**

Copernicus' Sentinel-2 first image, 29 June 2015



Projection of expected amount of data from existing and future EO missions

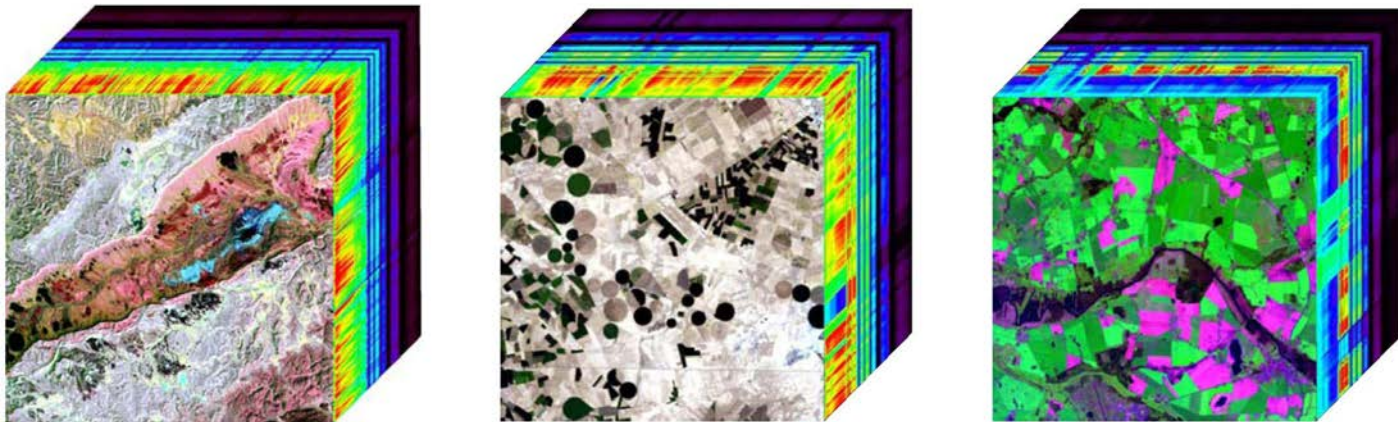


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