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Sodankylä National Satellite Data Centre

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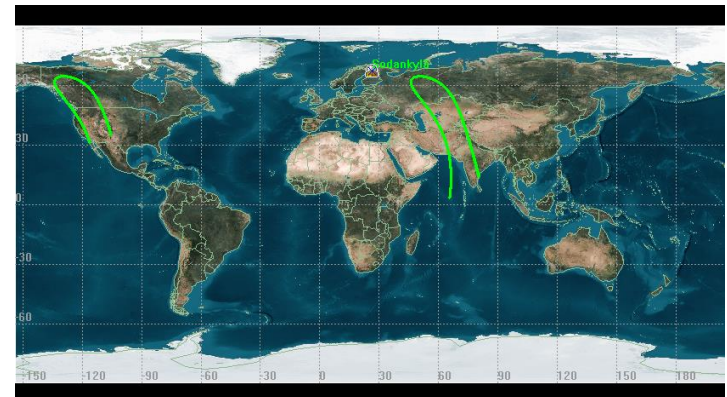
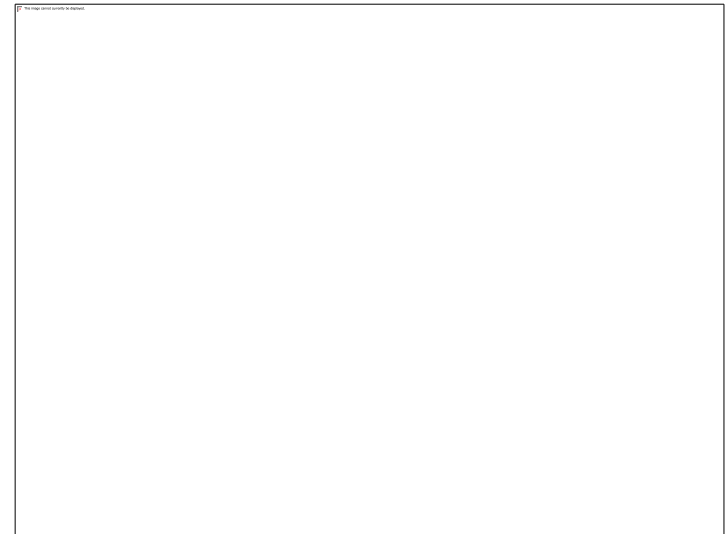


National satellite data center providing satellite data reception and data processing services to Finnish and international partners



Satellite visibility from Sodankylä

- **Sodankylä location is nearly optimal**
 - $67^{\circ}22'04.2''$ N (67.3678° N)
 - $26^{\circ}37'57.6''$ E (26.6327° E)
- **10/14 polar spacecraft orbits visible**
- **Excellent visibility to Molniya ($i=63,4^{\circ}$) orbit**
- **Stable weather conditions**
- **Full sky visibility.**





Satellite data availability from FMI Arctic Research

Current operational (free access)

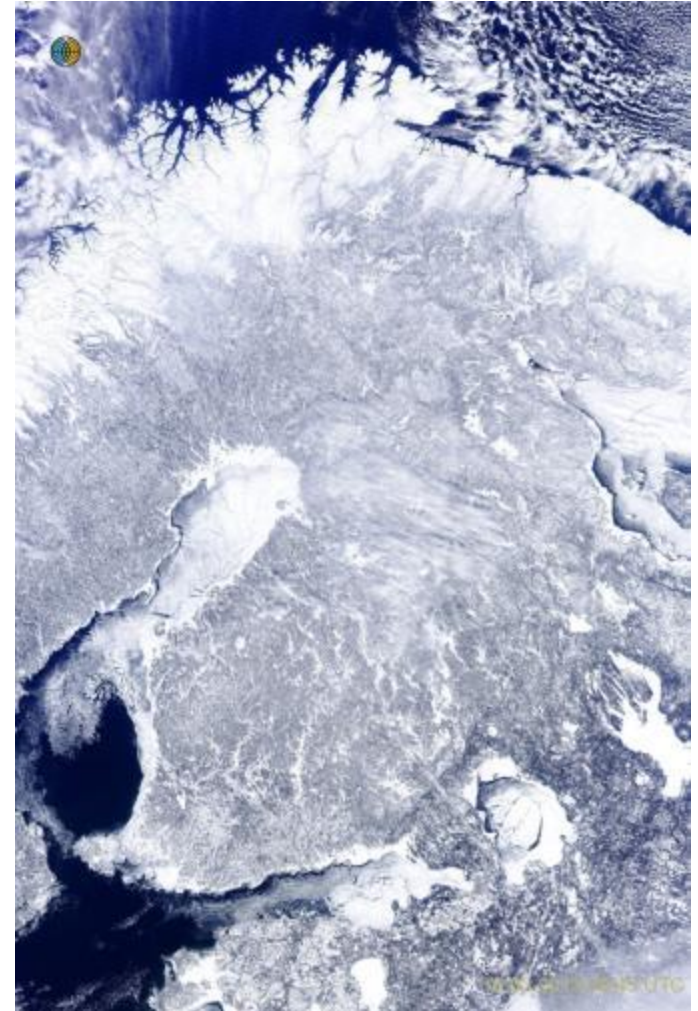
- EOS-Terra/MODIS
- EOS-Aura/ OMI
- Suomi-NPP/VIIRS & OMPS
- ~~FY-3A/MERSI~~

Current operational (commercial)

- COSMO-SkyMed (SAR)

Future

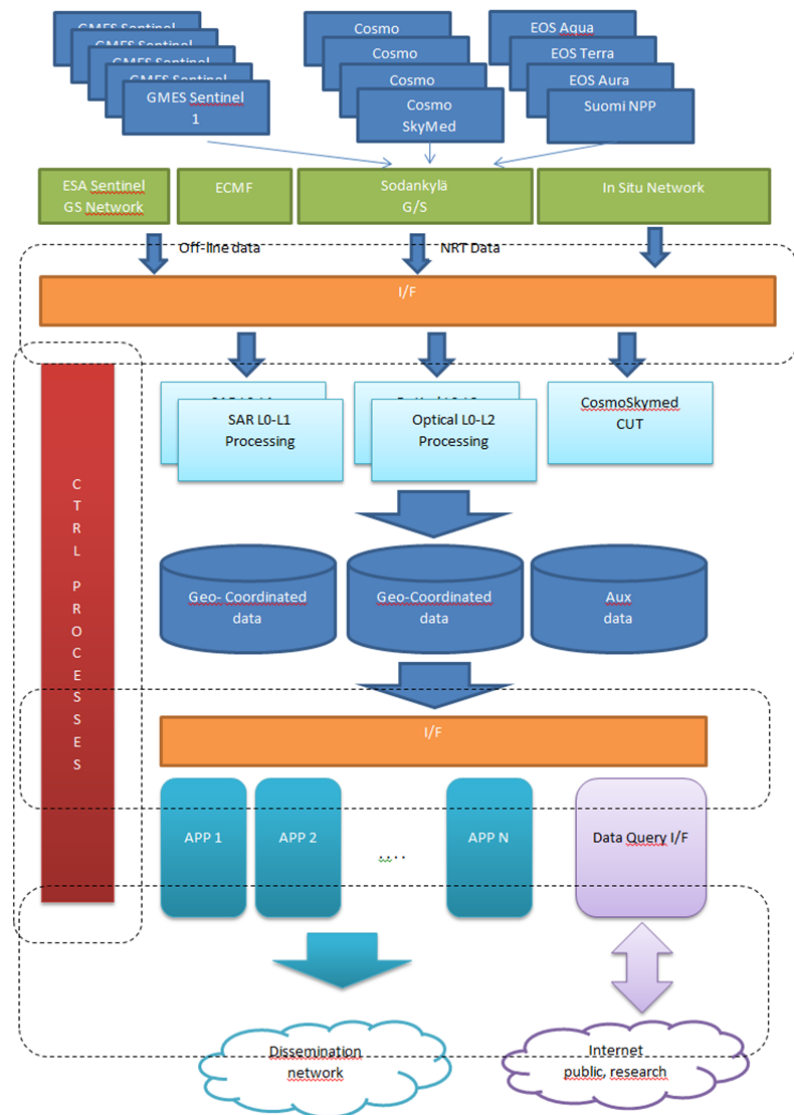
- FY-3C & FY-3B / MERSI
- **Sentinel-1 Collaborative GS:**
NRT delivery from local reception
- **Sentinel-1/2/3 Collaborative GS :**
National Mirror Site





Processing Lines

- Streamlined processing chains for data production
- Virtualization provides flexibility and scalability
- Cluster processing system (32 cores) for high performance computing
- Current archiving capacity >300TB
- Possibility to host both
 - External servers
 - External processing lines
 - Processing in virtual environment

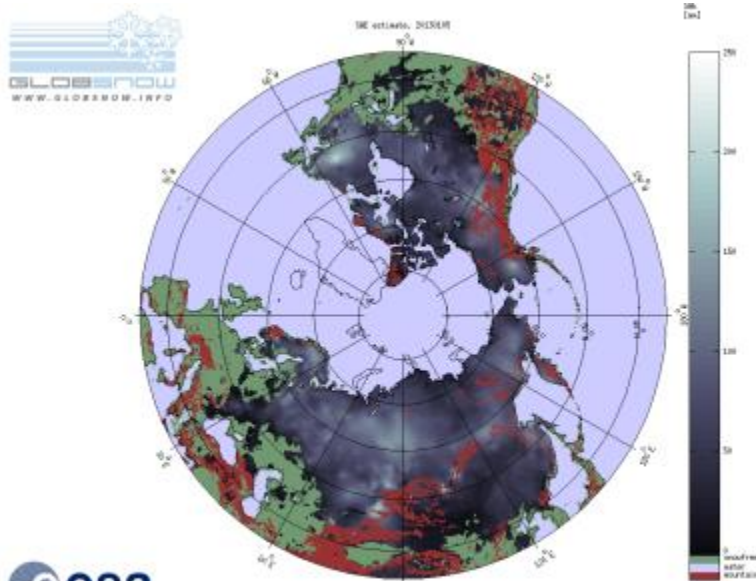




ESA-GlobSnow – Operational Snow processing of Northern Hemisphere

Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)

- 30 year-long CDR time-series on snow conditions of Northern Hemisphere (25 km grid)
- Passive microwave radiometer data combined with ground-based synoptic snow observations



Snow Extent (FSC)

- 15 years Snow Extent data record from ESA ATSR-2 (1995-) and AATSR (2002-) on a hemispherical scale.
- Methodology developed especially for forested regions
- Operational data production at FMI
- **Sentinel 3 SLSTR** needed for continuation





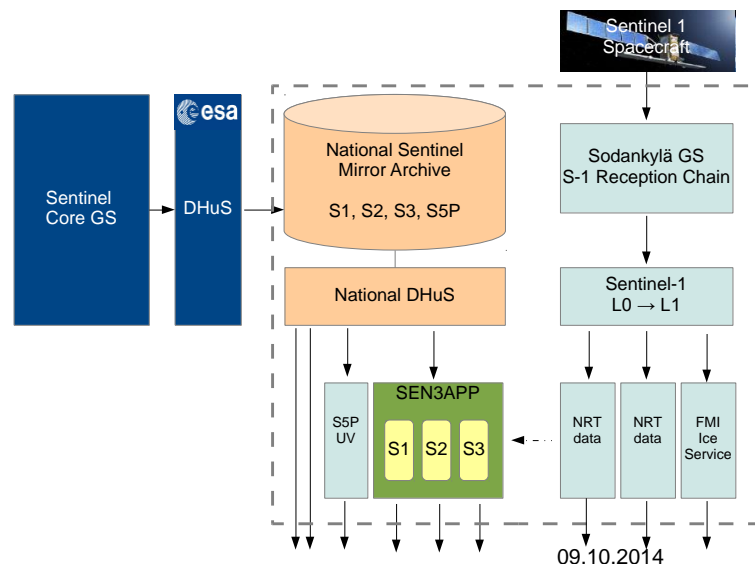
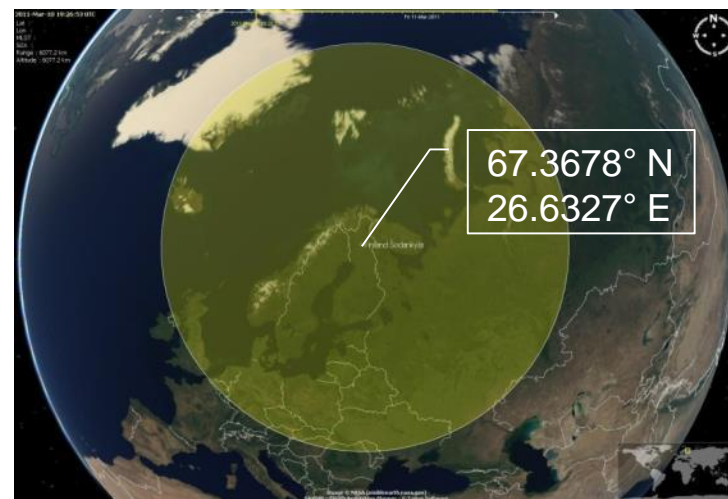
Copernicus Collaborative Ground Station

1. Local reception of Sentinel-1 Direct Broadcast

- Focus on NRT and Quasi-Real-Time products
- Special Interests:
 - S1 -> Baltic Sea Ice monitoring, Oil spill monitoring

2. National Sentinel mirror site

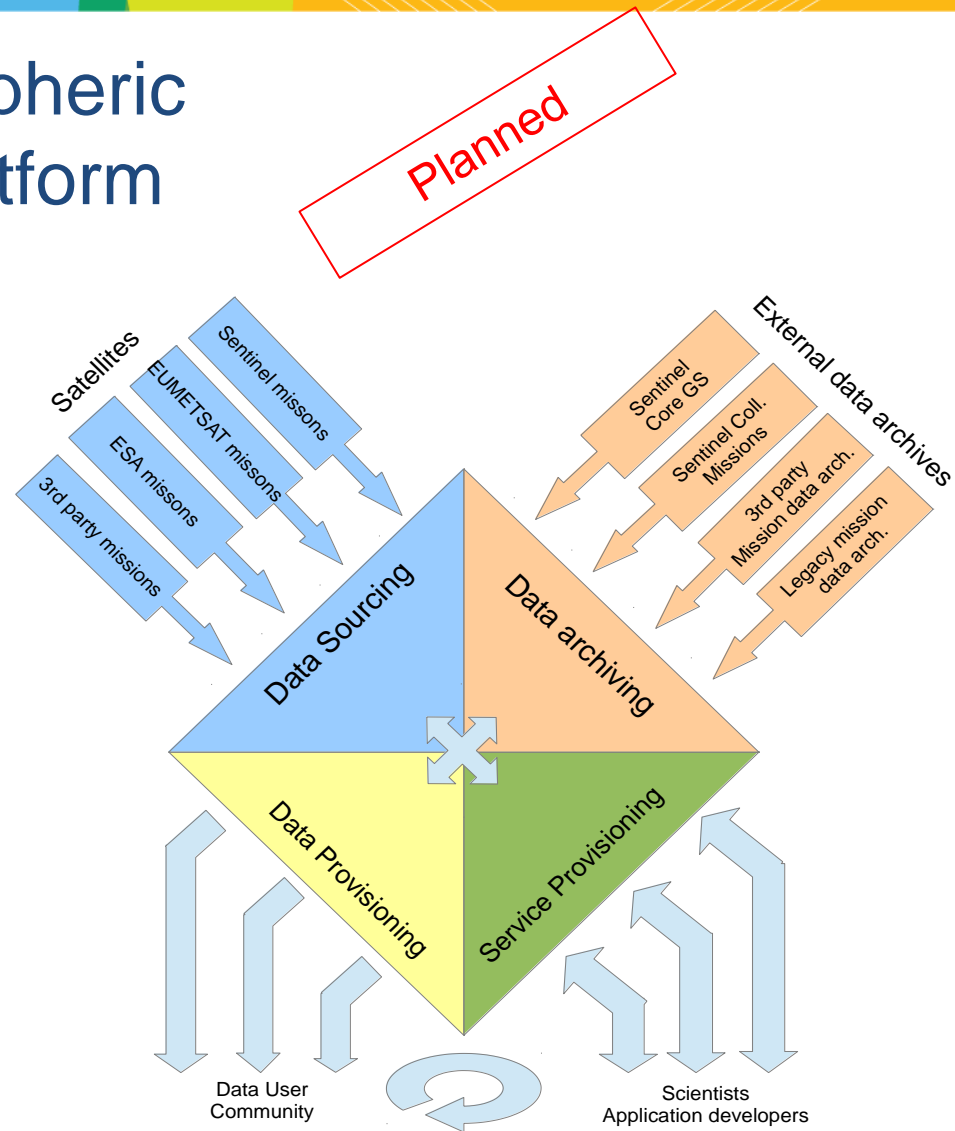
- Provision of Sentinel data to Finnish and international data users
 - S1, S2, S3, S5P
- Long-term data archive
- Automated data processing lines for specific products
- Hosting of processing services





Baltic regional and Cryospheric Thematic Exploitation Platform

- **Satellite data has traditionally been processed in monolithic processing centers**
- **This paradigm is changing towards distributed centers**
- **Thematic Exploitation Platform provides**
 - Fast access to data concerning certain themes, including satellite data, in-situ data
 - Processing capacity (cloud, grid, clusters) / IaaS
 - Processing software (toolboxes, commercial sw) / PaaS
 - General platform functionality (user management, access control, accounting, security, portals)





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Products and Services



Baltic Sea Ice Charting and Oil spill monitoring

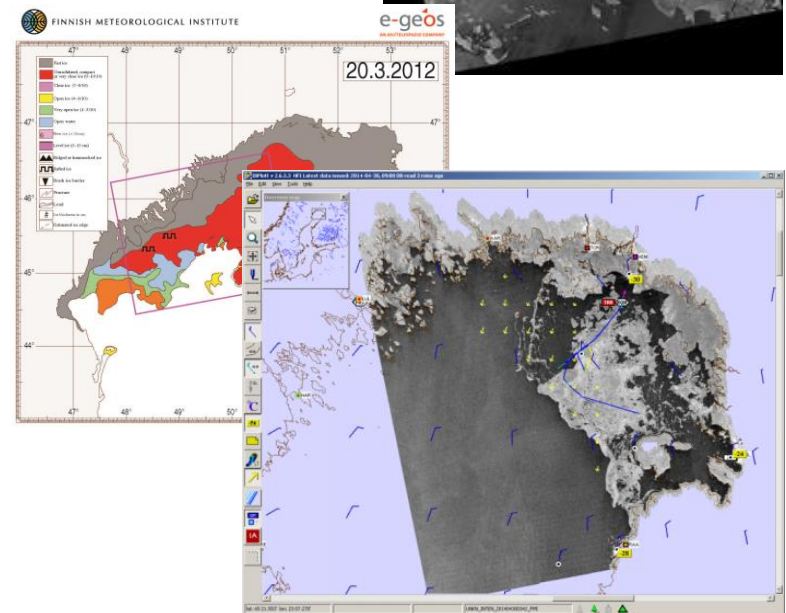
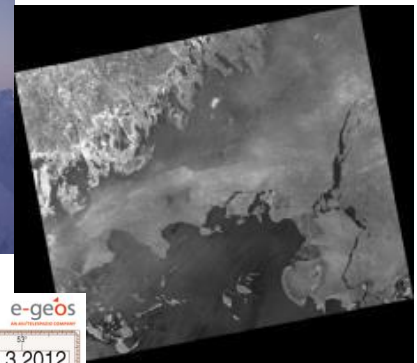
- **Commercial and environmental needs**
 - Finland is essentially an island
 - ~90% of Finland's import and export via sea routes
 - Gulf of Finland is one of the most busiest marine routes for oil transport
- **SAR for sea ice charting**
 - Currently RSAT2 and CSK images used. S1 welcomed addition in 2015
 - Daily products for ice breakers and ships
- **SAR for oil spill monitoring**





SAR images for ice breakers guidance

- **Radarsat-2, COSMO-SkyMed, Sentinel-1 SAR data used**
- **Automated processing chain**
 - CSK acquisition programming at Sodankylä
 - Data reception from CSK spacecraft
 - Automated processing of SAR image
 - Ice conditions analysis at FMI Ice Service
 - Data push to FIN-SWE Ice breaker fleet
- **Image delivery to ice breakers Near real time**
 - In optimal timing <30 min from image acquisition
- **Fully operational in Baltic sea ice season 2014-2015**





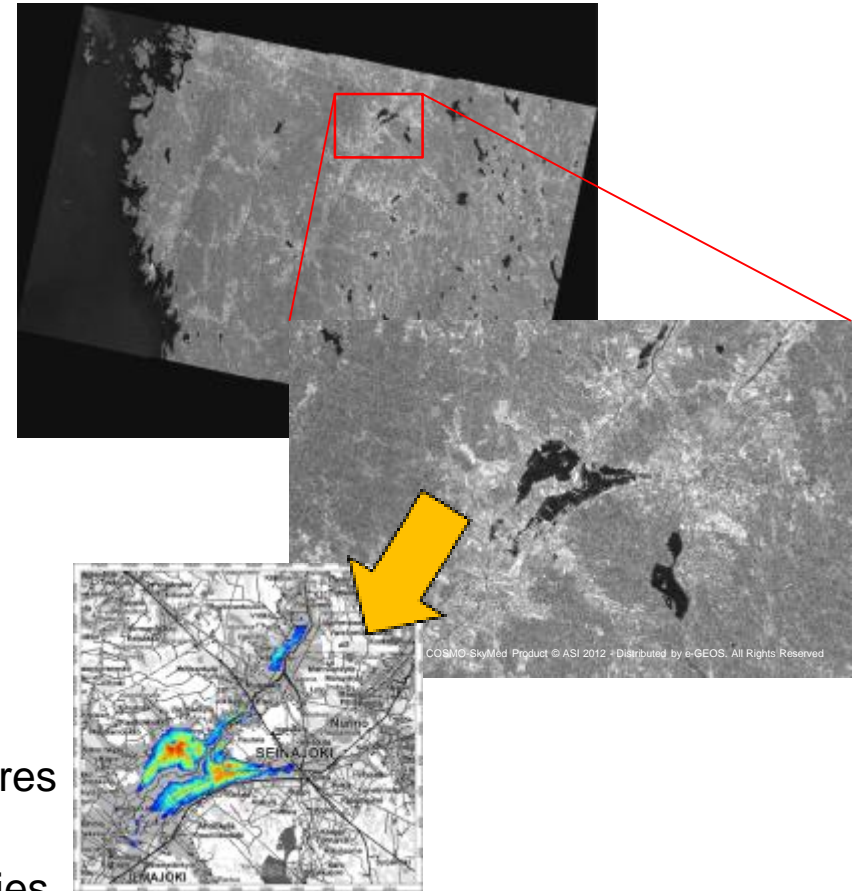
Flood extent products

- **COSMO-SkyMed (SAR)**

- Constellation of 4 spacecraft
- Active microwave (X-band) instrument - Uses signal doppler effect to improve resolution
- Insensitive to illumination conditions
 - Works day and night
- Insensitive to weather
 - Works in rain
 - Works in cloudy weather

- **Process**

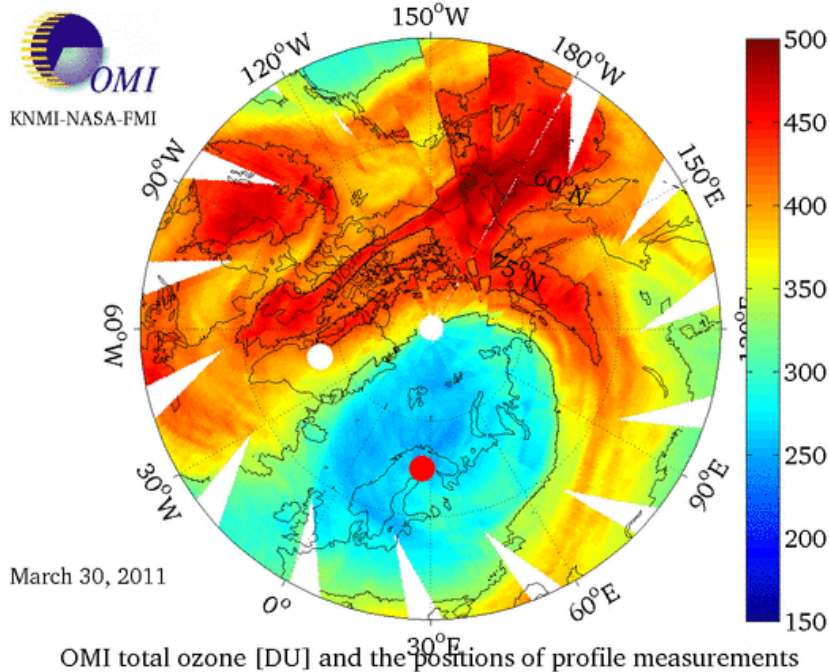
- Identification of water bodies
- Removal of known lakes (Corine)
- Flood depth estimation by utilising high-res DEM
- Generation of map products for authorities and public



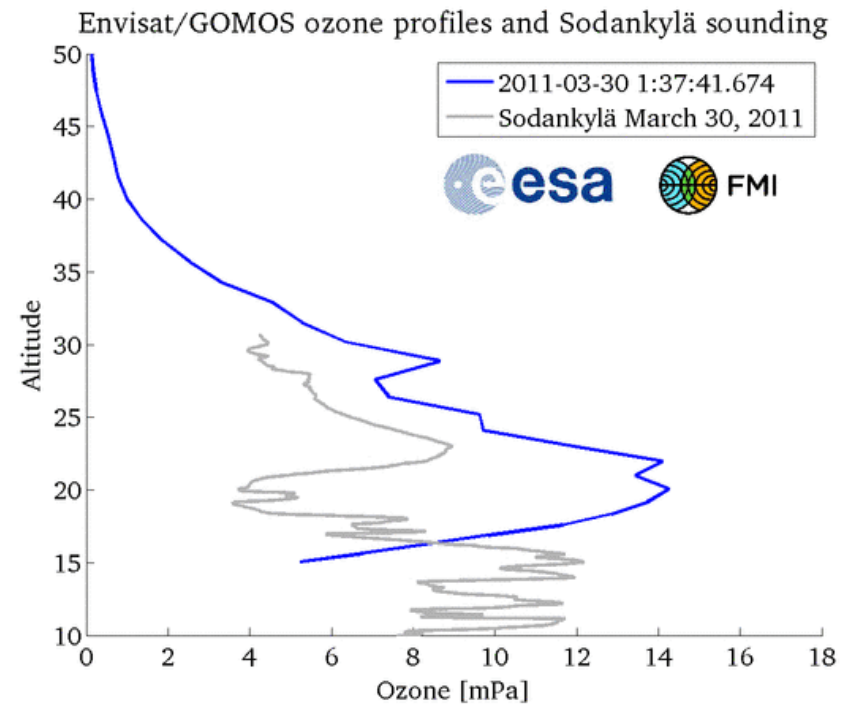


Atmospheric Ozone and UV-radiation

OMI total ozone



GOMOS ozone profiles Sodankylä sounding



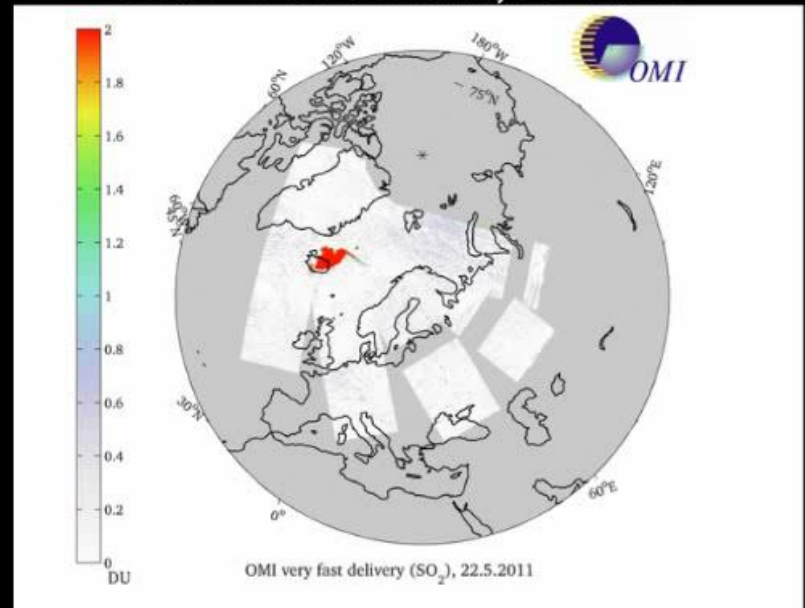
Volcanic ash monitoring from satellite imagery

Grimsvötn eruption 21.5 2011



Lähde: Iltalehden verkkosivut

OMI SO₂ TRM, 22.05.

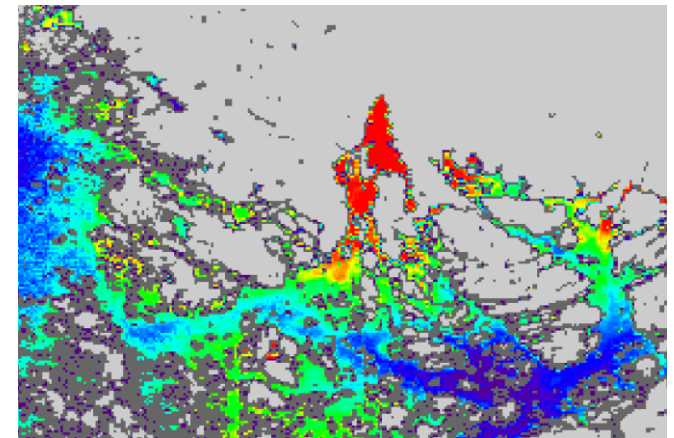
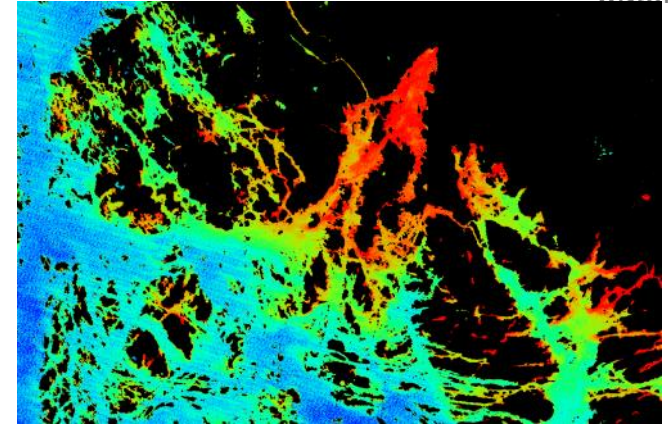


NASA / KNMI / FMI

Water quality services by SYKE using Sentinels

- Specific features in nordic areas
 - Cloud coverage
 - Specific optical properties in nordic waters (coloured dissolved organic matter in water)
 - Standard Level 2 products not OK, Local tailoring needed
- High resolution data needed from
 - Sentinel 3
 - Sentinel 2 needed for archipelago and lakes
- EWFS services have suffered from long data gaps 2009-2011, preventing NRT production several times during the peak algae bloom season → backup is needed!
- Why NRT?
 - SST: Detect upwelling
 - Chl-a, Algae blooms: For weekly Algae reports
 - For rapid planning of Aranda and Muikku research vessels
 - For turbidity, detect resuspension

Landsat 5 TM, 2 June 2007 Turbidity
Relative scale: red = very turbid, blue = clear water



MERIS TSM 3 June 2007
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