

Norwegian participation in space and satellite activities AGF-216



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Norwegian Space Agency

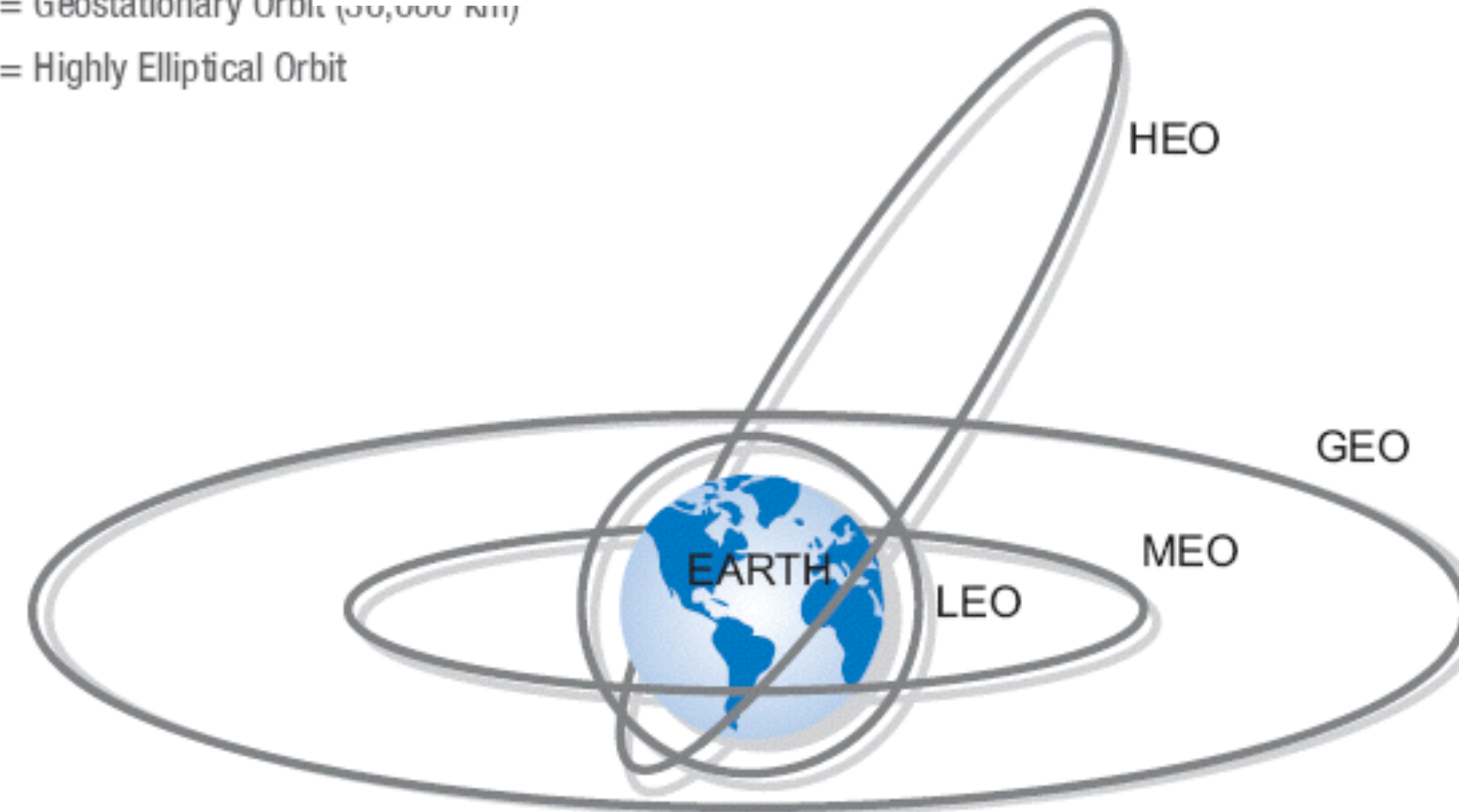
Satellite orbits

LEO = Low Earth Orbit (100-1,500 km)

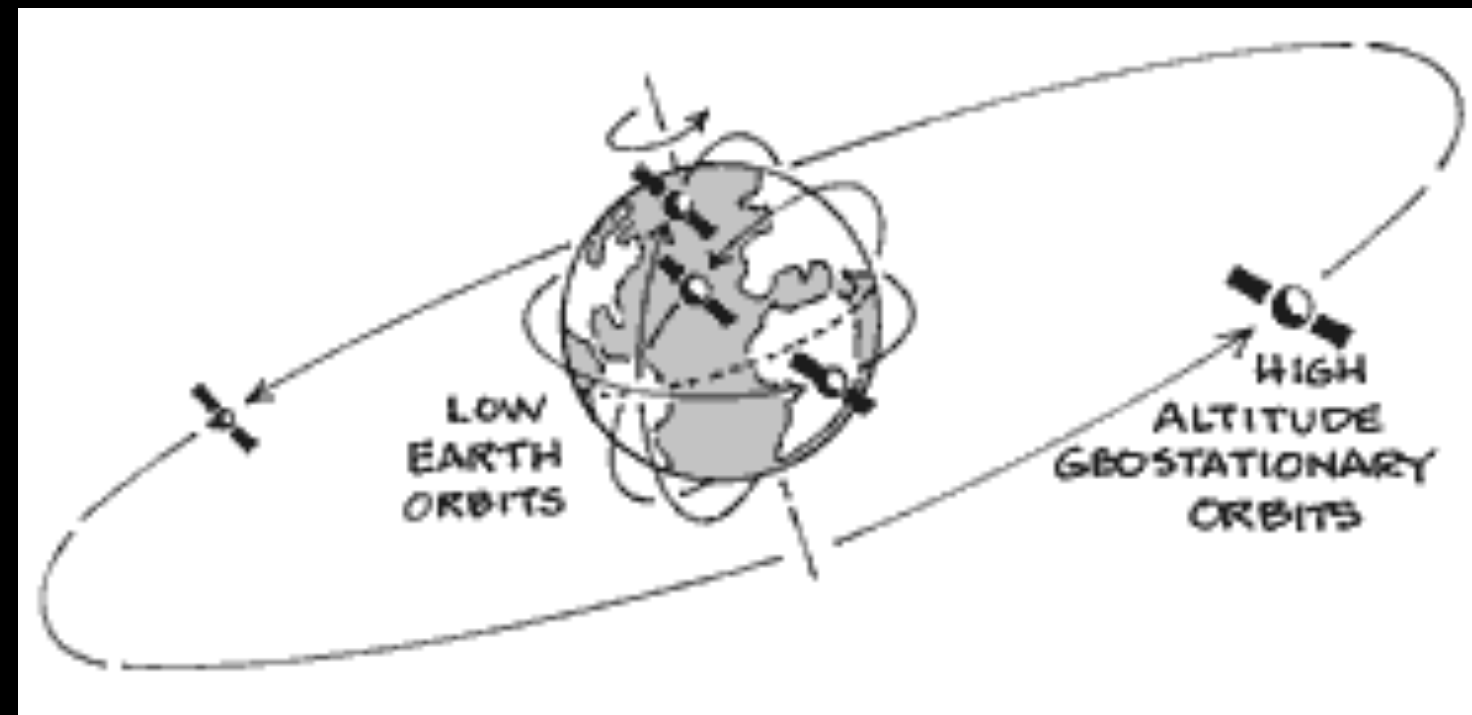
MEO = Medium Earth Orb (ca. 20.000 km)

GEO = Geostationary Orbit (35,786 km)

HEO = Highly Elliptical Orbit



Not to scale



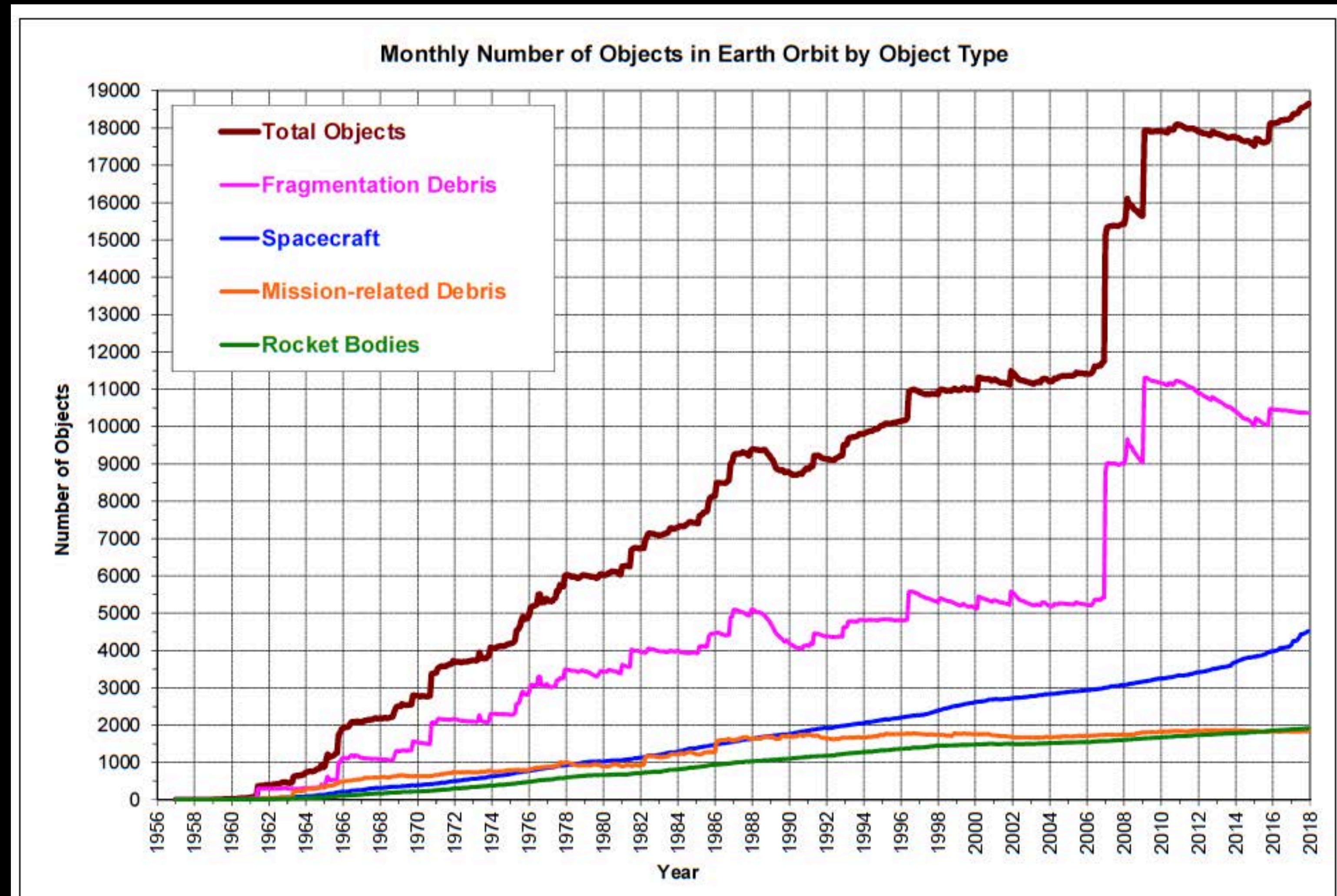


Satellites and Space Debris

- 8000 satellites launched
- 4850 still orbiting
- 2000 are operating
- 20.000 objects > 10 cm
- 700.000 small objects



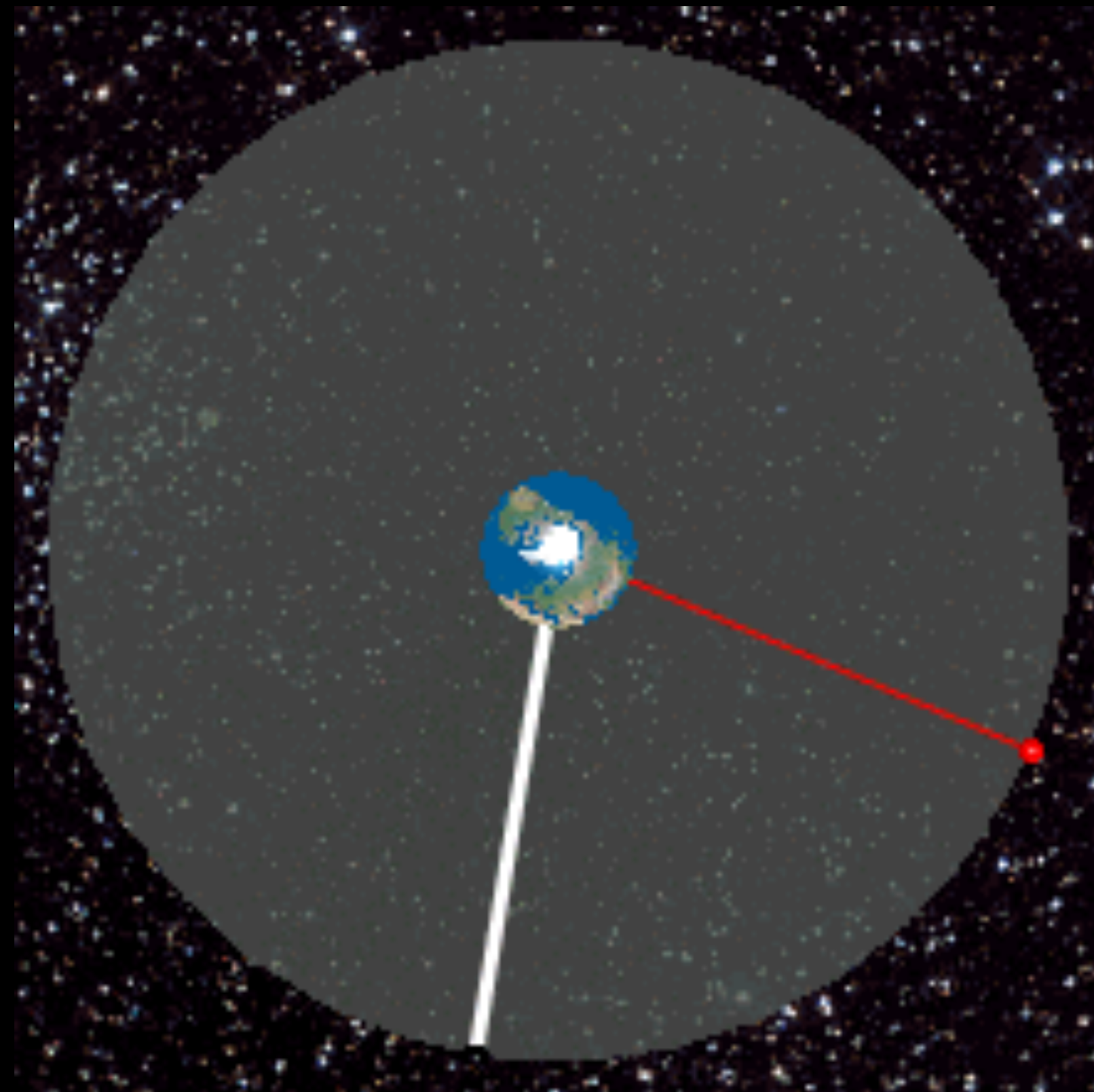
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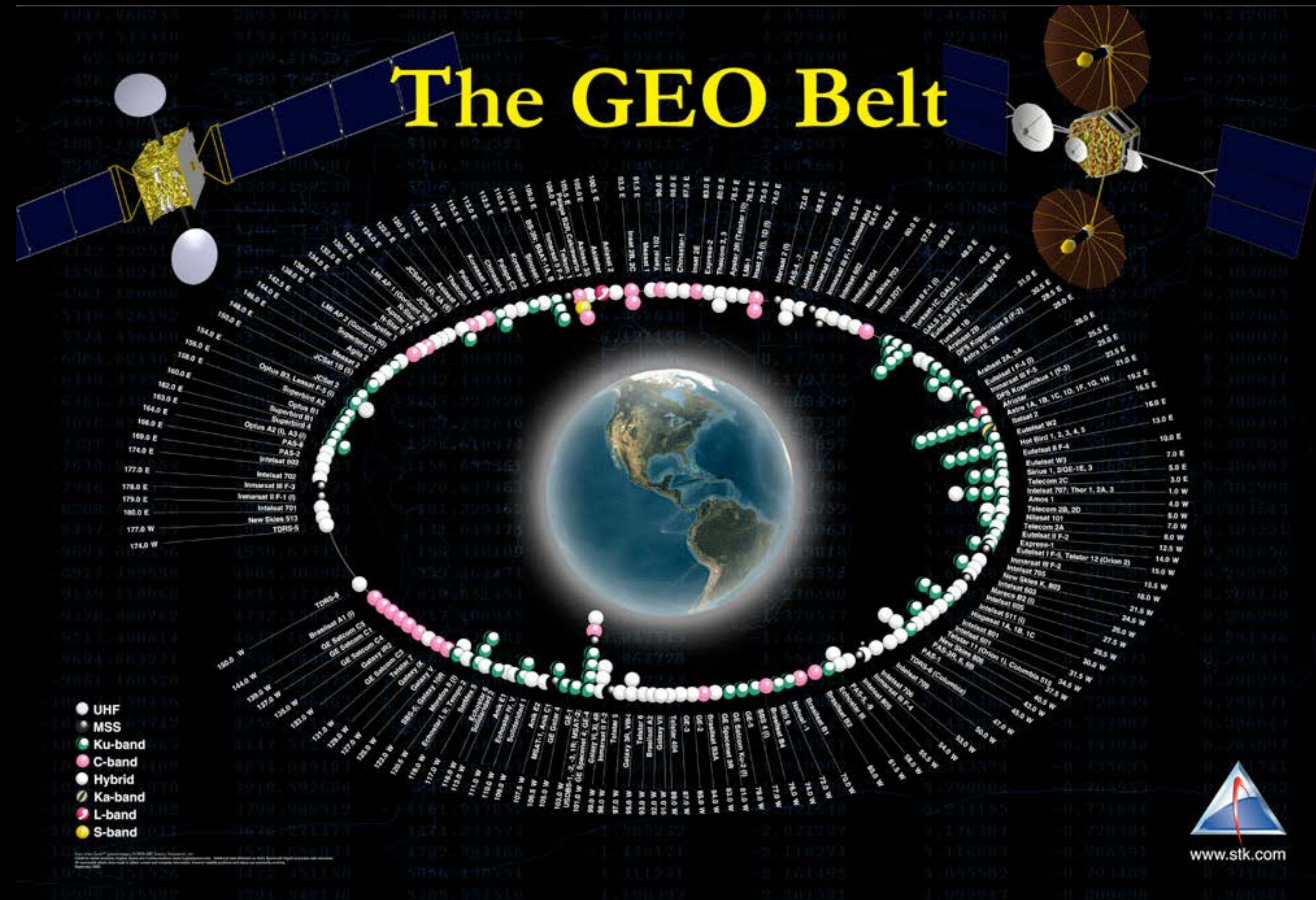
US Space Surveillance Network

Geostationary satellites (GEO)

- Telecommunication
- TV-satellites
- Weather satellites (GOES, Meteosat)



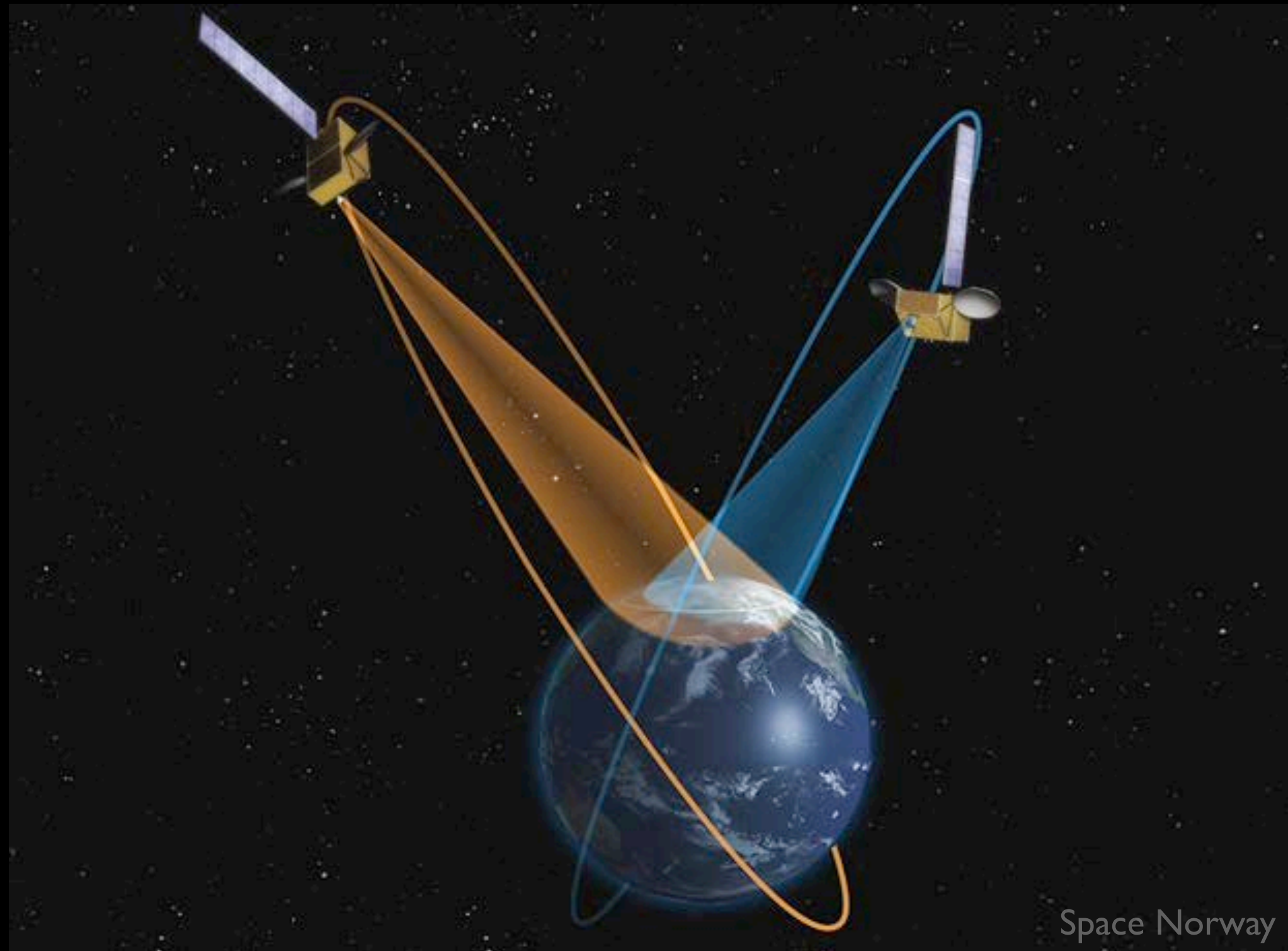
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High inclination orbits (HEO)

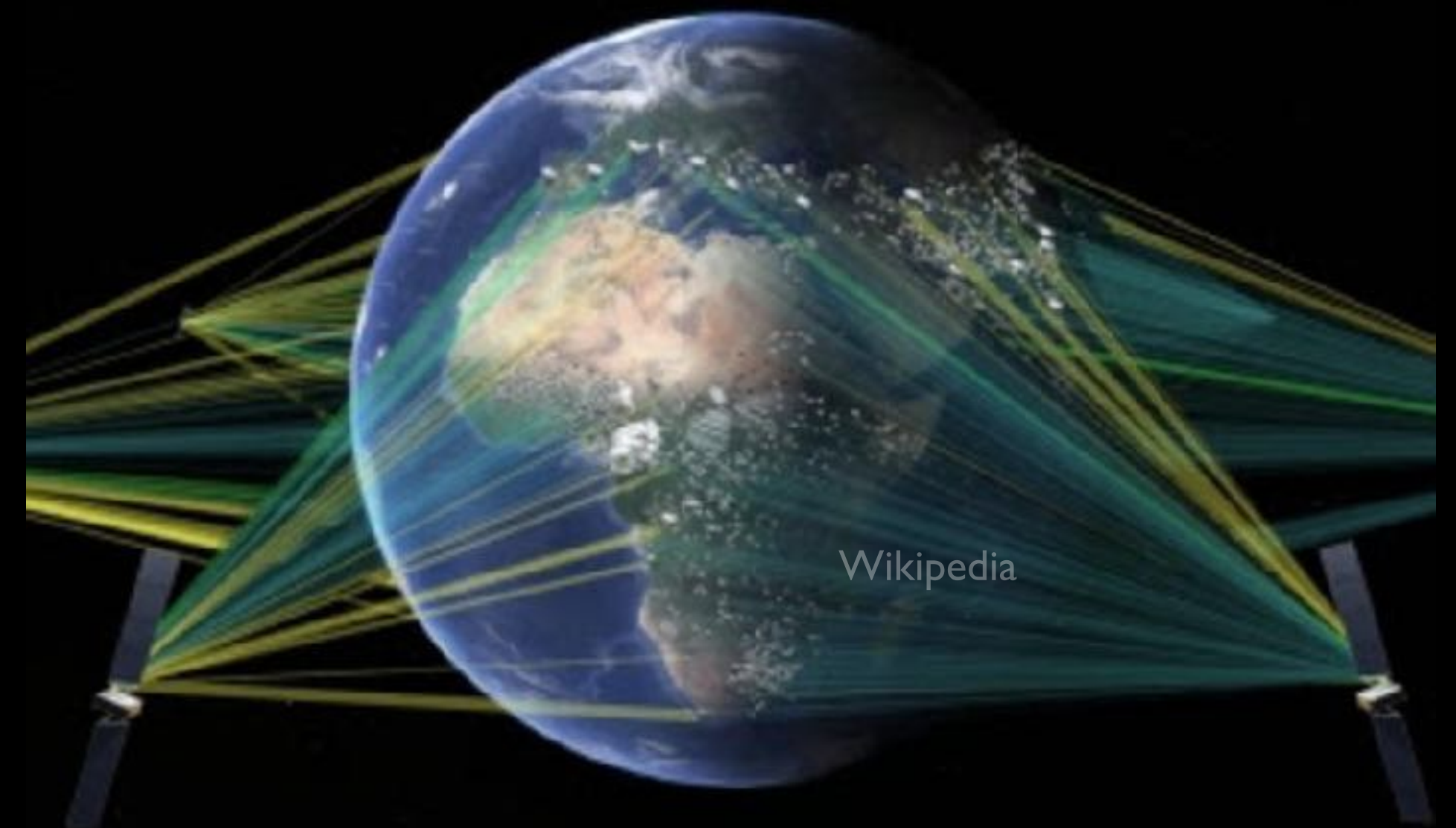
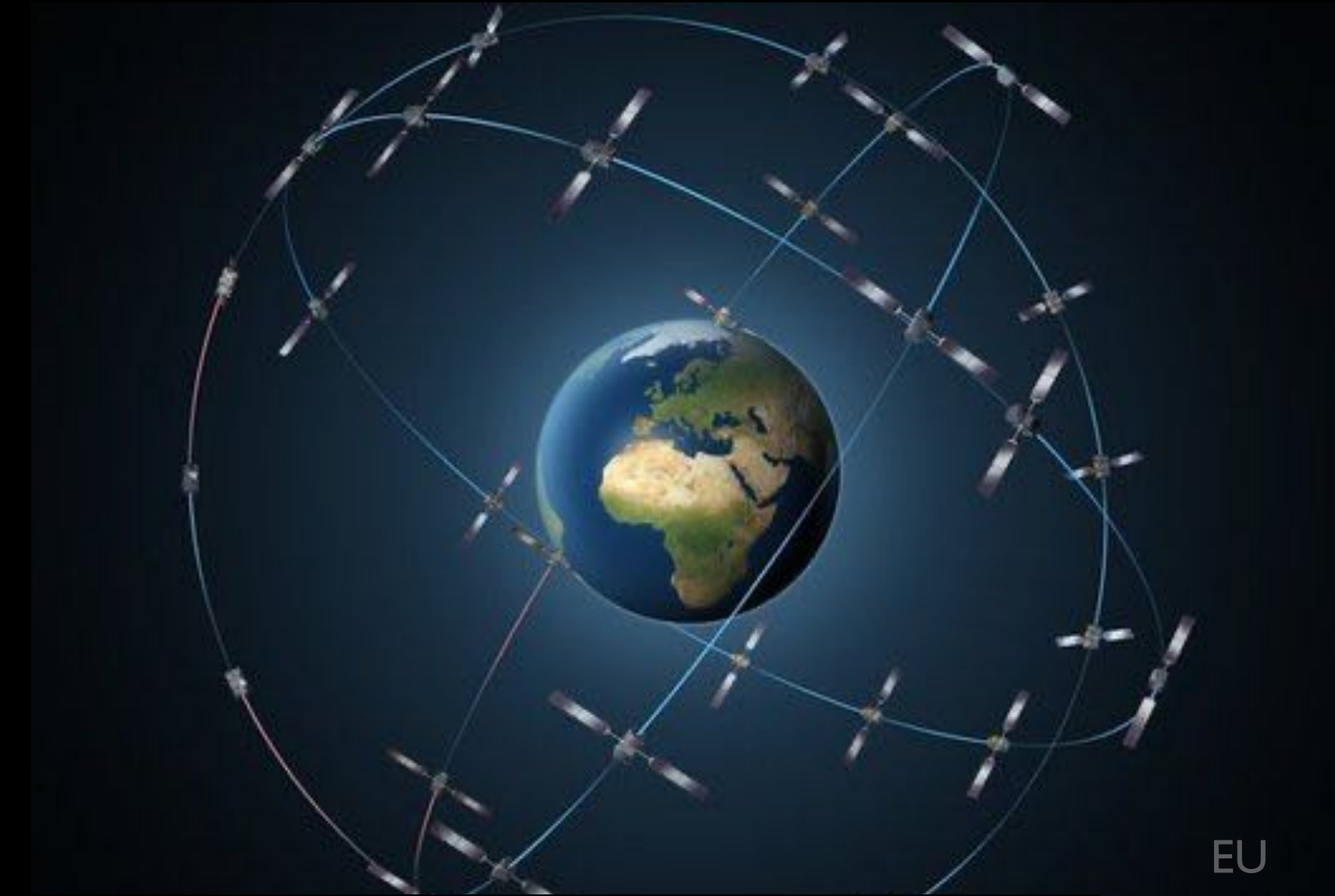
- Will make it possible to provide communication and broadband internet over the polar regions
- Space Norway is leading the development of this project.



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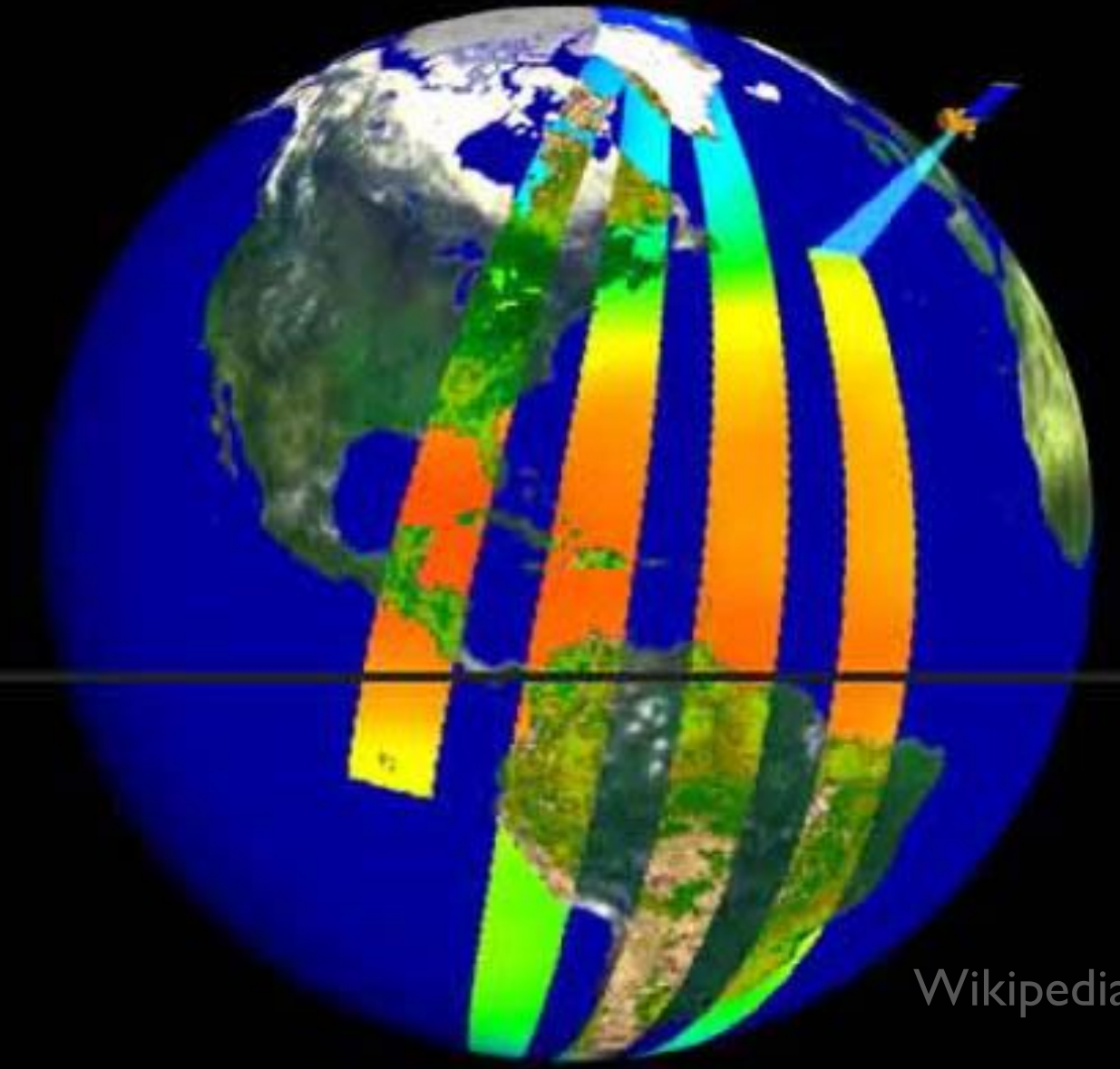
Medium Earth orbits (MEO)

- GPS (20.200 km)
- Galileo (23.200 km)
- Glonass (19.100 km)



Low Earth Orbits (LEO) - polar

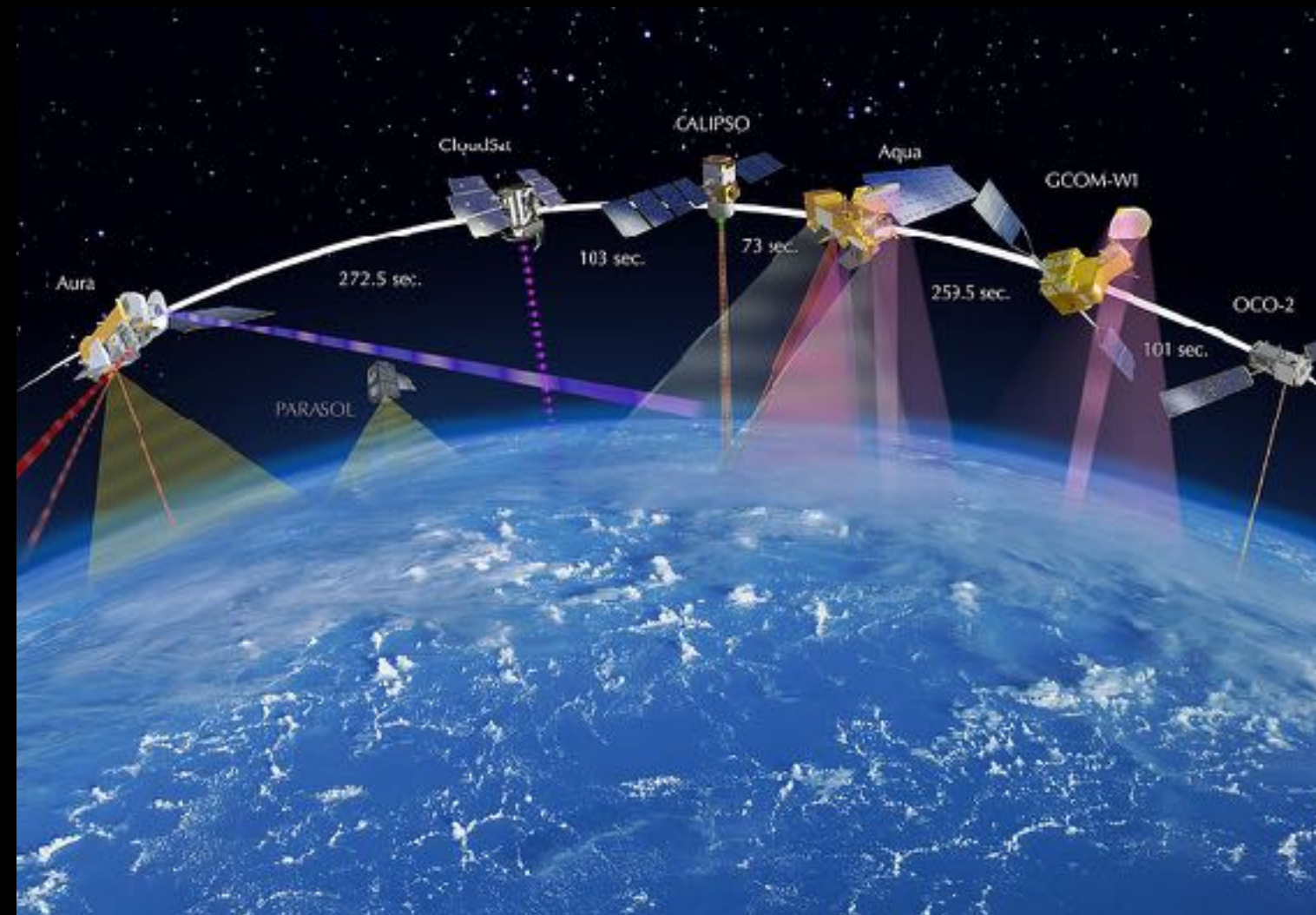
- Earth observation
- Astronomy/solar physics
- Spy satellites
- Some telecom (Iridium, Globalstar)



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Norway - small space nation on top of the world



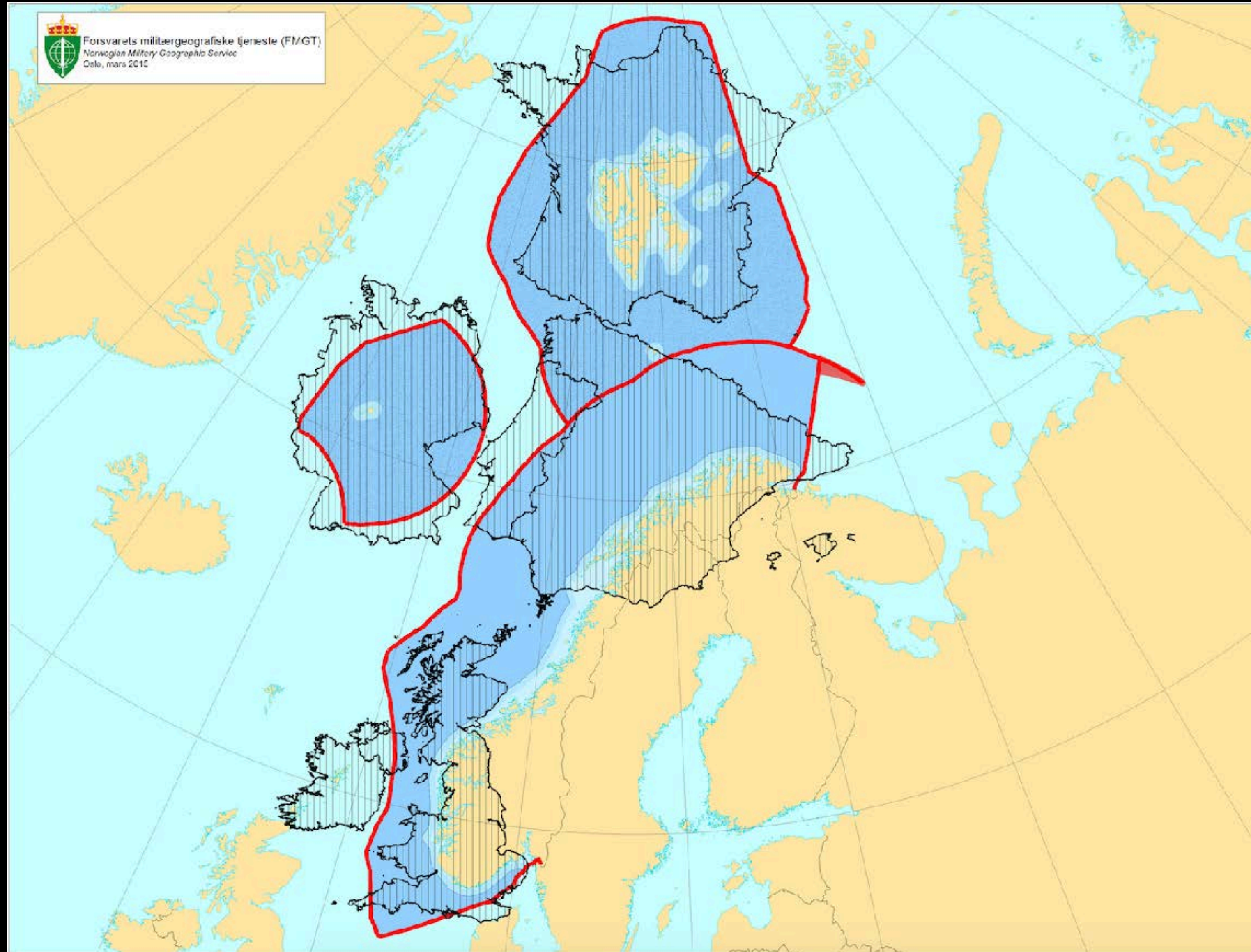




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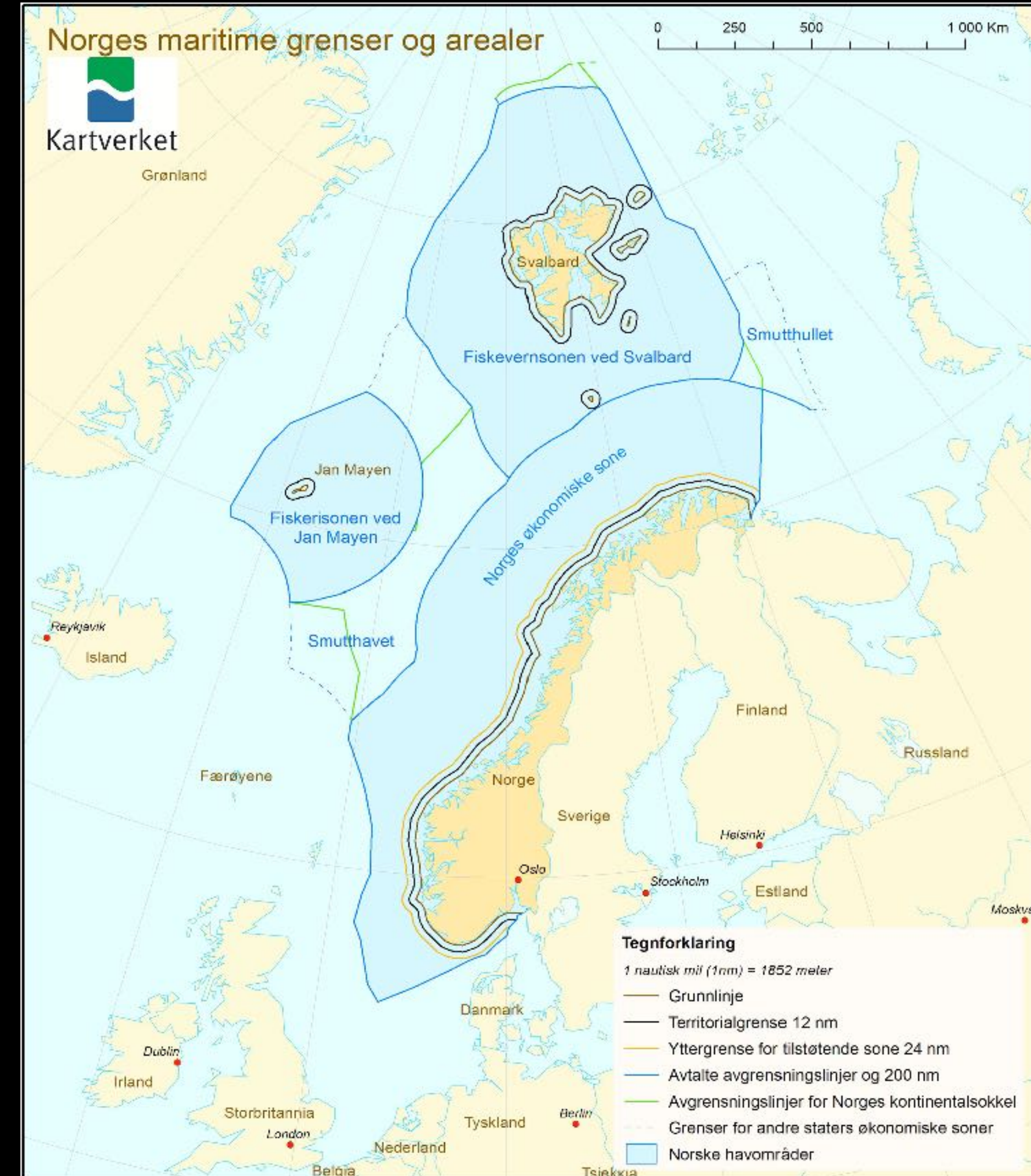
OCEAN
to monitor

Corresponds to half EU



Why is the Arctic important to Norway?

- Norway has apart from Russia, Europe's largest area to manage, mostly in the Arctic or the High Arctic
- Norway and Russia manages one of the worlds largest well managed fish stocks in the Barents Sea
- Exploitation of oil- and gas resources
- More traffic through the Northern Sea Route increases traffic in Norwegian waters
- Opening of new sailing routes across the Arctic basin creates issues concerning safety and rescue



Norwegian Space Agency in brief

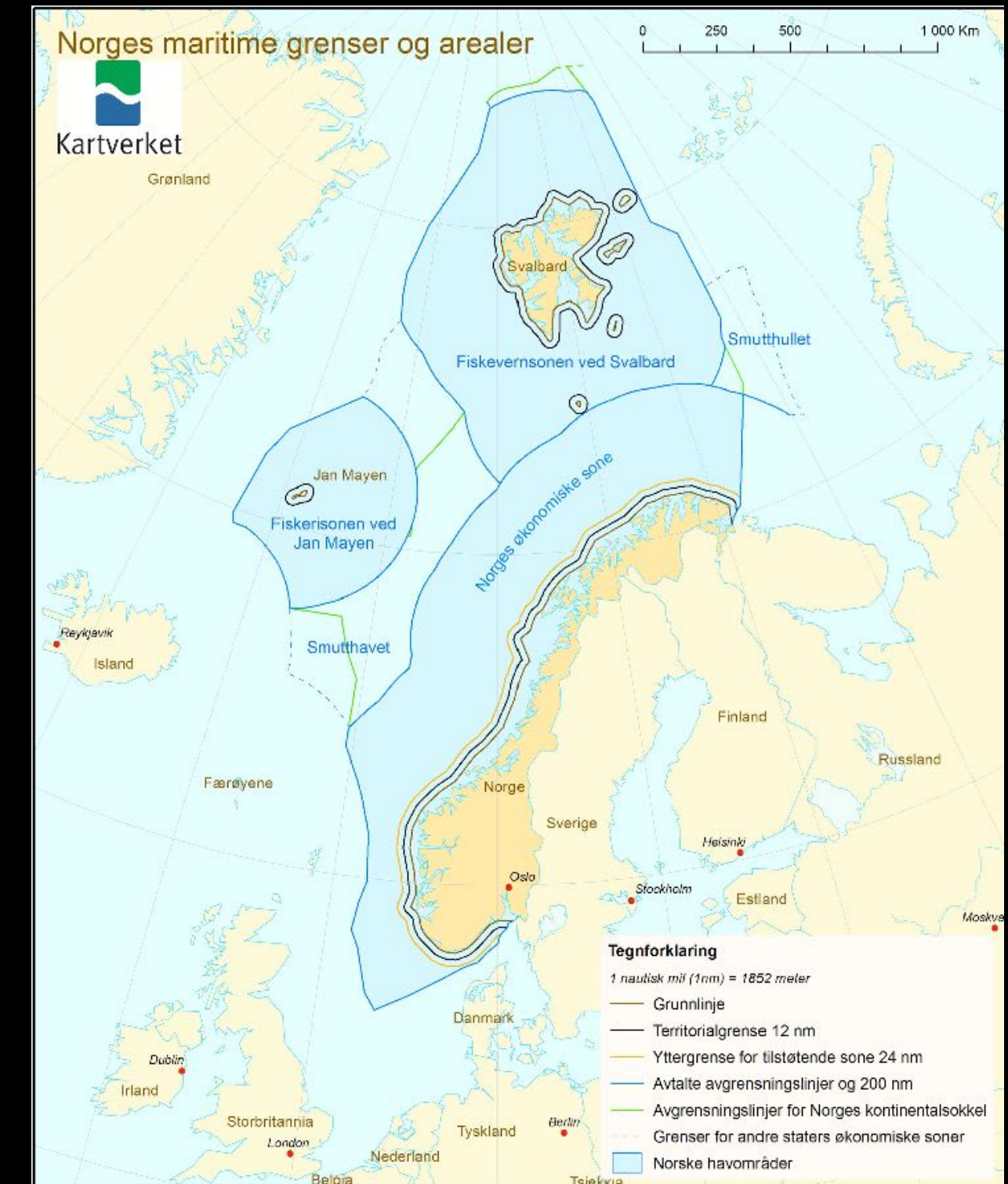
- The Norwegian Space Agency is a government agency under the Ministry of Trade and Fisheries
- Established in 1987 when Norway joined the European Space Agency
- Coordinates Norwegian space activities internationally, with focus on ESA and the EU
- Coordinates national space activities
- 40 employees at Skøyen, Oslo
- Budget 2021: NOK 1563 million (\approx € 156 million)

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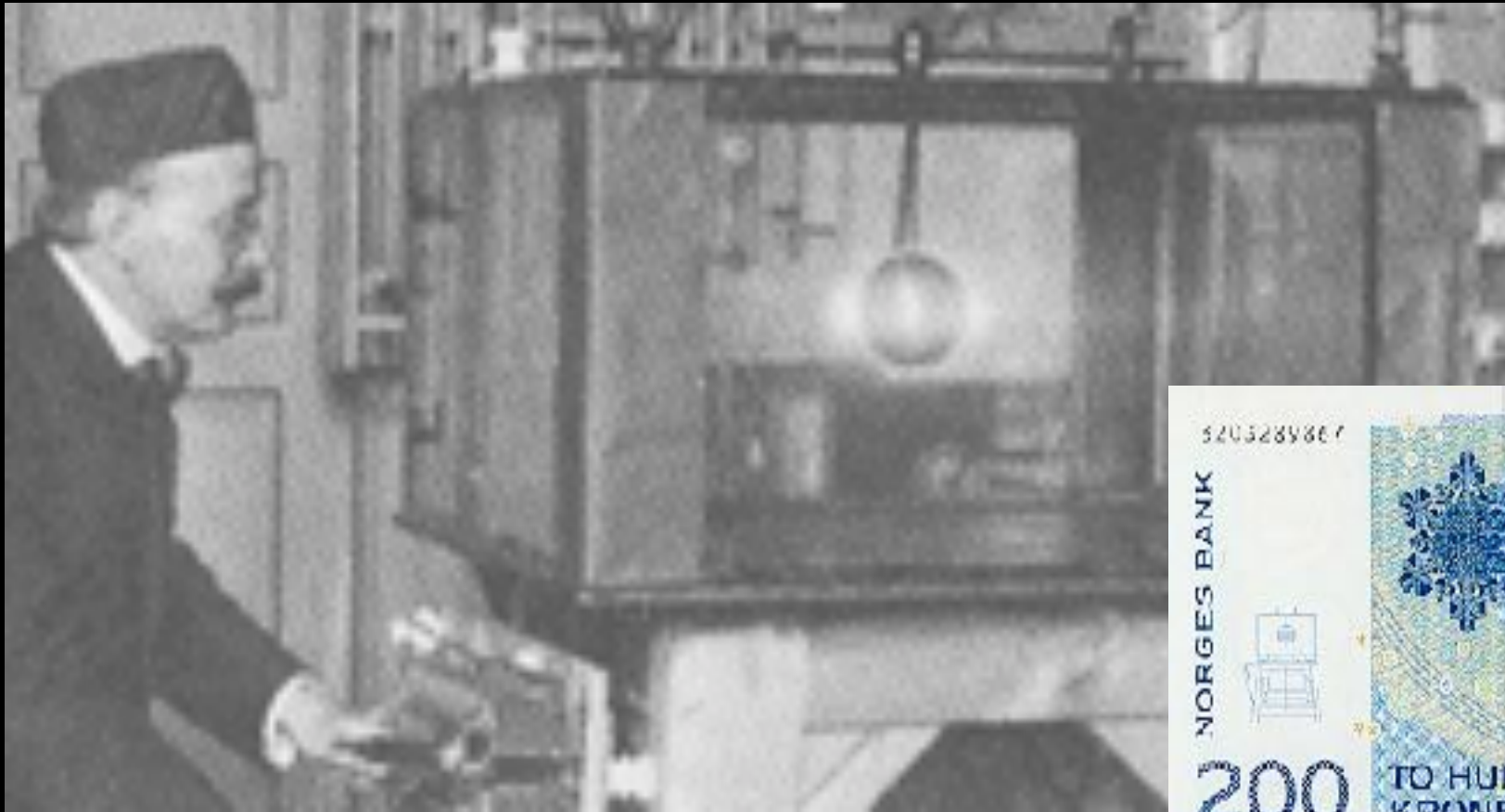


National priorities

- Telecommunication
- Navigation
- Earth observation
- Industrial development based on ESA and EU programmes
- Ground infrastructure
- Space research and space related basic research



Historic traditions



Long traditions within space research due to our location far north :

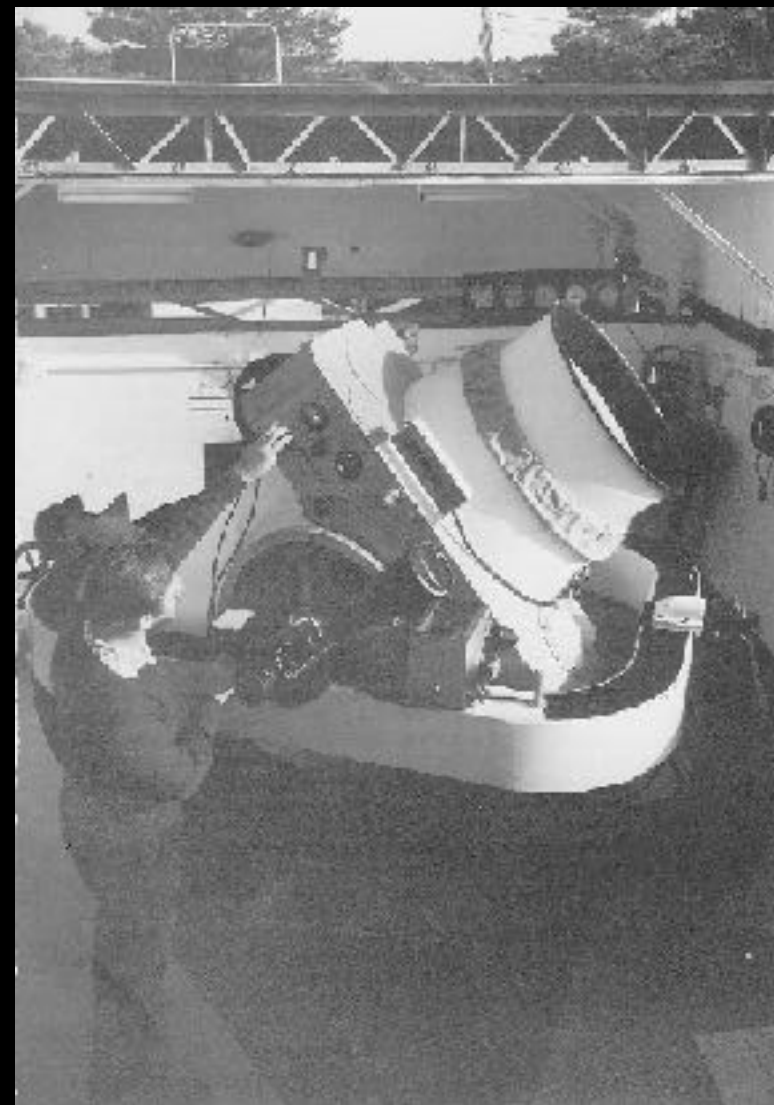
- Scientific observations of the aurora before 1900
- Birkelands innovative experiment in 1896
- National solar observatory in 1957
- First rocket launch in 1962



Solar Physics in Norway



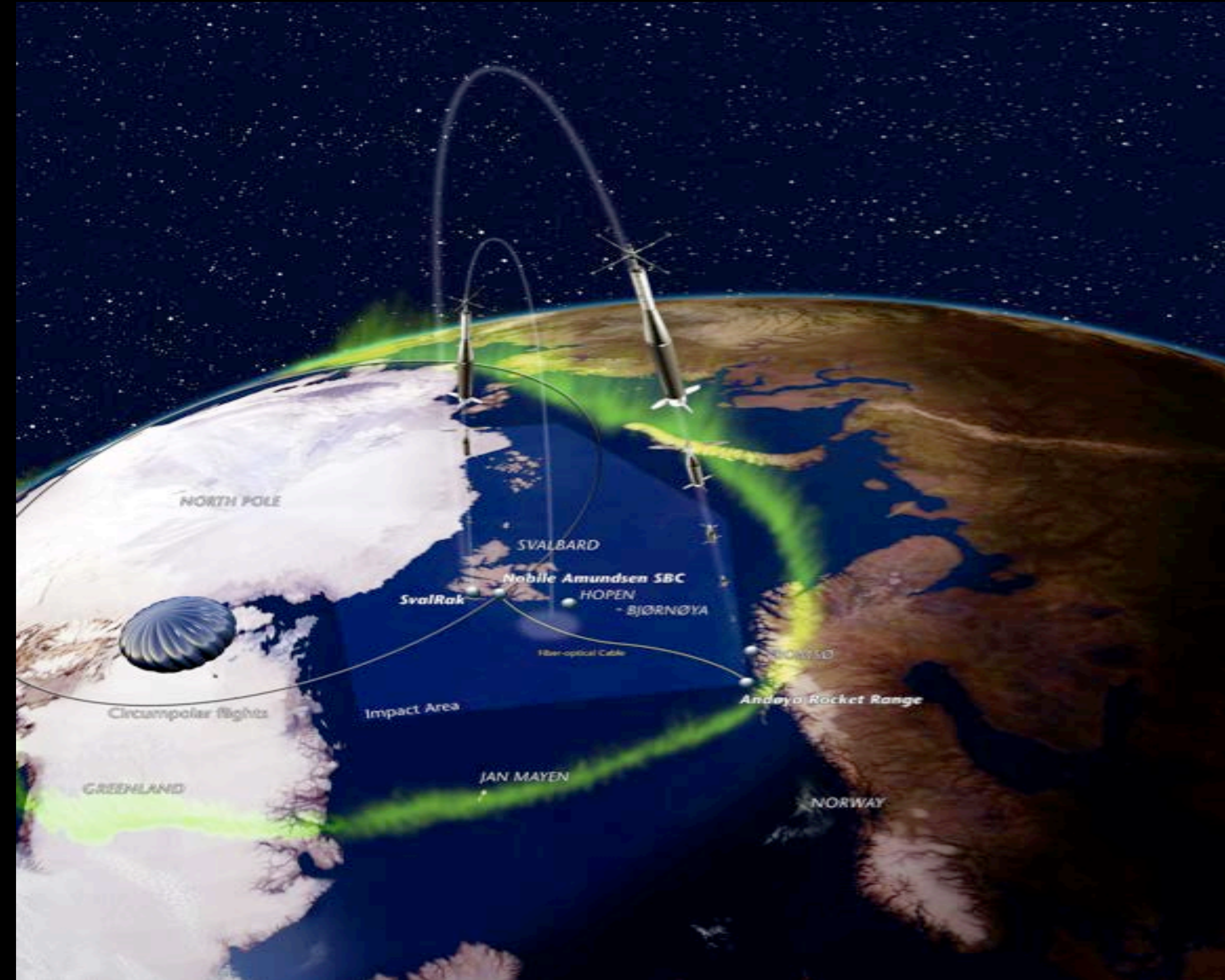
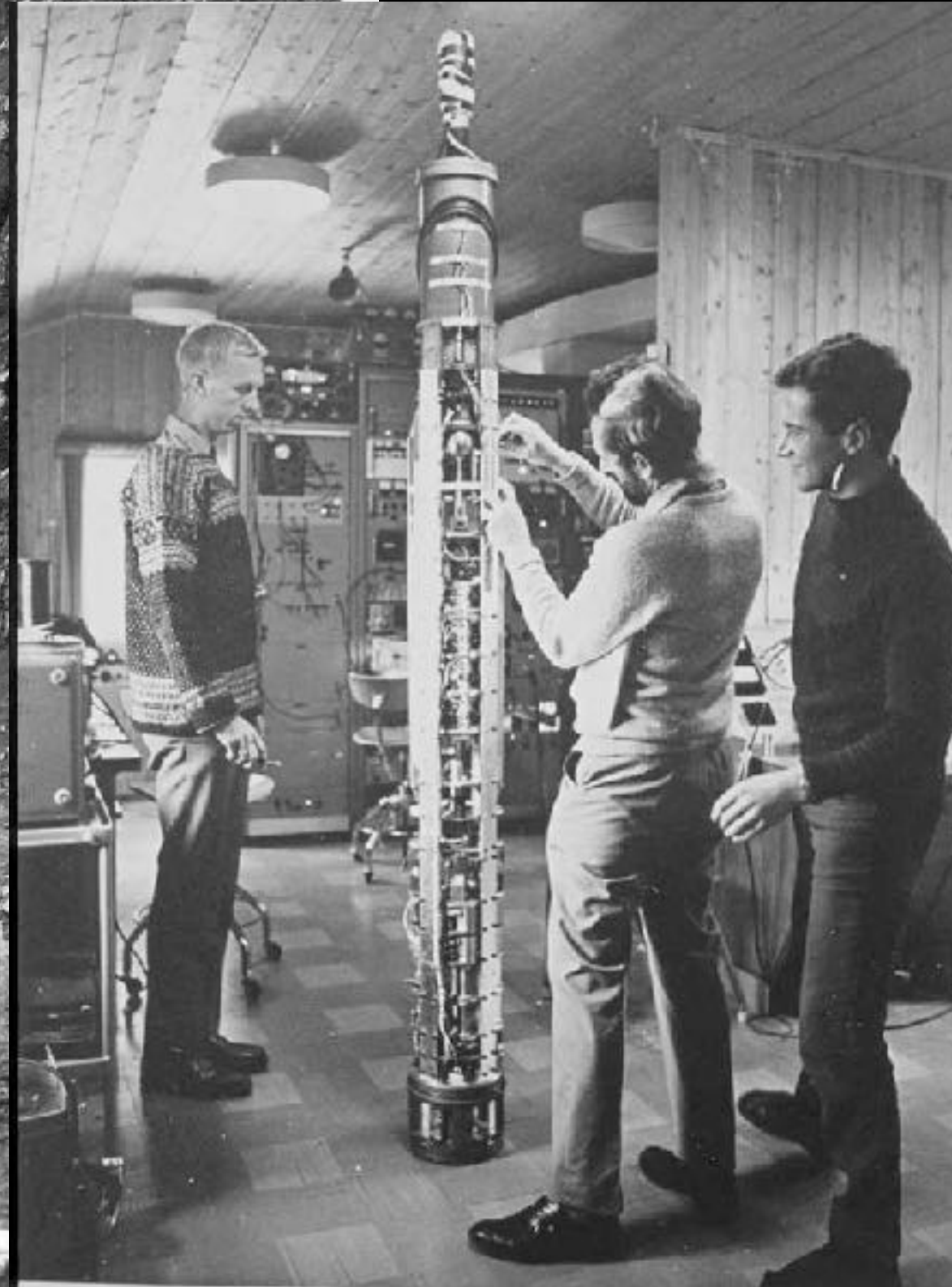
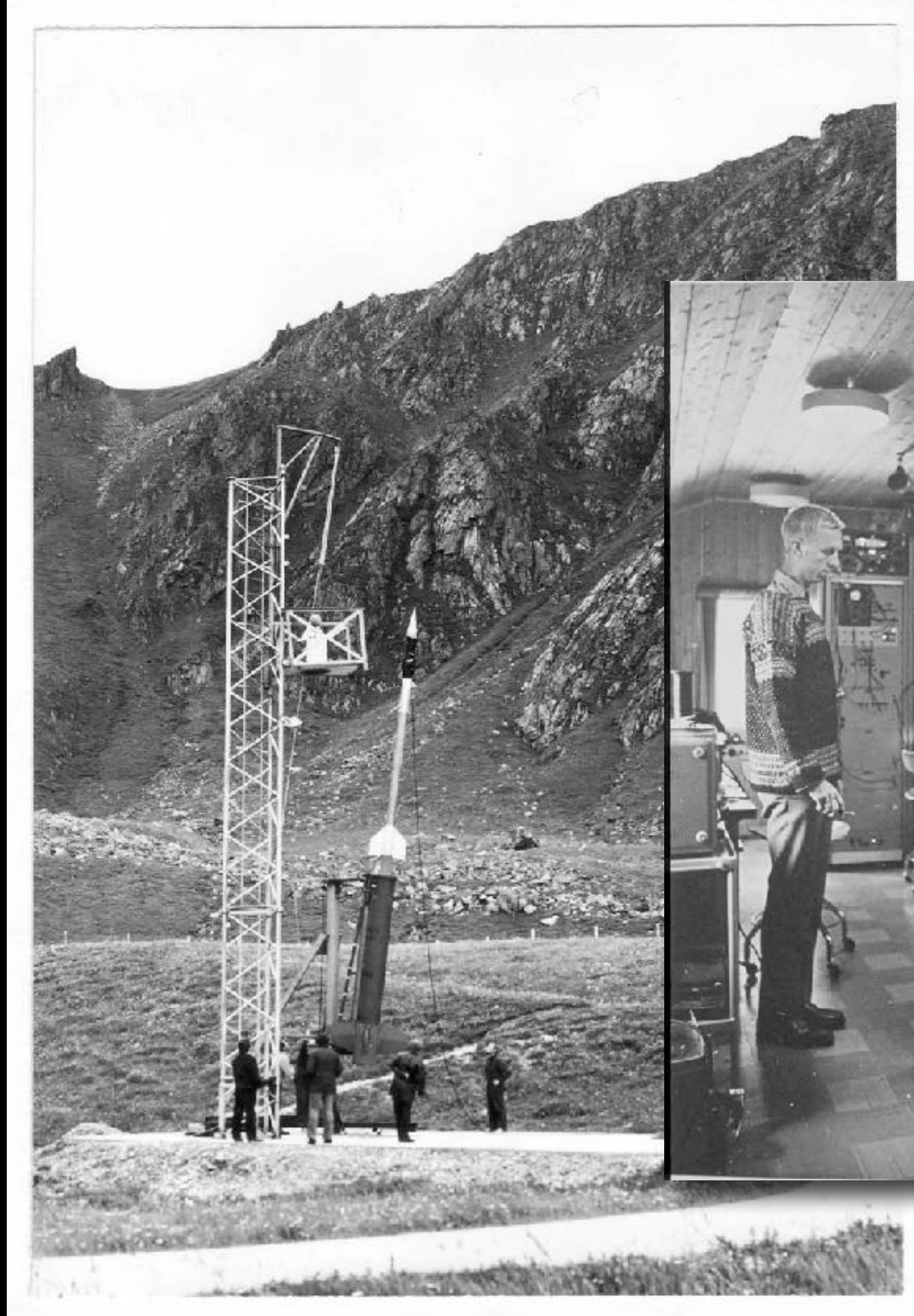
Institute of theoretical astrophysics was established by Professor Rosseland in 1934 and built with help from the Rockefeller Foundation.



The National Solar Observatory was opened in 1957. Provided satellite tracking for US Airforce in the 50s and 60s.

The very start of space research.

Andøya Rocket Range



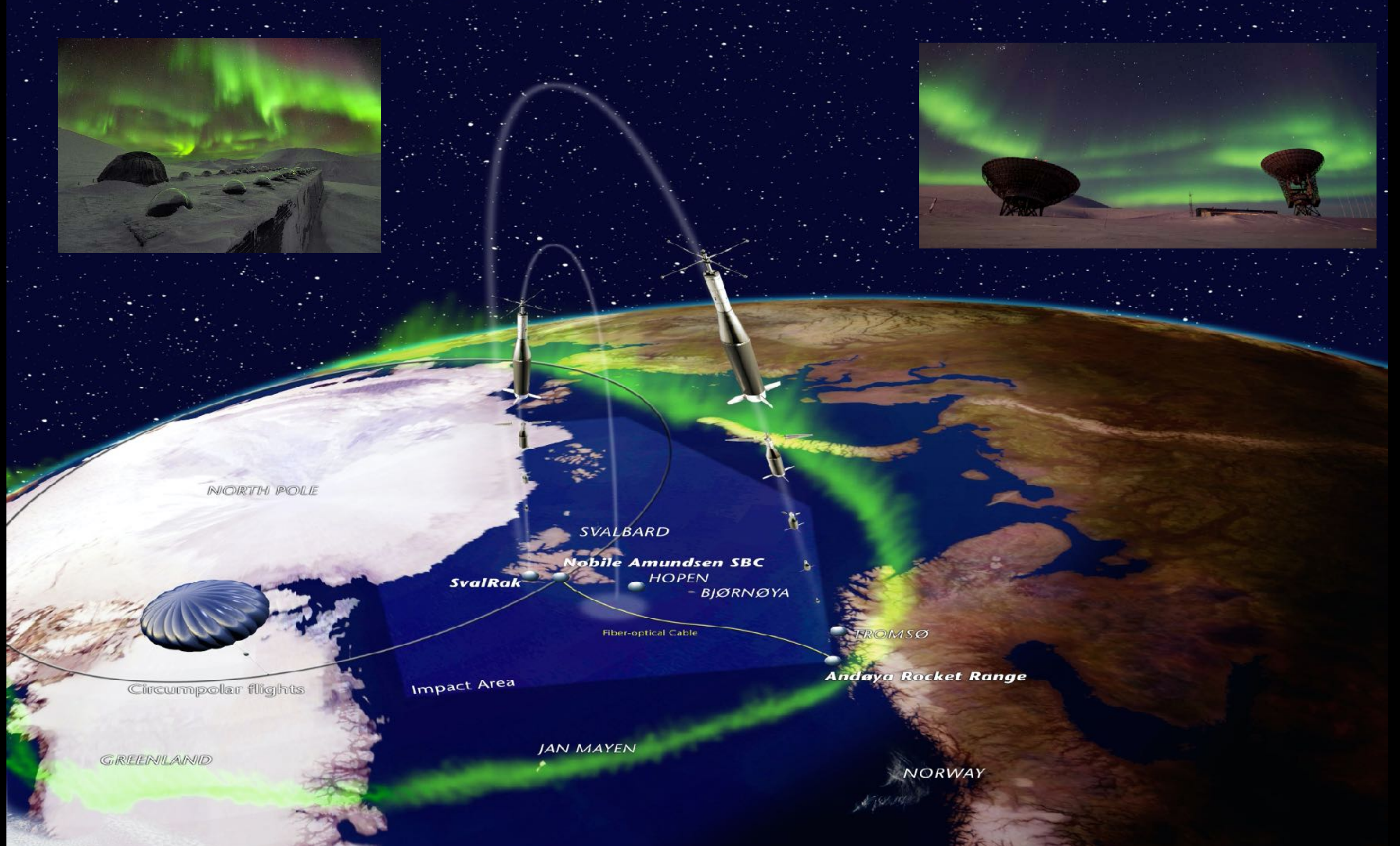
Ferdinand from Oksebåsen, Andøya 18 august 1962



ANDØYA SPACE CENTER

The Cost Effective Entrance to Space

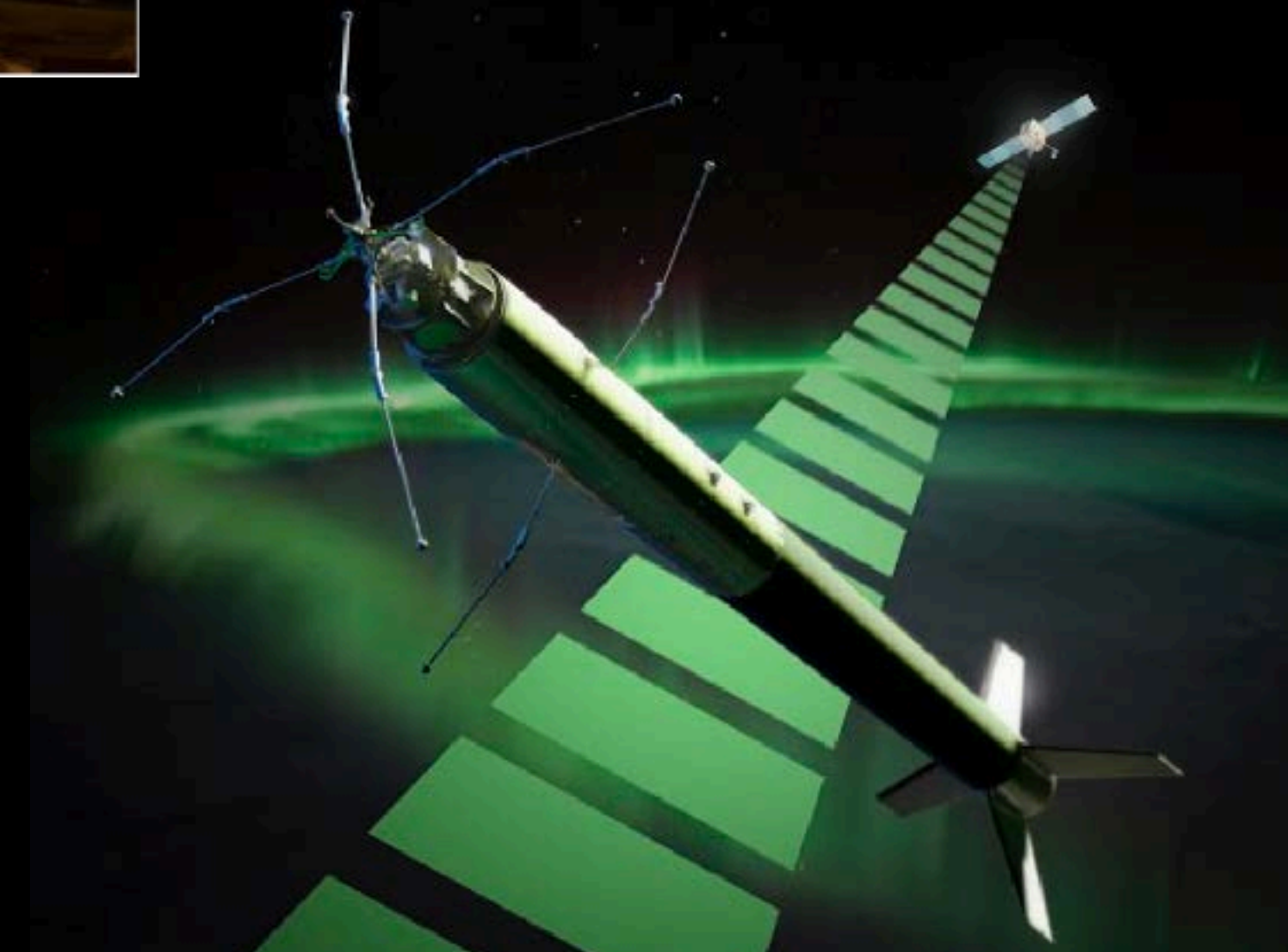
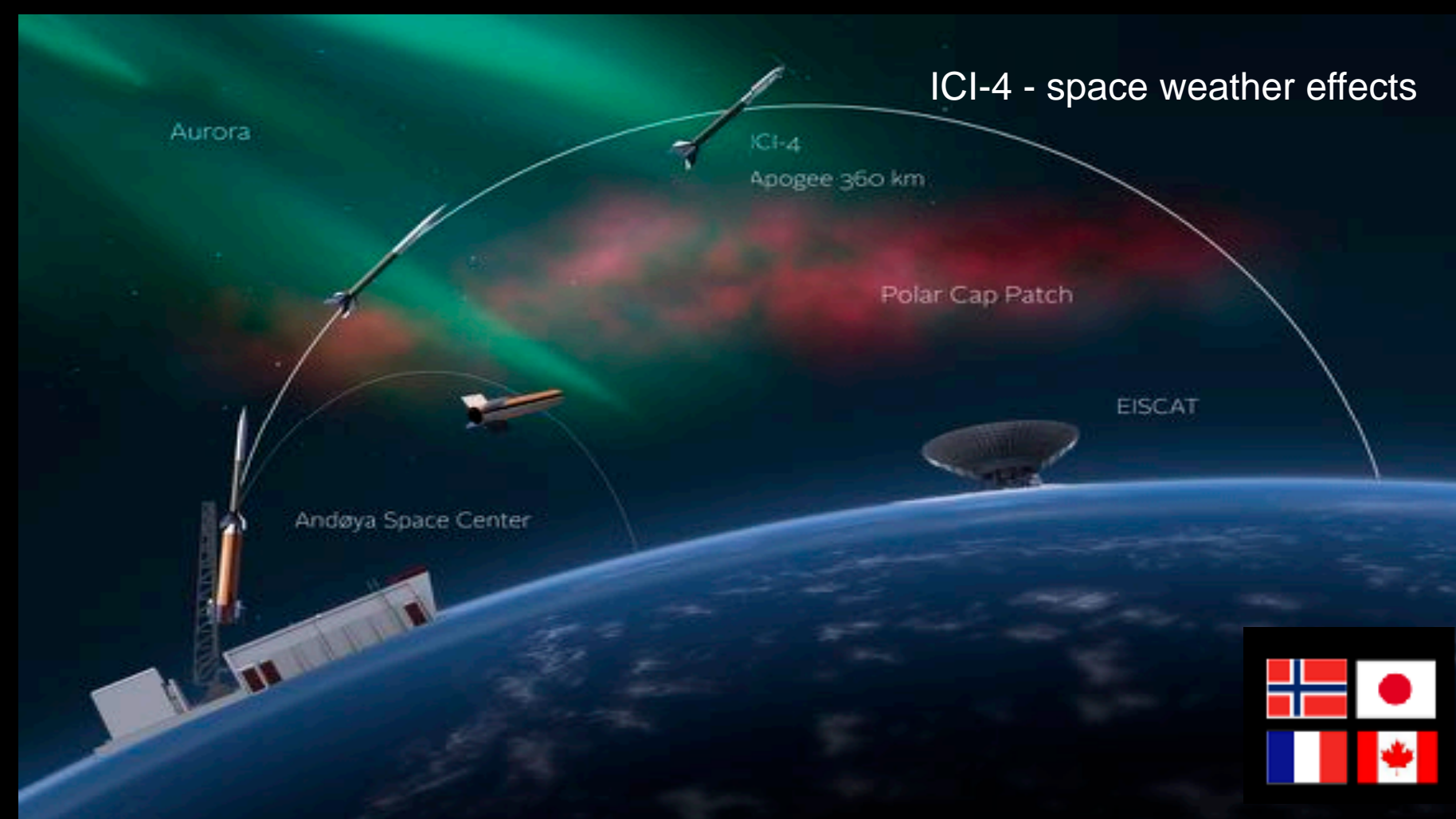




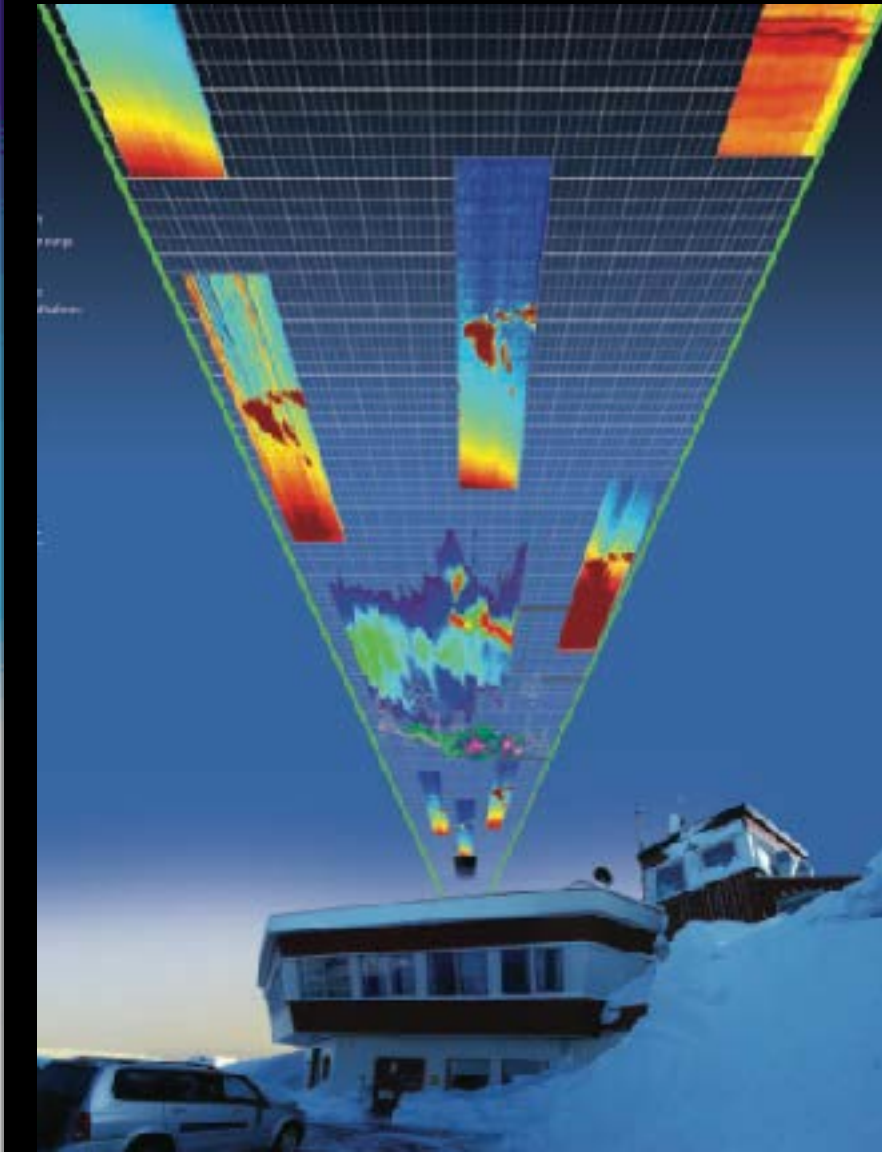
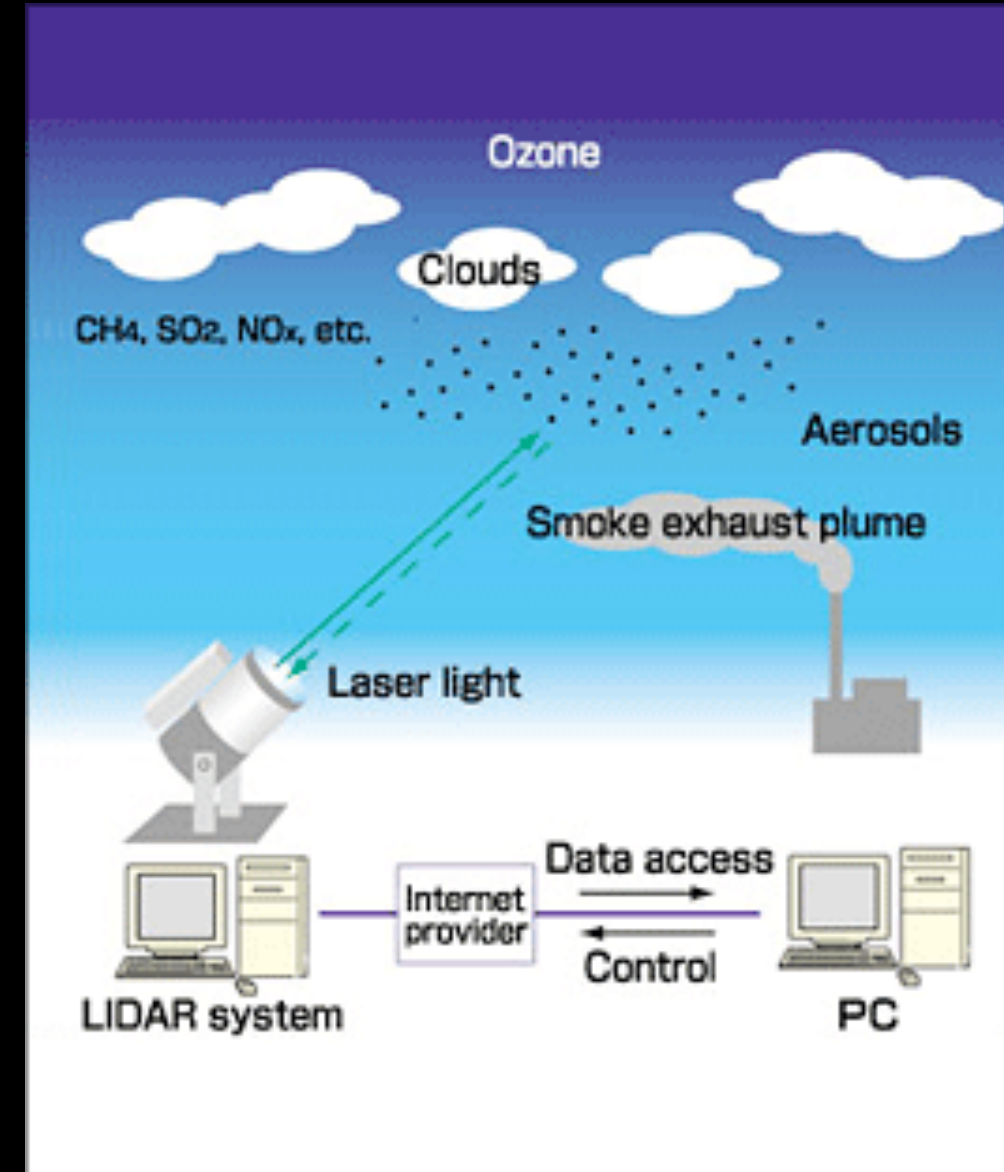
Launches



Launch of the NASA Charged Aerosol Release Experiment (CARE II) from Andoya Space Center in Norway, Sept. 16, at 19:06 GMT. -



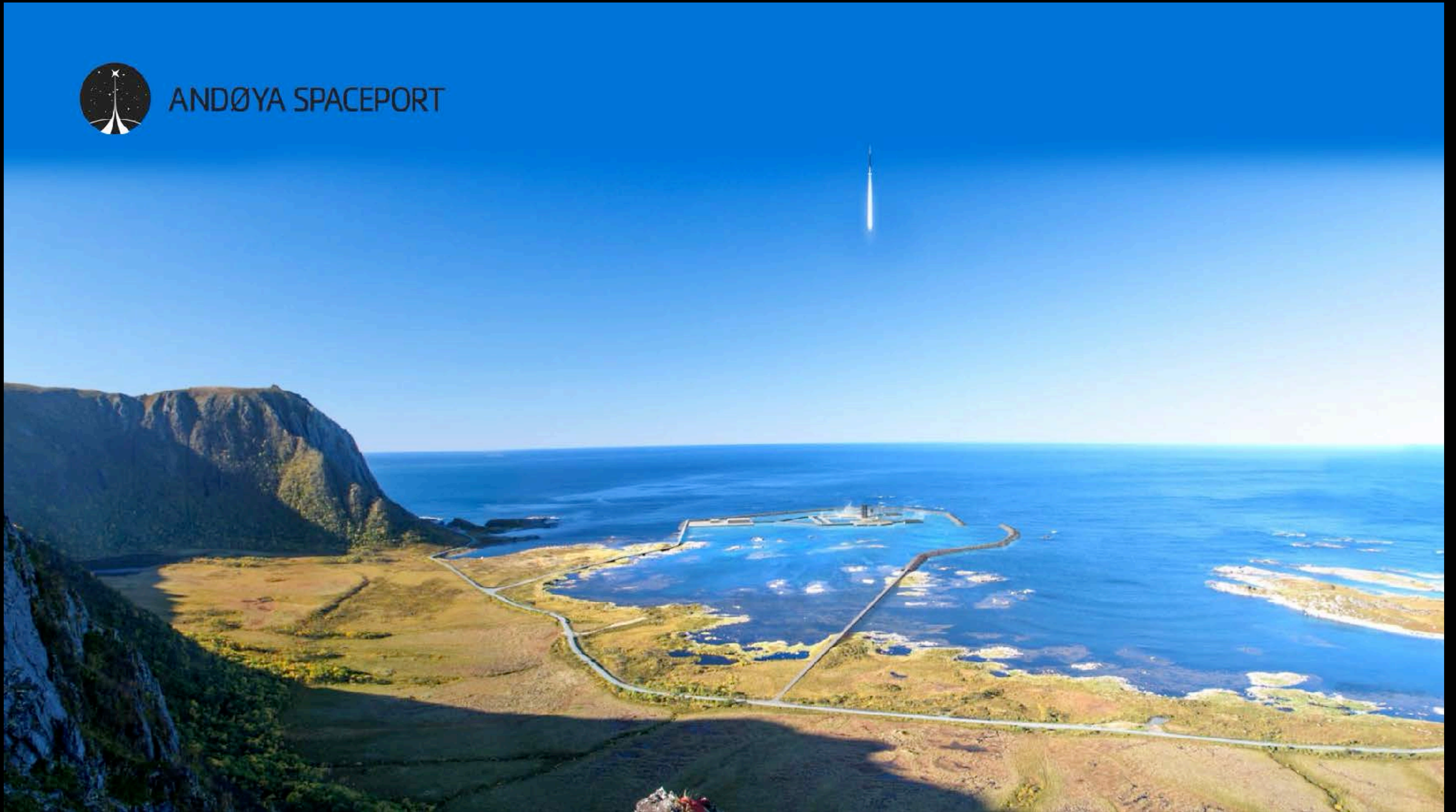
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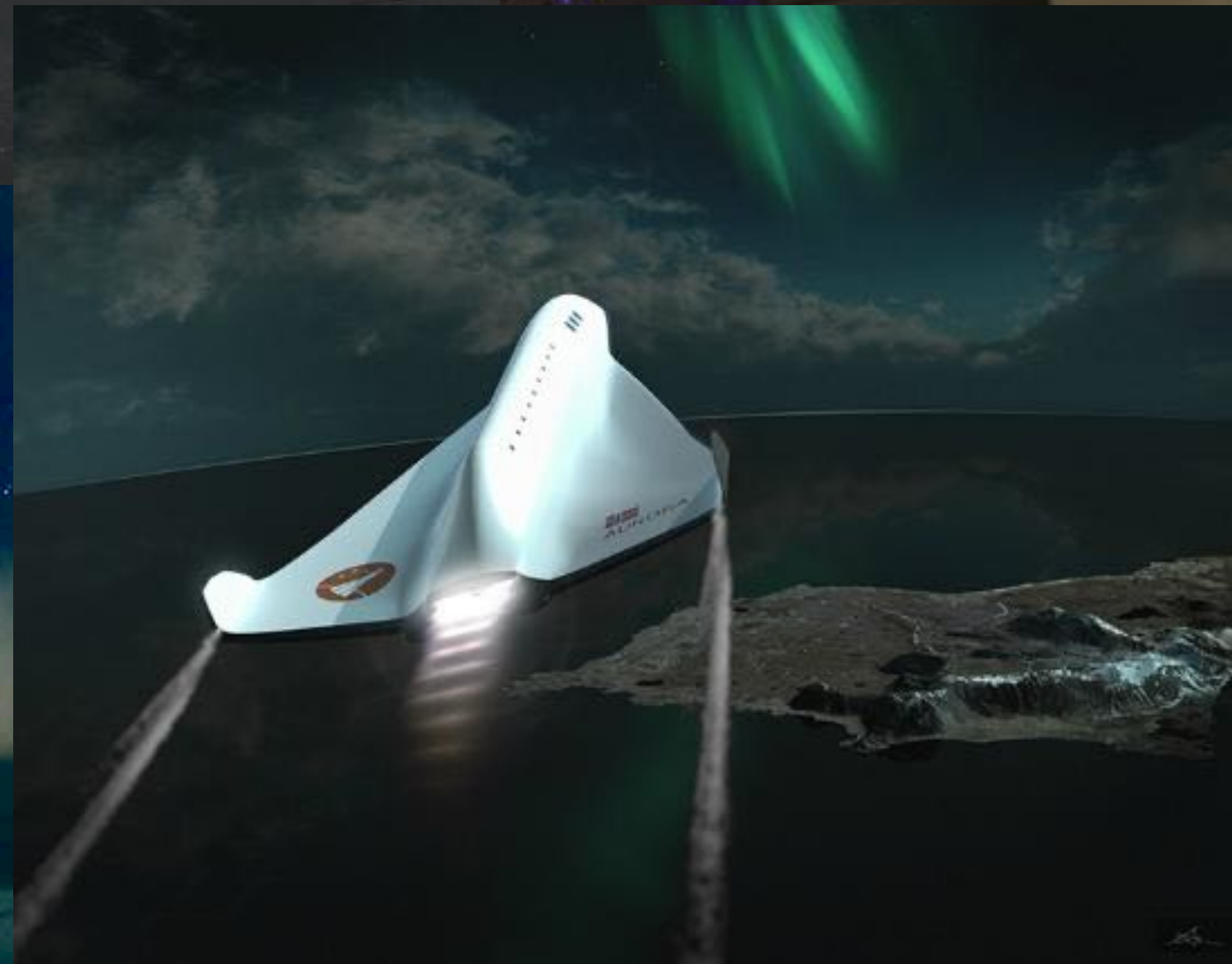
Launch facility for small satellites



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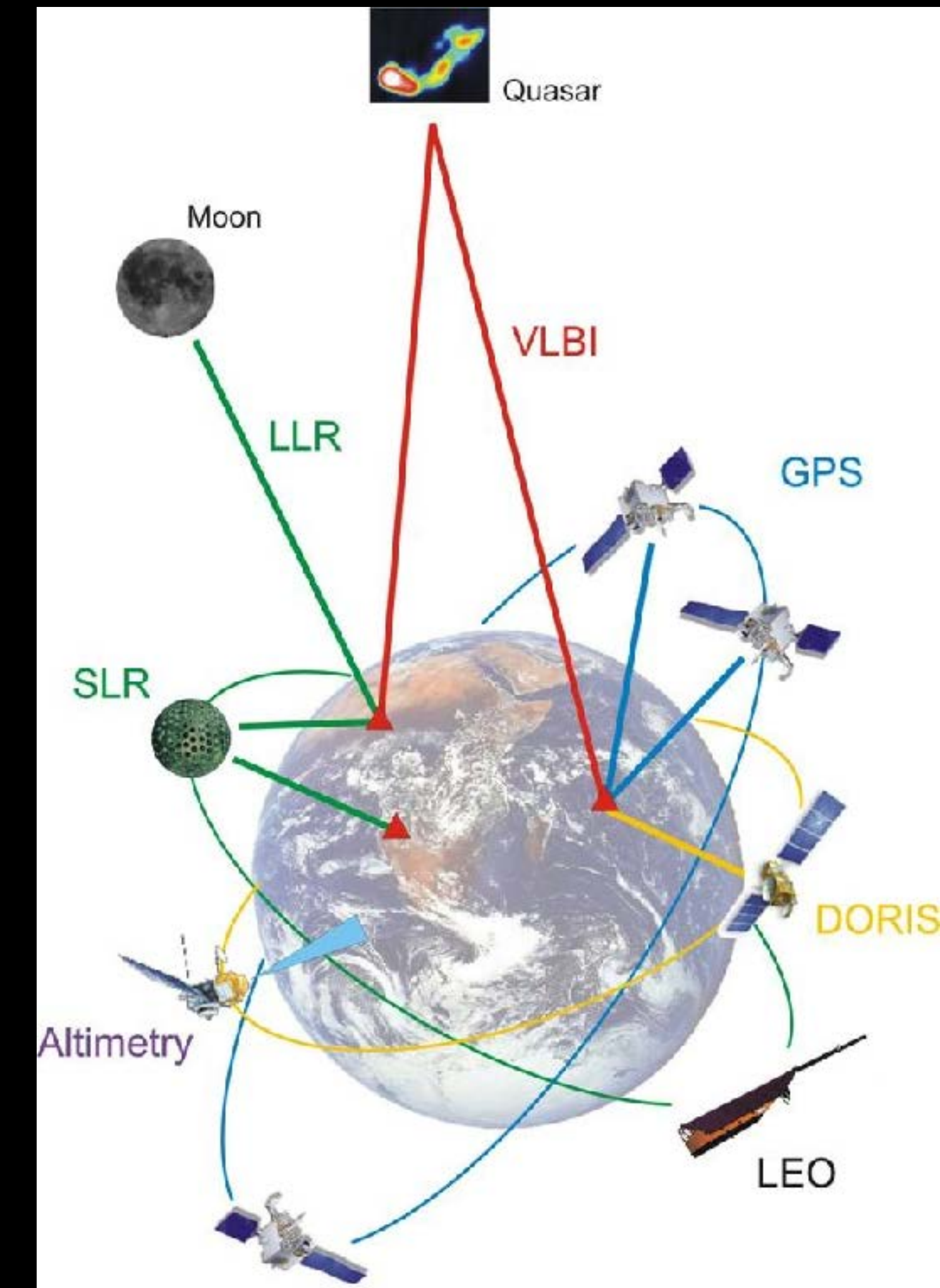
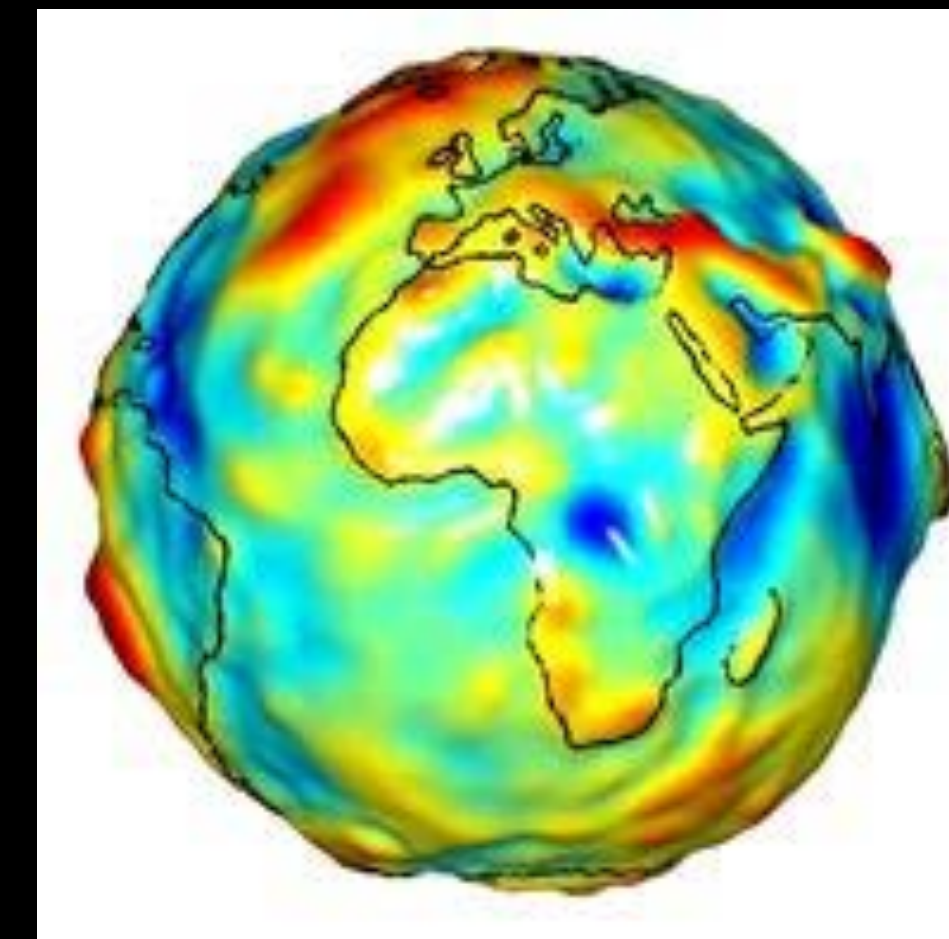
Spaceship Aurora



Space Geodetic Research Facility

Space Geodetic Research Facility of the Norwegian Mapping Authority is part of an international network of stations measuring small displacements in the Earth's crust.

- Basis for Earth Observations
- The Science of the Earth's shape, motion, gravitational field and changes of these
- Fundamental for monitoring climate change, sea level and all mapping.



Planetary Exploration

- AMASE – Arctic Mars Analoge Svalbard Expedition is a Norwegian run cooperating project (ESA, NASA/JPL and Carnegie Institution of Washington) where future Mars rovers and instruments are being tested at Svalbard every summer.



AMASE



Arctic
Mars
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Expedition

Wisdom on ExoMars

- The radar, named WISDOM (Water Ice and Subsurface Deposit Observations on Mars), is able to detect geological structures under the surface, and is able to create high resolution pictures from down to 2-3 metres.



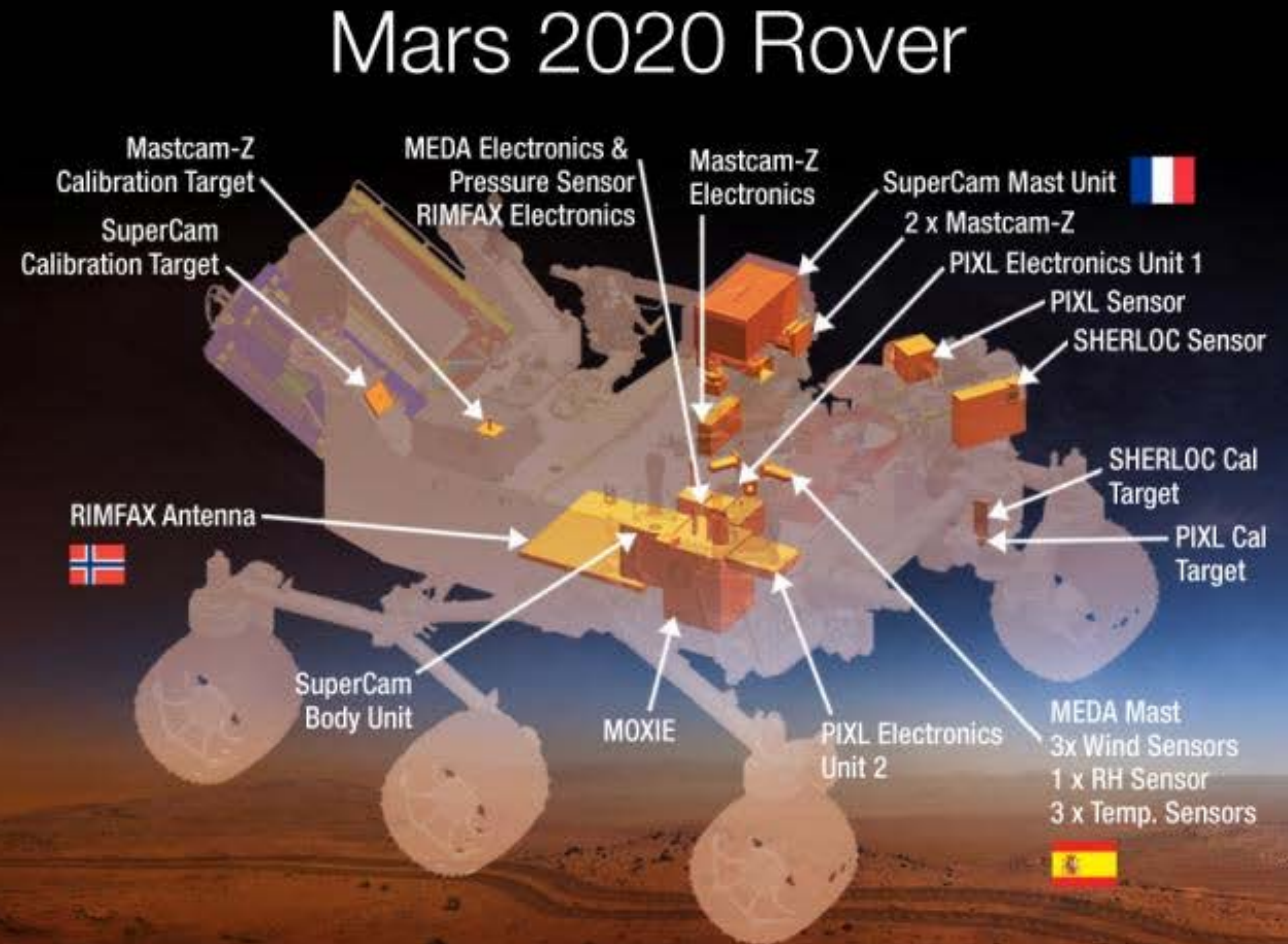
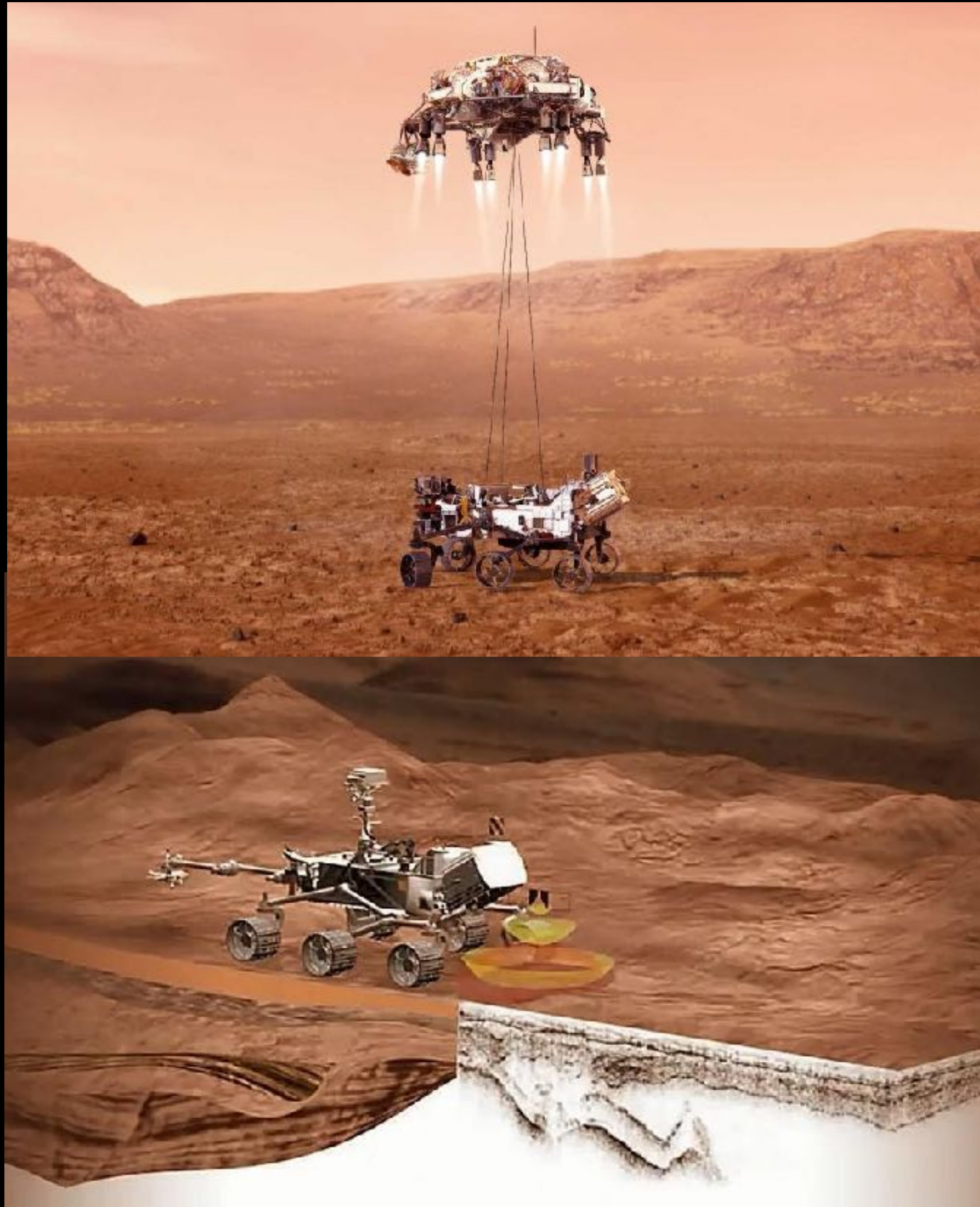
Instruments on Curiosity tested at Svalbard

- Two of the instruments on Curiosity was testes at Svalbard.
- Memscap in Horten provided pressure sensors to Curiosity



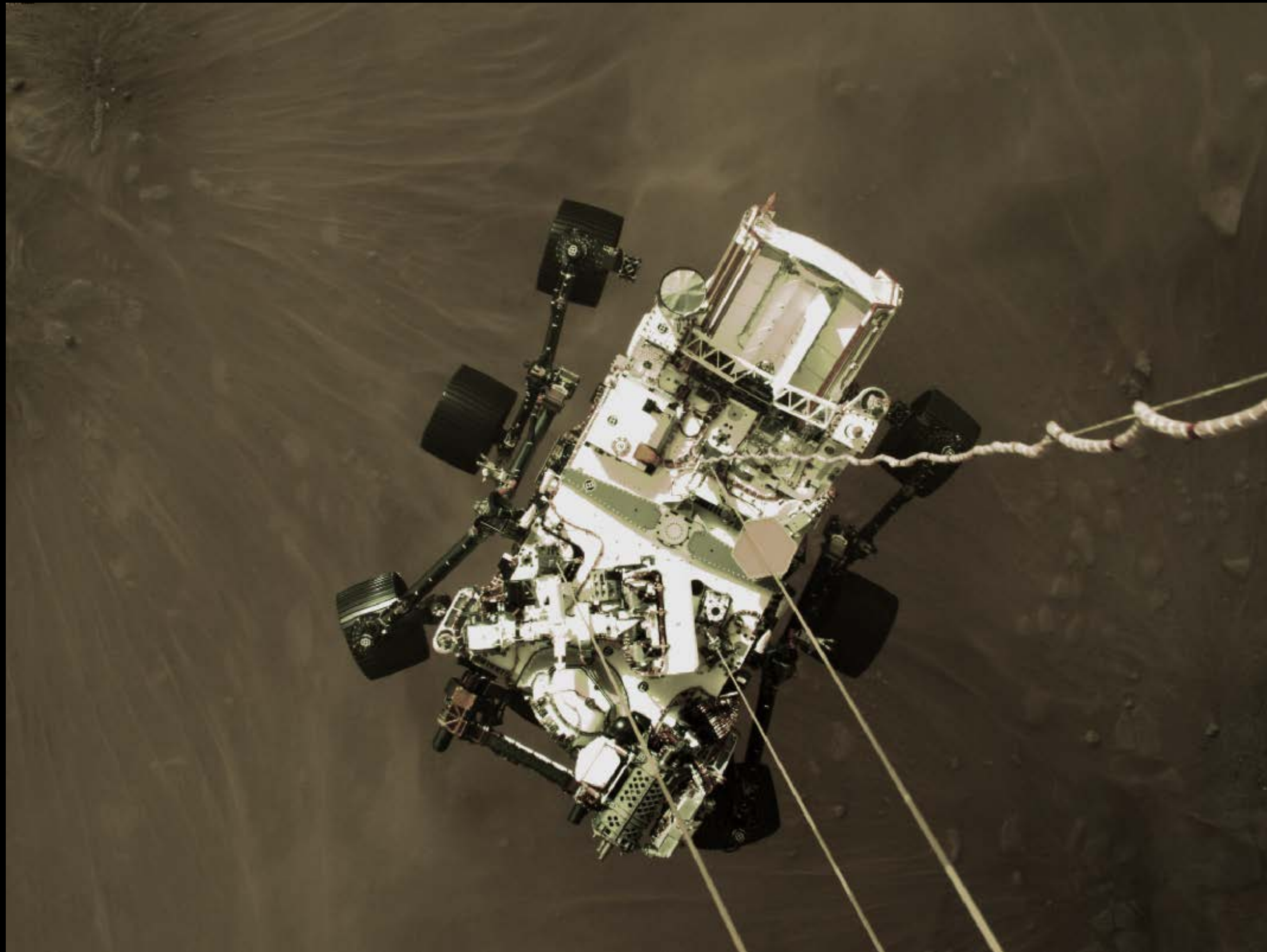
Norwegian Georadar on Mars

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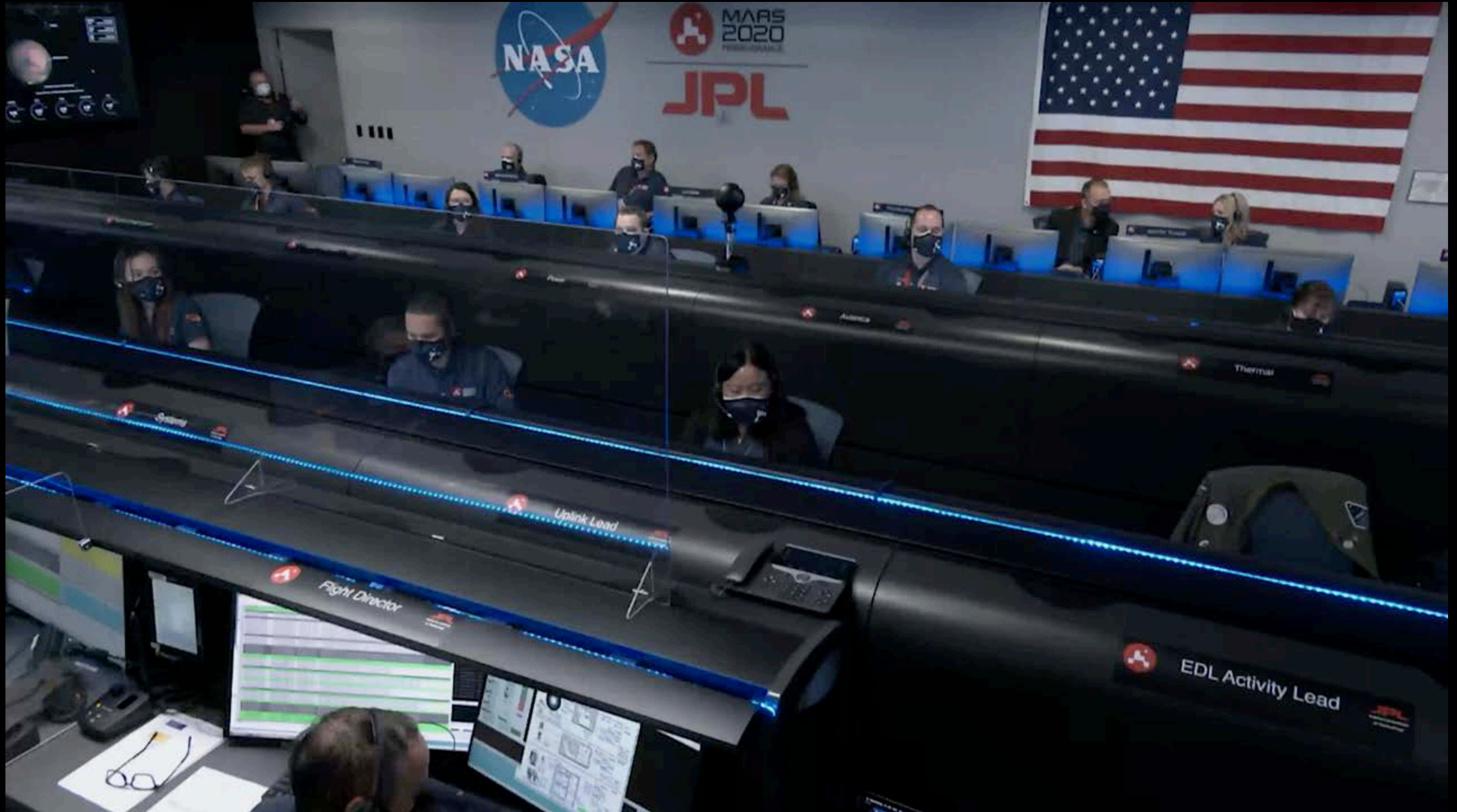


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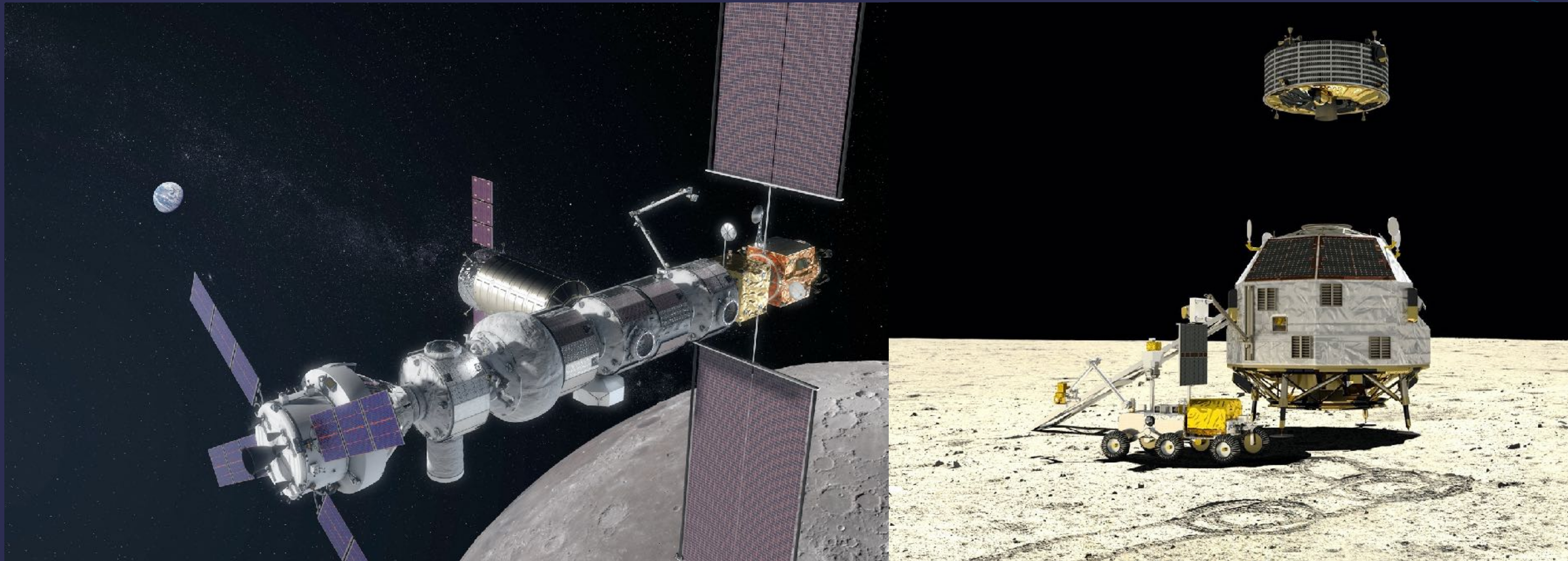


Perseverance landing



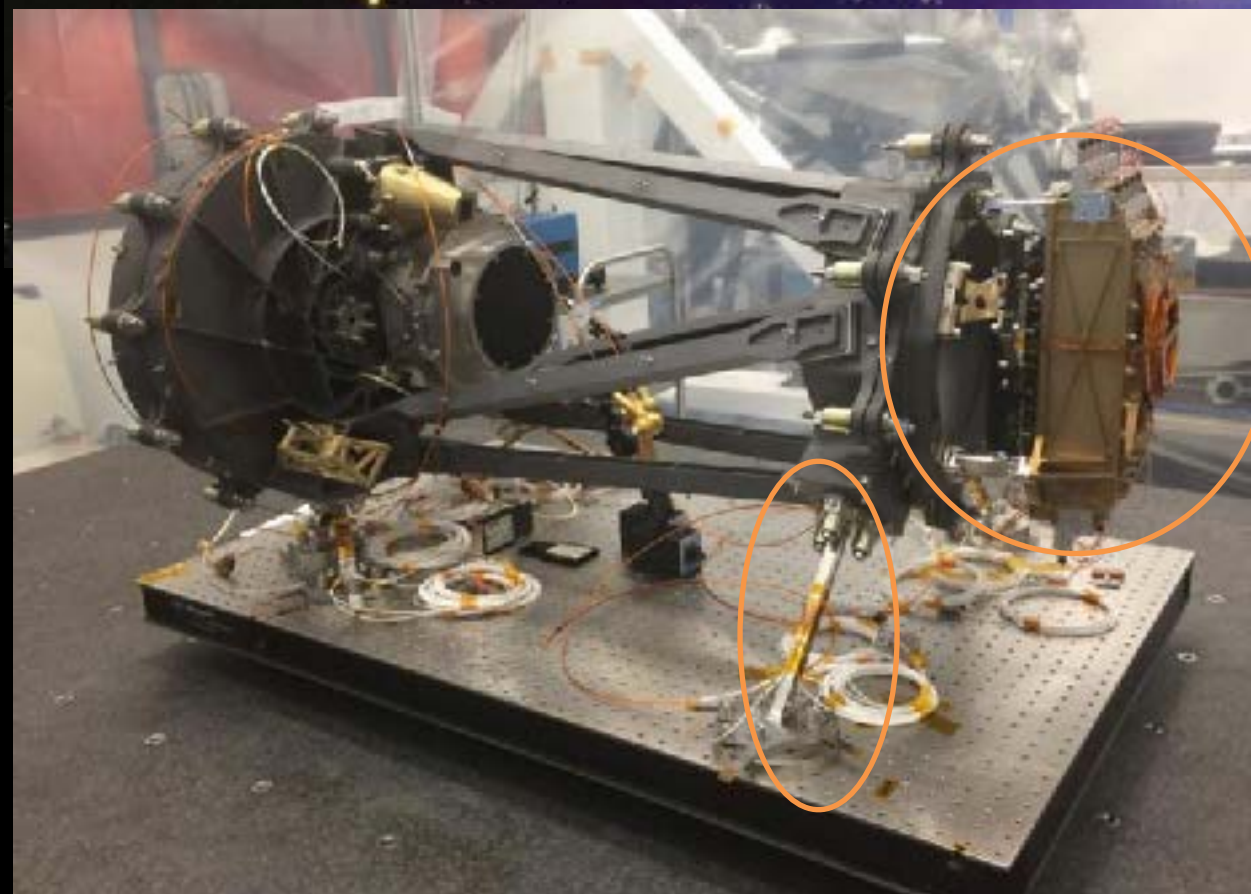
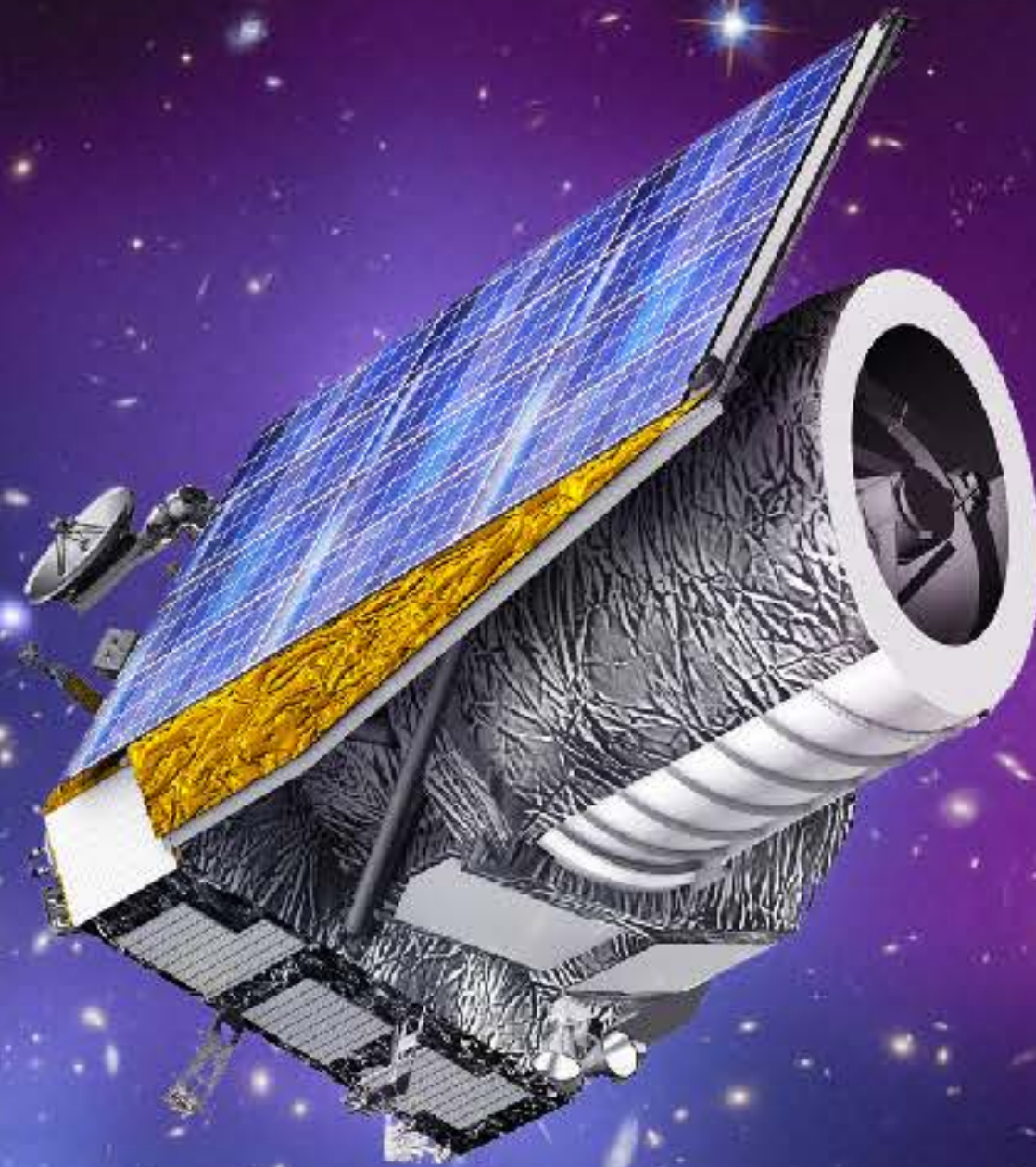
Lunar Gateway

- Norway will participate in Lunar Gateway through ESA industry contracts. E.g. Nammo with rocket engines for the Heracles lander



Norwegian participation in Euclid

Euclid is an **ESA** mission to map the geometry of the dark Universe



CMR Prototech delivers to the NISP instrument:

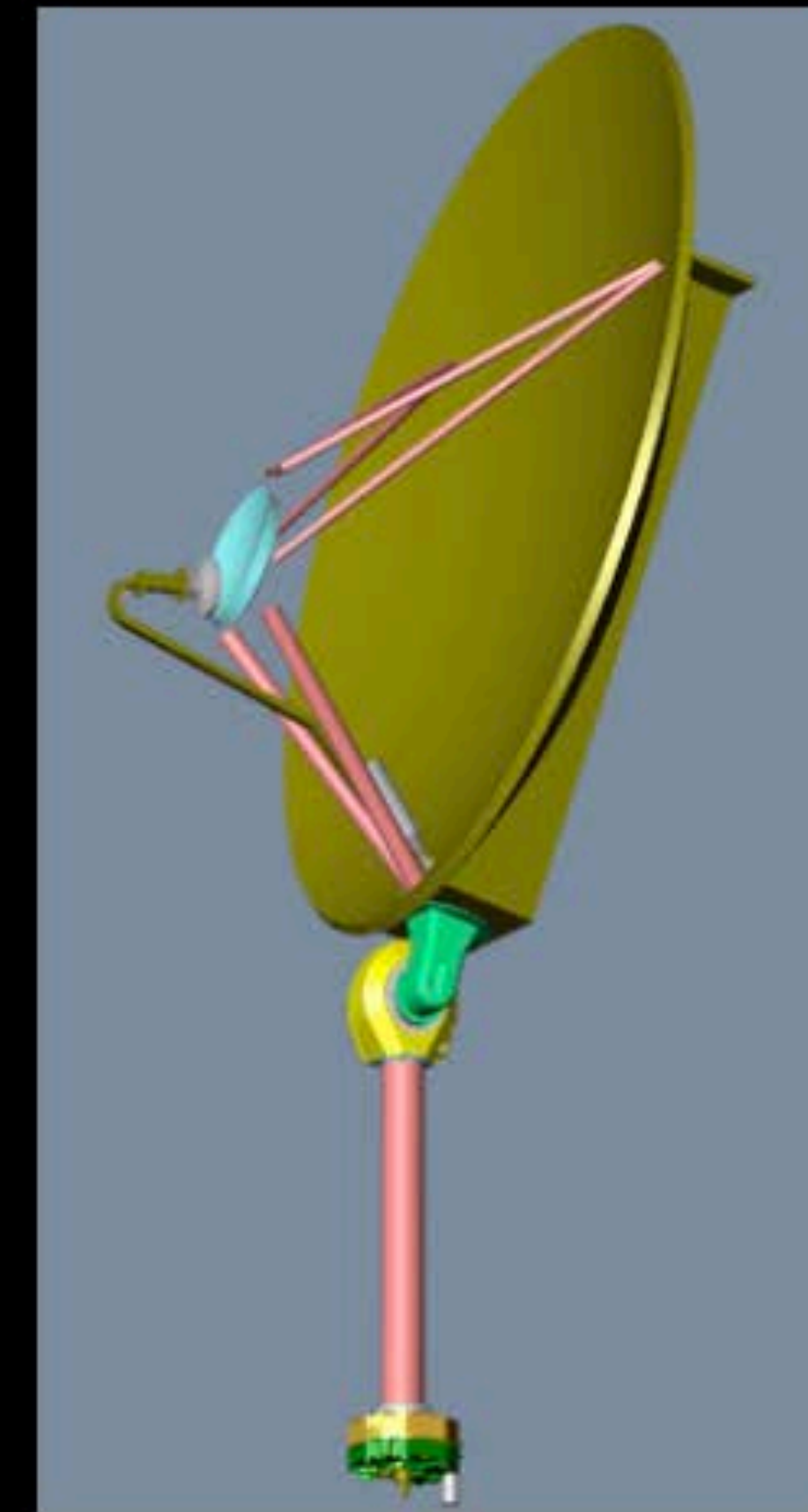
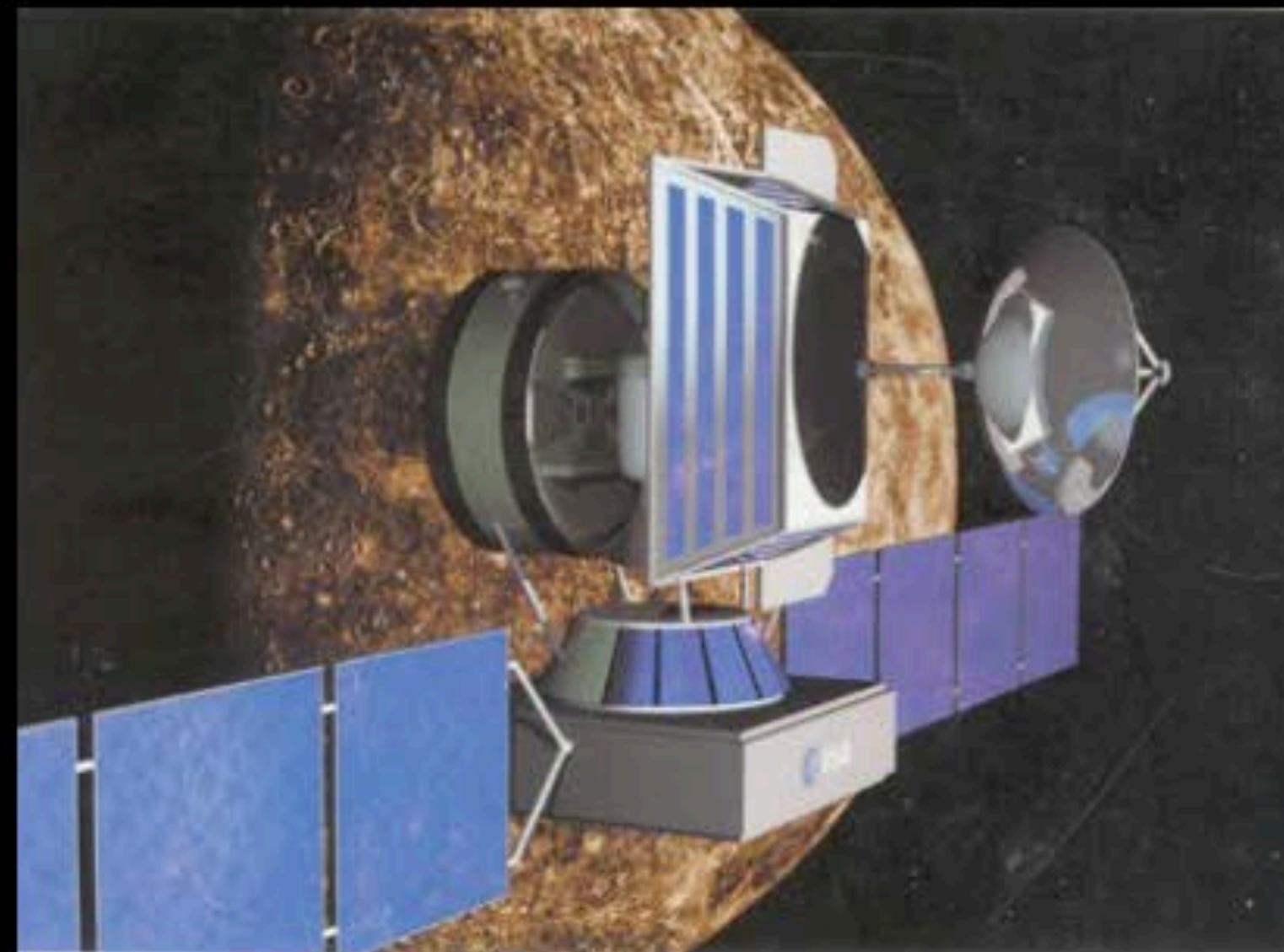
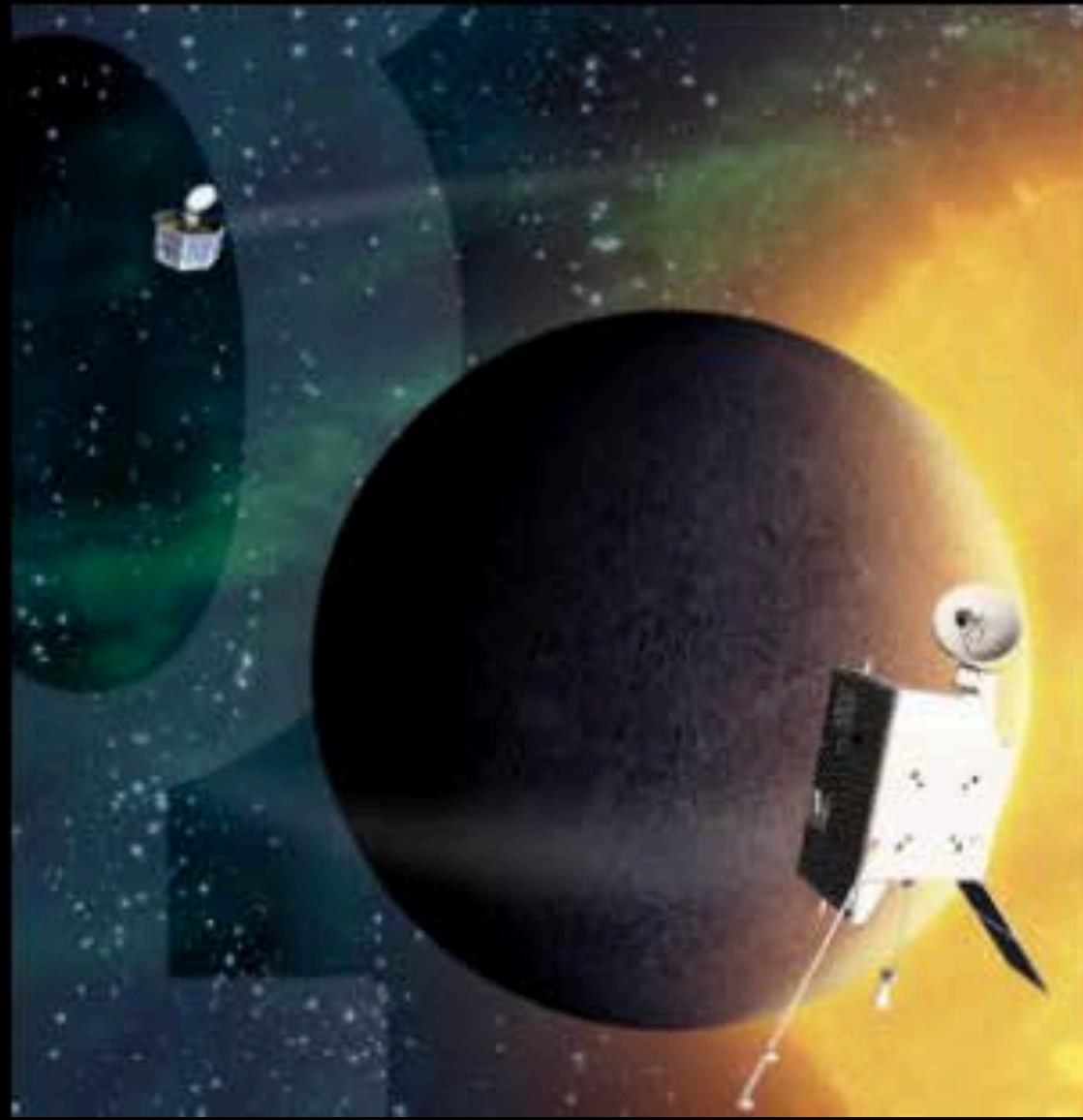
- NI-SSS, a mechanical structure holding the detector electronics
- the feet holding the NISP instrument in place on the space telescope.

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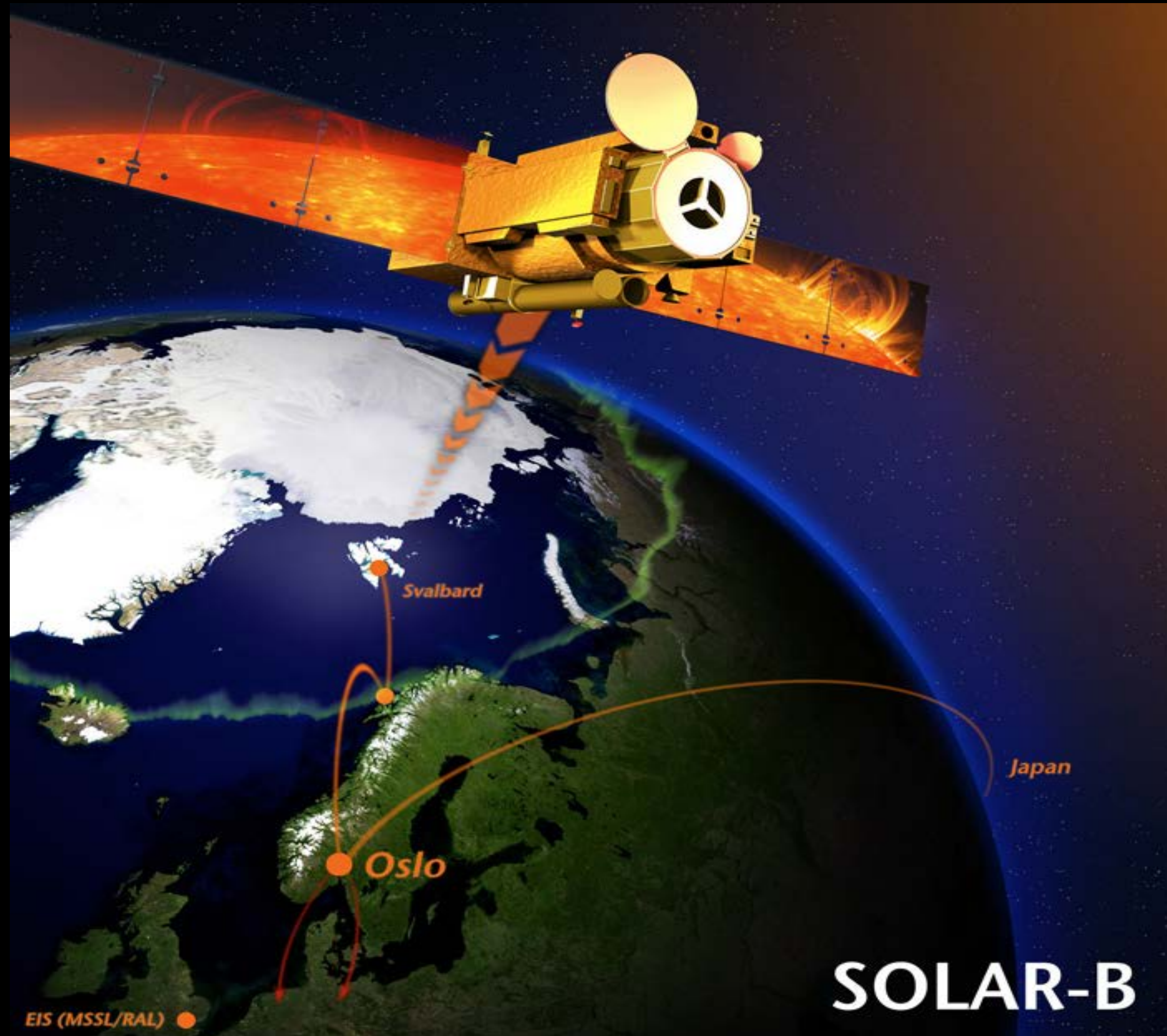
- Science Ground Segment

BepiColombo - studiare Merkur

- BepiColombo is an interdisciplinary mission to the planet Mercury. The planetary orbiter (MPO) carries instruments for close range studies.
- Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace: Material selection and development of the High Gain Antenna assembly + dish for operating in high temperature environment.



Norway Central partner in HINODE

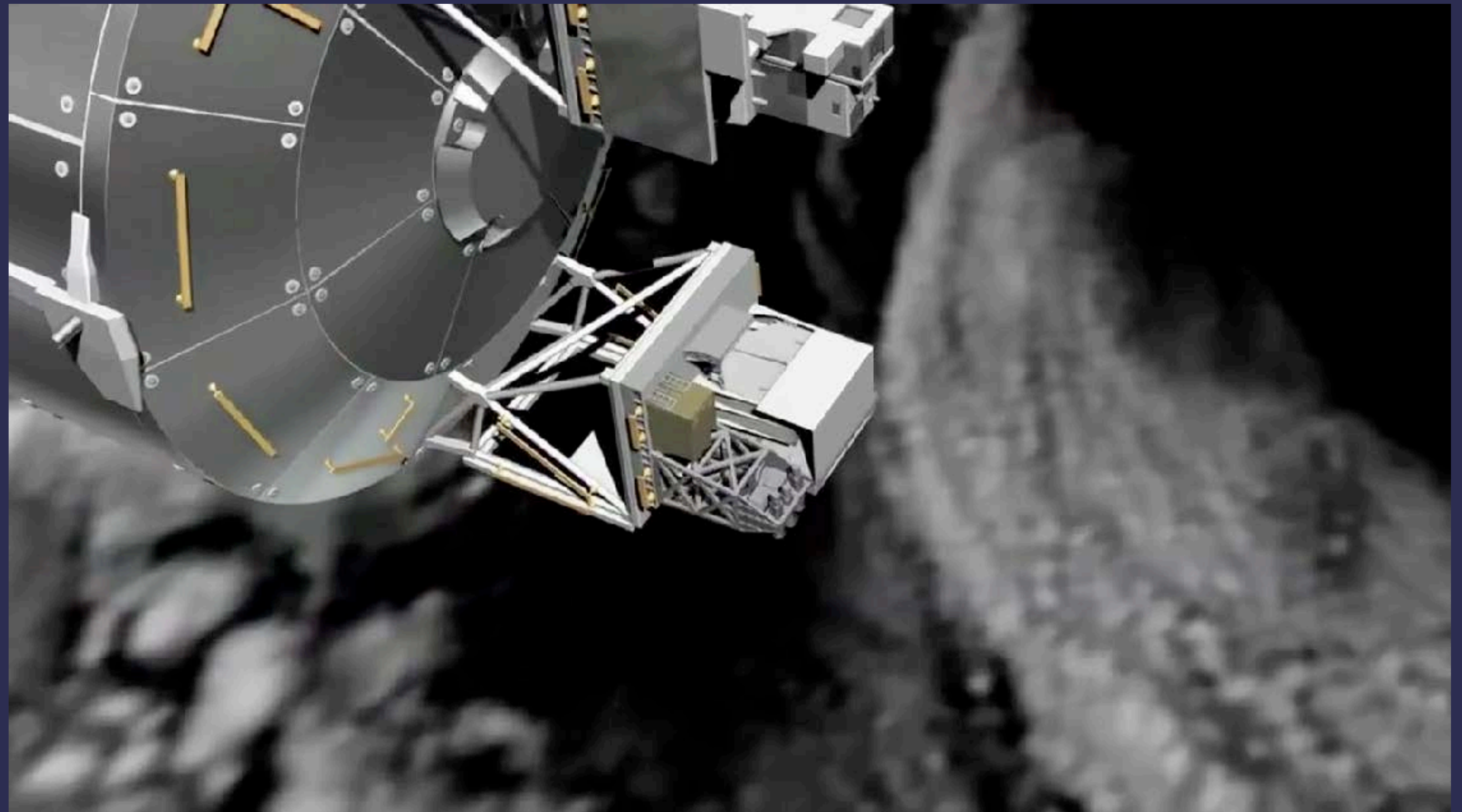
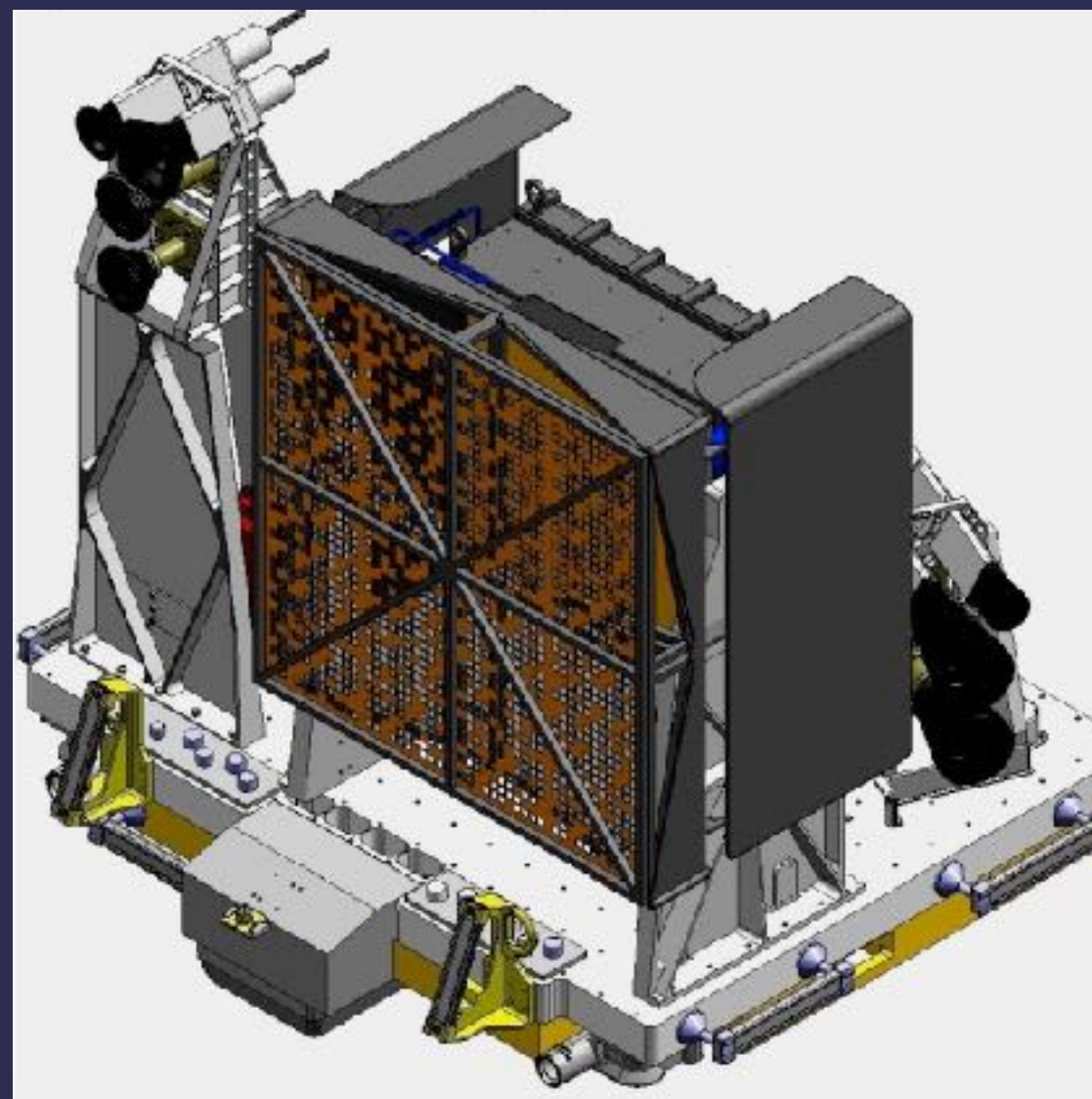


Led by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the Hinode mission is a collaboration between the space agencies of Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe.

EIS Software, data downlink at Svalbard and the European Data Centre in Oslo (a 20 MEuro contract with ESA)

Birkeland Centre for Space Science

- ASIM on ISS



ASIM - front page in Nature

The international journal of science / 21 January 2021

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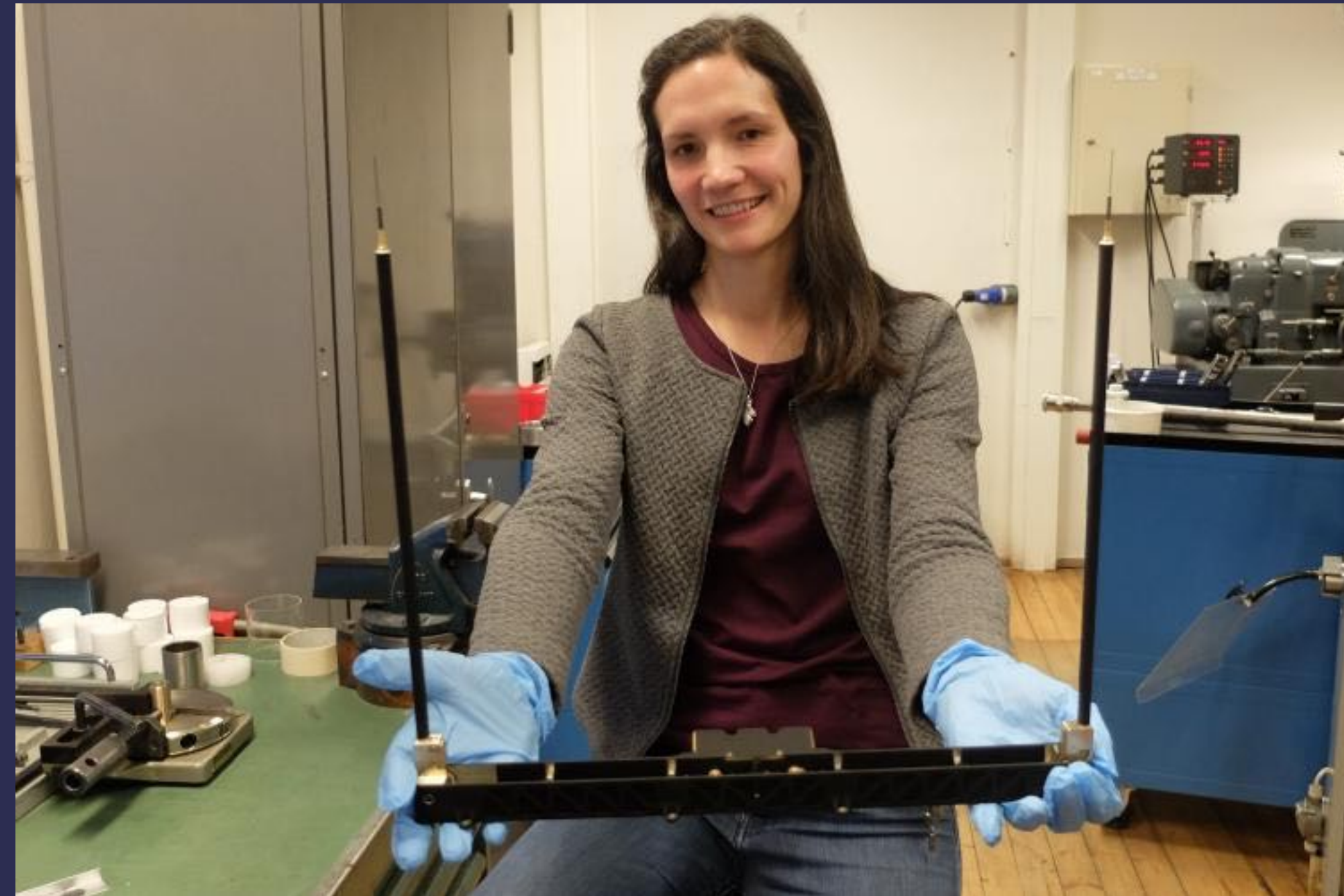
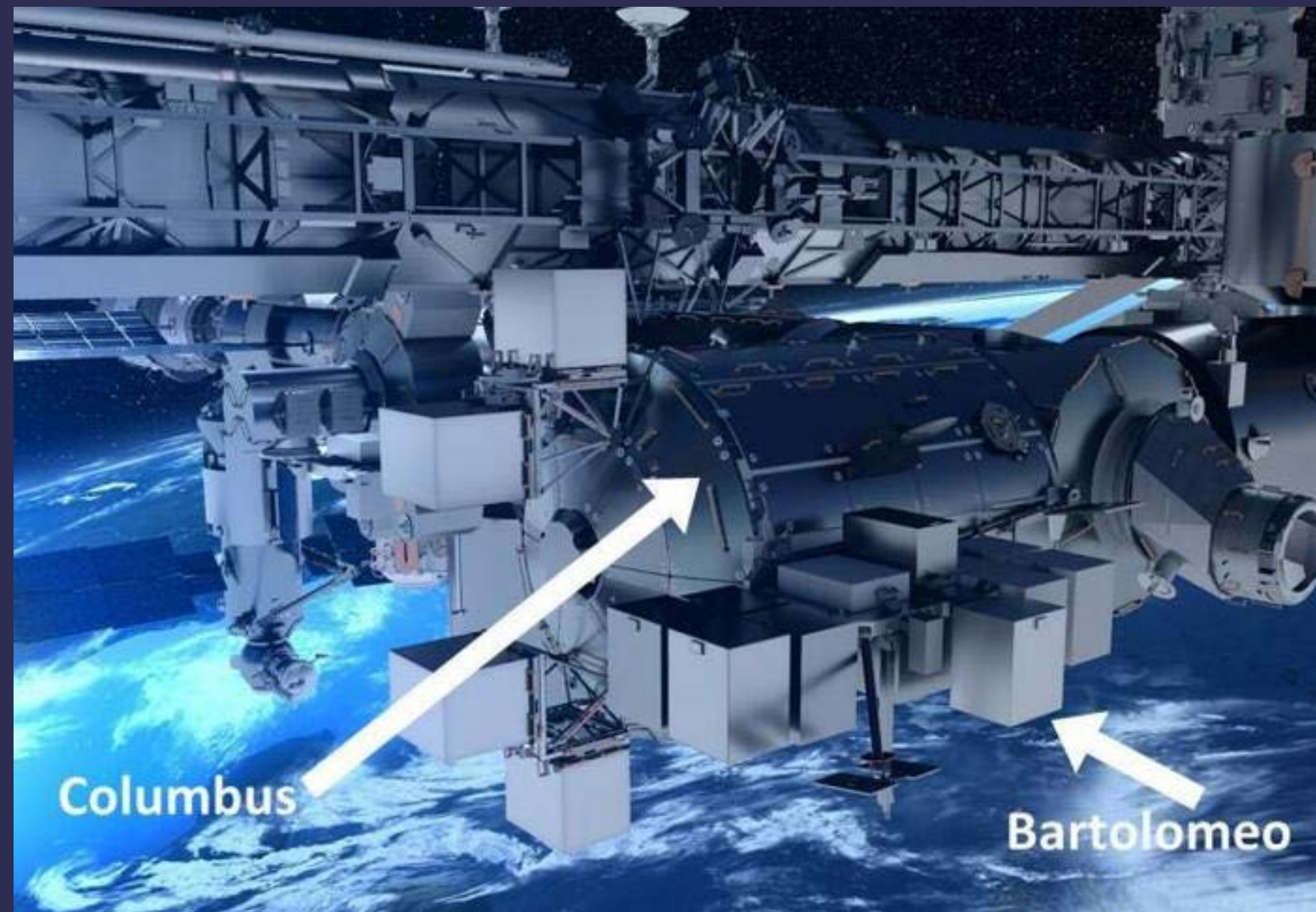
BOLTS OF BLUE

Observations from the space station offer
clues to the nature of blue jet lightning



m-NLP - multi-needle Langmuir probe system

- UiO and Eidel: Plasma diagnostic around ISS - and space weather



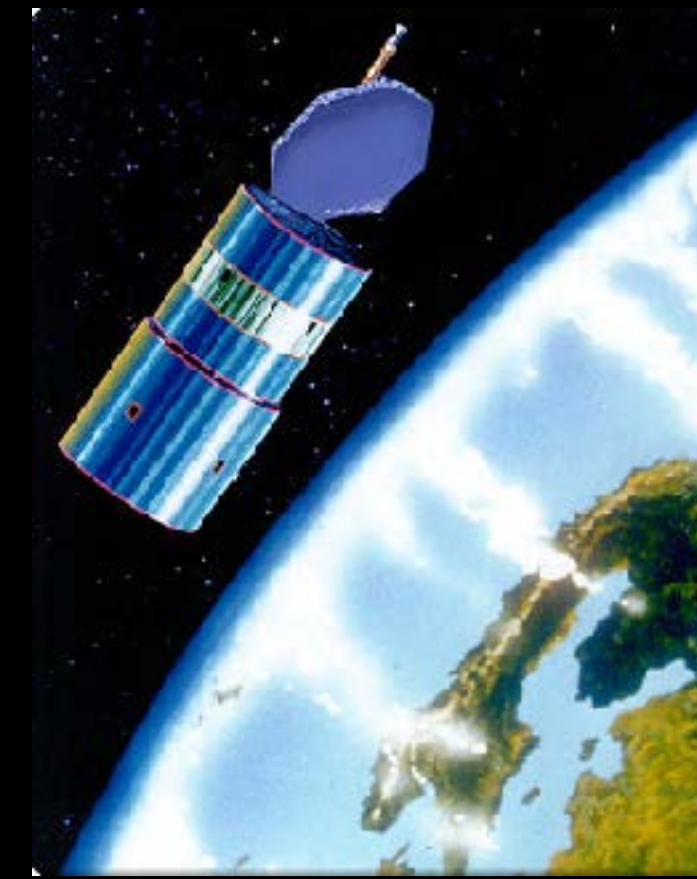
Plants in space

- **CIRiS - Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Space** has been selected as the operation center (N-USOC) for European Modular Cultivation System (EMCS) on the International Space Station.
- Plant cultivation chambers developed by Prototech in Bergen



Norway - early to utilise satellite communication

- Norway - first country in the world to use sat-com to localise emergency beacons
- Telenor - one of the biggest telecom-companies in the world

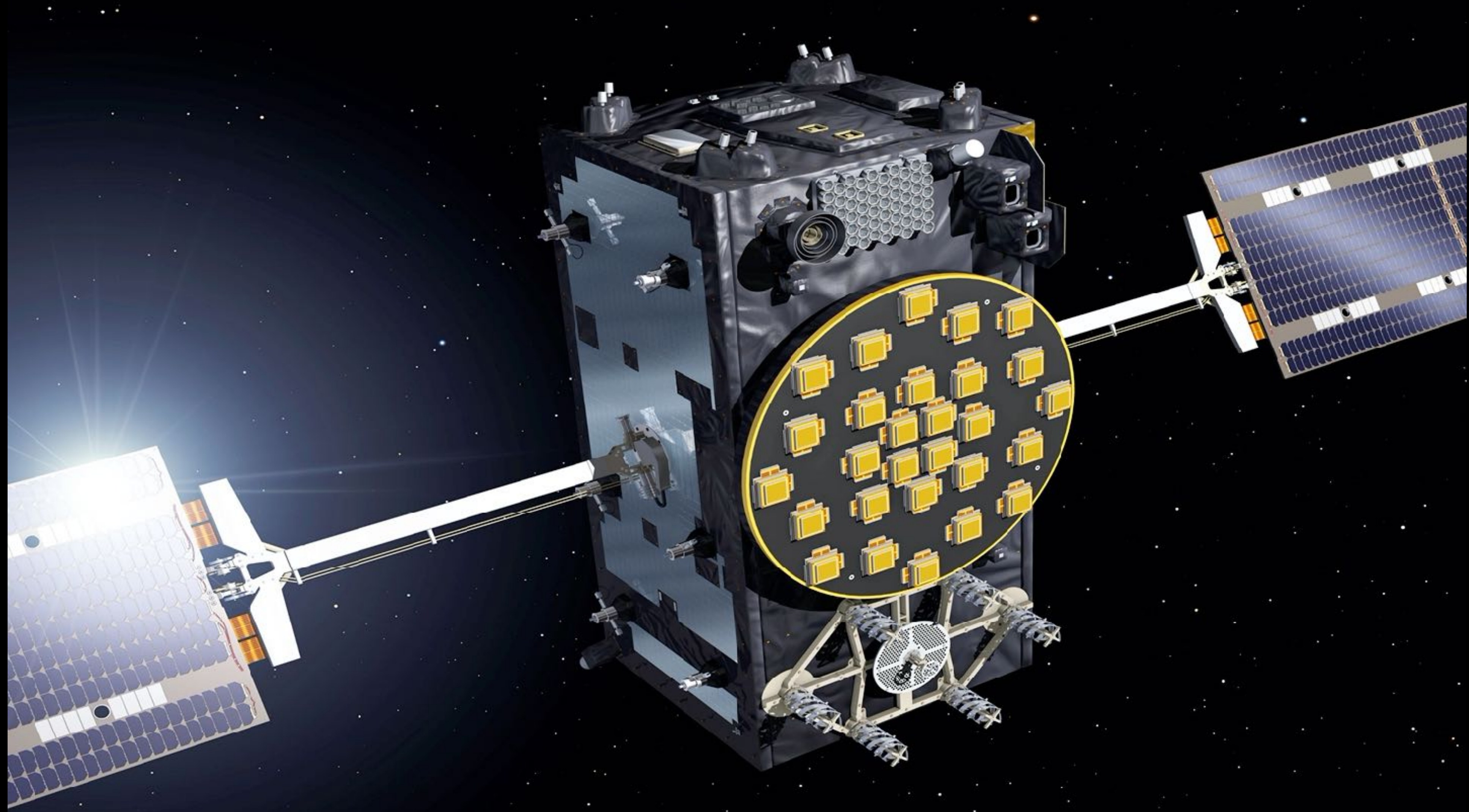


Norway - leading in satellite phone systems

- Satellite phones important for rescue workers, human aids personnel, journalists etc. in war zones or disaster areas.
- First broad-band satellite phone developed in Norway 2 years ago



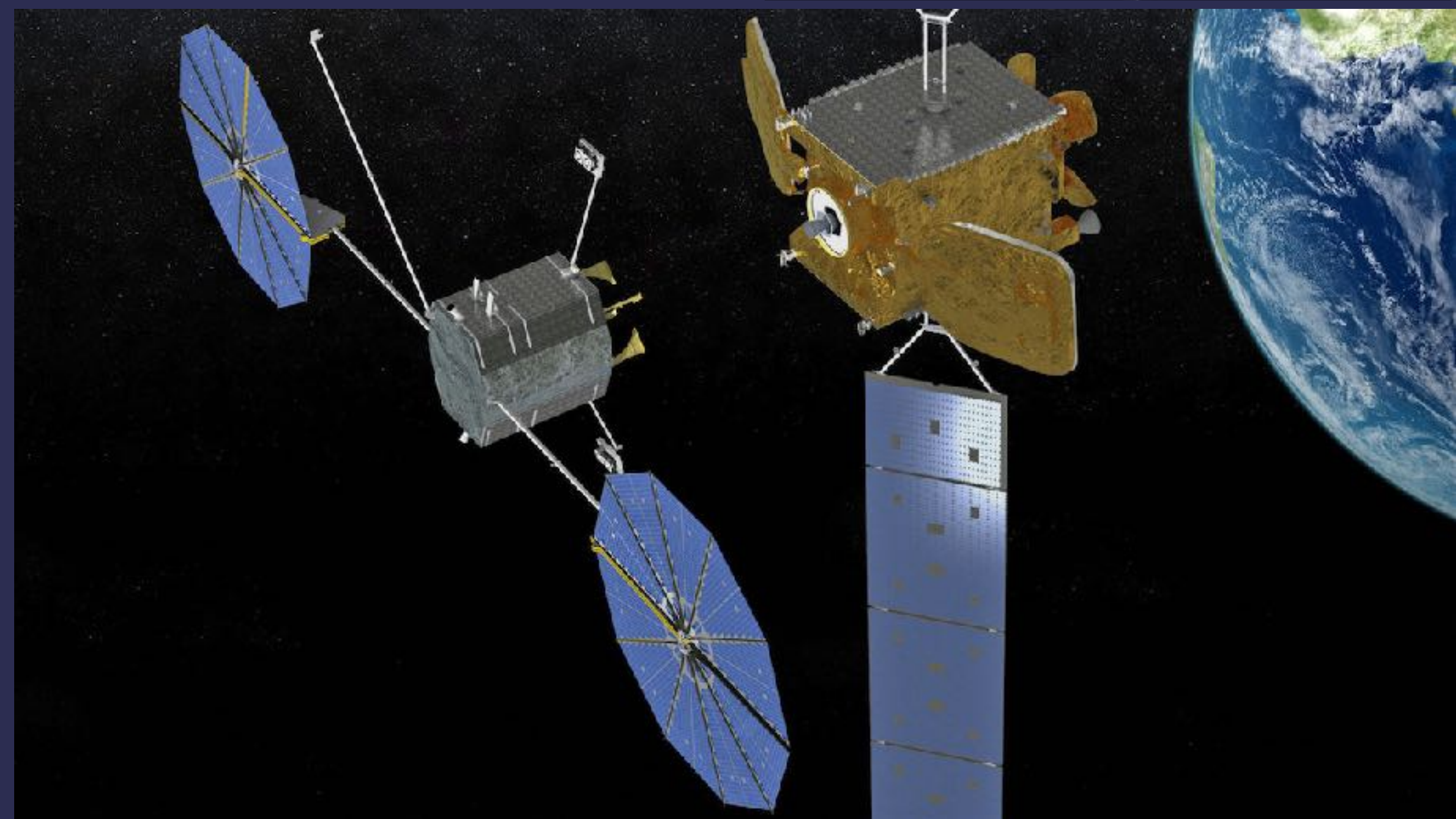
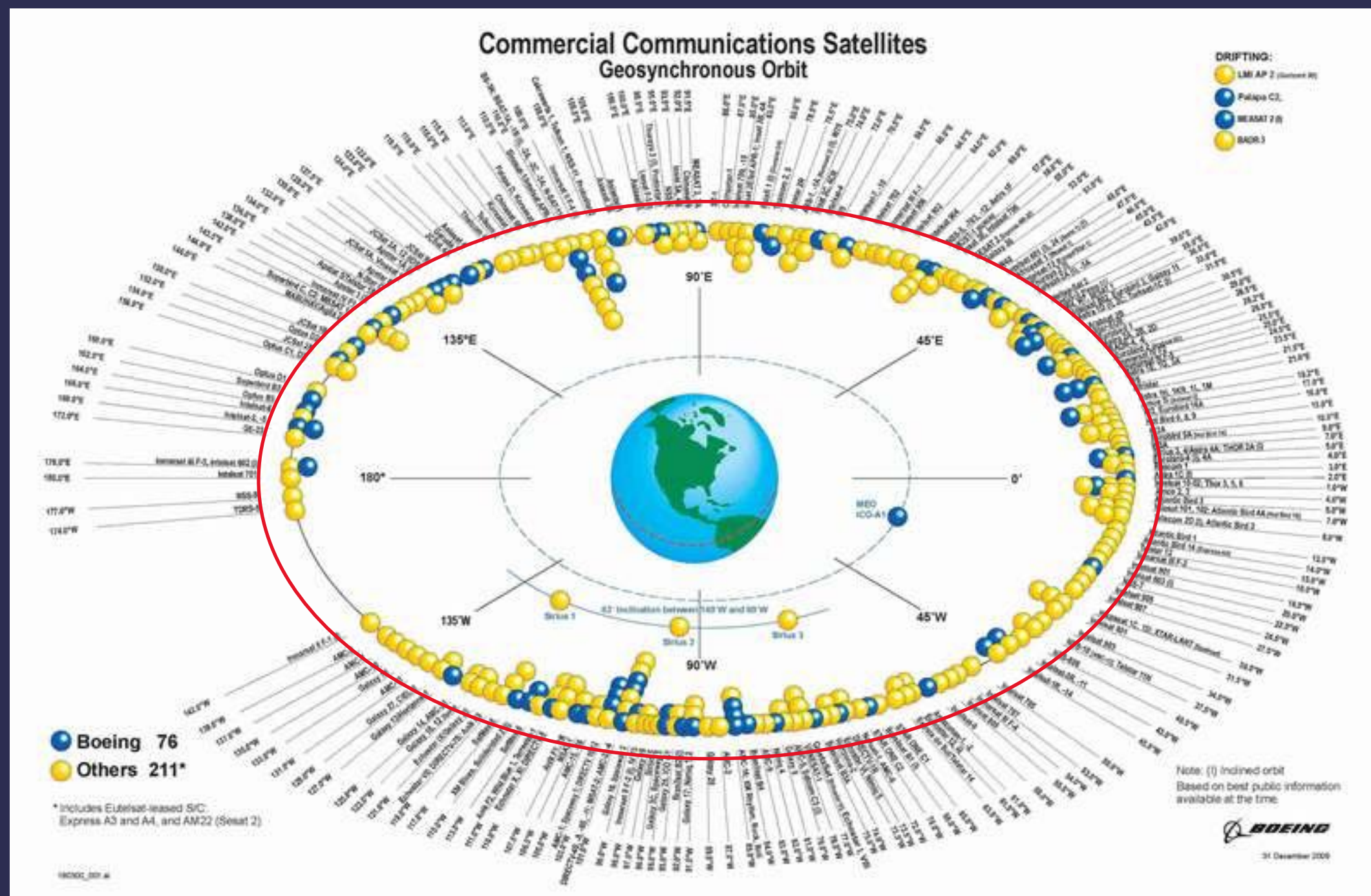
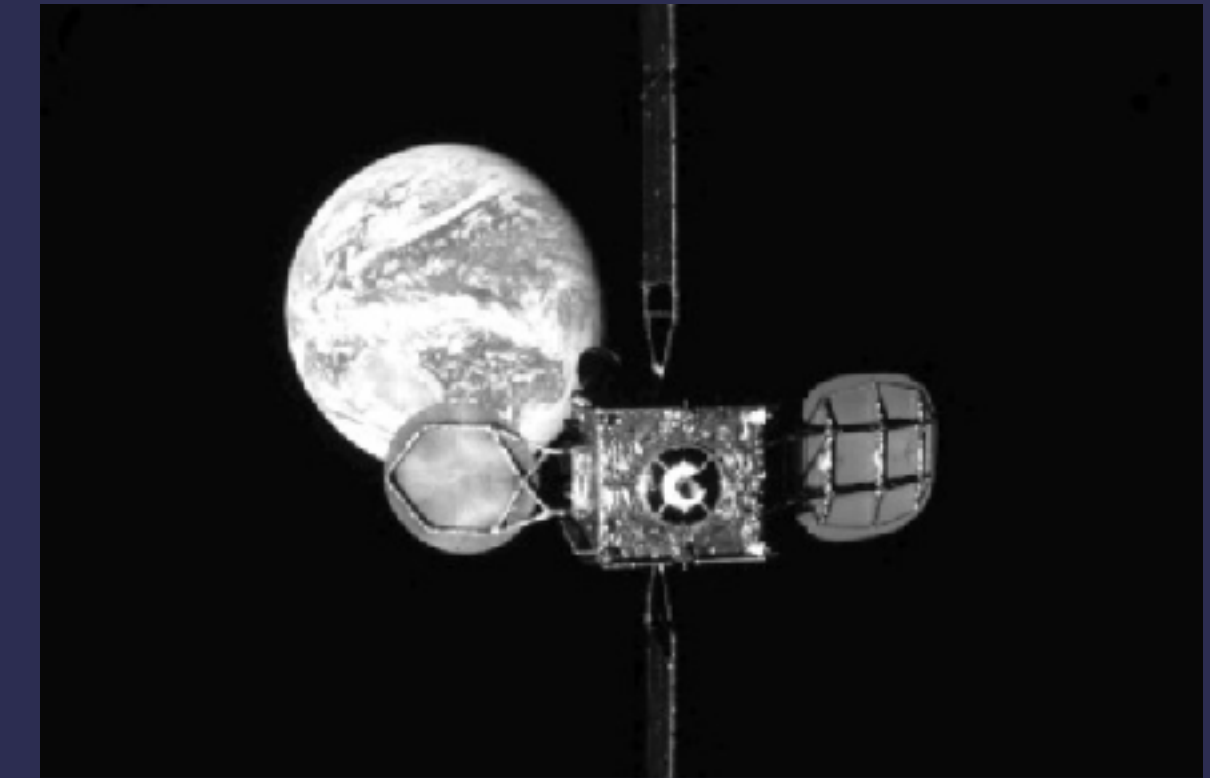
Kongsberg Norspace



Most communication satellites launched today includes 100 kg of electronics from a small company in south Norway (NORSPACE).

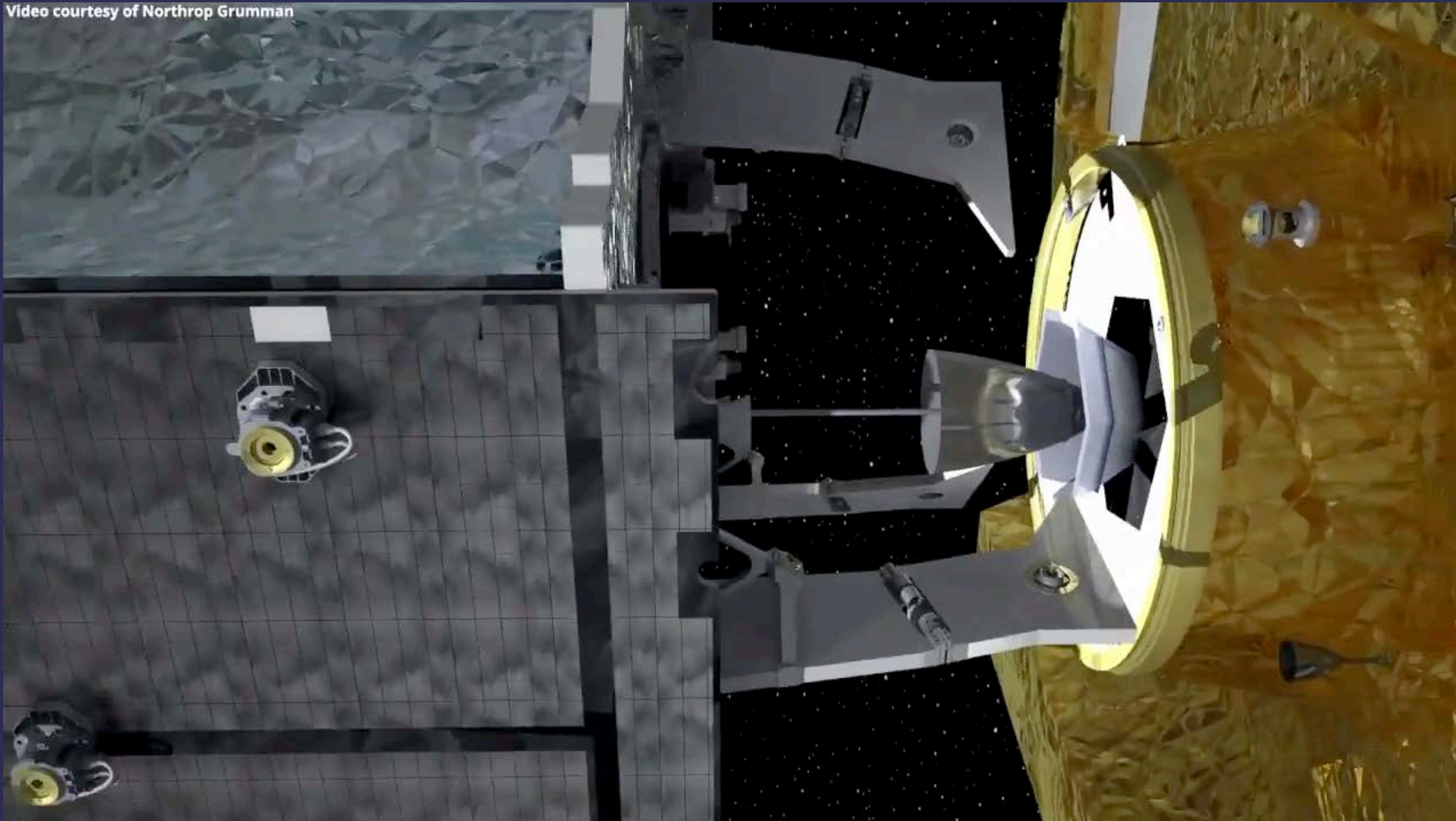
Kongsberg supports MEV-1/2 to extend lifetime of satellites

- Mission Extension Vehicle (MEV) designed to extend the functional lifetime of geostationary satellites.
- First time another satellites in geostationary orbit has been serviced.
- Kongsberg Space Electronics has delivered TTC (Telemetry, Tracking and command-system) Transmitters and Receivers that made it possible for MEV to safely approach the oter satellite. Thus, all commanding, control, telemetry and images goes through their electronic boxes

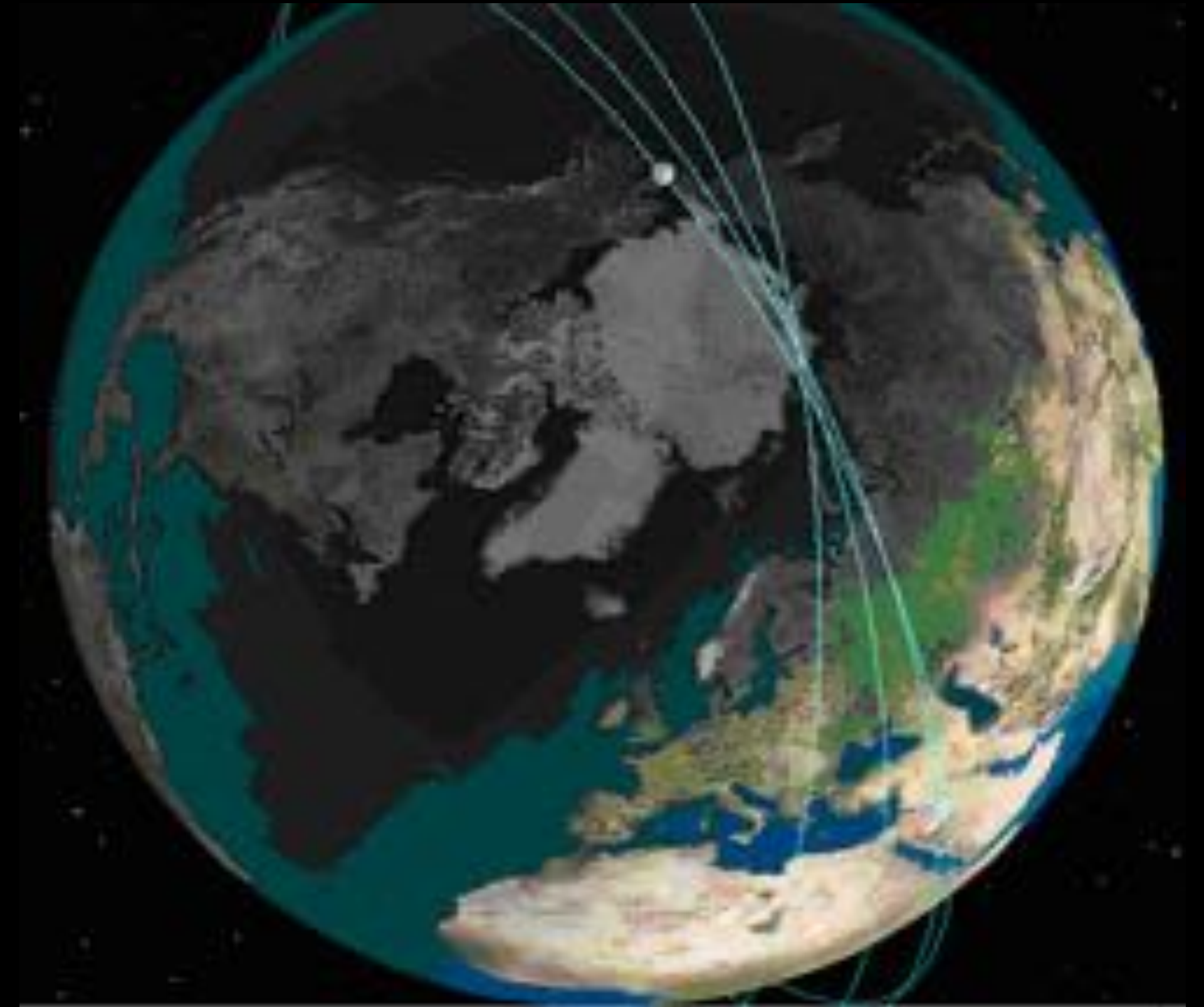


MEV-2 - also launched and on its way to Intelsat/Thor 1002 - partly owned by Telenor

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Earth observing satellites



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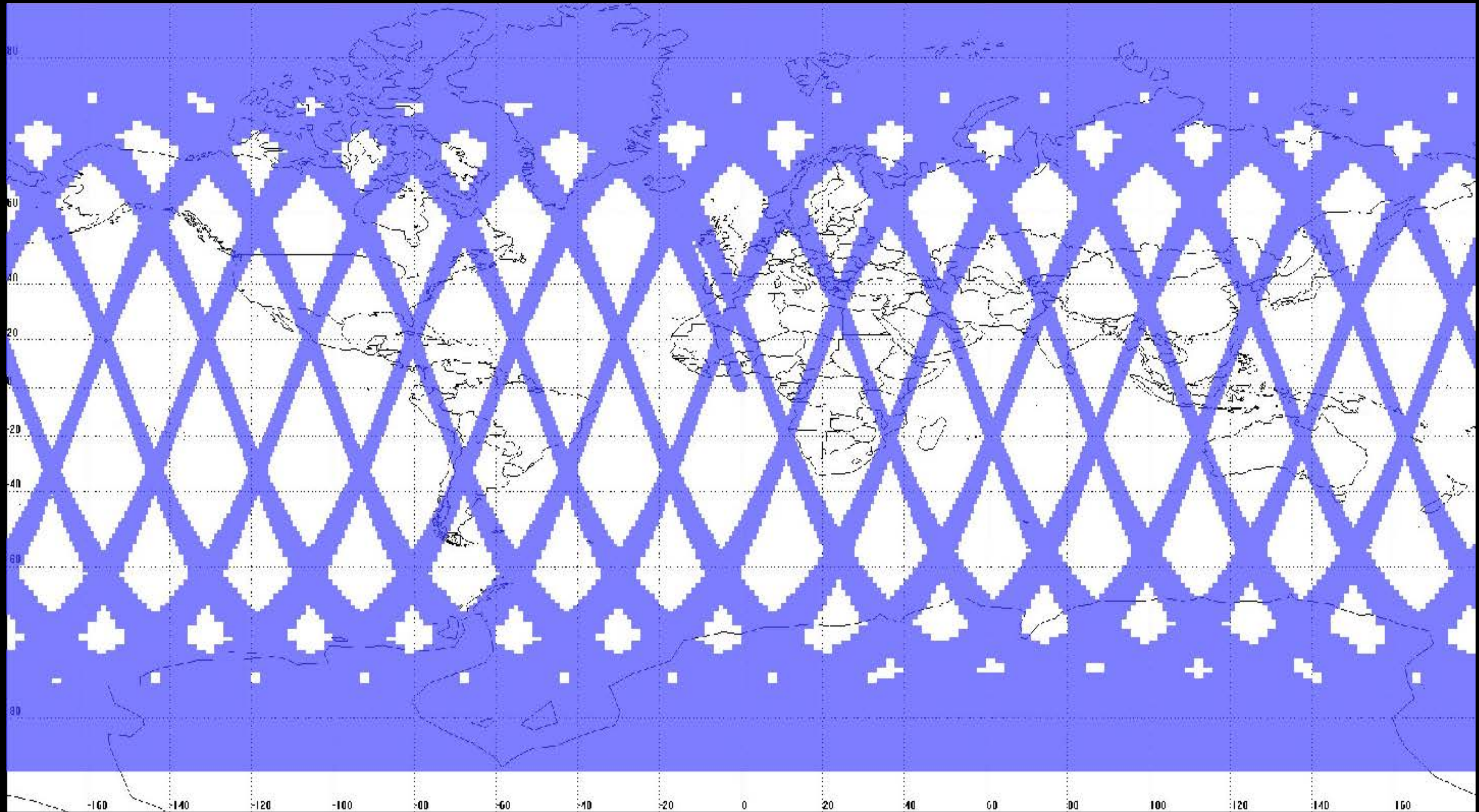
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Why Space in the Arctic?



Norway has best coverage over own areas

KSAT - The World Leader in Ground Station Networks



Kongsberg Satellite Services AS

World leading commercial satellite services



- Owned 50% by the Space Norway og 50% by Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace AS
- Satellite stations in Tromsø, Grimstad, Svalbard (SvalSat) and in Antarctica (Troll station), Bangalore, Mauritius, Alaska ++

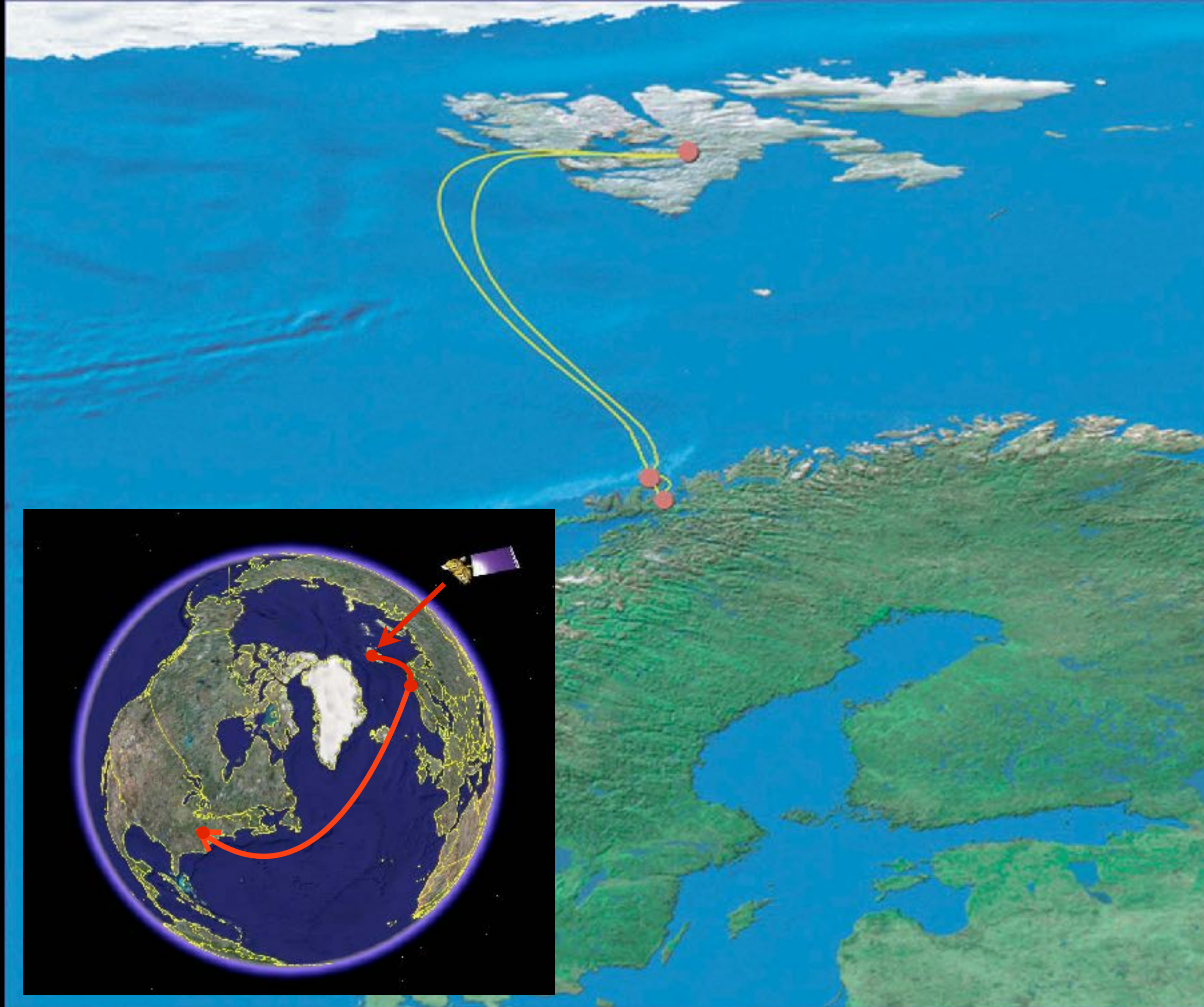
Total about 105 antennas

Supports over 100 satellites - 35.000 passes per month

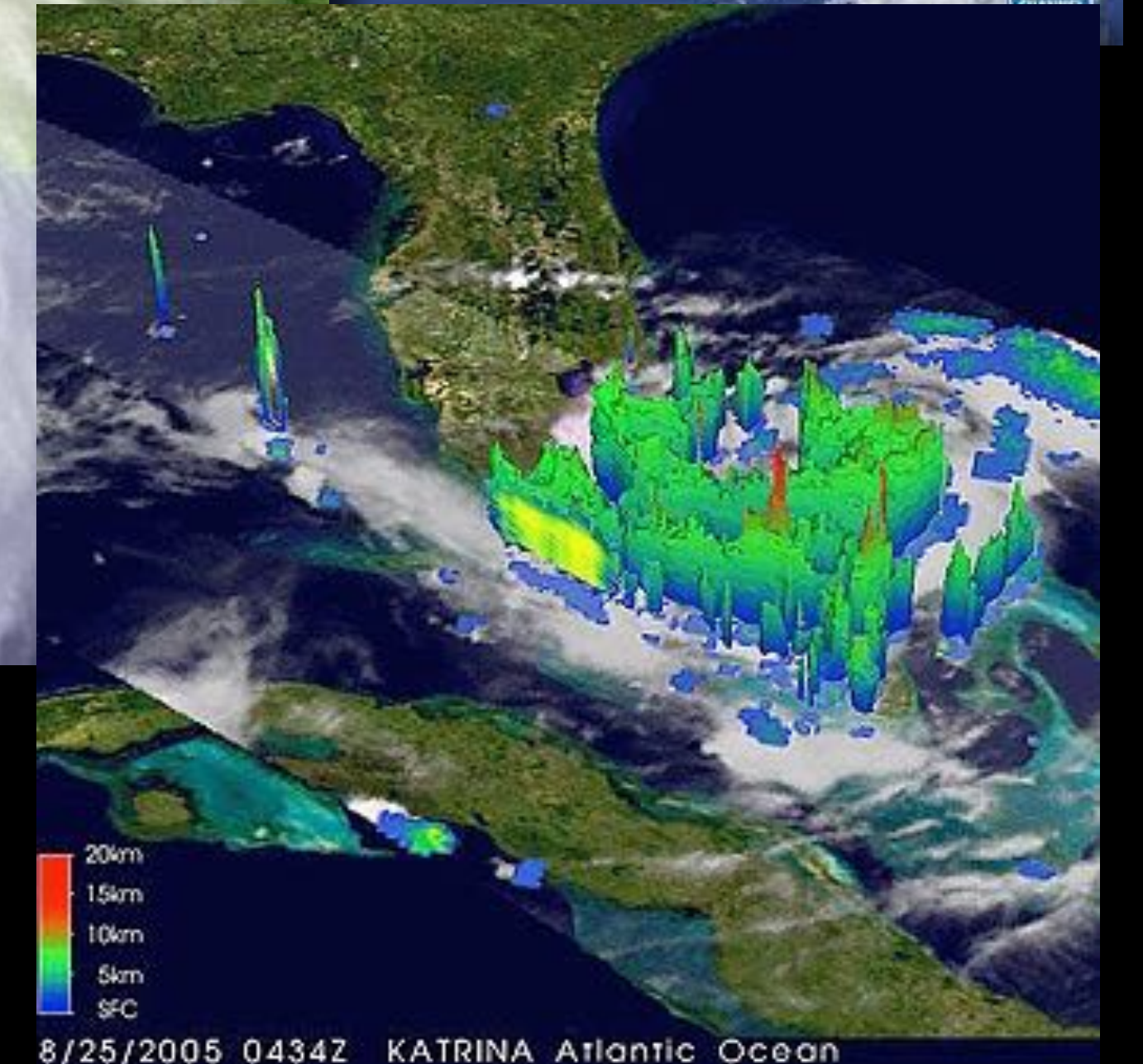


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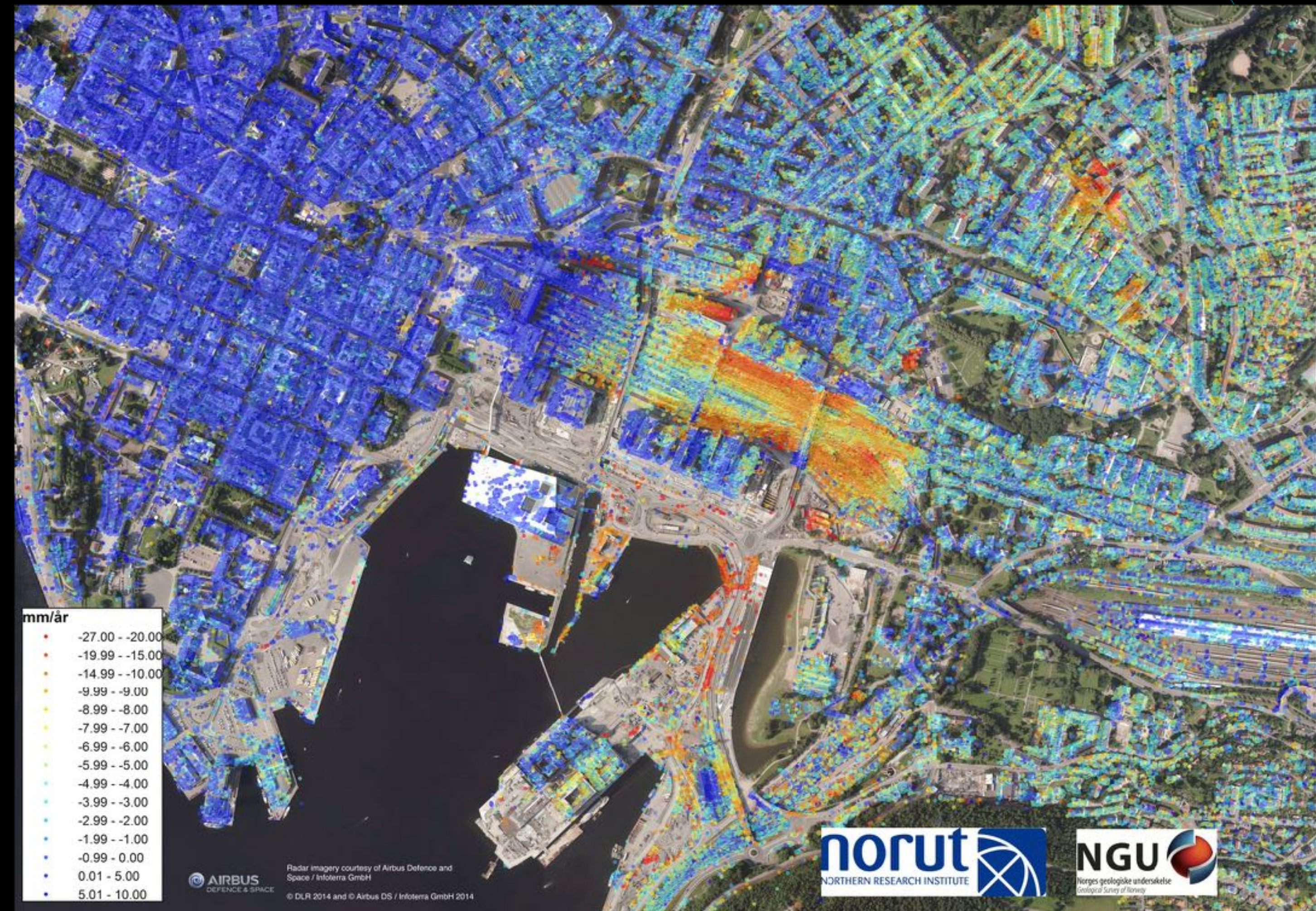
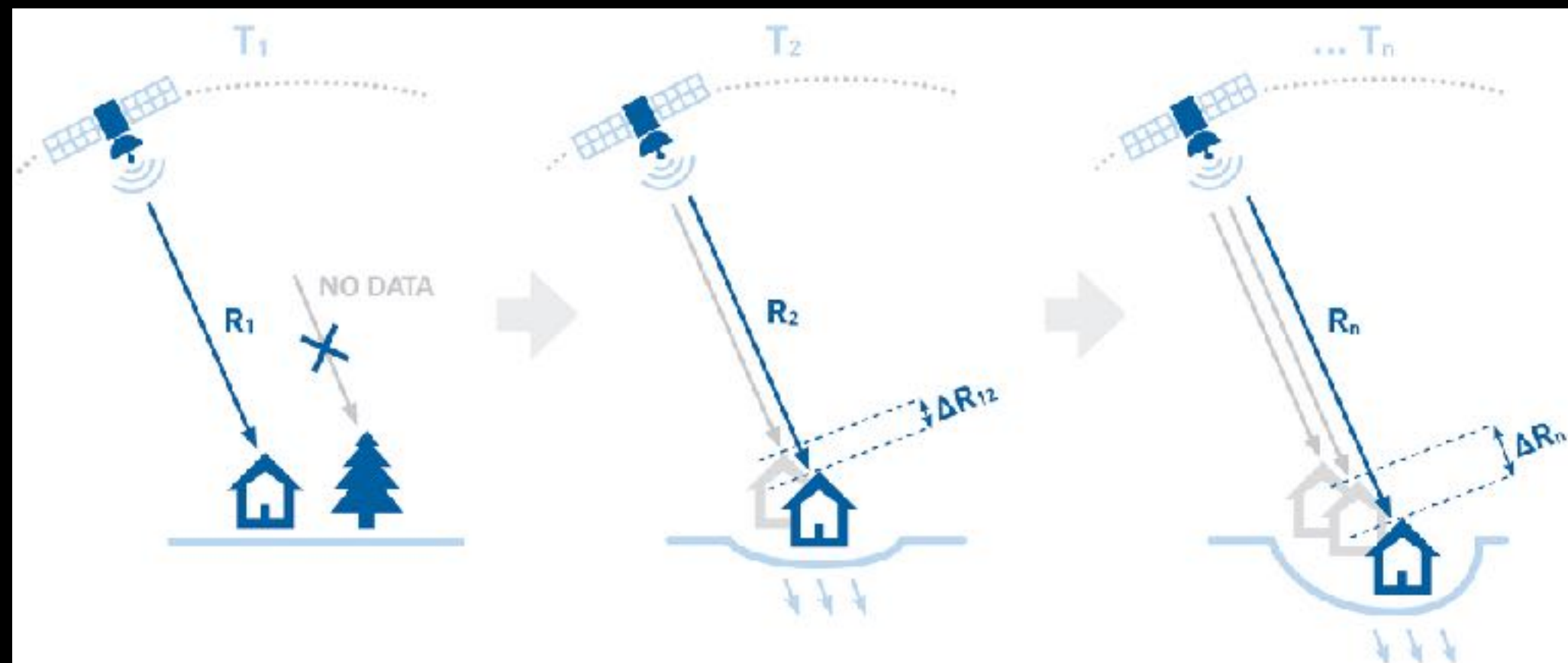
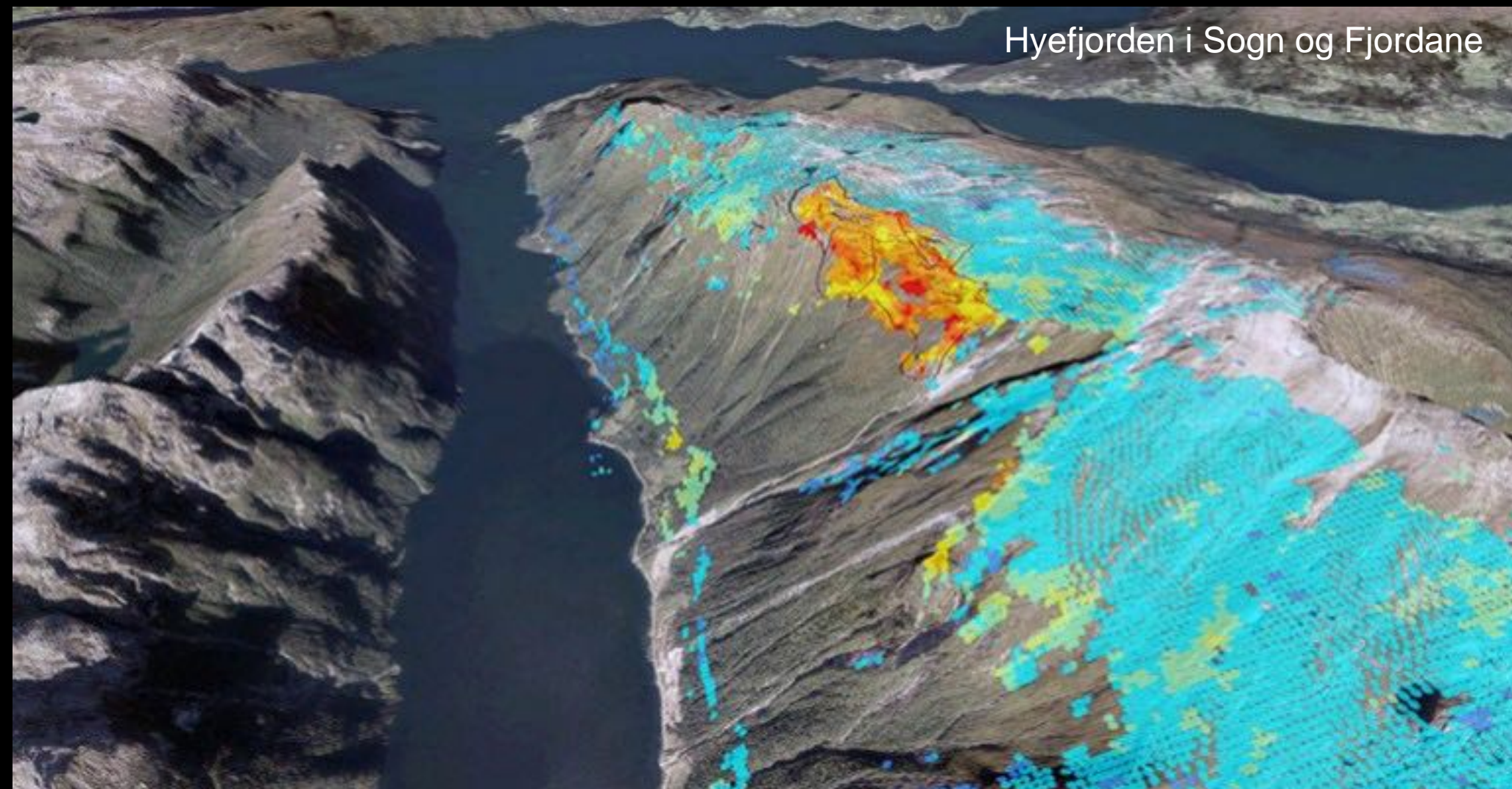
Svalbard Fiber Optical Cable



20 Gbit Fiberoptical cabel, 1,400 km lang,
Price: NOK 300 millioner.
Finaced by NASA og NOAA/IPO



Surface Displacement using inSAR observations



The background of the slide is a satellite image of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and a thin blue atmosphere. A large landmass, likely North America, is visible in the lower half, with a specific region highlighted in a bright green color. In the top right corner, there is a small, semi-transparent rectangular box containing a series of icons: a magnifying glass, a list, a refresh symbol, a home icon, and a power button.

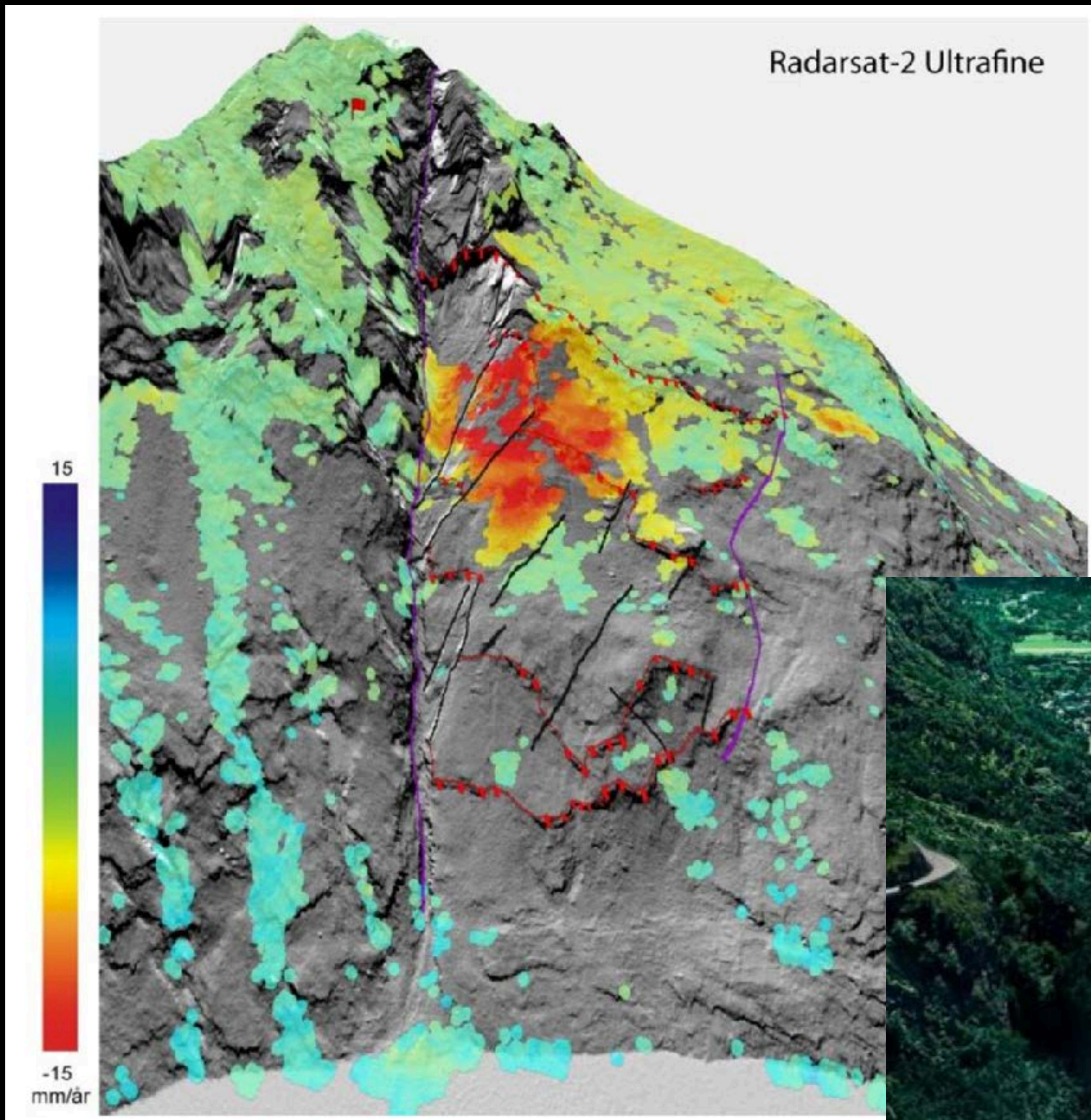
InSAR Norway

Norwegian Ground Motion Service

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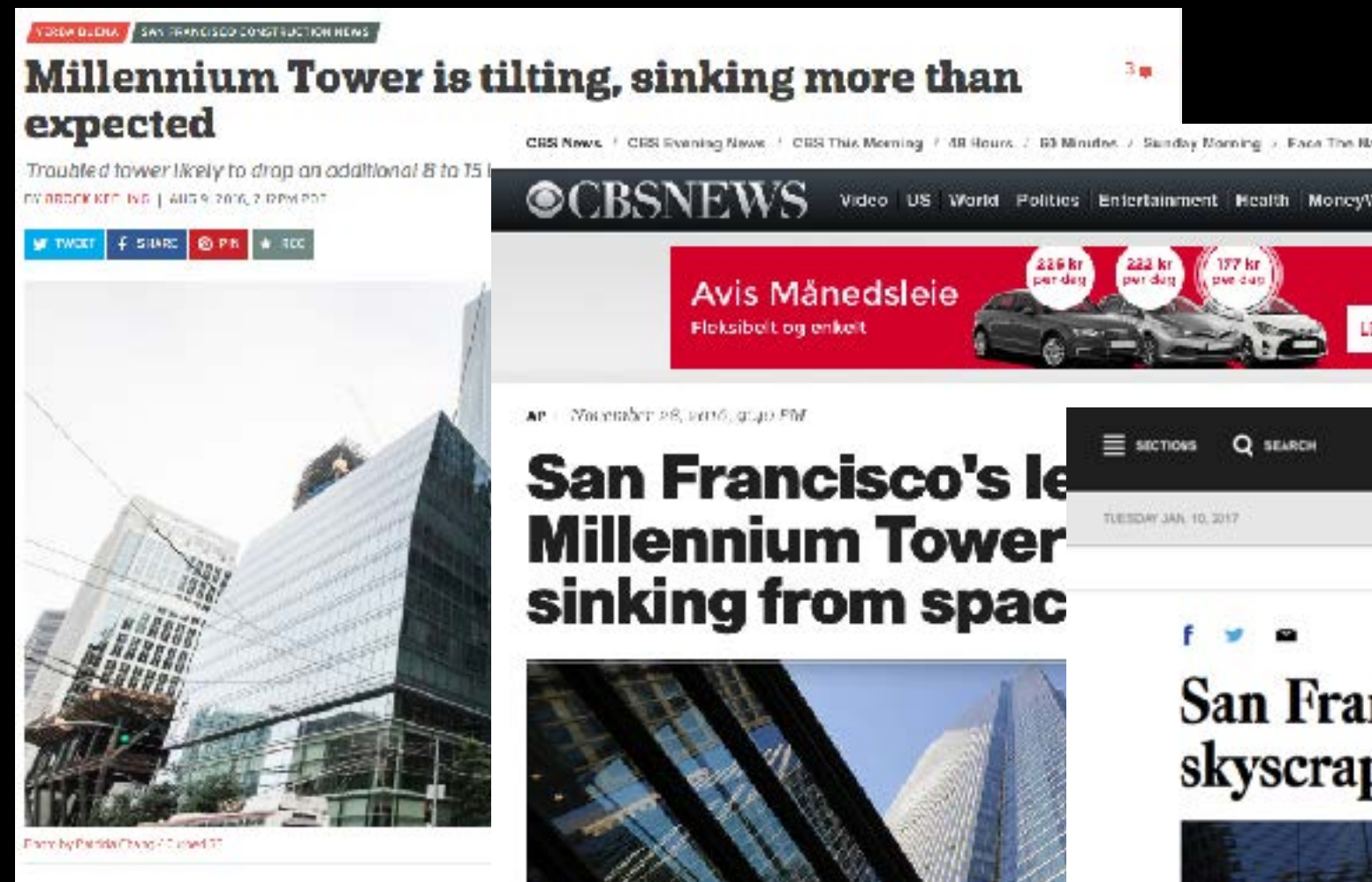
Monitoring Rockslide with SAR imagery



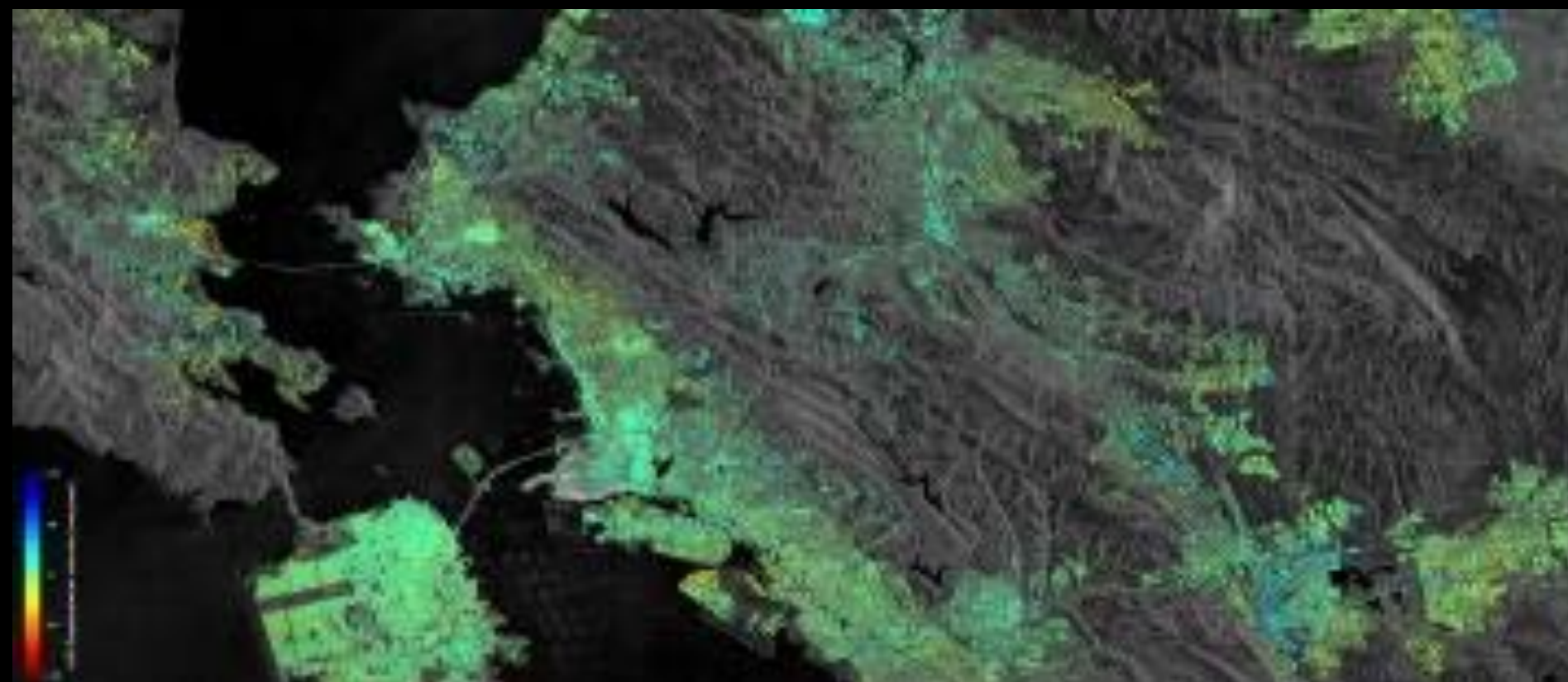
Fjellet fra "Bølgen": InSAR-kart av Åkneset basert på data fra Radarsat-2. De røde stiplede linjene viser sprekker som forskerne har tegnet inn, mens de oransje og røde flekkene viser hvor utglidningen er størst.



Surface Displacement using InSAR observations



San Francisco's le Millennium Tower sinking from space



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Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data (2015-16) / ESA SEOM INSARAP study / PPO.labs / Norut / NGU

Satellitter ser synkende skyskraper

Satellite images shows 50 avalanches on Svalbard



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New Svalbard avalanches revealed by satellite

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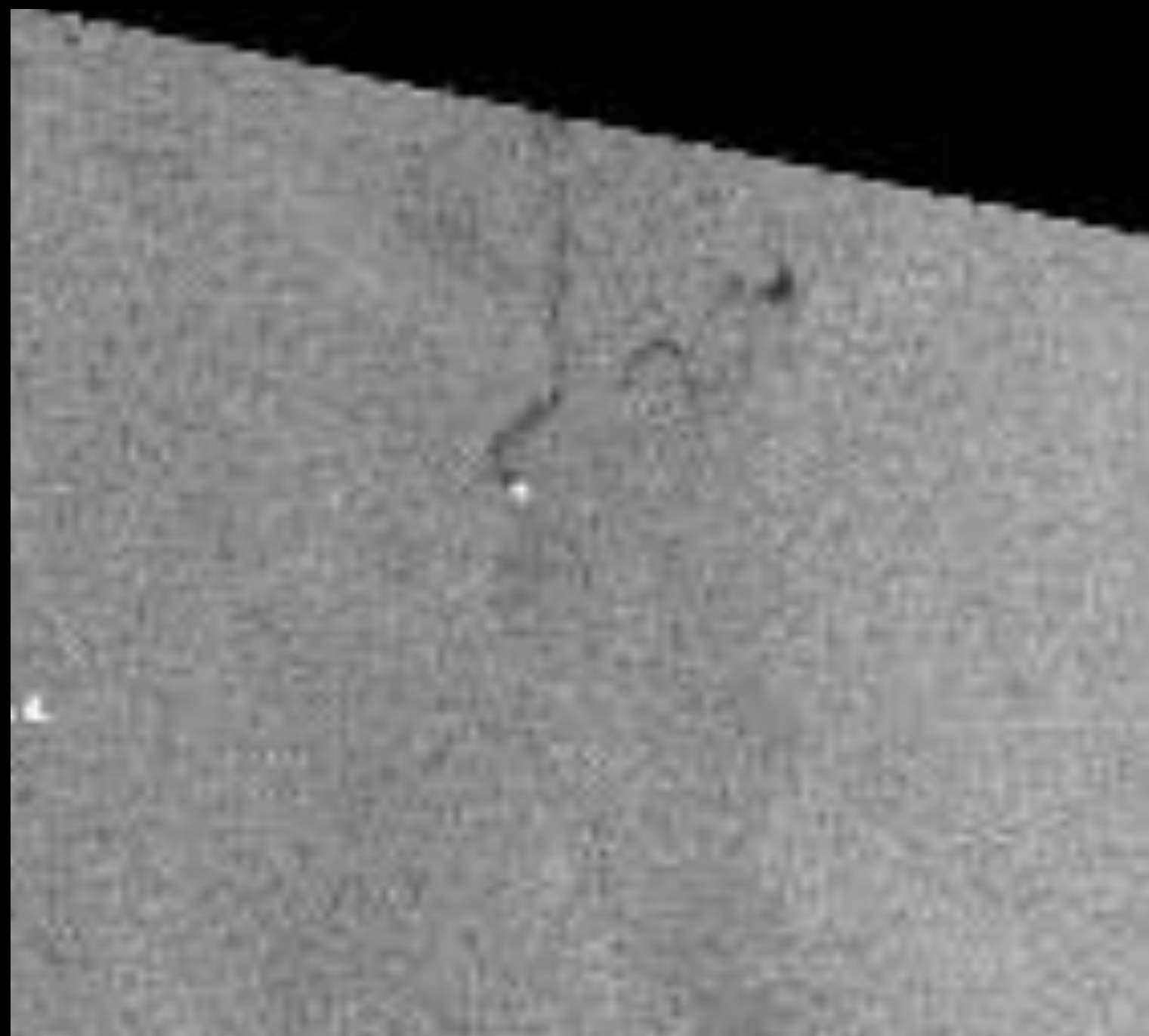
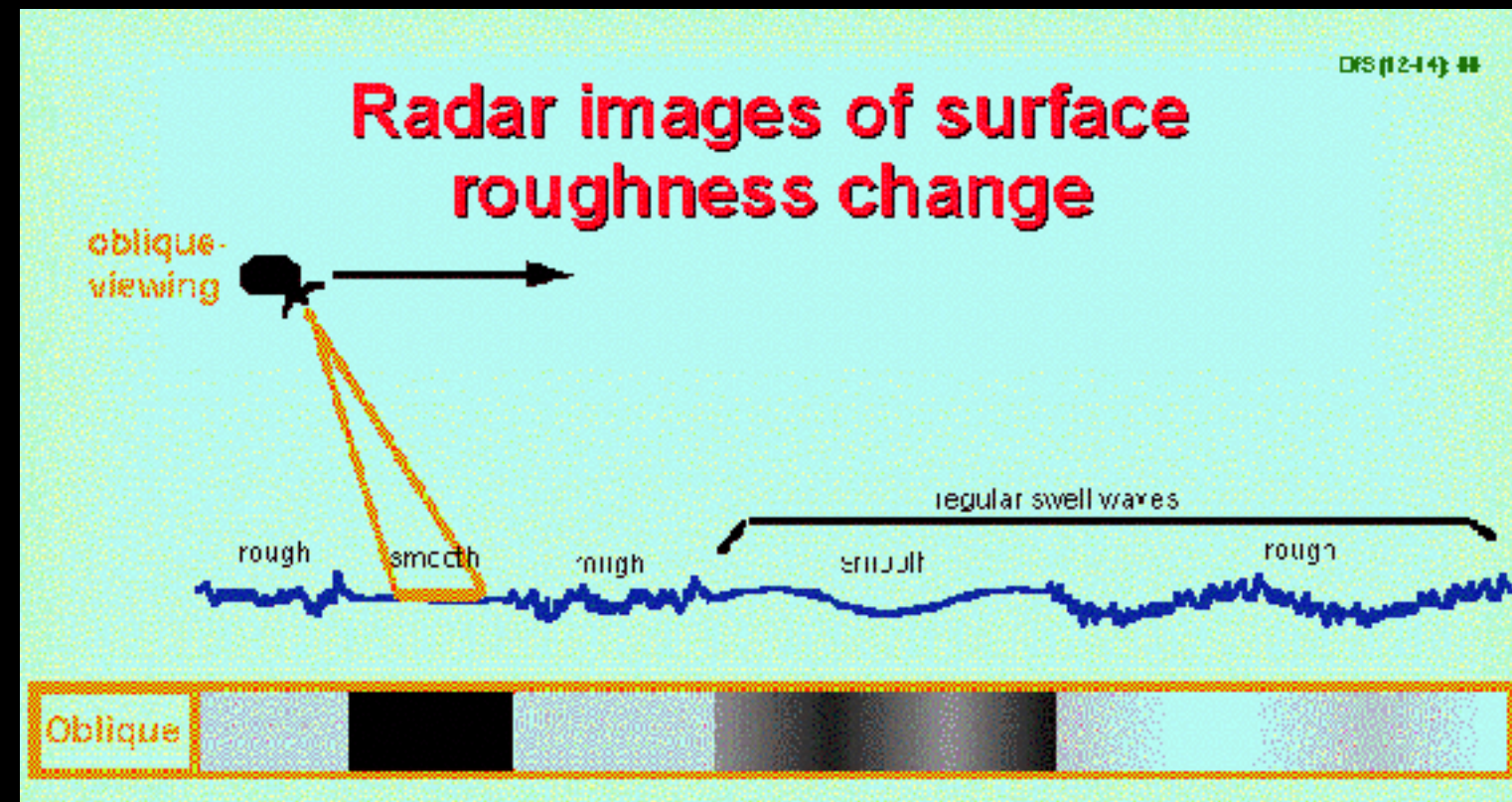
A man with a shaved head, wearing a blue shirt, is sitting at a desk. He is pointing with a green pen at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a satellite image of Svalbard, showing the same red lines and yellow stars as the main image. There are several framed pictures on the wall behind him.

Bernd Etzelmueller explains satellite images revealing new landslides triggered at Svalbard lately. Andreas Max Kääb points out the importance of further satellite investments to keep a safe surveillance at Svalbard. Credit: Gunhild M. Hougnes

A close-up satellite image of the Svalbard terrain, showing a complex network of ridges and valleys. Three white circles are drawn on the image, highlighting specific features: one in the upper right, one in the lower left, and one in the lower right.

First operational oil spill detection from satellites

Radar satellites can “see” oil spills day and night and through clouds



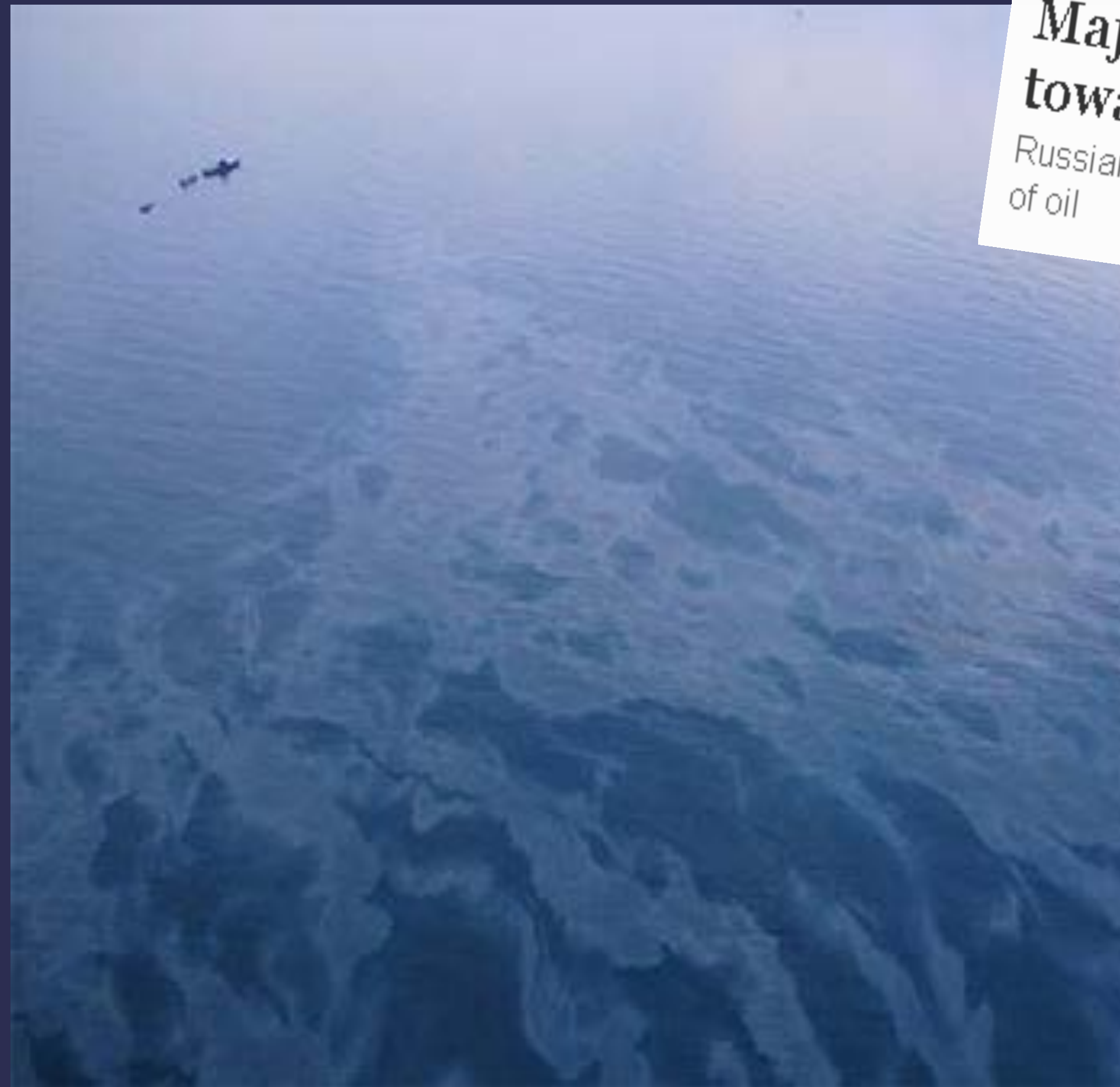
Oil spill from a Norwegian platform in 2004

KSAT detects oil-spills in the British Channel



EMSA CSN Detection Example

Oil spill detected by KSAT, alert through EMSA



**Major oil spill from tanker heads
towards British Isles**

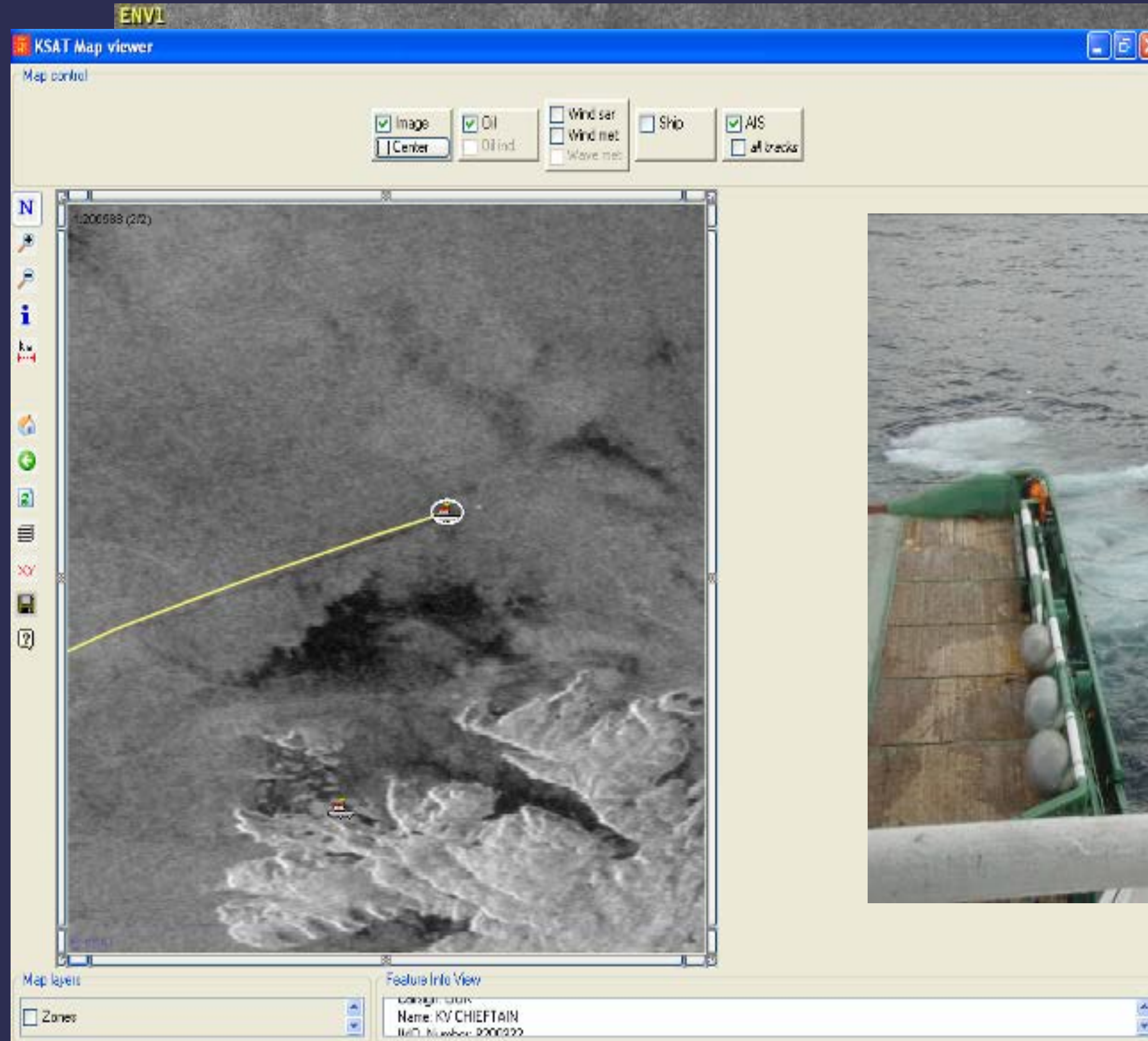
Russian oil tanker off Irish coast thought to be source of 500 tonnes
of oil



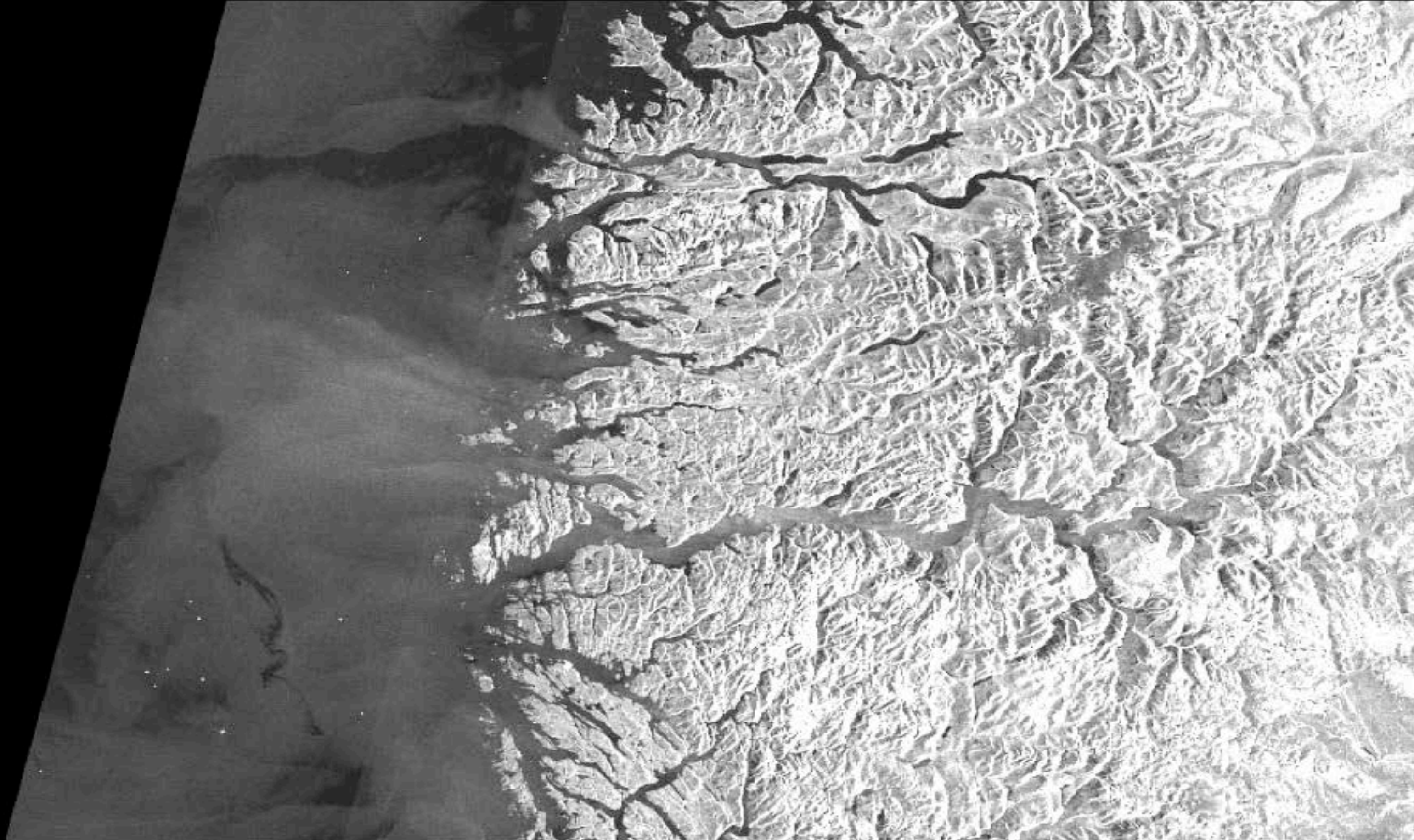
Oil spill detected by KSAT, alert through EMSA,
Verified by Coastguard airplane. 14.02.2009

ESA2009/processed by KSAT

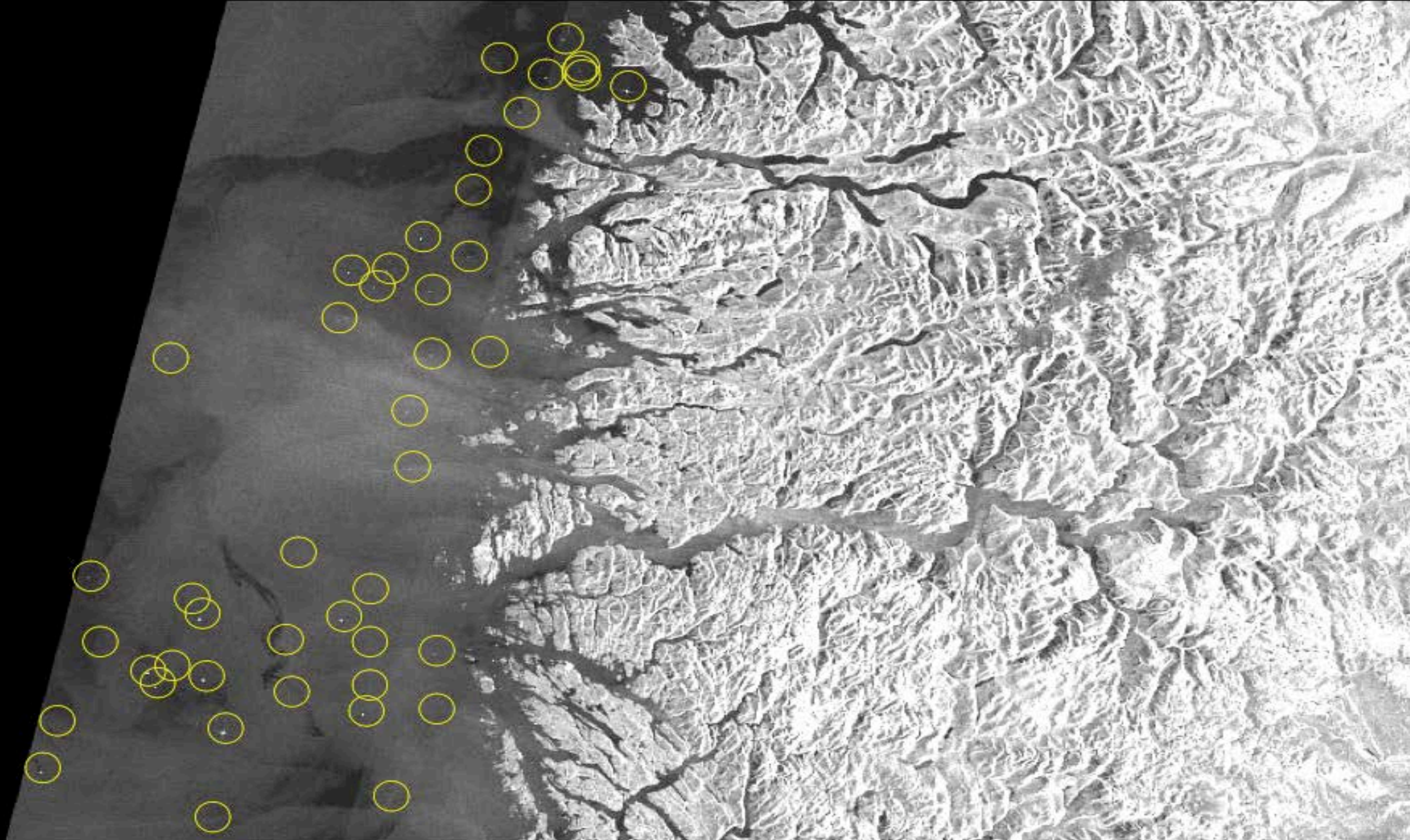
Service – but always not real pollution



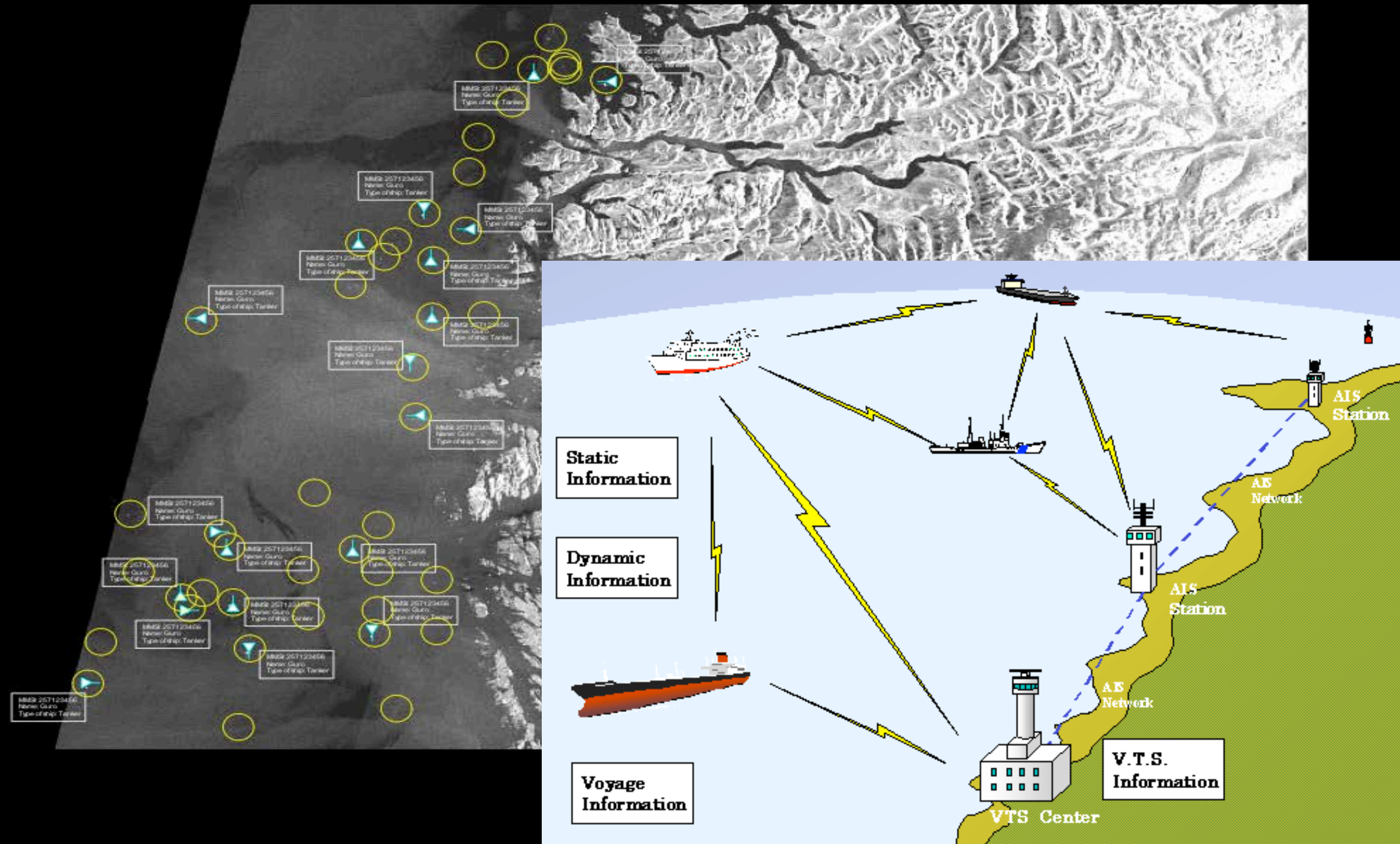
Surveillance of ship traffic



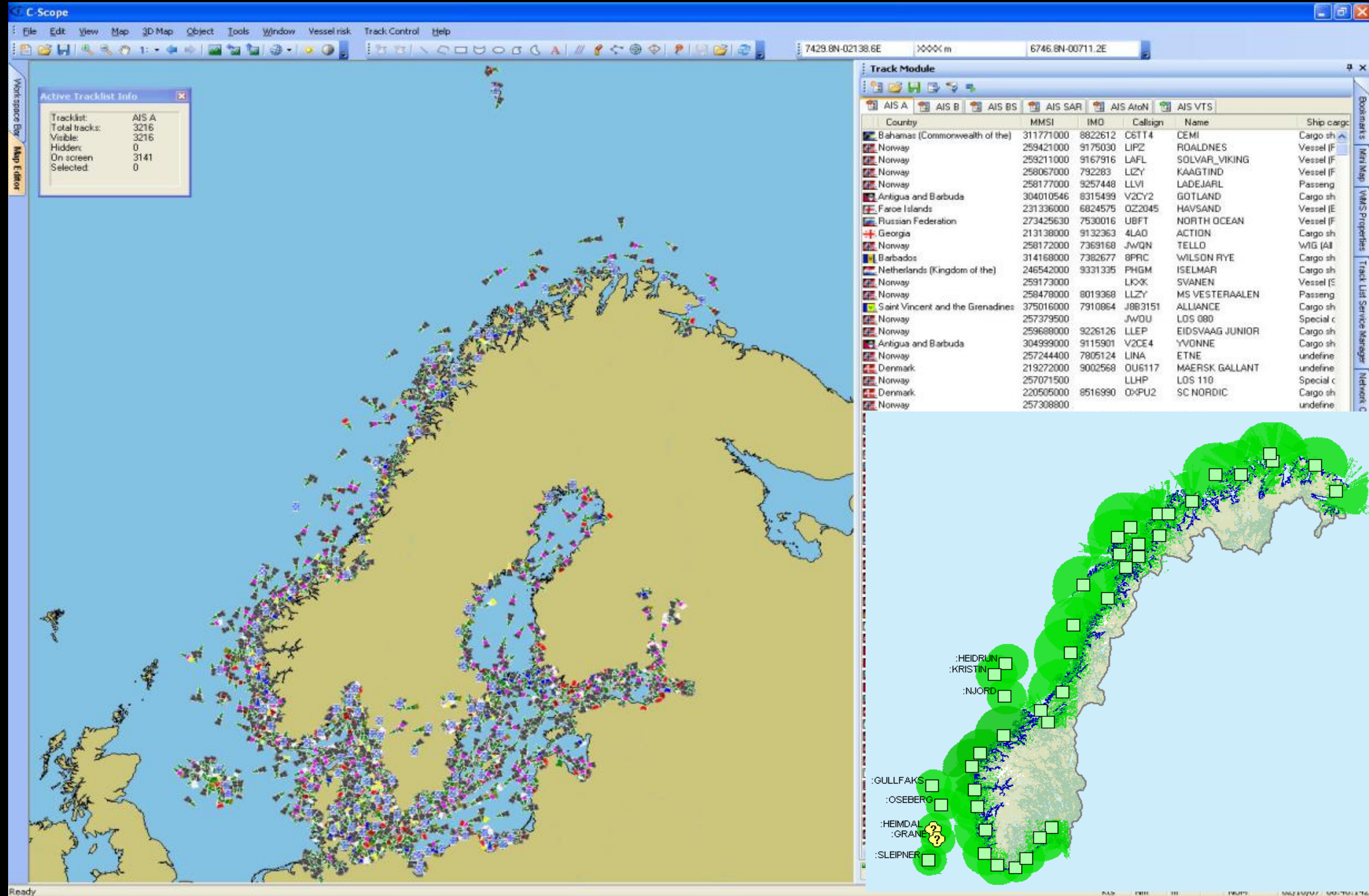
Detecting ships with RADARSAT



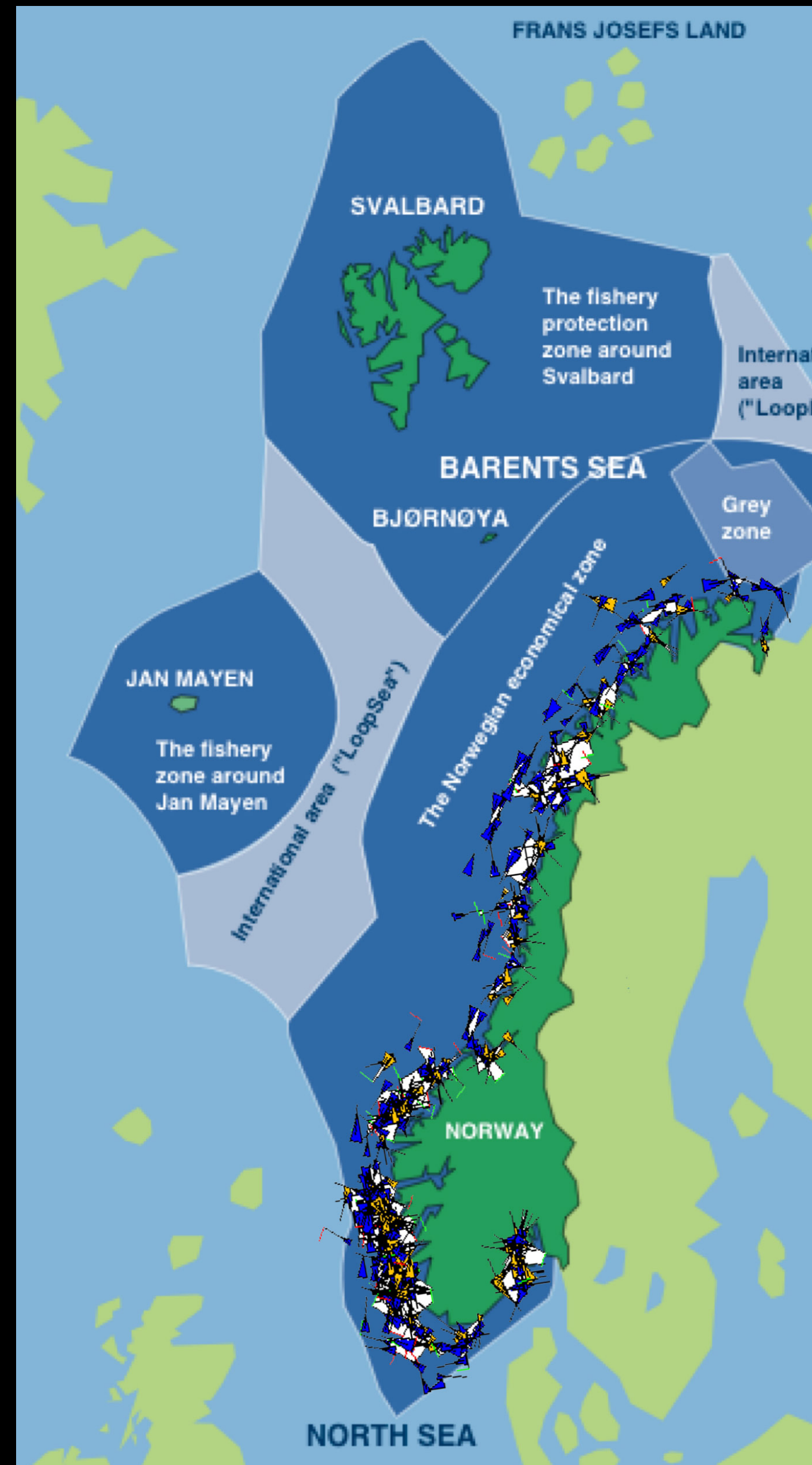
Identification of ships using AIS signals



Coast guards AIS monitoring system

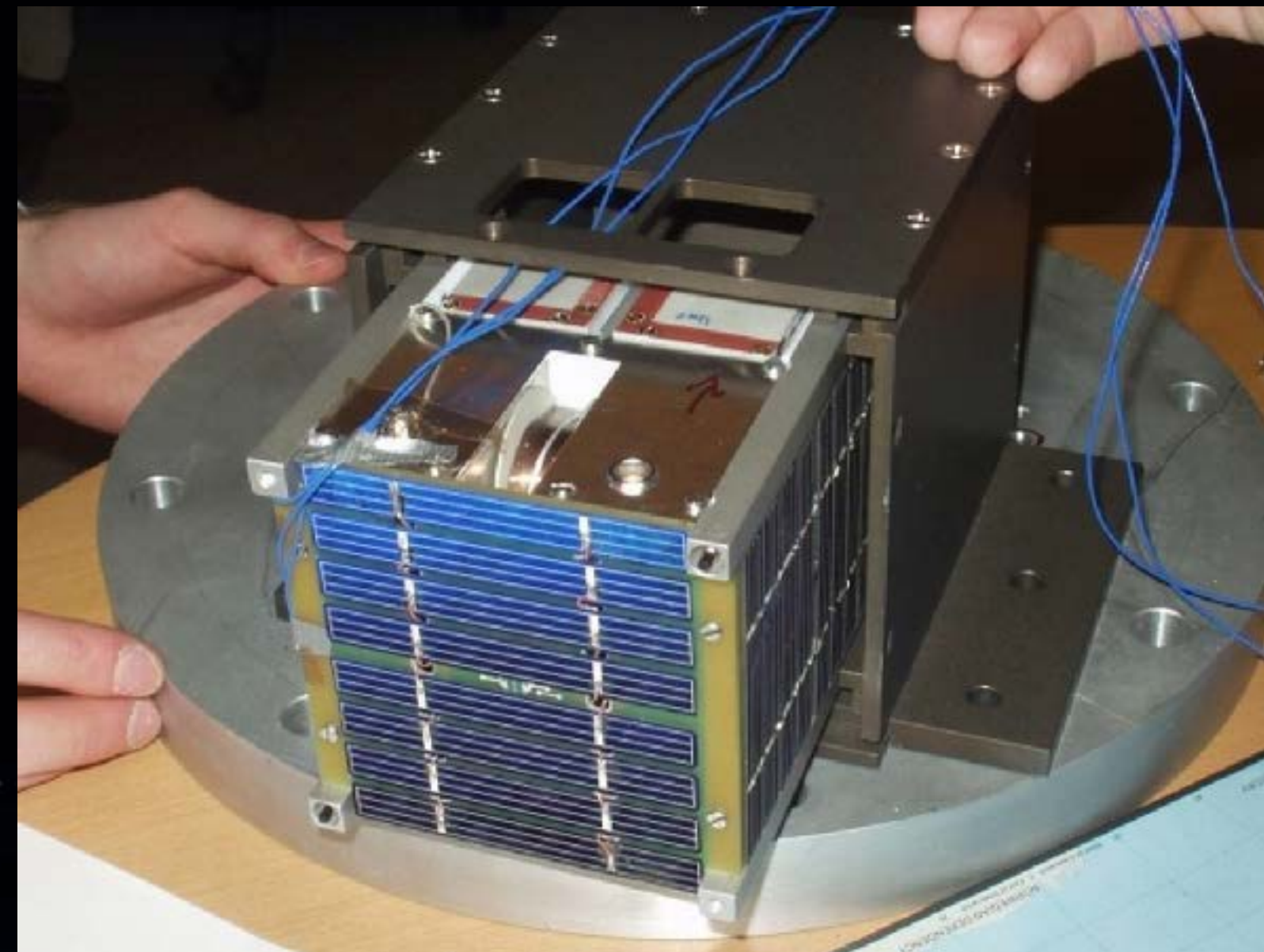


Coast guards monitoring system not enough!



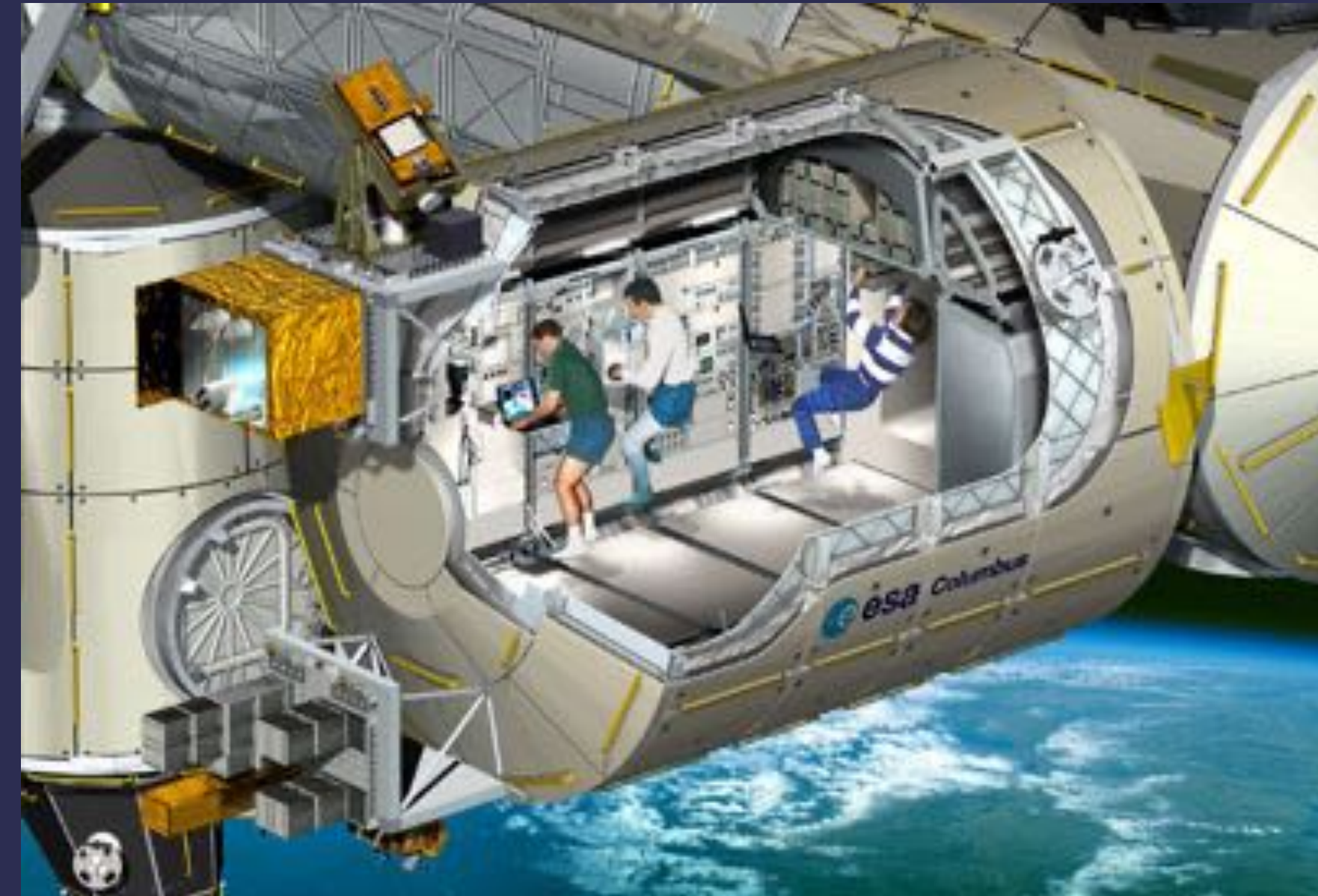
The Rudolf-satellite (NCUBE)

Can AIS signals be received from space?
Can we track a reindeer?

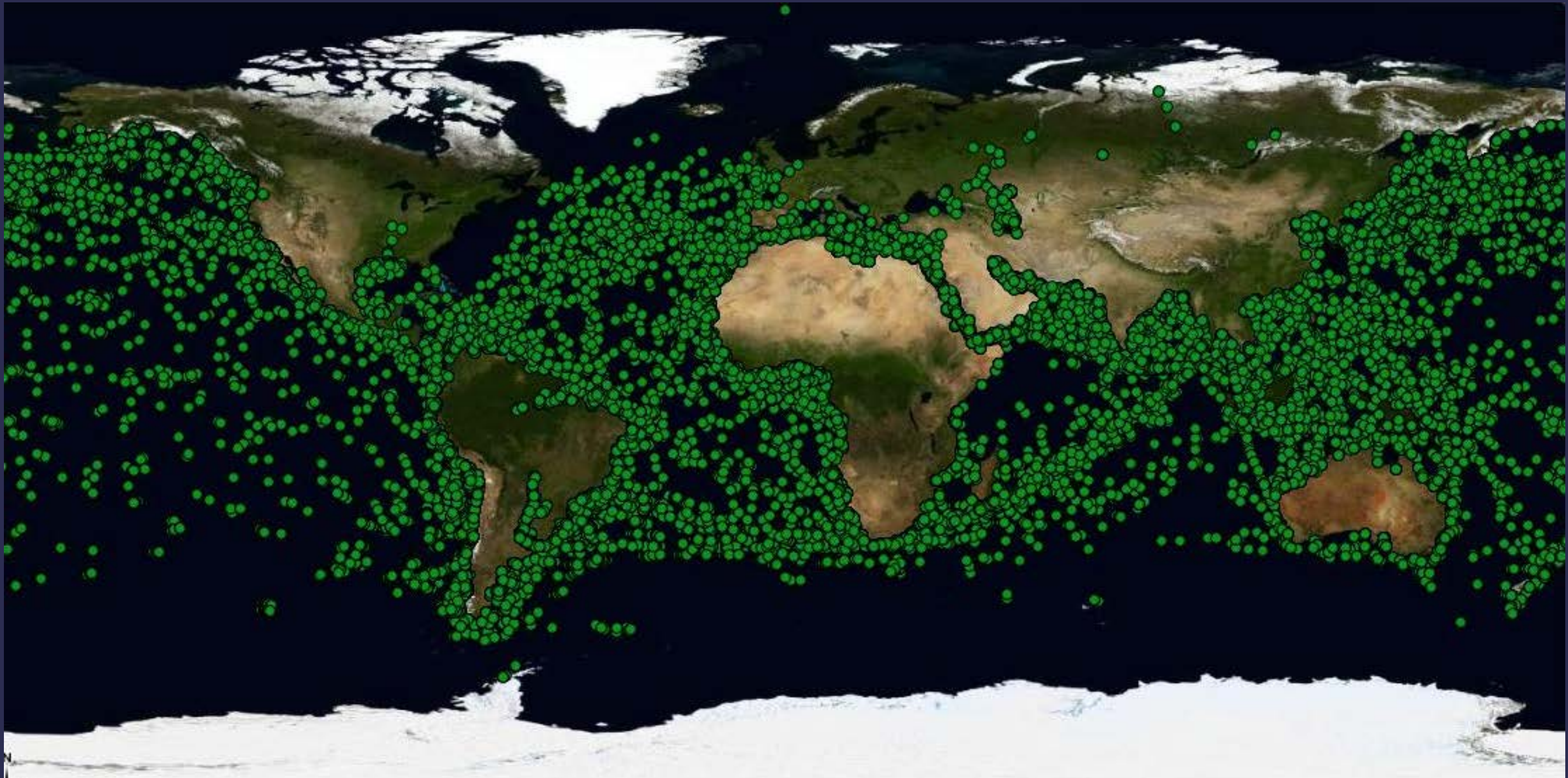


Test version of AISsat (NORAIS) was installed at ISS

- Launch: NORAIS was launched in September 2008, antenna late 2009
- Start of experiment: Early 2010
- Main goal: AIS signal tests in crowded areas



World ship traffic from ISS



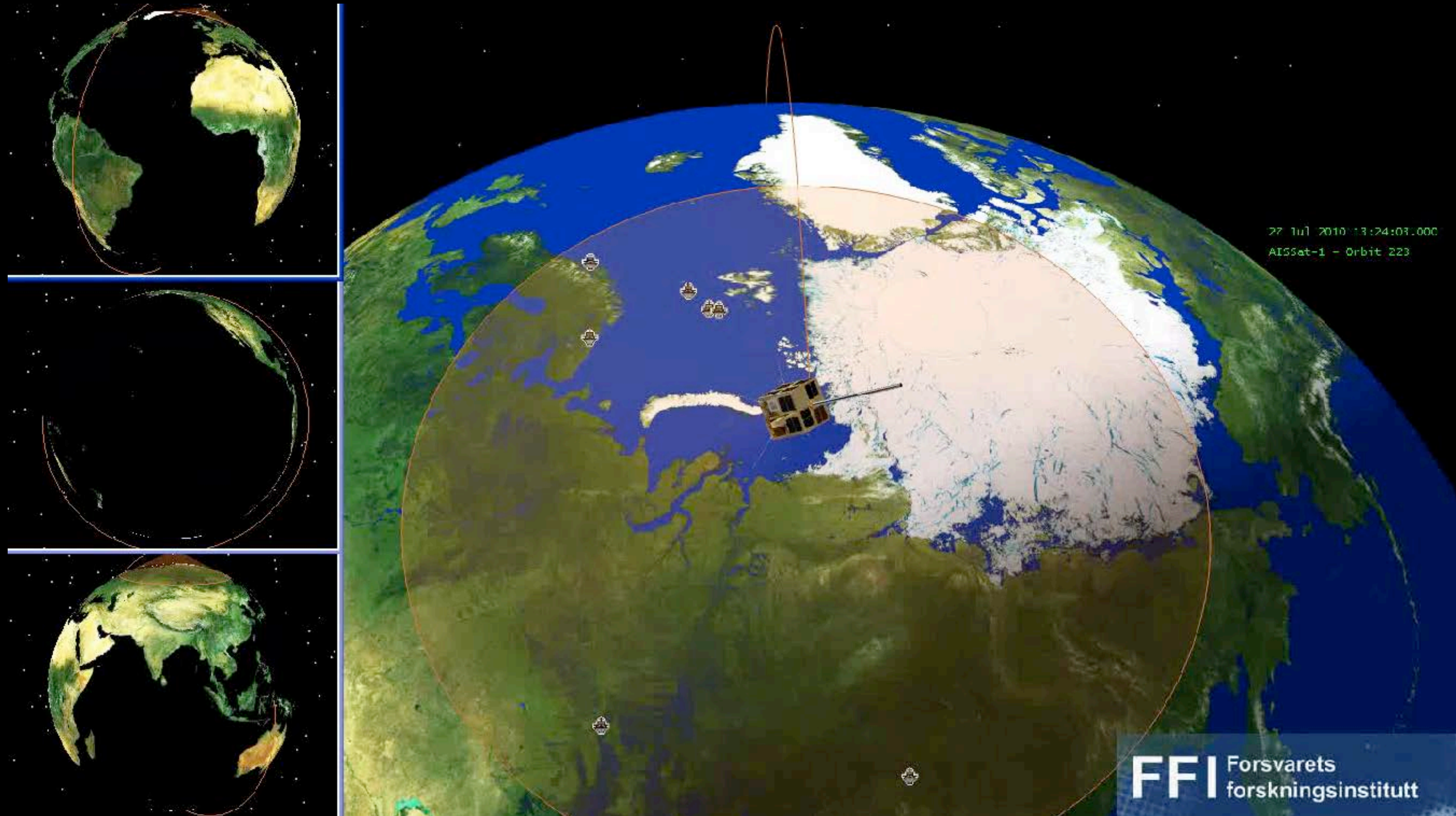
Norwegian AISsat-1

- Total cost ca. 30 million NOK.
- Launched summer 2010 from India
- Norwegian Space Centre and includes funding from NHD.
- Developed by Forsvarets Forskningsinstitutt (FFI), with contribution from Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace og Kongsberg Seatex

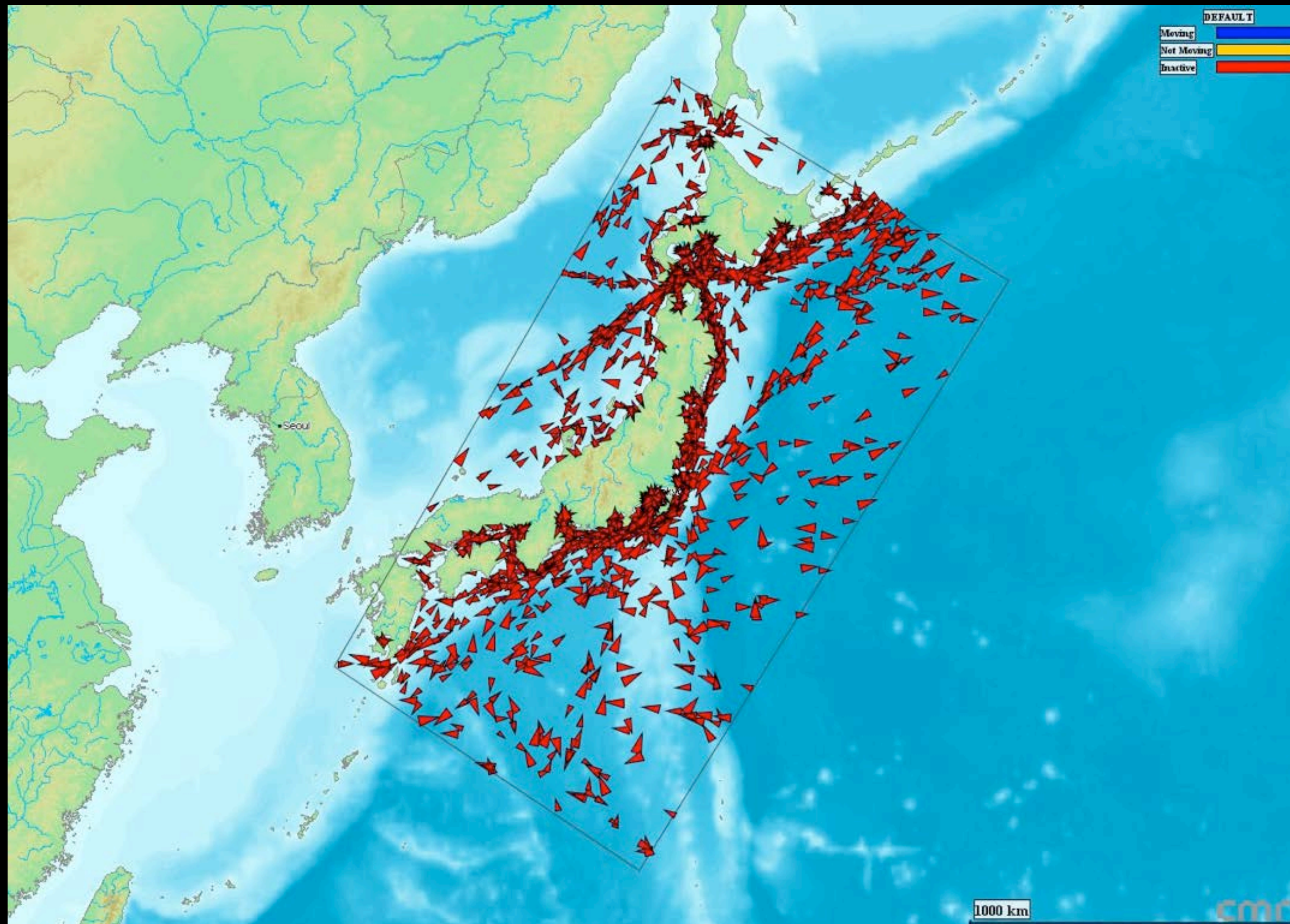


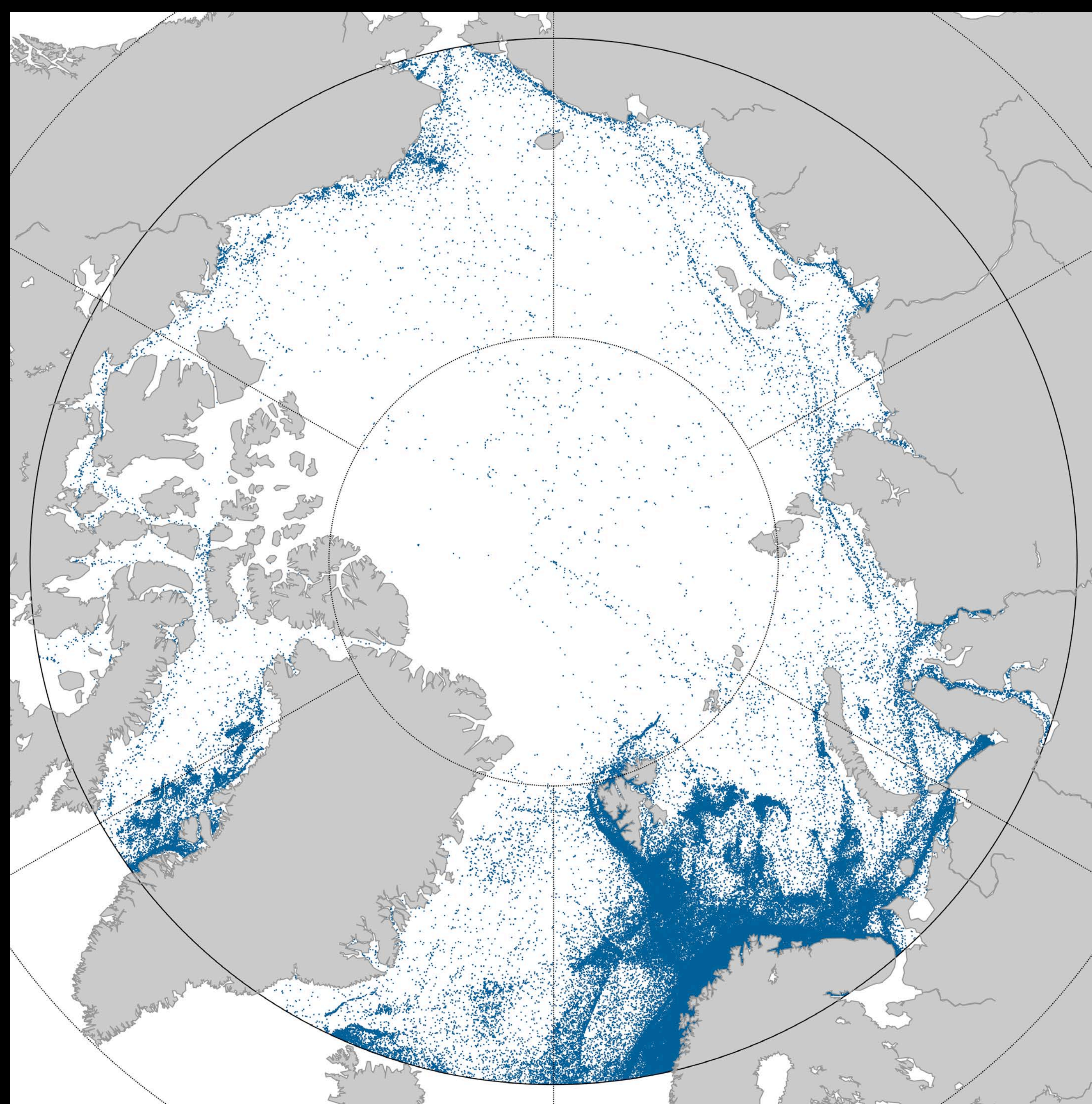
AisSat-2

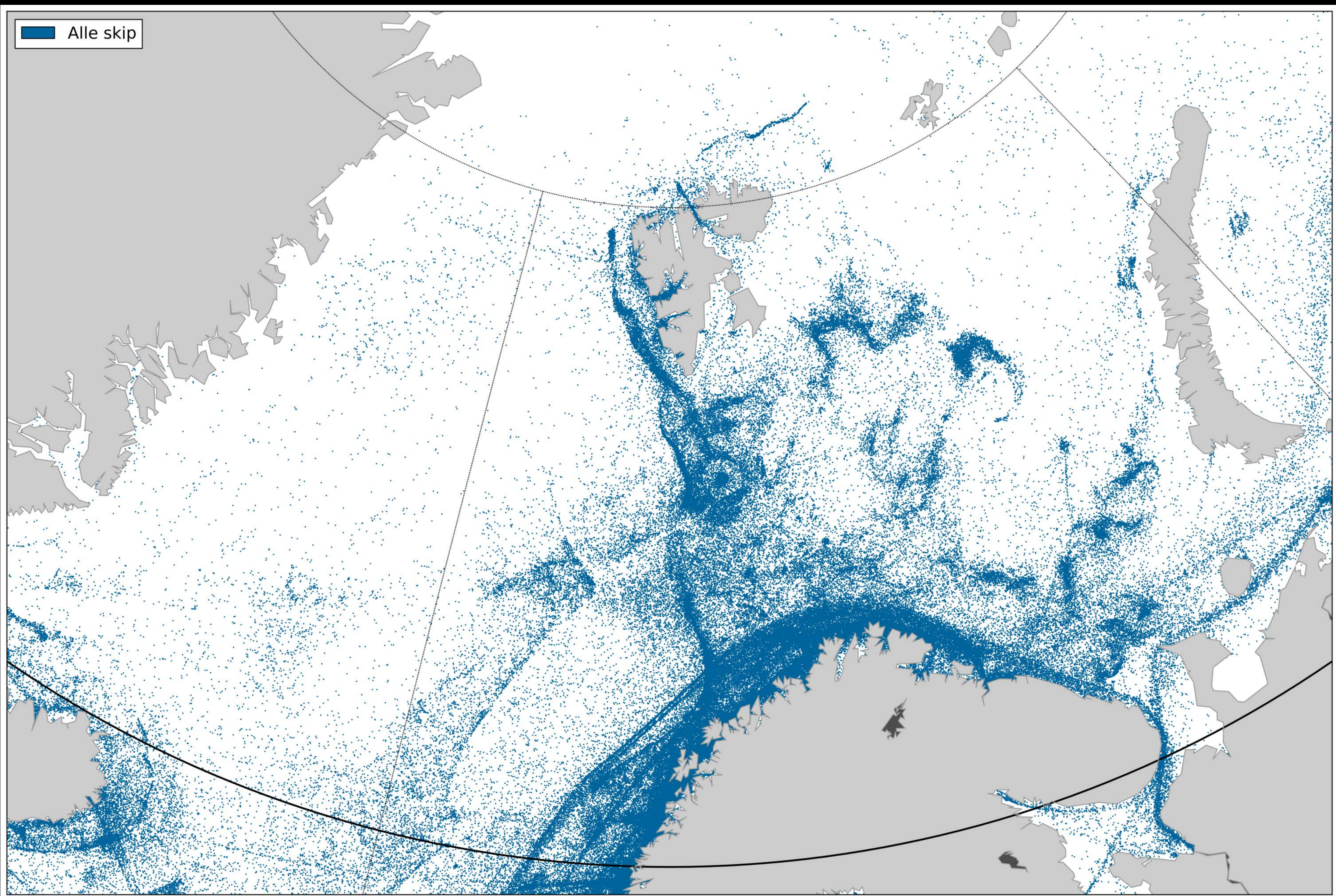
Today, the Norwegian Coastal Administration and other governmental institutions are using the data from AISat-1 and 2 for a variety of purposes, including monitoring fisheries, oil spills, and maritime traffic, to support anti-piracy operations along the coast of Africa, and other areas of interest to Norway.

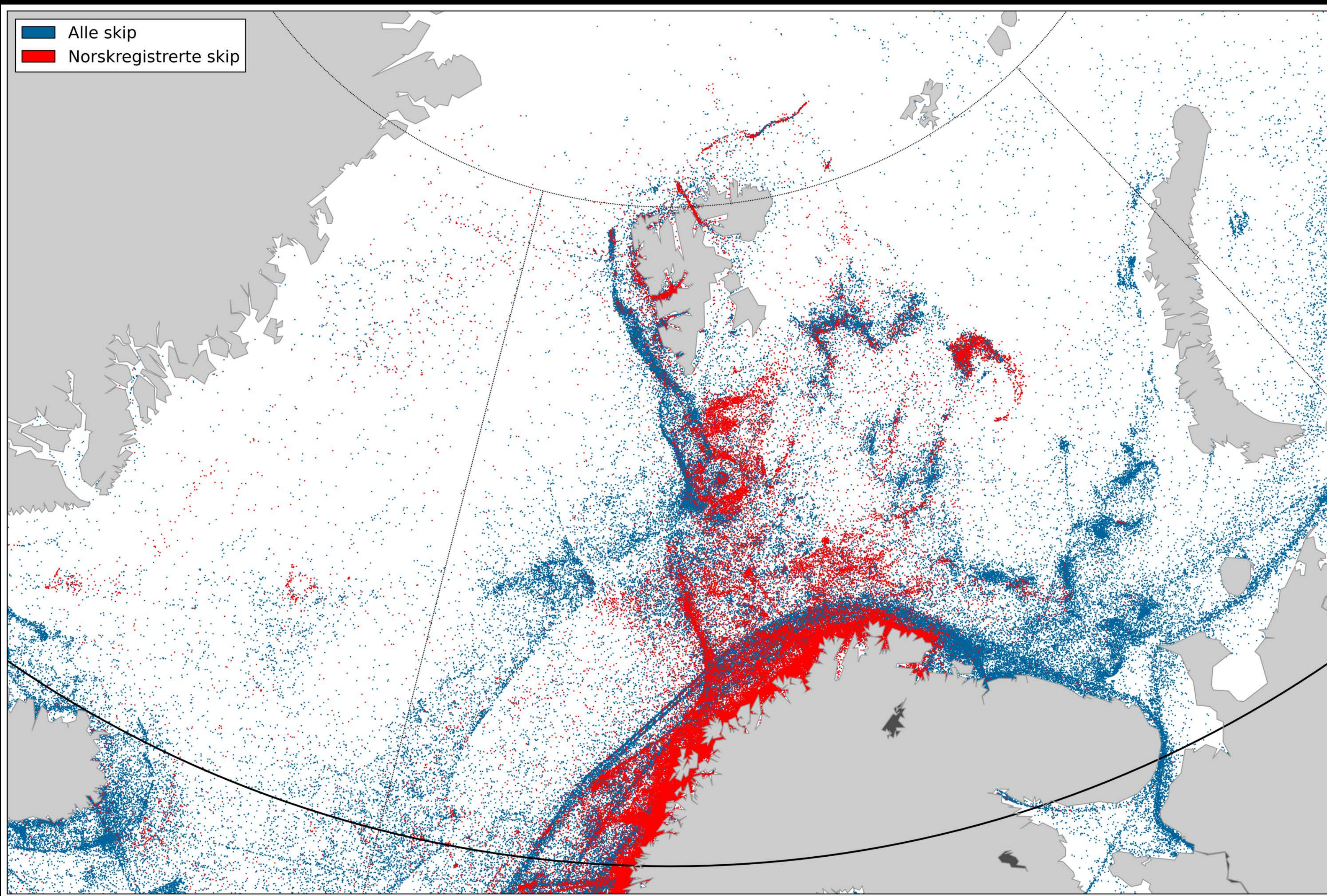


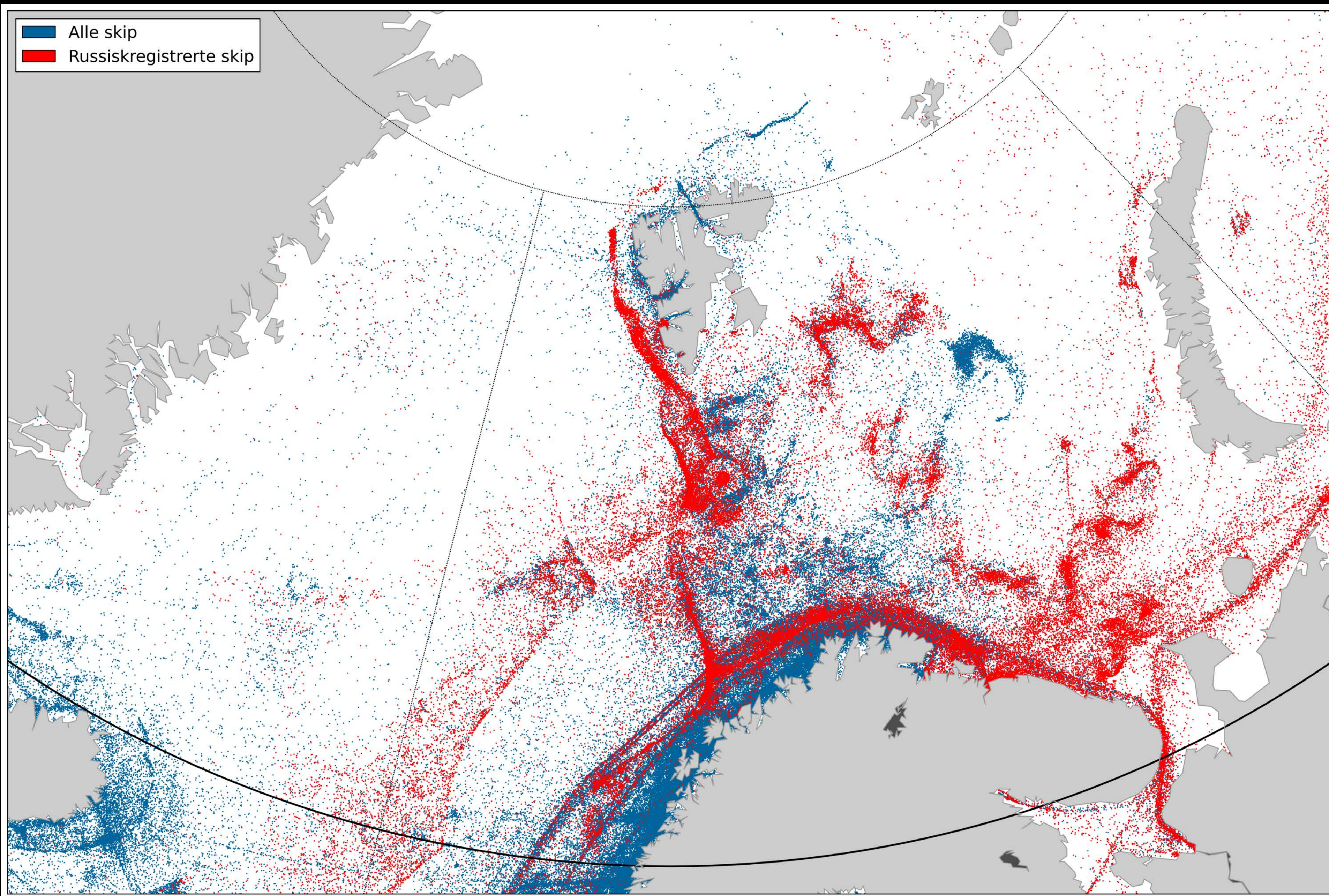
AisSat-I supports Japan



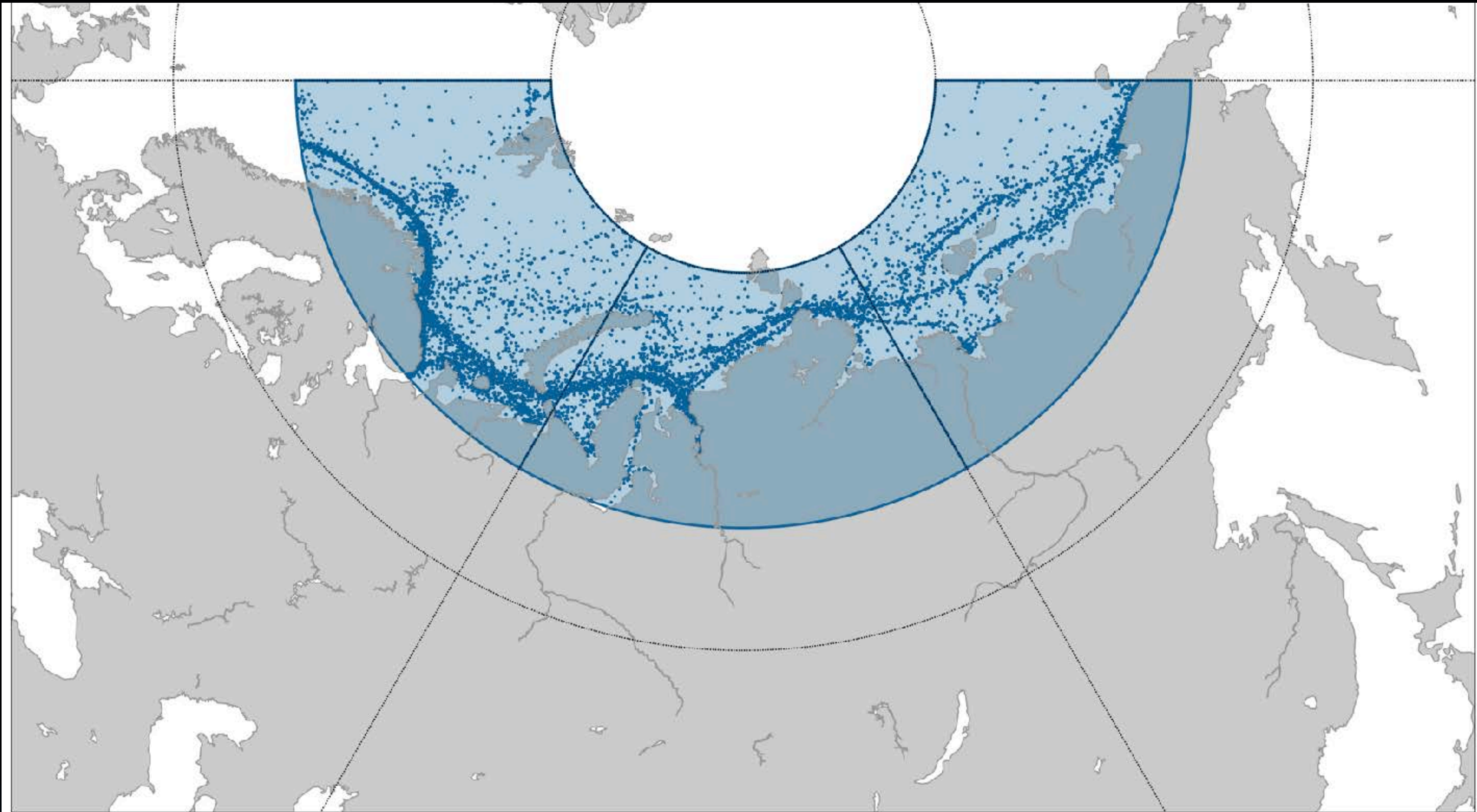




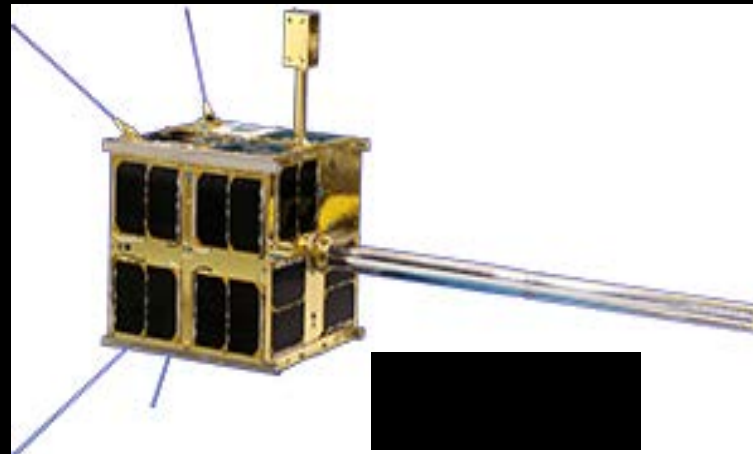




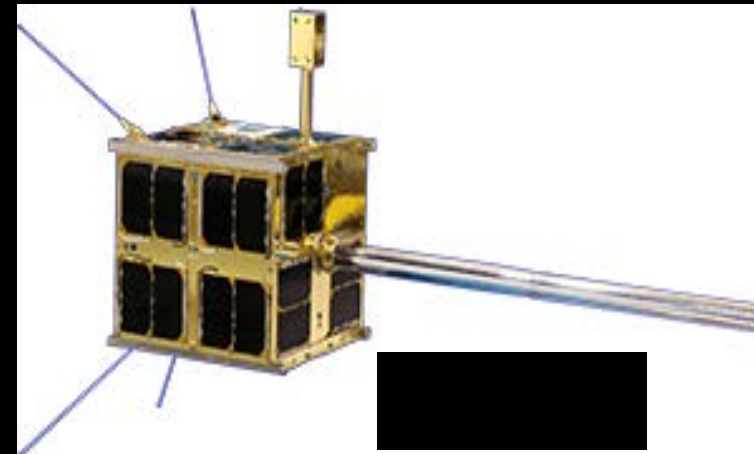
Northern sea route (46 vessels in 2012)



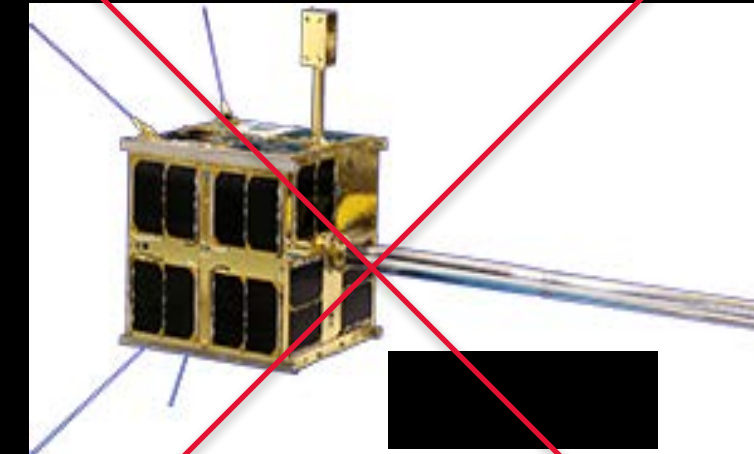
Norwegian small satellites



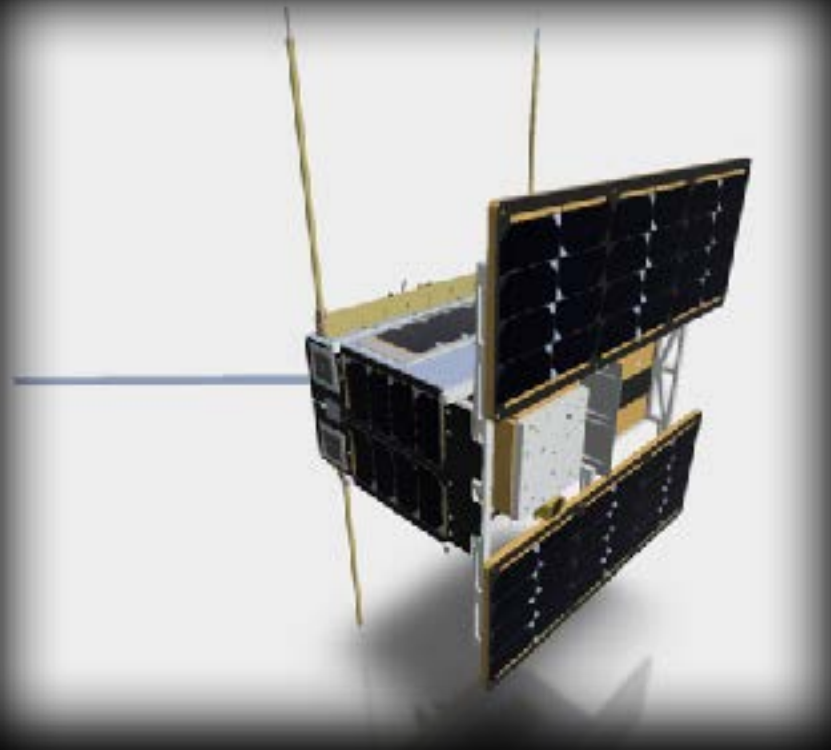
AISSat-1 (2010)
(2010)



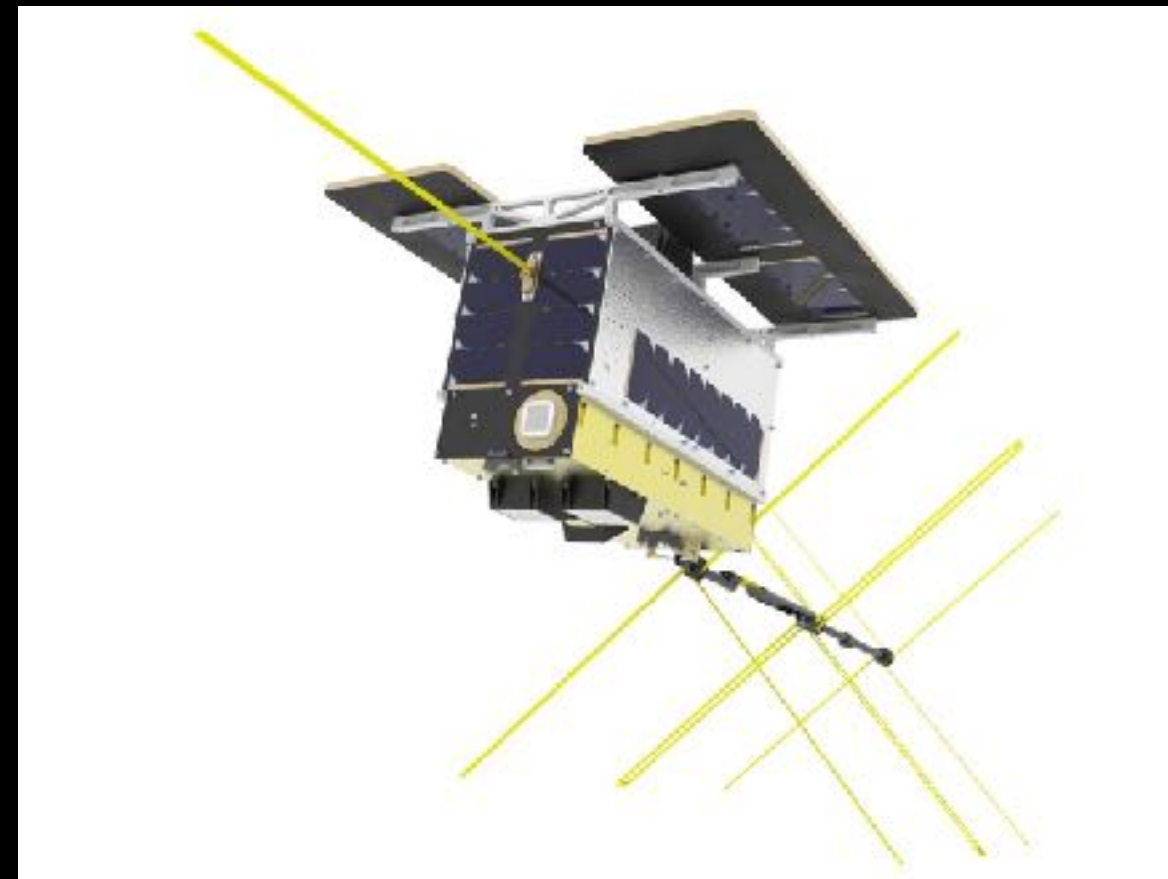
AISSat-2 (2014) (2014)



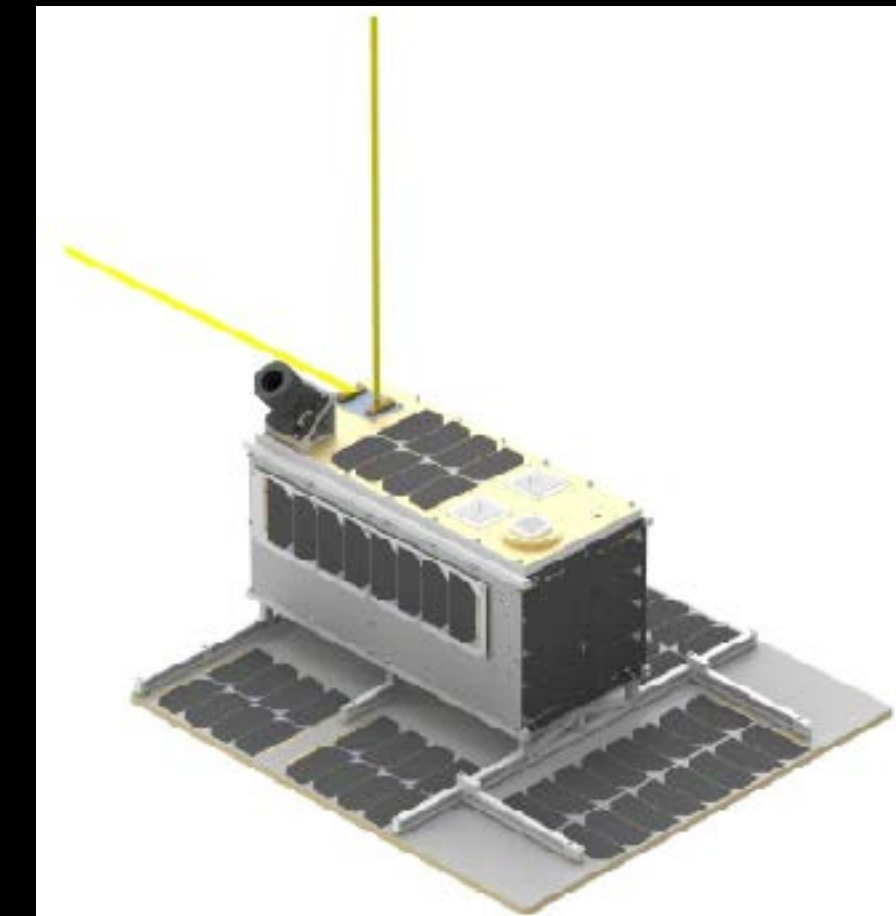
~~AISSat-3 (Q4 2017)~~



Norsat-1 (Jul. 2017)
- AIS
- Space weather
- Solar TSI



Norsat-2 (Jul. 2017)
- AIS
- VDES demonstrator (VHS
Data Exchange System)

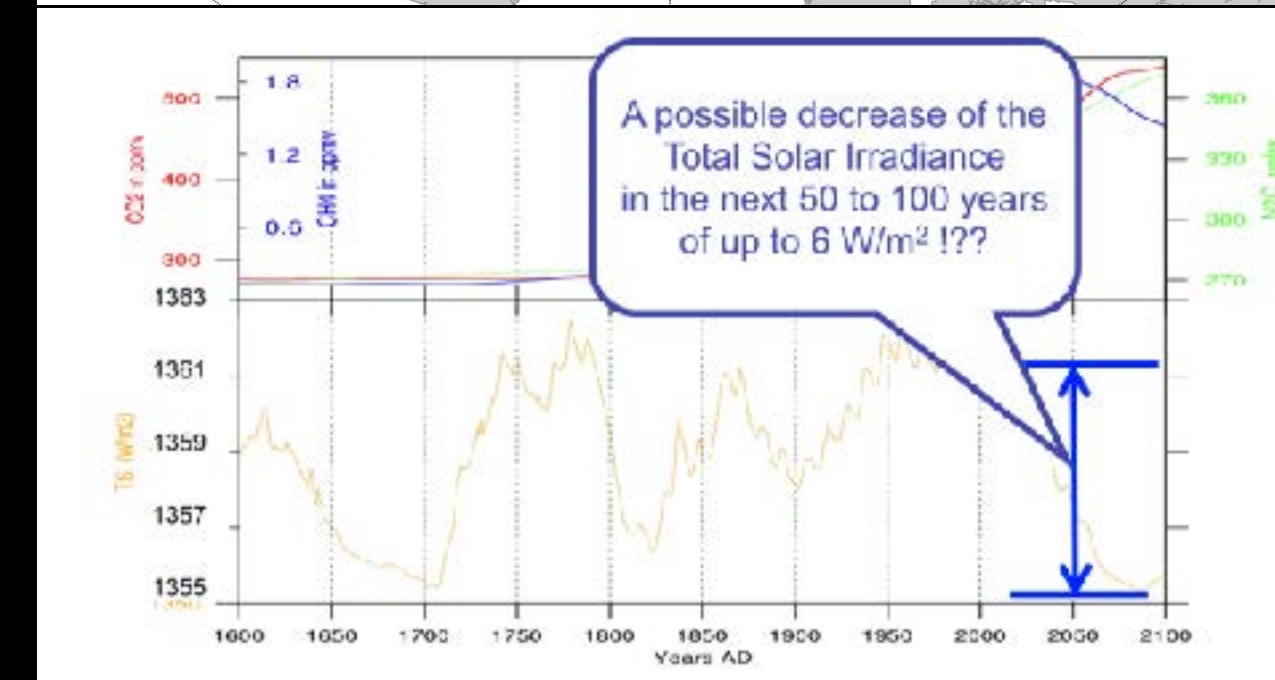
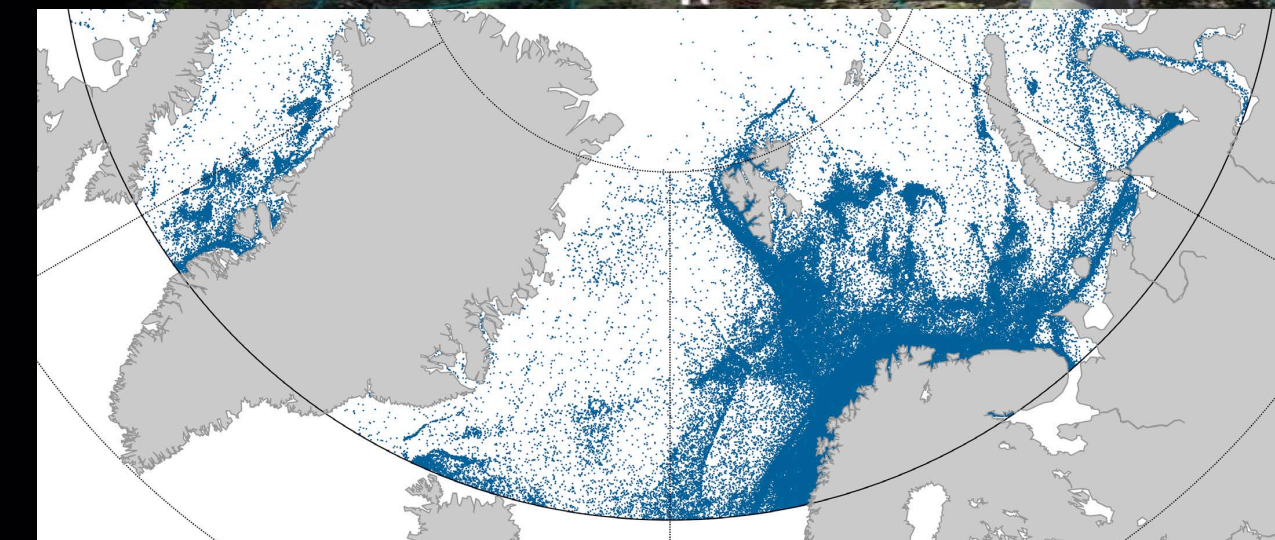
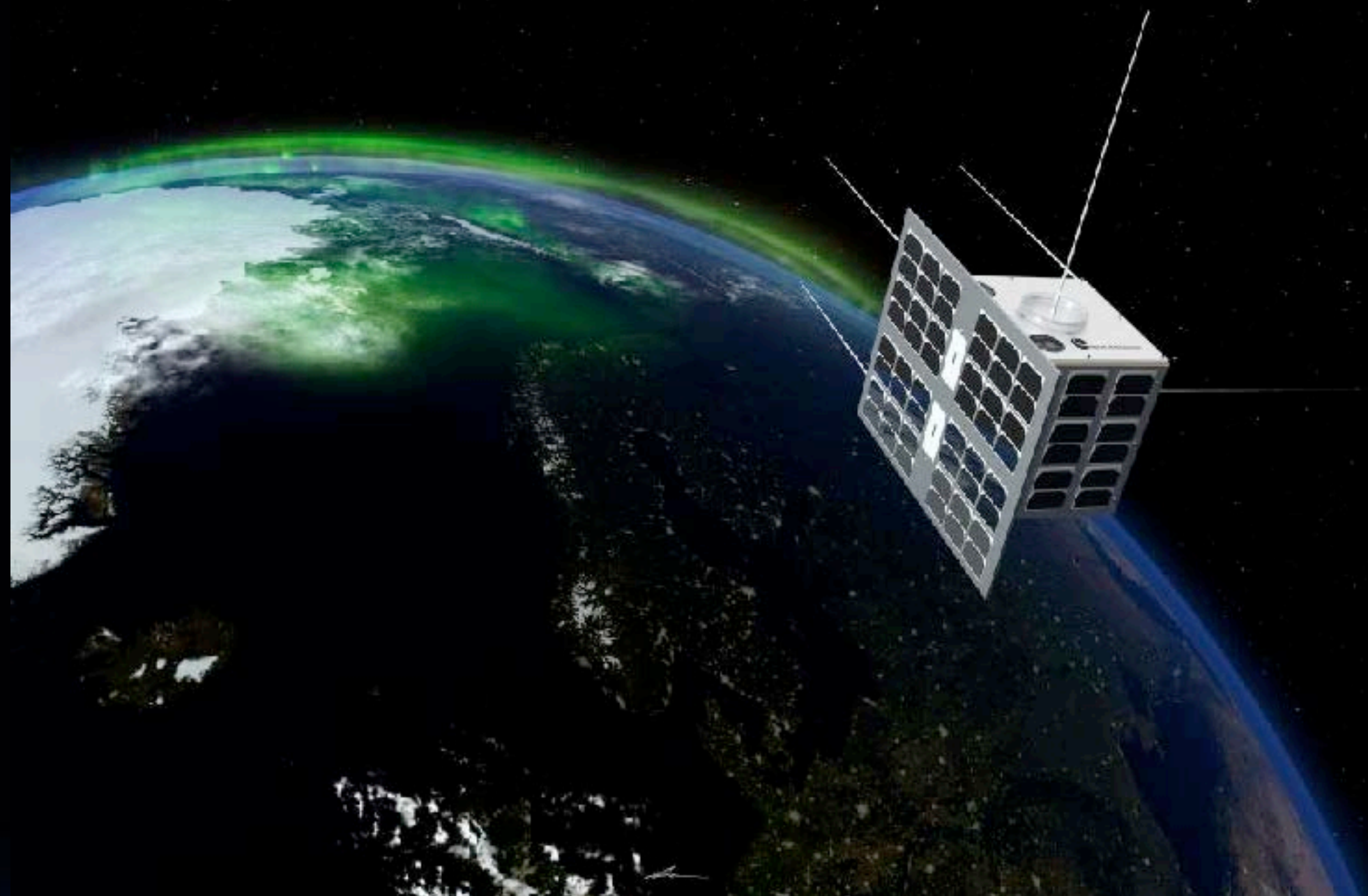


Norsat -3 (Q2 2019)
- AIS
- Navigation radar detector

NORSAT-I

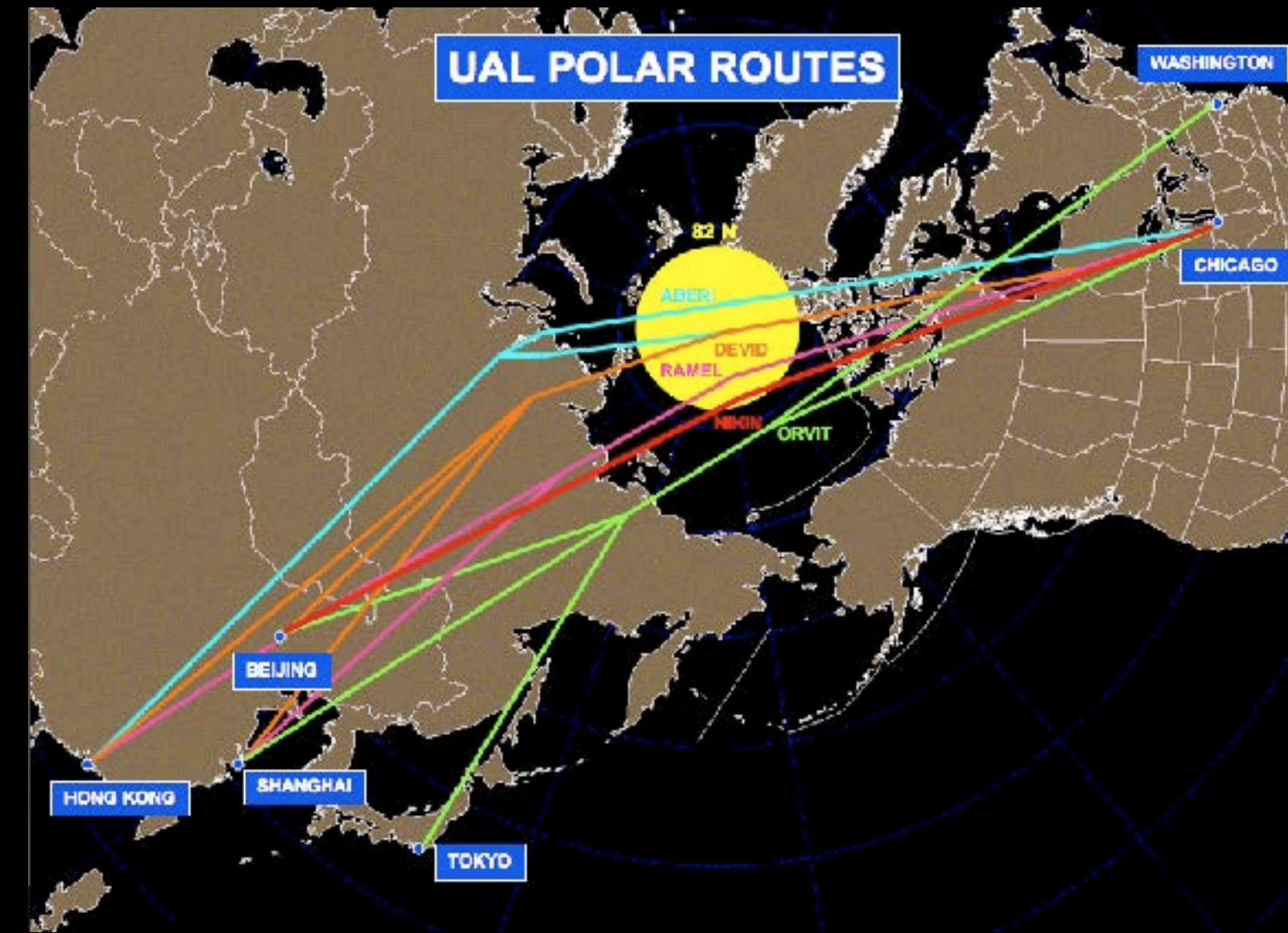
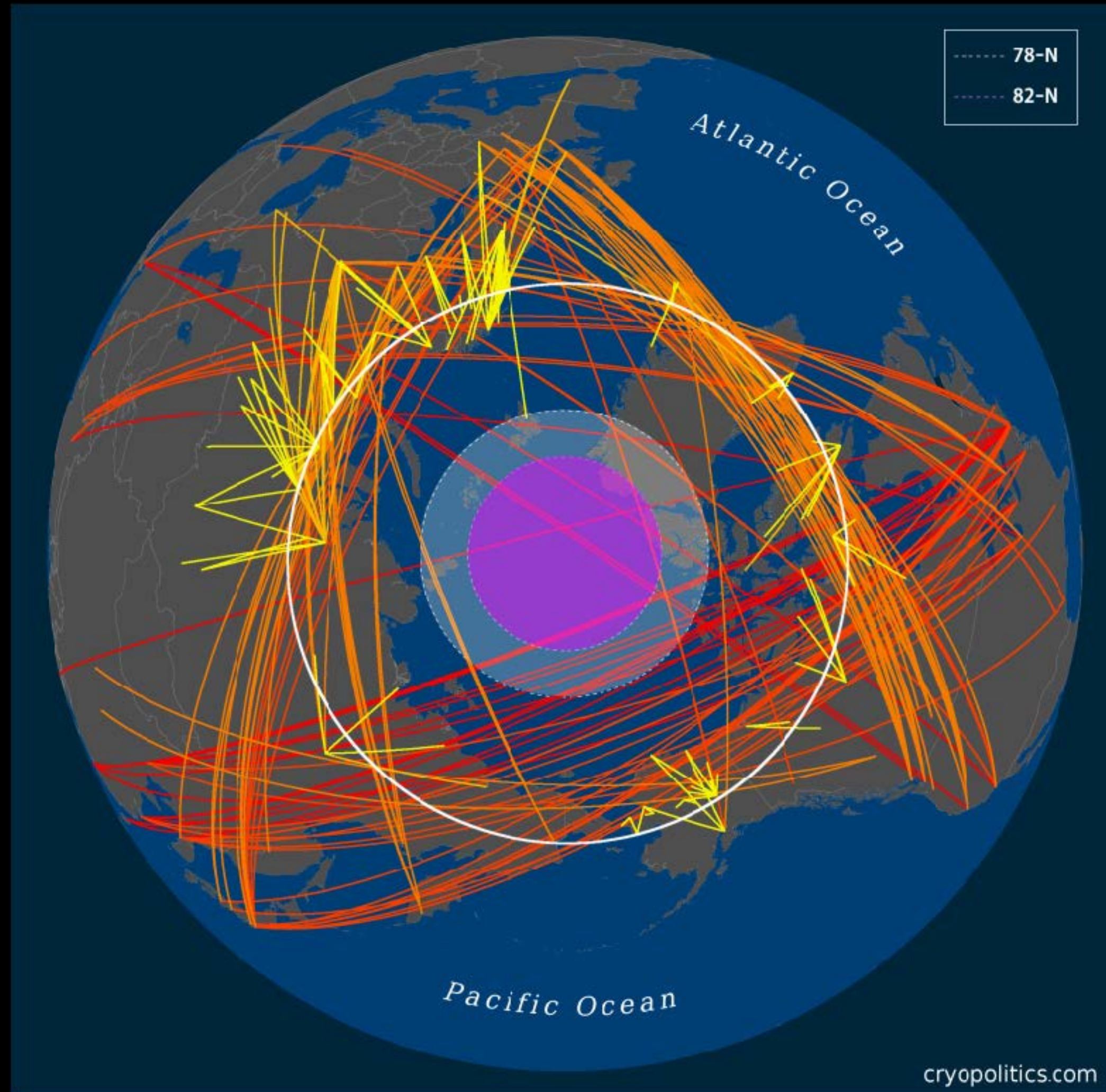
NORSAT-1 is a small Norwegian satellite designed to carry three scientific payloads

- ALS-receiver - Ship detection - to test new algorithms
- CLARA - Solar Total Irradiance monitor (Sun-Climate)
- Mini-Langmuir probes (Space Weather)



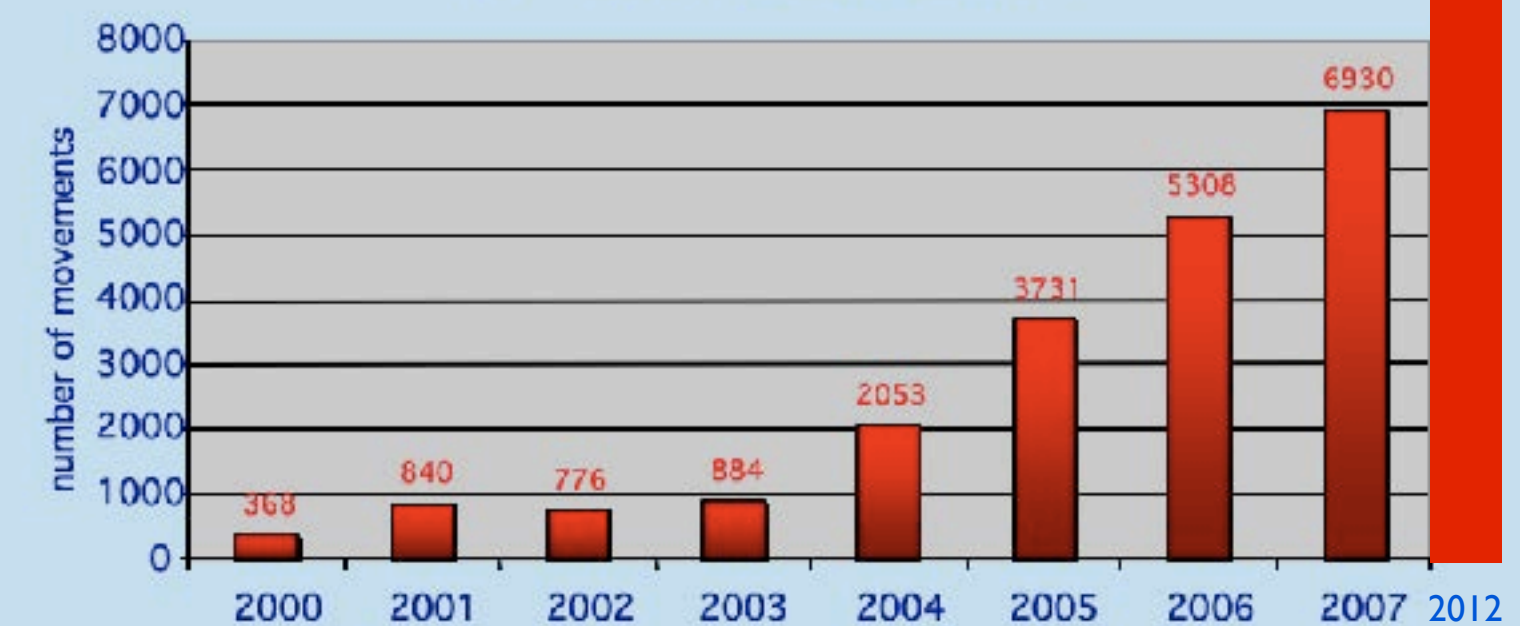
Polar routes

- Polar routes : 11,214 flights in 2012 (3,365,000 passengers)
- No satellite communication north of 82 degree



Polar Route Popularity – Some Statistics

Crosspolar Traffic Levels
from 2000 through 2007

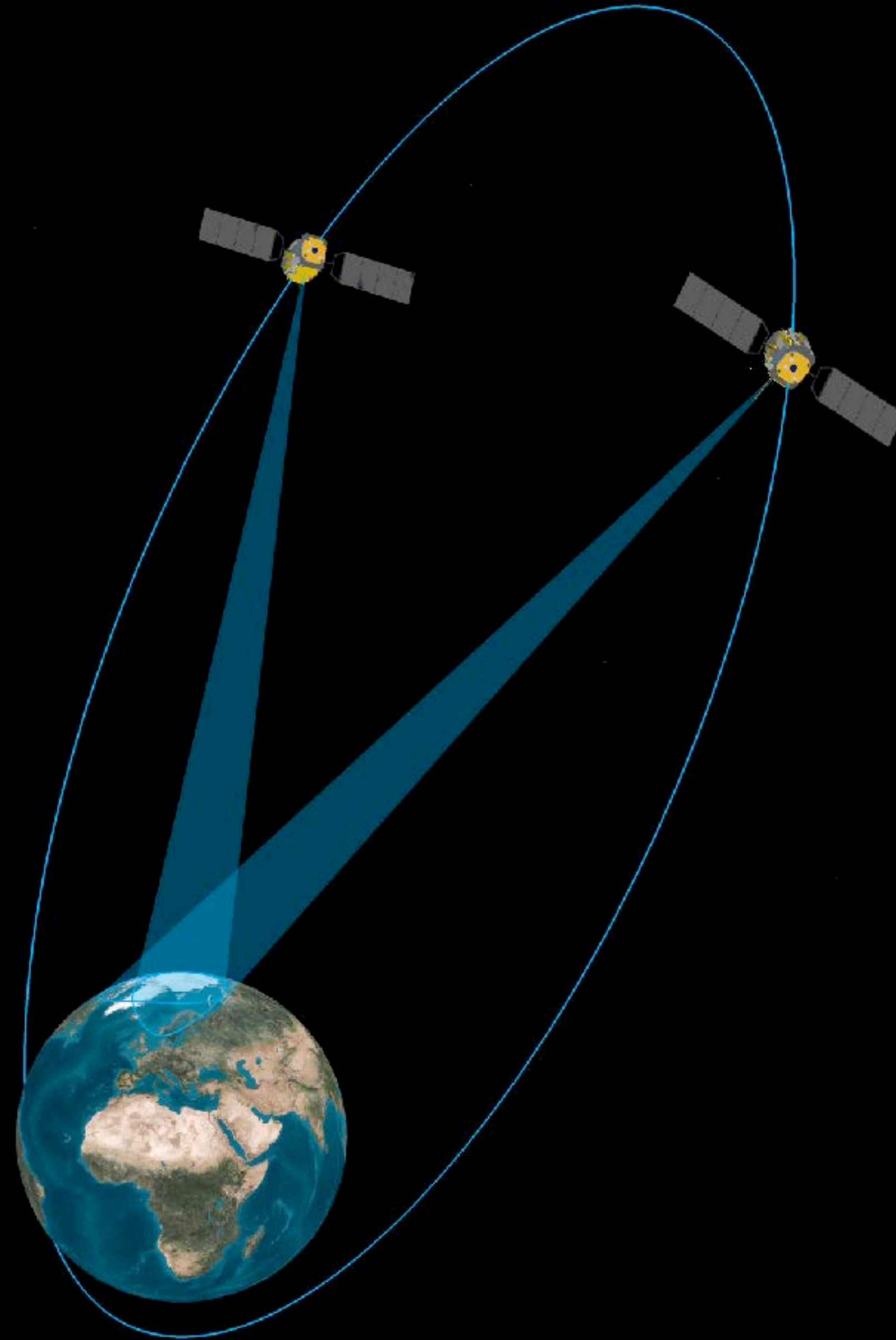


Aviation Workshop, NOAA SWPC Space Weather Workshop
Boulder, Colorado, April 28, 2008
From the Airlines: What's New



Broadband - Telecom in polar regions

Highly Elliptical Orbit (HEO)



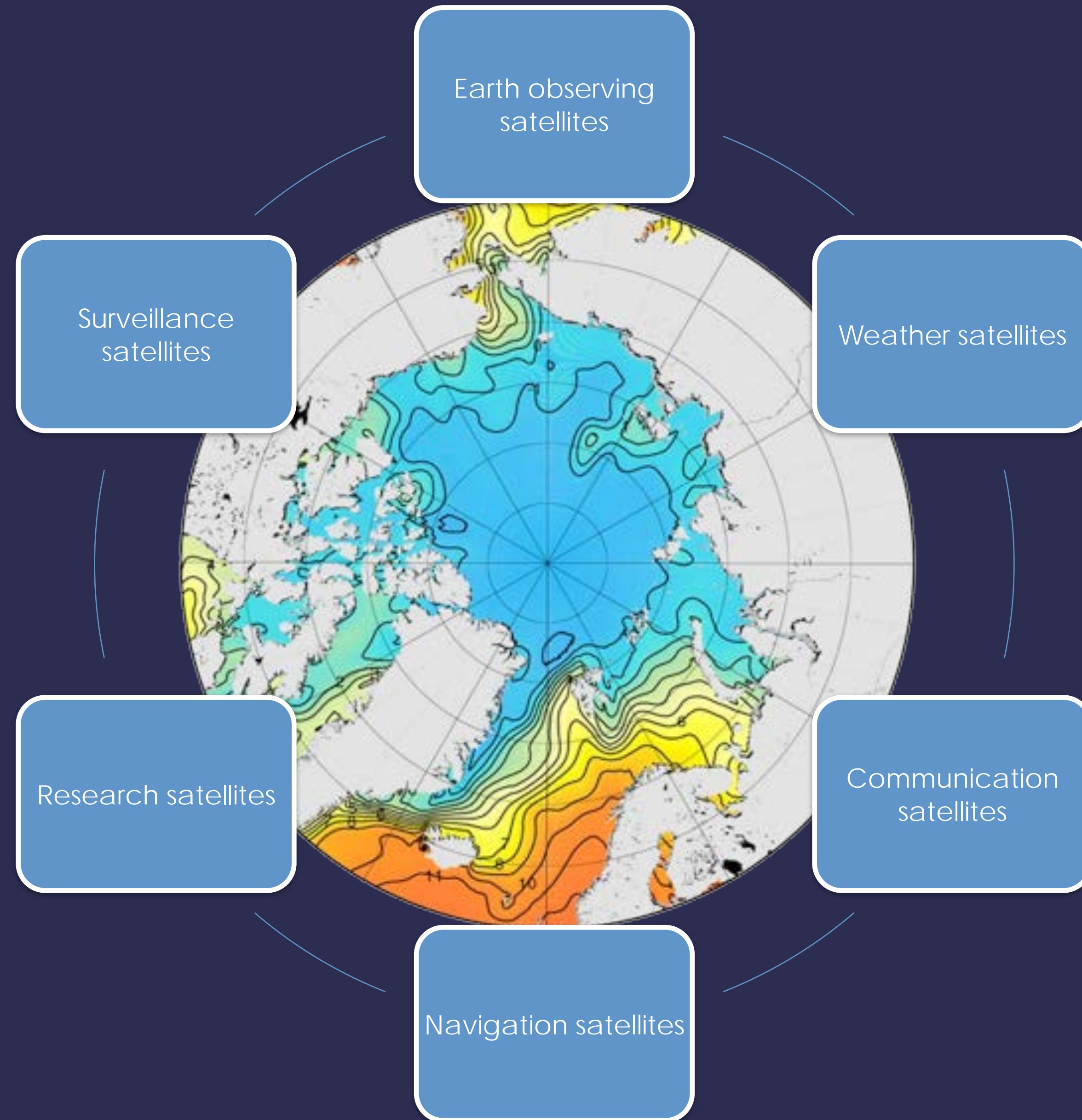
Why Space Activities in the Arctic

Space technology is perfect for use in the Arctic since **satellites can cover vast areas with relatively small amount of infrastructure and without harming the environment.**

- Earth observations
- Navigation
- Communication
- Research



Arctic – an new Space Arena



Space is not the solution to all our challenges

But few - or none - of our challenges in the Arctic can be solved without secure access to satellite systems