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## E4230

# Microwave EO Instrumentation

A satellite in orbit over Earth, emitting a beam of light towards the ground. The satellite is a rectangular box with various instruments and antennas. The Earth's surface is visible below, showing green land and blue oceans. The satellite is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, with a beam of light extending from it towards the bottom left.

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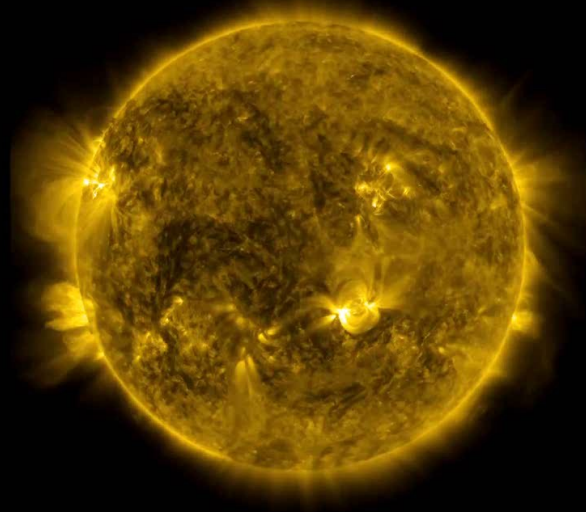
*Jaan Praks*

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# Microwave EO and Climate Change



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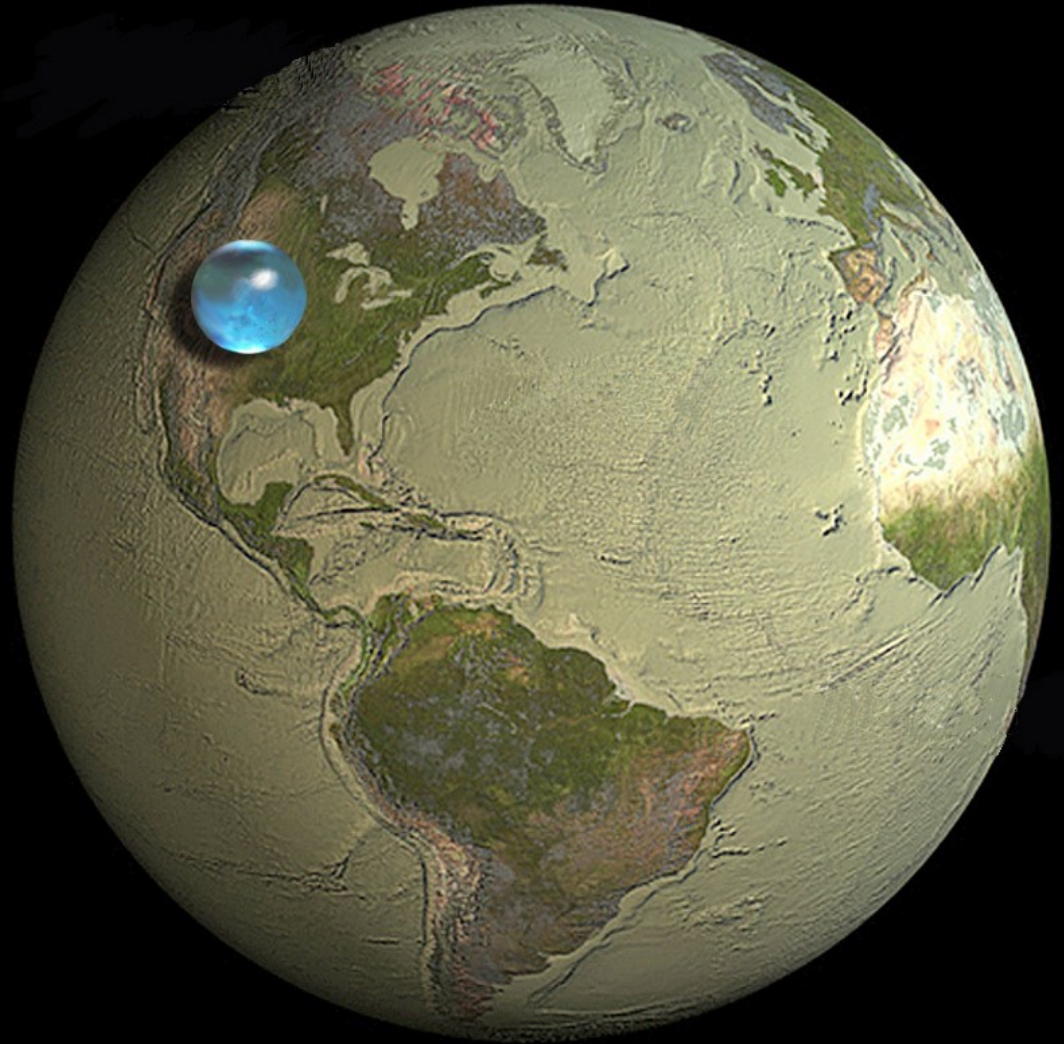
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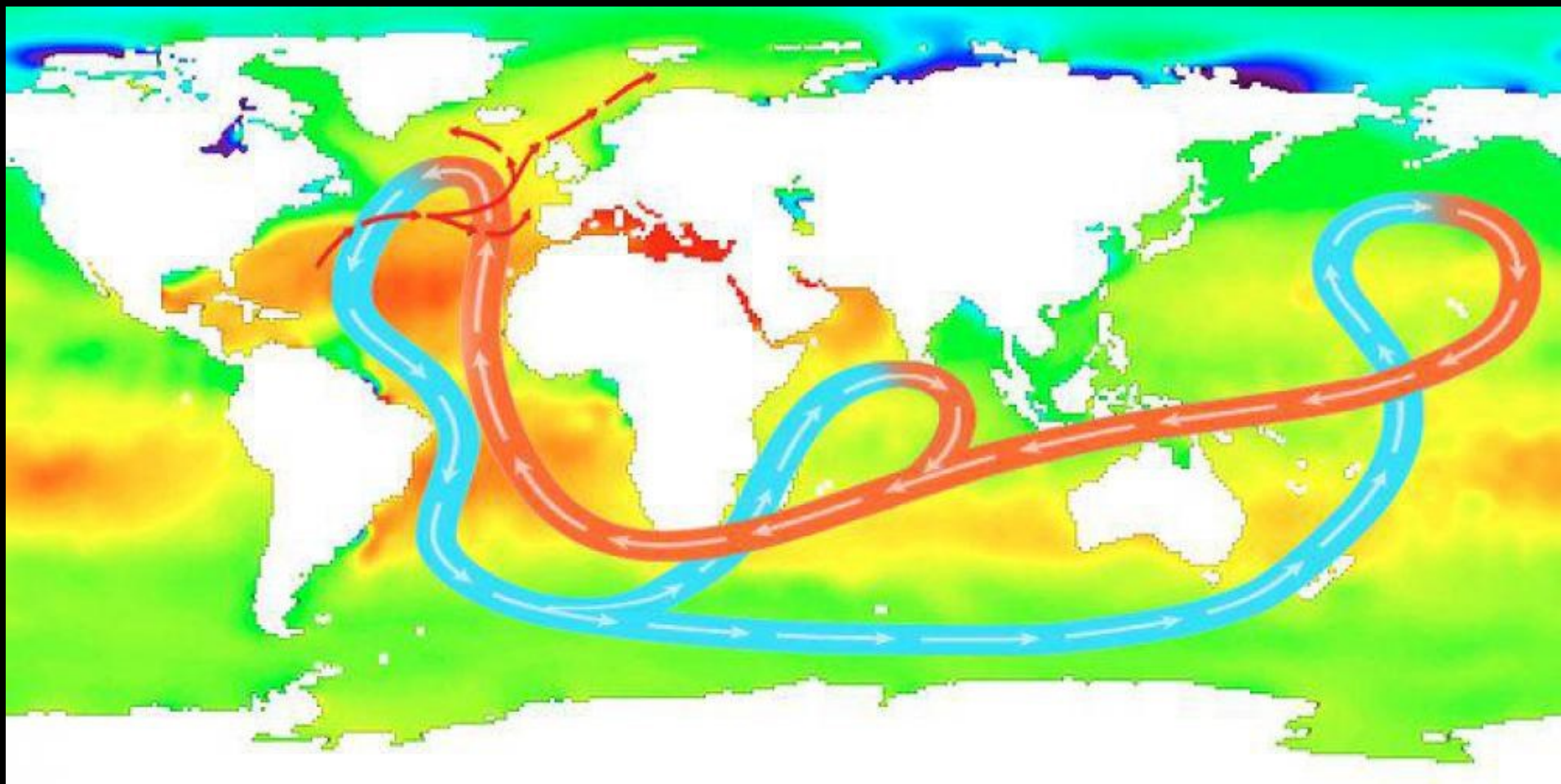


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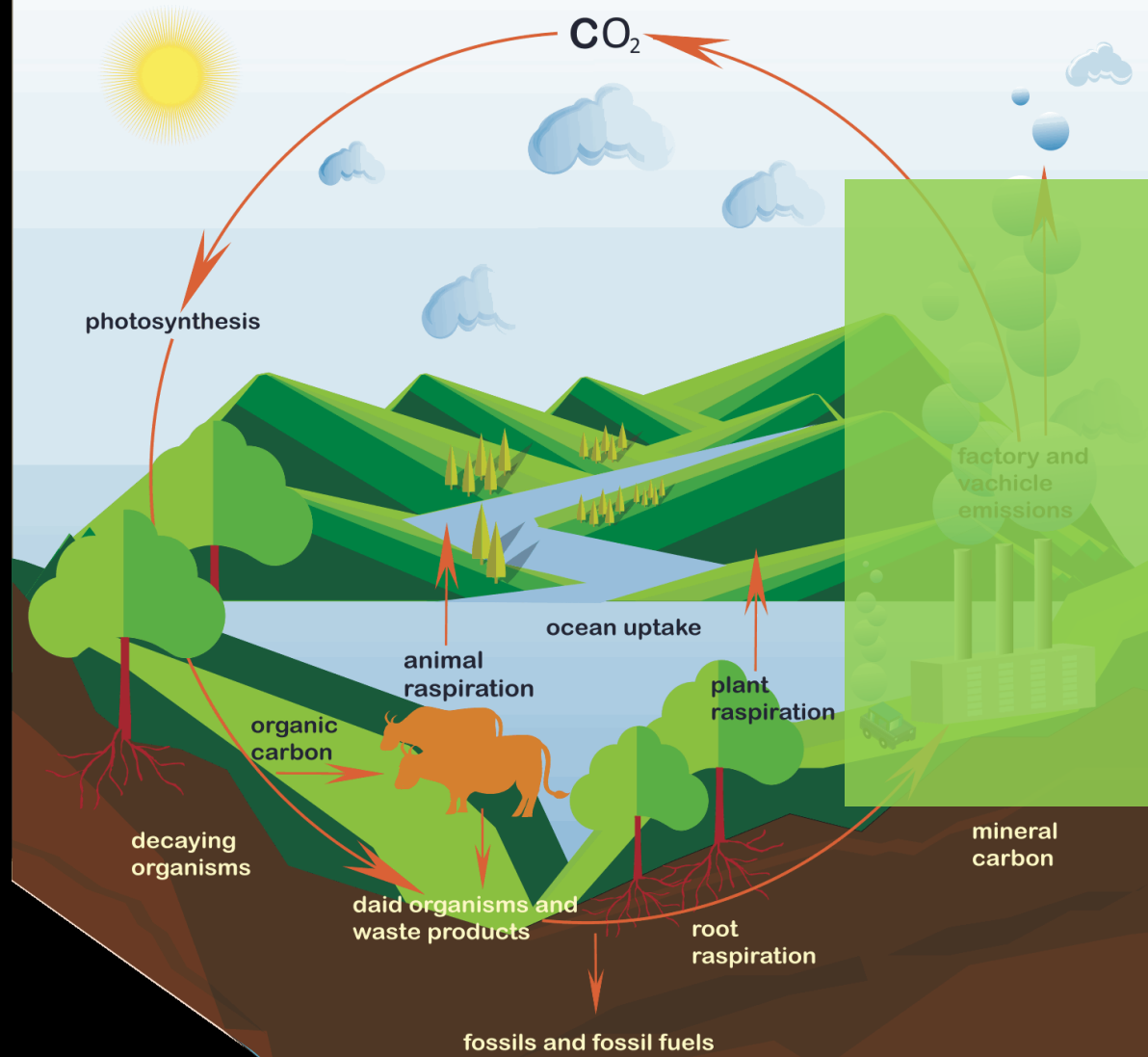
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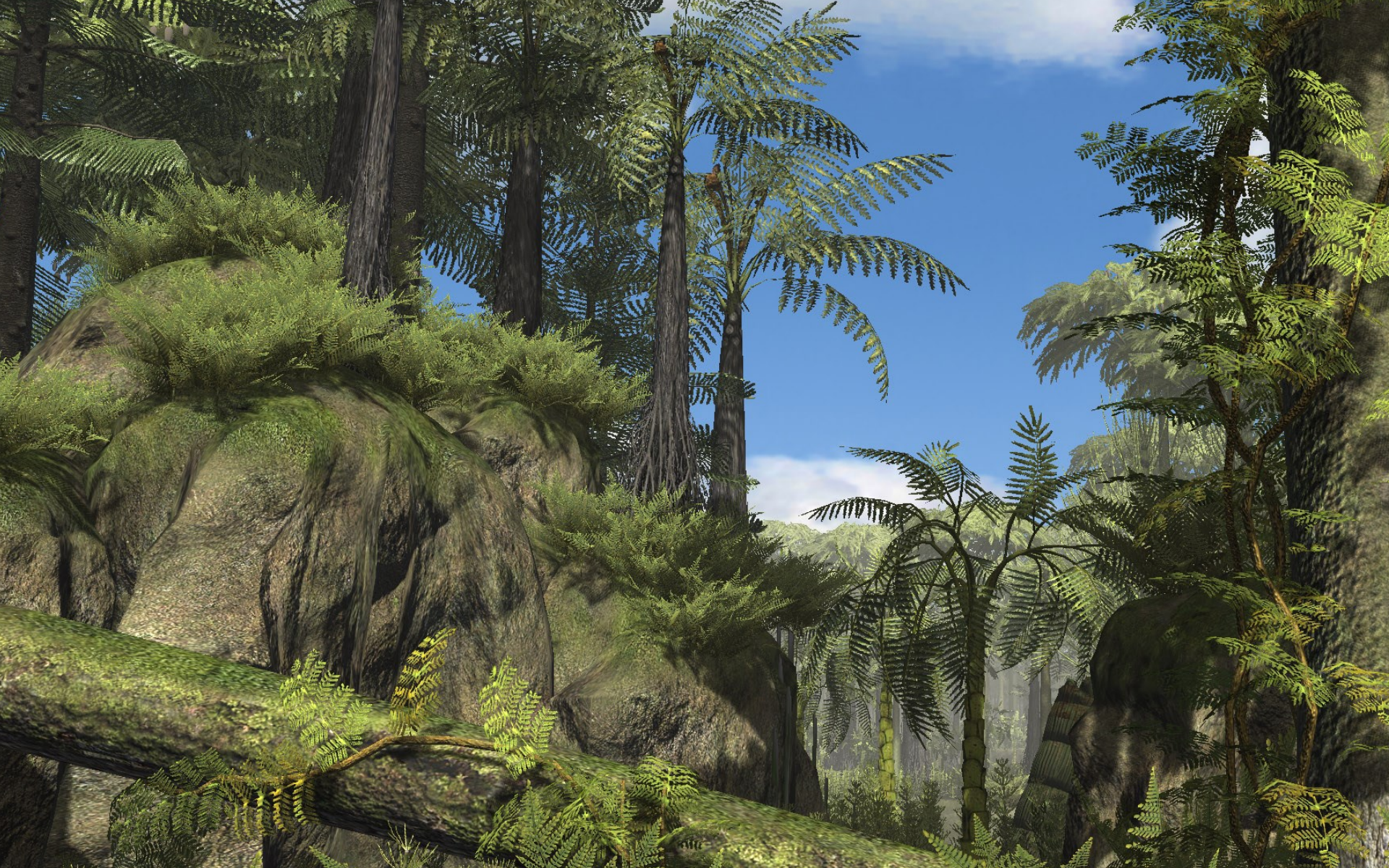


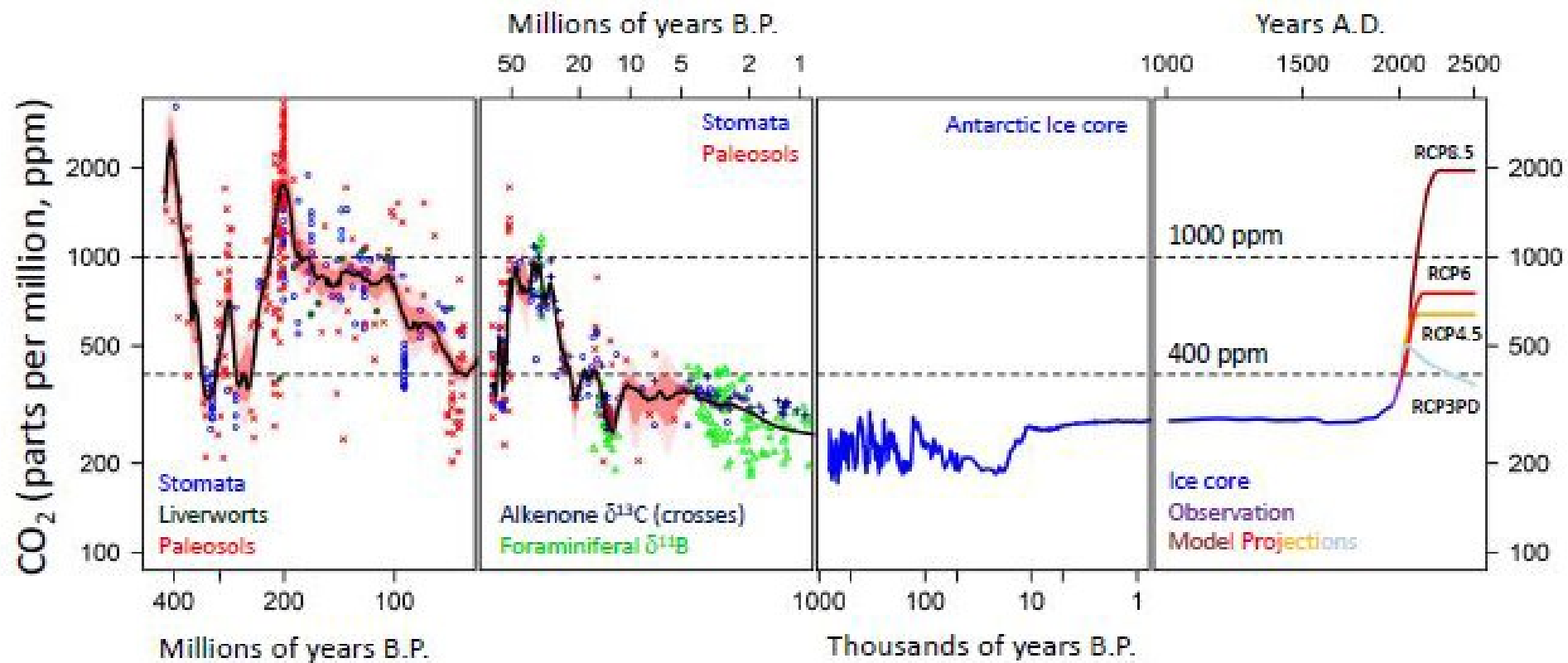


# CARBON CYCLE









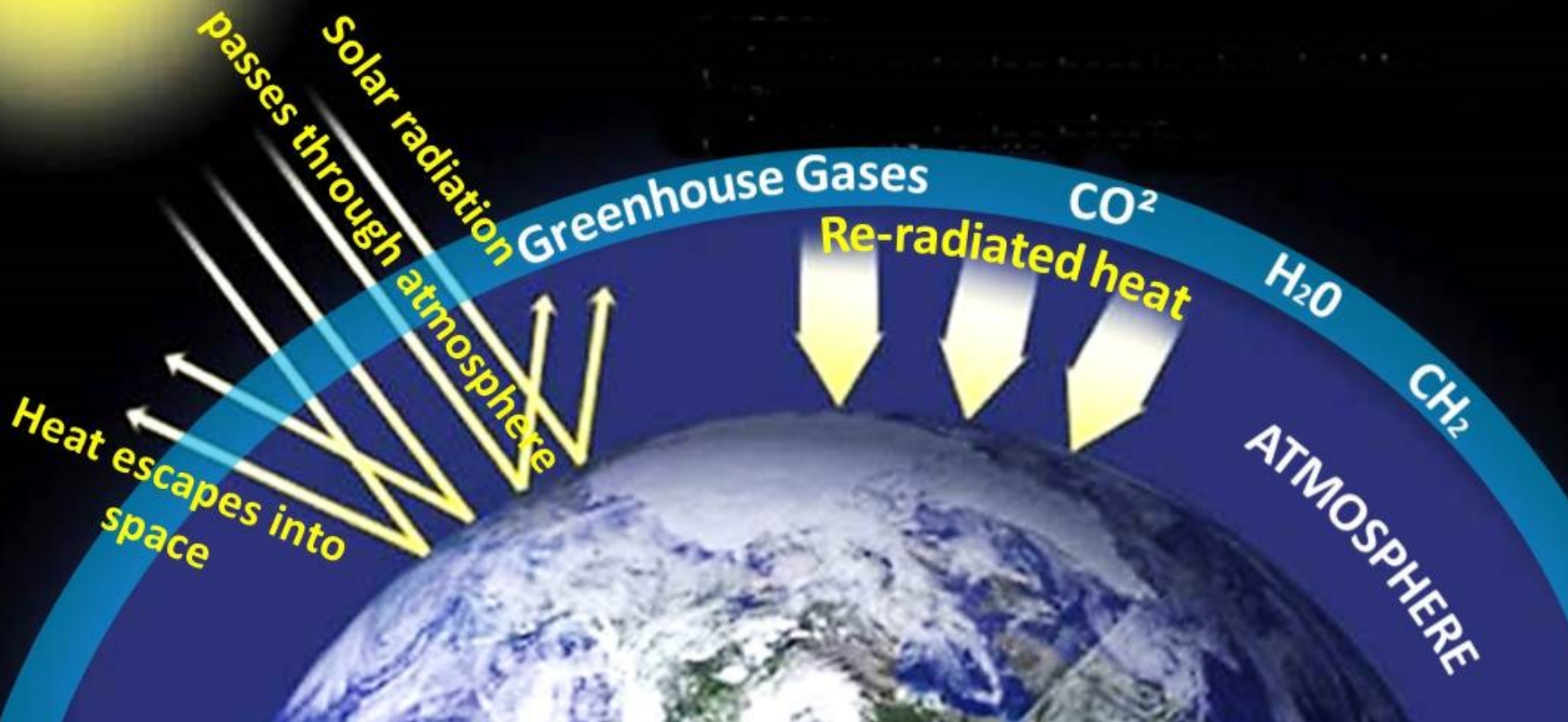
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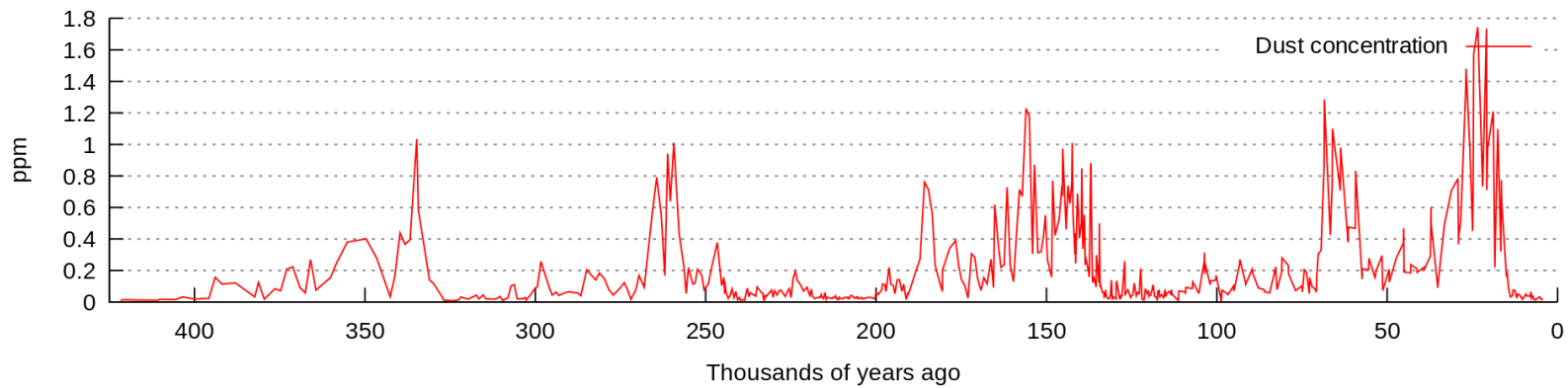
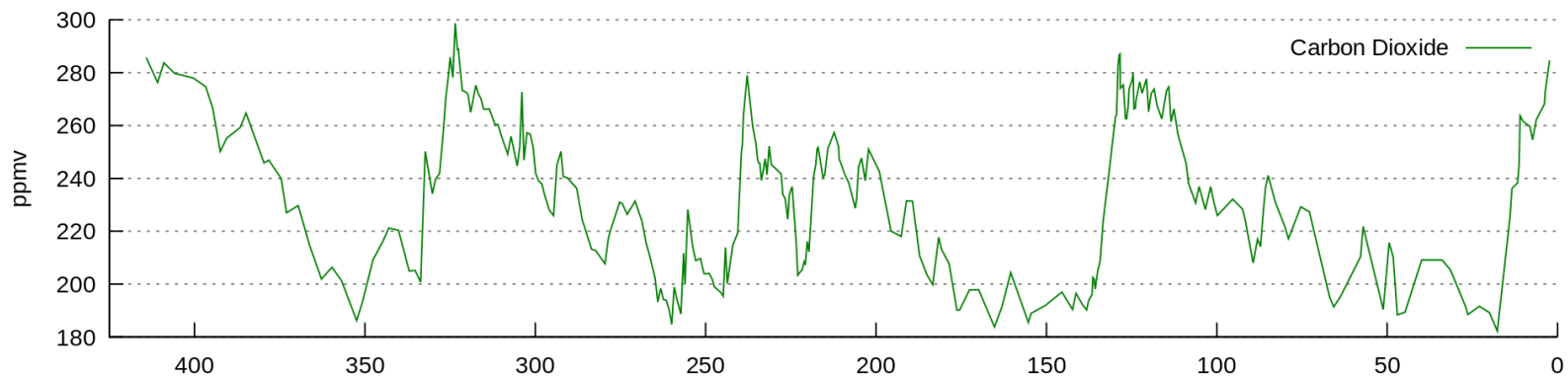
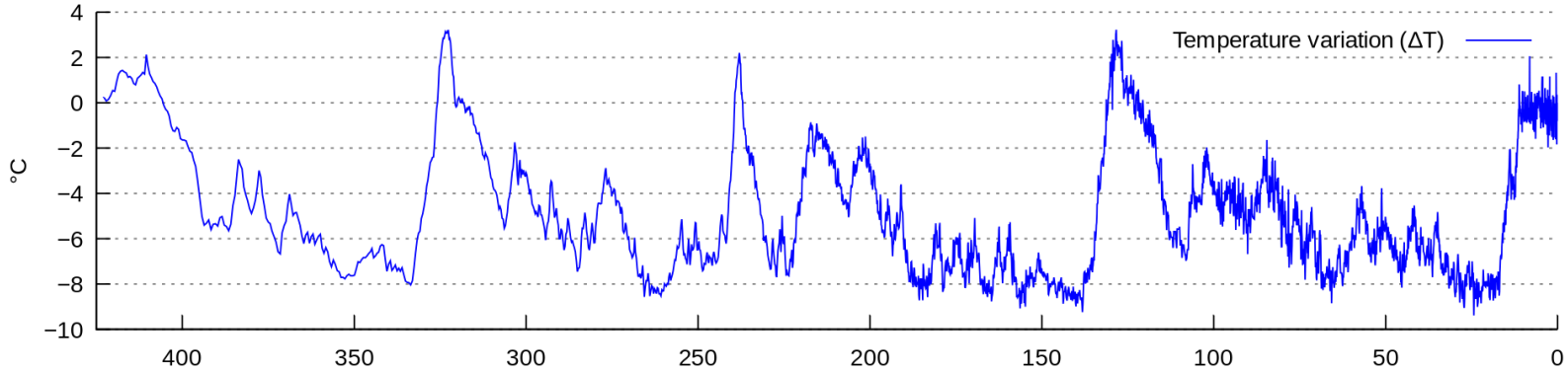
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**CO<sub>2</sub> in atmosphere**

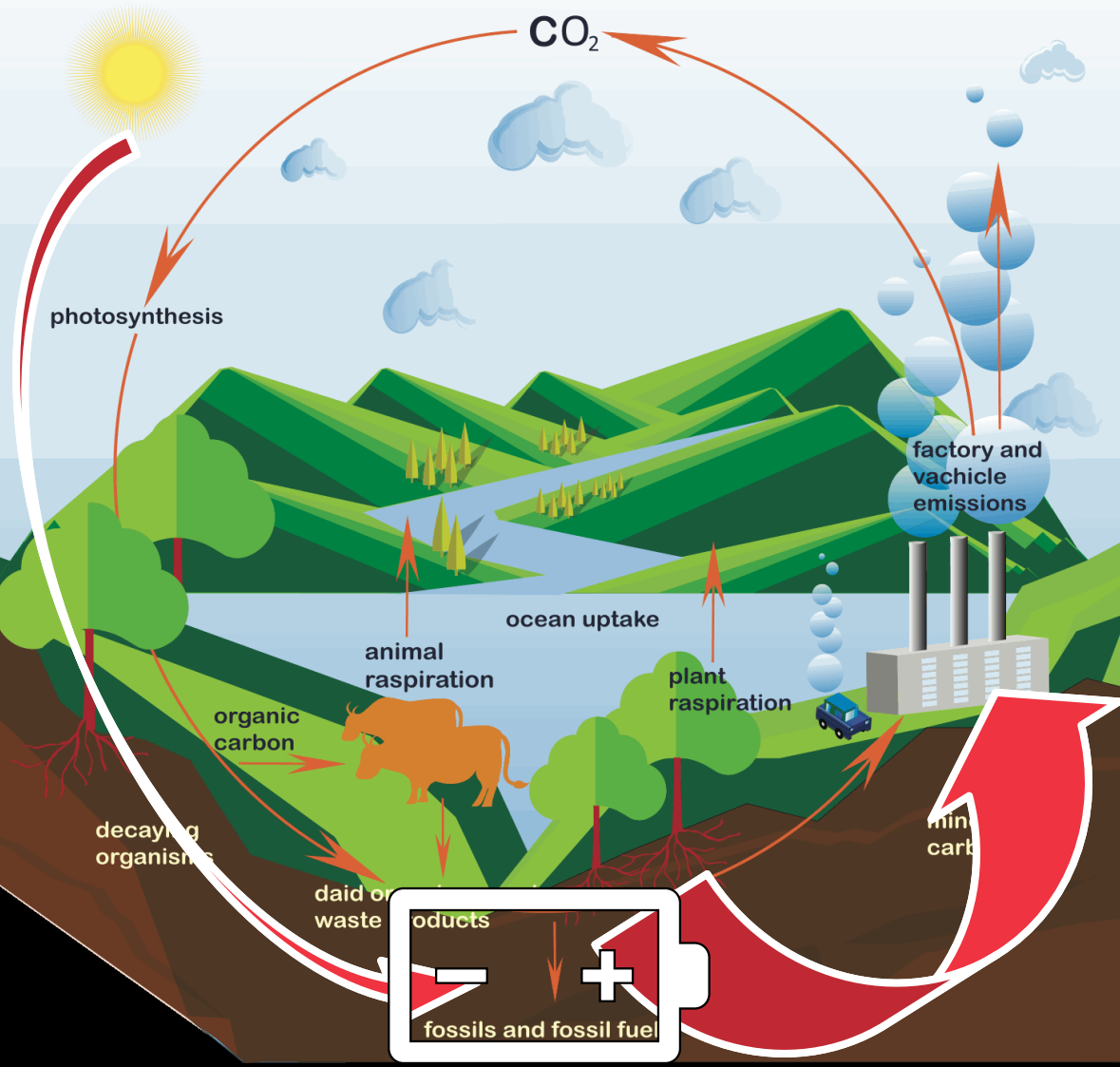
Outgoing heat is absorbed by greenhouse gas molecules and re-emitted in all directions, warming the surface of the earth and the lower atmosphere

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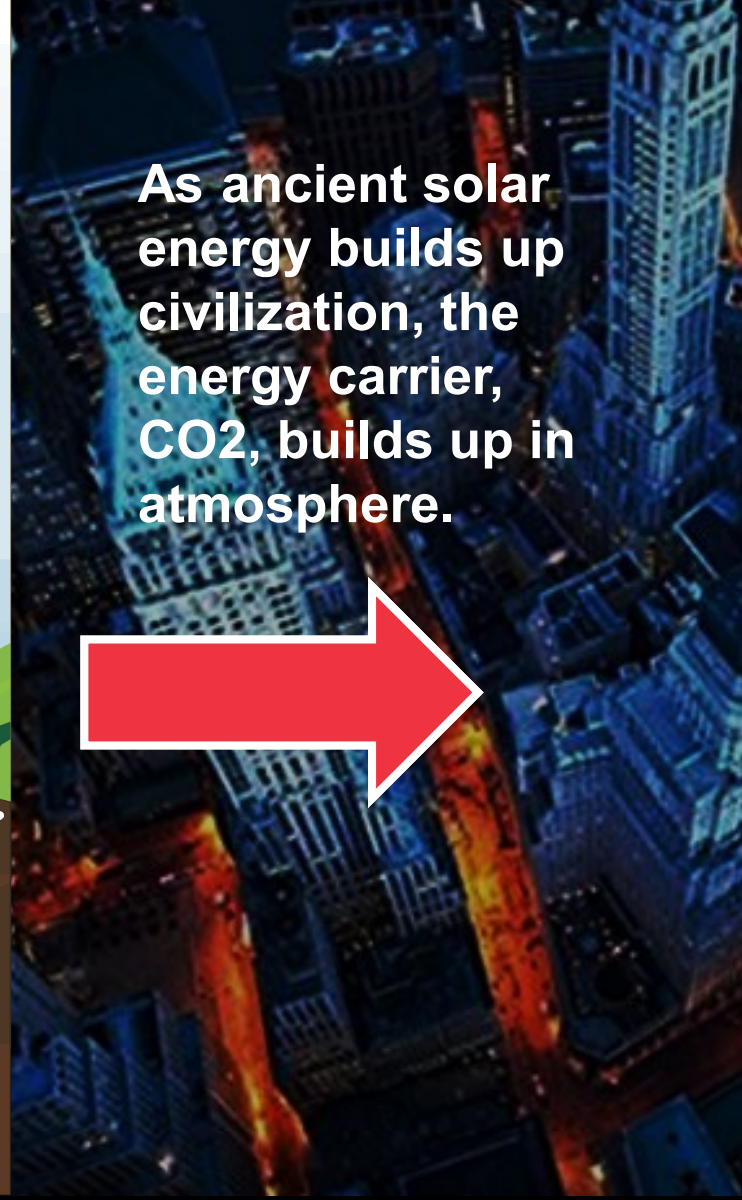




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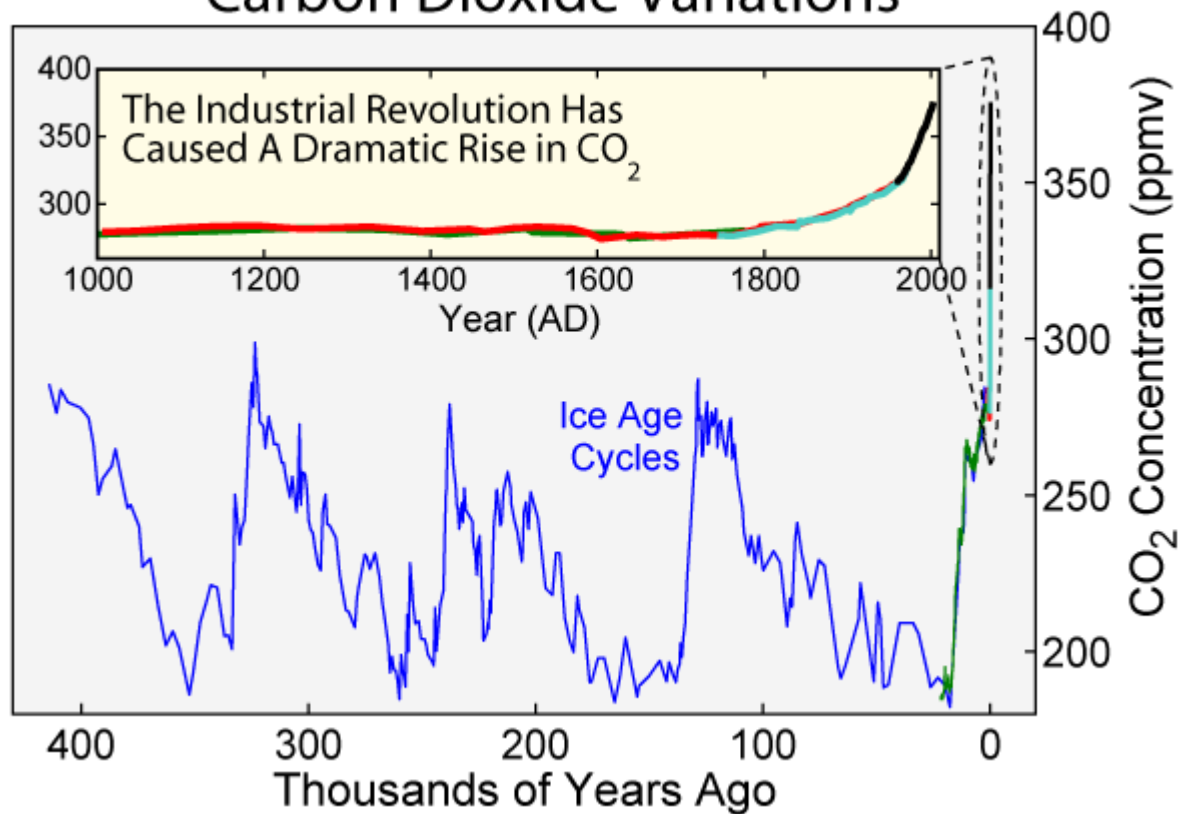


As ancient solar energy builds up civilization, the energy carrier,  $CO_2$ , builds up in atmosphere.





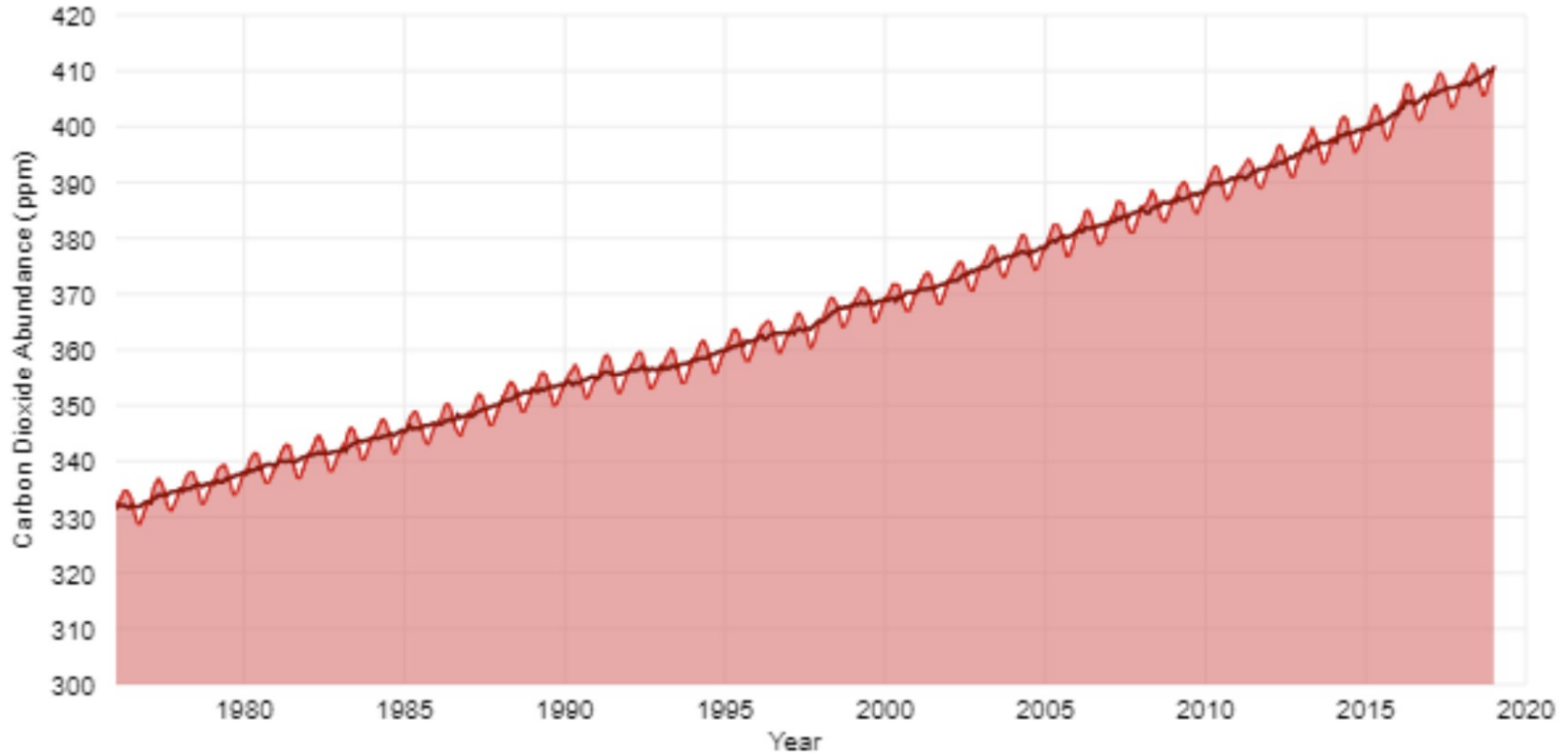
# Carbon Dioxide Variations

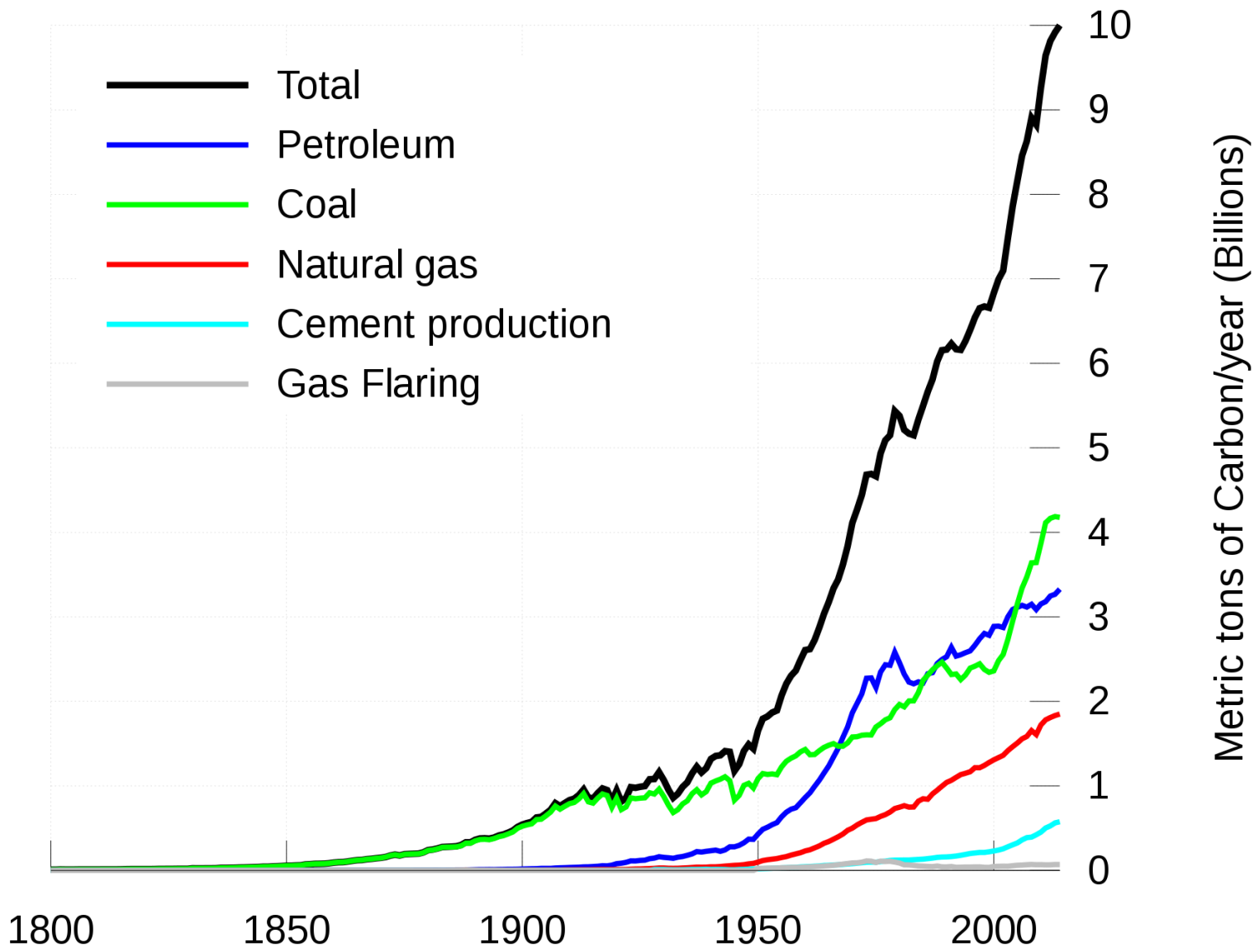




# CO<sub>2</sub> emission development

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**We had 400 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> in 3 mil years ago. Climate was warmer 2-3 degrees and ocean was higher 20 m.**



Dublin

London

Amsterdam

Brussels

Copenhagen

Stockholm

Helsinki

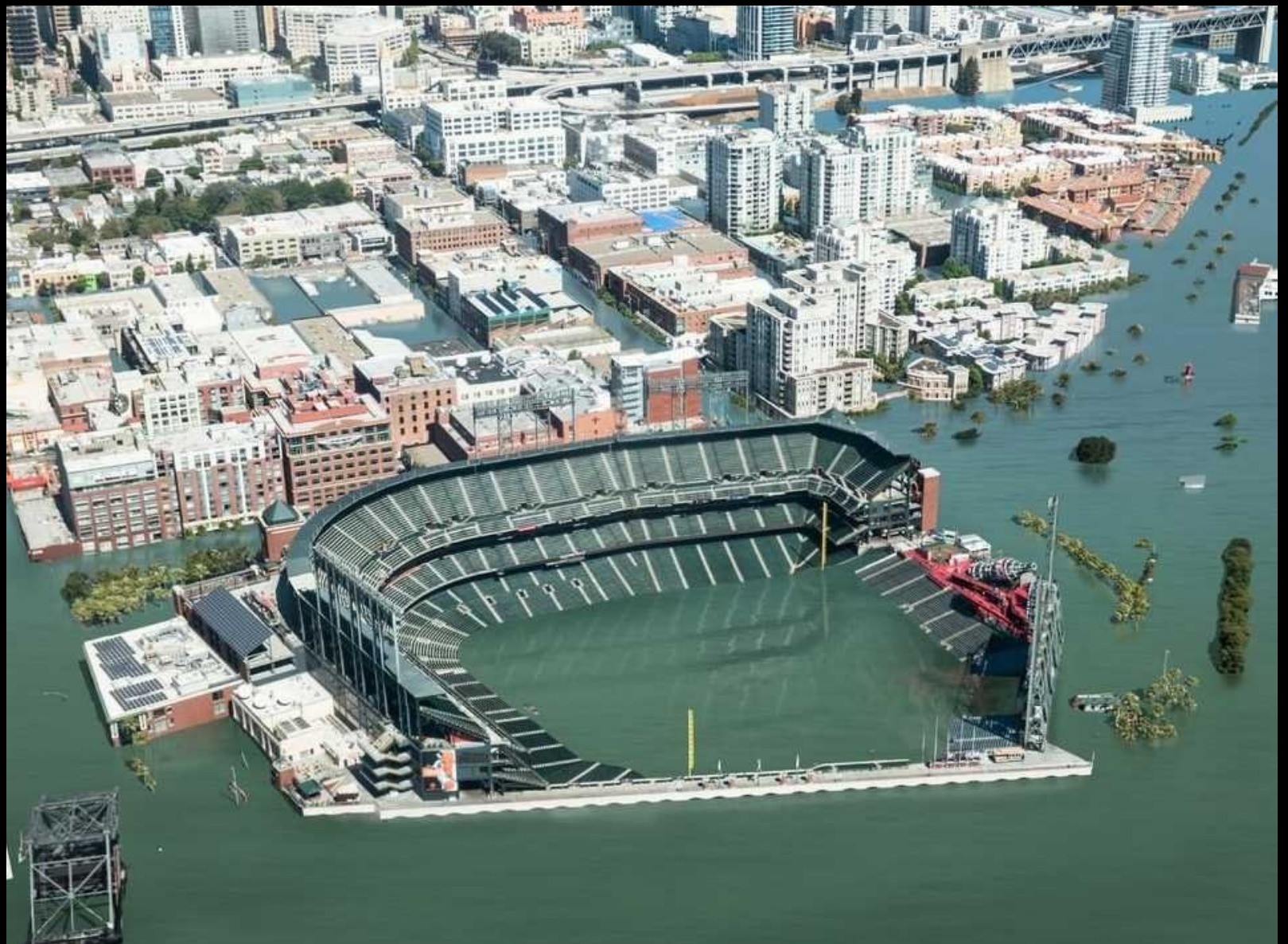
Tallinn

Riga

St. Petersburg

Odesa

Black Sea





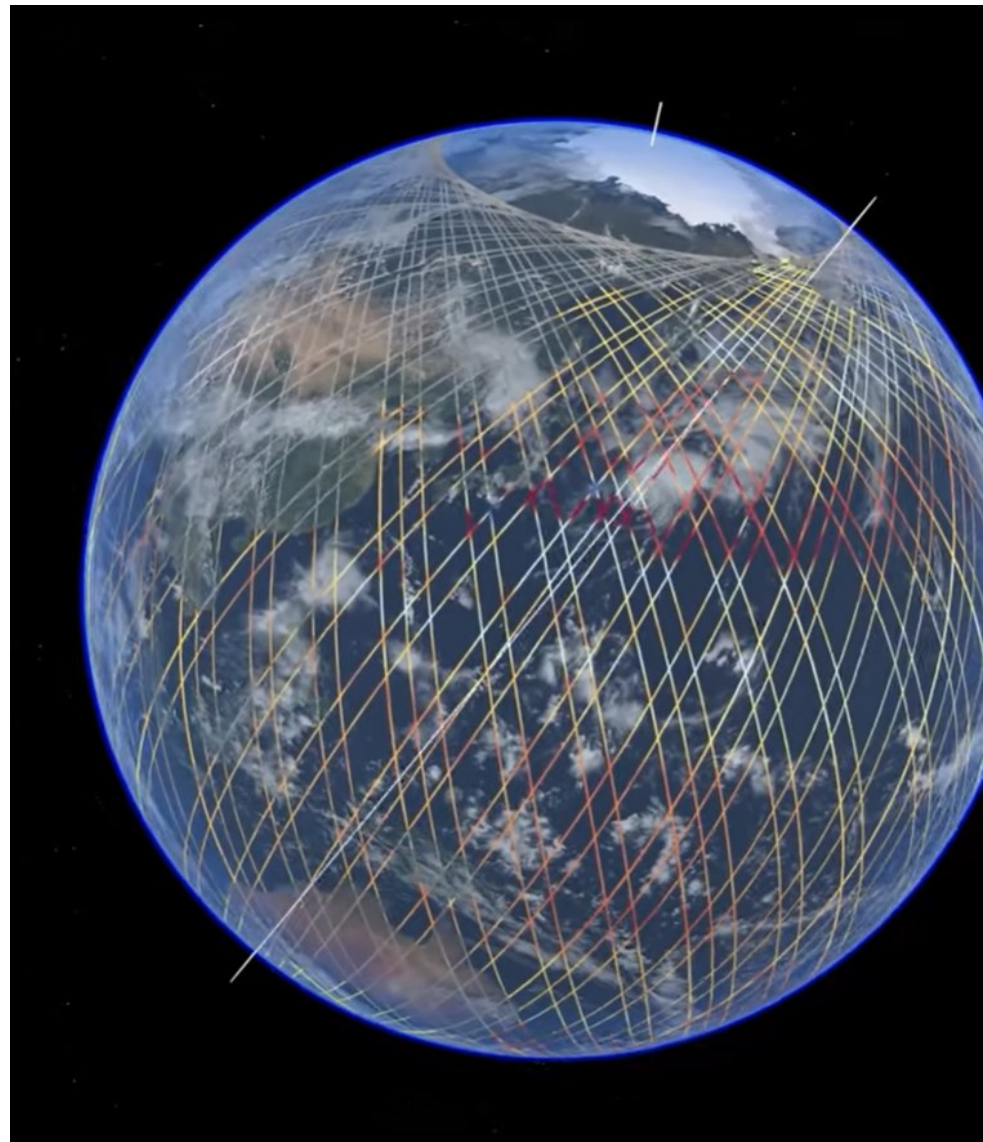
**During Earth fauna mass extinction, the ruling species have disappeared.**





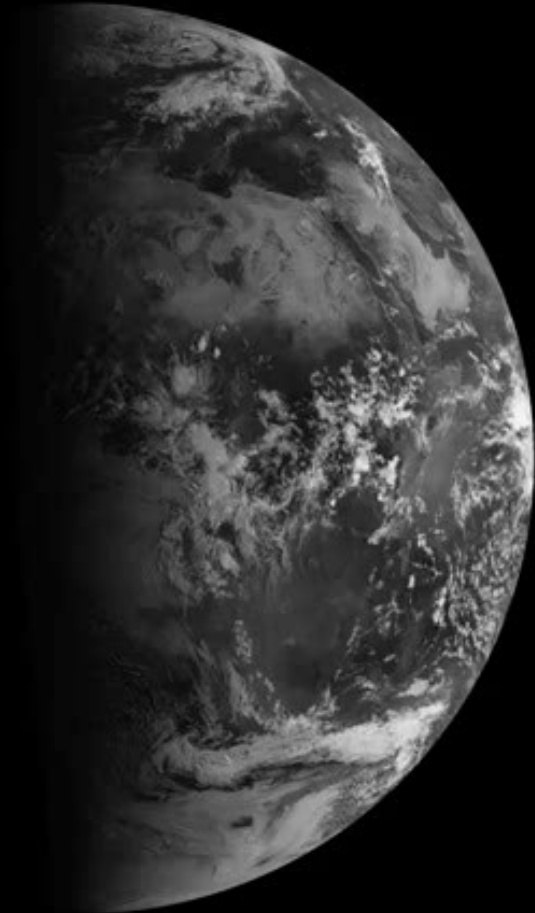
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# Climate change and microwave EO





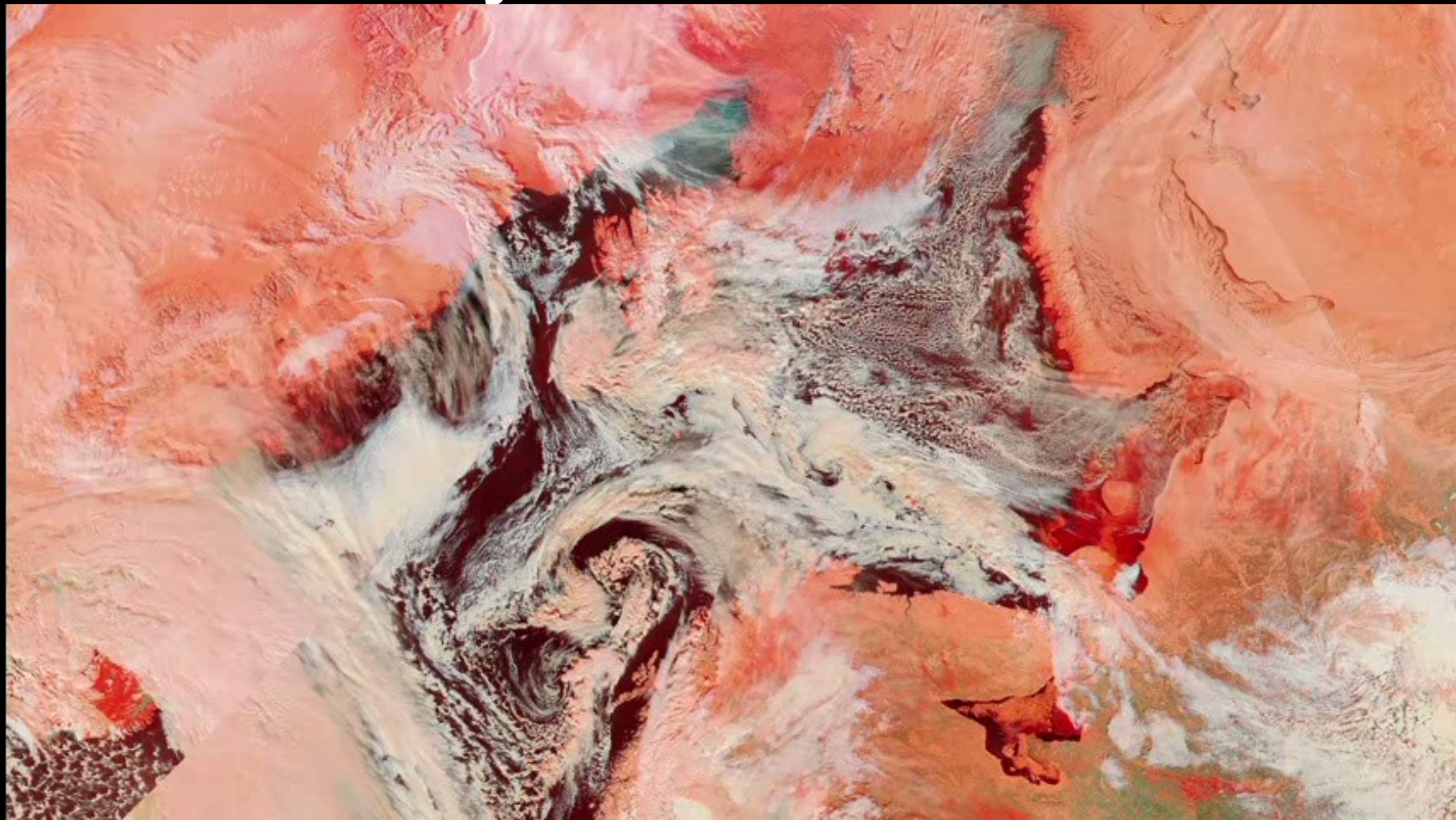
# North is dark...



'10.09.19 '10.12.21 '11.03.20 '11.06.21 '11.09.19

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...and cloudy



MODIS Arctic time lapse (Pekka Laurila)

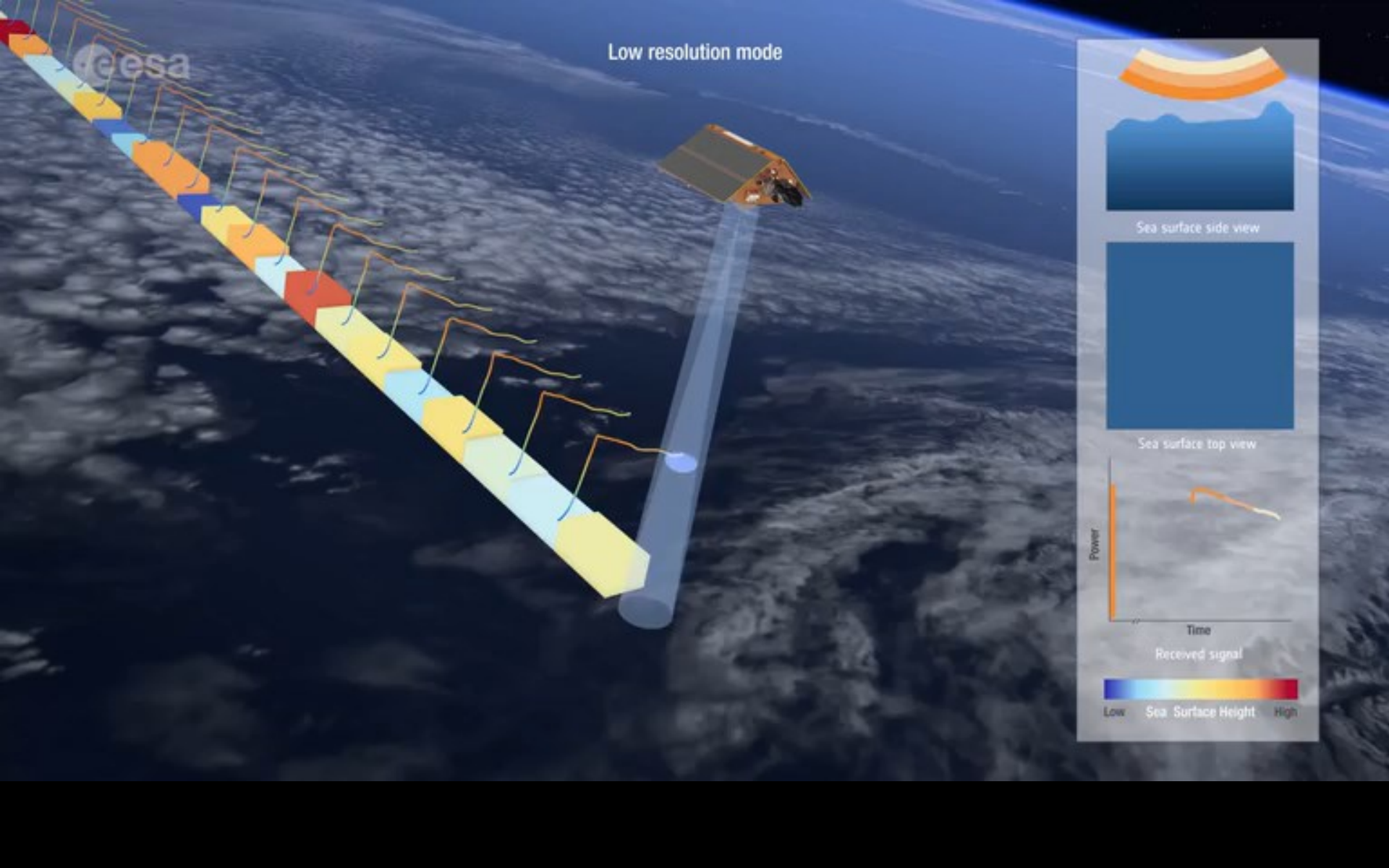


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# European workhorses in space



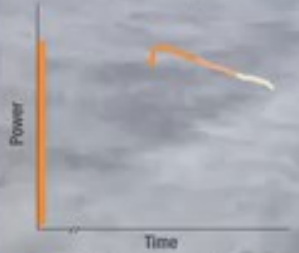
Low resolution mode



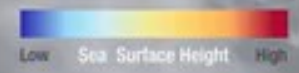
Sea surface side view



Sea surface top view



Received signal



# CryoSat-2

Measures ice thickness

Active Ku-band (13,7 GHz) advanced radar system

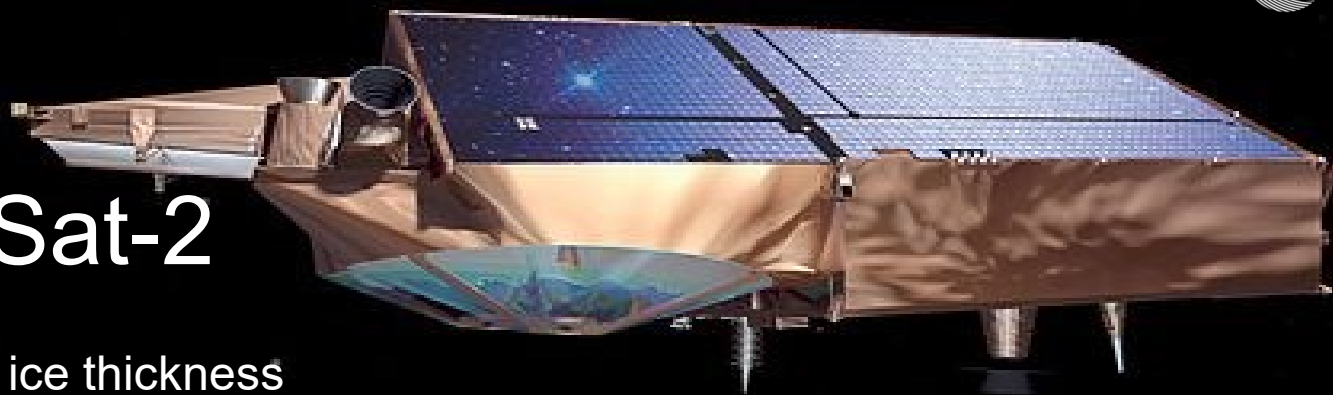
Launched 2010

Polar orbit (inclination  $92^\circ$ )

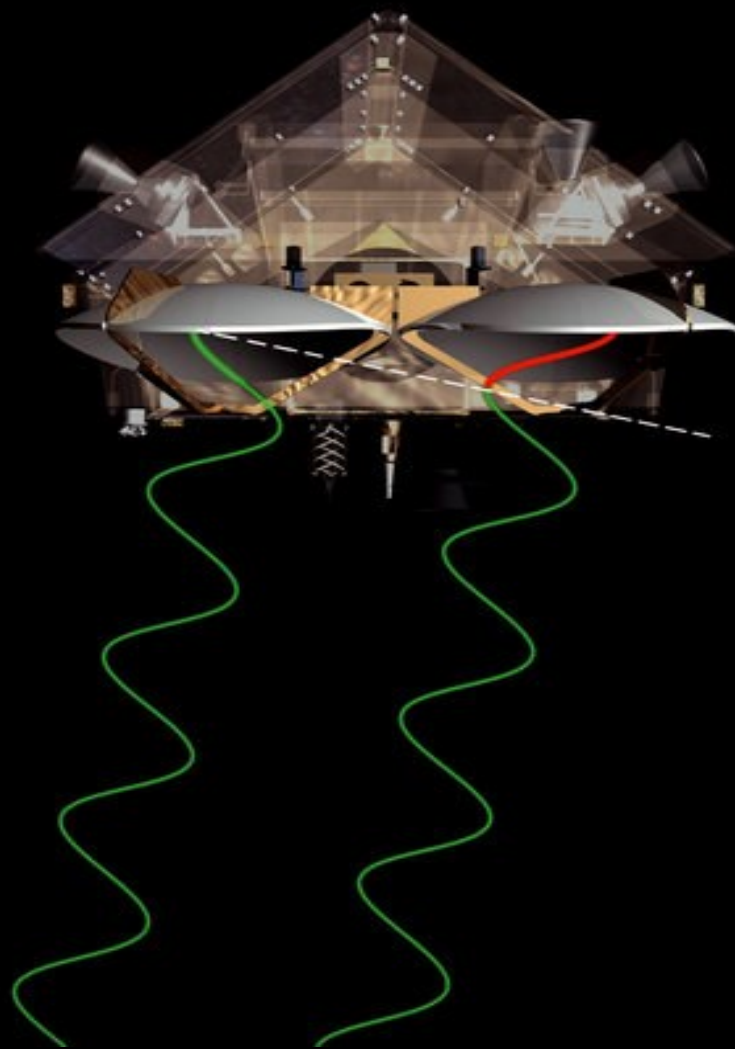
Period 99 min

Altitude 720 km

Mass 720 kg



Advanced  
interferometric  
radar mode.



Active Microwave  
Instrument

Measures ice thickness

Ku-band (13,7 GHz)  
Radar altimeter  
Dedicated for distance  
measurements

Three different  
measurement modes

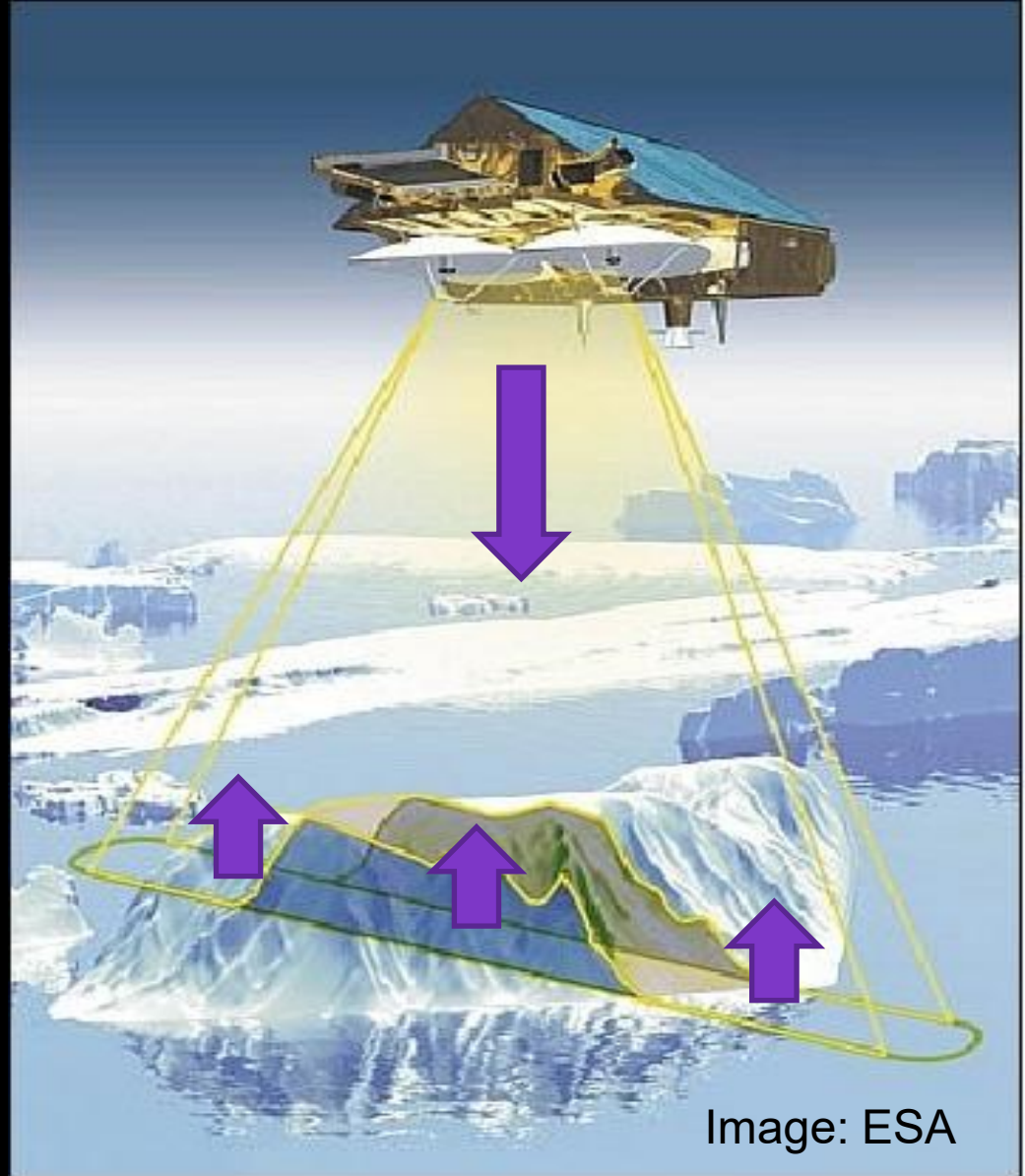
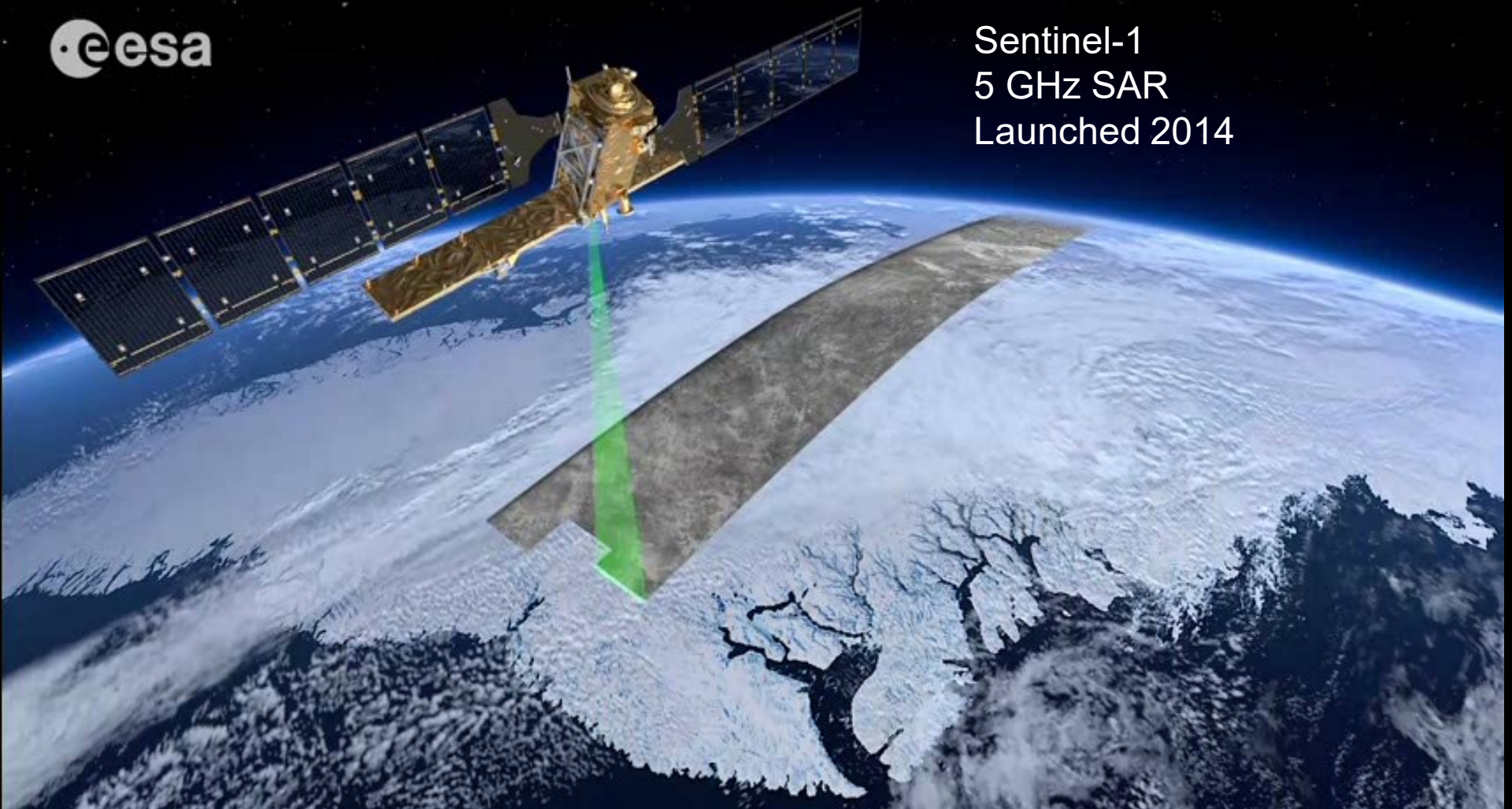


Image: ESA

# Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)



Sentinel-1  
5 GHz SAR  
Launched 2014







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# Ice Cover and ice extent

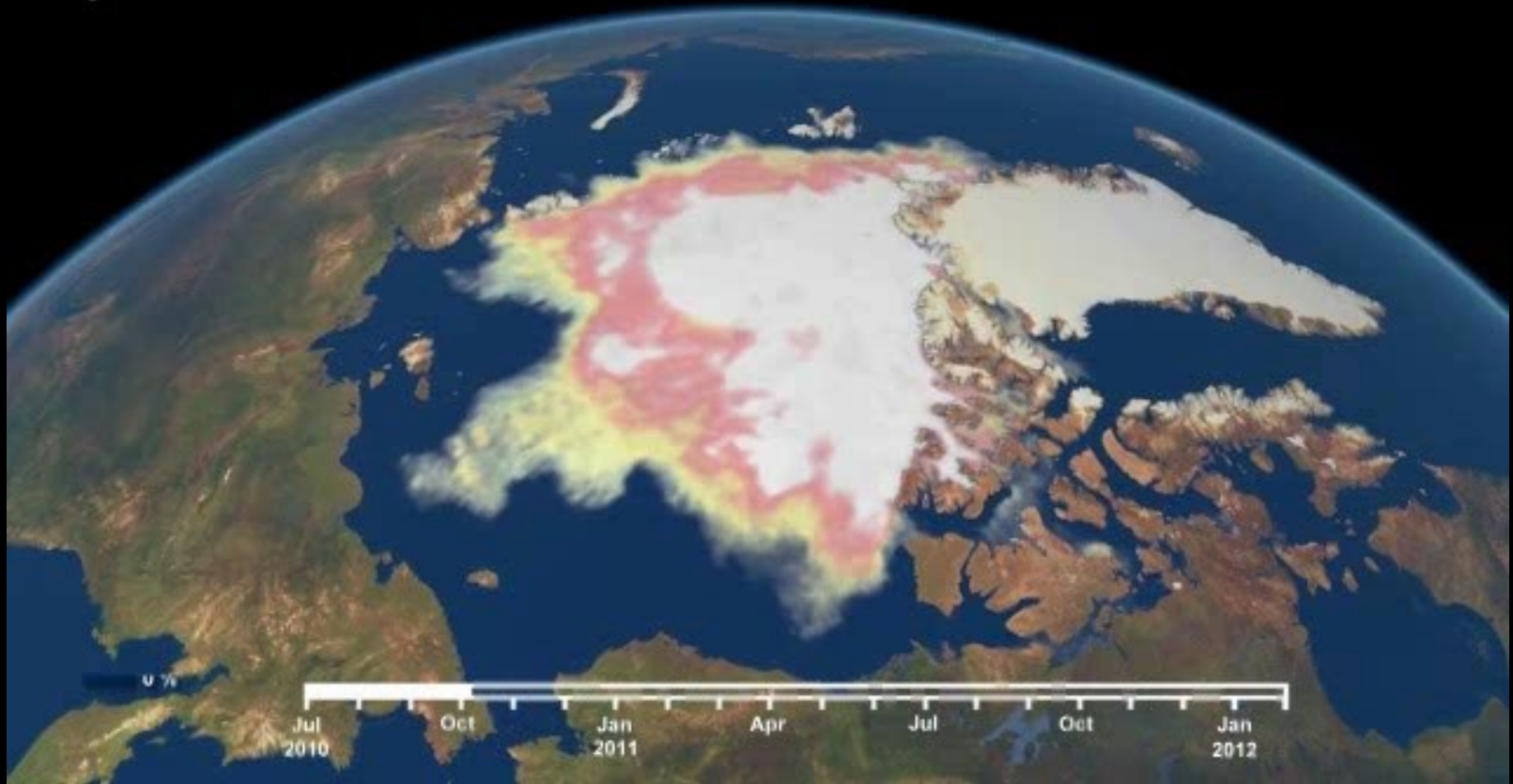


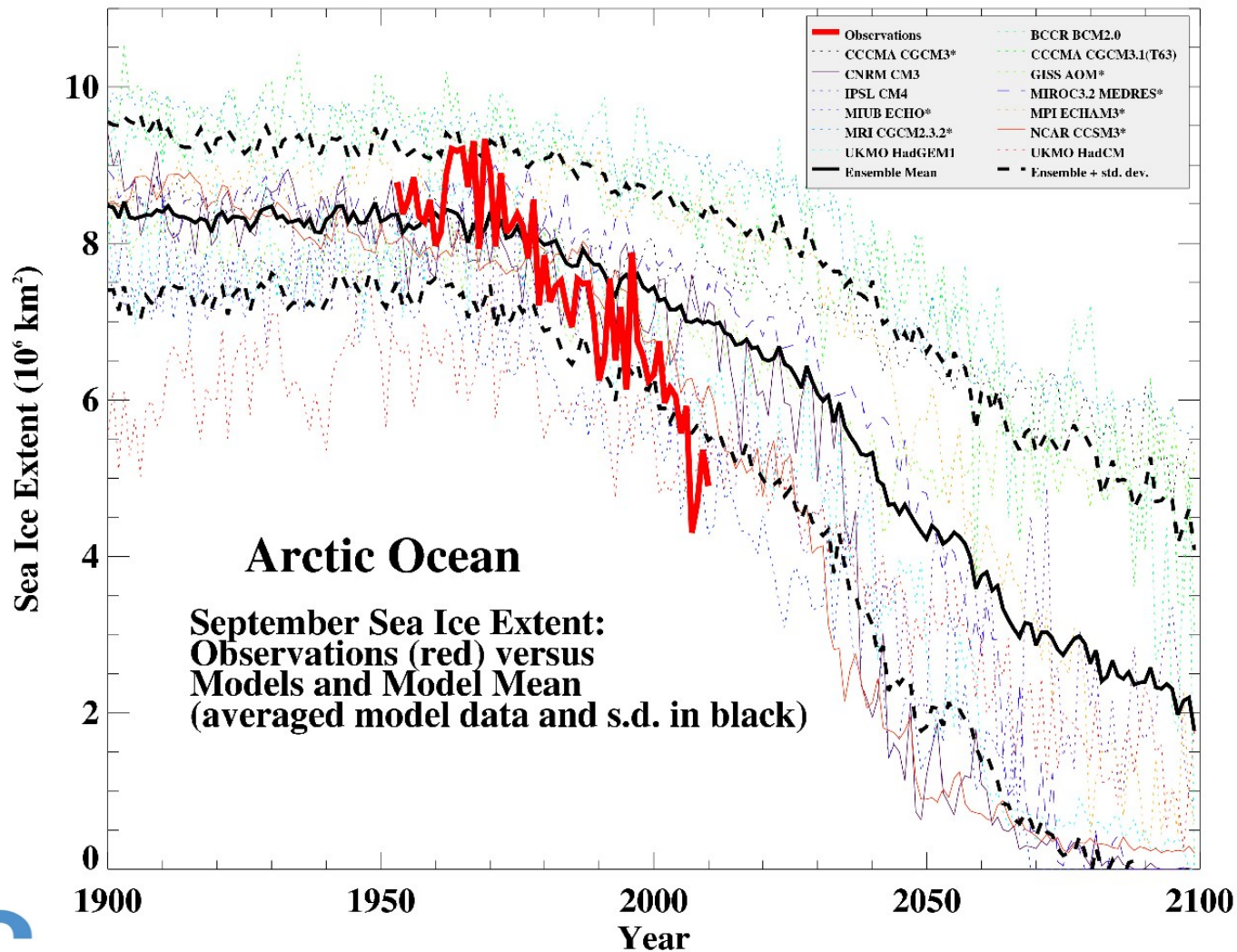
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# The sea ice thickness from SMOS

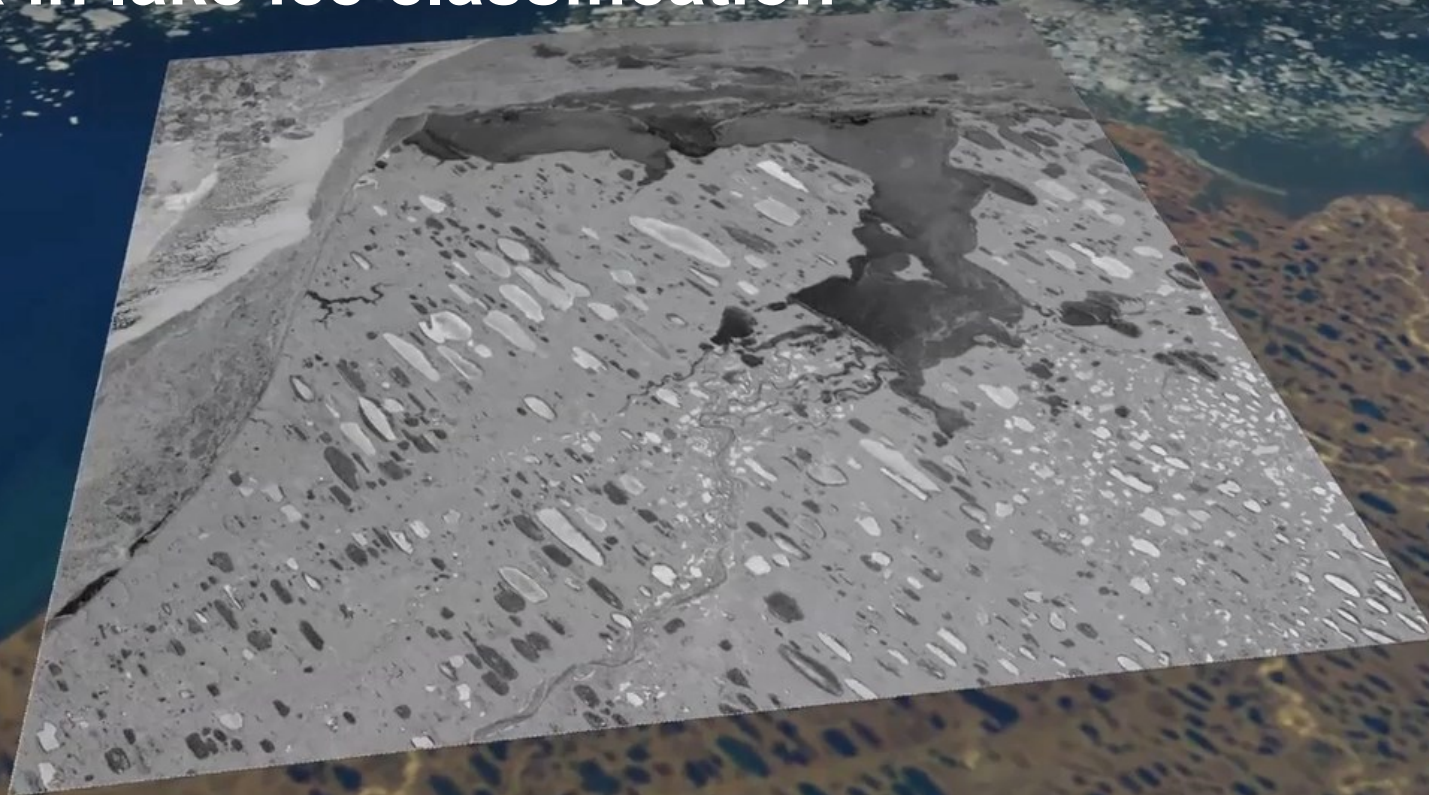
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ERS-1 SAR

# SAR in lake ice classification





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# Glaciers





# Jakobshavn Glacier flow

07-2017







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# Greenland



## Greenland Ice Sheet Elevation Change



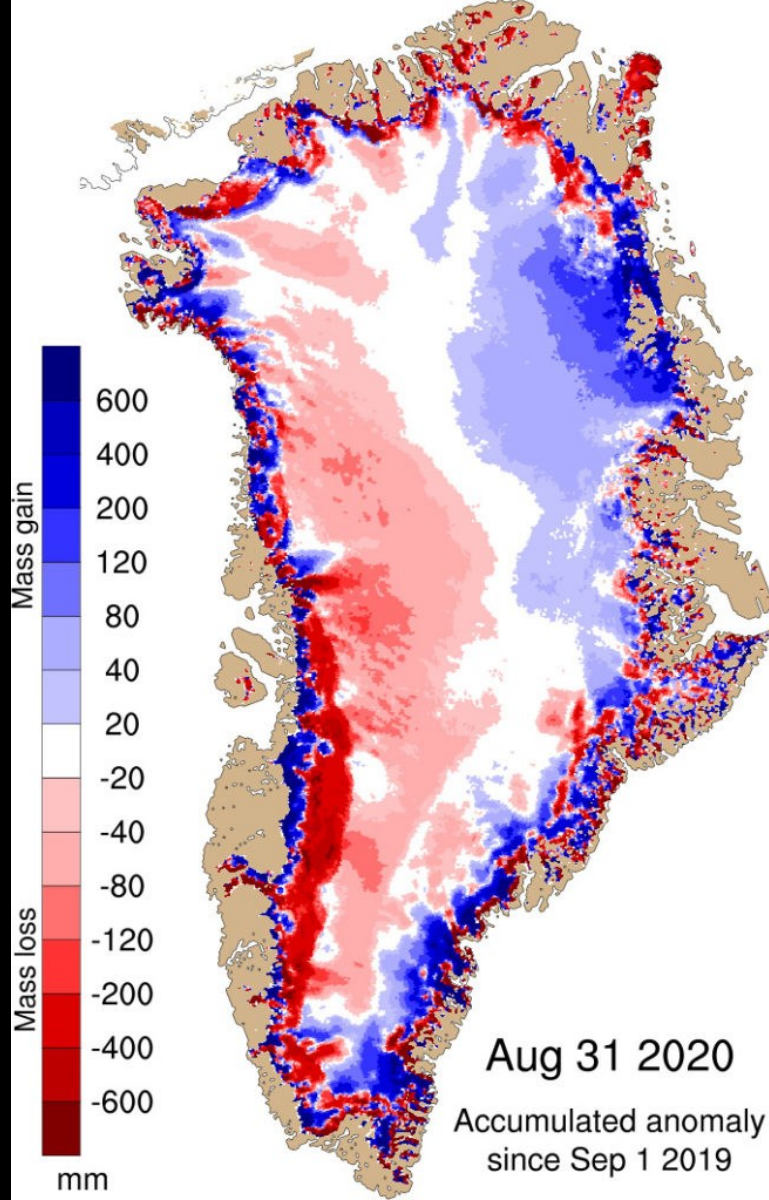
10 metres

5

0

-5

-10



Credit: DMI Polar Portal.



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# Antarctica





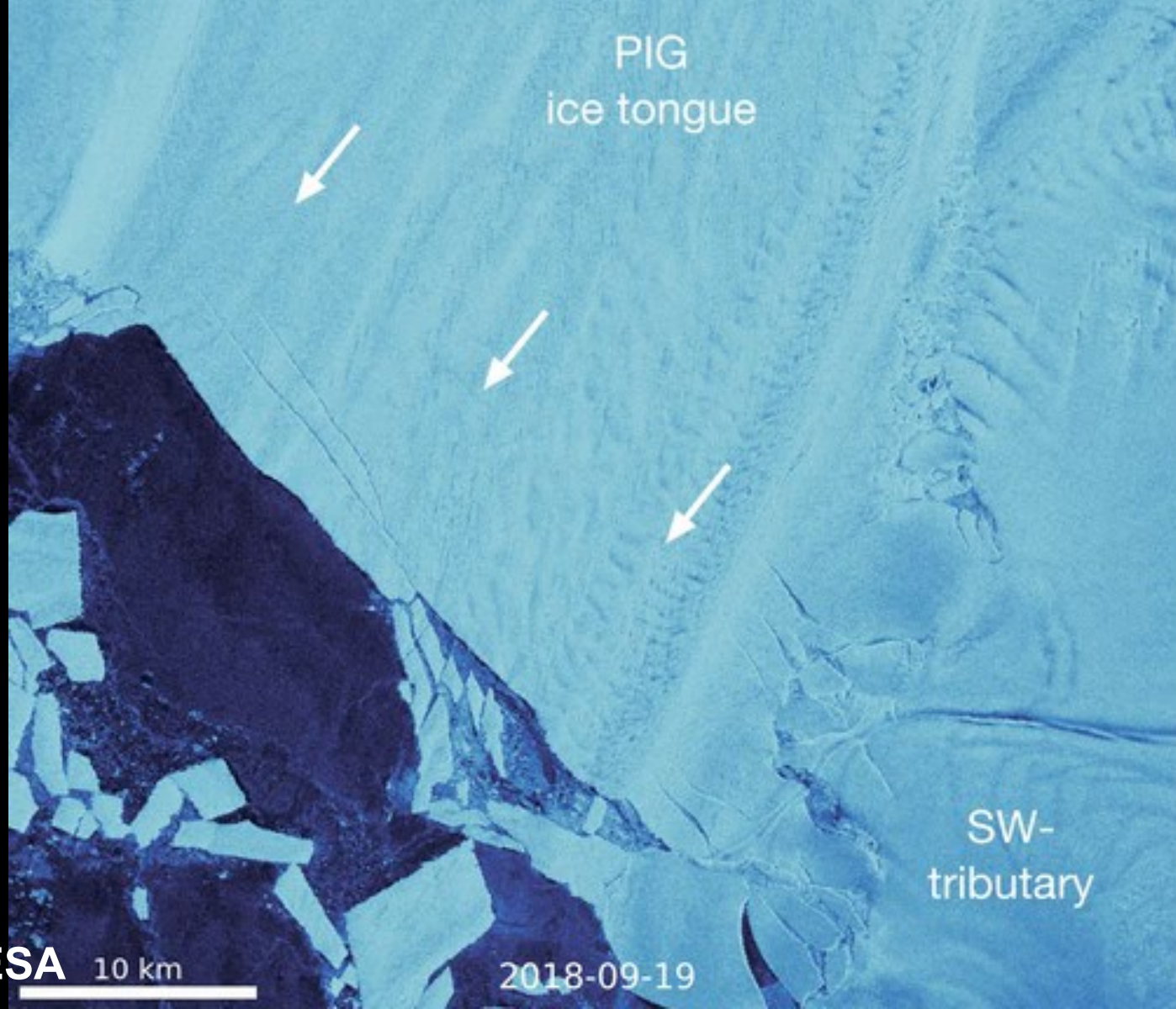


FIG  
ice tongue

SW-  
tributary

Credit: ESA 10 km


2018-09-19



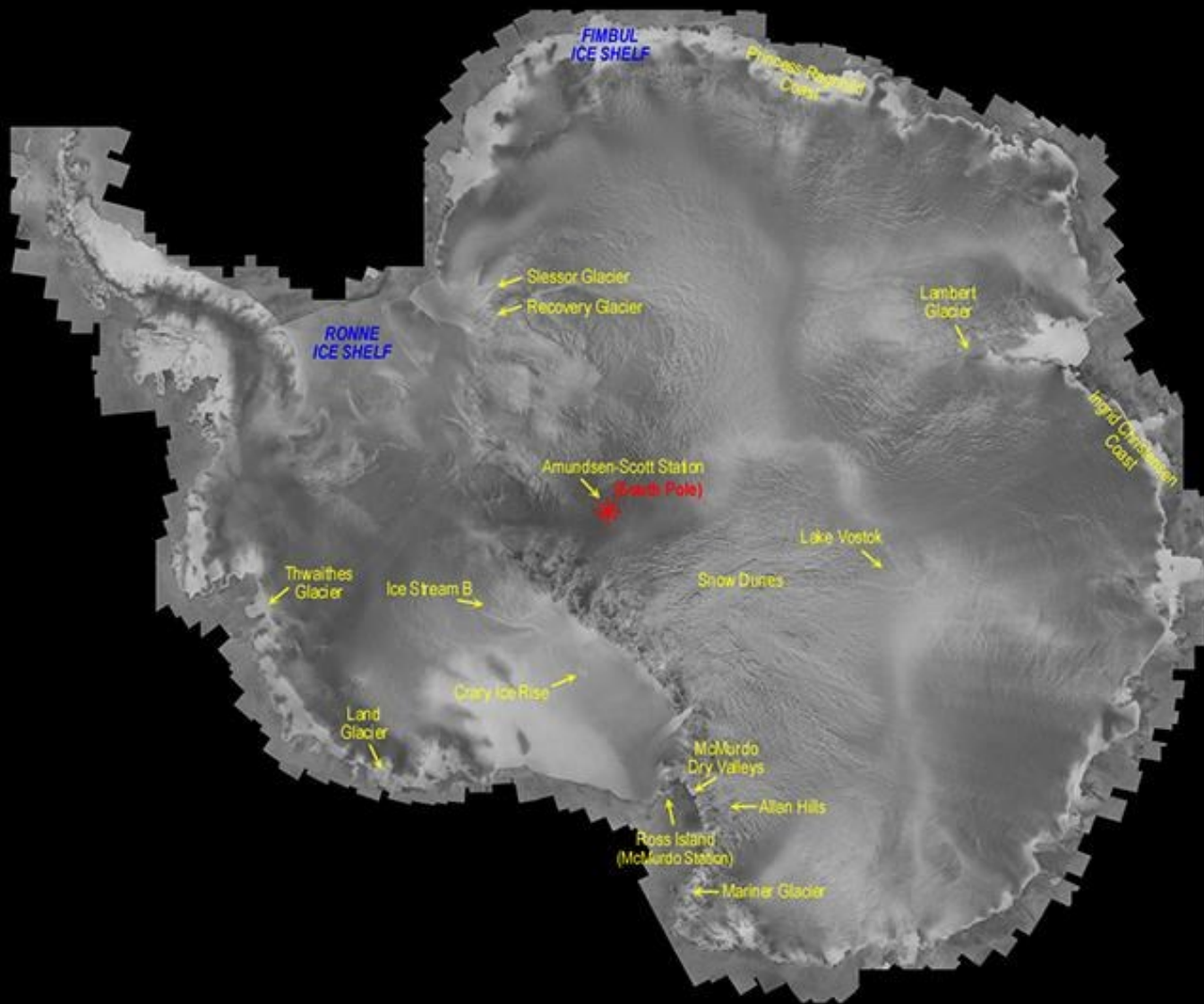
Credit: ESA

But the crack is easier to  
detect in an 'interferogram'

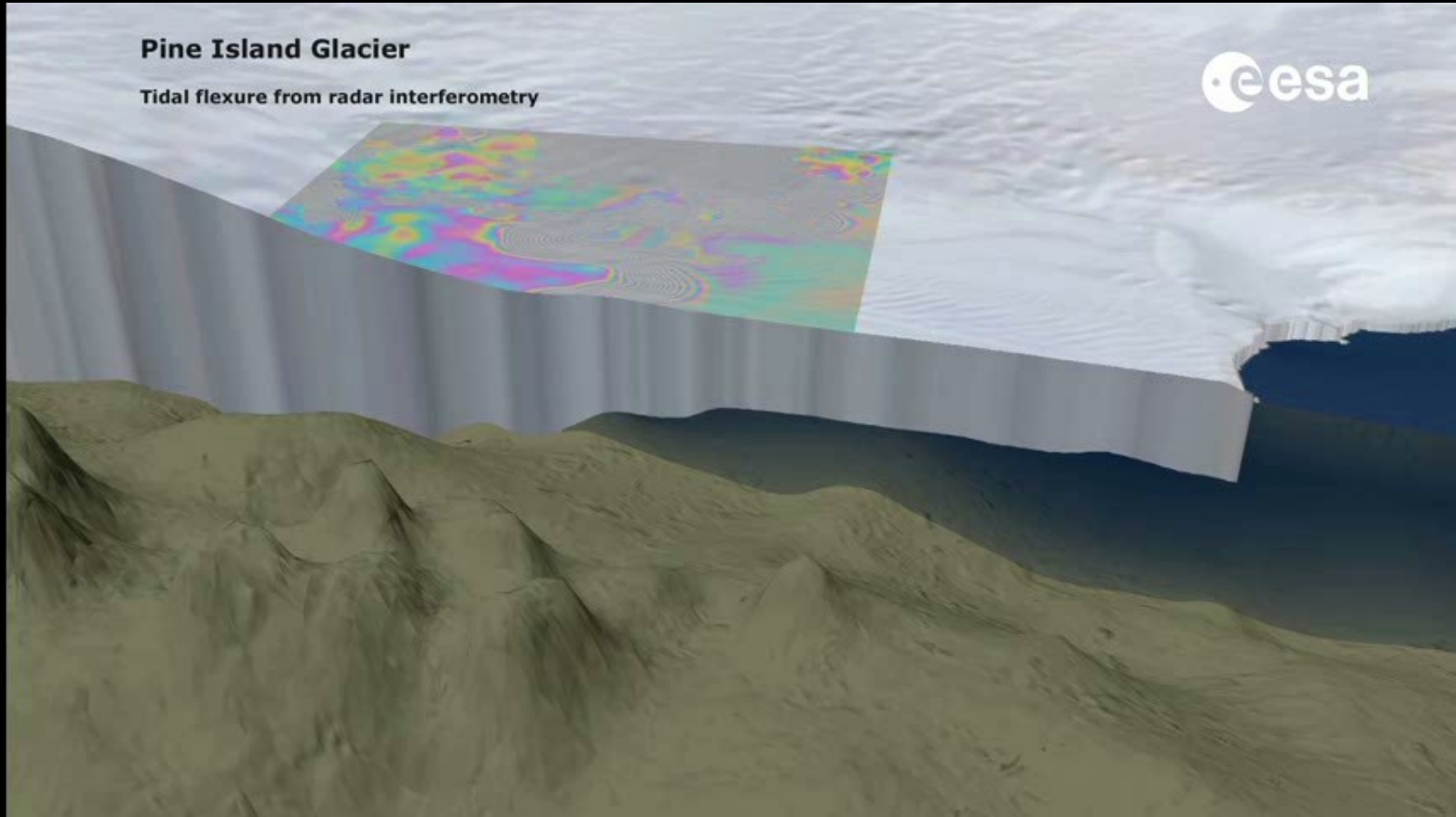
0 10 20 km

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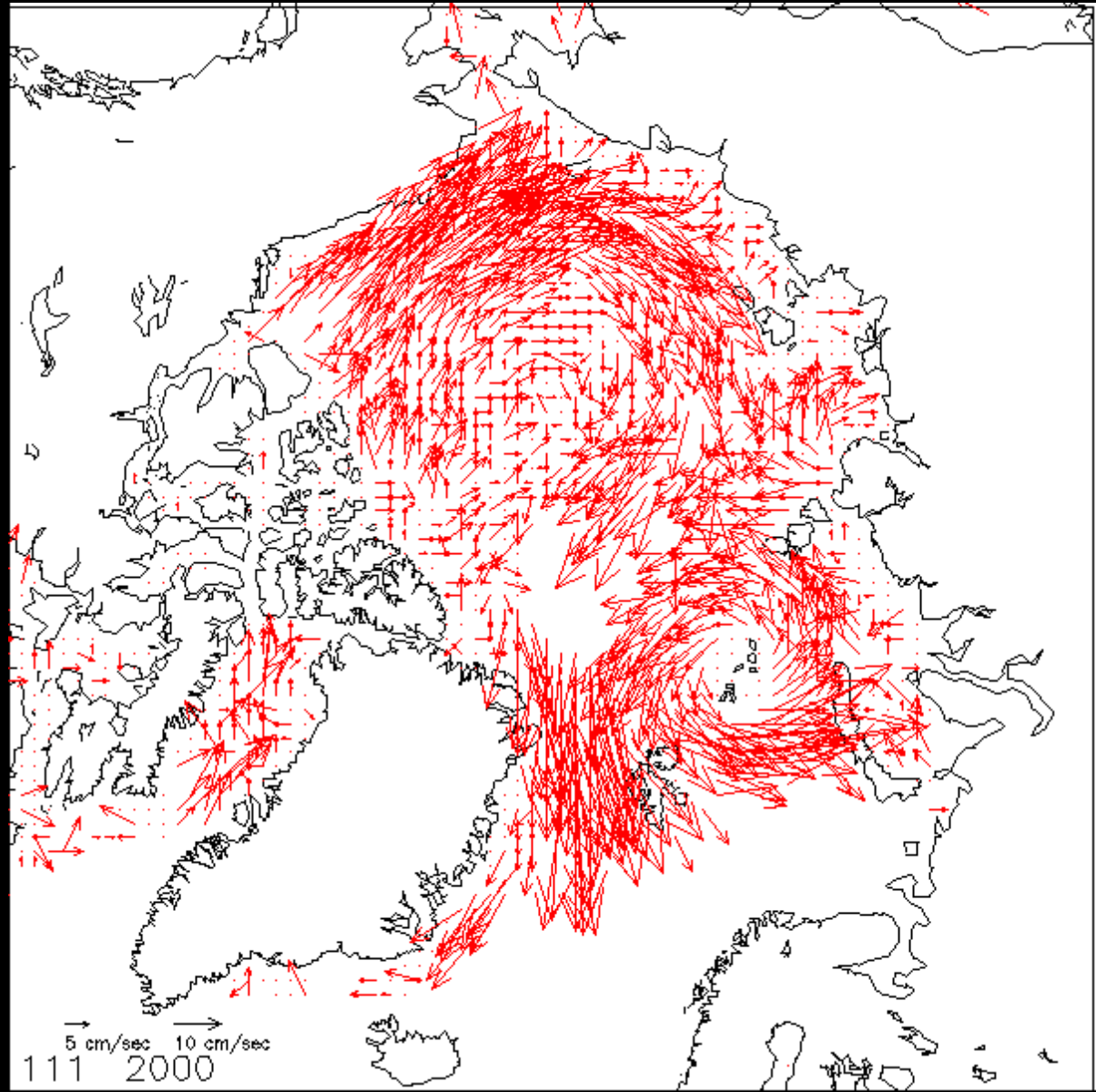




# SAR interferometry in height detection



Ice Motion from  
Passive Microwave:  
SMMR, SSM/I,  
SSMIS, and AMSR-E

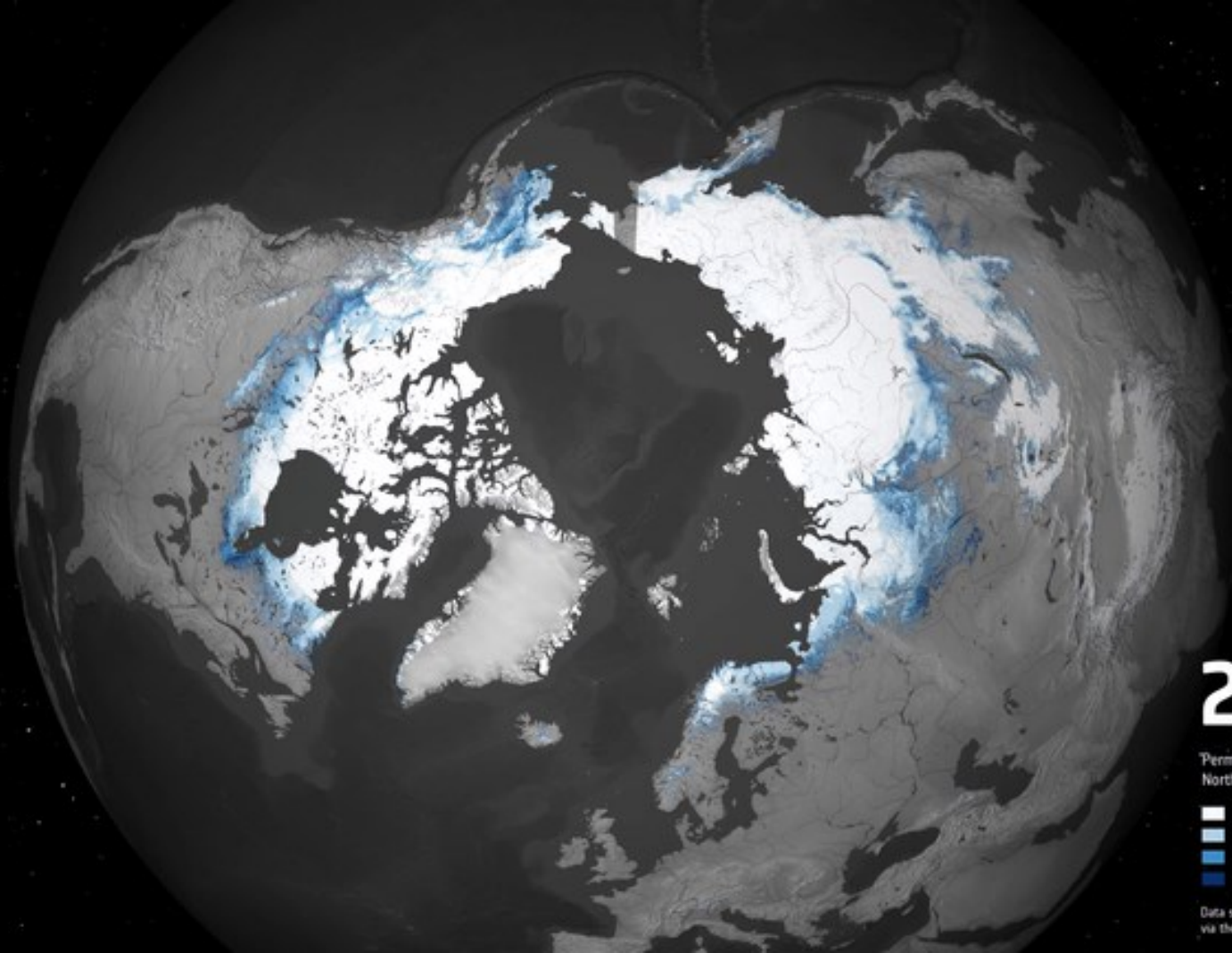




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# Perma- frost





**2003**

Permafrost extent for the Northern Hemisphere

- Continuous
- Discontinuous
- Sporadic
- Isolated

Data source: Permafrost (CI, Obu et al., 2019 via the CEEDA archive)

# Gas emission craters



(a)



(b)

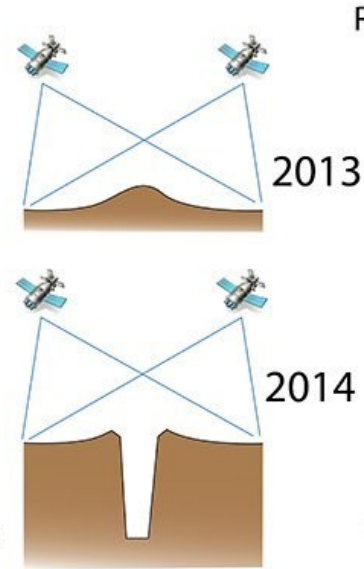


(c)



(d)

Yamal  
and  
Gydan  
gas  
emissions  
craters  
-  
new  
permafrost  
phenomenon



Repeat stereopairs



DEMs



Crater  
geomorpho-  
dynamics

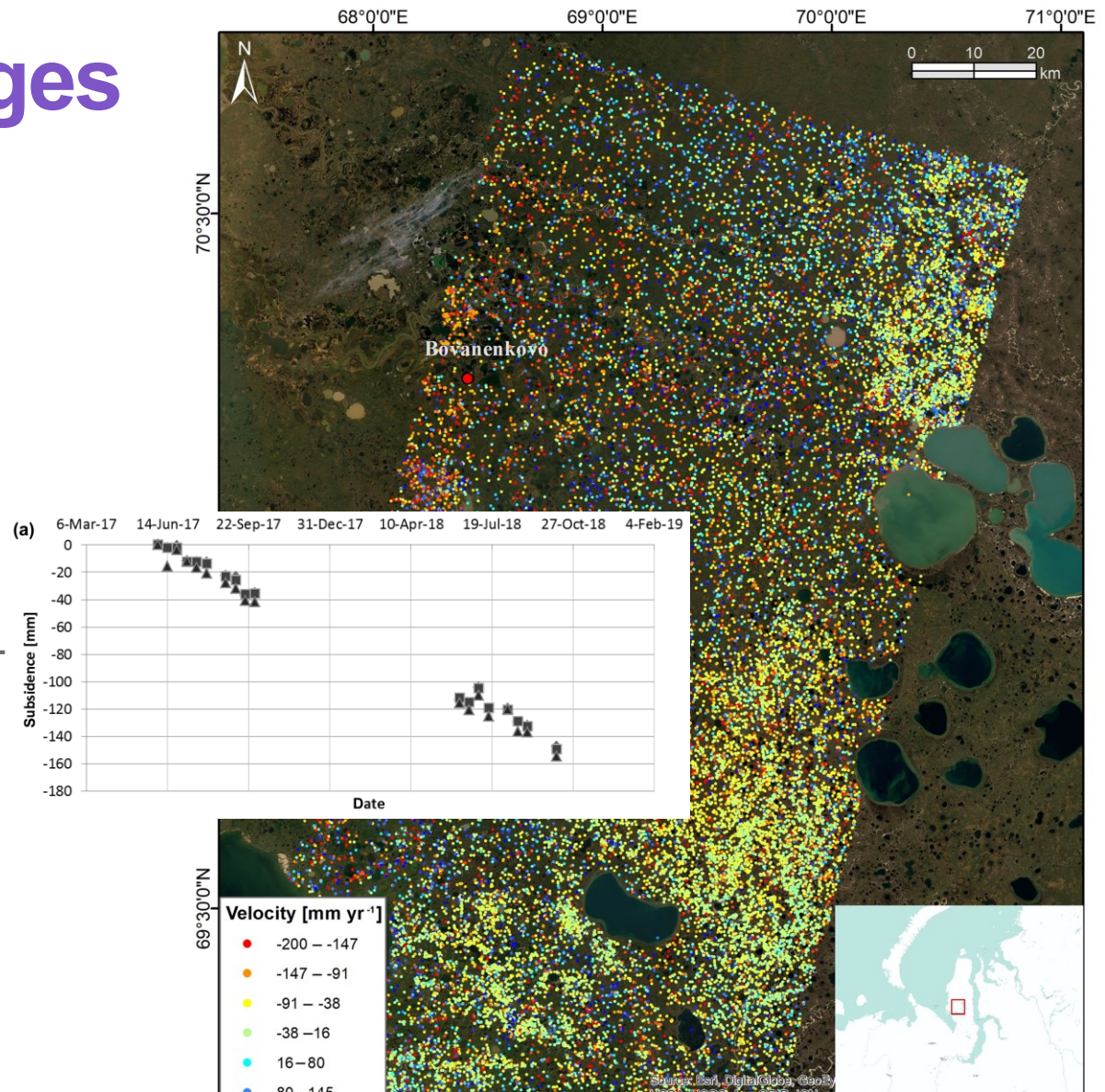


Commonalities  
and differences

# Surface changes

SAR Interferometry  
InSAR  
DINSAR

<https://doi.org/10.5198/s-382-183-2020>



# Large-scale InSAR monitoring of permafrost freeze-thaw cycles on the Tibetan Plateau

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Marie-Pierre Doin

Gilles Peltzer

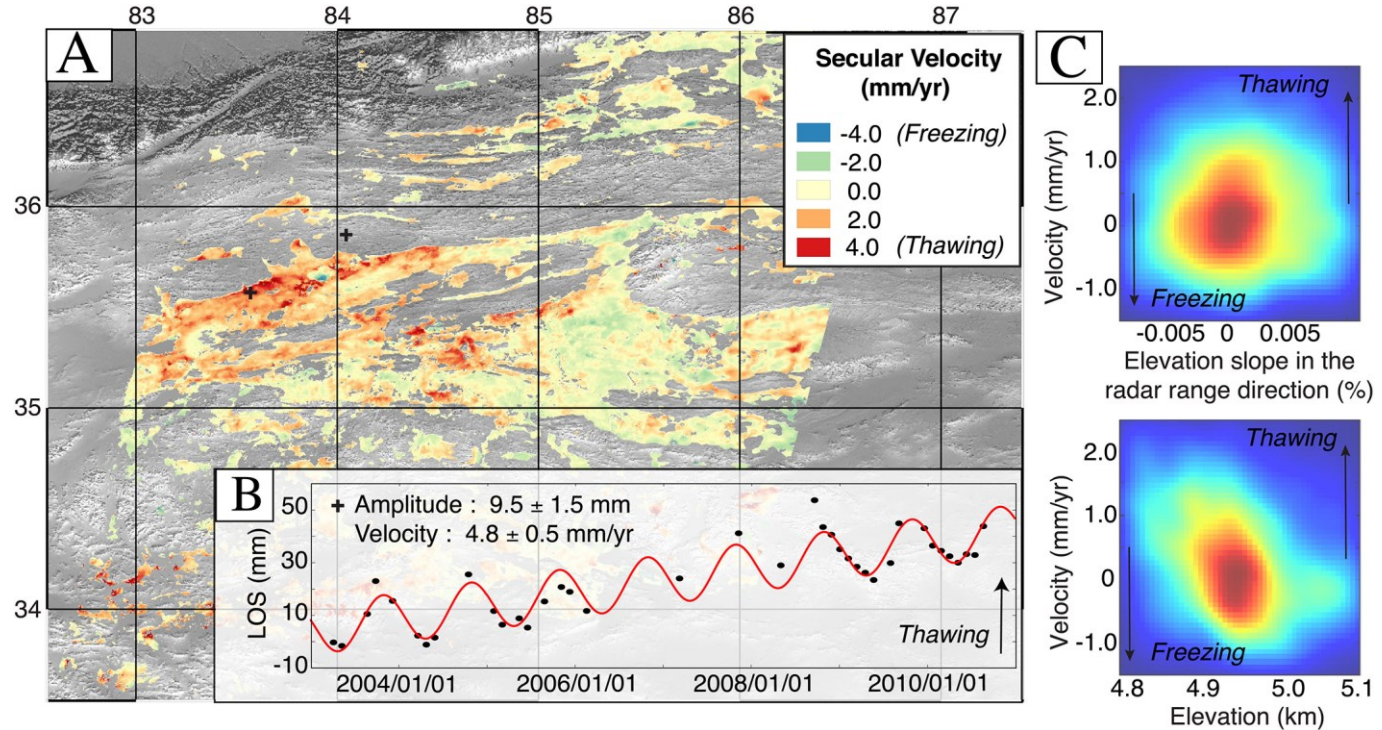
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Cécile Lasserre

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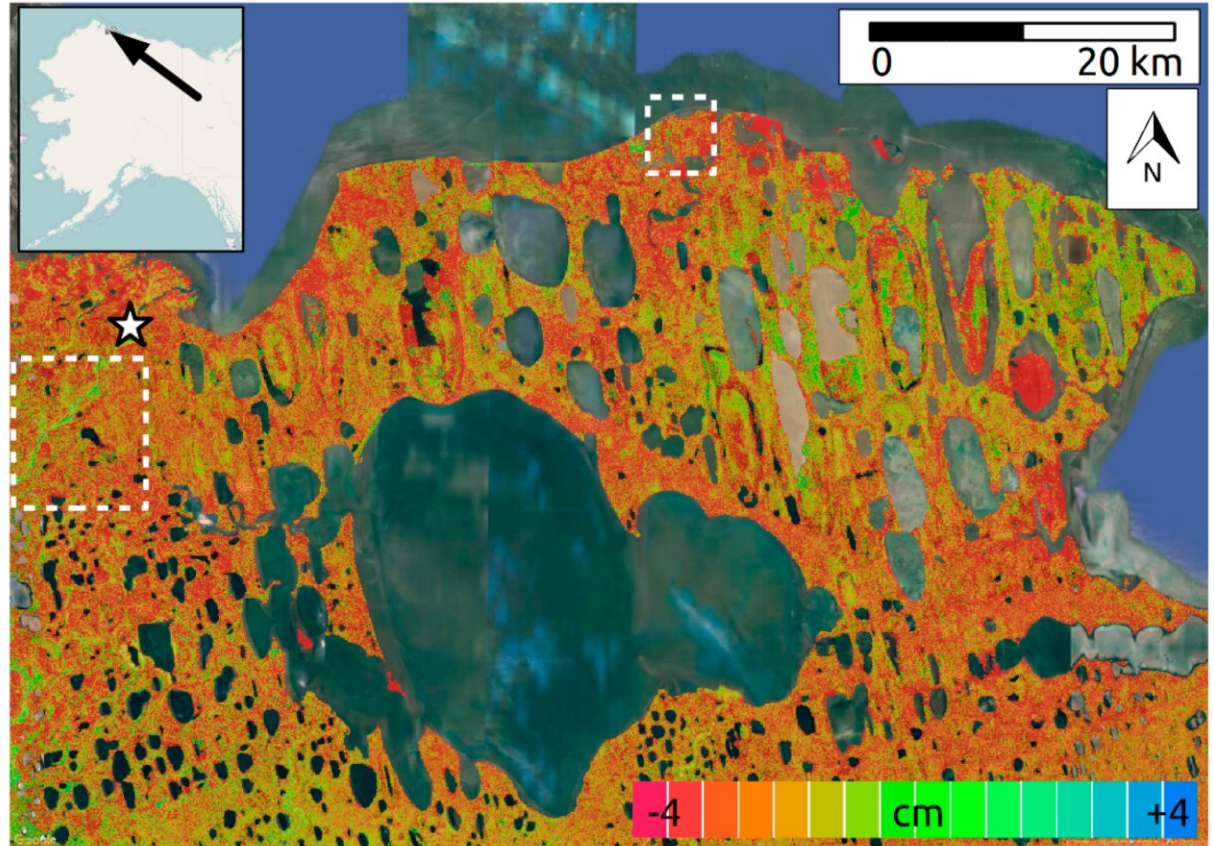




# Sentinel-1 SAR Interferometry for Surface Deformation Monitoring in Low-Land Permafrost Areas

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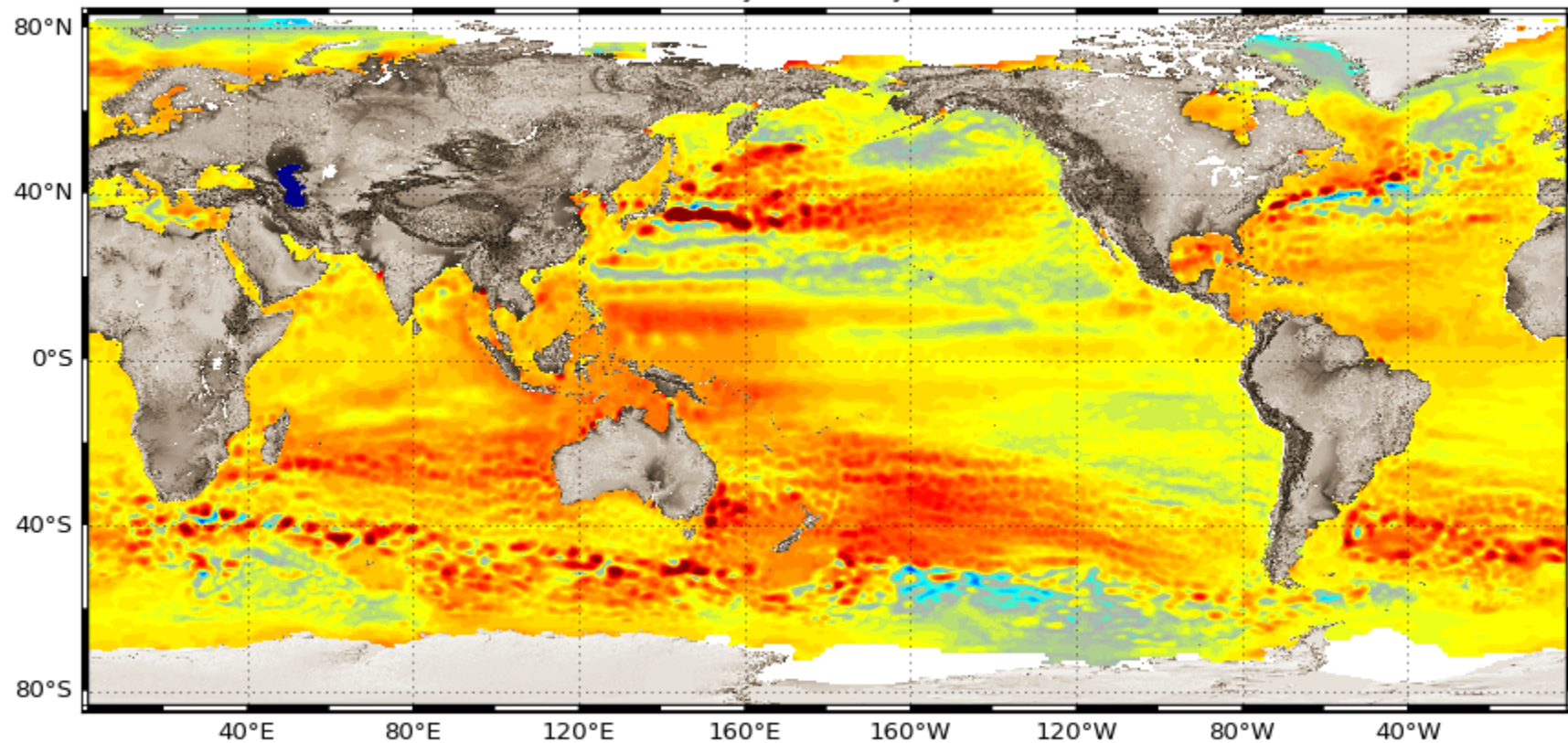
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# Ocean



## Multi-Mission Sea Level Trends

Period: Jan-1993 to Jan-2017



Regional MSL trends (mm/year)

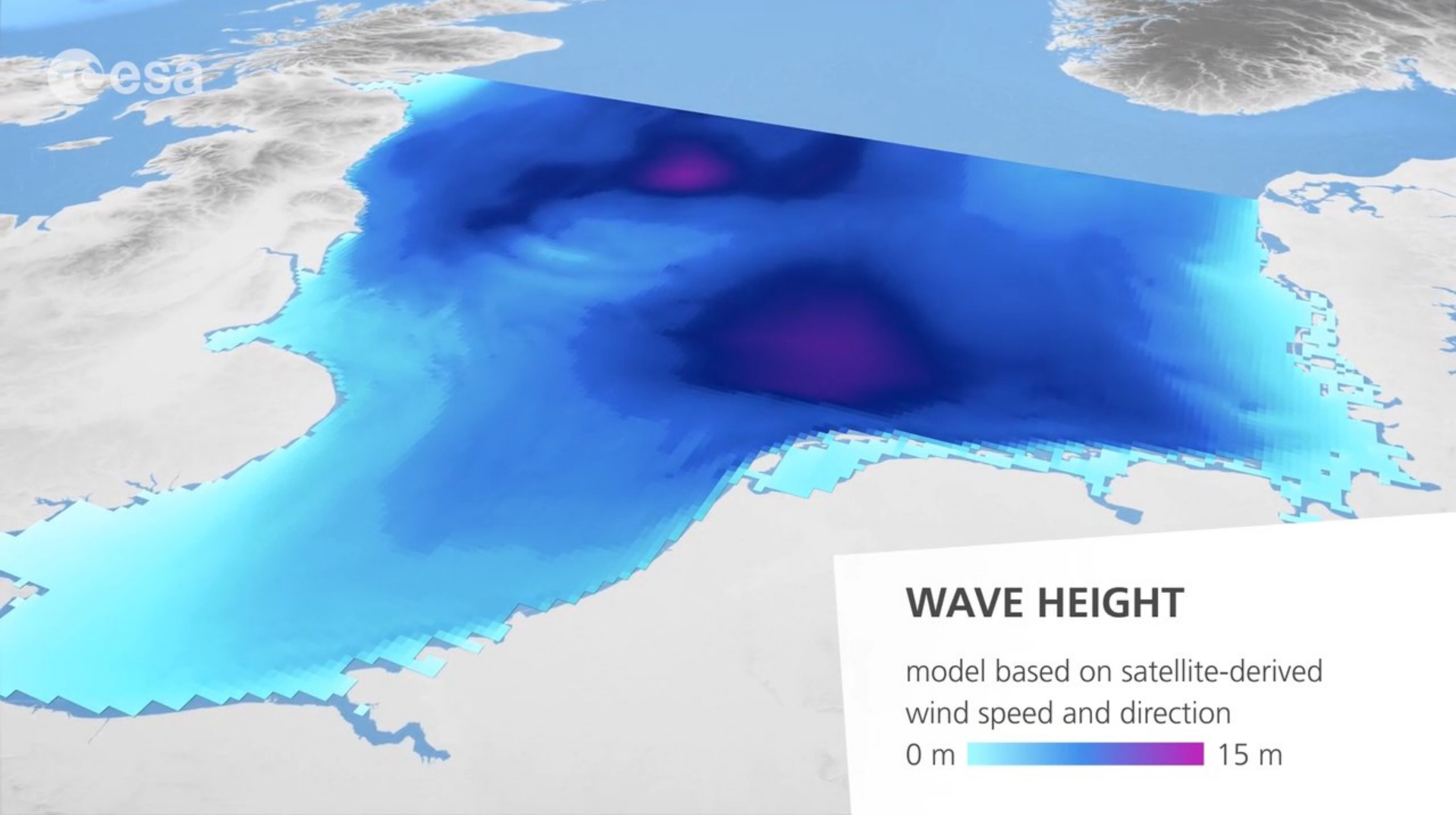
-10

-5

0

5

10



## WAVE HEIGHT

model based on satellite-derived  
wind speed and direction

0 m  15 m



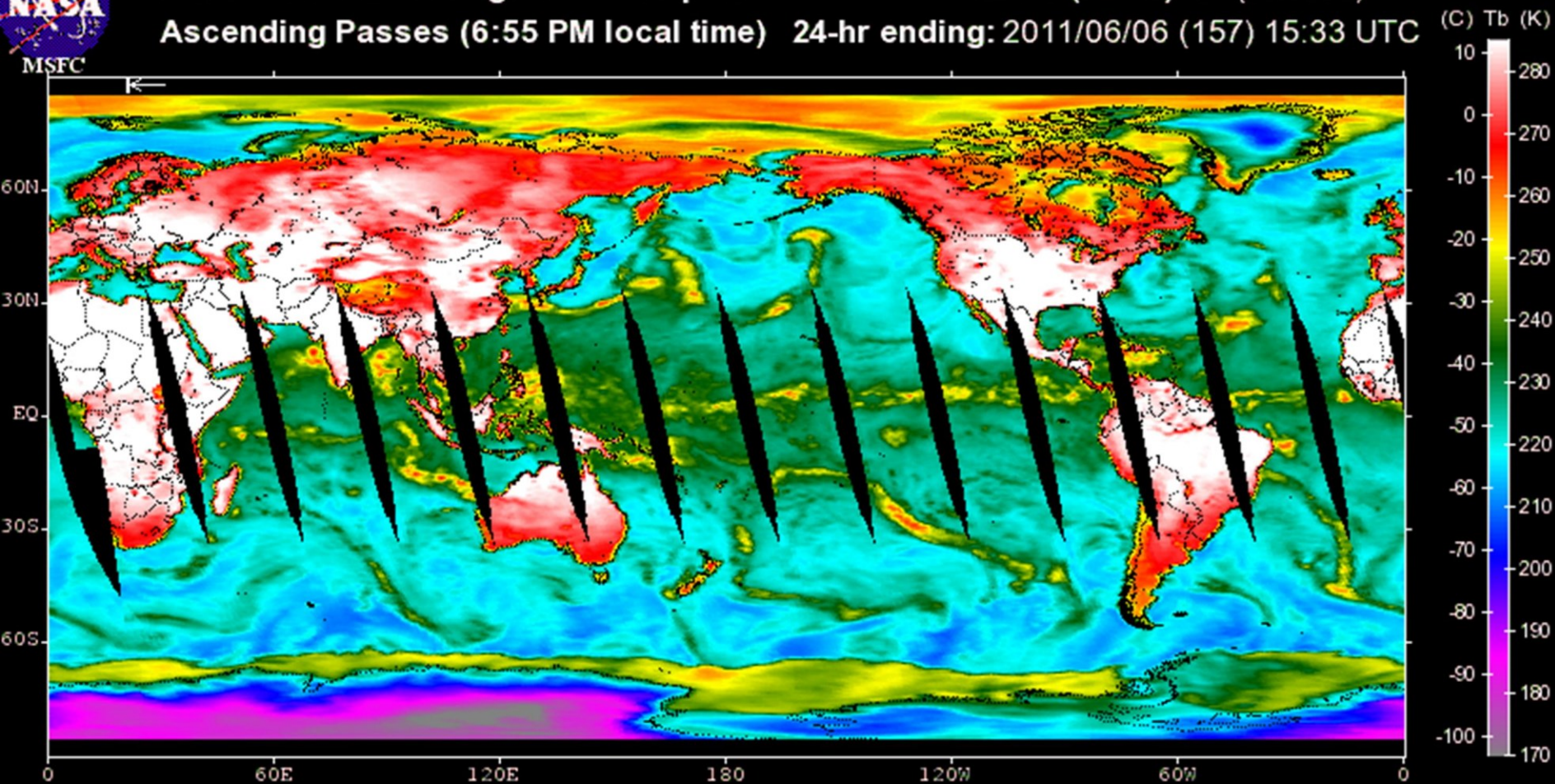
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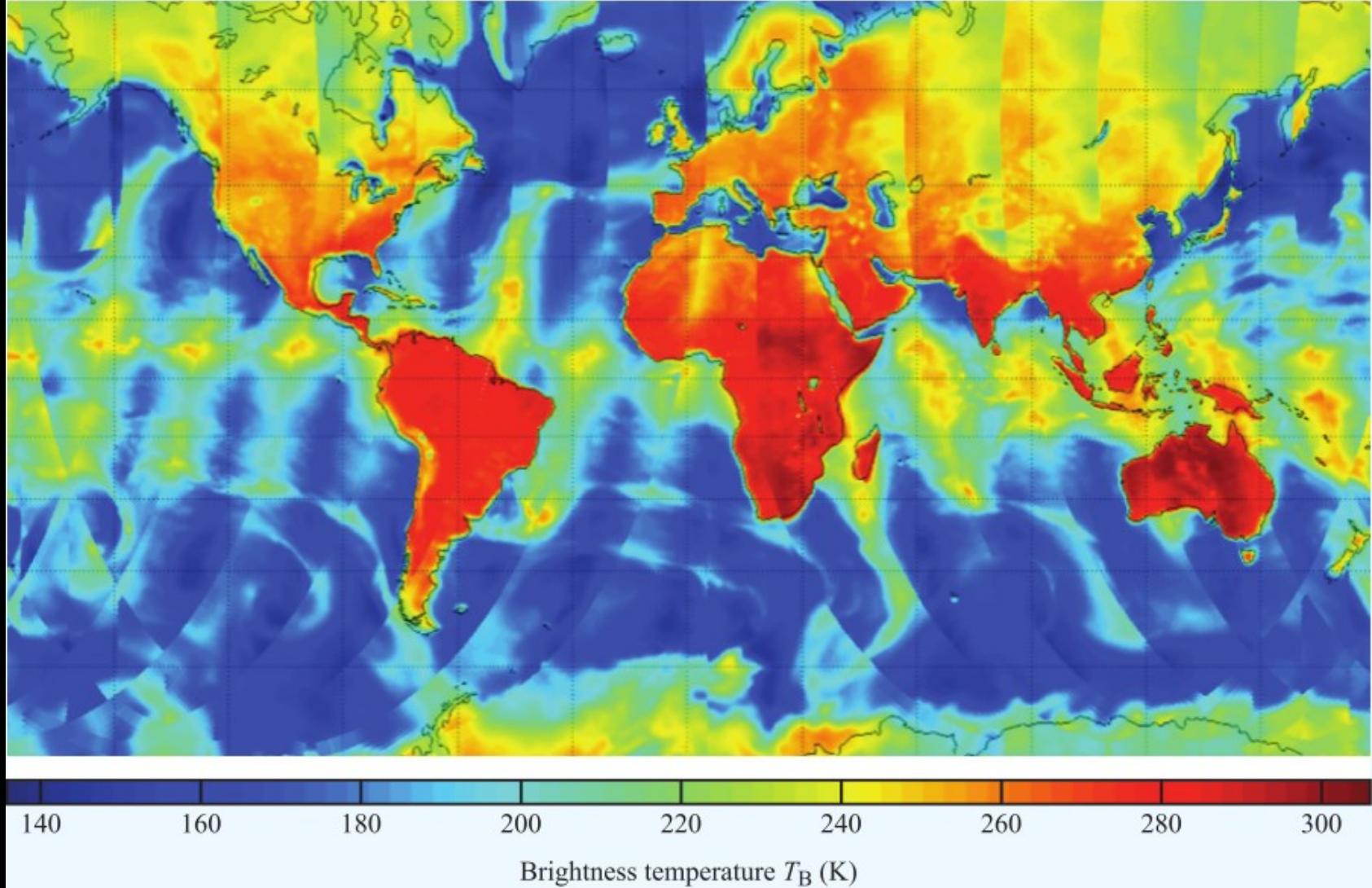


NOAA-15 AMSU-A Brightness Temperatures

Channel(Level):03 (surface)

Ascending Passes (6:55 PM local time) 24-hr ending: 2011/06/06 (157) 15:33 UTC



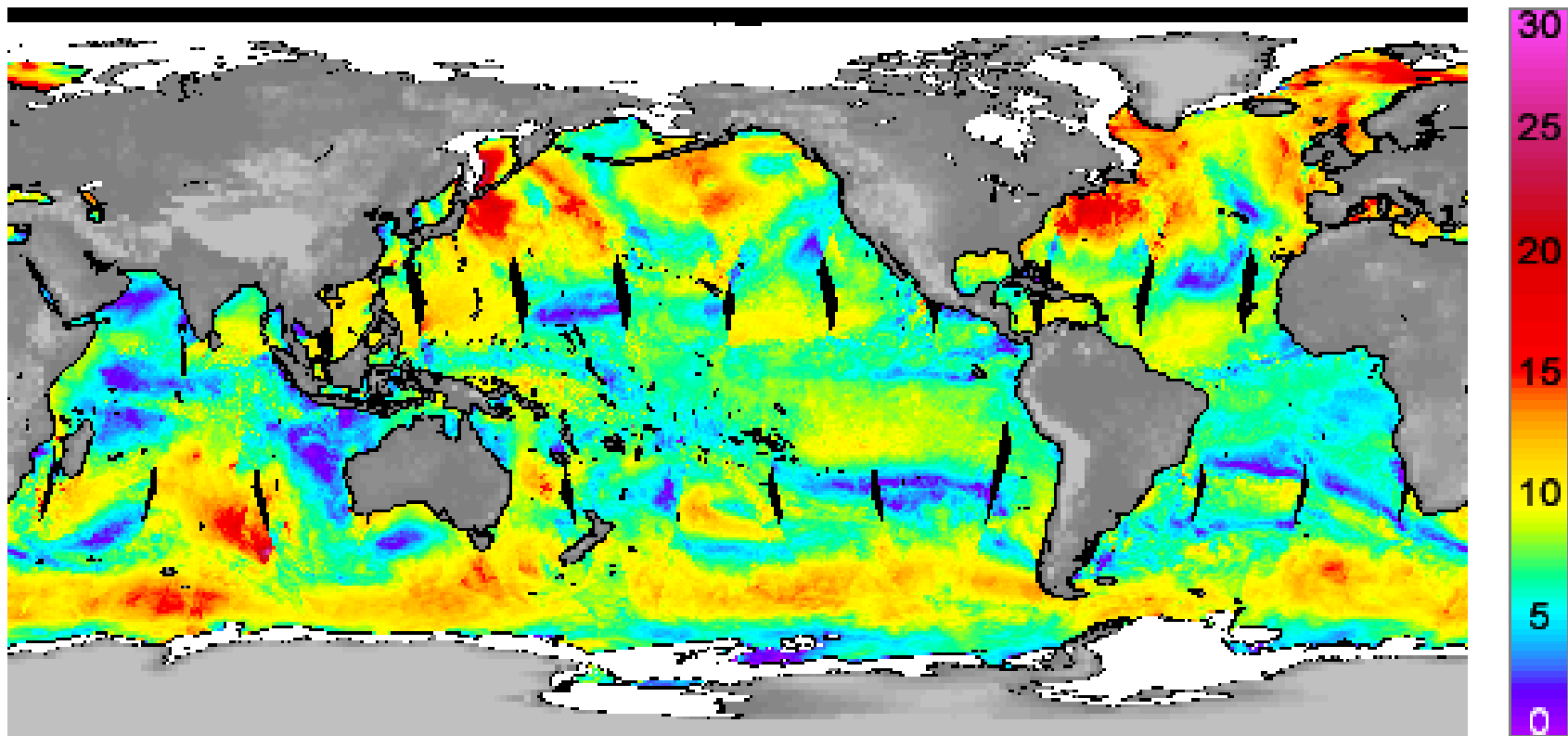


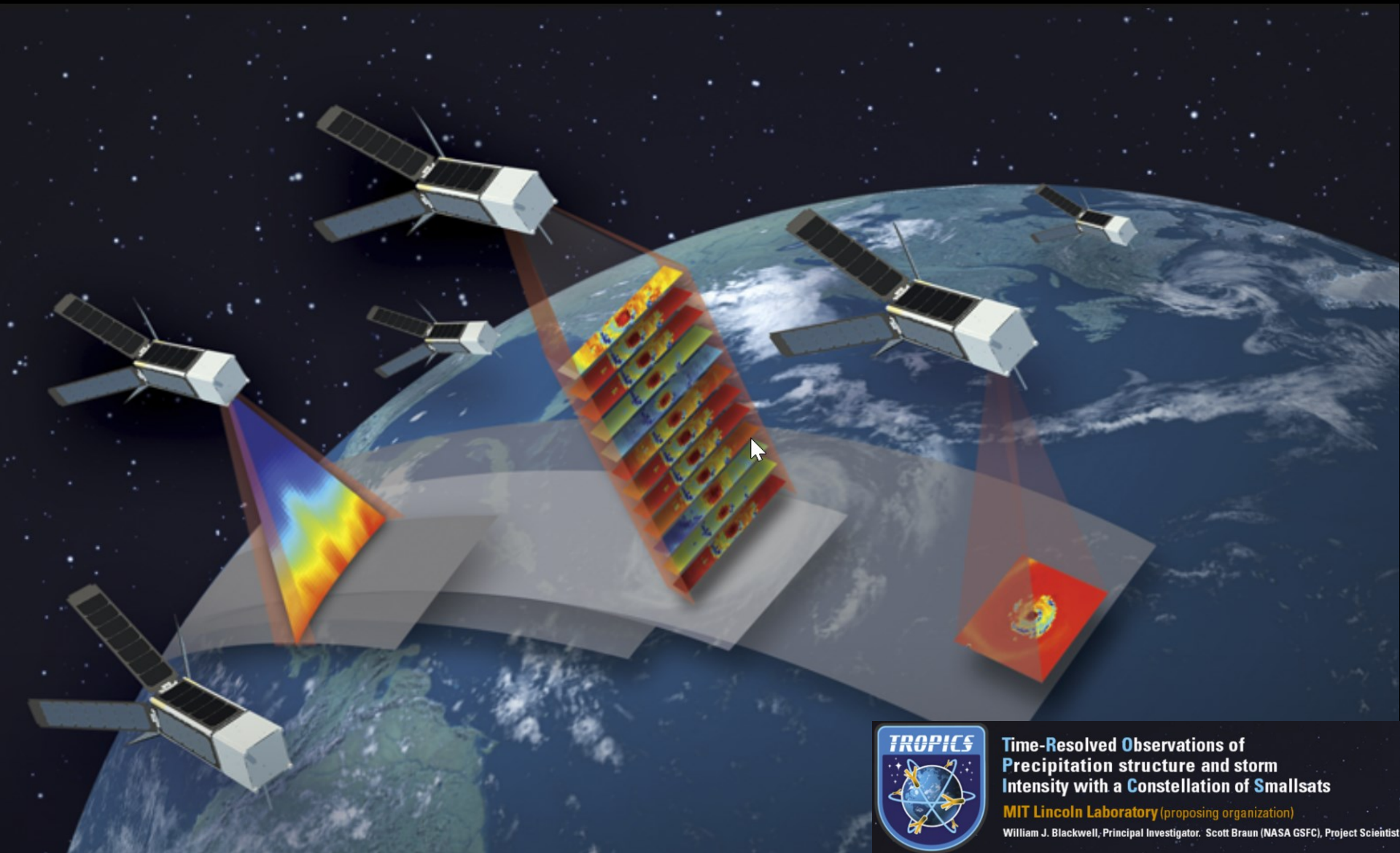
**Figure 9-32:** A global mosaic of ATMS 23.8 GHz brightness temperatures observed on December 16, 2011.



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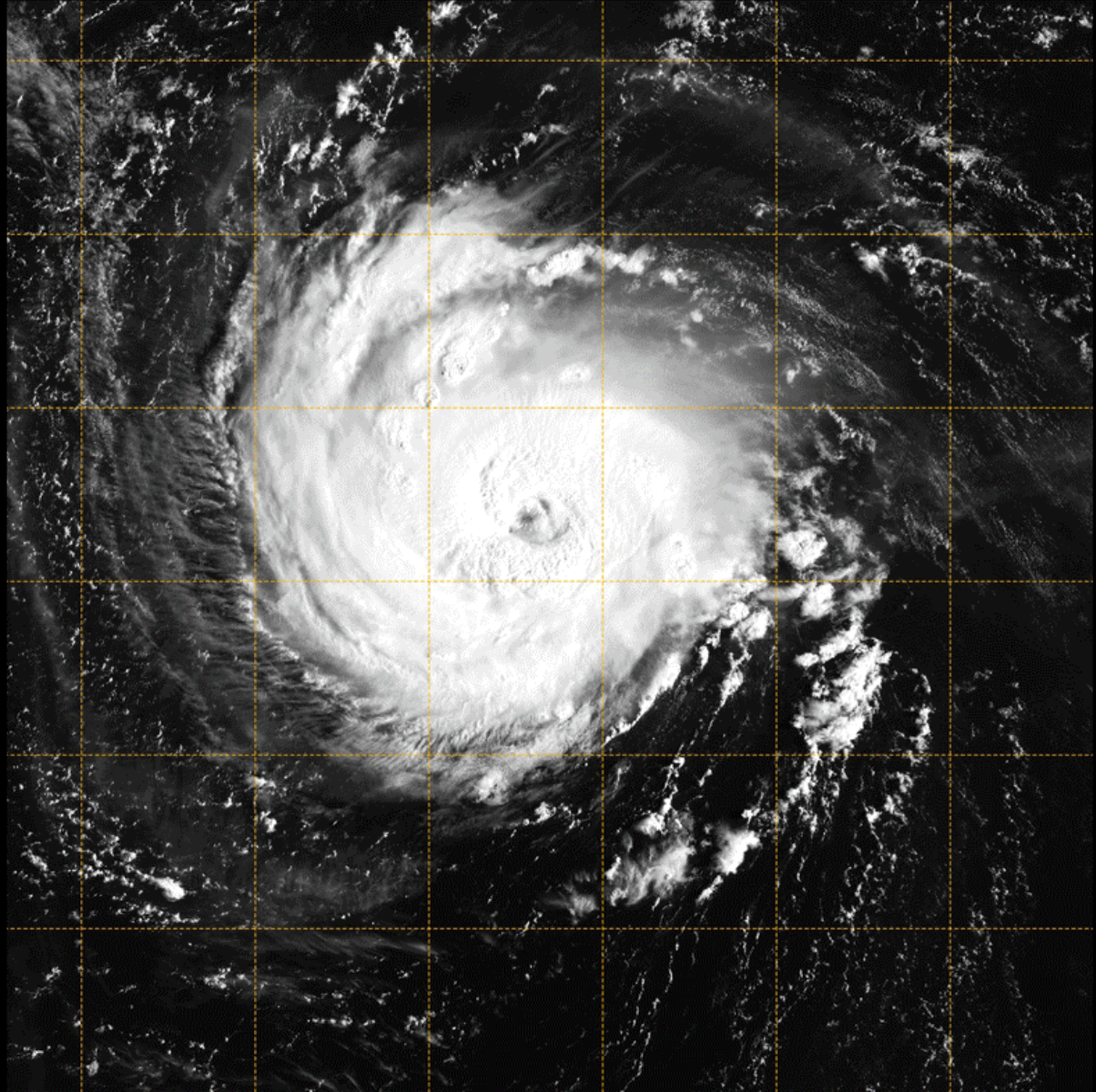
Surface Wind Speed (m/s)





**Time-Resolved Observations of  
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# Floods



(a) Grasses/soil

Rough surface scattering/volume scattering

(b) Forest

Volume scattering

(c) Urban

Corner reflection/Double bounce

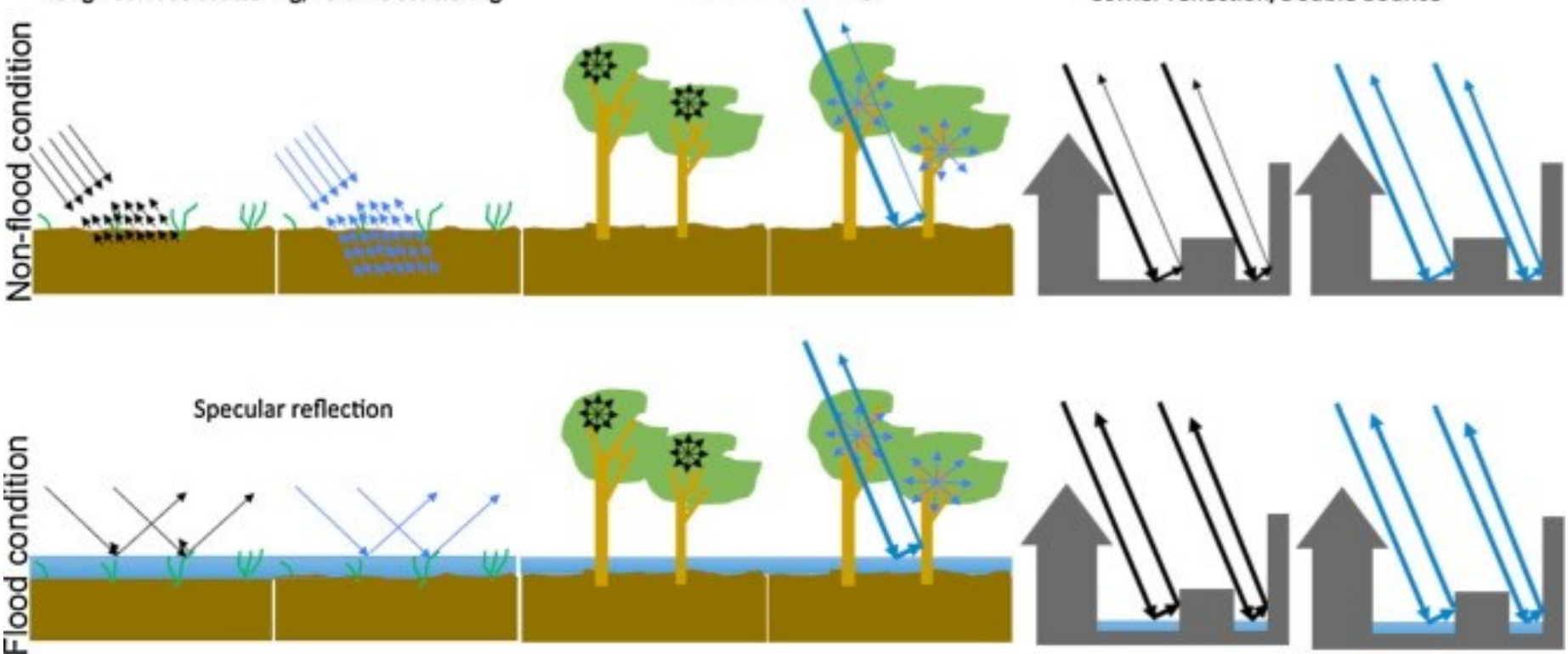
Non-flood condition

Flood condition

Specular reflection

Short SAR wavelength (e.g. C, X)

Long SAR wavelength (e.g. L, P)



Guy J.-P. Schumann, Delwyn K. Moller,  
 Microwave remote sensing of flood inundation,  
 Physics and Chemistry of the Earth, Parts A/B/C,  
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FLOOD SITUATION  
**YANKTON, USA**

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5:32:31 PM (UTC)

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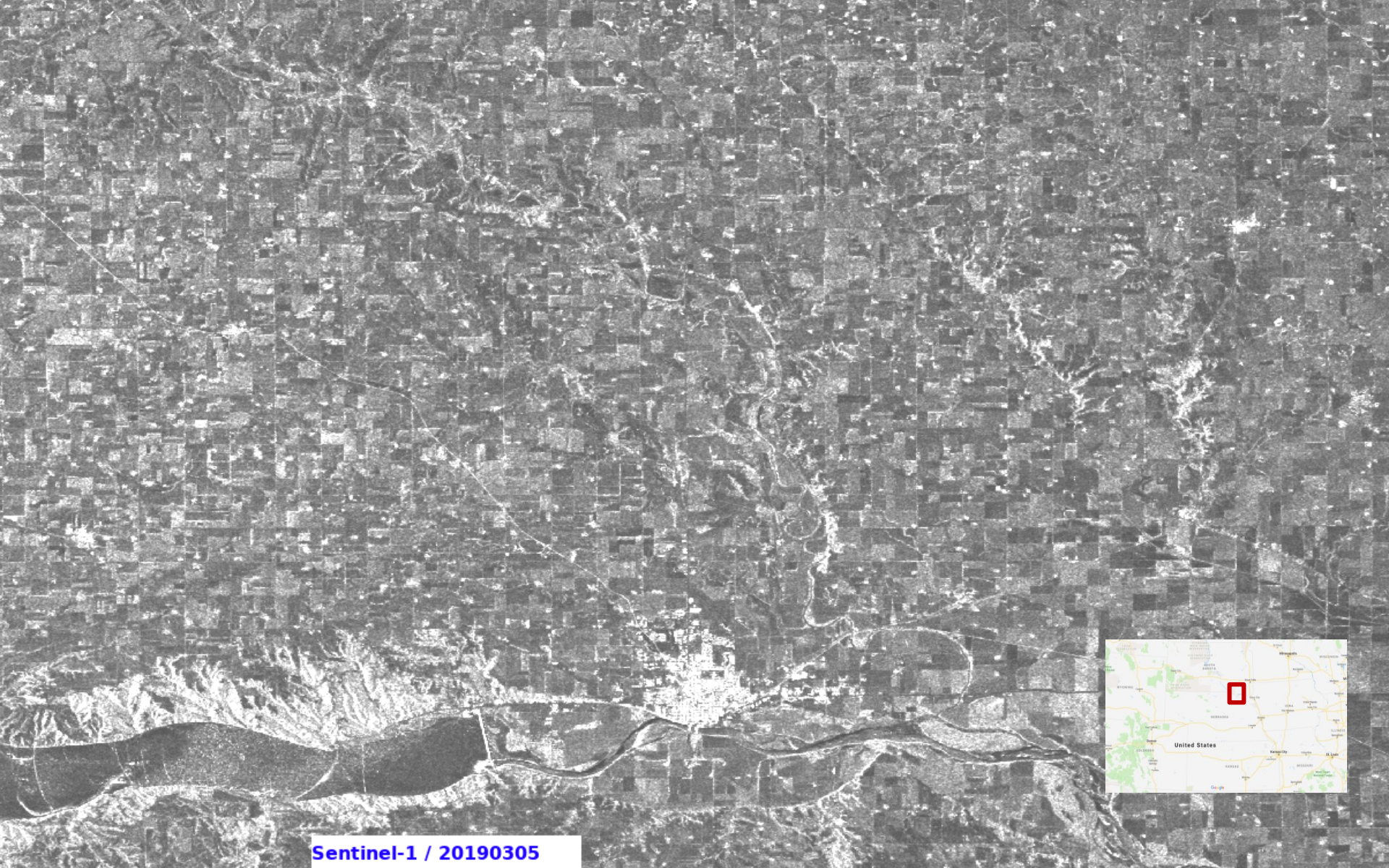
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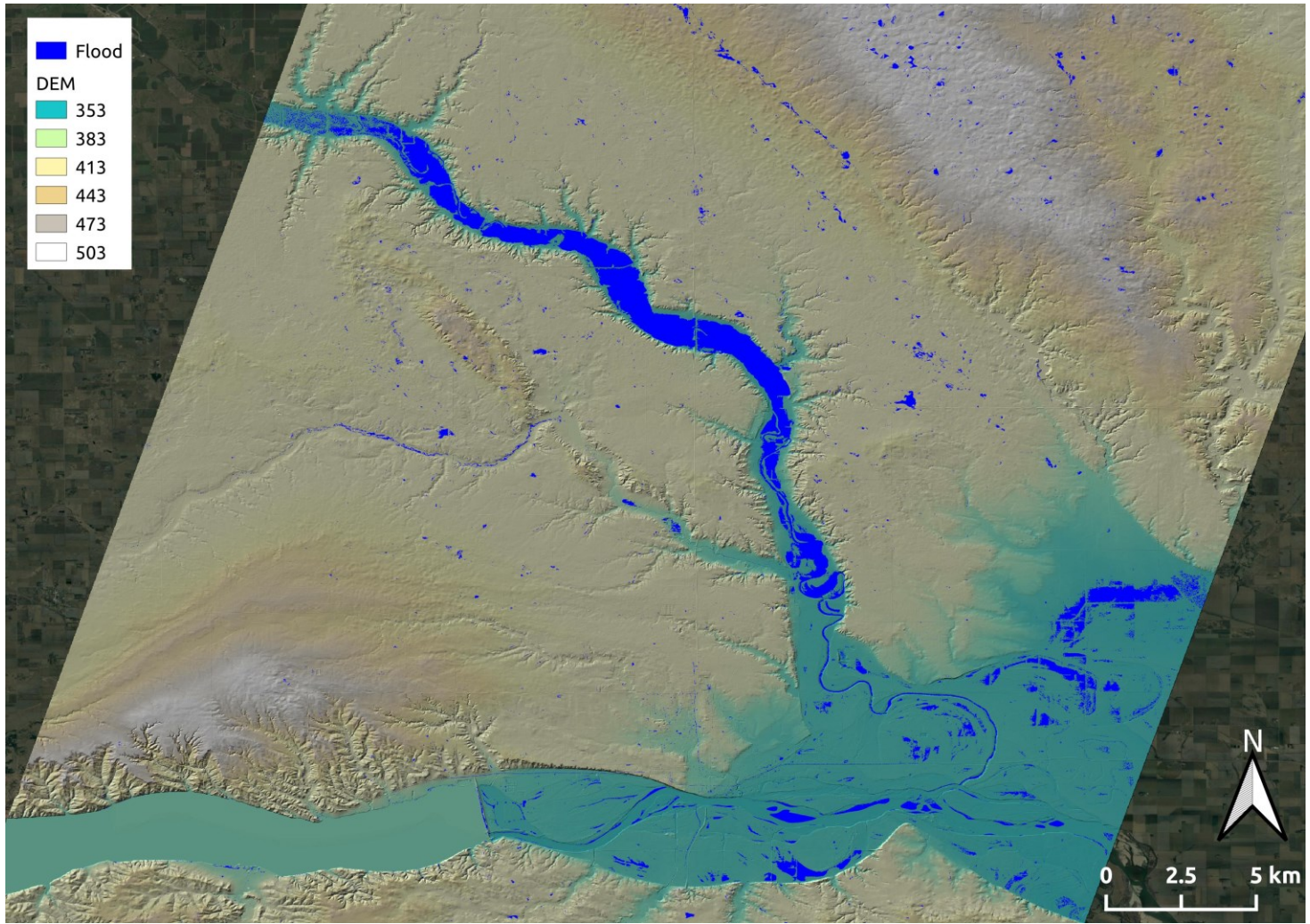


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**ICEYE**





Florida

Grand Bahama

Great Abaco



Crystal Inn



2219  
2220  
2221

SPEED  
LIMIT  
35



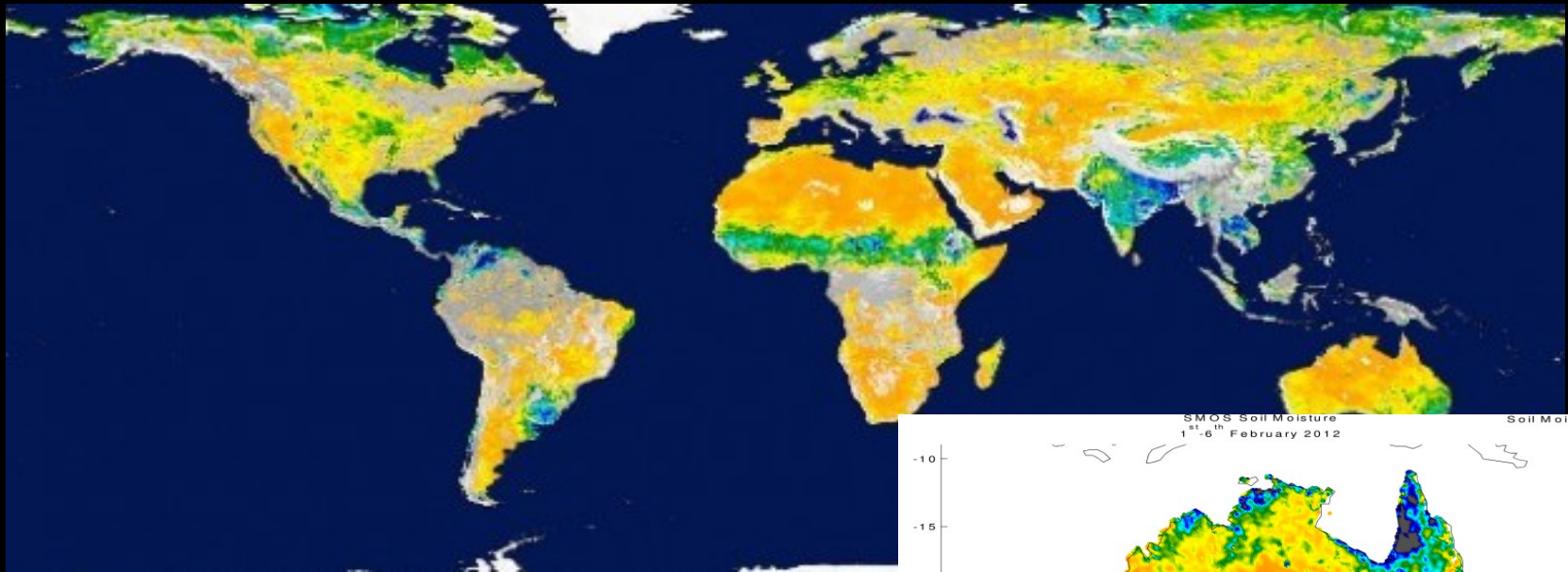
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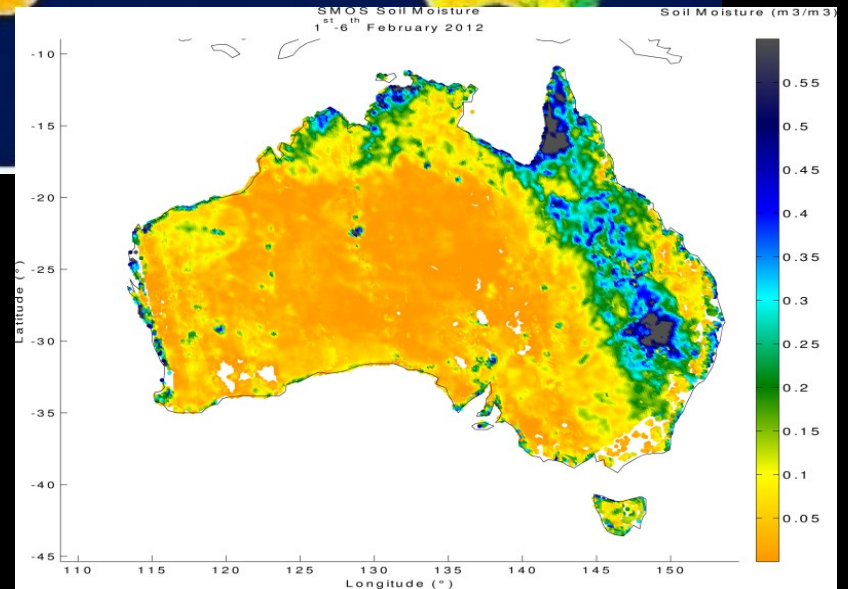
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# Droughts





# Global Soil Moisture

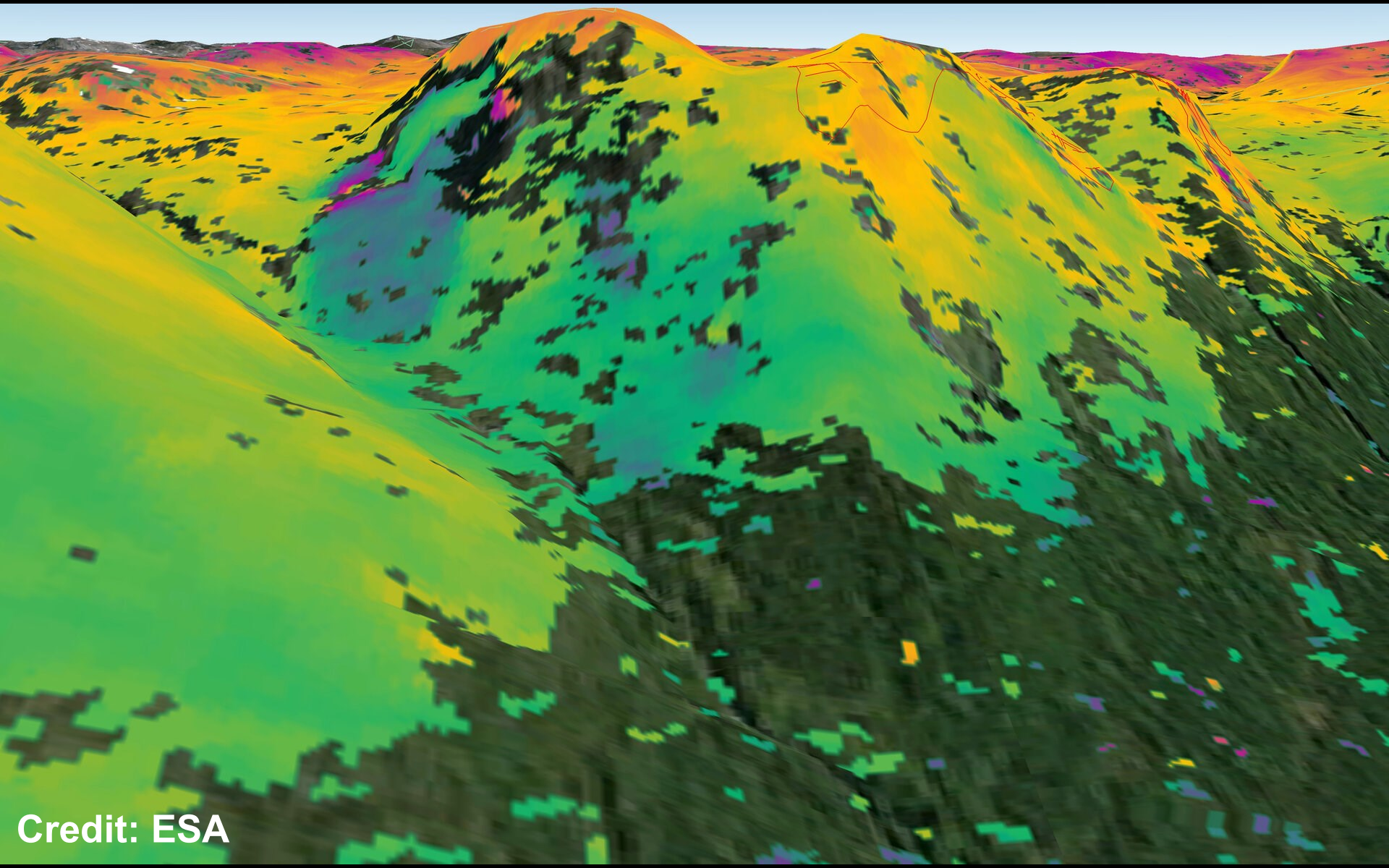




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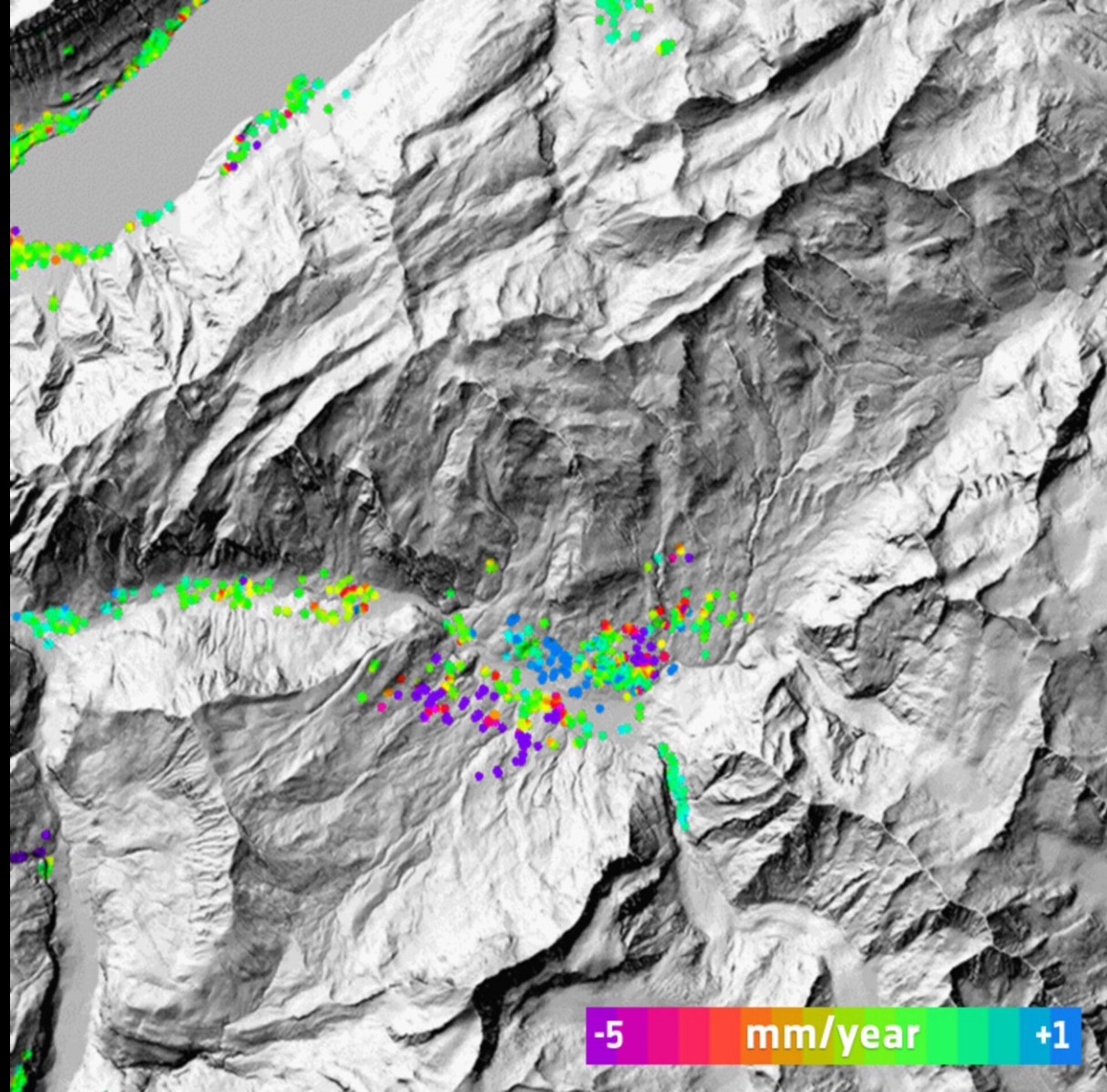
# Land- slides





Credit: ESA

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# Failure mechanism and kinematics of the deadly June 24th 2017 Xinmo landslide, Maoxian, Sichuan, China

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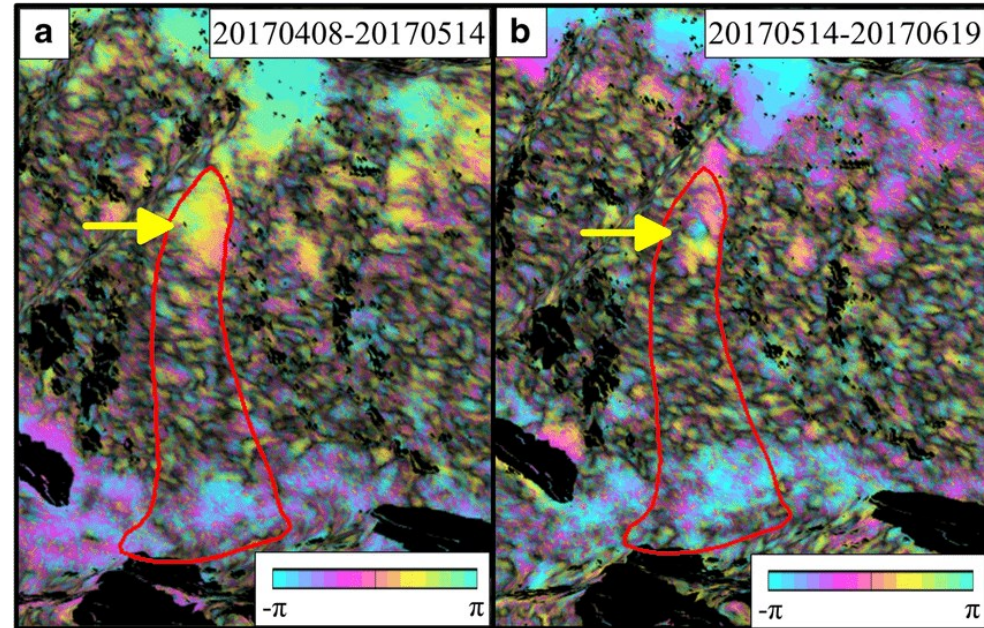
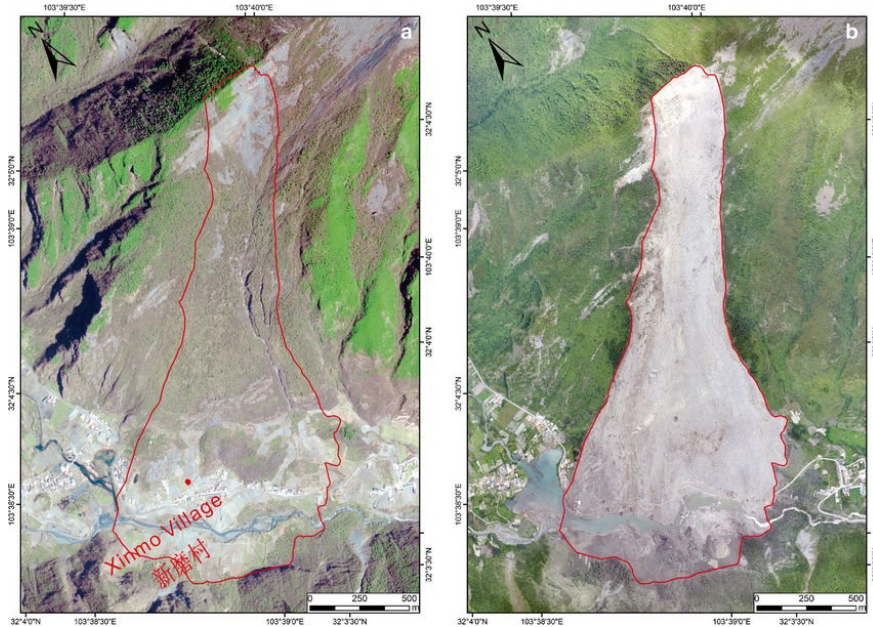
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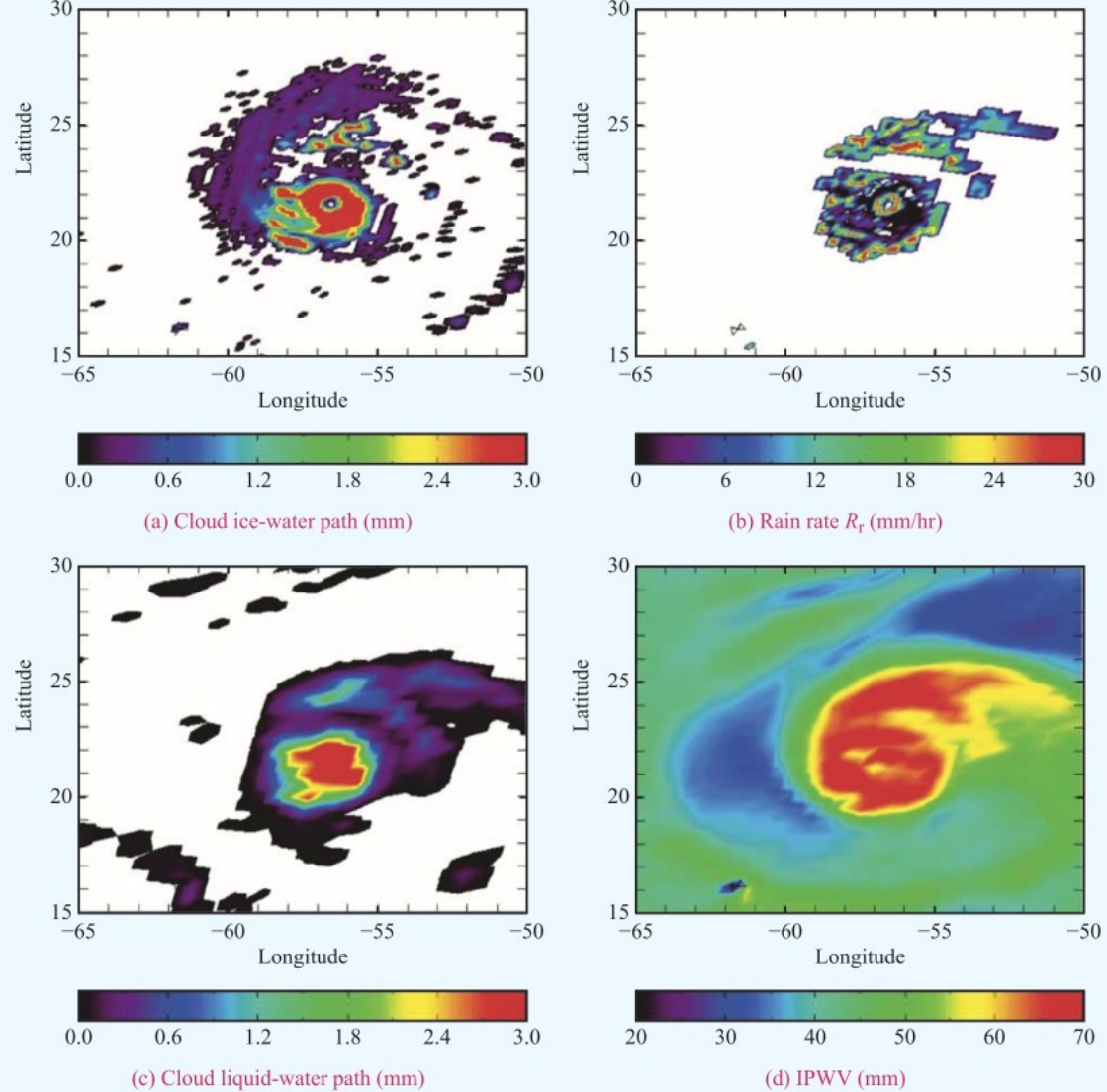
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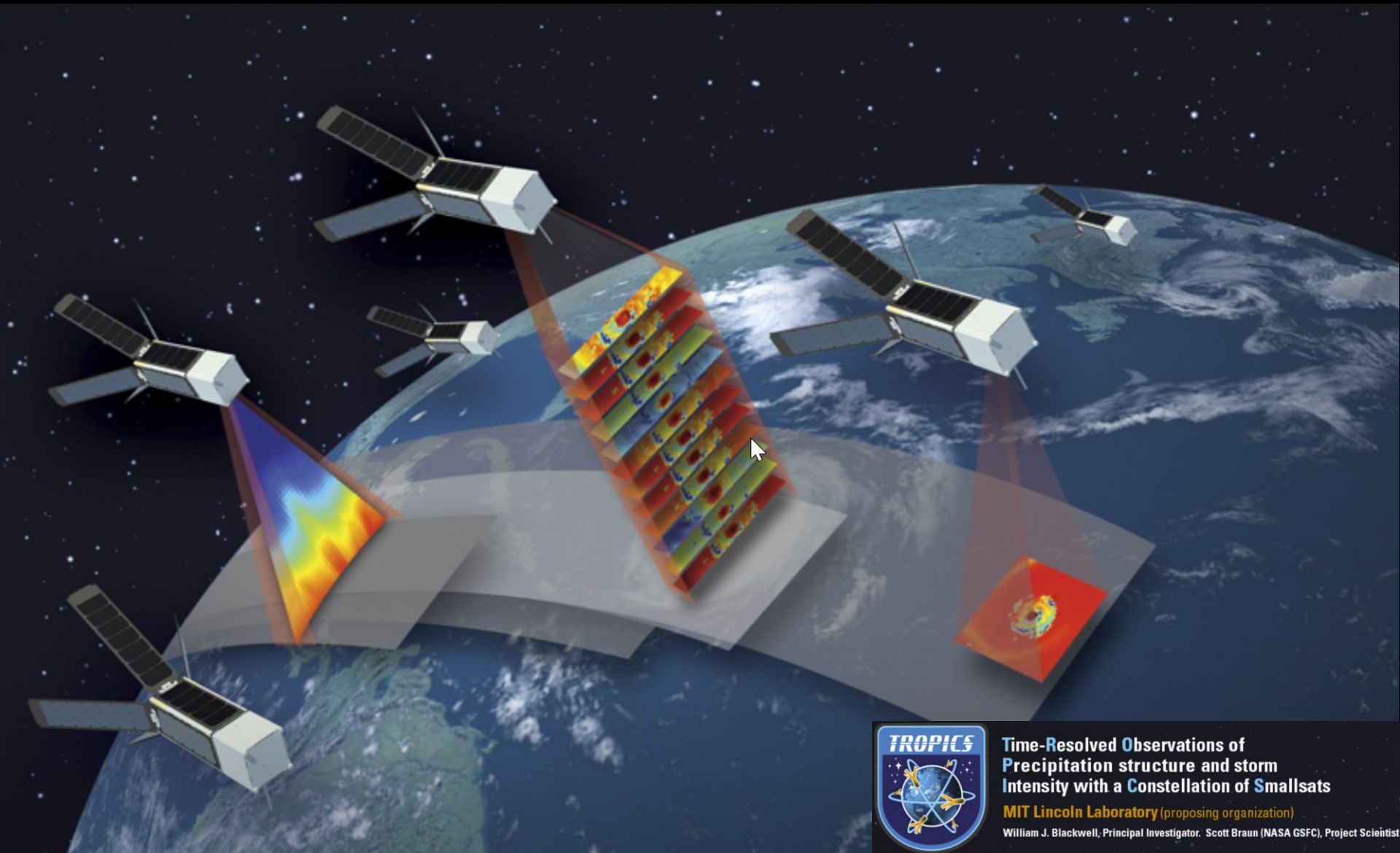




Microwave Radiometer (MWR) by Radiometrics.  
Water vapor and liquid water measurements at frequencies: 23.8 and 31.4 GHz

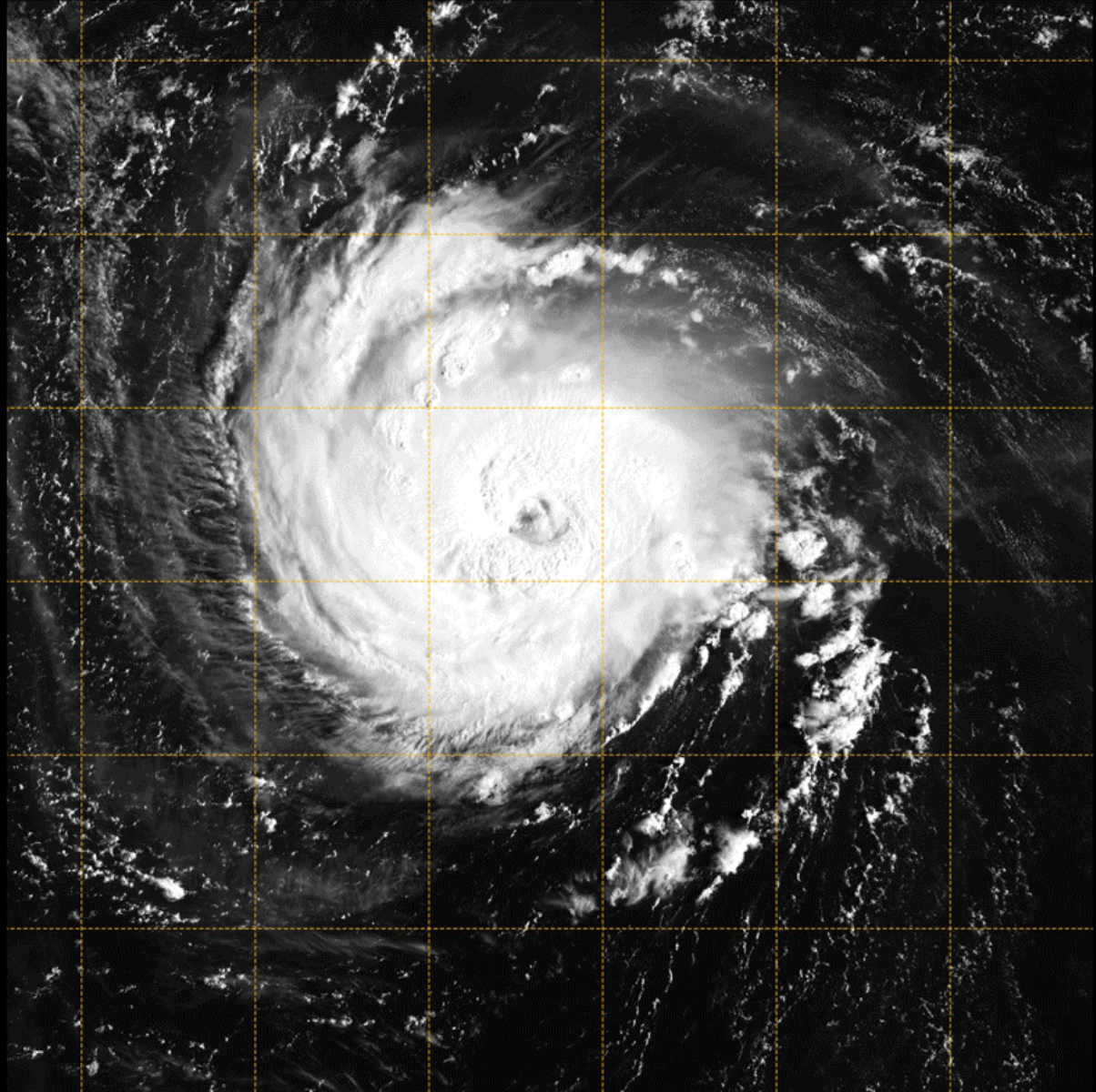


**Figure 9-39:** AMSU-retrieved (a) ice-water path, (b) surface rain rate, (c) cloud liquid water, and (d) integrated precipitable water vapor (IPWV) for Hurricane Isabel on September 12, 2003 [Liu and Weng, 2005].



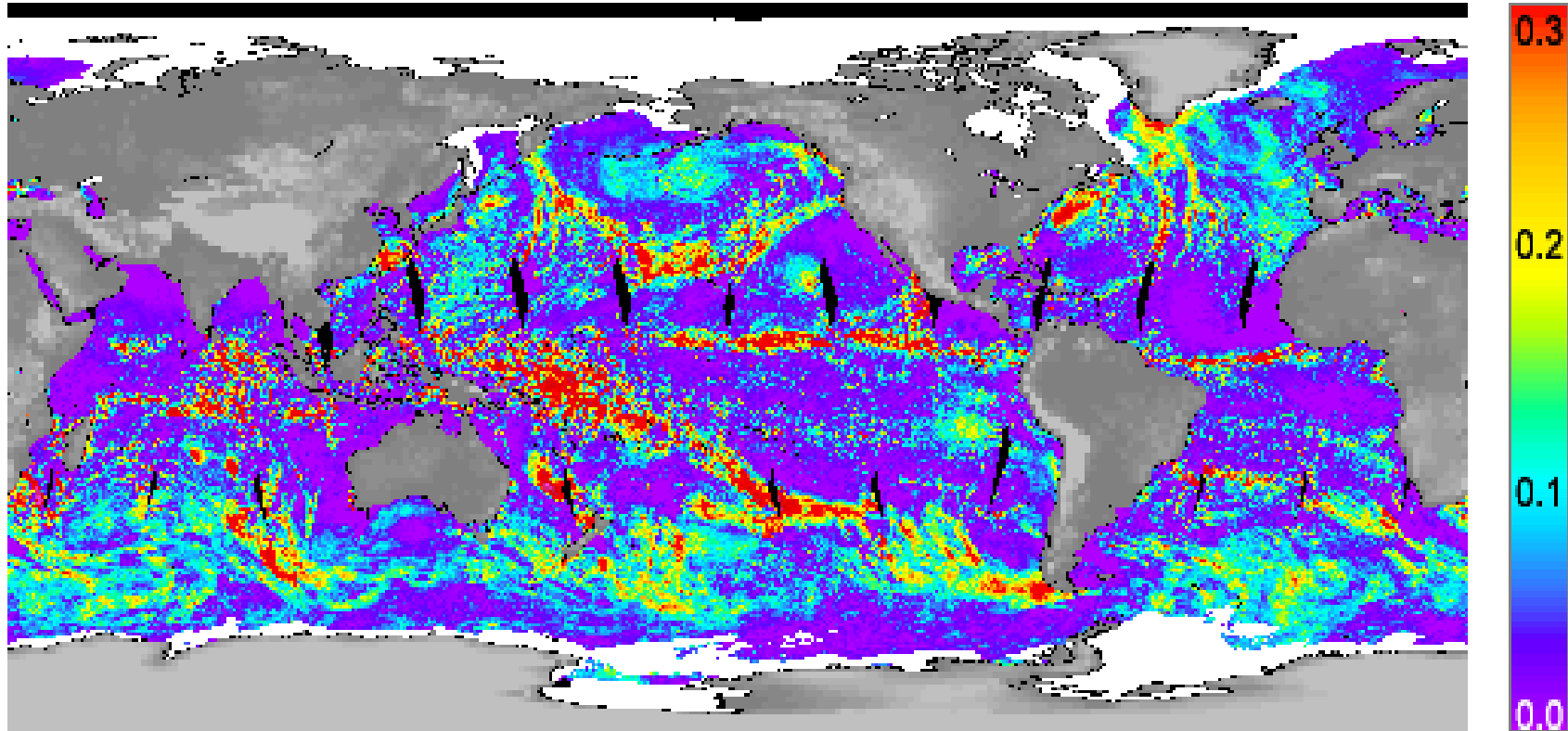
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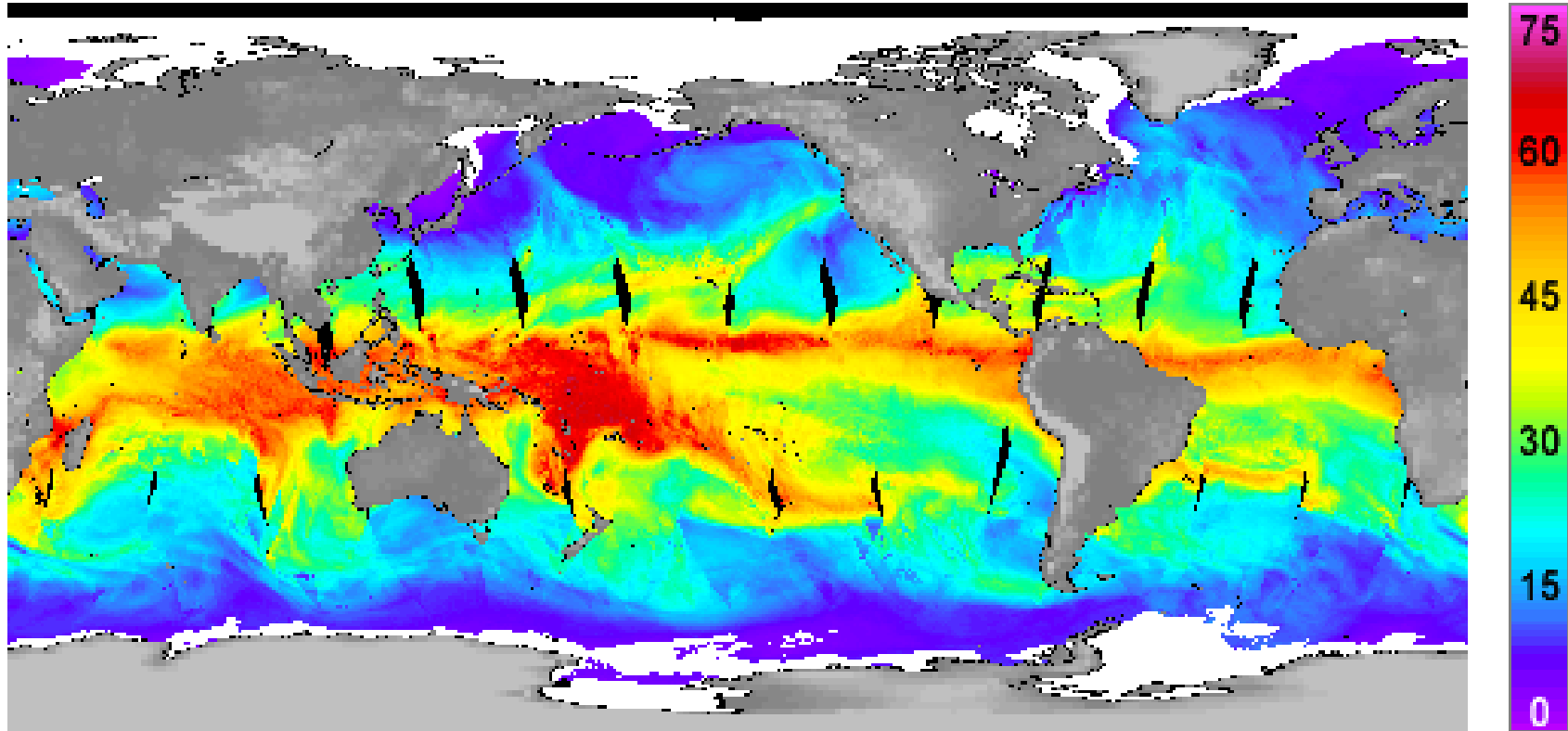
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Cloud Liquid Water(mm)



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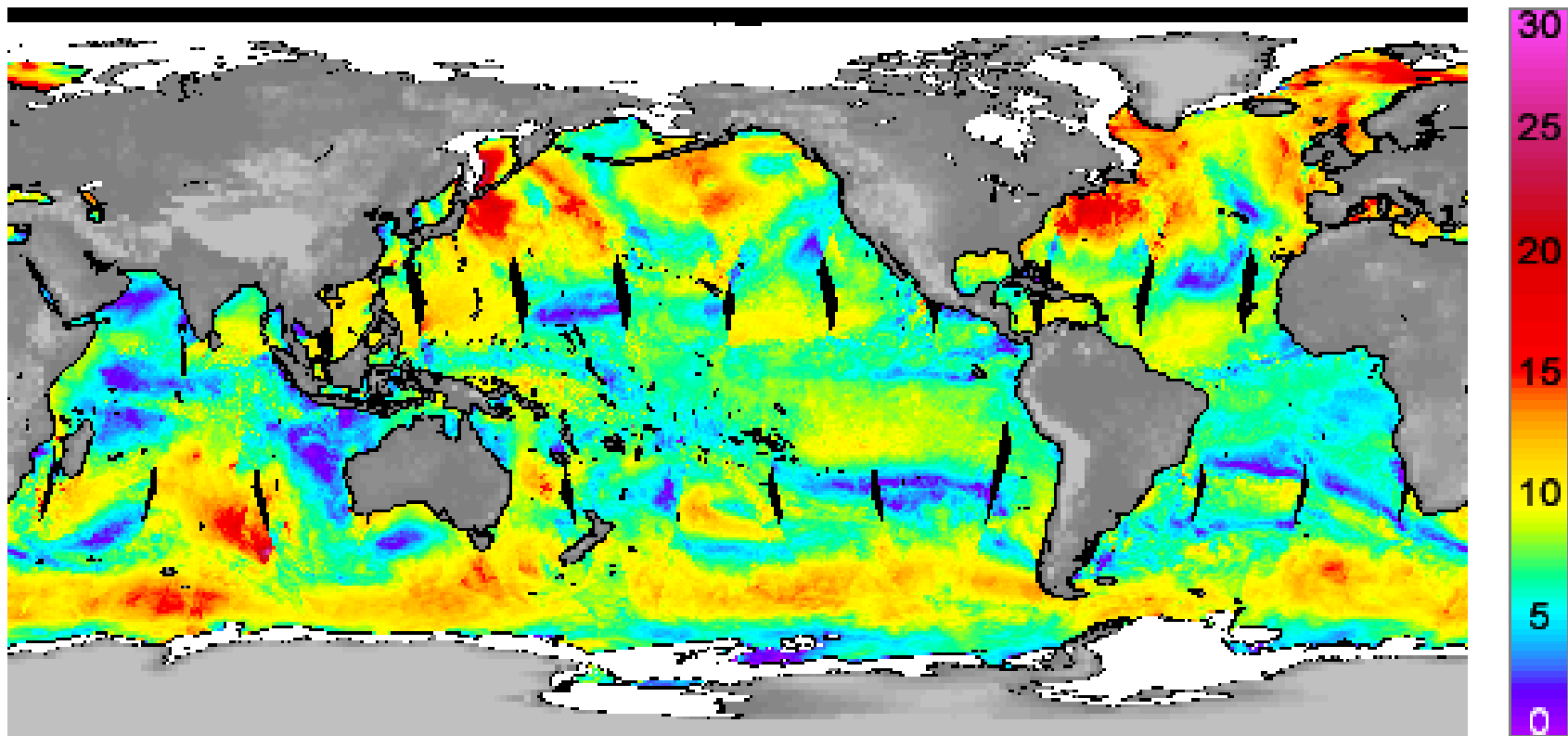
Atmospheric Water Vapor (mm)





# Average of 3 days ending: 2015/02/03, WindSat, version 7.0.1

Surface Wind Speed (m/s)





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# Debunking Q&A



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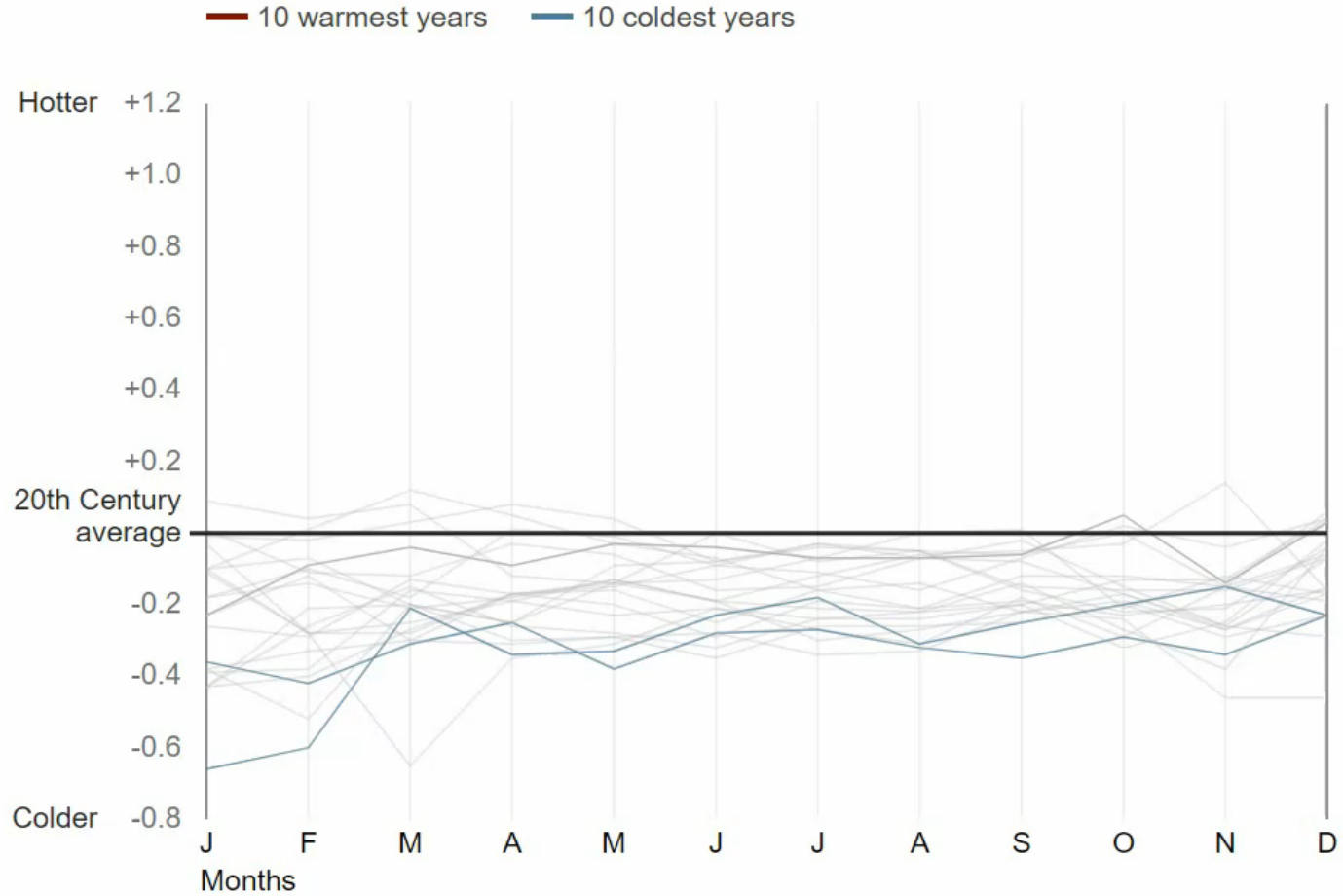
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# There is no change!

*There is.*

# How years compare with the 20th Century average

1900



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# Not our fault?

*Is not a relevant question*



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# We cannot do anything!

*Only we can. This is our only hope.*

Greta Thunberg



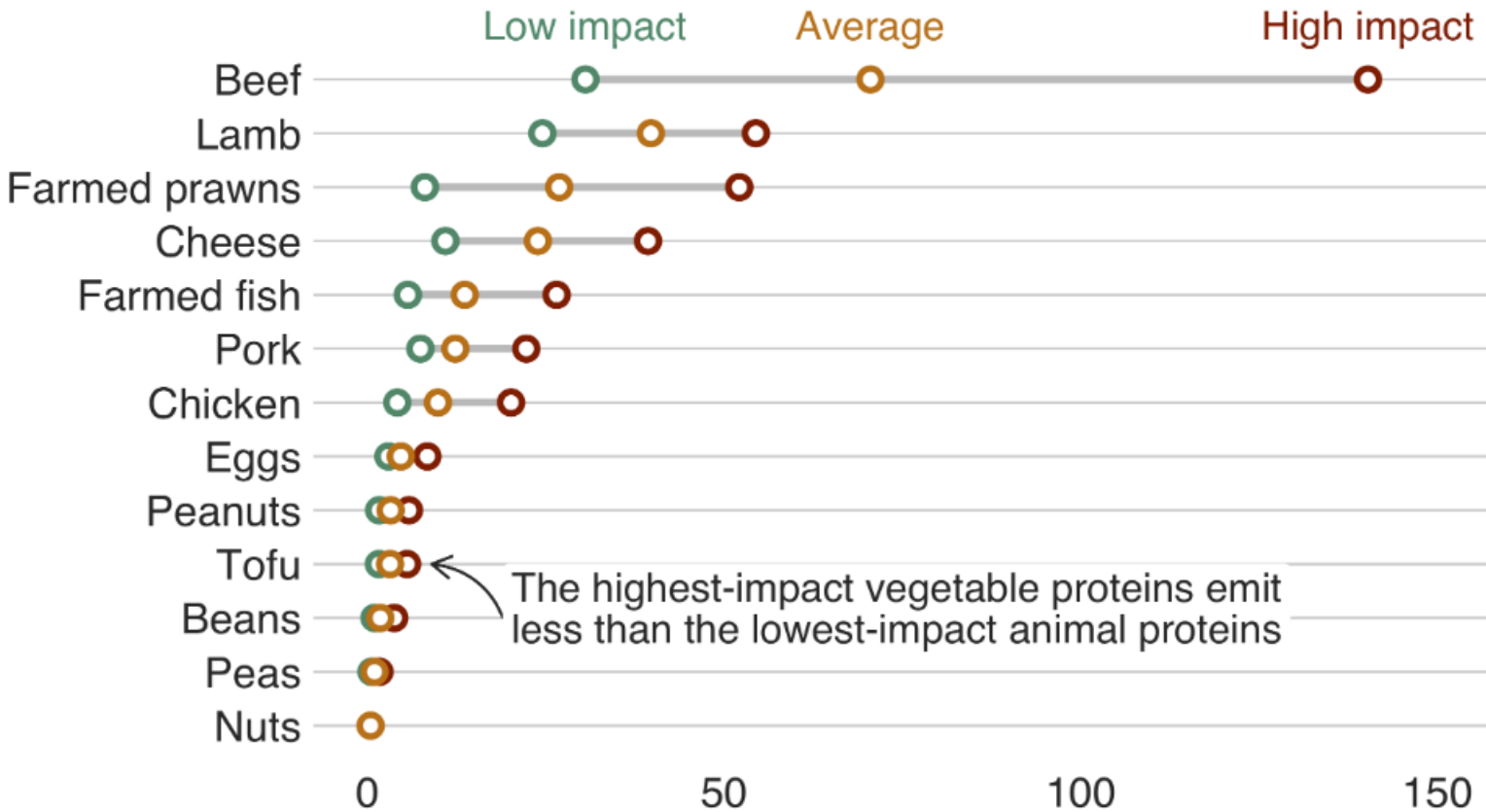
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# Beef has the biggest climate impact

Greenhouse gas emissions per kilogram

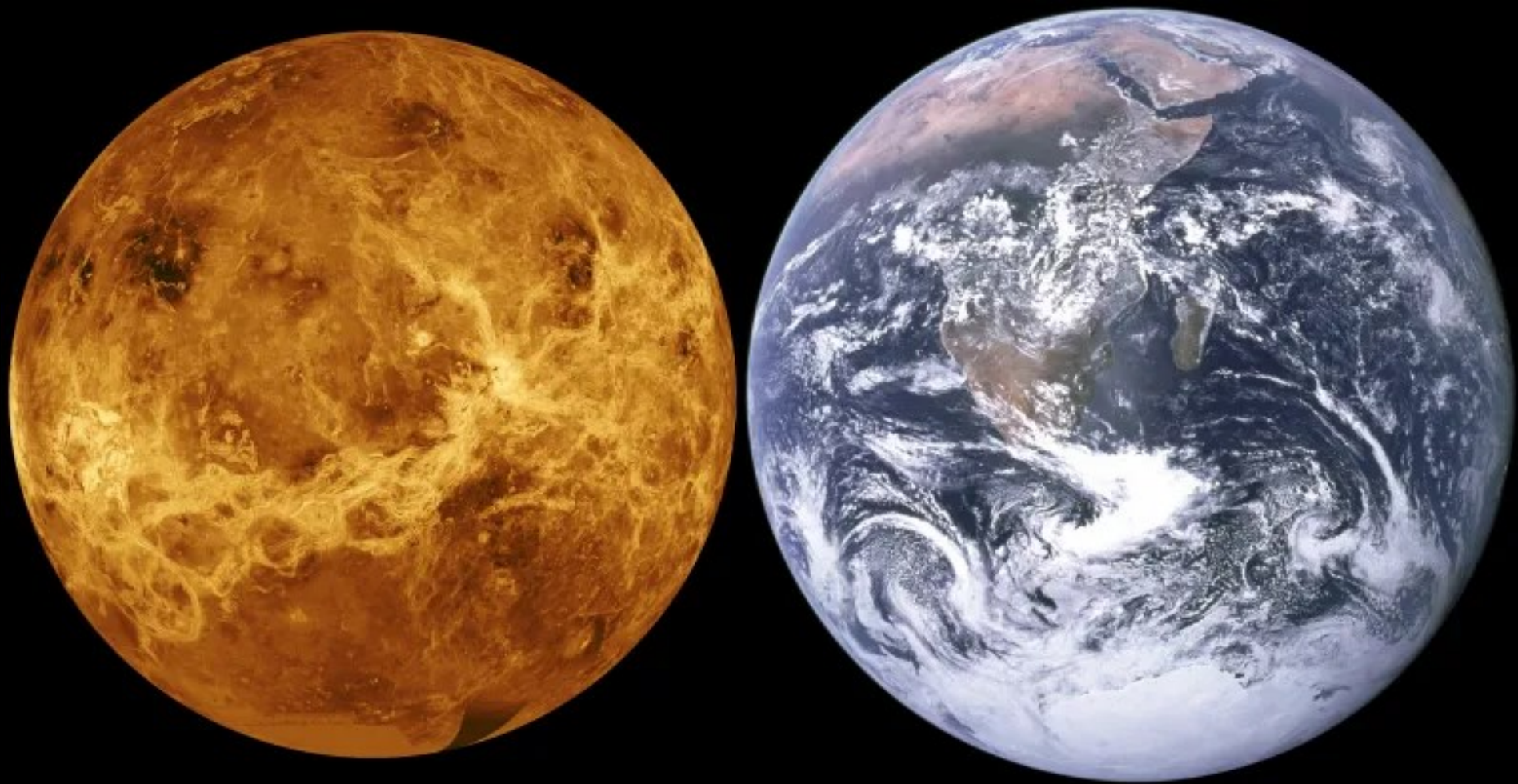


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# It is good that it will get warmer!

*To certain extent, but even this is very expensive.*



# ATMOSPHERIC COMPOSITION

Earth Venus

oxygen + nitrogen

carbon dioxide



# AVERAGE SURFACE TEMPERATURE

Earth  $57^{\circ}F$  Venus  $864^{\circ}F$



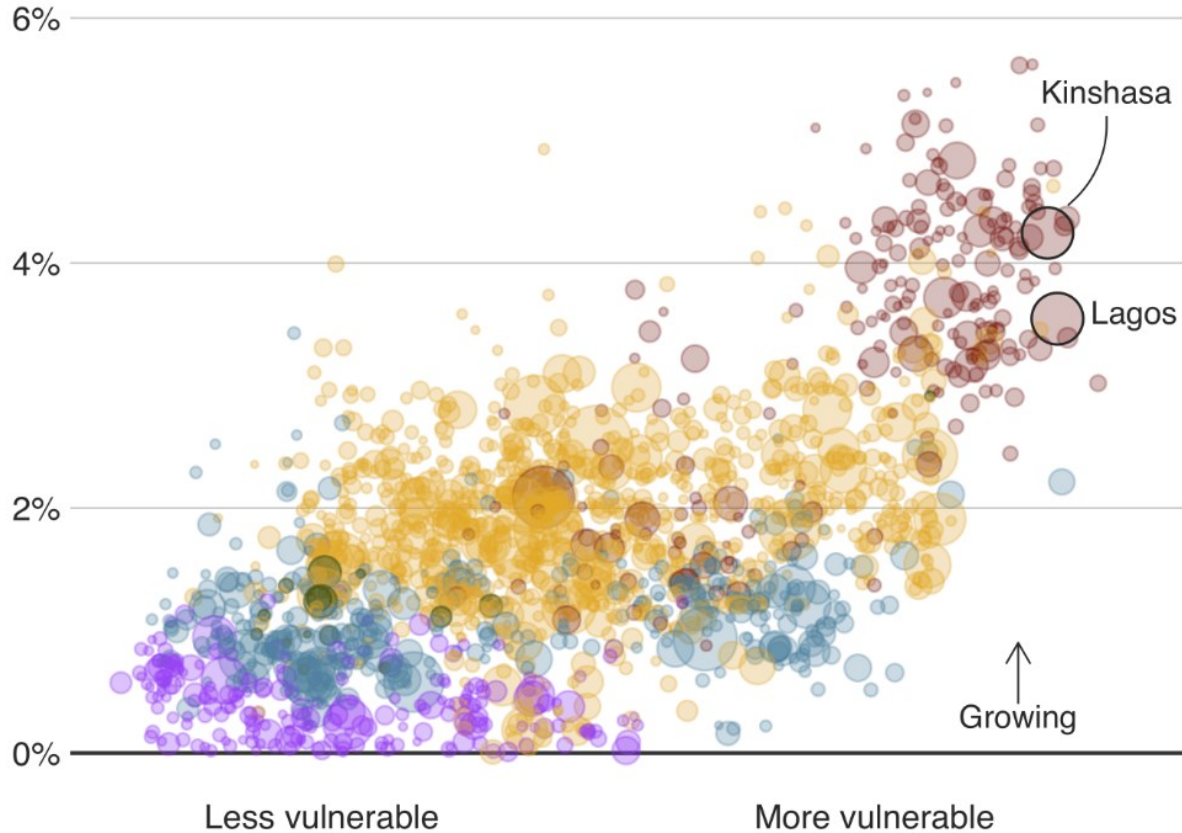
Restaurants bake pizza anywhere from  $800 - 900^{\circ}F$



# Fast-growing cities face worse climate risks

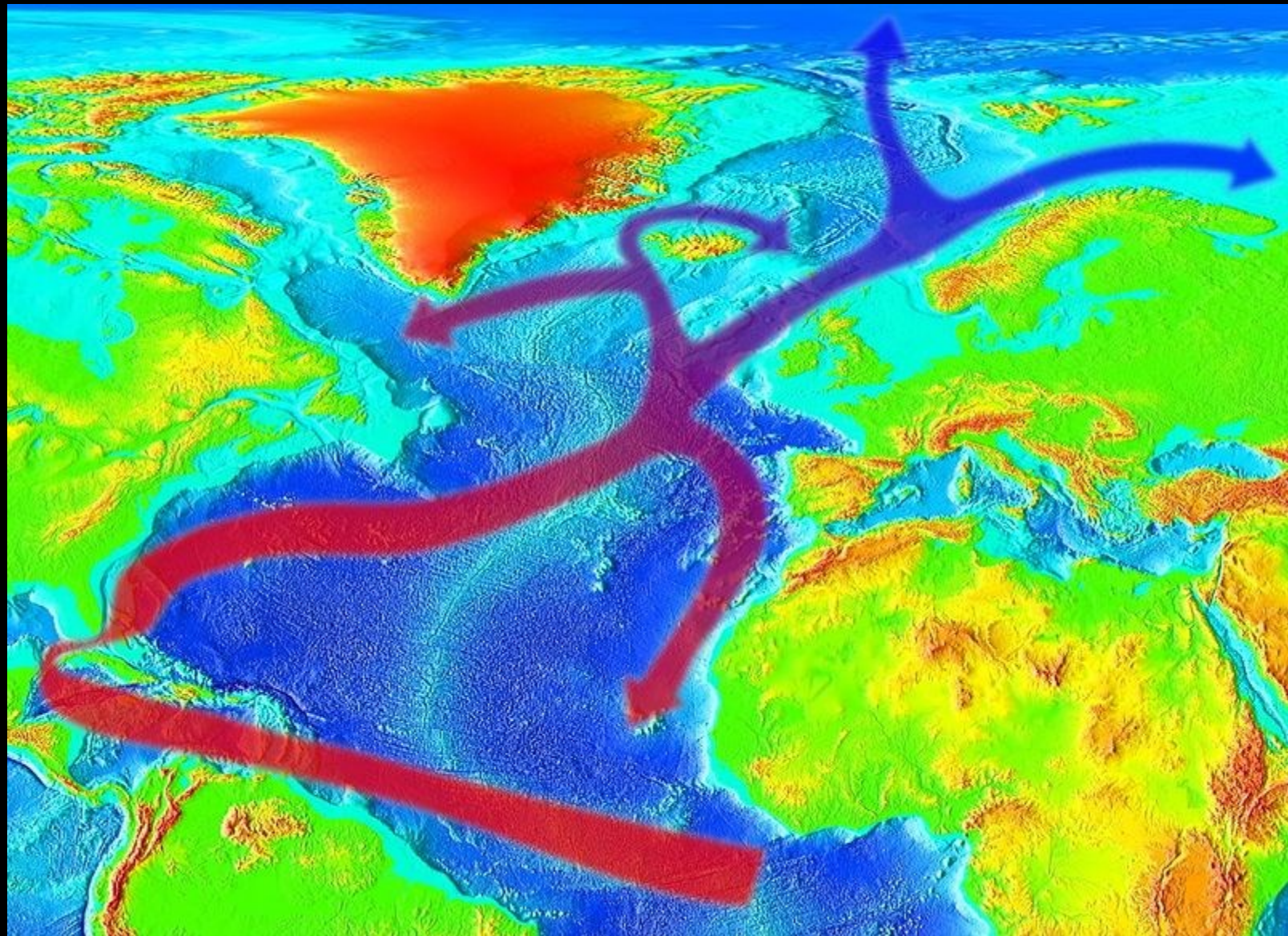
Population growth 2018-2035 over climate change vulnerability

● Africa ● Asia ● Americas ● Europe ● Oceania



Source: Verisk Maplecroft. Circle size represents current population.







61° 13'N, 149° 54'W, Anchorage · Alaska



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**Is it all money and  
conspiracy?**

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**Base your actions on facts  
and you might have a  
chance to affect the reality.**

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**What to do?**

# Let's think some actions!

- **Fusion reactor research. Civilization needs clean energy.**
- **Promote nuclear power, promote Onkalo.**
- **Better legislation for nuclear waste transport.**
- **Solar energy.**
- **Energy storage. Hydrogen technologies?**
- **Better waste management.**
- **Alternatives for concrete.**
- **CO2 capture.**
- **Vote the right people!**

# Let's think some actions!

- **Education, especially girls and women.**
- **European green deal. Taxation and carbon trade.**
- **Promoting the big picture thinking.**