

# Climate Change Initiative

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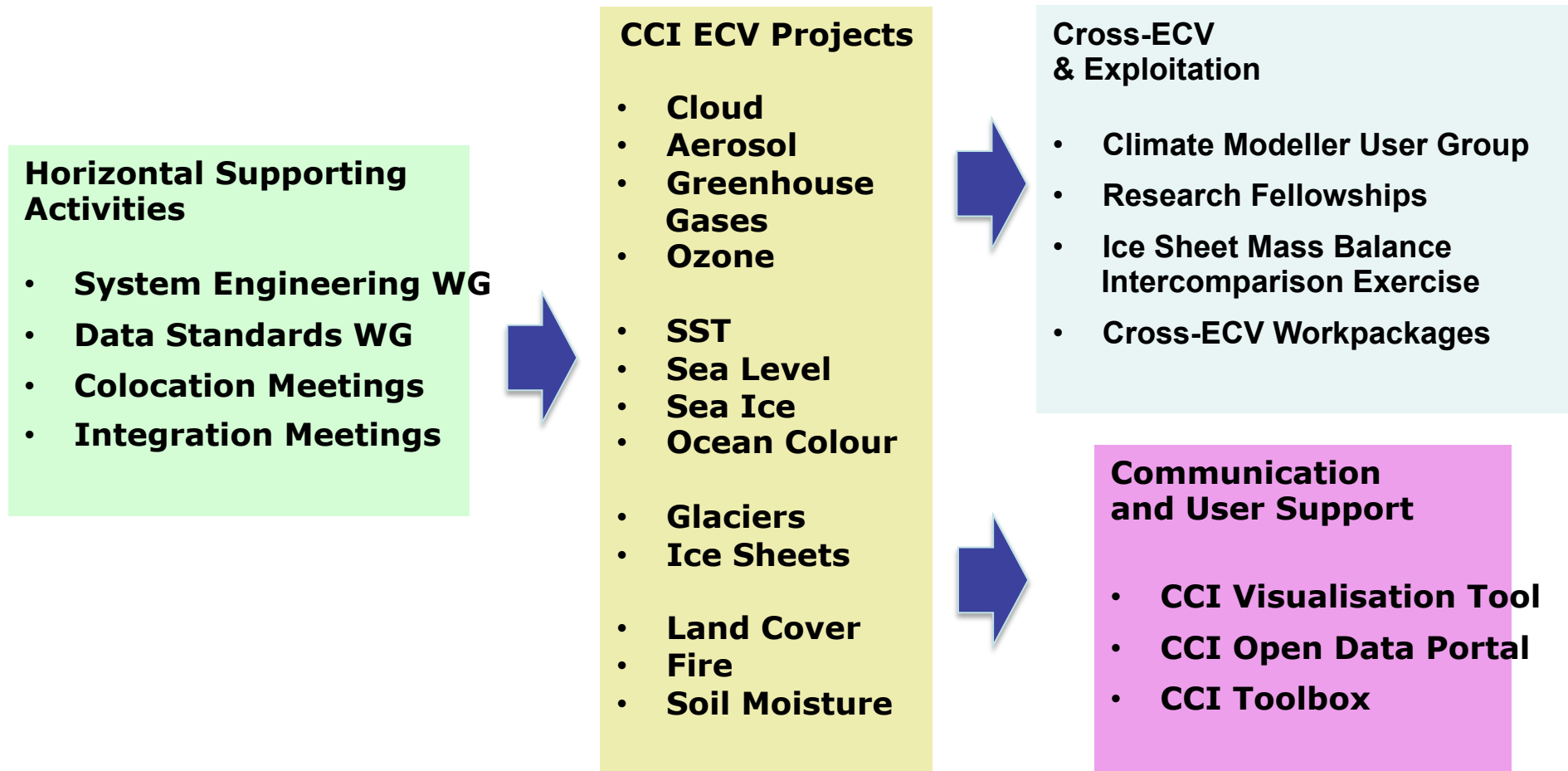
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# CCI Some Results

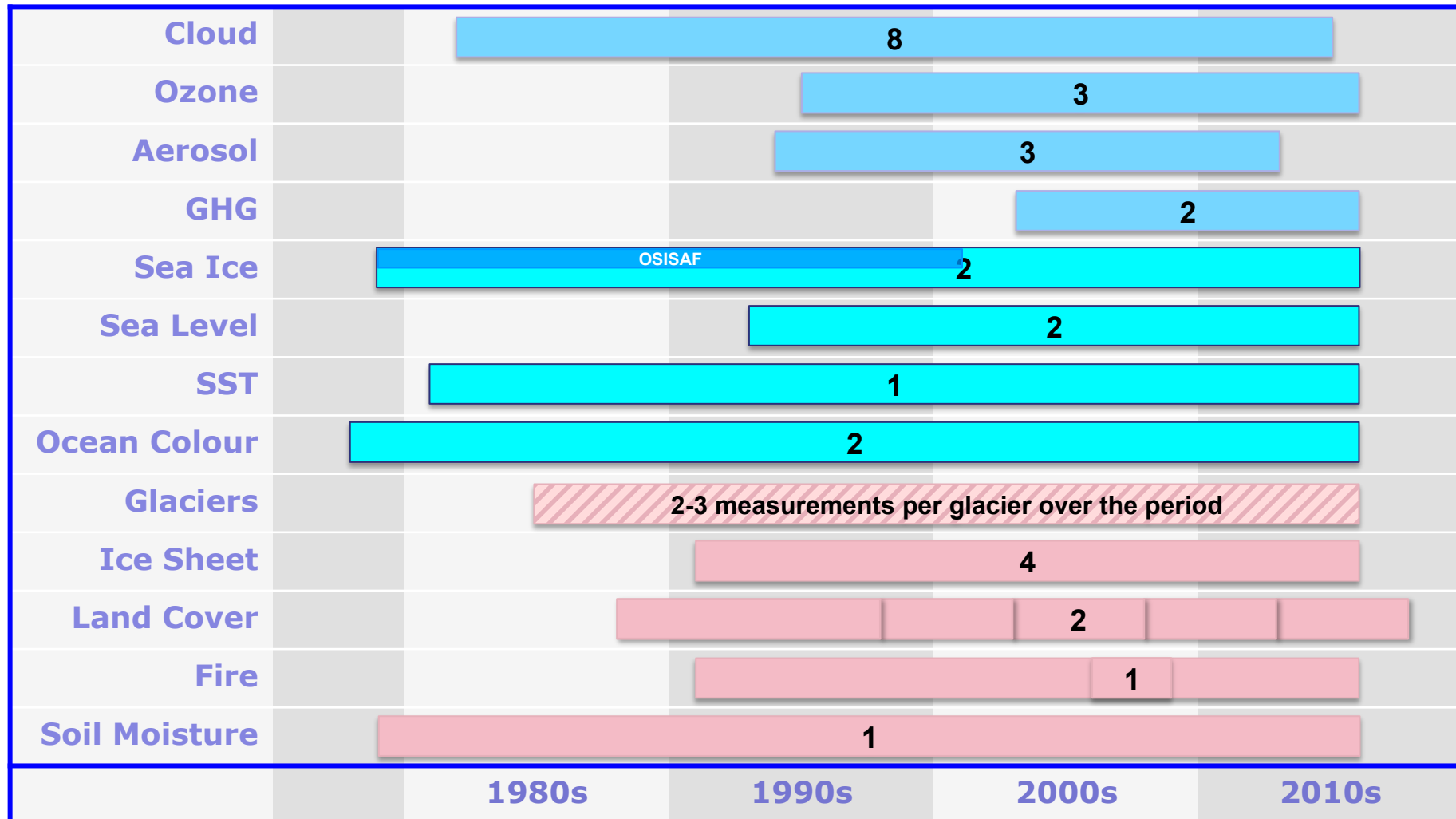


300 scientists, 100 research org, 13 ECVs, IPCC AR5 (27 CCI scientists)





# CCI Products Time Coverage





# CCI Living Planet Fellowship



N.	Title	Name	Surname	Host Institution	MS
48	Swarm as an Auroral Mission	Megan	Gillies	University of Calgary	CD
23	Is The Earth's Magnetic field POtentially reversing? New insights from Swarm mission	Francisco Javier	Pavón Carrasco	INGV	IT
7	Sea level reconstructions from altimetry and tide gauges with improved methods	Sandra-Esther	Brunnabend	University of Bonn	DE
29	Reconstruction of 3D time-series of the West Spitsbergen Current using altimetry combined with in situ data and a numerical model	Anna Izabela	Bulczak	IsardSAT Sp. z o.o.	PL
26	Synergistic use of SMOS data to Study Slippery Layers In the eastern tropical pacific fresh Pool	Sébastien	Guimbard	IFREMER	FR
32	The interconnectivity of magma reservoirs: independent component analysis of satellite radar imagery	Susanna	Ebmeier	University of Bristol	UK
4	Developing a CryoSat-2/GRACE product to spatially partition surface mass balance and ice dynamic mass loss across Greenland and Antarctica	William	Colgan	Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland	DK
58	improving the Predictability Of WatEr Resources	Miguel	de Oliveiros Vieira	University of Lisbon	PO
47	Sea ice breakup during large wind-wave events	Peter	Sutherland	Université Pierre et Marie Curie	FR
1	Extending the Performance of AerGom to explore New aerosol related Species and to Improve OzoNe retrieval	Charles	Robert	Institut d'Aéronomie Spatiale de Belgique (BIRA-IASB)	BE
5	A new method for assessing mineral dust sources using vertical profile information retrieved from IASI radiances	Sophie	Vandenbussche	Institut d'Aéronomie Spatiale de Belgique (BIRA-IASB)	BE
2	Statistics of AeRosol and Clouds INteractions from satellites	Luca	Lelli	University of Bremen	DE
4	CCI data for assessing SOil moisture controls on Fire Emissions	Matthias	Forkel	Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien)	AT

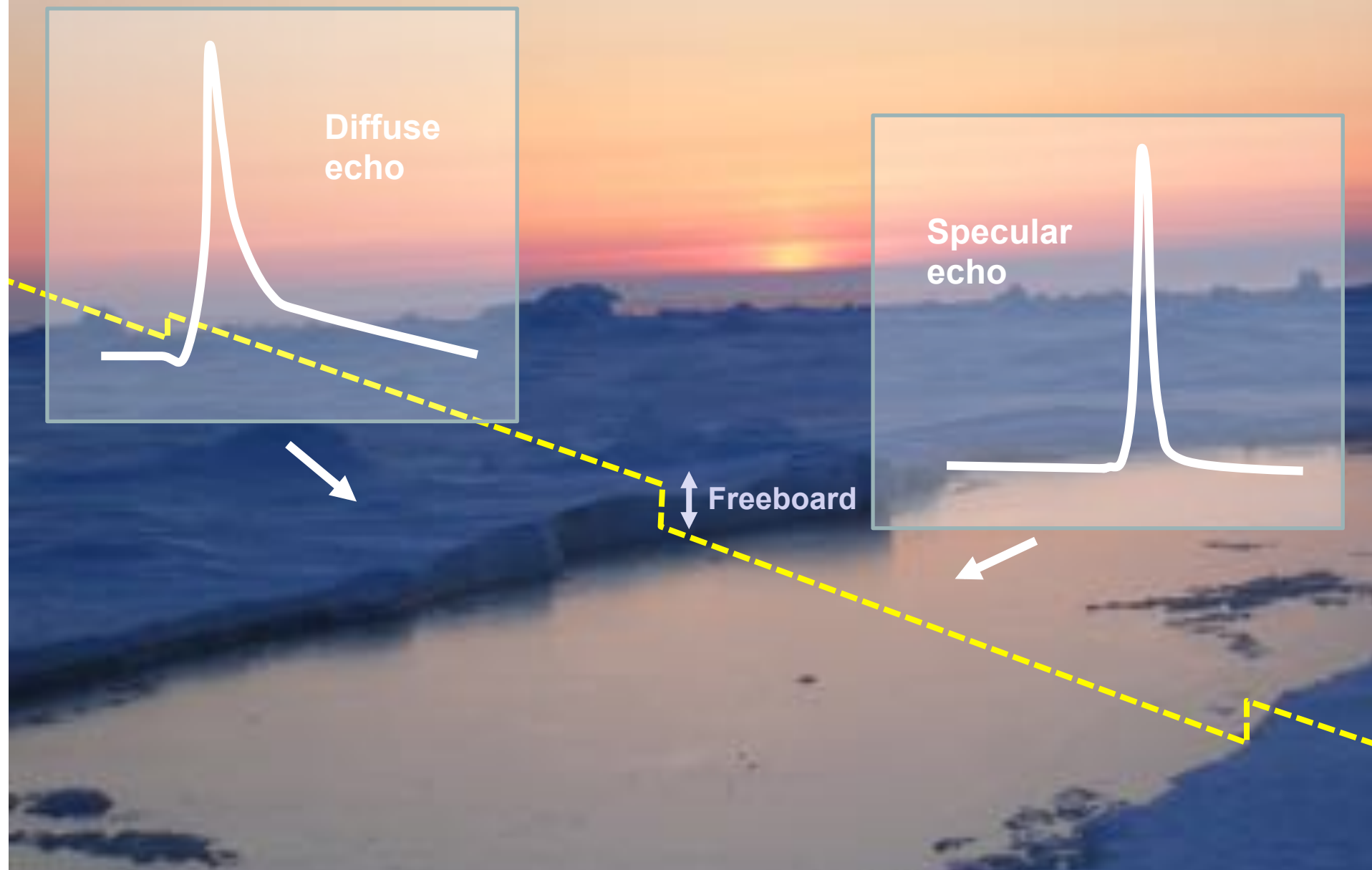


# Time series 1990-2015: Karakoram surges



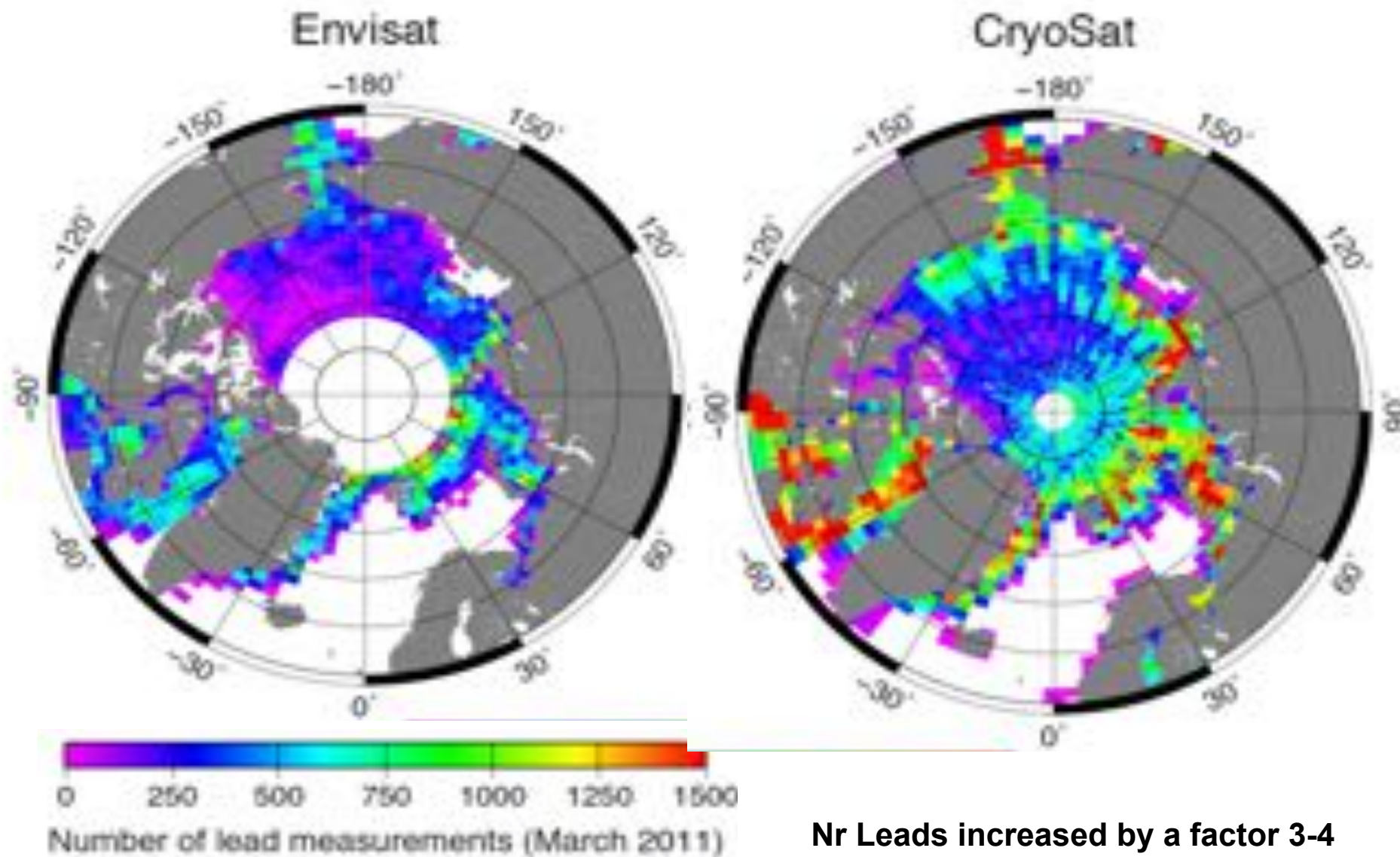


# CryoSat: Retrieval concept





# CryoSat: Past missions & science gap

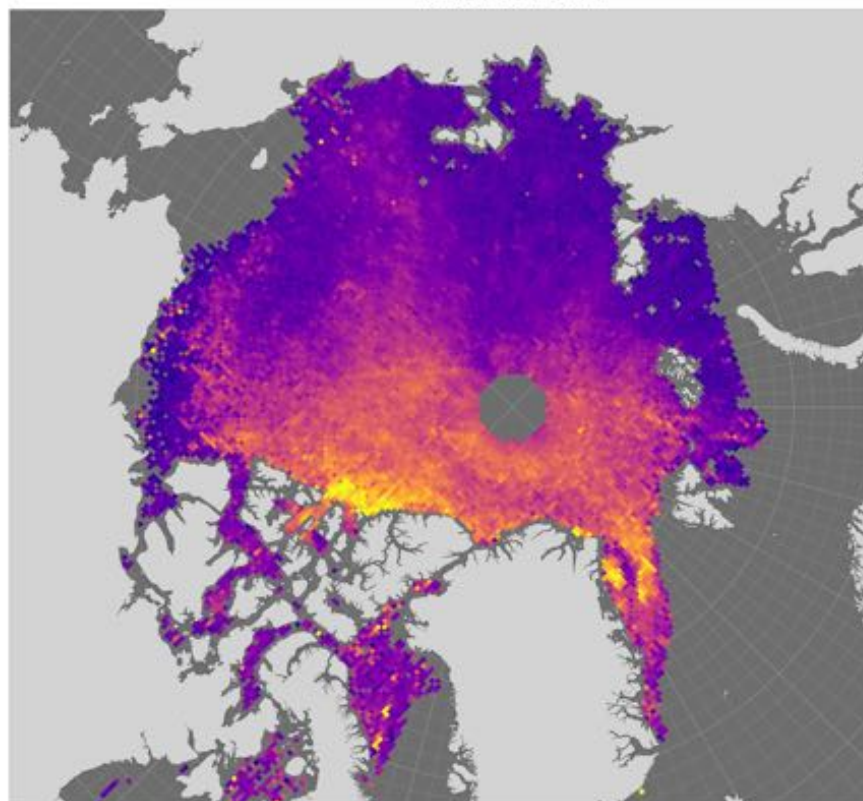




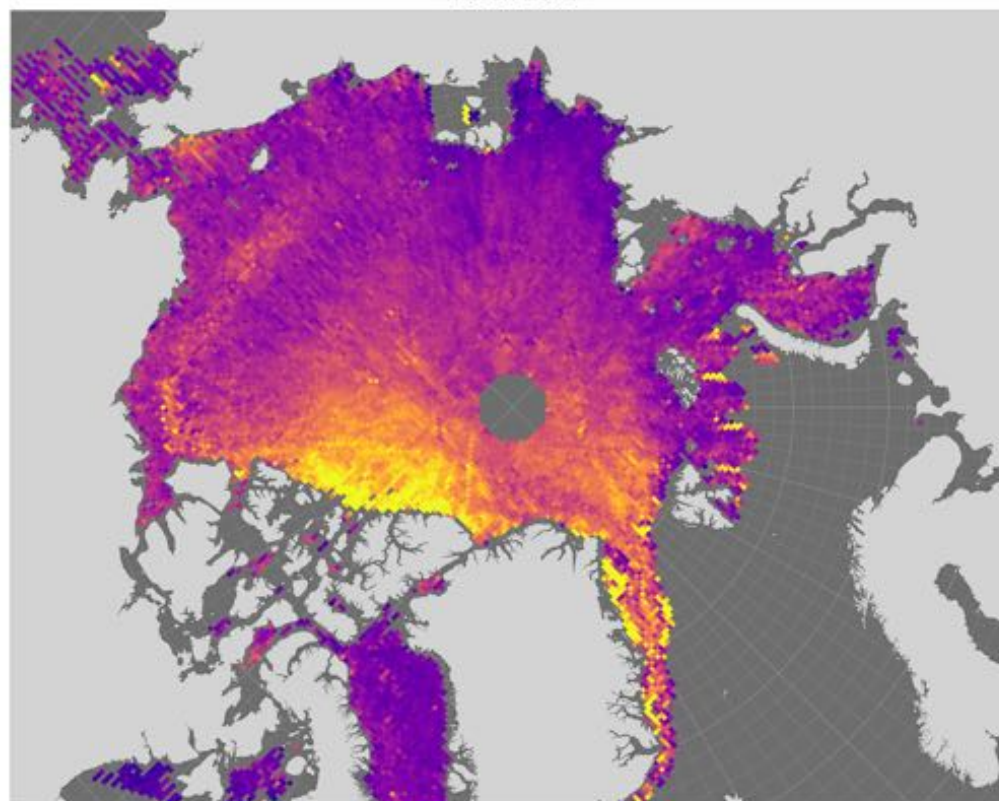
# Ice thickness in the Arctic from CryoSat



November 2014




March 2015

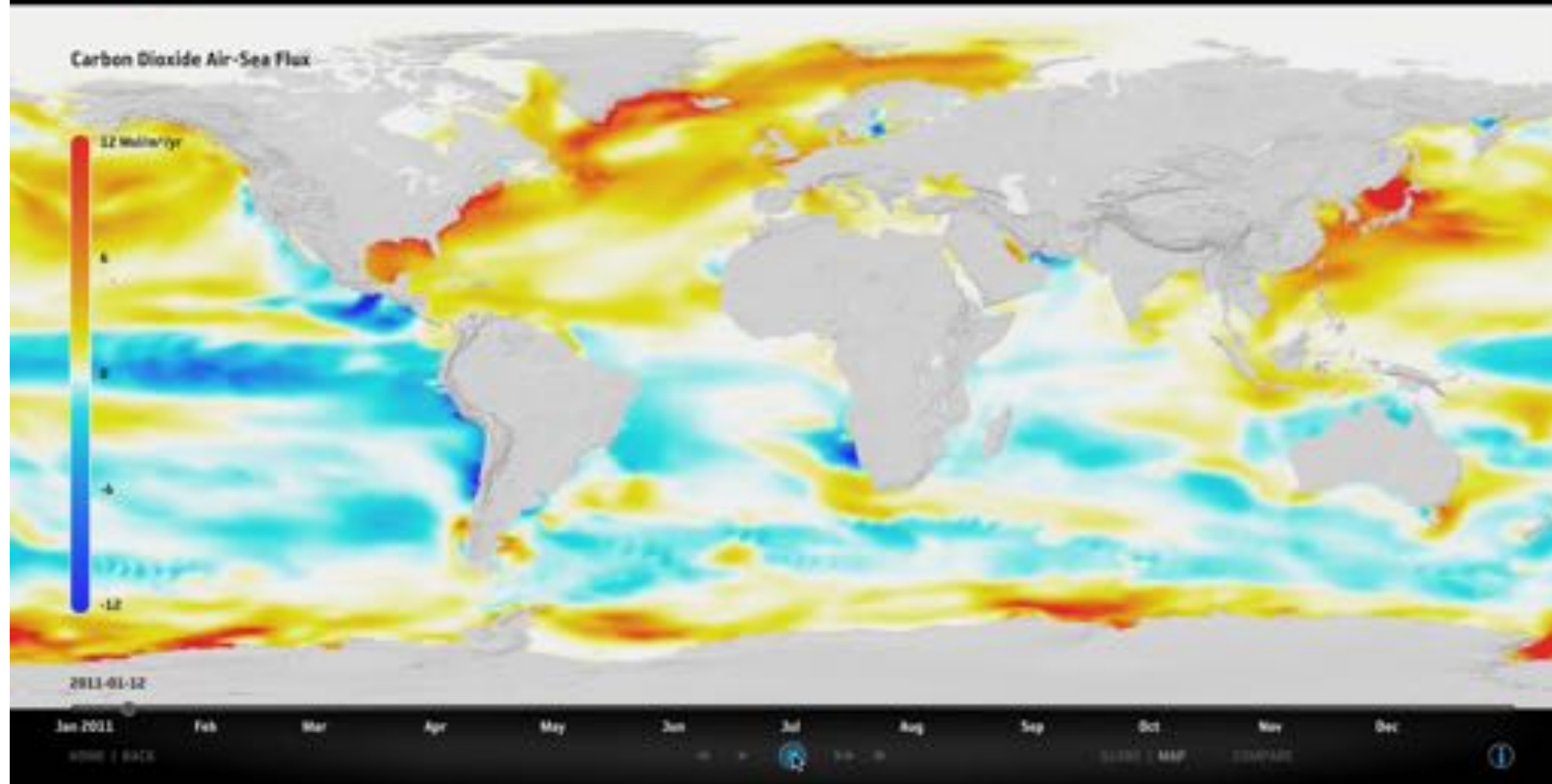




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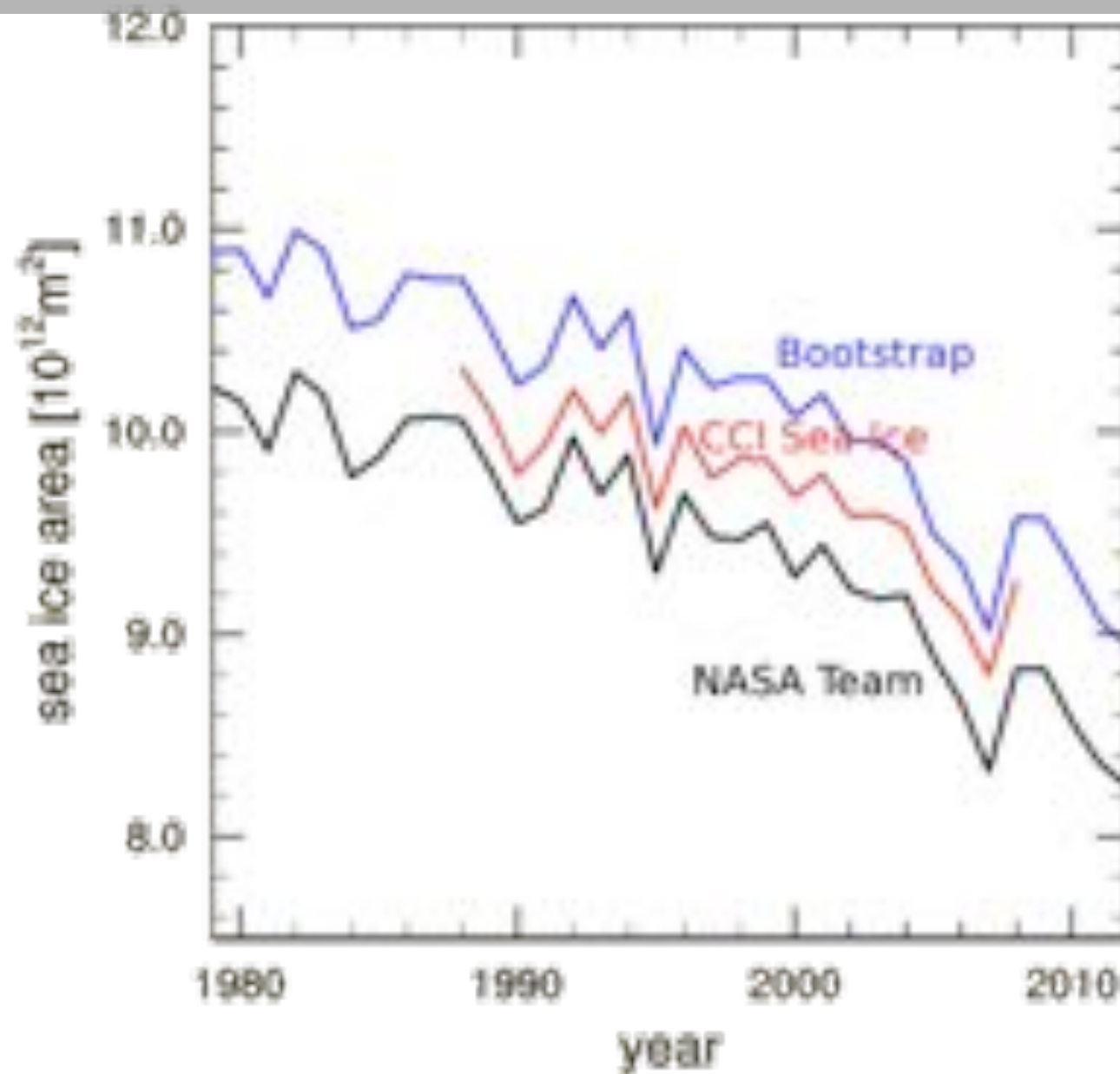




# Challenges



# Sea-ice Extent algorithms & Melt Ponds



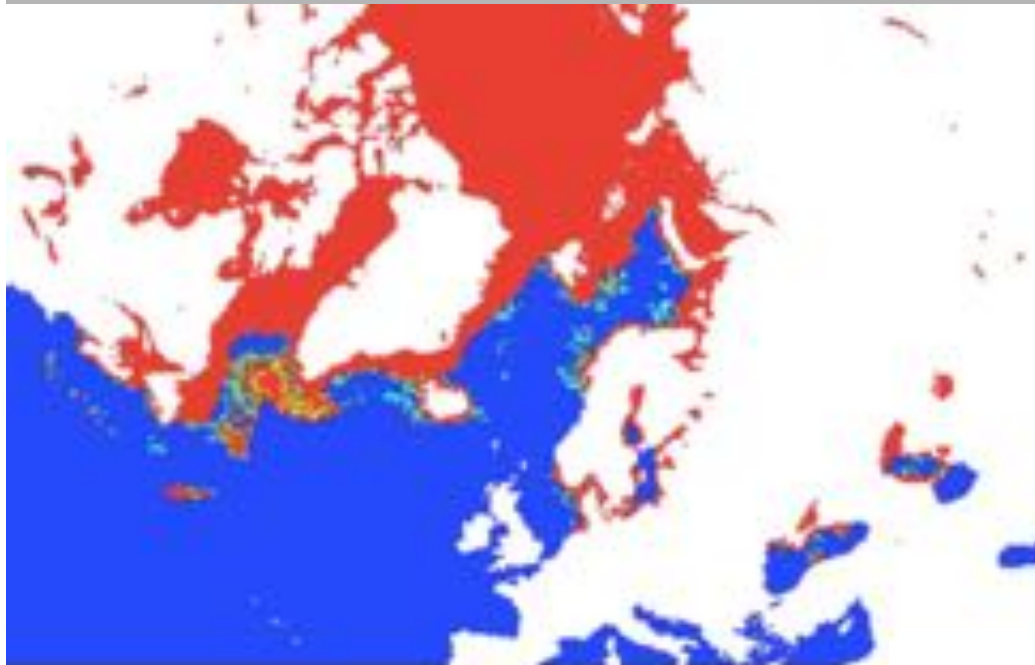


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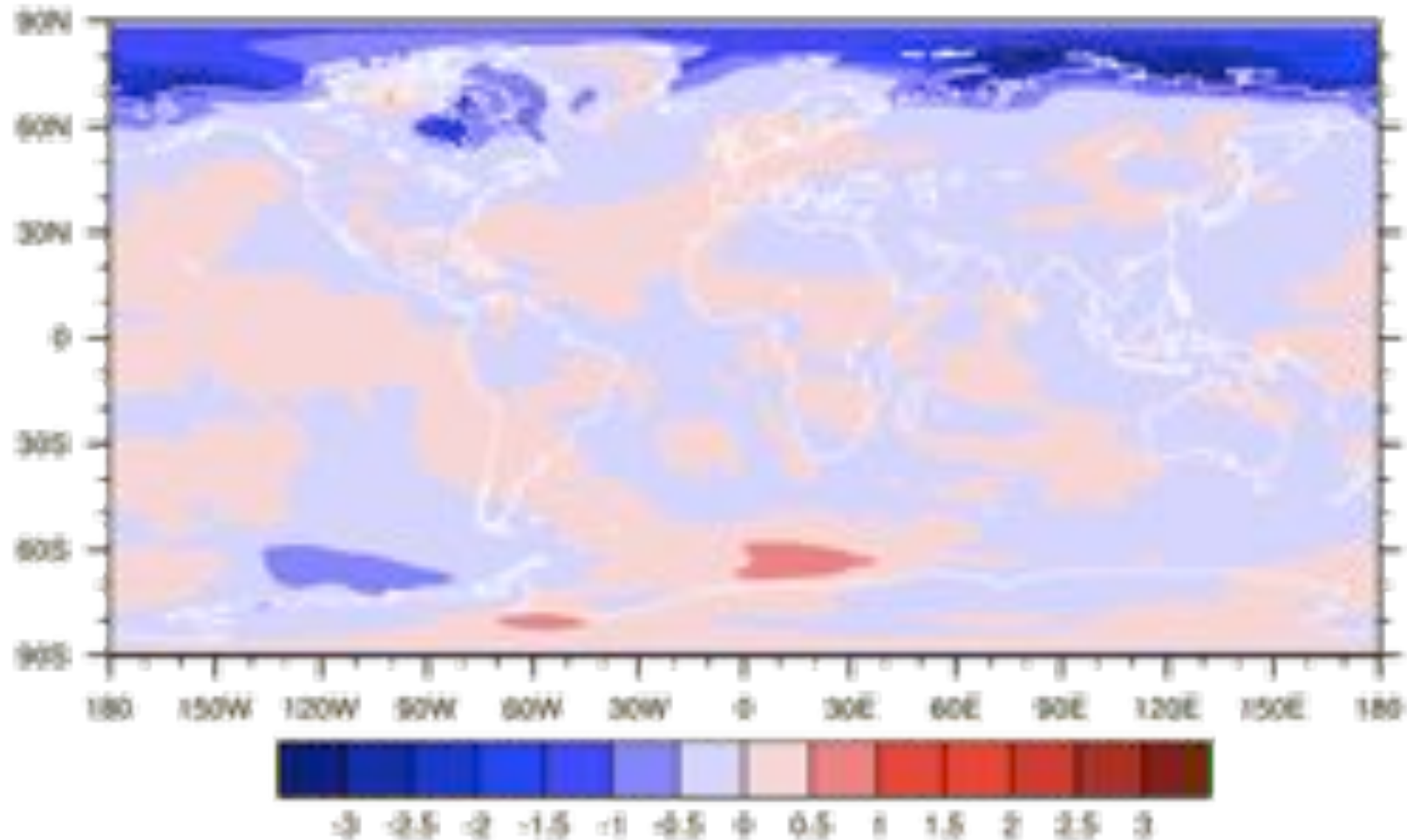


# Sea-ice Extent algo assumptions





# Impact of algo on model temperature



Temperature difference in September after initialisation in May  
(Bootstrap - NASA Team)



# Sentinel Era

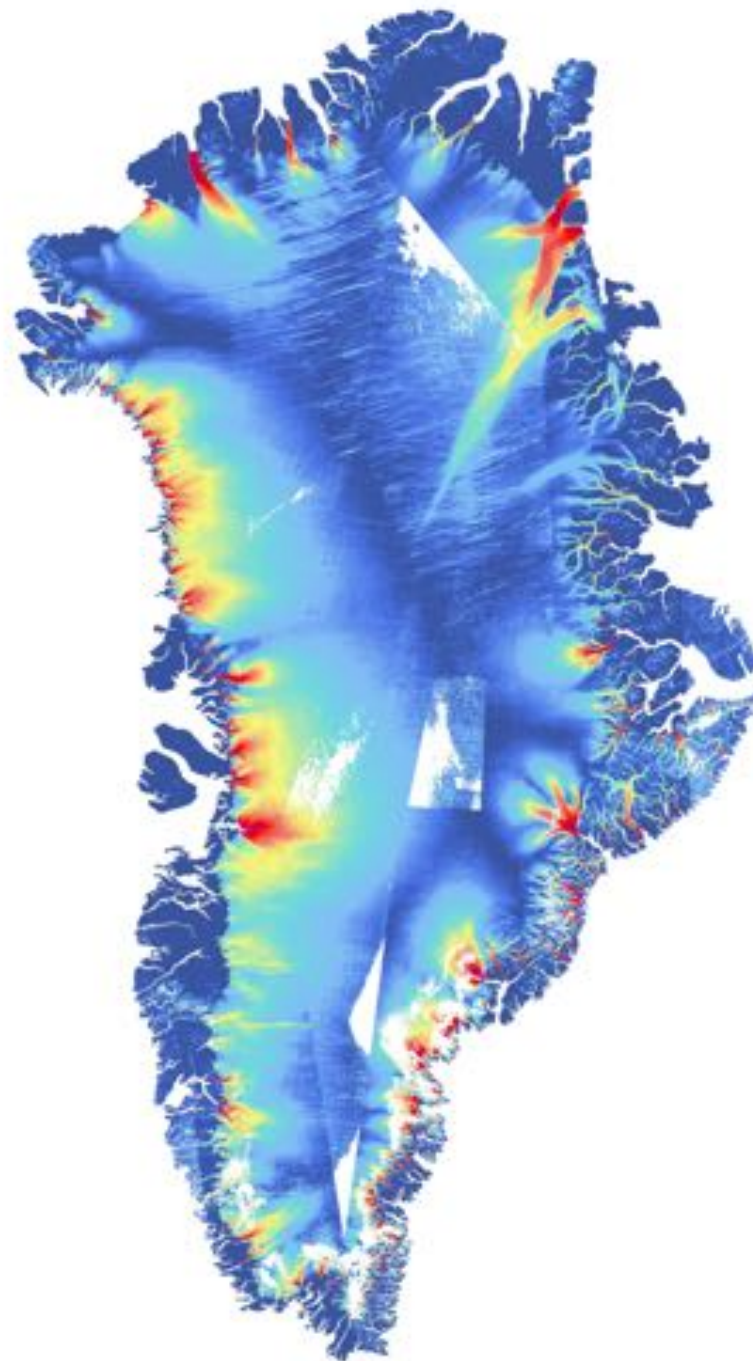


Greenland-wide IV  
coverage (Enveo)

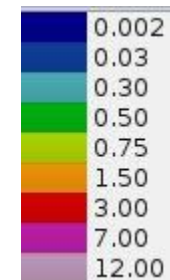
ECV release Dec 2015

Sentinel 1 IWS SLC  
Period: Nov 2014-Dec 2015  
(mainly winter scenes)

*Arrangements agreed with  
ESA for several yearly data  
acquisitions =>  
Time series of frequent epoc  
possible (but processing  
intensive!)*

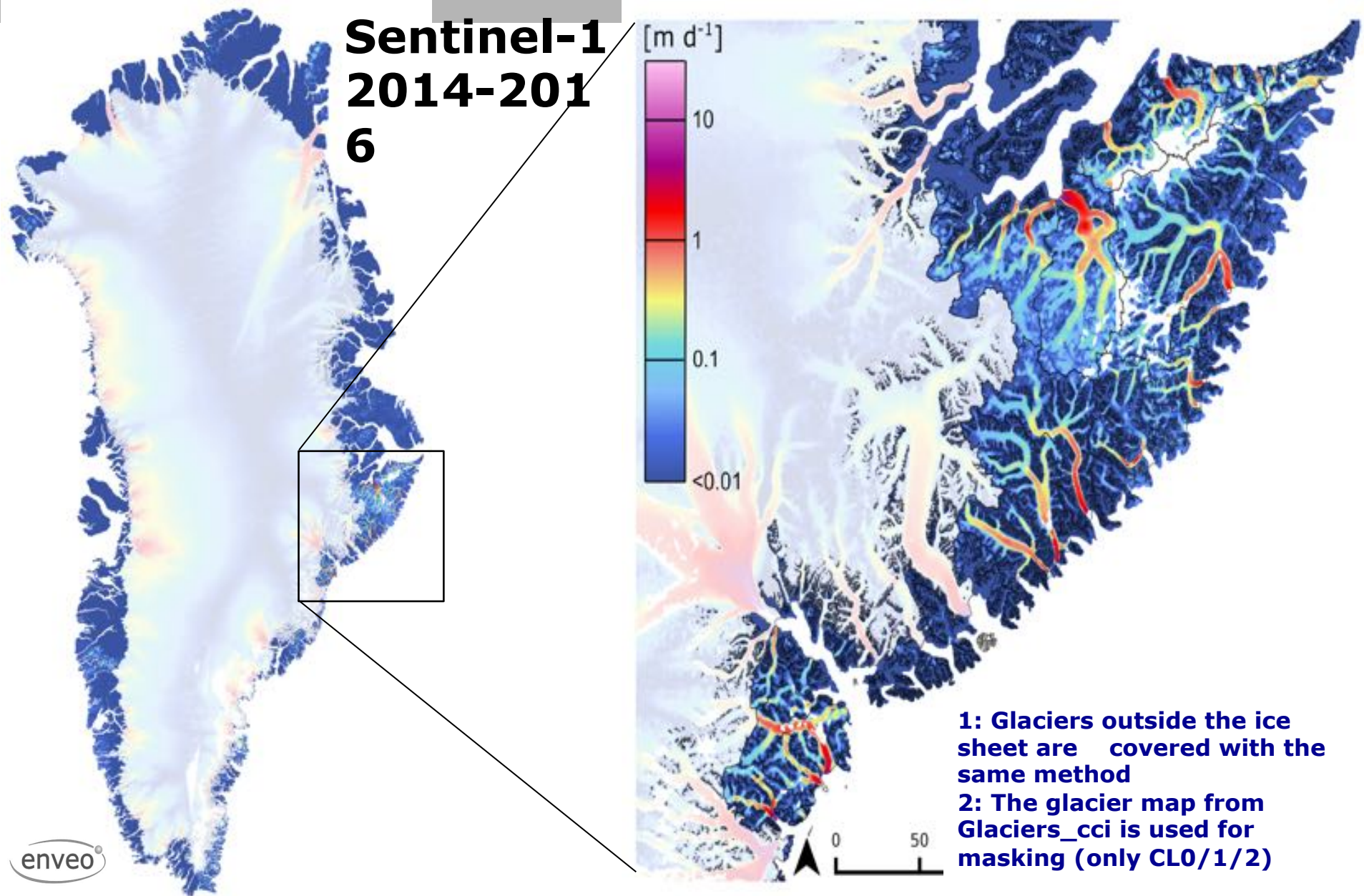


Velocity  
[m/d]





# Cross-ECV data production: Velocity Greenland



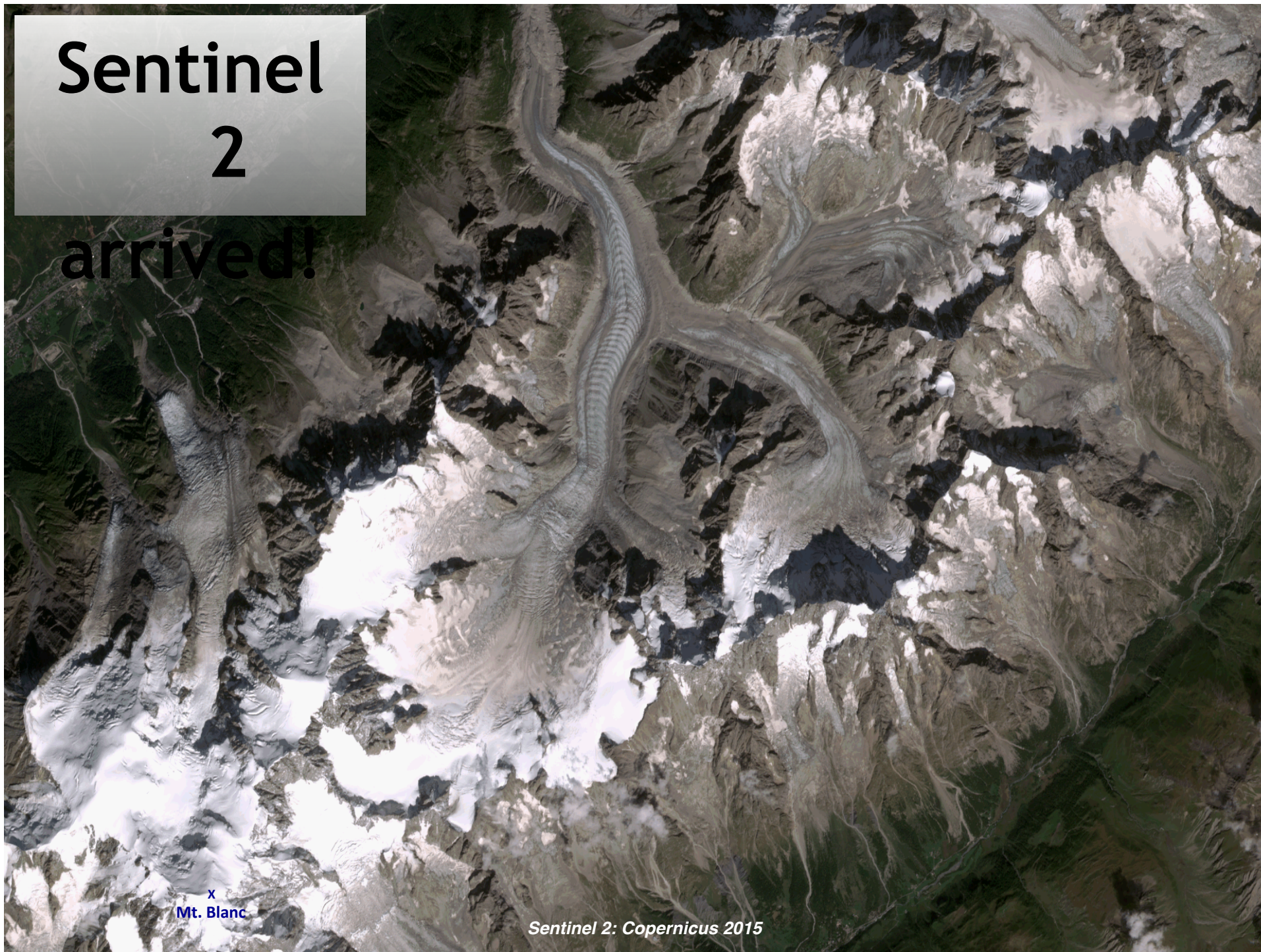


# Sentinel 2

## arrived!

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Mt. Blanc

*Sentinel 2: Copernicus 2015*







Upper  
Grindelwald

Gauli

Lower  
Grindelwald

Unteraar

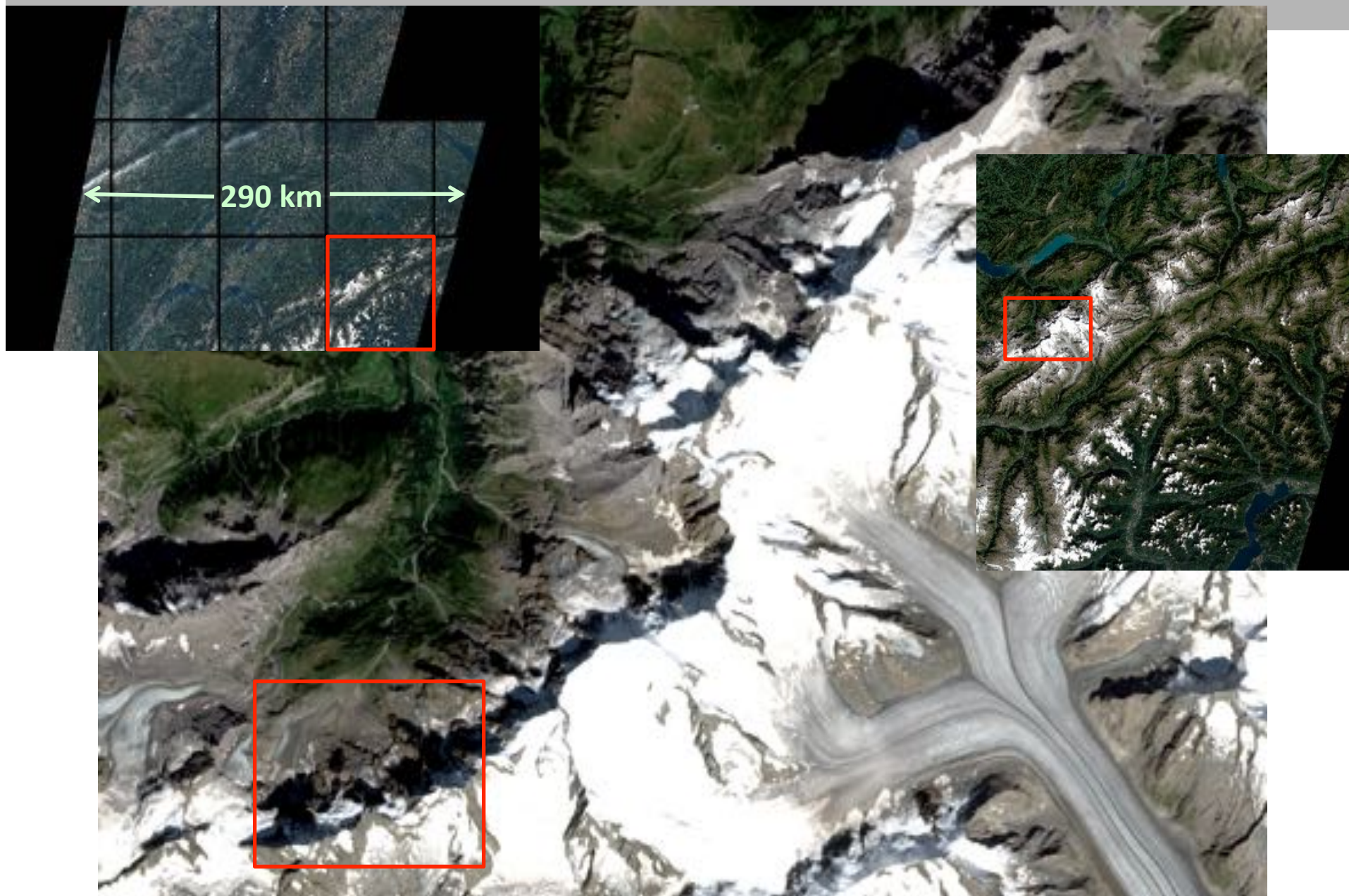
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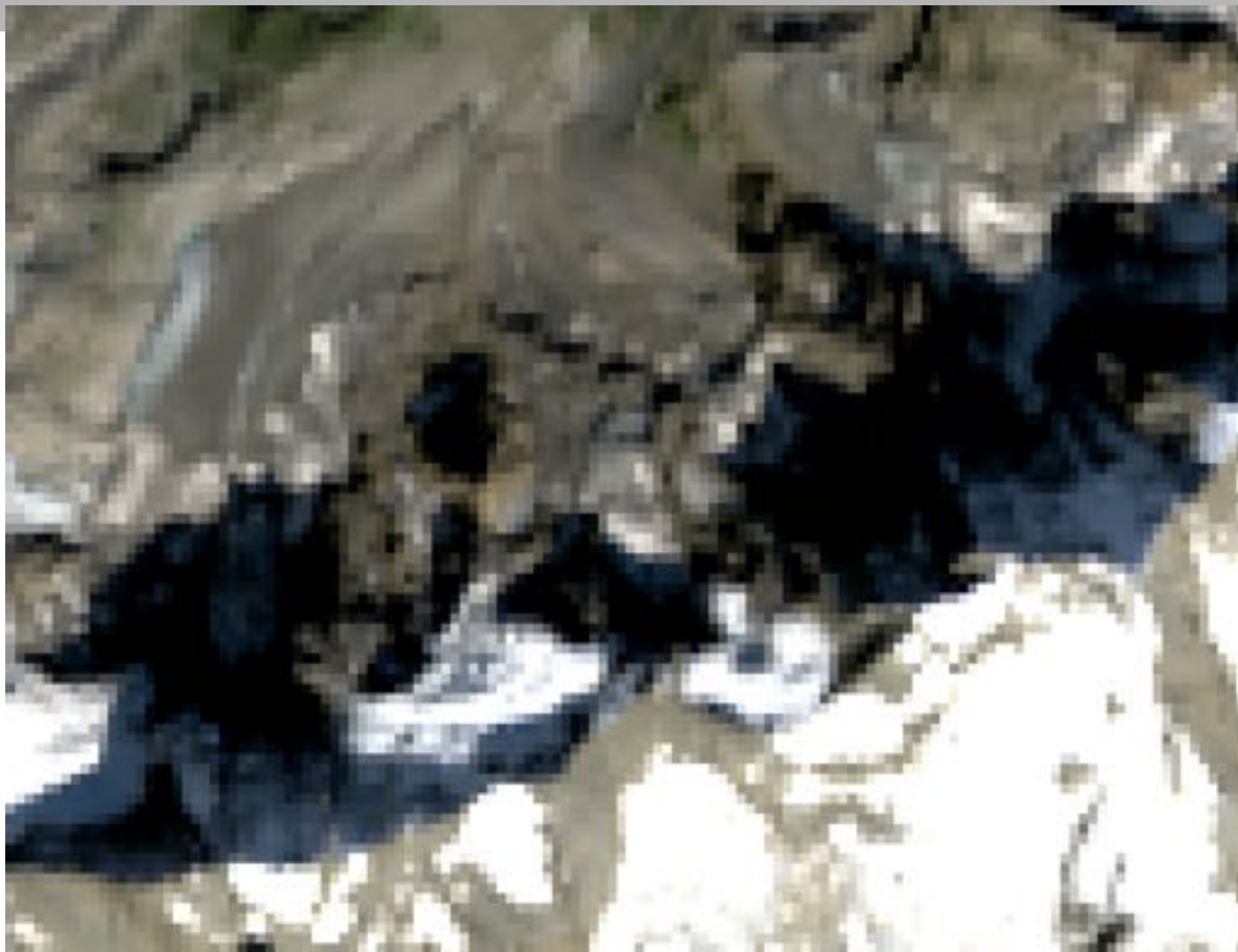


# Sentinel 2 tiles and test region



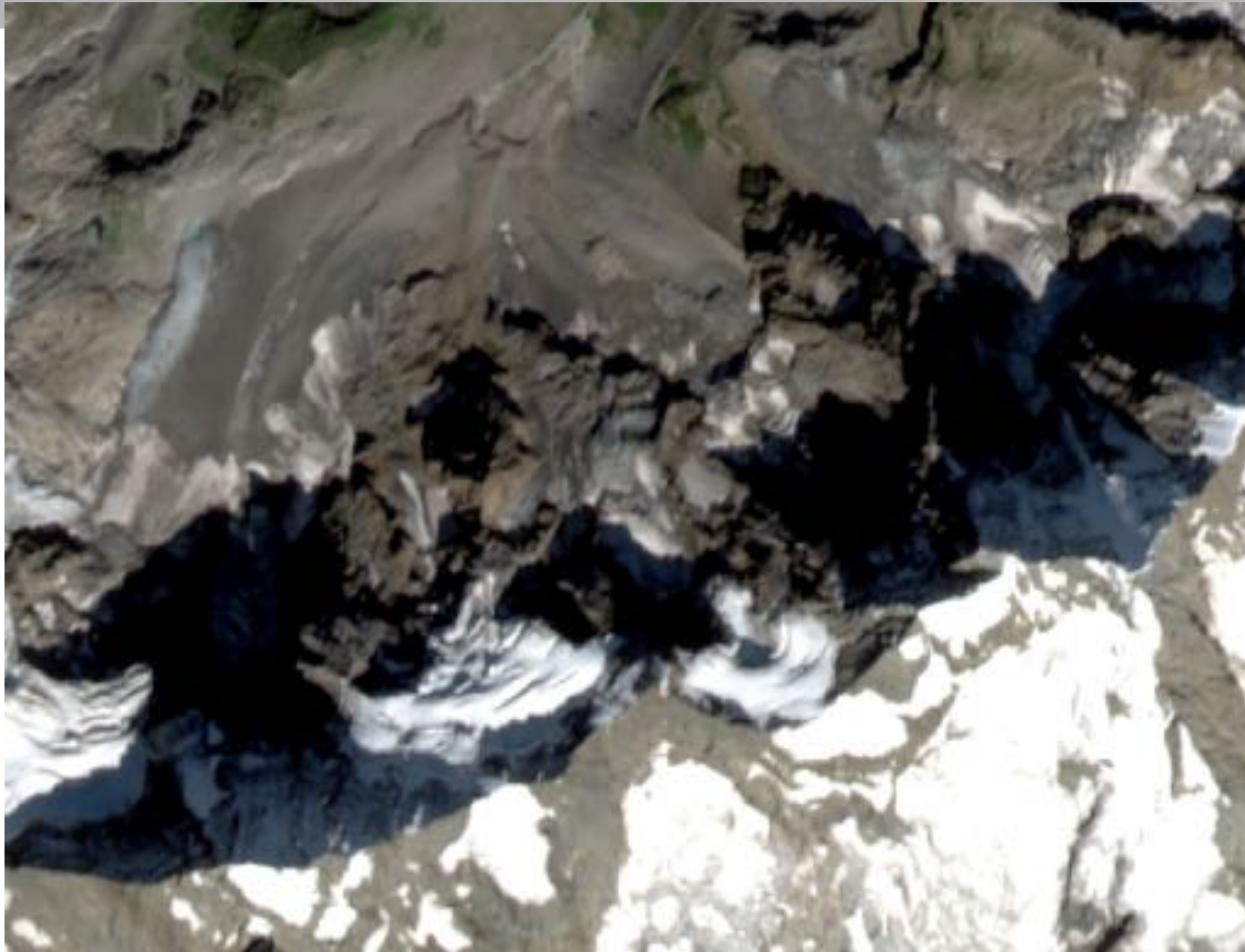


# Spatial resolution Landsat OLI (30 m)





# Spatial resolution Sentinel 2 MSI (10 m)

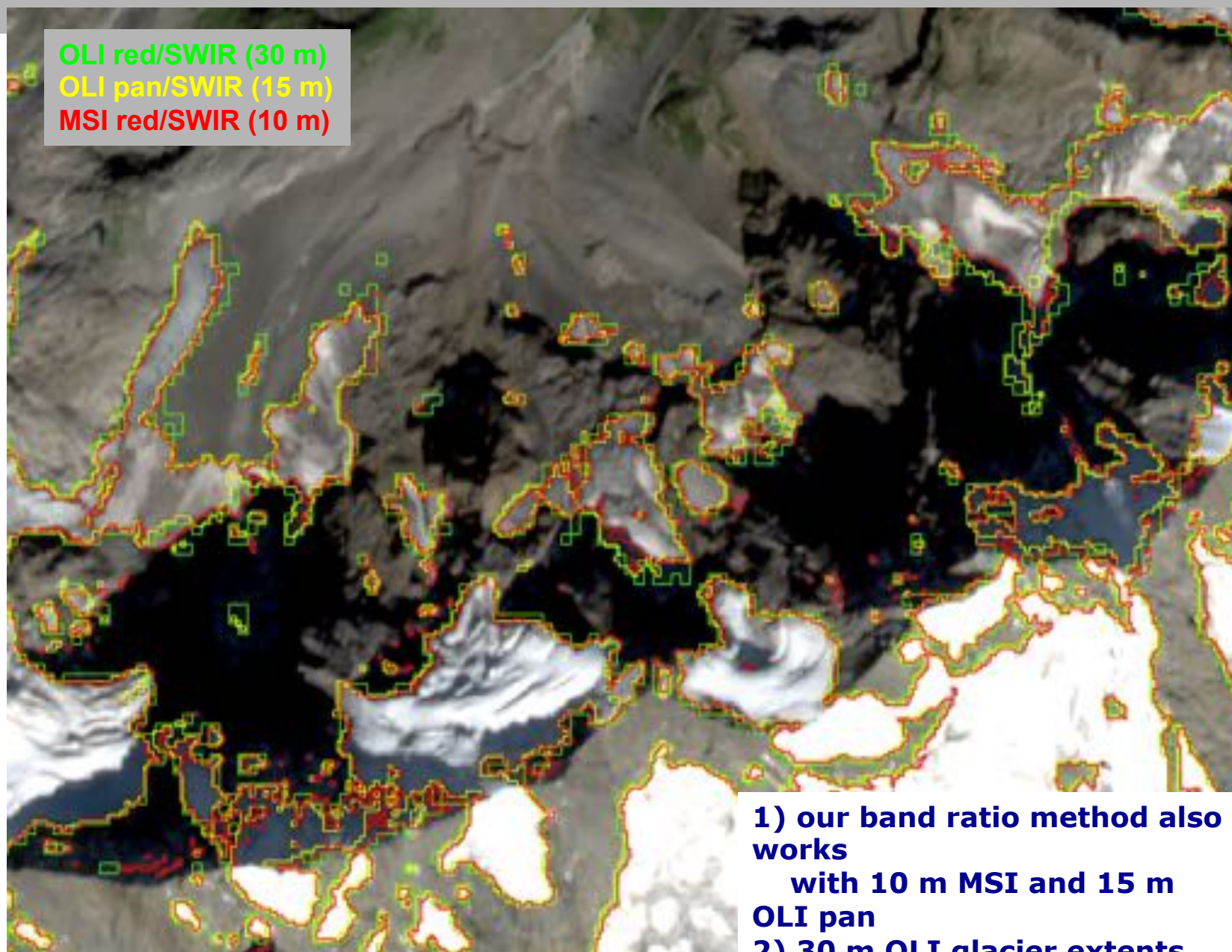




# Glacier outlines from OLI and MSI



OLI red/SWIR (30 m)  
OLI pan/SWIR (15 m)  
MSI red/SWIR (10 m)



**1) our band ratio method also works**

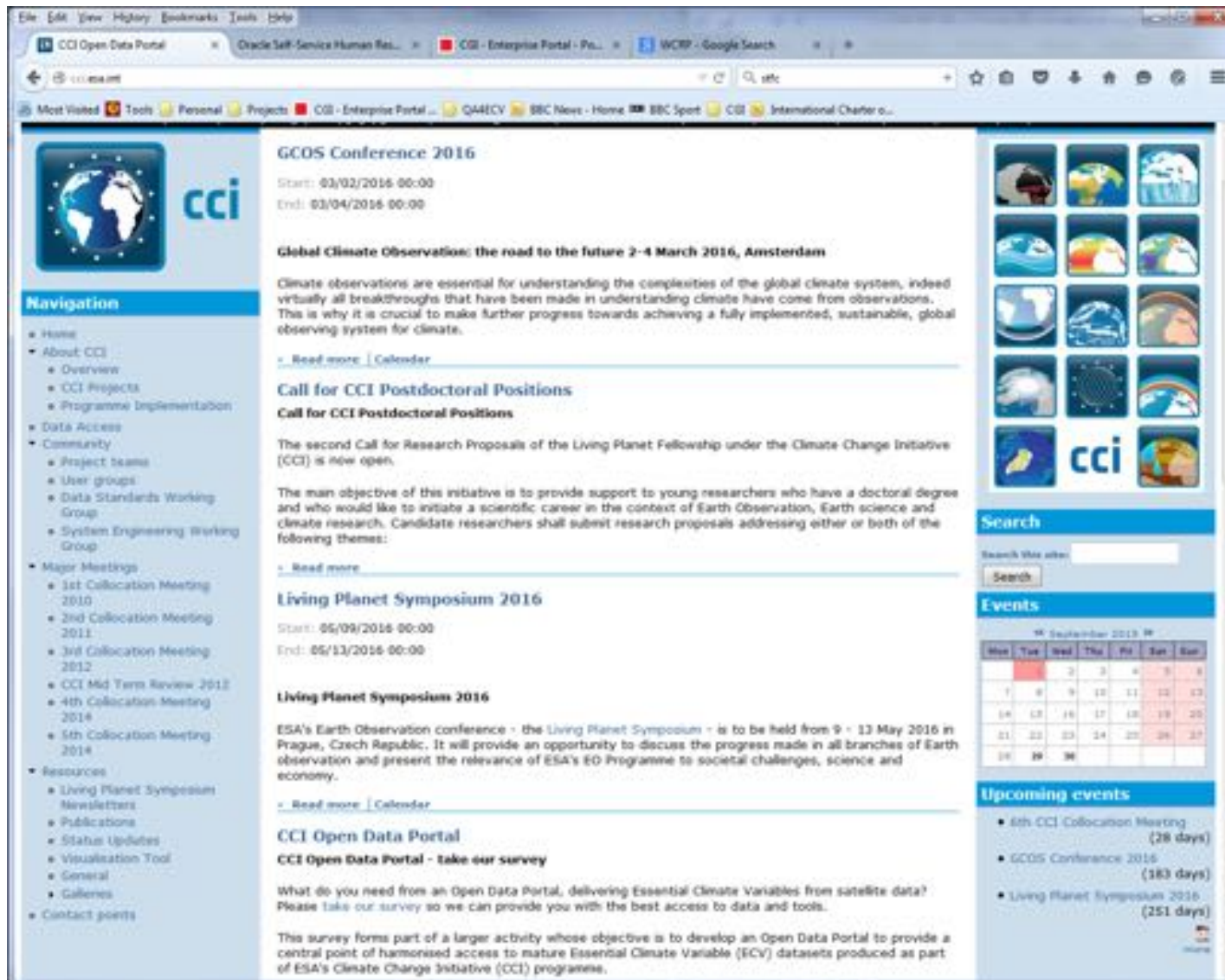
**with 10 m MSI and 15 m OLI pan**

**2) 30 m OLI glacier extents**



# Tools





The screenshot shows the CCI Open Data Portal website. The browser window has several tabs open, including 'CCI Open Data Portal', 'Oracle Self-Service Human Res...', 'CCI - Enterprise Portal - Po...', and 'WCRP - Google Search'. The address bar shows 'cci.esa.int'.

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**GCOS Conference 2016**

Start: 03/02/2016 00:00  
End: 03/04/2016 00:00

**Global Climate Observation: the road to the future 2-4 March 2016, Amsterdam**

Climate observations are essential for understanding the complexities of the global climate system, indeed virtually all breakthroughs that have been made in understanding climate have come from observations. This is why it is crucial to make further progress towards achieving a fully implemented, sustainable, global observing system for climate.

[Read more](#) | [Calendar](#)

**Call for CCI Postdoctoral Positions**

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The second Call for Research Proposals of the Living Planet Fellowship under the Climate Change Initiative (CCI) is now open.

The main objective of this initiative is to provide support to young researchers who have a doctoral degree and who would like to initiate a scientific career in the context of Earth Observation, Earth science and climate research. Candidate researchers shall submit research proposals addressing either or both of the following themes:

[Read more](#)

**Living Planet Symposium 2016**

Start: 05/09/2016 00:00  
End: 05/13/2016 00:00

**Living Planet Symposium 2016**

ESA's Earth Observation conference - the Living Planet Symposium - is to be held from 9 - 13 May 2016 in Prague, Czech Republic. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the progress made in all branches of Earth observation and present the relevance of ESA's EO Programme to societal challenges, science and economy.

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**CCI Open Data Portal**

**CCI Open Data Portal - take our survey**

What do you need from an Open Data Portal, delivering Essential Climate Variables from satellite data? Please take our survey so we can provide you with the best access to data and tools.

This survey forms part of a larger activity whose objective is to develop an Open Data Portal to provide a central point of harmonised access to mature Essential Climate Variable (ECV) datasets produced as part of ESA's Climate Change Initiative (CCI) programme.

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**Upcoming events**

- 6th CCI Collocation Meeting (28 days)
- GCOS Conference 2016 (183 days)
- Living Planet Symposium 2016 (251 days)



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### Access to CCI Data Products

The current CCI Data Products can be accessed via the dedicated CCI Project Team pages (see table below). Alternatively, the CCI's own Climate Modelling User Group (CMUG) have set up a CCI Data Page, which gives an overview of what products are available within each ECV and the type of registration required. They also include validation and assessment reports undertaken by CMUG on the ECV products - these evaluate the data sets from a climate research and climate modeling perspective. Note that all CCI data is free to download and registration procedures are kept to a minimum.

Access to CCI data products will be improved via the implementation of a CCI Data Portal with a central data archive and metadata catalogue. The key requirements for the portal are its user-friendliness, its reliability and its long-term availability. The Data Portal contract is due to start in early 2015.

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**CCI Products**

CCI Project	Link to Data Products
Aerosol	Available
Cloud	Available
Fire	Available
Greenhouse Gases	Available
Glaciers	Available
Ice Sheets	Available
Land Cover	Available
Ocean Colour	Available
Ozone	Available
Sea Ice	Available
Sea Level	Available
Sea Surface Temperature	Available
Soil Moisture	Available





ECV	Volume	Notes	Version
aerosol	0.2 TB	L2 and L3 products	various
cloud	8.1 TB	L3C, L3S and L3U phase1_v1.0	v1.0 (v2.0)
fire	4.7 GB	burned_area grid and pixel	v3.1
ghg	23.0 GB	L2 xch4, xco2 products (CRDP_2)	various
glaciers	6.8 MB	rgi50	V5.0
ice sheets greenland	1.0 GB	surface_elevation_change, ice_velocity, calving_front_locations, grounding_line_locations	v1.0
land cover	17 GB	300m global LC Maps	1.6.1
ocean colour	30 TB	v1-release, geographic and sinusoidal	v1.0
ozone	1.4 GB	L3 total_columns, limb_profiles, nadir_profiles	various
sea ice	0.2 TB	sea_ice_concentration L4 products	v1.11
sea level	1.5 GB	IND and L4 MSLA products	v1.1
soil moisture	45 GB	daily_files ACTIVE, COMBINED, PASSIVE	v02.1, v02.2
sst	3.7 TB	L4 Analysis, L3U ATSR, L2P AVHRR	v01.0, v01.1
<b>total</b>	<b>42.3 TB</b>		



## Catalogue records



-  Dataset
-  Guide
-  Download
-  2007-01-01
-  2009-10-31

### ESA Cloud Climate Change Initiative (Cloud CCI): L3U cloud properties from AATSR on Envisat, Version 1.0

Cloud properties derived from the AATSR instrument on ENVISAT by the ESA Cloud CCI project. The L3U datasets consists of cloud properties from L2 data granules remapped to a global space grid of 0.1 degree in latitude and longitude, without combining any observations from overlapping orbits; only...

Data were processed by the ESA CCI Cloud project team and supplied to CEDA in the context of the ESA CCI Open Data Portal Project.

**Subjects:** ESACCI; orthoimagery; imageryBaseMapsEarthCover; environment;

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Cloud Climate Change Initiative (Cloud CCI): L3U cloud properties from AATSR on Envisat,

- ECV
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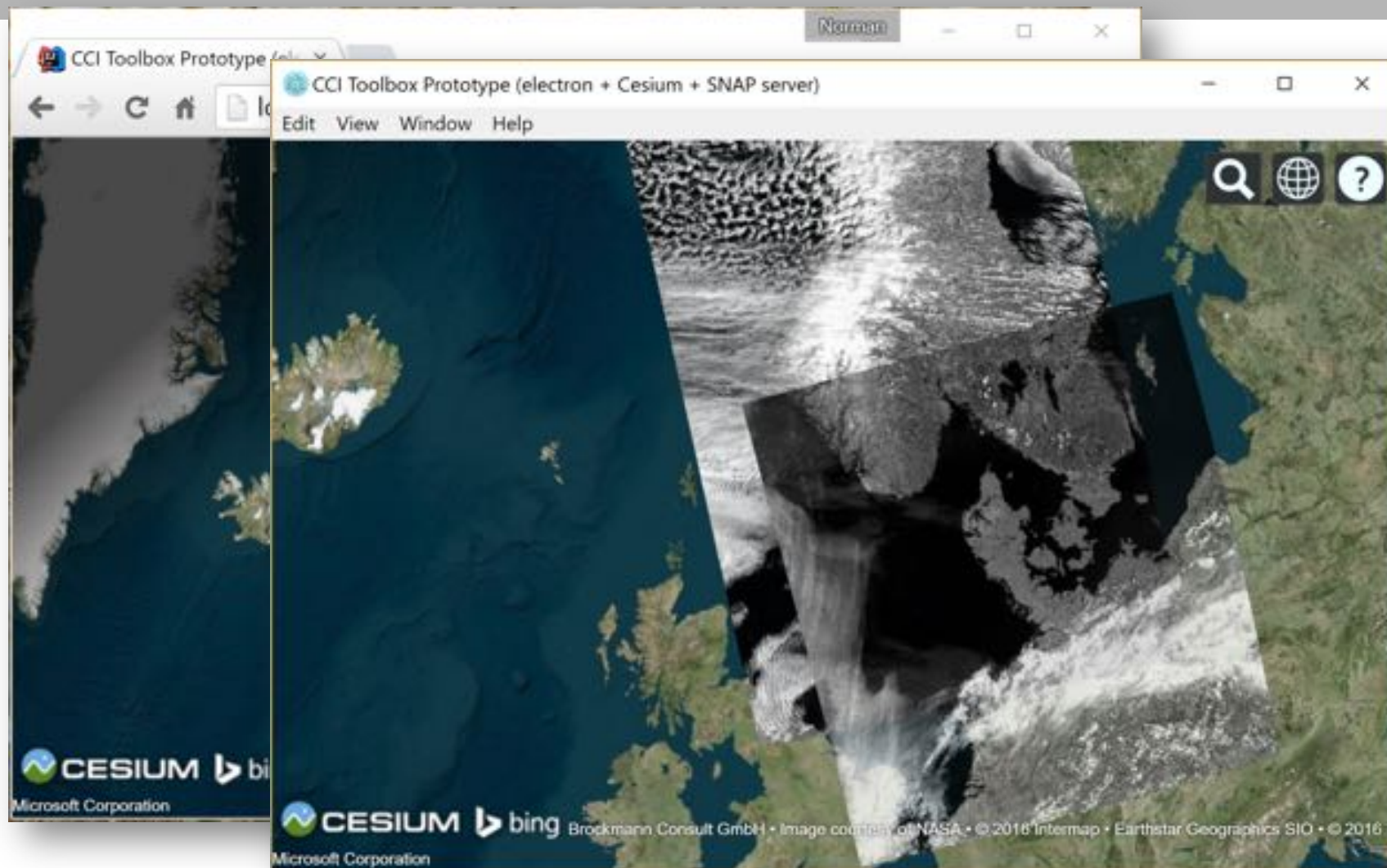
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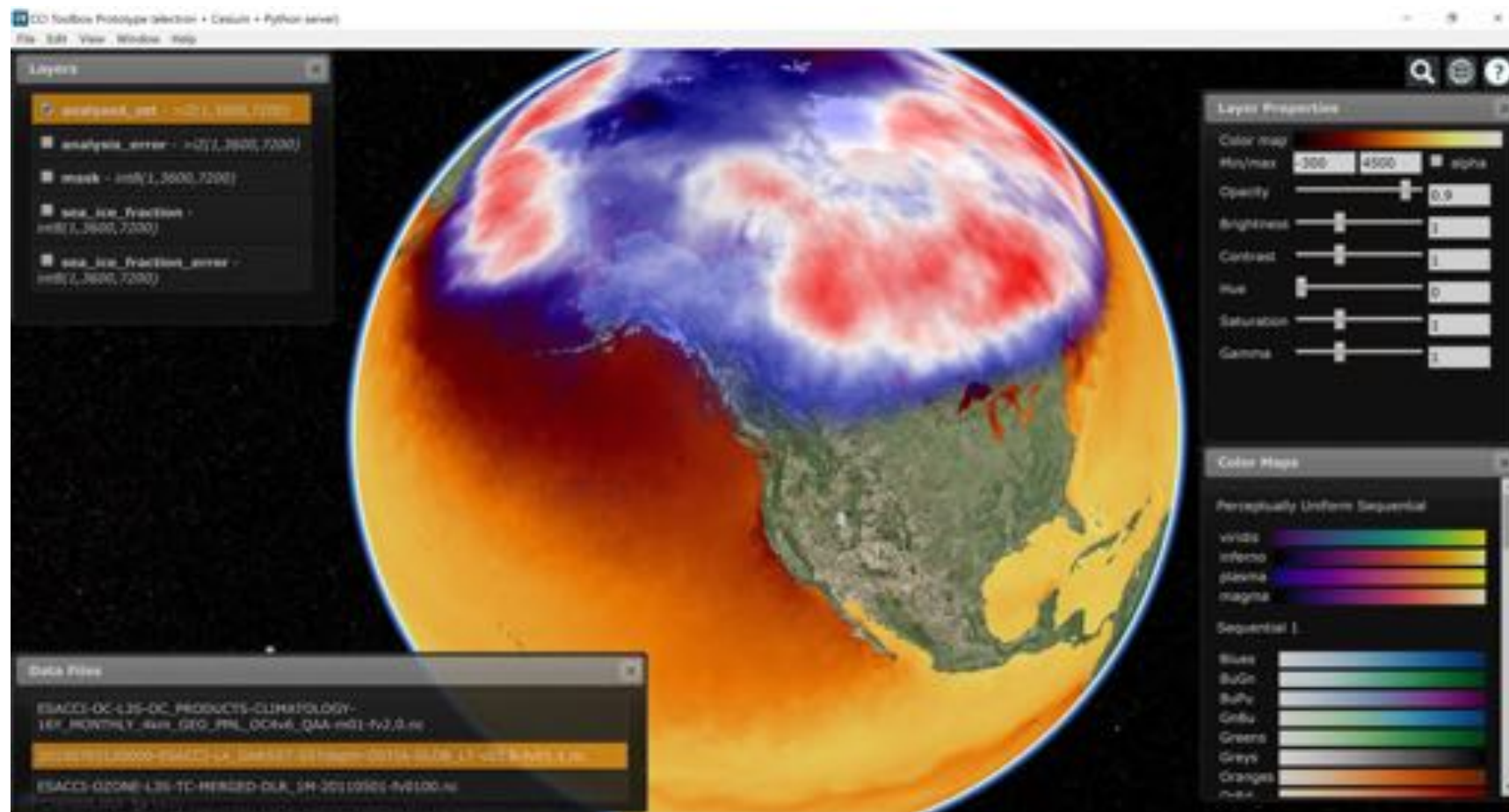


## CCI Toolbox Prototype 1 – Demo



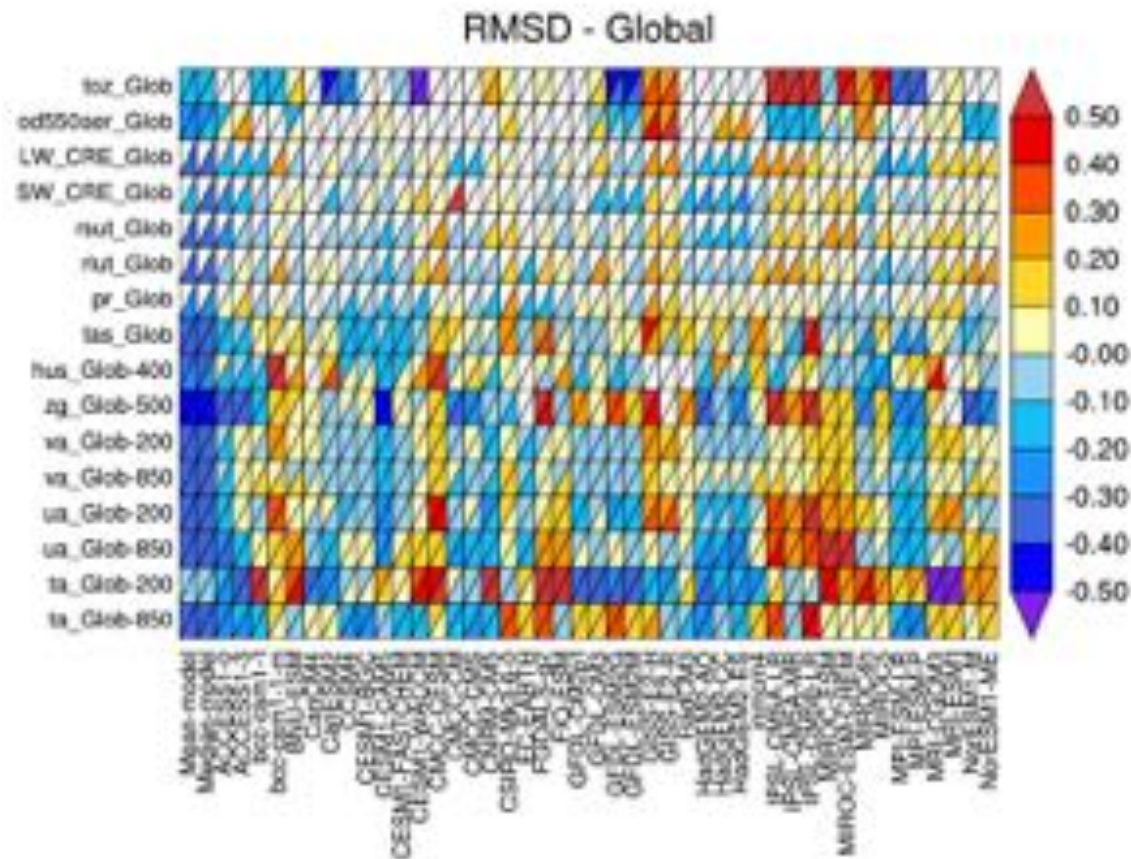


# CCI Toolbox Prototype 2 - Demo





# Performance Metrics calculated with ESA CCI Data [DLR]



**NEW:**

**ESA CCI total column ozone**

**ESA CCI AOD 550 nm already implemented in ESMValTool version 1.0**

**Implementation of other ESA CCI datasets planned**

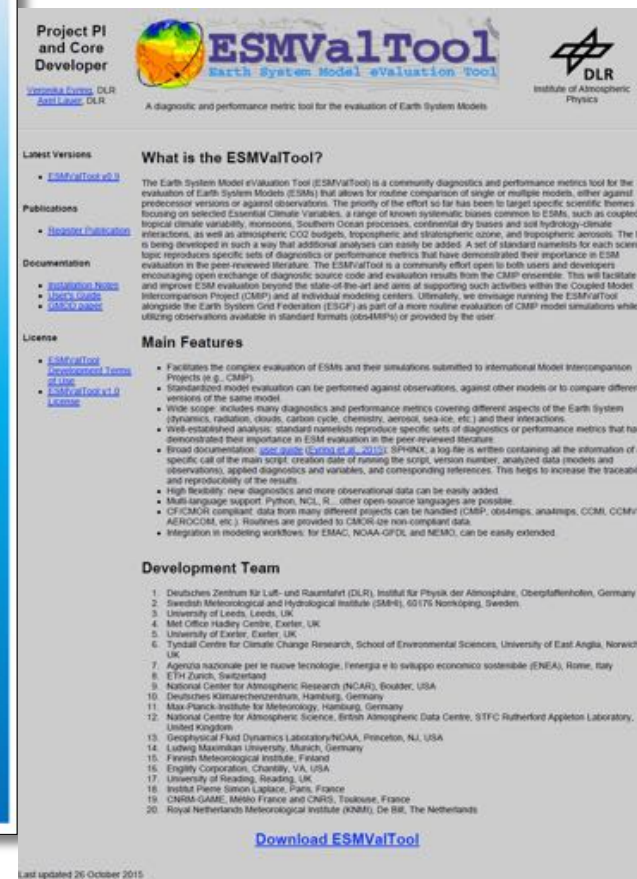
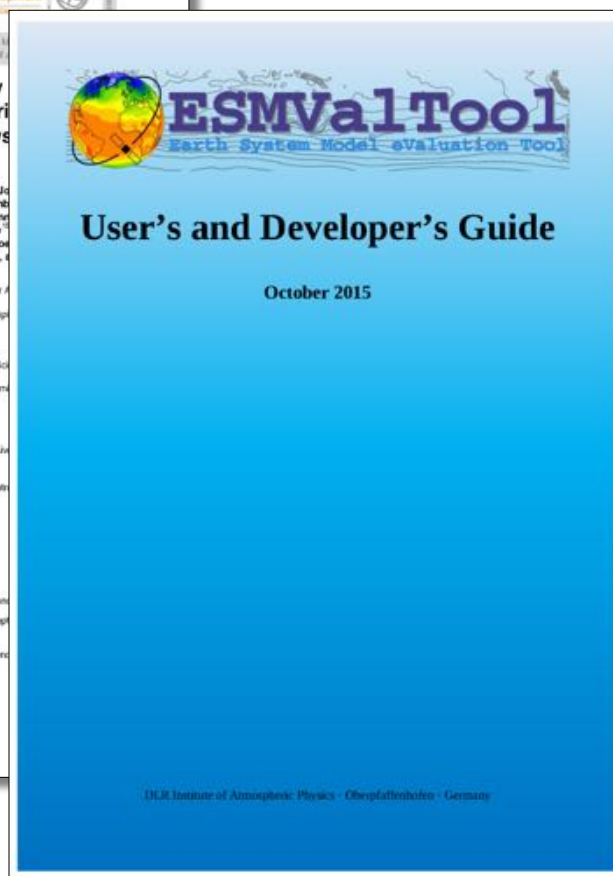
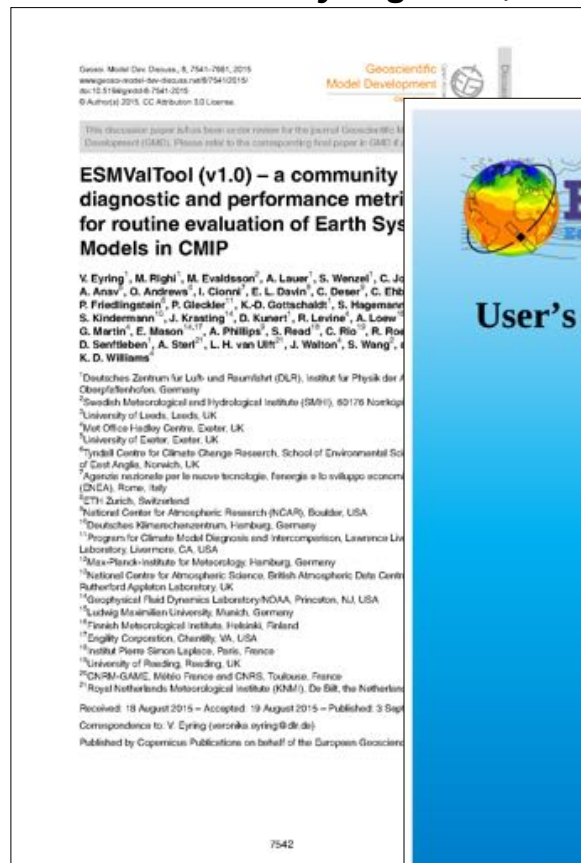
- **Clouds & Radiation**
- **Aerosol+**
- **XCO<sub>2</sub>**
- **SIC and SIT**
- **Ocean colour**
- **SSTs**
- **Land Cover**
- **Fire**
- **Soil Moisture**



# ESMValTool Version 1.0 released with ESA CMUG contributions

<http://www.esmvaltool.org/>

Eyring et al., Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss, 8, 7541-7661, 2015





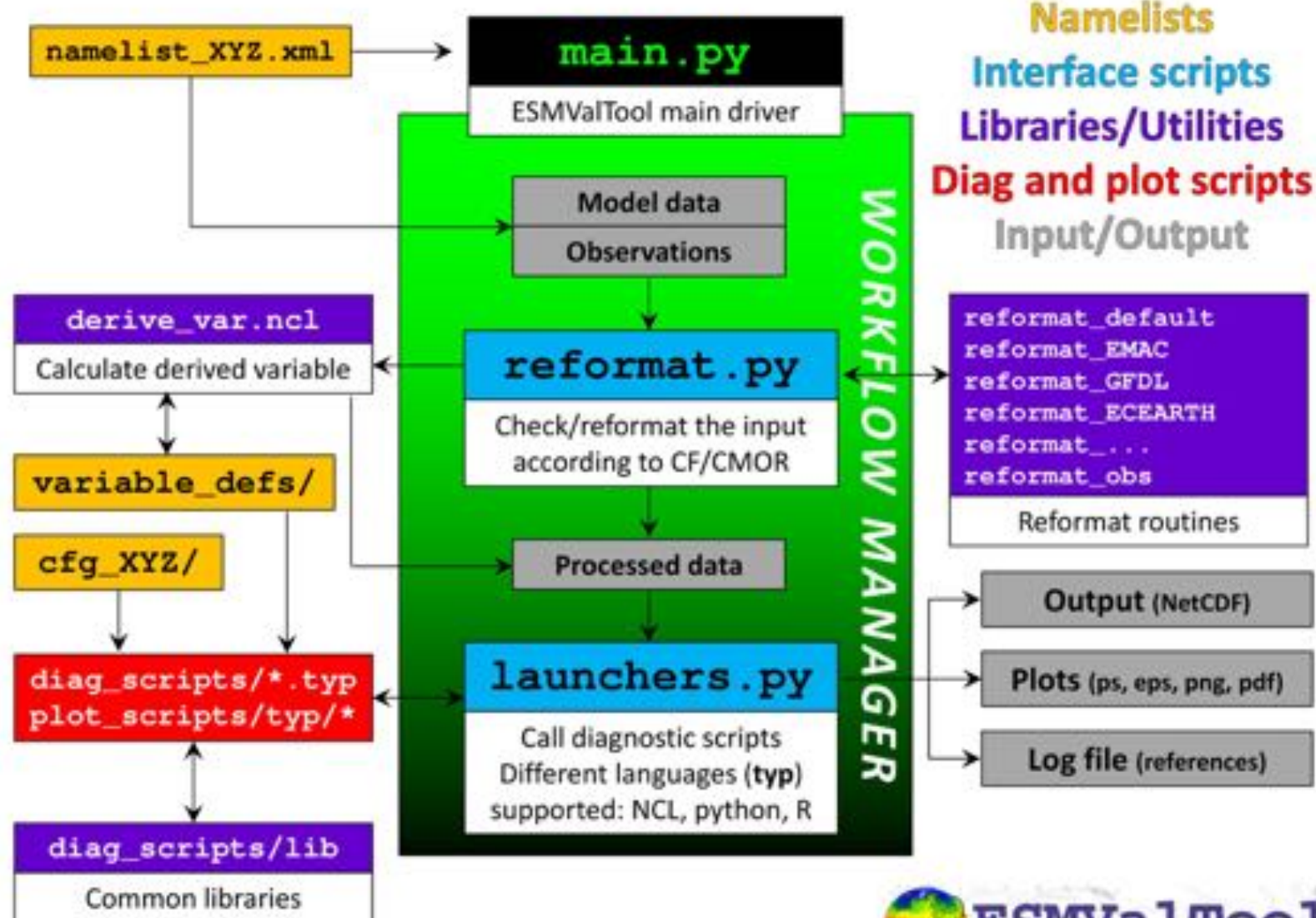
## Current Status: Contributing Institutions

(currently ~60 developers from 22 institutions and ~40 users)



1. Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR), Institut für Physik der Atmosphäre, Germany
2. Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI), Norrköping, Sweden
3. Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l'energia e lo sviluppo economico sostenibile (ENEA), Italy
4. British Atmospheric Data Centre (BADC) , UK
5. Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research (CAWCR), Bureau of Meteorology, Australia
6. Deutsches Klimarechenzentrum (DKRZ), Germany
7. ETH Zurich, Switzerland
8. Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland
9. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) NOAA, USA
10. Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, France
11. Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany
12. Max-Planck-Institute for Meteorology, Germany
13. Met Office Hadley Centre, UK
14. Météo France, Toulouse, France
15. Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center, Norway
16. National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), USA
17. New Mexico Tech, USA
18. Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI), The Netherlands
19. University of East Anglia (UEA), UK
20. University of Exeter, Exeter, UK
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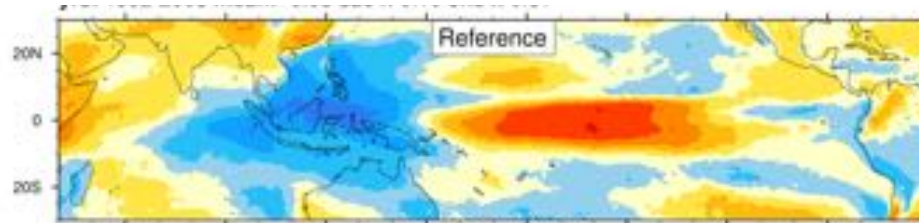




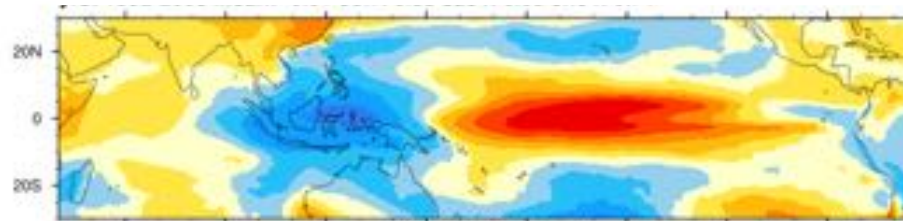
# ATMOSPHERE: Teleconnections Clouds & SST [SMHI]

Preliminary results using ESMvaltool Teleconnection diagnostics for the correlation between Nino3.4 CCI-SST and CCI -Cloud cover, and SST/ Clouds in two AMIP simulations, 1982-2008

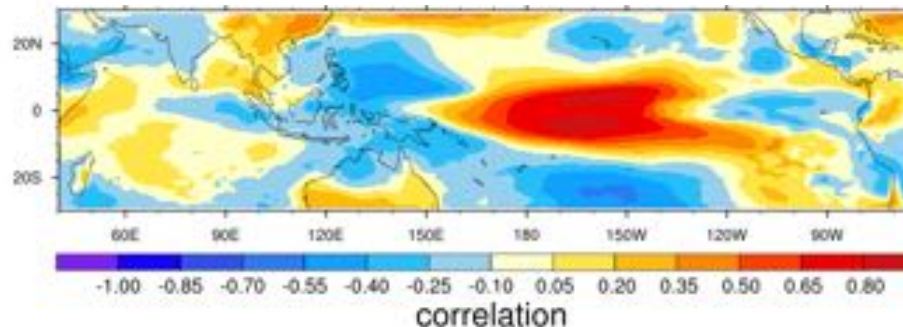
## ANN-mean Cloud-Nino3.4 SST teleconnections CCI SST&Clouds



## EC-Earth SST&Clouds

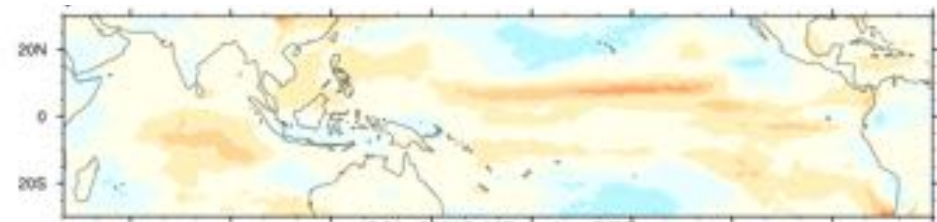


## IPSL SST&Clouds

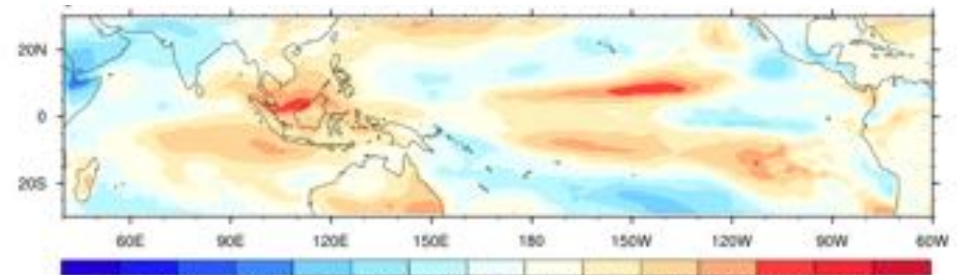


Observed and modelled teleconnection pattern similar, but the models show hint of “double” ITCZ

## EC-Earth - CCI correlations



## IPSL - CCI correlations



Difference in models and observed correlation



**CCI+**



# Preliminary analysis of new ECVs in CCI+



Atmosphere	Ocean	Terrestrial
Composition	Surface	
Aerosol Properties	Sea Surface Temperature	Land Cover
Carbon Dioxide & Methane	Sea Level	Fire Disturbance
Ozone	Sea Ice	Soil Moisture
Long-Lived Greenhouse Gases	Ocean Colour	Glaciers and Ice Caps
	Sea State	Ice Sheets
Upper Air	Current	Snow Cover
Cloud Properties	Sea Surface Salinity	Albedo
Temperature	Carbon Dioxide Partial Pressure	Leaf Area Index (LAI)
Water Vapour	Phytoplankton	FAPAR
Wind Speed and Direction	Ocean Acidity	Lakes
Earth Radiation Budget	Sub Surface	Above Ground Biomass
Surface	Carbon	Permafrost
Surface Air Pressure	Current	Ground Water
Surface Air Temperature	Nutrients	River Discharge
Surface Precipitation	Ocean Acidity	Soil Carbon
Surface Radiation Budget	Oxygen	
Water Vapour (Surface humidity)	Salinity	
Near-Surface Wind Speed, Dir	Temperature	
	Tracers	
	Global Ocean Heat Content	
Within scope of CCI	Started in CCI	



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Carbon Dioxide & Methane	Sea Level	Fire Disturbance
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Precursors (for Aerosols and Ozone)	Sea State	Ice Sheets
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Within scope of CCI	Started in CCI	Proposed in CCI+ Extension
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## (ii) New R&D on ECVs already started in CCI



ESA/PB-EO(2015)24 Annex 2 lists many CCI ECV products expected to be sufficiently mature for pre-operational production by the end of CCI (2017-2018).

Further R&D on ECVs is needed in CCI+ to:

- Improve quality of ECV products closer to meeting GCOS goals (e.g. accuracy, spatial resolution, long term stability), and improve cross-ECV consistency.
- Develop algorithms for "difficult" ECV variables required by GCOS, e.g. regional sea-level, coastal ocean colour, aerosol absorption, sea-ice drift.
- Extend ECV length by developing methods to bring older less well-calibrated satellite instruments into the time series (e.g. AVHRR), and develop corrections for future instrument degradation.
- Fully exploit the new capabilities of Sentinel and Earth Explorer instruments, e.g. new types of measurement, new spectral bands, wider swaths, higher resolution.
- Develop climate-quality methods to join-up multi-mission time series, especially where there are gaps, e.g. Envisat to Sentinel-1/3.
- Increase maturity of ECV product uncertainty estimates.
- Develop better merged ECV products.
- Perform algorithm round-robins to assess promising new ECV retrieval techniques.



# Climate Modelling and the new ECVs

ESA announced the following candidates to be considered for CCI+

- **Ocean Salinity**
- **Sea State (e.g. height/freq/dire waves)**
- **Lakes (e.g. level, area, temp, phase)**
- **Above Ground Biomass**
- **Snow Cover (e.g. cover, SWE)**
- **Long-lived Greenhouse Gases (e.g. CFC, SF6)**
- **Precursors Supporting the Ozone and Aerosol ECVs**
- **High-Resolution Land Cover**
- **Land Surface Temperature**
- **Water Vapour**
-