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# The 9<sup>th</sup> GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium Towards the Next Decade of GEOSS in the Asia-Pacific Region

## The Israel (GEO) Activities

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**TAU**



# TAU-RSL

**The group is leaded by :**

**Prof. Eyal Ben Dor** – Remote Sensing of the Earth Solis and Liquid Phase  
GEO principle of Israel (ISA)

2 PhD Employees, 2 Post DOC, 5 PhD, 4 MSc.

All activities are conducting by international collaboration (Europe, US, South America and Australia) using state of the art sensors, platform and selected state-of-the optical technologies.

Recent activity:

- Enlarging the Hyperspectral remote sensing to the Thermal Region by opening a “***knowledge HSR national center***” under ISA
- Building Soil Spectral Libraries for Mediterranean, North Africa and Balkan countries

## GEO Direct

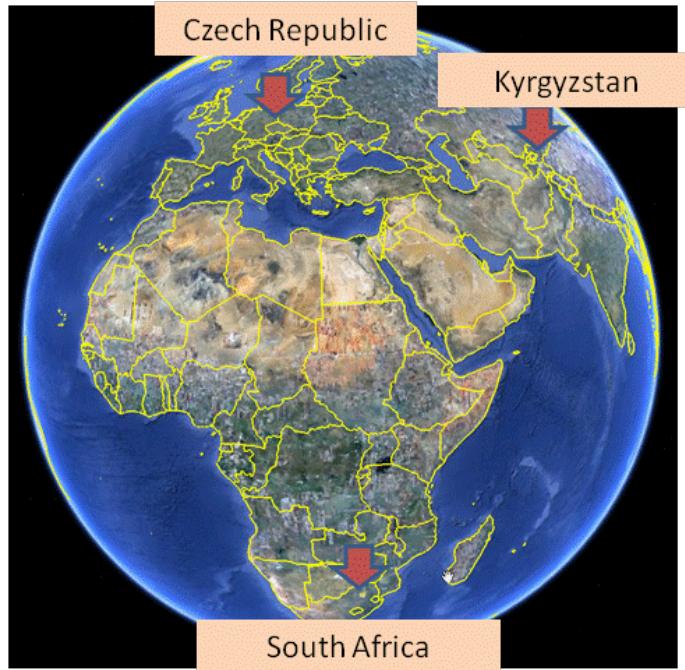
- GEO principle of Israel
- Energy and Mineral SBA
- GEOGLAM

## GEO Indirect

- EO-MINERS FP-7 project (with BRDM)
- CAL/VAL initiative TAU and BGU (within CEOS)
- WG 7/III Information extracted from hyperspectral sensor (with ISPRS)
- EWG 8 Hyperspectral Applications of Soils (with EUFAR)
- EO-CRADEL H202 project (with NOA)
- GSSL-Global Soil Spectral Library



# Part of EO-Miners – FP7



*“Integrate new and existing Earth Observation tools to improve best practice in mining activities and to reduce the mining related environmental and social footprint”*



## Work package 2 – TAU

### Background

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- WP2 is focused on **standards and protocols** for EO projects and utilization
- A large number of EO working protocols were collected and developed during the project period.
- The output of WP2 is 5 deliverables that can be used in future projects and researches as standard working protocols

# Standard and Protocol + QA/QI

- Mapping indicators for EO tools
- Mission planning protocol (airborne, space borne)
- Geo-rectification protocol
- Geo-rectification quality indicators
- Field spectral measurements protocol
- HRS atmospheric correction protocol
- HRS atmospheric correction quality indicators
- HRS atmospheric correction comparison
- New innovative HRS change detection approach (spectral based) – Protocol
- Thermal atmospheric correction protocol and TES
- Emissivity field measurement protocol
- New digital field archiving tool (CSIRO has requested a copy)
- Spectral of dust components -protocol
- Reflectance measurement of soils in the laboratory protocol
- Reflectance measurement of soils in the field protocol



Coordinating and integRating state-of-the-art Earth Observation Activities in the regions of North Africa, Middle East, and Balkans and Developing Links with GEO related initiatives towards GEOSS

### Technical Annex 1-3

ID	Participant Organisation Name	Country	Logo
1	National Observatory of Athens (NOA) - Coordinator	Greece	
2	Interbalkan Environment Center (IBEC)	Greece	
3	Center for Environment and development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)	Egypt	
4	Research and Studies Telecommunications Centre (CERT)	Tunisia	
5	Tel Aviv University (TAU)	Israel	
6	Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)	Cyprus	
7	TUBITAK UZAY Space Technologies Research Institute (UZAY)	Turkey	
8	Space research and technology institute (SRTI)	Bulgaria	
9	National Institute of R&D for Optoelectronics (INOE)	Romania	
10	University of Ss Cyril and Methodius (USCM)	FYROM	
11	Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania (INCA)	Albania	
12	Institute of Physics Belgrade (IPB)	Serbia	
13	CIMA Research Foundation (CIMA)	Italy	
14	Academy of Athens (AOA)	Greece	
15	INOSENS (INS)	Serbia	
16	European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC)	EU	
17	EURISY	EU	
18	EuroGeoSurveys (EGS)	EU	
19	University of UAE (UUAE)*	UAE	
20	King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM)*	Saudi Arabia	
21	World Radiation Center (PMOD/WRC)*	Switzerland	
22	National Authority for Remote Sensing & Space Sciences (NARSS) (subcontractor to CEDARE)**	Egypt	
23	Royal Centre for Remote Sensing (CRTS) (subcontractor "in-kind" to EURISY)**	Morocco	

\*Note: UAE, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland are not requesting financial contribution from the EC

\*\*Note 2: NARSS and CRTS are considered as key subcontractors and thus are presented in this list



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## Thematic Areas



*Adaptation to  
Climate  
Change  
(ACC)*



*Improved  
Food Security  
– Water  
Extremes  
Management  
(IFS)*



*Access to  
Raw  
Materials  
(ARM)*



*Access to  
Energy  
(SENSE)*

Protocol , SSL

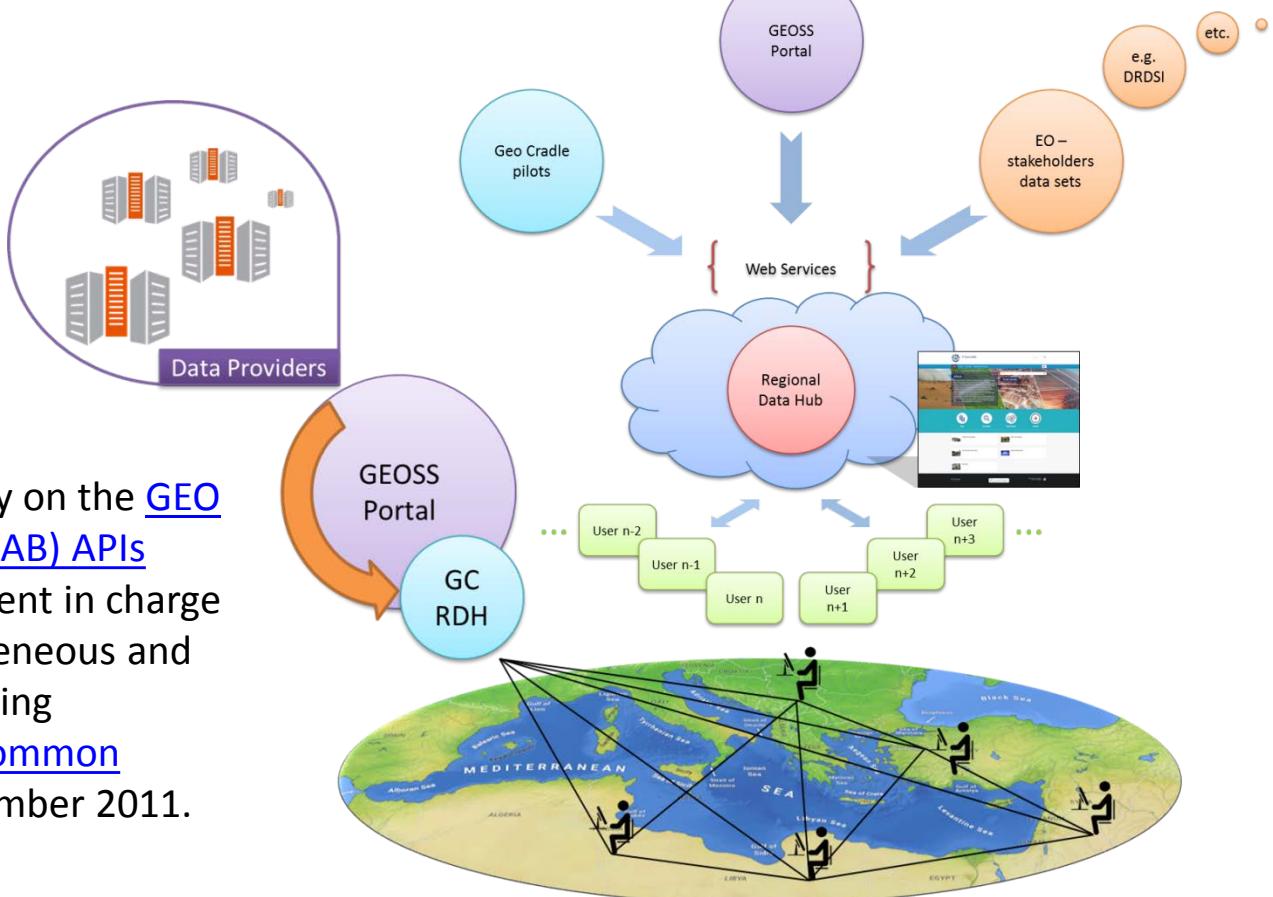


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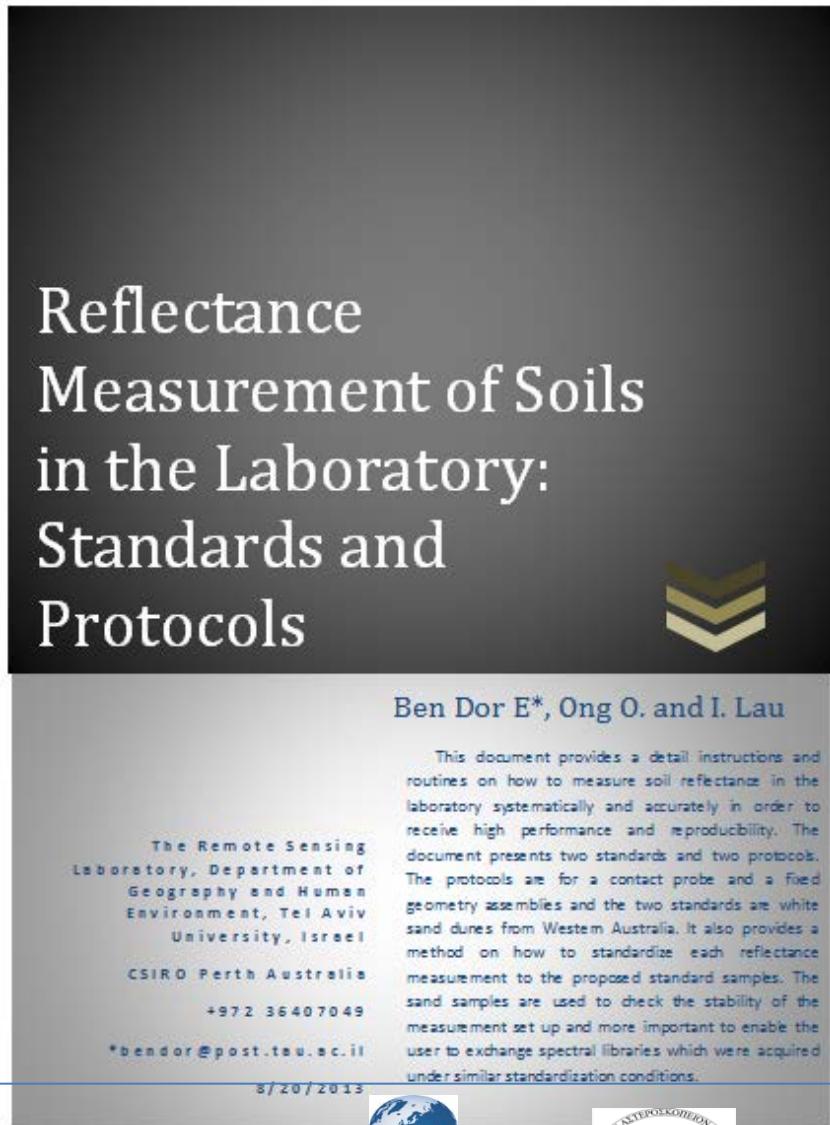


## Regional Data Hub – Connection with GEOSS & Regional Portals

- The GEO CRADLE Regional Data Hub (GC-RDH) is going to provide its users with a transparent discovery and access mechanism of the [GEOSS portal's resources](#), and other regional portals!
- This mechanism will heavily rely on the [GEO Discovery and Access Broker \(DAB\) APIs](#) which is a middleware component in charge of interconnecting the heterogeneous and distributed capacities contributing to GEOSS; part of the [GEOSS Common Infrastructure \(GCI\)](#) since November 2011.



## EWG 8 Hyper spectral Applications of Soils with EUFAR (2)



Reflectance  
Measurement of Soils  
in the Laboratory:  
Standards and  
Protocols

Ben Dor E\*, Ong O. and I. Lau

This document provides a detail instructions and routines on how to measure soil reflectance in the laboratory systematically and accurately in order to receive high performance and reproducibility. The document presents two standards and two protocols. The protocols are for a contact probe and a fixed geometry assemblies and the two standards are white sand dunes from Western Australia. It also provides a method on how to standardize each reflectance measurement to the proposed standard samples. The sand samples are used to check the stability of the measurement set up and more important to enable the user to exchange spectral libraries which were acquired under similar standardization conditions.

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## Four Protocols:

two are well recommended  
from CSIRO  
[\(bendor@post.tau.ac.il\)](mailto:(bendor@post.tau.ac.il))

# Two Standards

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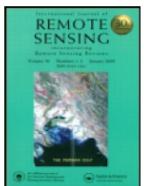
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Soil Mineralogy

## Performance of Three Identical Spectrometers in Retrieving Soil Reflectance under Laboratory Conditions



International Journal of Remote Sensing



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### Normalizing reflectance from different spectrometers and protocols with an internal soil standard

Veronika Kopačková & Eyal Ben-Dor

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A wide range of electronic and mechanical noise factors can affect soil spectra when using different instruments or even when repeating a specific sample's measurements with the same spectrometer. In soil samples where very weak spectral features are monitored for chemoetric purposes, alterations in wavelength location, peak absorption shape, or albedo intensity can limit the use of previously developed spectral models. To quantify this alteration and propose a standardization method, 12 soil samples and three different materials for internal standards (sand, glass and polyethylene) were analyzed. This population was concurrently measured with three identical spectrometers using a strict measurement protocol, and then by different operators with different protocols. Significant changes in the soil spectra were found when different operators performed the measurements, being reduced >50% when the strict protocol was applied. Sand was found to be the ideal internal standard for correcting the spectra to a reference spectrometer, even when different measuring protocols were used. This standardization also showed an improvement in the prediction of soil properties when applying chemoetric spectral models even with different instruments, concluding that the use of an internal standard and a strict protocol must be applied for soil spectral measurements. As the measuring factors described in this research also affect any infrared diffuse reflectance spectroscopy measurements, the proposed method should be applicable to any instrumentation and configuration being used. This is crucial to enabling spectral comparisons between different spectrometers or, more importantly, to establishing robust chemoetric models and to exchange soil spectral information.

Abbreviations: ASD, Analytical Spectral Devices, Inc.; CR, continuum removal; NIRs, near infrared analysis; PLS, partial least squares; RGB, red green blue color model; RMSEP, root mean square error of prediction; SAM, spectral angle mapper; TAU, Tel Aviv University.

Many reflectance spectroscopy applications have been developed for soils in the last 20 yr (Malley et al., 2004). Today, reflectance in the VIS-NIR-SWIR region is considered to be a solid and mature technique for qualitative and quantitative analyses of soil material (Ben-Dor et al., 2008b). Soil spectroscopy has advanced the discipline of soil science by providing a rapid and accurate methodology for quantitative analyses that bypasses the traditional "wet" laboratory analyses. Whereas most of the work in evaluating soil information from reflectance spectroscopy has been performed under controlled laboratory conditions, field applications are now rapidly gaining an important place in soil spectroscopy (Ben-Dor et al., 2009; Cecillon et al., 2009). Accordingly, portable spectrometers are being developed and utilized worldwide for many natural resource applications, such as soil, rock, vegetation, and water studies. In addition, a wide range of soil spectral measurements are being gathered around the globe with the intention of building a universal soil spectral library (Viscarra Rossel, 2009). However, this kind of initiative, or even the routine analyses of spectral data collected in one specific laboratory, are limited by the differences that are usually obtained when different spectrometers and protocols are used (Milton et al., 2009; Price, 1994). Spectral performance may vary among different types of spectrometers, or even among models from the same manufacturer, being therefore important to characterize

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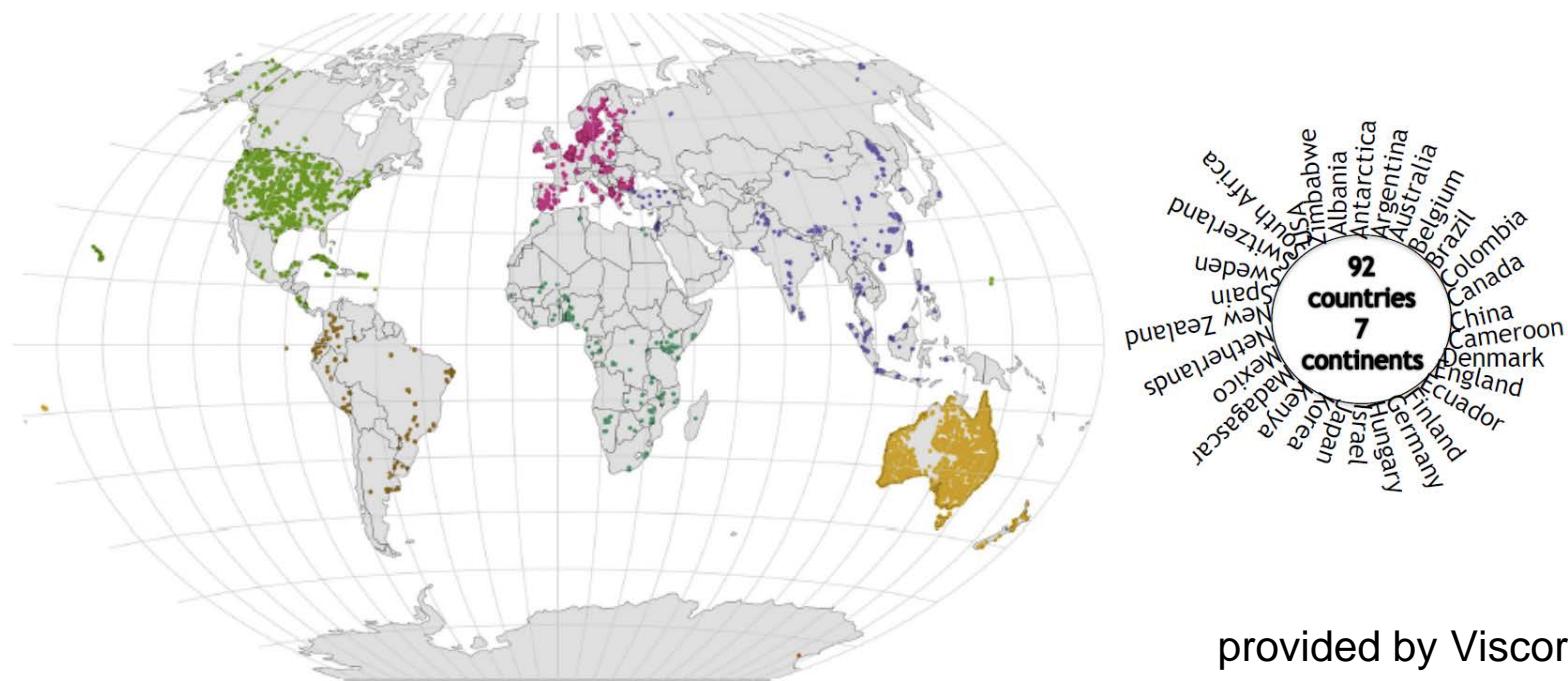
# In 2015 Raphael effort yield the first GSSL Soil VNIR-SWIR Spectra

> 2009

# Global VNIR-SWIR IR spectra

Some 20,000+ vis-NIR (350-2500 nm) spectra from 12,509 sites

45 collaborators from 35 institutions



# GSSL

## Global soil vis–NIR spectra in numbers

### Continent

- 8646 Oceania
- 5198 North, Central America
- 3518 Europe
- 3097 Asia
- 1621 Africa
- 1407 South America
- 144 Antarctica

### Position

- 84% with **coordinates**
- 60% from the **0–30 cm**
- 30% from the **30–100 cm**
- 10% from **> 1m**

### Attributes

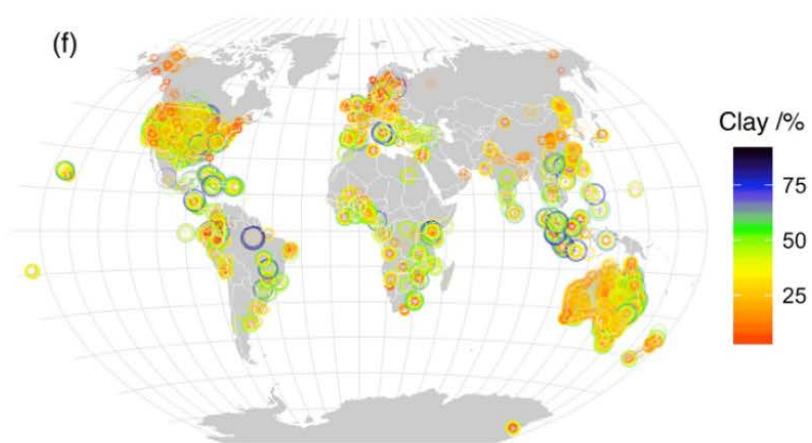
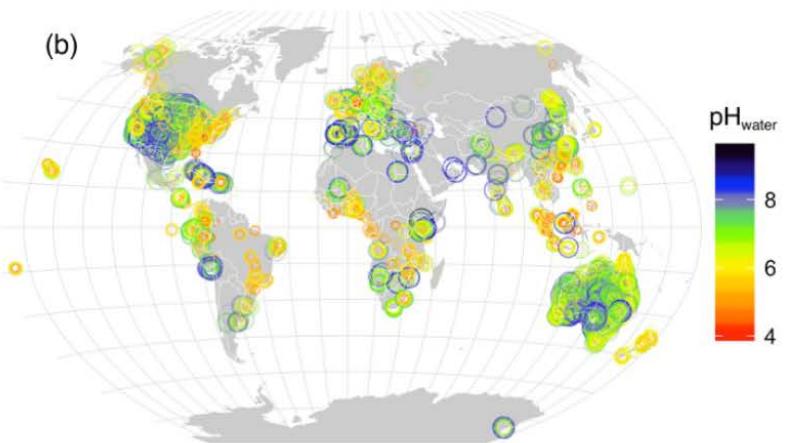
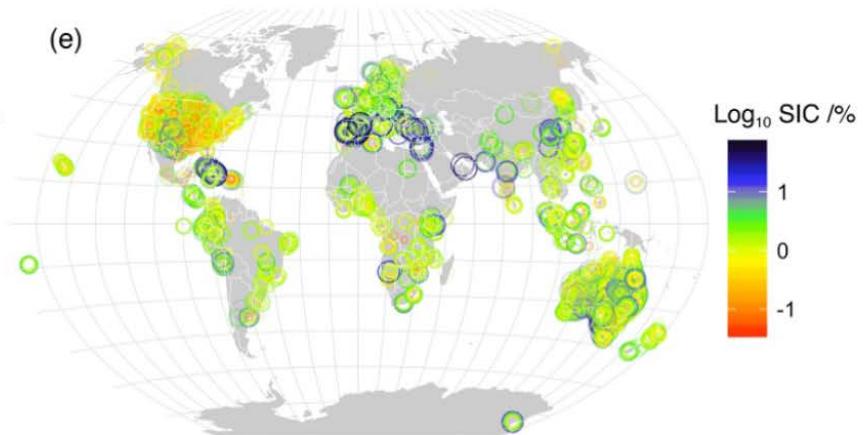
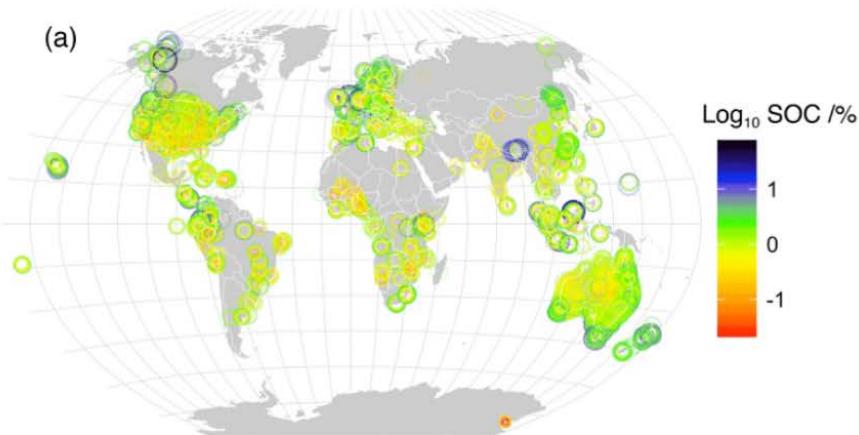
- **pH** 20,515 (20,515)
- **Organic C** 17,931 (9757)
- **Clay** 17,463 (10,064)
- **Sand** 12,058 (3395)
- **CEC** 9588 (5014)
- **Silt** 9542 (1280)
- **Fe** 4151 (3311)
- **CaCO<sub>3</sub>** 2960 (1388)

### Description

- 15% have **soil horizon**
- 95% with **FAO WRB**
- 80% with **land cover**

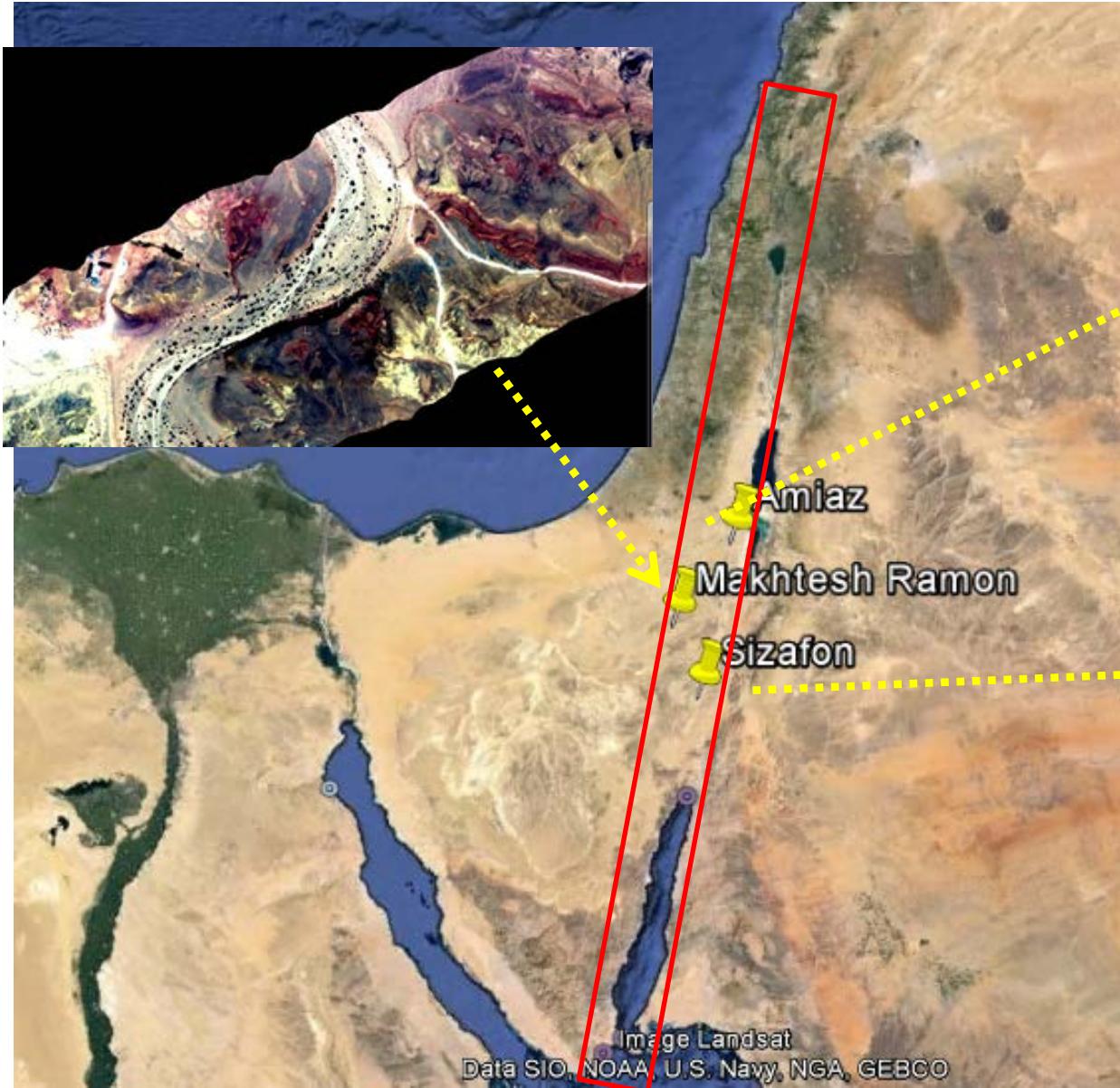
## Chemomtric (non linear spectral data mining) from the GSSL

## Spatial distribution of predictions



- National Soil Spectral library
- Aeronet Stations
- National CAL/VAL (vicariuse) sites for EO
- Super site calibration area for EO
- Notional Center for HSR (under construction)
- Comprehensive research (in GEOSS related issues)  
is conducted at all Universities (6) and National  
Institutes (5)
- Eros satellite
- Venus satellite
- SHALOM satellite

- National vicarious calibration (CAL/VAL) sites for EO



- Aeronet Stations

**AERONET**  
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+ Home    AERONET Data Display Interface Version 2 Direct Sun Algorithm  
Level 2.0. Quality Assured Data.

The following AERONET data are pre and post field calibrated, automatically cloud cleared and manually inspected.

1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

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Total Data (Years):  All  >0.5  >1  >2  >3  >5  >7  >10  >15

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Cairo_EMA (30N,31E)	Cairo_University (30N,31E)	CUT-TEPAK (34N,33E)
Dead_Sea (31N,35E)	Eilat (29N,34E)	Nes_Ziona (31N,34E)
SEDE_BOKER (30N,34E)		

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Location (City, State, Country):	Makhtesh Ramon, Southern Israel, Asia
Altitude above sea level (meters):	557
Center Latitude,Longitude (Degrees):	+30.59 , +34.84
Landsat WRS-2 Path/Row:	174 / 39
Size of Usable Area (km):	TBD
Owner:	TBD
Researcher:	TBD

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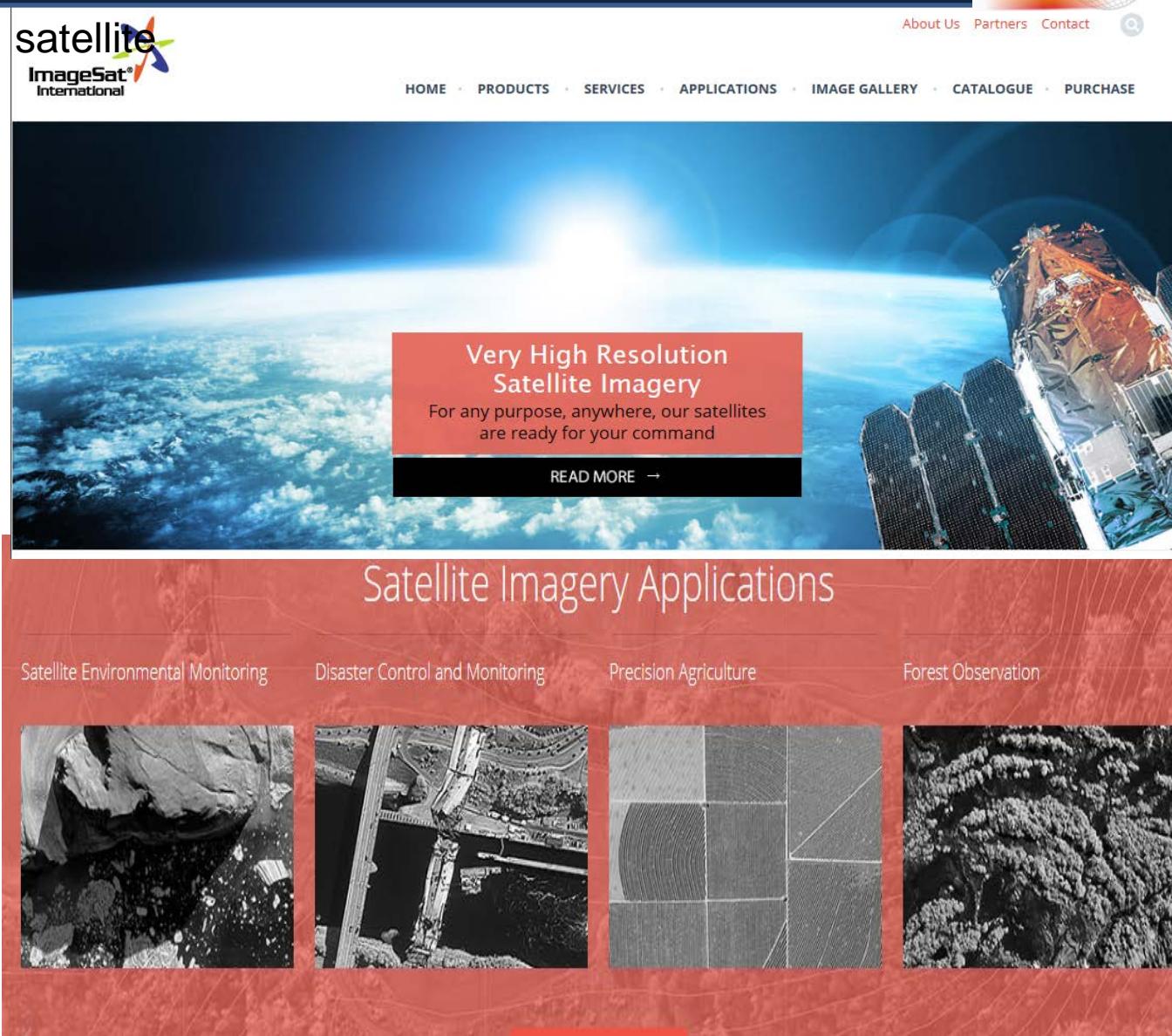


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- Eros satellite



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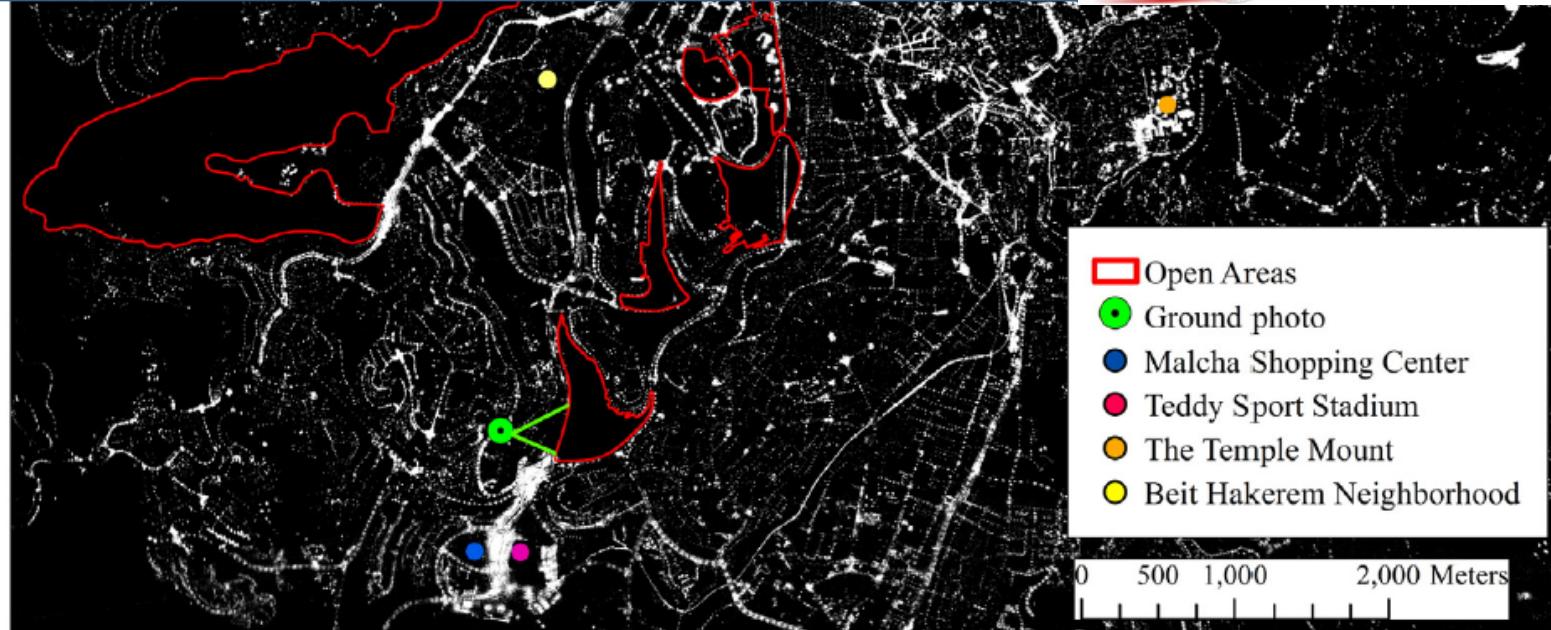
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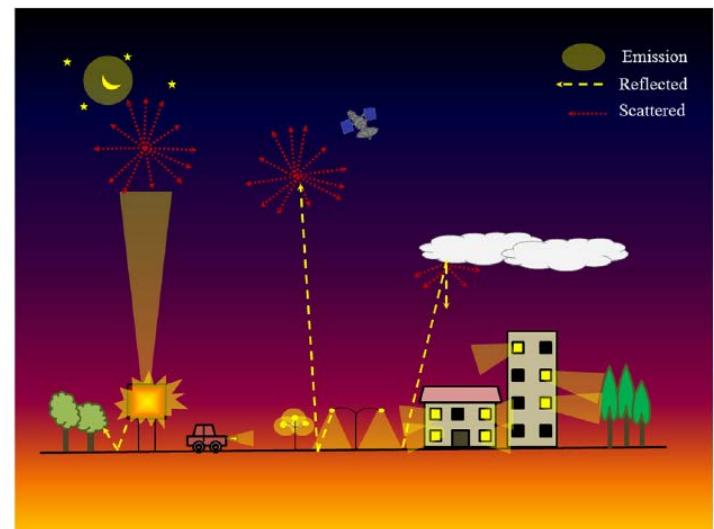
Forest Observation

Data  
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## Jerusalem at night: EROS-B night-lights image, 12/2/2014

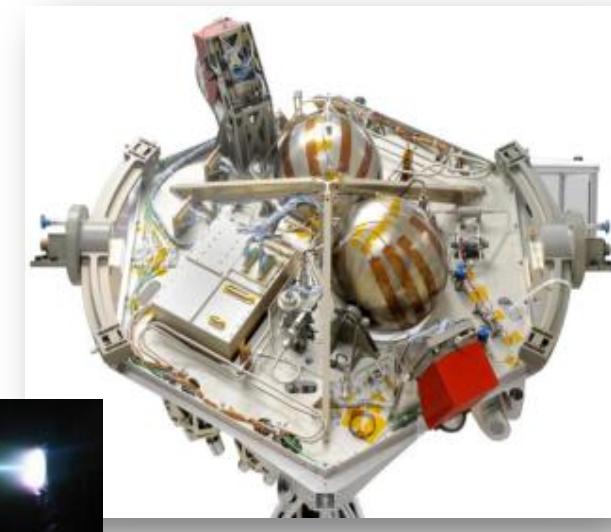
EROS-B night-lights image, reduced to 12.5% resolution.



## Venus satellite

### Venüs: Vegetation and Environment New $\mu$ Satellite

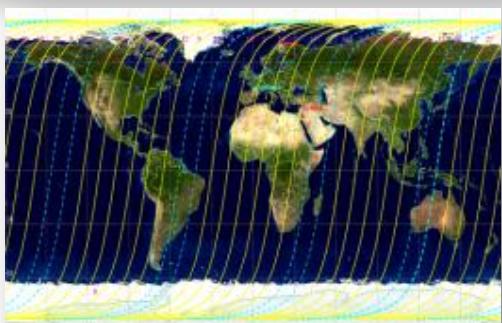
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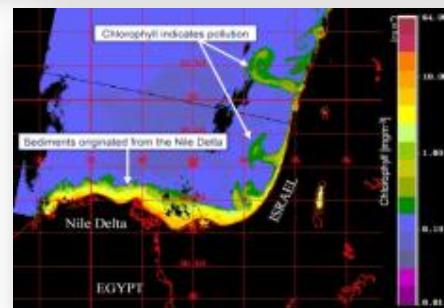
#### Scientific Mission – Super spectral camera



12 bands  
VNIR



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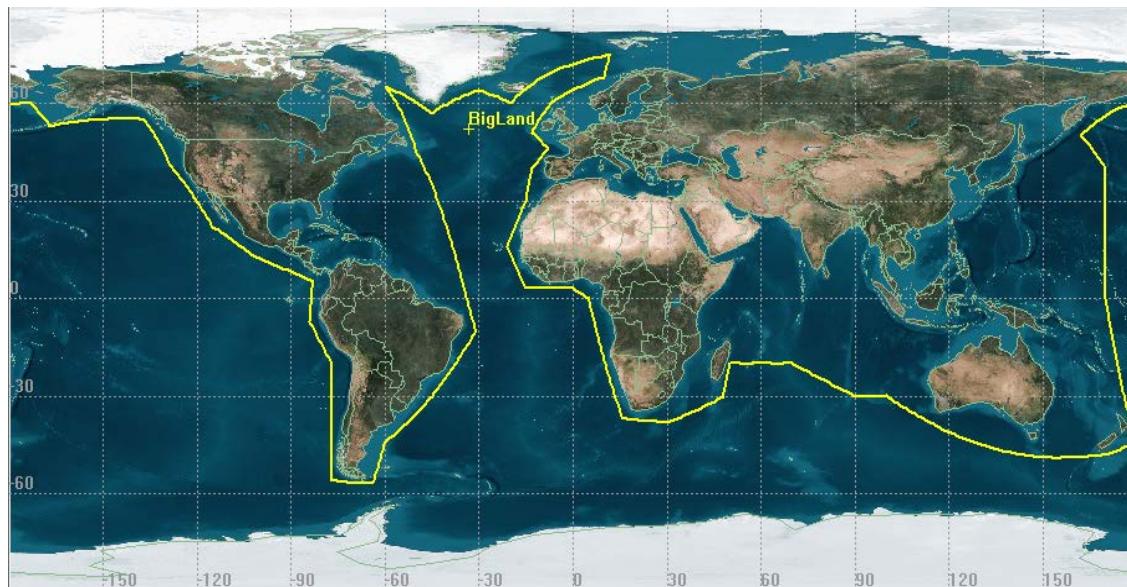
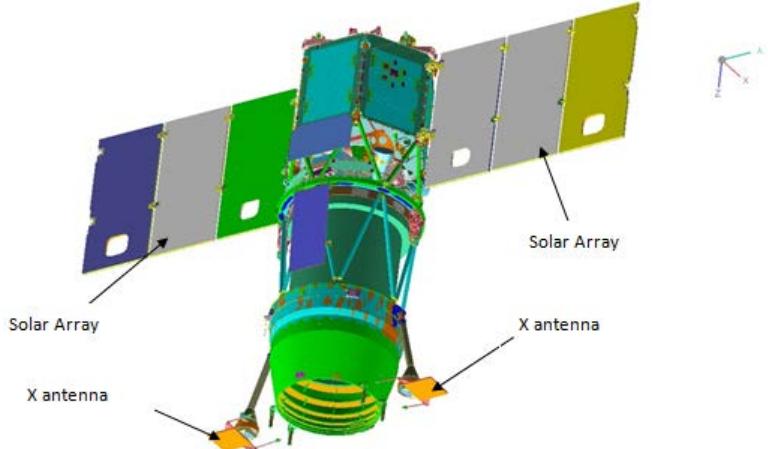


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A JOINT PROJECT OF ASI-ISA

## Data Characteristics

- Panchromatic camera to acquire a GSD of 2.5 m
- Swath width : 10Km for VNIR/SWIR.
- GSD of 10 m for VNIR/SWIR
- The spectral bands for instruments will be comprised between:
- VNIR = 400-1010nm.
- SWIR = 920-2500nm.
- PAN = 400-700nm.
- with a spectral resolution and spectral sampling interval equal to 10nm.
- LTAN, between 10:00 and 11.30,.



*Thank you  
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