



The DLR Multi Mission EO Ground Segment

Payload Ground Segment

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DLR Ground Segment for Earth Observation: Servicing GMES, national and commercial users

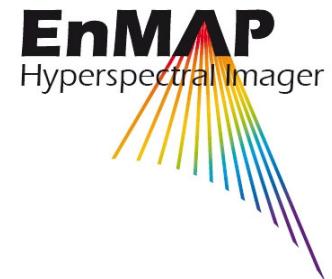
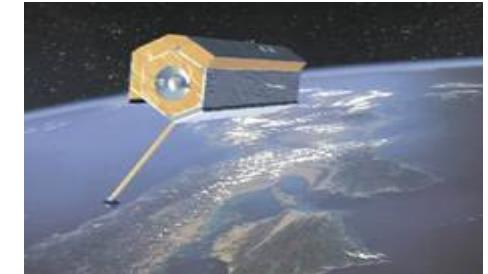
- One of the largest European earth observation data acquisition facility
 - optimal geographic position in Europe
 - and [international](#) station locations
- One of the largest European „Processing and Archiving Center“
 - National Missions
 - ESA MMFI, EUMETSAT/SAF
- Focus in ground segment engineering and development of multi mission infrastructures
 - Focus on national missions and GMES
- Strong relation to commercial partners





National Earth Observation Missions & Data Supply

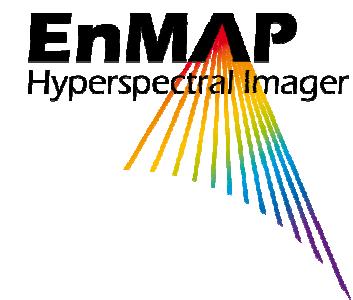
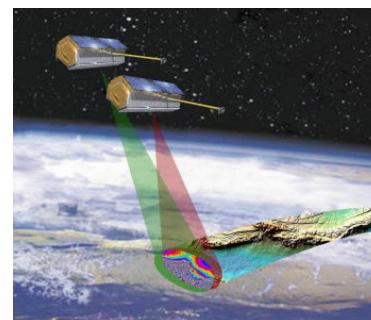
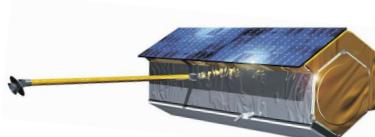
- TerraSAR-X / TanDEM-X
 - PPP with ASTRIUM / Infoterra
 - Operations & Science Support at DLR
 - Set-up of global station network for TanDEM-X
- EnMAP
 - Science driven mission with hyperspectral instrument
 - National station Neustrelitz plus polar location
- Commercial Data with DFD Operations Support
 - IKONOS & GeoEye-1: European Space Imaging
 - IRS/ Indian; ResourceSAT and CartoSAT: Euromap
- Further national mission data
 - SRTM: X-Band global DEM
 - BIRD: Fire detection from space
 - CHAMP / GRACE
 - RapidEye: science data management





“From Processor Development to Operations”

- Integration of data processors into multi mission ground segment
- Focus Payload Ground Segment
 - Multi mission infrastructure for data management and data reception
 - Engineering according international standards
 - Operations with highest possible/achievable degree of automation
 - Heritage of experience with ESA missions: ERS D-PAF, ENVISAT D-PAC, ESA MMFI
- Ground segment set up for national missions





Functional Structure of the EO Ground Segment

Mission Operations

German Space Operations Center
(GSOC)

- ↗ Satellite operations and control
- ↗ Mission planning and commanding
- ↗ Monitoring
- ↗ Flight dynamics

Payload Ground Segment

Cluster Applied Remote Sensing
(DFD und IMF)

- ↗ User and service element interface
- ↗ Interface to mission planning
- ↗ Data reception and data circulation
- ↗ Processing, archiving and catalogue
- ↗ Product distribution



Instrument Operations and Calibration

Depending on instrument

- ↗ Instrument system engineering
- ↗ Instrument operations
- ↗ Calibration and long term monitoring

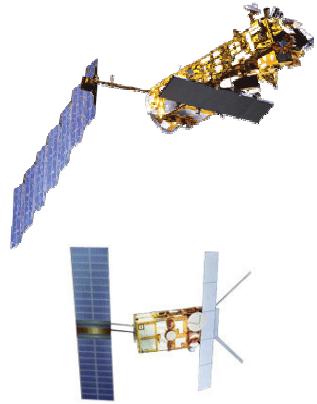


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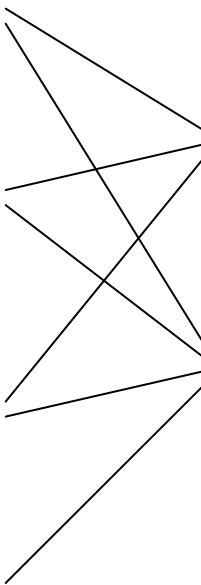
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Missions, Facilities and Users



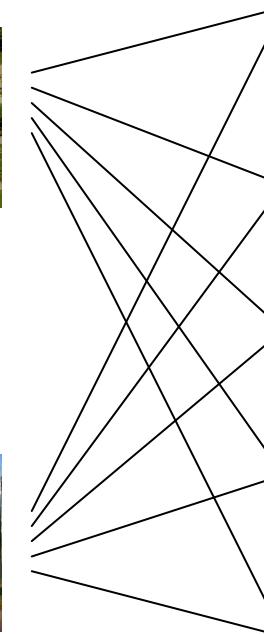
EO Satellites



Receiving Stations



Processing
Archiving
Distribution



Service-Elements
& Users



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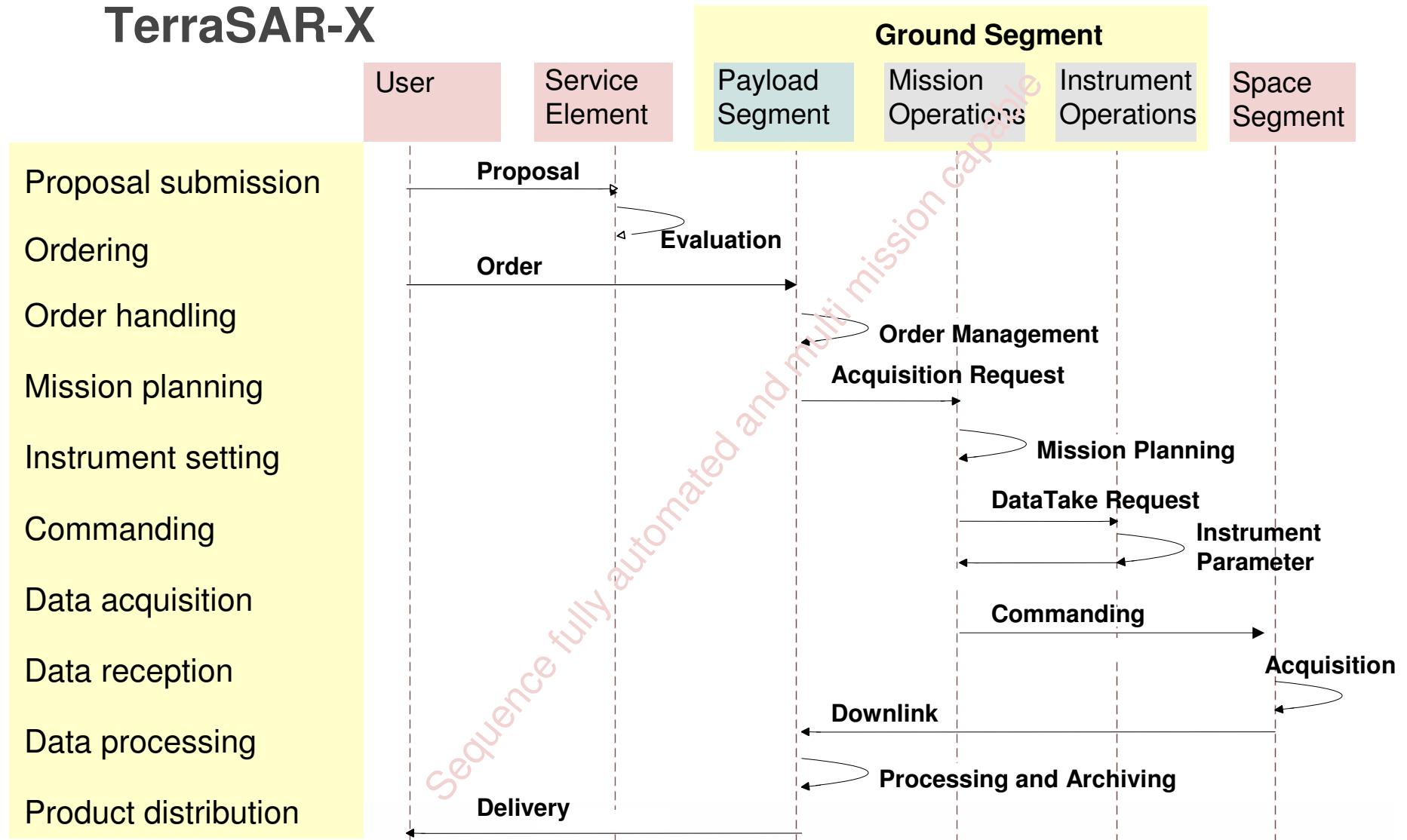


Payload Ground Segment Engineering

- ↗ Analysis of mission scenario
 - ↗ Order driven mission operations scenario
 - ↗ Data driven mission operations scenario with systematic acquisition
- ↗ Multi mission approach
 - ↗ Generic and missions specific elements
- ↗ Configuration of the generic multi mission elements
 - ↗ User services, archiving and cataloguing, data distribution and operations monitoring
- ↗ Integration of missions specific elements
 - ↗ Processing, scenario dependant workflow and workflow control
- ↗ To cost and in time

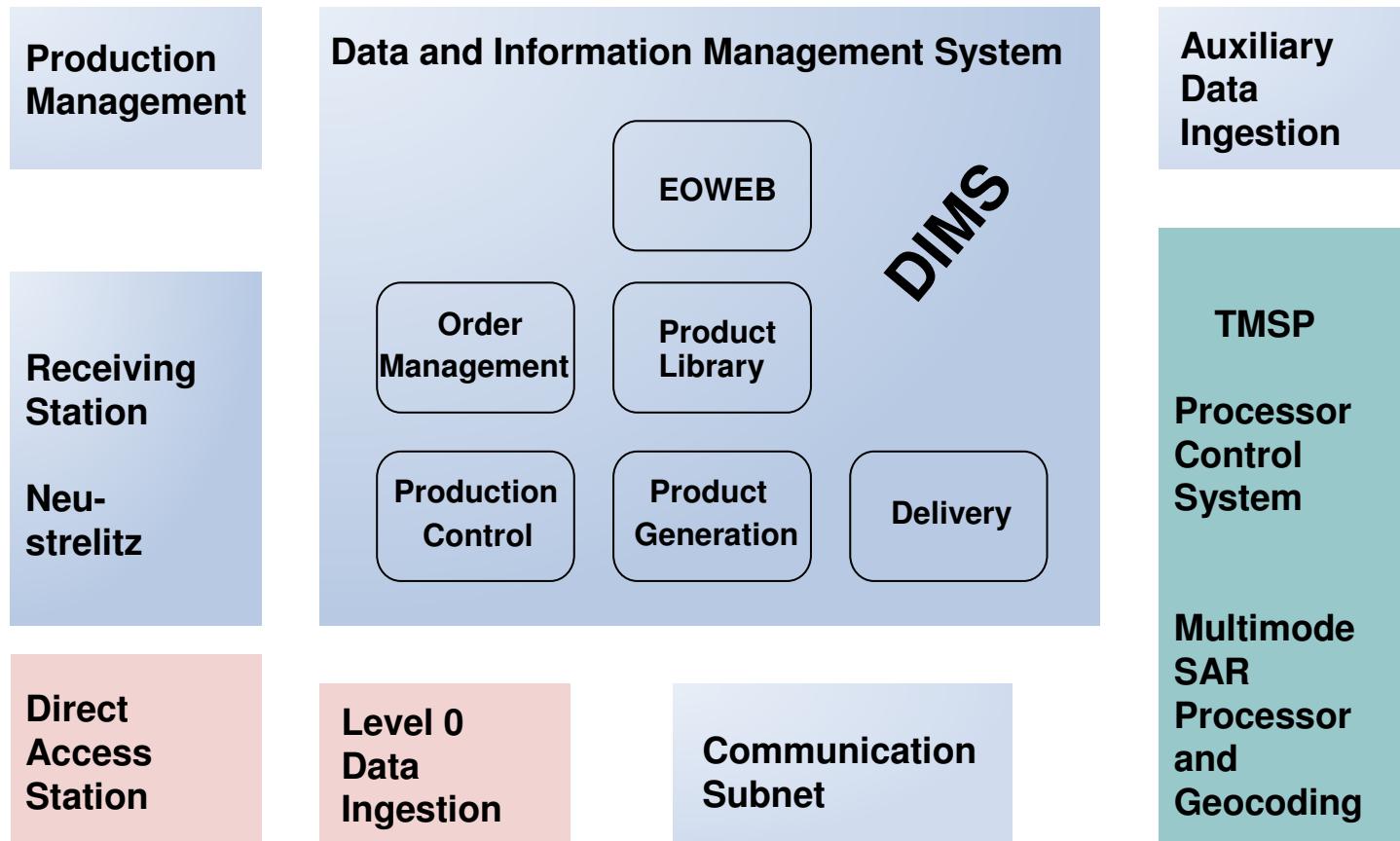


TerraSAR-X



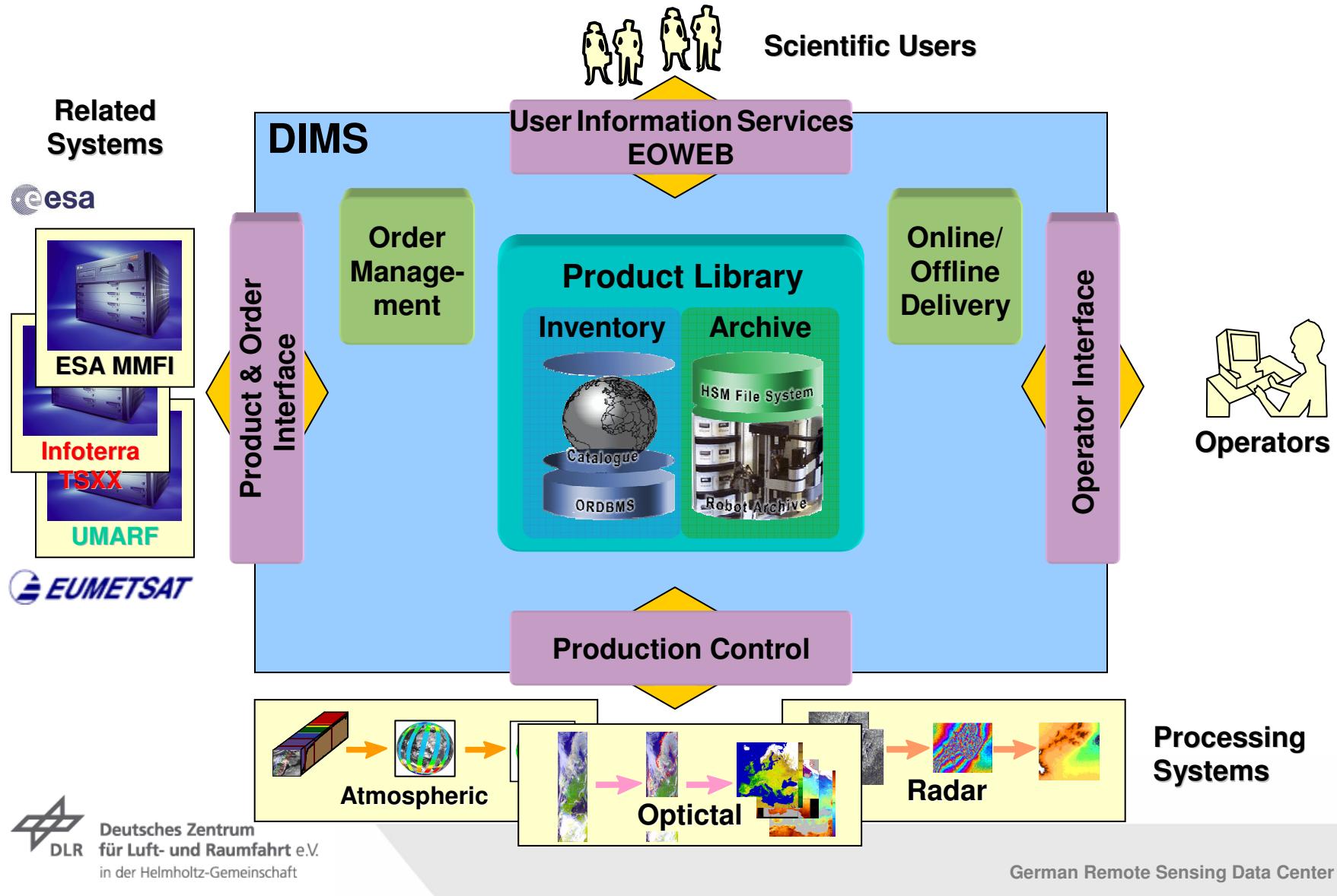


Subsystems of TerraSAR-X Payload Ground Segment



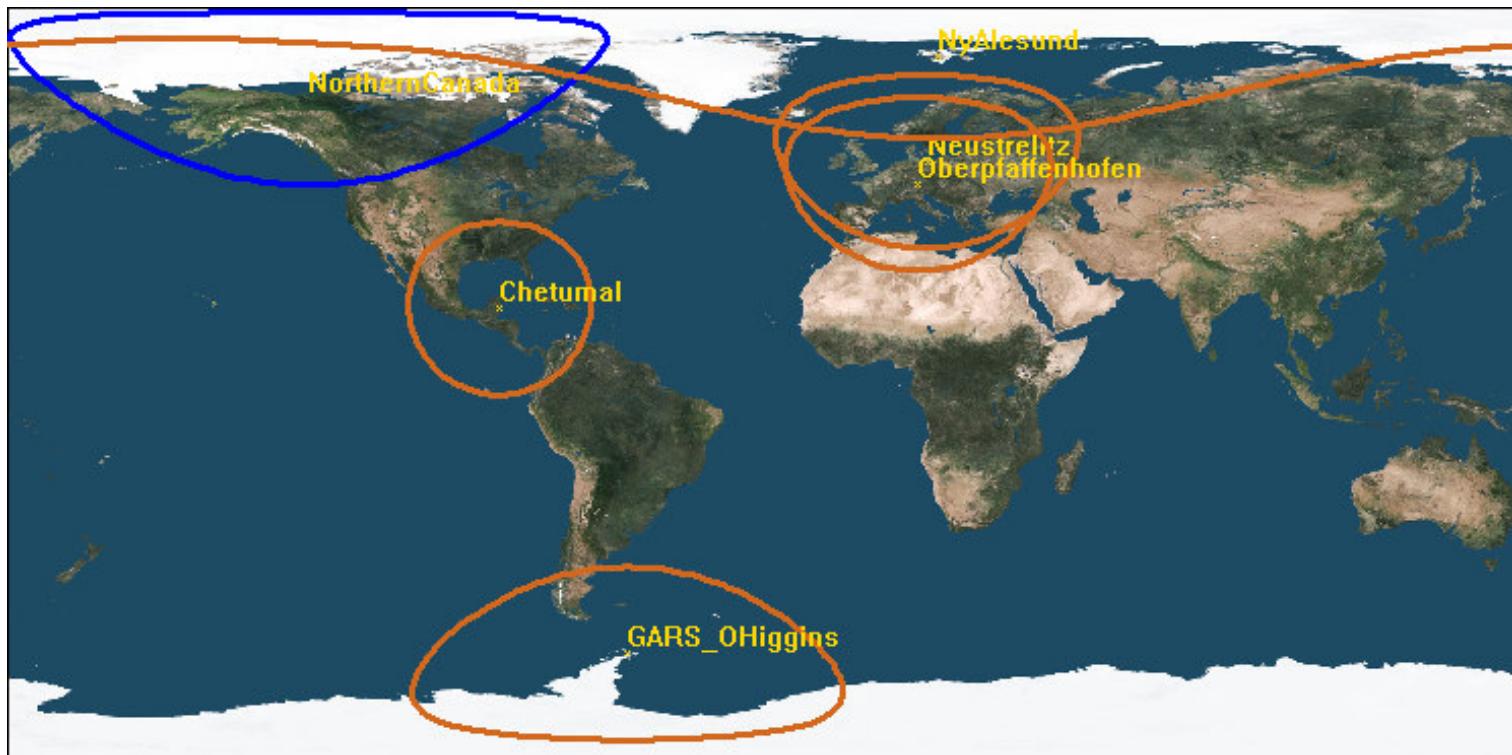


Data Management and Request Workflow: DIMS





DFD Payload Ground Segment: Receiving Stations



Permanent

Neustrelitz (Germany)
Oberpfaffenhofen (Germany)

3 LSX-band 7.3 m, LS-band 4.0 m, VHF
X-band 3.6 m, L-band 2.4 m, L-band 4.0 m
X-band (5,6 m) for European Space Imaging

Transportable

O'Higgins (Antarctic)
Chetumal (Mexico)
Ny Ålesund (with GFZ, Spitzbergen)

LSX-band 9.0 m
LSX-band 8.0 m
S-band 4.0 m

In preparation

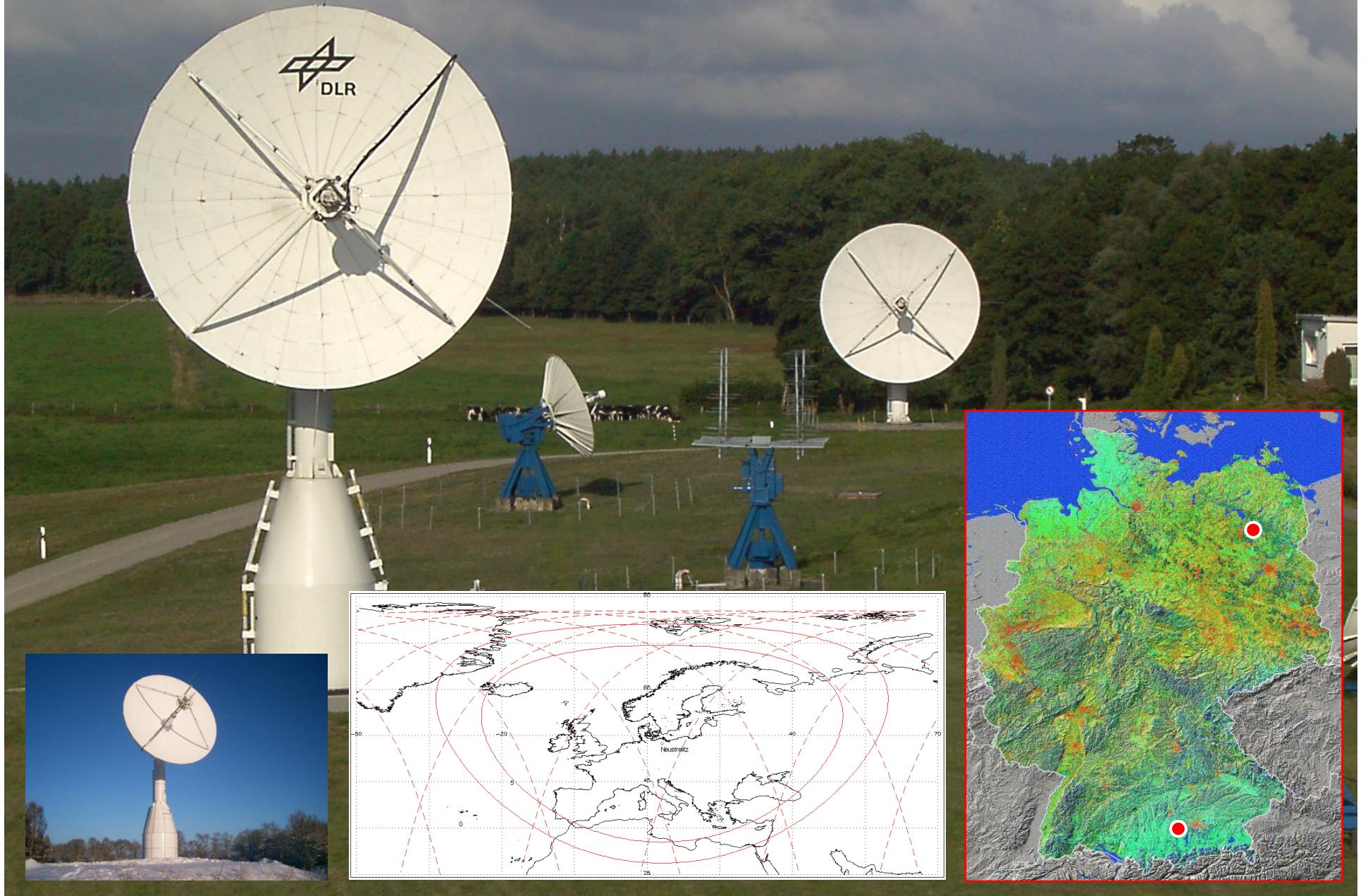
Inuvik

SX-band 9.0 m



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Neustrelitz: major national site and NRT center





IKONOS Mobile ROC at DLR-Oberpfaffenhofen



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International Stations I

Station Ny Alesund

78.9°N 11.9°E

German Antarctic Receiving Station

63.3°S 57.9°W



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International Stations II

Chetumal / Mexico

18.5°N 88.2°W



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Satellite data received by DFD ground stations

- In Neustrelitz

- Ground stations primarily for high data rate reception in Europa
 - Landsat-7 (ESA-Earthnet)
 - ERS-2, Envisat (ESA, national)
 - IRS-1C/IRS-1D (Euromap) IRS-P3 (Euromap, national)
 - Champ, Grace (national)
 - BIRD (national)
 - Koronas-F (national) MarocTubsat (national)
 - Orbview-2 (Orbimage)
 - TerraSAR-X (national/Infoterra)
 - IRS-P6 (Resource-Sat) IRS-P5 (CartoSat, Euromap)
 - ALOS (ESA)

- In Oberpfaffenhofen

- Ground stations primarily for low data rate reception in Europa
 - NOAA, Metop (national)
 - Meteosat, MSG (national)
 - Terra, Aqua (national, ESA)
 - Ikonos (European Space Imaging)

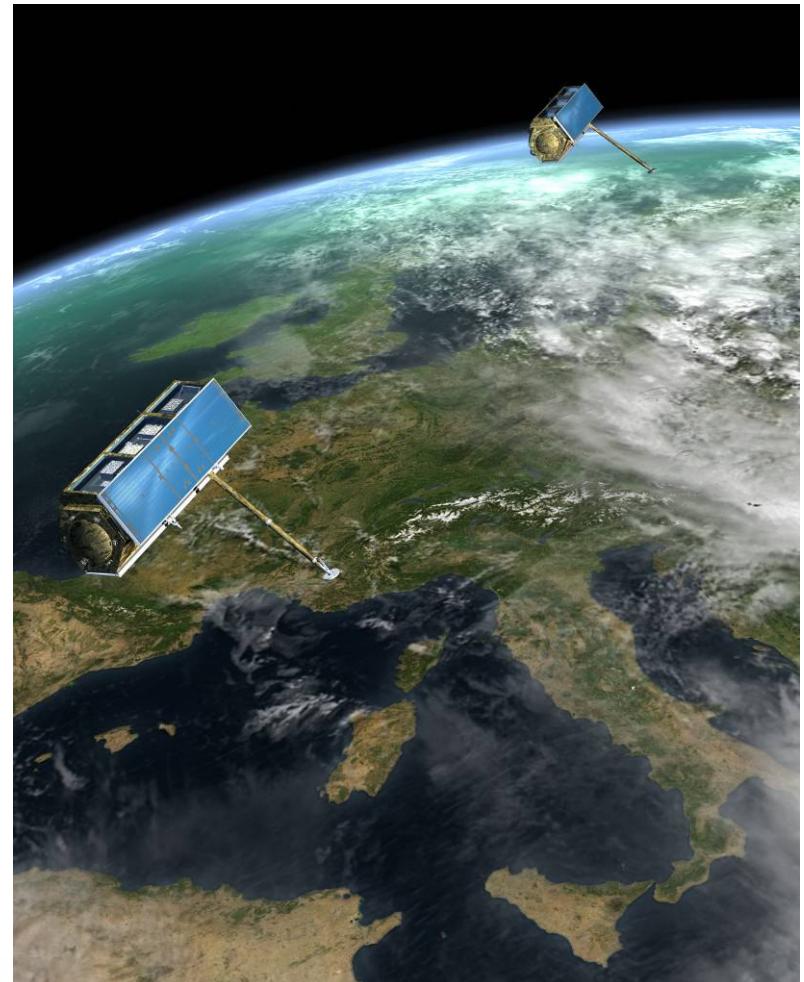
- International stations network

- Ground stations for missions and commercial customers
 - ERS-2, Landsat, IRS-1C/D, NOAA, Champ, Terra / Aqua, Envisat



TanDEM-X

- Systematic acquisition as basis for production of global digital elevation model
 - Repeated acquisition of Earth land surface
 - No direct user orders
 - Generation of request workflow within ground segment
- Experimental modes
- Common space resources for TerraSAR-X and TanDEM-X mission goals
 - Common ground segment





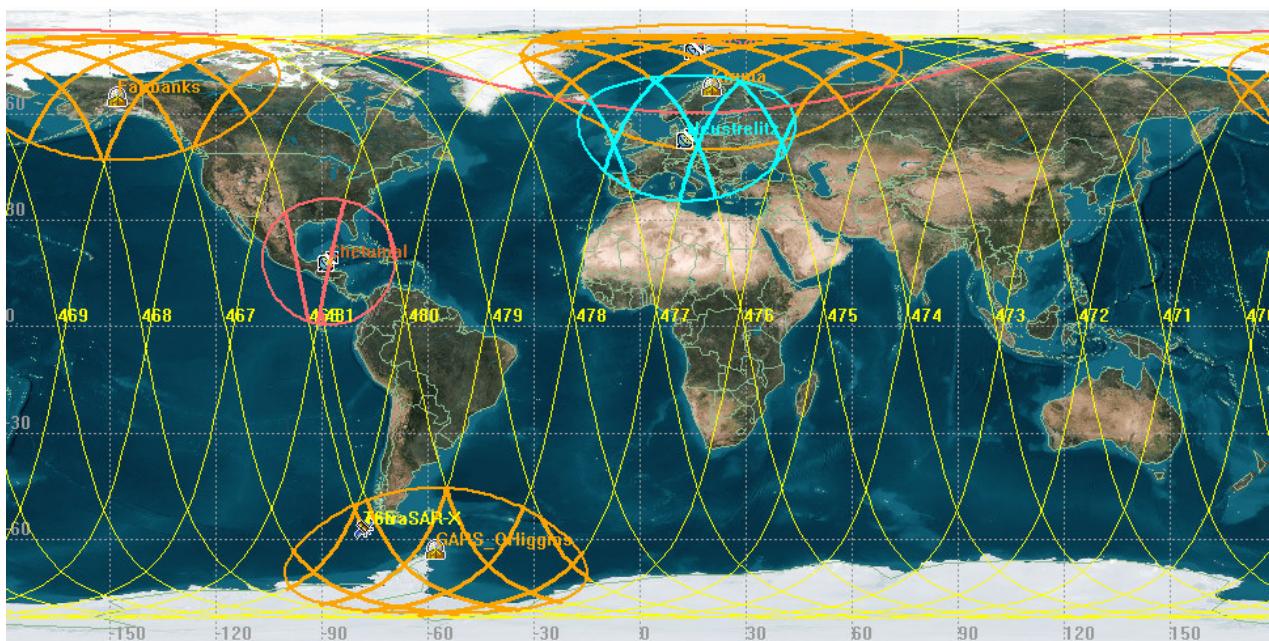
TanDEM-X Challenge for Ground Segment

- ↗ Integration of processing chain
 - ↗ Bi-static SAR-Processor
 - ↗ Multi-Baseline InSAR-DEM-Processor
 - ↗ DEM Calibration- und Mosaic-Processor
- ↗ Ground segment wide planning process
 - ↗ Different mission phases with different baselines in different geographic latitudes
 - ↗ „Production Planning“ and „Production Monitoring and Control“ as new components within the payload ground segment
- ↗ Extensive data volume
 - ↗ **Data reception of about 350 GB data / day**, together with TerraSAR-X up to about 500 GB data / day
 - ↗ TanDEM-X archive volume about 1.5 petabyte in 3 years



TanDEM-X Receiving Stations

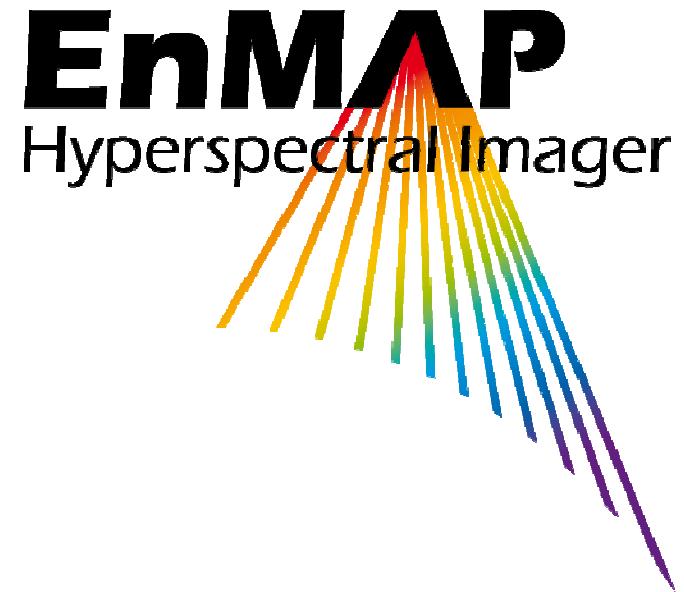
- ↗ 300 MBit/s downlink capability as set by existing TerraSAR-X
- ↗ About 10000 s contact time for TanDEM-X mission with baseline of station locations Neustrelitz, O'Higgins, Kiruna and Fairbanks as “first guess”
- ↗ Additional contact time for TerraSAR-X direct access stations





EnMAP

- ↗ Current development status: end of phase B
- ↗ Data management and request workflow considers hyper spectral sensor
- ↗ Hybrid of systematic acquisition and user driven acquisition
 - ↗ “Instrument Planning”





Conclusion

- ↗ Multi mission approach well proven and also feasible for quite heterogeneous missions
- ↗ Multi mission kernel data management: DIMS
- ↗ Multi mission kernel data reception: network of national and international stations
- ↗ Usage of elements of multi mission infrastructure or their further development in cooperation for mutual advantage like the antenna in Chetumal





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