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# CEOS space agencies: support for climate observations

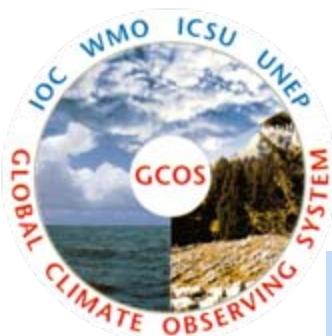
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# What is CEOS?

## CEOS Committee on Earth Observation Satellites

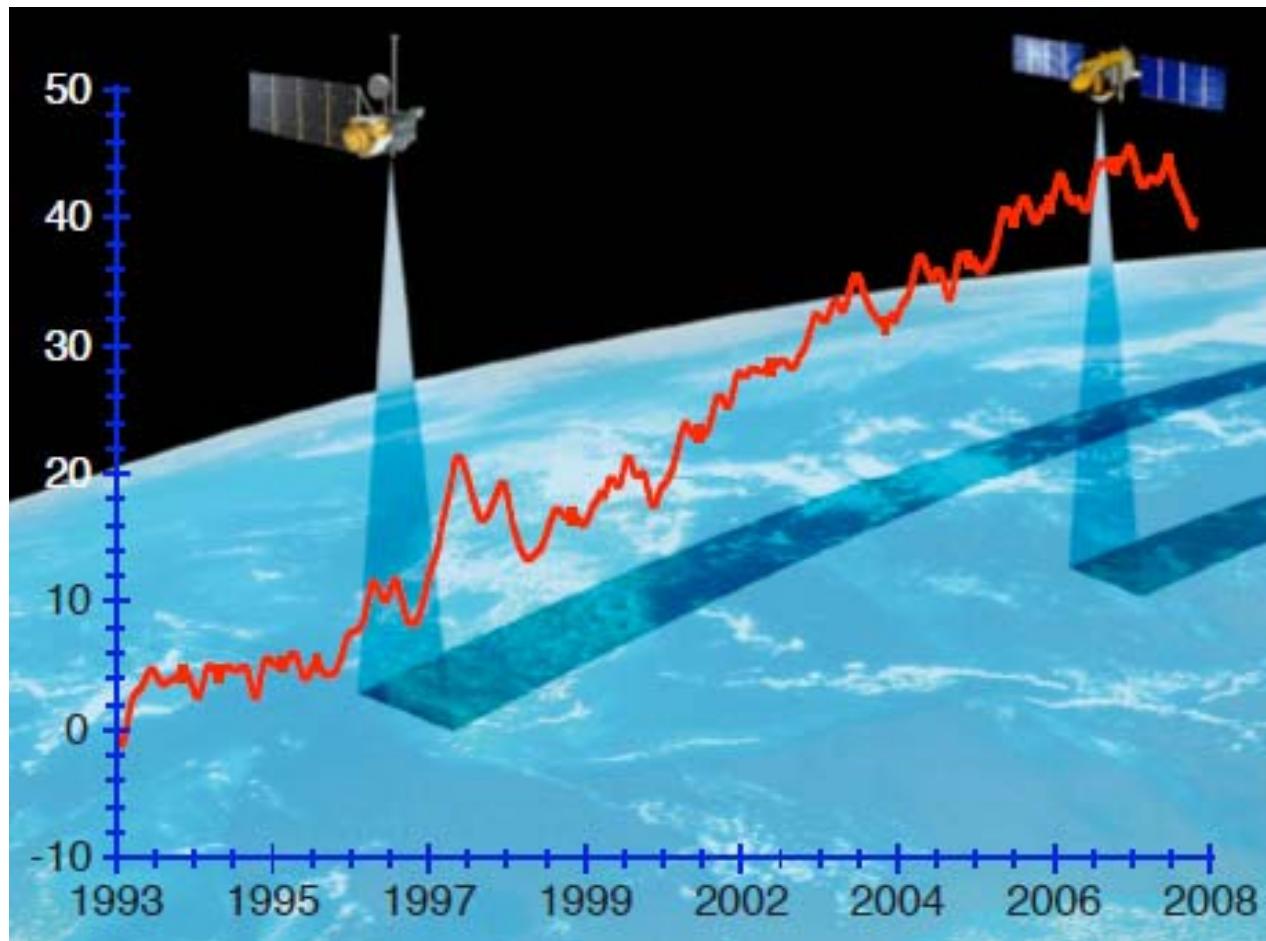


28 space agencies



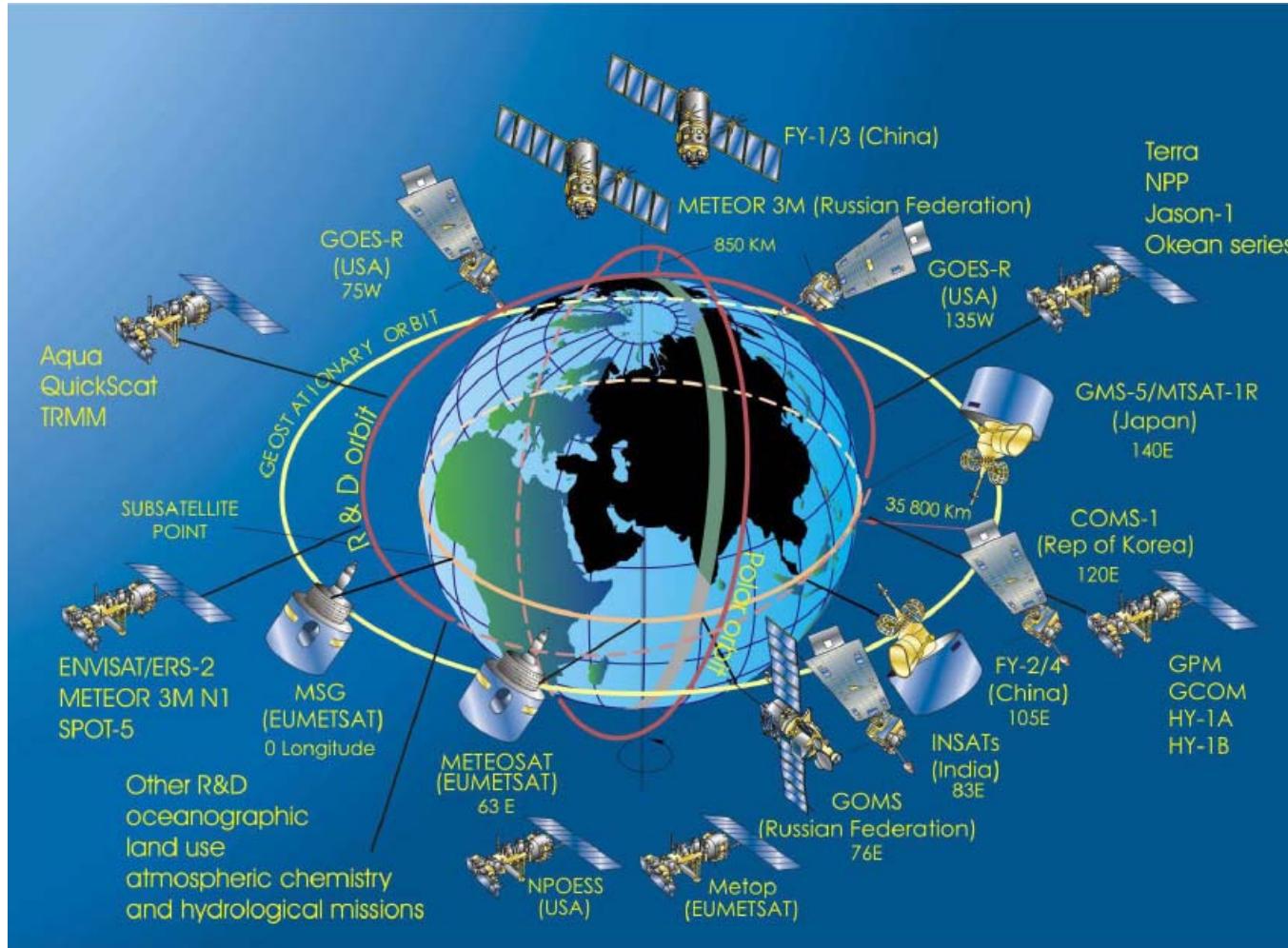
20 participating organizations

# What has changed in the vision of the space agencies?



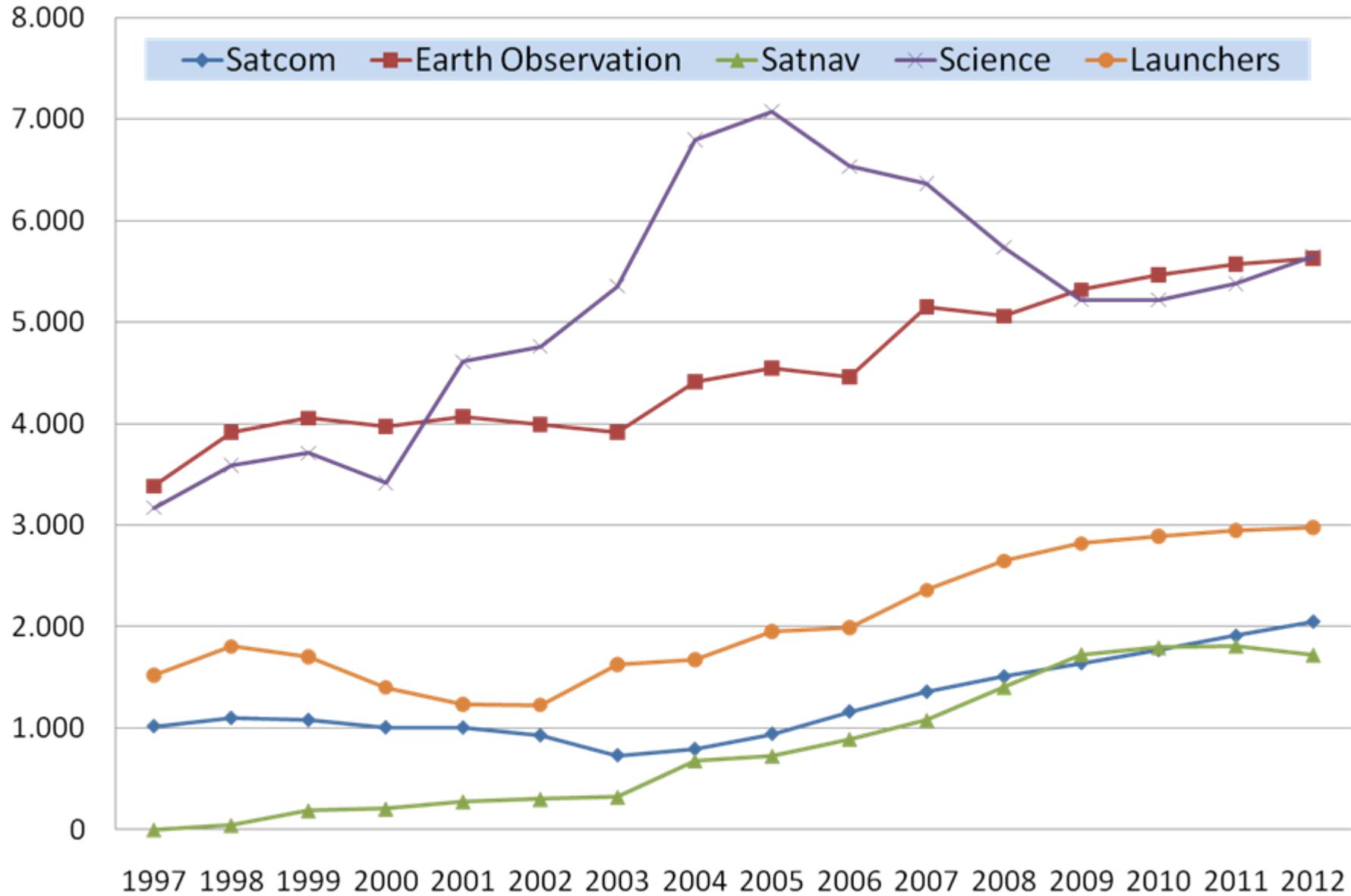
Need for continuous, operational surveying of climate  
and terrestrial variables

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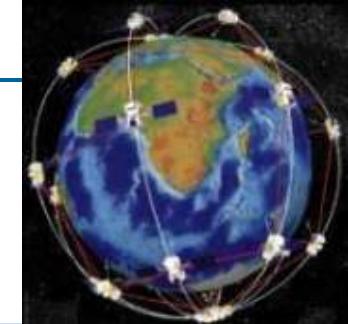


Need to coordinate Earth observation programmes  
and ensure interoperability

# World Government Space Programs (million USD)



Earth observation and scientific programs dominate public R&D investment for non-manned space programs



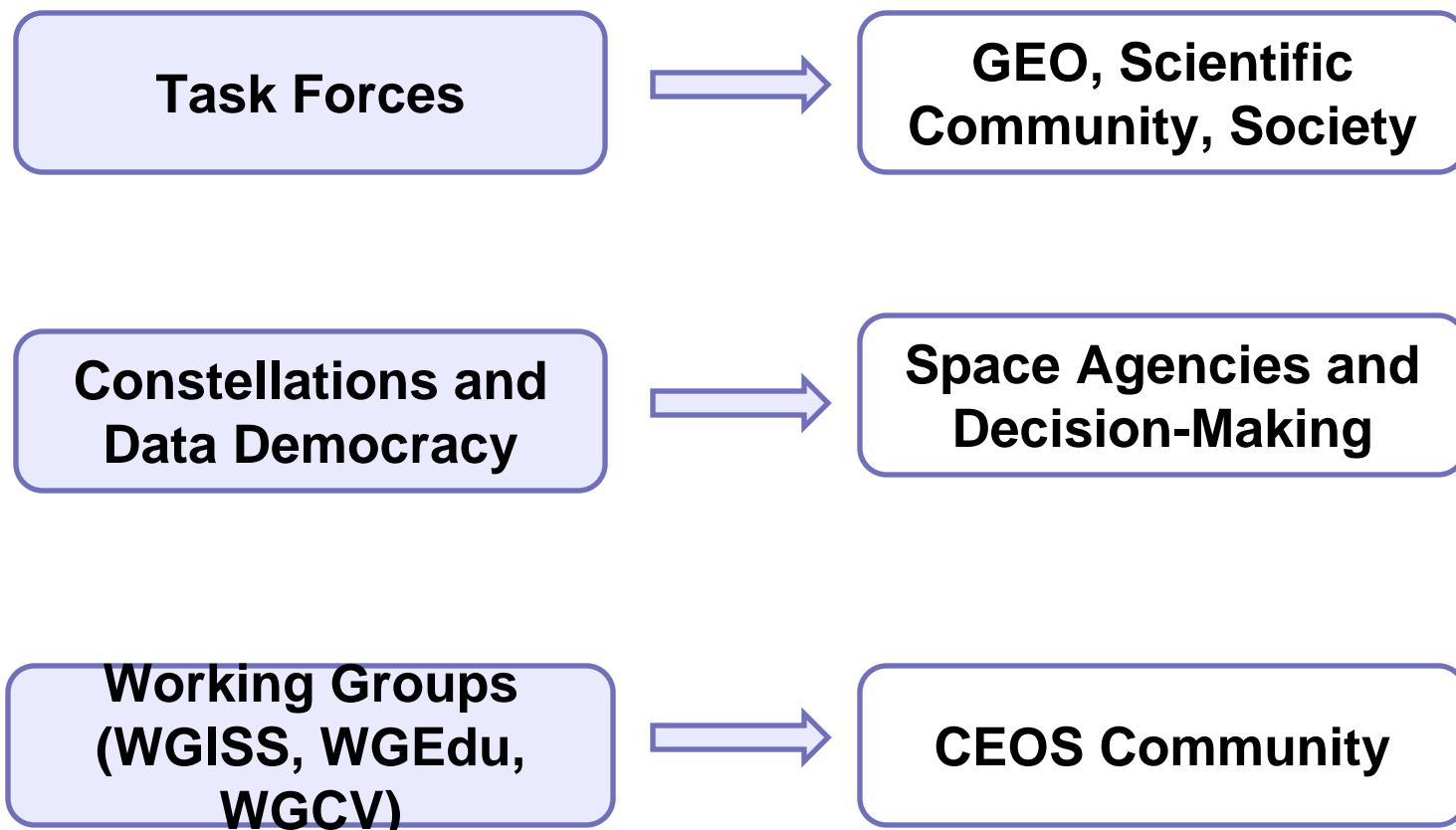
# CEOS Virtual Constellations

Common requirements, independent satellites, compatible data  
(CEOS – Committee on Earth Observation Systems)

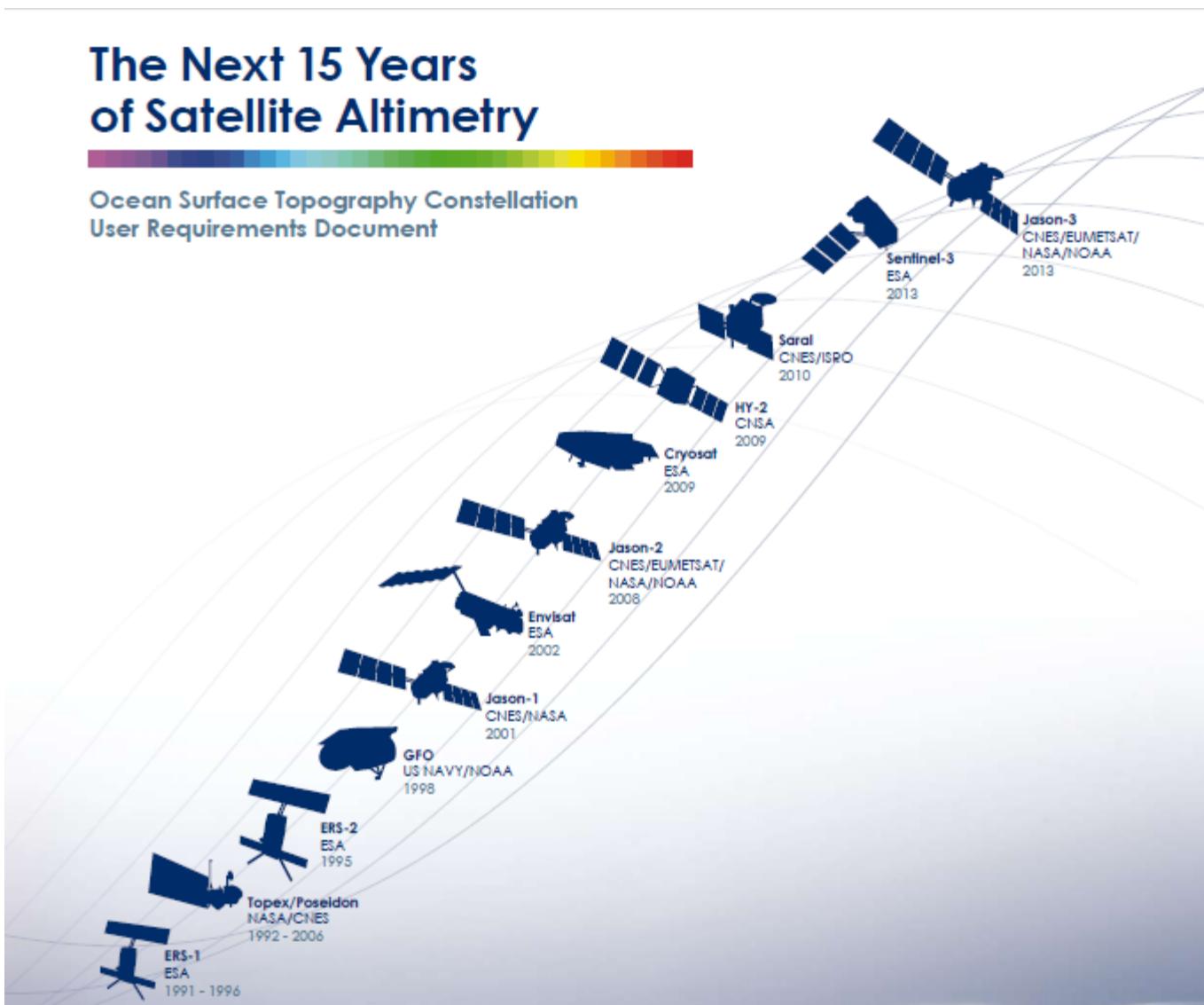
<b>Atmospheric Composition</b> Air quality, CO <sub>2</sub>	<b>Land Surface Imaging</b> ecosystem monitoring
<b>Ocean Surface Topography</b> climate variability	<b>Precipitation</b> weather forecasts
<b>Ocean Color Radiometry</b> marine ecosystems	<b>Ocean Surface Vector Wind</b>



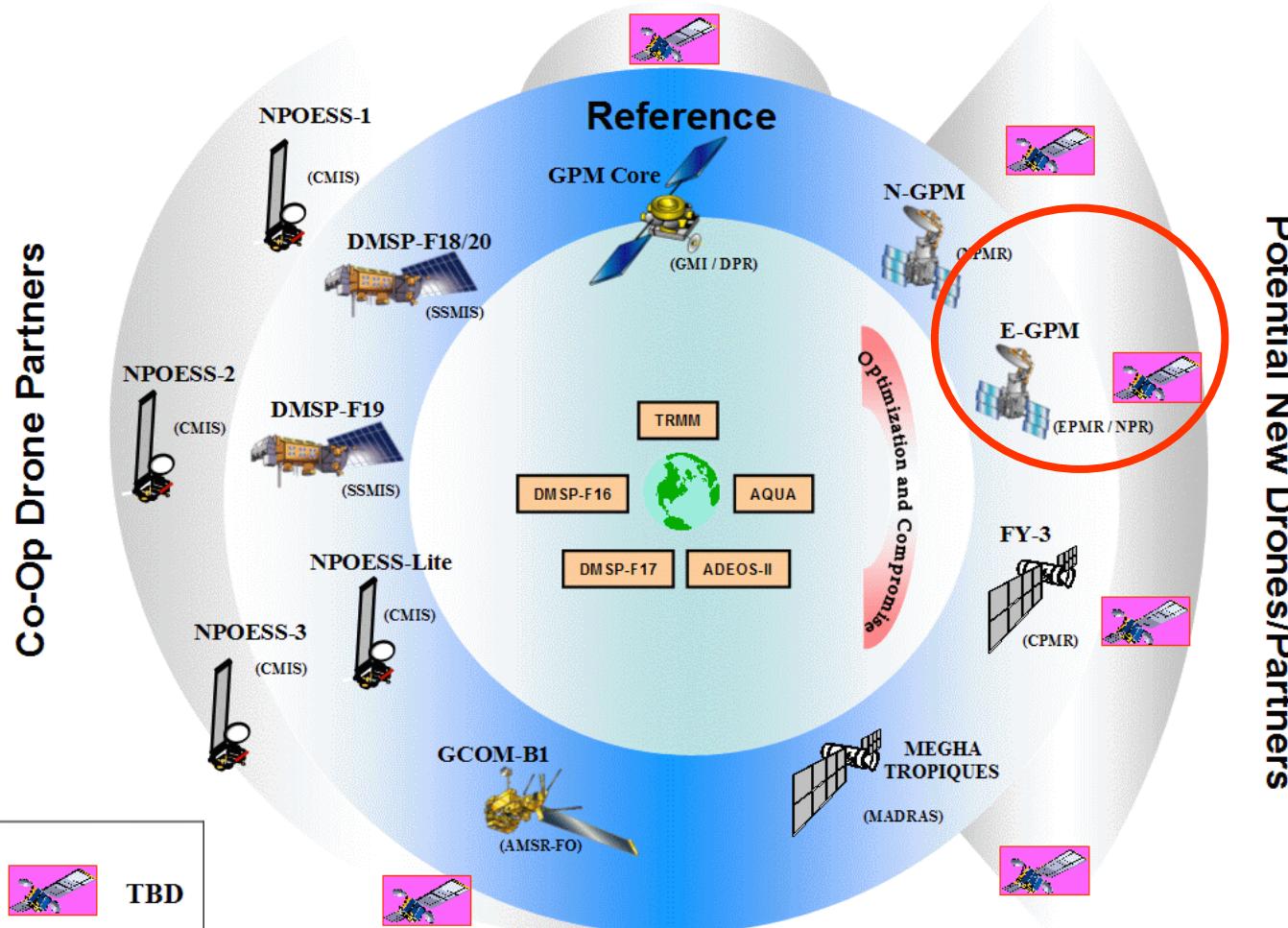
# A Vision for CEOS



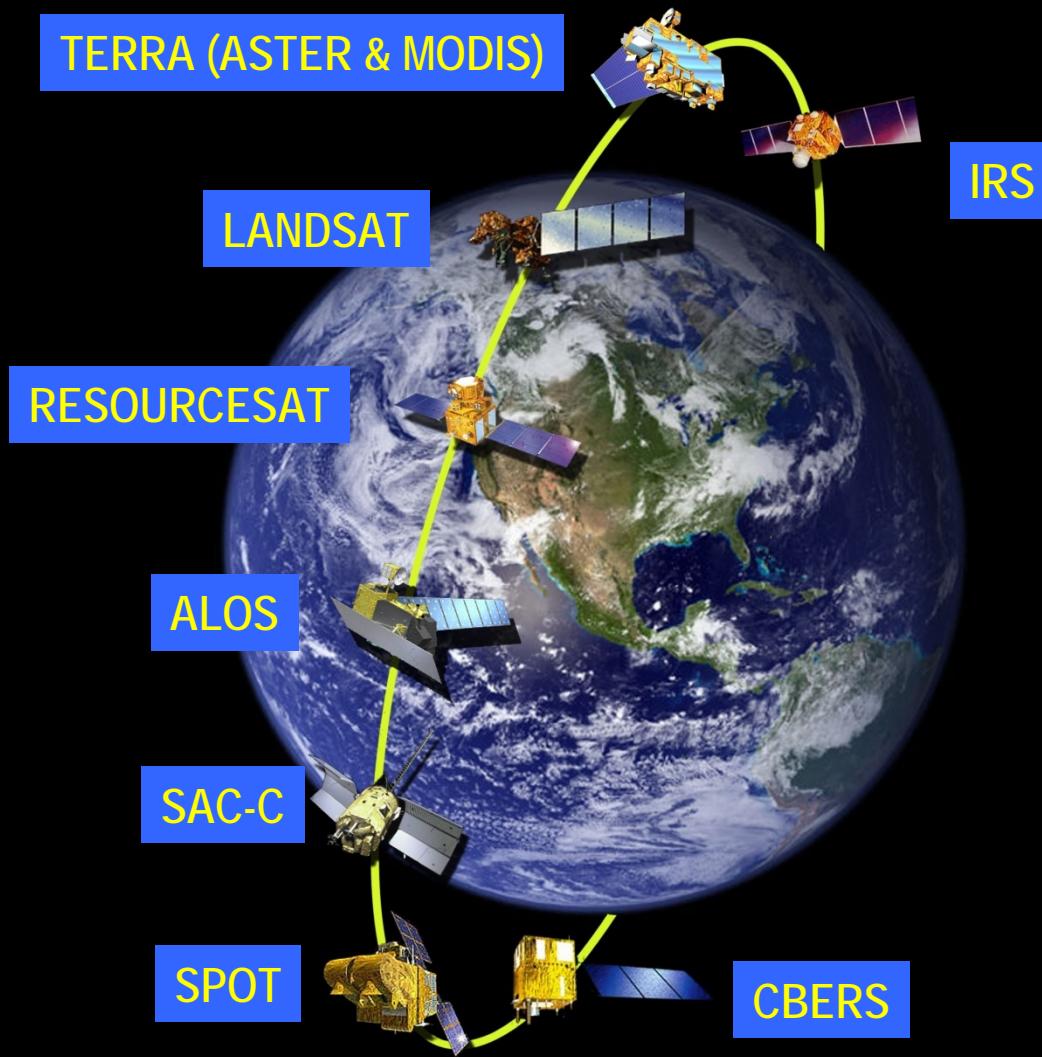
# Ocean surface topography constellation



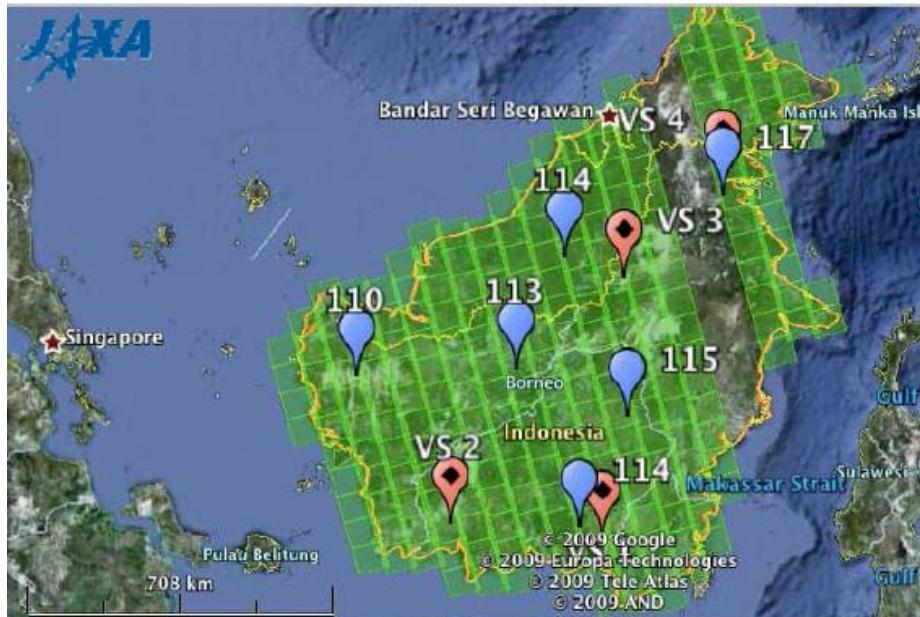
# Global Precipitation Constellation



# Land Surface Imaging Constellation



# Forest Carbon Tracking – Task Force



CSIRO, JAXA, NSC,  
GOFC, INPE

Builds on  
existing methodology: map result

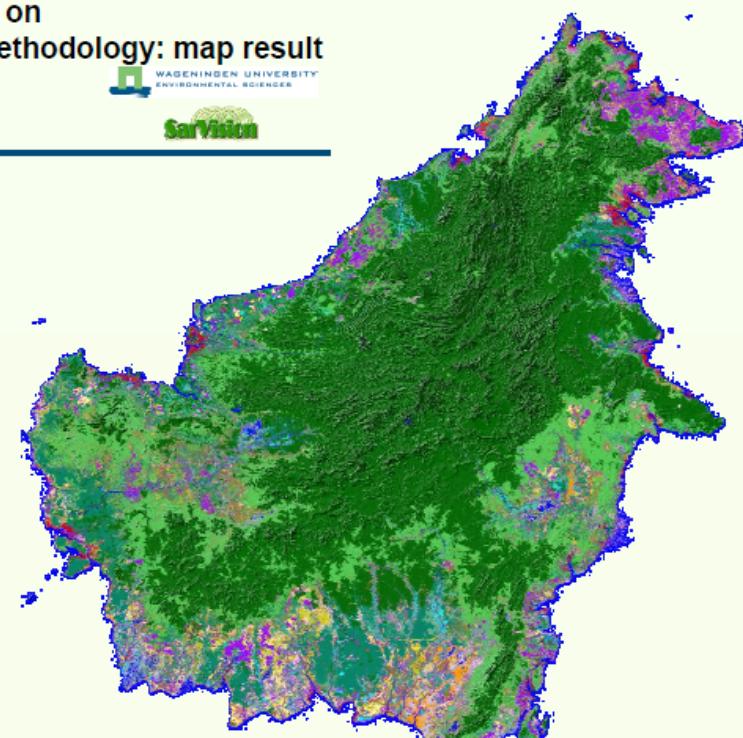


GeoVision

Is it feasible to  
monitor the  
world's tropical  
forests?

## LULC classification Borneo

Lowland forest
Riverine forest
Swamp forest
Mangrove forest
Nipa/mangrove forest
Peat swamp forest (pole)
Peat swamp/riverine shrub
Forest mosaics/degraded
High shrub
Medium shrub
Ferns / grass
Grassland
Cropland (upland)
Cropland (irrigated)
Plantations (oil palm)
Tree cover, burnt
Water bodies
Layover /Shadow
No strip coverage
Mountain forest



# Open access data policies: a qualified success



**CBERS@INPE:**  
**1 million images (2004-2009)**



**LANDSAT @USGS:**  
**1 million images (Jan-Aug-2009)**



**GMES Sentinels @ESA-EC:**  
**Data will be open access (Sep 2009)**

# Data for the world's tropical areas



**Global satellite data in 5 meter+ will be free**

**Concerted action needed with benefits to all involved**

We know earth observation data is  
essential for the planet...



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... but data democracy needs to reach the masses